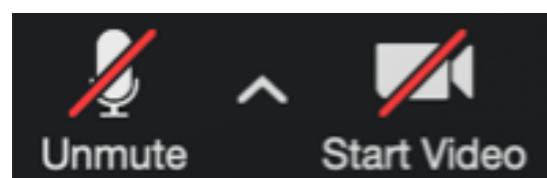




# AEROSP 584 - Navigation and Guidance: From Perception to Control



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10:30am EST

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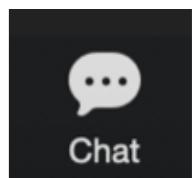
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To ask questions:



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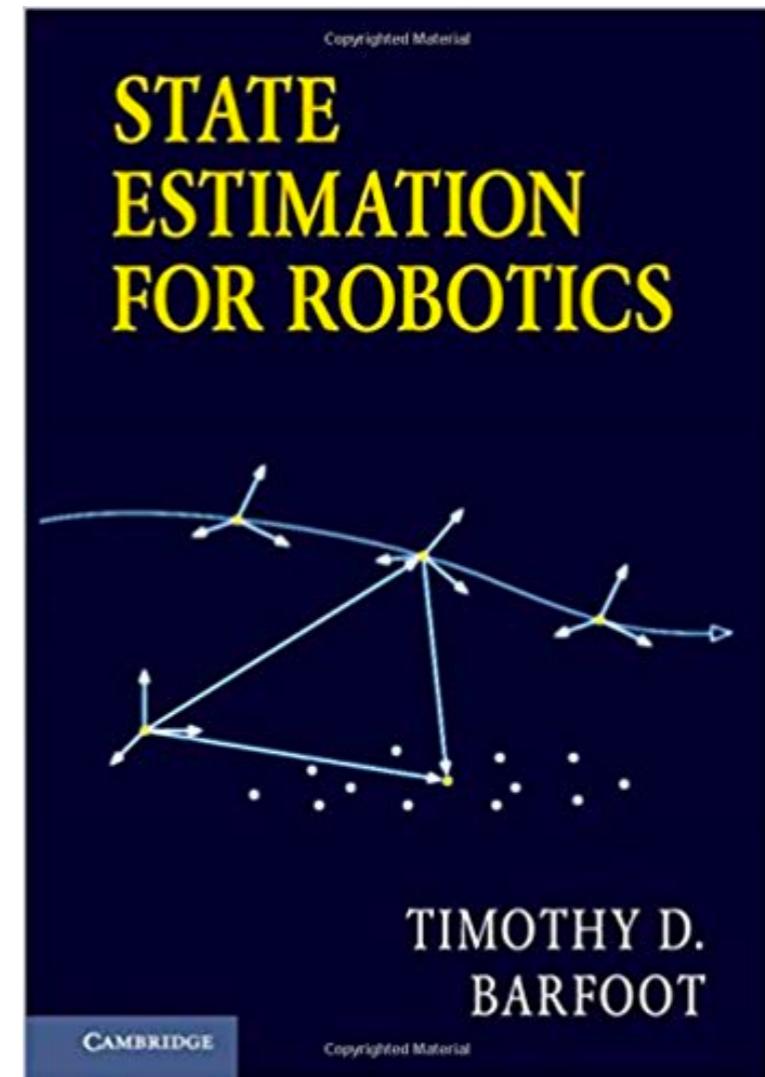


Raise Hand

# Today

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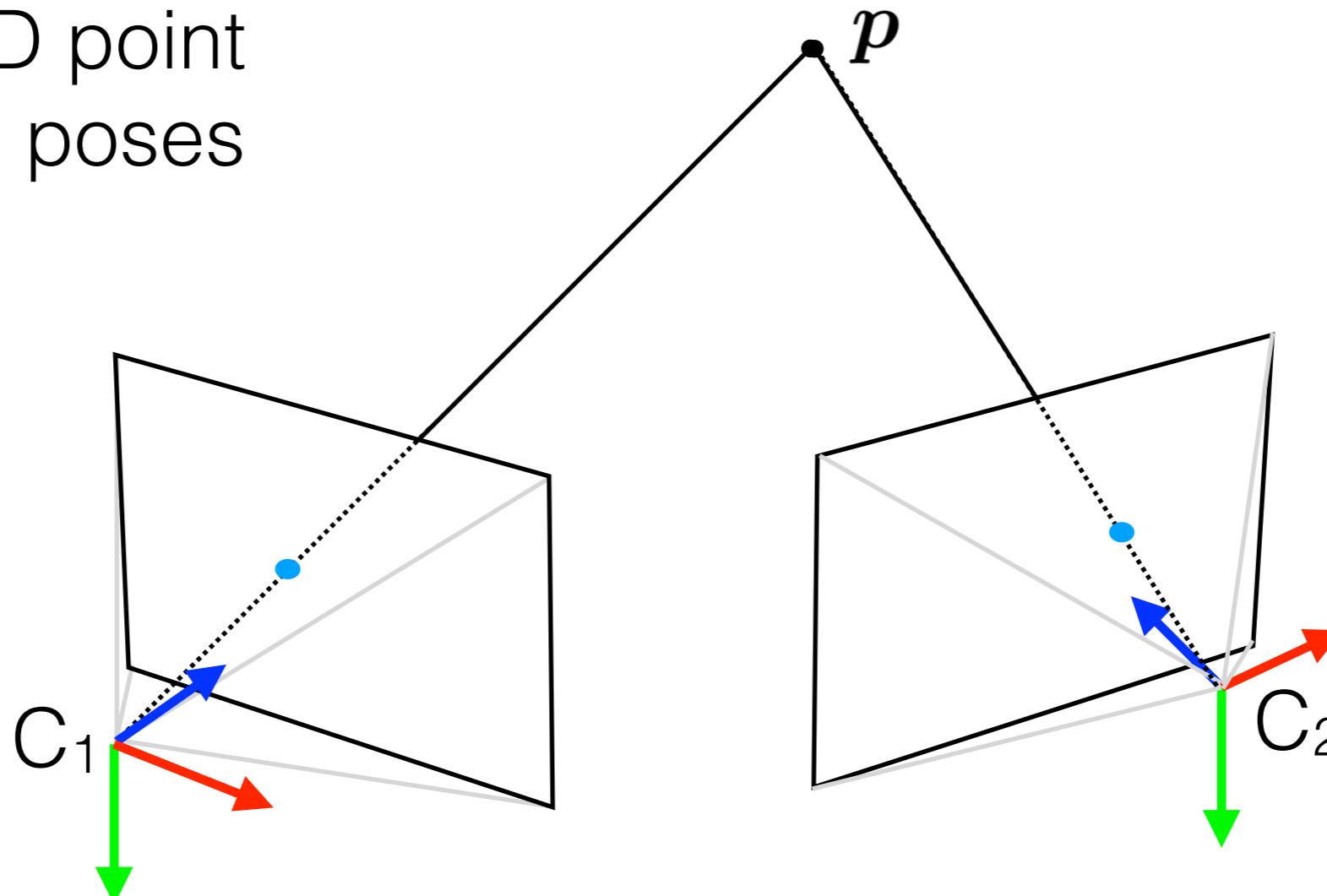
- Optimization examples
- Estimation Basics



Part I: Estimation Machinery  
(more than what we need)

# Example 1: Triangulation (Structure Reconstruction)

Compute 3D point  
from known poses



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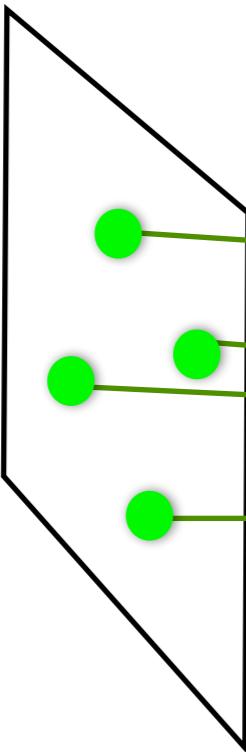
$$\lambda_2 \tilde{x}_2 = \frac{\underline{K_2 [R_w^{c_2} \ t_w^{c_2}] \tilde{p}^w}}{\Pi_2}$$

$$\min_{p^w} \|x_1 - \pi(R_{c_1}^w, t_{c_1}^w, p^w)\|^2 + \|x_2 - \pi(R_{c_2}^w, t_{c_2}^w, p^w)\|^2$$

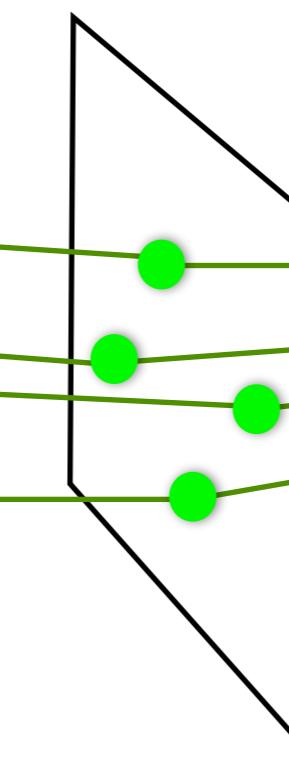
# Example 2: Motion Estimation

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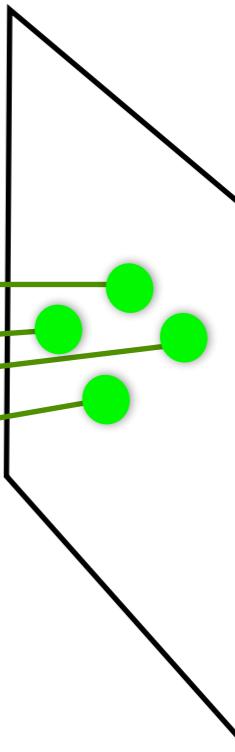
Time 1



Time 2



Time 3



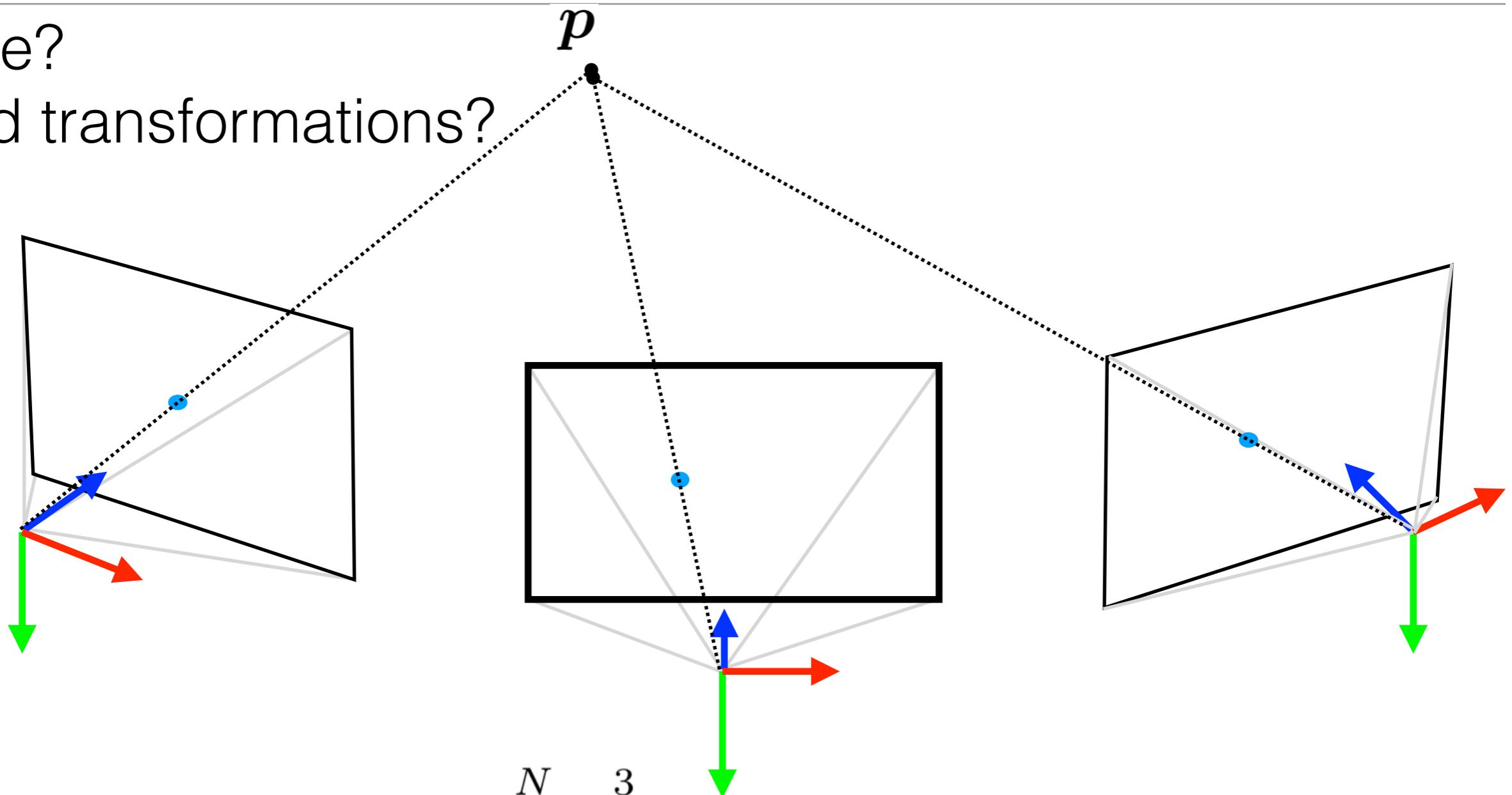
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Generalizes to K cameras: **Bundle adjustment**

# Example 3: Motion and Structure Estimation

Scale?

Rigid transformations?



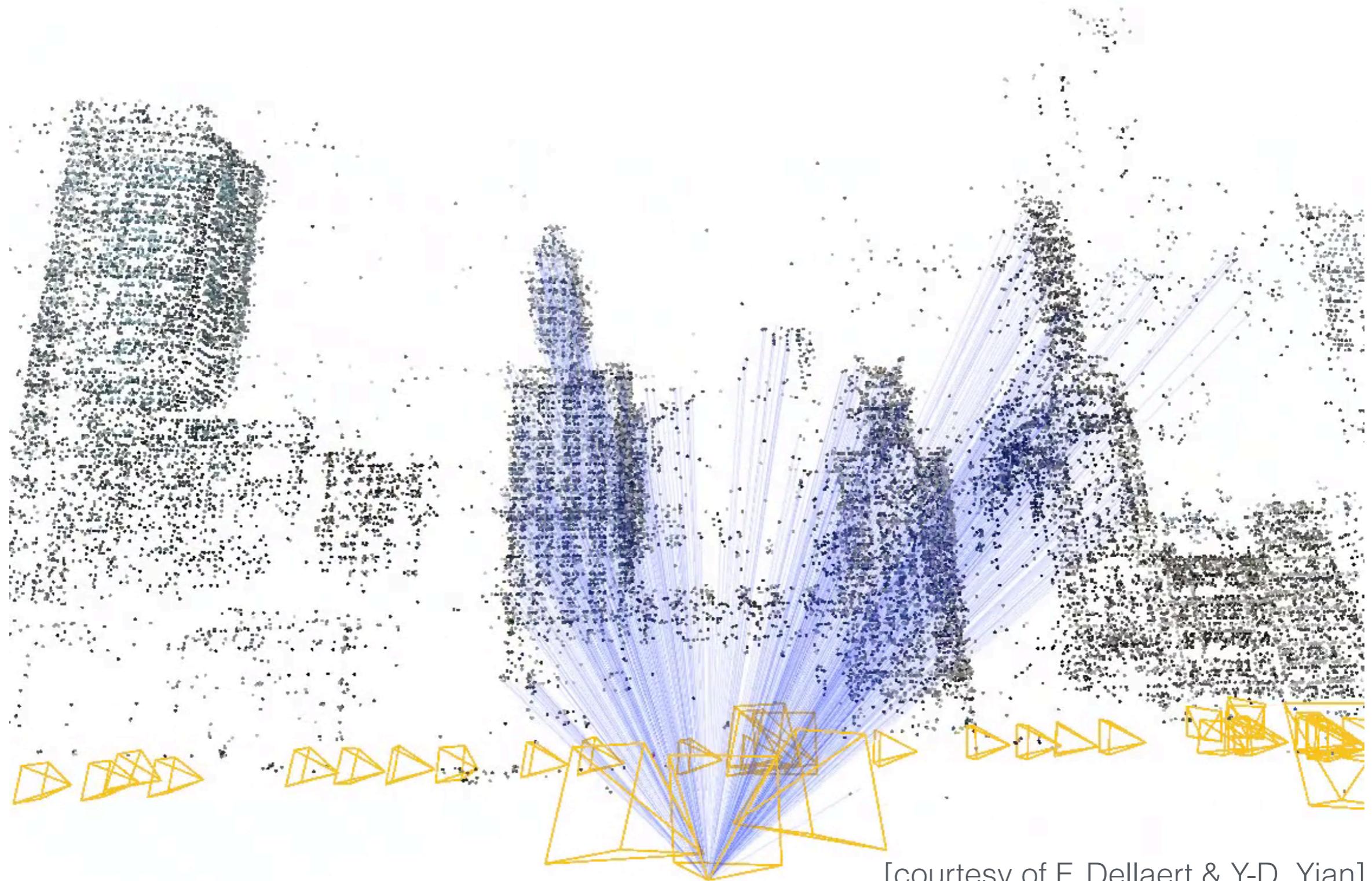
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# Structure from Motion

180 cameras, 88723 points  
458642 projections  
active camera: 4

Original graph



[courtesy of F. Dellaert & Y-D. Yian]

# Estimation Theory

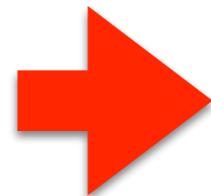
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Concerned with the estimation of unknown variables given (noisy) measurements and prior information

**Estimator**: a function of the measurements that approximates the unknown variables

Measurements that depend on some unknown variable  $\mathbf{x}$ :

$$z_1, \dots, z_N$$



Estimator for  $\mathbf{x}$ :

$$\mathbf{x}^* = \mathcal{F}(z_1, \dots, z_N)$$

$$\mathbf{x}^* \approx \mathbf{x}$$

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likelihood

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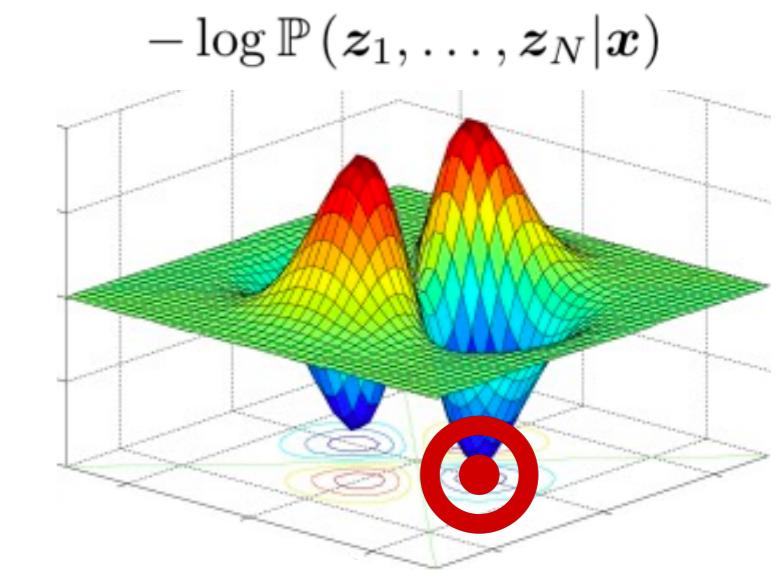
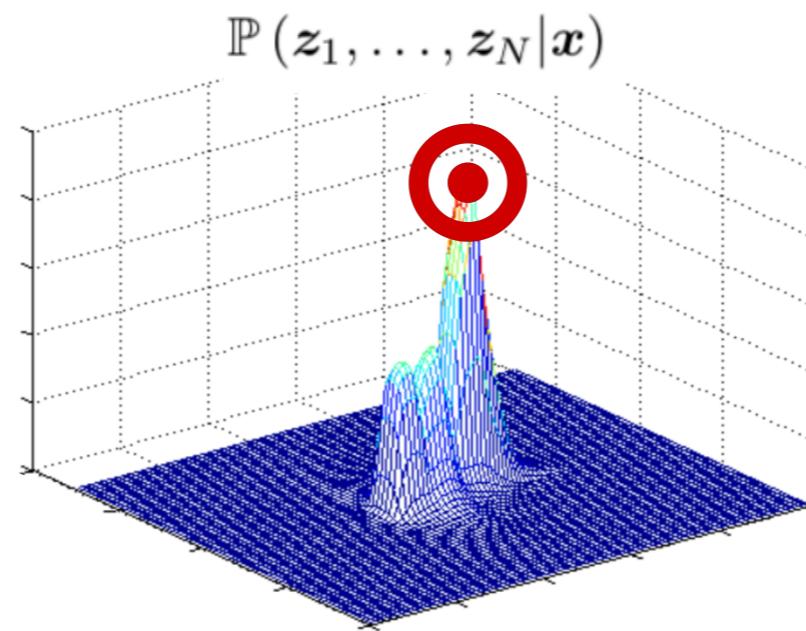
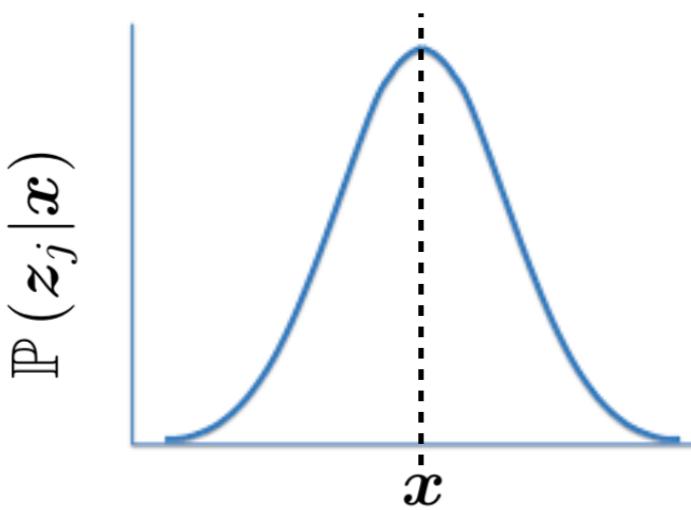
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$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{MAP}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_N)$$

Using Bayes rule:

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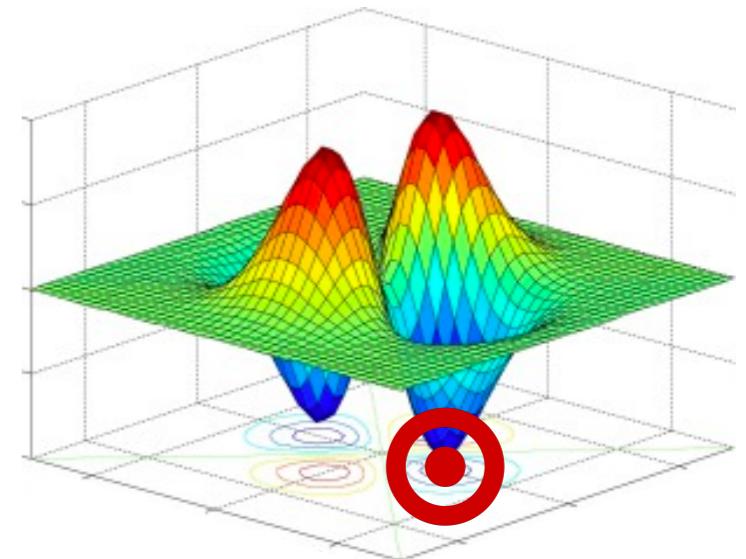
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Assuming independence between measurements:

$$\mathbf{x}_{\text{MAP}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x}} - \sum_{j=1}^N \log \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{z}_j | \mathbf{x}) - \log \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{x})$$



# Optimization

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Nonlinear triangulation:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\mathbf{p}^w} & \| \mathbf{x}_1 - \pi(\mathbf{R}_{c_1}^w, \mathbf{t}_{c_1}^w, \mathbf{p}^w) \|^2 + \\ & + \| \mathbf{x}_2 - \pi(\mathbf{R}_{c_2}^w, \mathbf{t}_{c_2}^w, \mathbf{p}^w) \|^2 \end{aligned}$$

