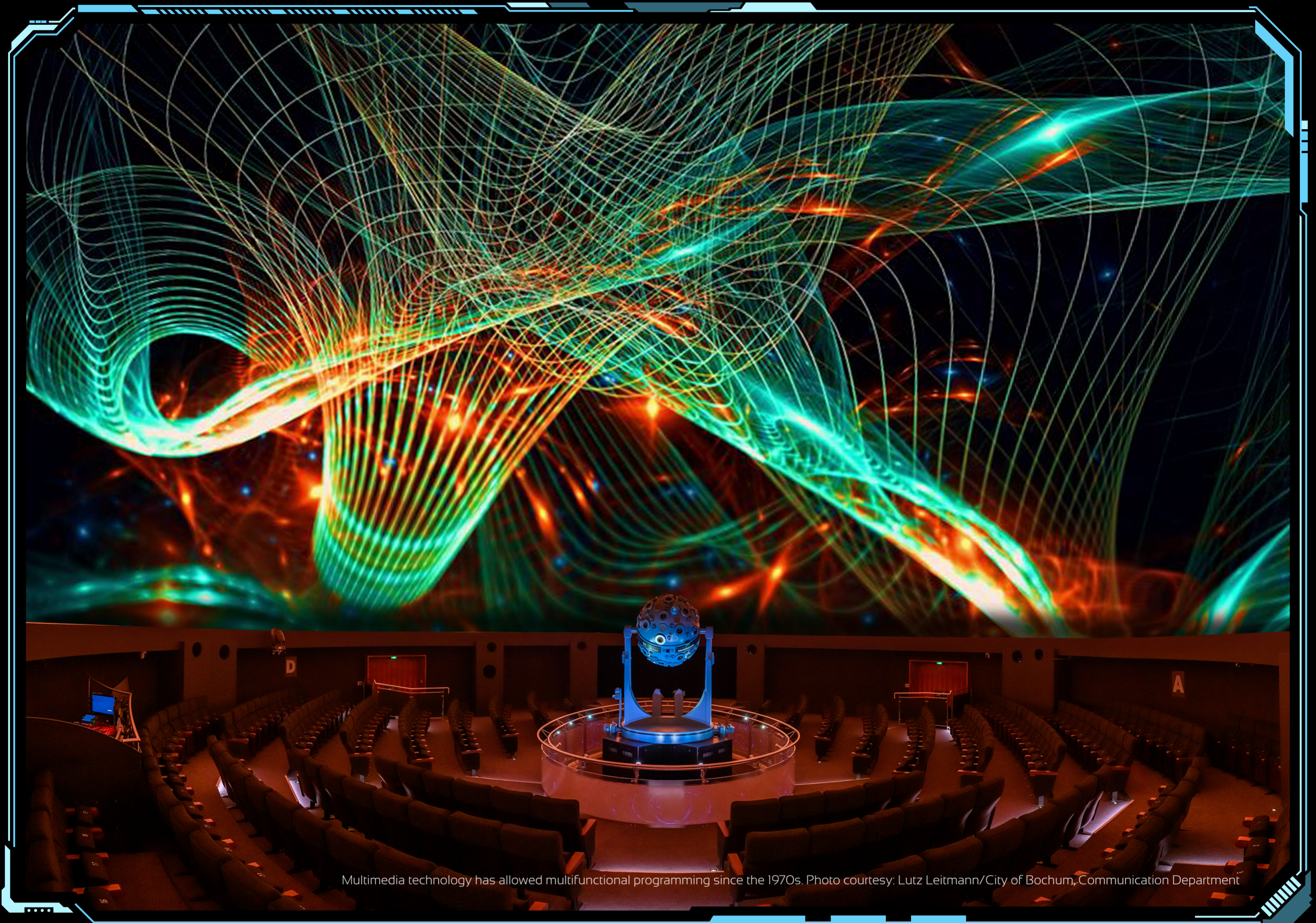


Going Multifunctional



Multimedia technology has allowed multifunctional programming since the 1970s. Photo courtesy: Lutz Leitmann/City of Bochum, Communication Department

Since the early 1960s, space exploration, discoveries in radio astronomy, fascinating new photographs of all kinds of celestial objects, but also the upswing in science fiction literature or the novel applications of laser light have fascinated more and more people. These developments presented planetariums with the challenge of how to present them.

For this purpose, numerous special effects projectors were developed and sophisticated slide projections for panoramic and all-sky images were created. Planetariums became multifunctional. The classical astronomy was joined by space themes, music and laser shows, and other formats up to and including dance performances and more.

