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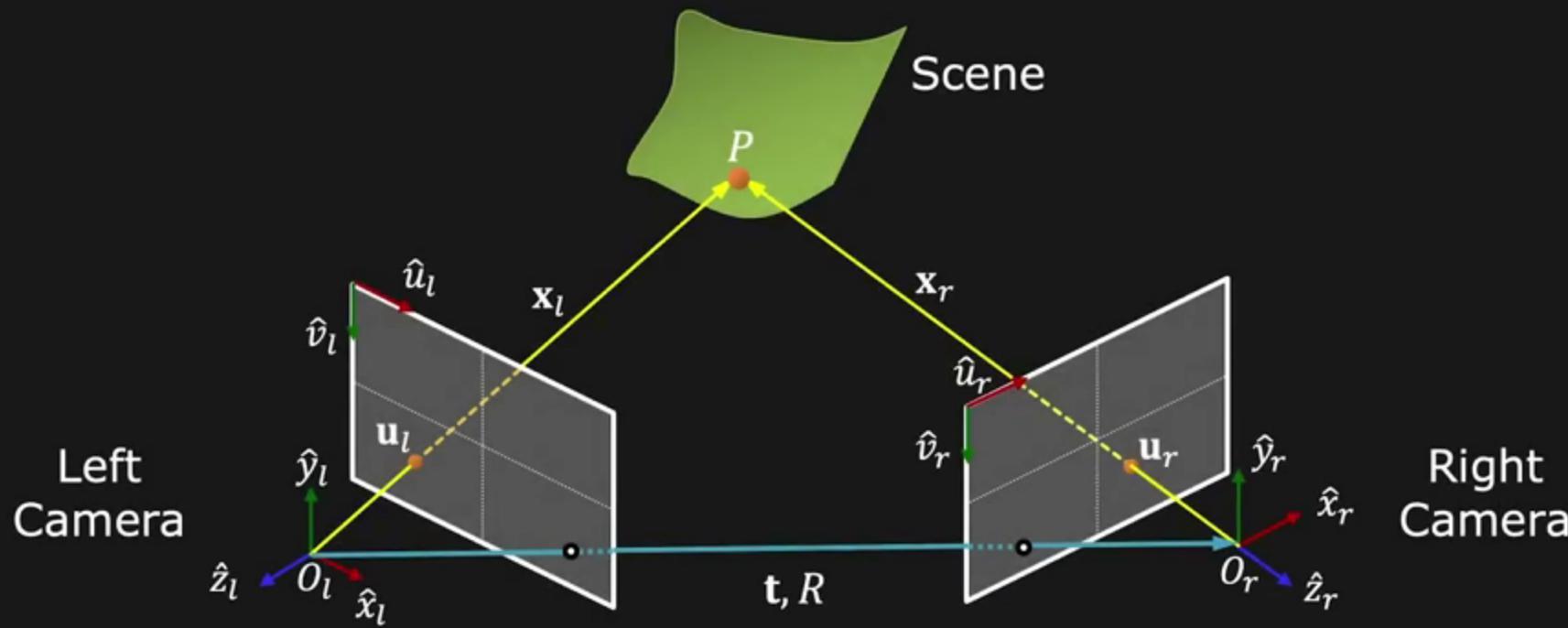
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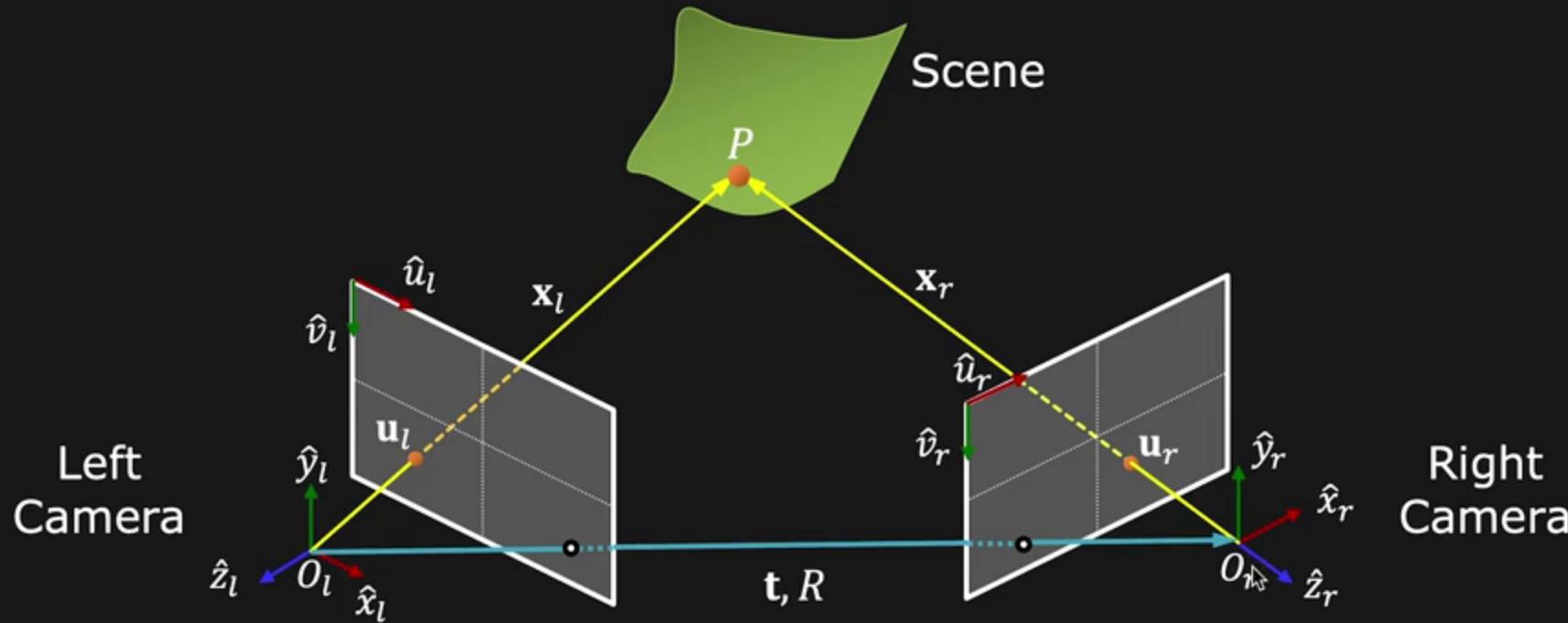
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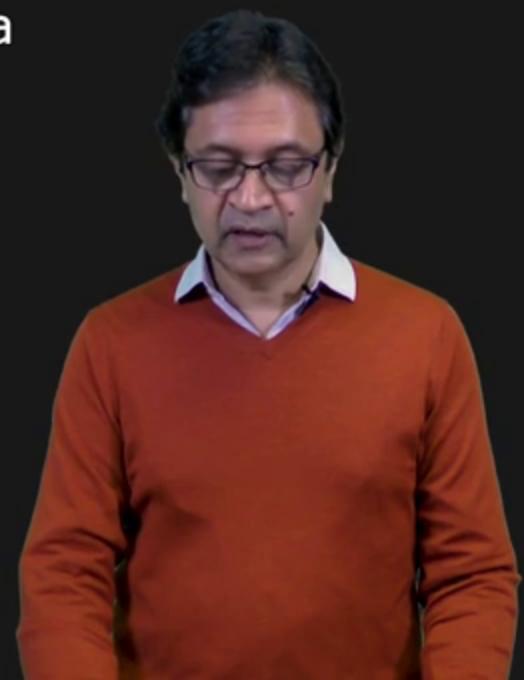
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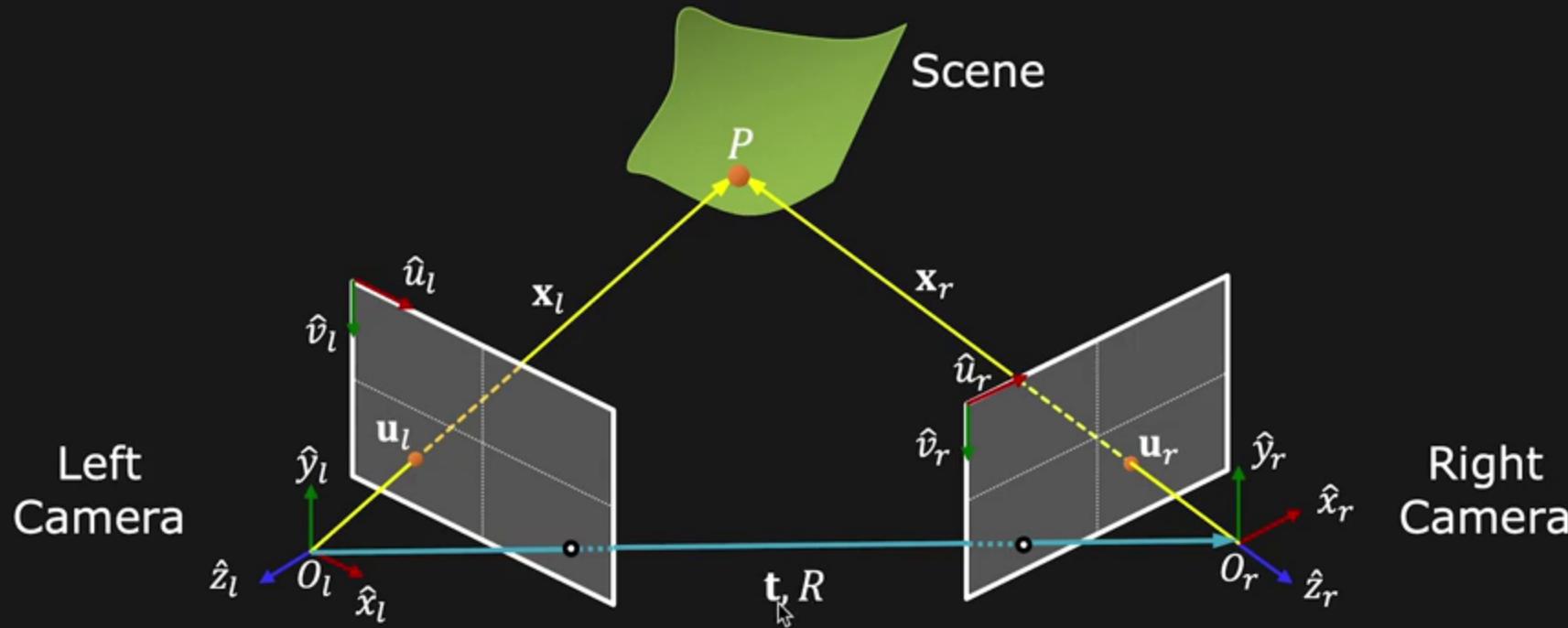
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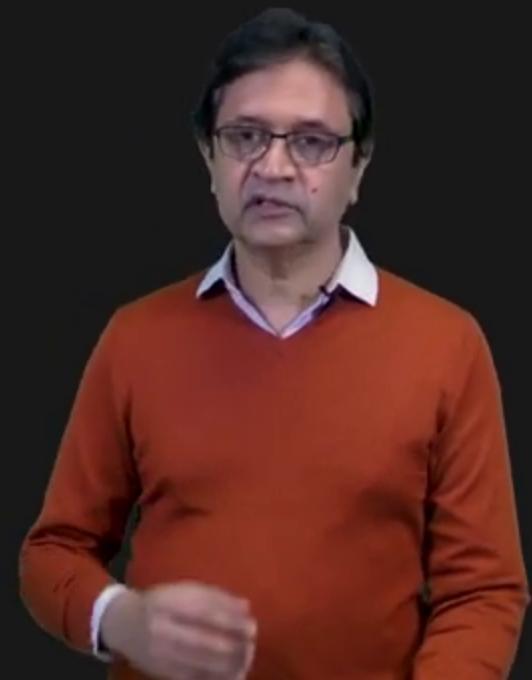
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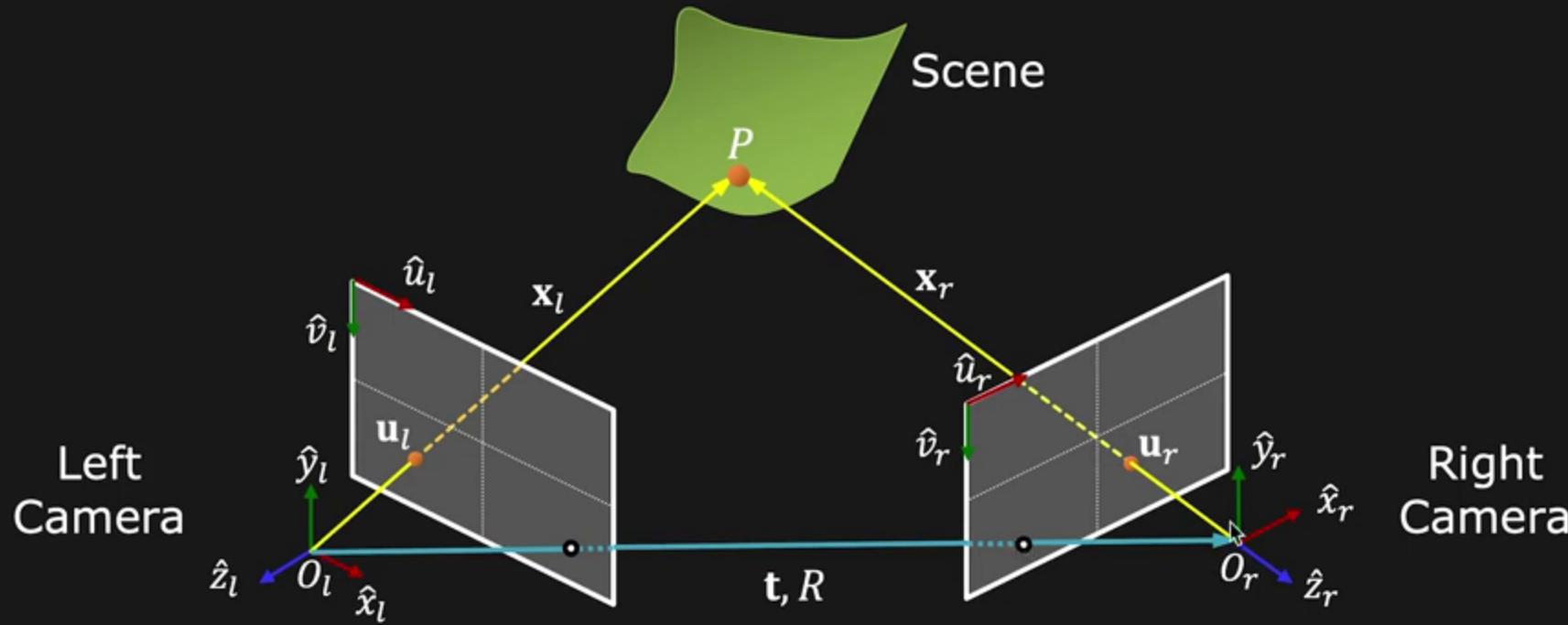
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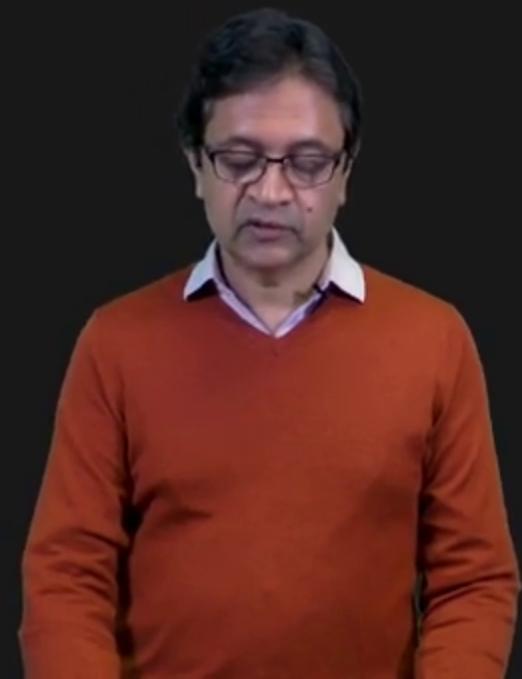
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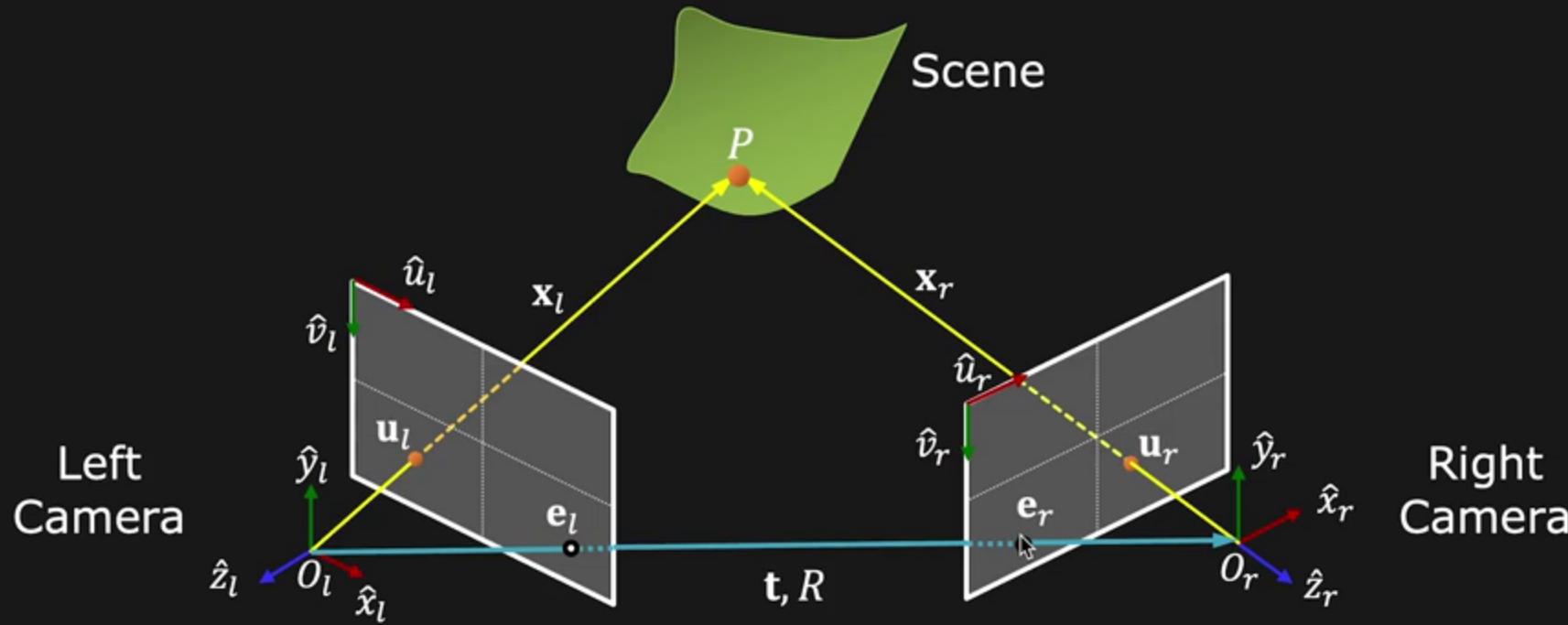
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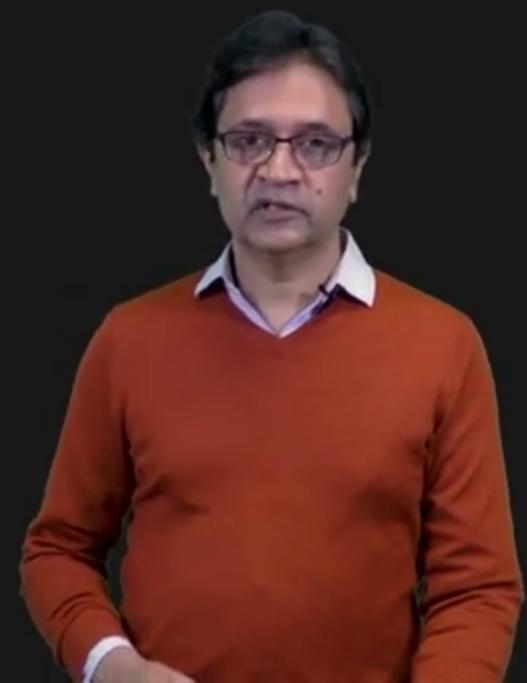


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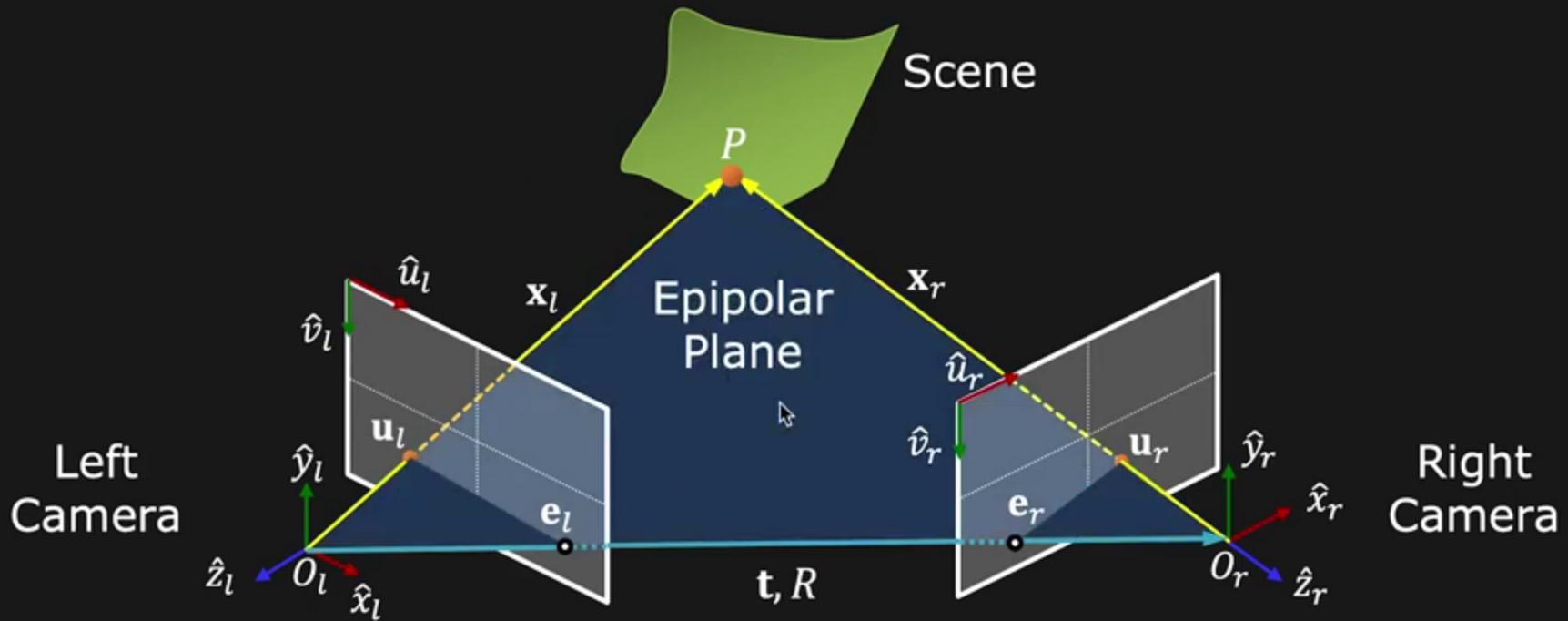


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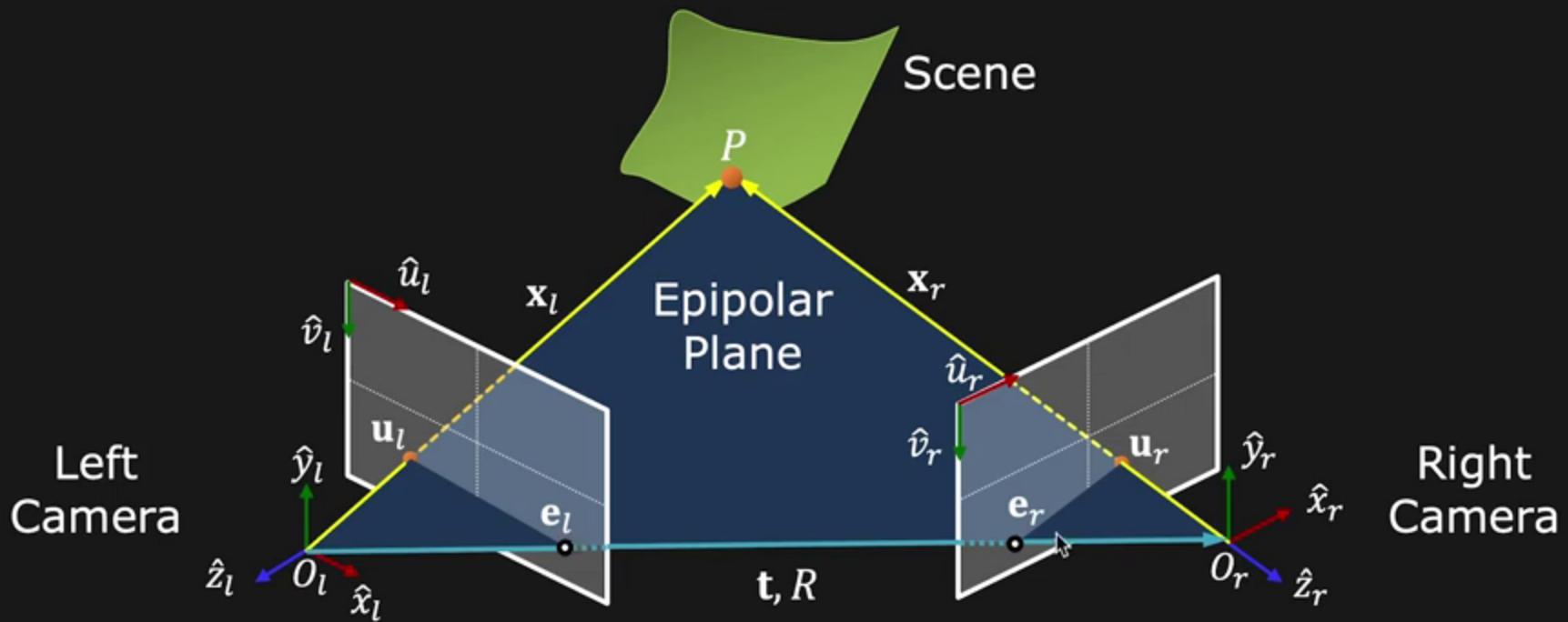
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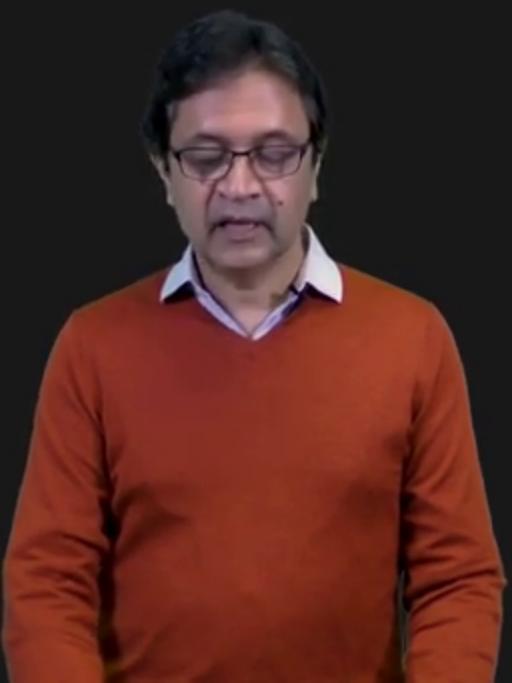
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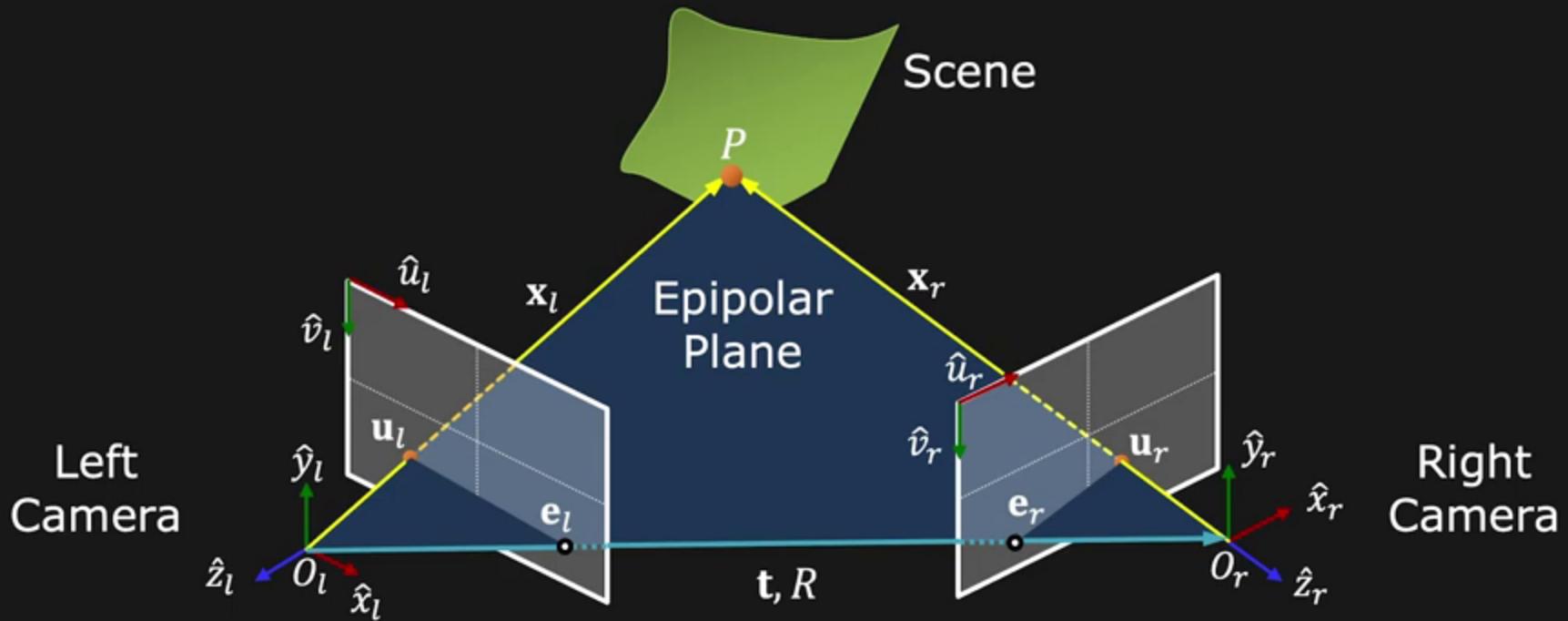
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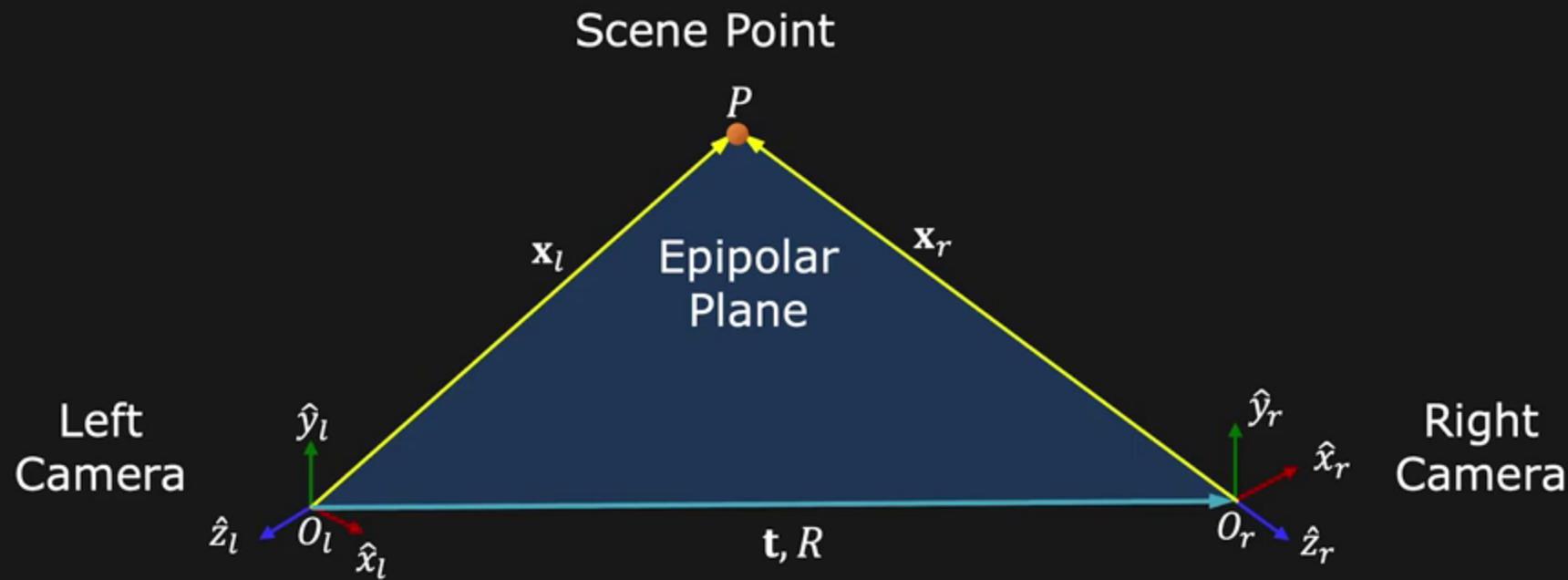


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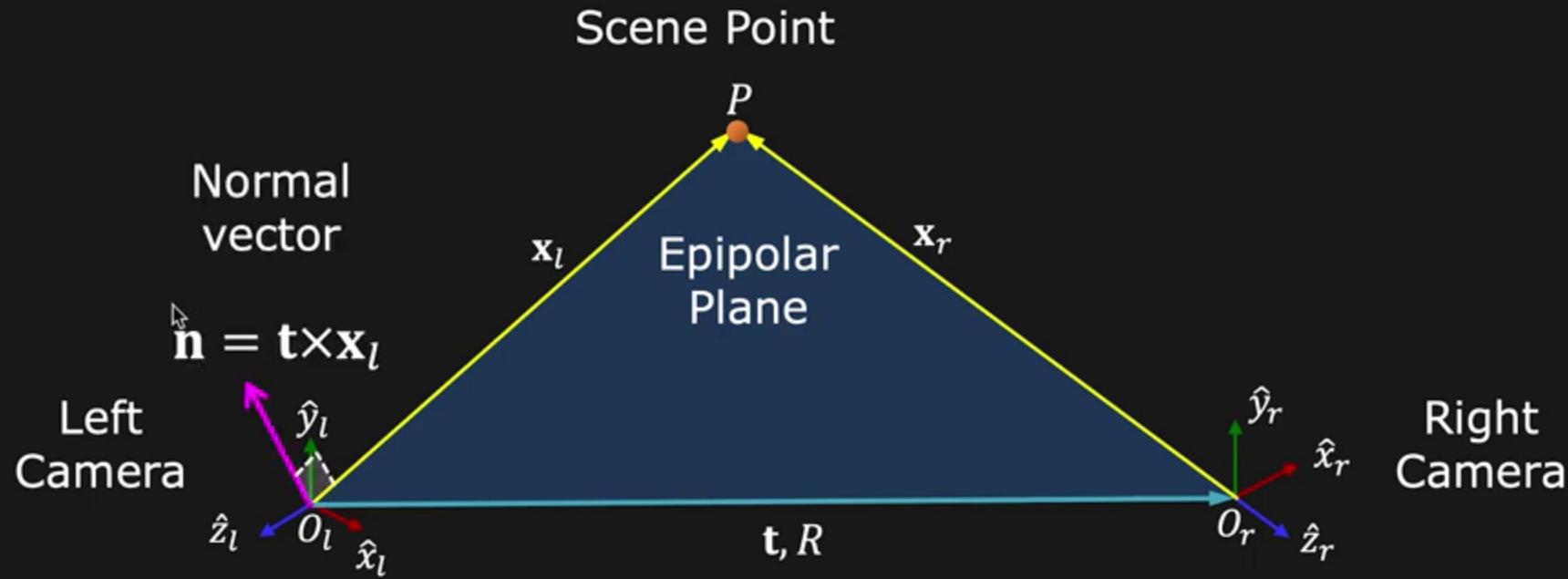
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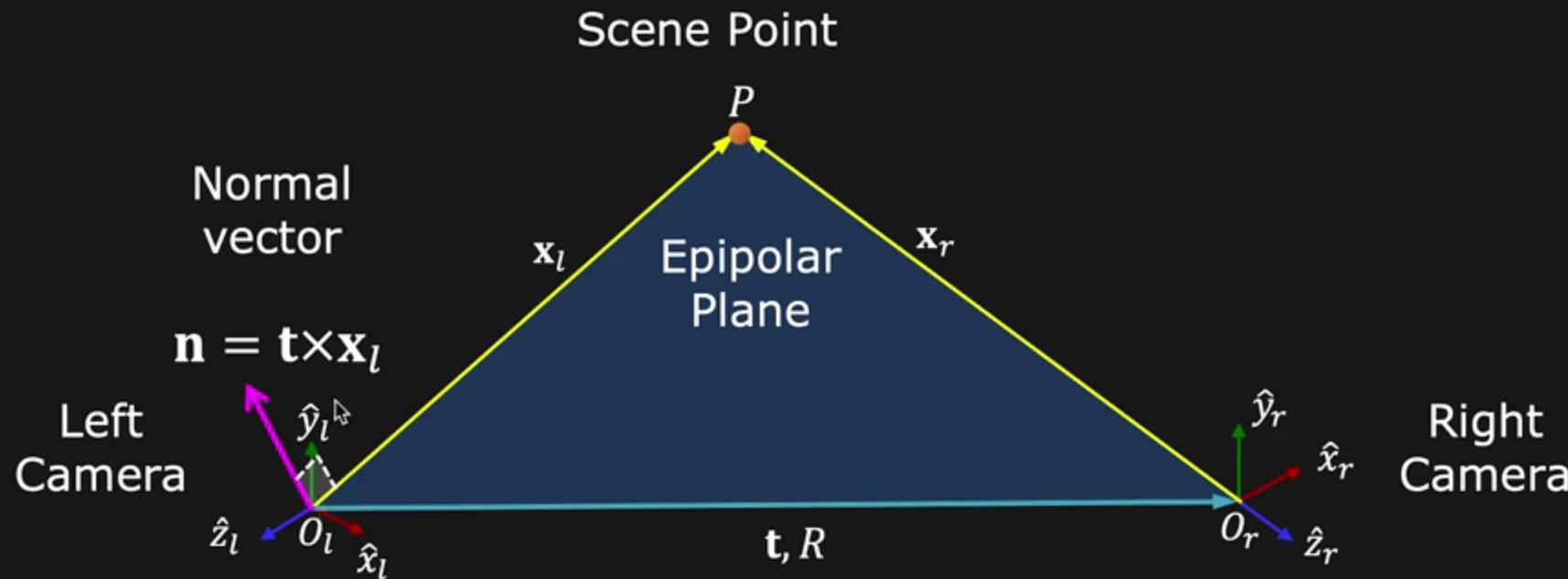
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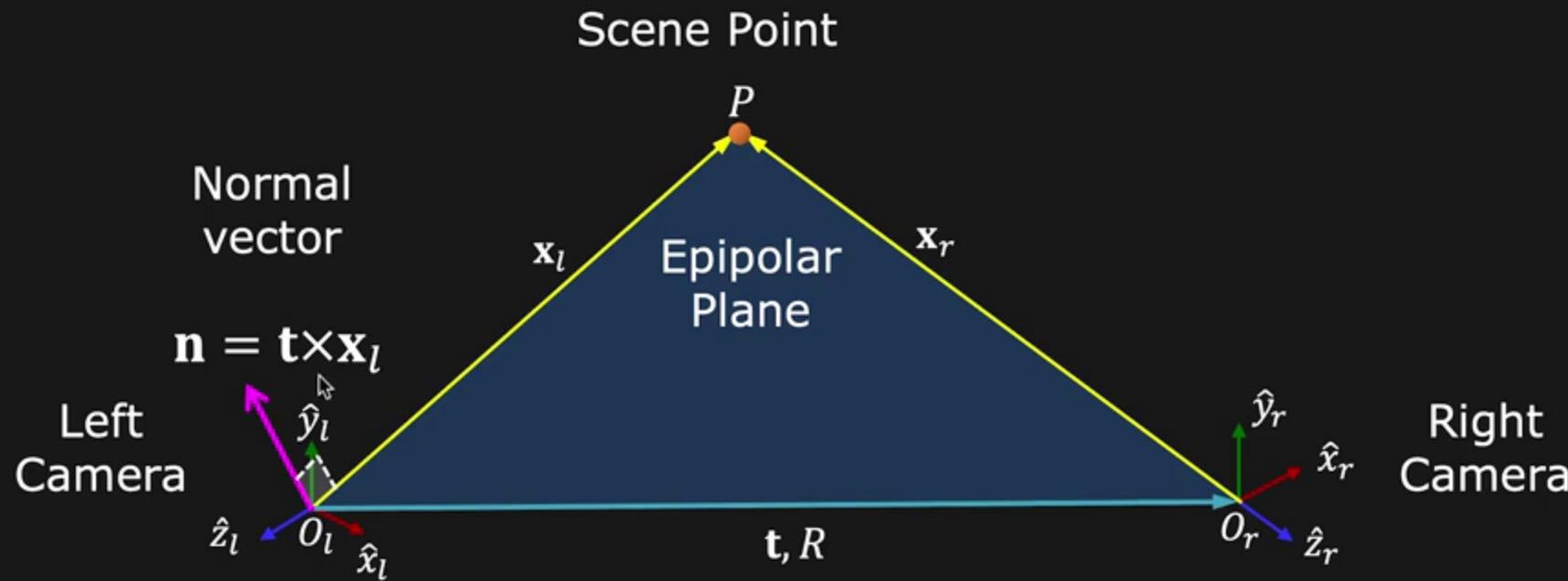
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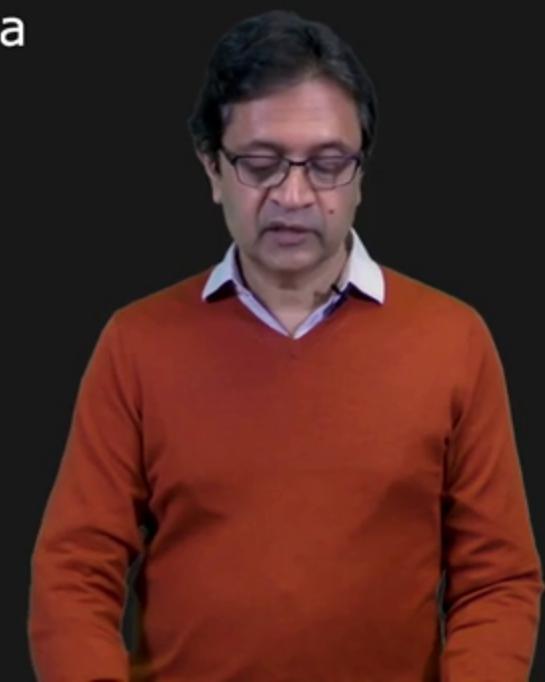
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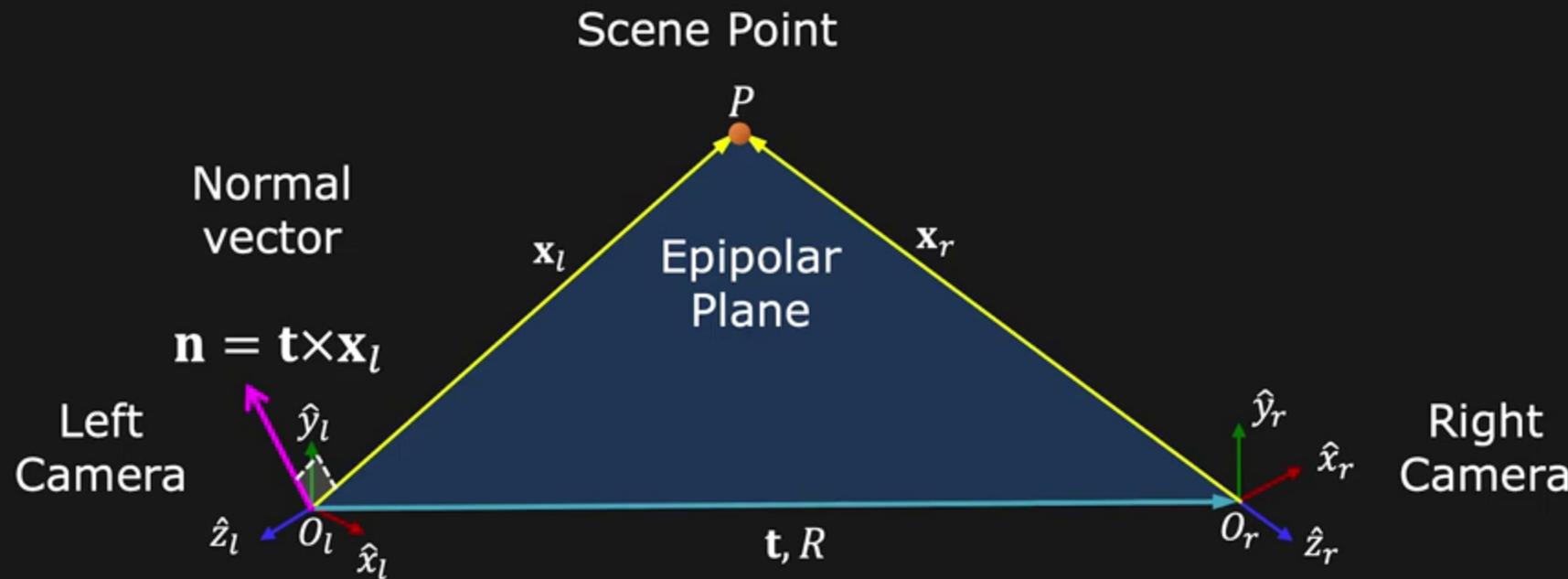
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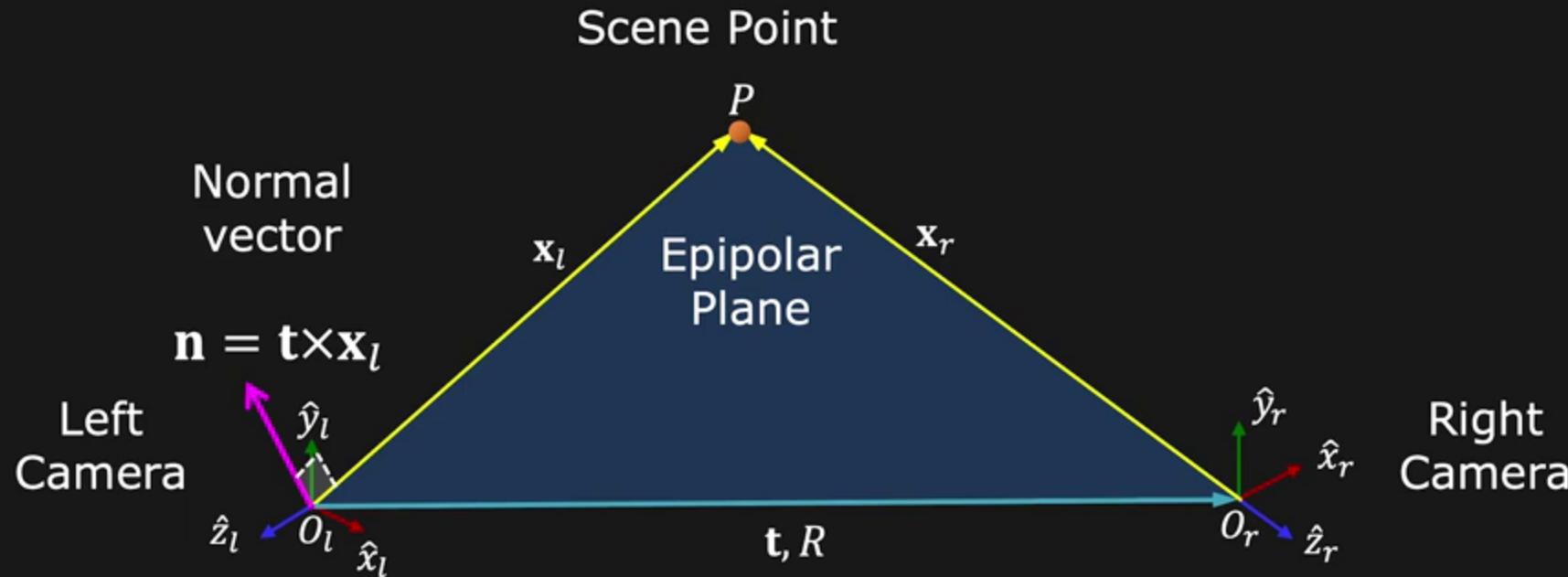
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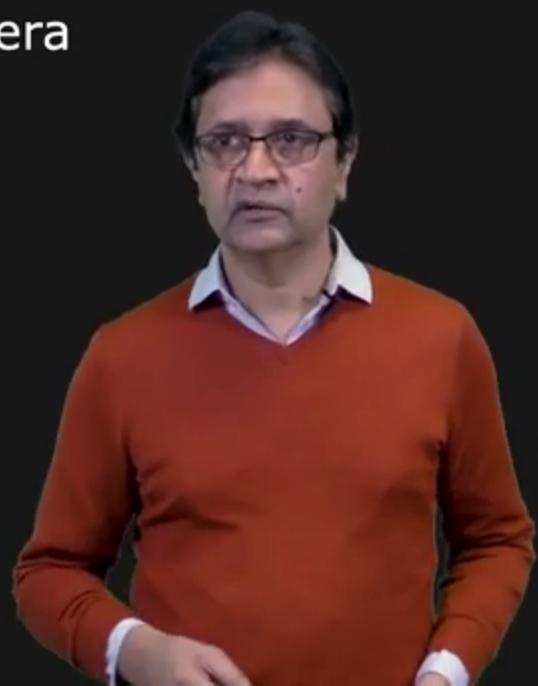
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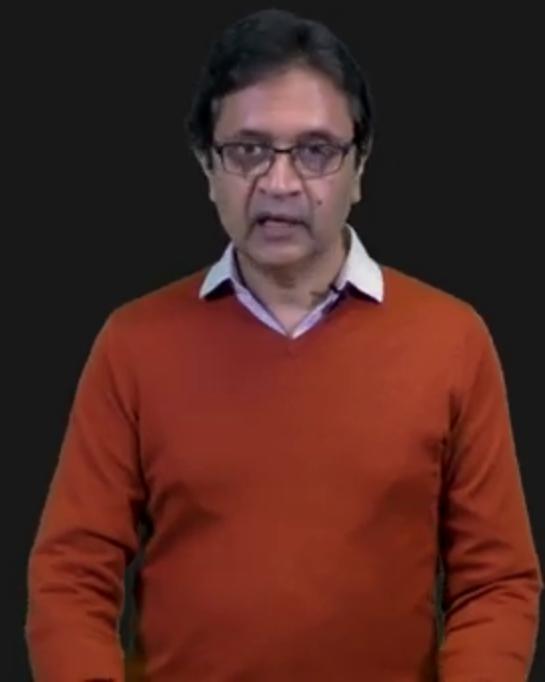
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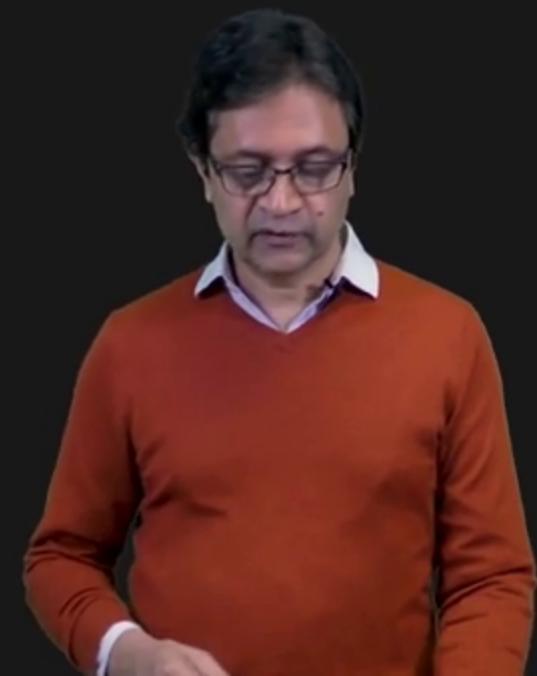
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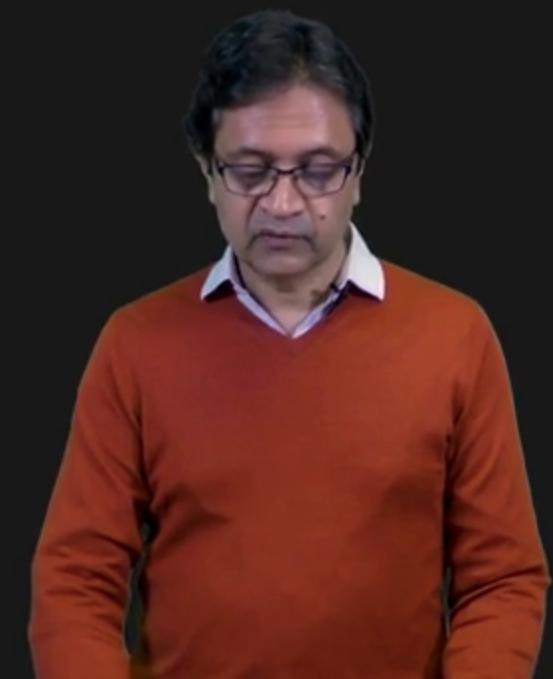
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[Longuet-Higgins 1981]

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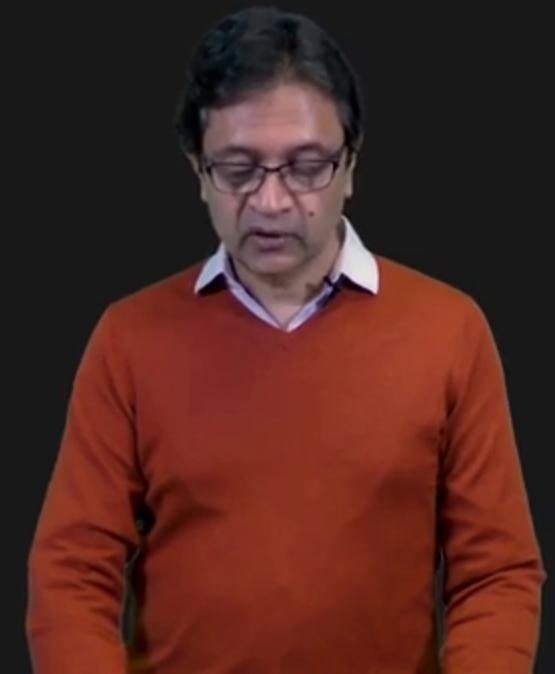
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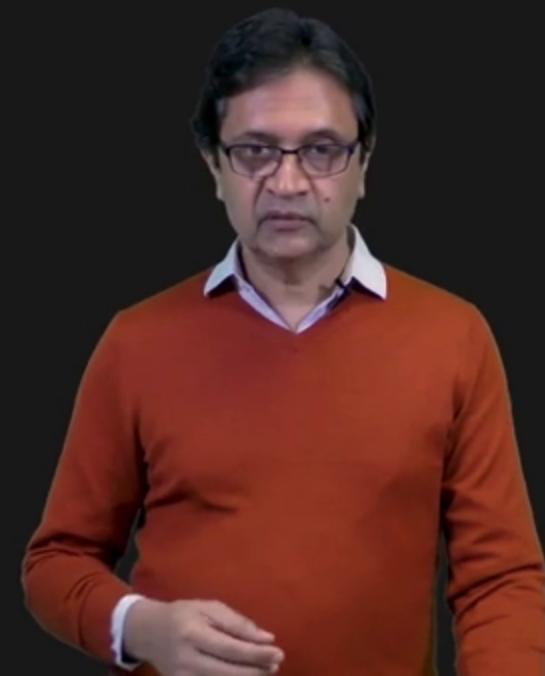
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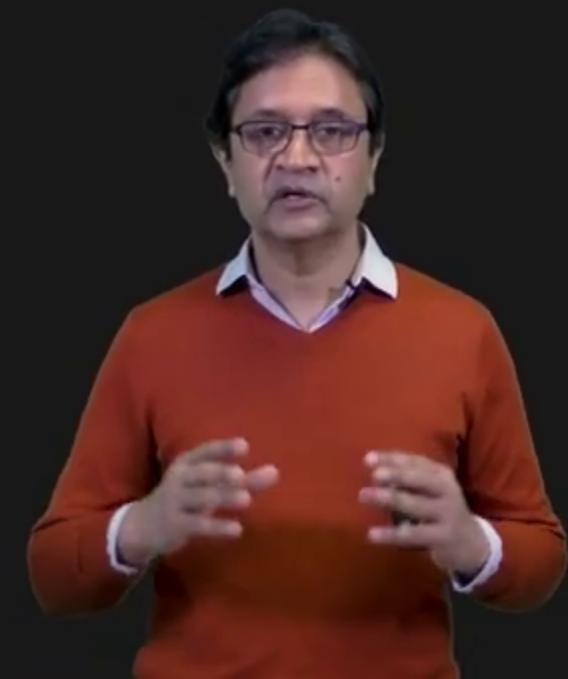
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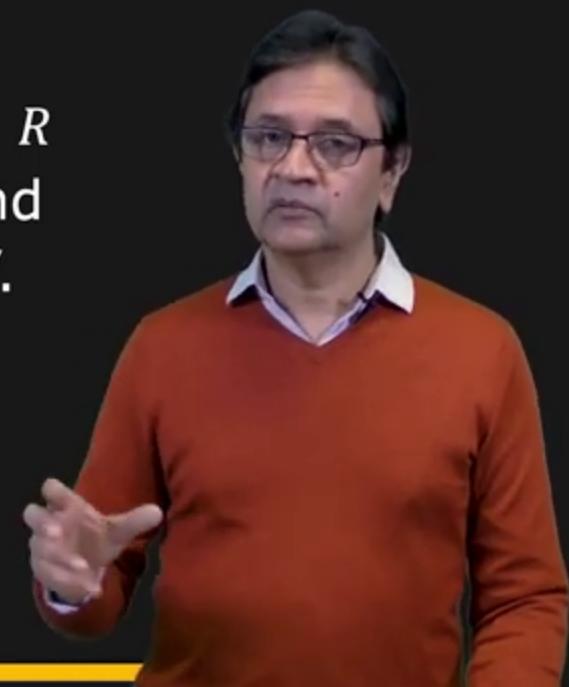


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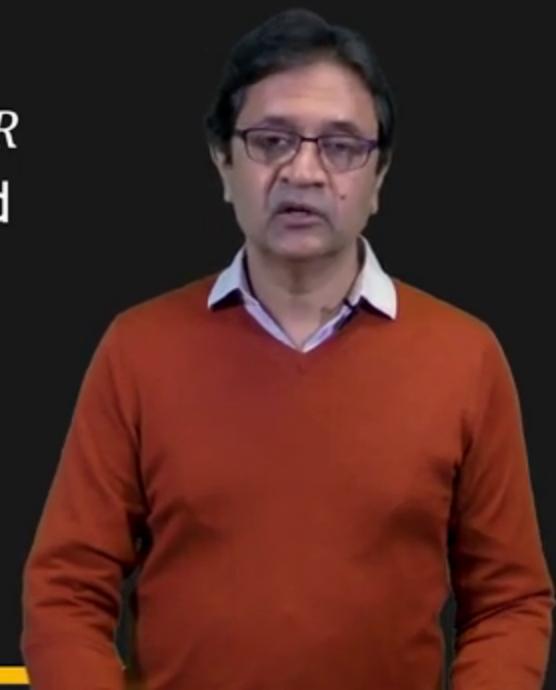


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Take Away: If E is known, we can calculate \mathbf{t} and R .



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Given that T_x is a **Skew-Symmetric** matrix ($a_{ij} = -a_{ji}$) and R is an **Orthonormal** matrix, it is possible to “decouple” T_x and R from their product using “**Singular Value Decomposition**”.

Take Away: If E is known, we can calculate t and R .



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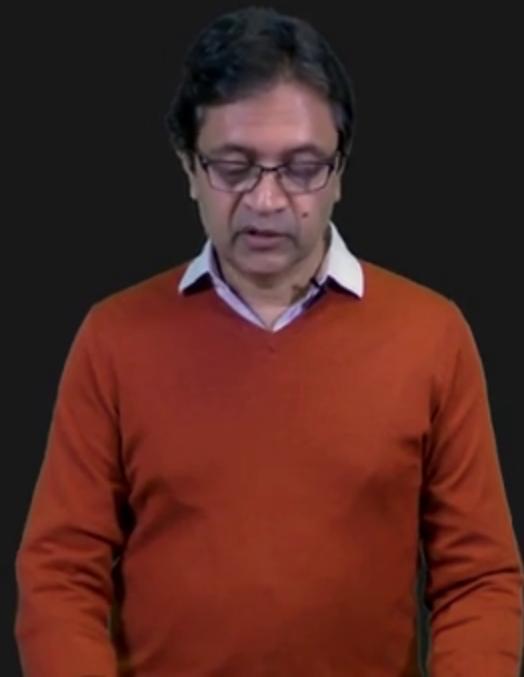
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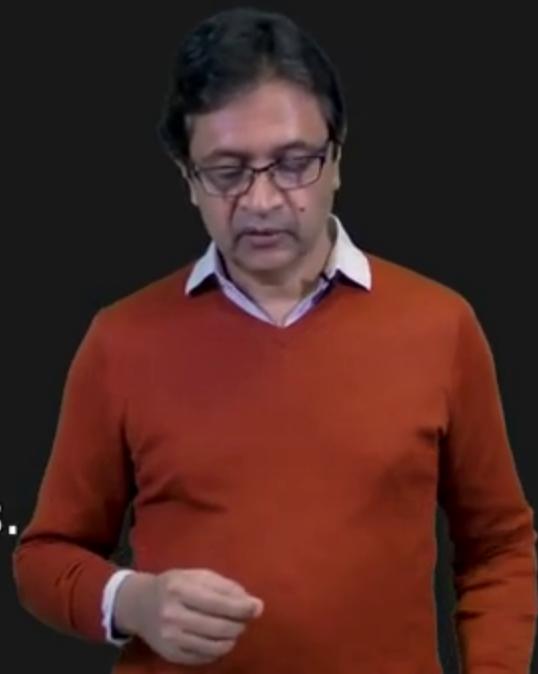
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Unfortunately, we don't have \mathbf{x}_l and \mathbf{x}_r .

But we do know corresponding points in image coordinates.



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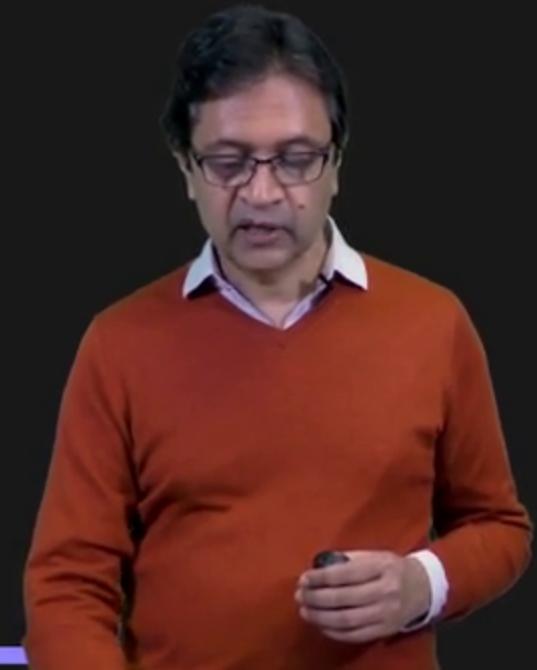
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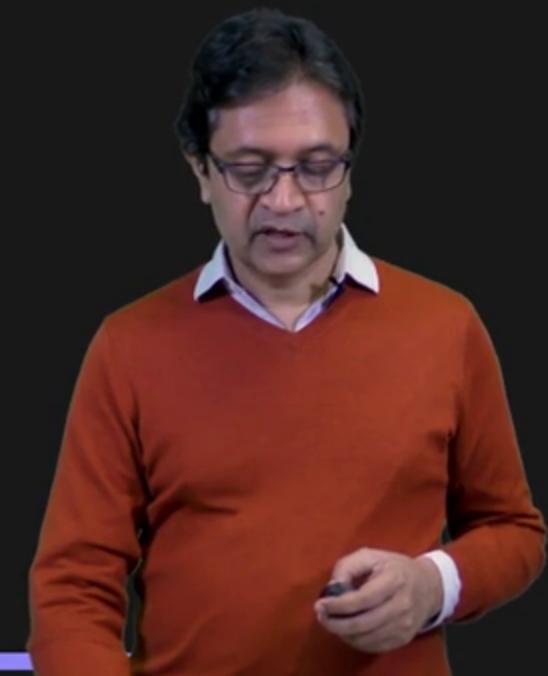
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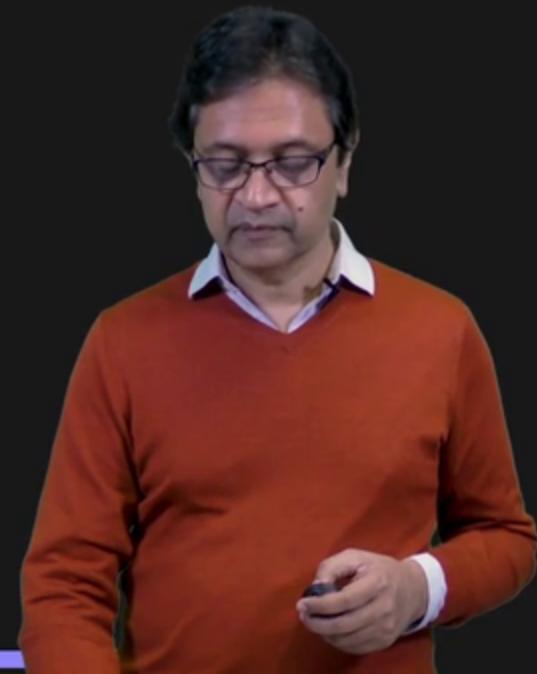
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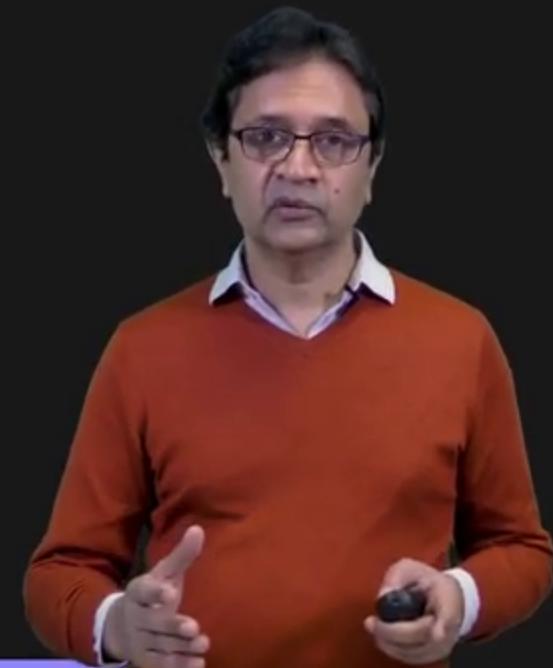
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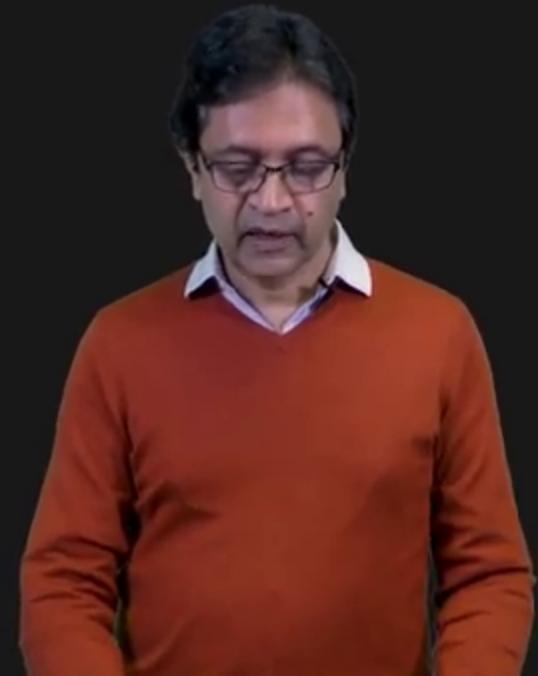
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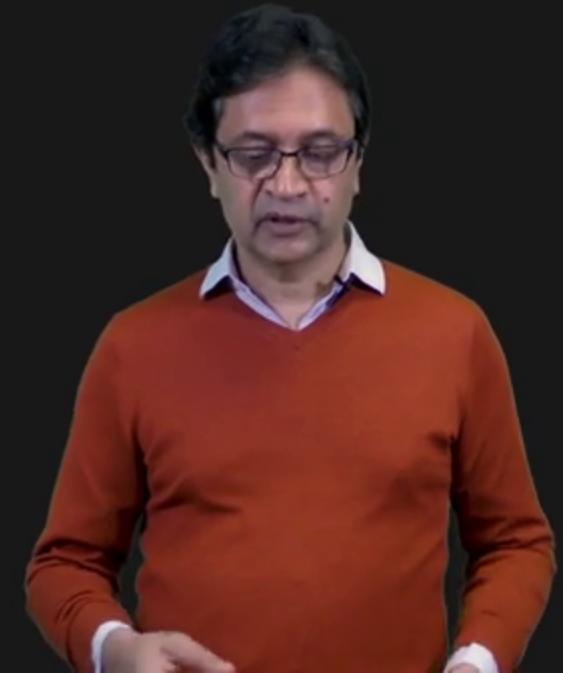
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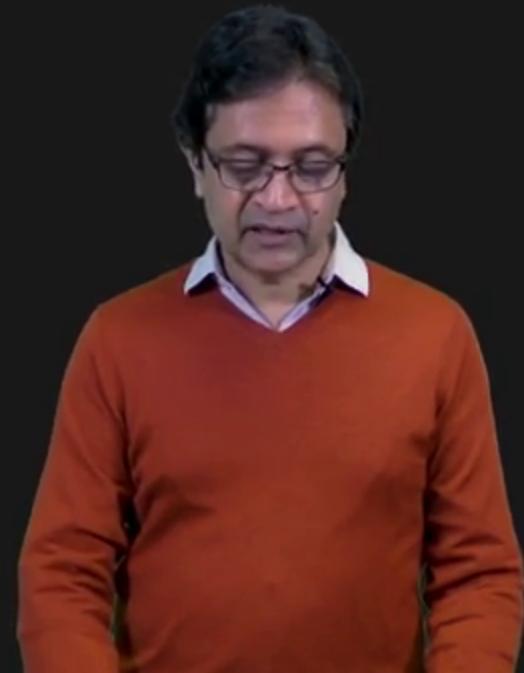
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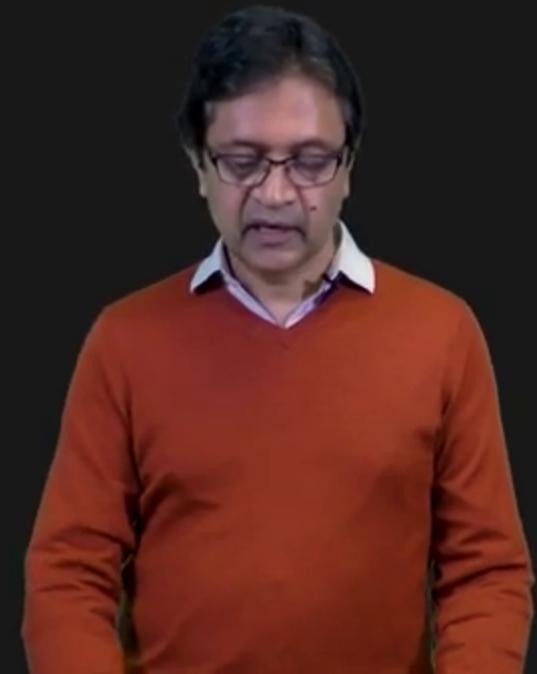
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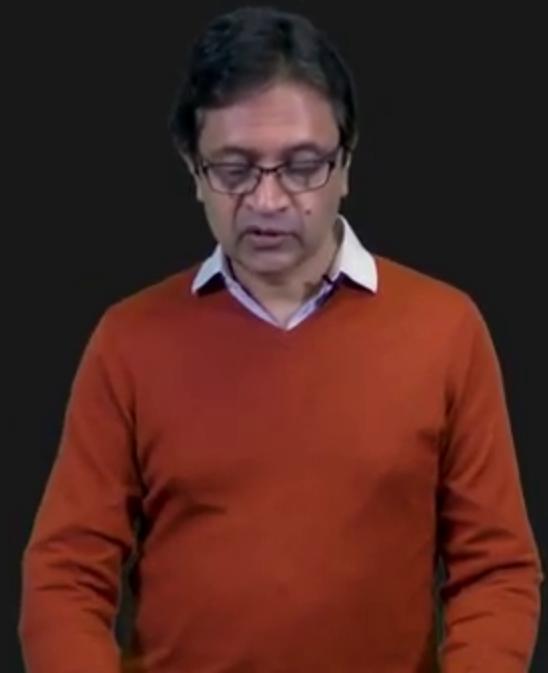
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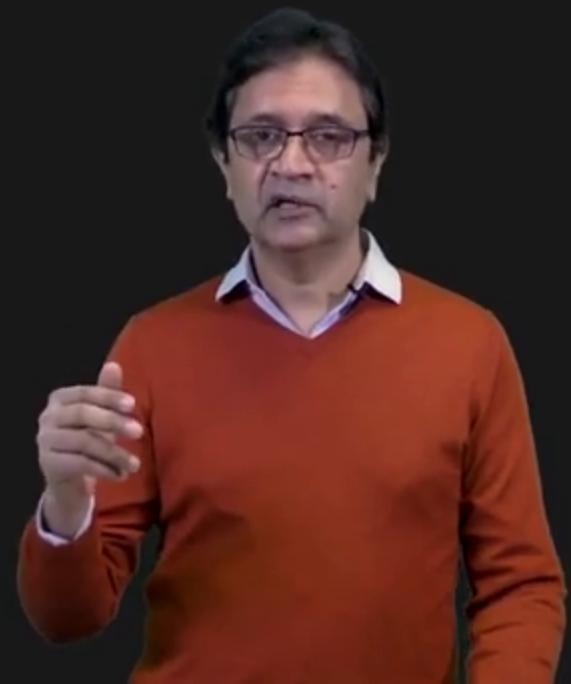
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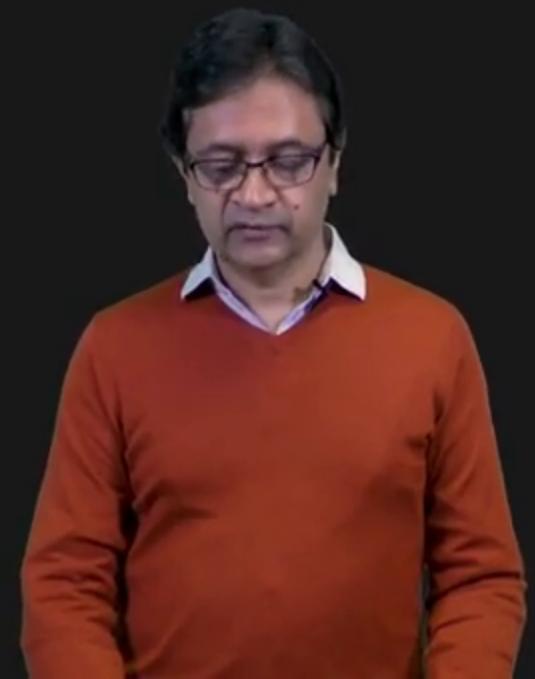
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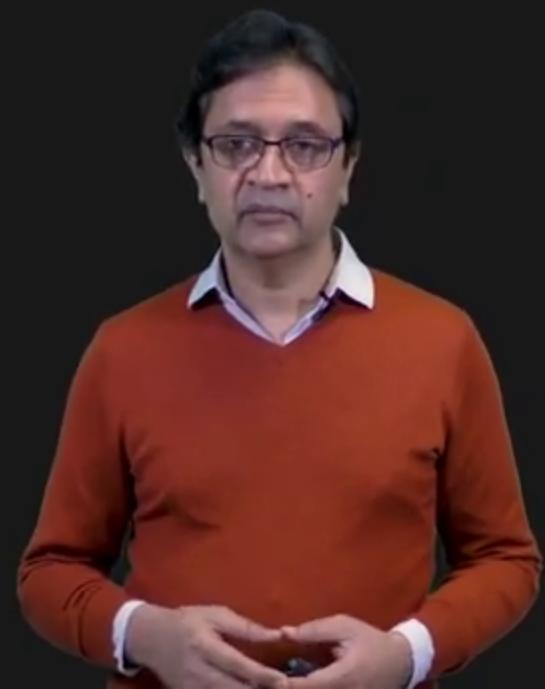
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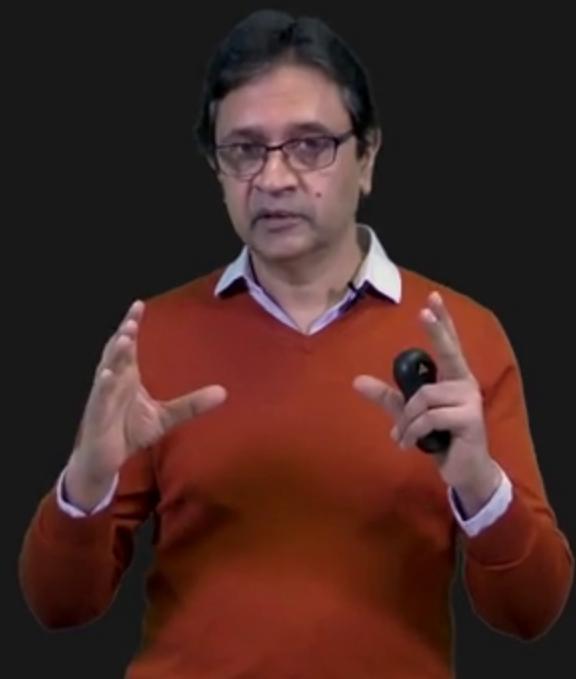
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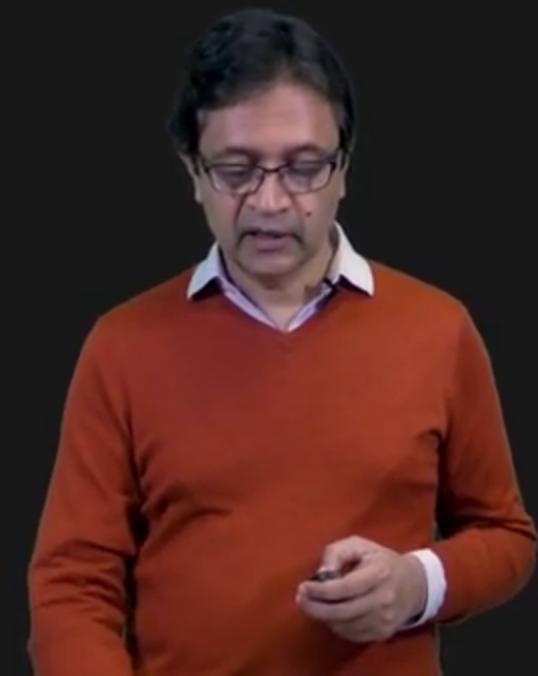
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