

# Indoor-Outdoor HDR Photography and Scene Relighting

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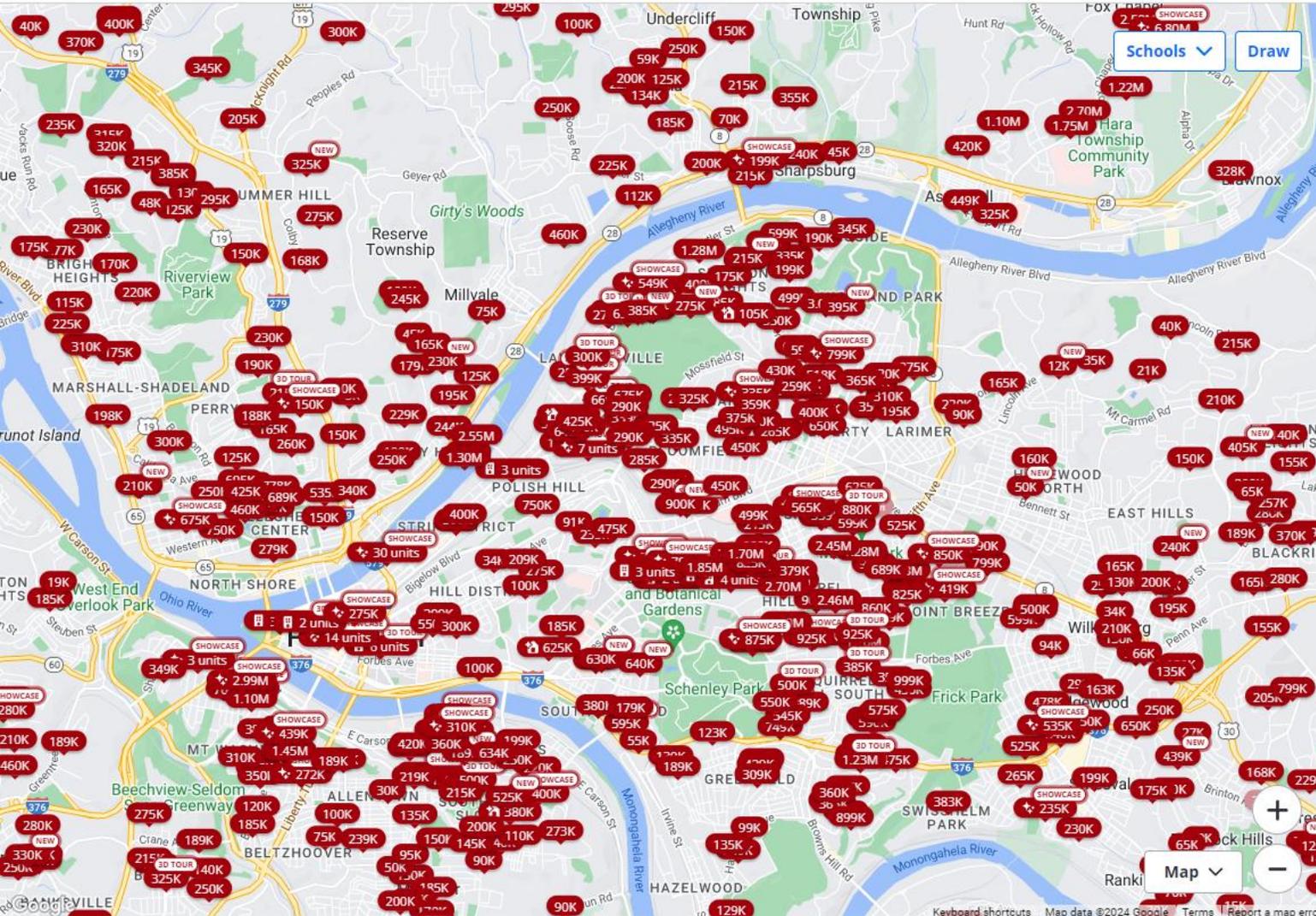
# Millions of homes on the market



Buy Rent Sell Home Loans Find an Agent

Manage Rentals Advertise Help Sign In

Address, neighborhood, city, ZIP



## Real Estate & Homes For Sale

1,210 results

Sort: Homes for You



**\$535,000**  
3 bds | 3 ba | 2,107 sqft - House for sale  
557 Allenby Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15218  
Molly Finley



**\$549,000**  
3 bds | 3 ba | 2,000 sqft - House for sale  
5259 Carnegie St, Pittsburgh, PA 15201  
Tracy Wiley



**\$288,000**  
3 bds | 2 ba | 1,953 sqft - House for sale  
136 Fairfax Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15221  
Samantha Meese



**\$200,000**  
18 bds | 6 ba | -- sqft - Foreclosure  
1545-1555 Swissvale Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15221  
Myles Mazzanti



# How to virtually stage indoor spaces?

**Realistic Lighting**

**Automatic Process**



# Virtual Home Staging

Input



Indoor Image



Outdoor Image

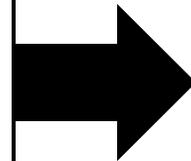


Photometric Calibration

Output



Virtual Rendered Scene



Inverse Rendering





CAPTURED

## Virtual Staging



**Changing Light**



## Changing Light

# Outline

- **indoor-outdoor HDR photography**
- inverse rendering for scene relighting
- applications for scene editing

# Indoor-Outdoor HDR Photography

360° Panorama



Indoor Scene



Ricoh Theta Z1



Luminance meter

Outdoor Scene



Fisheye  
Lens



Canon  
6D



180° Fisheye



# Indoor-Outdoor HDR Calibration



Camera set-up with the same camera settings as data collection

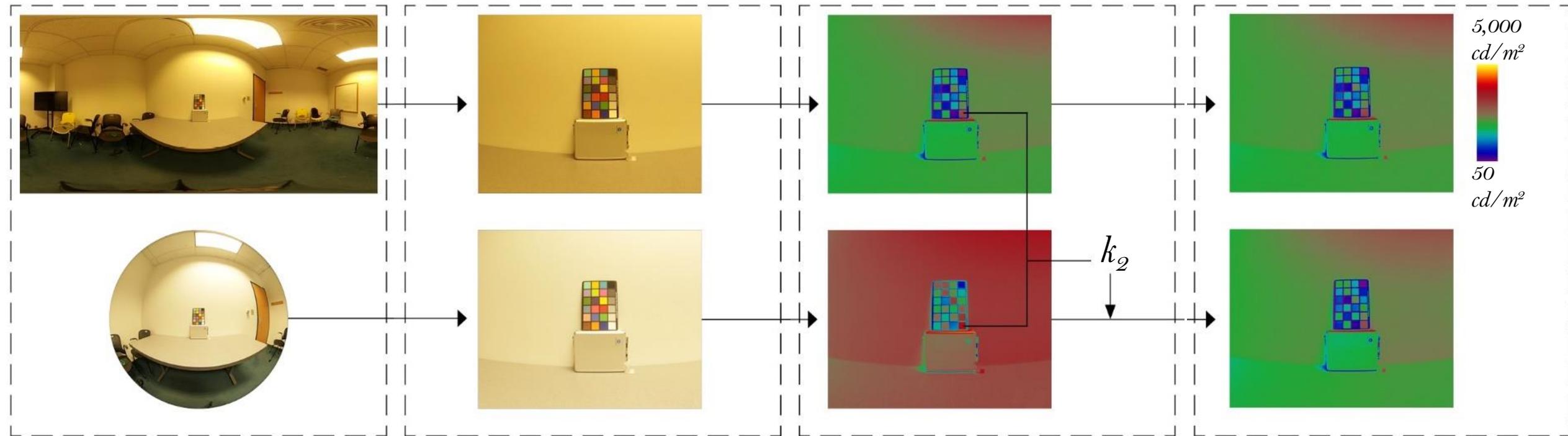


Ricoh Theta Z1



Canon 6D w/ Fisheye Lens

# Indoor-Outdoor HDR Calibration



$$L_{\text{outdoor}} = k_1 * k_2 * (0.2127 * R + 0.7151 * G + 0.0722 * B)$$

$k_1$  is from the luminance measurement from indoor scene

$k_2$  is a constant when camera settings stay the same

R, G, and B are three color channels

# Post-Processing

Indoor



Photometric  
Calibration

Outdoor



Vignetting  
Correction



Equidistant  
Correction



Color  
Correction

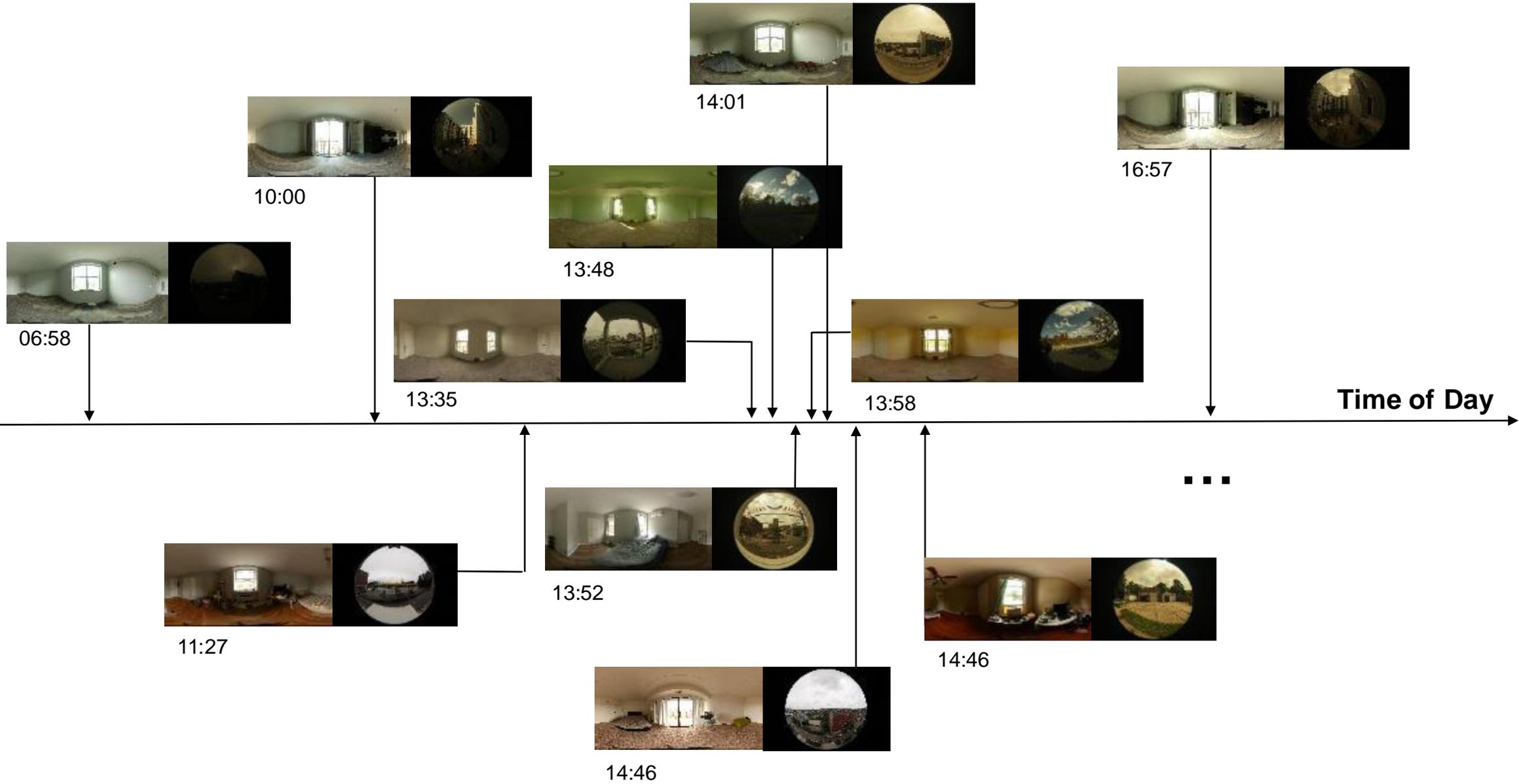


Photometric  
Calibration



**DAYLIGHT 6500**

# Data Collection



# Calibrated HDR Dataset



137 Scenes, 10 months (Oct. 2022 – Jul.2023), Pittsburgh

# Method 1

Indoor Scene



Ricoh Theta Z1  
**\$1,160**



Luminance meter  
**~\$5,000**

Outdoor Scene



Fisheye Lens  
**\$1,249**



Canon 6D  
**\$1,125**



White Board  
Color Checker\*

# Method 2

Indoor Scene

Outdoor Scene



Ricoh Theta Z1  
**\$1,160**



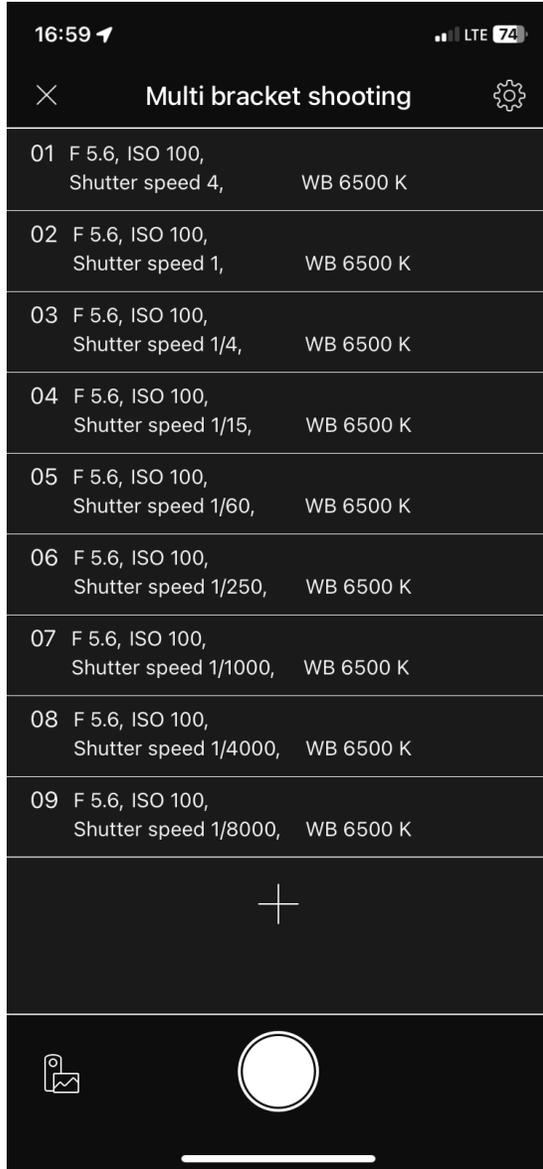
Light meter  
**~\$30**



Color Checker\*

\*The color checker is just in case it is needed for future research

# Indoor-Outdoor HDR Panoramas



Ricoh Theta Z1



Indoor



Outdoor

# Outdoor Photography



Ricoh Theta Z1

## Low-Rise Building

### Operable Window



## High-Rise Building

### Non-Operable Window



### Non-Operable Window



### Balcony



# Pano-Pano HDR Dataset

## Indoor Panoramas



## Outdoor Panoramas

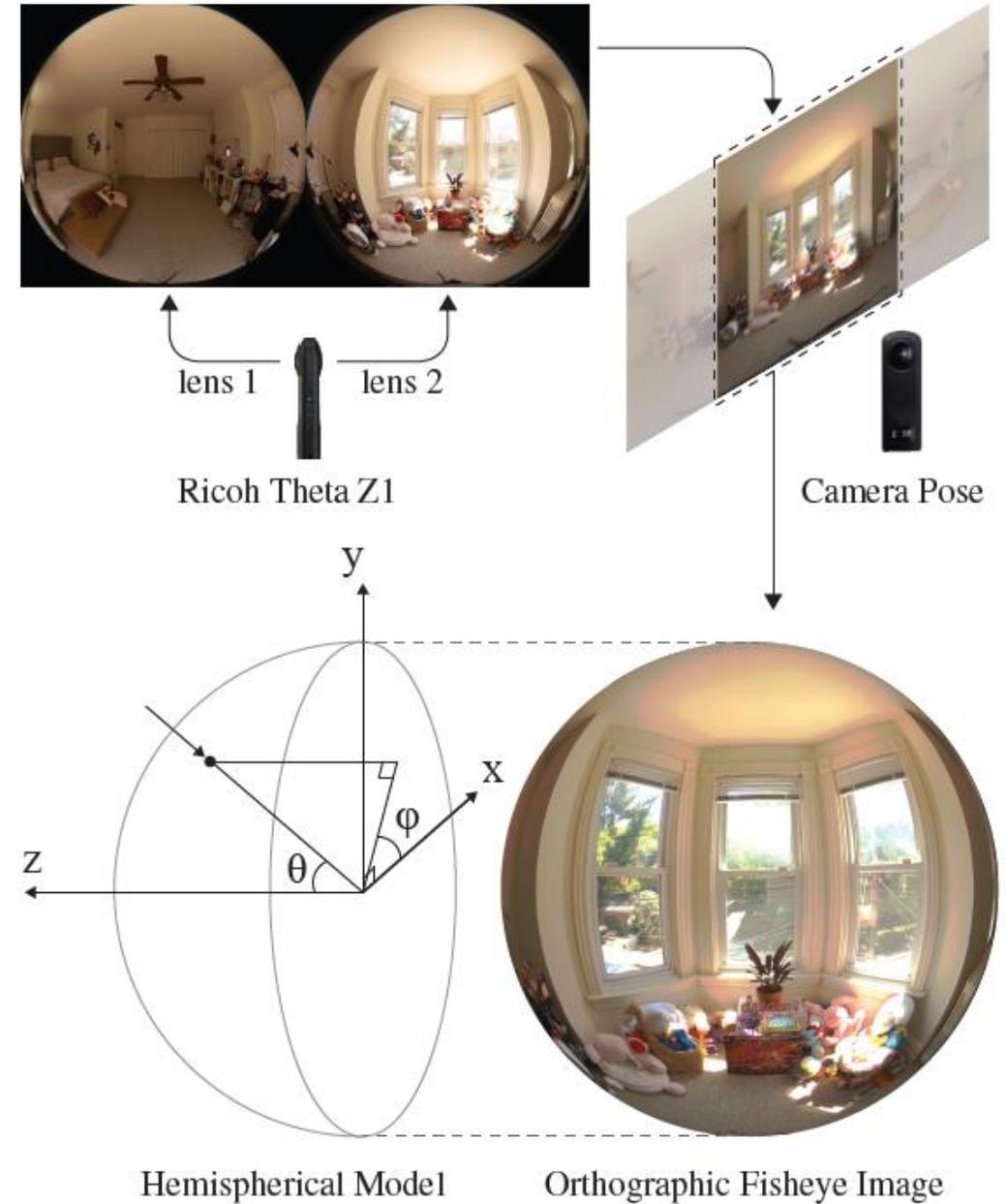


141 paired indoor-outdoor panoramas with photometric calibration  
Feb - May, 2024

# Low-Cost Photometric Calibration



Light Meter (lux), ~\$30



# Photometric Calibration

Sun at noon:  $1.6 \times 10^9$  cd/m<sup>2</sup>

Computer Screen: 50-300 cd/m<sup>2</sup>



White Board

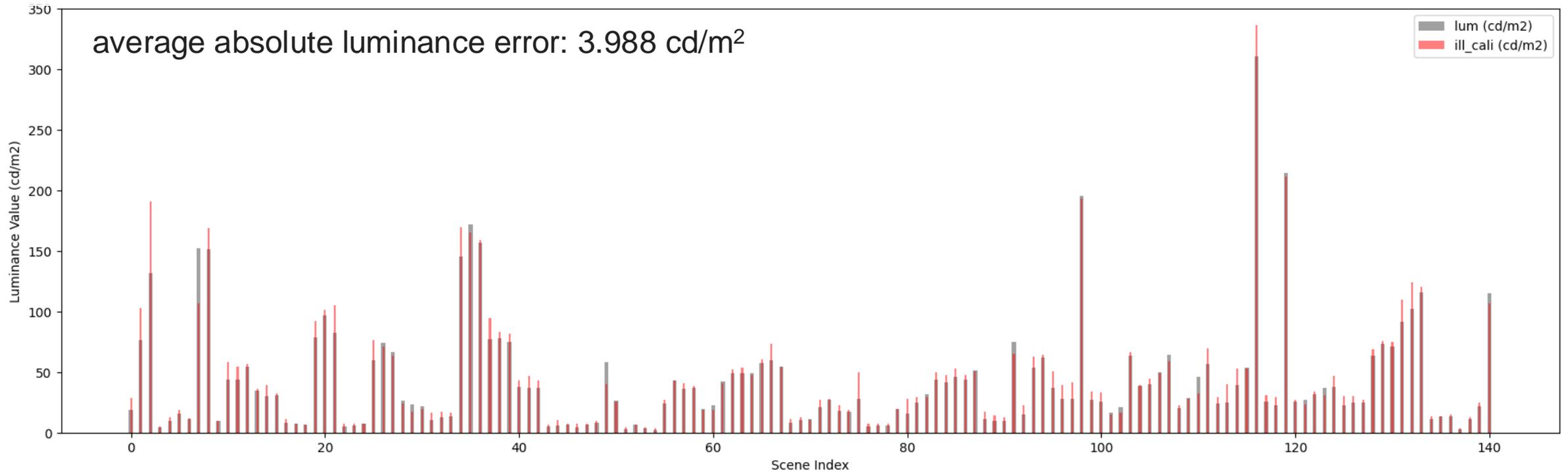


Luminance Meter  
~\$5,000

VS



Light Meter  
~\$30

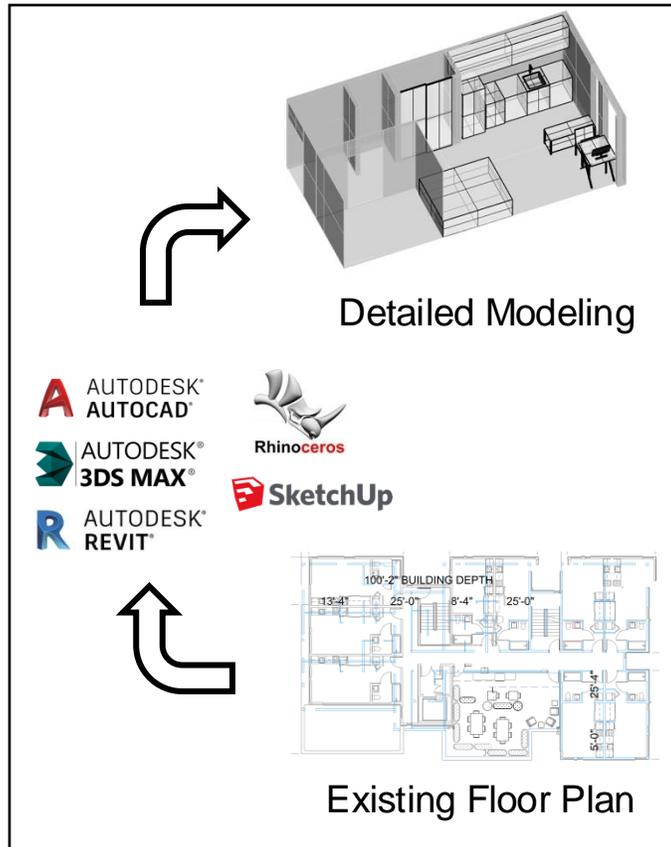


# Outline

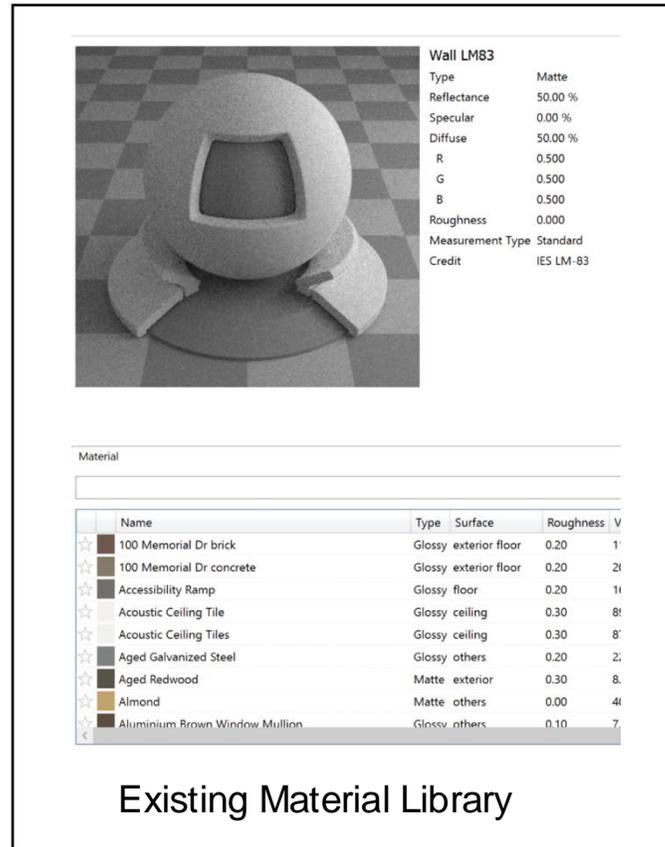
- indoor-outdoor HDR photography
- **inverse rendering for scene relighting**
- applications for scene editing

# Standard Workflow

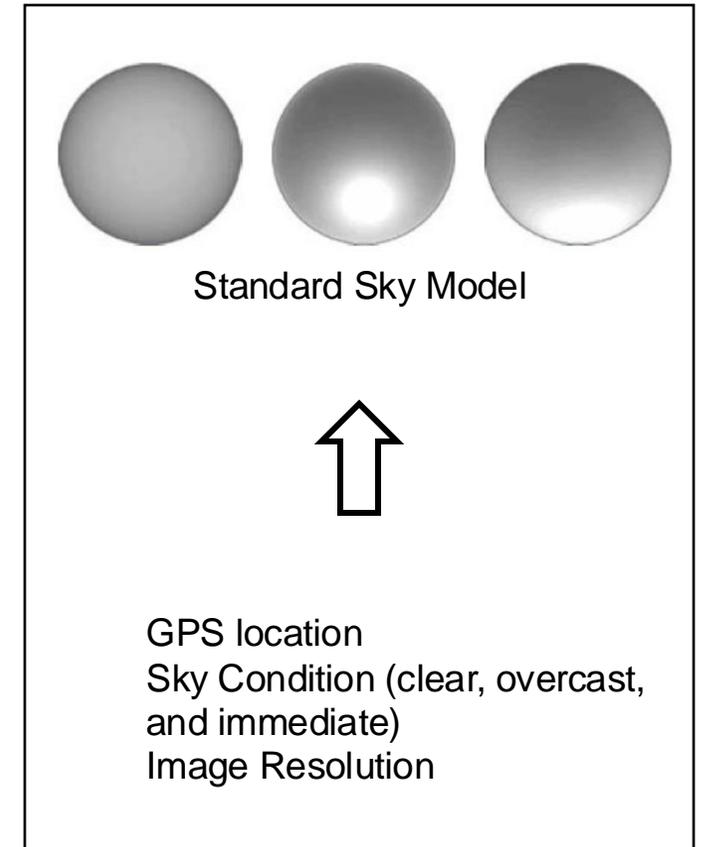
## 3D Layout



## Materials



## Outdoor Light



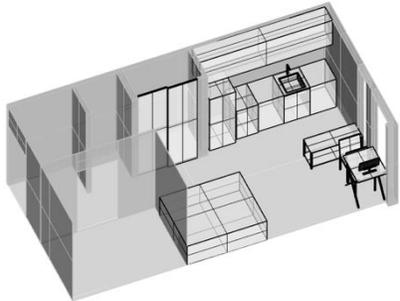
**Time:** several days  
**Input:** manual modeling

**Time:** several minutes  
**Input:** approximated materials

**Time:** several minutes  
**Input:** approximated sky model

# Standard Workflow

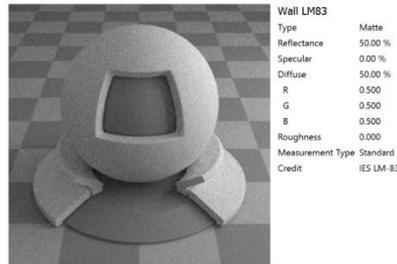
## 3D Layout



Detailed Modeling

**Time: several days**

## Material/Texture



Existing Material Library

**Time: several minutes**

## Outdoor Light

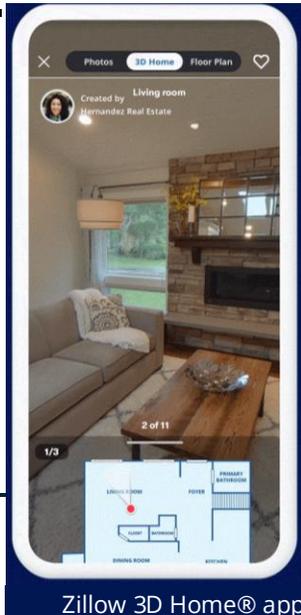


Standard Sky Model

**Time: several minutes**



**Time: several hours**



**Time: several hours**



**Time: several hours**

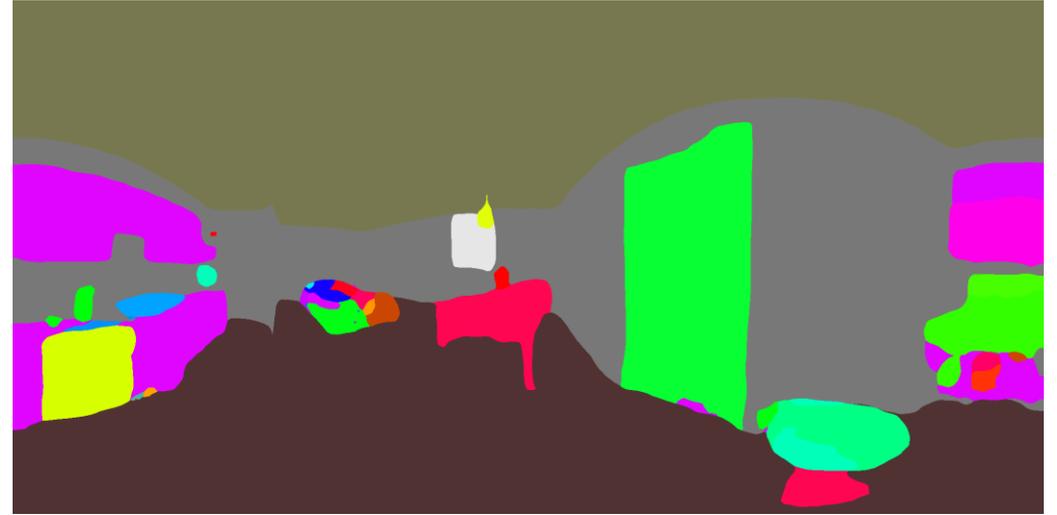


# Field Measurement

# What a single image can tell us?



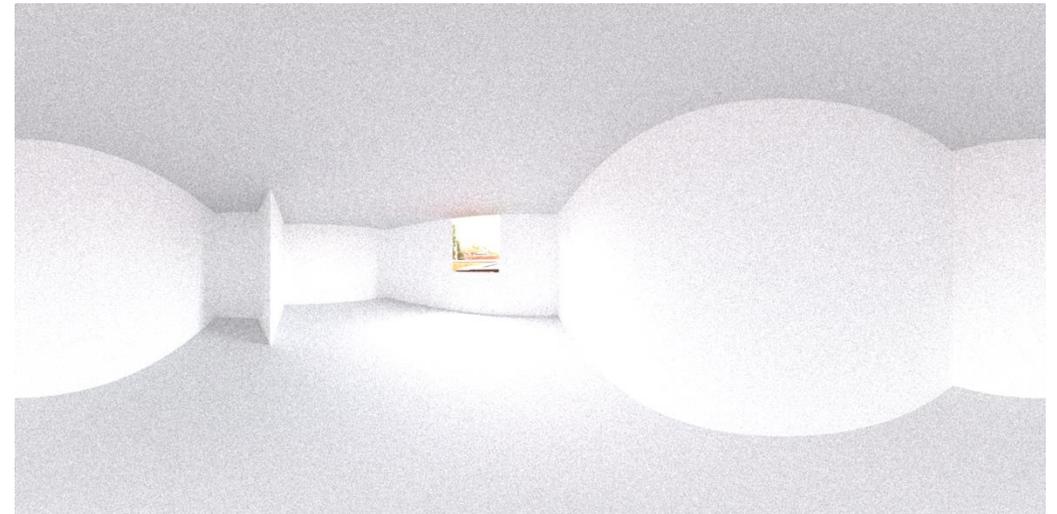
Input RGB Panorama



Semantic Map



Layout Estimation



Shading Layer

# Inverse Rendering

**Input:**



**Estimating:**

3D Floor Layout  
Reflectance Property  
Spatially-varying Light

**Editing:**

New Floor Layout  
New Materials  
New Light

**Output:**

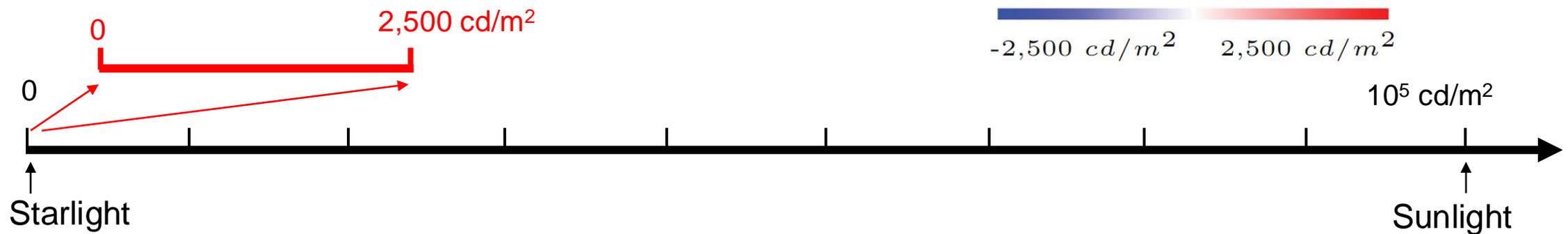


# Error Analysis

Captured

Rendered

Error Map



# Outline

- indoor-outdoor HDR photography
- inverse rendering for scene relighting
- **applications for scene editing**



## Furniture Removal

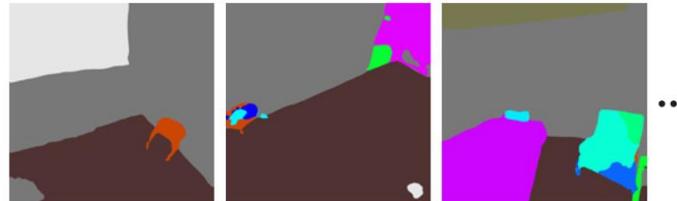
# Furniture Detection in Panorama



Input Panorama



2D Perspectives



Semantic Segmentation



Furniture Objects



## Furniture Layout

# Furniture Layout

## Inputs:

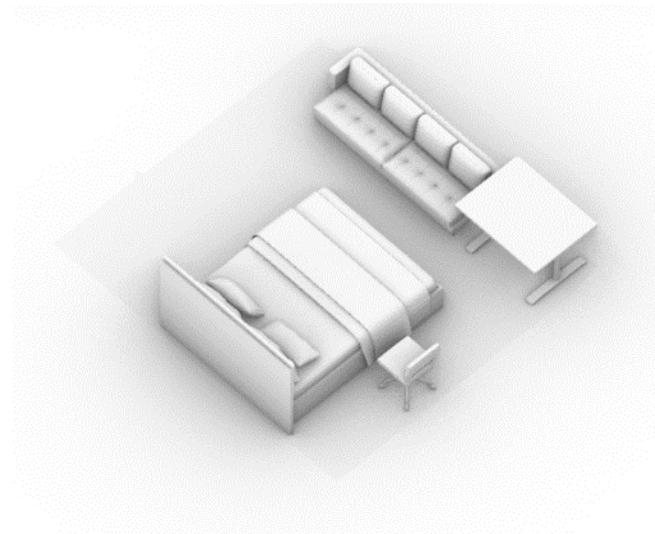
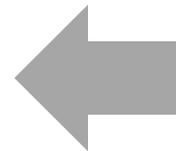
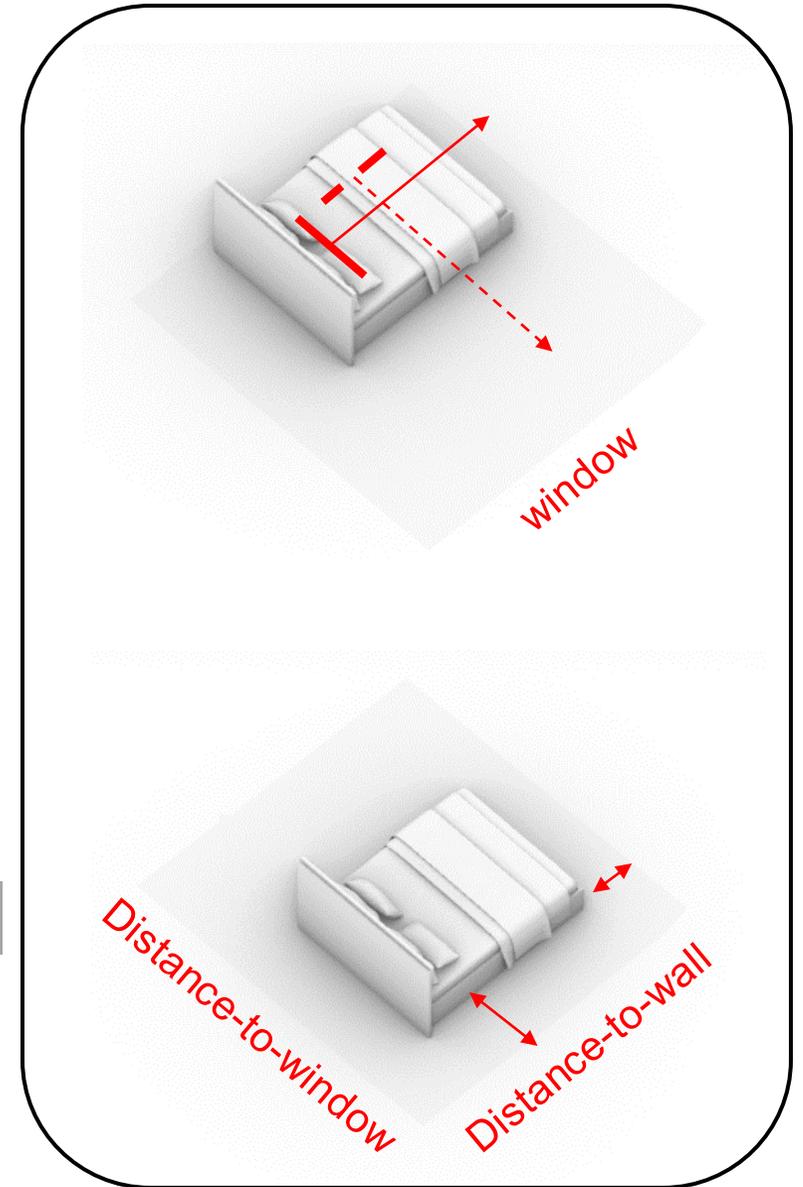
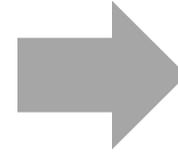
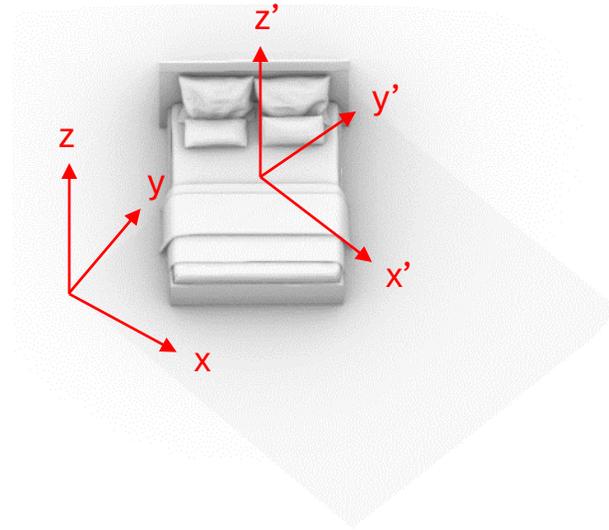
Furniture Objects  
Floor Mesh

## Parameters:

Orientation  
Location

## Outputs:

Adjusted Furniture Objects





## Virtual Staging



## Changing Indoor Textures/Positions



## Virtual Staging

# Changing Indoor Position

Rendered Panorama



Position 2: 2D Perspective



Position 1: 2D Perspective



Position 3: 2D Perspective



# View to Outdoor Scene

Indoor Scene 1



Indoor Scene 2



Outdoor Scene 1



Outdoor Scene 2



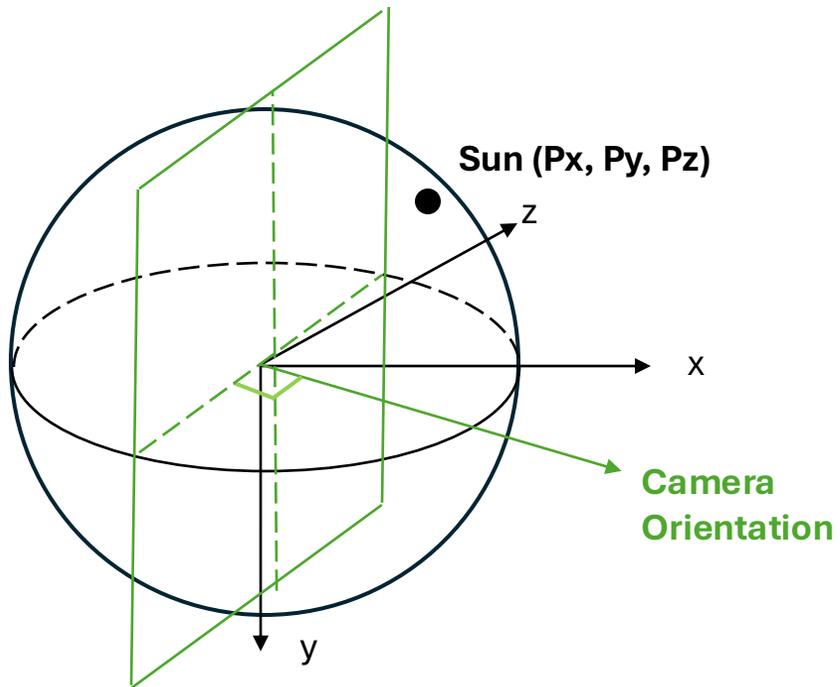
# Editing Outdoor Images



captured 180 fisheye



360 Equirectangular



# Editing Outdoor Images

theta (azimuth): 194.07  
phi (altitude): 40.31



captured: 2022-10-14,13:49

theta (azimuth): 227.8  
phi (altitude): 28.2



annotation for new sun

# Estimating Outdoor Images



Scene 1



Scene 2



Scene 3

Rendered with Captured Outdoor Image



Rendered with Edited Outdoor Images



Rendered with Captured Outdoor Image



Rendered with Edited Outdoor Images



# Removing Sun from Outdoor Image



captured: 10-14,14:30



Rendered Scene



edited: 10-14,14:30 no sun



Rendered Scene

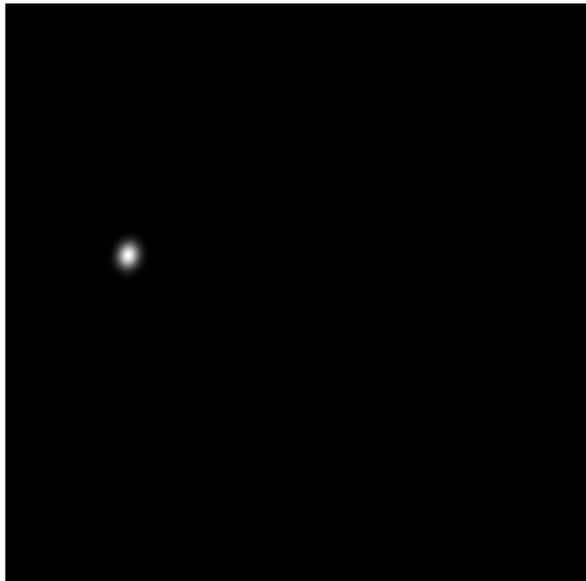
# Adding Sun on the Outdoor Image



Captured Outdoor Image



Virtual Rendered Scene



Virtual Sun Mask



Virtual Rendered Scenes



Natural Illumination



Electrical Light (6336K)

## Electrical Light in the Evening



Electrical Light (6336K)



Electrical Light (2660K)

## Electrical Light in the Evening



EXISTING

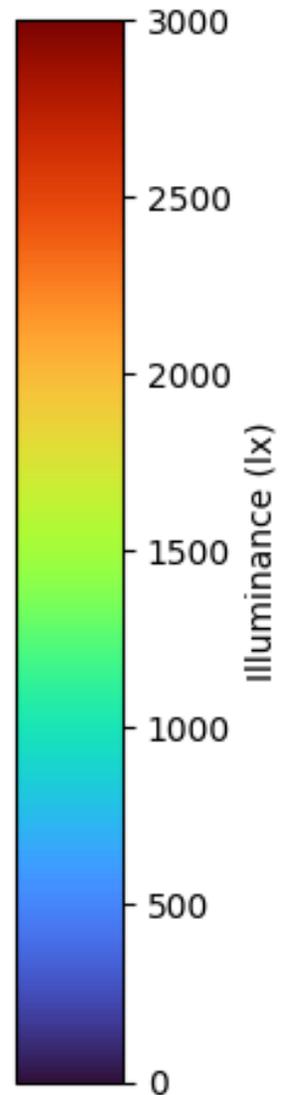
## Kitchen Remodeling



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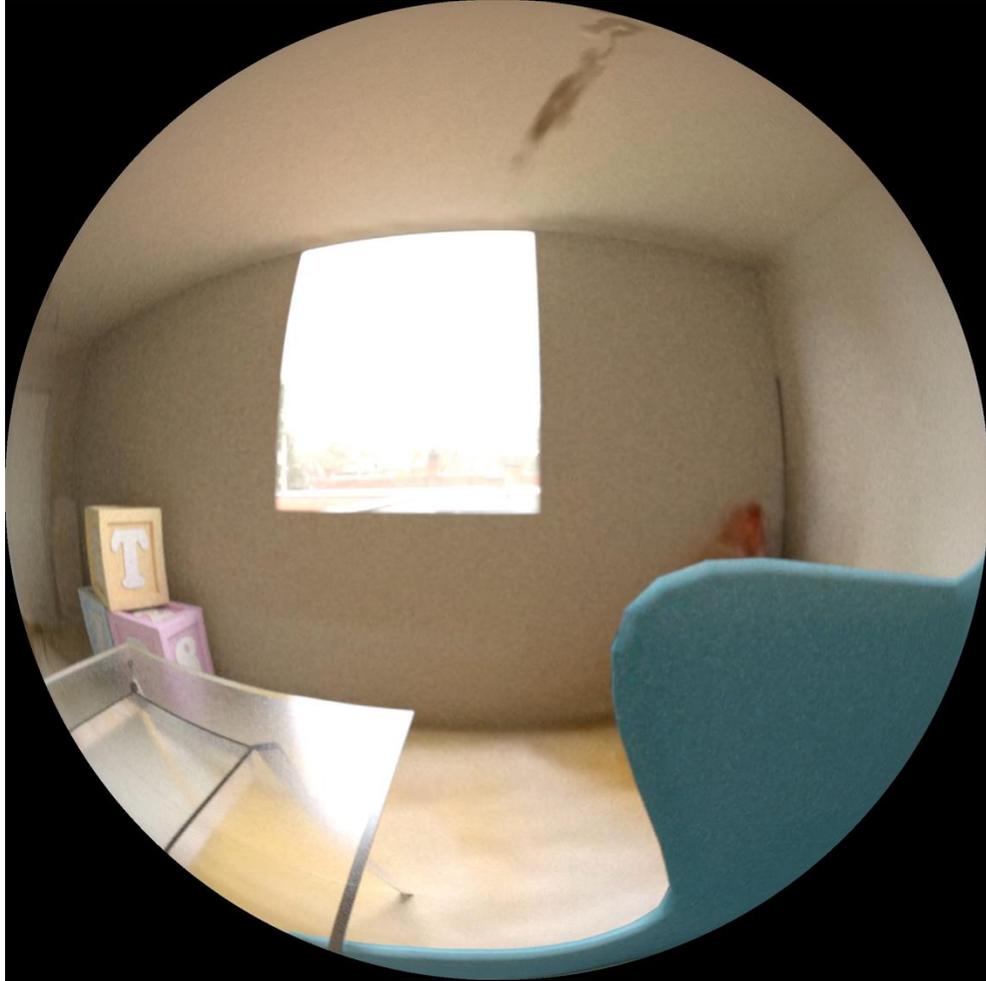


RENDERED

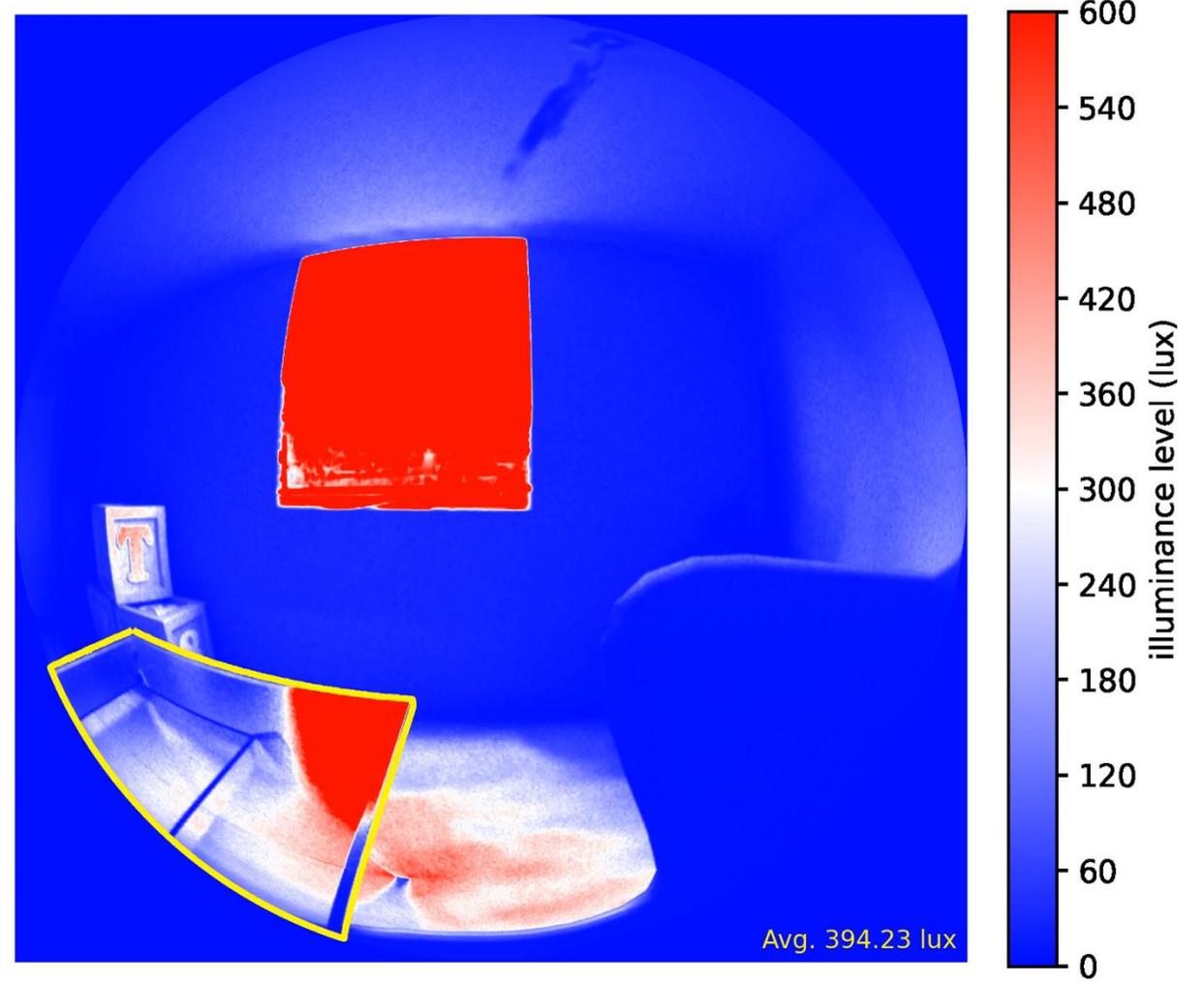


**Illuminance Map**

# Indoor Task Lighting

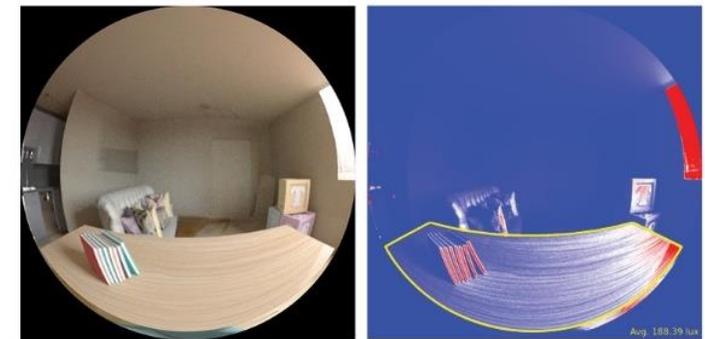
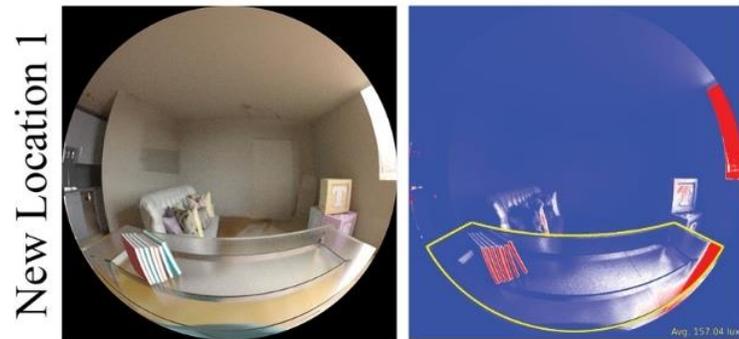
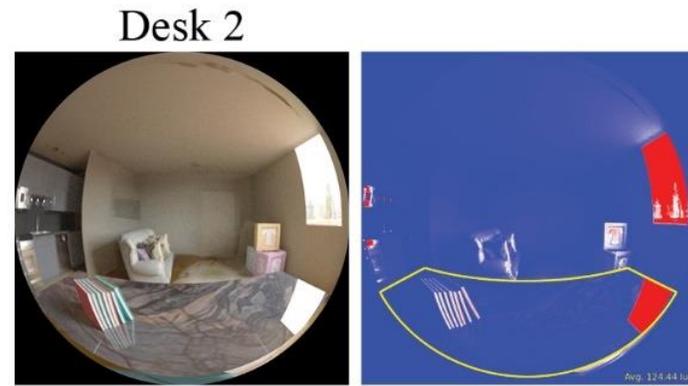
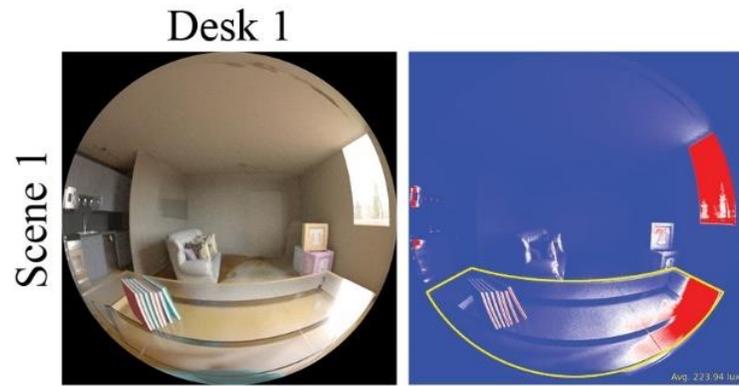
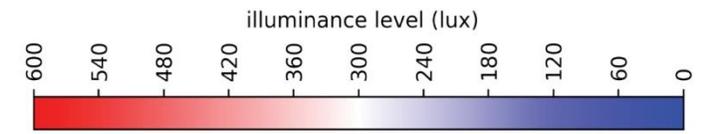


Virtual Rendered Scene

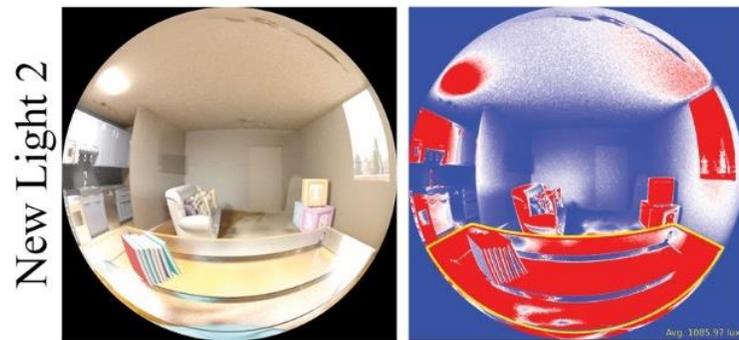
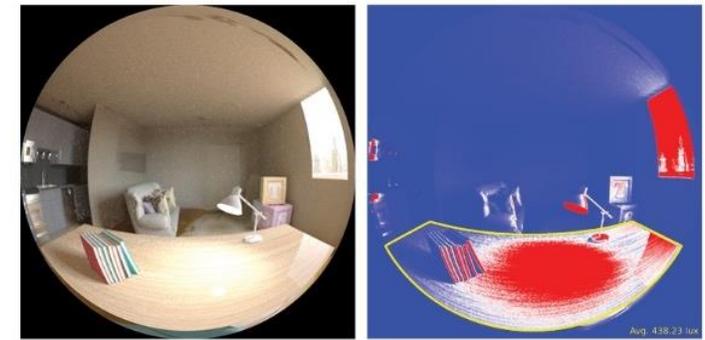
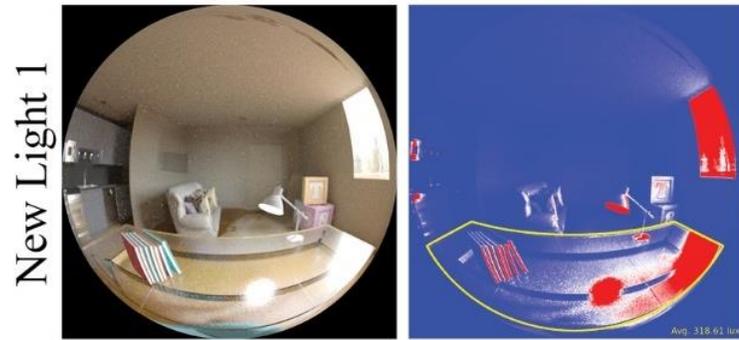
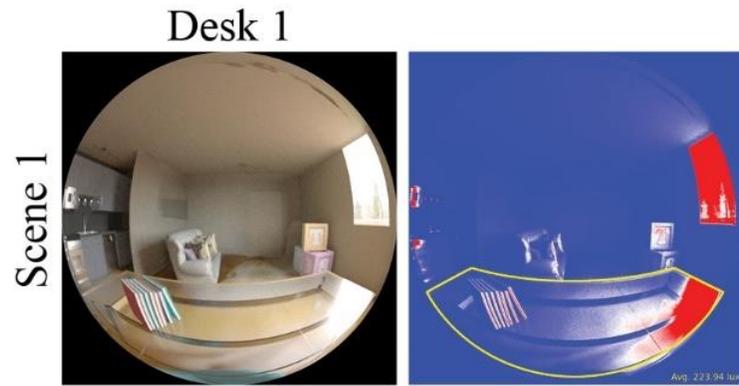
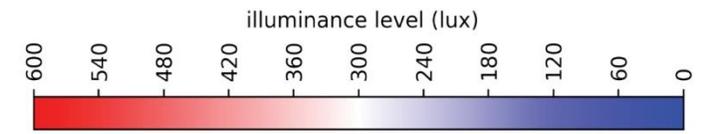


Reading (300lux) on the task surface (desk)

# Indoor Task Lighting



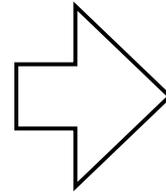
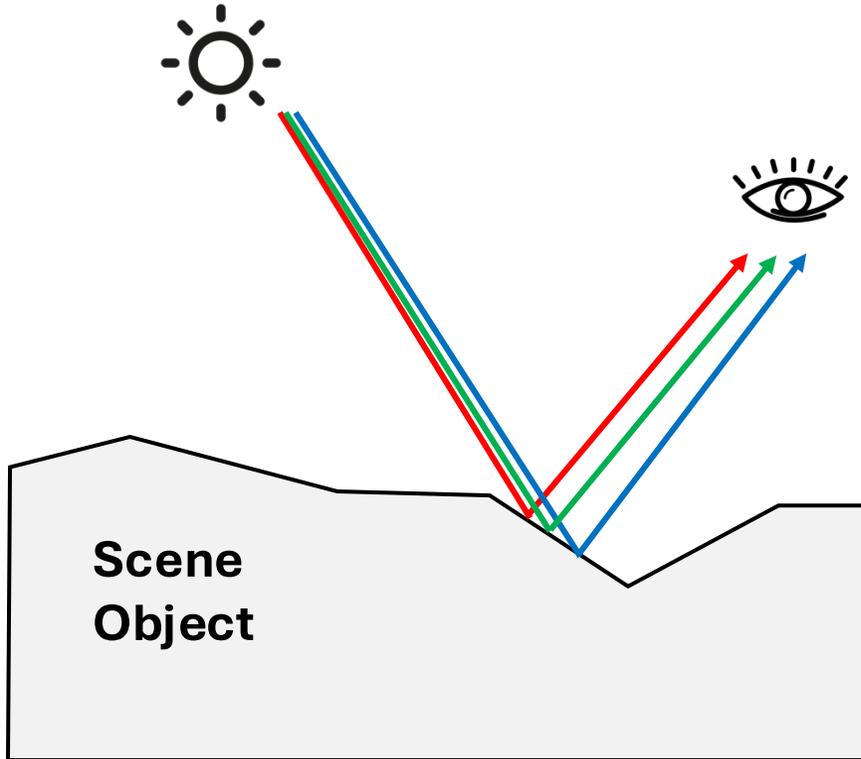
# Indoor Task Lighting



# Ongoing Work: estimating heat map

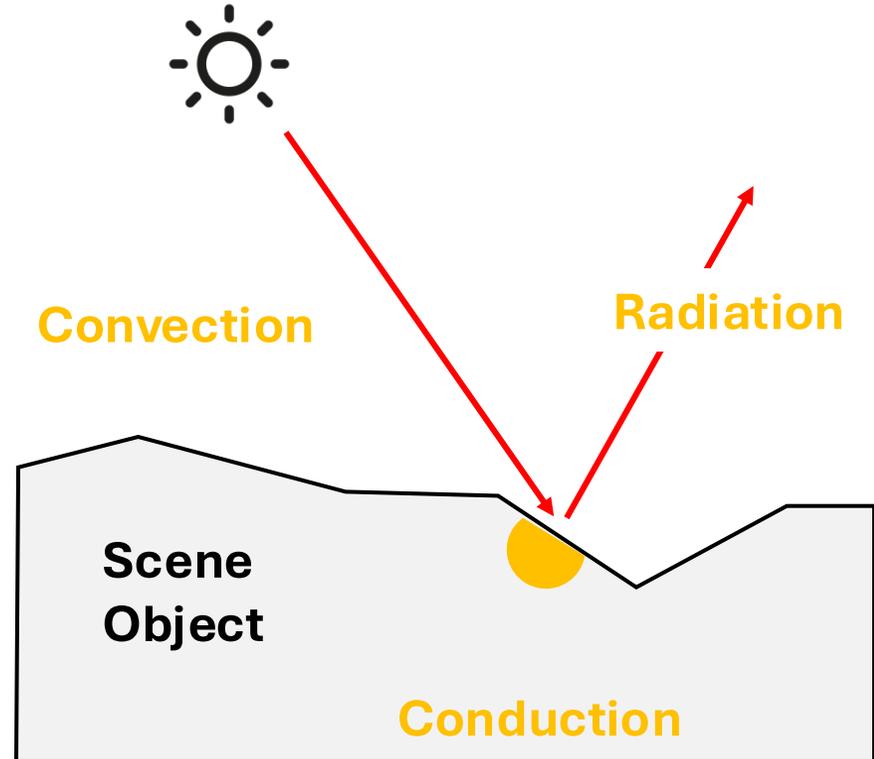
## Light Transport

Light Source



## Heat Transport

Light Source



# Summary

Input



Indoor Image



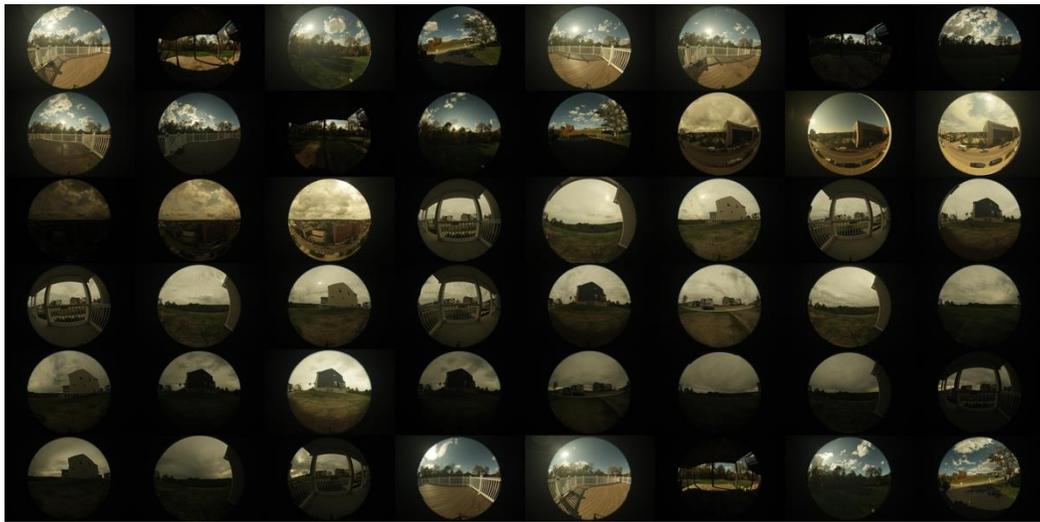
Outdoor Image

several minutes

Output



# Calibrated HDR Dataset



137 paired indoor-outdoor Images



141 paired indoor-outdoor panoramas

\*each scene is annotated with room orientation, luminance value, and illuminance value

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