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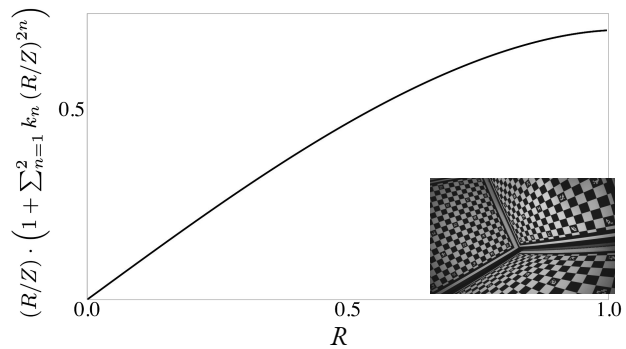
BabelCalib: A Universal Approach to Calibrating Central Cameras

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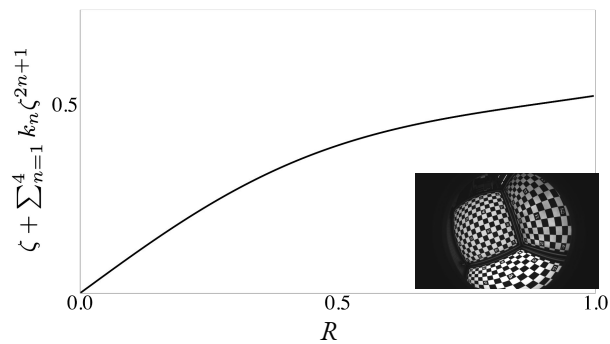
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Camera Models & Initialization Problem

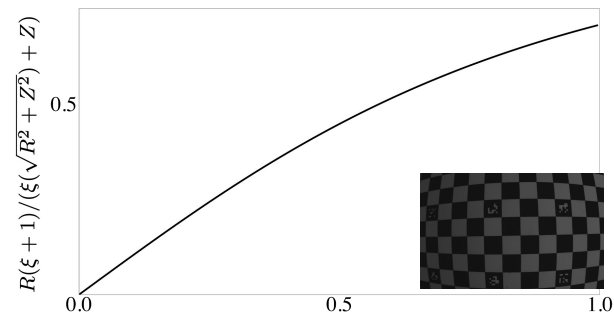
Brown-Conrady



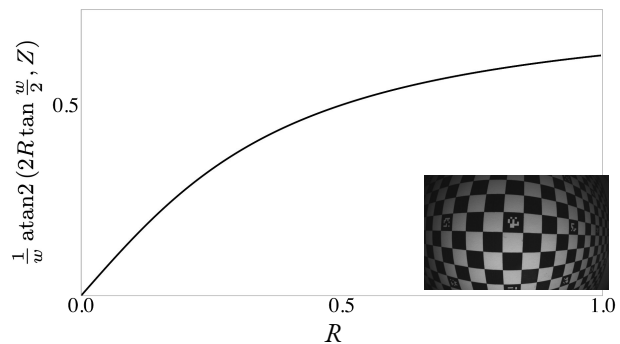
Kannala-Brandt



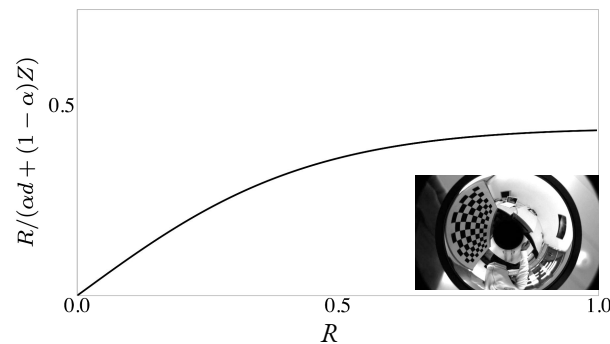
Unified Camera



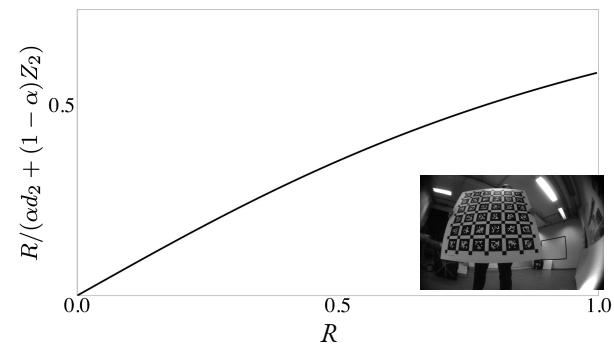
Field of View



Extended Unified Camera



Double Sphere



Minimal Solution?

Kannala-Brandt projection

$$r = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{projected point} \\ \text{radius}}}{\text{atan2}(R, Z)} \cdot \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^N \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{parameters}}}{k_n} (\text{atan2}(R, Z))^{2n} \right)$$

$\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{scene point} \\ \text{radius}}}{R}$ $\underset{\substack{\swarrow \\ \text{scene point} \\ \text{depth}}}{Z}$

Unified Camera projection

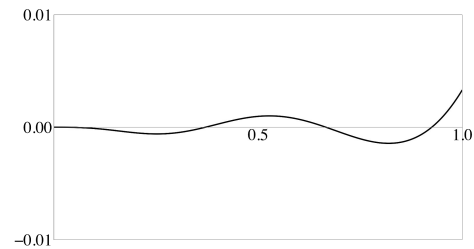
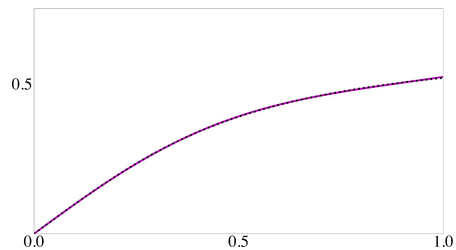
$$r = \frac{R(\xi + 1)}{\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{parameter}}}{\xi} \sqrt{R^2 + Z^2} + Z}$$

Brown-Conrady projection /
distortion

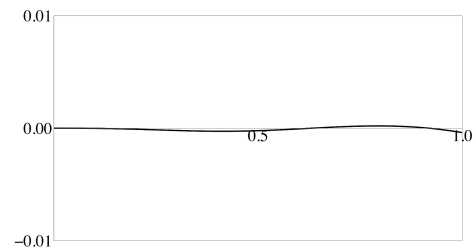
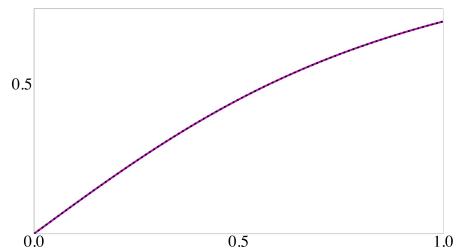
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Fitting against Universal Division Back-Projection

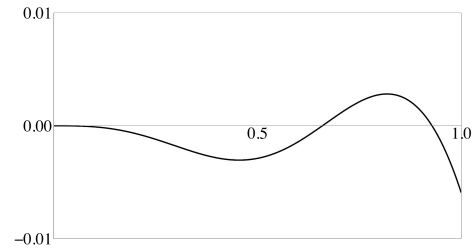
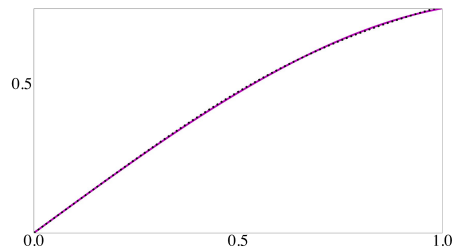
Kannala-Brandt projection



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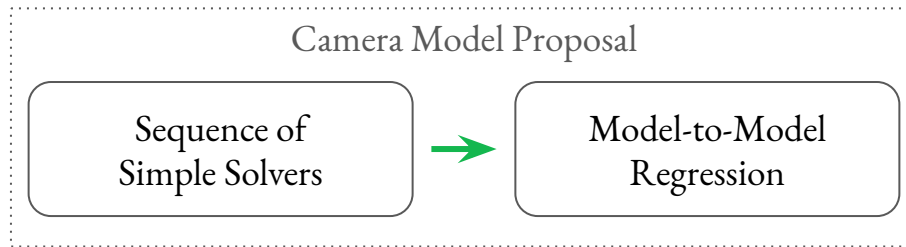
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Functions

Residuals

BabelCalib: Initial guess



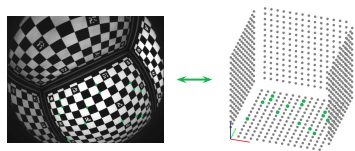
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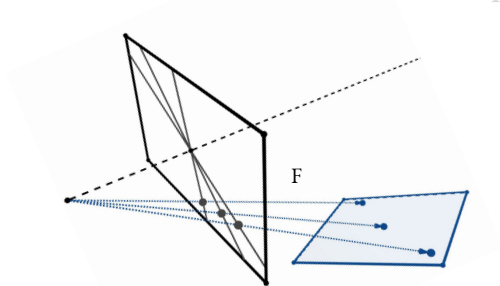
Sequence of
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Model-to-Model
Regression



1. Radial Fundamental Matrix
2. Corner Correction
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4. Division Model + Translation Depth



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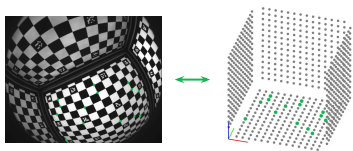
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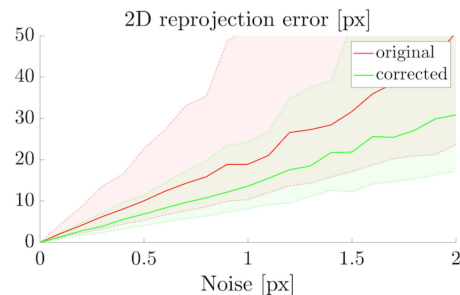
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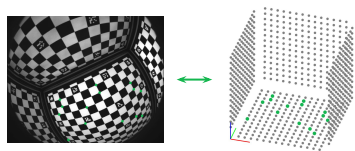
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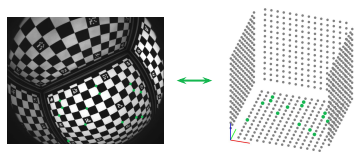
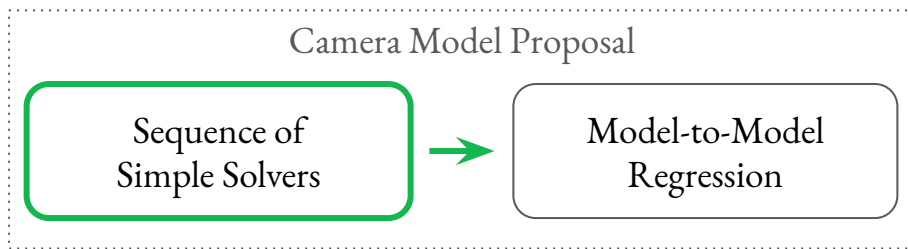
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Back-projection
with division model

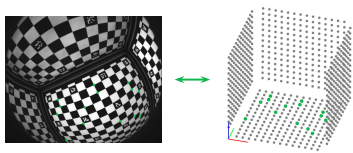
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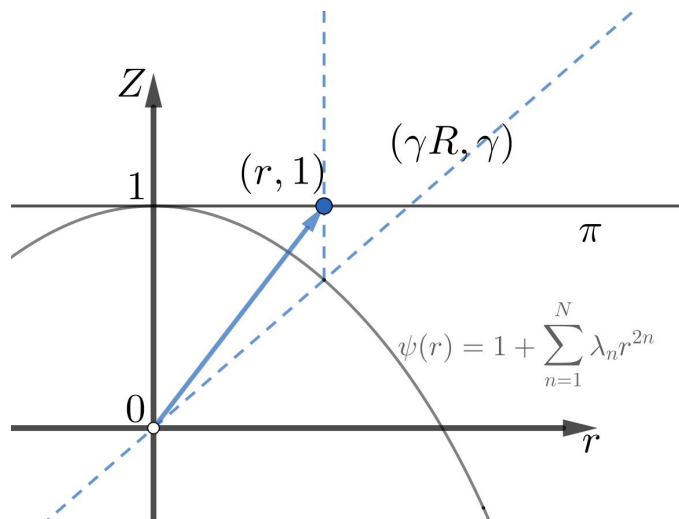
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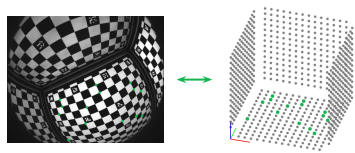
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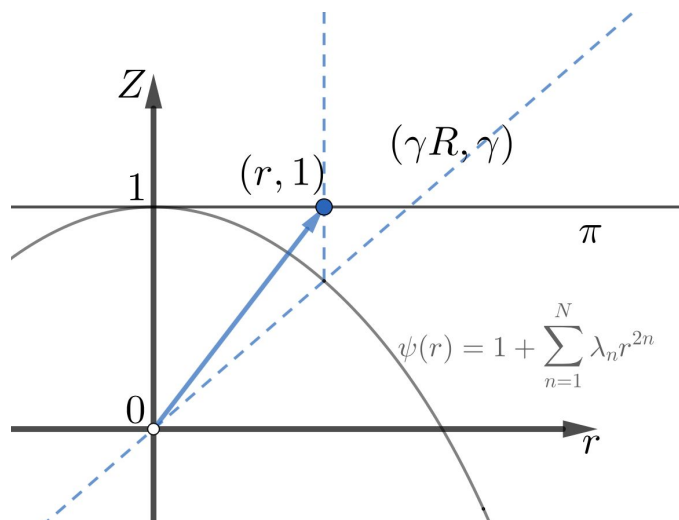
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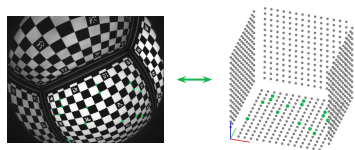
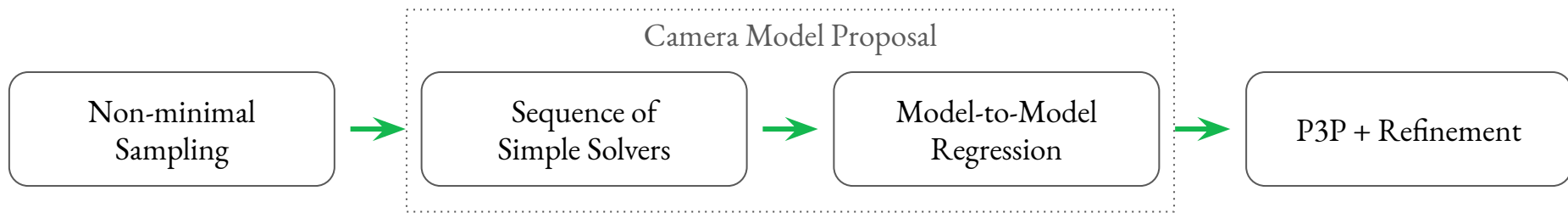
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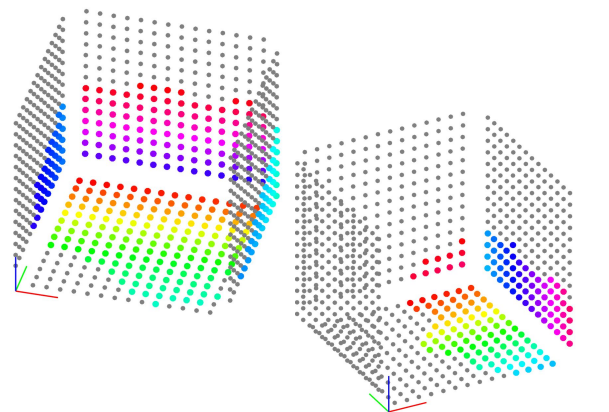
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Fitting target projection model

BabelCalib Pipeline



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[Usenko et al. The Double Sphere Camera Model. In 3DV 2018]

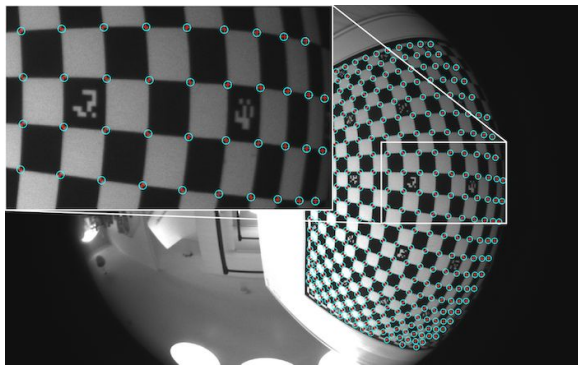
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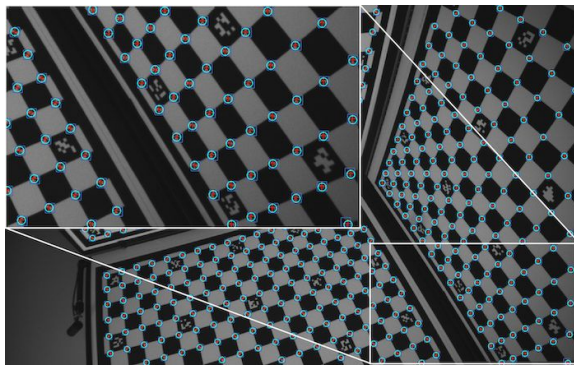
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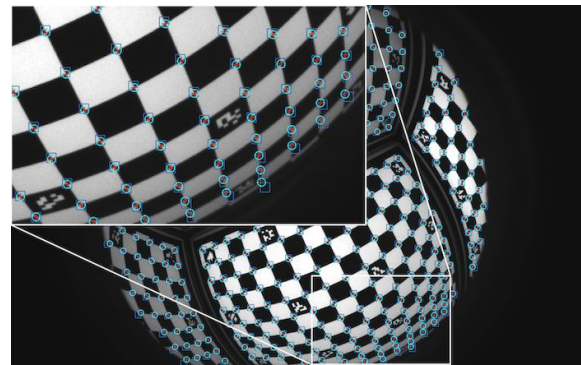
OV-Plane—130108MP, 0.478 px RMS



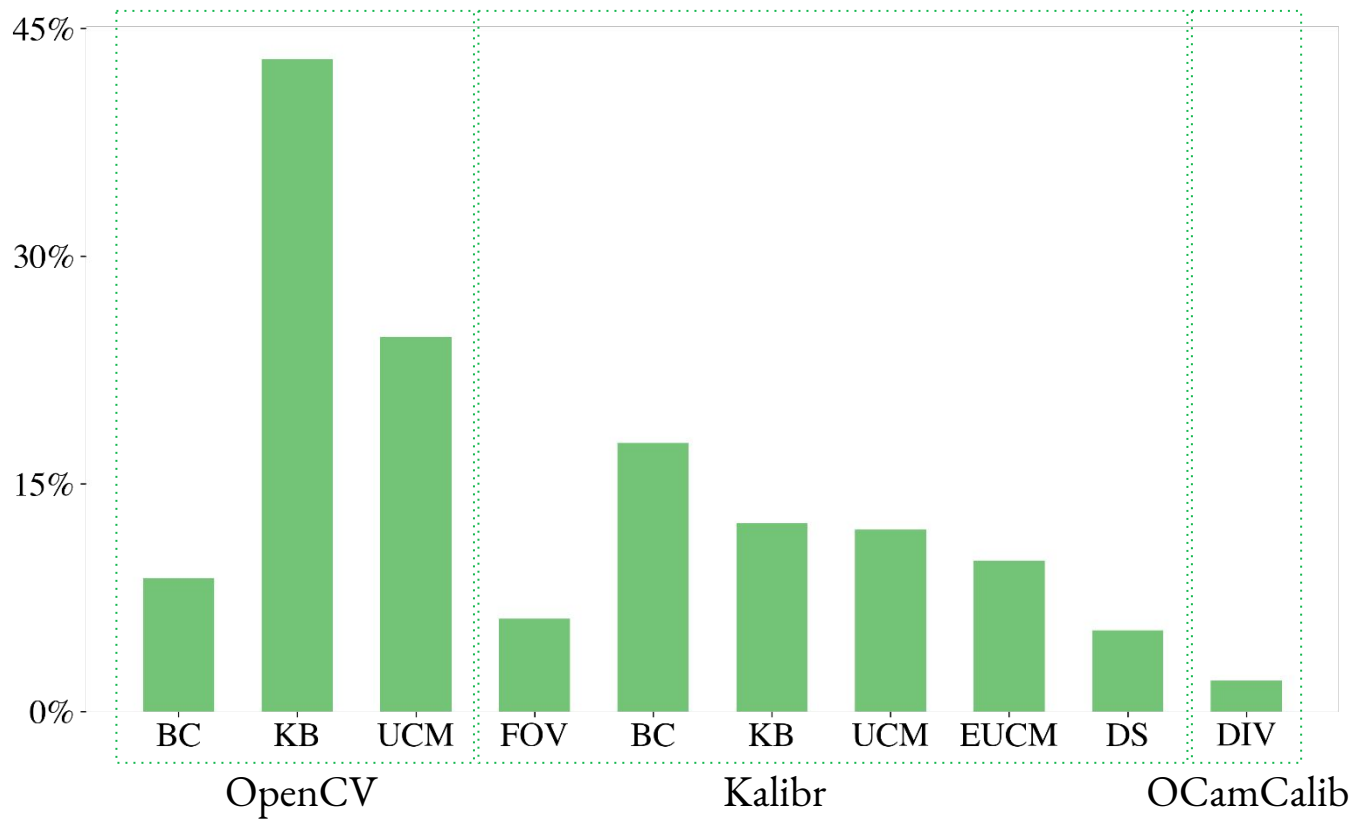
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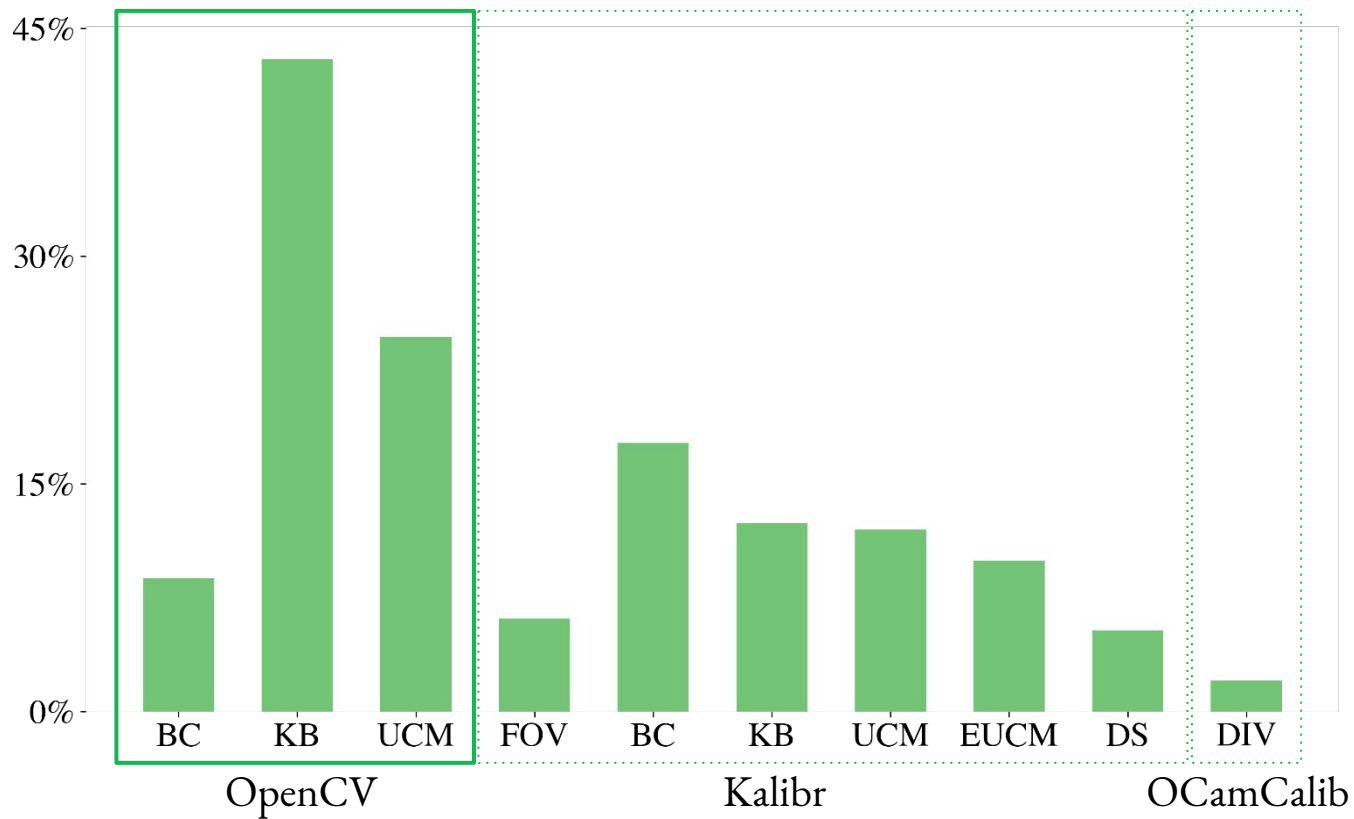
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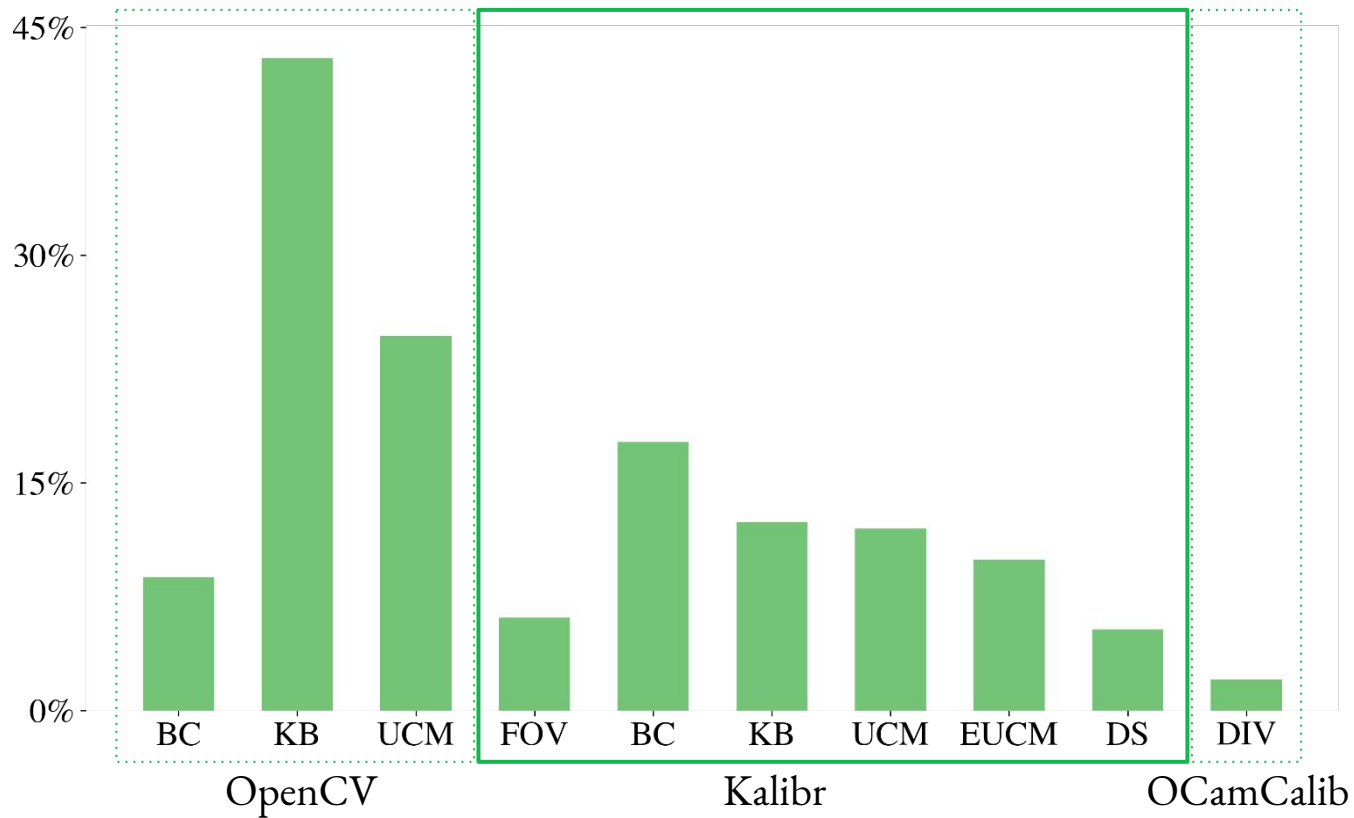
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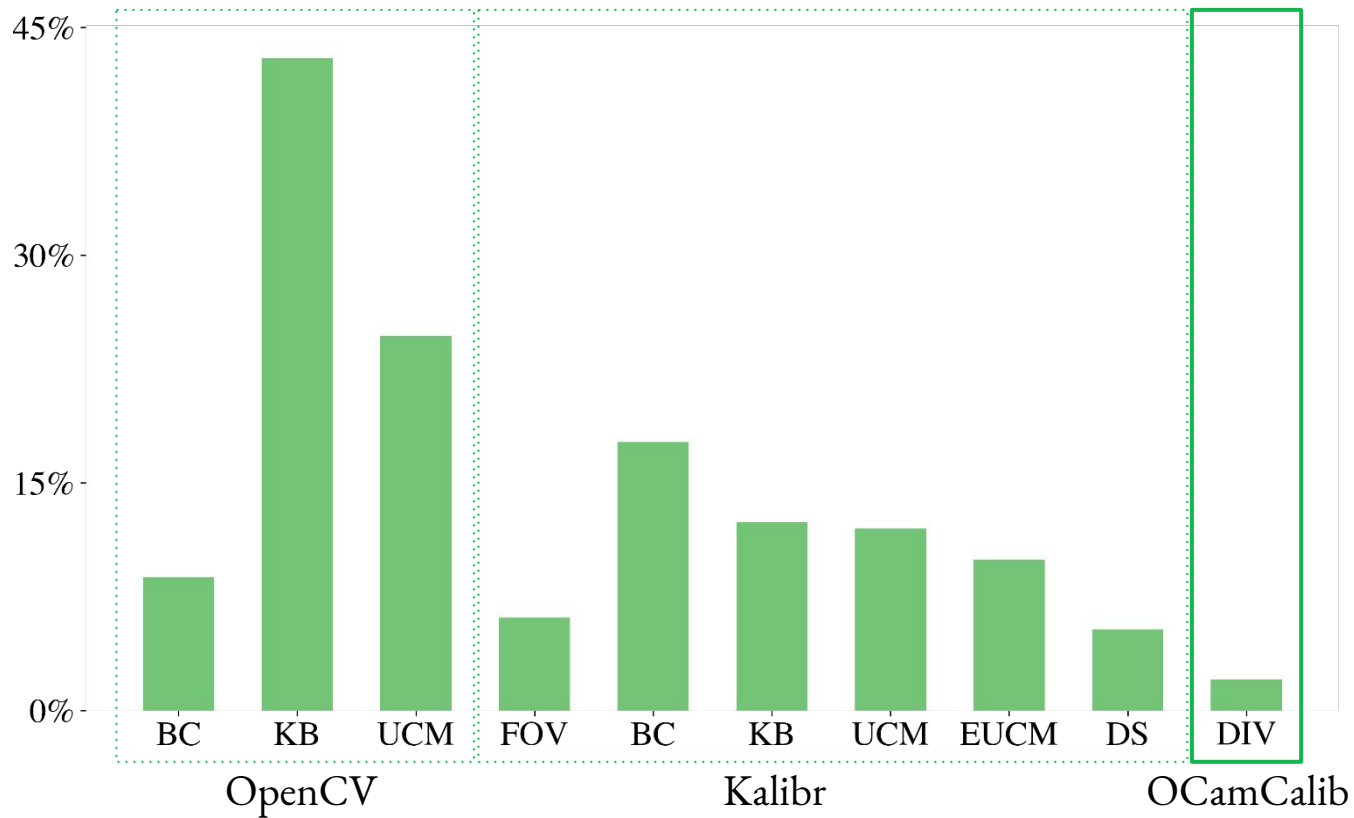
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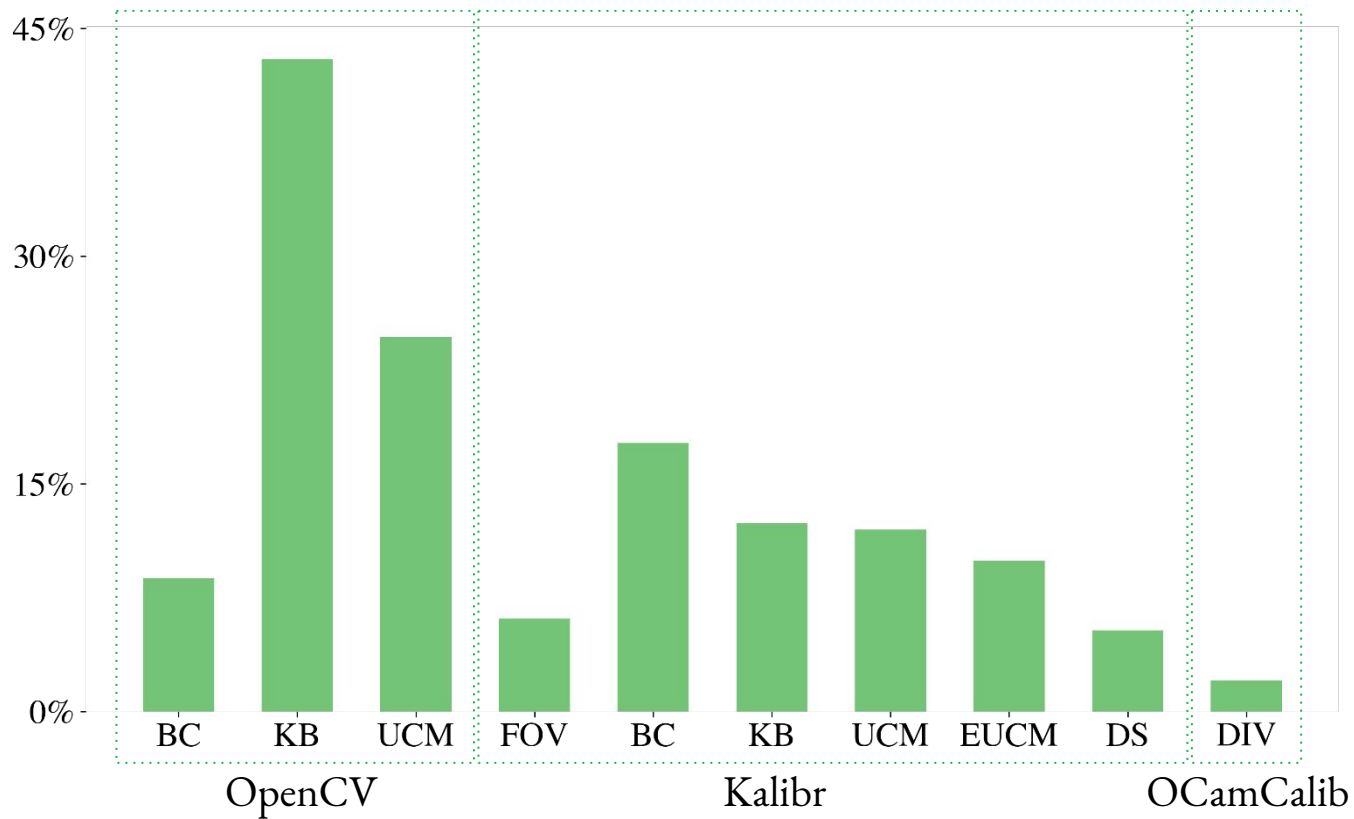
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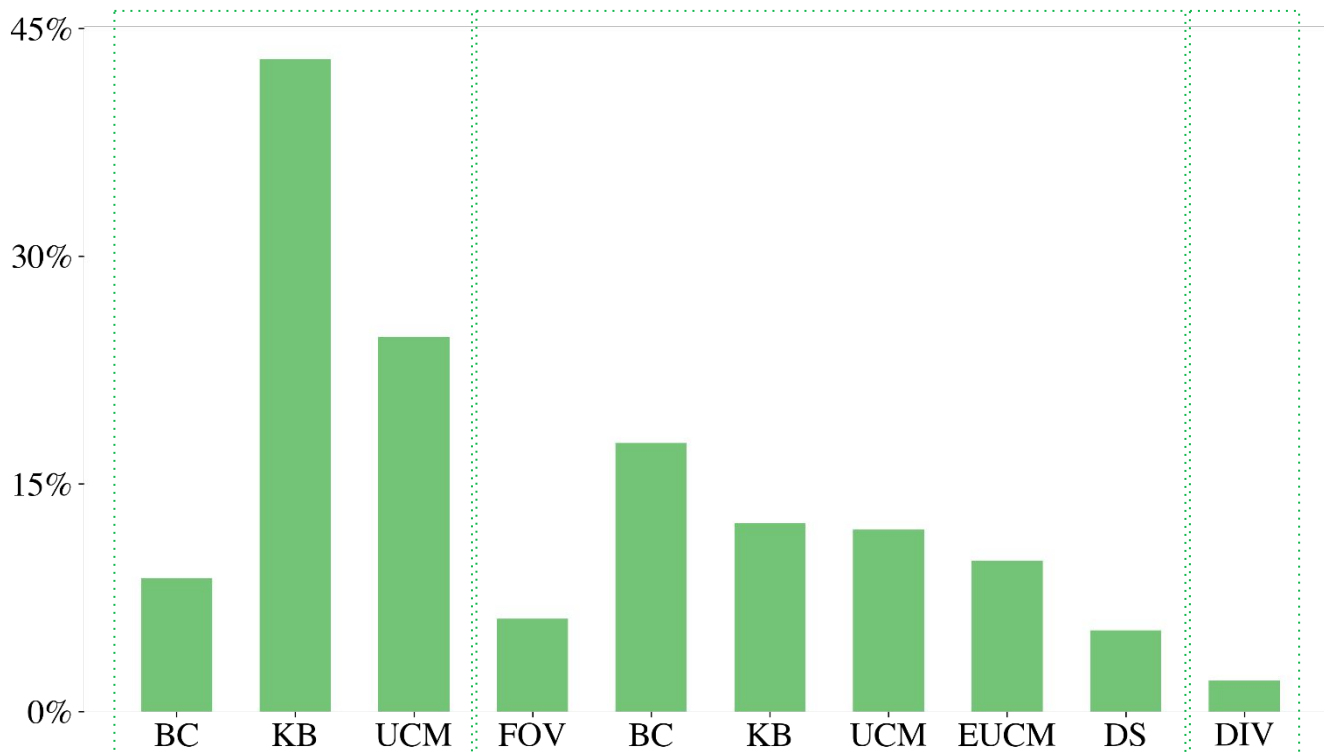
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OpenCV

13% failures on average

Kalibr

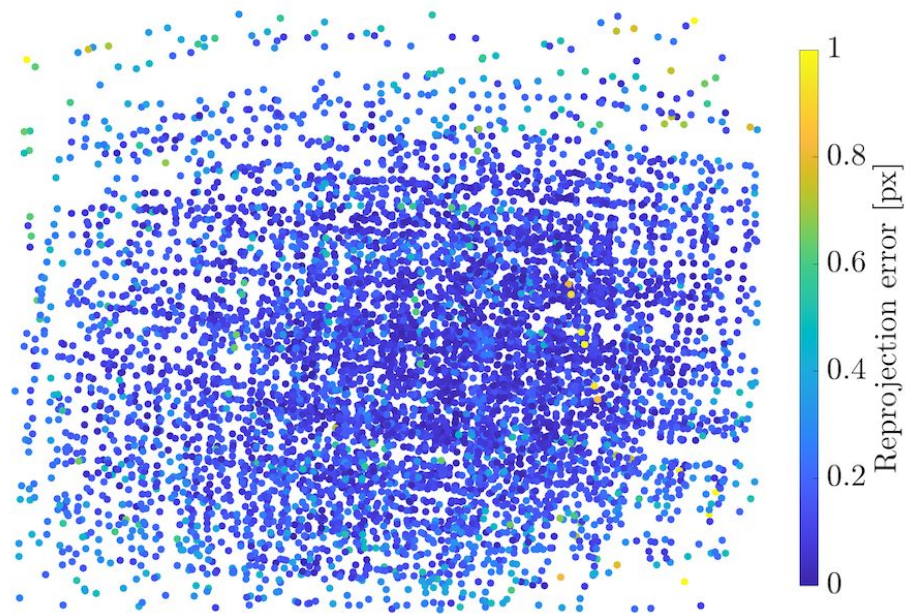
21% failures on average

OCamCalib*

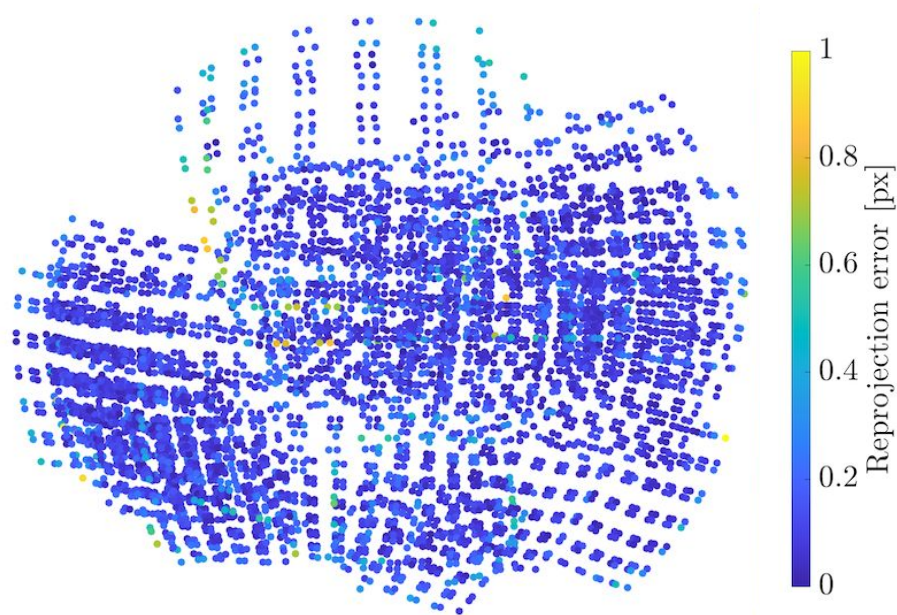
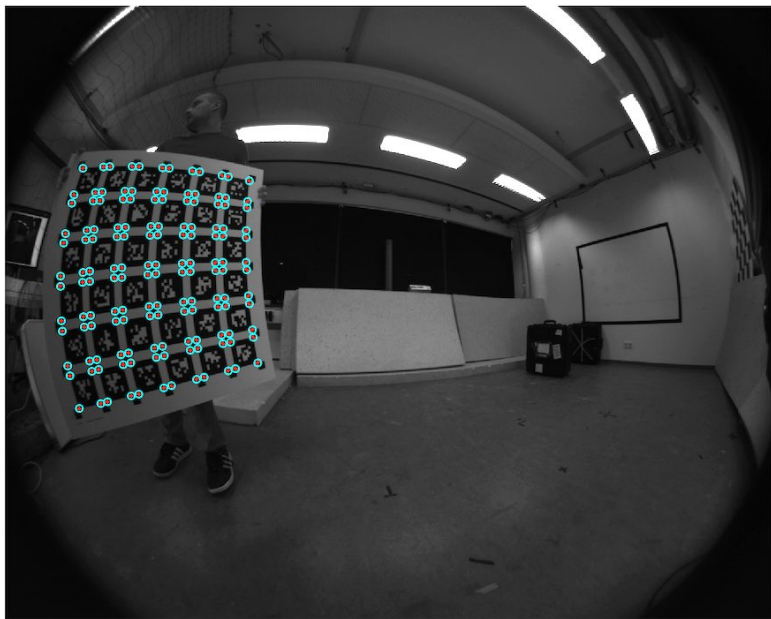
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*data limitations

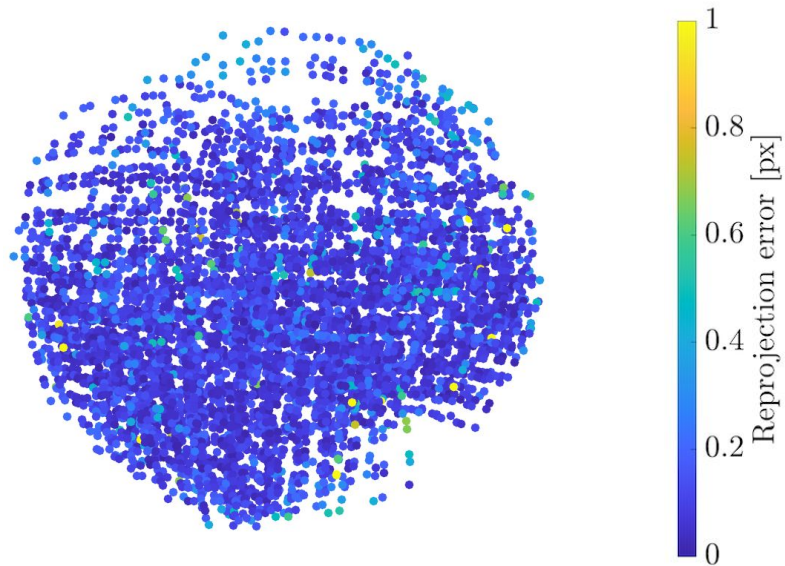
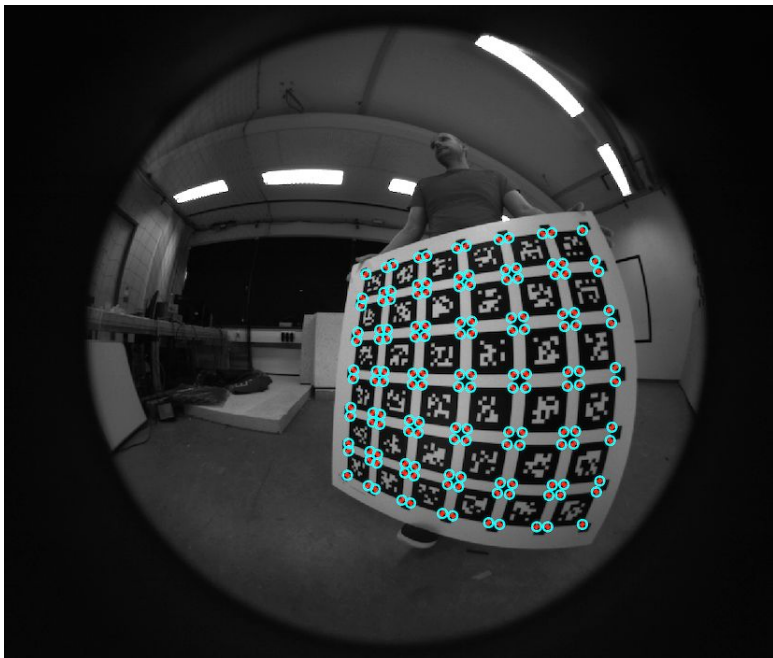
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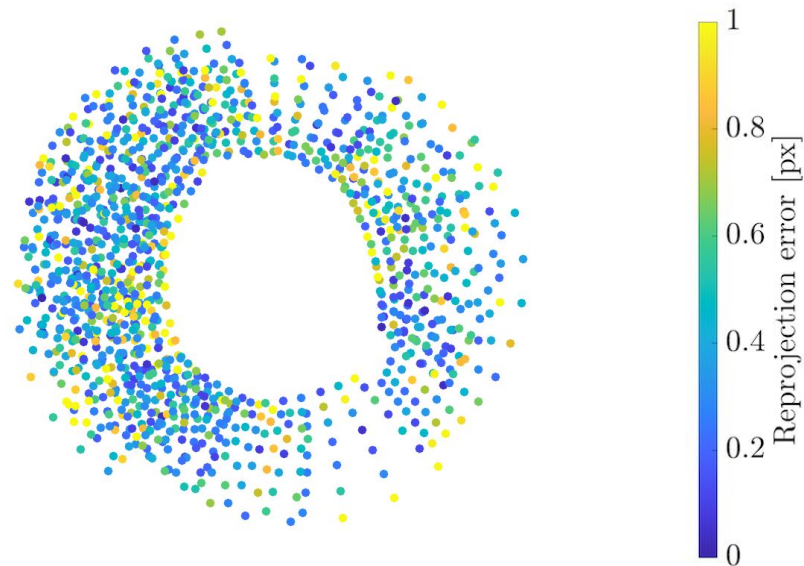
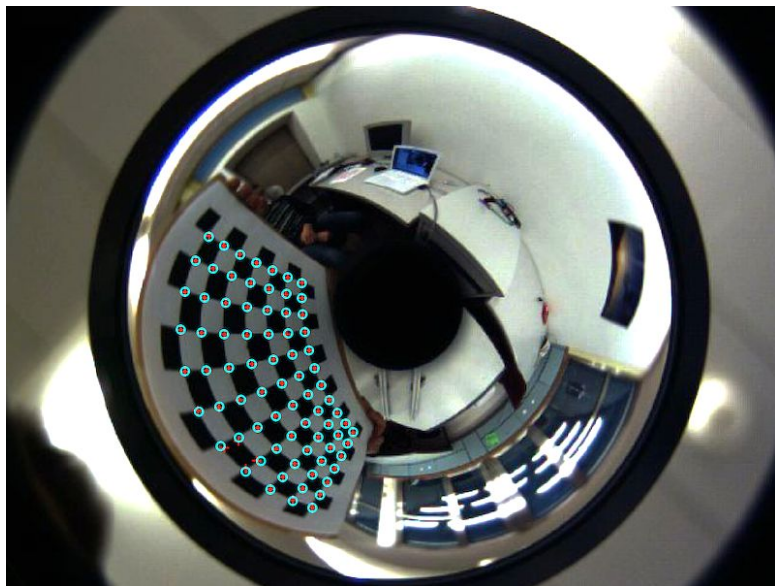
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BabelCalib Summary

- fully **automatic** approach to calibrate central cameras
- no user initialization required
- supports **all** commonly used central projection models
- easy to add new models
- achieves significant **accuracy** gains over the state of the art
- no catastrophic failures
- unaffected by **displaced center** of projection



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Paper, code and data are available at the project page:

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