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# Matting and compositing

Digital Visual Effects, Spring 2005

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# Announcements

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- Project #2 was due yesterday.
- Project #3 will be assigned next Wednesday.
- Grading proportion change. (15%,20%,20%,30%)

# Outline

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- Traditional matting and compositing
- Natural image matting
- Video matting
- Shadow matting
- Environment matting

*Traditional matting  
and composting*

# *Photomontage*



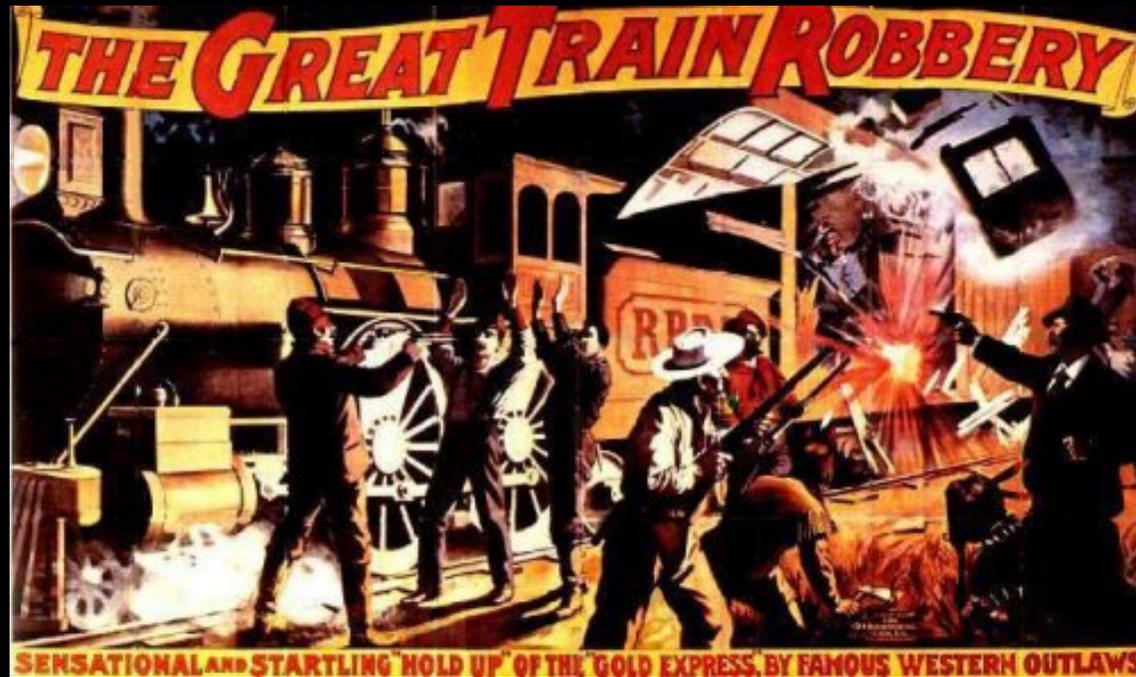
The Two Ways of Life, 1857, Oscar Gustav Rejlander  
Printed from the original 32 wet collodion negatives.

# *Photographic compositions*



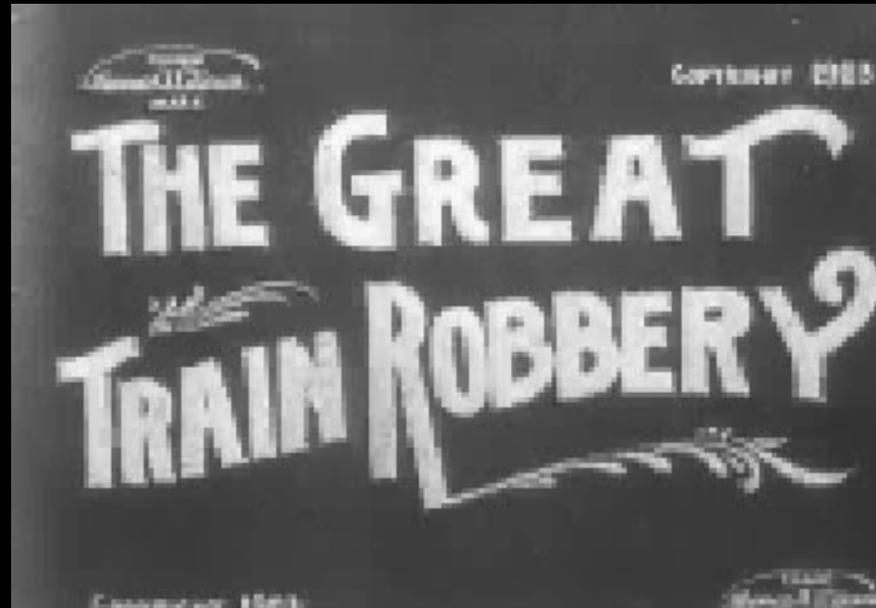
Lang Ching-shan

# *Use of mattes for compositing*



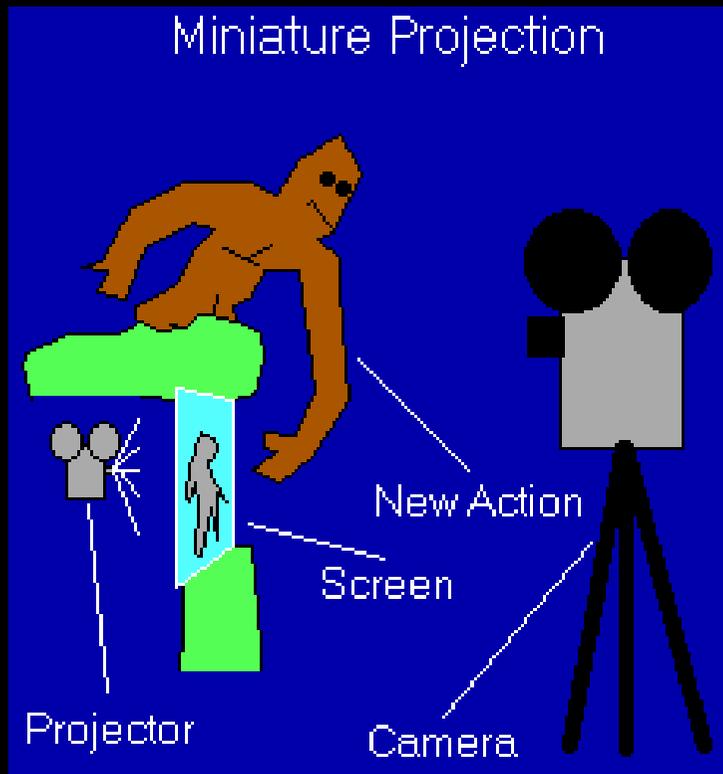
The Great Train Robbery (1903) matte shot

# *Use of mattes for compositing*



The Great Train Robbery (1903) matte shot

# *Optical compositing*



King Kong (1933) Stop-motion + optical compositing

# *Digital matting and compositing*

The lost world (1925)



Miniature, stop-motion

The lost world (1997)



Computer-generated images

# *Digital matting and compositing*

King Kong (1933)



Optical compositing

Jurassic Park III (2001)



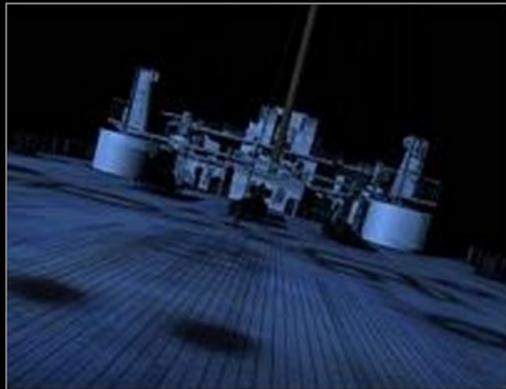
Blue-screen matting,  
digital composition,  
digital matte painting

# *Digital matting: bluescreen matting*



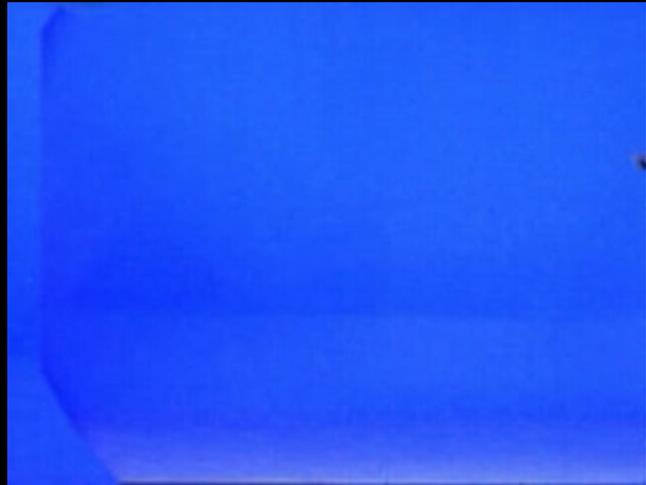
Forrest Gump (1994)

- The most common approach for films.
- Expensive, studio setup.
- Not a simple one-step process.



*Titanic*

***Matting and compositing***



background  
replacement



background  
editing



*Matting and Compositing*

# Color difference method (Ultimatte)

$$C = F + \bar{\alpha}B$$

F

$\bar{\alpha}$



Blue-screen  
photograph

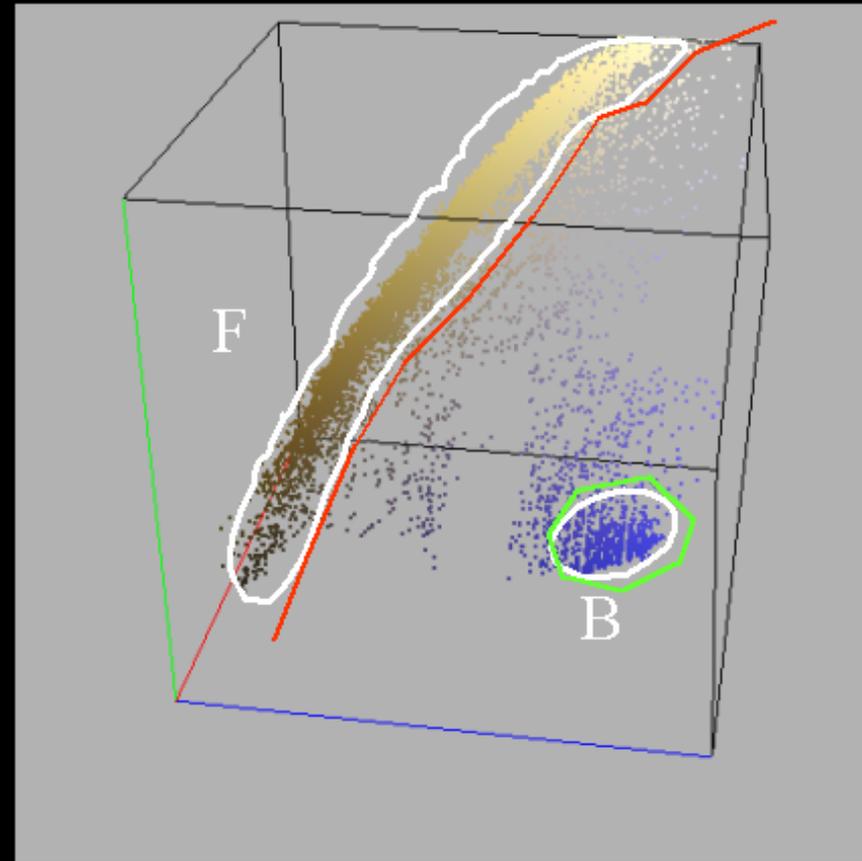


Spill suppression  
if  $B > G$  then  $B = G$



Matte creation  
 $\bar{\alpha} = B - \max(G, R)$

# Chroma-keying (Primatte)



$F$



foreground color

$\alpha$

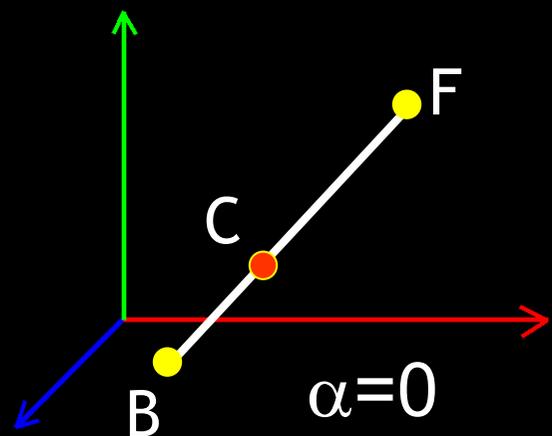


alpha matte

$B$



background plate



$$C = \alpha F + (1 - \alpha)B$$

compositing  
equation

# Compositing

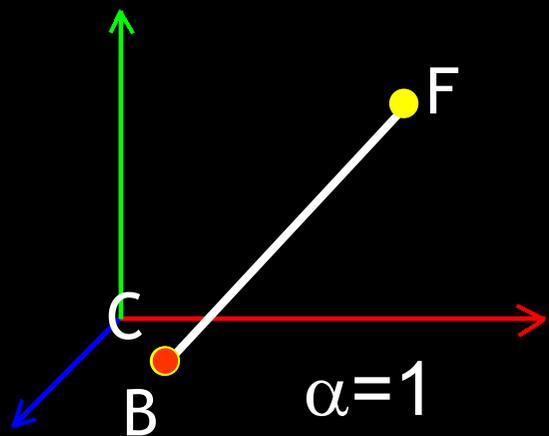
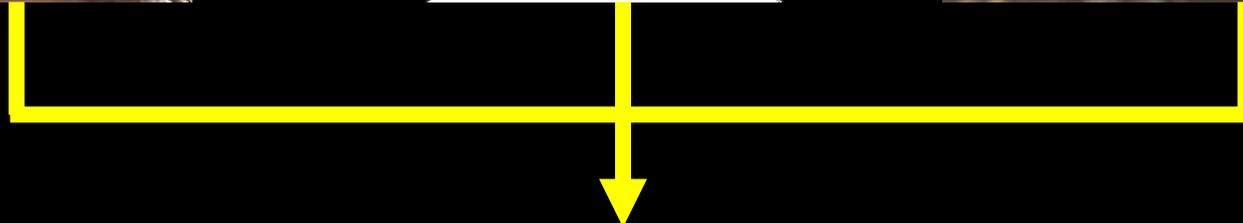
$F$



$\alpha$



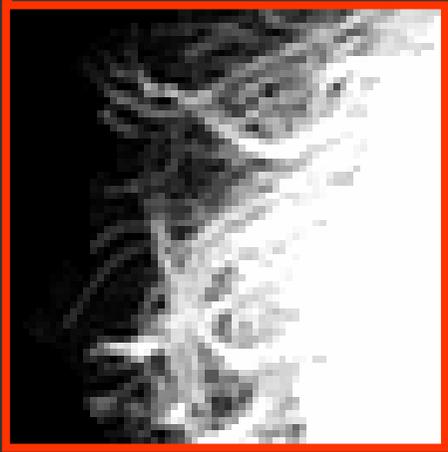
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$$C = \alpha F + (1 - \alpha)B$$

compositing  
equation

# Compositing



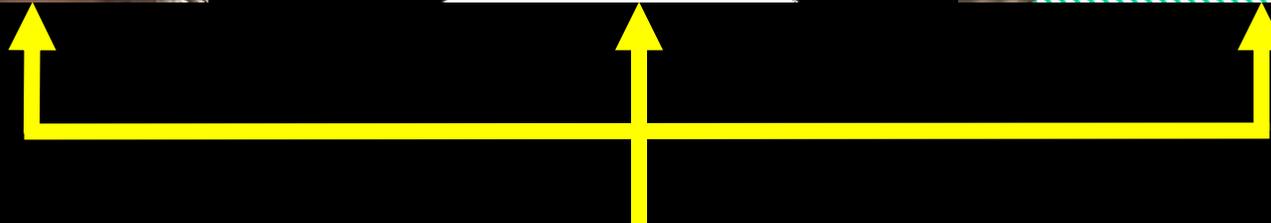
$F$



$\alpha$



$B$



observation

$C$



$$C = \alpha F + (1 - \alpha)B$$

compositing  
equation

*Matting*

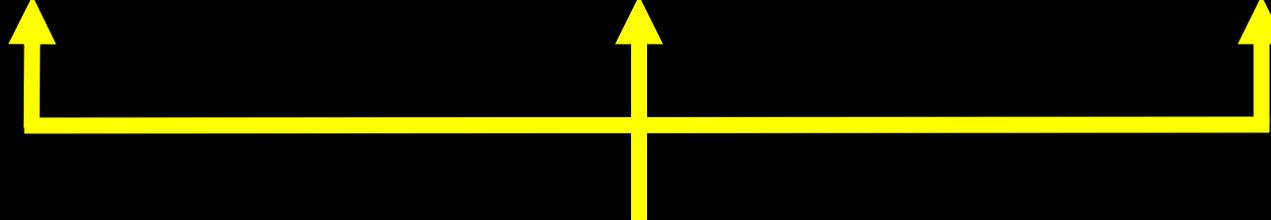
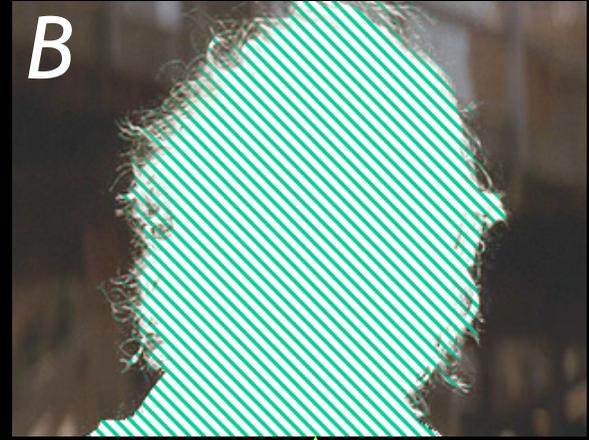
$F$



$\alpha$



$B$



Three approaches:  
1 reduce #unknowns  
2 add observations  
3 add priors

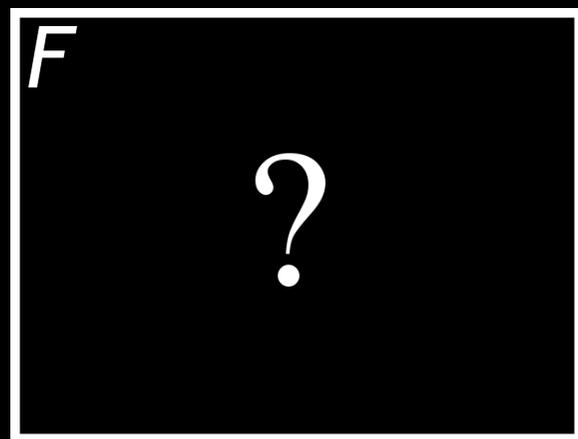
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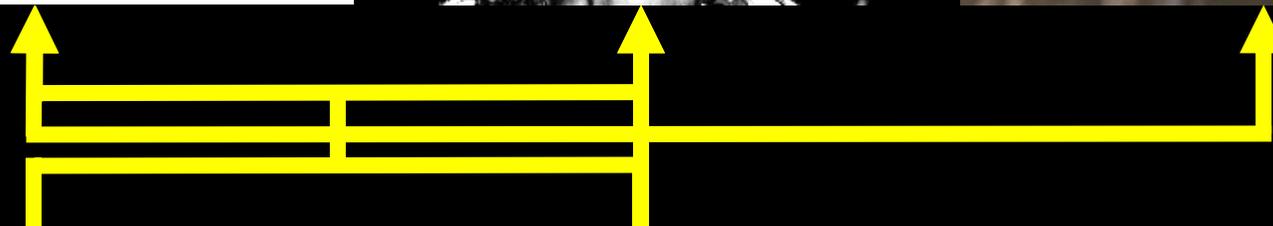
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compositing  
equation

# Matting



$\alpha$

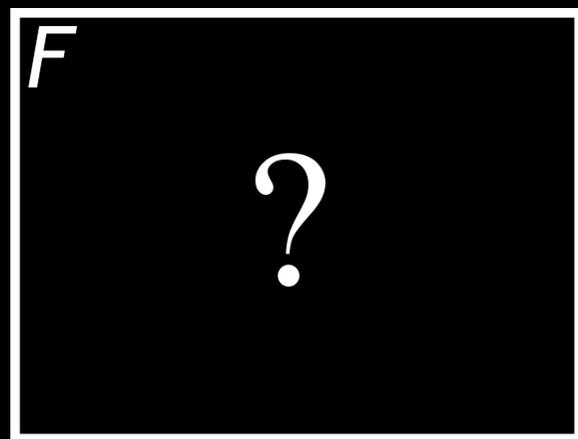


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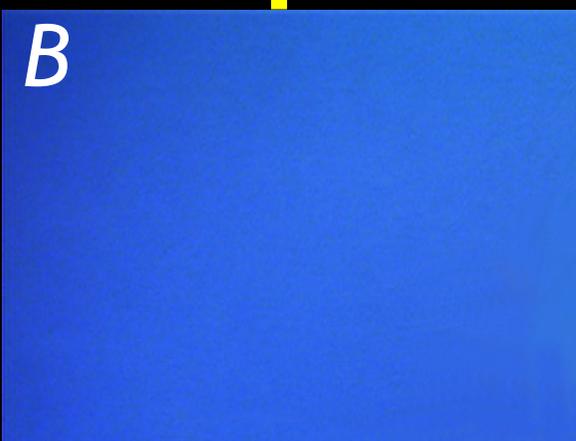
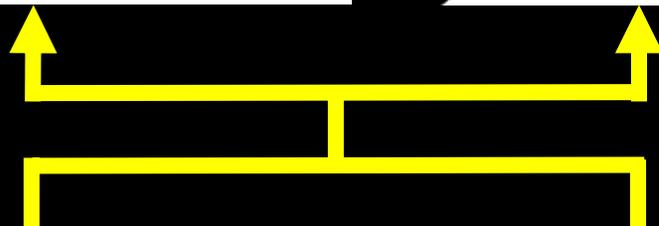
$$C = \alpha F + (1 - \alpha)B$$

difference  
matting

*Matting (reduce #unknowns)*



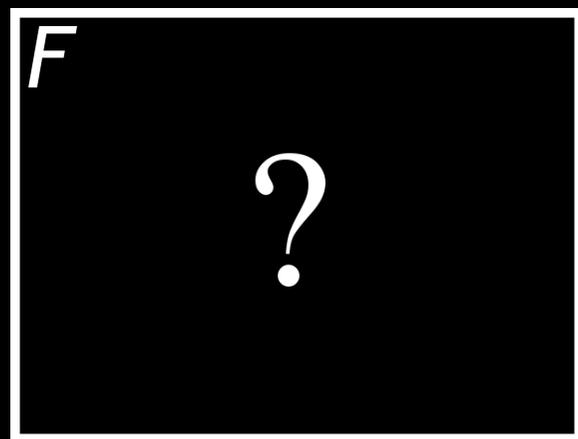
$\alpha$



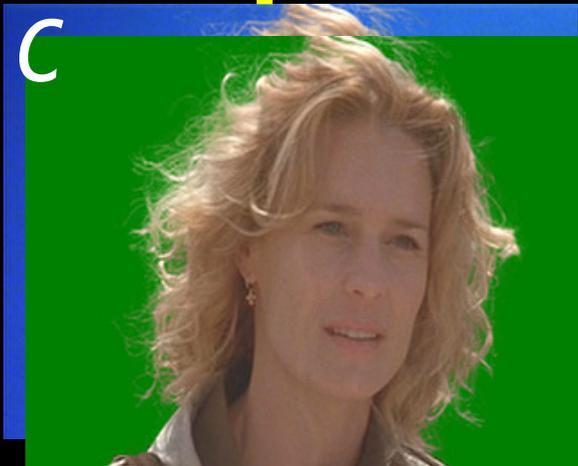
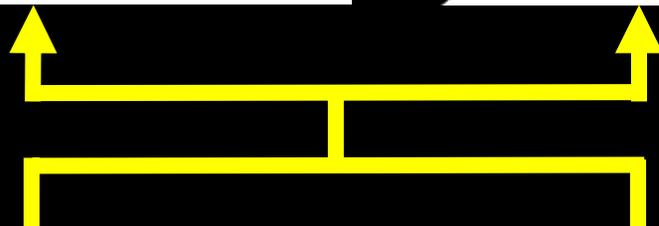
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blue screen  
matting

*Matting (reduce #unknowns)*



$\alpha$



$B$

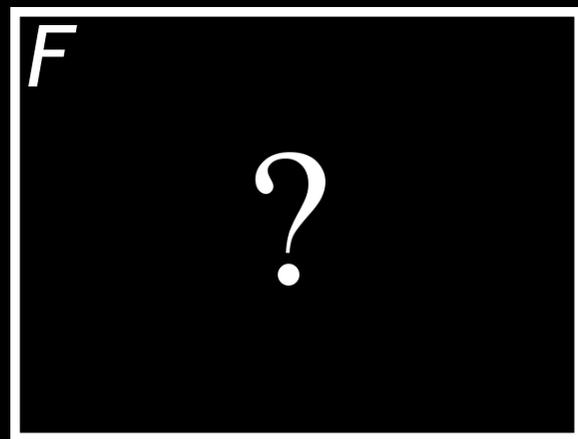


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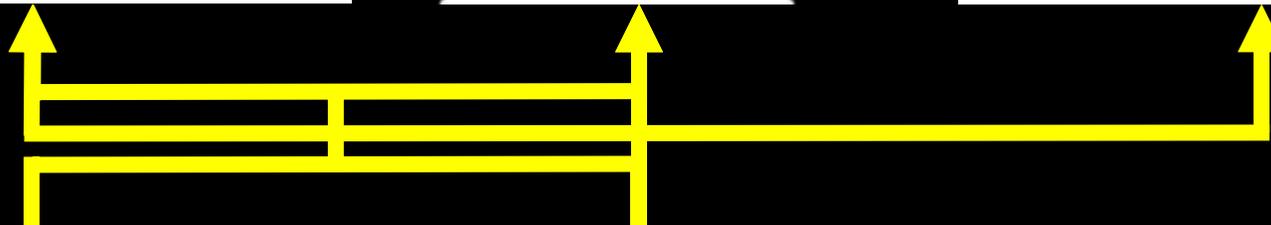
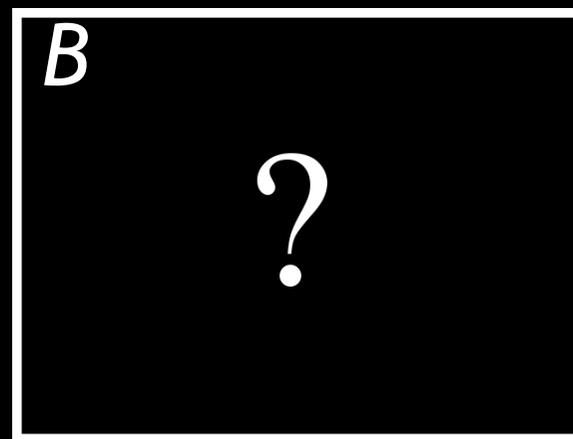
$$C = \alpha F + (1 - \alpha)B$$

triangulation

*Matting (add observations)*



$\alpha$



BG



$$C = \alpha F + (1 - \alpha)B$$

Retrospective

*Matting (add priors)*

# *Bayesian image matting*

posterior probability

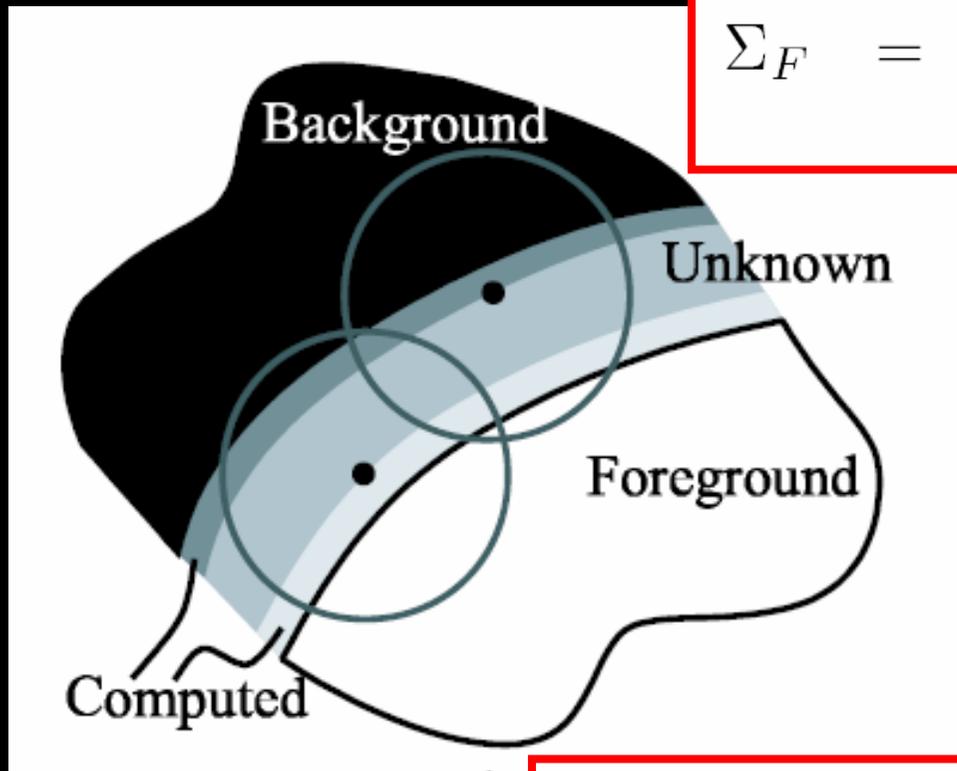
likelihood

priors

$$\begin{aligned} & \arg \max_{F, B, \alpha} P(F, B, \alpha | C) \\ &= \arg \max_{F, B, \alpha} P(C | F, B, \alpha) P(F) P(B) P(\alpha) / P(C) \end{aligned}$$

$$L(C | F, B, \alpha) = -\|C - \alpha F - (1 - \alpha)B\|^2 / \sigma_C^2$$

***Bayesian framework***



$$\bar{F} = \frac{1}{W} \sum_{i \in N} w_i F_i$$

$$\Sigma_F = \frac{1}{W} \sum_{i \in N} w_i (F_i - \bar{F})(F_i - \bar{F})^T$$

$$L(F) = -(F - \bar{F})^T \Sigma_F^{-1} (F - \bar{F}) / 2$$

**Priors**

repeat

1. fix alpha

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_F^{-1} + I\alpha^2/\sigma_C^2 & I\alpha(1-\alpha)/\sigma_C^2 \\ I\alpha(1-\alpha)/\sigma_C^2 & \Sigma_B^{-1} + I(1-\alpha)^2/\sigma_C^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} F \\ B \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_F^{-1}\bar{F} + C\alpha/\sigma_C^2 \\ \Sigma_B^{-1}\bar{B} + C(1-\alpha)/\sigma_C^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. fix F and B

$$\alpha = \frac{(C - B) \cdot (F - B)}{\|F - B\|^2}$$

until converge

*Optimization*



**Bayesian image matting**



**Bayesian image matting**



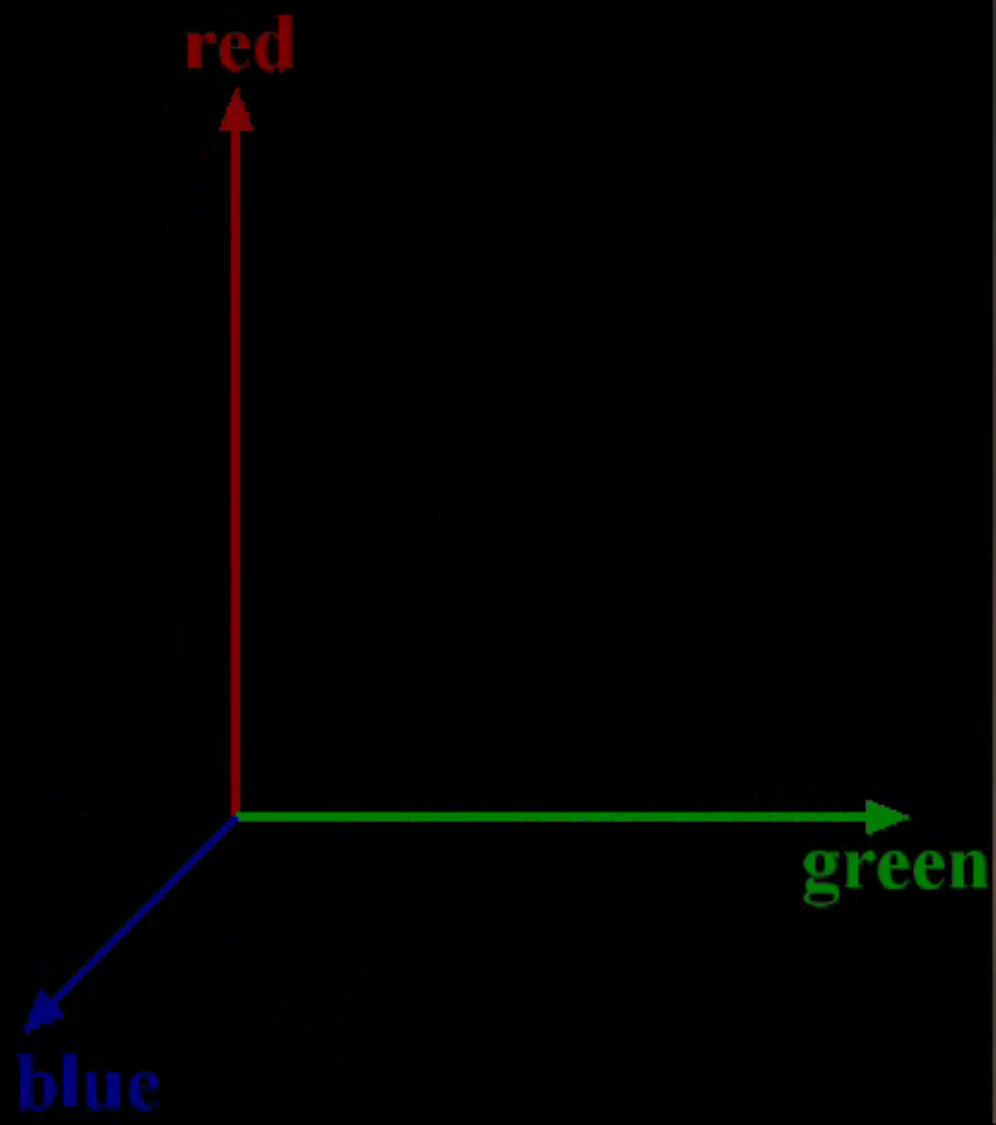
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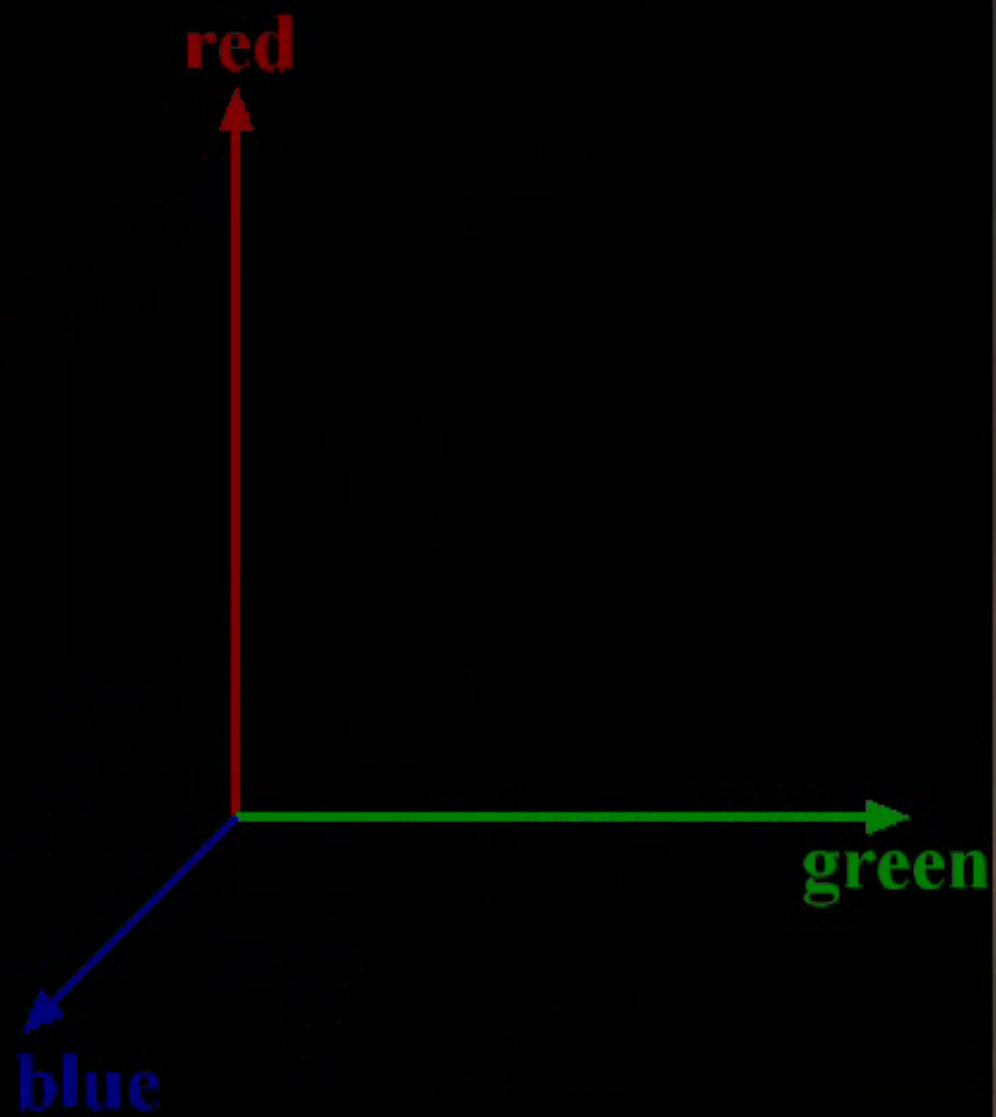


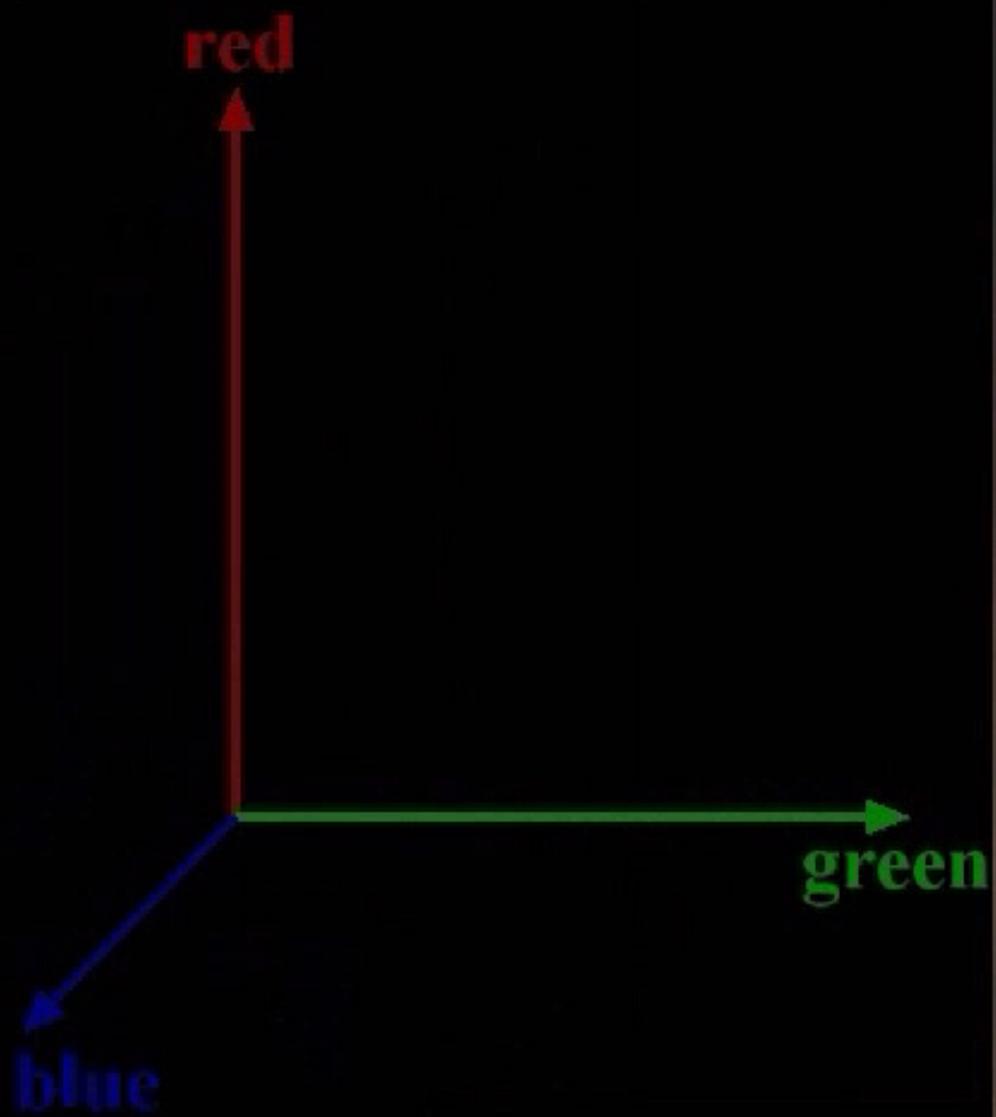
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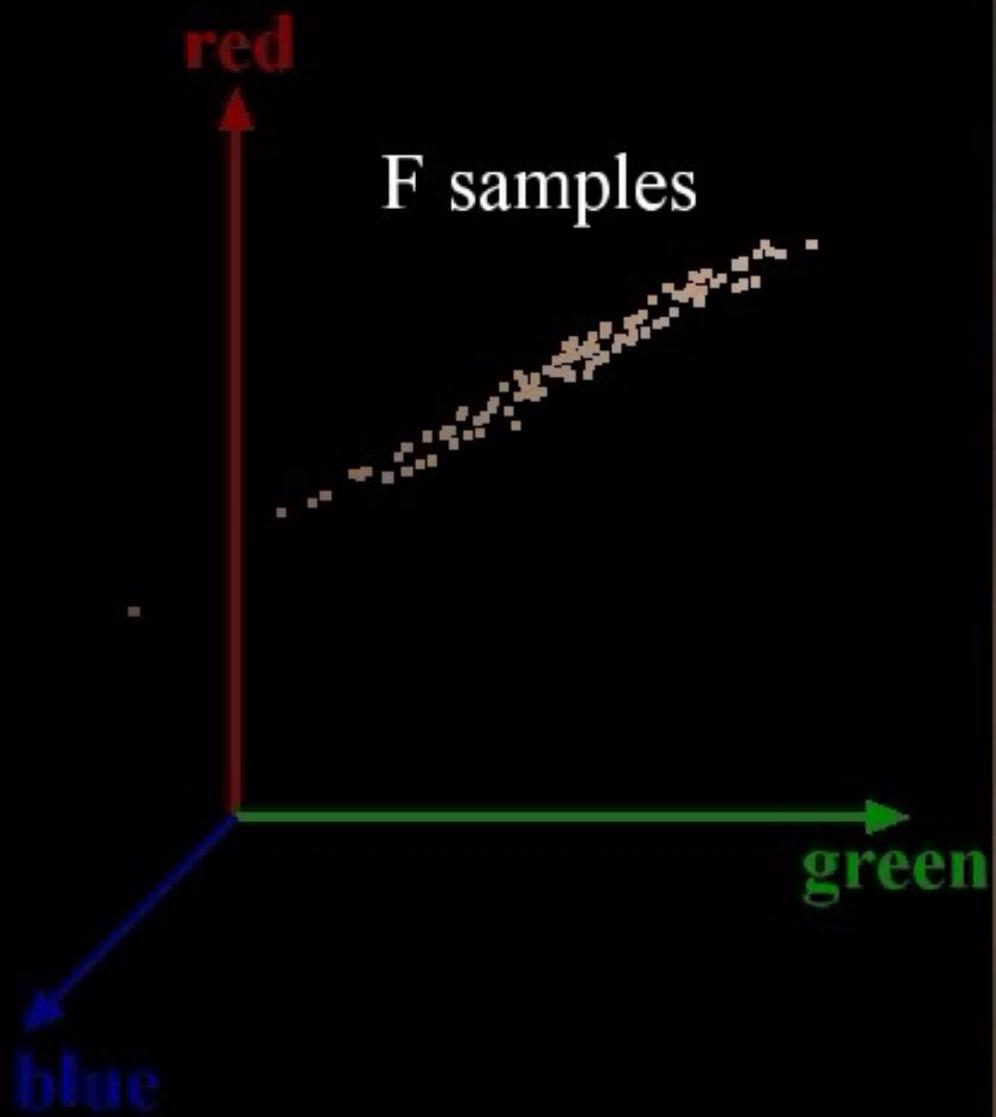


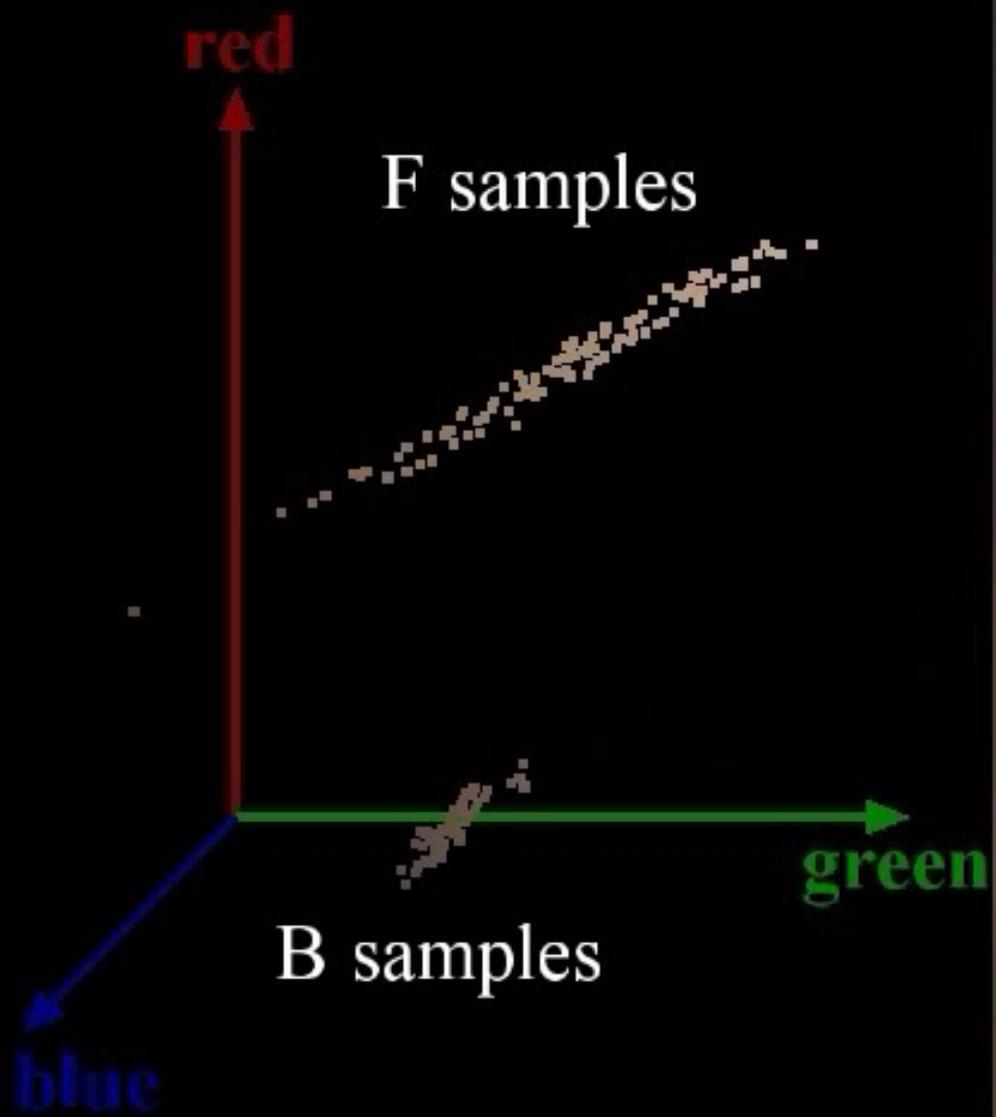
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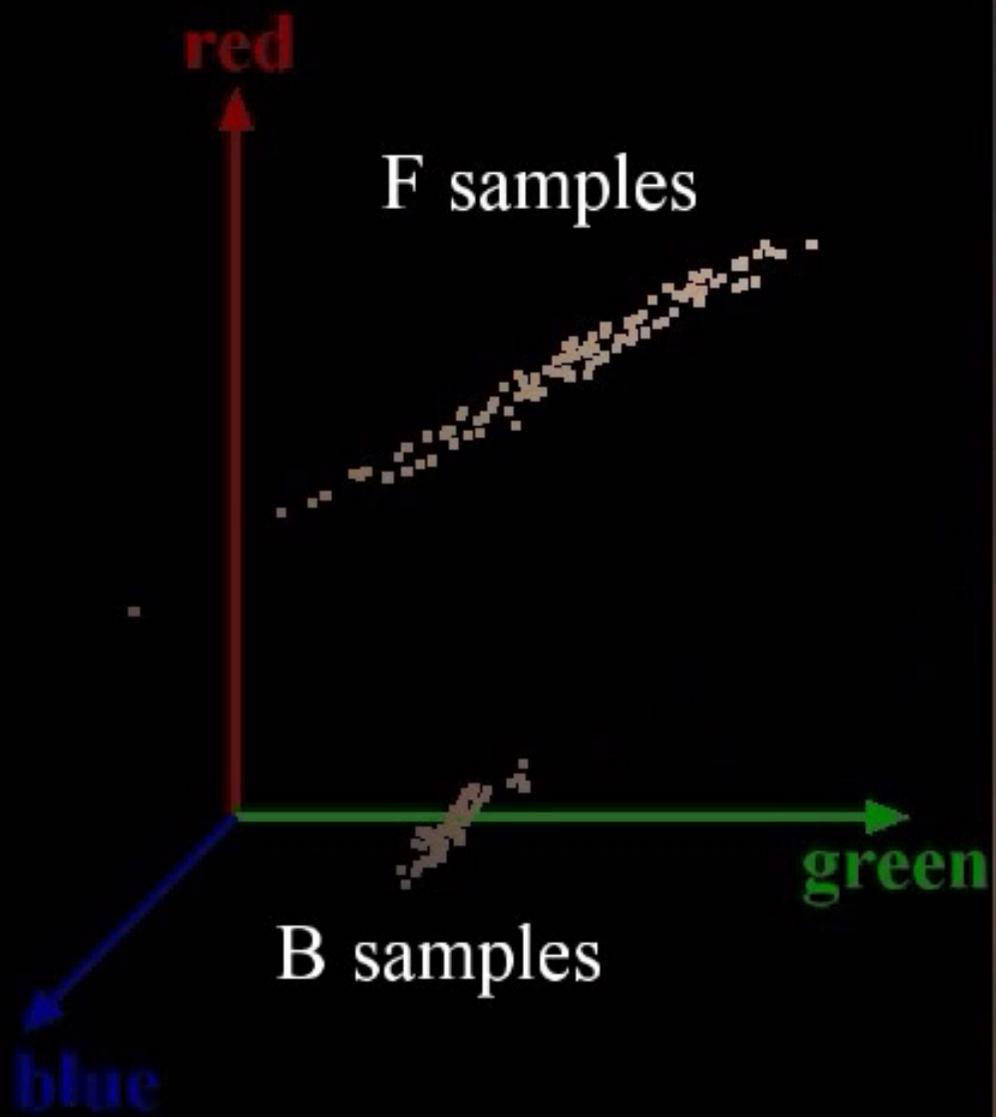


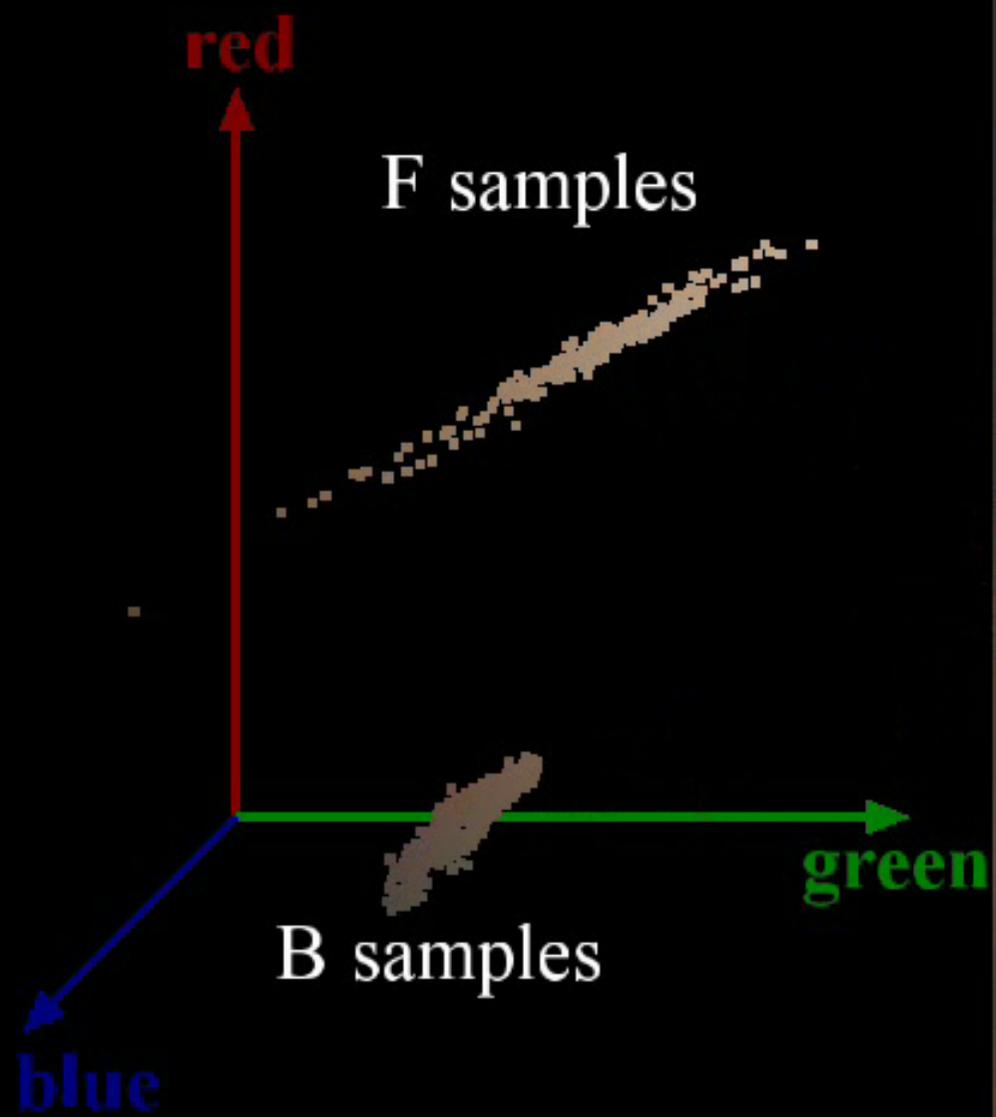


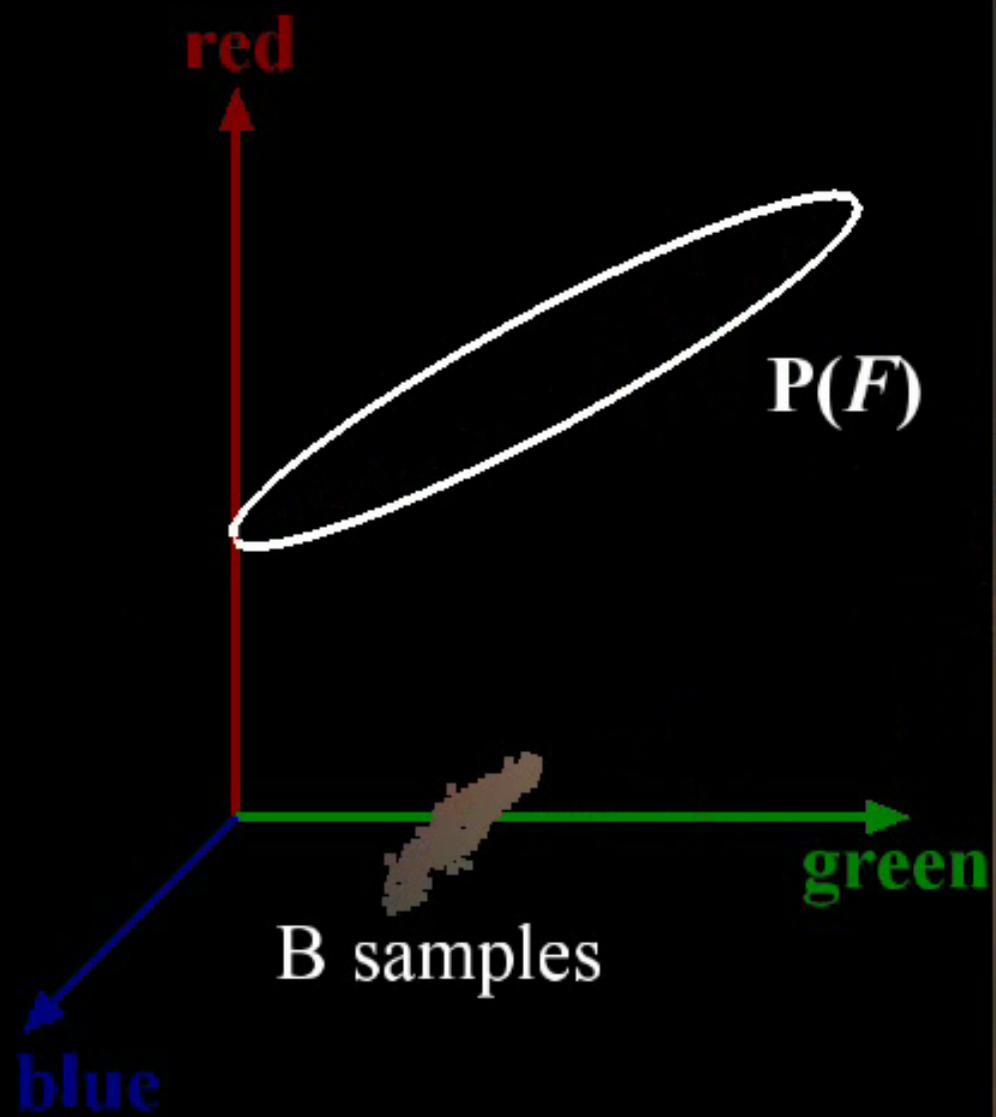


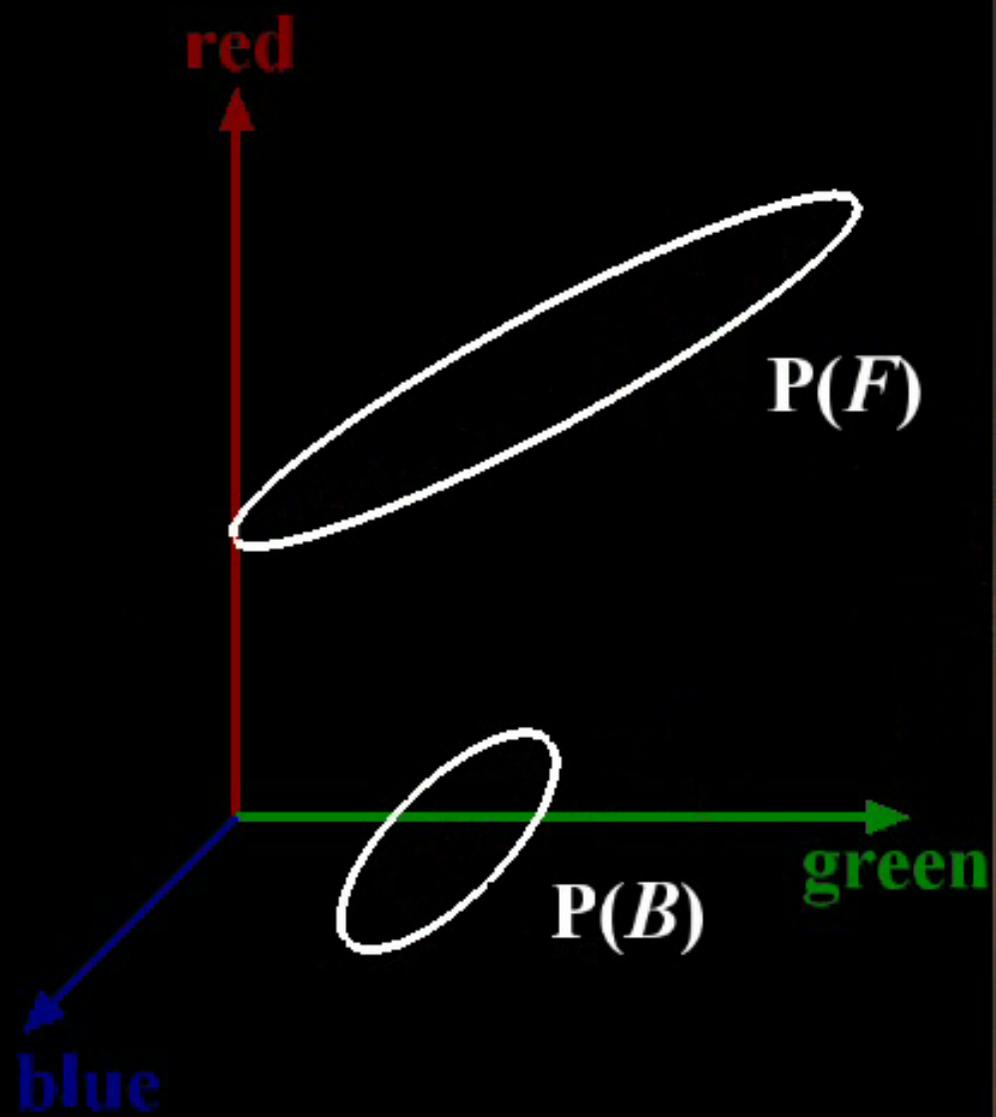


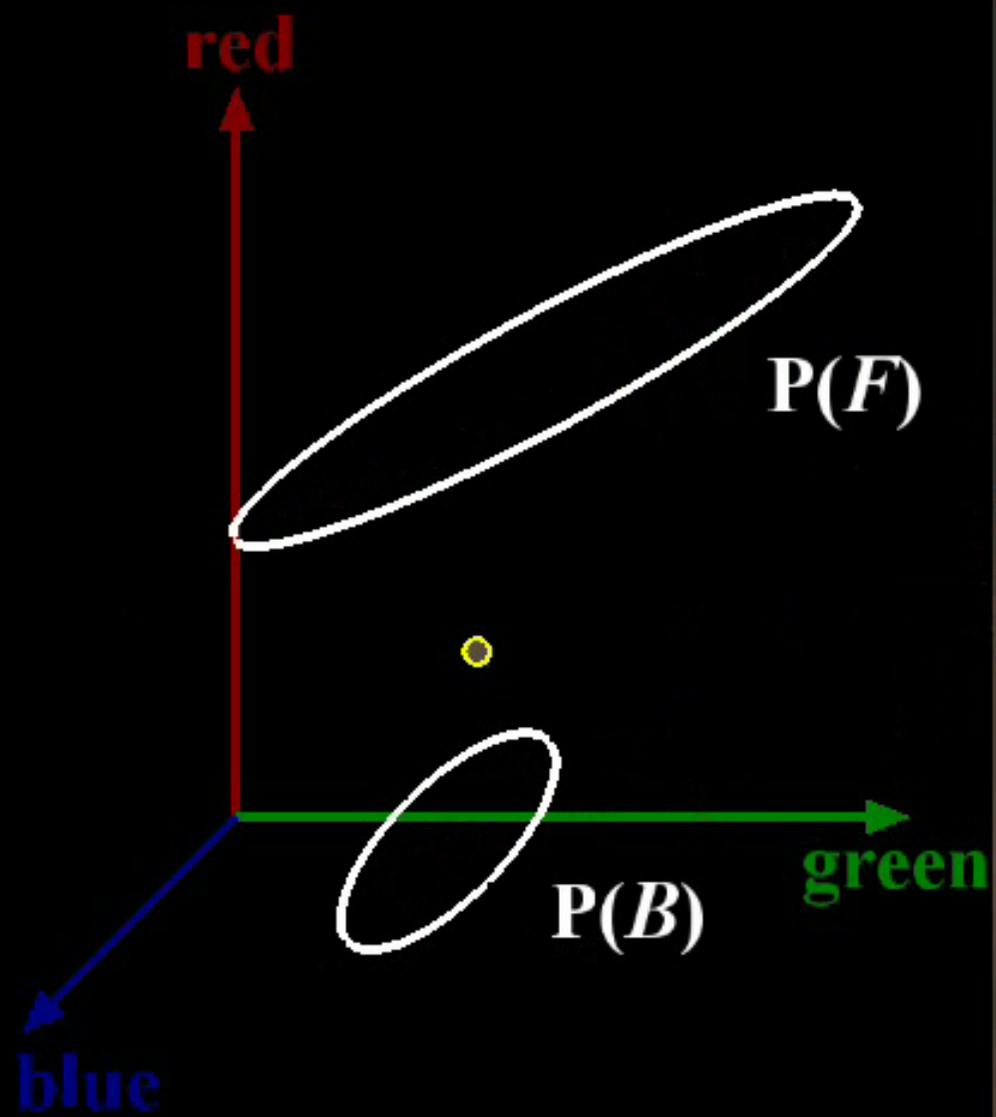


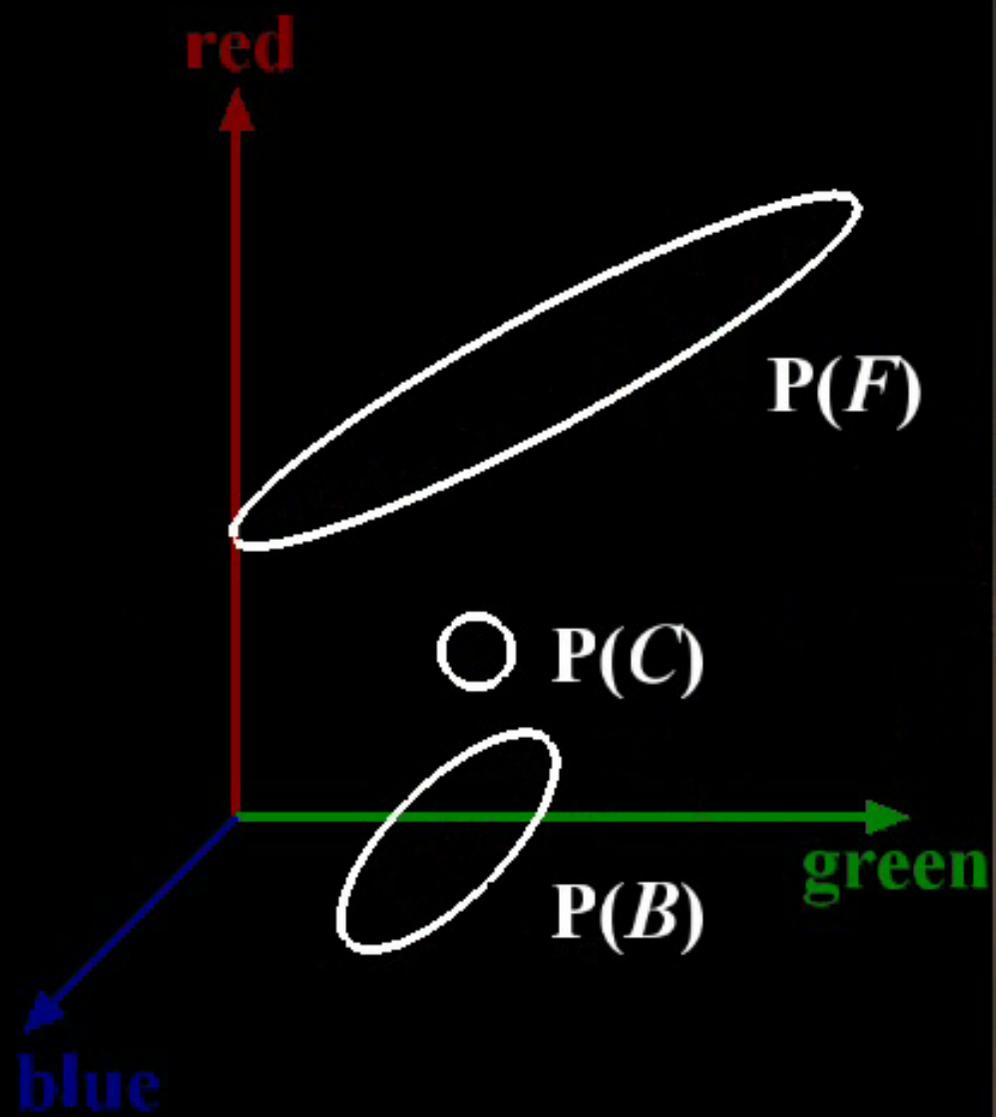


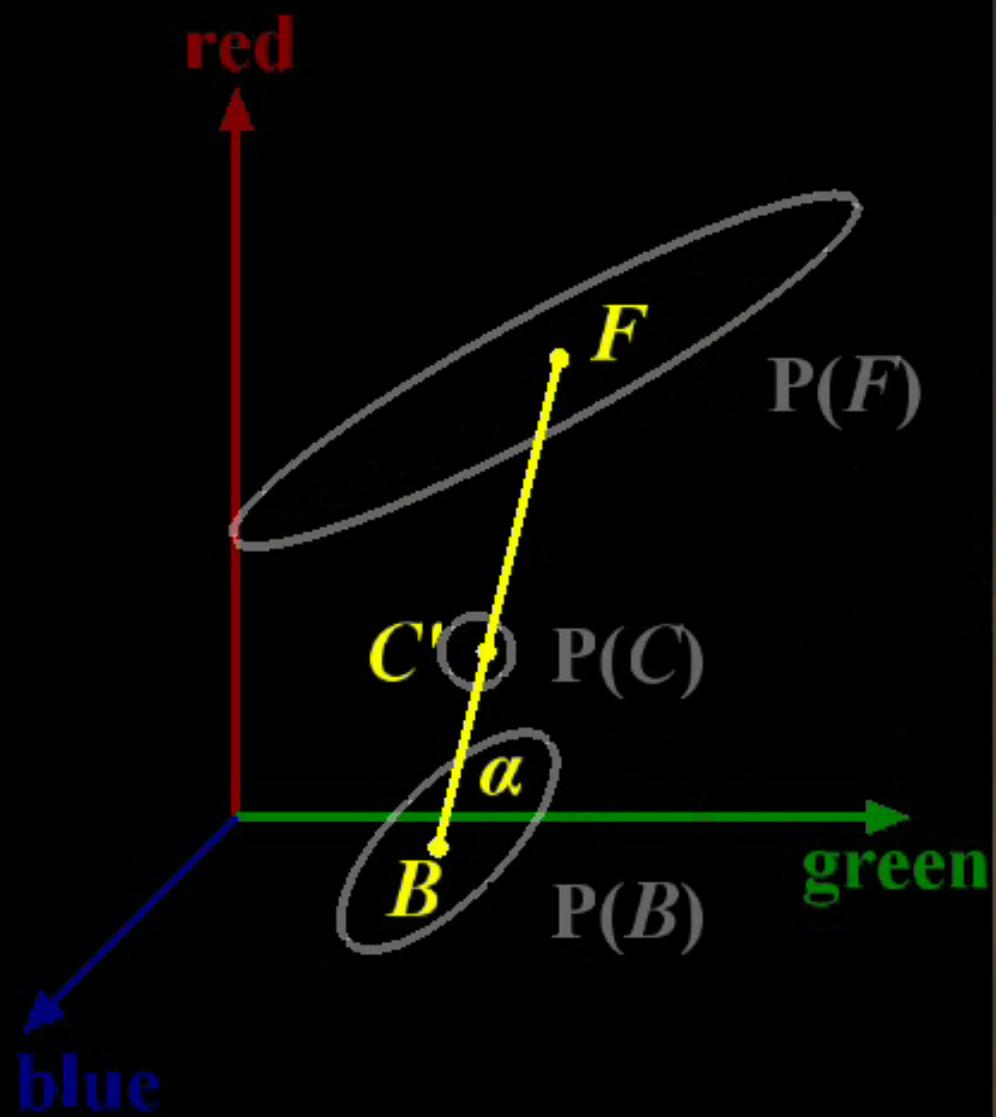












alpha



*Results*

input

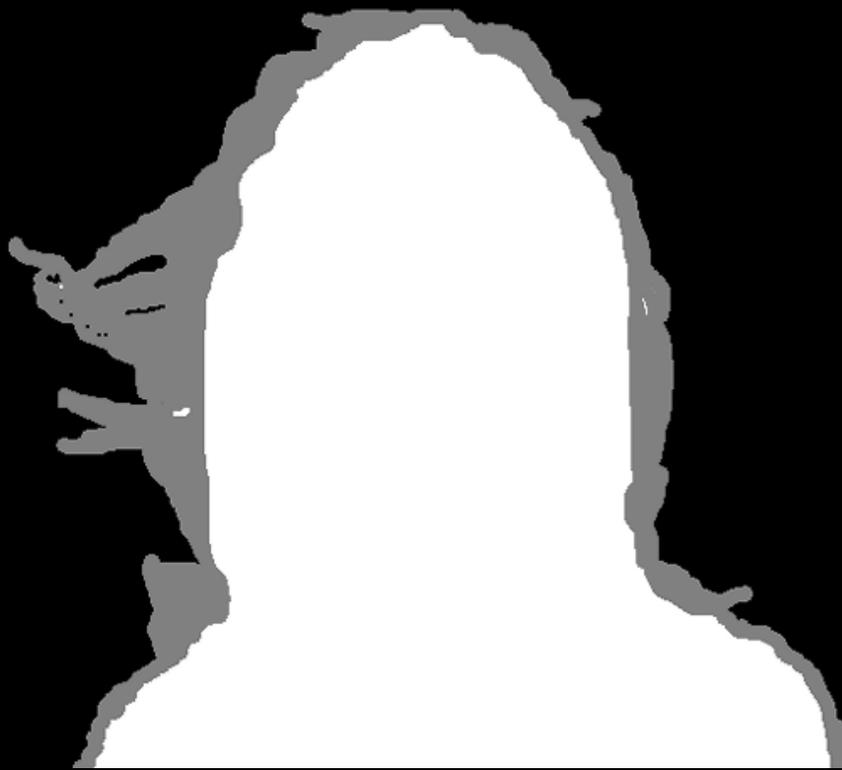


composite



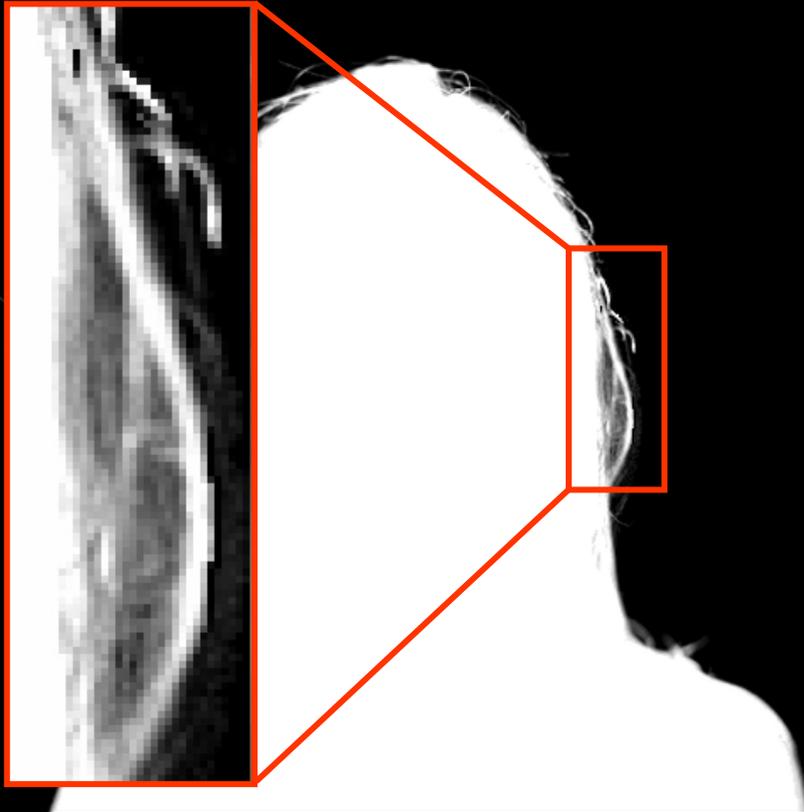
*Results*

trimap

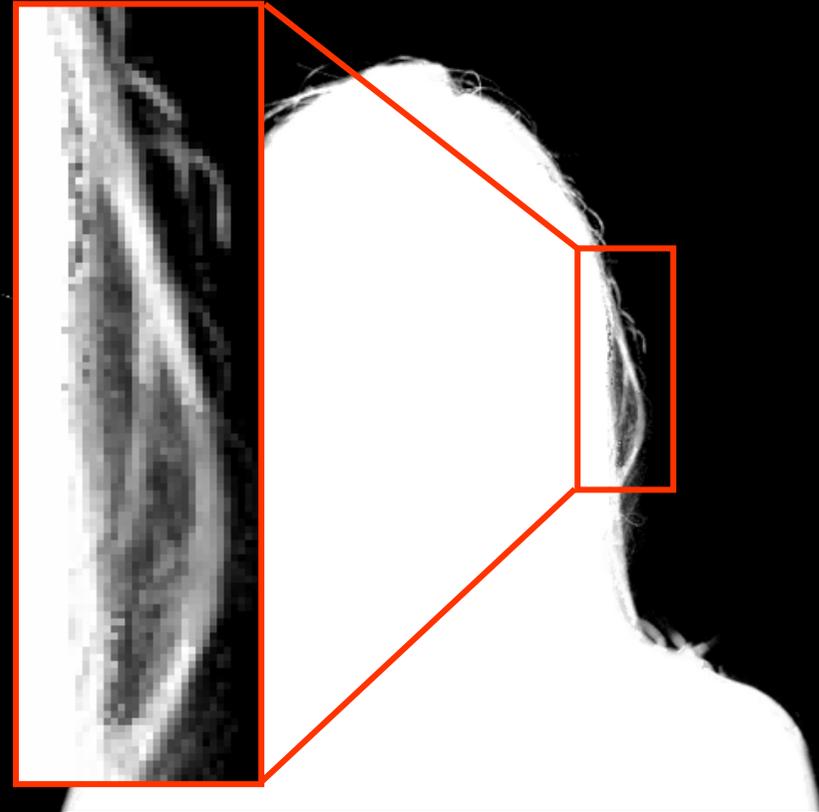


*Comparisons*

**Bayesian**



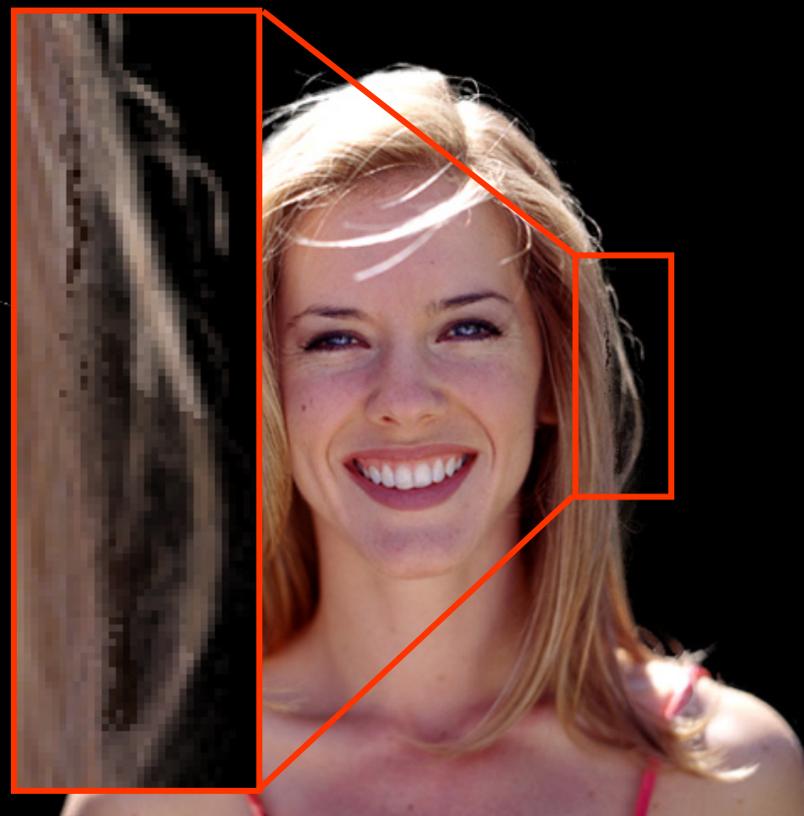
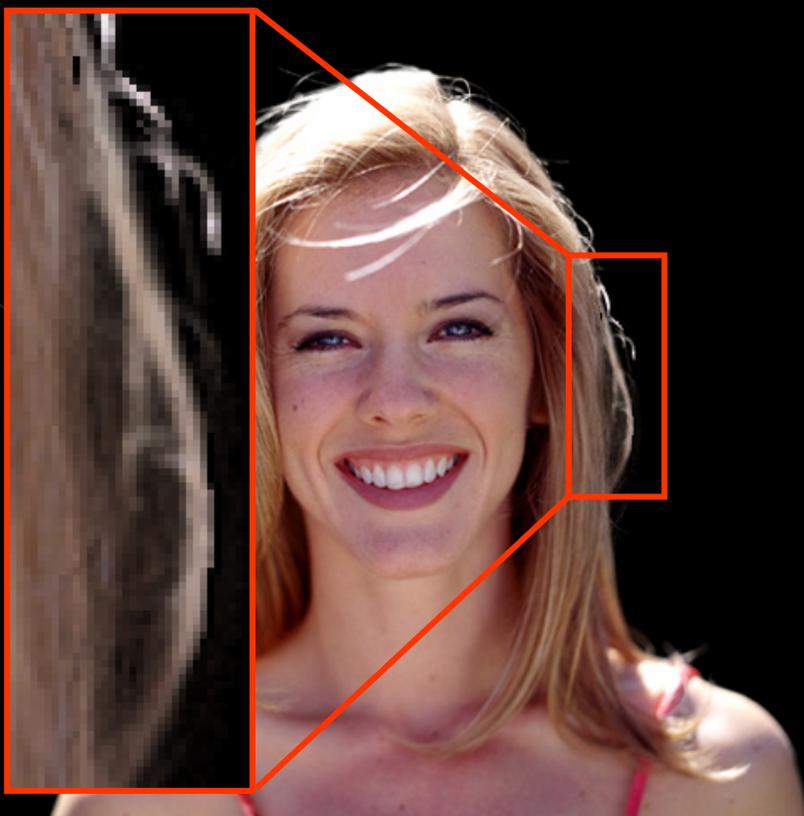
**Ruzon-Tomasi**



***Comparisons***

Bayesian

Ruzon-Tomasi



*Comparisons*

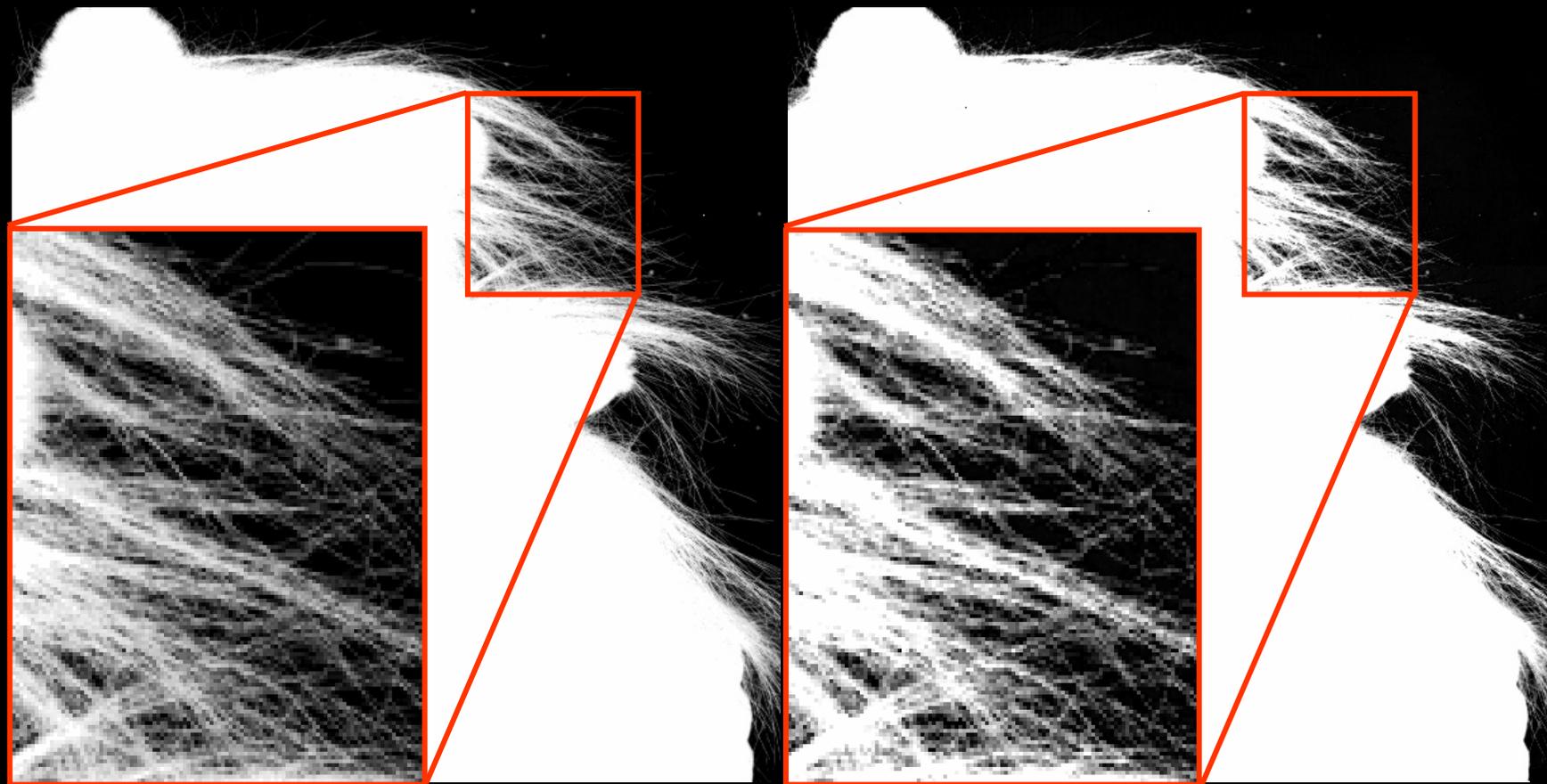
input image



*Comparisons*

**Bayesian**

**Mishima**



***Comparisons***

**Bayesian**



**Mishima**



***Comparisons***

*Video matting*

input  
video



*Video matting*

input  
video



input  
key  
trimaps



*Video matting*

input  
video



interpo-  
lated  
trimaps



*Video matting*

input  
video



interpo-  
lated  
trimaps



output  
alpha



*Video matting*

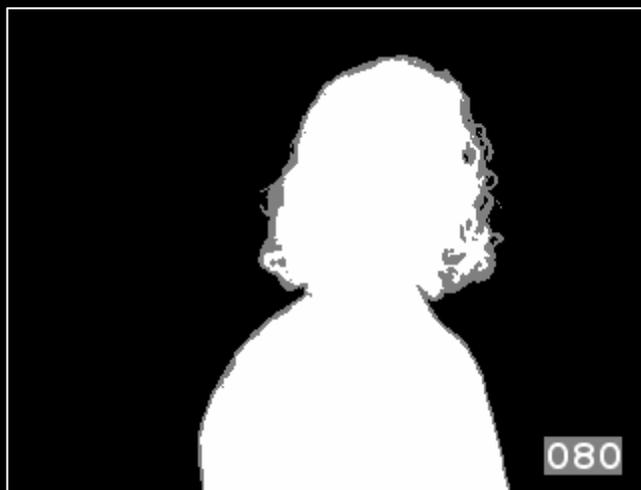
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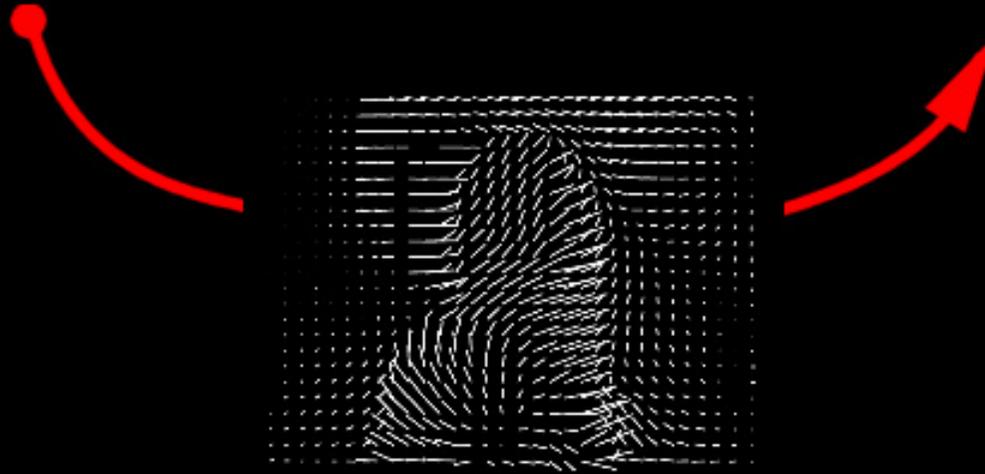


output  
alpha

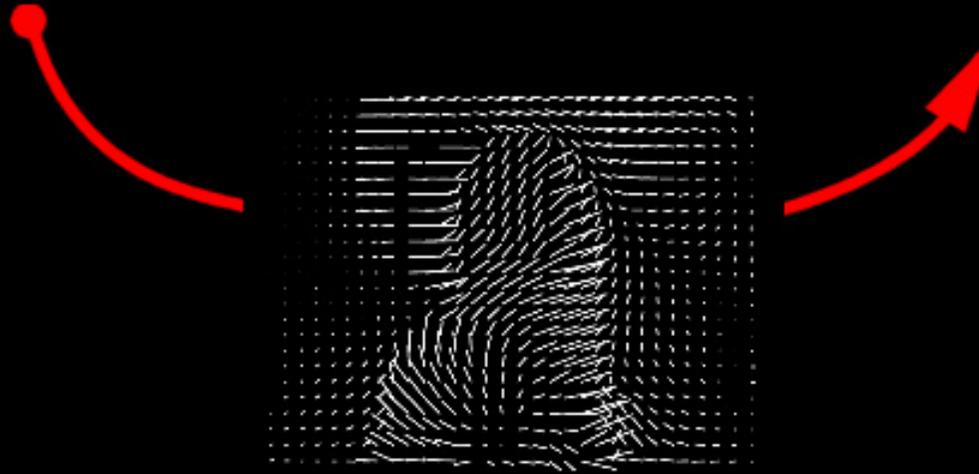


# *Video matting*

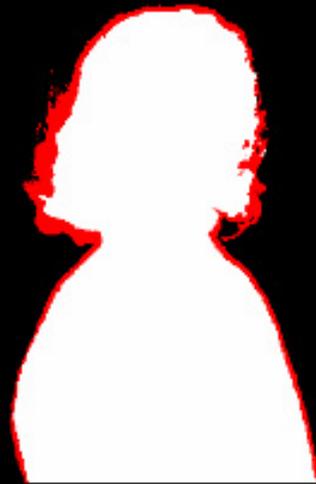




optical flow



optical flow





t



t+1



t+2



t+3



t



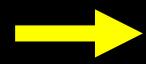
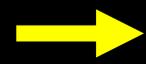
t+1



t+2



t+3



t

t+1

t+2

t+3



+



t



t+1



t+2



t+3



t

t+1

t+2

t+3



+







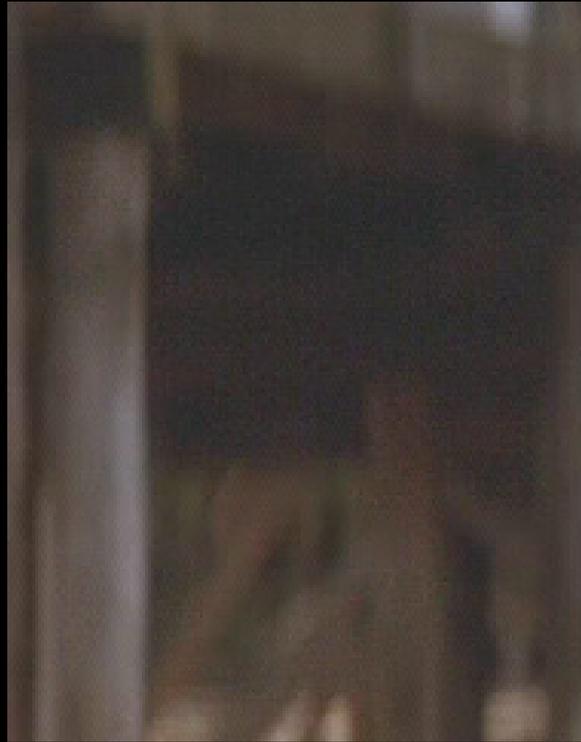
*Sample composite*



*Garbage mattes*



*Garbage mattes*



*Background estimation*



*Background estimation*



*Alpha matte*



*without  
background*



*with  
background*

***Comparison***

**input**



**composite**

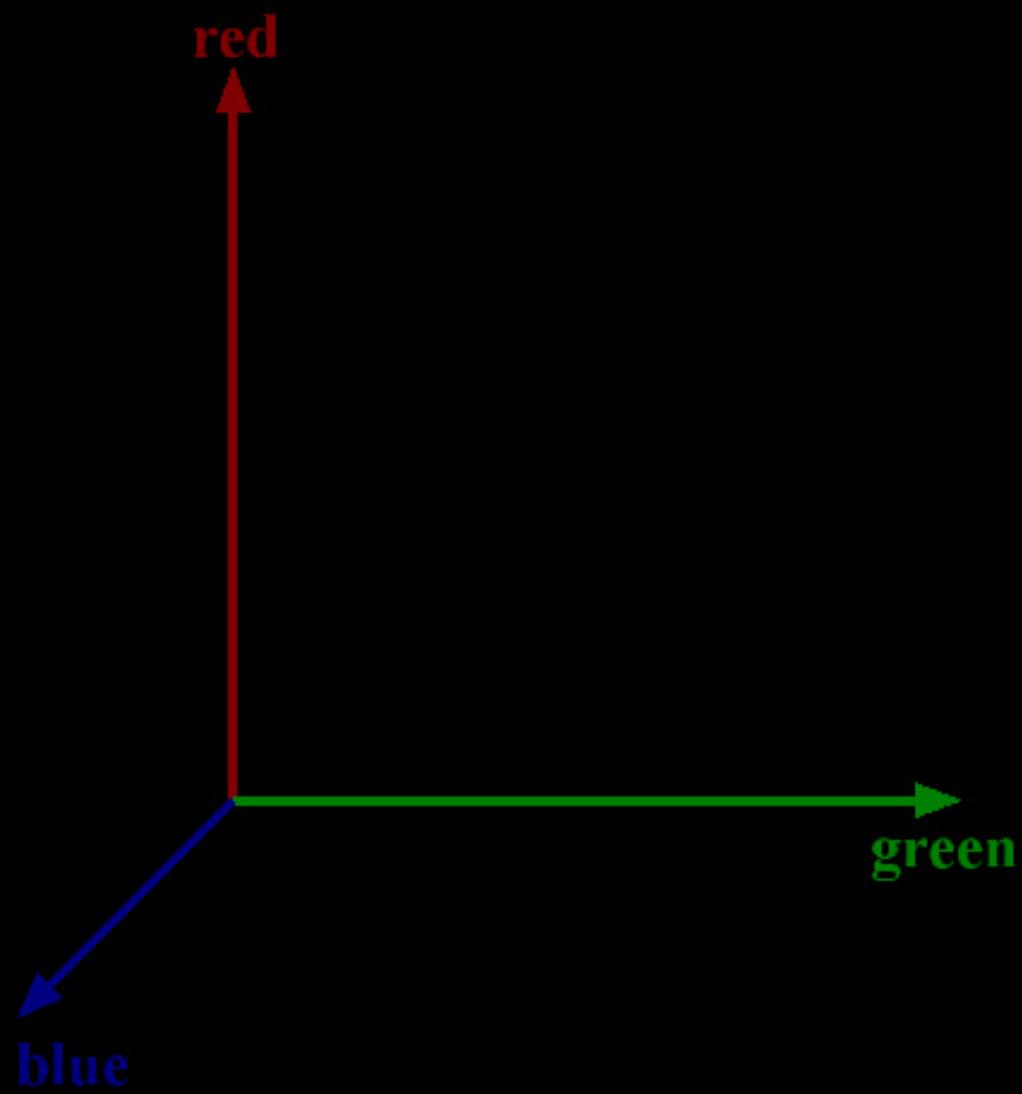




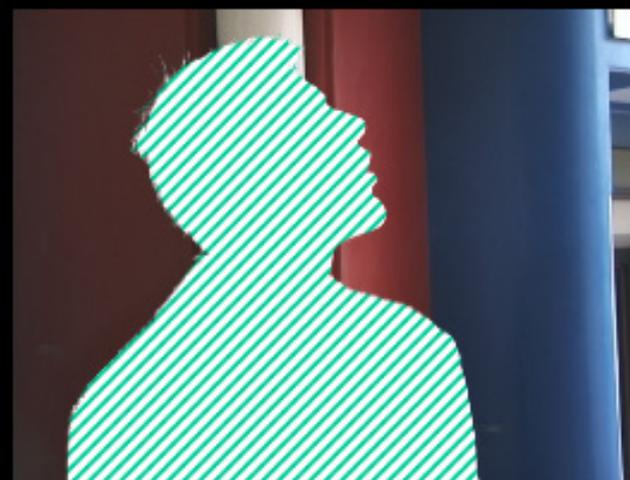




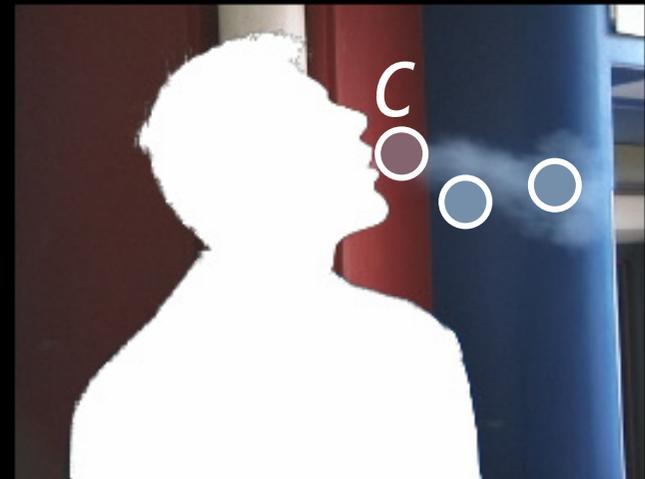
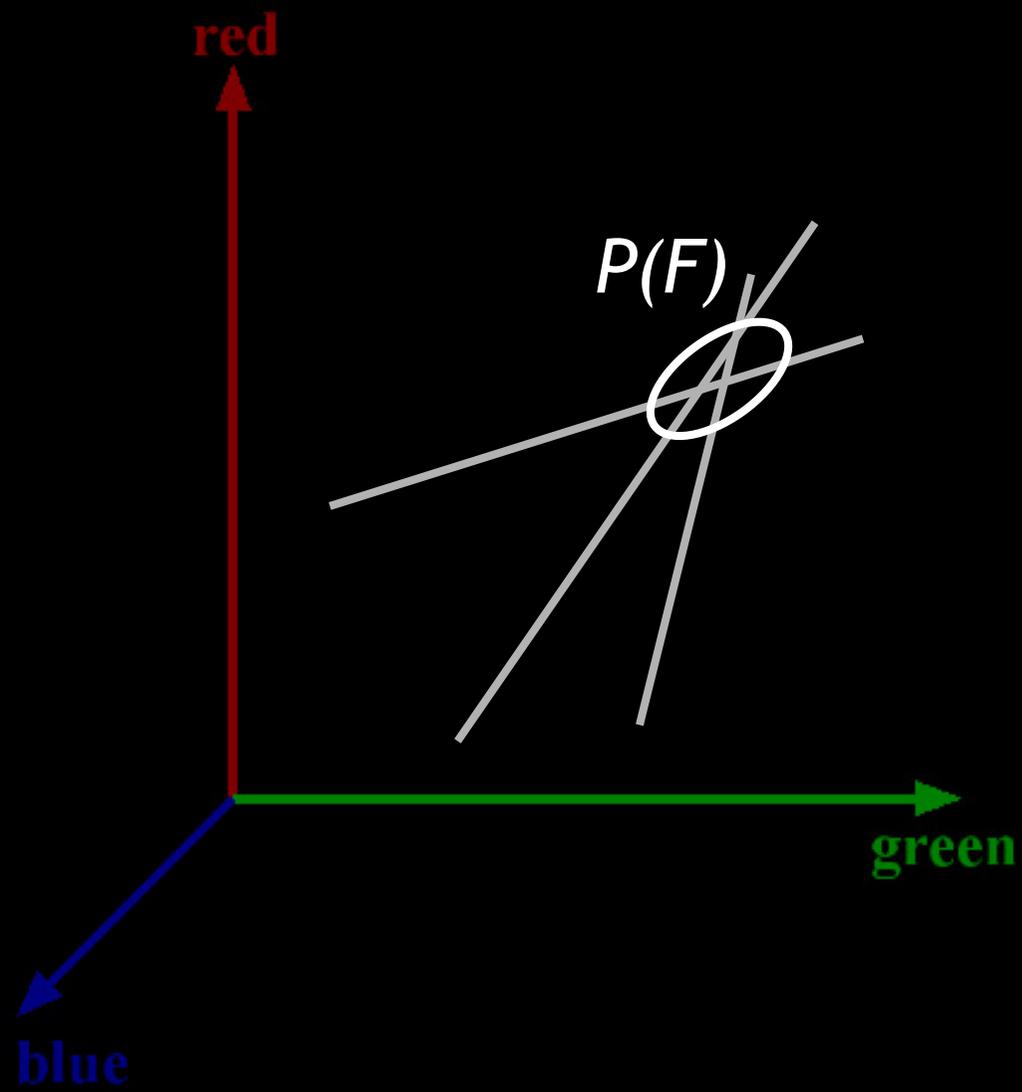




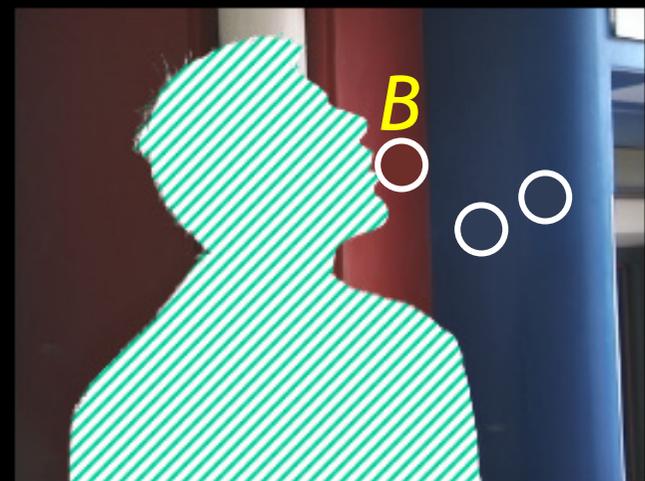
frame



clean plate



frame



clean plate







*Shadow matting  
and composting*

**source scene**



**target background**



**blue screen image**



**target background**



**blue screen composite**



**target background**



**blue screen composite**

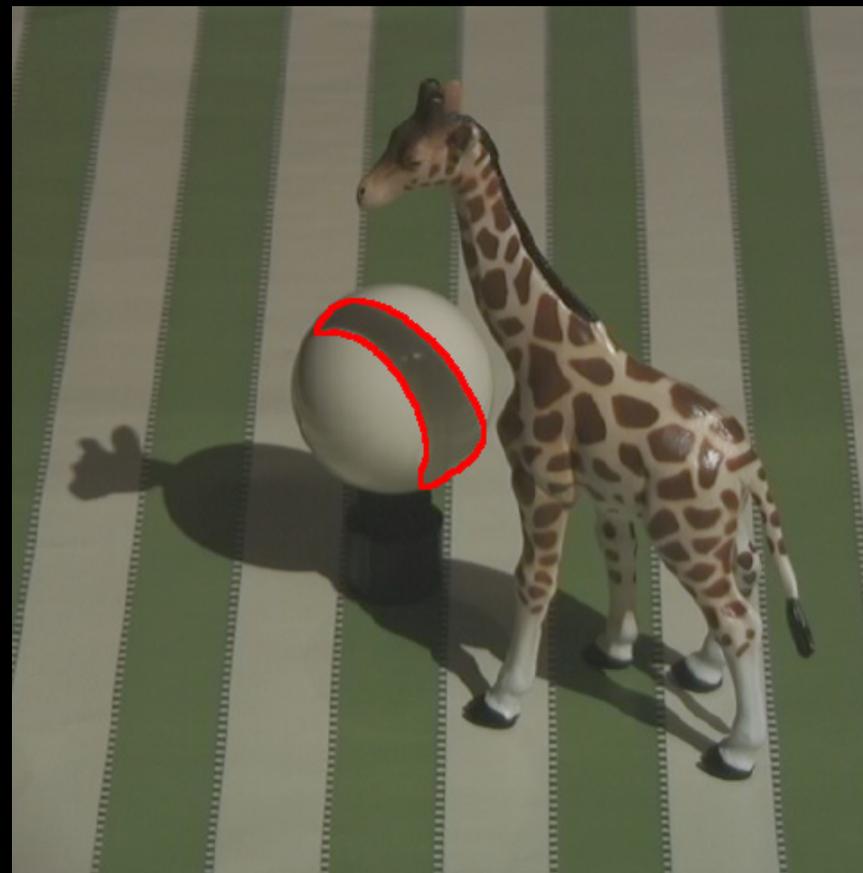
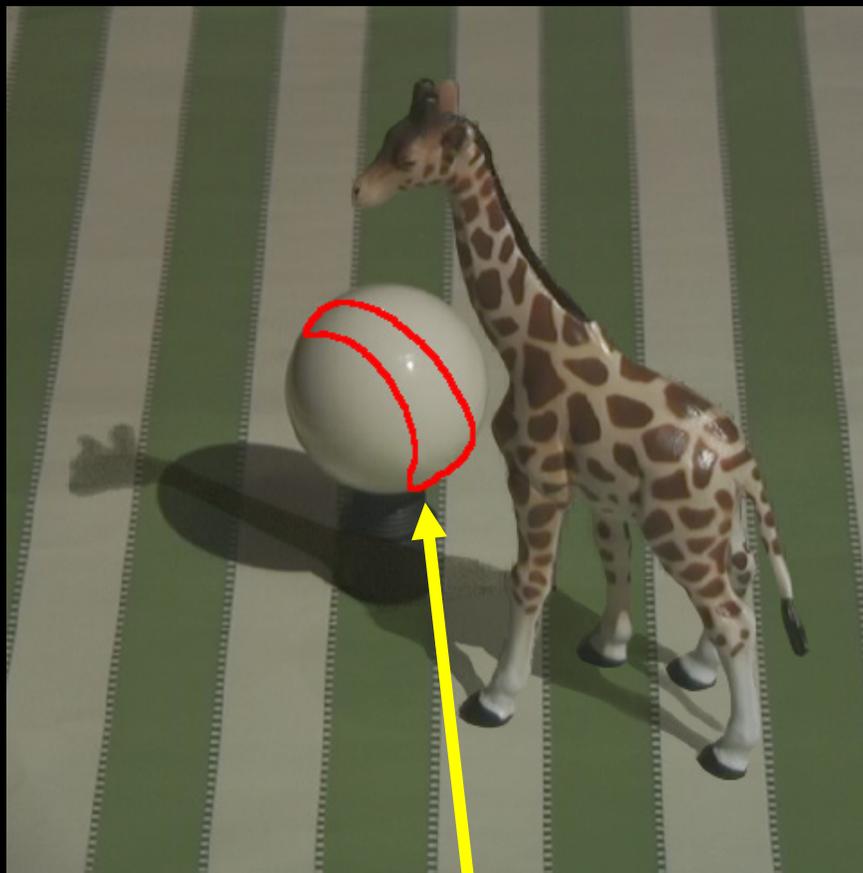


**photograph**



blue screen composite

photograph



*Geometric errors*

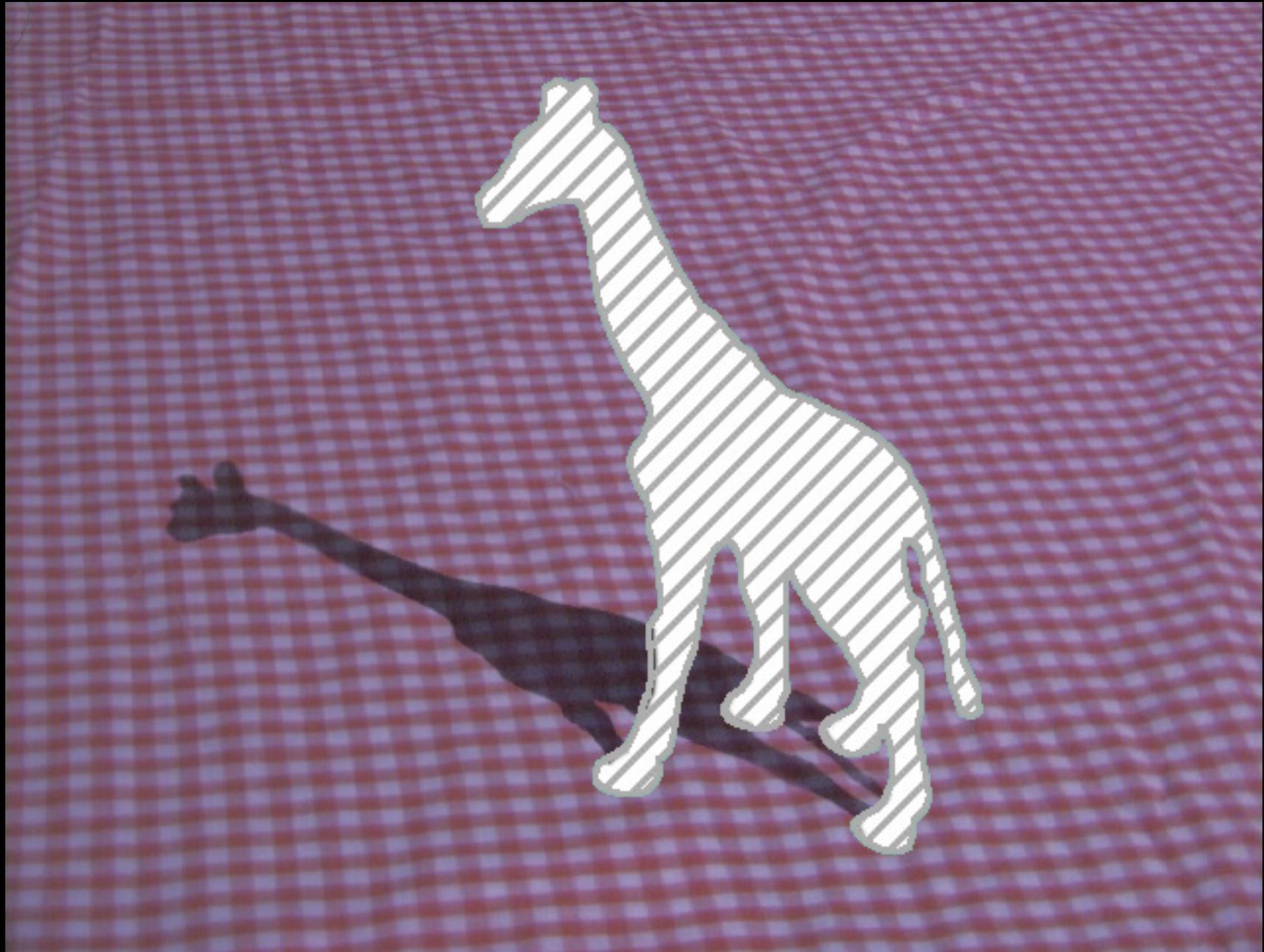
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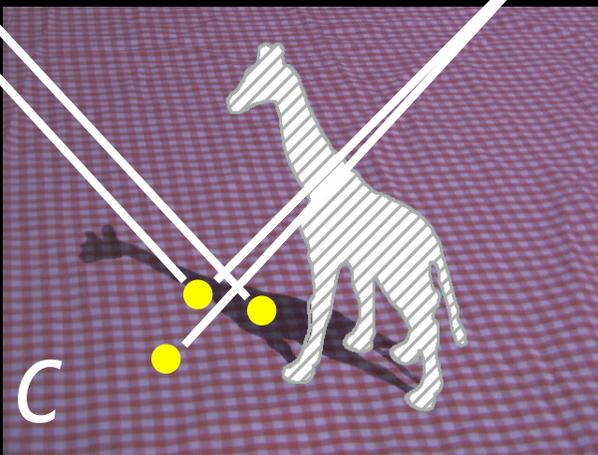
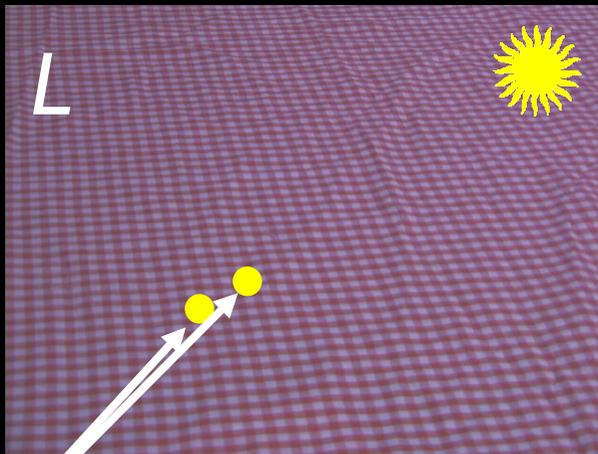
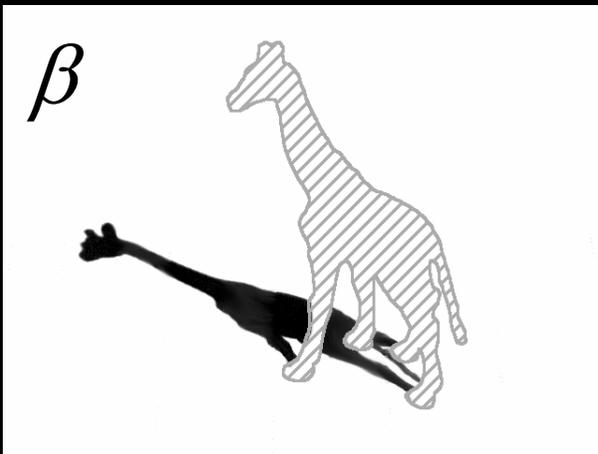
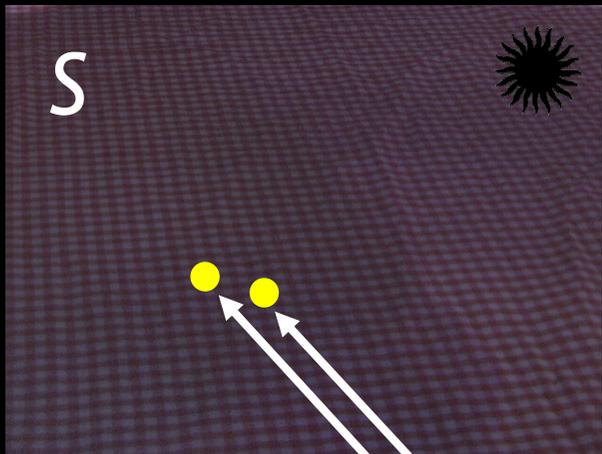
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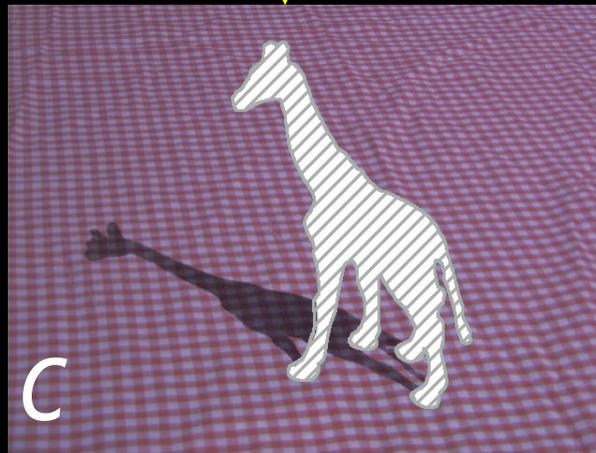
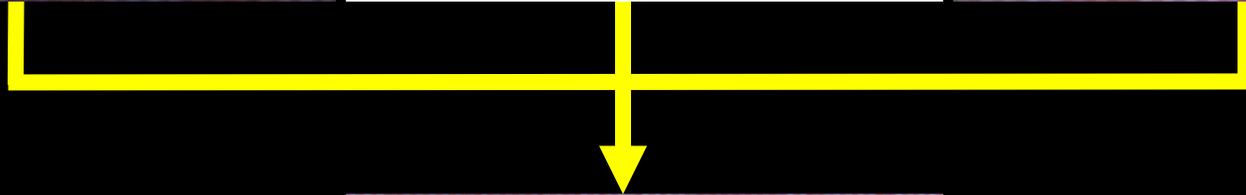
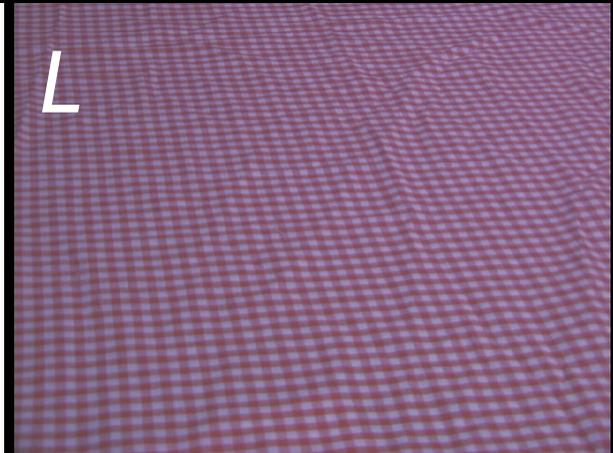
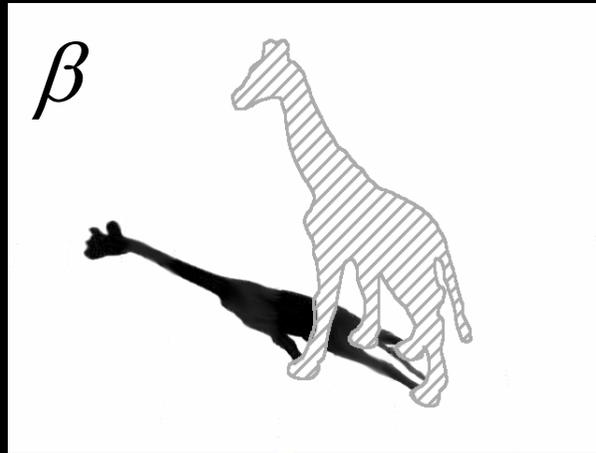


*Photometric errors*





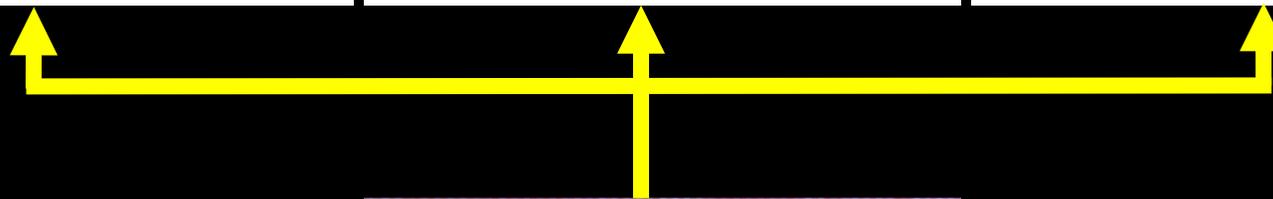
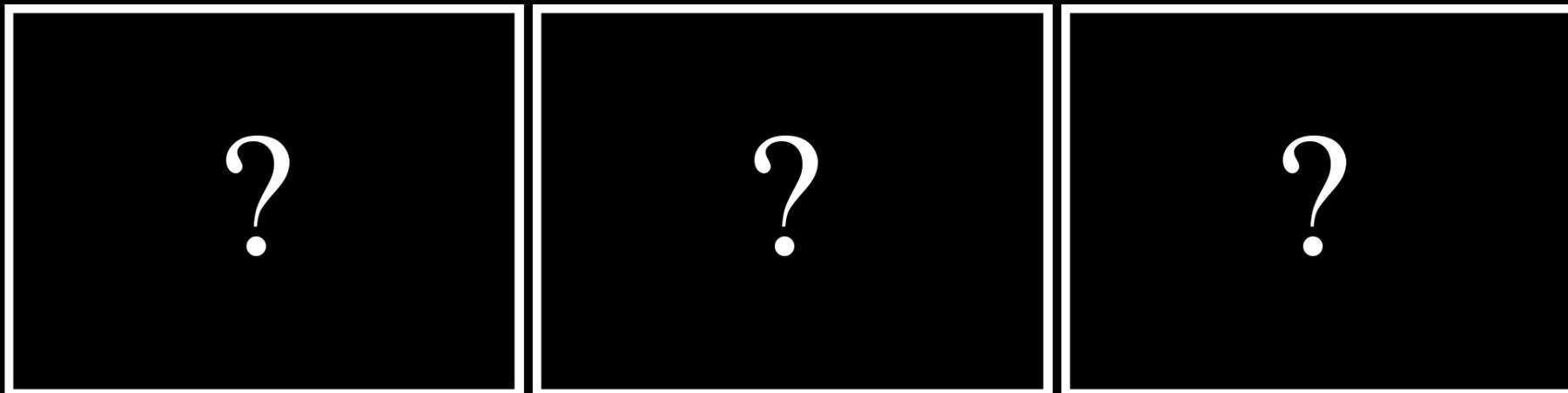




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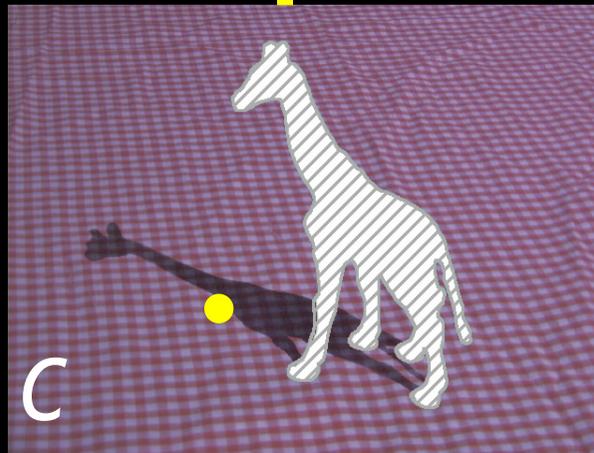
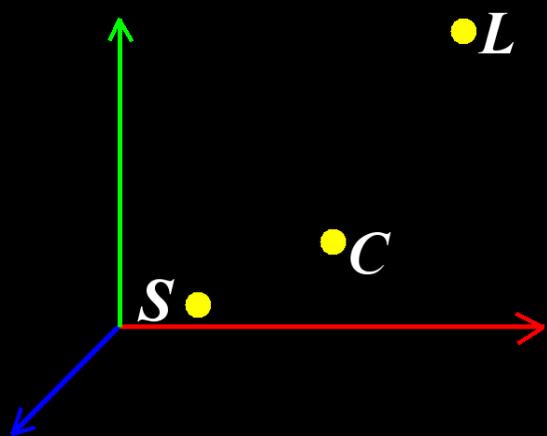
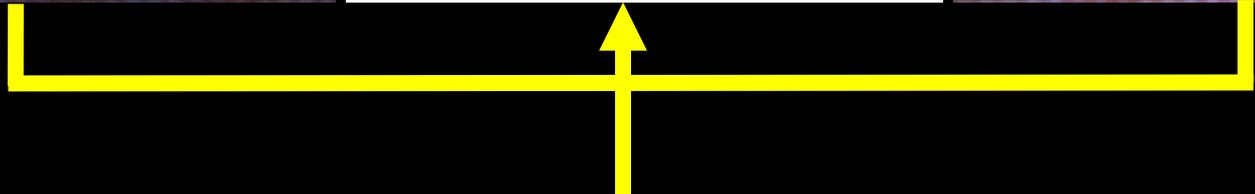
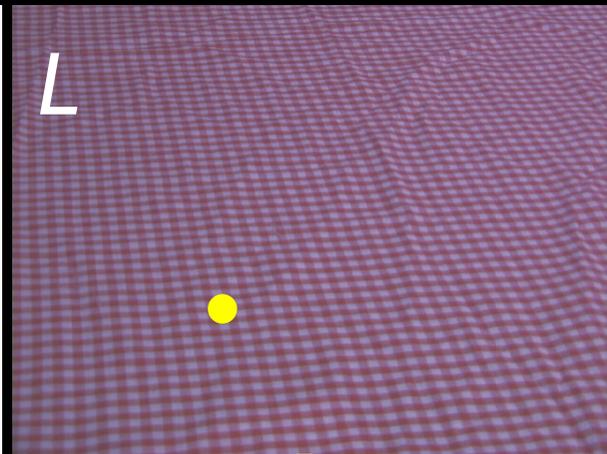
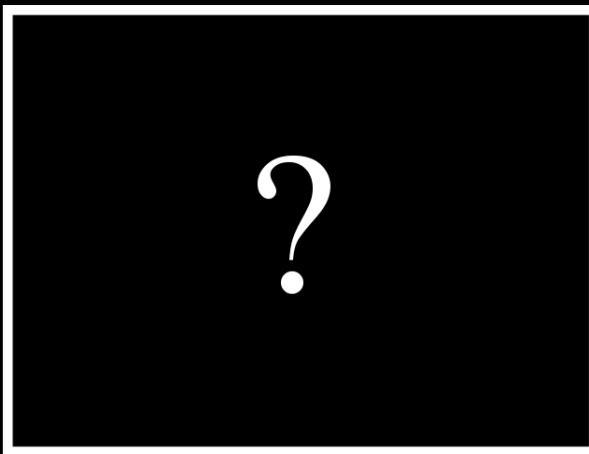
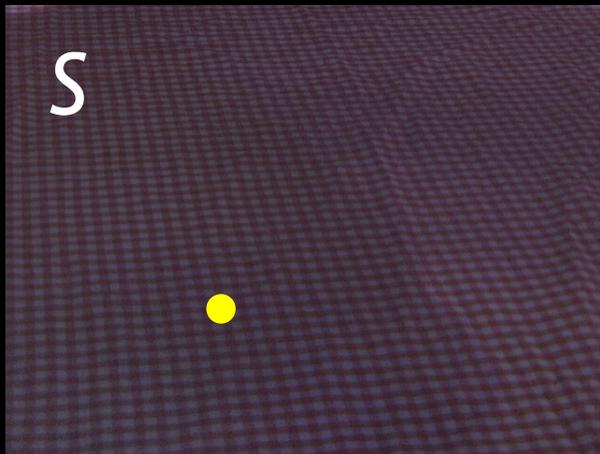
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*Shadow compositing equation*



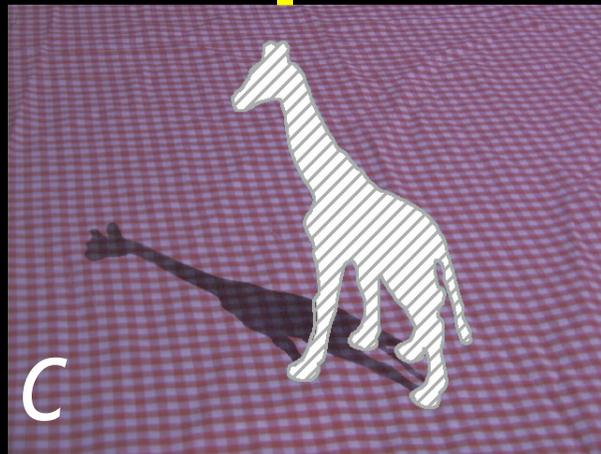
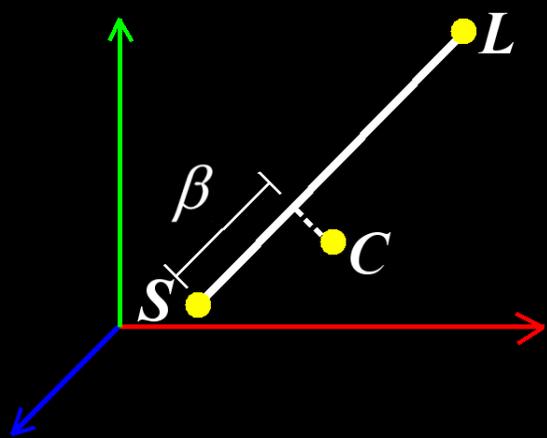
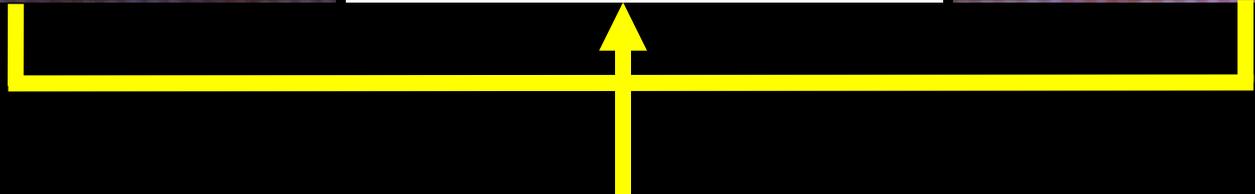
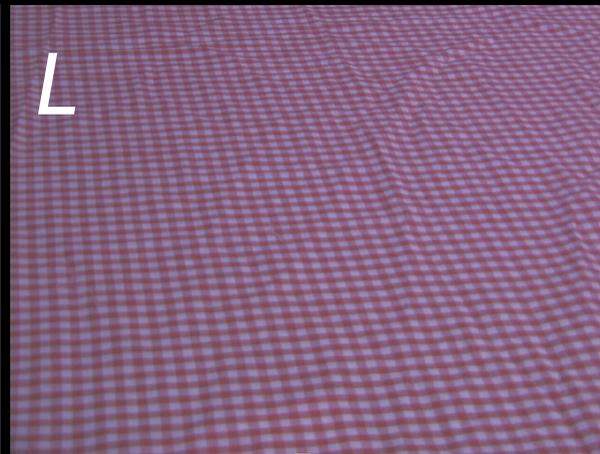
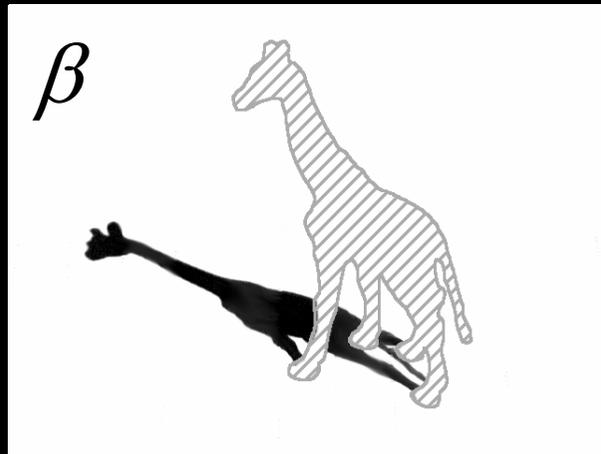
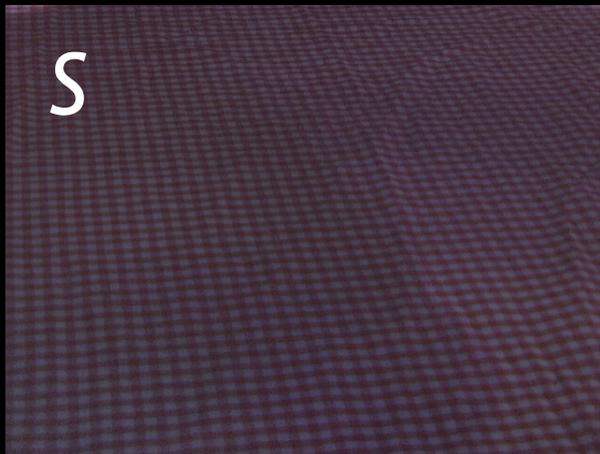
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## *Shadow matting*



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# Shadow matting



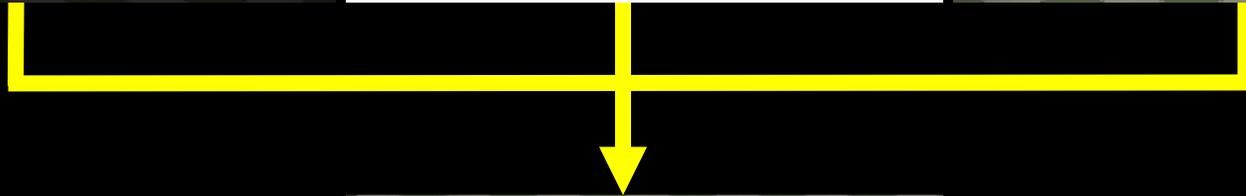
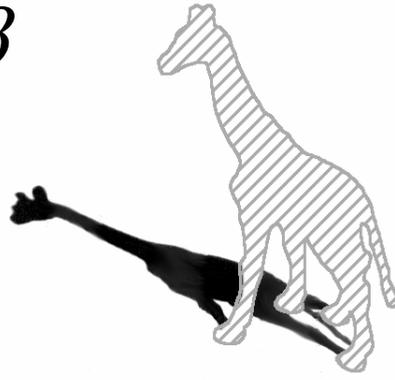
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shadow  
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# Shadow matting

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$$C = \beta L + (1 - \beta) S$$

shadow  
compositing  
equation

*Shadow compositing*



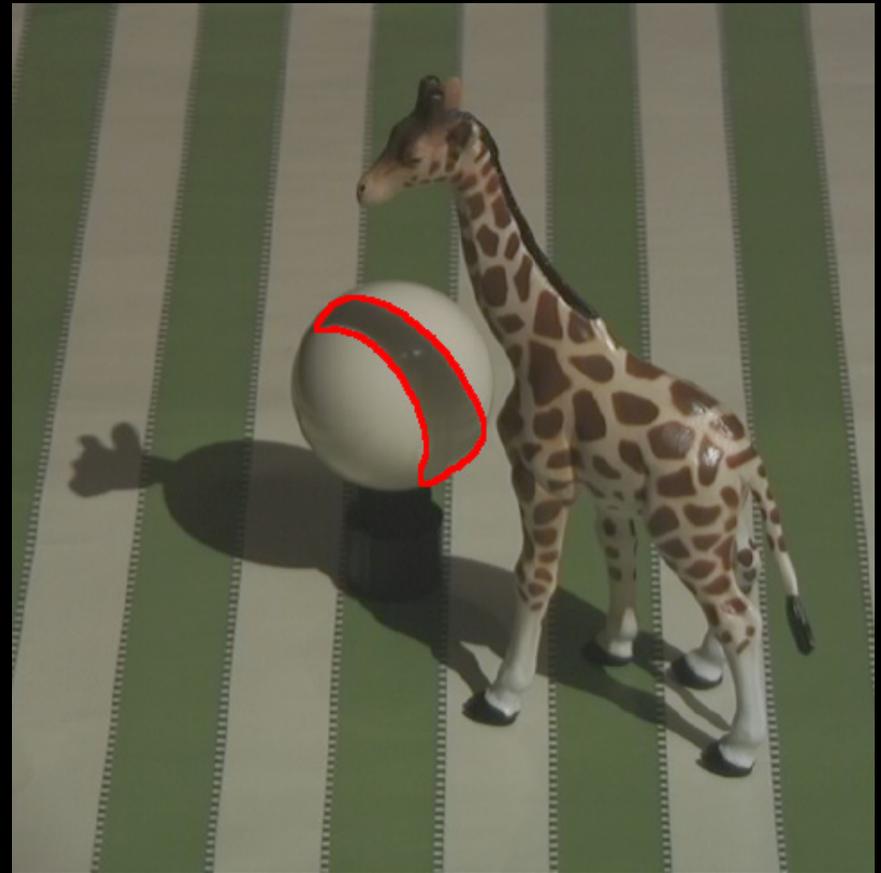
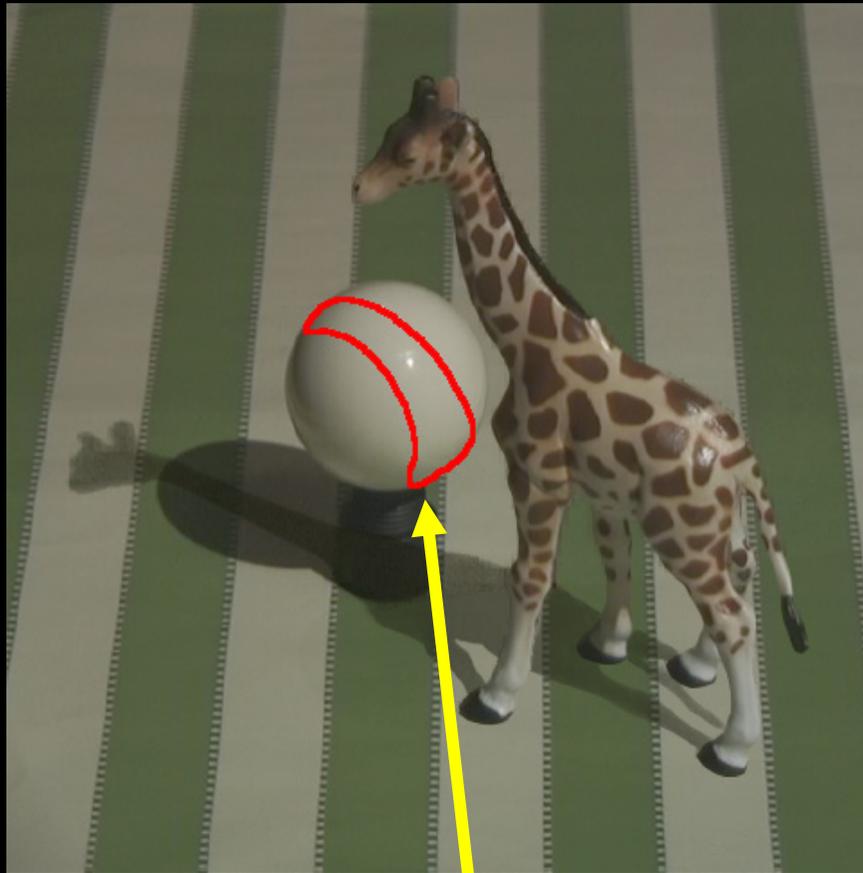












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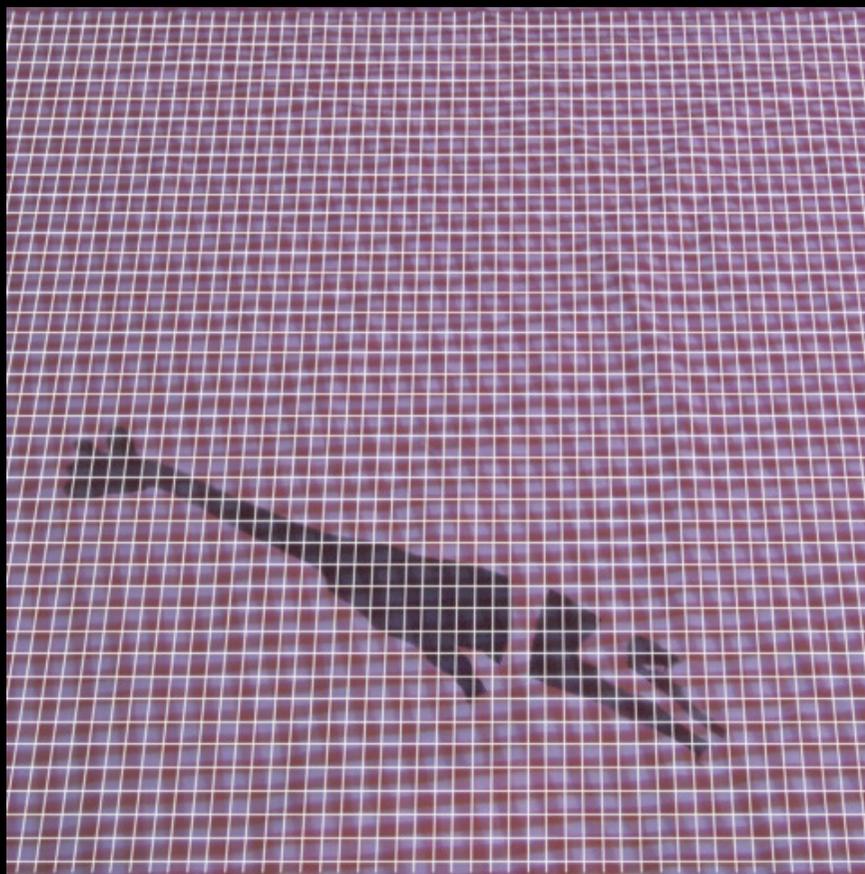
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source scene

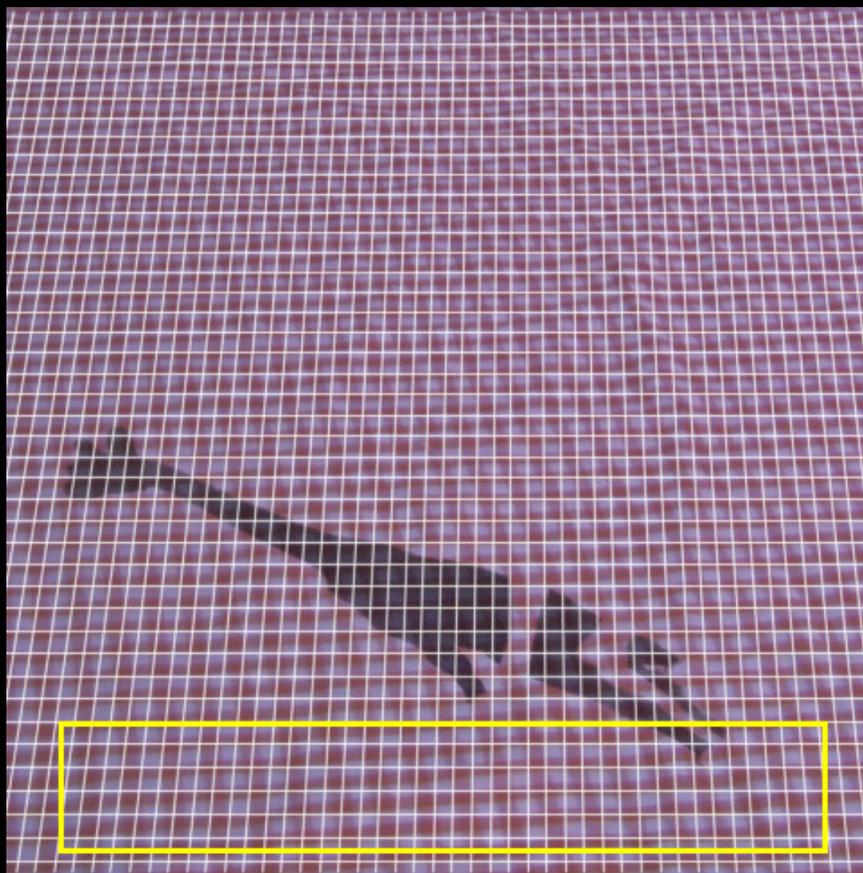


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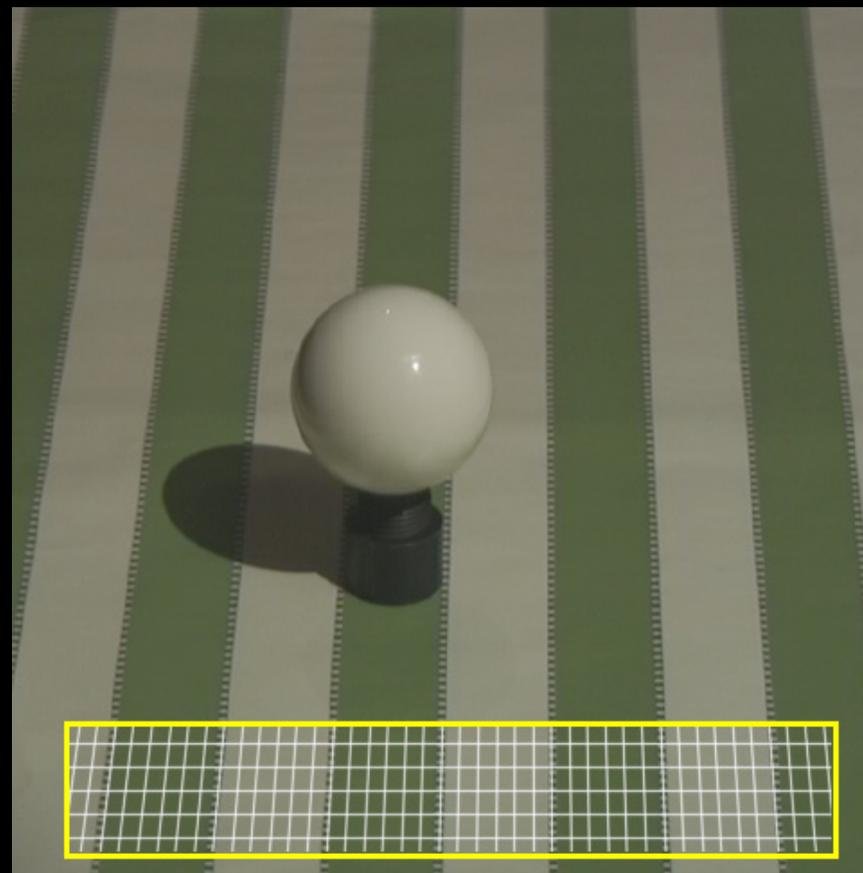


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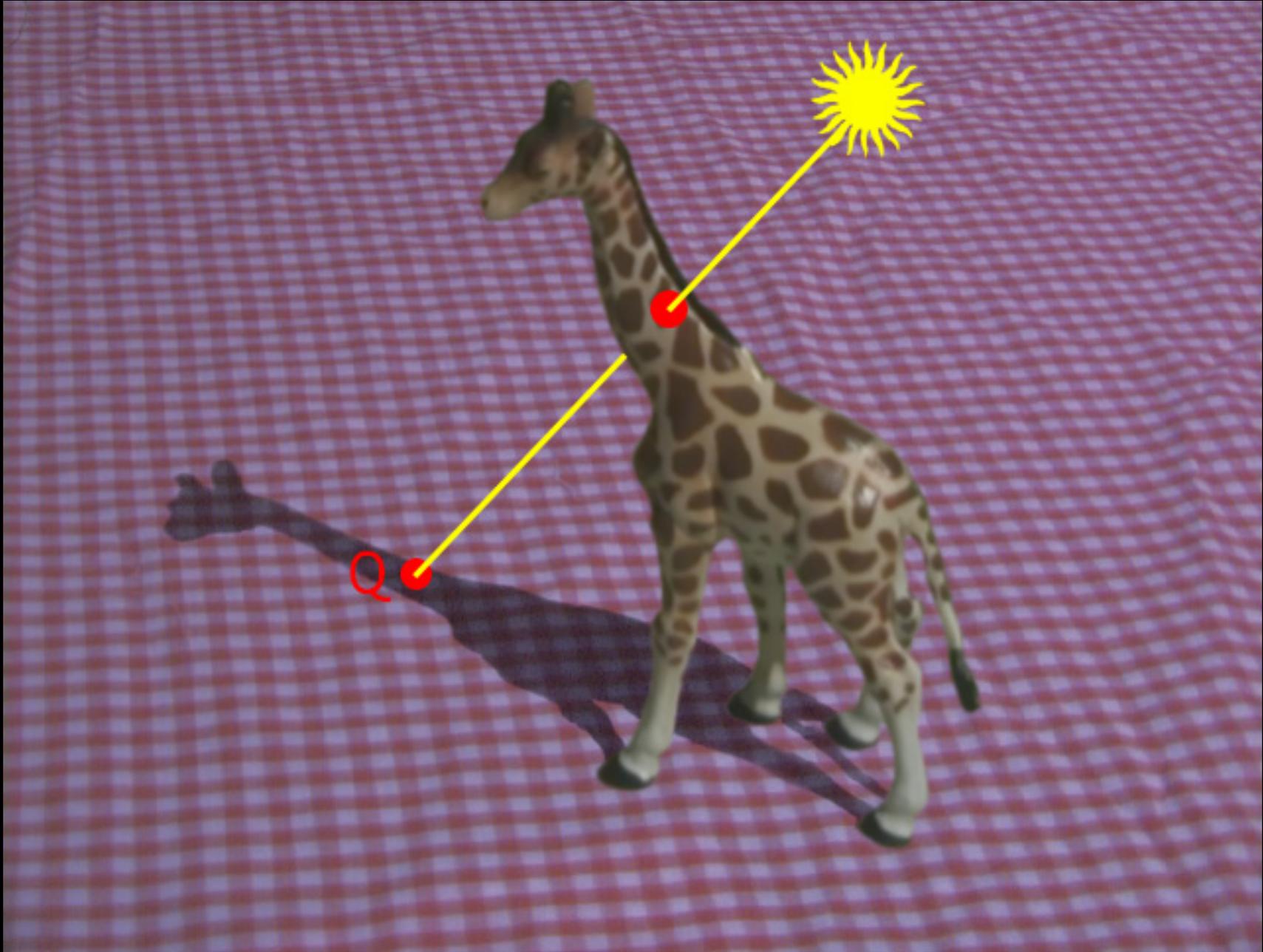
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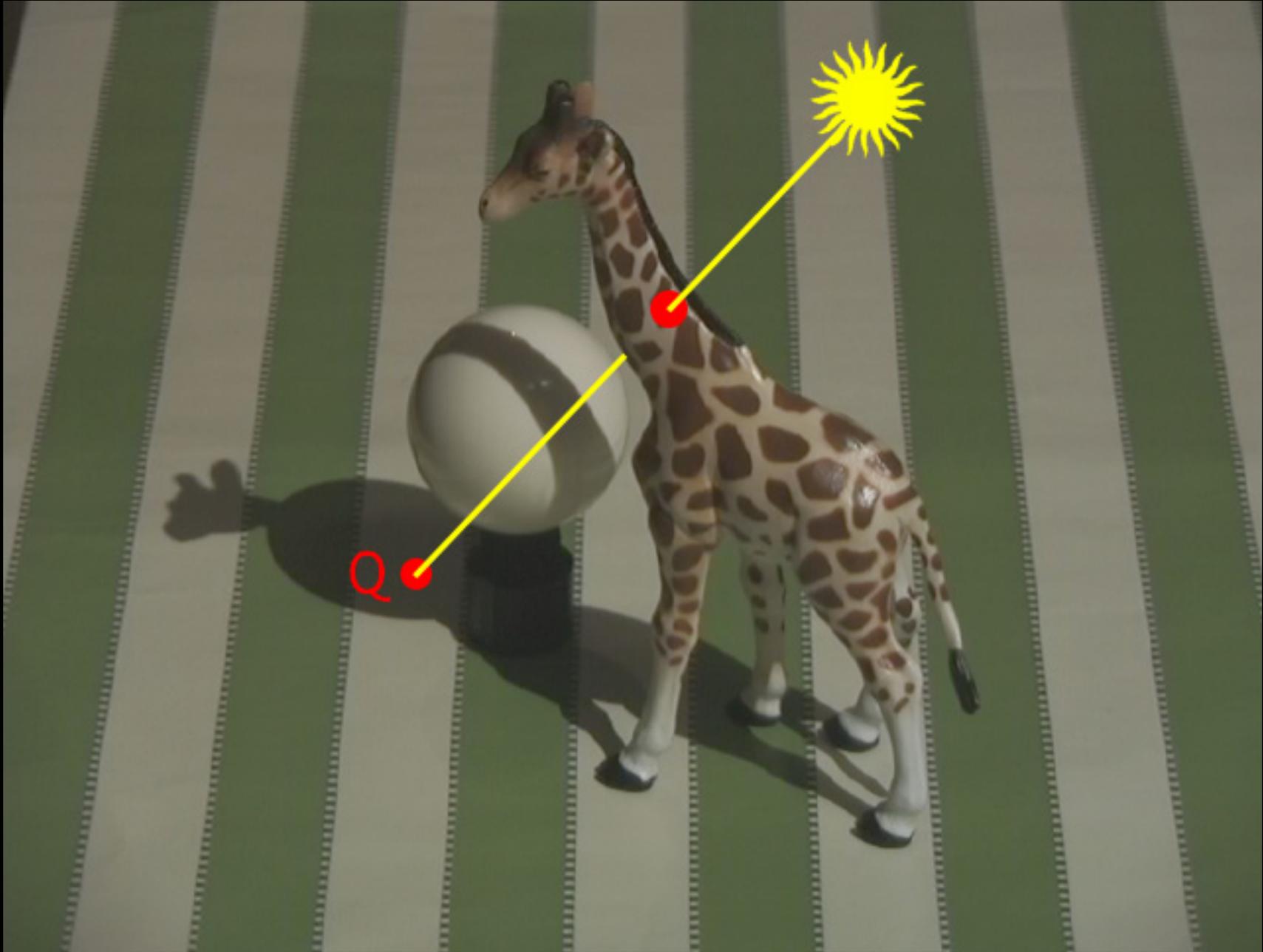


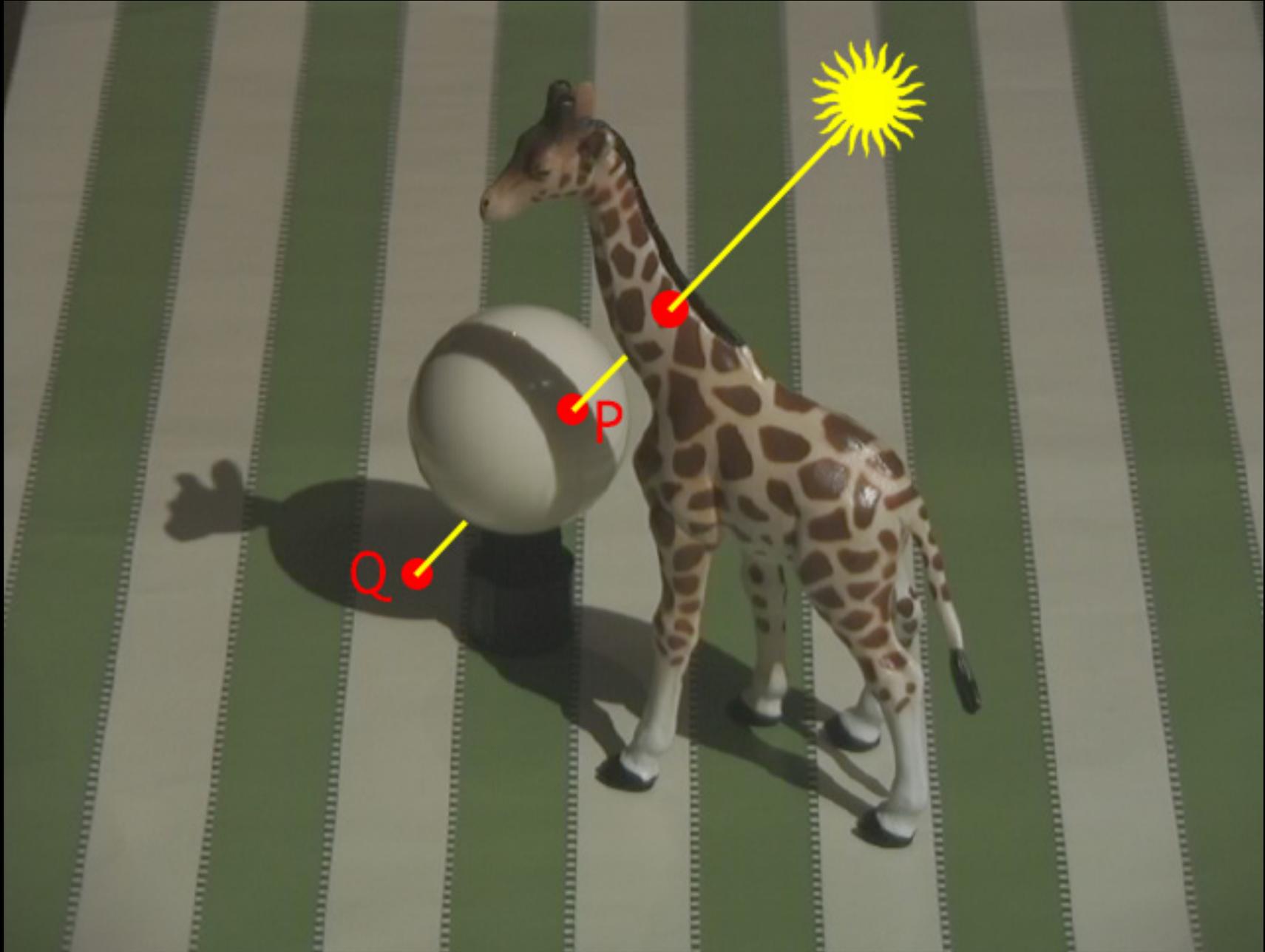
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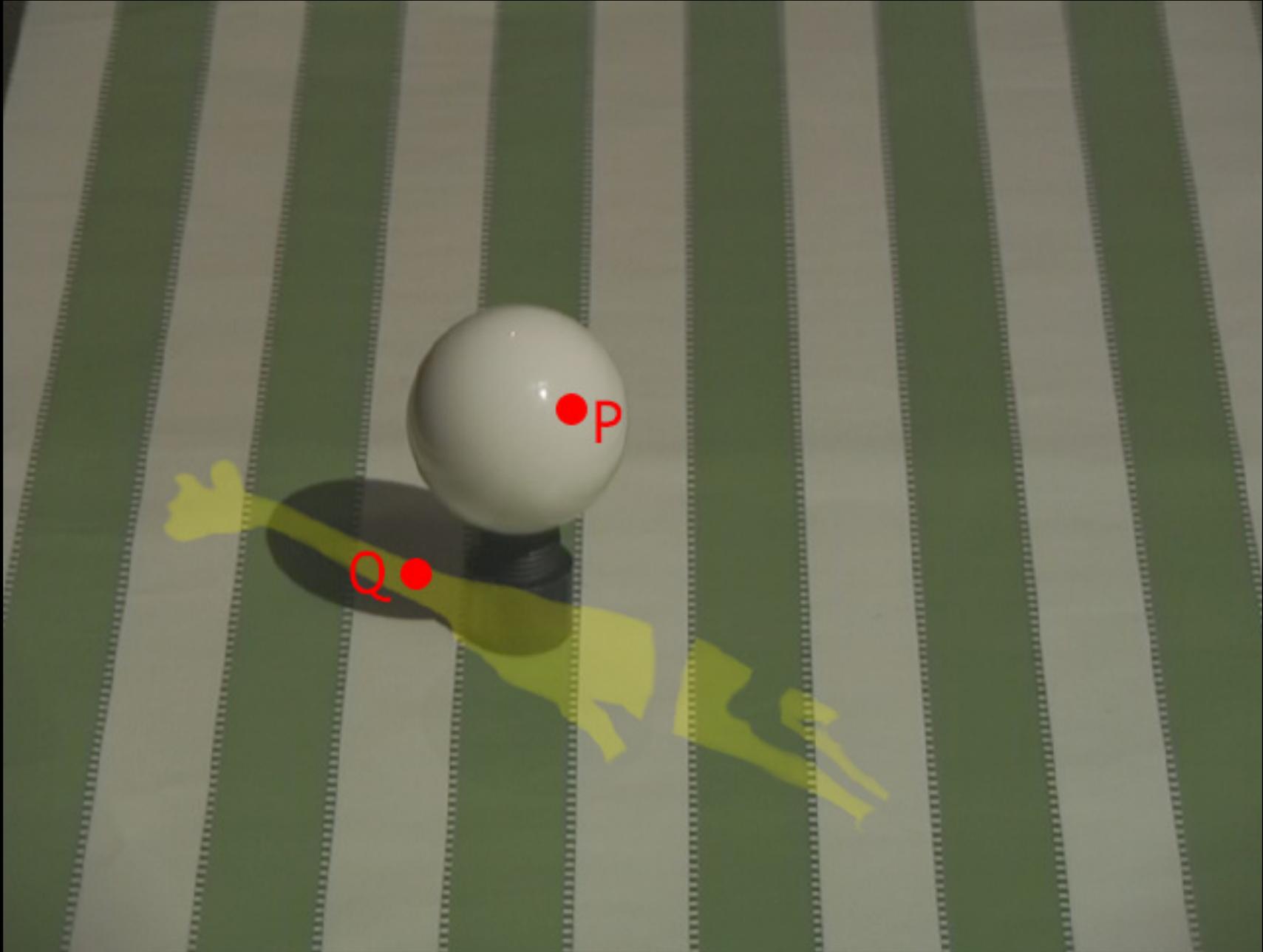


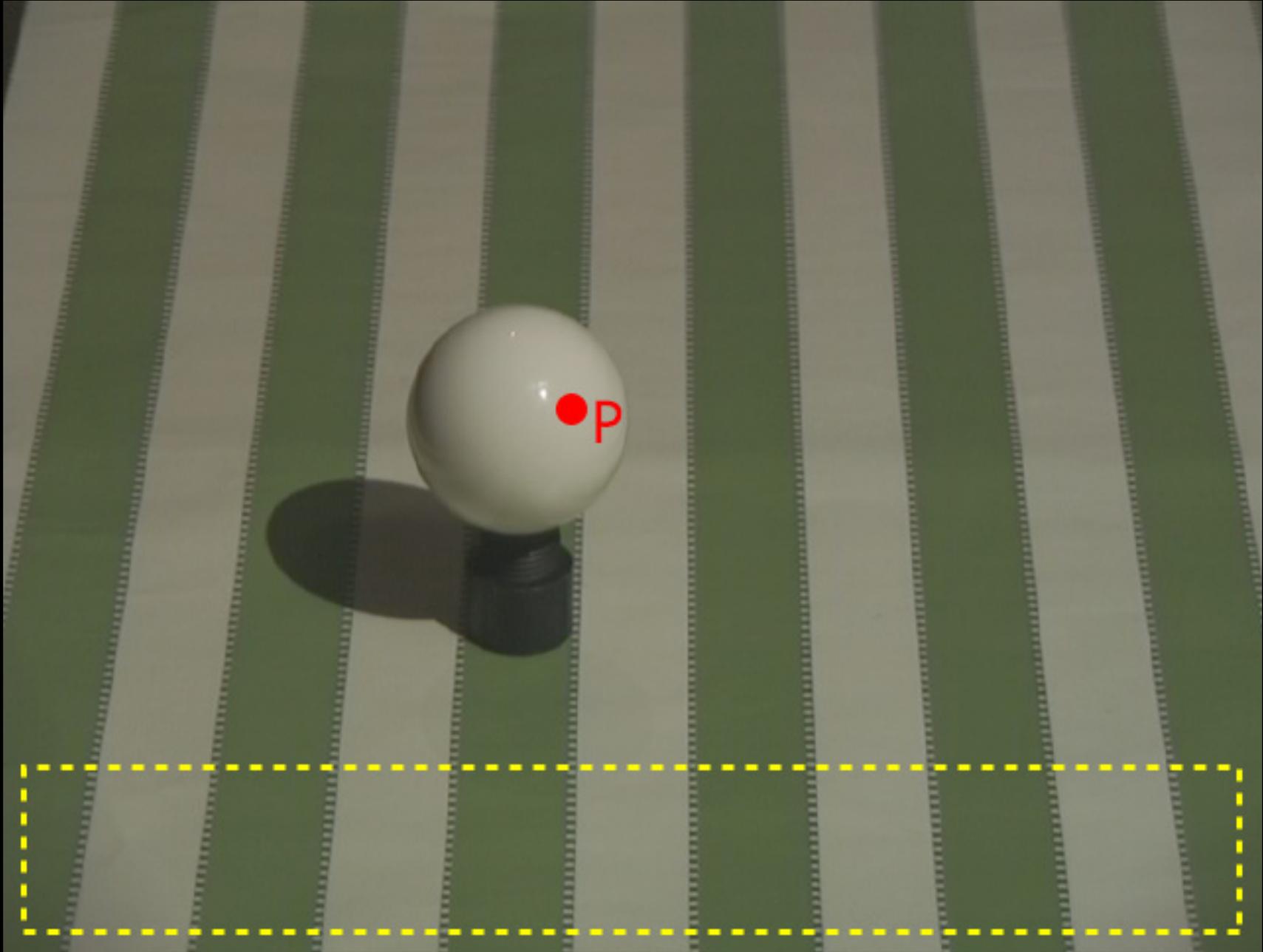
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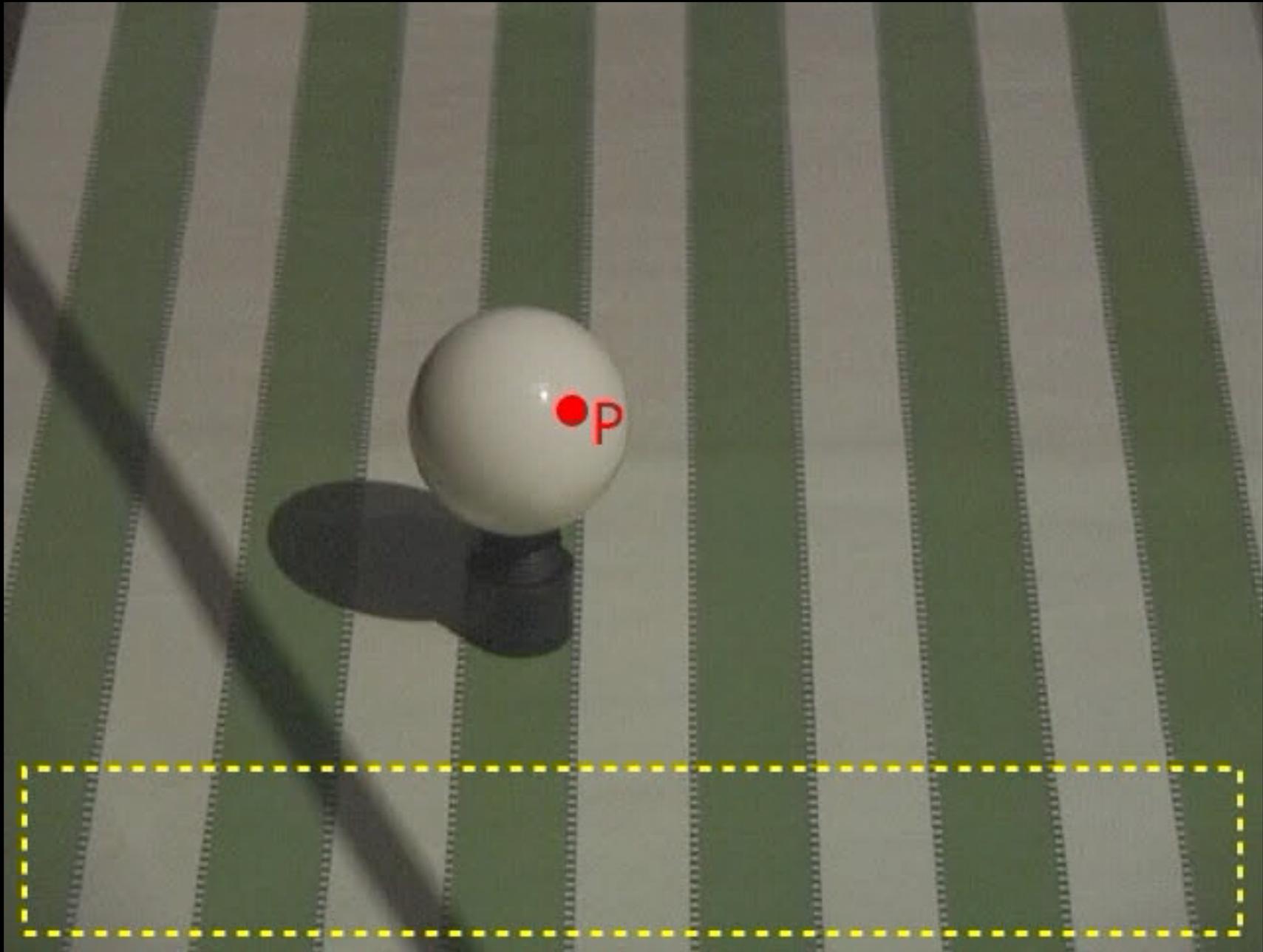


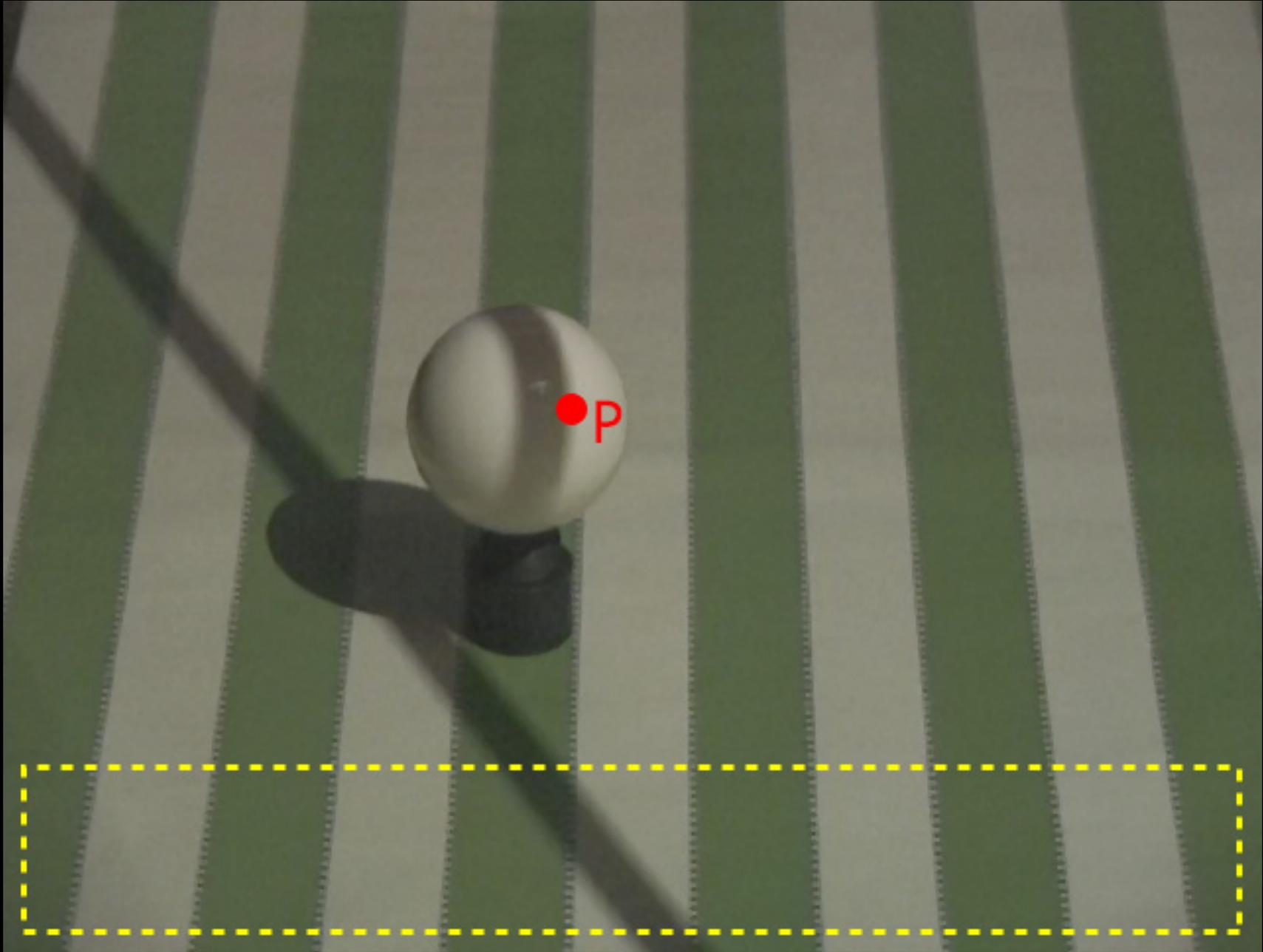


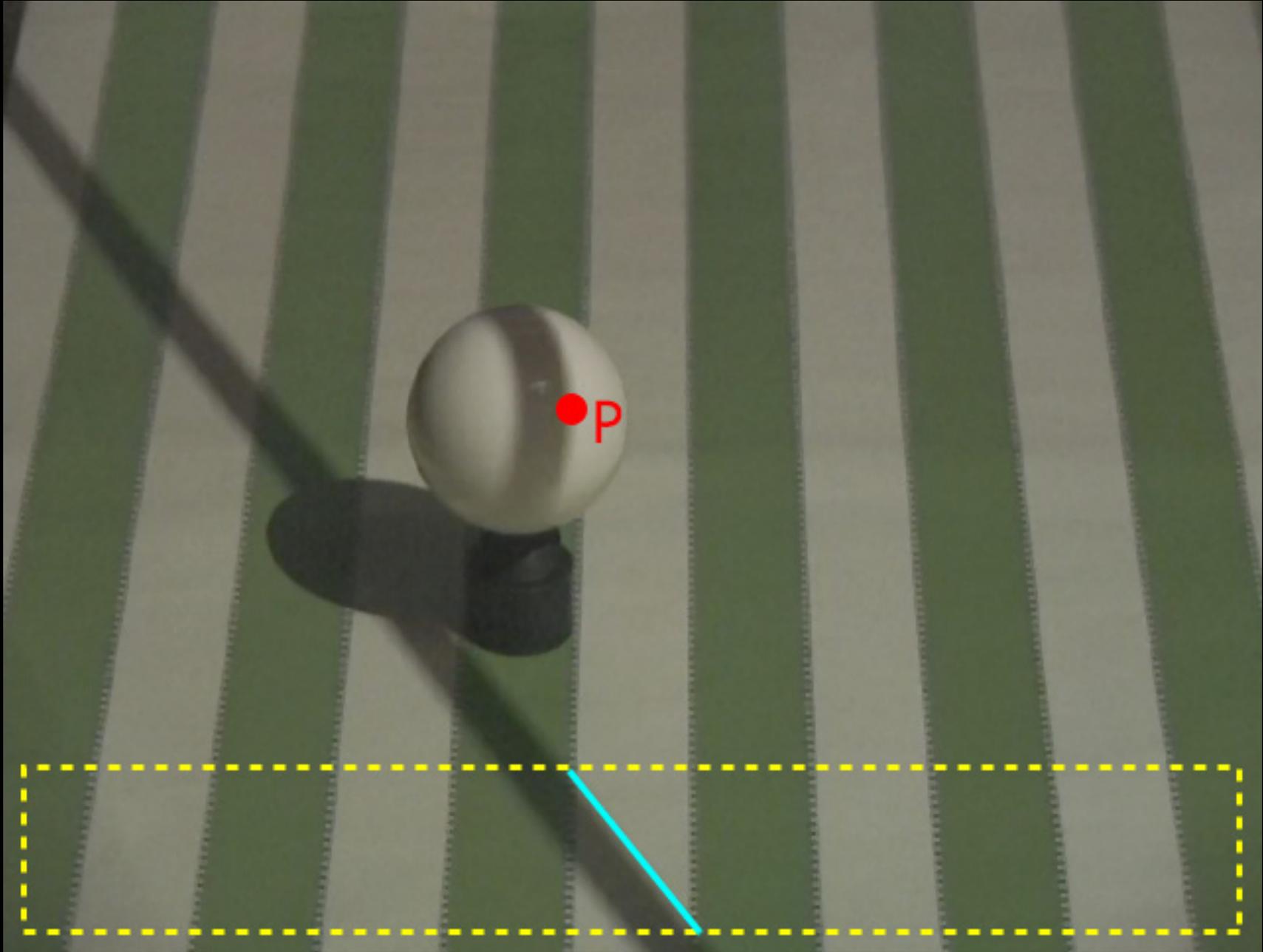


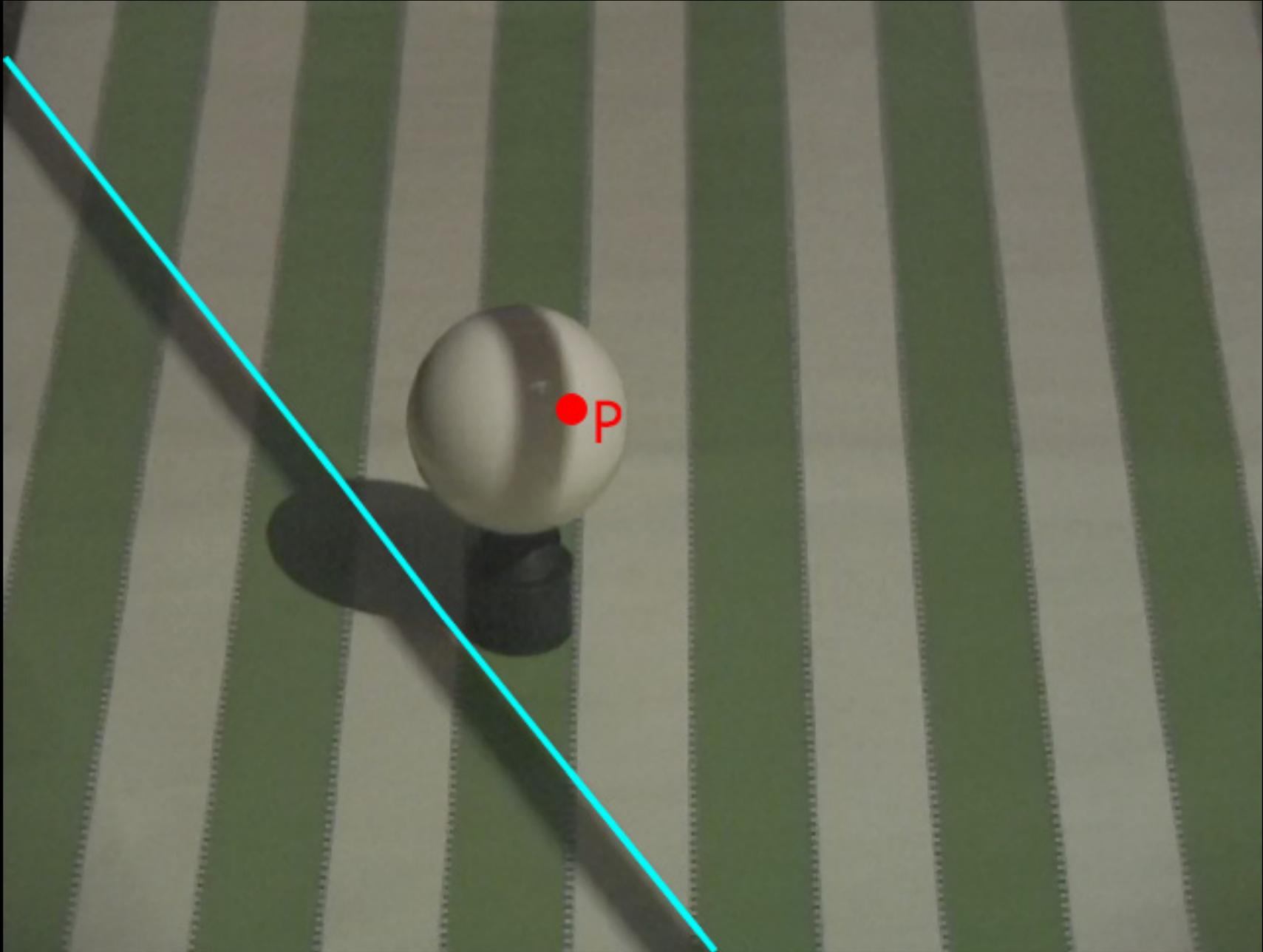


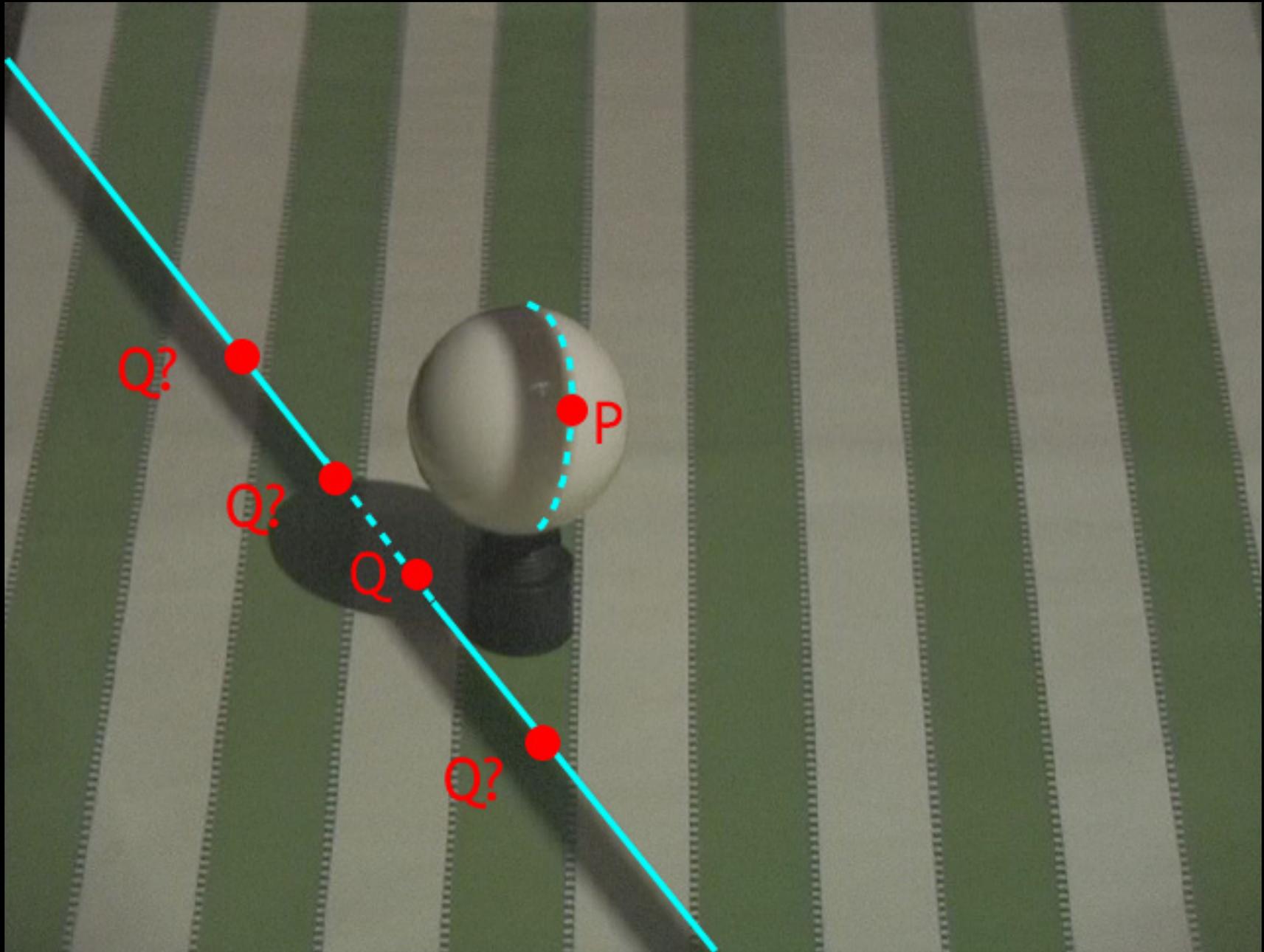


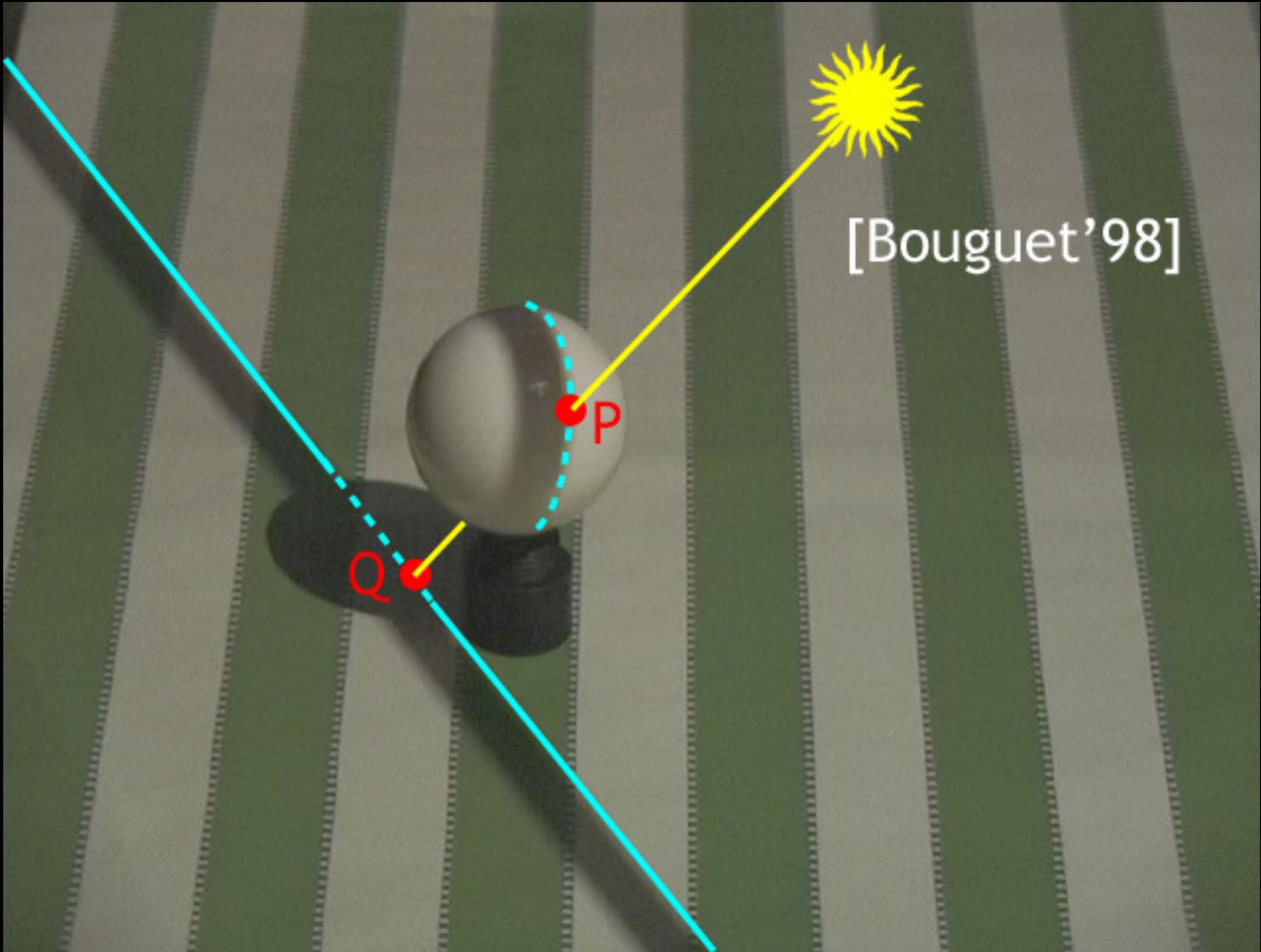








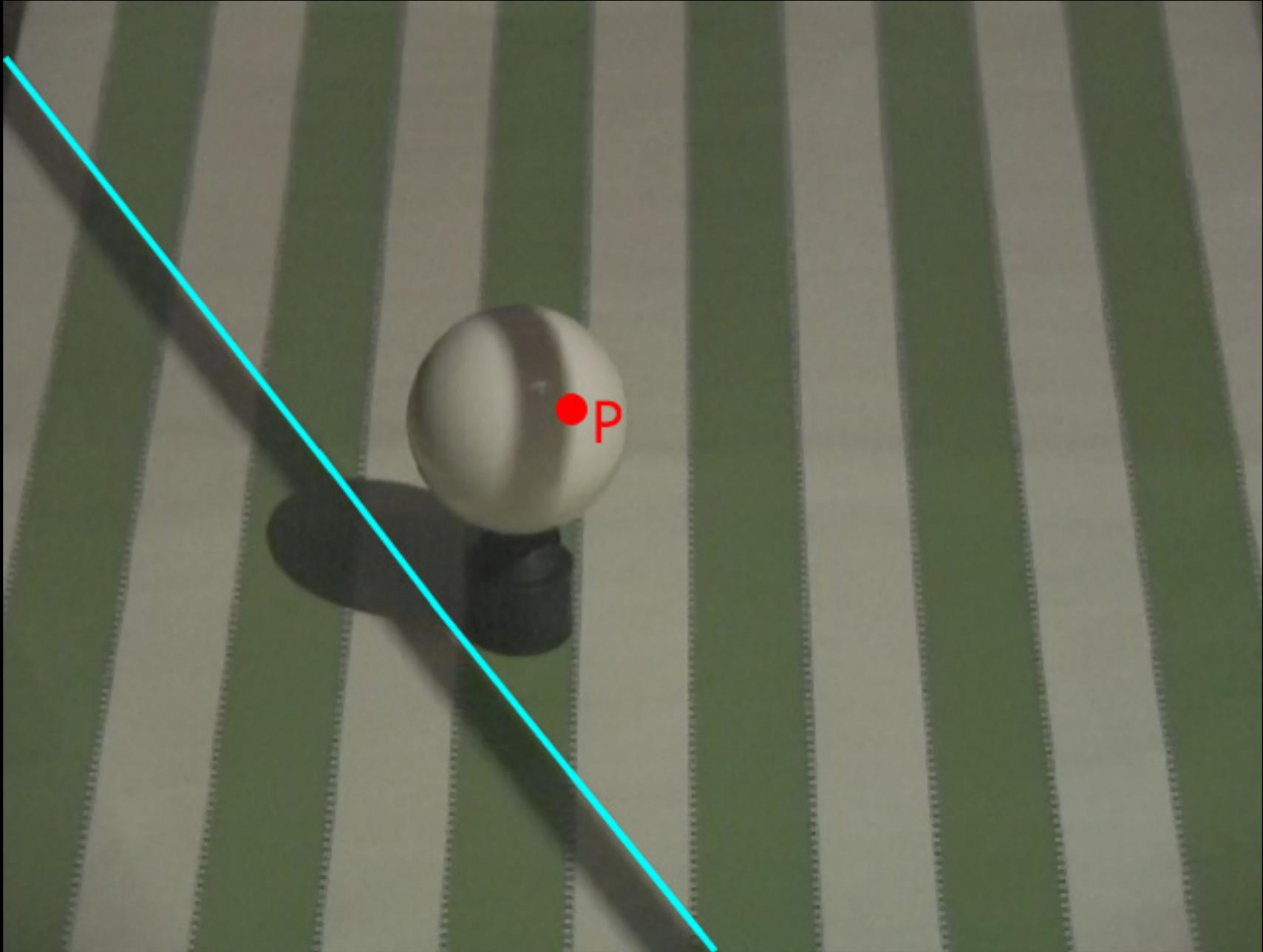


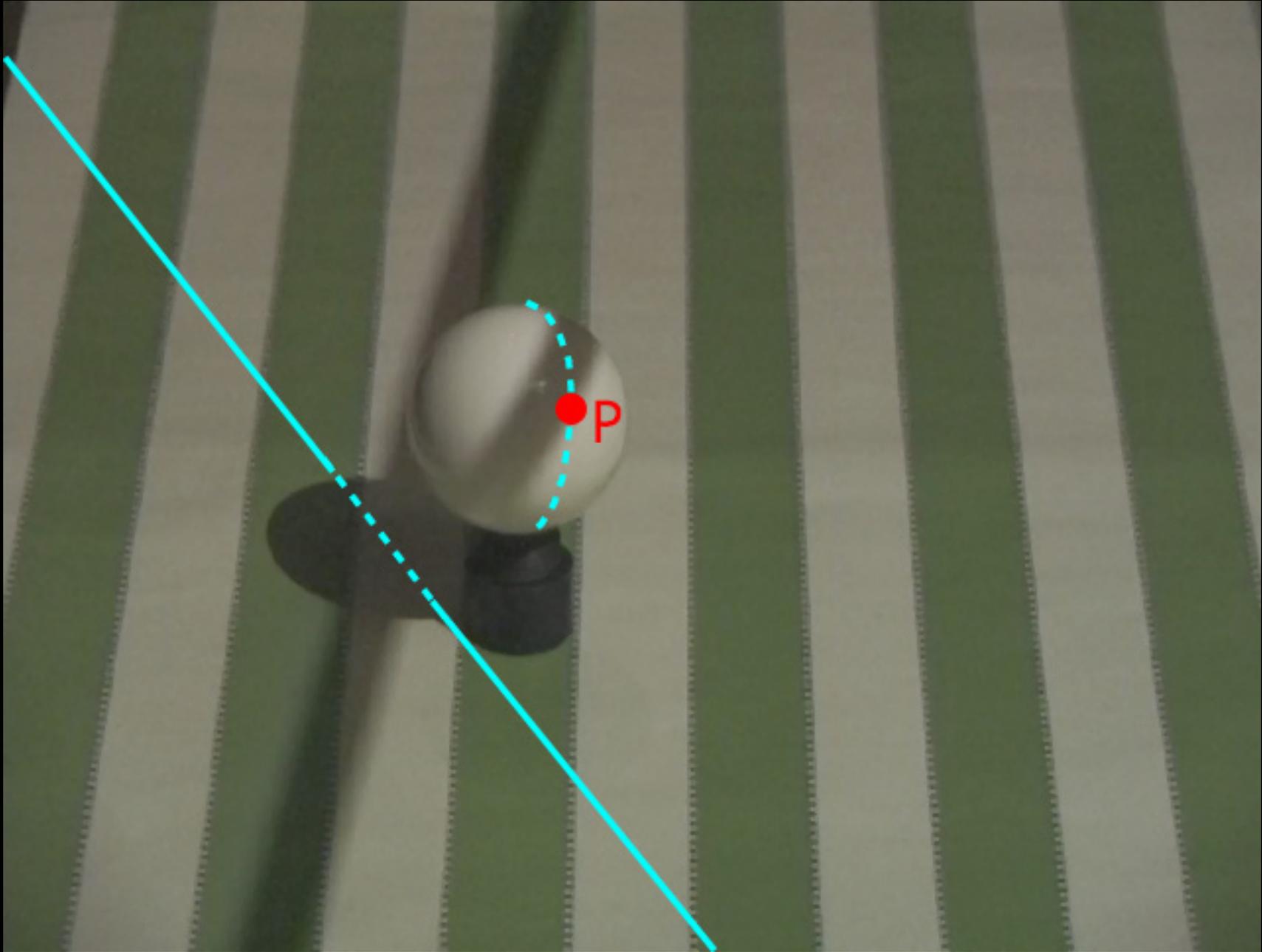


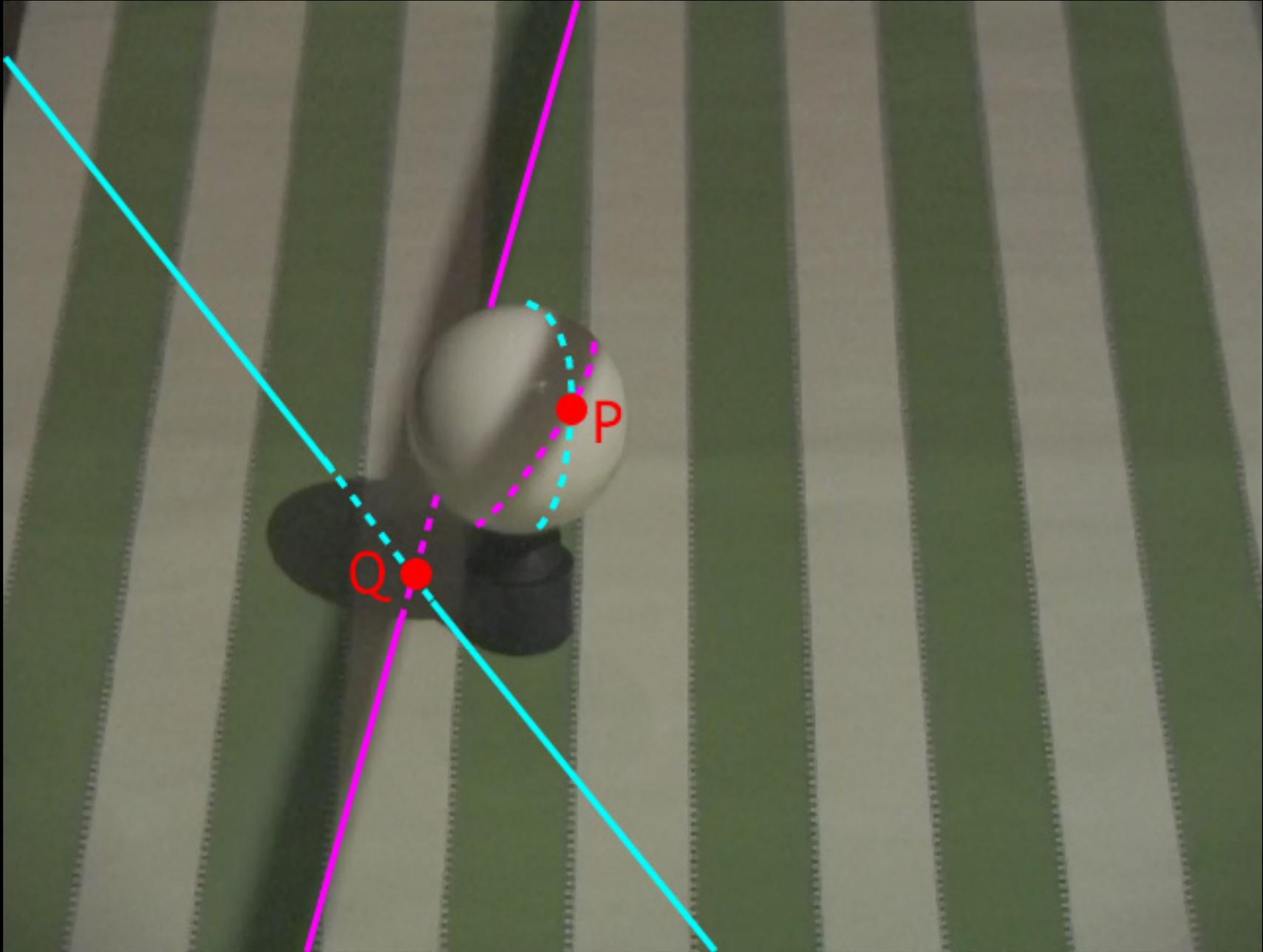
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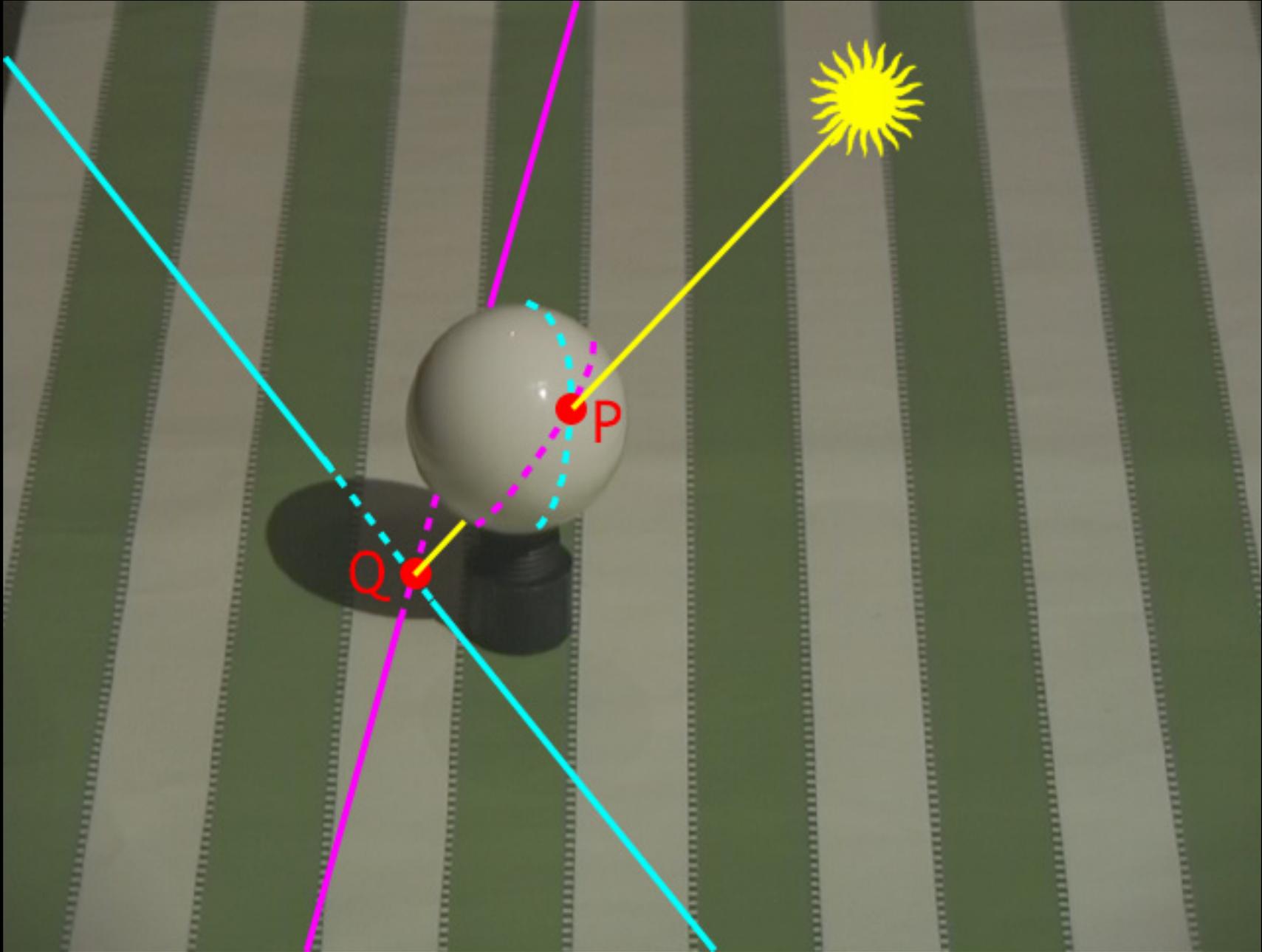
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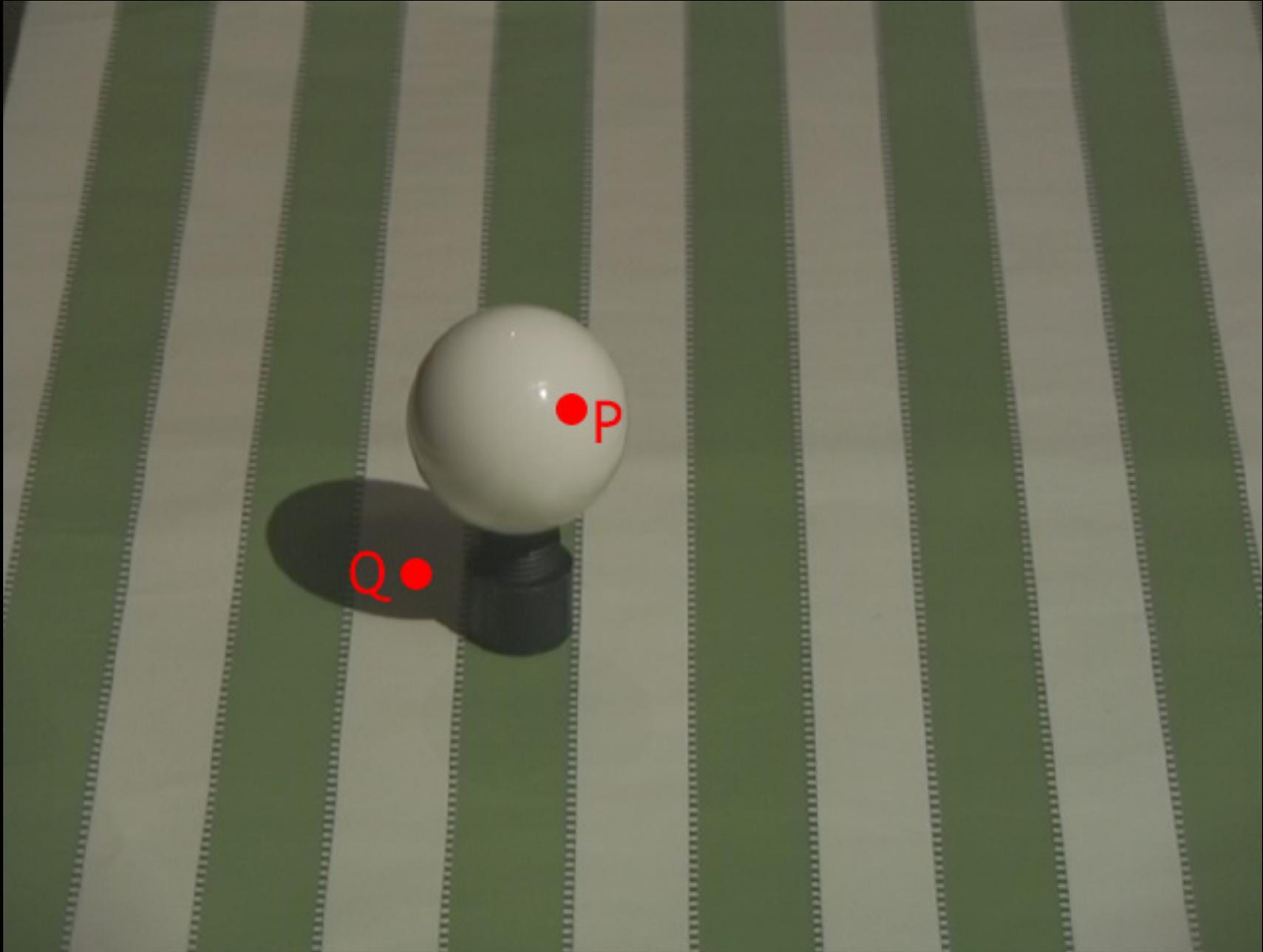
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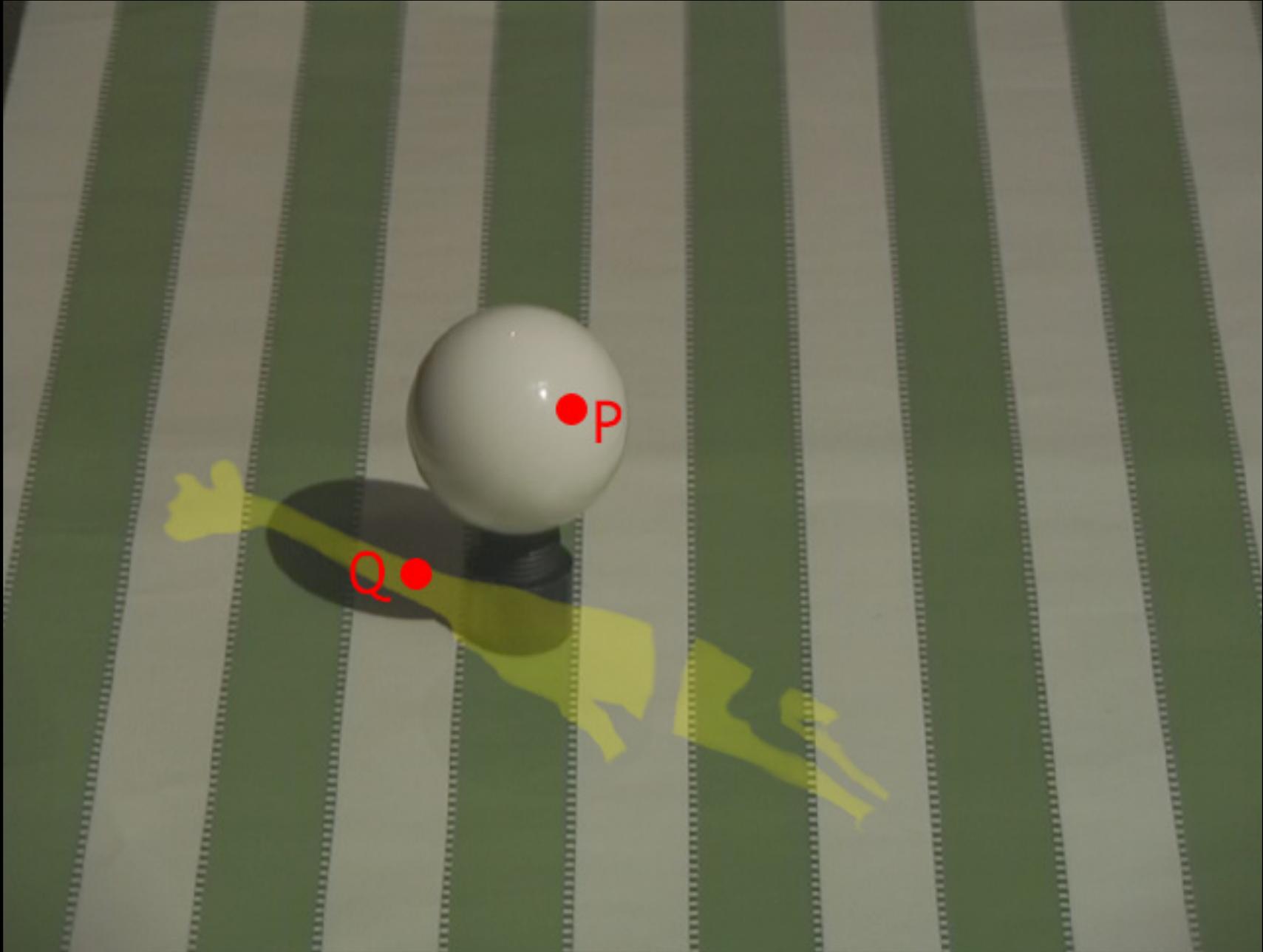


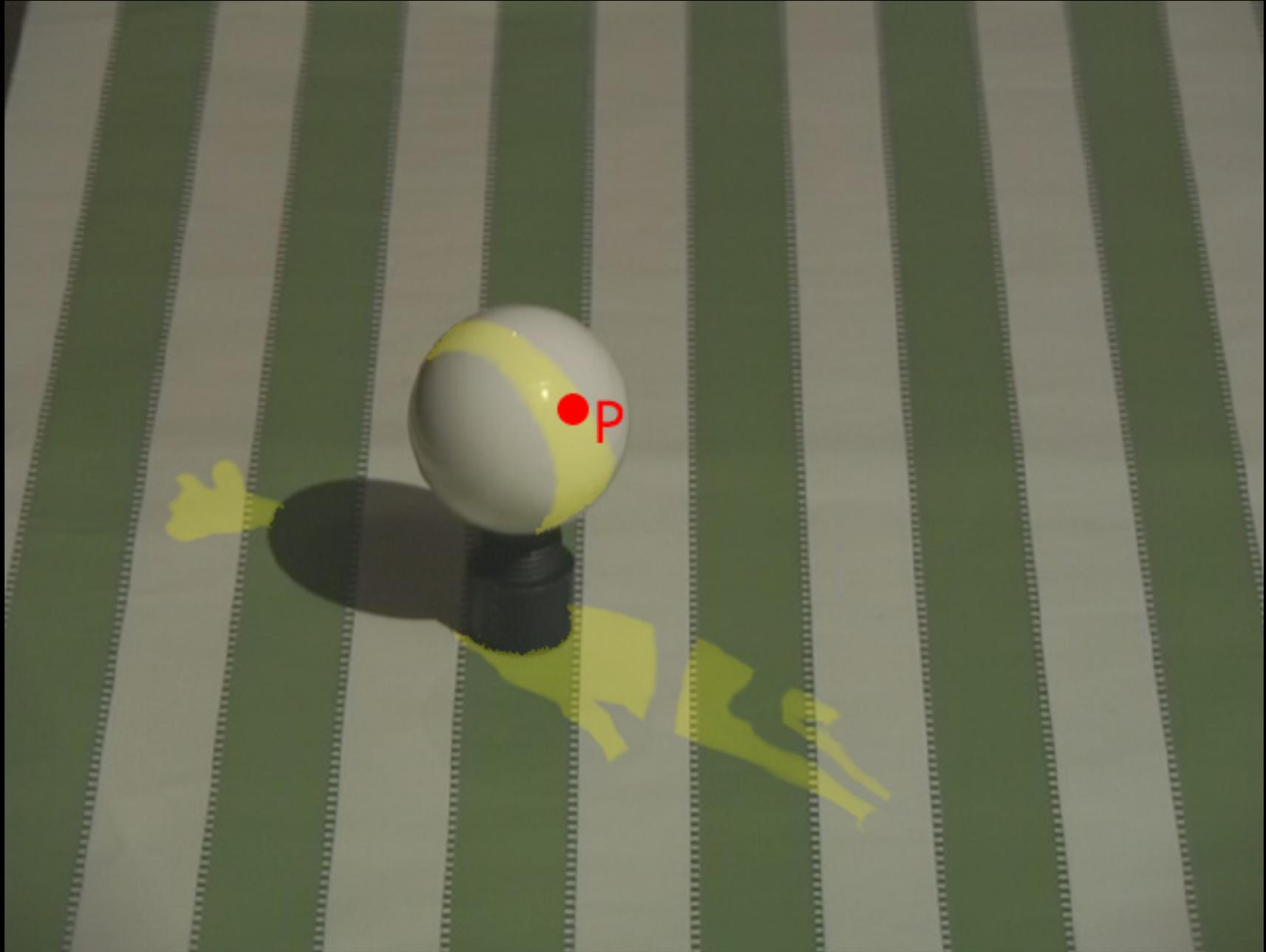
















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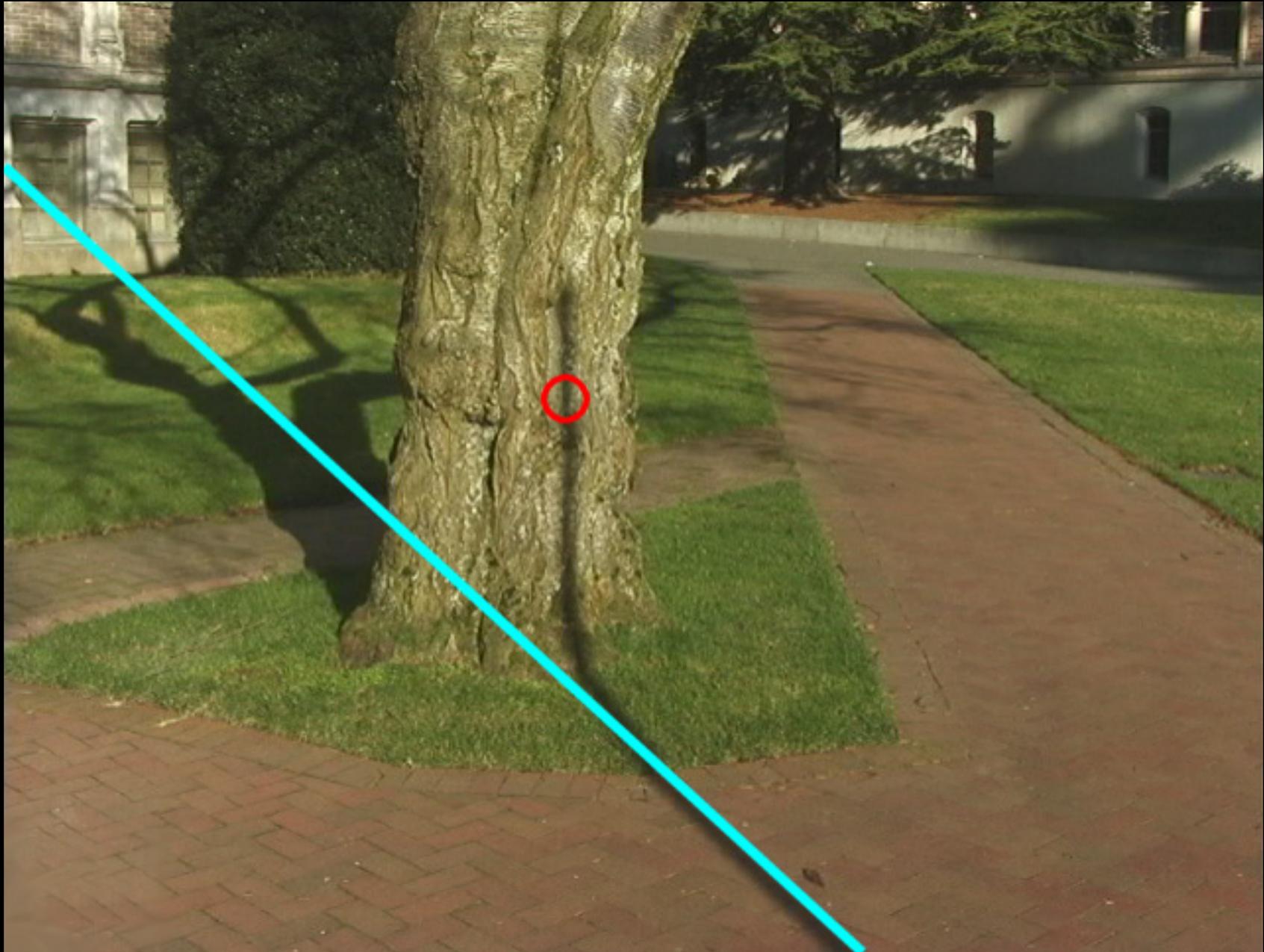
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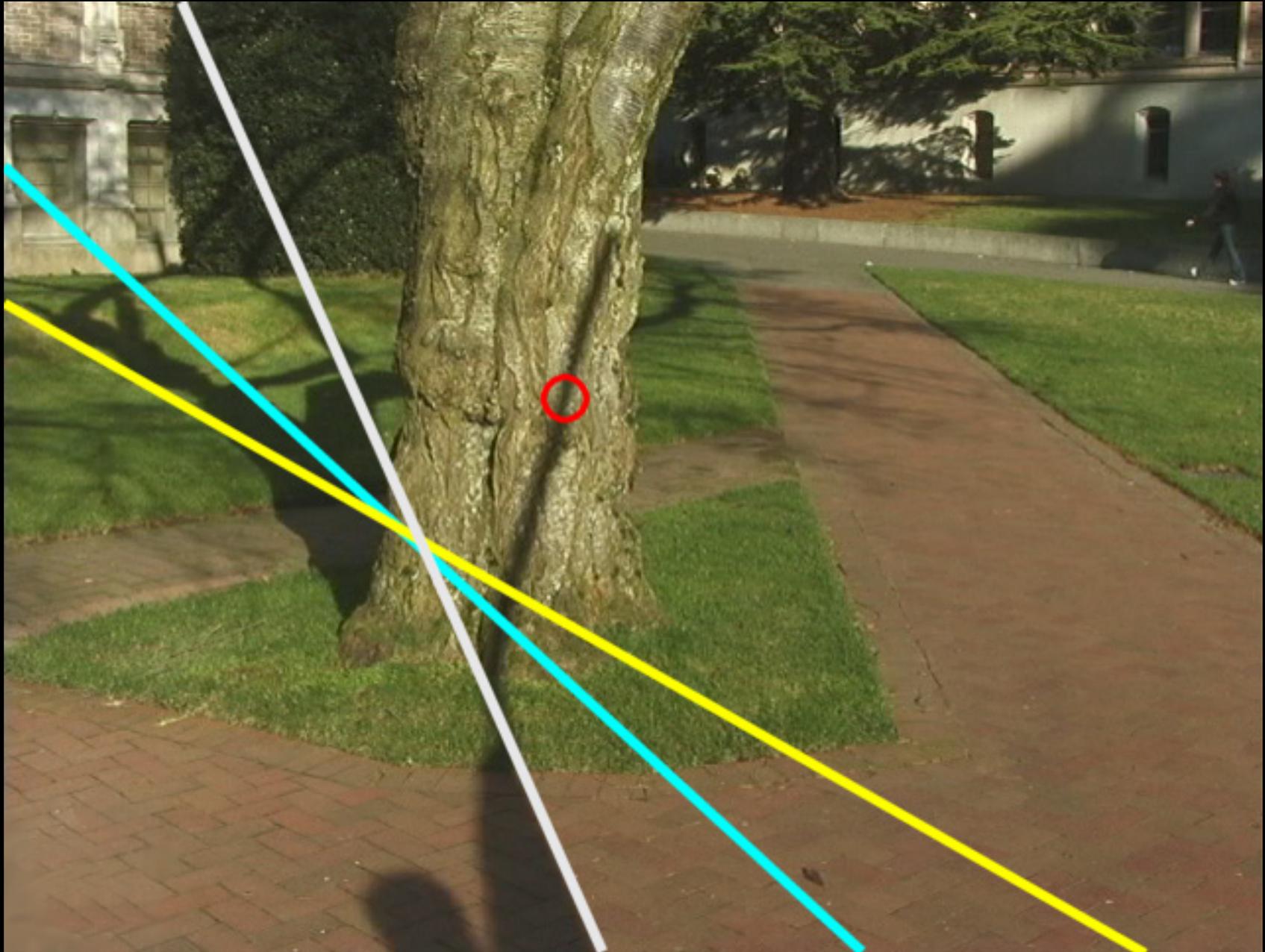


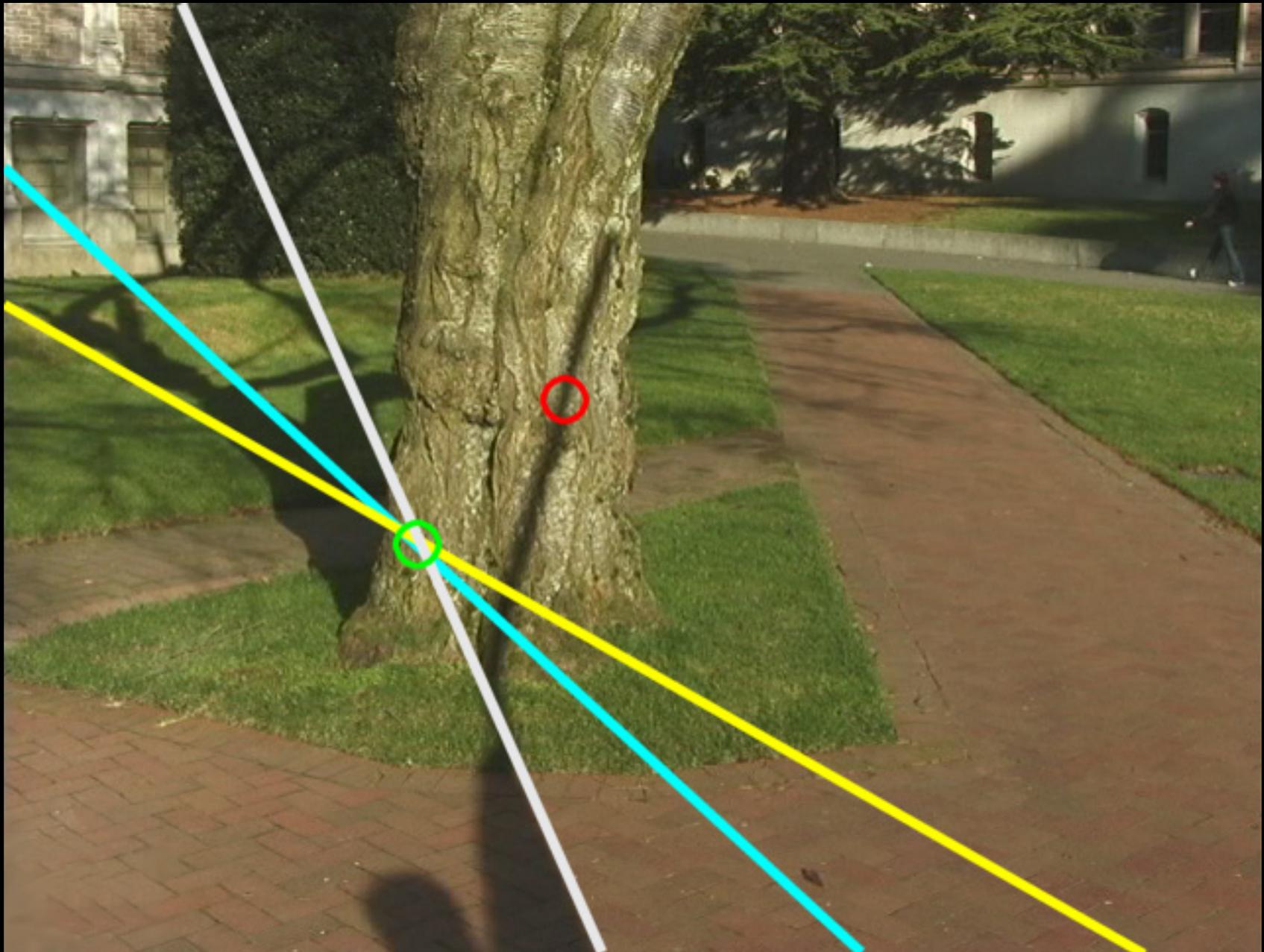


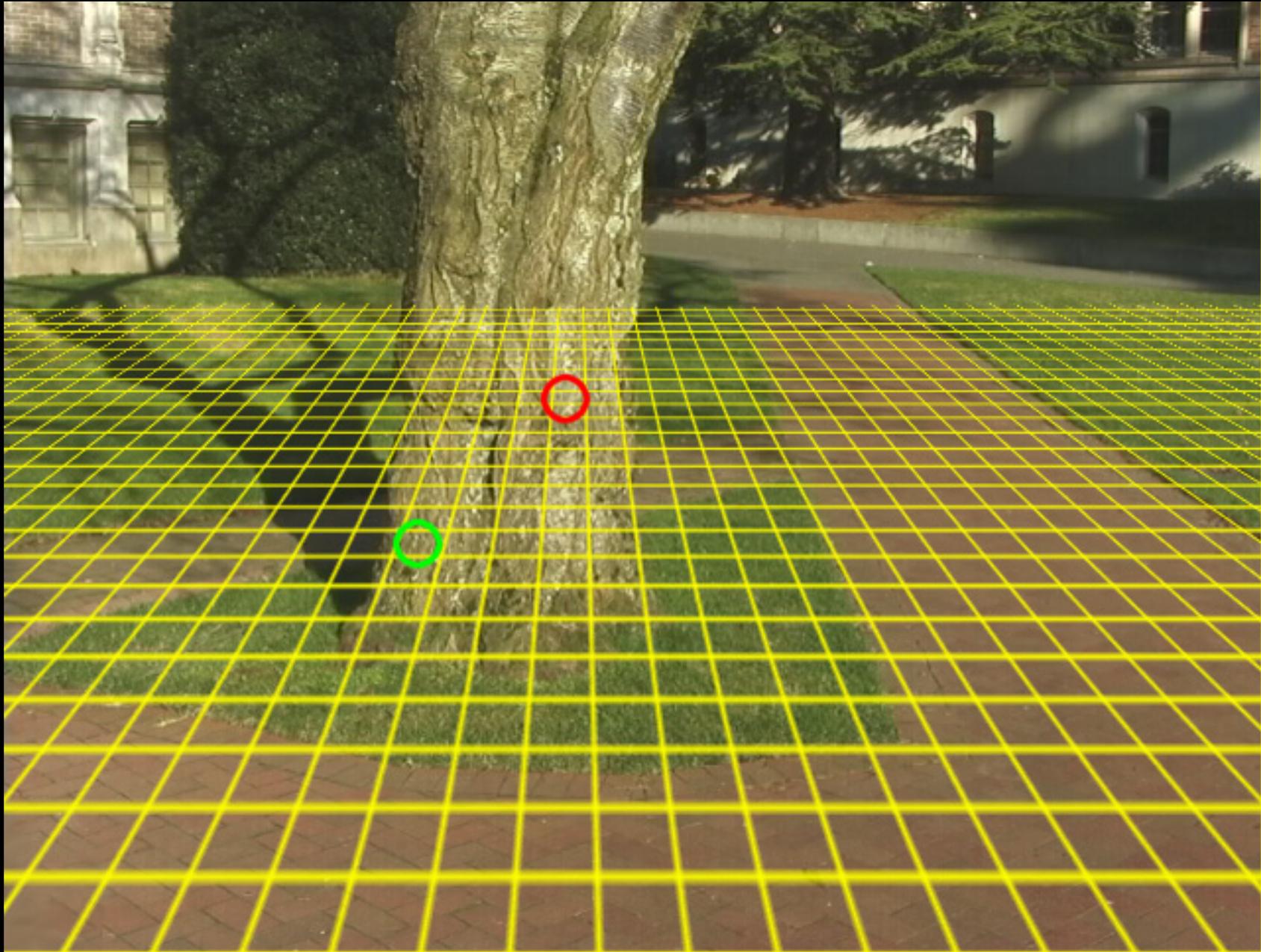


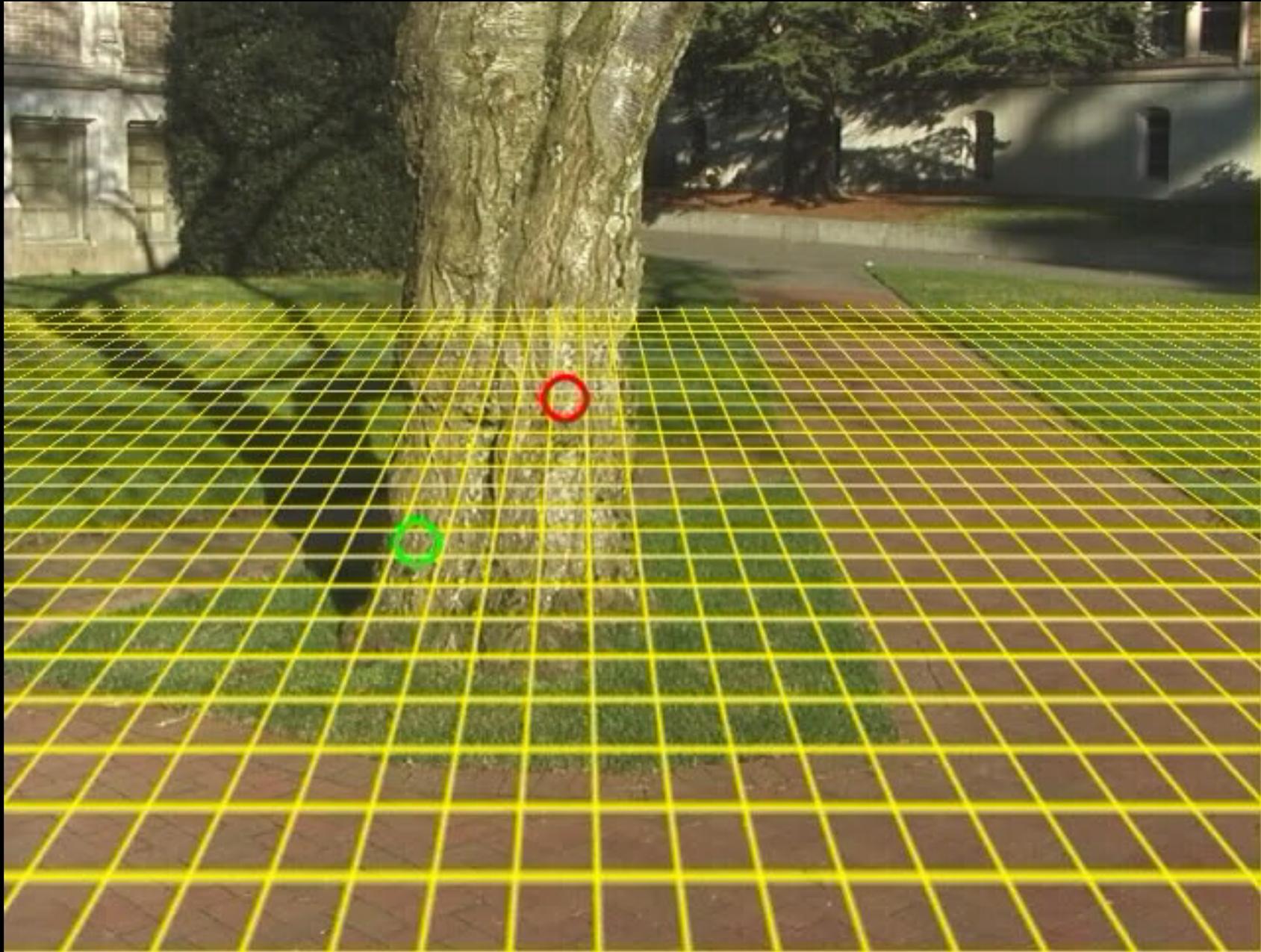


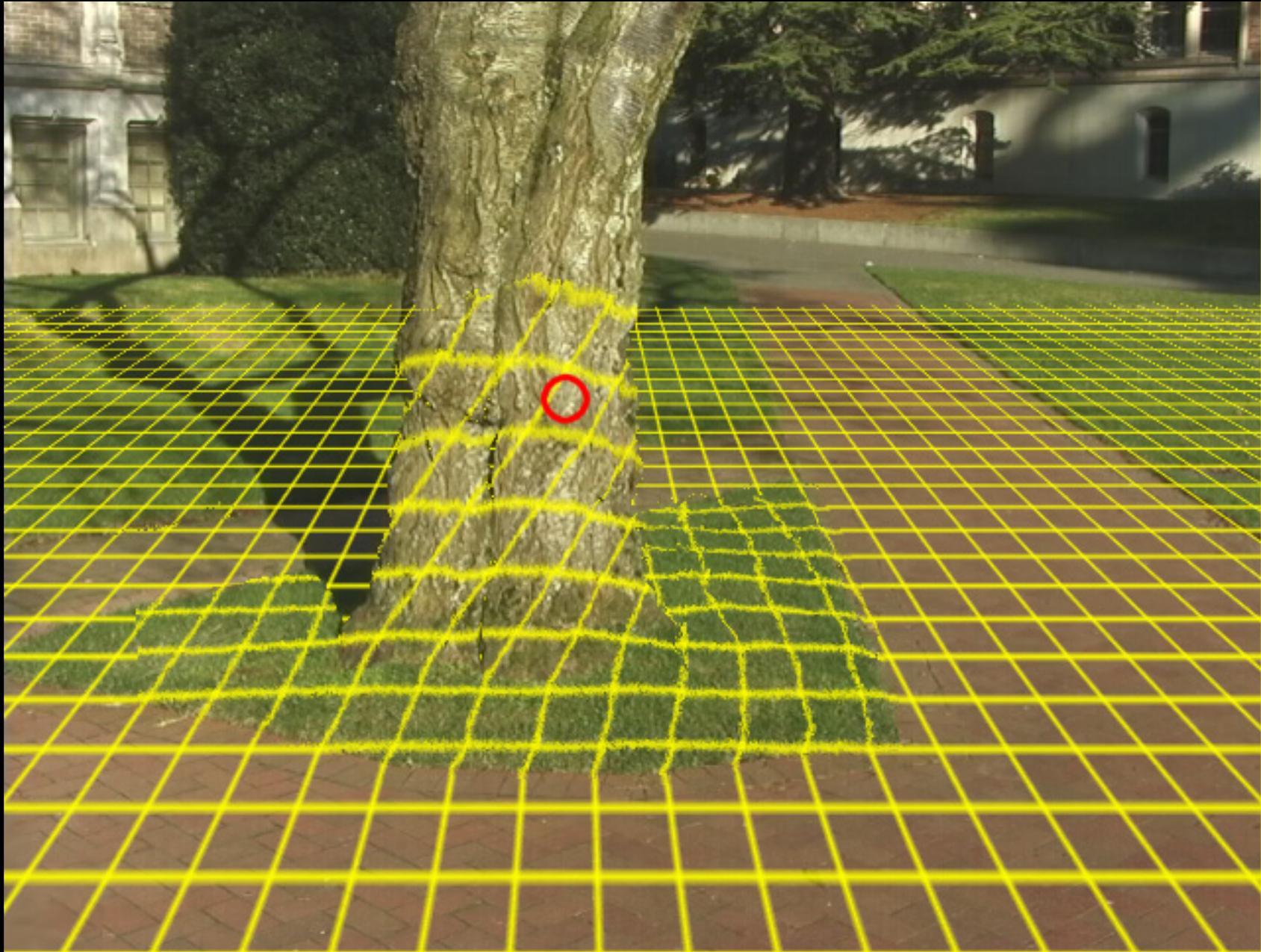




















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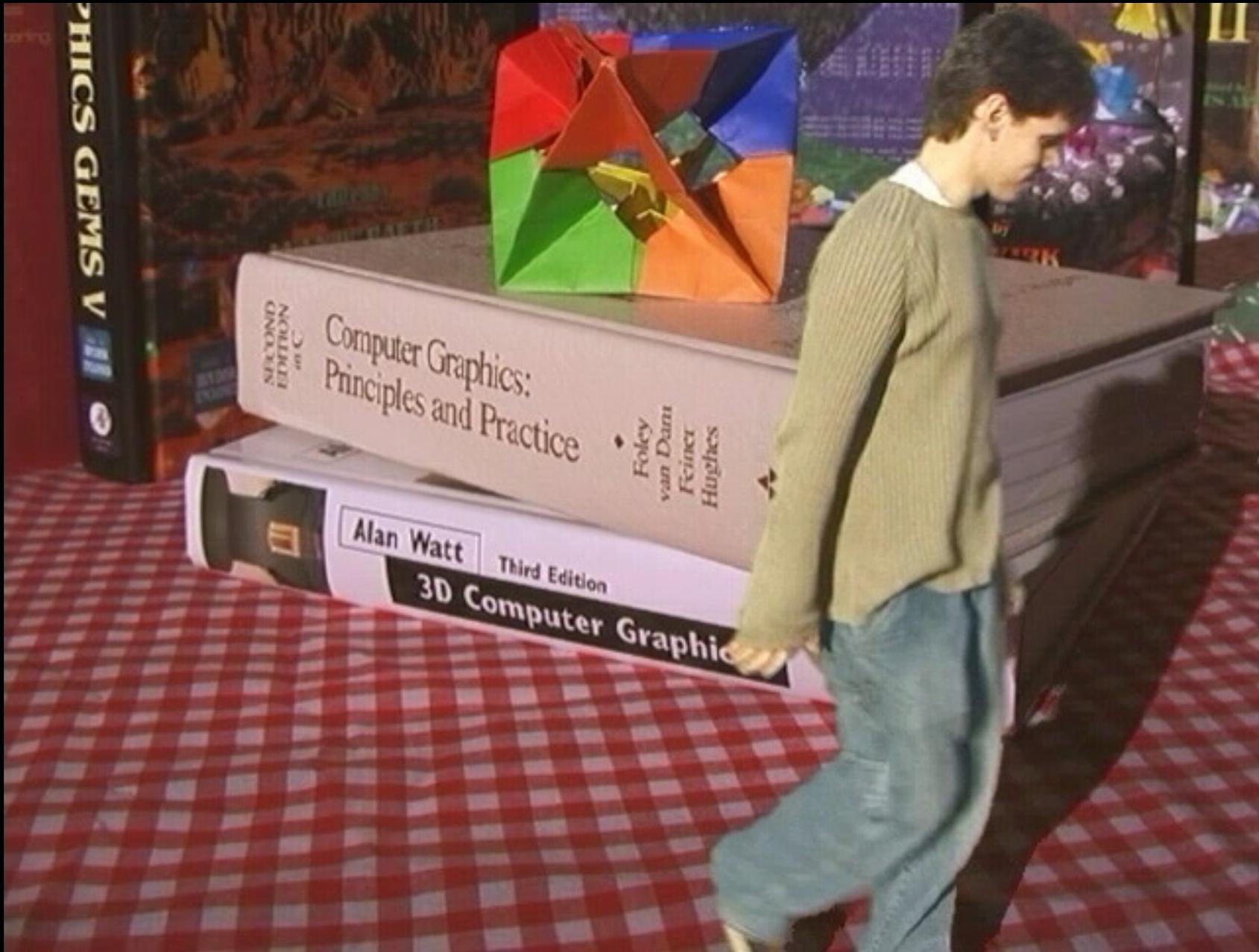
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