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# Where are we?

## First part:

### Image formation and Early vision

- Image formation
  - Geometric Camera Models
  - Color spaces
- Image Processing
  - Punctual and spatial processing
  - Feature Extraction
- Reconstruction
  - **Camera calibration**
  - Stereo Vision
  - Structure from Motion and RGB-d Cameras
  - Optical flow and Tracking

## Second part:

### Machine learning for CV

- Linear Neural Network
- Multi Layer Perceptron
- Convolutional Neural Networks
- Recurrent Neural Networks
- Transformers
- Generative Adversarial Networks
- Graph Neural Networks

# 1. IMAGE FORMATION

## **Camera Calibration**

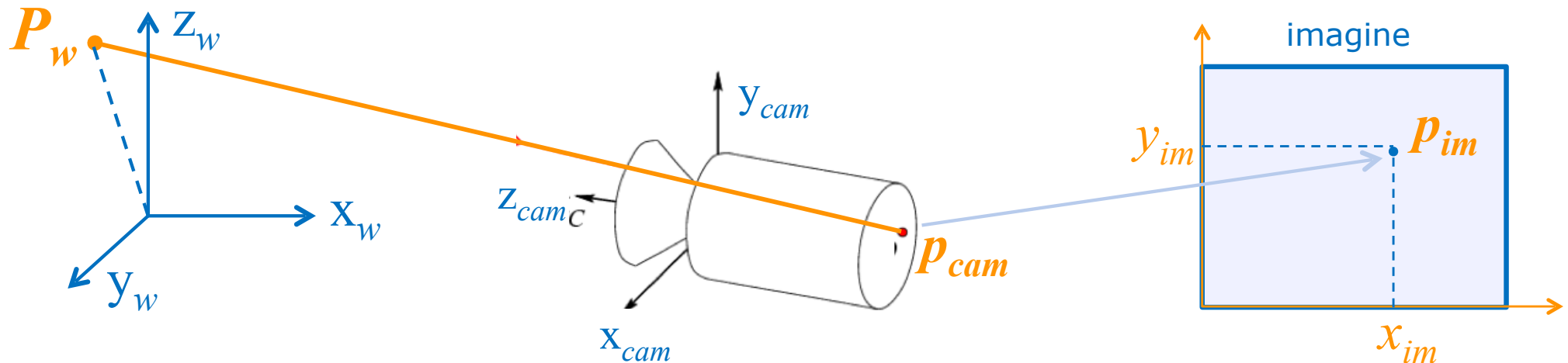
Chapter 1 – Forsyth Ponce

credits, F. Pedersini, S. Nayar

# Camera calibration – definition

## Camera Calibration:

Process to determine the geometric model of a camera



Projection Matrix:  $\mathbf{M}(\xi) : \tilde{p}_{im} = \mathbf{M} \cdot \tilde{P}_w$

**Calibration:** determine  $\mathbf{M}$  (or the camera parameters  $\xi$ )

REMARK:

$\tilde{x}$  used to indicate homogeneous coords

# RECALL: Complete perspective projection camera model

$$\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_{IM} = \overset{M_{in}}{\begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & x_c & 0 \\ 0 & f & y_c & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}} \cdot \overset{M_{ext}}{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{T} \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{bmatrix}} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_w = \mathbf{M}(\xi) \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_w$$

- **Linear model in 11 parameters** ( $\mathbf{M}_{3 \times 4}$ , up to scale)
  - **only 9 params are independent:**

$$\xi = [\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{T}, f, \mathbf{C}] = [\varphi, \vartheta, \rho, t_x, t_y, t_z, f, x_c, y_c]$$

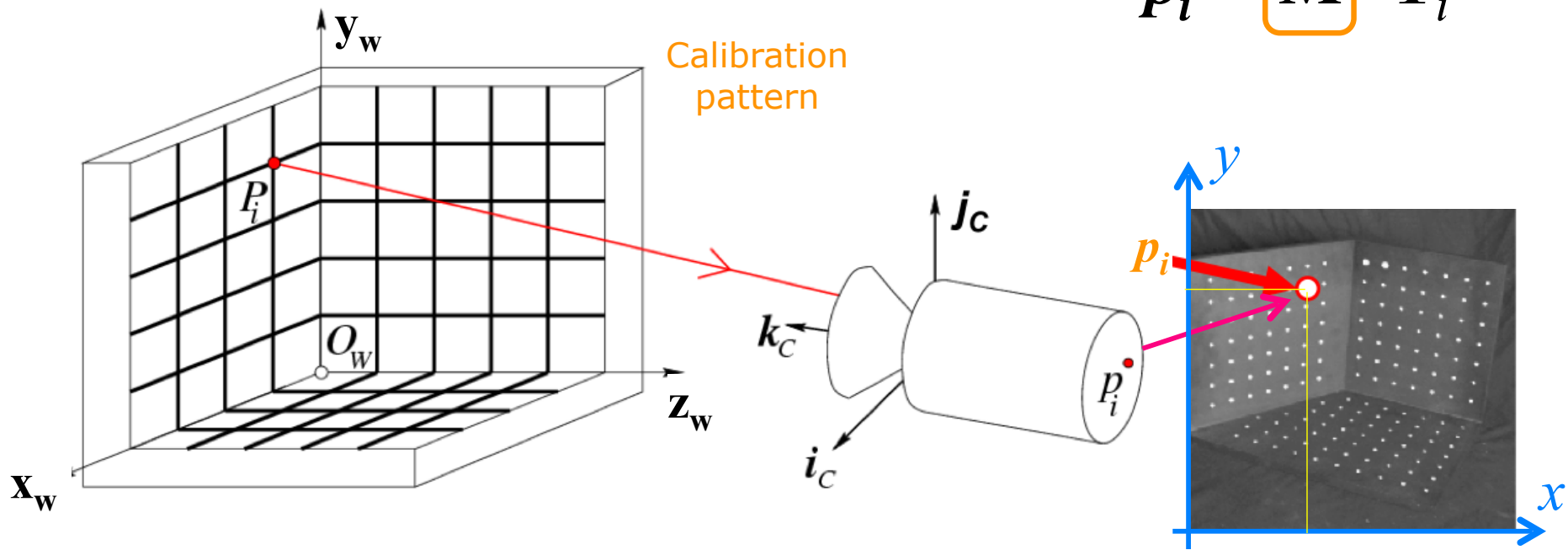
- **Extrinsic Parameters:** depend on the relative position camera-scene
  - **Rotation:** Euler angles:  $\mathbf{R} = [\varphi, \theta, \rho]$
  - **Translation:** translation vector:  $\mathbf{T} = [t_x, t_y, t_z]$
- **Intrinsic Parameters:** depend on the camera characteristics
  - **Focal length:**  $f$
  - **Optical Centre position:**  $\mathbf{C} = \langle x_c, y_c \rangle$

# Camera calibration – Setup

- **Calibration pattern**: set of **fiducial points** (easy to be accurately located)
- $P_i$ : **World** coordinates of the f.p.
  - Expressed wrt a reference system integral with the calibration pattern
  - $P_i$  *a priori known*
- $p_i$ : **Image** coordinates of the f.p.
  - $p_i$  *determined by analyzing the image*

**Calibration:** exploits the association  $P_i \rightarrow p_i$  to determine **M**

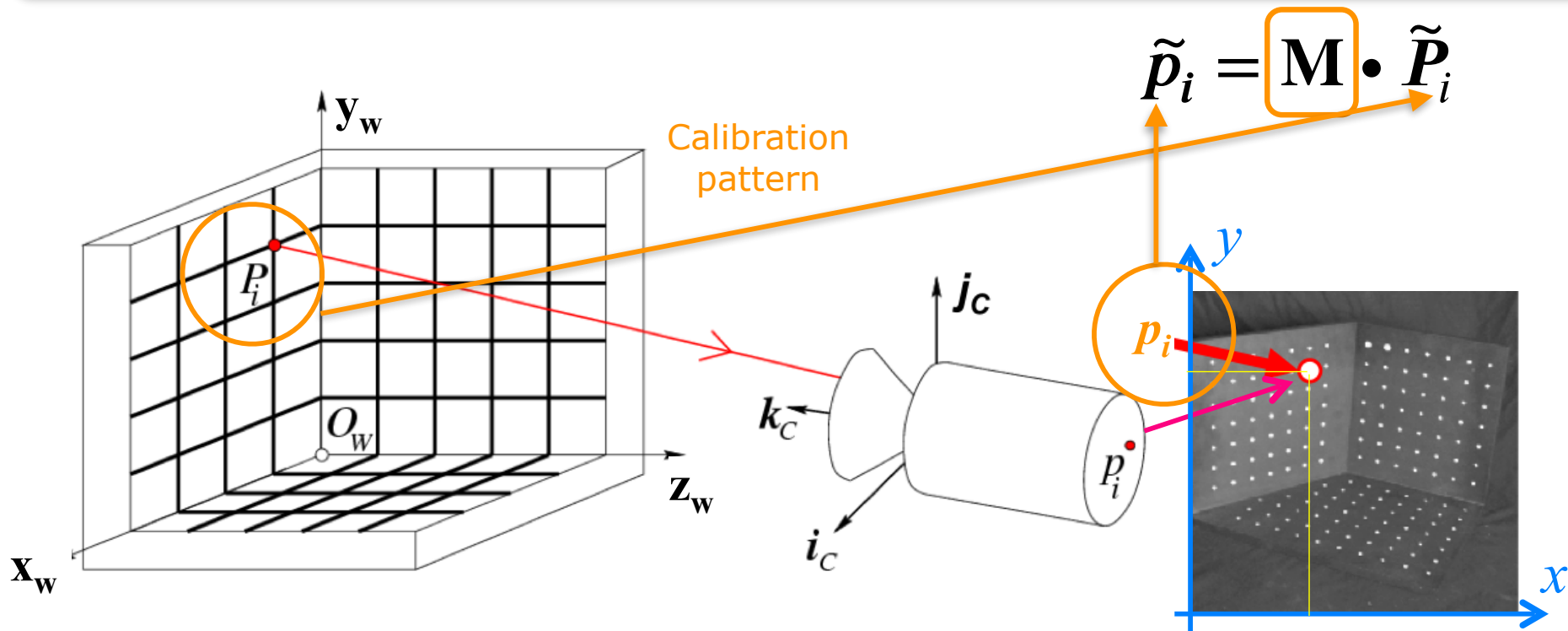
$$\tilde{p}_i = \boxed{\mathbf{M}} \cdot \tilde{P}_i$$



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# Camera calibration – Calibration pattern

Set of fiducial points: easy to locate, with high precision

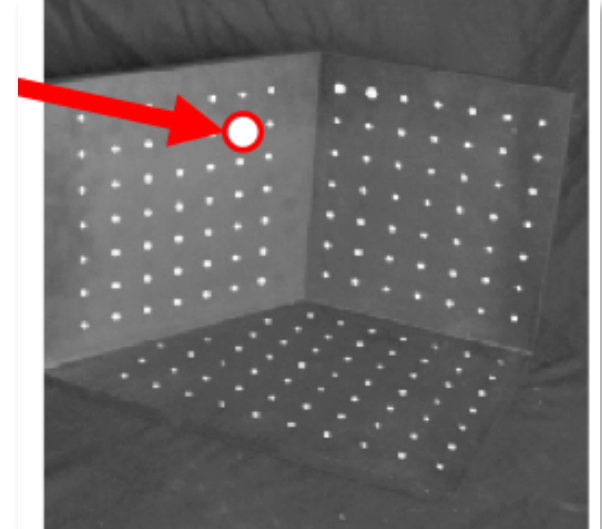
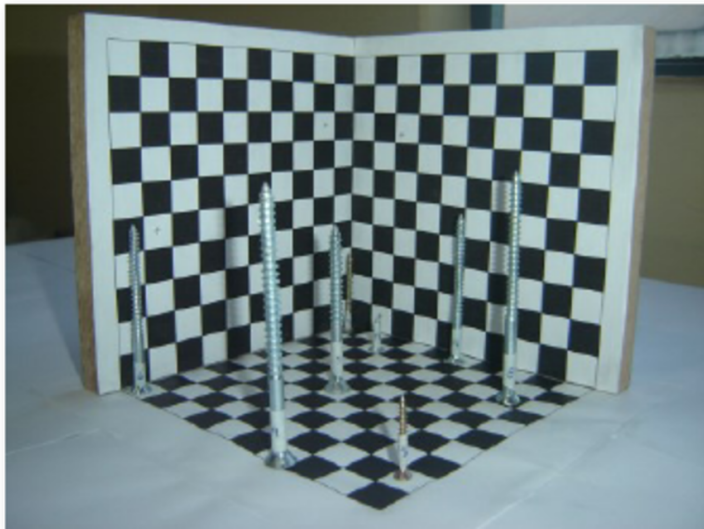
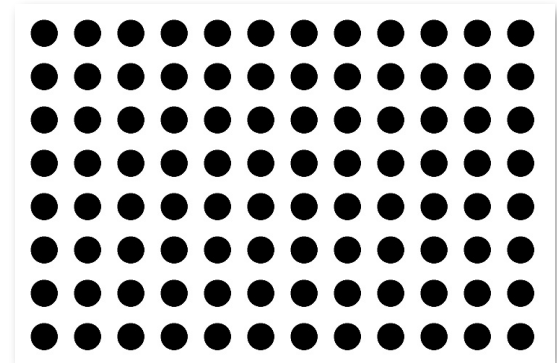
## ***PATTERN:***

- *spheres* →
- *circles* →
- *chessboard* →

## ***Fiducial Point:***

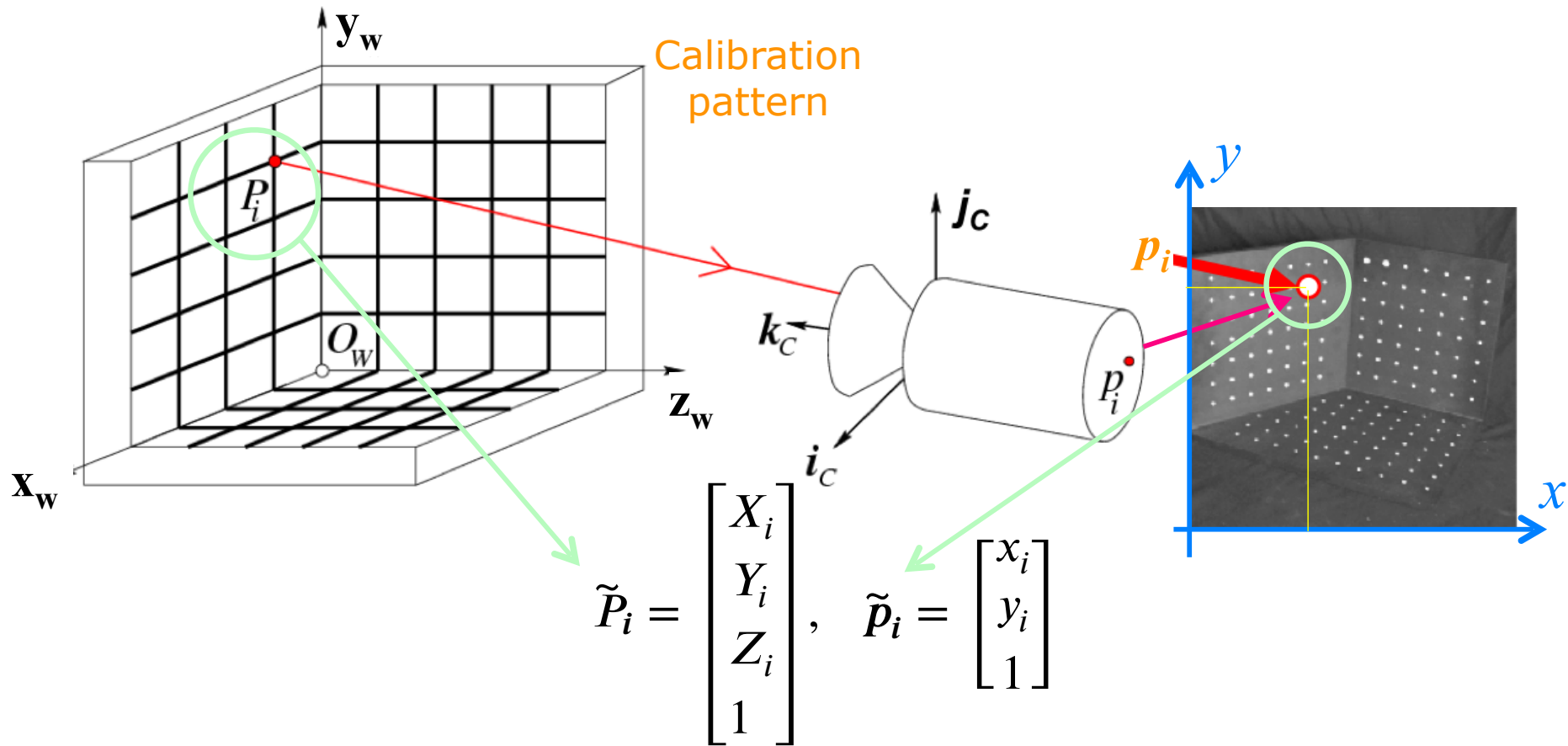
- sphere centre*
- circle centre*
- square vertices*

- Fiducial points over a non-degenerate 3D-space
  - If I use **planar patterns**, I need **at least 2 images**, on different planes





# Camera calibration – Problem Definition



## Problem definition:

- Given a set of  $N$  fiducial points  $P_i$ , of known 3D world position
- and given the corresponding image-coordinates  $p_i$
- determine the camera model  $M$  (function of  $\xi$ ) such that:

$$\tilde{p}_i = M \cdot \tilde{P}_i, \quad i = 1..N$$

# Camera calibration - Linear approach

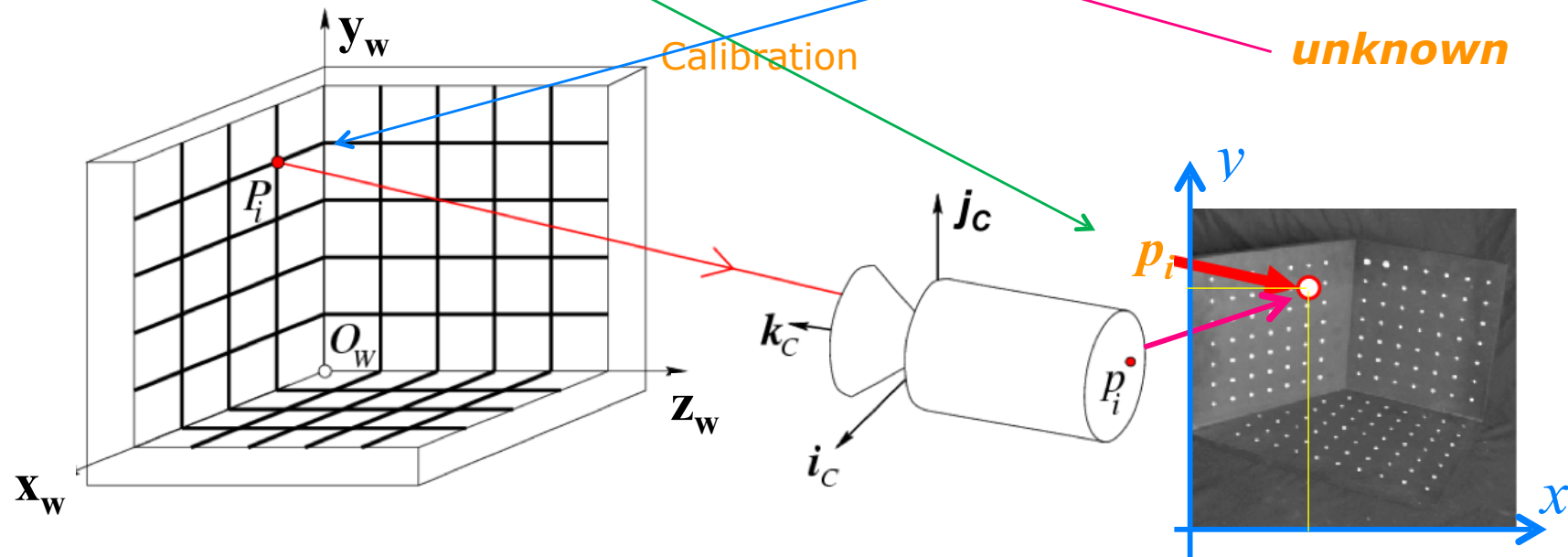
Determine the matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  [3 x 4] of the linear model  $\tilde{p}_i = \mathbf{M} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_i$  given:

- the coords-World :  $P_i, \quad i = 1..N$
- the coords-image:  $p_i, \quad i = 1..N$

**For each  $i=1..N$ :**

**$N$  equations:**

$$\tilde{p}_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{M} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \\ \mathbf{m}_3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} X_i \\ Y_i \\ Z_i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad i = 1 \dots N$$



# Camera calibration - Linear approach

For a pair  $\langle P_i, p_i \rangle$ :

$$\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}_i \\ \tilde{y}_i \\ \tilde{z}_i \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{M} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_w = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \\ \mathbf{m}_3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_i \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_i \\ \mathbf{m}_3 \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_i \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{eq. 1})$$

- Remember Euclidean vs Homogeneous coords:

$$\mathbf{p}_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\tilde{x}_i}{\tilde{z}_i} \\ \frac{\tilde{y}_i}{\tilde{z}_i} \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{eq. 2})$$

- Considering  $\mathbf{p}_i$  (in Euclidean coords) and combining (eq. 1) and (eq. 2) we obtain:

$$\mathbf{p}_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\tilde{x}_i}{\tilde{z}_i} \\ \frac{\tilde{y}_i}{\tilde{z}_i} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\mathbf{m}_1 \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_i}{\mathbf{m}_3 \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_i} \\ \frac{\mathbf{m}_2 \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_i}{\mathbf{m}_3 \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_i} \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \mathbf{m}_1 \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_i - x_i \mathbf{m}_3 \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_i = 0 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_i - y_i \mathbf{m}_3 \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_i = 0 \end{cases},$$

# Camera calibration - linear approach

For a pair  $\langle P_i, p_i \rangle$ :

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2 equations, 12 unknown  $m_{ij}$

- In matricial form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} P_{1x} & P_{1y} & P_{1z} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -x_1 P_{1x} & -x_1 P_{1y} & -x_1 P_{1z} & -x_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & P_{1x} & P_{1y} & P_{1z} & 1 & -y_1 P_{1x} & -y_1 P_{1y} & -y_1 P_{1z} & -y_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} \\ m_{12} \\ m_{13} \\ m_{14} \\ m_{21} \\ m_{22} \\ m_{23} \\ m_{24} \\ m_{31} \\ m_{32} \\ m_{33} \\ m_{34} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Camera calibration - Linear approach

**For  $N$  pair**  $\langle P_i, p_i \rangle$  ( $i = 1..N$ ) :

- write the **2N** eq as a linear system in the 12 unknowns  $m_{ij}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} P_{1x} & P_{1y} & P_{1z} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -x_1 P_{1x} & -x_1 P_{1y} & -x_1 P_{1z} & -x_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & P_{1x} & P_{1y} & P_{1z} & 1 & -y_1 P_{1x} & -y_1 P_{1y} & -y_1 P_{1z} & -y_1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ P_{Nx} & P_{Ny} & P_{Nz} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -x_N P_{Nx} & -x_N P_{Ny} & -x_N P_{Nz} & -x_N \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & P_{Nx} & P_{Ny} & P_{Nz} & 1 & -y_N P_{Nx} & -y_N P_{Ny} & -y_N P_{Nz} & -y_N \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} \\ m_{12} \\ m_{13} \\ m_{14} \\ m_{21} \\ m_{22} \\ m_{23} \\ m_{24} \\ m_{31} \\ m_{32} \\ m_{33} \\ m_{34} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{[2N \times 12]} \cdot \mathbf{m}_{[12 \times 1]} = \mathbf{0}_{[2N \times 1]}$$

$\rightarrow \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{0}$ 
**Homogeneous linear system**, in 11 unknowns (12, up to a scale factor) and 2N equations resolvable for  $N = 6$  (at least 6 fiducial points)

## Scale of Projection Matrix

- REMEMBER:
  - Projection Matrix  $M$  acts on homogeneous coords, i.e.:

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} \equiv k \cdot \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ w \end{bmatrix} \quad (k \neq 0 \text{ is any constant})$$

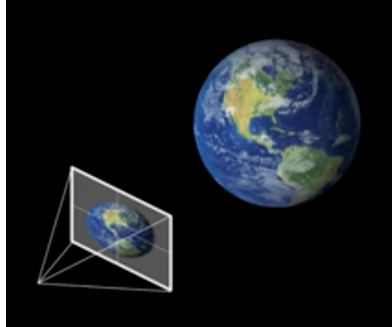
- That is:

$$\tilde{P} \cdot m = \tilde{P} \cdot (k \cdot m)$$

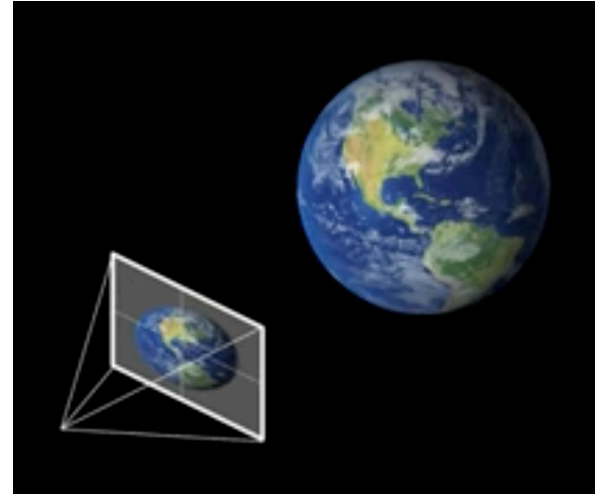
- so that: the projection matrices  $M$  and  $(k \cdot M)$  produce the same homogeneous pixel coordinates

**Projection matrix  $M$  is defined up to a scale factor**

# Scale Projection Matrix



Scale  $k_1$



Scale  $k_2$

Scaling projection matrix, implies simultaneously scaling the world and camera, which does not change the image

we can set **projection matrix** to some **arbitrary scale**

## Least squares solution for $m$

- Option 1: set scale so that  $m_{34} = 1$
- Option 2: set scale so that  $\|m\|^2 = 1$
- We want:  $\tilde{P} \cdot m = 0$ , and  $\|m\|^2 = 1$
- Formulated with the **constrained least squares problem**:

$$\min_m \|\tilde{P}m\|^2, \quad s.t. \quad \|m\|^2 = 1,$$

$$\min_m \|m^T \tilde{P}^T \tilde{P} m\|, \quad s.t. \quad \|m^T m\| = 1$$

- Let's define the **Loss function**  $L(m, \lambda)$ :

$$L(m, \lambda) = m^T \tilde{P}^T \tilde{P} m - \lambda(m^T m - 1)$$

- We want to **minimize**  $L$  wrt  $m$



## Constrained Least squares solution

- Let's take the derivatives of  $L(m, \lambda)$  wrt  $m$  and set it to 0:

$$2\tilde{P}^T \tilde{P}m - 2\lambda m = 0$$

- equivalent to solve the **eigenvalue problem**:

$$\tilde{P}^T \tilde{P}m = \lambda m$$

- **Eigenvector**  $m$  corresponding to the smallest eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of the matrix  $\tilde{P}^T \tilde{P}$  minimizes the loss function  $L(m, \lambda)$
- or equivalently,  $m$  is the **singular vector** corresponding to the minimum singular value (not null) using the Singular Value Decomposition (**SVD**) of  $\tilde{P}$




# Camera calibration - Linear approach

Given the vector  $m$  we have to:

- rearrange it to form the projection matrix  $M$  ( $4 \times 4$ )
- it remains to determine the intrinsic and extrinsic matrices:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & c_x & 0 \\ 0 & f & c_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{M_{int}} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{M_{ext}}$$

- it holds that:


$$\begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & c_x \\ 0 & f & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} \end{bmatrix} = KR$$

- Given  $K$ : upper triangular matrix,  $R$  is an orthonormal matrix, it is possible to decouple  $K$  and  $R$  from their product using the QR factorization method from linear algebra

## Camera calibration - Linear approach

- It remains to determine the translation vector  $\mathbf{t}$  of the extrinsic matrix
- Given:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} m_{11} & m_{12} & m_{13} & m_{14} \\ m_{21} & m_{22} & m_{23} & m_{24} \\ m_{31} & m_{32} & m_{33} & m_{34} \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & c_x & 0 \\ 0 & f & c_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{M_{int}} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{M_{ext}}$$

- it holds that:

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_{14} \\ m_{24} \\ m_{34} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f & 0 & c_x \\ 0 & f & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} t_x \\ t_y \\ t_z \end{bmatrix} = K\mathbf{t}$$

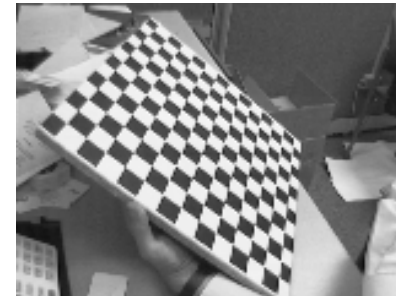
- and inverting we have:

$$\mathbf{t} = K^{-1} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} m_{14} \\ m_{24} \\ m_{34} \end{bmatrix}$$

# Camera Calibration: Whang algorithm (2000)

"A\_flexible\_new\_technique\_for\_camera\_calibration" in ***IEEE Transaction on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence***, vol. 22, no. 11, pp. 1330-1334, 2000.

- Planar pattern in at least 2 views (chessboard)



- **Hypothesis:**
  - *The pattern dimensions are known*
  - *Trick: the scene reference system is joint to the chessboard (different extrinsic parameters for each photo, while shared intrinsic parameters)*

# Camera calibration - Non Linear approach

- To be used in presence of radial distortion

$$\underbrace{\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}_i \\ \tilde{y}_i \\ \tilde{z}_i \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{M}(\xi) \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{P}}_i}_{\text{linear}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix} = f(\xi, \mathbf{P}_i)}_{\text{non linear}}$$

## Algorithm:

1. Solve the linear model

→ first estimate of the linear parameters:  $\xi_0$

2. Non linear optimization starting from  $\xi_0$  to minimize the reprojection error  $E$

→ Final model:  $\hat{\xi}$

$$E = \sum_i \left\| \mathbf{p}_i^{MEAS} - \mathbf{p}_i^{EST} \right\|^2 = \sum_i \left\| \mathbf{p}_i^{MEAS} - f(\xi, \mathbf{P}_i) \right\|^2 \rightarrow \hat{\xi} \quad t.c. \quad \hat{\xi} = \underset{\xi}{\operatorname{argmin}}(E)$$

# Camera calibration - Non Linear approach

More specifically:

$$E = \sum_i \left\| \mathbf{p}_i^{MEAS} - \mathbf{p}_i^{EST} \right\|^2 = \sum_i \left\| \mathbf{p}_i^{MEAS} - f(\xi, \mathbf{P}_i) \right\|^2 \rightarrow \hat{\xi} \quad t.c. \quad \hat{\xi} = \underset{\xi}{\operatorname{argmin}}(E)$$

Given the initial model:  $\xi_0 = \{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{t}, f, x_C, y_C, k_D\}$  and  $N$  fiducial points  $P_i$ :  
 $\xi = \xi_0$

$$p_i^{EST} = f(\xi, P_i) :$$

$$P_i \mapsto P_{cam,i} = \mathbf{R} \cdot P_i + \mathbf{t}, \quad i = 1..N$$

$$P_{cam,i} \mapsto p_{im,i} = \begin{bmatrix} x_C \\ y_C \end{bmatrix} + \frac{f}{z_{cam,i}} \begin{bmatrix} x_{cam,i} \\ y_{cam,i} \end{bmatrix}, \quad i = 1..N$$

$$p_{im,i} \mapsto p_i^{EST} = p_{im,i} (1 + k_{D1}r^2 + k_{D2}r^4), \quad i = 1..N$$

$$\text{error: } E(\xi) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left\| p_i^{MEAS} - p_i^{EST} \right\|^2 \longrightarrow \text{new estimate } \xi$$

# Lab time

- syntLinearCalibration
- RealCalibration