

Practical Low-Cost Free-viewpoint Television Systems

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FTV system



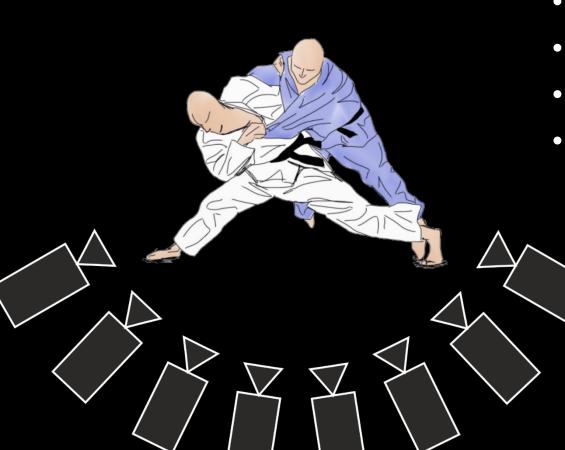


- scene captured by a set of cameras
- a viewer:
 - virtually navigates around the scene
 - may watch the scene from ANY viewpoint
- each (virtual) view is synthesized using videos captured by real cameras



Applications





- sport broadcasts (boxing, judo, wrestling, sumo)
- performances (theater, circus)
- interactive courses (medical, cosmetics, dance)
- manuals and school teaching materials

Limited number (e.g. 9 or 10) of cameras





Acquisition of an indoor sequence





9 views from real cameras, synchronized in time





3D scene representation – multiple views and depth



Video:

- limited number of cameras (in example: 10),
- distributed around the scene.

Depth:

- no depth sensors,
- algorithmically estimated from the video.

Model of 3D scene:

cloud of points.

Synthesized views – free navigation around the scene











Wireless mobile camera units designed, developed and produced by the authors at Poznań University of Technology:

- high resolution digital camera (Canon XH G1),
- power supply (battery),
- wireless synchronization receiver,
- remote control receiver,
- HDD recorder (with Seagate Momentus 500GB disks).







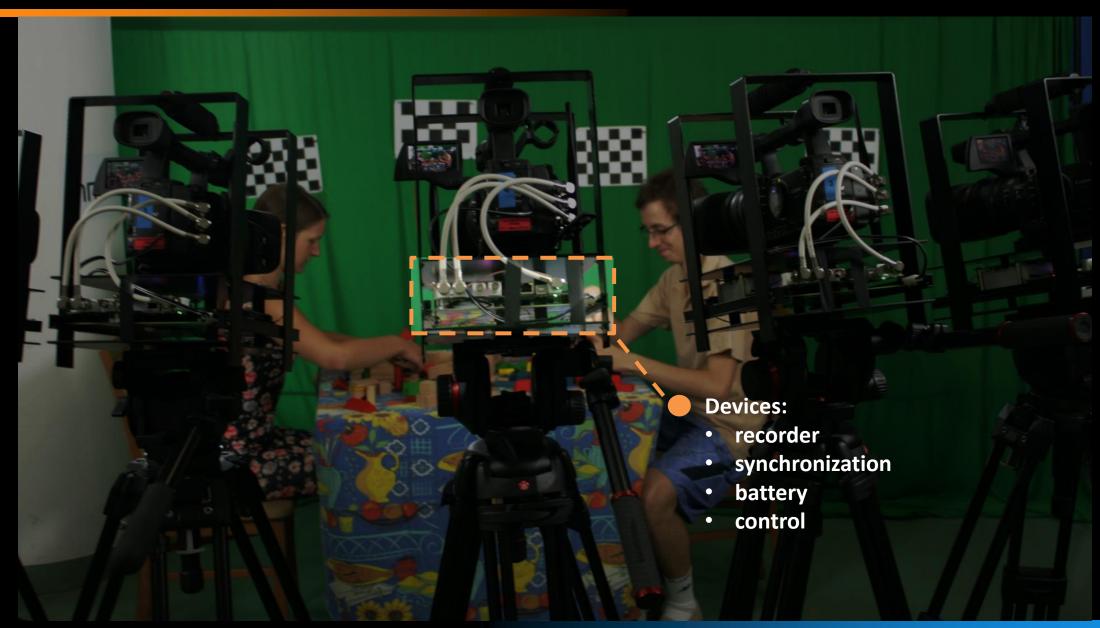
















Acquisition of an outdoor sequence





Set of 10 camera modules used for acquisition





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Synthesized views – free navigation around the scene

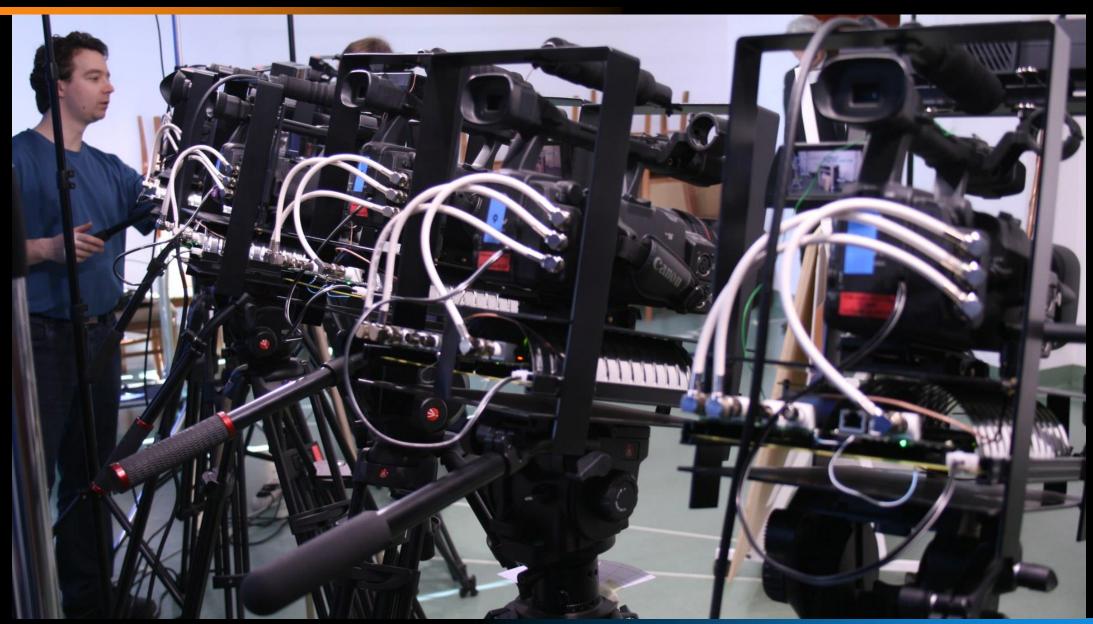






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Behind the scenes – acquisition of an indoor sequence



