

# Structure from motion

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# Announcements

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- Project #1 winning artifacts.
- I have a Canon G2 for project #2 artifacts.
- Project #2 is extended until next Tuesday. Basic requirements first, SIFT (you can refer Matlab implementation) and BA later.

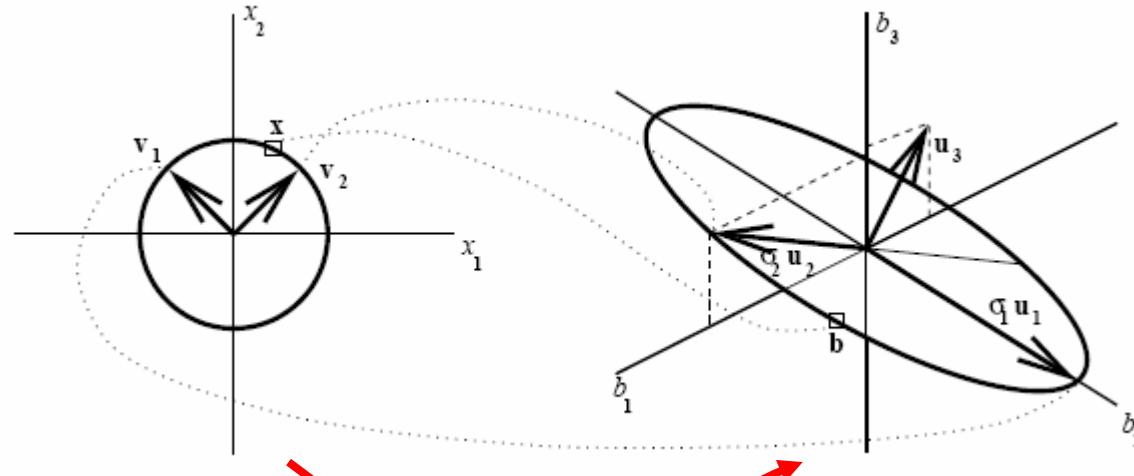
# Outline

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- Singular value decomposition
- Epipolar geometry and fundamental matrix
- Structure from motion
- Applications
- Factorization methods
  - Orthogonal
  - Missing data
  - Projective
  - Projective with missing data

# **Singular value decomposition (SVD)**

# Every matrix represents a transformation



$$\mathbf{b} = A\mathbf{x}$$

$$A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{3} & \sqrt{3} \\ -3 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

<http://www.uwlax.edu/faculty/will/svd/index.html>

# Singular value decomposition

**Theorem 3.2.1** *If  $A$  is a real  $m \times n$  matrix then there exist orthogonal matrices*

$$\begin{aligned} U &= [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{u}_m] \in \mathcal{R}^{m \times m} \\ V &= [\mathbf{v}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{v}_n] \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n} \end{aligned}$$

*such that*

$$U^T A V = \Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_p) \in \mathcal{R}^{m \times n}$$

*where  $p = \min(m, n)$  and  $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_p \geq 0$ . Equivalently,*

$$A = U \Sigma V^T .$$

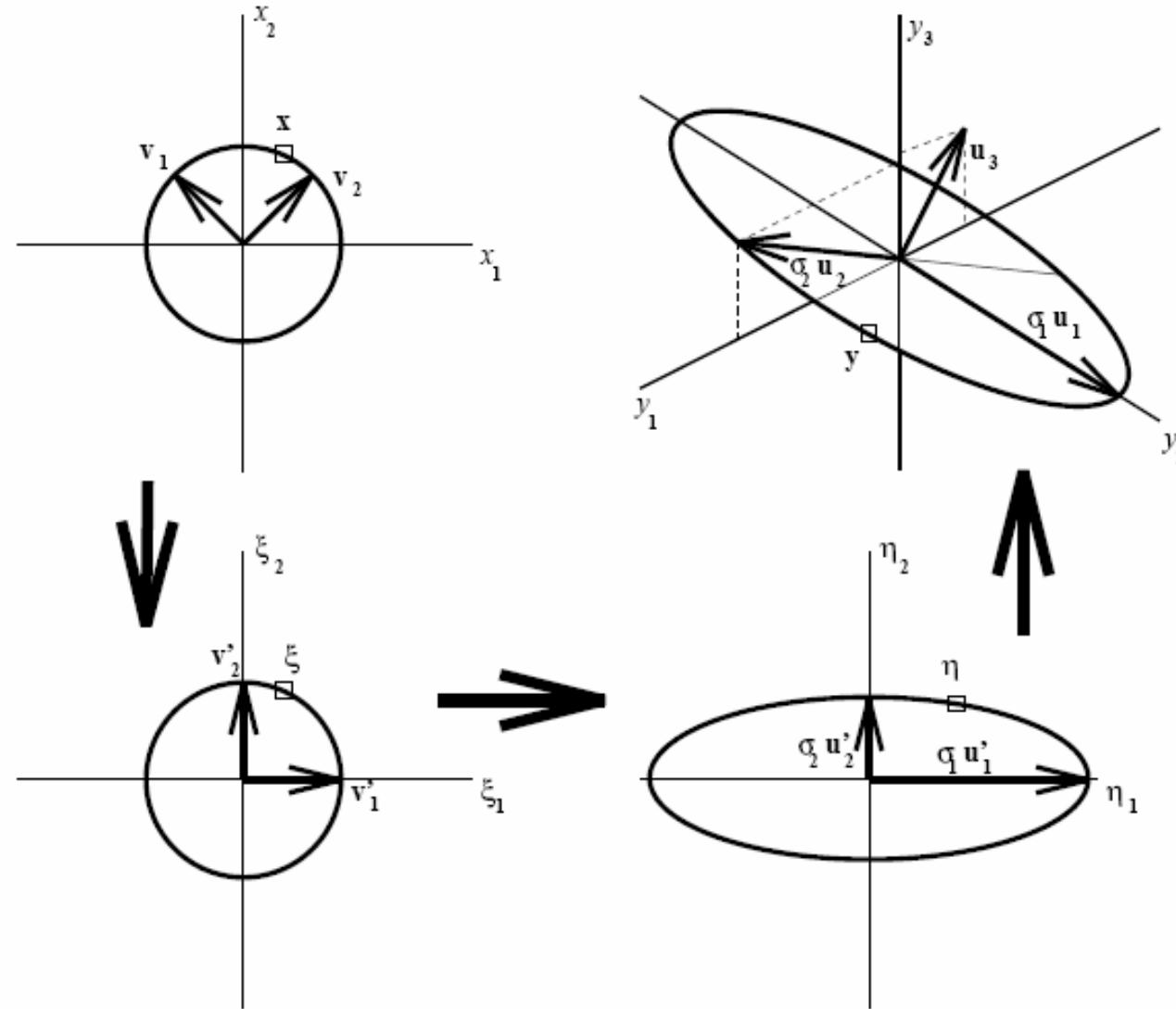
The SVD reveals a great deal about the structure of a matrix. If we define  $r$  by

$$\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_r > \sigma_{r+1} = \dots = 0 ,$$

that is, if  $\sigma_r$  is the smallest nonzero singular value of  $A$ , then

$$\text{rank}(A) = r$$

# Singular value decomposition



# Pseudoinverse

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**Theorem 3.3.1** *The minimum-norm least squares solution to a linear system  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ , that is, the shortest vector  $\mathbf{x}$  that achieves the*

$$\min_{\mathbf{x}} \|A\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}\|,$$

*is unique, and is given by*

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = V\Sigma^{\dagger}U^T\mathbf{b}$$

*where*

$$\Sigma^{\dagger} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sigma_1 & & & & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ & \ddots & & & & & \\ & & 1/\sigma_r & & & \vdots & \vdots \\ & & & 0 & & & \\ & & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

*is an  $n \times m$  diagonal matrix.*

The matrix

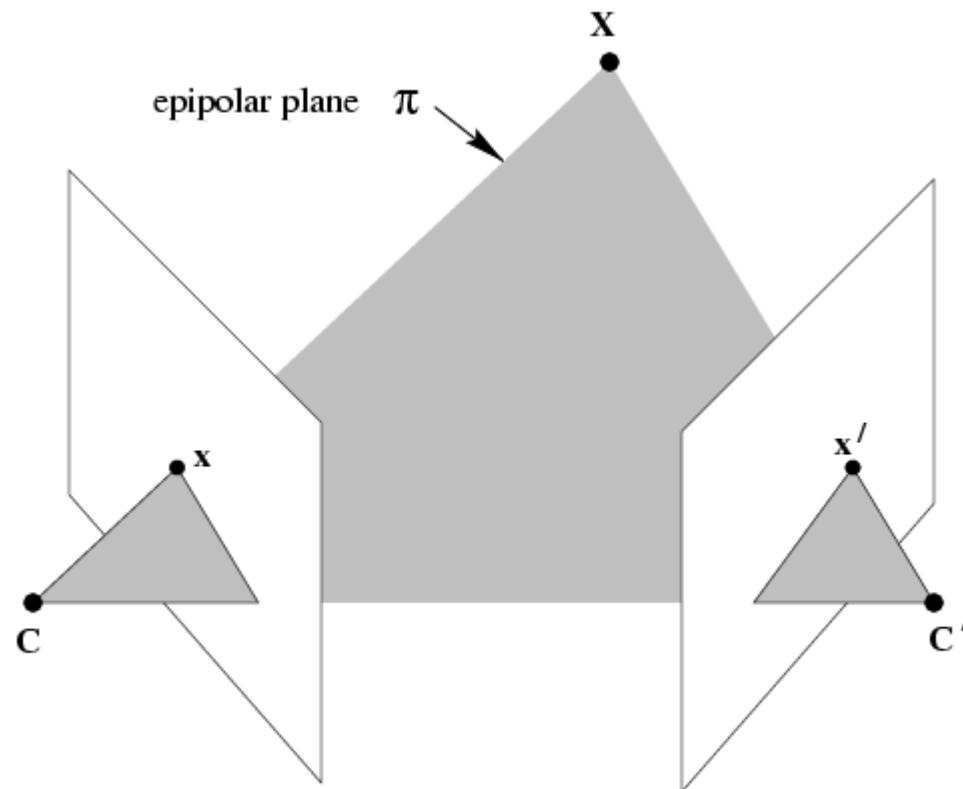
$$A^{\dagger} = V\Sigma^{\dagger}U^T$$

*is called the *pseudoinverse* of  $A$ .*

# Epipolar geometry & fundamental matrix

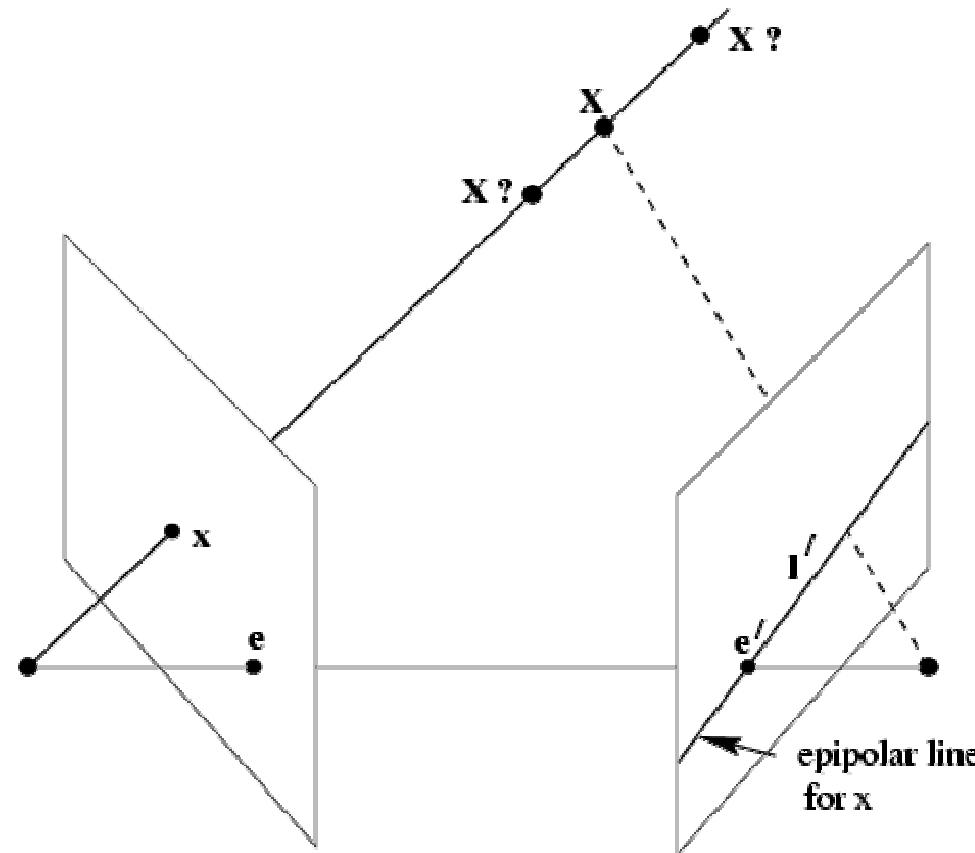
# The epipolar geometry

epipolar geometry demo



$C, C', x, x'$  and  $X$  are coplanar

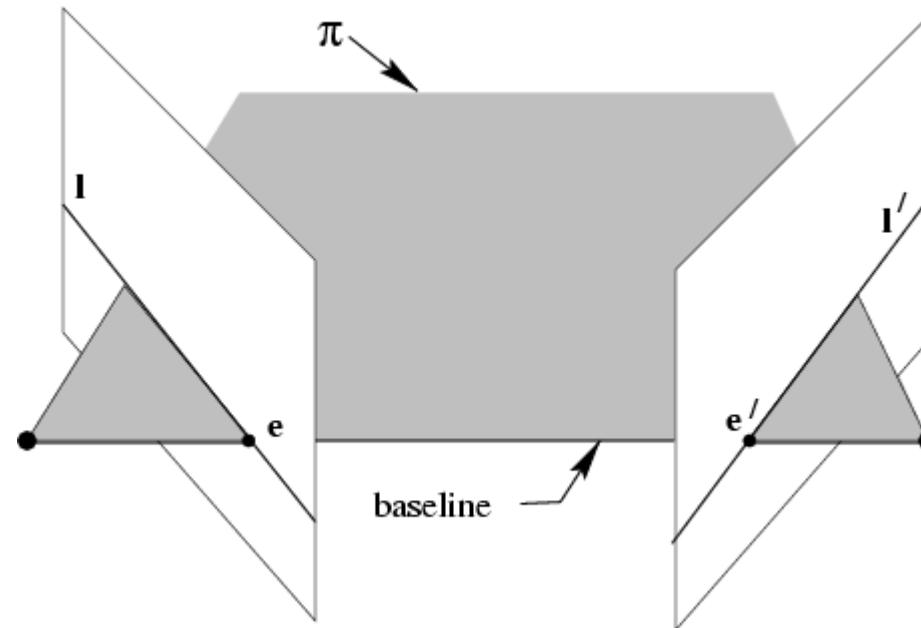
# The epipolar geometry



What if only  $C, C', x$  are known?

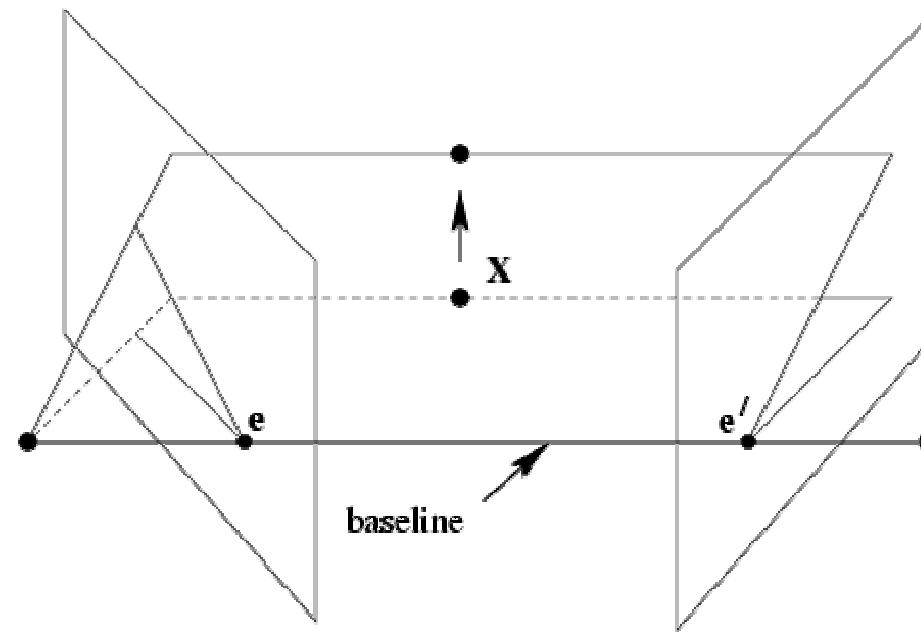
# The epipolar geometry

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All points on  $\pi$  project on  $l$  and  $l'$

# The epipolar geometry



Family of planes  $\pi$  and lines  $l$  and  $l'$  intersect at  $e$  and  $e'$

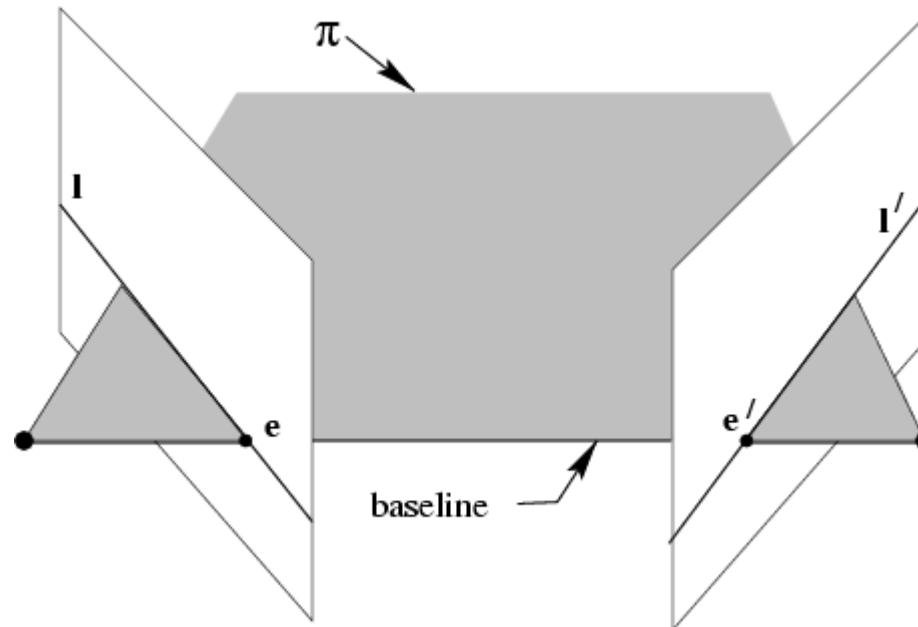
# The epipolar geometry

epipolar pole

[epipolar geometry demo](#)

= intersection of baseline with image plane

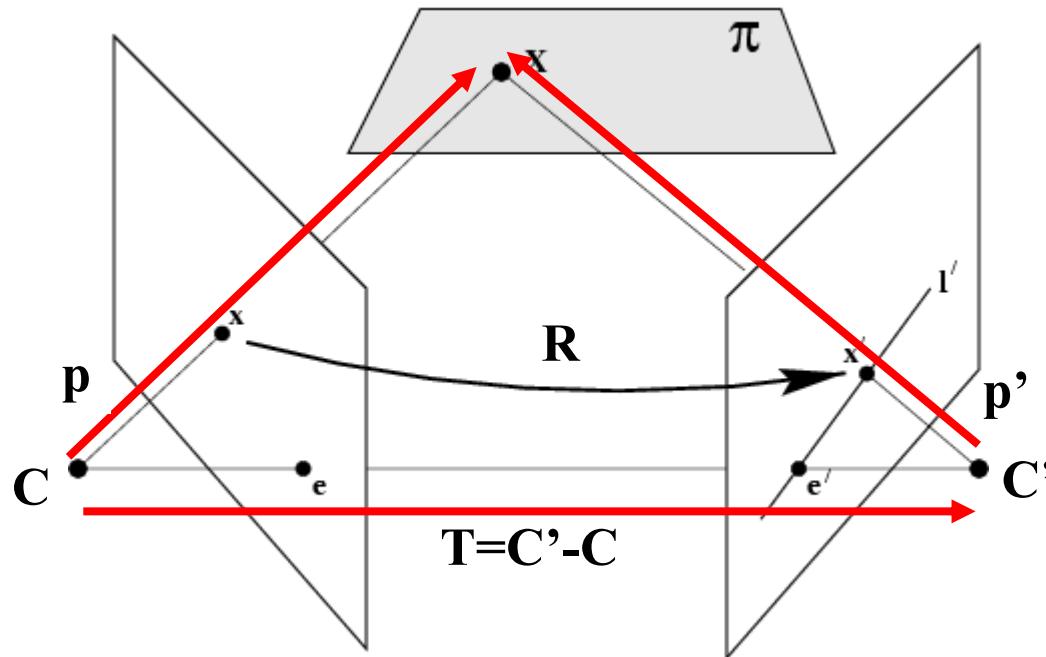
= projection of projection center in other image



epipolar plane = plane containing baseline

epipolar line = intersection of epipolar plane with image

# The fundamental matrix F



Two reference frames are related via the extrinsic parameters

$$p' = R(p - T)$$

The equation of the epipolar plane through  $X$  is

$$(p - T)^T (T \times p) = 0 \rightarrow (R^T p')^T (T \times p) = 0$$

# The fundamental matrix F

$$(\mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{p}')^T (\mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{p}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{T} \times \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{p}$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -T_z & T_y \\ T_z & 0 & -T_x \\ -T_y & T_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $(\mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{p}')^T (\mathbf{S} \mathbf{p}) = 0$
- $(\mathbf{p}'^T \boxed{\mathbf{R}})(\mathbf{S} \mathbf{p}) = 0$
- $\mathbf{p}'^T \boxed{\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{p} = 0 \quad \text{essential matrix}$

# The fundamental matrix F

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

Let  $\mathbf{M}$  and  $\mathbf{M}'$  be the intrinsic parameters, then

$$\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{x} \quad \mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{M}'^{-1} \mathbf{x}'$$

$$\rightarrow (\mathbf{M}'^{-1} \mathbf{x}')^T \mathbf{E} (\mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{x}) = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{x}'^T \boxed{\mathbf{M}'^{-T} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{M}^{-1}} \mathbf{x} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{x}'^T \boxed{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{x} = 0 \quad \text{fundamental matrix}$$

# The fundamental matrix F

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- The fundamental matrix is the algebraic representation of epipolar geometry
- The fundamental matrix satisfies the condition that for any pair of corresponding points  $x \leftrightarrow x'$  in the two images

$$x'^T F x = 0 \quad (x'^T l' = 0)$$

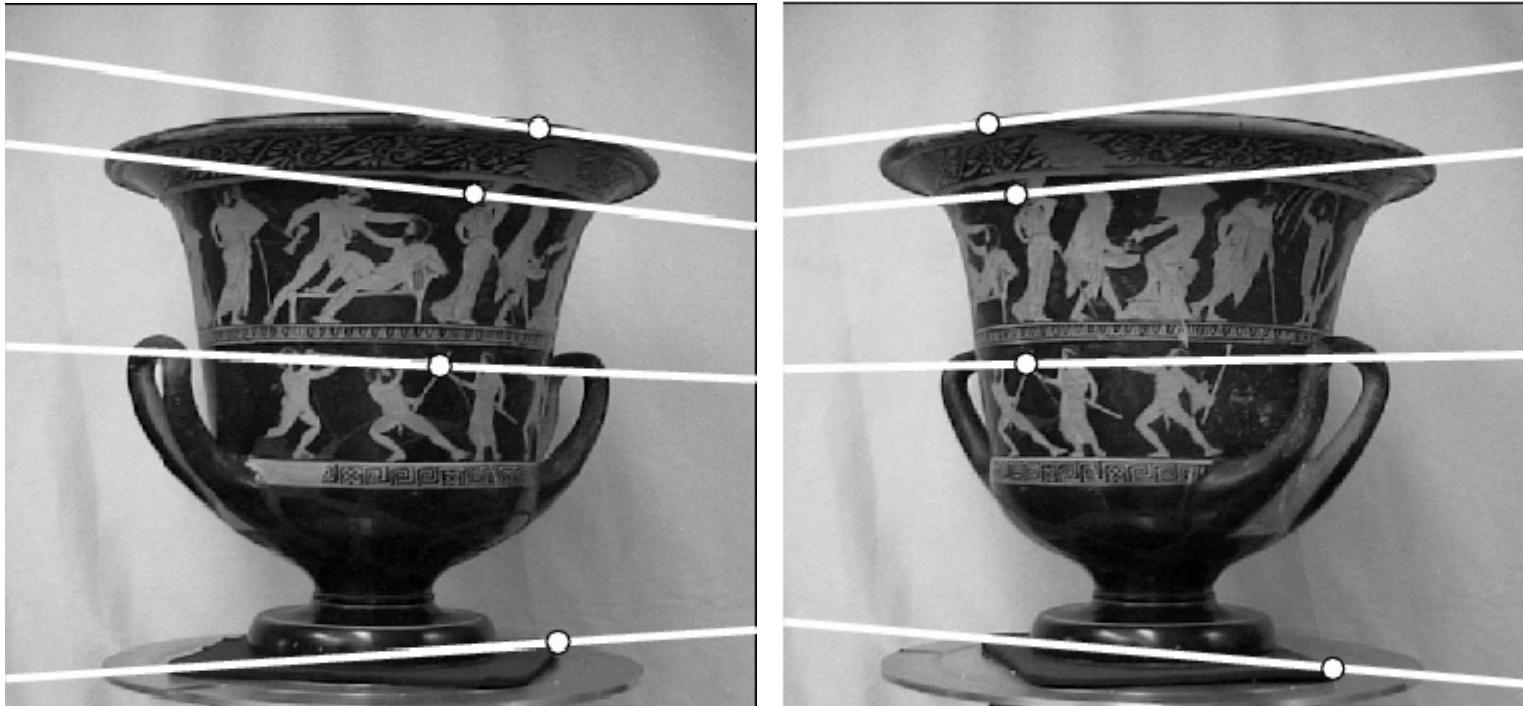
## The fundamental matrix F

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

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

# The fundamental matrix F



- It can be used for
  - Simplifies matching
  - Allows to detect wrong matches

# Estimation of F – 8-point algorithm

- The fundamental matrix  $F$  is defined by

$$\mathbf{x}'^T \mathbf{F} \mathbf{x} = 0$$

for any pair of matches  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}'$  in two images.

- Let  $\mathbf{x}=(u,v,1)^T$  and  $\mathbf{x}'=(u',v',1)^T$ ,  $\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} & f_{13} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} & f_{23} \\ f_{31} & f_{32} & f_{33} \end{bmatrix}$   
each match gives a linear equation

$$uu'f_{11} + vu'f_{12} + u'f_{13} + uv'f_{21} + vv'f_{22} + v'f_{23} + uf_{31} + vf_{32} + f_{33} = 0$$

# 8-point algorithm

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$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 u_1' & v_1 u_1' & u_1' & u_1 v_1' & v_1 v_1' & v_1' & u_1 & v_1 & 1 \\ u_2 u_2' & v_2 u_2' & u_2' & u_2 v_2' & v_2 v_2' & v_2' & u_2 & v_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ u_n u_n' & v_n u_n' & u_n' & u_n v_n' & v_n v_n' & v_n' & u_n & v_n & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} \\ f_{12} \\ f_{13} \\ f_{21} \\ f_{22} \\ f_{23} \\ f_{31} \\ f_{32} \\ f_{33} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

- In reality, instead of solving  $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{f} = 0$ , we seek  $\mathbf{f}$  to minimize  $\|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{f}\|$ , least eigenvector of  $\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A}$ .

## 8-point algorithm

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- To enforce that  $F$  is of rank 2,  $F$  is replaced by  $F'$  that minimizes  $\|F - F'\|$  subject to  $\det F' = 0$ .
- It is achieved by SVD. Let  $F = U\Sigma V^T$ , where

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sigma_3 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ let } \Sigma' = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

then  $F' = U\Sigma' V^T$  is the solution.

# 8-point algorithm

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```
% Build the constraint matrix
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A = [x2(1,:).'.*x1(1,:)' x2(1,:).'.*x1(2,:)' x2(1,:)' ...
      x2(2,:).'.*x1(1,:)' x2(2,:).'.*x1(2,:)' x2(2,:)' ...
      x1(1,:)' x1(2,:)' ones(npts,1)];
```

```
[U,D,V] = svd(A);
```

```
% Extract fundamental matrix from the column of V
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% corresponding to the smallest singular value.
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```
F = reshape(V(:,9),3,3)';
```

```
% Enforce rank2 constraint
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```
[U,D,V] = svd(F);
```

```
F = U*diag([D(1,1) D(2,2) 0])*V';
```

# 8-point algorithm

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- Pros: it is linear, easy to implement and fast
- Cons: susceptible to noise

# Problem with 8-point algorithm

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 u_1' & v_1 u_1' & u_1' & u_1 v_1' & v_1 v_1' & v_1' & u_1 & v_1 & 1 \\ u_2 u_2' & v_2 u_2' & u_2' & u_2 v_2' & v_2 v_2' & v_2' & u_2 & v_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ u_n u_n' & v_n u_n' & u_n' & u_n v_n' & v_n v_n' & v_n' & u_n & v_n & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} \\ f_{12} \\ f_{13} \\ f_{21} \\ f_{22} \\ f_{23} \\ f_{31} \\ f_{32} \\ f_{33} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

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Orders of magnitude difference  
between column of data matrix  
→ least-squares yields poor results

# Normalized 8-point algorithm

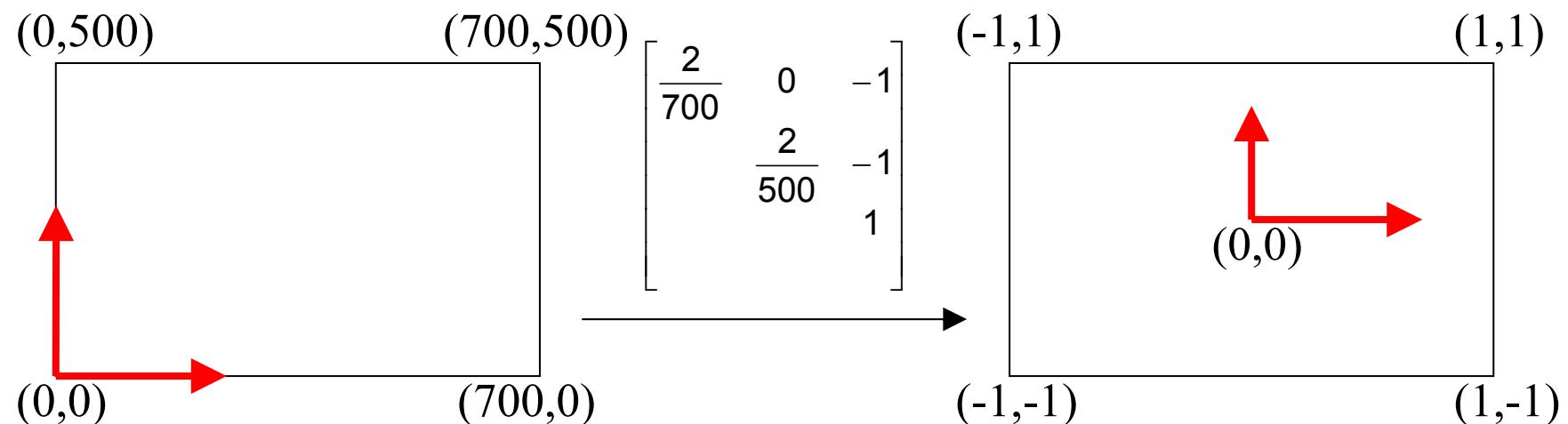
1. Transform input by  $\hat{x}_i = Tx_i$ ,  $\hat{x}'_i = T'x'_i$
2. Call 8-point on  $\hat{x}_i, \hat{x}'_i$  to obtain  $\hat{F}$
3.  $F = T'^T \hat{F} T$

$$\mathbf{x}'^T F \mathbf{x} = 0$$
$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}'^T T'^{-T} F T^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{x}} = 0$$
$$\underbrace{\hat{\mathbf{x}}'^T T'^{-T} F T^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{x}}}_{\hat{F}} = 0$$

# Normalized 8-point algorithm

normalized least squares yields good results

Transform image to  $\sim [-1,1] \times [-1,1]$



# Normalized 8-point algorithm

```
[x1, T1] = normalise2dpts(x1);
[x2, T2] = normalise2dpts(x2);

A = [x2(1,:).'.*x1(1,:)'  x2(1,:).'.*x1(2,:)'  x2(1,:)' ...
      x2(2,:).'.*x1(1,:)'  x2(2,:).'.*x1(2,:)'  x2(2,:)' ...
      x1(1,:)'                  x1(2,:)'          ones(npts,1) ];
```

```
[U,D,V] = svd(A);
```

```
F = reshape(V(:,9),3,3)';
```

```
[U,D,V] = svd(F);
F = U*diag([D(1,1) D(2,2) 0])*V';
```

% Denormalise

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F = T2'*F*T1;
```

# Normalization

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```
function [newpts, T] = normalise2dpts(pts)

    c = mean(pts(1:2,:))'; % Centroid
    newp(1,:) = pts(1,:)-c(1); % Shift origin to centroid.
    newp(2,:) = pts(2,:)-c(2);

    meandist = mean(sqrt(newp(1,:).^2 + newp(2,:).^2));
    scale = sqrt(2)/meandist;

    T = [scale      0      -scale*c(1)
          0      scale   -scale*c(2)
          0        0        1      ];
    newpts = T*pts;
```

# RANSAC

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repeat

- select minimal sample (8 matches)

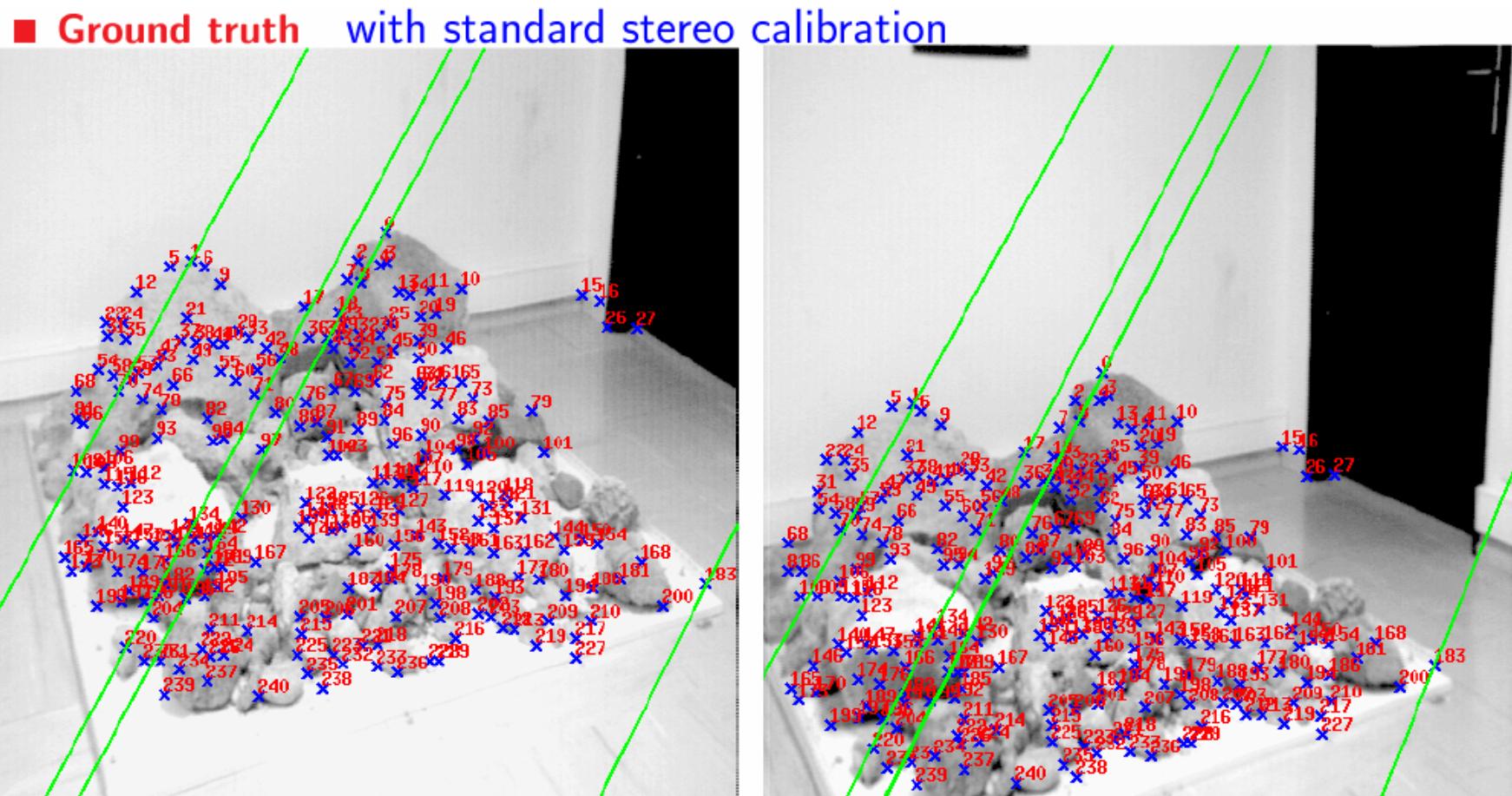
- compute solution(s) for F

- determine inliers

until  $\Gamma(\#inliers, \#samples) < 95\% \quad || \quad \text{too many times}$

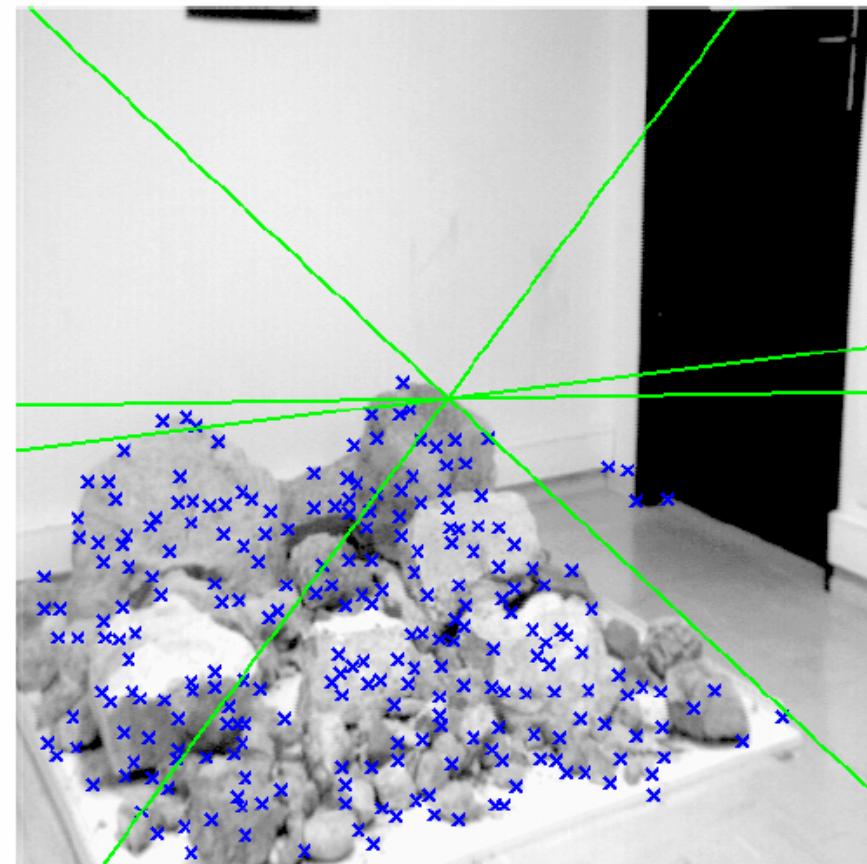
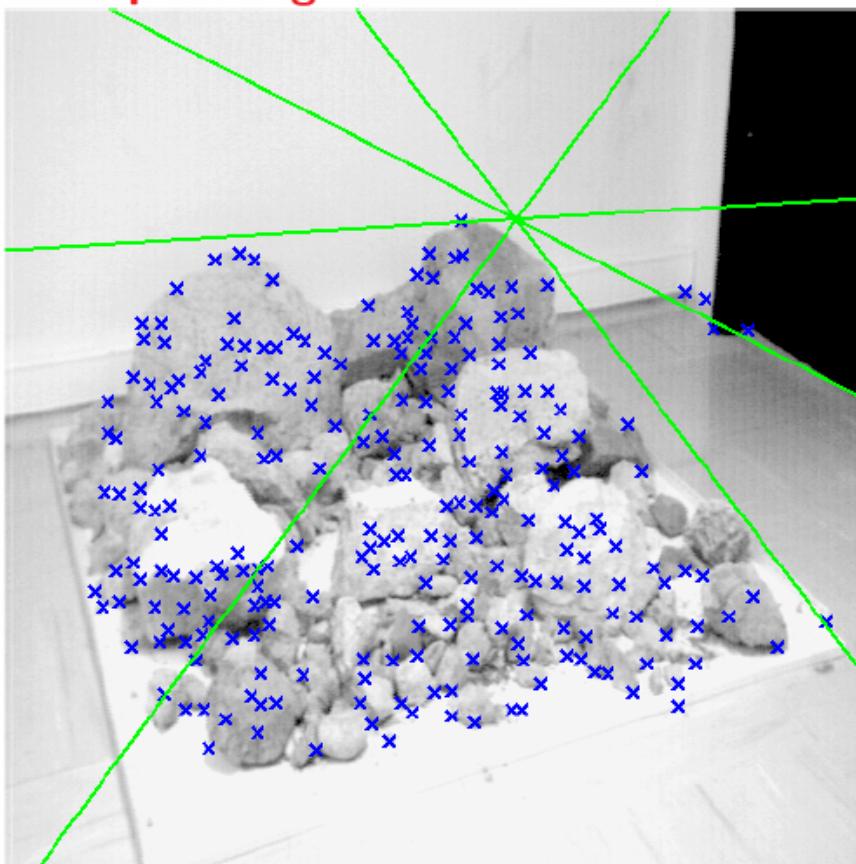
compute F based on all inliers

# Results (ground truth)



# Results (8-point algorithm)

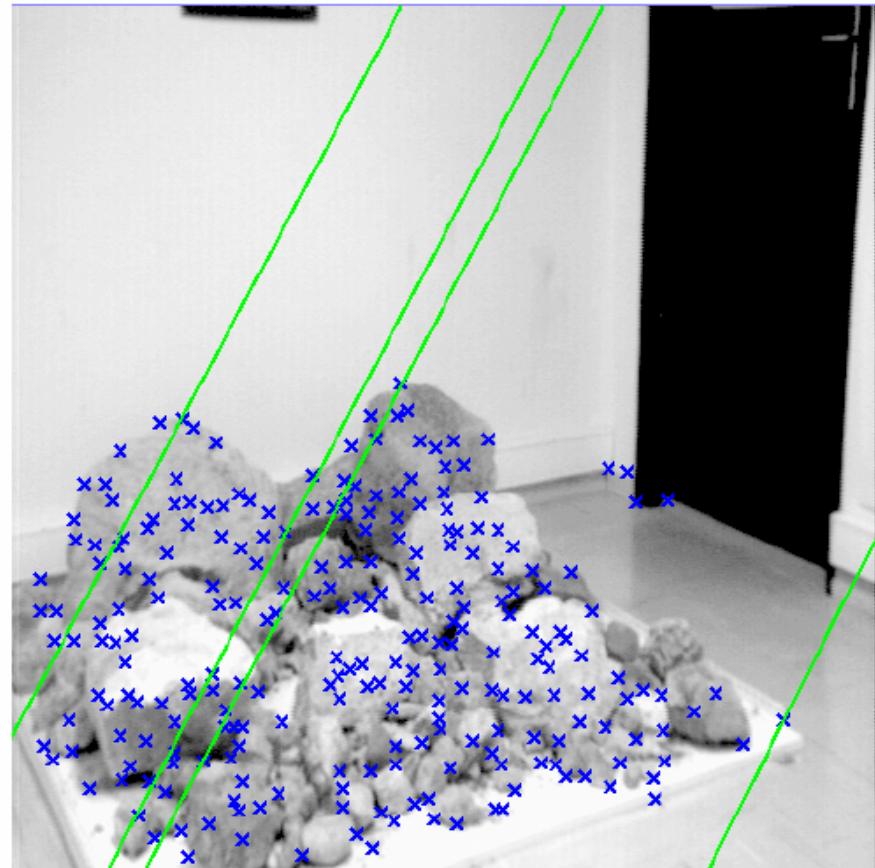
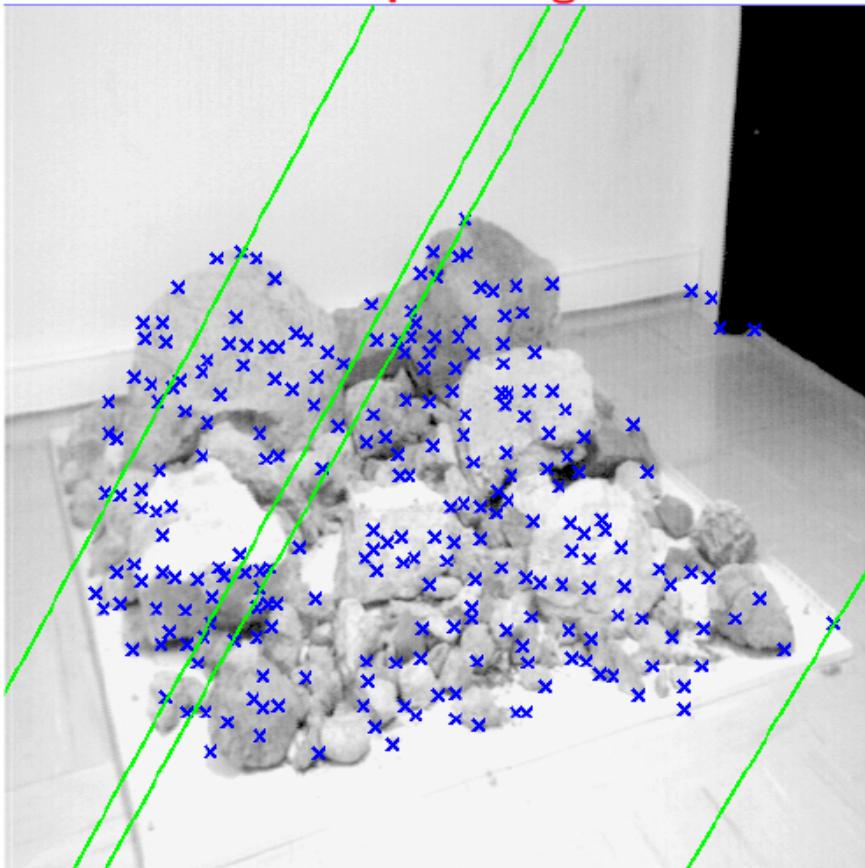
## ■ 8-point algorithm



# Results (normalized 8-point algorithm)

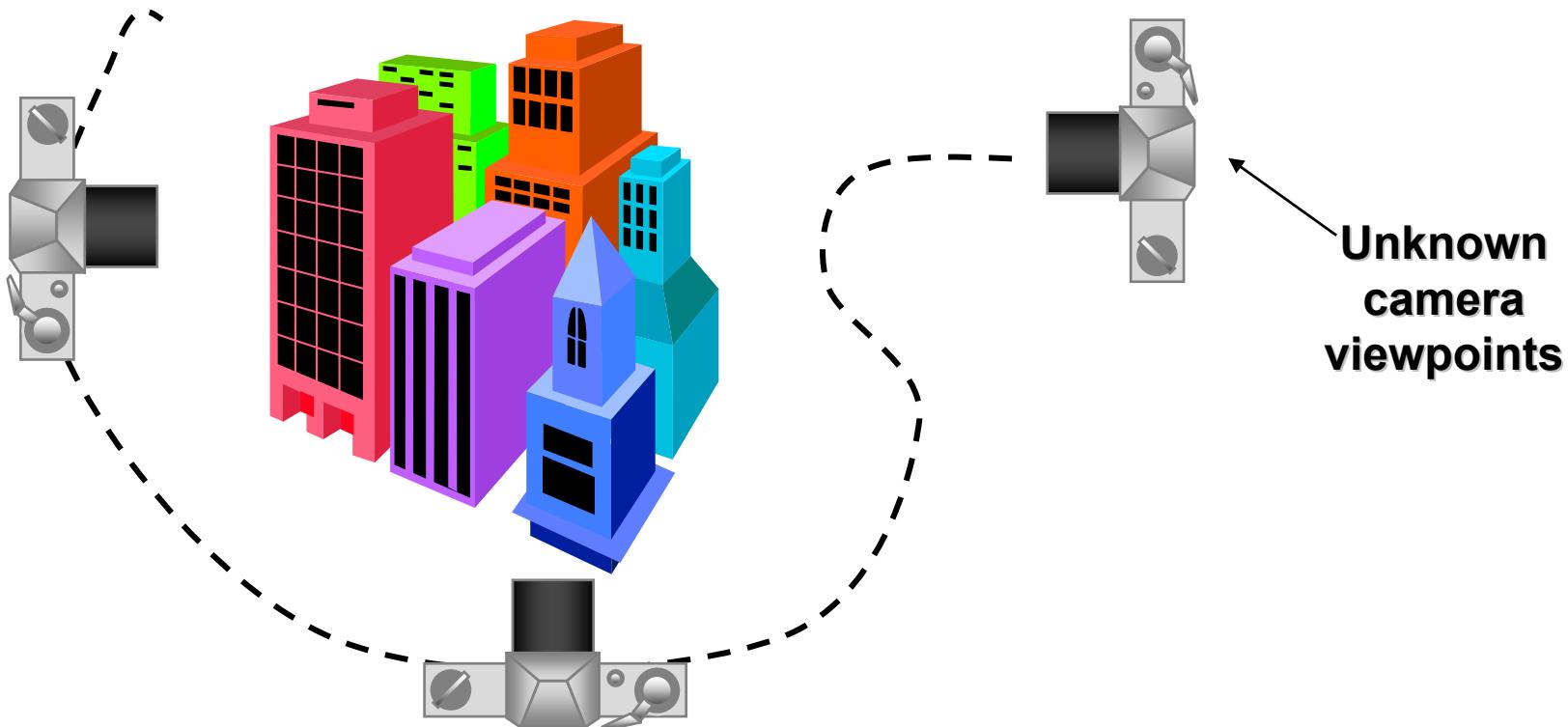
DigiVFX

## ■ Normalized 8-point algorithm



# **Structure from motion**

# Structure from motion



structure for motion: automatic recovery of camera motion and scene structure from two or more images. It is a self calibration technique and called *automatic camera tracking* or *matchmoving*.

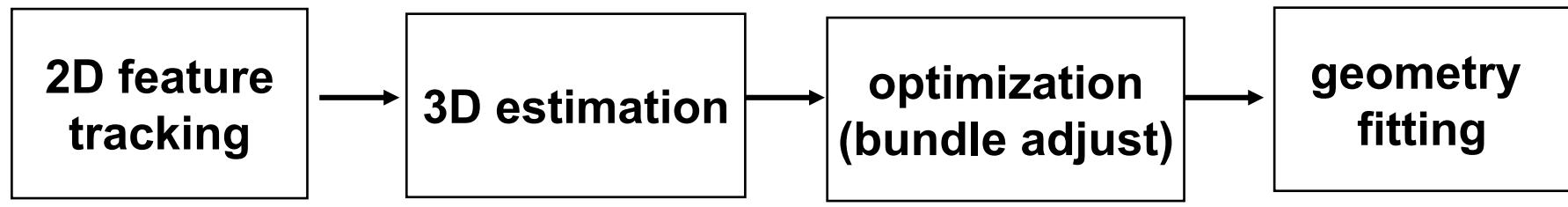
# Applications

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- For computer vision, multiple-view shape reconstruction, novel view synthesis and autonomous vehicle navigation.
- For film production, seamless insertion of CGI into live-action backgrounds

# Structure from motion

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SFM pipeline

# Structure from motion

- Step 1: Track Features
  - Detect good features, Shi & Tomasi, SIFT
  - Find correspondences between frames
    - Lucas & Kanade-style motion estimation
    - window-based correlation
    - SIFT matching



# KLT tracking

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<http://www.ces.clemson.edu/~stb/klt/>

# SIFT tracking (matching actually)

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Frame 0 →



Frame 10

# SIFT tracking

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Frame 0

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Frame 200

# Structure from Motion

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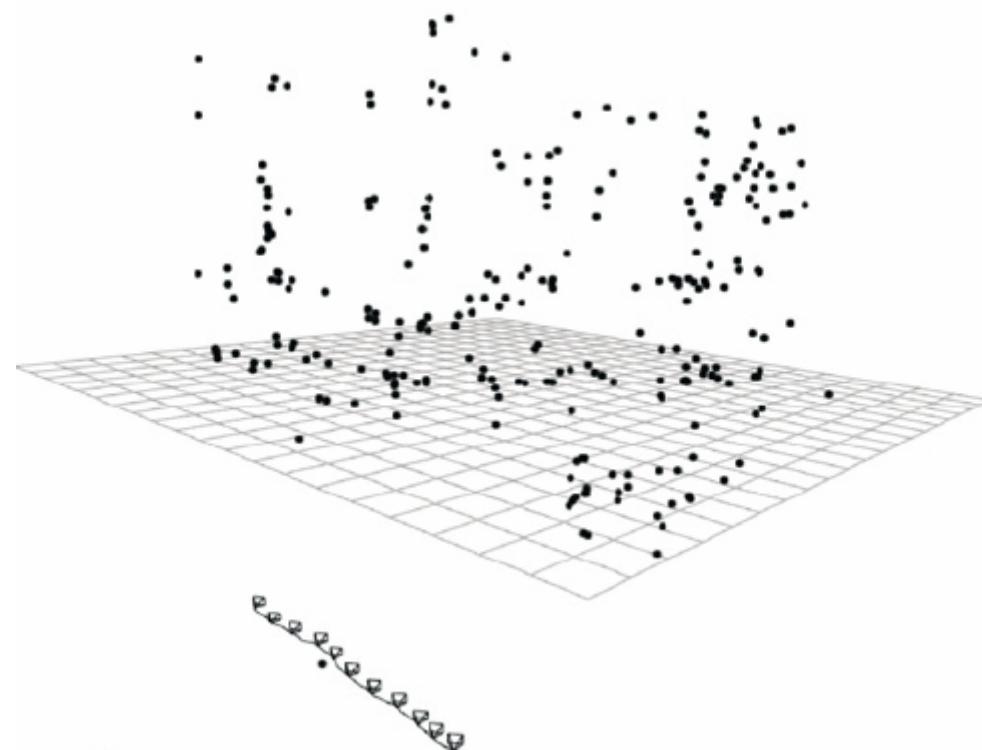
- Step 2: Estimate Motion and Structure
  - Simplified projection model, e.g., [Tomasi 92]
  - 2 or 3 views at a time [Hartley 00]



# Structure from Motion

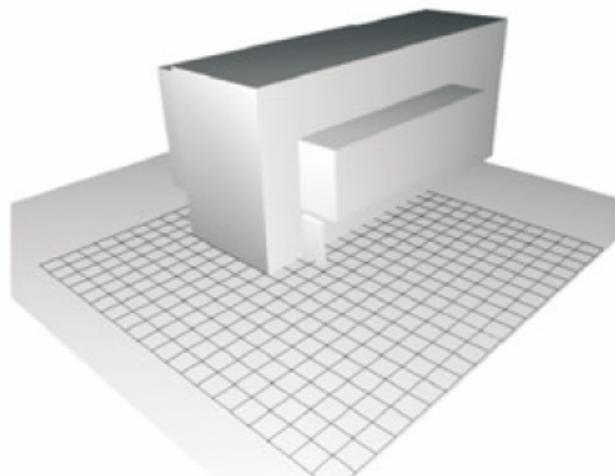
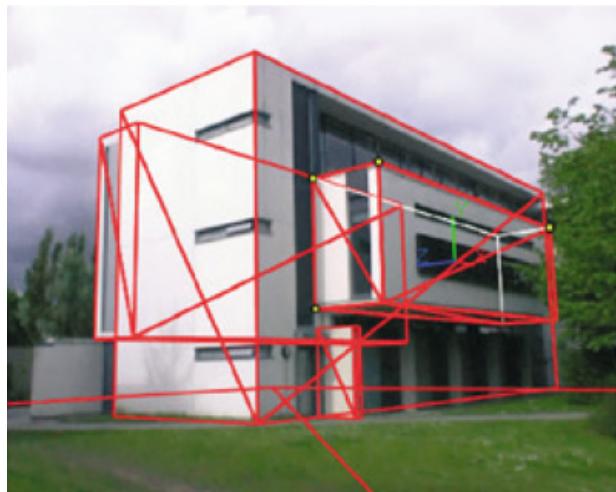
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- Step 3: Refine estimates
  - “Bundle adjustment” in photogrammetry
  - Other iterative methods



# Structure from Motion

- Step 4: Recover surfaces (image-based triangulation, silhouettes, stereo...)



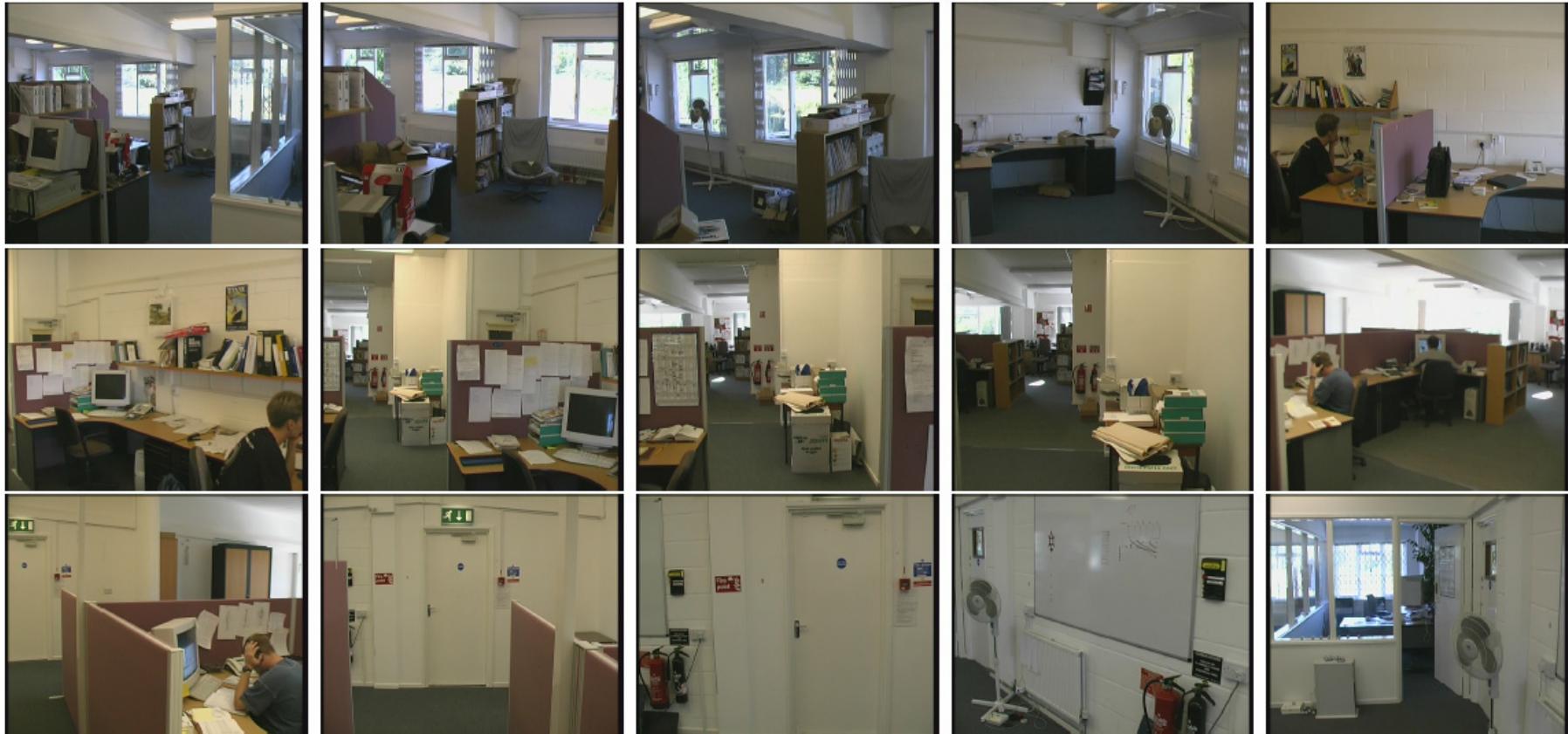
# Issues in SFM

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- Track lifetime
- Nonlinear lens distortion
- Degeneracy and critical surfaces
- Prior knowledge and scene constraints
- Multiple motions

# Track lifetime

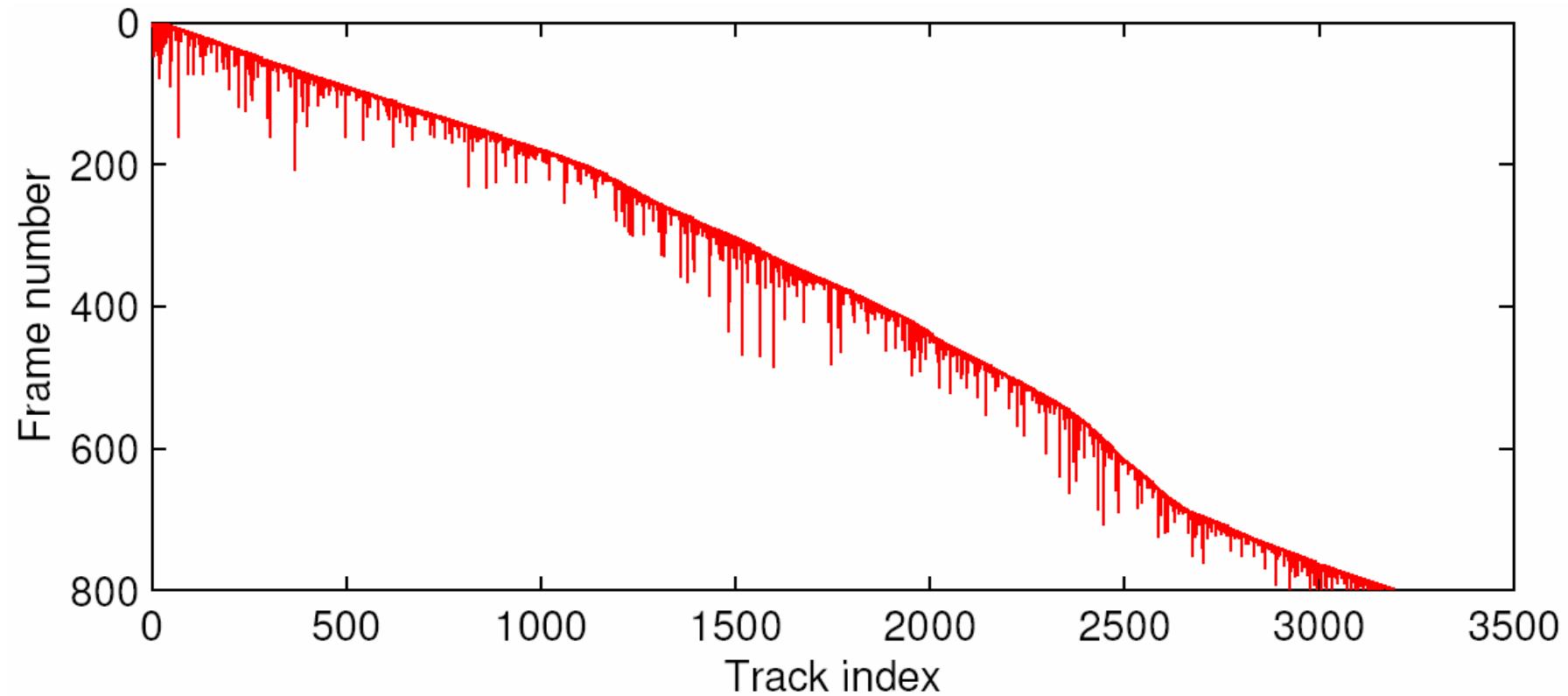
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every 50th frame of a 800-frame sequence

# Track lifetime

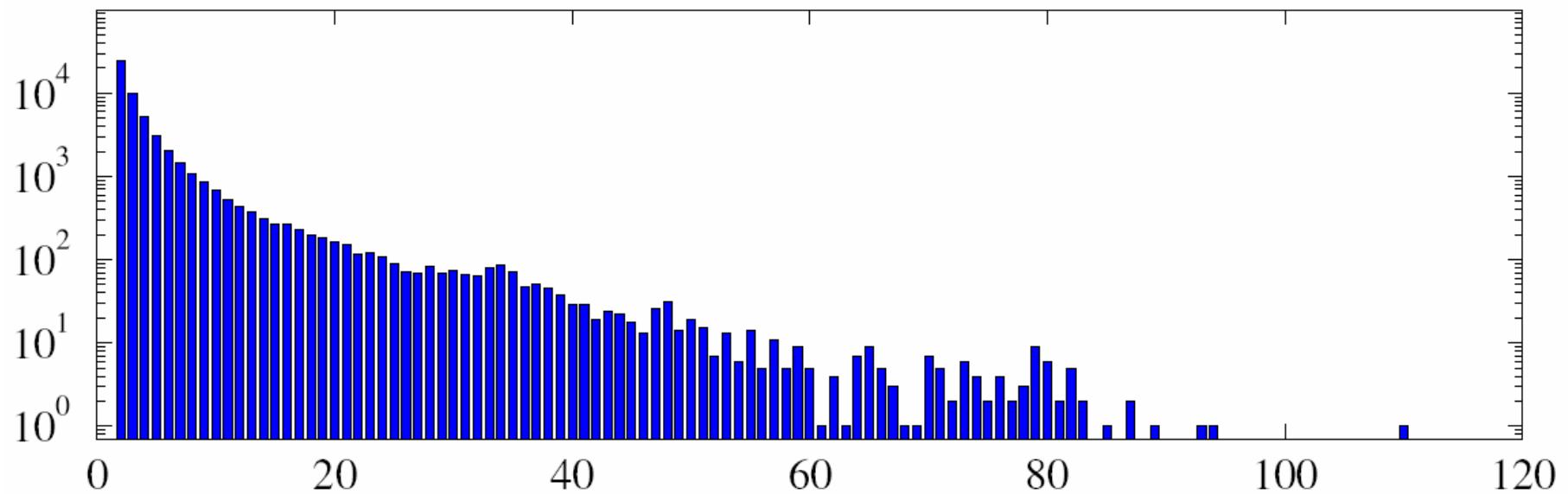
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lifetime of 3192 tracks from the previous sequence

# Track lifetime

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track length histogram

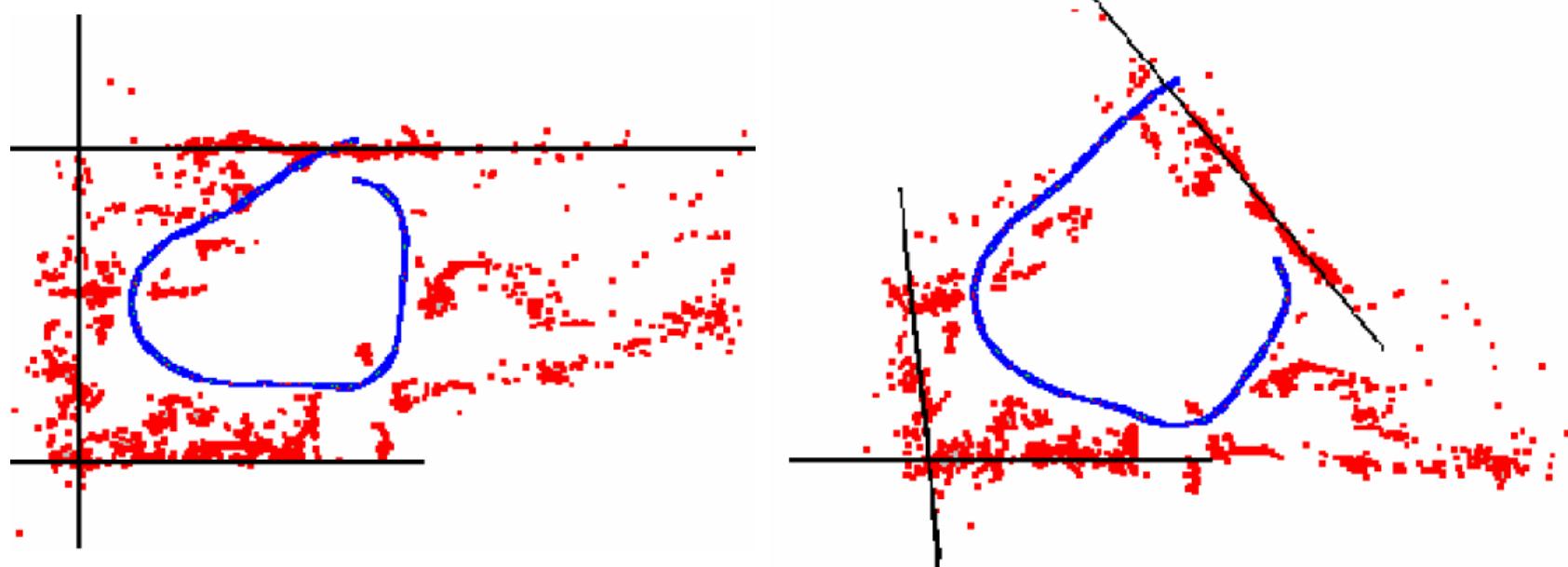
# Nonlinear lens distortion

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# Nonlinear lens distortion

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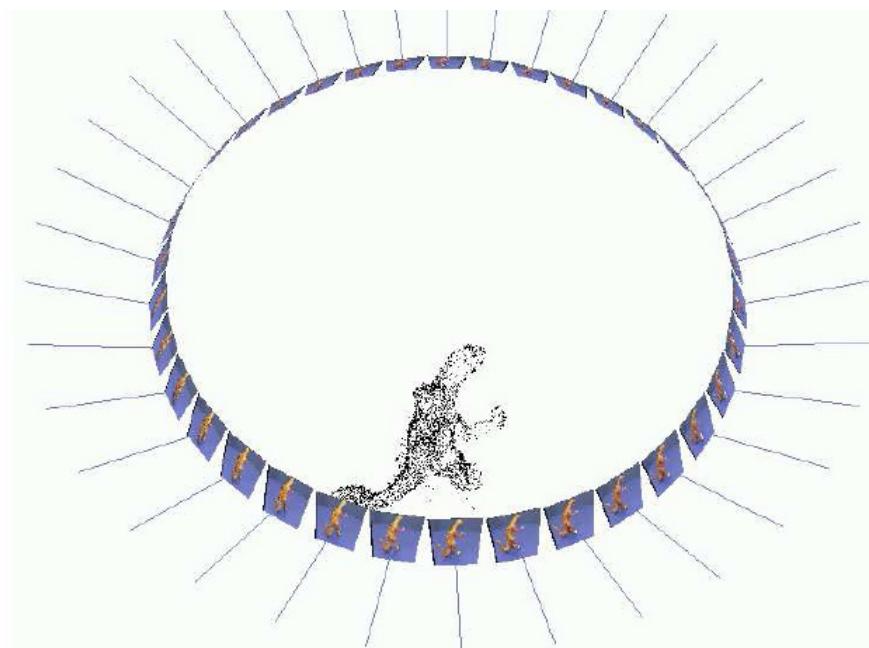
effect of lens distortion

# Prior knowledge and scene constraints



add a constraint that several lines are parallel

# Prior knowledge and scene constraints



add a constraint that it is a turntable sequence

# **Applications of matchmove**

# Applications of matchmove

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**2d3 boujou**



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Enemy at the Gate, Double Negative

**2d3 boujou**



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**Enemy at the Gate, Double Negative**

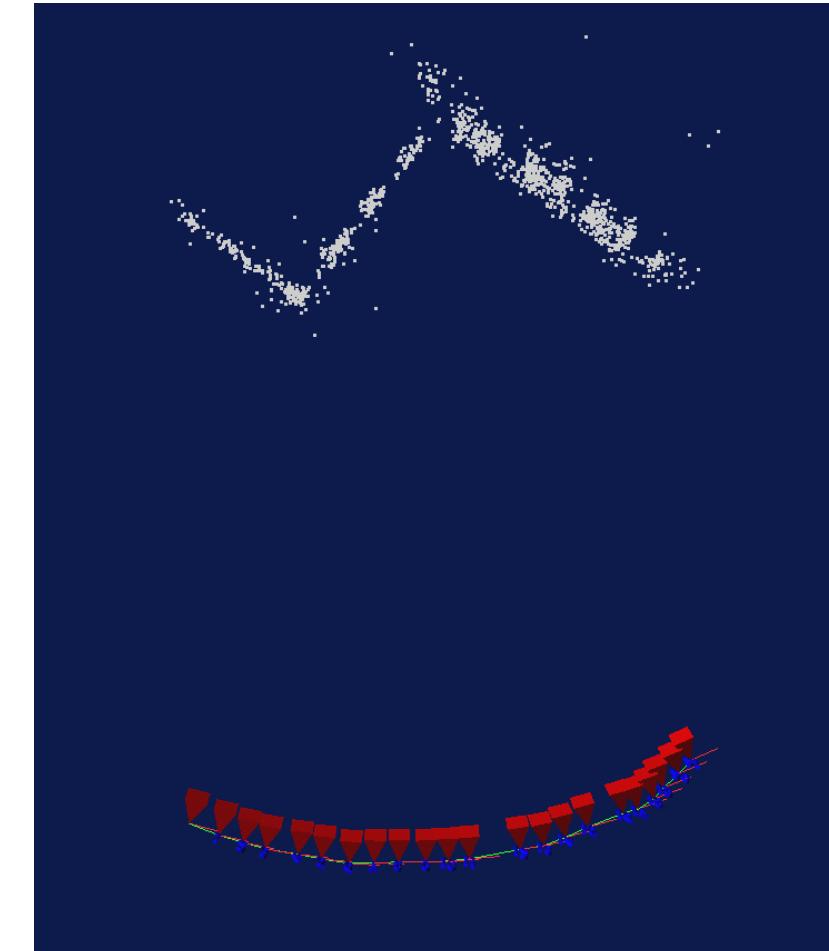
# Jurassic park



# Factorization methods

# Problem statement

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# Notations

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- $n$  3D points are seen in  $m$  views
- $\mathbf{q}=(u,v,1)$ : *2D image point*
- $\mathbf{p}=(x,y,z,1)$ : *3D scene point*
- $\Pi$ : projection matrix
- $\pi$ : projection function
- $q_{ij}$  is the projection of the  $i$ -th point on image  $j$
- $\lambda_{ij}$  projective depth of  $q_{ij}$

$$\mathbf{q}_{ij} = \pi(\Pi_j \mathbf{p}_i) \quad \pi(x, y, z) = (x/z, y/z)$$
$$\lambda_{ij} = z$$

# Structure from motion

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- Estimate  $M_i$  and  $p_i$  to minimize

$$\varepsilon(\Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_m, p_1, \dots, p_n) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij} \log P(\pi(\Pi_j p_i); q_{ij})$$

$$w_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p_i \text{ is visible in view } j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Assume isotropic Gaussian noise, it is reduced to

$$\varepsilon(\Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_m, p_1, \dots, p_n) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij} \left\| \pi(\Pi_j p_i) - q_{ij} \right\|^2$$

# SFM under orthographic projection

$$\mathbf{q} = \Pi \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{t}$$

2×1      2×3    3×1    2×1

2D image point      orthographic projection matrix      3D scene point      image offset

- Trick
  - Choose scene origin to be centroid of 3D points
  - Choose image origins to be centroid of 2D points
  - Allows us to drop the camera translation:

$$\mathbf{q} = \Pi \mathbf{p}$$

# factorization (Tomasi & Kanade)

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projection of  $n$  features in one image:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_1 & \mathbf{q}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{q}_n \\ 2 \times n \end{bmatrix} = \prod_{2 \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 & \mathbf{p}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{p}_n \\ 3 \times n \end{bmatrix}$$

projection of  $n$  features in  $m$  images

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{q}_{11} & \mathbf{q}_{12} & \cdots & \mathbf{q}_{1n} \\ \mathbf{q}_{21} & \mathbf{q}_{22} & \cdots & \mathbf{q}_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{q}_{m1} & \mathbf{q}_{m2} & \cdots & \mathbf{q}_{mn} \end{bmatrix}_{2m \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{\Pi}_1 \\ \mathbf{\Pi}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{\Pi}_m \end{bmatrix}_{2m \times 3} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_1 & \mathbf{p}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{p}_n \\ 3 \times n \end{bmatrix}$$

**W** measurement

**M** motion

**S** shape

Key Observation:  $\text{rank}(\mathbf{W}) \leq 3$

# Factorization

$$\text{known} \quad \text{W}_{2m \times n} = \boxed{\text{M}_{2m \times 3} \text{ S}_{3 \times n}} \quad \text{solve for}$$

- Factorization Technique
  - $\text{W}$  is at most rank 3 (assuming no noise)
  - We can use *singular value decomposition* to factor  $\text{W}$ :

$$\text{W}_{2m \times n} = \text{M}'_{2m \times 3} \text{ S}'_{3 \times n}$$

- $\text{S}'$  differs from  $\text{S}$  by a linear transformation  $\text{A}$ :

$$\text{W} = \text{M}' \text{S}' = (\text{MA}^{-1})(\text{AS})$$

- Solve for  $\text{A}$  by enforcing *metric* constraints on  $\text{M}$

# Metric constraints

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- Orthographic Camera
  - Rows of  $\Pi$  are orthonormal:  $\Pi \Pi^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- Enforcing “Metric” Constraints
  - Compute  $\mathbf{A}$  such that rows of  $\mathbf{M}$  have these properties

$$\mathbf{M}'\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{M}$$

**Trick** (not in original Tomasi/Kanade paper, but in followup work)

- Constraints are linear in  $\mathbf{AA}^T$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \Pi \Pi^T = \Pi' \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{A} \Pi')^T = \Pi' \mathbf{G} \Pi'^T \quad \text{where } \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{AA}^T$$

- Solve for  $\mathbf{G}$  first by writing equations for every  $\Pi_i$  in  $\mathbf{M}$
- Then  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{AA}^T$  by SVD (since  $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{V}$ )

# Factorization with noisy data

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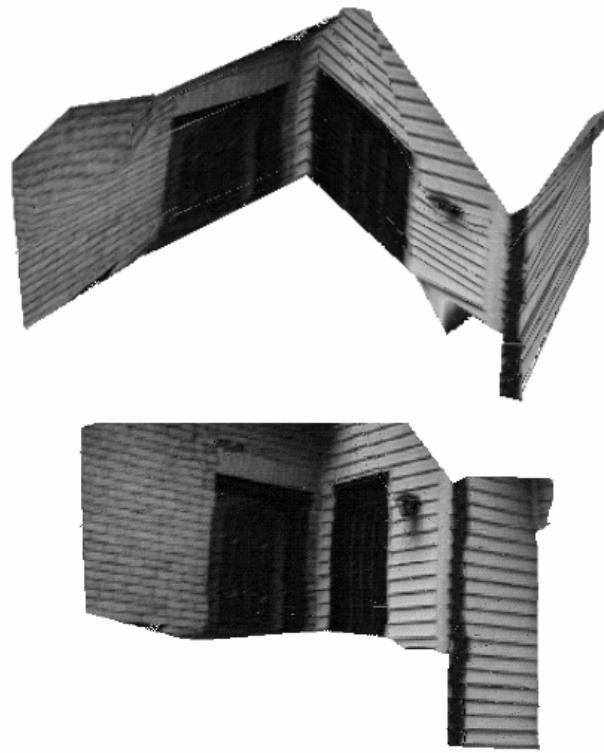
$$\begin{matrix} \mathbf{W} \\ 2m \times n \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \mathbf{M} \\ 2m \times 3 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{S} \\ 3 \times n \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} \mathbf{E} \\ 2m \times n \end{matrix}$$

- SVD gives this solution
  - Provides optimal rank 3 approximation  $\mathbf{W}'$  of  $\mathbf{W}$

$$\begin{matrix} \mathbf{W} \\ 2m \times n \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \mathbf{W}' \\ 2m \times n \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} \mathbf{E} \\ 2m \times n \end{matrix}$$

- Approach
  - Estimate  $\mathbf{W}'$ , then use noise-free factorization of  $\mathbf{W}'$  as before
  - Result minimizes the SSD between positions of image features and projection of the reconstruction

# Results



# Extensions to factorization methods

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- Projective projection
- With missing data
- Projective projection with missing data

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