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# Building Collaborative AR Experiences

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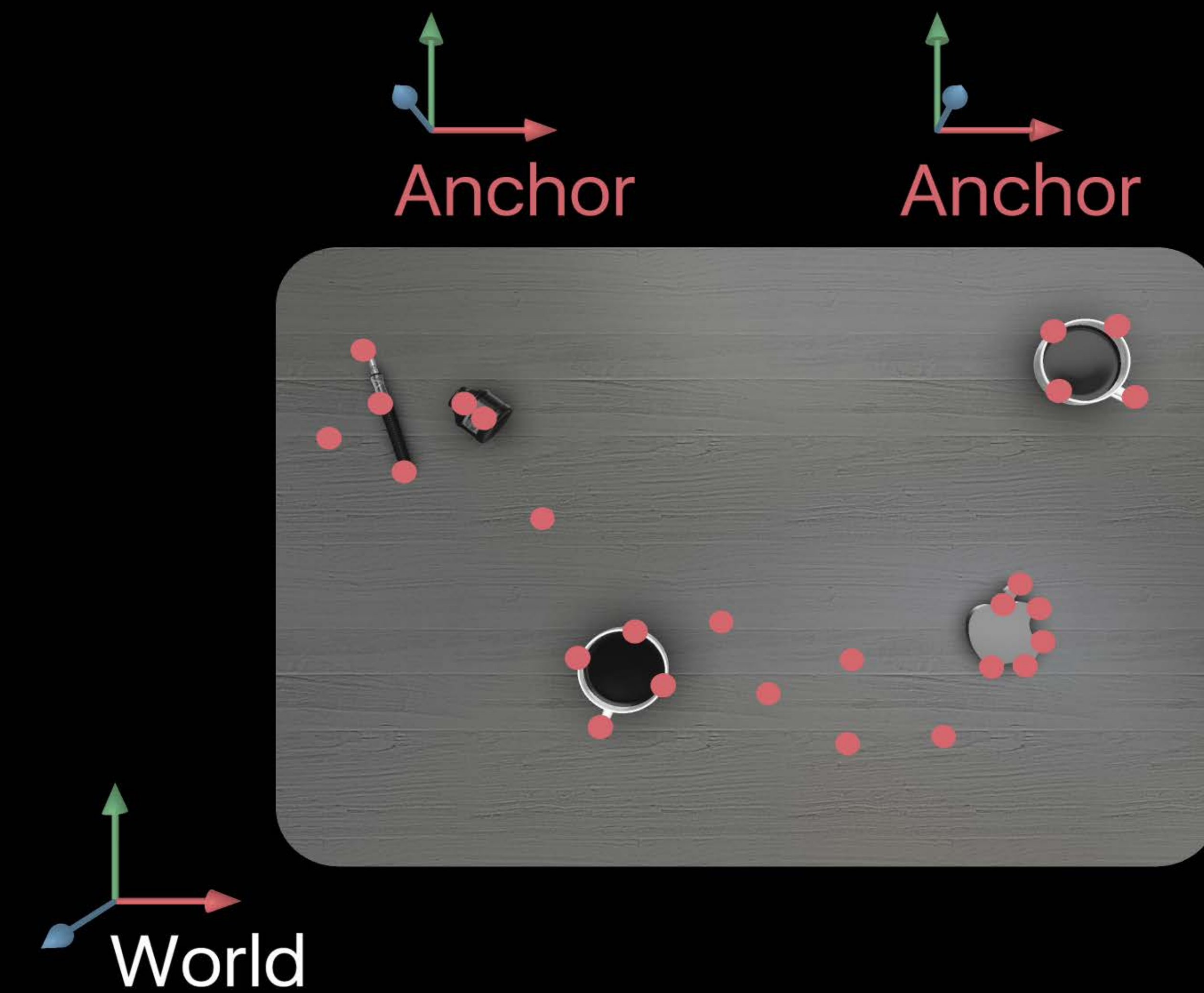
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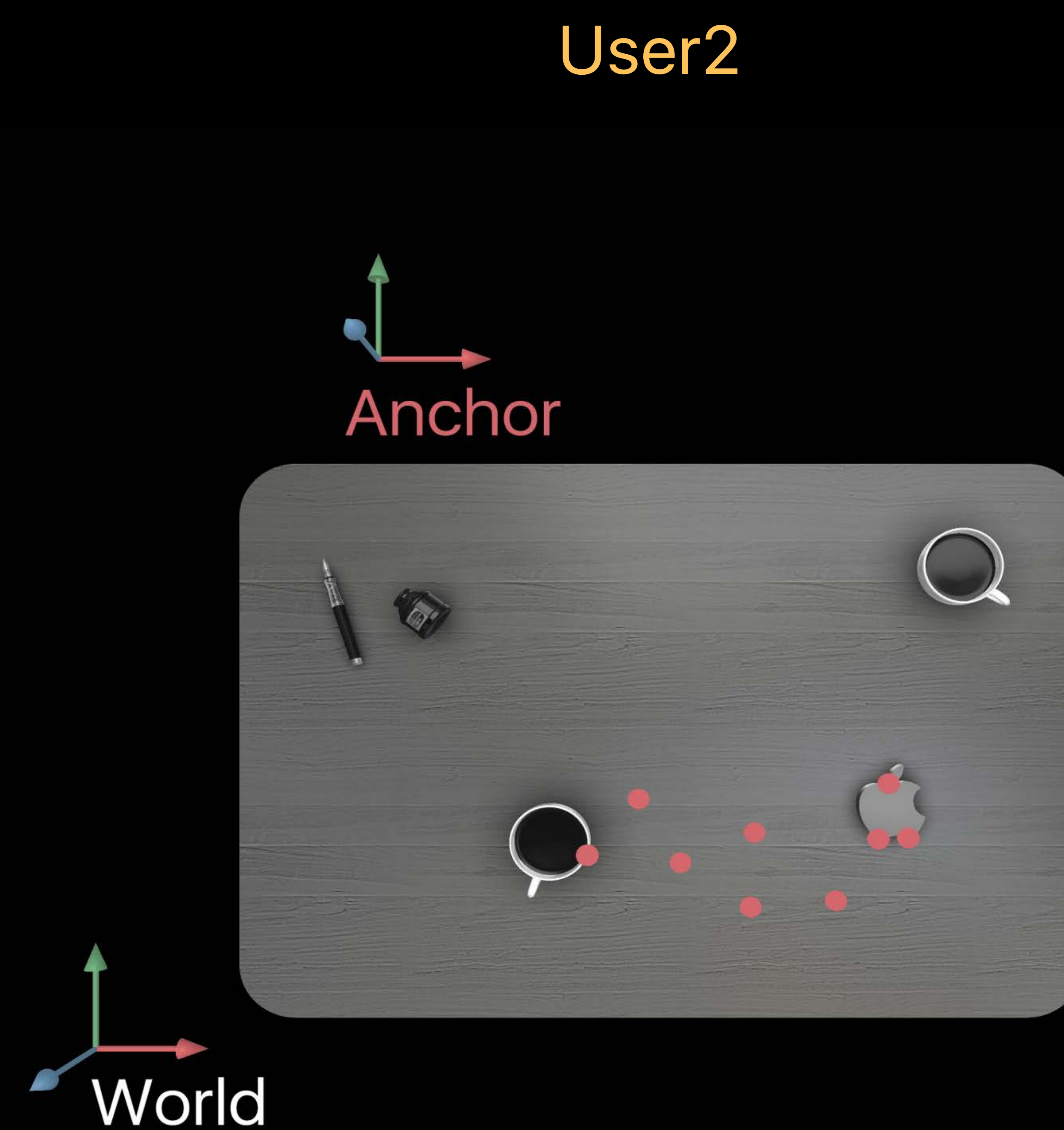
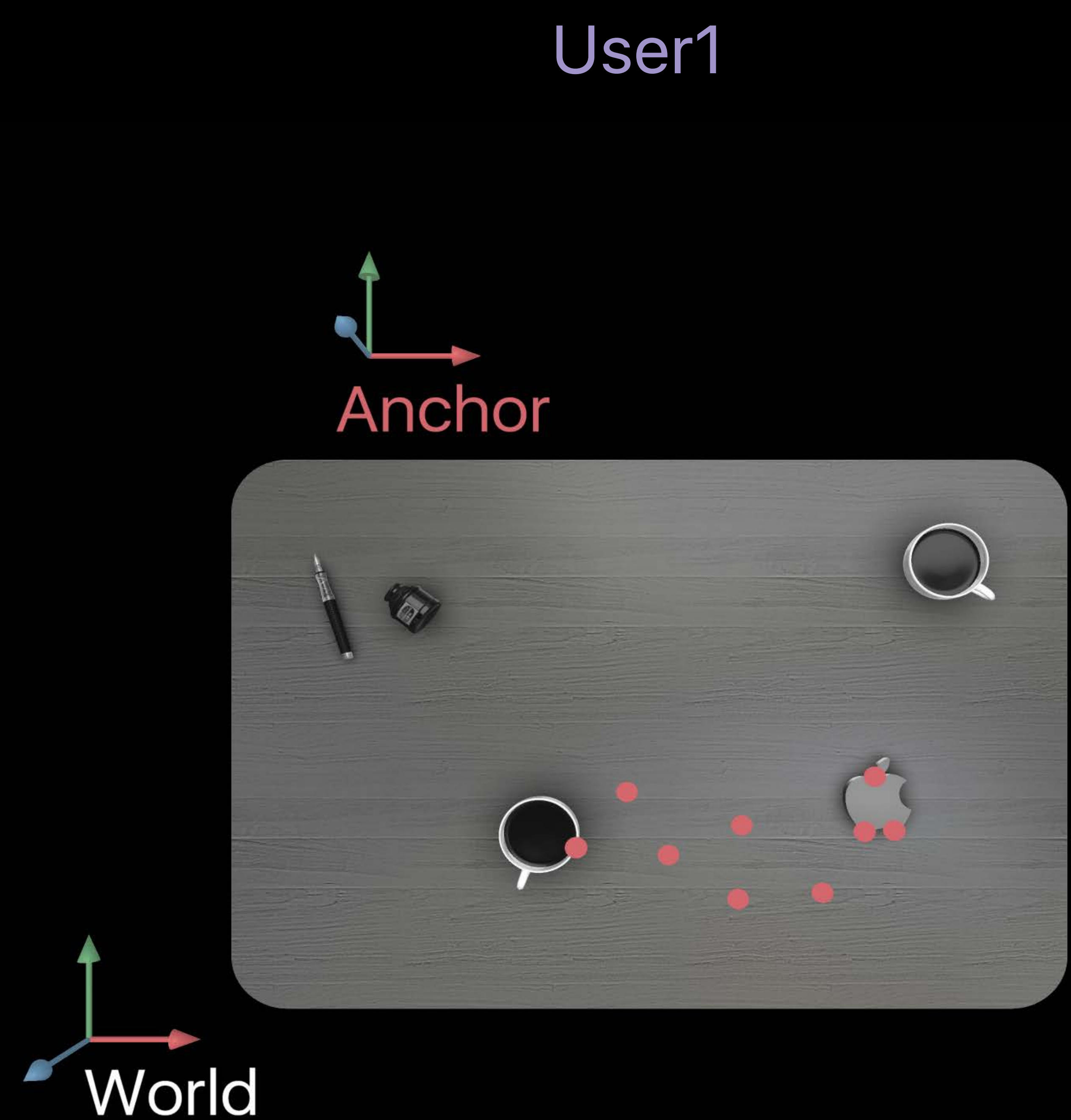
### ARWorldMap data

- Map of sparse 3D landmarks
- List of named ARAnchors



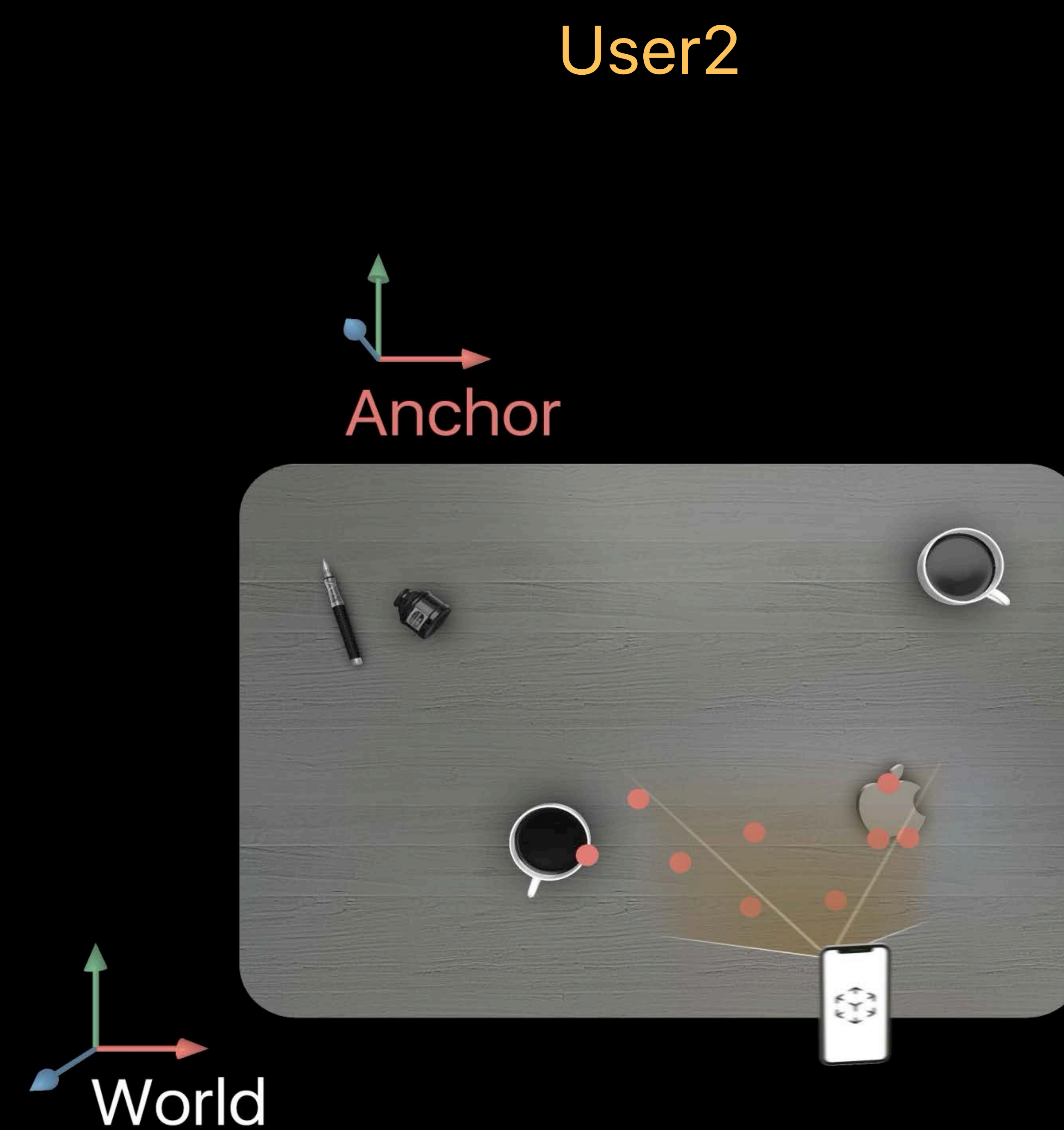
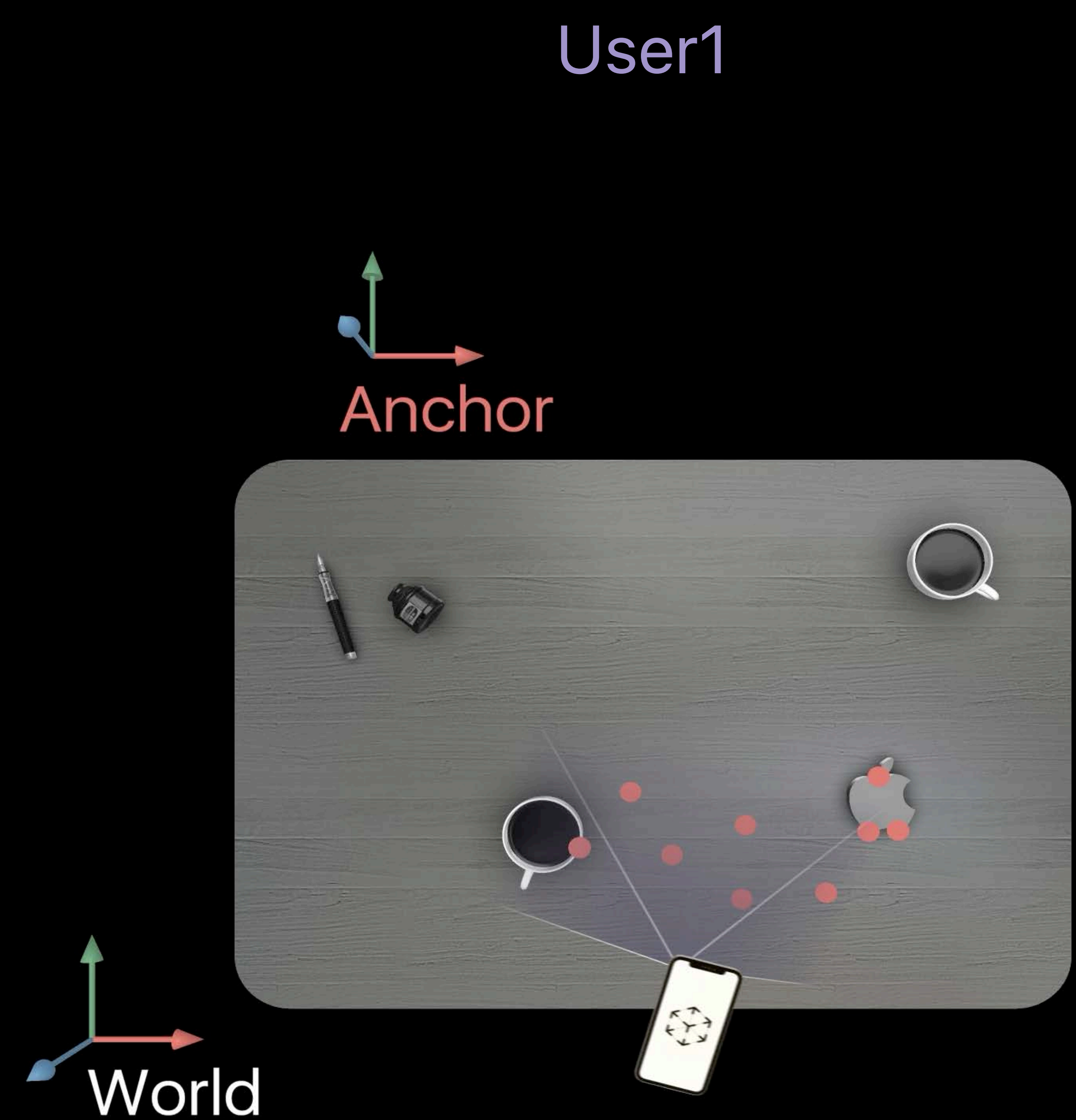
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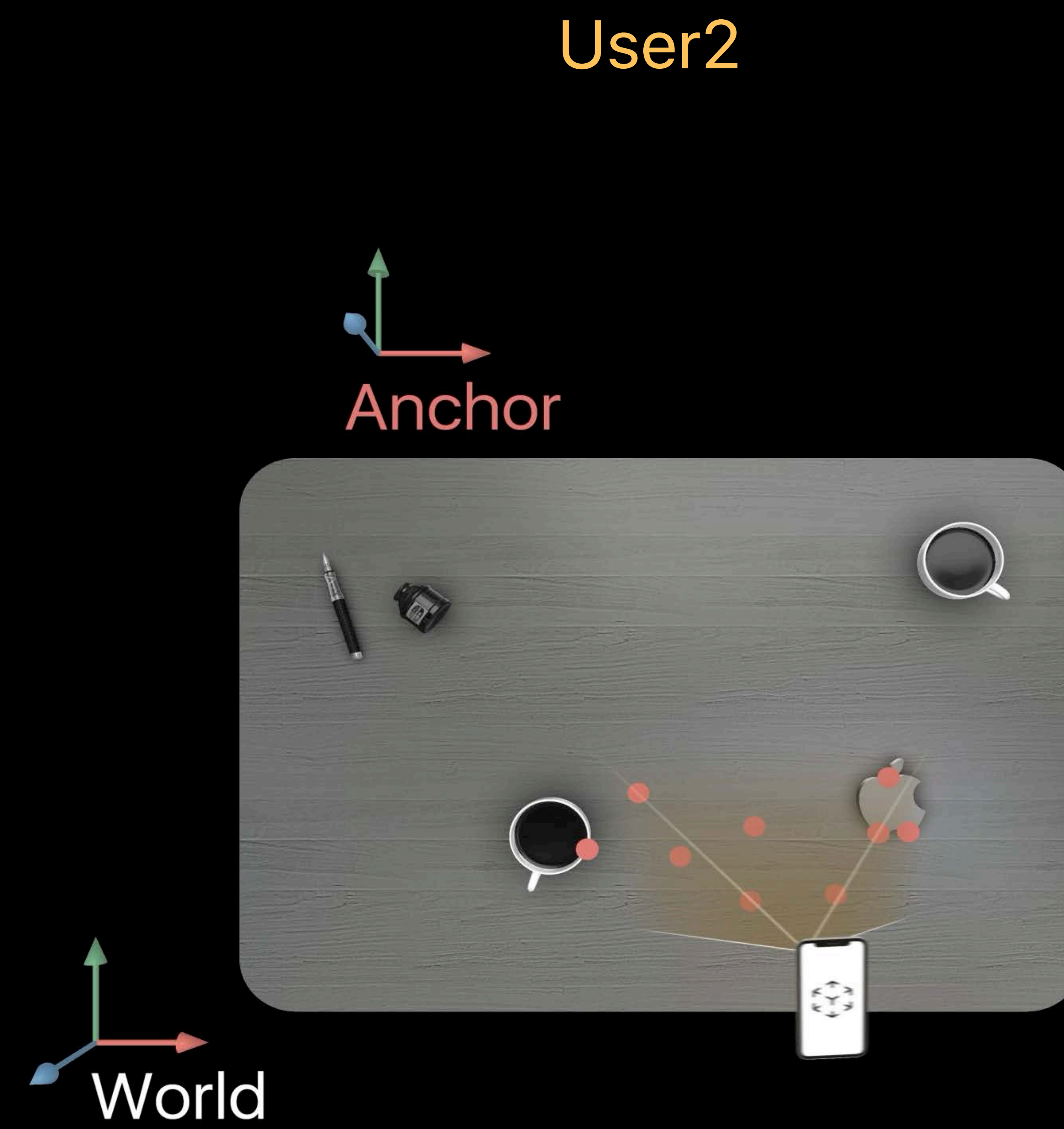
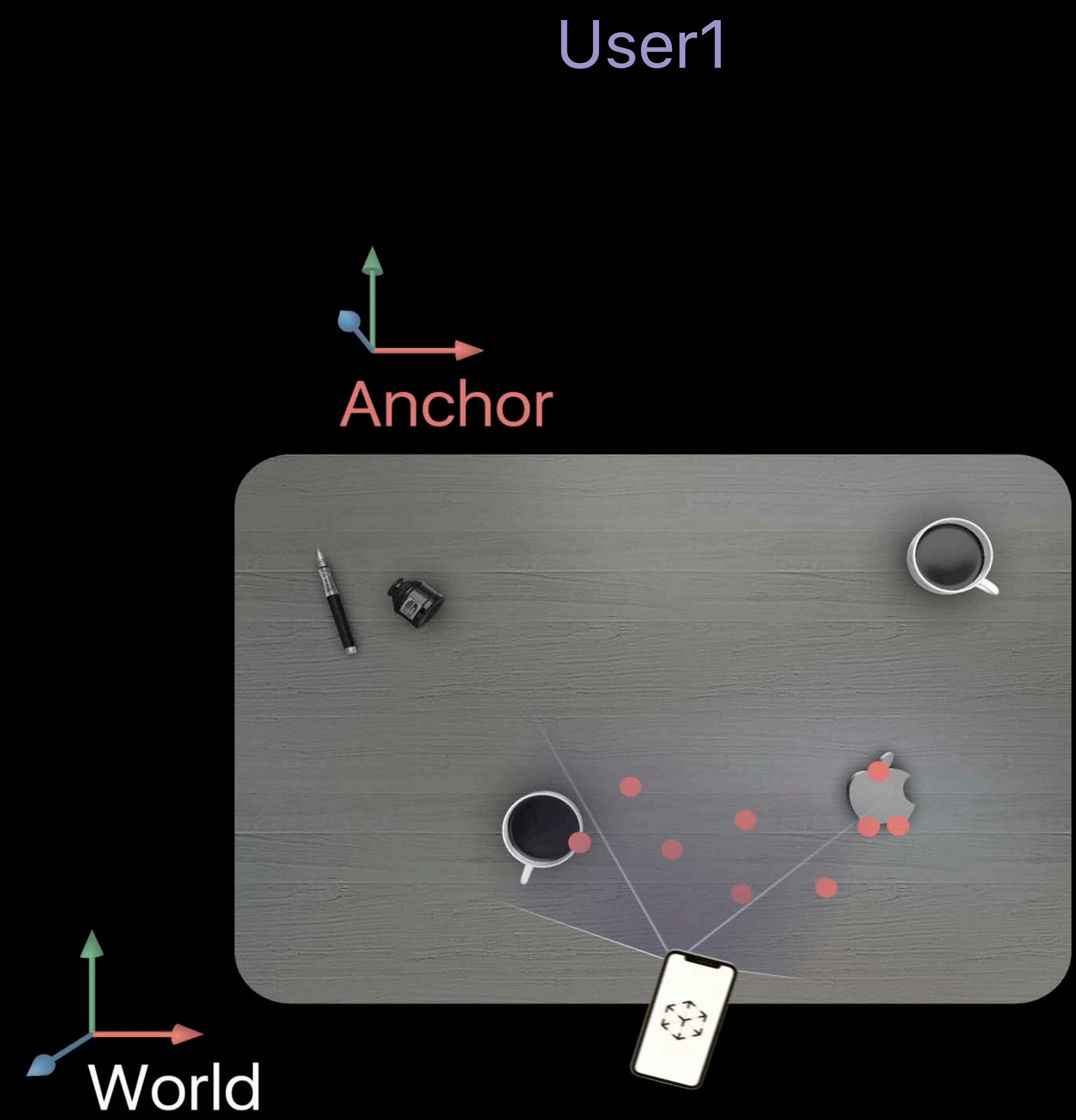
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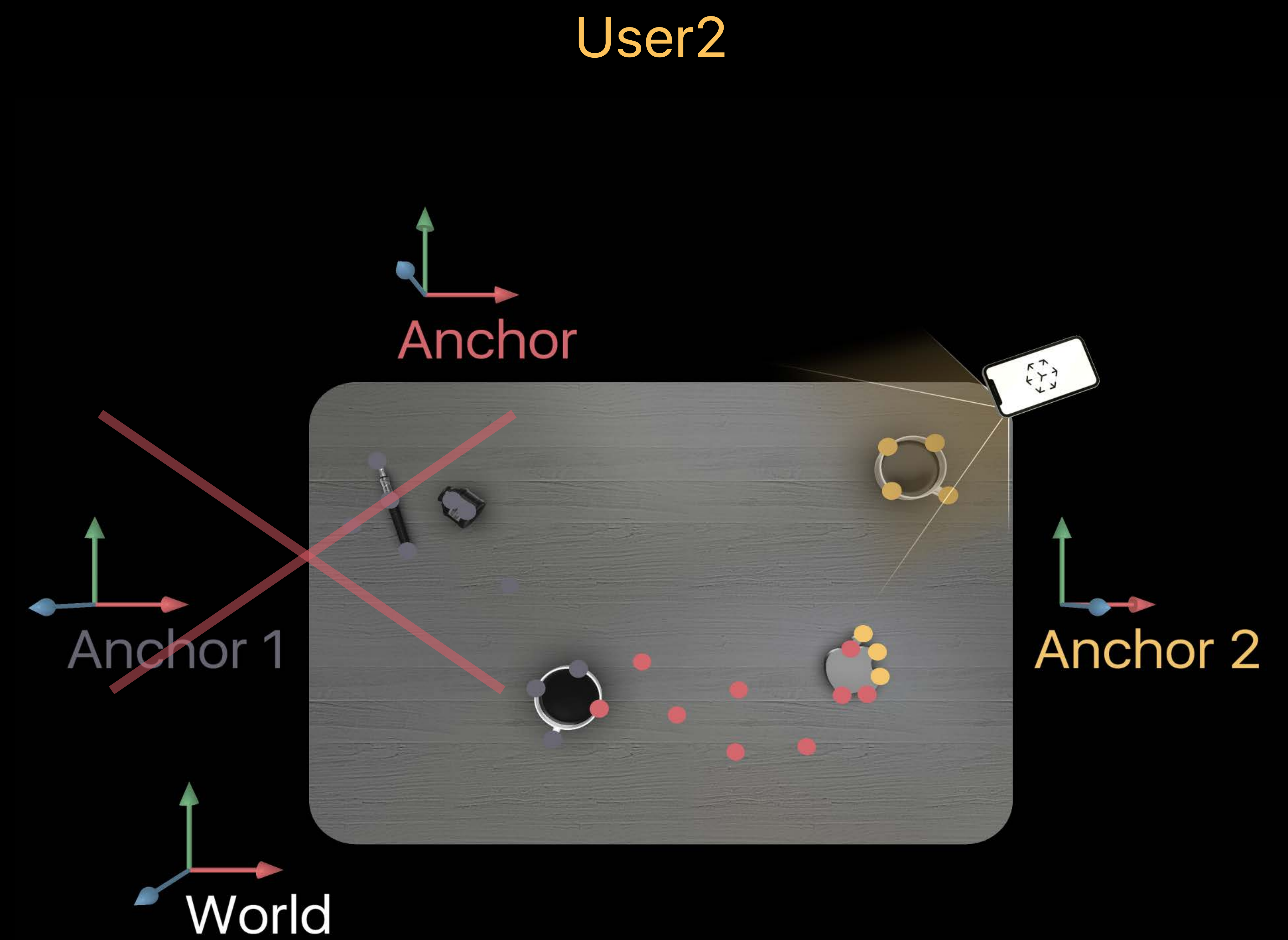
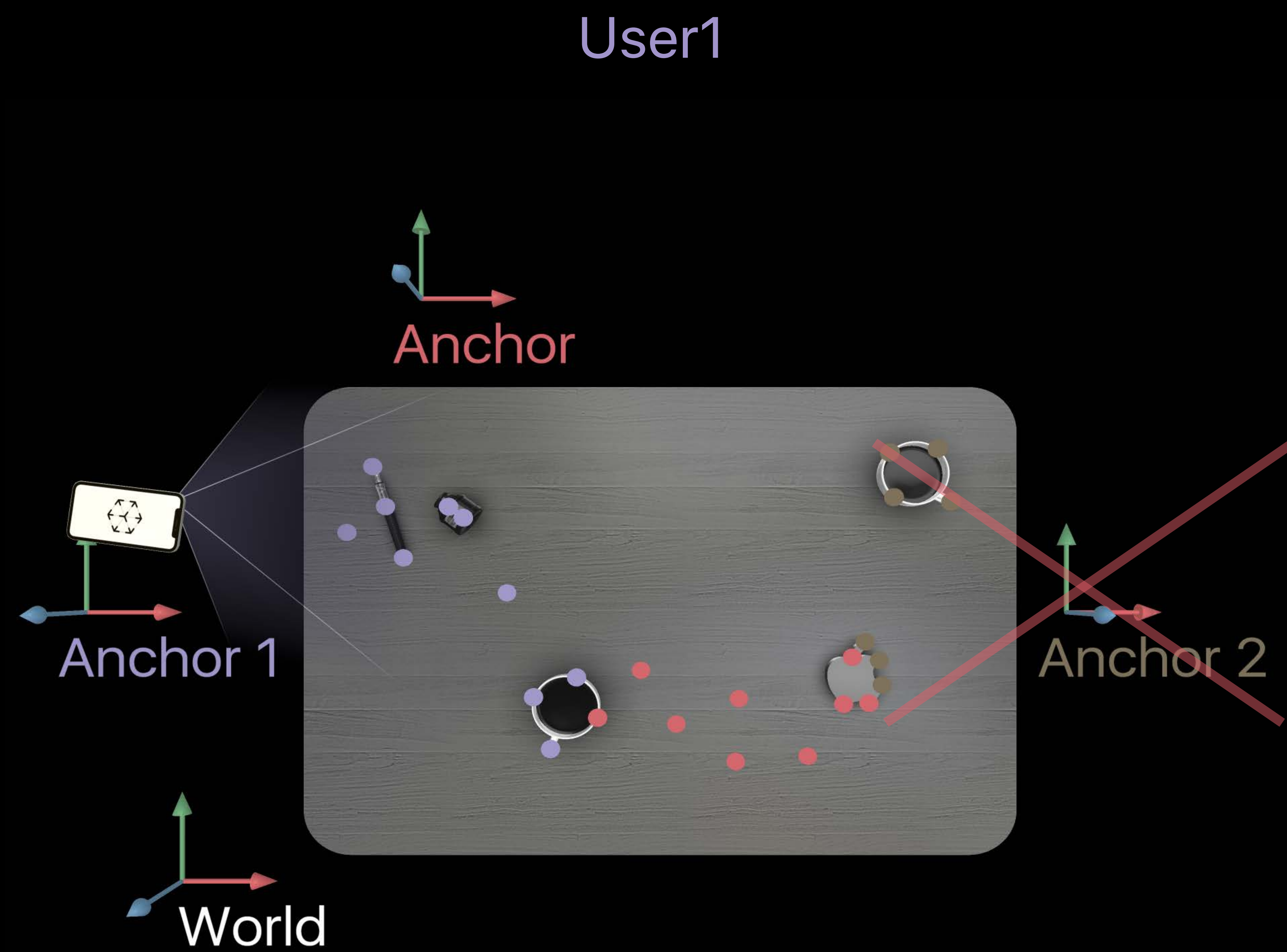
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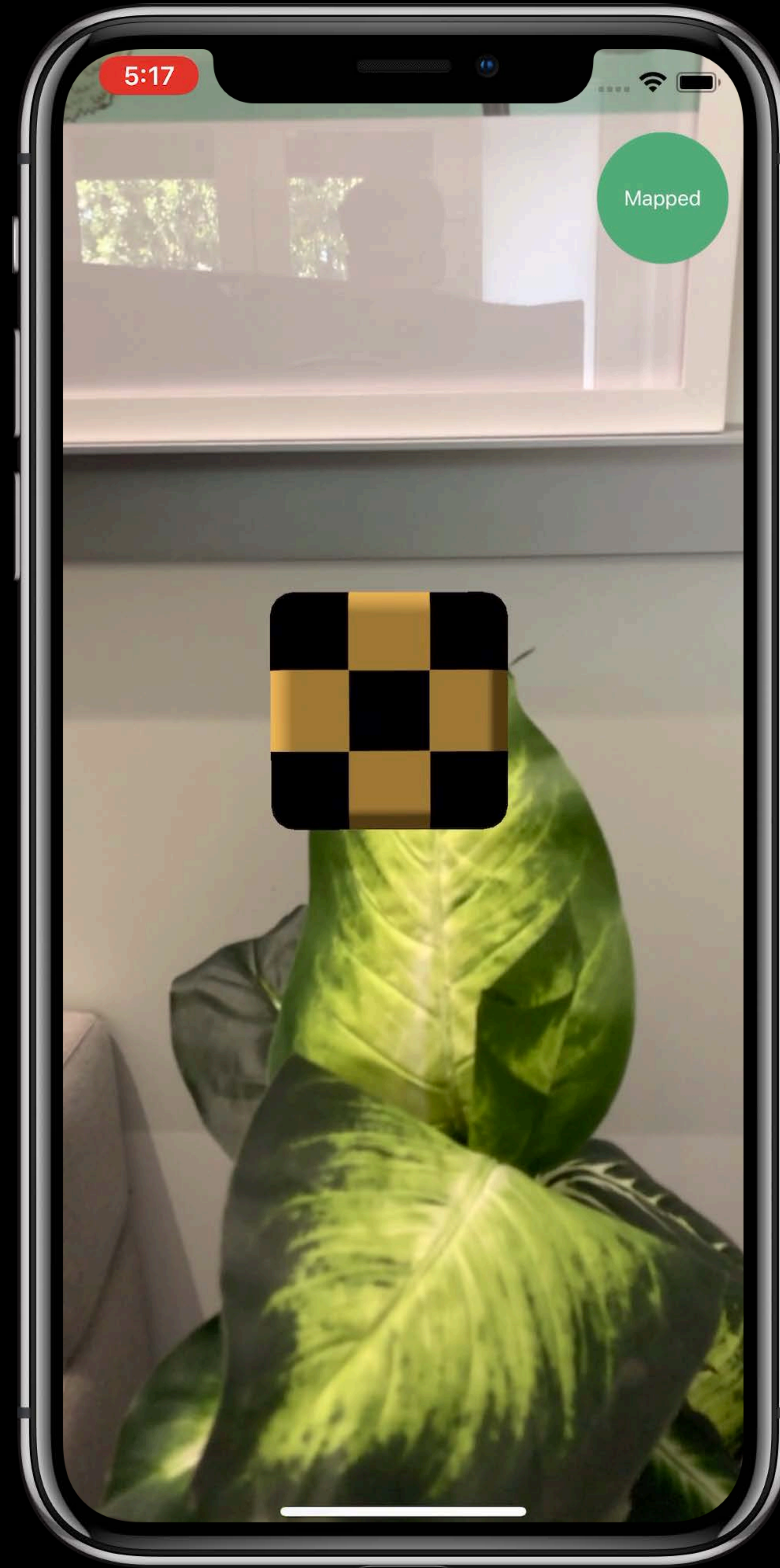
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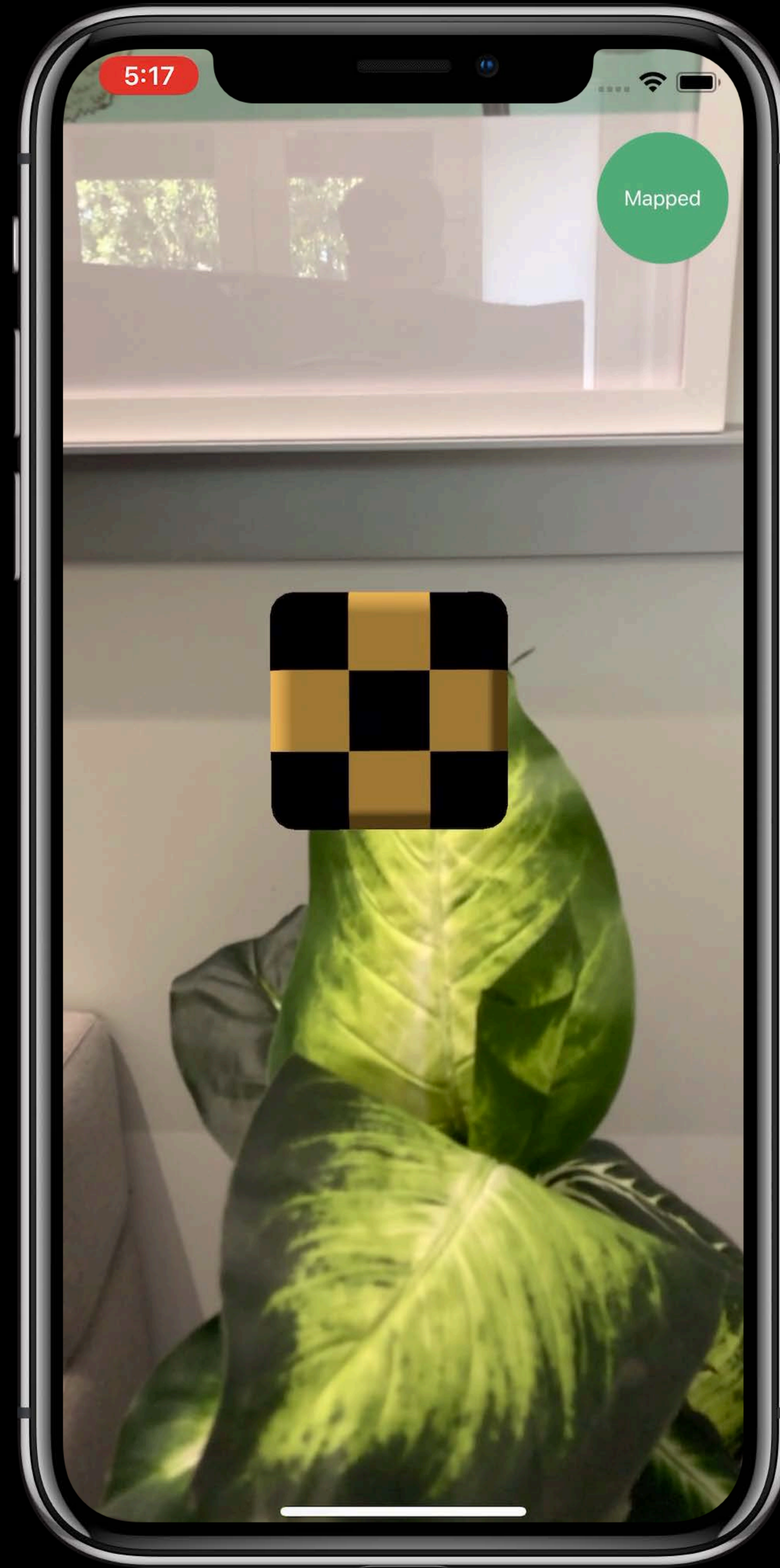
Continuously share ARAnchors and map data

No host user



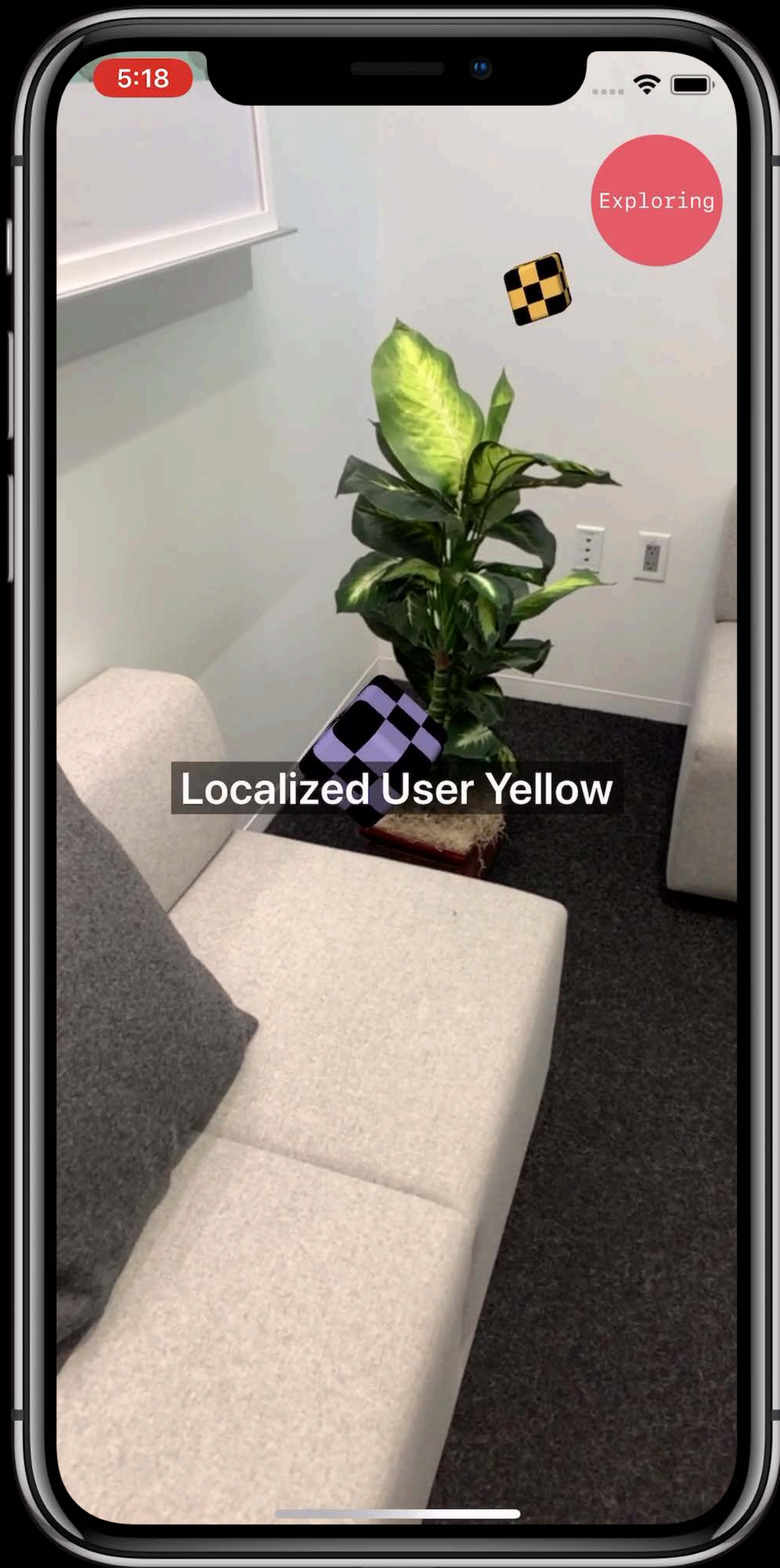




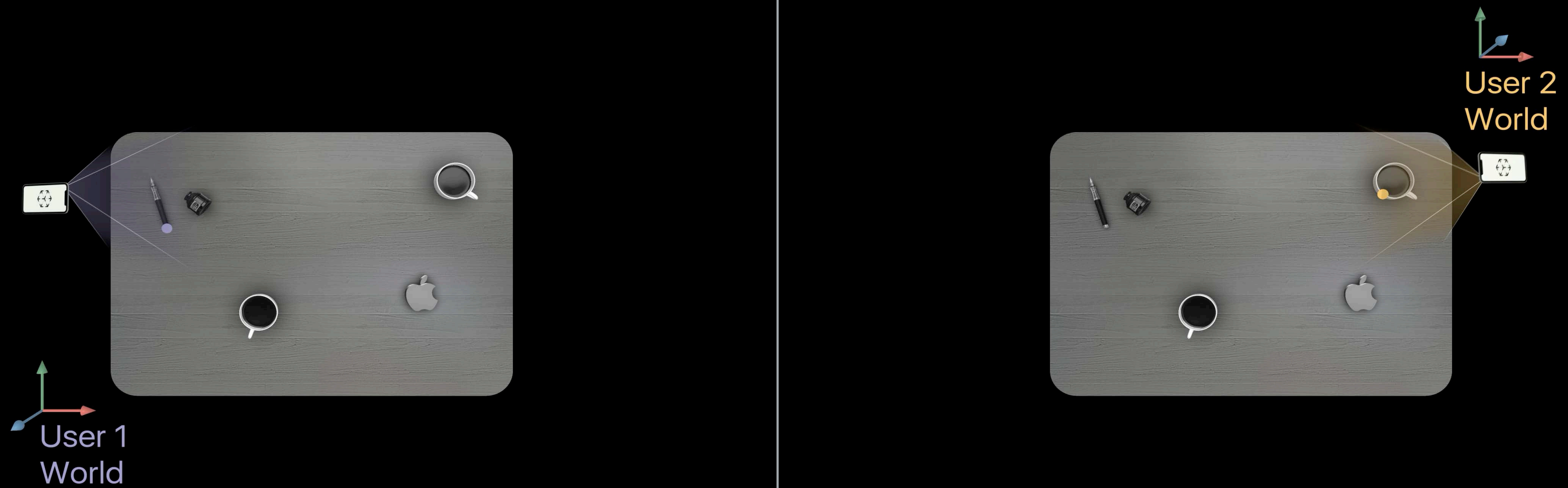




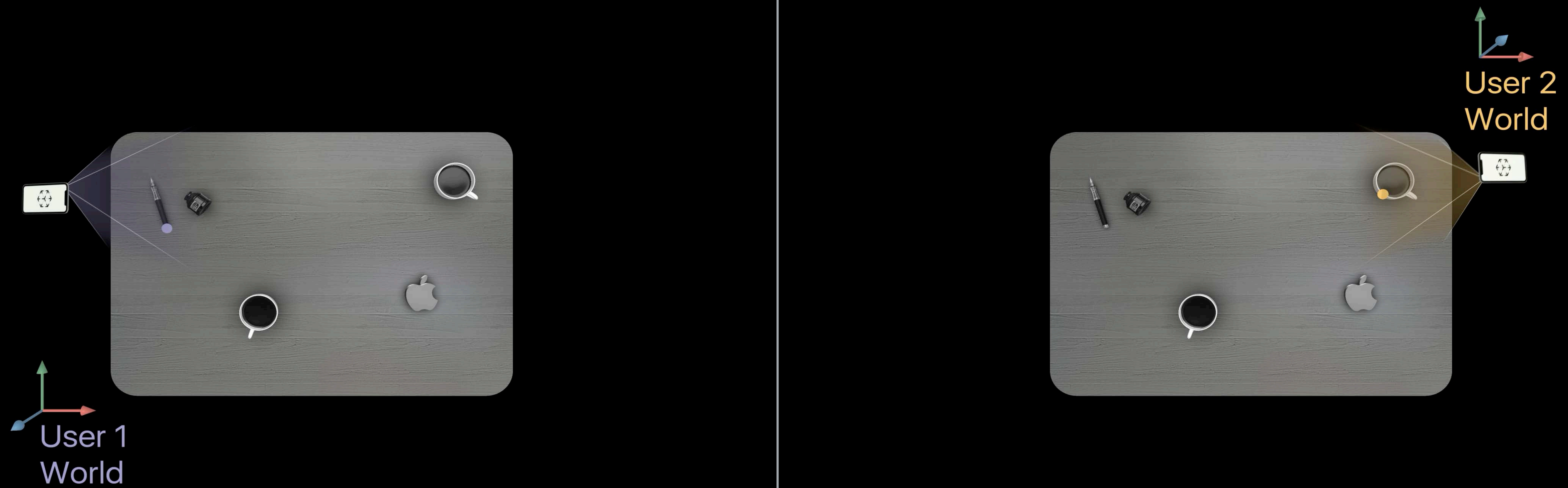




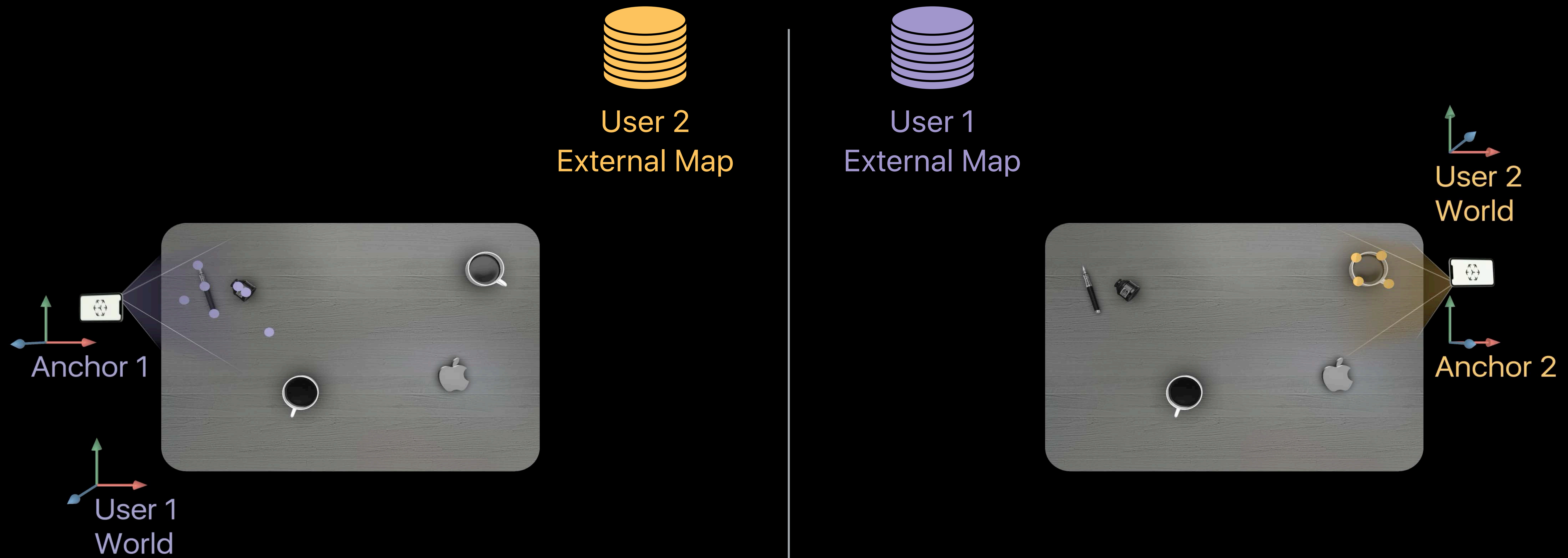
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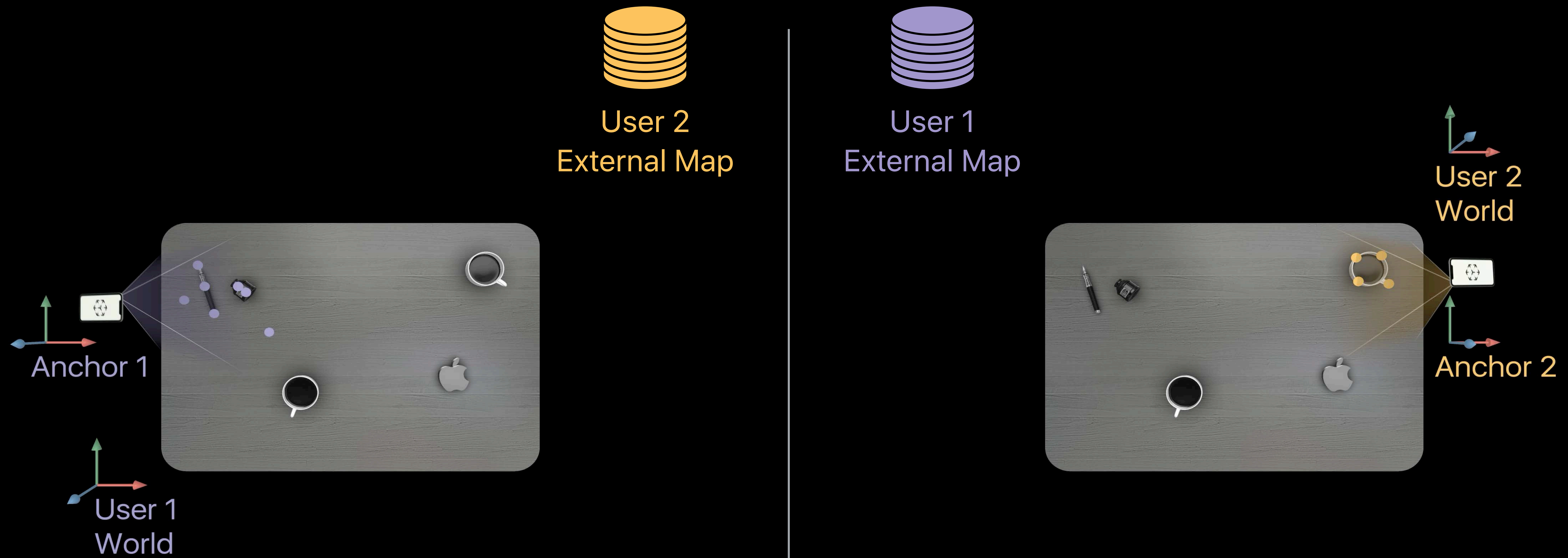
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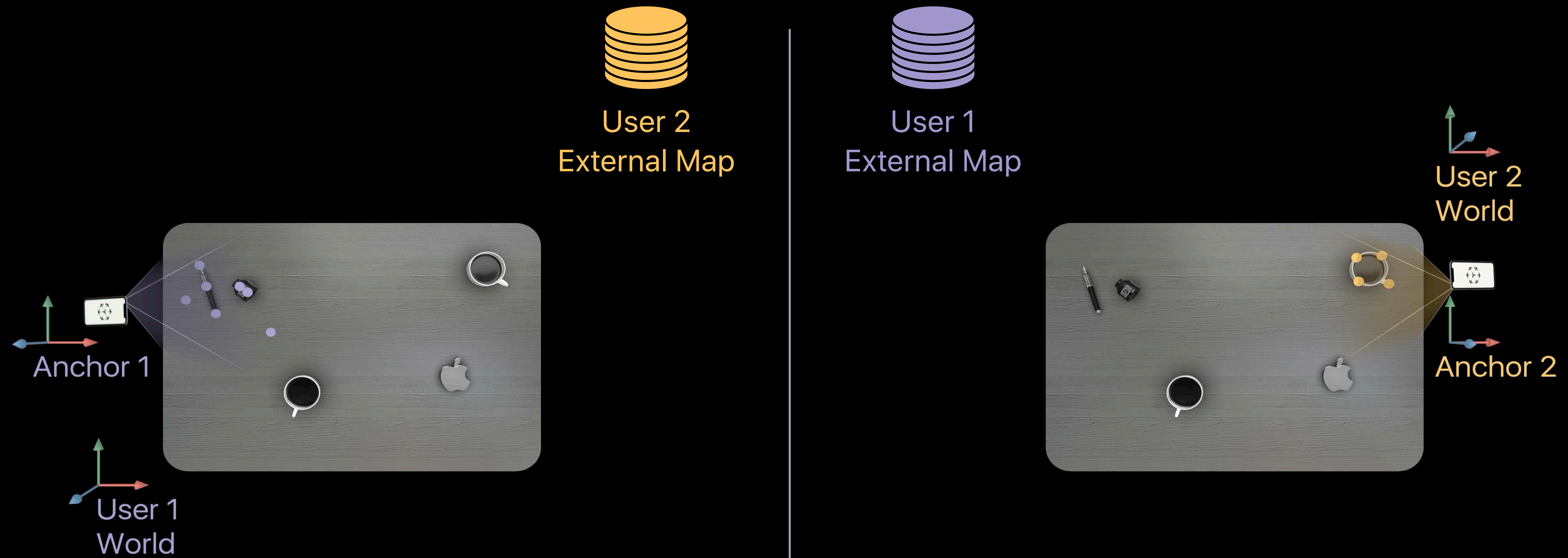
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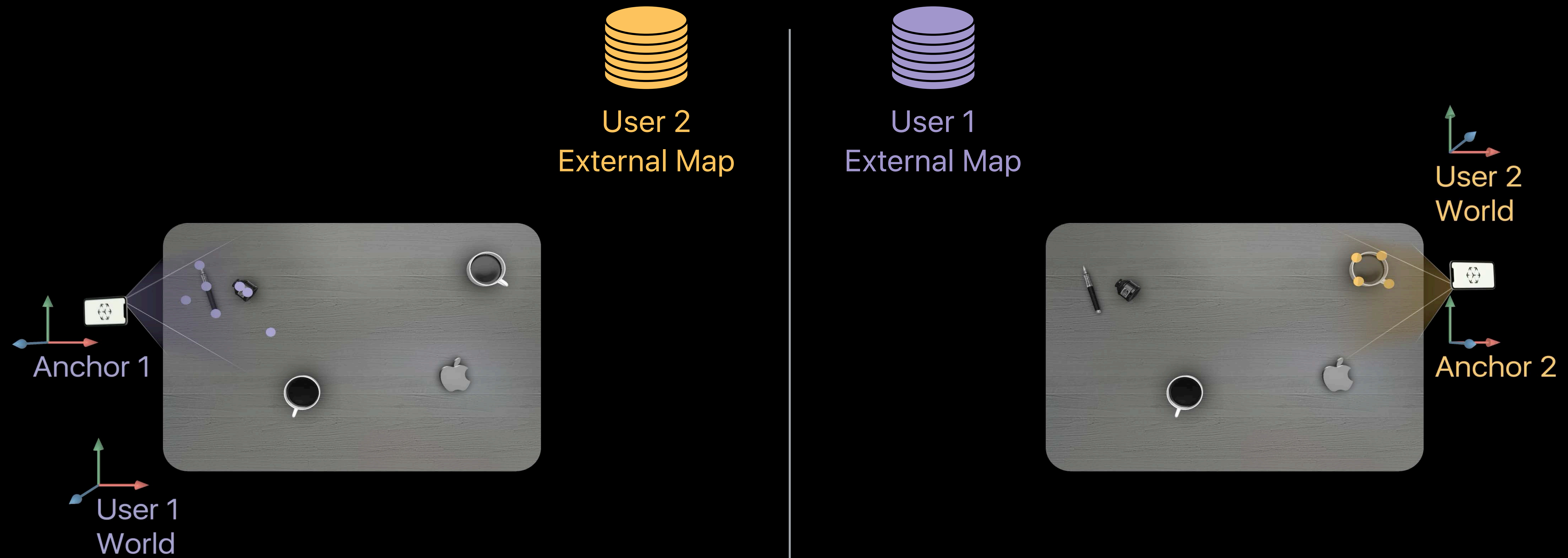
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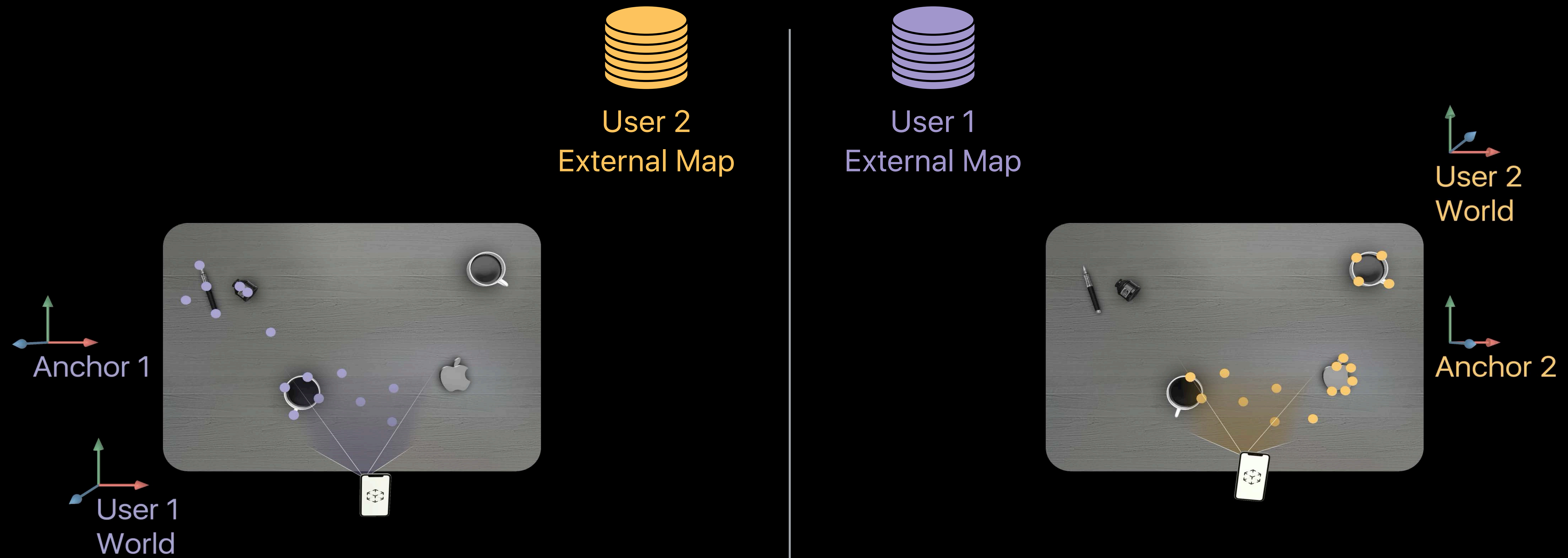
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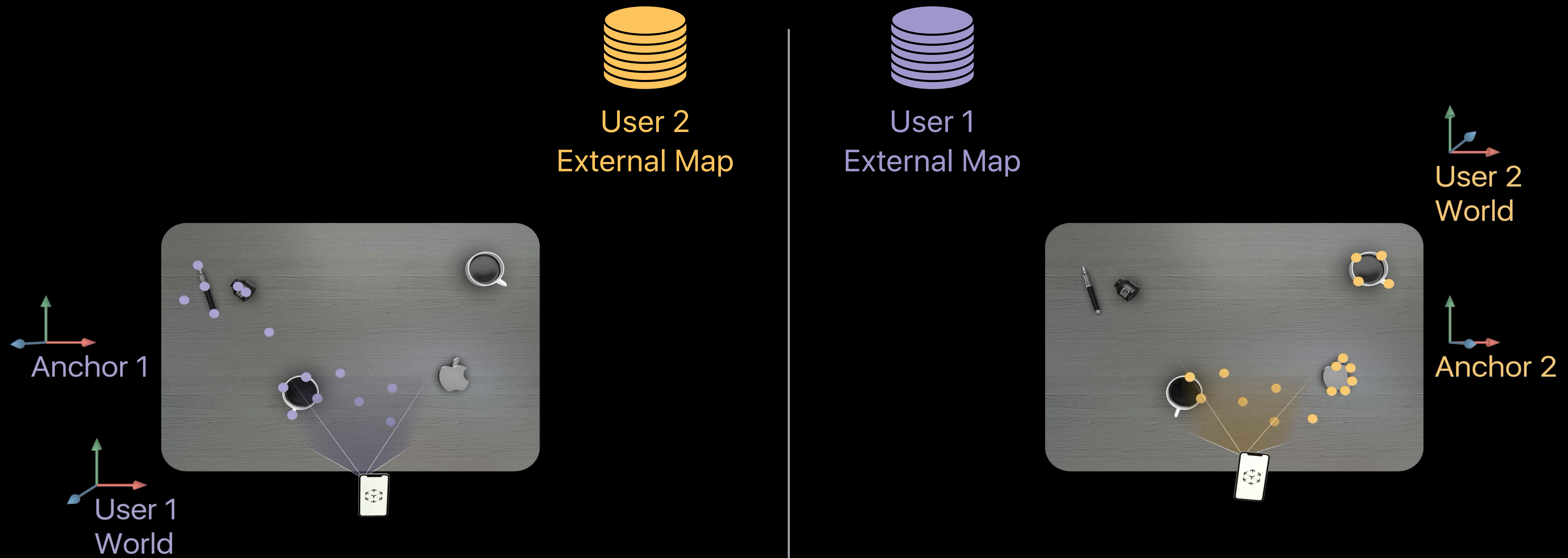


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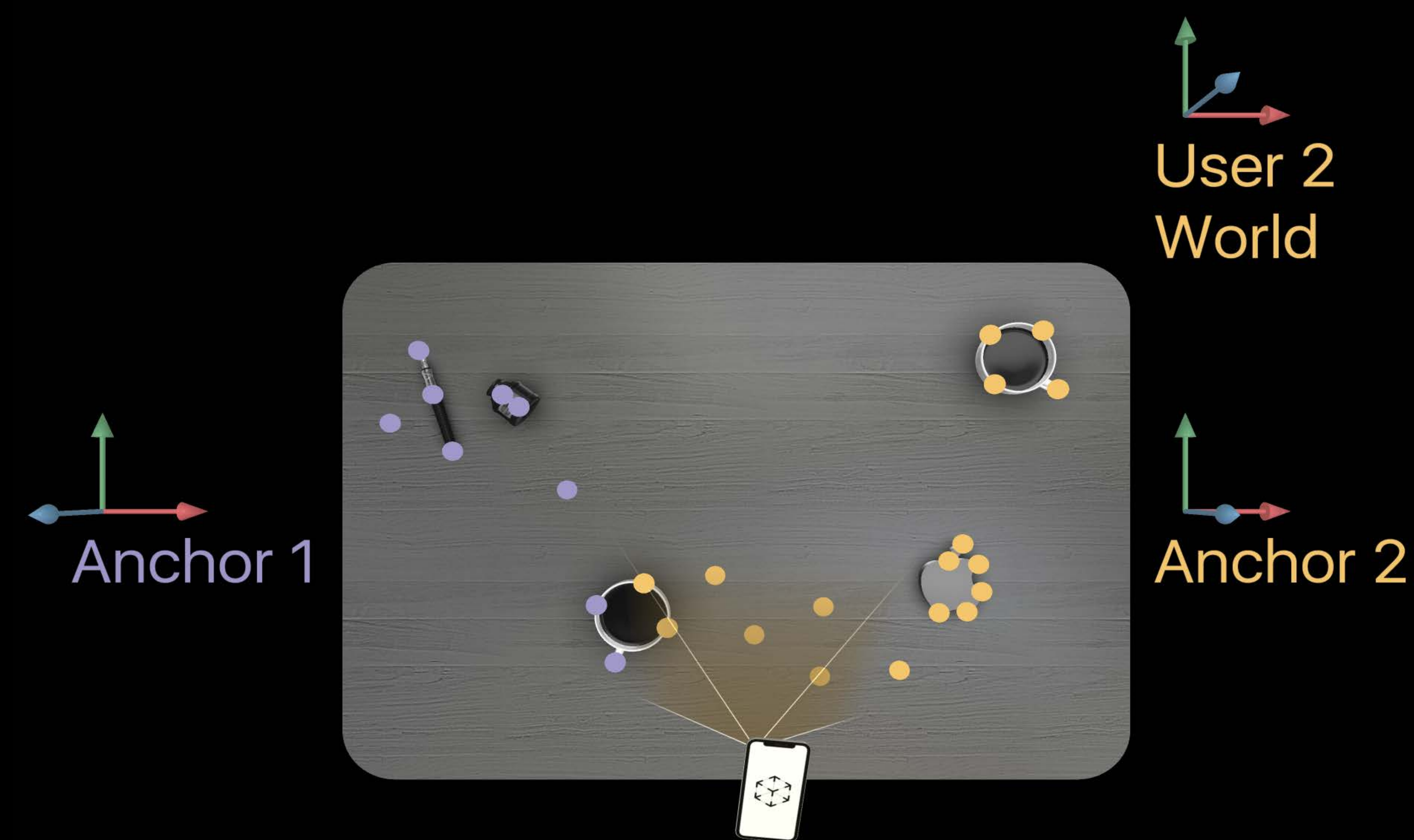
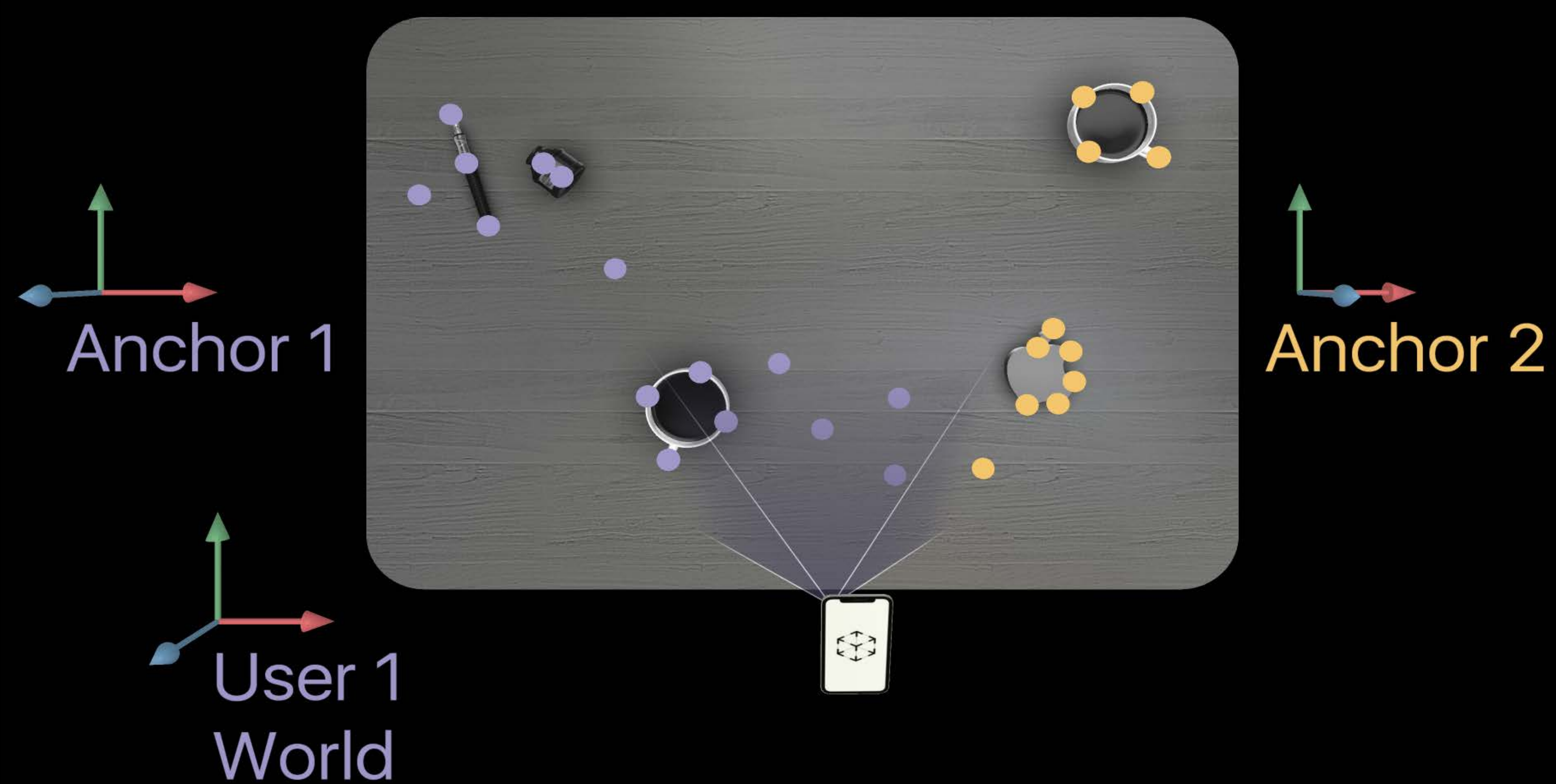




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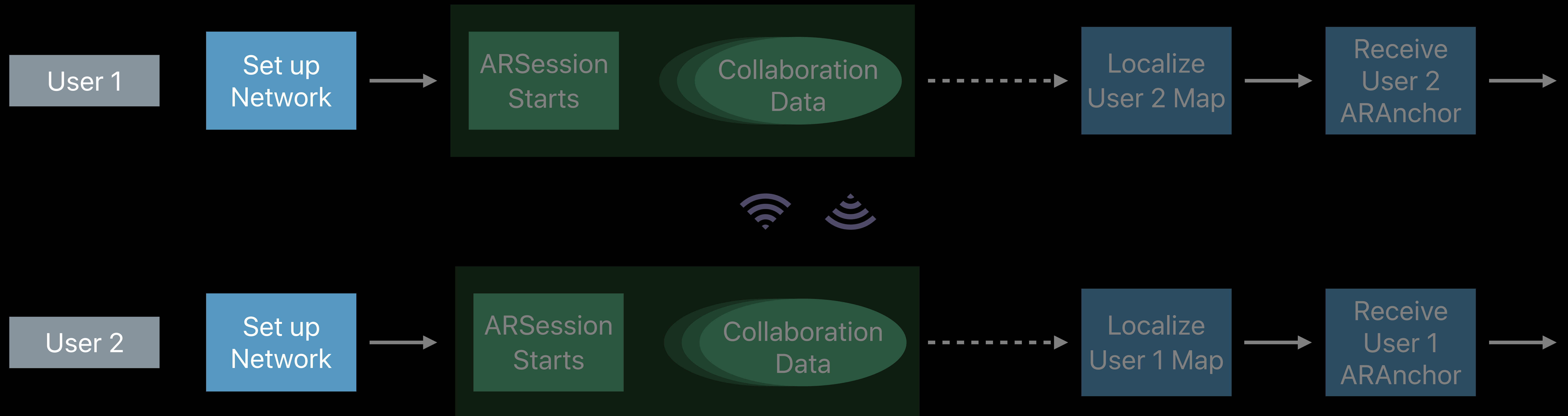


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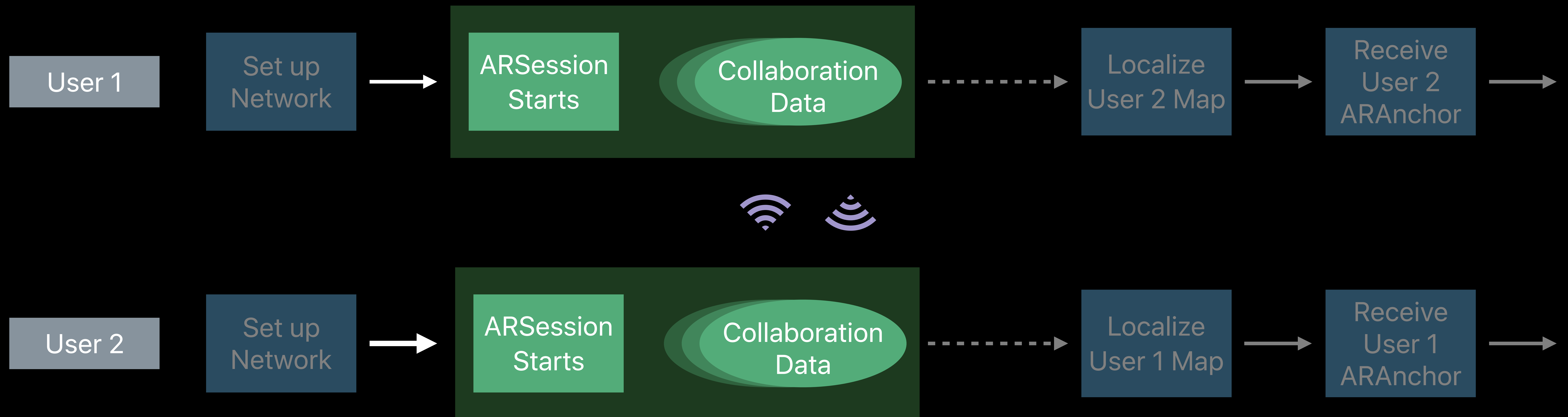
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Set up communication



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Transmit collaboration data



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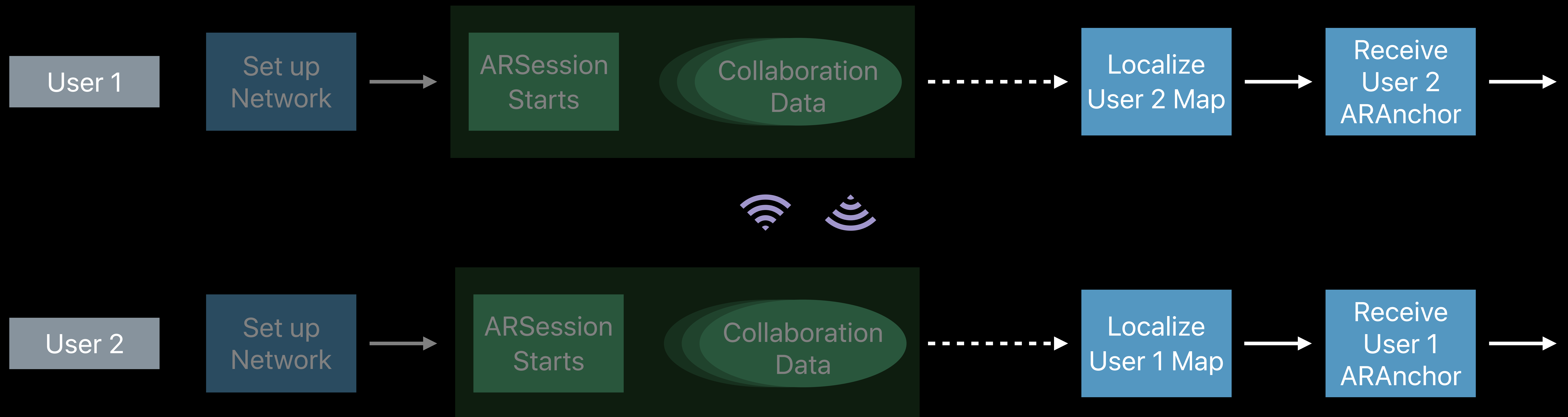
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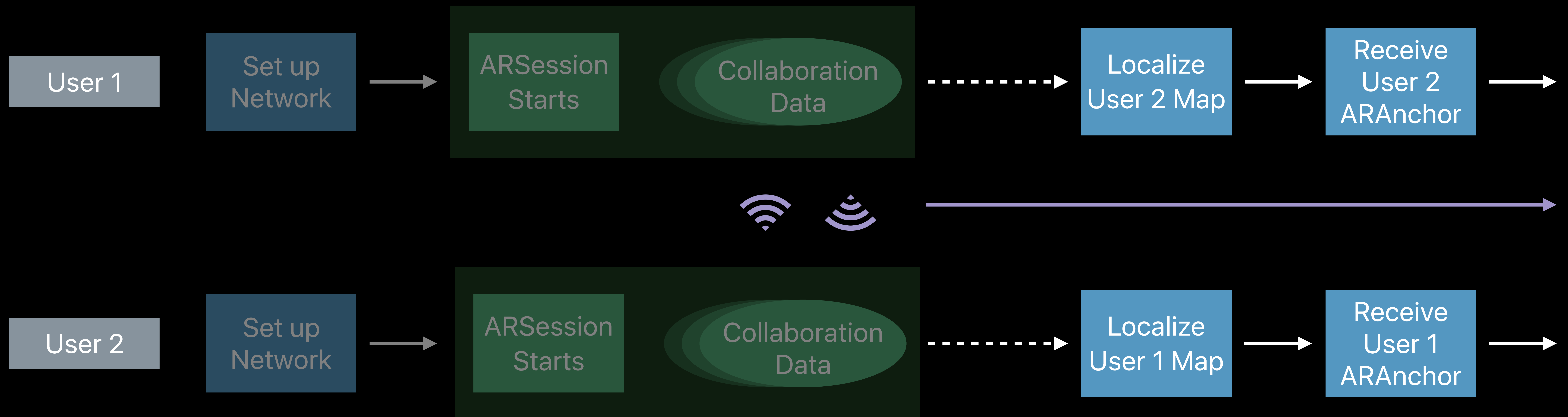
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# ARAnchor in Collaborative Session

## ARAnchor

- Synchronized lifetime
- Session identifier
- Subclass ARAnchors are not shared

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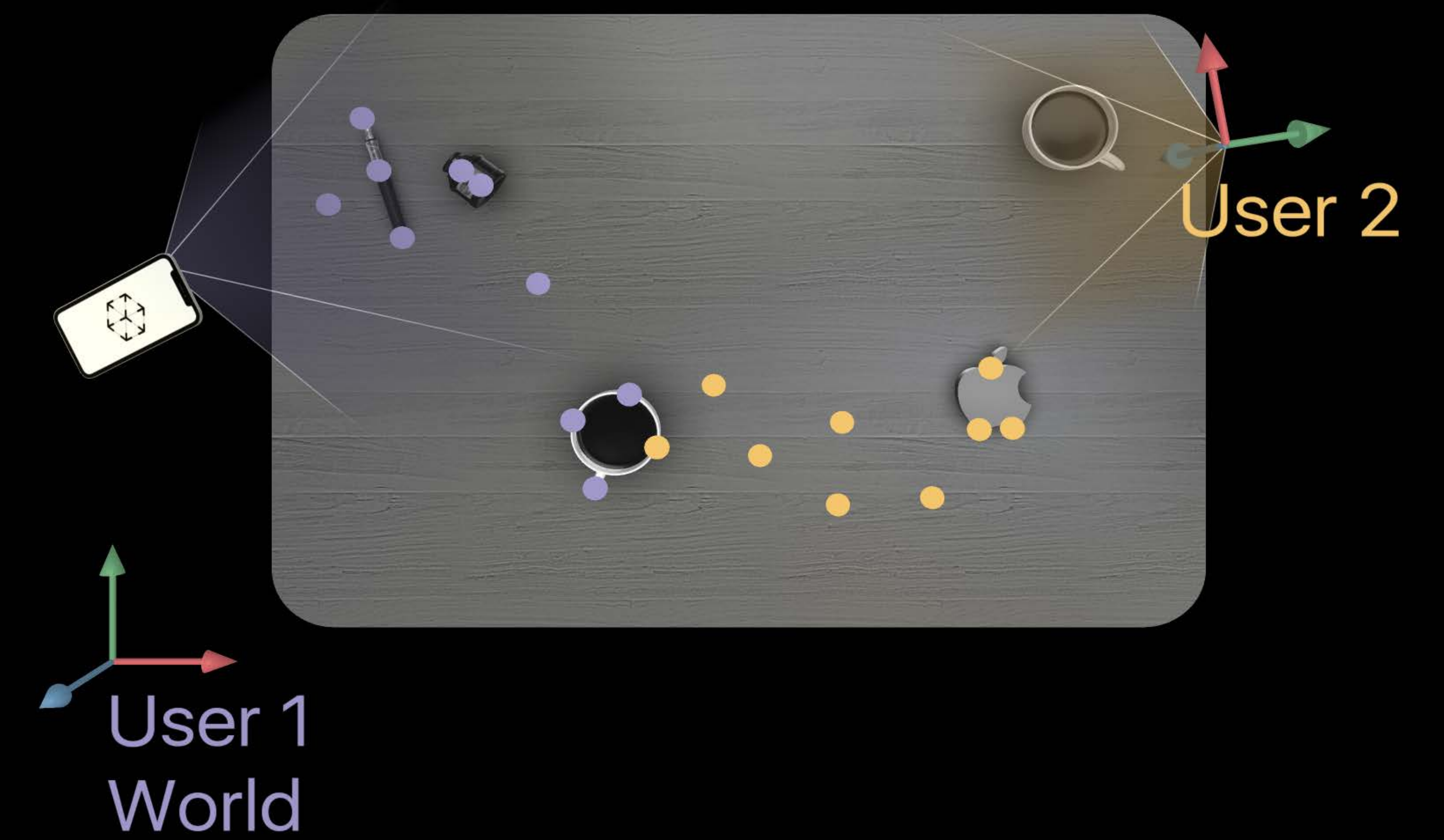
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# ARParticipantAnchor

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- Position of other user
- Update at high frame rate
- Created after localizing other user's map



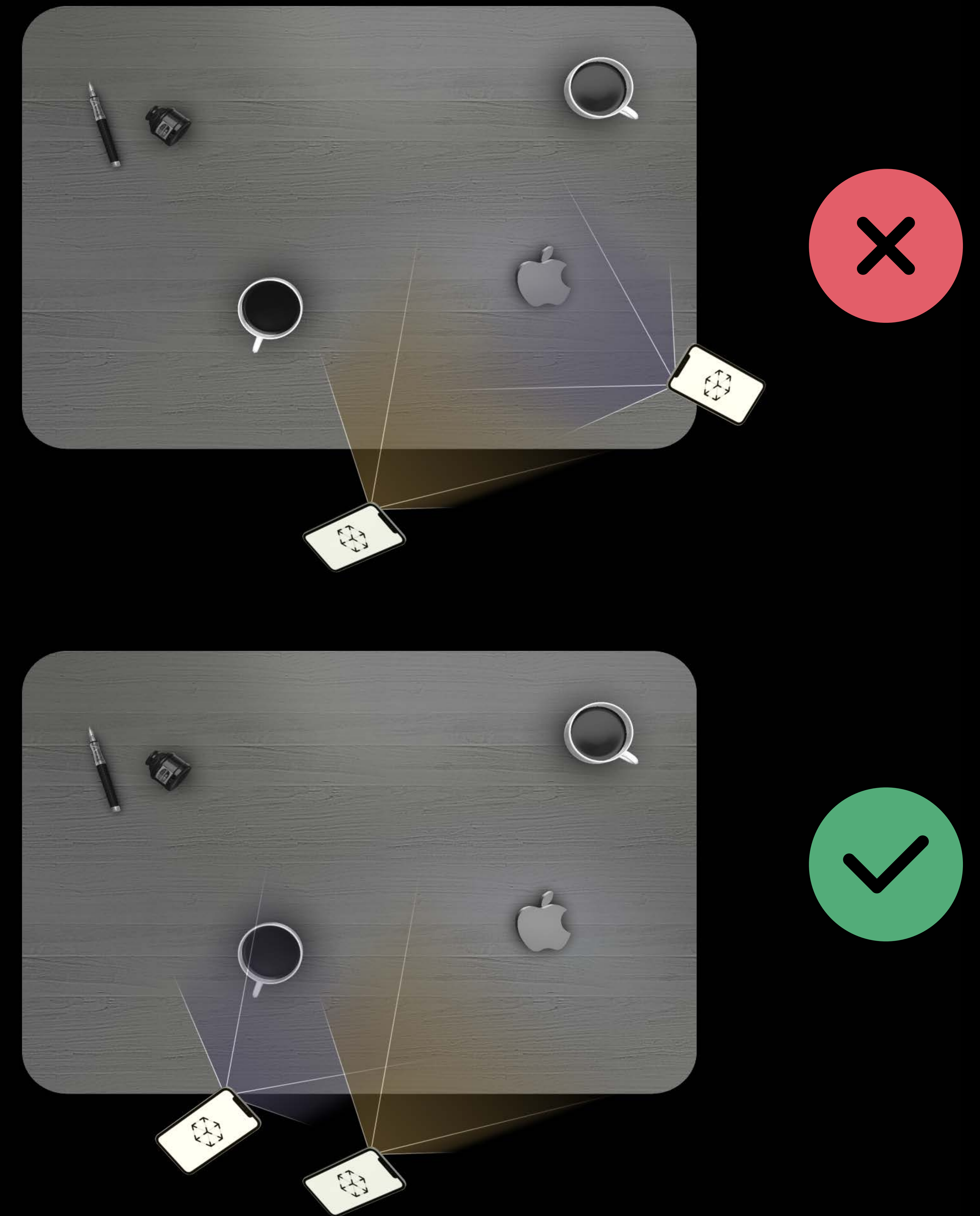
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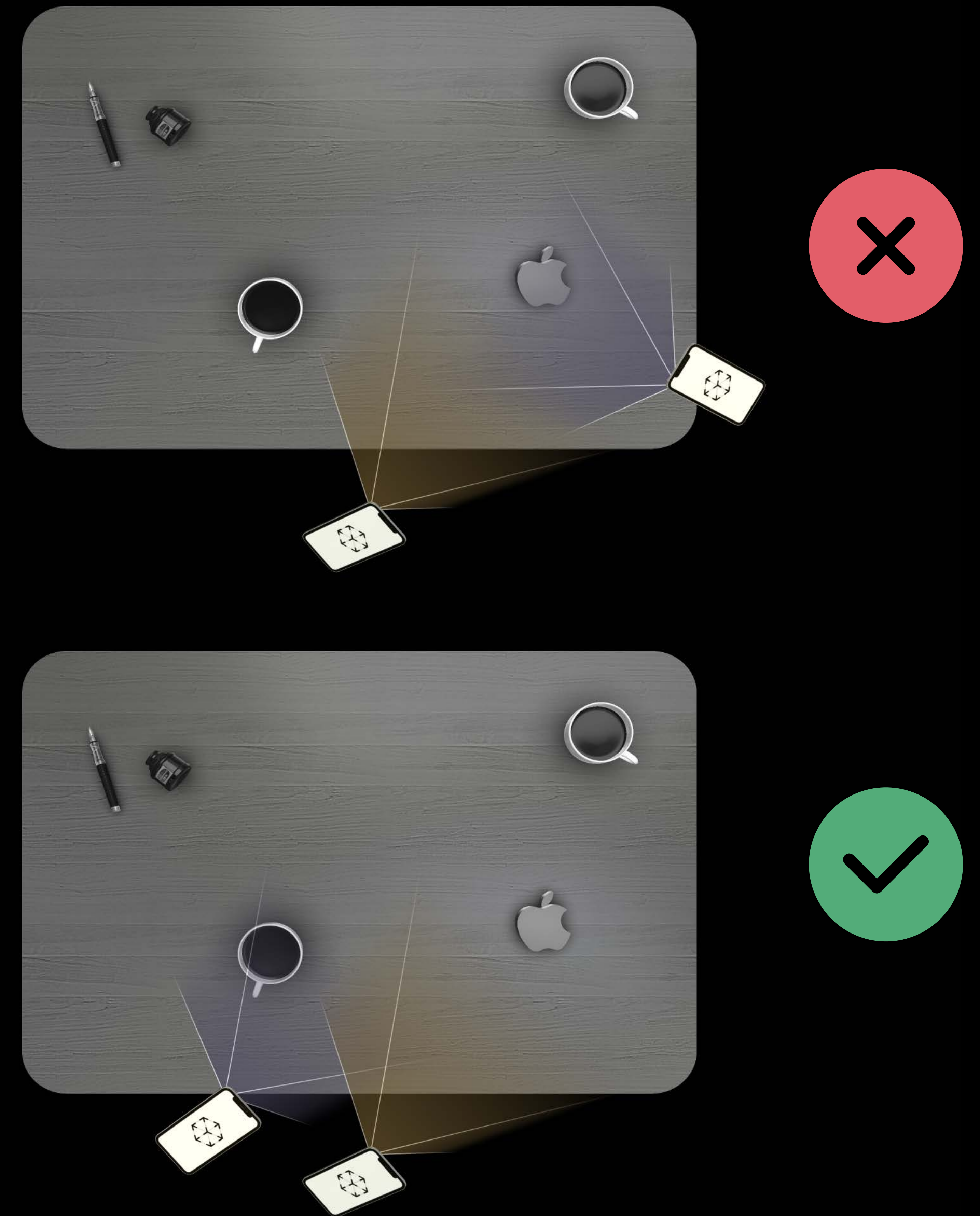
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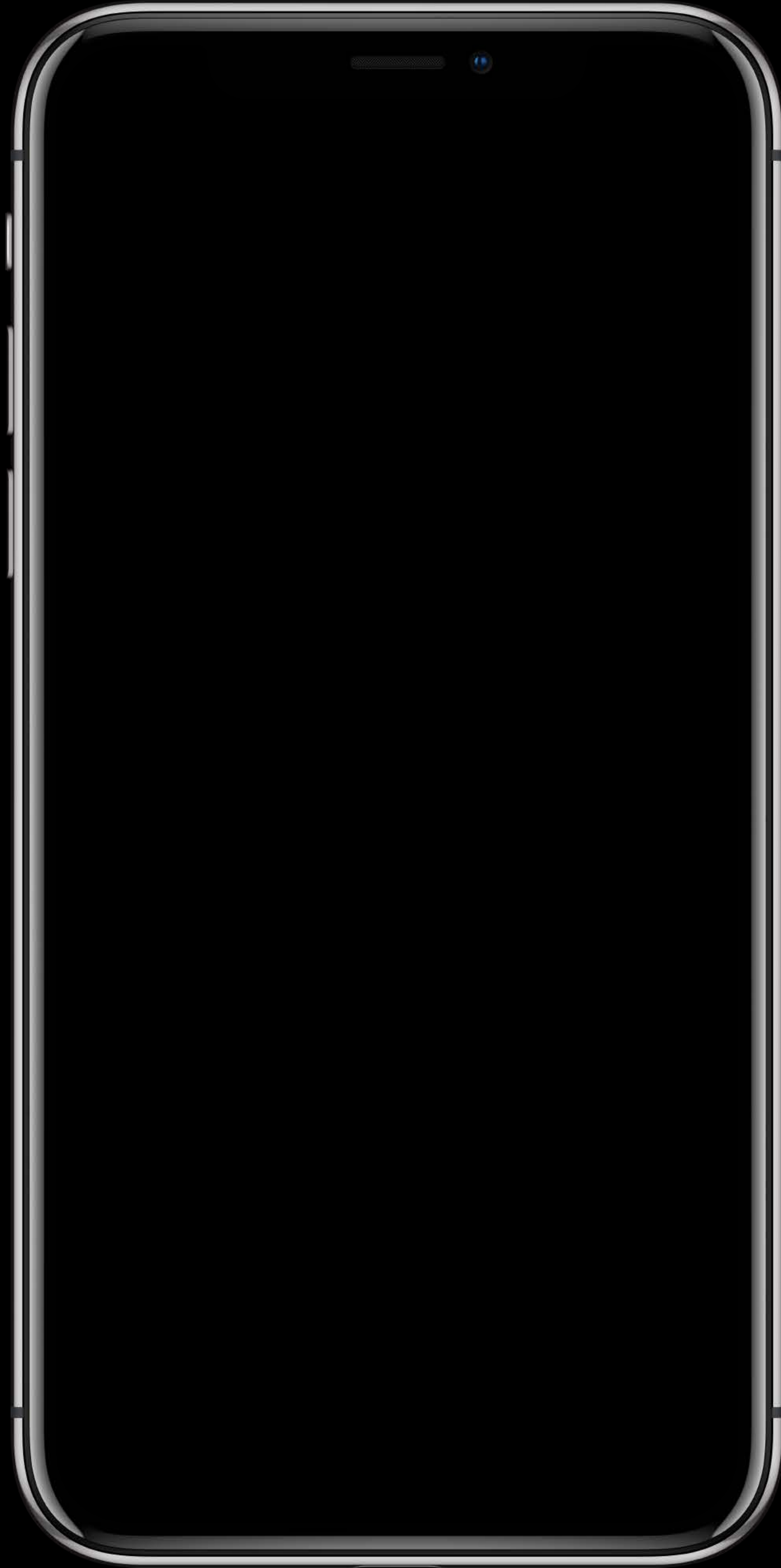
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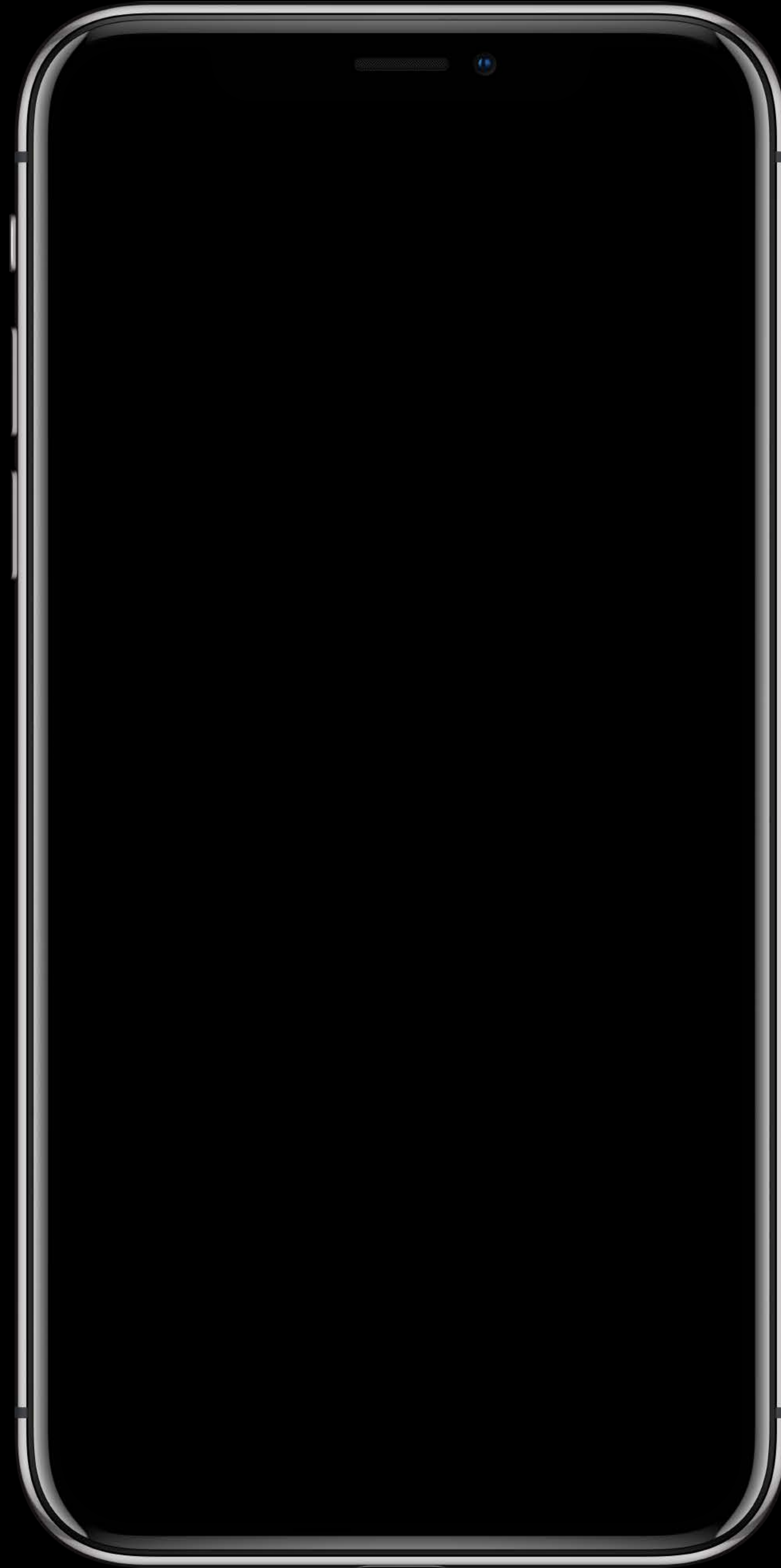
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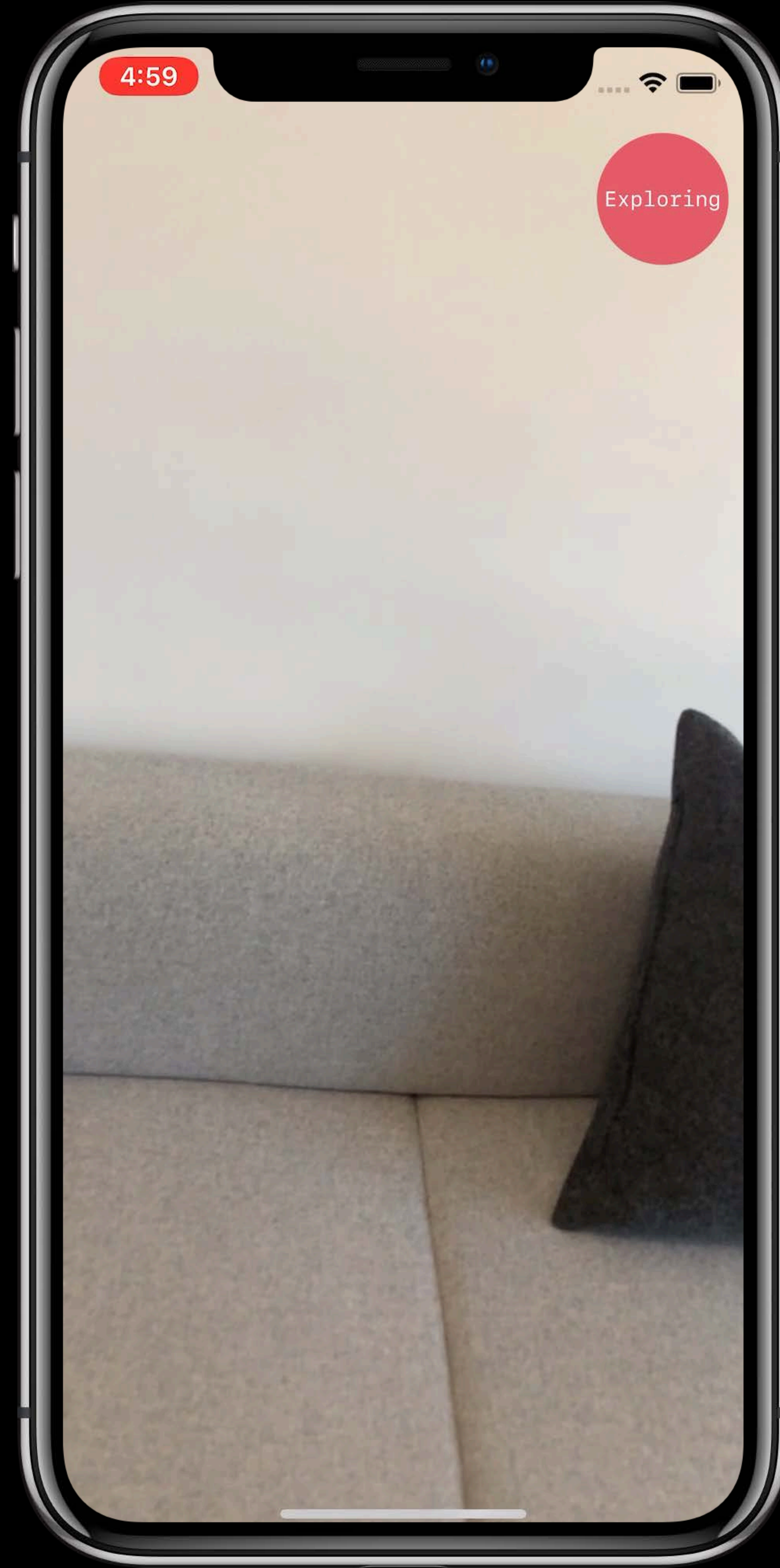
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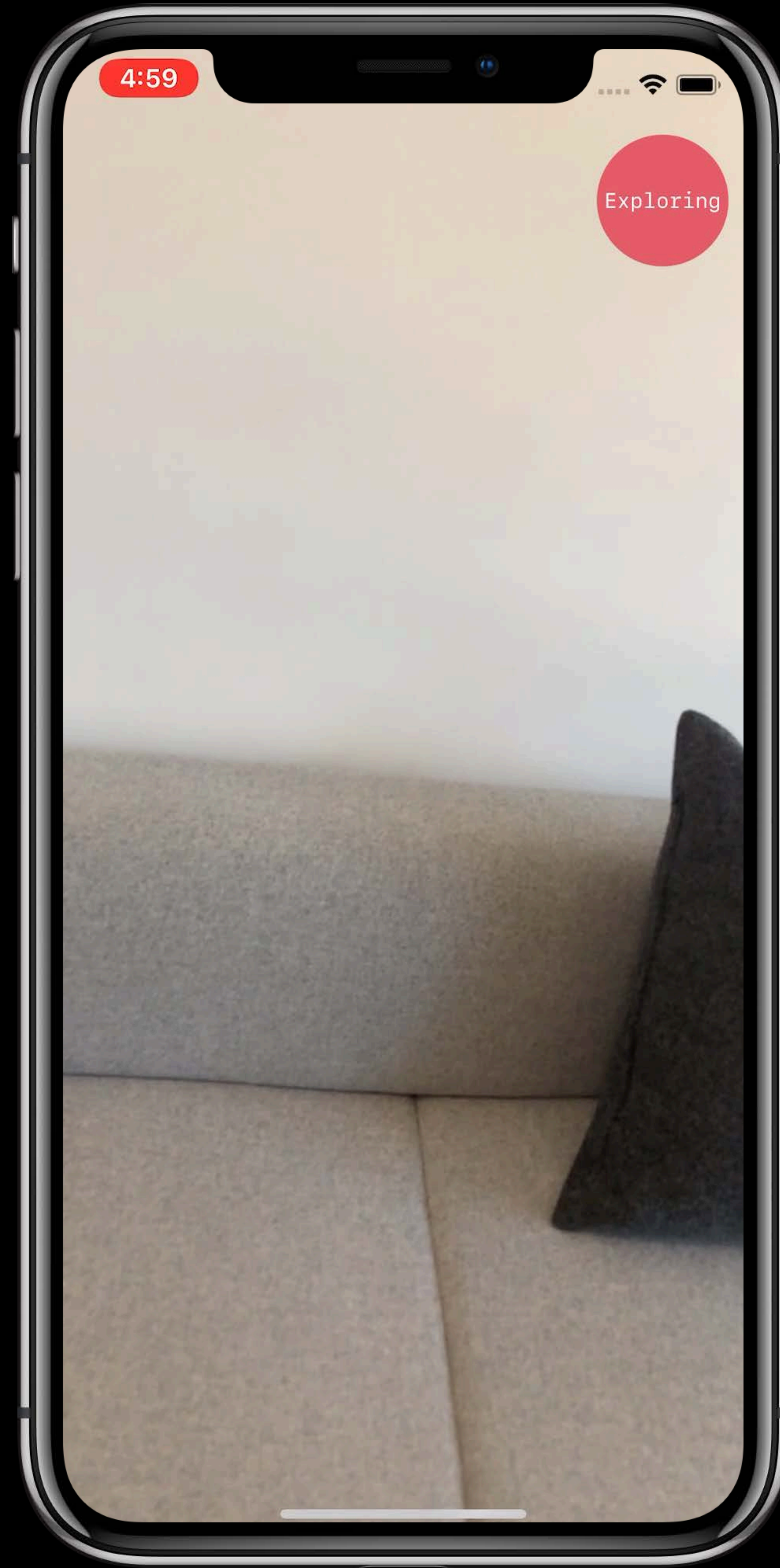










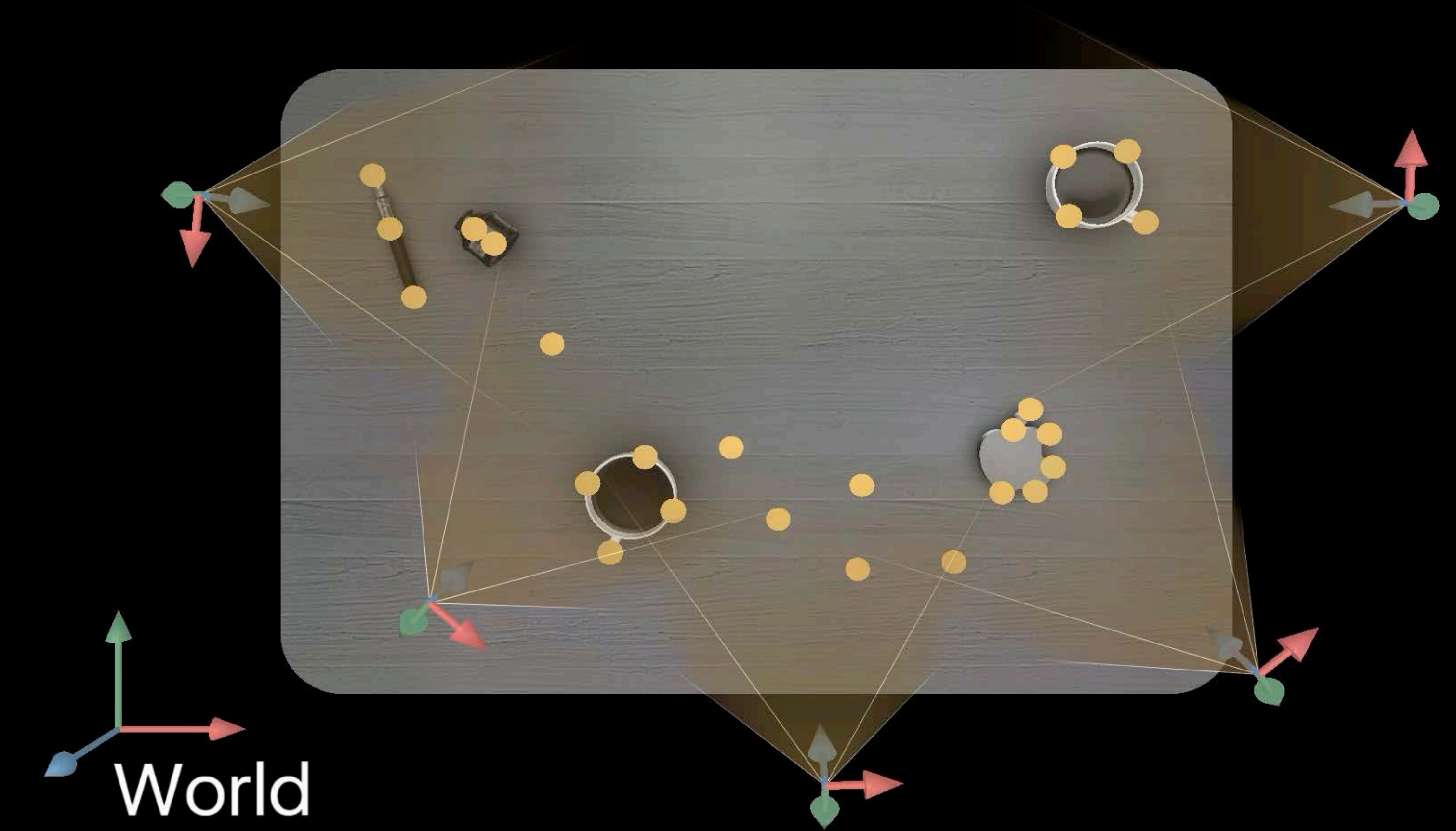


# **ARAnchor Best Practice for Multi-User AR**

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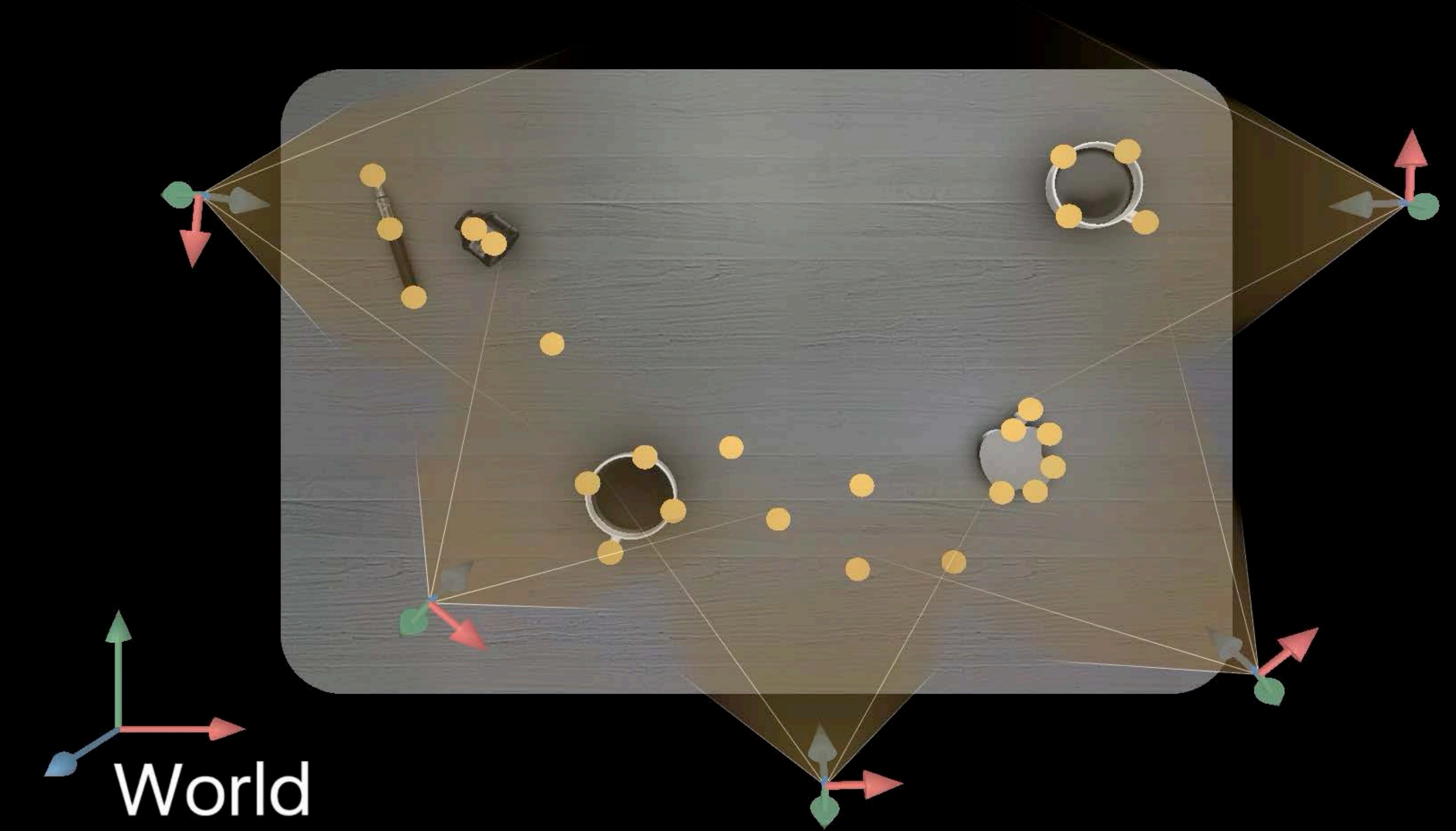
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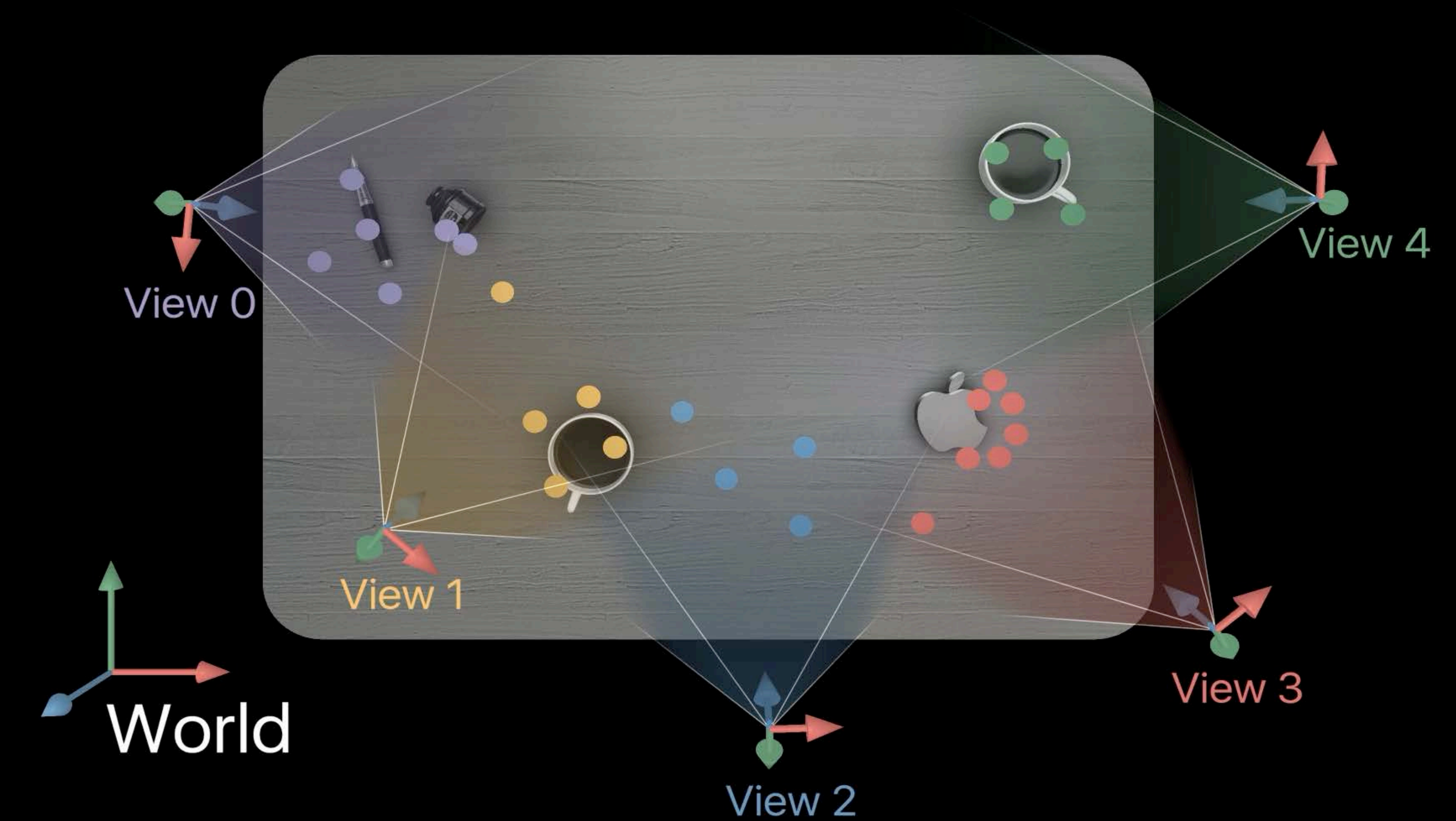


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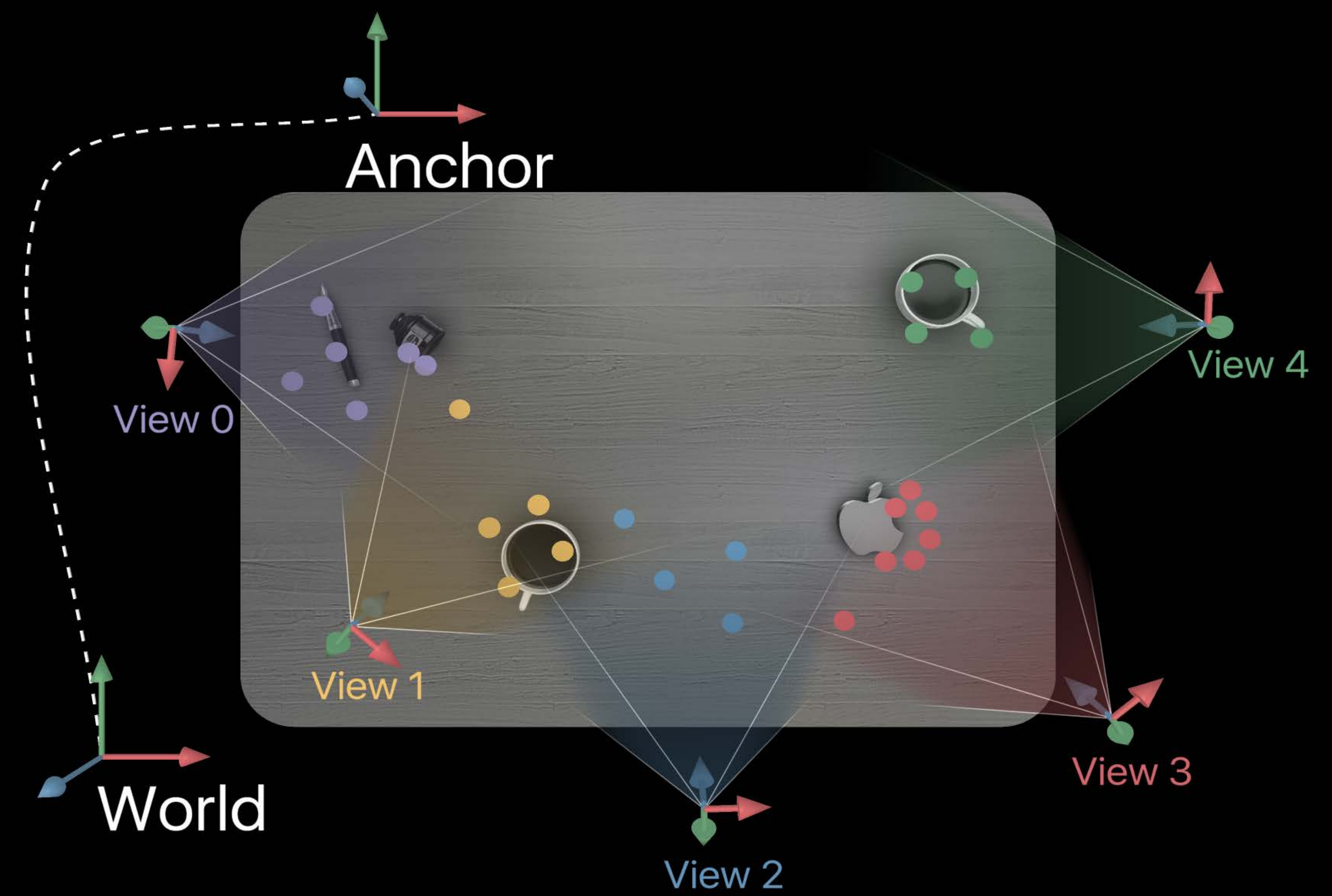
Landmarks are grouped based on camera view



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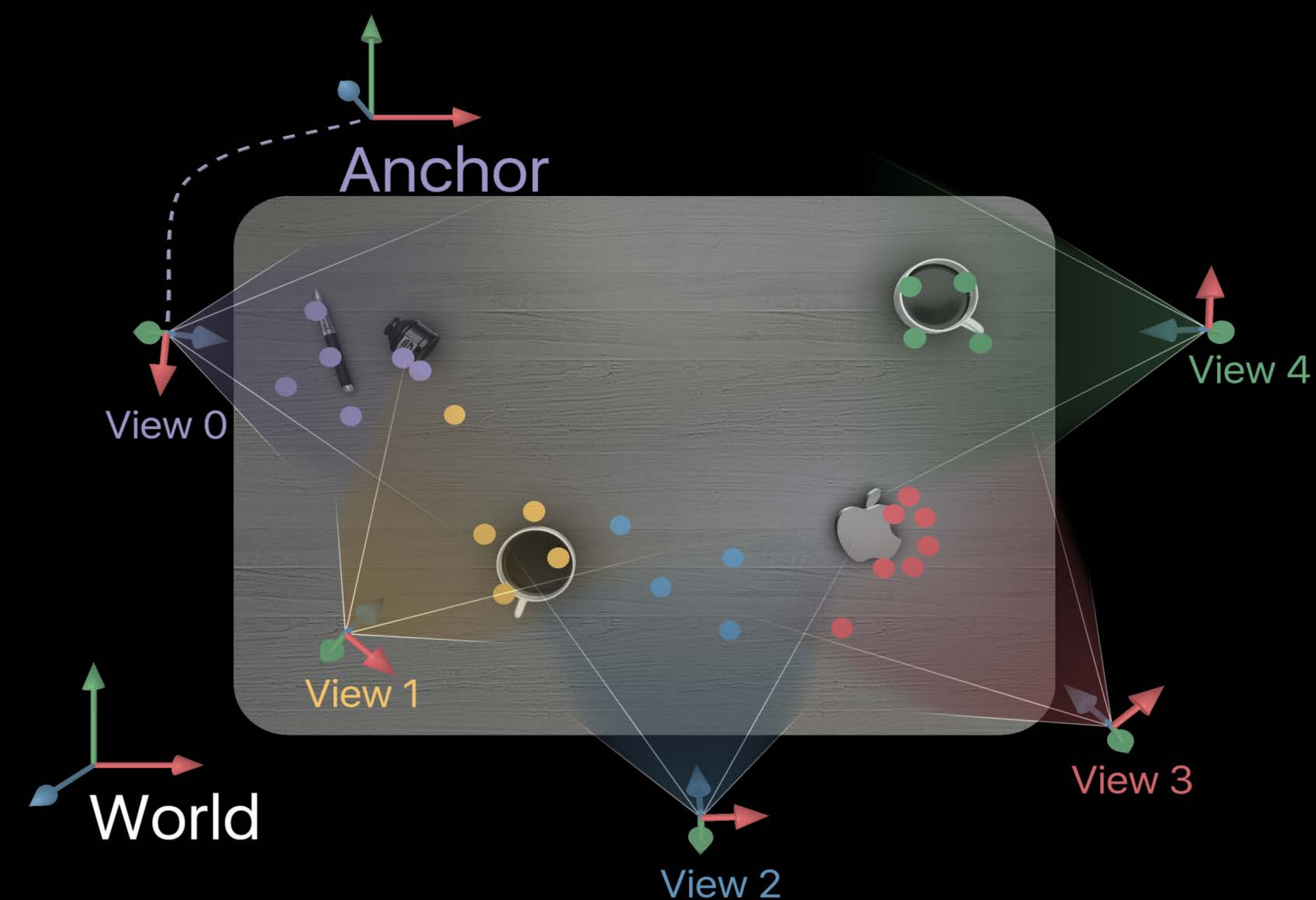
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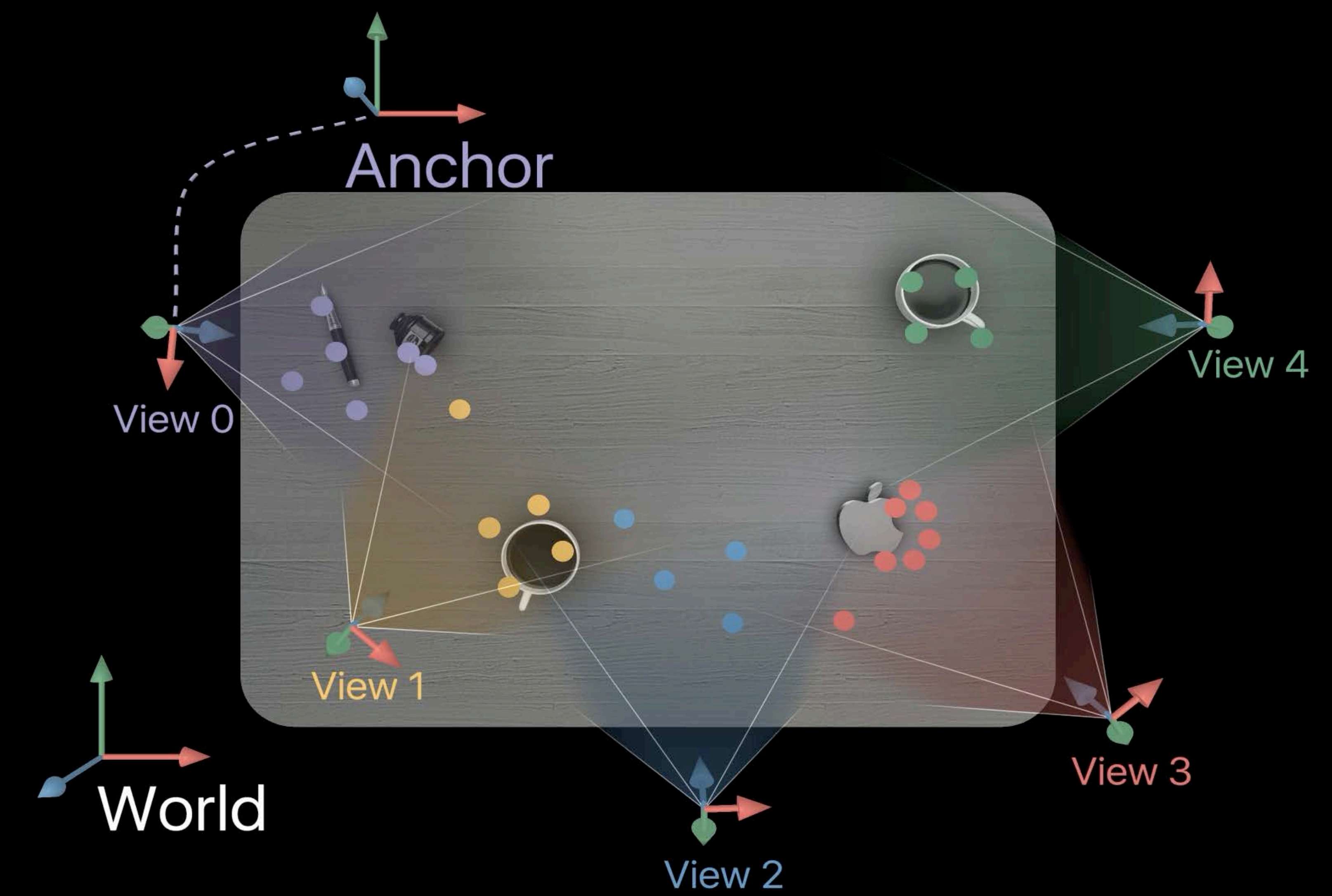
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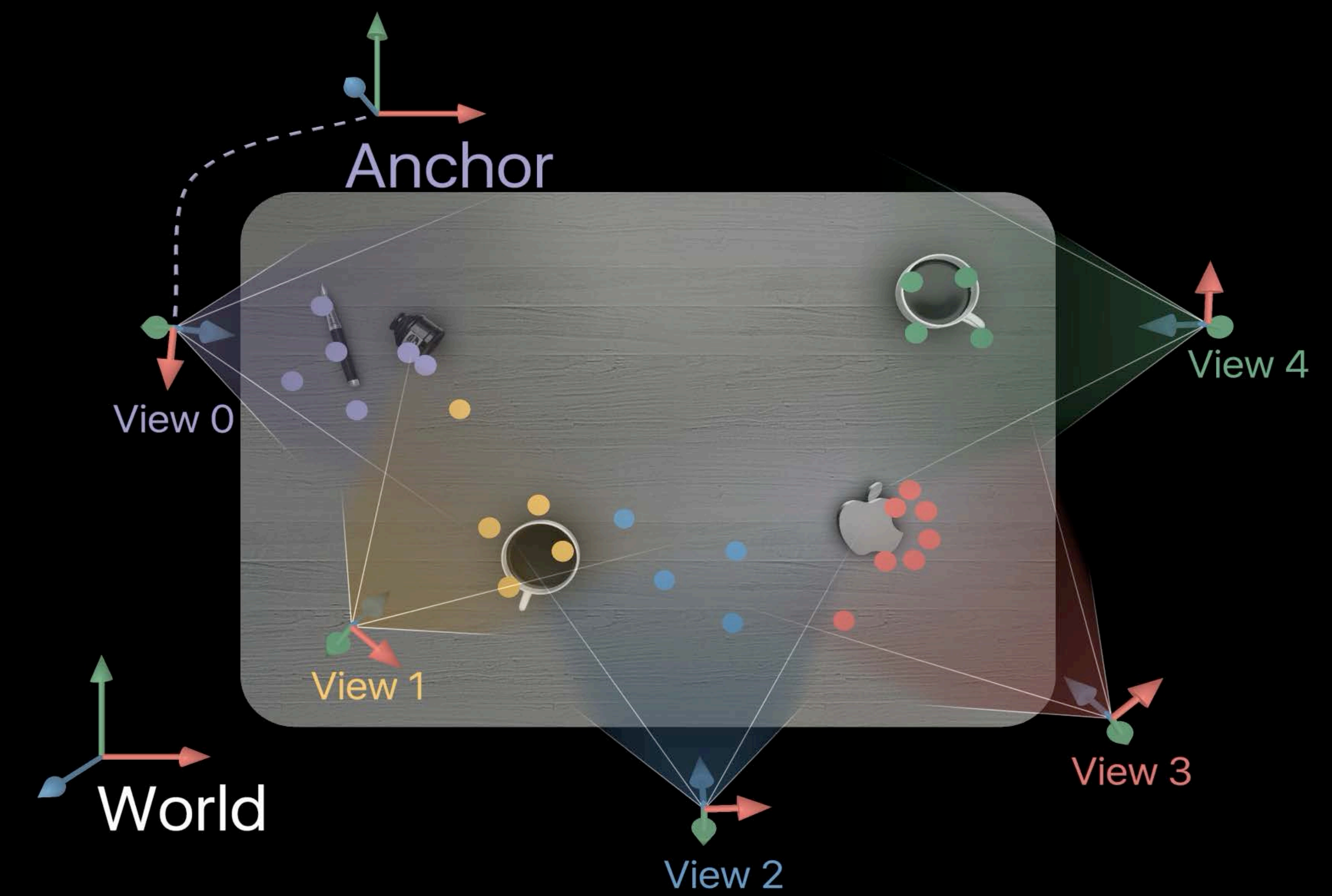
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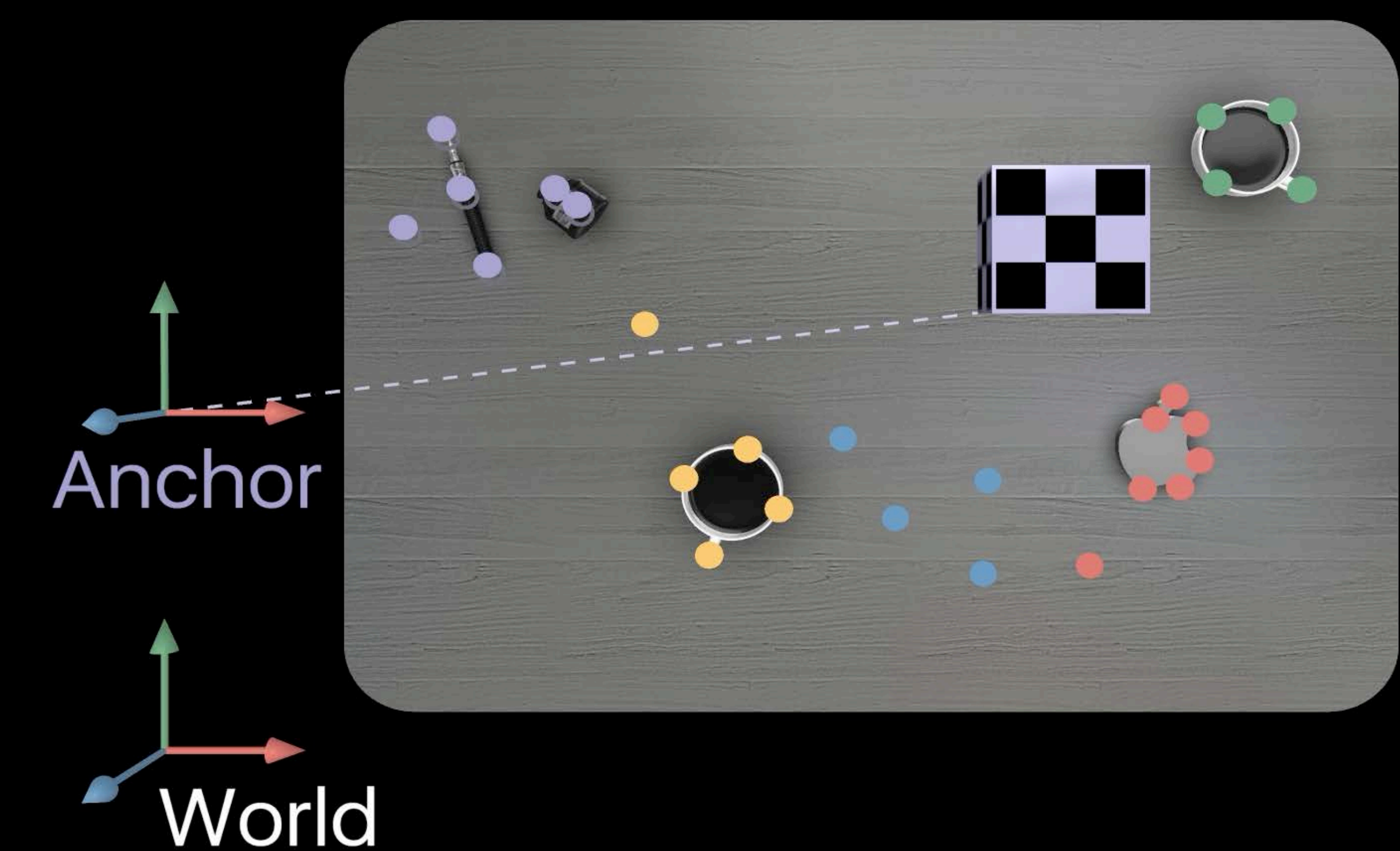
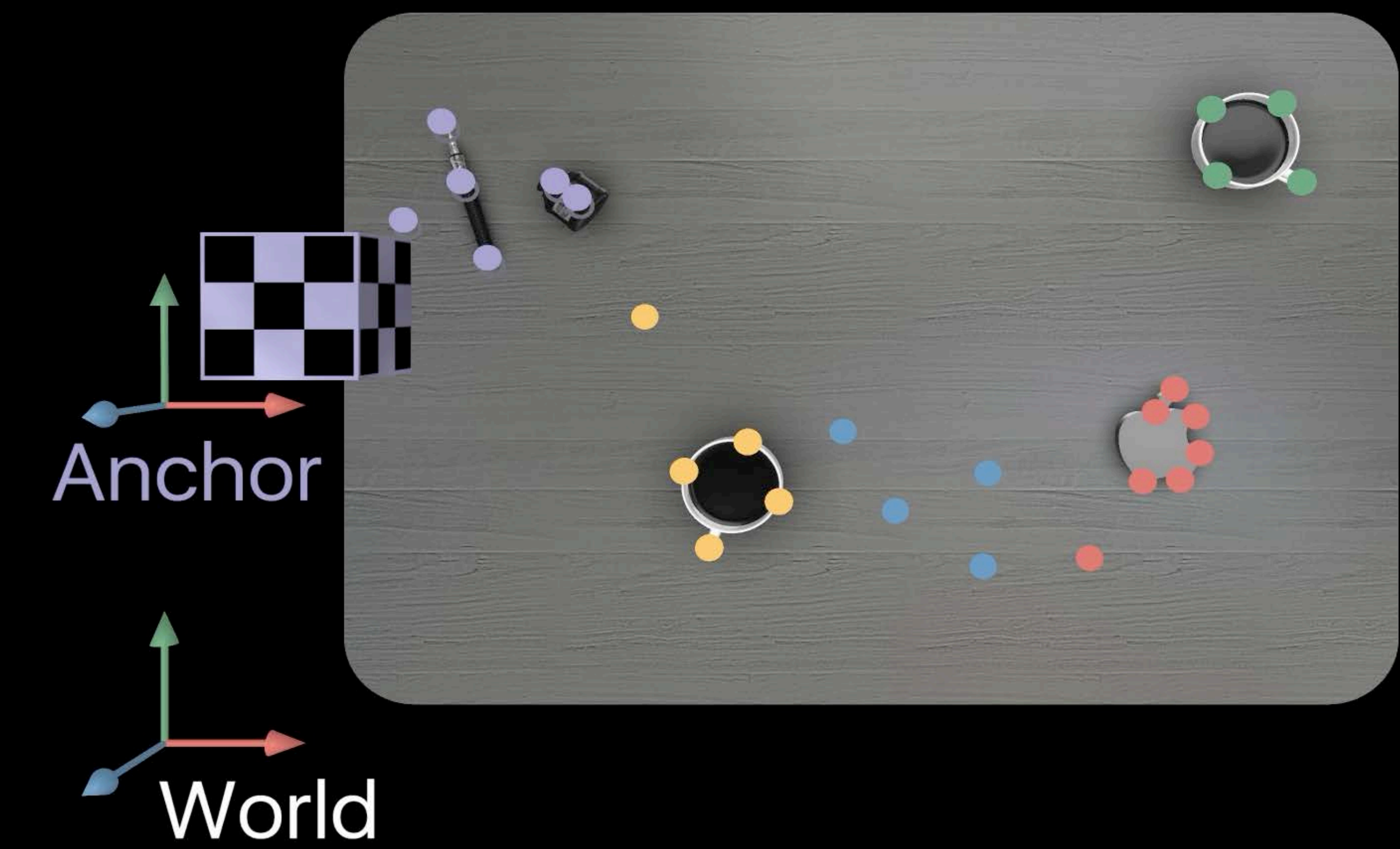
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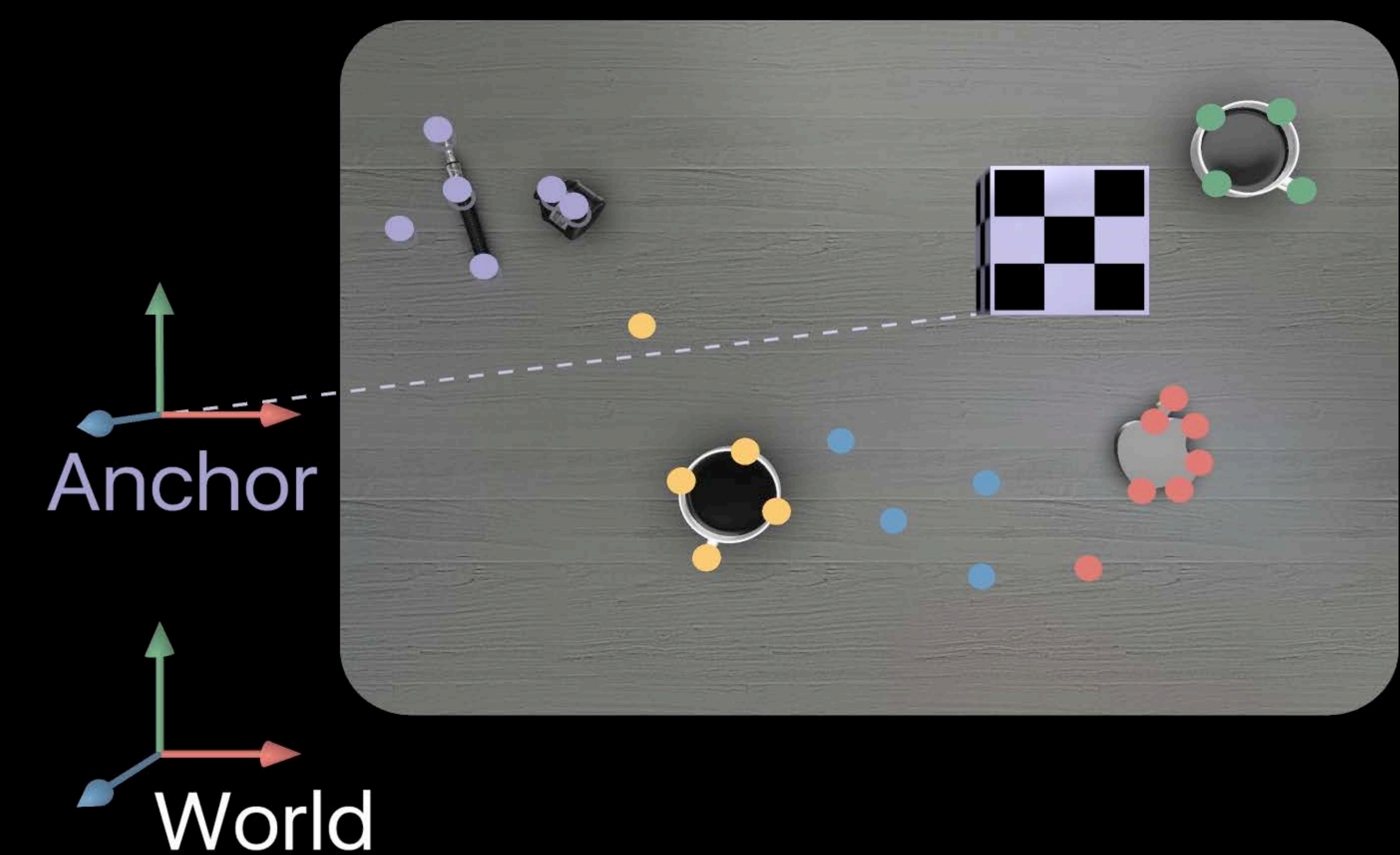
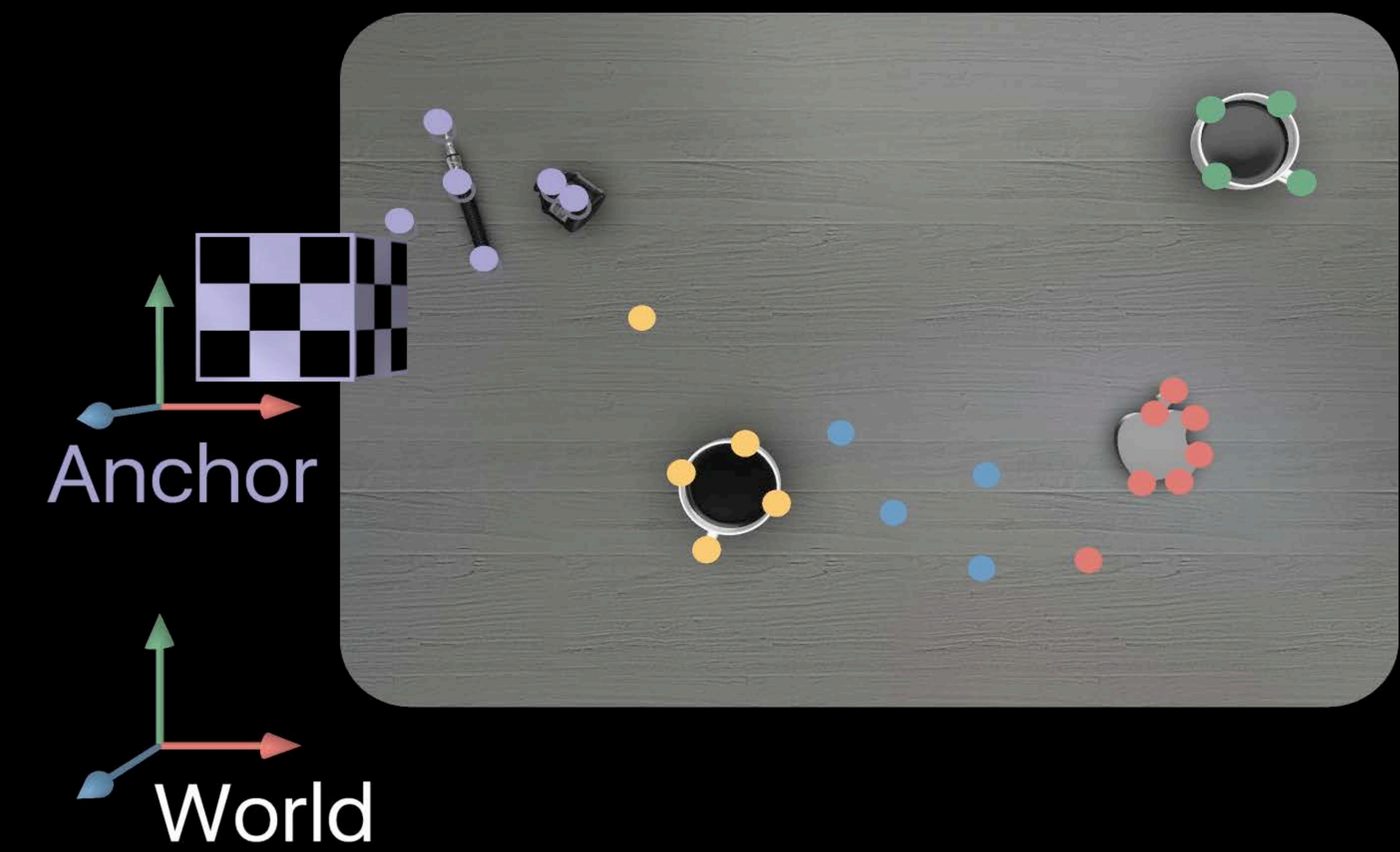
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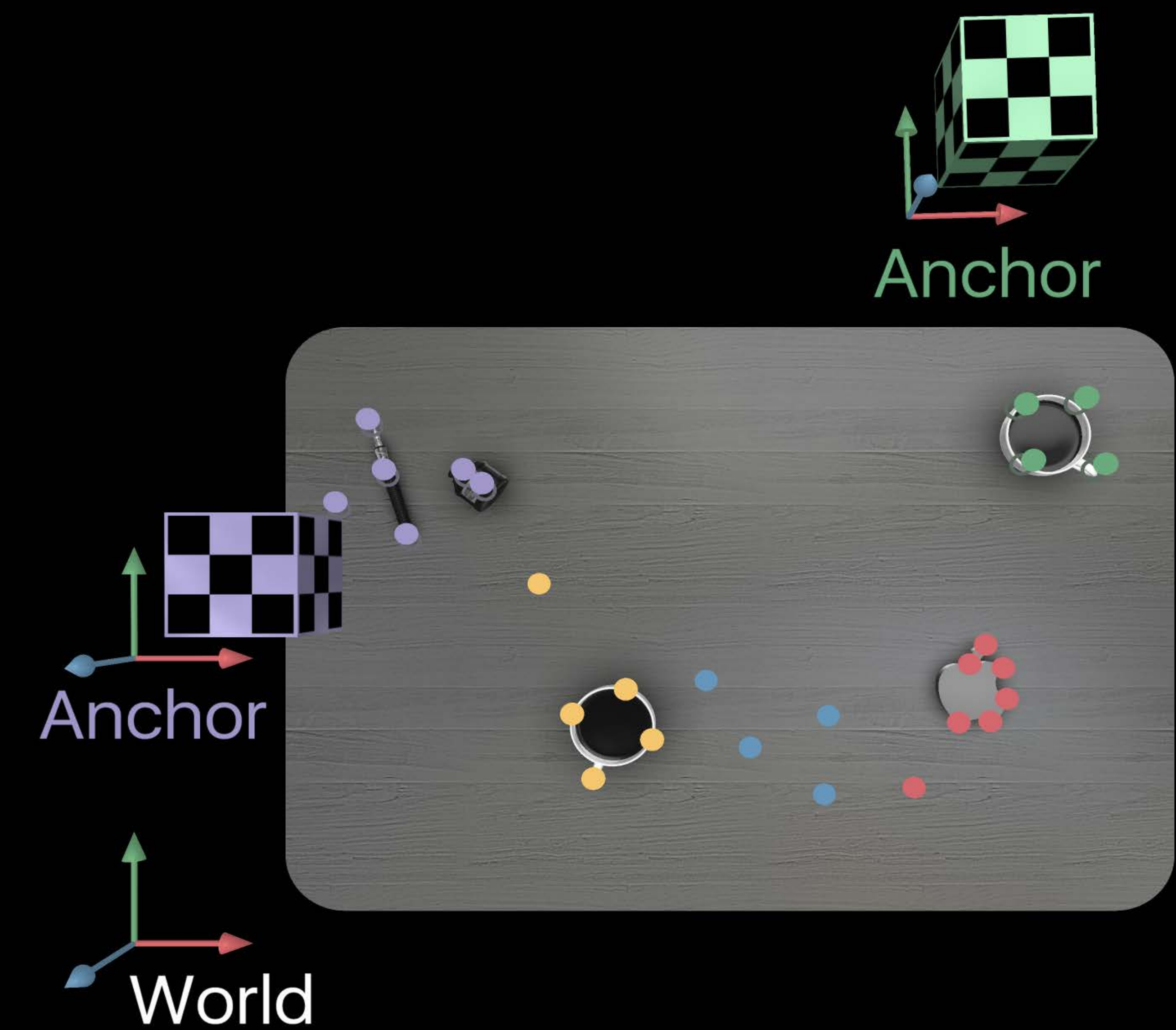


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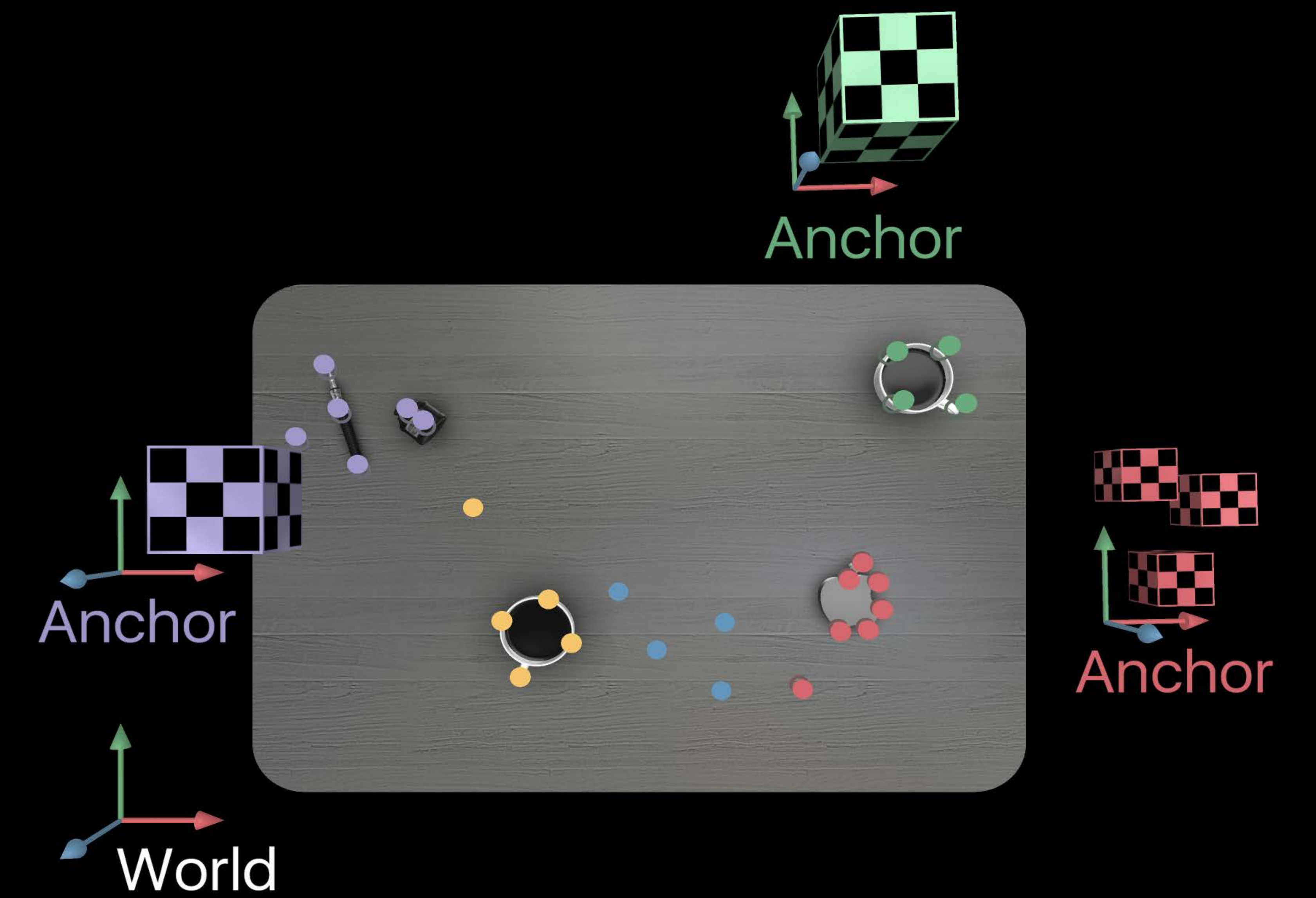


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Inspired by SwiftShot

All-new experience for 2019

Built with RealityKit and ARKit 3

SwiftStrike Tabletop available now





RealityKit networking

Physics simulation

SwiftStrike game design

# RealityKit Networking

Based on entity-component architecture

All state synchronized, including physics!

Custom components for app/game logic

Uses MultipeerConnectivity as network layer

Create network session, hand to ARView

# Different Roles

First device acts as "host"

Controls game state, physics simulation

Other devices participate

# Custom Components in RealityKit

Define your own components to store application state

Register components before instantiating ARView

Implement `Codable` to enable synchronization

# Use Case — Starting the Game

Match object tracks whether enough players are ready to start the game

State maintained on host, synced to clients

Component maintains full log





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// Custom component for game start

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# Physics

Physics state synchronization handled by RealityKit

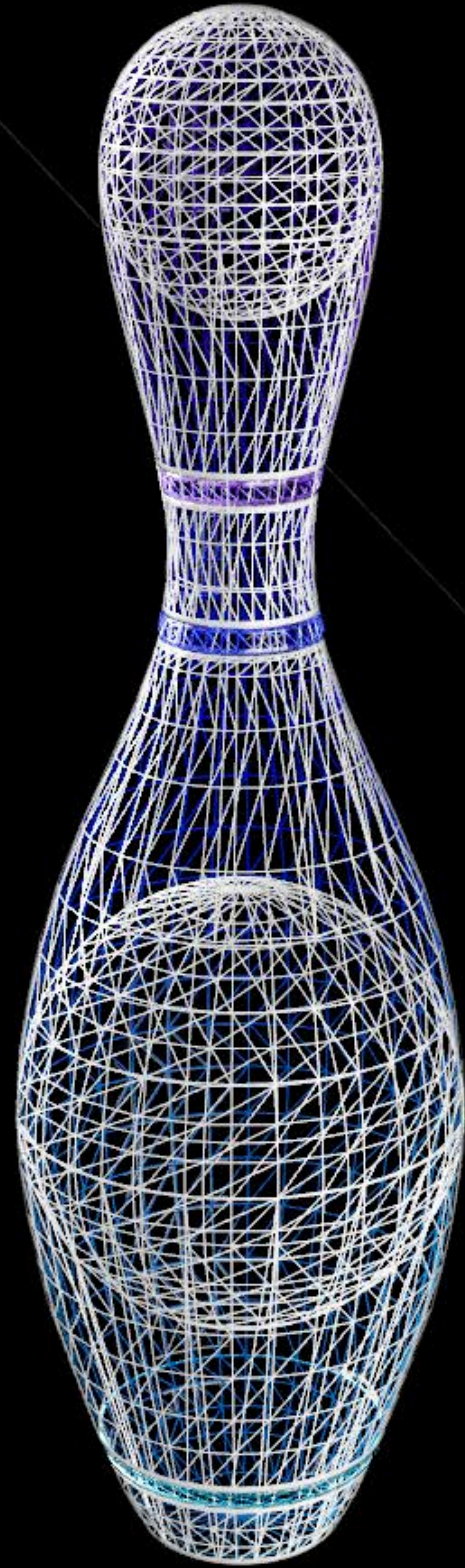
Configure physics properties via components

- Rigid bodies
- Collision masks
- Mass, friction, restitution ("bounciness")

Host device owns simulation

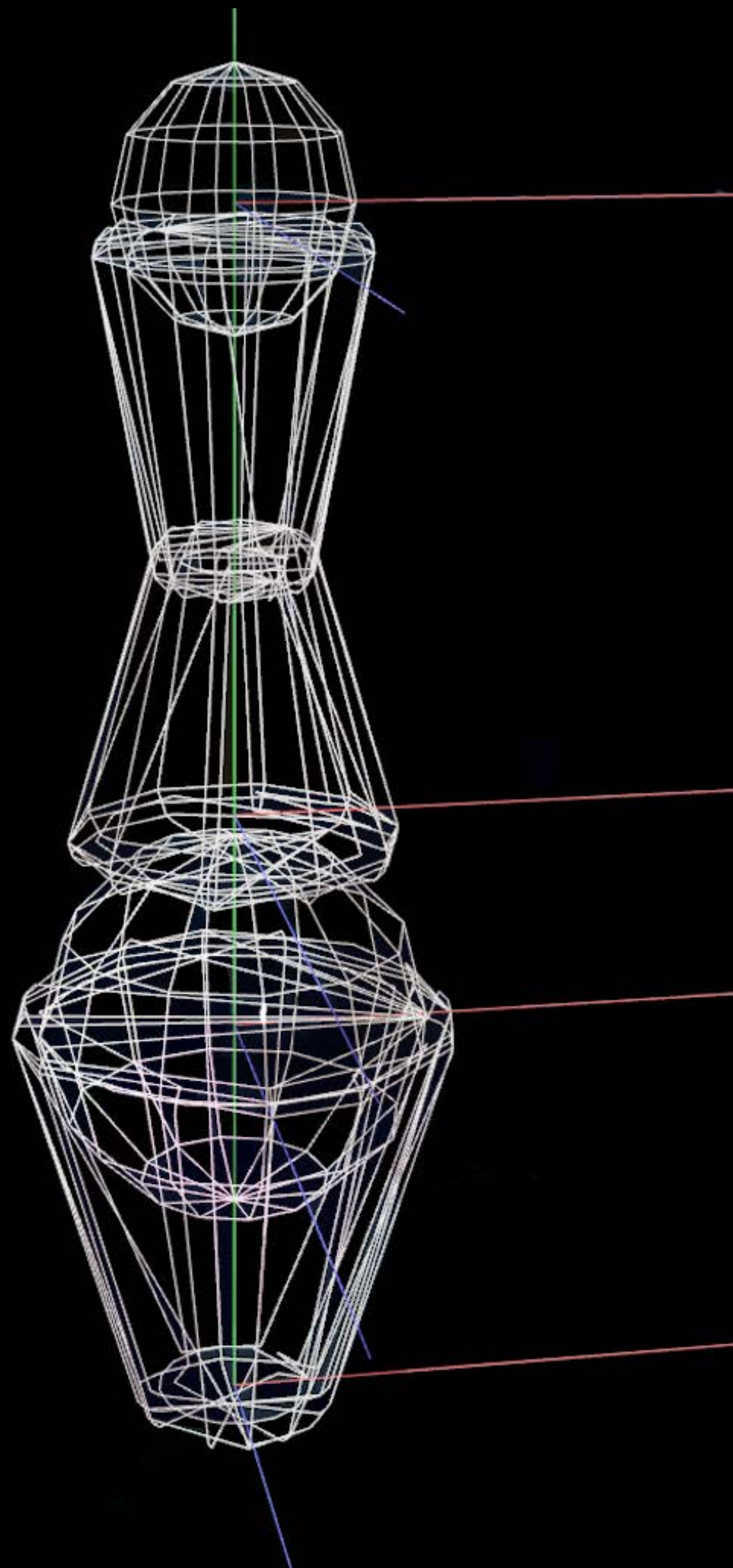
Client devices interpolate between updates

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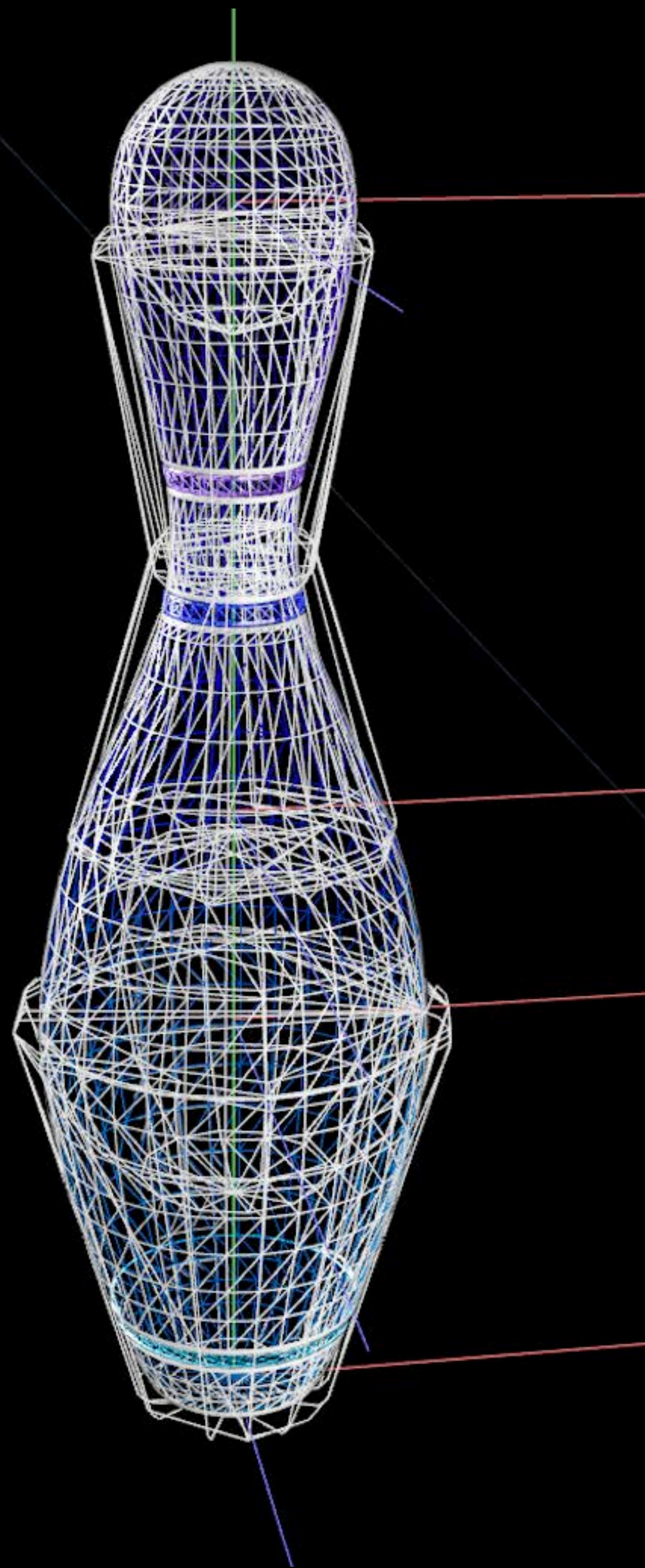




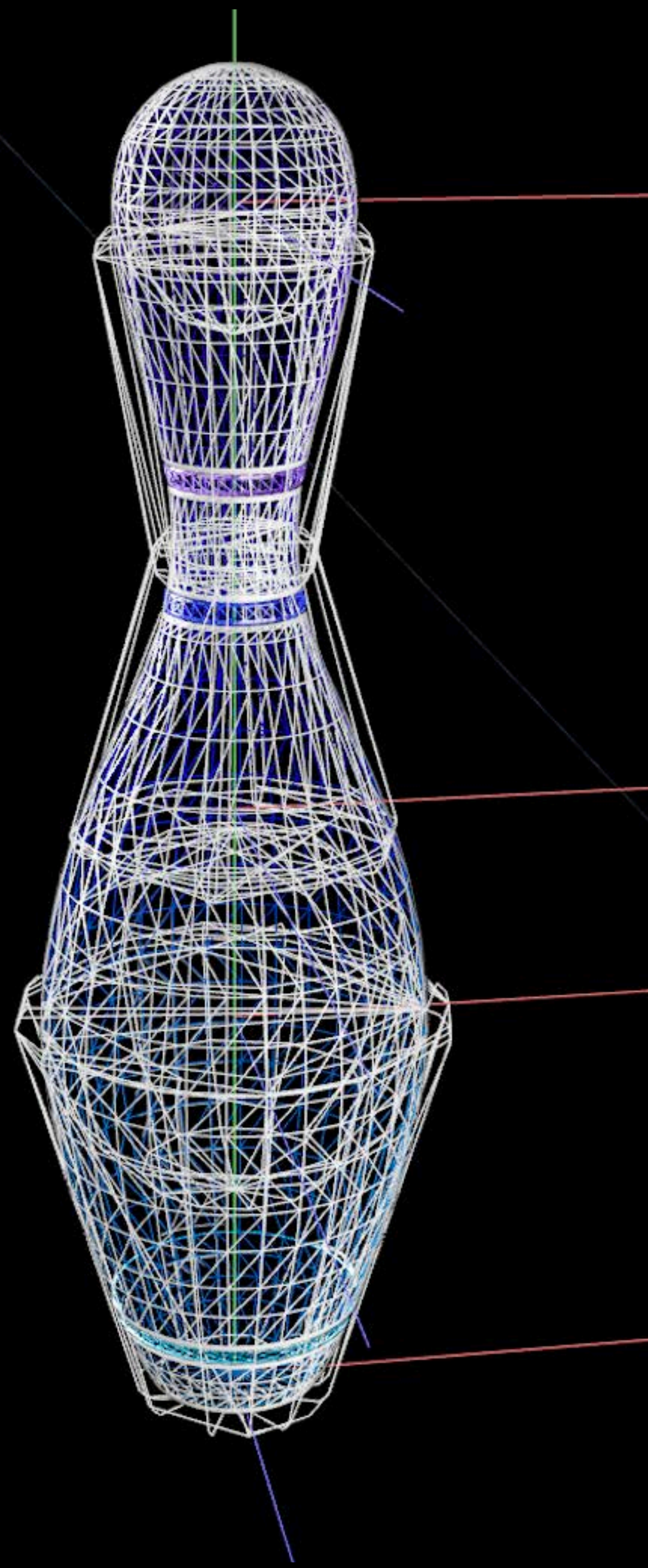
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# SwiftStrike Game Design

Designing for People Occlusion

On-site experience

Control mechanism

# People Occlusion

SwiftStrike designed with this in mind

Opens up new experiences



# SwiftStrike On-Site Experience

Full scale experience

Floor features designed for quick localization



# SwiftStrike Control Mechanism

Device is your controller

Faster movement means larger push

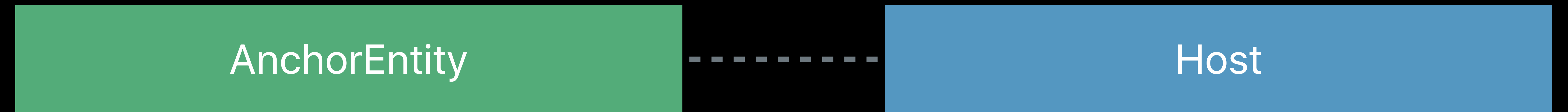
Physics body in the scene

- Ball bounces off people
- Pins and ball bounce off each other
- Pins don't bounce off people

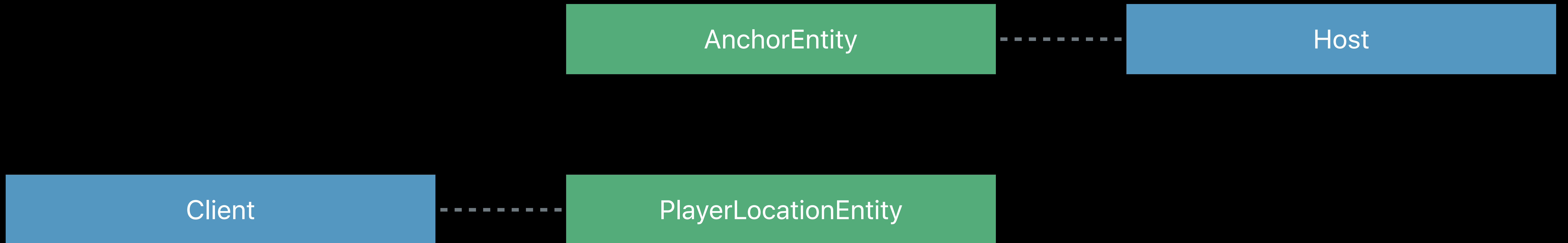
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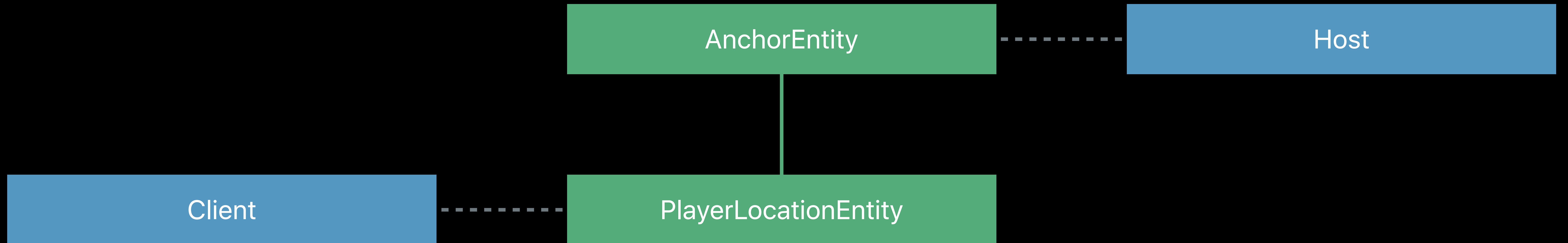
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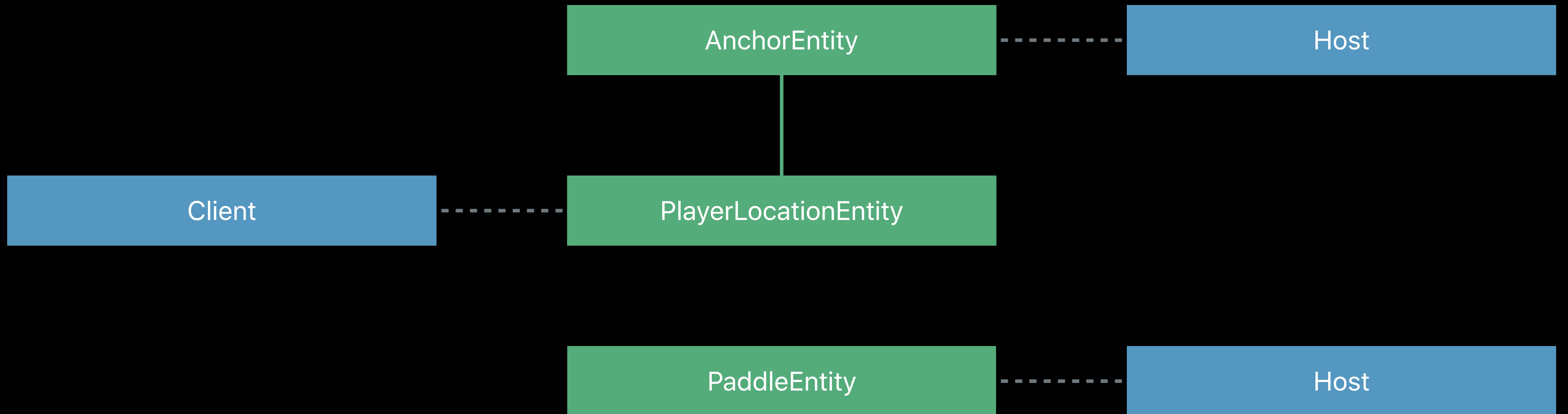
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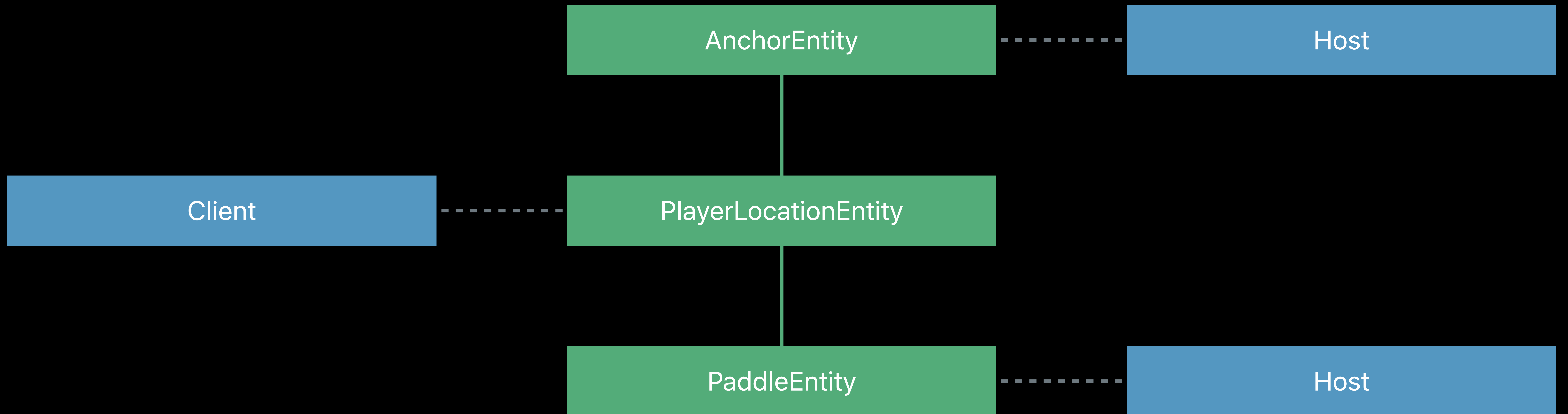
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