

COMPUTER VISION AND  
PHOTOGRAMMETRY

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2D GEOMETRY

# LAST WEEK

- ▶ Image Formation and Projection Matrix
- ▶ Camera Calibration
- ▶ Pose Estimation

# CONCLUSION

- ▶ The camera matrix  $P$ , can be recovered from a set of known 3D points and their projection from, at least, 6 points.
- ▶  $K$ ,  $R$ , and  $T$ , can be recovered from  $P$  using RQ Factorization.
- ▶ Non-linear iterative methods allow for adding known constraints and include Lens distortion in the model.

# CONTENT

- ▶ 2D Transformations
- ▶ Projective Transformations: Homographies  $H$
- ▶ Computing  $H$
- ▶ Stereo
  - ▶ Rectification
  - ▶ matching??
- ▶ Epipolar geometry: Fundamental Matrix  $F$
- ▶ Getting  $H$  and  $F$

# 2D TRANSFORMATIONS

image filtering: change **range** of image

$$g(x) = T(f(x))$$

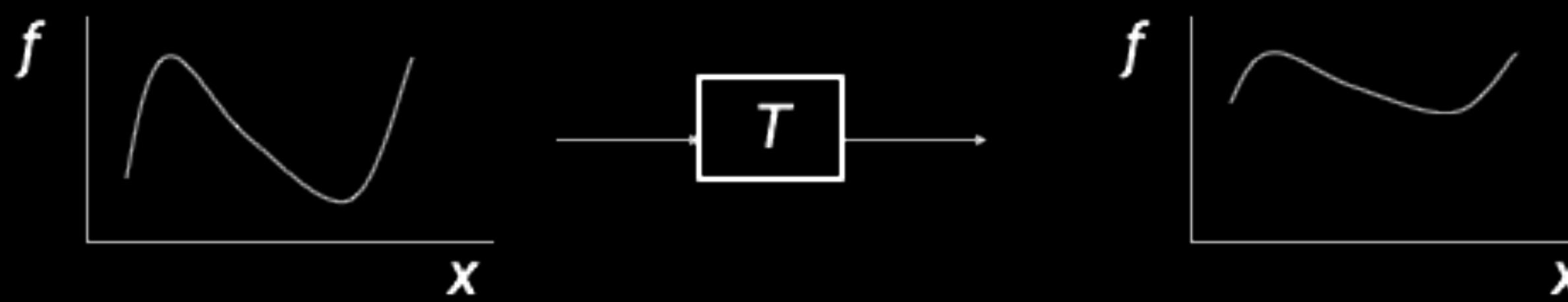
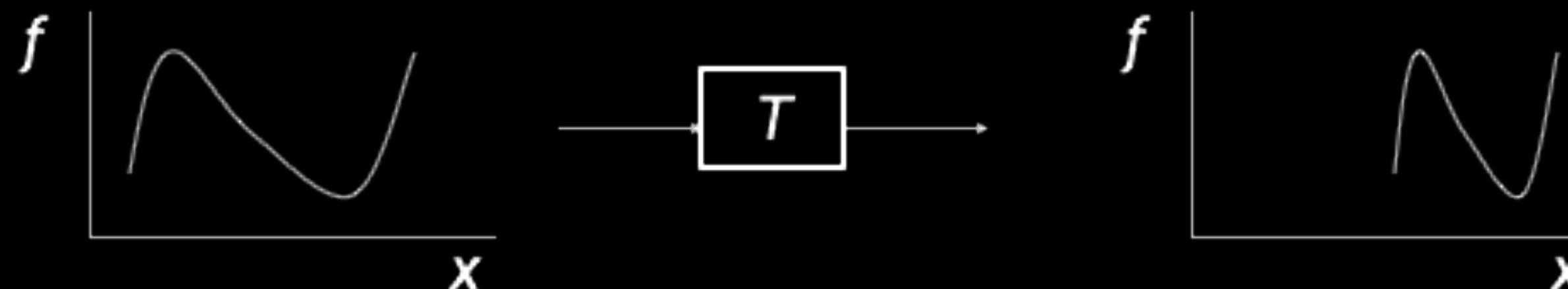


image warping: change **domain** of image

$$g(x) = f(T(x))$$



- Examples of parametric warps:



translation



rotation



aspect



affine



perspective



cylindrical

## 2D TRANSFORMATIONS

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- Linear transformations are combinations of ...
  - Scale,
  - Rotation,
  - Shear, and
  - Mirror
- Properties of linear transformations:
  - Origin maps to origin
  - Lines map to lines
  - Parallel lines remain parallel
  - Ratios are preserved
  - Closed under composition

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i & j \\ k & l \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2D TRANSFORMATIONS

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$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{homogeneous coords}} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Q: How can we represent translation as a 3x3 matrix?**

$$x' = x + t_x$$

$$y' = y + t_y$$

**A: Using the rightmost column:**

$$\text{Translation} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 1 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2D TRANSFORMATIONS

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- Affine transformations are combinations of ...
  - Linear transformations, and
  - Translations
- Properties of affine transformations:
  - Origin does not necessarily map to origin
  - Lines map to lines
  - Parallel lines remain parallel
  - Ratios are preserved
  - Closed under composition
  - Models change of basis

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ w \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix}$$

## 2D TRANSFORMATIONS

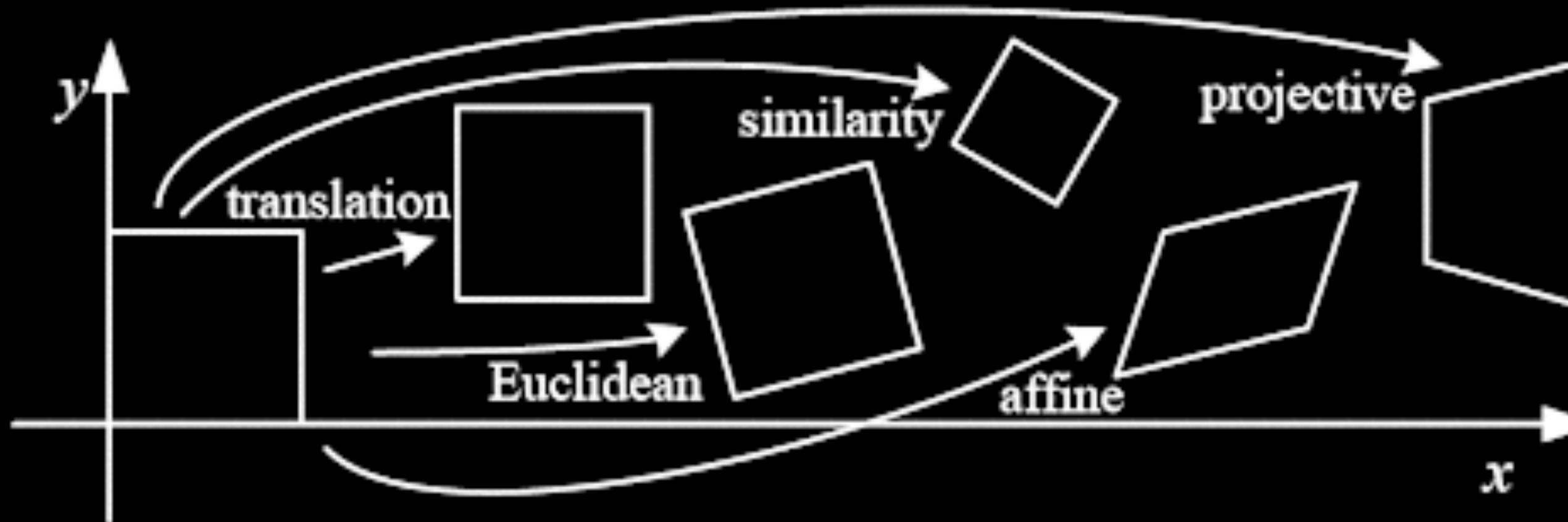
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- Projective transformations ...
  - Affine transformations, and
  - Projective warps
- Properties of projective transformations:
  - Origin does not necessarily map to origin
  - Lines map to lines
  - Parallel lines do not necessarily remain parallel
  - Ratios are not preserved
  - Closed under composition
  - Models change of basis

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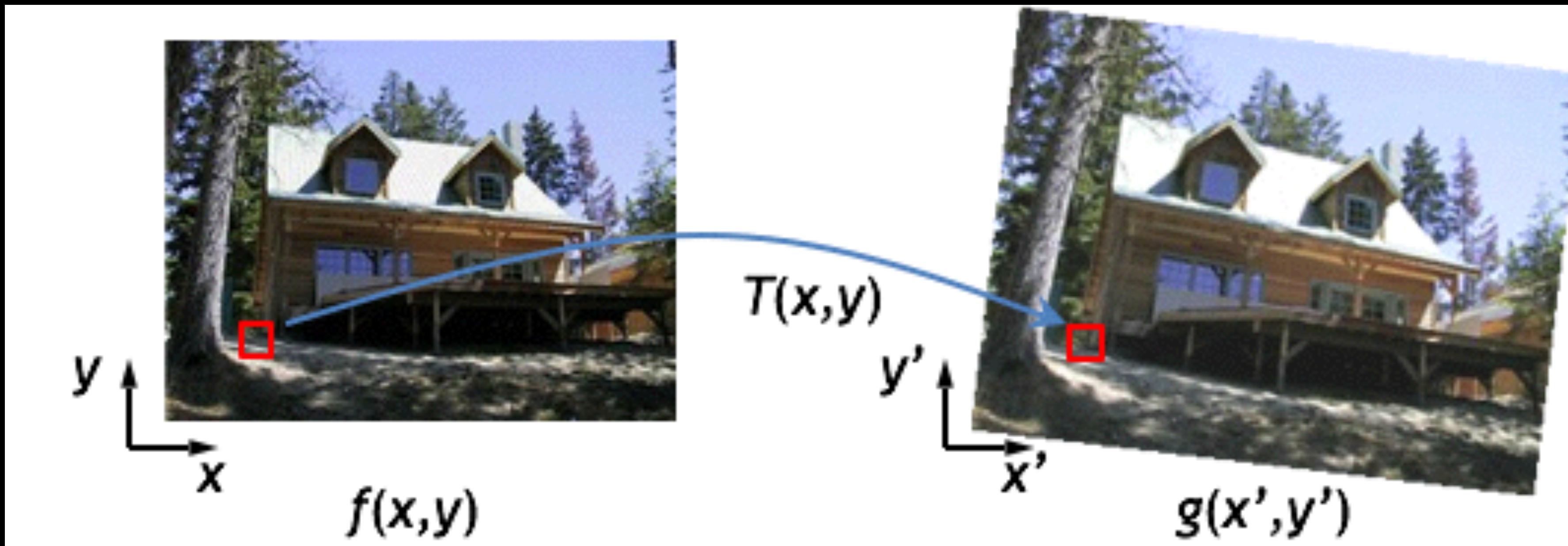
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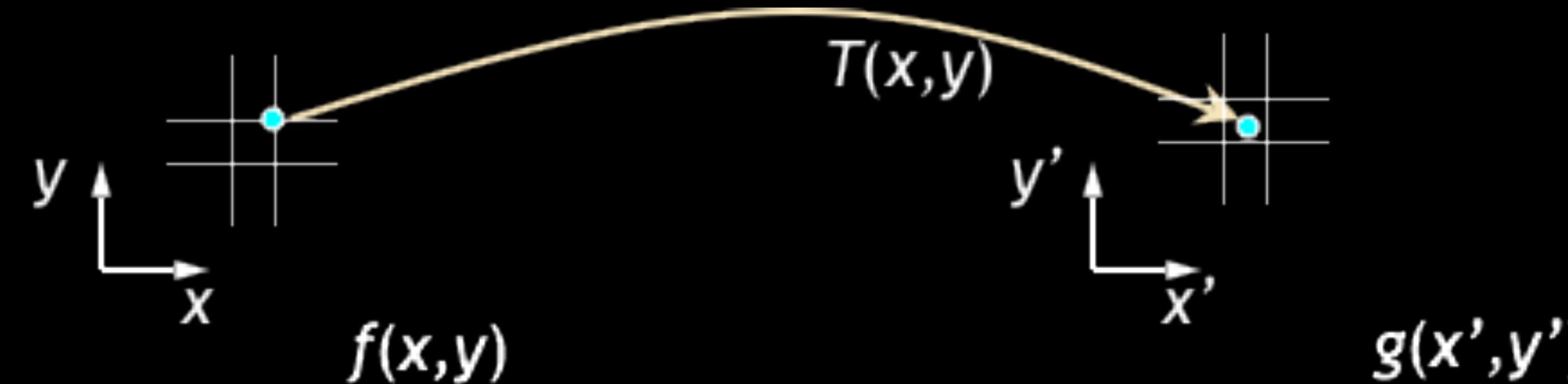
## 2D TRANSFORMATIONS

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- Send each pixel  $f(x,y)$  to its corresponding location

$$(x',y') = T(x,y) \text{ in the second image}$$

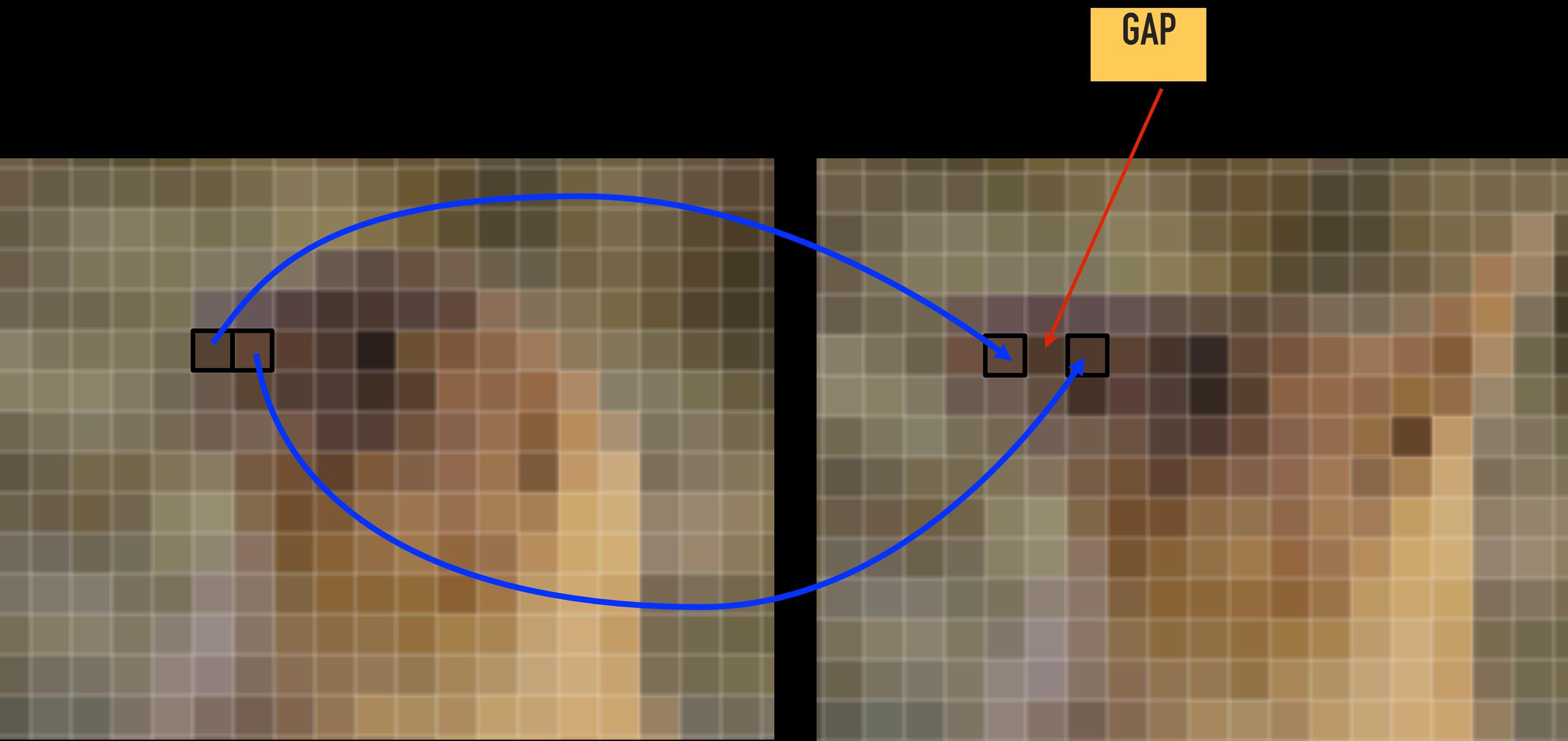
Q: what if pixel lands “between” two pixels?

A: distribute color among neighboring pixels  $(x',y')$

- Known as “splatting”

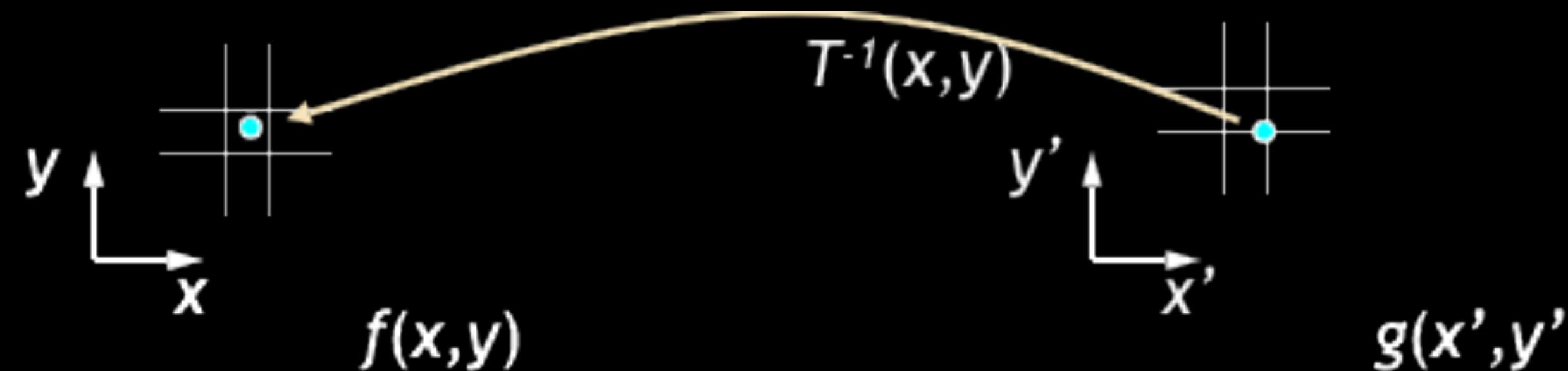
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- Get each pixel  $g(x',y')$  from its corresponding location  
 $(x,y) = T^{-1}(x',y')$  in the first image

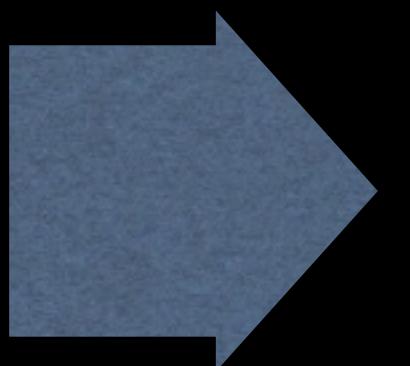
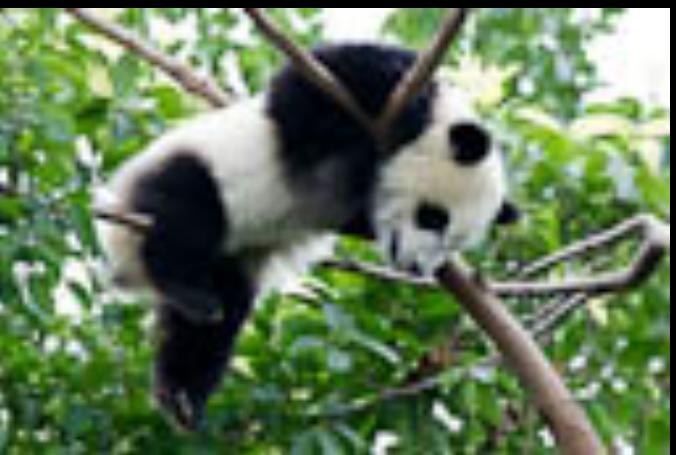
Q: what if pixel comes from “between” two pixels?

A: *Interpolate* color value from neighbors

- nearest neighbor, bilinear, Gaussian, bicubic

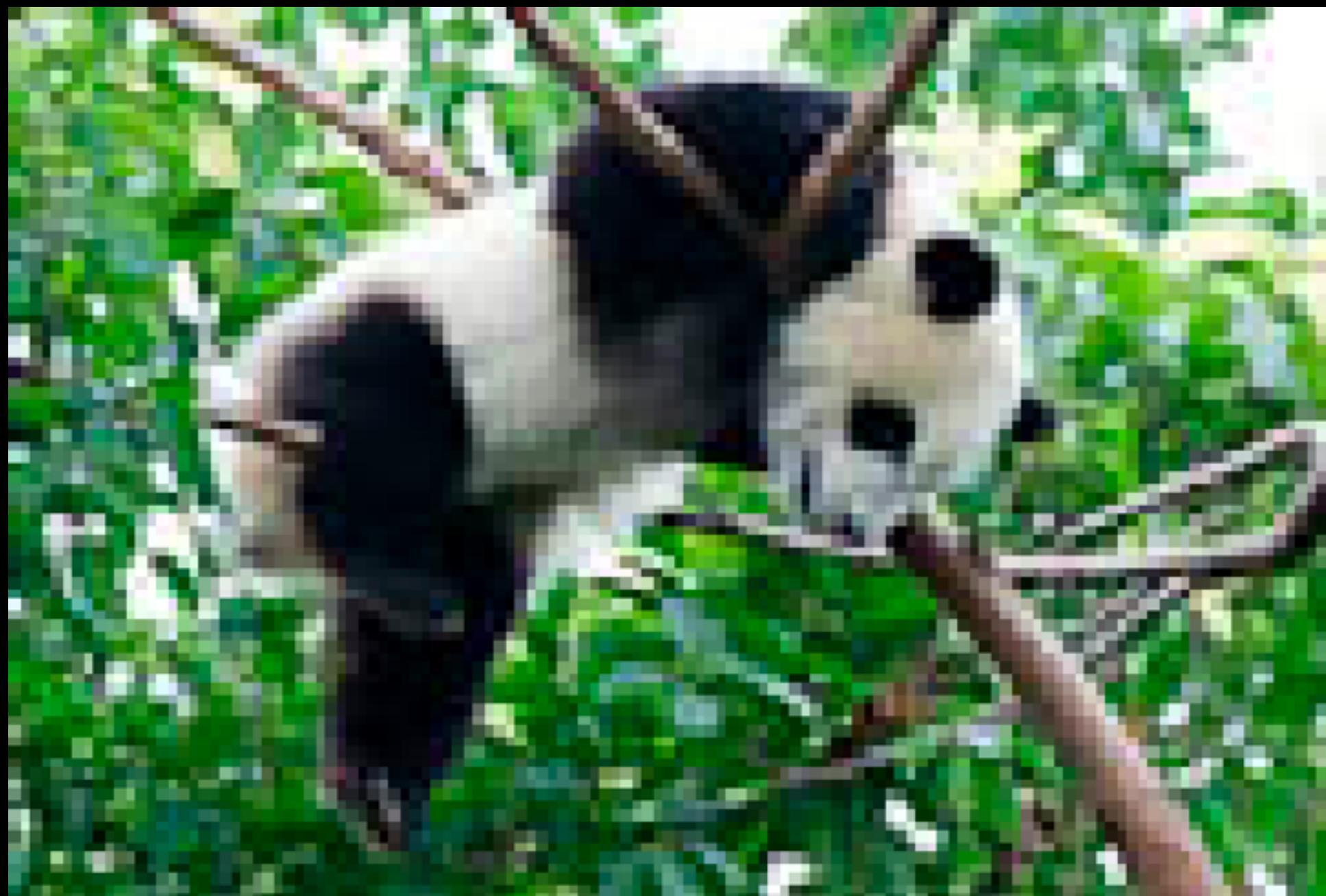
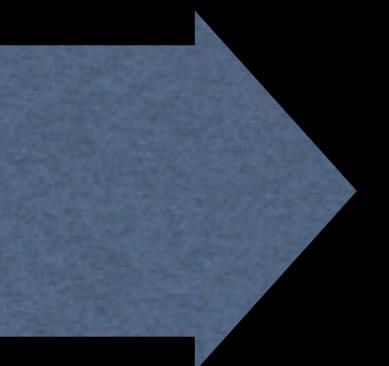
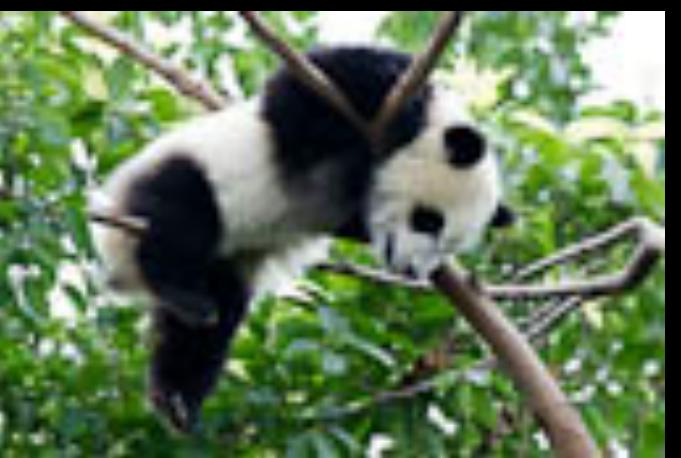
### NAIVE SCALING

- ▶ Take all the pixels in input and transform them to their output location
- ▶  $\text{im}[y, x] \Rightarrow \text{out}[k^*y, k^*x]$



## USE THE INVERSE TRANSFORM!

- ▶ Main loop on output pixels
- ▶  $\text{out}[y, x] \leq \text{im}[y/k, x/k]$

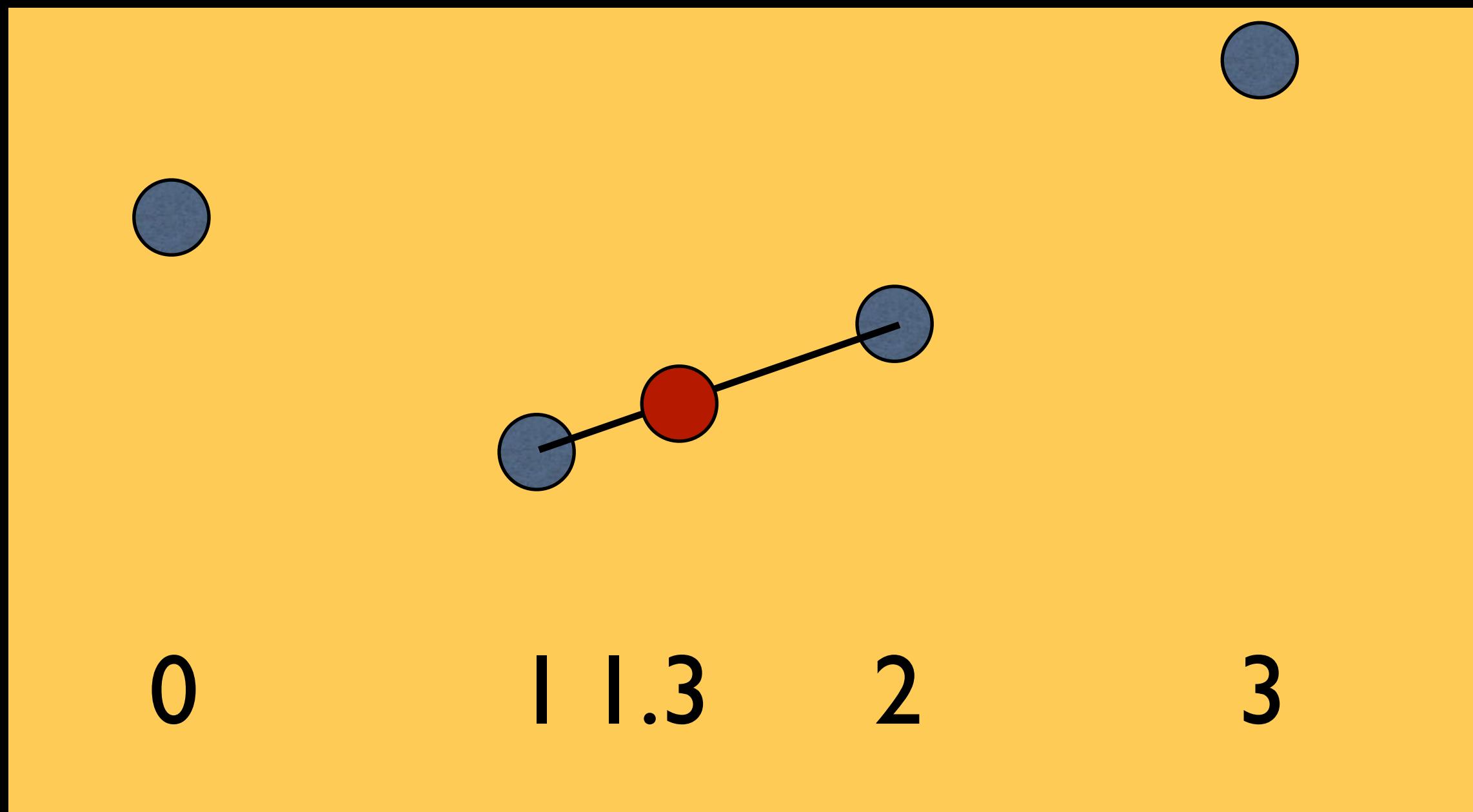


# REMAINING PROBLEM

- ▶ A little too “blocky”
- ▶ Because we round to the nearest integer pixel coordinates
  - ▶ called nearest neighbor reconstruction

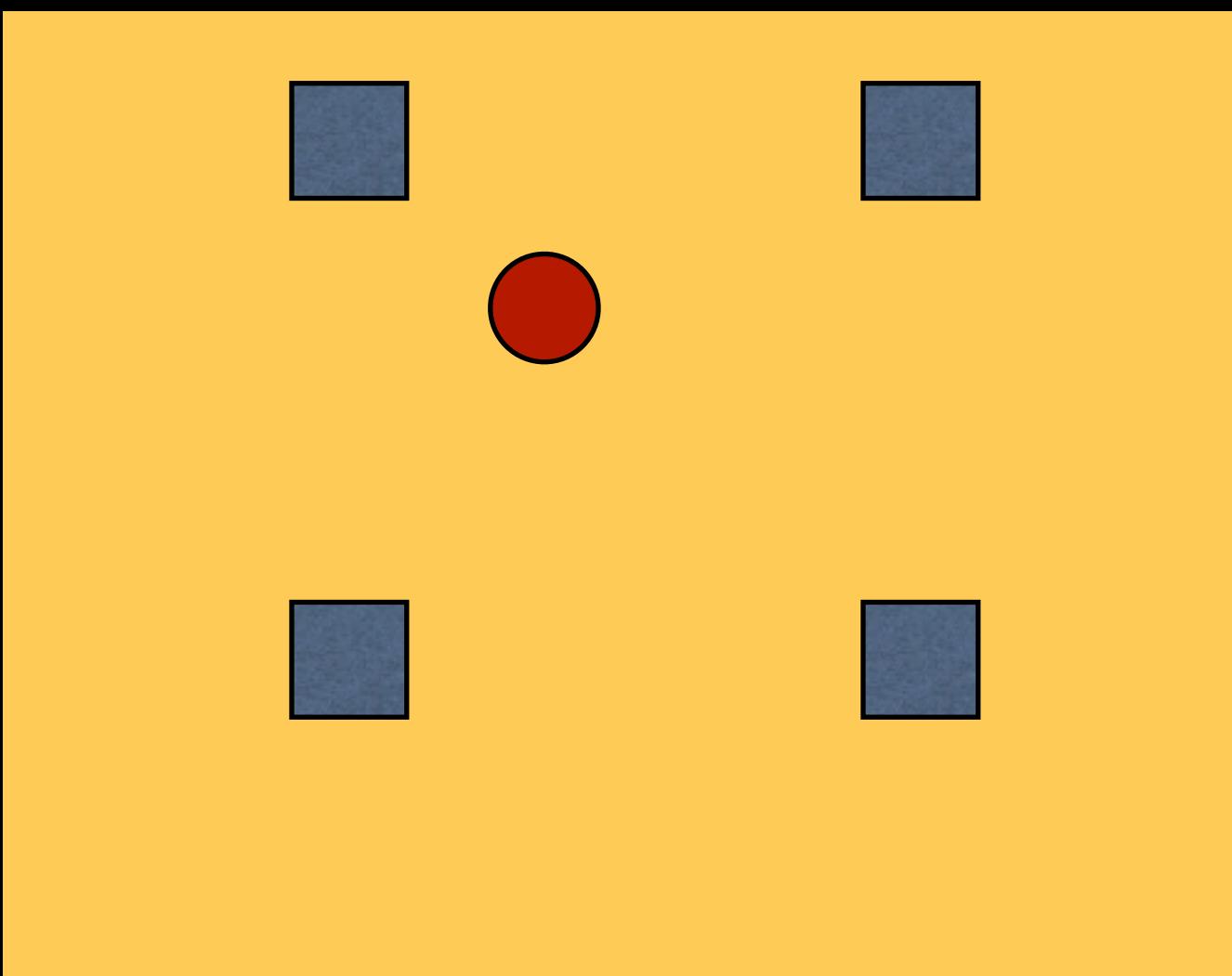
# LINEAR RECONSTRUCTION

- ▶ im is now a 1D array along x
- ▶ reconstruct im[1.3]
- ▶  $=0.7*im[1]+0.3*im[2]$



# BILINEAR RECONSTRUCTION

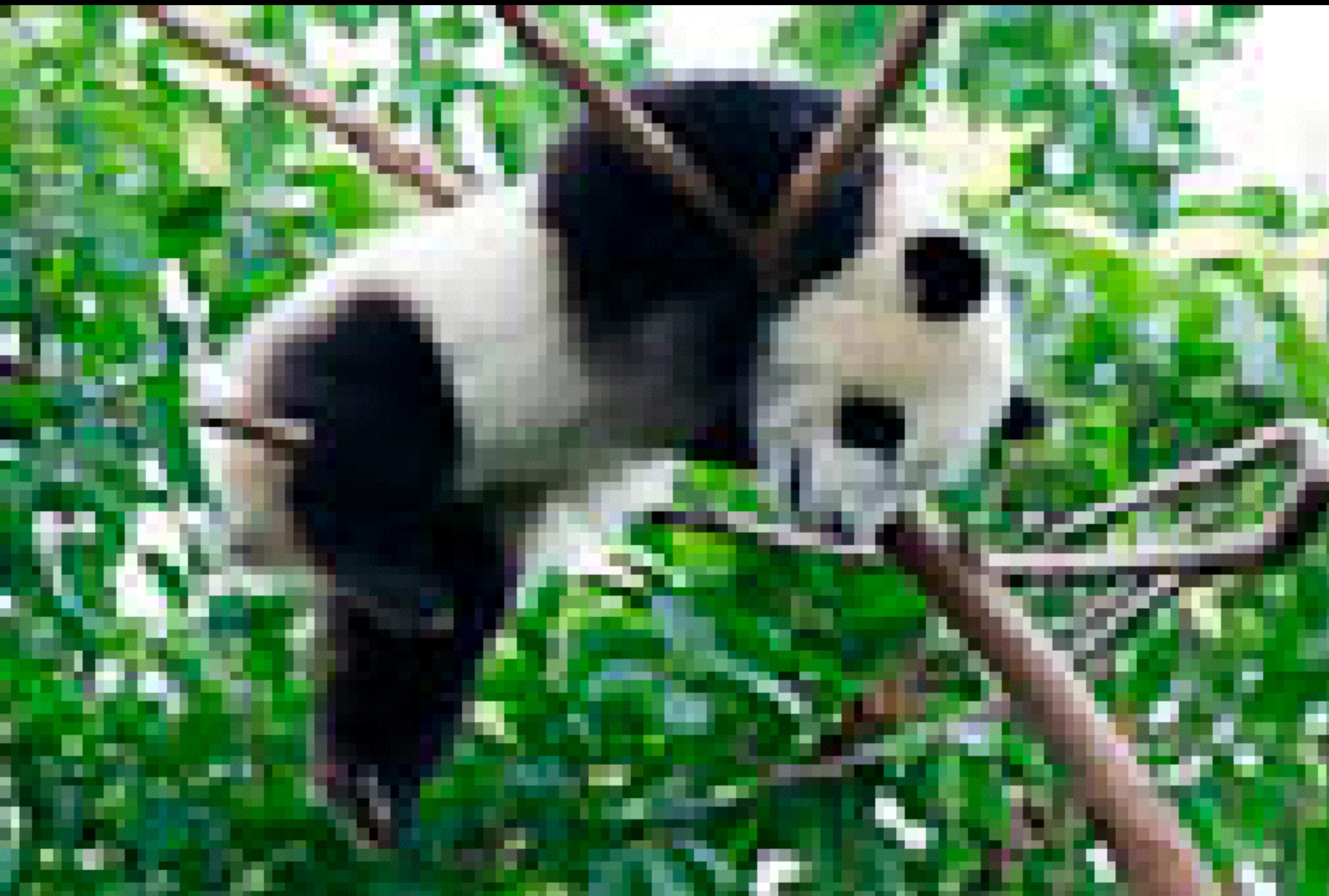
- ▶ Take 4 nearest neighbors
- ▶ Weight according to x & y fractional coordinates
- ▶ Can be done using two 1D ;linear reconstructions along x then y (or y then x)



## RESAMPLING

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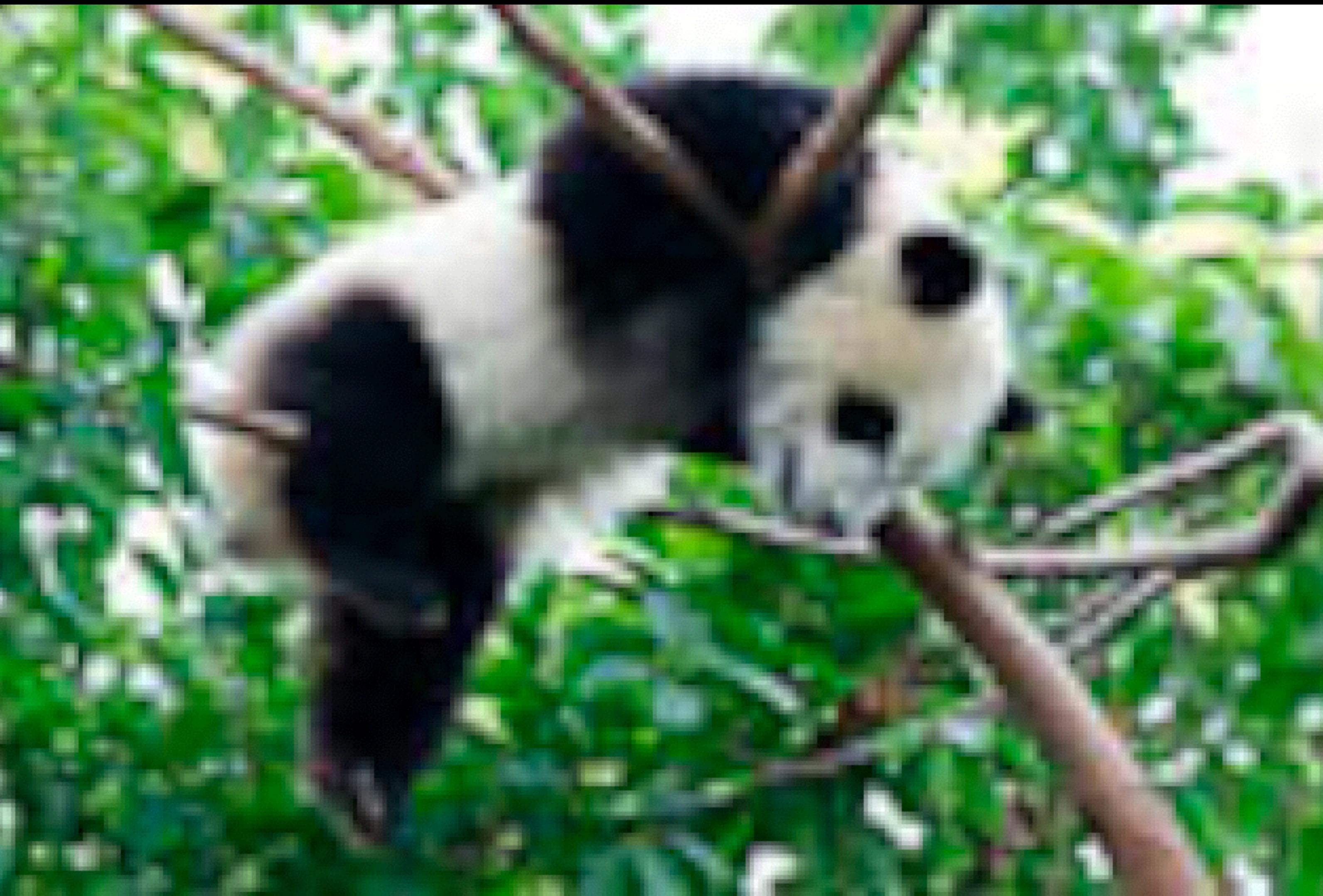
### RECALL NEAREST NEIGHBOR



## RESAMPLING

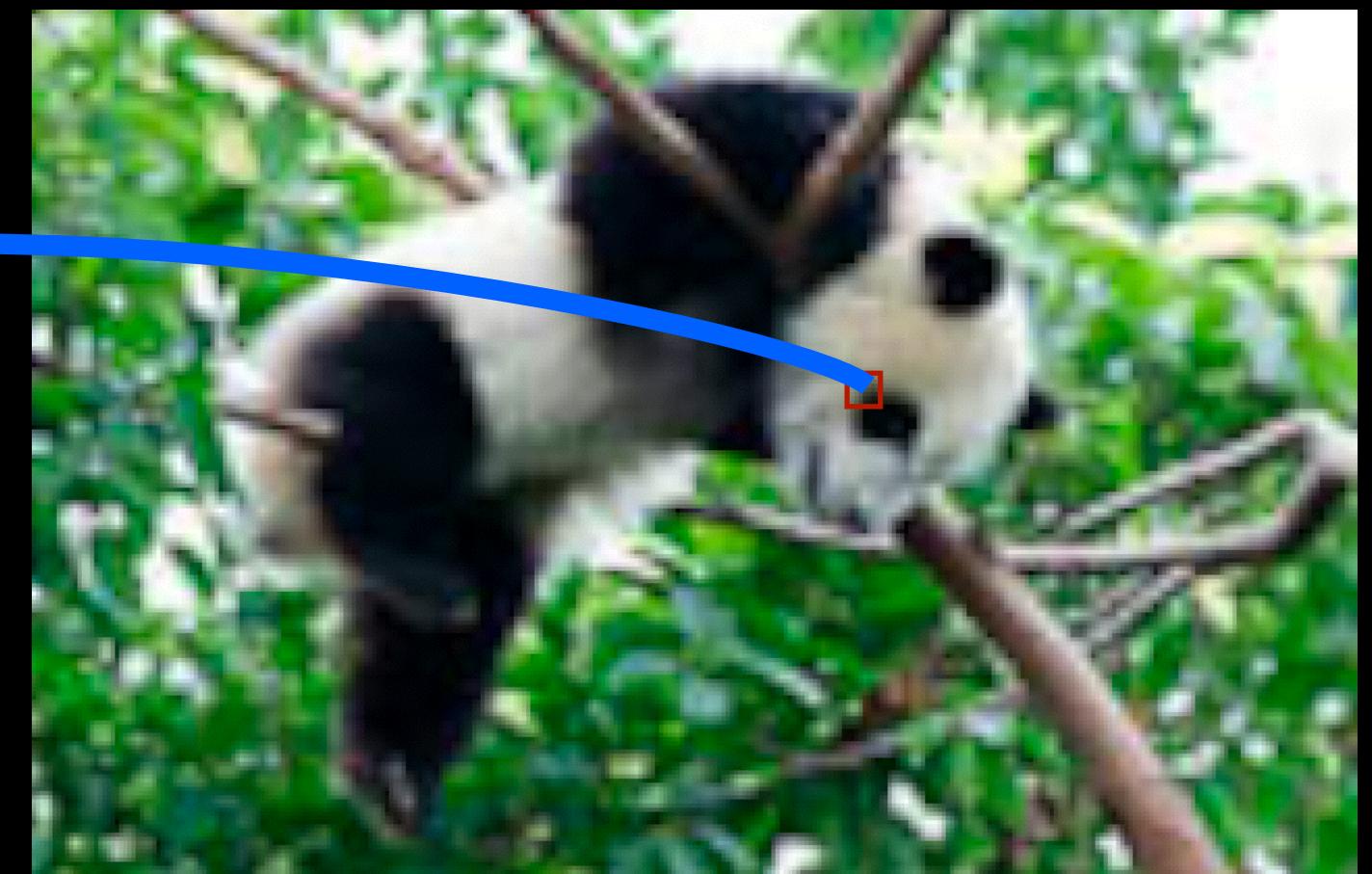
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### BILINEAR



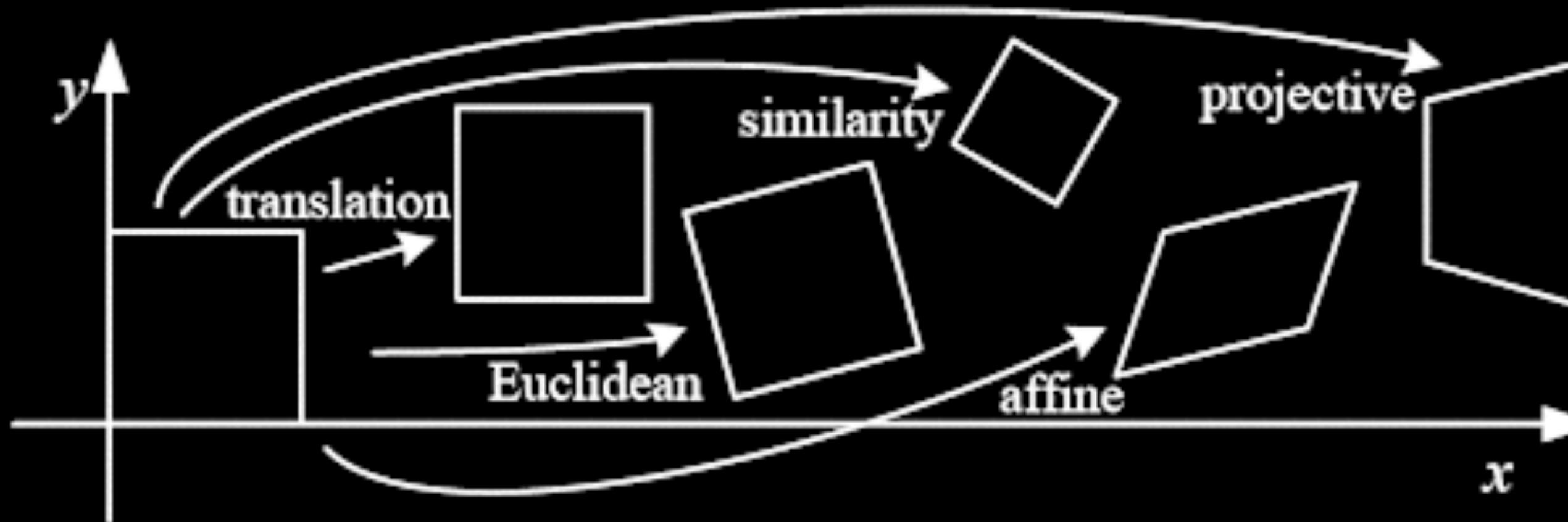
### TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- ▶ Main loop over OUTPUT pixels
  - ▶ Makes sure you cover all of them
- ▶ Use inverse transform
- ▶ Reconstruction makes a difference
  - ▶ Linear much better than nearest neighbor



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# HOMOGRAPHIES

## 2D TRANSFORMATIONS

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### MOTIVATION

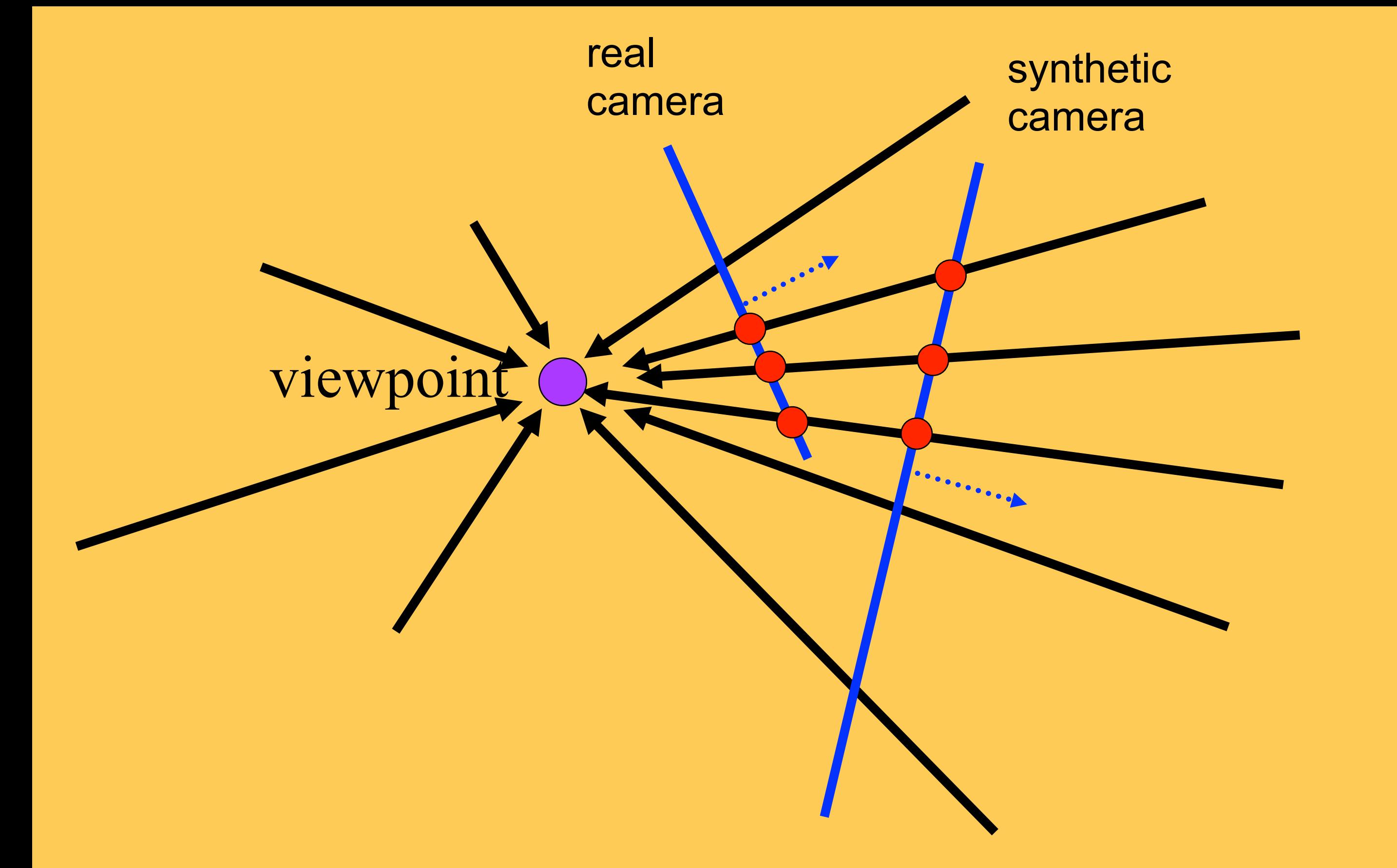
- ▶ It's all a  $3 \times 3$  matrix



# MOTIVATION

## A PENCIL OF RAYS CONTAINS ALL VIEWS

- ▶ Can generate any synthetic camera view as long as it has the same center of projection!



## OTHER INTERPRETATION

- ▶ Depth does not matter
- ▶ We can pretend that each pixel is at a convenient depth

Three convenient depth distributions:

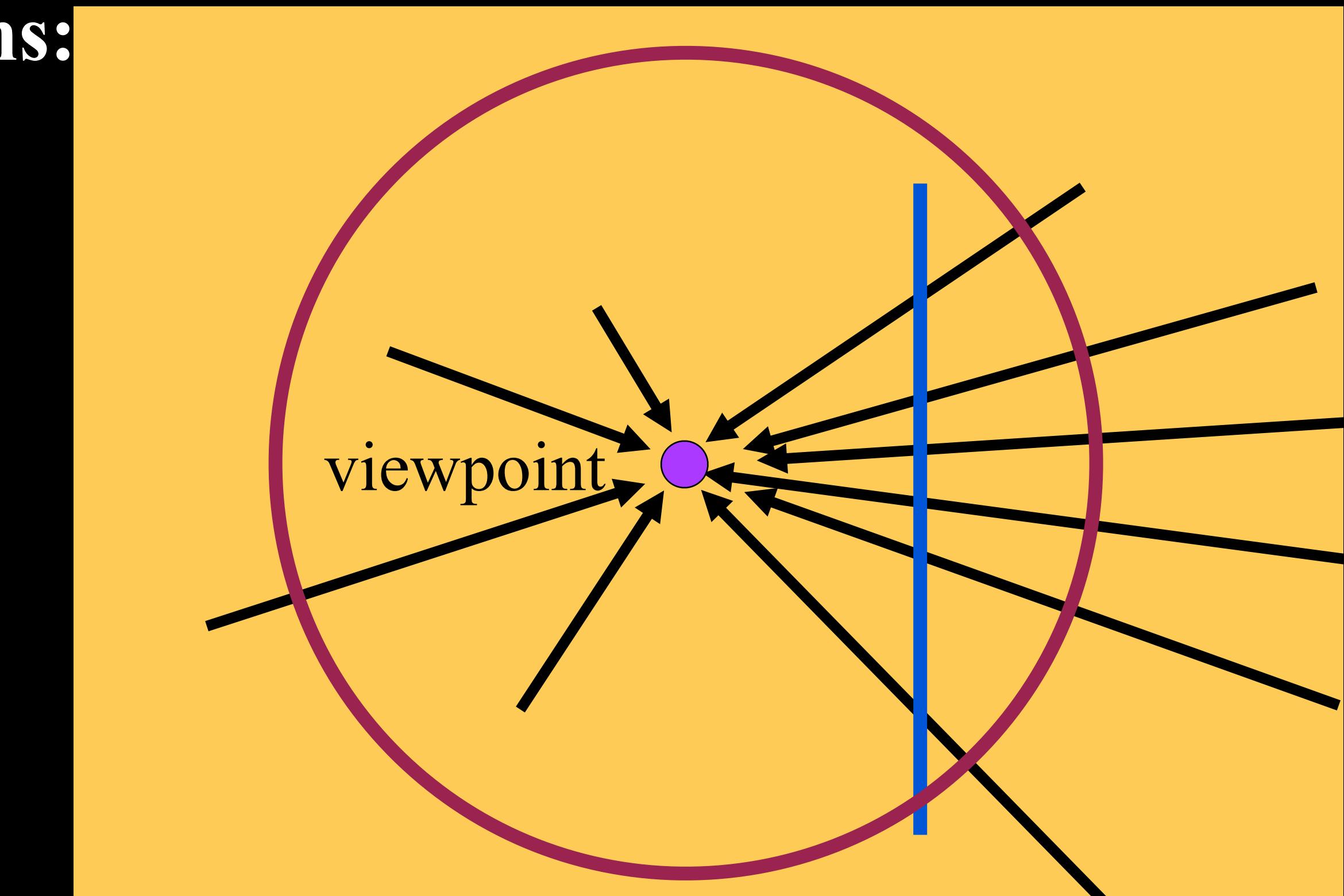
spherical

planar

cylindrical

We focus on planar  
it makes life  
more linear

Still useful for spherical panos

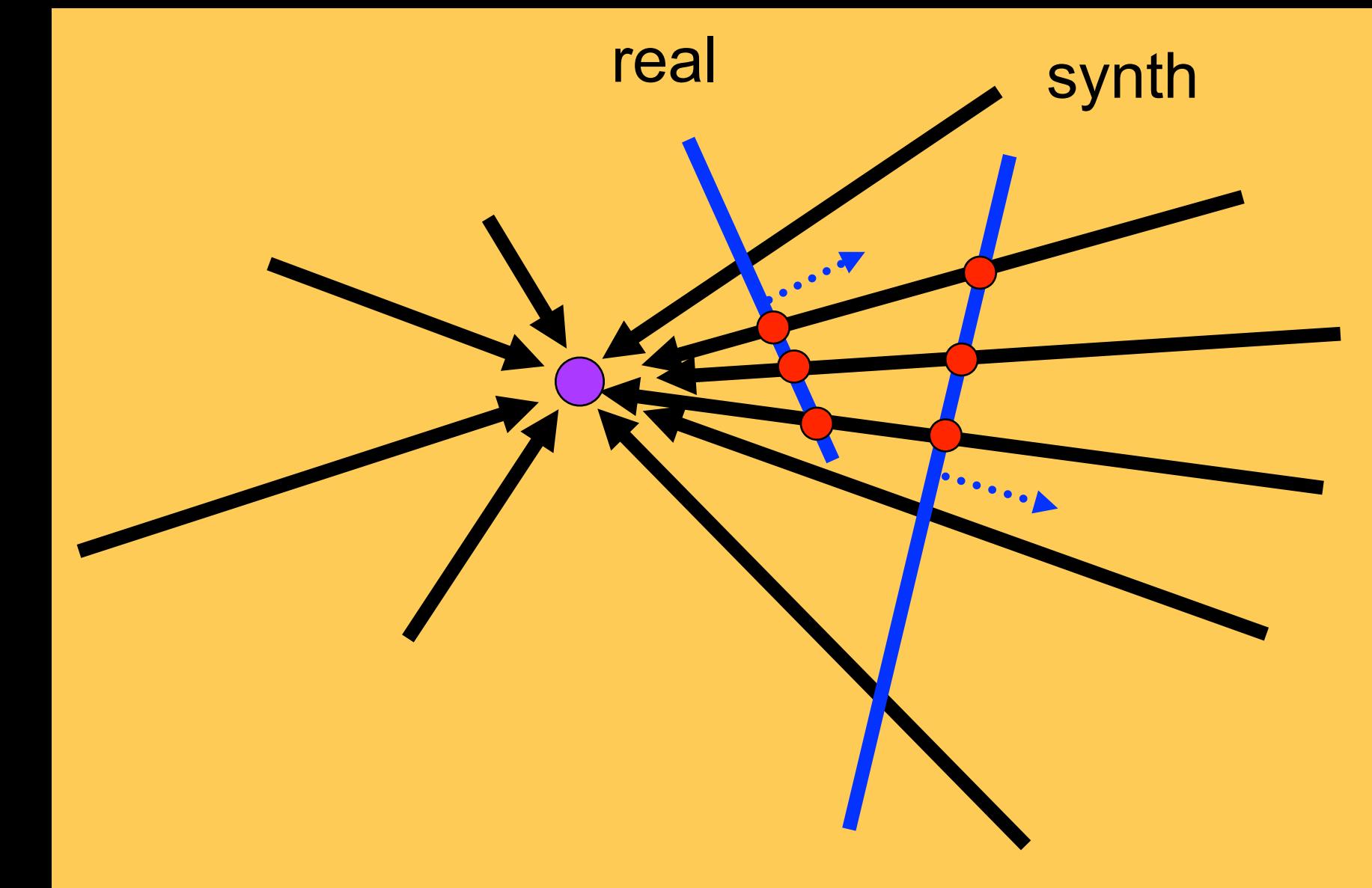


## RECAP

- ▶ When we only rotate the camera (around nodal point) depth does not matter
- ▶ It only performs a 2D warp
  - ▶ one-to-one mapping of the 2D plane
  - ▶ plus of course reveals stuff that was outside the field of view

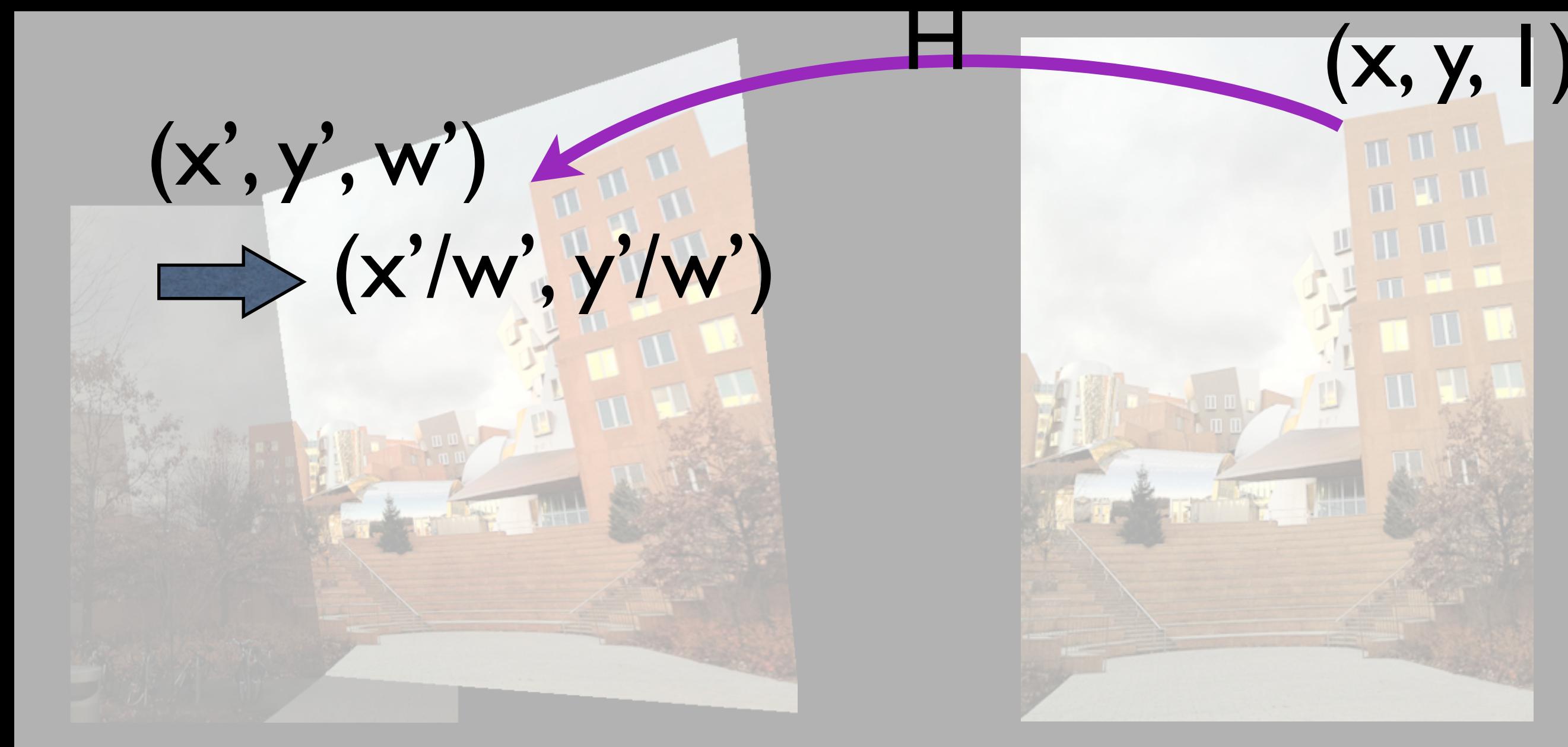


- ▶ Now we just need to figure out this mapping



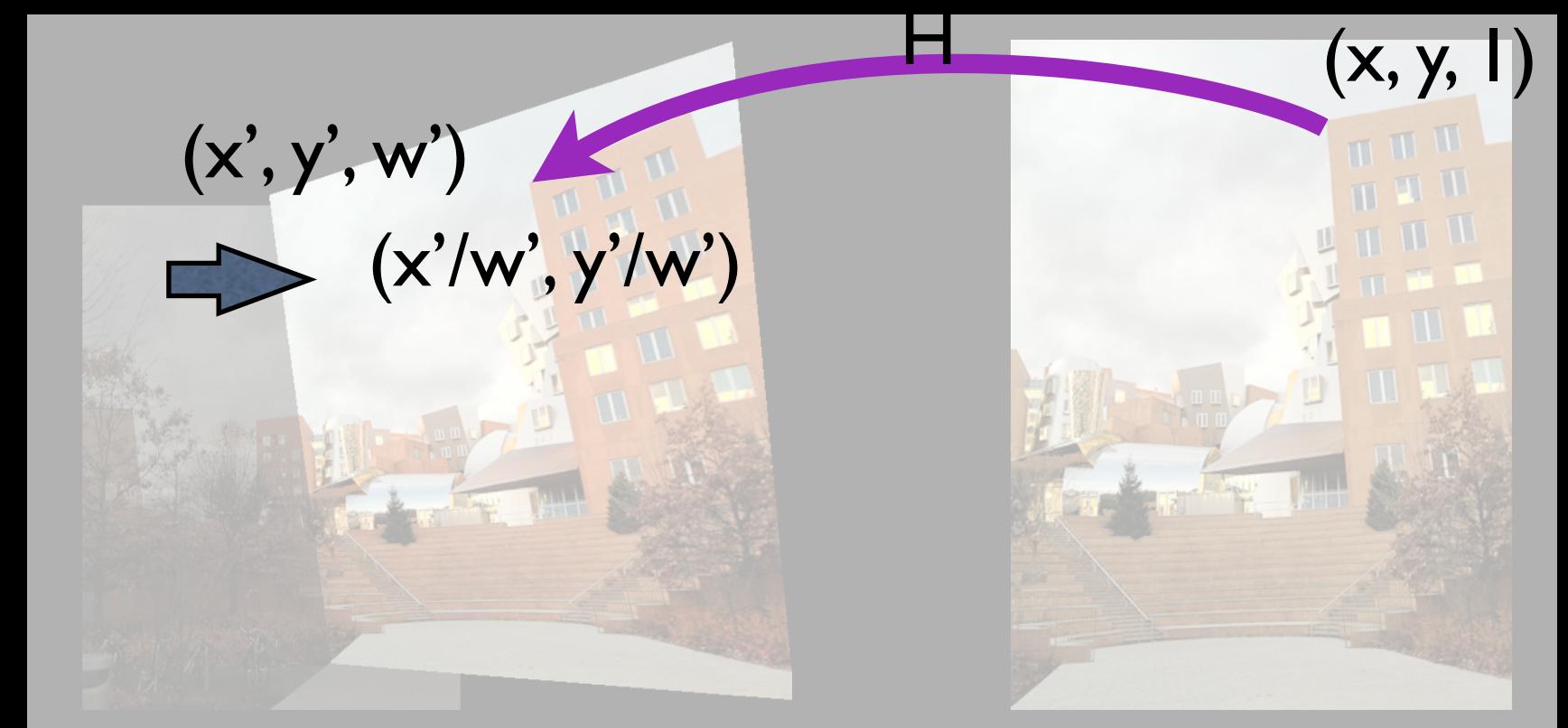
## 2D HOMOGENOUS VERSION

- ▶ 2D points represented as homogenous coordinates  $(x, y, 1)$
- ▶ Mapped into the other image by a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $H$ , into homogenous coordinates  $(x', y', w')$
- ▶ get Euclidean coordinates by dividing by  $w'$



## 3D VS. HOMOGENOUS: THE SAME

- ▶ 3 coordinates because viewed as plane in 3D
- ▶ 3x3 matrix because rotation
- ▶ Divide because perspective
- ▶ weird extra coordinate
- ▶ 3x3 homography matrix
- ▶ divide because it's the rule



## WRAPPING IT UP: HOMOGRAPHY

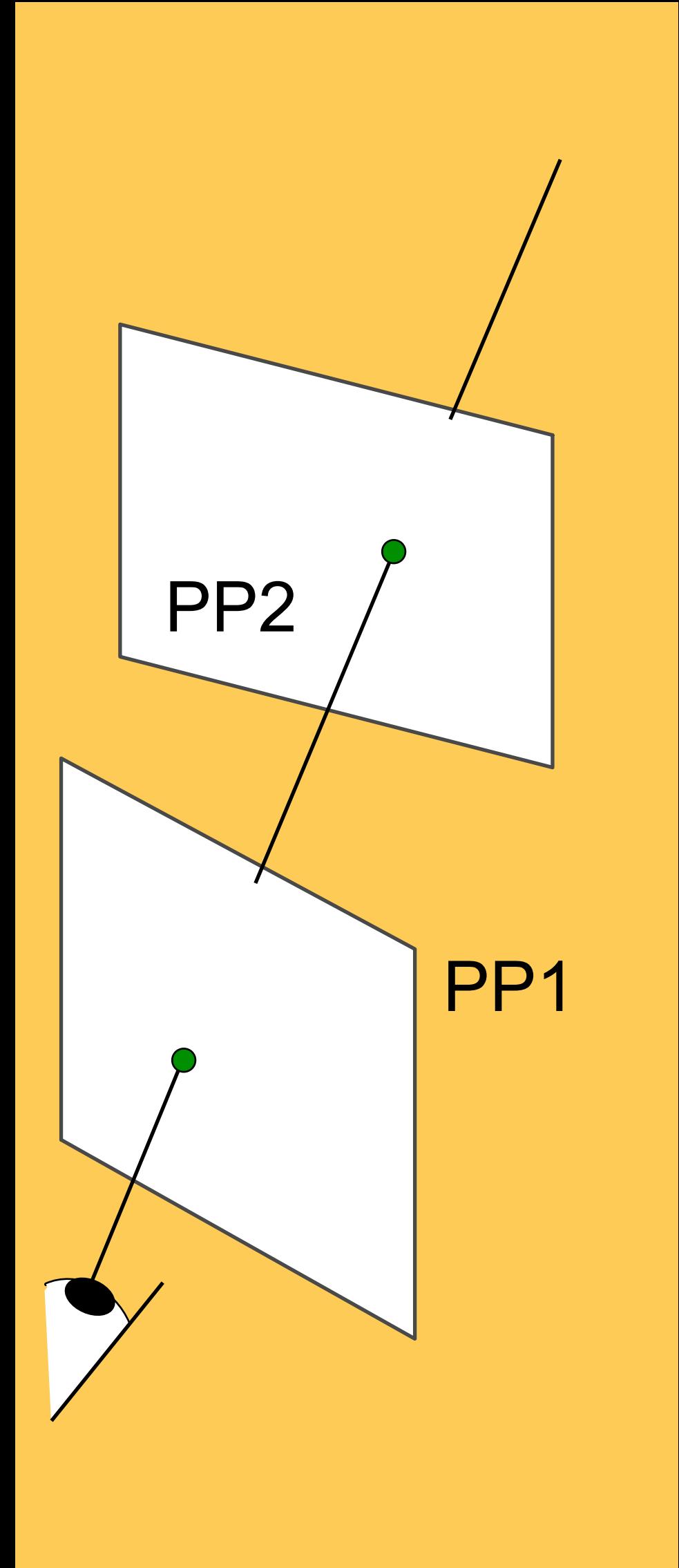
- ▶ Projective mapping between any two planes
- ▶ represented as 3x3 matrix in homogenous coordinates
- ▶ corresponds to the 3D rotation

$$\begin{bmatrix} wx' \\ wy' \\ w \\ p' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ H \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \\ p \end{bmatrix}$$

To apply a homography  $H$

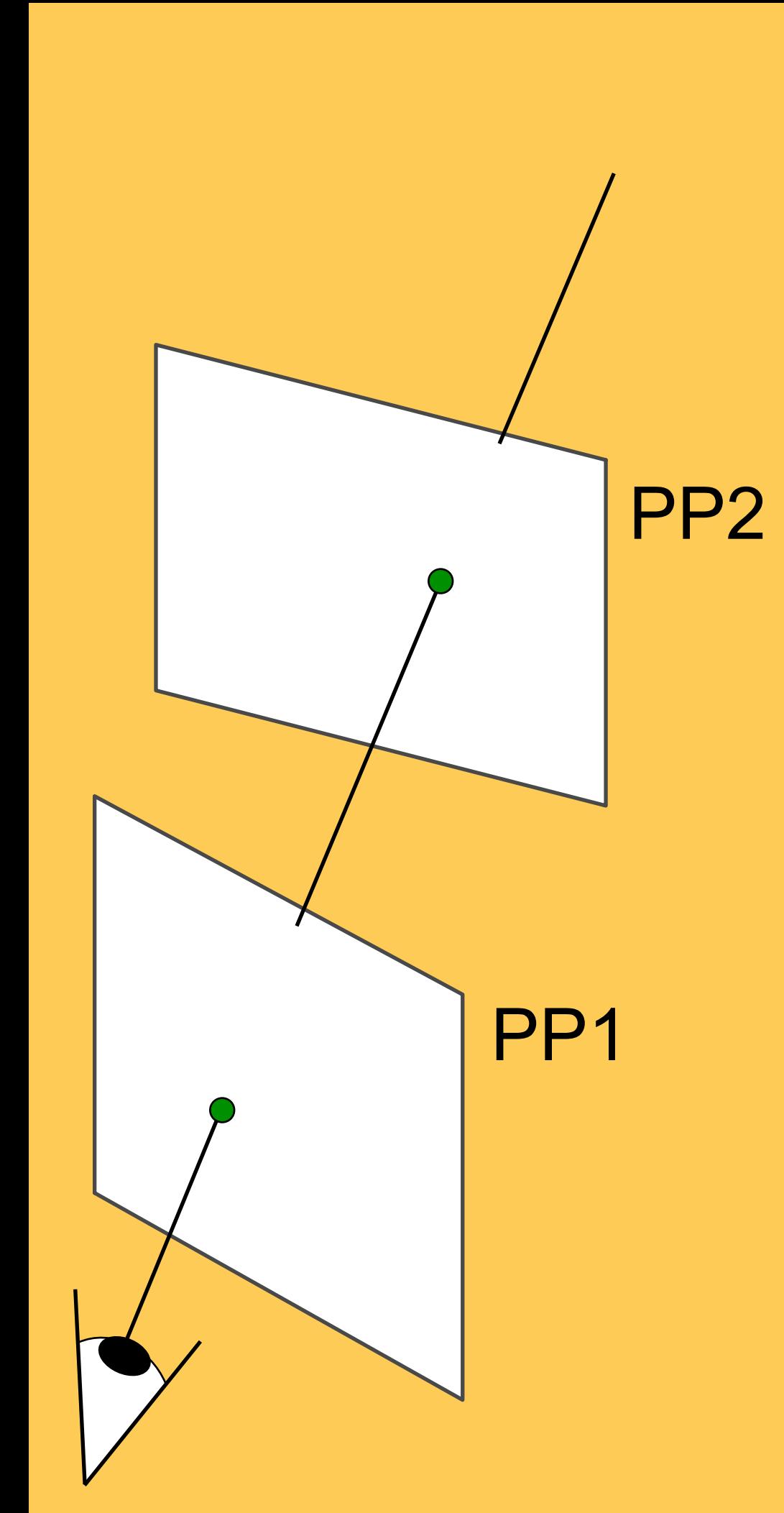
Compute  $p' = Hp$  (regular matrix multiply)

Convert  $p'$  from homogeneous to image coordinates (divide by  $w$ )



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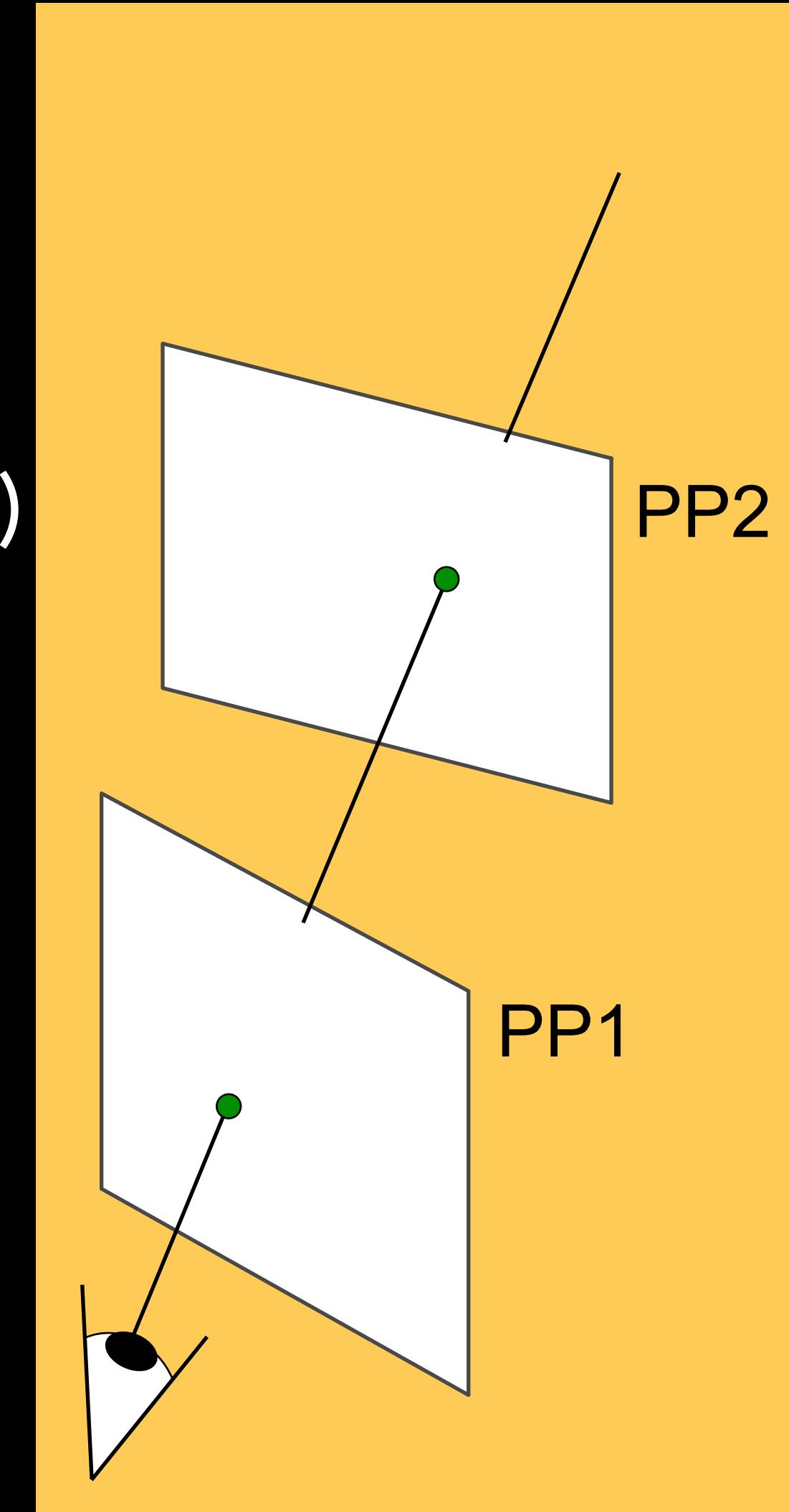
- ▶ rectangles map to arbitrary quadrilateral
- ▶ parallel lines aren't parallel anymore
- ▶ but straight lines remain straight
- ▶ same as: project, rotate, reproject



## RECAP

- ▶ Reprojection = homography
- ▶ 3x3 matrix in homogeneous coordinate
- ▶ (the matrix can be constrained to be a rotation)

$$\begin{bmatrix} wx' \\ wy' \\ w \\ p' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} * & * & * \\ * & * & * \\ * & * & * \end{bmatrix} H \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \\ p \end{bmatrix}$$



## SCALE

- ▶ Homographies are defined up to a scale
- ▶  $H$  and  $kH$  represent the same 2D transformation
- ▶ because  $(wx', wy', w')$  and  $(kw'x', kw'y', kw')$  represent the same point

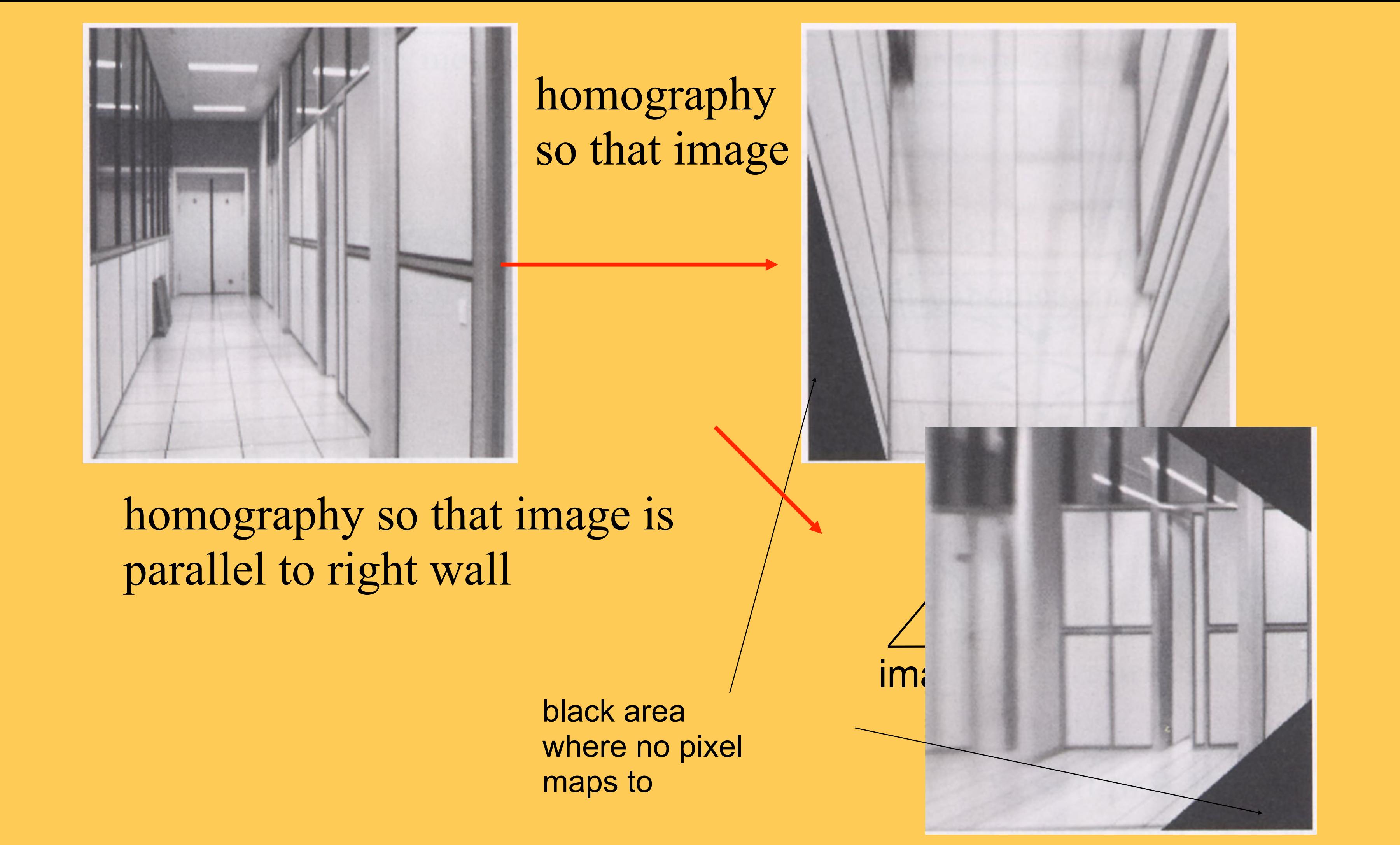
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## CORRECT PERSPECTIVE (PERSPECTIVE CROP)

- ▶ Recall from last time. Its a homography

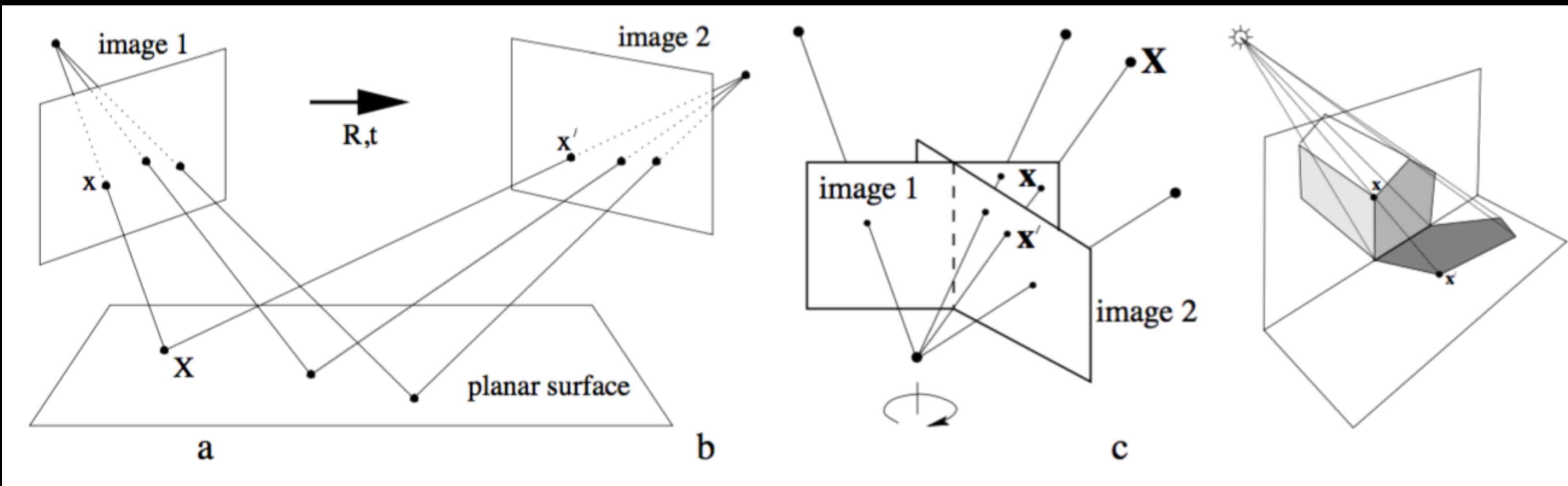


# IMAGE WARPING WITH HOMOGRAPHIES



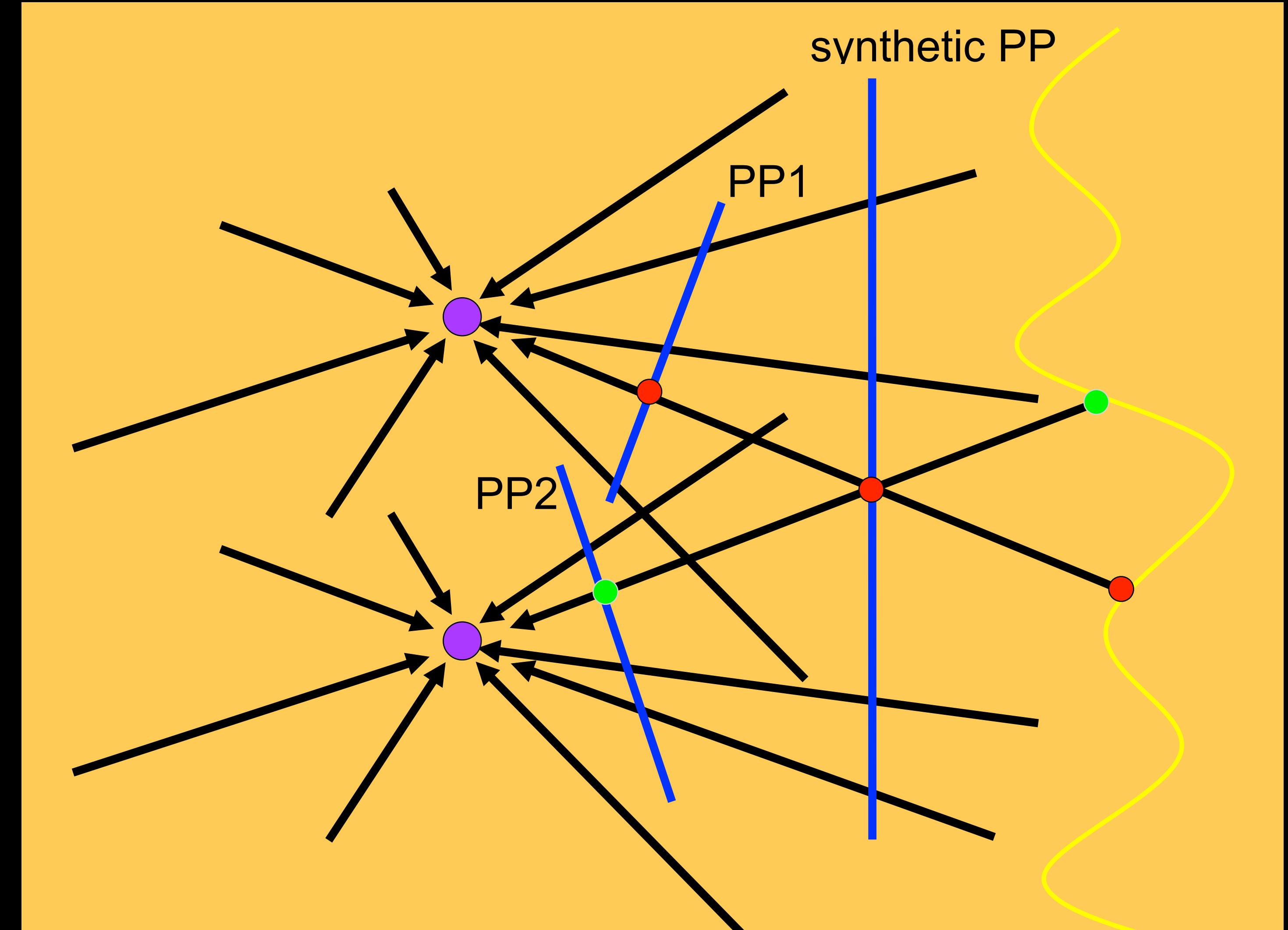
## EXAMPLES OF HOMOGRAPHIES

- ▶ Rotation and Translation in 3D
- ▶ Rotation on camera center
- ▶ Shadows from a point light-source



# CHANGING CAMERA CENTER

- ▶ Does it still work?
- ▶ Only for flat surfaces
- ▶ A more general relationship is the Fundamental matrix F
- ▶ Next week



# WHEN WE WILL USE HOMOGRAPHIES?

- ▶ Rectification for stereo images
- ▶ Camera Calibration Lab 1
- ▶ Panorama Stitching in Computational Photography

# CALCULATING AN HOMOGRAPHY

## GOAL

- ▶ Given correspondences
- ▶ Find homography matrix  $H$  that maps the  $p_i$  to  $p'_i$



## HOMOGRAPHY EQUATION

- ▶ We are given pairs of corresponding points
  - ▶  $x, y, x', y'$  are known
- ▶ Unknowns: matrix coefficients and  $w'$
- ▶ (the order in Y and X is only for convenience when

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y \\ x \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y'w' \\ x'w' \\ w' \end{pmatrix}$$

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  - ▶ but  $w'$  is easy to get:

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- For a pair of points  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x', y')$  we have

$$ay + bx + c = y'(gy + hx + i)$$

$$dy + ex + f = x'(gy + hx + i)$$

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- ▶ Unknowns: a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i
- ▶ Linear!

- ▶ Each correspondence pair gives us two equations

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y \\ x \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y'w' \\ x'w' \\ w' \end{pmatrix}$$
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$$ay + bx + c = y'(gy + hx + i)$$
$$dy + ex + f = x'(gy + hx + i)$$

- ▶ How many unknowns?
- ▶ 9
- ▶ but  $H$  is defined up to scale. Four pairs are enough!

## FORMING THE LINEAR SYSTEM

- ▶ We have  $4 \times 2$  linear equations in our 8 unknowns

- ▶ Represent as a matrix system  $Ax=B$ :

- ▶ Now we need to fill matrix A and vector B

$$\left( \begin{array}{c} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \\ f \\ g \\ h \\ i \end{array} \right) = B$$

A

$$ay + bx + c = y'(gy + hx + i)$$

$$dy + ex + f = x'(gy + hx + i)$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccccccc} a & b & c & d & e & f & g & h & i \end{array} \right) \left( \begin{array}{c} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \\ f \\ g \\ h \\ i \end{array} \right) = \begin{array}{c} \cdot \\ \cdot \end{array}$$

TEXT

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FORMING THE MATRIX

$$ay + bx + c = y'(gy + hx + i)$$

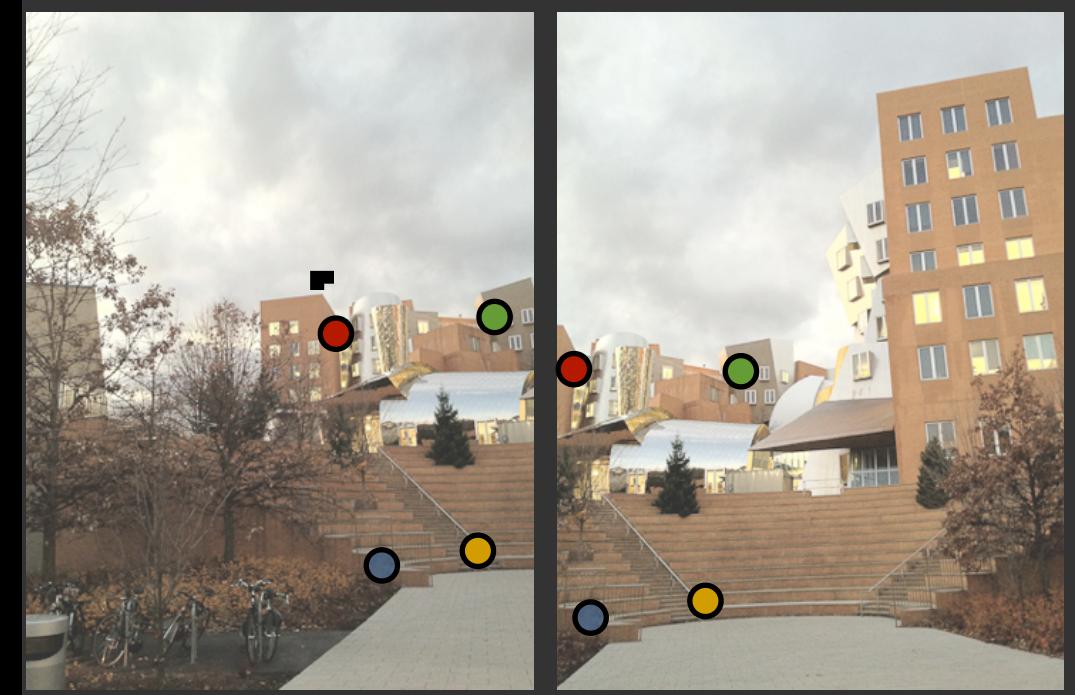
$$dy + ex + f = x'(gy + hx + i)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d & e & f & g & h & i \\ y & x & | & 0 & 0 & 0 & -yy' & -xy' & -y' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \\ f \\ g \\ h \\ i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{matrix} \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ 0 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \end{matrix}$$

I'll let you do the x case for pset 6

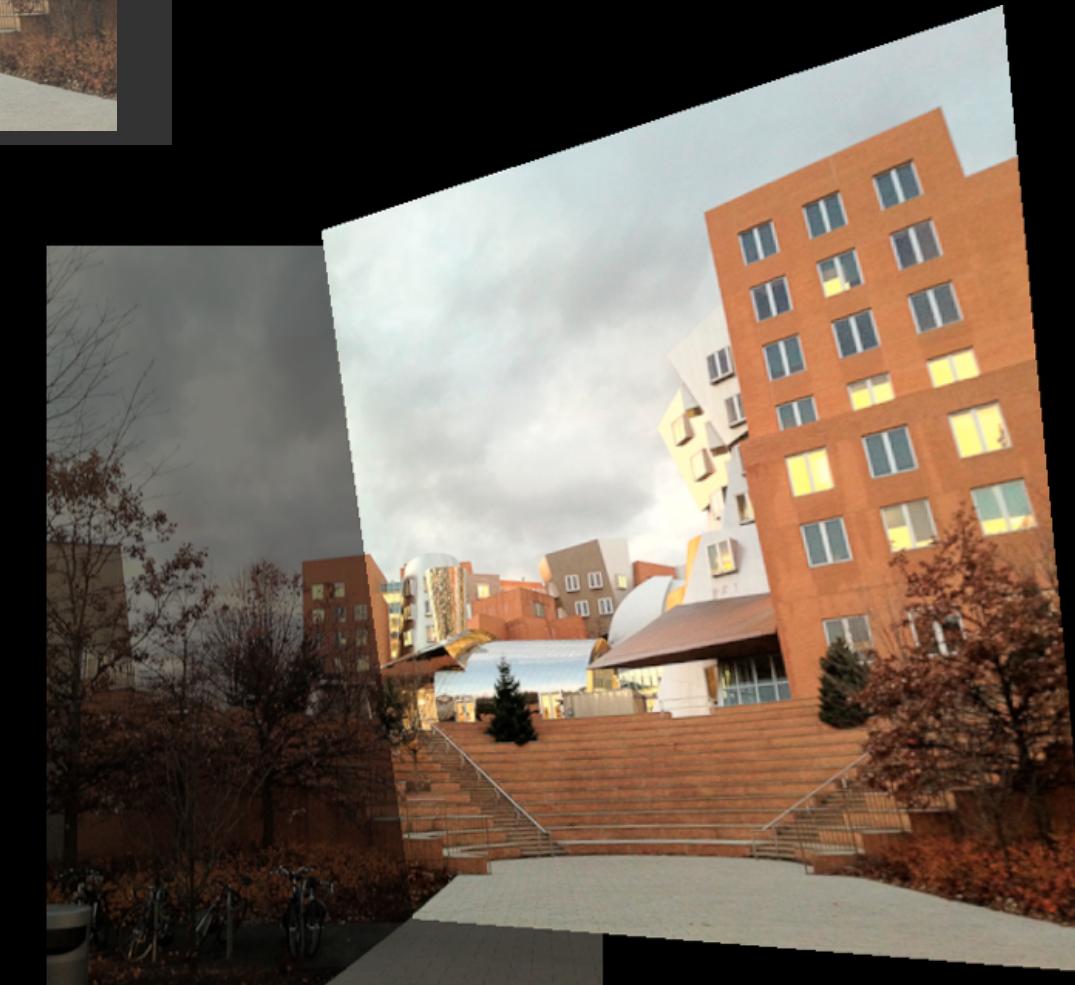
## RECAP

- We have four pairs of points



- Looking for homography  $H$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y \\ x \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y'w' \\ x'w' \\ w' \end{pmatrix}$$



- Formed a big  $8 \times 9$  linear system  $Ax=0$
- where  $x$  is the 9 homography coefficients

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccccccc} y & x & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -yy' & -xy' & -y' \\ \dots & & & & & & & & \\ \dots & & & & & & & & \\ \dots & & & & & & & & \end{array} \right) \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \\ f \\ g \\ h \\ i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## SOLVE FOR SCALE INVARIANCE

- ▶ We know that there exists a full family of solutions  $kH$ , for any non-zero  $k$
- ▶ i.e., if  $(a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i)$  is a solution, so is  $(ka, kb, kc, kd, ke, kf, kg, kh, ki)$
- ▶ Adding more correspondences won't help

## DIRTY SOLUTION

- ▶ Hope that  $i$  is not 0
- ▶ Set it arbitrarily to 1
  - ▶ either create an 8x8 matrix
  - ▶ or add a last row that says  $i$  should be 1
- ▶ In practice  $i$  is rarely zero
  - ▶ But it's still dirty
- ▶ You can use this solution for pset 6

## CLEANER SOLUTION

- ▶ Use SVD
- ▶ The singular vector with singular value 0 is a solution
- ▶ See your favorite linear algebra textbook

## DIRTY-CLEAN: THREE VERSIONS

- ▶ Dirty with  $i=1$
- ▶  $9 \times 9$ :
  - ▶ RHS is zero almost everywhere, except last row
  - ▶ last row just says  $i=1$
- ▶  $8 \times 8$ :
  - ▶ substitute  $i=1$  from beginning
  - ▶ RHS is usually non-zero
- ▶ Clean with SVD:  $8 \times 9$ 
  - ▶  $Ax=0$

# SUMMARY

# LAB 1

# CAMERA CALIBRATION

TEXT

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## TASK 1 : POSE ESTIMATION



# TASK 2 : DECOMPOSE P INTO K,R,T, AND C

$$X = K[R \quad t]X$$

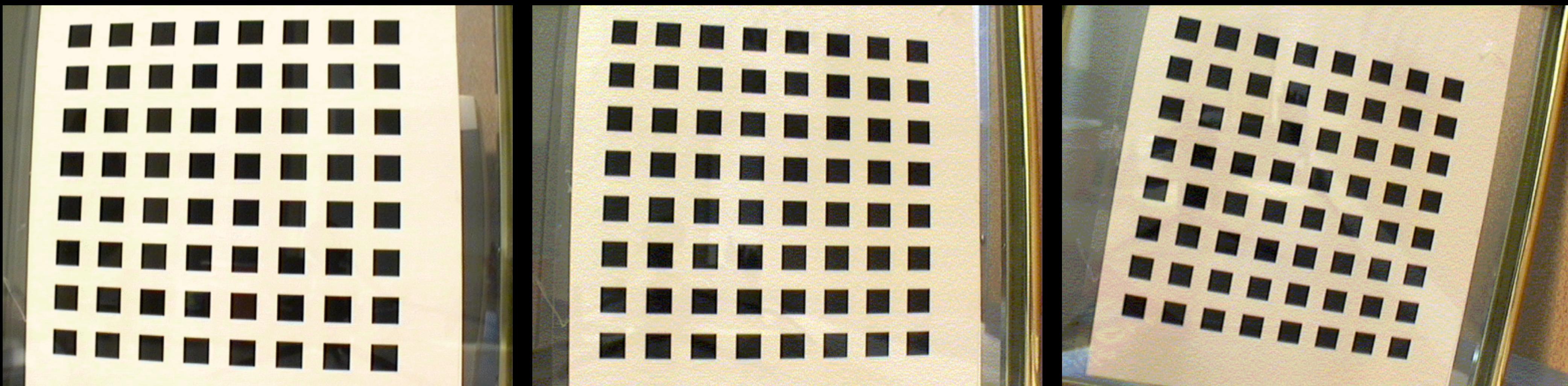
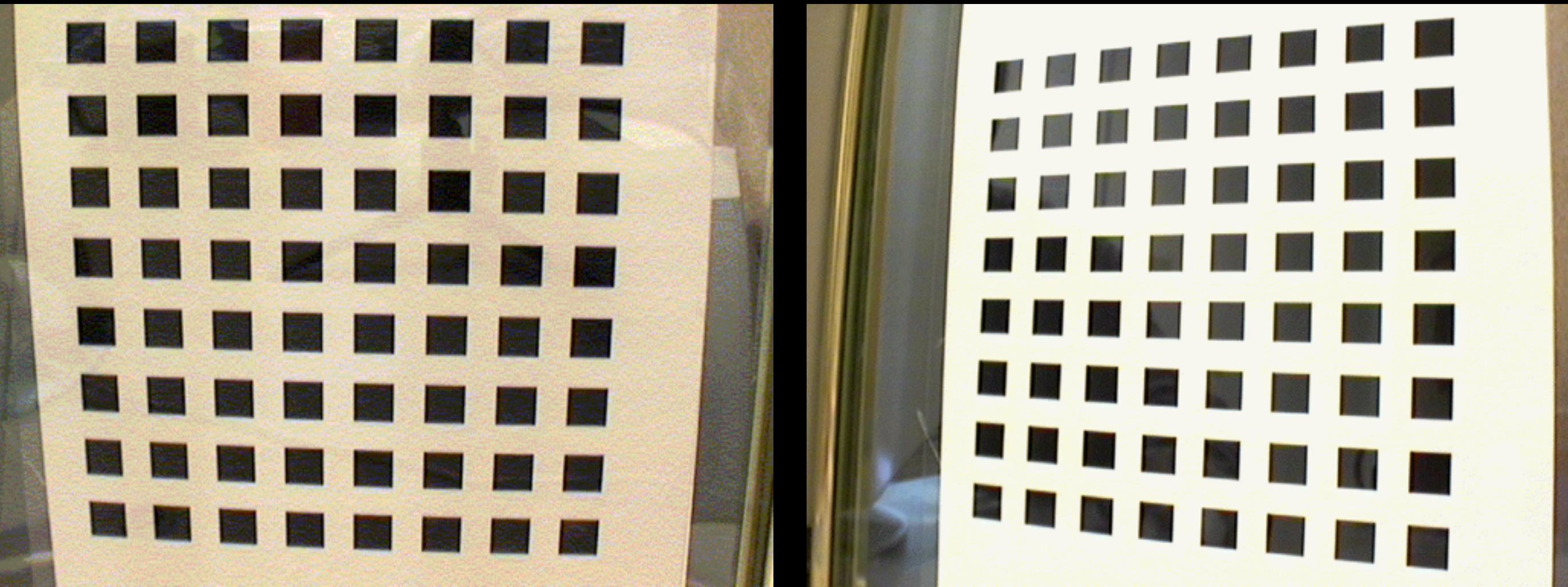


$$w \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & s & u_0 \\ 0 & \beta & v_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & r_{13} & t_x \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & r_{23} & t_y \\ r_{31} & r_{32} & r_{33} & t_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5) \quad (6)$$

TEXT

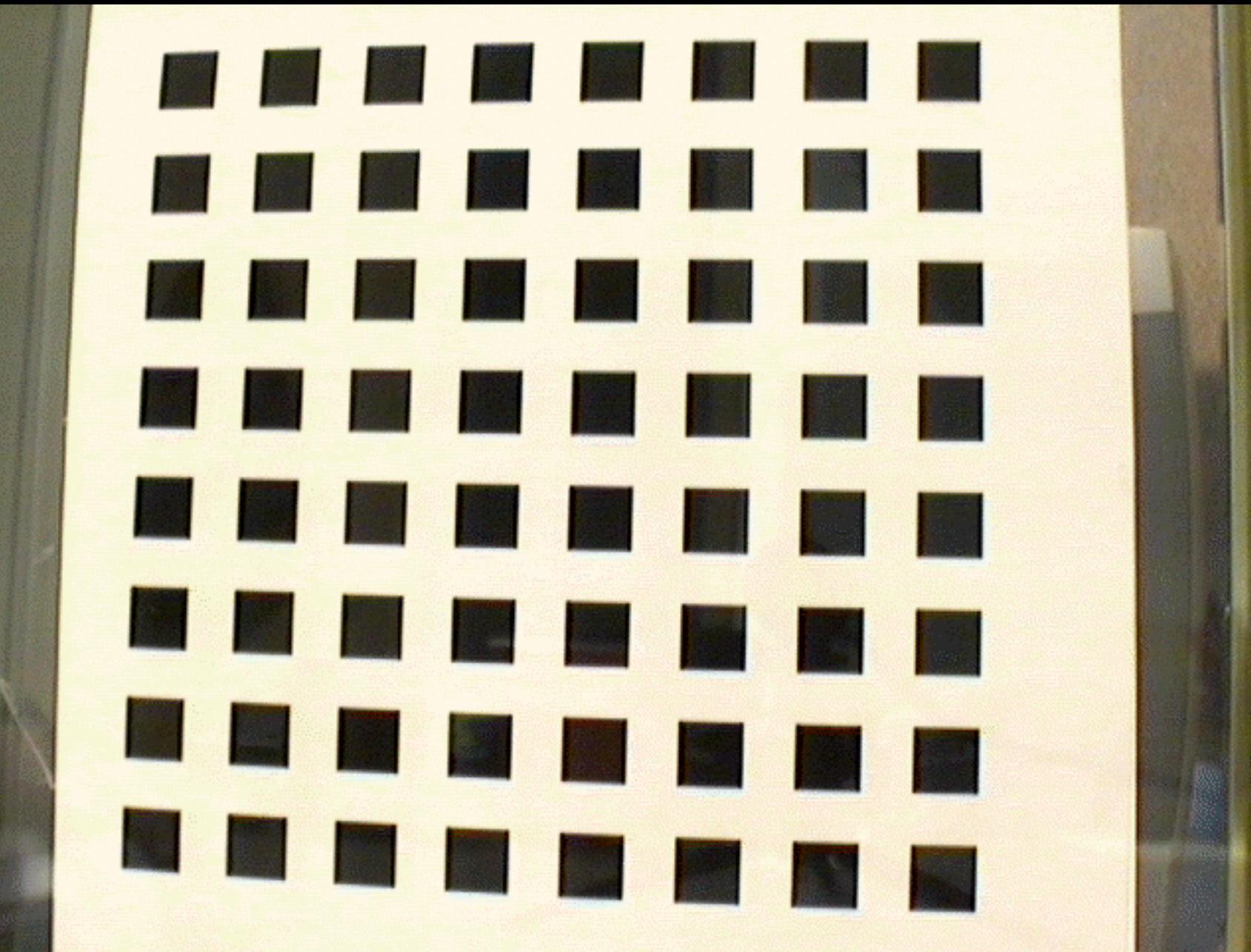
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## TASK 3 : LENS DISTORTION PROJECTION

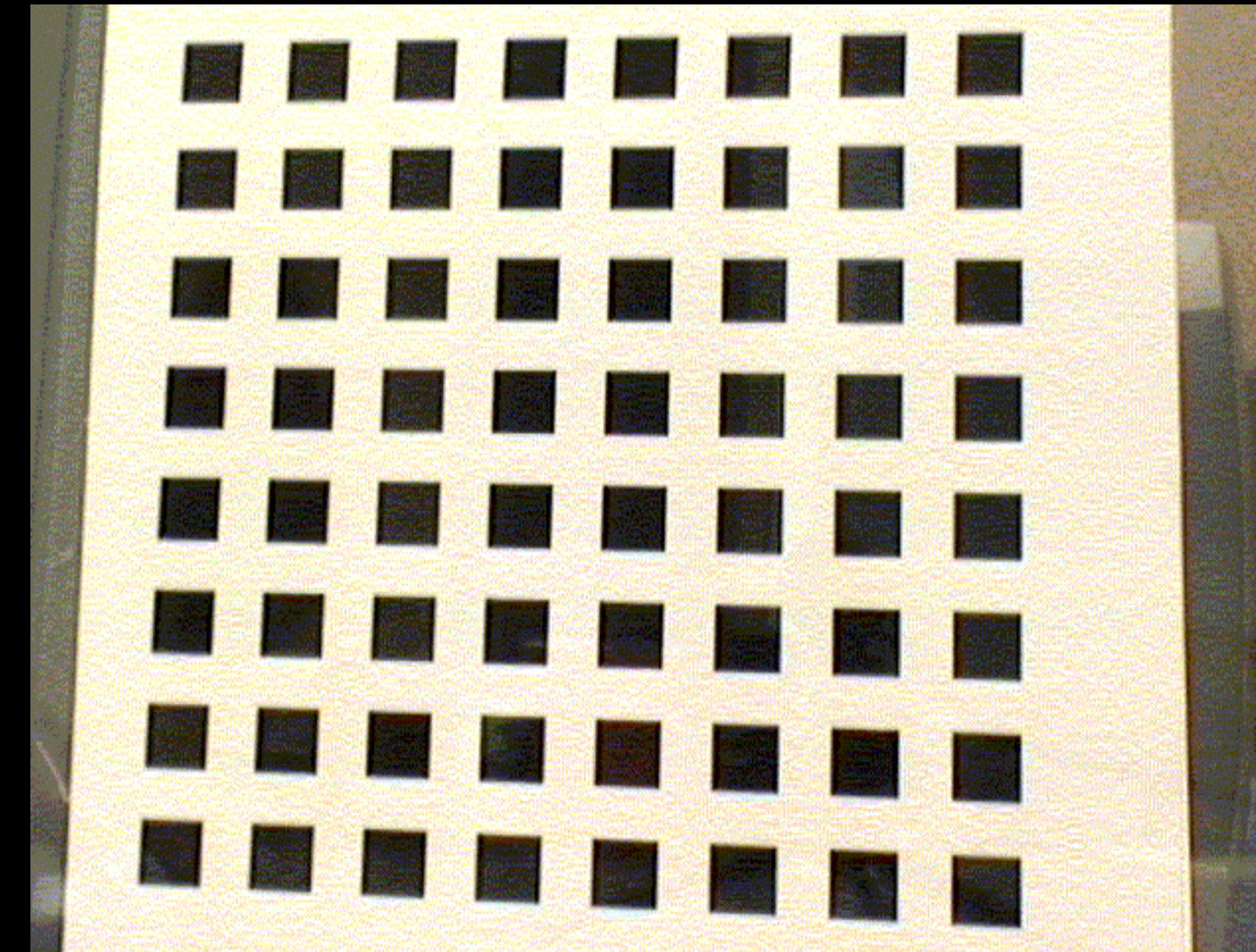


## TASK 4 : LENS DISTORTION - CORRECTION

► captured



► undistorted



- ▶ Compute  $P$  from 3D-2D correspondences
- ▶ Extract  $K, R, C$  from  $P$
- ▶ Compute  $H$  from 4 corresponding points
- ▶ Compute lens distortion parameters

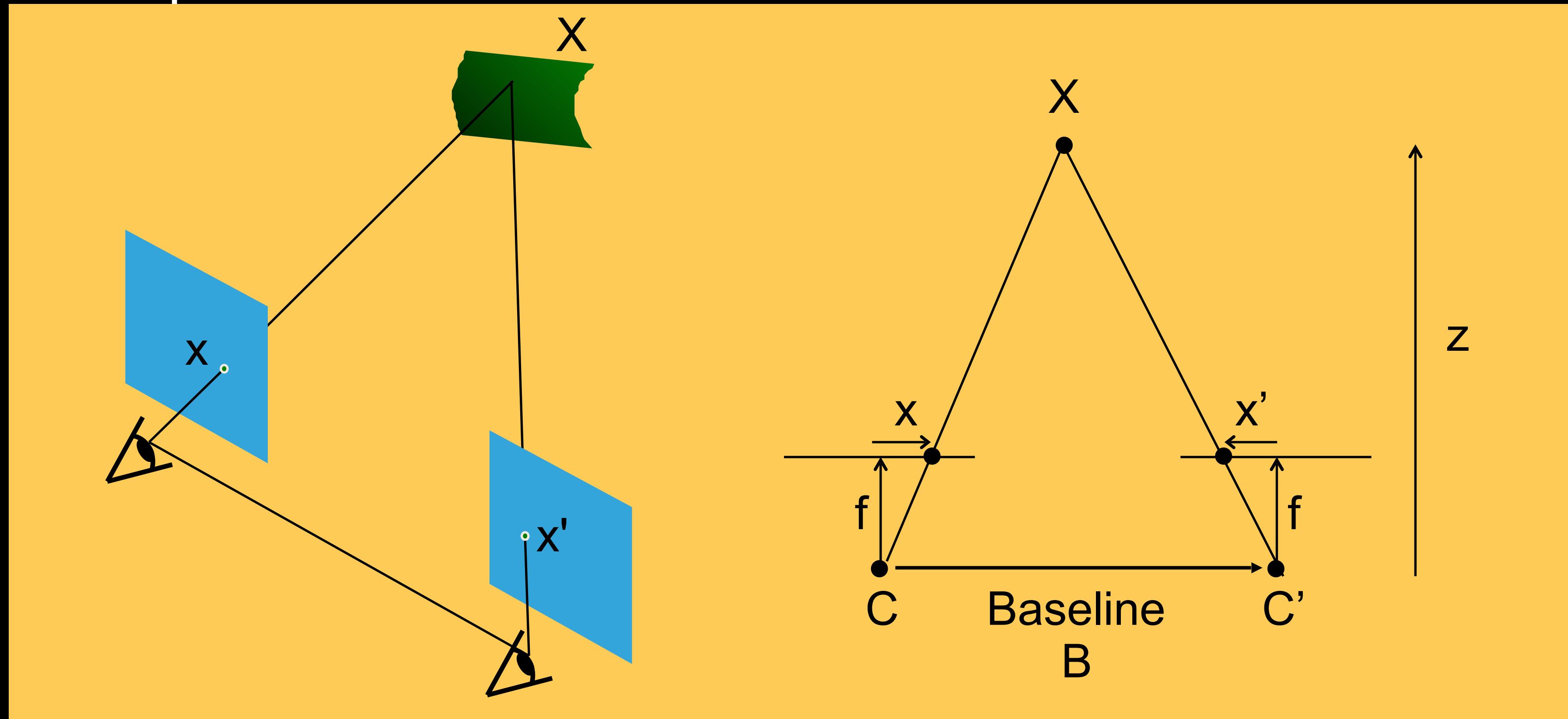
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- ▶ Relates cameras from two positions

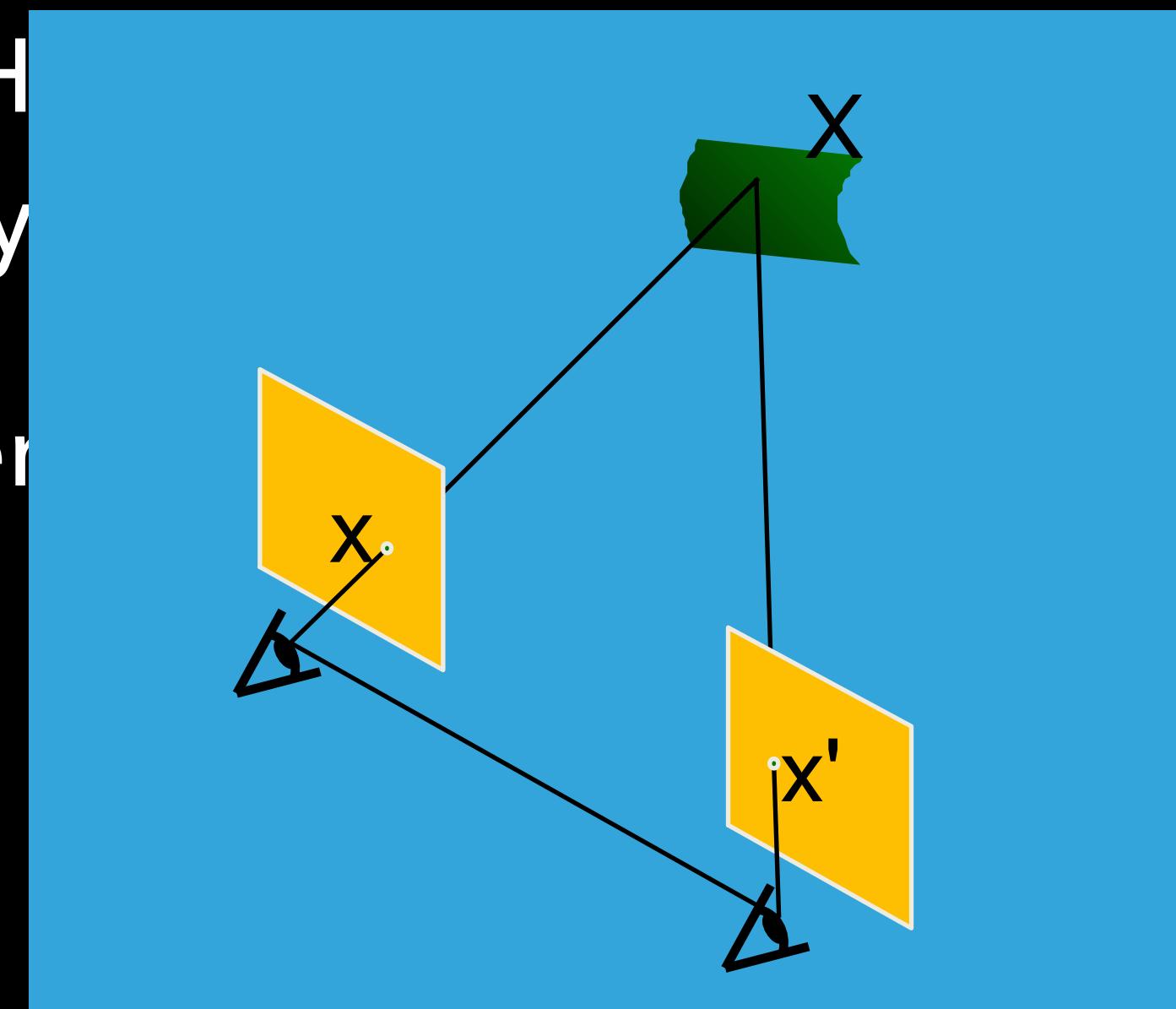
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- ▶ Sub-Problems
  - ▶ Calibration:  $H$  (if not already)
  - ▶ Correspondence:  $x'$ ?



ation of the cameras  
for the matching point

## CORRESPONDENCE PROBLEM

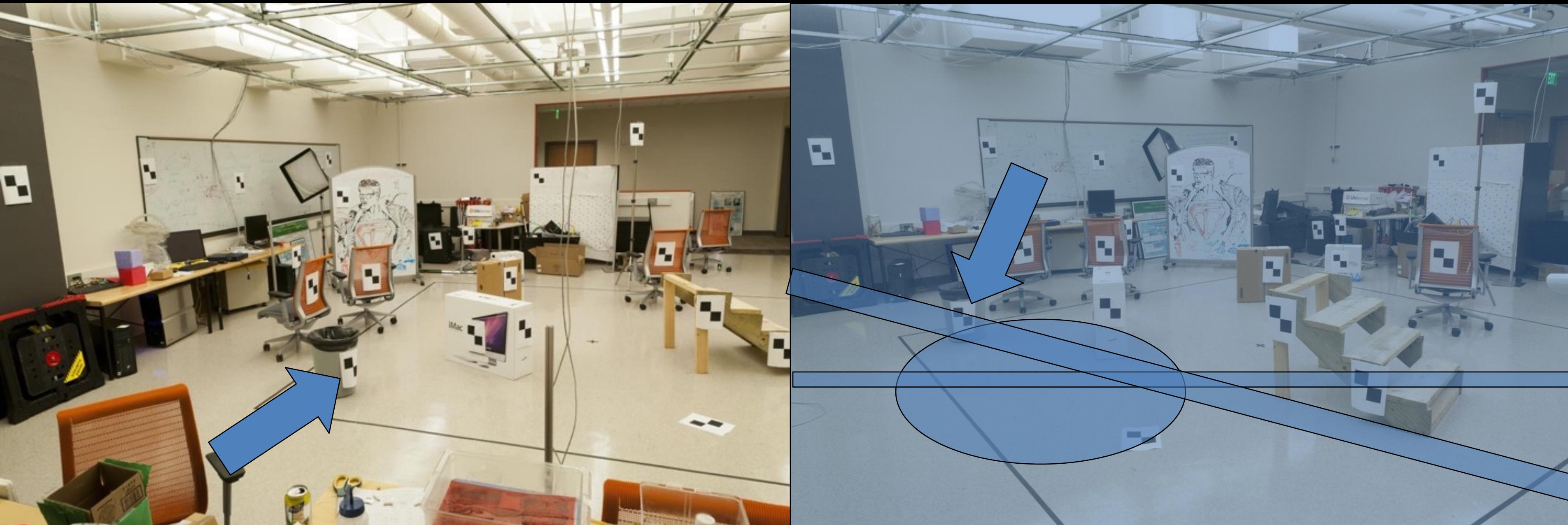
- ▶ We have two images taken from cameras with different intrinsic and extrinsic parameters
- ▶ How do we match a point in the first image to a point in the second? How can we constrain our search?



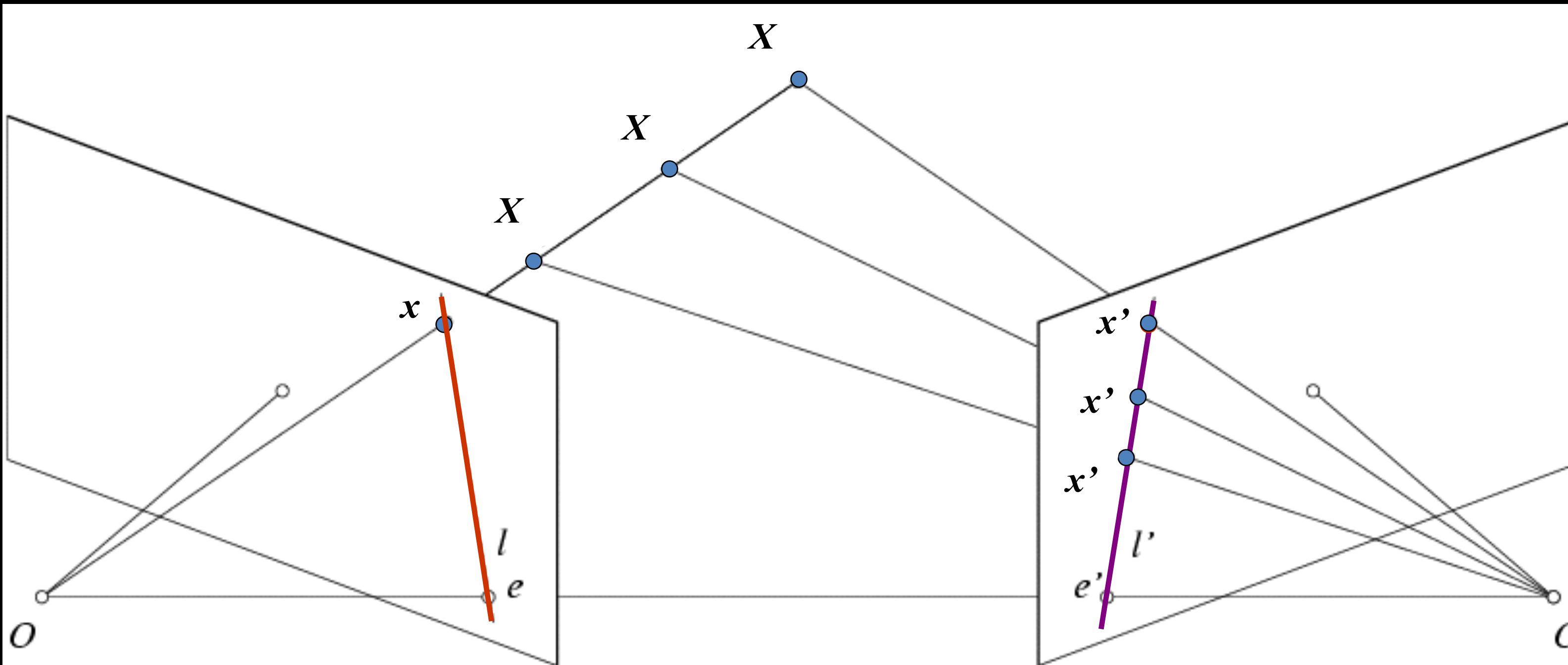
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# WHERE DO WE NEED TO SEARCH?



# KEY IDEA: EPIPOLAR CONSTRAINT



Potential matches for  $x$  have to lie on the corresponding line  $l'$ .

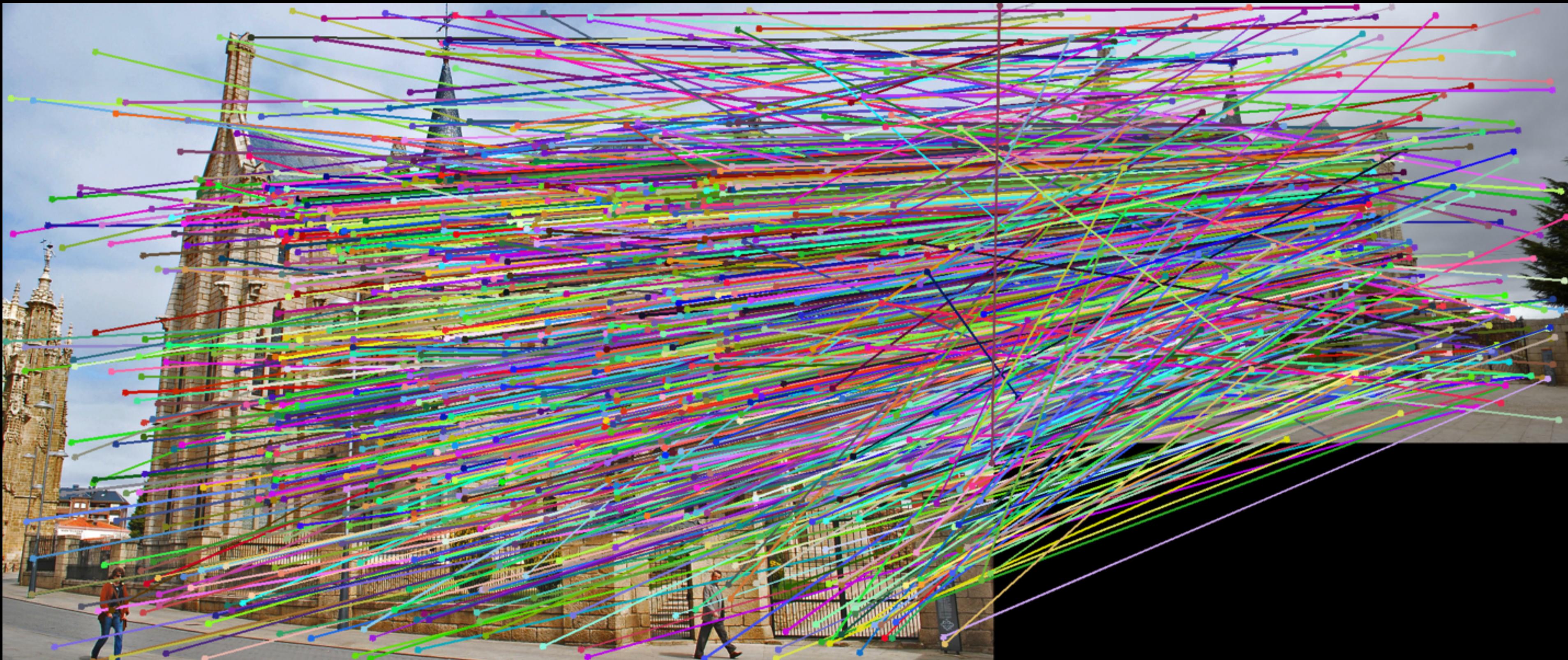
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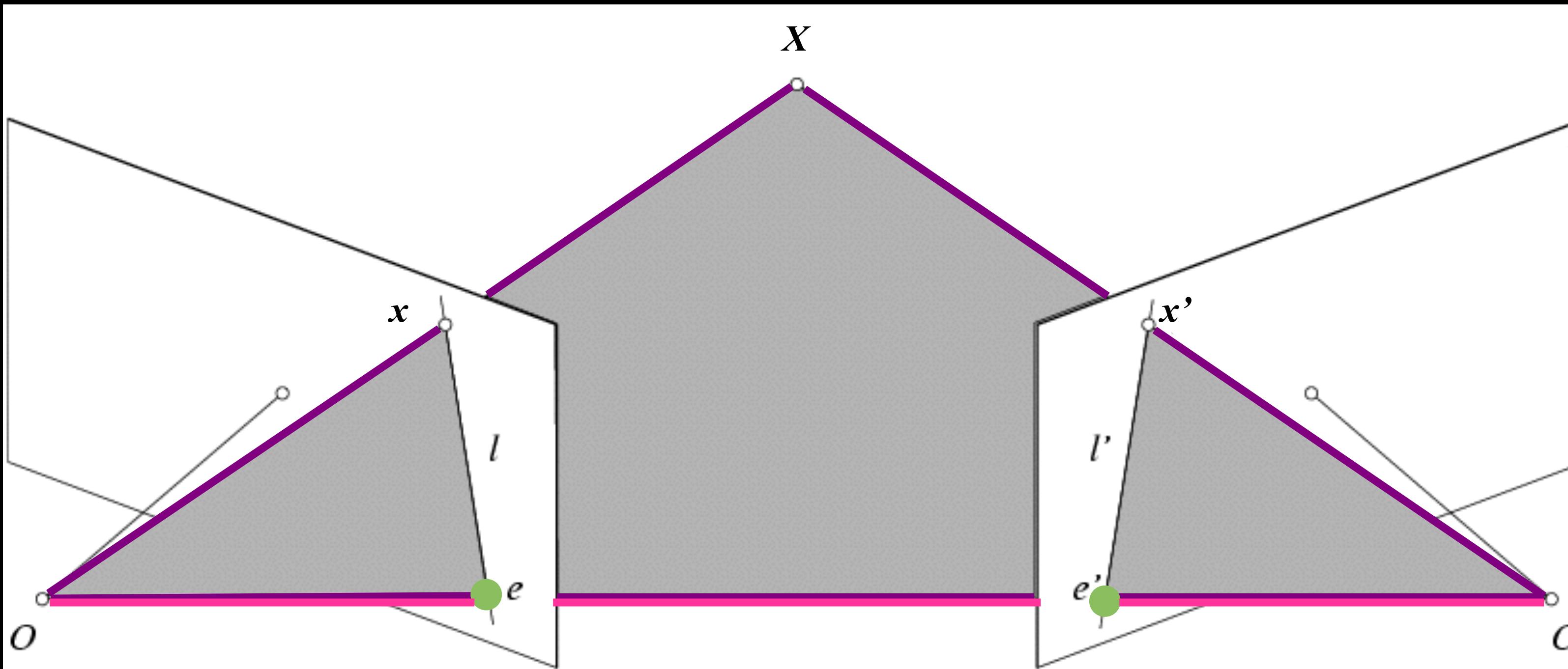
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WOULDN'T IT BE NICE TO KNOW WHERE MATCHES CAN LIVE? TO CONSTRAIN OUR 2D SEARCH TO 1D.

- ▶ VLFeat's 800 most confident matches among 10,000+ local features.

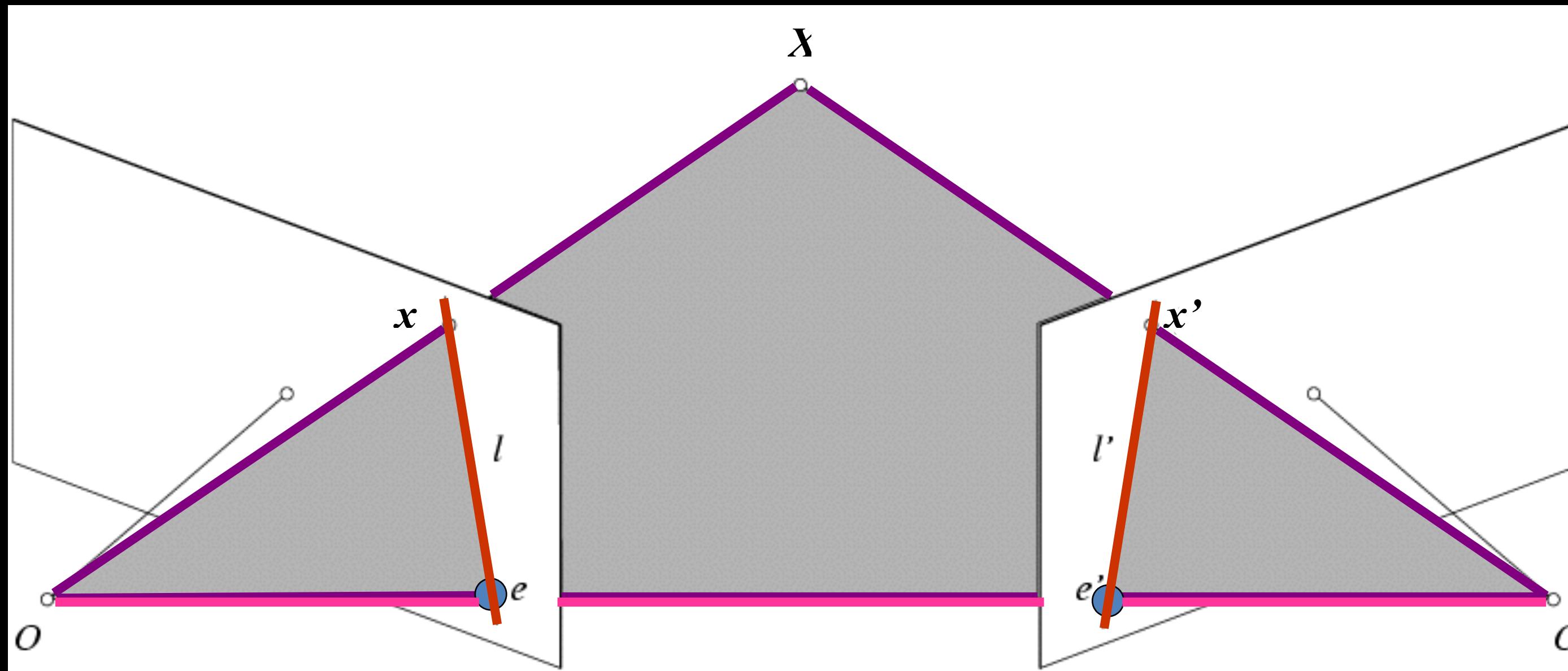


## EPIPOLAR GEOMETRY: NOTATION



- **Baseline** – line connecting the two camera centers
- **Epipoles**
  - = intersections of baseline with image planes
  - = projections of the other camera center
- **Epipolar Plane** – plane containing baseline

## EPIPOLAR GEOMETRY: NOTATION

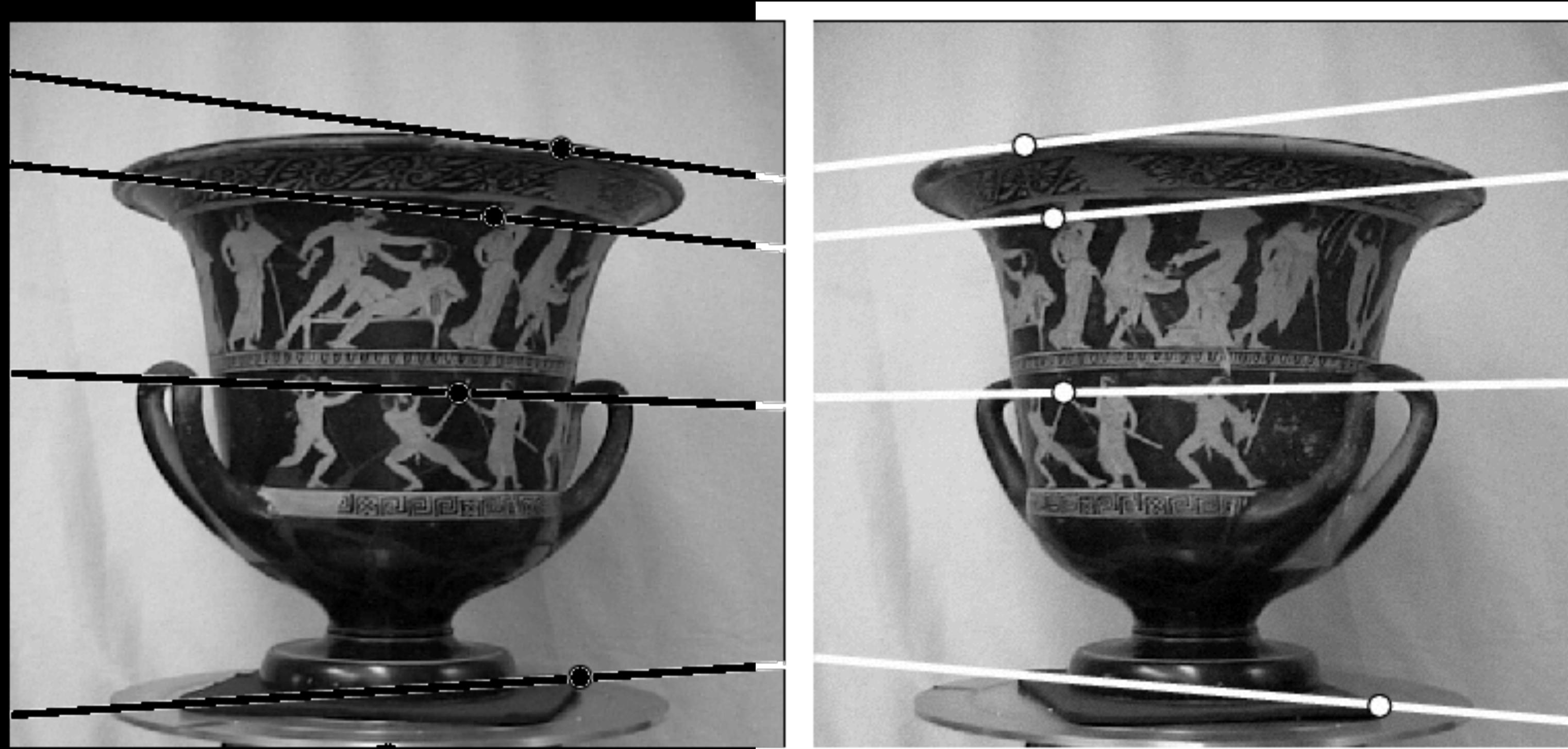
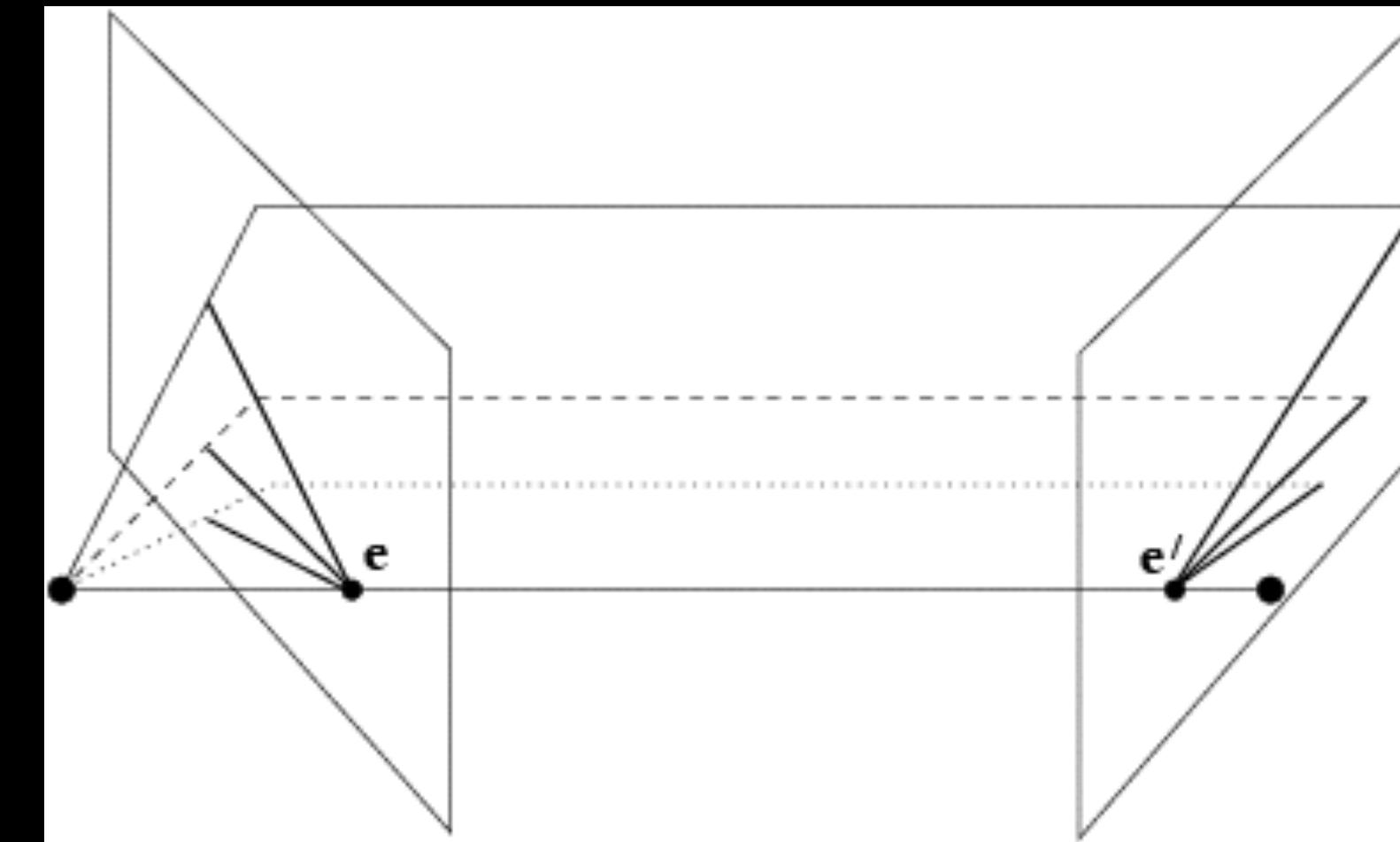


- **Baseline** – line connecting the two camera
- **Epipoles**  
= intersections of baseline with image
- **Epipolar Plane** – plane containing baseline
- **Epipolar Lines** - intersections of epipolar plane with image

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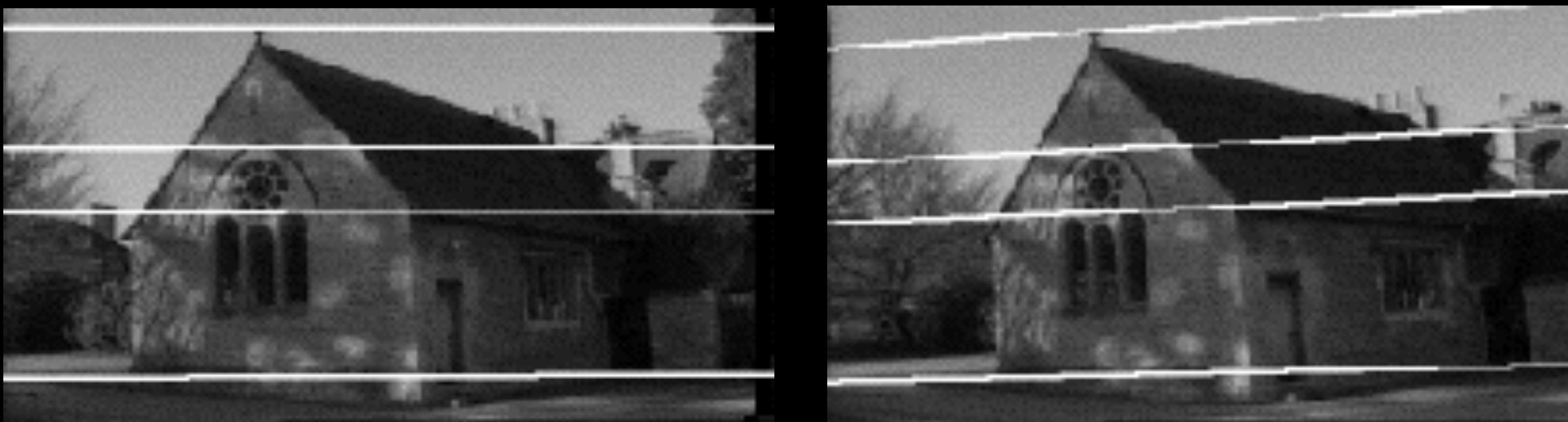
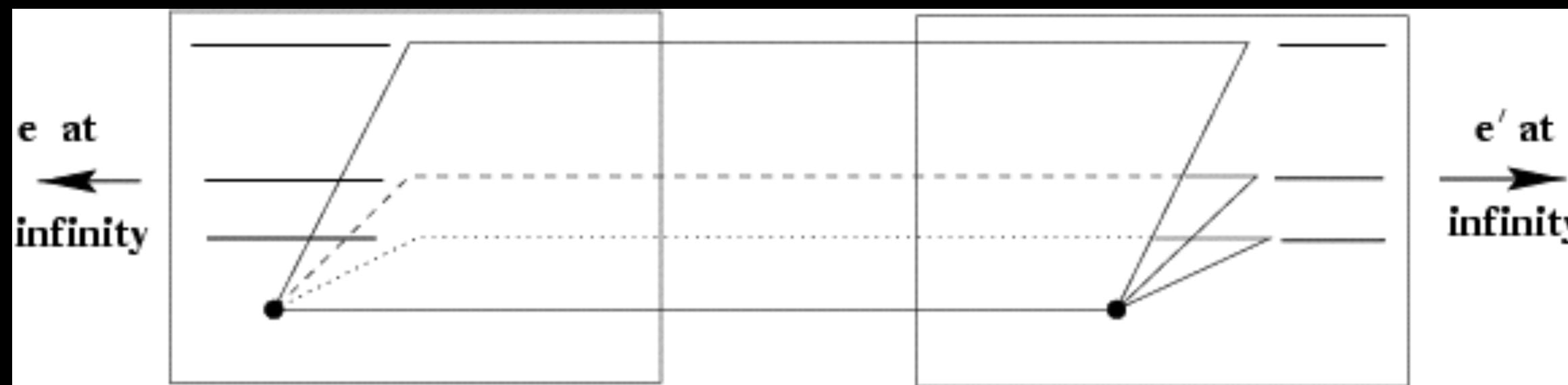
## EXAMPLE: CONVERGING CAMERAS



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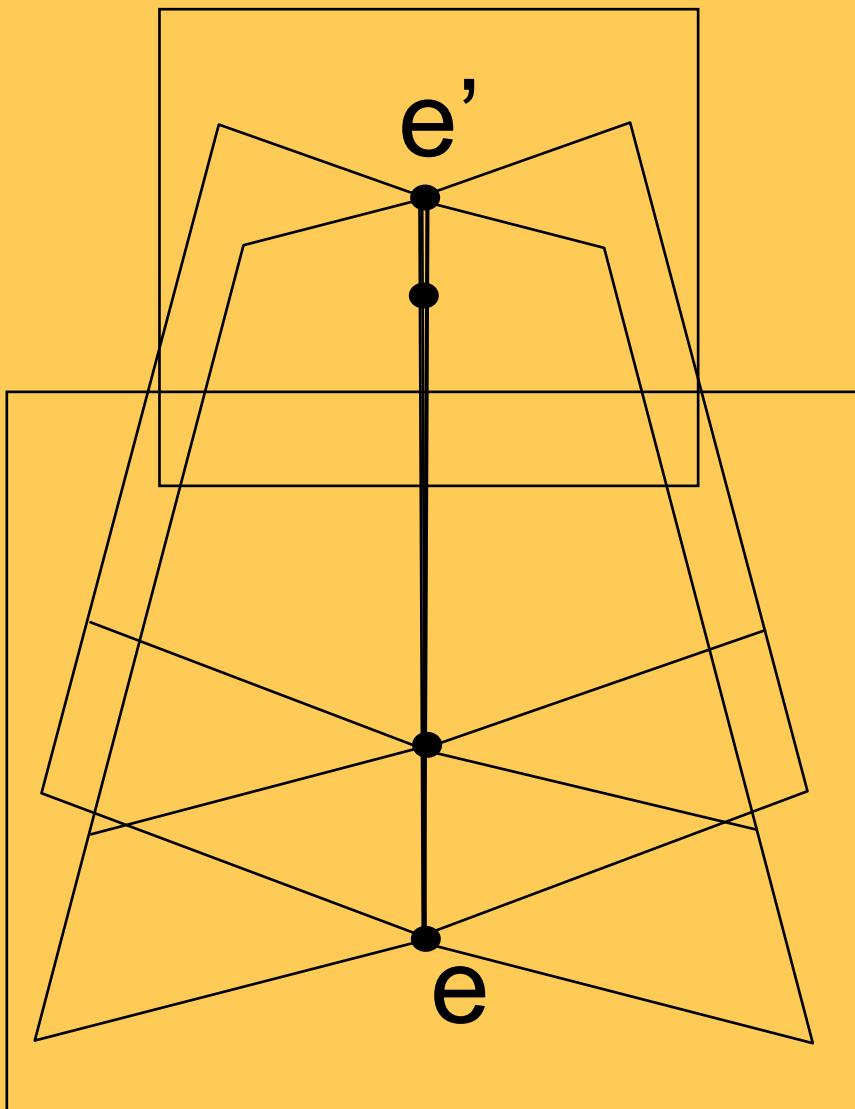
## EXAMPLE: MOTION PARALLEL TO IMAGE PLANE



## EXAMPLE: FORWARD MOTION

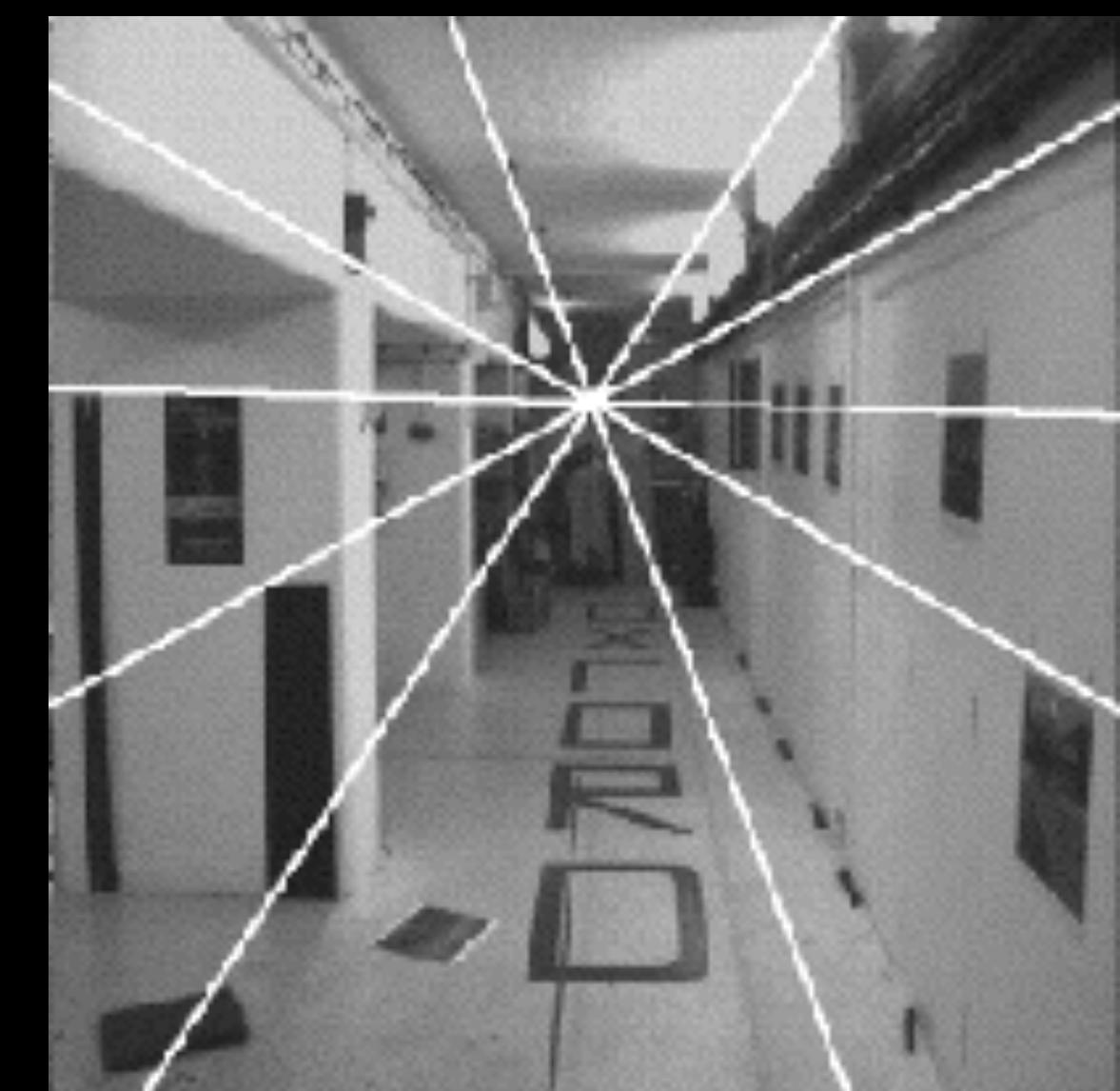
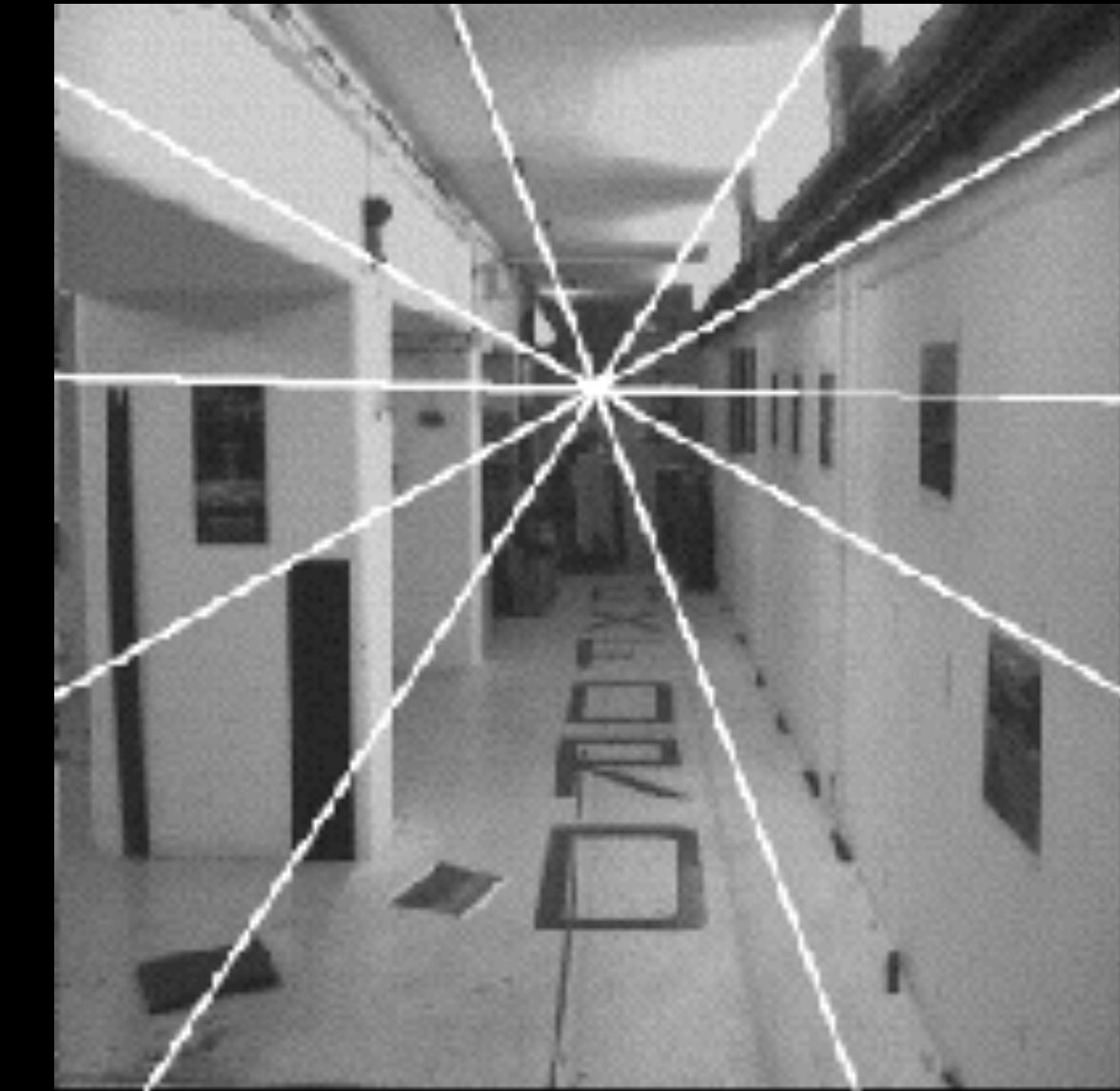
What would the epipolar lines look like if the camera moves directly forward?

## EXAMPLE: FORWARD MOTION



Epipole has same coordinates in both images.

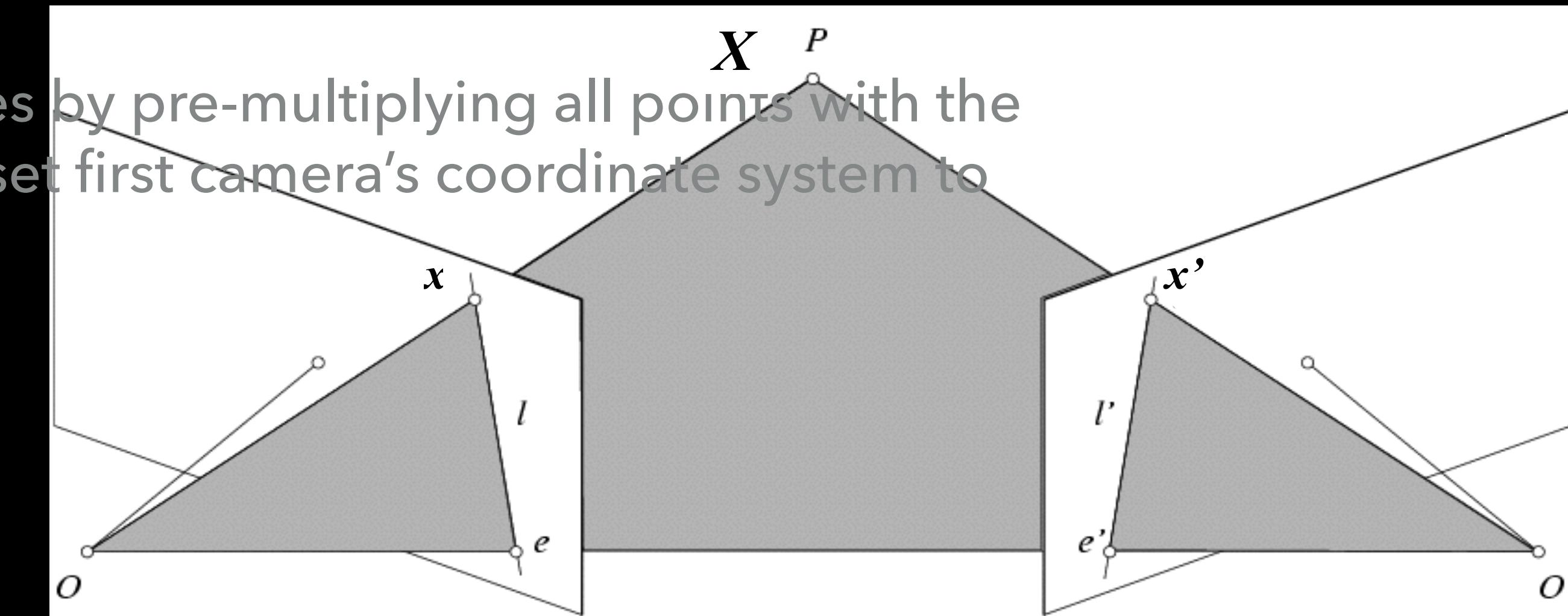
Points move along lines radiating from  $e$ :  
“Focus of expansion”



## EPIPOLAR CONSTRAINT: CALIBRATED CASE

Given the intrinsic parameters of the cameras:

- Convert to normalized coordinates by pre-multiplying all points with the inverse of the calibration matrix; set first camera's coordinate system to world coordinates

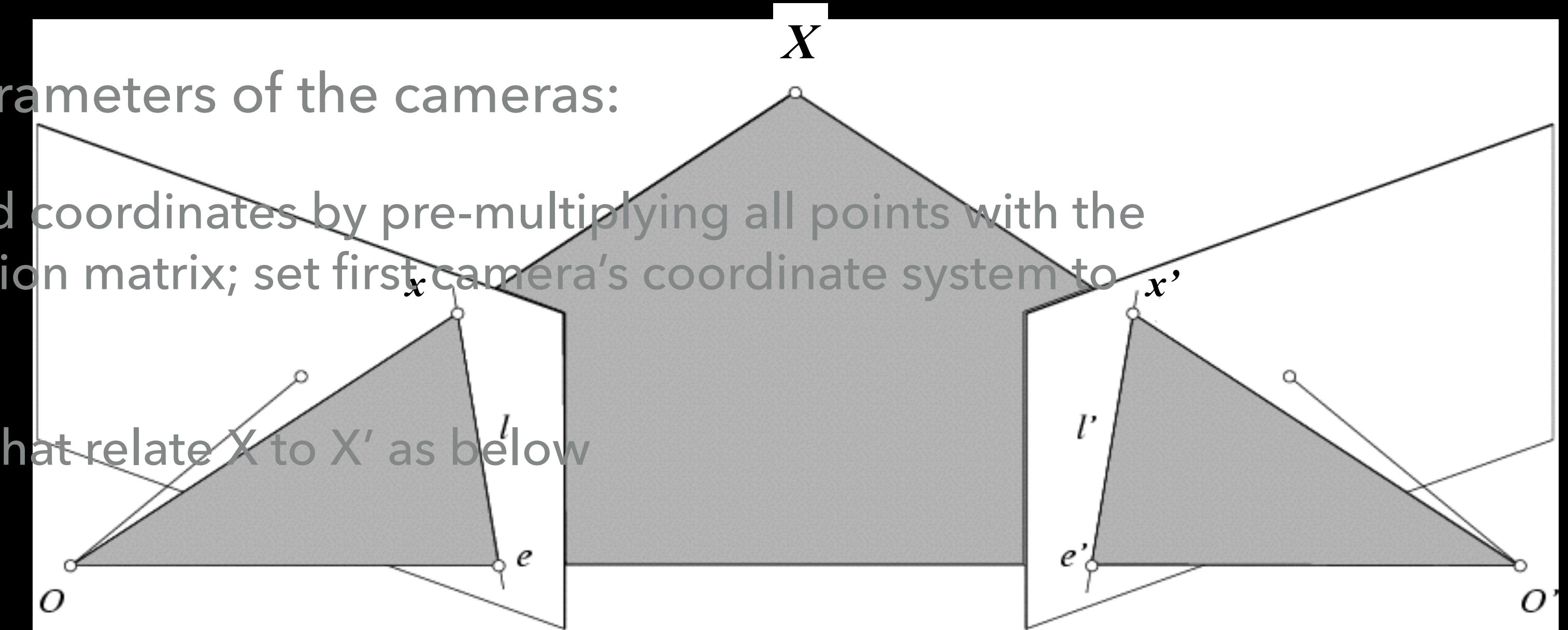


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| $\hat{x} = K^{-1}x = X$                    | $\hat{x}' = K'^{-1}x' = X'$                                  |
| Homogeneous 2d point<br>(3D ray towards X) | 3D scene point   |
| 2D pixel coordinate<br>(homogeneous)       | 3D scene point in 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>camera's 3D coordinates |

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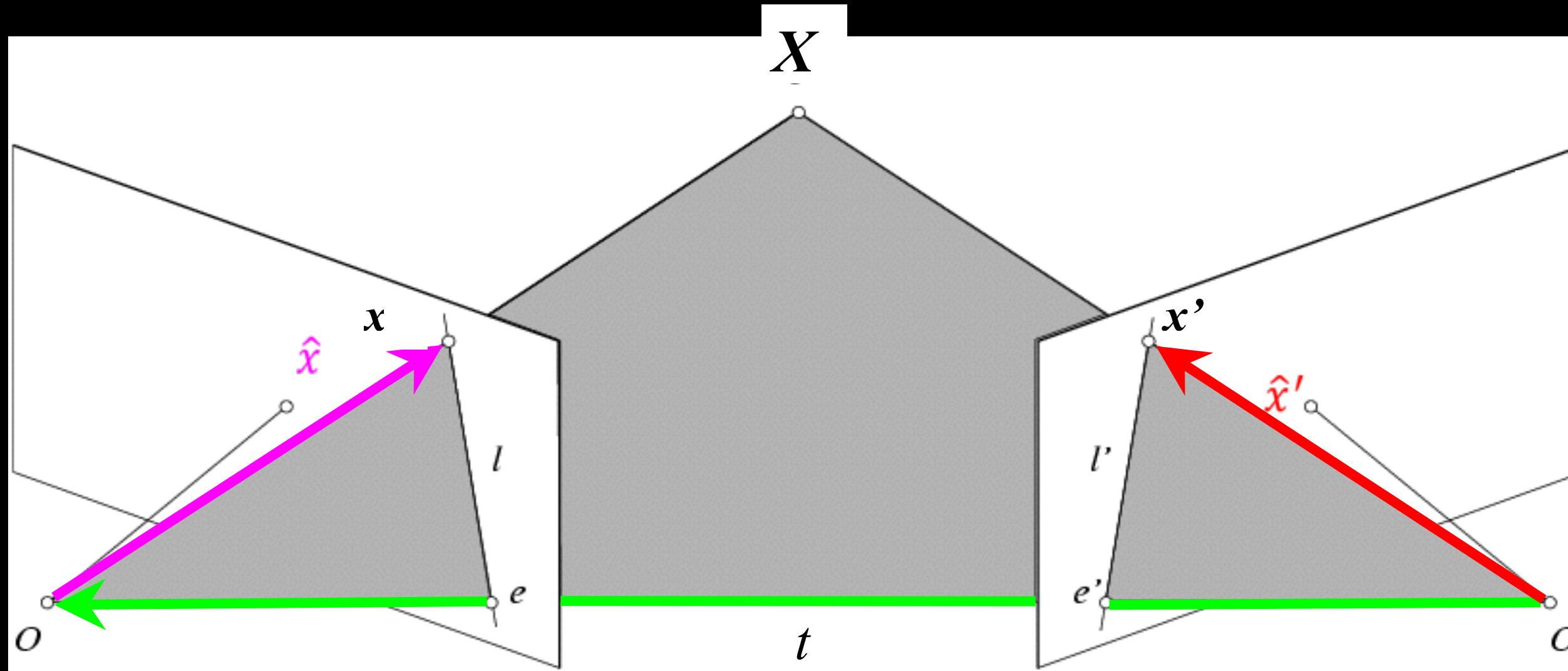
1. Convert to normalized coordinates by pre-multiplying all points with the inverse of the calibration matrix; set first camera's coordinate system to world coordinates
2. Define some  $R$  and  $t$  that relate  $X$  to  $X'$  as below



$$\hat{x} = K^{-1}x = X \quad \text{for some scale factor}$$

$$\hat{x} = R\hat{x}' + t \quad \hat{x}' = K'^{-1}x' = X'$$

## EPIPOLAR CONSTRAINT: CALIBRATED CASE



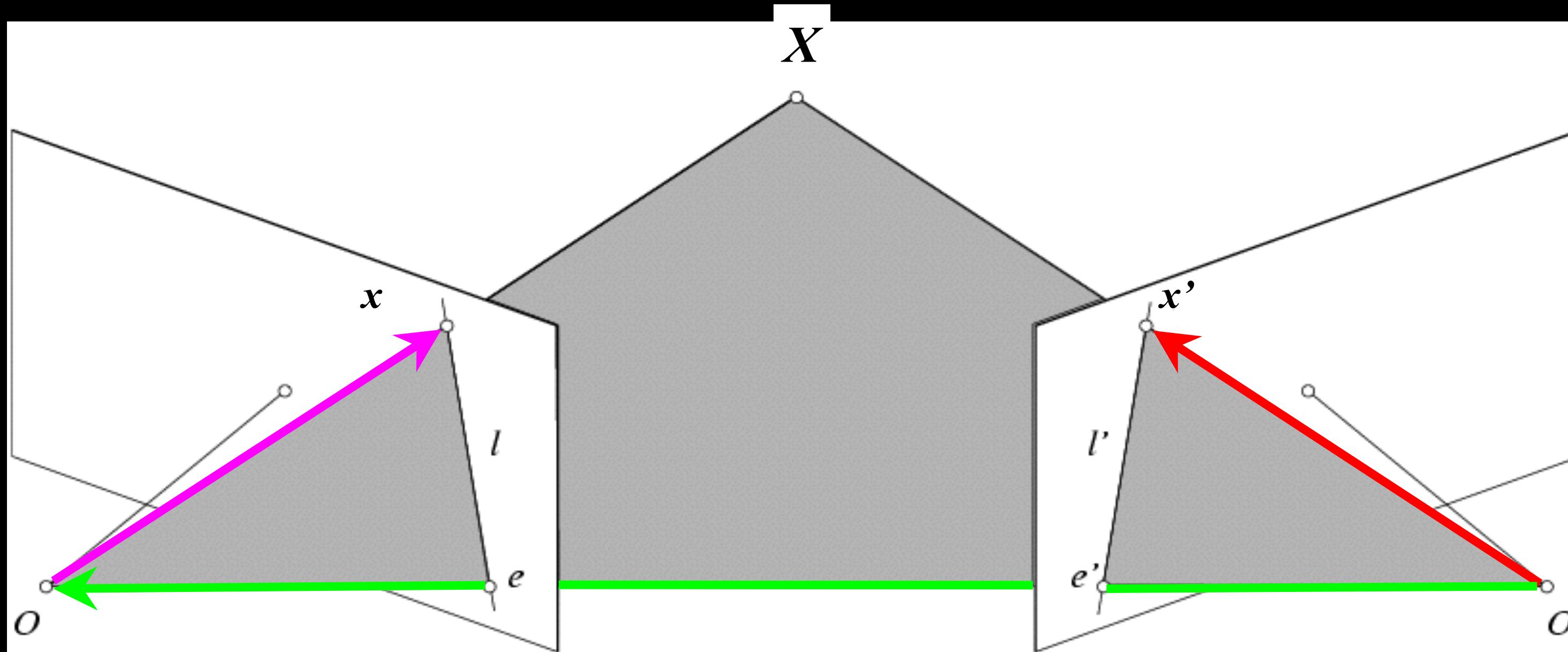
$$\hat{x} = K^{-1}x = X$$

$$\hat{x}' = K'^{-1}x' = X'$$

$$\hat{x} = R\hat{x}' + t \quad \rightarrow \quad \hat{x} \cdot [t \times (R\hat{x}')] = 0$$

(because  $\hat{x}, R\hat{x}',$  and  $t$  are co-planar)

# ESSENTIAL MATRIX



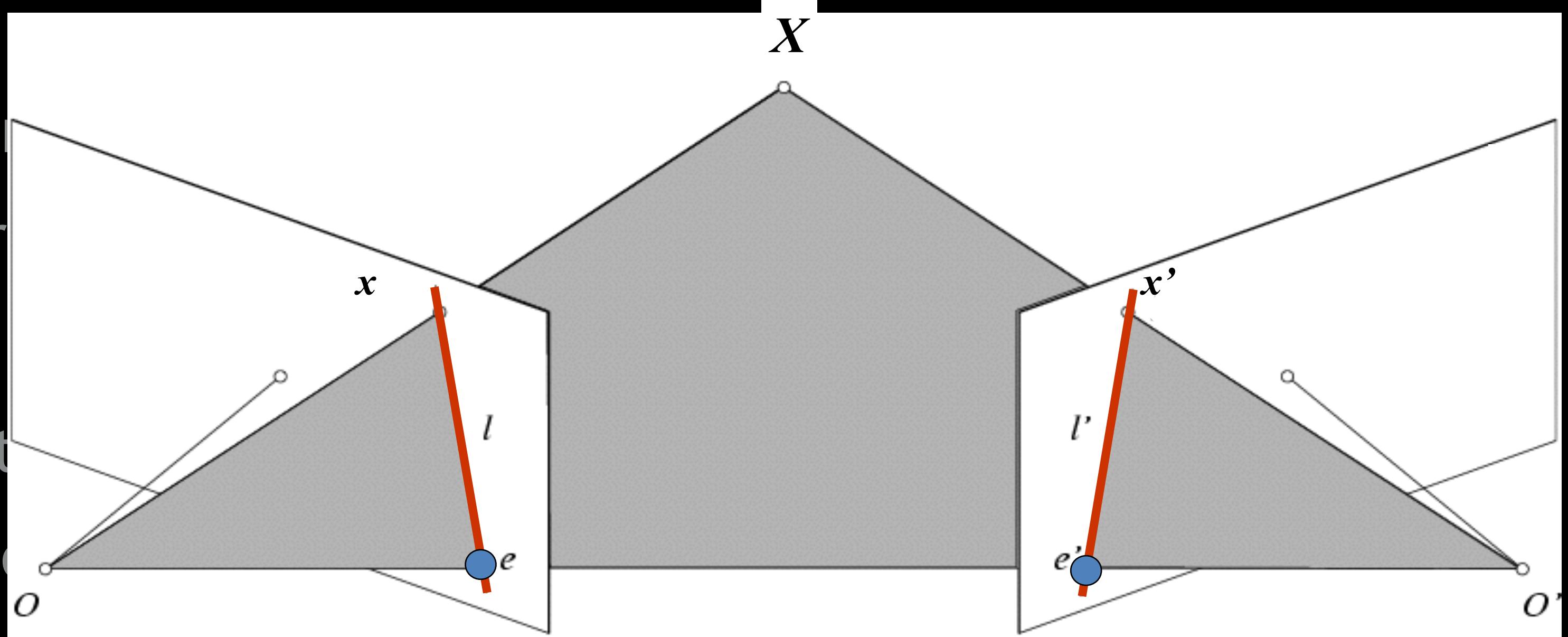
$$\hat{x} \cdot [t \times (R\hat{x}')] = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \hat{x}^T E \hat{x}' = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad E = \begin{bmatrix} t \\ R \end{bmatrix}$$



**Essential Matrix**  
(Longuet-Higgins, 1981)

# PROPERTIES OF THE ESSENTIAL MATRIX

- ▶  $E x'$  is the epipolar line
- ▶  $E^T x$  is the epipolar line
- ▶  $E e' = 0$  and  $E^T e = 0$
- ▶  $E$  is singular (rank 3)
- ▶  $E$  has five degrees of freedom
- ▶ (3 for  $R$ , 2 for  $t$  because it's up to a scale)



$$\hat{x} \cdot [t \times (R\hat{x}')] = 0 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Drop } \hat{\text{}} \text{ below to simplify notation}} \quad \hat{x}^T E \hat{x}' = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad E = [t]_k R$$

Drop  $\hat{\text{}}$  below to simplify notation

Skew-symmetric matrix

## THE FUNDAMENTAL MATRIX

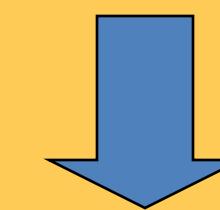
Without knowing  $K$  and  $K'$ , we can define a similar relation using unknown normalized coordinates

$$\hat{x}^T E \hat{x}' = 0$$

$$\hat{x} = K^{-1} x$$

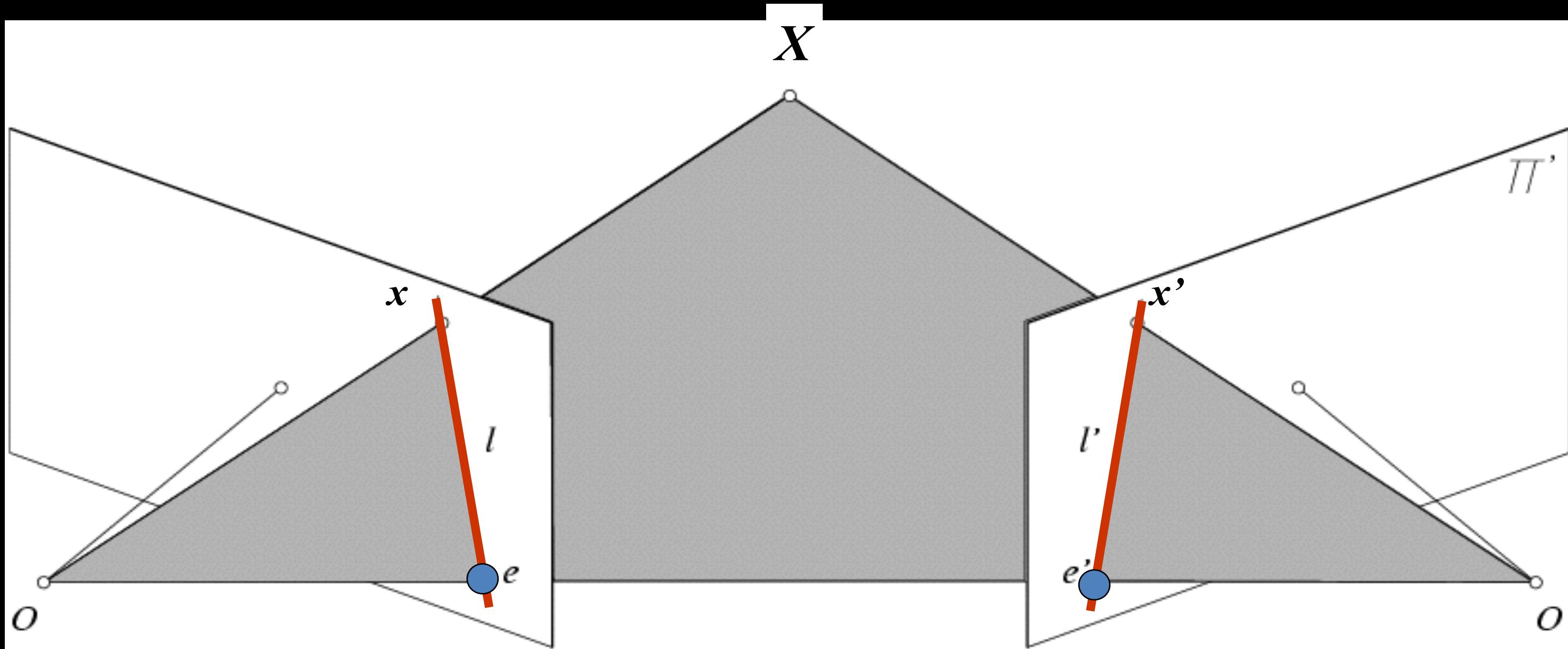
$$\hat{x}' = K'^{-1} x'$$

$$\xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} x^T F x' = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad F = K^{-T} E K'^{-1}$$



**Fundamental Matrix**  
(Faugeras and Luong, 1992)

# PROPERTIES OF THE FUNDAMENTAL MATRIX



$$x^T F x' = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad F = K^{-T} E K'^{-1}$$

$F x'$  is the epipolar line associated with  $x'$  ( $l = F x'$ )

$FTx$  is the epipolar line associated with  $x$  ( $l' = FTx$ )

$F e' = 0$  and  $FTe = 0$

$F$  is singular (rank two):  $\det(F)=0$

$F$  has seven degrees of freedom: 9 entries but defined up to scale,  $\det(F)=0$