

# 6.891

## Computer Vision and Applications

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### Lecture 8: Multi-view Geometry

- Instantaneous Essential Matrix
- Fundamental Matrix
- Trifocal Tensor

Readings: F&P Ch 10.

Lecture	Date	Description	Readings	Assignments	Material
1	2/3	Course Introduction Cameras, Lenses and Sensors	Req: FP 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2	PS0 out	
2	2/5	Image Filtering	Req: FP 7.1 - 7.6		
3	2/10	Image Representations: pyramids	Req: FP 7.7, 9.2		
4	2/12	Texture	Req: FP 9.1, 9.3, 9.4	PS0 due	
	2/17	Monday Classes Held (NO LECTURE)			
5	2/19	Color	Req: FP 6.1-6.4	PS1 out	
6	2/24	Local Features			
7	2/26	Multiview Geometry	Req: FP 10	PS1 due	
8	3/2	<b>Multiview Geometry II</b> Affine Reconstruction    FP 12 Projective Reconstruction Scene Reconstruction			
9	3/4			PS2 out	
10	3/9				
11	3/11			PS2 due	
12	3/16			<b>Project Previews</b>	EX1 out
13	3/18	Model-Based Object Recognition		EX1 due	
	3/23- 3/25	Spring Break (NO LECTURE)			

# Last time

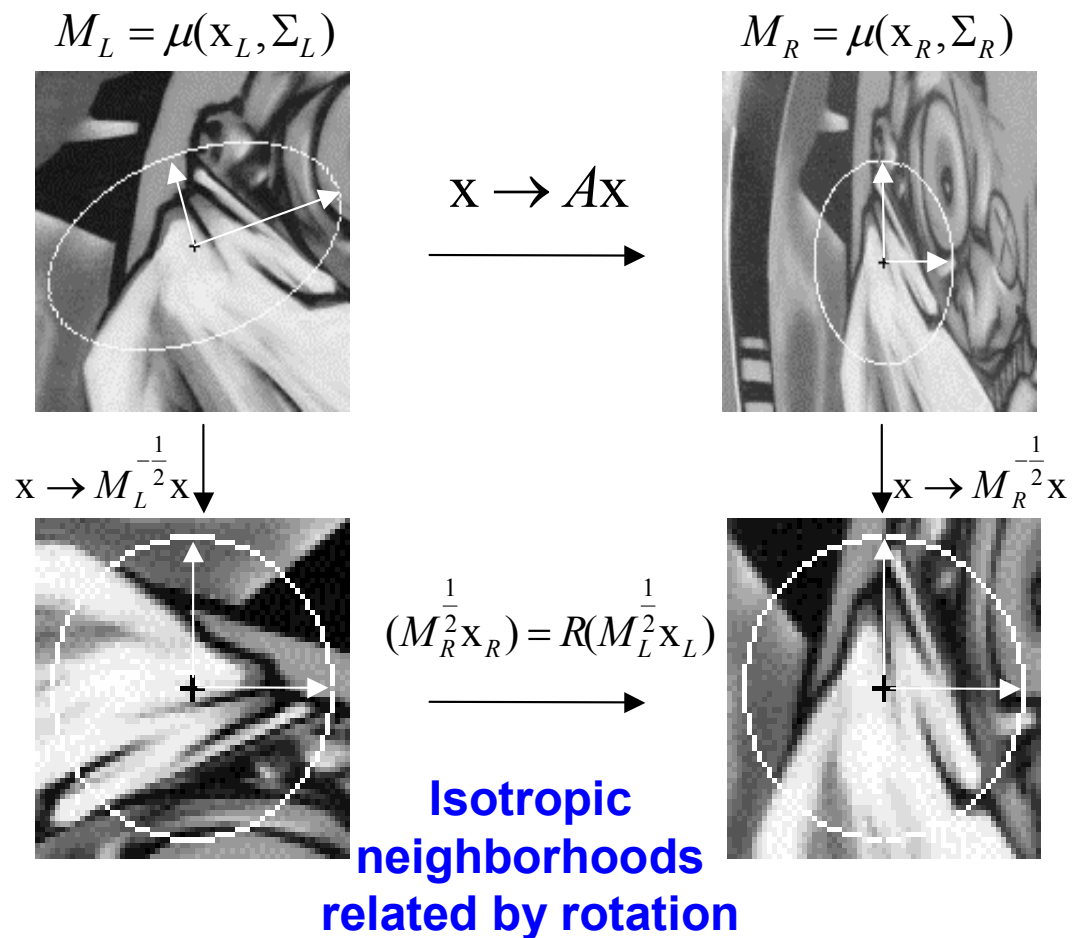
Affine Invariant Interest points [Schmid]

Evaluation of interest points and descriptors  
[Schmid]

Epipolar geometry and the Essential Matrix

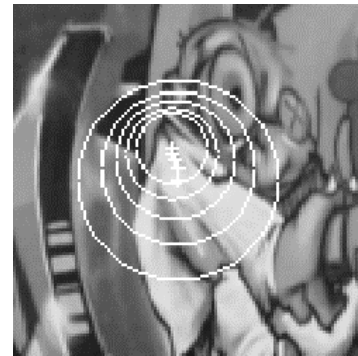
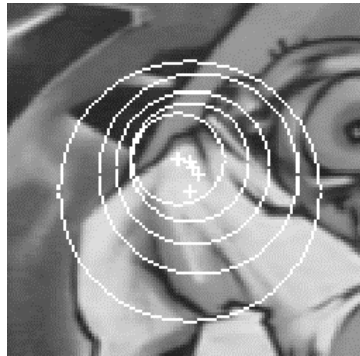
# Affine invariant Harris points

- Theory for affine invariant neighborhood (Lindeberg'94)

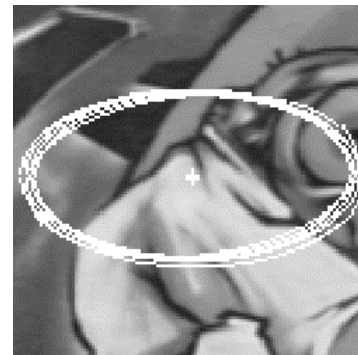
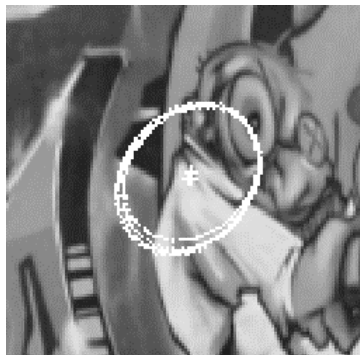


# Affine invariant Harris points

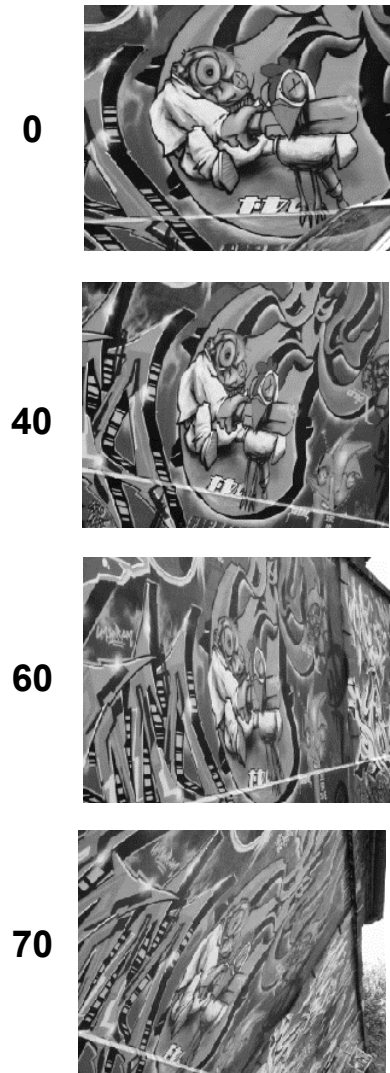
- Initialization with multi-scale interest points



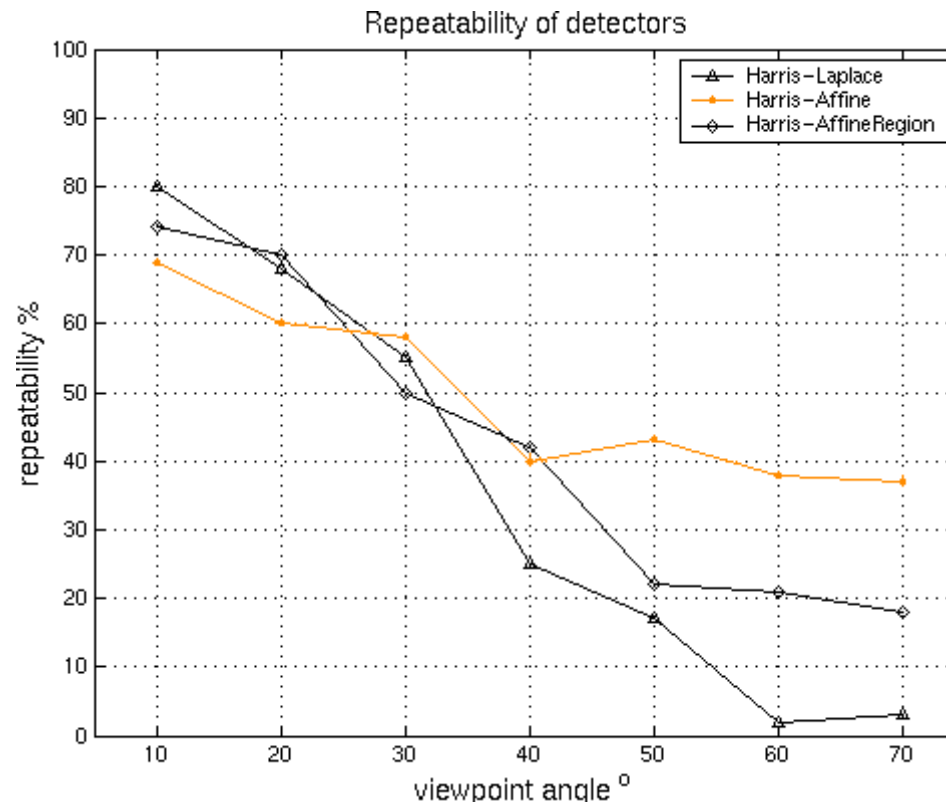
- Iterative modification of location, scale and neighborhood



# Evaluation of affine invariant detectors

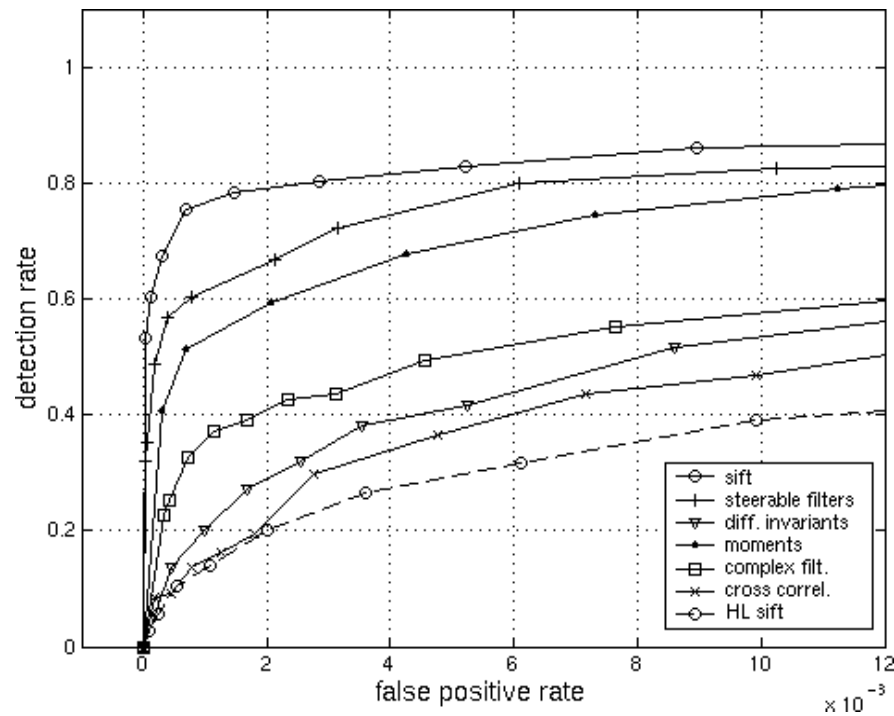


repeatability – perspective transformation



# Descriptor Evaluation

Viewpoint change (60 degrees)



Harris-Affine (Harris-Laplace)

# Epipolar constraint

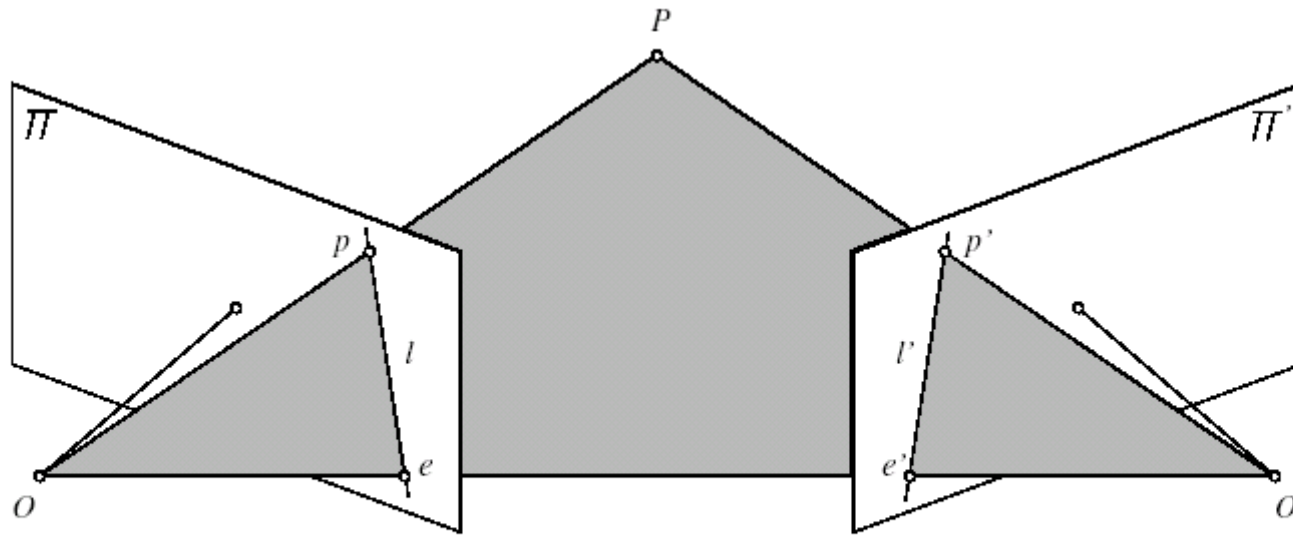


FIGURE 11.1: Epipolar geometry: the point  $P$ , the optical centers  $O$  and  $O'$  of the two cameras, and the two images  $p$  and  $p'$  of  $P$  all lie in the same plane.

All epipolar lines contain epipole, the image of other camera center.



# The Essential Matrix

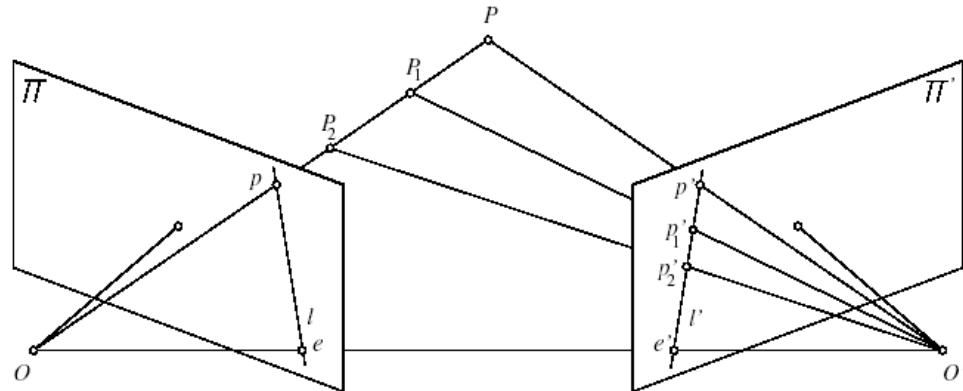
Matrix that relates image of point in one camera to a second camera, given translation and rotation.

*Assumes intrinsic parameters are known.*

$$\mathbf{p} \cdot [\mathbf{t} \times (\mathcal{R}\mathbf{p}')] = 0$$

$$\mathcal{E} = [\mathbf{t}_x] \mathcal{R}$$

$$\mathbf{p}^T \mathcal{E} \mathbf{p}' = 0$$



$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = [a_x] \vec{b}$$

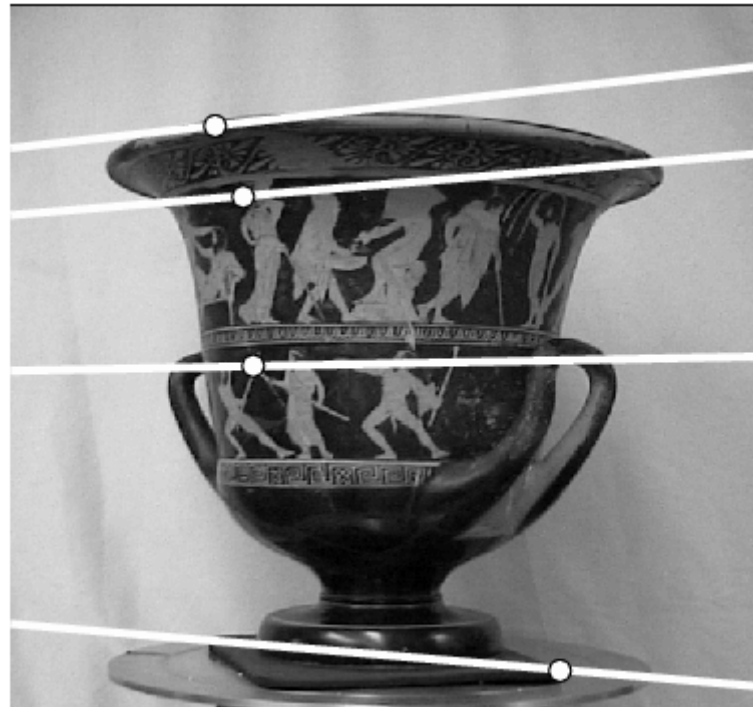
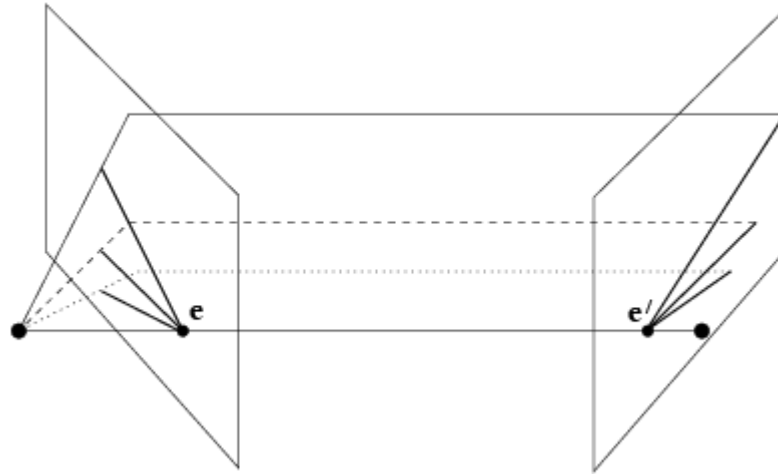
# Today

Instantaneous Essential Matrices

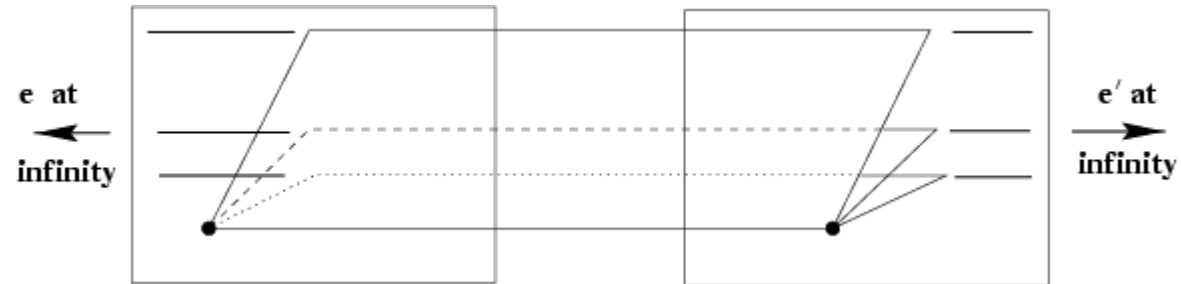
Fundamental Matrix and the 8-point algorithm

Tri-focal tensor

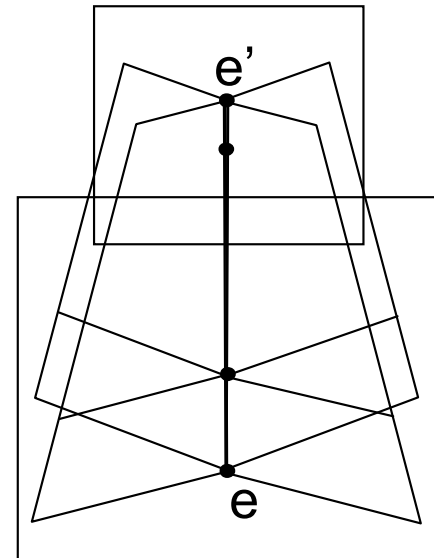
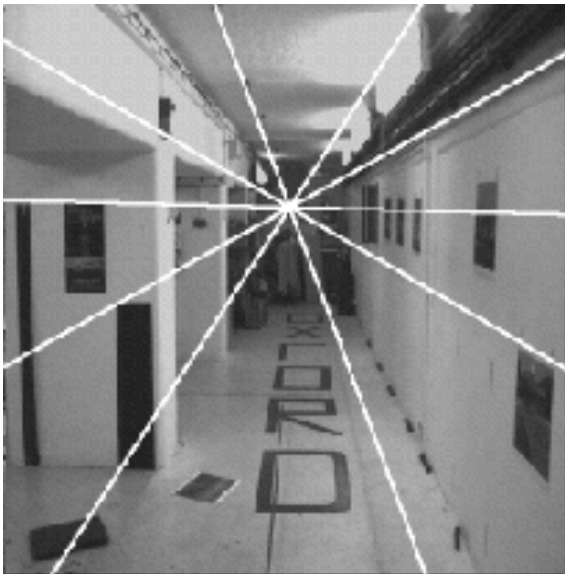
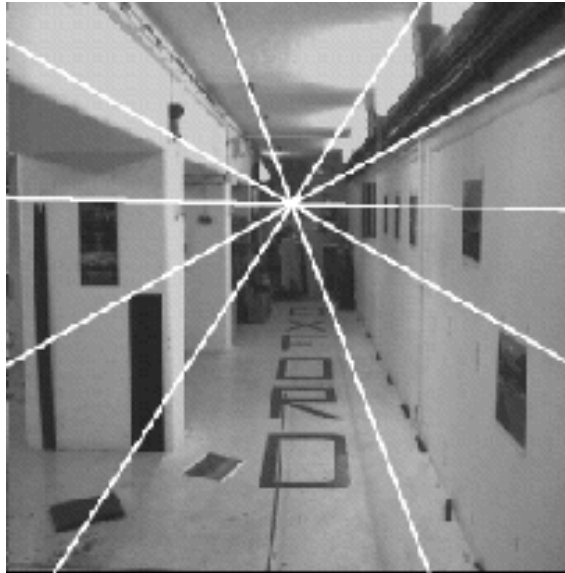
# Example: converging cameras



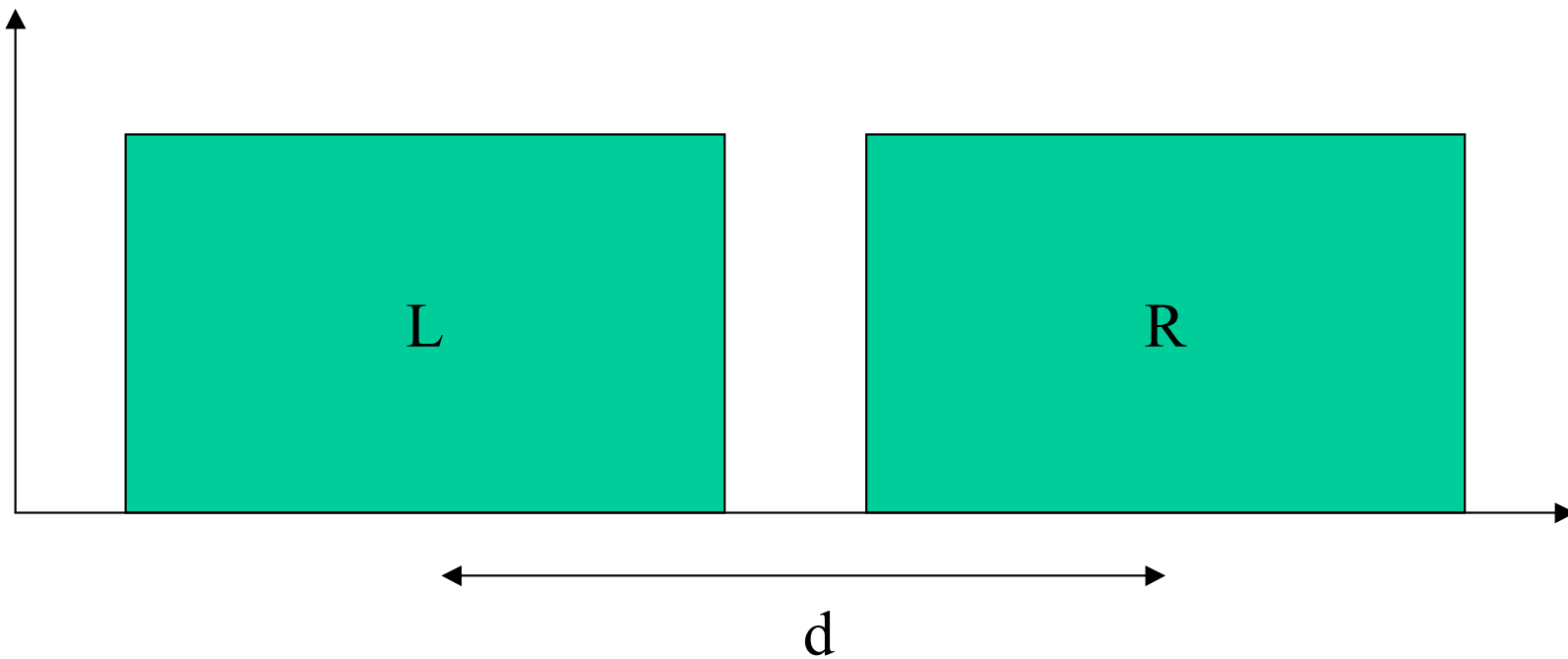
# Example: motion parallel with image plane



# Example: forward motion



# Essential matrix for pure translation



$$\mathcal{E} = ?$$

# Instantaneous Motions

$$t = \delta t \cdot v$$

$$R = I + \delta t [\omega_{\times}]$$

$$p' = p + \delta t \cdot \dot{p}$$

$$p^T \mathcal{E} p' = 0$$

$$p^T [v_{\times}] (I + \delta t [\omega_{\times}]) (p + \delta t \cdot \dot{p}) = 0$$

$$p^T ([v_{\times}] [[\omega_{\times}]) p - (p \times \dot{p}) \cdot v = 0$$

$$\dot{p} = \begin{bmatrix} V_X \\ V_Y \\ V_Z \end{bmatrix} = \text{Velocity Vector}$$

$$v = \begin{bmatrix} V_{T_x} \\ V_{T_y} \\ V_{T_z} \end{bmatrix} = \text{Translational Component of Velocity}$$

$$\omega = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_X \\ \omega_Y \\ \omega_Z \end{bmatrix} = \text{Angular Velocity}$$

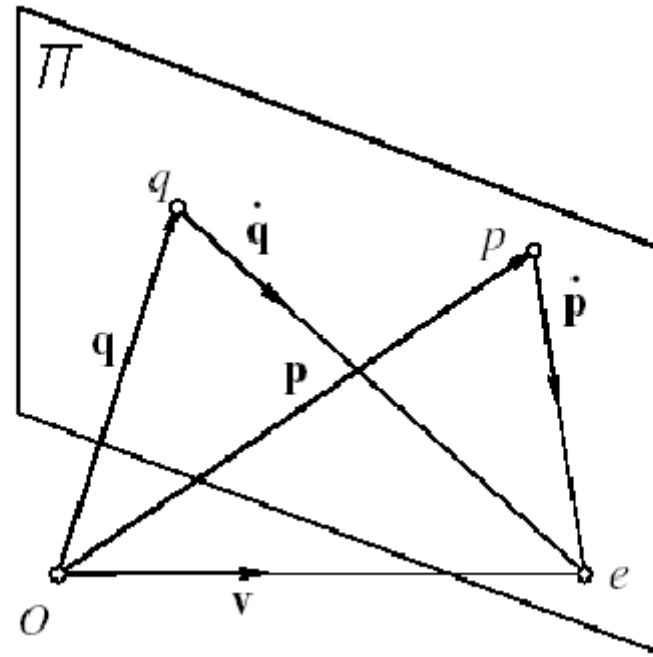
# Translating Camera

$$p^T ([v_{\times}] [\omega_{\times}]) p - (p \times \dot{p}) \cdot v = 0$$

$$\omega = 0$$

$$(p \times \dot{p}) \cdot v = 0$$

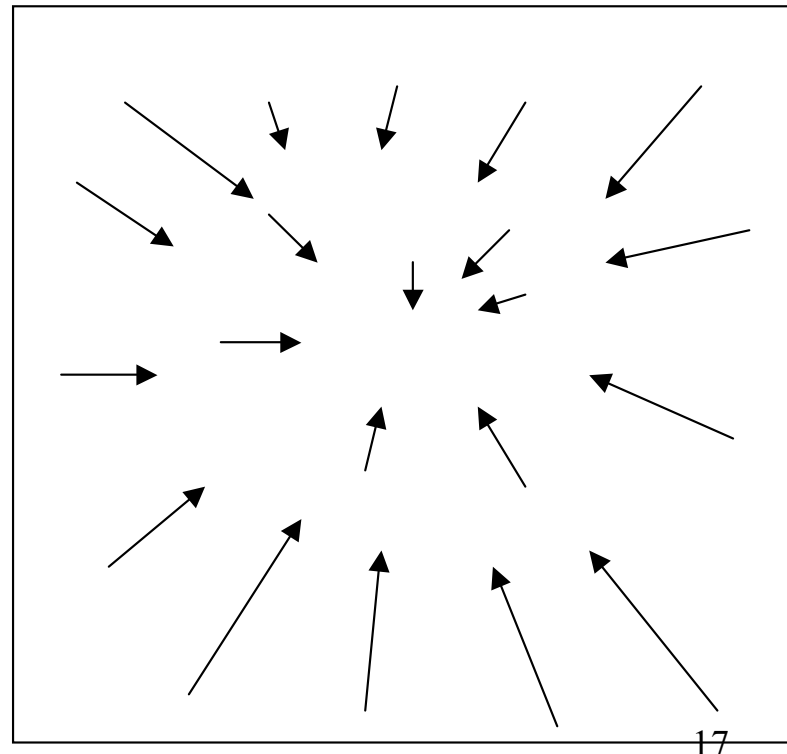
$p$ ,  $\dot{p}$ , and  $v$  are coplanar



Focus of expansion (FOE): Under pure translation, the motion field at every point in the image points toward the focus of expansion



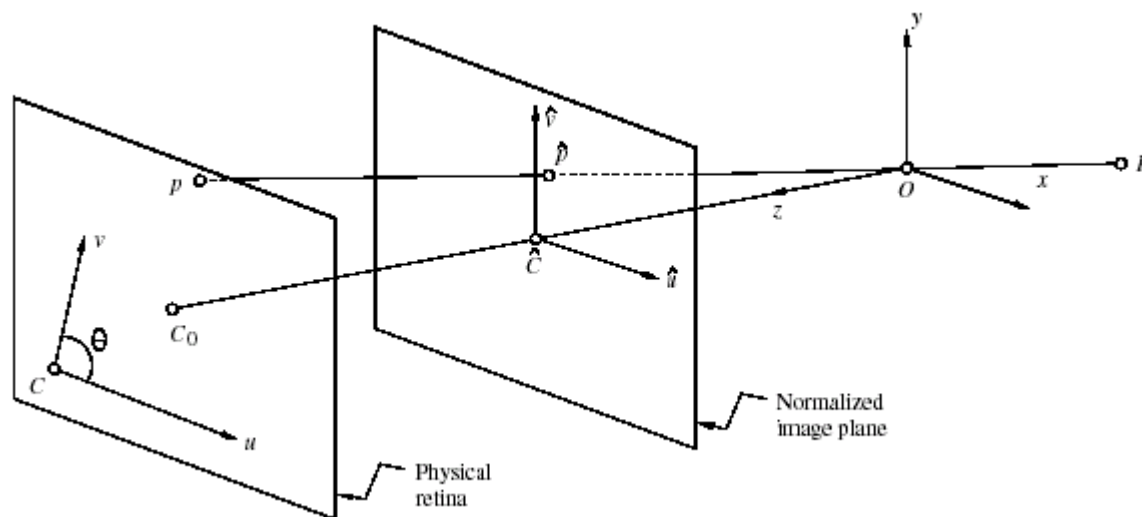
# FOE for translating camera



# What if calibration is unknown?

Recall calibration eqn:

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathcal{K} \hat{\mathbf{p}}, \quad \text{where } \mathbf{p} = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{K} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & -\alpha \cot \theta & u_0 \\ 0 & \frac{\beta}{\sin \theta} & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$



# Fundamental matrix

Essential matrix for points on normalized image plane,

$$\hat{p}^T \mathcal{E} \hat{p}' = 0$$

assume unknown calibration matrix:

$$p = K \hat{p}$$

yields:

$$\boxed{p^T \mathcal{F} p' = 0} \quad \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{K}^{-T} \mathcal{E} \mathcal{K}'^{-1}$$

# Estimating the Fundamental Matrix

$$\mathbf{p}^T \mathcal{F} \mathbf{p}' = 0$$

Each point correspondence can be expressed as a single linear equation

$$(u, v, 1) \begin{pmatrix} F_{11} & F_{12} & F_{13} \\ F_{21} & F_{22} & F_{23} \\ F_{31} & F_{32} & F_{33} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

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# Estimating the Fundamental Matrix

How many correspondences are needed to estimate  $\mathcal{F}$ ?

$\mathcal{E}$  has 5 independent parameters up to scale.

In principle  $\mathcal{F}$  has 7 independent parameters up to scale,  
and can be estimated from 7 point correspondences.

Direct, simpler method uses 8 correspondences....

# The 8 point algorithm

8 corresponding points, 8 equations.

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1 u'_1 & u_1 v'_1 & u_1 & v_1 u'_1 & v_1 v'_1 & v_1 & u'_1 & v'_1 \\ u_2 u'_2 & u_2 v'_2 & u_2 & v_2 u'_2 & v_2 v'_2 & v_2 & u'_2 & v'_2 \\ u_3 u'_3 & u_3 v'_3 & u_3 & v_3 u'_3 & v_3 v'_3 & v_3 & u'_3 & v'_3 \\ u_4 u'_4 & u_4 v'_4 & u_4 & v_4 u'_4 & v_4 v'_4 & v_4 & u'_4 & v'_4 \\ u_5 u'_5 & u_5 v'_5 & u_5 & v_5 u'_5 & v_5 v'_5 & v_5 & u'_5 & v'_5 \\ u_6 u'_6 & u_6 v'_6 & u_6 & v_6 u'_6 & v_6 v'_6 & v_6 & u'_6 & v'_6 \\ u_7 u'_7 & u_7 v'_7 & u_7 & v_7 u'_7 & v_7 v'_7 & v_7 & u'_7 & v'_7 \\ u_8 u'_8 & u_8 v'_8 & u_8 & v_8 u'_8 & v_8 v'_8 & v_8 & u'_8 & v'_8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F_{11} \\ F_{12} \\ F_{13} \\ F_{21} \\ F_{22} \\ F_{23} \\ F_{31} \\ F_{32} \end{pmatrix} = - \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Invert and solve for  $\mathcal{F}$ .

(Use more points if available; find least-squares solution to minimize  $\sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{p}_i^T \mathcal{F} \mathbf{p}'_i)^2$ )

# The 8 point algorithm

$$\mathbf{p}^T \mathcal{F} \mathbf{p}' = 0$$

is  $\mathcal{F}$  (or  $\mathcal{E}$ ) full rank?

No...singular with rank=2.

Has zero eigenvalue corresponding to epipole.

$$\mathcal{F}^T \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{0}$$



# Improved 8 point algorithm

Enforce rank 2 constraint!

*(Also pay attention to numerical conditioning...)*

Hartley 1995: use SVD.

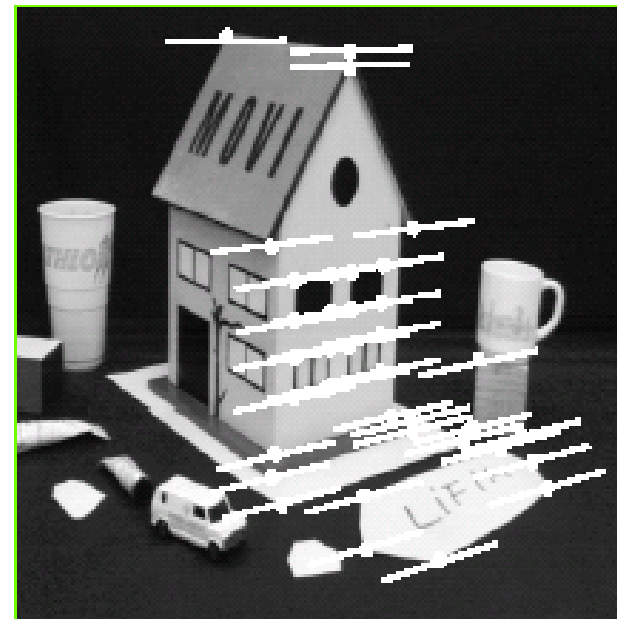
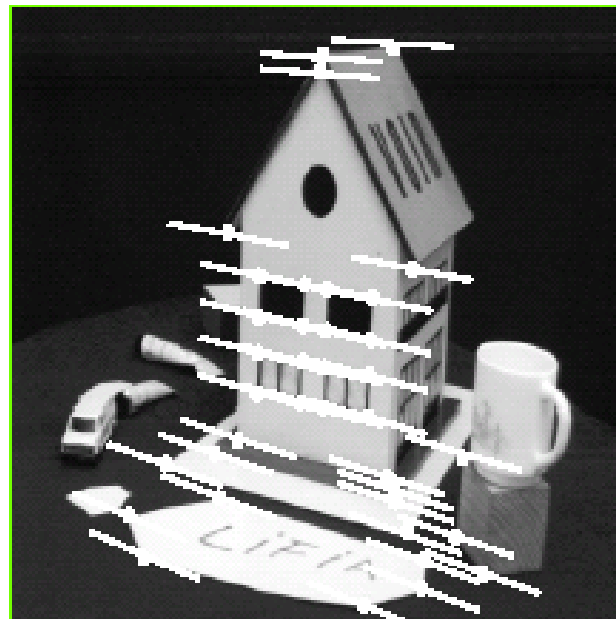
1. Transform to centered and scaled coordinates
2. Form least-squares estimate of  $F$
3. Set smallest singular value to zero.

# Normalizing the Input Data

- Directly use the pixel coordinates produces bad result
- Normalization method is quite necessary
- Isotropic scaling of the input data:
  - Points are translated to have their centroid at the origin
  - The coordinates are scaled isotropically so that the average distance from the origin to these points is equal to  $\sqrt{2}$ .

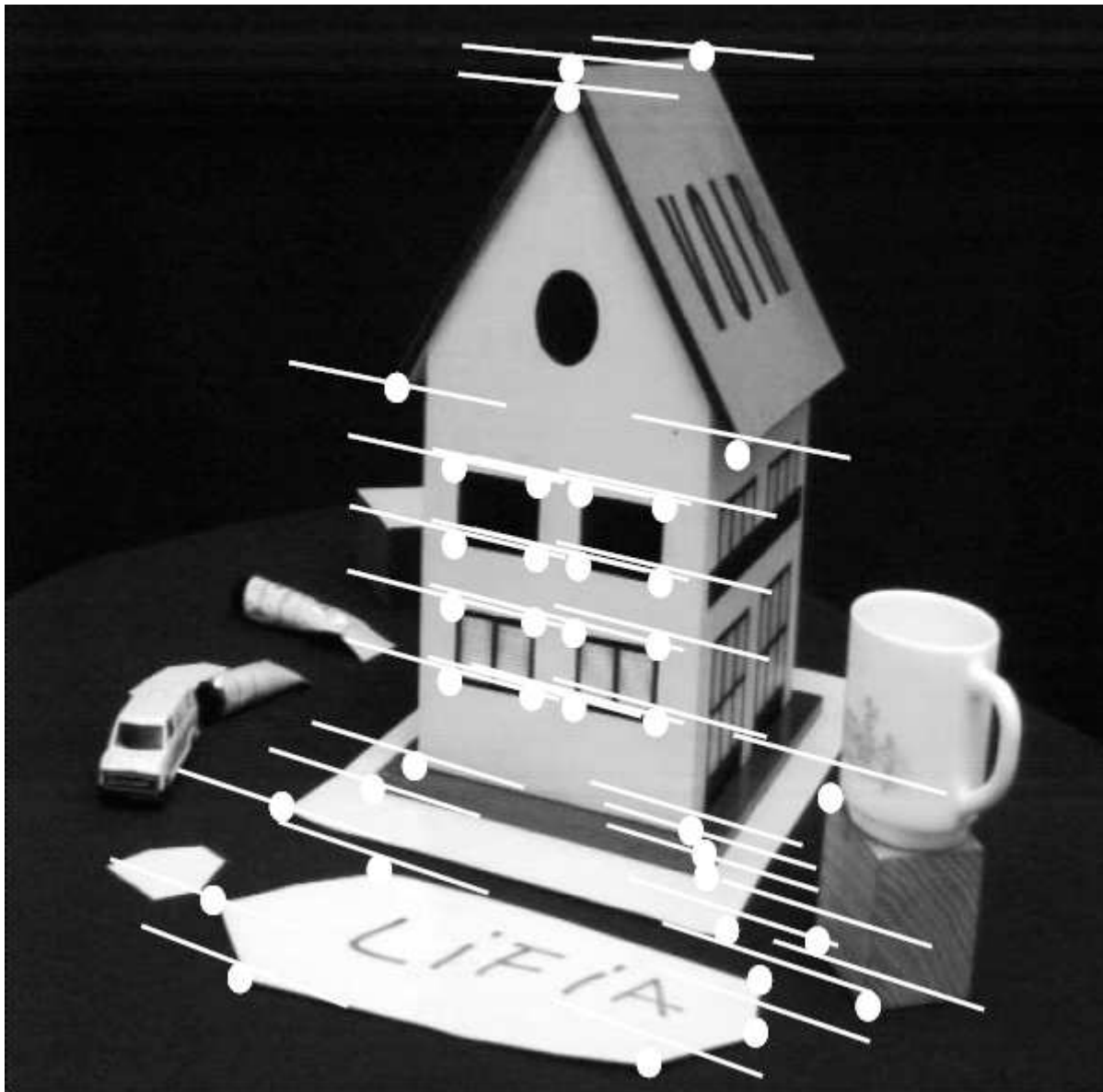


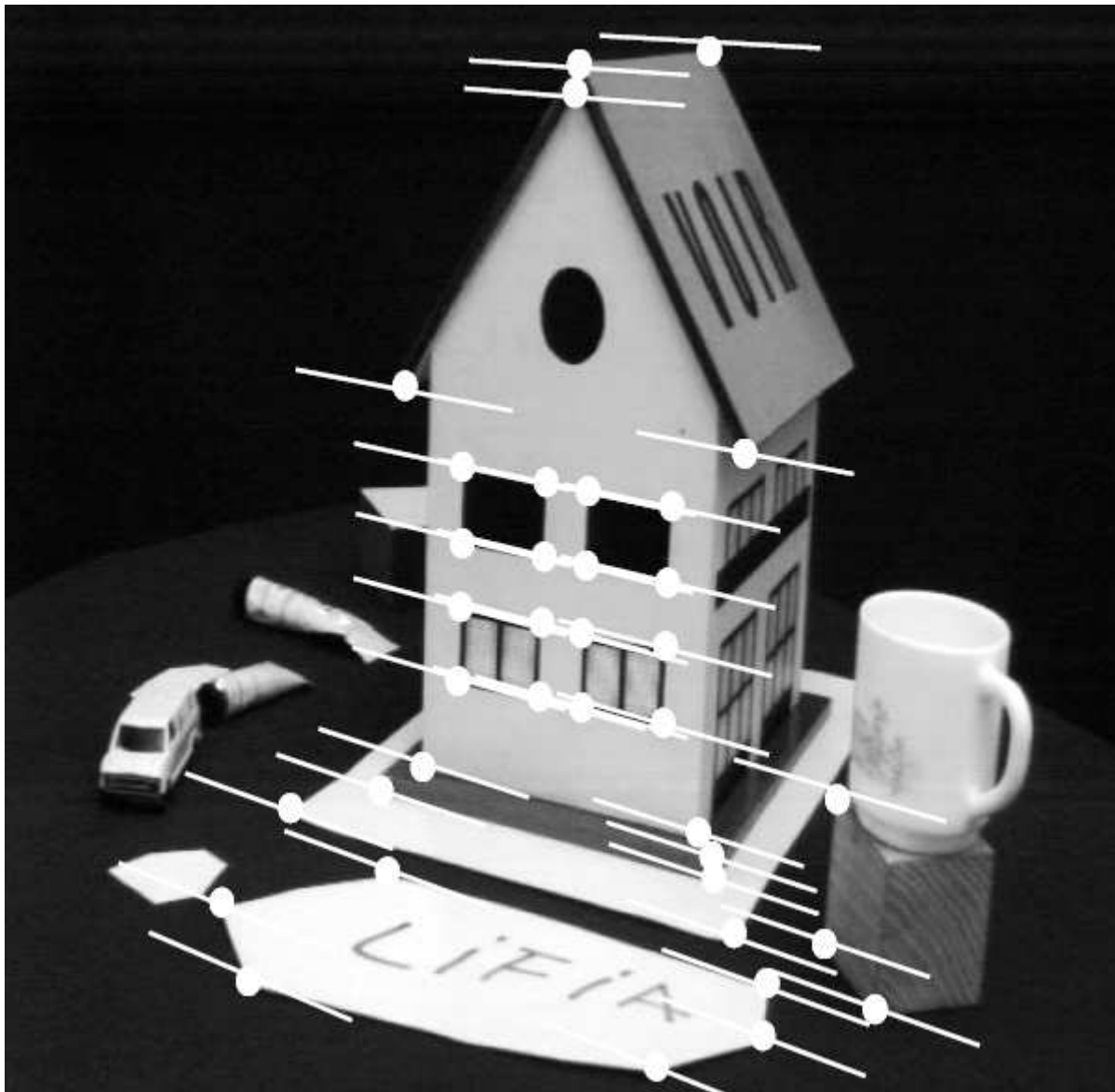
(a)



(b)

	Linear Least Squares	[Hartley, 1995]	[Luong <i>et al.</i> , 1993]
Av. Dist. 1	2.33 pixels	0.92 pixel	0.86 pixel
Av. Dist. 2	2.18 pixels	0.85 pixel	0.80 pixel





# Example of Fundamental Matrix Estimation with Comparison

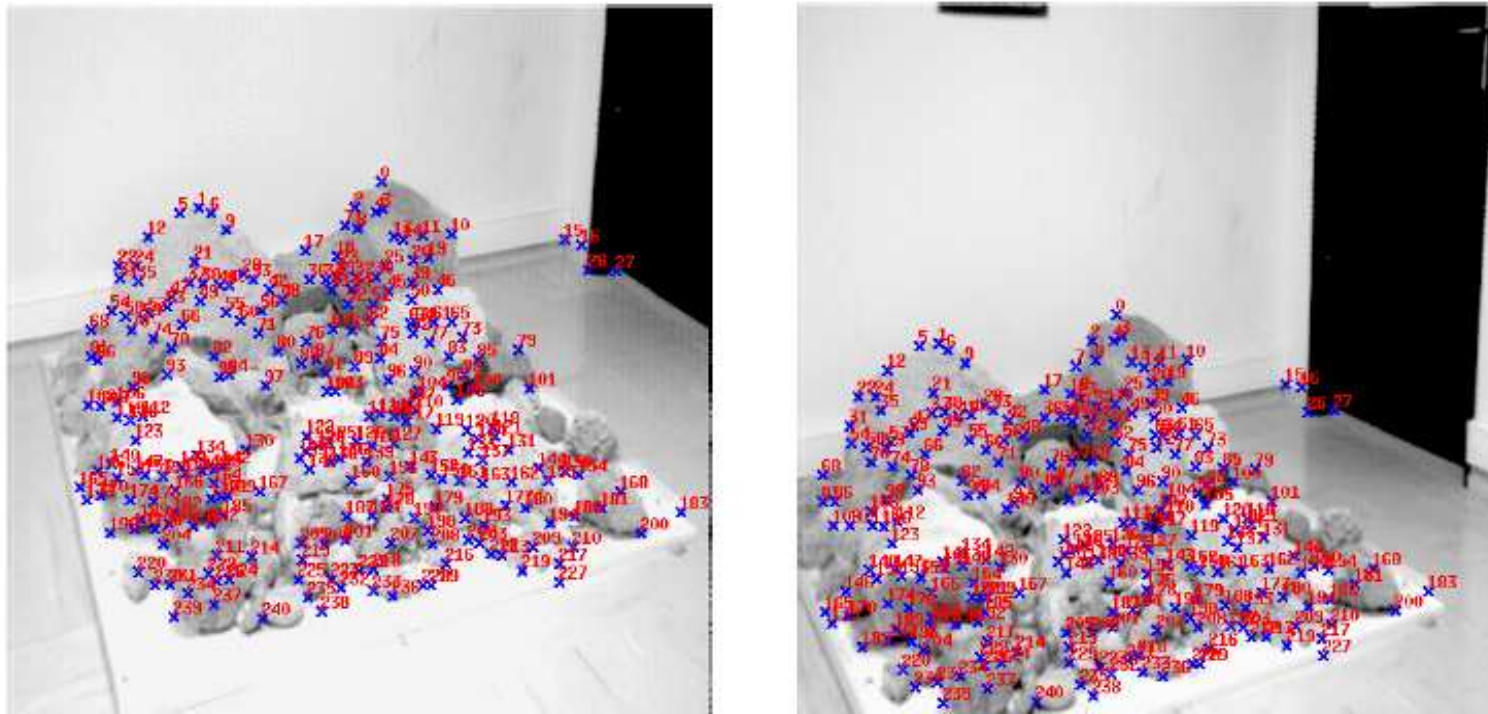


Fig. 4. Image pair used for comparing different estimation techniques of the fundamental matrix

# Example of Fundamental Matrix Estimation with Comparison

- The intrinsic parameters of both cameras and the displacement between them were computed offline through stereo calibration. The fundamental matrix computed from these parameters serves as a ground truth.
- There are 241 point matches, which are established automatically.

# Example of Fundamental Matrix Estimation with Comparison

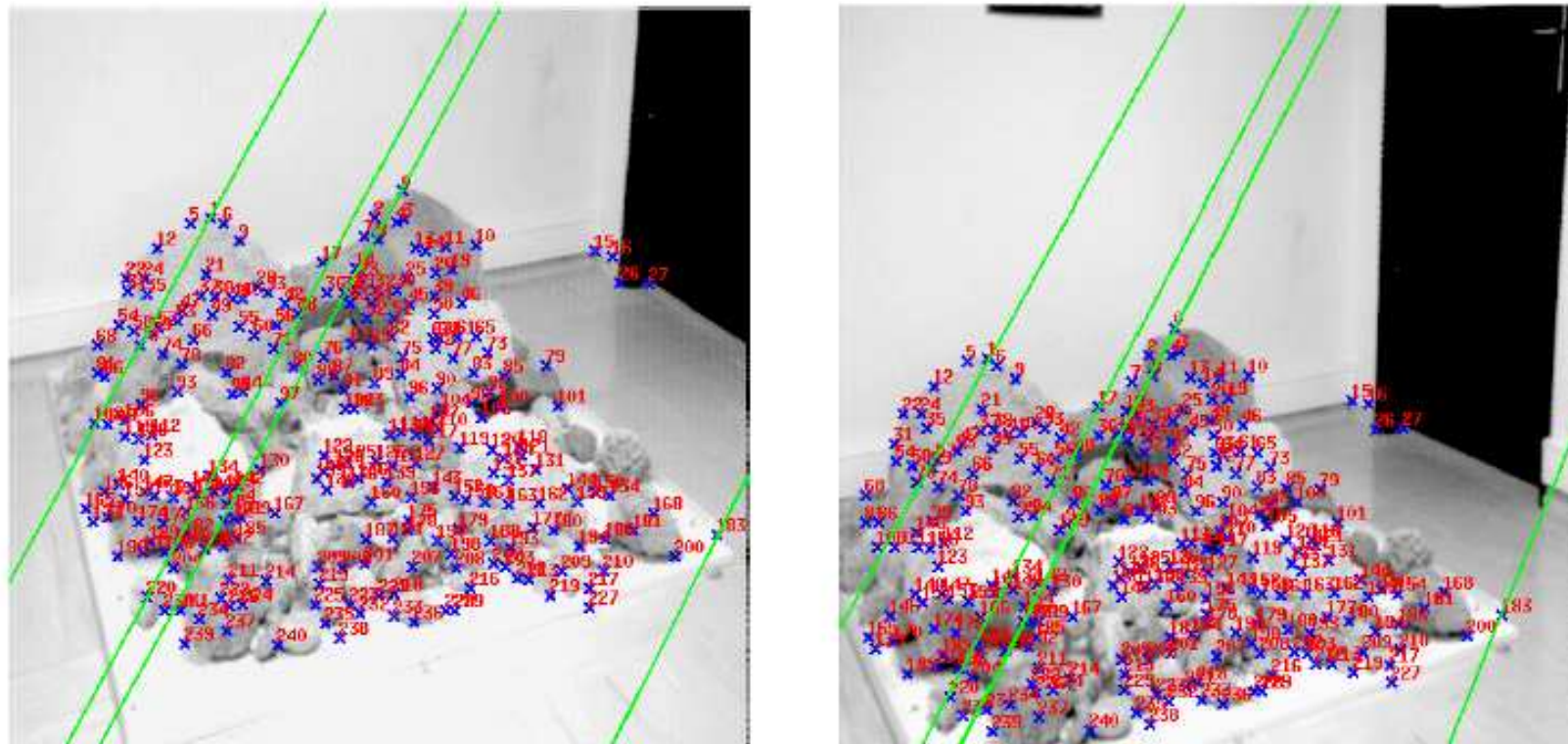


Fig. 5. Epipolar geometry estimated through classical stereo calibration, which serves as the ground truth



# Example of Fundamental Matrix Estimation with Comparison

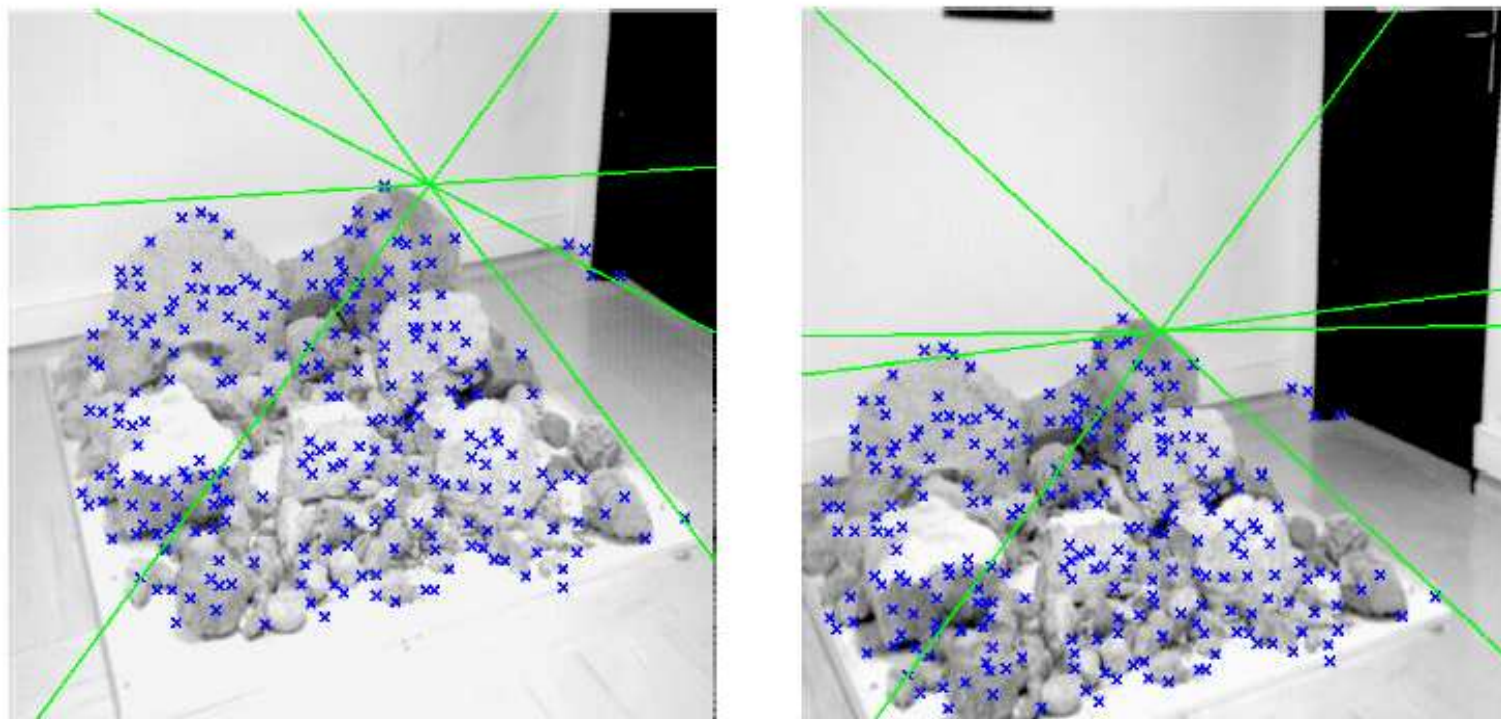


Fig. 6. Epipolar geometry estimated with the linear method

# Example of Fundamental Matrix Estimation with Comparison

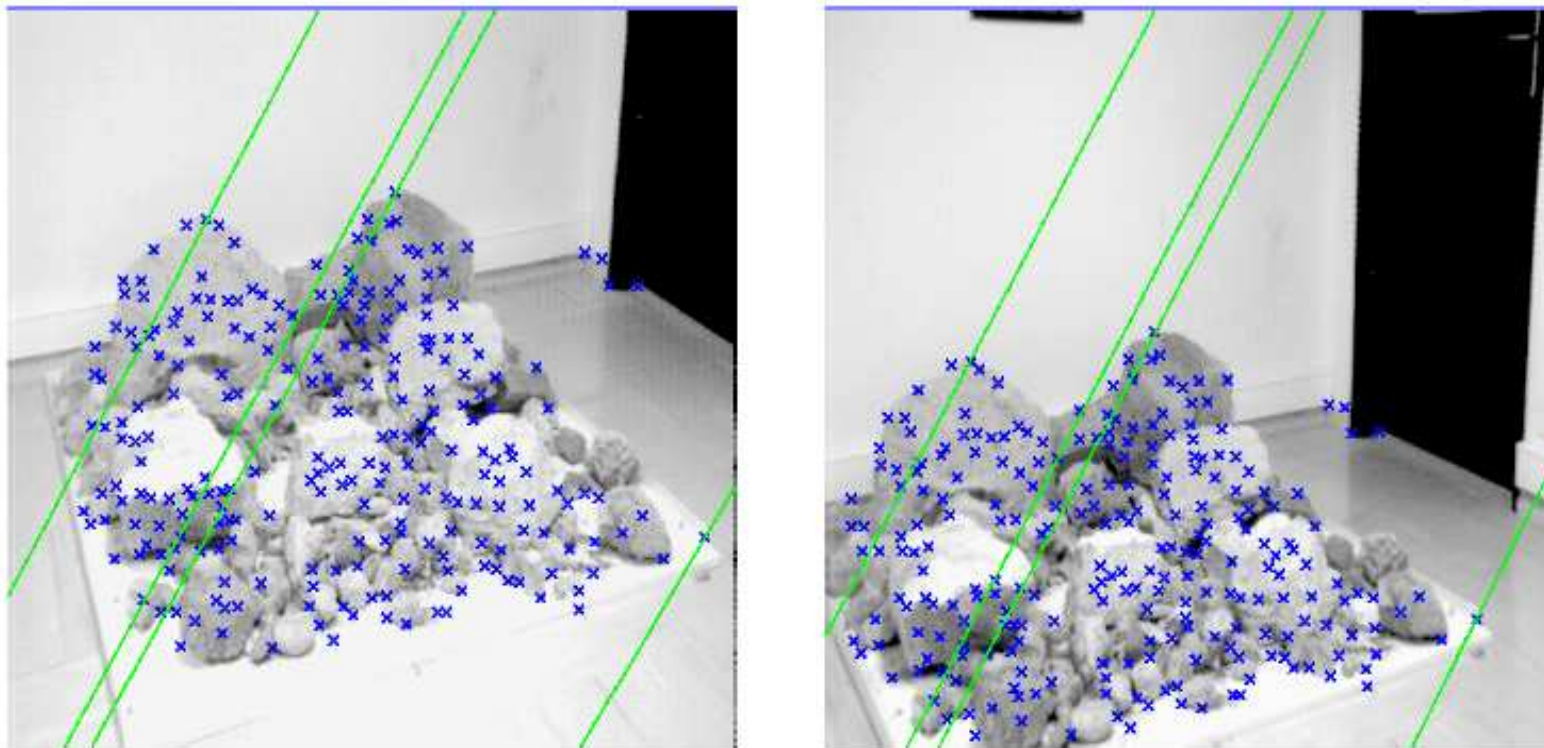
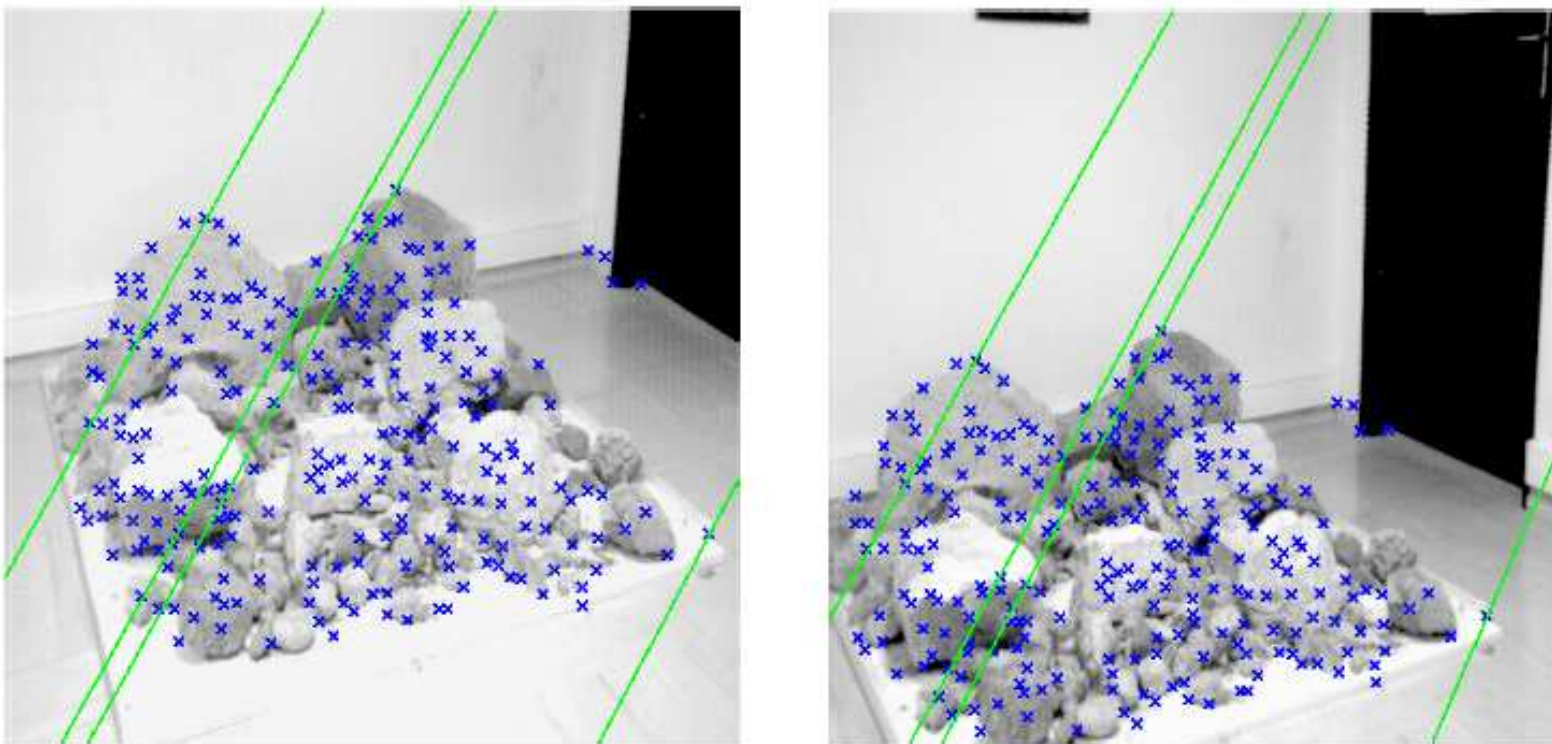


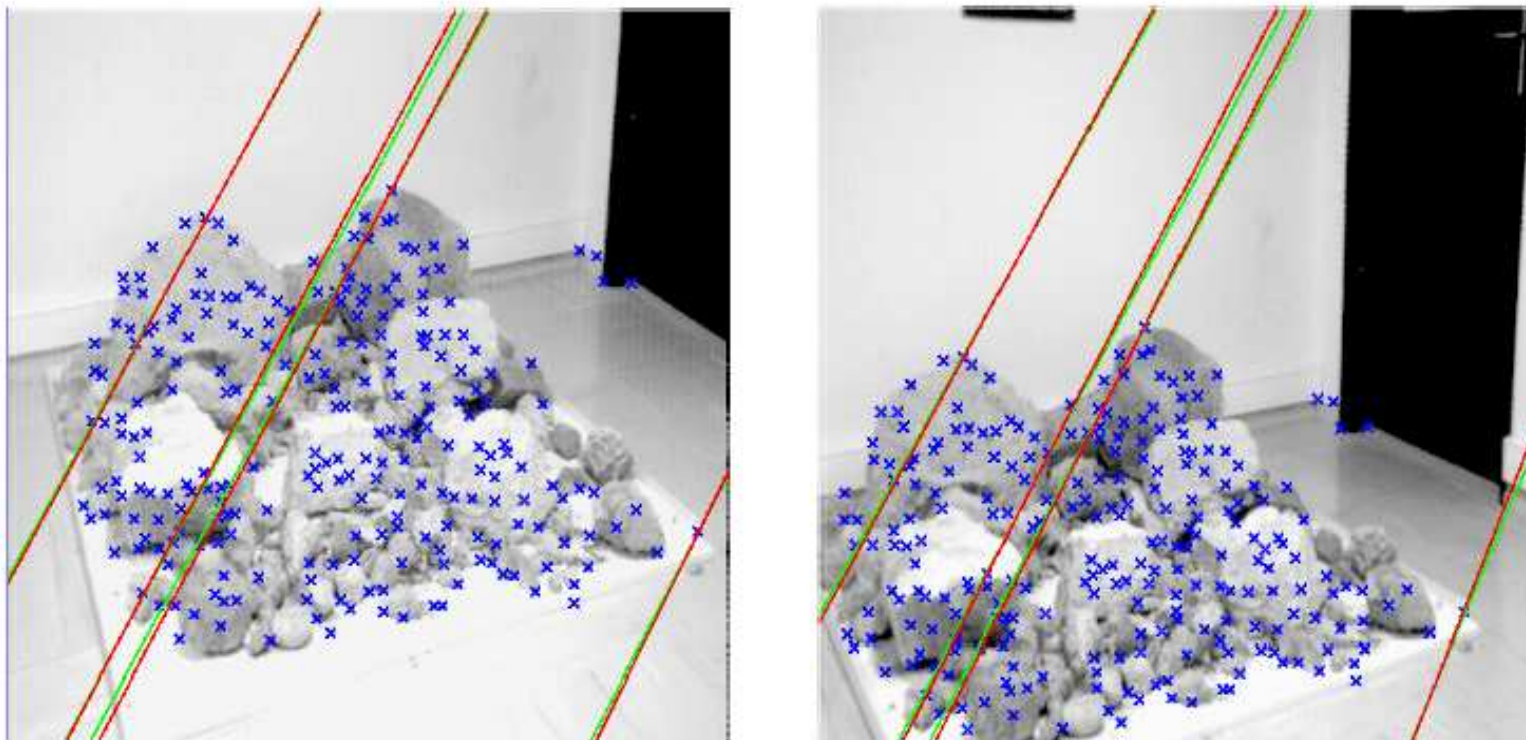
Fig. 7. Epipolar geometry estimated with the linear method with prior data normalization

# Example of Fundamental Matrix Estimation with Comparison



*Fig. 8.* Epipolar geometry estimated with the nonlinear method

# Example of Fundamental Matrix Estimation with Comparison



*Fig. 9.* Comparison between the Epipolar geometry estimated through classical stereo calibration (shown in Red/Dark lines) and that estimated with the nonlinear method (shown in Green/Grey lines)

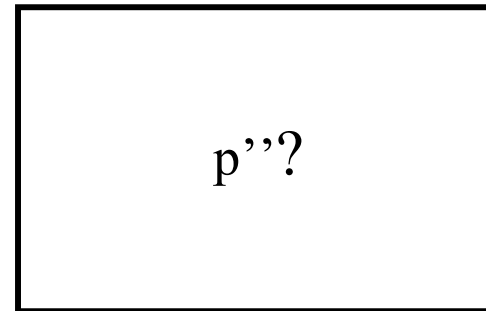
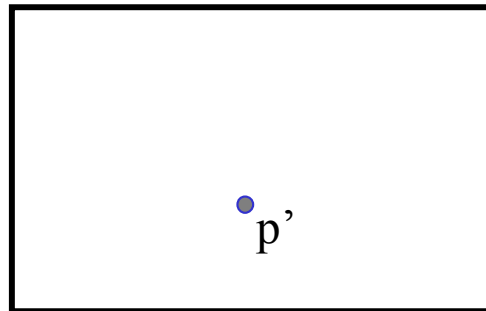
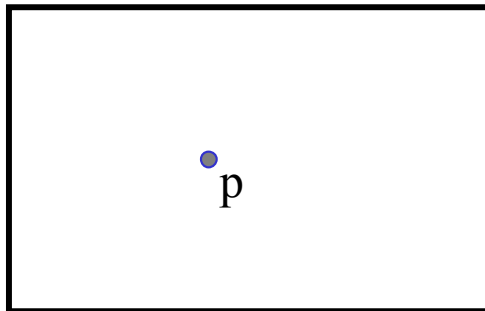
# The fundamental matrix $F$

$F$  is the unique  $3 \times 3$  rank 2 matrix that satisfies  $x'^T F x = 0$  for all  $x \leftrightarrow x'$

- (i) **Transpose:** if  $F$  is fundamental matrix for  $(P, P')$ , then  $F^T$  is fundamental matrix for  $(P', P)$
- (ii) **Epipolar lines:**  $l' = Fx$  &  $l = F^T x'$
- (iii) **Epipoles:** on all epipolar lines, thus  $e'^T F x = 0, \forall x \Rightarrow e'^T F = 0$ , similarly  $F e = 0$
- (iv)  $F$  has 7 d.o.f. , i.e.  $3 \times 3 - 1$  (homogeneous) - 1 (rank 2)
- (v)  $F$  is a projective mapping from a point  $x$  to a line  $l' = Fx$

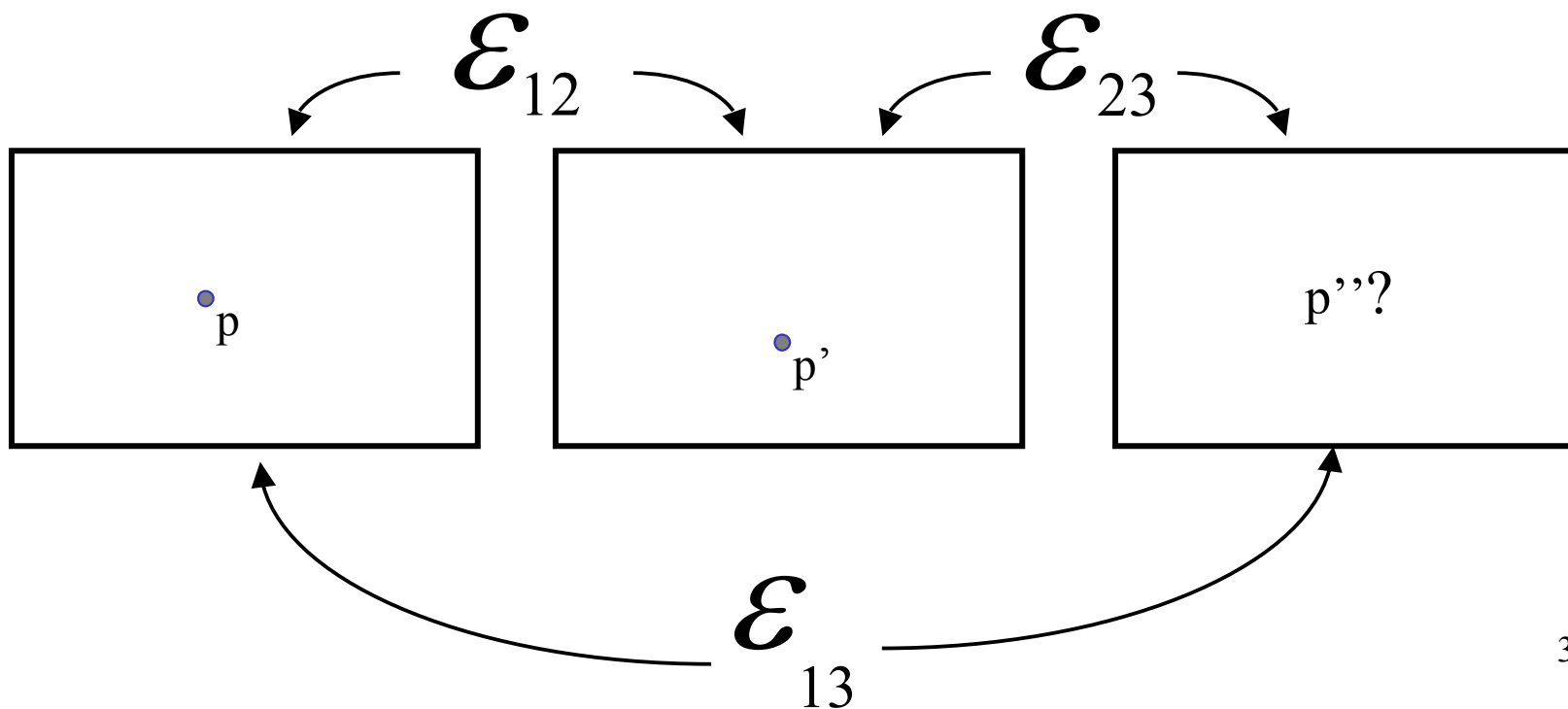
# Trinocular constraints

Given  $p'$ ,  $p''$  in left and middle image, where is  $p''$  in a third view?



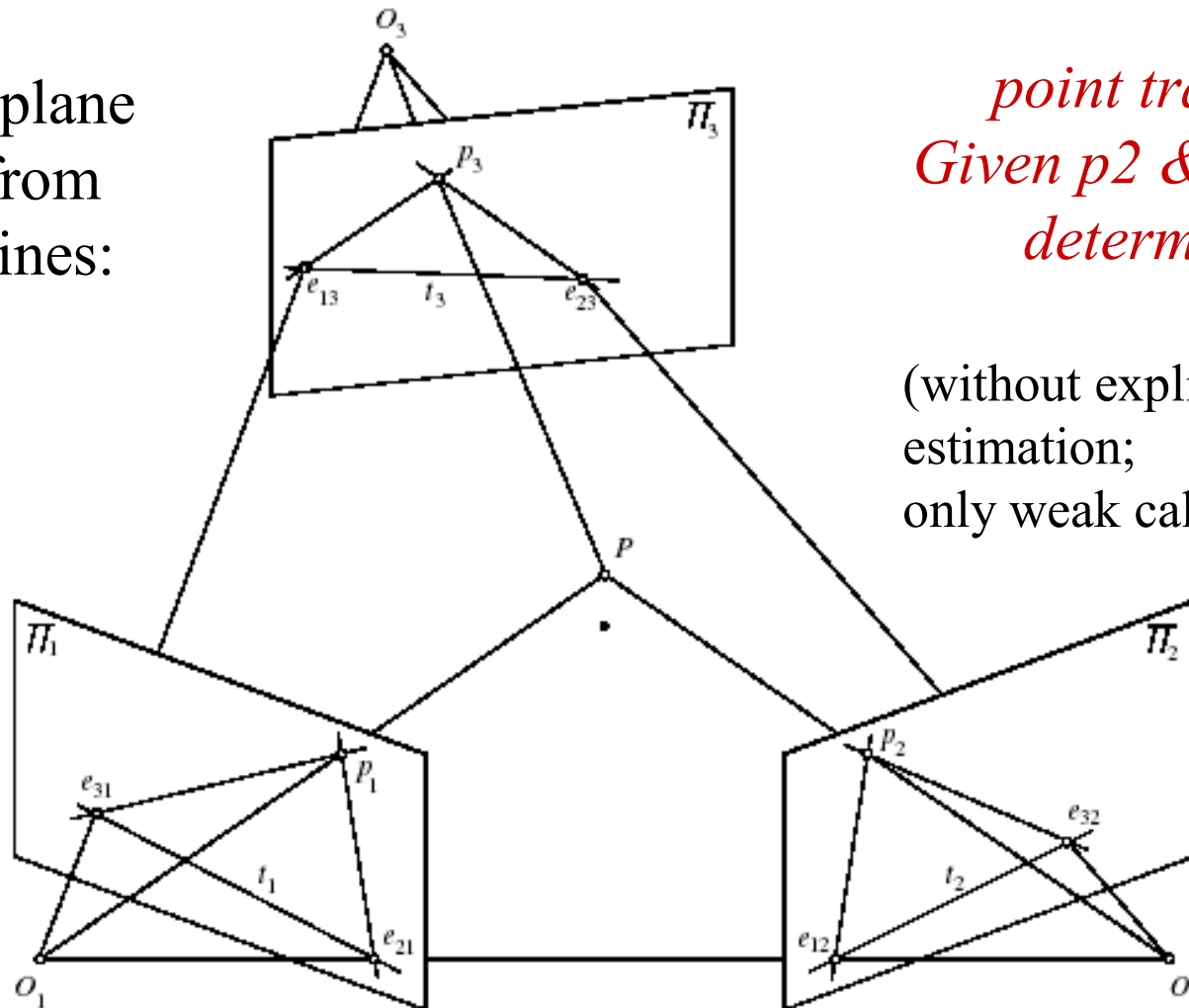
# Three essential matrices

Essential matrices relate each pair:  
(calibrated case)



# Trinocular epipolar geometry

Trifocal plane  
formed from  
trifocal lines:



*point transfer:*  
*Given  $p_2$  &  $p_3$ ,  $p_1$  is  
determined!*

(without explicit depth  
estimation;  
only weak calibration)



# Three essential matrices

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{p}_1^T \mathcal{E}_{12} \mathbf{p}_2 = 0, \\ \mathbf{p}_2^T \mathcal{E}_{23} \mathbf{p}_3 = 0, \\ \mathbf{p}_3^T \mathcal{E}_{31} \mathbf{p}_1 = 0, \end{cases}$$

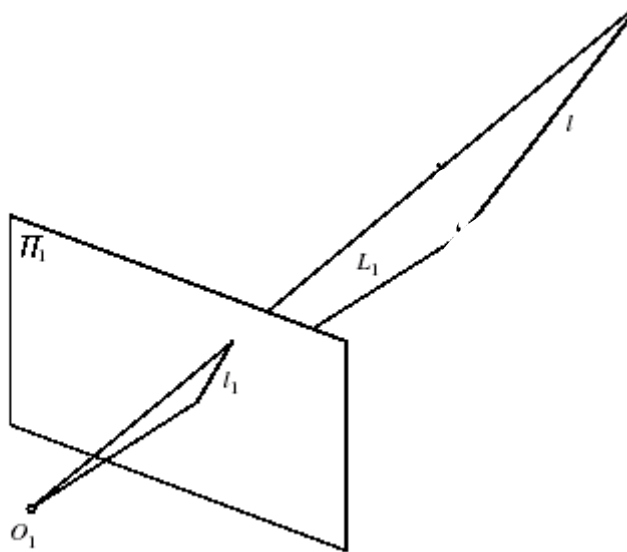
Any two are independent!

Can predict third point from two others.

*Point transfer*: e.g., solve for  $\mathbf{p}_1$  given  $\mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{p}_3, \mathbf{E}_{12}, \mathbf{E}_{31}$

# Trifocal line constraint

Form the plane containing a line  $l$  and optical center of one camera:



$$l^T \mathbf{p} = 0,$$

$$l^T \mathcal{M} \mathbf{P} = 0,$$

# Trifocal line constraint

3 cameras, 3 plane equations:

$$\begin{pmatrix} l_1^T \mathcal{M}_1 \\ l_2^T \mathcal{M}_2 \\ l_3^T \mathcal{M}_3 \end{pmatrix} P = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathcal{L} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} l_1^T \mathcal{M}_1 \\ l_2^T \mathcal{M}_2 \\ l_3^T \mathcal{M}_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

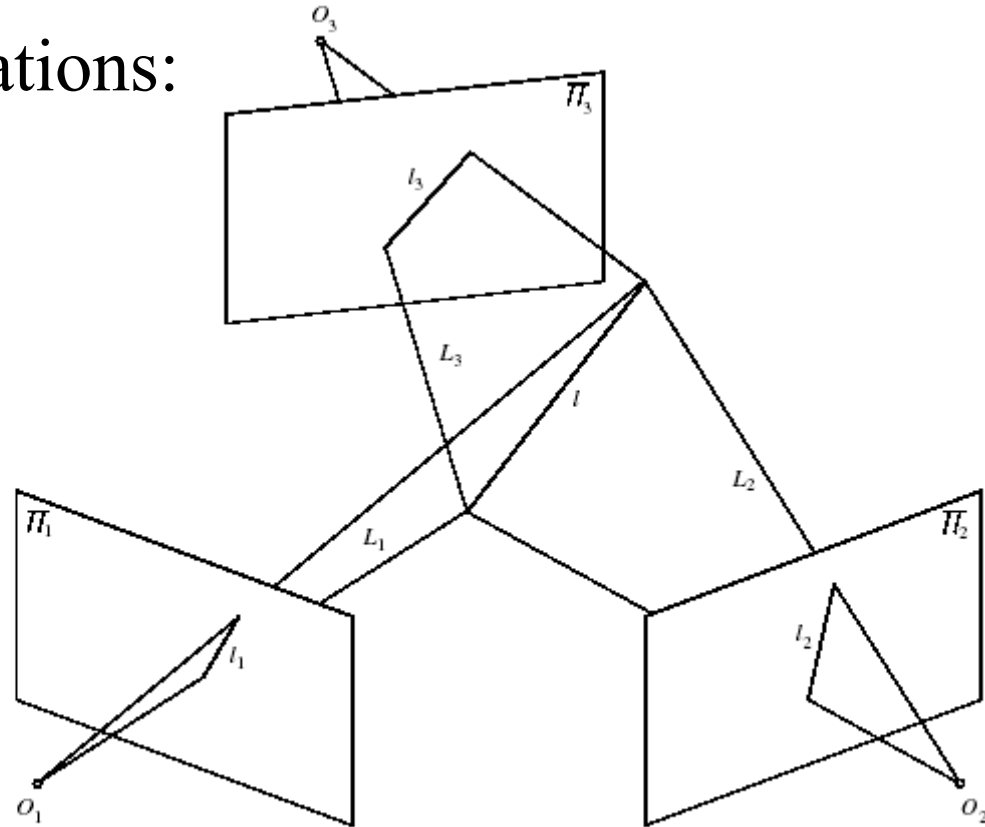


Figure 12.6. Three images of a line define it as the intersection of three planes in the same pencil.

*If 3 lines intersect in more than one point (a line) this system is degenerate and is rank 2.*

# Trifocal line constraint

Assume calibrated camera coordinates

$$\mathcal{M}_1 = (\text{Id} \quad \mathbf{0})$$

$$\mathcal{M}_2 = (\mathcal{R}_2 \quad \mathbf{t}_2)$$

$$\mathcal{M}_3 = (\mathcal{R}_3 \quad \mathbf{t}_3)$$

then

$$\mathcal{L} = \begin{pmatrix} l_1^T & 0 \\ l_2^T \mathcal{R}_2 & l_2^T \mathbf{t}_2 \\ l_3^T \mathcal{R}_3 & l_3^T \mathbf{t}_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \begin{pmatrix} l_1^T & 0 \\ l_2^T \mathcal{R}_2 & l_2^T t_2 \\ l_3^T \mathcal{R}_3 & l_3^T t_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Rank  $\mathcal{L} = 2$  means det. of 3x3 minors are zero,  
and can be expressed as:

$$l_1 \times \begin{pmatrix} l_2^T \mathcal{G}_1^1 l_3 \\ l_2^T \mathcal{G}_1^2 l_3 \\ l_2^T \mathcal{G}_1^3 l_3 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0},$$

with

$$\mathcal{G}_1^i = t_2 \mathbf{R}_3^{iT} - \mathbf{R}_2^i t_3^T$$

# The trifocal tensor

These 3 3x3 matrices are called the trifocal tensor.

$$\mathcal{G}_1^i = t_2 R_3^{iT} - R_2^i t_3^T$$

the constraint

$$l_1 \times \begin{pmatrix} l_2^T \mathcal{G}_1^1 l_3 \\ l_2^T \mathcal{G}_1^2 l_3 \\ l_2^T \mathcal{G}_1^3 l_3 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0},$$

can be used for point or line transfer.

# Trifocal line constraint

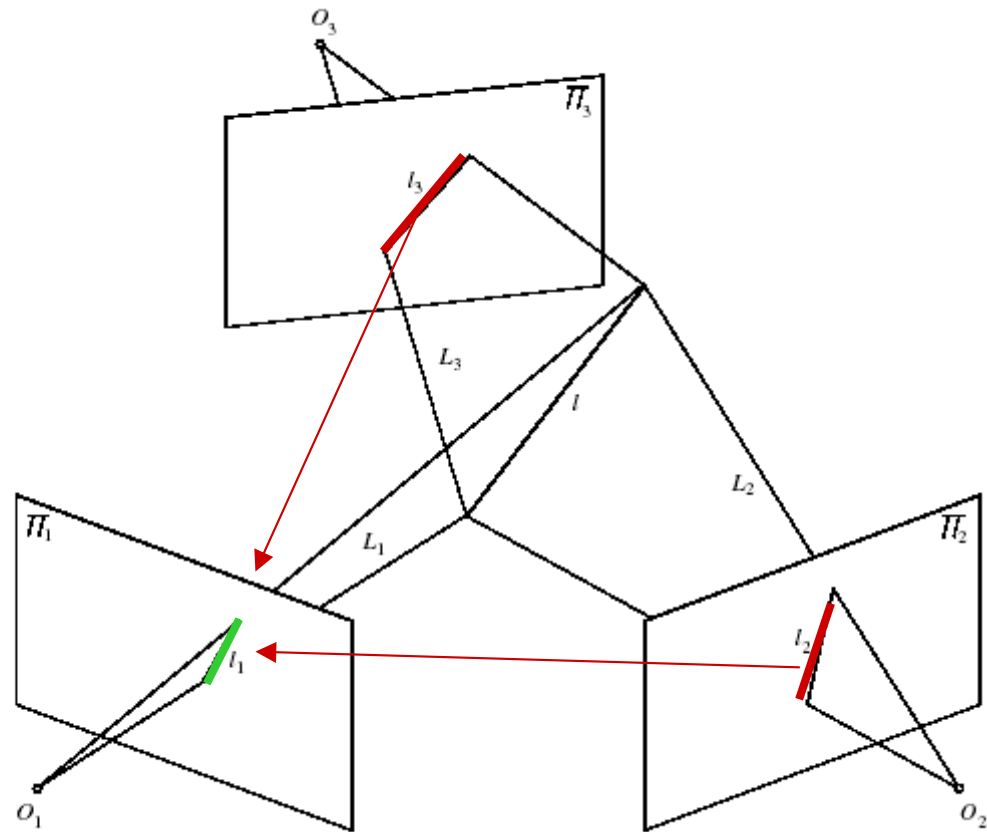
line transfer:

$$l_1 \approx \begin{pmatrix} l_2^T \mathcal{G}_1^1 l_3 \\ l_2^T \mathcal{G}_1^2 l_3 \\ l_2^T \mathcal{G}_1^3 l_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

point transfer via lines: form independent pairs of lines through p2,p3, solve for p1.

# Line transfer

$$l_1 \approx \begin{pmatrix} l_2^T G_1^1 l_3 \\ l_2^T G_1^2 l_3 \\ l_2^T G_1^3 l_3 \end{pmatrix}$$





# Uncalibrated case

$$\mathcal{L} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{l}_1^T \mathcal{K}_1 & 0 \\ \mathbf{l}_2^T \mathcal{K}_2 \mathcal{R}_2 & \mathbf{l}_2^T \mathcal{K}_2 \mathbf{t}_2 \\ \mathbf{l}_3^T \mathcal{K}_3 \mathcal{R}_3 & \mathbf{l}_3^T \mathcal{K}_3 \mathbf{t}_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{K}_i \mathcal{R}_i \mathcal{K}_1^{-1} \quad \mathbf{a}_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{K}_i \mathbf{t}_i$$

$$\mathcal{M}_1 = (\mathcal{K}_1 \quad \mathbf{0}), \quad \mathcal{M}_2 = (\mathcal{A}_2 \mathcal{K}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_2),$$

$$\mathcal{M}_3 = (\mathcal{A}_3 \mathcal{K}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_3)$$

$$\text{Rank}(\mathcal{L}) = 2 \iff \text{Rank}\left(\mathcal{L} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{K}_1^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \text{Rank}\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{l}_1^T & 0 \\ \mathbf{l}_2^T \mathcal{A}_2 & \mathbf{l}_2^T \mathbf{a}_2 \\ \mathbf{l}_3^T \mathcal{A}_3 & \mathbf{l}_3^T \mathbf{a}_3 \end{pmatrix} = 2$$

# Project

The final project may be

- An original implementation of a new or published idea
- A detailed empirical evaluation of an existing implementation of one or more methods
- A paper comparing three or more papers not covered in class, or surveying recent literature in a particular area

A project proposal not longer than two pages must be submitted and approved by April 1st.

# Project

## **March 16: Project previews / Brainstorming**

3-5 minute presentation of

- Specific Project idea
- Your recent research, or thesis proposal (if it relates to vision)
- Paper you are interested in and think may form the basis of a project
- Area you wish to write a survey paper on; list major papers...