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# Unreal Engine Testbed for Computer Vision of Tall Lunar Tower Assembly

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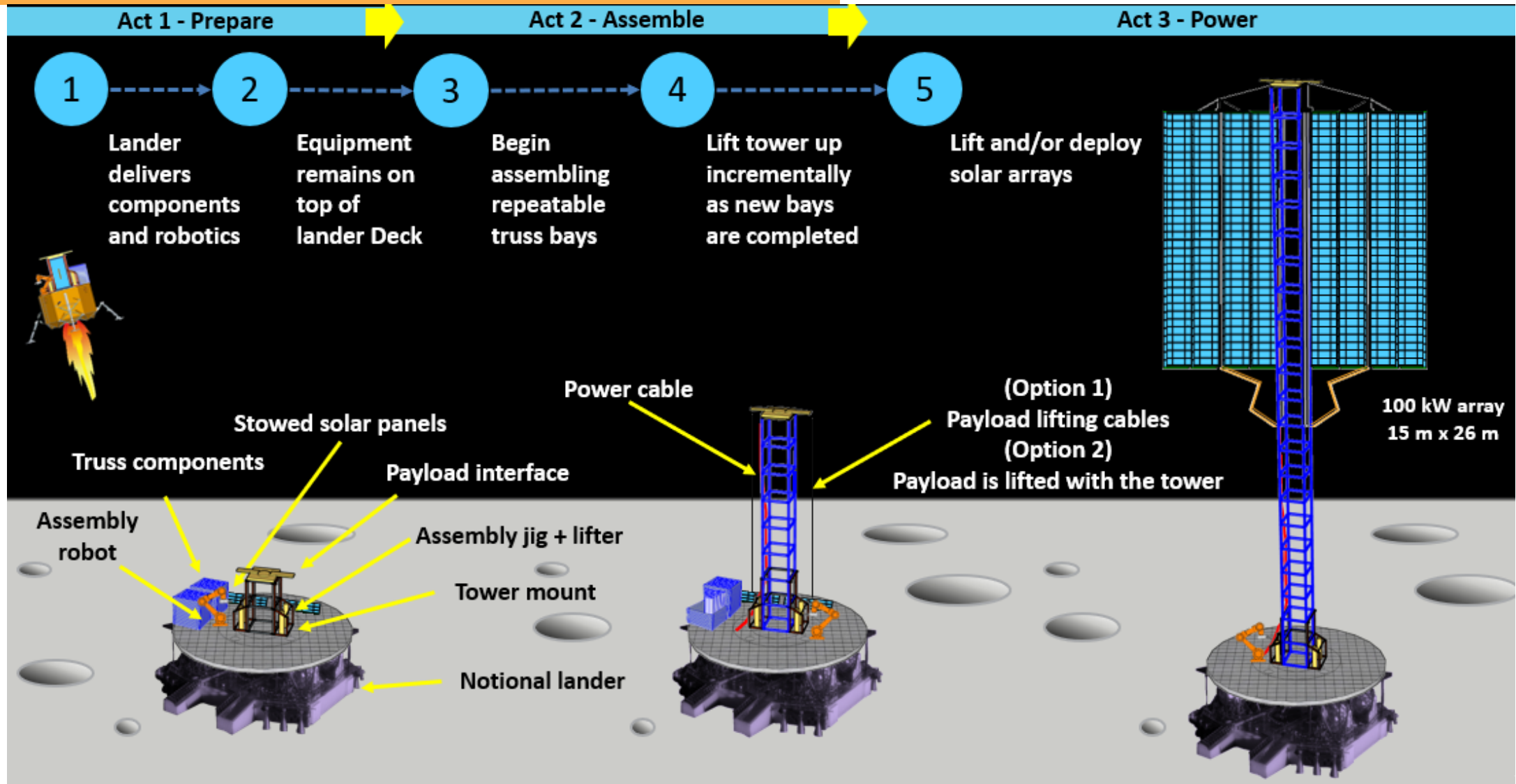
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# Outline

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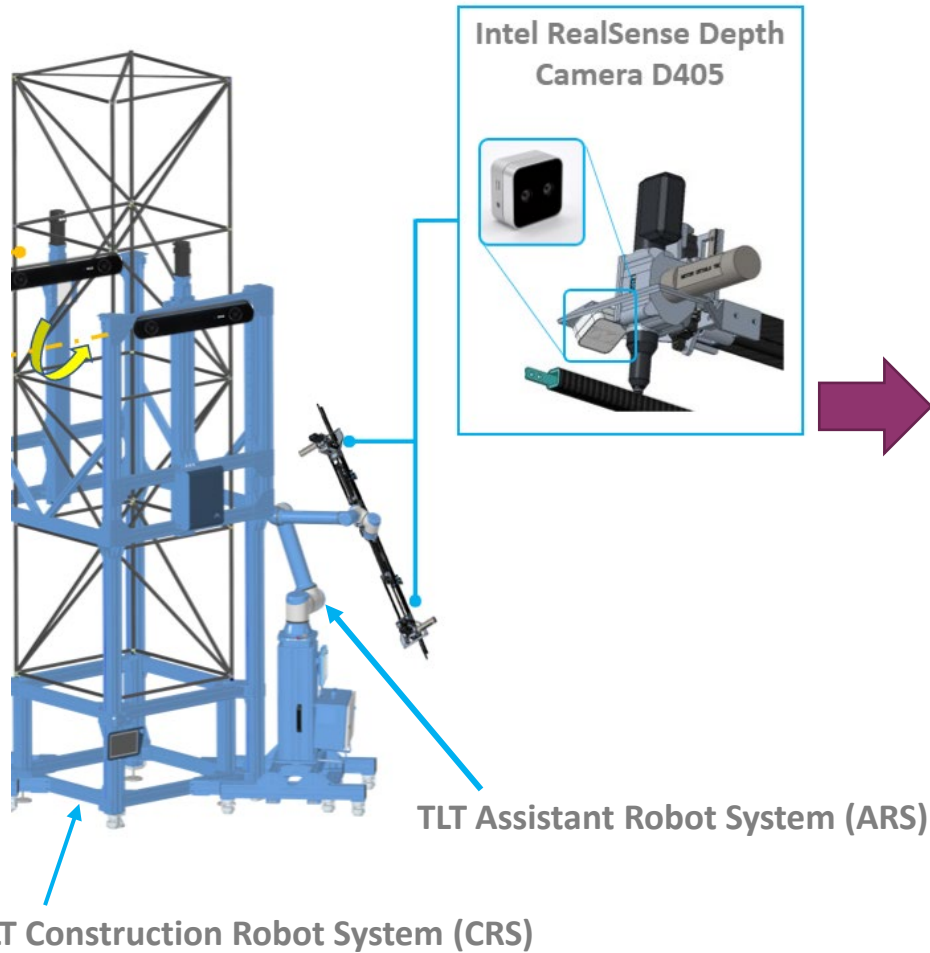
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# Tall Lunar Tower (TLT) Background

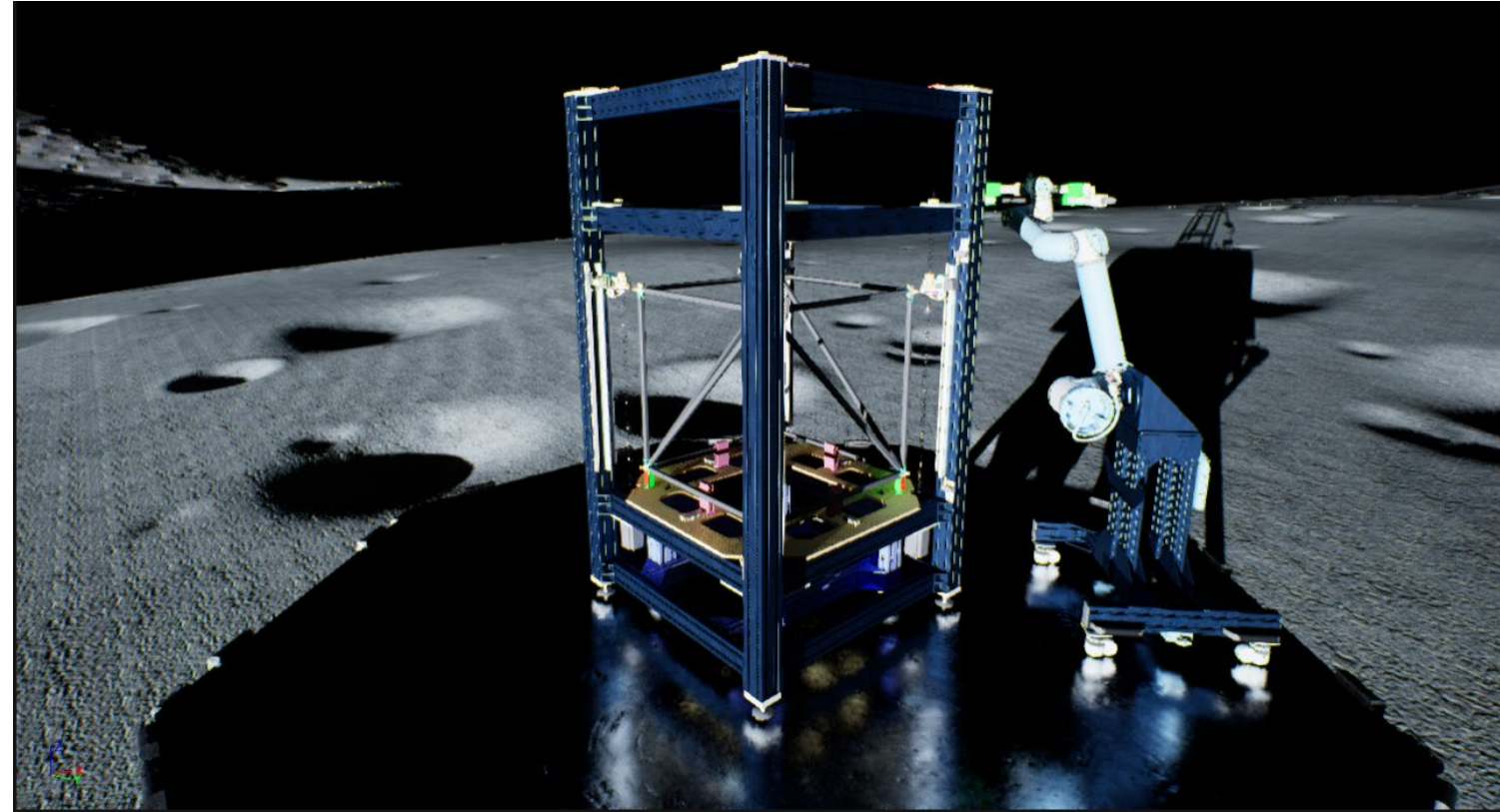


# TLT Computer Vision System

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## Unreal Engine 5\* (UE5)



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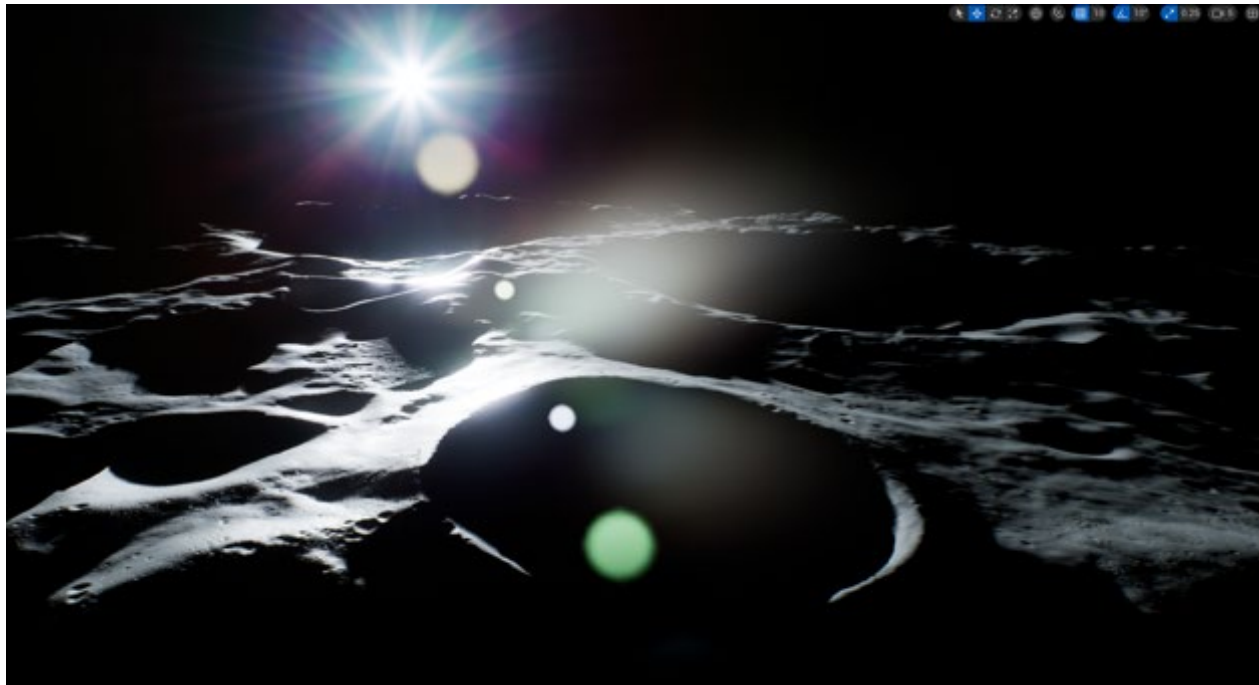
# UE5 Lunar South Pole Lighting Testbed (UE5 Lunar-SPLIT)

## Lunar Terrain Generation

- Static mesh generated from digital elevation models (DEM) with Nanite virtualized geometry enabled

## Lunar Lighting Generation

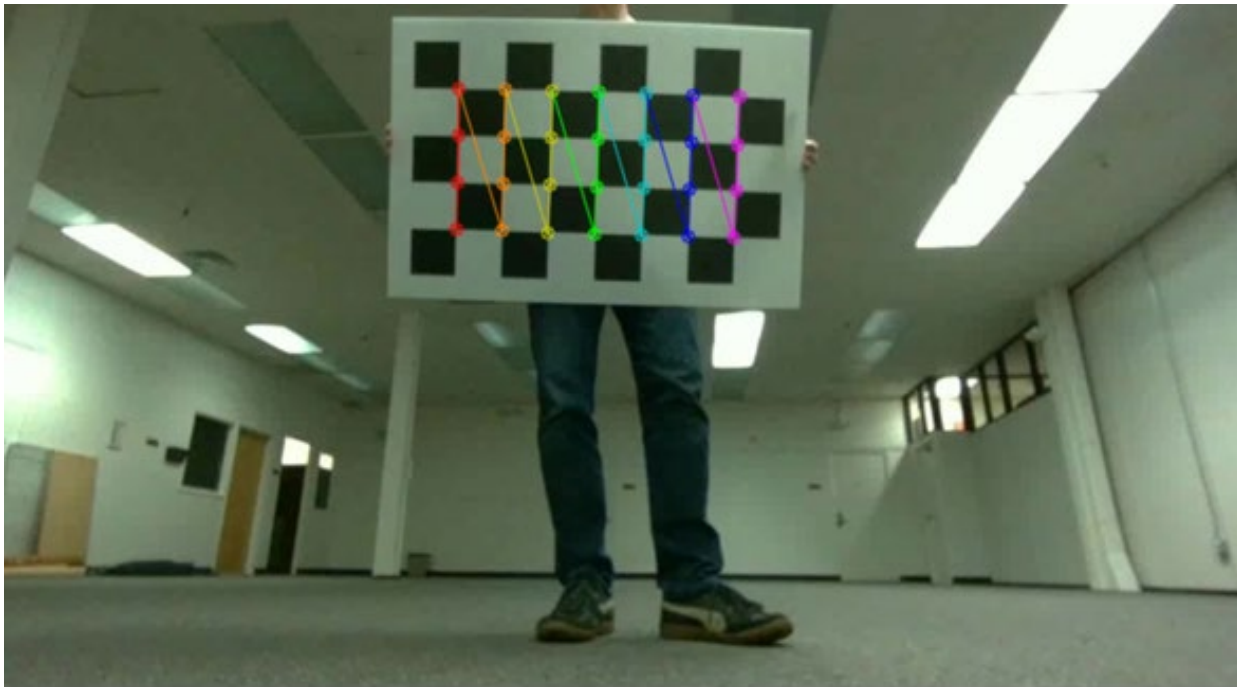
- Directional light game asset positioned by spacecraft, planet, instrument, camera-matrix, events (SPICE) ephemeris data kernels



# UE5 Lunar-SPLIT (Continued)

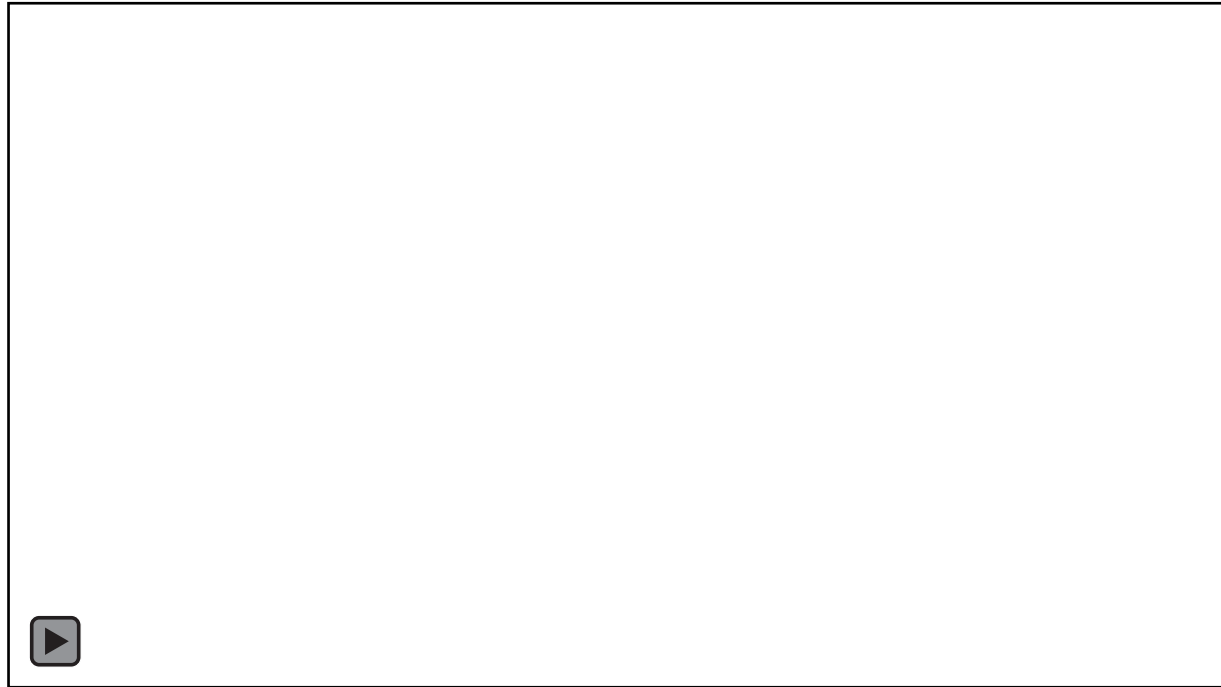
## OpenCV Camera Calibration

- Checkerboard D405 camera calibration -> camera properties: distortion coefficients, image centers, focal length



## Len Distortion

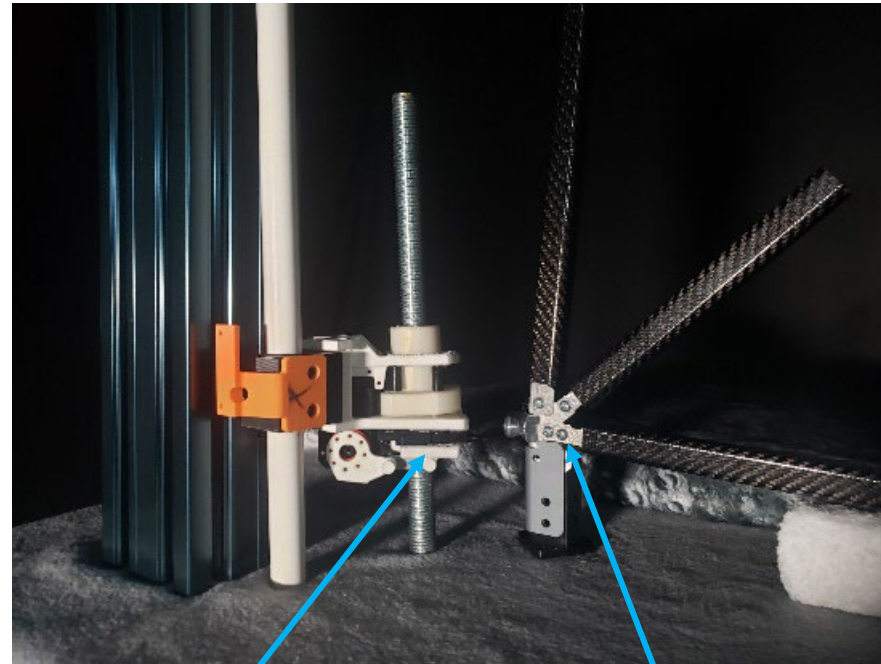
- Generate UE5 Lens File with OpenCV camera calibration properties



# Lunar Analog Environment (LAE) TLT Test Jig



Darkroom Outfitting



TLT CRS Active Gripper

Truss Bay Corner

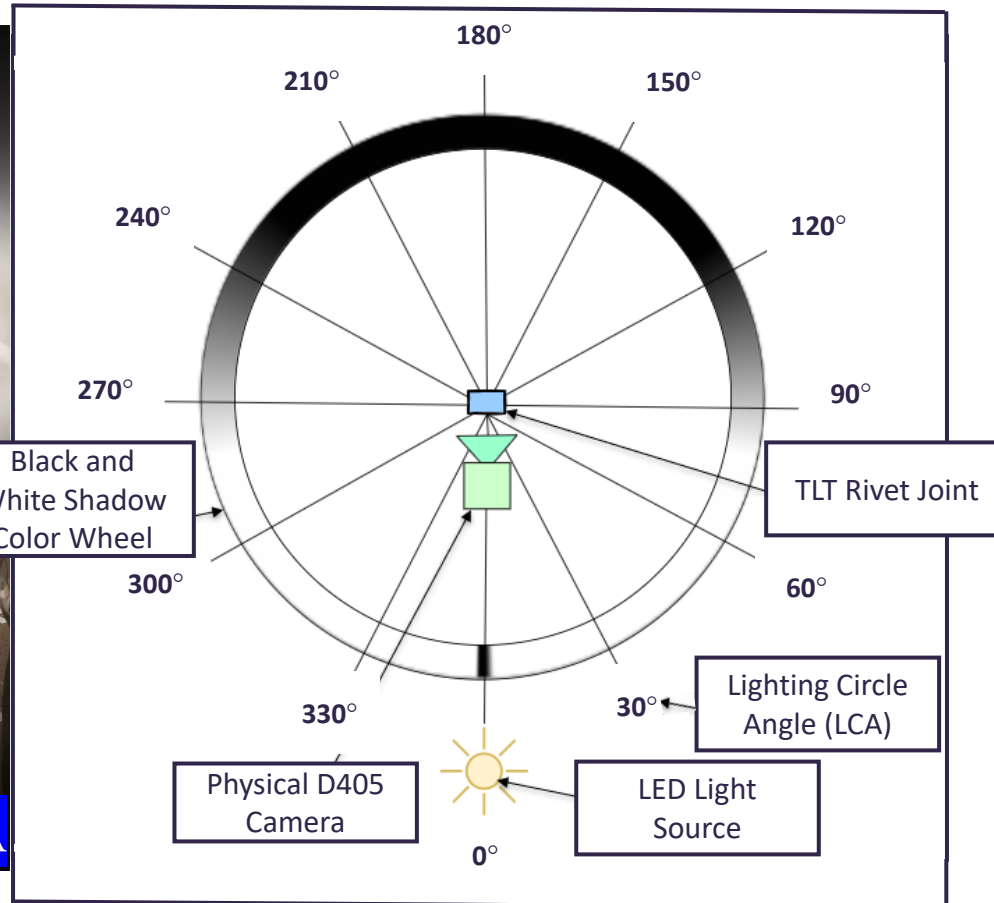


D405 Camera

TLT ARS Adjustable Stand

# Lighting Circle Angle (LCA) Setup

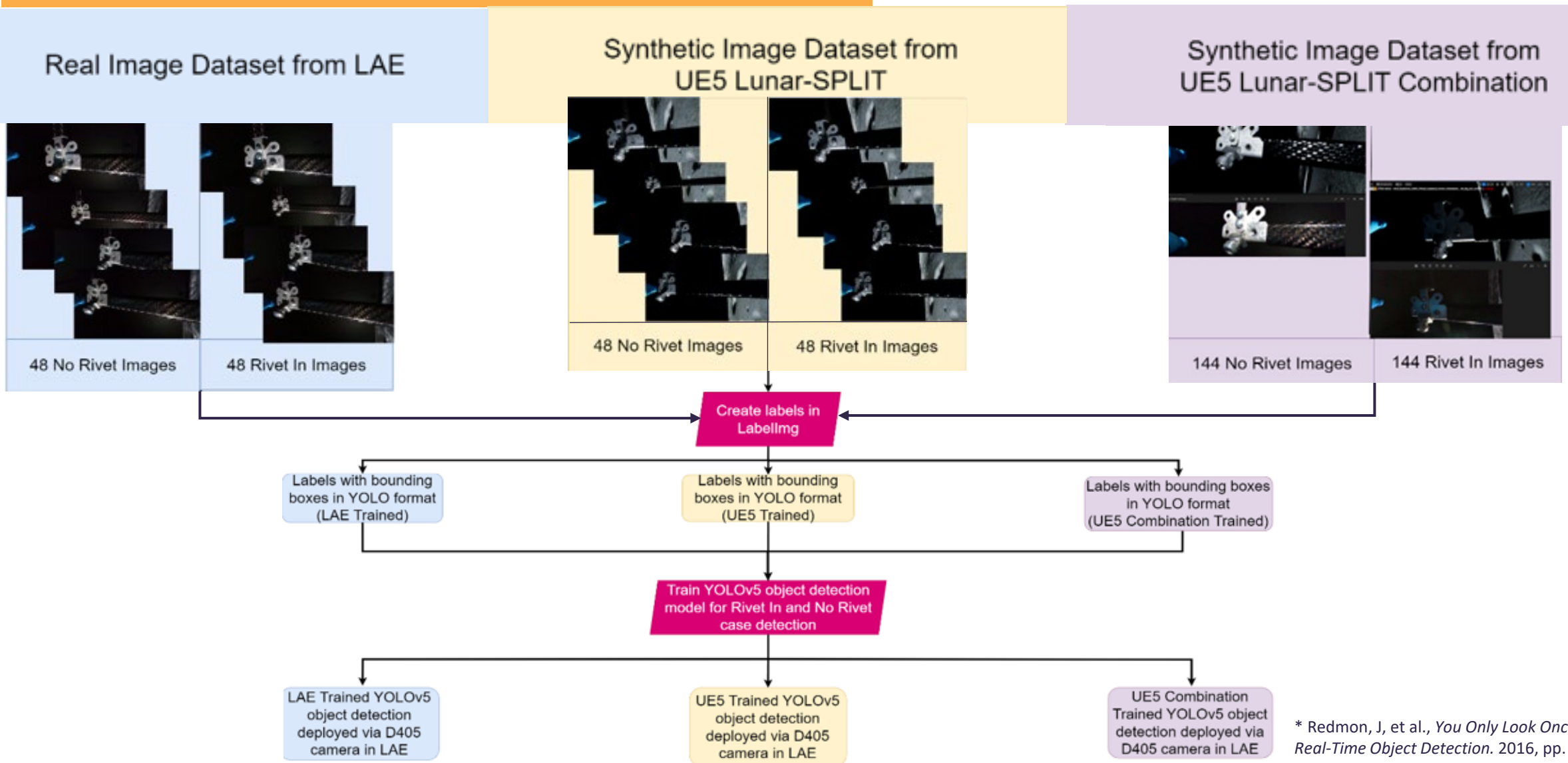
## 12 LCA Light Positions



## Four D405 Camera Angle Positions



# YOLO\* Object Detection Model for Assembly Inspection Cases

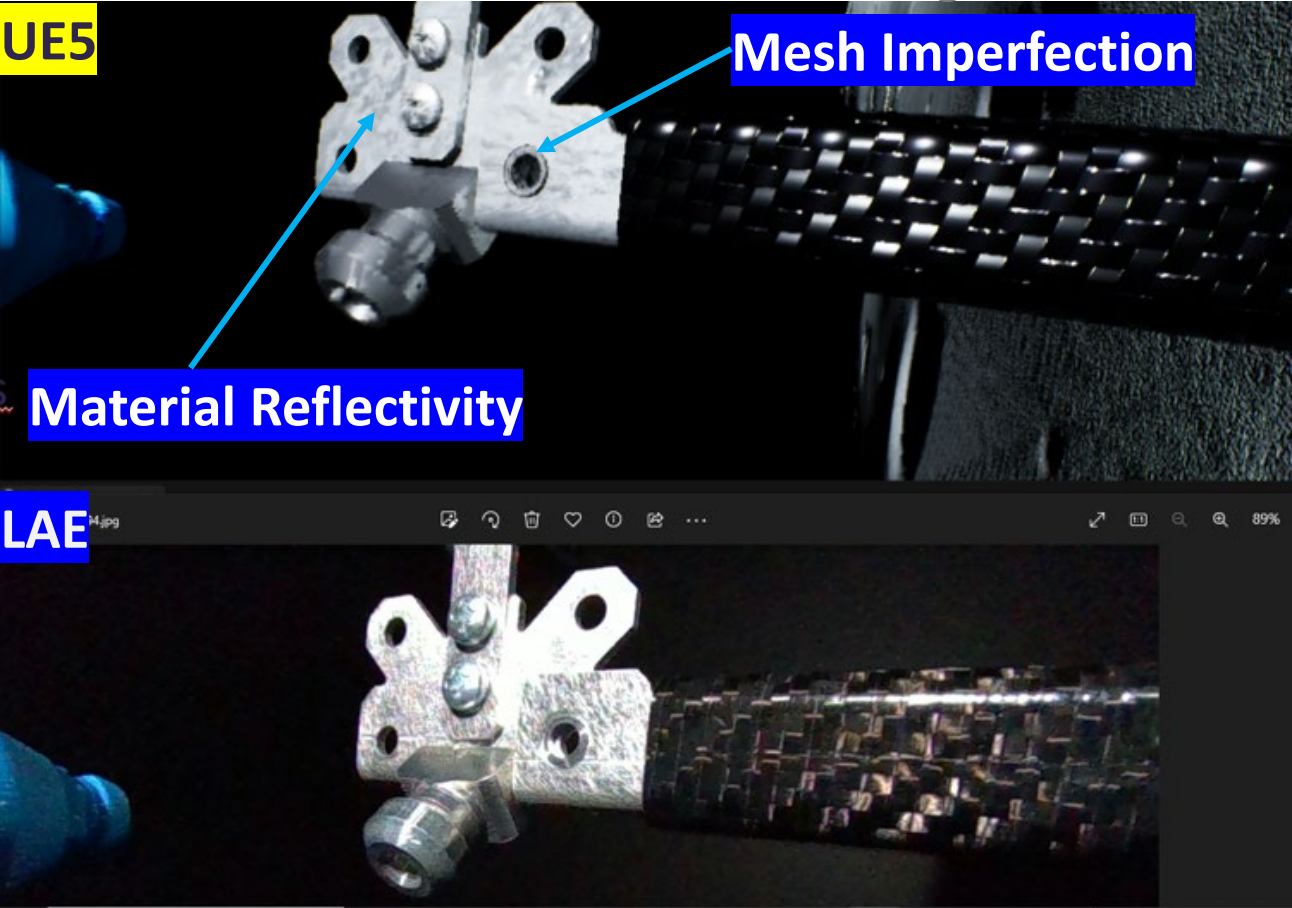


\* Redmon, J, et al., *You Only Look Once: Unified, Real-Time Object Detection*. 2016, pp. 779-788

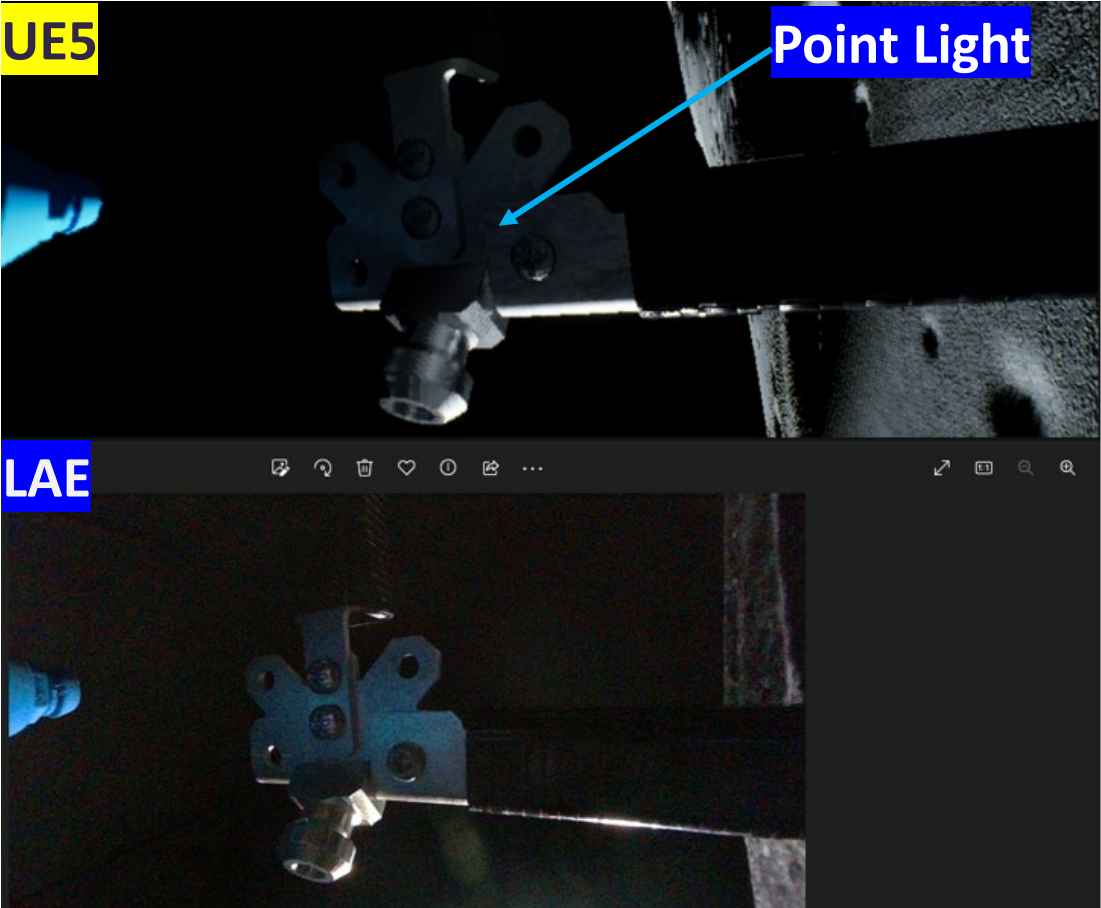
# YOLO Object Detection Model for Assembly Inspection Cases

## Rivet Joint Assembly Area Synthetic Image Dataset Finetuning

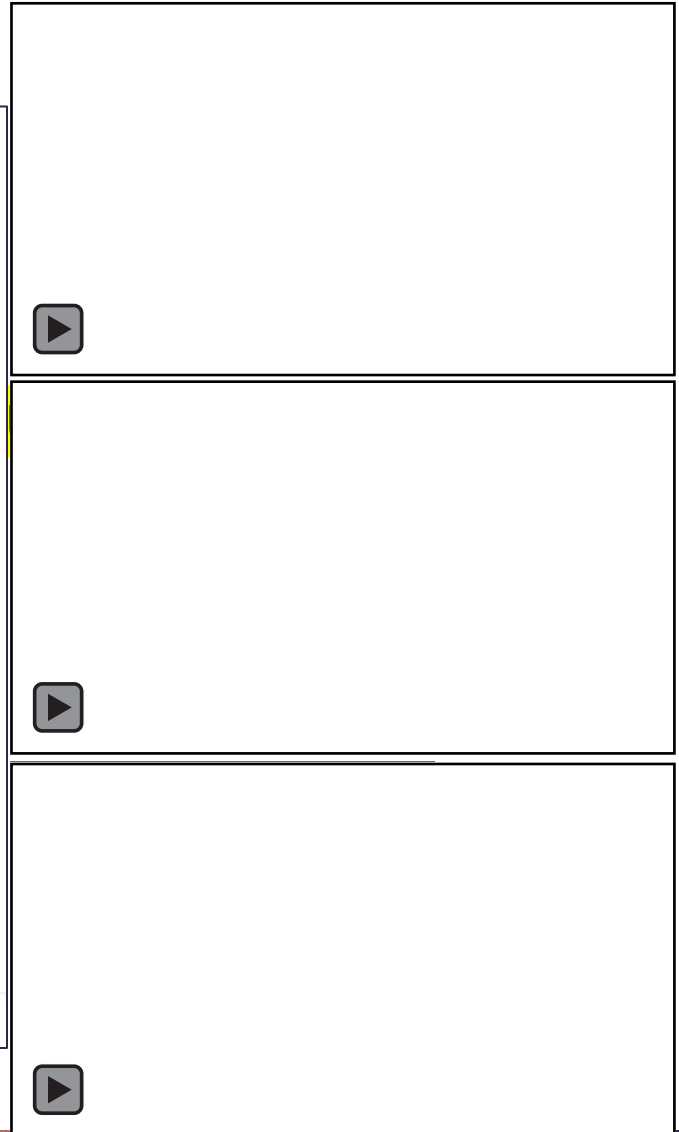
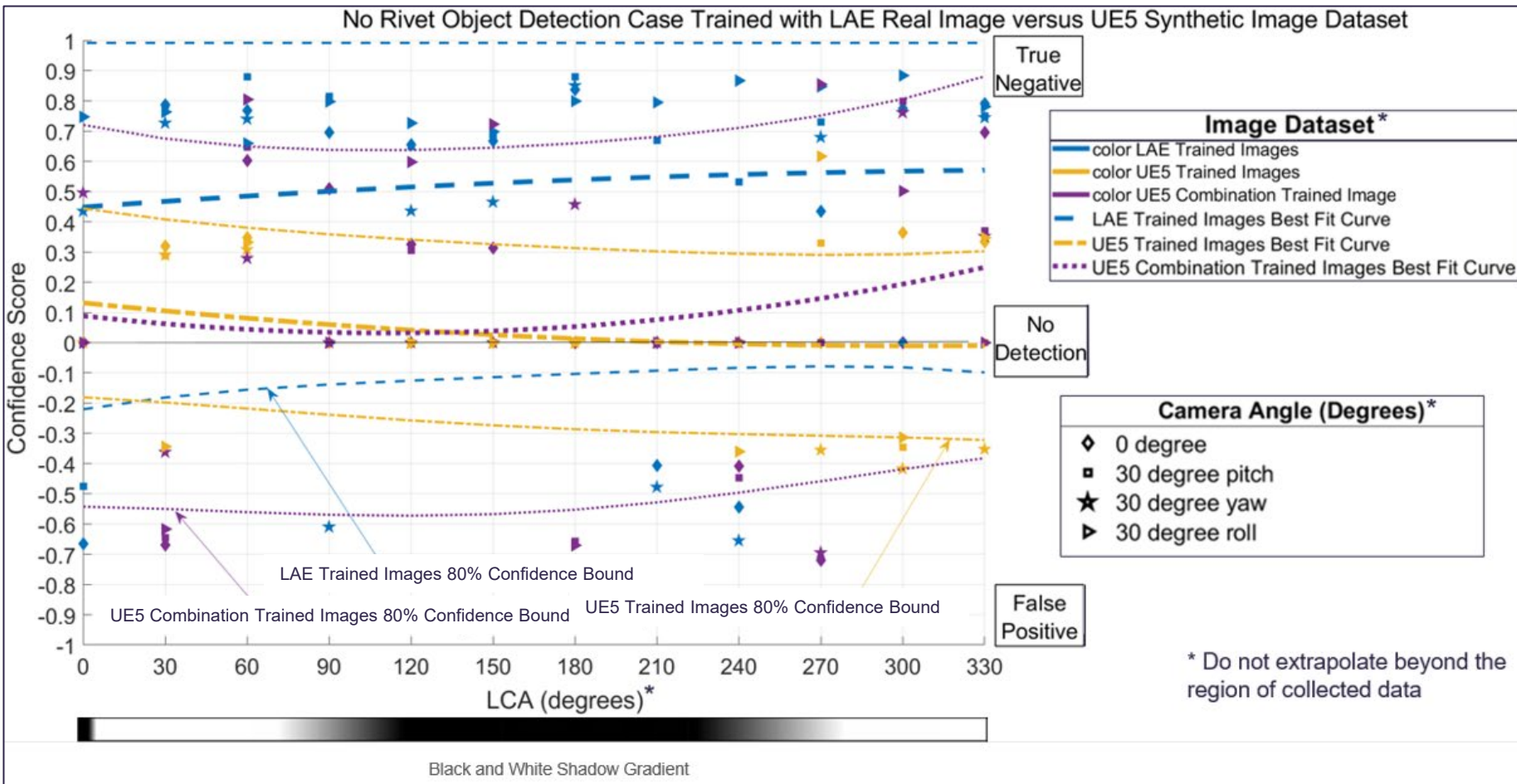
Surface Material Matching



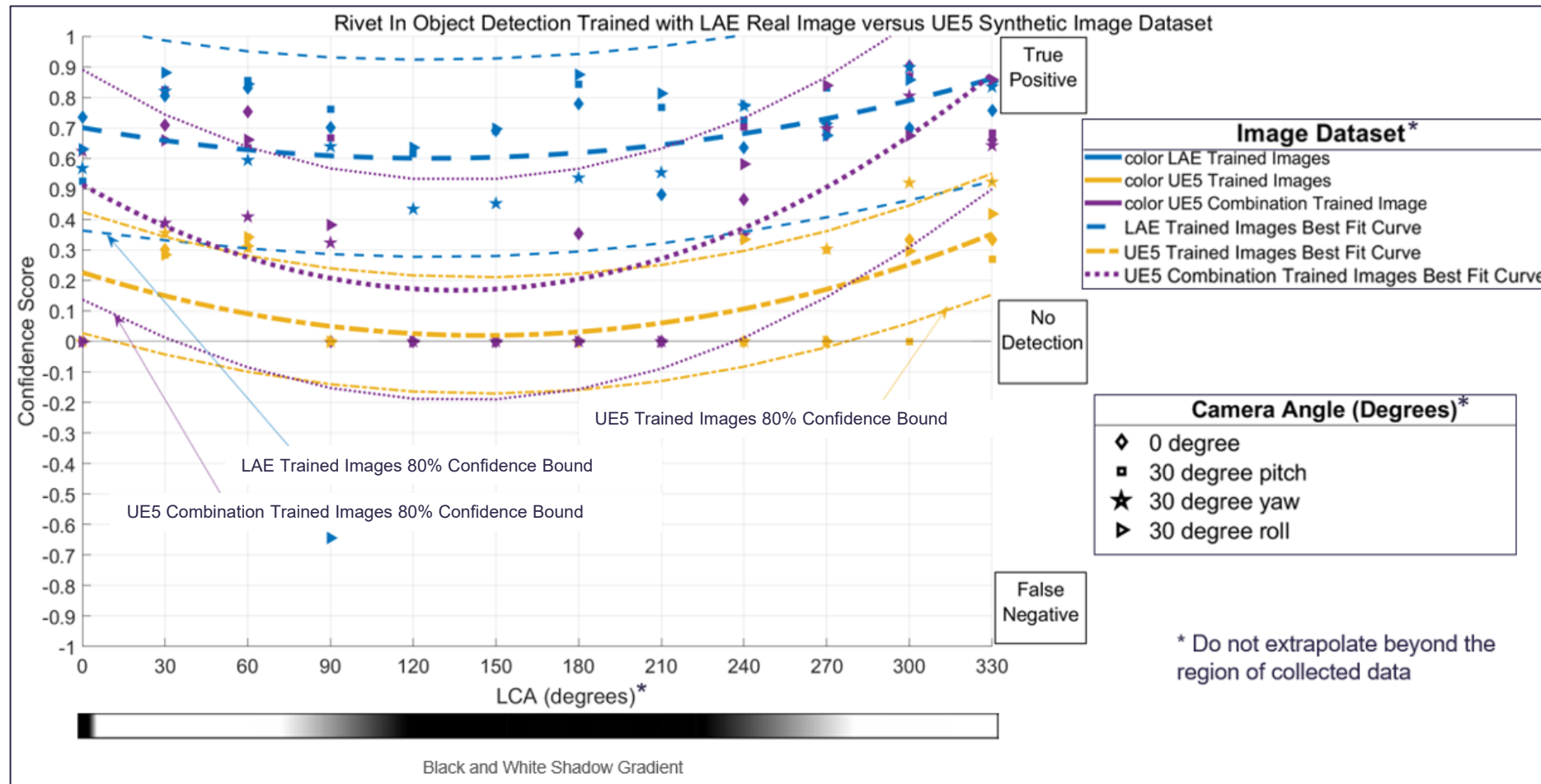
Ambient Light Matching



# No Rivet Synthetic and Real Image Training Dataset Comparison



# Rivet In Synthetic and Real Image Training Dataset Comparison



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# Concluding Remarks

- The Tall Lunar Tower (TLT) computer vision system in UE5 Lunar-SPLIT and LAE environments were presented
- Three YOLO object detection models trained with UE5 Lunar-SPLIT synthetic images and LAE real images were discussed
- Shadowing and illumination of joint assembly working area significantly affected object detection confidence scores and correct detection
- Visual fidelity of UE5 Lunar-SPLIT can be tailored for simulated objects to match real environments.
- Confidence scores from synthetic image training demonstrated that UE5 is a viable testbed for optical sensor simulations for TLT and In-Space Servicing, Assembly and Manufacturing (ISAM) applications

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