

# **Introduction to the Stratos Project: The Optical Mission Behind the Stratos Project**

## **(Presentation Video)**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The recent Red Bull Stratos Project enabled Felix Baumgartner to skydive from 127,852 feet, breaking a number of world records, and also become the first person to break the sound barrier in free fall. This incredible example of human achievement was documented by a group of optical imaging scientists who worked for over four years to develop and test the necessary systems and equipment. This monumental leap was captured by 35 cameras to provide a full picture of what this endeavor means for the future of scientific exploration. This special presentation will feature an insider look behind the Stratos Project: goals, challenges, and lessons learned.

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