

# Lecture 6

## Stereo Systems

## Multi-view geometry



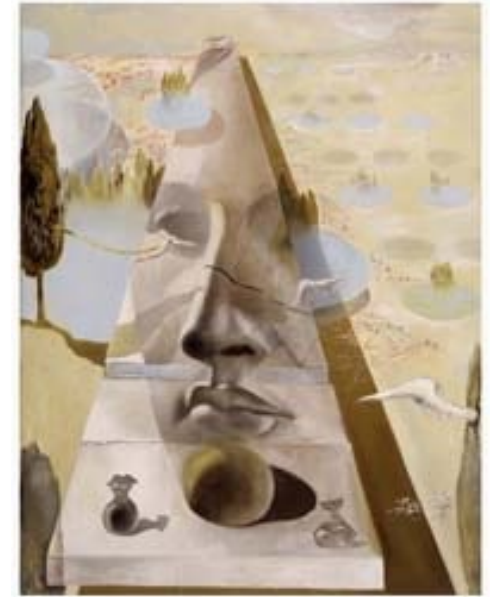
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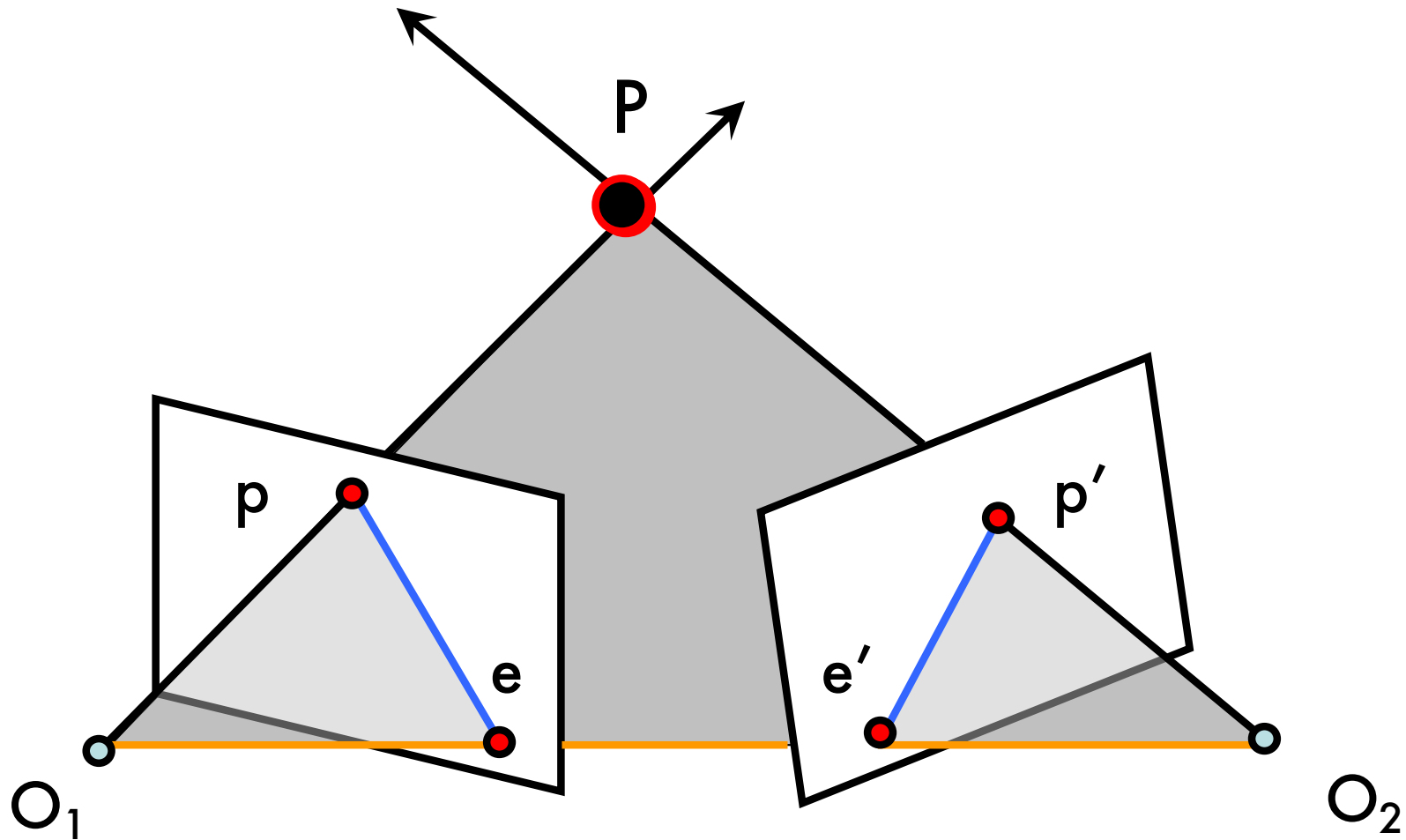
## Multi-view geometry



- Stereo systems
  - Rectification
  - Correspondence problem
- Multi-view geometry
  - The SFM problem
  - Affine SFM

**Reading:** [AZ] Chapter: 9 “Epip. Geom. and the Fundam. Matrix Transf.”  
[AZ] Chapter: 18 “N view computational methods”  
[FP] Chapters: 7 “Stereopsis”  
[FP] Chapters: 8 “Structure from Motion”

# Epipolar geometry

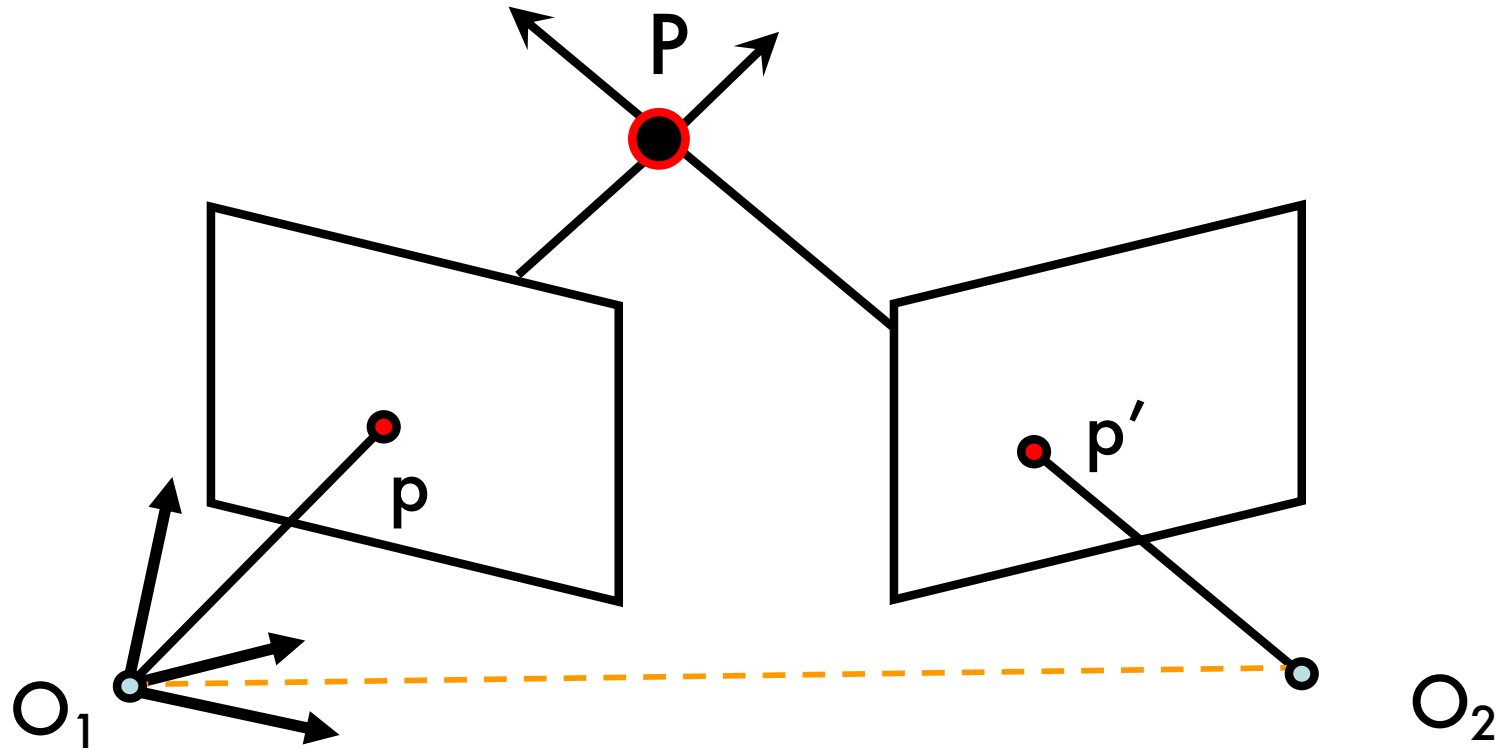


- Epipolar Plane
- Baseline
- Epipolar Lines

- Epipoles  $e, e'$

= intersections of baseline with image planes  
= projections of the other camera center

# Epipolar Constraint



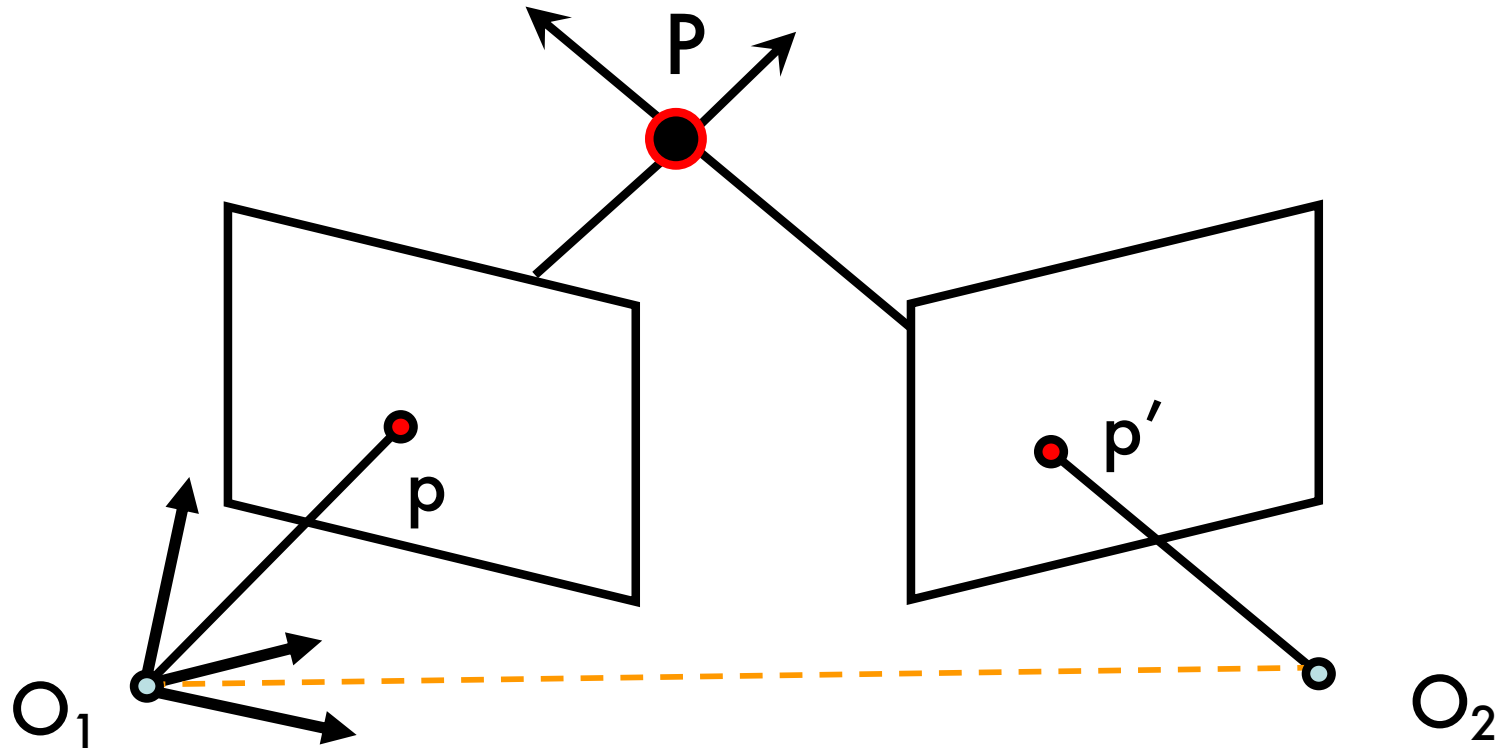
$$p^T E p' = 0$$

$$E = [T_{\times}] \cdot R$$

**E = Essential Matrix**

(Longuet-Higgins, 1981)

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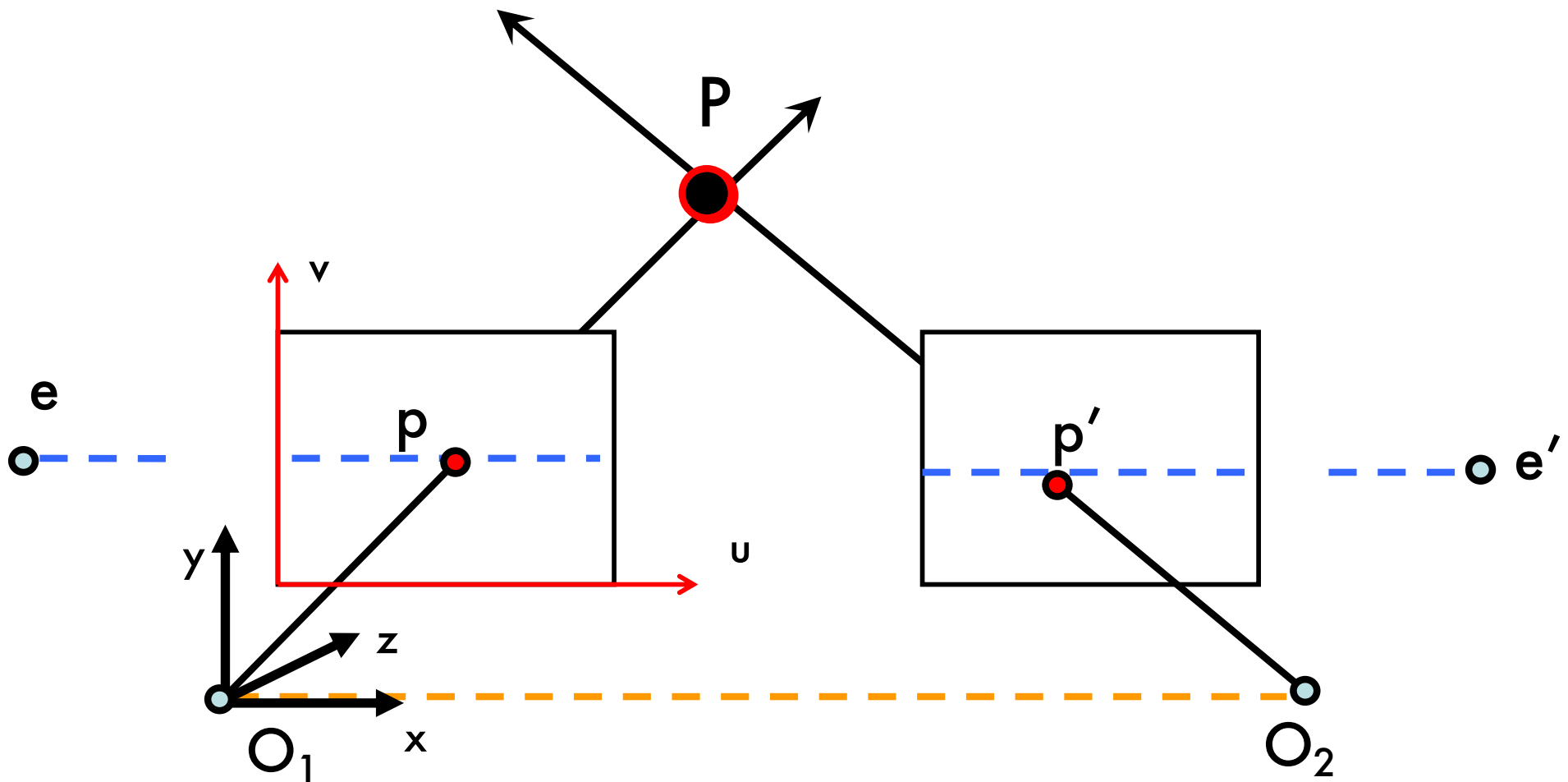
$$p^T F p' = 0$$

$$F = K^{-T} \cdot [T_{\times}] \cdot R K'^{-1}$$

**F = Fundamental Matrix**

(Faugeras and Luong, 1992)

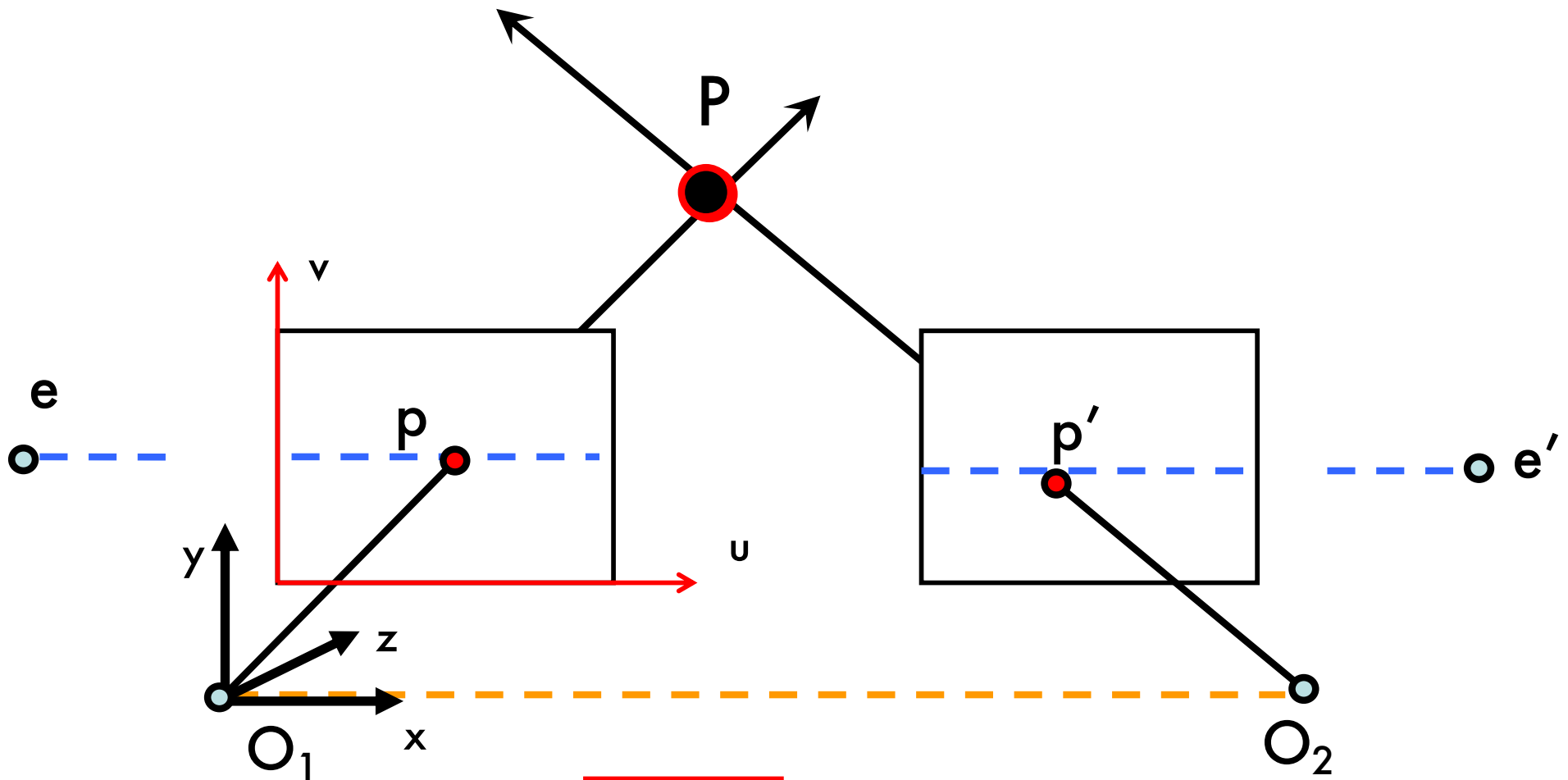
# Parallel image planes



- Epipolar lines are horizontal
- Epipoles go to infinity
- $v$ -coordinates are equal

$$p = \begin{bmatrix} p_u \\ p_v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad p' = \begin{bmatrix} p'_u \\ p_v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Parallel image planes



$K_1 = K_2 = \text{known}$

$x$  parallel to  $O_1O_2$

$$E = ?$$

Hint :

$$R = I \quad T = (T, 0, 0)$$

# Essential matrix for parallel images

$$\mathbf{E} = [\mathbf{T}_\times] \cdot \mathbf{R}$$

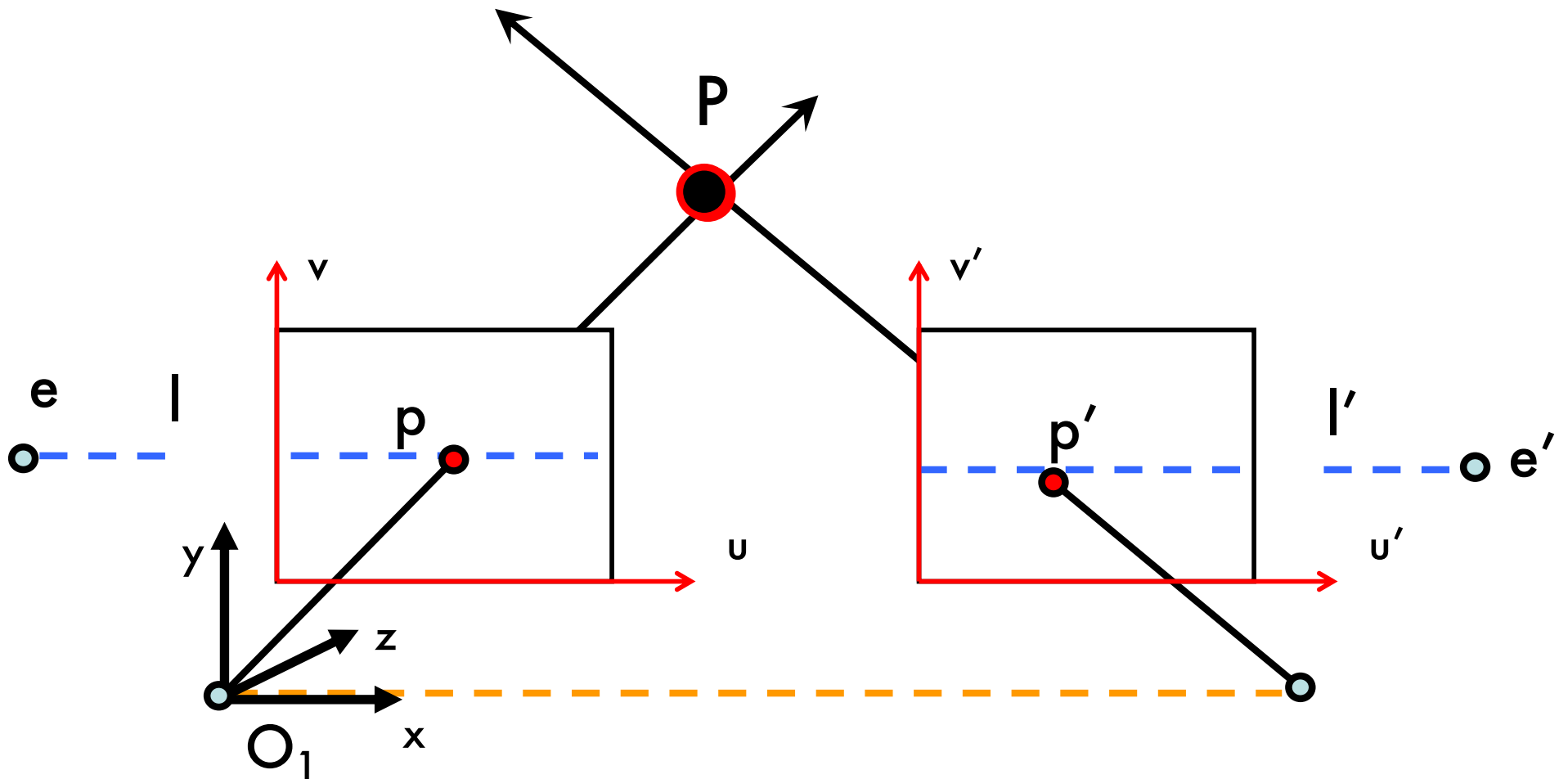
$$\mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -T_z & T_y \\ T_z & 0 & -T_x \\ -T_y & T_x & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -T \\ 0 & T & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{T} = [T \ 0 \ 0]$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}$$



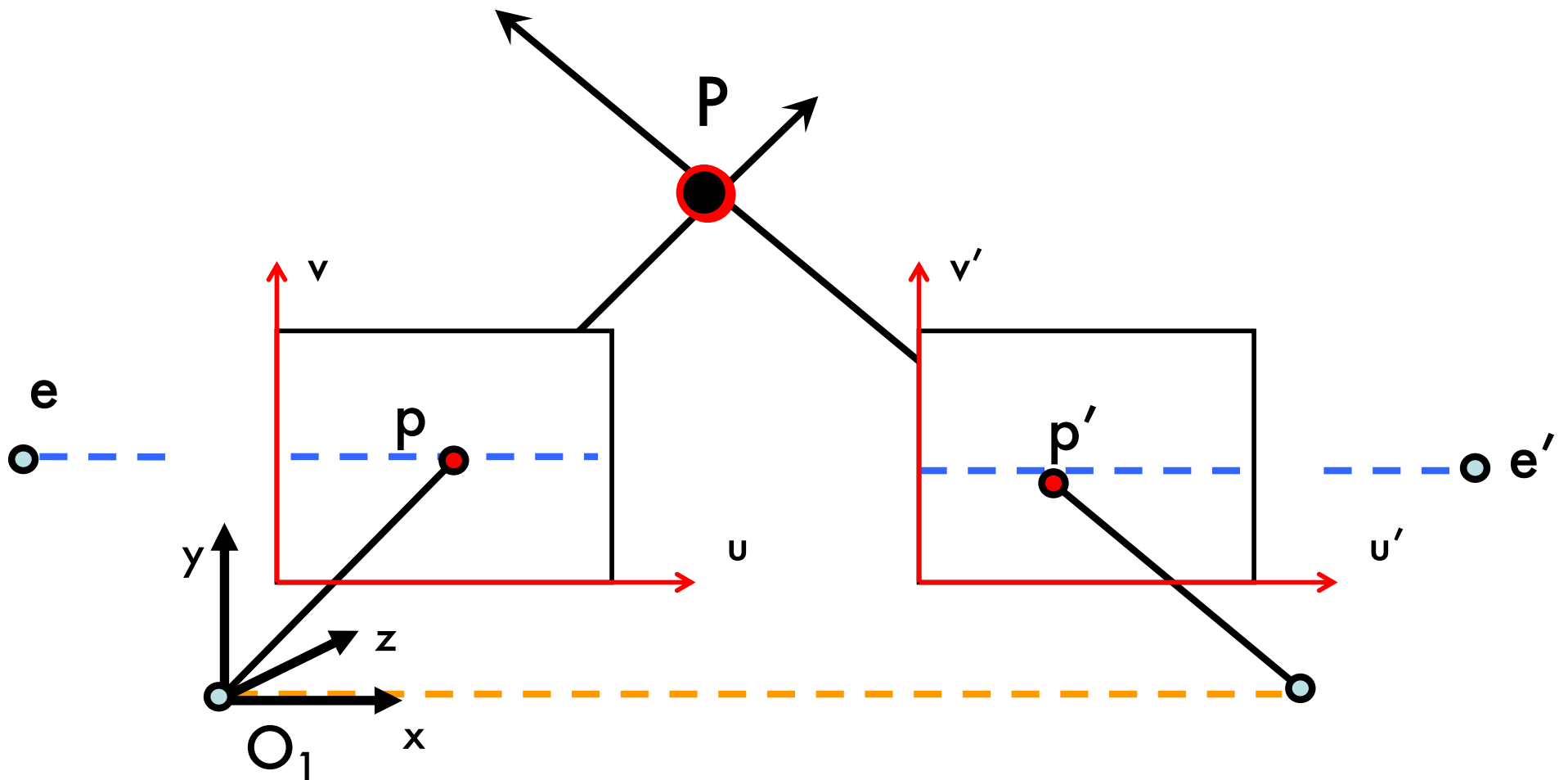
# Parallel image planes



What are the directions of epipolar lines?

$$l = E p' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -T \\ 0 & T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -T \\ T v' \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{horizontal!}$$

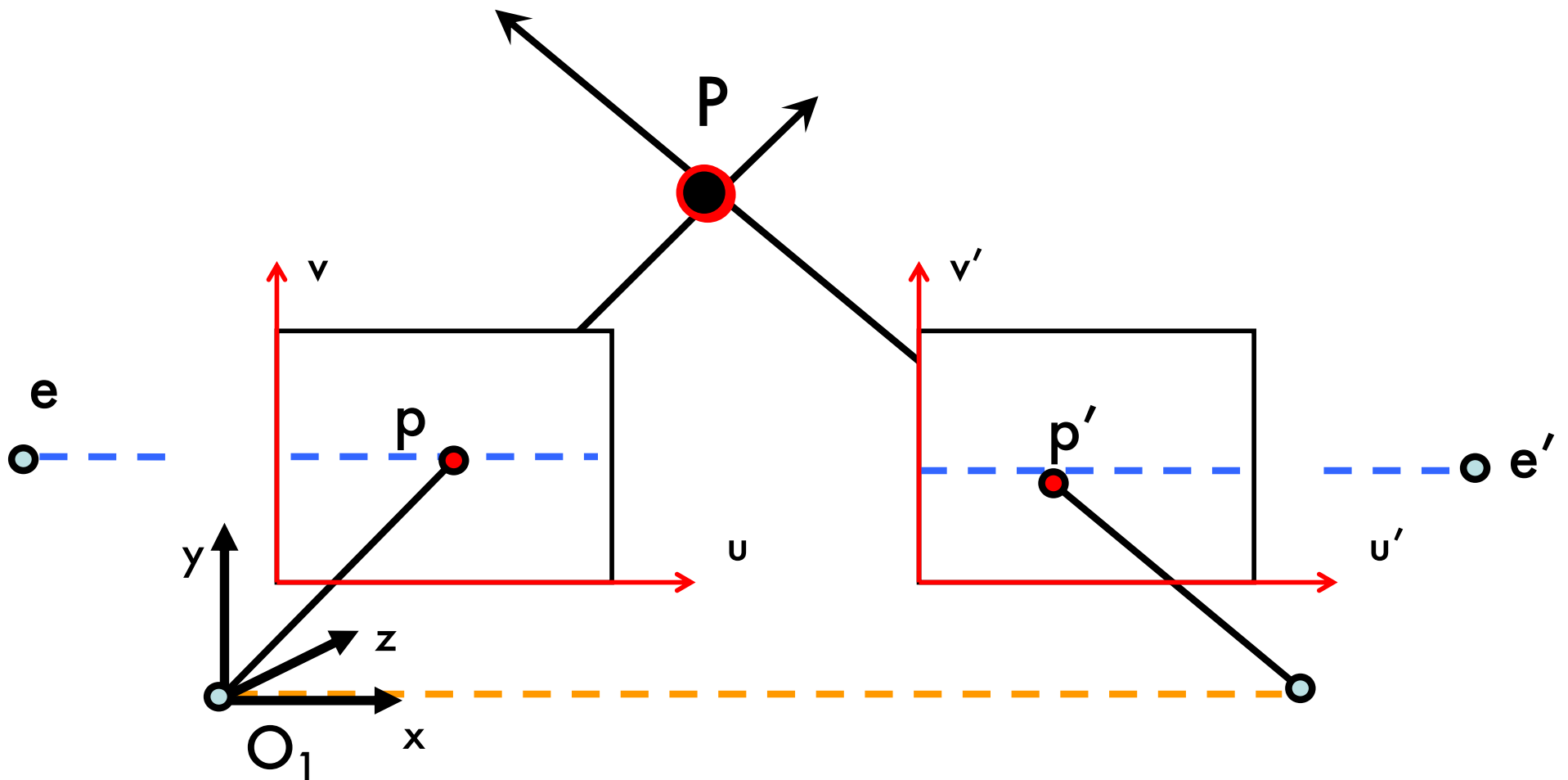
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How are  $p$   
and  $p'$   
related?

$$p^T \cdot E p' = 0$$

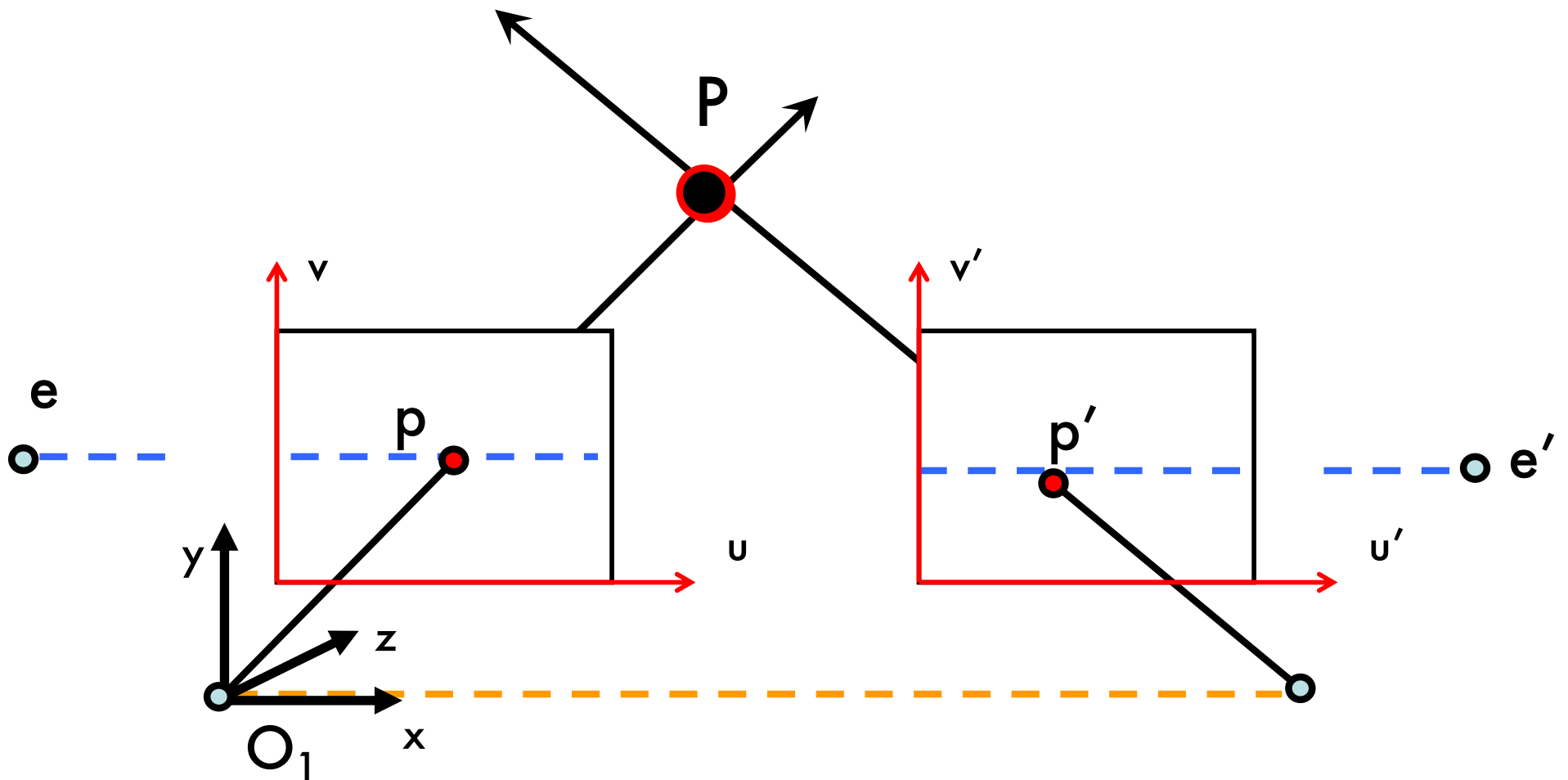
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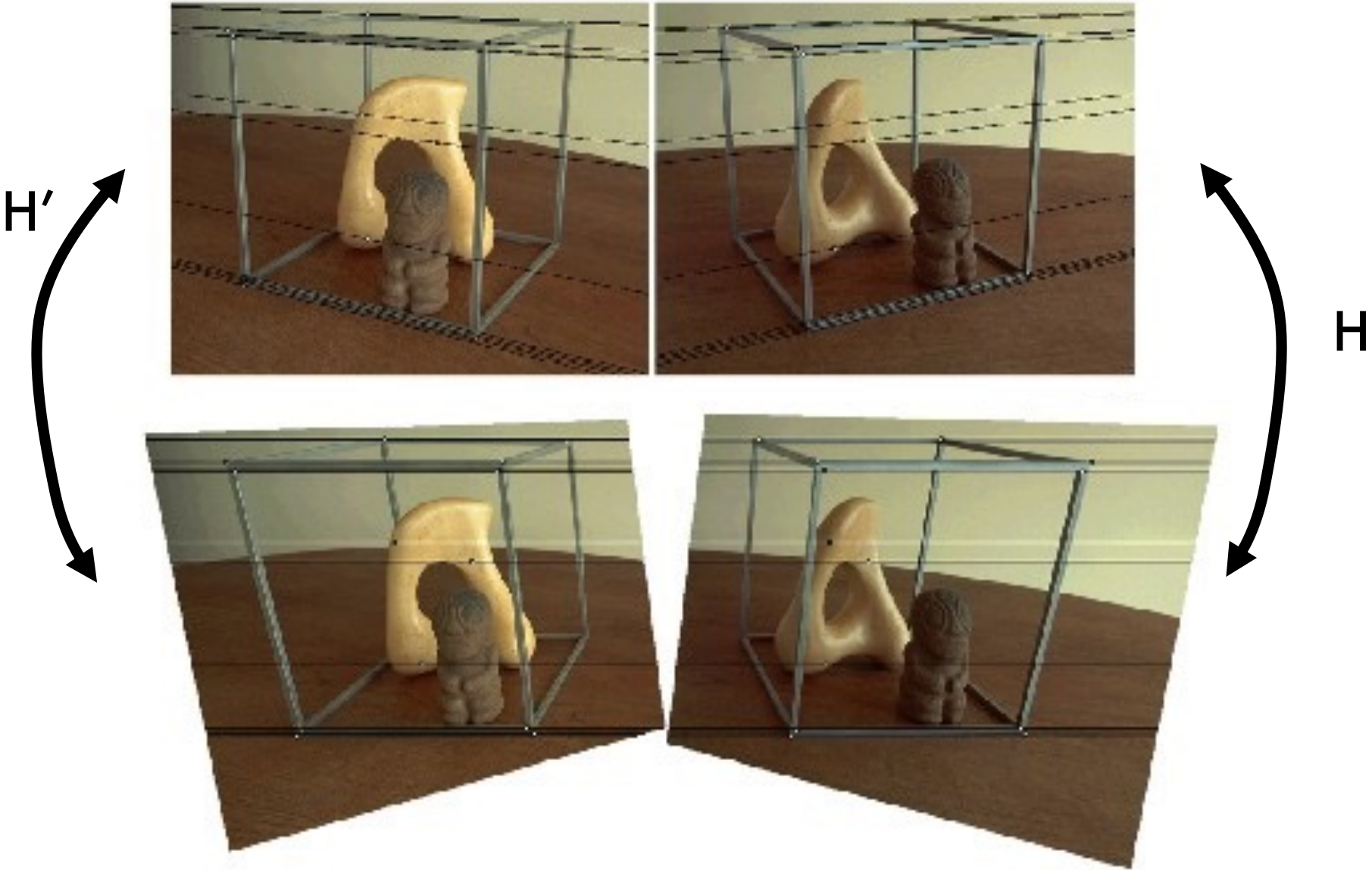
$$\Rightarrow (u \quad v \quad 1) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -T \\ 0 & T & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u' \\ v' \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow (u \quad v \quad 1) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -T \\ Tv' \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow Tv = Tv' \Rightarrow v = v'$$

# Parallel image planes



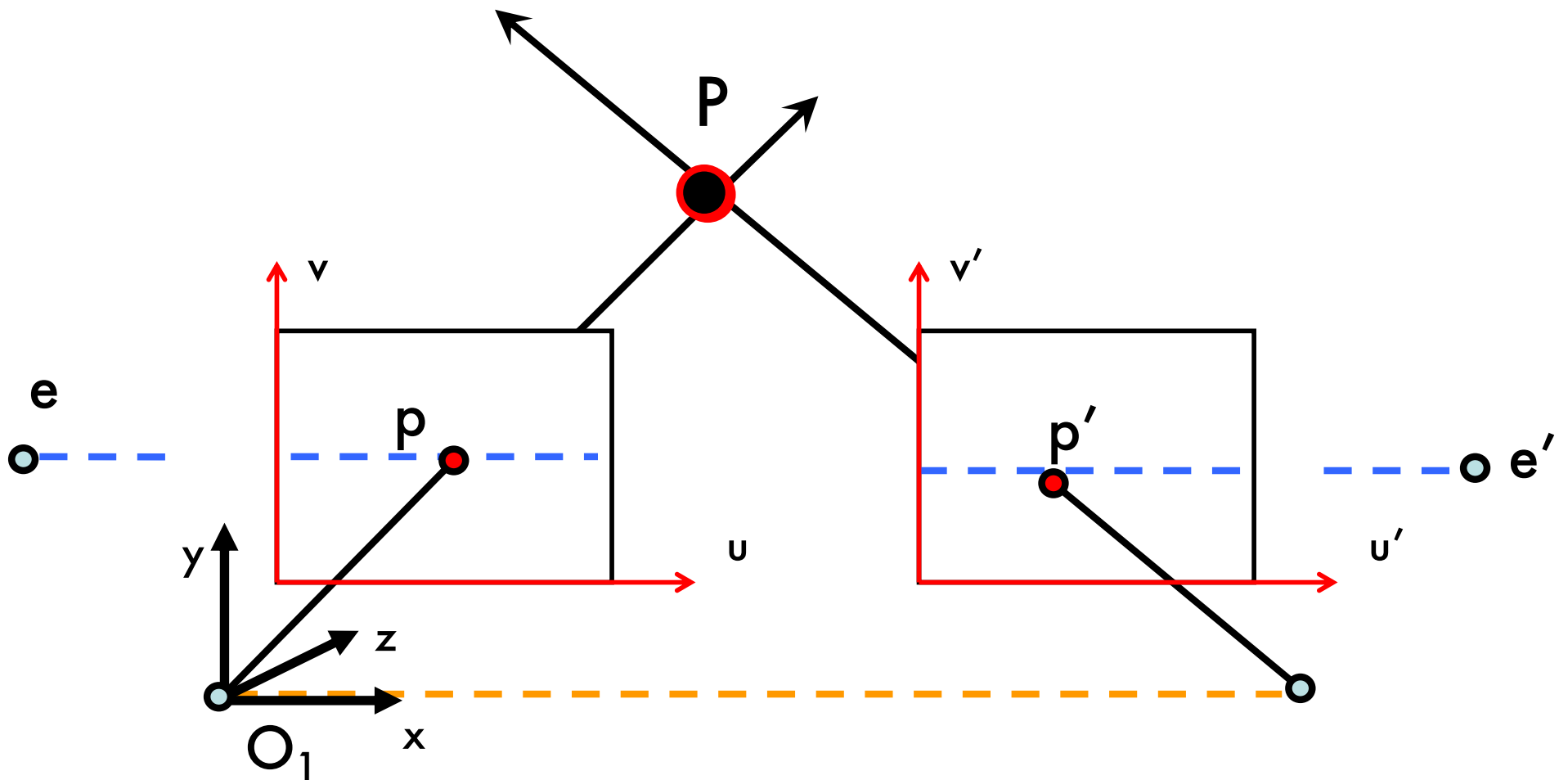
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Courtesy figure S. Lazebnik

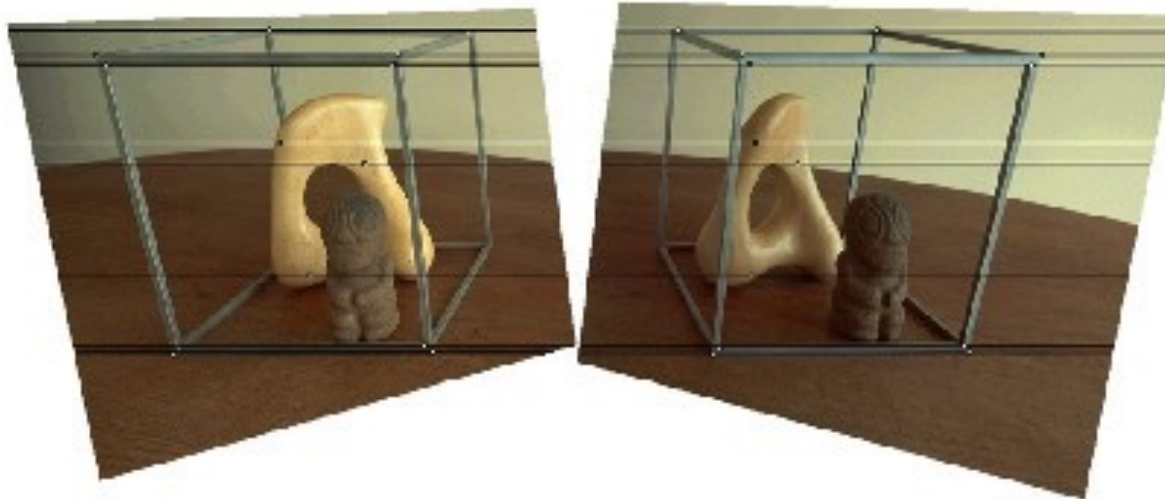
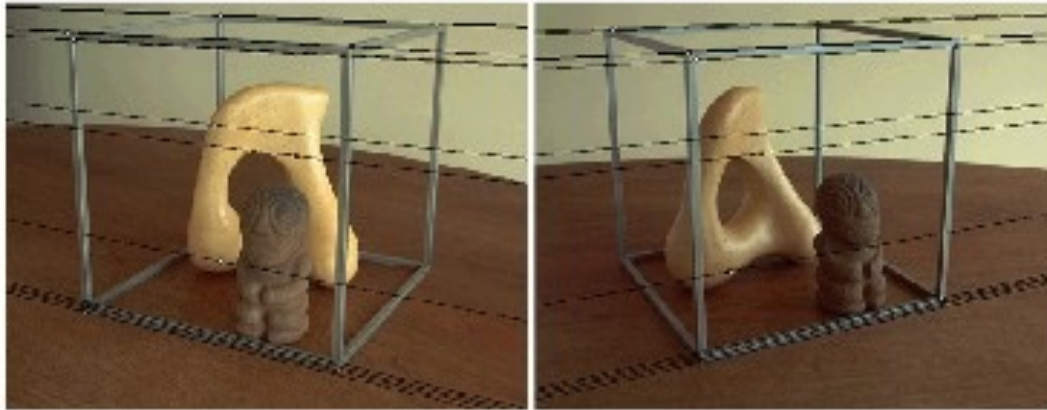
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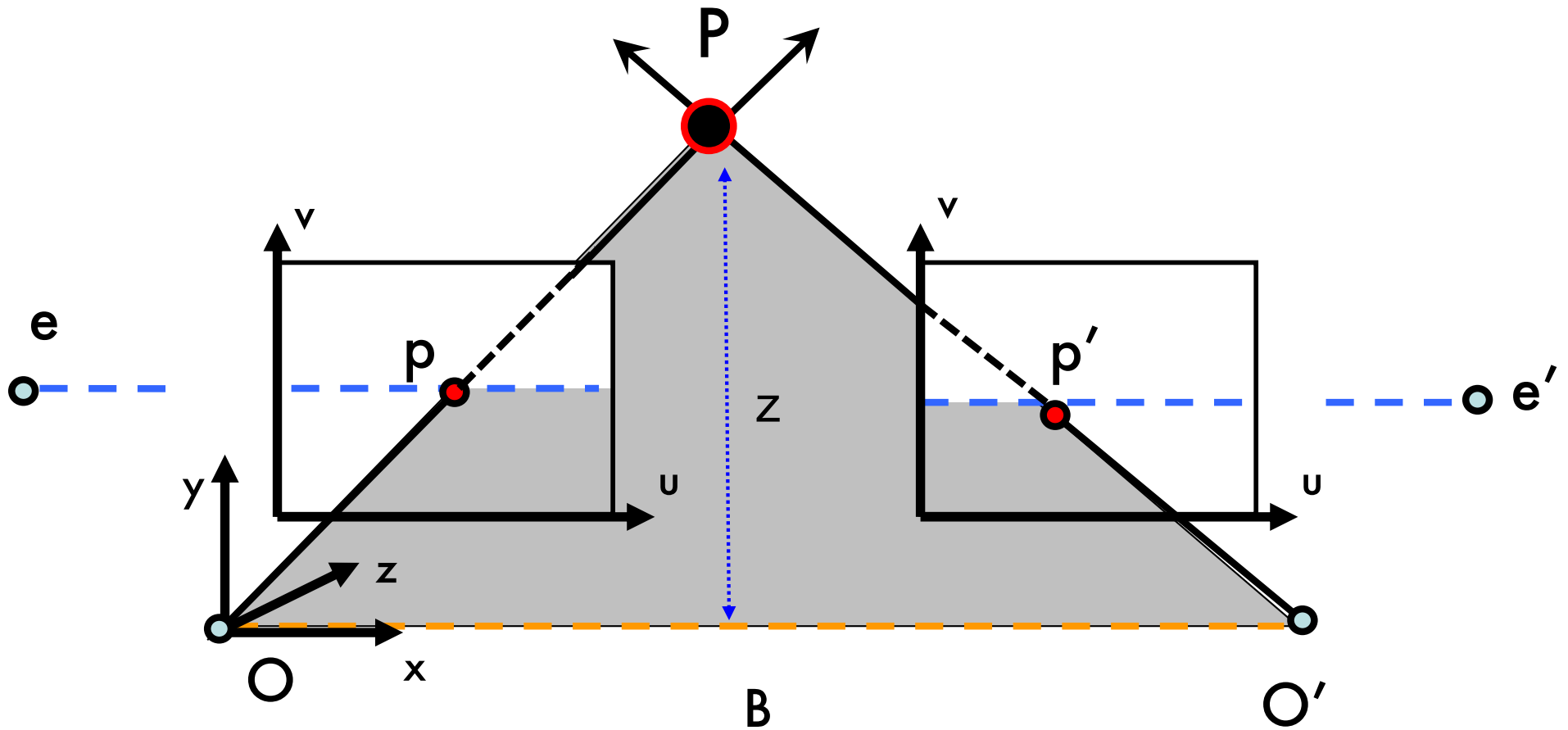
- Epipolar constraint  $\rightarrow v = v'$

# Why are parallel images useful?



- Makes triangulation easy
- Makes the correspondence problem easier

# Point triangulation



$$p = \begin{bmatrix} p_u \\ p_v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad p' = \begin{bmatrix} p'_u \\ p'_v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

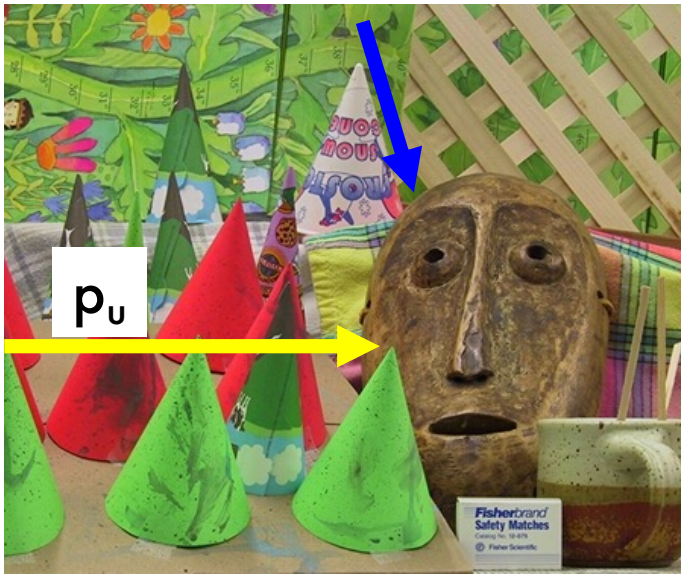
$$\text{disparity} = p_u - p'_u \propto \frac{B \cdot f}{z} \quad \text{[Eq. 1]}$$

Disparity is inversely proportional to depth  $z$ !



# Disparity maps

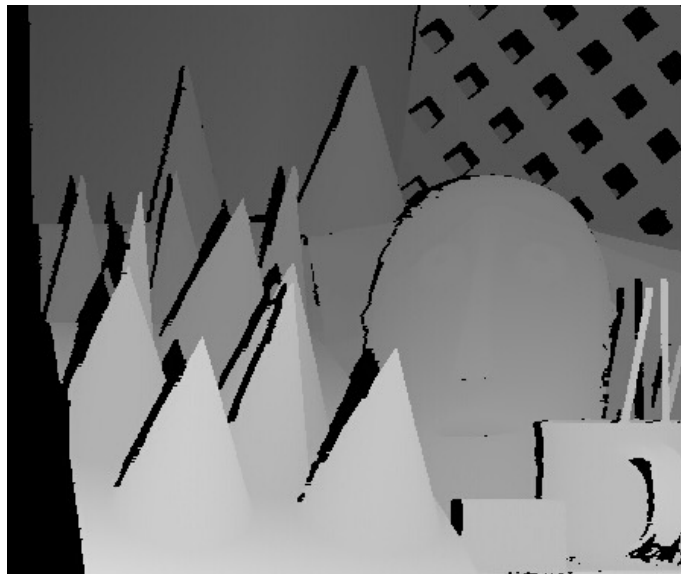
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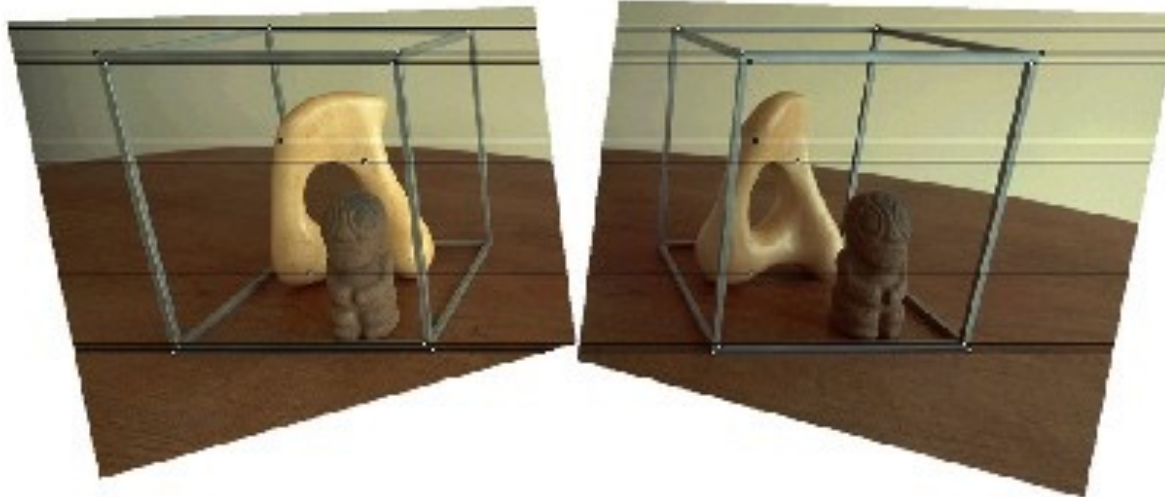
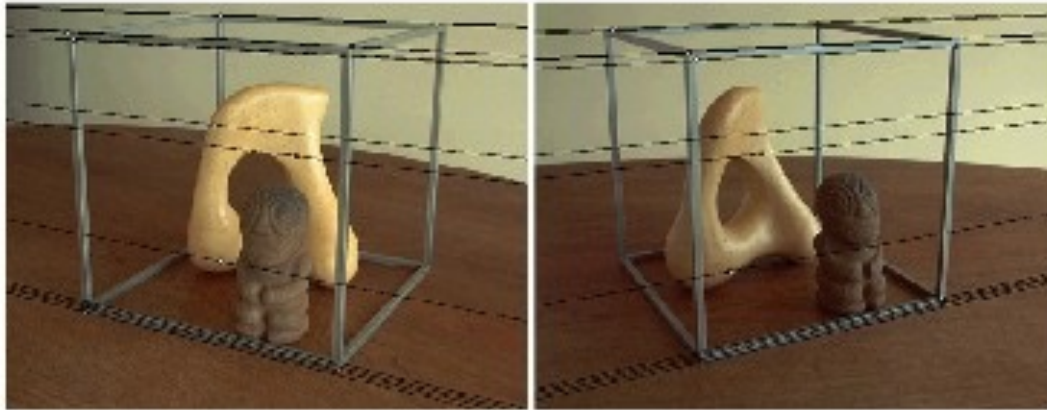
[Eq. 1]

Stereo pair



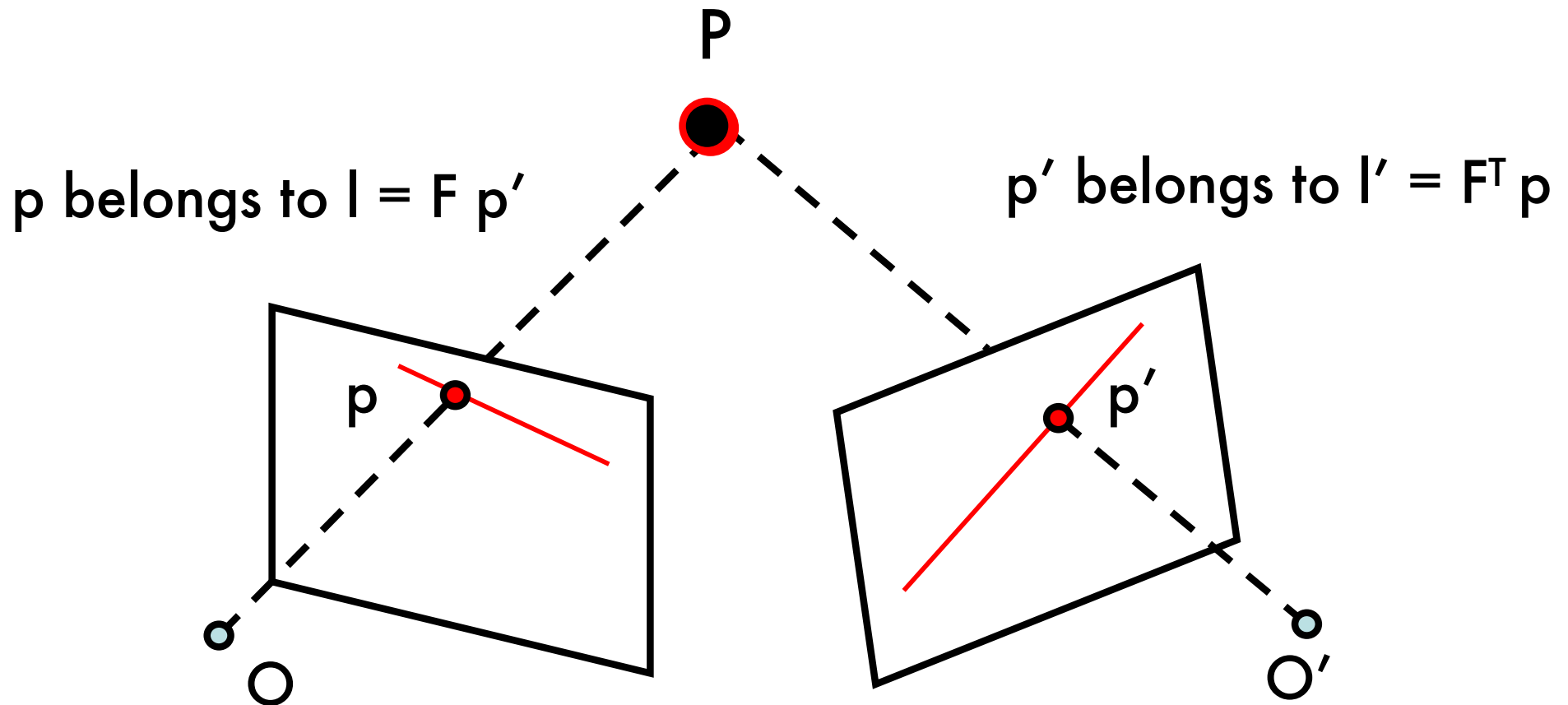
Disparity map / depth map

# Why are parallel images useful?



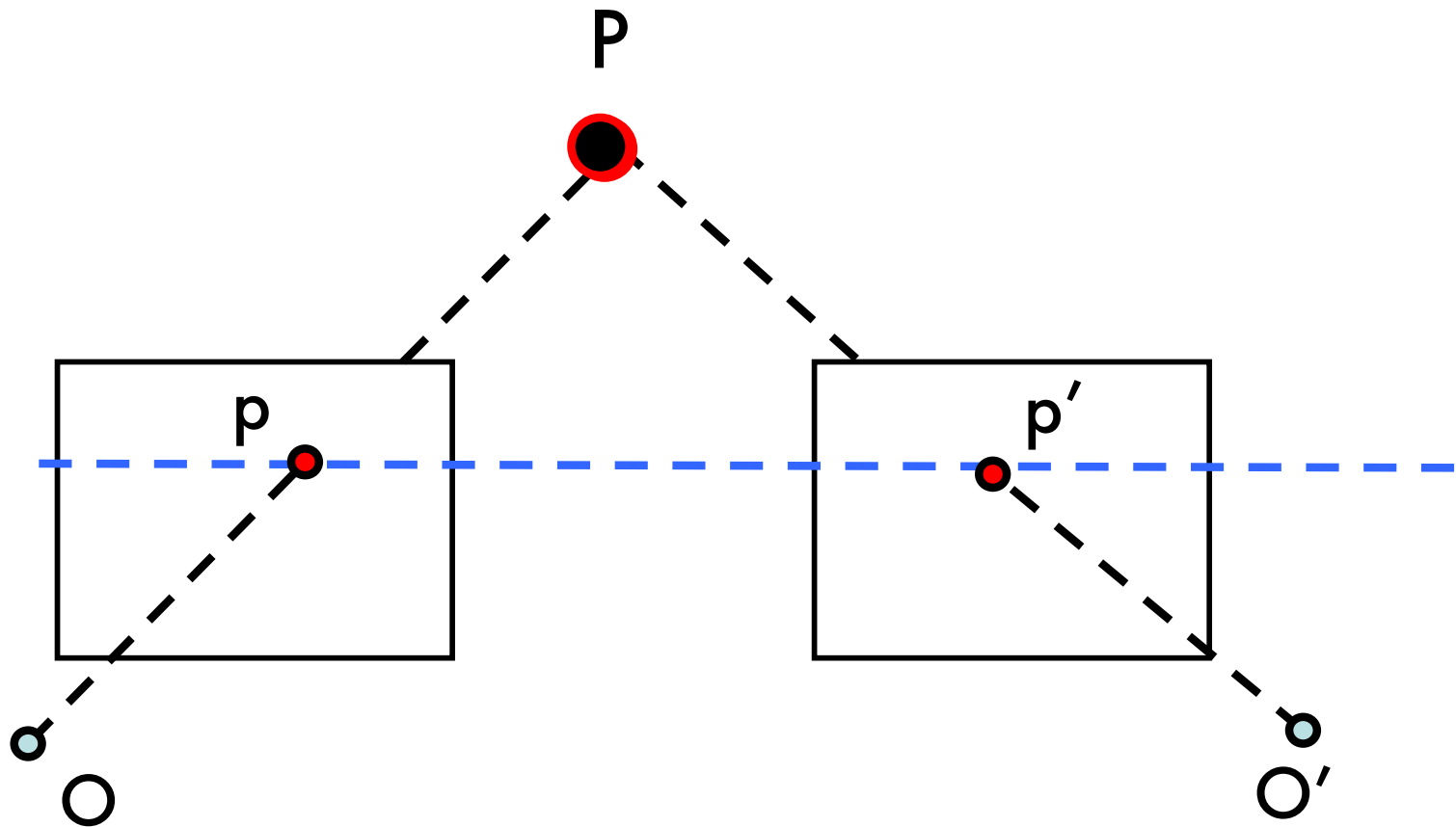
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- Makes the correspondence problem easier

# Correspondence problem



Given a point in 3D, discover corresponding observations in left and right images [also called binocular fusion problem]

# Correspondence problem



When images are rectified, this problem is much easier!

# Correspondence problem

- A Cooperative Model (Marr and Poggio, 1976)
- Correlation Methods (1970-)
- Multi-Scale Edge Matching (Marr, Poggio and Grimson, 1979-81)

[FP] Chapters: 7

# Correlation Methods (1970-)



image 1

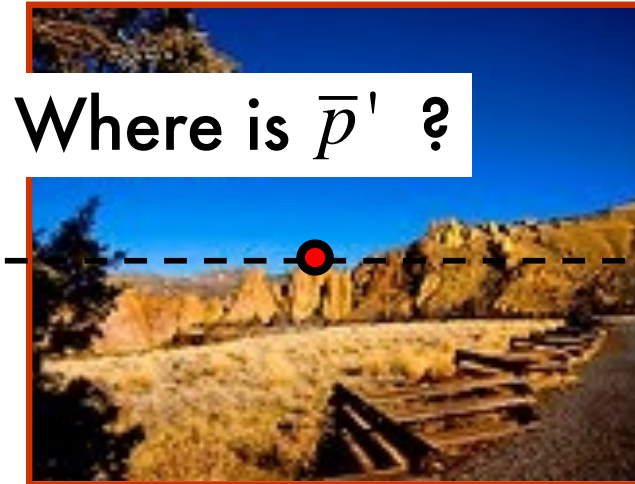
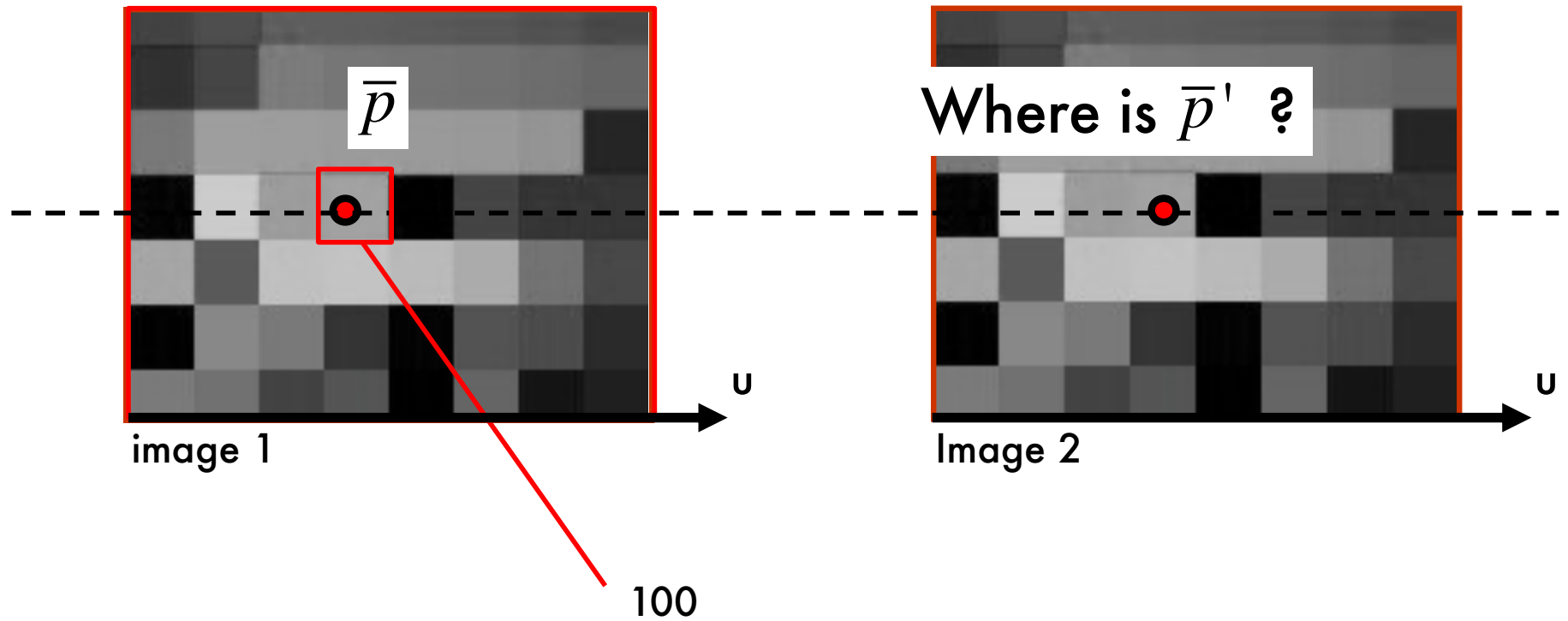


Image 2

$$\bar{p} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \bar{v} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{p}' = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u}' \\ \bar{v} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

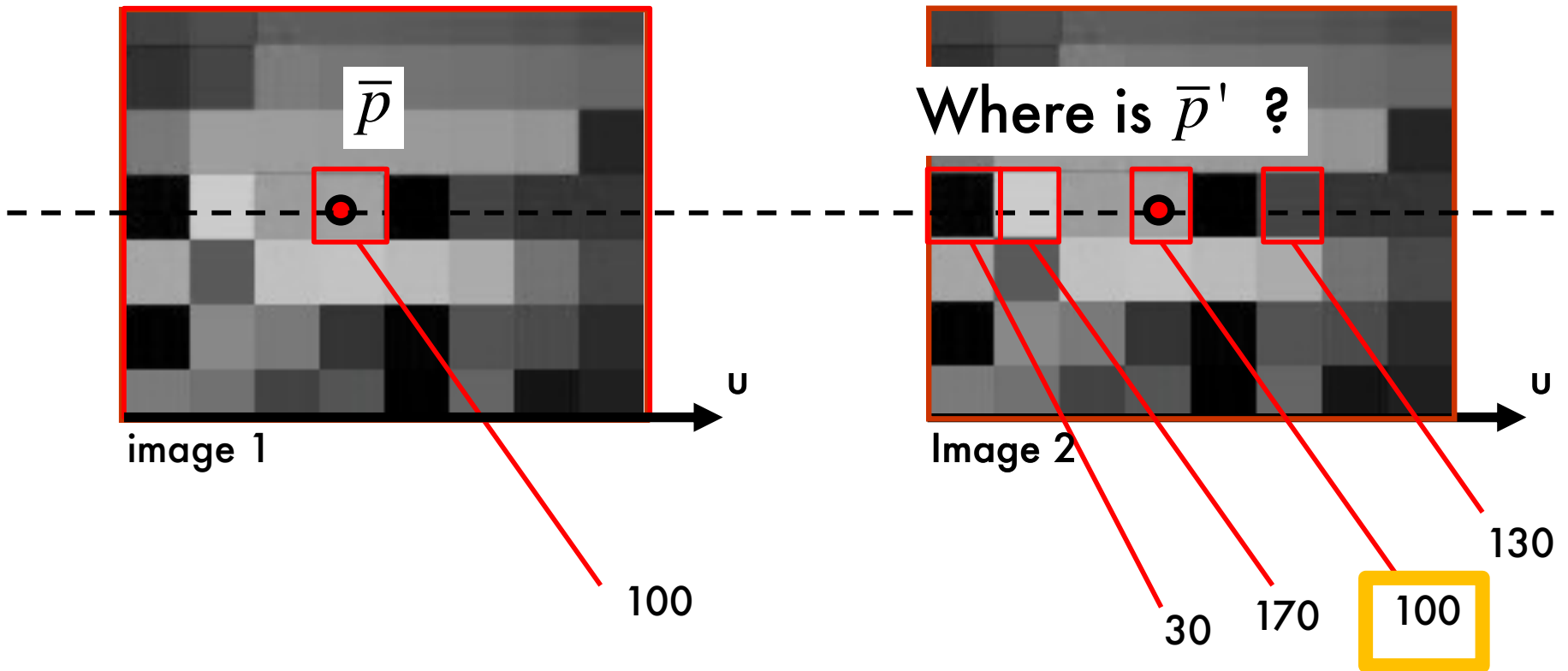
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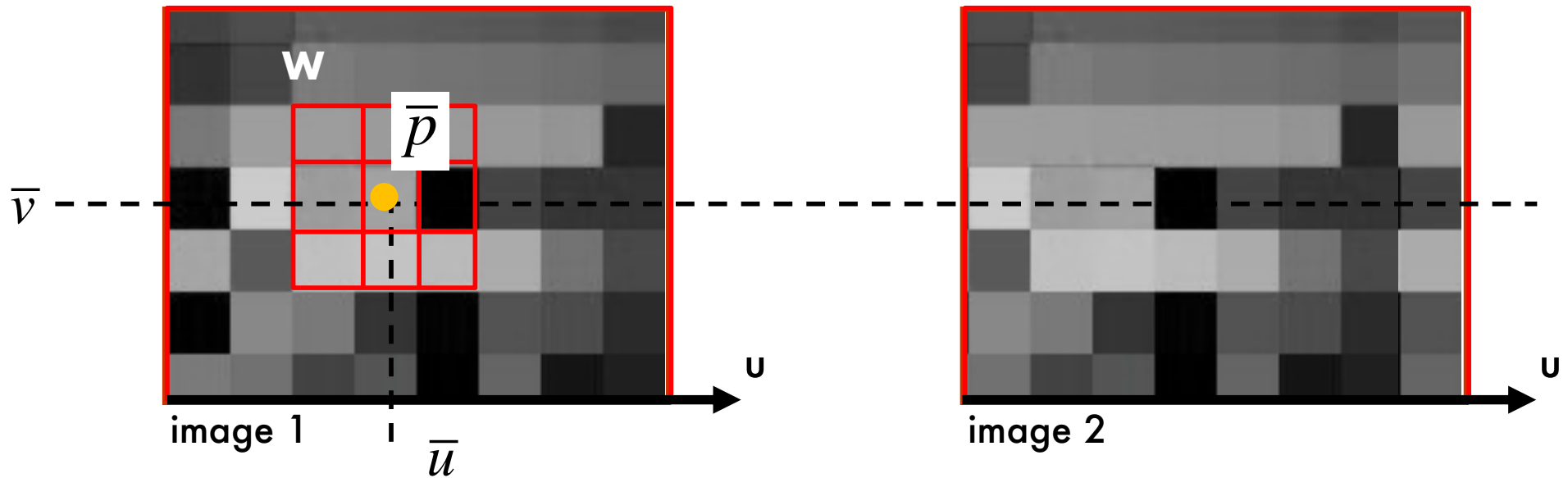
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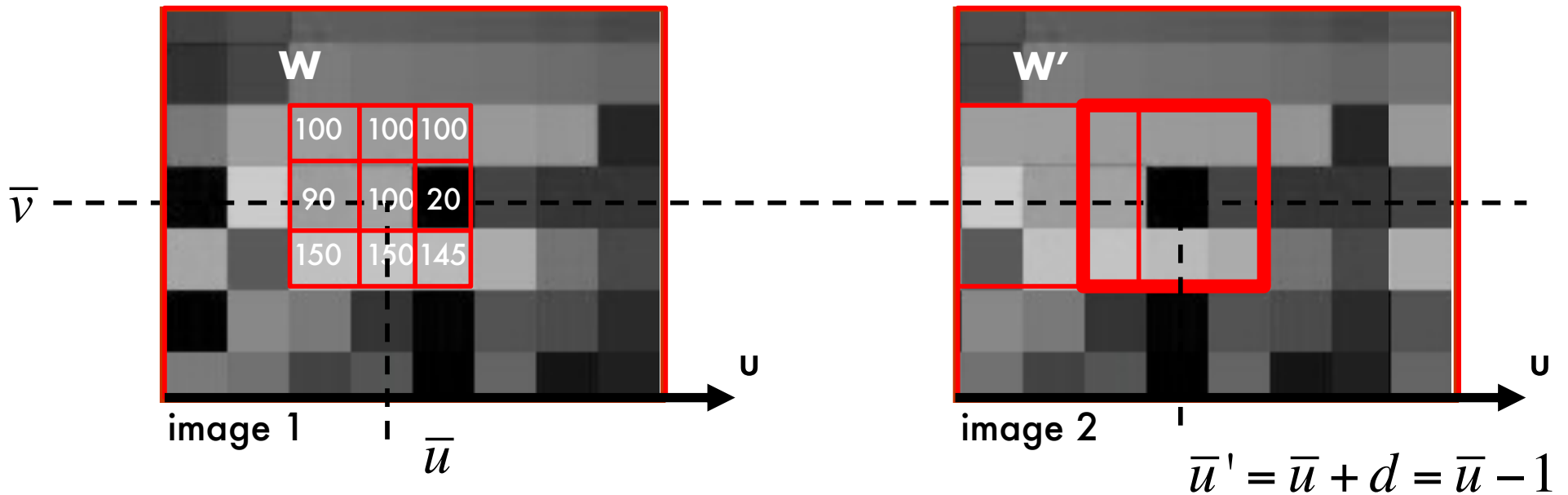


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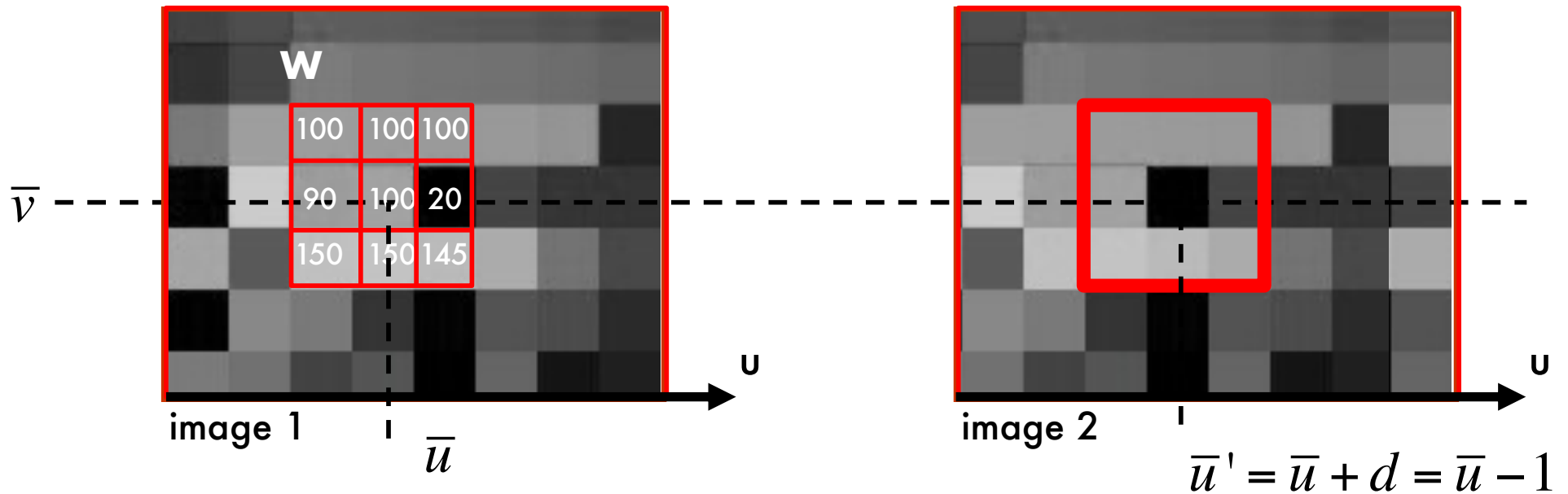
Example:  $\mathbf{W}$  is a 3x3 window in red

$\mathbf{w}$  is a 9x1 vector

$\mathbf{w} = [100, 100, 100, 90, 100, 20, 150, 150, 145]^T$

- Pick up a window  $\mathbf{W}$  around  $\bar{p} = (\bar{u}, \bar{v})$
- Build vector  $\mathbf{w}$
- Slide the window  $\mathbf{W}$  along  $v = \bar{v}$  in image 2 and compute  $\mathbf{w}'(u)$  for each  $u$
- Compute the dot product  $\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{w}'(u)$  for each  $u$  and retain the max value

# Window-based correlation



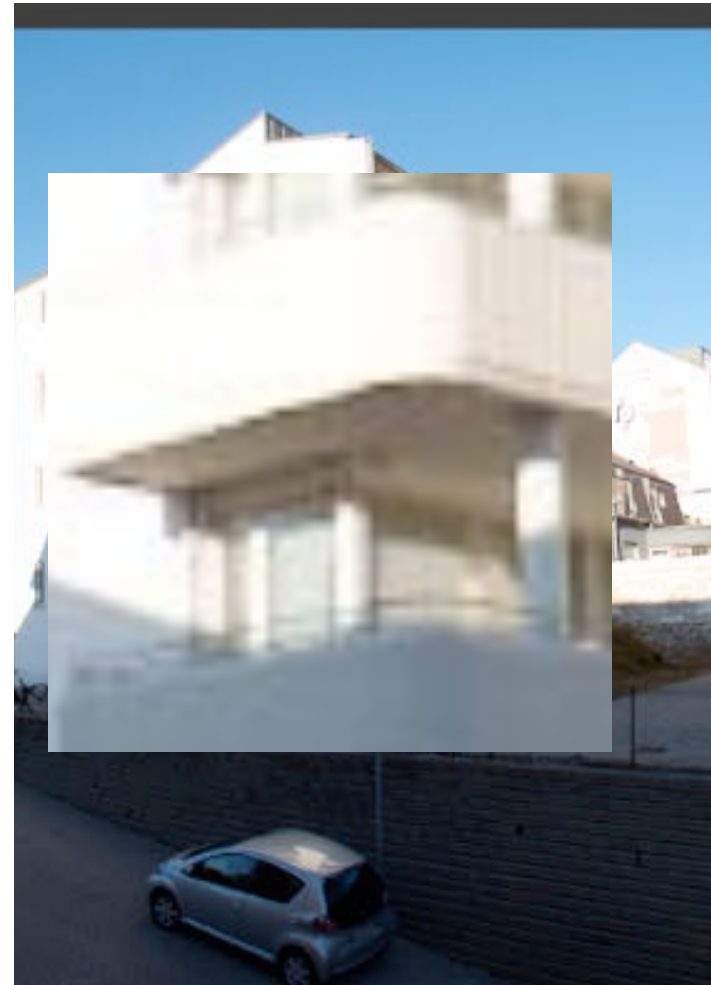
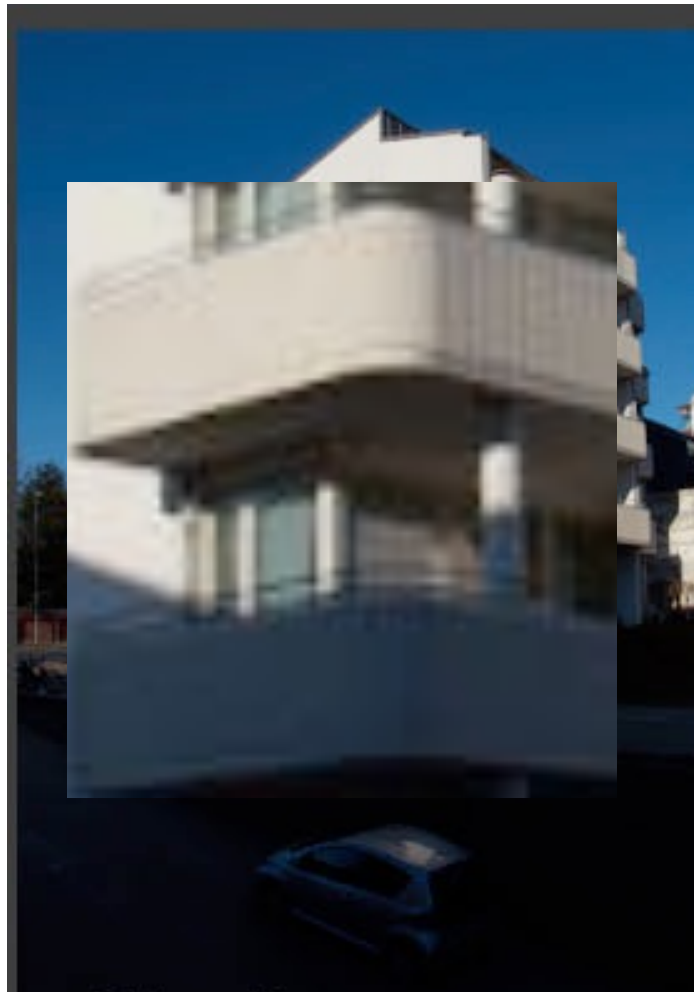
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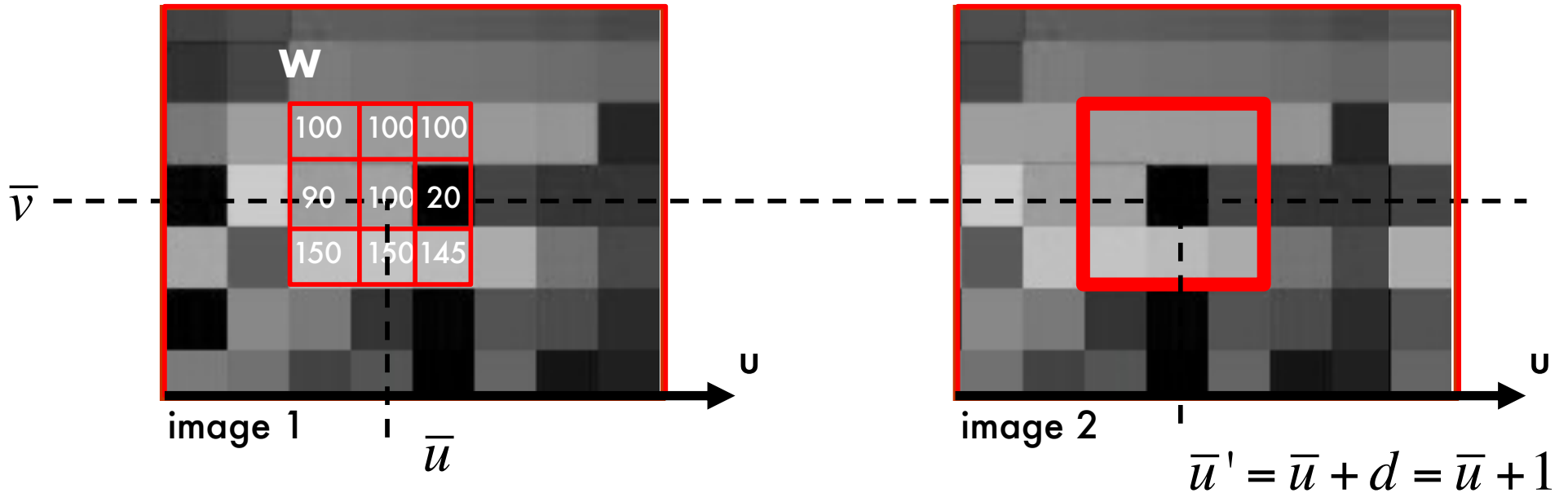
## What's the problem with this?

# Changes of brightness/exposure



Changes in the mean and the variance of intensity values in corresponding windows!

# Normalized cross-correlation



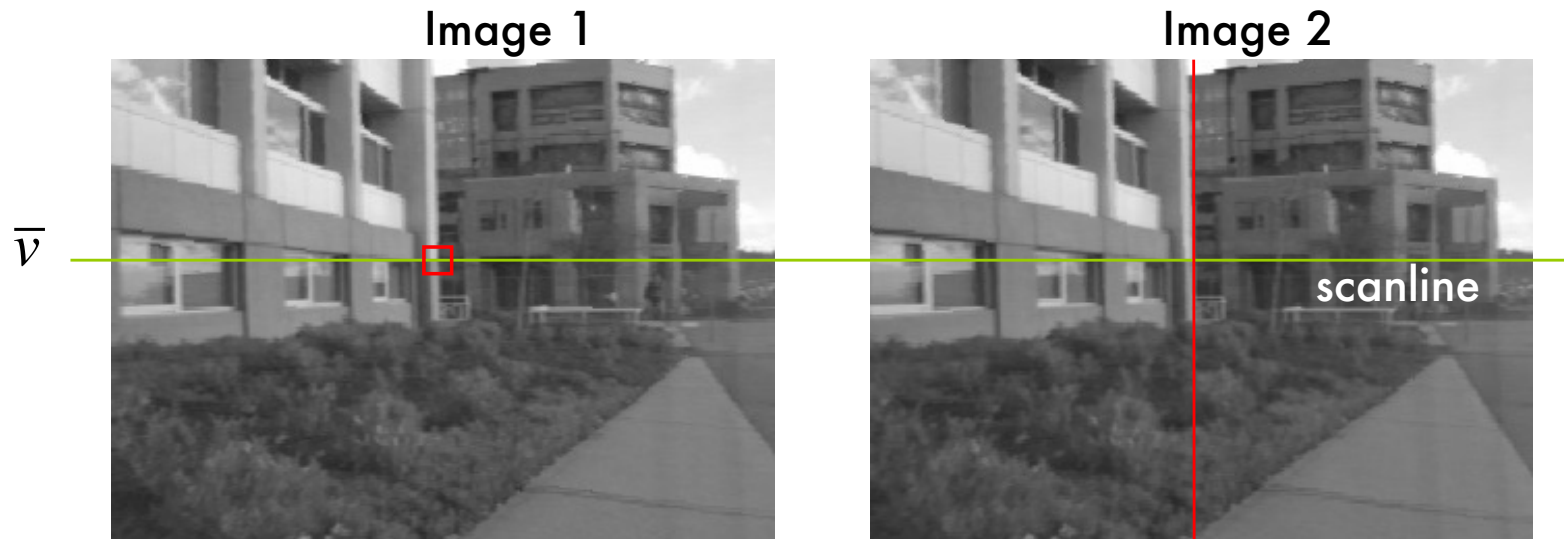
Find  $u$  that maximizes:

$$\frac{(w - \bar{w})^T (w'(u) - \bar{w}')}{\| (w - \bar{w}) \| \| (w'(u) - \bar{w}') \|} \quad [\text{Eq. 2}]$$

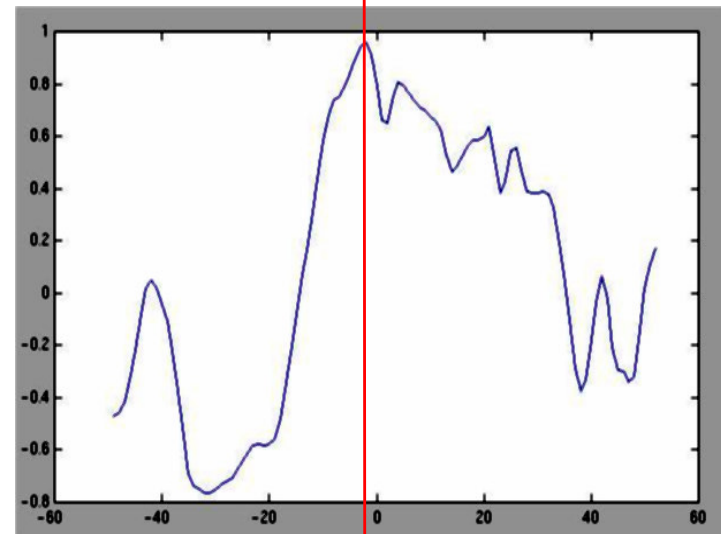
$\bar{w}$  = mean value within  $\mathbf{W}$   
located at  $u^{\text{bar}}$  in image 1

$\bar{w}'(u)$  = mean value within  $\mathbf{W}$   
located at  $u$  in image 2

# Example



NCC

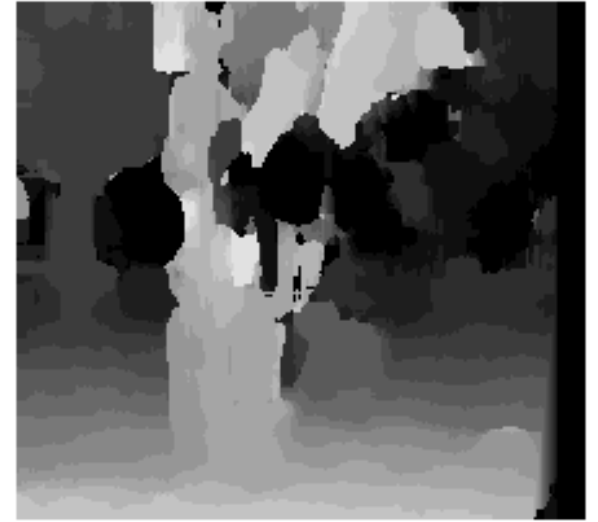


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# Effect of the window's size



Window size = 3

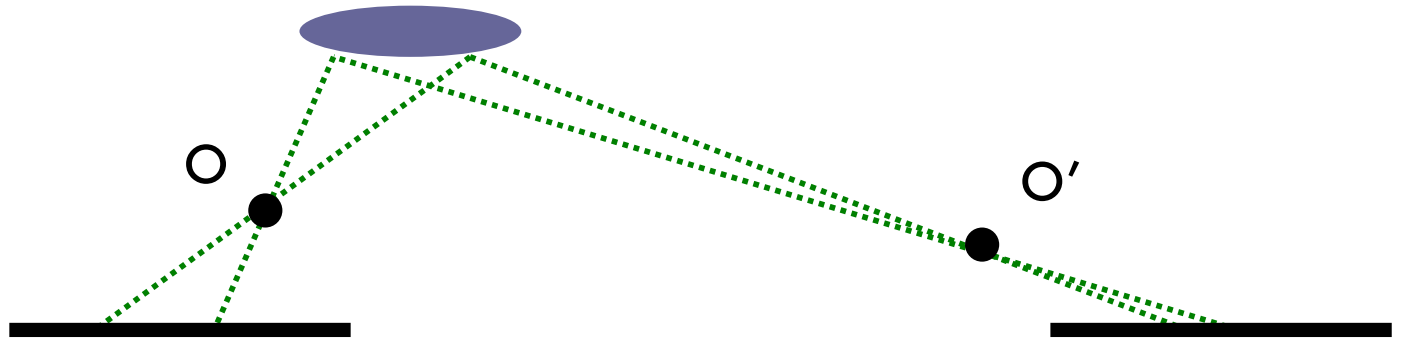


Window size = 20

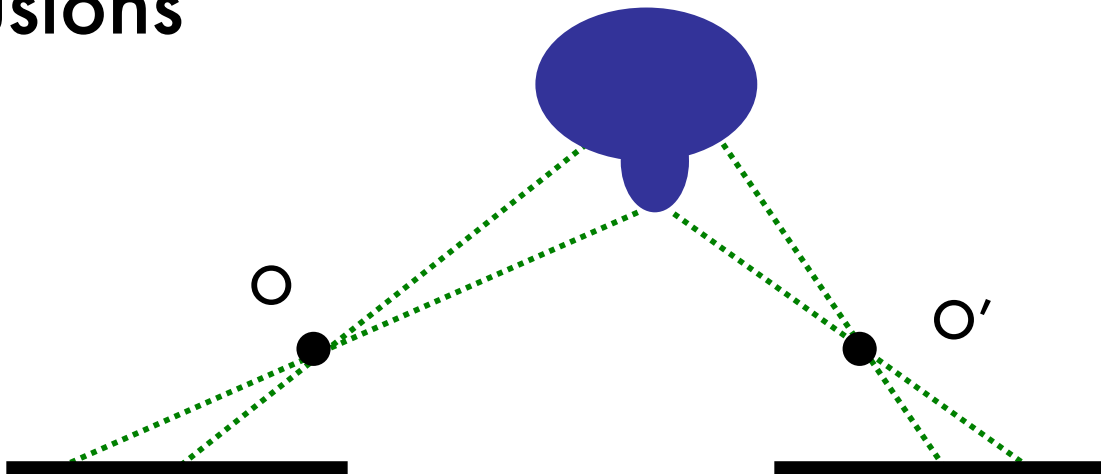
- Smaller window
  - More detail
  - More noise
- Larger window
  - Smoother disparity maps
  - Less prone to noise

# Issues

- Fore shortening effect



- Occlusions



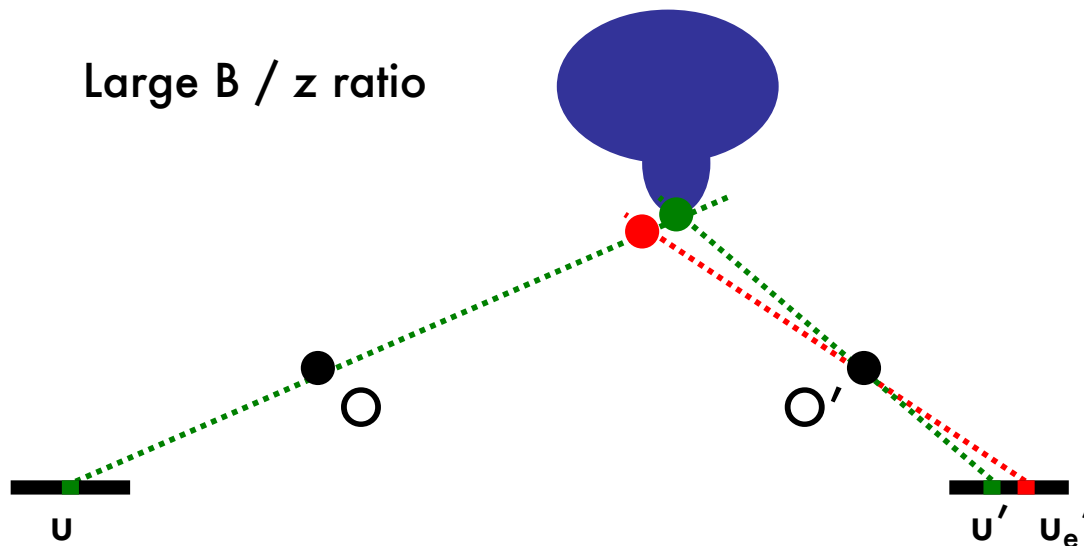


# Base line trade-off

- To reduce the effect of foreshortening and occlusions, it is desirable to have small  $B / z$  ratio!
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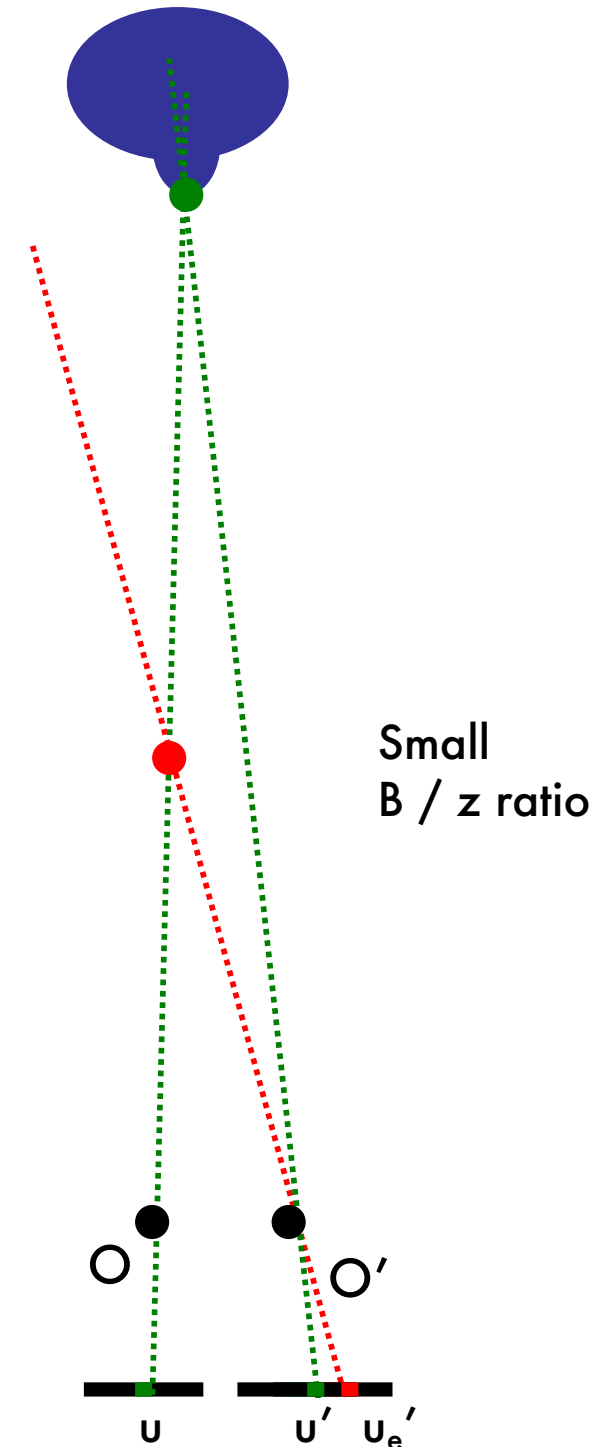
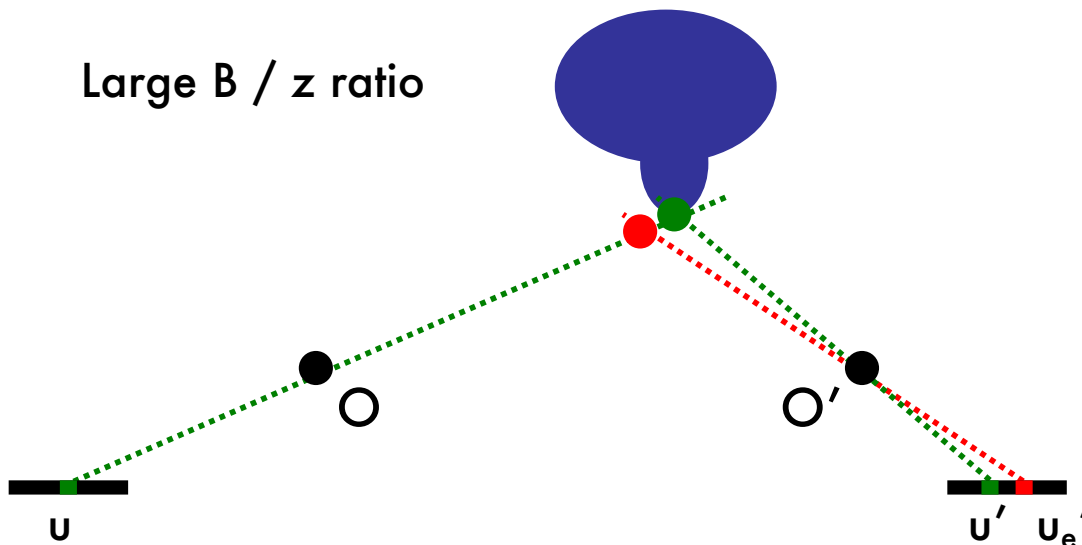
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# More issues!

- Homogeneous regions



mismatch

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- Repetitive patterns



# Correspondence problem is difficult!

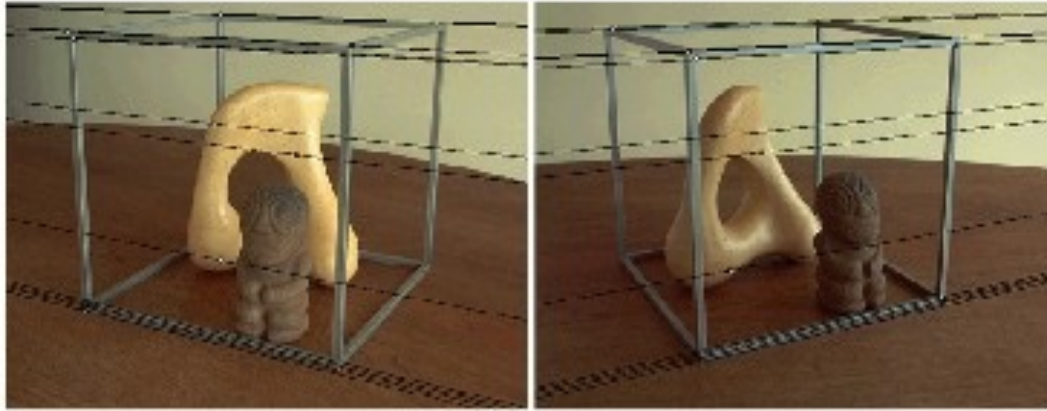
- Occlusions
- Fore shortening
- Baseline trade-off
- Homogeneous regions
- Repetitive patterns

Apply non-local constraints to help  
enforce the correspondences

# Non-local constraints

- **Uniqueness**
  - For any point in one image, there should be at most one matching point in the other image
- **Ordering**
  - Corresponding points should be in the same order in both views
- **Smoothness**
  - Disparity is typically a smooth function of  $x$  (except in occluding boundaries)

# Why are parallel images useful?

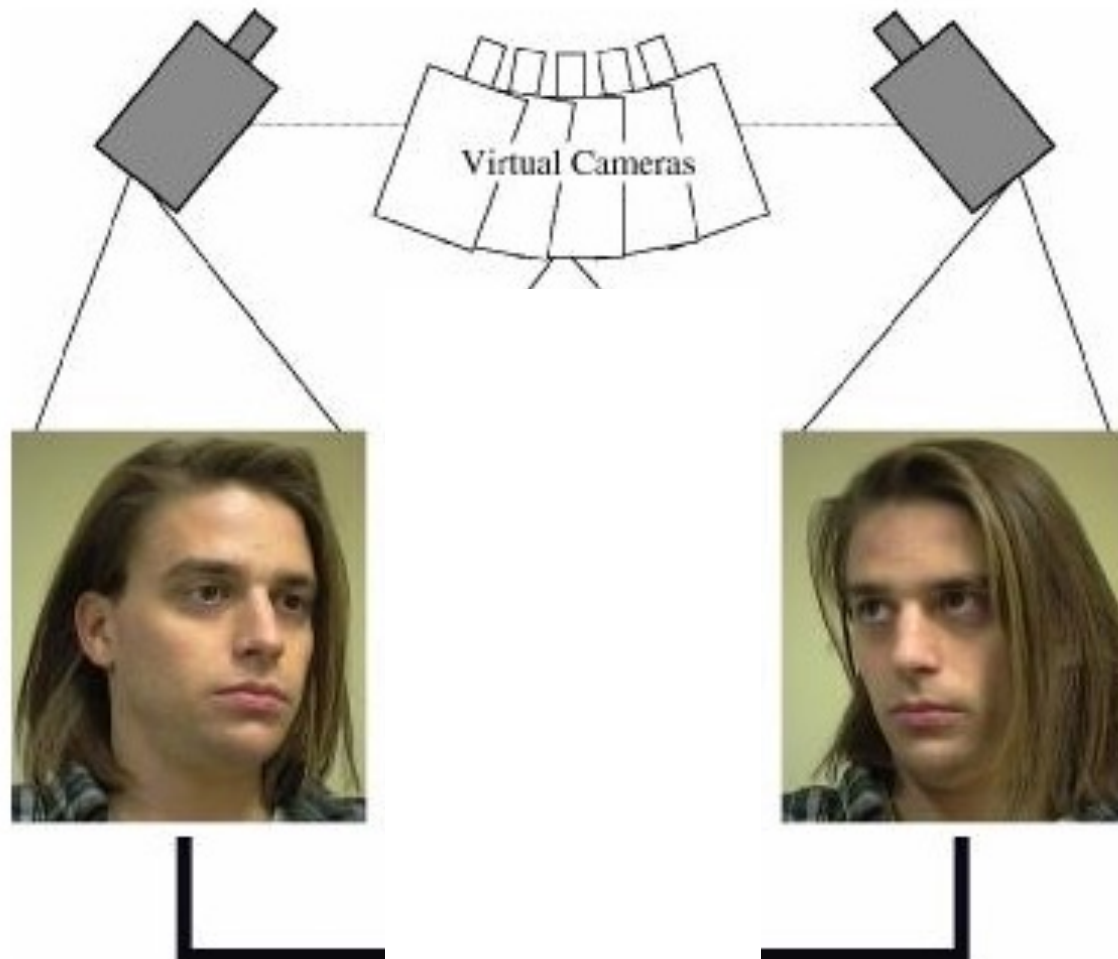


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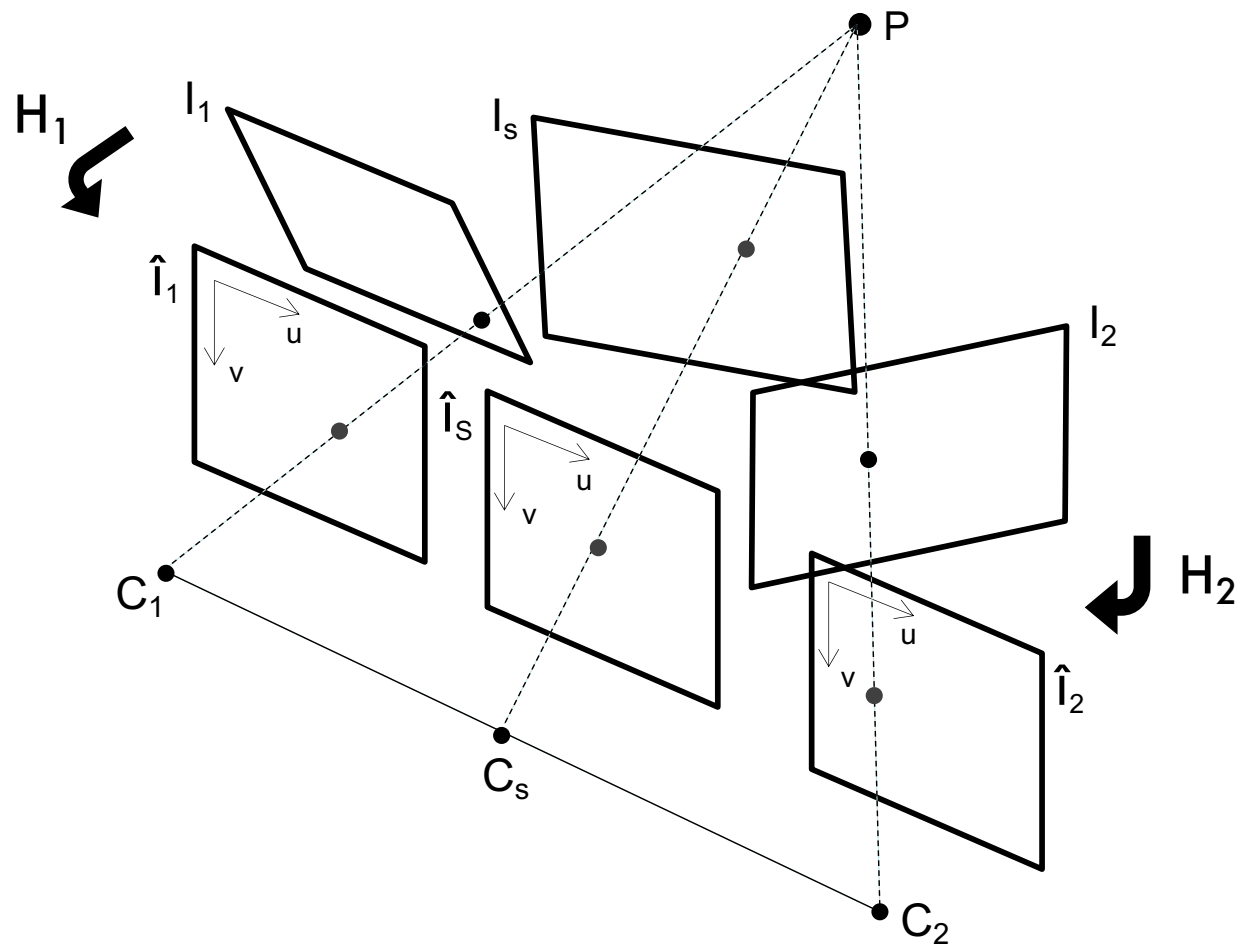


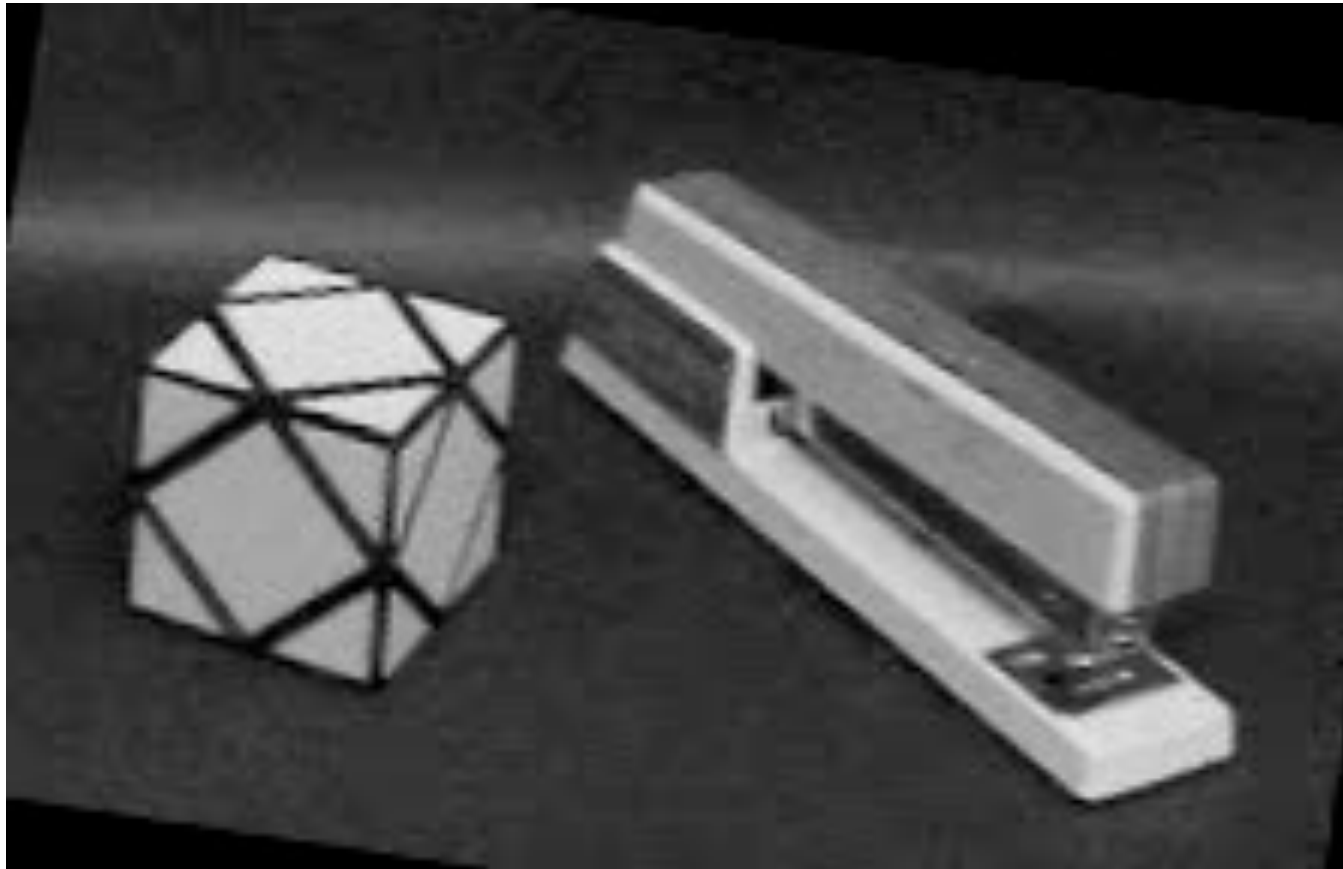
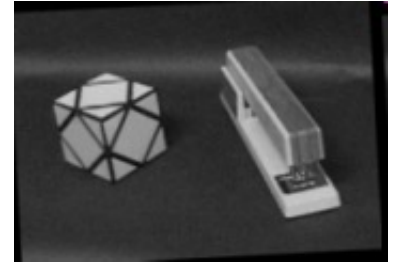
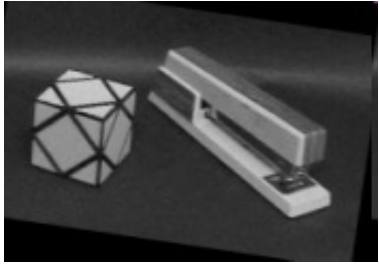
# Application: view morphing

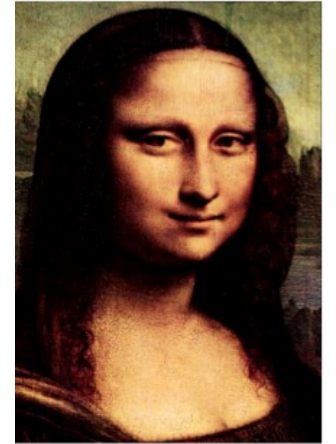
S. M. Seitz and C. R. Dyer, *Proc. SIGGRAPH 96*, 1996, 21-30



# Rectification





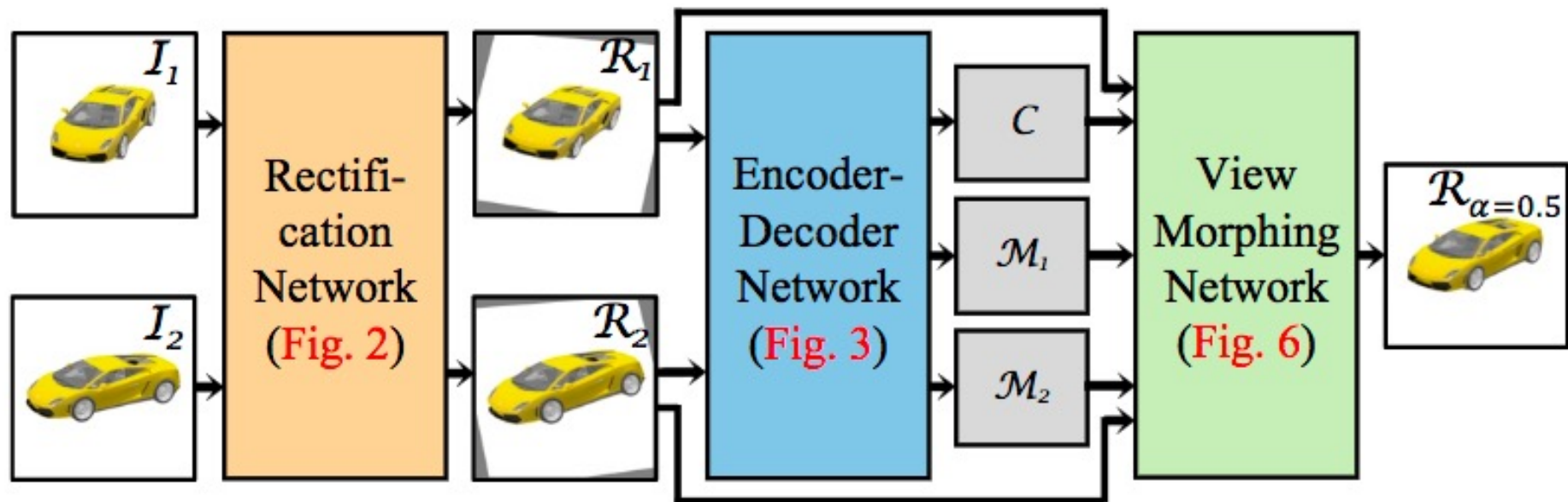


From its reflection!



# Deep view morphing

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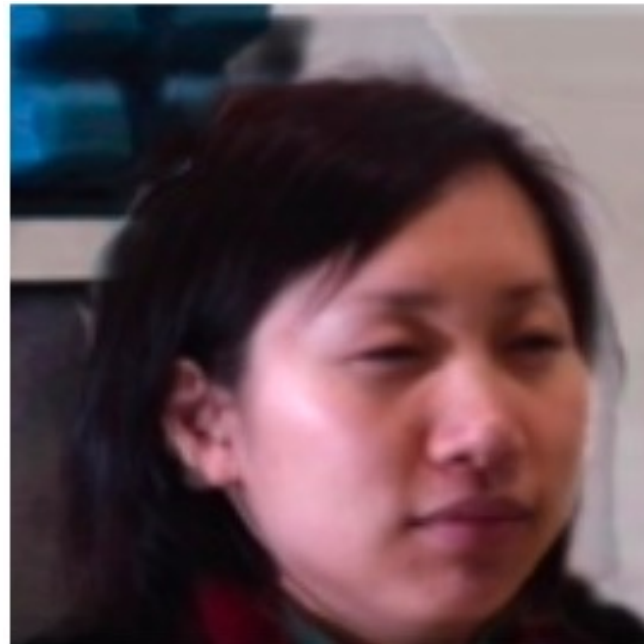
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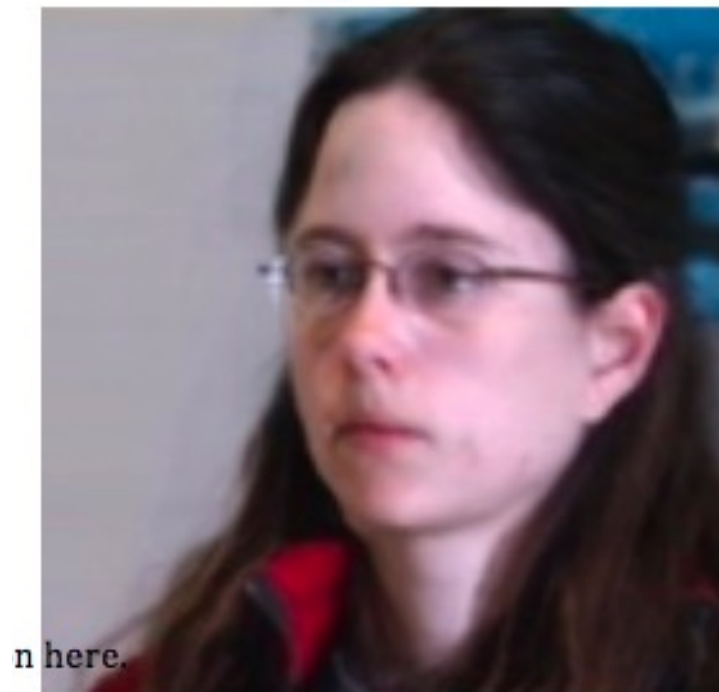
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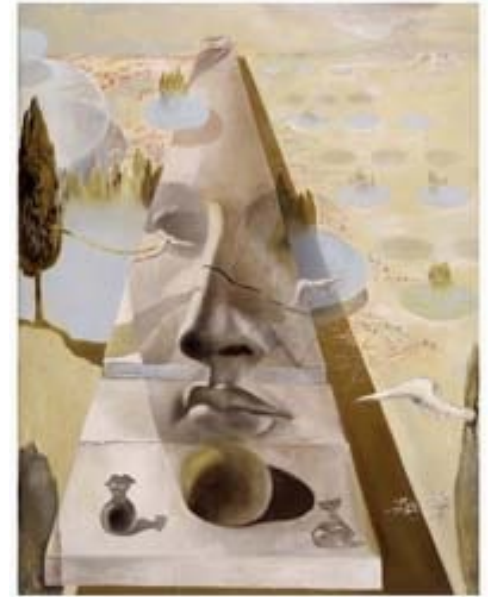


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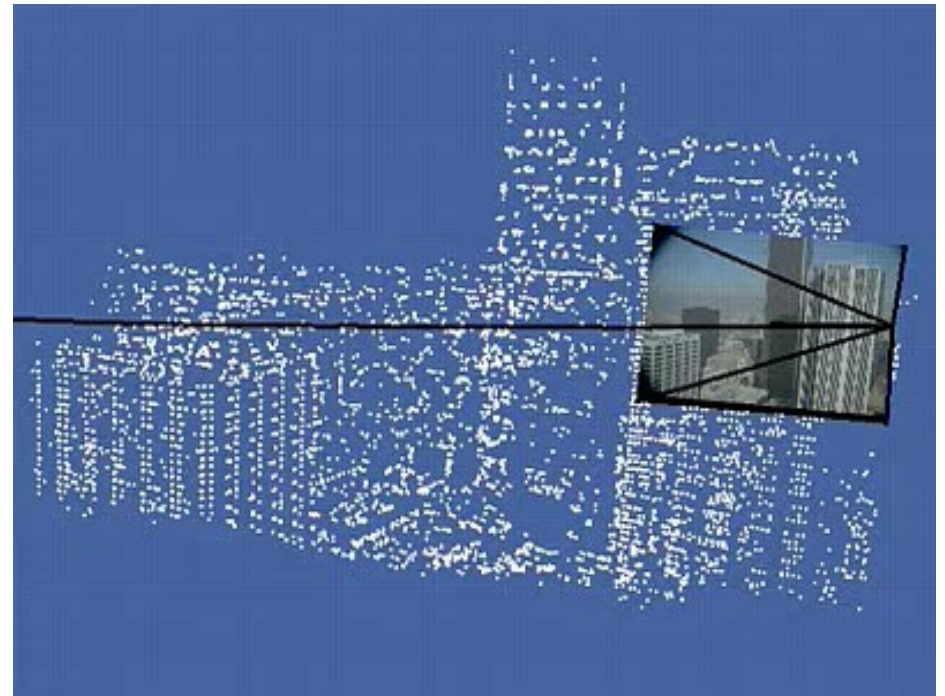
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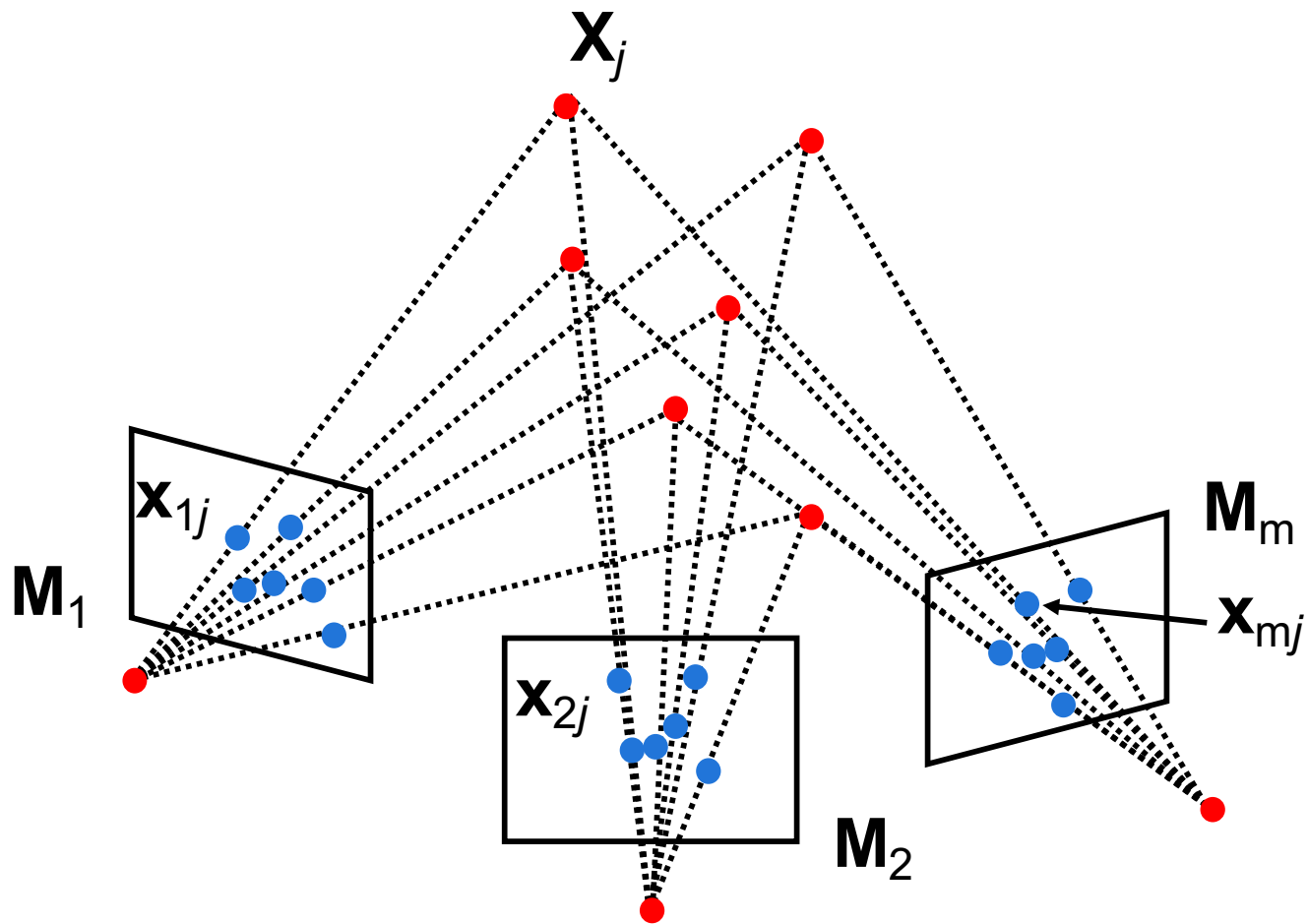


# Structure from motion problem



Courtesy of Oxford **Visual Geometry Group**

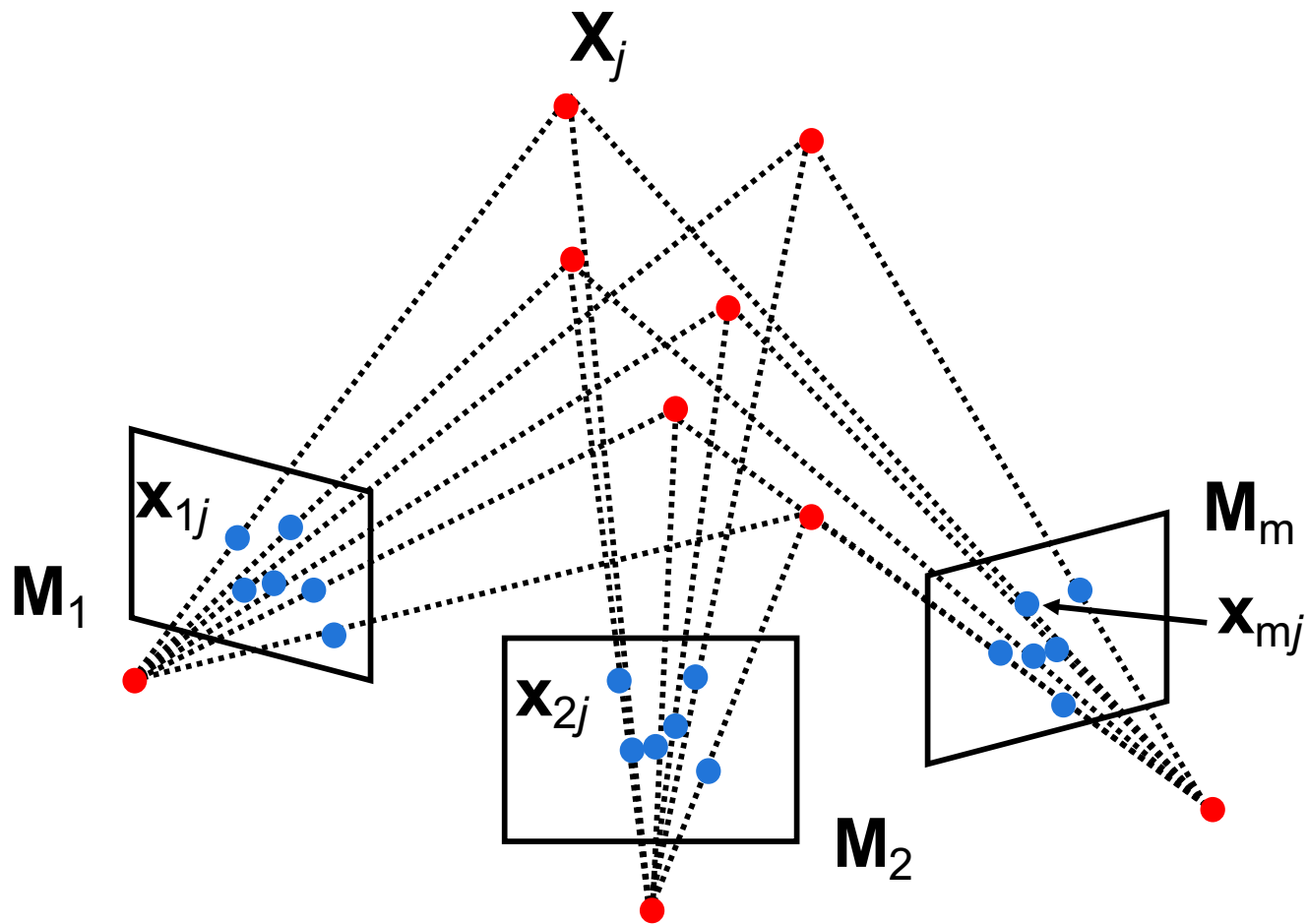
# Structure from motion problem



Given  $m$  images of  $n$  fixed 3D points

$$\bullet x_{ij} = \mathbf{M}_i \mathbf{X}_j, \quad i = 1, \dots, m, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

# Structure from motion problem



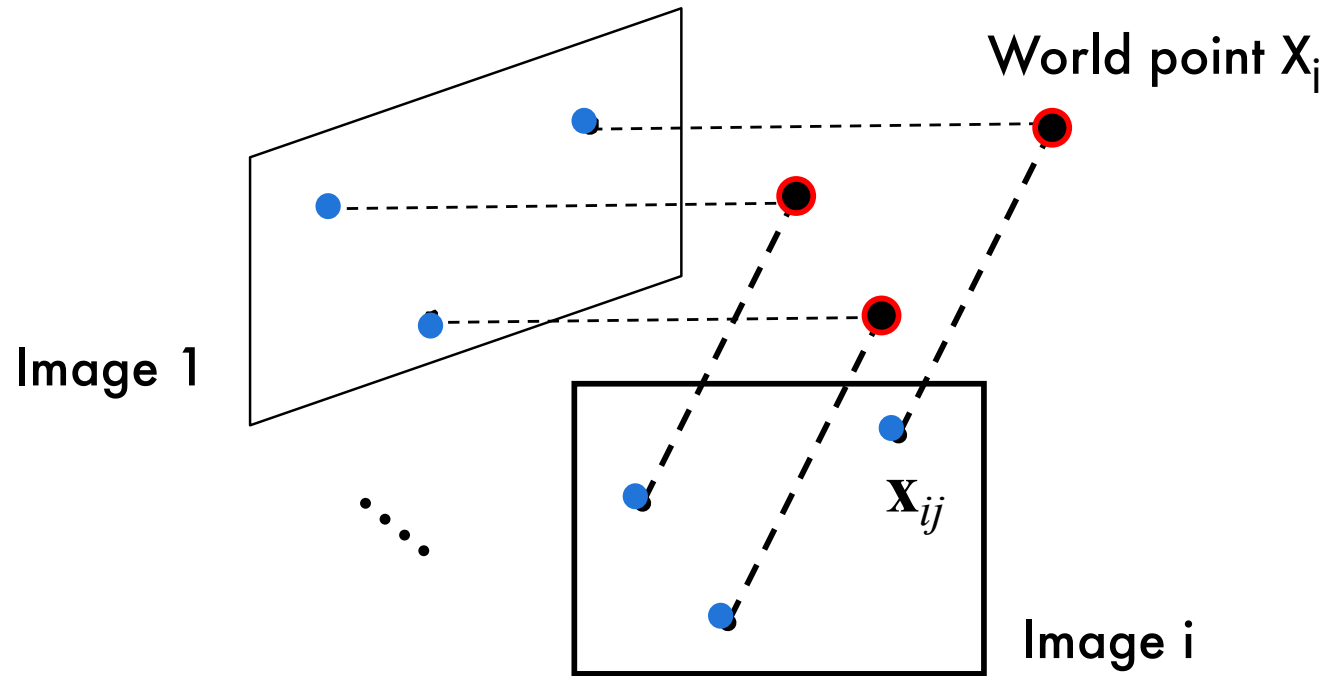
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•  $n$  3D points  $X_j$

motion  
structure

# Affine structure from motion (simpler problem)



From the  $m \times n$  observations  $x_{ij}$ , estimate:

- $m$  projection matrices  $M_i$  (affine cameras)
- $n$  3D points  $X_j$

## Perspective

$$\mathbf{x} = M \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \\ \mathbf{m}_3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{m}_3 \mathbf{X} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{b} \\ \mathbf{v} & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \\ \mathbf{m}_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}^E = \left( \frac{\mathbf{m}_1 \mathbf{X}}{\mathbf{m}_3 \mathbf{X}}, \frac{\mathbf{m}_2 \mathbf{X}}{\mathbf{m}_3 \mathbf{X}} \right)^T$$

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## Affine

$$\mathbf{x} = M \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \\ \mathbf{m}_3 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \mathbf{X} \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \mathbf{X} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{m}_1 \\ \mathbf{m}_2 \\ \mathbf{m}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{2 \times 3} & \mathbf{b}_{2 \times 1} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times 3} & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} & & & \\ & & \mathbf{m}_1 & \\ & & \mathbf{m}_2 & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

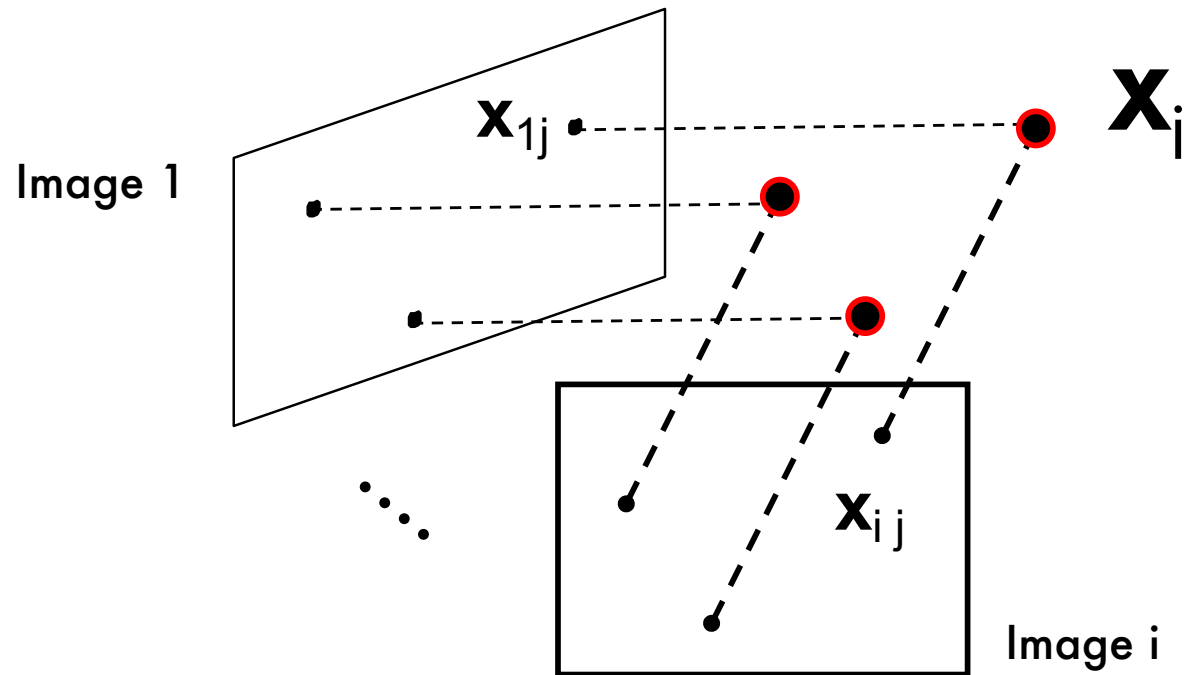
$$\mathbf{x}^E = (\mathbf{m}_1 \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{m}_2 \mathbf{X})^T = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{b} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}^E + \mathbf{b}$$

↑            ↑  
magnification

[Eq. 3]

$$\mathbf{X}^E = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

# Affine cameras



For the affine case (in Euclidean space)

$$\mathbf{x}_{ij} = \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{X}_j + \mathbf{b}_i \quad [\text{Eq. 4}]$$

$2 \times 1$        $2 \times 3$        $3 \times 1$        $2 \times 1$

# The Affine Structure-from-Motion Problem

Given  $m$  images of  $n$  fixed points  $\mathbf{X}_j$  we can write

$$\mathbf{x}_{ij} = \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{X}_j + \mathbf{b}_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m \quad \text{and } j = 1, \dots, n$$

N. of cameras                  N. of points

Problem: estimate  $m$  matrices  $\mathbf{A}_i$ ,  $m$  matrices  $\mathbf{b}_i$   
and the  $n$  positions  $\mathbf{X}_j$  from the  $m \times n$  observations  $\mathbf{x}_{ij}$  .



# Next lecture

Multiple view geometry:  
Affine and Perspective structure  
from Motion