## **Multi-view Reconstruction**

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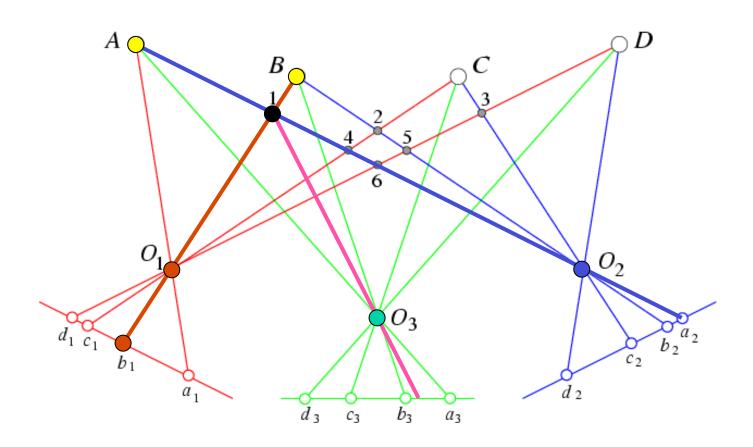
Instructor: Greg Hager

#### Outline

- Reminders
- Multi-view reconstruction with calibrated cameras
  - Multi-baseline stereo
  - Volumetric stereo
- Multi-view reconstruction with un-calibrated cameras
  - Affine structure-from-motion
  - Bundle adjustment

# Multi-view reconstruction Calibrated cameras

## Beyond two-view stereo



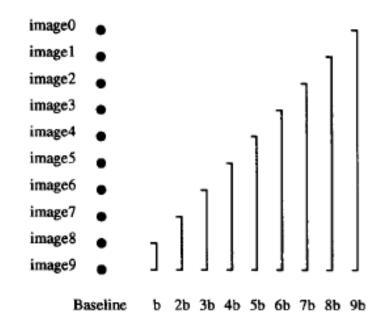
The third view can be used for verification

## Multiple-baseline stereo

 Pick a reference image, and slide the corresponding window along the corresponding epipolar lines of all other images, using inverse depth relative to the first image as the search parameter



Figure 2: An example scene. The grid pattern in the background has ambiguity of matching.



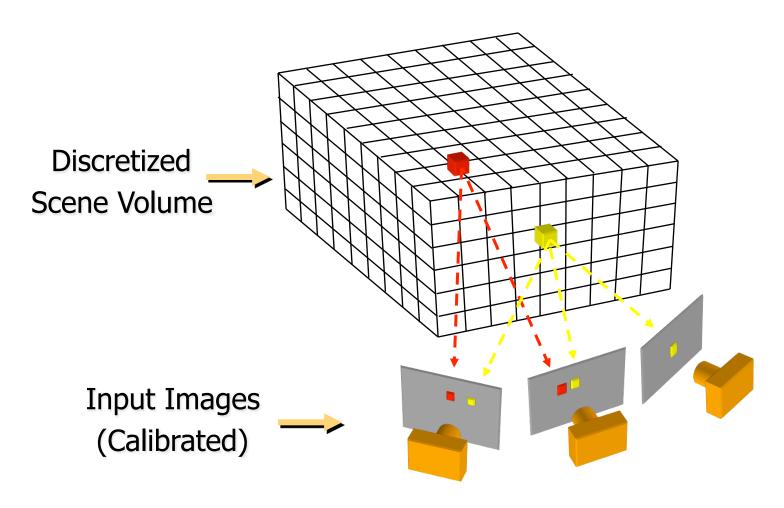
M. Okutomi and T. Kanade, <u>"A Multiple-Baseline Stereo System,"</u> IEEE Trans. on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, 15(4):353-363 (1993).

### Multiple-baseline stereo

- Pros
  - Using multiple images reduces the ambiguity of matching
- Cons
  - Must choose a reference view
  - Occlusions become an issue for large baseline
  - Cannot rectify without very high precision slider

Alternative is to use a plane sweep algorithm

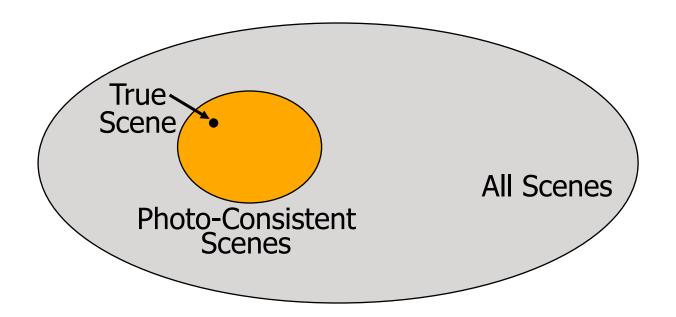
### Volumetric Stereo / Voxel Coloring



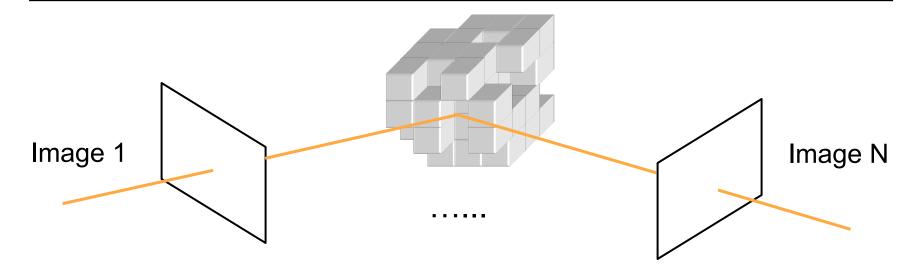
Goal: Assign RGB values to voxels in V photo-consistent with images

### Photo-consistency

- A photo-consistent scene is a scene that exactly reproduces your input images from the same camera viewpoints
- You can't use your input cameras and images to tell the difference between a photo-consistent scene and the true scene



### **Space Carving**

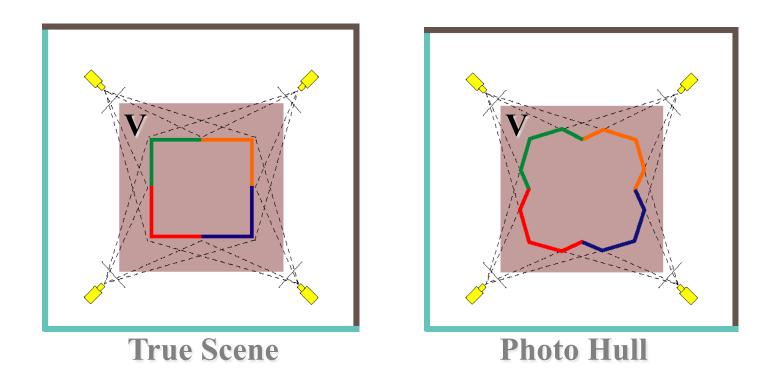


#### **Space Carving Algorithm**

- Initialize to a volume V containing the true scene
- Choose a voxel on the current surface
- Project to visible input images
- Carve if not photo-consistent
- Repeat until convergence

K. N. Kutulakos and S. M. Seitz, A Theory of Shape by Space Carving, ICCV 1999

# Which shape do you get?



The Photo Hull is the UNION of all photo-consistent scenes in V

- It is a photo-consistent scene reconstruction
- Tightest possible bound on the true scene

# Space Carving Results: African Violet



Input Image (1 of 45)



Reconstruction



Reconstruction



Reconstruction

Source: S. Seitz

# Space Carving Results: Hand



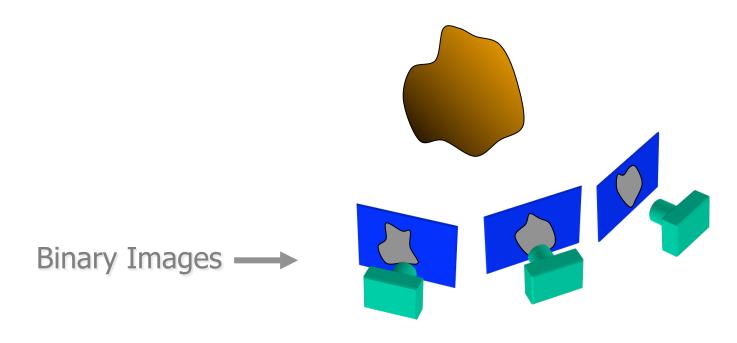
**Input Image** (1 of 100)



**Views of Reconstruction** 

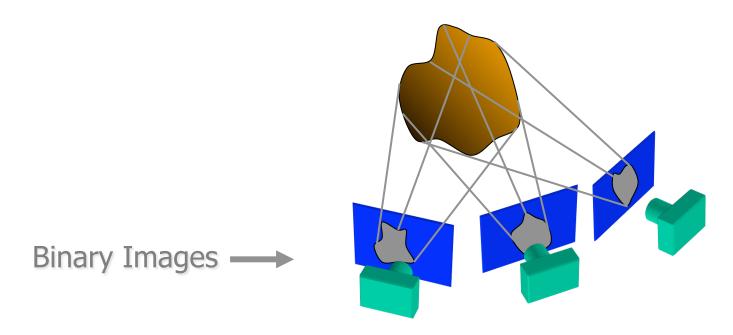
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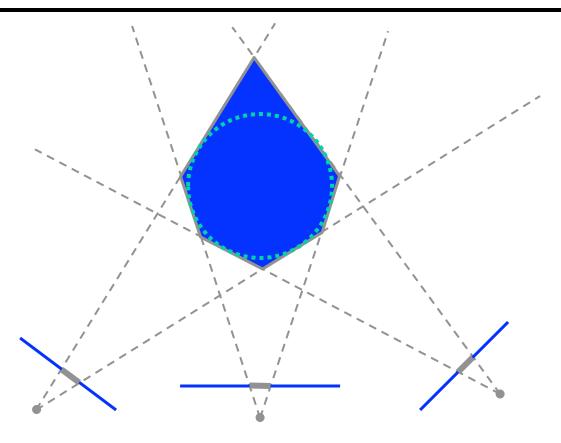
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Finding the silhouette-consistent shape (*visual hull*):

- Backproject each silhouette
- Intersect backprojected volumes

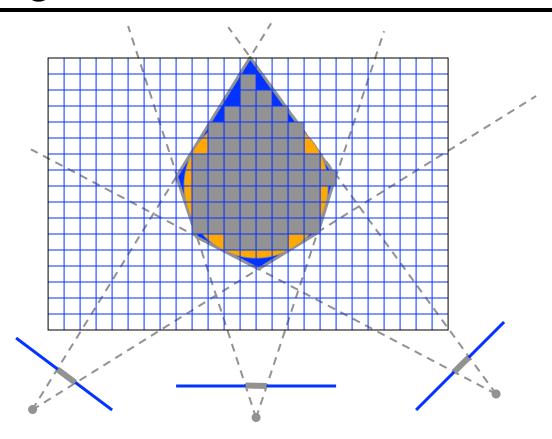
# Volume intersection



Reconstruction Contains the True Scene

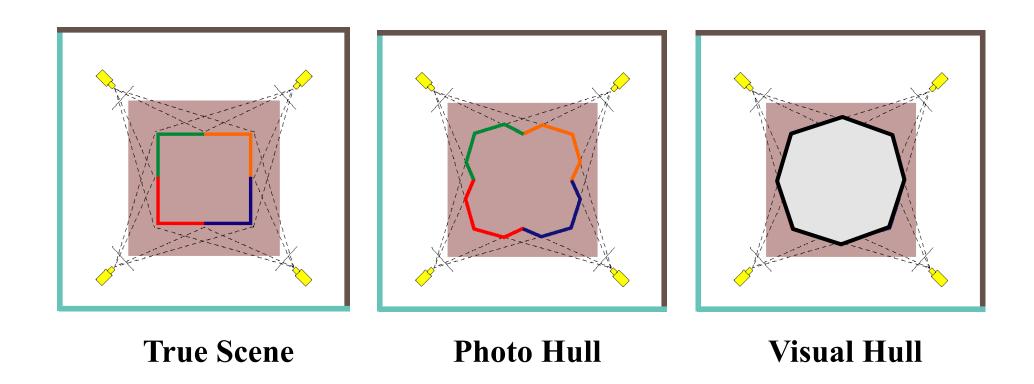
But is generally not the same

## Voxel algorithm for volume intersection



Color voxel black if on silhouette in every image

### Photo-consistency vs. silhouette-consistency



#### Carved visual hulls

- The visual hull is a good starting point for optimizing photo-consistency
  - Easy to compute
  - Tight outer boundary of the object
  - Parts of the visual hull (rims) already lie on the surface and are already photo-consistent

# Multi-view reconstruction Un-calibrated cameras

# Multiple-view geometry questions

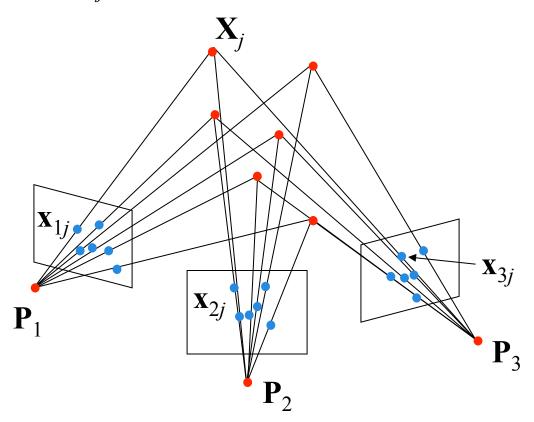
- Scene geometry (structure): Given 2D point matches in two or more images, where are the corresponding points in 3D?
- Correspondence (stereo matching): Given a point in just one image, how does it constrain the position of the corresponding point in another image?
- Camera geometry (motion): Given a set of corresponding points in two or more images, what are the camera matrices for these views?

#### Structure from motion

• Given: *m* images of *n* fixed 3D points

$$\mathbf{x}_{ij} = \mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{X}_j$$
,  $i = 1, \dots, m, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$ 

• Problem: estimate m projection matrices  $\mathbf{P}_i$  and n 3D points  $\mathbf{X}_j$  from the mn correspondences  $\mathbf{x}_{ij}$ 



## Structure from motion ambiguity

• If we scale the entire scene by some factor *k* and, at the same time, scale the camera matrices by the factor of 1/*k*, the projections of the scene points in the image remain exactly the same:

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{PX} = \left(\frac{1}{k}\mathbf{P}\right)(k\mathbf{X})$$

It is impossible to recover the absolute scale of the scene!

## Structure from motion ambiguity

- If we scale the entire scene by some factor *k* and, at the same time, scale the camera matrices by the factor of 1/*k*, the projections of the scene points in the image remain exactly the same
- More generally: if we transform the scene using a transformation Q and apply the inverse transformation to the camera matrices, then the images do not change

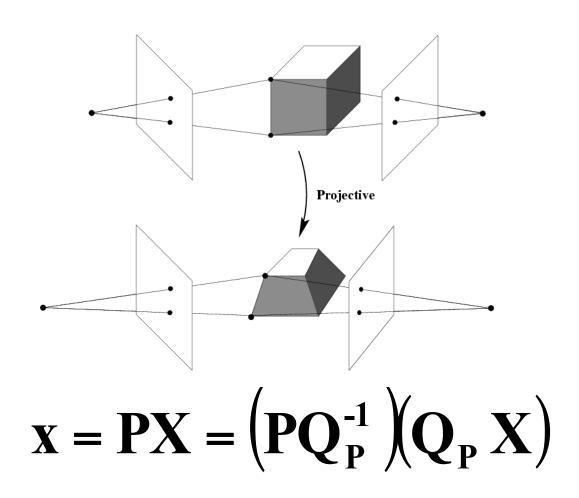
$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X} = \left(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{Q}^{-1}\right)\left(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{X}\right)$$

# Types of ambiguity

Projective 15dof	$\begin{bmatrix} A & t \\ v^T & v \end{bmatrix}$	Preserves intersection and tangency
Affine 12dof	$\begin{bmatrix} A & t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	Preserves parallellism, volume ratios
Similarity 7dof	$\begin{bmatrix} s \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	Preserves angles, ratios of length
Euclidean 6dof	$\begin{bmatrix} R & t \\ 0^T & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	Preserves angles, lengths

- With no constraints on the camera calibration matrix or on the scene, we get a projective reconstruction
- Need additional information to *upgrade* the reconstruction to affine, similarity, or Euclidean

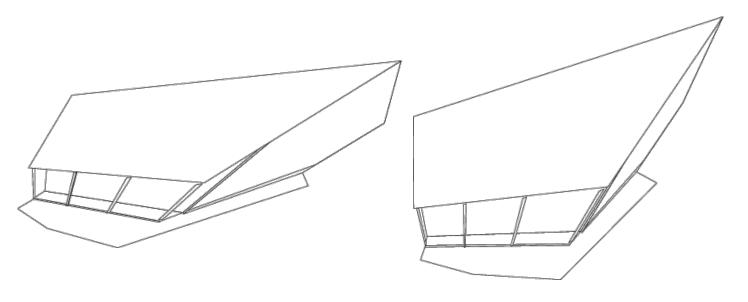
# Projective ambiguity



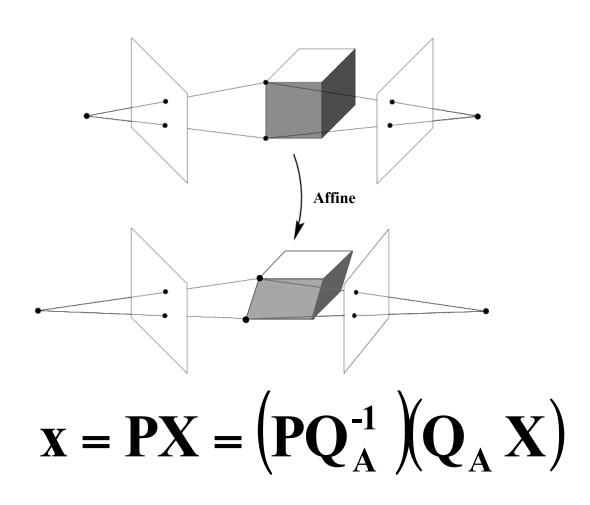
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# Affine ambiguity

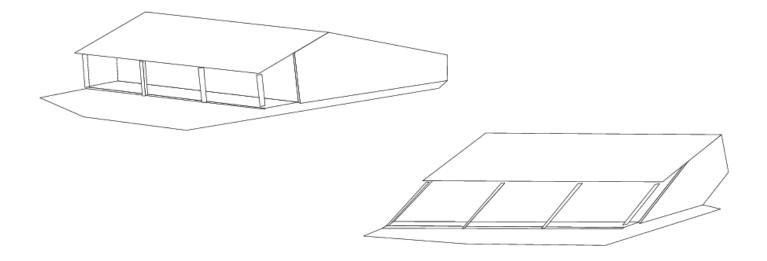


# Affine ambiguity

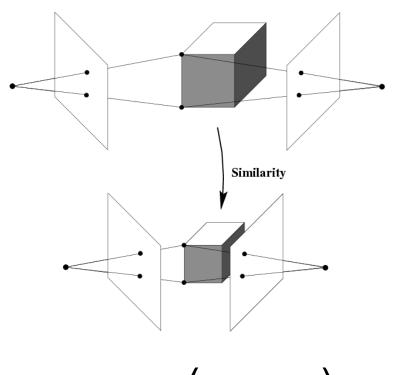






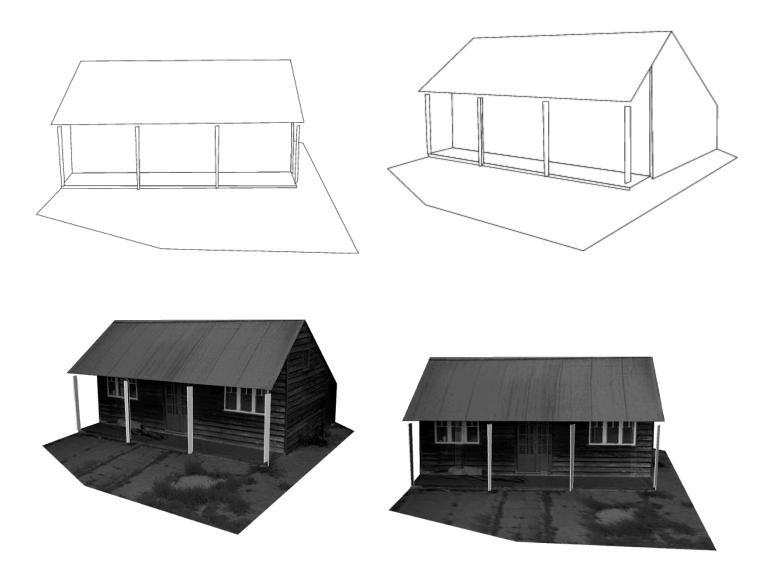


# Similarity ambiguity



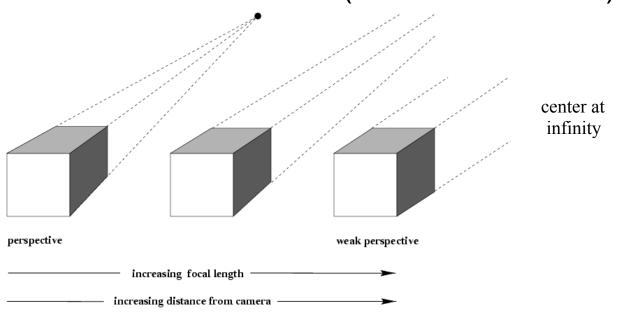
$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X} = \left(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{Q}_{S}^{-1}\right)\left(\mathbf{Q}_{S}\mathbf{X}\right)$$

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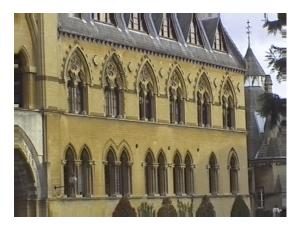


#### Structure from motion

• Let's start with affine cameras (the math is easier)



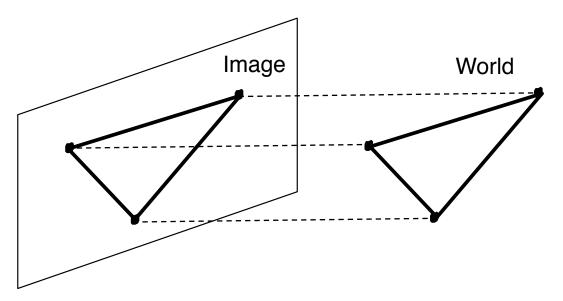




## Recall: Orthographic Projection

#### Special case of perspective projection

Distance from center of projection to image plane is infinite

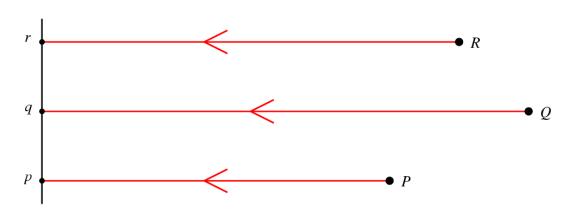


Projection matrix:

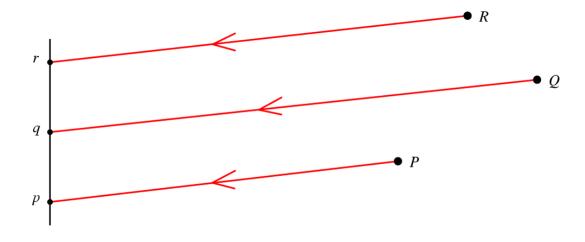
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x, y)$$

#### Affine cameras

Orthographic Projection



Parallel Projection



#### Affine cameras

 A general affine camera combines the effects of an affine transformation of the 3D space, orthographic projection, and an affine transformation of the image:

$$\mathbf{P} = [3 \times 3 \text{ affine}] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} [4 \times 4 \text{ affine}] = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & b_2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

 Affine projection is a linear mapping + translation in inhomogeneous coordinates

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{AX} + \mathbf{b}$$
Projection of world origin

#### Affine structure from motion

Given: m images of n fixed 3D points:

$$\mathbf{x}_{ij} = \mathbf{A}_i \, \mathbf{X}_j + \mathbf{b}_i$$
,  $i = 1, ..., m, j = 1, ..., n$ 

- Problem: use the mn correspondences  $\mathbf{x}_{ij}$  to estimate m projection matrices  $\mathbf{A}_i$  and translation vectors  $\mathbf{b}_i$ , and n points  $\mathbf{X}_j$
- The reconstruction is defined up to an arbitrary *affine* transformation **Q** (12 degrees of freedom):

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} A & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} Q^{-1}, \qquad \begin{pmatrix} X \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow Q \begin{pmatrix} X \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- We have 2mn knowns and 8m + 3n unknowns (minus 12 dof for affine ambiguity)
- Thus, we must have  $2mn \ge 8m + 3n 12$
- For two views, we need four point correspondences

#### Affine structure from motion

Centering: subtract the centroid of the image points

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{ij} = \mathbf{X}_{ij} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \mathbf{X}_{ik} = \mathbf{A}_{i} \mathbf{X}_{j} + \mathbf{b}_{i} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} (\mathbf{A}_{i} \mathbf{X}_{k} + \mathbf{b}_{i})$$

$$= \mathbf{A}_{i} \left( \mathbf{X}_{j} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} \mathbf{X}_{k} \right) = \mathbf{A}_{i} \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{j}$$

- For simplicity, assume that the origin of the world coordinate system is at the centroid of the 3D points
- After centering, each normalized point  $\mathbf{x}_{ij}$  is related to the 3D point  $\mathbf{X}_i$  by

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}}_{ij} = \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{X}_j$$

#### Affine structure from motion

• Let's create a 2*m* × *n* data (measurement) matrix:

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{11} & \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{12} & \cdots & \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{1n} \\ \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{21} & \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{22} & \cdots & \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{2n} \\ & \ddots & & \\ \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{m1} & \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{m2} & \cdots & \hat{\mathbf{X}}_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$
 cameras (2m)

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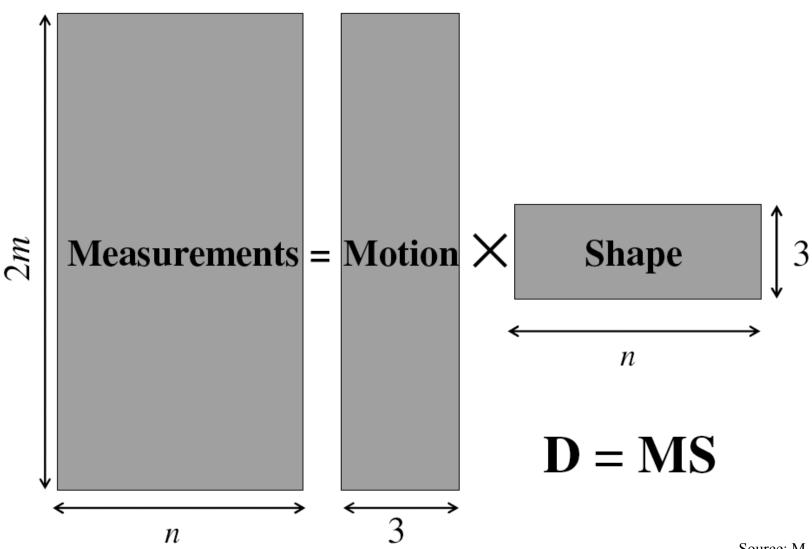
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cameras
$$(2m \times 3)$$

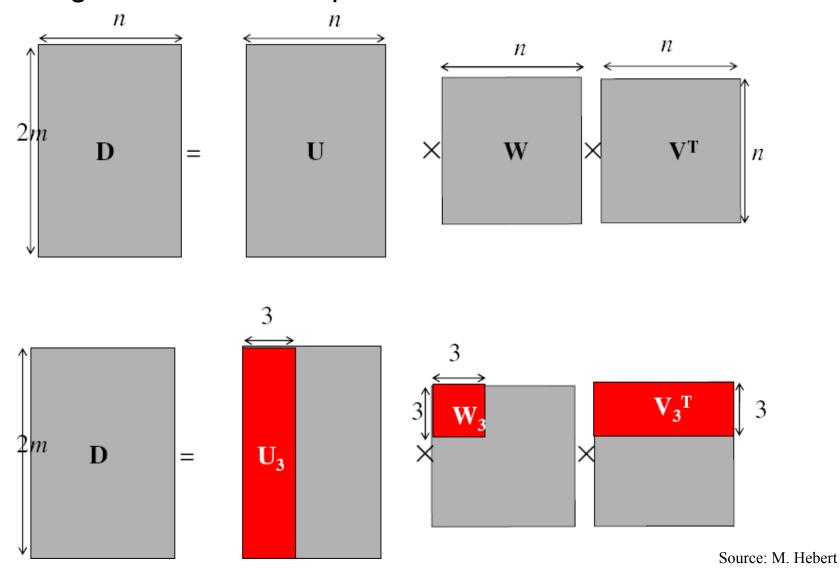
The measurement matrix  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{MS}$  must have rank 3!

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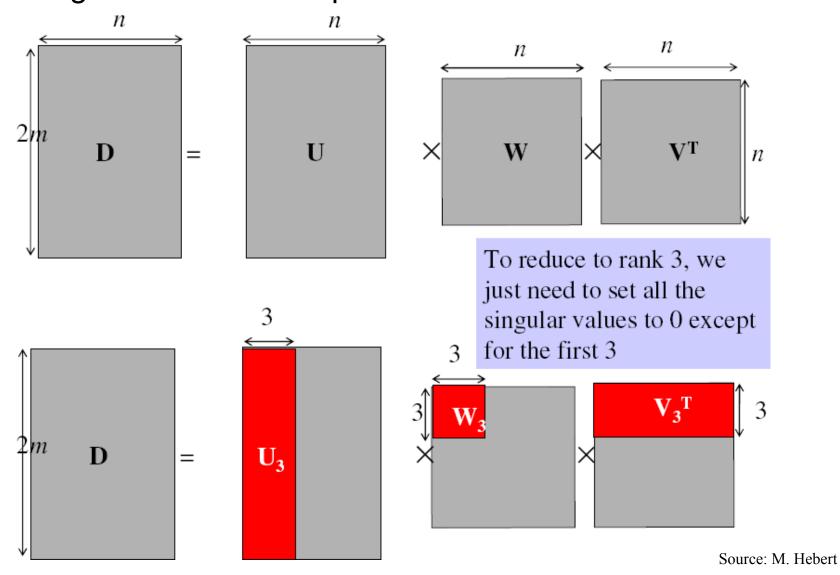


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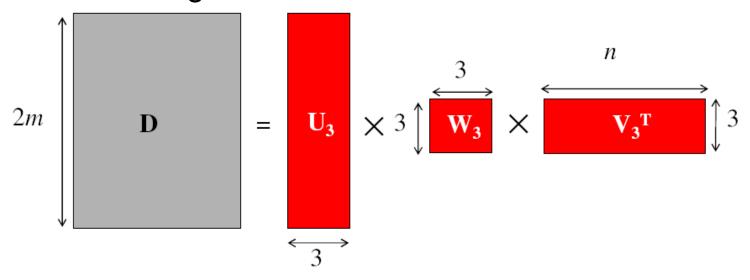
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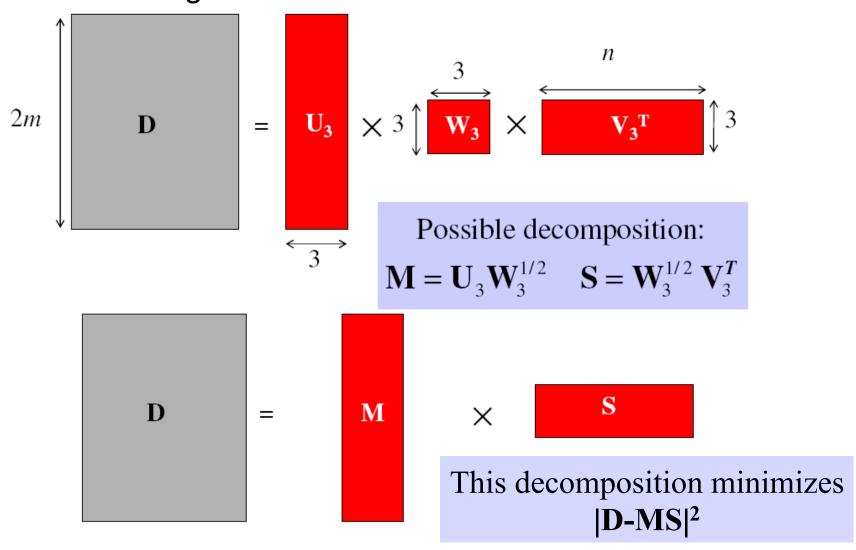
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• Obtaining a factorization from SVD:

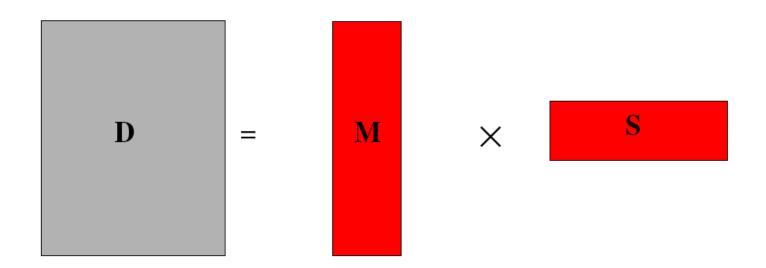


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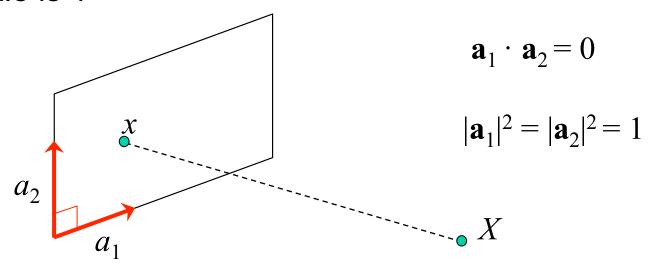
# Affine ambiguity



- The decomposition is not unique. We get the same D
  by using any 3×3 matrix C and applying the
  transformations M → MC, S →C<sup>-1</sup>S
- That is because we have only an affine transformation and we have not enforced any Euclidean constraints (like forcing the image axes to be perpendicular, for example)

# Eliminating the affine ambiguity

Orthographic: image axes are perpendicular and scale is 1



This translates into 3m equations in L = CC<sup>T</sup>:

$$A_i L A_i^T = Id,$$
  $i = 1, ..., m$ 

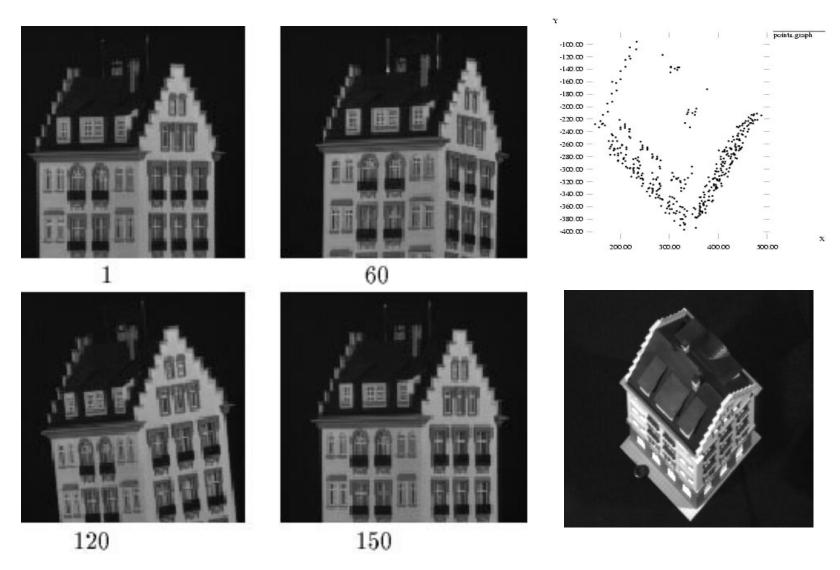
- Solve for L
- Recover C from L by Cholesky decomposition: L = CC<sup>T</sup>
- Update M and S: M = MC, S = C<sup>-1</sup>S

# Algorithm summary

- Given: m images and n features  $\mathbf{x}_{ij}$
- For each image i, center the feature coordinates
- Construct a 2m × n measurement matrix D:
  - Column j contains the projection of point j in all views
  - Row i contains one coordinate of the projections of all the n points in image i
- Factorize D:
  - Compute SVD: D = U W V<sup>T</sup>
  - Create U<sub>3</sub> by taking the first 3 columns of U
  - Create V<sub>3</sub> by taking the first 3 columns of V
  - Create W<sub>3</sub> by taking the upper left 3 × 3 block of W
- Create the motion and shape matrices:
  - $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}_3 \mathbf{W}_3^{1/2}$  and  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{W}_3^{1/2} \mathbf{V}_3^{\mathsf{T}}$  (or  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{U}_3$  and  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{W}_3 \mathbf{V}_3^{\mathsf{T}}$ )
- Eliminate affine ambiguity

Source: M. Hebert

#### Reconstruction results



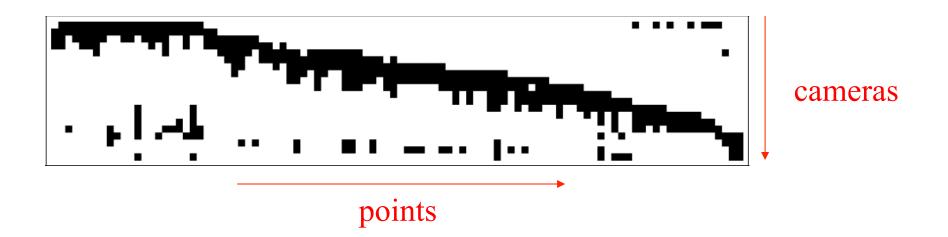
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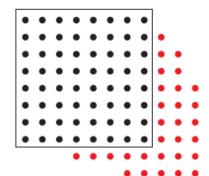
# Dealing with missing data

- So far, we have assumed that all points are visible in all views
- In reality, the measurement matrix typically looks something like this:

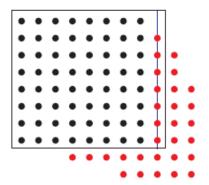


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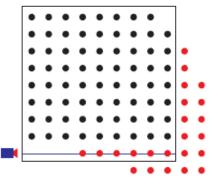
- Possible solution: decompose matrix into dense subblocks, factorize each sub-block, and fuse the results
  - Finding dense maximal sub-blocks of the matrix is NPcomplete (equivalent to finding maximal cliques in a graph)
- Incremental bilinear refinement



(1) Perform factorization on a dense sub-block



(2) Solve for a new 3D point visible by at least two known cameras (linear least squares)



(3) Solve for a new camera that sees at least three known 3D points (linear least squares)

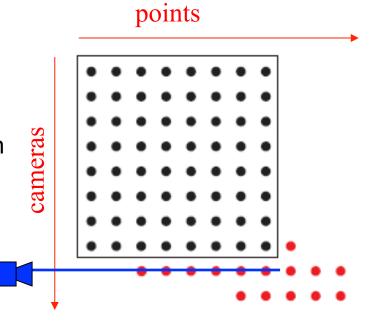
#### Sequential structure from motion

•Initialize motion from two images using fundamental matrix

Initialize structure by triangulation

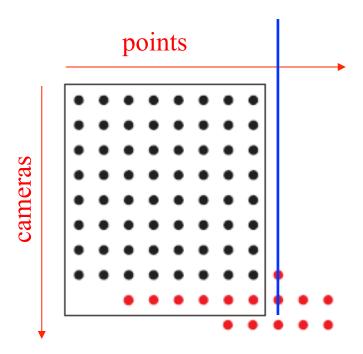
•For each additional view:

 Determine projection matrix of new camera using all the known 3D points that are visible in its image – calibration



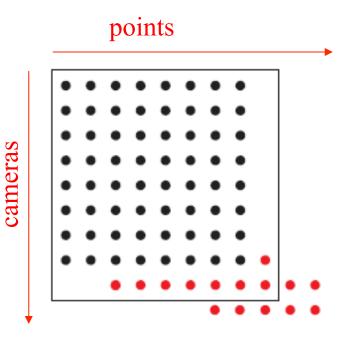
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- •Refine structure and motion: bundle adjustment

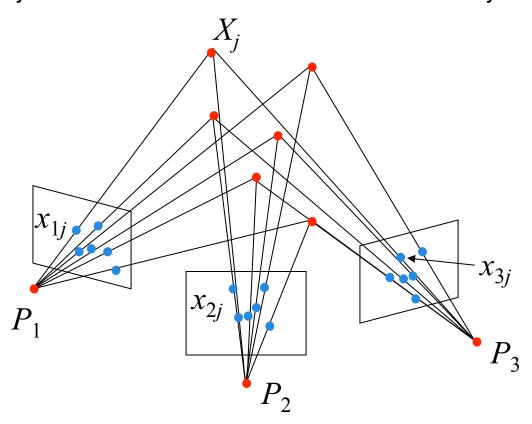


# Projective structure from motion

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- With no calibration info, cameras and points can only be recovered up to a 4x4 projective transformation Q:

$$X \rightarrow QX, P \rightarrow PQ^{-1}$$

We can solve for structure and motion when

$$2mn >= 11m + 3n - 15$$

For two cameras, at least 7 points are needed

#### Projective SFM: Two-camera case

- Compute fundamental matrix F between the two views
- First camera matrix: [I|0]
- Second camera matrix: [A|b]
- Then **b** is the epipole  $(\mathbf{F}^T\mathbf{b} = 0)$ ,  $\mathbf{A} = -[\mathbf{b}_{\times}]\mathbf{F}$

#### General Perspective and Motion

- There are iterative methods for differential motion (see book); we will not cover these.
  - In general, any motion and structure method is extremely sensitive for small motion (i.e. in the optical flow case).
- There are extensions of factorization to the perspective case; the method (see Ponce and Forsyth)
- For large motions, E-matrix computation and stereo-like methods are reasonable solutions to get dense estimates of depth
- Motion segmentation (multiple motions) is an important problem.
   GPCA-like methods have recently been developed (Vidal, Ma) as a way of describing the generalized epipolar constraints that arise in this case.

# Perspective Motion Factorization

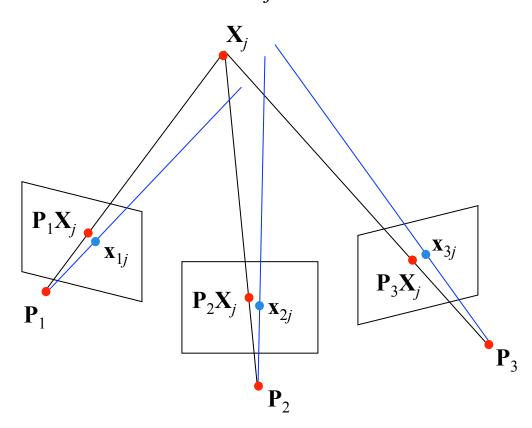
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#### Bundle adjustment

- Non-linear method for refining structure and motion
- Minimizing reprojection error

$$E(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{n} D(\mathbf{x}_{ij}, \mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{X}_j)^2$$



#### Self-calibration

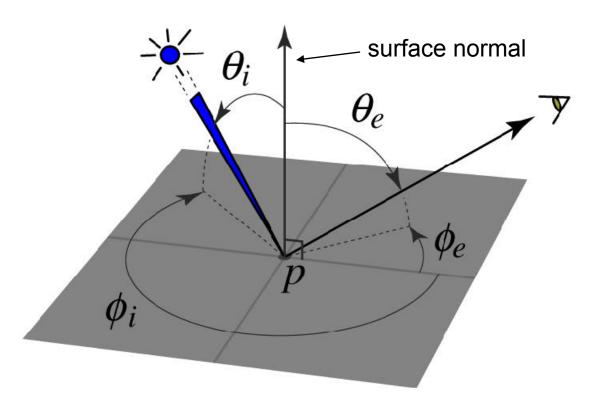
- Self-calibration (auto-calibration) is the process of determining intrinsic camera parameters directly from uncalibrated images
- For example, when the images are acquired by a single moving camera, we can use the constraint that the intrinsic parameter matrix remains fixed for all the images
  - Compute initial projective reconstruction and find 3D projective transformation matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$  such that all camera matrices are in the form  $\mathbf{P}_i = \mathbf{K} \left[ \mathbf{R}_i \, \middle| \, \mathbf{t}_i \right]$
- Can use constraints on the form of the calibration matrix: zero skew

# Some Things We Aren't Covering in Detail

#### The BRDF

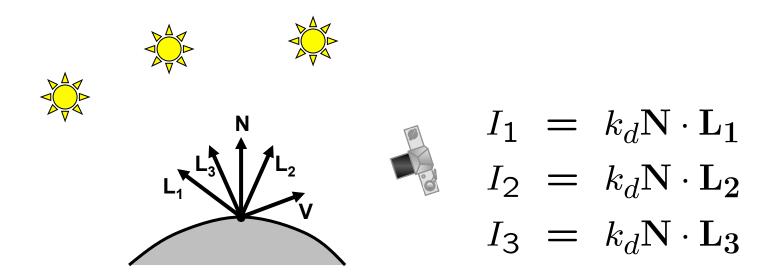
#### The Bidirectional Reflection Distribution Function

• Given an incoming ray  $(\theta_i, \phi_i)$  and outgoing ray  $(\theta_e, \phi_e)$  what proportion of the incoming light is reflected along outgoing ray?



Answer given by the BRDF:  $ho( heta_i,\phi_i,\phi_e,\phi_e)$ 

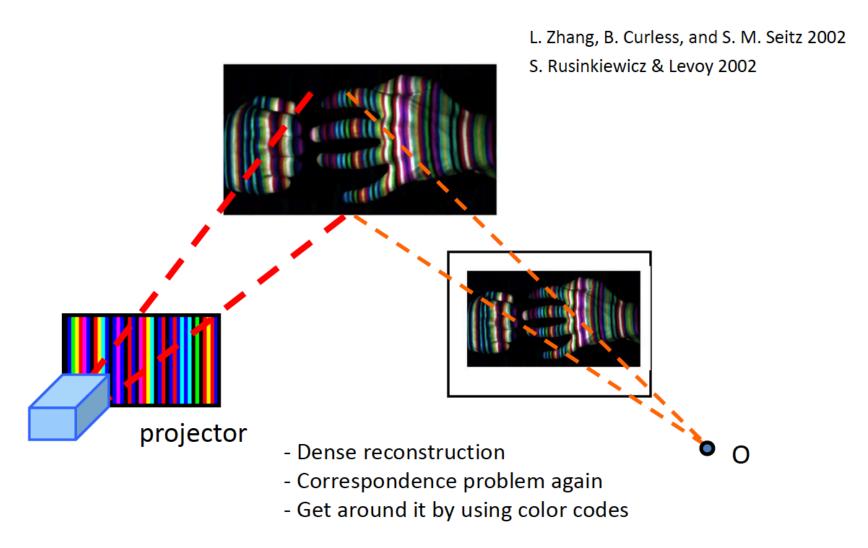
#### Photometric stereo



Can write this as a matrix equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_1 & I_2 & I_3 \end{bmatrix} = k_d \mathbf{N}^T \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{L_1} & \mathbf{L_2} & \mathbf{L_3} \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Active stereo – color coded stripes



#### Reminder - What is stereo vision?

- Generic problem formulation: given several images of the same object or scene, compute a representation of its 3D shape
- "Images of the same object or scene"
  - Arbitrary number of images (from two to thousands)
  - Arbitrary camera positions (isolated cameras or video sequence)
  - Cameras can be calibrated or uncalibrated
- "Representation of 3D shape"
  - Depth maps
  - Meshes
  - Point clouds
  - Patch clouds
  - Volumetric models
  - Layered models

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#### Review: Structure from motion

- Ambiguity
- Affine structure from motion
  - Factorization
- Dealing with missing data
  - Incremental structure from motion
- Projective structure from motion
  - Bundle adjustment
  - Self-calibration

# Summary: 3D geometric vision

- Single-view geometry
  - The pinhole camera model
    - Variation: orthographic projection
  - The perspective projection matrix
  - Intrinsic parameters
  - Extrinsic parameters
  - Calibration
- Multiple-view geometry
  - Triangulation
  - The epipolar constraint
    - Essential matrix and fundamental matrix
  - Stereo
    - Binocular, multi-view
  - Structure from motion
    - Reconstruction ambiguity
    - Affine SFM
    - Projective SFM

#### Conclusion

- Today
  - Multi-view reconstruction with calibrated cameras
    - Multi-baseline stereo
    - Volumetric stereo
  - Multi-view reconstruction with un-calibrated cameras
    - Affine structure-from-motion
    - Bundle adjustment
- Tuesday
  - Texture synthesis
  - Review
  - Information about final exam