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# How Large of a Capture Surface Is Best?

Make sure to not go too small... or what is the point? However, make sure to take into consideration the table's full x/y travel when space planning.

Table or Easel?





Automated? Manual? Or Both?

Camera & Lights Support  
Structures? Object Flattening  
Mechanism?

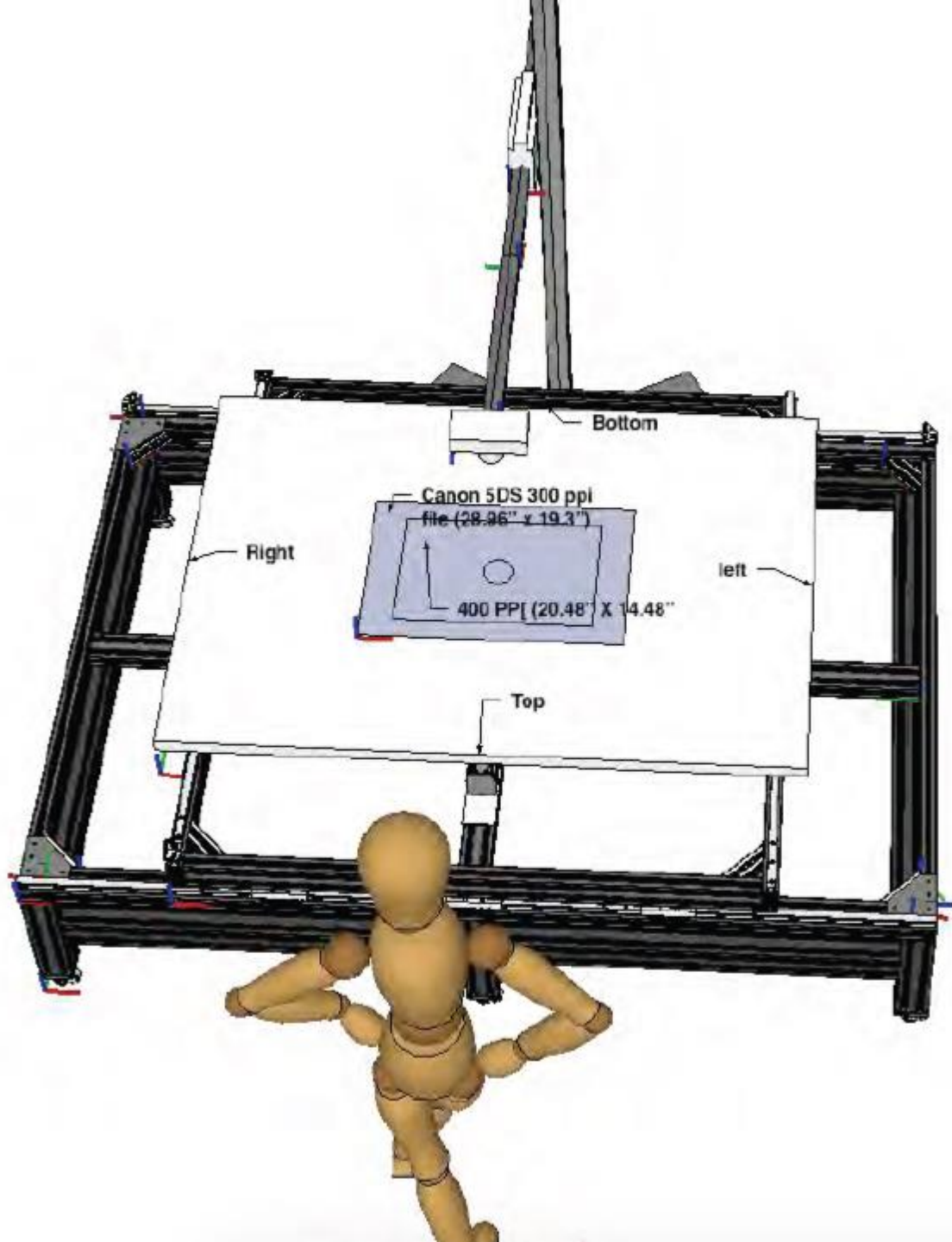




Tried and True Vacuum Bed, But We Didn't Go This Route...

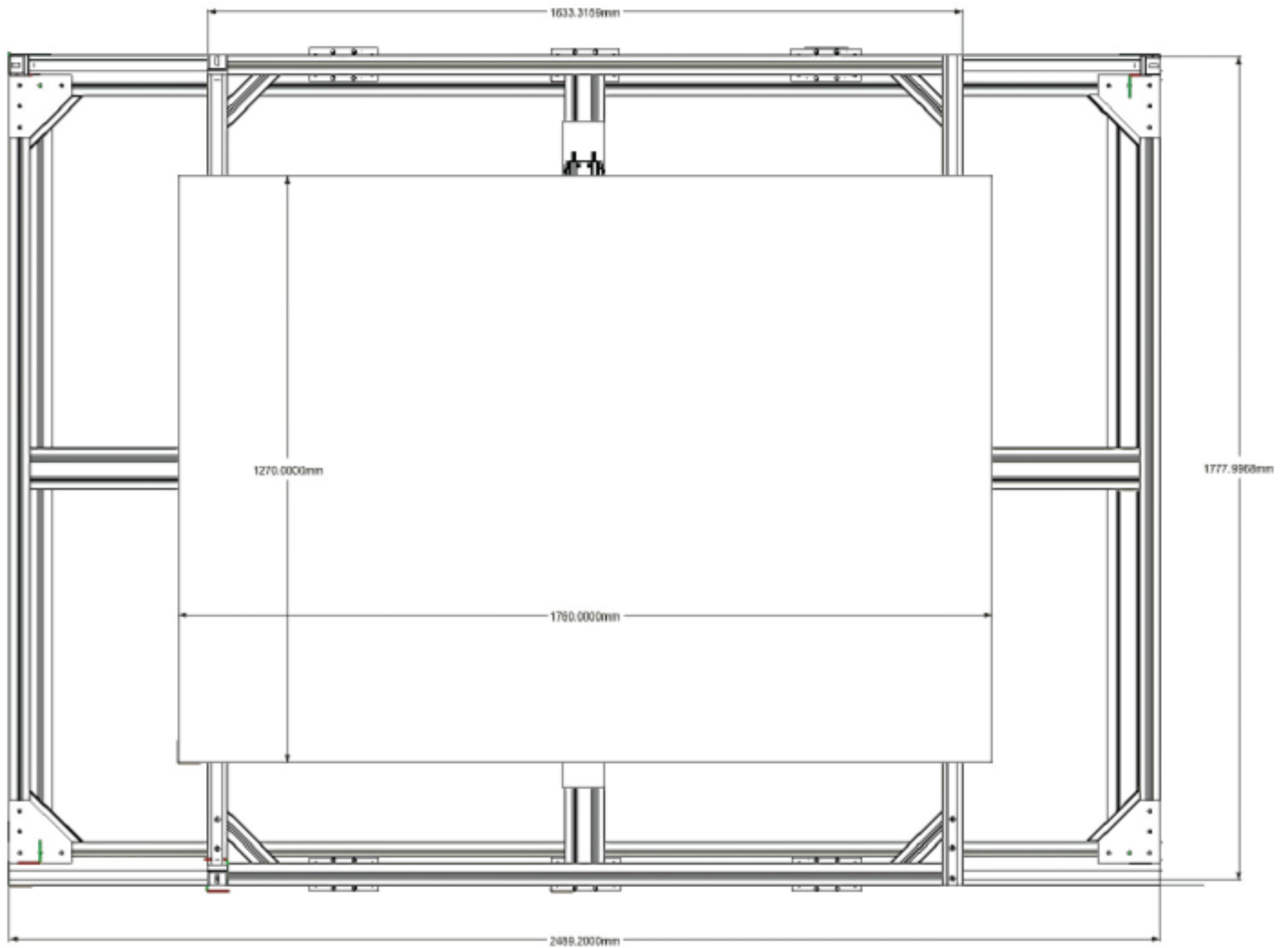
# Ergonomic Considerations?

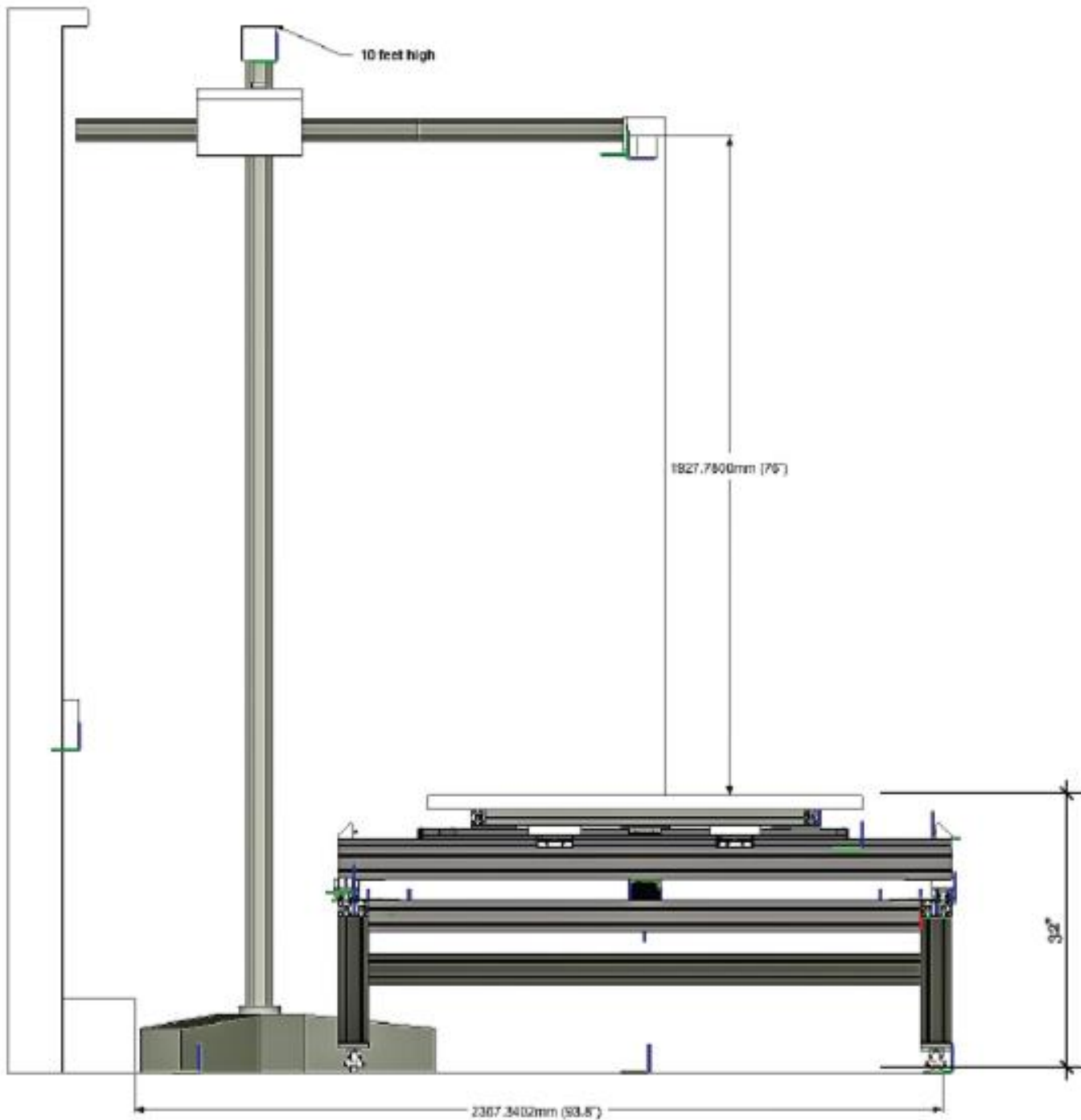
Table Height? Reach Needed To  
Manually Focus Camera?

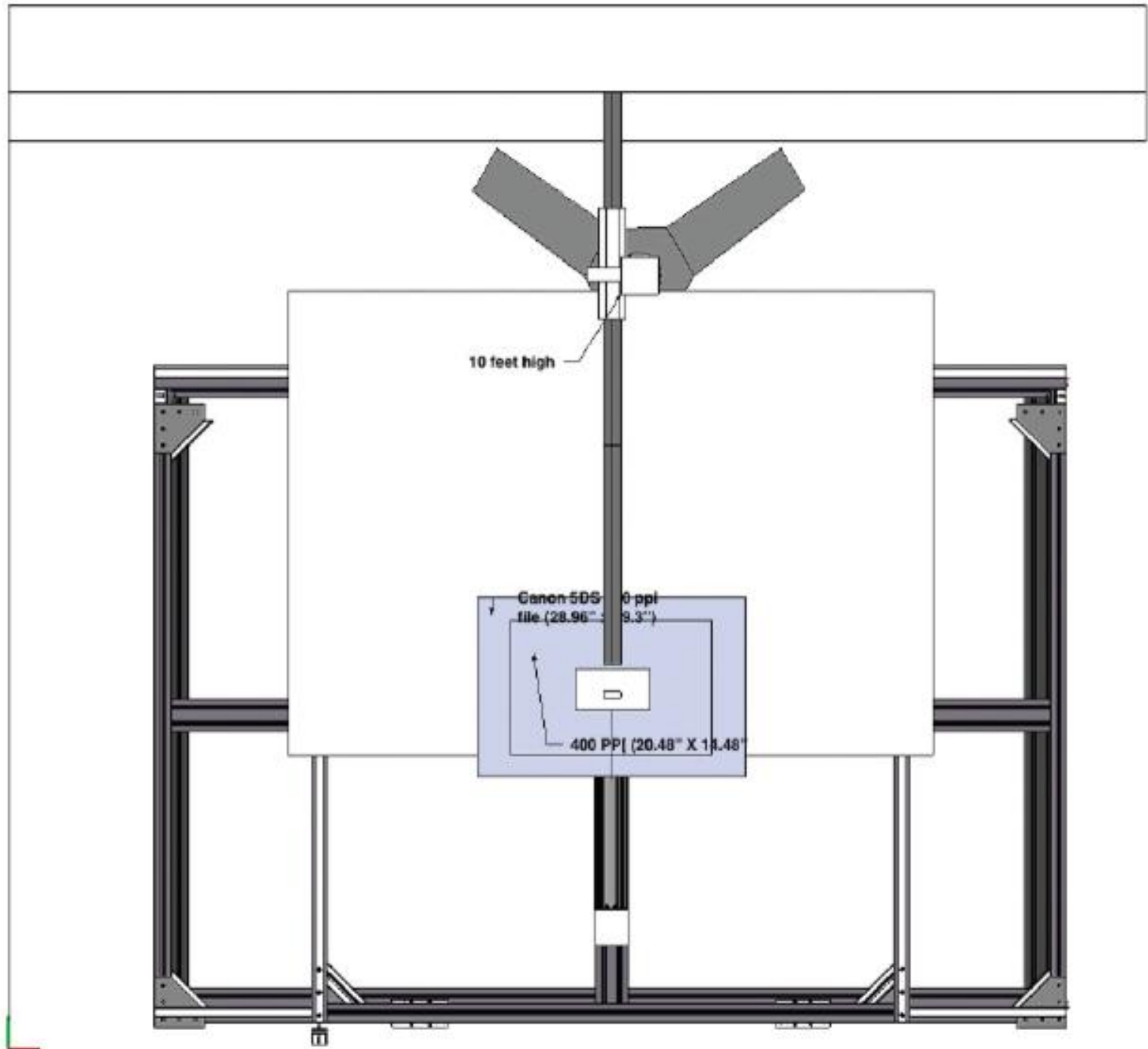


# Ready to Design? CAD is Your Friend!

Anticipate Problems. Quickly and Virtually Iterate Design and Engineered Feasibility. Accurately Purchase Pre-Cut Components for Final Assembly.







# Ready for Delivery? CAD (again) is Your Friend!

Virtually “walk” table components through doors and hallways. This will help answer how much of the system needs to be broken down (and re-assembled) in studio.





48" x 36" flat file



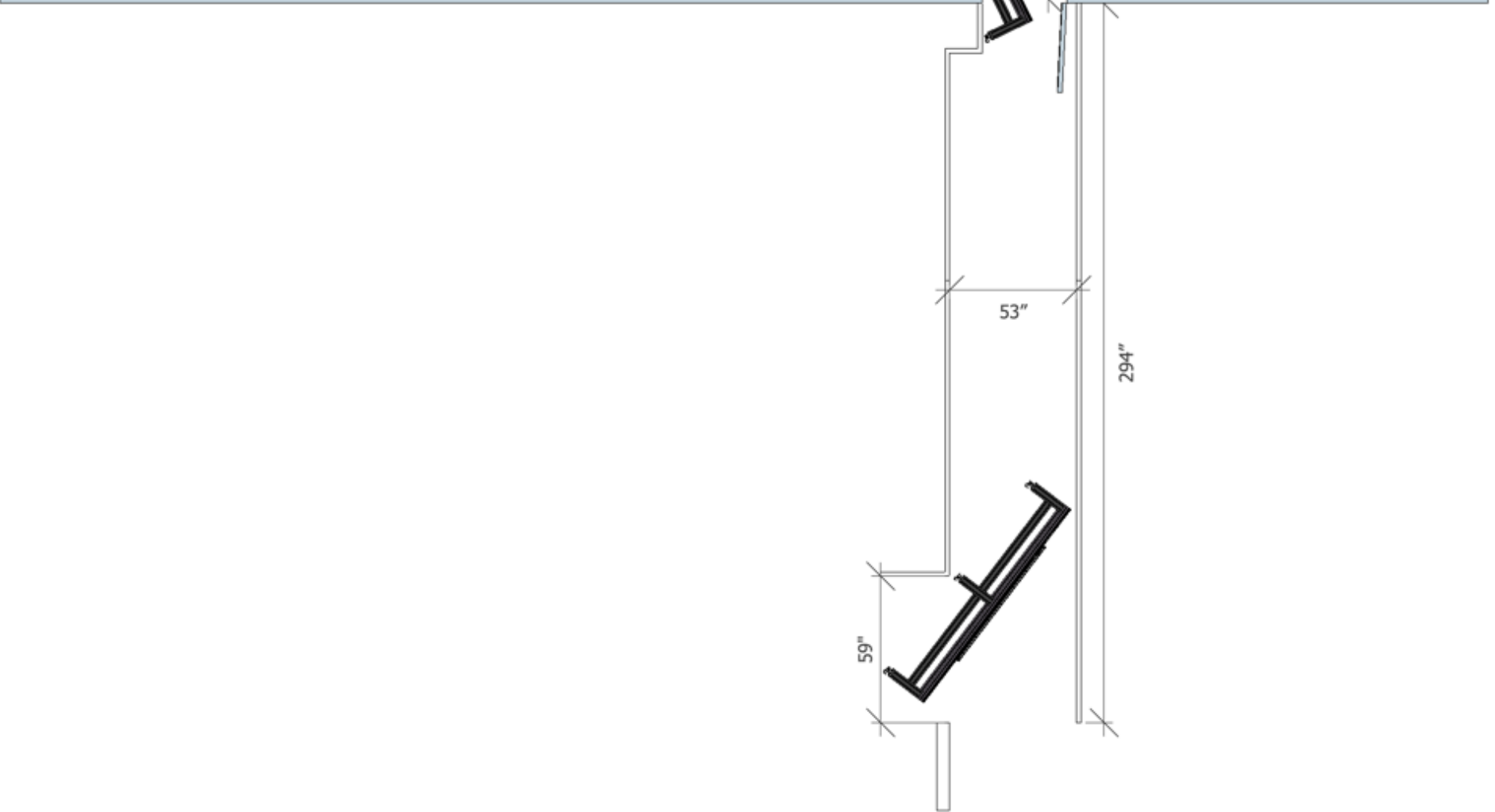
24.0000"

84.0000"

53"

294"

59"



Design Decisions That We Ended  
Up Making...

1. Table's Surface Dimensions: 50" x 69"
  2. Table's Footprint: 70" x 98"
  3. Table's Surface Height from Floor: 32"
  4. Table Components: 80/20 Aluminum Alloy CNC Cut to CAD Designed Specs. Yamaha Controllers & Servos. Foba Asaba Camera Stand w Extension Arm
1. Table Control: Fully Automated Capture System (touchscreen controller) with Manual Override
  2. Object Flattening: 50" x 69" Electrostatic Board Table Surface (also magnetic)



3

Number of Columns

3

Number of Rows

10

Run Speed (%)

2000

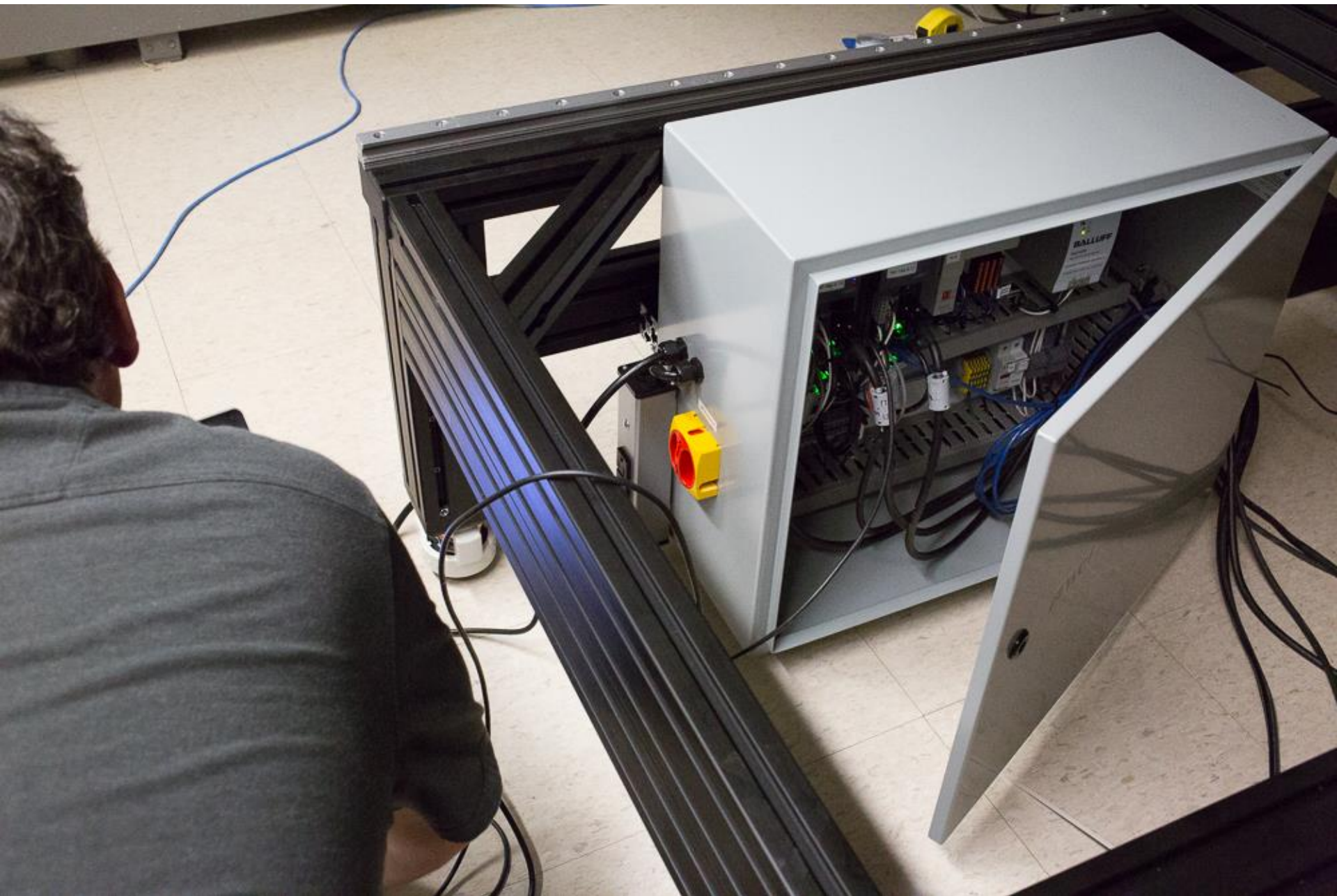
Settle Time (msec)

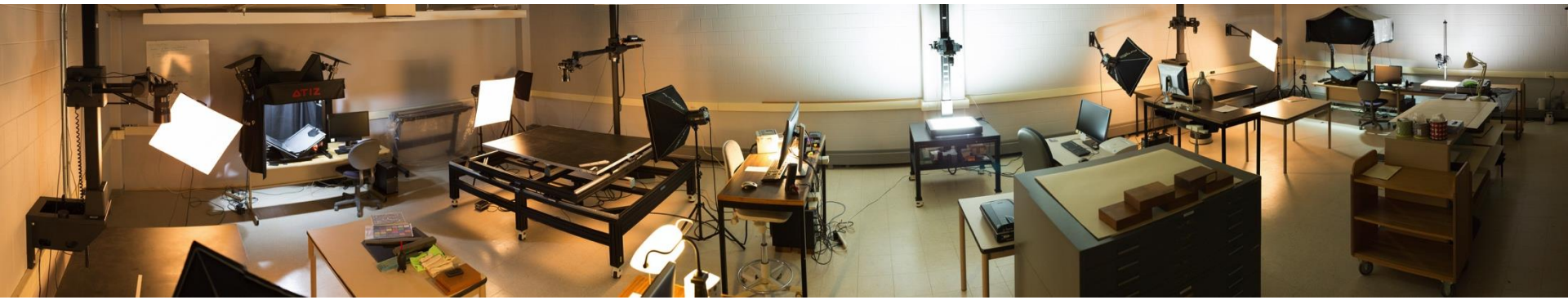
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Dwell Time (msec)

Shutdown

Main





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# Watch It In Action...

<https://youtu.be/5bluRZjY--M>