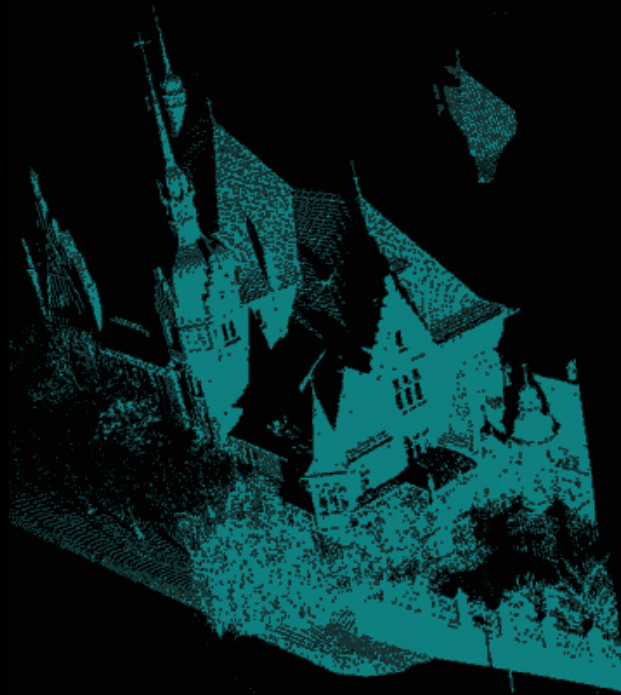


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ICL: ITERATIVE CLOSEST LINE



**A NOVEL POINT CLOUD REGISTRATION
ALGORITHM BASED ON LINEAR FEATURES**

Presentation outline

- Objective
- State of the art
- Proposed method
- Test and experiment
- Conclusion and future work

What is 3D matching ?

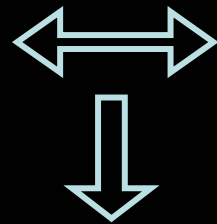
- Multiple scans for the same object
- Need to put them in the same coordinate frame

Objective

- match an unknown coordinate point cloud « data or scene » with a known coordinate cloud « model »
- Pairing + Rigid transformation

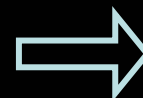
Particular case

Topographic
scanner



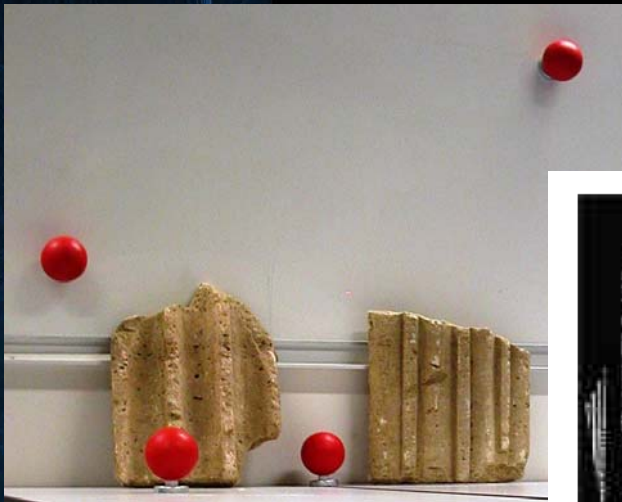
Georeferenced point cloud

Real-time coordinate
acquisition



Superposition verification

State of the art



“château d'eau “ details

- Spheres aiding registration
- Object-based registration

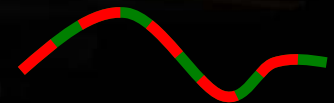
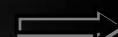
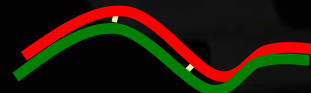
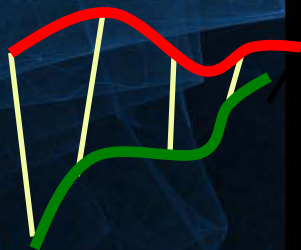
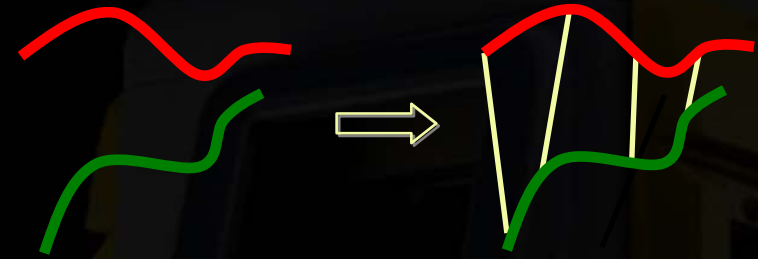
ICP Method : Iterative Closest Point

Iterate the following steps :

- Couple the nearest points
- Establish the error function :

$$E = \sum |Rp_i + t - q_i|^2$$

- Minimize this function and deduce rigid transformation components
- Apply this transformation to the data point cloud

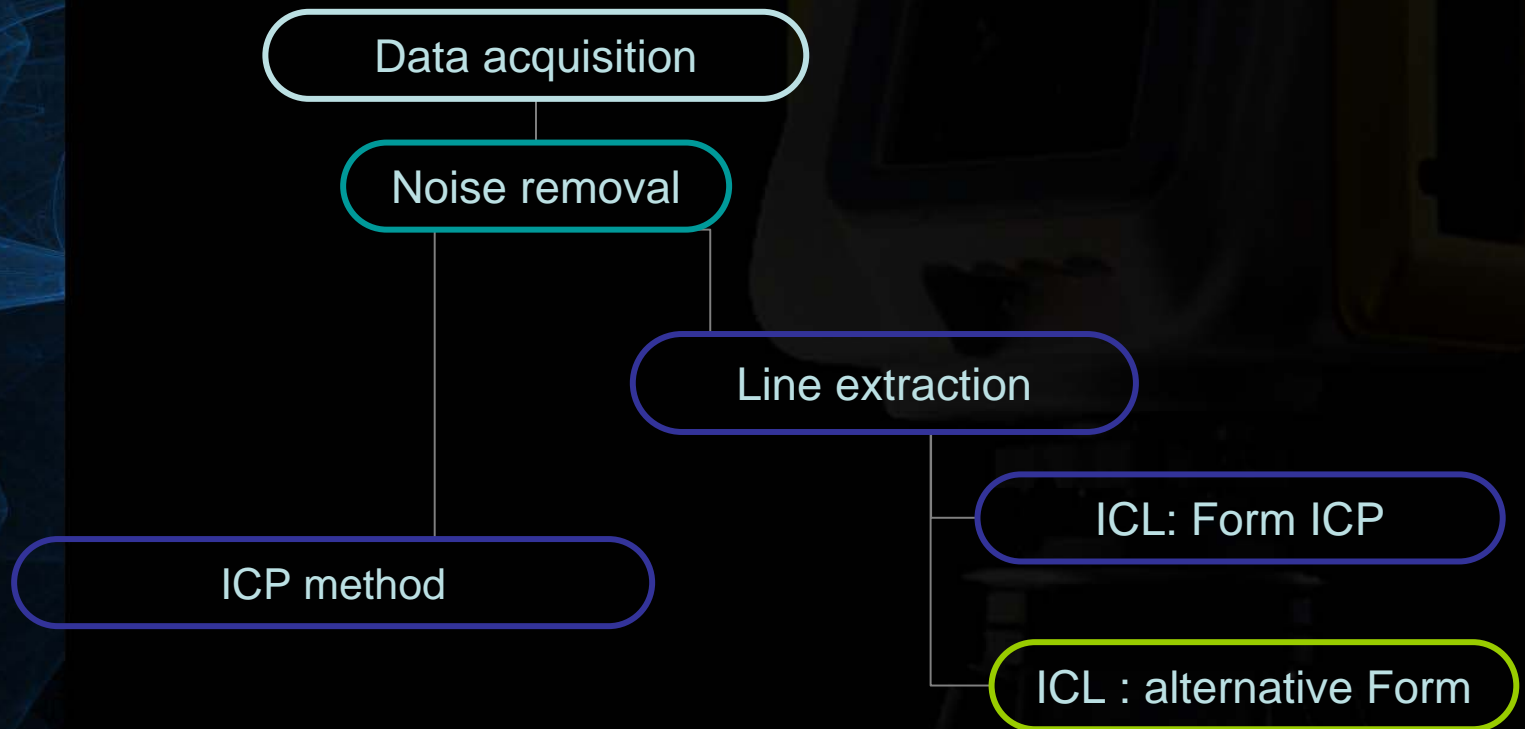


drawback:

High number of iterations to converge (unknown approximative coordinates)

Proposed method: ICL : Iterative Closest Line

- ICL : an evolution of ICP
- Lines match geometric primitives



Why lines ?

- High detection possibility from many scans (invariant features)
- High registration control (two lines are sufficient)
- Reutilisation possible in other applications

Where?

Points where a remarkable
normal direction change occurs



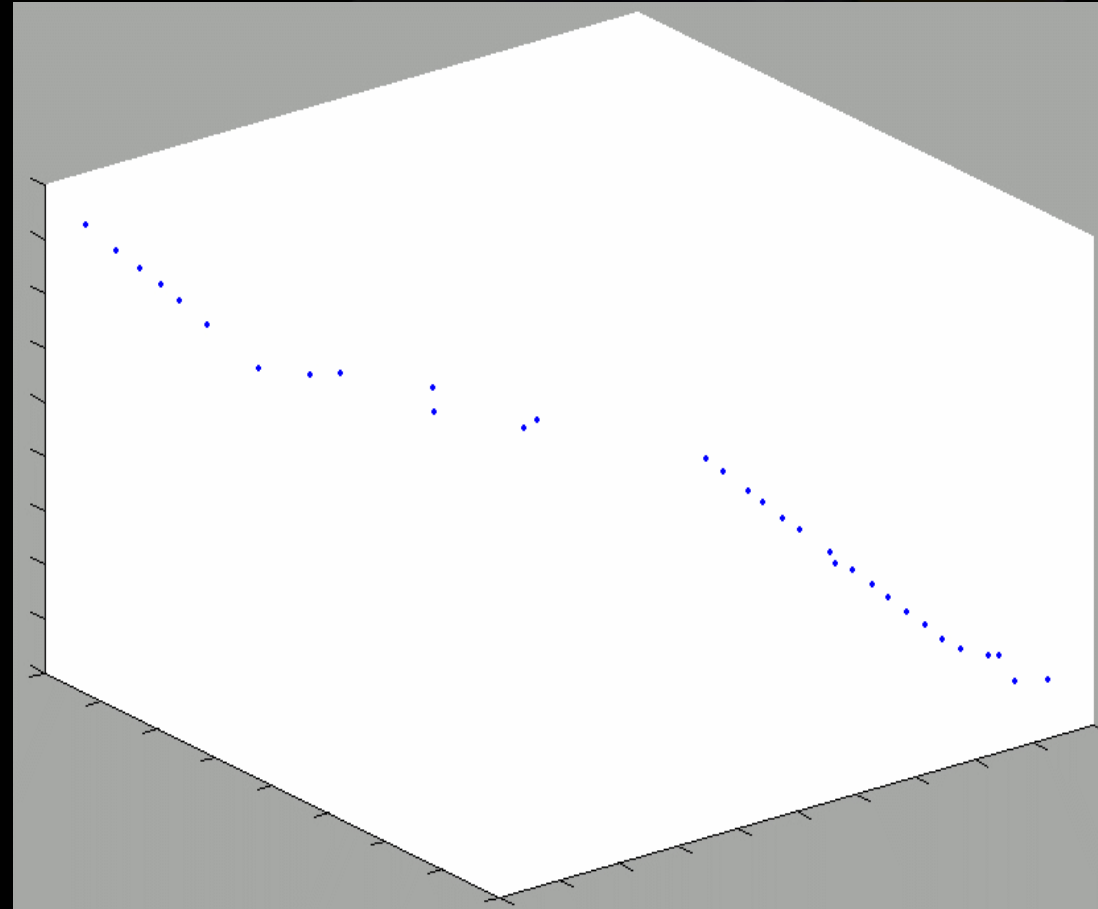
Line extraction

- Point by point modelisation
- Adding the closest point each time
- Least square ajustement to fit a line

Advantages:

- Simple and precise
- Low number of user-provided parameters

Incremental method



Drawback :

Execution time

Line extraction

RANSAC (Random Sample Consensus)

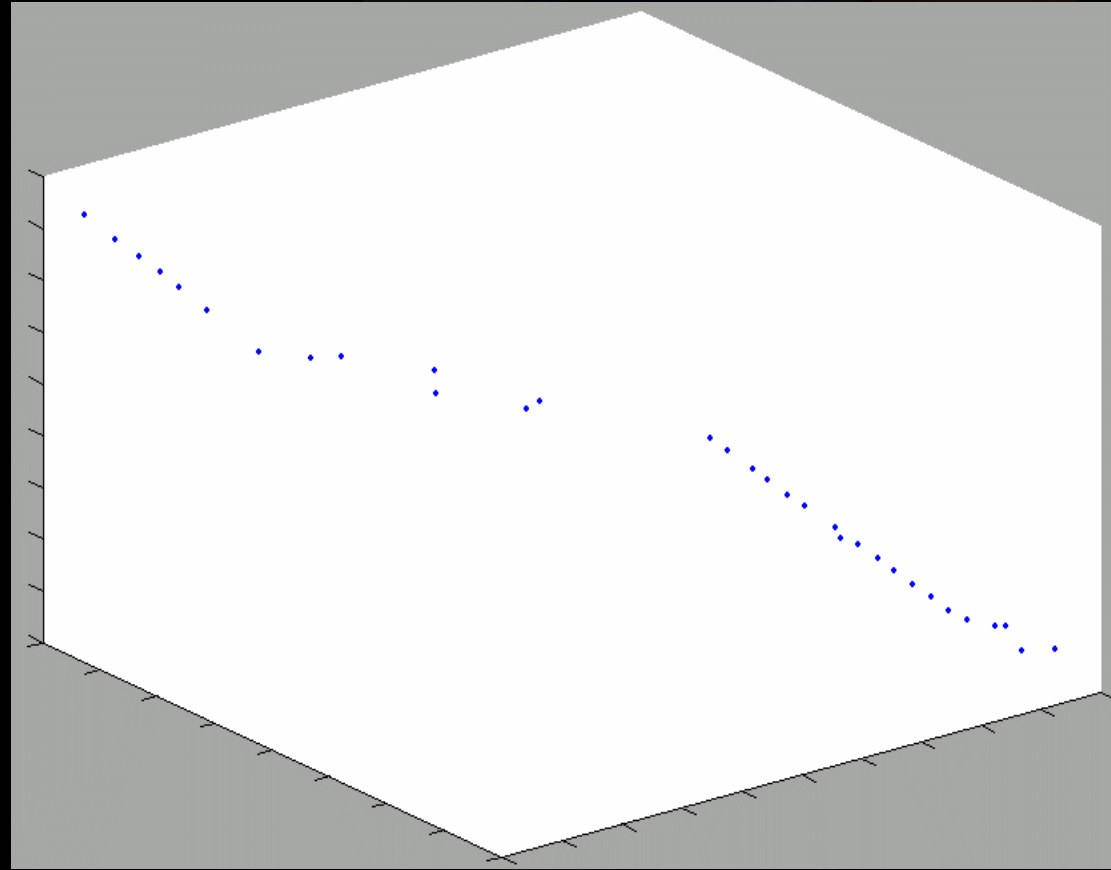
- Trace a line through two random points
- Measure all distances
- Point number – distance criteria
- Iterate the procedure until acceptable percentage of the cloud is modeled

Advantages:

- Simple fast method

Drawback

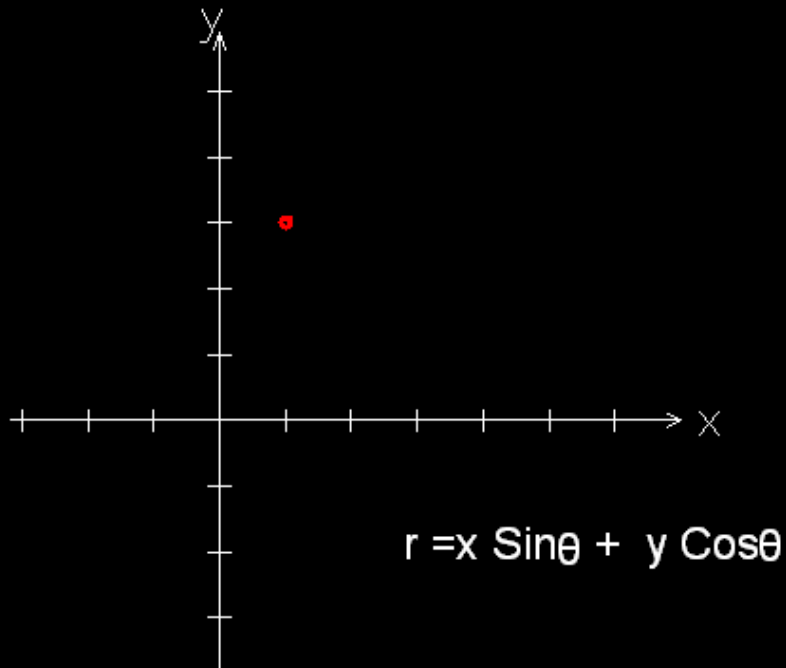
- Probabilism



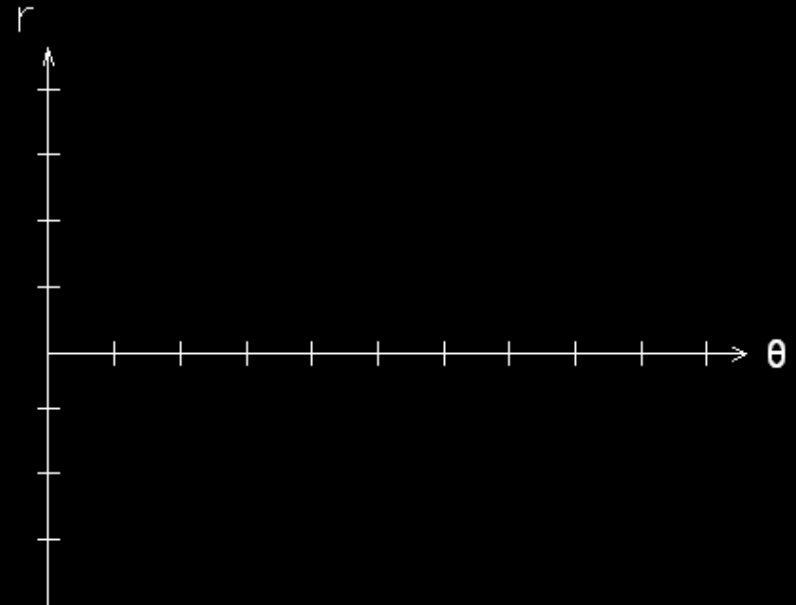
Line extraction

Hough Transform

Principle: line-point duality in 2D space (coordinates-parameters)



COORDINATE SPACE



PARAMETER SPACE

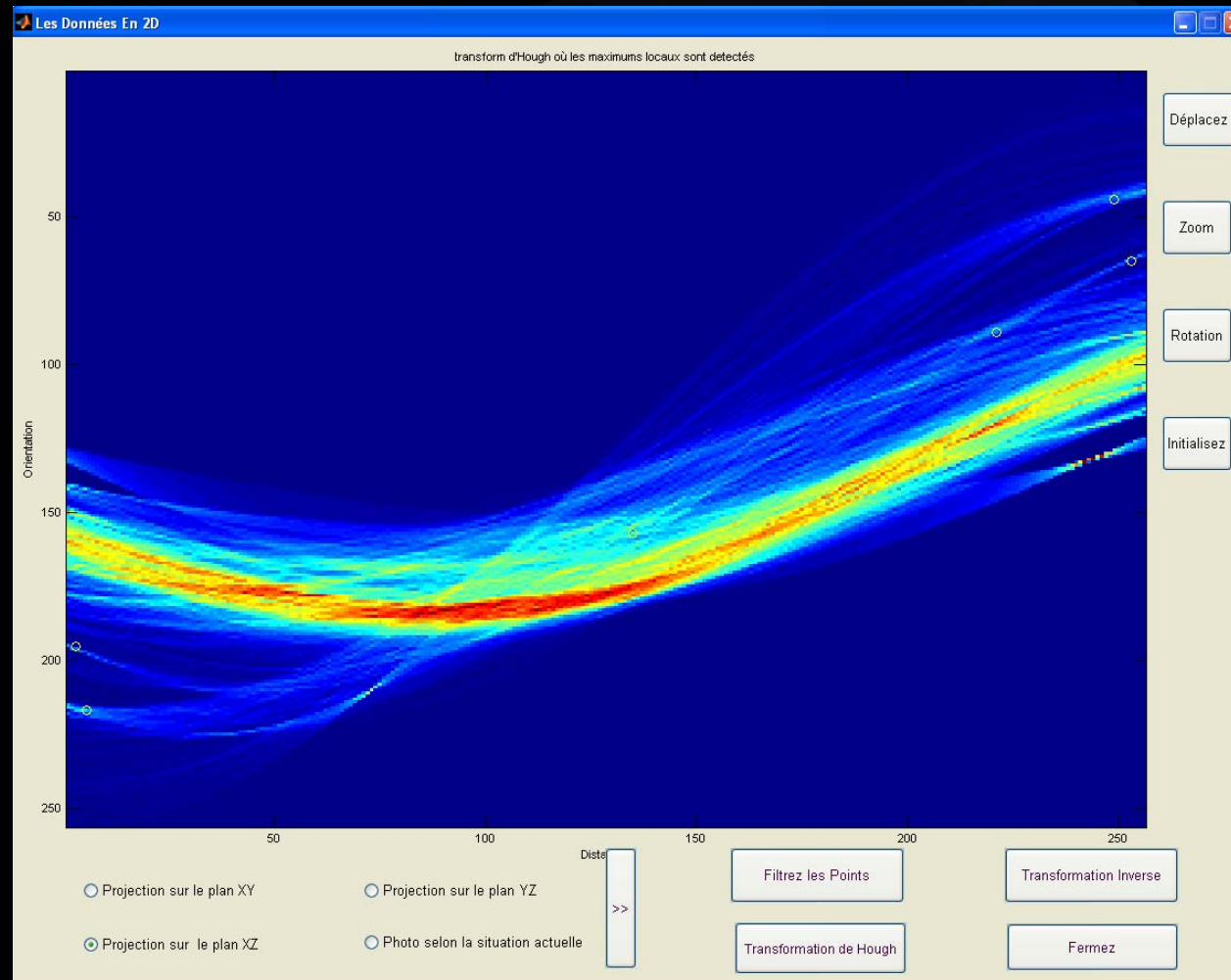
Line extraction

Hough Transform

- Representing the curves on a histogram
- Regional maximums search
- Inversing the transform to detect the lines

Drawbacks:

- Too much threshold to provide
- Incapacity in some cases



advantage:

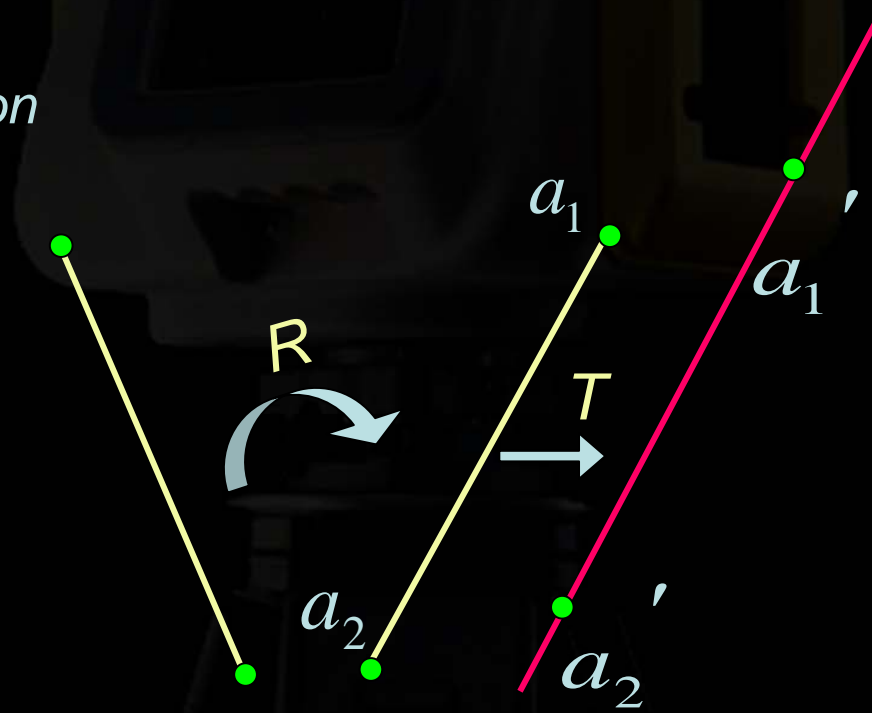
- Fast method

Iterate the following steps :

- Line pairing
 - Error function establishment :
- $$f(R, T) = \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} \|o_{xi} - Ro_{pi}\|^2$$
- Rotation matrix (R) calculation
 - Rotate the « data » cloud
 - Shift (T) calculation

$$a_1' = R a_1 + T$$

$$a_2' = R a_2 + T$$



Non-linear problem

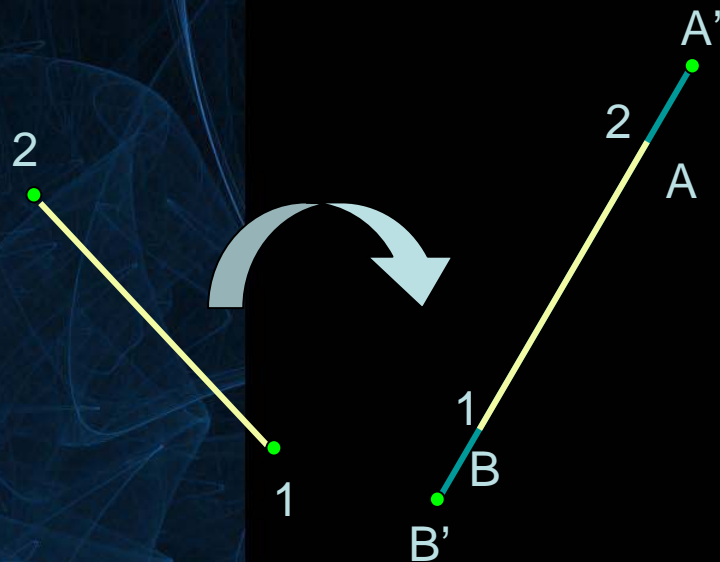
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Linear problem

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Alternative form



$$\begin{pmatrix} X_T \\ Y_T \\ Z_T \end{pmatrix} + R \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ Y_1 \\ Z_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X_A \\ Y_A \\ Z_A \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_1 \begin{pmatrix} X_B - X_A \\ Y_B - Y_A \\ Z_B - Z_A \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_T \\ Y_T \\ Z_T \end{pmatrix} + R \begin{pmatrix} X_2 \\ Y_2 \\ Z_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X_A \\ Y_A \\ Z_A \end{pmatrix} + \lambda_2 \begin{pmatrix} X_B - X_A \\ Y_B - Y_A \\ Z_B - Z_A \end{pmatrix}$$

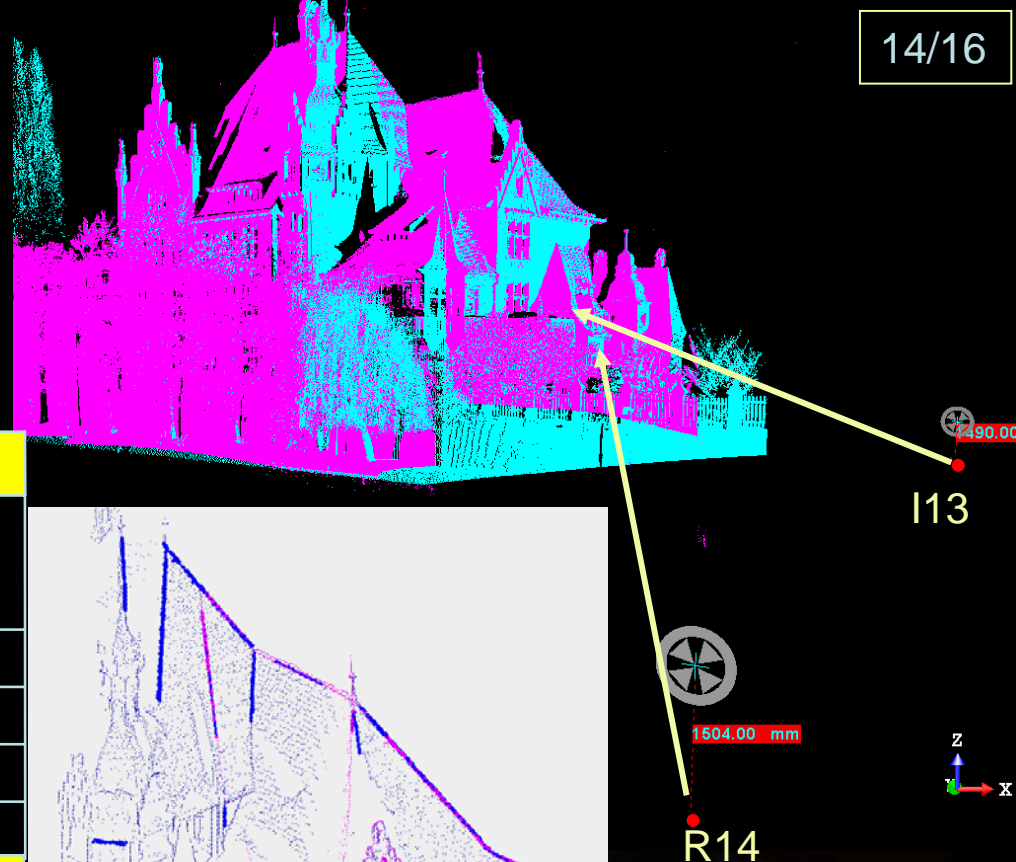
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Unavoidable equation linearisation

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Line extraction taking into account the following parameters:

ICL calculation:

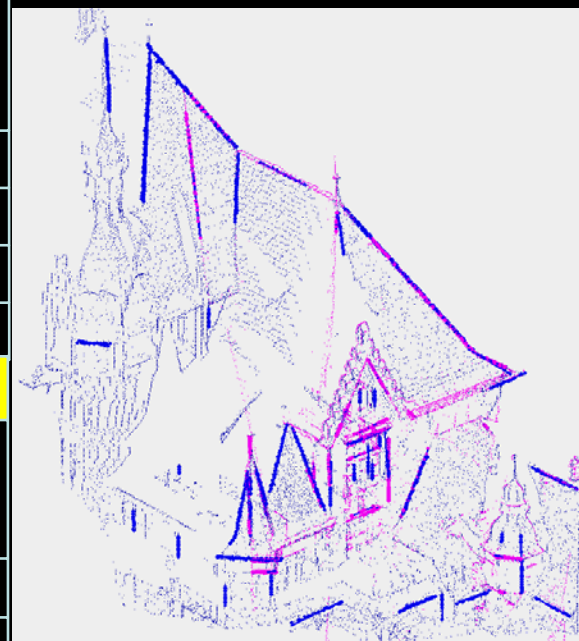


ICL : ICP form

rotation (m gon)	σ (m gon)	Shift (cm)	I13 (cm)
linear resolution	0.3	30 mm at 50 m 50 mm at 60 m	60 m ²
Point number	0.3	601952	292706
Potential point number	0.2	9527	15401
RMS : 0.5 m Gon		RMS : 0.3 cm	

méthode ICL forme alternative

Rotation (m Gon)	threshold (m Gon)	Shift (cm)	35 mm σ (cm)
Extracted lines	0.2	40	33
Paired lines	0.2	-1.5	13
	0.2	0.6	0.2
Coupling threshold (RMS 0.3 m Gon)		60 mm (distance), 0.5 degree (direction) (RMS 0.4 m)	



Two different scans

Conclusion

Line extraction

- Lack of an overall method encompassing all cases
- High sensitivity to thresholds
- Extracting lines in two steps: a more efficient solution

Registration

- High sensibility for the last step result
- The proposed method helps to evaluate the previous topographical operations

Advantages

- Highlighting the effect of the geometric complexity
- Accelerating the registration procedure

Drawbacks

- Hindrance when no protruding or recessed details exist
- Redundancy decrease according to line detection low accuracy

Perspectives

- Line extraction as plans contours
- Using other geometric features during the registration
- Potential point extraction study
- Supplying approximative coordinates



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