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# Dolby Atmos

Cinema,  
Home Entertainment,  
Music.



# Who we are





Studio Sound Service is an acoustic design and consultancy studio, located in Florence. Since 1983 we have been designing environments for music and audio / video production. We deal with acoustics and electroacoustics in every field, from the musical and cultural sector to the construction, commercial and industrial sector.

- Iyuno • SDI Media Acoustic Designers (2019-ongoing);
- 3Cycle postproduction Facility @ Rome;
- FOX Dolby Atmos Studios @ Rome (IT), München (DE), London (UK);
- Netflix Facility @ Rome (IT)
- Disney Facility @ Warsaw (PO), Milan (IT)
- In House (Dolby® approved – Sorrentino) @ Roma;
- Aemme Recording Studio – Salvatore Addeo @ Lecco
- D:POT Recording Arts @ Prato – Fabrizio Simoncioni;
- Platinum Studio @ San Gimignano – Diego Calvetti;
- Mulinetti Studio @ Genova – Alberto Parodi  
*(Resolution Award 2015 Best Audio Facility, Nomination);*
- The Garage @ Civitella v.d.C. (AR)  
*(Resolution Award 2014 Best Audio Facility, Nomination);*
- House of Glass @ Viareggio (LU) – Gianni Bini  
*(Resolution Award 2013 Best Audio Facility, Nomination);*
- Waves Music @ Genova;
- PPG Studios (Andrea Bocelli) @ S. Pietro Belvedere (PI);
- SonicFab Studio @ Pioltello (MI);
- Renato Zero Studio @ Rome;
- Marco Masini Studio @ Florence;
- Biagio Antonacci Studio @ Bologna;
- Damian Lazarus, Monastic Studio @ Vicchio (FI);
- Giorgia Angiuli Studio @ Florence;
- Vinai Studio @ Brescia;
- Barys Arena (ice hockey) @ Astana, Kazakhstan;
- George Lucas Home Theater, Italy;
- Chiesa Santa Maria Nuova (Arch. M. Botta) @ Terranuova B. (AR);
- Prada Auditorium and Conference Room via Orobica @ Milano;
- Presentation room Ferrari HQ @ Maranello (MO);
- Duomo di Siena new audio system;
- Siemens HQ @ Milano;
- Chorus Life (arena e cittadella) @ Bergamo
- EVAC Dubai Metro;
- EVAC Bahrain and Islamabad airport (THALES).



# Audio Facilities



# Cicaleto Recording

Arezzo, IT





3Cycle

Rome, IT





# FOX - NatGeo DE

München, DE





# FOX - NatGeo IT

Roma





# inHouse Mirko Perri

Roma





# Damian Lazarus

Vicchio (FI)





# SonicFab

Pioltello (MI)





# House of Glass Gianni Bini

Viareggio





# Mulinetti Alberto Parodi

Genova





# Aemme Recording Studio Salvatore Addeo

Lecco





# Waves Music

Genova





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Bagno a Ripoli - FI





# Marzi Recording Studio

Rimini





# Sudestudio

Guagnano – LE





# Museo dell'Opera del Duomo

Pisa, IT





# Barys Arena

Astana – Kazakhstan





# Hotel Mediterraneo

Napoli





# Siemens Hq

Milano





# Ferrari Presentation Room

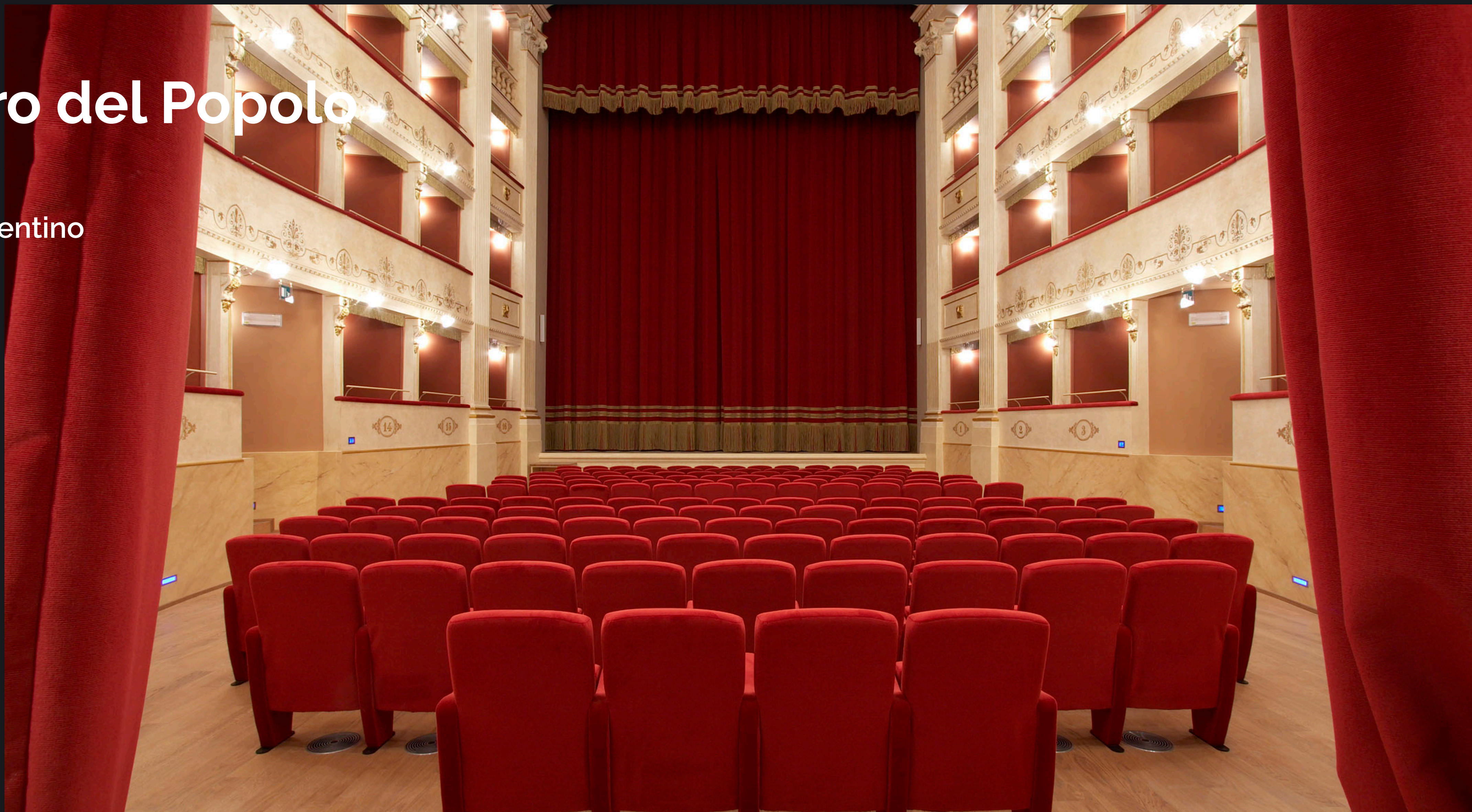
Maranello





# Teatro del Popolo

Castelfiorentino





# Duomo di Siena

Siena





# A Brief History of Multichannel Audio

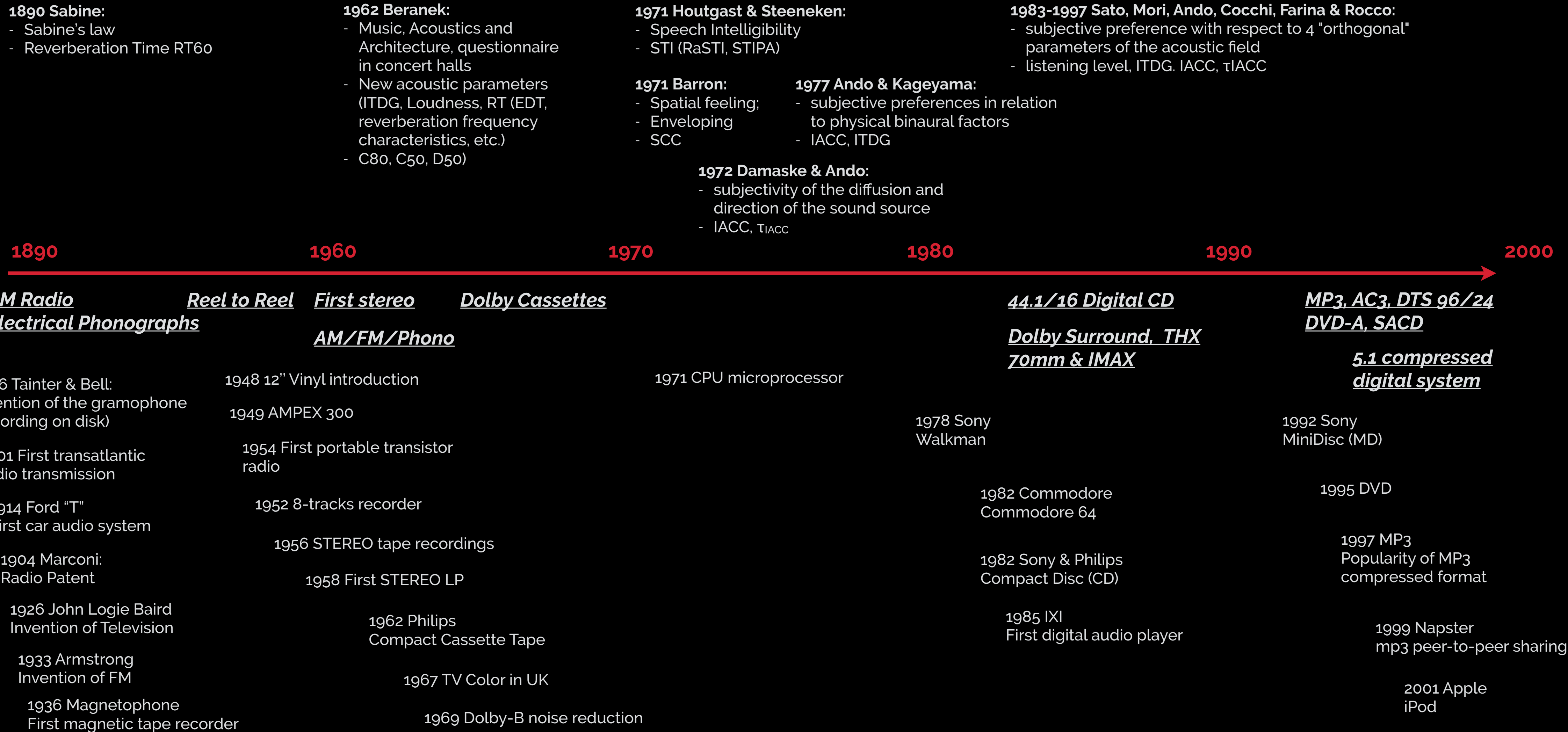
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Time Parameters

Energetic Parameters

Spaciousness and enveloping  
Intelligibility





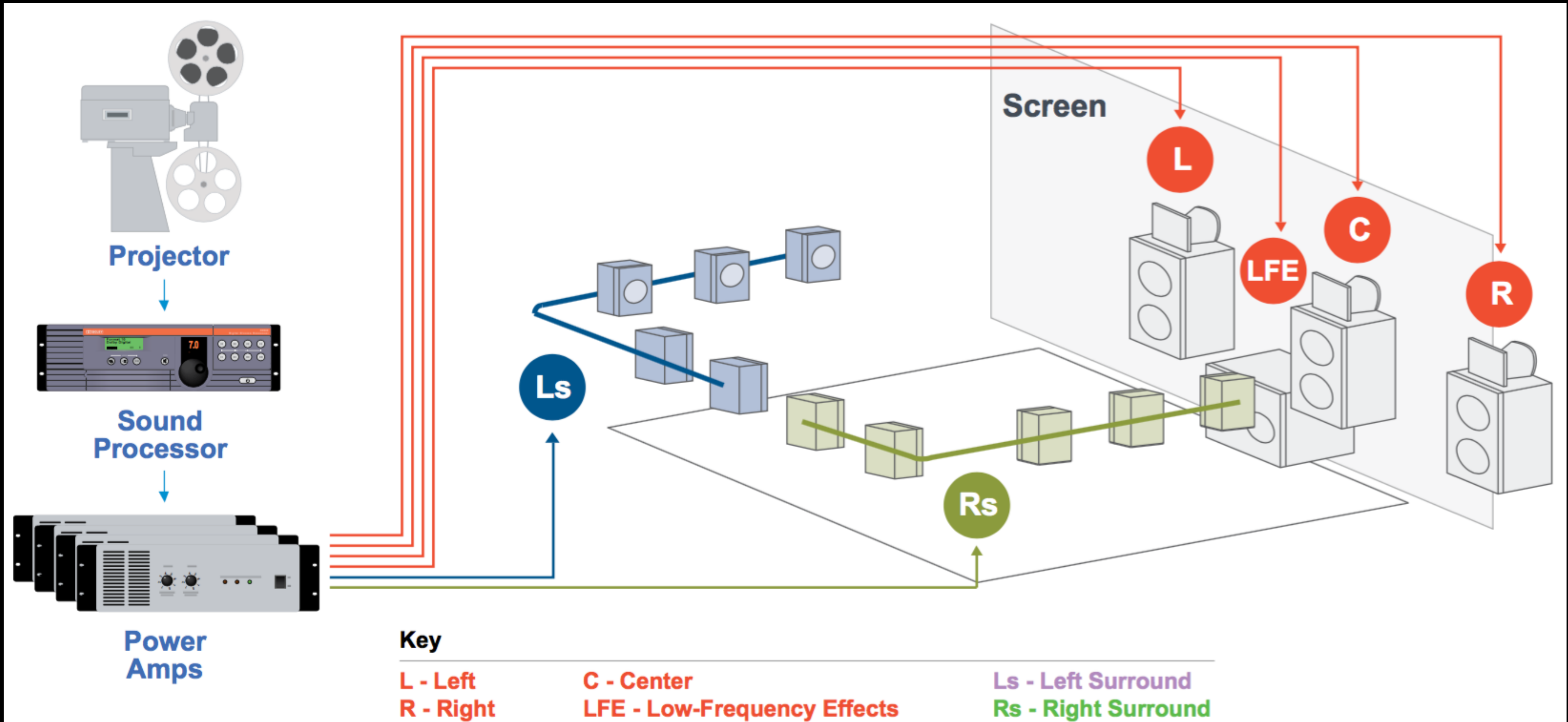


Figure 1.2 Dolby Digital



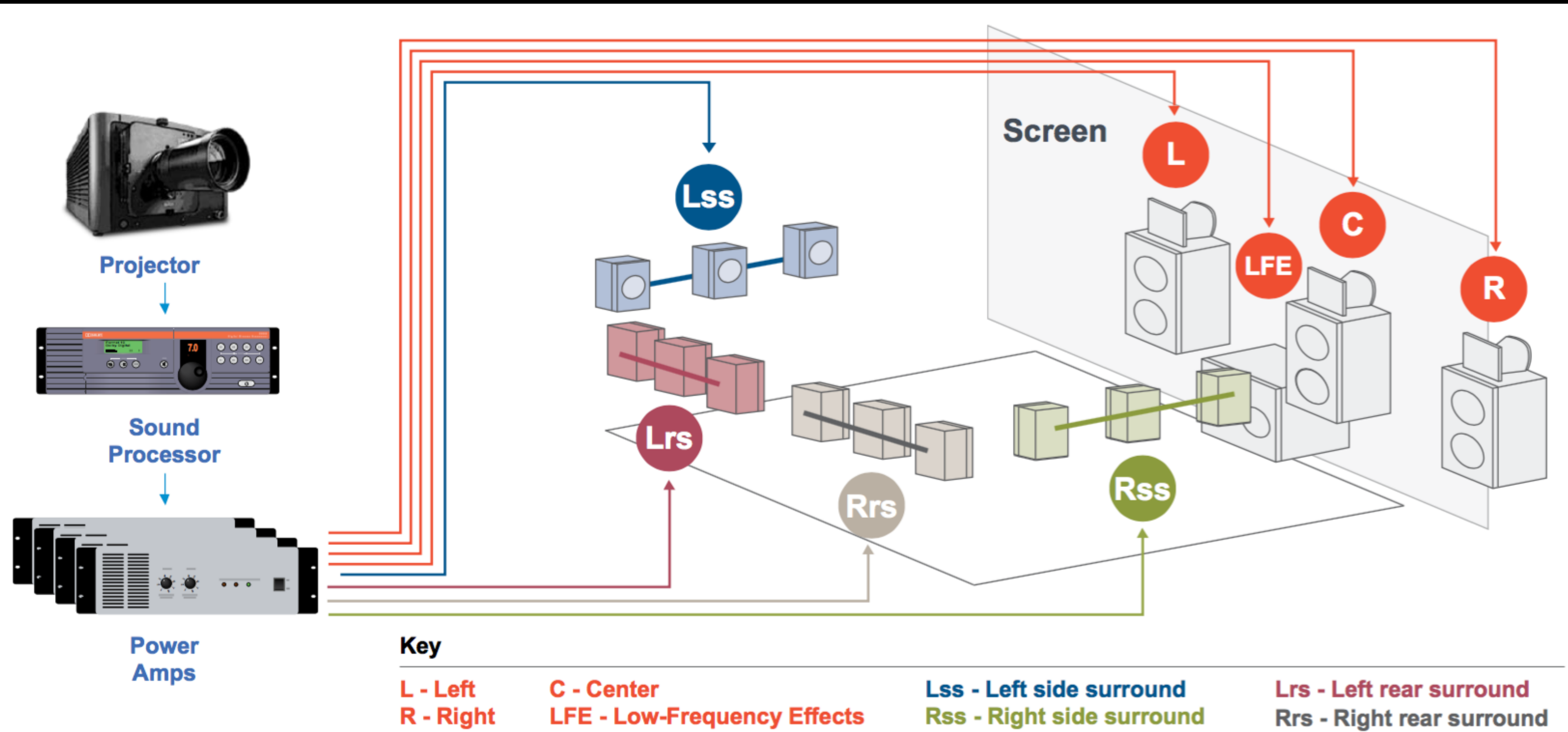


Figure 1.3 Dolby Surround 7.1



# The modern day standard: Dolby Atmos

 DOLBY.ATMOS



- 1. Cinema (2012)**
- 2. Home Entertainment (2016-2017)**
- 3. Music (2021)**

**24 bit**

**48/96 KHz**



## Objects + Beds

While the use of audio objects provides the desired control for subtle effects, other aspects of a movie's soundtrack work effectively in a channel-based environment.

- A. the "beds" are submixes or stems based on channels (5.1, 7.1 or 9.1)
- B. ambient effects and reverbs actually benefit from being sent to speaker arrays -> channels instead of objects.



Figure 2.2 Object and Bed Combination



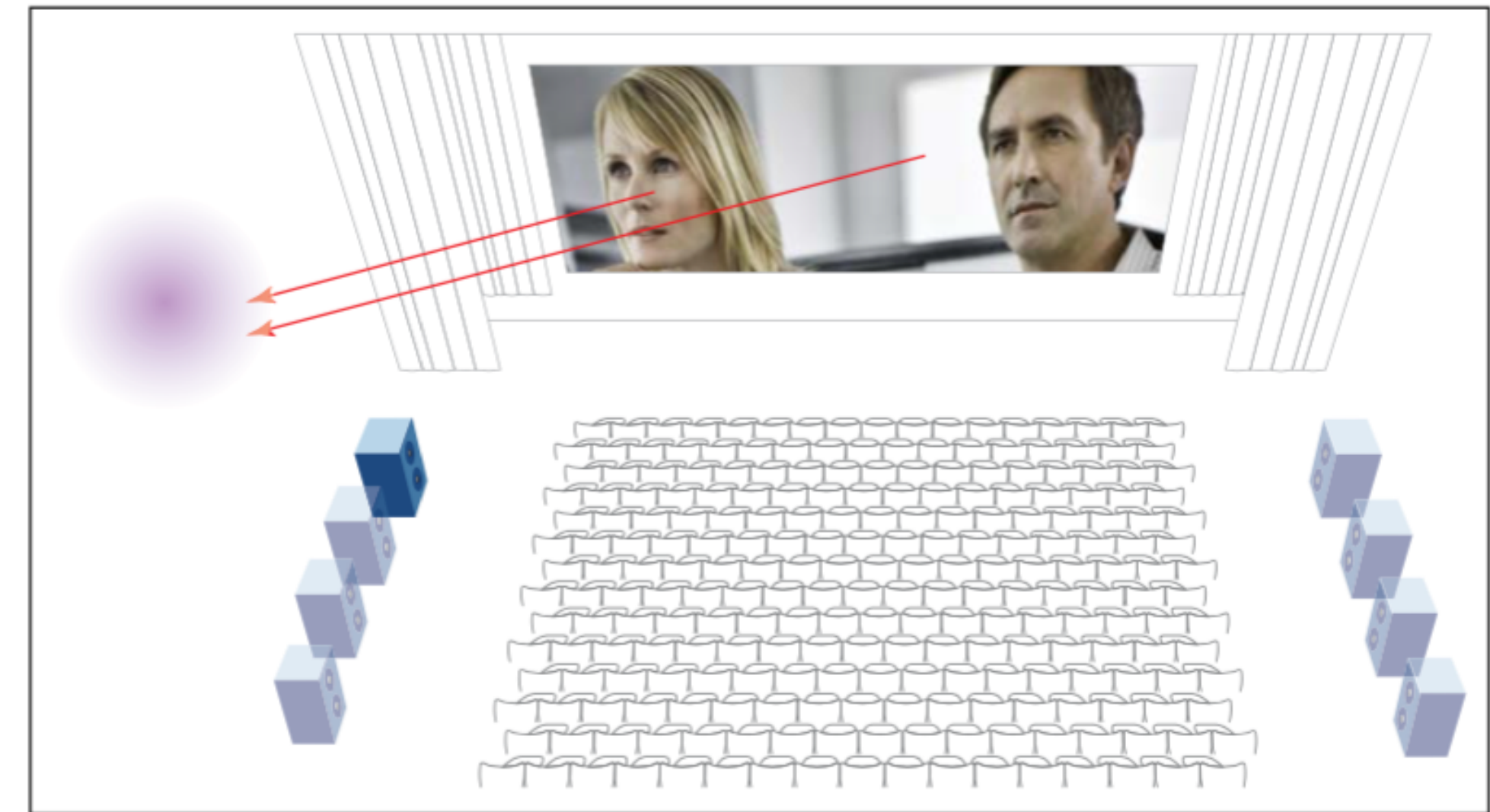
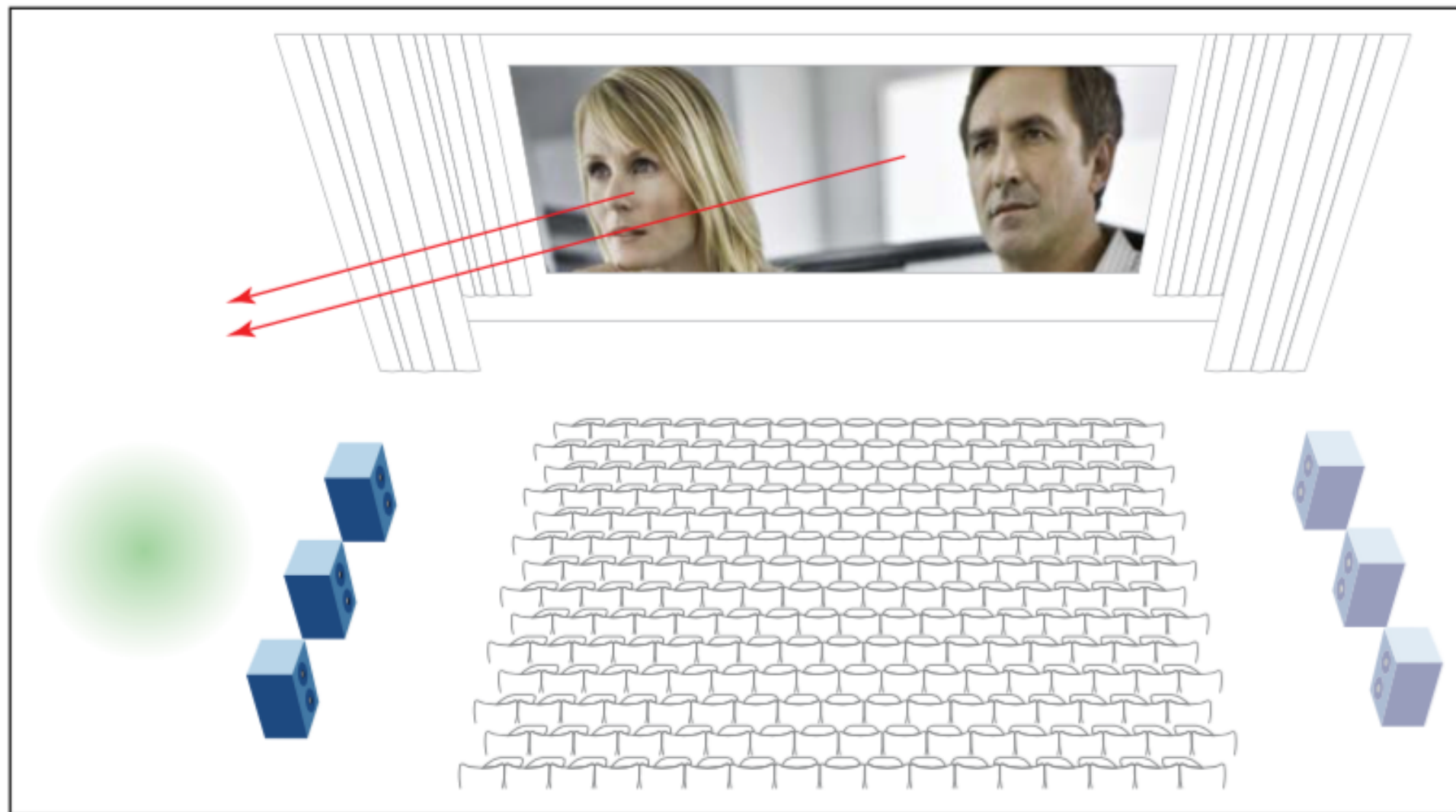


Figure 2.1 Benefits of Increased Surround Resolution for Audio/Visual Coherence

**Audio Objects:**  
sound elements (individuals or groups) that share the same physical position in the auditorium

- A. They can be static or moving.
- B. Controlled by metadata detailing the location of the sound at any given moment.
- C. When objects are monitored or played in a room, they are rendered based on positional metadata using the speakers present, rather than necessarily being output over a physical channel.



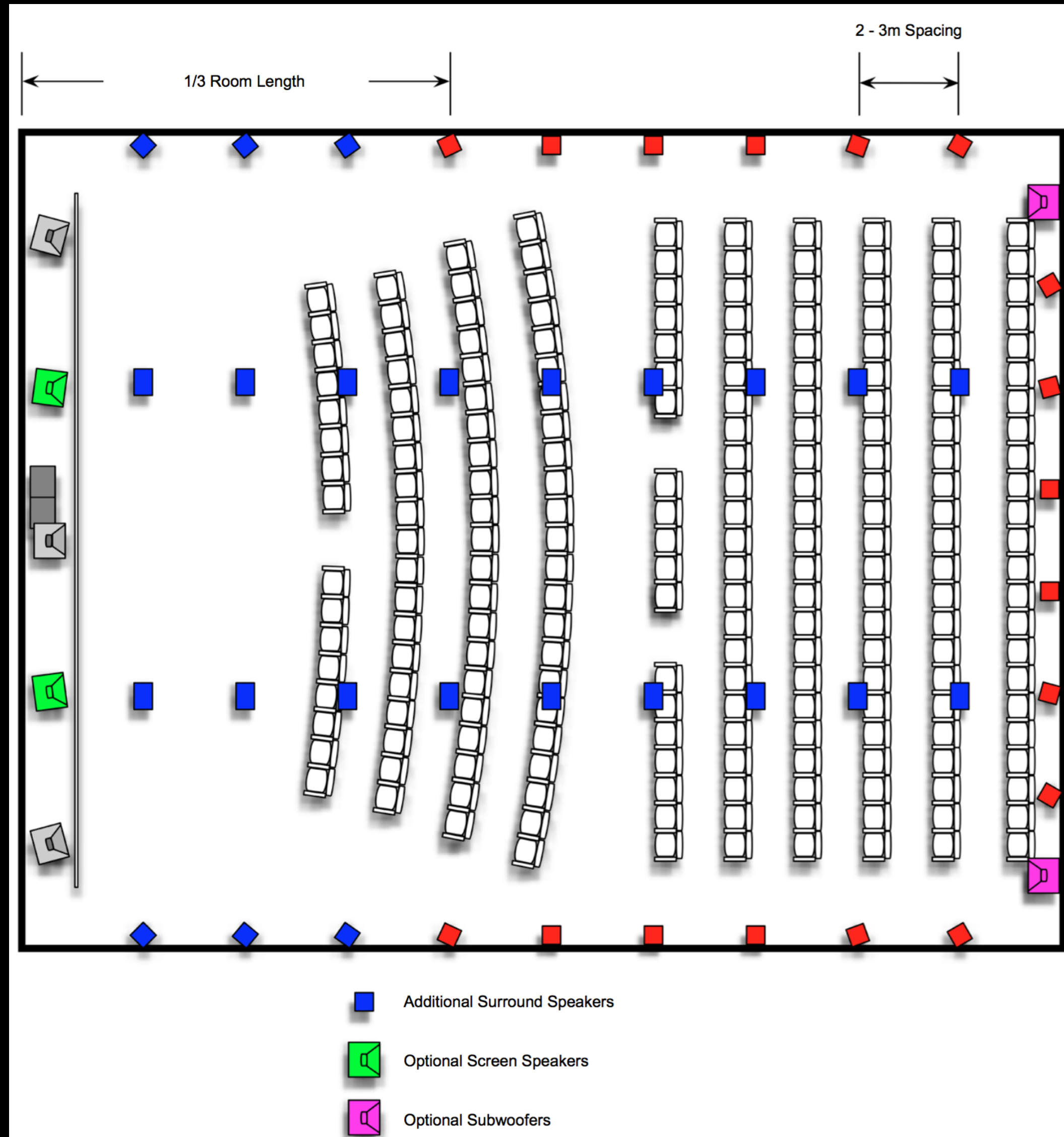


Figure 5.1 Recommended Speaker Locations

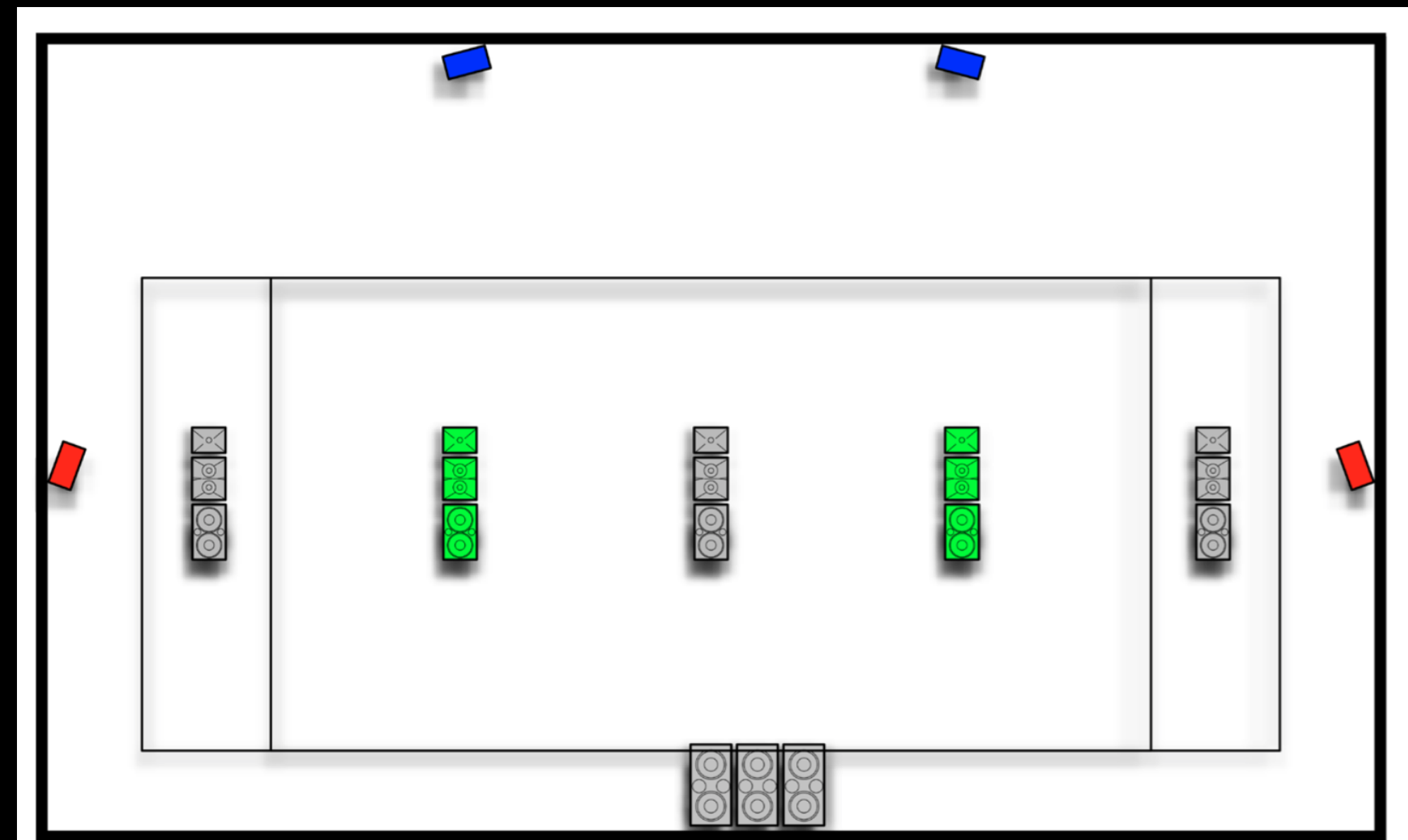


Figure 5.2 Recommended Speaker Locations (Screen, Side Surrounds, and Top Surrounds)

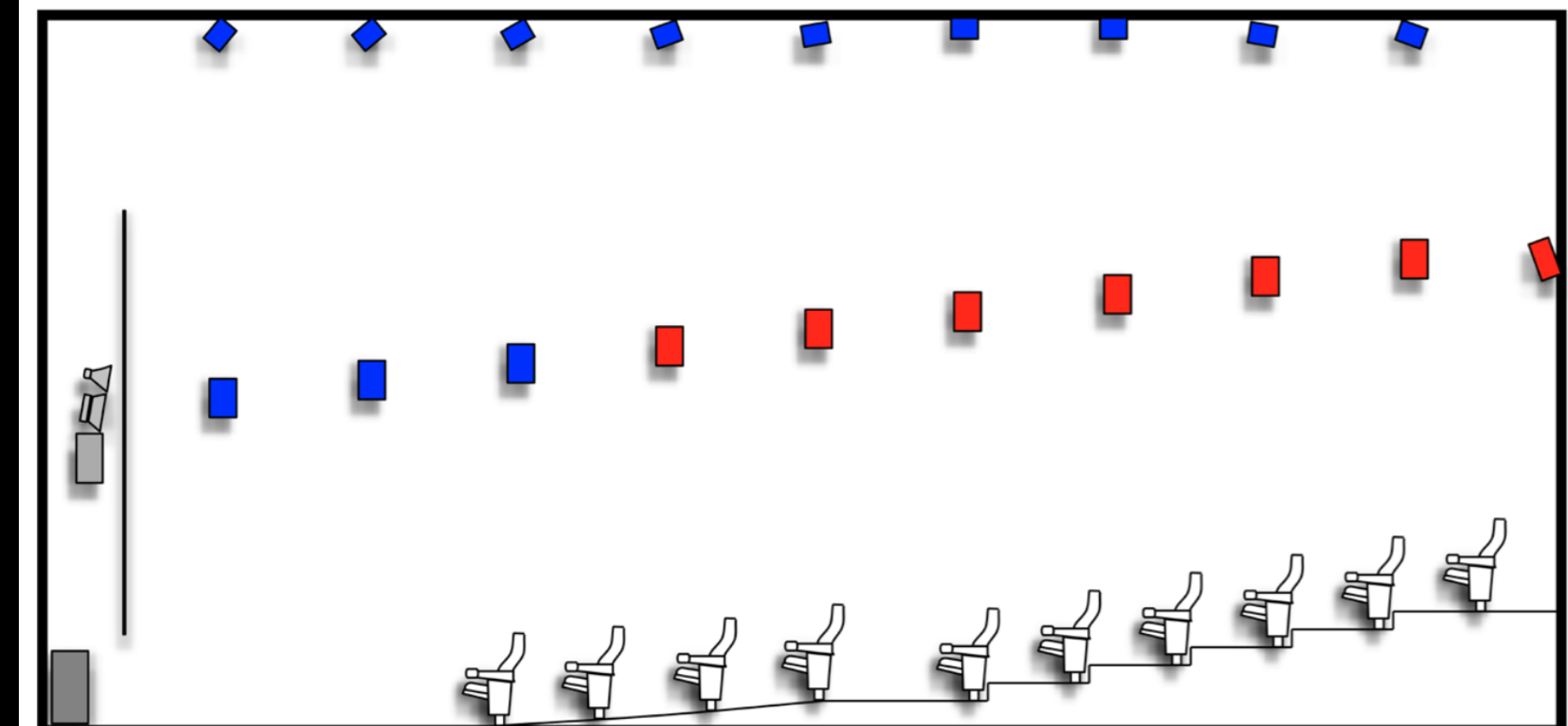
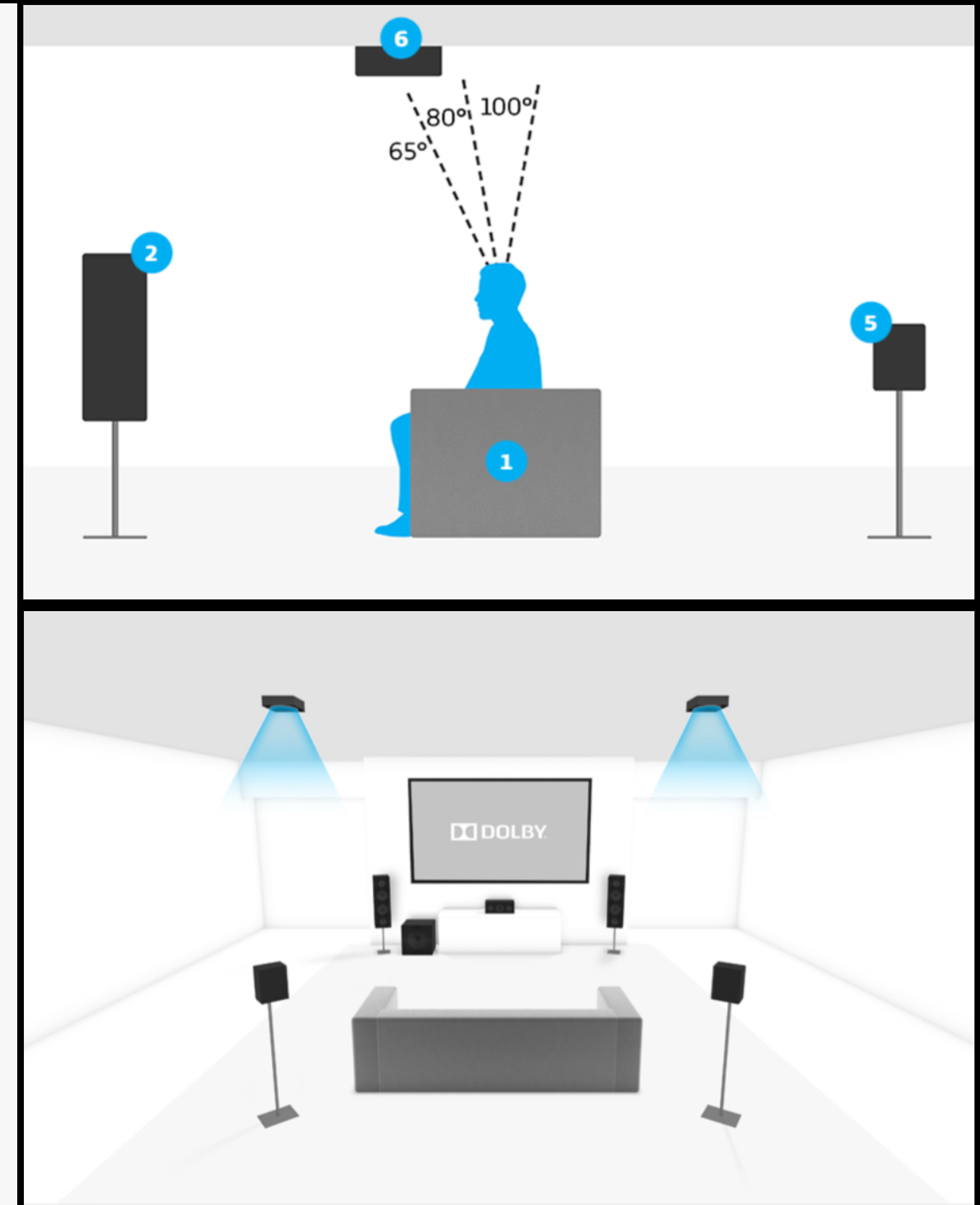
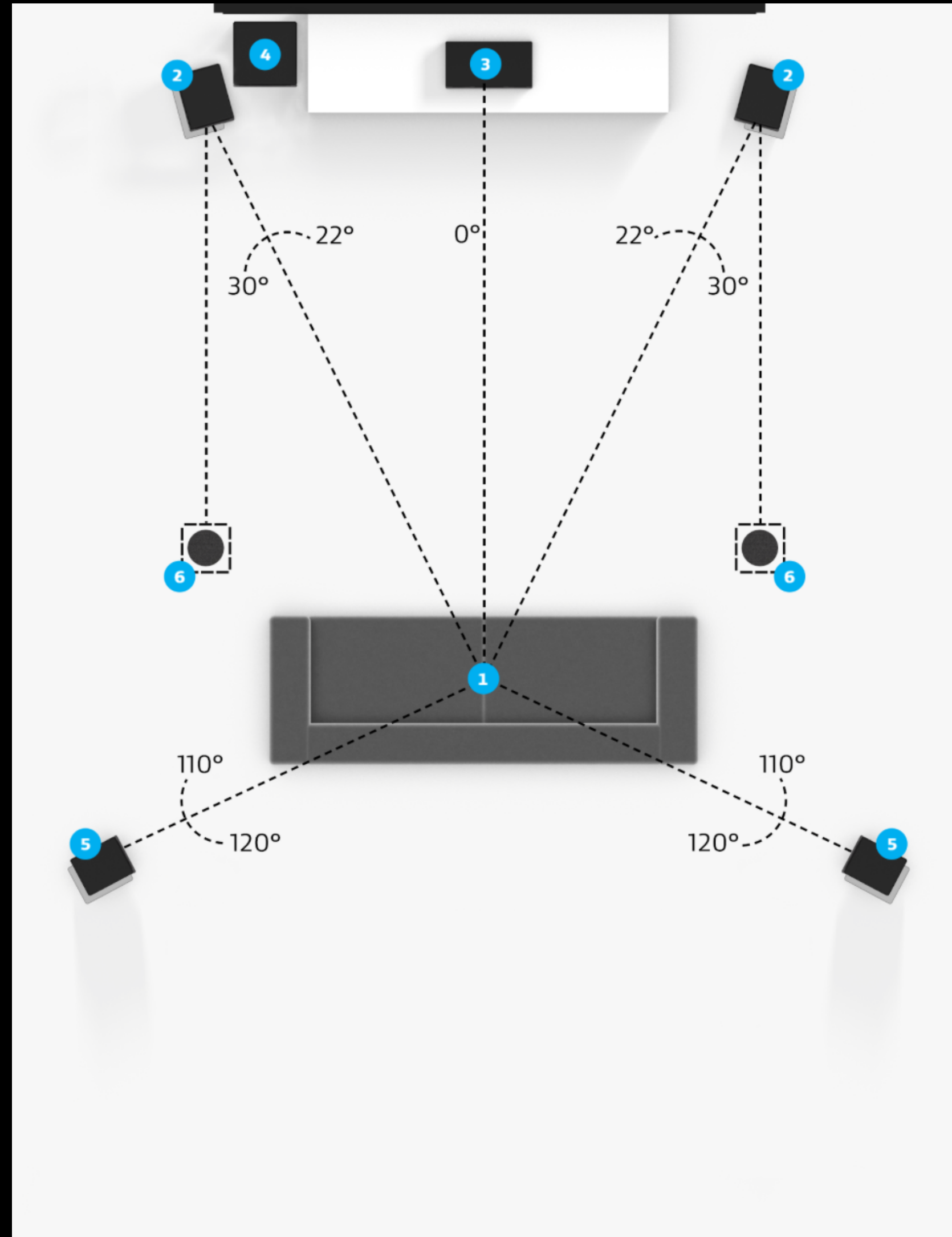


Figure 5.3 Recommended Side Wall and Ceiling Speaker Locations

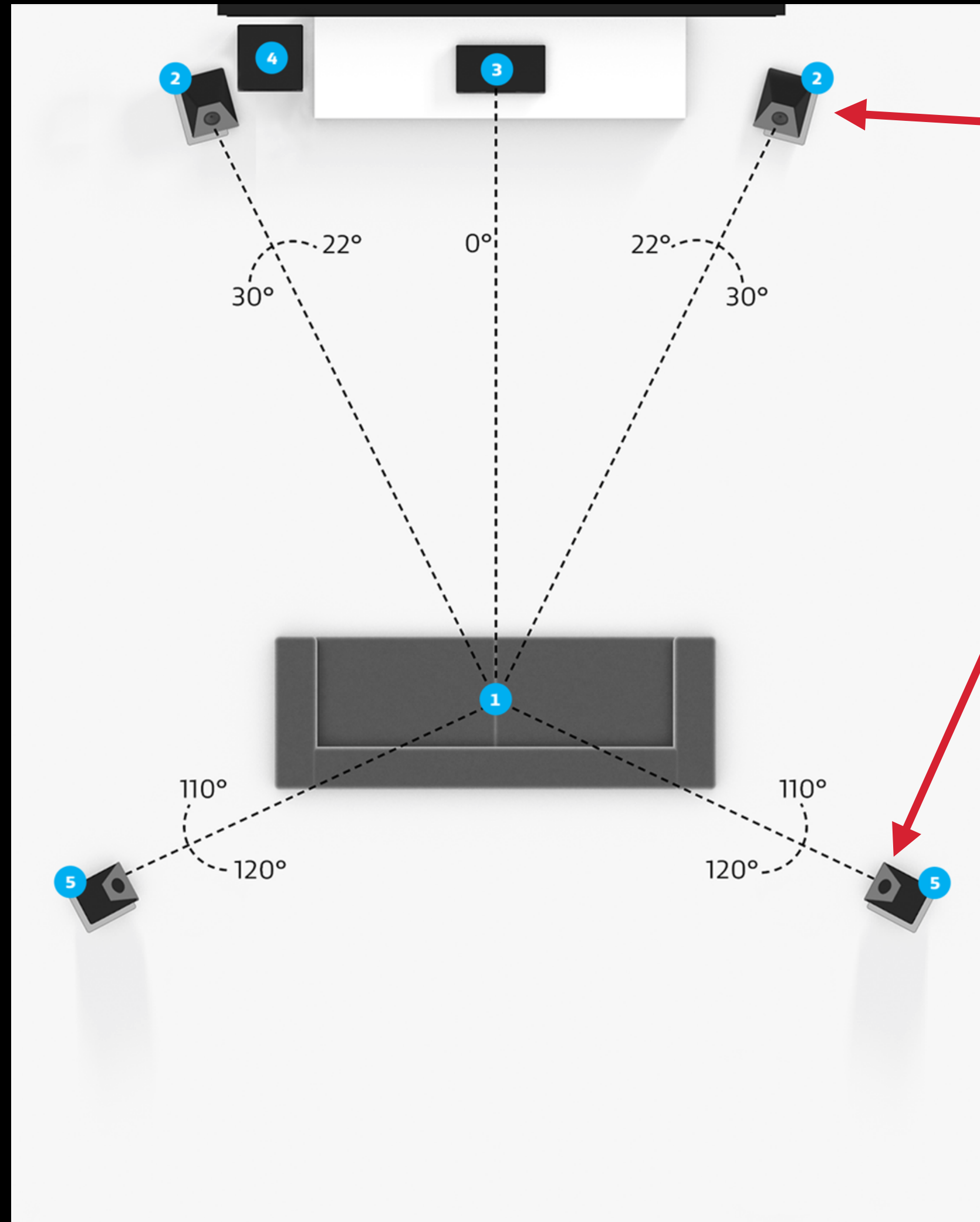


# Home Theater 5.1.2 down-firing





# Home Theater 5.1.4 up-firing



Atmos enabled surround  
speakers (up-firing)

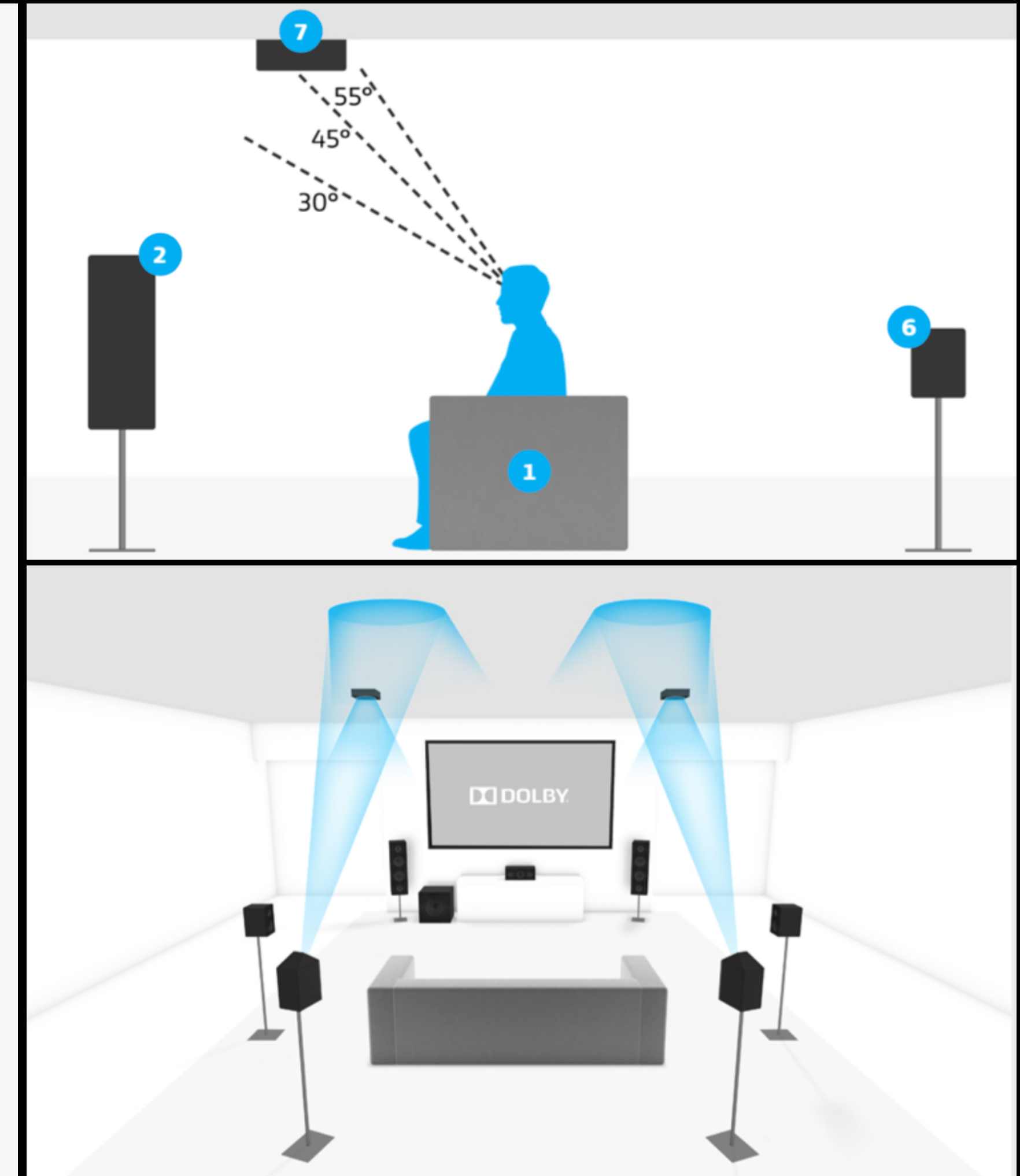
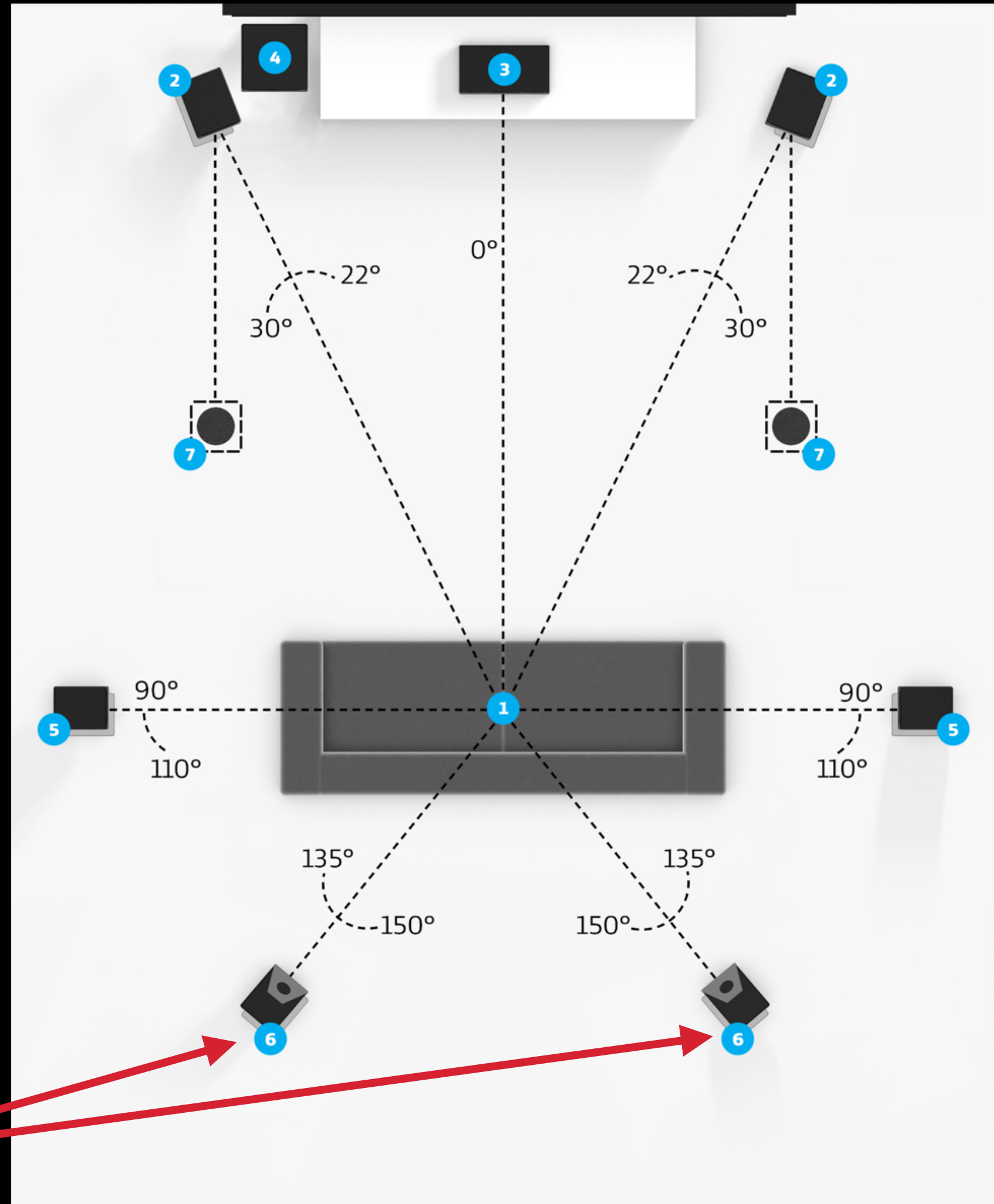




# Home Theater 7.1.4 Hybrid overhead

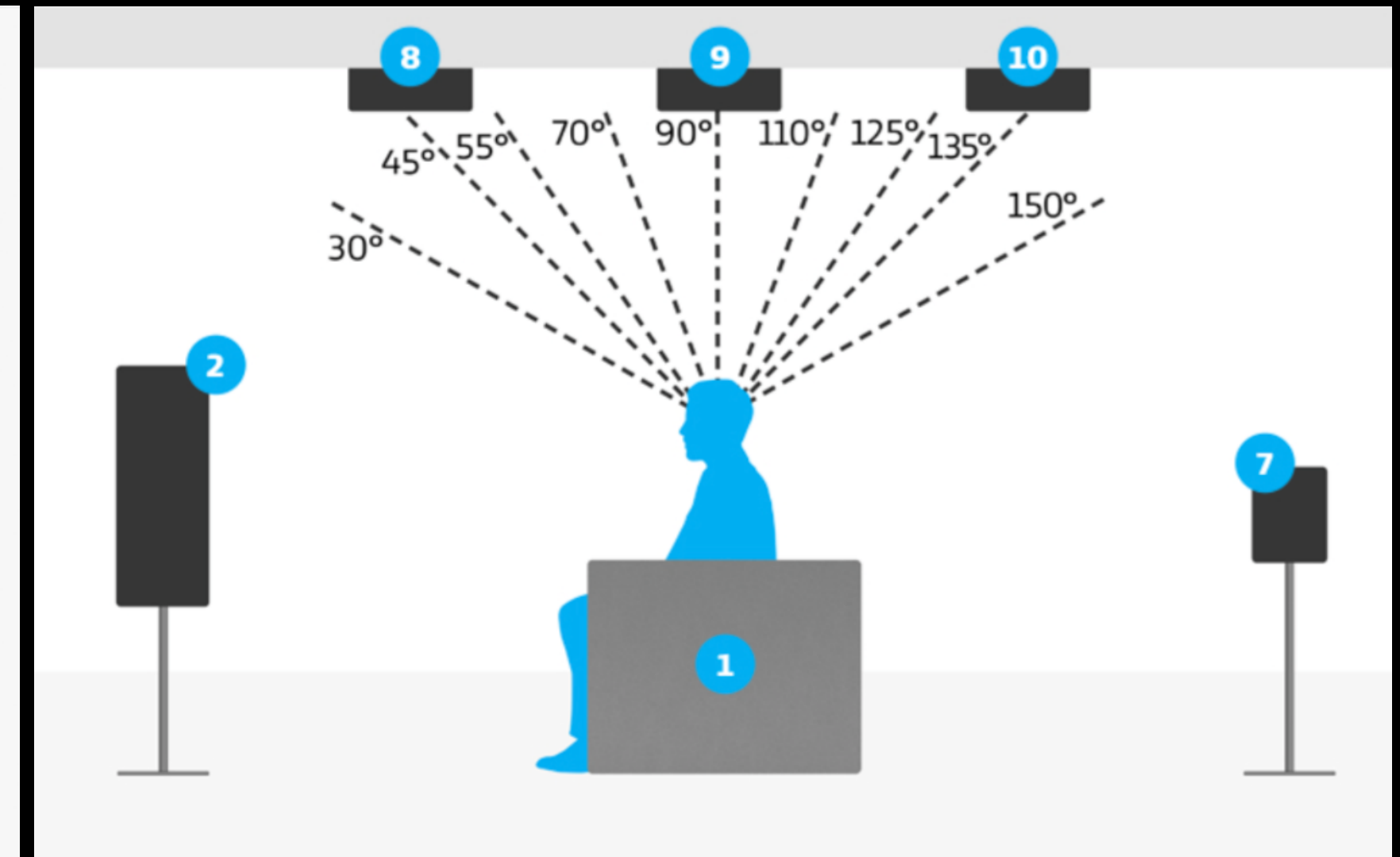
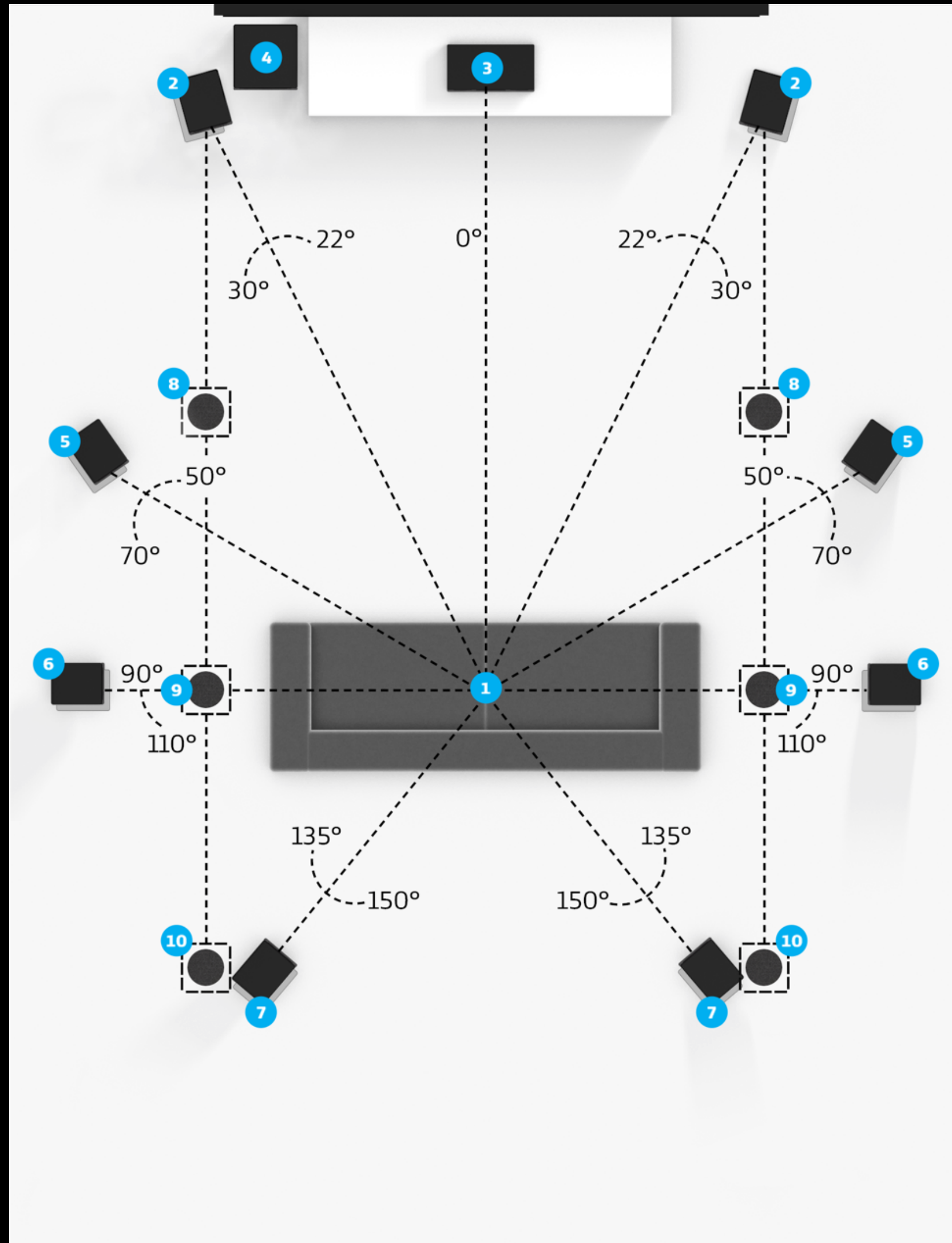
front down-firing  
back up-firing

Atmos enabled  
surround speakers  
(up-firing)





# Home Theater 9.1.6 down-firing





# How to listen in Dolby Atmos?





- 1. Discrete Channel Audio System**  
7.1.4<sup>+</sup>
- 2. Headphones**  
(mobile phones, computers Atmos ready)
- 3. Soundbars**
- 4. Automotive**





# Dolby Atmos Technical Guidelines



# **1. Cinema Theatrical** Theatres and Studios

*Certification Programme —> Dolby Consultant for Theatrical*

# **2. Home Entertainment** Home theatres and Studios

*No more certification needed for studios*

*(but a Dolby Consultant can be useful for commissioning...)*

# **3. Music** Home theatres and Studios

*Official Listing for studios —> Dolby Consultant for Music*



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## DARDT

### Dolby Atmos Room Design Tool

*It is an Excel file with macro developed by Dolby to configure a room in Dolby Atmos, there are different types (theatrical Home Entertainment and Music)*

- A. Monitor layout configuration, size, angles and delay quickly represent the layout
- B. SPL configuration and verification
- C. Equipment configuration
- D. Analysis and guideline for optimal reverberation time
- E. Acoustic analysis tool (room modes, boundary induced cancellation Analysis, Room dimensions ratio analysis)

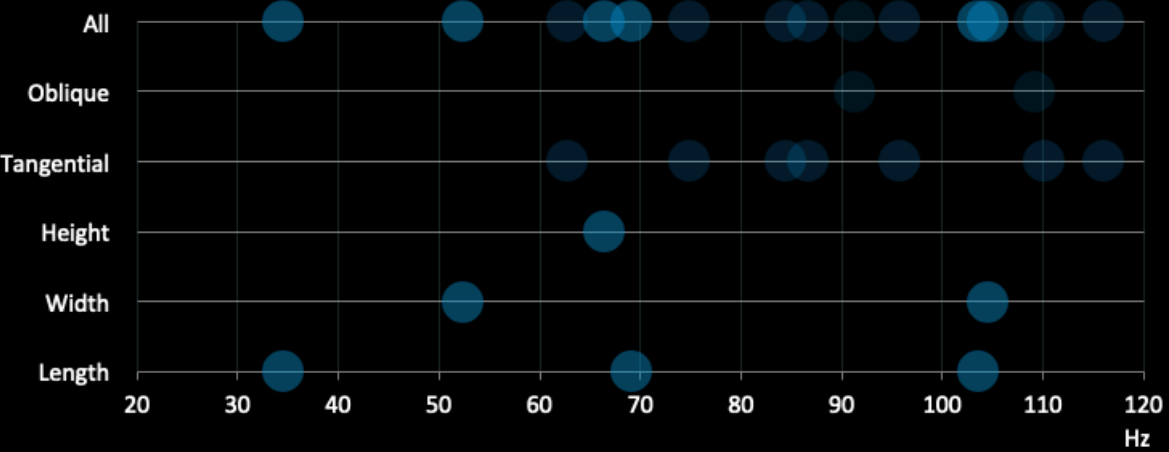


Theoretical Room Modes Help

Plot of quantity, density and frequency points.

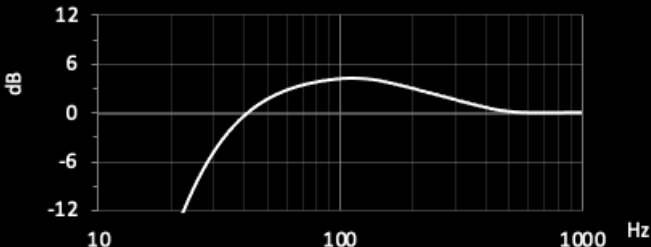
Theoretical room modes along each of the highlighted room dimensions.

Plot refers to the room dimensions entered and the subsequent room ratios.  
Rectangular shaped box assumed.

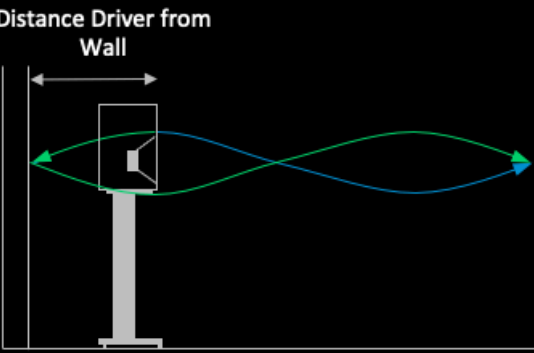
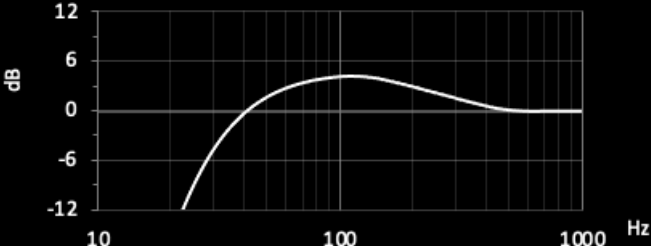


Boundary Induced Cancellation Calculation Analysis and Discussion Help

Speaker Label	
Speaker LF Cut-Off/Bass Management Frequency	40 Hz
Distance Speaker Driver from Wall (m)	



Speaker Label	
Speaker LF Cut-Off/Bass Management Frequency	40 Hz
Distance Speaker Driver from Wall (m)	



Axial Modes along Room Length Help

Please ensure bass management subwoofers, client and mix position are positioned away from dominant room mode positions

Distance	1,9
Mix Position - Front Wall (m)	

1st Mode	35 Hz
2nd Mode	69 Hz
3rd Mode	104 Hz
4th Mode	138 Hz



Axial Modes along Room Width	
1st Mode	52 Hz
2nd Mode	105 Hz
3rd Mode	157 Hz
4th Mode	209 Hz

Room Dimension Ratio Analysis Help

The size and shape of a room determines its modal behaviour. In the case of rectangular rooms certain sets of room dimension ratios have been found to give smoother low frequency response than others. The shaded diagram shows best (light green) and second best (dark green) room ratios for a room of 50 cbm (actual room volume is 43 cbm).

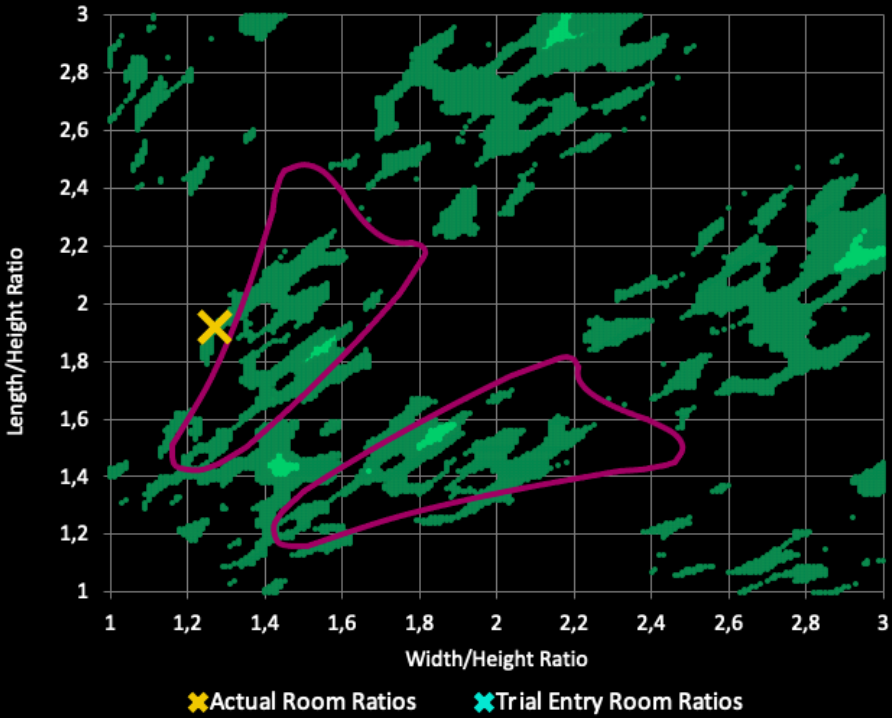
Please use the 'Trial Entry' cells and flip the length and width if the room width exceeds the room length such that the room ratios are off chart.

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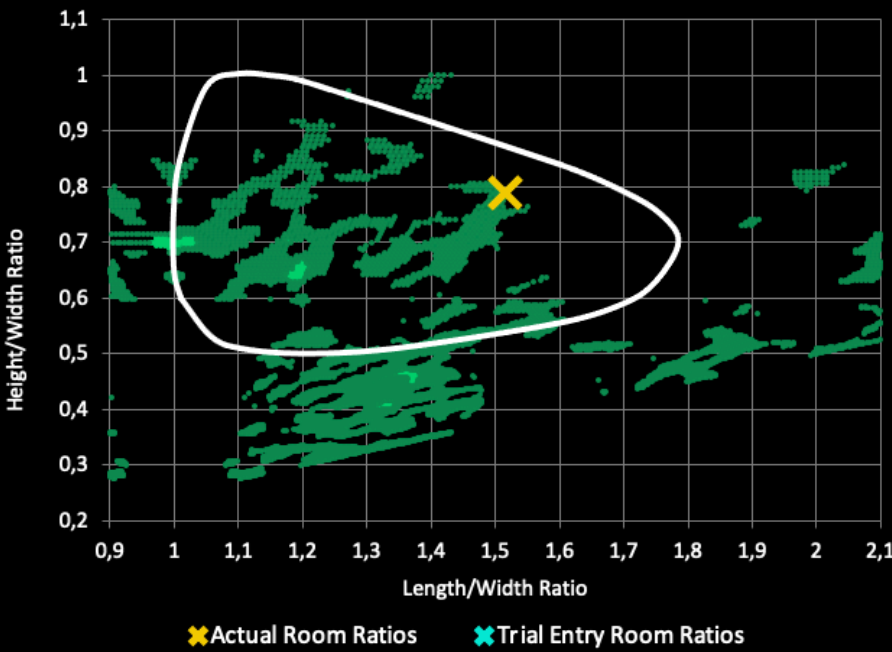
Dimensions copied from Main Section		Trial Entry
Room Length (m)	5,0	
Room Width (m)	3,3	
Room Height (m)	2,6	
Ratio Width/Height	1,27	
Ratio Length/Height	1,92	

☒ Show Bolt Area

Ratio Length/Width	1,52	
Ratio Height/Width	0,79	



Alternative view for hybrid, orthogonal rooms used for theatrical premixing with area of recommended room ratios





# **1. Cinema Theatrical Theatres and Studios**

## **Dolby Atmos Room Design Tool**

- K-Array products available in the next version!



## **2. Home Entertainment**

Home theatres and Studios

## **3. Music**

Home theatres and Studios

## **Dolby Atmos Room Design Tool**

- K-Array products available in the last version!



# Dolby Atmos Home Entertainment Studio

## Speaker Layout Dimensions (m)

Units

metric

Length

8,00

Width

4,00

Height

3,00

Mix Position

2,50

Layout  
Type

Orthogonal

Circular  
Layout

5,0

Calibration  
Level

79 dB

Please do not use Backspace/Delete on data entry cells



Additional  
Speakers



x-y-z Entry

Speaker Positions

Reset

x (m)

y (m)

Height from  
Floor  
(m)

Horizontal  
Angle

Longitud.  
Elevation  
Angle

Lateral  
Elevation  
Angle



Select Mounting Condition



Theatrical Bi-Amped Speakers

Speaker Model

Mounting Condition

Watts

Sensitivity

Untick checkbox for passive speakers

C

2,00

0,00

1,20

0°

0°



L/R

0,56

0,00

1,20

30°

0°



LFE

1 unit

1,28

0,00

0,00



Ls/Rs

0,00

2,85

1,20

100°

0°



Lrs/Rrs

0,00

8,00

1,20

160°

0°



Ltf/Rtf

0,20

0,70

3,00

45°

45°

45°



Ltr/Rtr

0,20

4,30

3,00

135°

45°

45°



JBL 705P  
JBL 708P  
JBL Control 2P  
JBL LSR6325P-1  
JBL LSR6328P  
K-array 1xKV52+KU26/KA68  
K-array 1xKV102+KU210/KA68  
K-array 3xKV52+KU210/KA68  
K-array 1xKK102+KU212/KA68  
K-array 2xKK102+KS2P/KA68  
K-array 2xKP102+KS3P/KA208  
K-array 2xKV52F+KU210/KA68



# Dolby Atmos Music Studio

Units

metric

Speaker Layout Dimensions (m)

Length	Width	Height	Mix Position	Layout Type	Circular Layout
7,00	4,00	3,00	2,50	Orthogonal	5,0

Please do not use Backspace/Delete on data entry cells

Calibration Level

85 dB

Speaker Layout

7.1.4

☒ Additional Speakers

☐ Array Mode

		Speaker Positions						Speaker Model					Watts required		Active Speaker Max Peak SPL		Headroom above Target SPL
		x-y-z Entry						Select Mounting Condition									
		x (m)	y (m)	Height from Floor (m)	Horizontal Angle	Longitud. Elevation Angle	Lateral Elevation Angle	Theatrical Bi-Amped Speakers									
								Mounting Condition									
						Untick checkbox for passive speakers											
C		1 unit	2,00	0,00	1,20	0°	0°	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	K-array KK52/KA68 150Hz BM		Against/in wall				120,0 dB	3,0 dB	
L/R			0,56	0,00	1,20	30°	0°	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	K-array KK52/KA68 150Hz BM		Against/in wall				120,0 dB	1,8 dB	
LFE			1,28	0,00	0,00			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	K-array KS1P/KA208		On floor or against wall				137,0 dB	7,1 dB	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lw/Rw																
Ls/Rs			0,00	2,85	1,20	100°	0°	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	K-array KK52/KA68 150Hz BM		Against/in wall				120,0 dB	7,8 dB	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lrs/Rrs		0,00	7,00	1,20	156°	0°	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	K-array KK52/KA68 150Hz BM		Against/in wall				120,0 dB	0,2 dB	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lfh/Rfh																
	Ltf/Rtf		0,20	0,70	3,00	45°	45°	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	K-array KK52/KA68 150Hz BM		Against/in ceiling				120,0 dB	4,1 dB	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ltm/Rtm																
	Ltr/Rtr		0,20	4,30	3,00	135°	45°	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	K-array KK52/KA68 150Hz BM		Against/in ceiling				120,0 dB	4,1 dB	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lrh/Rrh																
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sub BM																



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## Dolby Atmos Music Studio

### General Requirements

1. Room Dimensions
2. Room Acoustic characteristics
3. Audio System (7.1.4 +)  
*(with precise aiming)*
4. Audio System SPL > 85 dB(C)  
*(+20 dB headroom!!!)*
5. Calibration system for commissioning
6. Dolby software authoring tools  
DAPS / DAMS

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to ensure listening compatibility between different studios, it is advisable to calibrate the Atmos Music studios by following a specific approach in terms of SPL and response curve - which will in any case give operational flexibility.



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## 1. Room Dimensions

- A. Minimum layout height 2.4 m
- B. Minimum layout width 3 m
- C. Minimum layout length 3.5 m
- D. Minimum recommended volume  $> 50 \text{ m}^3$
- E. Listening distance  $\leq 5 \text{ m}$  (recomm.  $\leq 4 \text{ m}$ )

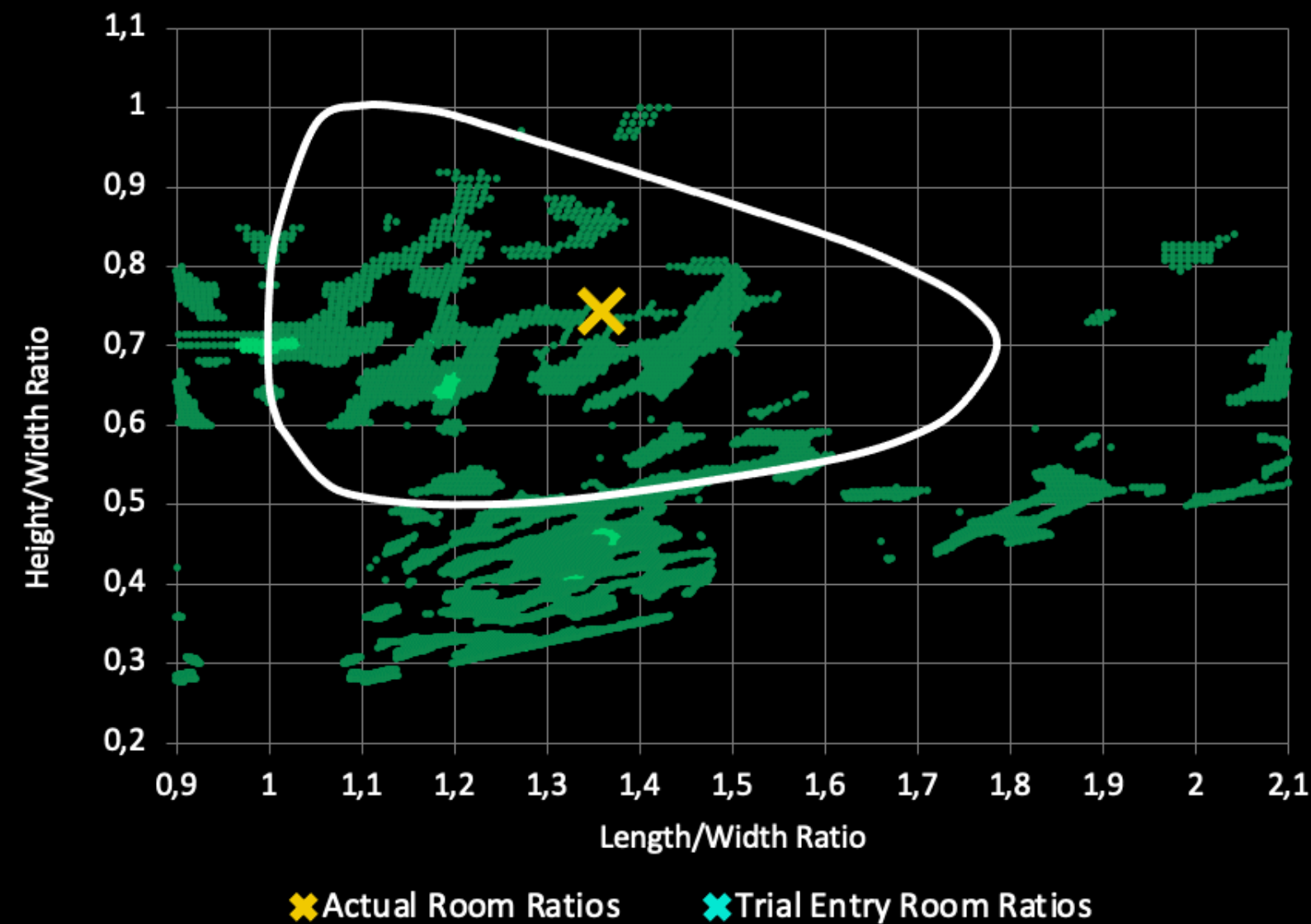


The dimensions refer to the layout of the speakers, not the room !!!

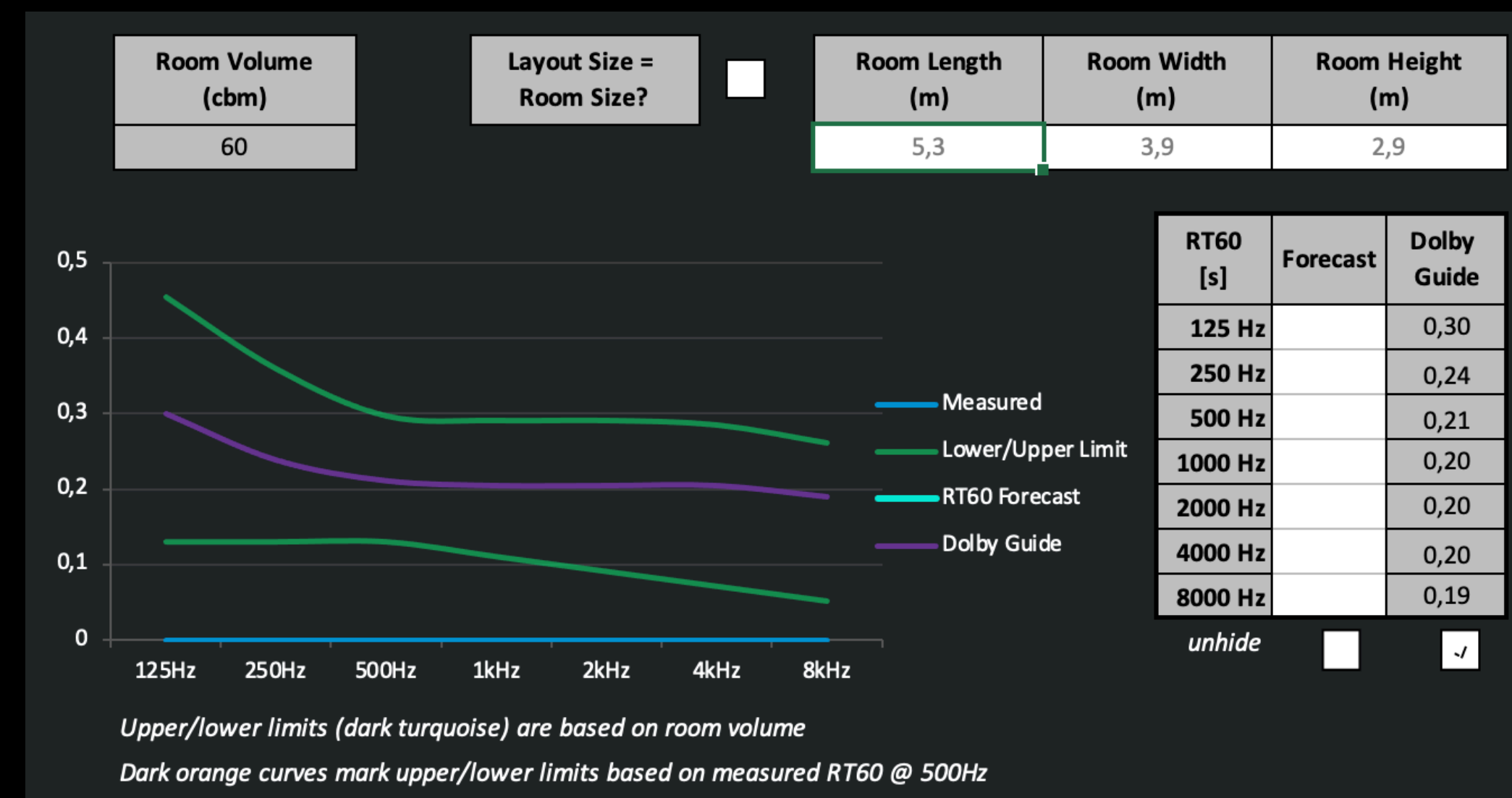


## 2. Room Acoustic characteristics

Alternative view for hybrid, orthogonal rooms used for theatrical premixing with area of recommended room ratios

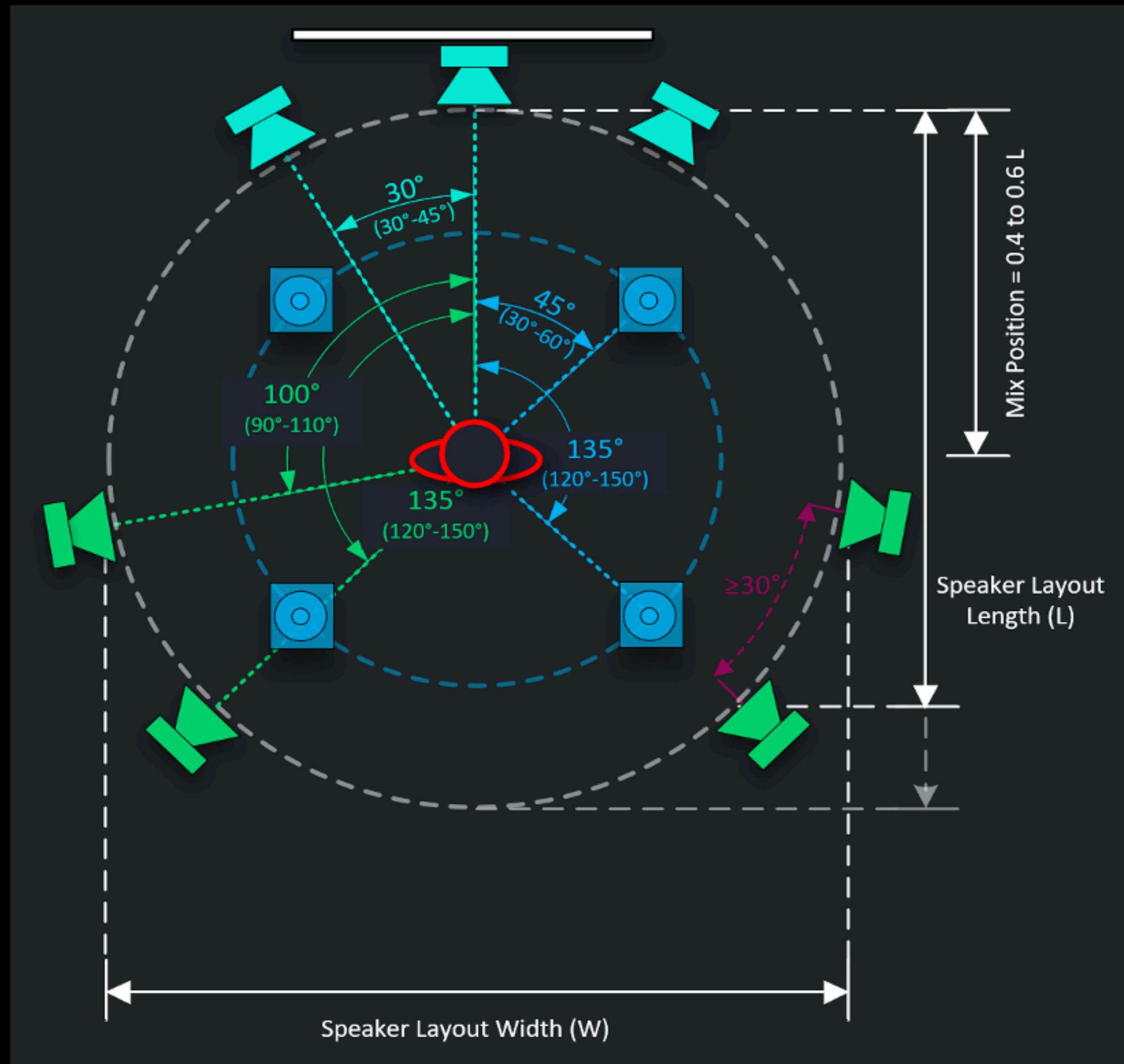


- A. NC25 Background Noise
- B. Controlled first reflections
- C. RT60 in Dolby tolerance (DARDT)
- D. Dimensional ratio within the limits

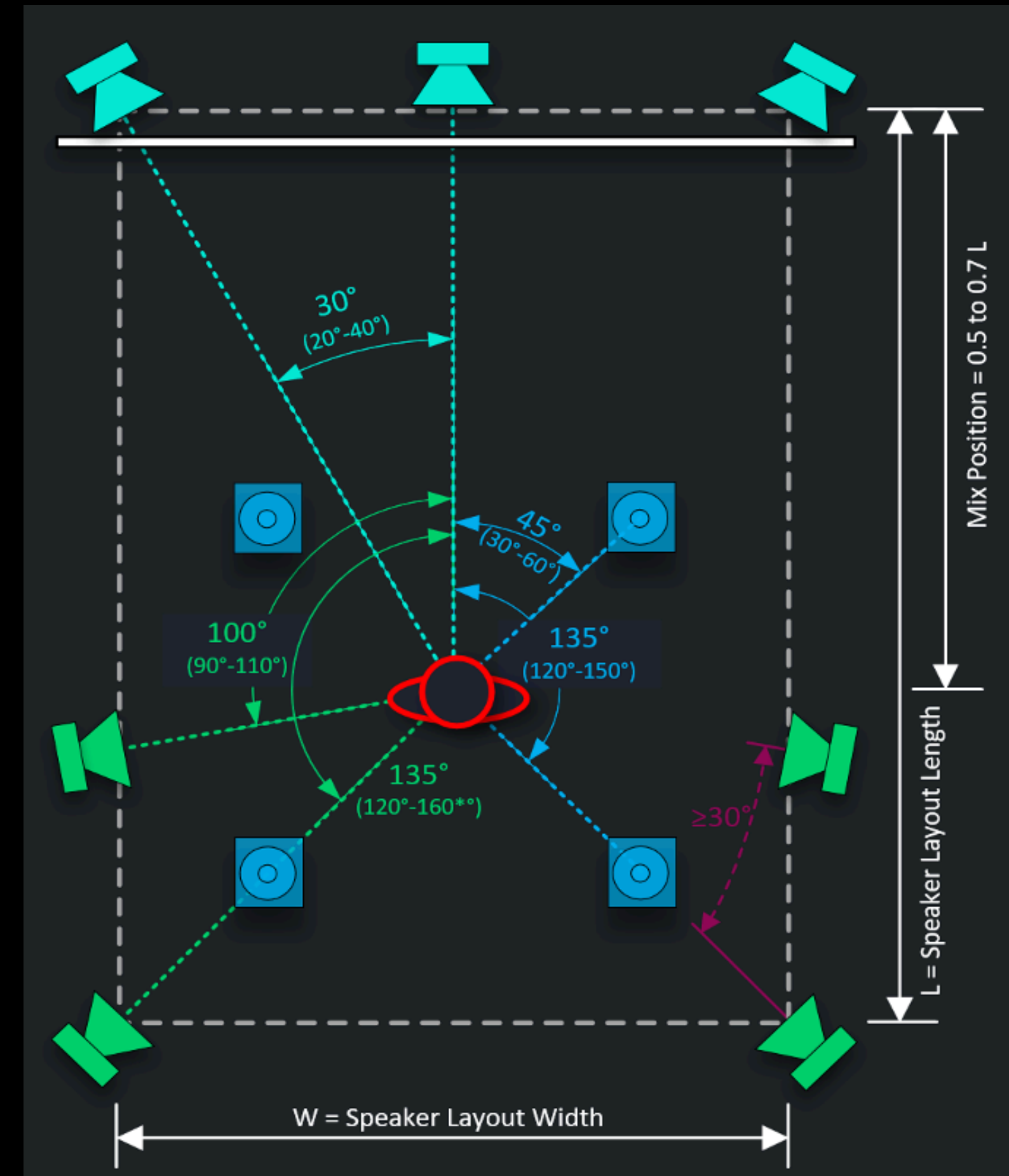




### 3. Audio System (*Precise aiming!*)



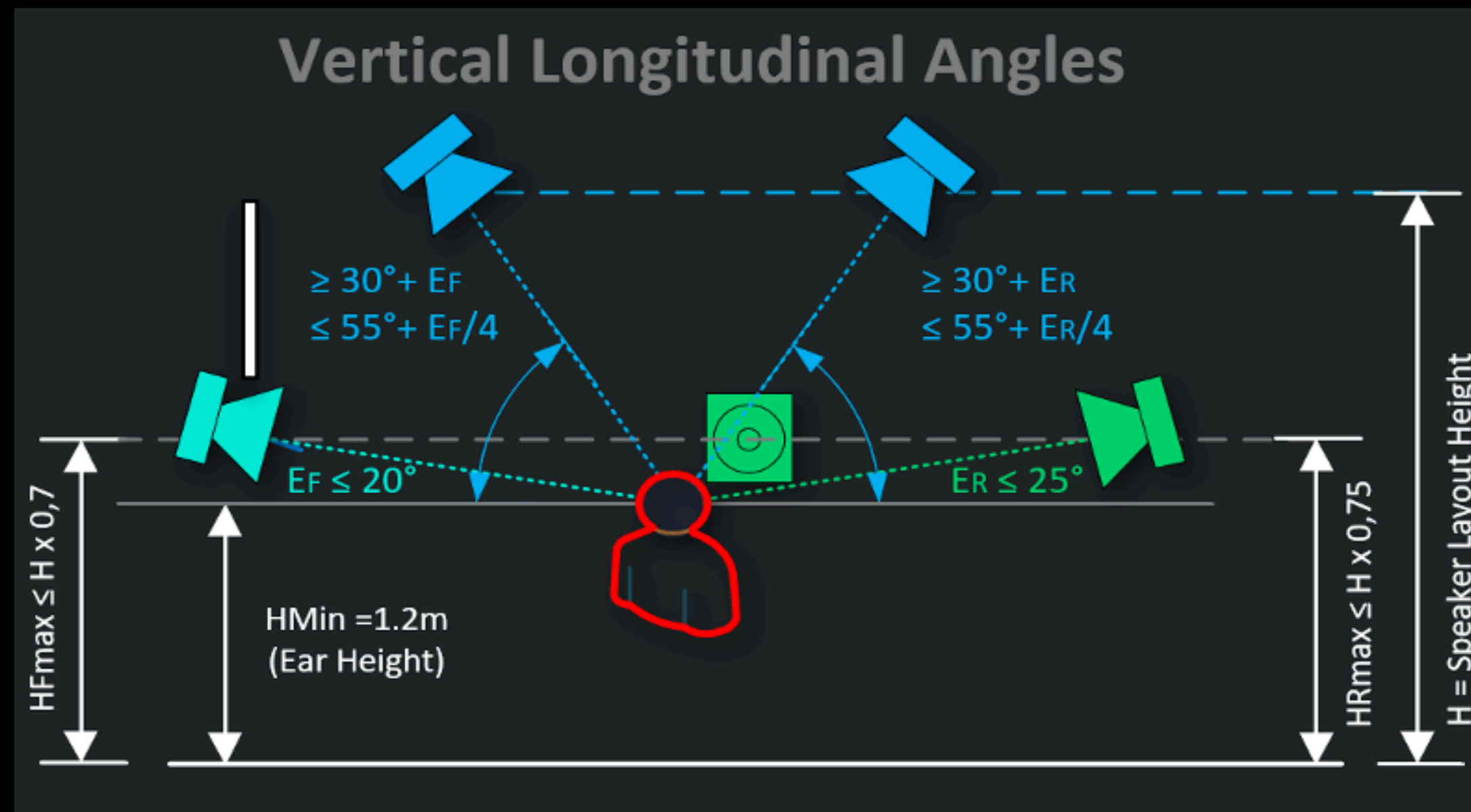
Equidistant Layout



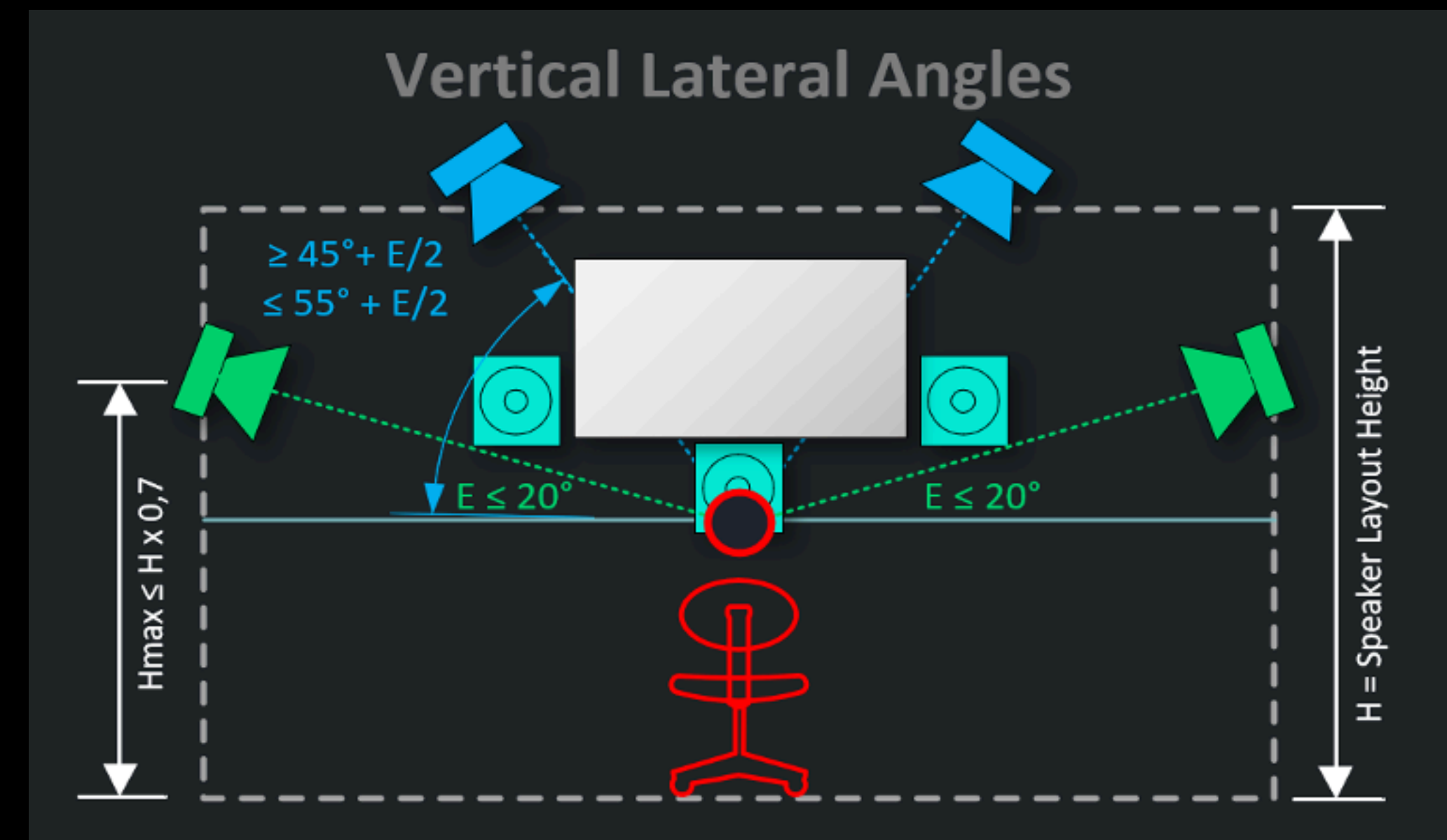
Orthogonal Layout



### 3. Audio System (Elevations)



Side elevation, angles and tolerances



Front Elevation, angles and tolerances



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#### 4. Audio System SPL > 85 dB(C) (+20 dB headroom!!!)

- A. Calibration @ 85 dB(A)  
*+20 dB headroom so 105 dB(C)*
- B. Subwoofer @ +10 dB (SMPTE 202)  
*+20 dB headroom so 115 dB(C)*
- C. If you are using non-fullrange speakers,  
bass management must be used
- D. Speaker compliant (ISO 2969 SMPTE 202)  
(40Hz ÷ 18kHz @ ± 3dB).  
Subwoofer 31.5÷150 Hz
- E. It is recommended that they are all from the  
same manufacturer and properly aligned.
- F. Surround speakers should have a wide  
directivity of at least ± 45 ° from 100Hz to  
10kHz

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Powerful speakers, not small.  
"Important" audio system.



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## 5. Commissioning Audio Calibration System

*It is also important to know for the system there must be a way to calibrate (and fine tune, EQ + Delay) each single speaker. If you use DAMS we can do it with that, but unfortunately DAPS doesn't have equalisers.*

- A. AVID MTRX + SPQ card  
*most used solution*
- B. JBL Intonato
- C. Trinnov MC PRO
- D. Yamaha MMP1
- E. BSS, Symmetrix, etc.



If you have DAMS, there is no need for another calibration system!



## Commissioning

Commissioning	
Verify Room Dimensions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Verify HE RMU is a qualified machine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Set up Renderer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Set Speaker Delays	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confirm Speaker Routing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Polarity Check	<input type="checkbox"/>
Calibrate Speakers (see below)	<input type="checkbox"/>
RTA traces for each loudspeaker as screenshots	<input type="checkbox"/>
Impulse Responses as screenshots and wavs	<input type="checkbox"/>
RT60 Measurements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noise Criteria Measurement (NC) with Screenshot	<input type="checkbox"/>
Headroom Check with Subwoofer limiter on and off	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play known Content	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aspect Ratios 1.33:1/1.77:1/1.85:1/2.39:1 configured	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring Formats set up per studio requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Backup Renderer file	<input type="checkbox"/>
Get photos of the studio, documenting installation and problem areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Document any problems areas in various results (response measurements, photos, settings). Detail any solutions communicated to the client and any further ideas for problem resolution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Train Staff on Use of Qualified Computer Hardware	<input type="checkbox"/>
Train Staff on DAW Integration	<input type="checkbox"/>

Several tasks and measures to be done:

1. 8-channel measurement system: - time alignment (delay) for each monitor and frequency sub-response in 1/3 octave aligned with the target curve -> EQ!  
*(choose the curve you prefer)*
2. Background noise measurement (NC25)
3. Measurement of the impulse response for each individual channel  
*(report RT60 in the DARDT)*
4. DARDT completion
5. Photo and Reports







## Loudspeaker specifications For cinema

1. Screen Speakers response that conforms to ISO 2969:1987/SMPTE ST 202:2010 specifications.  
Two way: 105 dB LF, 101 dB midHi  
Three Way: 105 dB, 101 dB, 98 dB  
Four Way: 105 dB, 101 dB, 98 dB, 92 dB  
F Range: 40Hz to 16kHz, +3/-6dB  
F Response: 80 Hz to 16 kHz,  $\pm 3$  dB
2. SUB SLP +10 dB (compared to Screen)  
Frequency Response: 31.5–120 Hz,  $\pm 3$  dB
2. Surround SPL (each): 99dB, (array): 105dB  
FR: 40Hz to 16kHz, +3/-6dB  
Horizontal Angle, Front Side Surround  $\geq 60^\circ$   
Vertical Angle, Front Side Surround  $\geq 40^\circ$   
Horizontal Angle, Side Surround  $\geq 90^\circ \geq 100^\circ$   
Vertical Coverage, Side Surround  $\geq 50^\circ \pm 10^\circ$   
Front and Rear Top Surround:  $\geq 50^\circ$
3. Top Surround discrete Loudspeaker:  $\geq 100^\circ$   
(vertical and horizontal) – a conical dispersion horn should have a coverage area  $\geq 100^\circ$   
Top Surround paired Loudspeaker:  $\geq 100^\circ$   
(vertical and horizontal) – a conical dispersion horn should have a coverage area  $\geq 80^\circ$



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## Advice for listening

1. Art Blakey – “Close your Eyes”
2. The Beatles – “Oh! Darling” (2019 mix)
3. The Doors – “Riders on the Storm”
4. Jacob Collier – “All I Need”
5. St Vincent – “Pay your Way in Pain”
6. Jack Harlow – “Way Out”
7. Kodak Black – “Feeling Peachy”
8. J. Brahms - Symphony #3 in F major  
(conducted by Ben Gernon / w. London  
Philharmonic Orchestra)
9. Jack Savoretti – “Too much History”
10. Sitrekin – “Open Chest”
11. Ariana Grande – “Dangerous Woman”
12. Kraftwerk – “Tour de France” + “Robots”
13. Rush – “Tom Sawyer”
14. Briston Maroney – “Rollercoaster”
15. Kanye West – “Black Skinhead”
16. Gregory Porter – “Mona Lisa”
17. William Orbit – The Painter
18. Porcupine Tree – Closure/Continuation
19. The Mars Volta – The Mars Volta
20. Yeah Yeah Yeahs – Cool it down
21. Jean Michel Jarre – next album





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