

# What is the (relevant) size of the sun?

Glare in the peripheral field of view

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## Motivation



There are situations where we like having direct sun in the field of view...

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... but there are other situations in which this is not the case.

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Users react ...



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Daylight in buildings

**5.4 Protection from glare**

**5.4.1 General**

Glare is a negative sensation and the cause is by luminance to which the eyes are adapted to

**Annex E  
(informative)**

**Glare**

**Table A.7 — Proposed different levels of threshold  $DGP_e < 5\%$  for glare protection**

Level of recommendation for glare protection	$DGP_e < 5\%$
Minimum	0,45
Medium	0,40
High	0,35

... areas are located within the visual field or ... The perception of glare is dependent on the ... strongly dependent on the spatial position ...

$$DGP = 5,87 \times 10^{-5} \times E_v + 9,18 \times 10^{-2} \times \log \left( 1 + \sum_i \frac{L_{s,i}^2 \times \omega_{s,i}}{E_v^{1,87} \times P_i^2} \right) + 0,16$$

... and standardization follows, and calls for accurate daylight and glare simulations.

In cases of multiple possible positions of activities, the expected worst case position should be investigated. These positions are usually close to the façade and/or where you can expect view connection to a low sun position. If the glare criteria are fulfilled for the worst case position(s) within a space, they are fulfilled within the utilized area of space.

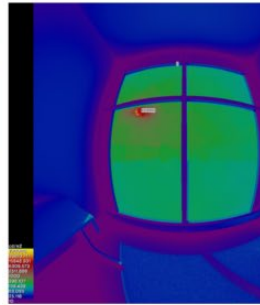
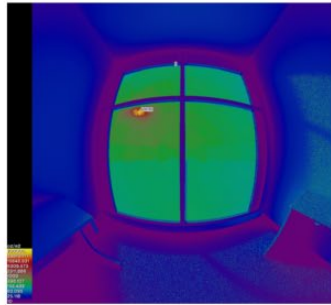
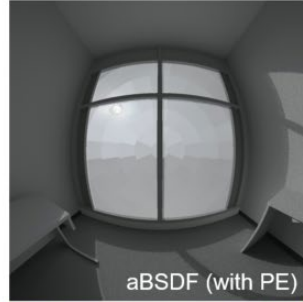
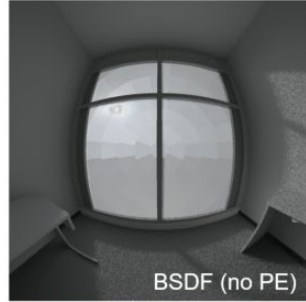
NOTE 1 *DGP* can be applied to any daylight oriented indoor space which is mainly side-lit and where the expected activities are comparable to reading, writing or using display devices. *DGP* is not applicable to assess daylight glare for spaces with horizontal daylight openings.

NOTE 2 *DGP* cannot be applied to situations, where it can be expected that the vertical illuminance is not a good indicator for the glare perception; such situations include for example vending areas of shops, sport halls and deep or dark spaces with very small openings. Furthermore, the *DGP* method cannot be applied to positions in a space, which are far away from the daylight openings or which have low daylight levels.

## E.3 Annual evaluation

### E.3.1 General

## Effect of peak extraction on results (work in progress)



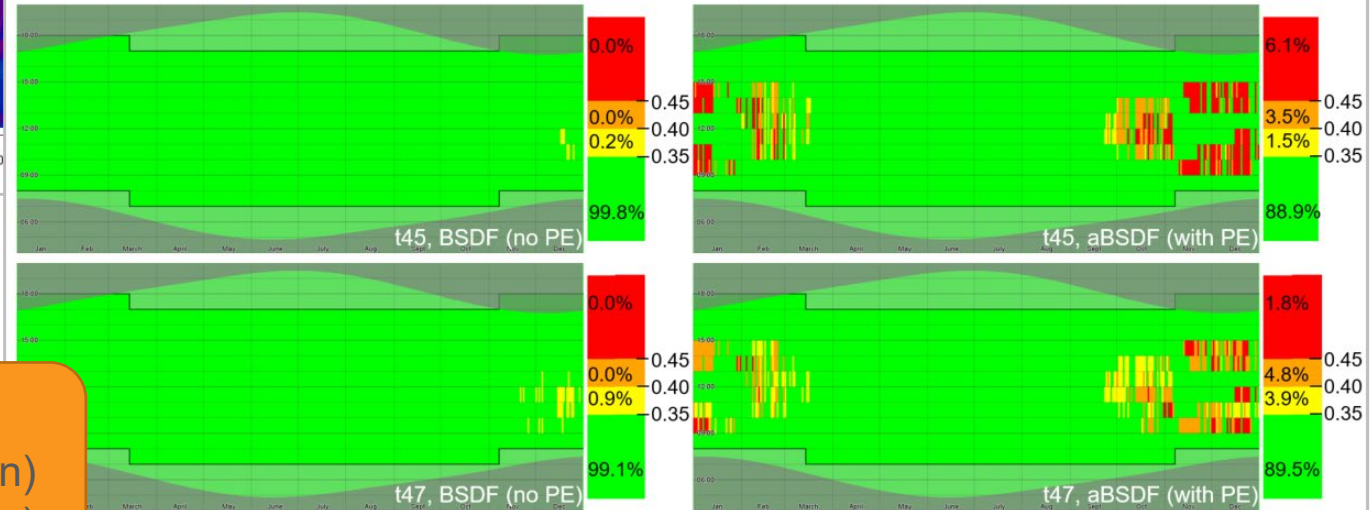
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### Daylight Glare Probability (DGP)

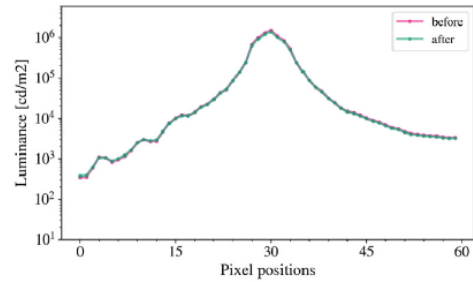
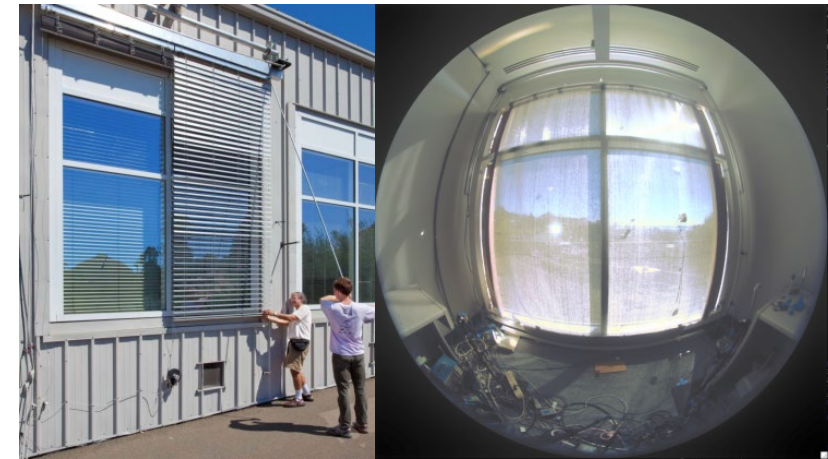
EN17037 limit: DGP above 0.45 for max. 5% of working hours



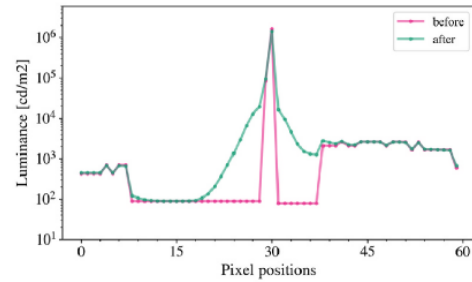
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- Sun:  $\sim 2 \times 0.25^\circ$
- t45:  $\sim 2 \times 2.53^\circ$  ( $\sim 90 \times$  sun)
- t47:  $\sim 2 \times 0.63^\circ$  ( $\sim 5.6 \times$  sun)

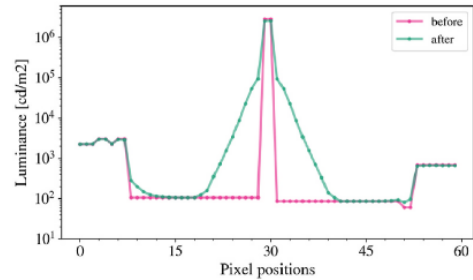
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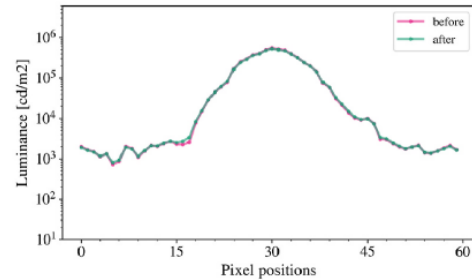
a) Measured with HDR photograph



b) Anisotropic-k6 with peak extraction

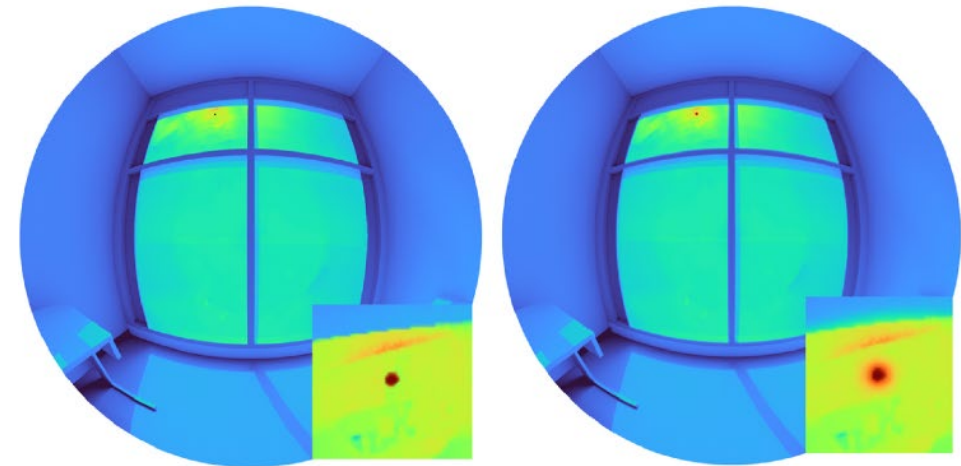


c) Isotropic-k6 with peak extraction



d) Isotropic-k9 without peak extraction

Fig. 10. Luminance ( $\text{cd}/\text{m}^2$ ) profile before and after the blur filter was applied. The profile is for a section through the sun and circumsolar region of an HDR image generated by photography in the field (a) or by simulation (b–d) using various high-resolution BSDFs. The pink line is the luminance from the original HDR image. The green line is the luminance after the blur function was applied. If there is a sharp peak in the original distribution (as in the cases with peak extraction (b and c above)), the blur function spreads the flux, reduces the peak, and conserves energy. The x-axis is pixel position, where pixel  $\sim 30$  corresponds to the location of the solar disk and a 60 pixel width represents a  $10^\circ$  subtended angle. The y-axis is pixel luminance ( $\text{cd}/\text{m}^2$ ). Label “k6” denotes BSDF resolution of  $k = 6$ . Source: LBNL. (For interpretation of the references to color in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the Web version of this article.)



a) Anisotropic-k6, no blur

b) Anisotropic-k6, with blur

Fig. 11. Simulated HDR image before (left) and after (right) the blur filter was applied. The inset shows an enlarged view of the exclusion zone resulting from triggering of peak extraction (PE) with the sun orb in its center. Source: LBNL.

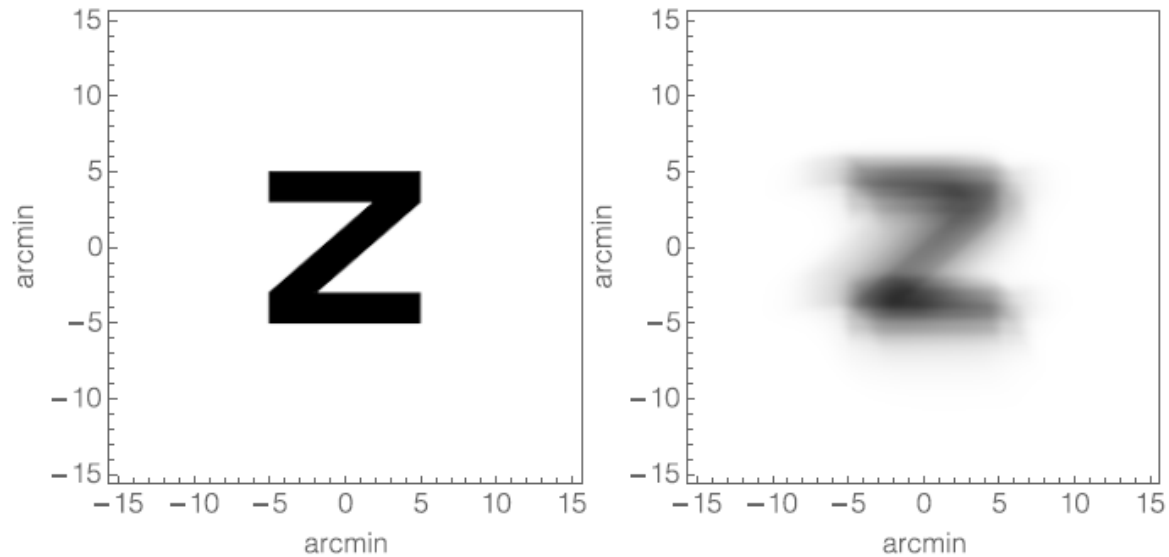
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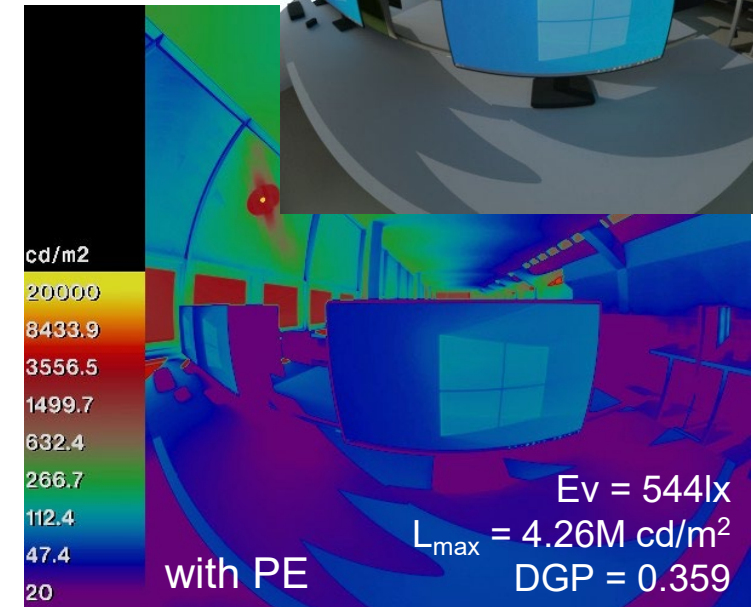
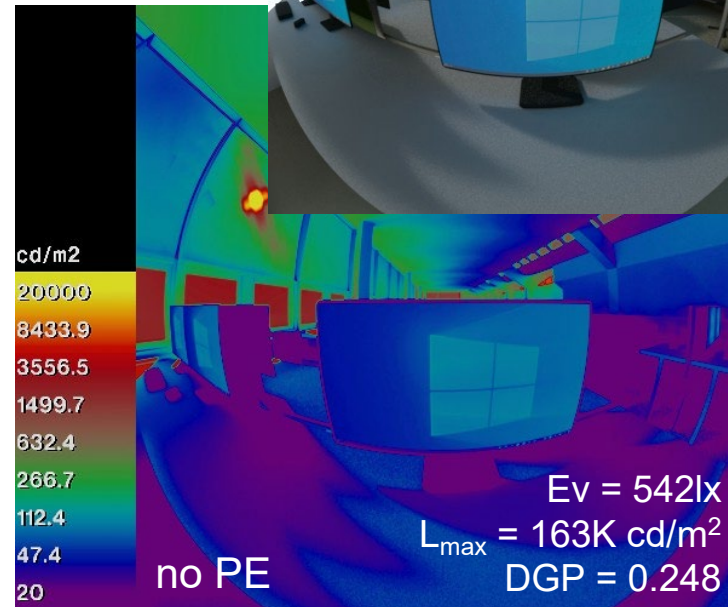
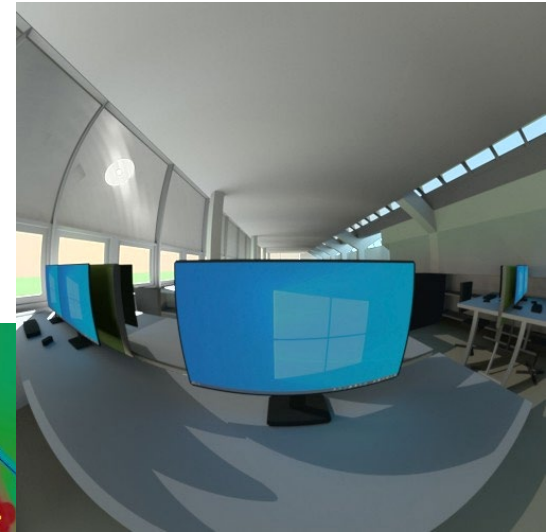
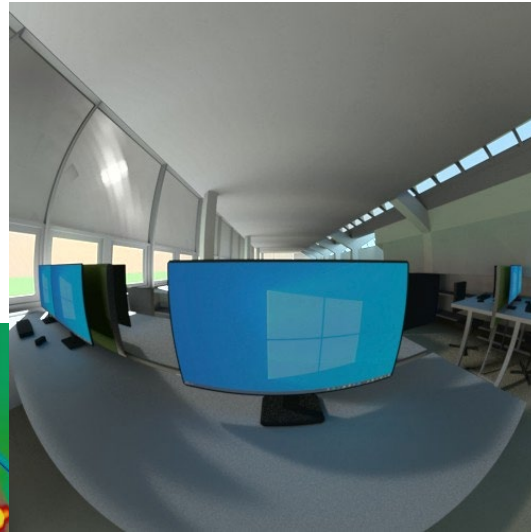
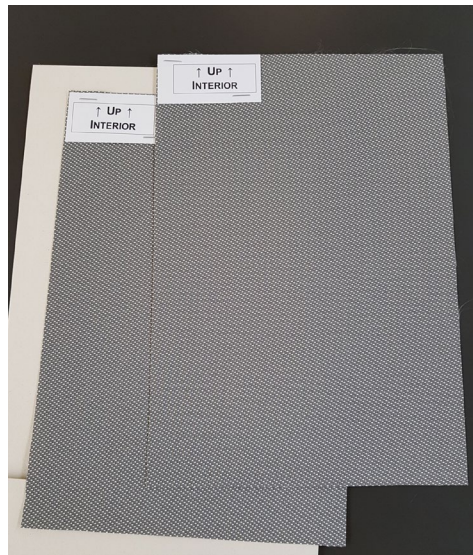
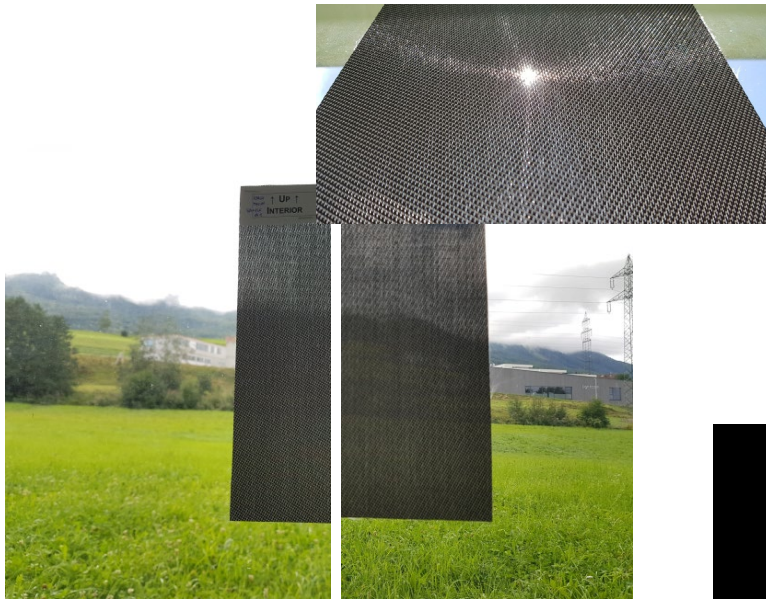
Point spread function of the human eye

E.g.:

- Watson, A. B. (2015). Computing human optical point spread functions. *Journal of Vision*, 15(2):26, 1–25, <http://www.journalofvision.org/content/15/2/26>, doi:10.1167/15.2.26.



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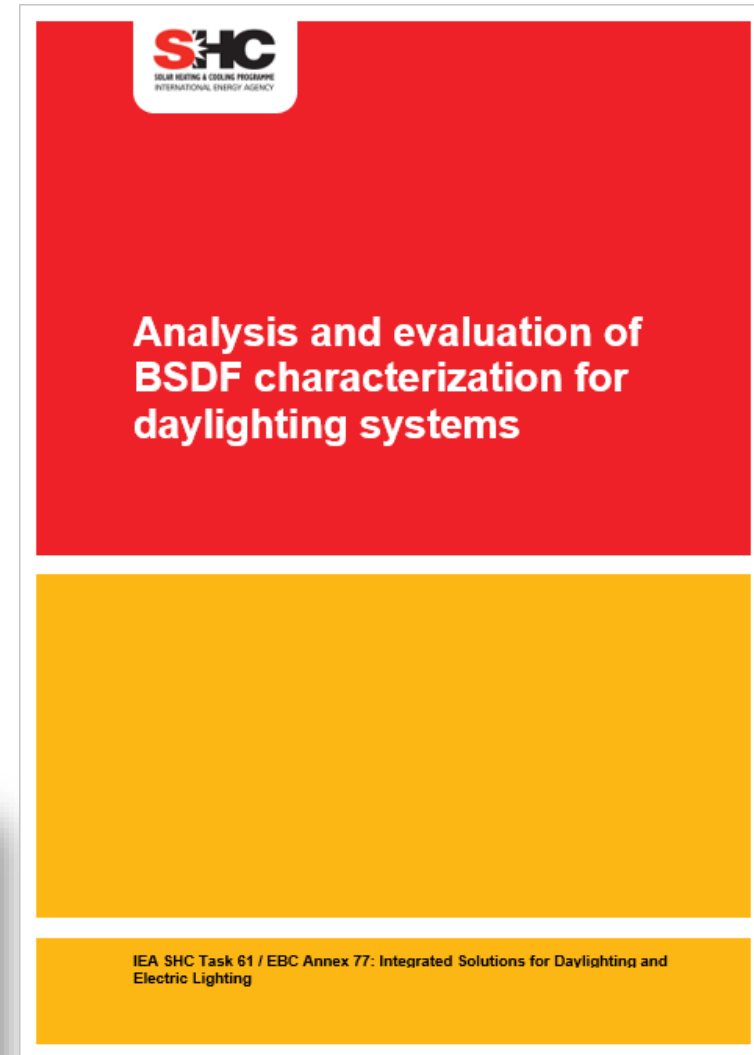
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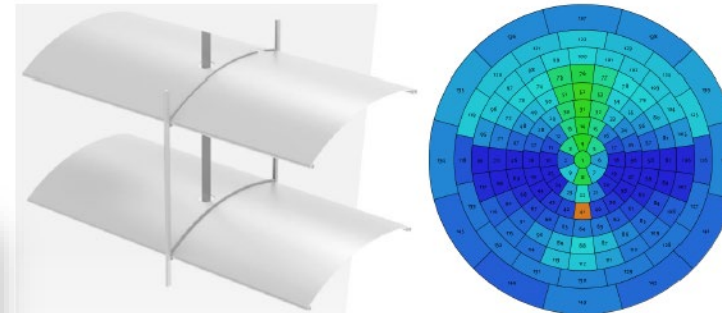
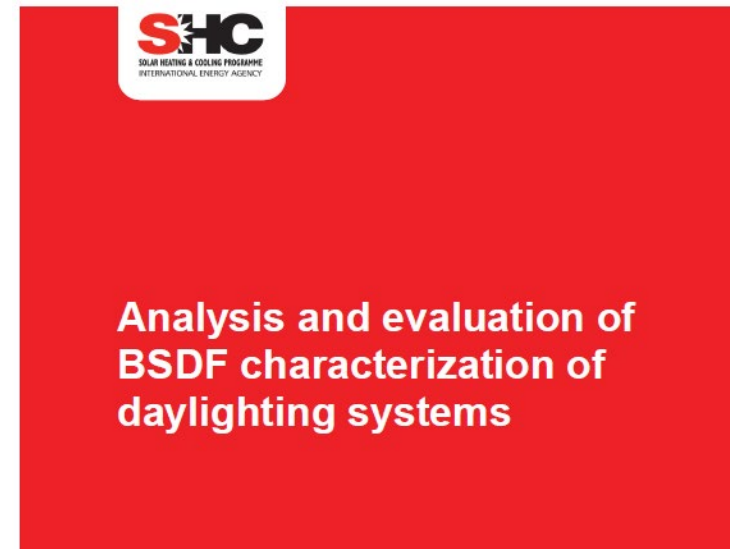


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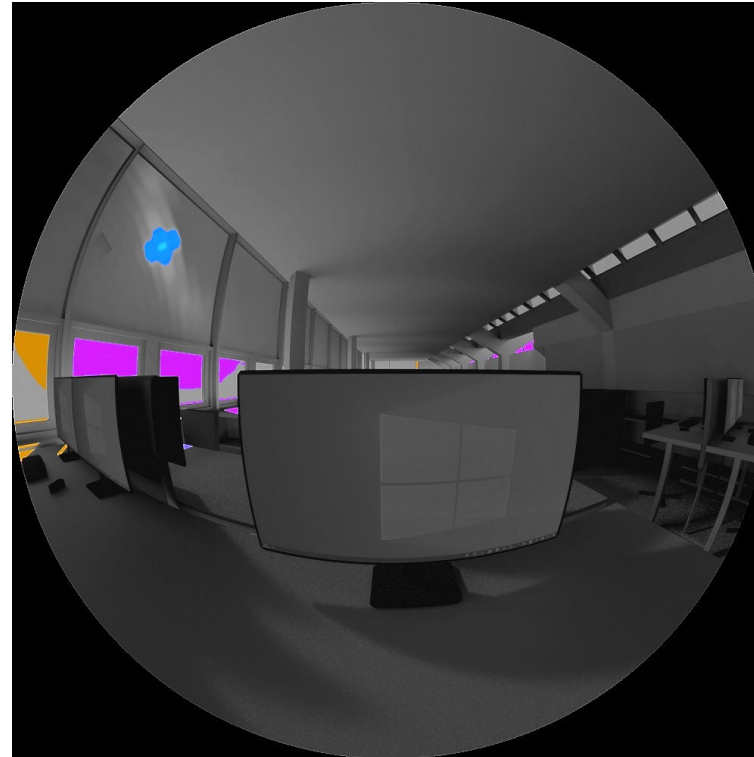
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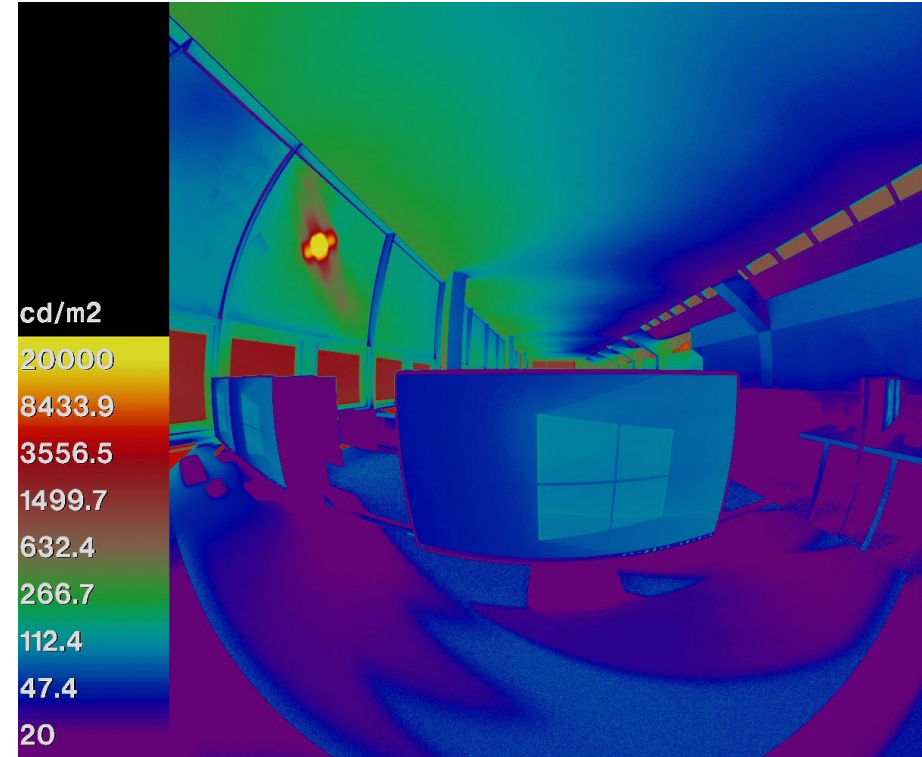
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Ev\_dir = 231 lx  
DGP = 0.248



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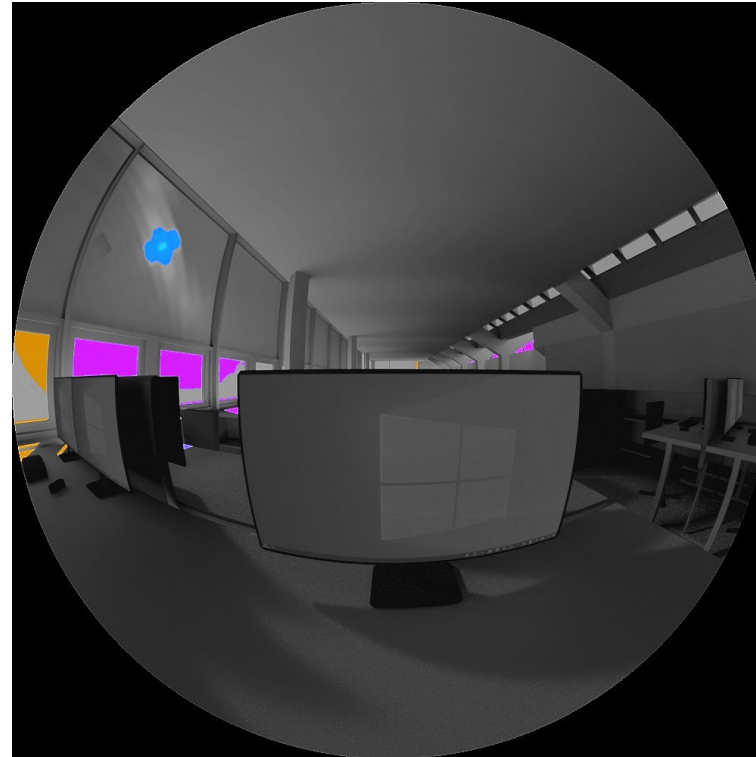


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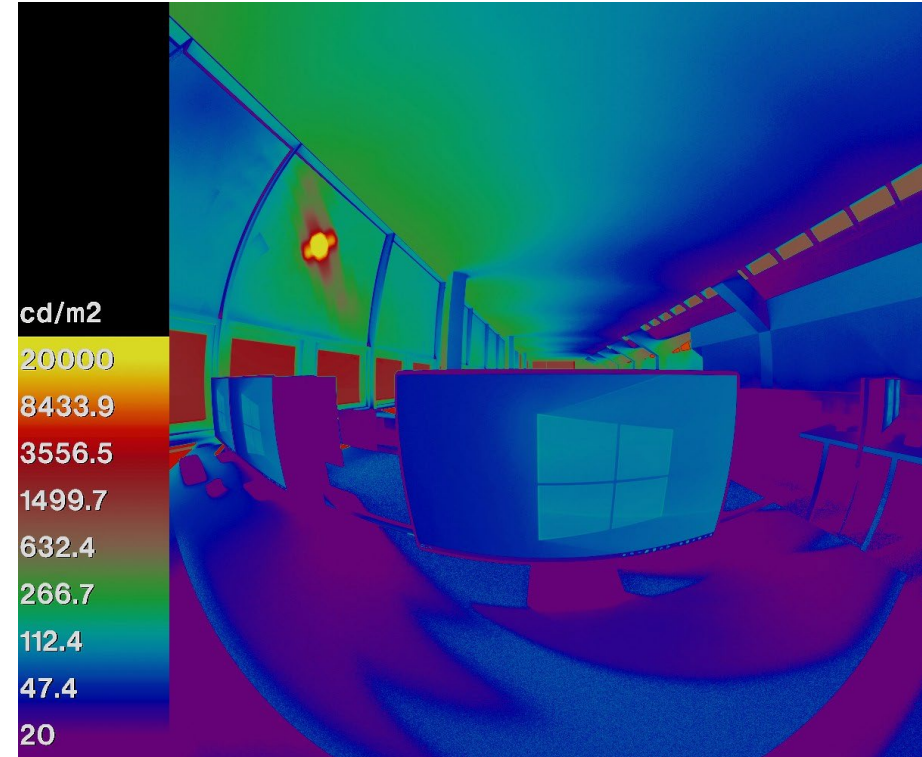
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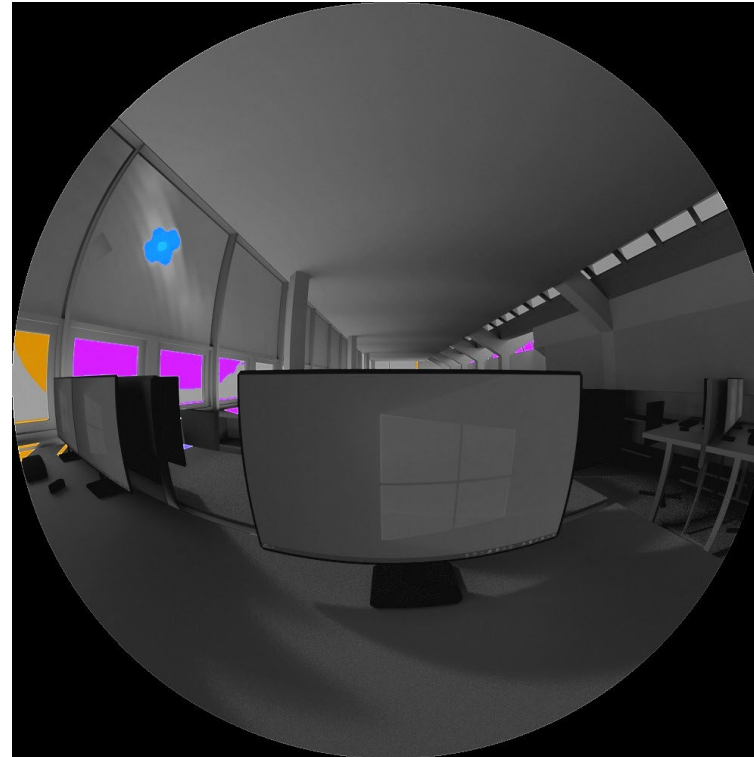


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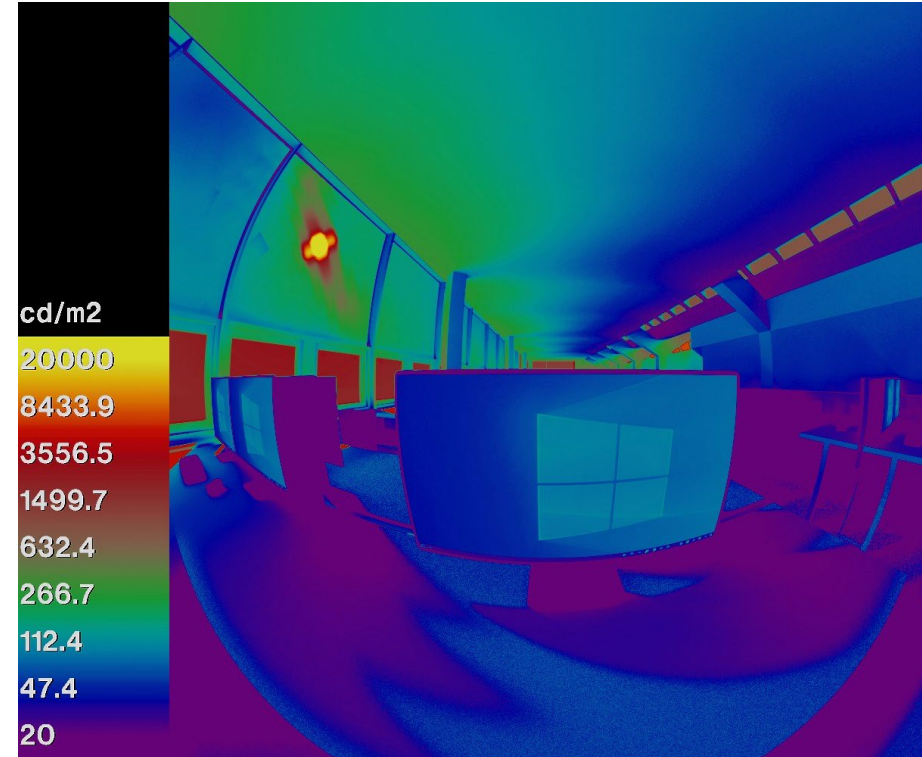
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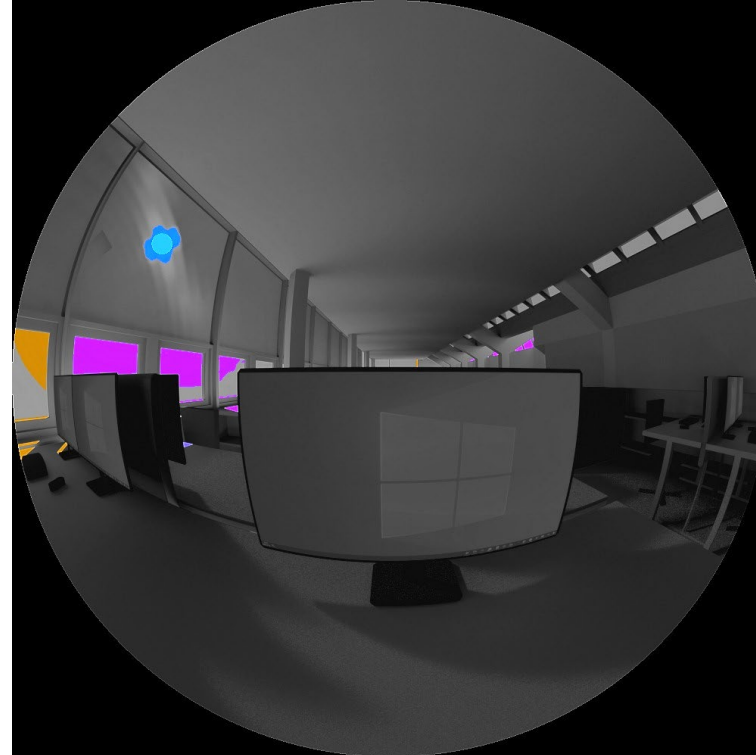


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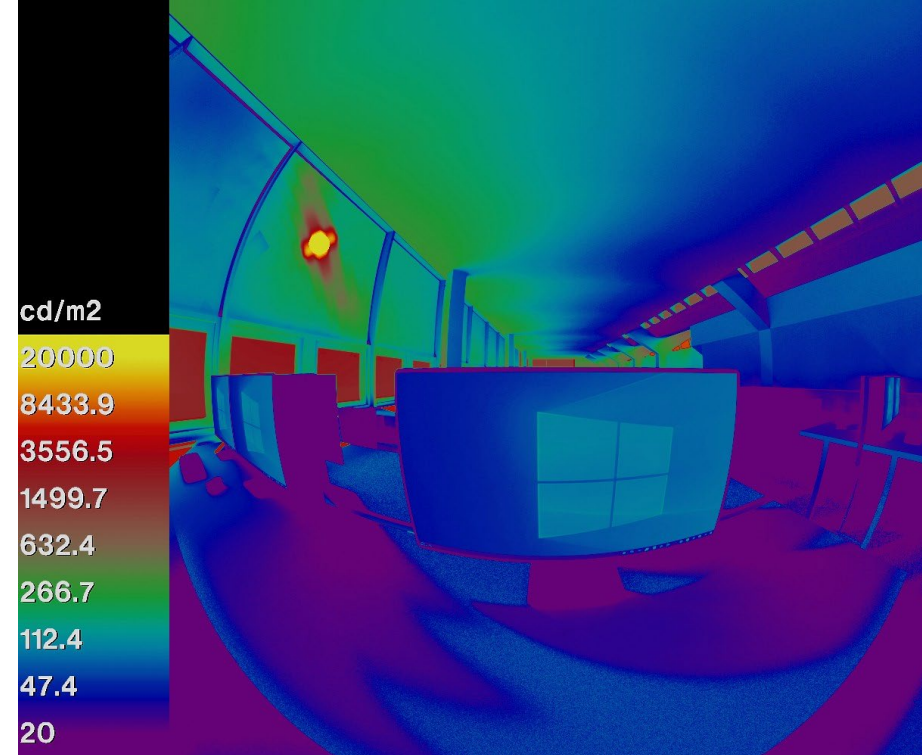
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Averaging: 5° (2 x 2.5°)



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 $DGP = 0.223$



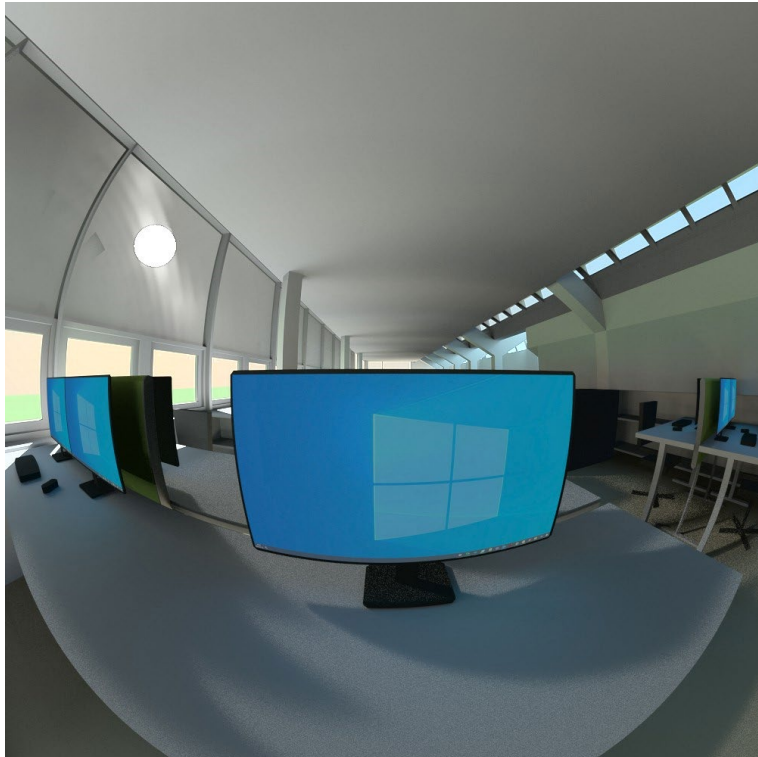


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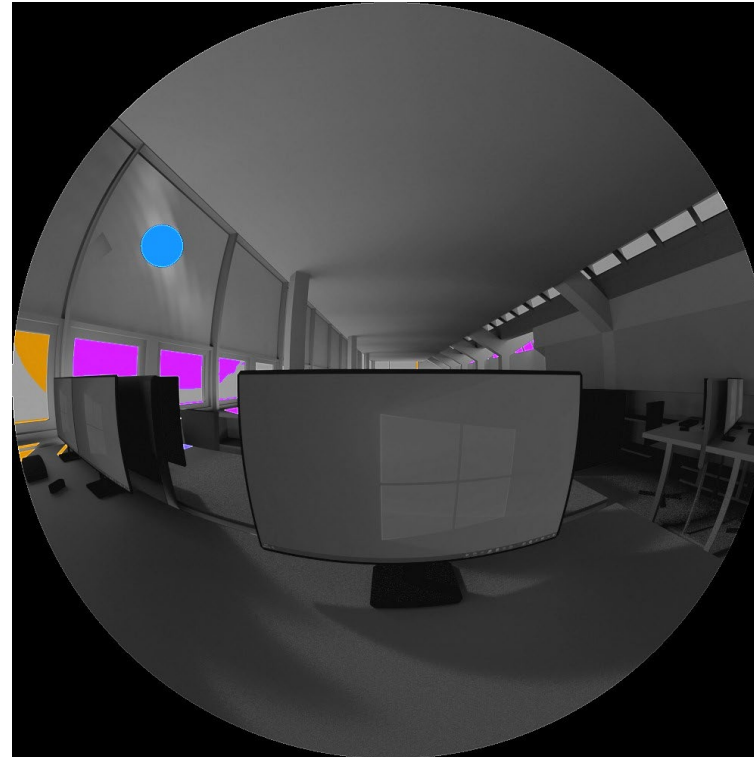


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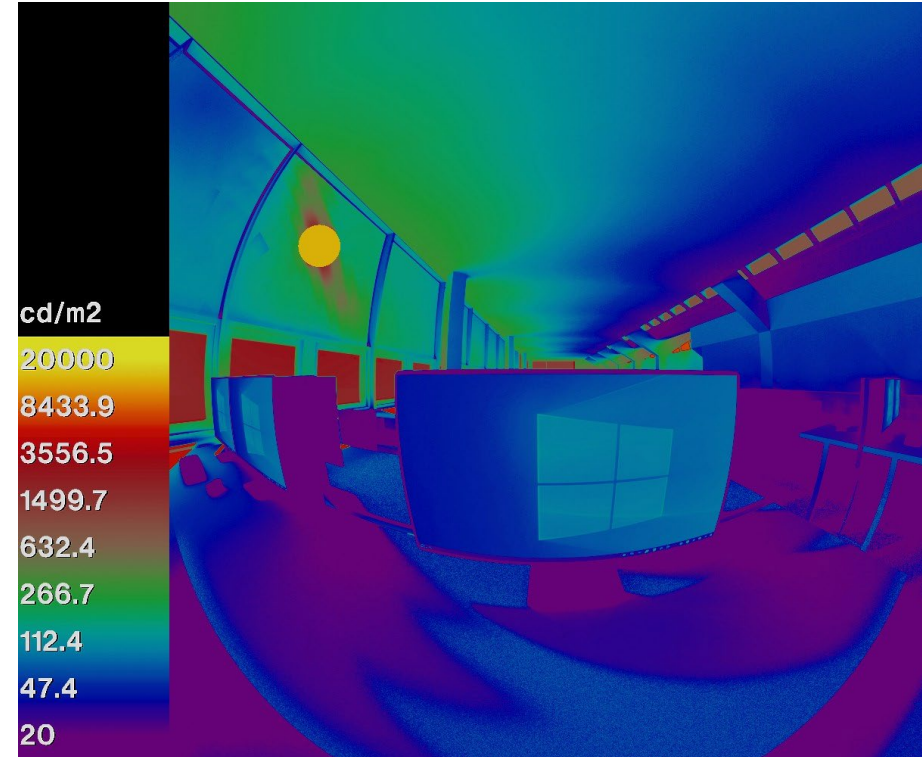
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Averaging: 10° (2 x 5.0°)



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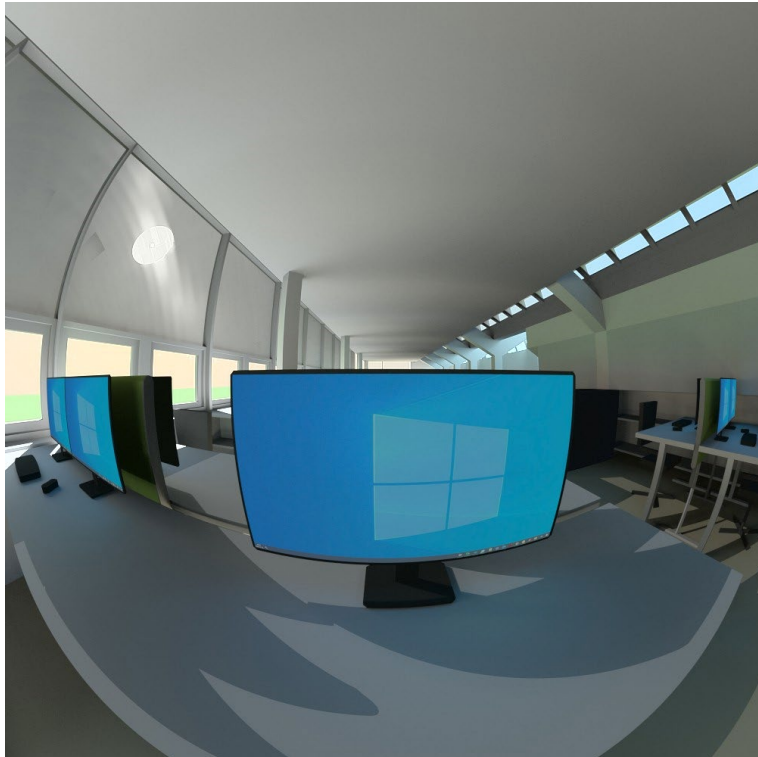


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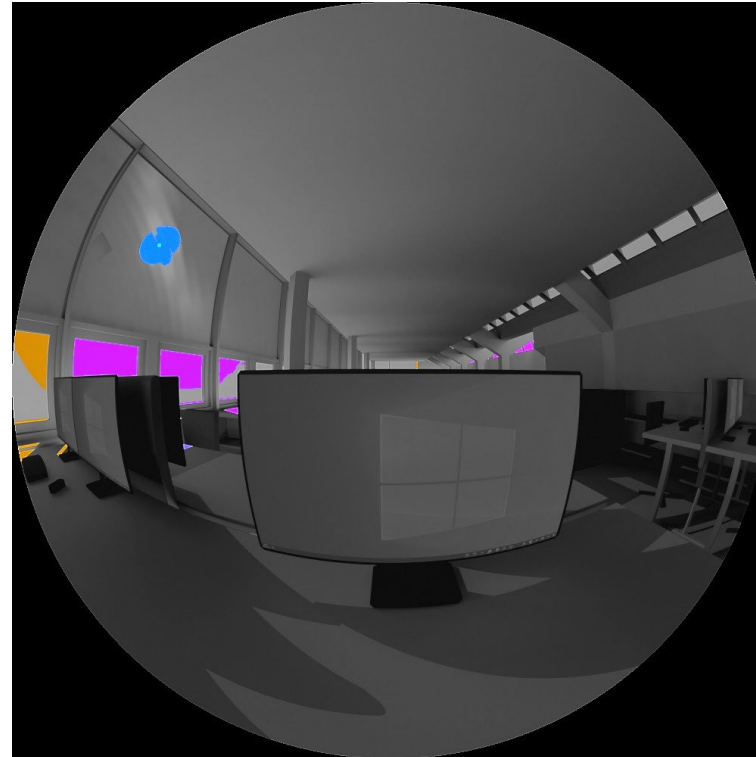


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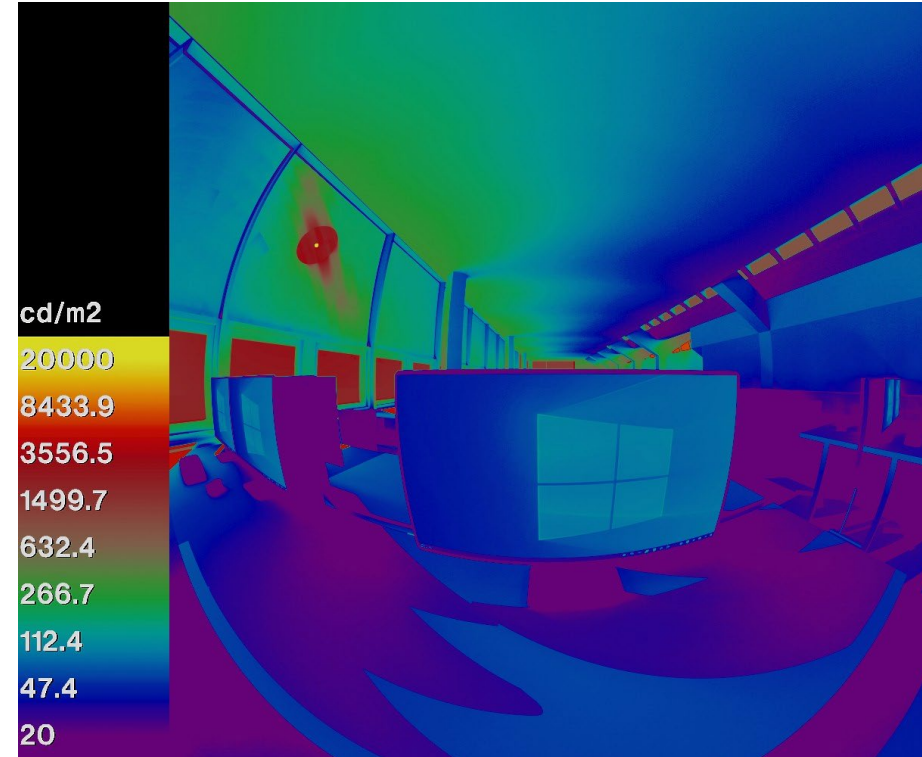
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Averaging: none



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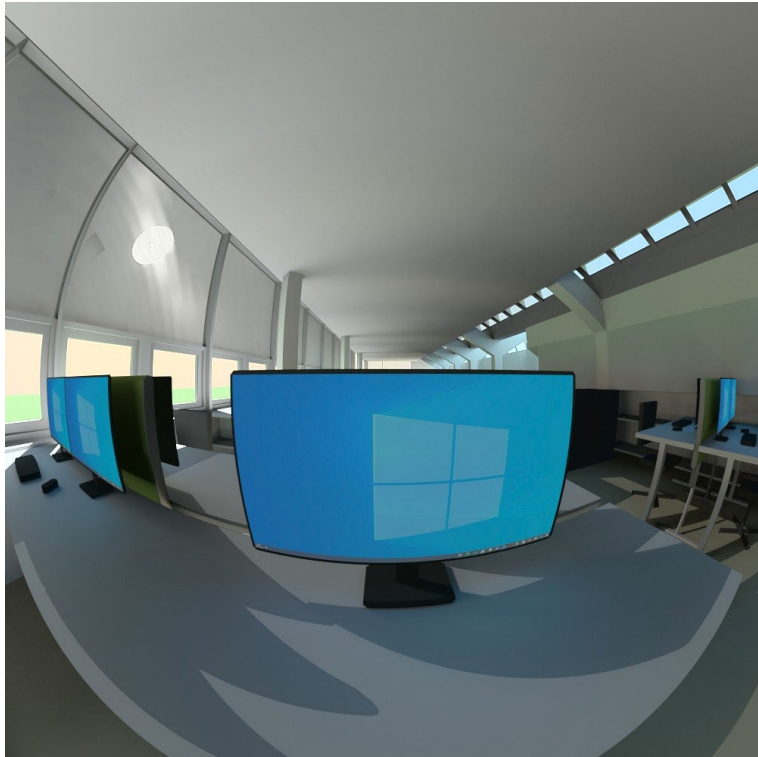


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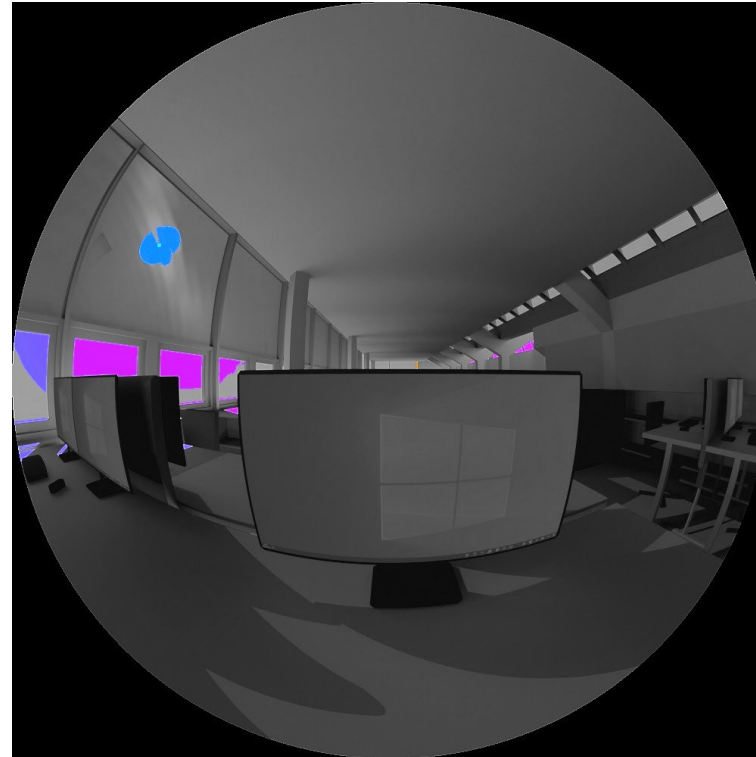


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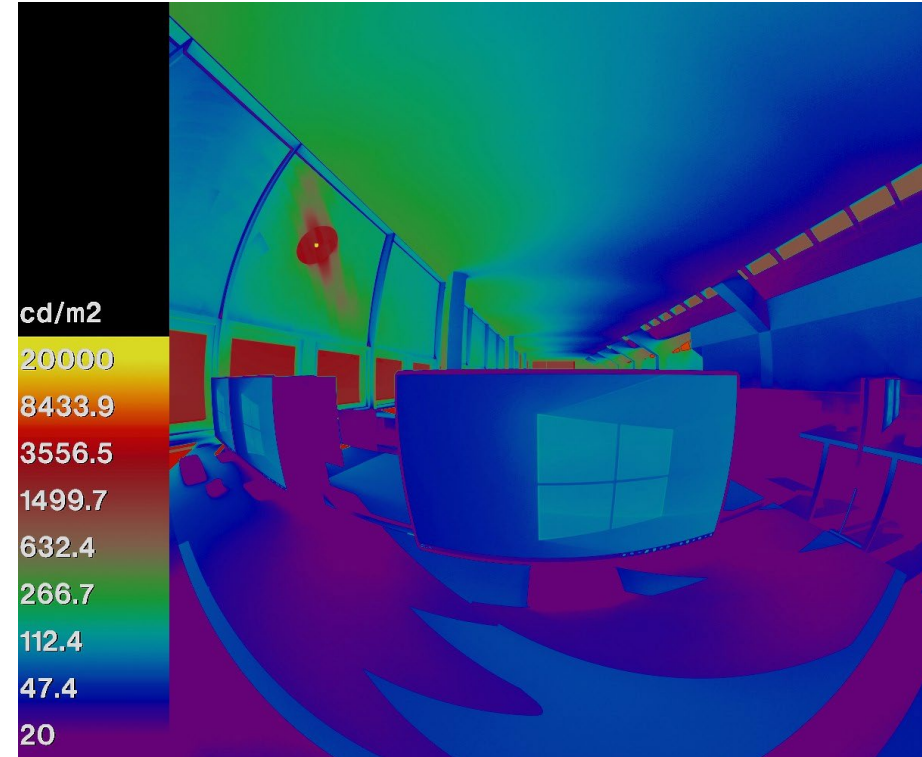
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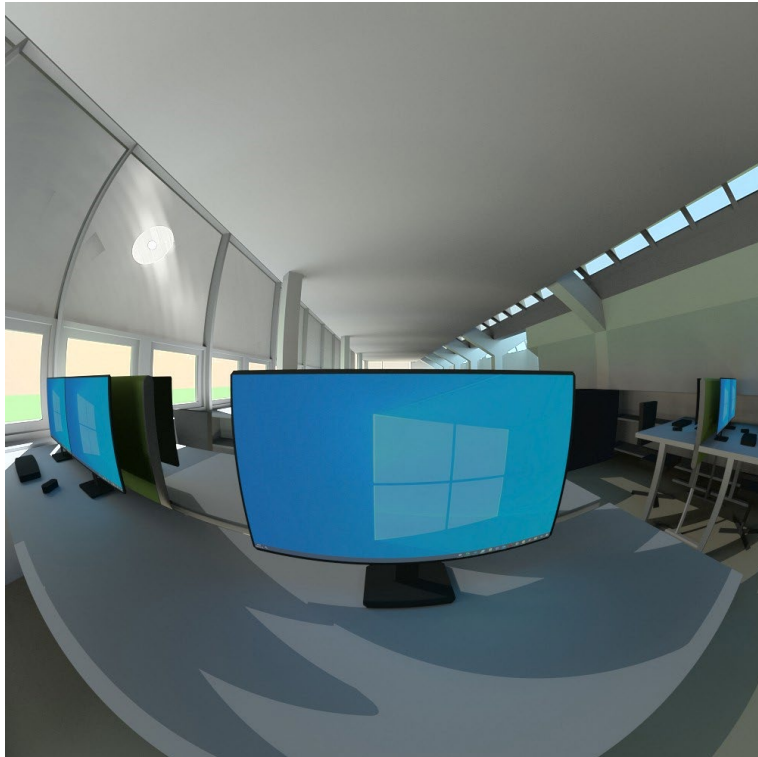


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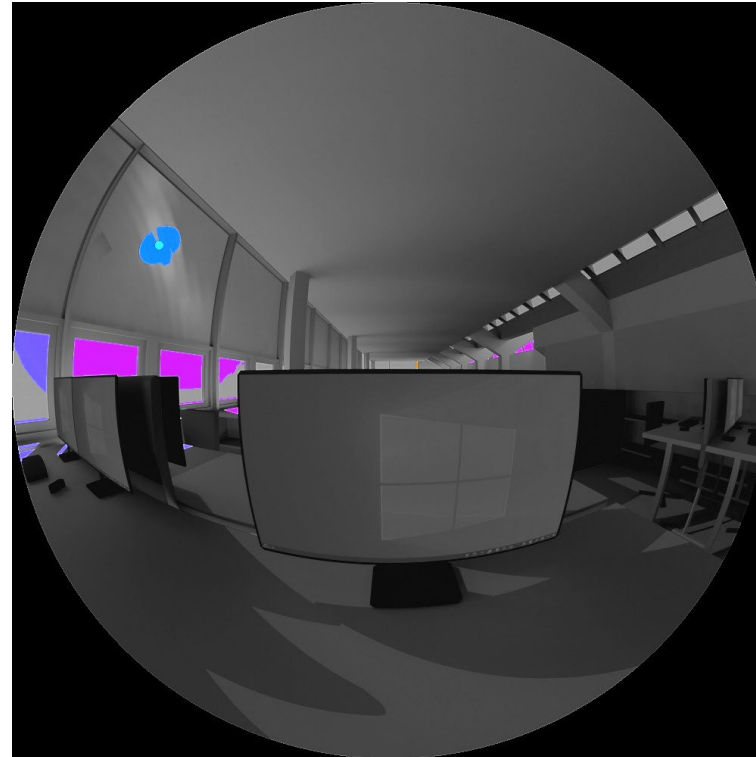


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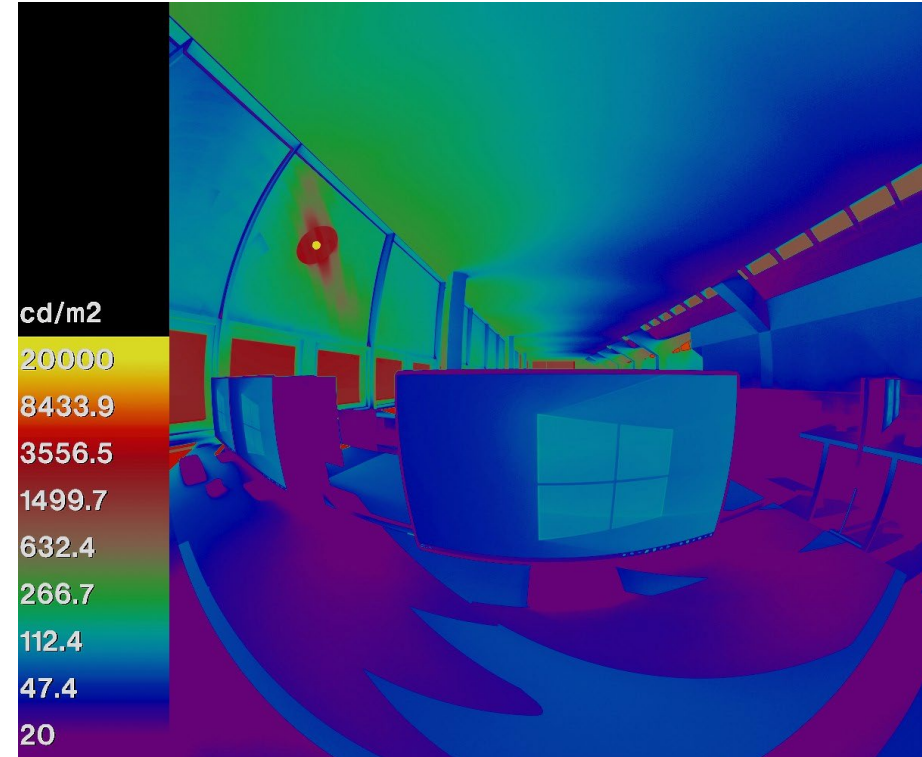
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Averaging: 2° (2 x 1.0°)



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 $DGP = 0.279$

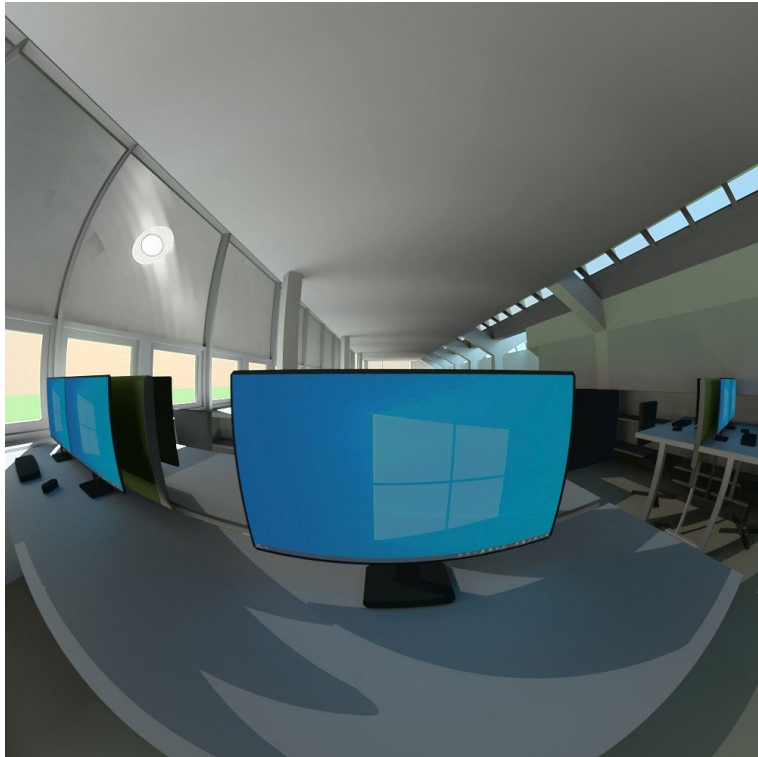


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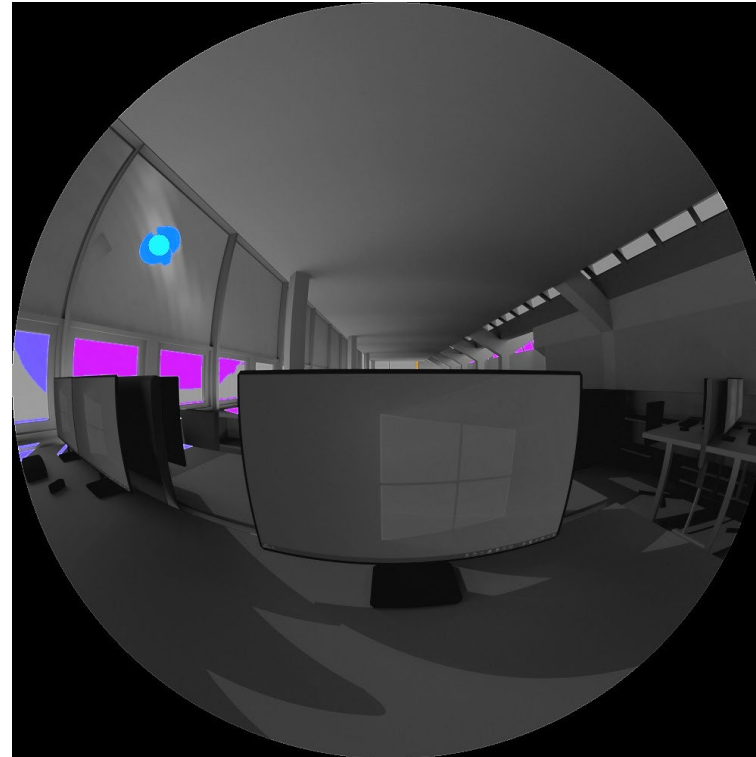


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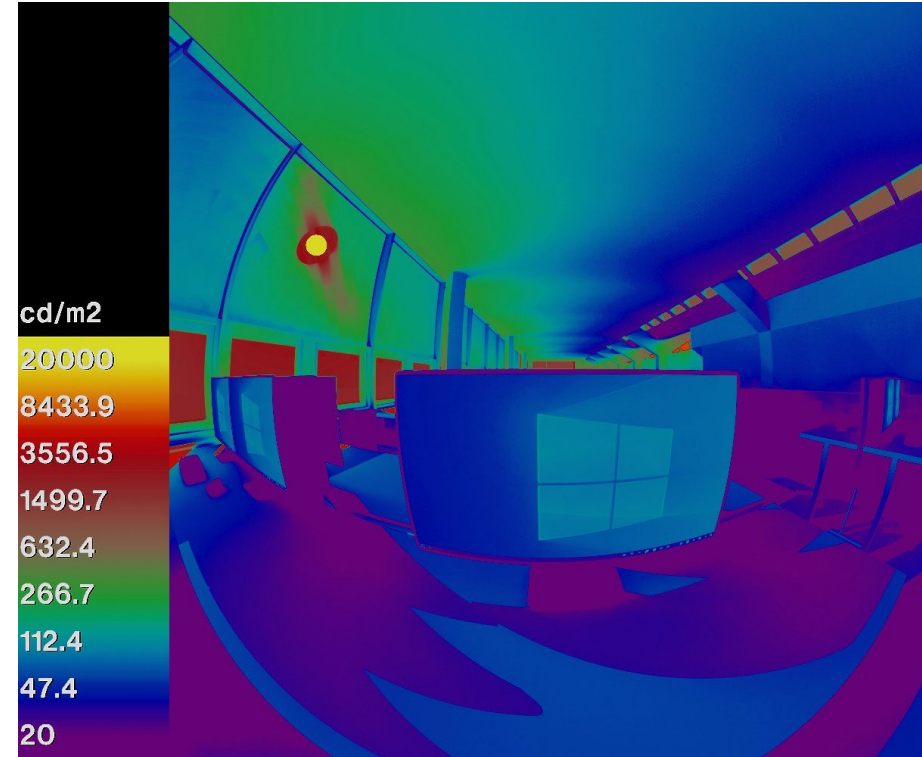
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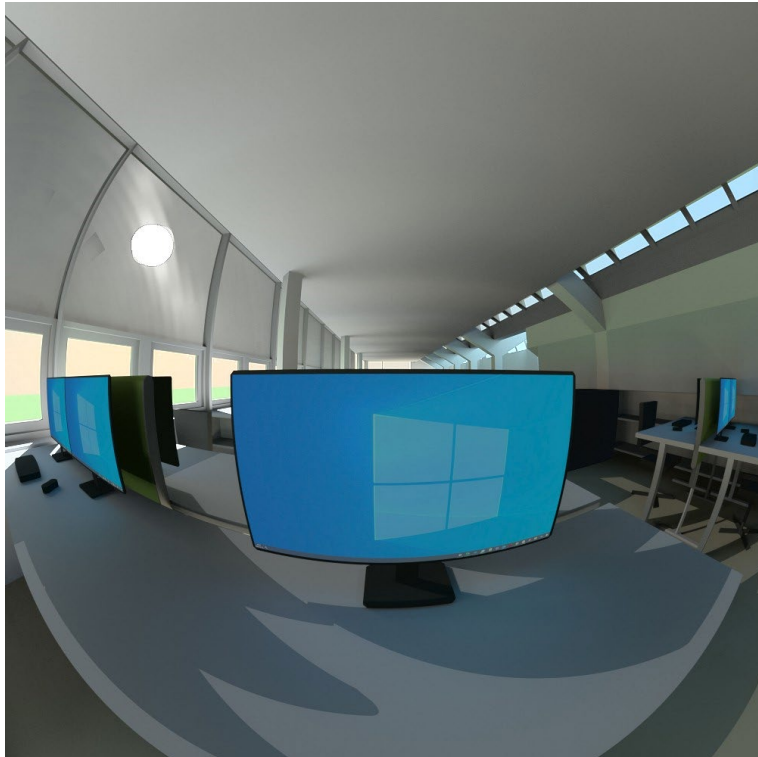


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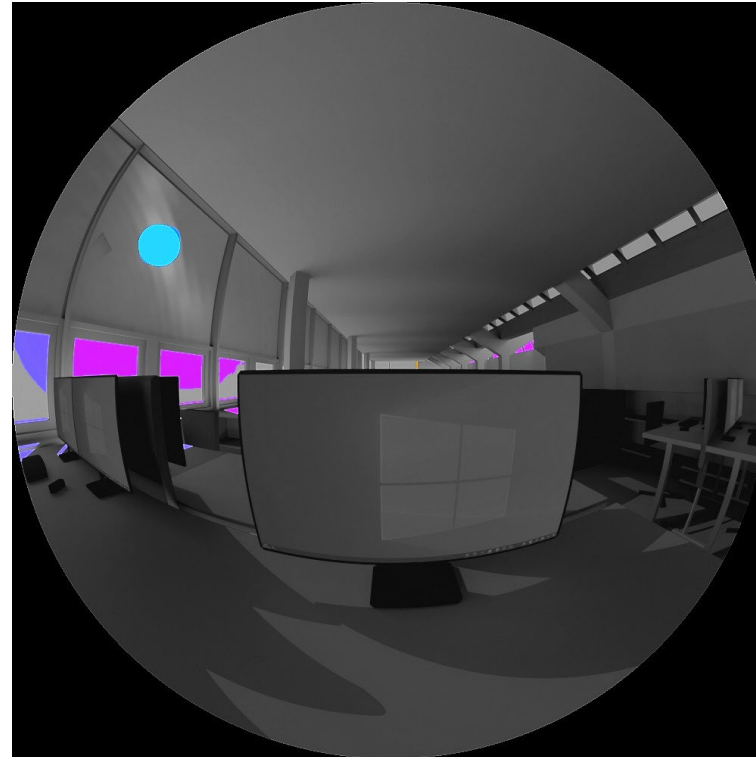


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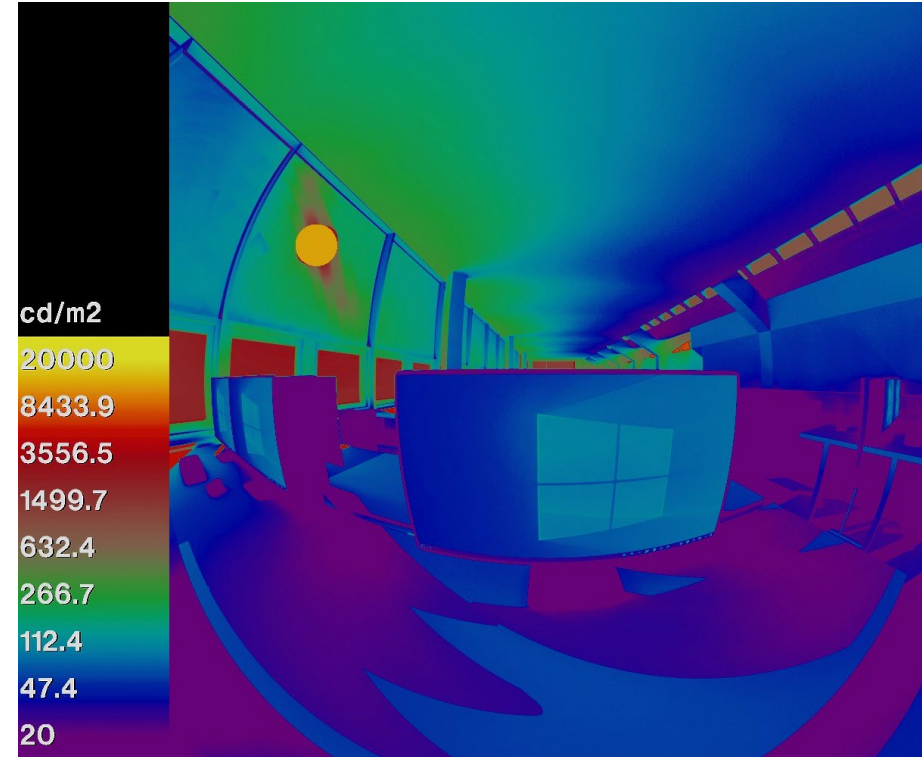
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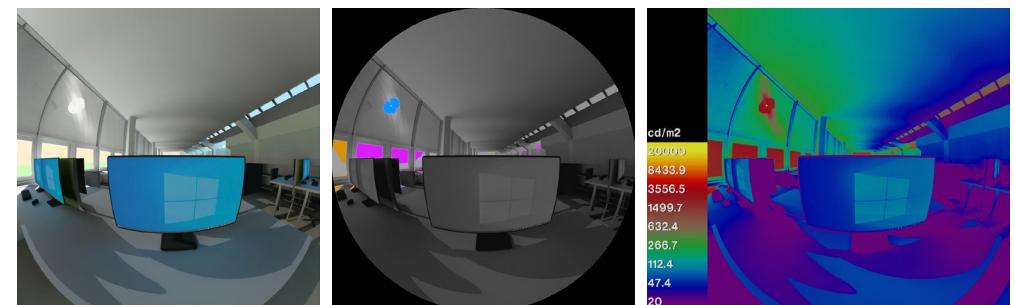
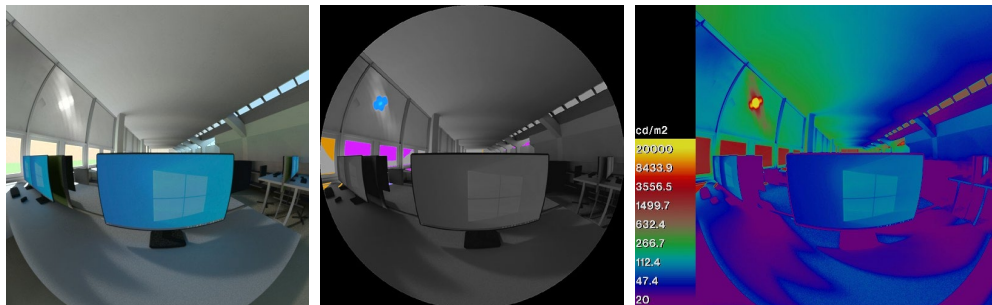
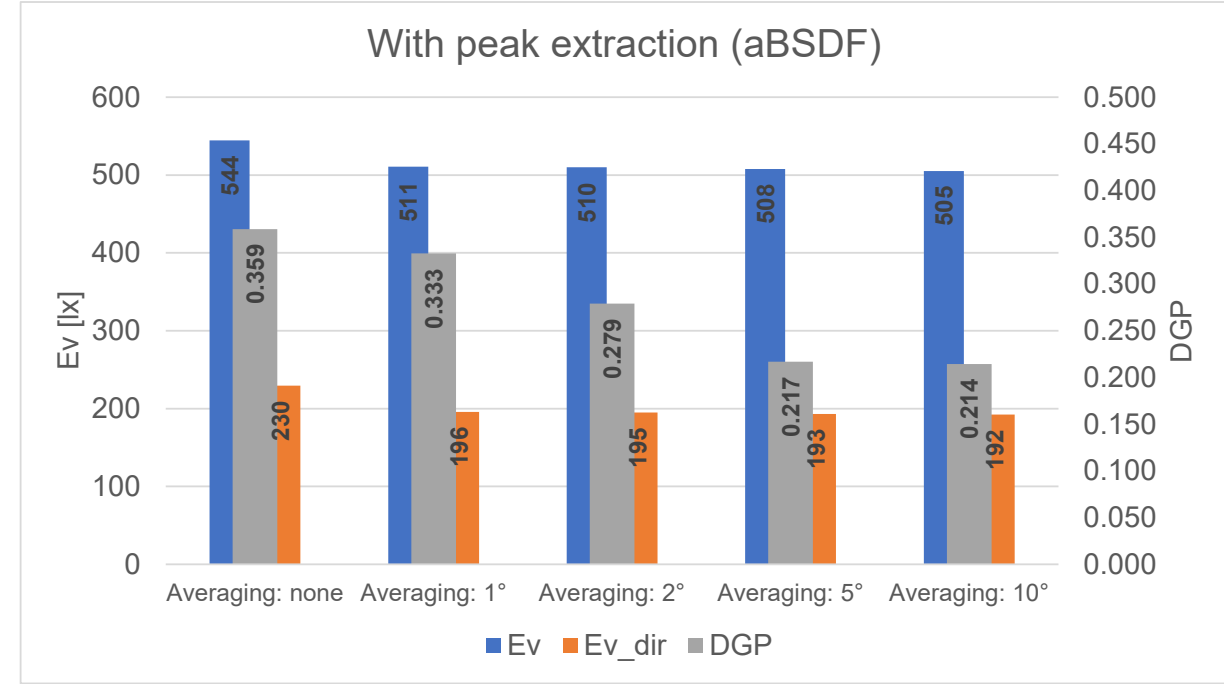
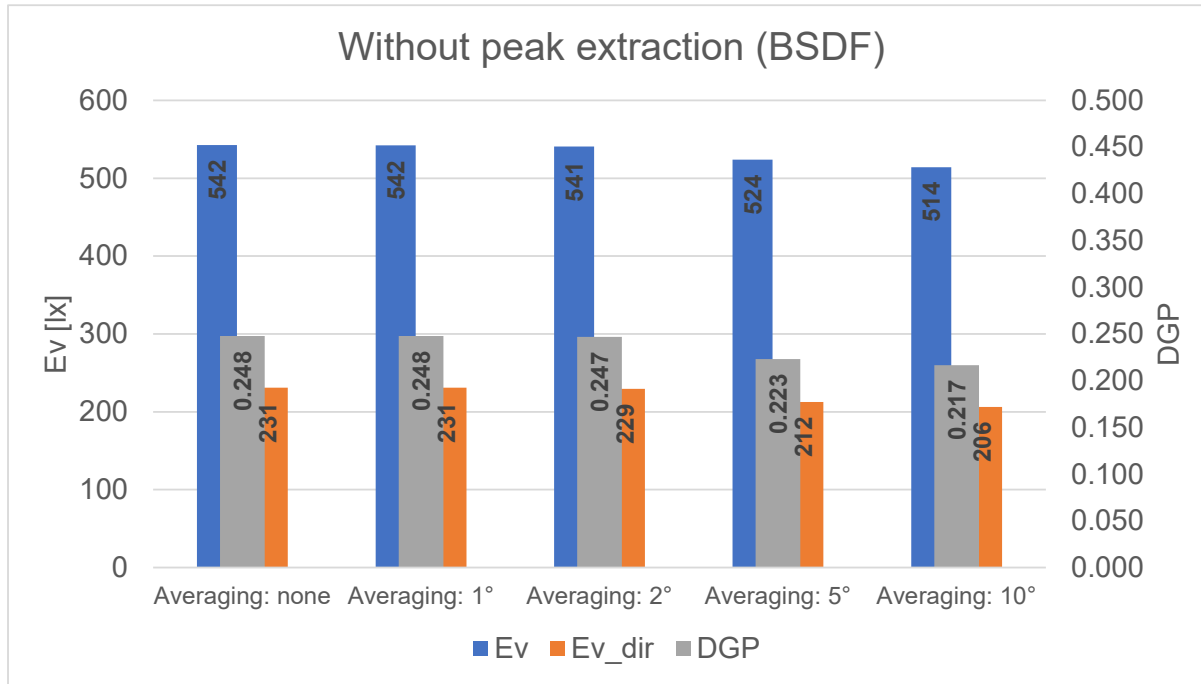
Averaging: 10° (2 x 5.0°)



$E_v = 505 \text{ lx}$   
 $E_{v\_dir} = 192 \text{ lx}$   
 $DGP = 0.214$



# Test evaluations: comparison



# Peripheral field of view: Decrease of visual acuity



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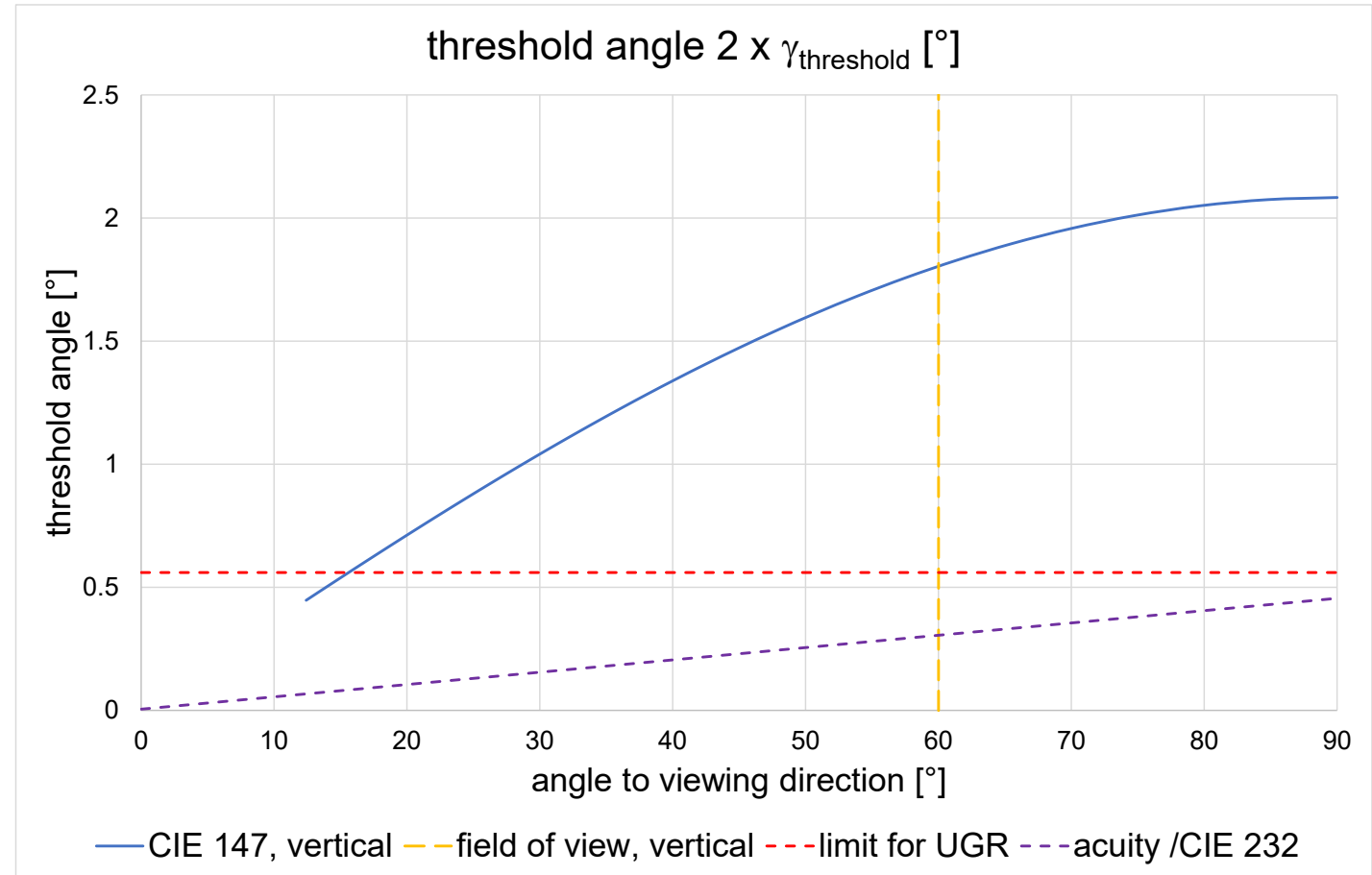
$$\alpha = 60^\circ: \quad 2 \times 0.3^\circ \text{ (factor 61, ref. to } \alpha = 0^\circ)$$

Limit for UGR:  $2 \times 0.56^\circ$  (0.0003sr)

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CIE 147-2002: "Glare from Small, Large and Complex Sources"

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## Unified Glare Rating UGR

$$\text{UGR} = 8 \log_{10} \left( \frac{0.25}{L_b} \sum \frac{L^2 \omega}{P^2} \right)$$

UGR limits:  $0.0003\text{sr} < \Omega < 0.1\text{sr}$   
(i.e.,  $2 \times 0.56^\circ < 2 \times \gamma < 2 \times 10.2^\circ$ )

Important part of contrast term:  $L^2 \omega = L E / \cos \varepsilon$

$\Rightarrow$  ~ illuminance at the observers' eye + **additional factor** luminance **L**

$\Rightarrow$  meaningful if **not** distinguishable?

## Daylight Glare Probability DGP

$$\text{DGP} = 5.87 \cdot 10^{-5} E_v + 0.16 + 9.18 \cdot 10^{-5} \log_{10} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{E_v^{1.87}} \sum \frac{L^2 \omega}{P^2} \right)$$

DGP limits ?

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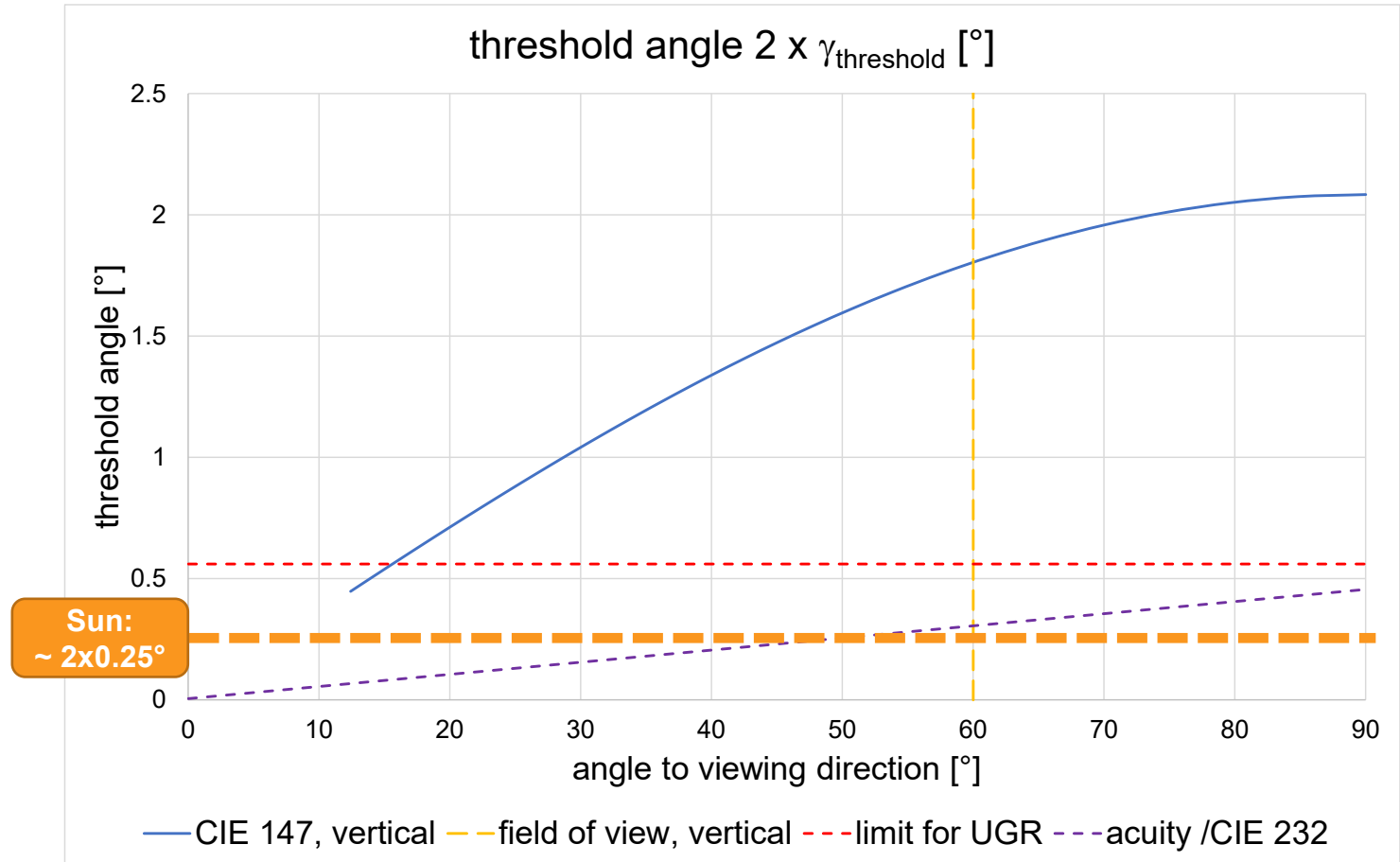
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# Ultra High Brightness Display: DynaScan DS55LT6



## 55" Ultra-High Bright LED-Backlit Narrow Bezel LCD

Maximum luminance (datasheet): 5000 cd/m<sup>2</sup> (whole monitor white, T<sub>n</sub> = 6500 K)

Size of display: 1217.6 x 688.4 mm

Display resolution: 1920 x 1080 pixel (Full HD)  
size of a pixel: 0.634 x 0.637 mm)

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### Product Features

  
SUNLIGHT VIEWABLE  
IMAGE

  
5500  
nits  
SUSTAINED HIGH  
BRIGHTNESS

  
BUILT-IN MEDIA  
PLAYER

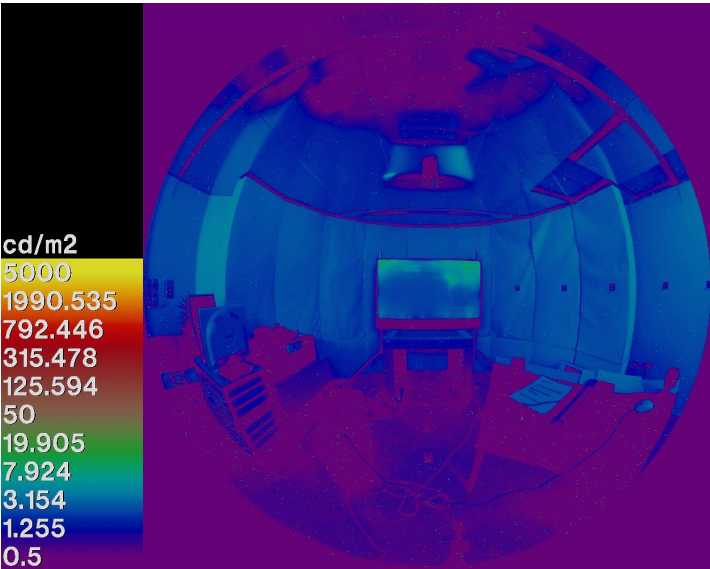
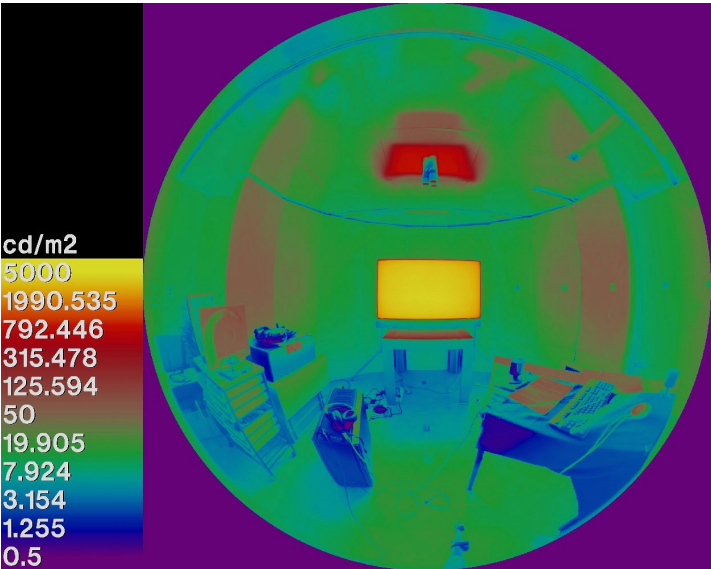
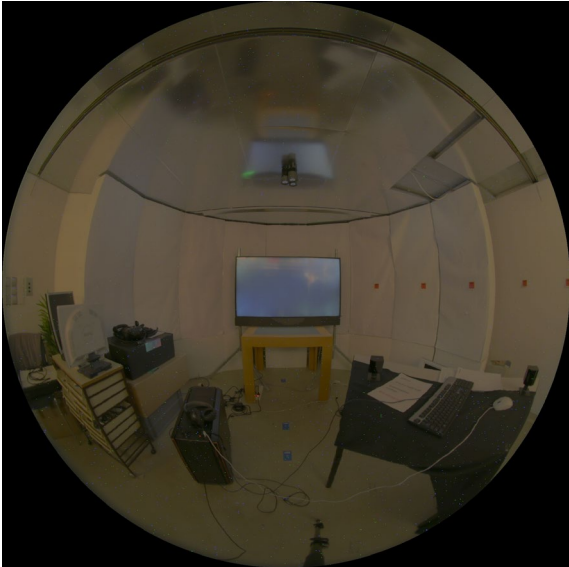


  
24/7 OPERATION

  
TRUECOLOR™  
CALIBRATED

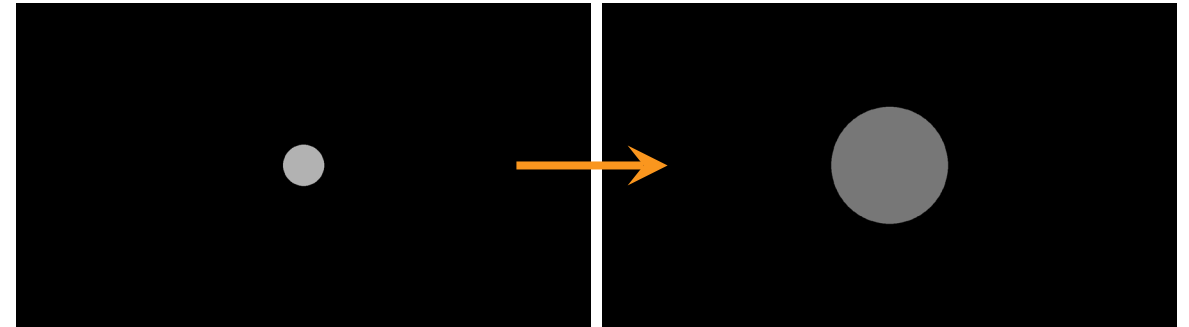
  
BLACKENING DEFECT-  
FREE

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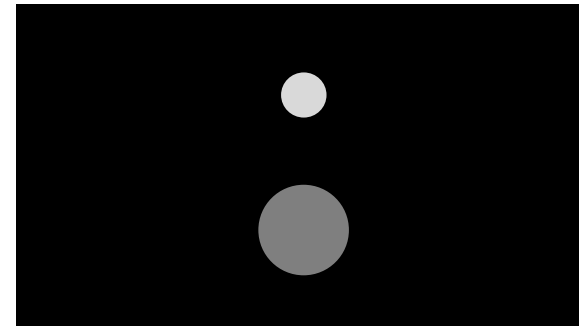
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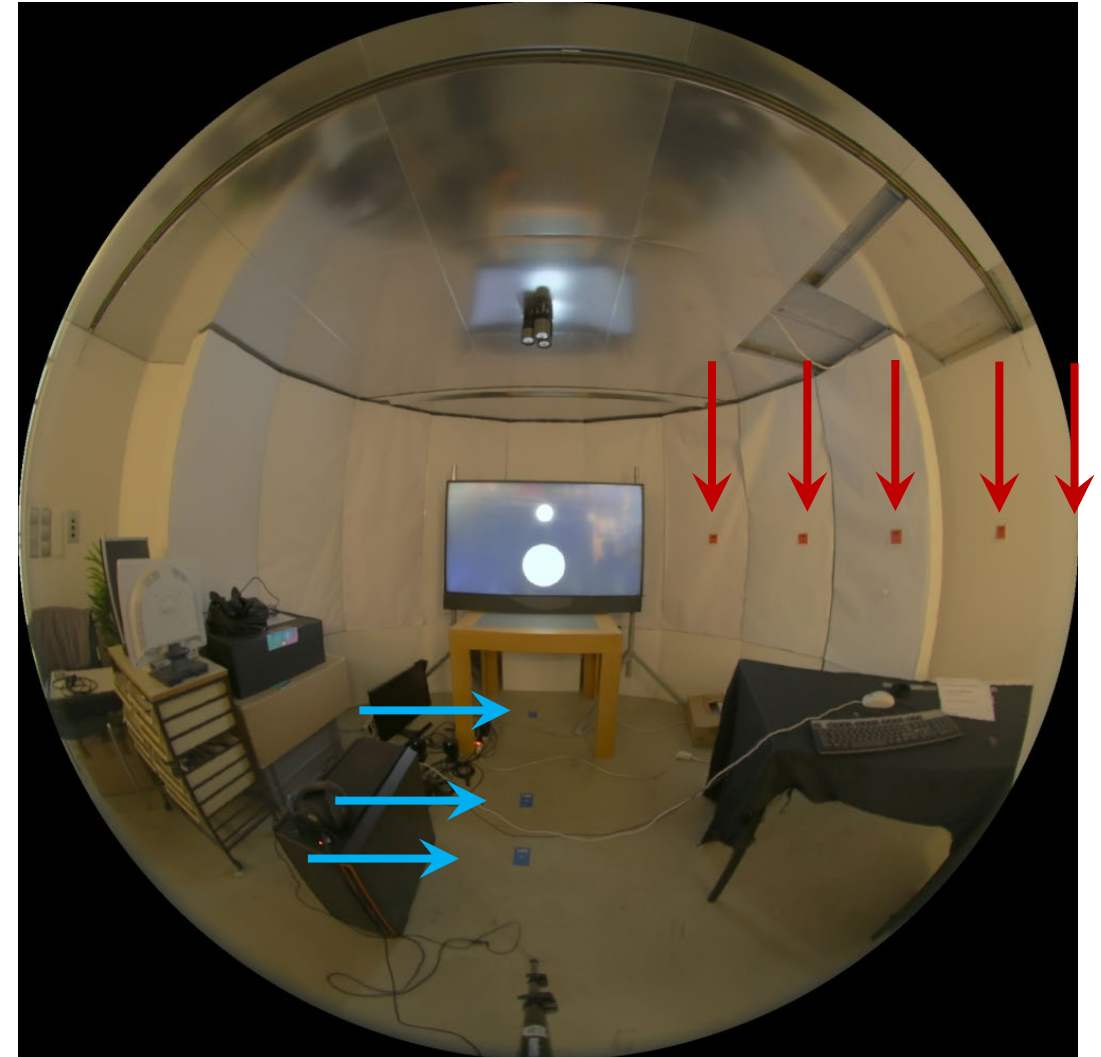


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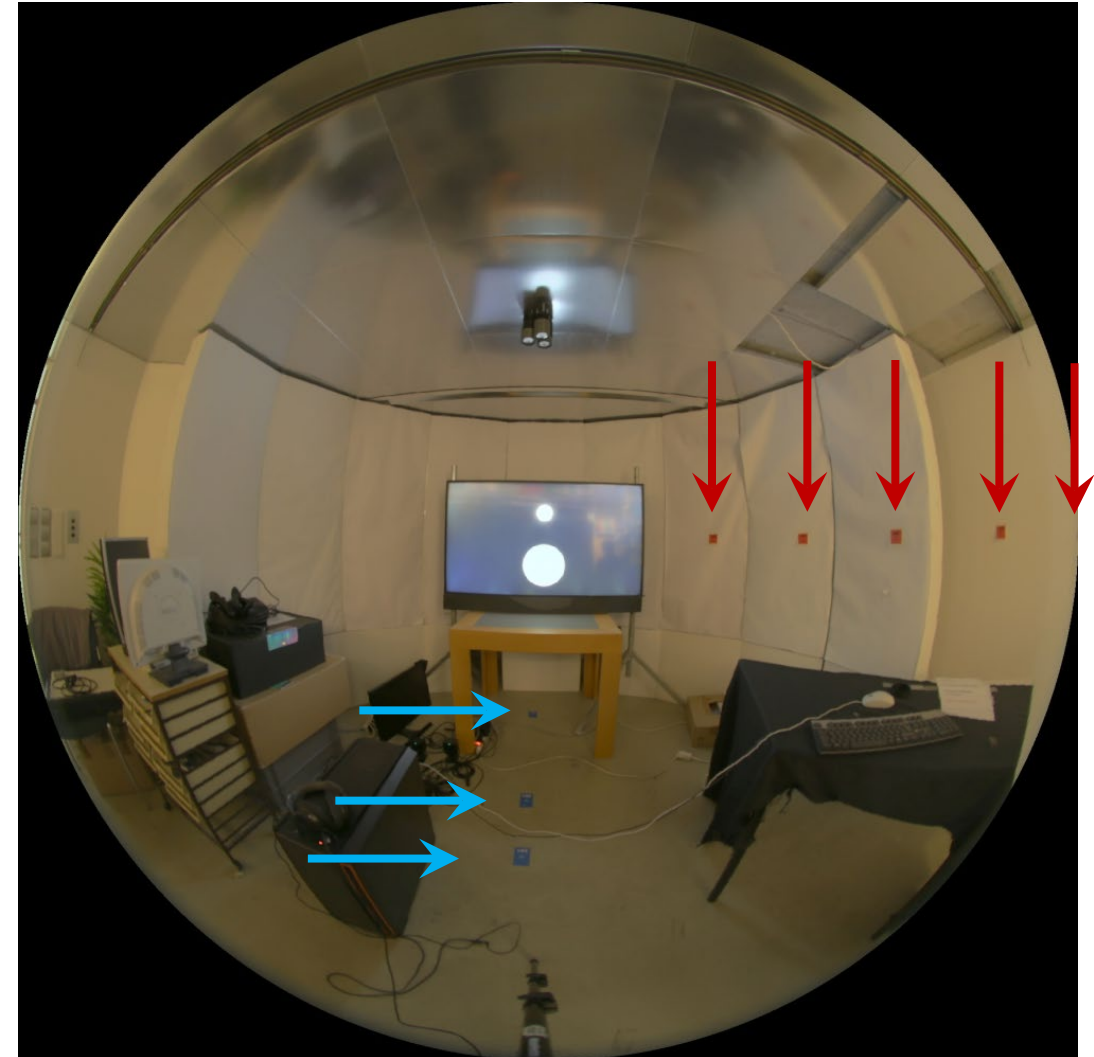
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# Peripheral field of view: Experimental setups



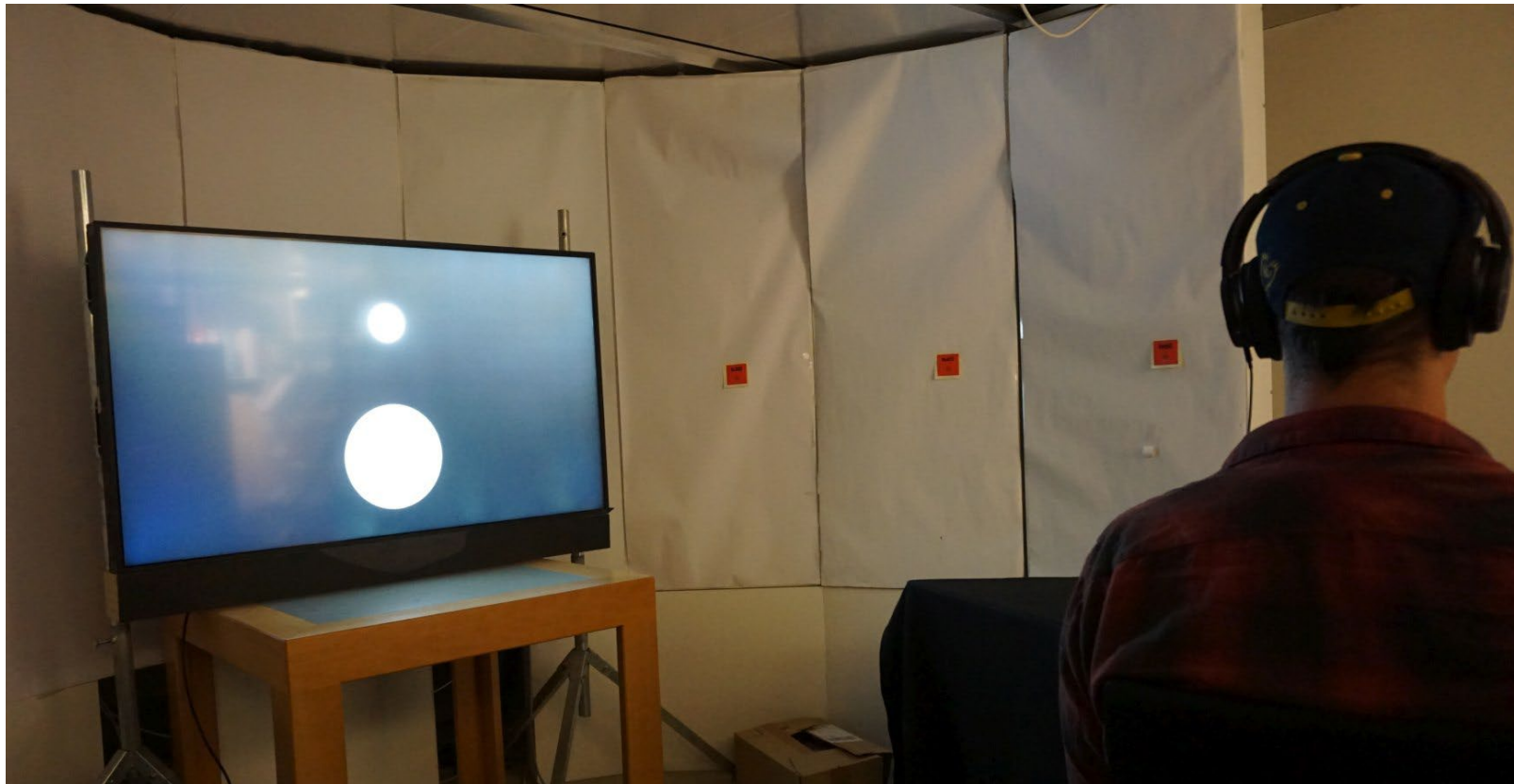
- Calibration run
  - Determine minimum distinguishable size ( $A_{\min}$ ) for each viewing direction **h30, h45, h60, h75, h90, v30, v45, v55**
- Define test setup for each subject using  $0.5 * A_{\min} - A_{\min} - 2 * A_{\min} - 4 * A_{\min}$
- Test duration about 35-45 min
  - 8 directions
  - 12 pairs
  - 6 runs
  - → 576 answers / test / subject



# Peripheral field of view: Experimental setup 1



Two discs that create the same illuminance at the observers's eye

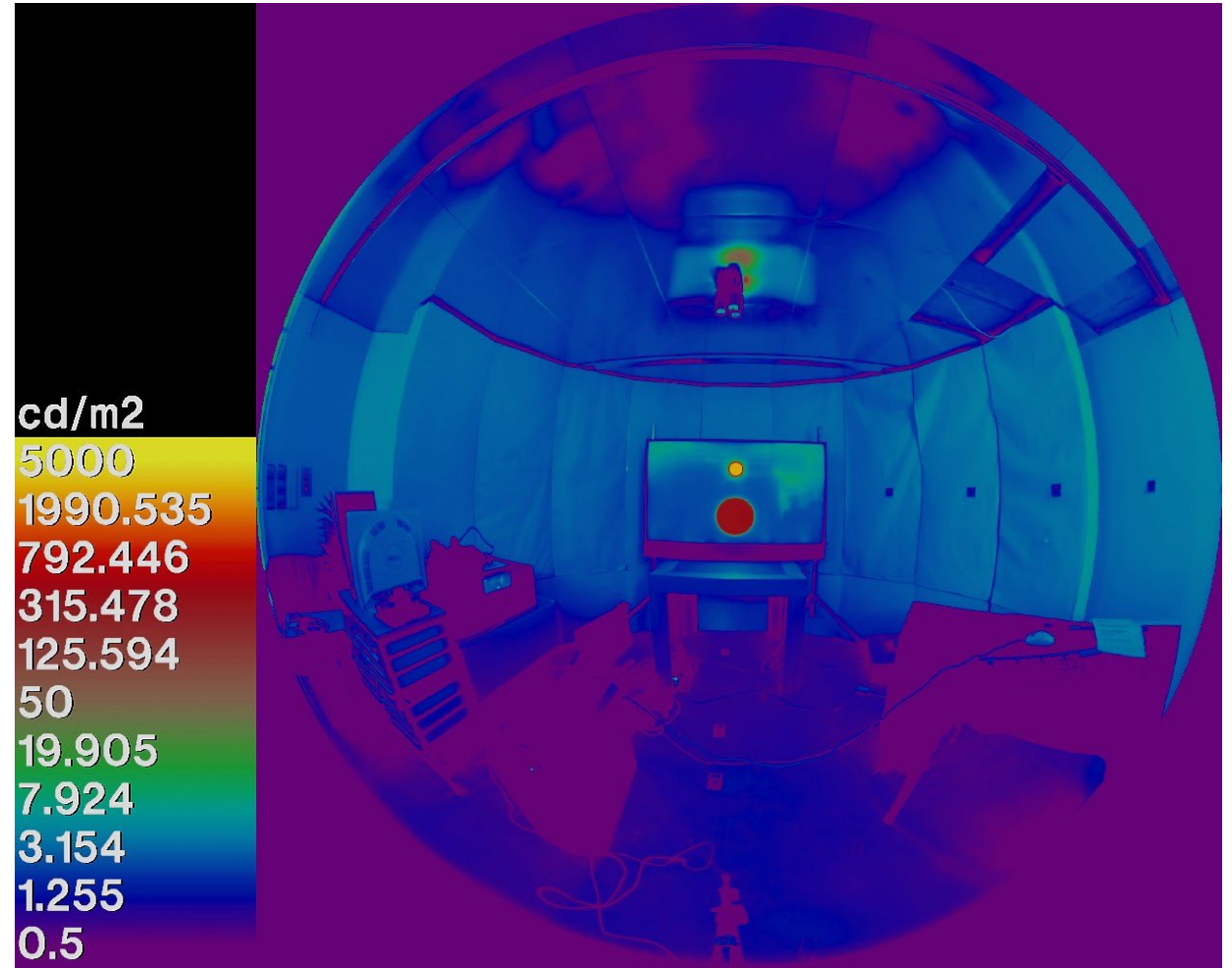
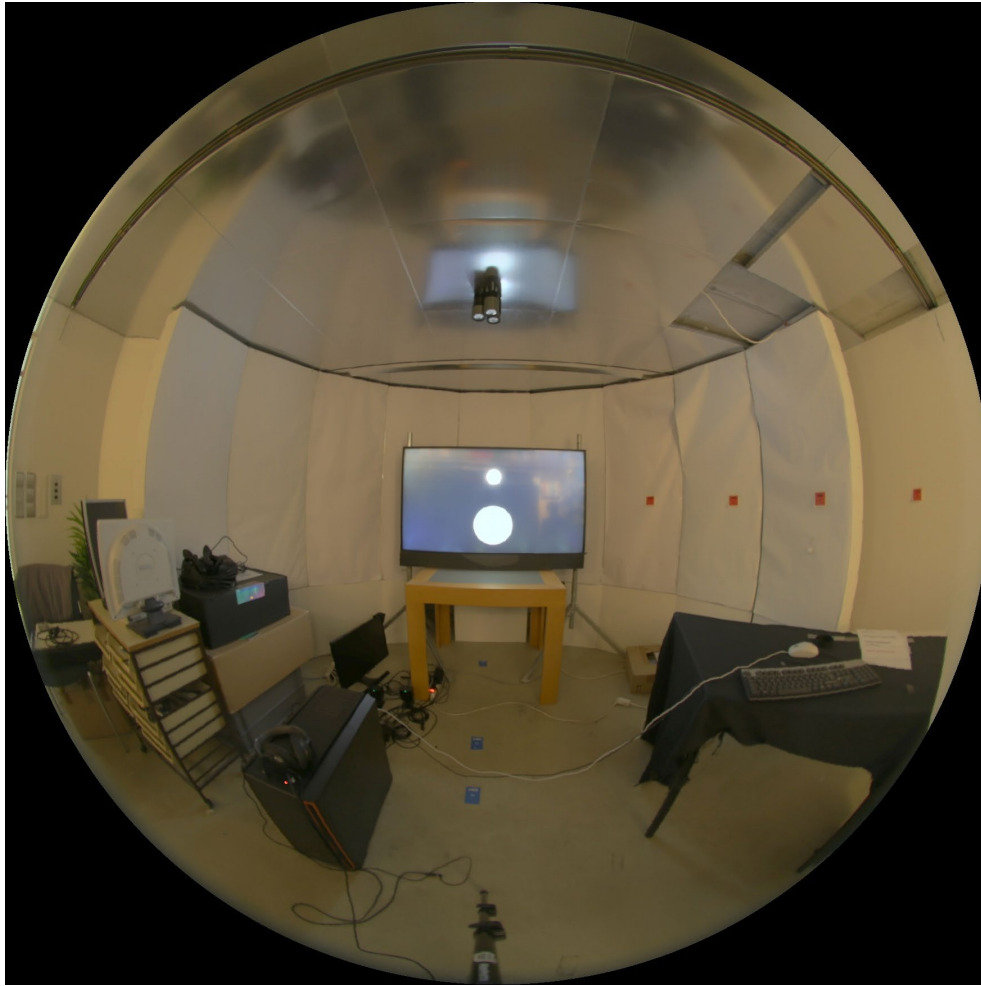




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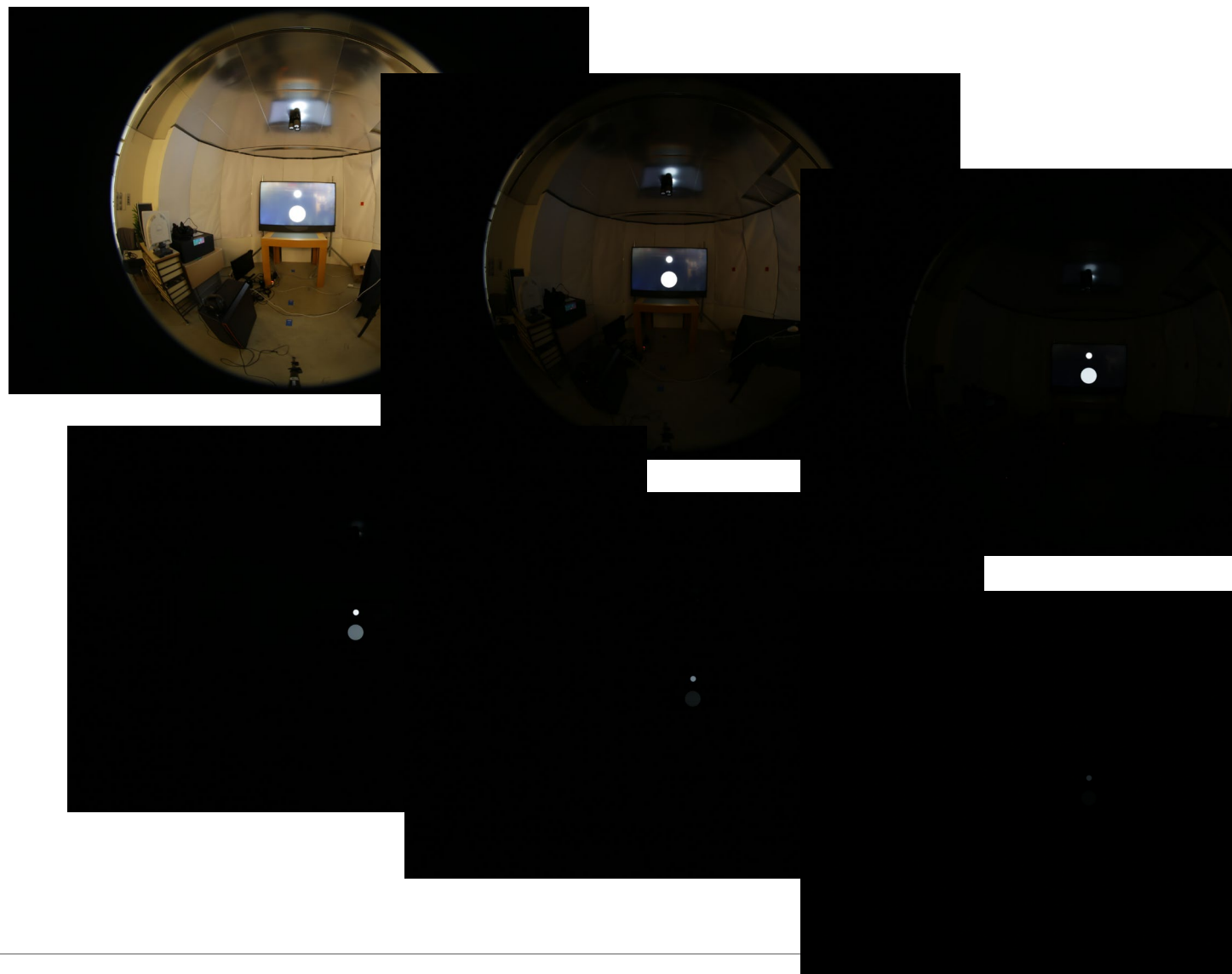
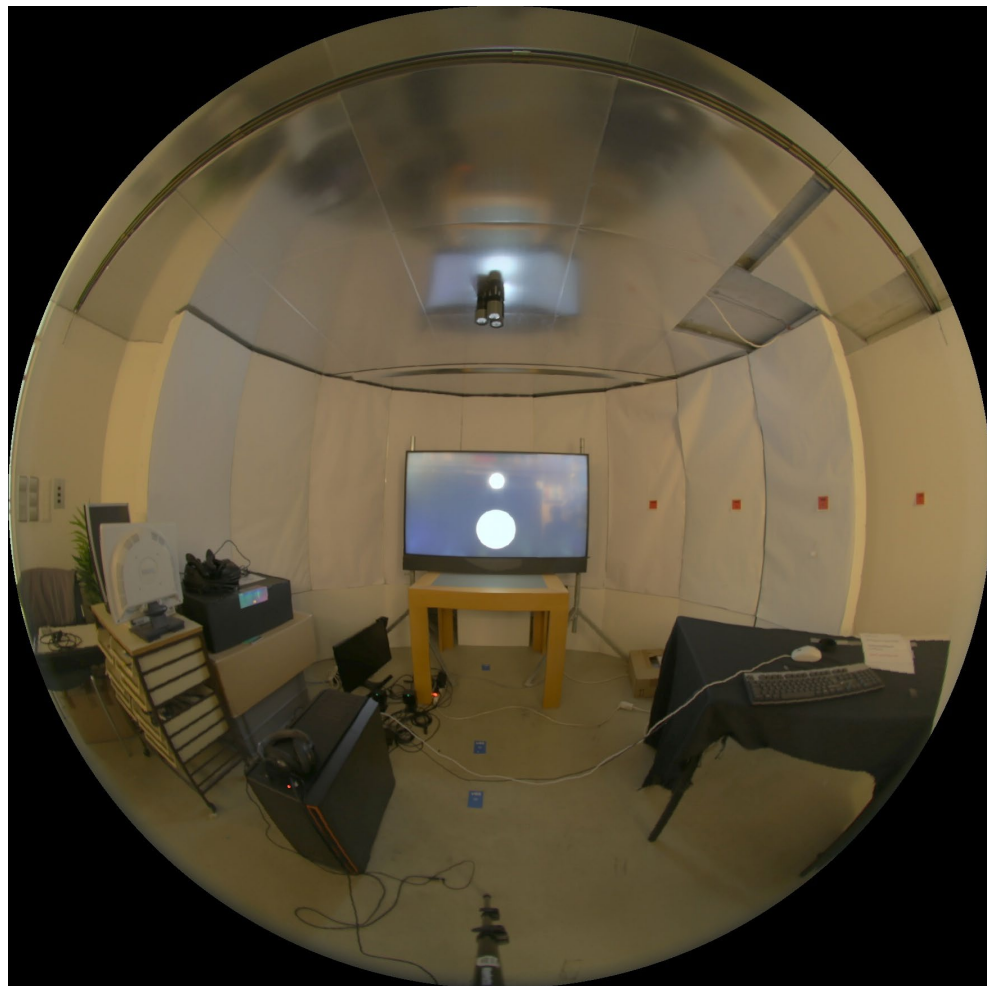
Two discs one above the other: horizontal view directions



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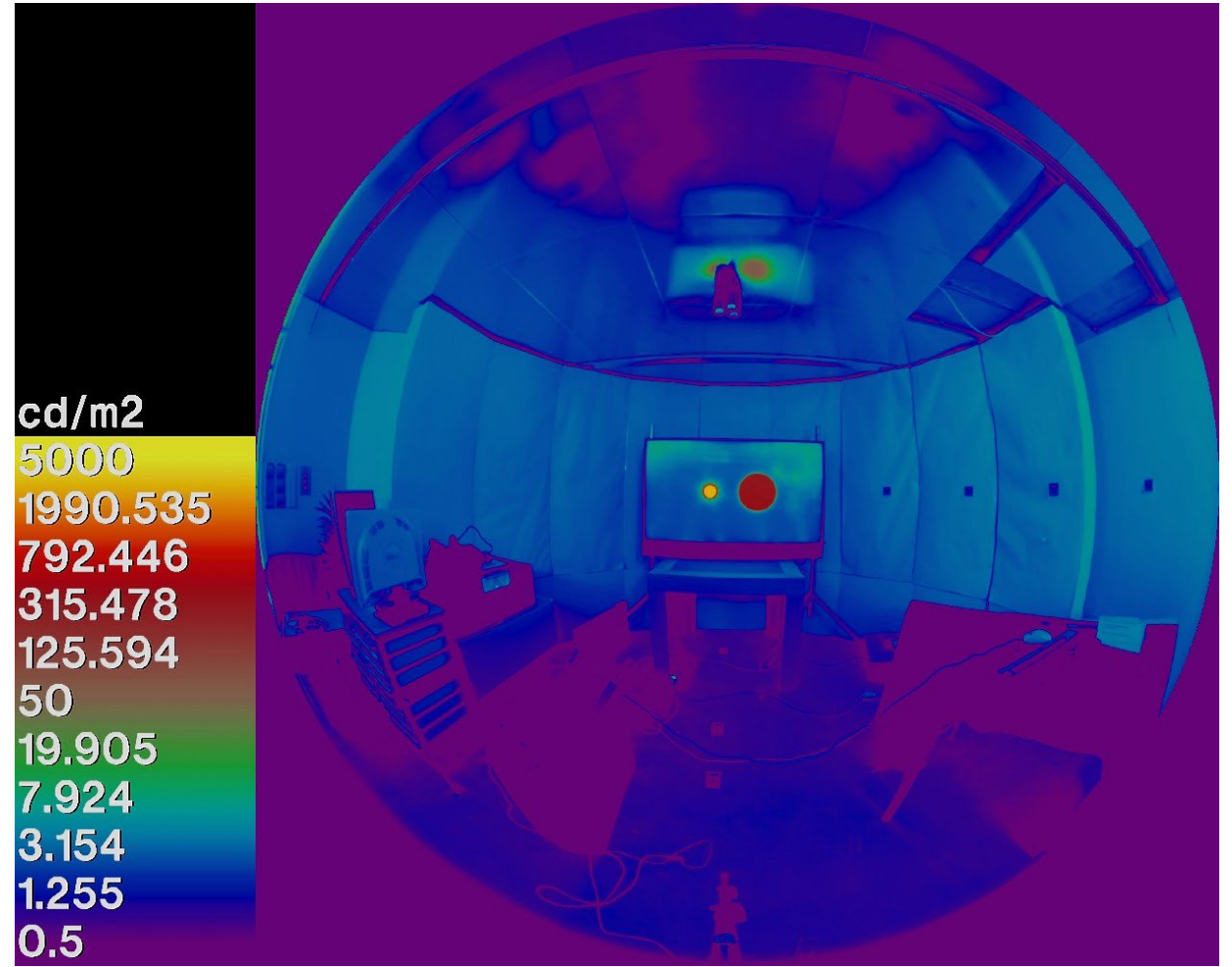
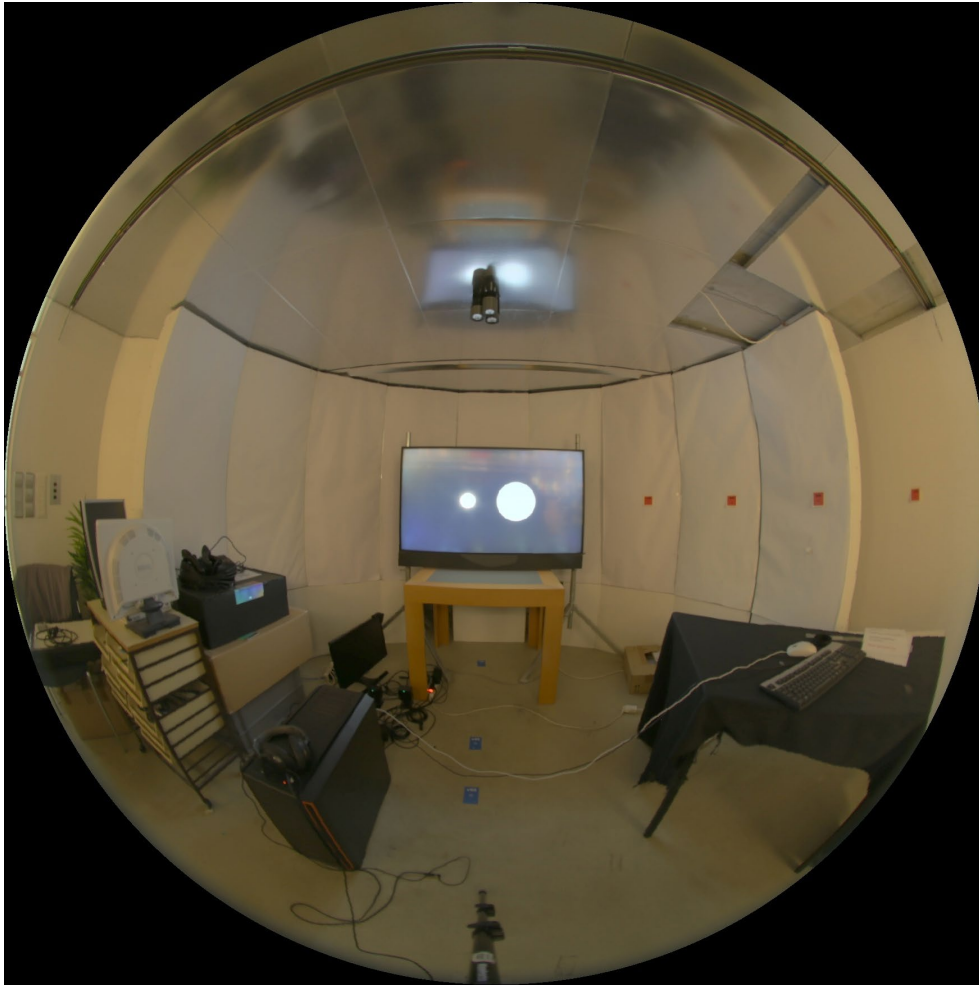
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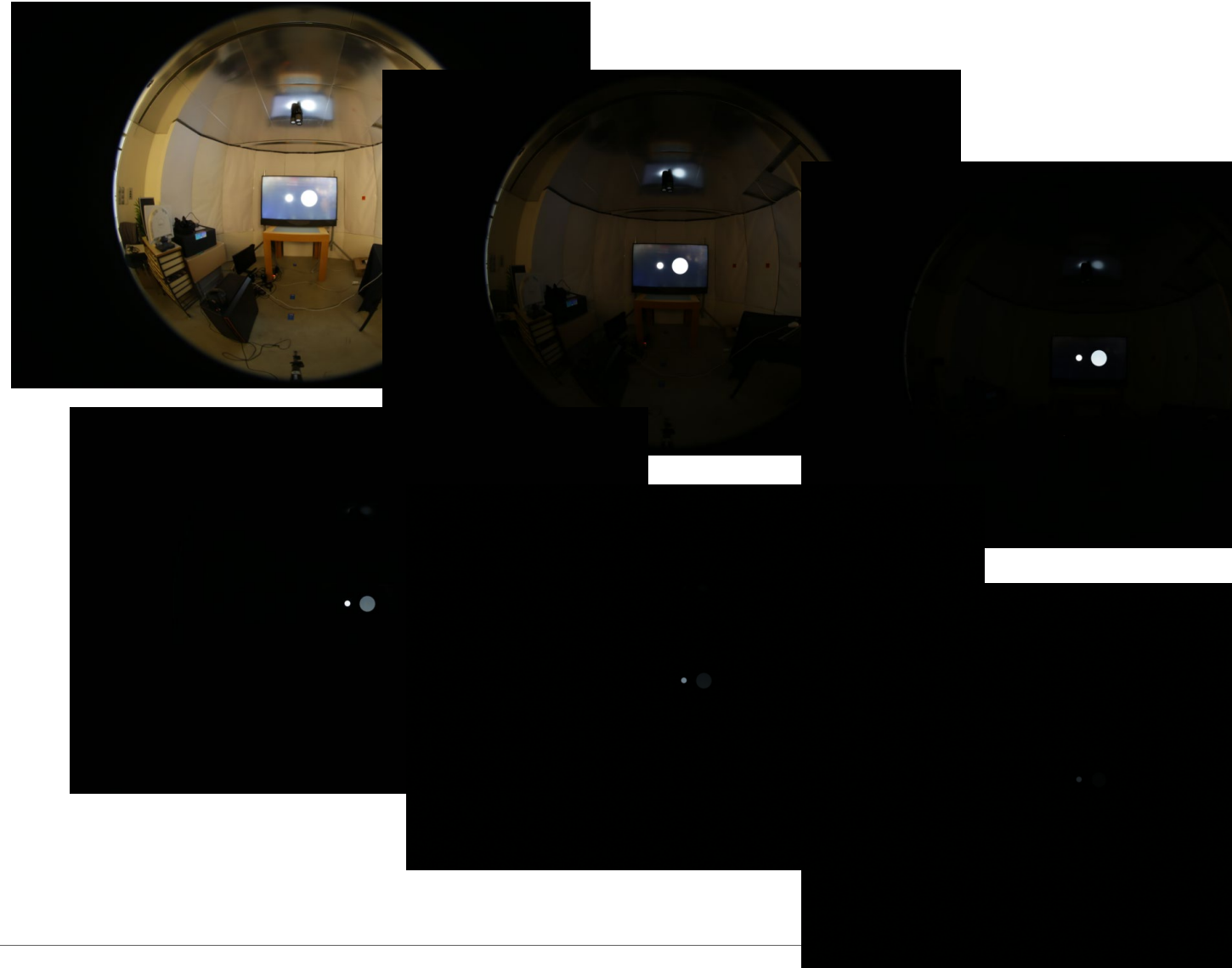
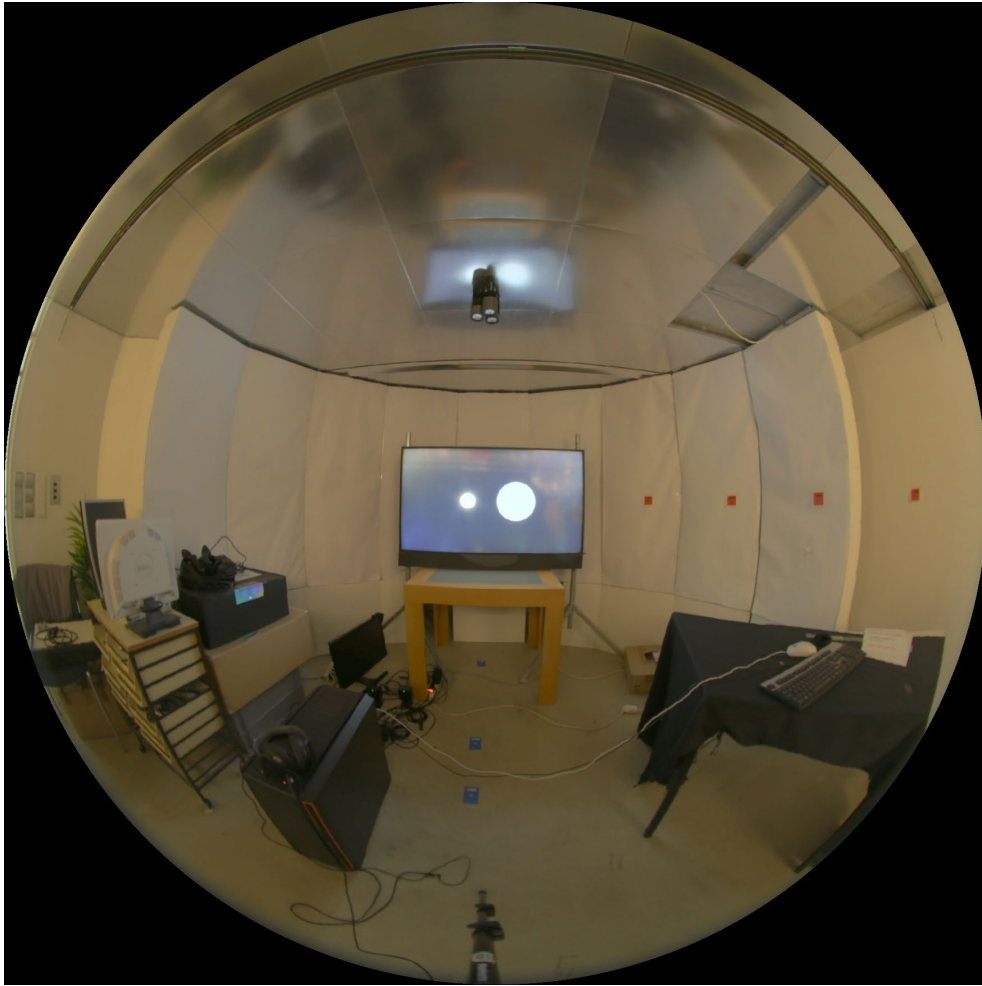
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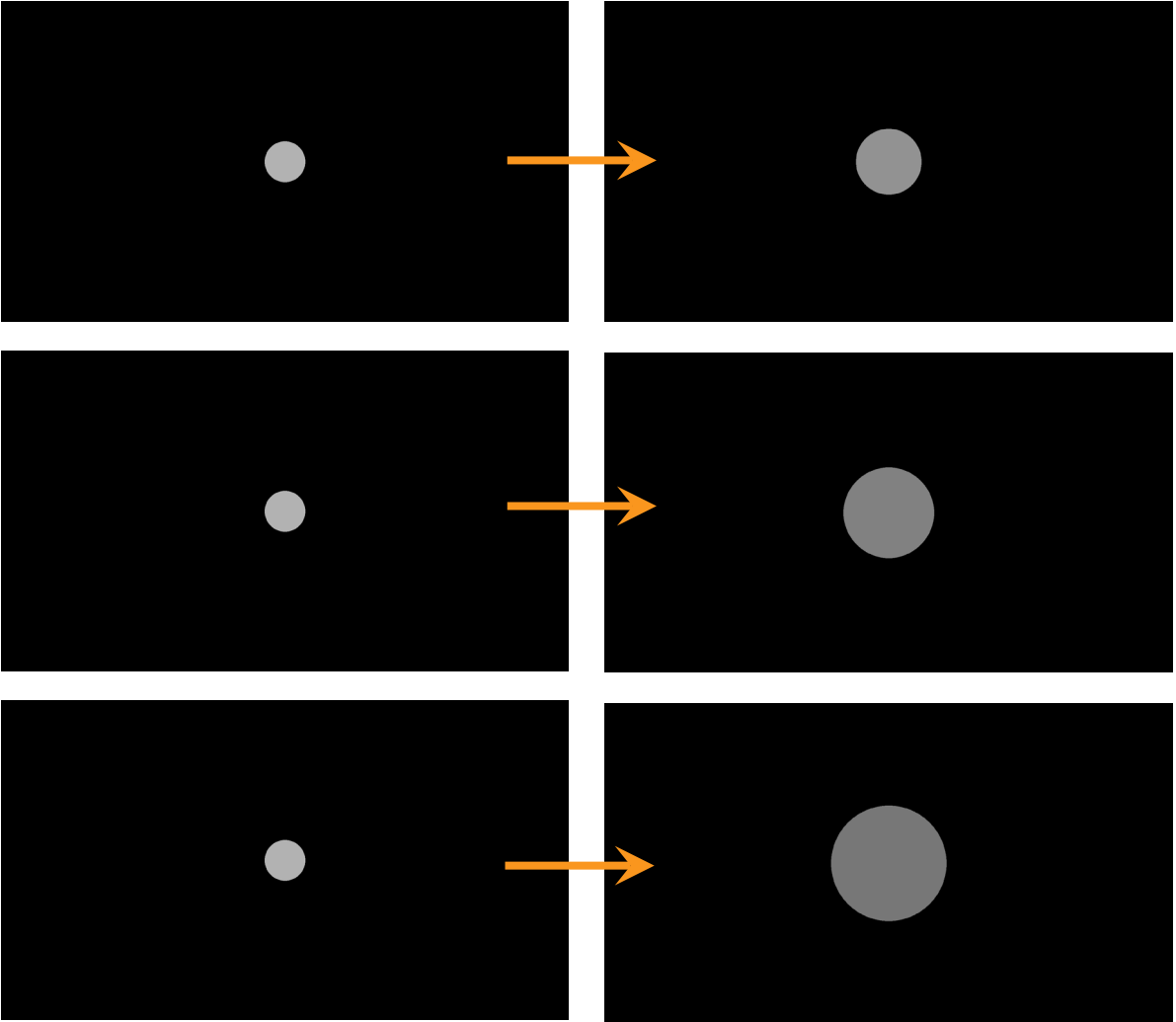
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# Experimental setup 2: disc in the center gets larger or smaller



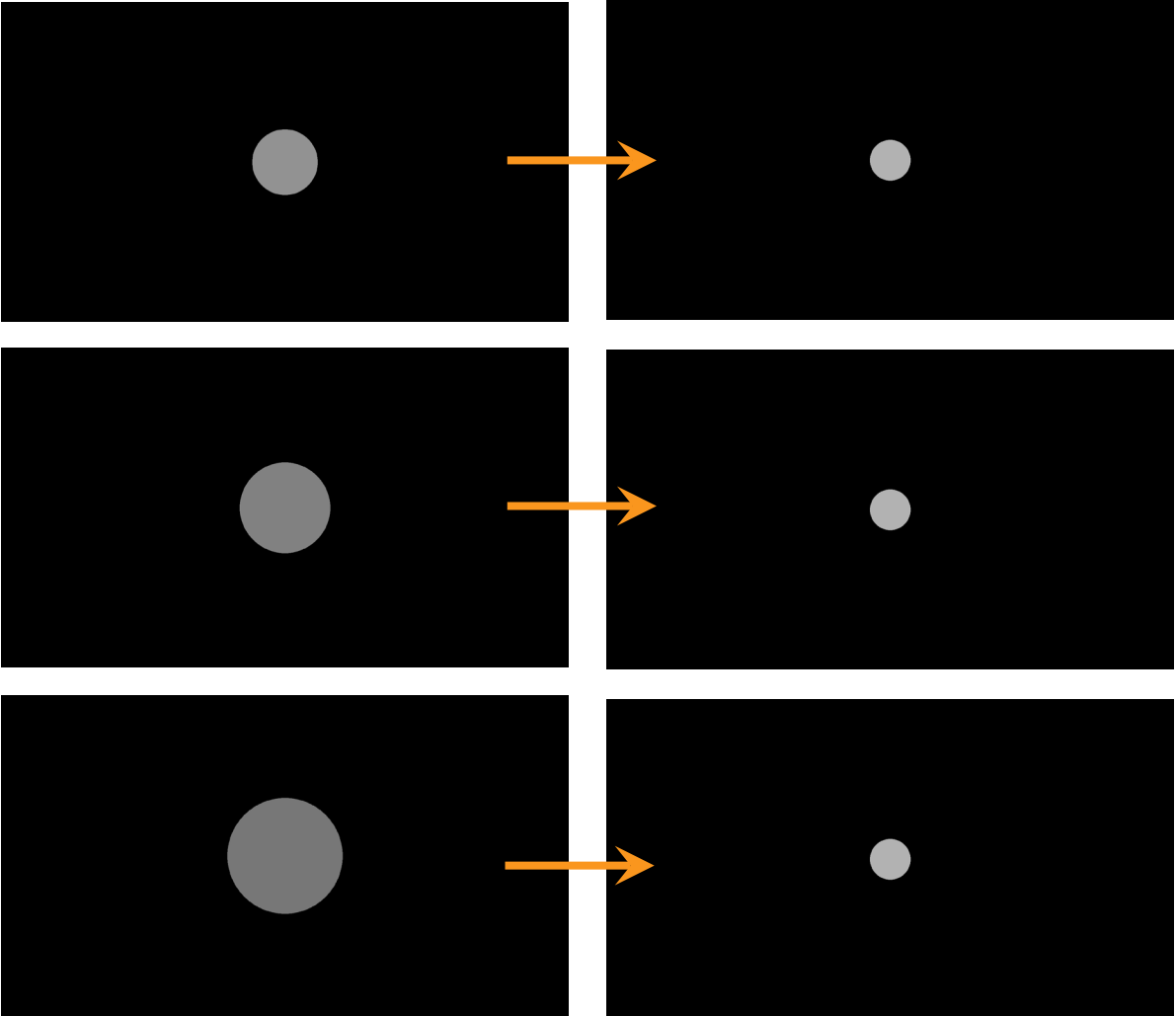
Disc gets continuously larger



# Experimental setup 2: disc in the center gets larger or smaller



Disc gets continuously smaller



## Current status

14 internal subjects

44 test runs total

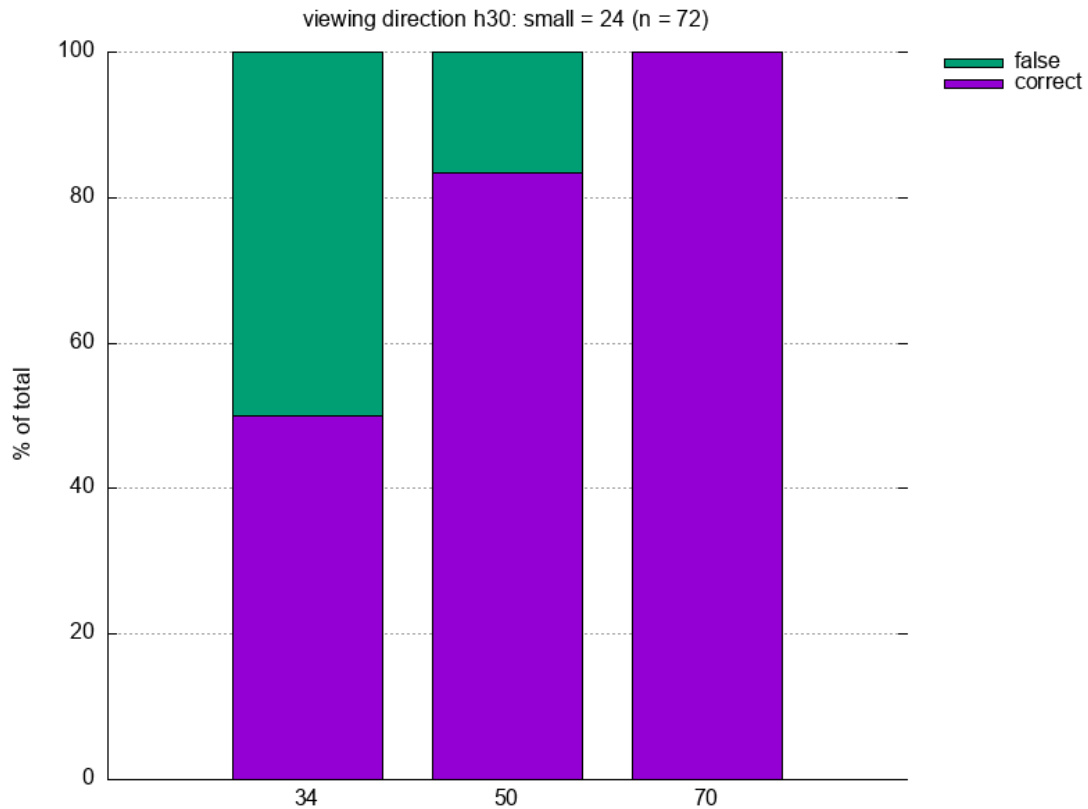
→ 25.344 answers



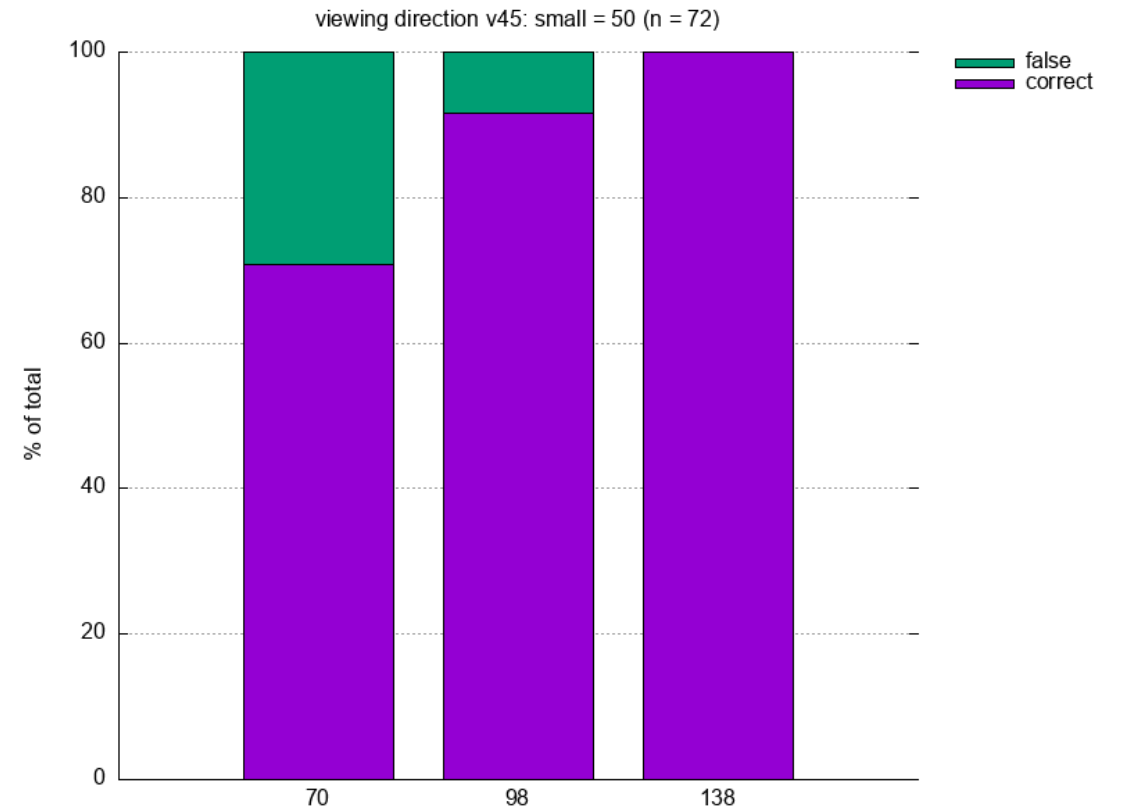
# Two discs at the same time: exemplary results [work in progress...]



## Viewing direction 30° to the right, subject TOFI



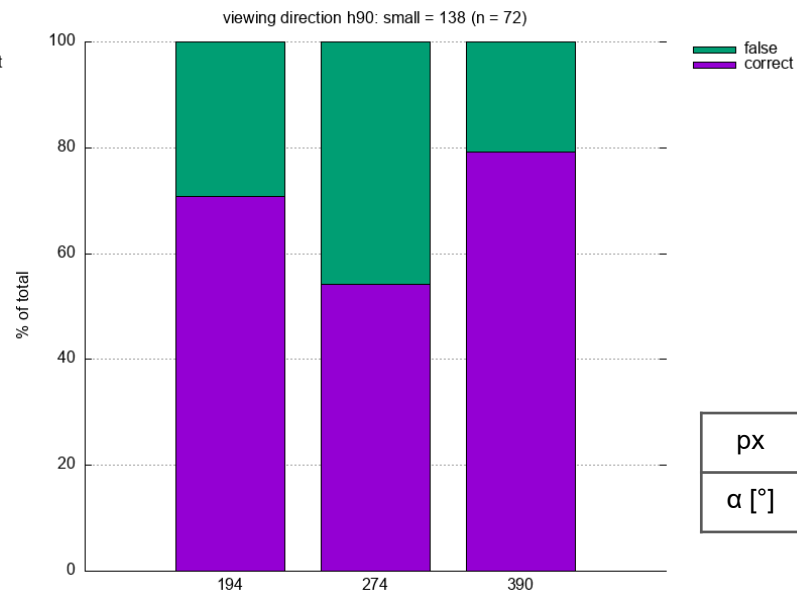
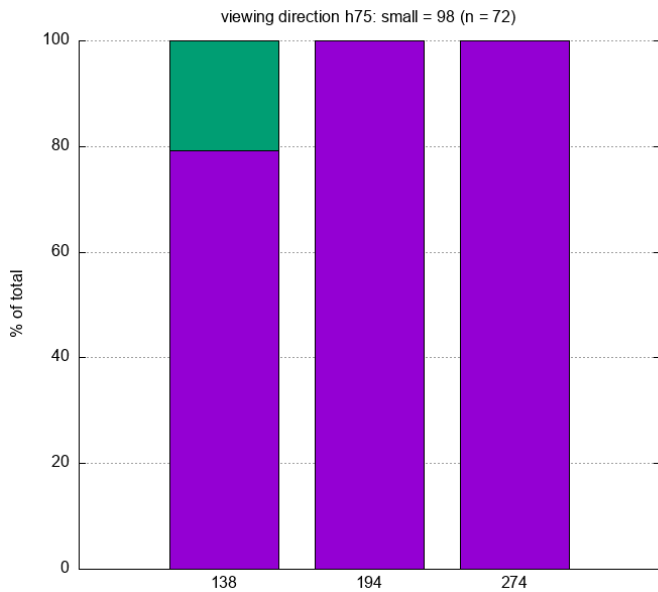
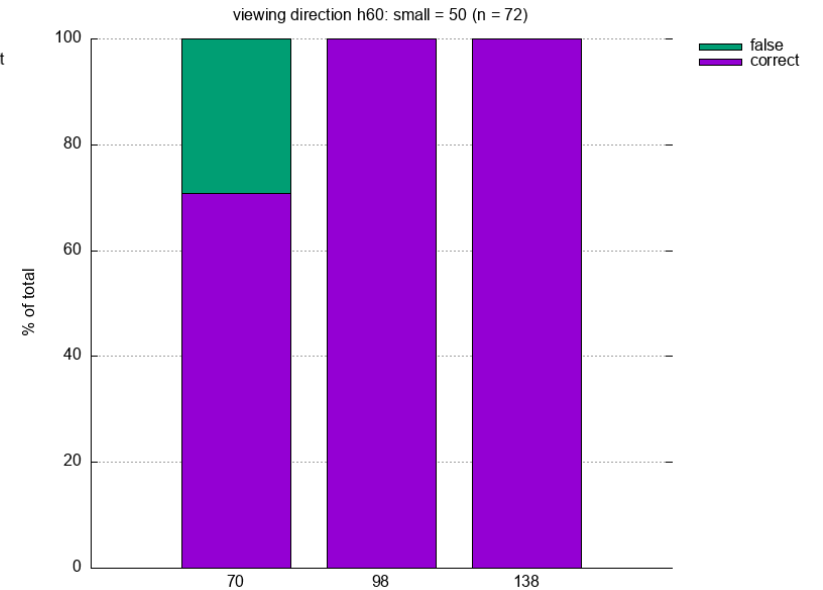
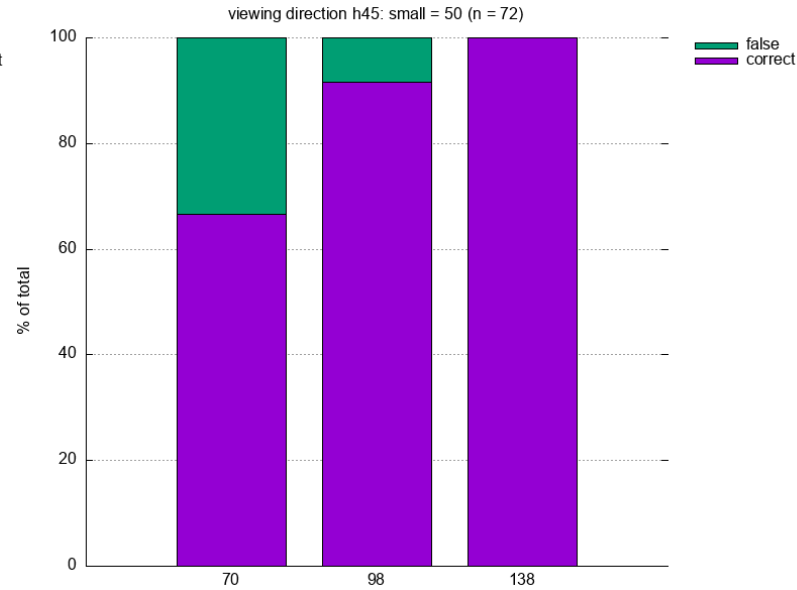
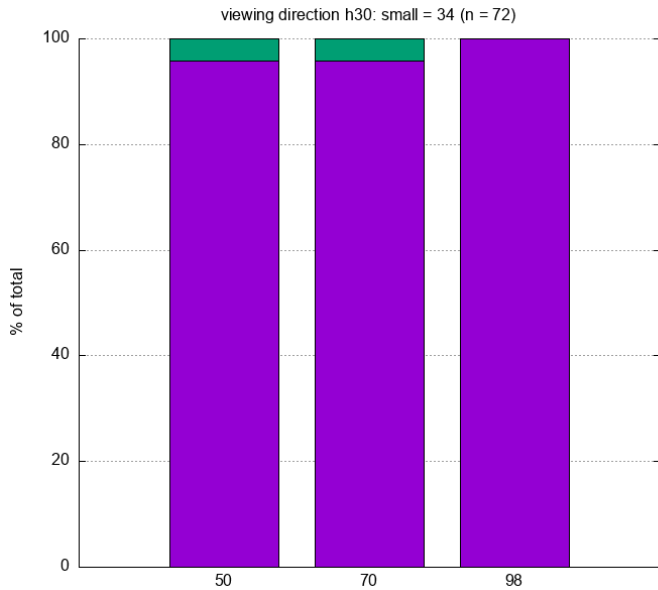
## Viewing direction 45° down, subject TOFI



px	24	34	50	70	98	138	194	274	390
$\alpha$ [°]	0.22	0.31	0.46	0.64	0.89	1.26	1.77	2.49	3.55



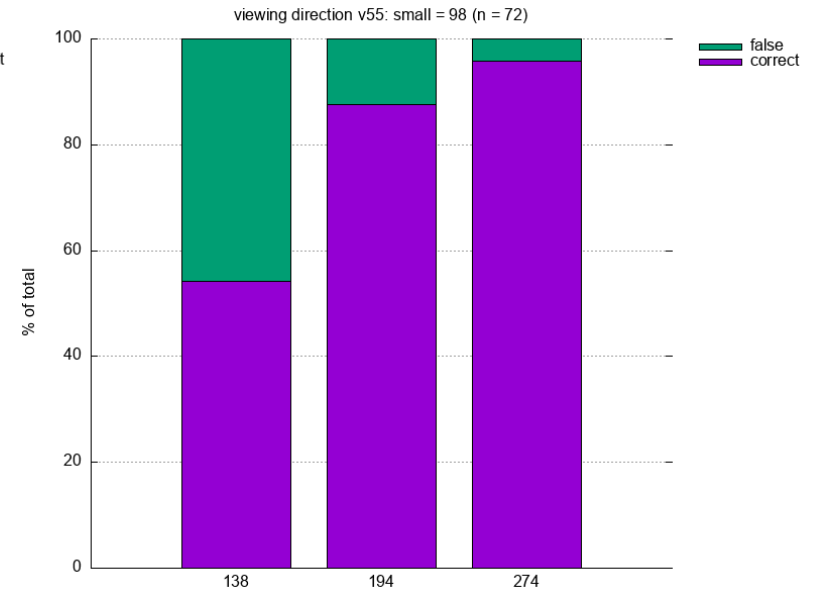
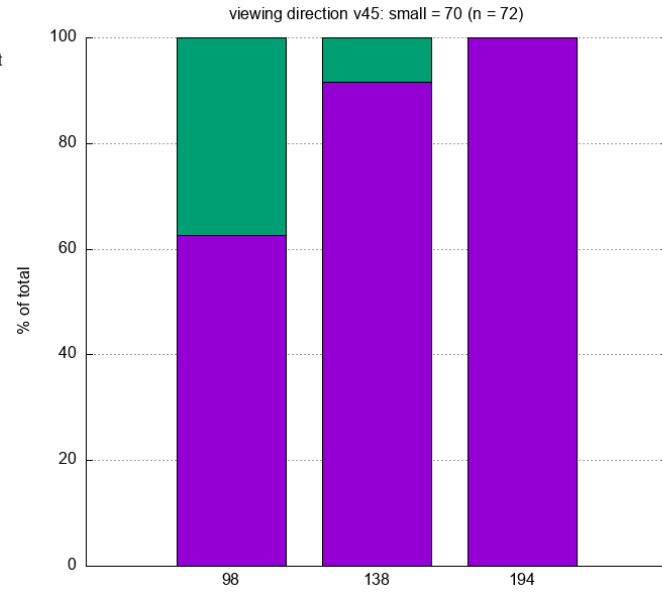
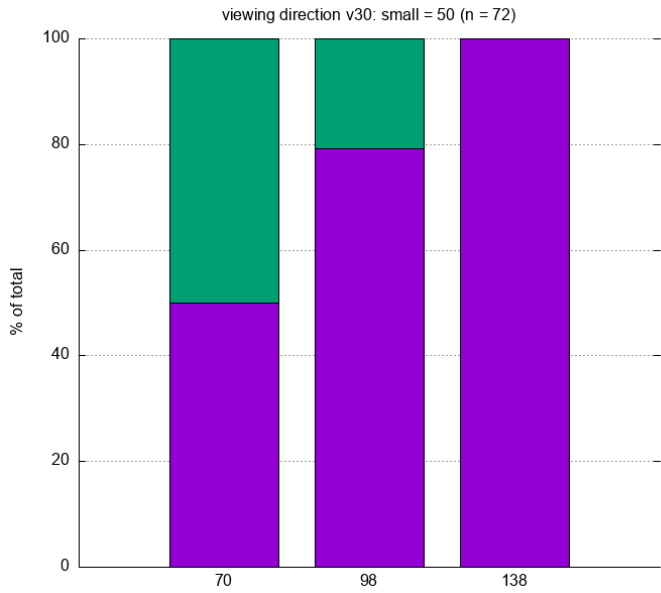
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Horizontal viewing directions  
(30°, 45°, 60°, 75°, 90°),  
subject DGM

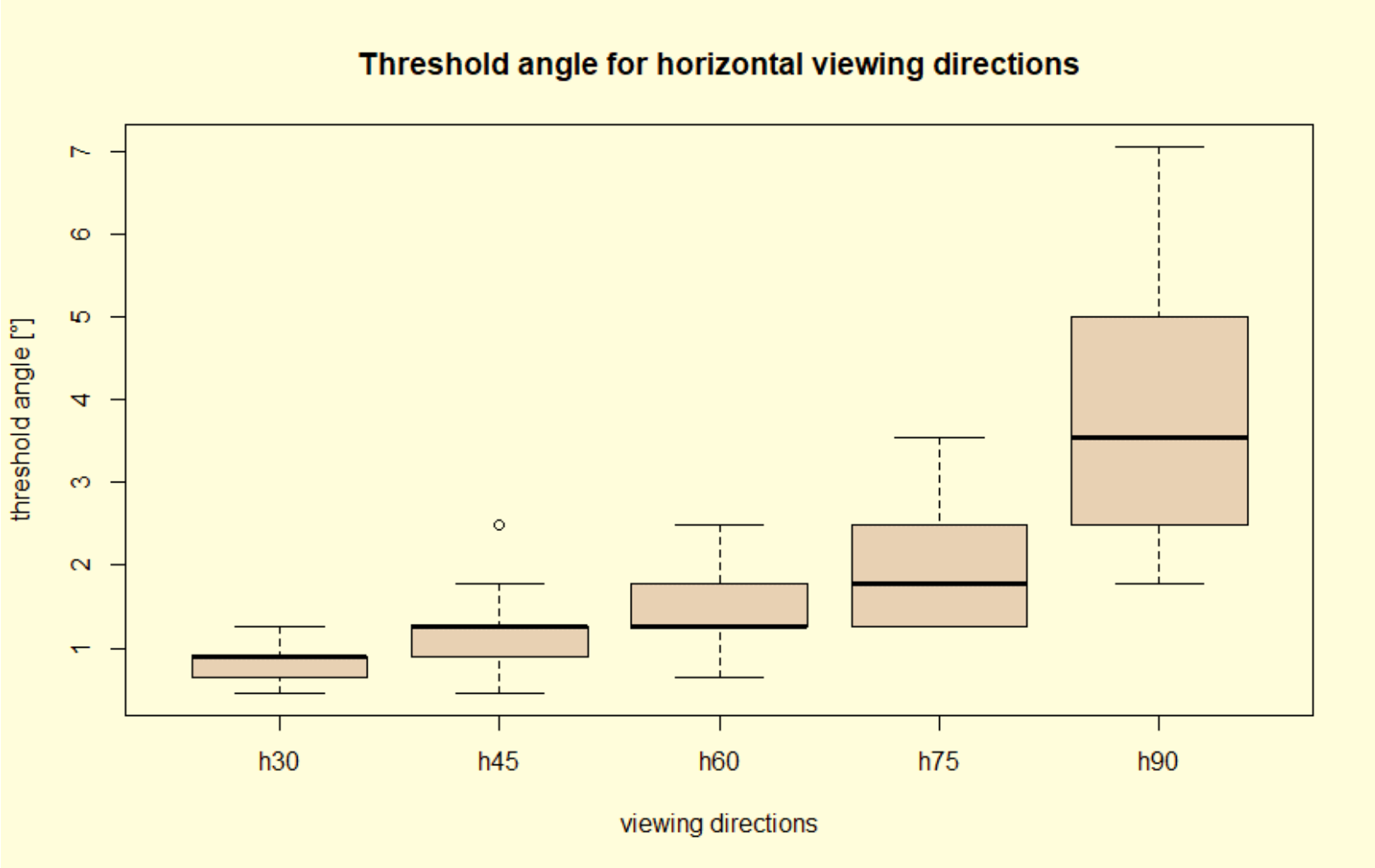
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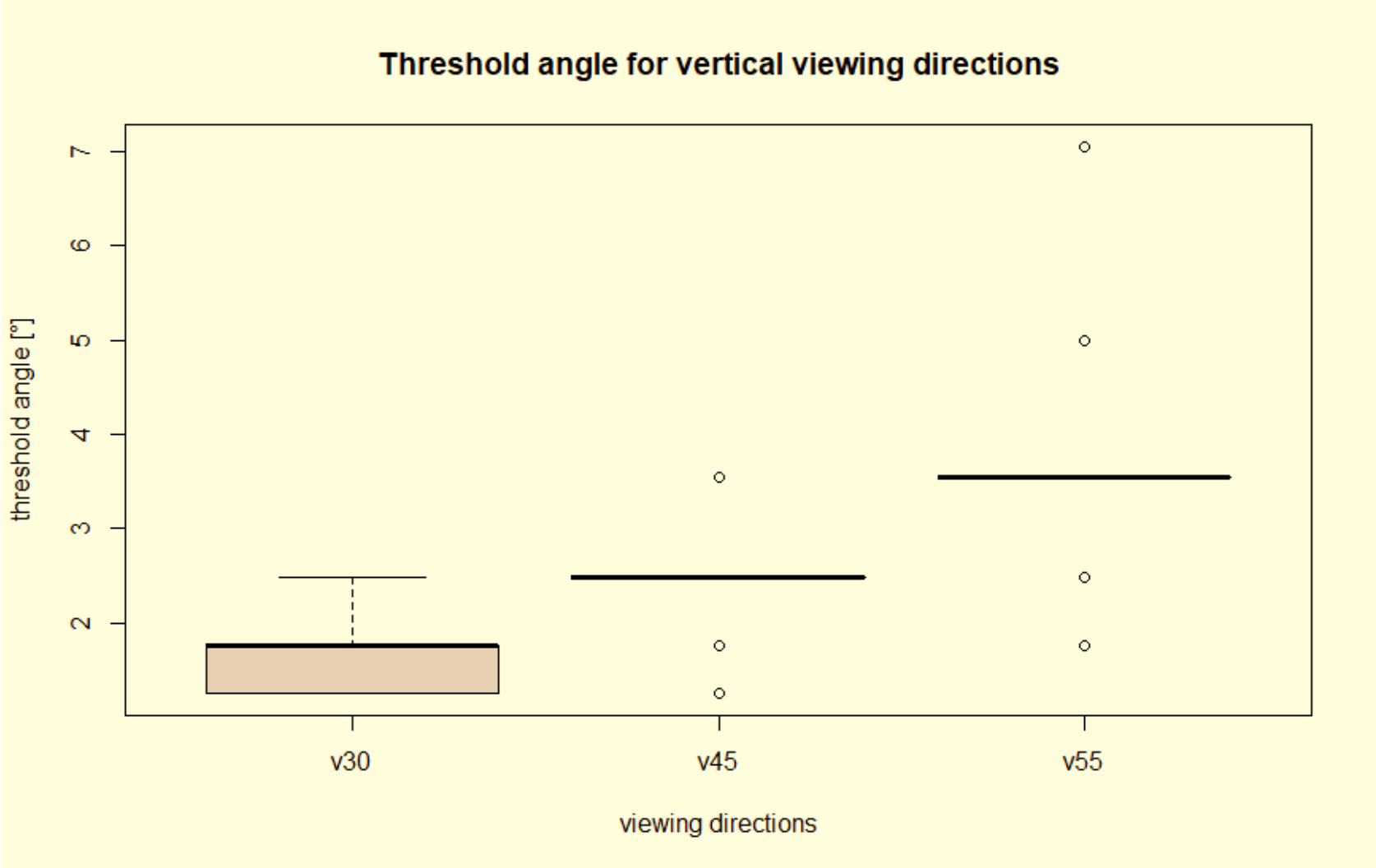


**Vertical viewing directions  
(30°, 45°, 55°),  
subject DGM**

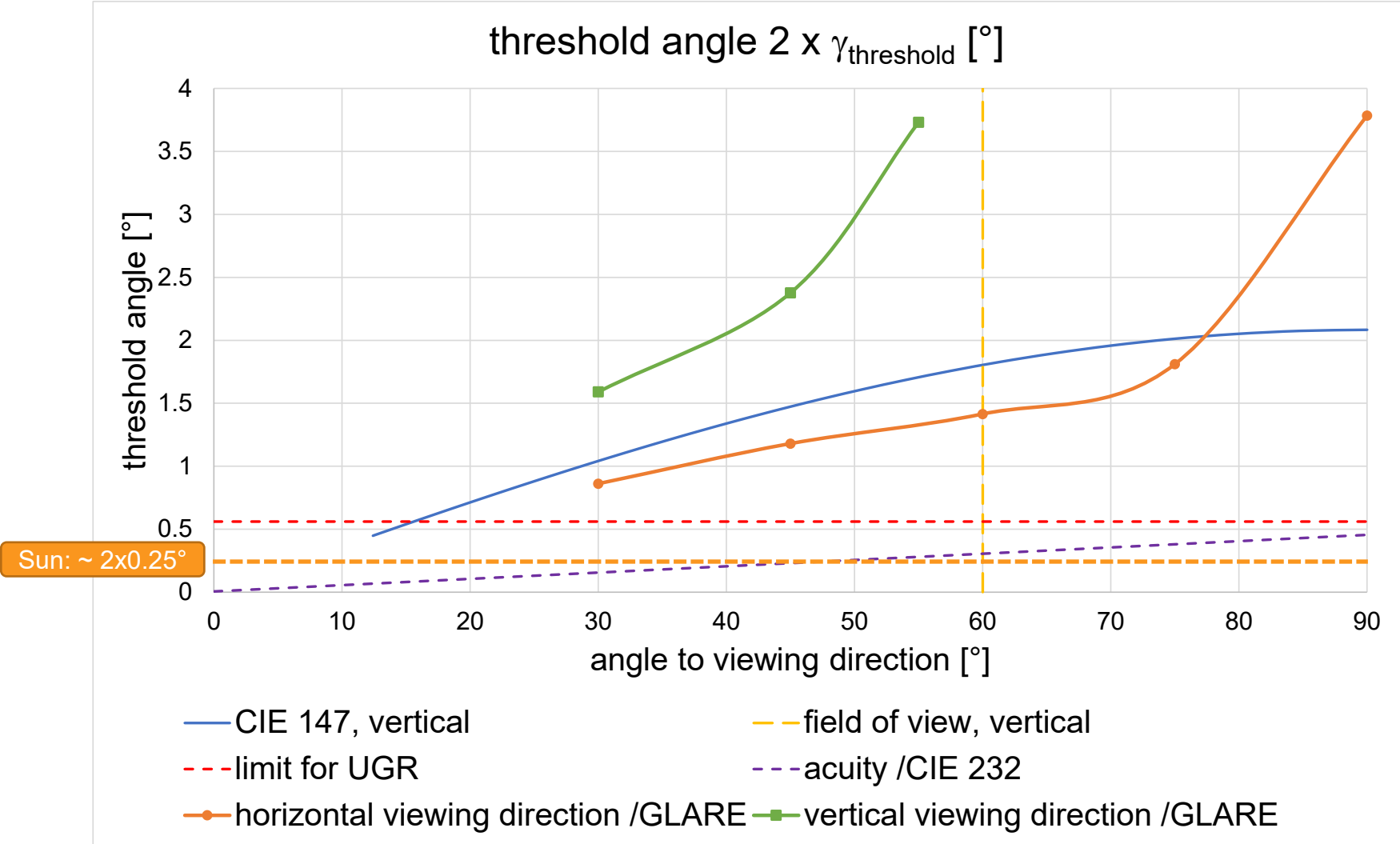
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First results: vertical viewing directions (30°, 45°, 55°) [work in progress...]



First results: Threshold angles (cone  $2 \times \gamma_{\text{threshold}}$ ) [work in progress...]



# Next steps

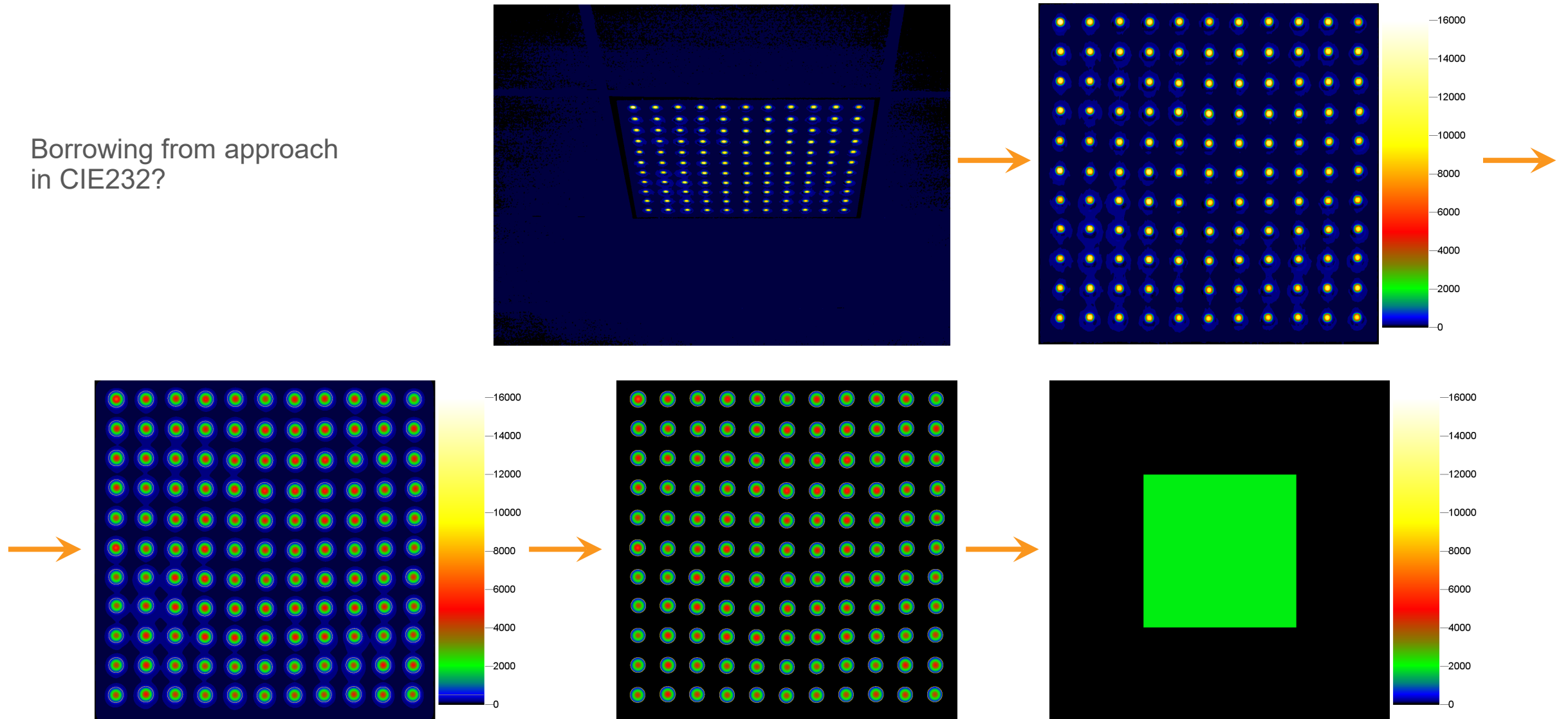


- Finish studies
- Work out proposal for pre-processing algorithm to be applied to luminance images
- Evaluate algorithm using available data sets
  - Cross-validation study (Jan Wienold et al., LRT 2019)
- Implement in software
  - in evalglare or
  - separate pre-processing tool (in Radiance)

# Approach: Averaging or applying gaussian blur on luminance images before calculating DGP



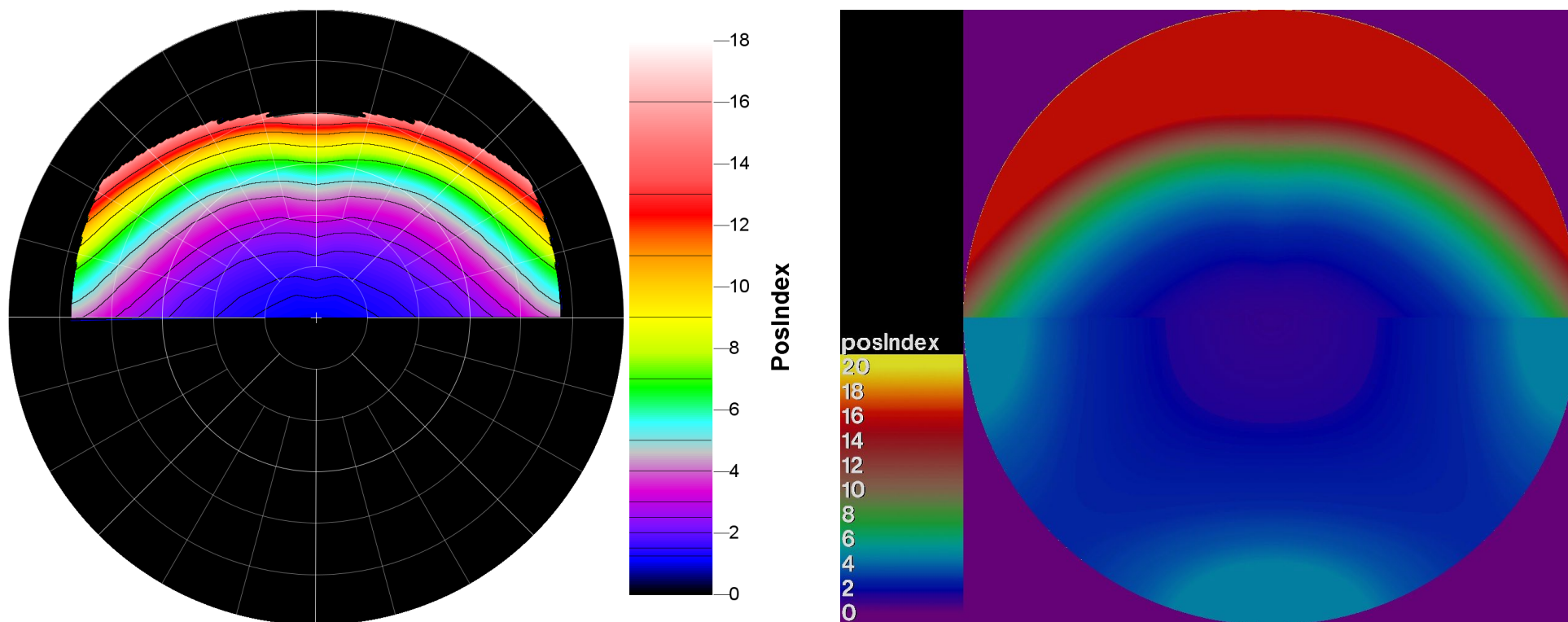
Borrowing from approach in CIE232?



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Directional varying averaging or blurring, similar to Position Index

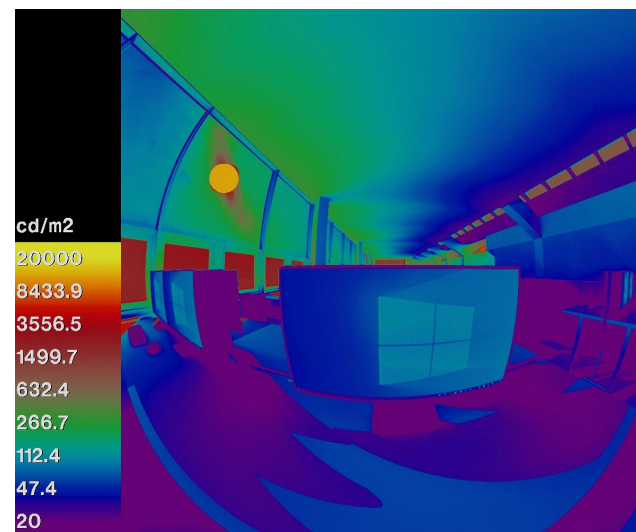
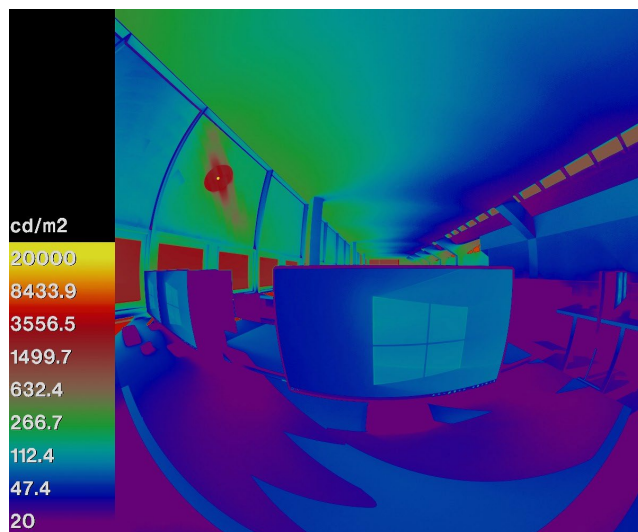
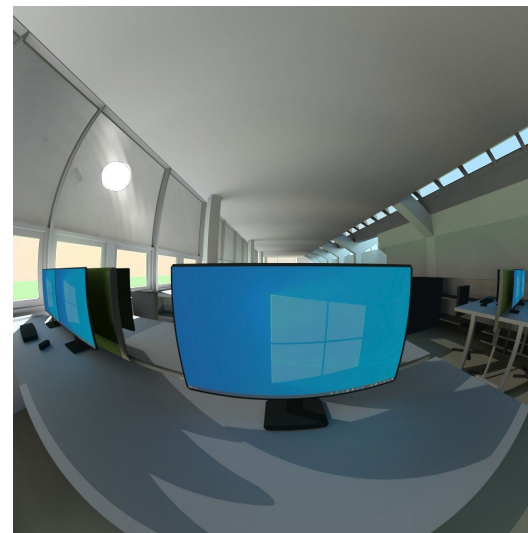
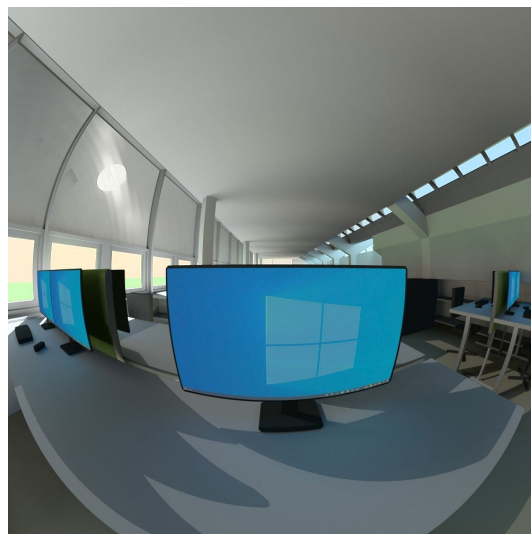




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Example:  
averaging in cone of  $2 \times 5^\circ$



- Movement in experimental setup 2
  - High sensitivity for movement in the peripheral area
  
- Absolute values
  - Far from (il)luminance values we have with the sun in the field of view
  
- Update DGP formula (fit to new data including sun)?
  
- ...

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Thank you!