



Daylight  
Group



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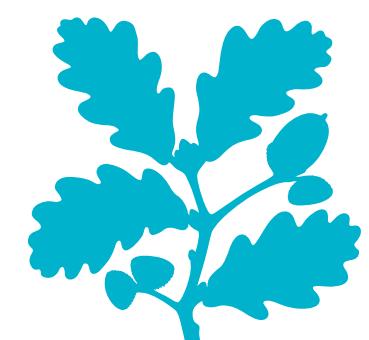
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# Daylight Exposure in Heritage Buildings

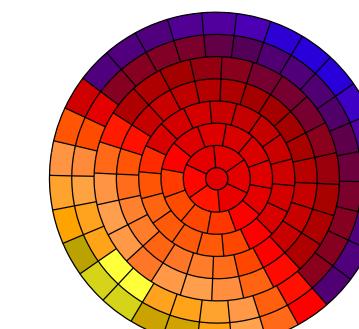
## Modelling & Measurement

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Daylight-Experts.com  
Expert Witness | Simulation | Measurement | Conservation



Stephen Cannon-Brookes  
PhD



# Hardwick Hall









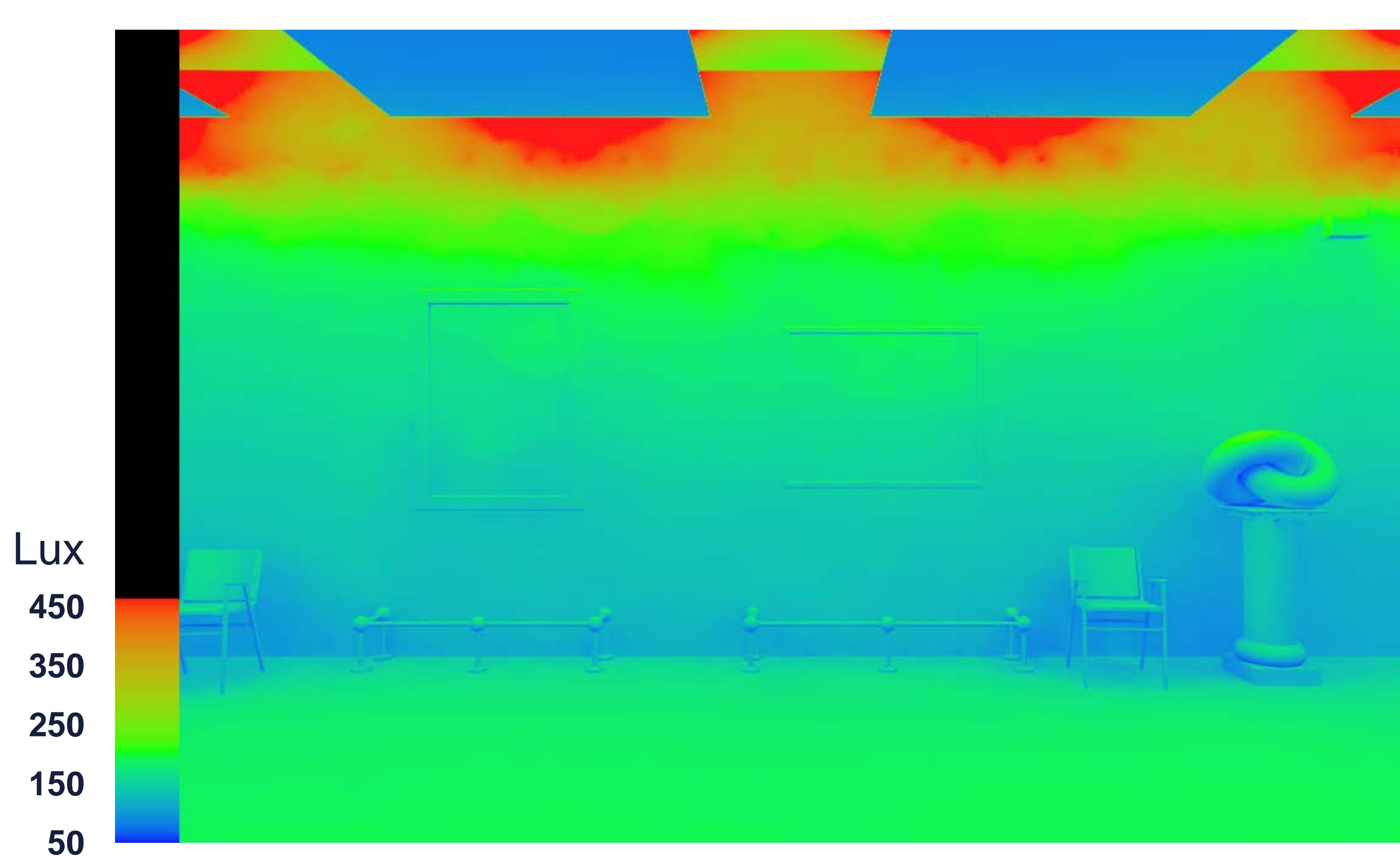
Natural illumination in buildings  
is characterised by huge  
**spatial** and **temporal**  
variation

# Simulation of daylight exposure

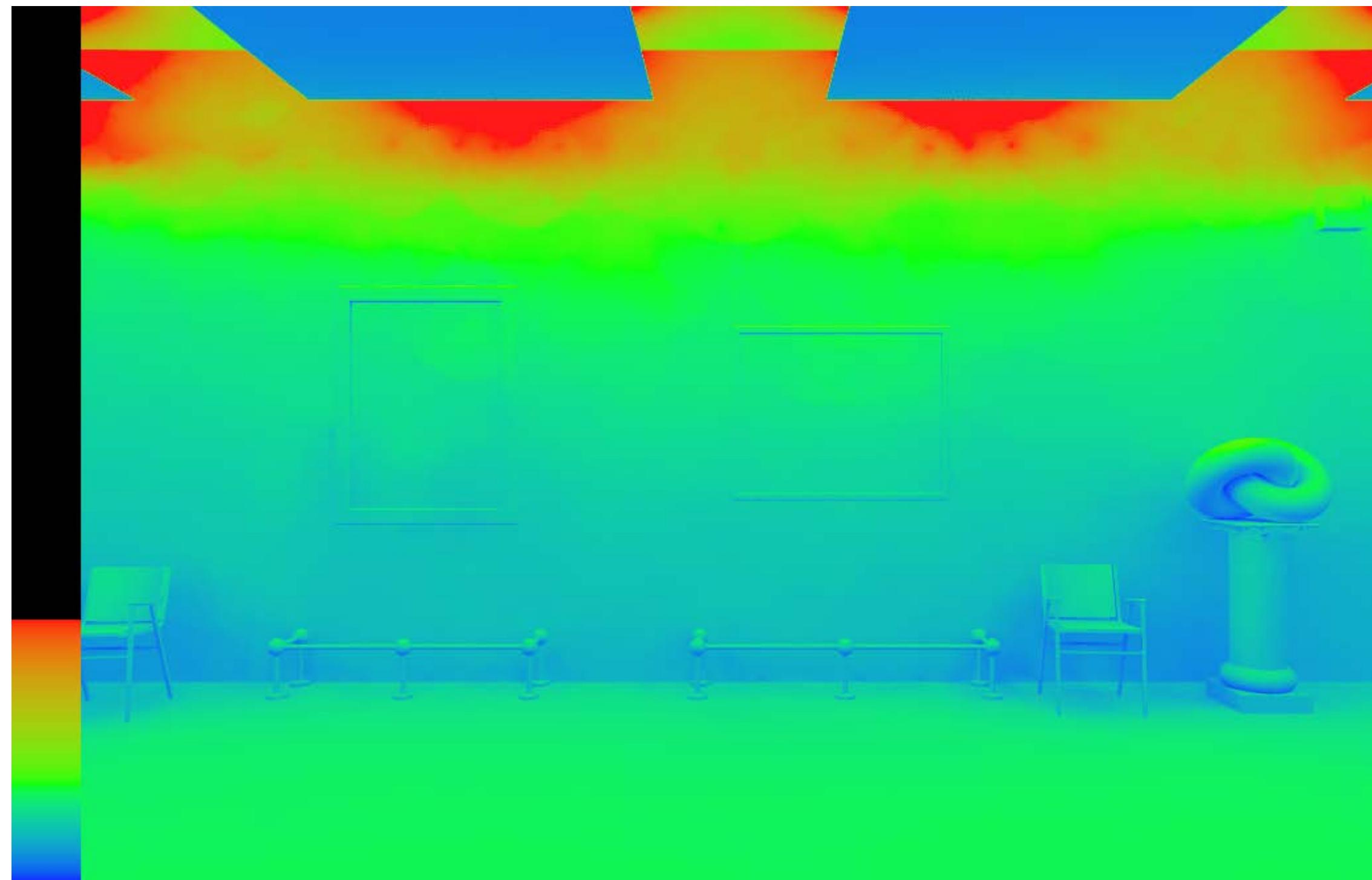
## **Point in time**

# Computer simulation of a gallery space with rooflights

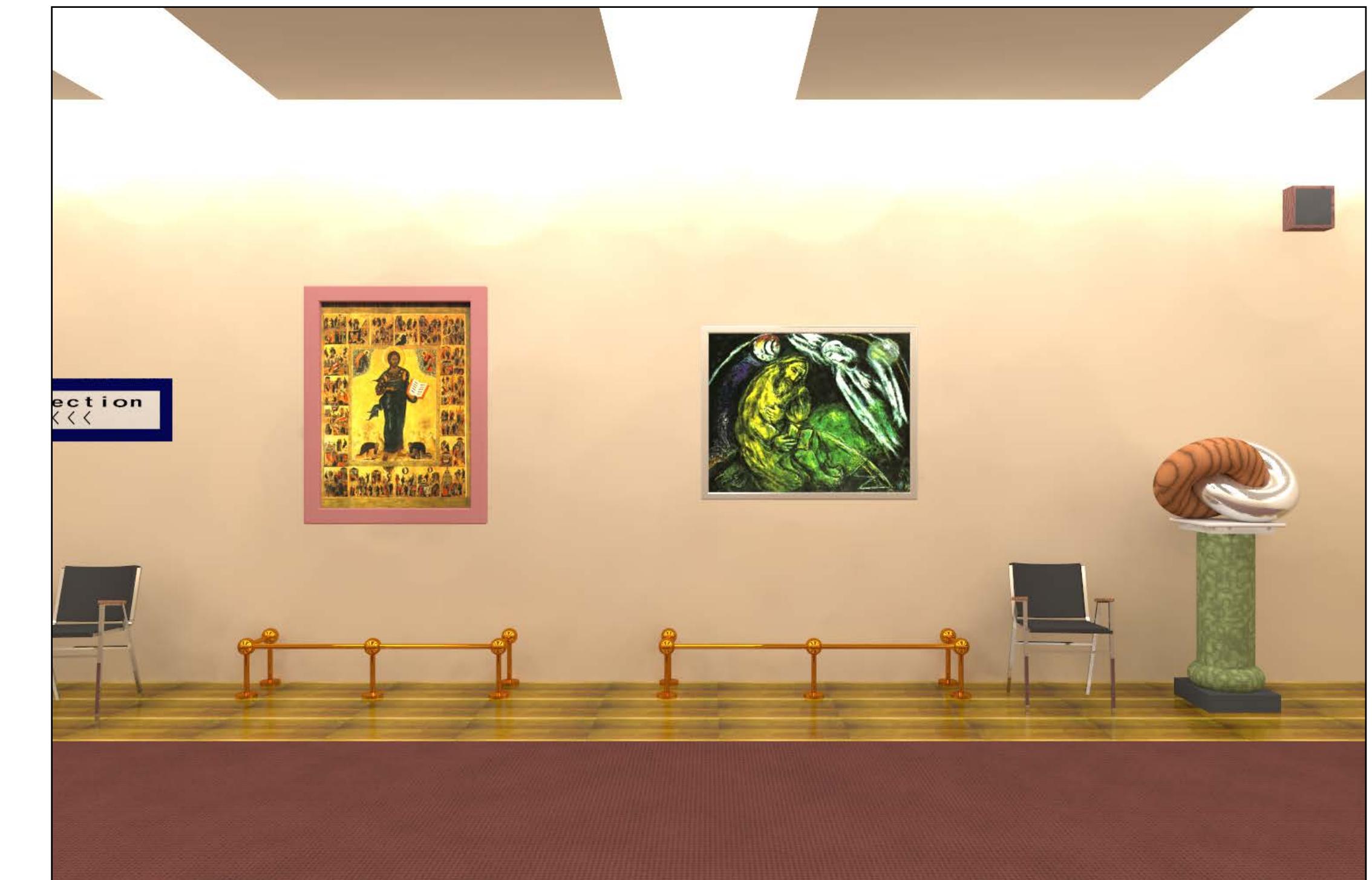




Illuminance [lux]



Luminance [ $\text{cd}/\text{m}^2$ ]



First need to compute the light falling **onto** surfaces before we can compute the brightness of those surfaces

Simulating the long-term exposure of  
an art work to daylight

**Climate-Based Daylight Modelling  
(CBDM)**

# CBDM

Is the prediction of any luminous quantity (illuminance and/or luminance) using realistic sun and sky conditions derived from standardised (or monitored) climate data, e.g. weather files.

Usually for a full year.

# Mount Stewart, Belfast, NI

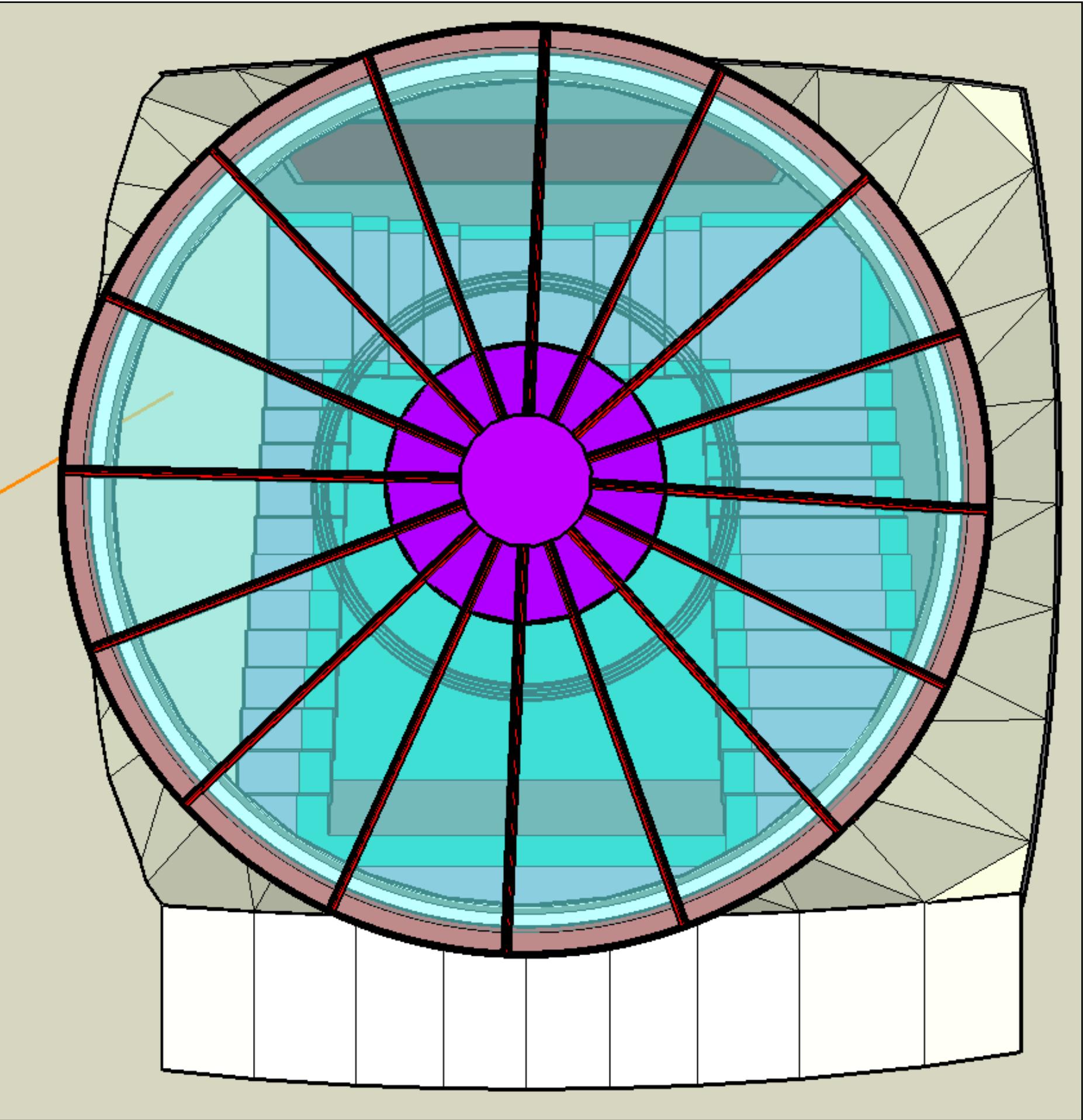
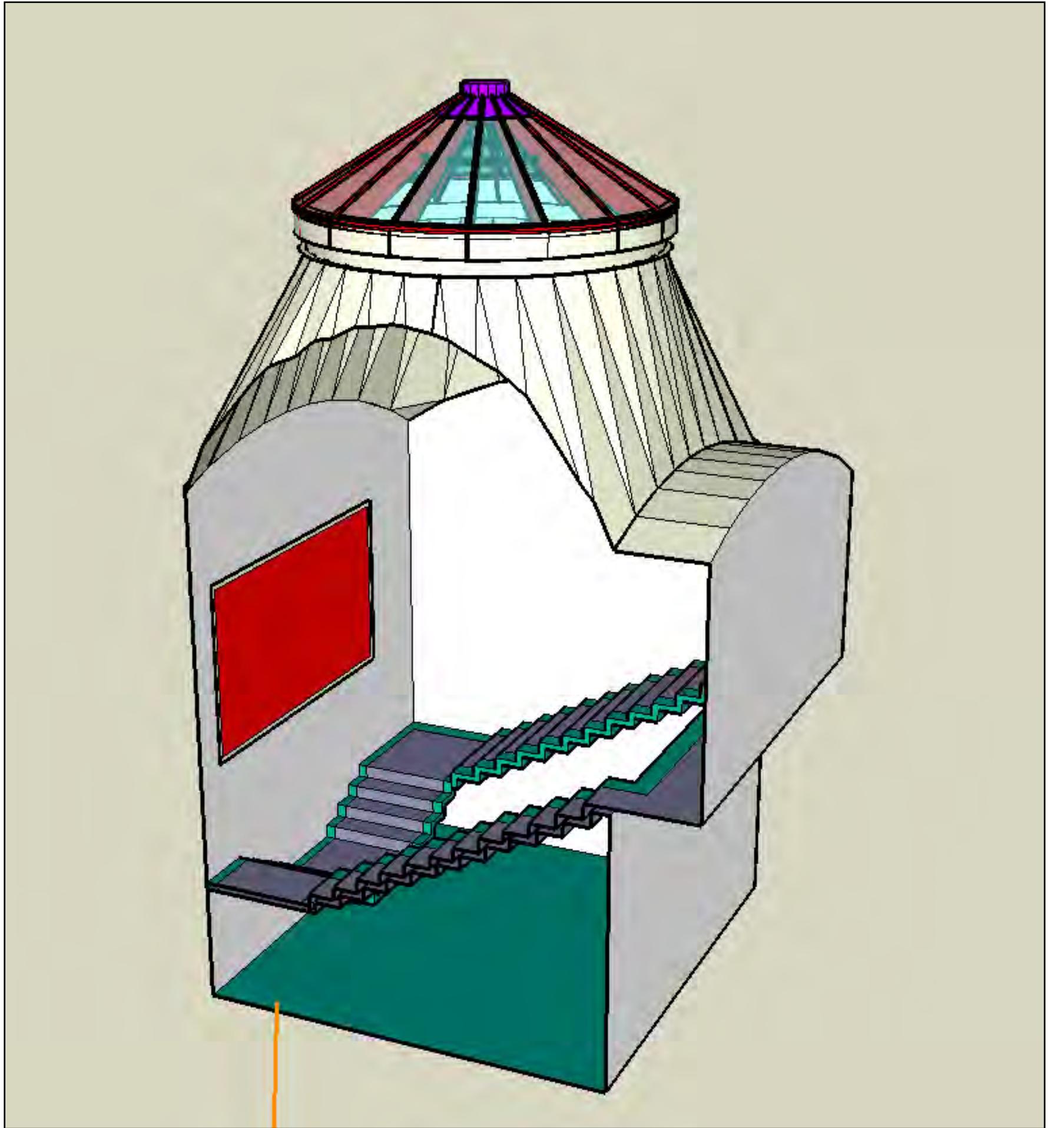


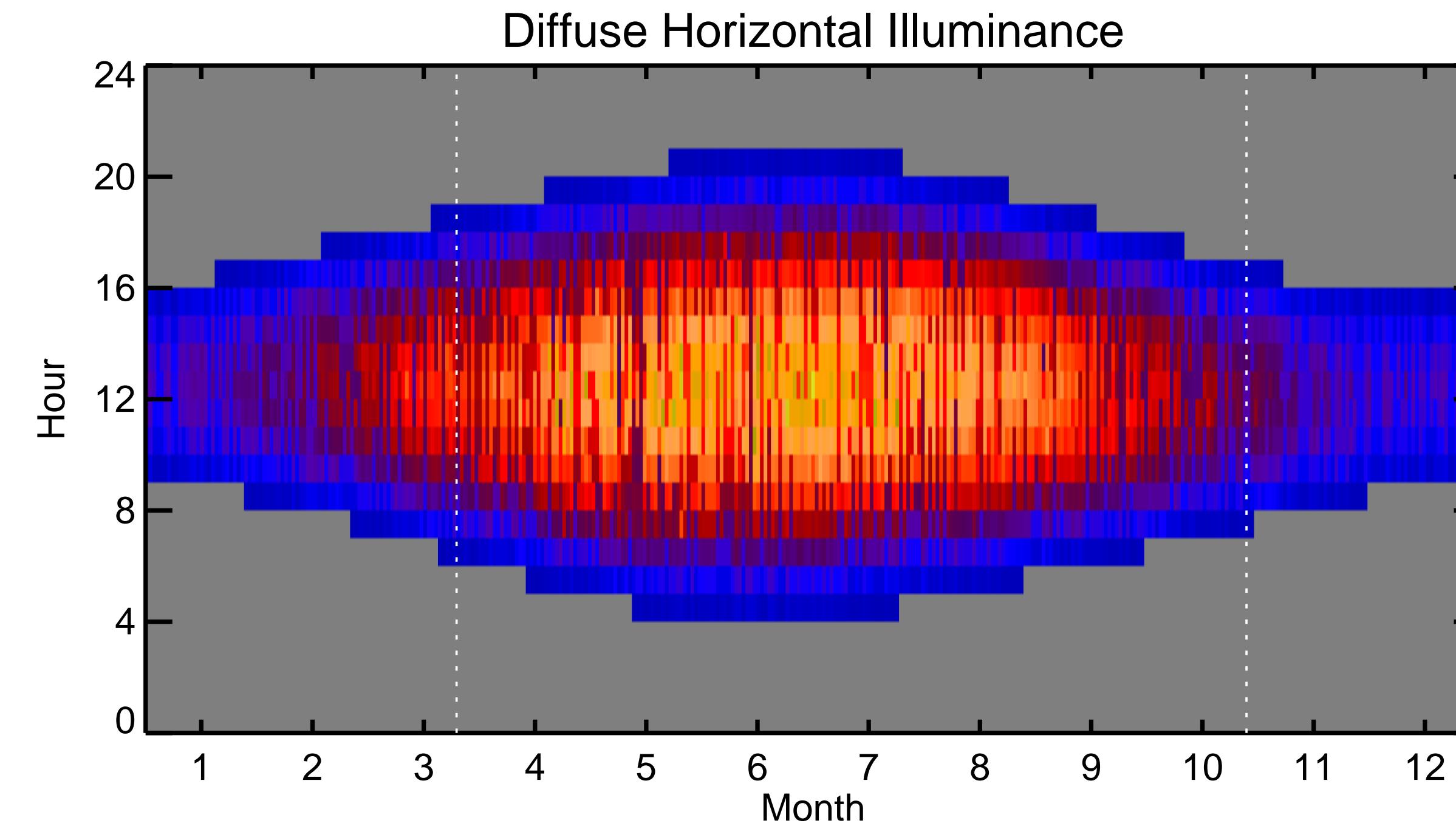
## Hambletonian, Rubbing Down



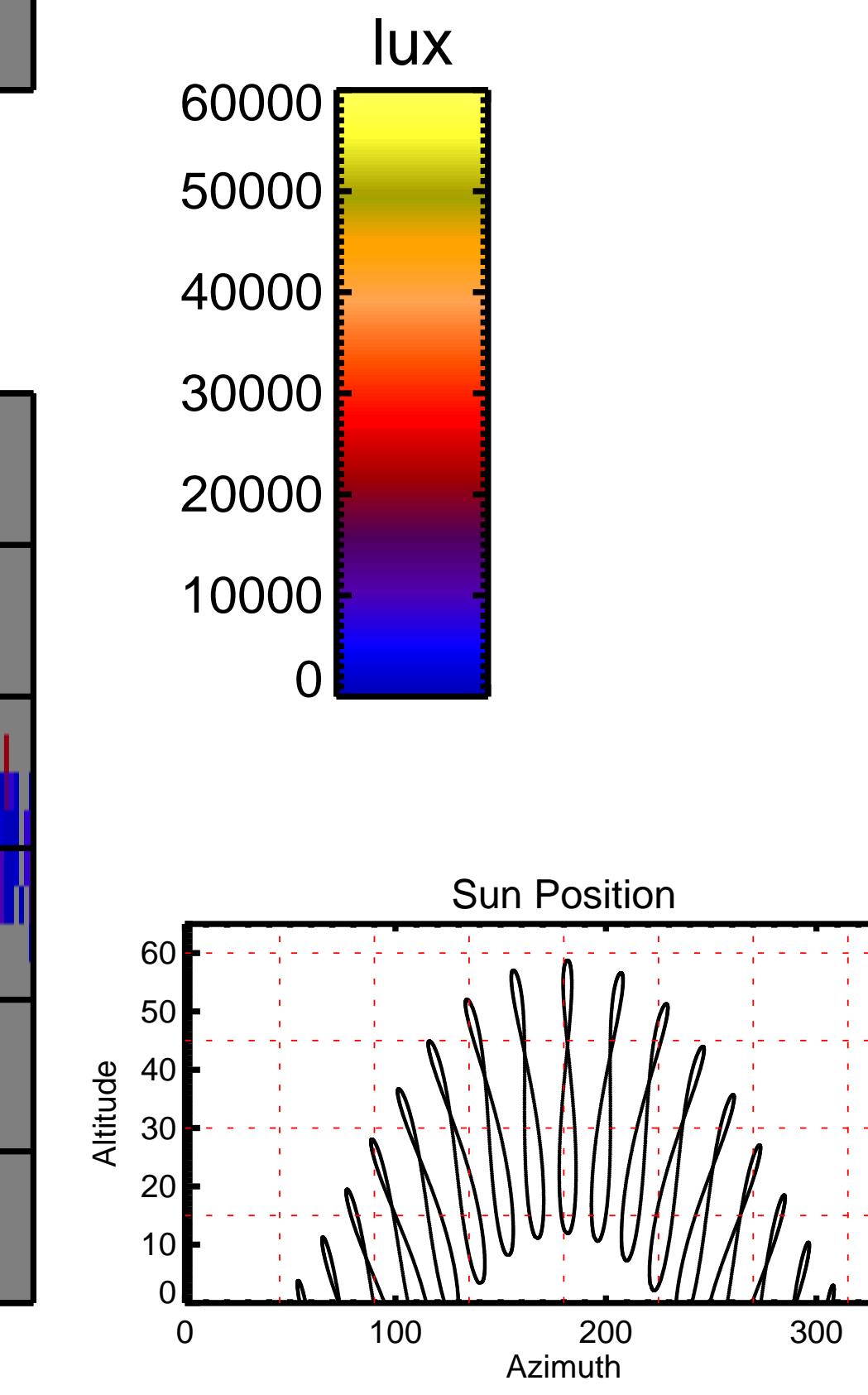
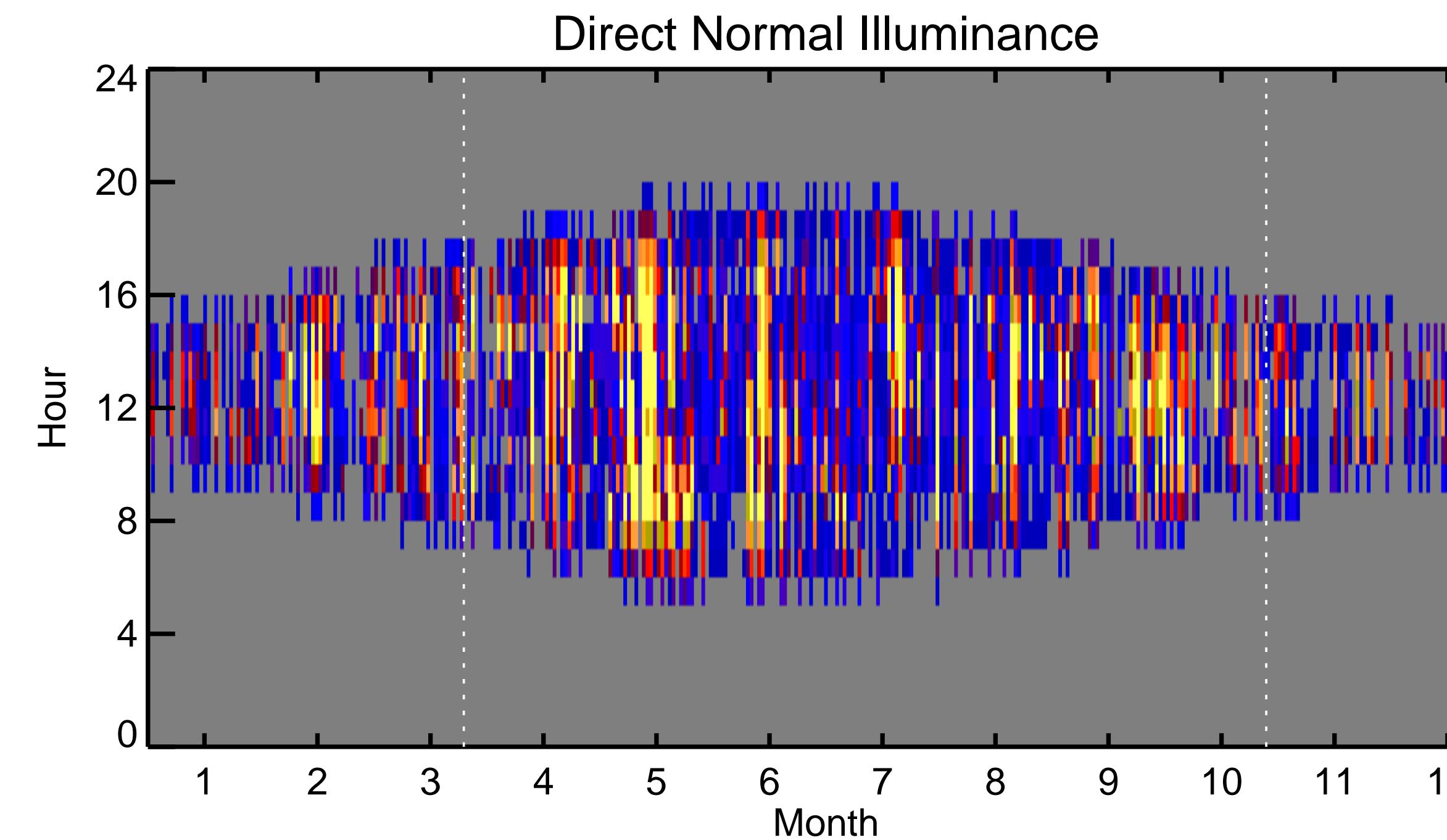
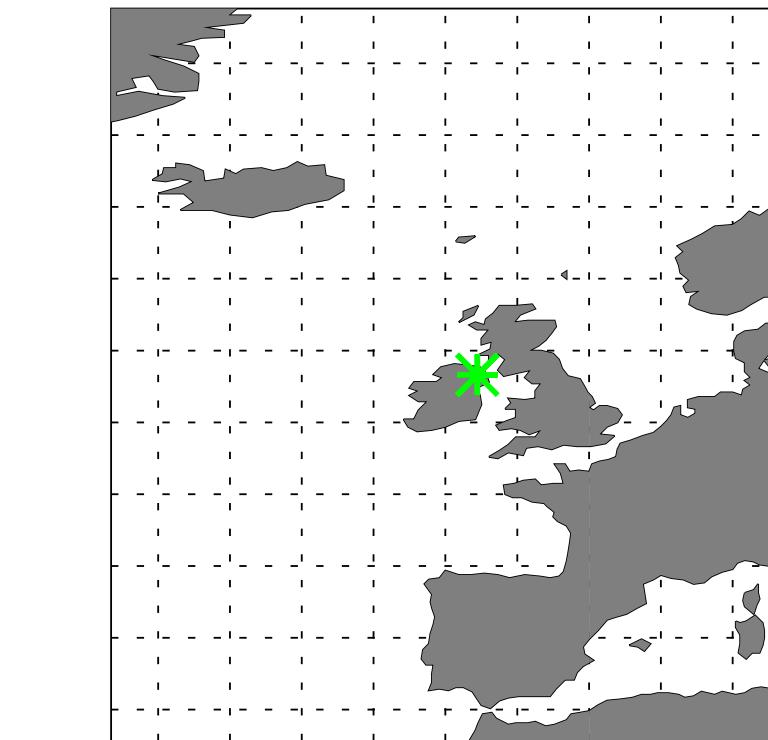
George Stubbs, RA (1724-1806)



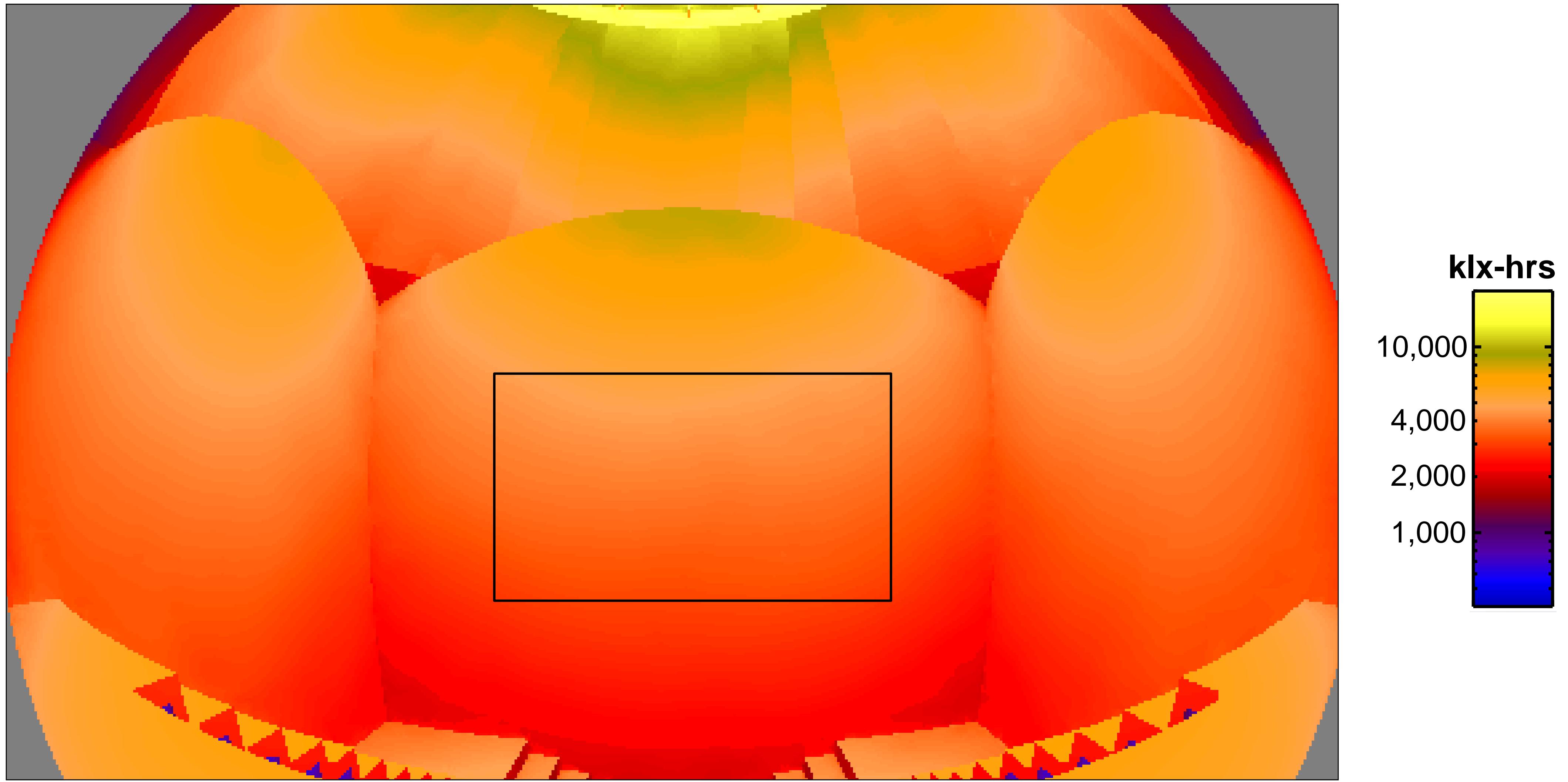


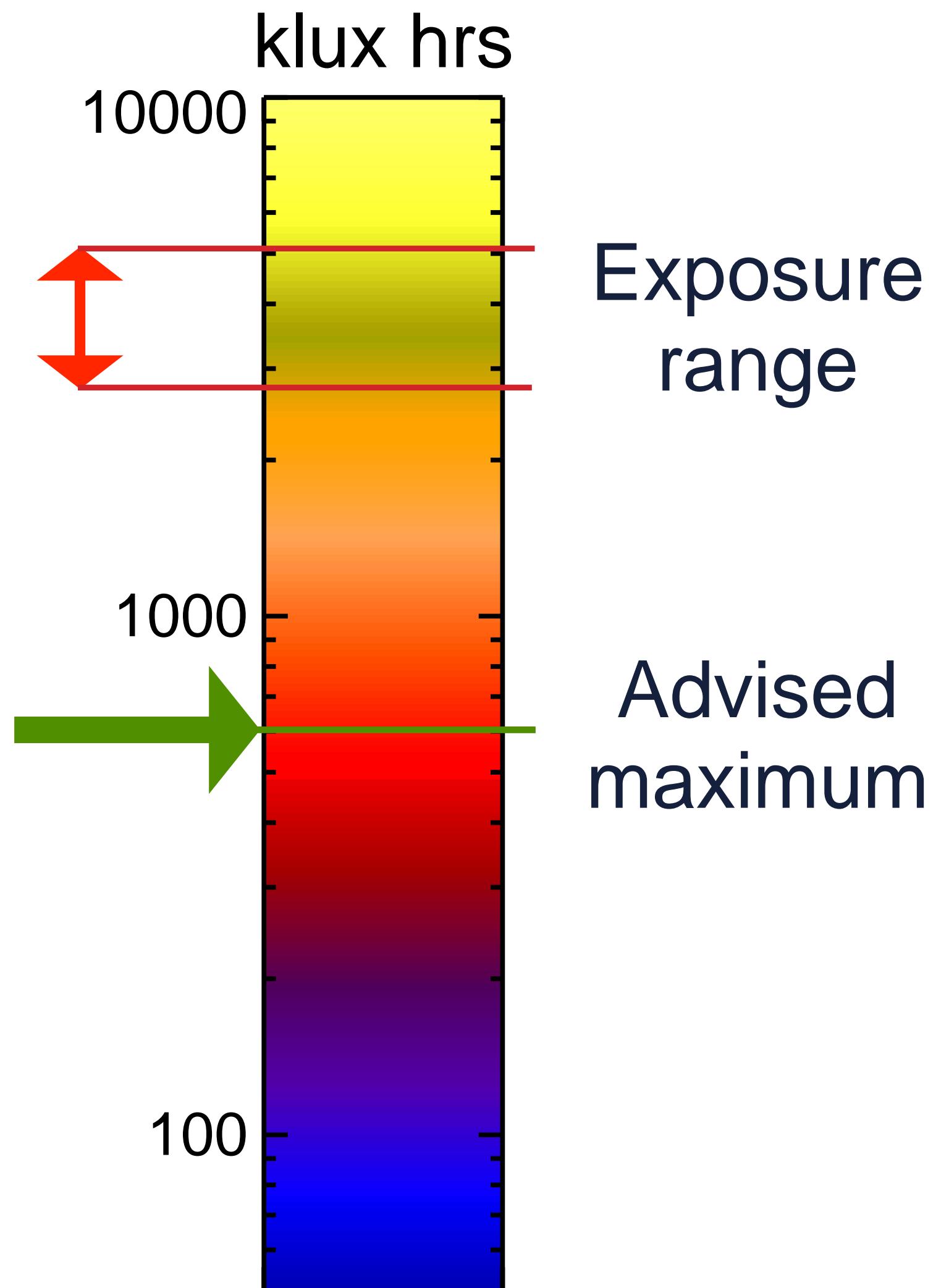
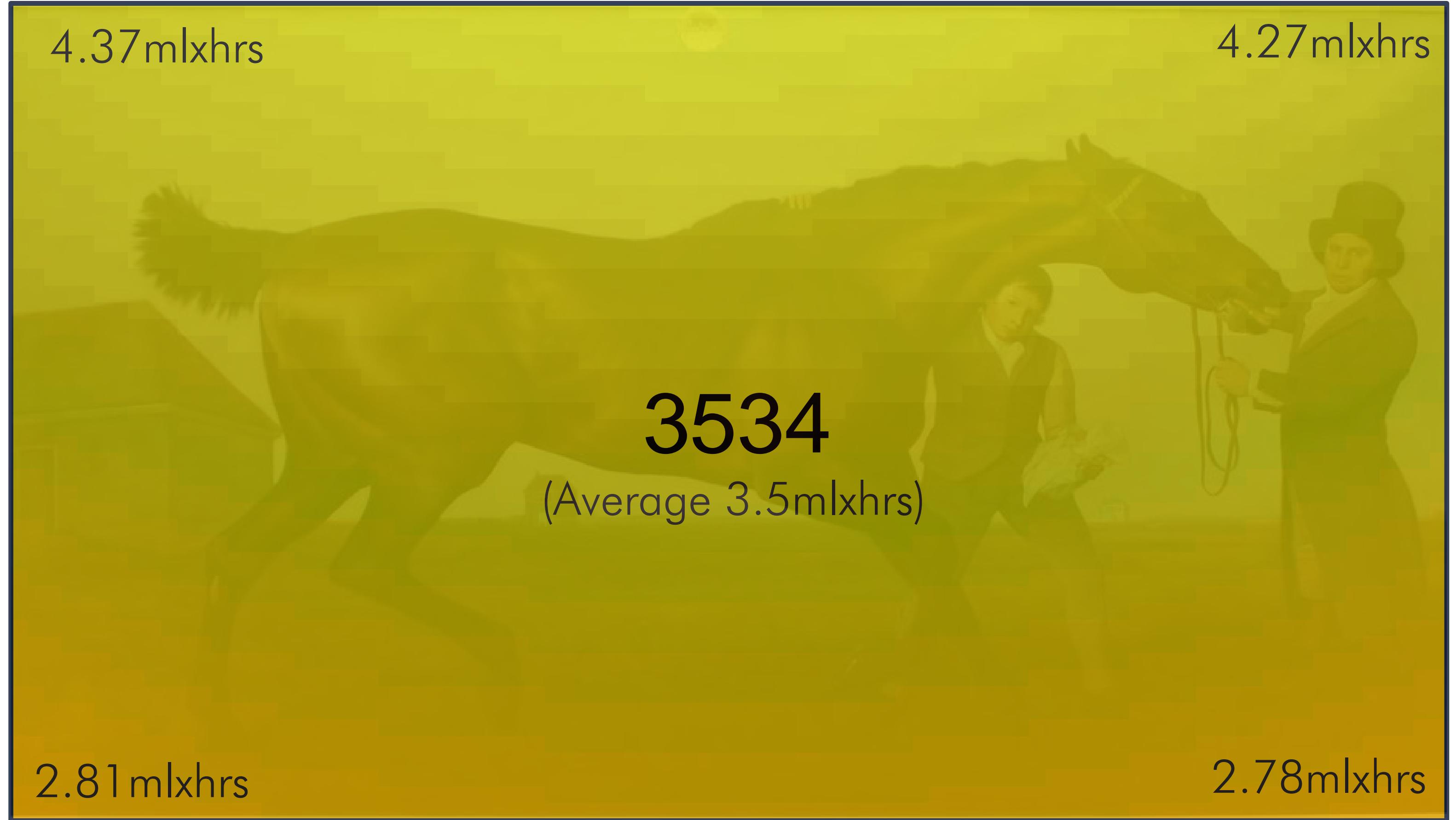


GBR-Belfast

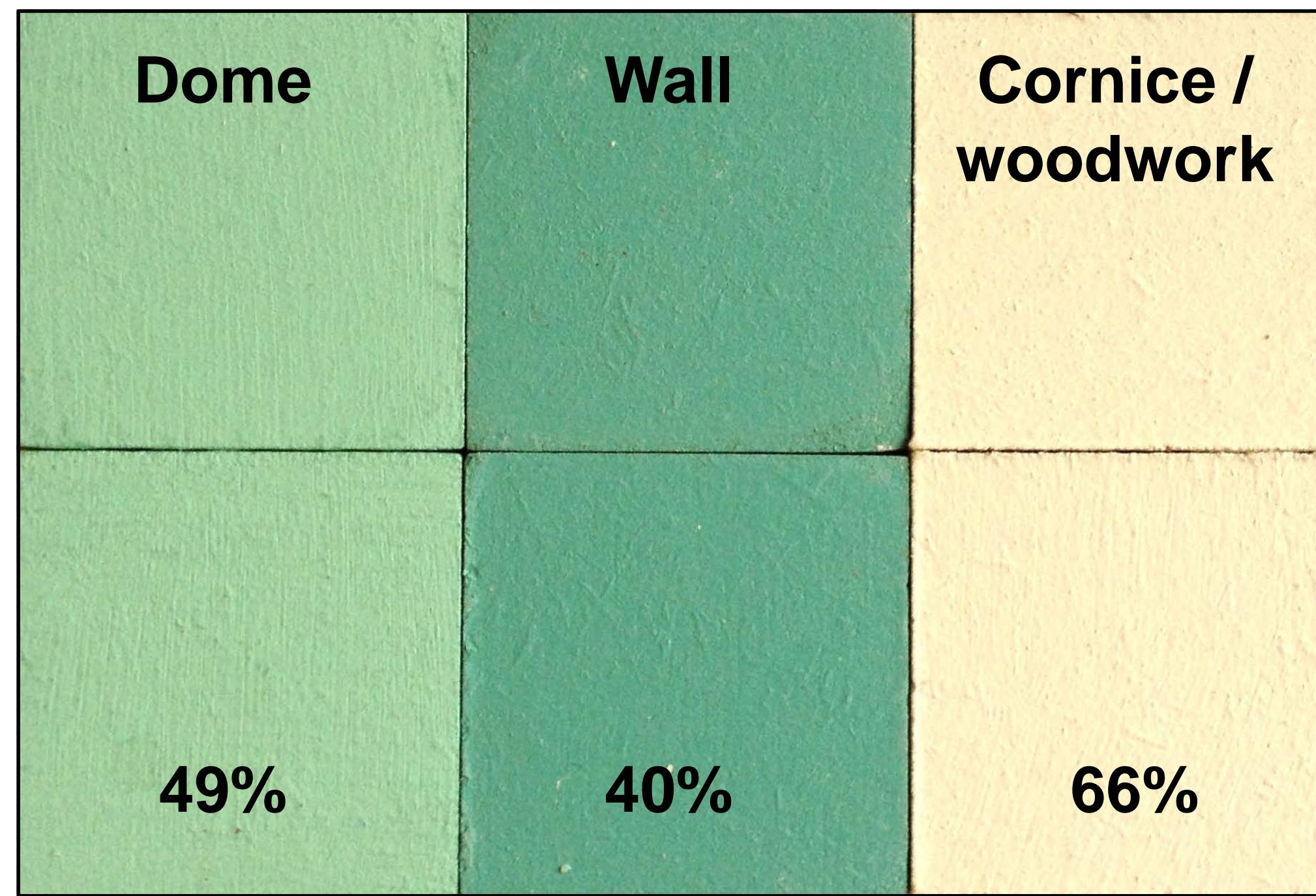


# Cumulative annual illumination



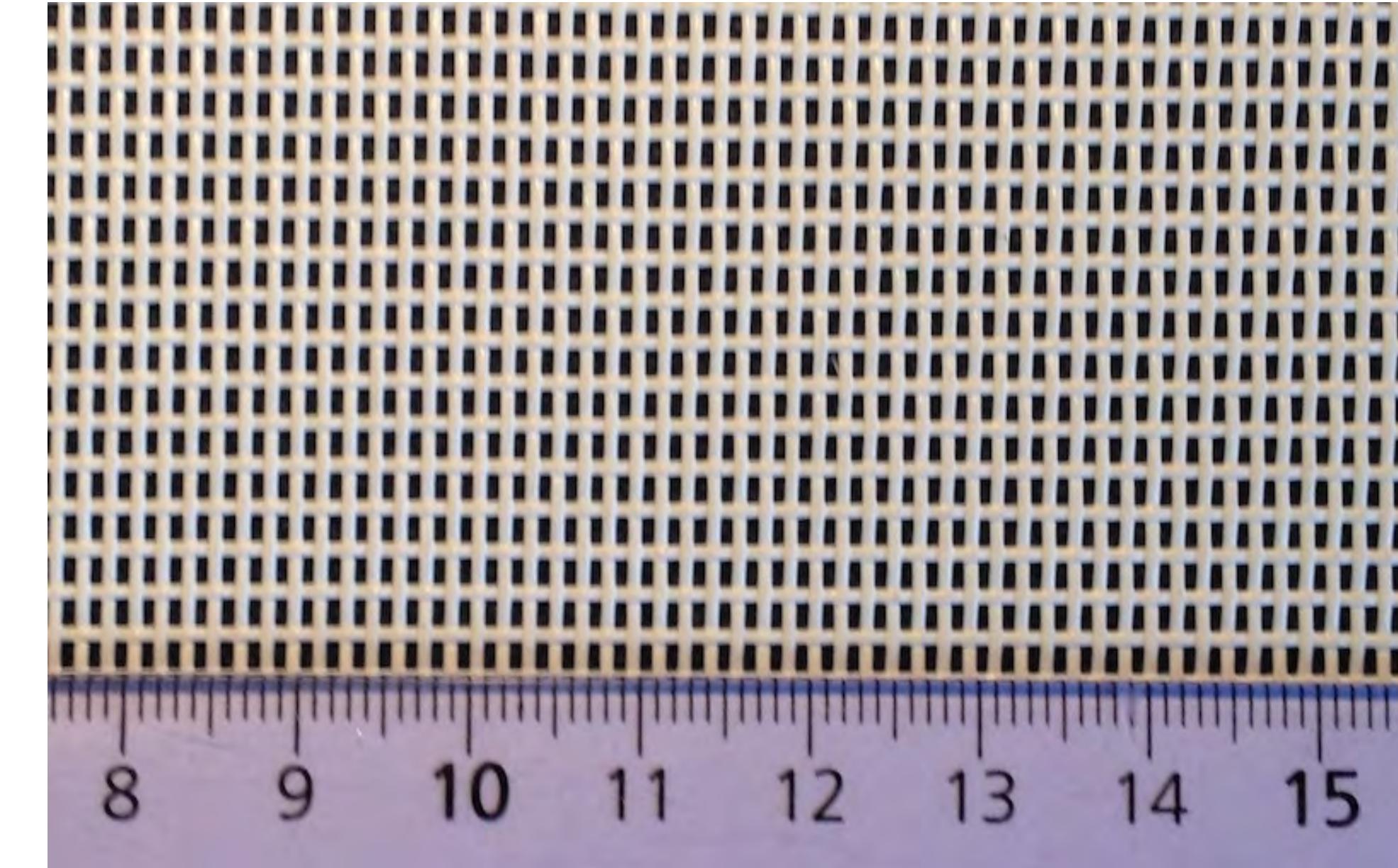


Interventions to reduce annual  
daylight exposure were first tested  
using simulation



Reduce reflectivity of key surfaces

Reduce transmissivity of the skylight

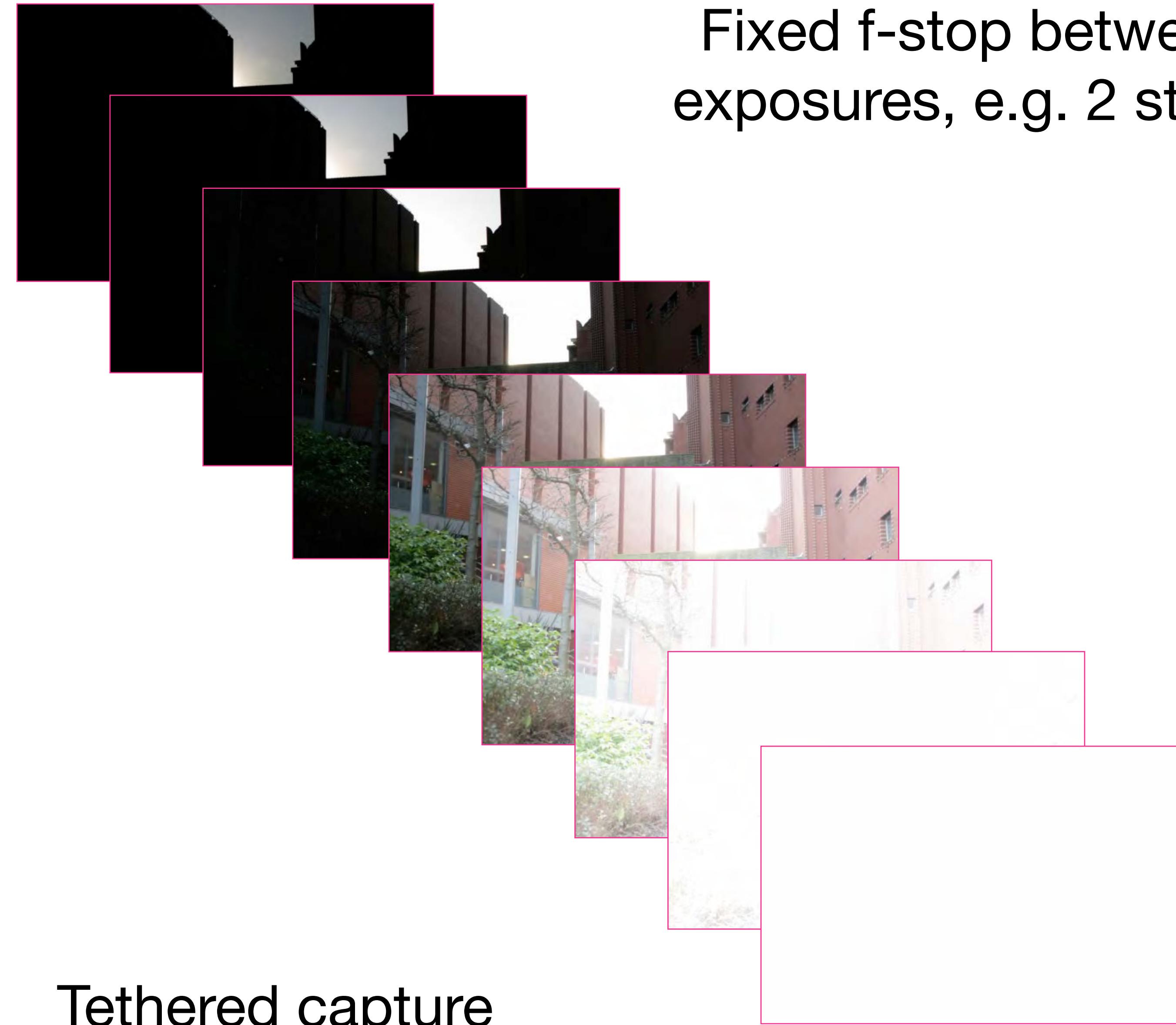




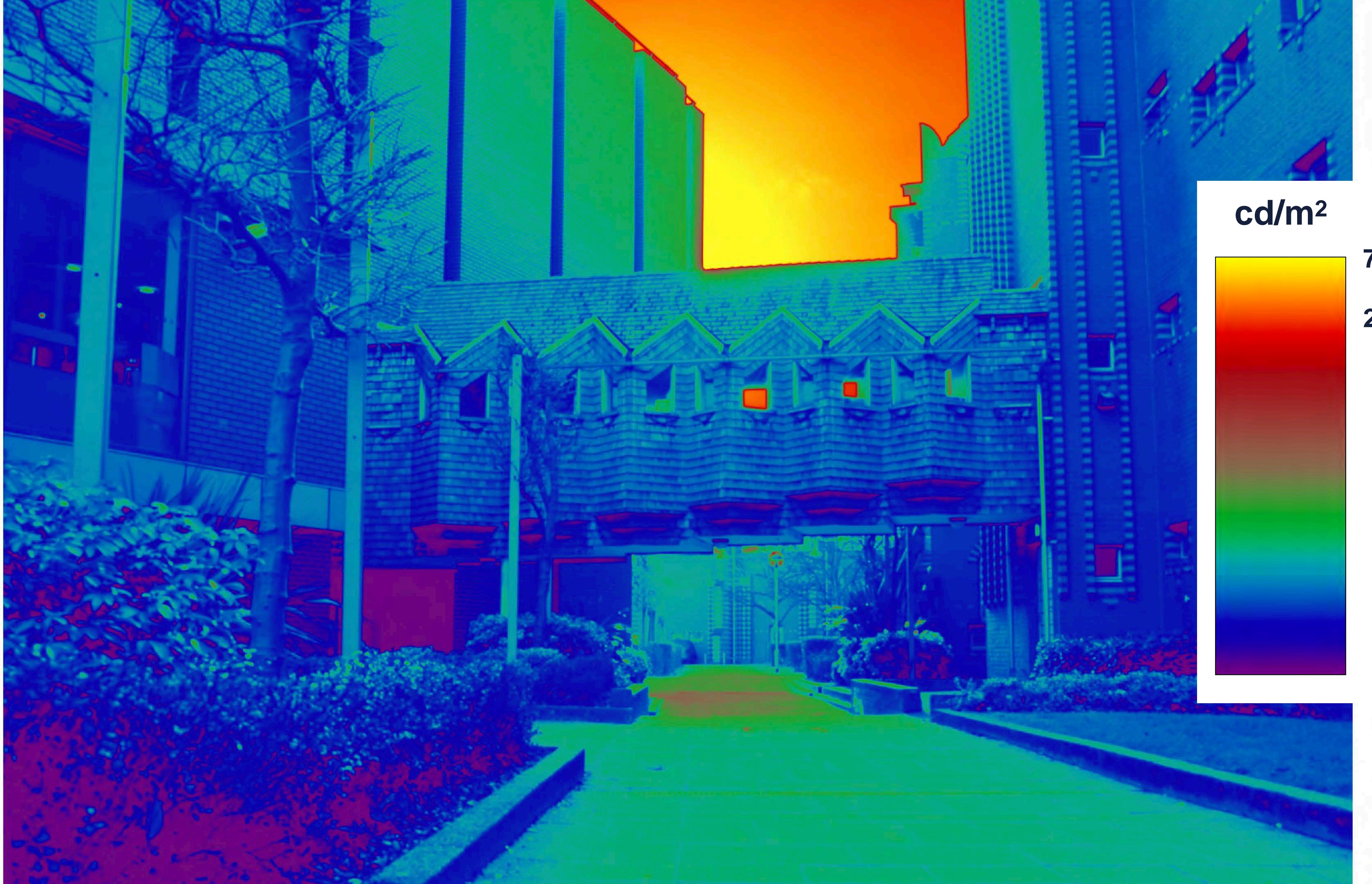
# Illuminance measurement using High Dynamic Range (HDR) imaging

# HDR imaging

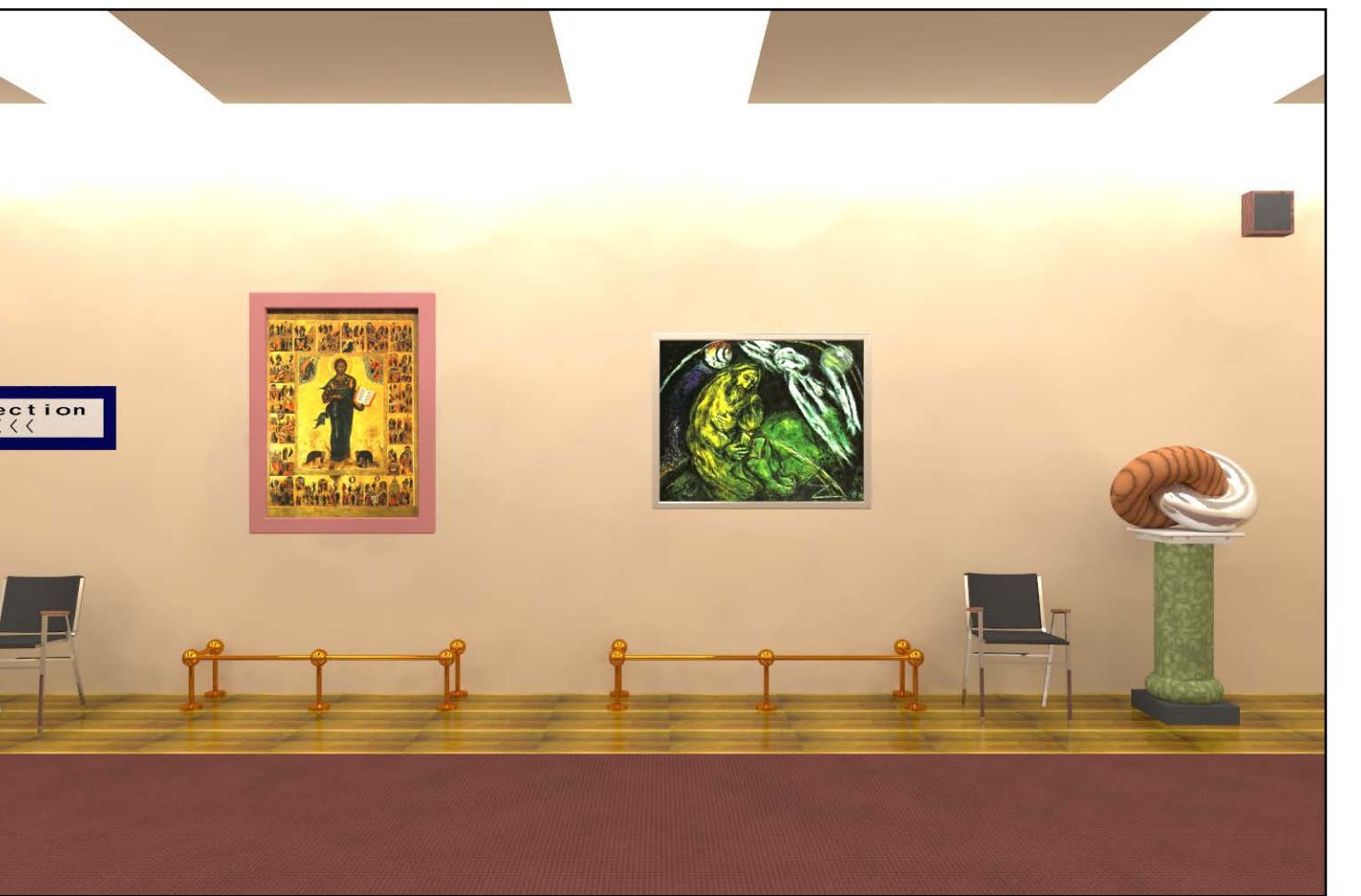
Synthesis of a luminance  
image from a sequence of  
'ordinary' image captures



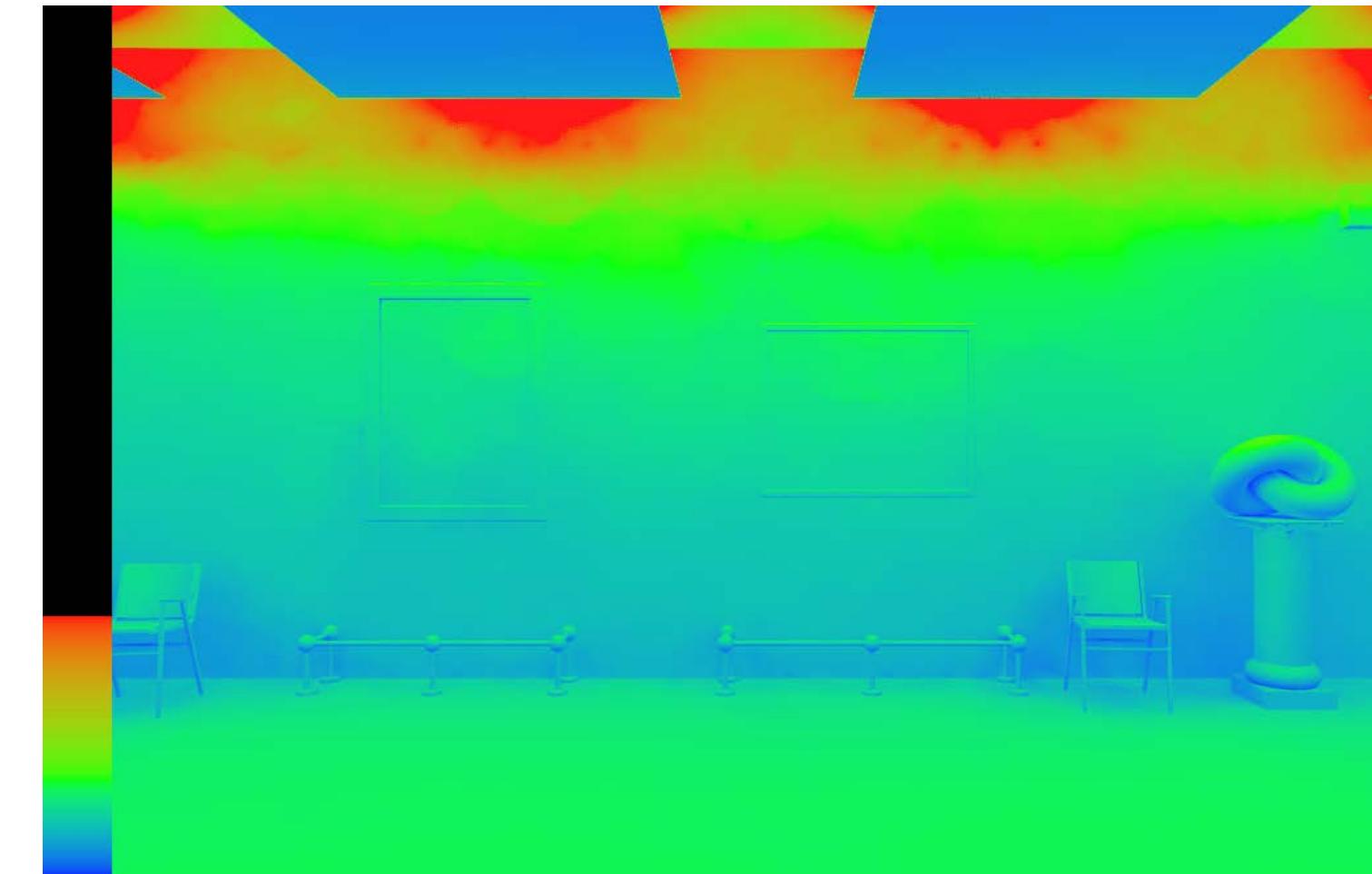
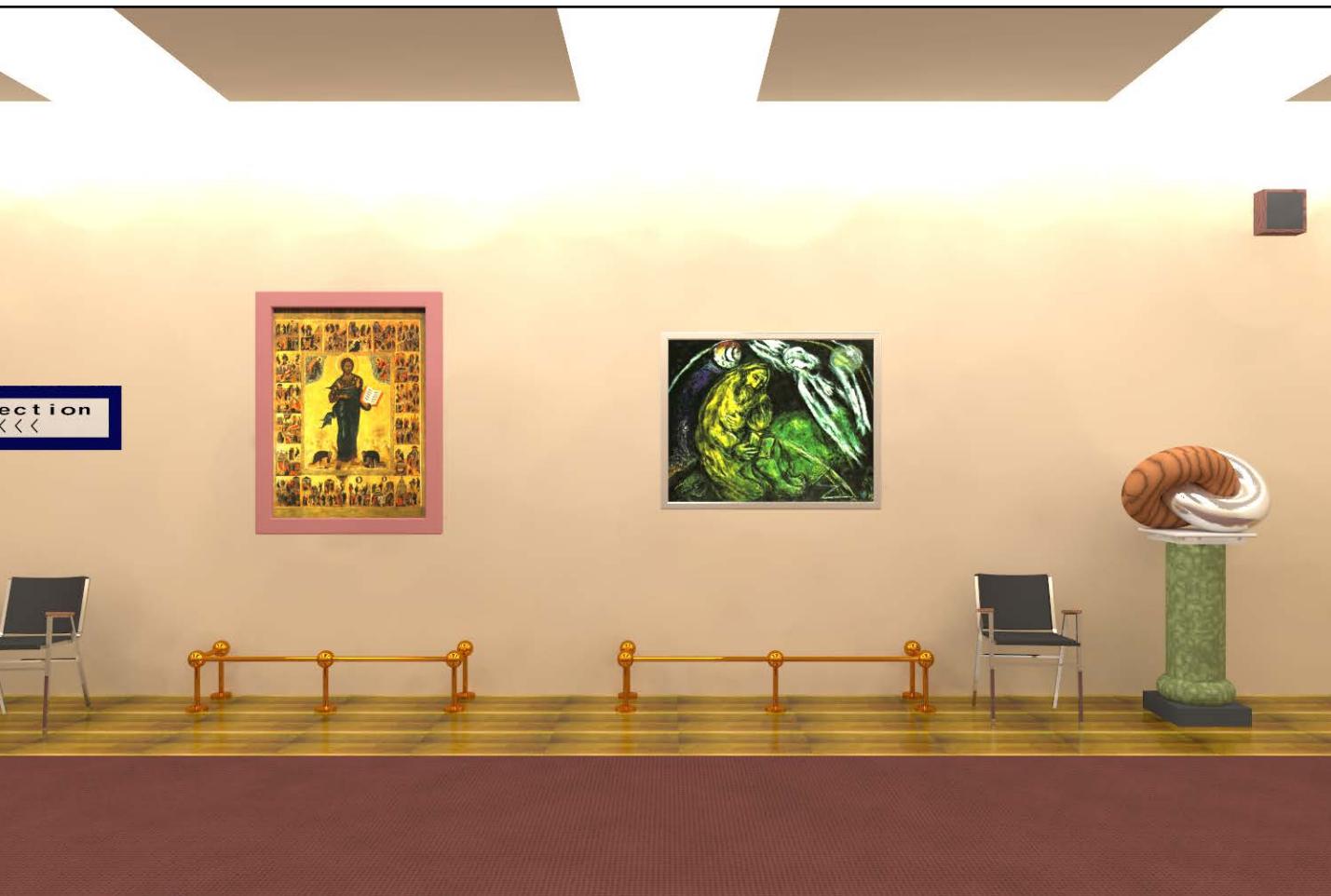




HDR gives measures of  
luminance



HDR gives measures of  
luminance, but what about illuminance?



Illuminance can be derived from  
the luminance (i.e. HDR) image

**Illuminance Proxy HDR imaging**

# Ickworth House

Bury St. Edmunds

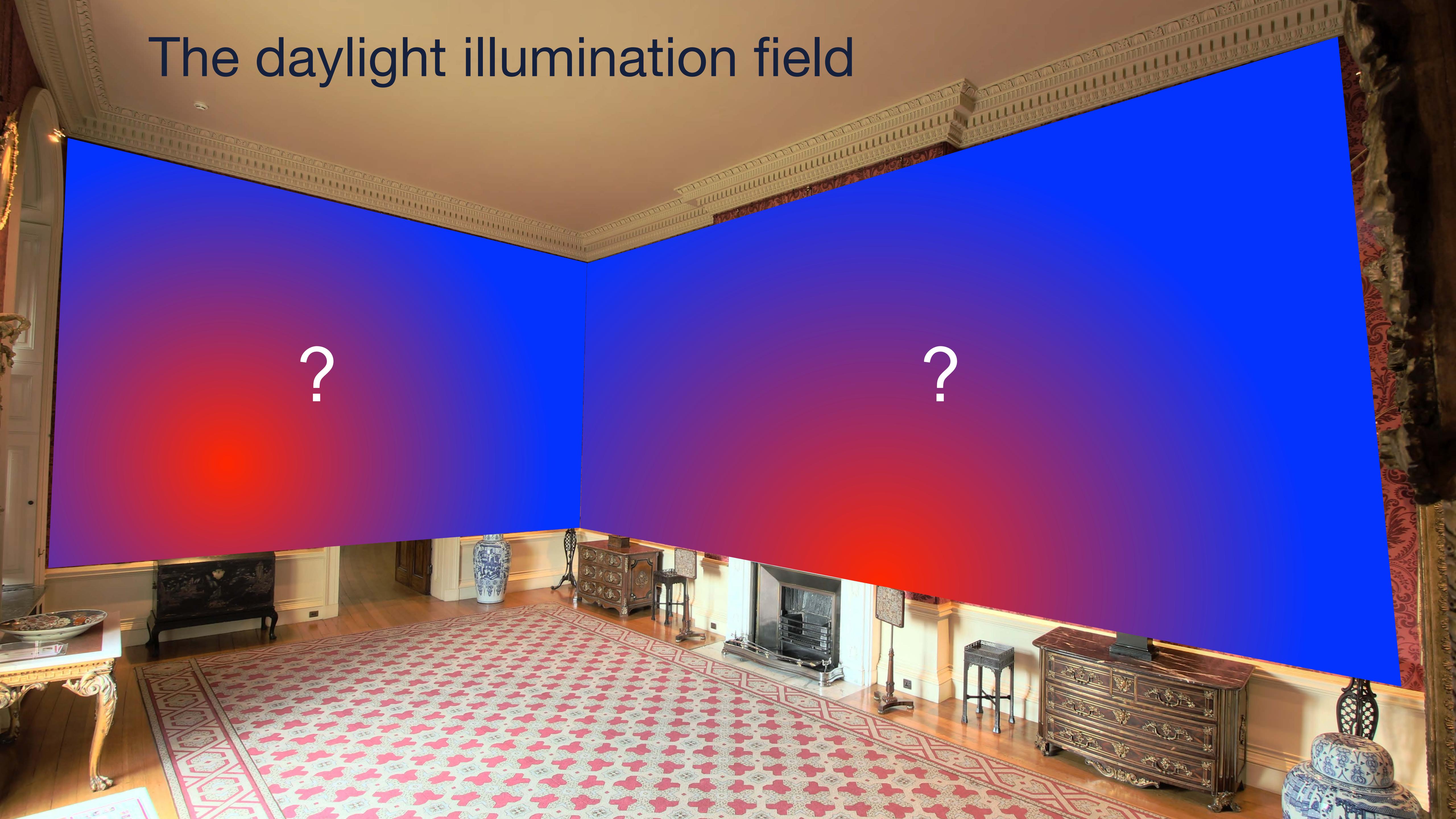


# The Smoking Room

## Ickworth House



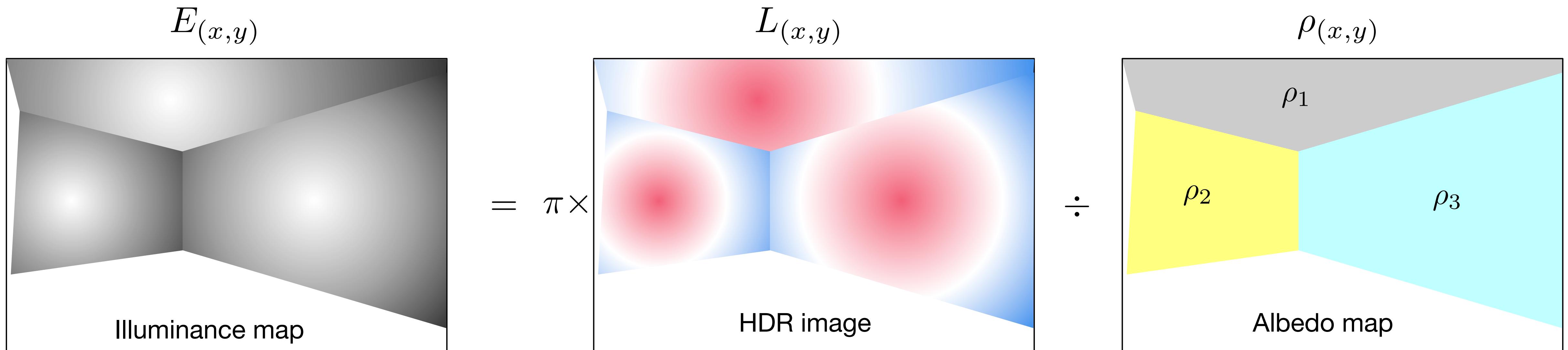
# The daylight illumination field



# Theory

$$E_r = \frac{\pi L_r}{\rho_r}$$

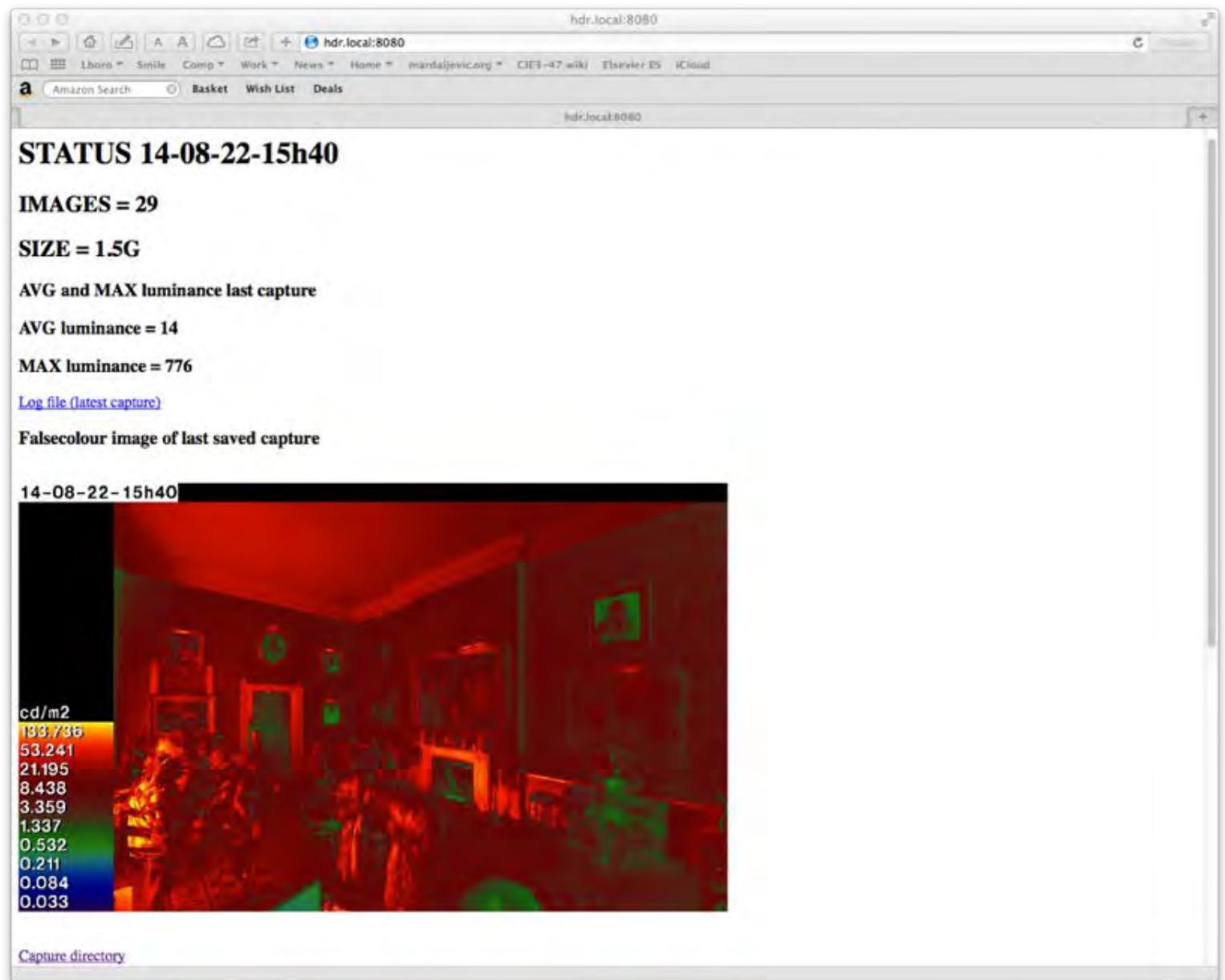
Assumes that the surface has an ideal diffuse reflectance



# The practicalities

# Long-term, autonomous HDR capture

- HDR capture every 10 minutes
- Unattended duration ~6 to 9 months
- On-the-fly deletion of ‘dark’ images
- Automatic backup of images to ‘failsafe’ drive
- Status webpage broadcast on ad-hoc wifi network

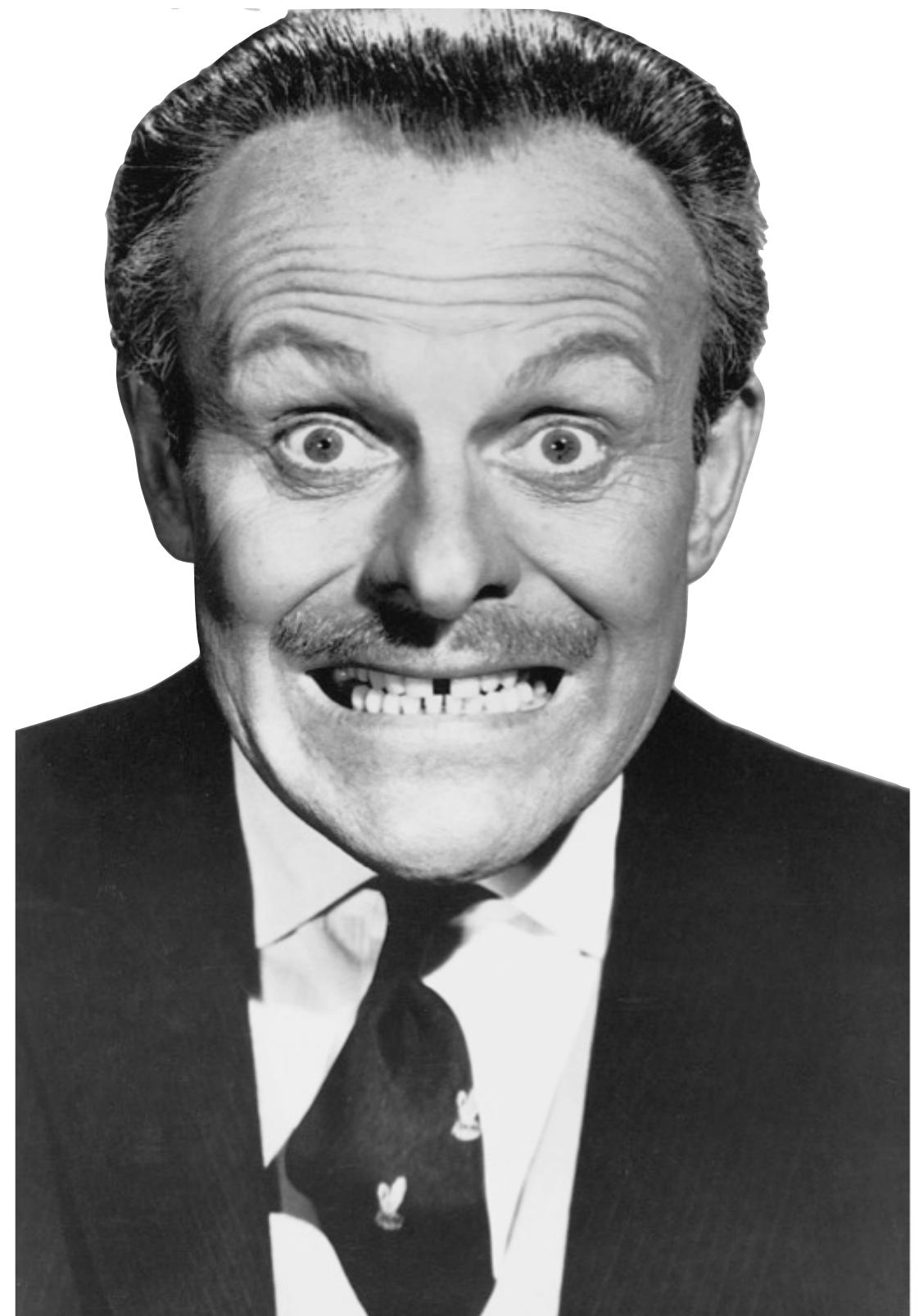


Consumer  
DSLR

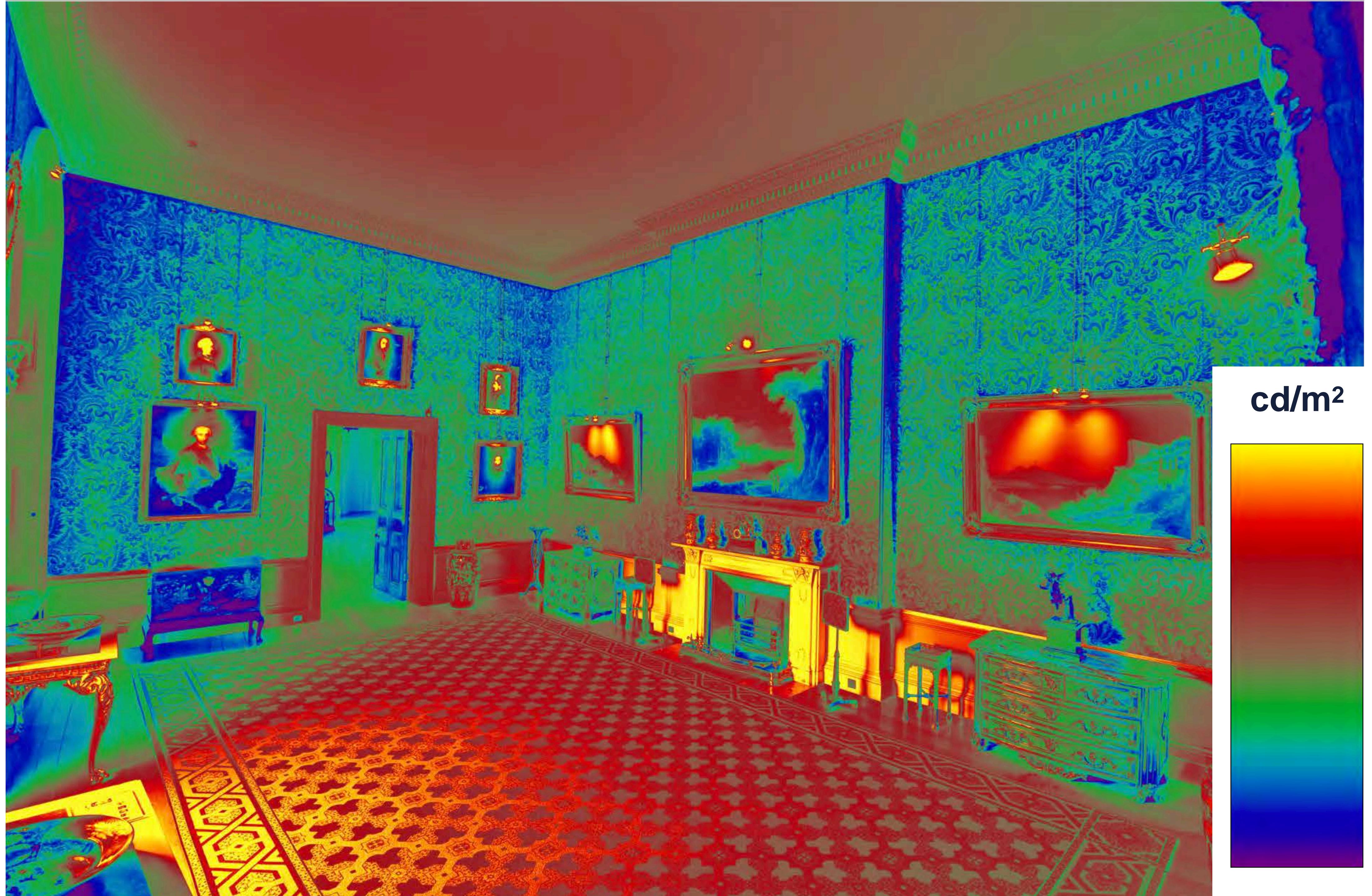


'Headless' Mac Mini

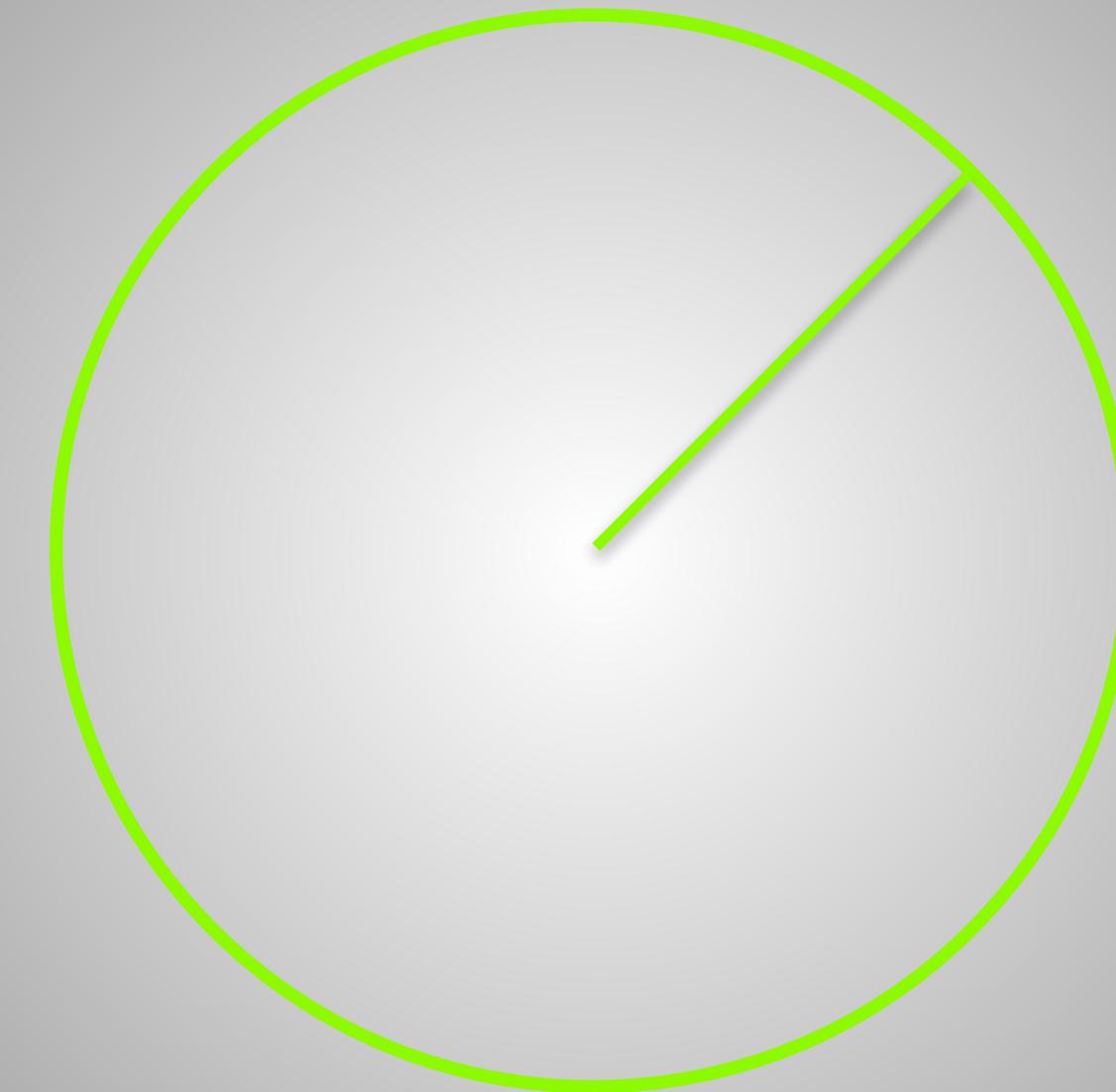




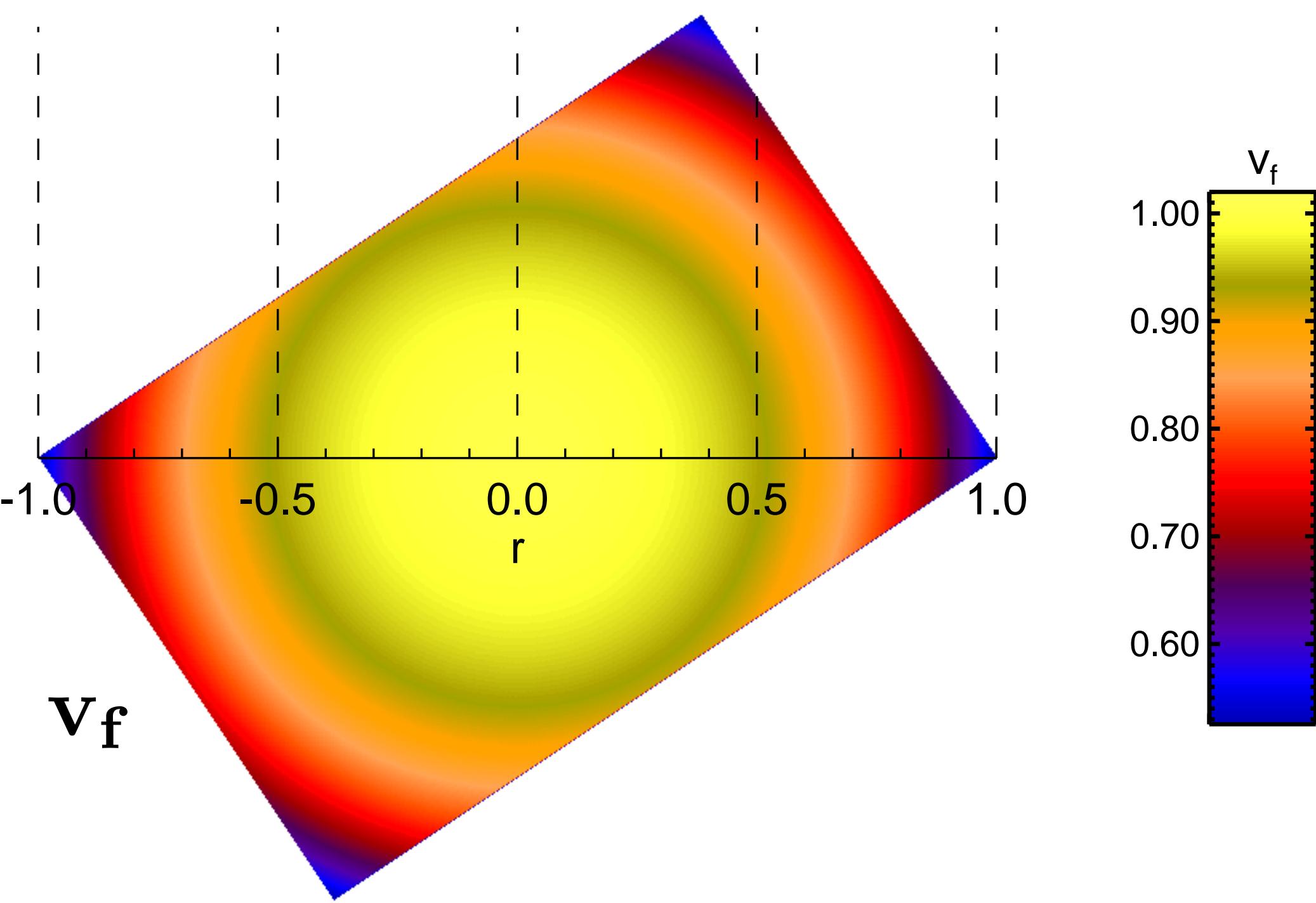
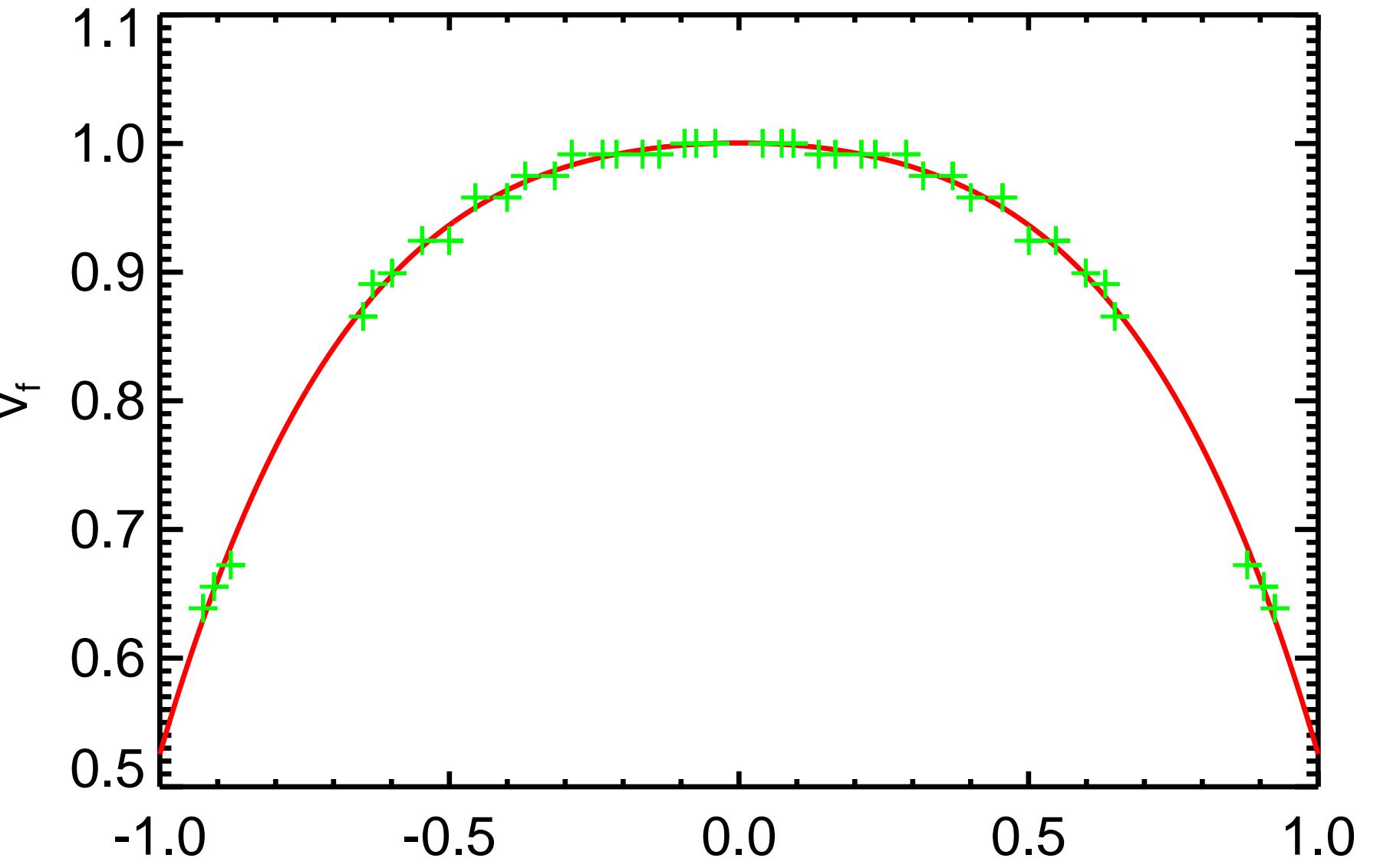




# Apply vignetting correction

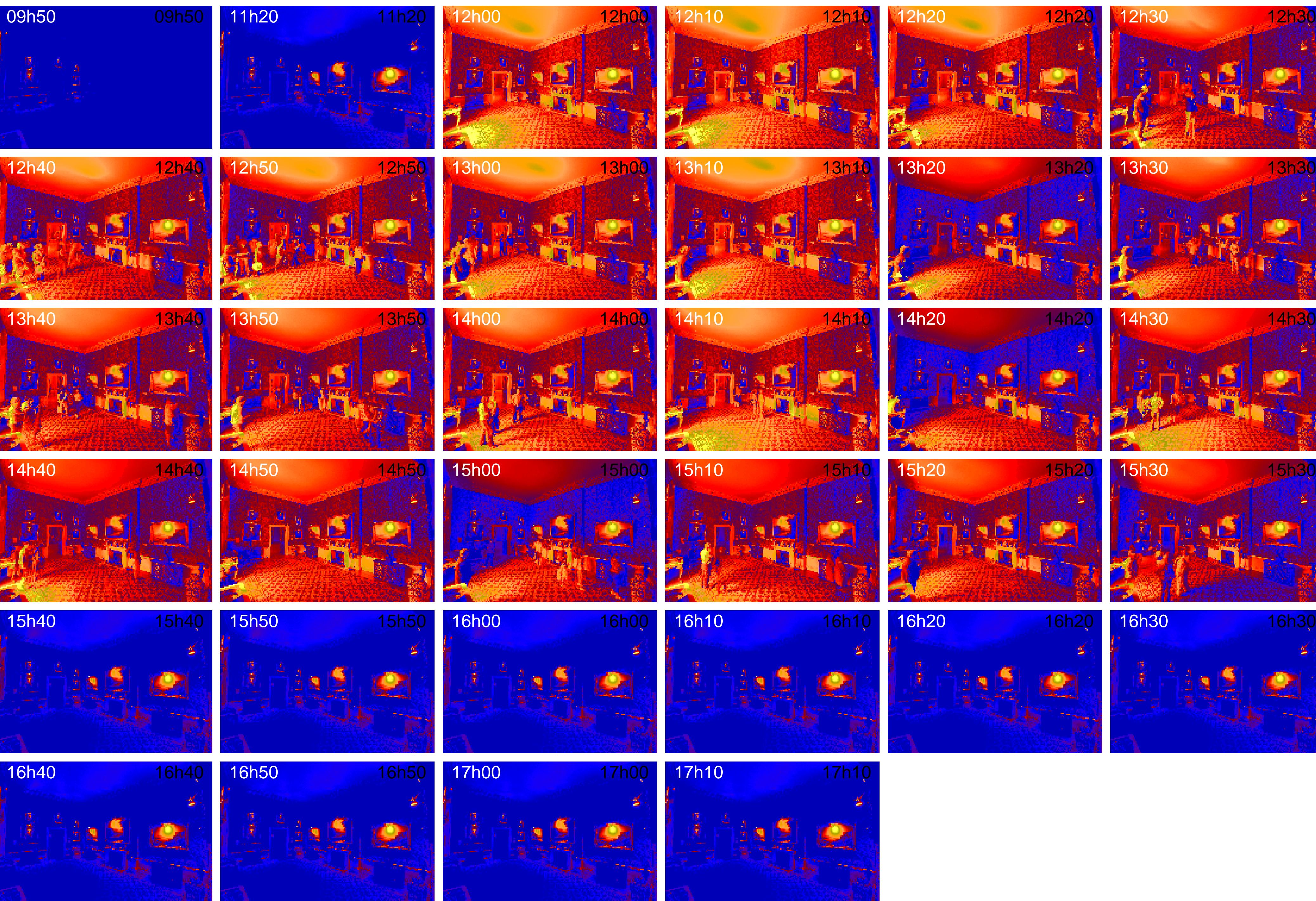


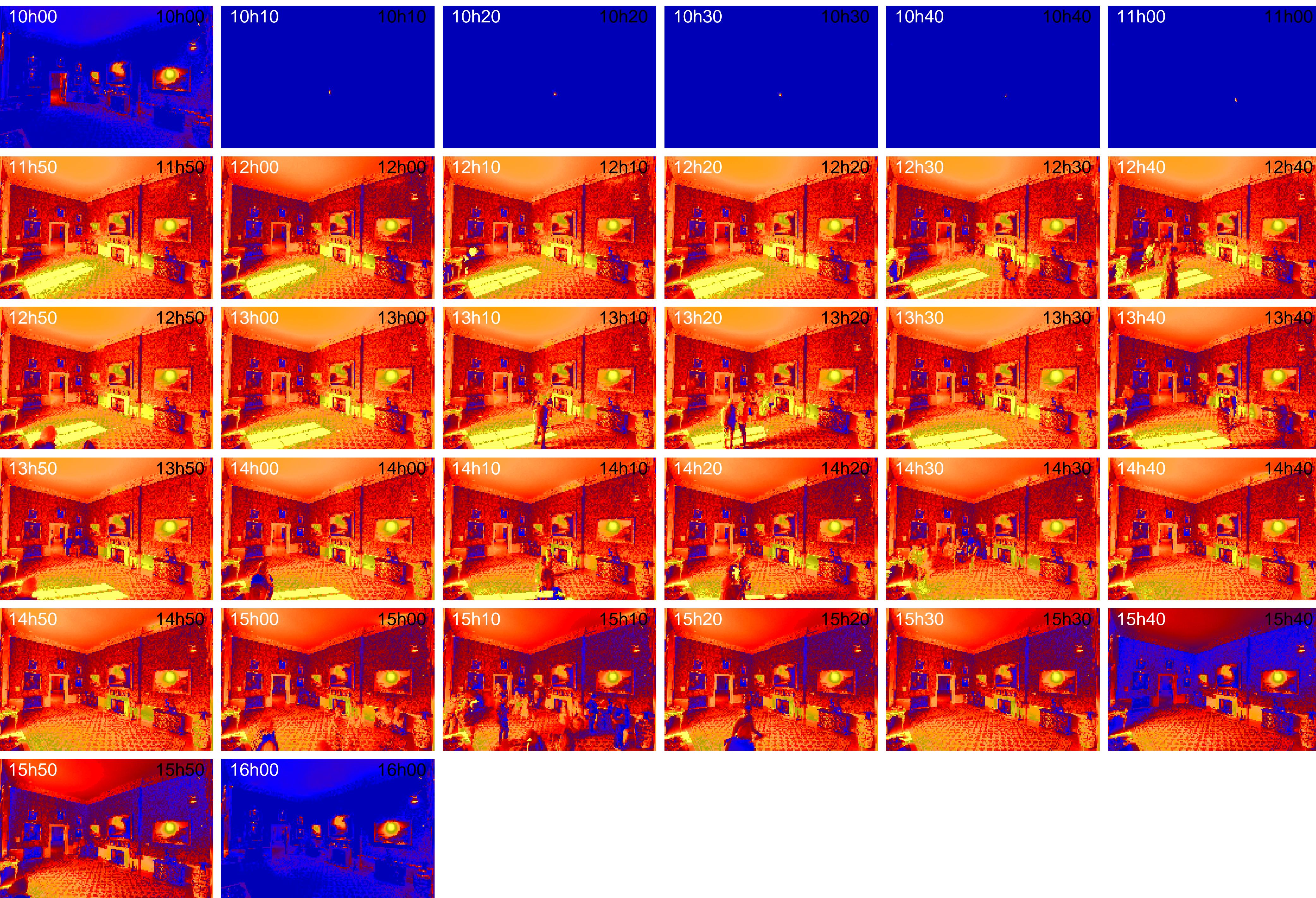
Canon 550D + 10-18mm : @10mm, f8

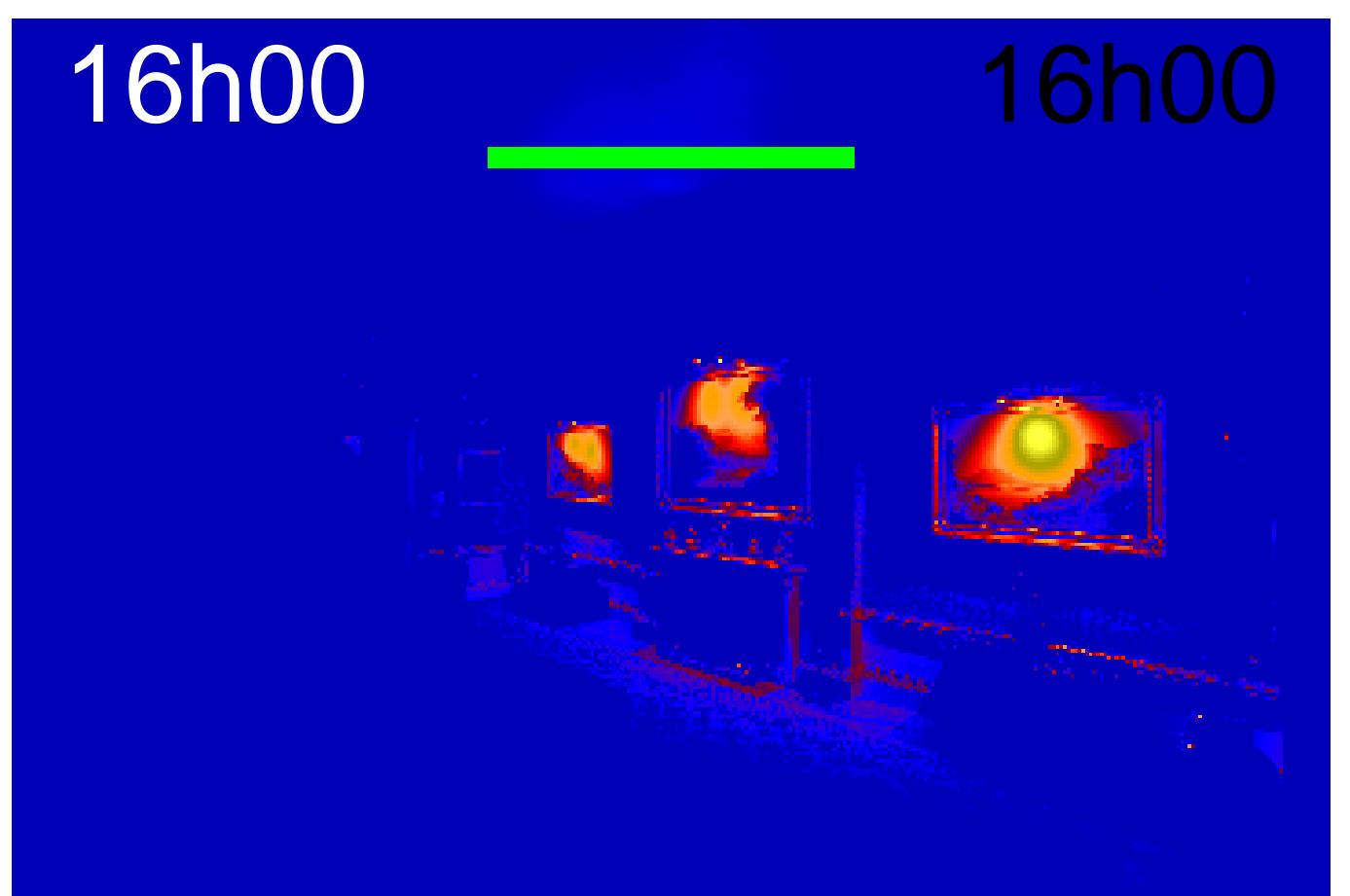
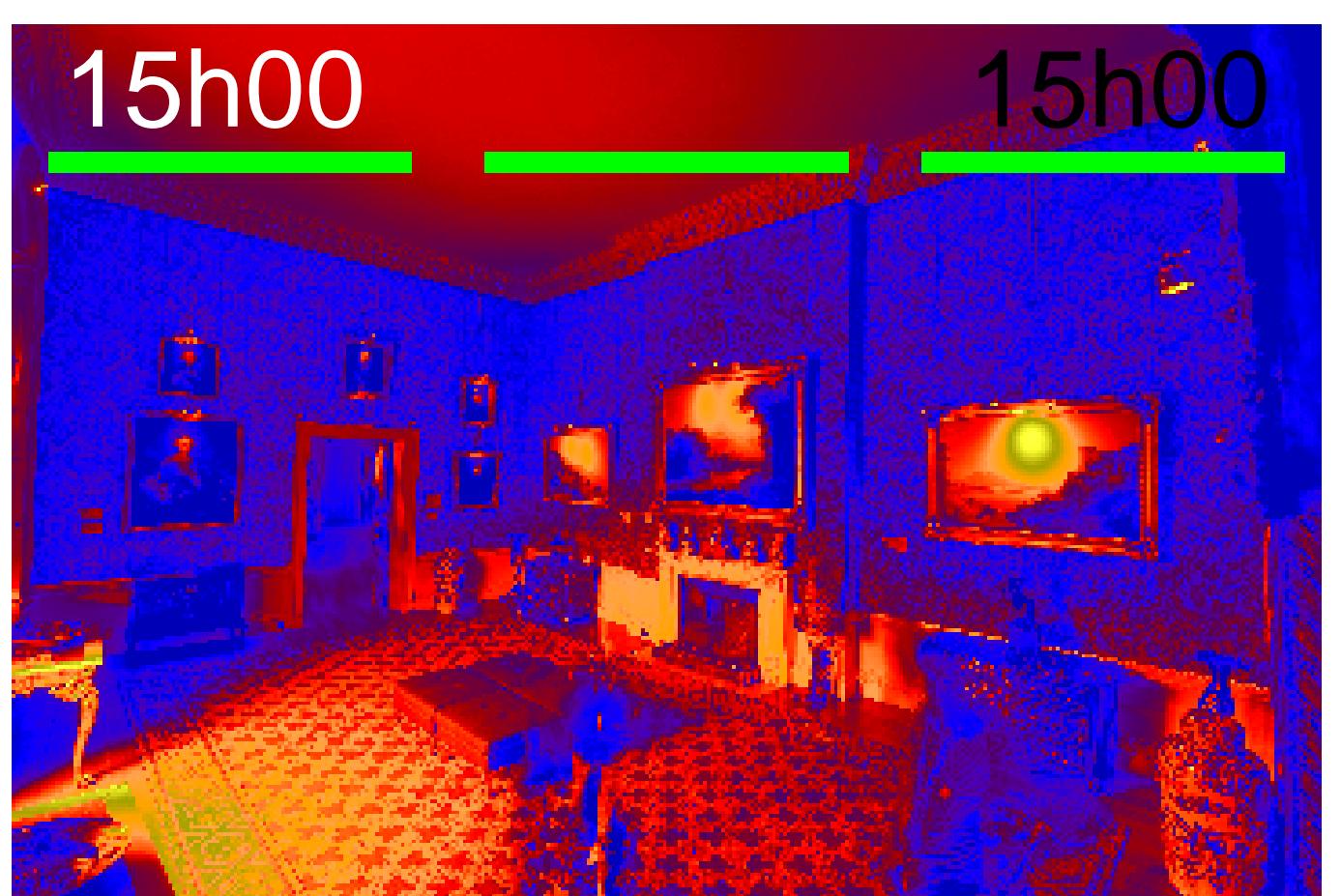
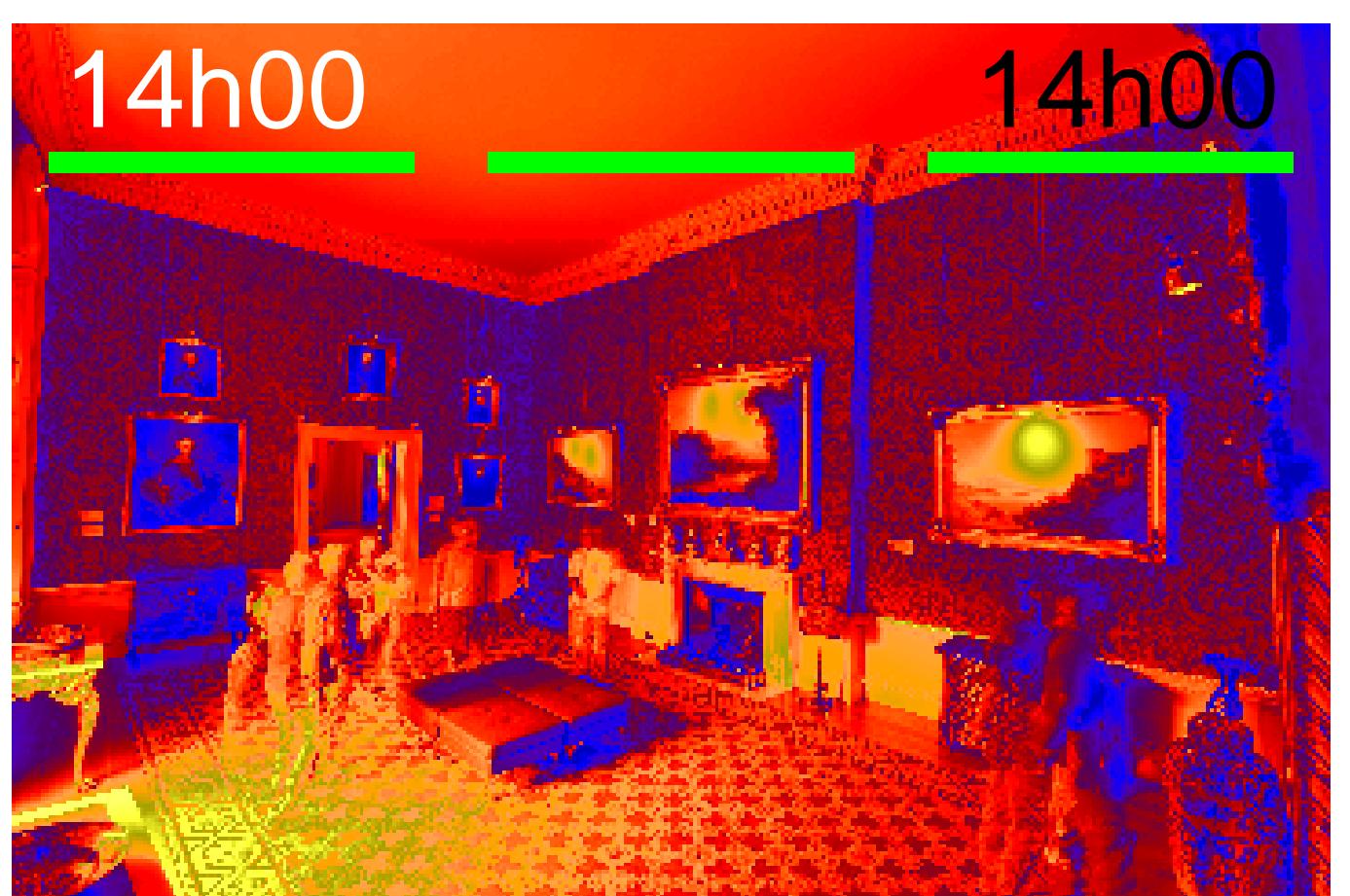


6+ months of unattended monitoring

> Daily ‘visual’ record sheets

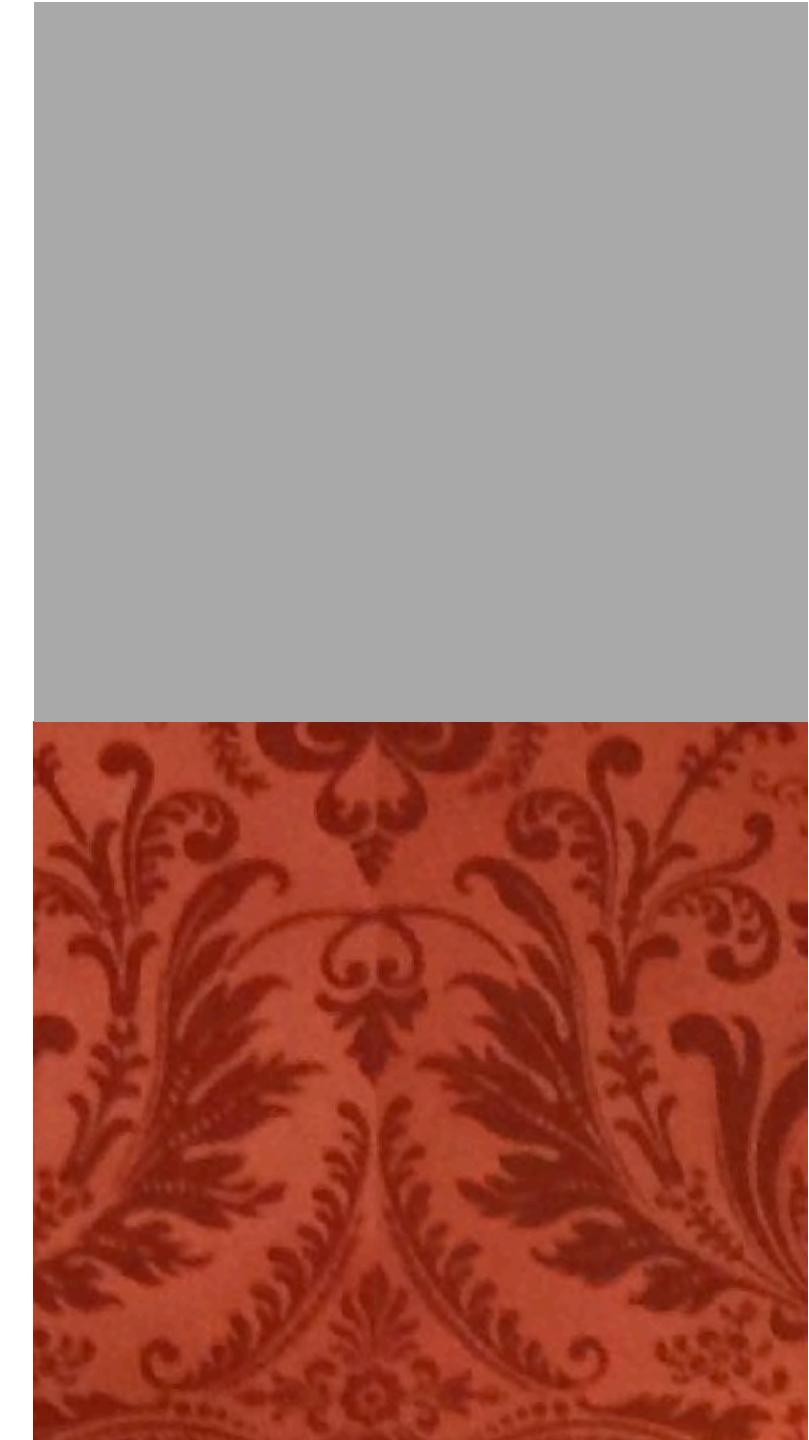


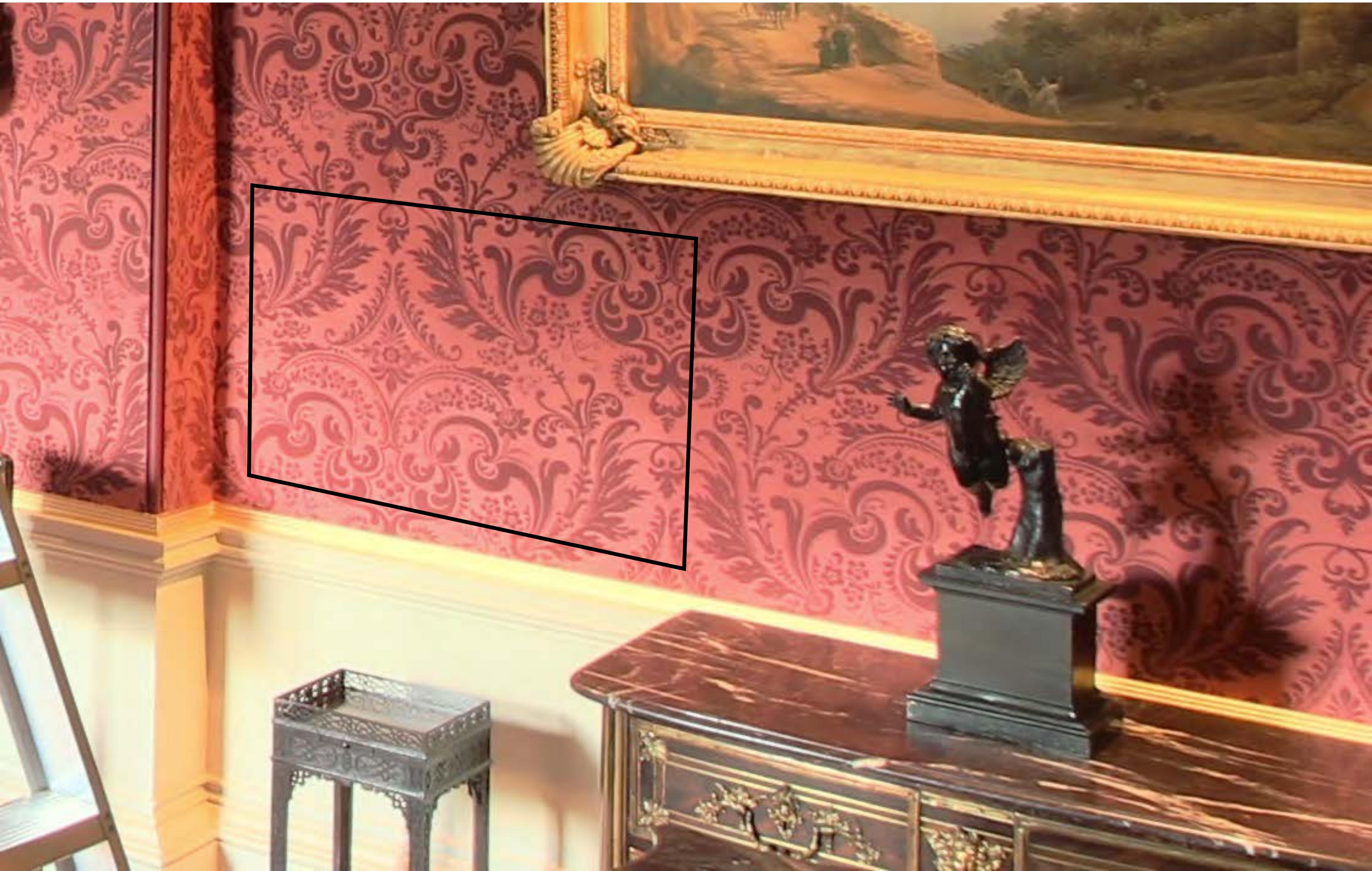




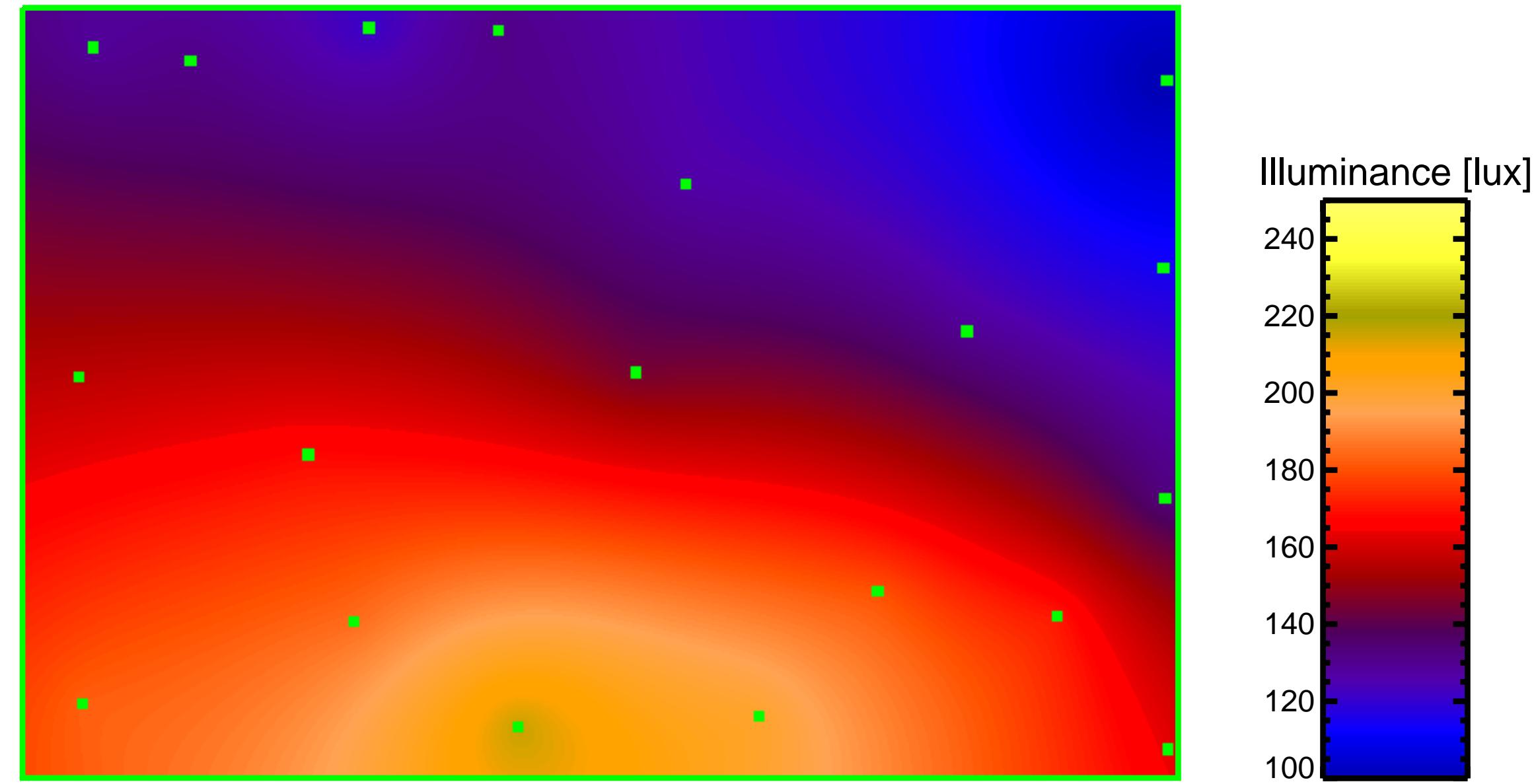
# Derive illuminance from HDR luminance

$$E_r = \frac{\pi L_r}{\rho_r}$$





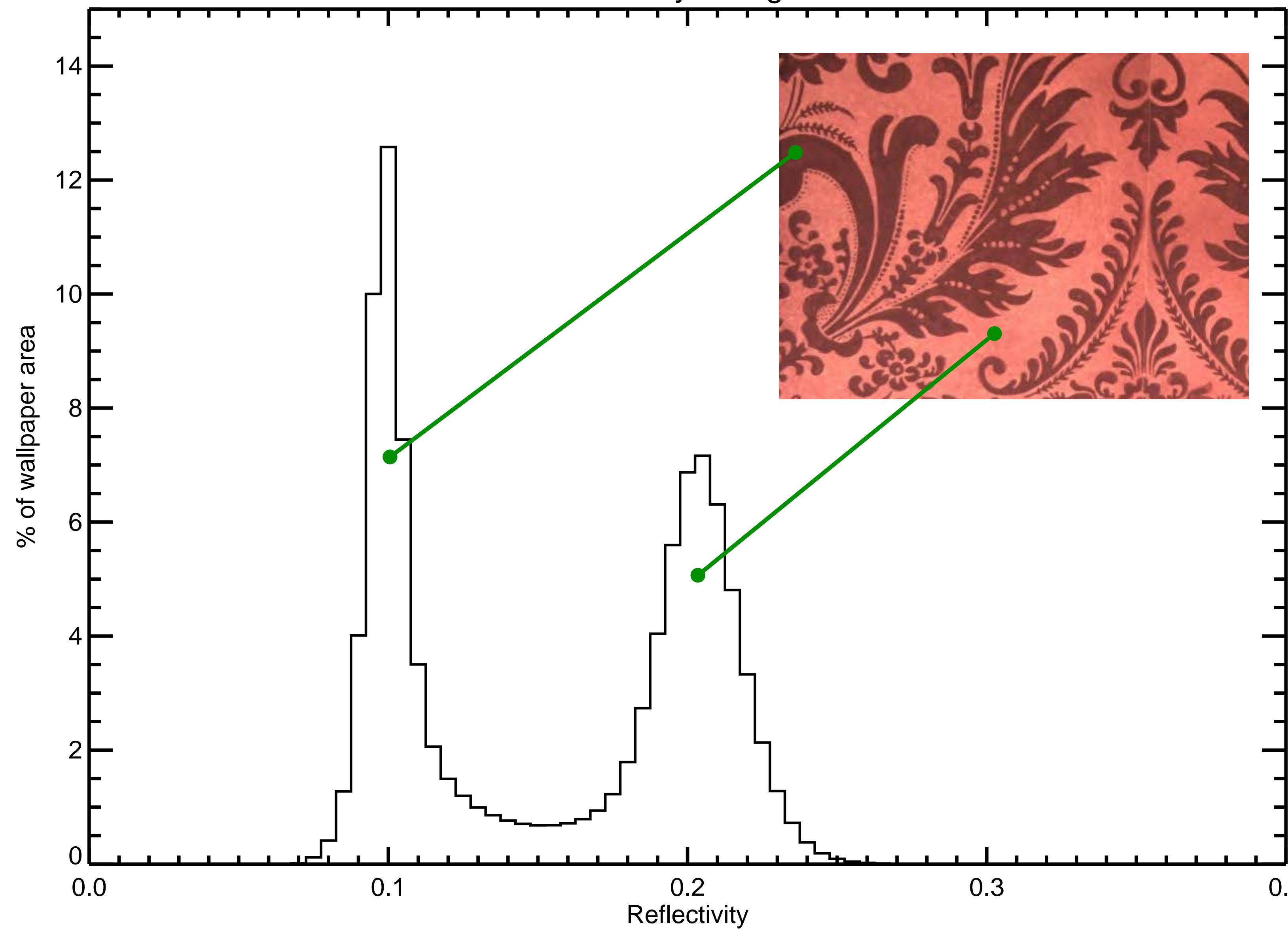
Interpolated illuminance field



Reflectance map



Reflectivity histogram



Average for image = 0.157 or 15.7%

Random 350 pixels

Reflectance - box average



Random 700 pixels

Reflectance - box average



Mean for image = 0.157

Mean [stdev] of box samples = 0.156 [0.007]

Random 1400 pixels

Reflectance - box average



Mean for image = 0.157

Mean [stdev] of box samples = 0.160 [0.004]



2x the minimum  
'safe' size

Apply vignetting correction; subtract  
electric light contribution



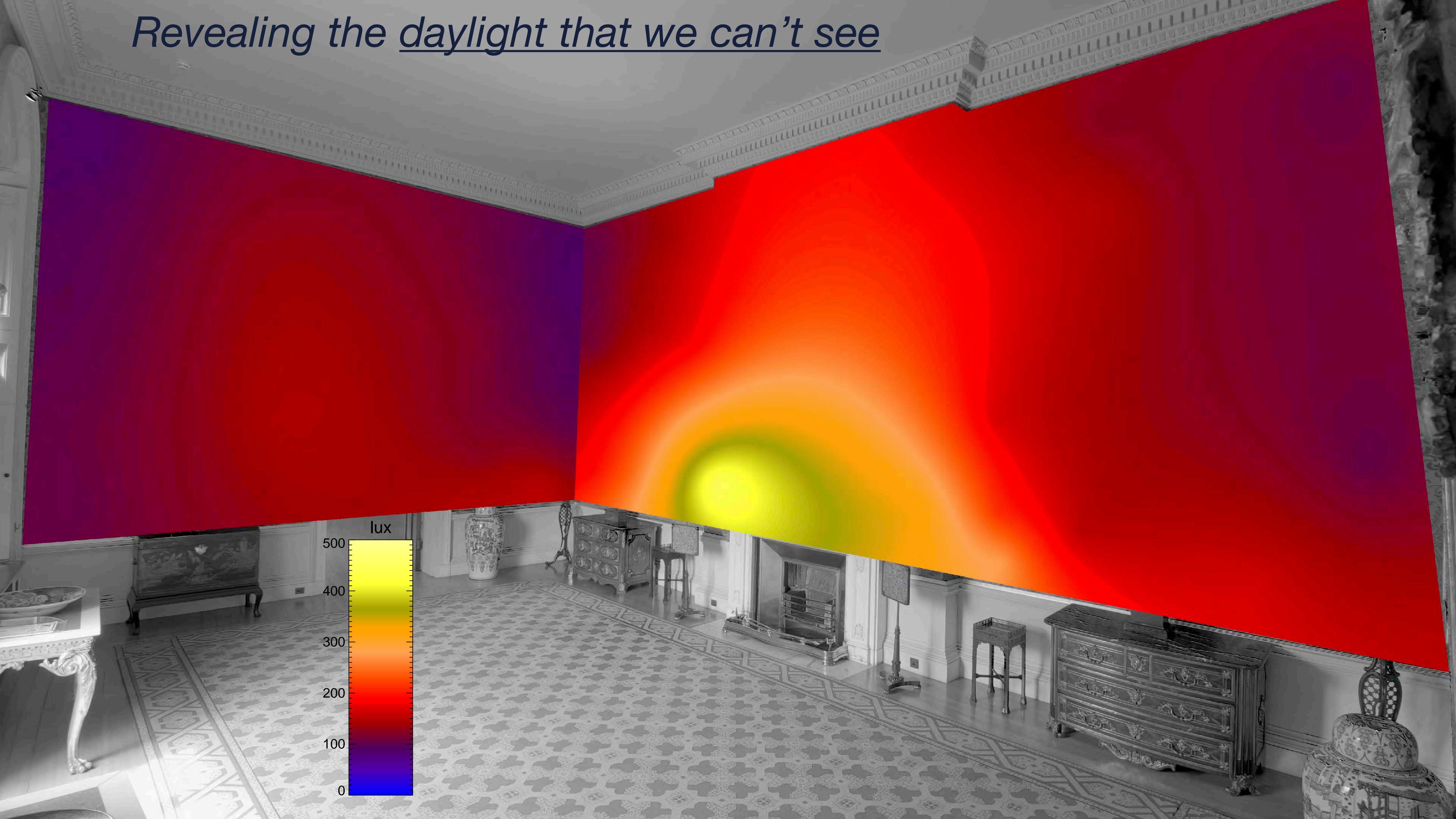
Determine mean luminance  
at the target patches



# Interpolate illumination field across target patches



*Revealing the daylight that we can't see*



**But...**

# Ghostly encounters

Share spine-chilling thrills at some of the most haunted historic houses and castles across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. With ghostly tales from centuries past, there are plenty of ways to get into the spirit of things on a day out with us. Take an eerie walk with your family in a haunted house if you dare. Here's our pick of the most hair-raising haunted locations, and their spooky stories. Are you brave enough to pay them a visit?



Blickling Estate  
Norfolk



## Blickling Hall, Norfolk

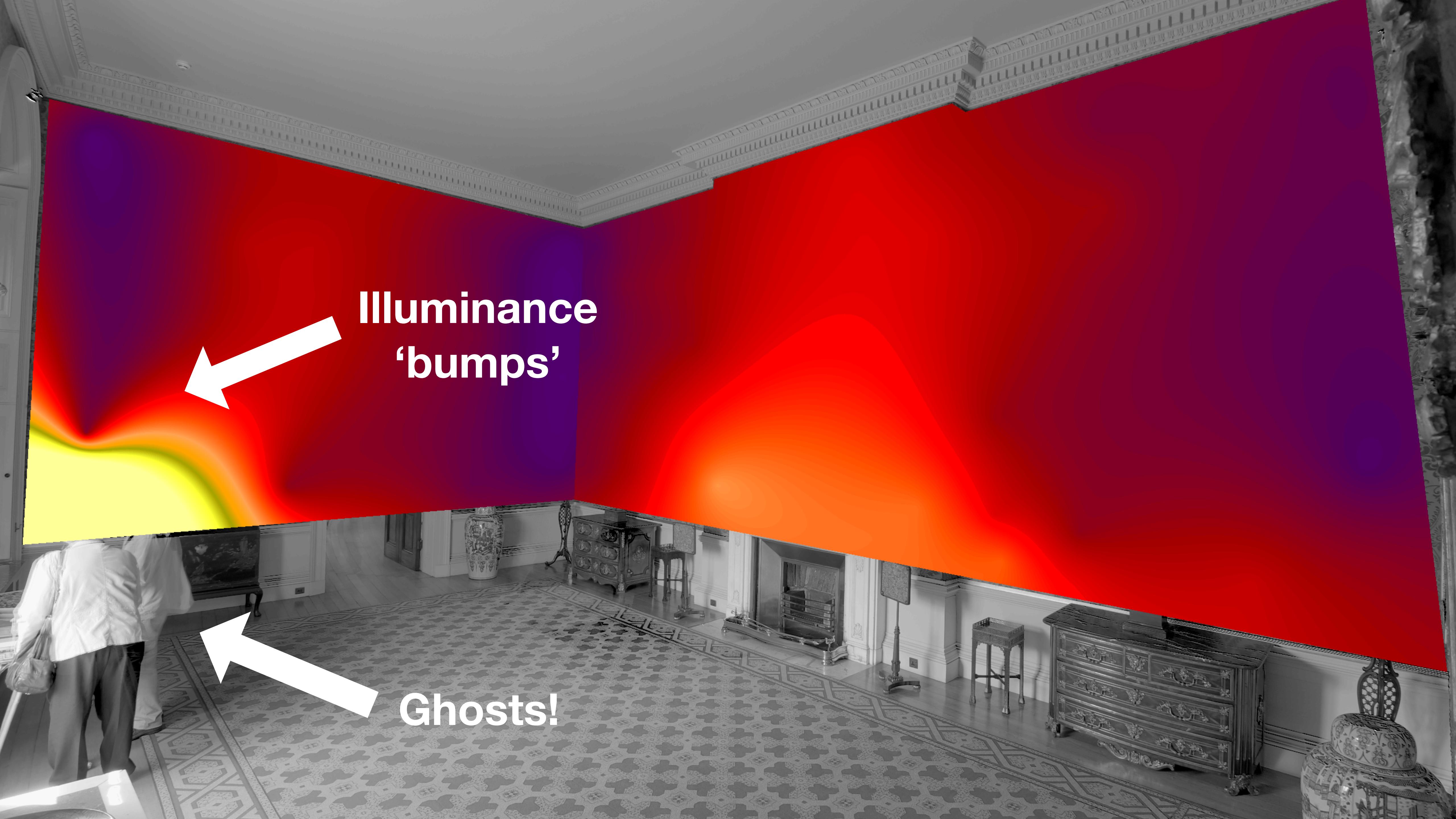
Thought to be the birthplace of Anne Boleyn, her headless ghost is said to return on the anniversary of her execution.

Other ghostly residents allegedly include Sir John Falstofe and Sir Henry Hobart, whose dying groans can be heard emanating from the West Turret Bedroom on the anniversary of his death.

Spot ghosts at Blickling Hall







Illuminance  
‘bumps’

Ghosts!

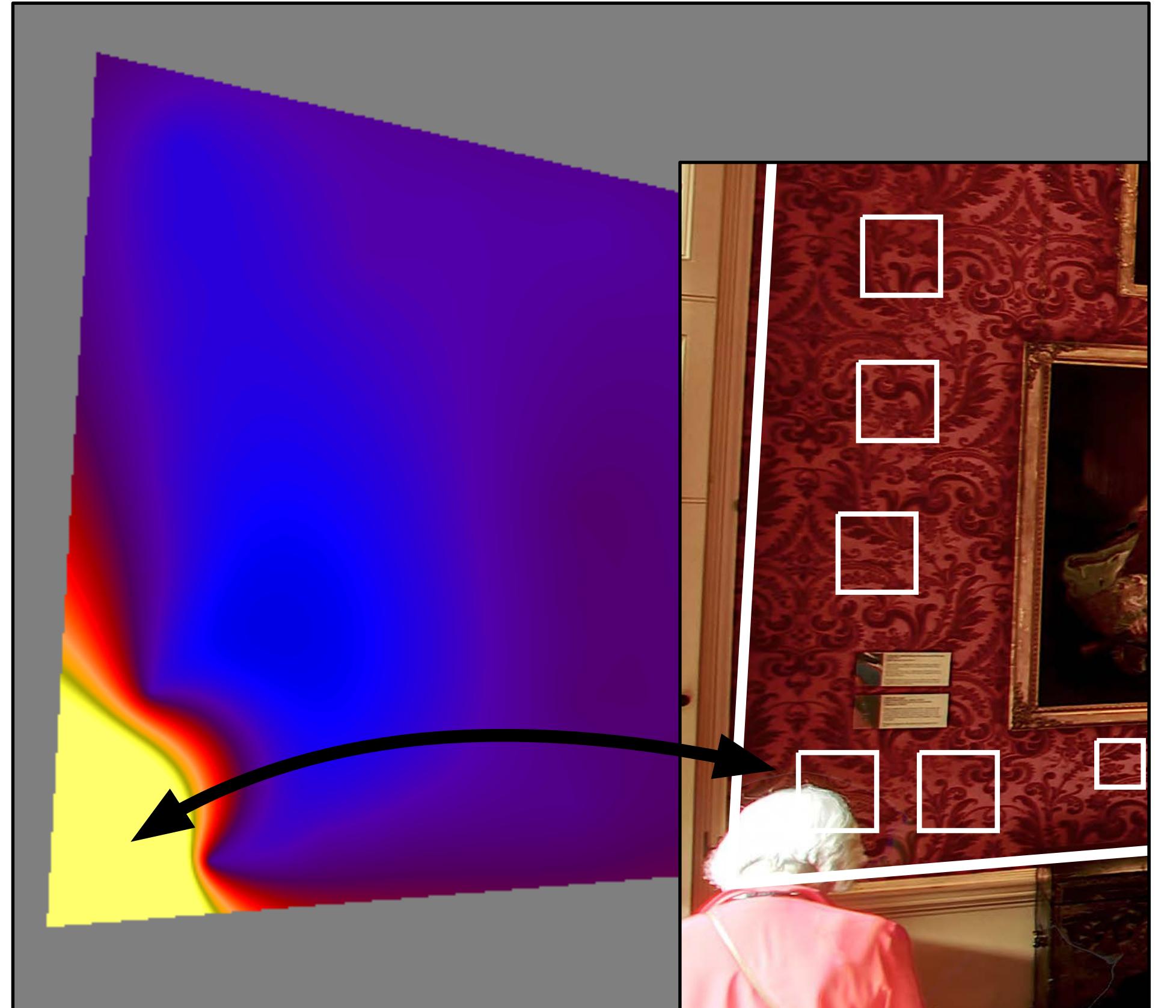
Need a fix...



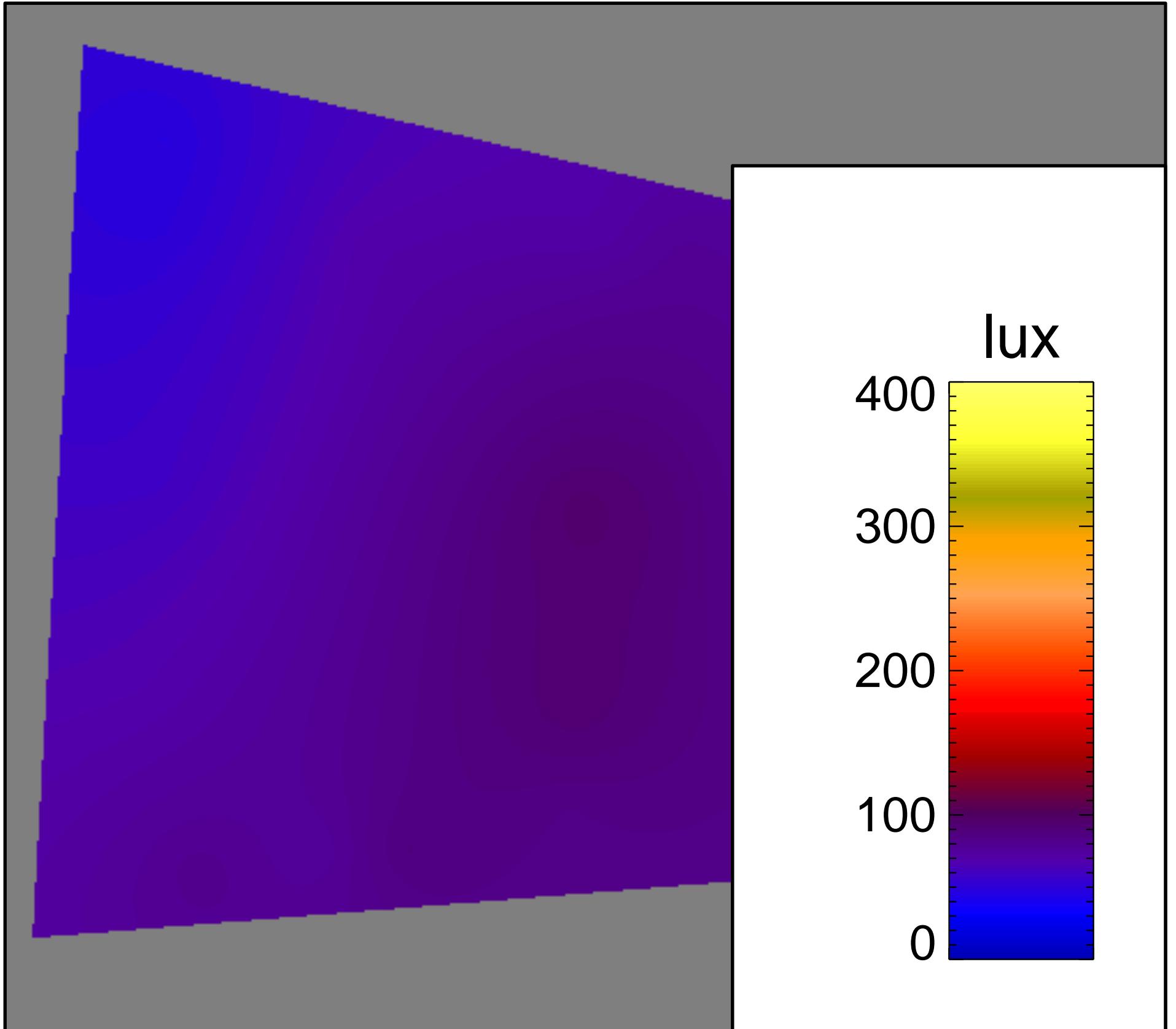
Each wallpaper patch has a distinctive ‘signature’





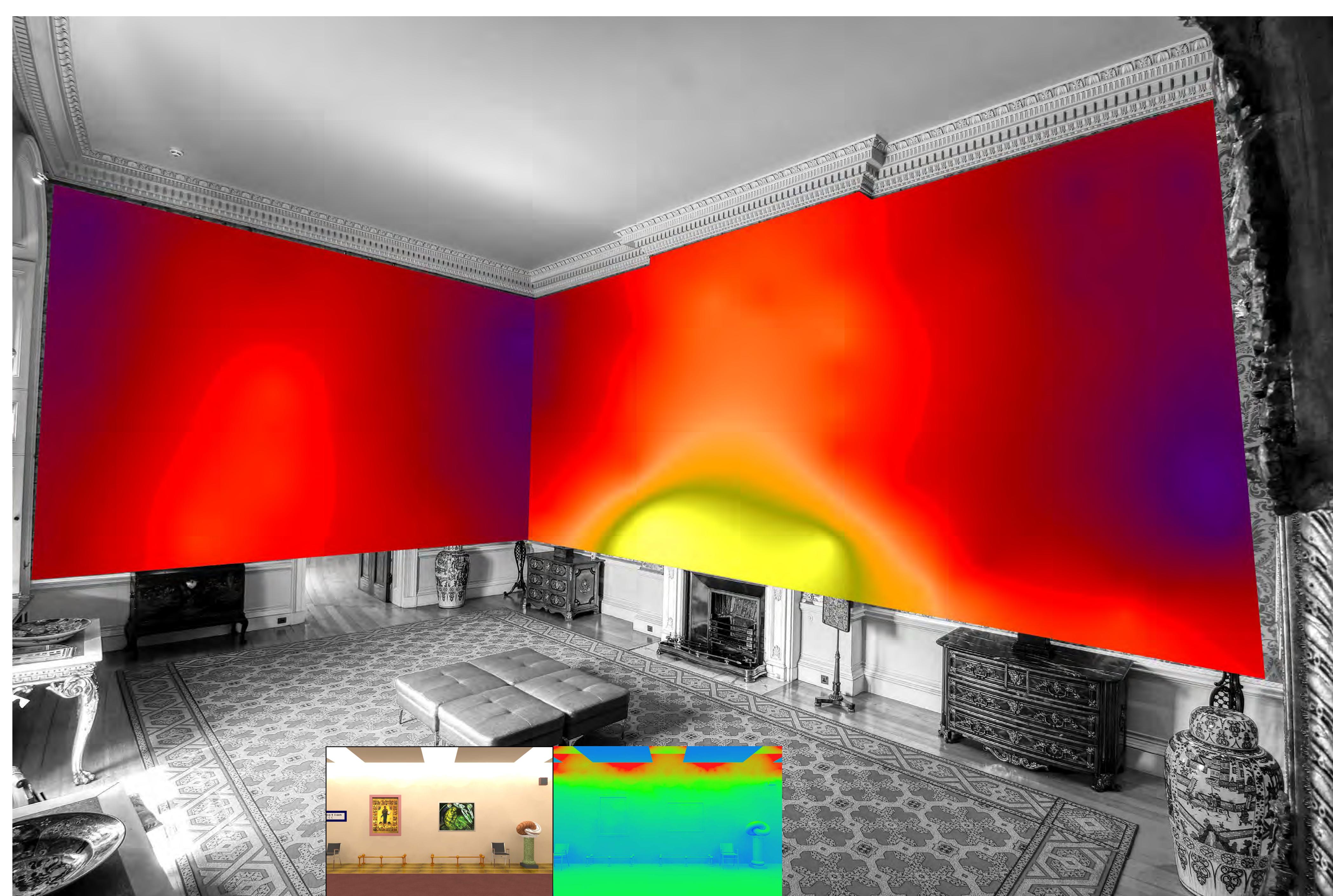


'Ghost'  
removal



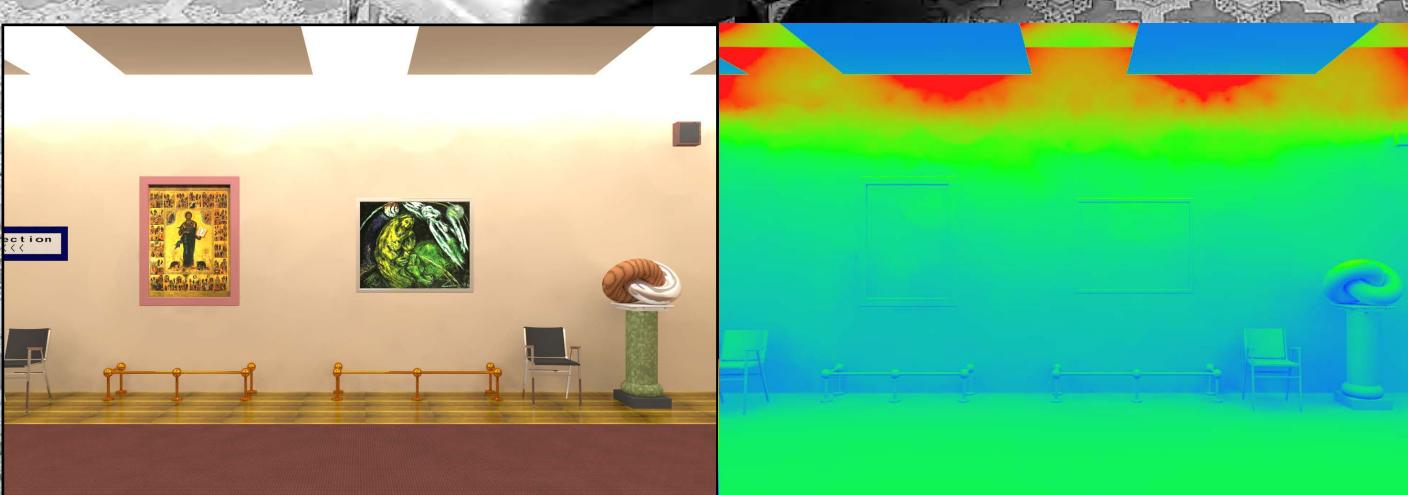
Cumulative daylight  
exposure

July 2016

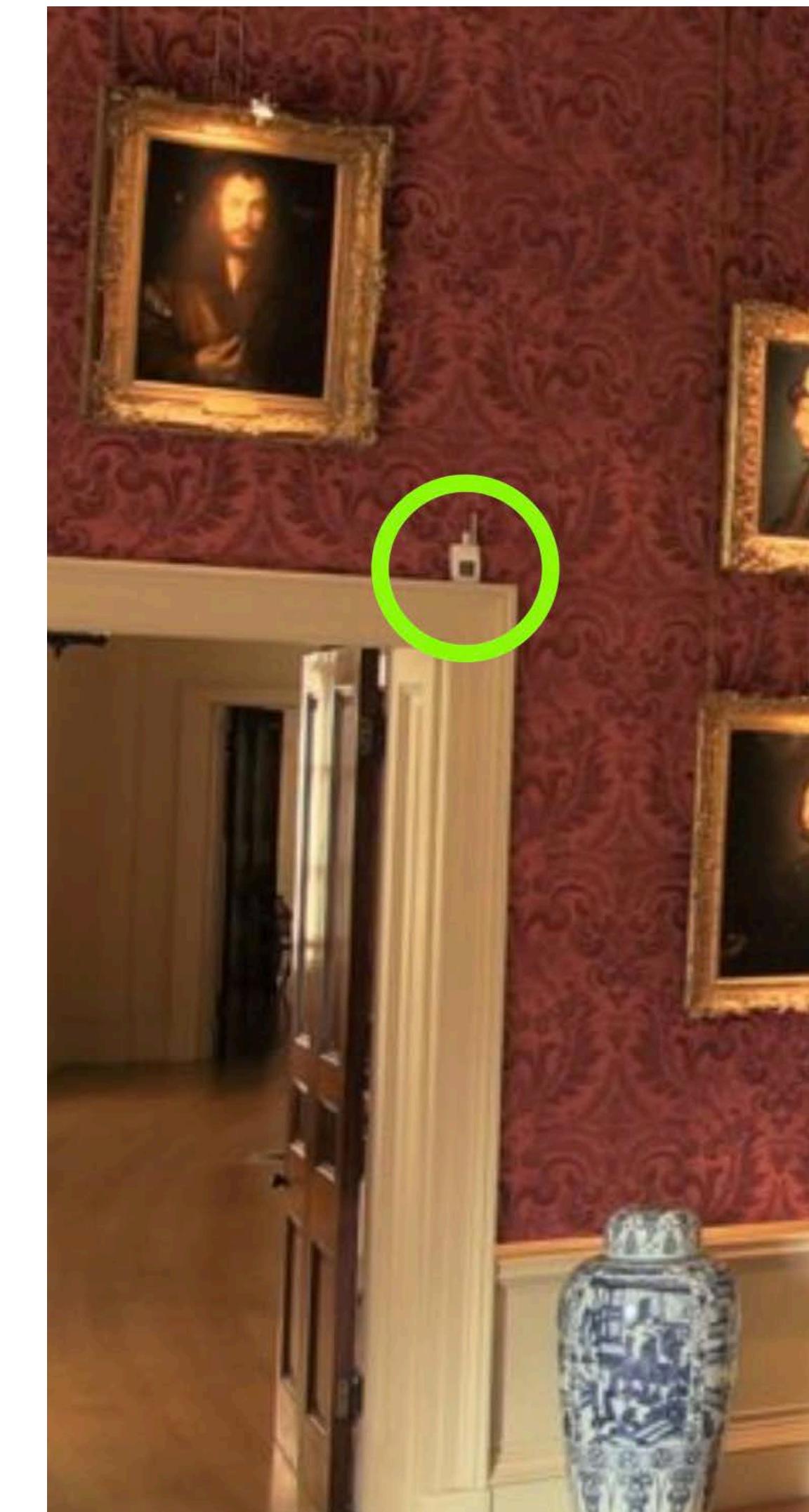
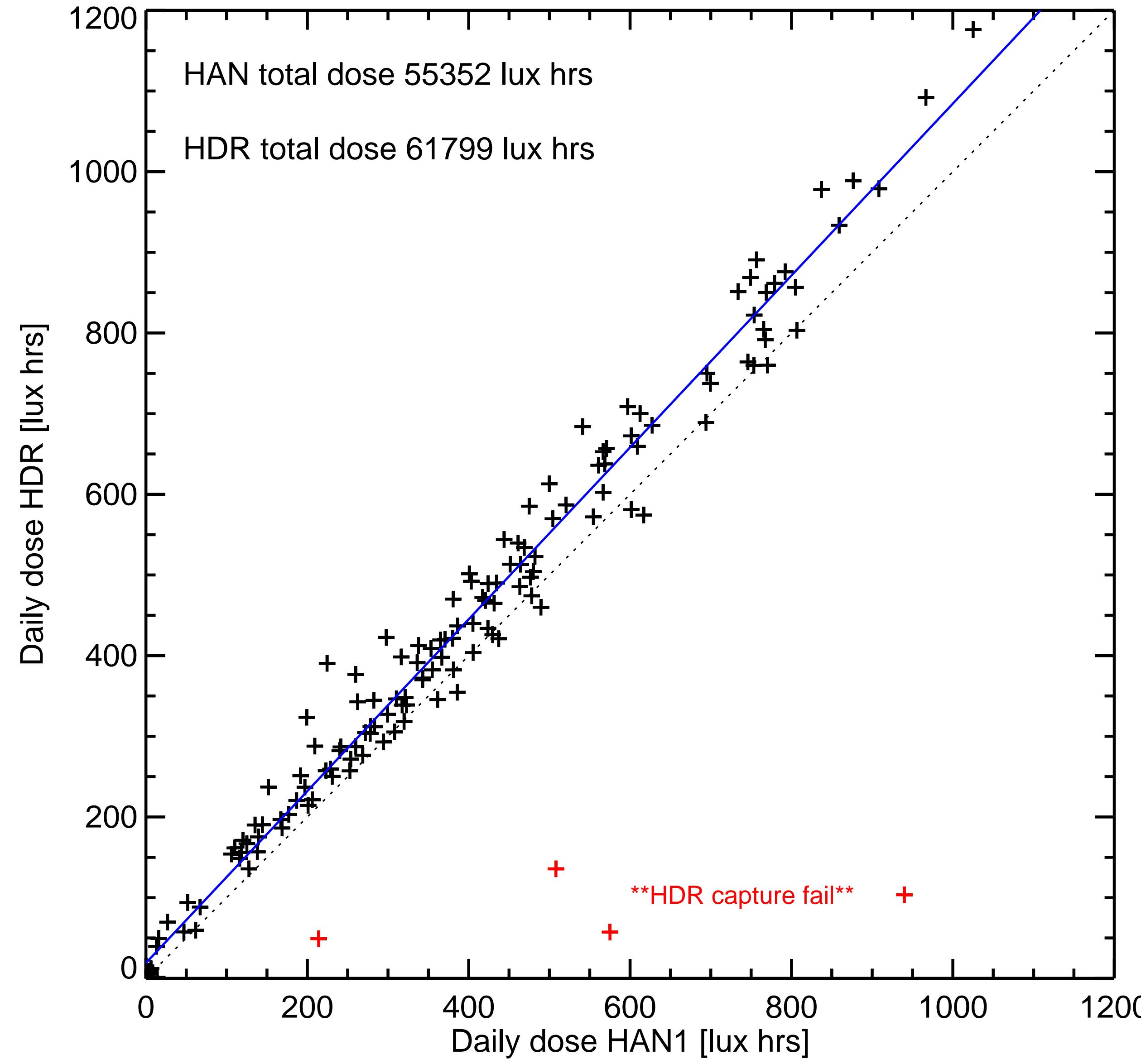


lx hrs

14000  
12000  
10000  
8000  
6000  
4000  
2000  
0



# Validation



# External monitoring of illuminance



Delta-T BF5 Sunshine Sensor  
Measures global and diffuse radiation

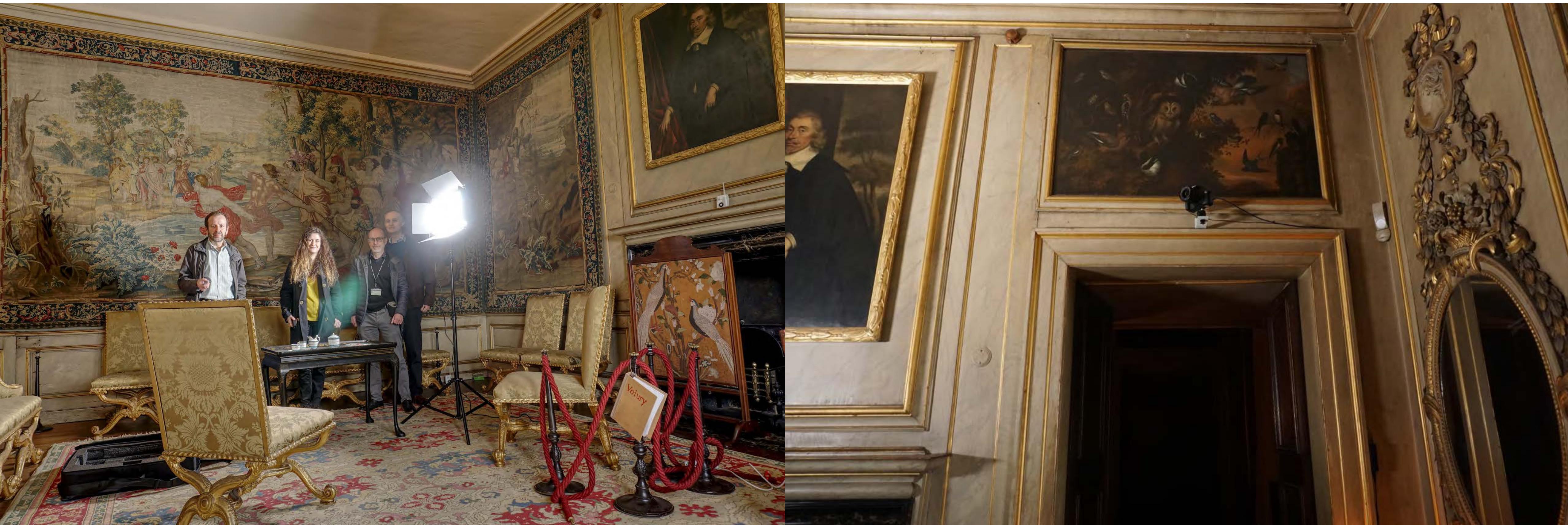


But what if there are no suitable  
‘target’ patches of known  
reflectance?

# Ham House, Richmond

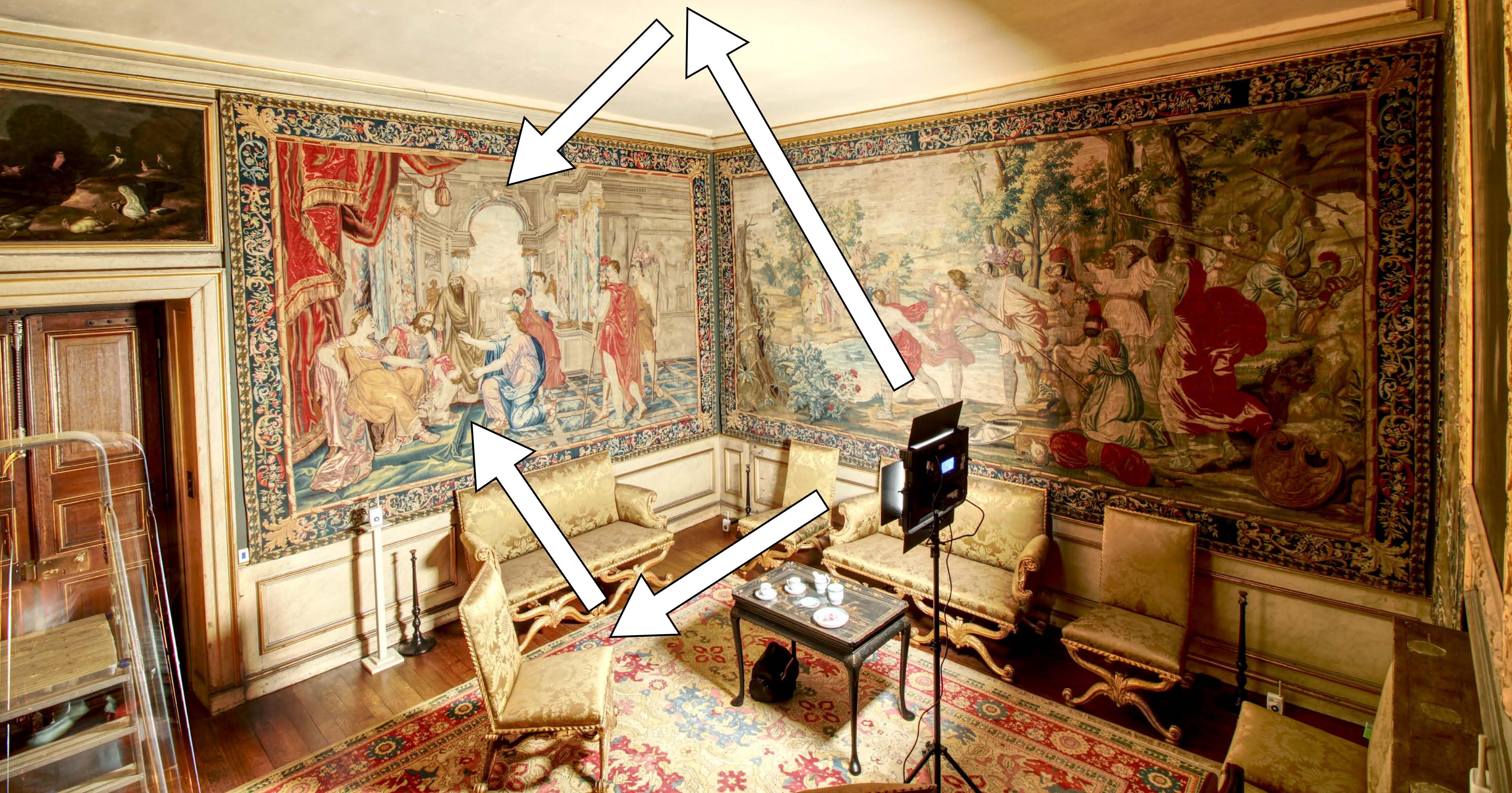


# The Volury

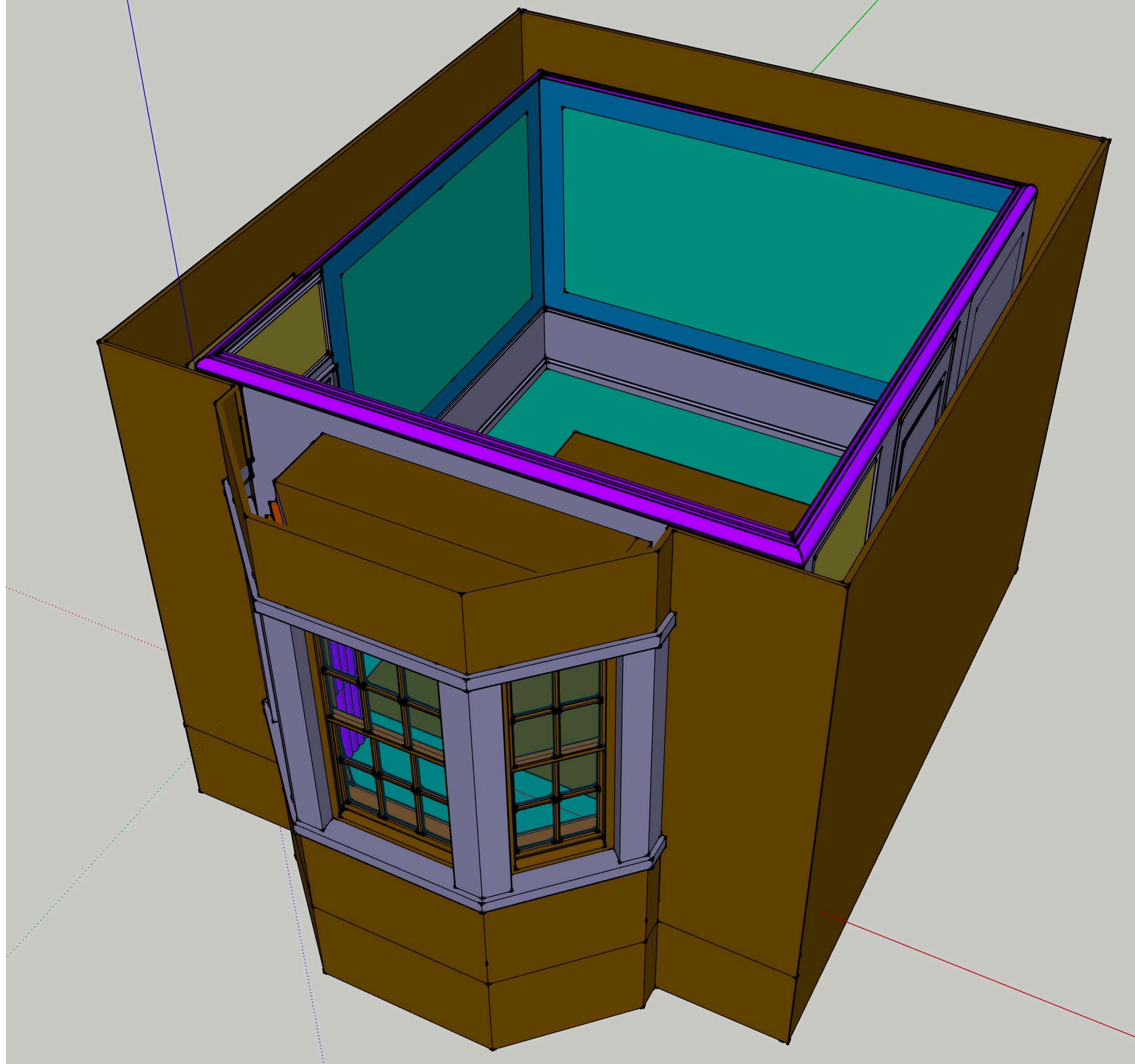


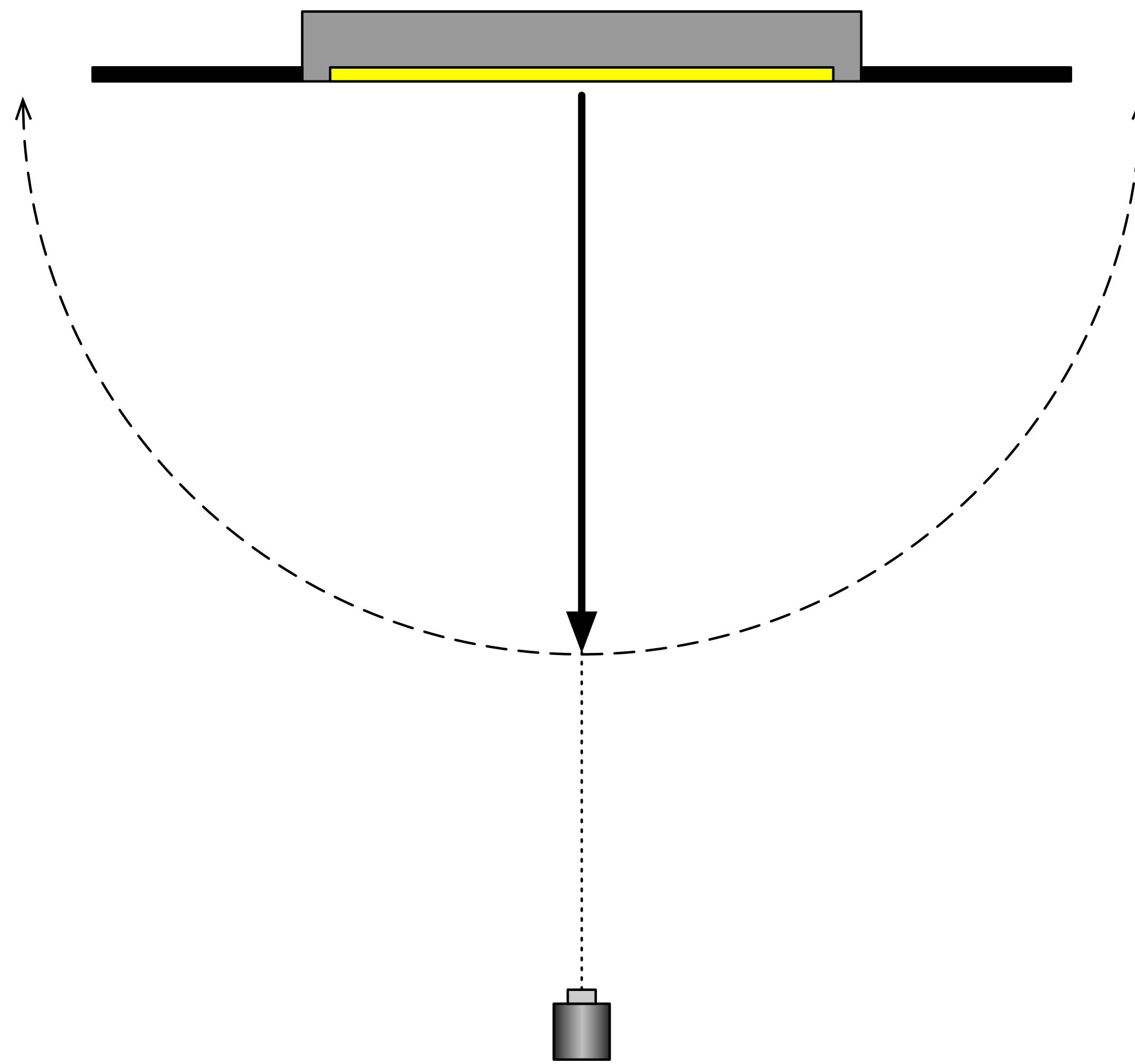
22/03/19

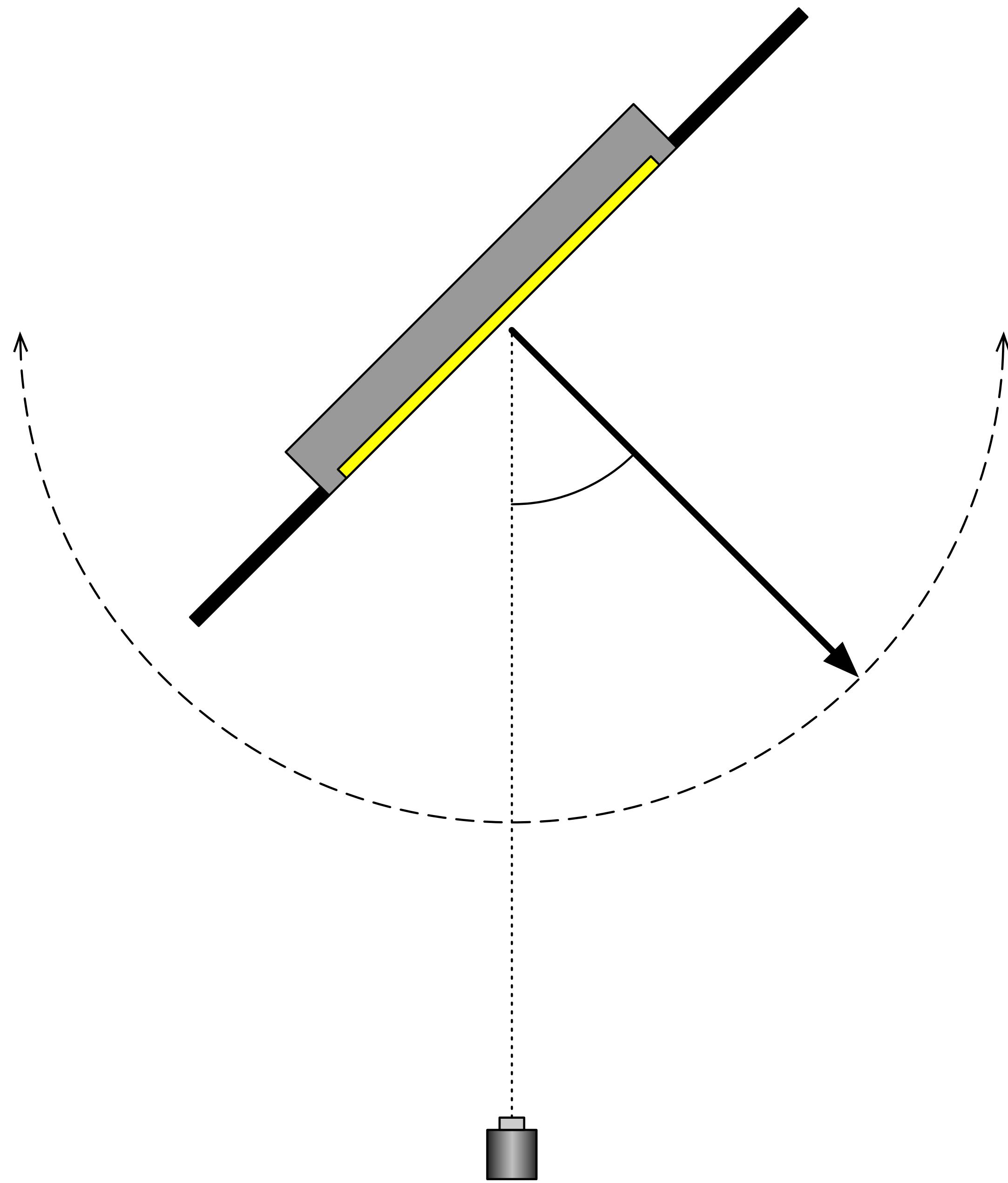
Use a known illumination field to determine the reflectance map for each tapestry

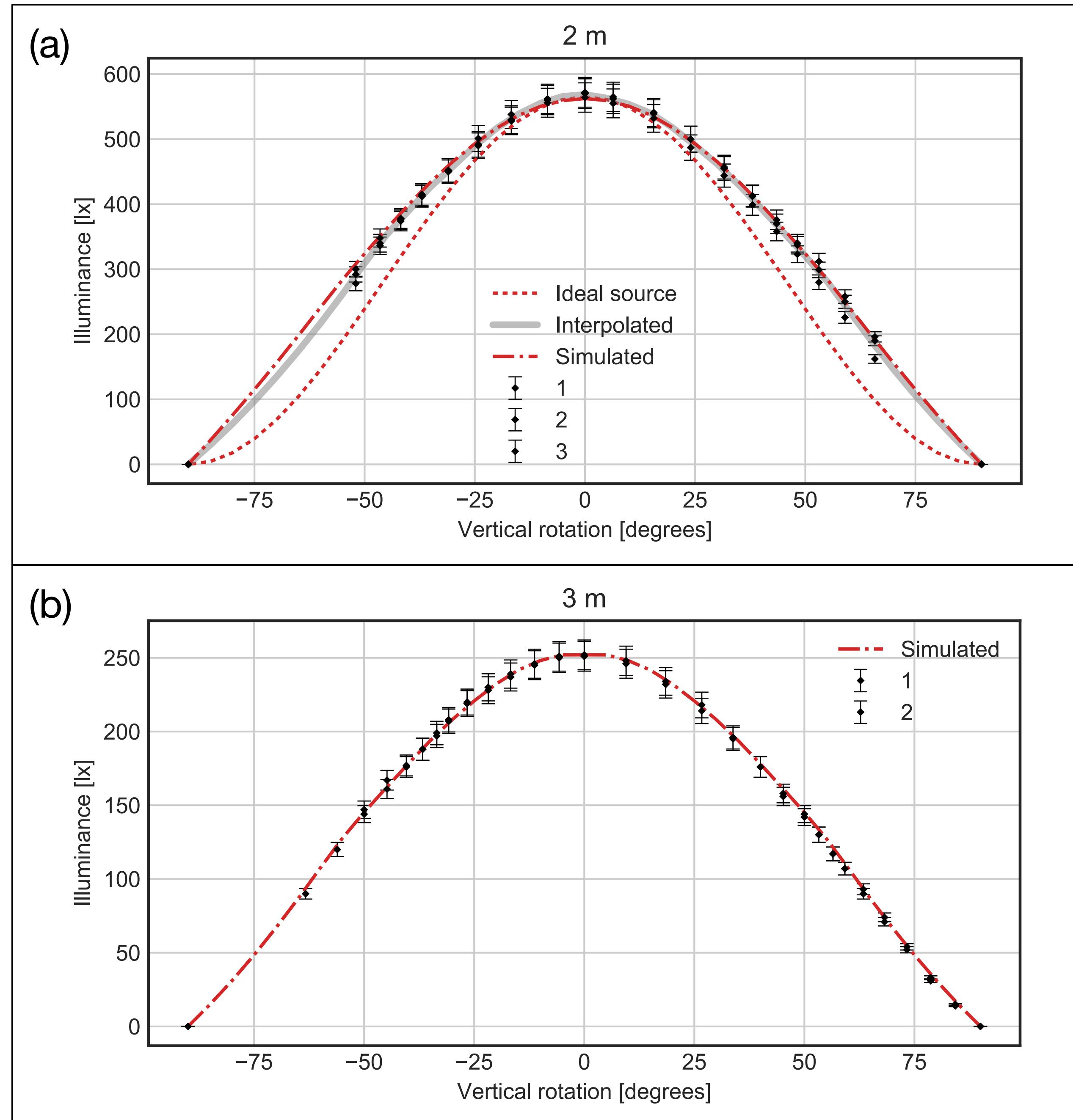


Need to use a *Radiance* simulation to account for both the direct and reflected light from the LED panel arriving at the tapestry

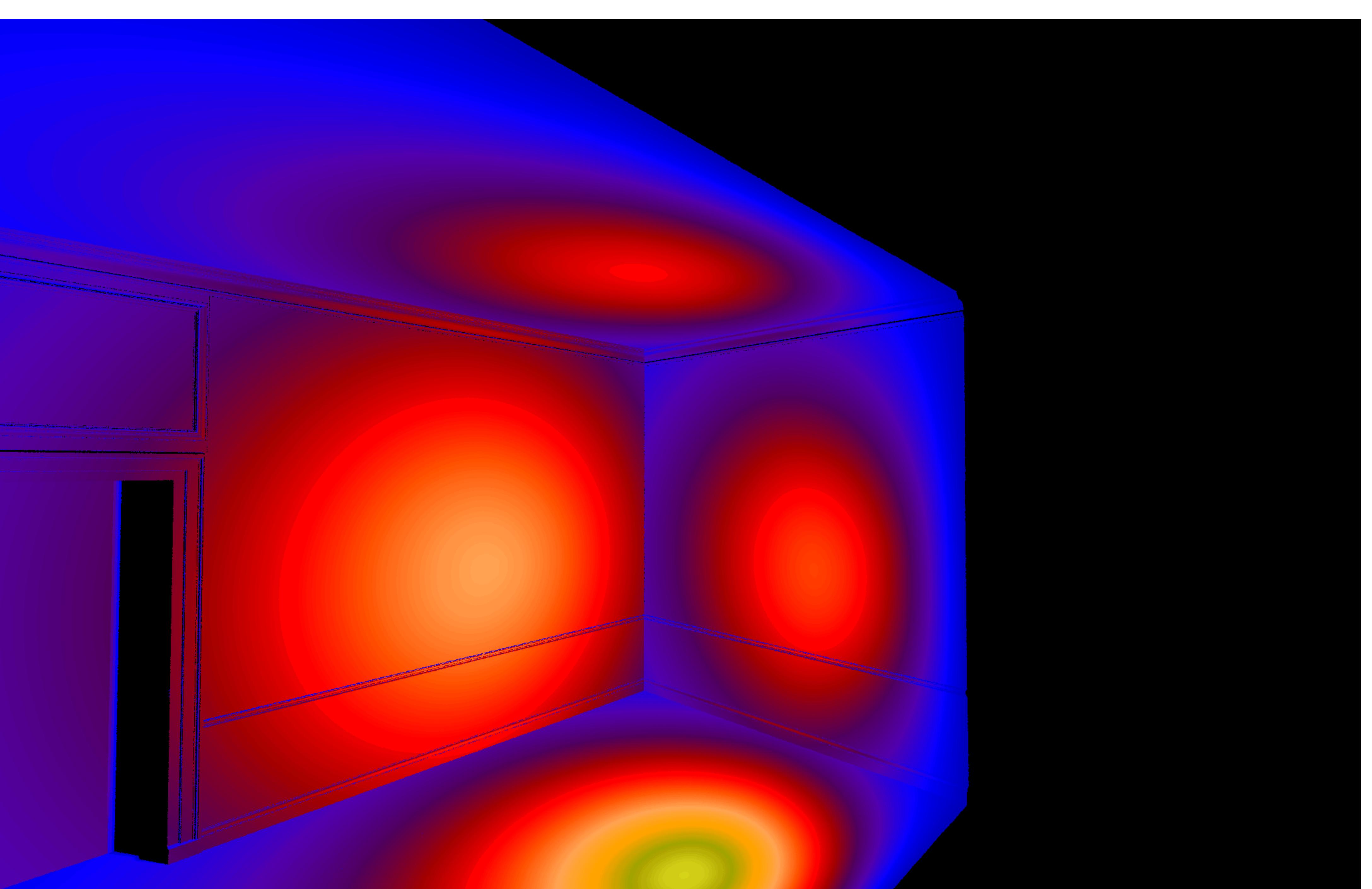




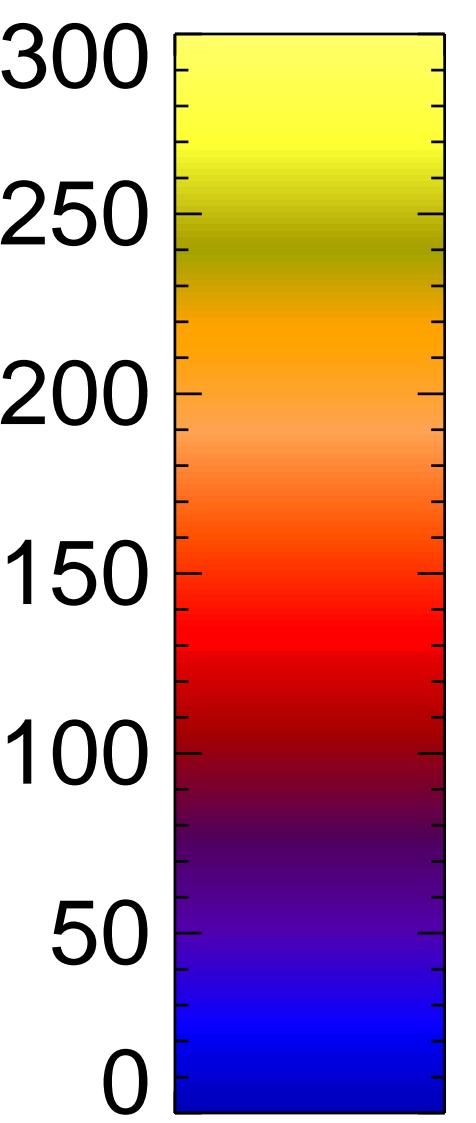




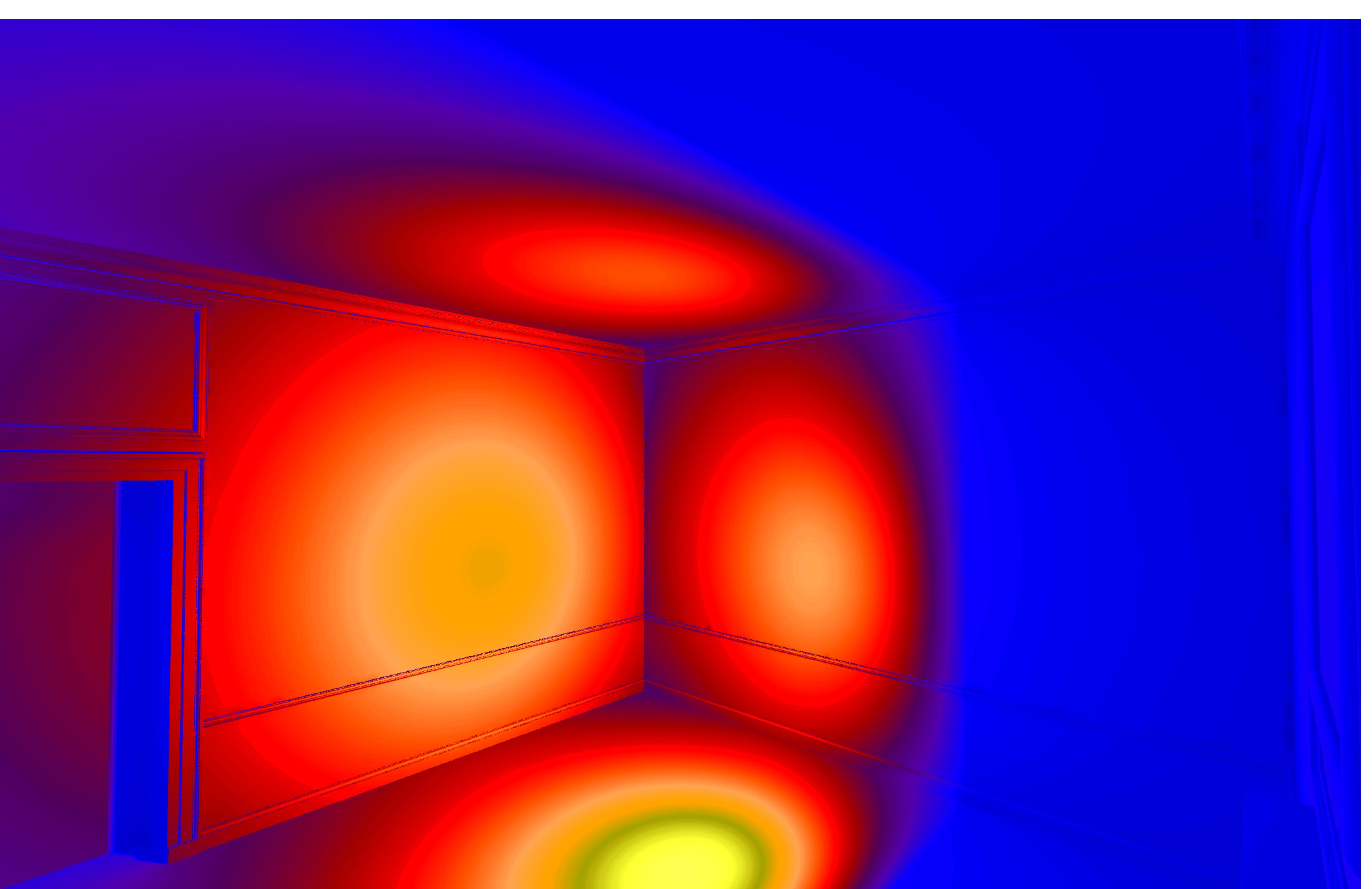
ab0



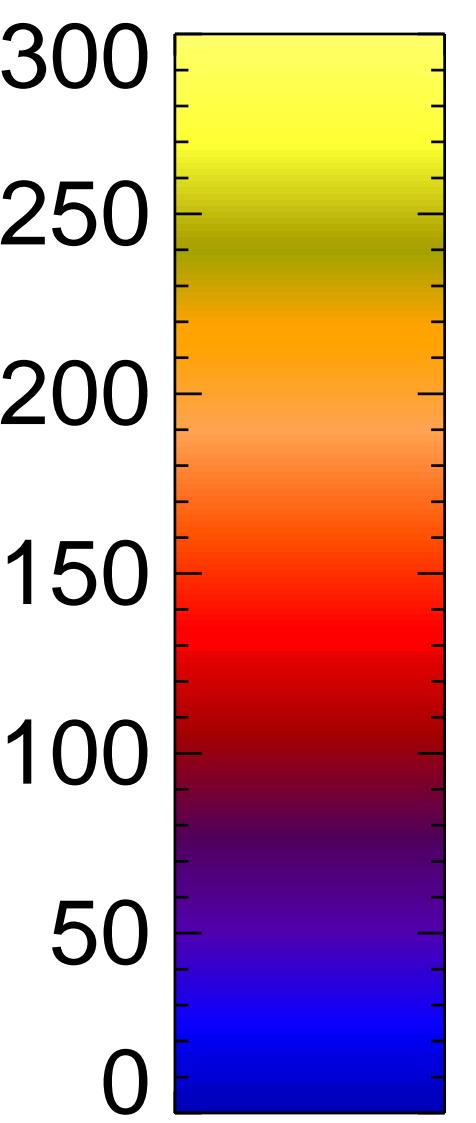
lux



**ab3**



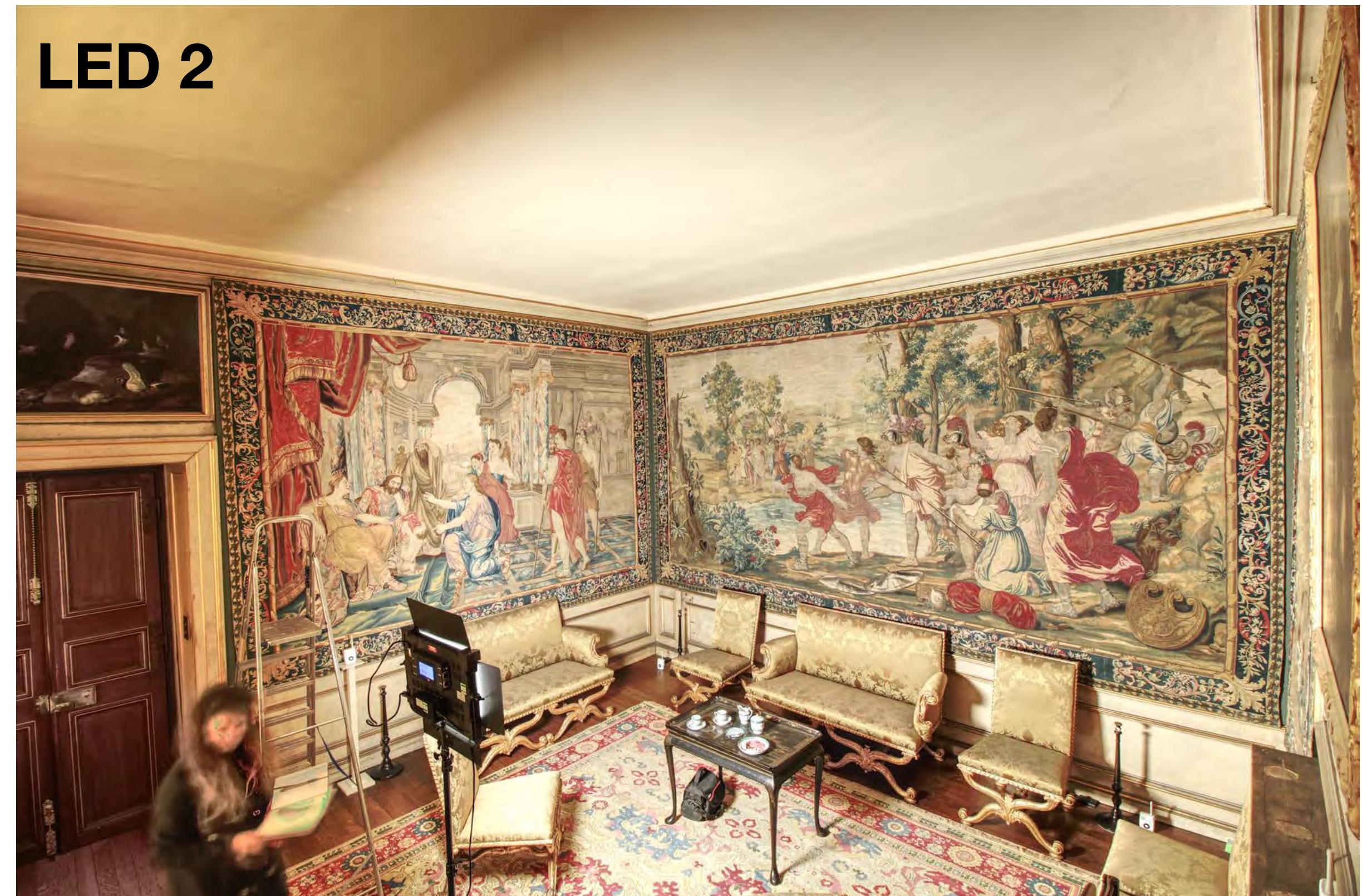
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**LED 1**

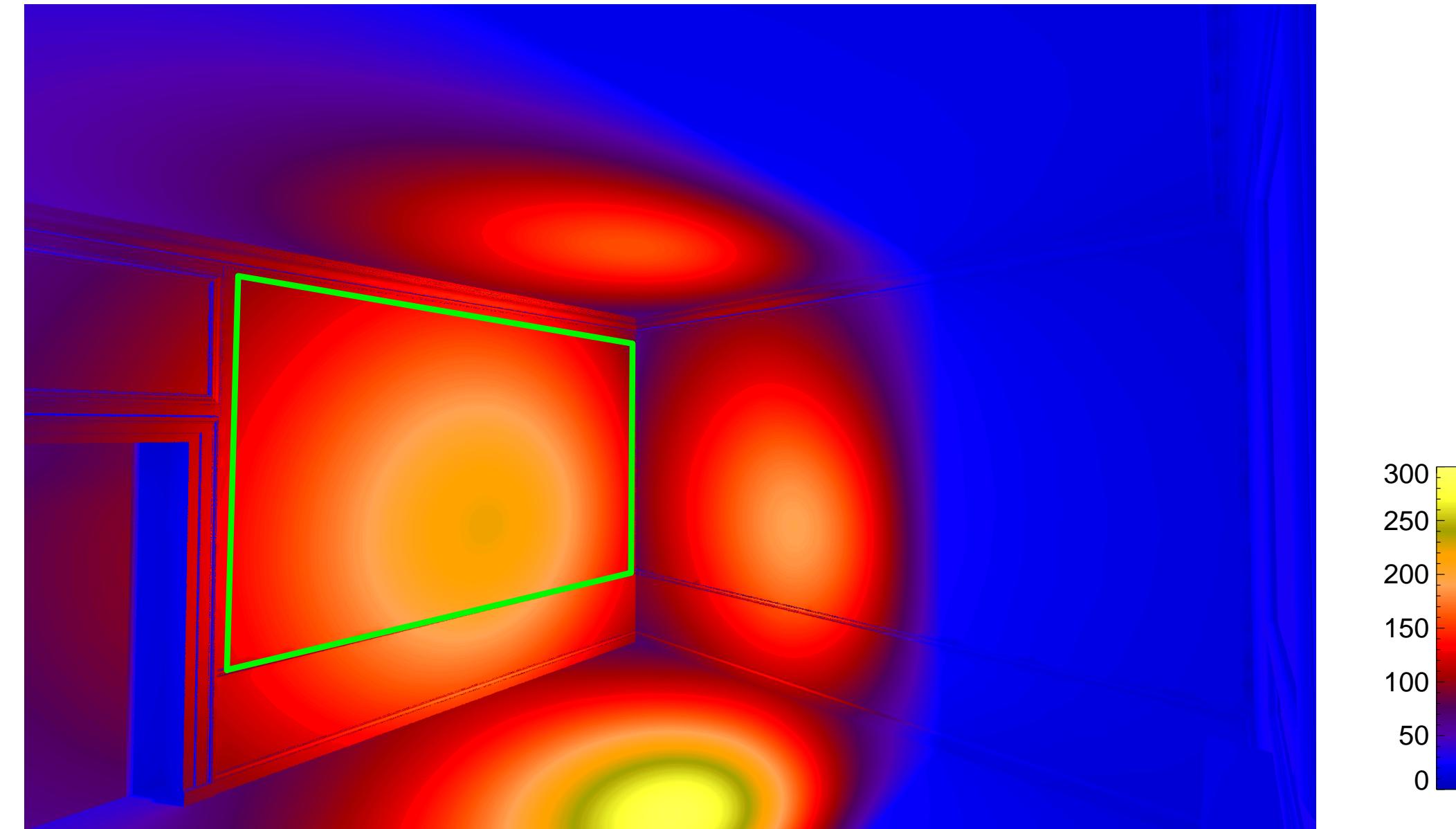


**LED 2**

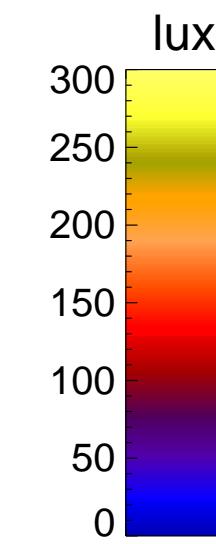
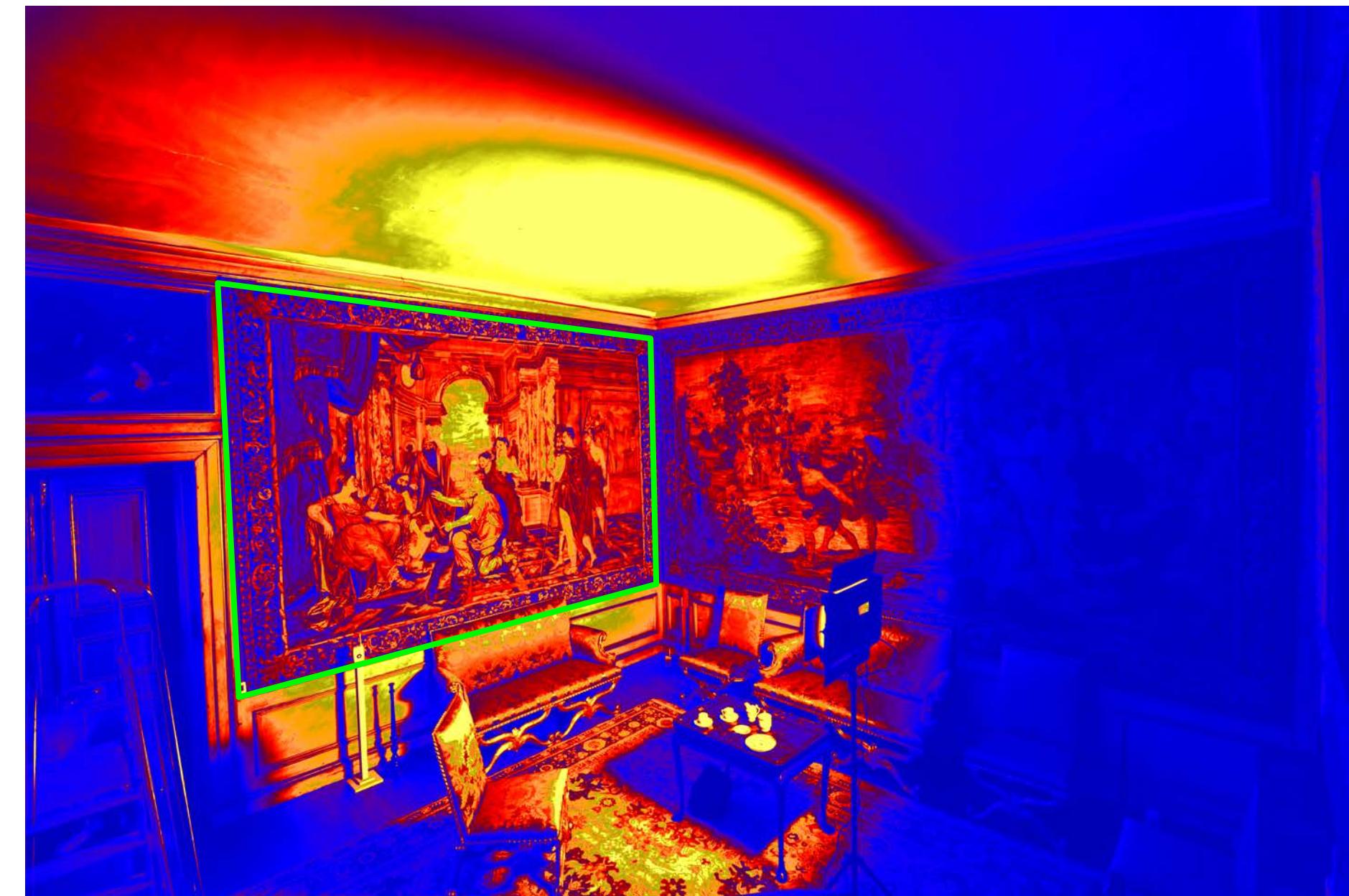


# Simulated illumination map

Warp to align precisely



# Measured (HDR) luminance map



The simulated illuminances were all within 10% of the measured values

**Illuminated by LED 1**

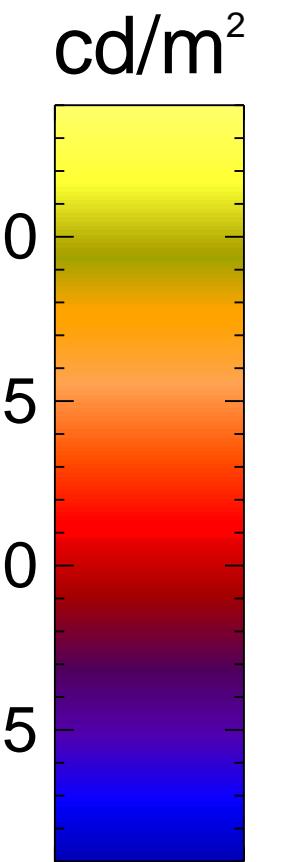
**Illuminated by LED 2**



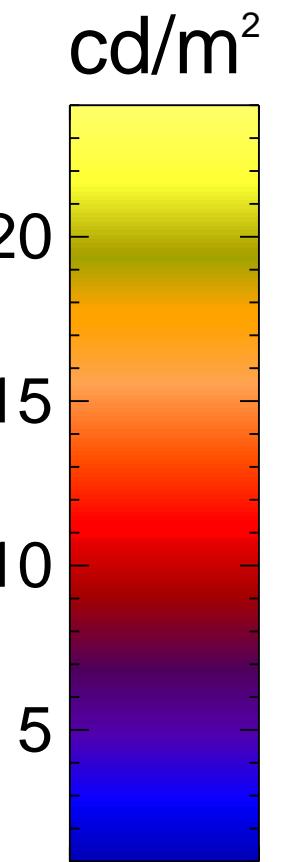
$$\rho = \frac{\pi L}{E}$$

$$\rho(x,y) = \frac{\pi L(x,y)}{E(x,y)}$$

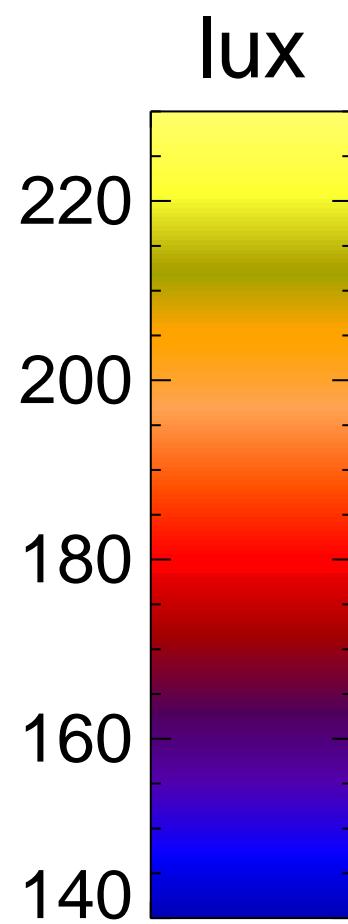
# HDR capture



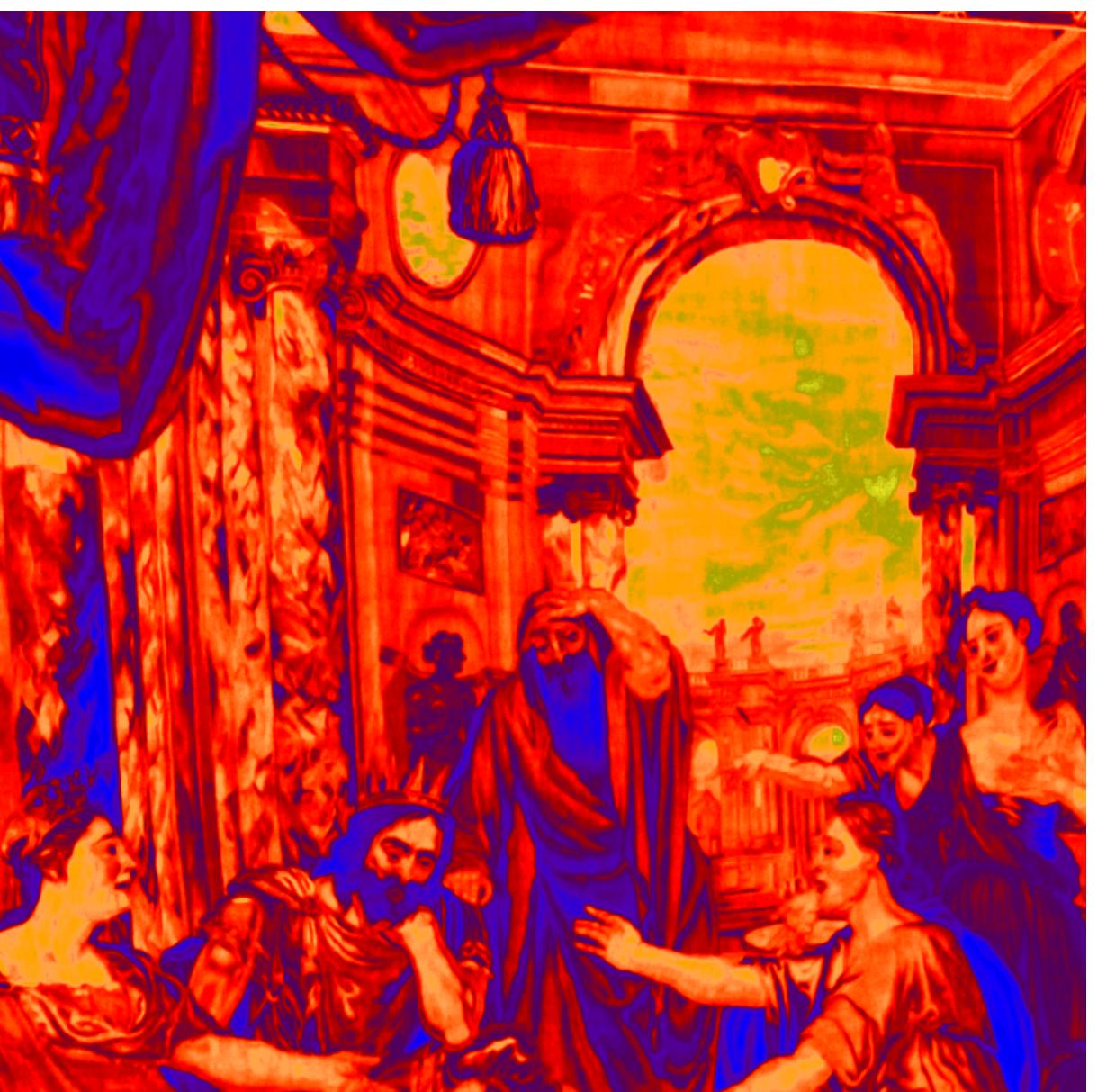
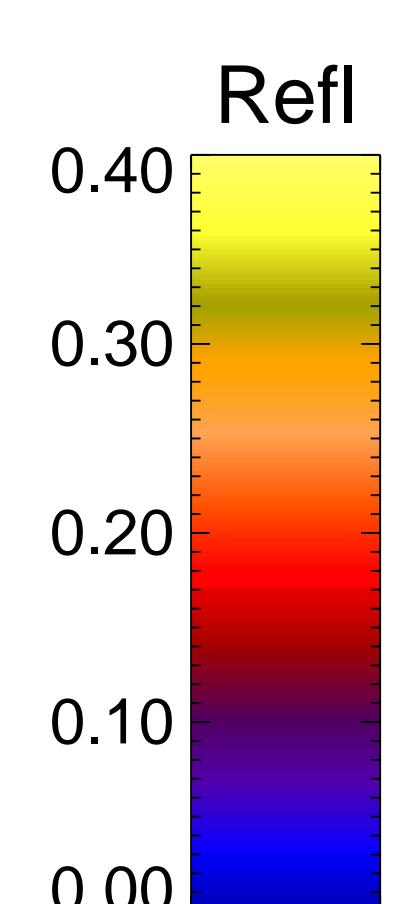
HDR  
capture



Simulated  
illuminance



Reflectance  
map

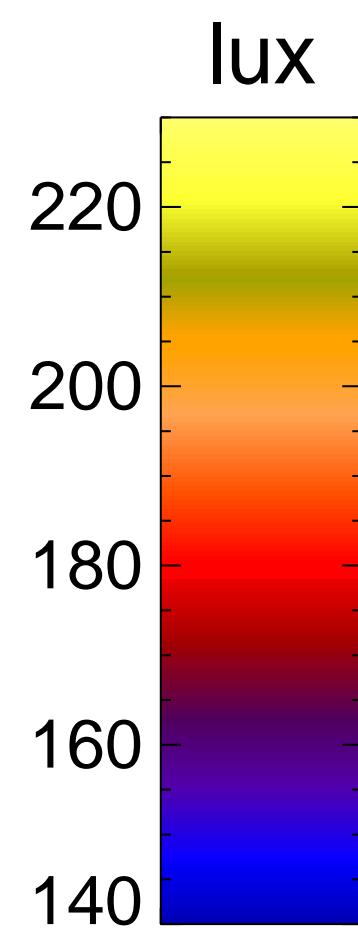
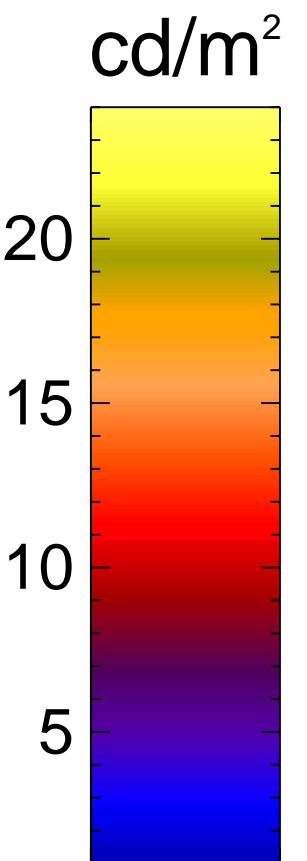
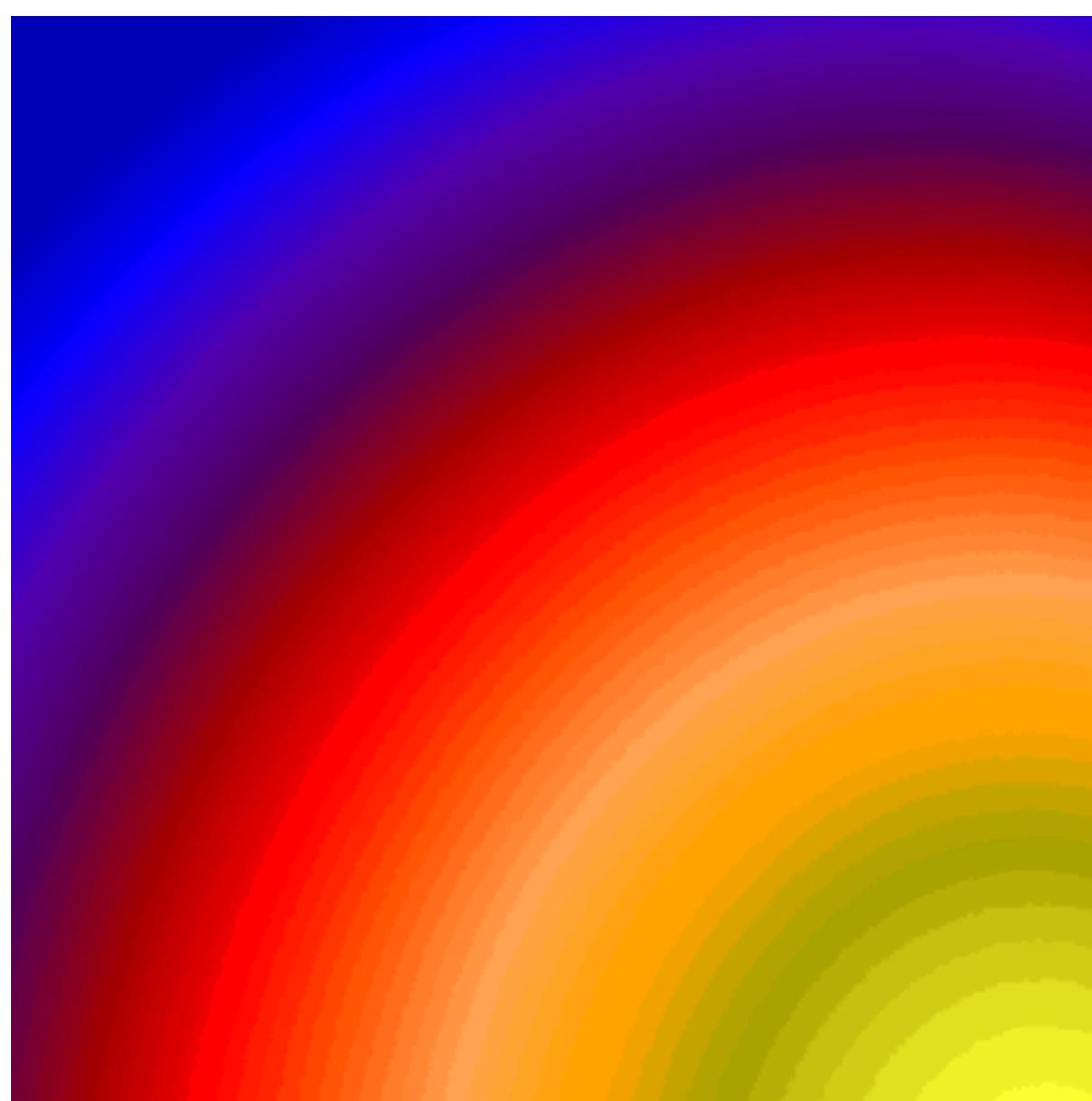


HDR  
capture



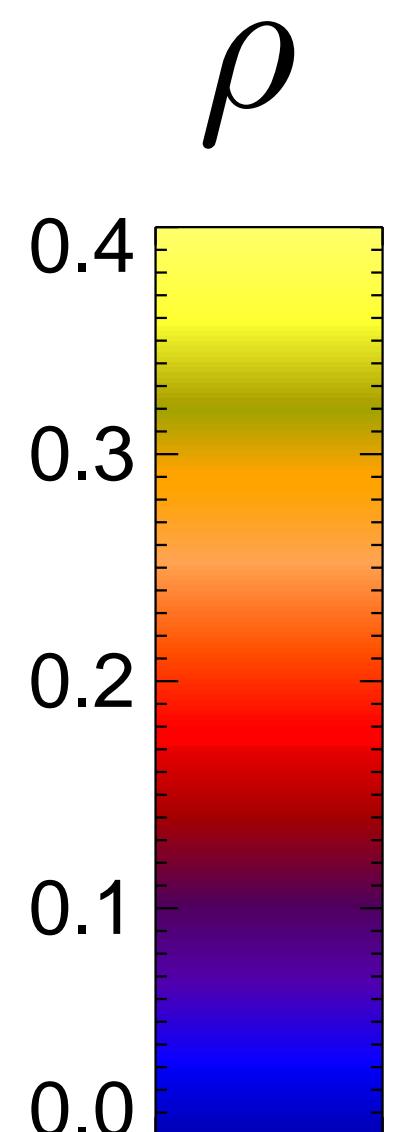
$$= \pi -$$

Simulated  
illuminance



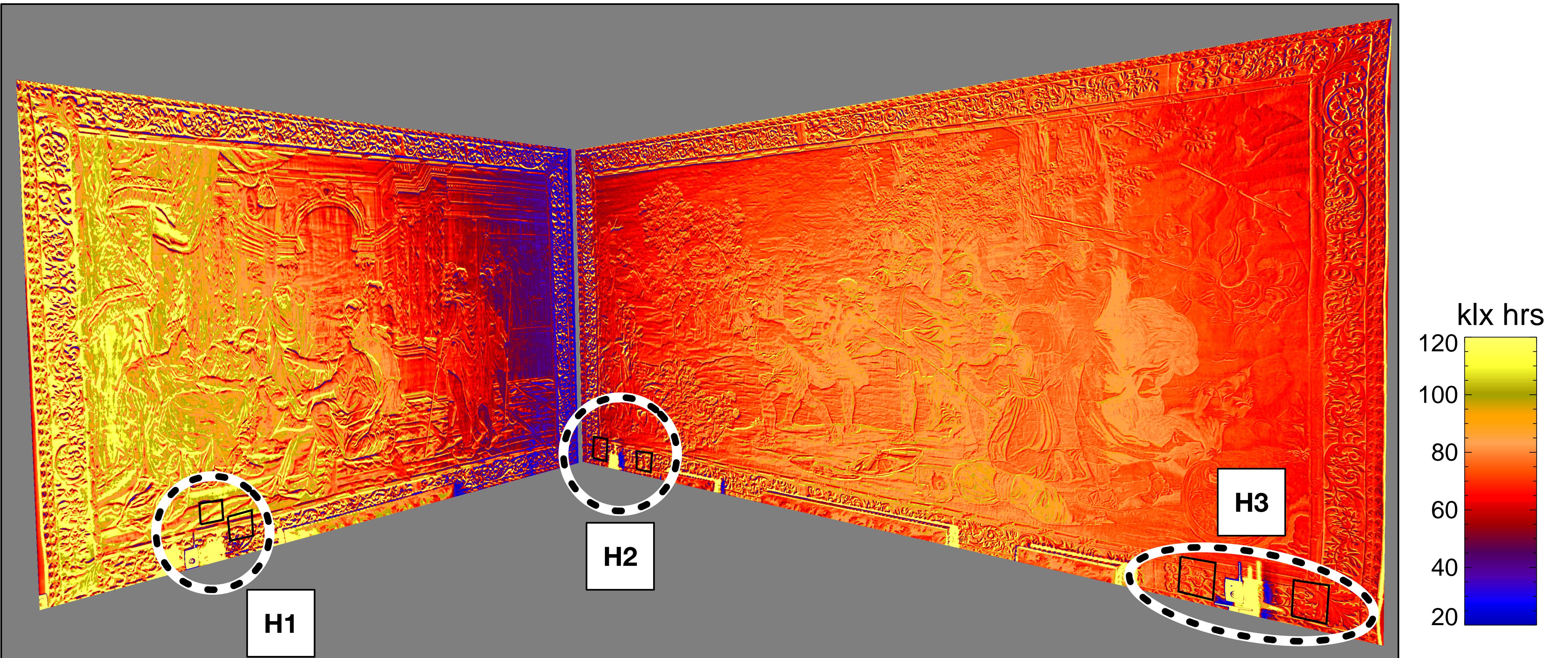


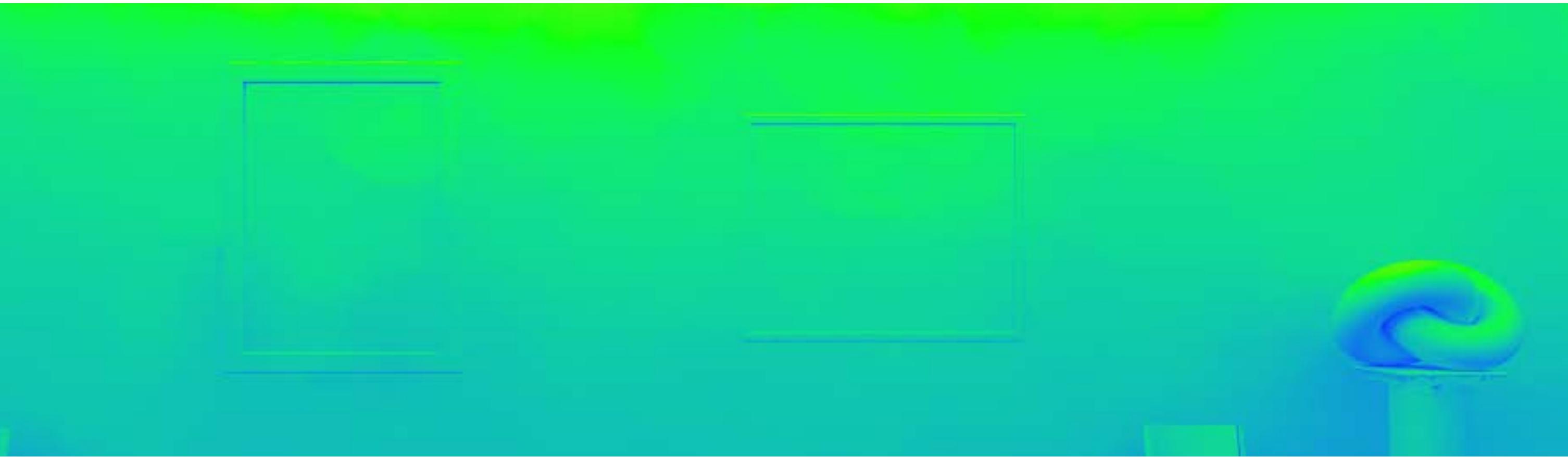
# Reflectance map



Between 10/04/19 and 16/10/19 there  
were 159 days of useful data capture  
— resulting in 4899 ‘non-dark’ HDR  
captures (~265Gb)

$$D_n = \sum_{i=1}^{4899} \pi \frac{L_i}{6\rho}$$





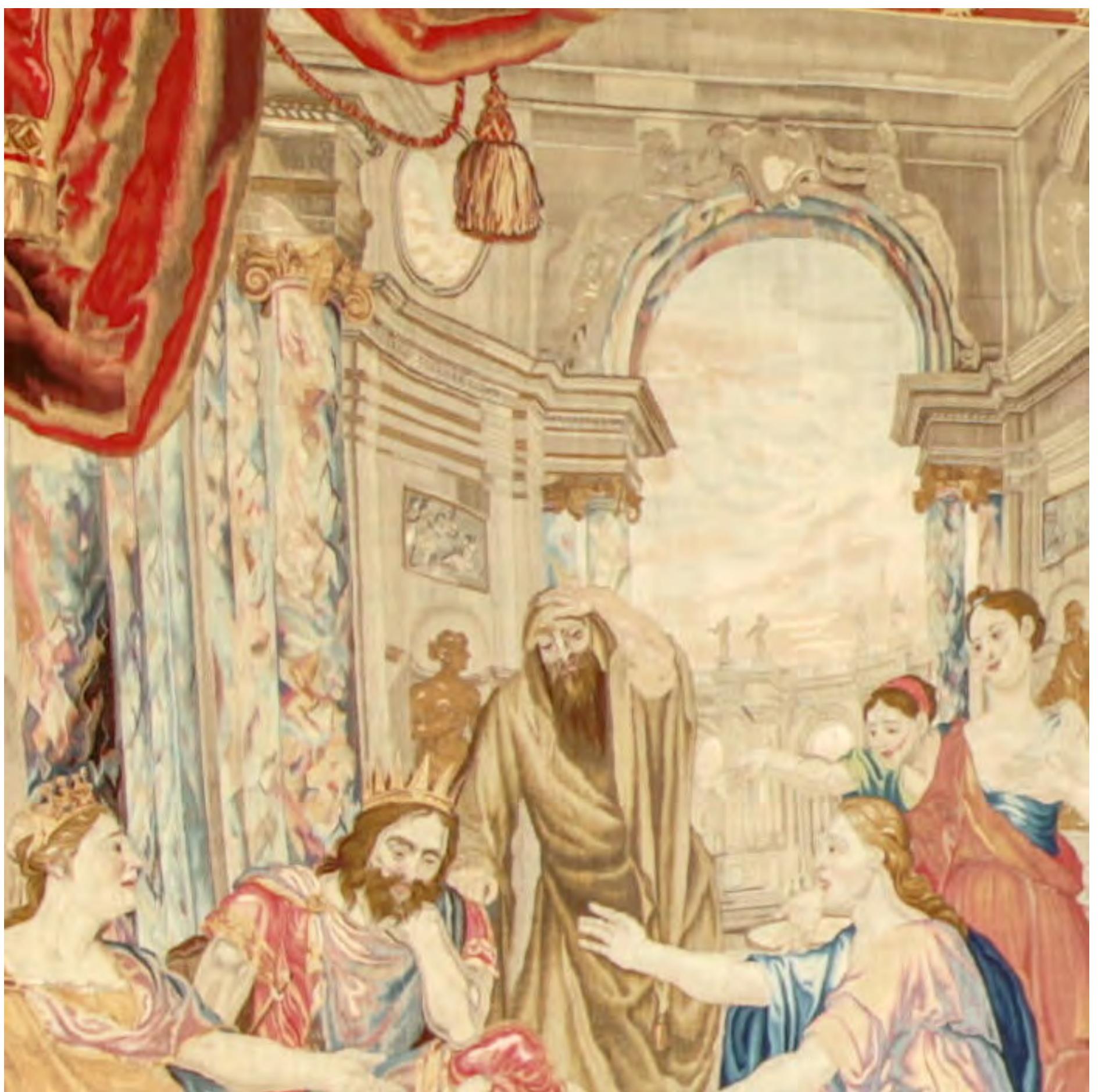
Print Through'

Each reflectance map was based on a single HDR capture taken morning 22/03/19 – useful data capture was from 10/04/19 and 16/10/19

**Hypothesis:** ‘Print through’ will be apparent if there is anything less than perfect pixel alignment between the reflectance map and the (subsequent) HDR captures

The following is an illustration to test  
the hypothesis using only the  
simulated illuminance map and the  
initial HDR capture taken to derive the  
reflectance map

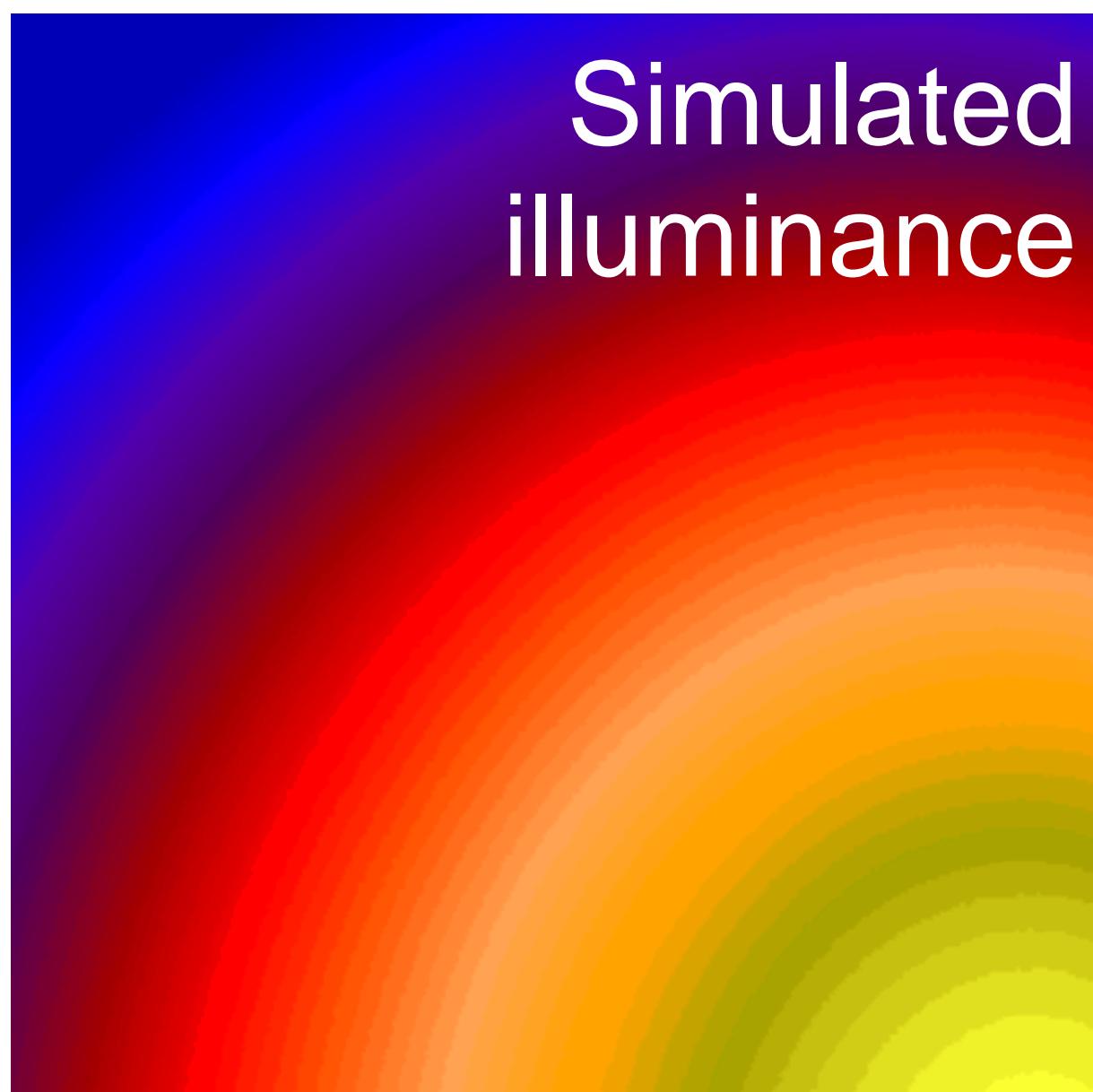
701 x 701 pixels

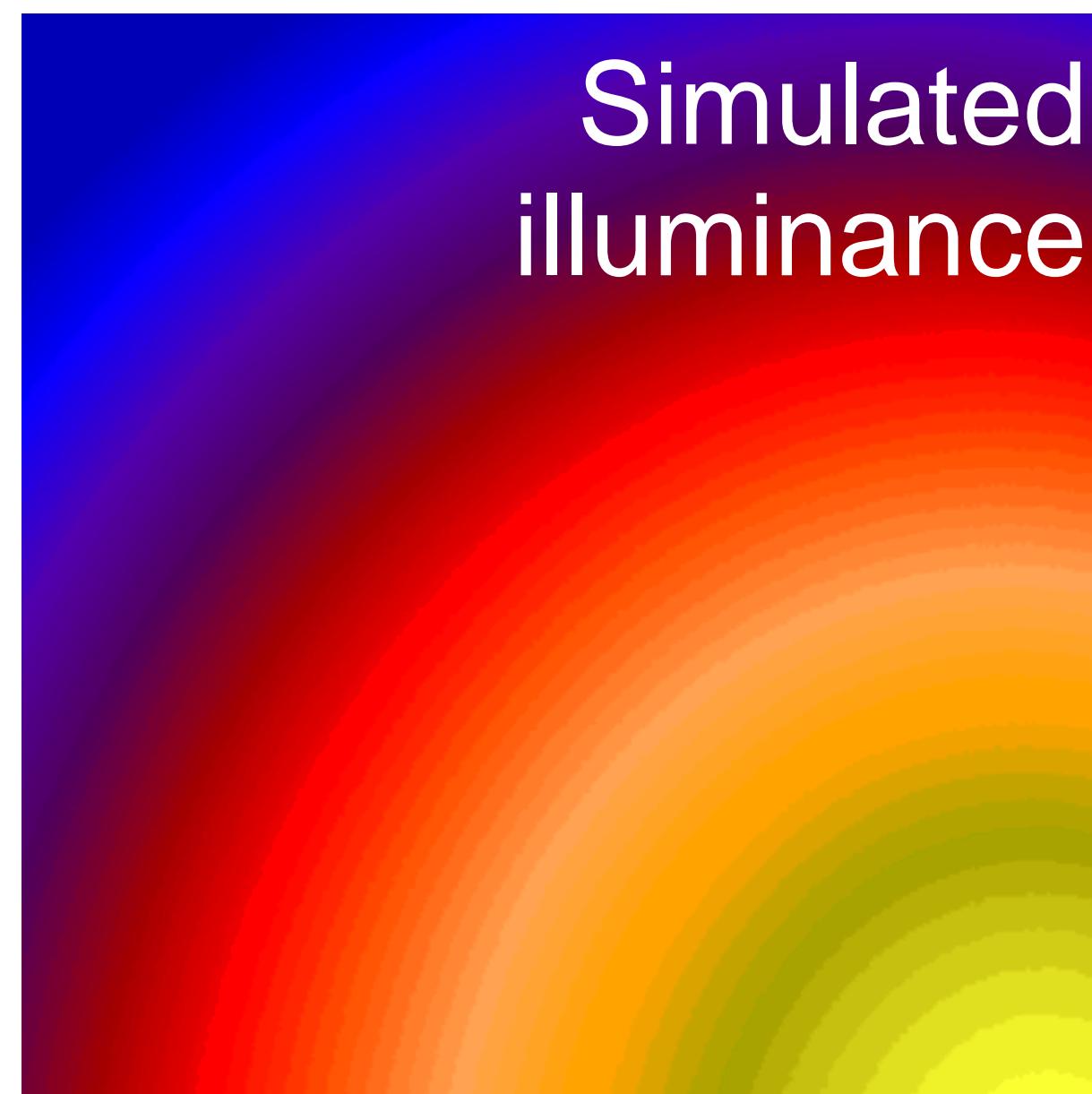


$$E_r = \frac{\pi L_r}{\rho_r}$$

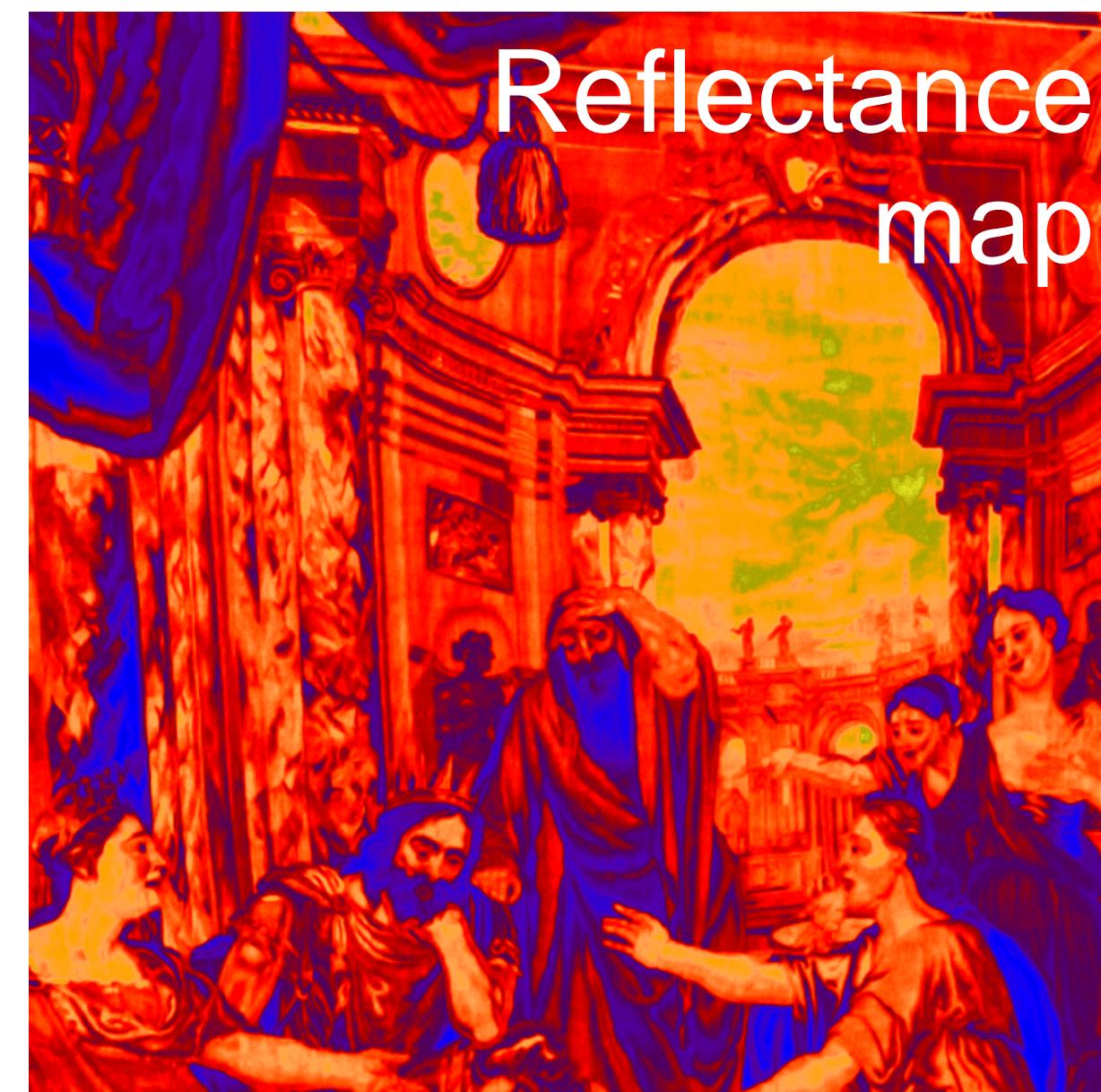


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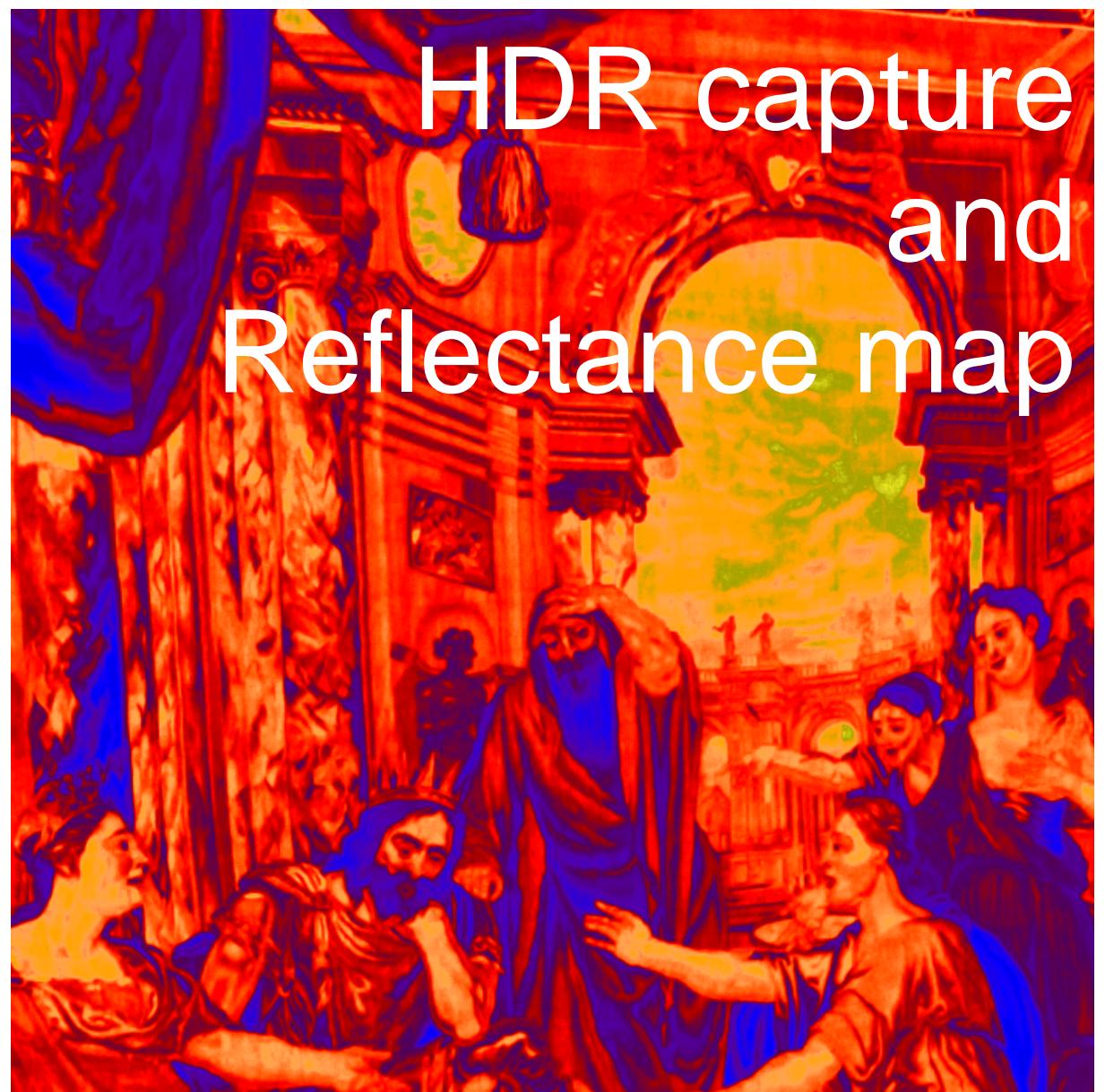
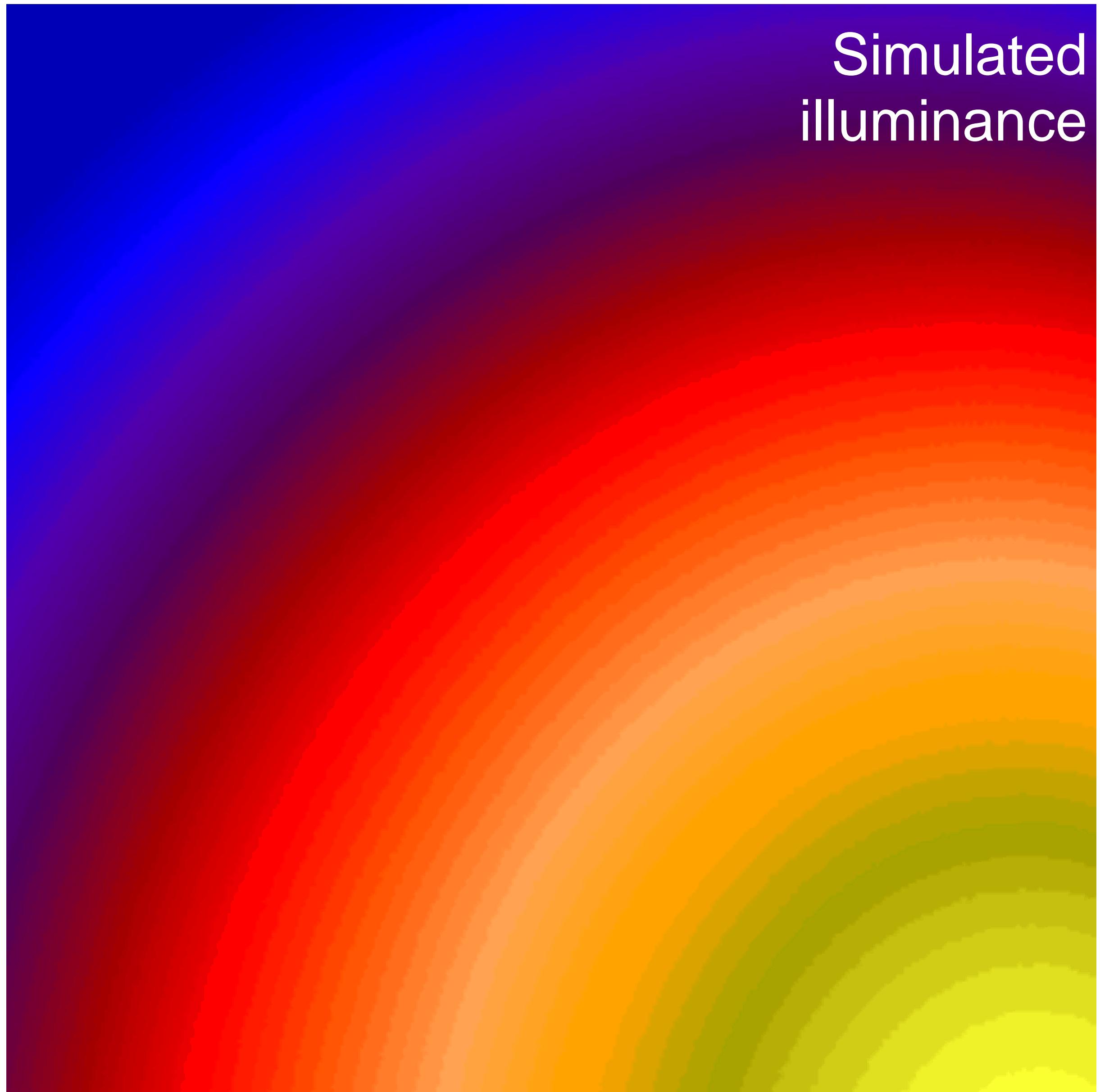




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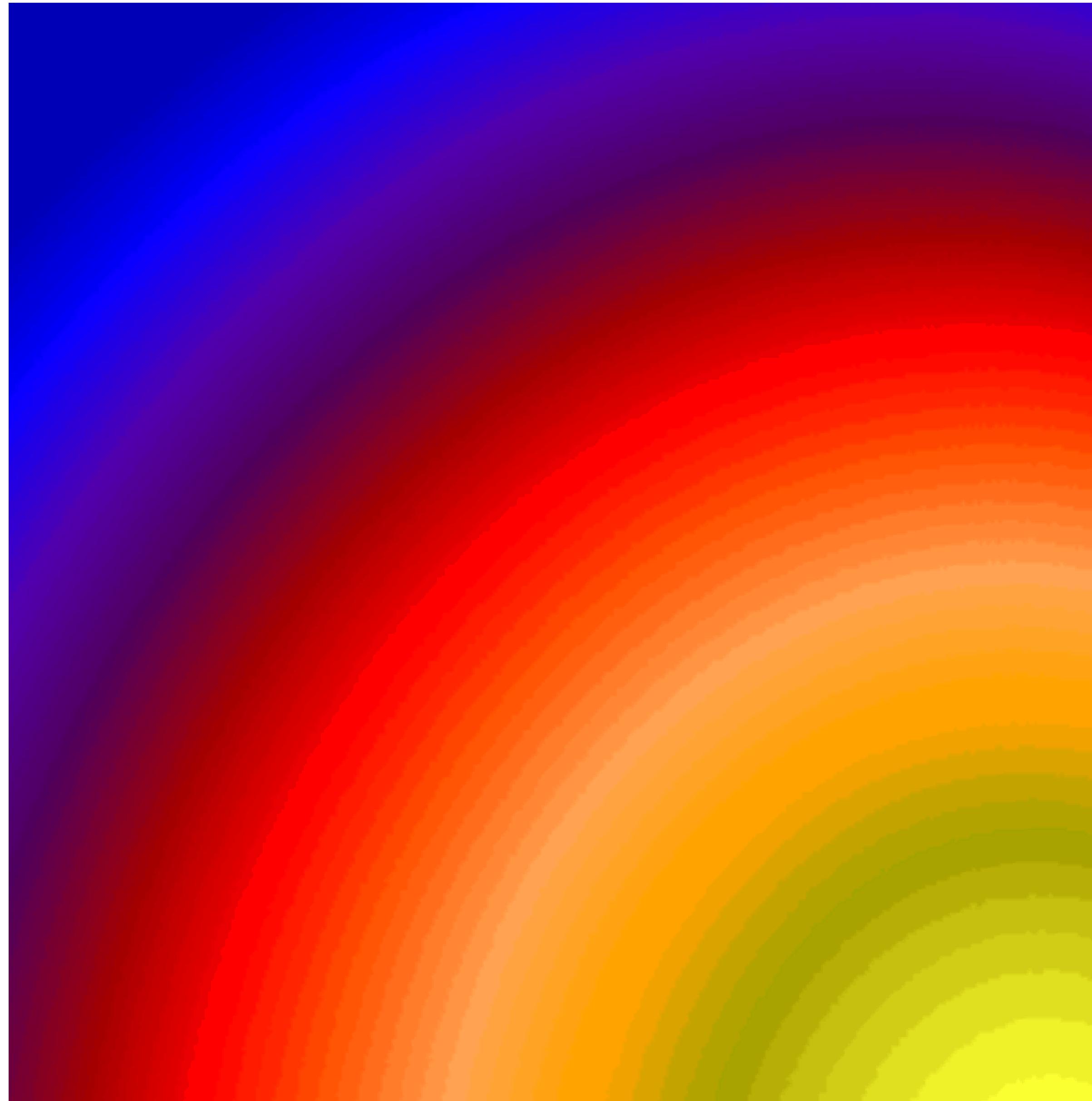


Simulated  
illuminance



Exact pixel  
alignment

What happens when we don't have  
exact pixel alignment between the  
reflectance map and the HDR capture?



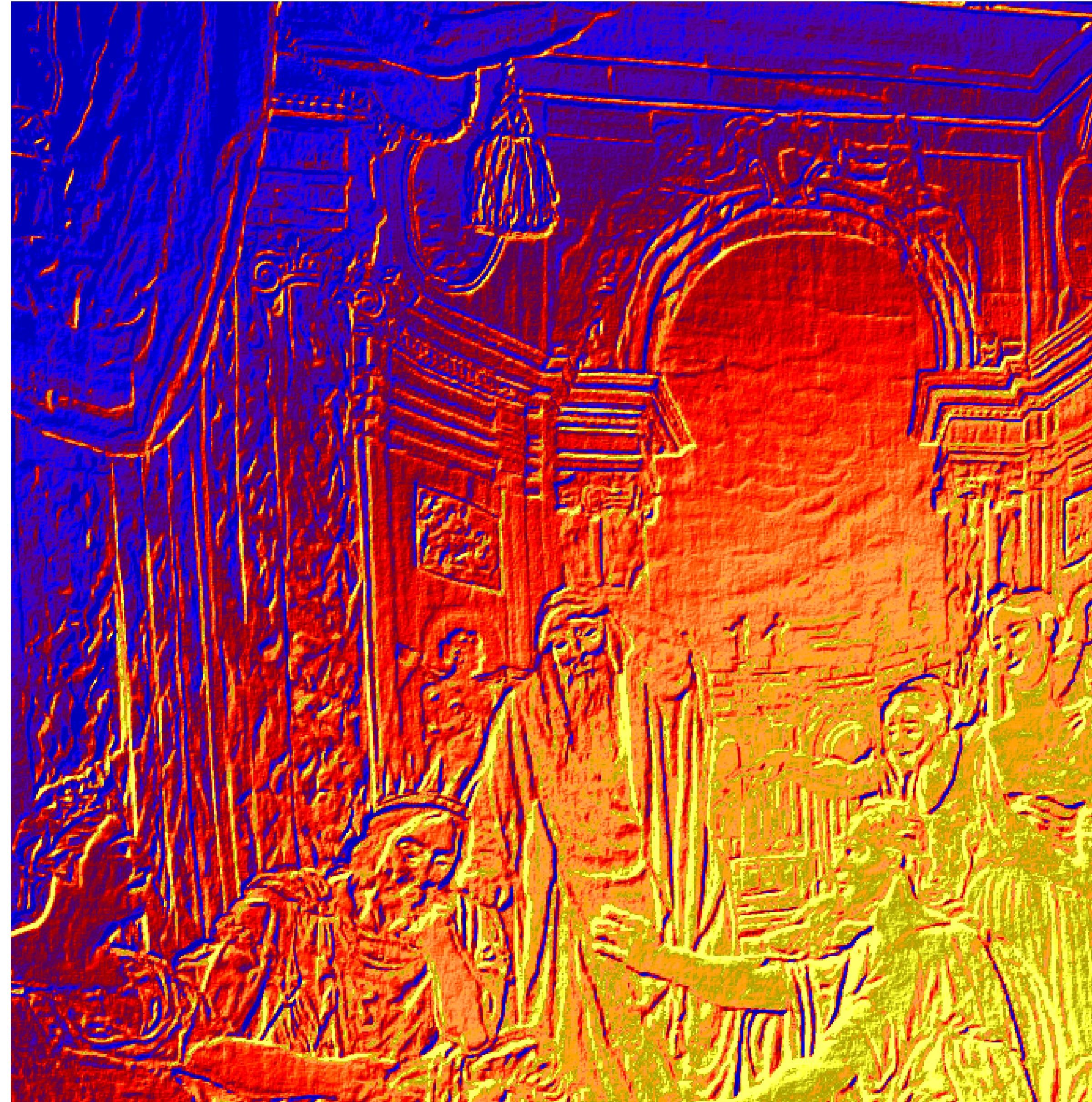
Illuminance  
with exact pixel  
alignment  
between the  
HDR capture  
and the  
reflectance  
map

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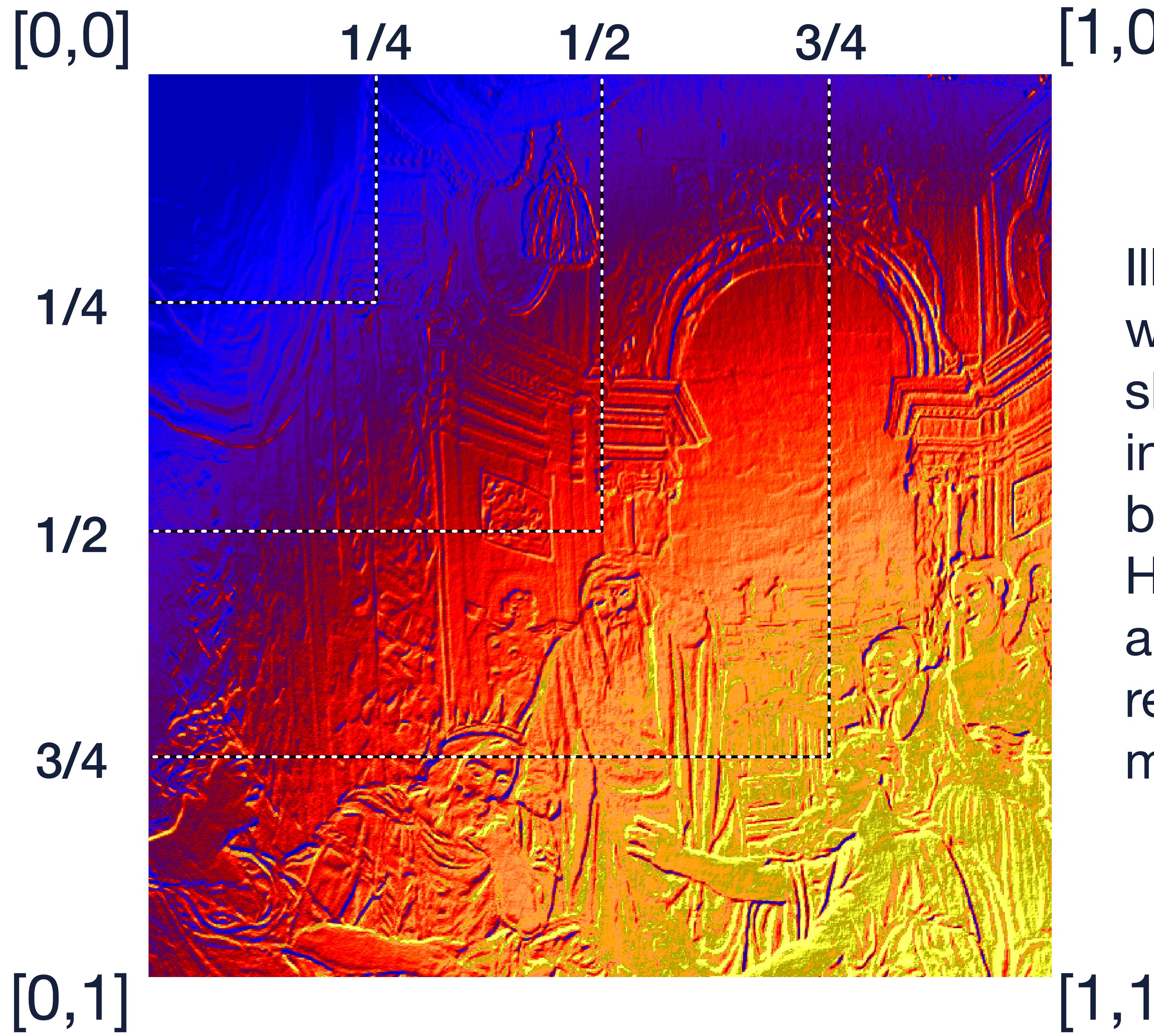
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Illuminance  
with a fixed  
shift of 1 pixel  
in x and y  
between the  
HDR capture  
and the  
reflectance  
map



Illuminance  
with a gradual  
shift of 1 pixel  
in x and y  
between the  
HDR capture  
and the  
reflectance  
map

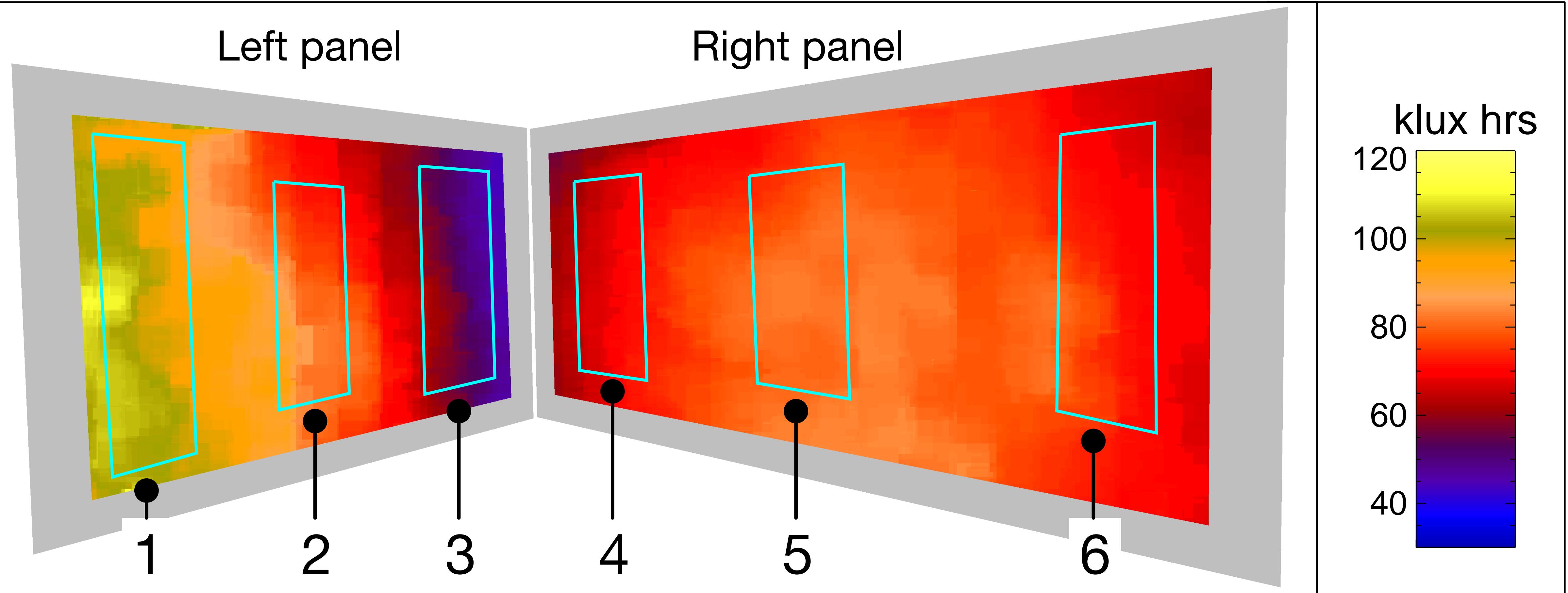
Tapestries are known to expand and contract resulting from variations in relative humidity.

Typical pixel sizes across the tapestries correspond to dimensions in the range 2.2 to 2.6mm.

‘Correct’ the illuminance map by applying an energy-preserving filter

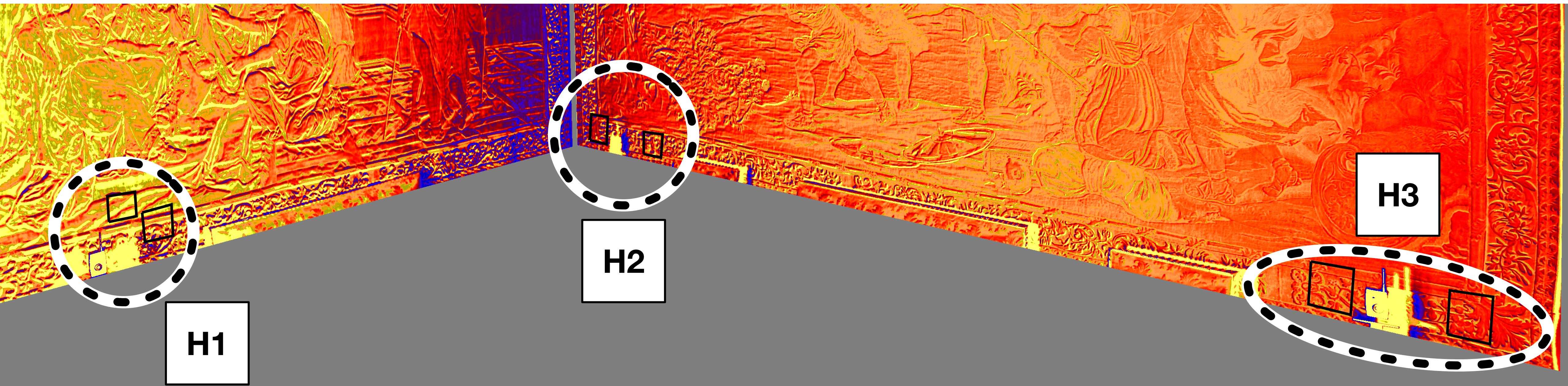
Left panel

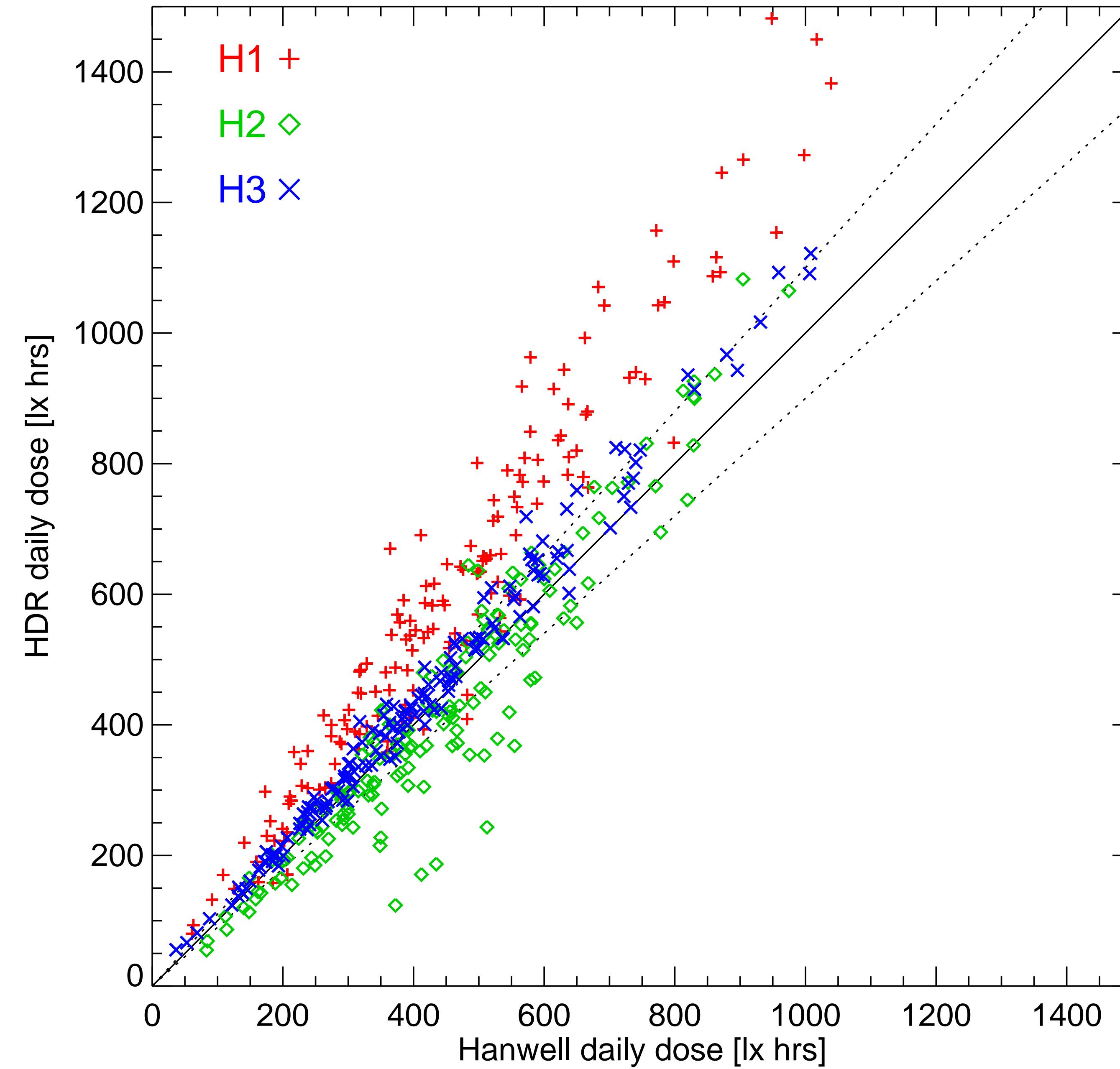
Right panel



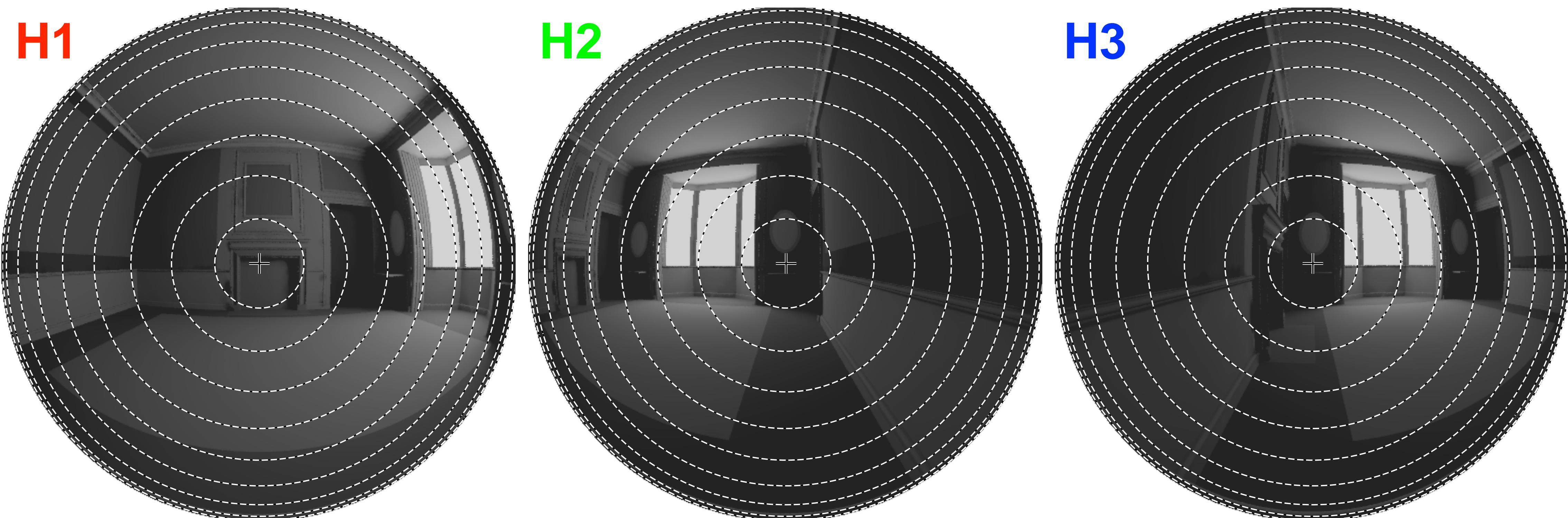
Tapestry area	Unfiltered light dose map [klux hrs]	Filtered light dose map [klux hrs]	Relative difference [%]
Left panel	81.61	81.57	-0.05
Right panel	74.64	74.65	0.01
Section 1	99.54	99.76	0.22
Section 2	80.06	80.17	0.14
Section 3	53.83	53.77	-0.11
Section 4	68.03	67.98	-0.07
Section 5	80.04	80.07	0.04
Section 6	72.53	72.55	0.03

# Validation





	Measured light dose [klx hrs]	HDR-derived light dose [klx hrs]	Relative error [%]
<b>H1</b>	74,012	97,510	31.7
<b>H2</b>	69,089	66,571	-3.6
<b>H3</b>	65,772	70,680	7.5



# Lessons Learnt

- Mount Stewart
- Ickworth
- Ham House

# Selected Publications

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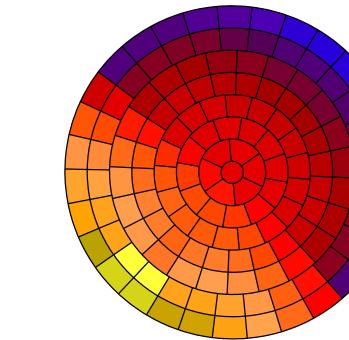
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