

# 03 - Acquisition and registration

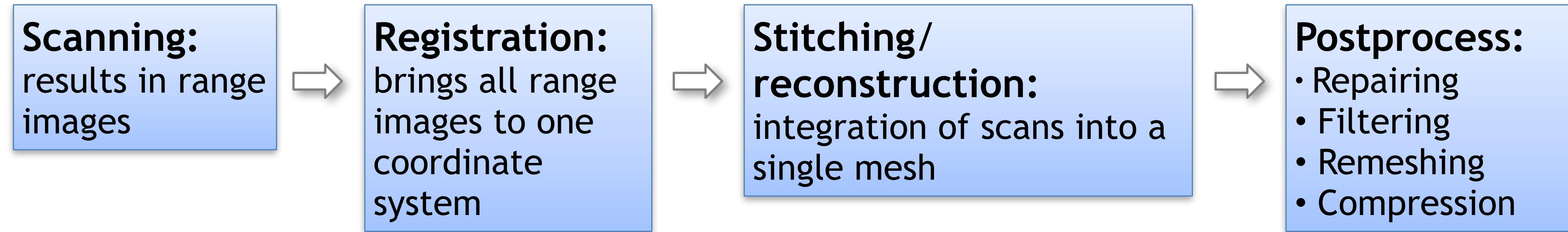
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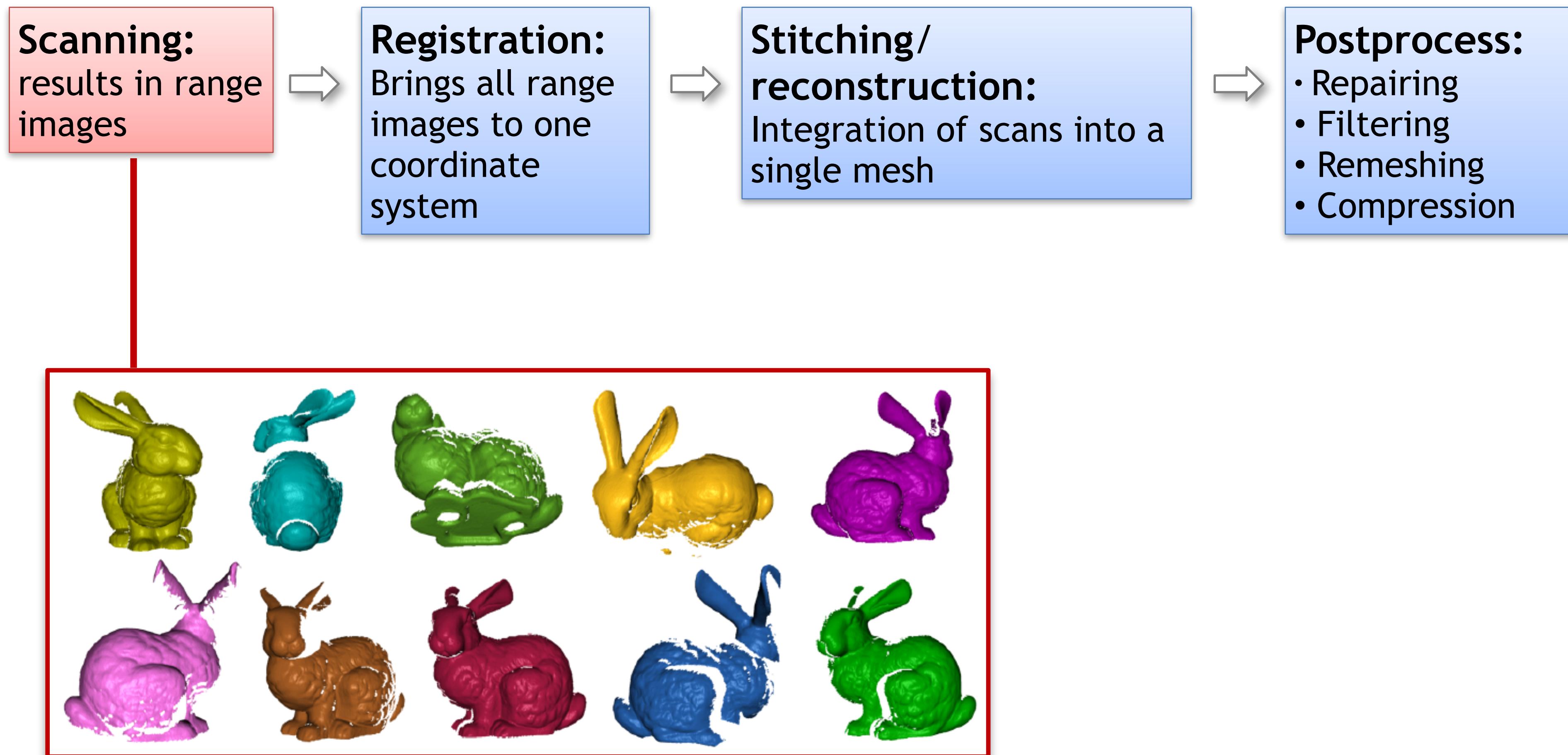
# In this lecture

- How to acquire 3D data from real objects
- How to obtain a point cloud
- Shape matching problem

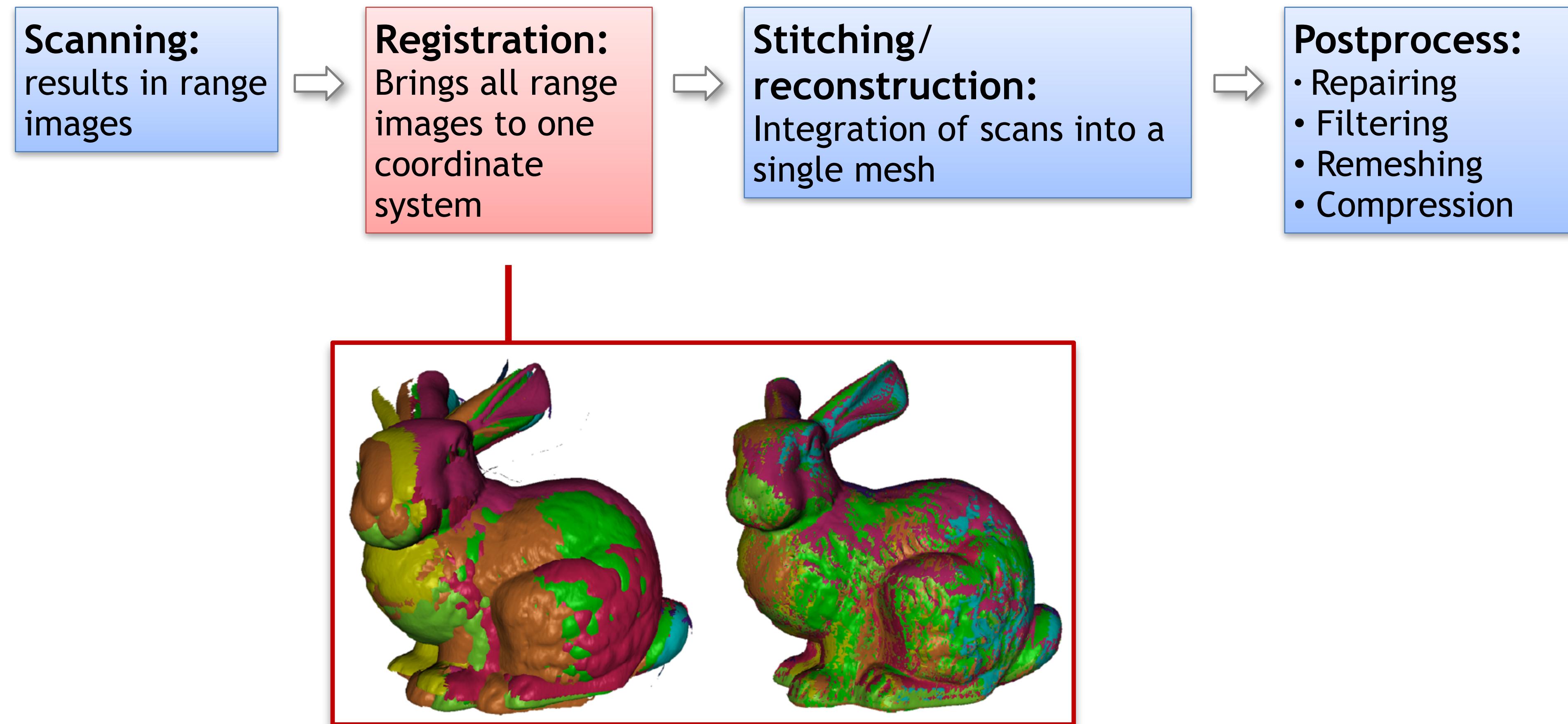
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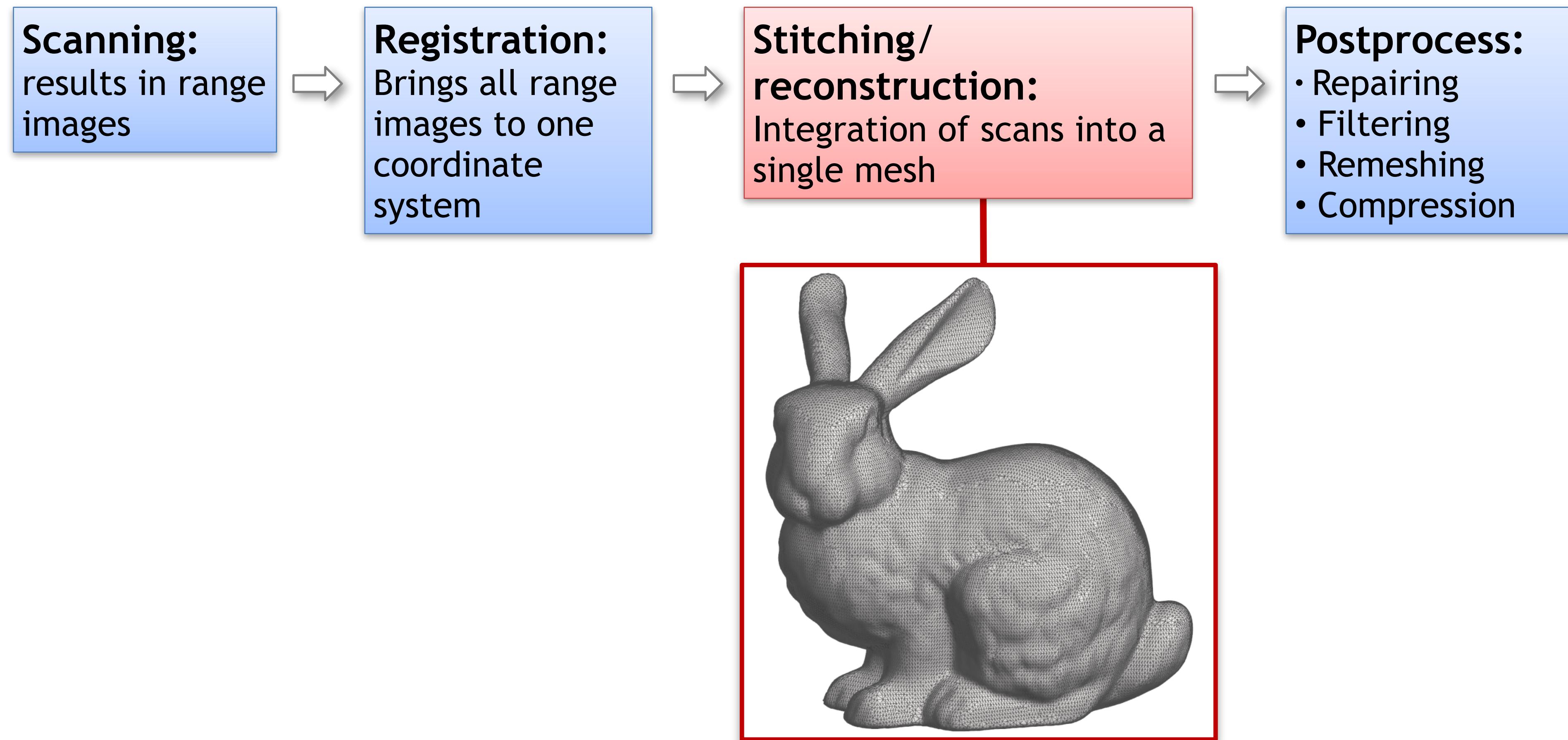
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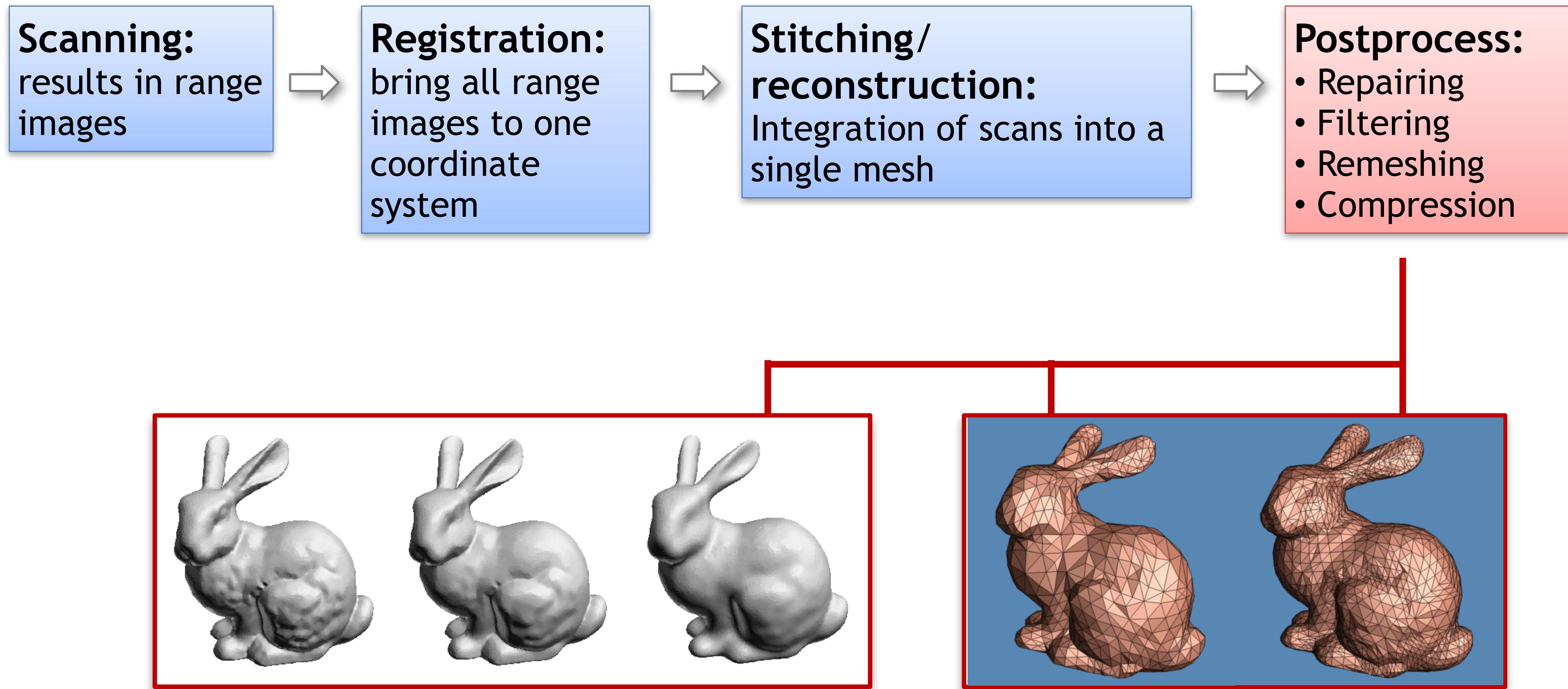
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# Scanning

# Touch Probes



# Touch Probes

- Physical contact with the object
- Manual or computer-guided
- Advantages:
  - Can be very precise
  - Can scan **any** solid surface
- Disadvantages:
  - Slow, small scale
  - Can't use on fragile objects
  - Holes and overhangs listed by size of probe



# Optical Scanning

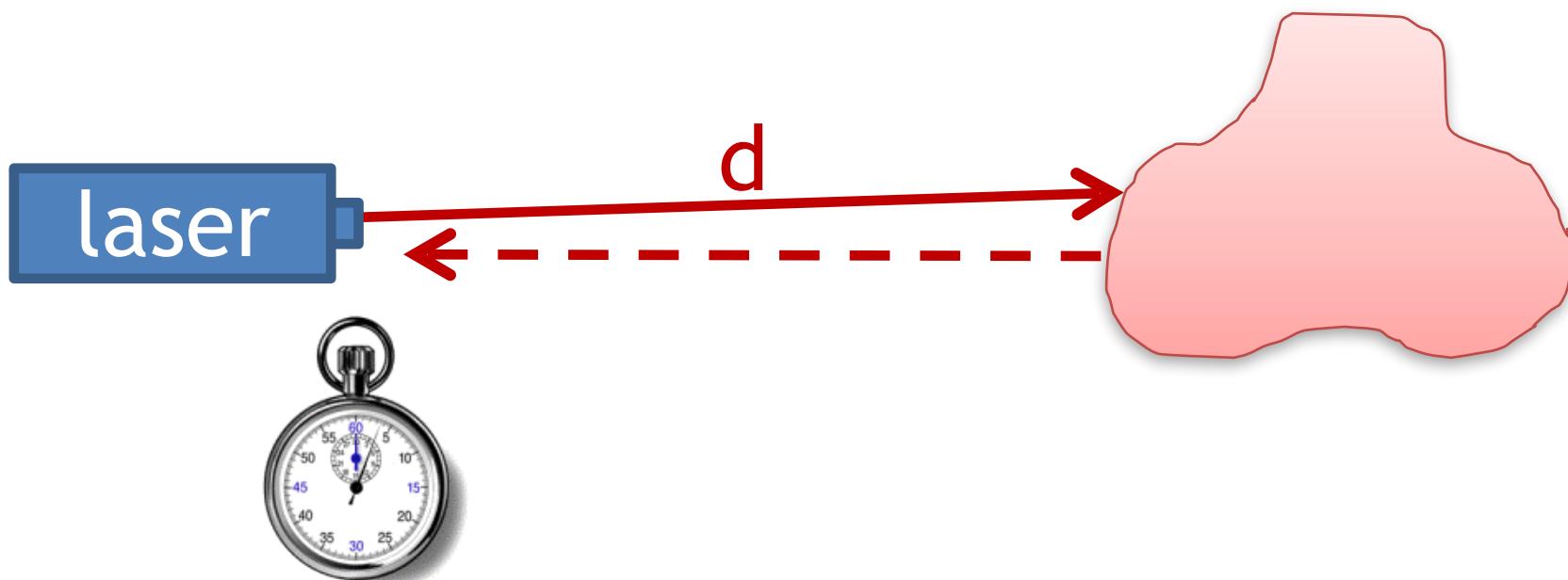
- Infer the geometry from light reflectance
- Advantages:
  - Less invasive than touch
  - Fast, large scale possible
- Disadvantages:
  - Difficulty with transparent and shiny objects



# Optical scanning – active lighting

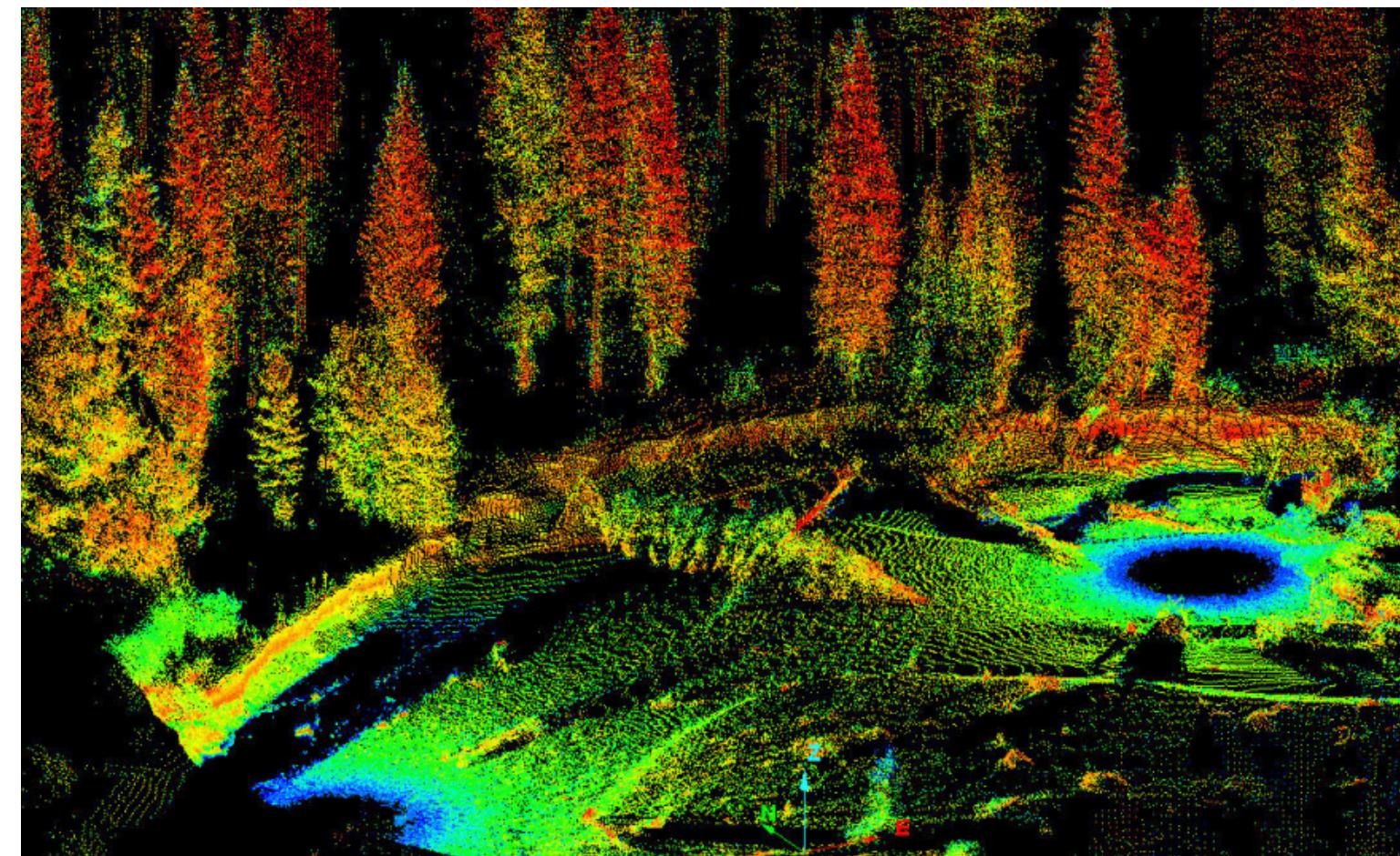
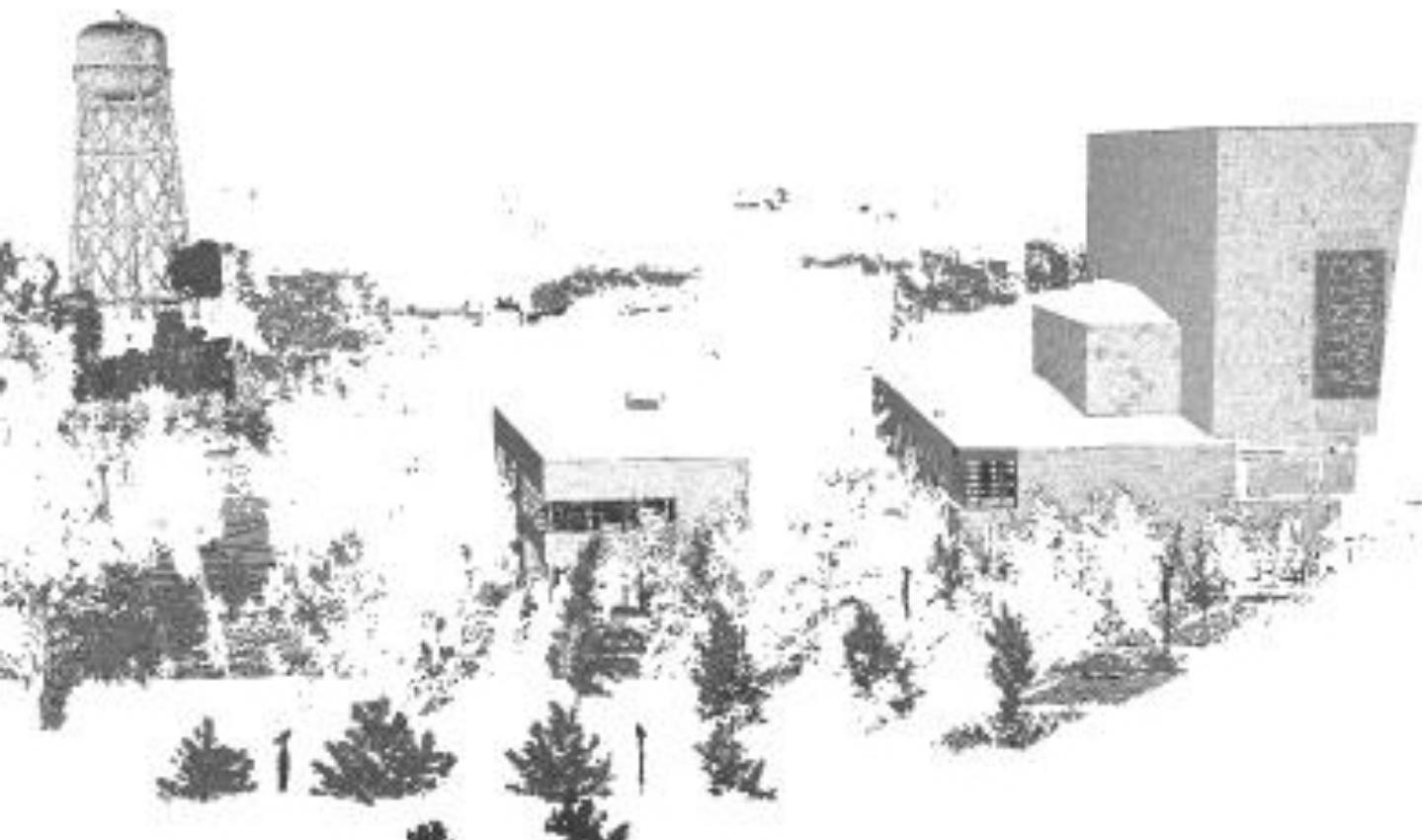
## Time of flight laser

- A type of laser rangefinder (LIDAR)
- Measures the time it takes the laser beam to hit the object and come back



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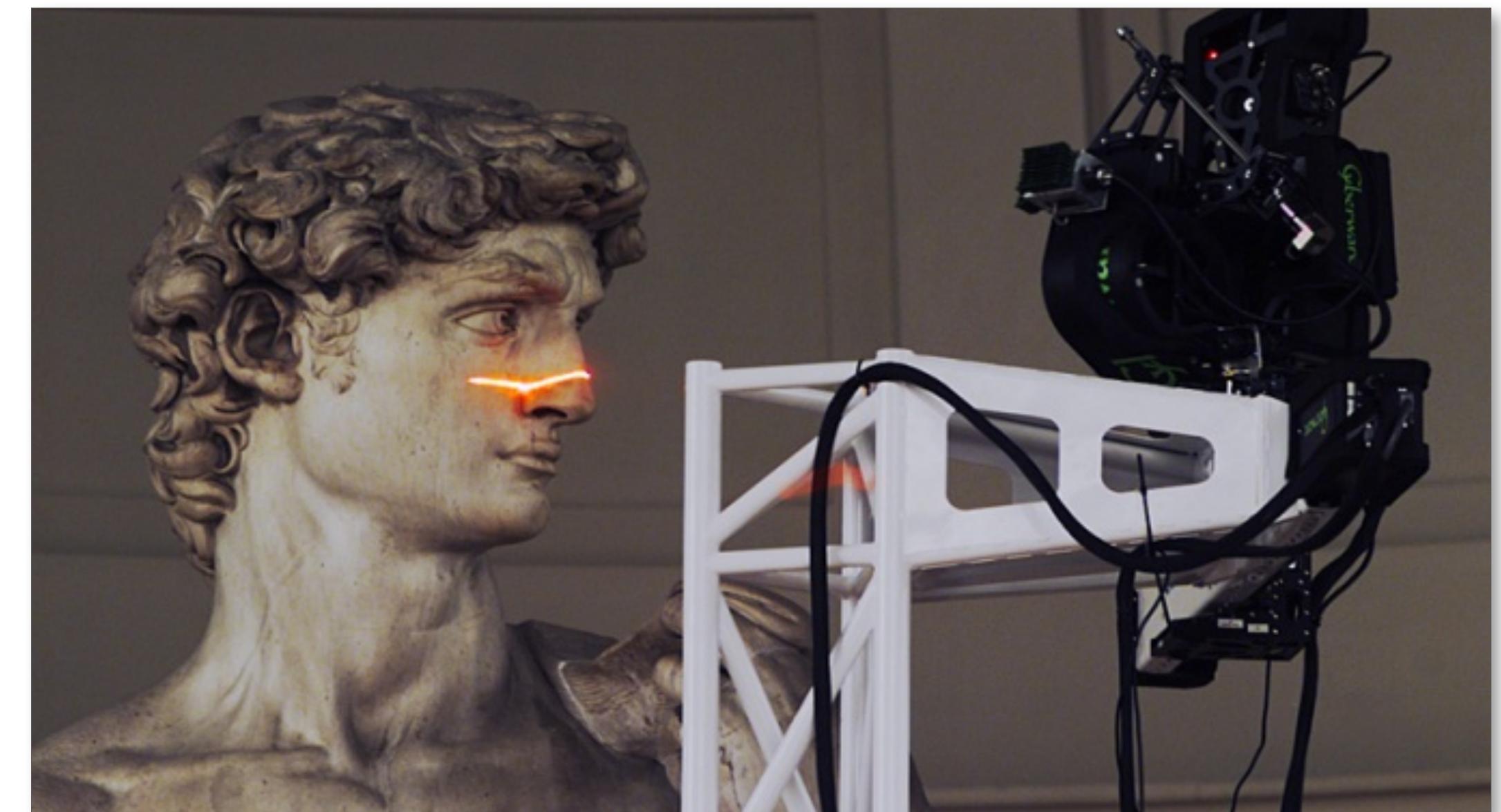
- Accommodates large range – up to several miles (suitable for buildings, rocks)
- Only for static scenes, object motion introduces noise



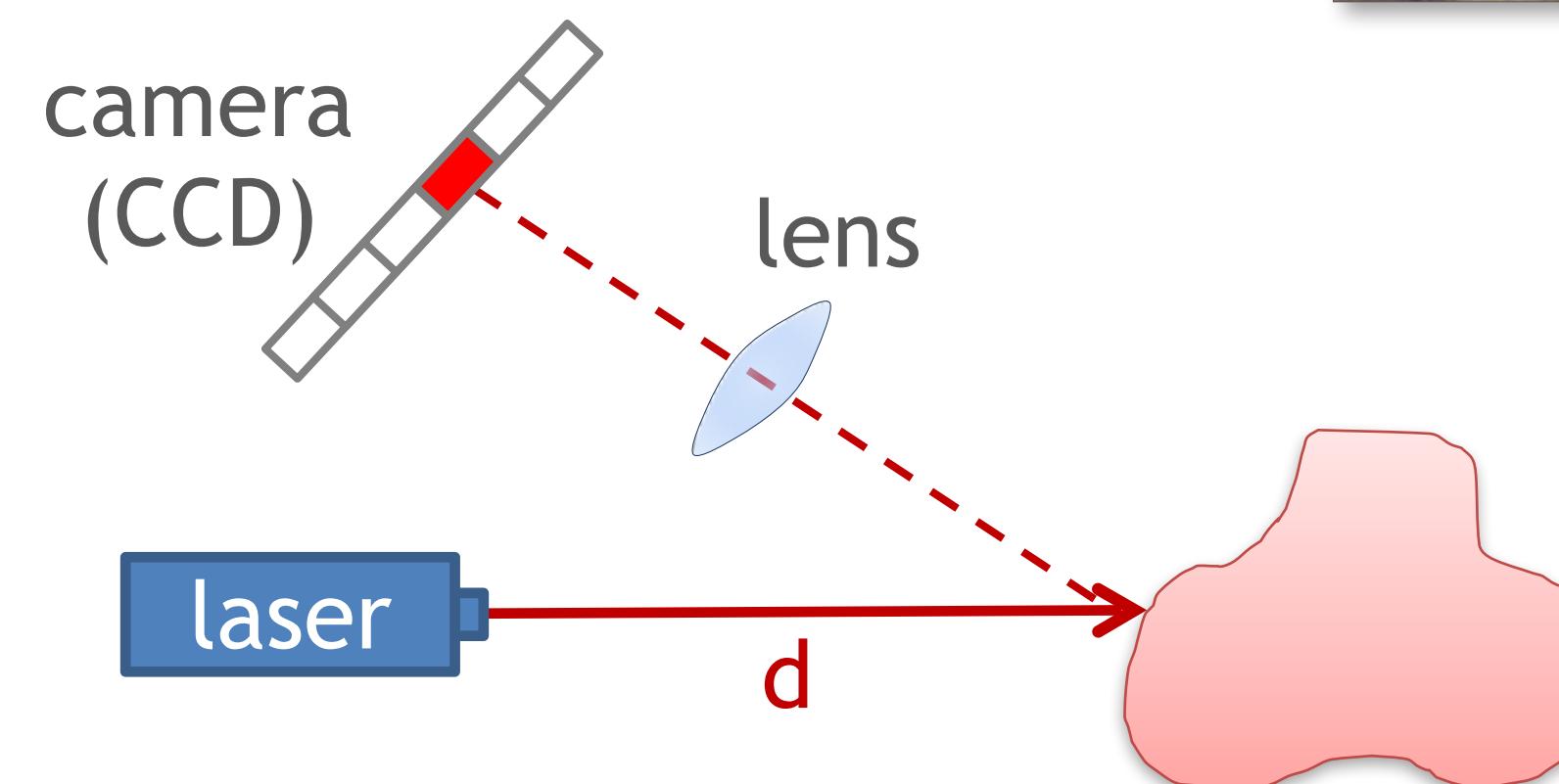
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- Laser beam and camera
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- The location of the dot in the image allows triangulation:  
we get the distance to the object



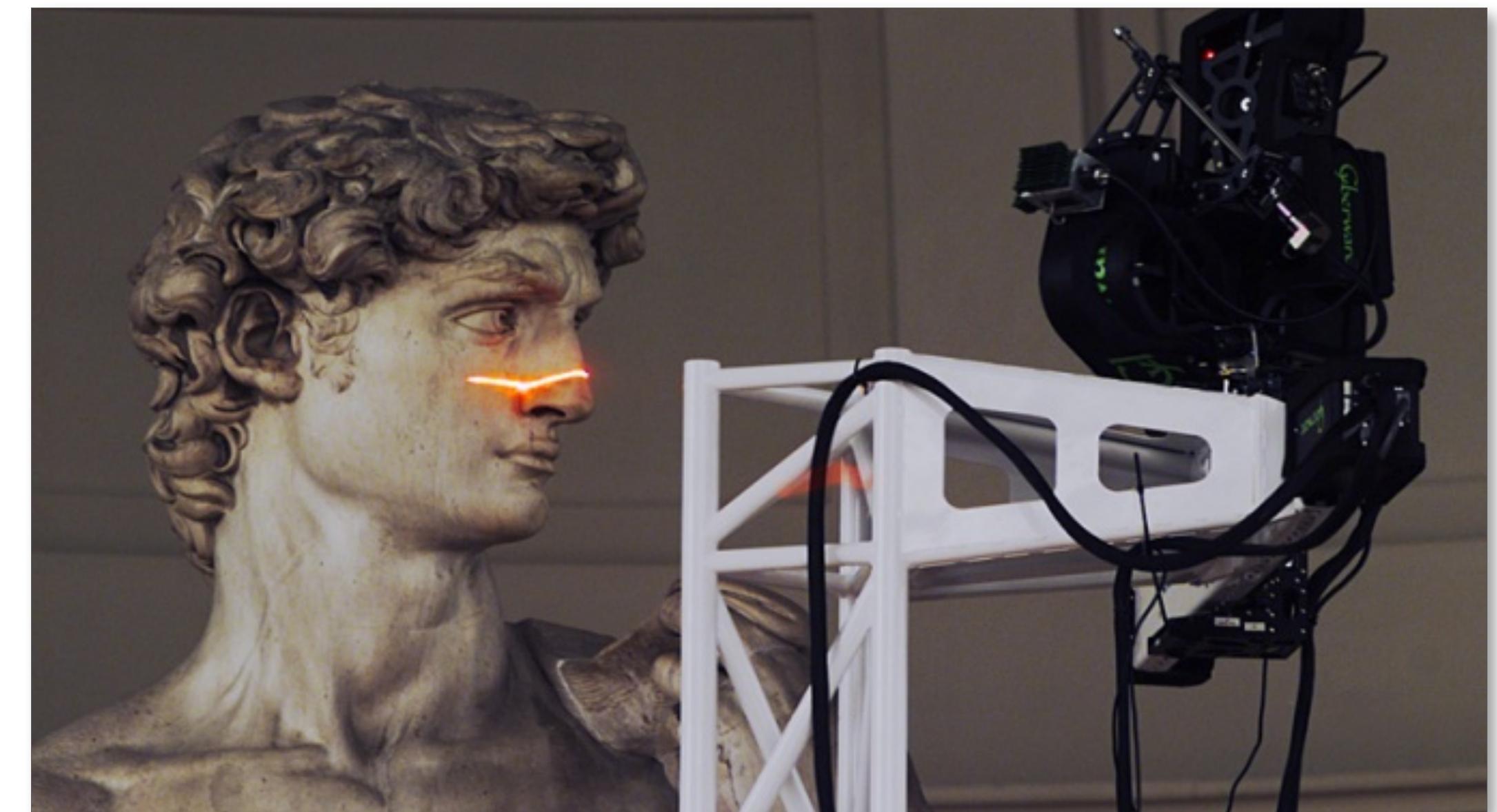
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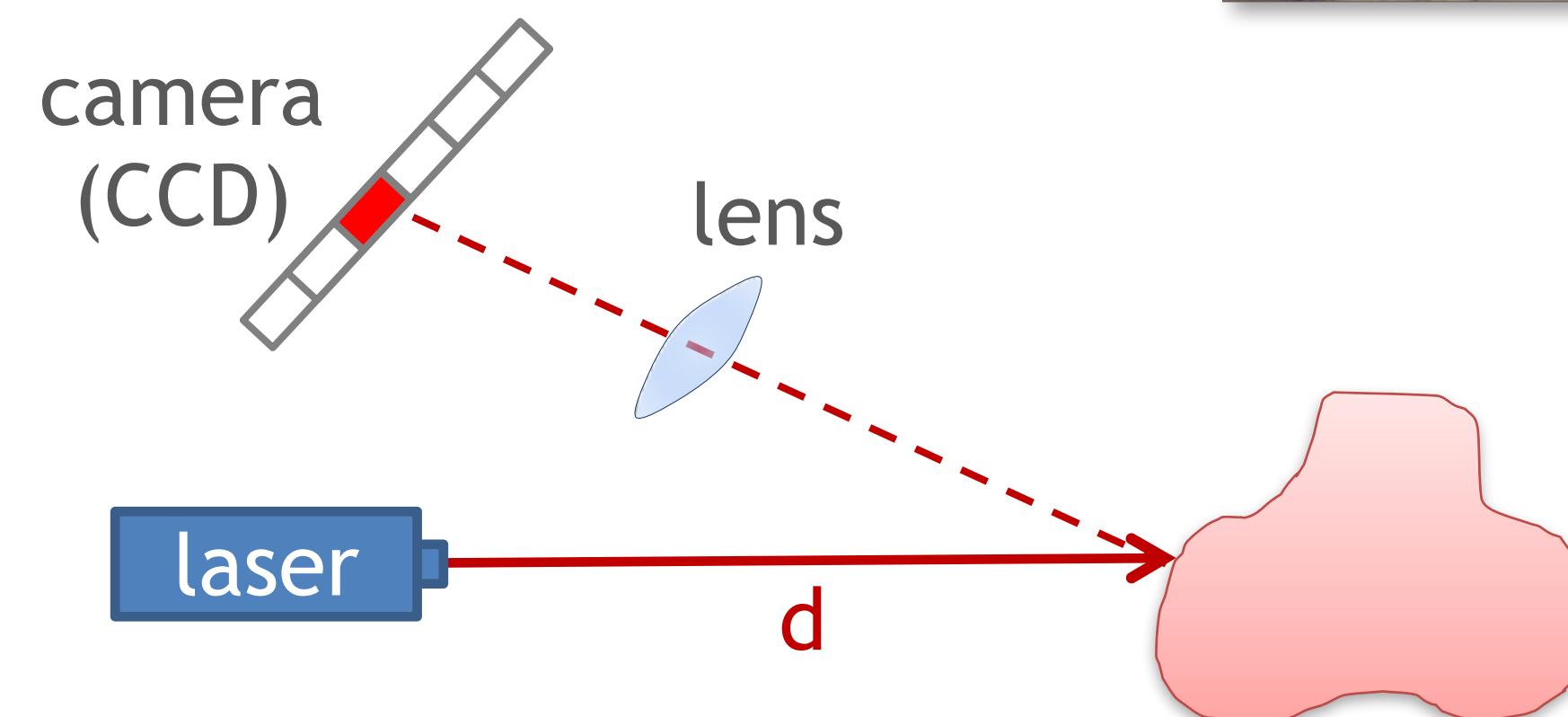
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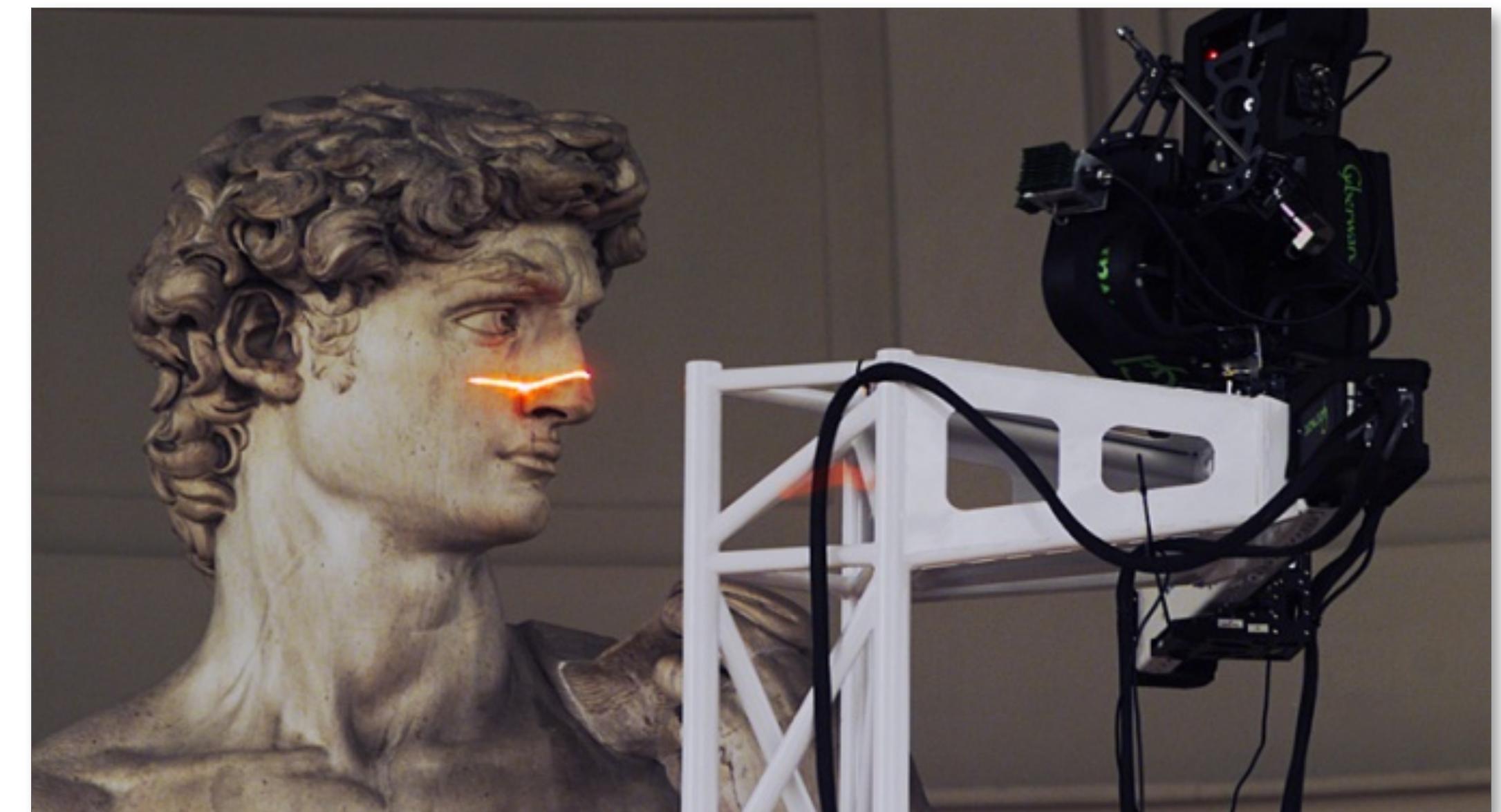
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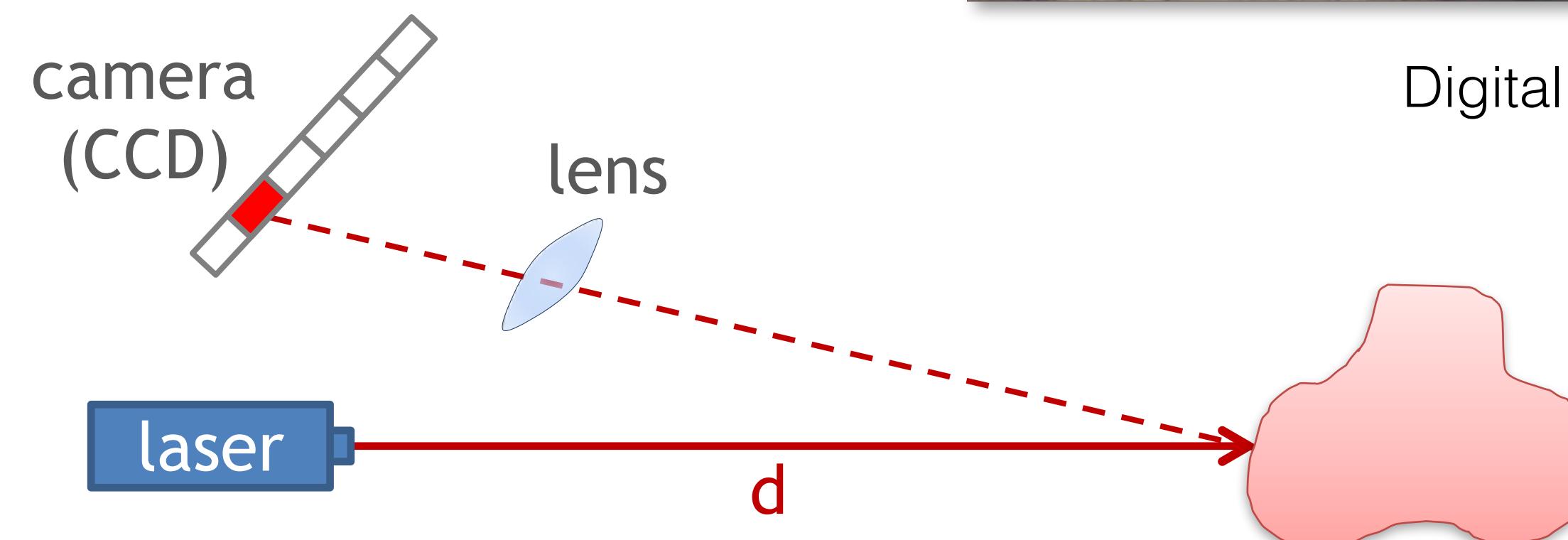
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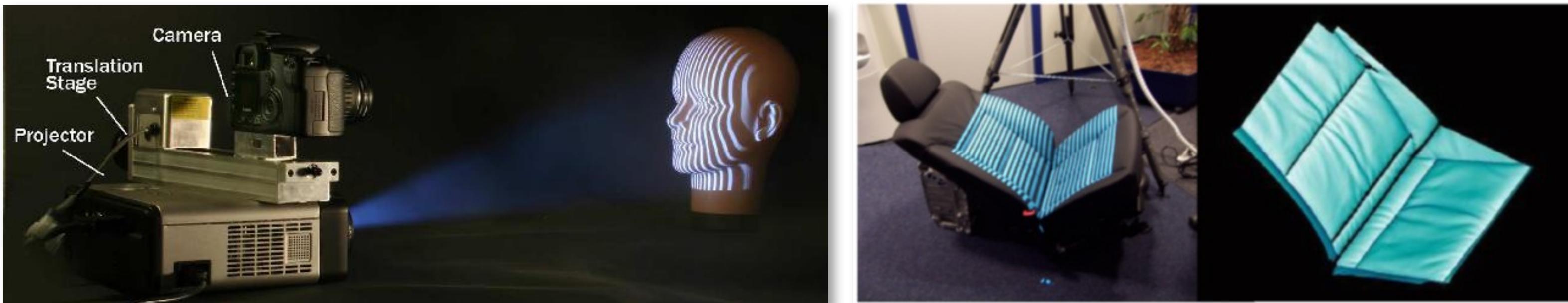
- Very precise (tens of microns)
- Small distance (meters)
- Small size of target (meters)



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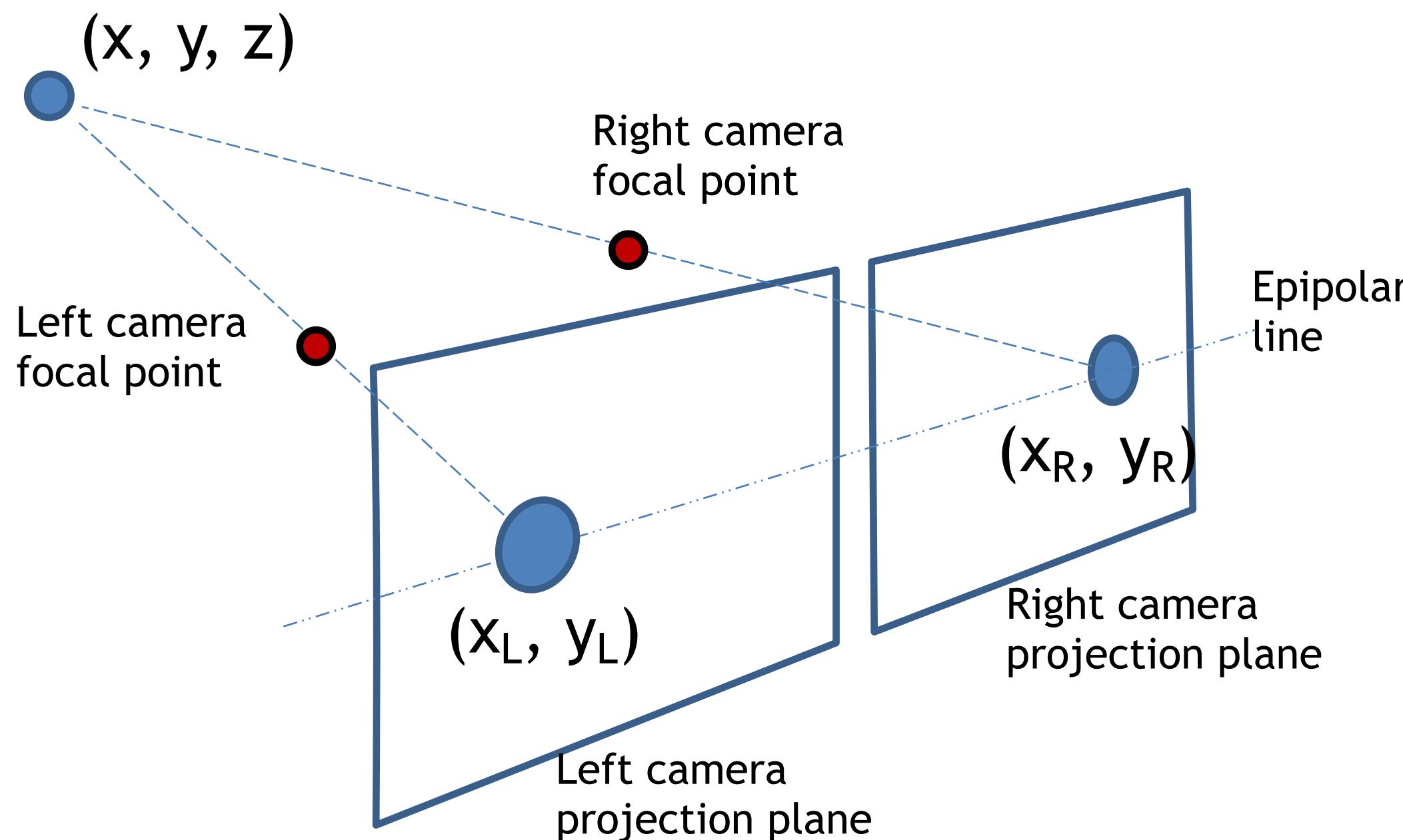
## Structured light

- Pattern of visible or **infrared** light is projected onto the object
- The distortion of the pattern, recorded by the camera, provides geometric information
- Very fast – 2D pattern at once
  - Even in real time, like Kinect 1.0
- Complex distance calculation, prone to noise



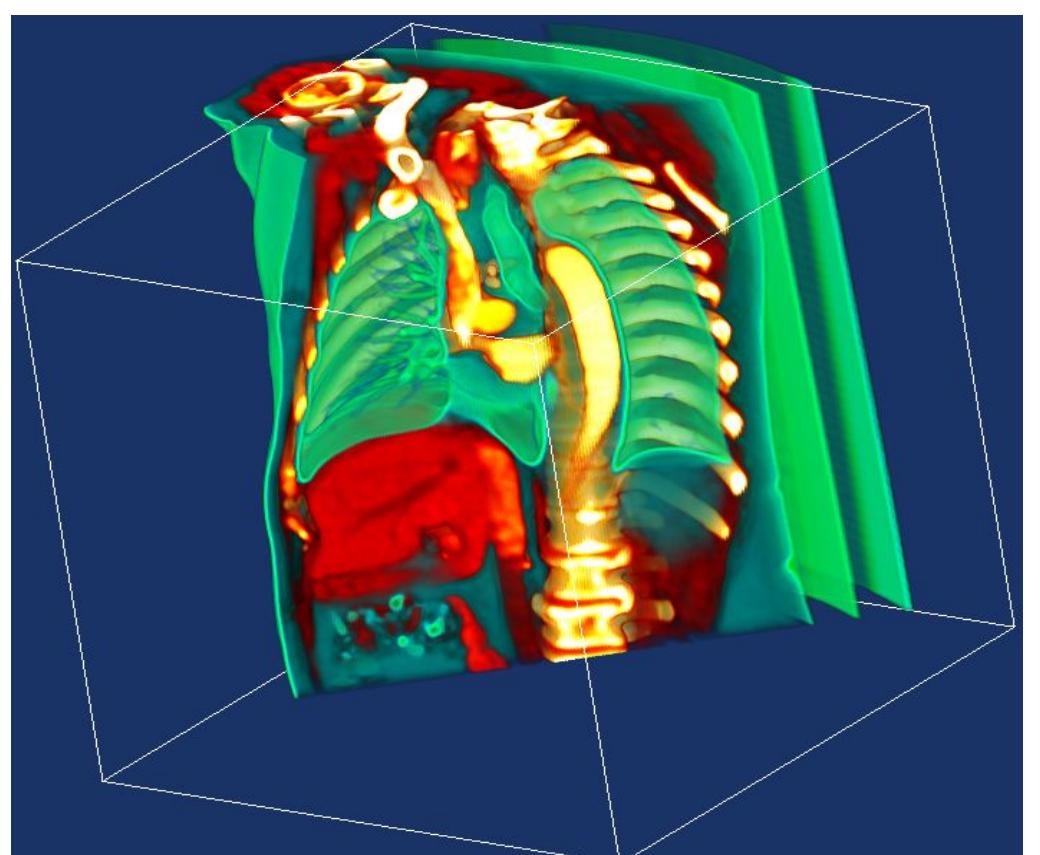
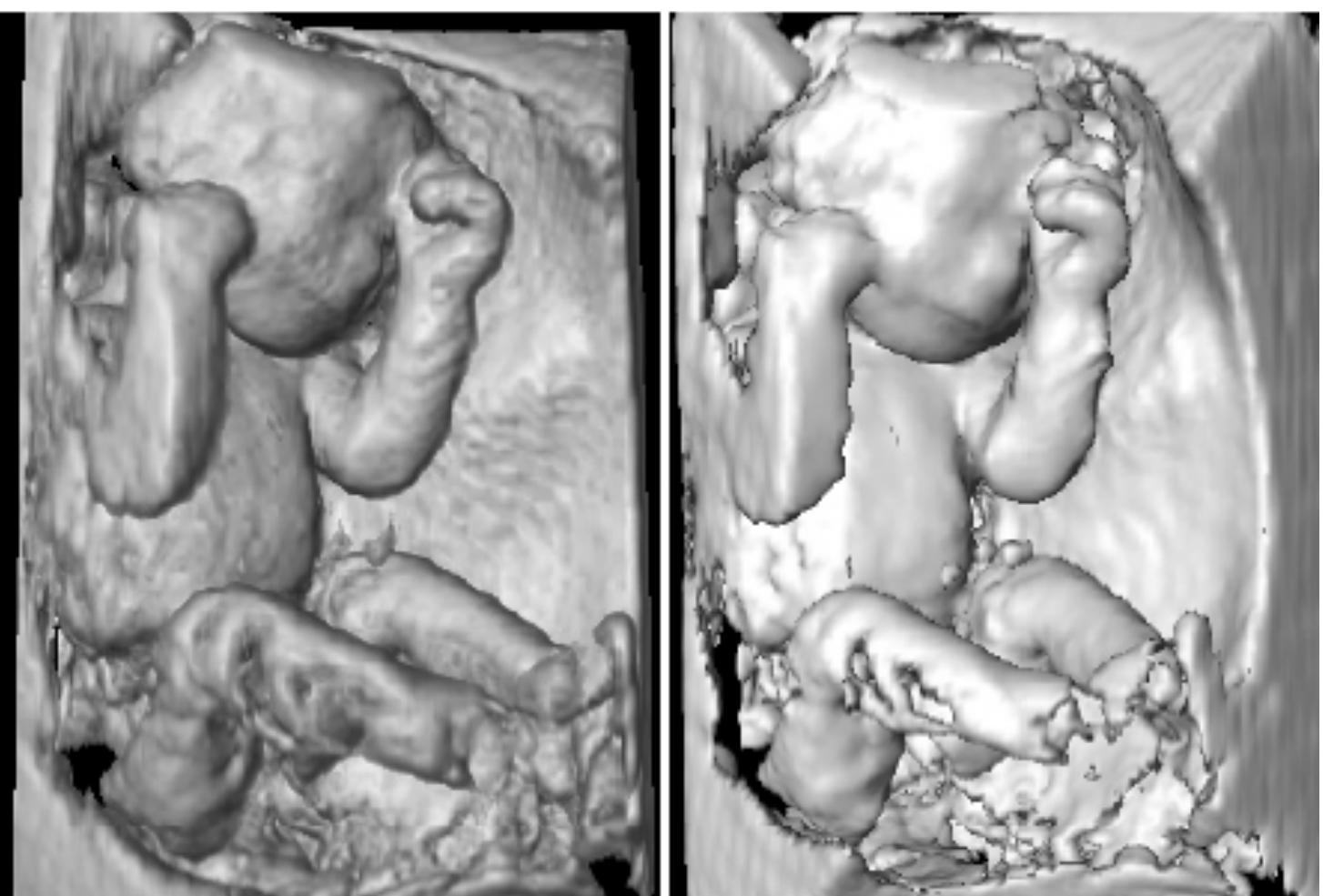
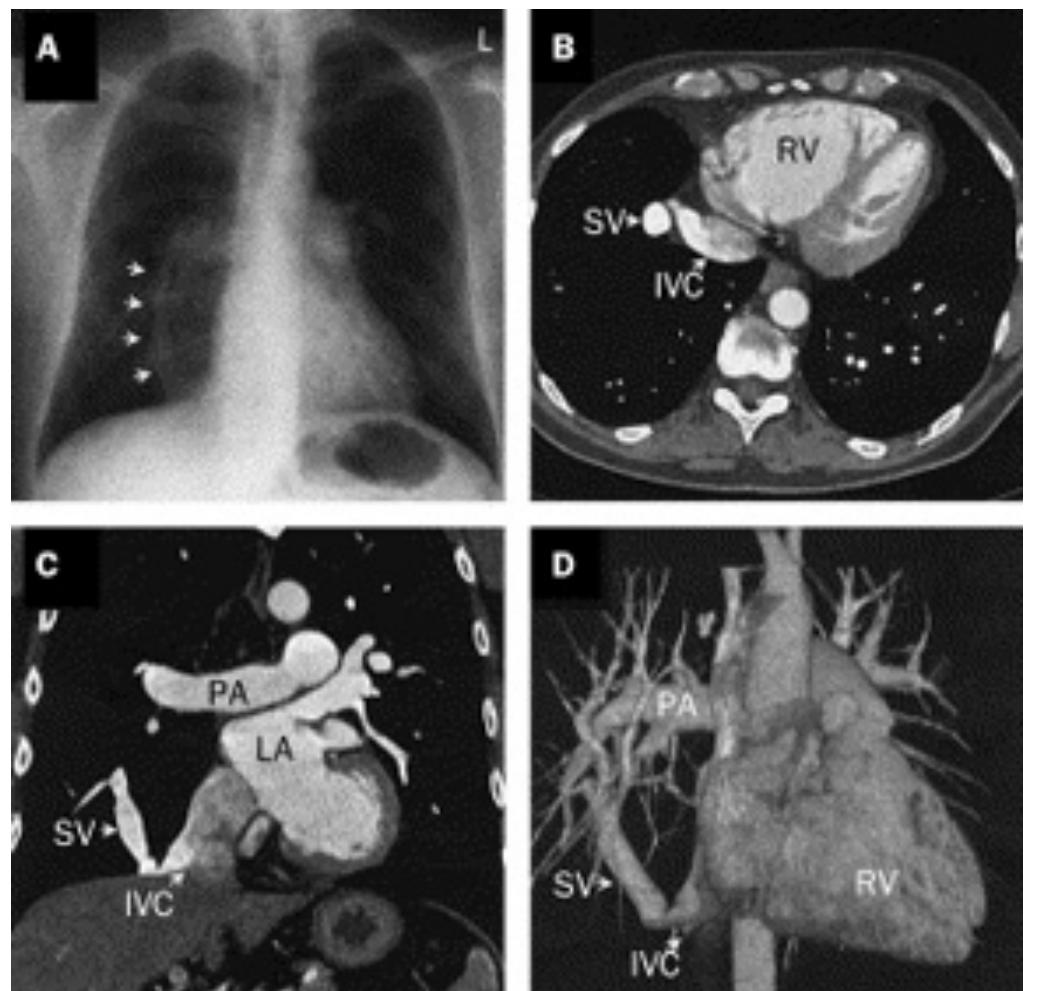
# Optical scanning – passive stereo

- No need for special lighting/radiation
- Two (or more) cameras
- Feature matching and triangulation



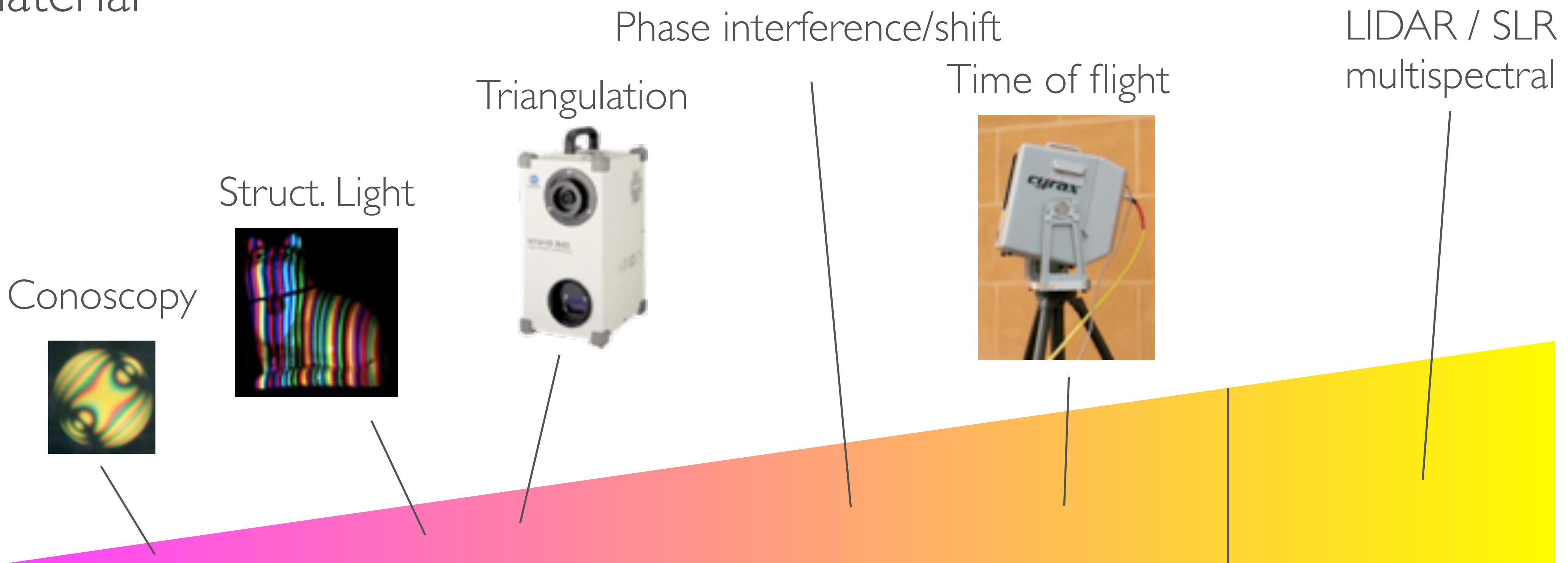
# Imaging

- Ultrasound, CT, MRI
- Discrete volume of density data
- First need to segment the desired object (contouring)



# 3D scanning devices

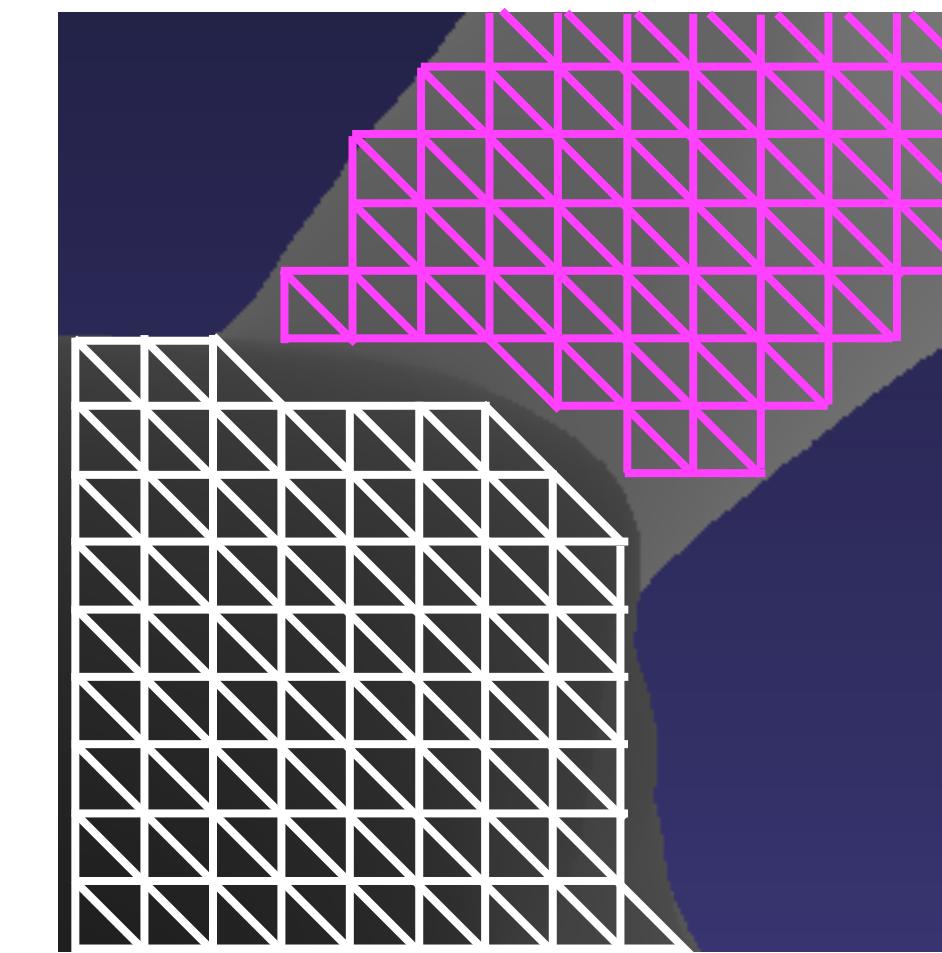
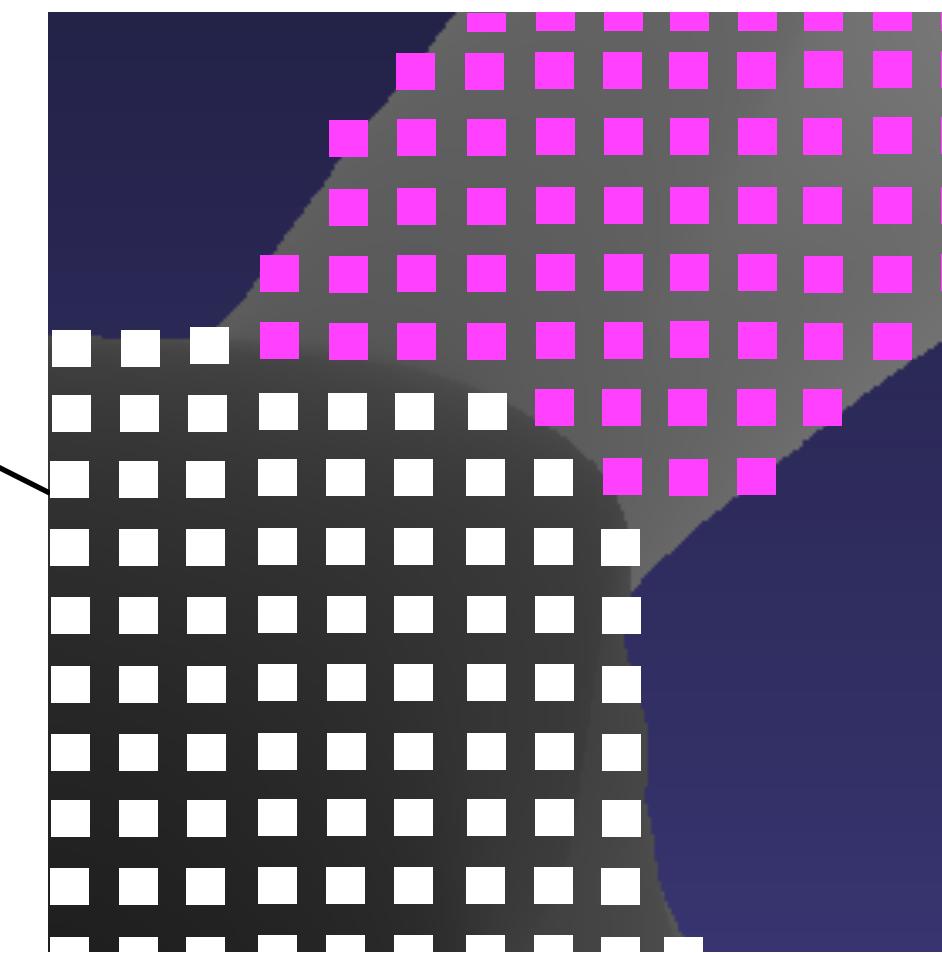
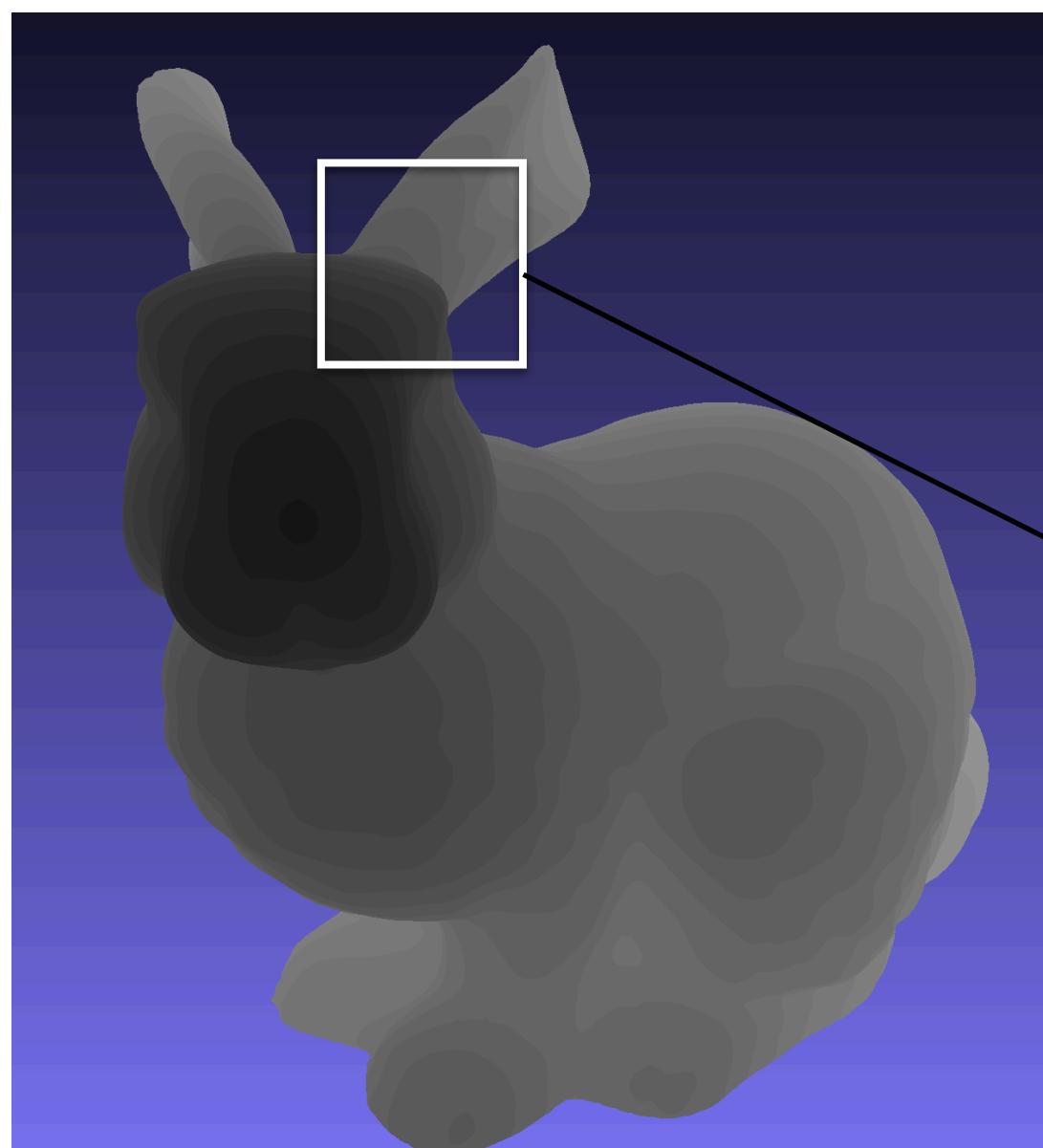
- Sensor is no longer the main problem...
- Gamut of measurable object is increasing, in terms of both size and material



# Range images

- A single shot from most scanning equipment provides a depth value for each pixel in its sensor
- Depths are converted to a point grid that is triangulated based on its intrinsic regularity

The result of a single scan is called a  
RANGE MAP



# Registration

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[http://resources.mpi-inf.mpg.de/deformableShapeMatching/EG2012\\_Tutorial/](http://resources.mpi-inf.mpg.de/deformableShapeMatching/EG2012_Tutorial/)

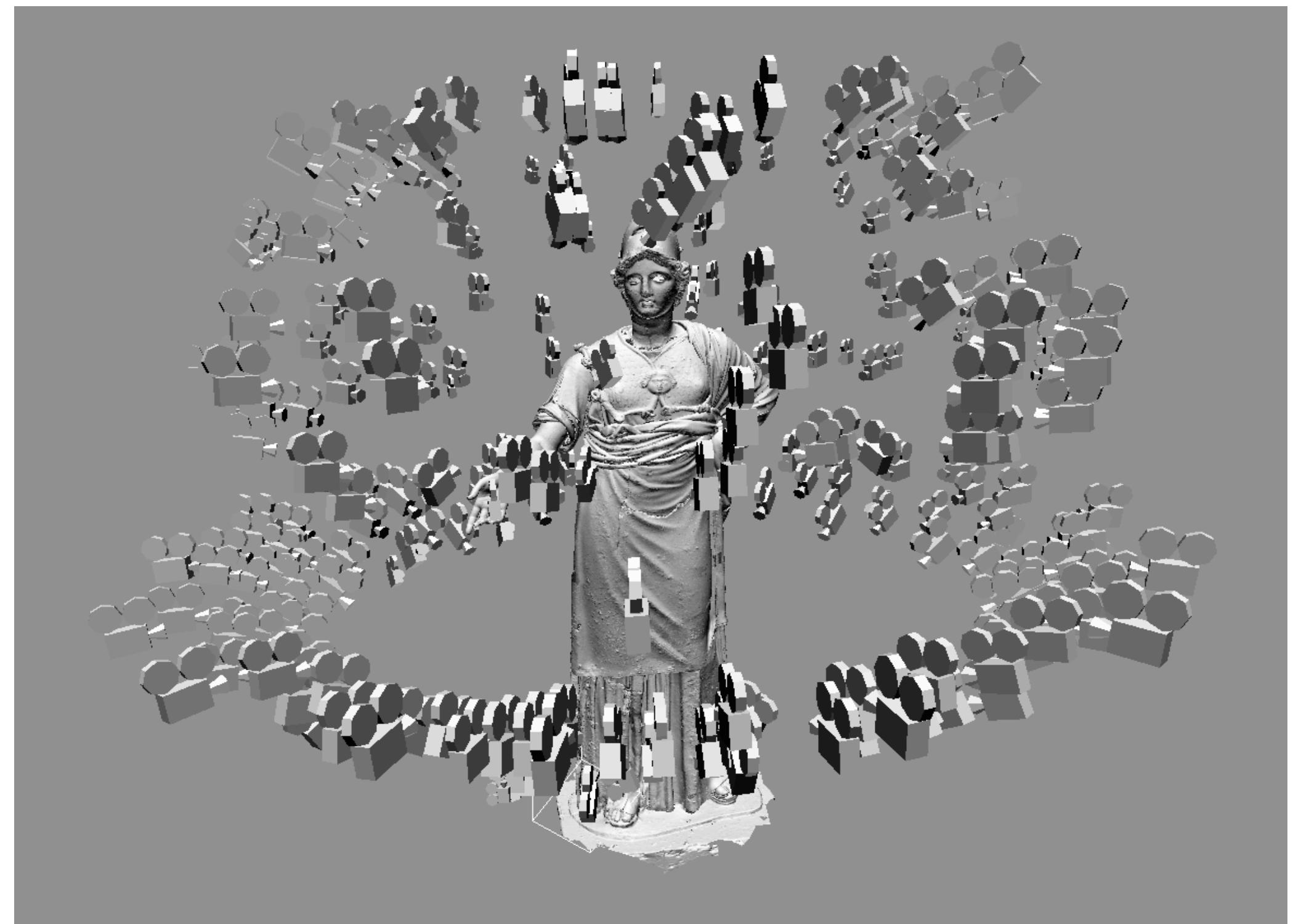
# Problem Statement

Many range maps for a single object:

- Each one in its own 3D reference frame (camera frame)
- Need to put them in a common frame (world frame)

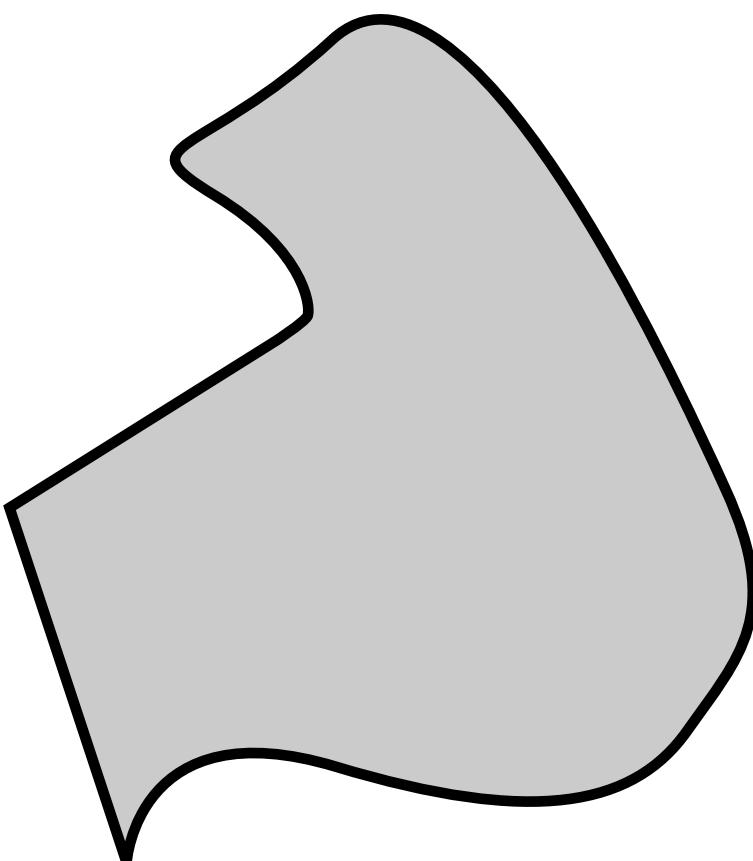
Example: Scanning the Minerva

- Minolta laser scanner (03/2002)
- No. range scans: 297
- Sampling resolution:  $\sim 0.3$  mm

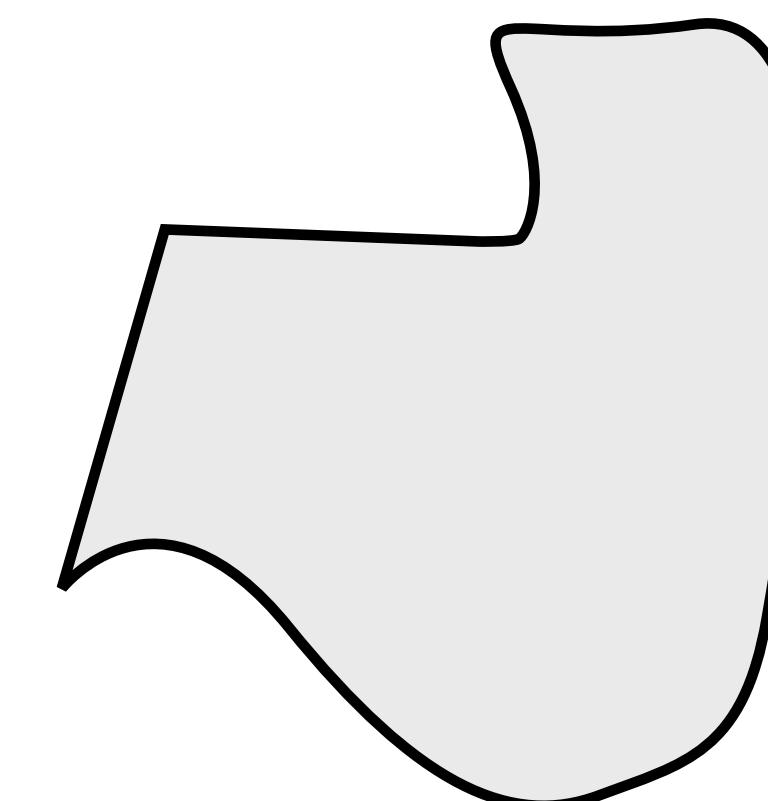


# Problem Statement

$M_1$



$M_2$



$$M_1 \approx T(M_2)$$

$T$ : Translation + Rotation

# Problem Statement

Multiple range maps:

- Range maps  $r_0, r_1, \dots, r_k$
- Let  $U_i = \{u_{i1}, u_{i2}, u_{i3}, o_i\}$  be the reference frame of  $r_i$
- Bring all maps  $r_1, \dots, r_k$  to the reference frame  $U_0 = \{u_{01}, u_{02}, u_{03}, o_0\}$
- Equivalently:
  - Find the rigid transformation taking  $r_i$  to position consistent with  $r_0$

# Correspondences

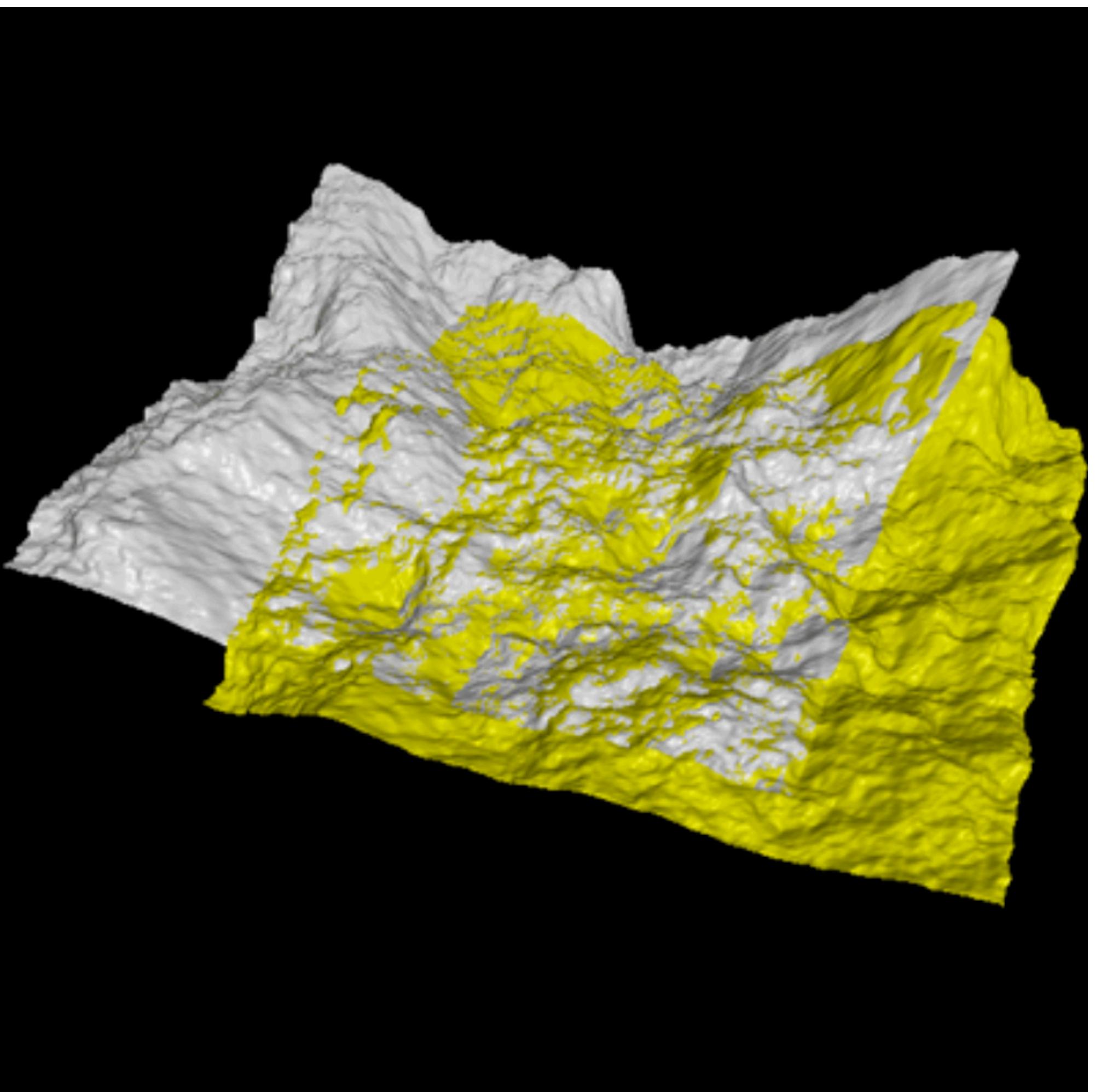
- Corresponding pairs: same object points in different range maps

$$\mathbf{p}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{q}_1$$

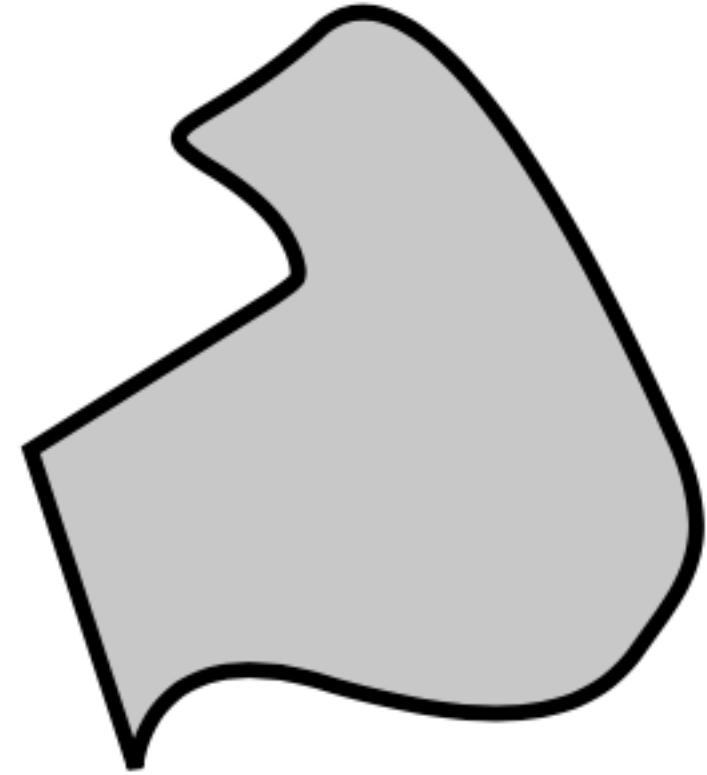
$$\mathbf{p}_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{q}_2$$

$$\mathbf{p}_3 \rightarrow \mathbf{q}_3$$

$$R\mathbf{p}_i + t \approx \mathbf{q}_i$$

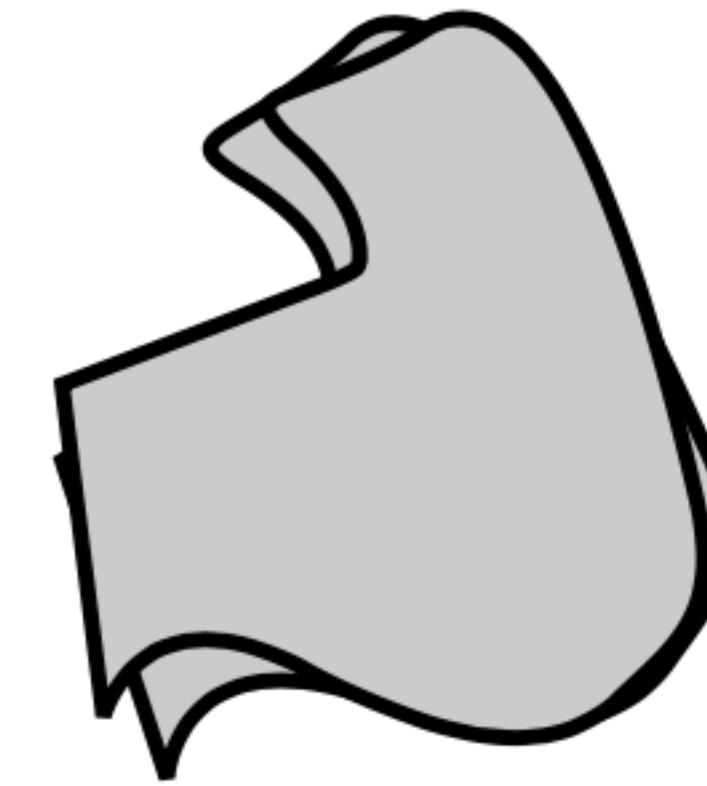
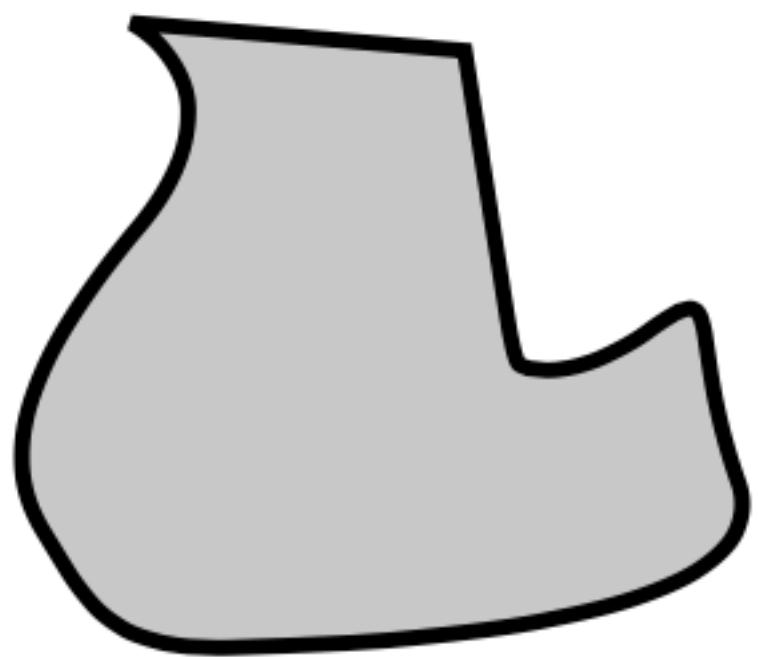


# Coarse vs Fine



## Coarse Registration

Corresponding points are far  
from each other



## Fine Registration

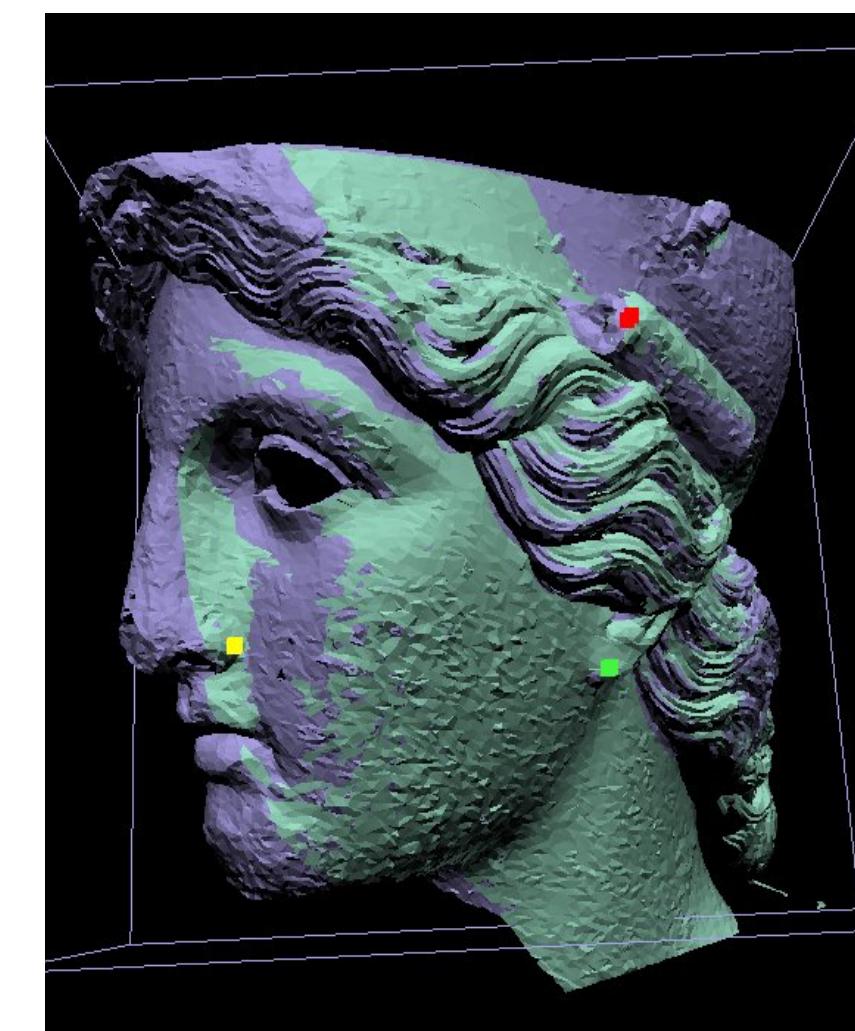
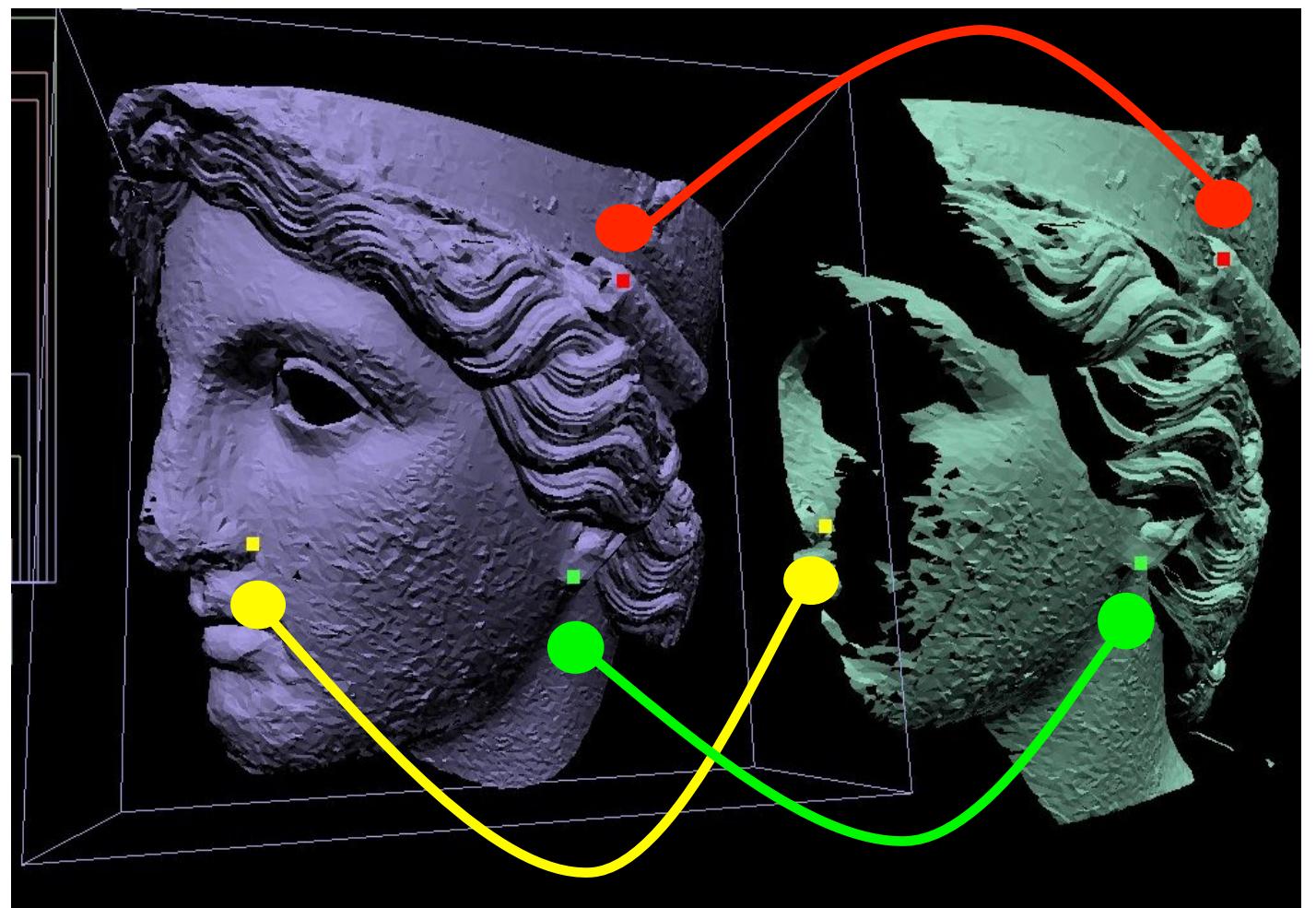
Corresponding points  
are close

How can we find correspondences?

How many corresponding pairs do we need?

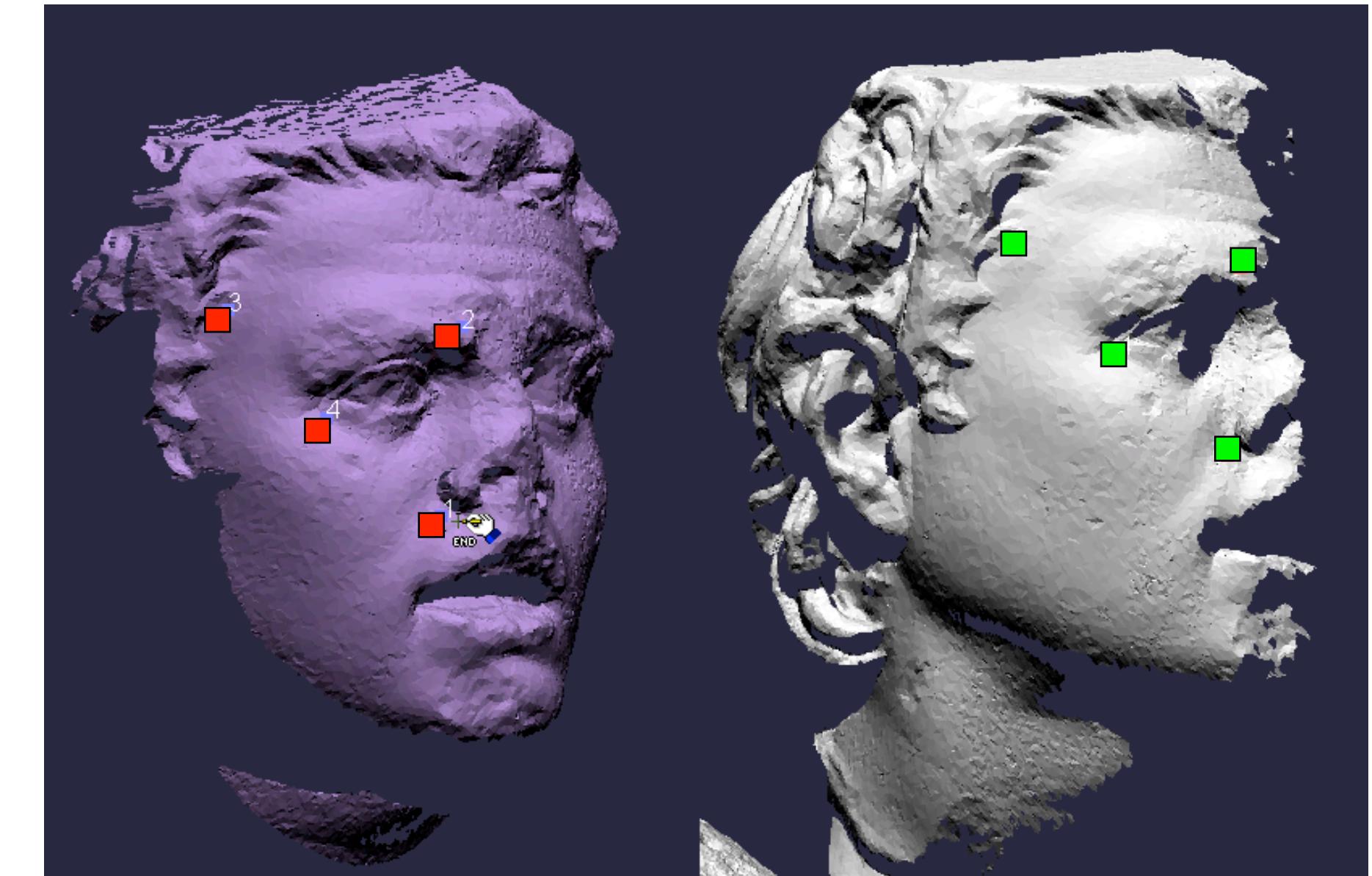
# Coarse registration

- Range maps must span overlapping portions of the object
- Pick shared reference point features
  - By hand
  - Through image processing techniques
- Models are roughly positioned according to point pairs selected
- Not perfect, but enough to warm start fine registration



# Coarse registration

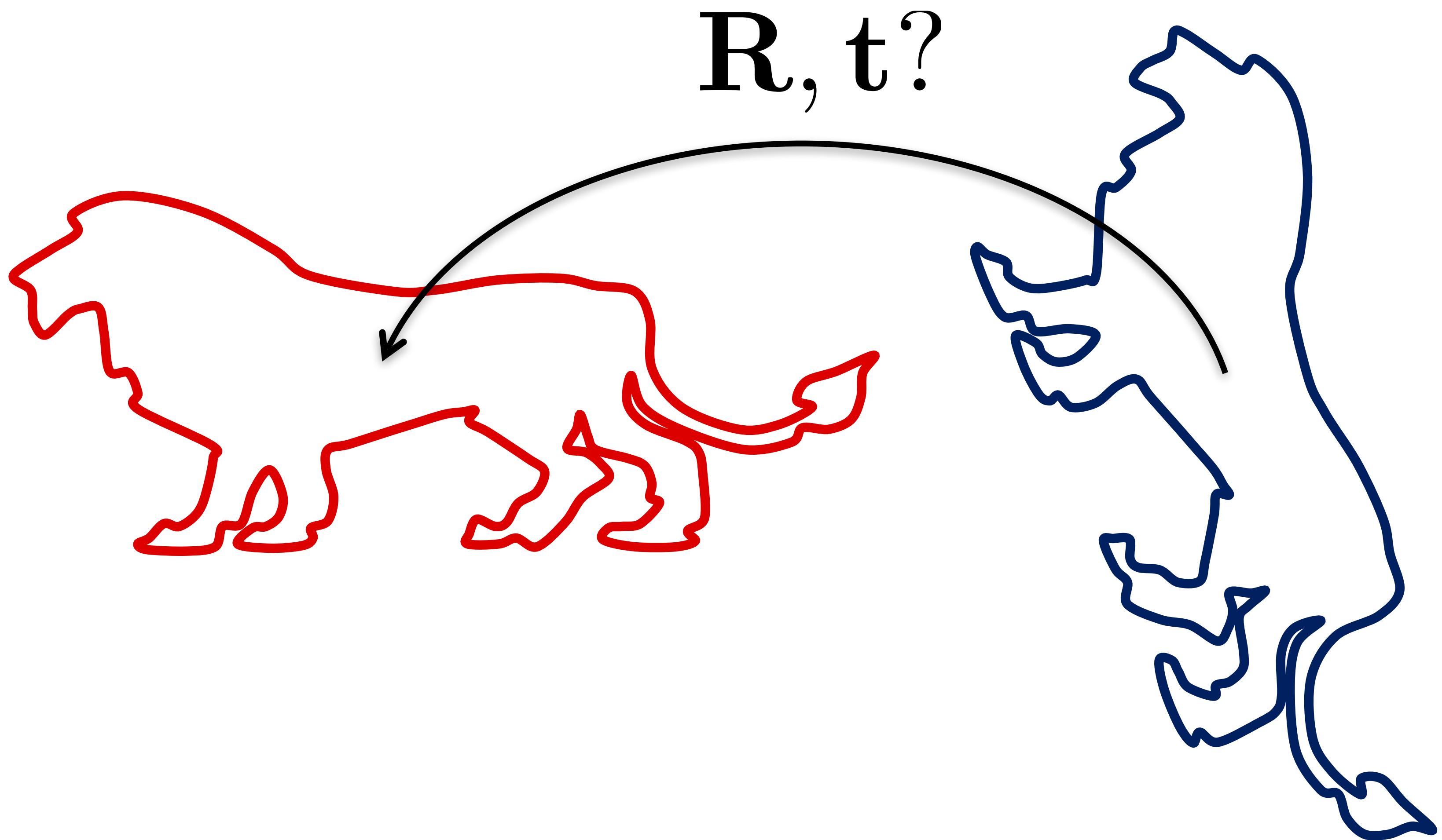
- How many pairs?
  - Three pairs are sufficient in principle, but not robust enough
  - We need several pairs to compensate for acquisition and identification error
  - Problem becomes over-determined



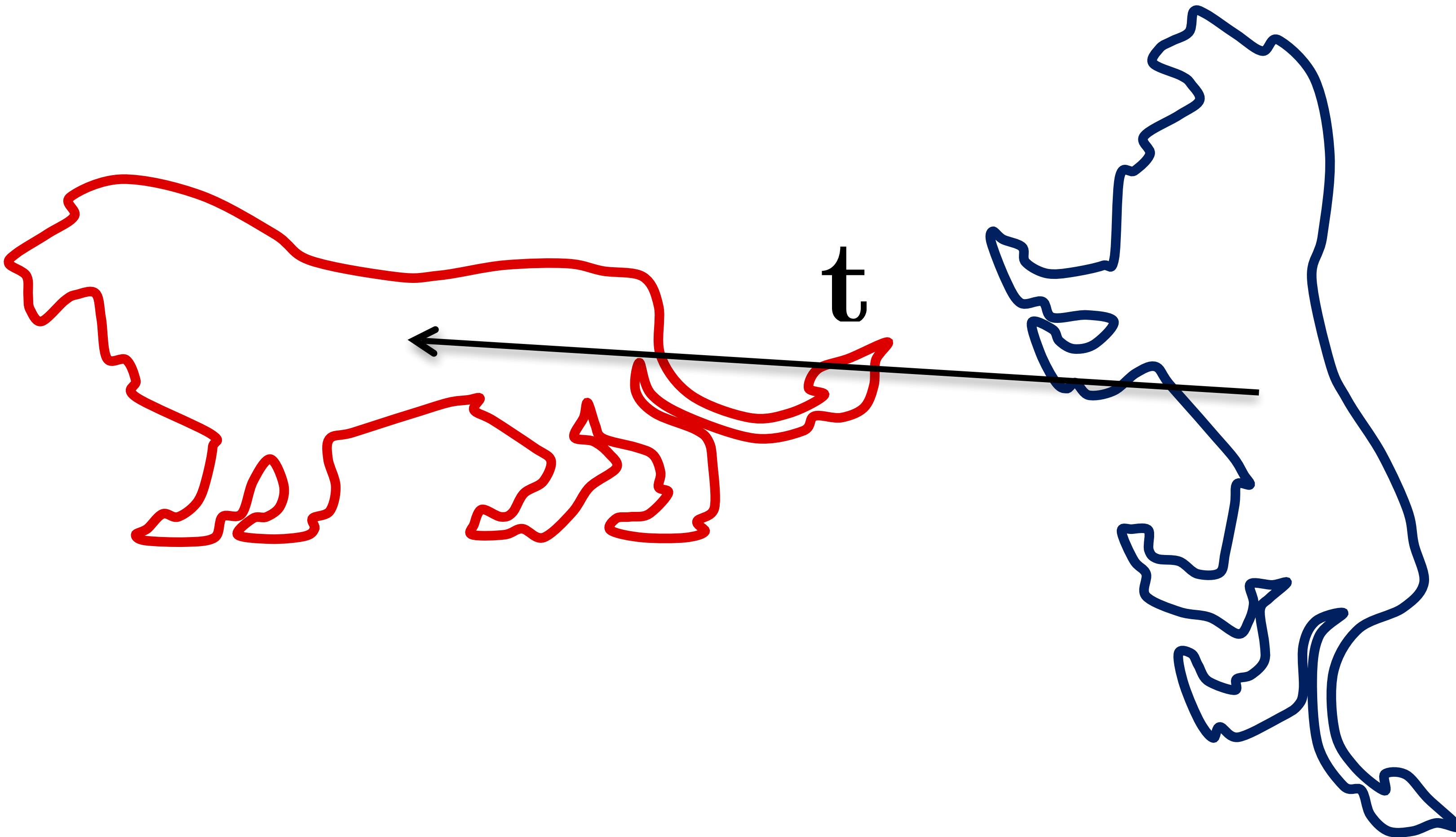
# Finding Correspondences

- Manual pick is ok for 2 range maps, boring for 10, unbearable for 400...
- Automatic solutions: find “feature” points on two (or more) surfaces and their correspondences
- Feature descriptors from computer vision:
  - Spin images
  - SIFT
  - HOG
  - Curvature maps

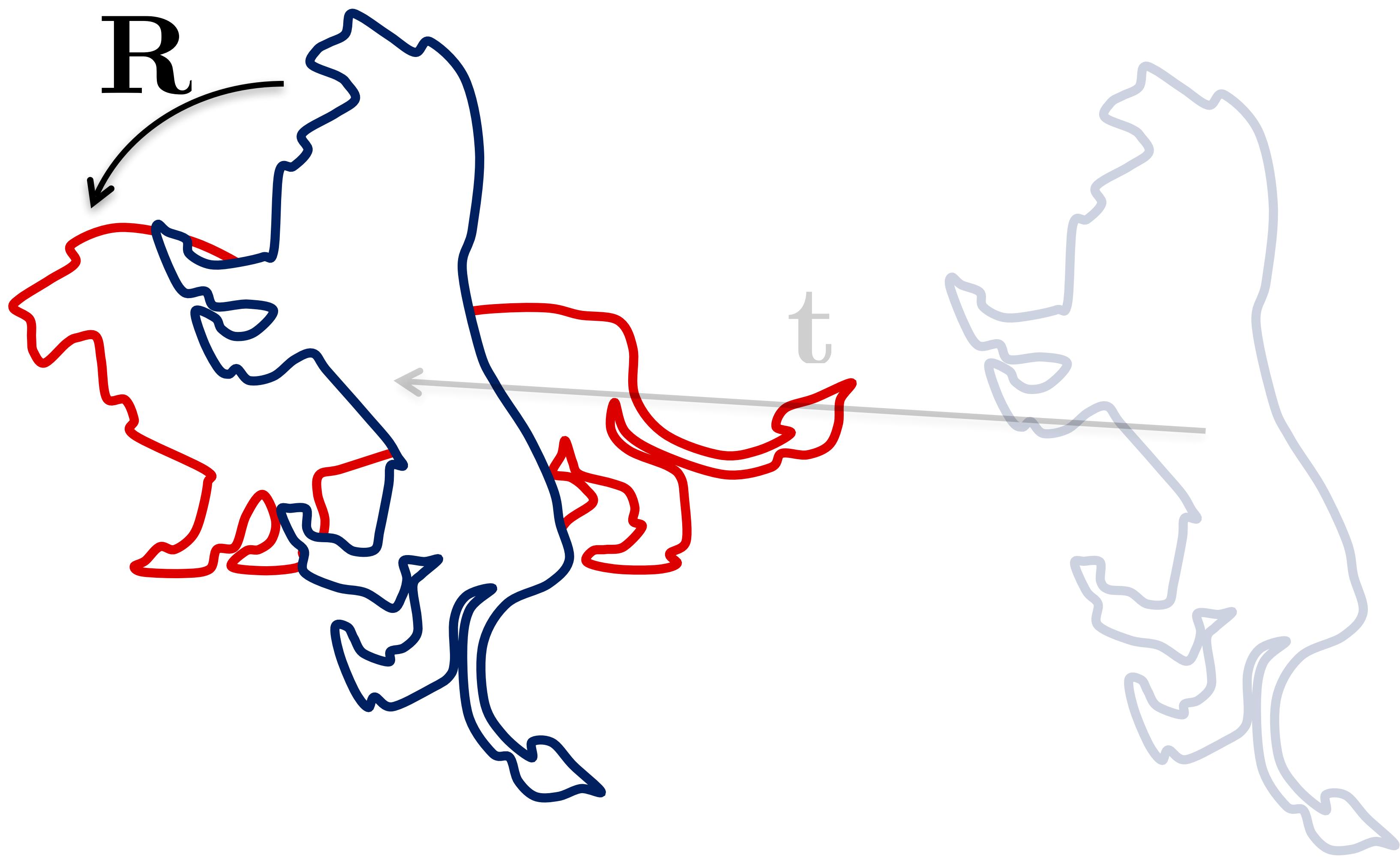
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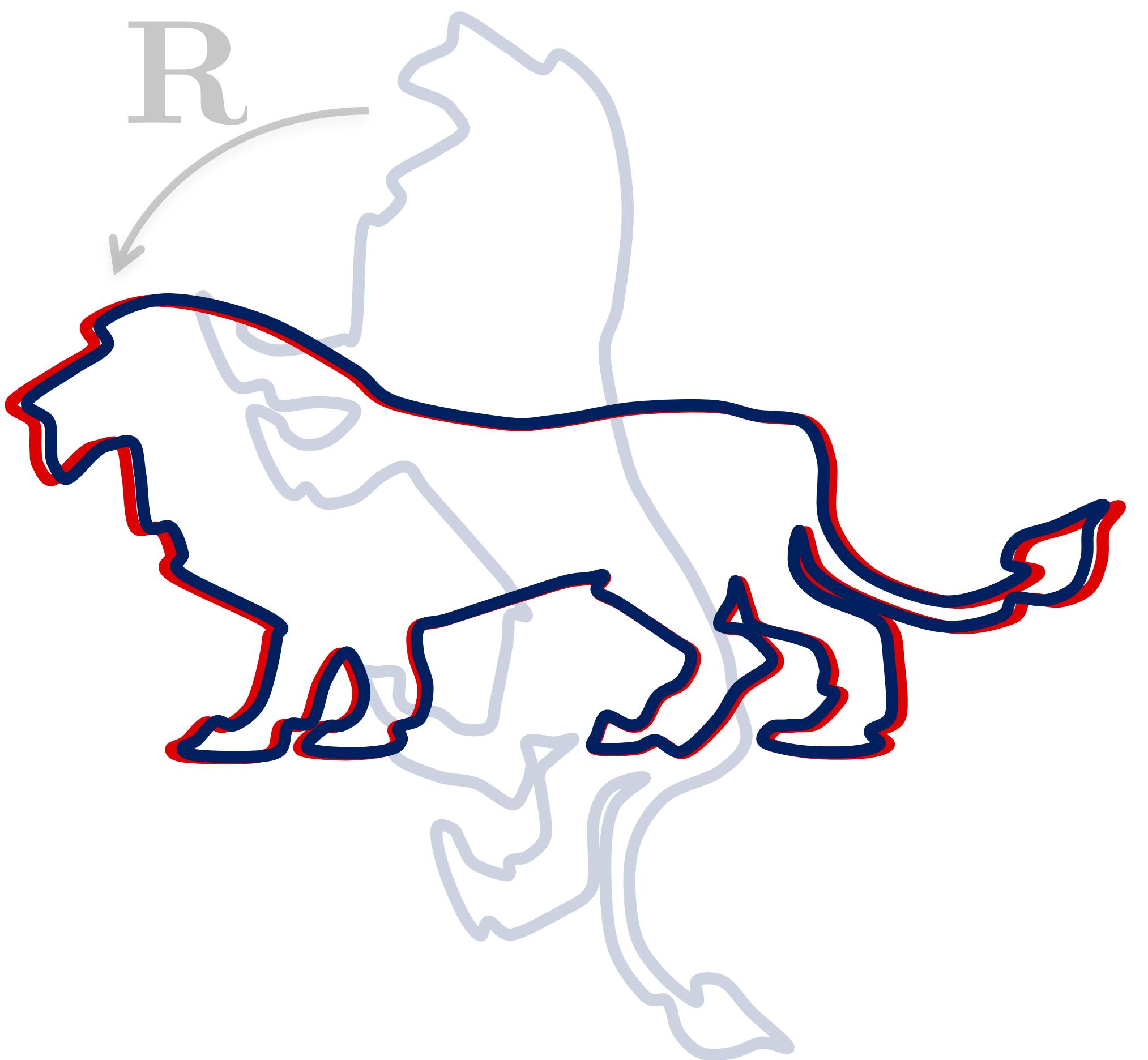
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- Align two point sets

$$\mathcal{P} = \{\mathbf{p}_1, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n\} \text{ and } \mathcal{Q} = \{\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_n\}$$

- Find a translation vector  $\mathbf{t}$  and rotation matrix  $\mathbf{R}$  so that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \|(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{p}_i + \mathbf{t}) - \mathbf{q}_i\|^2 \text{ is minimized}$$

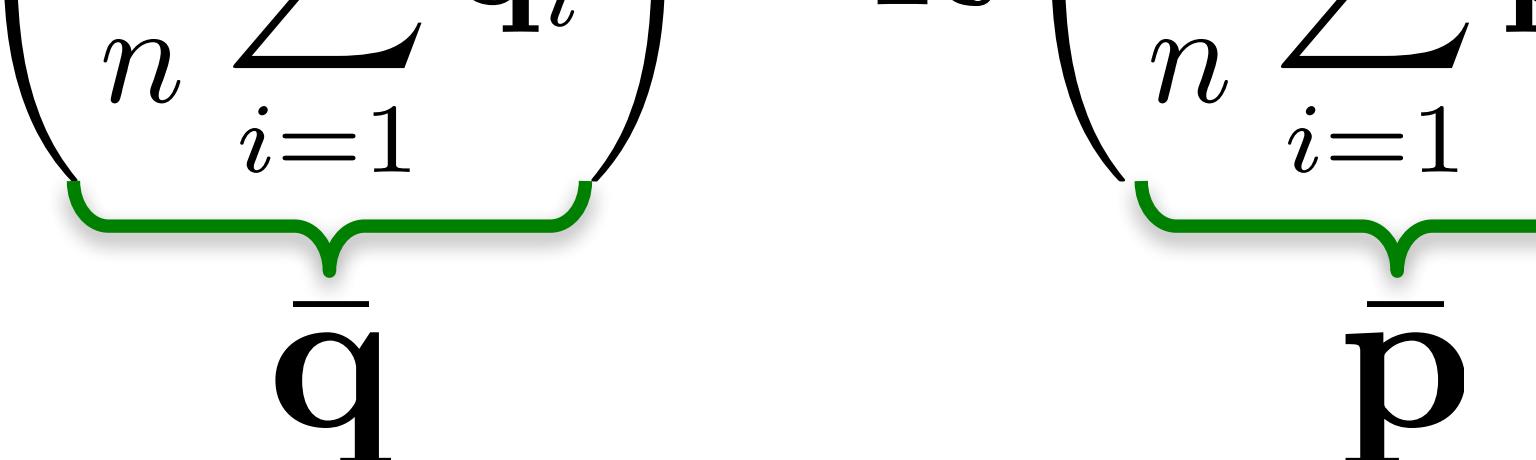
# Shape Matching – Solution

- Solve for translation first (w.r.t.  $\mathbf{R}$ ,  $\mathbf{p}$ , and  $\mathbf{q}$ )

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{t}} \sum_{i=1}^n \|(\mathbf{R}\mathbf{p}_i + \mathbf{t}) - \mathbf{q}_i\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n 2((\mathbf{R}\mathbf{p}_i + \mathbf{t}) - \mathbf{q}_i) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$\mathbf{R} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{p}_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{t} - \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{q}_i = 0$$

$$\mathbf{t} = \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{q}_i \right) - \mathbf{R} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{p}_i \right)$$



Point sets  $\{\mathbf{q}_i\}$  and  $\{\mathbf{R}\mathbf{p}_i\}$  have the same center of mass

# Finding the Rotation $\mathbf{R}$

- To find the optimal  $\mathbf{R}$ , we bring the centroids of both point sets to the origin

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{p}_i - \bar{\mathbf{p}}, \quad \mathbf{v}'_i = \mathbf{q}_i - \bar{\mathbf{q}}$$

- We want to find  $\mathbf{R}$  that minimizes

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \|\mathbf{R}\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}'_i\|^2$$

# Finding the Rotation $\mathbf{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\mathbf{R}\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}'_i\|^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}'_i)^T (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}'_i) = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \mathbf{v}_i^T \underbrace{\mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{R}}_{\mathbf{I}} \mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}'_i^T \mathbf{R}\mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{v}'_i + \mathbf{v}'_i^T \mathbf{v}'_i \right) \end{aligned}$$

These terms do not depend on  $\mathbf{R}$ ,  
so we can ignore them in the minimization

# Finding the Rotation $\mathbf{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{R} \in SO(3)} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( -\mathbf{v}'_i{}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{v}_i - \mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{v}'_i \right) &= \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{R} \in SO(3)} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \mathbf{v}'_i{}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{v}_i + \underbrace{\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{v}'_i}_{\text{scalar}} \right) = \\ &= \boxed{\operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{R} \in SO(3)} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{v}'_i{}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{v}_i} \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{v}'_i = (\mathbf{v}_i^T \mathbf{R}^T \mathbf{v}'_i)^T = \mathbf{v}'_i{}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{v}_i$

↑

It's a scalar!

# Finding the Rotation $\mathbf{R}$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{v}'_i{}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{v}_i = \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{v}'{}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{V} \right)$$

$$\begin{matrix} \mathbf{v}'_1{}^T \\ \mathbf{v}'_2{}^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}'_n{}^T \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{R} \\ \mathbf{V}_1 \ \mathbf{V}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{V}_n \end{matrix} \mathbf{V} = \begin{matrix} \mathbf{v}'_1{}^T \\ \mathbf{v}'_2{}^T \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}'_n{}^T \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \mathbf{R}\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{R}\mathbf{v}_2 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{R}\mathbf{v}_n \end{matrix}$$
$$\mathbf{v}'{}^T$$

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# Finding the Rotation $\mathbf{R}$

- Find  $\mathbf{R}$  that maximizes

$$\text{tr} \left( \mathbf{V}'^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{V} \right) = \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{R} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{V}'^T \right)$$

- SVD:  $\mathbf{V} \mathbf{V}'^T = \mathbf{U} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}^T$

Take a look at the  
Matrix Cookbook!

$$\text{tr} \left( \mathbf{R} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{V}'^T \right) = \text{tr} \left( \underbrace{\mathbf{R} \mathbf{U} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \tilde{\mathbf{U}}^T}_{\text{orthonormal matrix}} \right) = \text{tr} \left( \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \underbrace{\tilde{\mathbf{U}}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{U}}_{\text{orthonormal matrix}} \right)$$

# Finding the Rotation R

- We want to maximize

$$tr (\Sigma M)$$

M: orthonormal matrix  
all entries  $\leq 1$

$$\begin{matrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \sigma_2 & \\ & & \sigma_3 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} m_{11} & \dots & \\ \vdots & m_{22} & \vdots \\ & \dots & m_{33} \end{matrix}$$

$$tr (\Sigma M) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \sigma_i m_{ii} \leq \sum_{i=1}^3 \sigma_i$$

# Finding the Rotation $\mathbf{R}$

$$tr(\Sigma \mathbf{M}) = \sum_{i=1}^3 \sigma_i m_{ii} \leq \sum_{i=1}^3 \sigma_i$$

- Our best shot is  $m_{ii} = 1$ , i.e. to make  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{I}$

$$\mathbf{M} = \tilde{\mathbf{U}}^T \mathbf{R} \mathbf{U} \stackrel{!}{=} \mathbf{I}$$

$$\mathbf{R} \mathbf{U} = \tilde{\mathbf{U}}$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{R} = \tilde{\mathbf{U}} \mathbf{U}^T}$$

# Summary of Rigid Alignment

- Translate the input points to the centroids

$$\mathbf{v}_i = \mathbf{p}_i - \bar{\mathbf{p}}, \quad \mathbf{v}'_i = \mathbf{q}_i - \bar{\mathbf{q}}$$

- Compute the “covariance matrix”  $\mathbf{V}\mathbf{V}'^T$

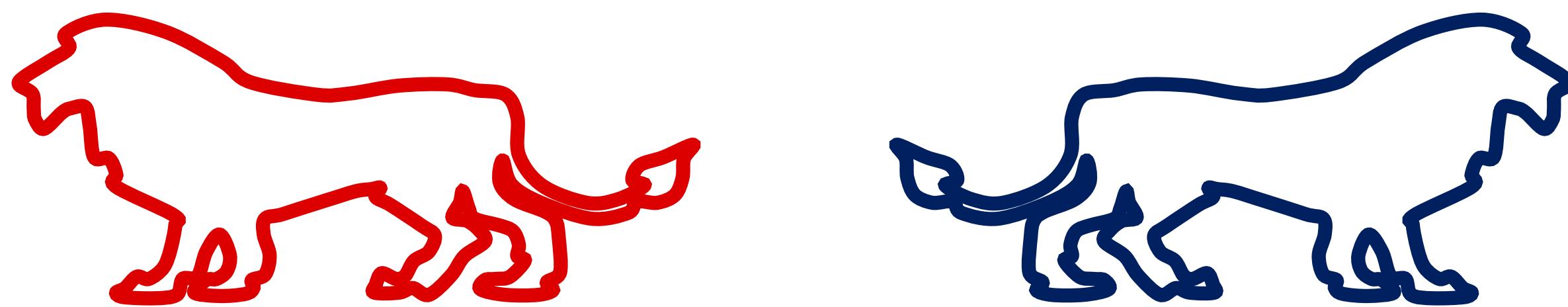
- Compute its SVD:  $\mathbf{V}\mathbf{V}'^T = \mathbf{U}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\tilde{\mathbf{U}}^T$

- The optimal orthonormal  $\mathbf{R}$  is

$$\mathbf{R} = \tilde{\mathbf{U}}\mathbf{U}^T$$

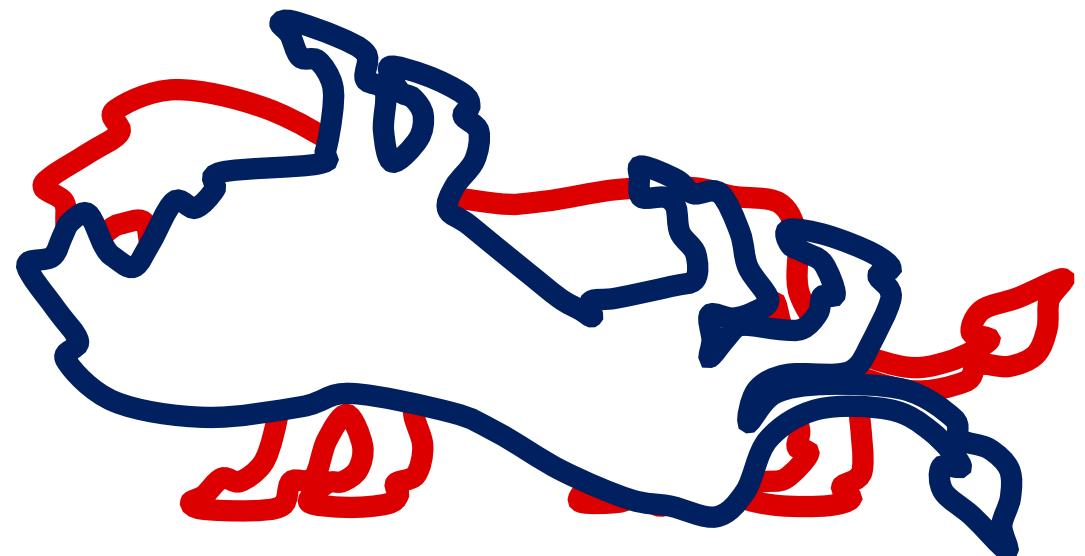
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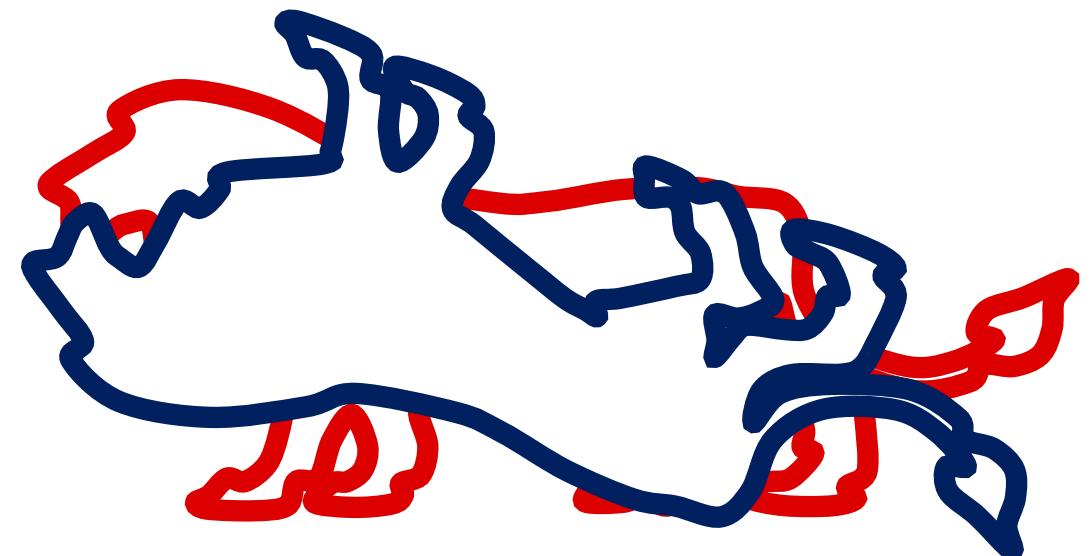
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# Sign Correction

- To restrict ourselves to rotations only:  
take the last column of  $\mathbf{U}$  (corresponding to the  
smallest singular value) and invert its sign.



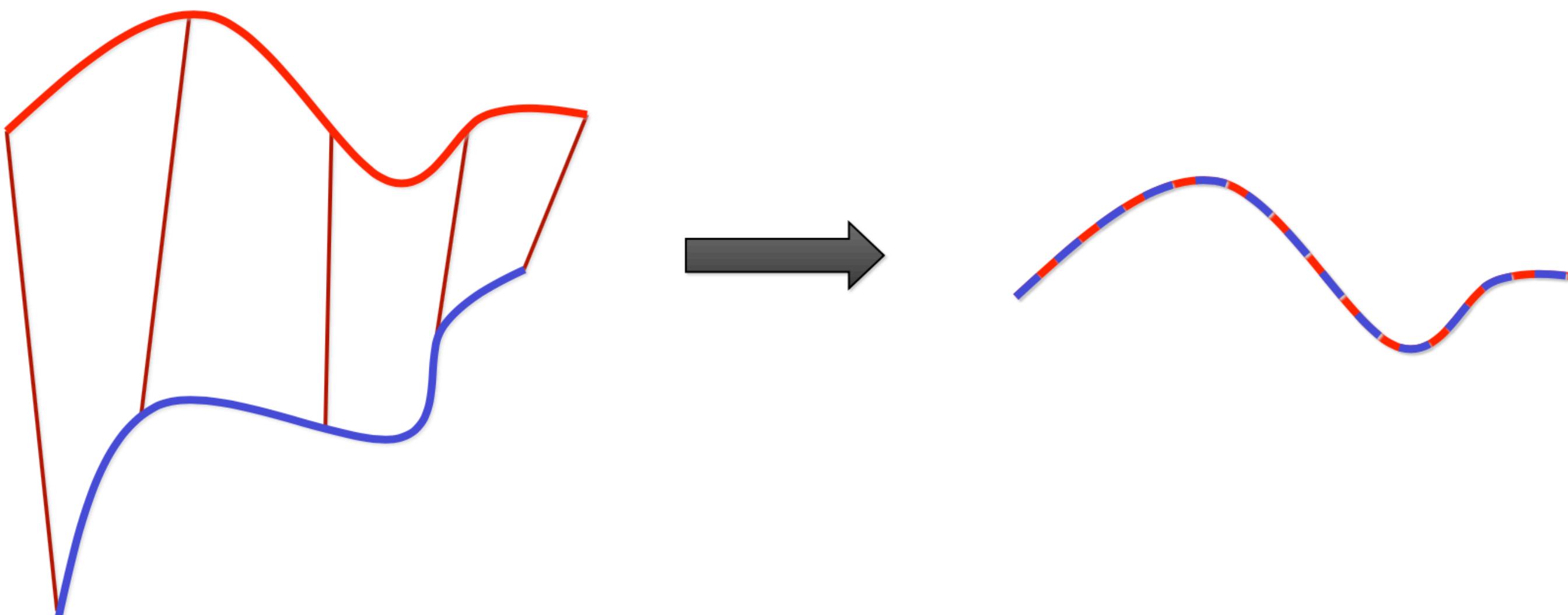
- Why? See [http://igl.ethz.ch/projects/ARAP/svd\\_rot.pdf](http://igl.ethz.ch/projects/ARAP/svd_rot.pdf)

# Fine registration

- Input: two overlapping range maps roughly aligned
- Output: fine alignment of range maps in the same reference frame
- Assumption: for any point  $p$  in a map its corresponding point  $q$  in the other map is near
- No need to use feature points
- Fully automatic approach

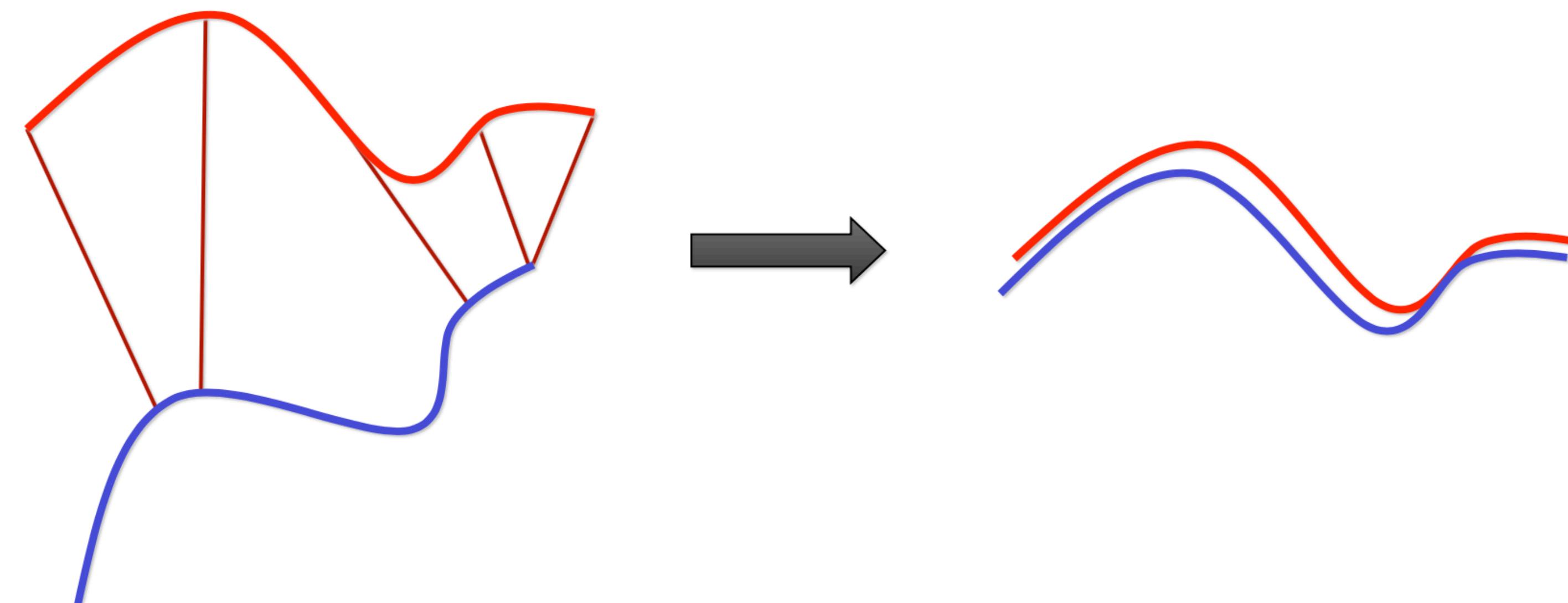
# ICP: Iterative Closest Point

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- Intuition: If you have the right correspondences, then the problem is easy

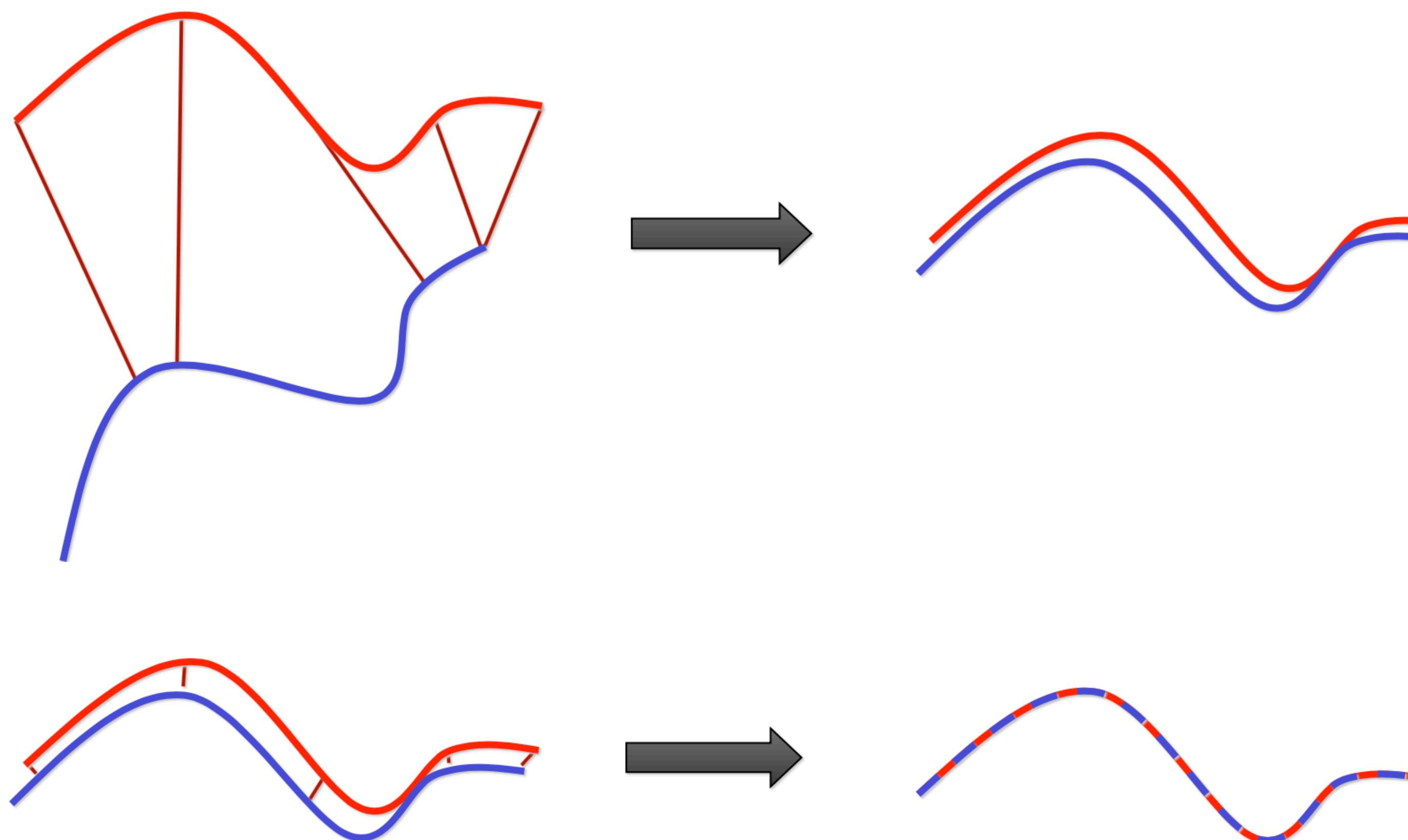


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# ICL: Iterative Closest Point

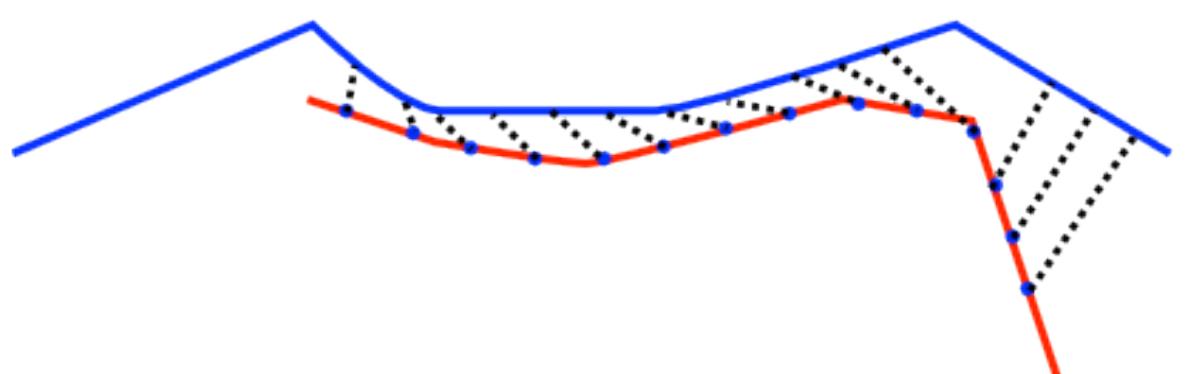
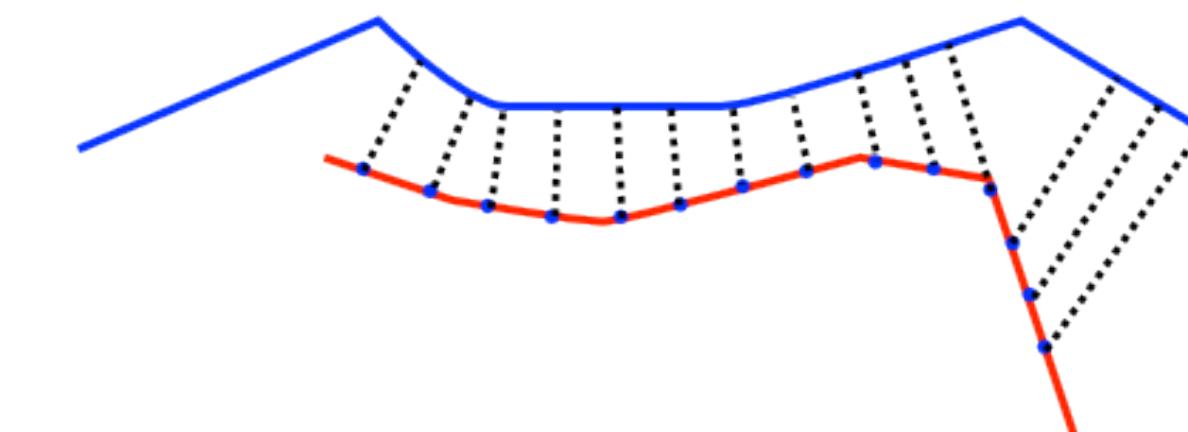
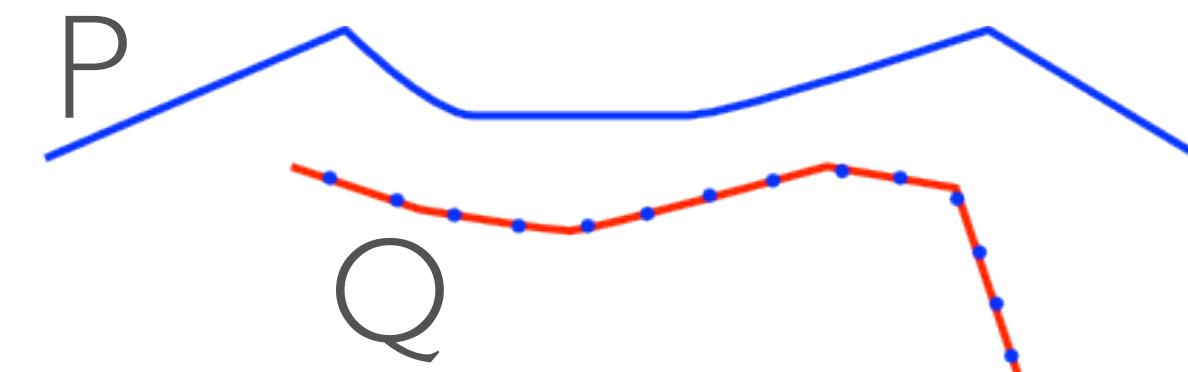


This algorithm converges to the correct solution only  
if the starting scans are “close enough”

# Basic Algorithm

- Select (e.g., 1000) random points
- Match each to closest point on other scan, using data structure such as  $k$ -d tree
- Reject pairs with distance  $> k$  times median
- Construct error function:  
$$E := \sum_i (R\mathbf{p}_i + t - \mathbf{q}_i)^2$$
- Minimize as before (closed form solution in “Estimating 3-D rigid body transformations: a comparison of four major algorithms”, <http://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=250160>)

# Basic Algorithm



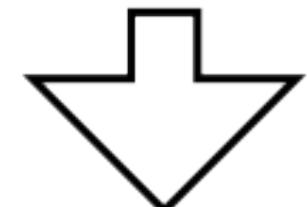
**sample points on Q**

$$Q_0 = Npoints \in Q, RT = \mathbf{I}$$



**find the closest on P**

$$\forall q_j \in Q_0, \text{find } \text{closest}(RT_k q_j)$$



**minimize**

$$M = \text{argmin} : \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \in N} \| \text{closest}(RT_k q_j) - M RT_k q_j \|^2$$
$$RT_{k+1} = M RT_{k+1}$$

$$d_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \in N} \| \text{closest}(RT_k q_j) - RT_{k+1} q_j \|^2$$

**until convergence**

# ICP: convergence proof

$$\begin{aligned} e_k &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \in N} \| \text{closest}(RT_k q_j) - RT_k q_j \|^2 \\ d_k &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \in N} \| \text{closest}(RT_k q_j) - RT_{k+1} q_j \|^2 \\ \Rightarrow d_k &\leq e_k \end{aligned}$$

i.e. if we kept the old correspondences

if  $\text{closest}(RT_k q_j) = \text{closest}(RT_{k+1} q_j)$  we would have

$$e_{k+1} = d_k = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \in N} \| \text{closest}(RT_k q_j) - RT_{k+1} q_j \|^2$$

but, by construction of *closest*:

$$\| \text{closest}(RT_{k+1} q_j) - RT_{k+1} q_j \|^2 \leq \| \text{closest}(RT_k q_j) - RT_{k+1} q_j \|^2$$

Therefore:

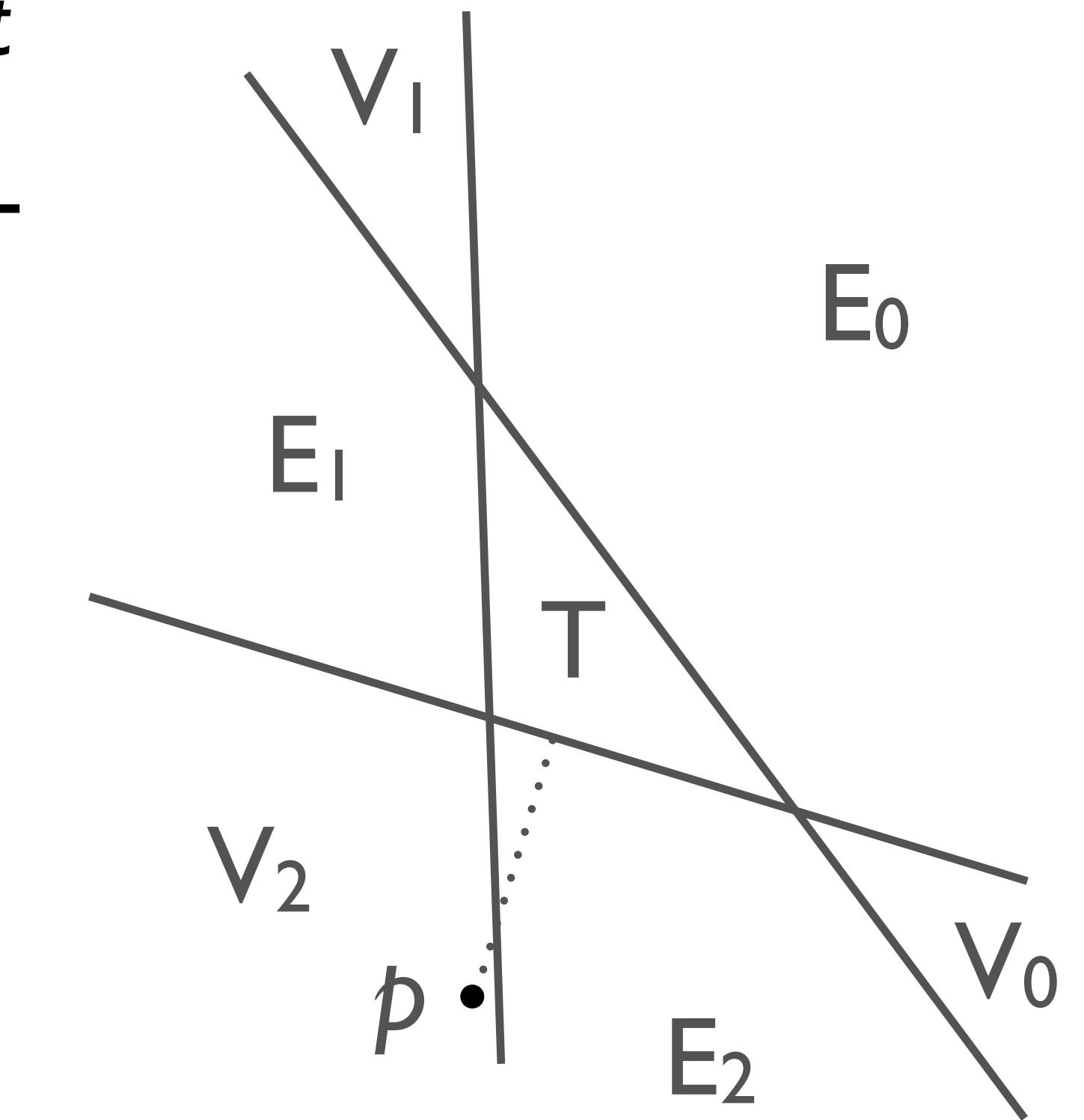
$$d_{k+1} \leq e_{k+1} \leq d_k$$

# Finding closest point

- Problem: given a point  $q$  on  $Q$ , find its closest point on  $P$ 
  - $P$  made of triangles: distance point-to-triangle
  - $P$  contains many triangles: which ones to test?

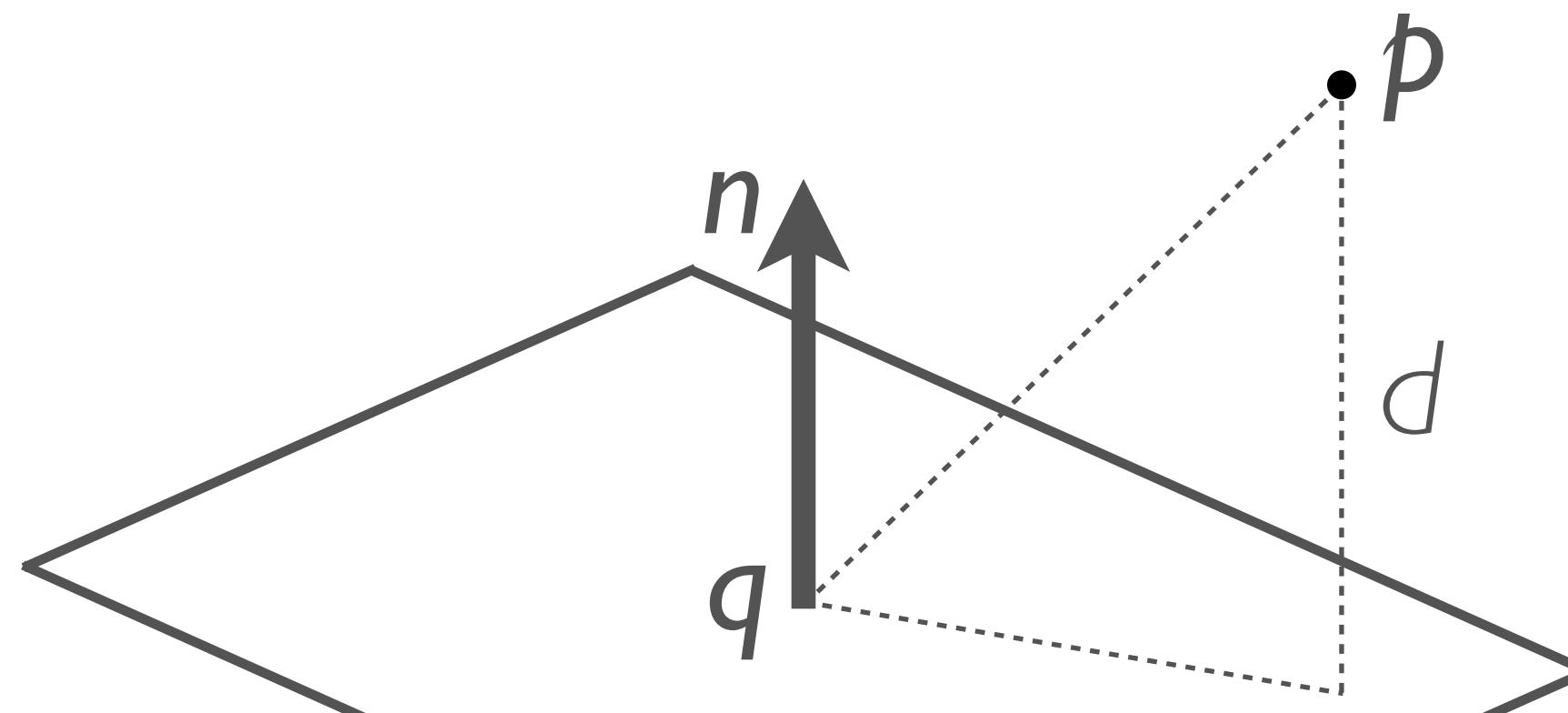
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- Given triangle  $t$  and point  $p$ , consider planes through edges of  $t$  and orthogonal to the plane of  $t$
- they divide 3D space into 7 zones  $V_0, V_1, V_2, E_0, E_1, E_2, T$
- If  $p$  inside  $T$  then take distance from  $p$  to the plane of  $t$
- If  $p$  inside  $E_i$  then take distance from  $p$  to edge  $e_i$
- If  $p$  inside  $V_i$  then take smallest distance from  $p$  to edges  $e_i$  and  $e_{i+2}$



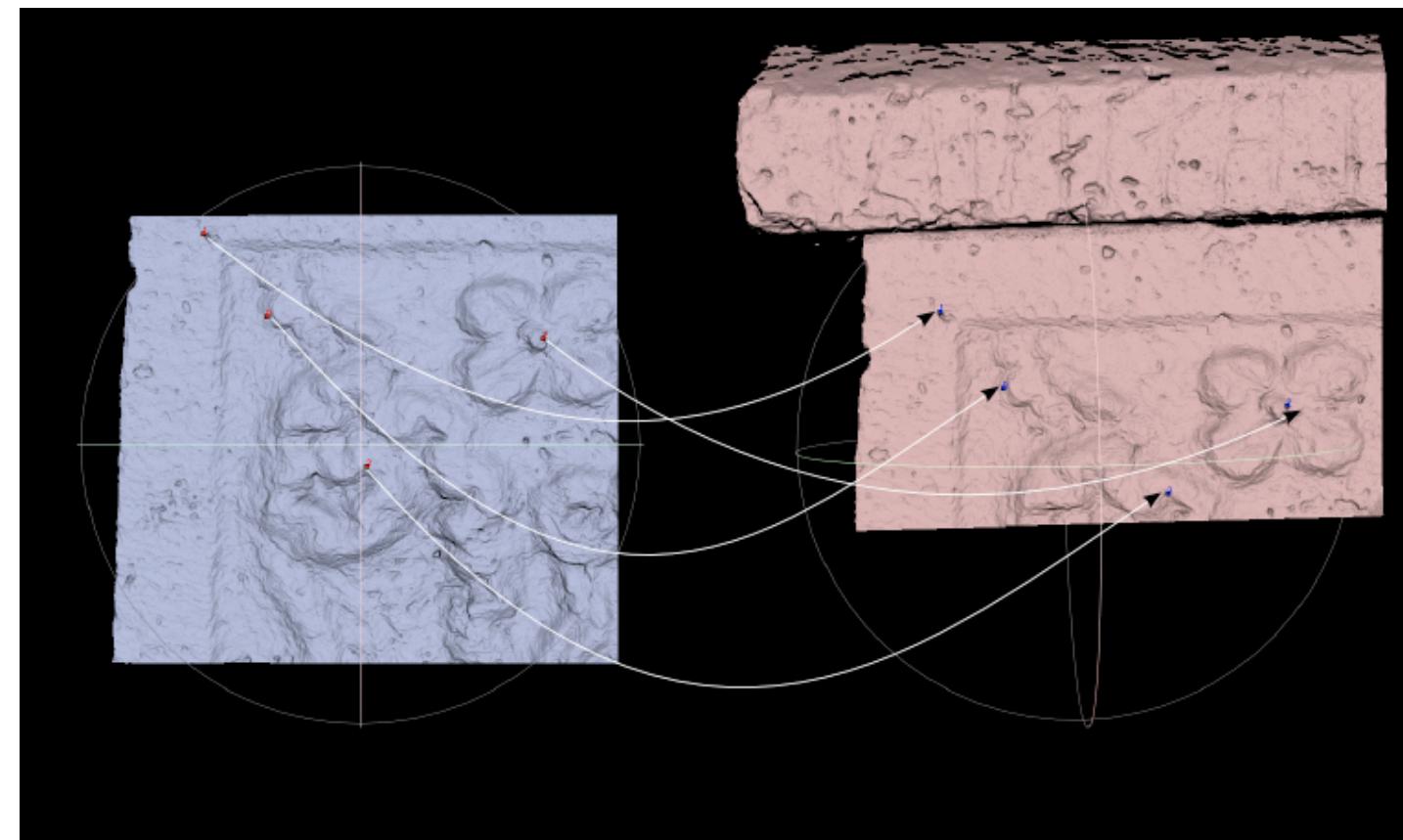
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- Distance point-to-plane:



$$d = (p - q) \cdot n$$

# Local vs Global



## Local Registration

Between two range maps  
All-vs-one range map



## Global Registration

All-vs-all

Given  $M_1, \dots, M_n$ , find  $T_2, \dots, T_n$  such that

$$M_1 \approx T_2(M_2) \cdots \approx T_n(M_n)$$

# Thank you