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Eye specular highlights telltales for digital forensics

Priscila Saboia, [Tiago Carvalho](#), [Anderson Rocha](#): Eye specular highlights telltales for digital forensics: A machine learning approach. [ICIP 2011](#): 1937-1940

Is this image fake or real?



Introduction

- ▶ Forensic analysis of digital documents can be used to attest the authenticity of photographs.
- ▶ There are many techniques that explore features such as:
 - Compression artifacts;
 - Statistical descriptors;
 - Acquisition telltales;
 - Illumination inconsistencies.

Introduction

- ▶ **Composites of People:** people put together artificially in a single photograph.
- ▶ Each person was photographed in different illumination conditions.
- ▶ Illumination inconsistencies can be used to detect composites of people.

Introduction

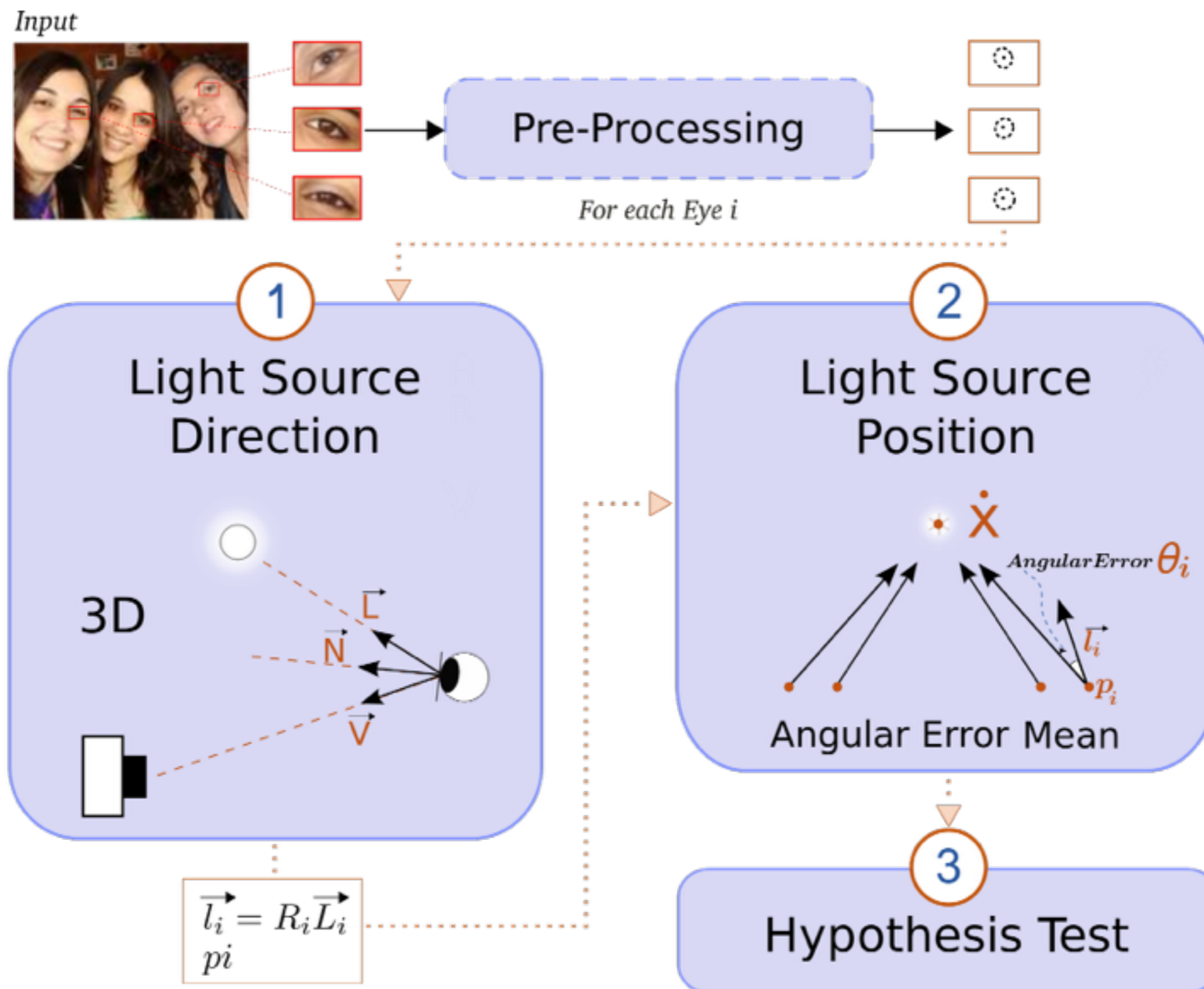
- ▶ **Illumination inconsistencies:**

Johnson and Farid (2007) analyzed specular highlights in the eyes of people in a same picture.

- ▶ Our proposal extends upon their work, by the means of:

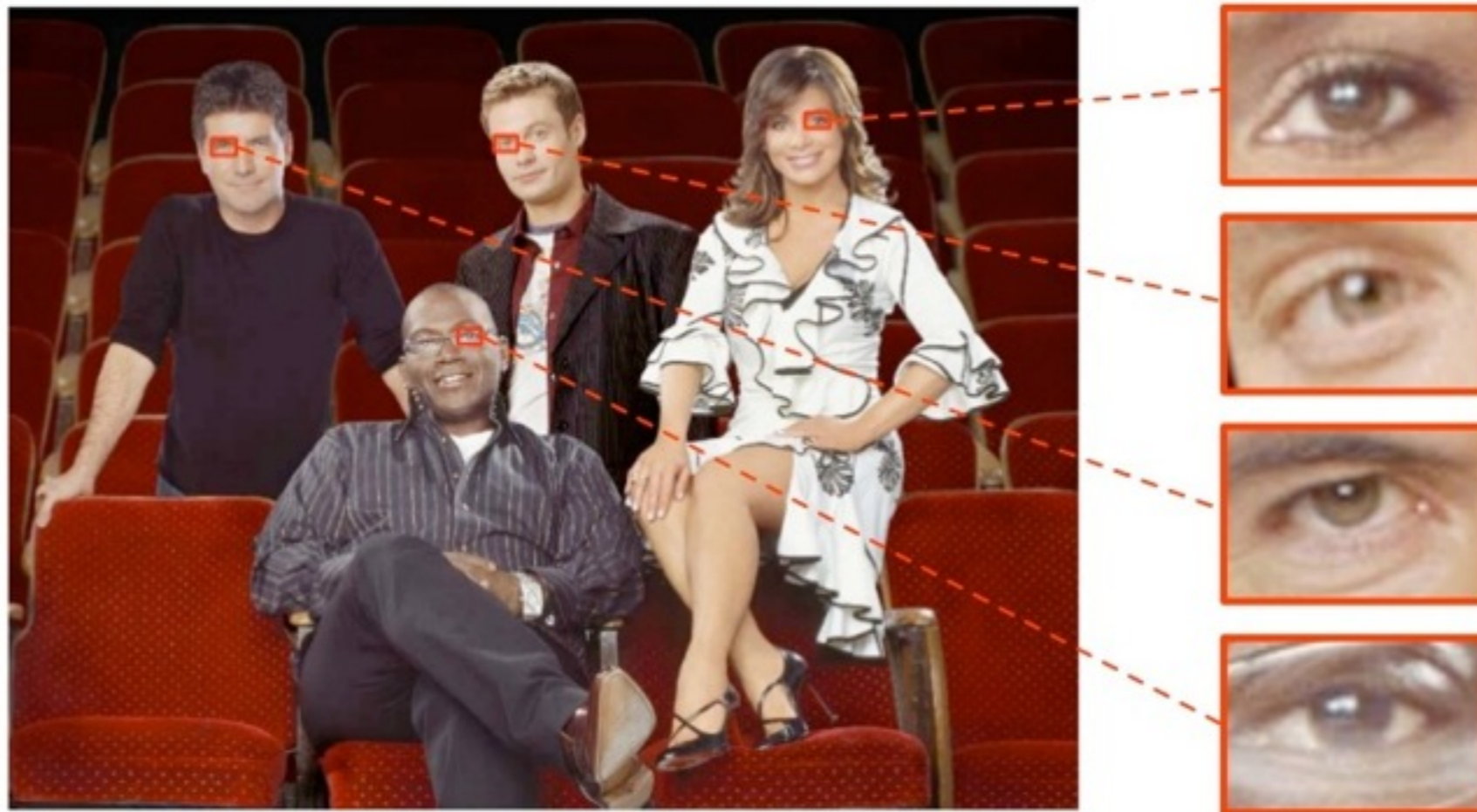
- Extraction of new features;
- Machine learning decision process.

Johnson and Farid's Method



Example

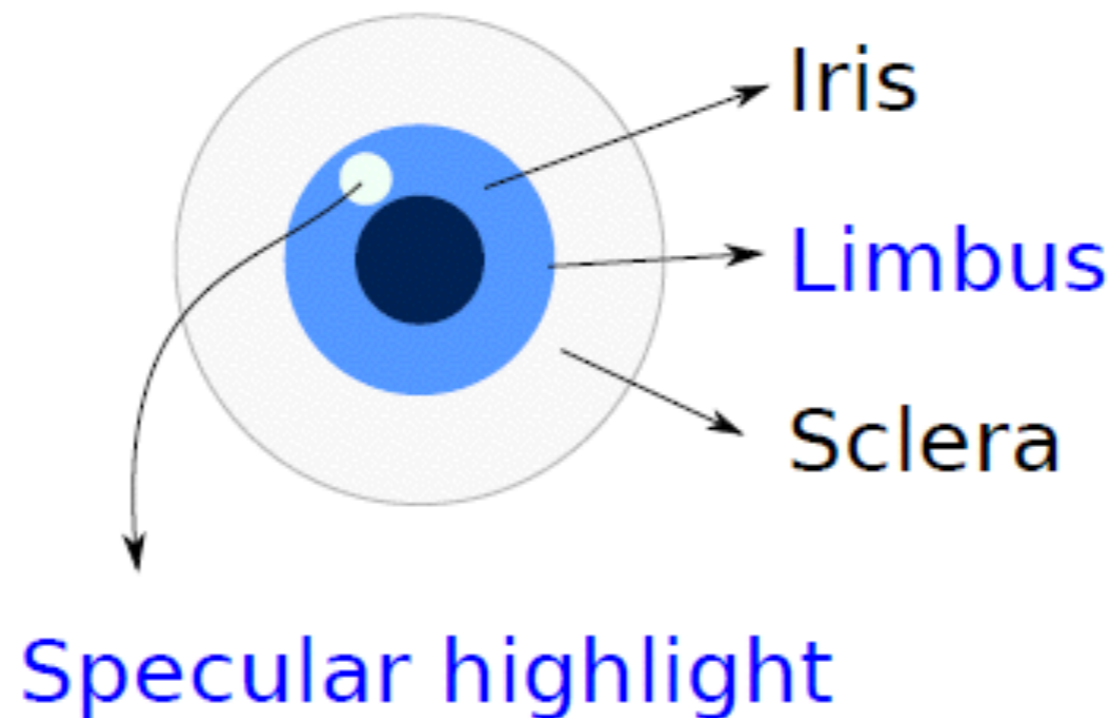
▶ *American Idol*



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Pre-processing

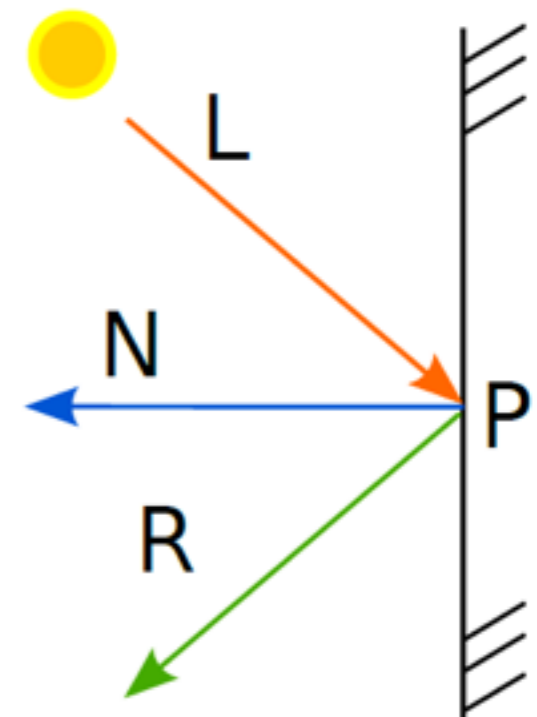
- ▶ **Objective:** Extract useful information from a photograph to analyze its authenticity.



Stage I – Light Source Direction

- ▶ **Objective:** Estimate the direction connecting the eye to a light source.
- ▶ **Fundamentals:** Law of reflection

$$L = 2(R^T N)N - R$$



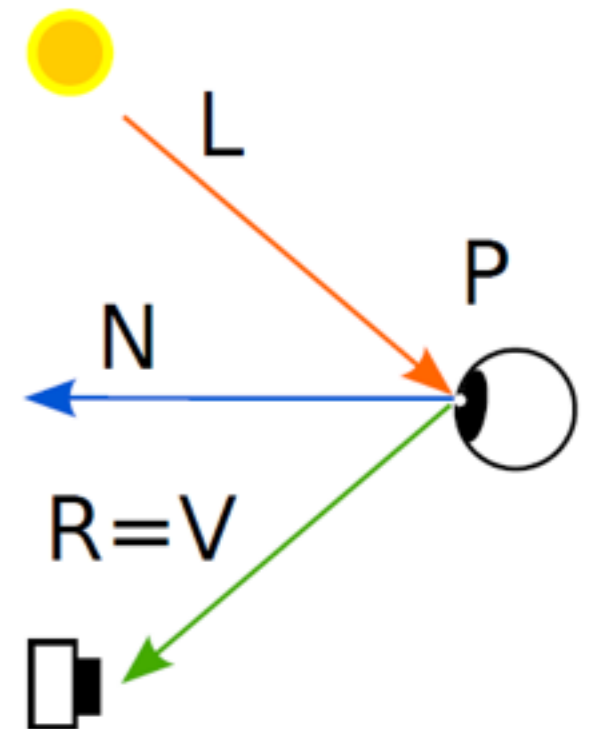
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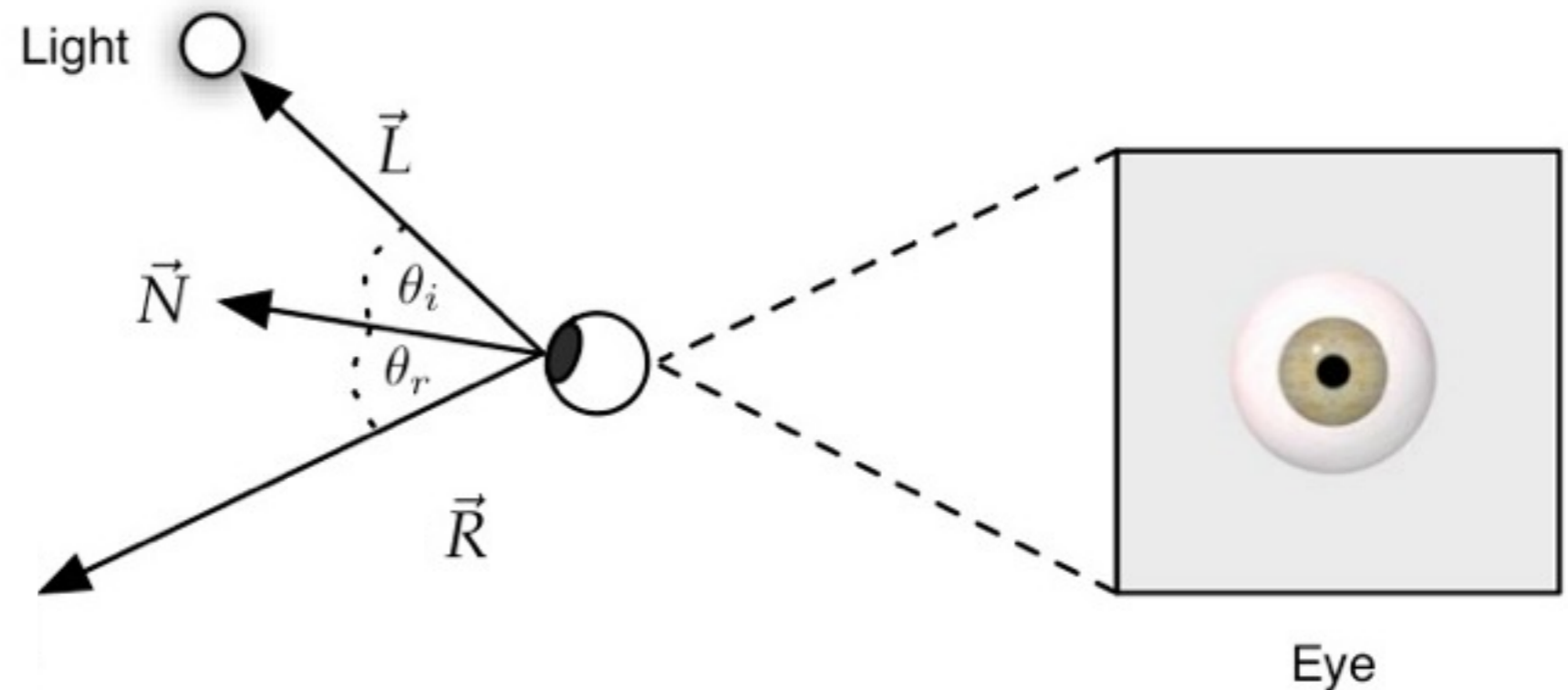
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- ▶ Assuming the eyes are perfect reflectors, $V=R$:

$$L = 2(V^T N)N - V$$



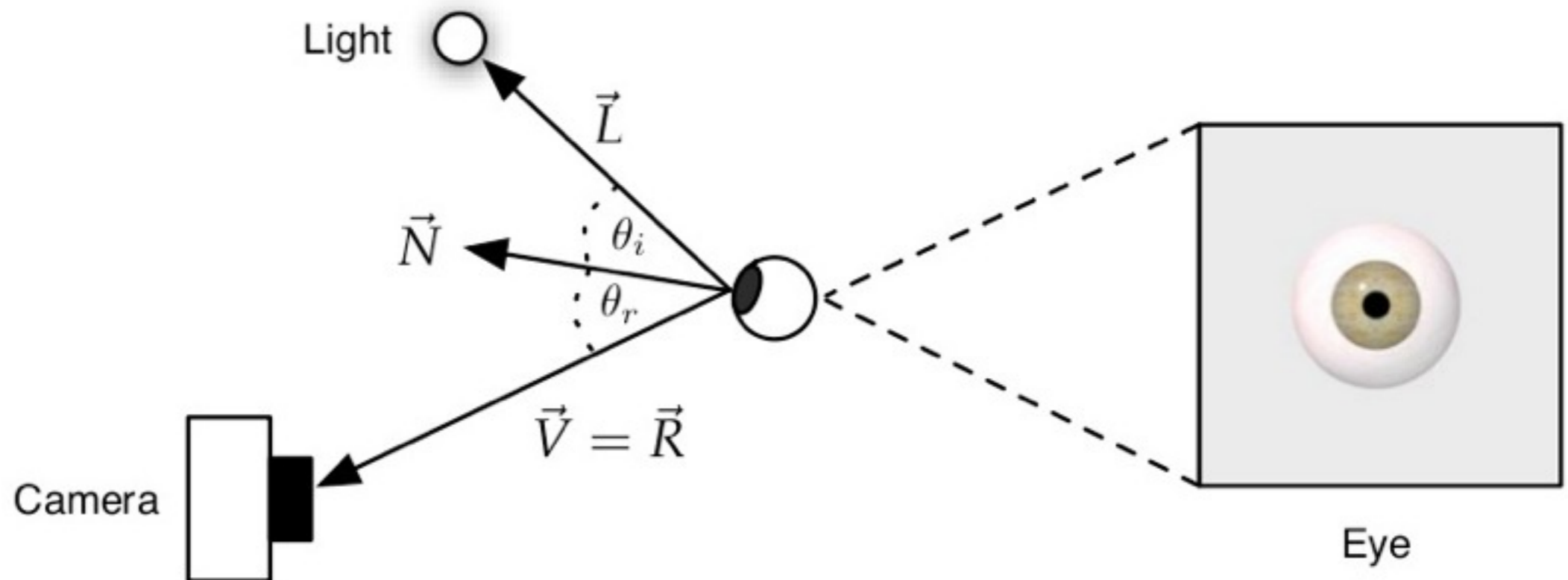
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Stage 2 – Source Light Position

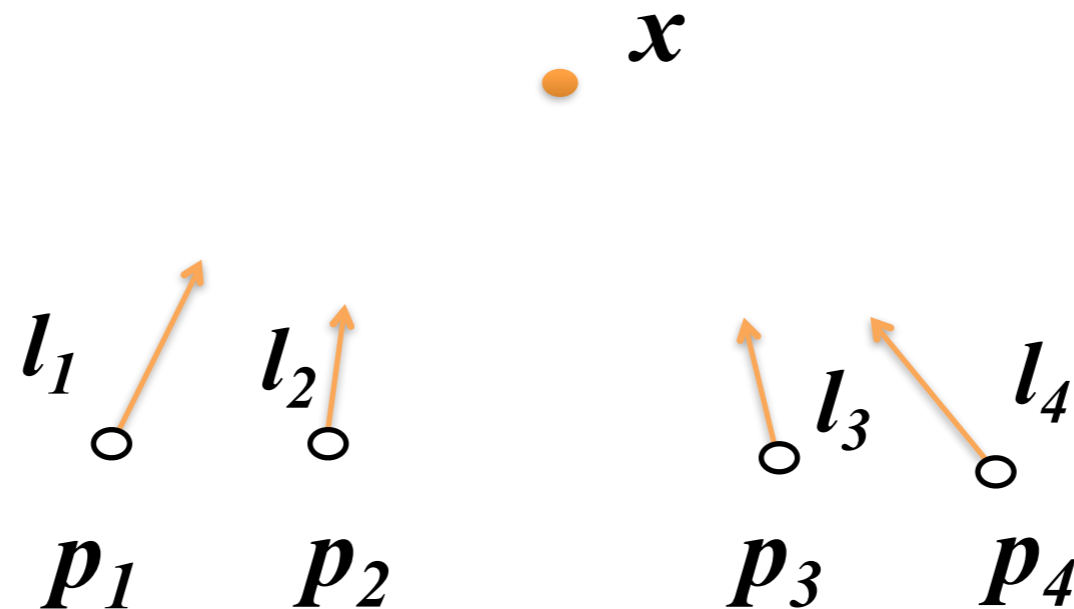
Objectives:

- ▶ Estimate a single position of the light source for all the eyes.
- ▶ Calculate quantities (angular errors) that can be used later to decide whether the image is a composite or not.

Stage 2 – Source Light Position

Fundamentals:

- ▶ For all the specular highlights \mathbf{p} , the estimated directions \mathbf{l} to their light sources shall converge to a single point \mathbf{x} .

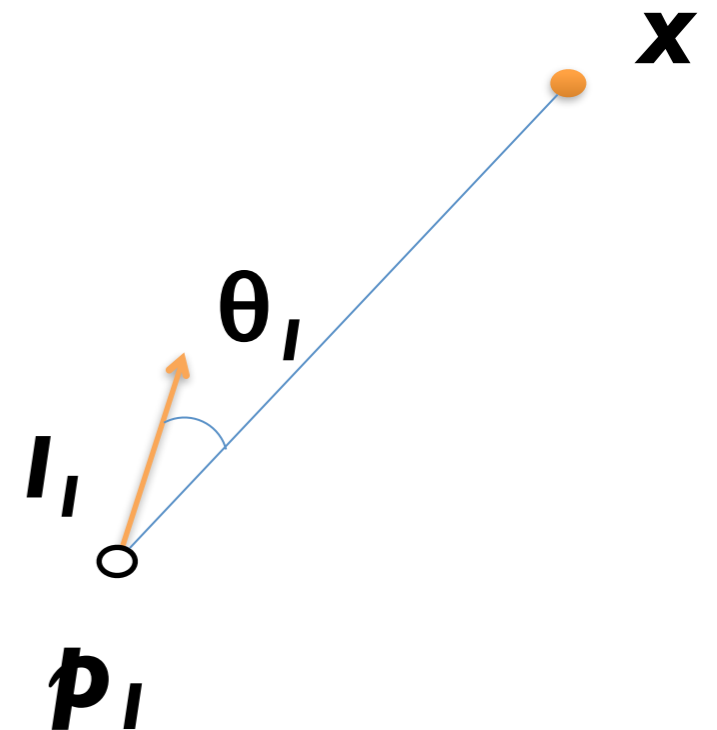


Stage 2 – Source Light Position

Fundamentals:

- ▶ Given a specific direction l_i , and a freely chosen point \mathbf{x} to serve as a candidate for the light source, one can calculate an **angular error** θ_i between them:

$$\theta_i(\mathbf{x}) = \arccos \left(l_i^T \frac{\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i}{\|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{p}_i\|} \right)$$



Stage 2 – Source Light Position

Fundamentals:

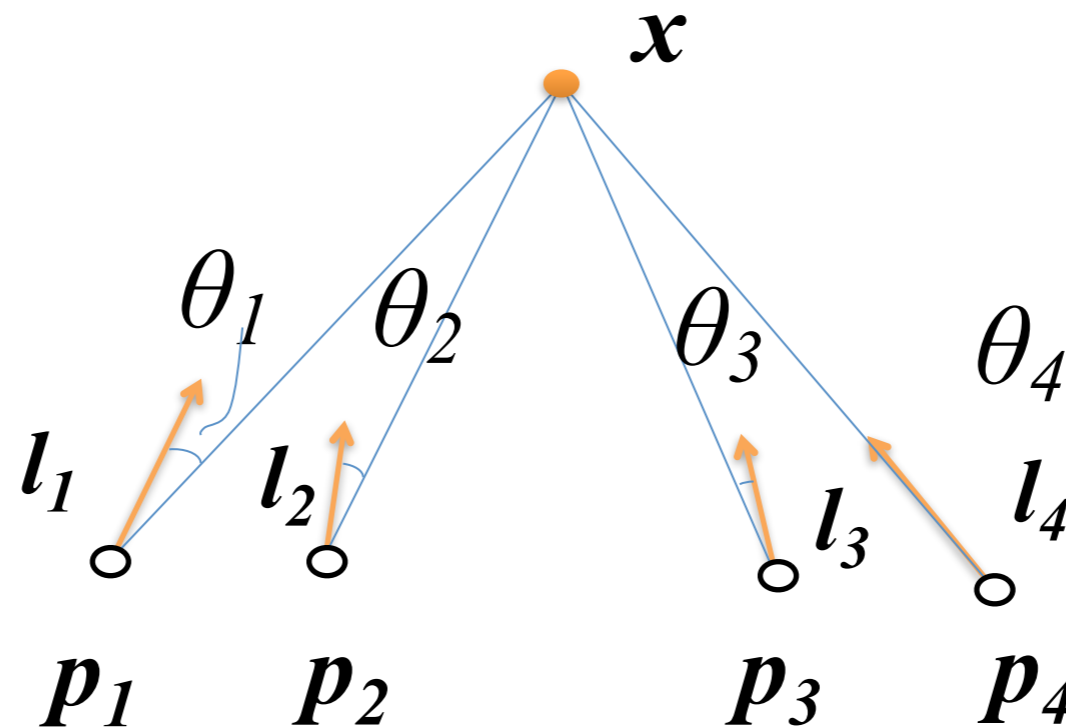
- ▶ For an image with n specular highlights, the best position of the light source can be estimated by minimizing the sum of the angular errors θ_i .

$$E(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_i(\mathbf{x})$$

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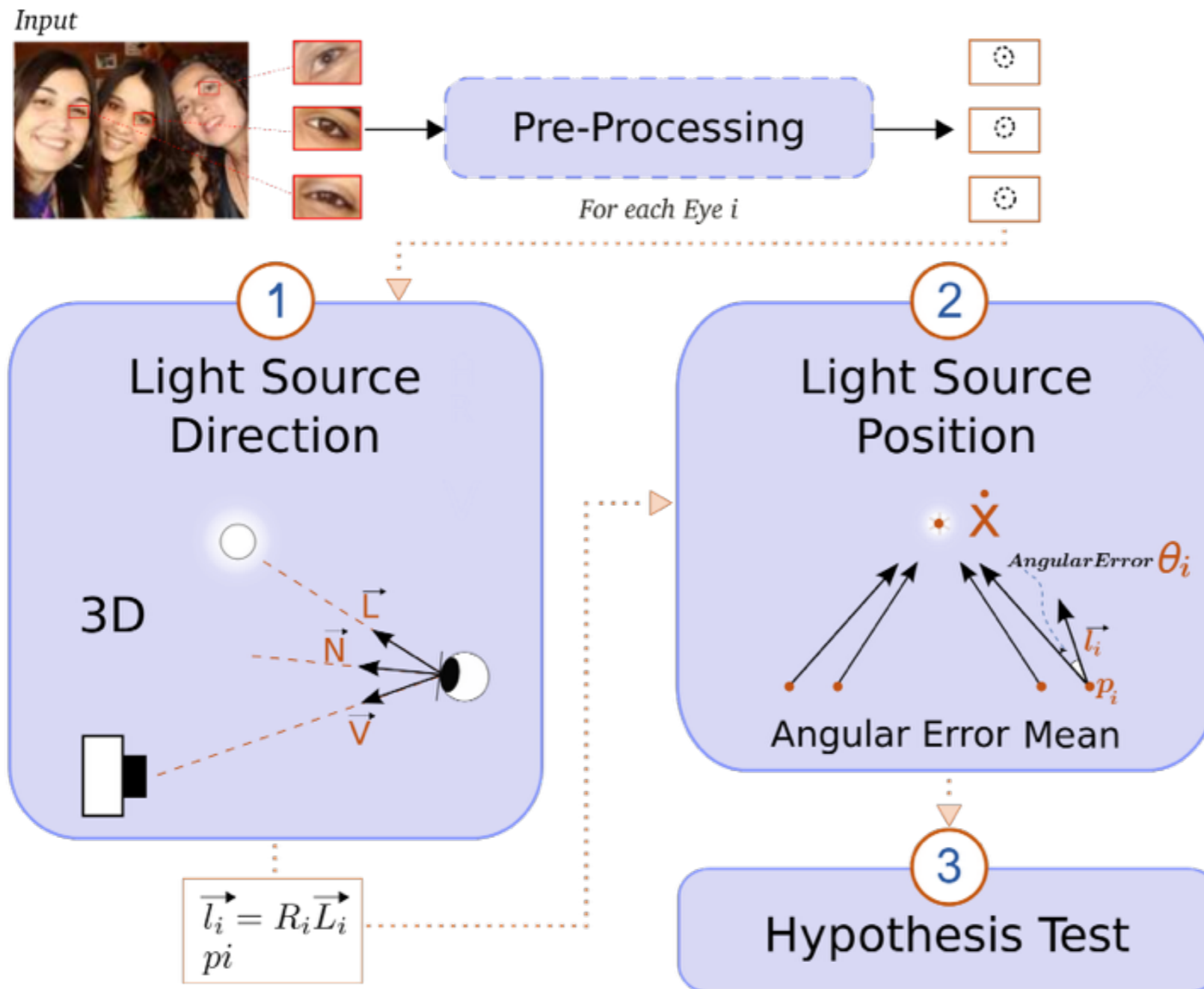


Stage 3 – Decision

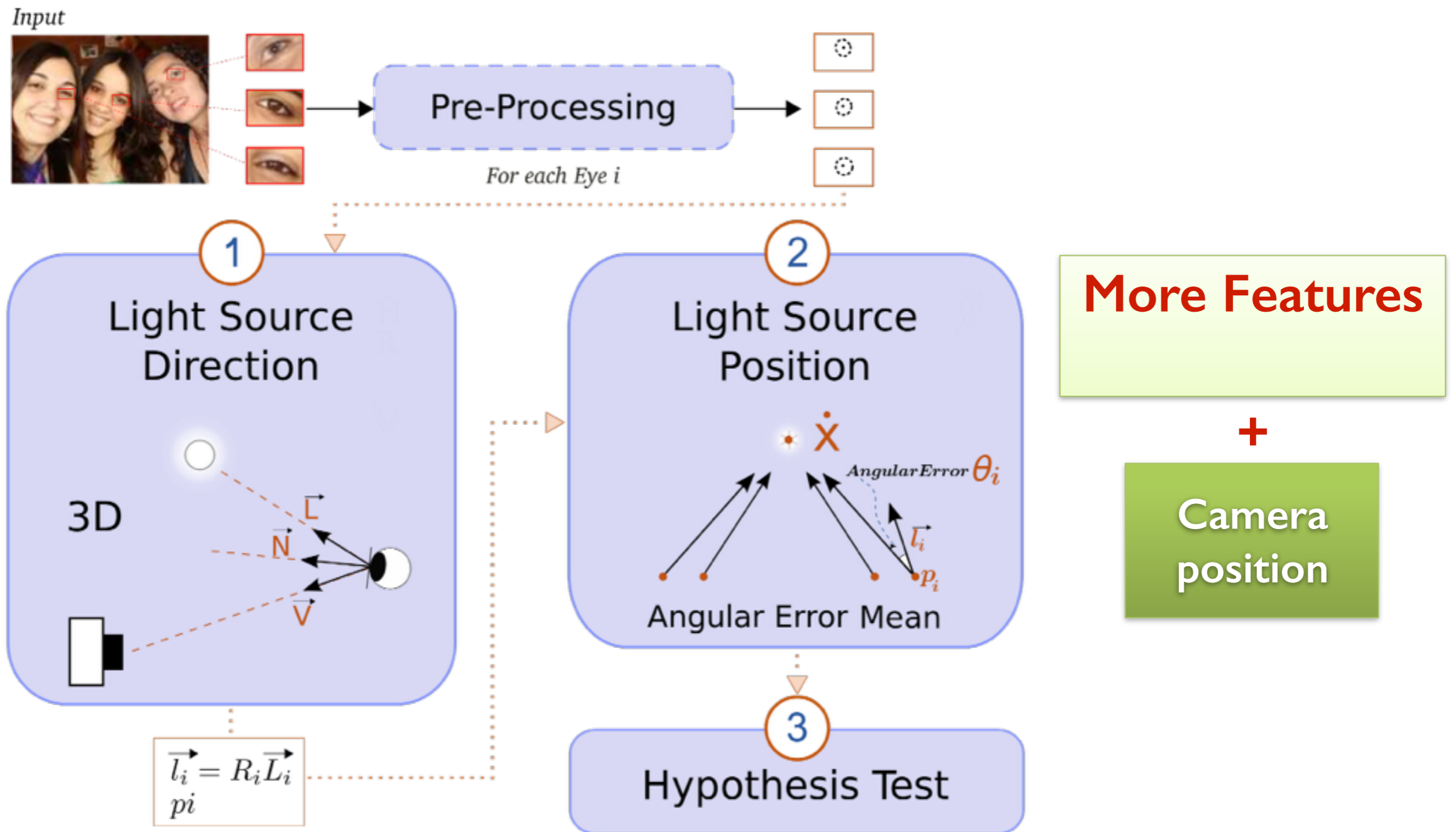
Objective:

- ▶ Decide whether or not an image is tampered, by the application of classical hypotheses tests over the **mean value of the angular errors**.

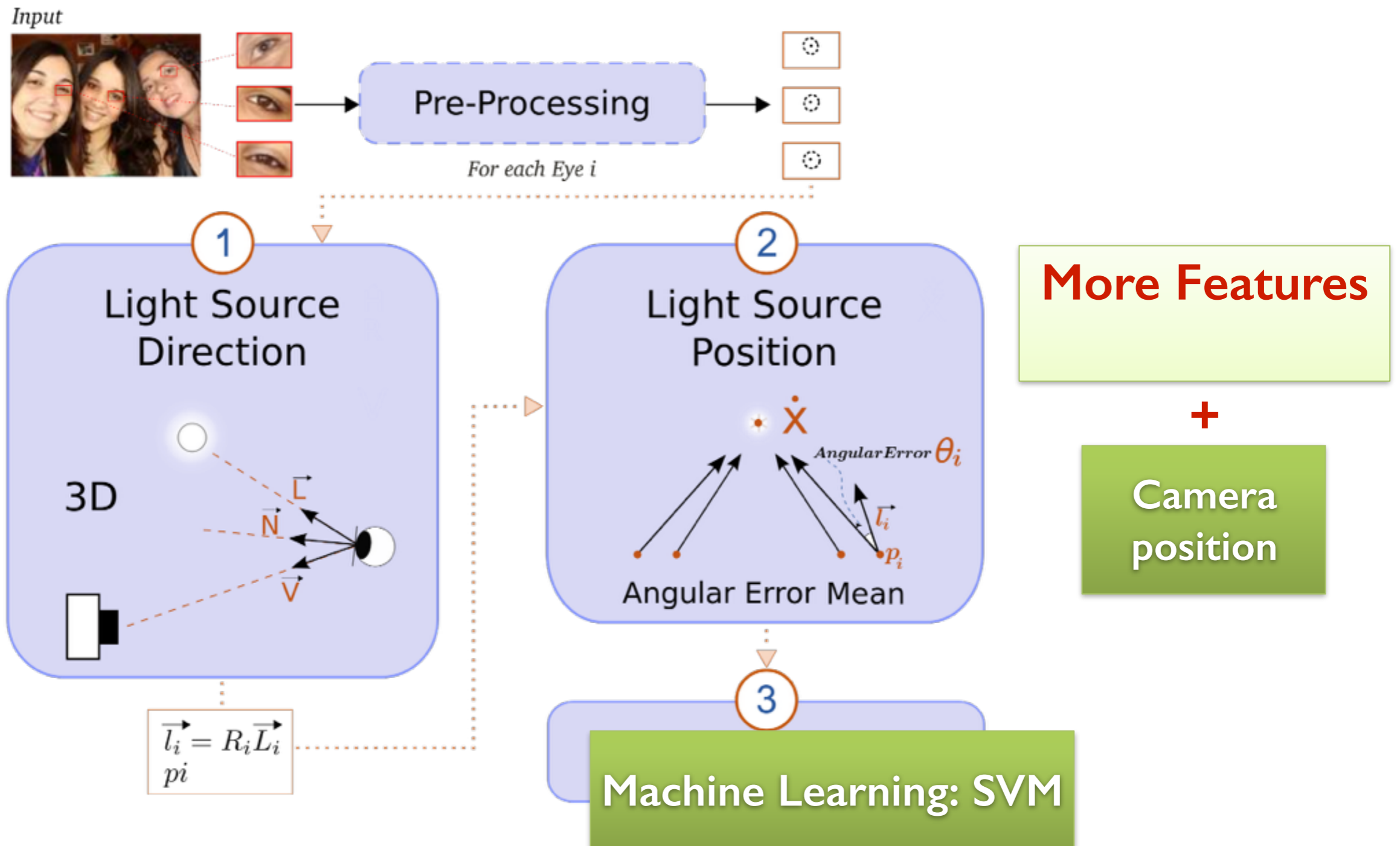
Our proposal



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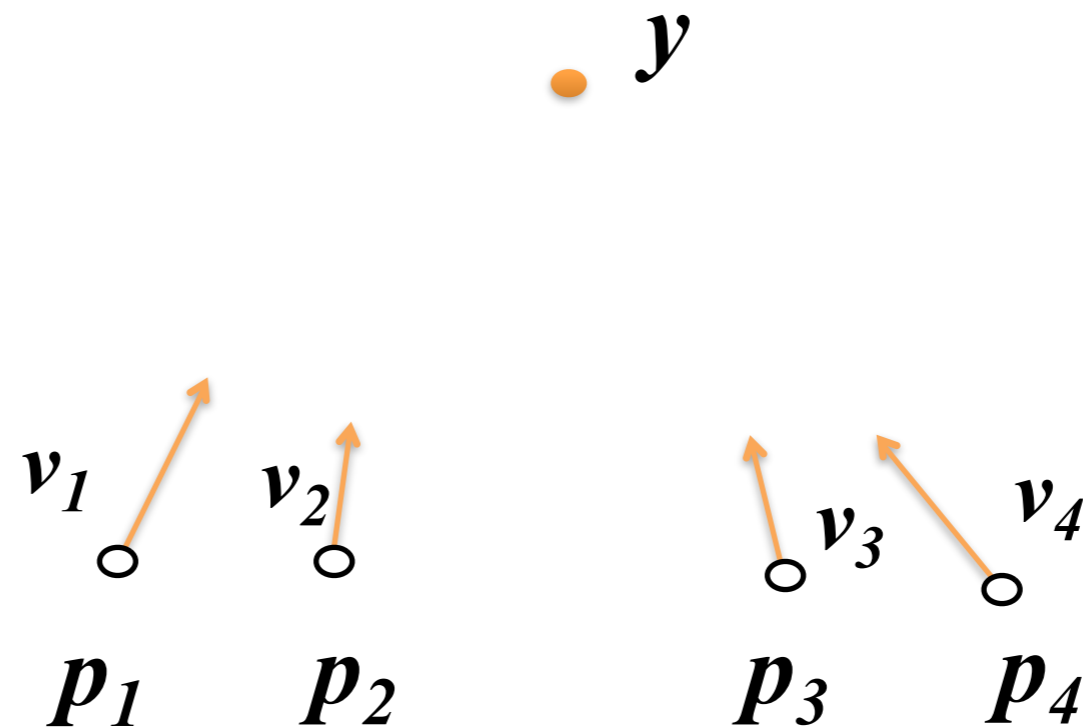
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Stage 2 – Camera Position

Fundamentals:

- ▶ For all the specular highlights p_i , the estimated directions v_i to their capture points shall converge to a single point y .

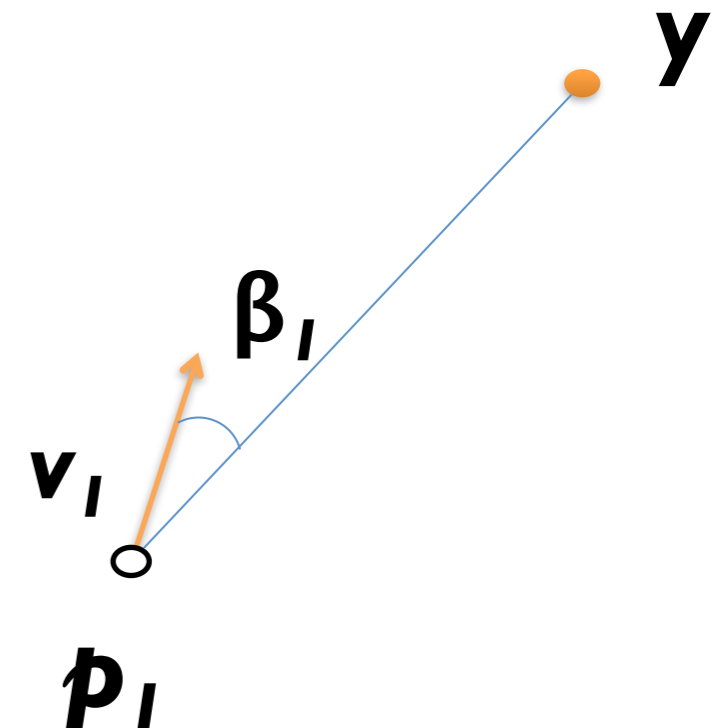


Stage 2 – Camera Position

Fundamentals:

- ▶ Given a specific direction \mathbf{v}_i , and a freely chosen point \mathbf{y} to serve as a candidate for the position of the camera, one can calculate an angular error β_i between them:

$$\beta_i(\mathbf{y}) = \arccos \left(\mathbf{v}_i^T \frac{\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{p}_i}{\|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{p}_i\|} \right)$$



Stage 2 – Camera Position

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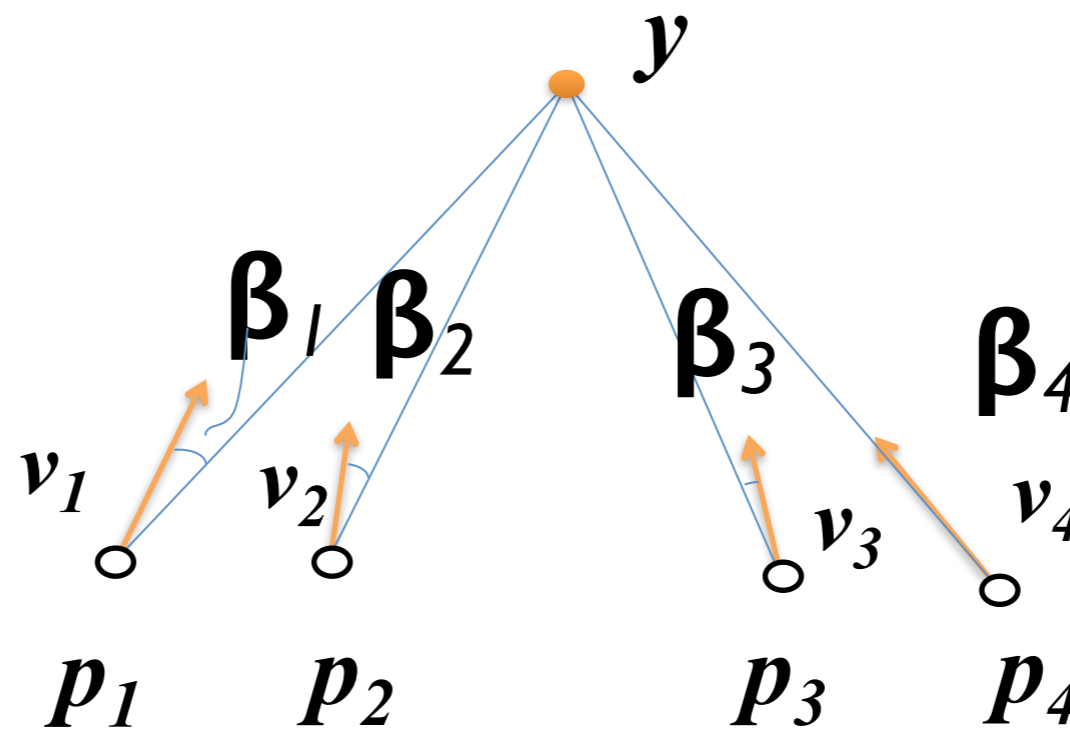
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Stage 2 – Camera Position

Stage 3:

- ▶ Use four features to decide about authenticity images:

LME - The mean value of the angular errors related to the light source position (maintained from Johnson and Farid's Method);

LSE - The standard deviation of the angular errors related to the light source position;

VME - The mean value of the angular errors related to the camera position;

VSE - The standard deviation of the angular errors related to the camera position.

Stage 3 – Our Proposal

Stage 3:

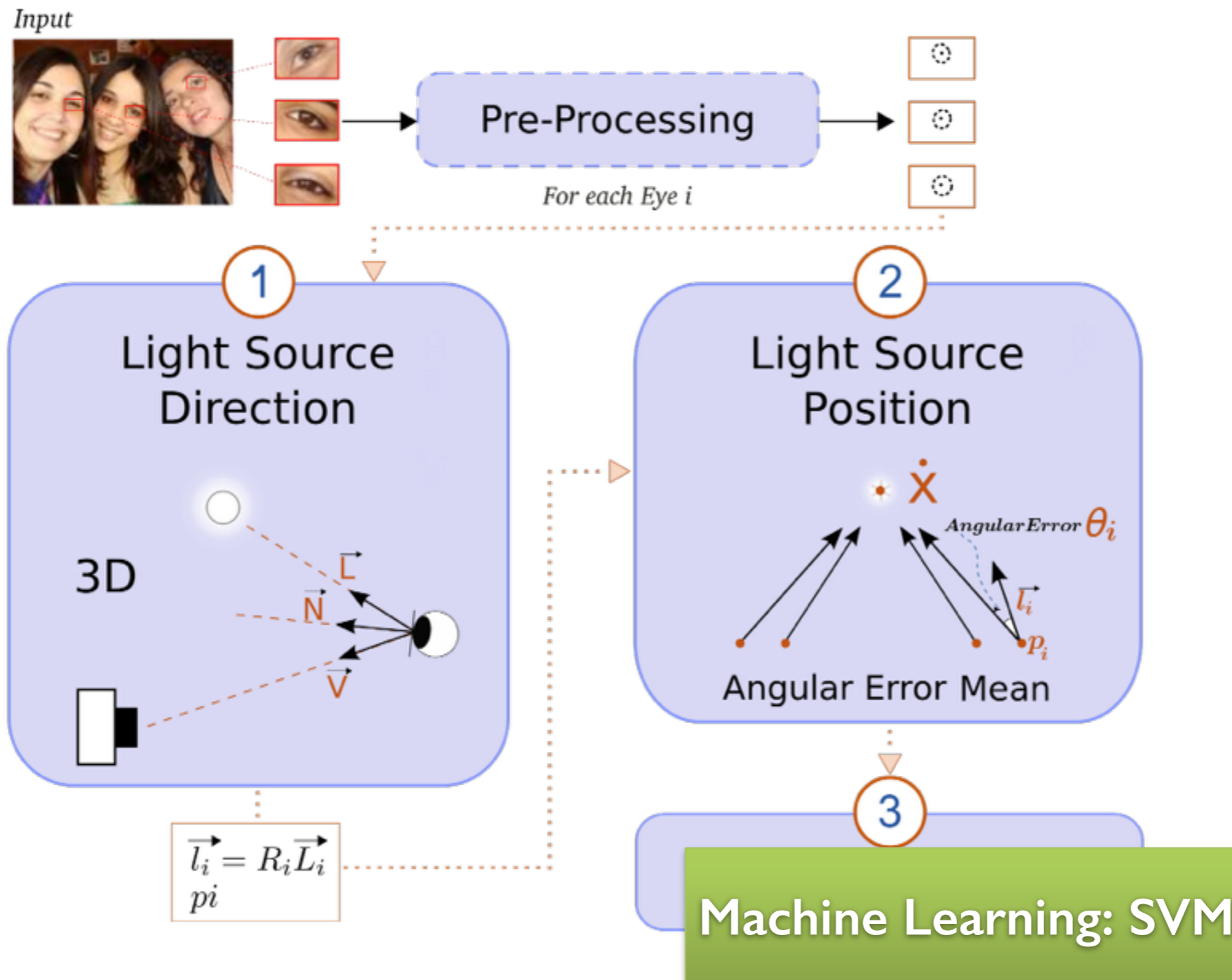
- ▶ Decide whether or not the image is a composite, based on the four LME, LSE, VME and VSE features;
- ▶ Apply SVM-based machine learning techniques instead of a hypotheses test, in such process.

The Devil is in the Details

Coordinate Systems

- ▶ We will be dealing with two different coordinate systems
 - System relative to the position of the eye
 - Uppercase
 - System relative to the position of the camera
 - Lowecase

Our proposal

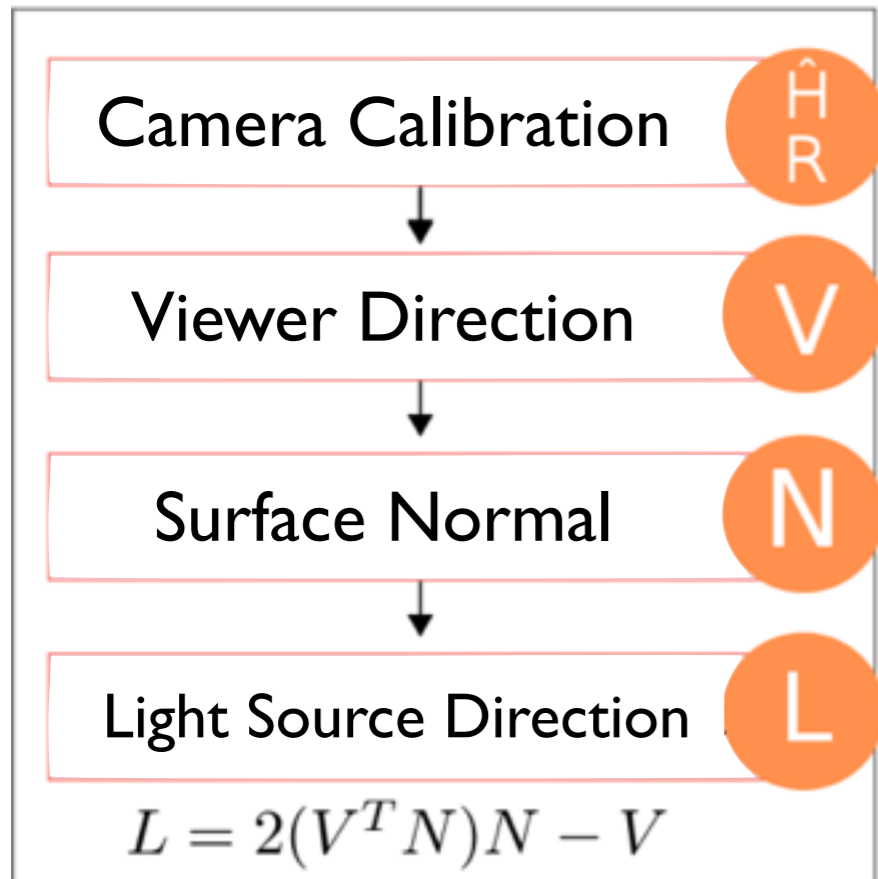


Input



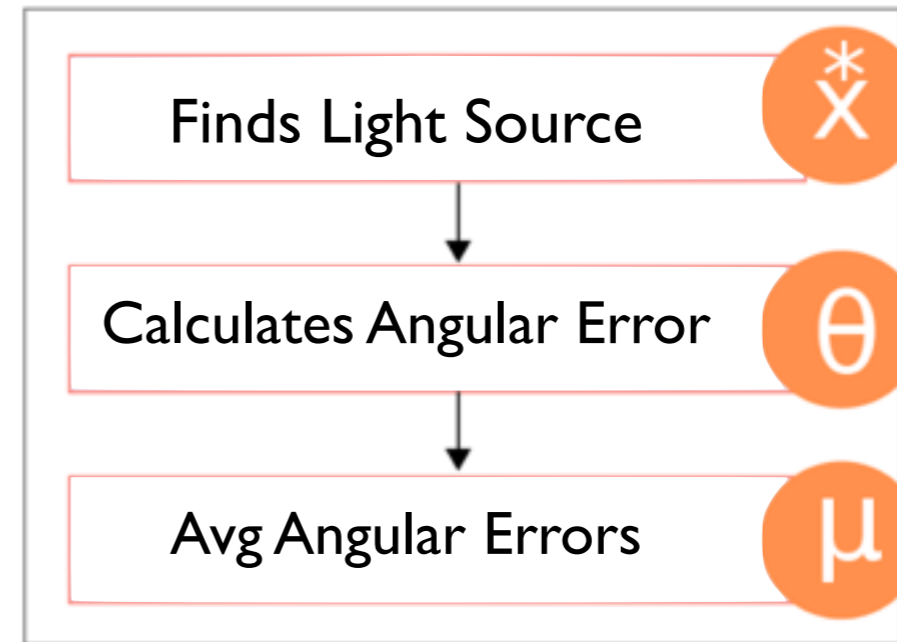
Pre-processing

For each eye i



$$l_i = R_i L_i$$

p_i



Hypothesis Testing

Machine Learning: SVM

Step 1: Light Source Direction

Step 1: Light Direction

Camera Calibration

- ▶ For obtaining the source light L , it is necessary to know the vectors V (viewer's direction) and N (surface normal)
- ▶ For obtaining V and N in a common coordinate system, first it is necessary to estimate the projective matrix transformation H which describes the transformation from world coordinates to image coordinates

Step 1: Light Direction

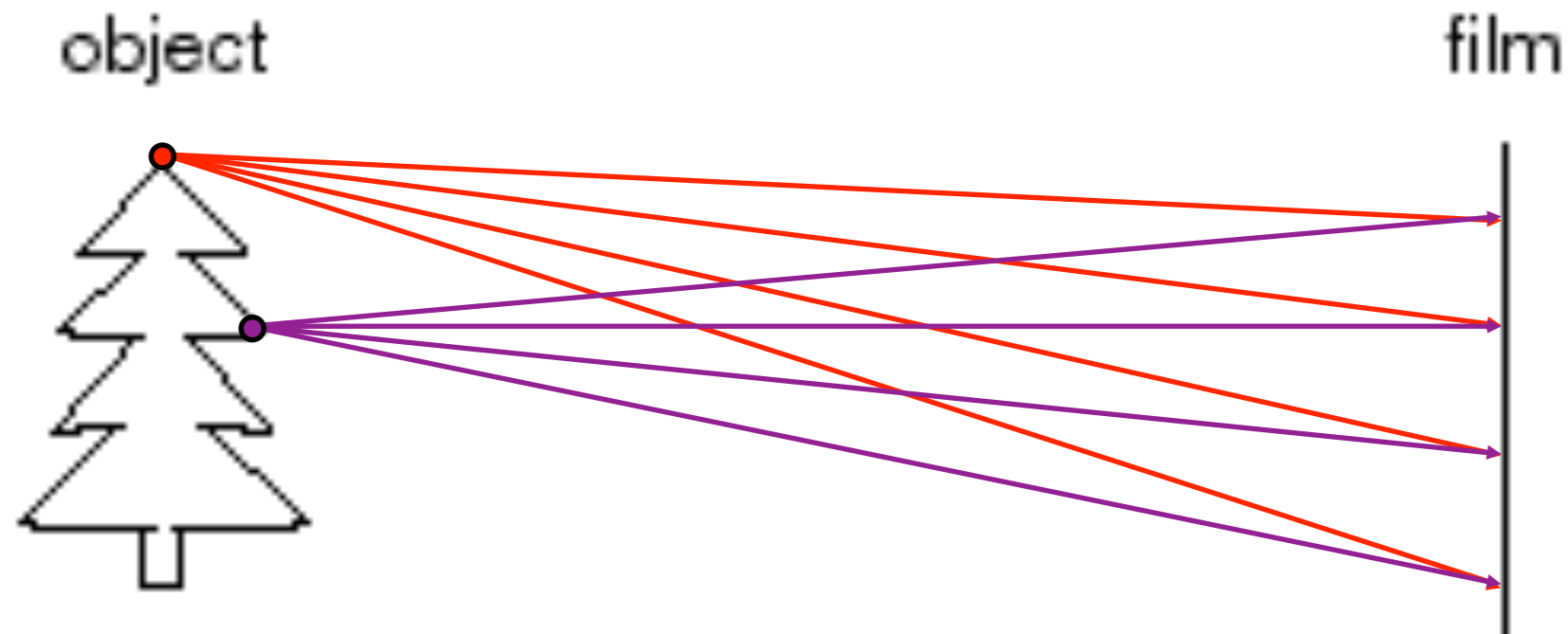
Camera Calibration

- ▶ The *projective transformation* H which describes the coordinate system transformation is given by

$$x_{im} = HX$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} f s_x & f \tau & c_x \\ 0 & f s_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} [R \ T]$$

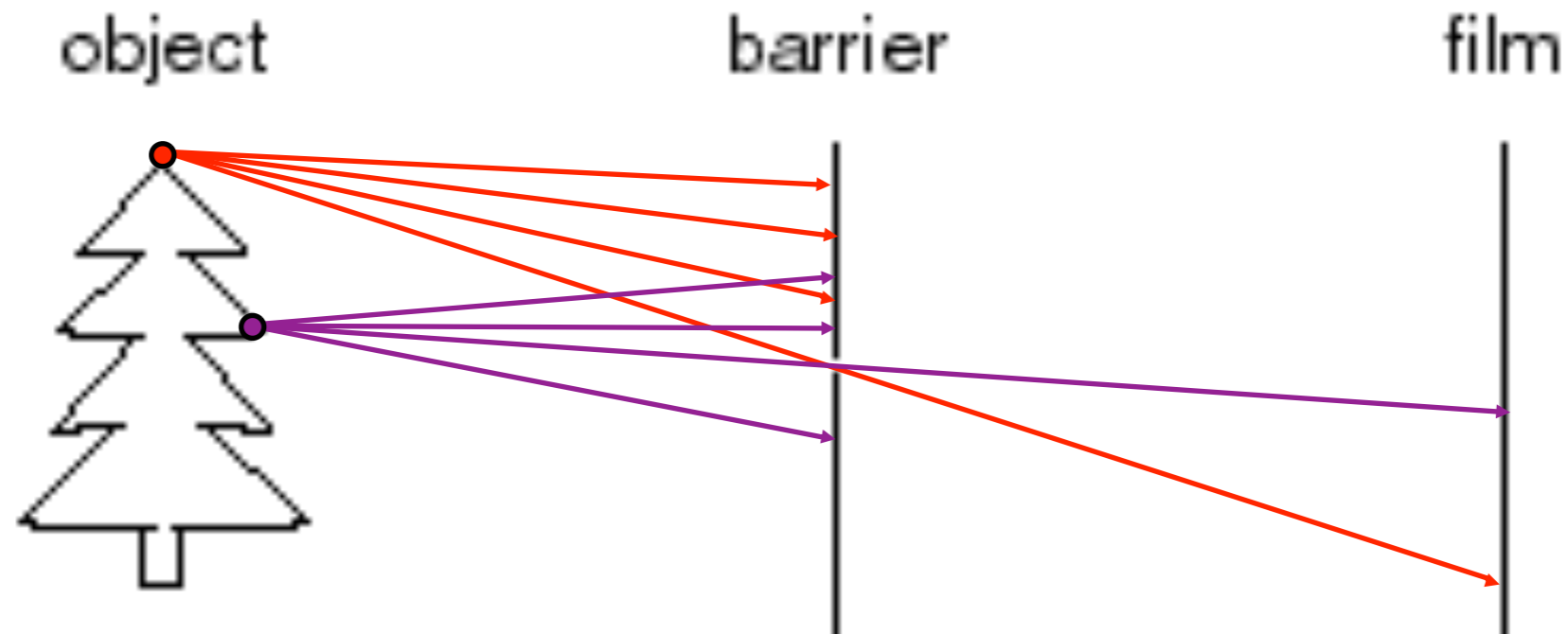
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Let's design a camera

- Idea 1: put a piece of film in front of an object
- Do we get a reasonable image?

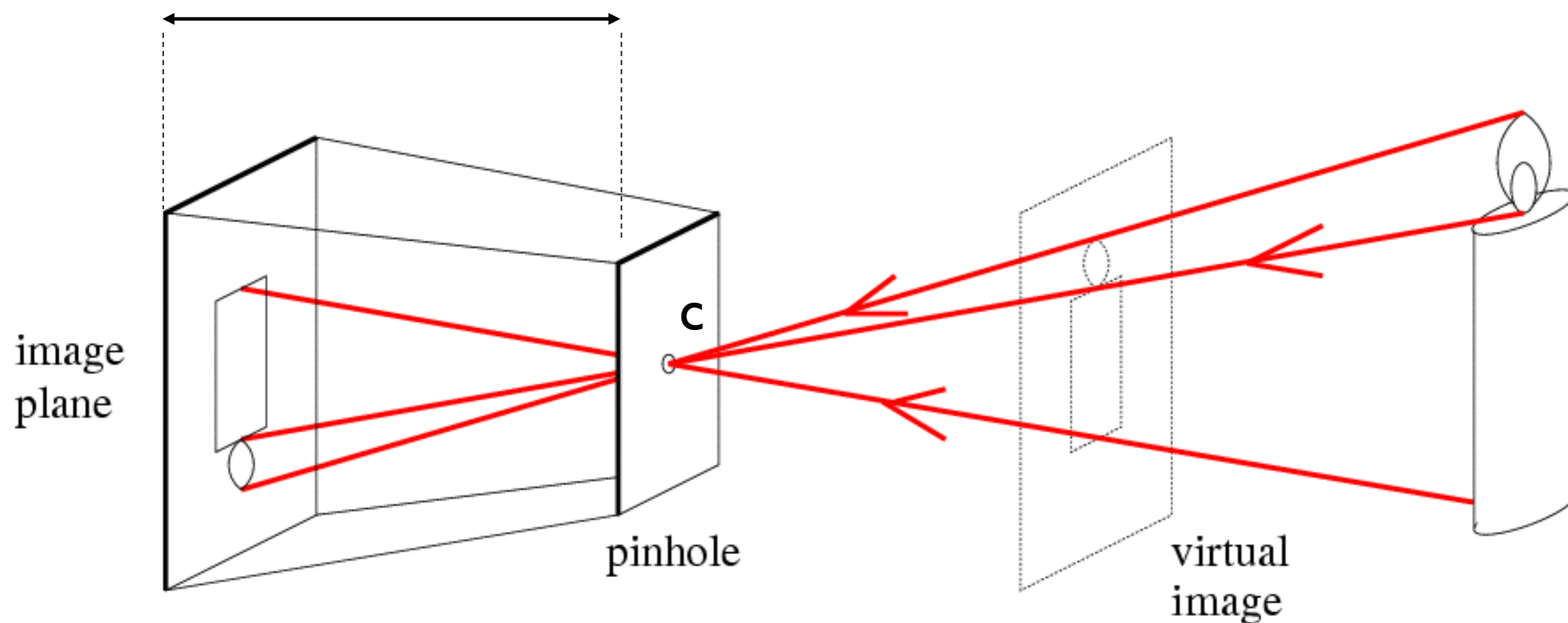
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Idea 2: add a barrier to block off most of the rays

- This reduces blurring
- The opening known as the **aperture**

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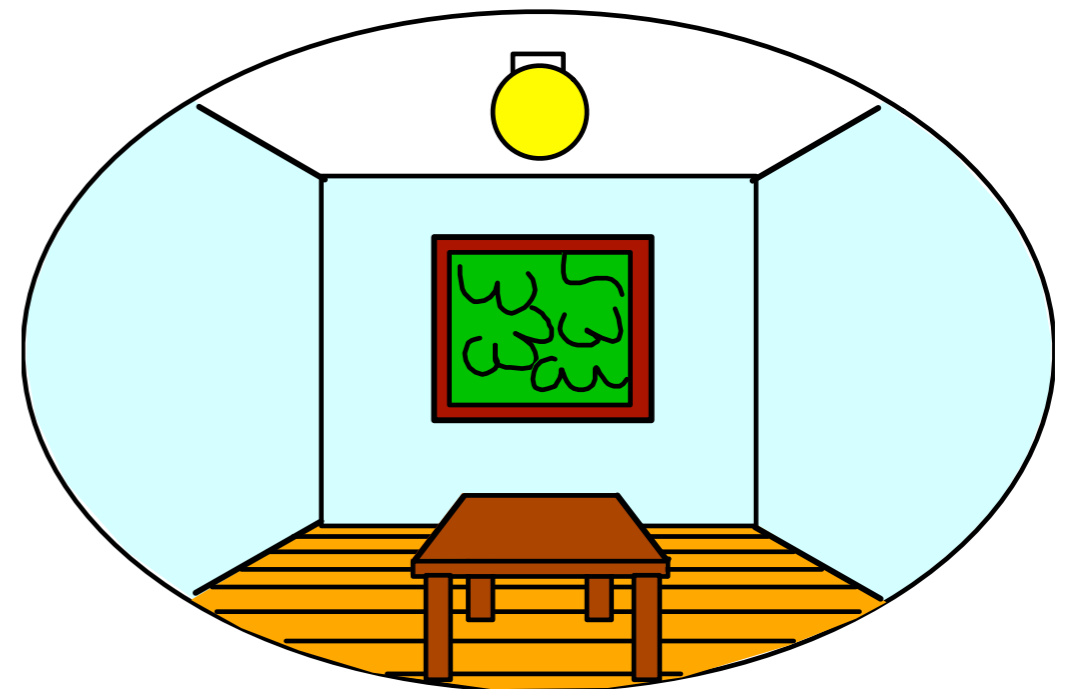
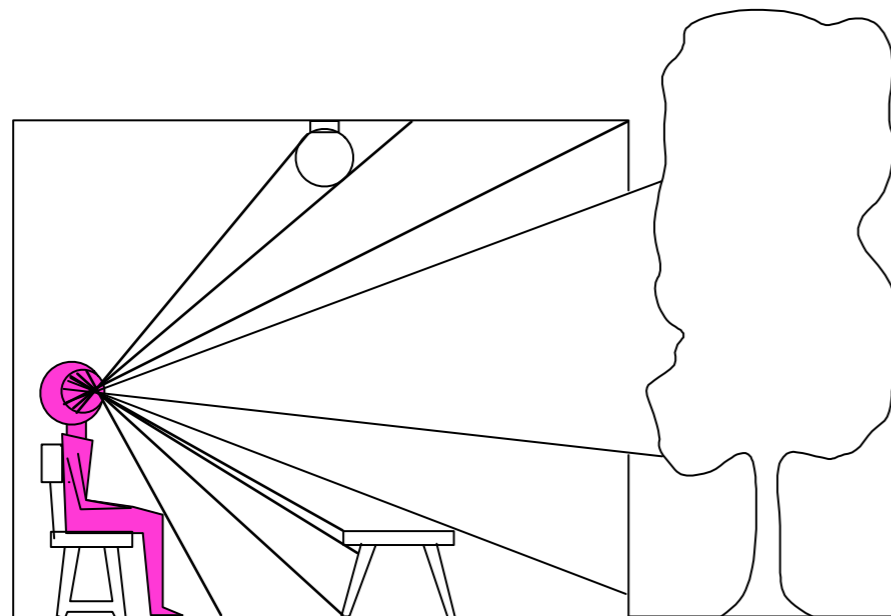


f = focal length
 c = center of the camera

Dimensionality Reduction Machine (3D to 2D)

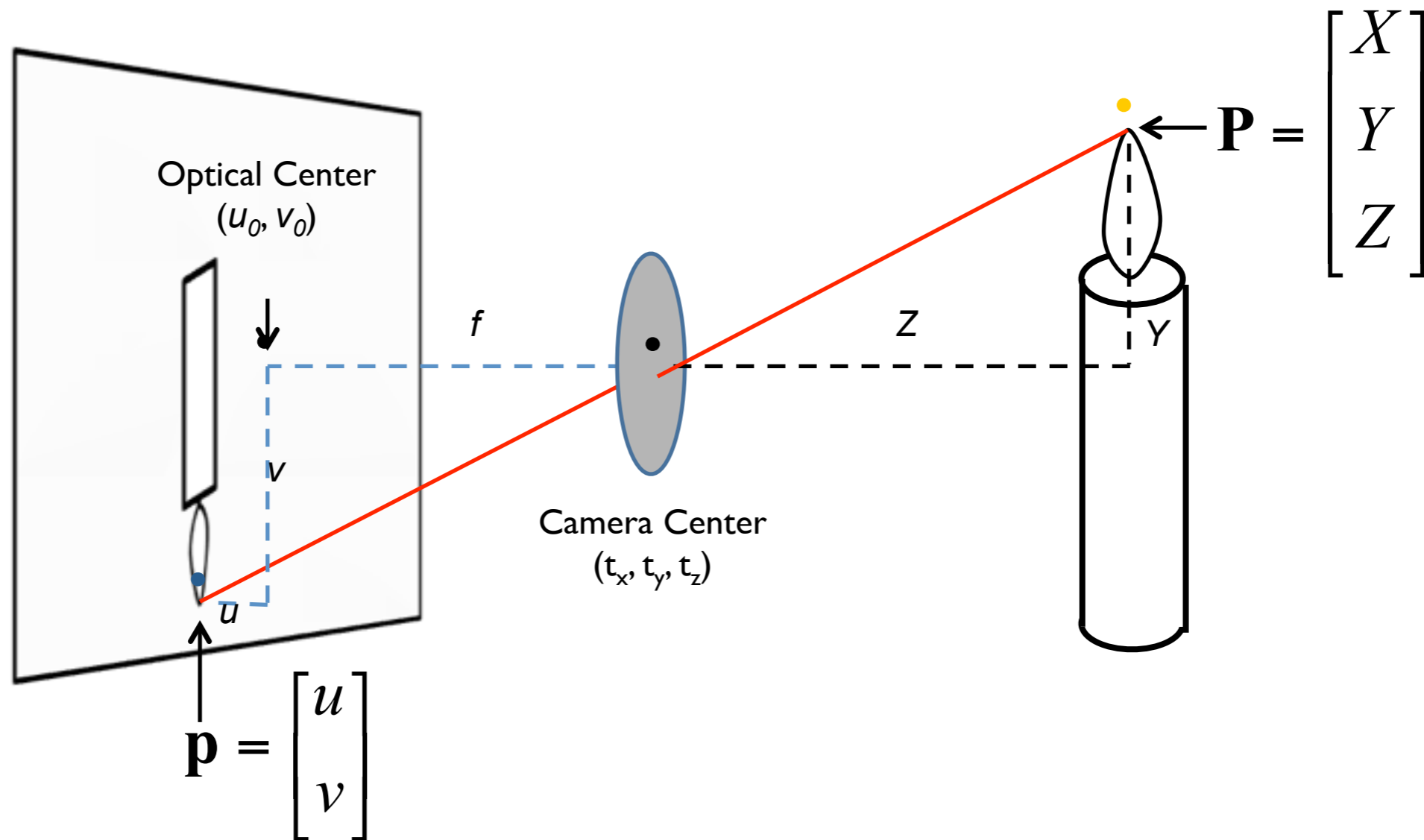
3D world

2D image

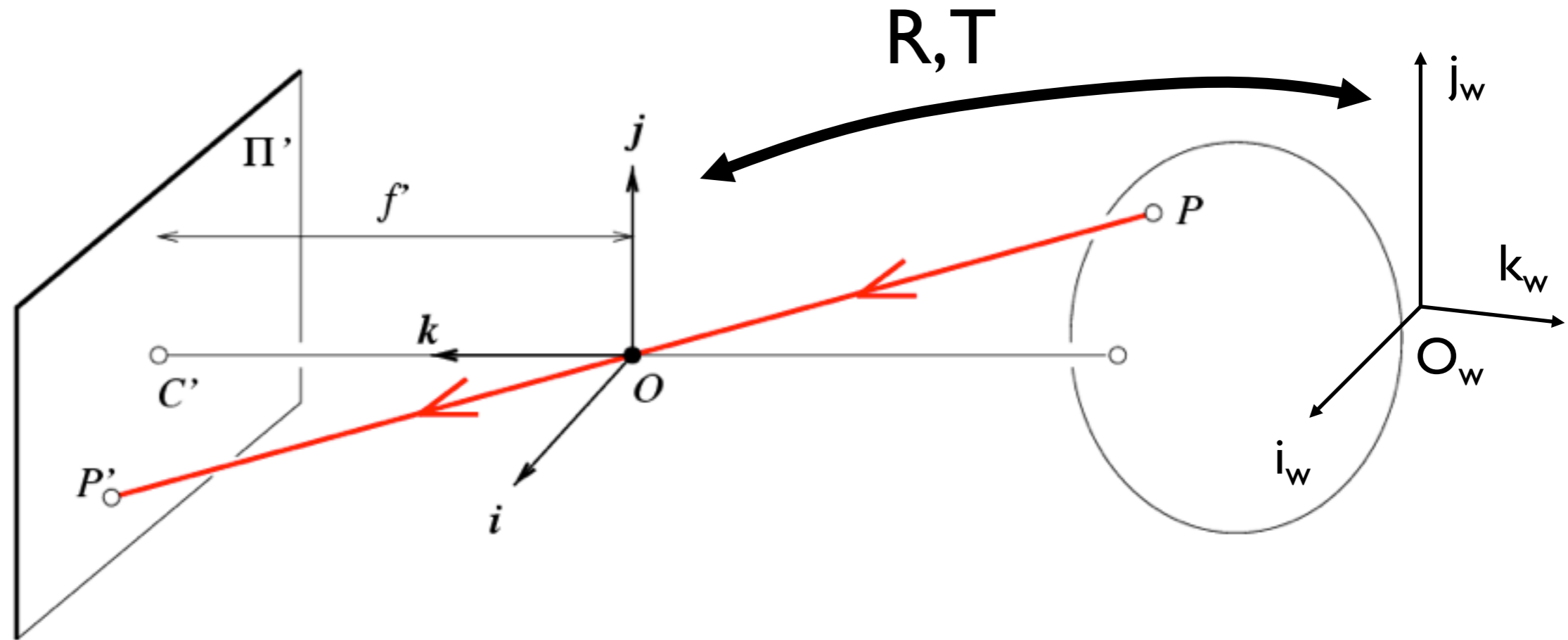


Point of observation

Projection: world coord. \rightarrow image coord.



Projection Matrix



$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{K} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R} & \mathbf{t} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}$$

\mathbf{x} : Image Coordinates: (u, v, l)

\mathbf{K} : Intrinsic Matrix (3×3)

\mathbf{R} : Rotation (3×3)

\mathbf{t} : Translation (3×1)

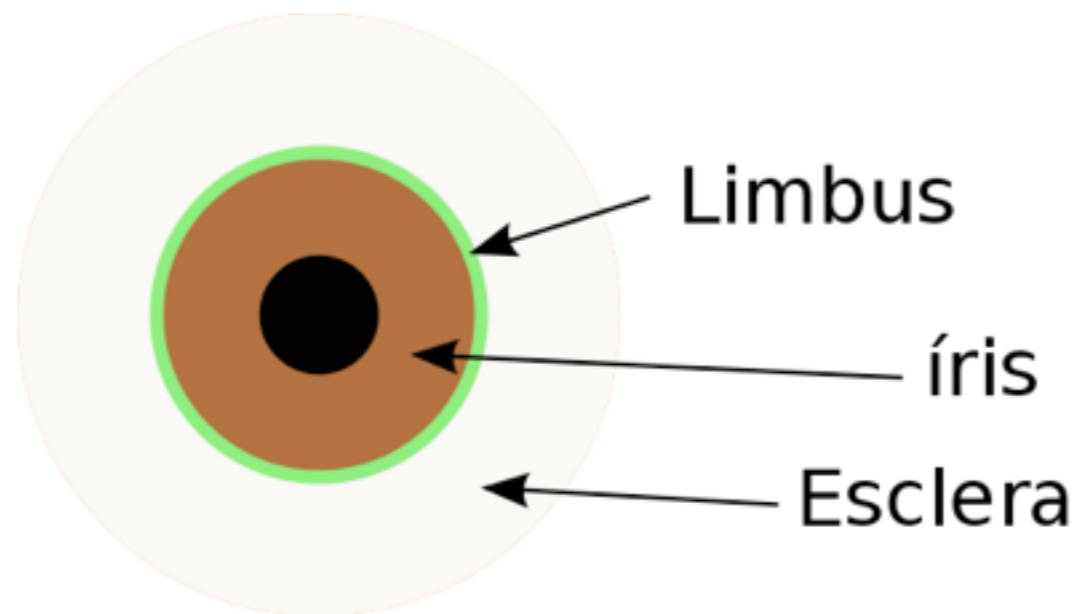
\mathbf{X} : World Coordinates: (X, Y, Z, l)

Getting back on track

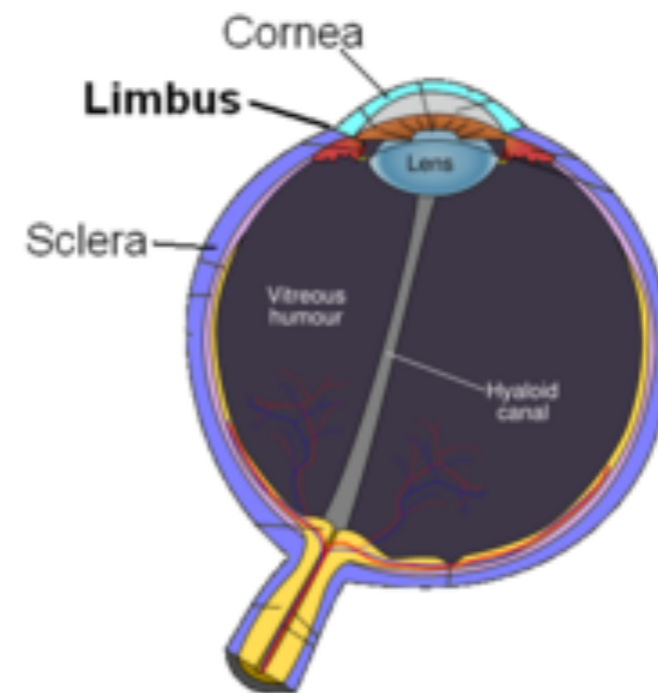
Step 1: Light Direction

Camera Calibration

- ▶ The eye geometry is explored to estimate the transformation
- ▶ The **limbus** is the border between sclera (white part) and the iris (colored part). It can be modeled as a circle (in green in the figure)



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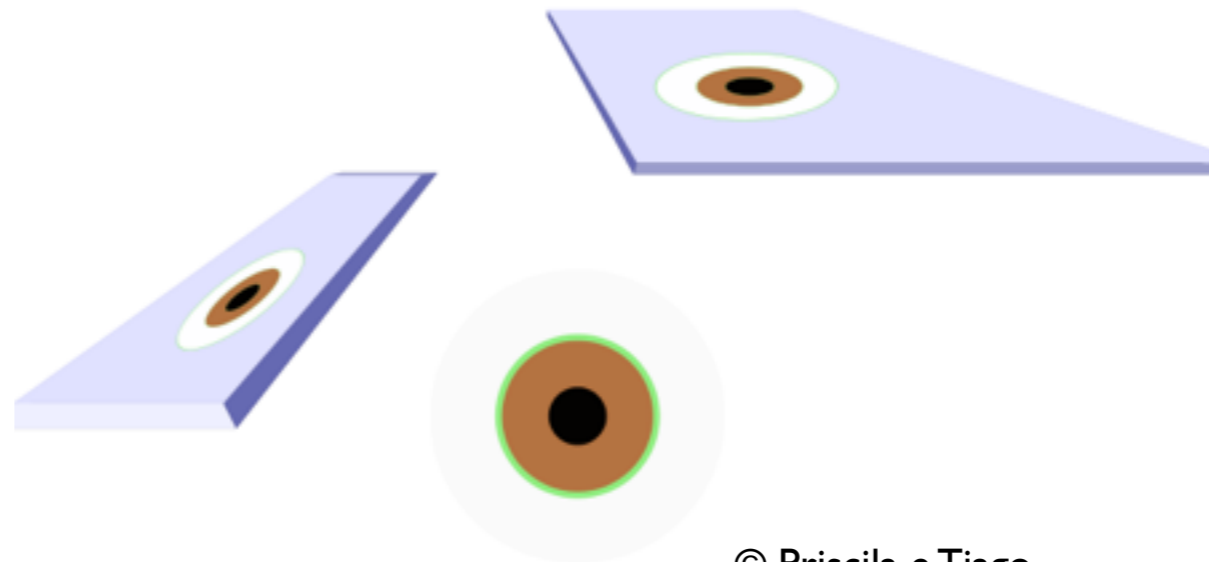


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Step 1: Light Direction

Camera Calibration

- ▶ However, the image of the limbus will be an ellipsis when captured by the camera. The exception is when the eyes are exactly in front of the camera

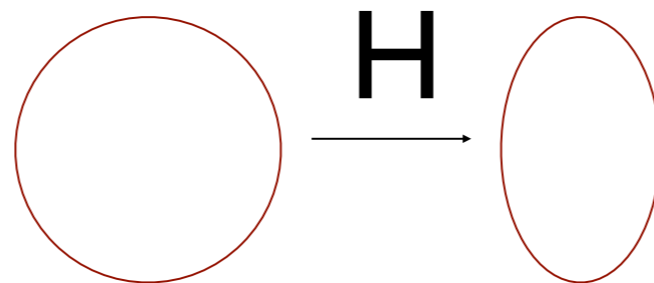


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Step 1: Light Direction

Camera Calibration

- ▶ Intuitively, the distortion of an ellipsis for a circle is related with pose and position of the eyes with respect to the camera
- ▶ In this way, we need a transformation that aligns the image of the limbus to a circle



$$x_{im} = HX$$

Step 1: Light Direction

Camera Calibration

- ▶ In general, the projective transformation (3D world coord to 2D image coord) are represented by homogeneous coordinates, in a 3x4 matrix H
- ▶ We assume the points in the limbus are co-planar and define the world coordinates in such a way they have $Z = 0$

Step 1: Light Direction

Camera Calibration

- ▶ With this assumption, the projective matrix H is reduced to a simple 3×3 planar projection transformation where world points X and image points x are represented by 2D homogenous vector
- ▶ Therefore, points in the limbus in world coordinates must obey the following implicit equation of a circle:

$$f(X, \alpha) = (X_1 - C_1)^2 + (X_2 - C_2)^2 - r^2 = 0$$

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- ▶ The vector α is composed by the center of the circle C and its radius r

$$\alpha = (C_1 \ C_2 \ r)^T$$

Step 1: Light Direction

Camera Calibration

- ▶ H and α are found using the following error function in these two parameters:

$$E(\alpha, H) = \sum_{i=1}^m \min_{X^*} \|x_i - HX_i^*\|^2$$

- ▶ This is a non-linear error function (non-linear least square problem), which can be solved using an iterative method (e.g., Gauss-Newton, Levenberg-Marquadt)

Step 1: Light Direction

Camera Calibration

- ▶ **Problem:** with a single circle, there is no unique transformation H which minimizes the equation
- ▶ **Solution:** with two coplanar circles, the transformation can be uniquely determined
- ▶ In this way, the error function must incorporate the two eyes for estimating H .

Step 1: Light Direction

Camera Calibration

- ▶ The camera intrinsic parameters
 - Focal length f
 - Camera center
 - Geometric distortion introduced by the optical system
 - Pixel ration (relation width/length)

Step 1: Light Direction

Camera Calibration

► Simplification:

- The camera center is the center of the image
- There is no radial distortion
- Pixel ratio is 1.

► We are left with only the focal length f

Step 1: Light Direction

Camera Calibration

- ▶ Camera extrinsic parameters:
 - Rotation matrix R and translation vector t .
- ▶ Together they define the transformation between the world coordinate system and the image coordinate system

Step 1: Light Direction

Camera Calibration

- ▶ Given that the points in the limbus belong to a unique plane (coplanar), H can be decomposed in terms of its intrinsic and extrinsic parameters

$$H = \lambda K \begin{pmatrix} r_1 & r_2 & t \end{pmatrix} \quad K = \begin{pmatrix} f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ where λ is a scale factor, the column vector r_1 e r_2 are the first and second column of the rotation matrix R , t is the translation vector and K is a 3x3 diagonal matrix with the focus

Step 1: Light Direction

Camera Calibration

- ▶ Recalling: H transforms world coordinates to image coordinates
- ▶ We want to estimate the transformation \hat{H} which transforms the world coordinates in camera coordinates and the rotation R .

Step 1: Light Direction

Camera Calibration

- ▶ With the focal length f known, it is possible to estimate \hat{H} directly:

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} K^{-1} H = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 & r_2 & t \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{H} = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 & r_2 & t \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\lambda} K^{-1} H$$

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 & r_2 & r_1 \times r_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 1: Light Direction

Camera Calibration

- ▶ With an **unknown f** , we need to estimate it before anything
- ▶ For that, we can decompose the H matrix in 8 variables:
 - Focal length
 - Scale factor λ
 - Rotation angles for x, y e z ;
 - x, y and z coordinates for translation t

Step 1: Light Direction

Camera Calibration

► Estimating f

$$H = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} fc_y c_z & fc_y s_z & ft_x \\ f(s_x s_y c_z - c_x s_z) & f(s_x s_y s_z + c_x c_z) & ft_y \\ c_x s_y c_z + s_x s_z & c_x s_y s_z - s_x c_z & t_z \end{pmatrix}$$

where $c_x = \cos(\theta_x)$ e $s_x = \sin(\theta_x)$, $c_y = \cos(\theta_y)$ e $s_y = \sin(\theta_y)$, e $c_z = \cos(\theta_z)$ e $s_z = \sin(\theta_z)$.

$$H_{2x2} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda f c_y c_z & \lambda f c_y s_z \\ \lambda f (s_x s_y c_z - c_x s_z) & \lambda f (s_x s_y s_z + c_x c_z) \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\hat{f} = \lambda f$$

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$$E(\theta_x \theta_y \theta_z, \hat{f}) = (\hat{f}c_y c_z - h_1)^2 + (\hat{f}c_y s_z - h_2)^2 + (\hat{f}(s_x s_y c_z - c_x s_z) - h_4)^2 + (\hat{f}(s_x s_y s_z + c_x c_z) - h_5)^2$$

Step 1: Light Direction

Camera Calibration

- ▶ With an unknown f , for estimating \hat{H} , we need to find f first

$$E(\theta_x \theta_y \theta_z, \hat{f}) = (\hat{f}c_y c_z - h_1)^2 + (\hat{f}c_y s_z - h_2)^2 + (\hat{f}(s_x s_y c_z - c_x s_z) - h_4)^2 + (\hat{f}(s_x s_y s_z + c_x c_z) - h_5)^2$$

$$f_1 = \frac{\hat{f}(c_x s_y c_z + s_x s_z)}{h_7} \quad \text{e} \quad f_2 = \frac{\hat{f}(c_x s_y s_z - s_x c_z)}{h_8}$$

$$f = \frac{h_7^2 f_1 + h_8^2 f_2}{h_7^2 + h_8^2}$$

Step 1: Light Direction

Viewer's direction

- ▶ In the calibration step, the center of the circle was calculated as $C = (C1; C2)$.

- ▶ The center of the limbus in world coordinates is given by $X_c = (C1 \ C2 \ 1)^T$.

- ▶ In the camera coordinates, the center becomes:

$$x_c = \hat{H} X_c$$

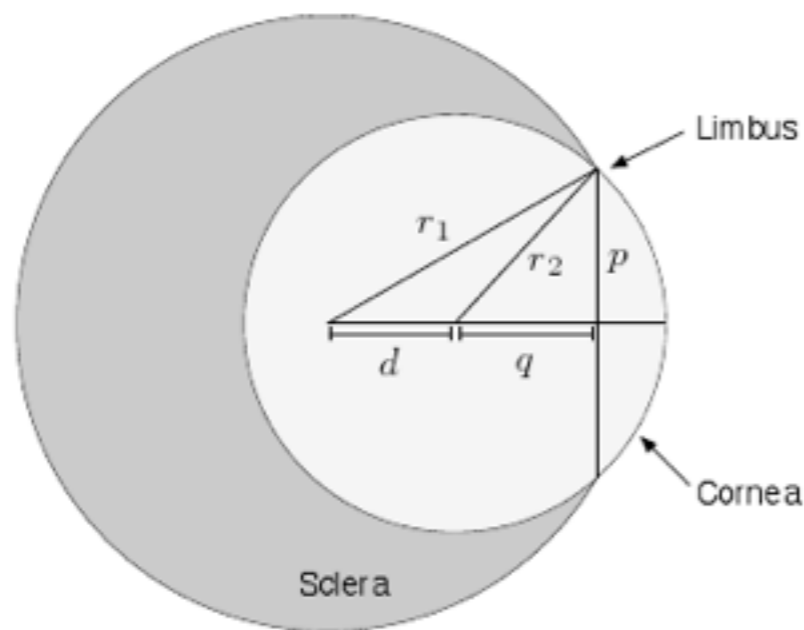
- ▶ Therefore, the camera direction is the vector from the center of the limbus and the origin of the camera coordinate system:

$$v = -\frac{x_c}{\|x_c\|}$$

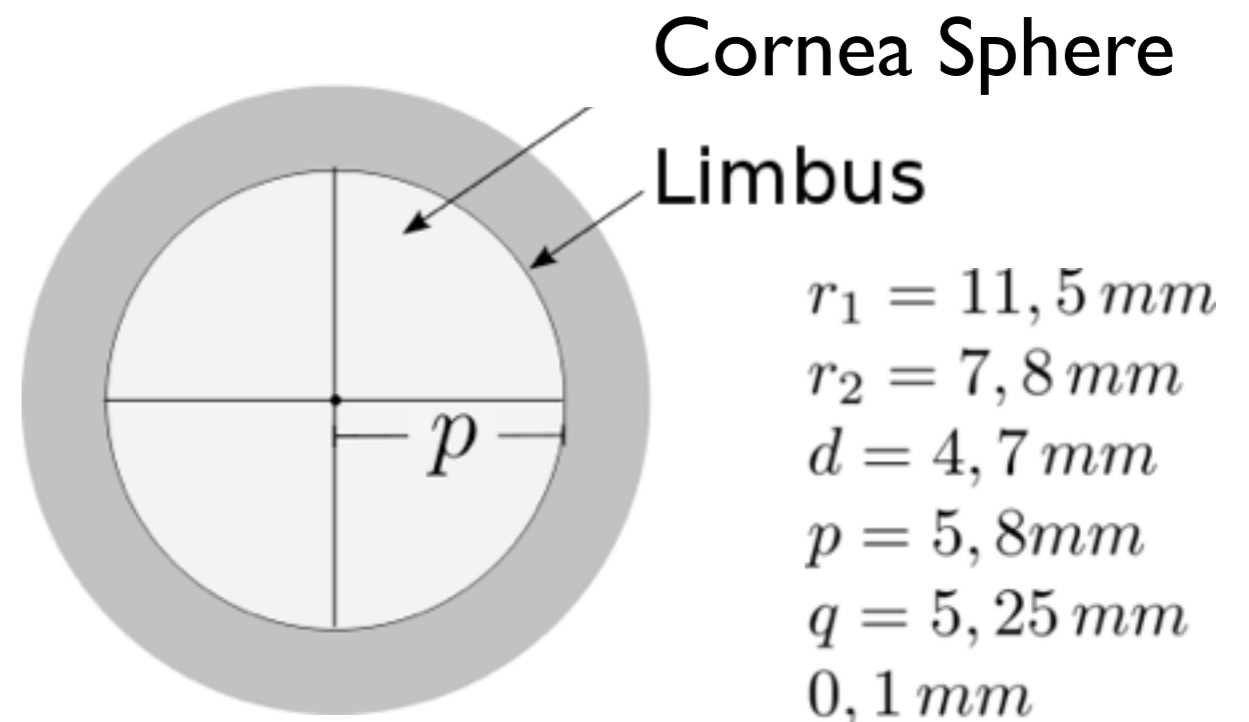
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Surface Normal Direction

- ▶ The 3D surface normal \mathbf{N} of the eye is estimated from a model of the eye



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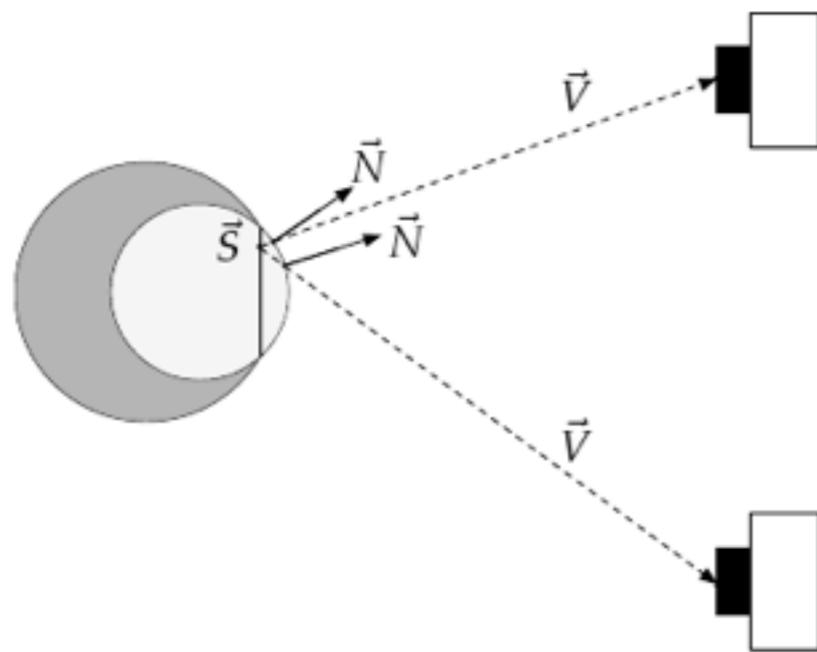


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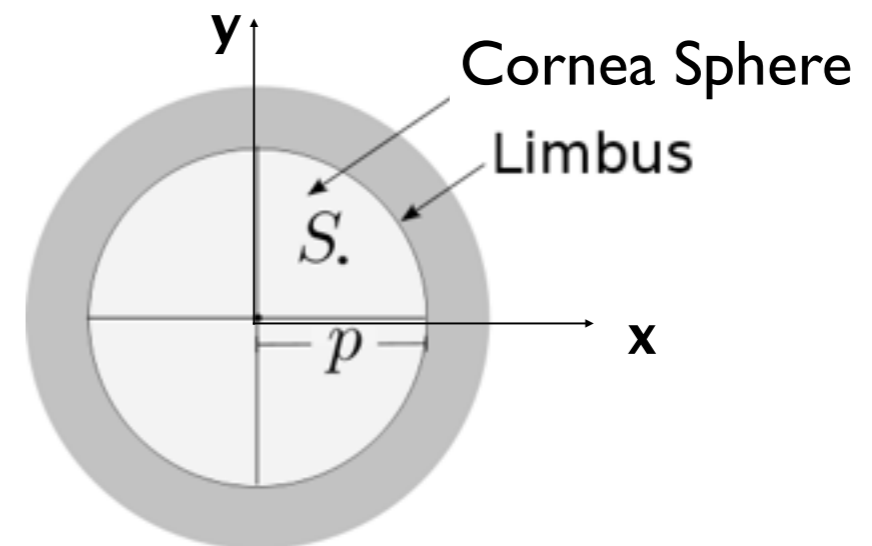
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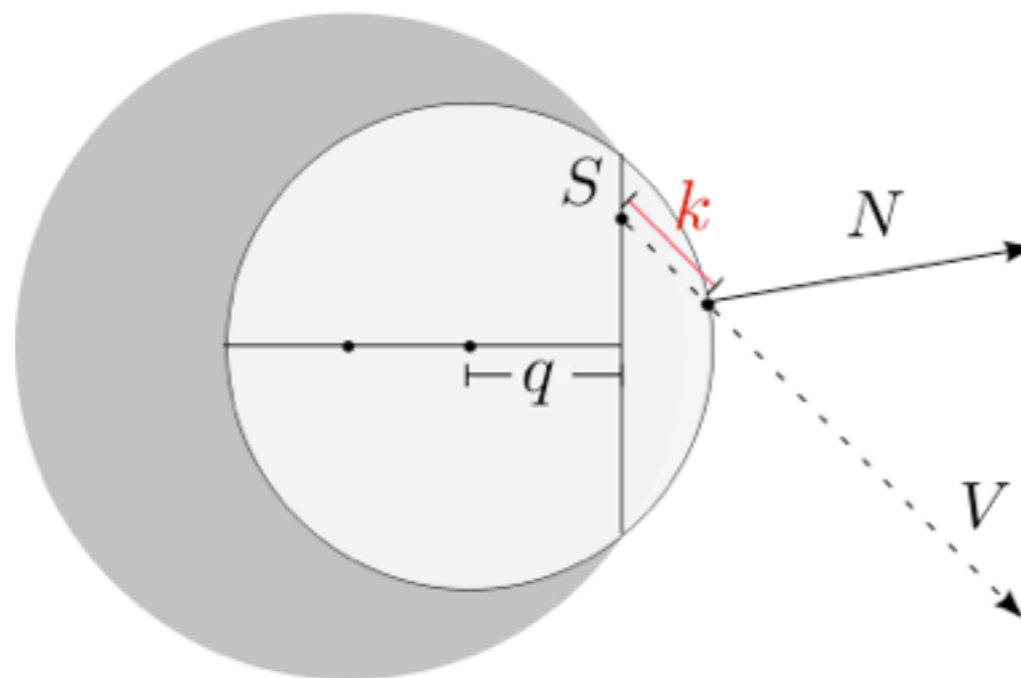


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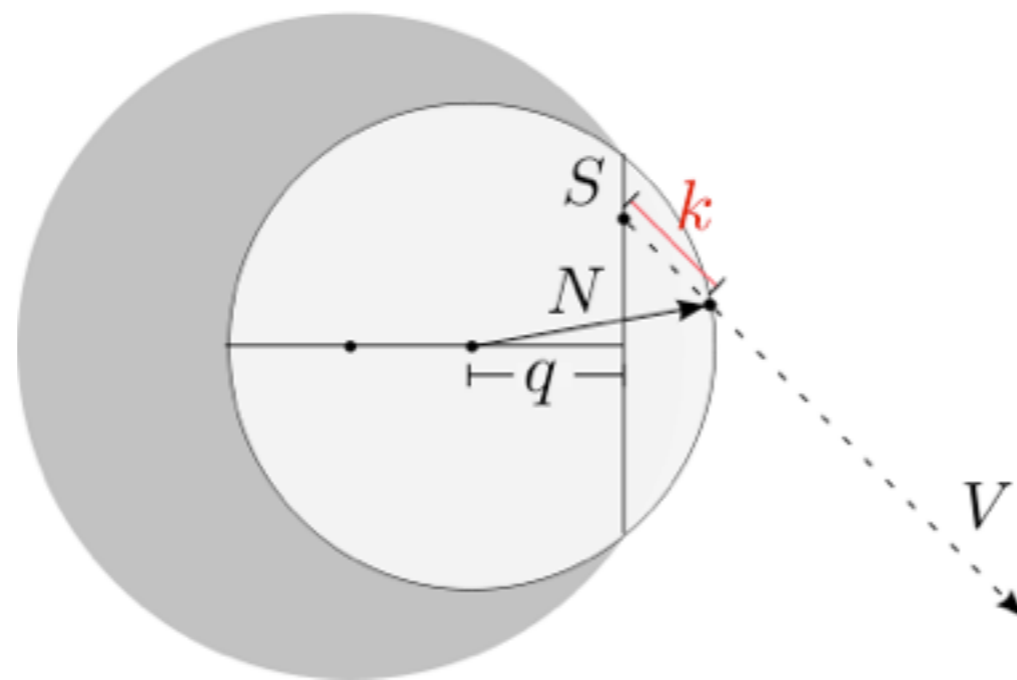


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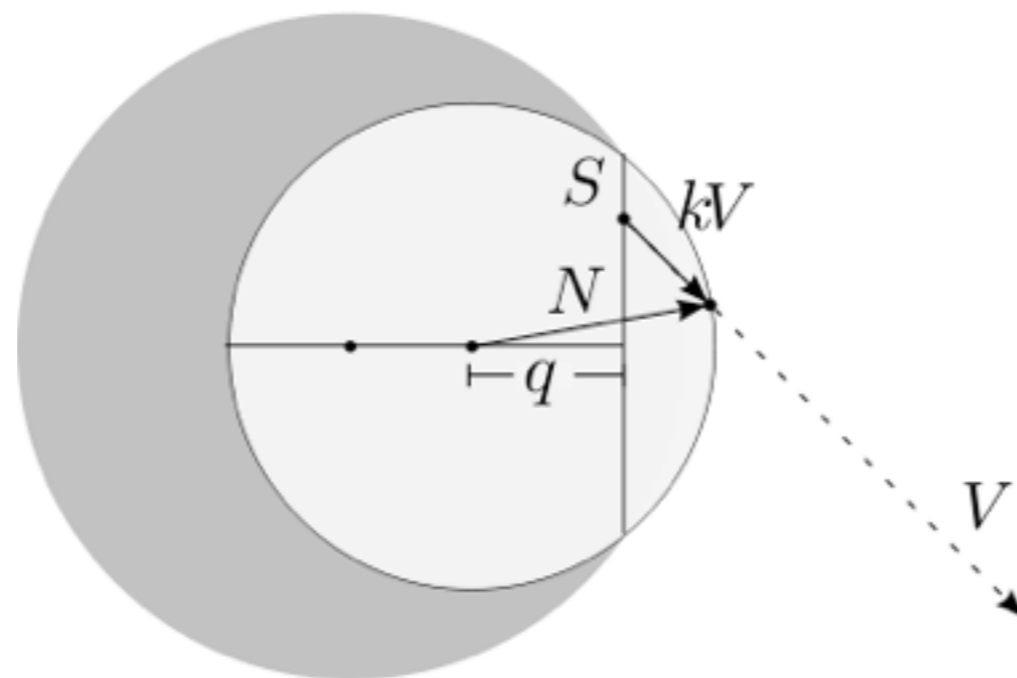


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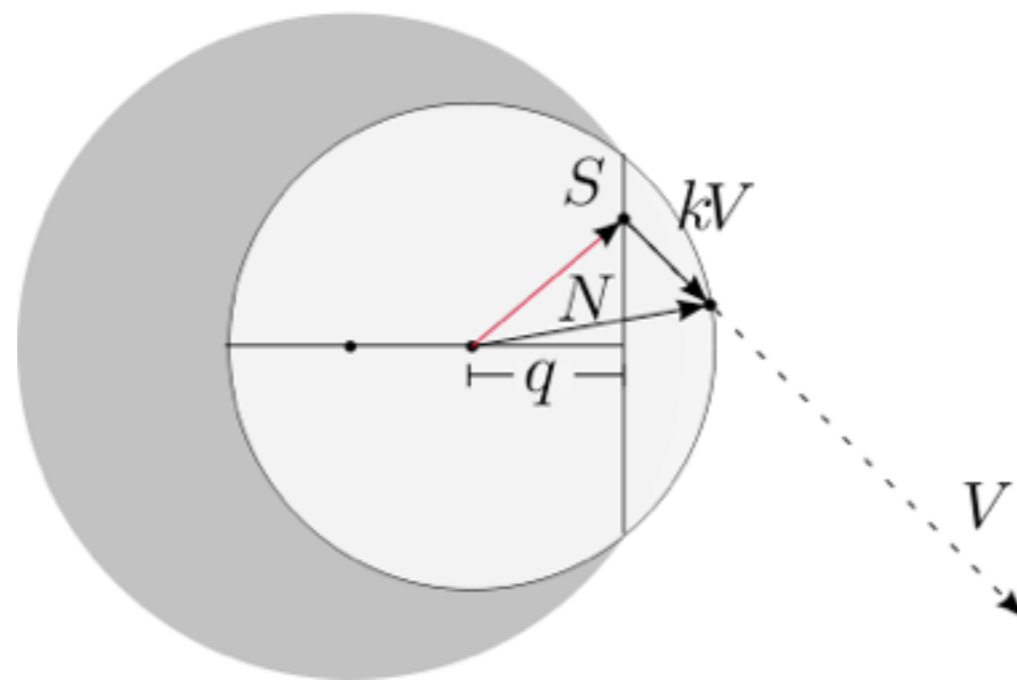


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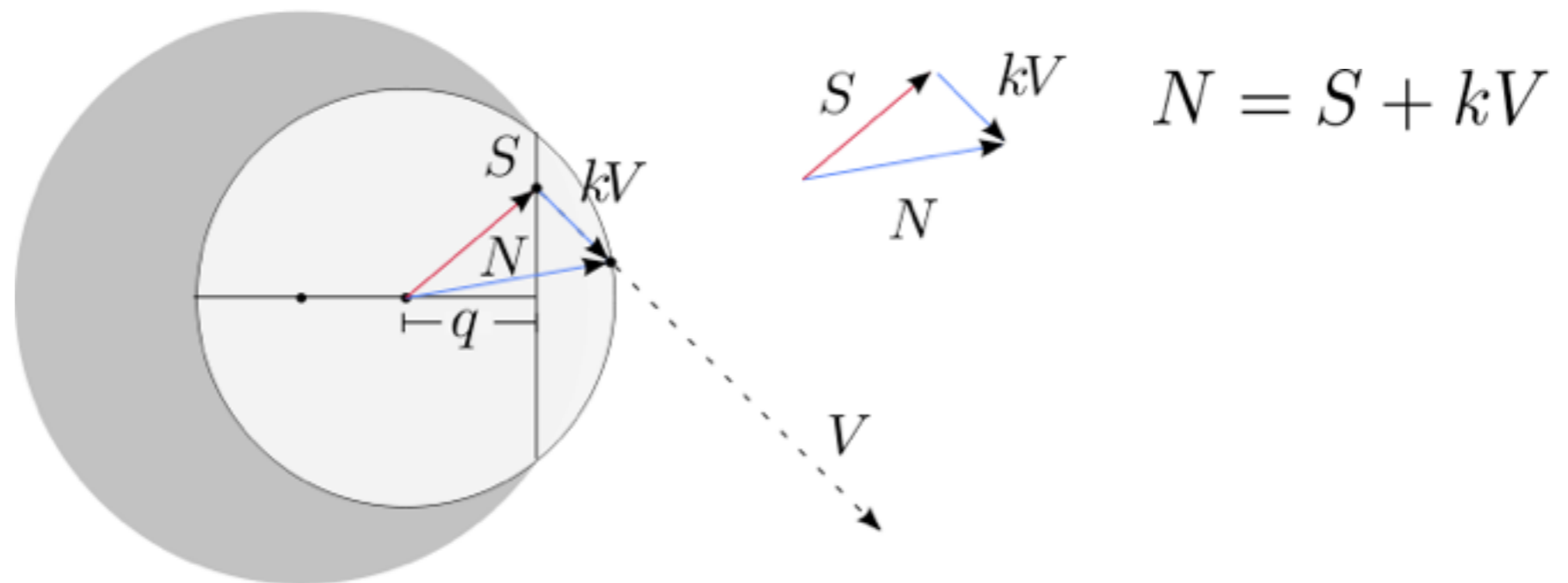
$$S = \begin{pmatrix} S_x \\ S_y \\ q \end{pmatrix}$$

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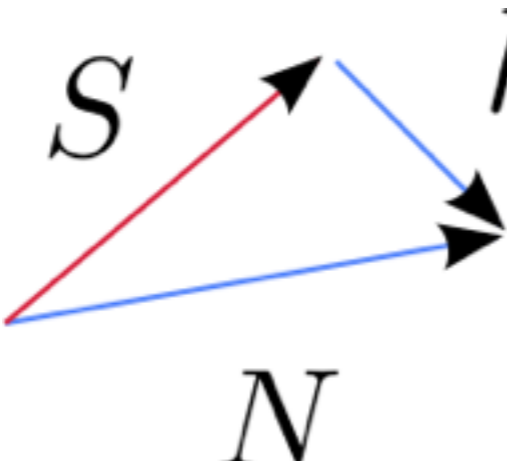


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$$N = S + kV$$
$$N = \begin{pmatrix} S_x + kV_x \\ S_y + kV_y \\ q + kV_z \end{pmatrix}$$

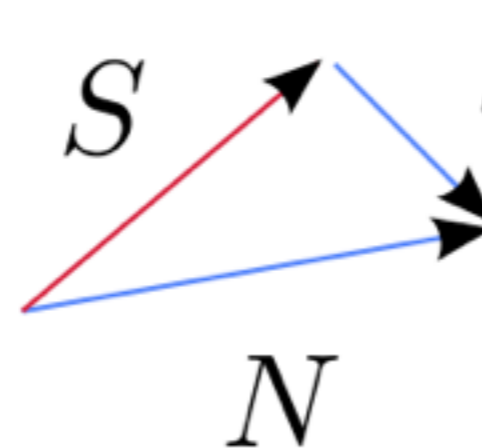
$$X_s = H^{-1}x_s$$

$$S = \frac{q}{r}(X_s - C)$$

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A vector diagram illustrating the addition of two vectors. A red vector labeled S and a blue vector labeled kV are added together to form a blue vector labeled N . The vector N is the resultant of S and kV .

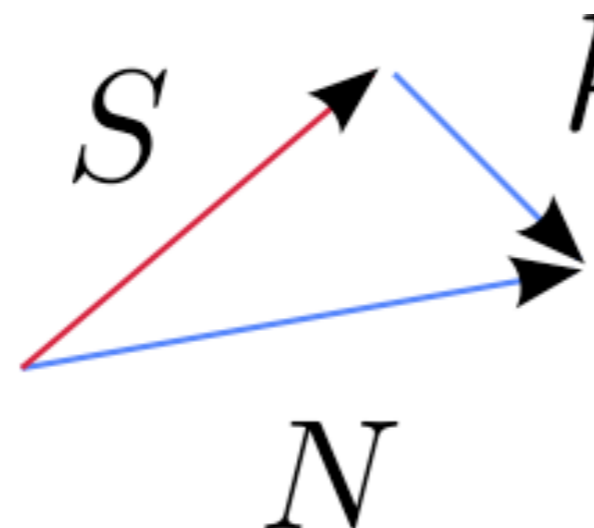
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$$V = R^{-1}v$$

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$$N = \begin{pmatrix} S_x + kV_x \\ S_y + kV_y \\ q + kV_z \end{pmatrix}$$

$$r_2 = \sqrt{(S_x + kV_x)^2 + (S_y + kV_y)^2 + (q + kV_z)^2}$$

$$k^2 + 2(S_x V_x S_y V_y + qkV_z)k + (S_x^2 + S_y^2 + q^2 - r_2^2) = 0$$

Step 1: Light Direction

Light source L

$$L = 2(V^T N)N - V$$

$$l = RL$$

Step 2:
Estimating Light Source
and Angular Errors

Consistency check

- ▶ Once we estimate the light direction reflected in each eye of a person in the image, it is necessary to check if all of them come from the same light source (i.e., they are consistent with each other)
- ▶ The first step is to estimate the direction of the light illuminating the scene
- ▶ For that, it is necessary to assume a few conditions

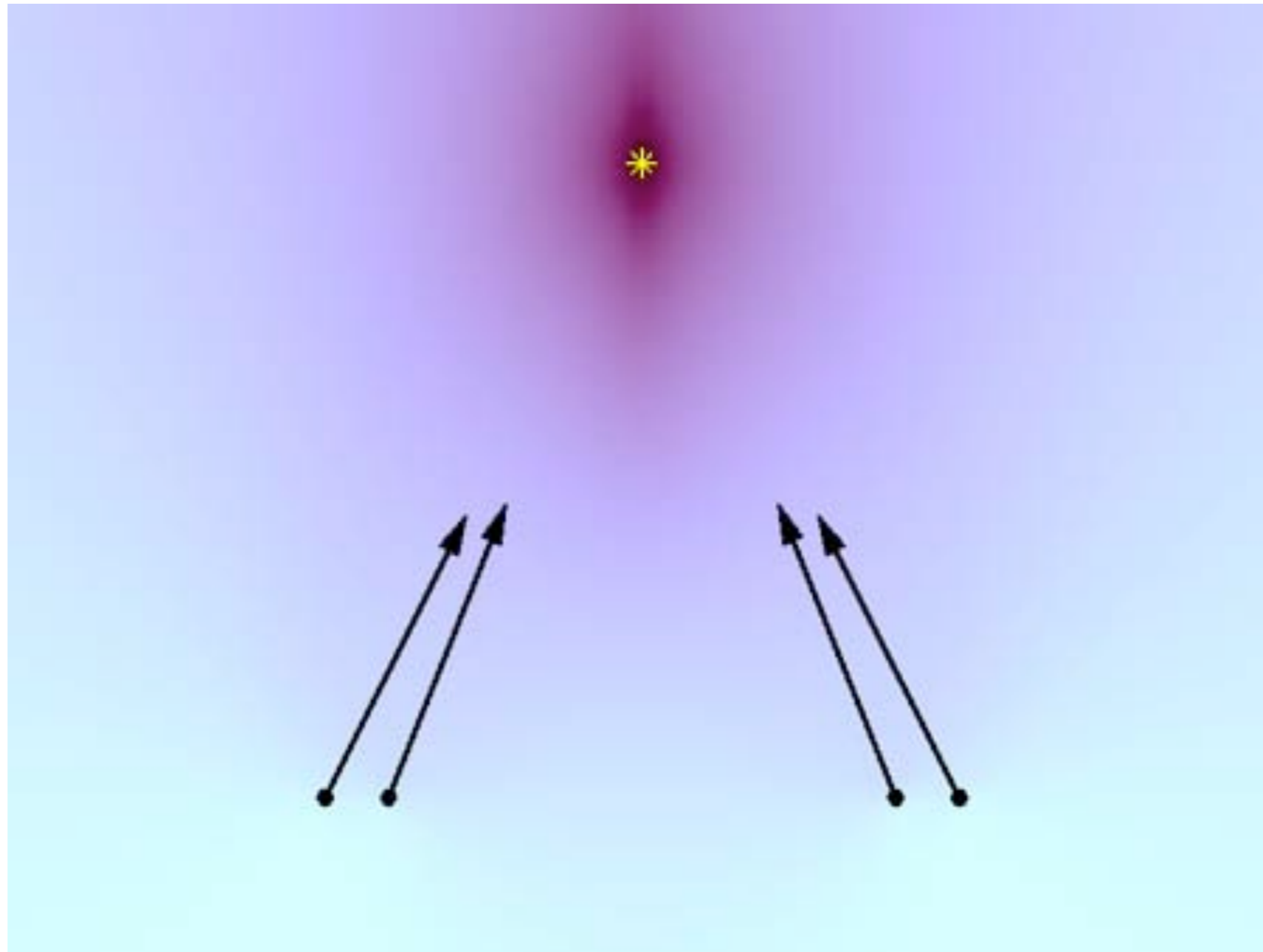
Consistency check

- ▶ Light sources are punctual
- ▶ Rays converge to the light source
- ▶ For each eye i , the angle between the vector to the light source in the position x and the estimated direction is

$$\theta_i(\vec{x}) = \cos^{-1} \left(\vec{l}_i^T \frac{\vec{x} - \vec{p}_i}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{p}_i\|} \right)$$

- ▶ \vec{p}_i is the position of the i -th light ray

Consistency check



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Consistency check

- ▶ Given N light rays and their respective estimated light source positions, the punctual source light can be estimated by maximizing the error function below using a non-linear conjugate gradient technique

$$\hat{E}(\vec{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{l}_i^T \frac{\vec{x} - \vec{p}_i}{\|\vec{x} - \vec{p}_i\|}$$

Consistency check

- ▶ Therefore, \vec{x}^* denotes the light source position
- ▶ The angle between the i -th light ray and the light source is given by

$$\theta_i(\vec{x}^*)$$

- ▶ After estimating the scene light source, we need to decide whether or not the image is a product of a composition

Experiments and Validation

Experiments

Database of images:

- ▶ 120 images: 60 authentic + 60 composed;
- ▶ Images with resolution bigger than 3 megapixels;
- ▶ Images containing two or more people, with clearly visible eyes.

Experiments

Database of images:



Pristine



Fake

Experiments

- ▶ The pixels of the limbus, as well as the specular highlights are manually marked;
- ▶ For each image, the four LME, LSE, VME and VSE features are appropriately extracted;
- ▶ Each data set is composed by 120 feature vectors, since we have 120 images (5 sets of extractions).

Experiments

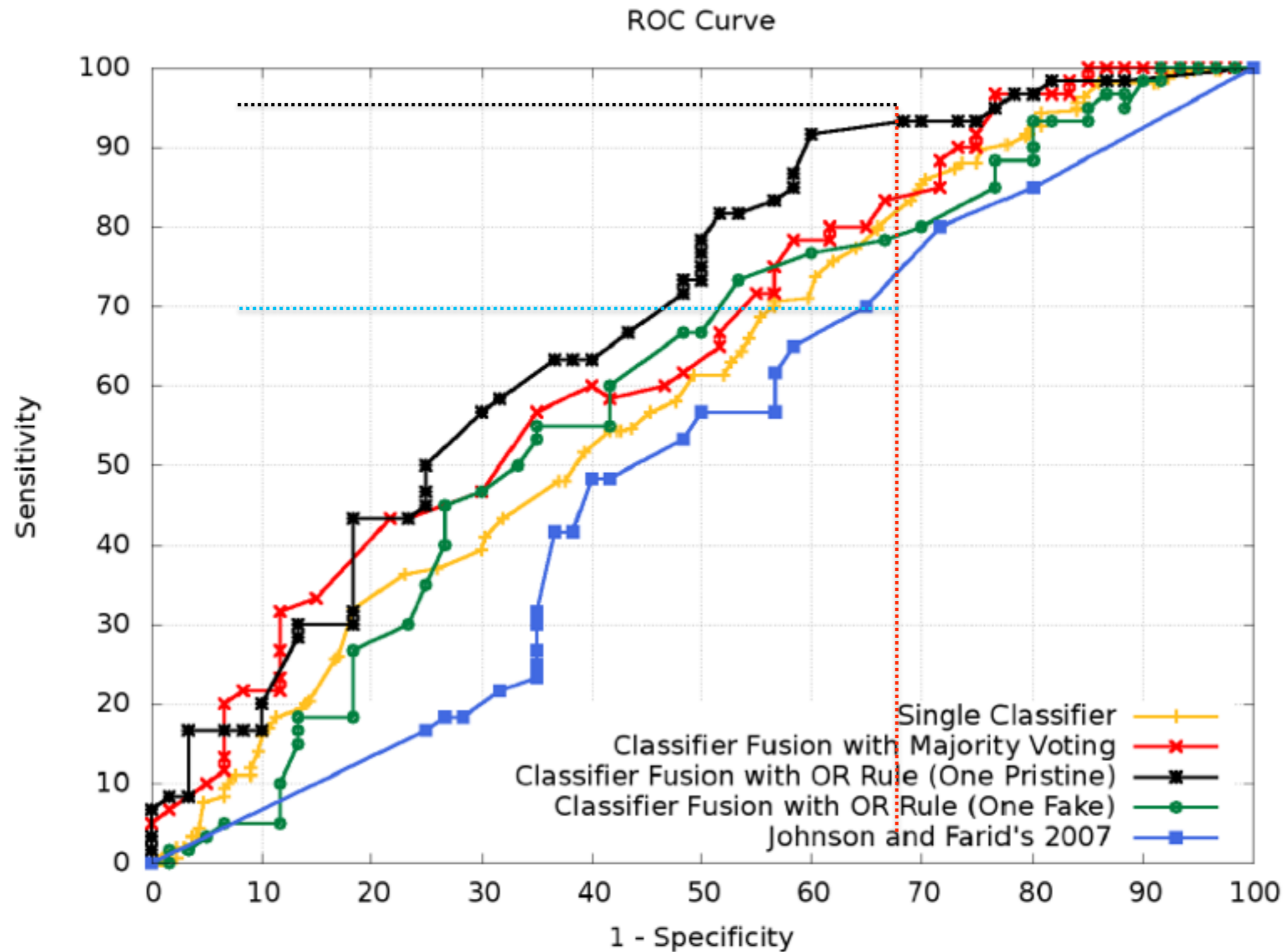
- ▶ Two-class classifiers (Out-of-box SVM with RBF kernel).
- ▶ We performed 5-fold cross validation in all experiments.
- ▶ Results for a single classifier and for three pools of classifiers.
- ▶ Each pool is composed by 5 classifiers, one for each data set.
- ▶ Process decision making: based on a classifier fusion fashion approach.

Results

Applied classification strategies:

- ▶ Single Classifier (*SC*)
- ▶ Classifier Fusion with Majority Voting (*MV*)
- ▶ Classifier Fusion with OR Rule (*One Pristine*)
- ▶ Classifier Fusion with OR Rule (*One Fake*)

Results



Results (EER)

	EER (%)	Accuracy(%)	Improv. over prior work (%)
Single Classifier	44	56	7
Fussion MV	40	60	15
Fussion One Pristine	37	63	21
Fusion One Fake	41	59	13
Johnson and Farid's	48	52	-

Conclusions

- ▶ Our proposed extension has potential to pinpoint composites of people in photographs, as Johnson and Farid's work.
- ▶ The extension uses more discriminative features that improves the detection of tampering.

Conclusions

- ▶ The new features and the new decision-making processes reduce the classification error in more than 20% when compared to prior.