

Lecture 8.3

Multiple-view stereo

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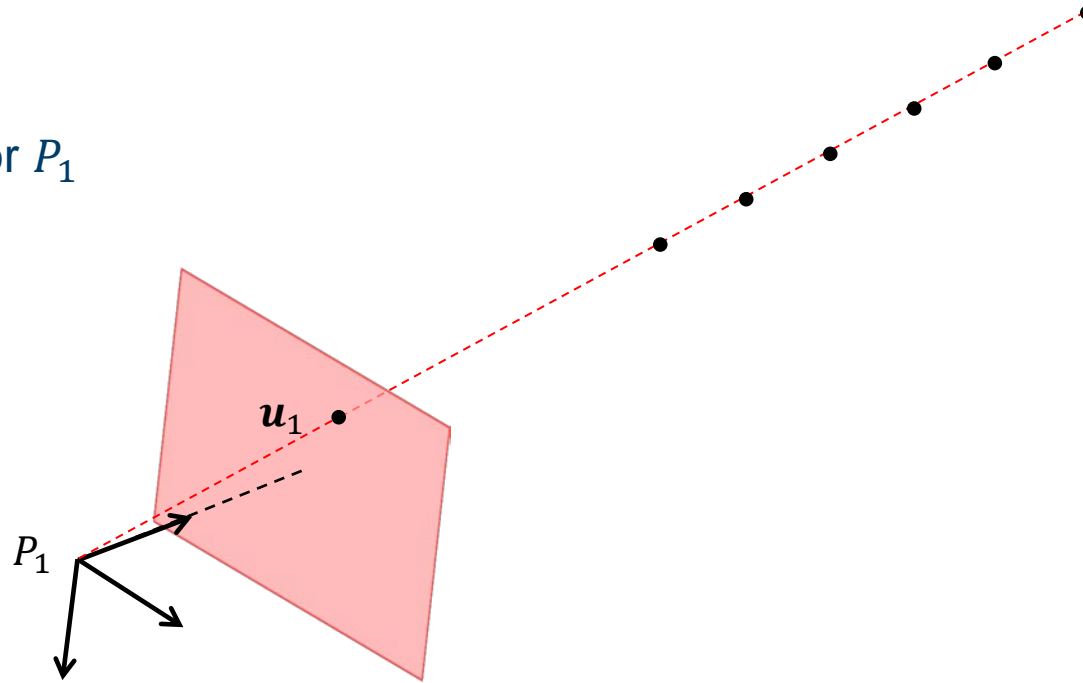
Several slides from Svetlana Lazebnik,
Steve Seitz, Noah Snavely and Rob Fergus

World geometry from correspondences

	Structure (scene geometry)	Motion (camera geometry)	Measurements
Pose estimation	Known	Estimate	3D to 2D correspondences
Triangulation, Stereo	Estimate	Known	2D to 2D correspondences
Reconstruction, Structure from Motion	Estimate	Estimate	2D to 2D correspondences

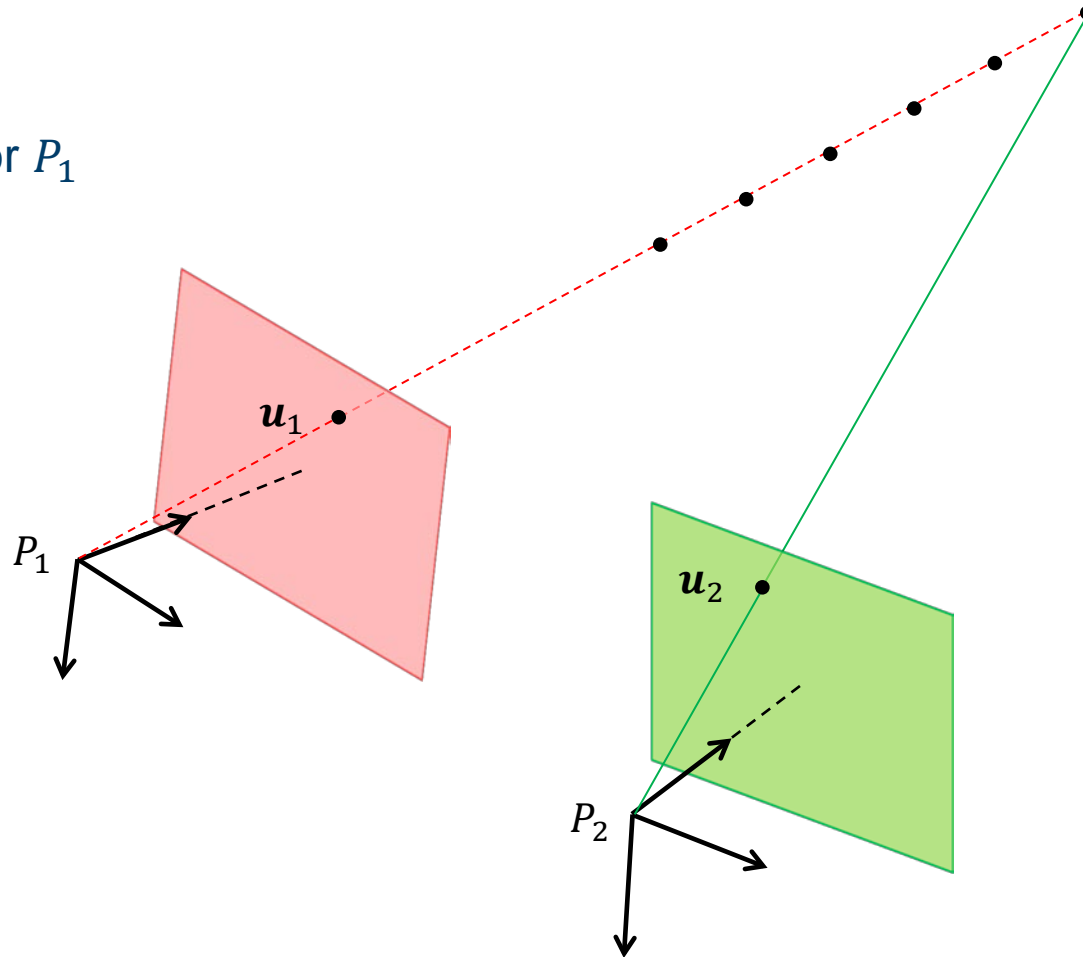
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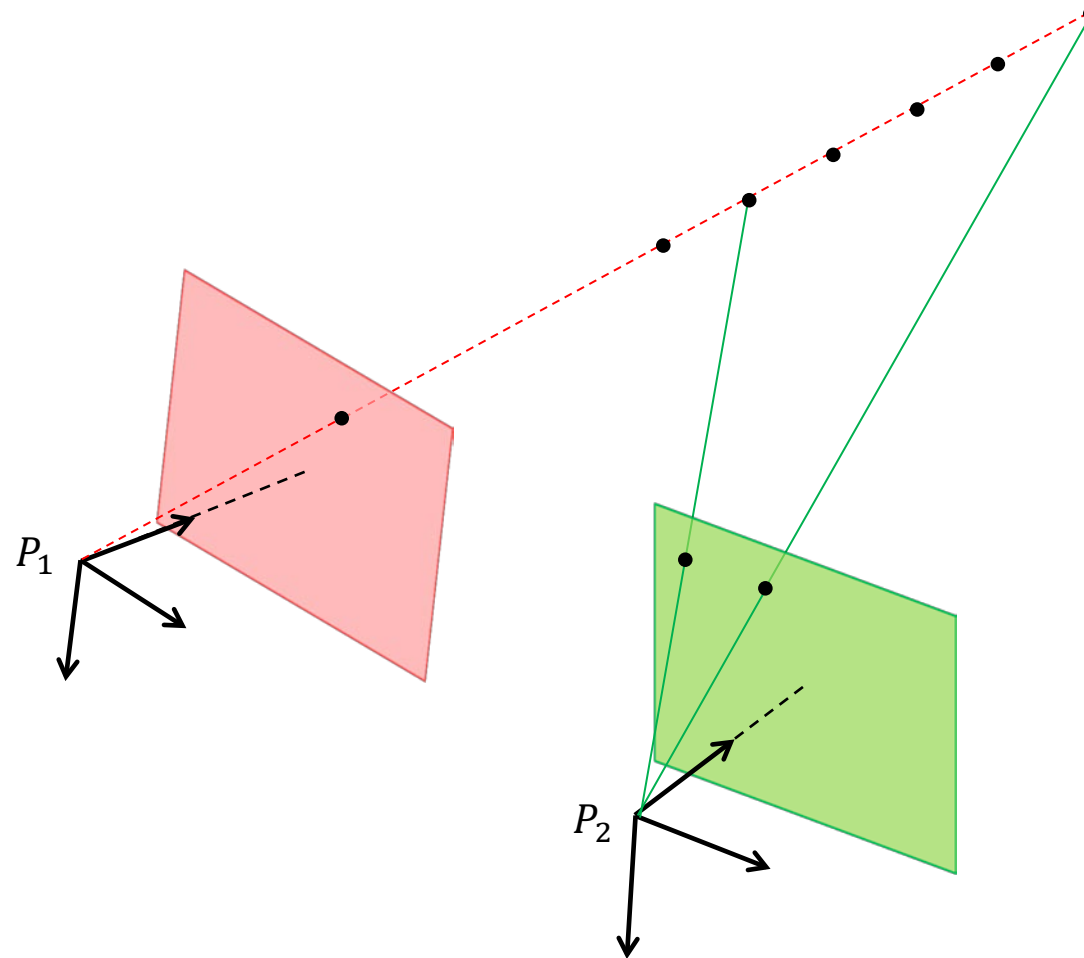
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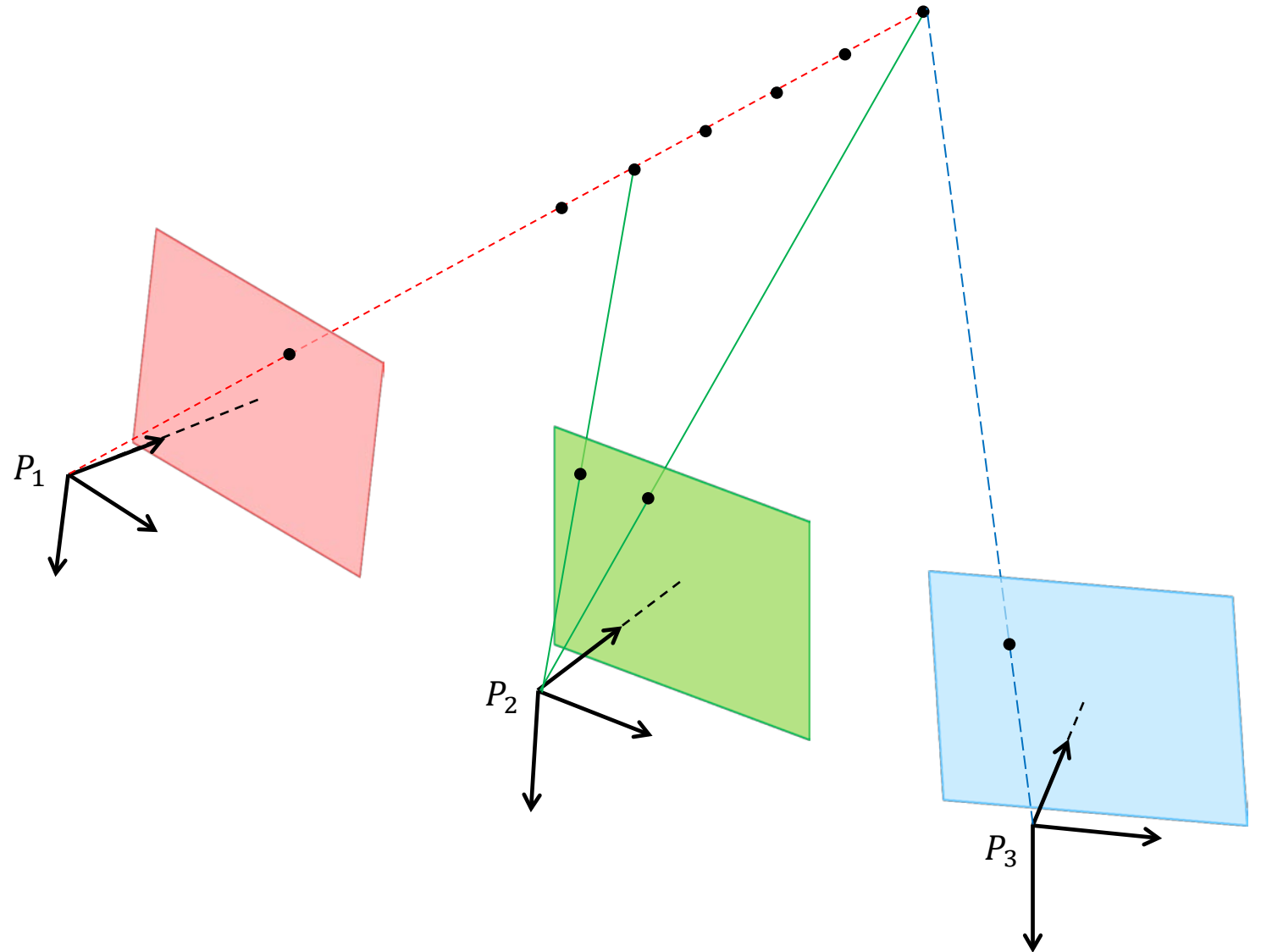
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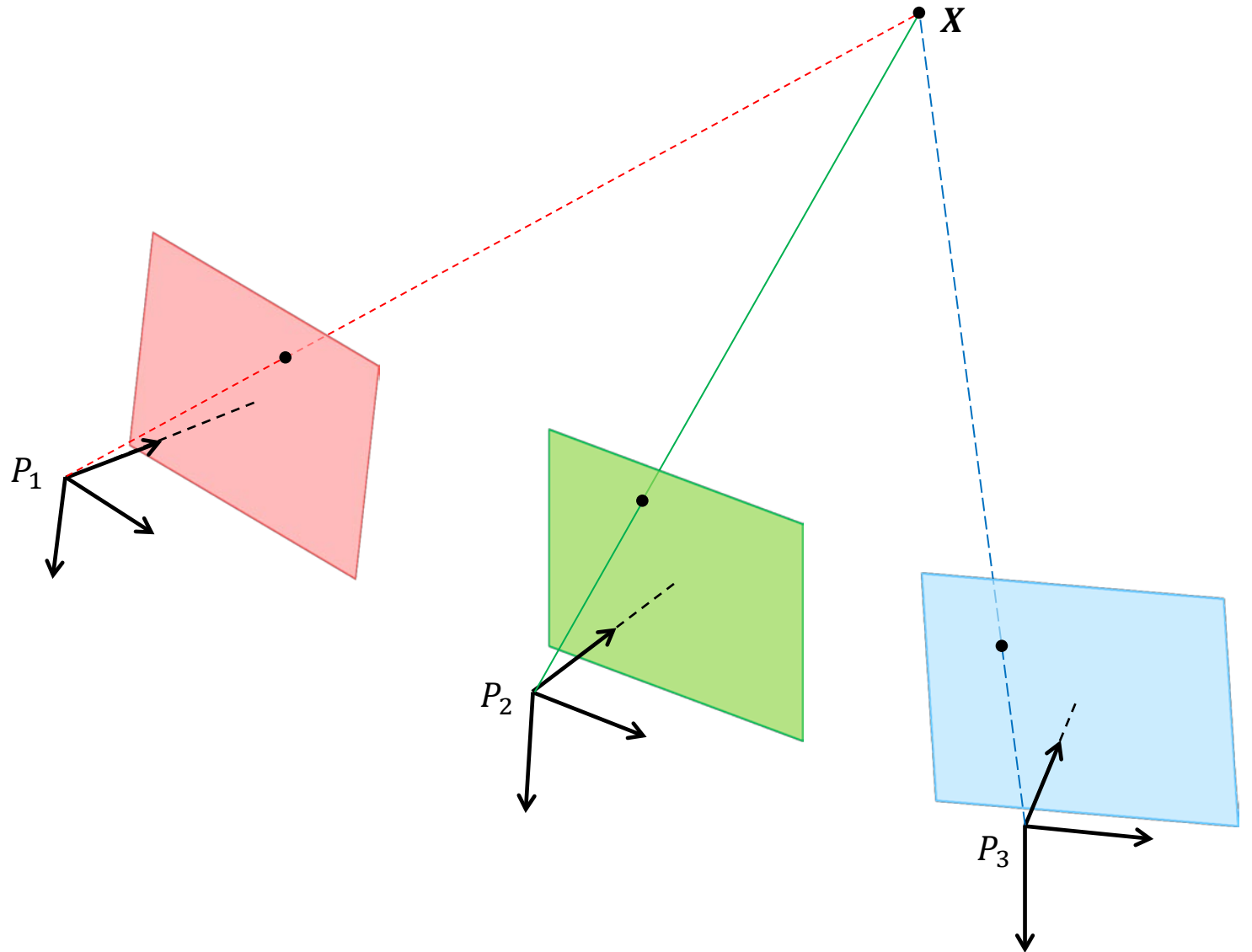
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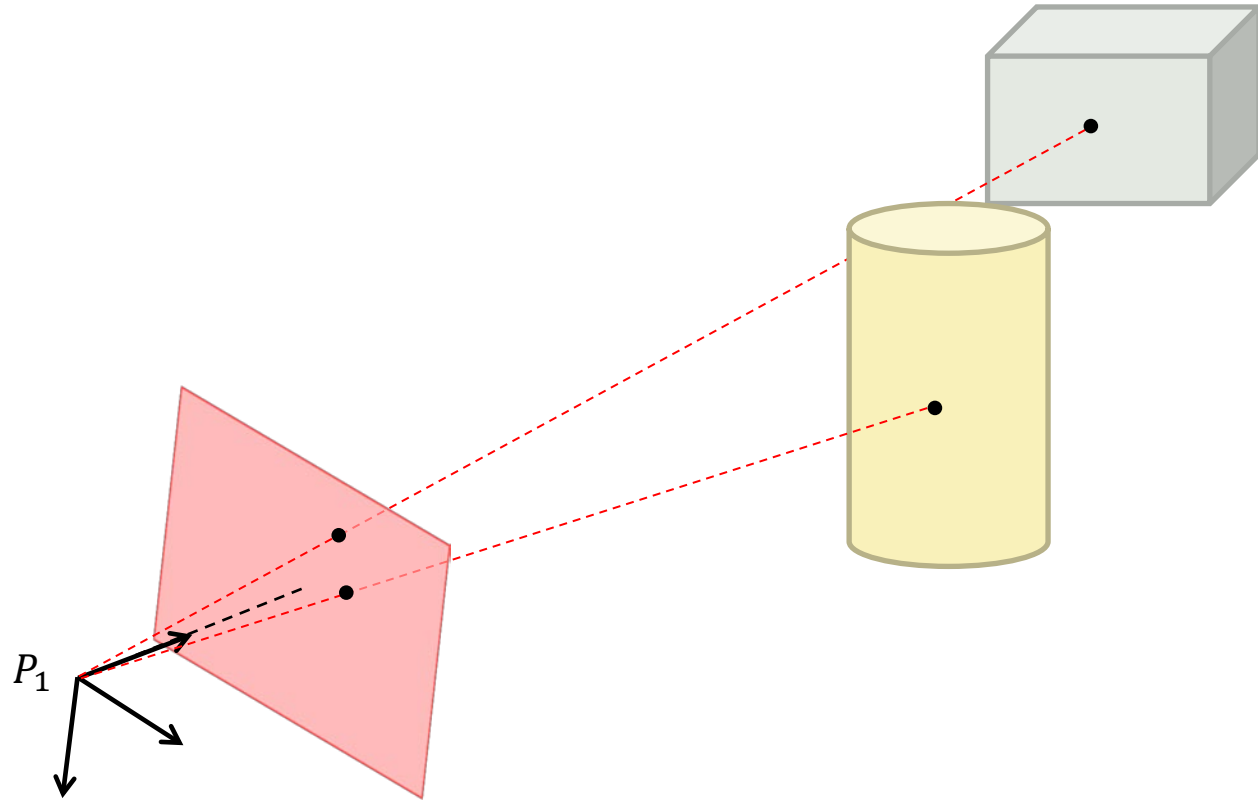
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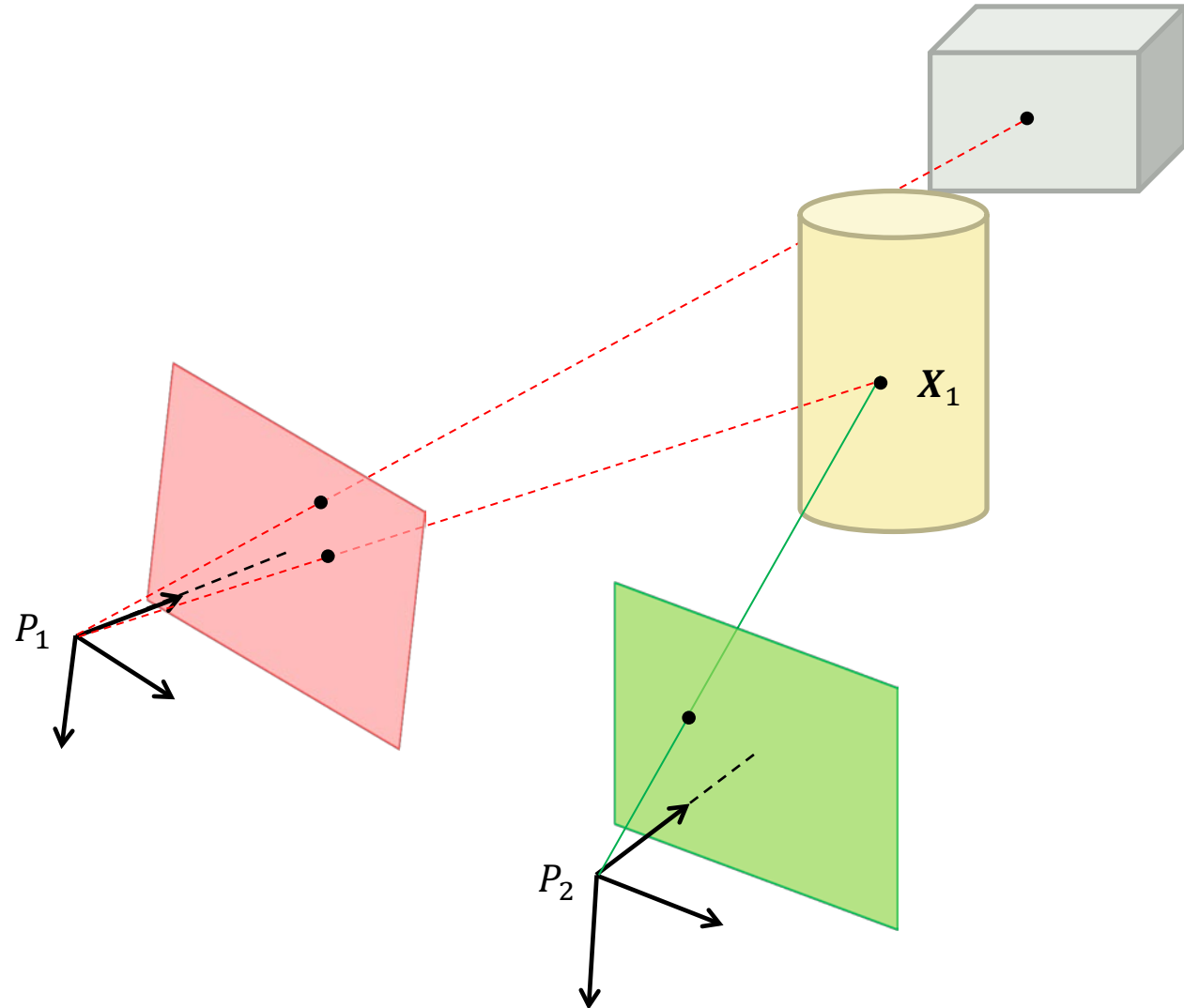
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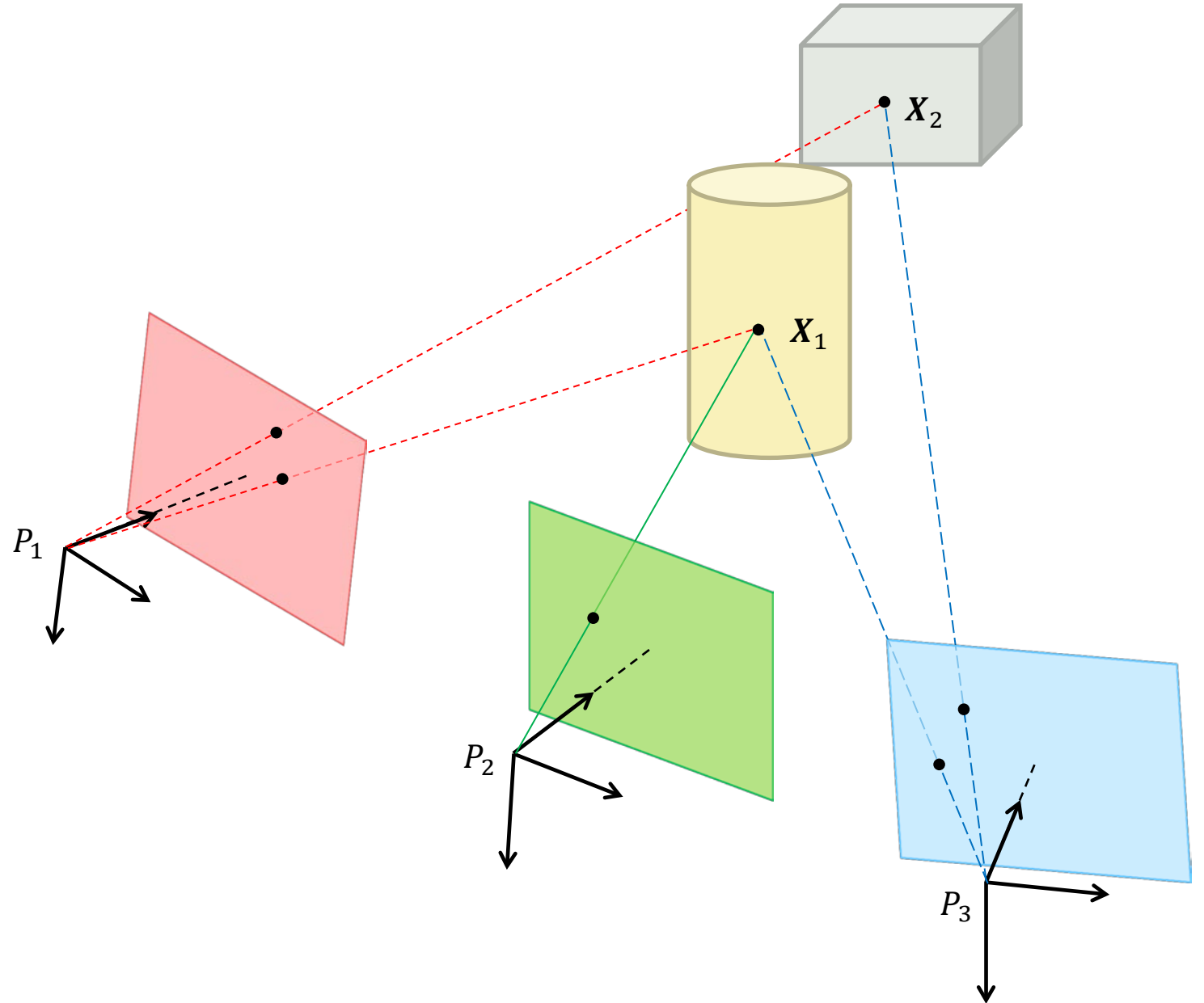
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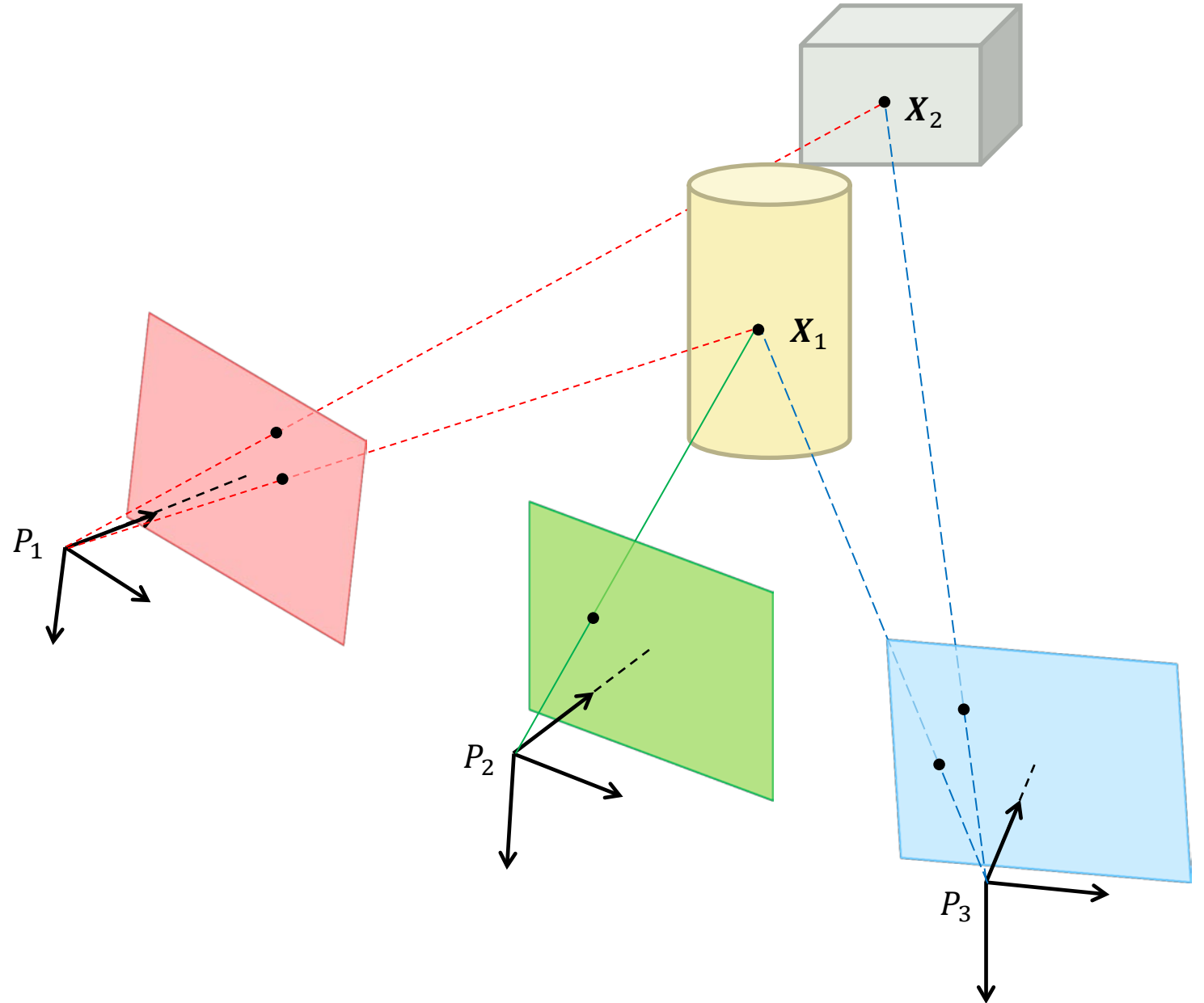
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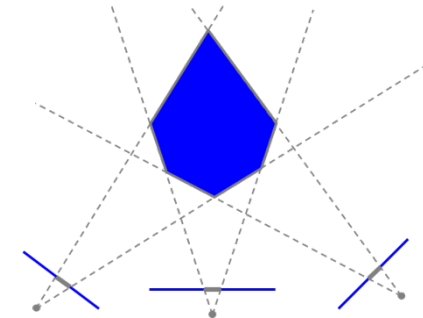
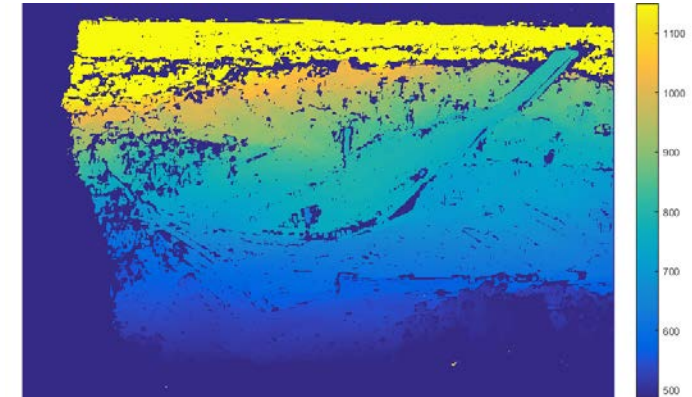
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- Multiple views:
 - can be used to verify correspondences
 - can make reconstruction more robust to occlusions
 - can be used to infer free-space and solid volumes



Approaches to multiple-view stereo

- Multiple-view stereo depth maps
 - Fusion of point clouds
- Volumetric stereo
 - Volume carving on discrete grids
- Surface Expansion
 - Dense feature matching

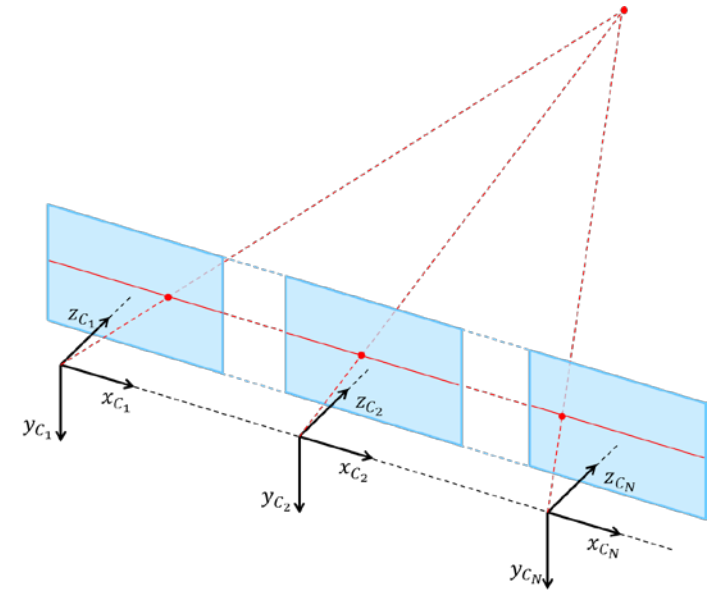


Depth maps

- Multiple-baseline stereo
 - Rectification of several cameras onto common plane
 - Problems with wide baselines and distortions after rectification



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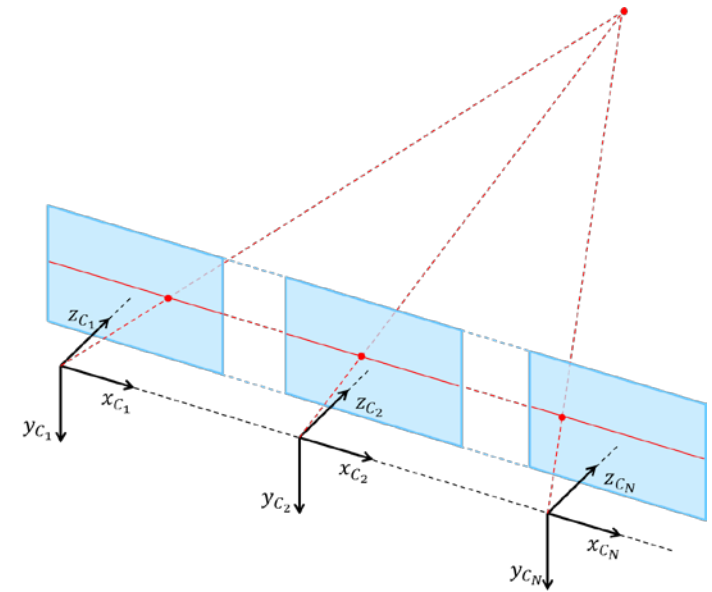


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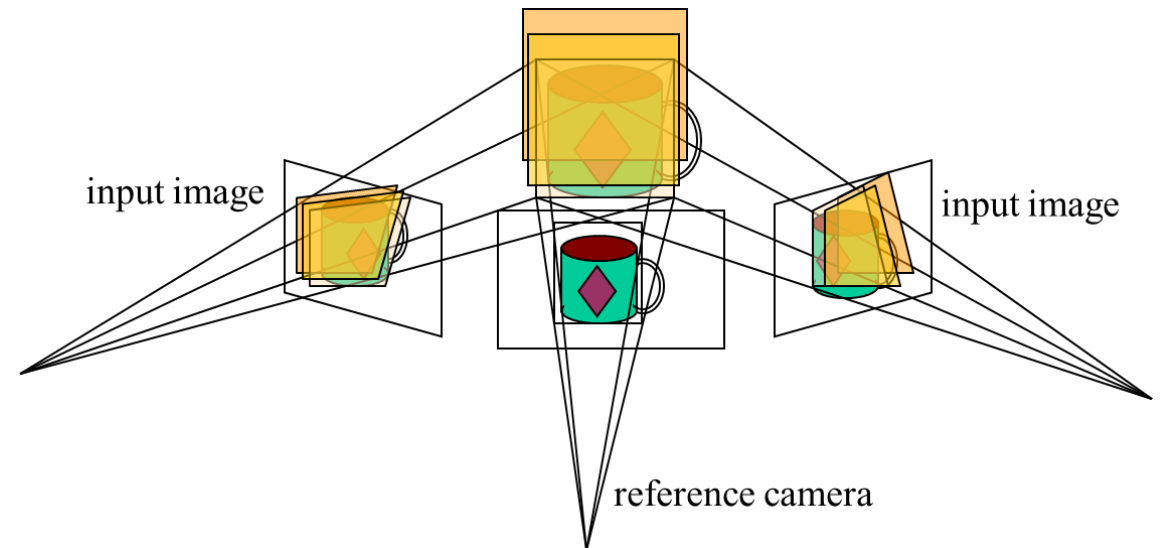
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- Plane sweep stereo
 - Choose a reference view
 - Sweep family of planes at different depths with respect to the reference camera



Plane sweep

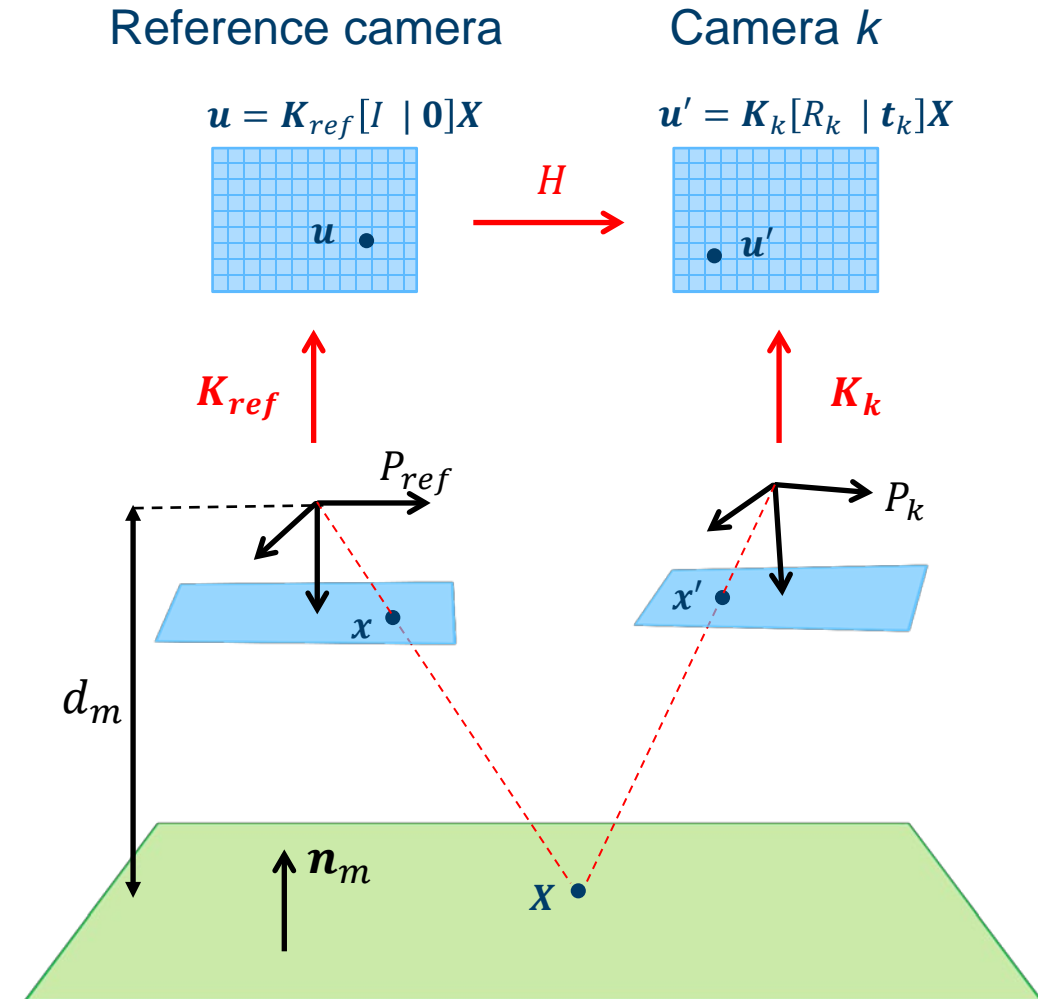
- The family of depth planes in the coordinate frame of the reference view

$$\Pi_m = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{n}_m^T & -d_m \end{bmatrix}$$

- The mapping from the reference camera P_{ref} onto the plane Π_m and back to camera P_k is described by the homography induced by the plane Π_m

$$H_{\Pi_m, P_k} = K_k \left(R_k - \mathbf{t}_k \mathbf{n}_m^T / d_m \right) K_{ref}^{-1}$$

- The mapping from P_k to P_{ref} induced by Π_m is the inverse homography H_{Π_m, P_k}^{-1}

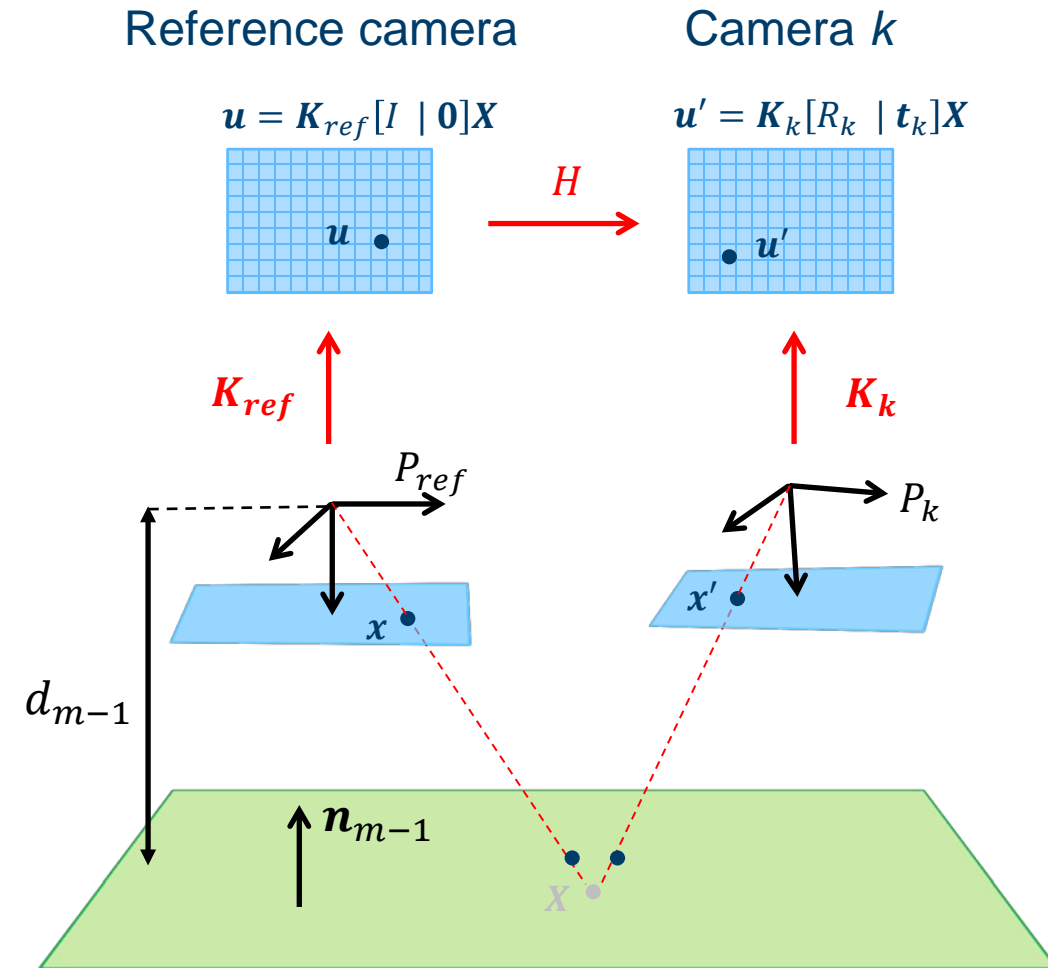
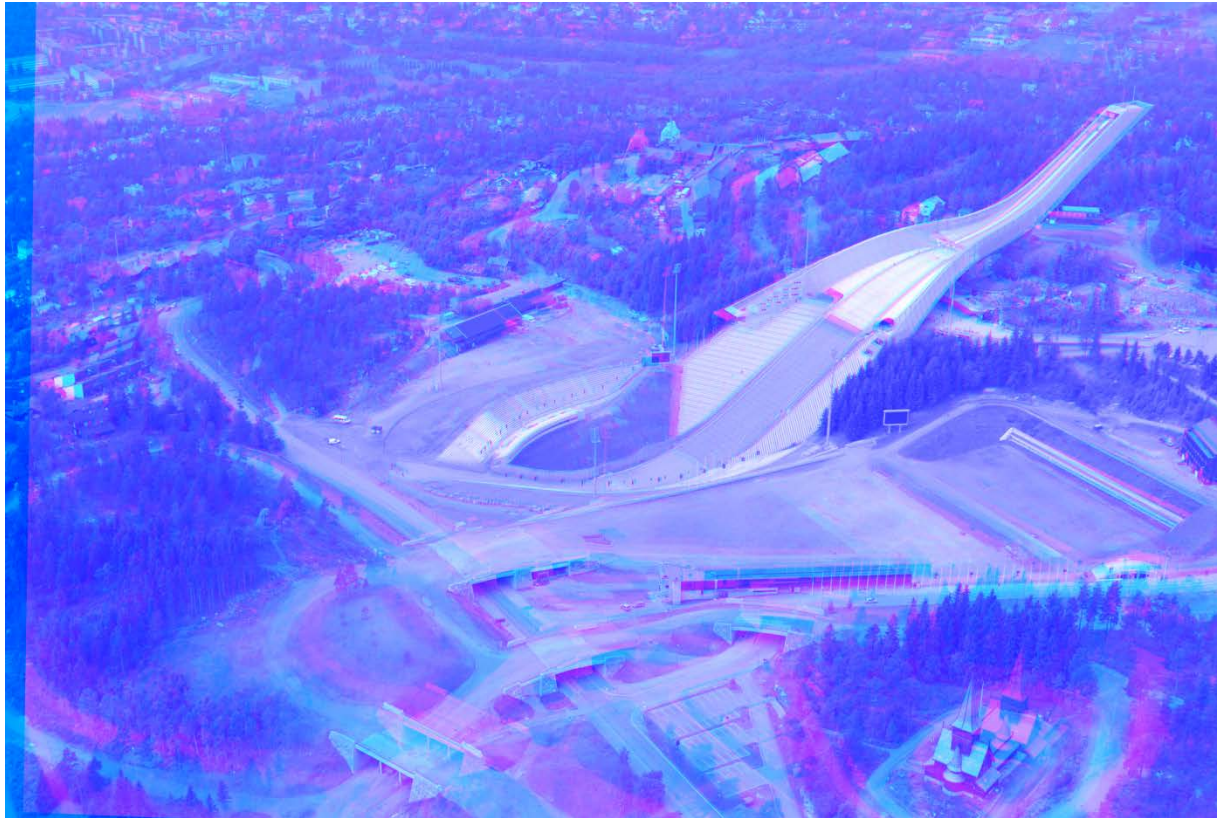


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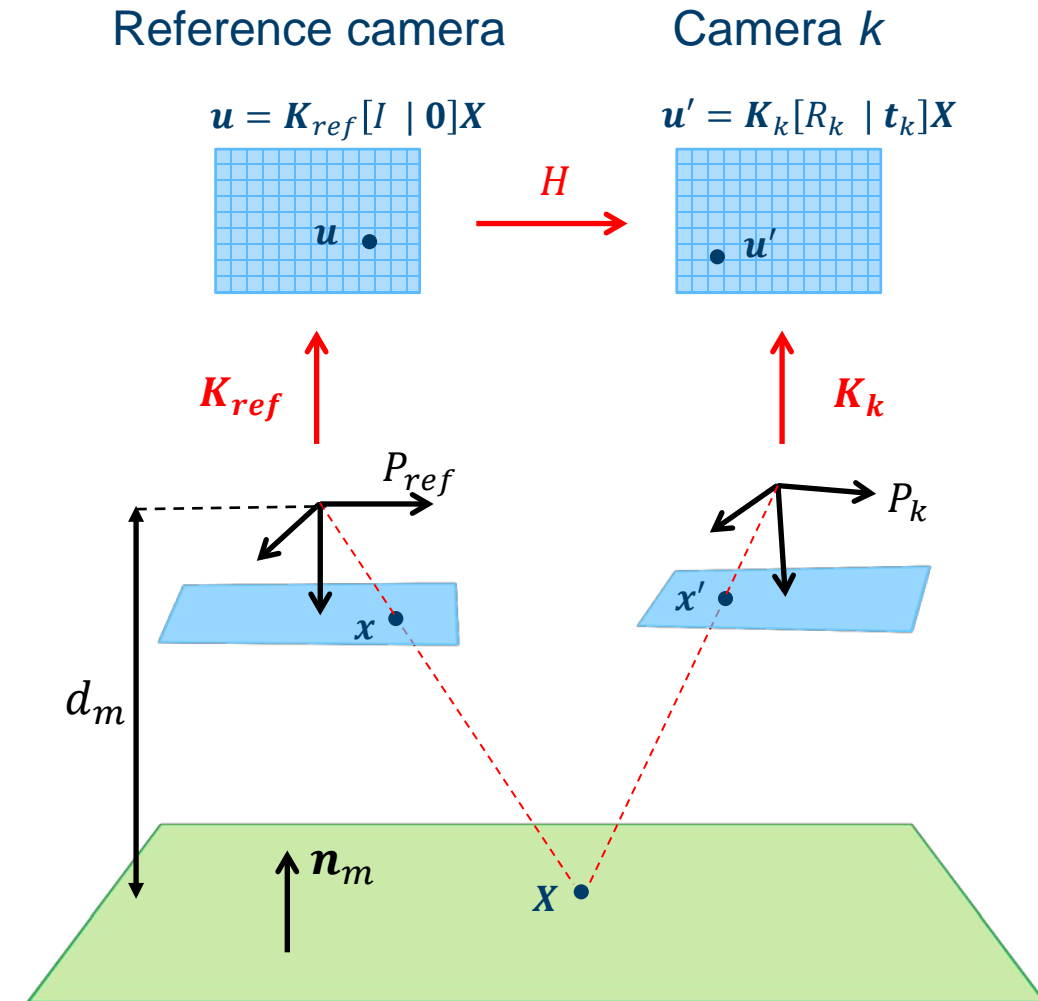
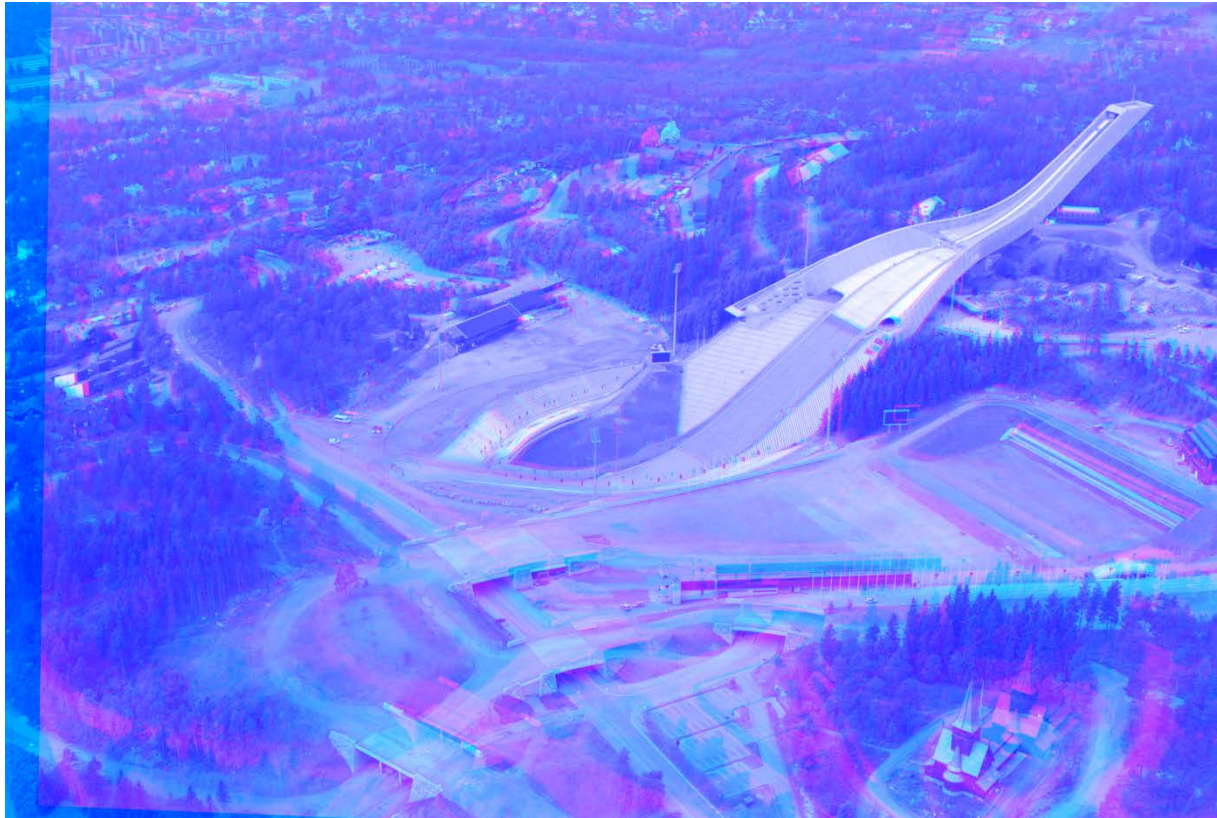


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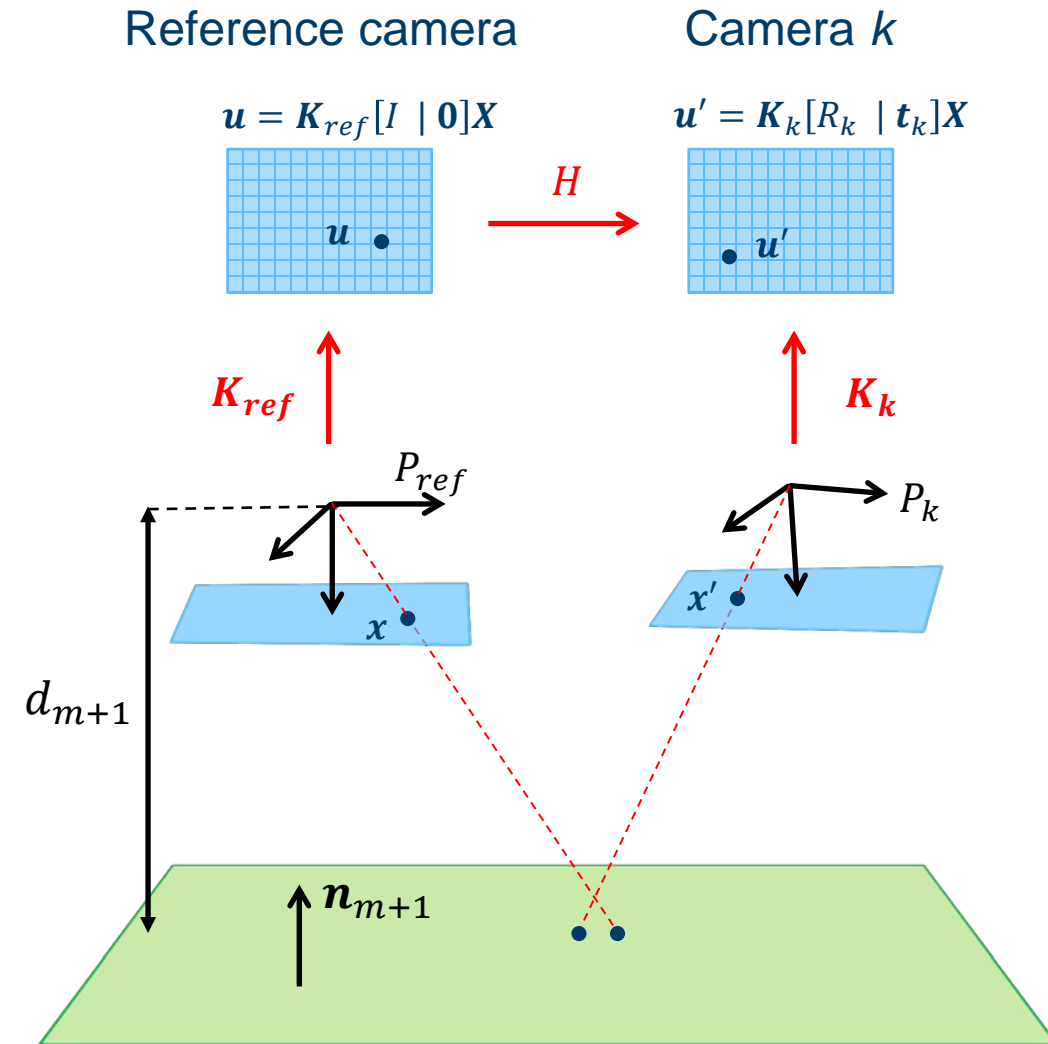
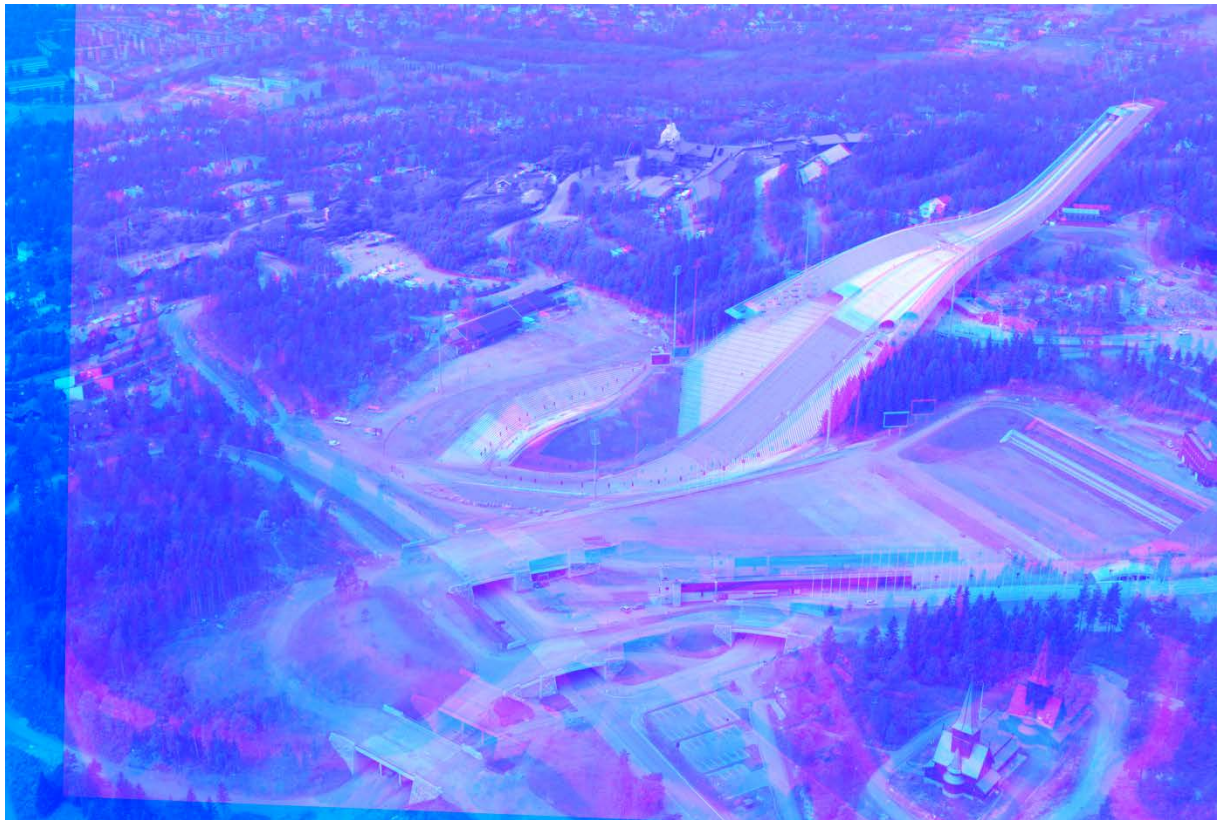


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Plane sweep for multiple views

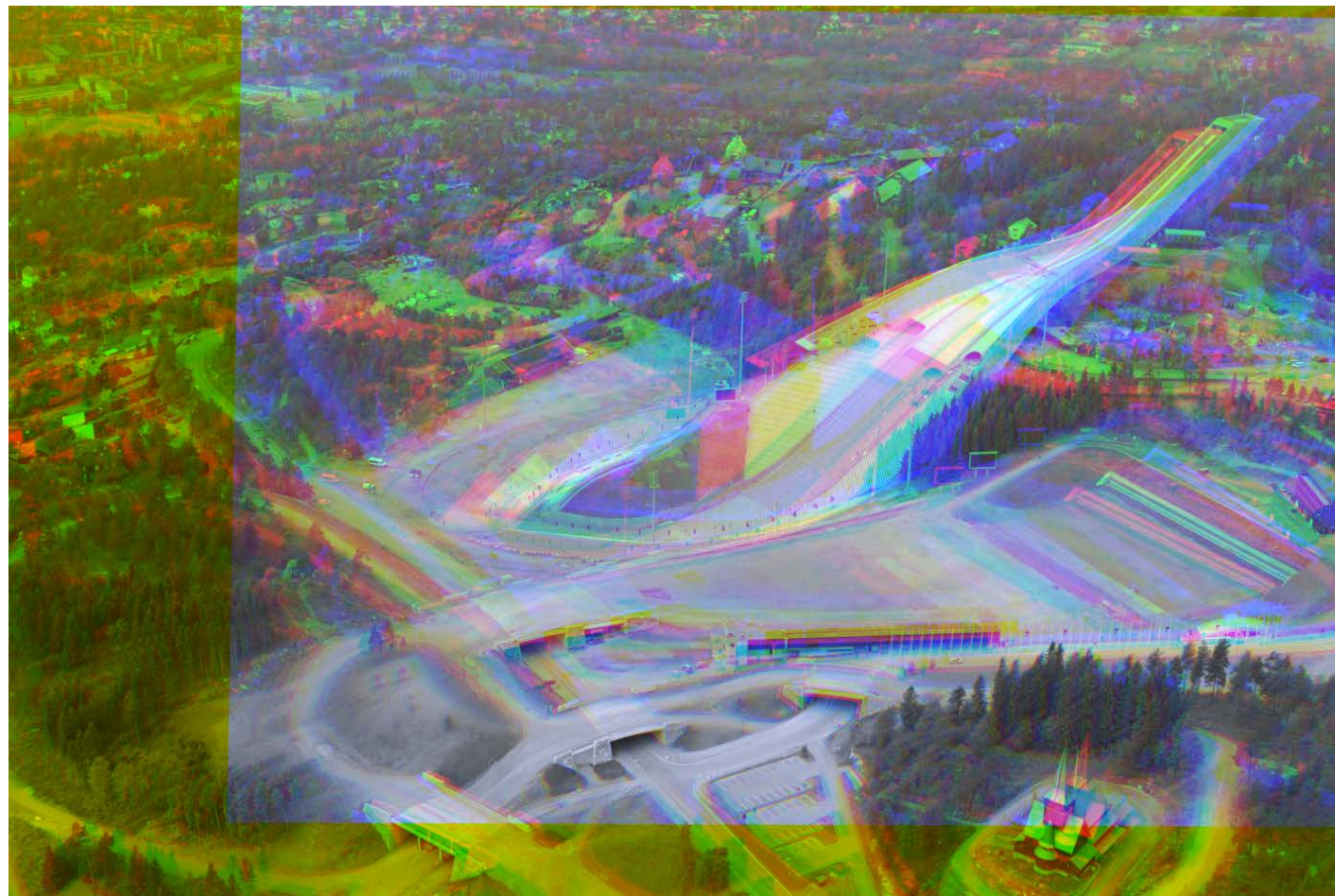
Red:



Green:



Blue:



$d_m = 520$ meter

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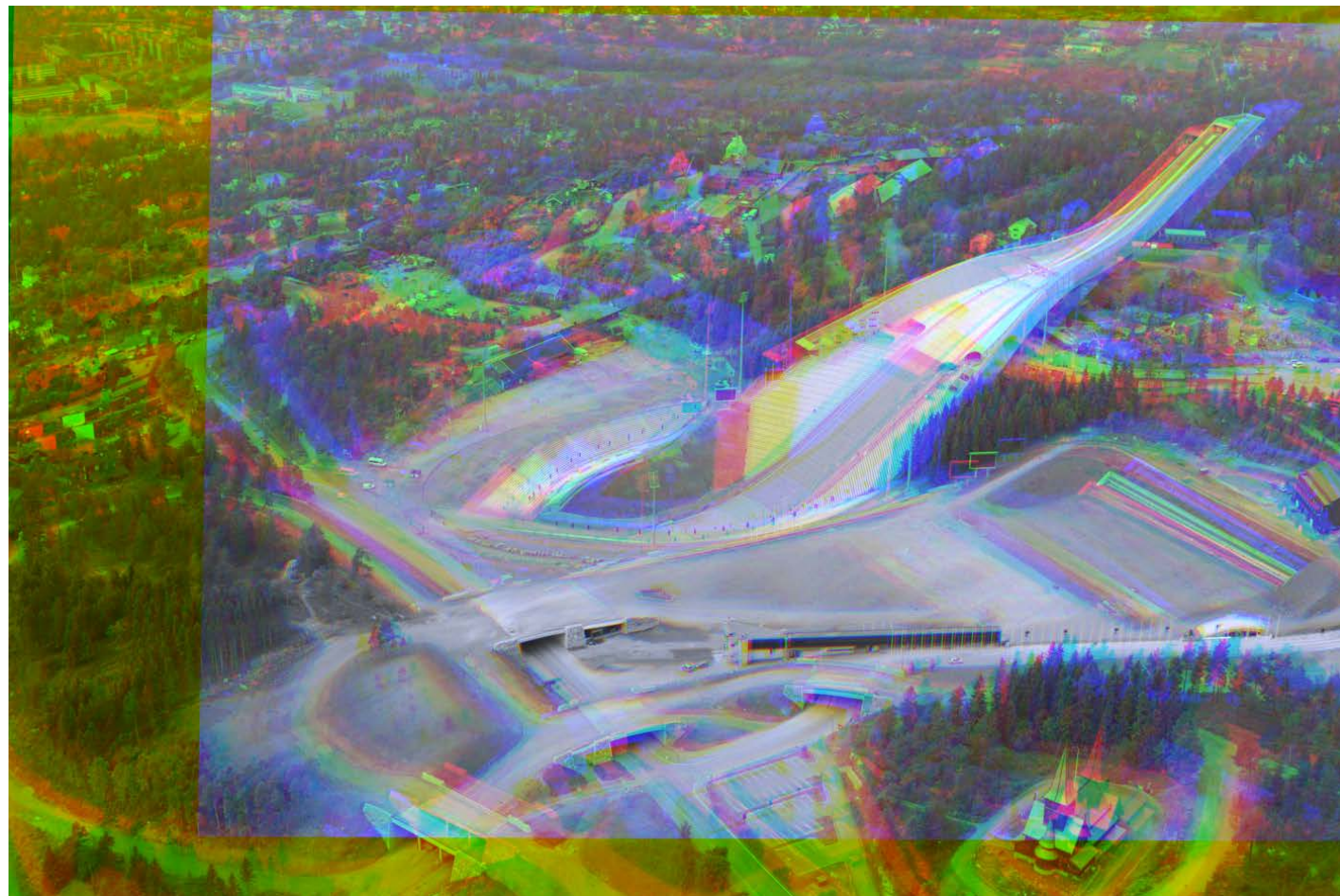
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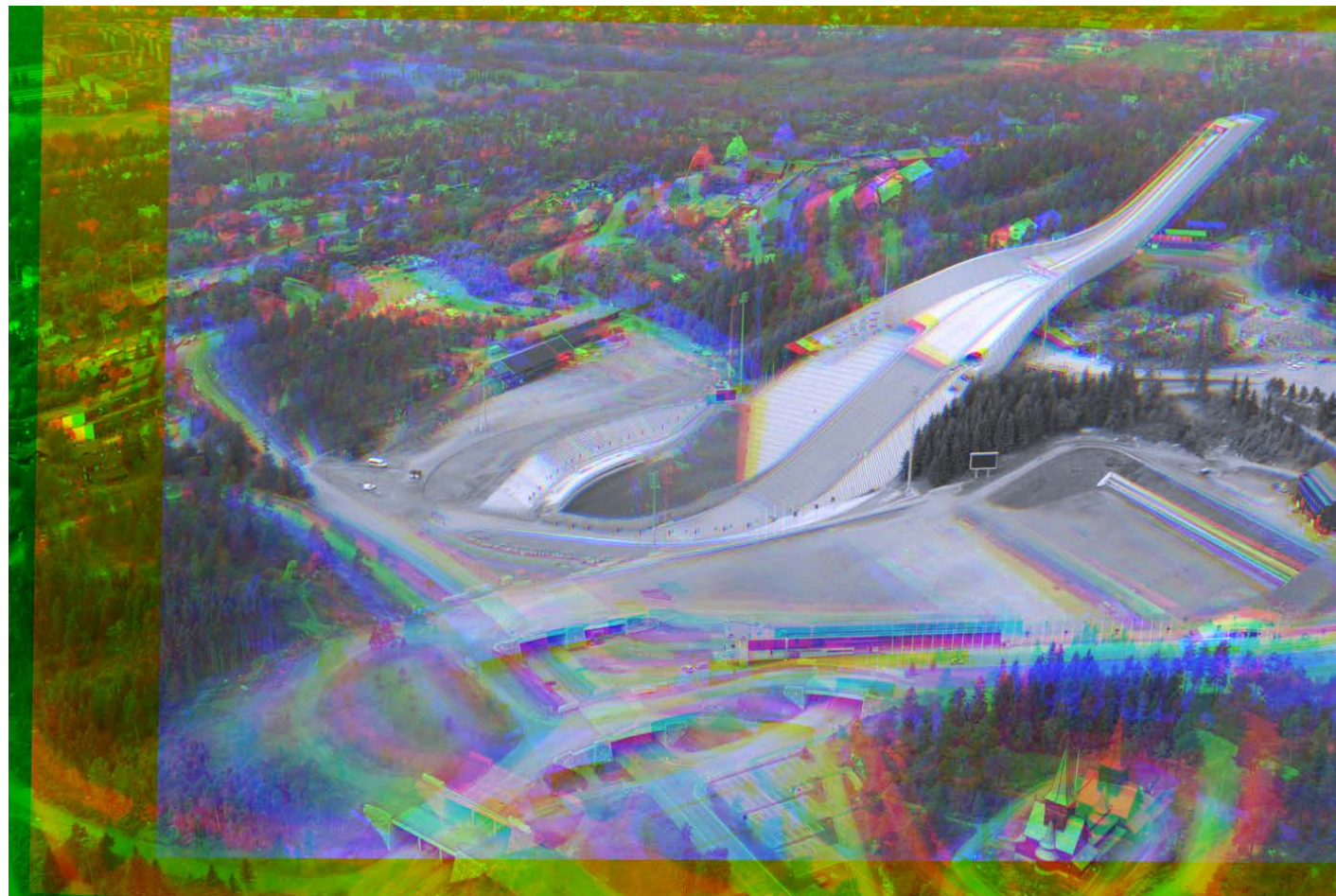
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$d_m = 706$ meter

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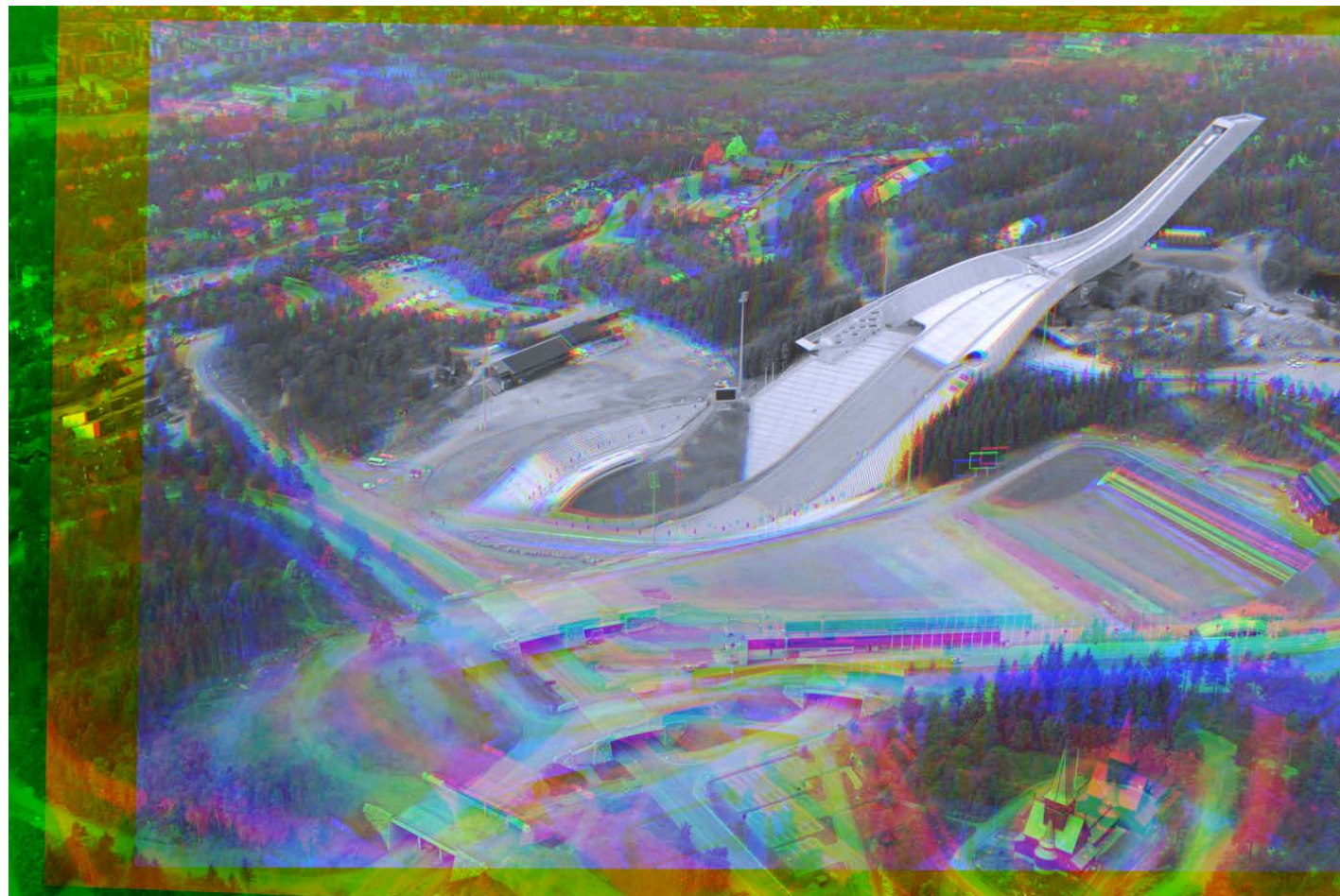
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$d_m = 790$ meter

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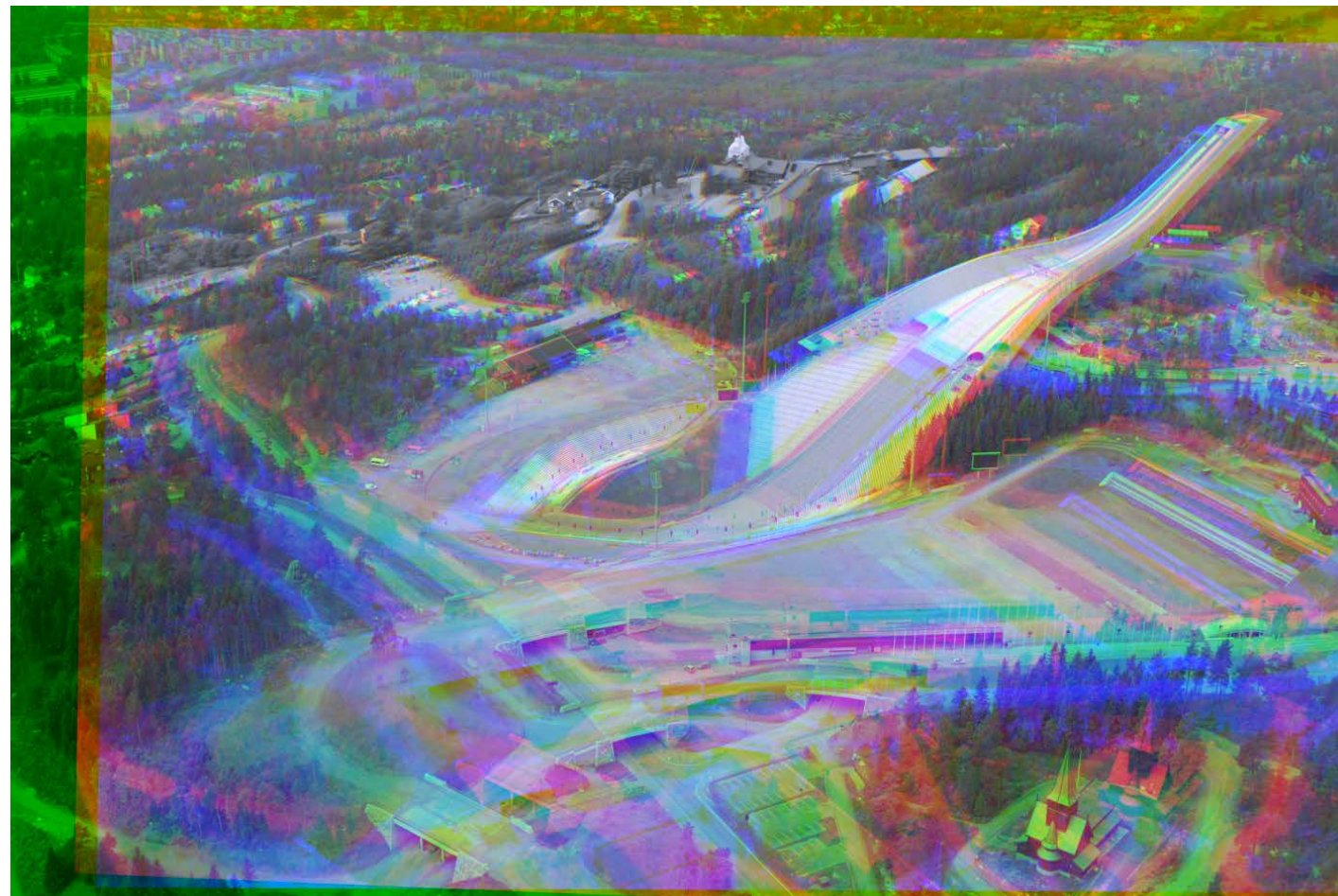
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$d_m = 1026$ meter

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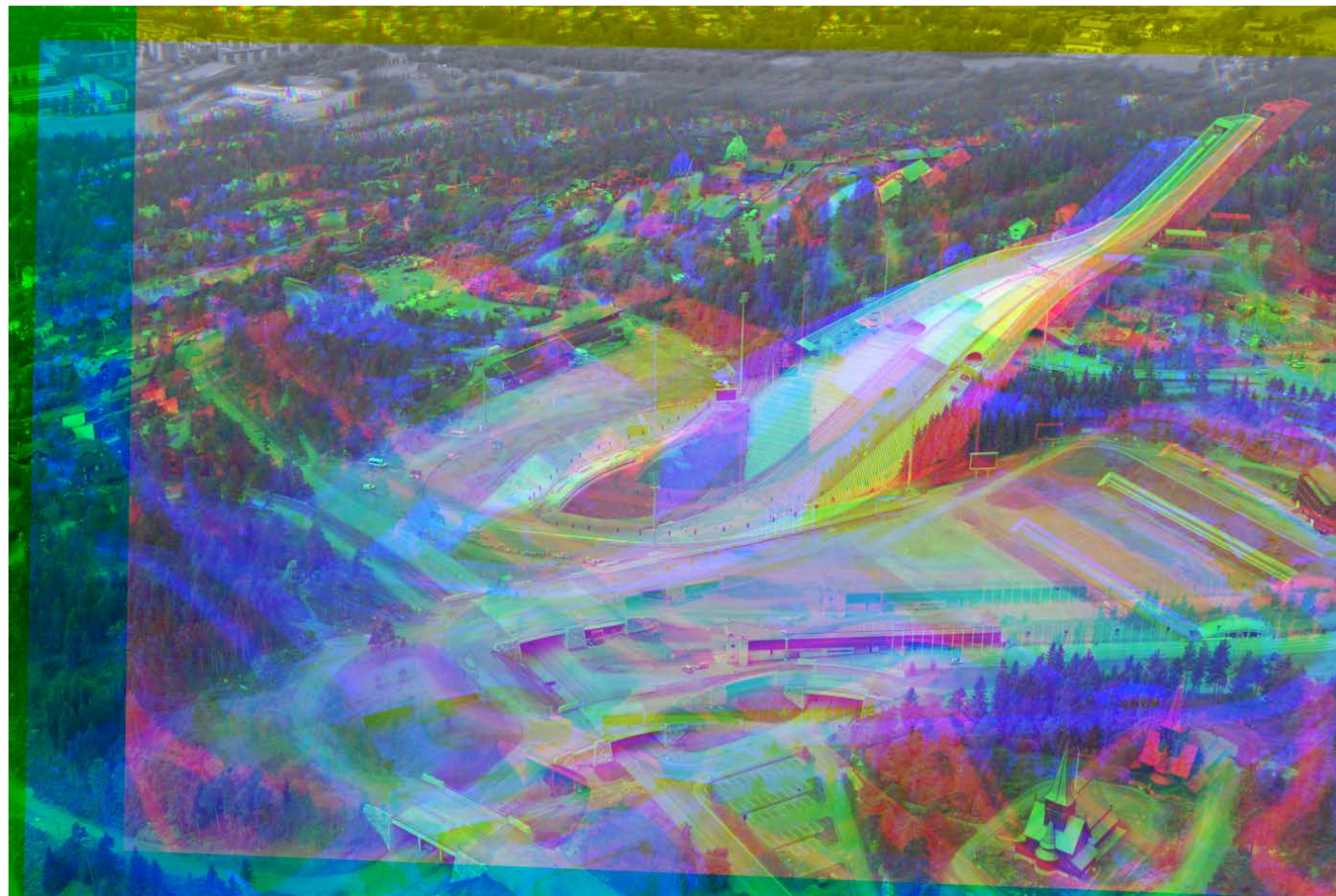
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$$d_m = 2168 \text{ meter}$$

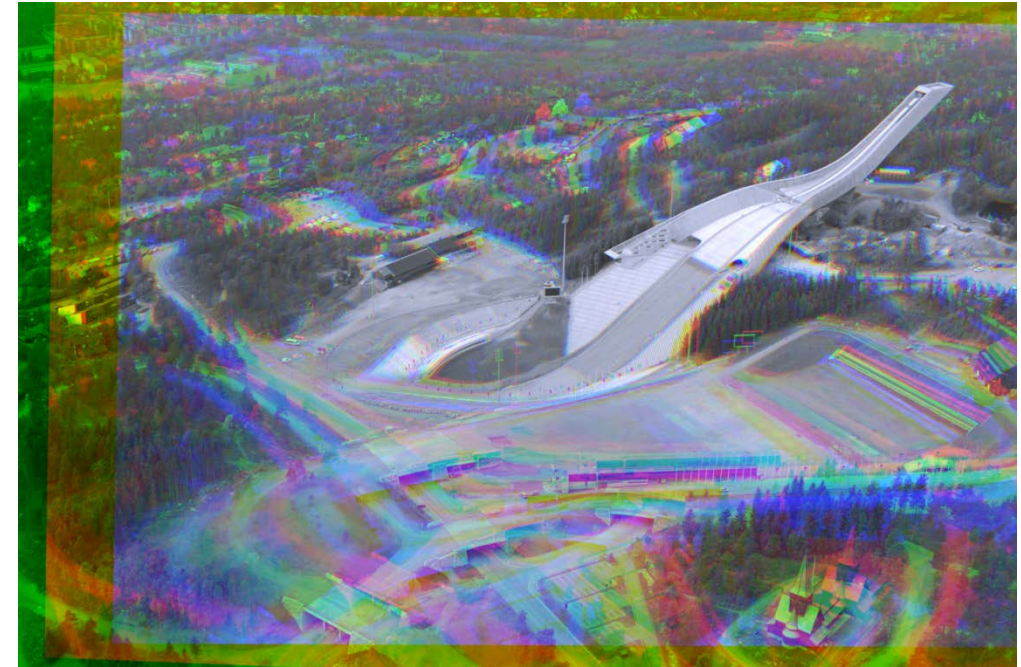
Plane sweep stereo

1. Map each target image I_k to the reference image I_{ref} for each depth plane Π_m with the homography H_{Π_m, P_k}^{-1} giving the warped images $\check{I}_{k,m}$
2. Compute the similarity between I_{ref} and each $\check{I}_{k,m}$
 - Zero Mean Normalized Cross Correlation (ZNCC) between small patches W around each pixel
3. Compute the figure-of-merit for each depth plane by combining the similarity measurements for each image k

$$M(u, v, \Pi_m) = \sum_k \text{ZNCC}_W(I_{ref}, \check{I}_{k,m})$$

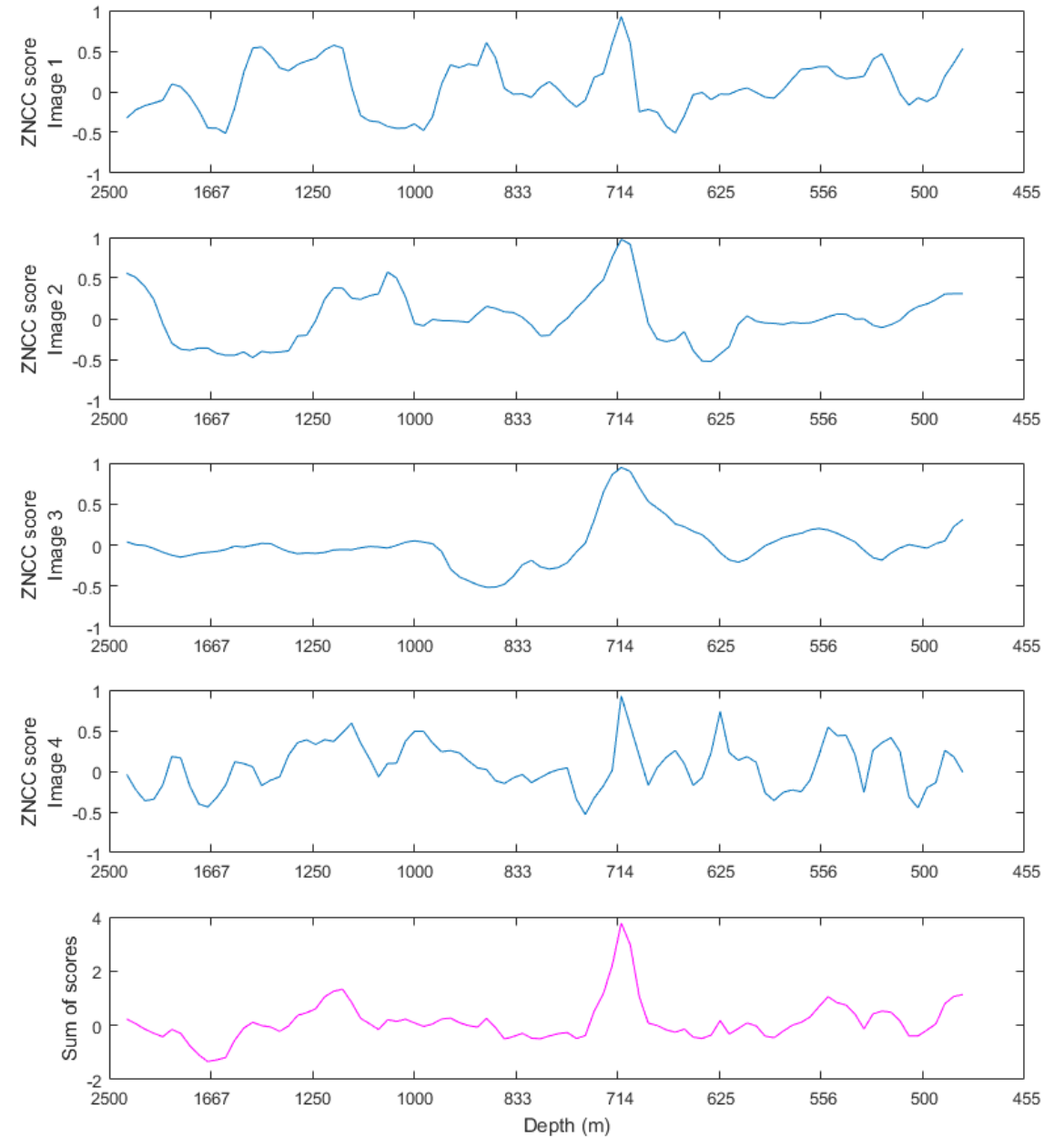
4. For each pixel, select the depth plane with best fit

$$\tilde{\Pi}(u, v) = \arg \max_m M(u, v, \Pi_m)$$



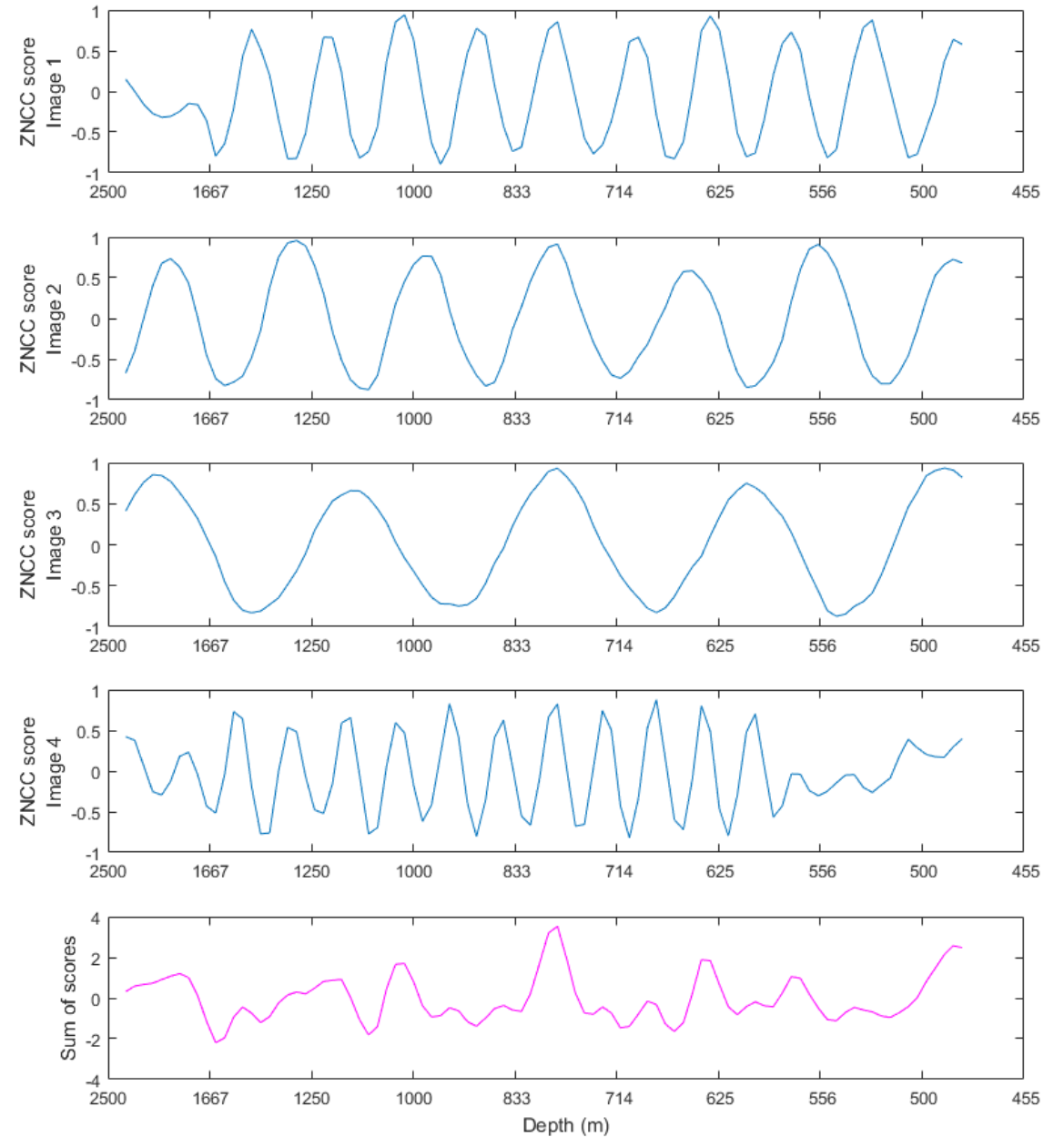
Plane sweep stereo example

- ZNCC scores for different depths and k



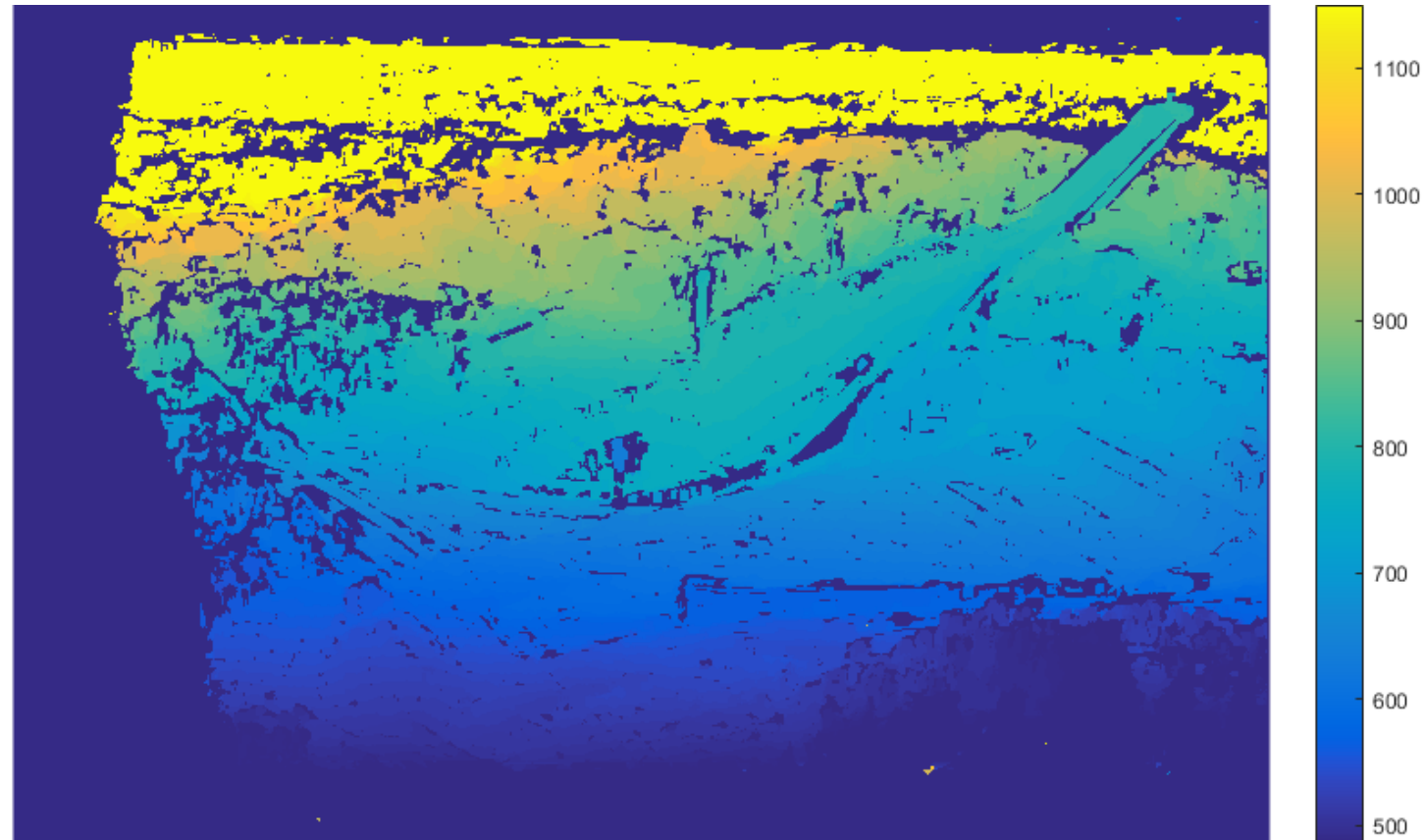
Plane sweep and ambiguities

- Multiple views can resolve ambiguities in difficult areas!



Plane Sweep

- Depths with mean ZNCC score above a threshold $\alpha = 0.8$



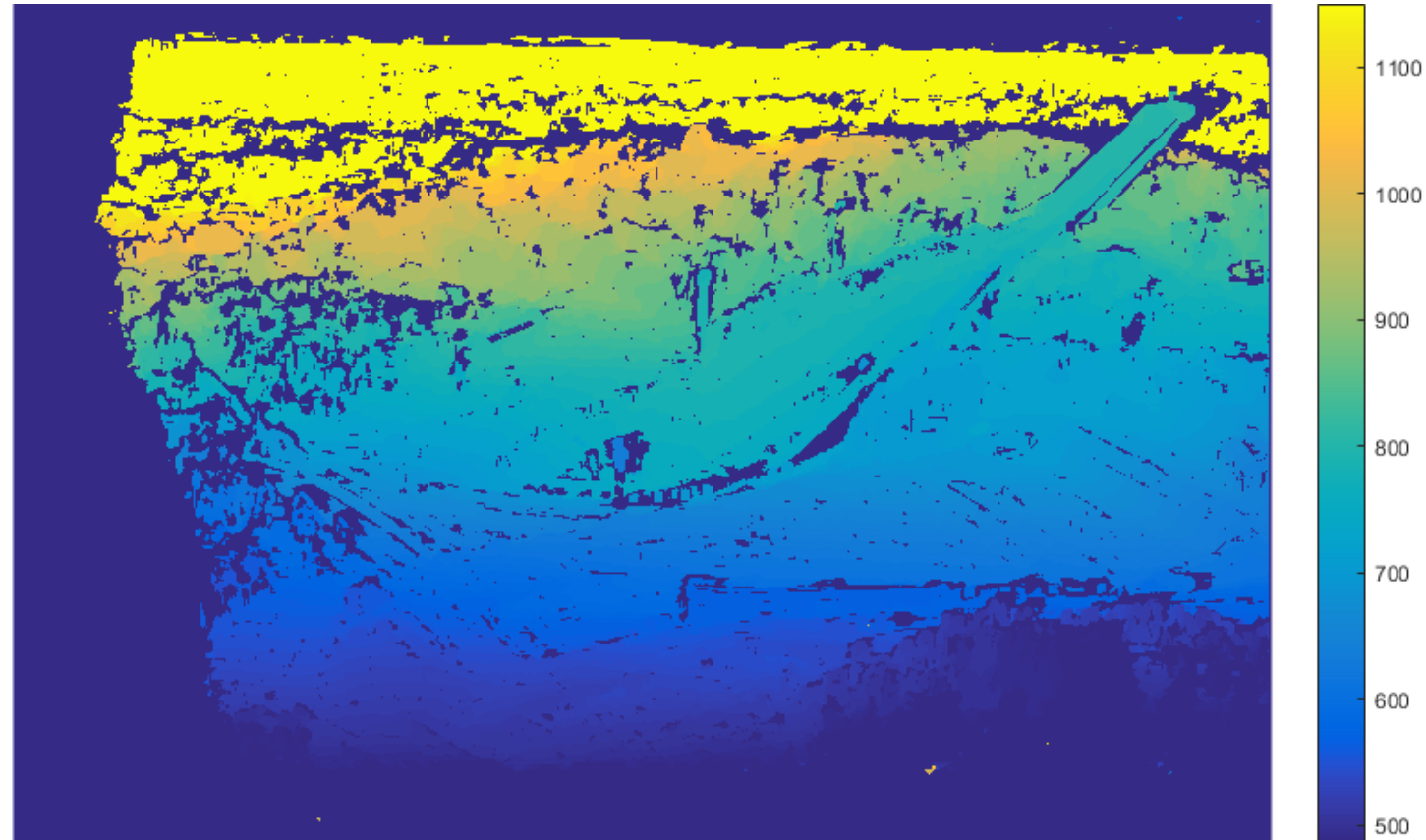
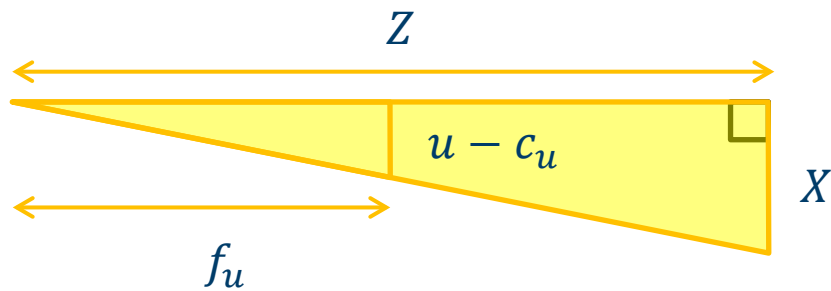
From plane sweep depths to 3D point clouds

- For fronto-parallel sweep

$$Z_m = d_m$$

$$X = (u - c_u) \frac{Z_m}{f_u}$$

$$Y = (v - c_v) \frac{Z_m}{f_v}$$



3D point cloud

- Removed points where $Z > 1000$
- Monochrome image used as texture



Plane sweep through oriented planes

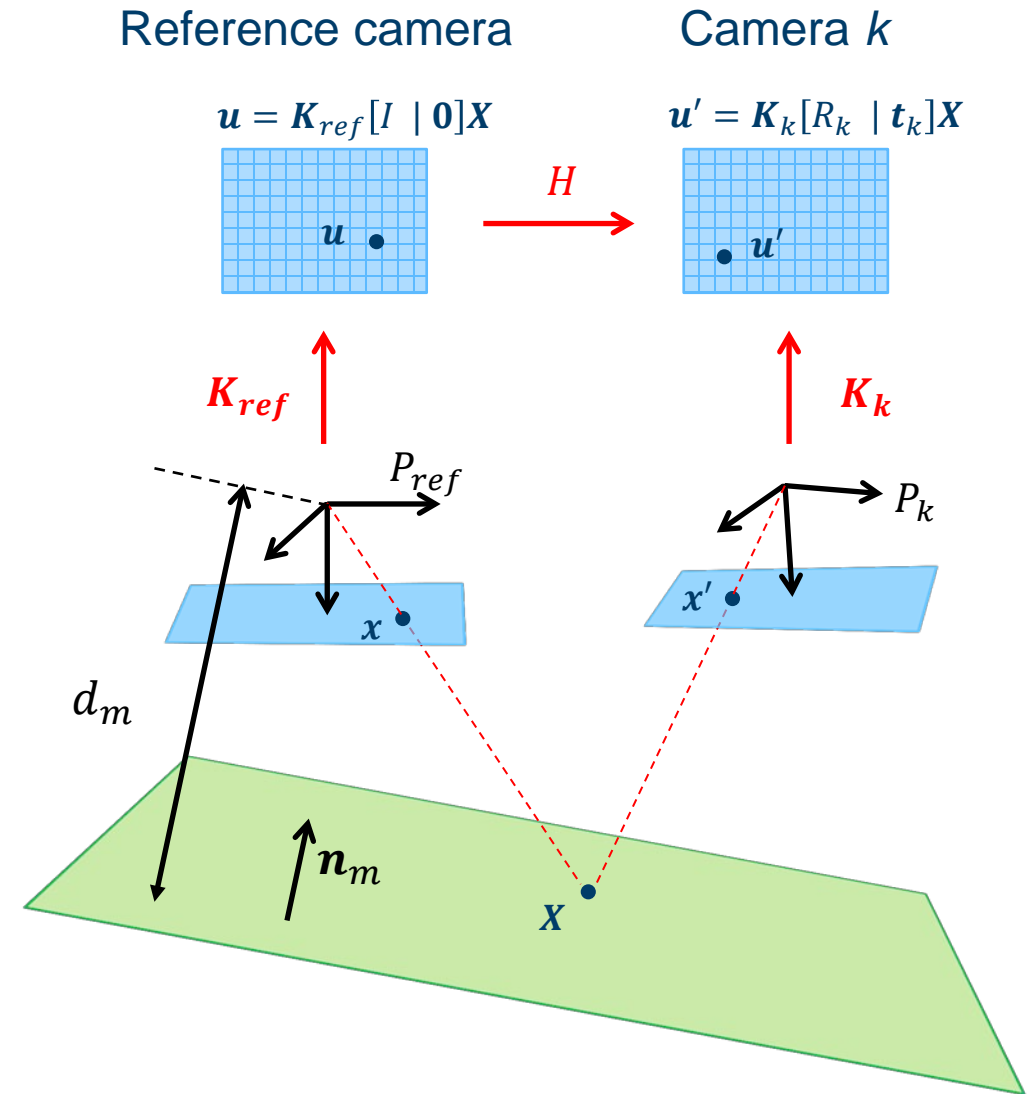
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$$\mathbf{n}_m = [0 \ 0 \ -1]^T$$

$$Z_m(u, v) = d_m$$

- Other plane orientations

$$Z_m(u, v) = \frac{-d_m}{\begin{bmatrix} u & v & 1 \end{bmatrix} K_{ref}^{-T} \mathbf{n}_m}$$



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Plane sweep with ground normal

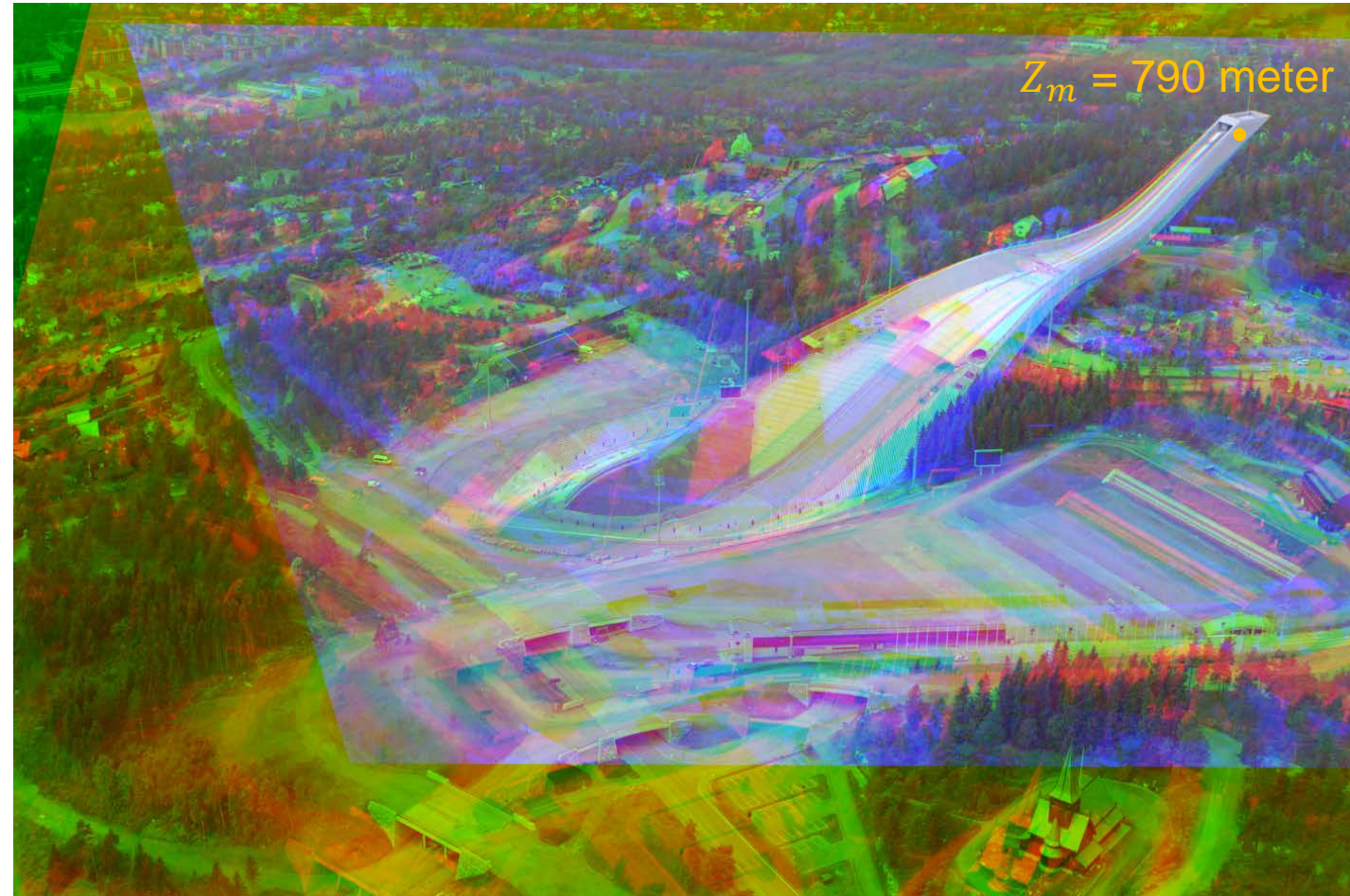
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$d_m = 200$ meter below reference camera

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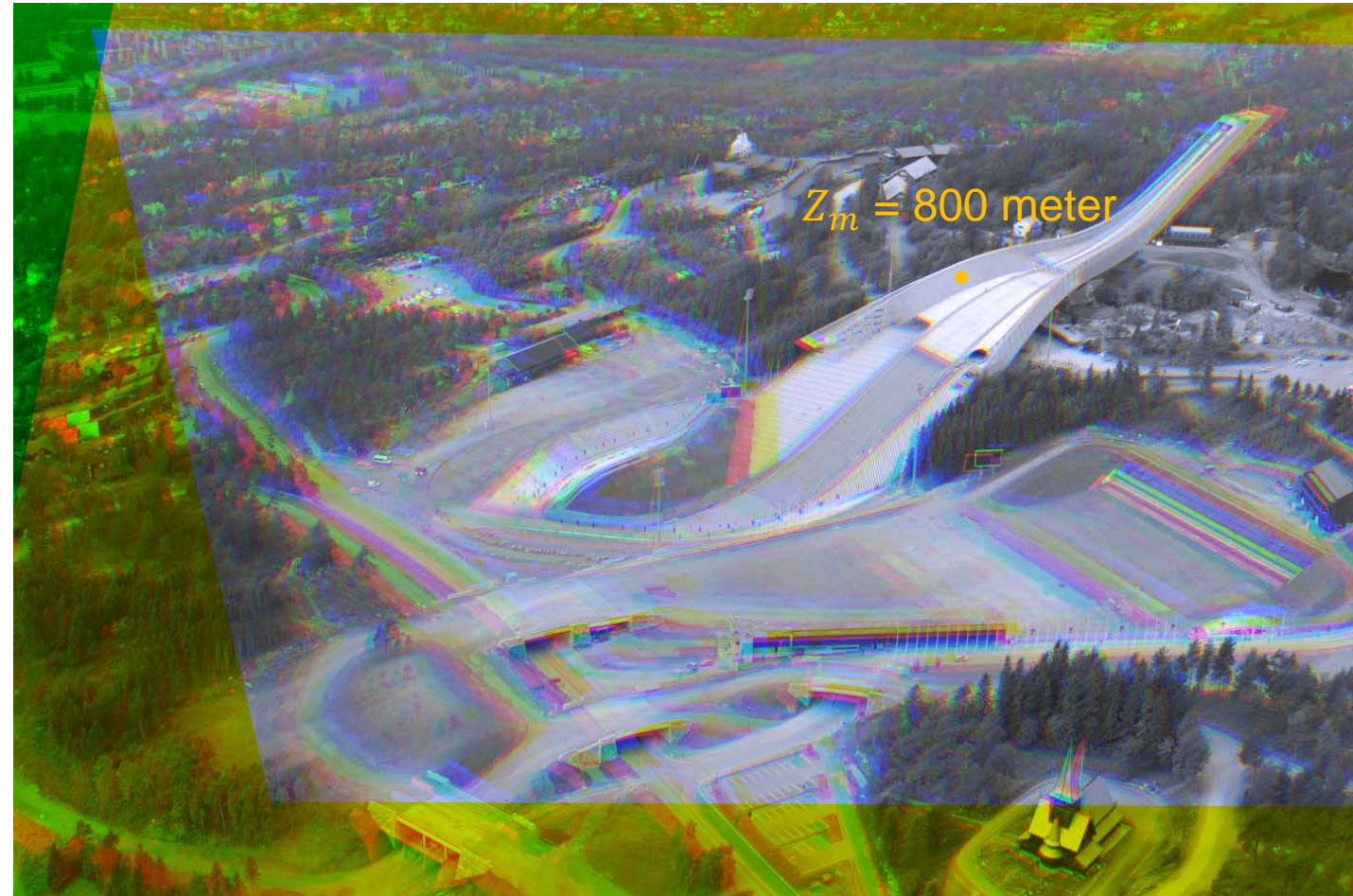
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Blue:



$d_m = 261$ meter below reference camera

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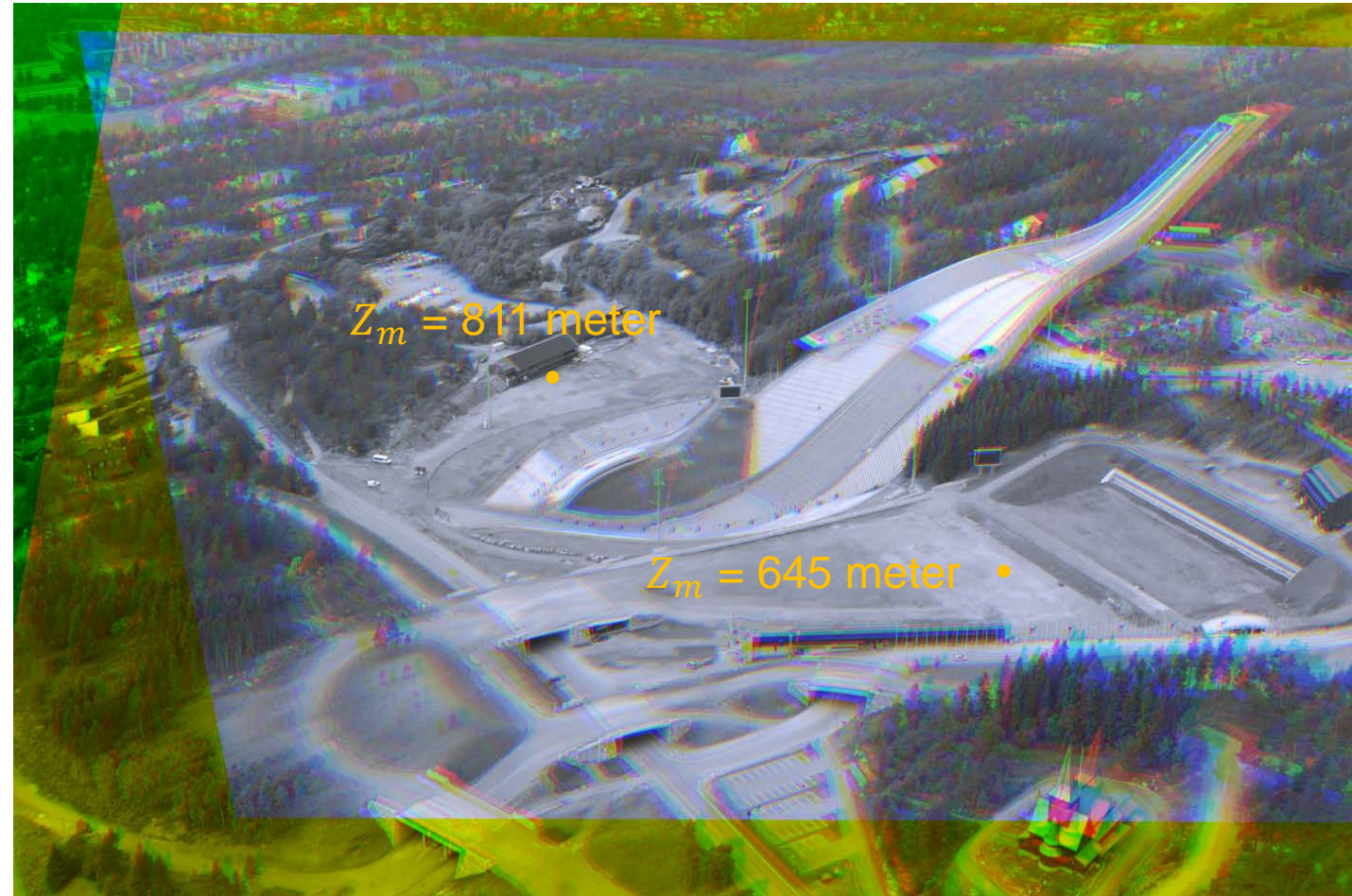
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$d_m = 298$ meter below reference camera

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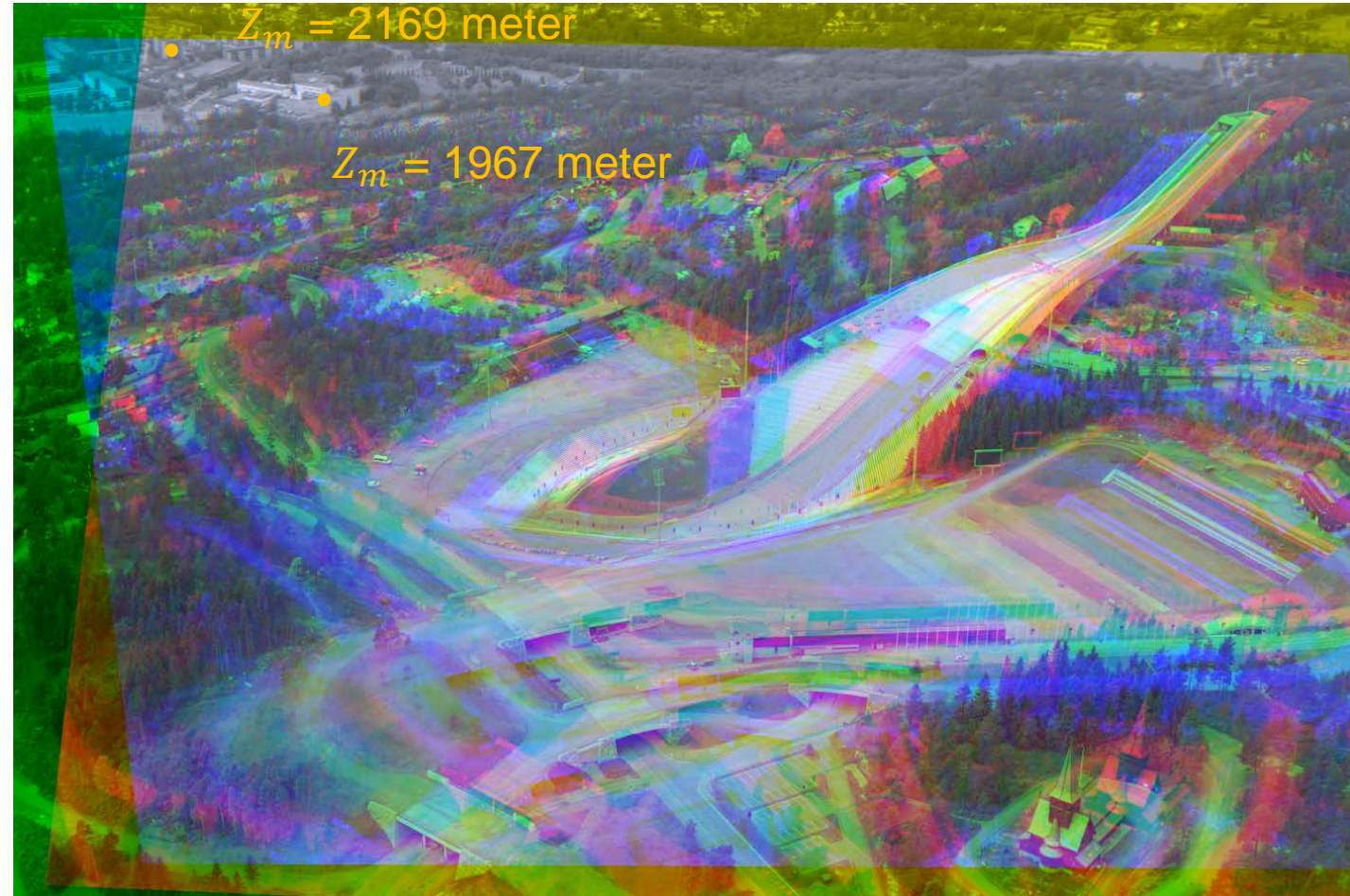
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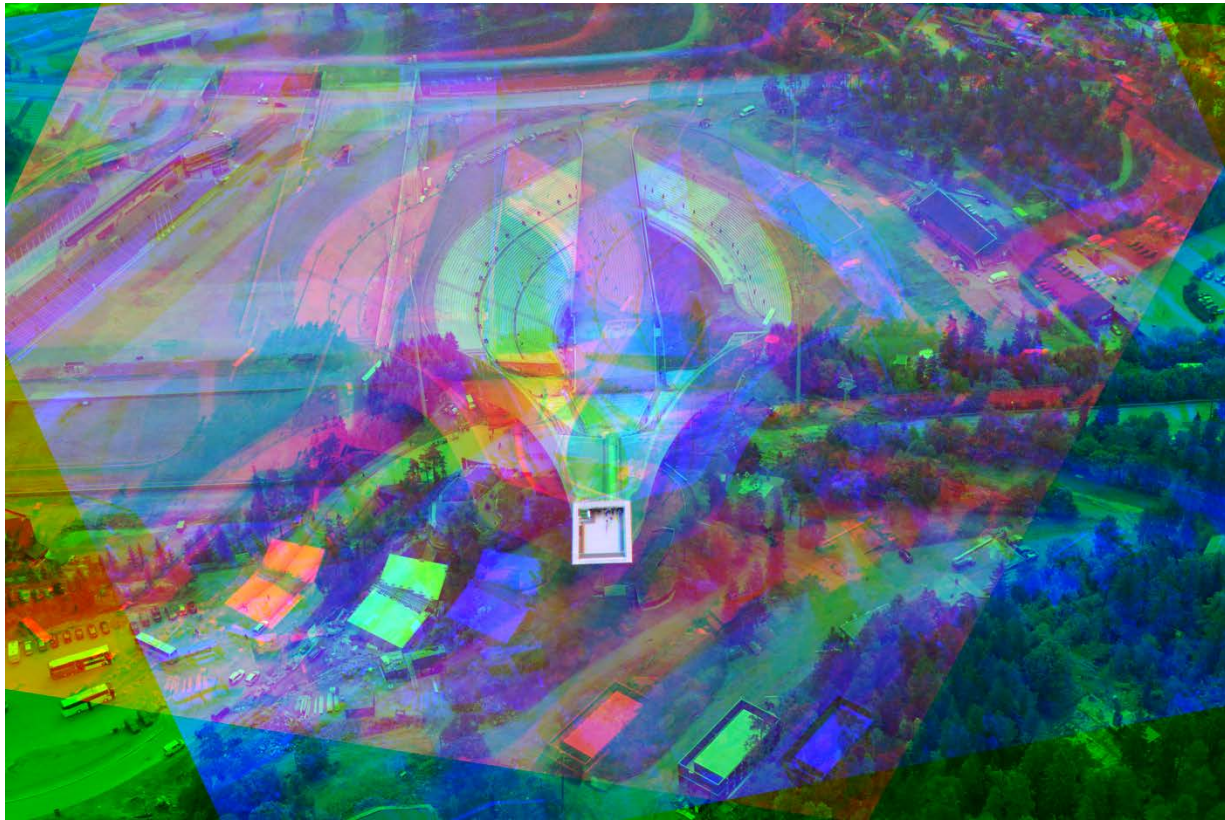
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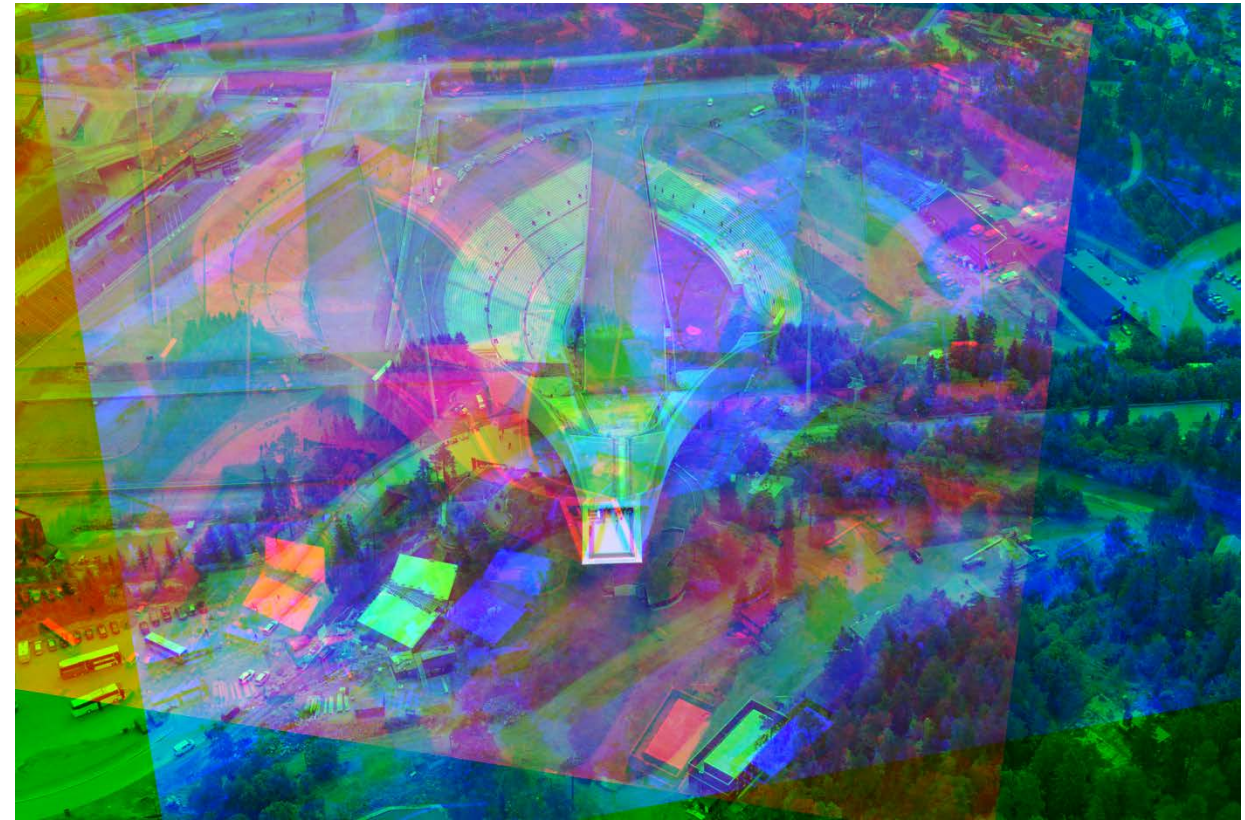
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Plane sweep with ground normal compared to fronto-parallel

Ground normal

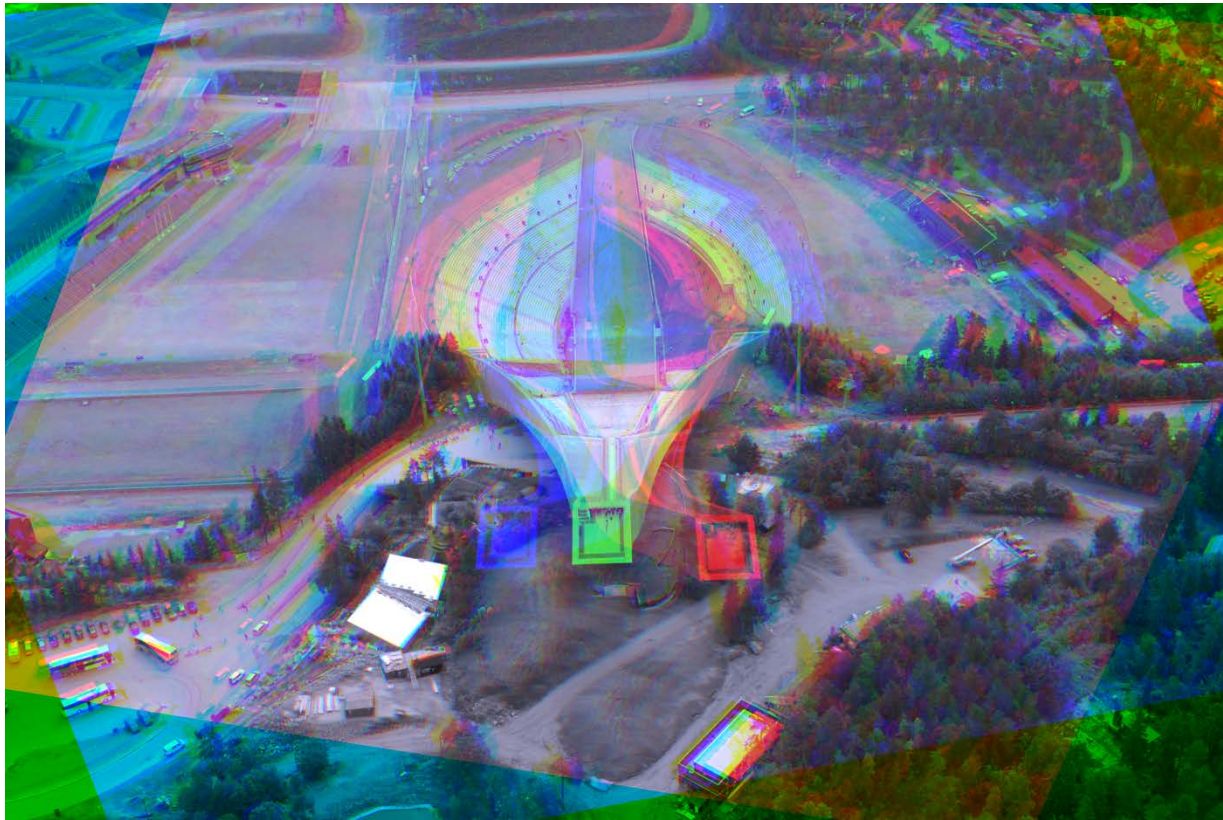


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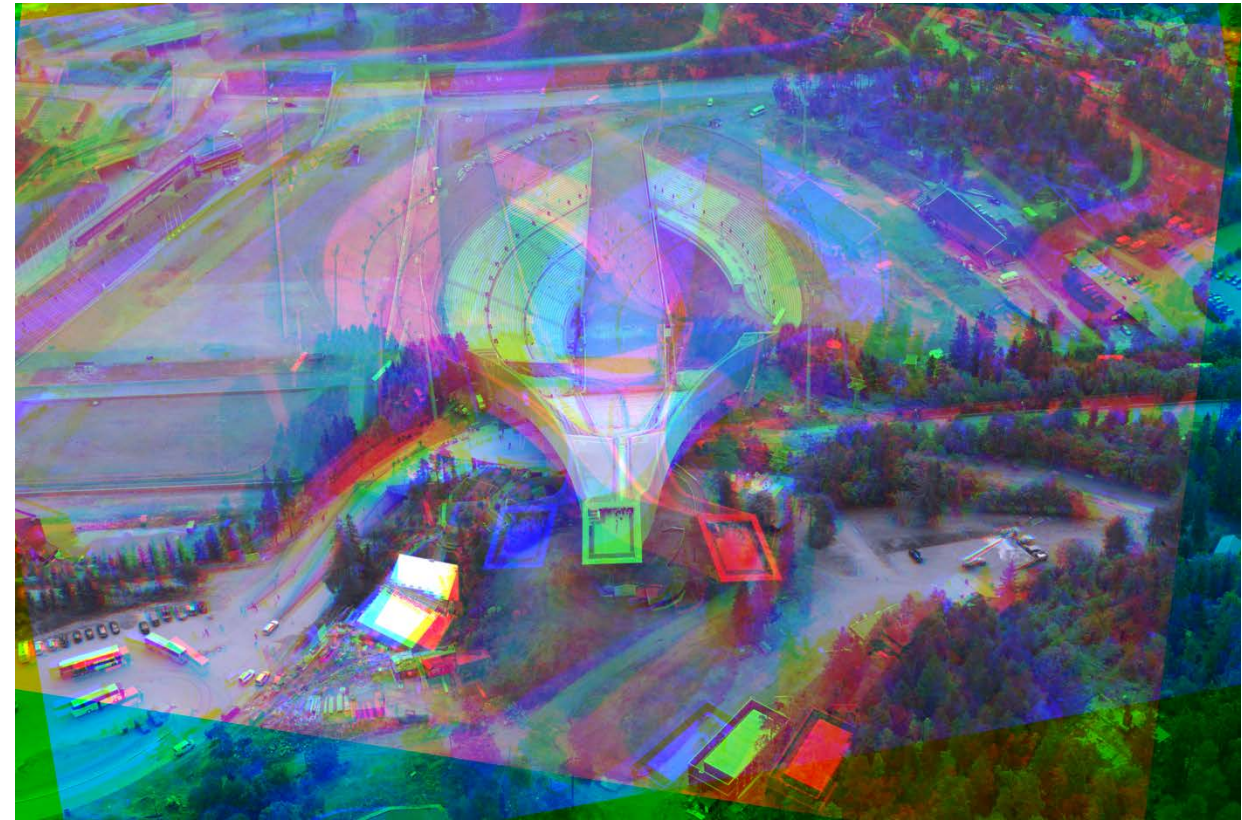


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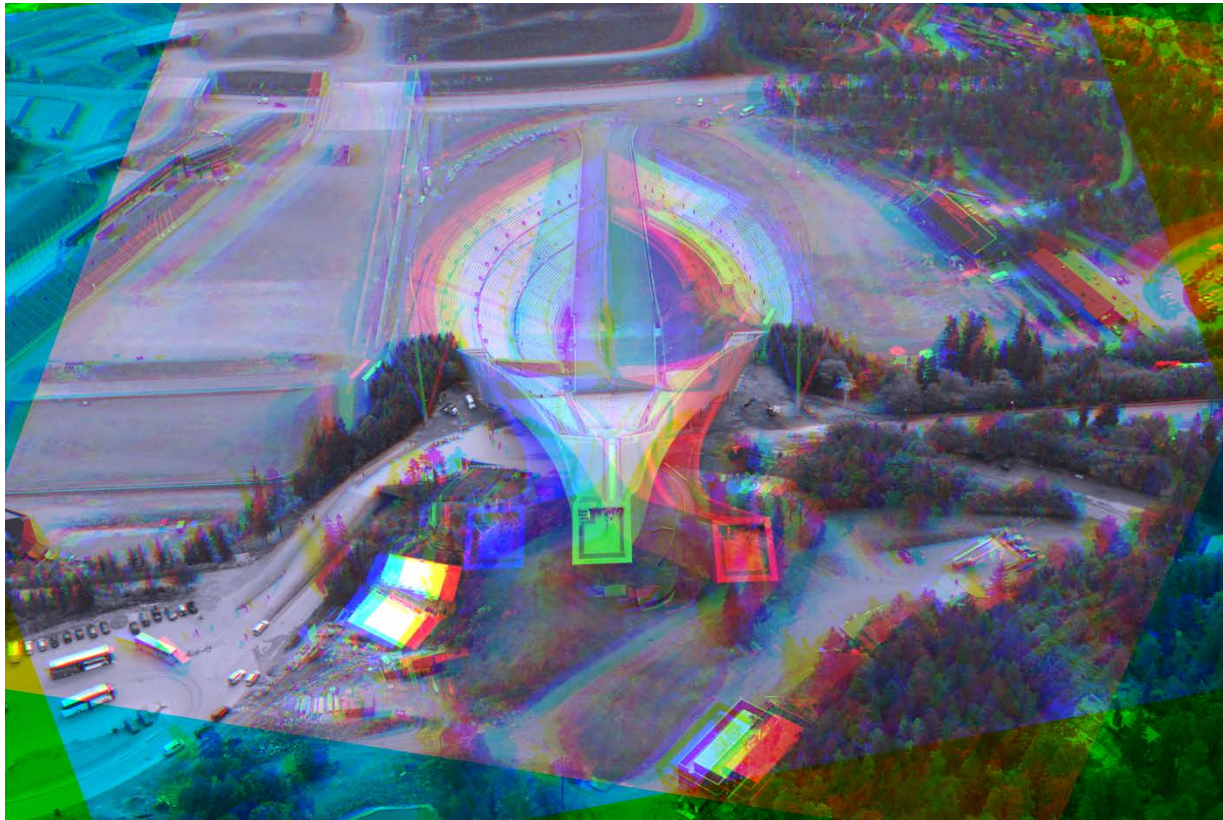


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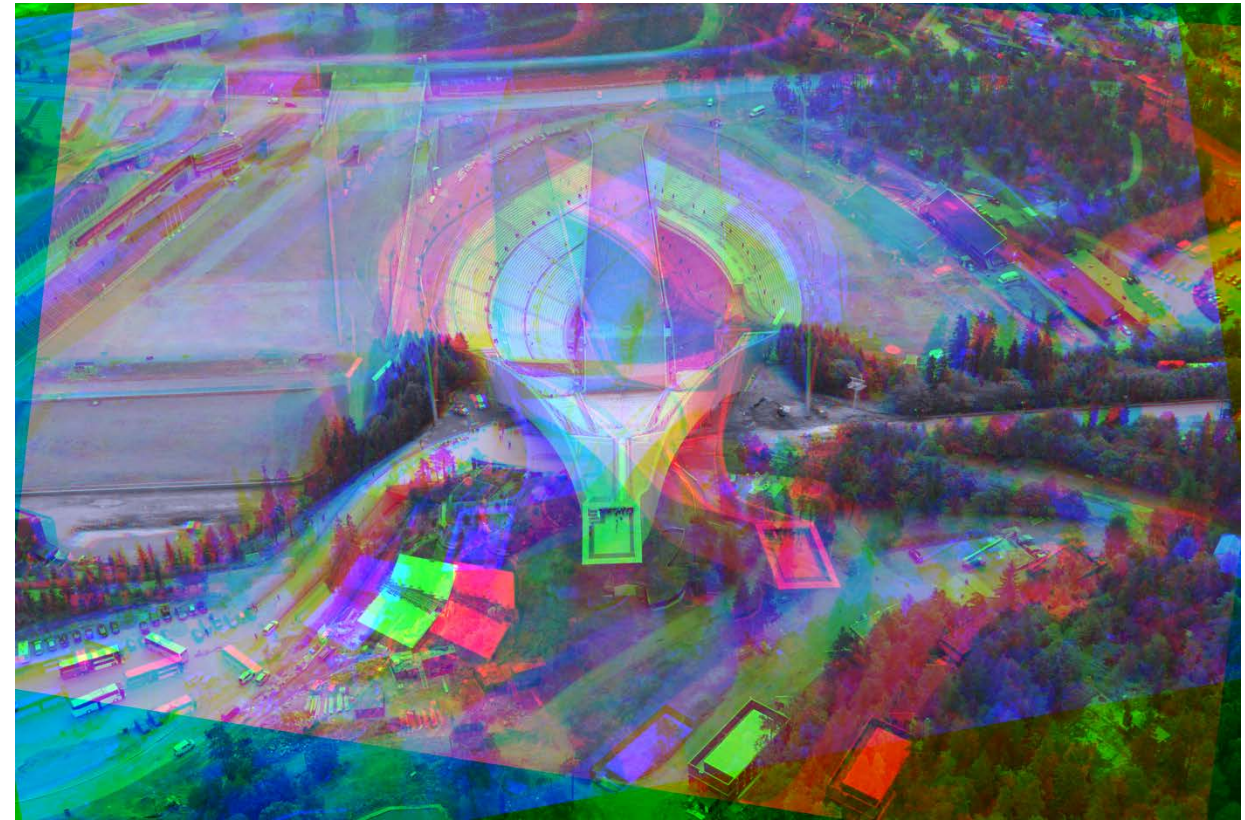


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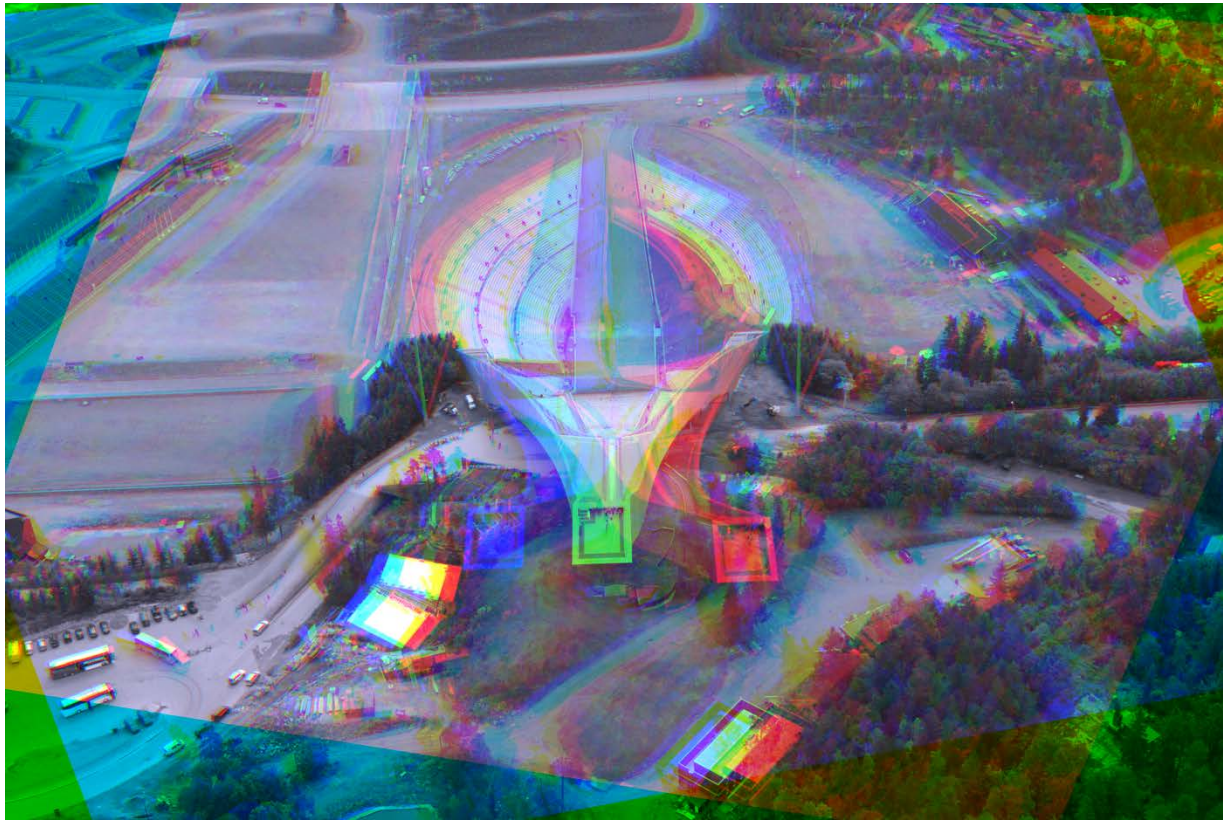


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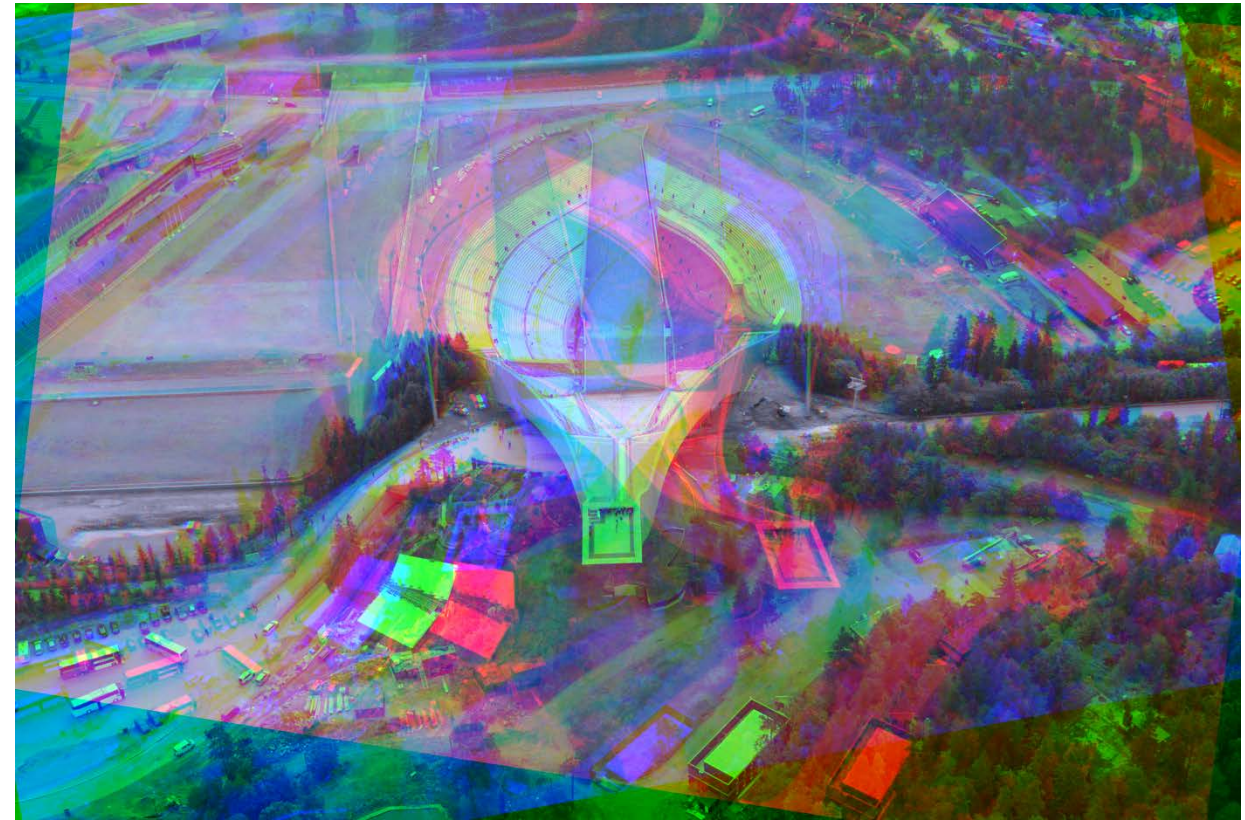


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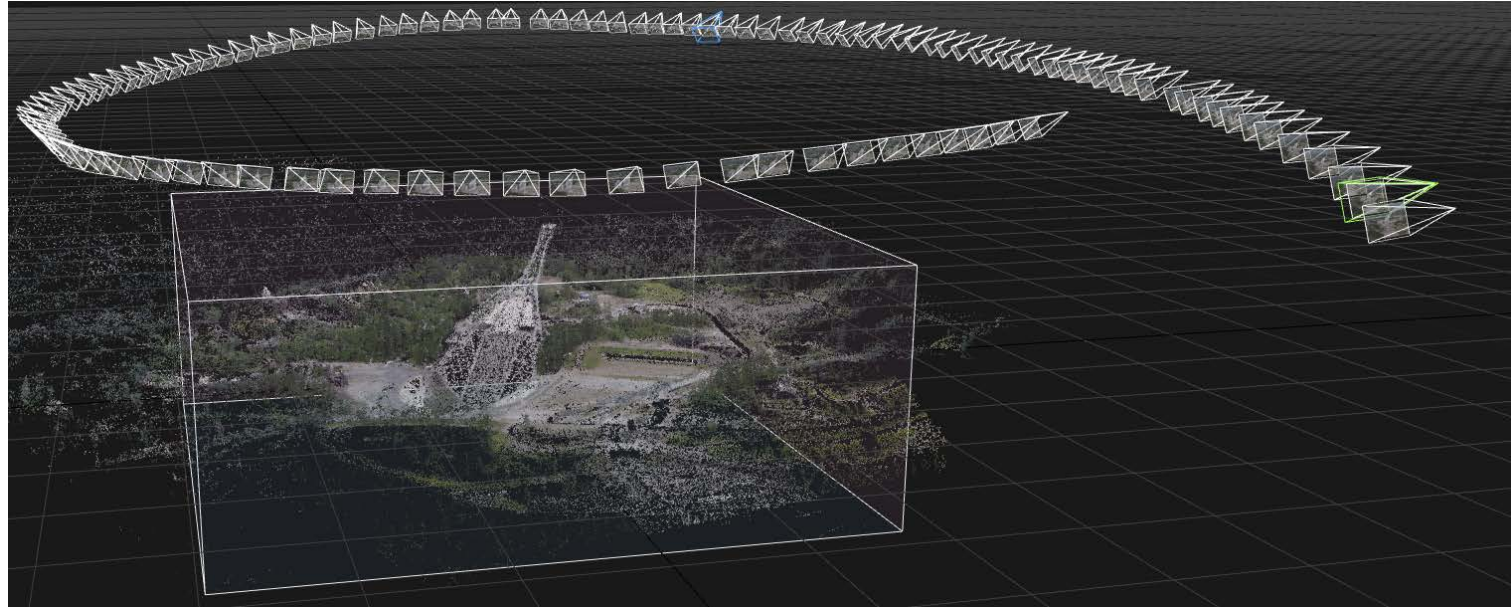
Fronto-parallel



Use surface normal to avoid distortions and get better matching!

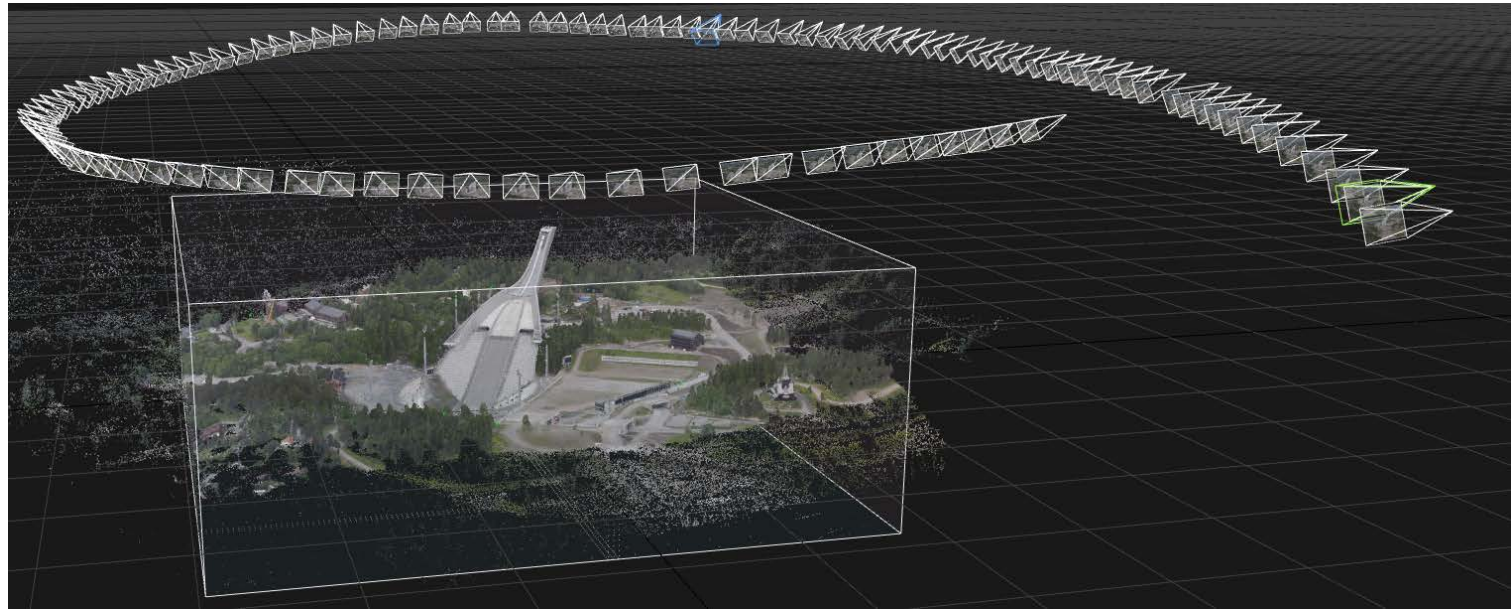
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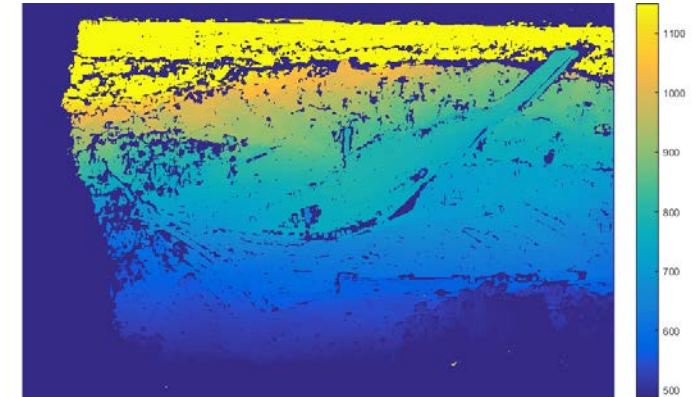
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3. Combine the point clouds in a common coordinate system
4. Filter out bad points
 - Remove point with little support from other point clouds
5. Perform surface reconstruction



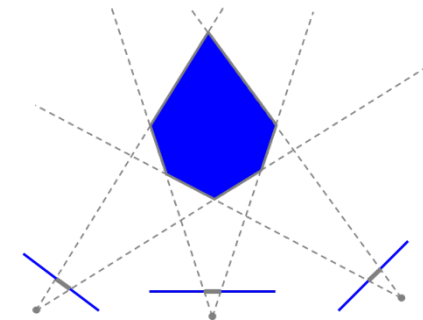
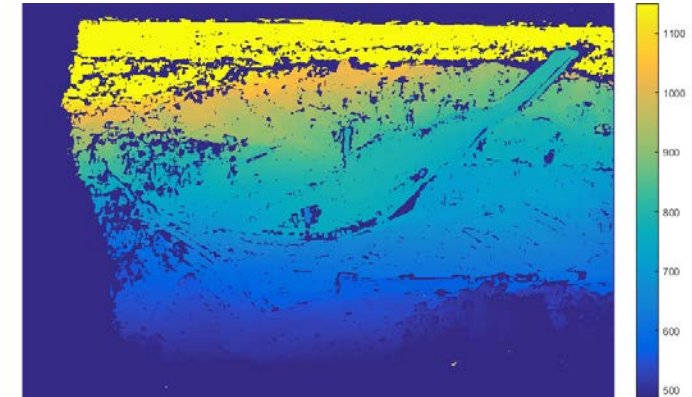
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 - Real-time applications
 - Fusion of point clouds from different reference views
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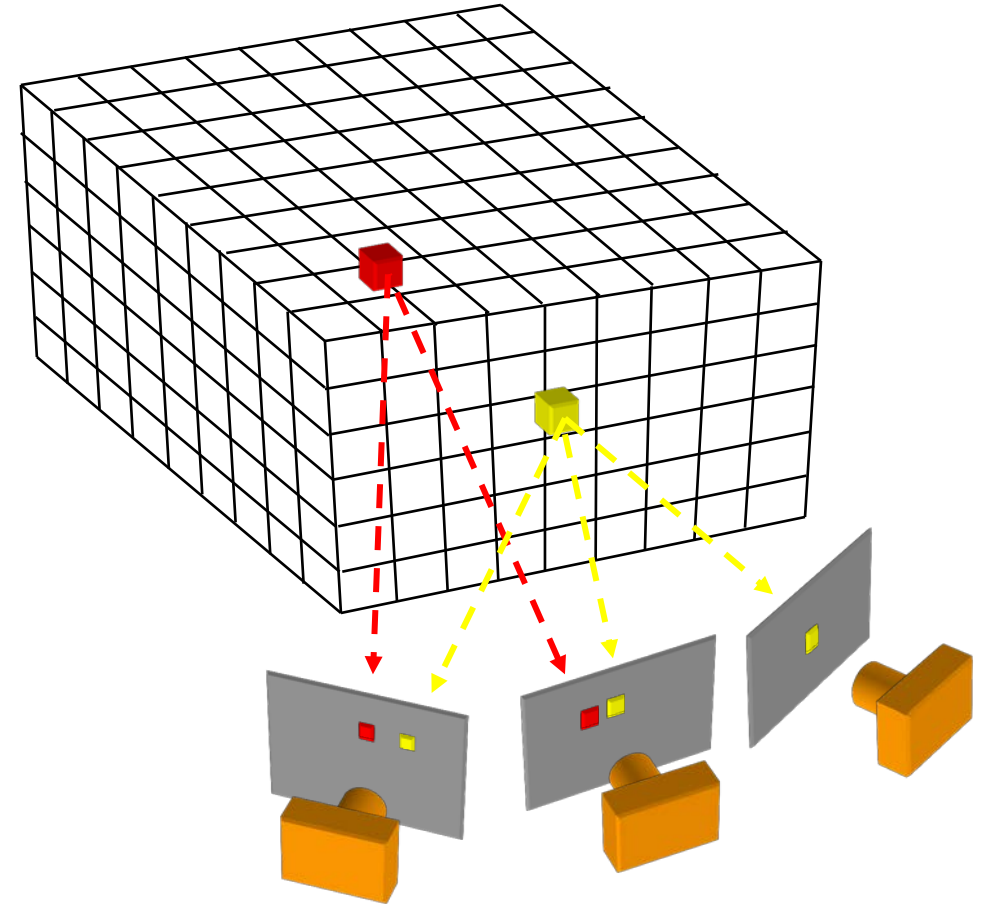
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- Volumetric stereo
 - View-independent representation



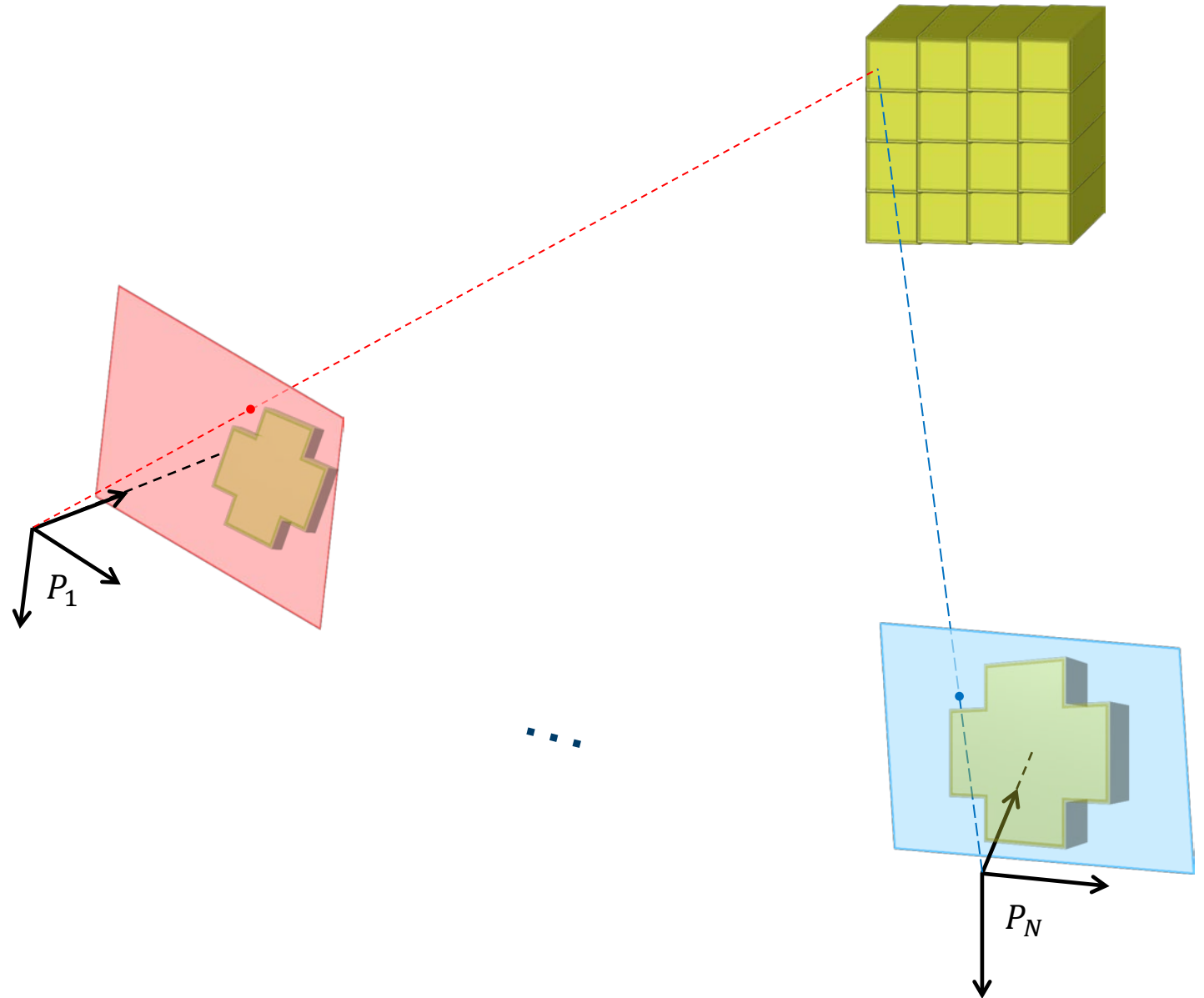
Volumetric stereo

- Volume is discretized as a 3D grid of *voxels*
- Goal:
 - Assign RGB values to voxels
photo-consistent with images
- A *photo-consistent* scene exactly reproduces your input images from the same viewpoints



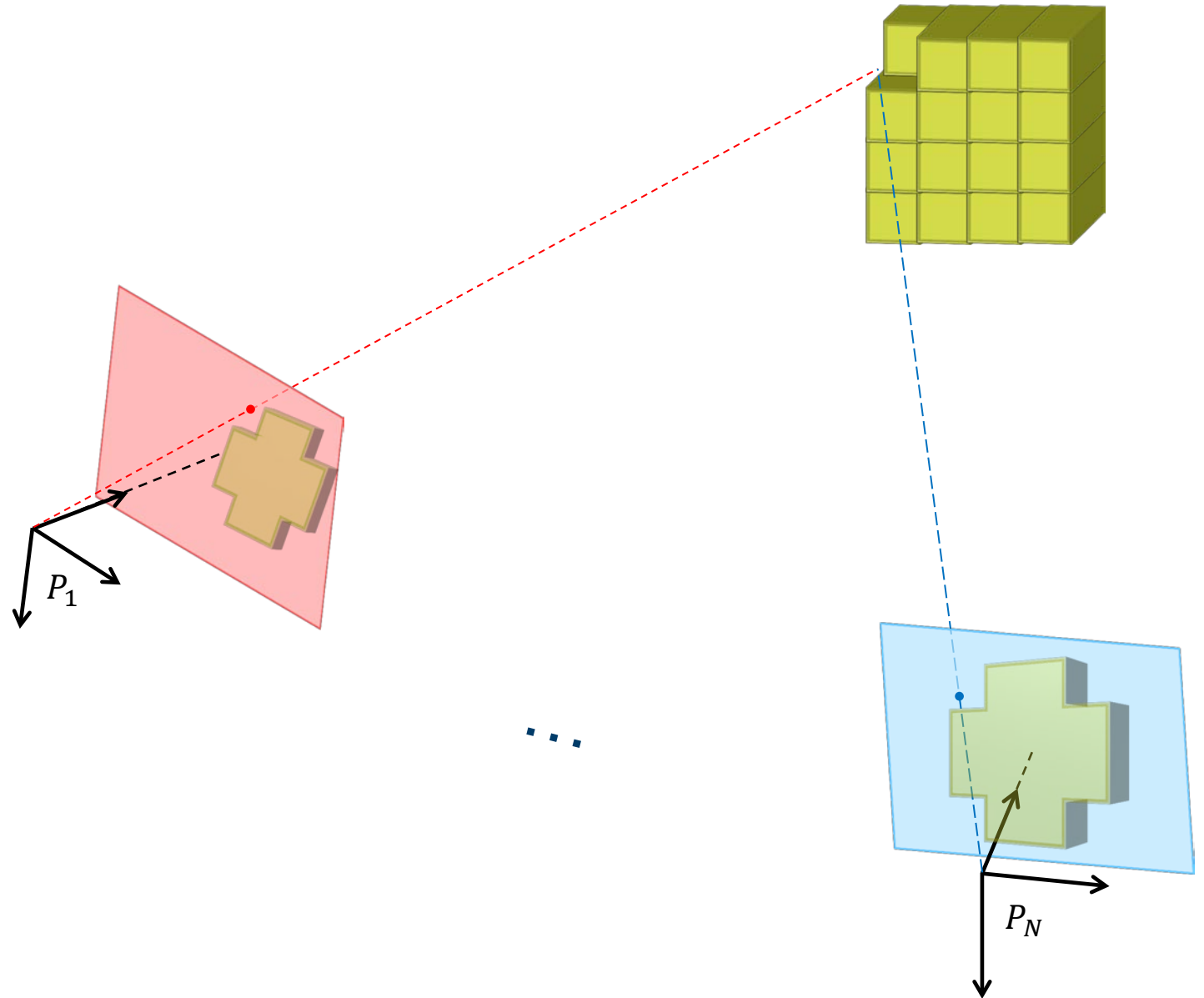
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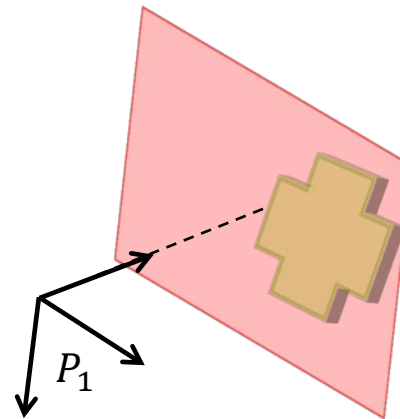
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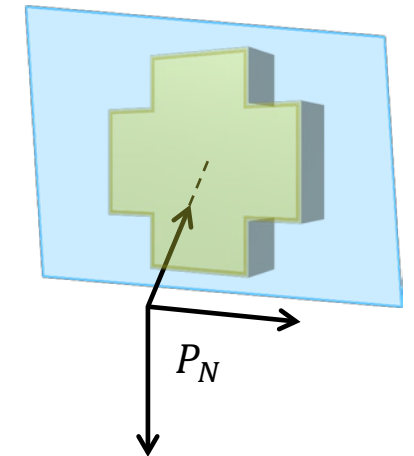
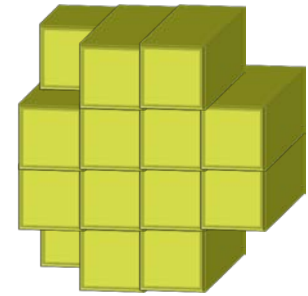


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4. Repeat until convergence

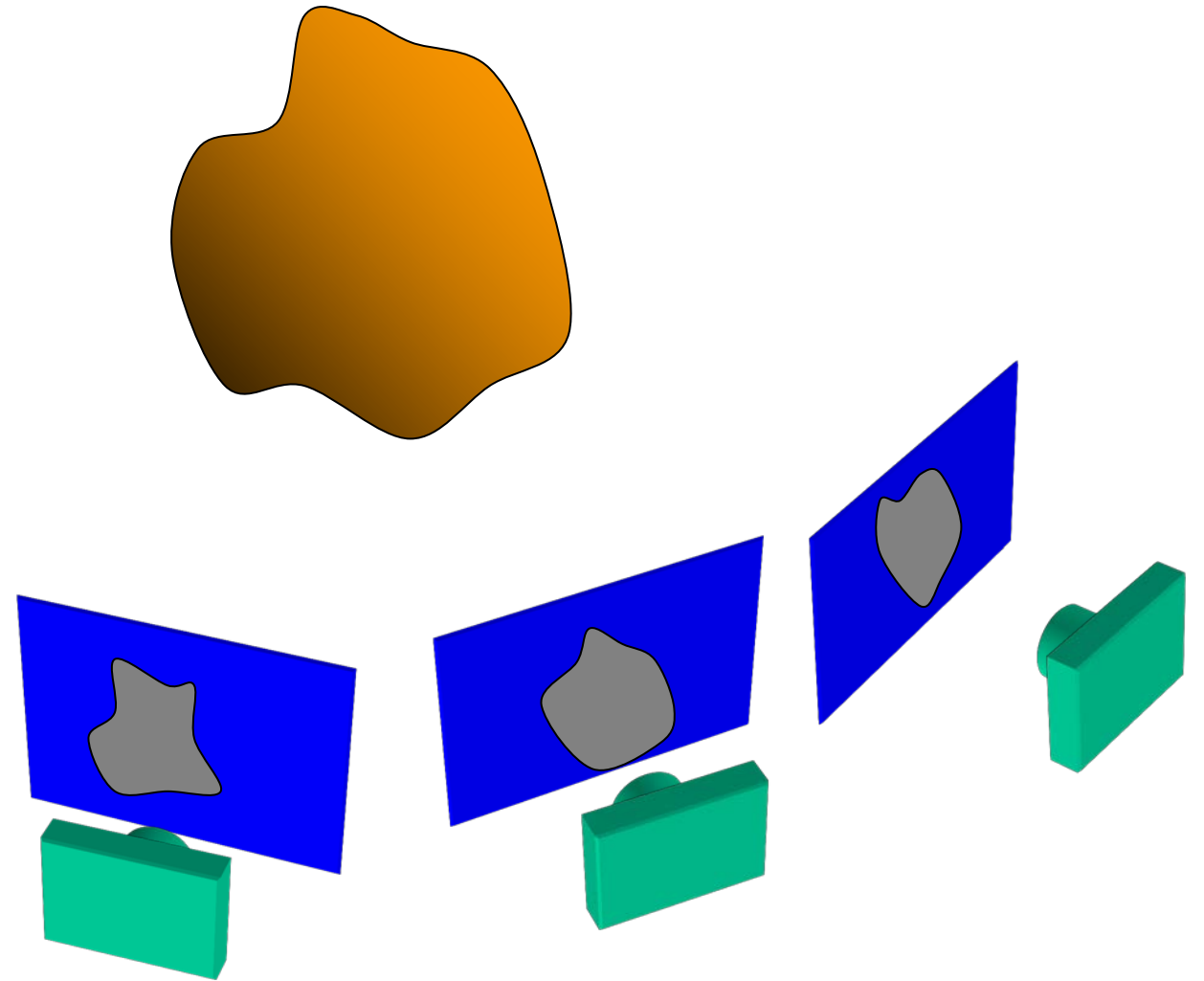


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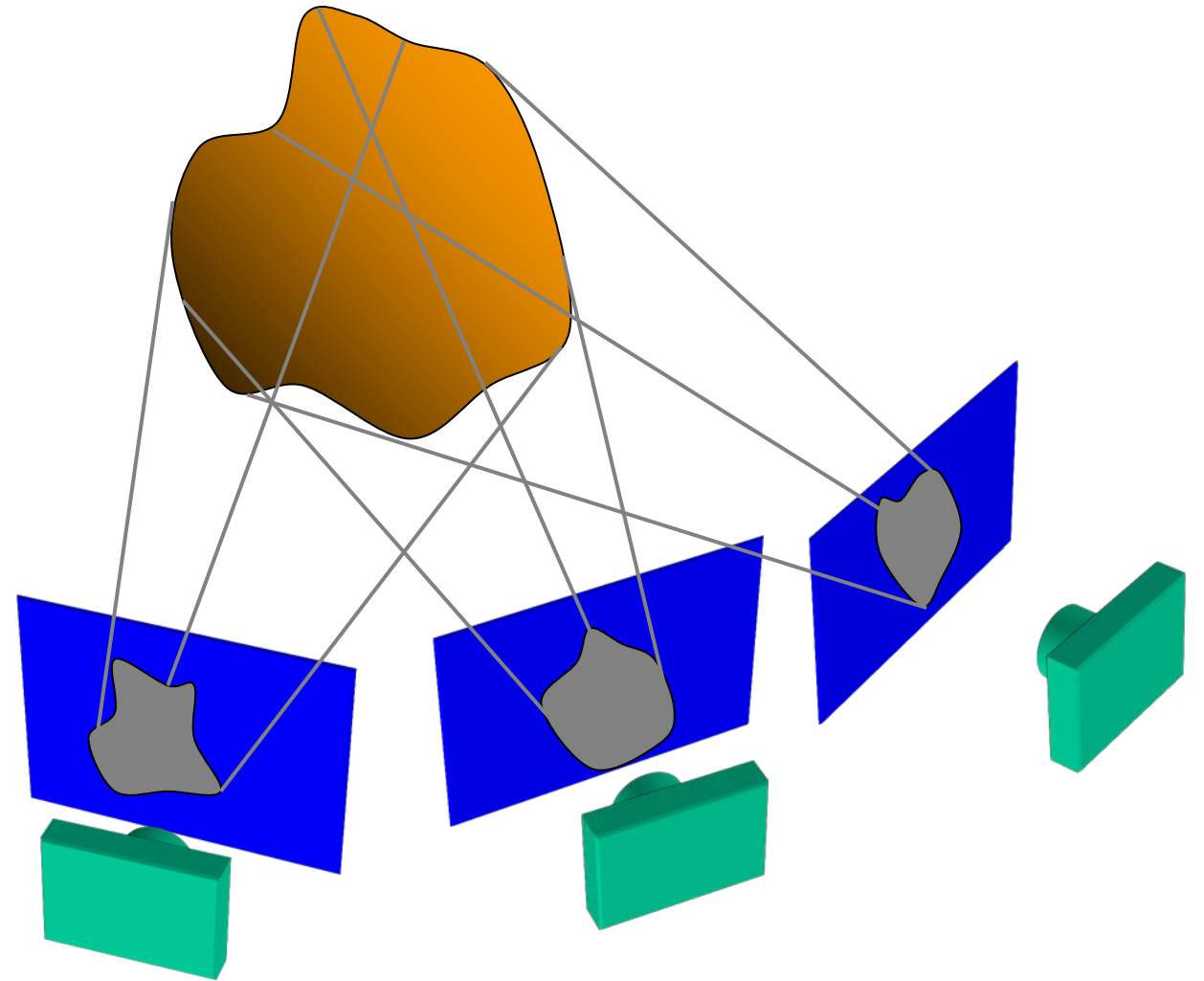
Visual Hull

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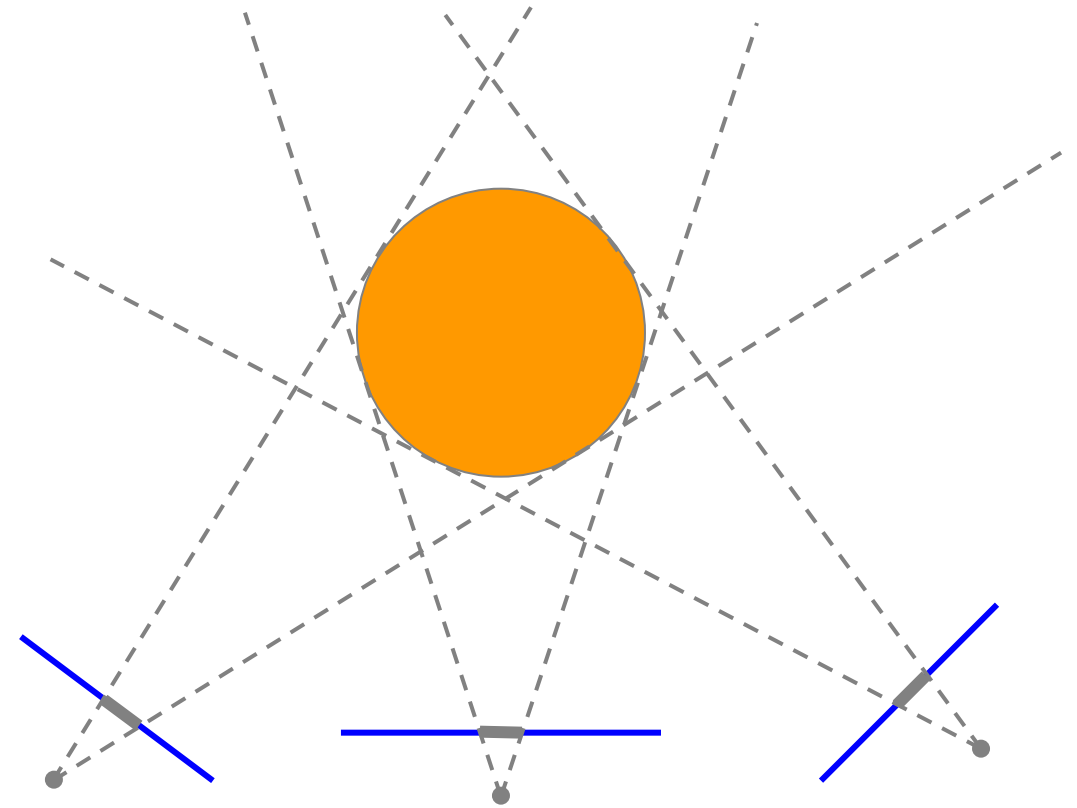
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3. Intersect backprojected volumes



Visual Hull – Volume intersection

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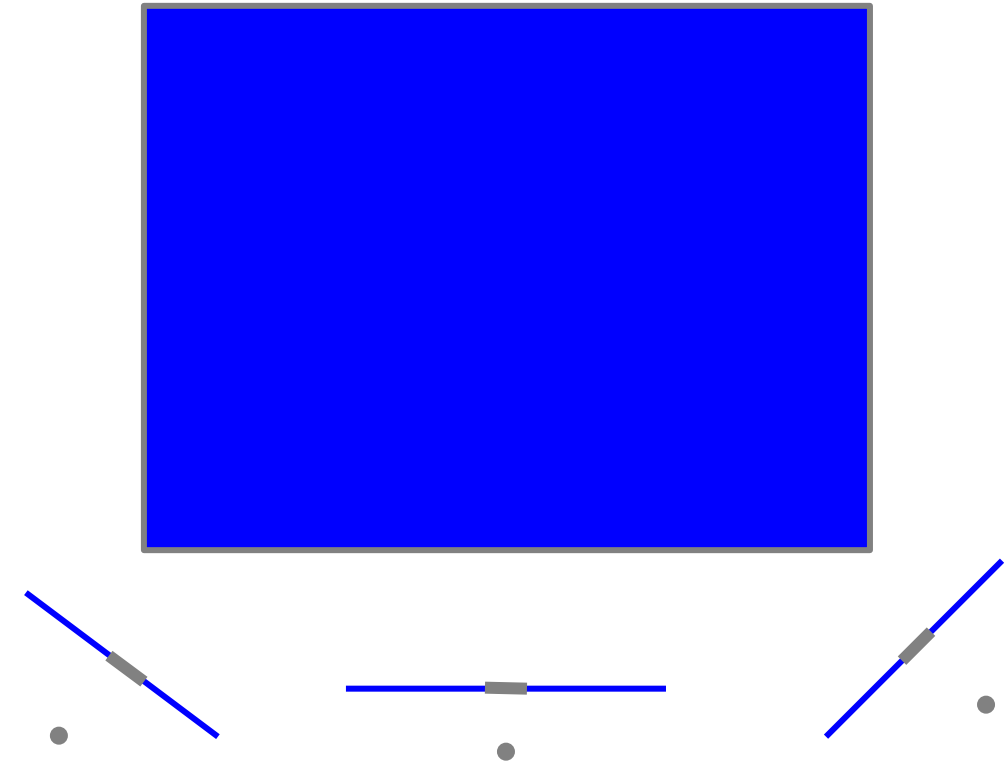
From above



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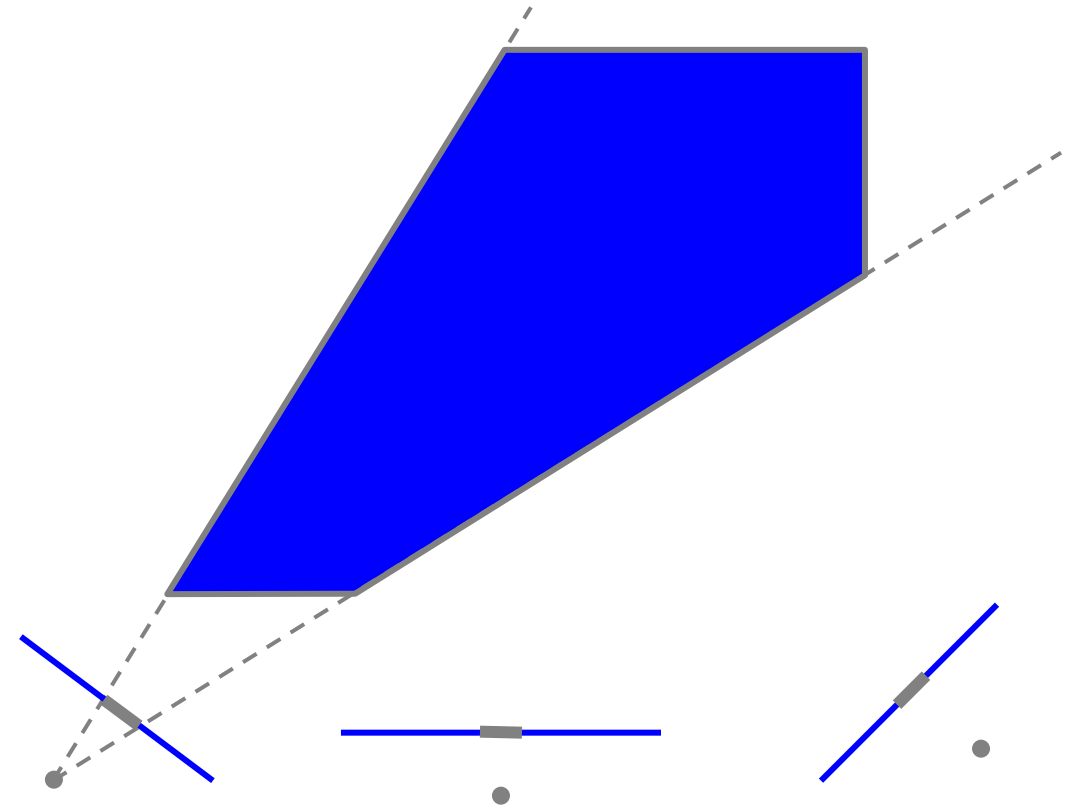
Initial volume



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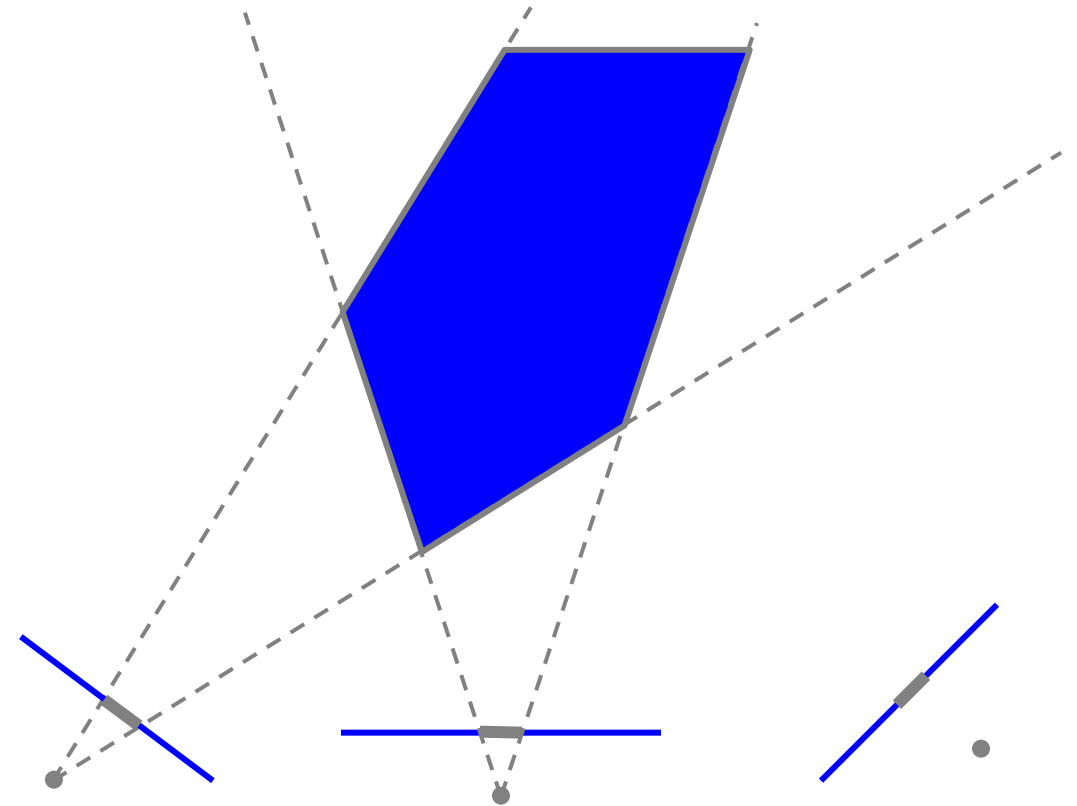
Intersection



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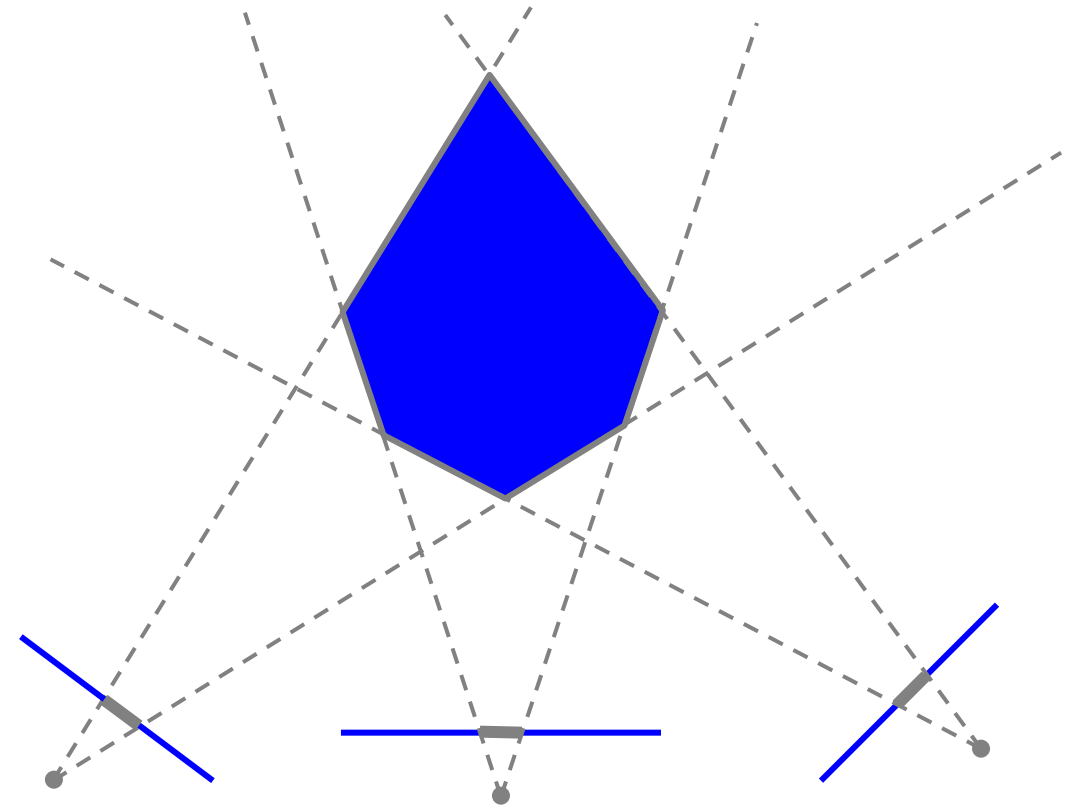
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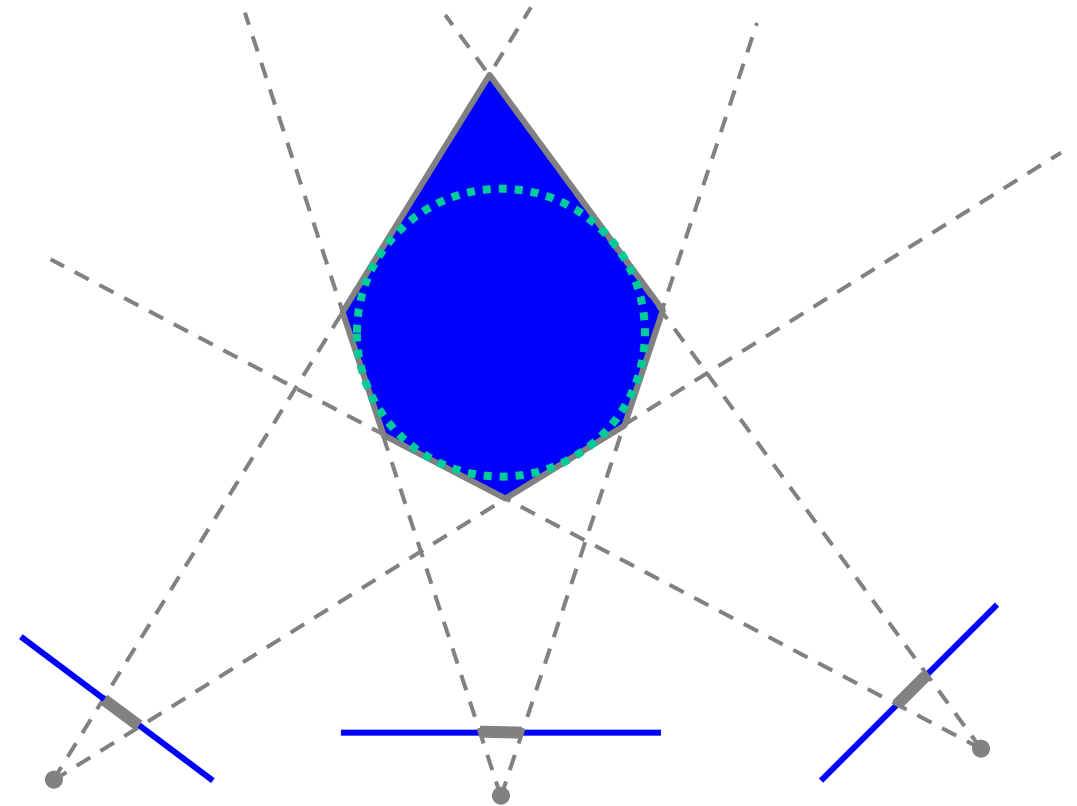
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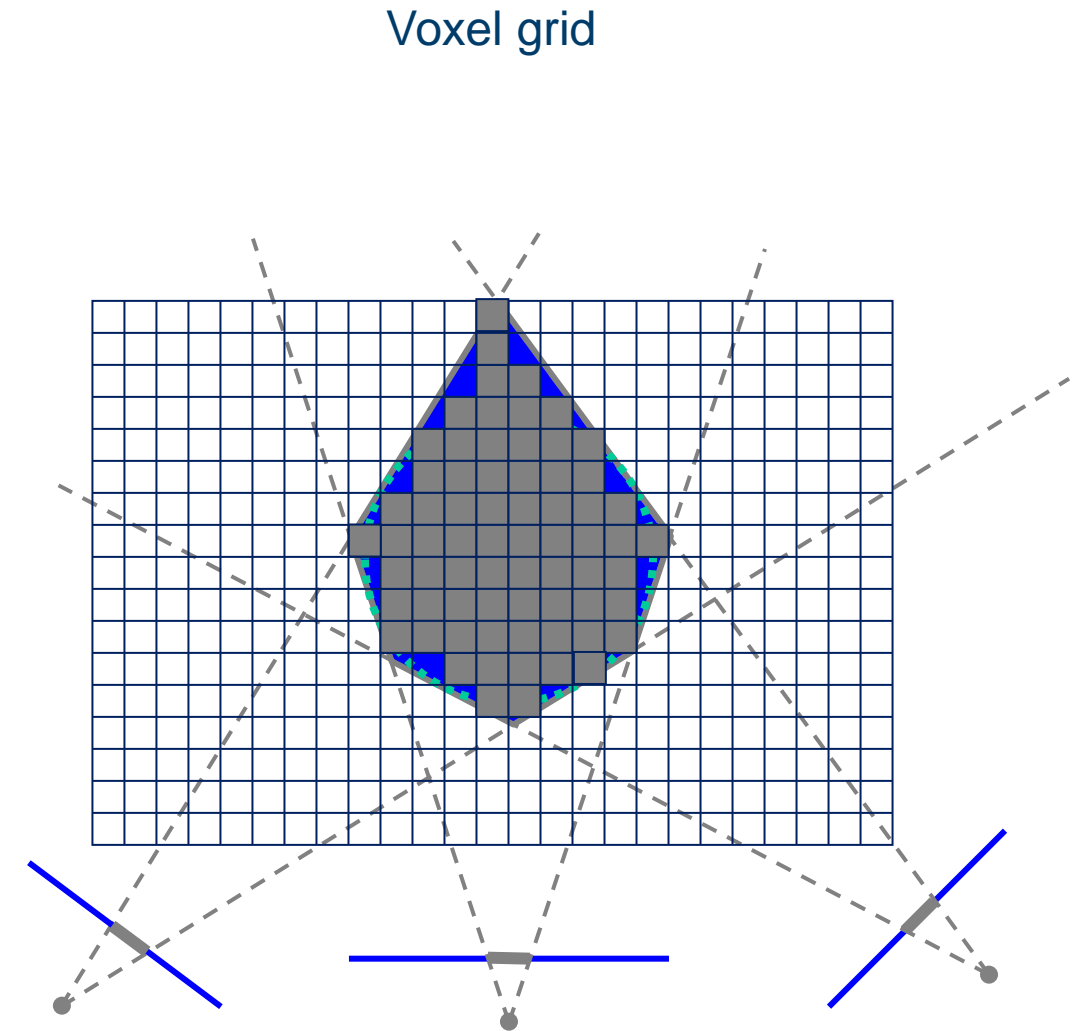
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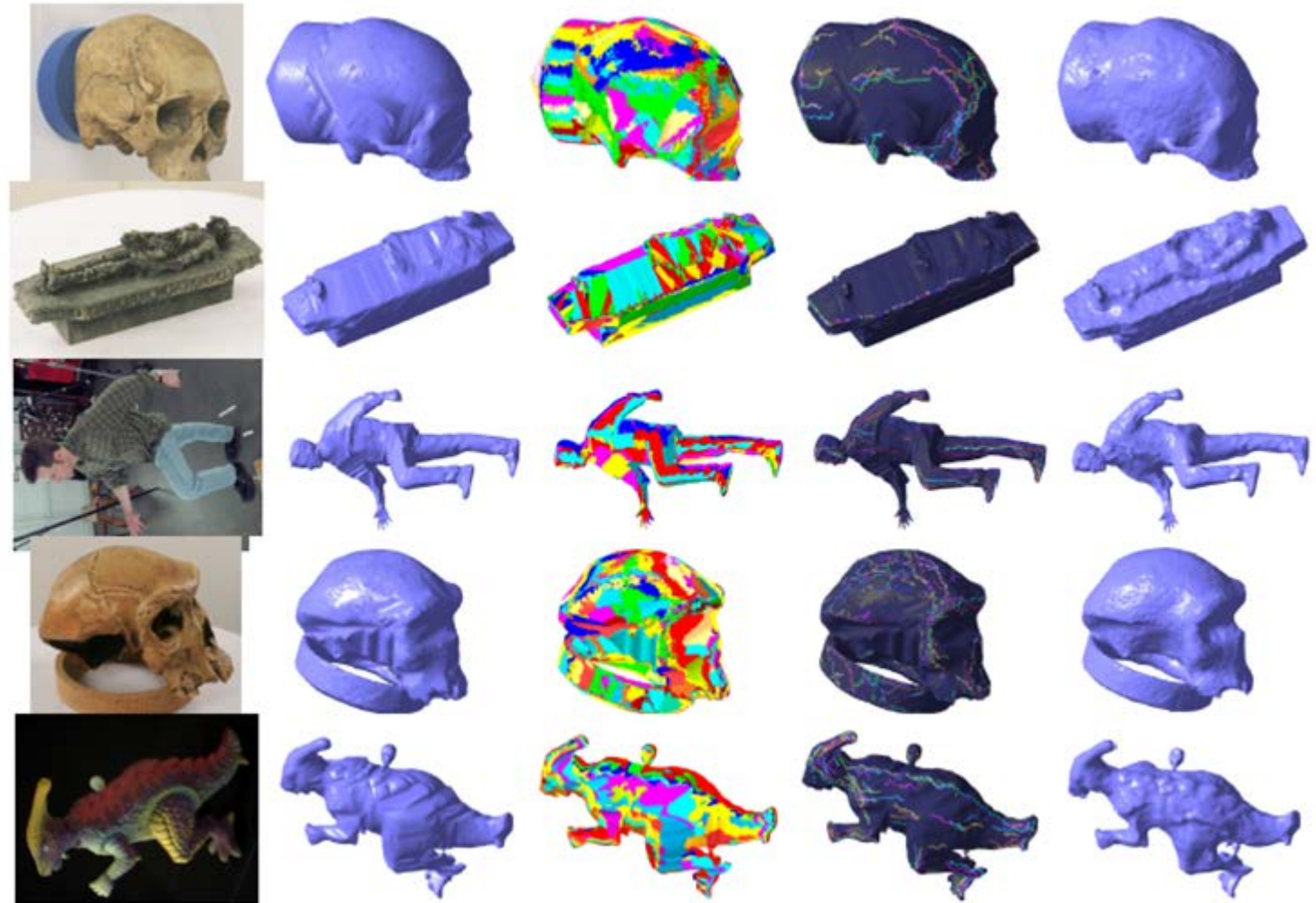
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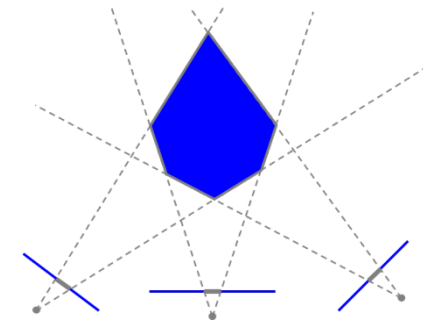
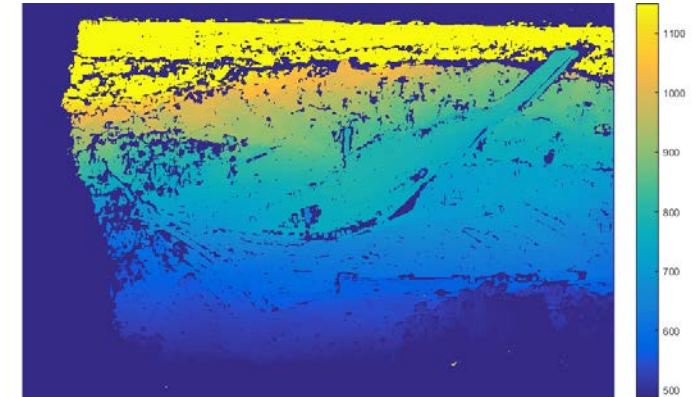
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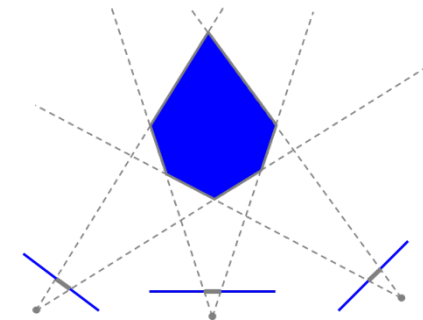
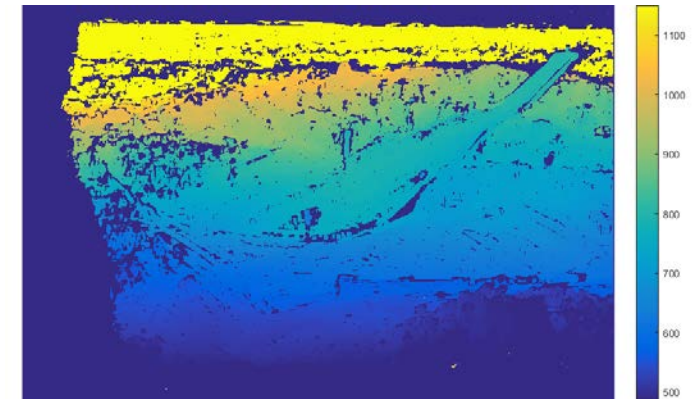
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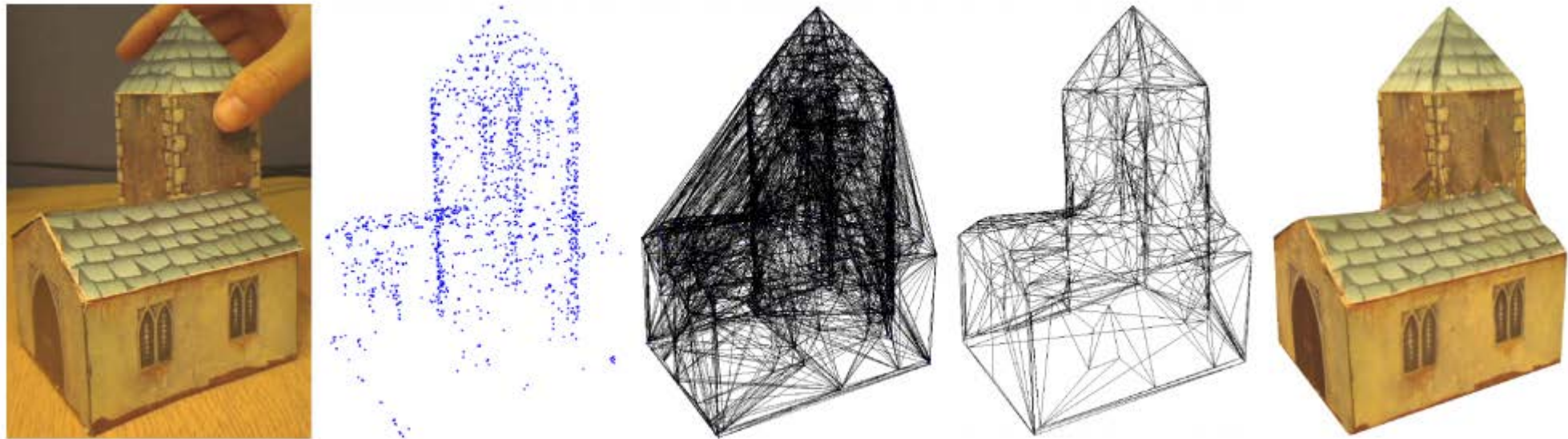
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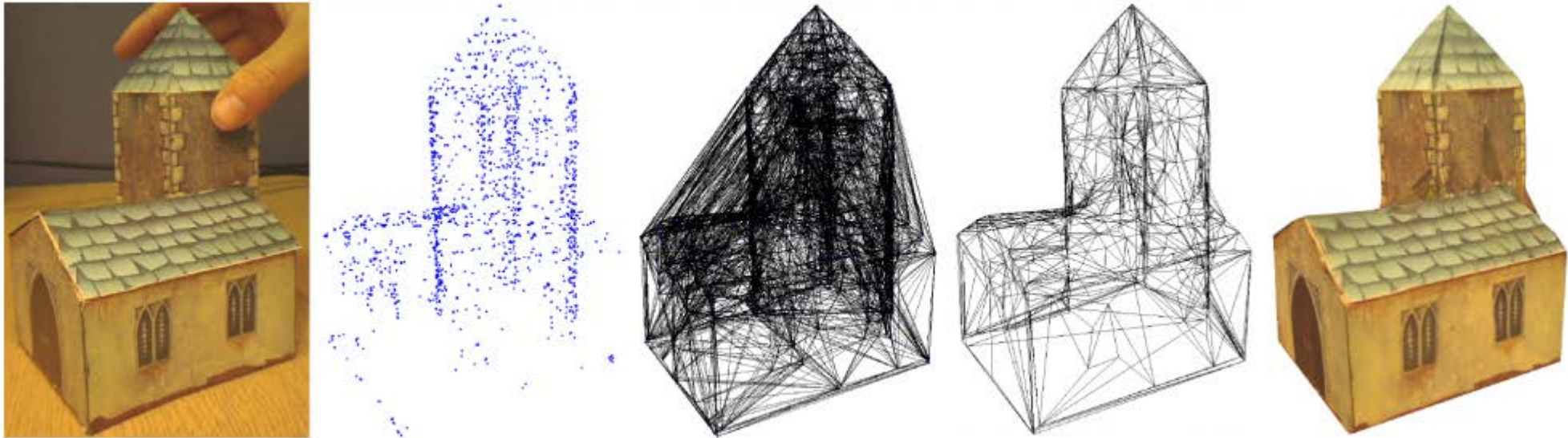
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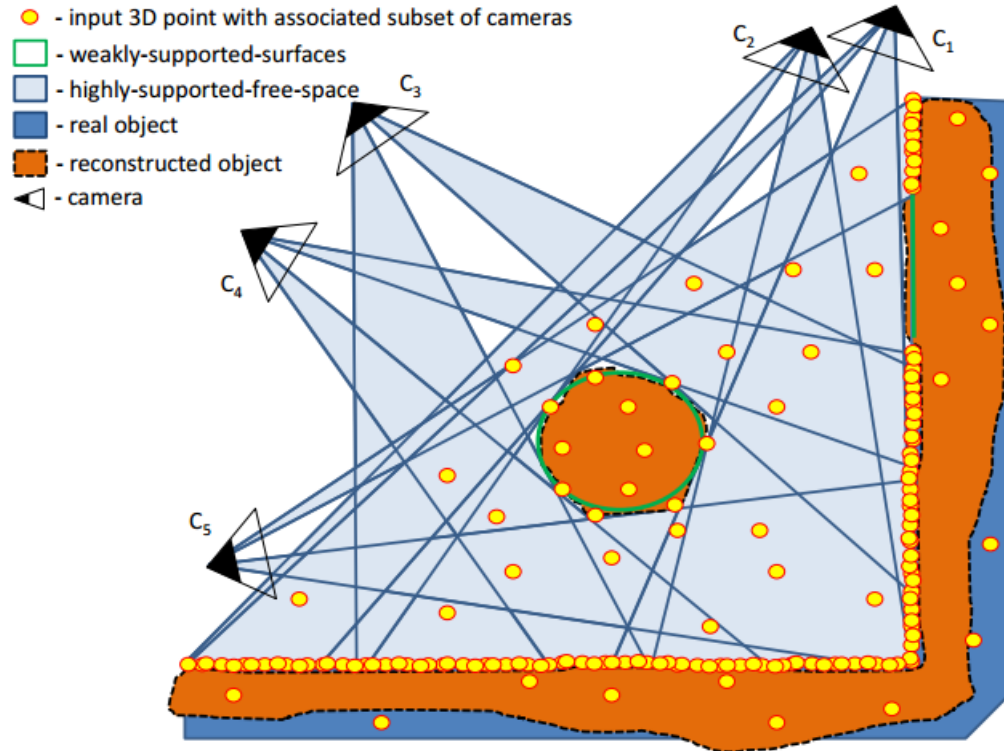
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- Multi-view stereo
 - Plane-sweep
 - Volumetric stereo
 - Surface expansion
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- Additional reading
 - Szeliski 11.1.2, 11.6
- Multi-view stereo software
 - [Patch-based Multi-view Stereo \(PVMS\)](#)

