

# State Estimation and Localization for ROV-Based Reactor Pressure Vessel Inspection Using a Pan-Tilt-Zoom Camera

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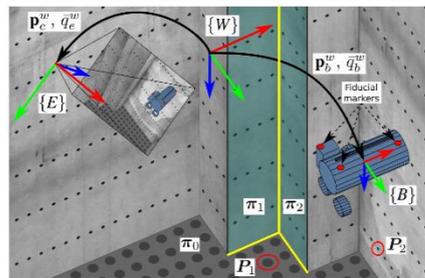
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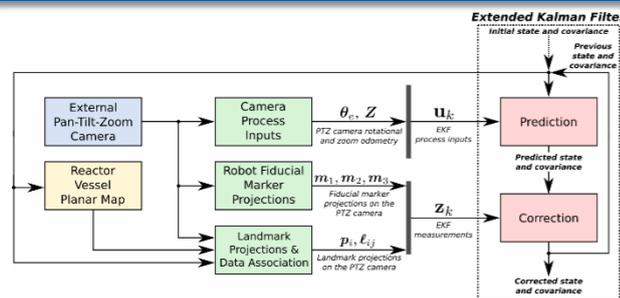
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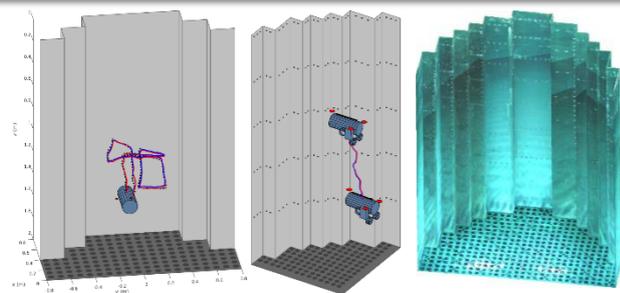
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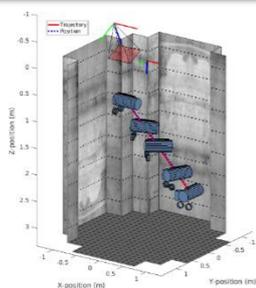
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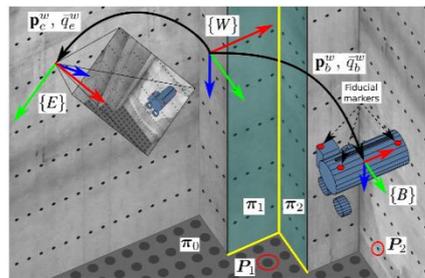


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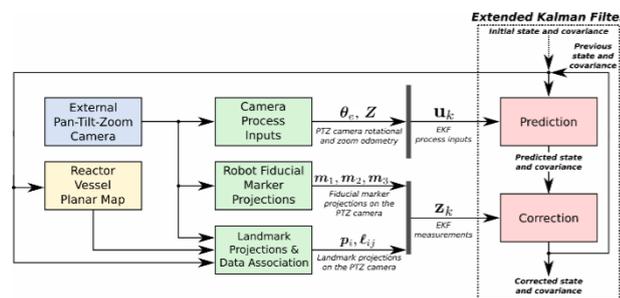
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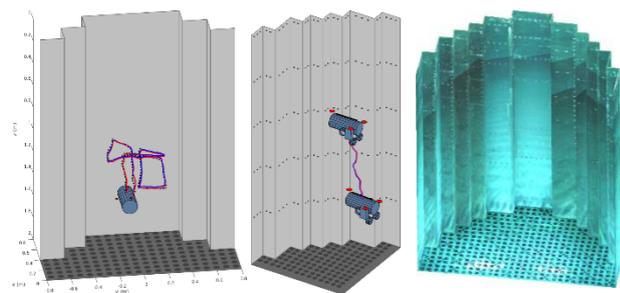
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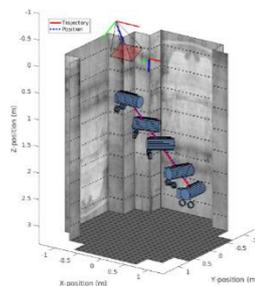
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# Background and Problem Statement

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- The reactor pressure vessel of a nuclear power plant must be inspected periodically to assess its structural integrity.
  - Embrittlement, stress cracking, and flow induced vibration are some mechanisms that impact reactor integrity.
- Vessel inspections are typically scheduled during refueling outages. Recently, outages last six weeks on average.<sup>1</sup>
- Existing human-in-the-loop inspection techniques are costly, leading to an interest in robotics technologies.
- Improving inspection efficiency via automation will yield shorter outages and decreased radiation dosage to personnel.

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Energy Information Administration.

# Reactor Pressure Vessels

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

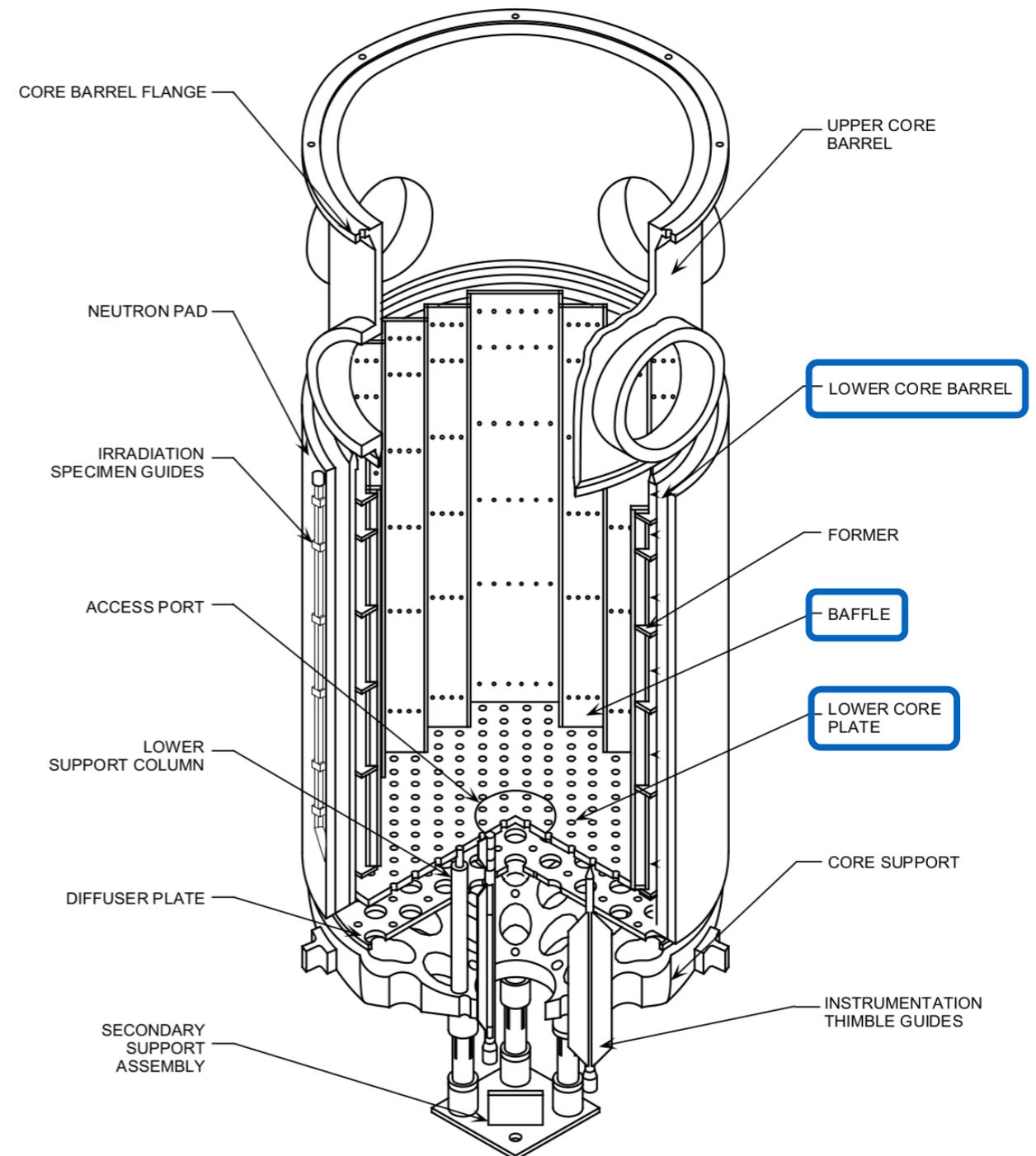
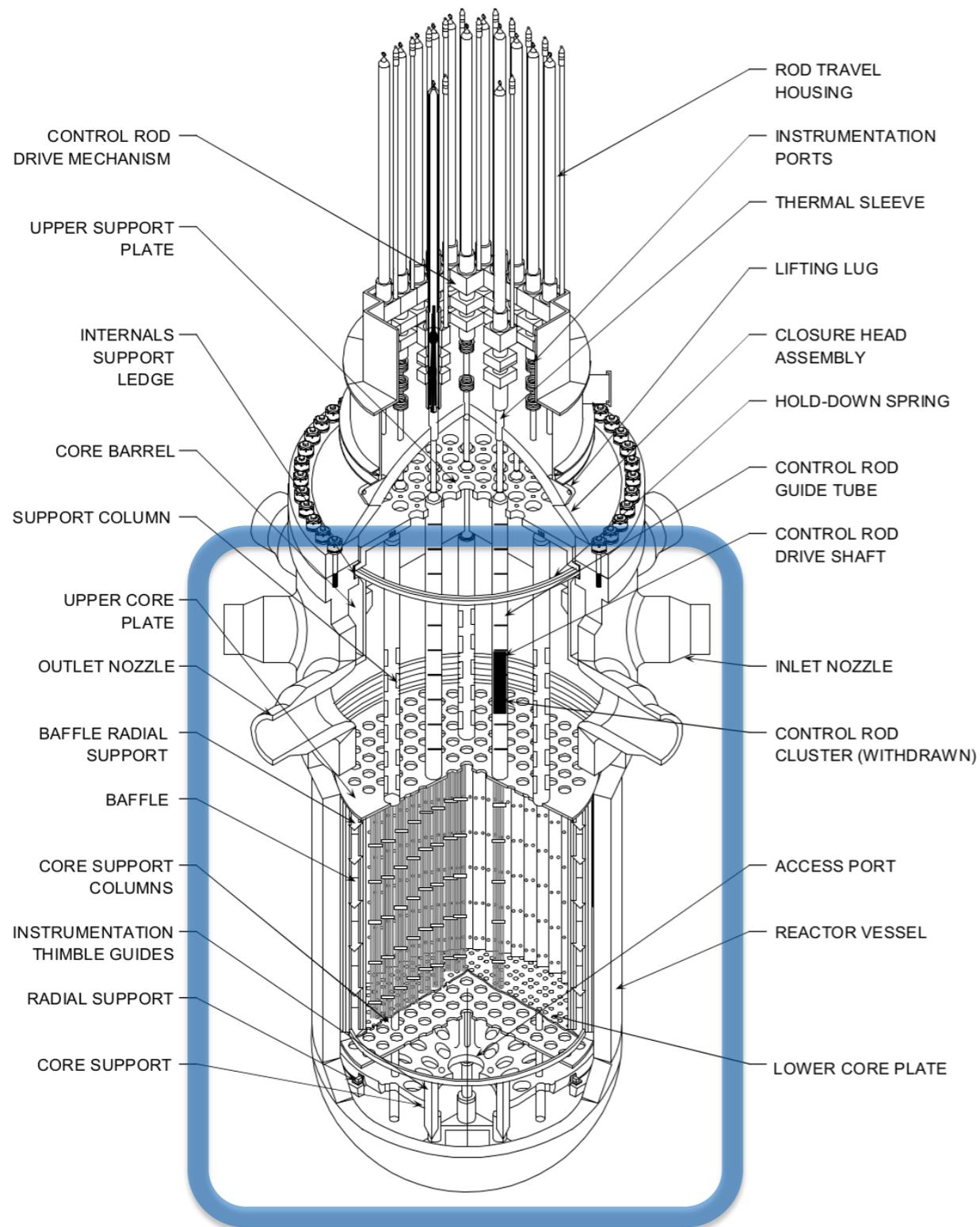


Diagram of a Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR)<sup>1</sup>

Diagram of the Lower Internals of a PWR<sup>1</sup>

# ROV-Based RPV Inspection

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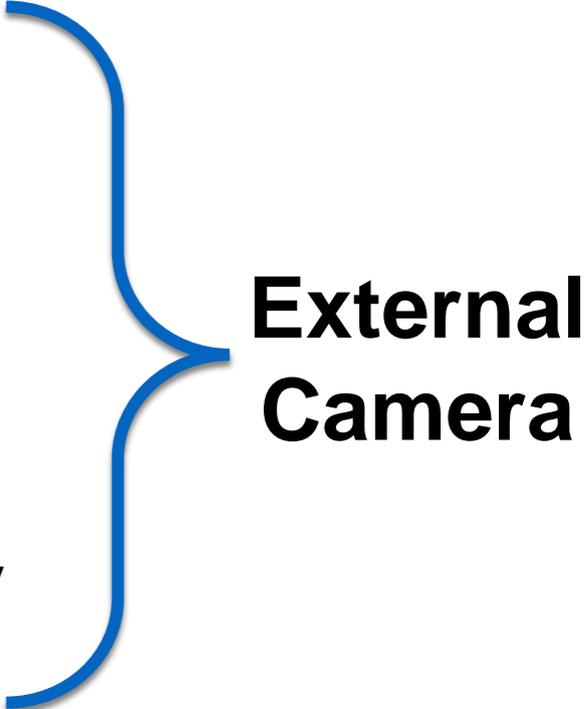
We seek to automate the inspection of nuclear reactor pressure vessels via a remotely operated vehicle (ROV).



Video of an ROV inspecting a nuclear reactor core.

# Environmental Constraints for ROV Sensing

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- Baffle plates emits radiation up to 30 kRad/hr
    - Destroys non-hardened electronics
    - Sufficiently hardened sensors are extremely noisy, prohibitively expensive, and difficult to integrate with platform
  - Radiation field weakens rapidly in water
    - A reduction of an order of magnitude every 16 inches
  - The water in a nuclear reactor is free of turbidity
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- External Camera**

# Thesis Problem: ROV Localization

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- A **pan-tilt-zoom (PTZ) camera** meets the unique sensing constraints of the environment.
- We are motivated to develop a methodology that enables **ROV localization** within the reactor lower core using a PTZ camera.
- For use in reactor inspections, we also address:
  - Online initialization for system efficiency and utility
  - Robustness to a known radiation failure mode (speckling)

# Research Challenges

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- Environmental and platform constraints on sensing
- Limited to methodologies that can easily be integrated into existing reactor inspection processes
- Field experiments are challenging
- Required advances in both robotics science and systems
  - Development of a sensing solution for the environment
  - Development of algorithms that work in practice

# Contributions of this Work

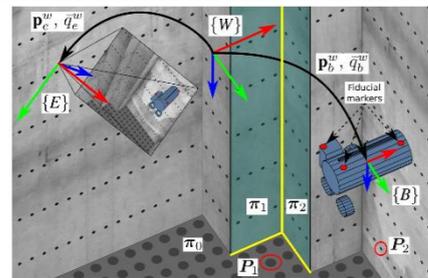
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1. A **framework that enables ROV localization within the reactor lower core** using a PTZ camera that provides pose estimates in three dimensions, *including the systems that enable this framework.*
2. A **planar representation of the reactor core geometry** as a map for localization.
3. Demonstrations of **framework accuracy and robustness** to speckling.
4. Methodology for **online initialization** for use during reactor inspections.

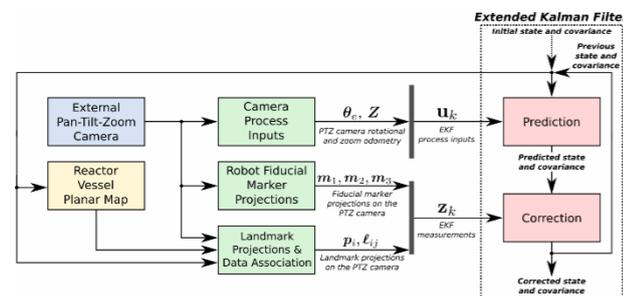
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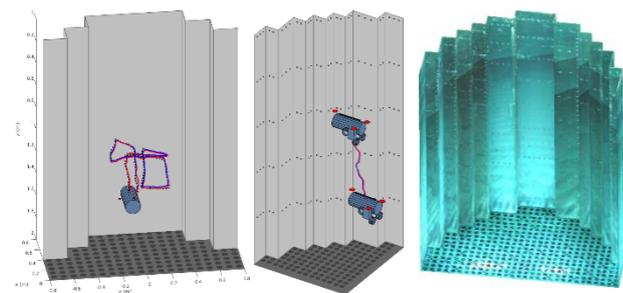
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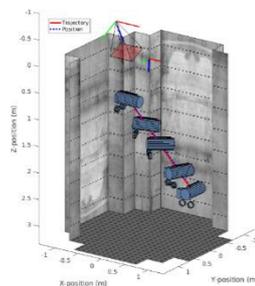
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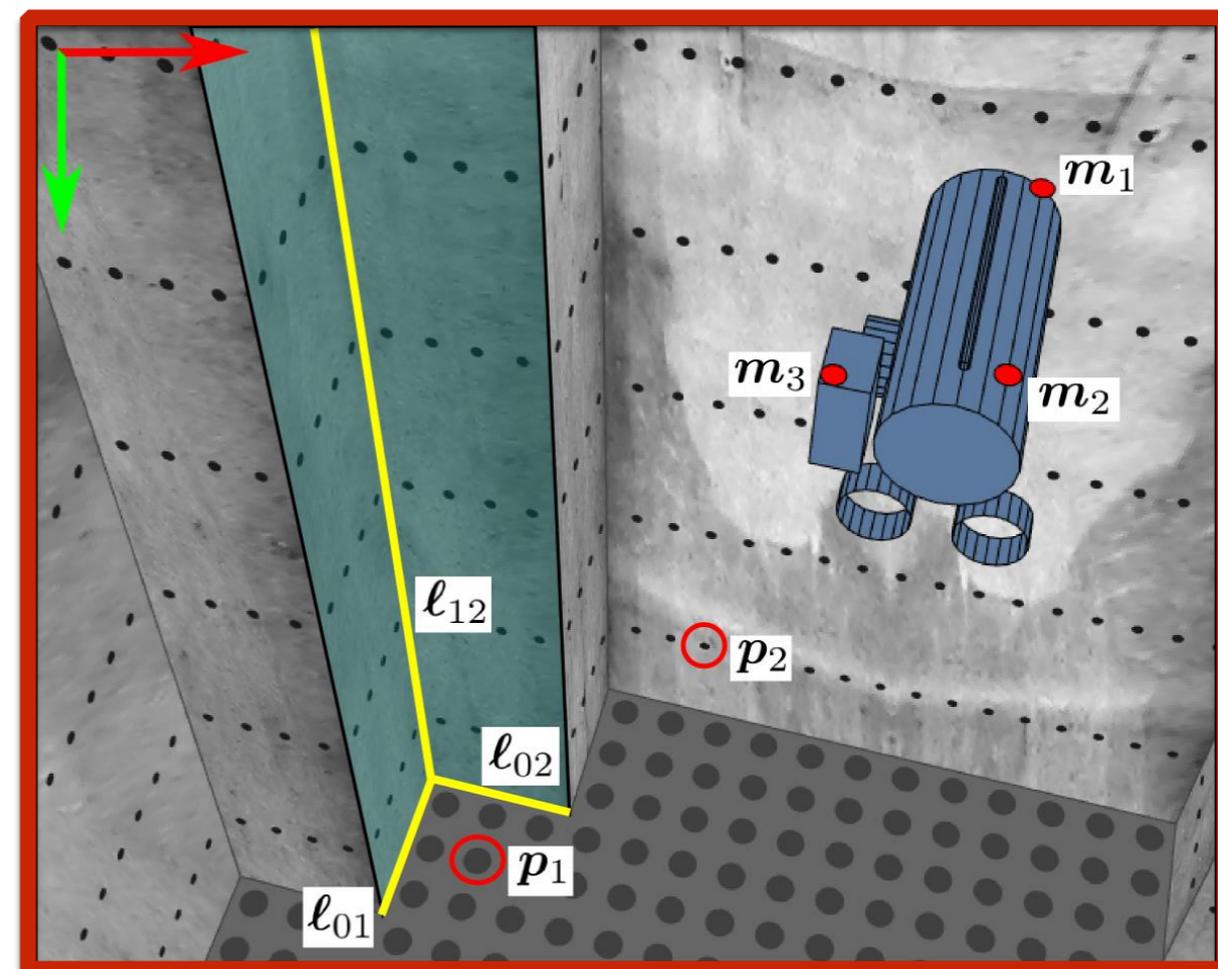
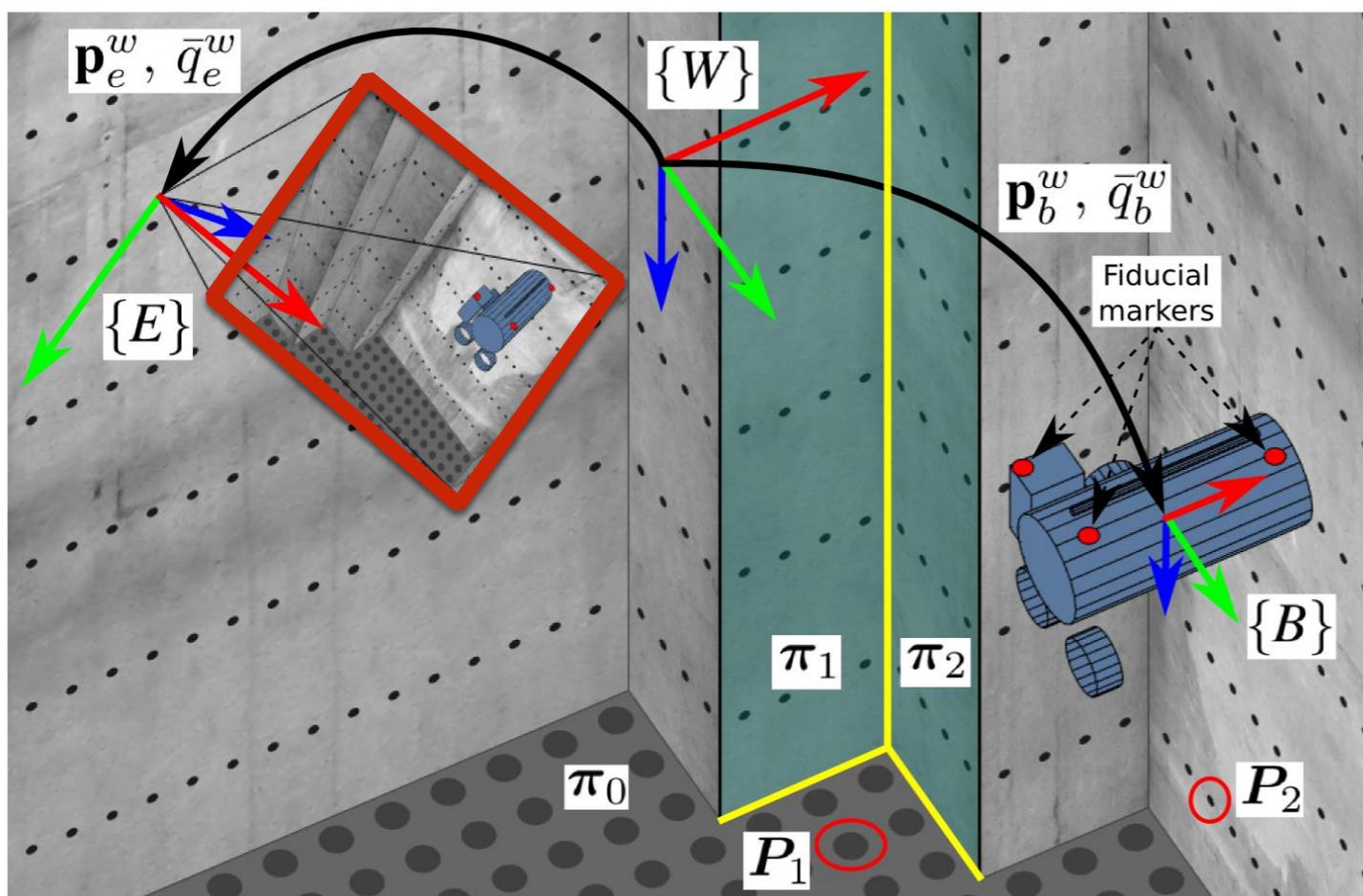
# System Overview

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- The system can be represented using several frames:
  - **ROV body frame**  $\{B\}$ , located at robot center of mass
  - External, **pan-tilt-zoom camera frame**  $\{E\}$
  - **World frame**  $\{W\}$ , in which the reactor geometry is defined

# System Representation and Landmarks

- 6DOF poses represented by position and quaternion
- Projection of 3D points yield 2D points in the image
- Projection of 3D lines yield 2D lines in the image
- 3D lines arise from the intersection of vessel surfaces



Three-dimensional system representation. 13

Two-dimensional system representation.

# PTZ Camera Models: Point Projection

- Camera represented as a pinhole projection model

- Mapping from  $\mathbb{P}^3 \mapsto \mathbb{P}^2$

- Homogeneous coordinates:

- 3D point:  $\tilde{P} \sim [P^T, 1]^T$

- 2D point:  $\tilde{p} \sim [p^T, 1]^T$

$$\tilde{p} \sim K[R | \mathbf{t}] \tilde{P}$$

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & c_x \\ 0 & f_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Focal length components vary with zoom

- Assume a fixed principal point that is congruent with the center of zoom<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Wu and Radke (2013).

# PTZ Camera Models: Line Projection

- This camera model causes the following line projection:

- Mapping from  $\mathbb{P}^5 \mapsto \mathbb{P}^2$

- 3D (Plücker) line:  $\mathcal{L} \in \mathbb{P}^5$

- 2D line:  $\ell \in \mathbb{P}^2$

$$\ell \sim \mathcal{K} \mathcal{D} \mathcal{L}$$

$$\mathcal{K} = \begin{bmatrix} \det(K) K^{-T} & 0_{3 \times 3} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Line projection matrix
- Rigid displacement matrix
- Analogous to  $K$  and  $[R \mid \mathbf{t}]$  for points

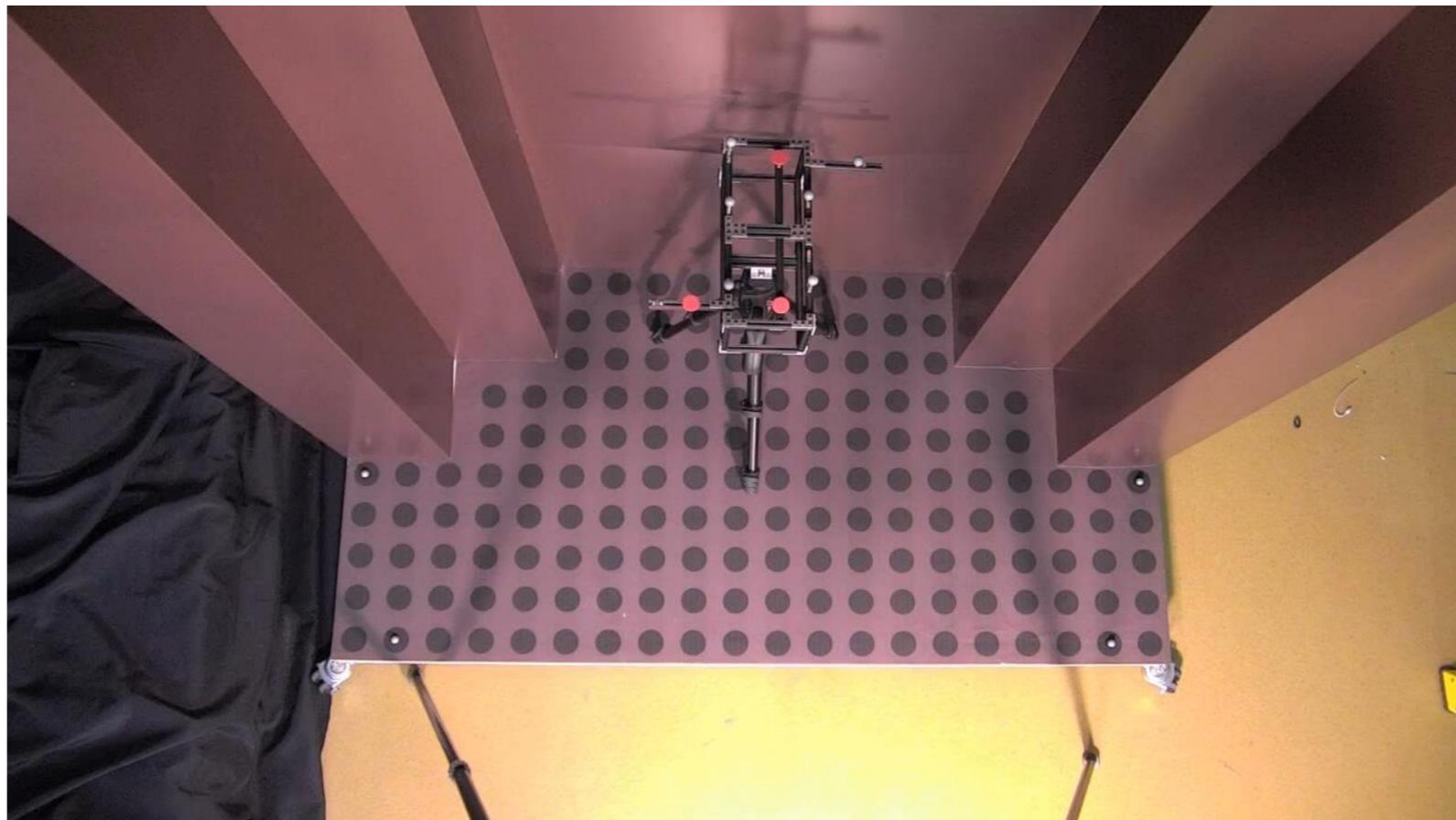
$$\mathcal{D} = \begin{bmatrix} R & [\mathbf{t}]_{\times} R \\ 0_{3 \times 3} & R \end{bmatrix}$$

# PTZ Camera Models: Orientation

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- PTZ camera has two degrees of freedom: pan and tilt with respect to a base “scene frame”
  - Pan axis fixed w.r.t. scene frame
  - Tilt axis fixed w.r.t. camera frame
- Camera orientation w.r.t world frame obtained from kinematic chain:<sup>1</sup>

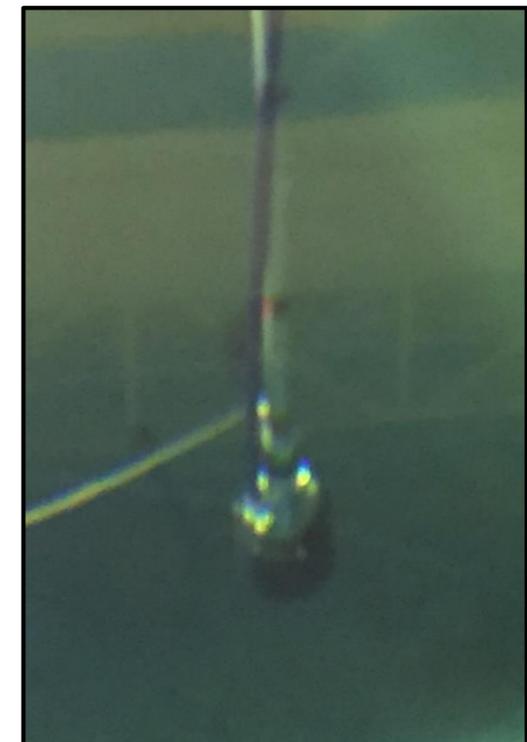
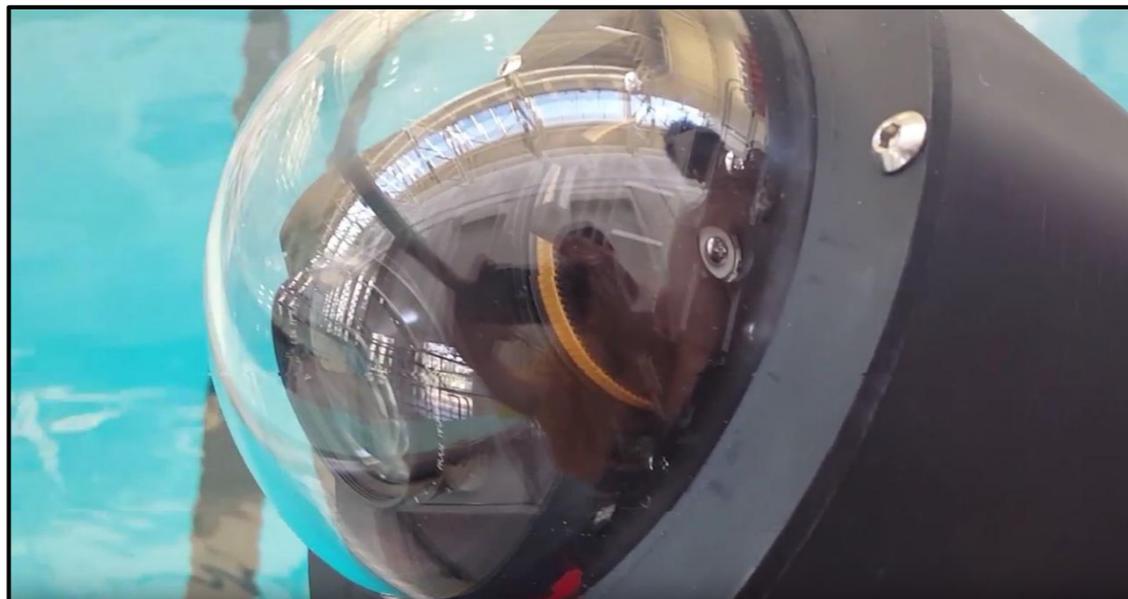
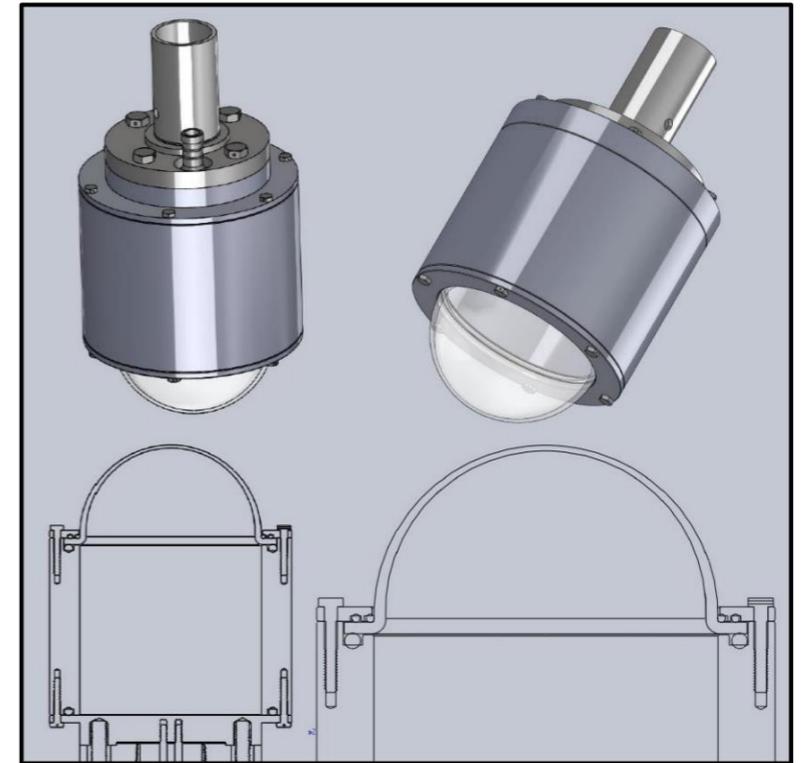
$$R_e^w = R(R_s, \theta, \phi) = R_\phi R_\theta R_s$$



<sup>1</sup>Collins and Tsing (1999).

# Underwater Optics

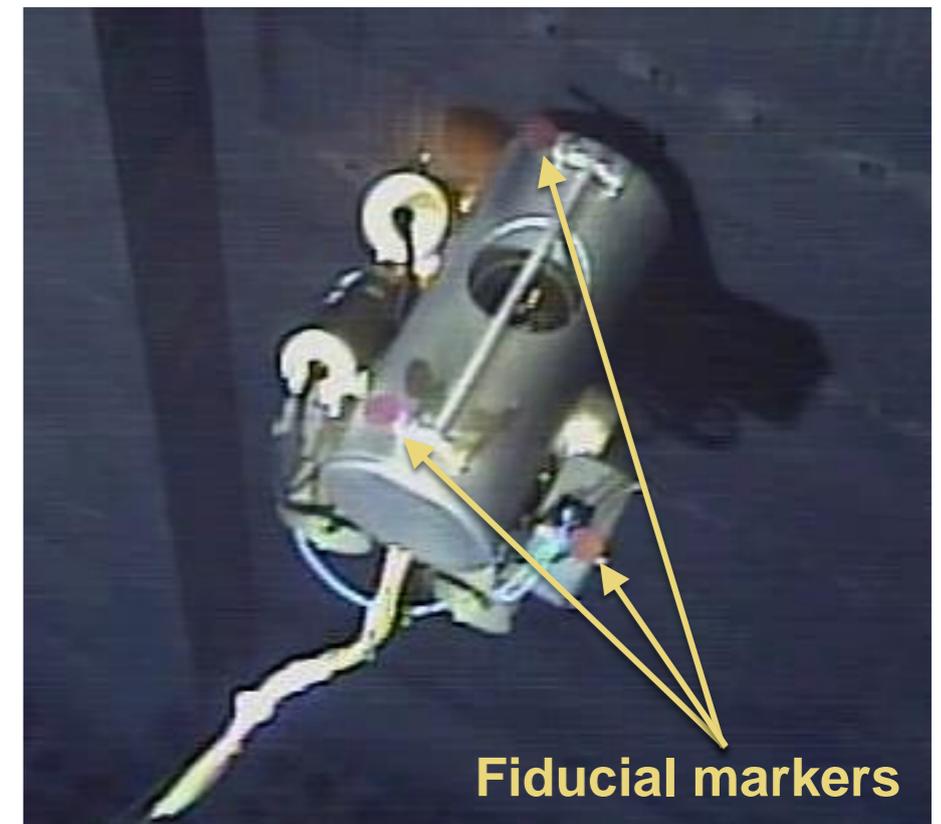
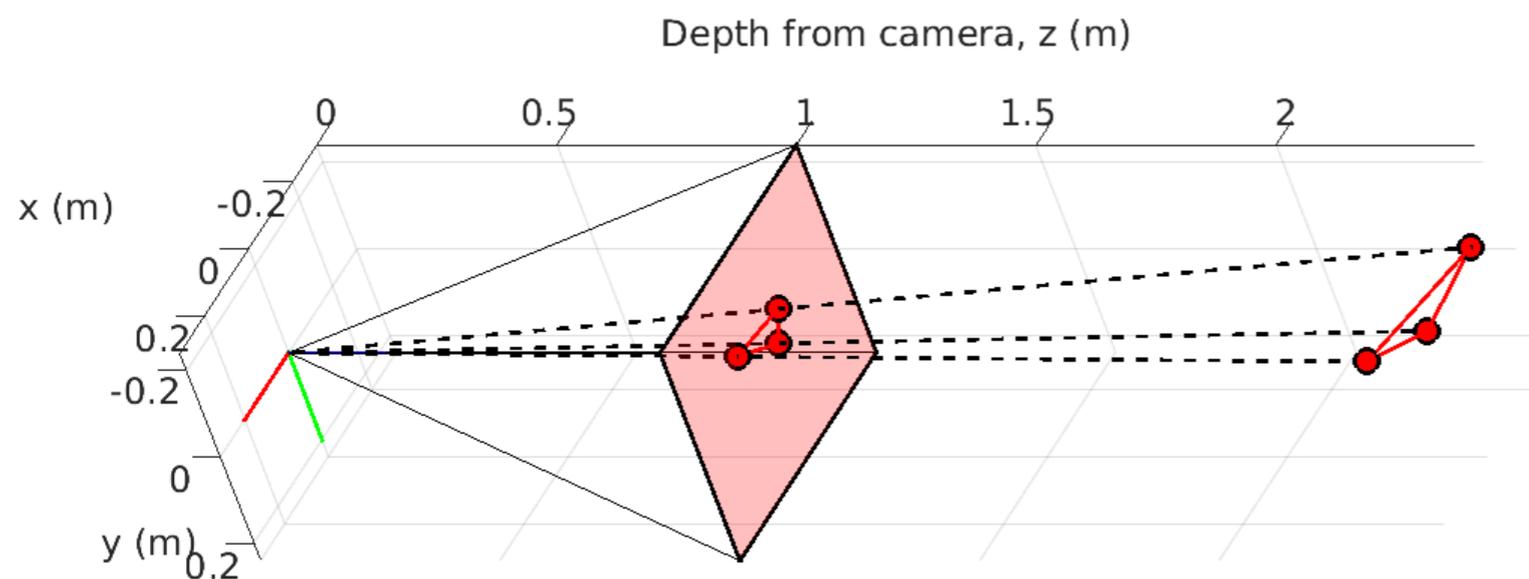
- In an underwater setting, **the camera optics are inherently coupled with the type of camera housing**
- In water with an ideal spherical housing, there is no change to the image field of view under some conditions
- Estimate both focal length components to account for underwater optics with partially known optical model



# ROV and Fiducial Markers

- ROV pose is estimated from projections of fiducial markers mounted on the platform
- Assume that the position of the markers in the body frame is known to a limited uncertainty

$$\tilde{\mathbf{m}}_i \sim K [ R_w^e \mid \mathbf{t}_w^e ] T_b^w \tilde{\mathbf{M}}_i^b$$



# Vessel Geometry

- The lower core consists of the following components:
  - Core plate, forming the reactor “floor”
  - Baffle plates, forming the reactor “walls”
- Landmarks only on planar surfaces
- Lines arising at the intersection of planar surfaces
- Fuel assemblies are removed during inspection

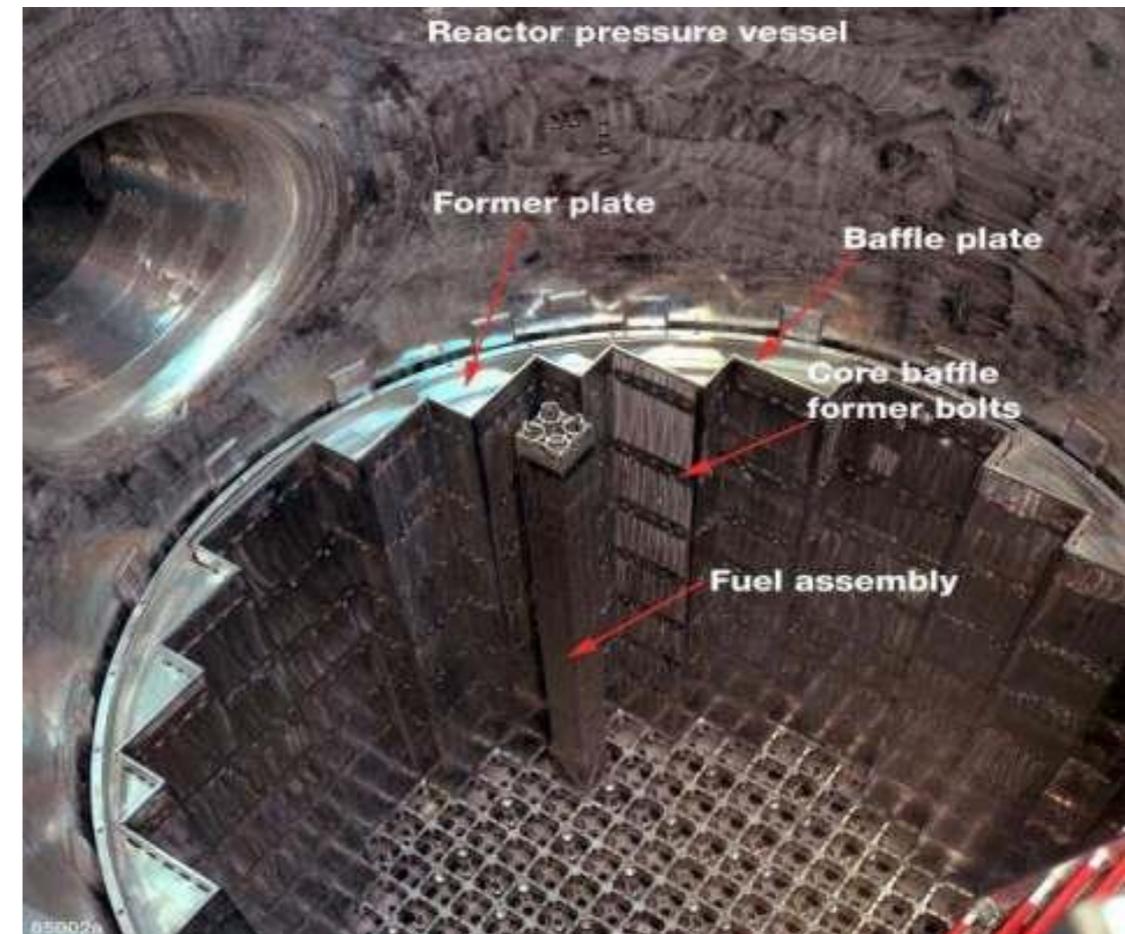
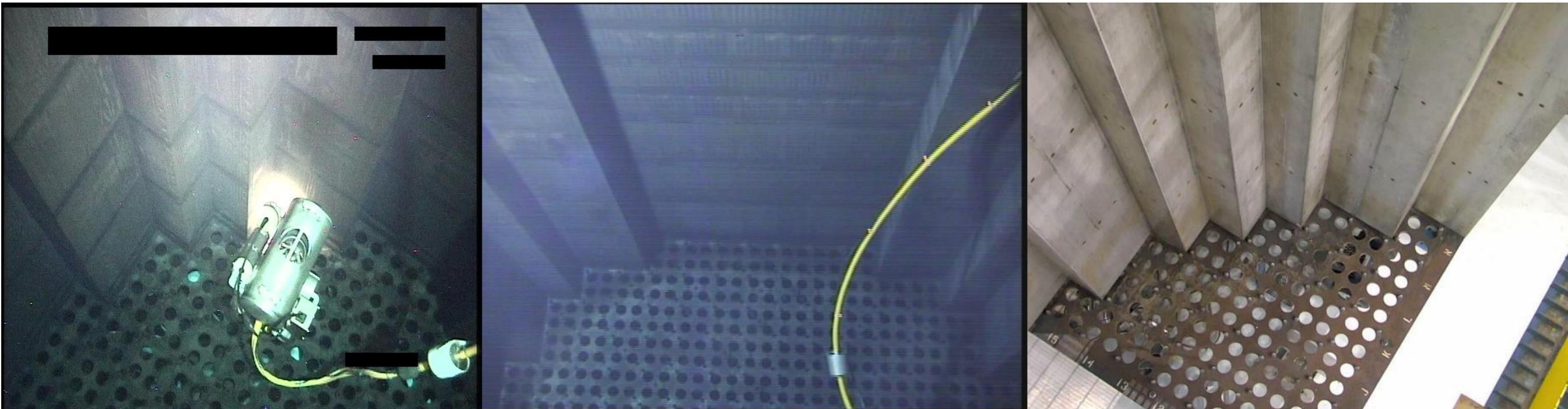


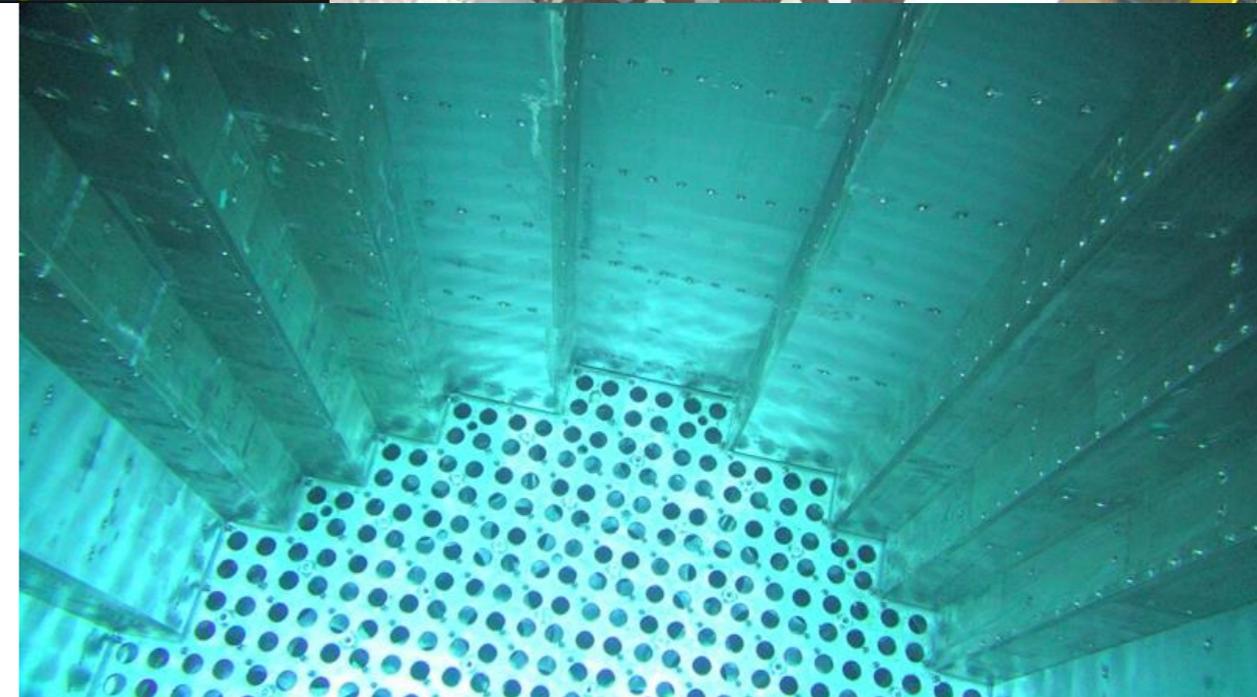
Diagram of the reactor lower core.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC.

# Vessel Geometry: Representative Examples



- Minor structural variation
  - Vessel size
  - Quantity of baffle plates
- Visual differences
  - Core plate flow holes are typically apparent
  - Landmarks on baffle plates may not always be visible



# Vessel Geometry: Planar Representation

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- Represent the reactor geometry as a series of planes, and points that are coplanar on these planes.
- Reactor surfaces as planes:  $\pi = [\bar{n}^T, d]^T \in \mathbb{R}^4$
- Point coplanarity constraint:  $\pi \cdot \tilde{P} = 0$
- Projections of points and lines provide landmarks used for localization:

$$\tilde{p}_i \sim K [R_w^e \mid \mathbf{t}_w^e] \tilde{P}_i^w$$

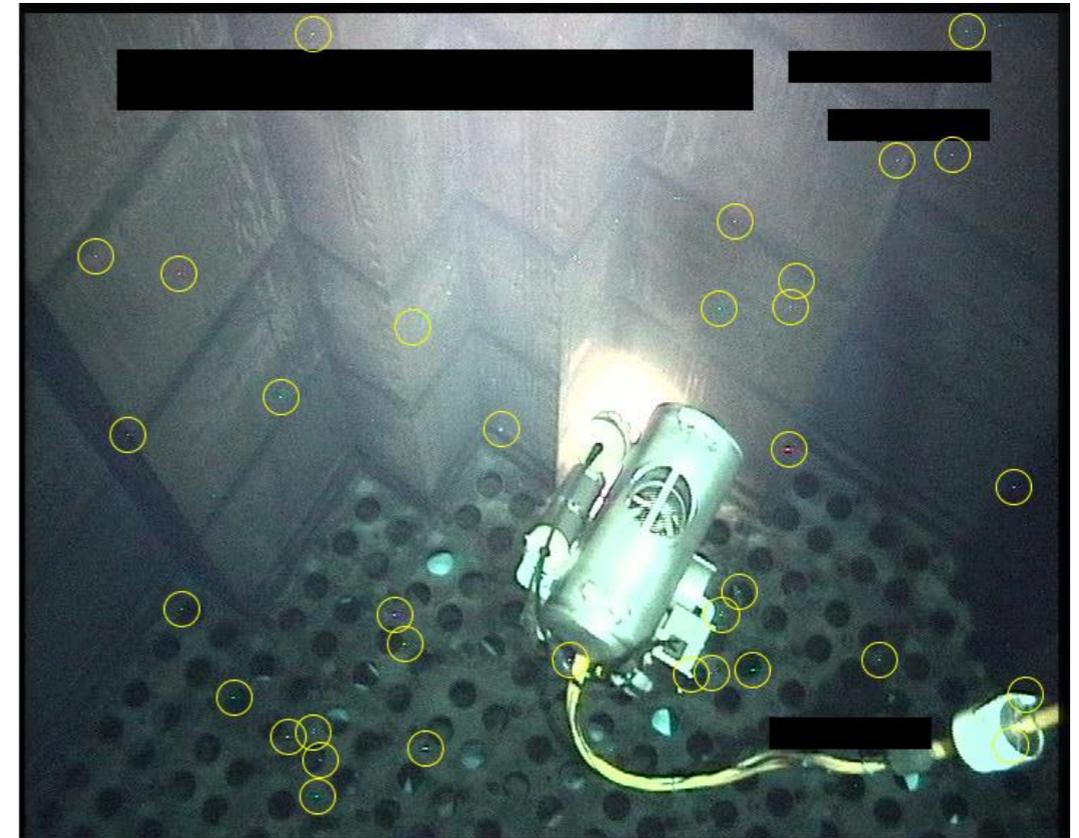
$$\mathcal{L}_{ij} = \pi_i \wedge \pi_j$$
$$\mathcal{L}_{ij}^w \sim \begin{bmatrix} d_i \bar{n}_j - d_j \bar{n}_i \\ \bar{n}_i \times \bar{n}_j \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\ell_{ij} \sim \mathcal{K} D_w^e \mathcal{L}_{ij}^w$$

# Speckling

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- Speckling is stochastic chromatic image noise that is induced by radiation.
- We quantify a speckling model used for assessing framework robustness.
  - Number of clusters chosen from a normal distribution
  - Size of clusters chosen from a categorical distribution

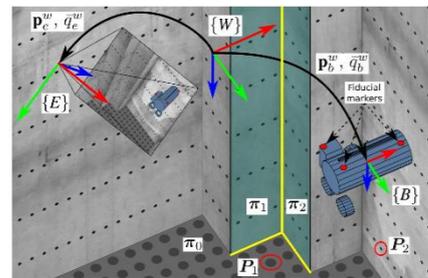


Speckling exhibited in a camera frame.

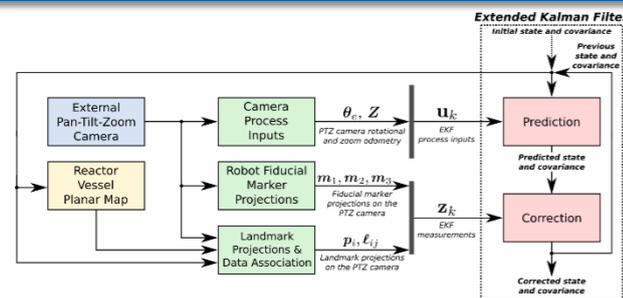
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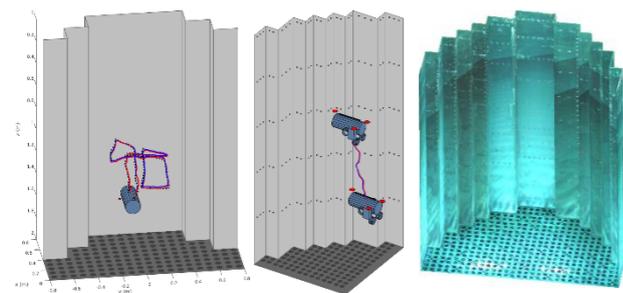
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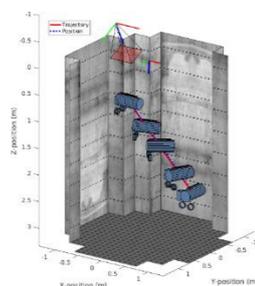
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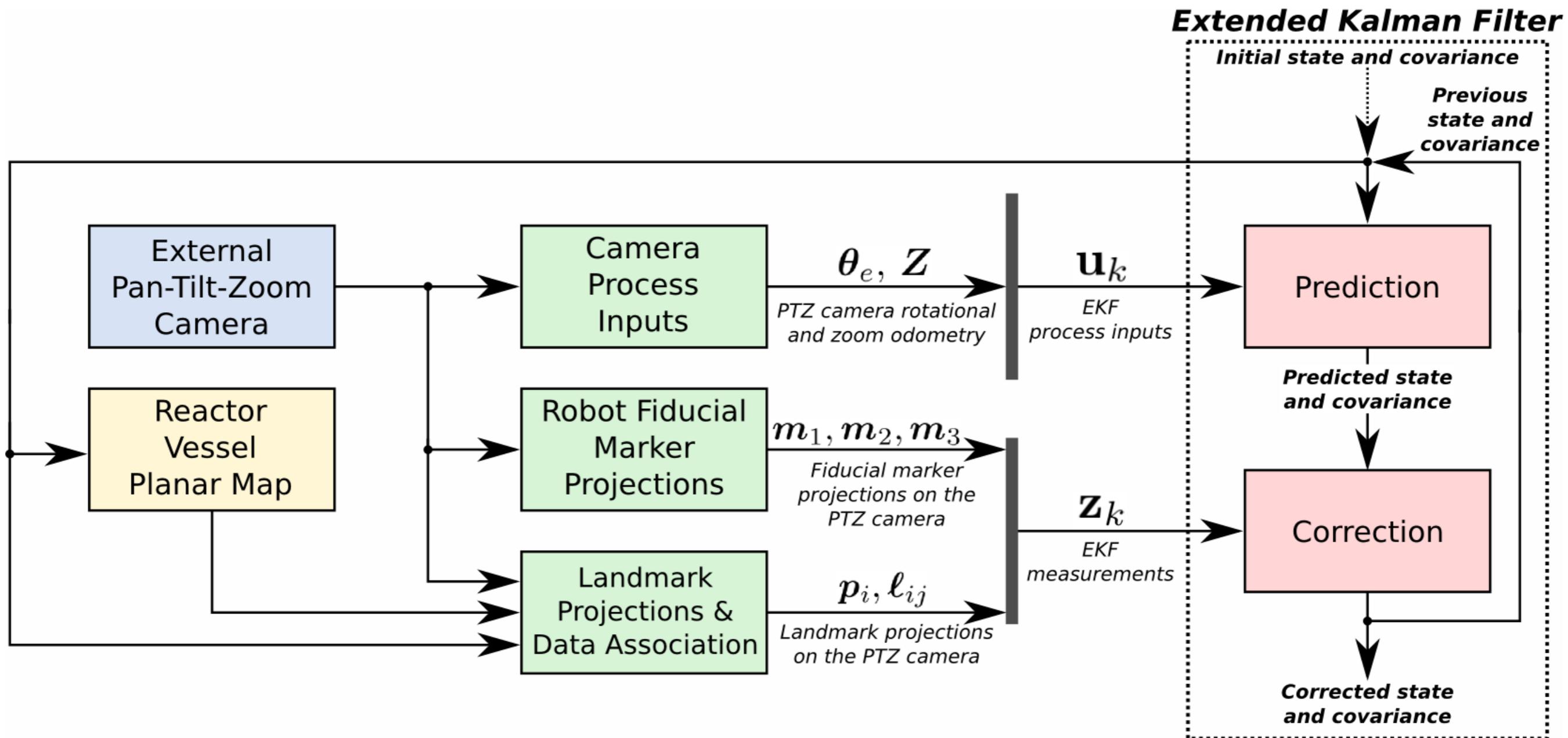
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- Non-linear state of the system is estimated using an extended Kalman filter (EKF).
- System is implemented in discrete time to obtain a recursive state estimate.
- The state includes the system (ROV and camera) and the map:

$$\mathbf{X}(t) = [\mathbf{X}_S(t)^T, \mathbf{X}_M^T]^T$$

$$\mathbf{X}_S(t) = [\mathbf{p}_b^w(t)^T, \bar{q}_b^w(t)^T, \mathbf{p}_e^w(t)^T, \bar{q}_e^w(t)^T, \mathbf{f}_e(t)^T]^T$$
$$\mathbf{f}_e(t) = [f_x(t), f_y(t)]^T$$

# State Estimation and Localization Diagram



# Planar Map

- Minimal representation for EKF
  - Assume baffle plates are orthogonal to core plate

$$\pi_{wall,i} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_i \\ \sin \theta_i \\ 0 \\ d_i \end{bmatrix} \quad \pi_{floor} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ -h \end{bmatrix} \quad \pi_{top} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 2 DOF for points

$$\mathbf{P} = \delta_1 \bar{v}_1 + \delta_2 \bar{v}_2 - \bar{n}d$$

*Basis for wall points:*

$$\bar{v}_1 = [-\sin \theta, \cos \theta, 0]^T$$

$$\bar{v}_2 = [0, 0, 1]^T$$

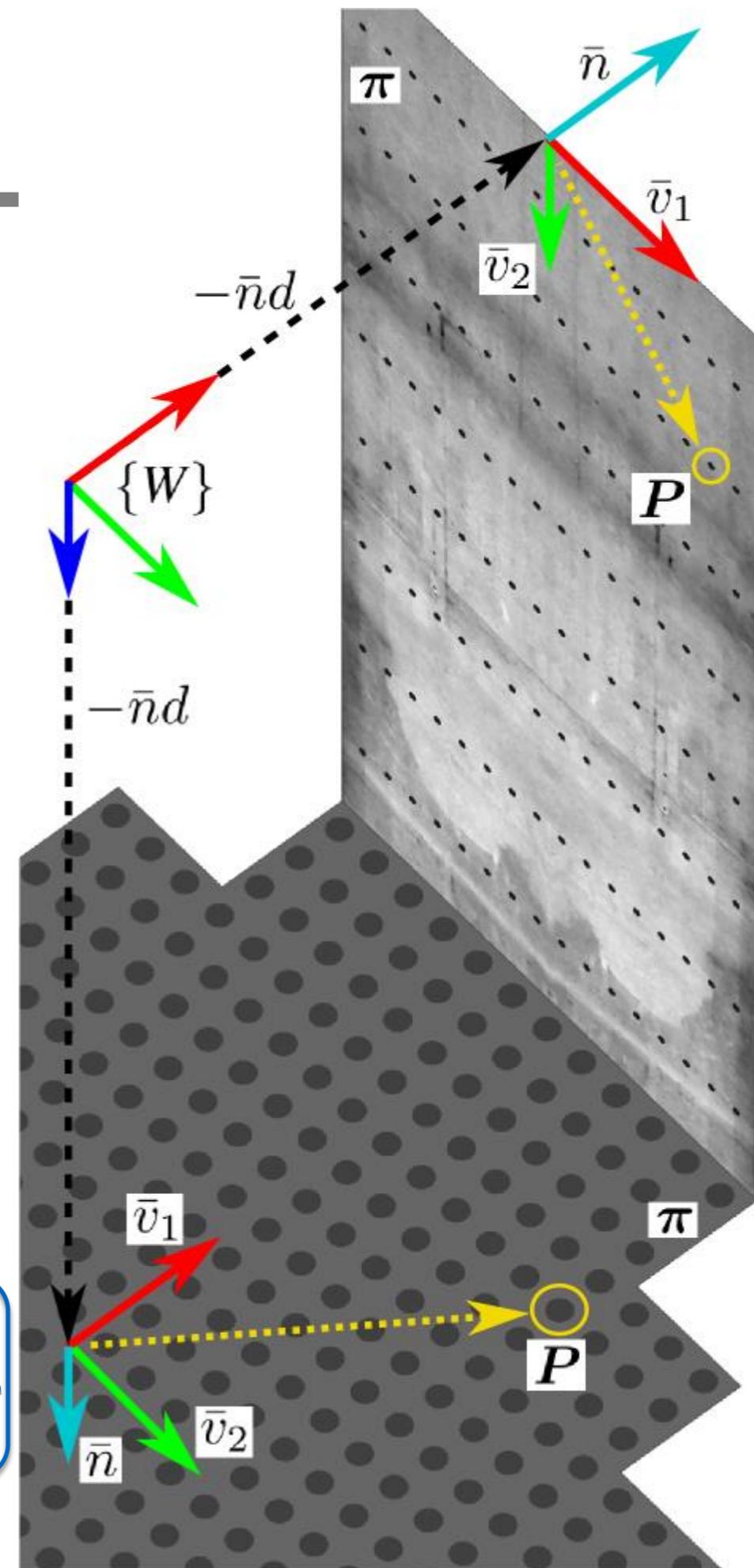
*Basis for floor points:*

$$\bar{v}_1 = [1, 0, 0]^T$$

$$\bar{v}_2 = [0, 1, 0]^T$$

$$\mathbf{X}_M \in \mathbb{R}^{2N+1+2L}$$

$$\mathbf{X}_M = [\theta_1, d_1, \dots, \theta_N, d_N, h, \delta_{1,1}, \delta_{1,2}, \dots, \delta_{L,1}, \delta_{L,2}]^T$$



# EKF Process Models

- Non-linear process model implemented in discrete time

$$\mathbf{X}_k = g(\mathbf{u}_k, \mathbf{X}_{k-1}) + \mathcal{N}(0, Q_k)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_k = [\boldsymbol{\theta}_e^T, Z]^T$$

- Process inputs

- ROV process from random walk
- Rotational odometry

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_e \in \mathbb{R}^3, [\boldsymbol{\theta}_e]_{\times} \in \mathfrak{so}(3)$$

$$R_e = R(I_{3 \times 3}, \theta_{k-1}, \phi_{k-1})^{-1} R(I_{3 \times 3}, \theta_k, \phi_k)$$

- Zoom scale change

$$Z = \left( \frac{z_k}{z_{k-1}} - 1 \right) \quad z \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 1}$$

$$g(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{X}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_b^w \\ \bar{q}_b^w \\ \mathbf{p}_e^w \\ \|\bar{q}_e^w + \frac{1}{2} Q(\boldsymbol{\theta}_e) \bar{q}_e^w\| \\ (Z + 1) \mathbf{f}_e \\ \mathbf{X}_M \end{bmatrix}$$

# EKF Measurement Models

- Two types of measurements:

## 1. Camera-to-ROV

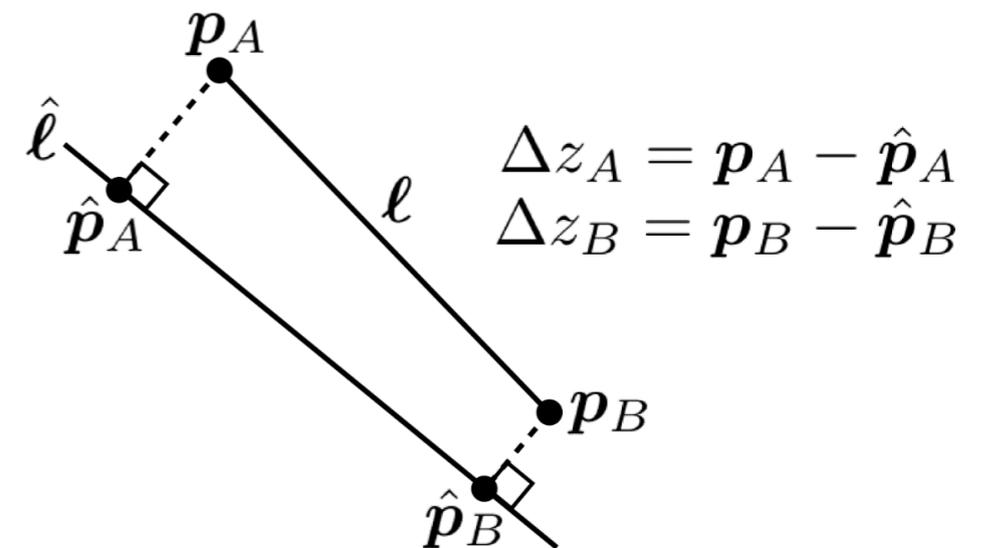
- Marker projections

## 2. Camera-to-World

- Projection of vessel points
  - Projection of wall (baffle plate) landmarks
  - Projection of floor (core plate) landmarks
- Projection of vessel lines
  - Projection of Plücker lines between adjacent walls (baffle plates)
  - Projection of Plücker lines between wall (baffle plate) and floor (core plate)
  - Projection of Plücker lines between wall (baffle plate) and reactor top rim

$$\mathbf{z} = [\mathbf{z}_b^{eT}, \mathbf{z}_e^{wT}]^T$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{z}}_k = h(\mathbf{X}_k) + \mathcal{N}(0, R_k)$$



Error function between a predicted line and observed line segment.

# EKF Initialization and Data Association

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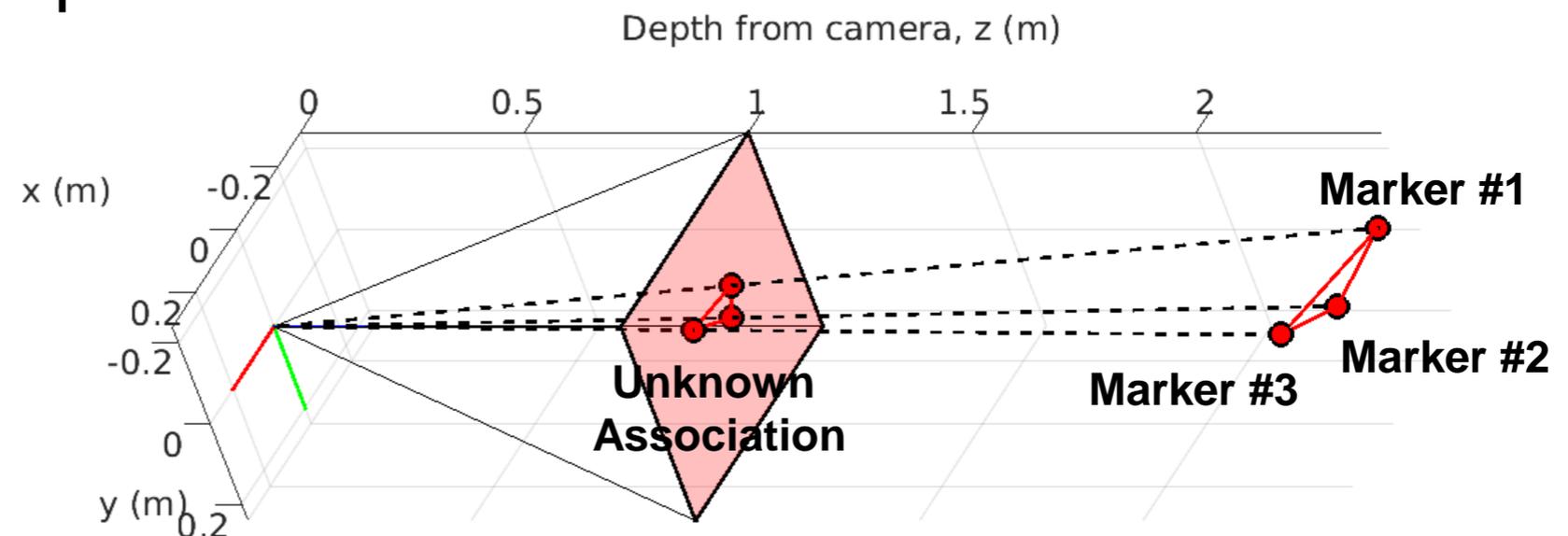
- EKF is initialized from priors on the state, except for the ROV pose.
- Points are detected using blob detection and the Hough transform for circles.<sup>1</sup>
- Lines are detected using the Canny filter<sup>2</sup> and the probabilistic Hough transform for lines.<sup>3</sup>
- Measurements are associated in the image space using a heuristic based on reprojection error between measurement and map estimate.

<sup>1</sup>Yuen et al (1990). <sup>2</sup>Canny (1986).

<sup>3</sup>Matas, Galambos, & Kittler (2000).

# Online ROV Initialization

- Determine all possible permutations for the marker association
- For each association:
  - Determine ROV poses that could generate the projections using P3P [4 solutions]<sup>1</sup>
  - Remove poses that are not physically viable
  - Remove poses with large ROV roll and pitch
- The remaining poses are assessed a score based on either 1) reprojection error or 2) Mahalanobis distance
- Use pose for initialization if score is below a heuristic threshold and no other viable poses exist

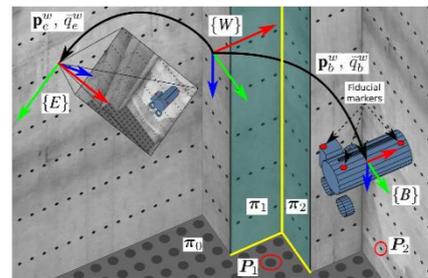


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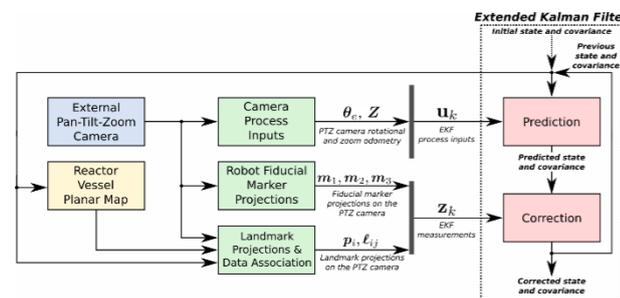
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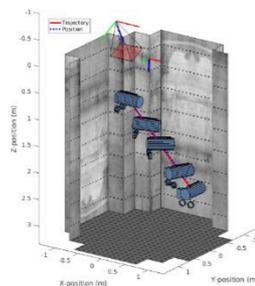
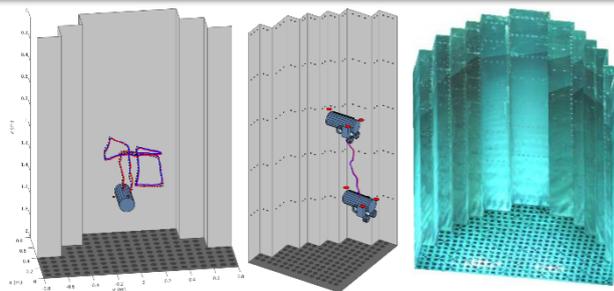


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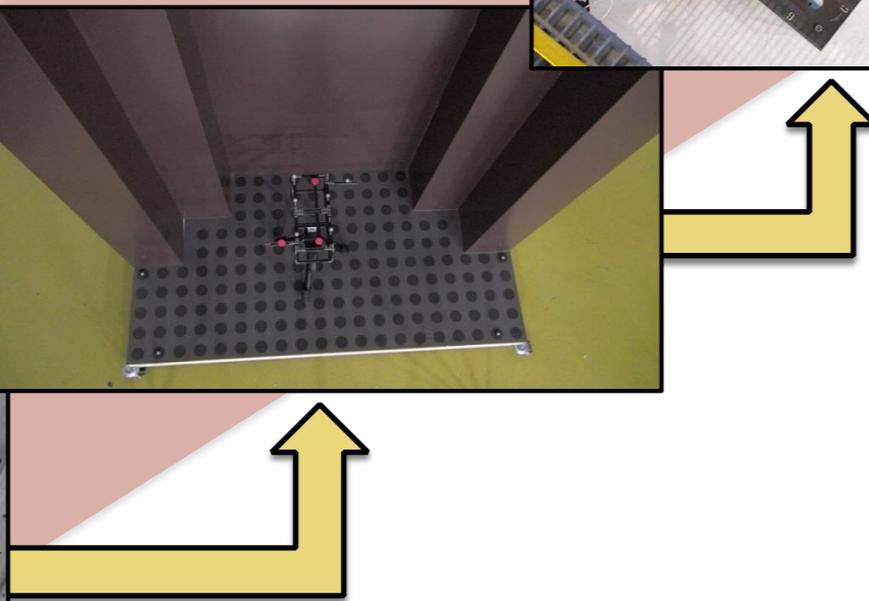
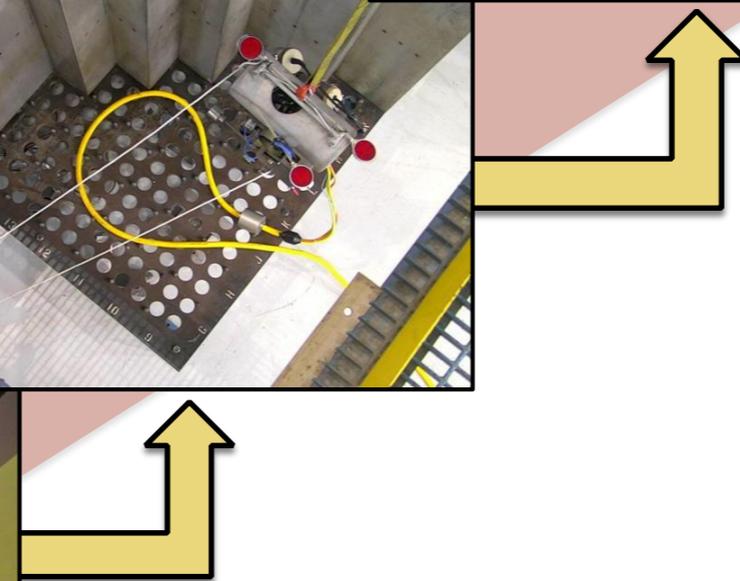
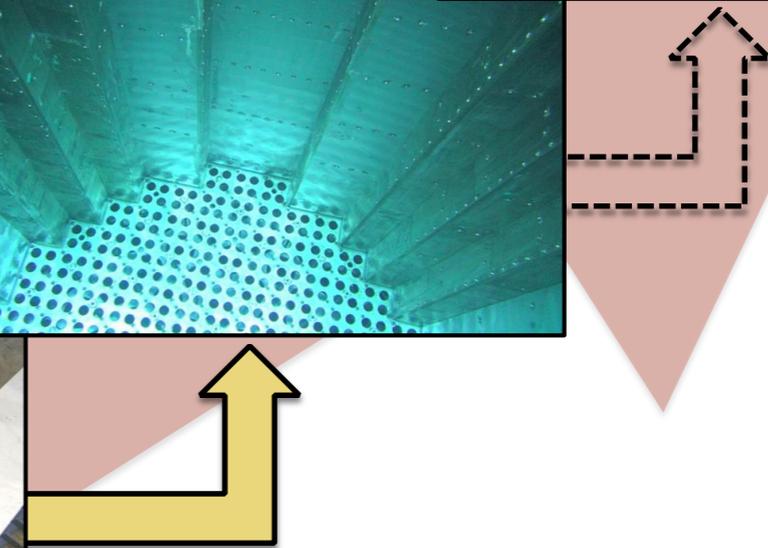
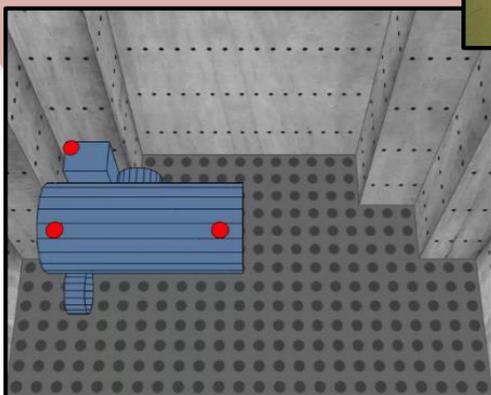
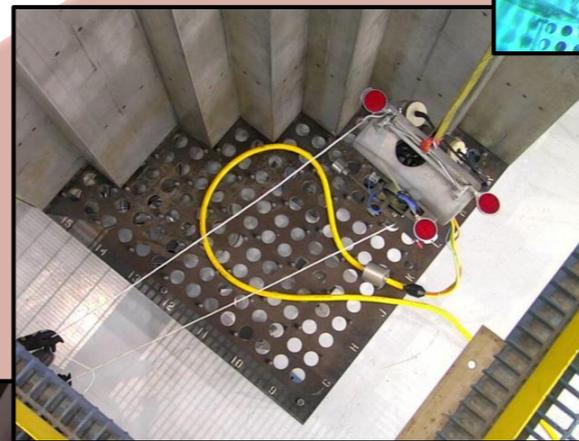
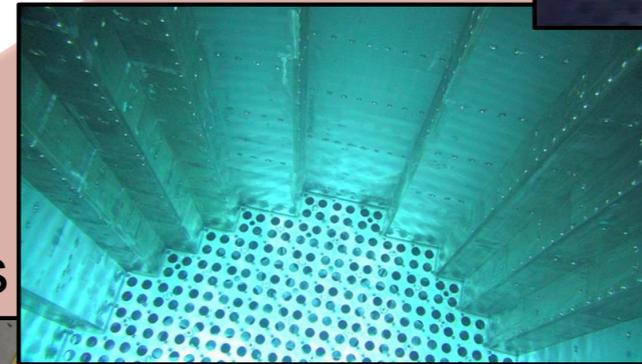
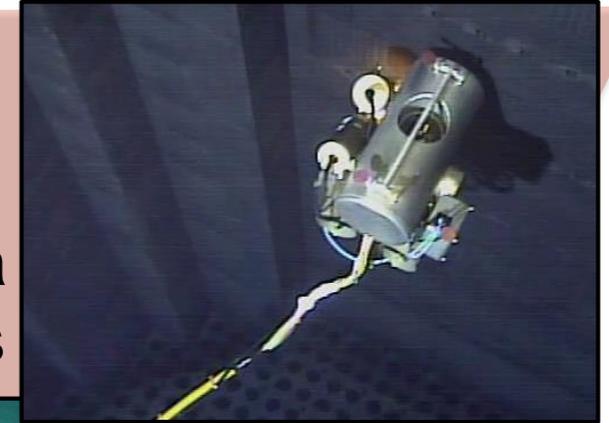
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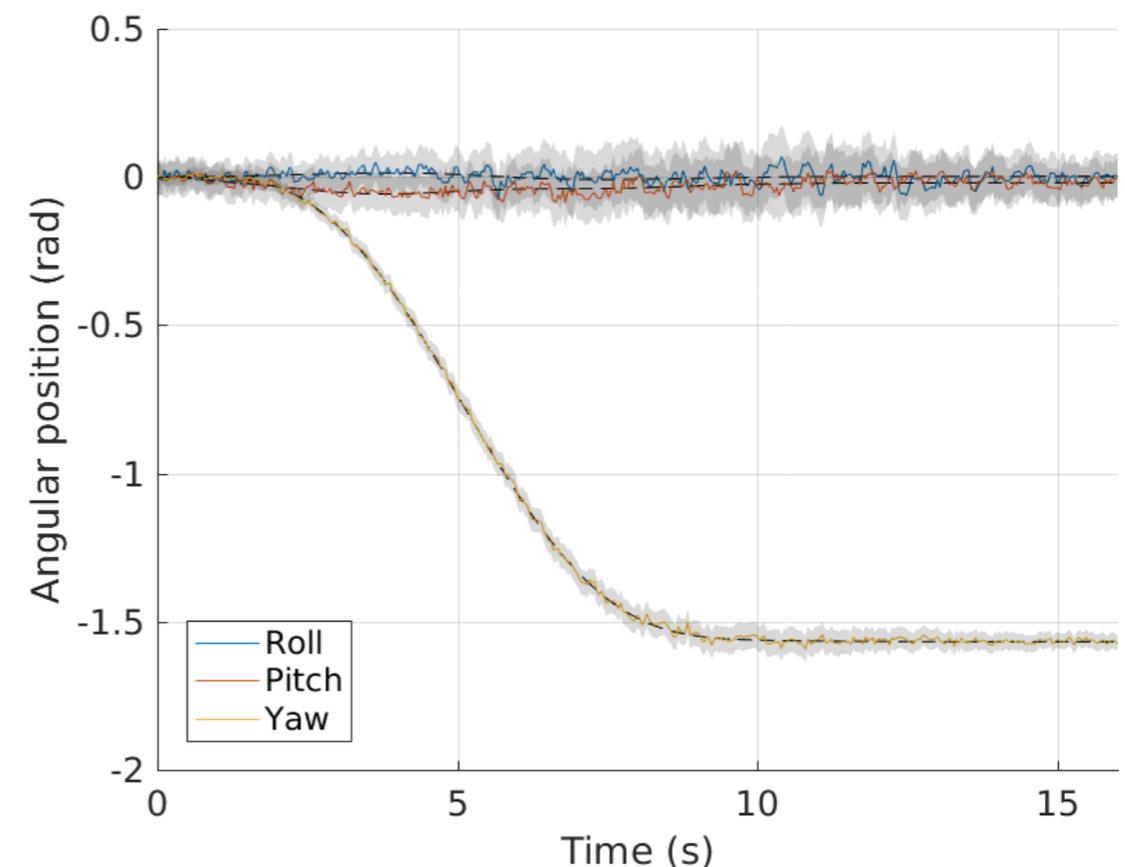
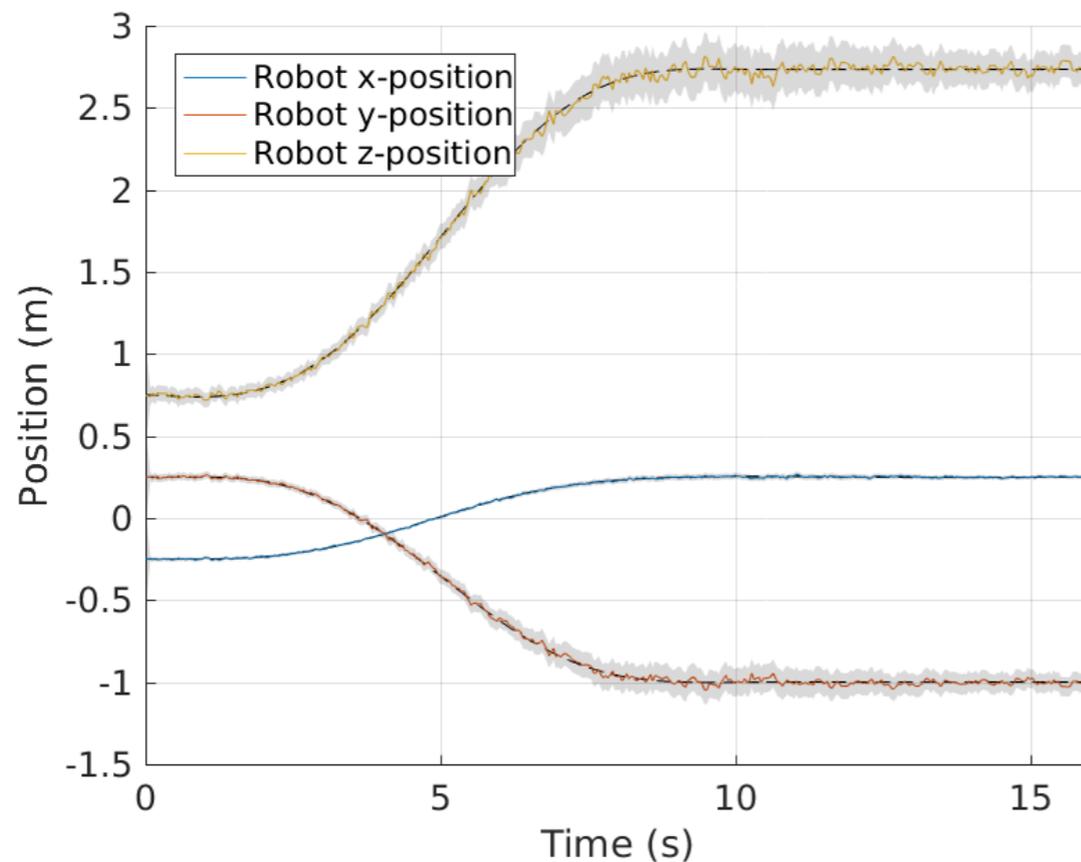
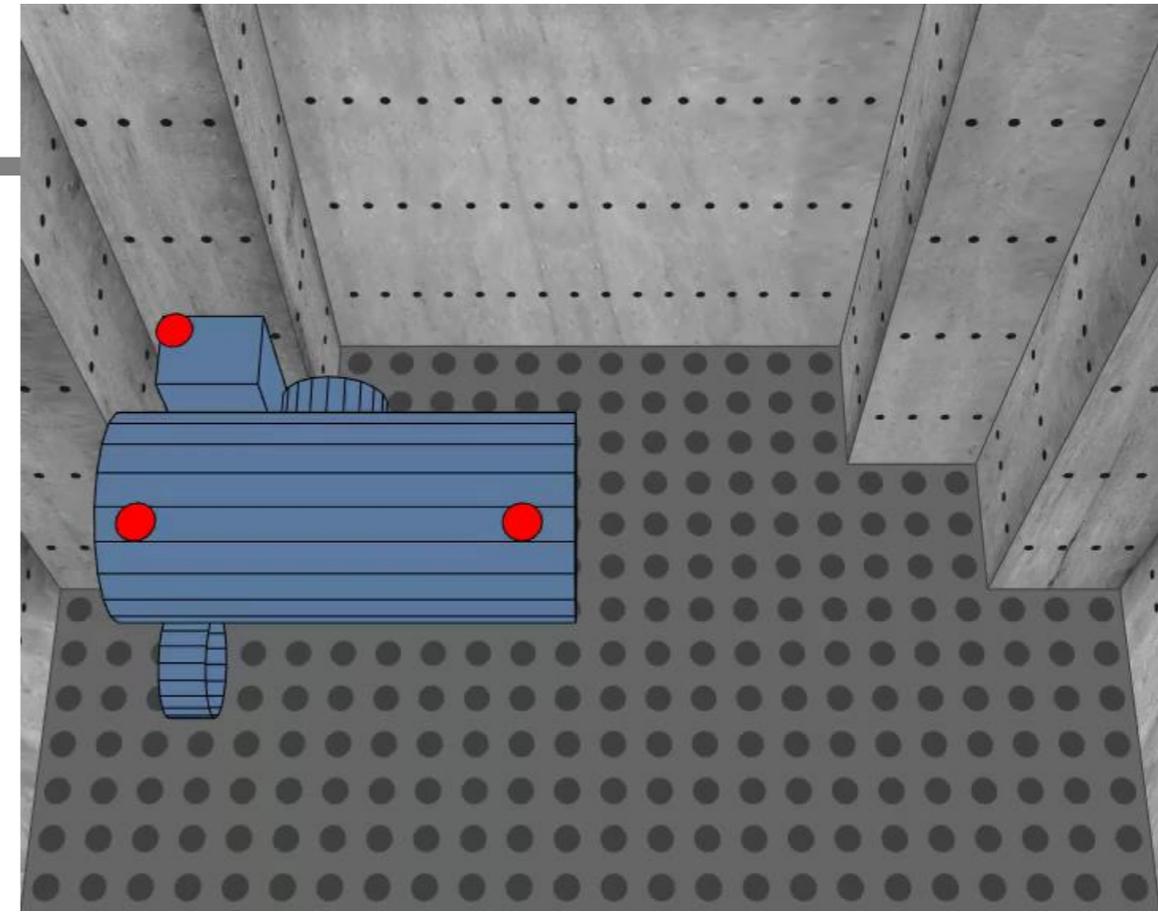
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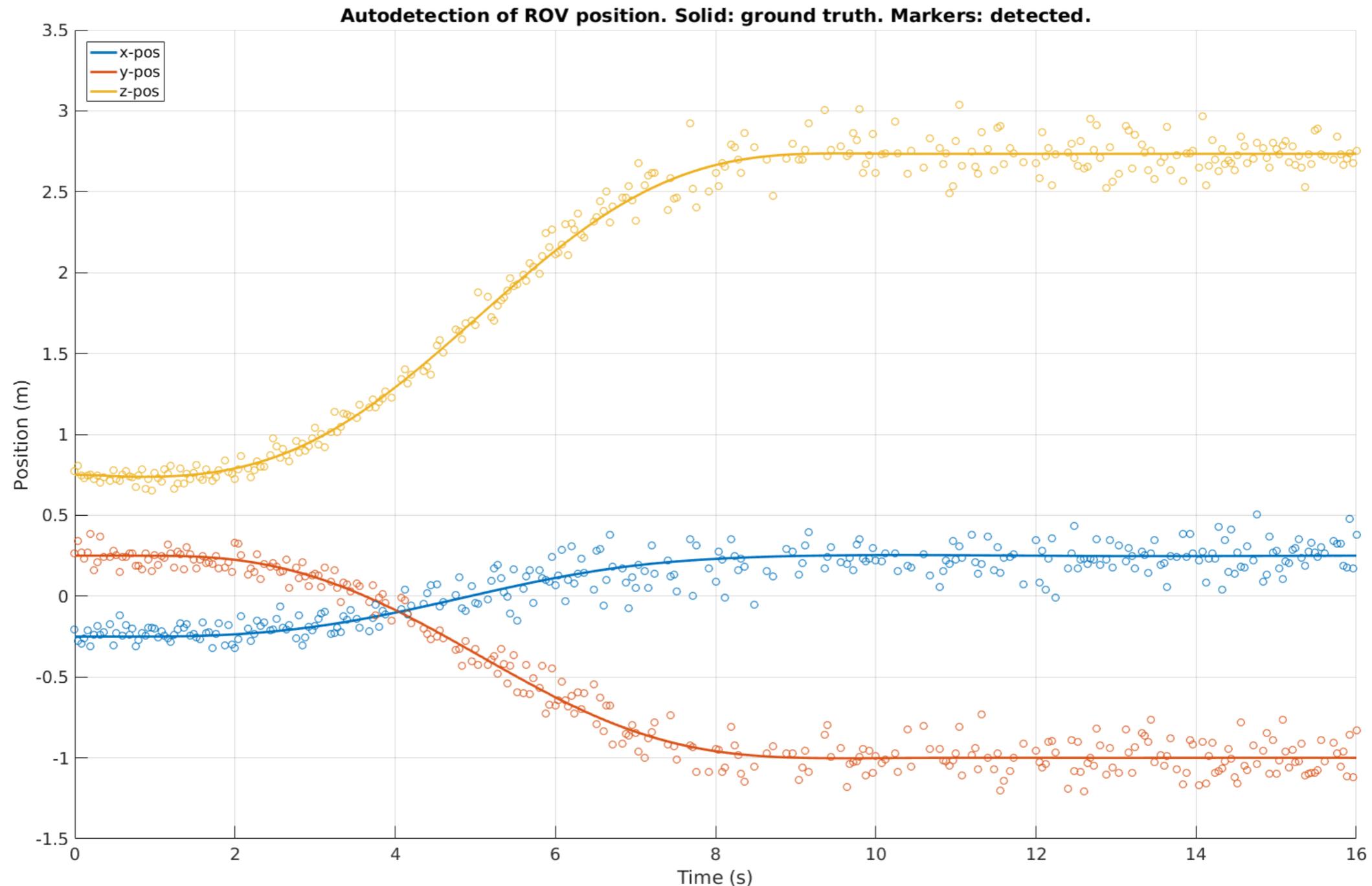
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- Subscale and Platform Experiments in Dry Setting
  - Tests of ROV localization
  - Experiments were repeated twice
    - “Clean”
    - “Degraded” --- artificial speckling and color attenuation
- Camera Experiments in Wet Setting
  - Underwater footage with PTZ camera validated system
  - Dense reconstruction for visual inspection

# Simulation Experiments

- ROV position estimates under 6 cm in  $x$ - $y$ , 10 cm in  $z$
- ROV yaw estimate under 2 deg
- Successful tracking of focal length components during zoom



# Online ROV Initialization

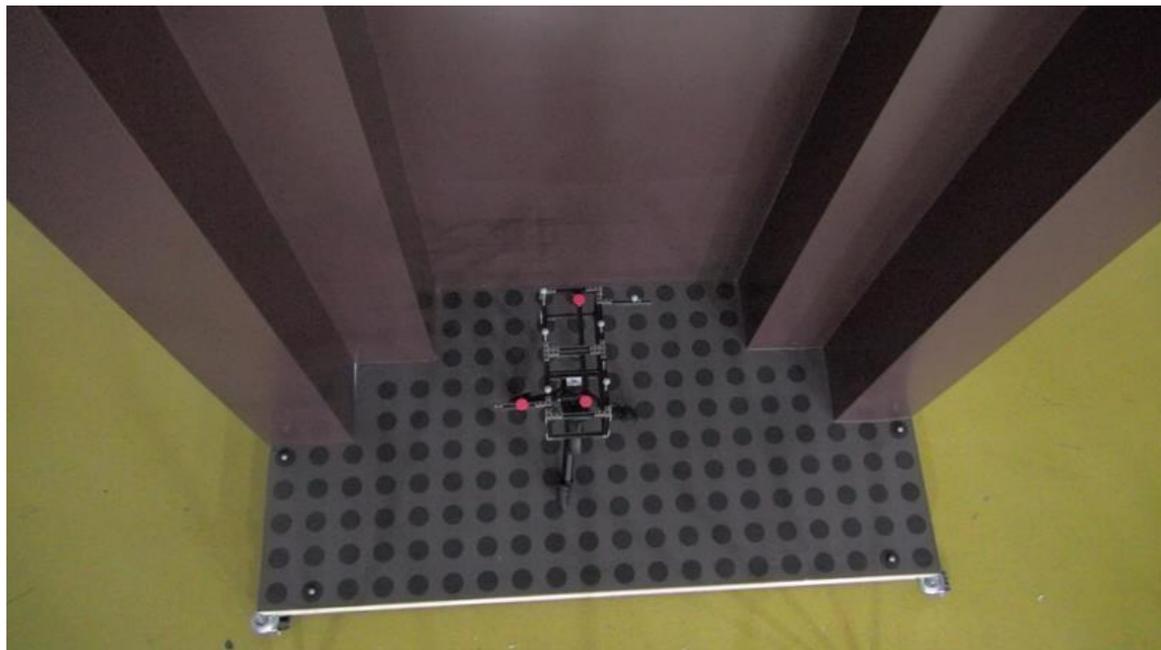


- Despite large added noise to state, obtained an estimate for ROV pose in 95% of the cases

# Subscale Experiments

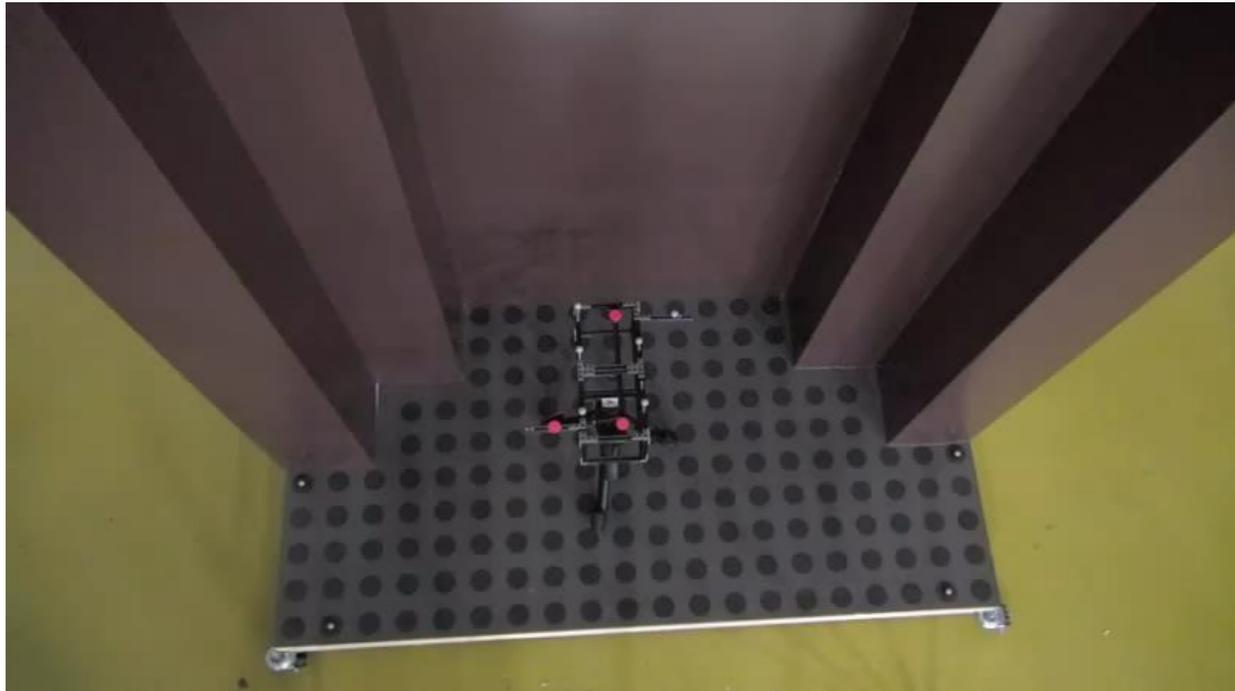
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- A subscale mockup reactor allows for conducting camera experiments
- VICON motion capture

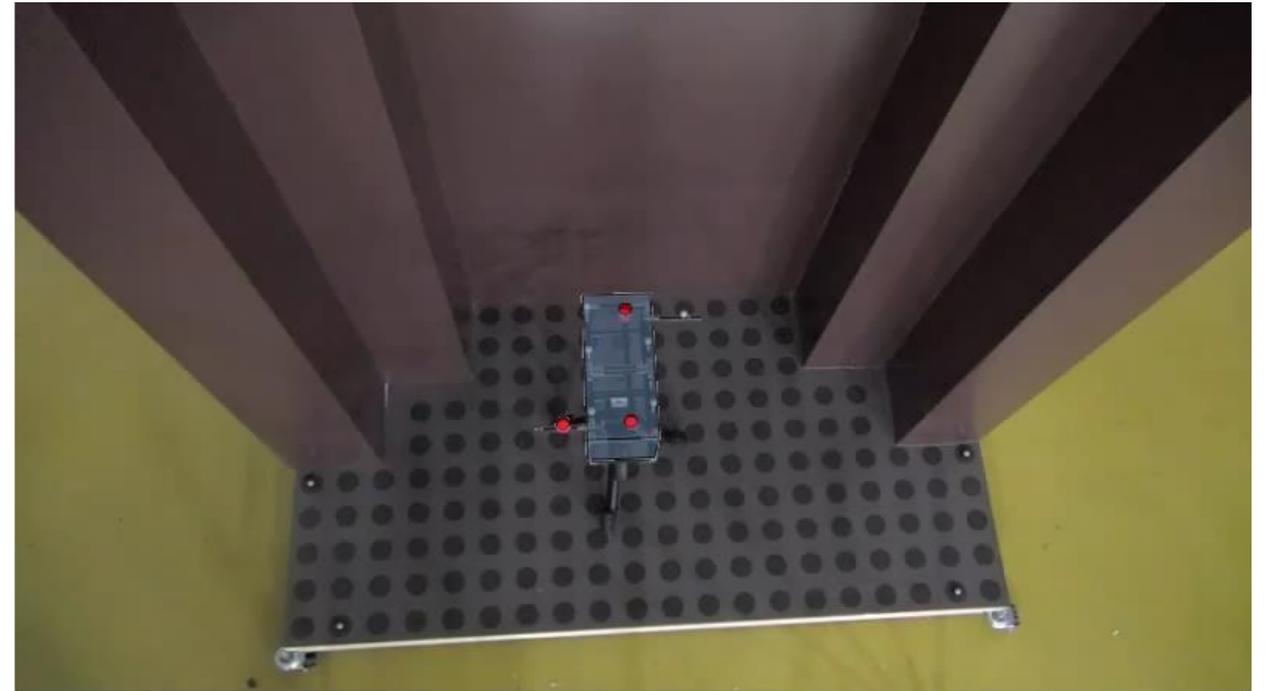


# Subscale Experiments: Clean

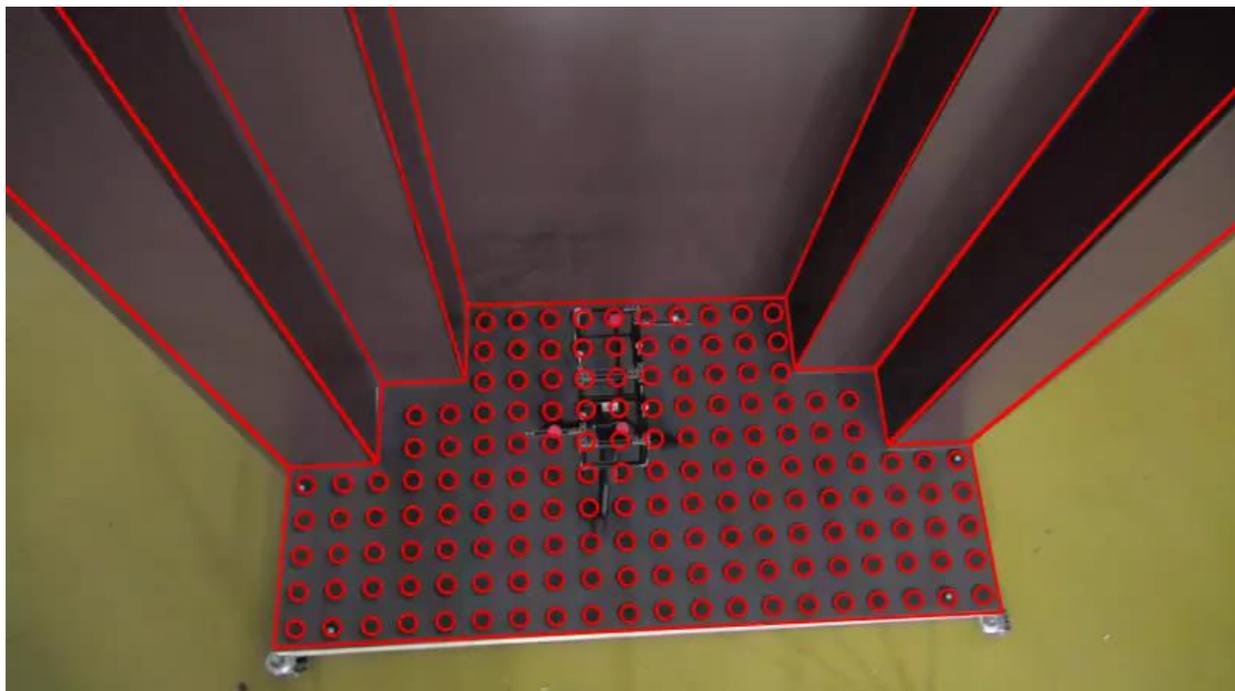
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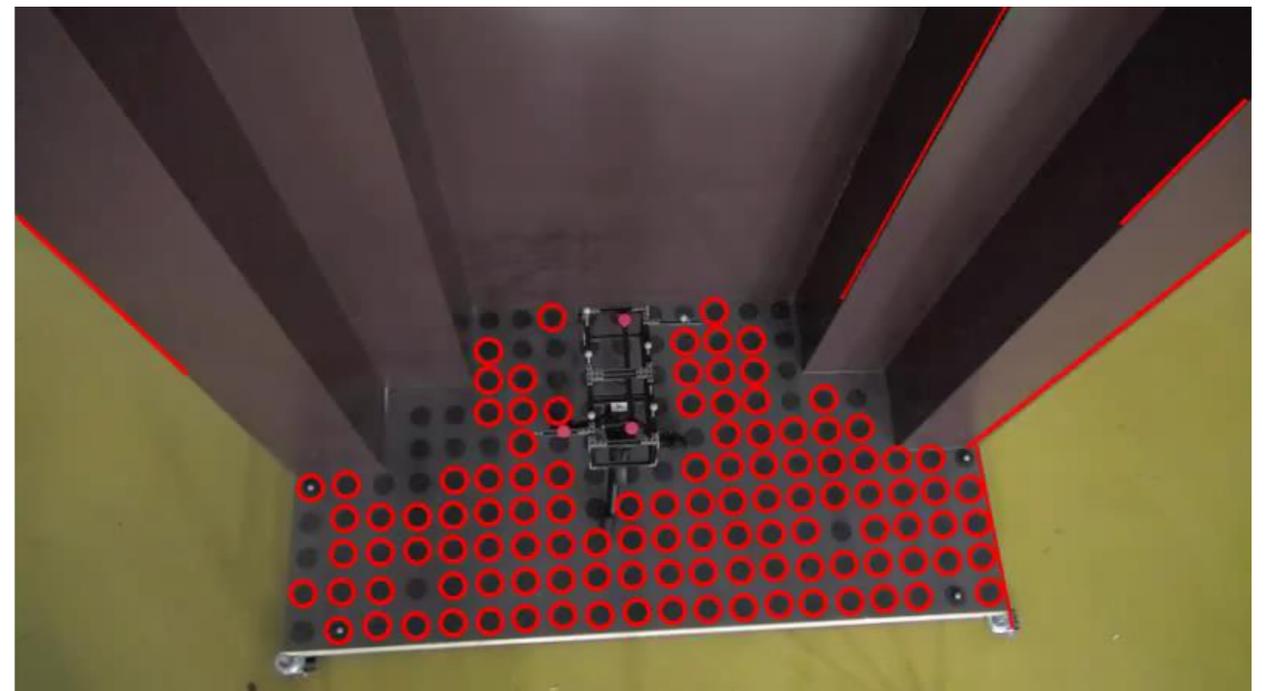
PTZ footage



Estimated ROV pose



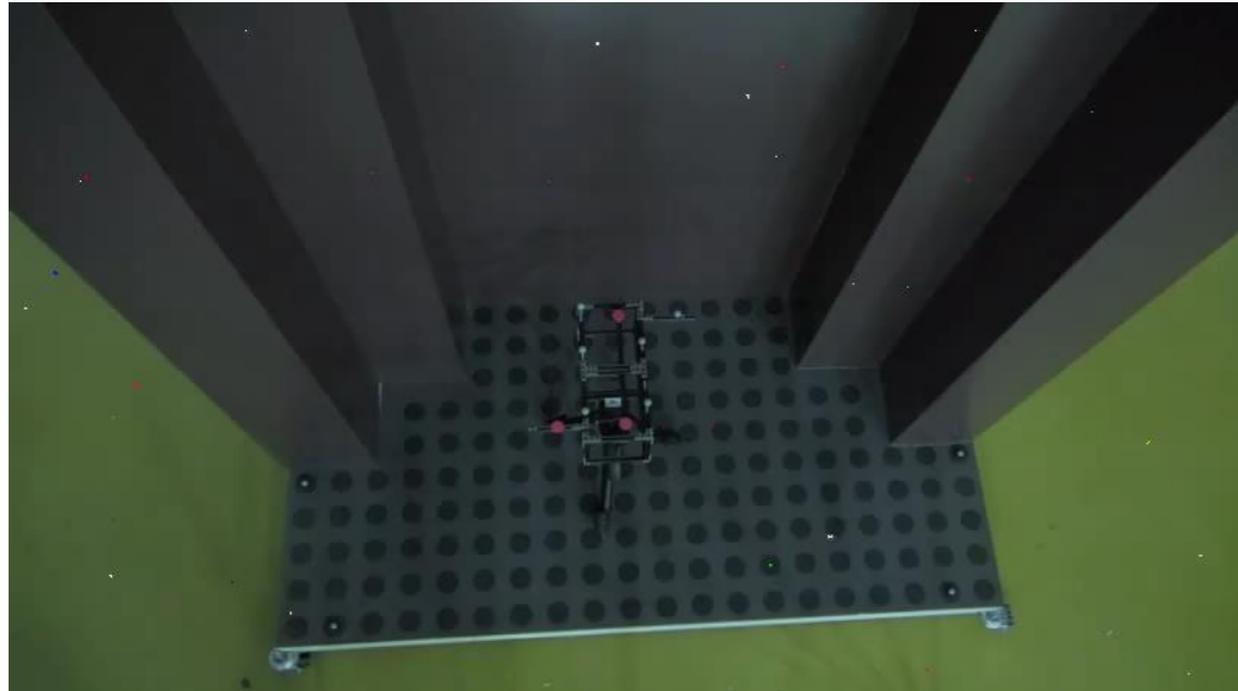
Map overlay



Associated landmarks

# Subscale Experiments: Degraded

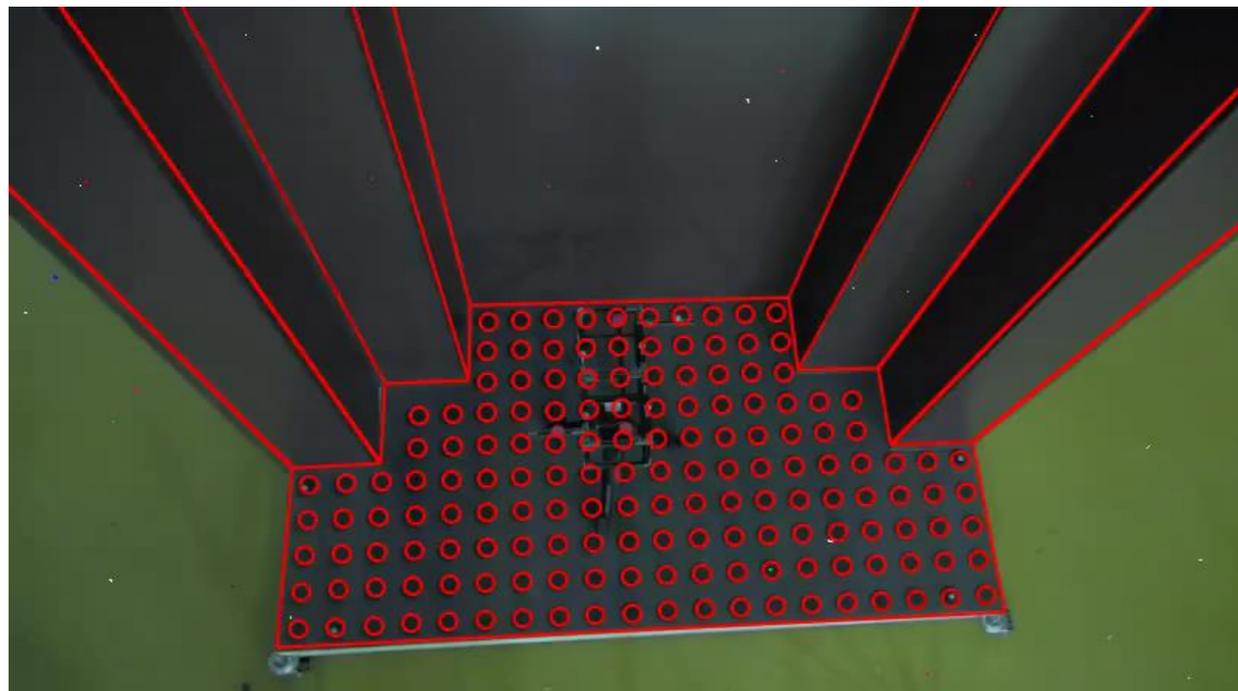
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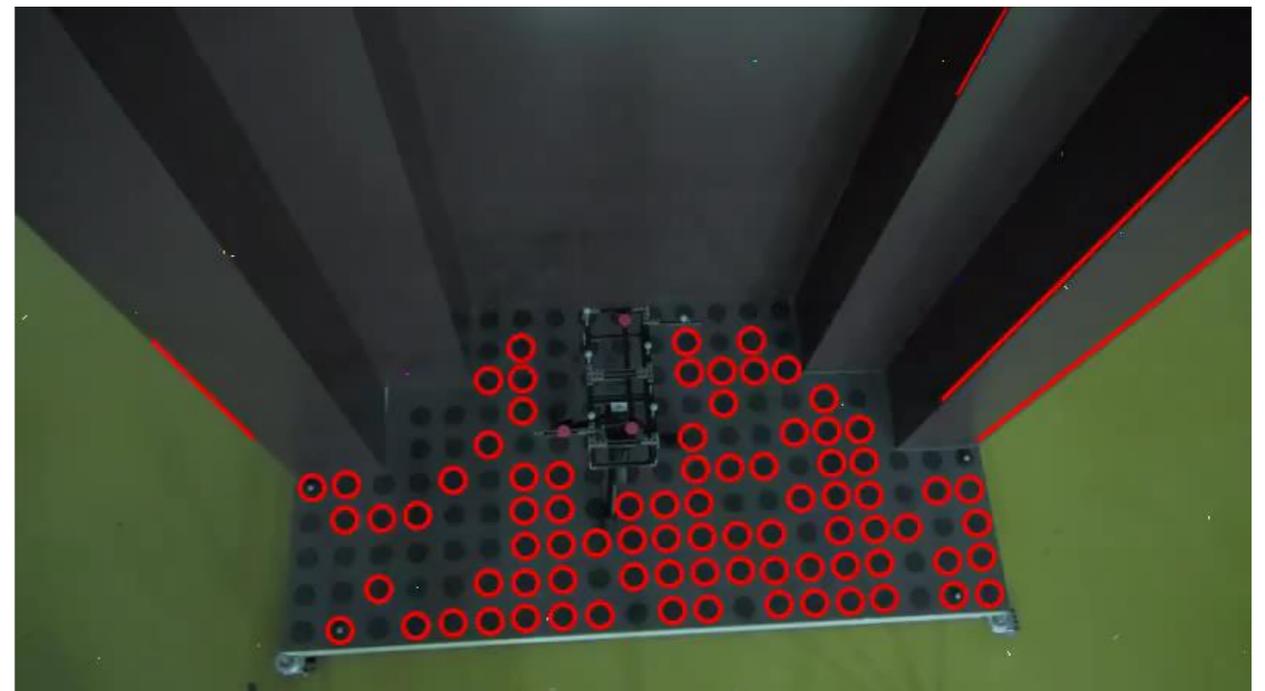
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Estimated ROV pose



Map overlay



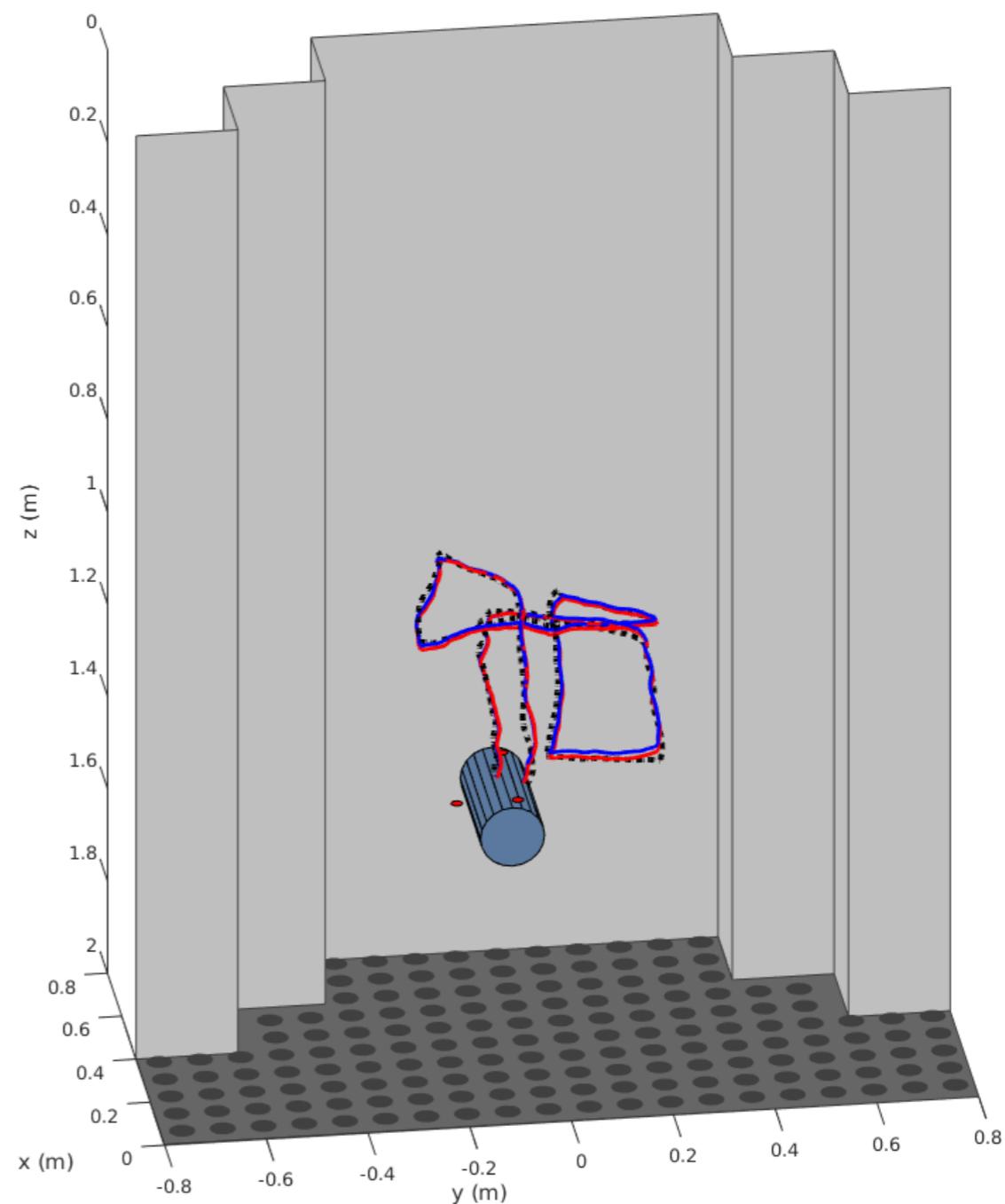
Associated landmarks

# Subscale Experiments

- Uncertainty less than 4.5 cm in ROV  $x$ , 2 cm in ROV  $y$ , and 10 cm in ROV  $z$
- Slight decrease in accuracy due to degradation

Parameter	Value (Clean)	Value (Degraded)
Accuracy (MSE), $m^2$ or $rad^2$		
$x_b^w$	$2.7515e-4$	$2.8637e-4$
$y_b^w$	$3.0282e-4$	$3.0809e-4$
$z_b^w$	$1.6192e-3$	$1.6982e-3$
$\theta_e^w$	$3.6473e-4$	$3.7681e-4$
$\phi_e^w$	$1.1025e-3$	$1.2869e-3$
$\psi_e^w$	$6.0344e-4$	$6.7328e-4$
Uncertainty ( $\pm 3\sigma$ ), m or rad		
Robot, $\{B\}$		
$x_b^w$	0.0435	0.0434
$y_b^w$	0.0174	0.0175
$z_b^w$	0.0961	0.0960
$\theta_b^w$	0.1361	0.1358
$\phi_b^w$	0.1101	0.1118
$\psi_b^w$	0.0527	0.0520
External camera, $\{E\}$		
$x_e^w$	0.0028	0.0037
$y_e^w$	0.0021	0.0034
$z_e^w$	0.0393	0.0424
$\theta_e^w$	0.0053	0.0056
$\phi_e^w$	0.0048	0.0051
$\psi_e^w$	0.0162	0.0172

Uncertainty in subscale experiments.

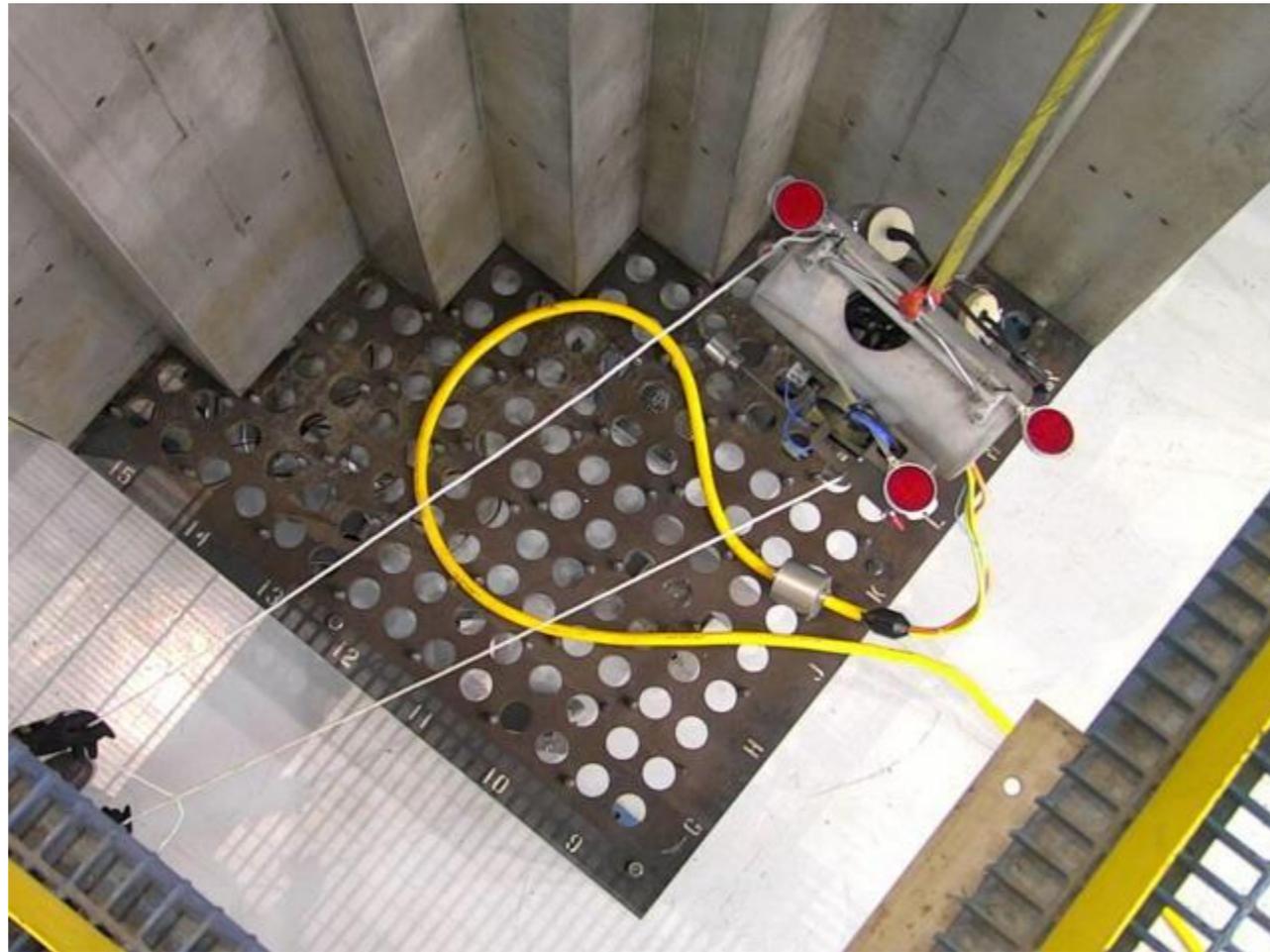


ROV path:  
 black (ground truth),  
 red (est., clean), blue (est., degraded)

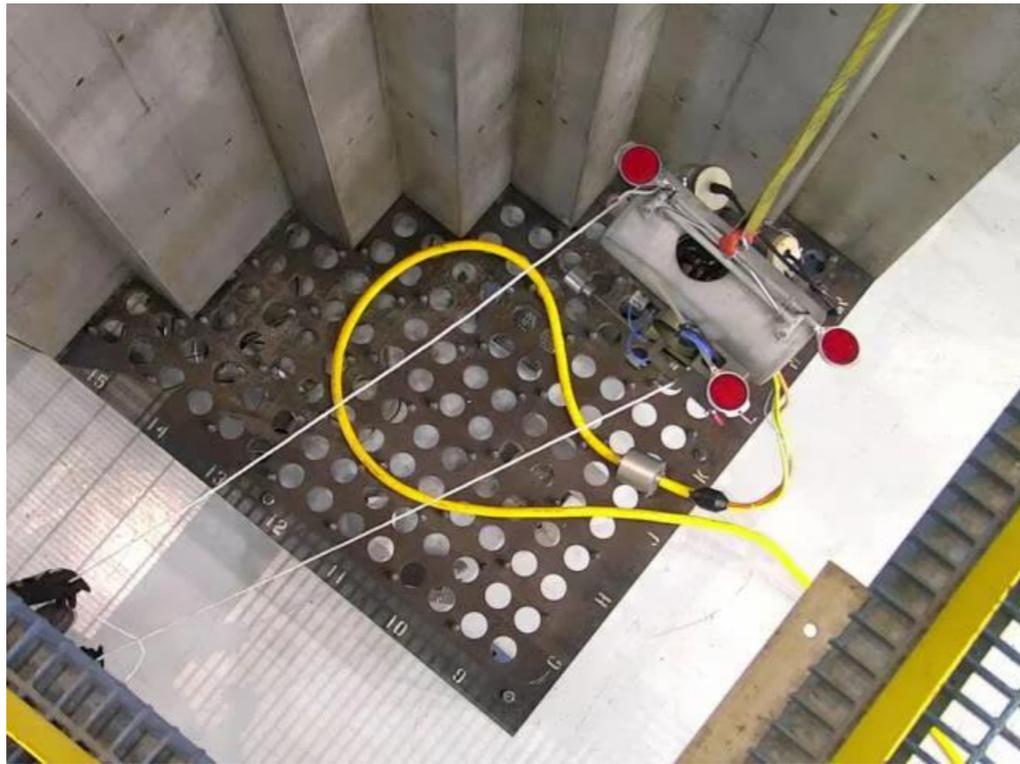
# Platform Experiments

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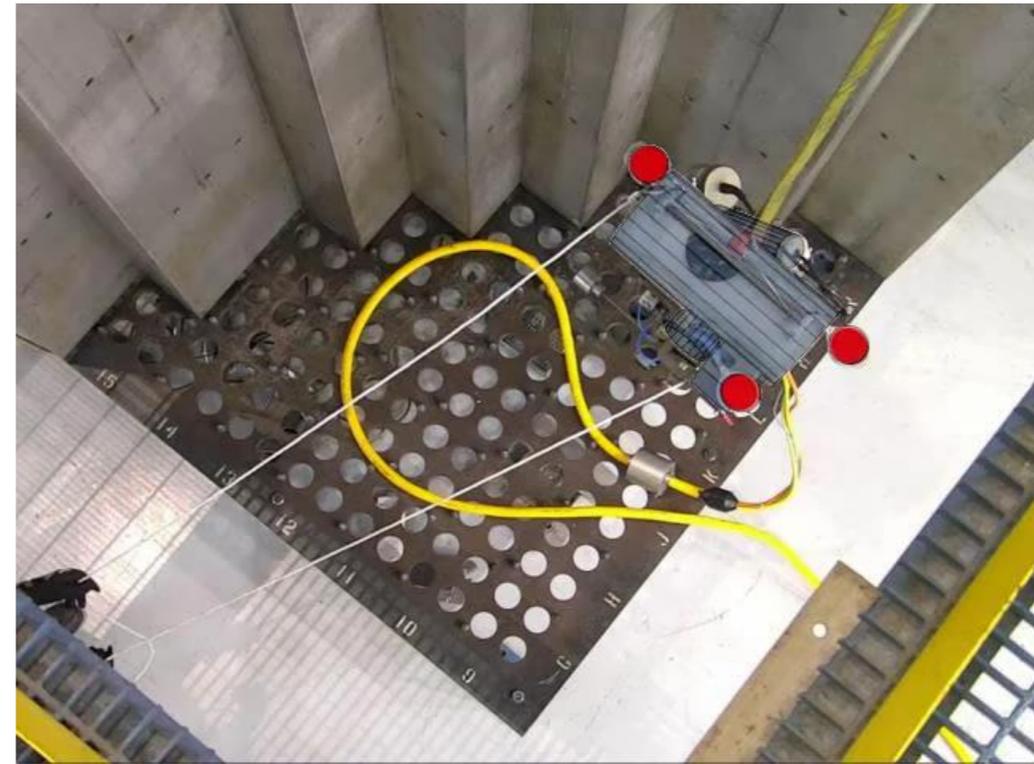
- Motions tests were also conducted with the ROV platform in a dry setting
- Reactor mockup has wall landmarks



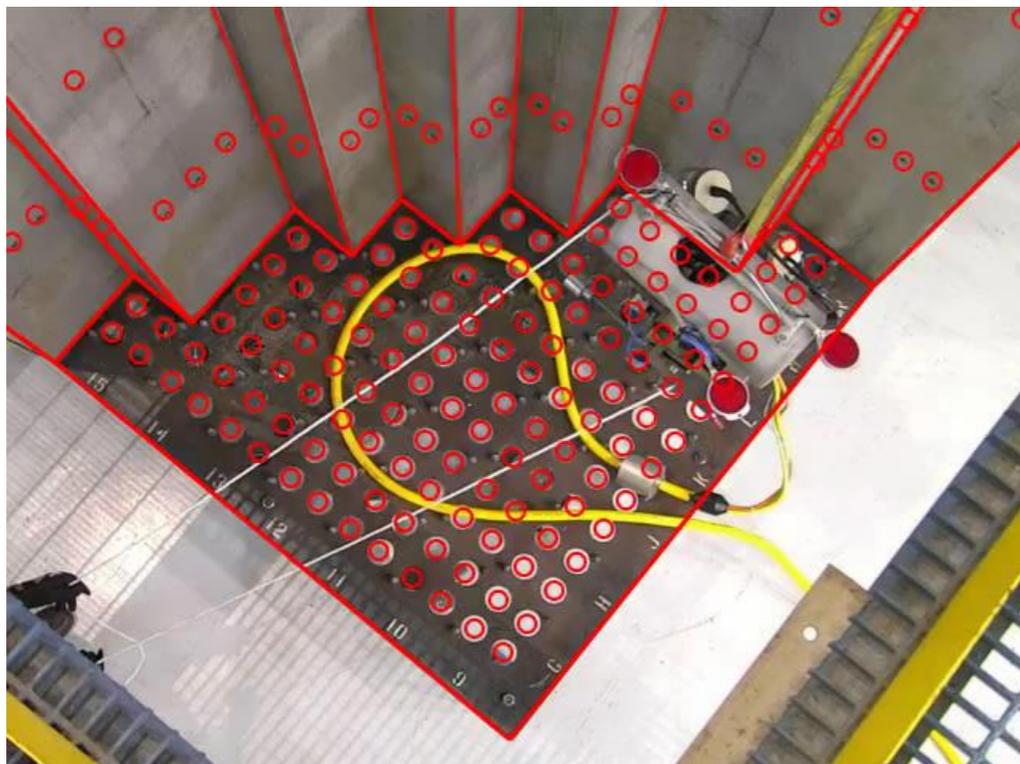
# Platform Experiments: Clean



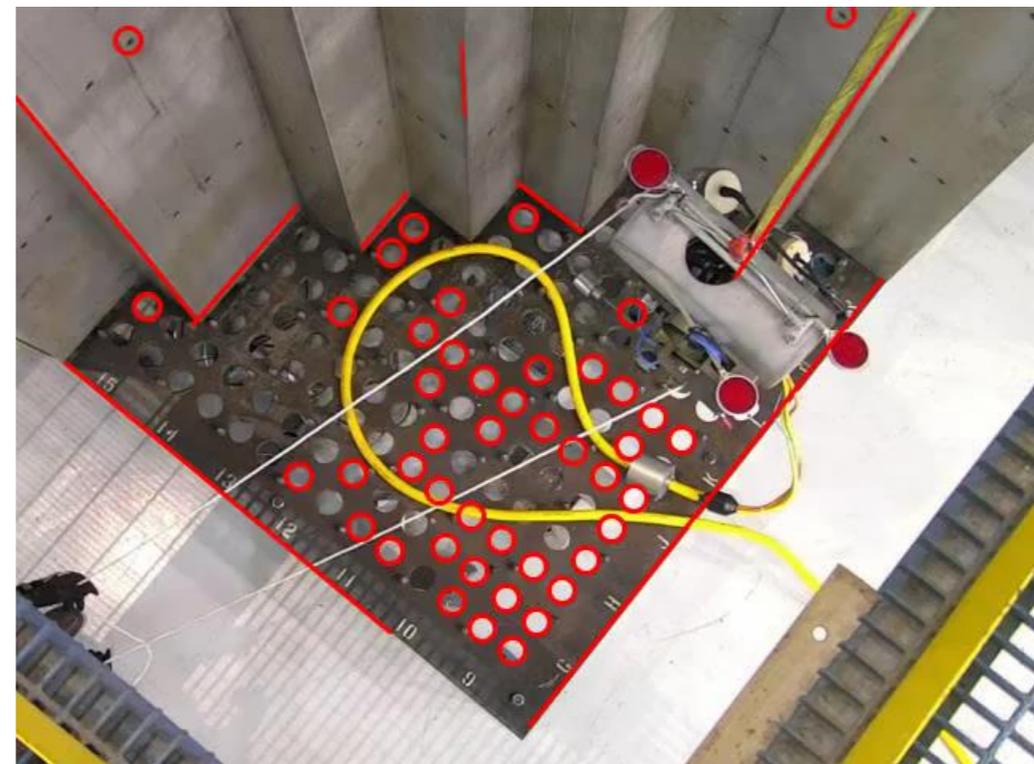
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Estimated ROV pose

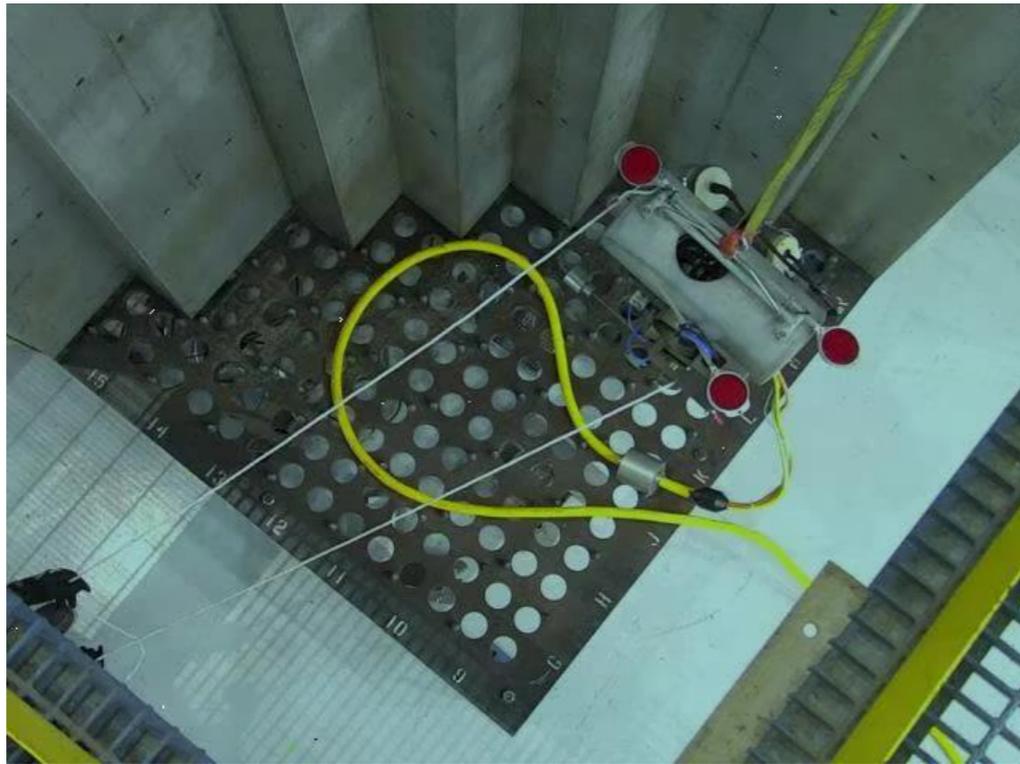


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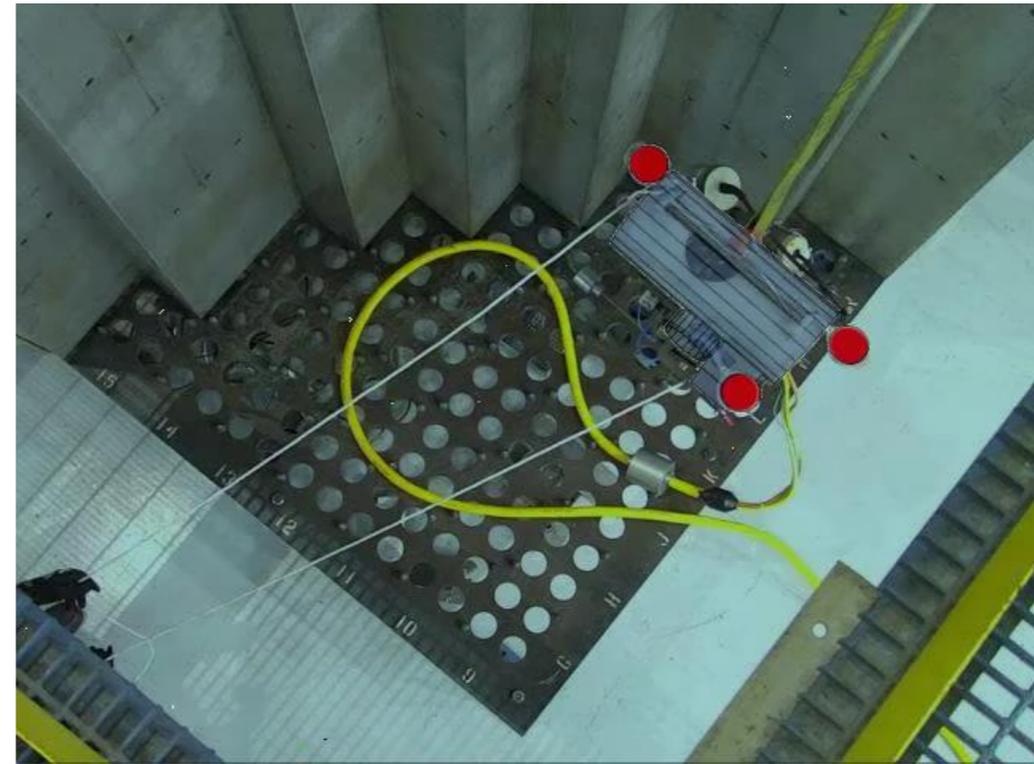


Associated landmarks

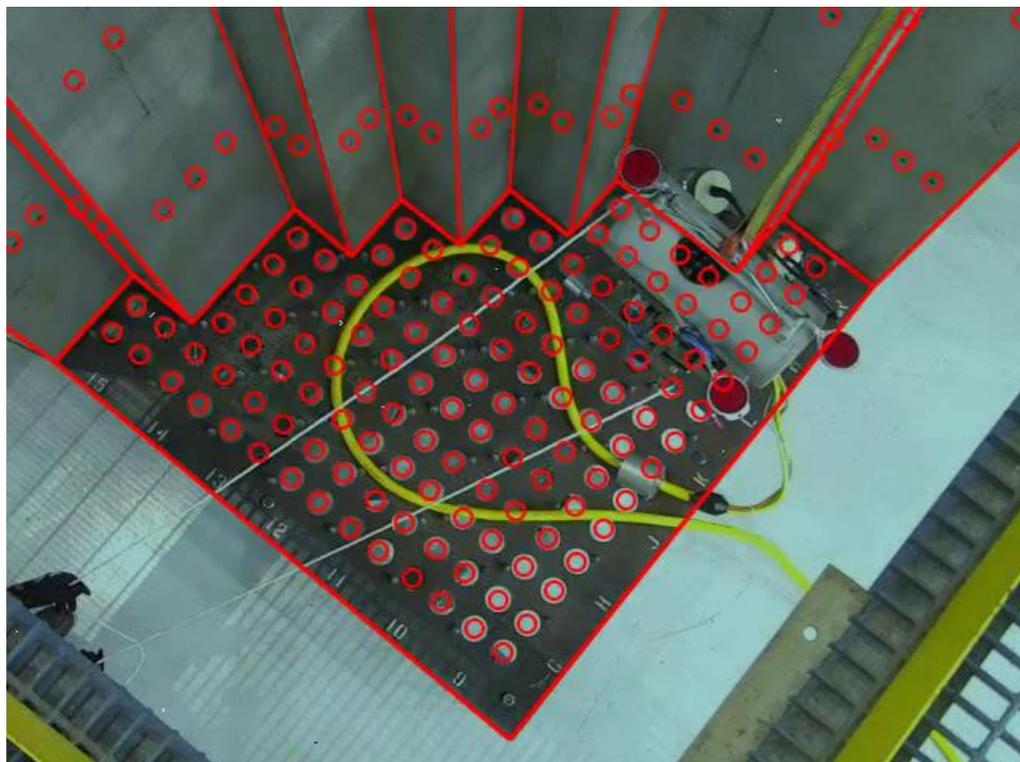
# Platform Experiments: Degraded



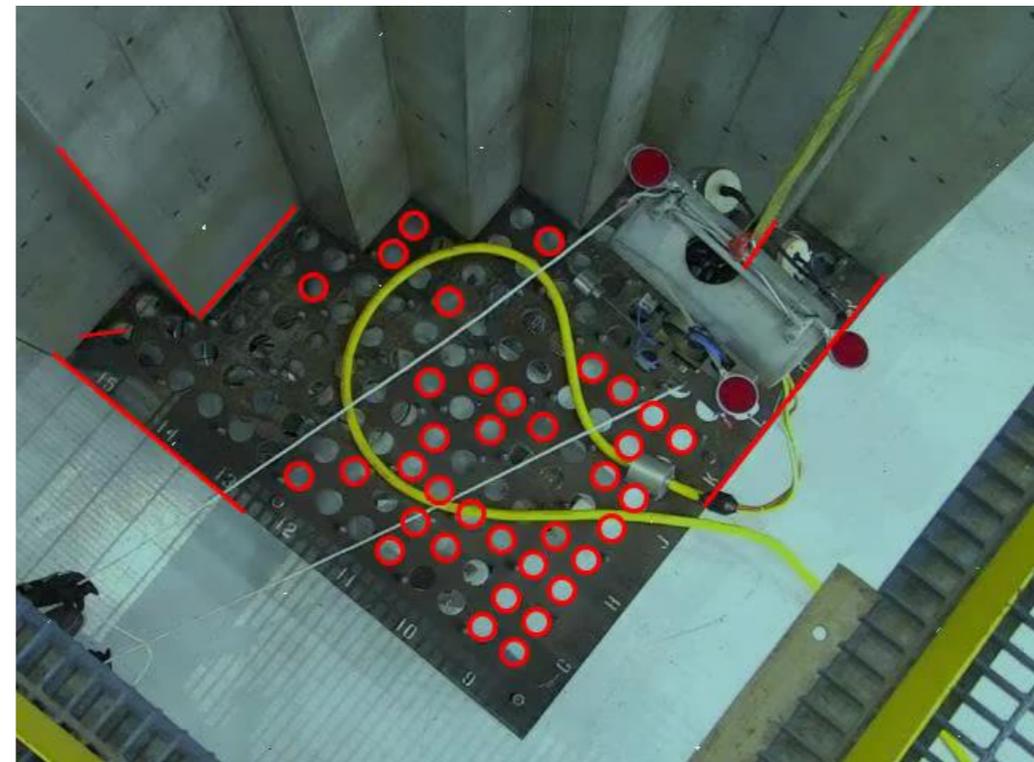
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Estimated ROV pose



Map overlay



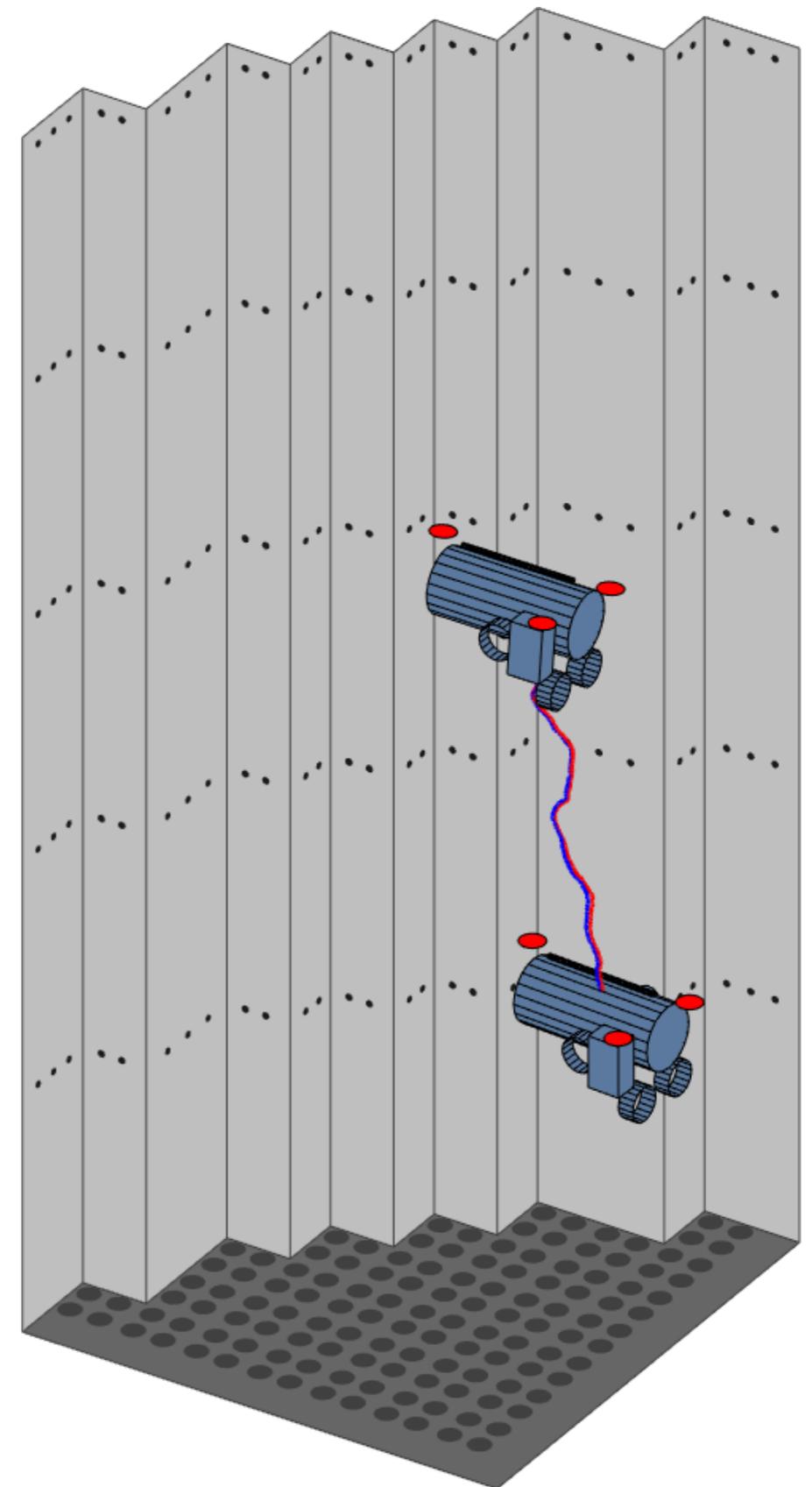
Associated landmarks

# Platform Experiments

- Less than 2 cm uncertainty in ROV x and y
- Less than 2.5 cm uncertainty in ROV z
- Framework is robust to image degradation
- Overall less uncertainty than in subscale experiments

Parameter	Value (Clean)	Value (Degraded)
Uncertainty ( $\pm 3\sigma$ ), m or rad		
Robot, $\{B\}$		
$x_b^w$	0.0085	0.0084
$y_b^w$	0.0161	0.0162
$z_b^w$	0.0241	0.0237
$\theta_b^w$	0.0687	0.0727
$\phi_b^w$	0.0395	0.0406
$\psi_b^w$	0.0214	0.0225
External camera, $\{E\}$		
$x_e^w$	0.0031	0.0031
$y_e^w$	0.0036	0.0036
$z_e^w$	0.0166	0.0190
$\theta_e^w$	0.0035	0.0039
$\phi_e^w$	0.0033	0.0035
$\psi_e^w$	0.0092	0.0097

Uncertainty in platform experiments.



Estimated ROV path:  
red (clean), blue (degraded)

# Visual Inspection: Reactor Mosaics

- Generation of high fidelity mosaics for reactor visual inspection

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_j = H \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i$$

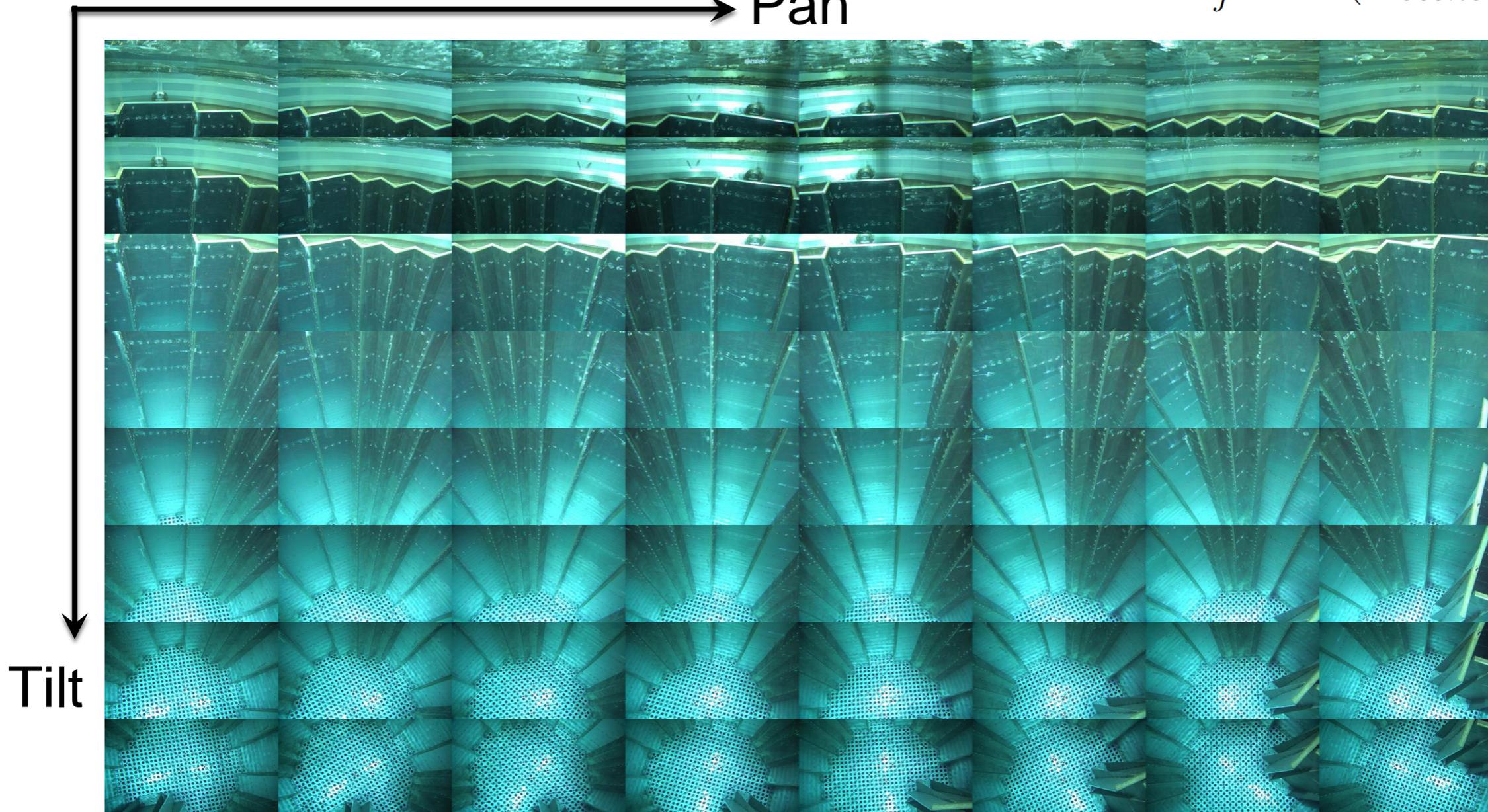
$$H = K R_{rel} K^{-1}$$

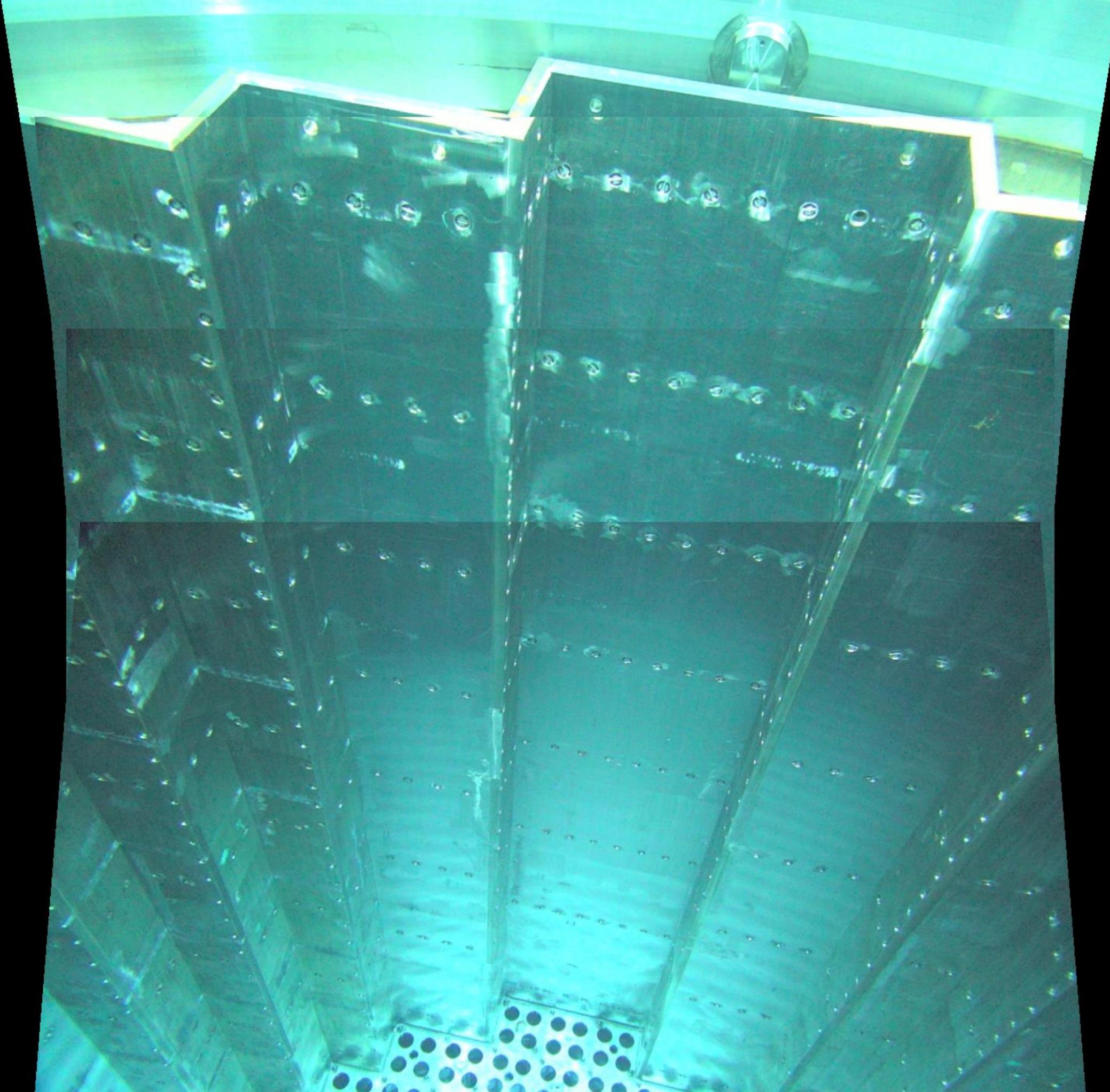
$$R_{rel} = R_j^w (R_i^w)^{-1}$$

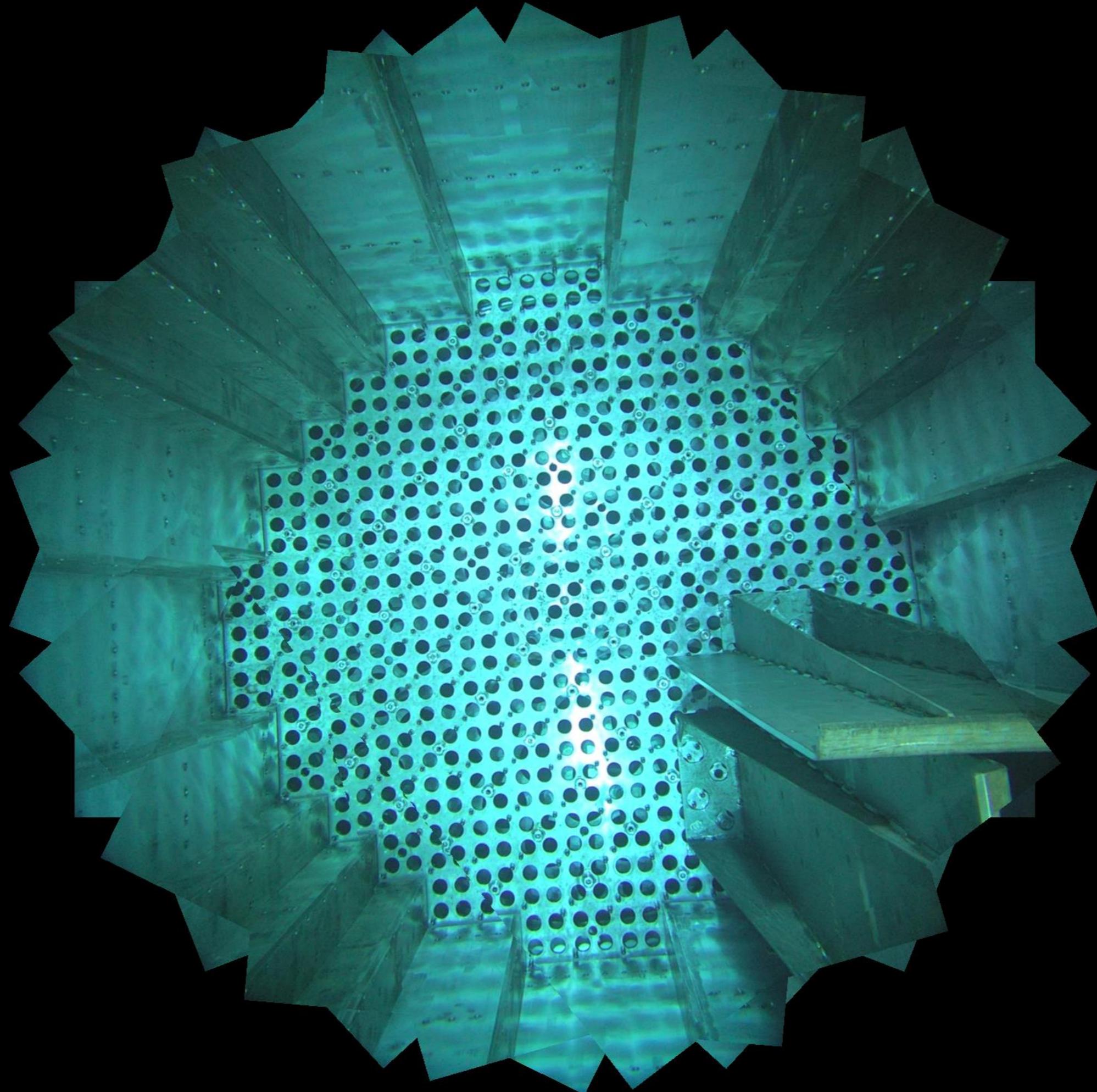
$$R_i^w = R(R_{scene}, \theta_i, \phi_i)$$

$$R_j^w = R(R_{scene}, \theta_j, \phi_j)$$

→ Pan







# Visual Inspection: Dense Reconstructions

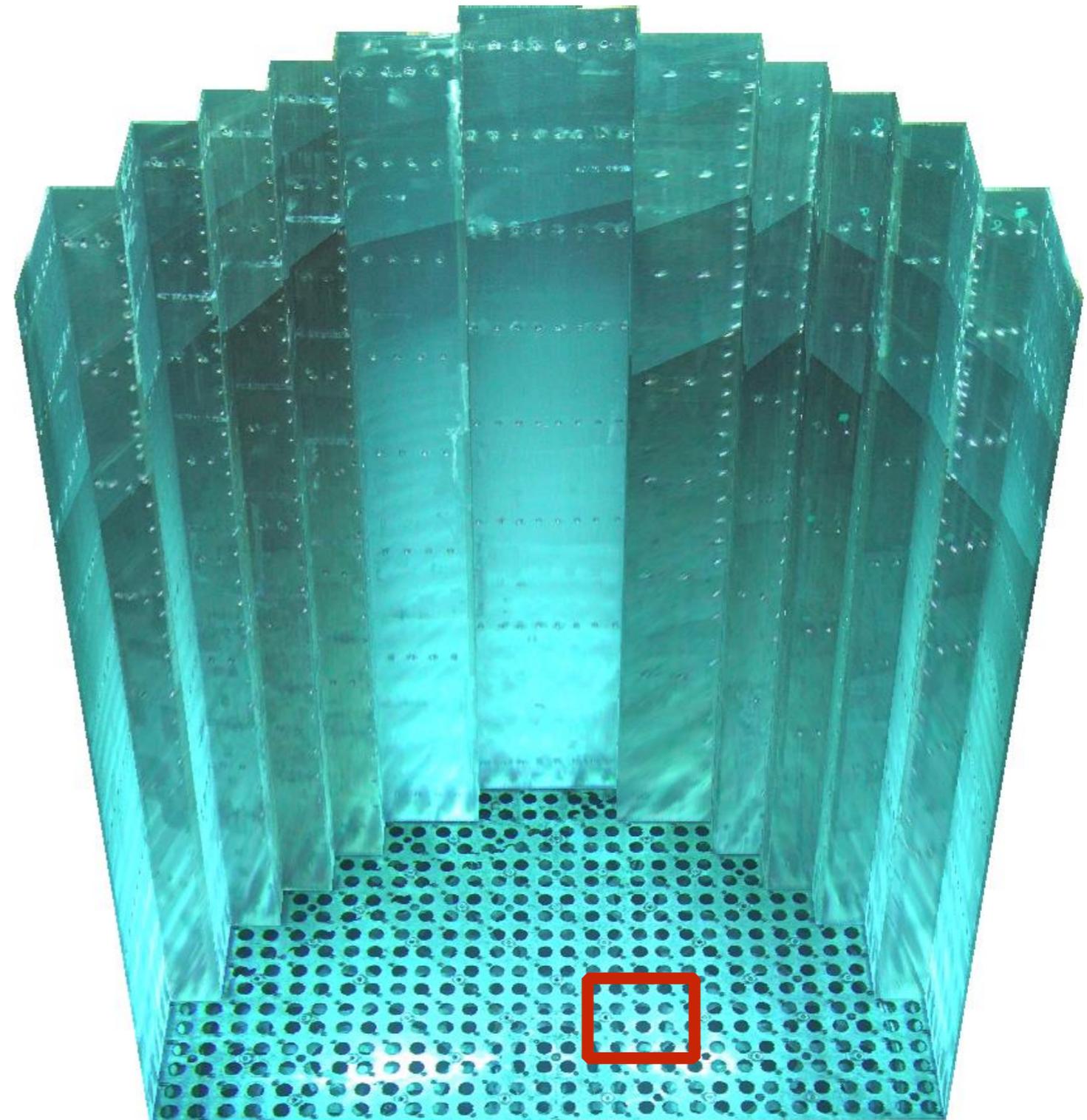
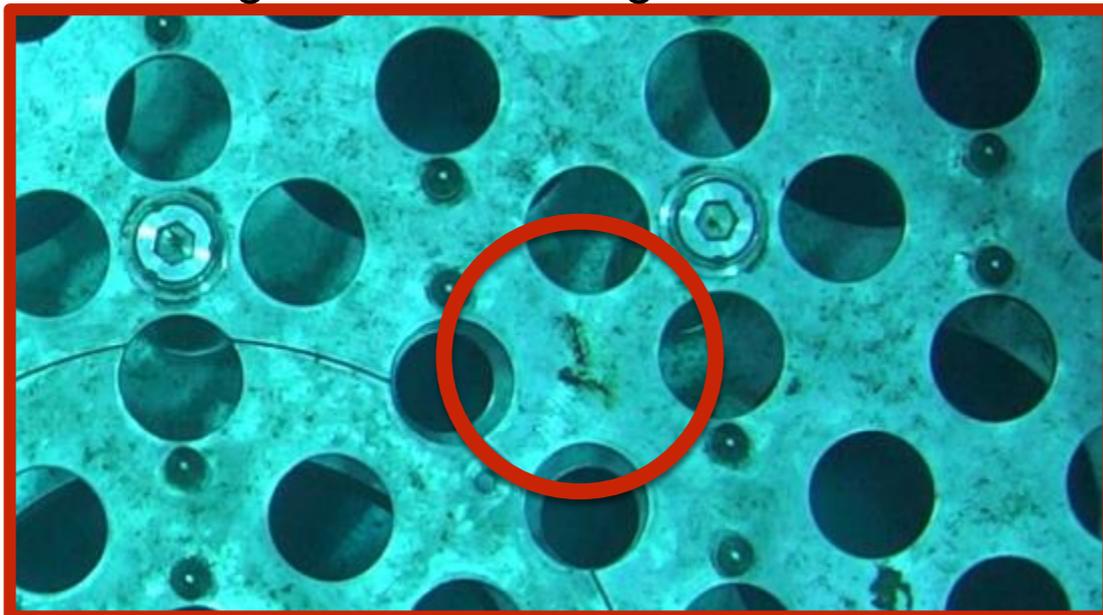
- Dense reconstruction of lower core creates new avenues for inspection
- 3D homography maps from mosaic to a reactor plane

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}' = H_{3d} \widetilde{\mathbf{X}}$$

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{X}} = [u, v, 0, 1]^T$$

$$\widetilde{\mathbf{X}}' = [x, y, z, 1]^T$$

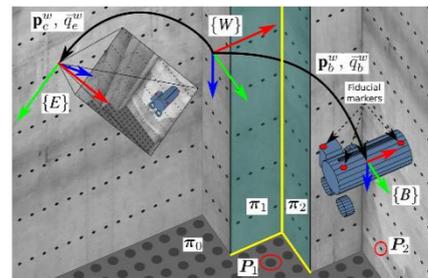
*Image frame from higher zoom level*



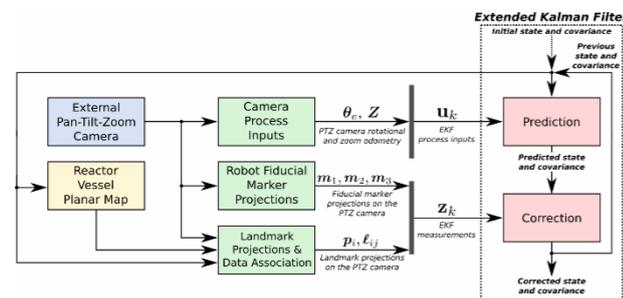
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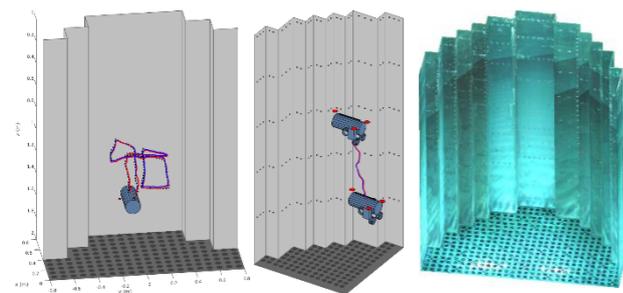
## Introduction



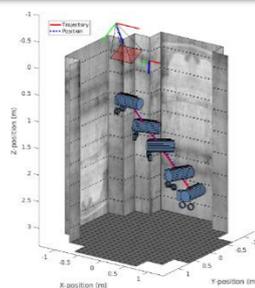
## System Models and Methods



## State Estimation and Localization



## Results



## Conclusion and Future Work

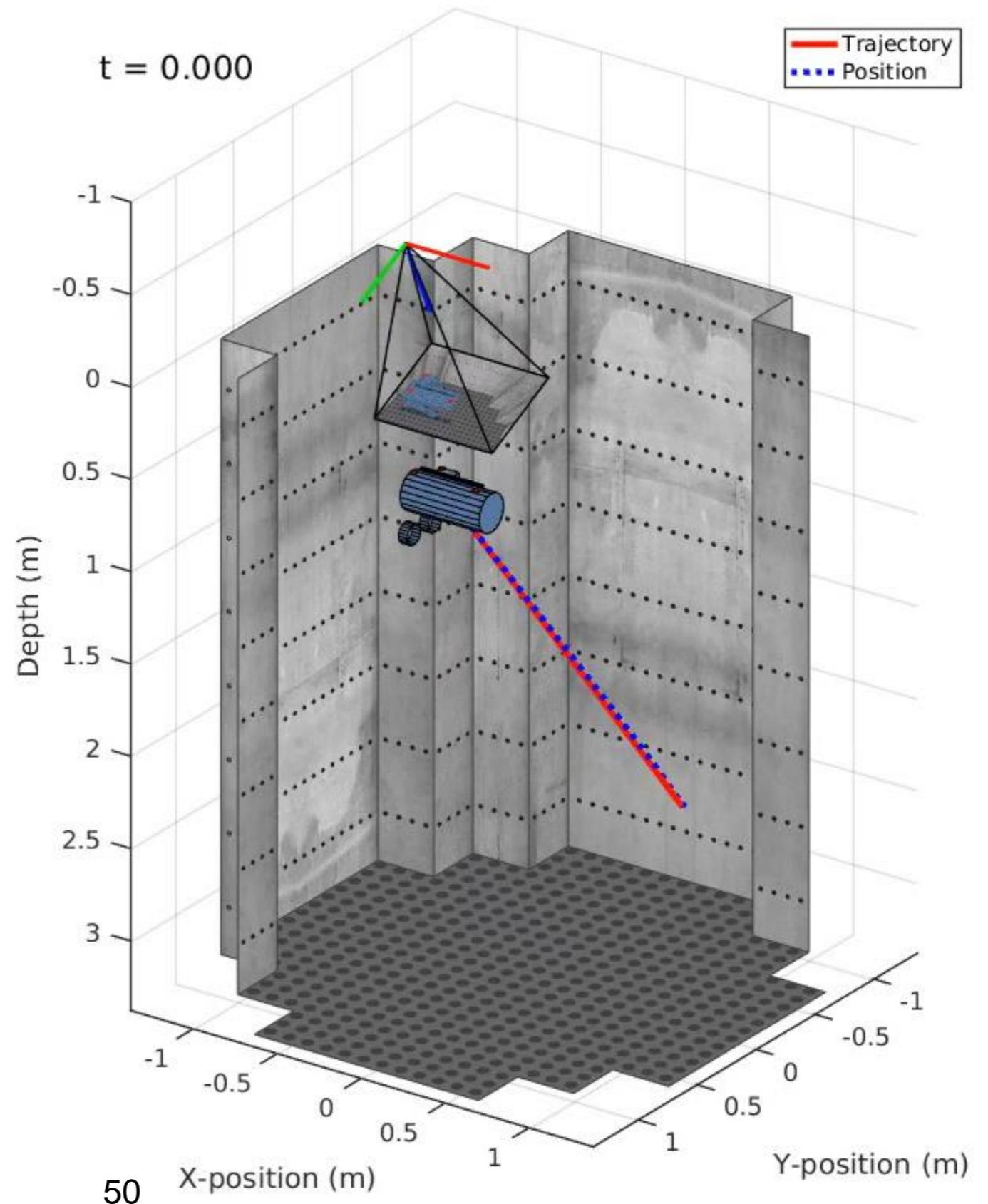
# Conclusion

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1. We have **developed a state estimation framework for ROV localization** with a reactor lower core using a pan-tilt-zoom camera.
  - The framework leverages a **planar representation** of the reactor core.
  - The framework is shown to be successful for a variety of reactor mockups and settings.
  - The framework is **robust to environmental image degradation**, including speckling and color attenuation.
2. The system will be **deployed in real reactor inspection scenarios**.
3. The framework lays the foundation for impactful improvements to reactor inspections.
  - Greater utility and increasing efficiency through **automation via ROV navigation**.
  - Possible substantial process changes as a result of **new inspection opportunities** from dense reconstruction and visual review.

# Inspection Automation via ROV Navigation

- Localization framework enables efficient, automated inspections through ROV navigation
  - Generation of time-efficient trajectories
  - Closed-loop feedback control of ROV position and heading through thruster inputs
- Preliminary navigation results achieved in simulation using a ROV dynamics model



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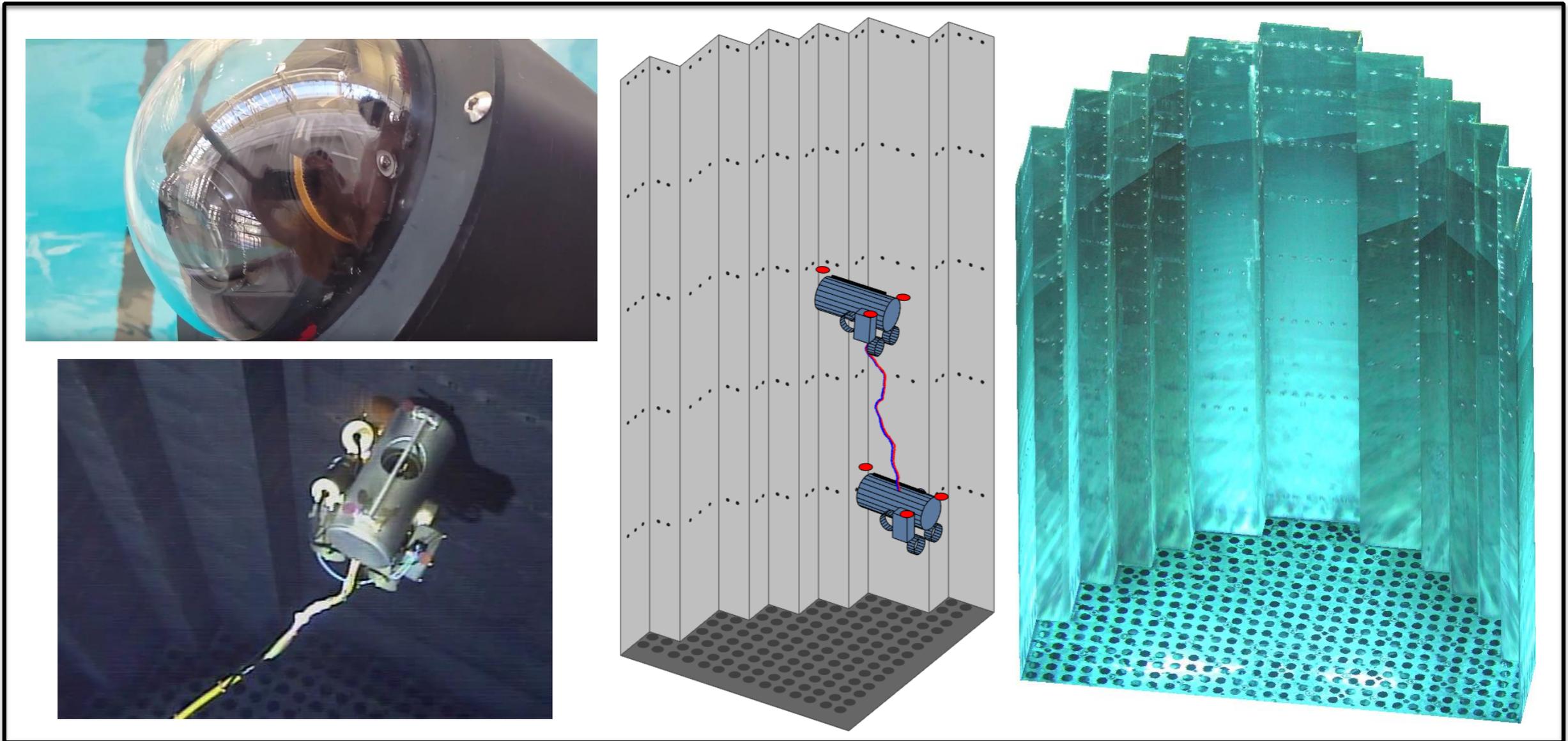
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## Questions and Discussion

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# Backup Slides

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# PTZ Camera Models: Orientation

- PTZ camera has two degrees of freedom: pan and tilt with respect to a base “scene frame”

- Pan axis fixed w.r.t. scene frame

$$\bar{\Theta} = [0, 1, 0]^T$$

- Tilt axis fixed w.r.t. camera frame

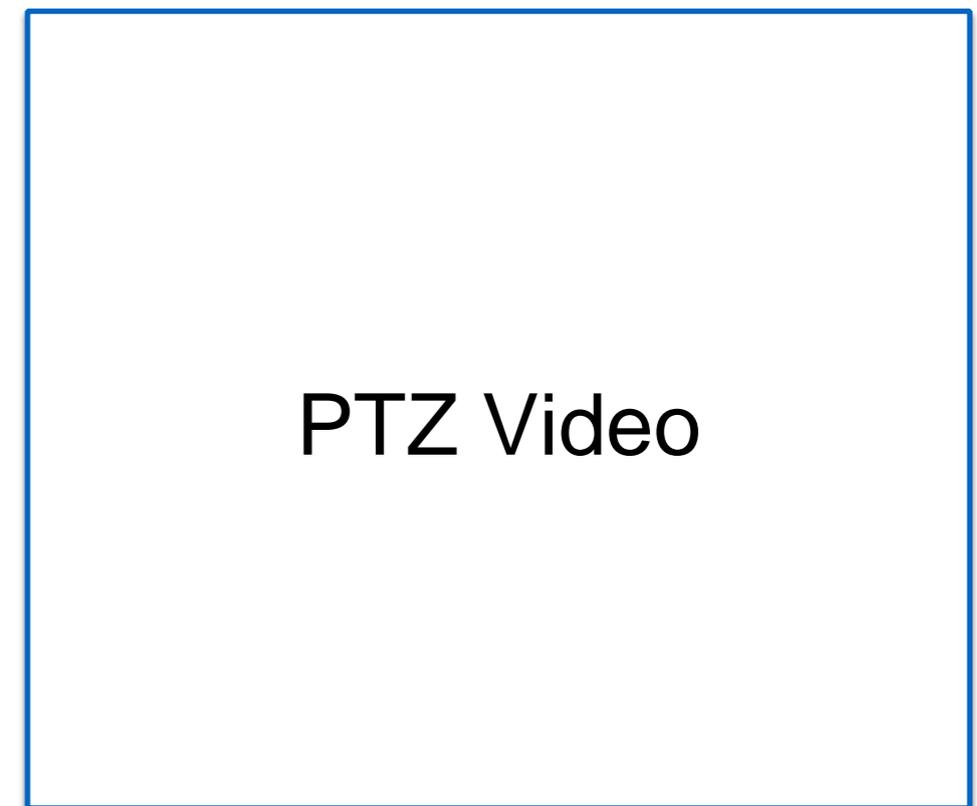
$$\bar{\Phi} = [1, 0, 0]^T$$

- Camera orientation w.r.t world frame obtained from kinematic chain:<sup>1</sup>

$$R_e^w = R(R_s, \theta, \phi) = R_\phi R_\theta R_s$$

$$R_\theta = I_{3 \times 3} + (\sin \theta) [R_s \bar{\Theta}]_\times + (1 - \cos \theta) [R_s \bar{\Theta}]_\times^2$$

$$R_\phi = I_{3 \times 3} + (\sin \phi) [R_\theta R_s \bar{\Phi}]_\times + (1 - \cos \phi) [R_\theta R_s \bar{\Phi}]_\times^2$$



<sup>1</sup>Collins and Tsin (1999).

# Zoom Variation for Underwater Optics

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- Aspect ratio is constant for zoom variation in air

$$FOV_H(s) = 2 \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{h}{2fs} \right)$$

$$FOV_V(s) = 2 \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{v}{2fs} \right)$$

$$f_x(s) = \frac{c_x}{\tan(FOV_H(s)/2)} = \frac{2c_x fs}{h}$$

$$f_y(s) = \frac{c_y}{\tan(FOV_V(s)/2)} = \frac{2c_y fs}{v}$$

$$\tau = \frac{f_x(s)}{f_y(s)} = \frac{c_x v}{c_y h}$$

- Aspect ratio is *not* constant for a flat-plate housing underwater

$$f_{x,water}(s) = \frac{c_x}{\tan(FOV_{H,water}(s)/2)} = \frac{c_x}{h} \sqrt{(2fs)^2 n_w^2 + (n_w^2 - 1) h^2}$$

$$f_{y,water}(s) = \frac{c_y}{\tan(FOV_{V,water}(s)/2)} = \frac{c_y}{v} \sqrt{(2fs)^2 n_w^2 + (n_w^2 - 1) v^2}$$

$$\tau_{water}(s) = \frac{f_{x,water}(s)}{f_{y,water}(s)} = \frac{c_x v \sqrt{(2fs)^2 n_w^2 + (n_w^2 - 1) h^2}}{c_y h \sqrt{(2fs)^2 n_w^2 + (n_w^2 - 1) v^2}}$$

# Speckling

- Speckling is stochastic chromatic image noise that is induced by radiation.
- We quantify a speckling model used for assessing framework robustness.



Speckling exhibited in a camera frame.

Parameter	Value
$n_{frame} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$	
$\mu$	6.4655e-5
$\sigma^2$	3.0493e-10
$s_{size} \sim \text{Cat}(K_i, p_i)$	
$i = \{1, \dots, 6\}, K_i = i$	
$p_1$	0.4034
$p_2$	0.4087
$p_3$	0.1021
$p_4$	0.0542
$p_5$	0.0200
$p_6$	0.0116

Speckling statistical model.

# EKF Process Models: Covariance

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- State covariance propagation

$$\bar{\Sigma}_k = G_k \Sigma_{k-1} G_k^T + Q_k \quad G = \frac{\partial g(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{X})}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \quad V = \frac{\partial g(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{X})}{\partial \mathbf{u}}$$

$$Q_k = W_k + V_k M_k V_k^T \quad G_k = G|_{\mathbf{u}_k, \boldsymbol{\mu}_{k-1}} \quad V_k = V|_{\mathbf{u}_k, \boldsymbol{\mu}_{k-1}}$$

- Process noise accounts for ROV random process and propagation of noise from input space to state space

$$M_k = \text{diag}(\sigma_a^2 I_{3 \times 3}, \sigma_z^2)$$

$$W_k = \text{diag}(\sigma_r^2 I_{3 \times 3}, \sigma_q^2 I_{4 \times 4}, 0_{N-7 \times N-7})$$

# EKF Measurement Models

- Two types of measurements:

1. Camera-to-ROV

- Marker projections

2. Camera-to-World

- Projection of vessel points
- Projection of vessel lines

- All measurements in camera image space

$$H = \frac{\partial h(\mathbf{X})}{\partial \mathbf{X}}$$

$$H_k = H|_{\mu_k}$$

$$\mathbf{z} = [\mathbf{z}_b^{eT}, \mathbf{z}_e^{wT}]^T$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{z}}_k = h(\mathbf{X}_k) + \mathcal{N}(0, R_k)$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{z}_k = \mathbf{z}_k - \hat{\mathbf{z}}_k$$

$$S_k = H_k \bar{\Sigma}_k H_k^T + R_k$$

$$K_k = \bar{\Sigma}_k H_k^T S_k^{-1}$$

$$\mu_k = \bar{\mu}_k + K_k \Delta \mathbf{z}_k$$

$$\Sigma_k = \bar{\Sigma} - K_k H_k \bar{\Sigma}_k$$

# EKF Measurement Models: Camera-to-ROV

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- Marker projections provide observations for ROV pose
- Marker position uncertainty included in measurement uncertainty

$$\mathbf{z}_{m,k} = [\mathbf{m}_{1,k}^T, \mathbf{m}_{2,k}^T, \mathbf{m}_{3,k}^T]^T$$

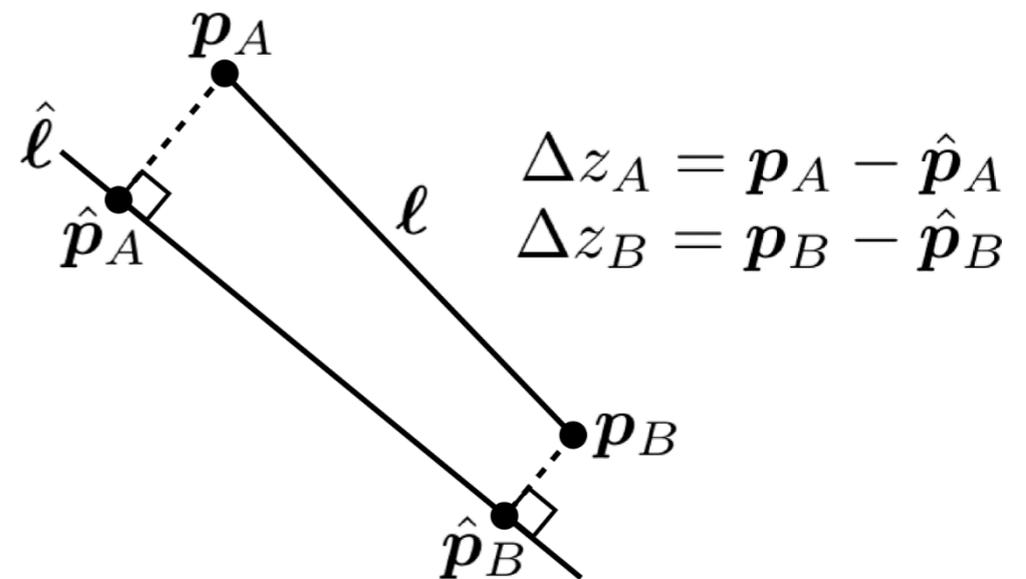
$$h_m(\mathbf{X}_k) = [\hat{\mathbf{m}}_{1,k}^T, \hat{\mathbf{m}}_{2,k}^T, \hat{\mathbf{m}}_{3,k}^T]^T$$

$$R_{m,k} = \sigma_I^2 I_{6 \times 6} + J_k (\sigma_M^2 I_{9 \times 9}) J_k^T$$

$$J_{ij} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{m}_i}{\partial \mathbf{M}_j^b}, \quad \forall i, j = \{1, 2, 3\} \quad J_k = J|_{\mu_k}$$

# EKF Measurement Models: Camera-to-World

- Point projections
  - Projection of floor (core plate) landmarks
  - Projection of wall (baffle plate) landmarks
- Line projections:  $[\mathbf{p}_A^T, \mathbf{p}_B^T]^T = [u_A, v_A, u_B, v_B]^T \in \mathbb{R}^4$ 
  - Projection of Plücker lines between adjacent walls
  - Projection of Plücker lines between wall and floor
  - Projection of Plücker lines between wall and top rim



Error function between a predicted line and observed line segment.

# EKF Measurement Models: Camera-to-World

- Measurement model for Plücker lines between walls

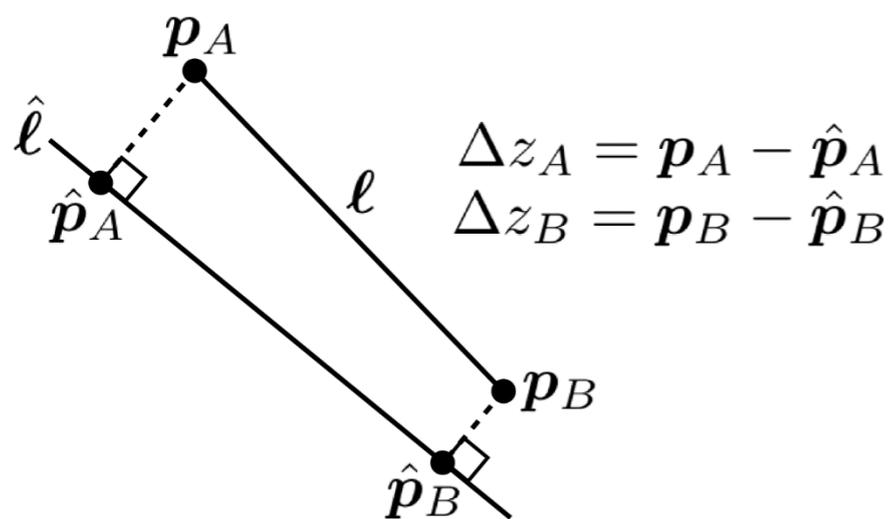
$$\mathbf{z}_{wl, k, i} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_{wl, A, k, i} \\ \mathbf{p}_{wl, B, k, i} \end{bmatrix} \quad \hat{\mathbf{z}}_{wl, k, i} = h_{wl}(\mathbf{X}_k) + \mathcal{N}(0, R_{k, ln})$$

$$h_{wl}(\mathbf{X}_k) = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{p}}_{wl, A, k, i} \\ \hat{\mathbf{p}}_{wl, B, k, i} \end{bmatrix} \quad \hat{\ell} \sim \hat{K} \hat{D}_w^e \hat{\mathcal{L}}_{wl, i}^w$$

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}_{wl, i}^w \sim \hat{\pi}_i \wedge \hat{\pi}'_i$$

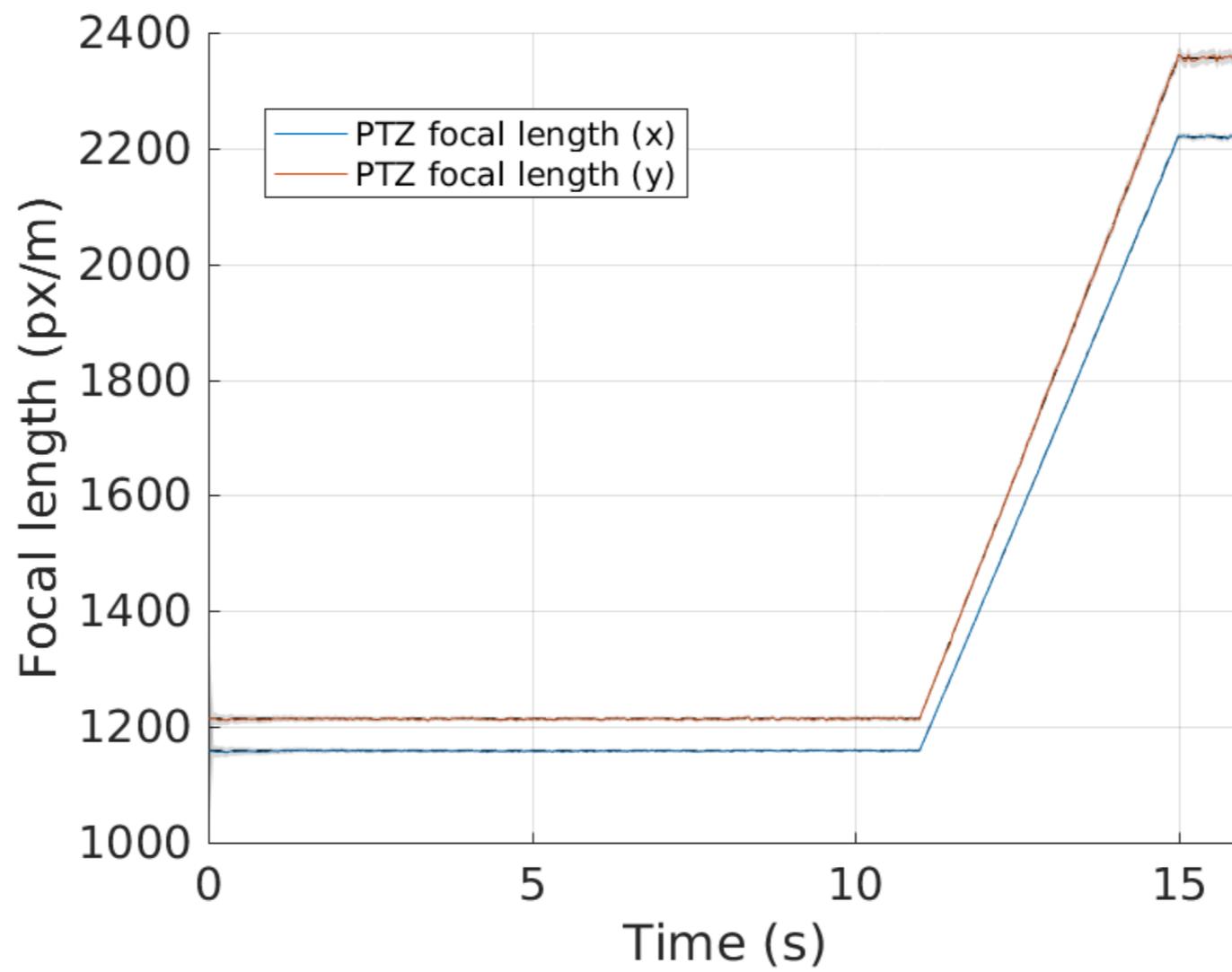
$$\hat{b} = -\frac{1}{\hat{\ell}_y}, \quad \hat{b}_{\perp, A} = v_A - m_{\perp} u_A, \quad \hat{b}_{\perp, B} = v_B - m_{\perp} u_B$$

$$\hat{m} = -\frac{\hat{\ell}_x}{\hat{\ell}_y}, \quad \hat{m}_{\perp} = -\frac{1}{\hat{m}}$$



$$\hat{\mathbf{p}}_{wl, A, k, i} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{u}_{wl, A, k, i} \\ \hat{v}_{wl, A, k, i} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\hat{b}_{\perp, A} - \hat{b}}{\hat{m} - \hat{m}_{\perp}} \\ \hat{m} \hat{u}_{wl, A, k, i} + \hat{b} \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Online ROV Initialization

