



# **Epipolar geometry**

## **Class 5**



## 3D photography course schedule *(tentative)*

	Lecture	Exercise
Sept 26	Introduction	-
Oct. 3	Geometry & Camera model	Camera calibration
Oct. 10	Single View Metrology	Measuring in images
Oct. 17	Feature Tracking/matching (Friedrich Fraundorfer)	Correspondence computation
Oct. 24	Epipolar Geometry	F-matrix computation
Oct. 31	Shape-from-Silhouettes (Li Guan)	Visual-hull computation
Nov. 7	Stereo matching	Project proposals
Nov. 14	Structured light and active range sensing	Papers
Nov. 21	Structure from motion	Papers
Nov. 28	Multi-view geometry and self-calibration	Papers
Dec. 5	Shape-from-X	Papers
Dec. 12	3D modeling and registration	Papers
Dec. 19	Appearance modeling and image-based rendering	Final project presentations



# Optical flow

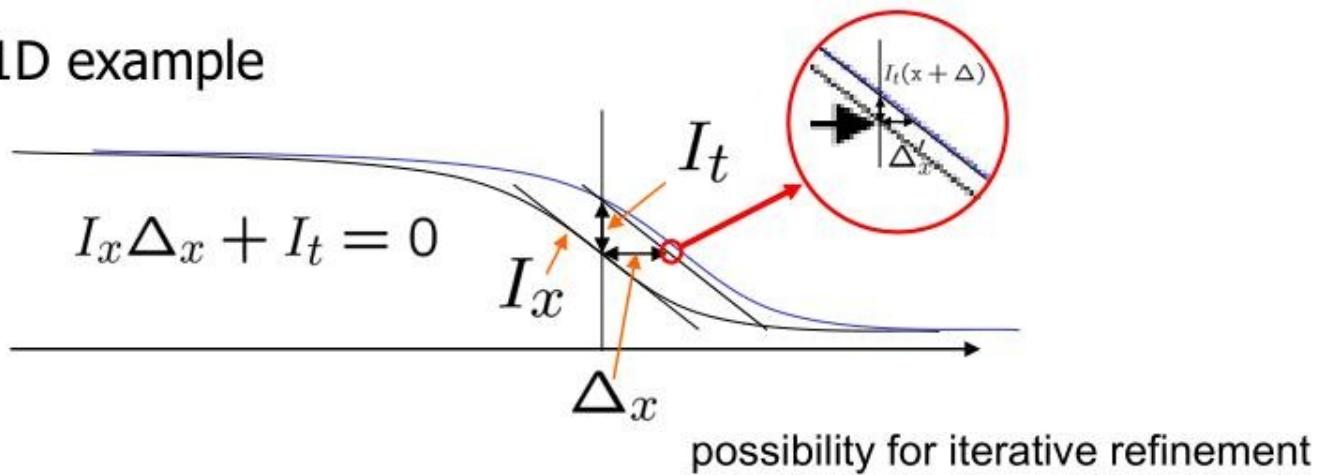
- Brightness constancy assumption

$$I(x + \Delta_x, y + \Delta_y, t + 1) = I(x, y, t)$$

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- 1D example





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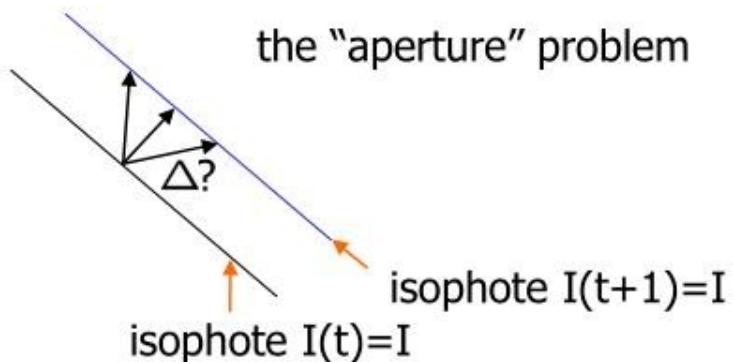
$$I_x \Delta_x + I_y \Delta_y + I_t = 0$$

- 2D example

$$I_x \Delta_x + I_y \Delta_y + I_t = 0$$

(1 constraint)

$\Delta_x, \Delta_y$  (2 unknowns)





# Optical flow

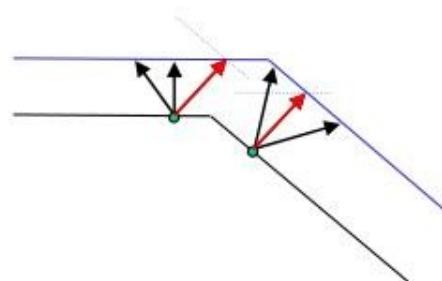
- How to deal with aperture problem?

$$R_x \Delta_x + R_y \Delta_y + R_t = 0 \quad G_x \Delta_x + G_y \Delta_y + G_t = 0 \quad B_x \Delta_x + B_y \Delta_y + B_t = 0$$

(3 constraints if color gradients are different)

Assume neighbors have same displacement

$$I_x(x) \Delta_x + I_y(x) \Delta_y + I_t(x) = 0 \quad I_x(x') \Delta_x + I_y(x') \Delta_y + I_t(x') = 0 \quad \dots$$





# Lucas-Kanade

Assume neighbors have same displacement  
least-squares:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_x(x) & I_y(x) \\ I_x(x') & I_y(x') \\ I_x(x'') & I_y(x'') \end{bmatrix} \Delta = \begin{bmatrix} -I_t(x) \\ -I_t(x') \\ -I_t(x'') \end{bmatrix} \quad A\Delta = b$$



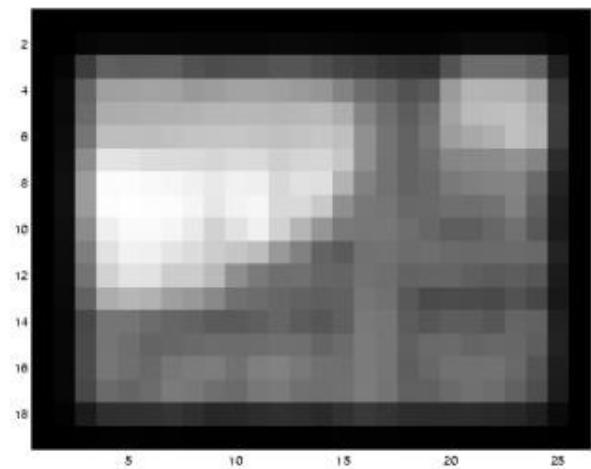
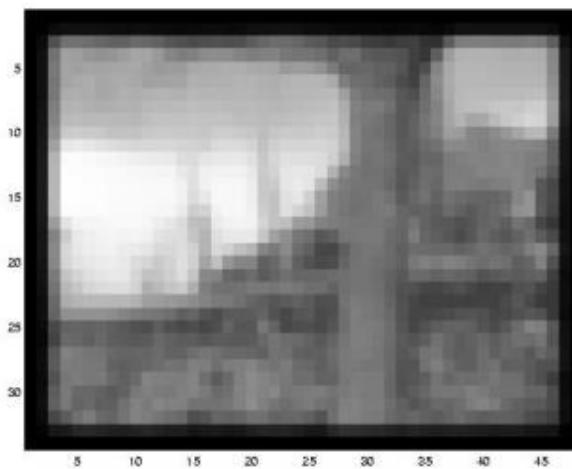
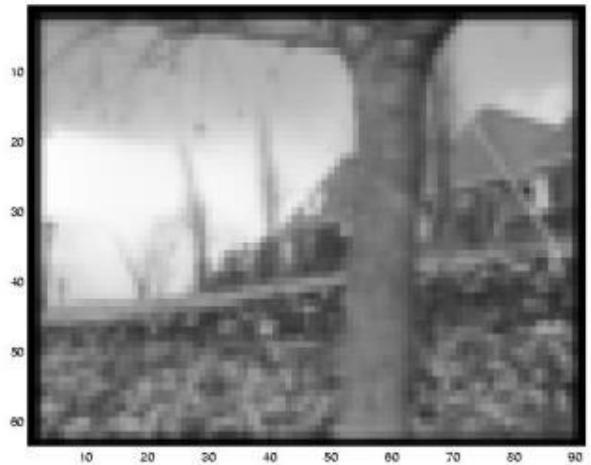
# Revisiting the small motion assumption



- Is this motion small enough?
  - Probably not—it's much larger than one pixel (2<sup>nd</sup> order terms dominate)
  - How might we solve this problem?



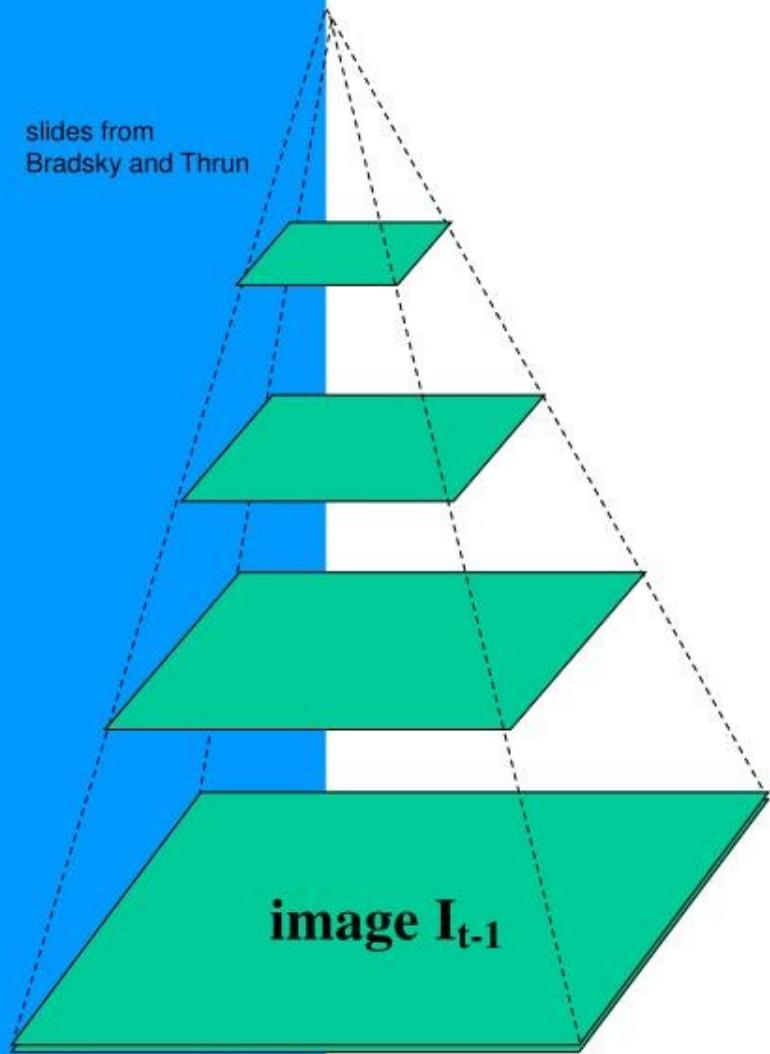
# Reduce the resolution!





# Coarse-to-fine optical flow estimation

slides from  
Bradsky and Thrun



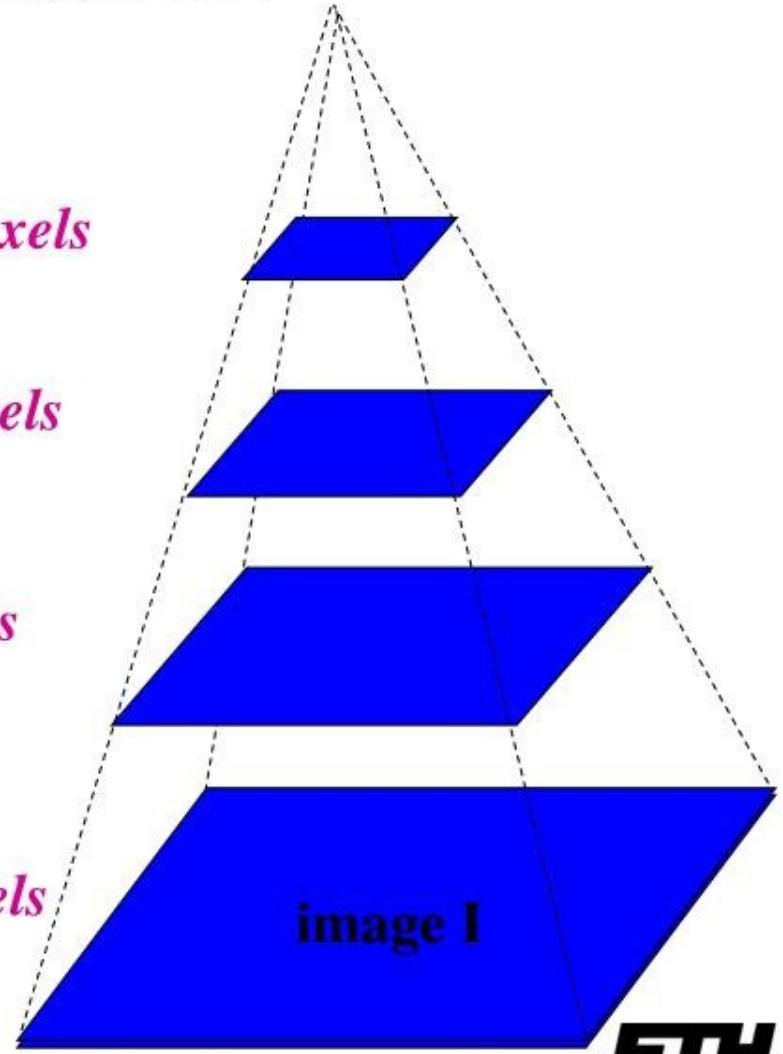
$u=1.25 \text{ pixels}$

$u=2.5 \text{ pixels}$

$u=5 \text{ pixels}$

$u=10 \text{ pixels}$

Gaussian pyramid of image  $I_{t-1}$

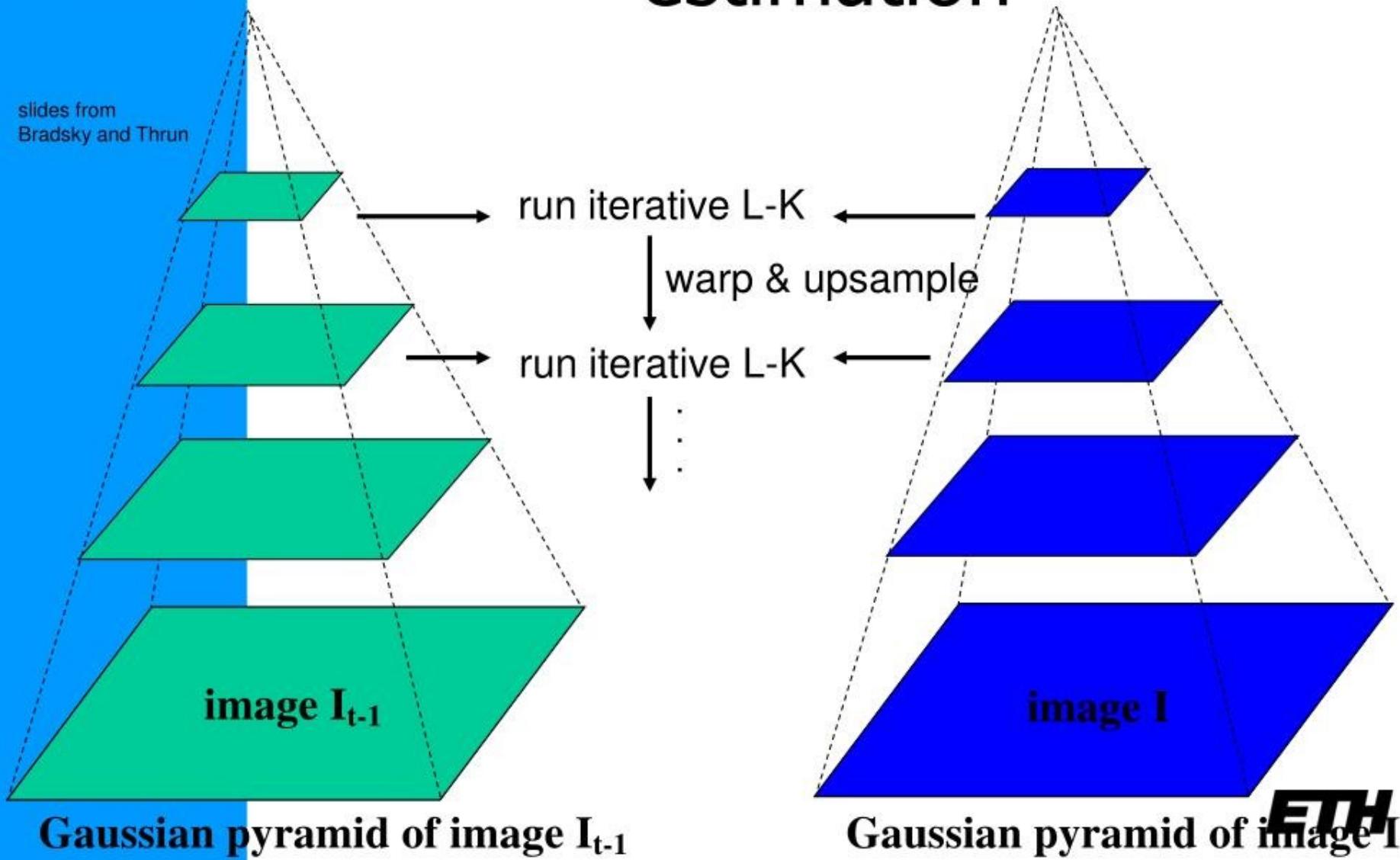


Gaussian pyramid of image  $I$



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# Feature tracking

- Identify features and track them over video
  - Small difference between frames
  - potential large difference overall
- Standard approach:  
KLT (Kanade-Lukas-Tomasi)



# Good features to track

- Use same window in feature selection as for tracking itself

$$\text{with } \mathbf{M} = \iint_W \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} w(x, y) dx dy$$

- Compute motion assuming it is small

$$\min \iint_W (I + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} \Delta - J)^2 w(x, y) dx dy$$

differentiate:  $\iint_W 2 \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} (I + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} \Delta - J) w(x, y) dx dy$

$$\iint_W \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} w(x, y) dx dy \Delta = \iint_W \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \end{bmatrix} (J - I) w(x, y) dx dy$$

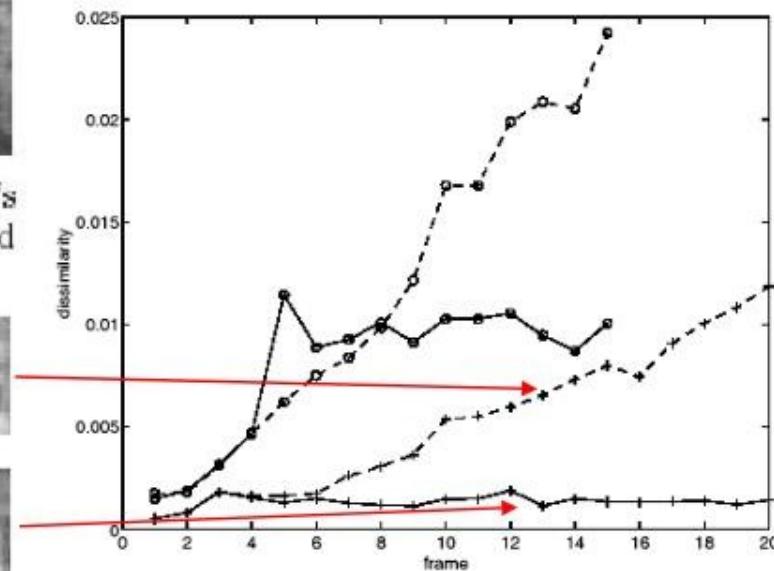
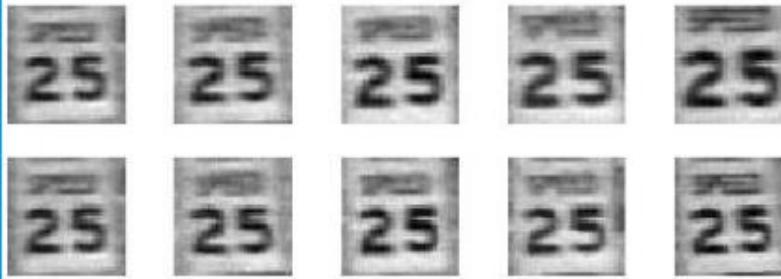
Affine is also possible, but a bit harder (6x6 instead of 2x2)



# Example



Figure 1: Three frame details from Woody Allen's *Manhattan*. The details are from the 1st, 11th, and 21st frames of a subsequence from the movie.



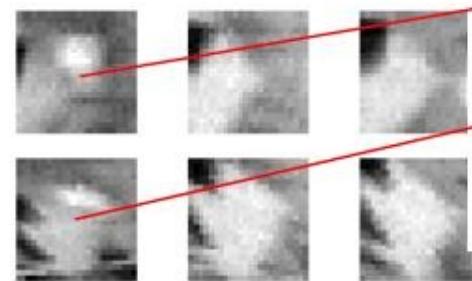
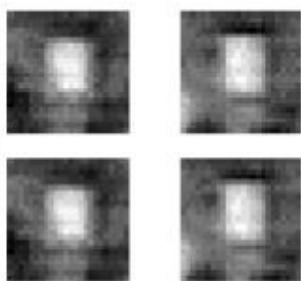
Simple displacement is sufficient between consecutive frames, but not to compare to reference template



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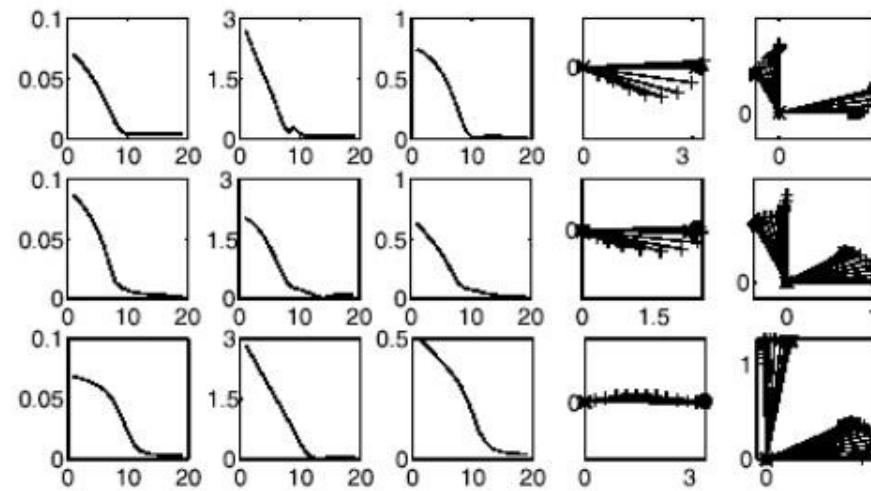
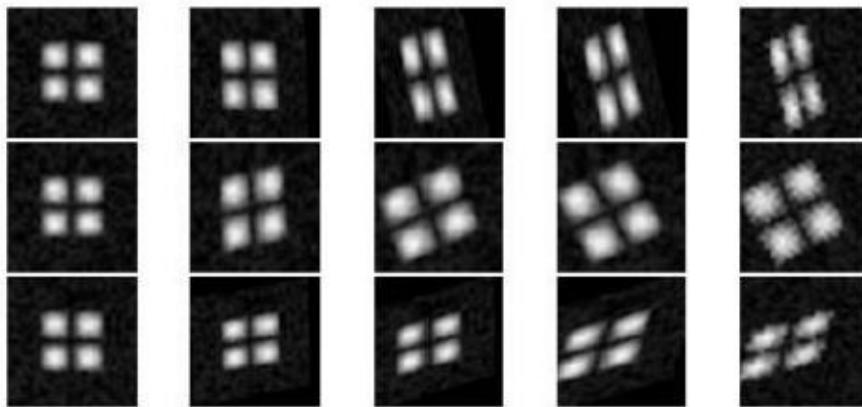


Figure 4: Three more frame details from *Manhattan*.  
The feature tracked is the bright window on the background, on the right of the traffic sign.



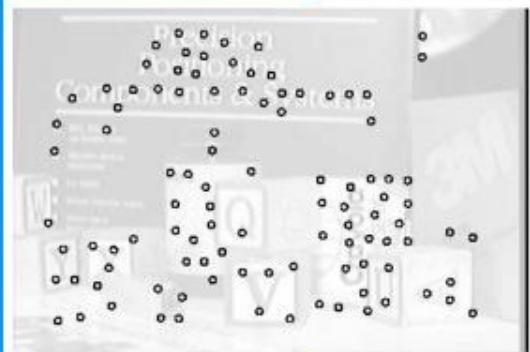
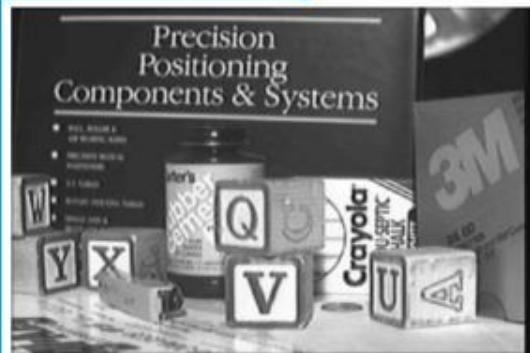


# Synthetic example

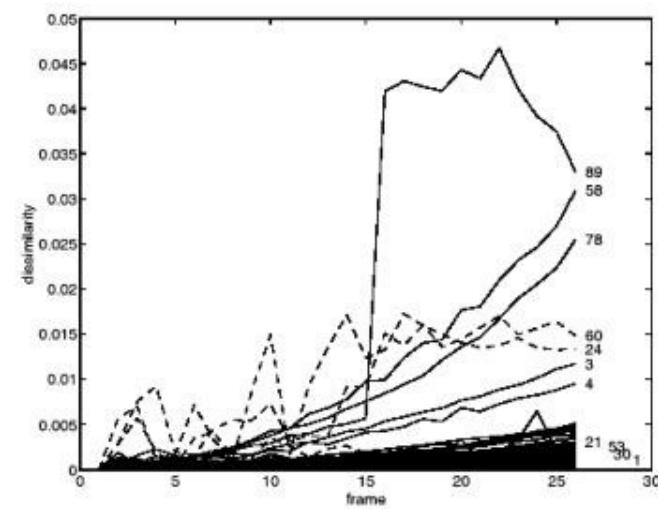
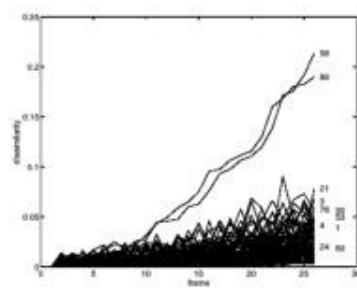
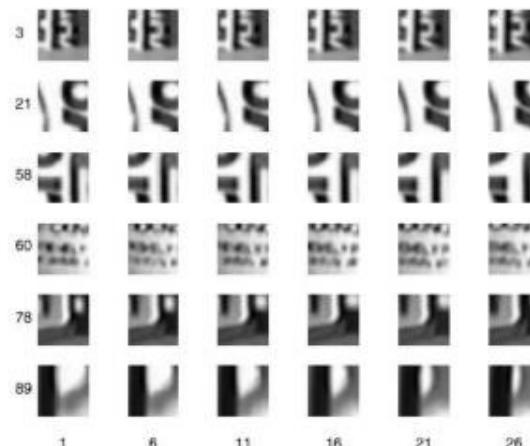




# Good features to keep tracking



Perform affine alignment between first and last frame  
Stop tracking features with too large errors









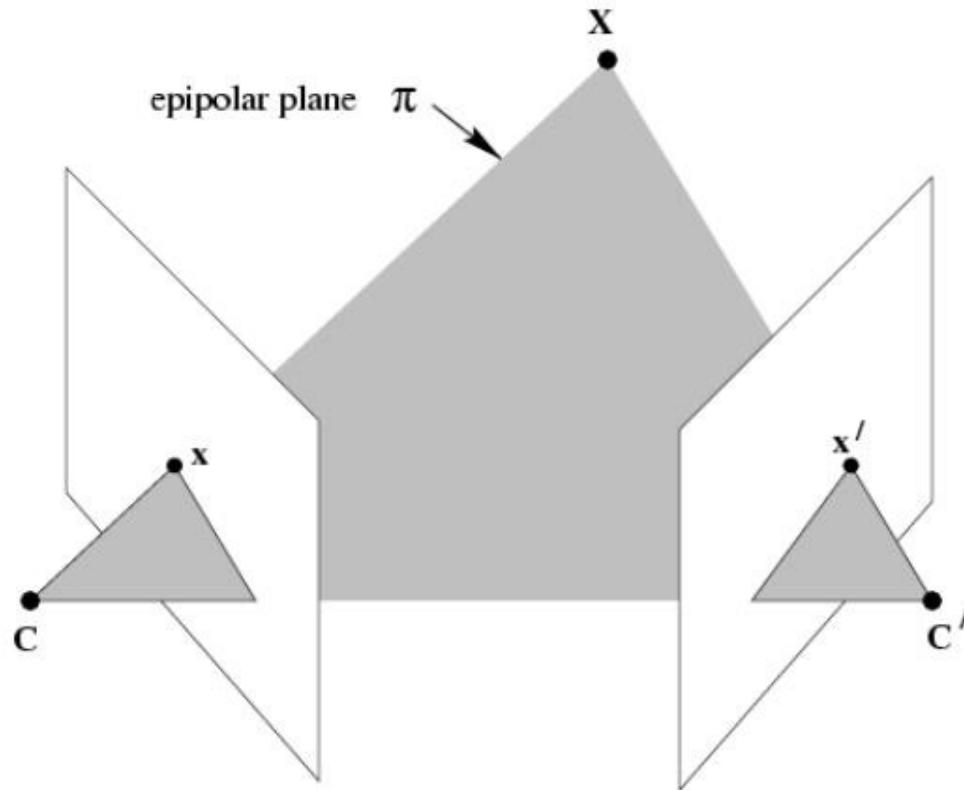
# Two-view geometry

## Three questions:

- (i) **Correspondence geometry:** Given an image point  $x$  in the first image, how does this constrain the position of the corresponding point  $x'$  in the second image?
- (ii) **Camera geometry (motion):** Given a set of corresponding image points  $\{x_i \leftrightarrow x'_i\}$ ,  $i=1,\dots,n$ , what are the cameras  $P$  and  $P'$  for the two views?
- (iii) **Scene geometry (structure):** Given corresponding image points  $x_i \leftrightarrow x'_i$  and cameras  $P, P'$ , what is the position of (their pre-image)  $X$  in space?



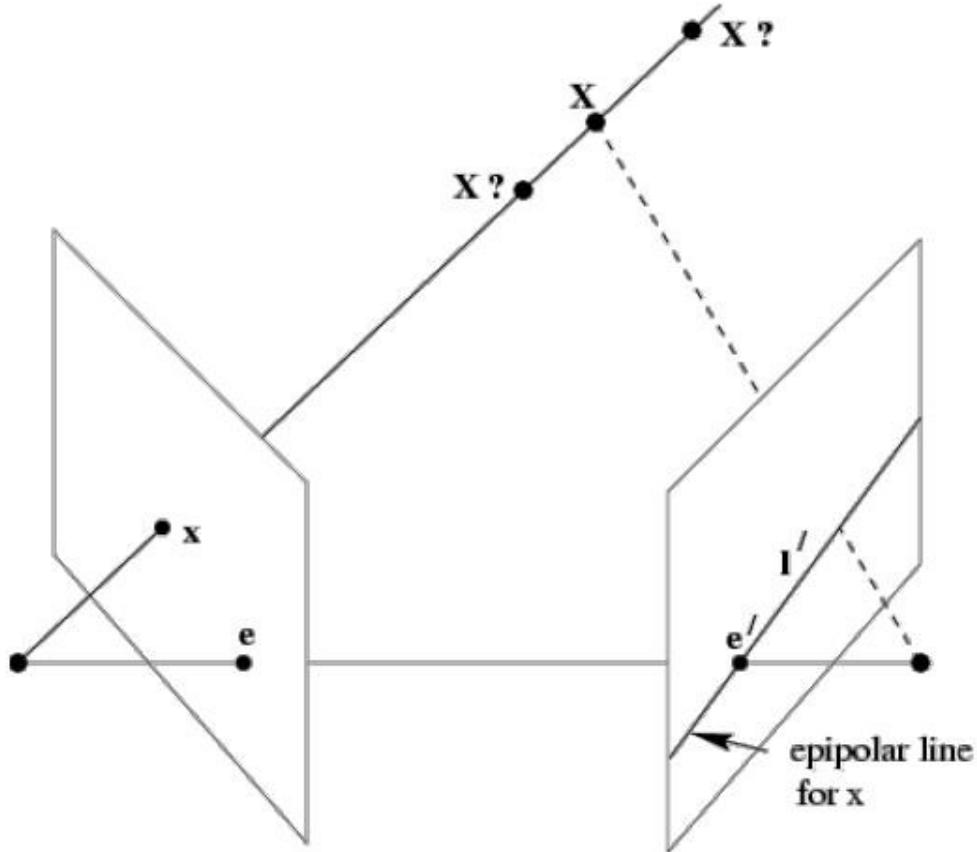
# The epipolar geometry



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



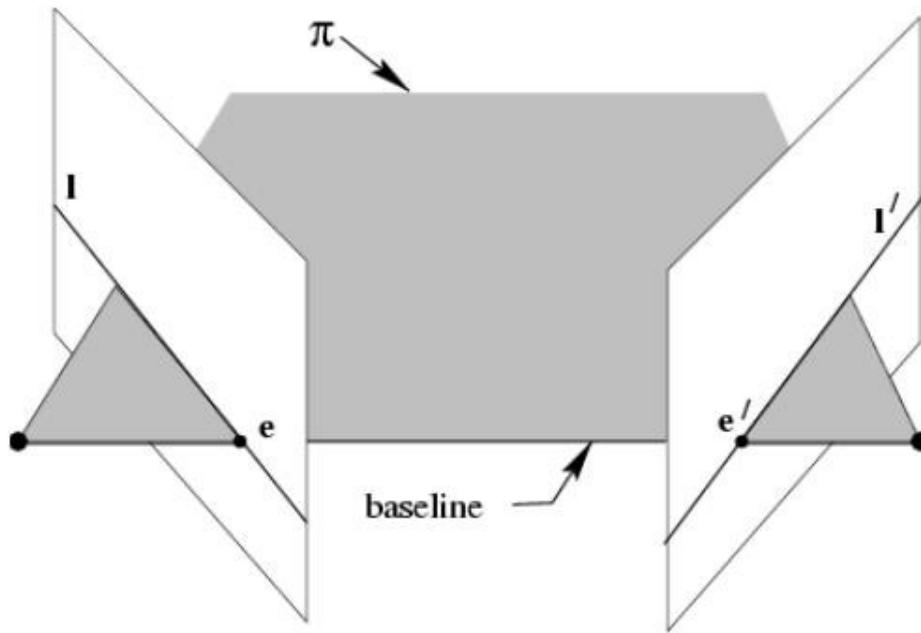
# The epipolar geometry



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



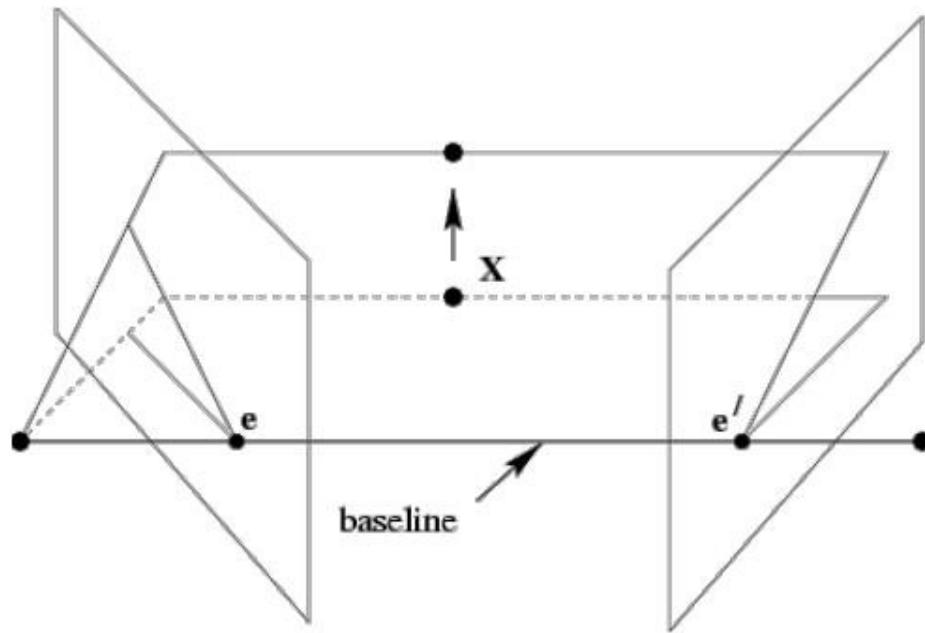
# The epipolar geometry



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



# The epipolar geometry



Family of planes  $\pi$  and lines  $l$  and  $l'$   
Intersection in  $e$  and  $e'$



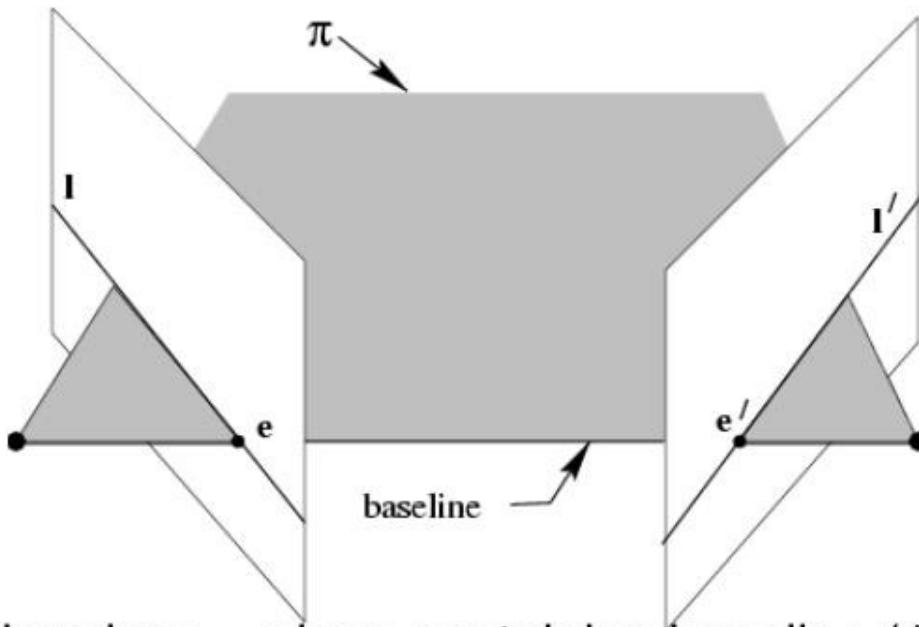
# The epipolar geometry

epipoles  $e, e'$

= intersection of baseline with image plane

= projection of projection center in other image

= vanishing point of camera motion direction

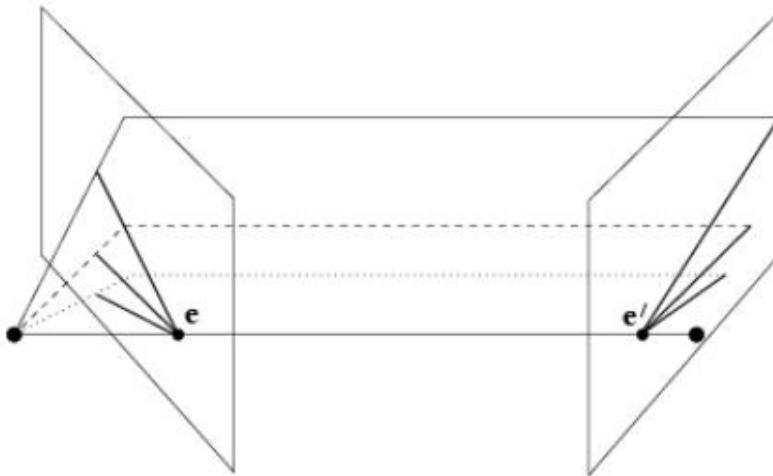


an epipolar plane = plane containing baseline (1-D family)

an epipolar line = intersection of epipolar plane with image  
(always come in corresponding pairs)

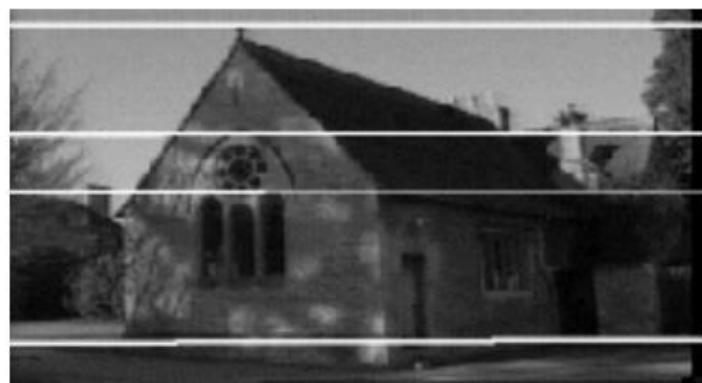
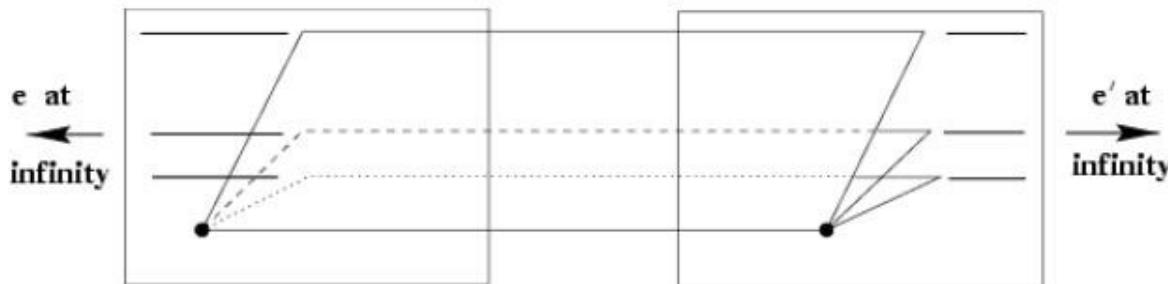


## Example: converging cameras





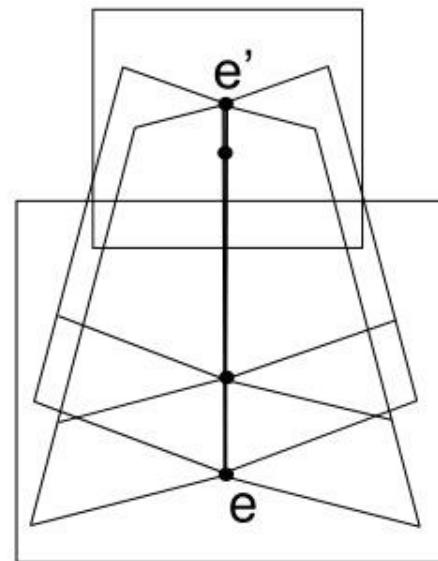
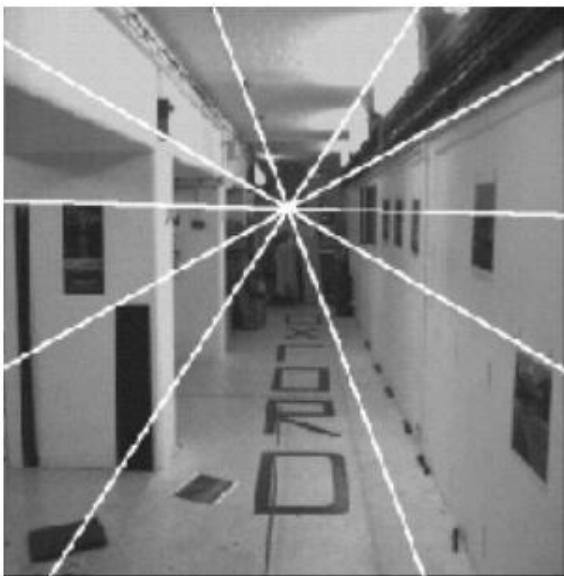
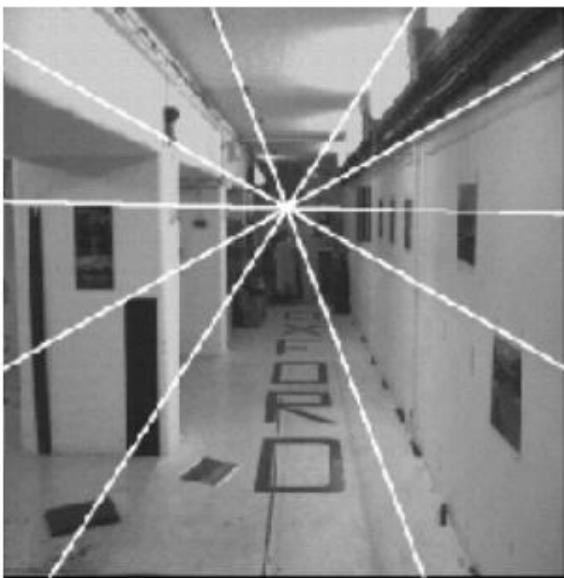
## Example: motion parallel with image plane



(simple for stereo → rectification) **ETH**



# Example: forward motion





# The fundamental matrix $F$

algebraic representation of epipolar geometry

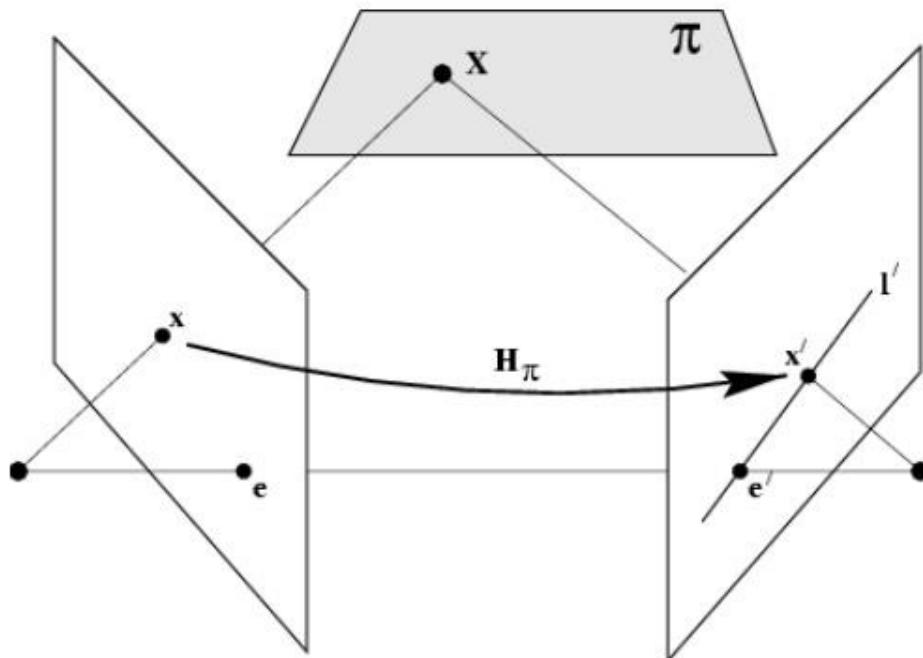
$$x \mapsto l'$$

we will see that mapping is (singular) correlation  
(i.e. projective mapping from points to lines)  
represented by the fundamental matrix  $F$



# The fundamental matrix F

geometric derivation



$$x' = H_\pi x$$

$$l' = e' \times x' = [e']_x H_\pi x = Fx$$

mapping from 2-D to 1-D family (rank 2)



# The fundamental matrix $F$

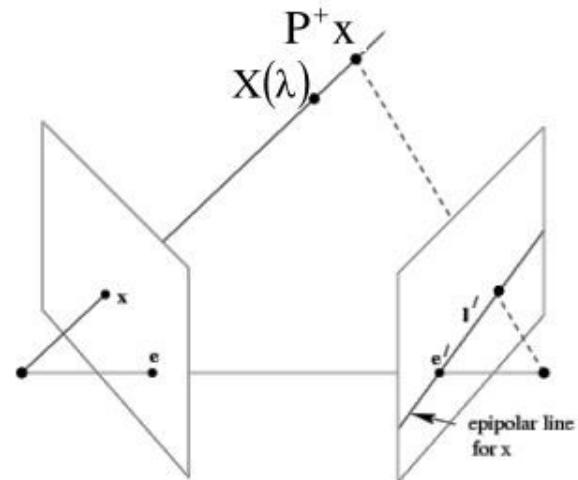
algebraic derivation

$$X(\lambda) = P^+x + \lambda C$$

$$(PP^+ = I)$$

$$l' = P'C \times P^+P^+x$$

$$F = [e']_x P' P^+$$



(note: doesn't work for  $C=C' \Rightarrow F=0$ )



# The fundamental matrix $F$

correspondence condition

The fundamental matrix satisfies the condition  
that for any pair of corresponding points  $x \leftrightarrow x'$  in  
the two images

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



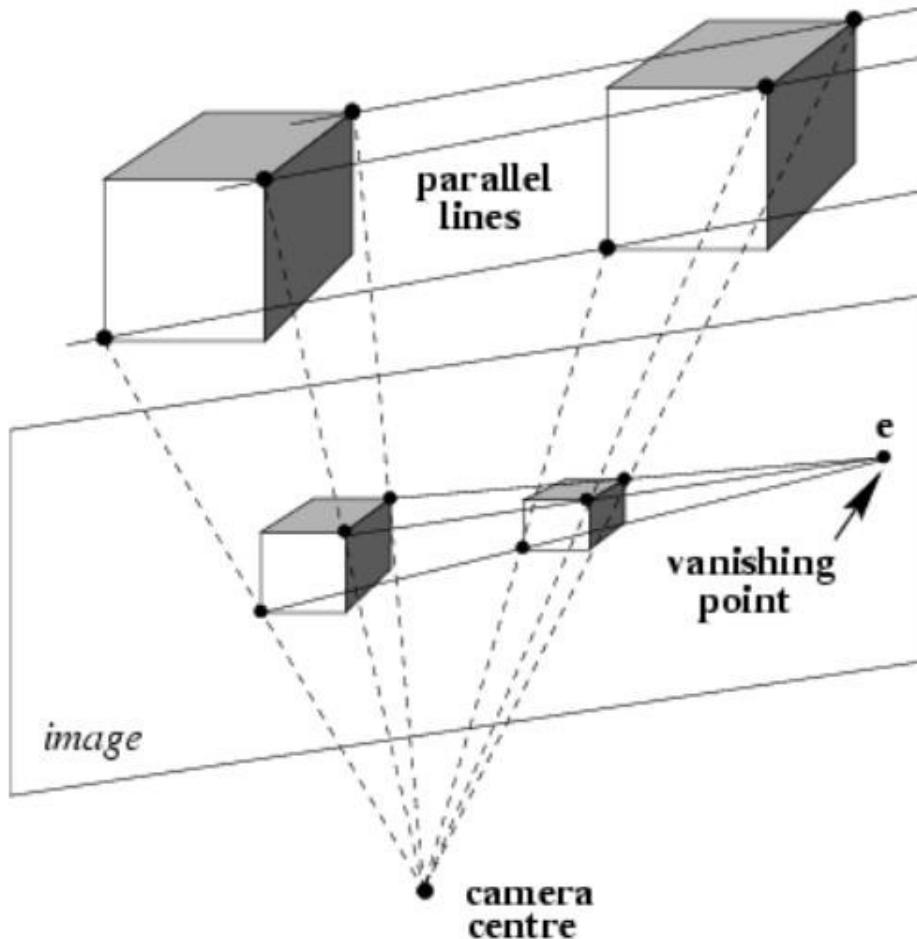
# The fundamental matrix $F$

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

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

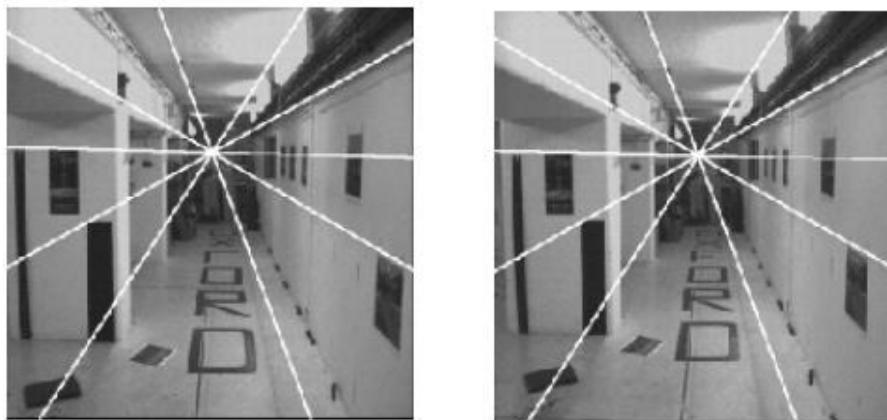
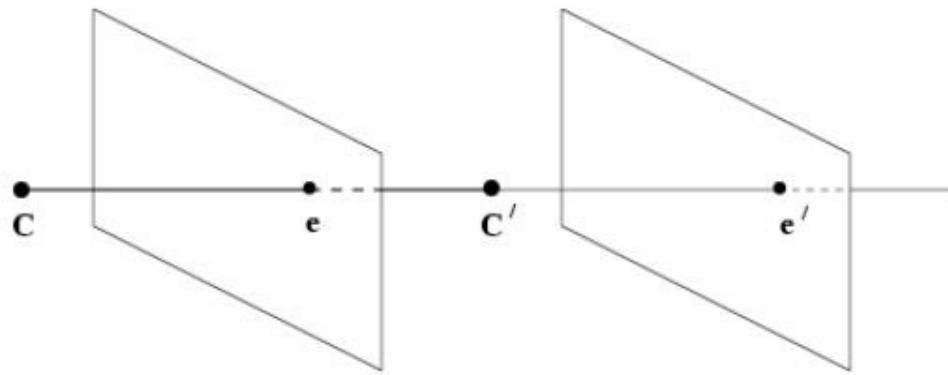


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General motion

$$F = [e']_{\times} P' P^+$$

Pure translation

$$\begin{aligned} P &= K[I \mid 0] & P^+ &= \begin{bmatrix} K^{-1} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ P' &= K[I \mid t] \end{aligned}$$

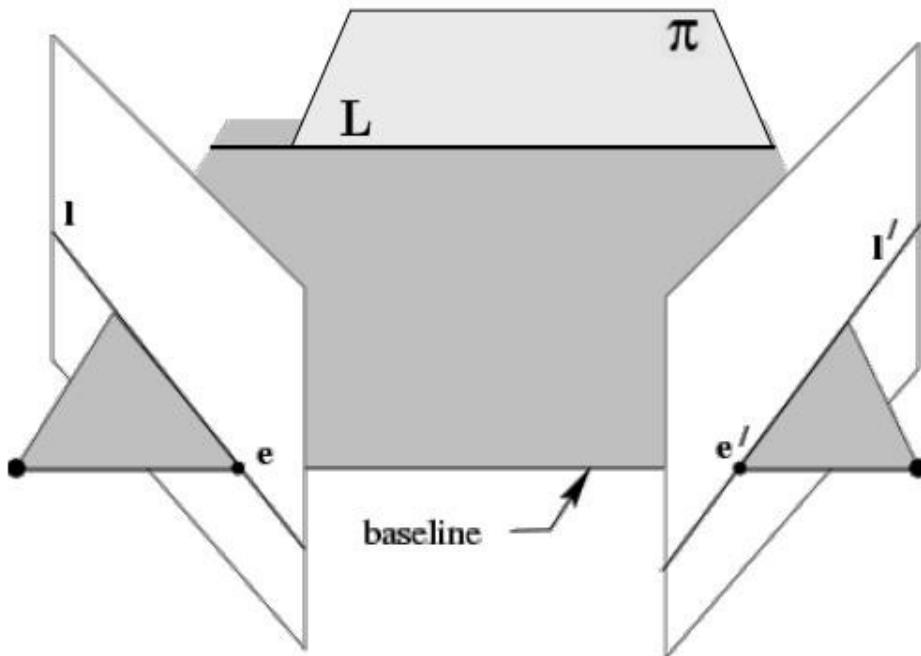
$$F = [e']_{\times} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & e'_z & -e'_y \\ -e'_z & 0 & e'_x \\ e'_y & -e'_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

for pure translation F only  
has 2 degrees of freedom



# The fundamental matrix F

relation to homographies



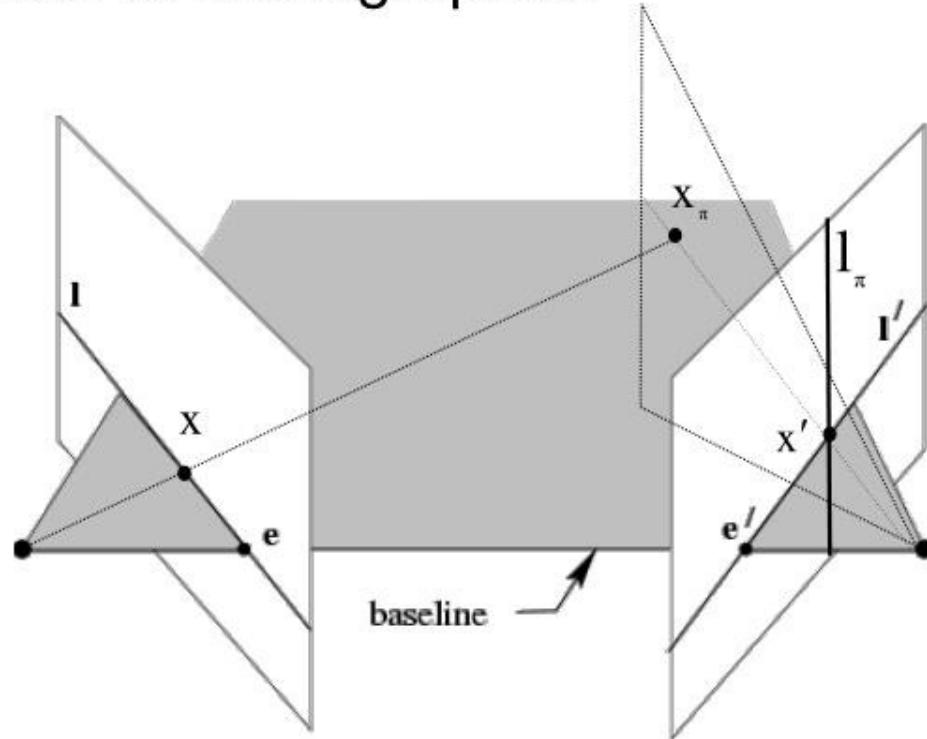
$$[e']^* H_{\pi} = F \quad l' = H_{\pi}^{-T} l \quad e' = H_{\pi} e$$

valid for all plane homographies



# The fundamental matrix F

relation to homographies



$$x' = H_\pi x = [l_\pi]^\times F x$$

requires  $l_\pi^T e' \neq 0$

$$\text{e.g. } H = [e']^\times F$$

$(e'^T e' \neq 0)$



# Projective transformation and invariance

Derivation based purely on projective concepts

$$\hat{x} = Hx, \hat{x}' = H'x' \Rightarrow \hat{F} = H^{-T} FH^{-1}$$

$F$  invariant to transformations of projective 3-space

$$x = Px = (PH)(H^{-1}X) = \hat{P}\hat{X}$$

$$x' = P'X = (P'H)(H^{-1}X) = \hat{P}'\hat{X}$$

$$(P, P') \mapsto F \quad \text{unique}$$

$$F \mapsto (P, P') \quad \text{not unique}$$

canonical form

$$\begin{aligned} P &= [I \mid 0] \\ P' &= [M \mid m] \end{aligned}$$

$$F = [m]_{\times} M \quad (F = [e']_{\times} P' P^+)$$





# Projective ambiguity of cameras given F

previous slide: at least projective ambiguity

this slide: not more!

Show that if F is same for  $(P, P')$  and  $(\tilde{P}, \tilde{P}')$ ,  
there exists a projective transformation H so that  
 $\tilde{P} = HP$  and  $\tilde{P}' = HP'$

$$P = [I | 0] \quad P' = [A | a] \quad F = [a]_x A = [\tilde{a}]_x \tilde{A}$$
$$\tilde{P} = [I | 0] \quad \tilde{P}' = [\tilde{A} | \tilde{a}]$$

lemma:  $\tilde{a} = ka$  and  $\tilde{A} = k^{-1}(A + av^T)$

$$aF = a[a]_x A = 0 = \tilde{a}F \xrightarrow{\text{rank 2}} \tilde{a} = ka$$

$$[a]_x A = [\tilde{a}]_x \tilde{A} \Rightarrow [a]_x (k\tilde{A} - A) = 0 \Rightarrow (k\tilde{A} - A) = av^T$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} k^{-1}I & 0 \\ k^{-1}v^T & k \end{bmatrix} \quad P'H = [A | a] \begin{bmatrix} k^{-1}I & 0 \\ k^{-1}v^T & k \end{bmatrix}$$

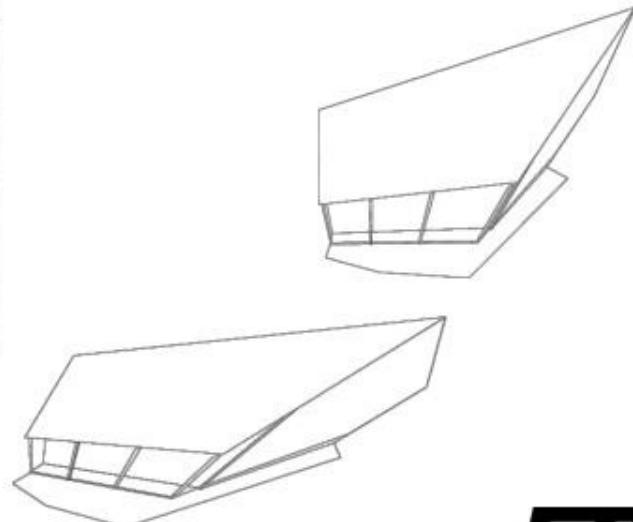
$$(22-15=7, \text{ ok}) \quad = [k^{-1}(A - av^T) | ka] = \tilde{P}' \textbf{ETH}$$



# The projective reconstruction theorem

If a set of point correspondences in two views determine the fundamental matrix uniquely, then the scene and cameras may be reconstructed from these correspondences alone, and any two such reconstructions from these correspondences are projectively equivalent

**allows reconstruction from pair of uncalibrated images!**



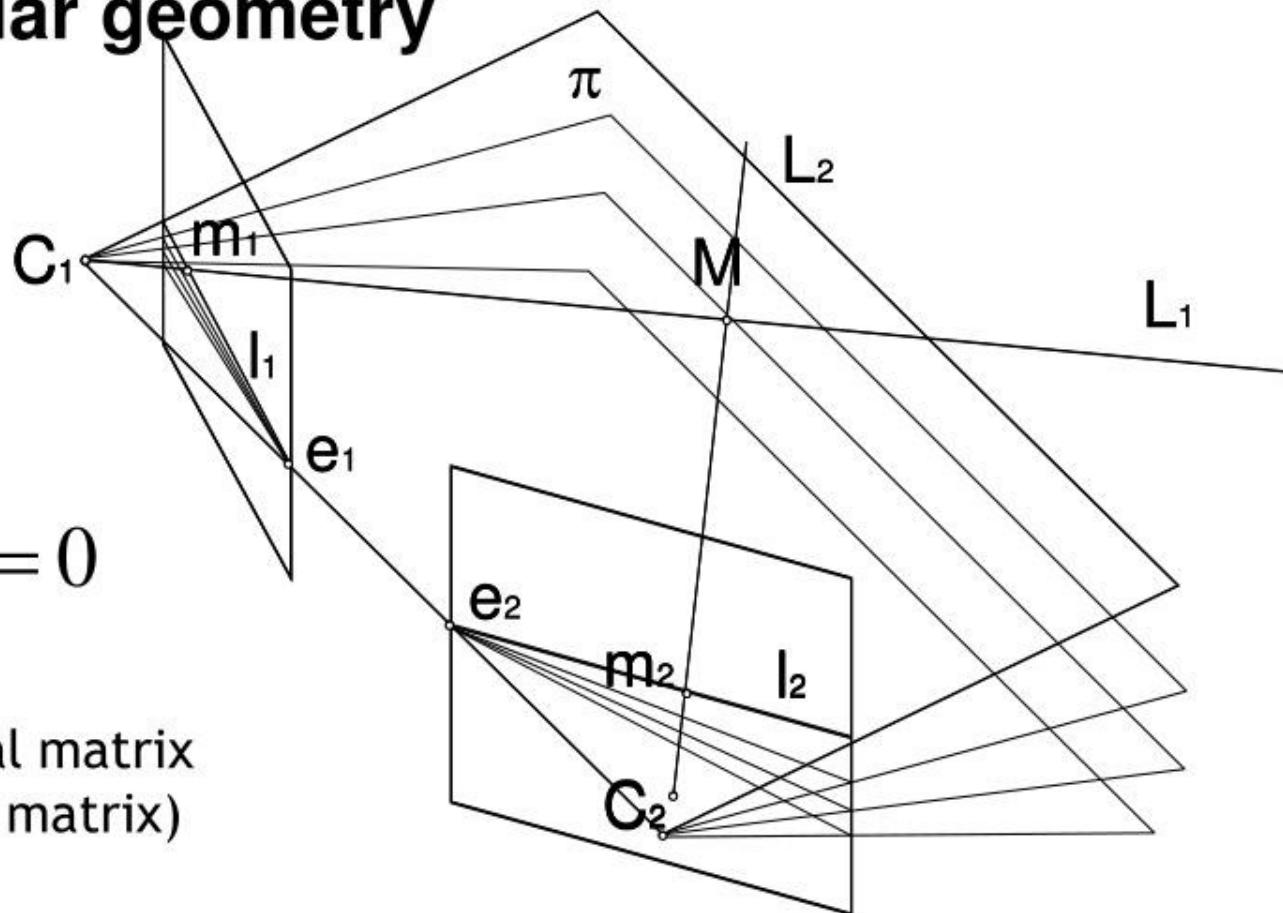


# Epipolar geometry

Underlying structure  
in set of matches for  
rigid scenes

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} l_1^T & l_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{m_2^T F m_1 = 0}$$

Fundamental matrix  
( $3 \times 3$  rank 2 matrix)



Canonical representation:

$$P = [I | 0] \quad P' = [[e']^T | F + e' v^T | \lambda e']$$

1. Computable from corresponding points
2. Simplifies matching
3. Allows to detect wrong matches
4. Related to calibration



# Epipolar geometry?



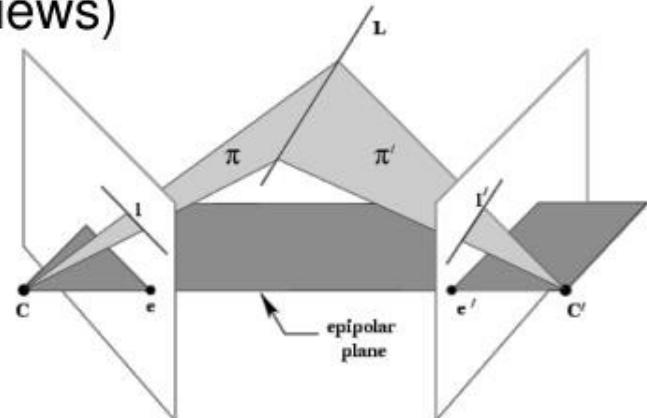
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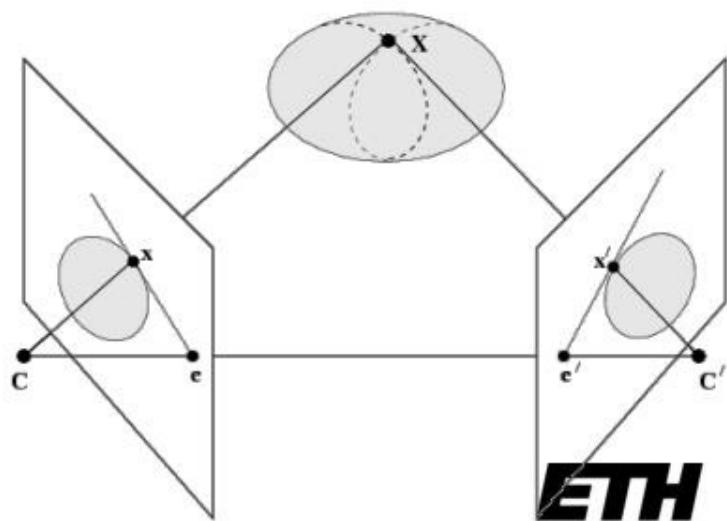
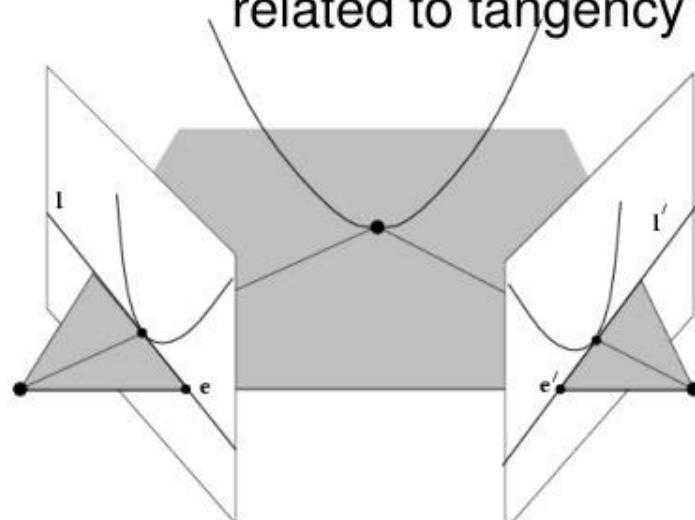


## Other entities besides points?

Lines give no constraint for two view geometry  
(but will for three and more views)



Curves and surfaces yield some constraints  
related to tangency



(e.g. Sinha et al. CVPR'04)

**ETH**



# Computation of F

- Linear (8-point)
- Minimal (7-point)
- Robust (RANSAC)
- Non-linear refinement (MLE, ...)
- Practical approach



## Epipolar geometry: basic equation

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

$$x'xf_{11} + x'yf_{12} + x'f_{13} + y'xf_{21} + y'yf_{22} + y'f_{23} + xf_{31} + yf_{32} + f_{33} = 0$$

separate known from unknown

$$\begin{bmatrix} x'_1 & x_1 & x'_1 & y_1 & x'_1 & y'_1 & x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x'_n & x_n & x'_n & y_n & x'_n & y'_n & x_n & y_n & 1 \end{bmatrix} f = 0$$

$$Af = 0$$



## the NOT normalized 8-point algorithm

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1x_1' & y_1x_1' & x_1' & x_1y_1' & y_1y_1' & y_1' & x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2x_2' & y_2x_2' & x_2' & x_2y_2' & y_2y_2' & y_2' & x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_nx_n' & y_nx_n' & x_n' & x_ny_n' & y_ny_n' & y_n' & x_n & y_n & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} \\ f_{12} \\ f_{13} \\ f_{21} \\ f_{22} \\ f_{23} \\ f_{31} \\ f_{32} \\ f_{33} \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

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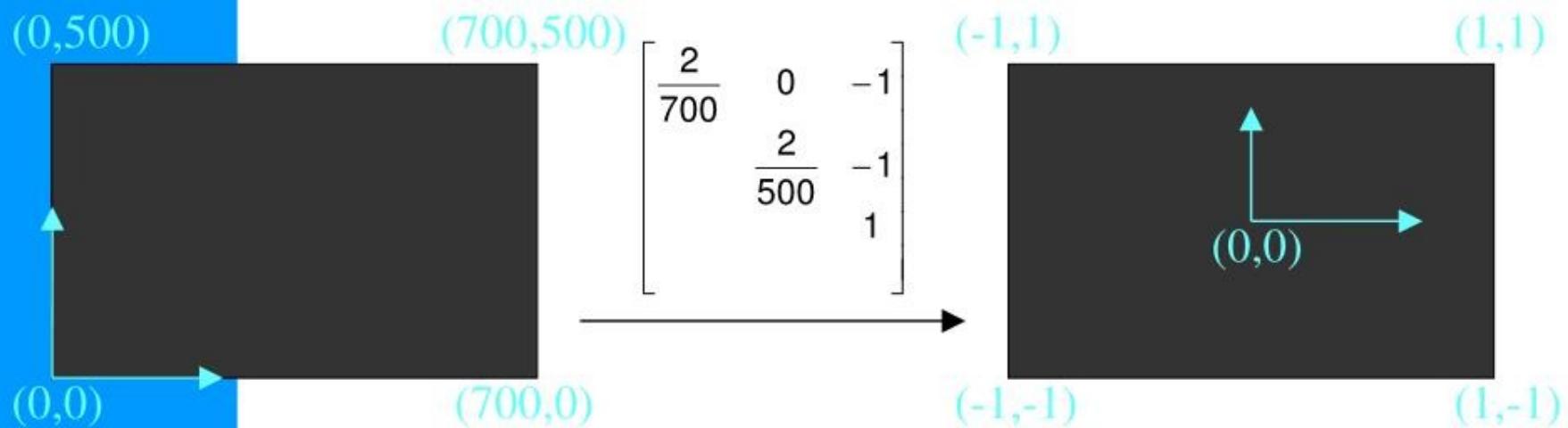


Orders of magnitude difference  
between column of data matrix  
→ least-squares yields poor results



## the normalized 8-point algorithm

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



normalized least squares yields good results  
(Hartley, PAMI '97)



# the singularity constraint

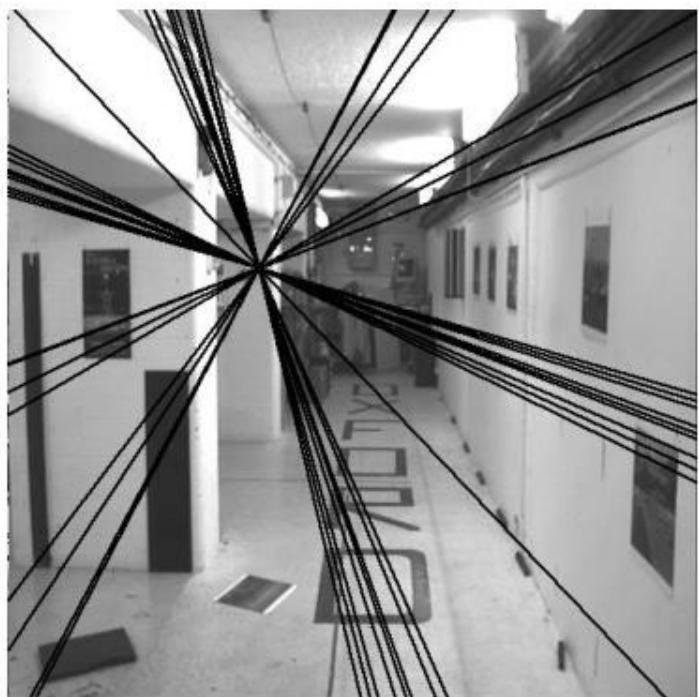
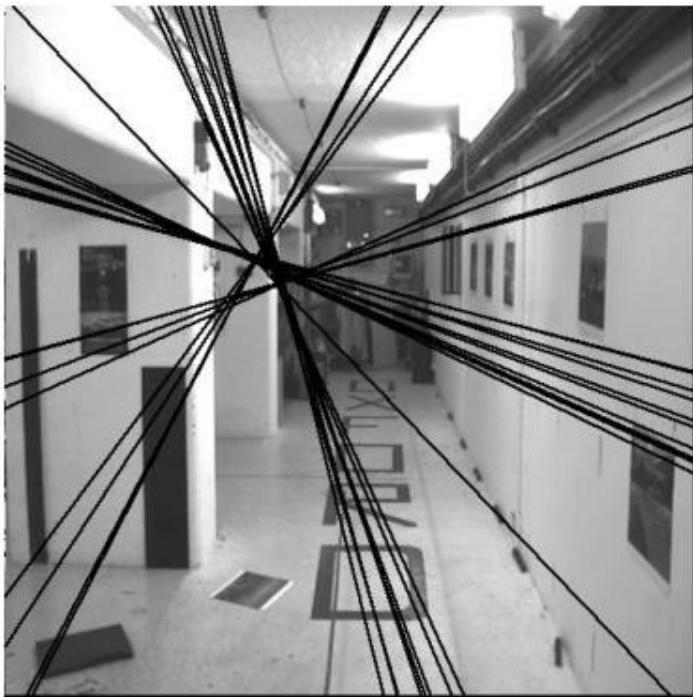
$$e'^T F = 0 \quad Fe = 0 \quad \det F = 0 \quad \text{rank } F = 2$$

SVD from linearly computed F matrix (rank 3)

$$F = U \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \sigma_2 & \\ & & \sigma_3 \end{bmatrix} V^T = U_1 \sigma_1 V_1^T + U_2 \sigma_2 V_2^T + U_3 \sigma_3 V_3^T$$

Compute closest rank-2 approximation  $\min \|F - F'\|_F$

$$F' = U \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & & \\ & \sigma_2 & \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix} V^T = U_1 \sigma_1 V_1^T + U_2 \sigma_2 V_2^T$$





## the minimum case – 7 point correspondences

$$\begin{bmatrix} x'_1 x_1 & x'_1 y_1 & x'_1 & y'_1 x_1 & y'_1 y_1 & y'_1 & x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x'_7 x_7 & x'_7 y_7 & x'_7 & y'_7 x_7 & y'_7 y_7 & y'_7 & x_7 & y_7 & 1 \end{bmatrix} f = 0$$

$$A = U_{7 \times 7} \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_7, 0, 0) V_{9 \times 9}^T$$

$$\Rightarrow A[V_8 V_9] = 0_{9 \times 2} \quad (\text{e.g. } V^T V_8 = [000000010]^T)$$

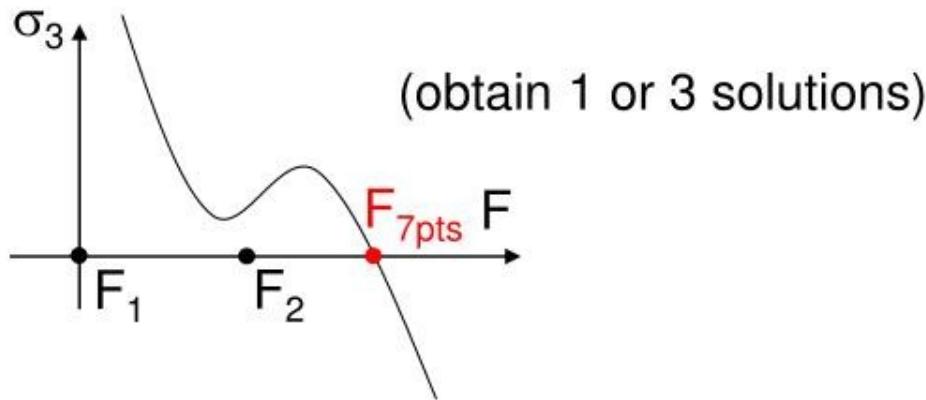
$$x_i^T (F_1 + \lambda F_2) x_i = 0, \forall i = 1 \dots 7$$

one parameter family of solutions

but  $F_1 + \lambda F_2$  not automatically rank 2



## the minimum case – impose rank 2



$$\det(F_1 + \lambda F_2) = a_3 \lambda^3 + a_2 \lambda^2 + a_1 \lambda + a_0 = 0 \quad (\text{cubic equation})$$

$$\det(F_1 + \lambda F_2) = \det F_2 \det(F_2^{-1}F_1 + \lambda I) = 0 \quad (\det(AB) = \det(A)\det(B))$$

Compute possible  $\lambda$  as eigenvalues of  $F_2^{-1}F_1$   
(only real solutions are potential solutions)



# Automatic computation of F

RANSAC {

Step 1. Extract features

Step 2. Compute a set of potential matches

Step 3. do

Step 3.1 select minimal sample (i.e. 7 matches)

Step 3.2 compute solution(s) for F

Step 3.3 determine inliers (verify hypothesis)

until  $\Gamma(\#inliers, \#samples) < 95\%$

} (generate hypothesis)

Step 4. Compute F based on all inliers

Step 5. Look for additional matches

Step 6. Refine F based on all correct matches

$$\Gamma = 1 - \left(1 - \left(\frac{\#inliers}{\#matches}\right)^7\right)^{\#samples}$$

#inliers	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%
#samples	5	13	35	106	382



## Finding more matches

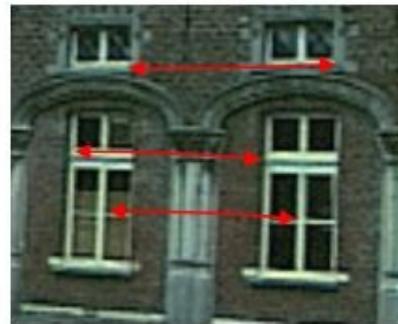
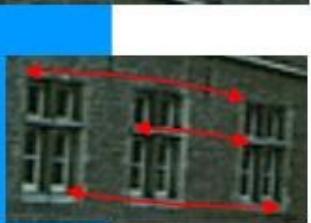


restrict search range to neighborhood of epipolar line  
(e.g.  $\pm 1.5$  pixels)  
relax disparity restriction (along epipolar line)



## Issues:

- (Mostly) planar scene (see next slide)
- Absence of sufficient features (no texture)
- Repeated structure ambiguity



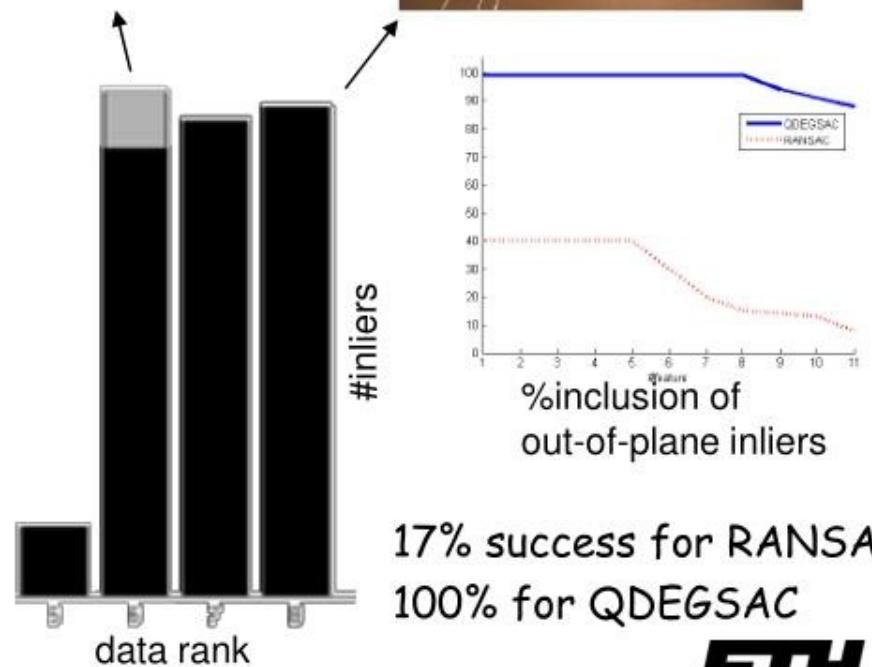
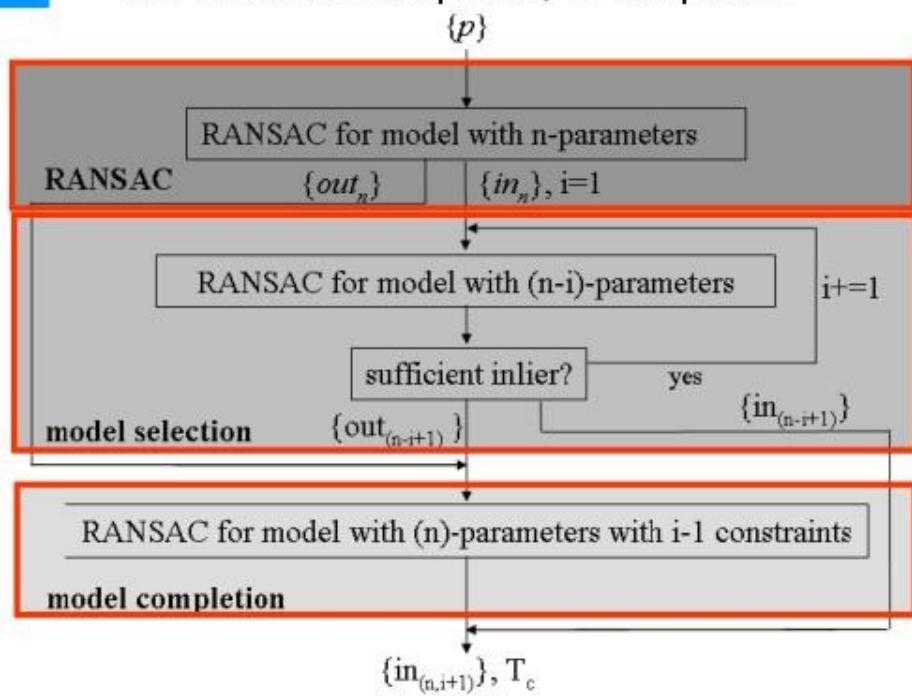
- Robust matcher also finds support for wrong hypothesis
- solution: detect repetition  
(Schaffalitzky and Zisserman,  
BMVC'98)



# Computing F for quasi-planar scenes QDEGSAC



337 matches on plane, 11 off plane





## two-view geometry



geometric relations between two views is fully described by recovered  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $F$