



# Image Formation I

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## GEOMETRIC CAMERA MODELS

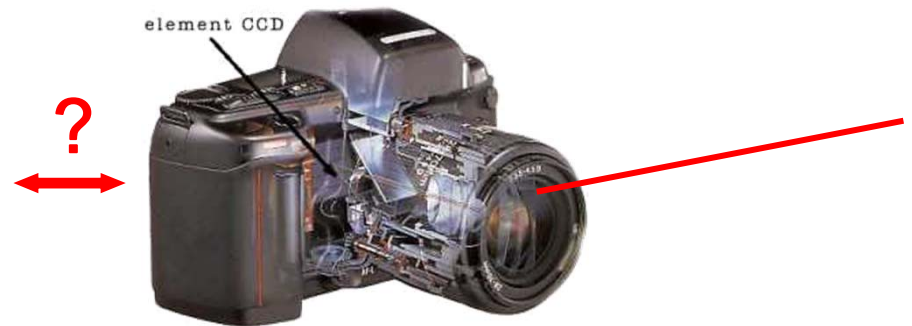
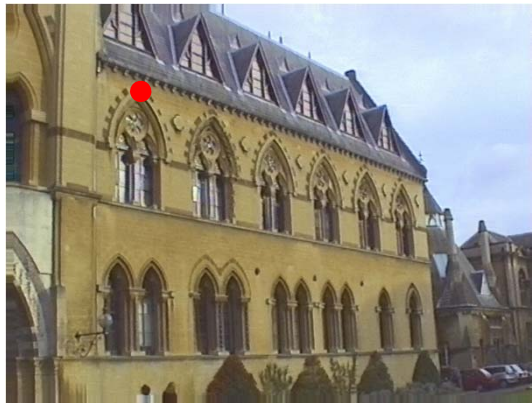
- The Intrinsic Parameters of a Camera
- The Extrinsic Parameters of a Camera
- The General Form of the Perspective Projection Equation
- Line Geometry

**Reading: Chapter 2.**



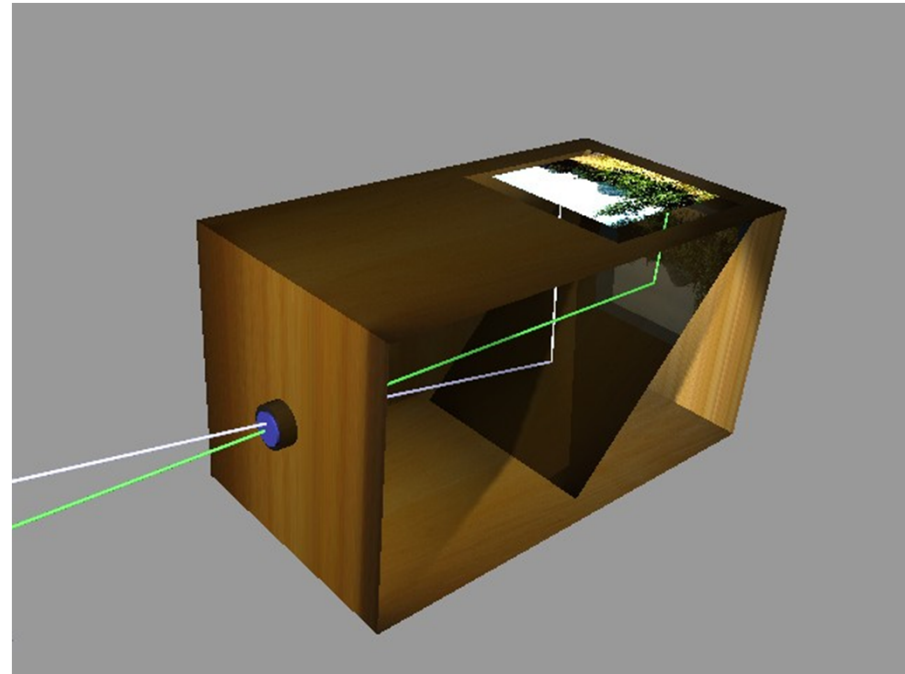
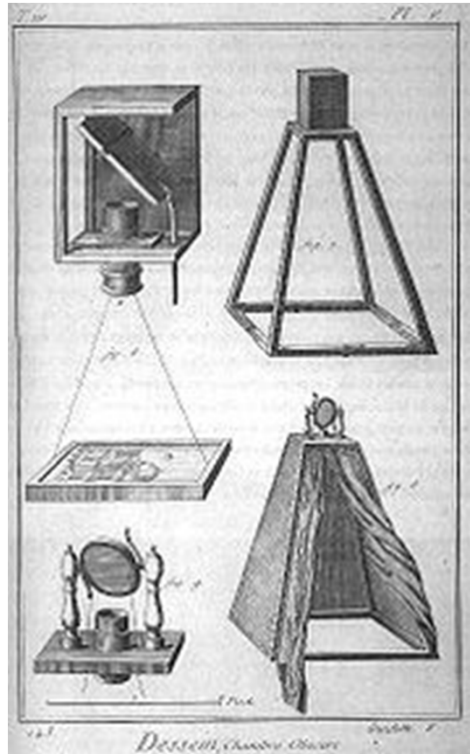
# Camera model

Relation between pixels and rays in space





## Camera obscura + lens



The **camera obscura** (Latin for 'dark room') is an optical device that projects an [image](#) of its surroundings on a screen (source Wikipedia).



# Physical parameters of image formation

- Geometric
  - Type of projection
  - Camera pose
- Photometric
  - Type, direction, intensity of light reaching sensor
  - Surfaces' reflectance properties
- Optical
  - Sensor's lens type
  - focal length, field of view, aperture
- Sensor
  - sampling, etc.

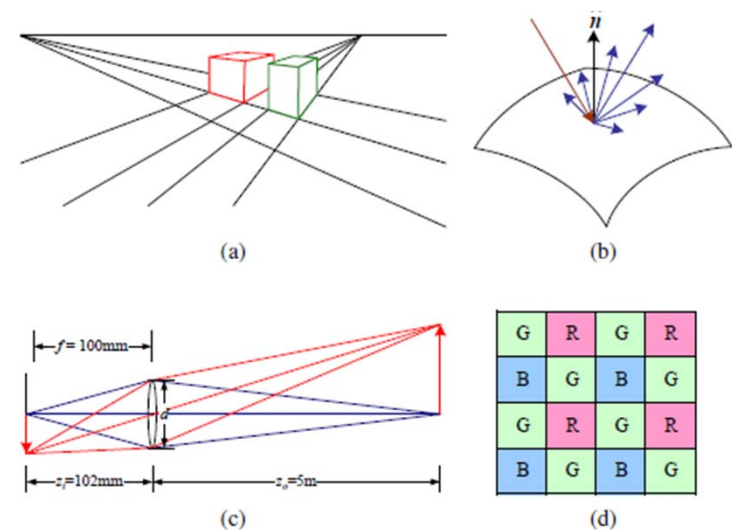


Figure 2.1 A few components of the image formation process: (a) perspective projection; (b) light scattering when hitting a surface; (c) lens optics; (d) Bayer color filter array.

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# Perspective and art

- Use of correct perspective projection indicated in 1<sup>st</sup> century B.C. frescoes
- Skill resurfaces in Renaissance: artists develop systematic methods to determine perspective projection (around 1480-1515)



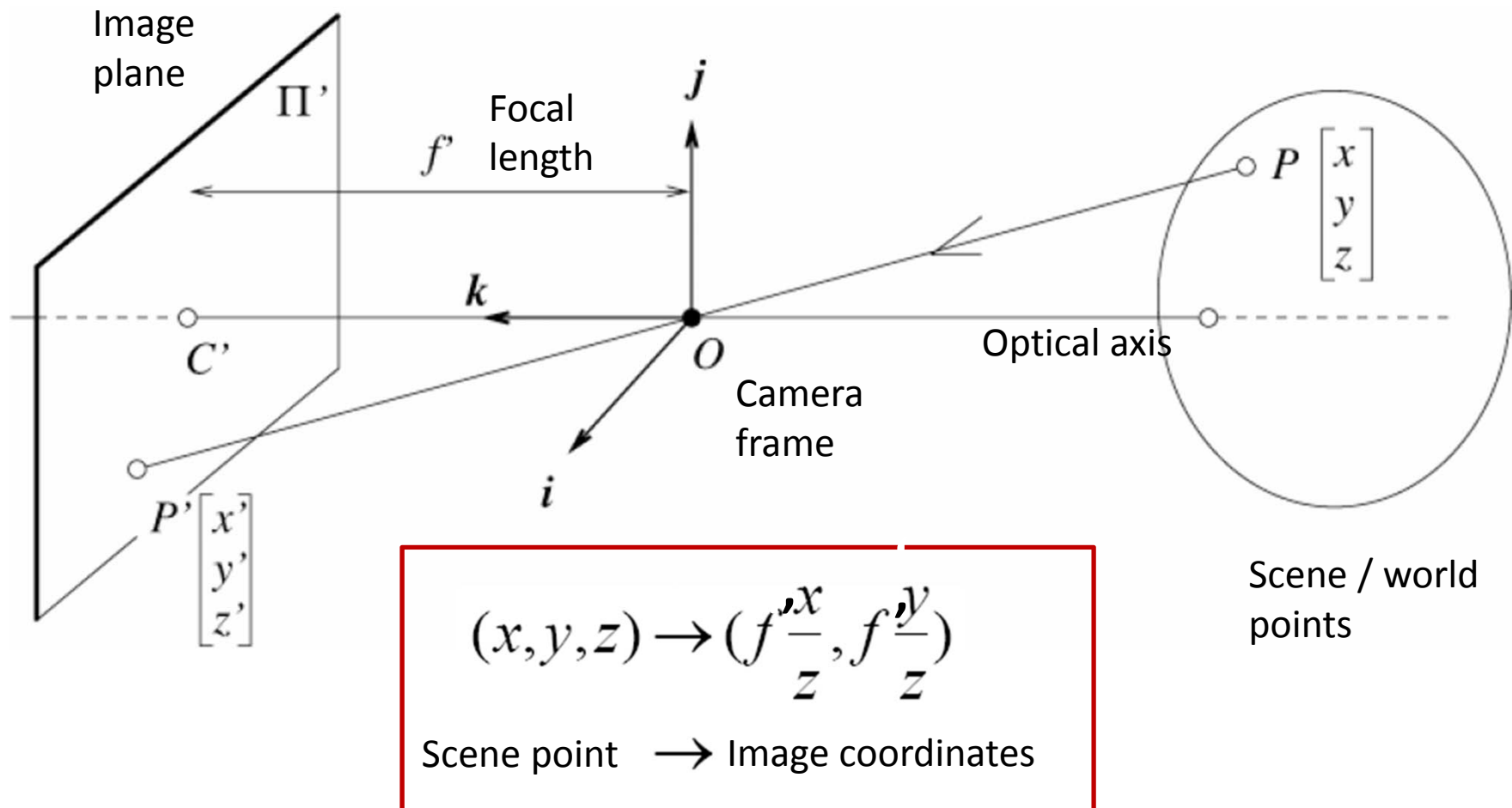
Raphael



Durer, 1525

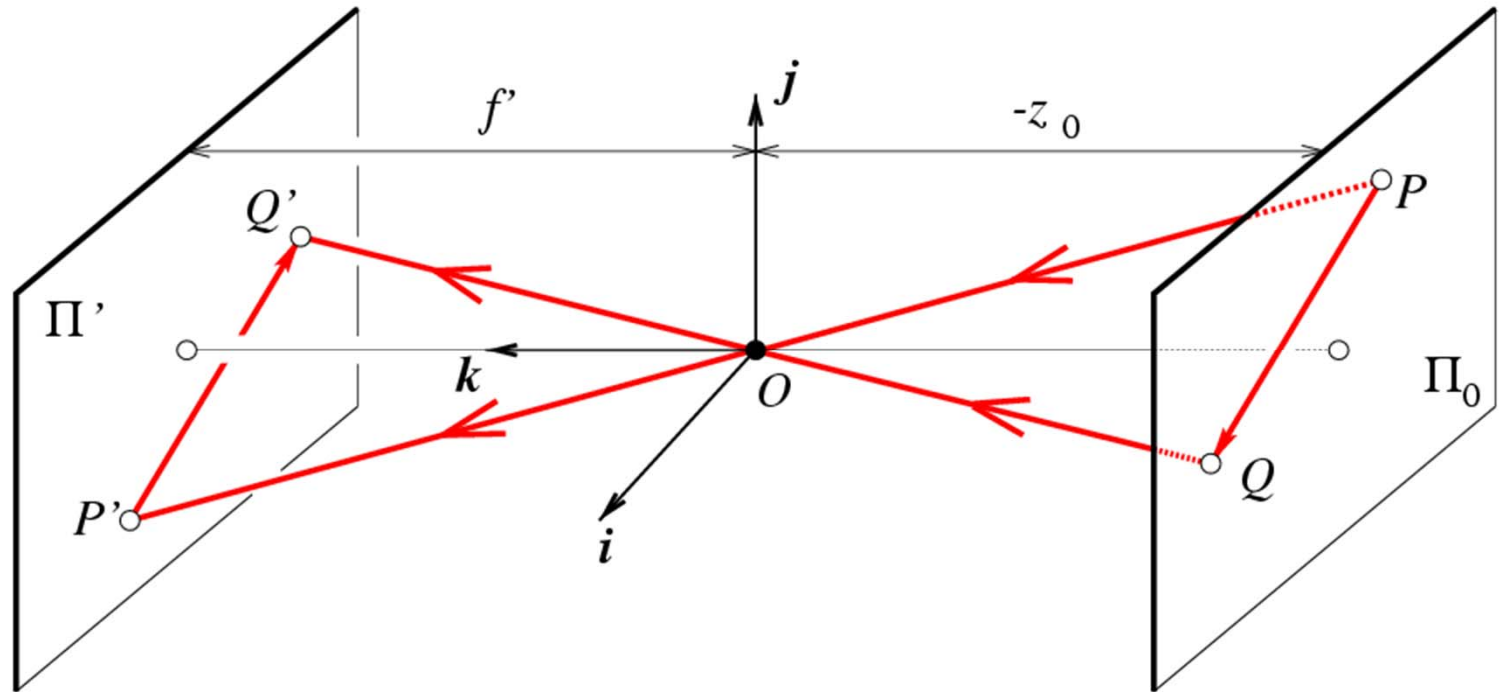
# Perspective projection equations

- 3d world mapped to 2d projection in image plane





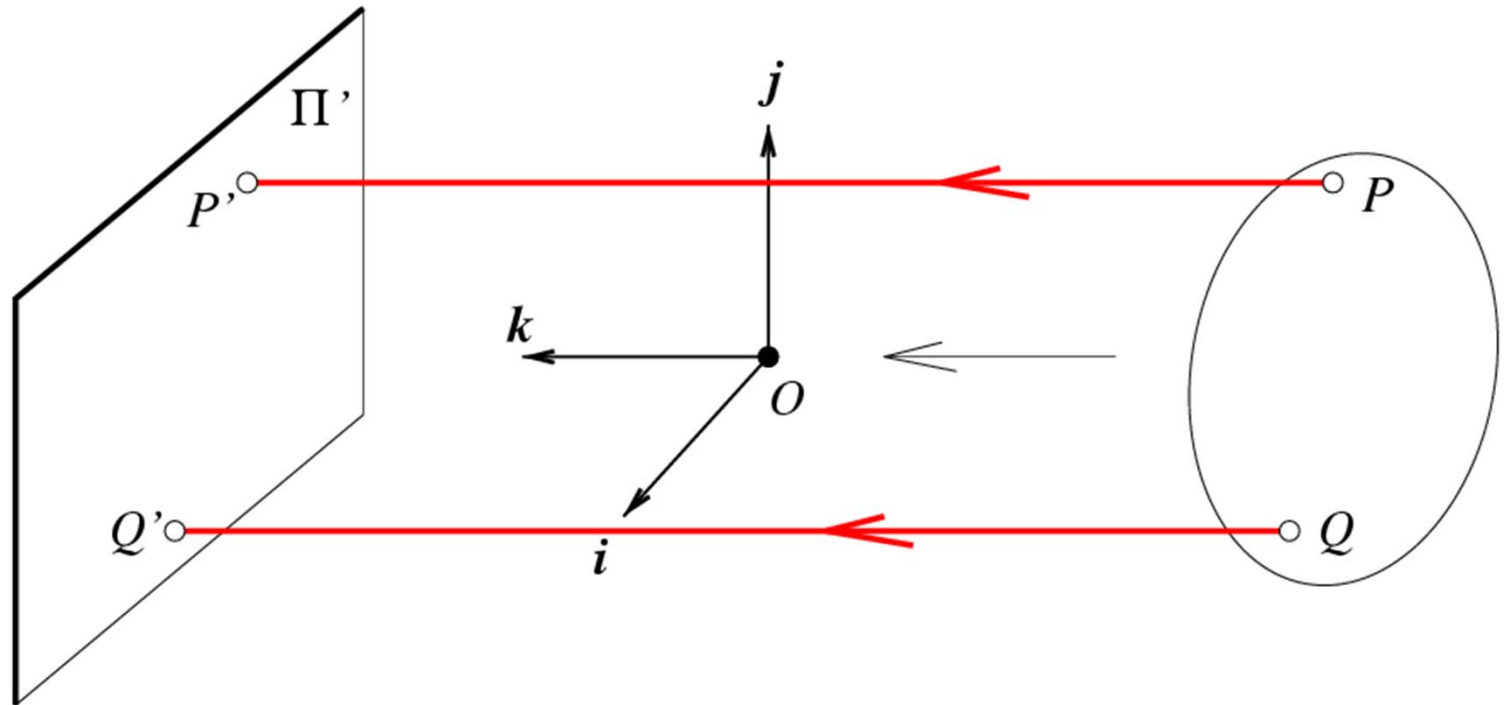
## Affine projection models: Weak perspective projection



$$\begin{cases} x' = -mx \\ y' = -my \end{cases} \text{ where } m = -\frac{f'}{z_0} \text{ is the magnification.}$$

When the scene relief is small compared its distance from the Camera,  $m$  can be taken constant: weak perspective projection.

## Affine projection models: Orthographic projection



$$\begin{cases} x' = x \\ y' = y \end{cases}$$

When the camera is at a (roughly constant) distance from the scene, take  $m=1$ .

# Homogeneous coordinates

Is this a linear transformation?

- no—division by  $z$  is nonlinear

Trick: add one more coordinate:

$$(x, y) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

homogeneous image  
coordinates

$$(x, y, z) \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

homogeneous scene  
coordinates

Converting *from* homogeneous coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ w \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x/w, y/w)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ w \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow (x/w, y/w, z/w)$$

# Perspective Projection Matrix

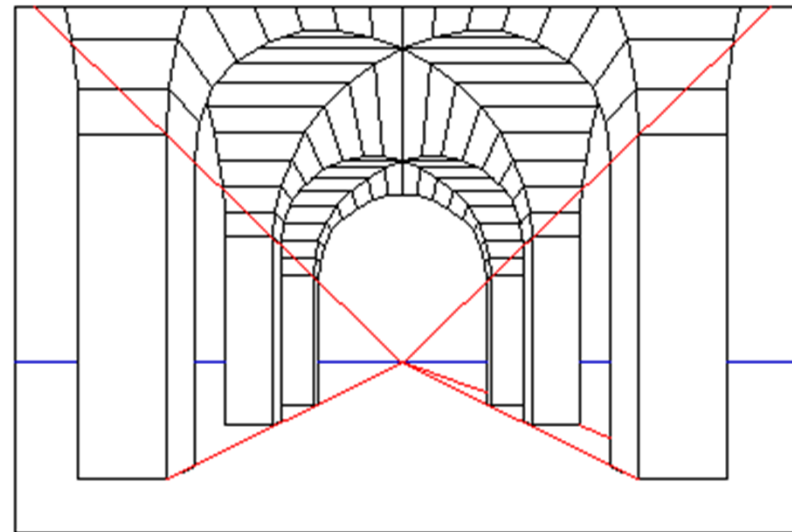
- Projection is a matrix multiplication using homogeneous coordinates:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/f' & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z/f' \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left( f' \frac{x}{z}, f' \frac{y}{z} \right)$$

divide by the third coordinate  
to convert back to non-  
homogeneous coordinates

Complete mapping from world points to image pixel  
positions?

# Points at infinity, vanishing points



Points from infinity represent rays into camera which are close to the optimal axis.

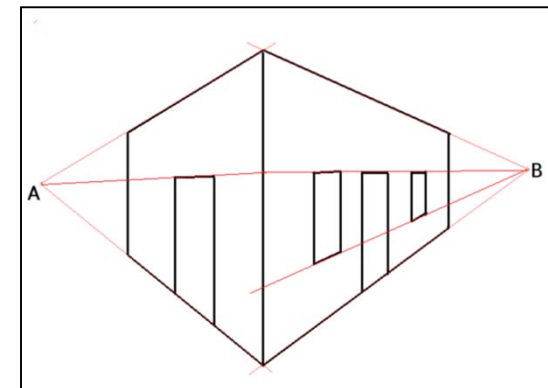
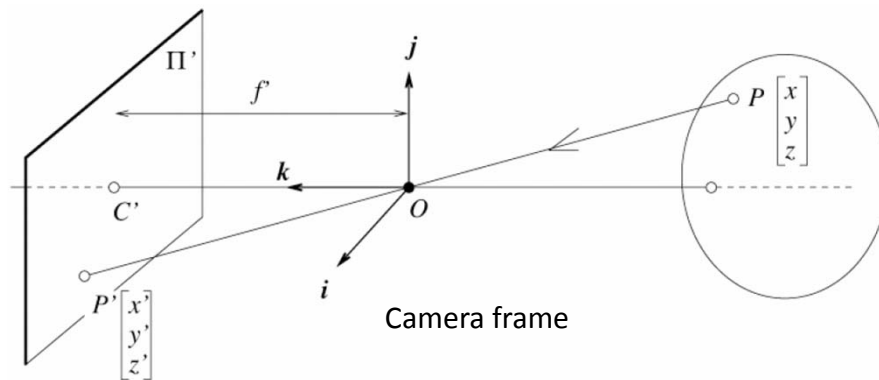


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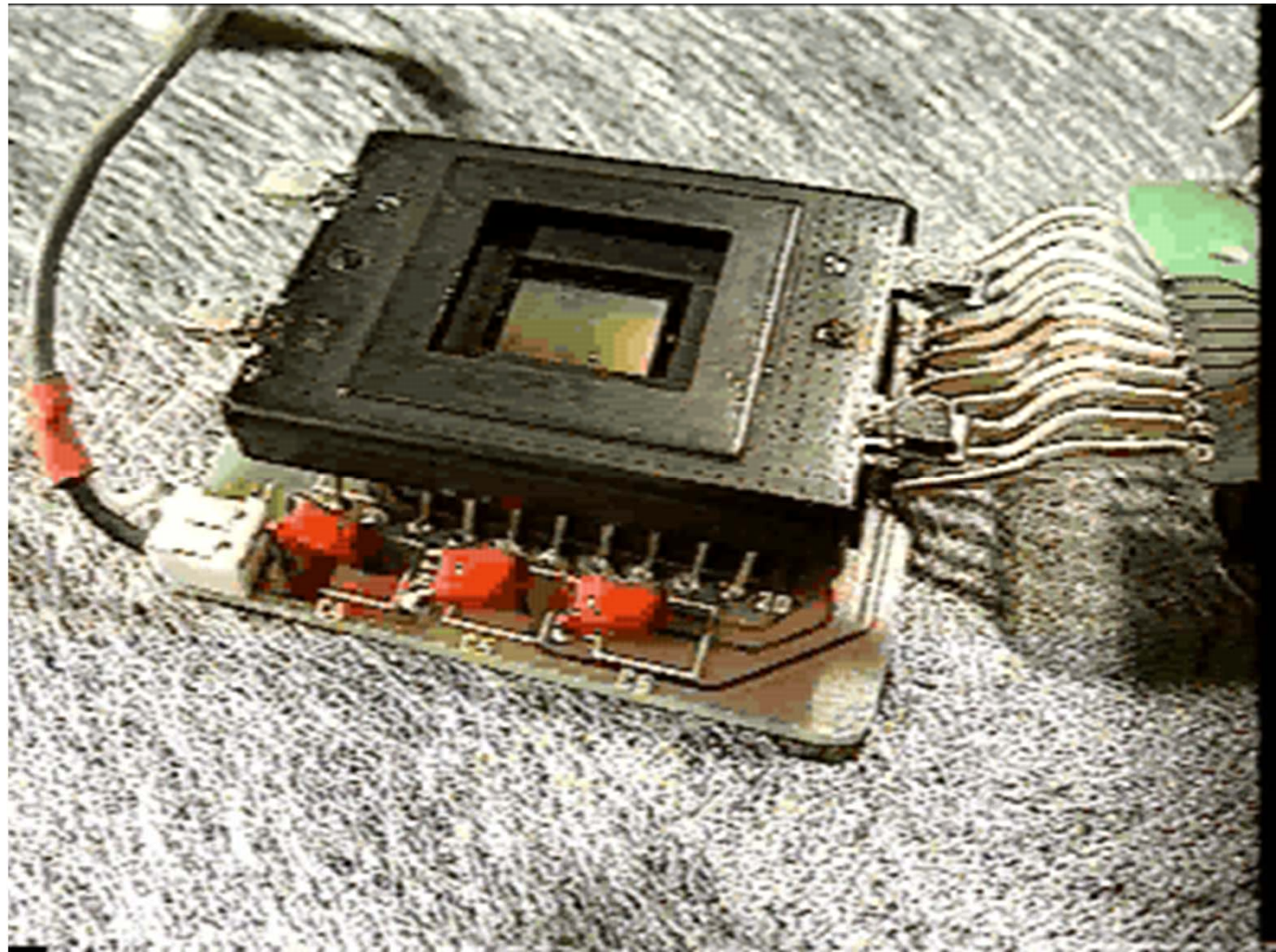
# Perspective projection & calibration

- Perspective equations so far in terms of *camera's* reference frame....
- Camera's *intrinsic* and *extrinsic* parameters needed to calibrate geometry.

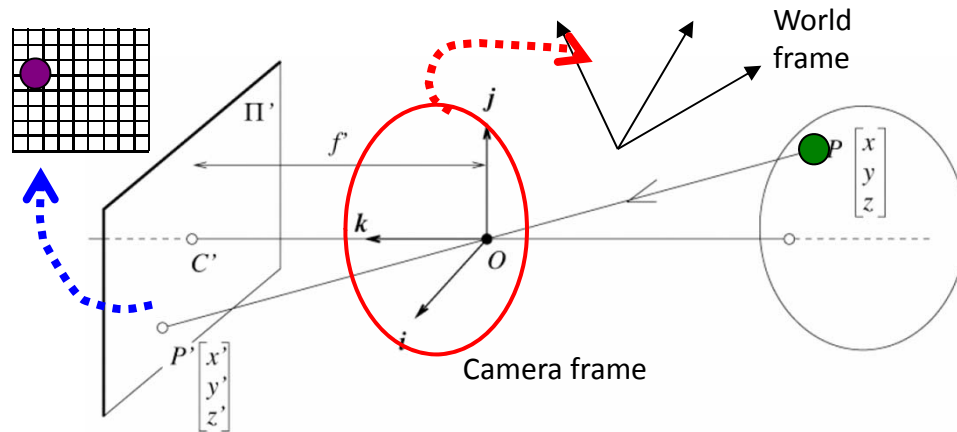




# The CCD camera



# Perspective projection & calibration



Extrinsic:

Camera frame  $\leftrightarrow$  World frame

Intrinsic:

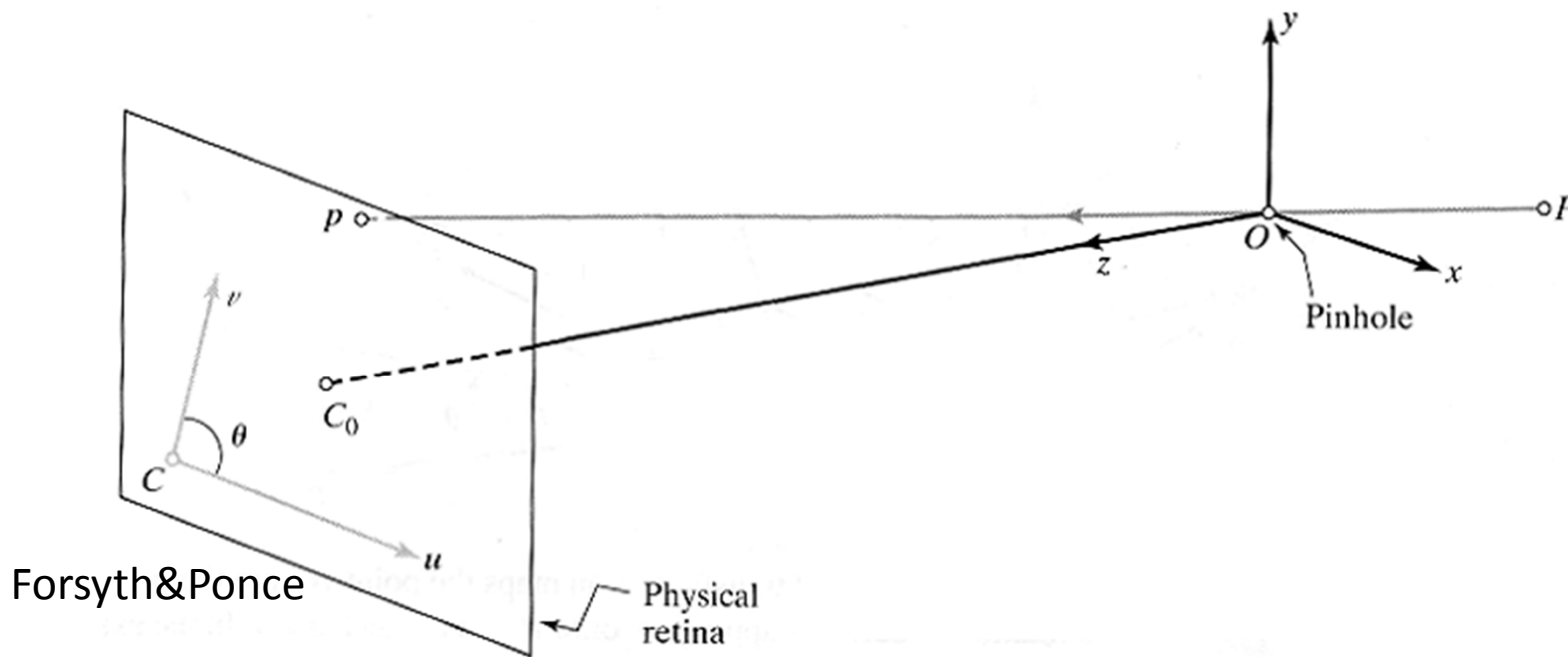
Image coordinates relative to camera

$\leftrightarrow$  Pixel coordinates

3D  
point  
(4x1)



# Intrinsic parameters: from idealized world coordinates to pixel values



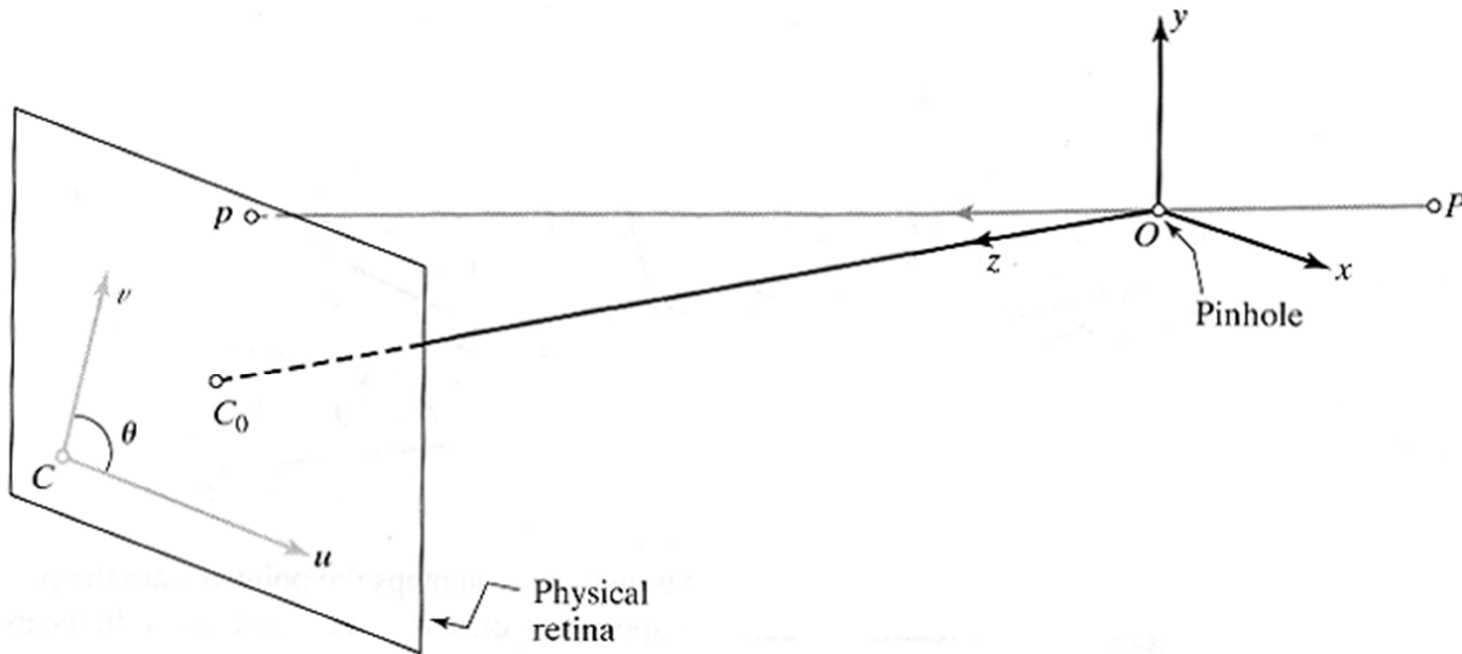
Forsyth&Ponce

Physical retina

Perspective projection

$$u = f \frac{x}{z}$$
$$v = f \frac{y}{z}$$

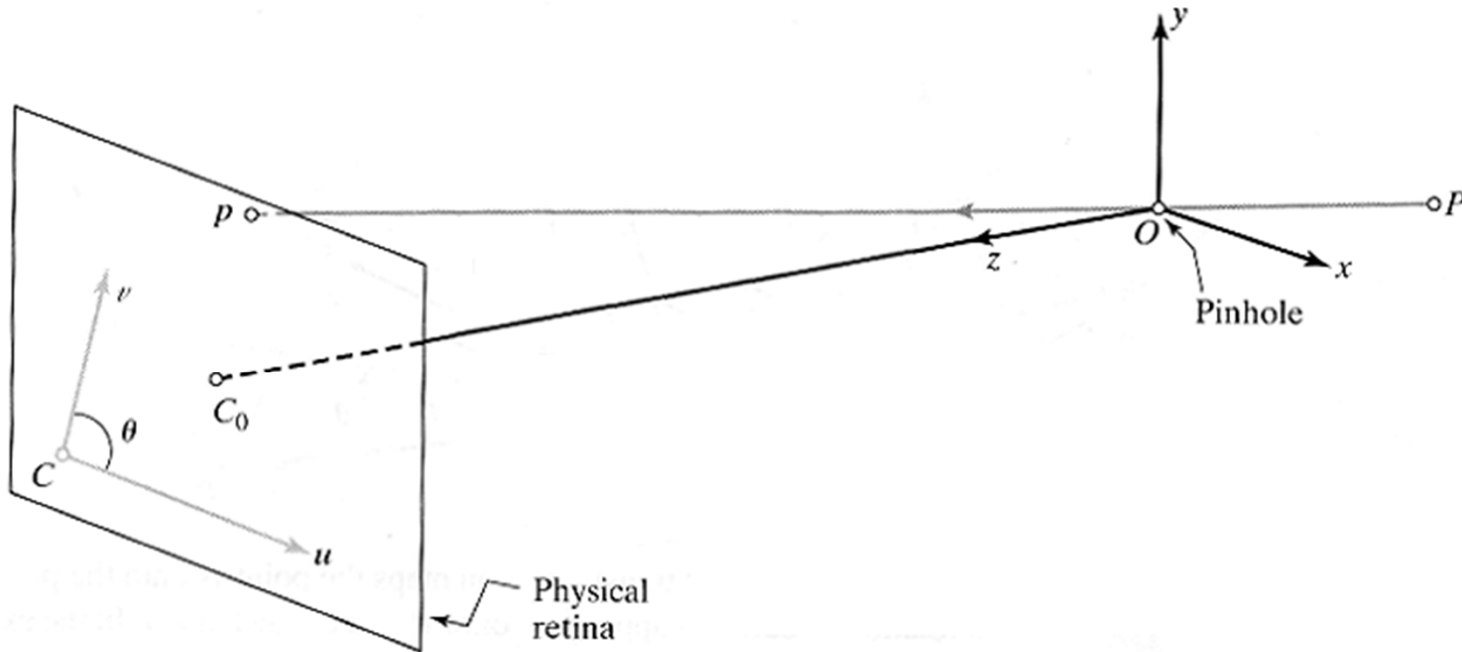
# Intrinsic parameters



But "pixels" are in some arbitrary spatial units

$$u = \alpha \frac{x}{z}$$
$$v = \alpha \frac{y}{z}$$

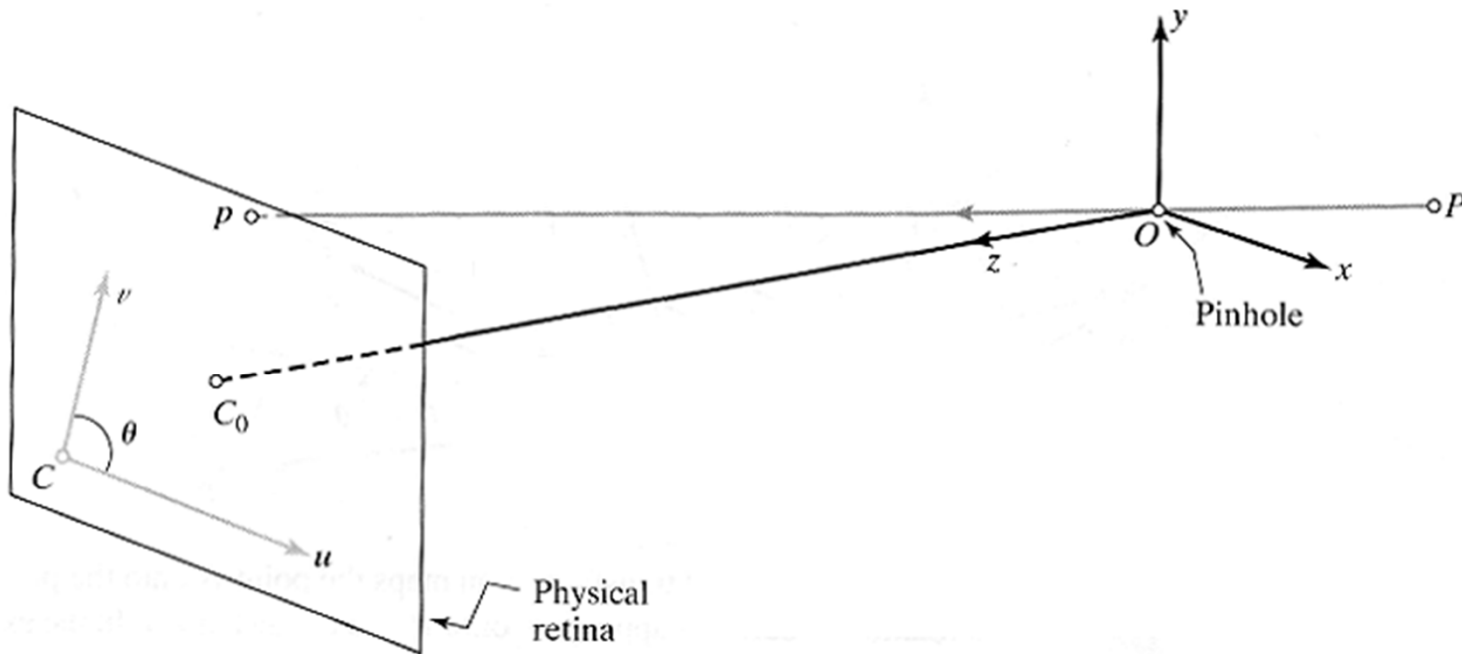
# Intrinsic parameters



Maybe pixels are not square

$$u = \alpha \frac{x}{z}$$
$$v = \beta \frac{y}{z}$$

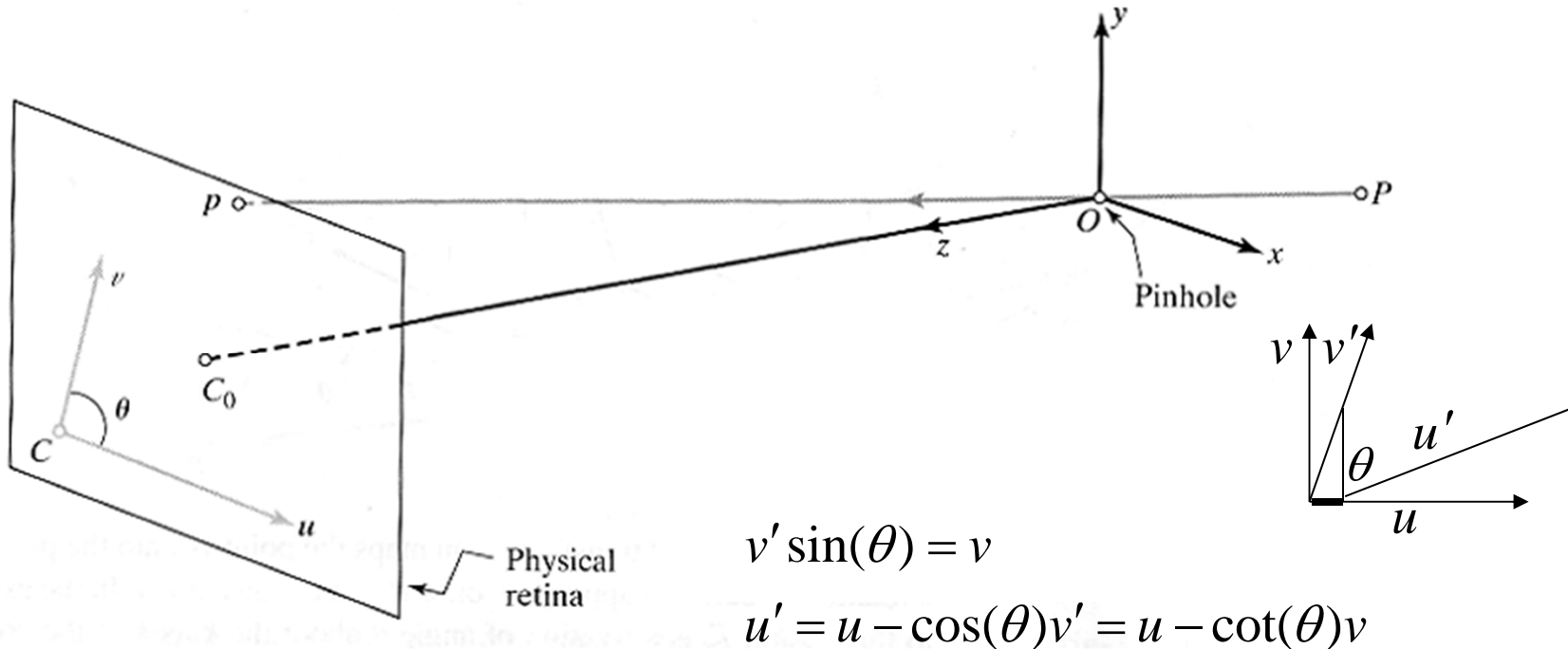
# Intrinsic parameters



We don't know the origin of our camera pixel coordinates

$$u = \alpha \frac{x}{z} + u_0$$
$$v = \beta \frac{y}{z} + v_0$$

# Intrinsic parameters

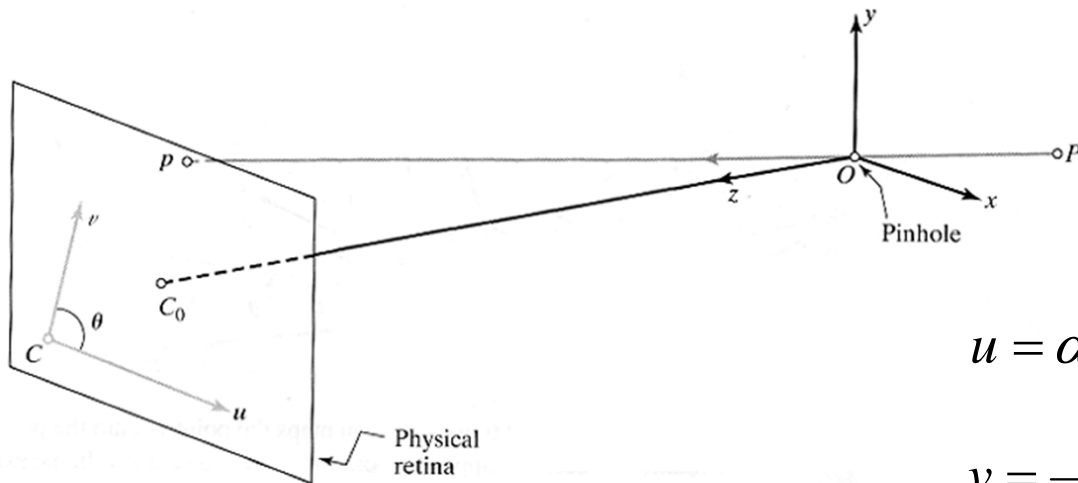


May be skew between camera pixel axes

$$u = \alpha \frac{x}{z} - \alpha \cot(\theta) \frac{y}{z} + u_0$$

$$v = \frac{\beta}{\sin(\theta)} \frac{y}{z} + v_0$$

# Intrinsic parameters, homogeneous coordinates



$$u = \alpha \frac{x}{z} - \alpha \cot(\theta) \frac{y}{z} + u_0$$

$$v = \frac{\beta}{\sin(\theta)} \frac{y}{z} + v_0$$

Using homogenous coordinates,  
we can write this as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & -\alpha \cot(\theta) & u_0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\beta}{\sin(\theta)} & v_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

or:

In pixels  $\longrightarrow$   $\vec{p}$  =  $K$   $\overset{C}{\vec{p}}$   
 In camera-based coords

# Extrinsic parameters: translation and rotation of camera frame

$${}^C \vec{p} = {}^C R_W {}^W \vec{p} + {}^C \vec{t}$$

Non-homogeneous  
coordinates

$$\begin{pmatrix} {}^C \vec{p} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} - & - & - \\ - & {}^C R_W & - \\ - & - & - \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} | \\ {}^C \vec{t} \\ | \\ \hline 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} {}^W \vec{p} \end{pmatrix}$$

Homogeneous  
coordinates

# Combining extrinsic and intrinsic calibration parameters, in homogeneous coordinates

pixels  $\rightarrow$

$$\vec{p} = \mathbf{K} \ ^c\vec{p}$$

Intrinsic

World coordinates  $\rightarrow$

Camera coordinates  $\rightarrow$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vec{p} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} - & - & - \\ - & \ ^cR & - \\ - & - & - \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} | \\ \ ^c\vec{t} \\ | \end{matrix} \\ \hline \begin{matrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & 1 \end{matrix} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \ ^w\vec{p} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Extrinsic

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$$\vec{p} = \mathbf{K} \begin{pmatrix} \ ^cR & \ ^c\vec{t} \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \ ^w\vec{p}$$

$$\vec{p} = \mathbf{M} \ ^w\vec{p}$$



# Other ways to write the same equation

pixel coordinates

world coordinates

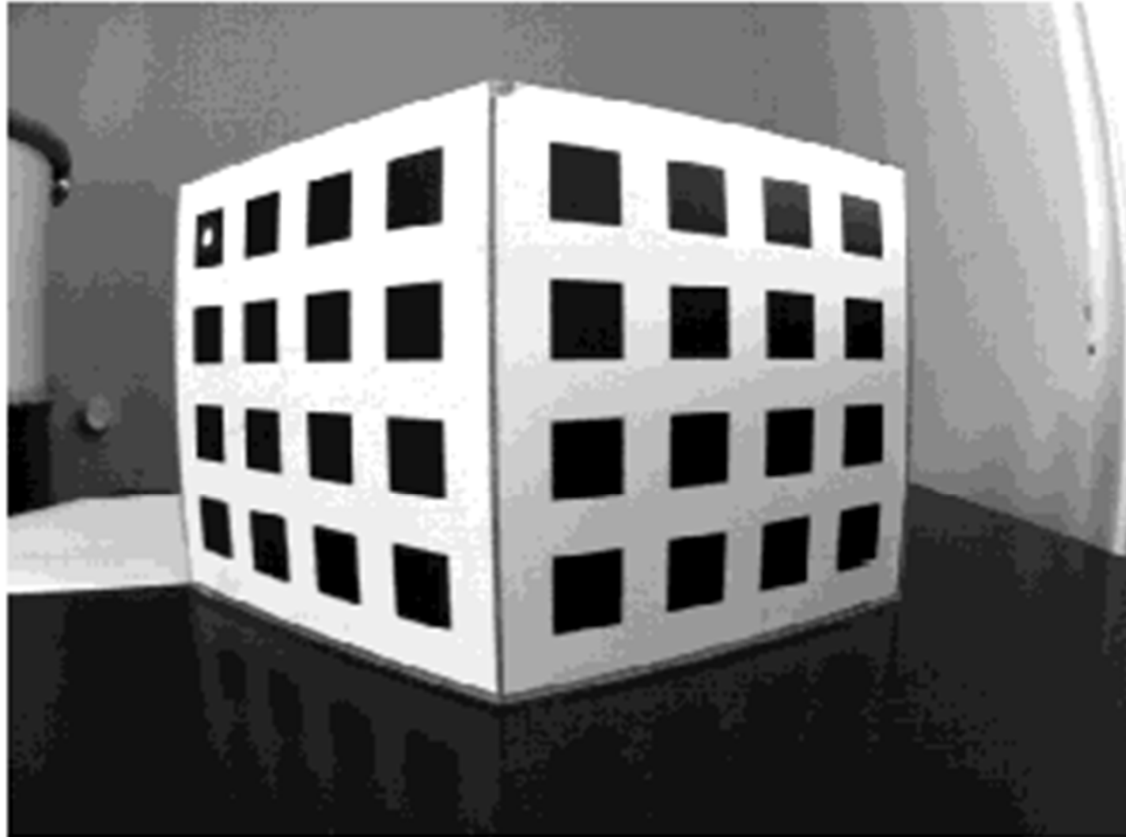
$$\vec{p} = M {}^w \vec{p}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & m_1^T & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & m_2^T & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & m_3^T & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} {}^w p_x \\ {}^w p_y \\ {}^w p_z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} u = \frac{m_1 \cdot \vec{P}}{m_3 \cdot \vec{P}} \\ v = \frac{m_2 \cdot \vec{P}}{m_3 \cdot \vec{P}} \end{cases}$$

Conversion back from homogeneous coordinates  
leads to:

# Calibration target



## The Opti-CAL Calibration Target Image

Find the position,  $u_i$  and  $v_i$ , in pixels, of each calibration object feature point.

<http://www.kinetic.bc.ca/CompVision/opti-CAL.html>