UTAH Range Database

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Abstract

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The 1600 bpi tape is prepared using the UNIX tar utility and can be read using the UNIX tar command:

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tar -x
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2. Scanner

The images, with exception to the Renault piece, NCSU images and Victor Hugo's bust, were all scanned using a Technical Arts 3-D White Scanner Model 100-A. However, this section only describes the images scanned at Utah using the White Scanner.

The Technical Arts 3-D White Scanner Model 100-A is an active scanning system comprised of a laser, a beam spreading device, a camera and a proverbial *black box*. The laser projects a point of light which is spread into a plane by an oscillating mirror. This plane is reflected by another mirror onto the workspace. Where this plane of light intersects objects, a line of laser light is formed. This is sensed by the camera and the White Scanner system determines the Z-depth based on the laser angle and height, camera angle and height, and the position of the laser plane.

The scanned objects lie in a left-hand corrordinate system with the X-axis running toward the viewer (camera) and the Z-axis in the vertical direction. There are 240 pixels per scan line in the Y-direction and from 90 to 240 lines in the X-direction. The scanning system returns X, Y, Z, an intensity and a status word for each point in the scanline. These are in 1/1000 of an inch increments which are scaled up to integers (for X, Y, and Z). For example:

White Scanner Value	True Value
0254	0.254
-9542	-9.542
0001	0.001

The status word is encoded as hex-flags and the intensity is a 16-bit integer. A point on the scan line is considered *valid* if the result of ANDing the status word with 0x0044 (hex 44) is 4 (See Appendix I). We also reject any point with an intensity value less than 50.

Our scanner has two bad scanlines which are bad in every image scanned at Utah. These are lines 159 and 230 (See Appendix I). These lines contain erroneous data values and should be rejected. One possible solution is to perform a least squares fit for these data points based on the 6 local neighbors.

Each piece of information is contained in 2 8-bit bytes thus each point in a scanline requires 10 bytes (5 16-bit words) of data. Since there are 240 points per scanline, each scanline takes 2400 bytes. The format for a point in the scanline is:

```
      16-bits   16-bits   16-bits   16-bits    16-bits
      ------------------------------------------------------
      |   X   |   Y   |   Z   |  status |  intensity  |
      ------------------------------------------------------
      2-bytes   2-bytes   2-bytes   2-bytes    2-bytes
```

See Appendix I. for a sample C program for reading data.

For the set of images produced at Utah, the scanner was configured as follows. The laser was at a 21 degree from vertical angle and the camera was 51 degrees from vertical. The distance from the camera to the workspace surface (-2.5 average Z-depth) was 18.25 inches (see Figure 1).
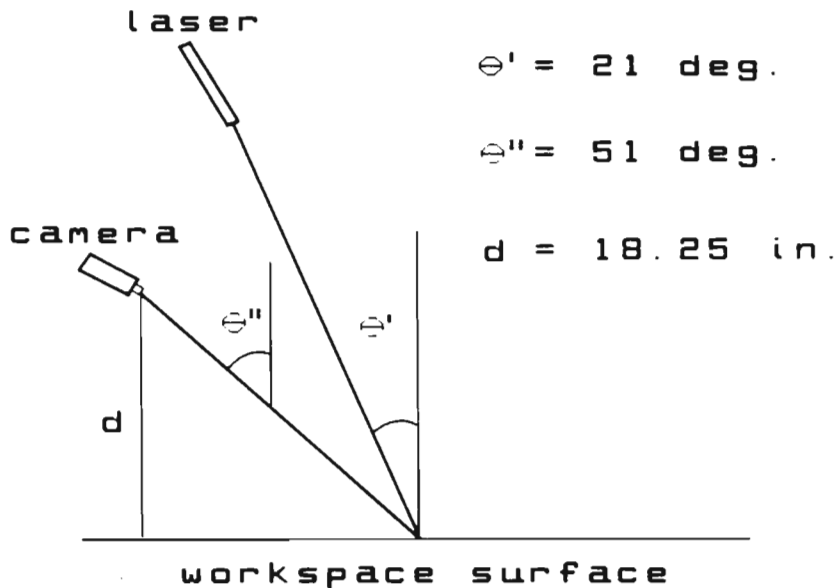
Figure 1

3. Objects

There are four sets of scanned images on the tape: University of Utah images, SRI images, NCSU images, and Victor Hugo's bust. Each set has a different encoding of Euclidian space. The following describes the different sets. Photographs of the objects scanned at Utah can be found in Appendix III. A summary of image names, formats and places scanned are in Appendix II.

University of Utah: This set is encoded in White Scanner format (see previous section). All the objects were scanned at the University of Utah with the exception of the Renault piece which was scanned at INRIA. We have converted the Renault piece scans to conform with the rest of Utah's images. That is, the Renault piece is also in White Scanner format though scanned with a different system.

SRI: This set is encoded as 240 X 240 X 16-bit images of Z-depth. That is the row and column indexes correspond to the X and Y locations and the Z value is the signed 16-bit number in the file. Bad data is represented as -1.

NCSU: This set is encoded as 8-bit images of Z-depth. That is the row and column indexes correspond to the X and Y locations and the Z value is the unsigned 8-bit number in the file. The sizes of the files are indicated by the file name extension, i.e. ledwire4.200x186 is an image with 200 pixels in the x dimension and 186 pixels in the y dimension.

Victor Hugo: This image was scanned by rotating Victor Hugo's bust in 1 degree increments. Thus the image is 360 X 283 X 8 bits of Z-depth. Where Z-depth is the distance from the center of the bust to the surface (surface of revolution).

4. Acknowledgments

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I. Conversion Code for Utah Images

```
/*********************************************************************
 *
 *        This program reads the file from the White Scanner (stdin)
 *        and writes the X Y Z INTENSITY and RASTER COLUMN to stdout
 *
 */
# include <stdio.h>

main()
{
        short int s1[240][5];
        float X,Y,Z;
        int INT,STATUS,i,lines;

        i=0;
        while((lines= read(0,s1,2400)) > 0){
          for(i=0;i<240;i++){
            X=s1[i][0] / 1000.0;
            Y=s1[i][1] / 1000.0;
            Z=s1[i][2] / 1000.0;
            STATUS=(s1[i][3] & 44);
            INT=s1[i][4];
            if( (STATUS == 4) && (INT > 50) && (i != 230) && (i !=159))
                printf("  %9.3f  %9.3f  %9.3f  %10d  %10d  \n",X,Y,Z,INT,i);
          }
        }
}
```

II. Summary of Images

file name	place scanned	data format
bottle	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
bottle_1	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
cylinder	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
cylinder_1	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
garg_front	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
part_1	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
part_2	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
part_2	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
poly_1	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
poly_2	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
poly_3	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
poly_4	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
poly_5	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
poly_6	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
poly_7	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
poly_8	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
poly_9	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
scene_1	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
scene_2	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
scene_3	Univ. of Utah	White Scanner format
renault_1	INRIA	White Scanner format
renault_2	INRIA	White Scanner format
sri_grapes1	SRI	Z-depth format (16-bits)
sri_grapes2	SRI	Z-depth format (16-bits)
sri_shuttle1	SRI	Z-depth format (16-bits)
sri_shuttle2	SRI	Z-depth format (16-bits)
v_hugo	ENST	360-deg X 284 (8-bits)
refrig.128x128	NCSU	Z-depth format (8-bits)
minihi.202x166	NCSU	Z-depth format (8-bits)
minihi1.250x186	NCSU	Z-depth format (8-bits)
ledwire4.200x100	NCSU	Z-depth format (8-bits)
ledwire7.250x250	NCSU	Z-depth format (8-bits)
pcboard.350x250	NCSU	Z-depth format (8-bits)

III. Photographs of Objects Scanned at Utah
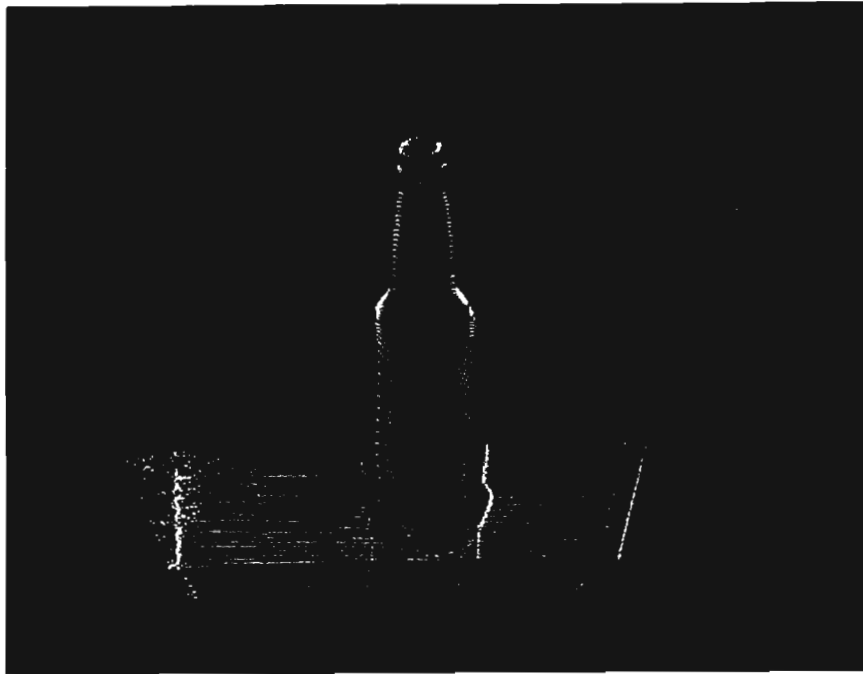
bottle

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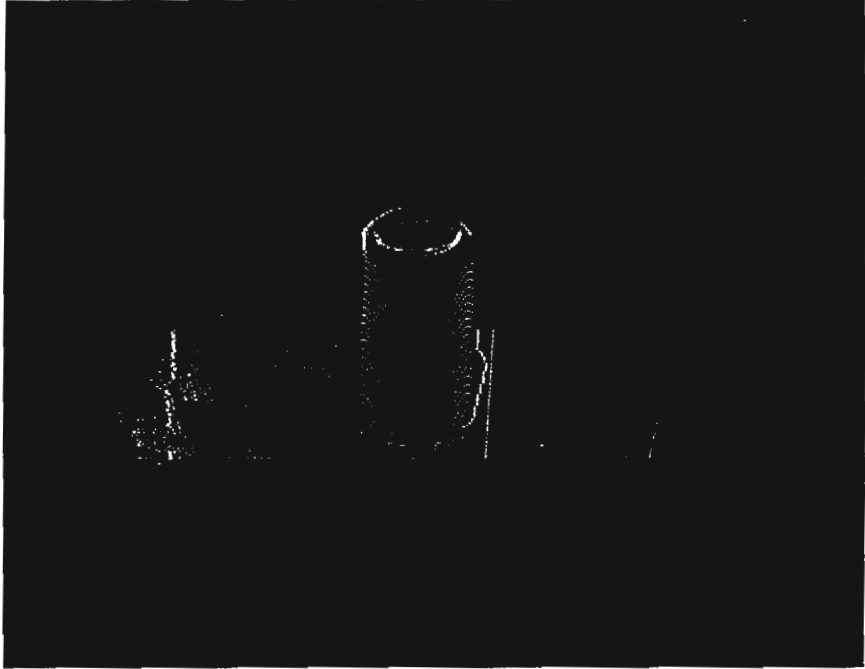
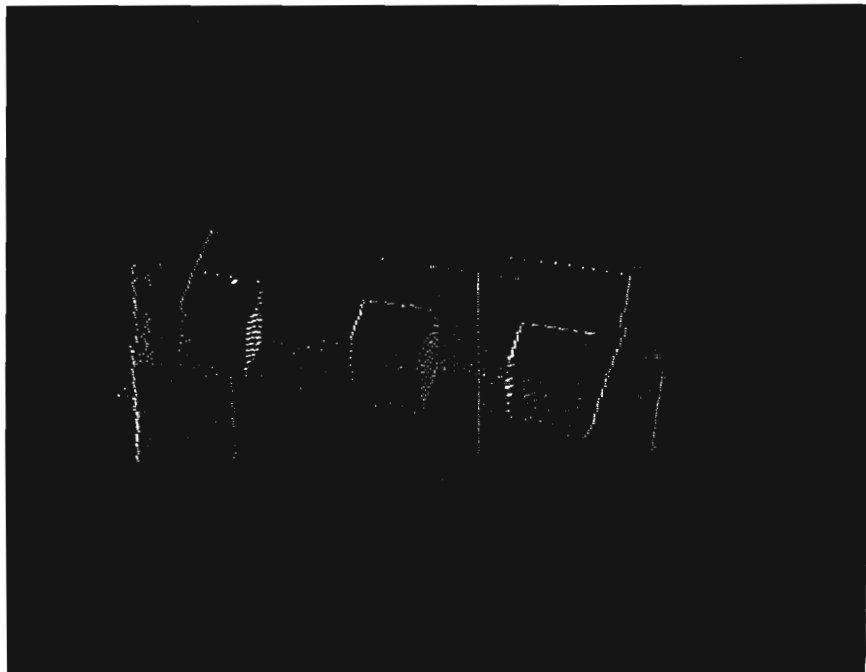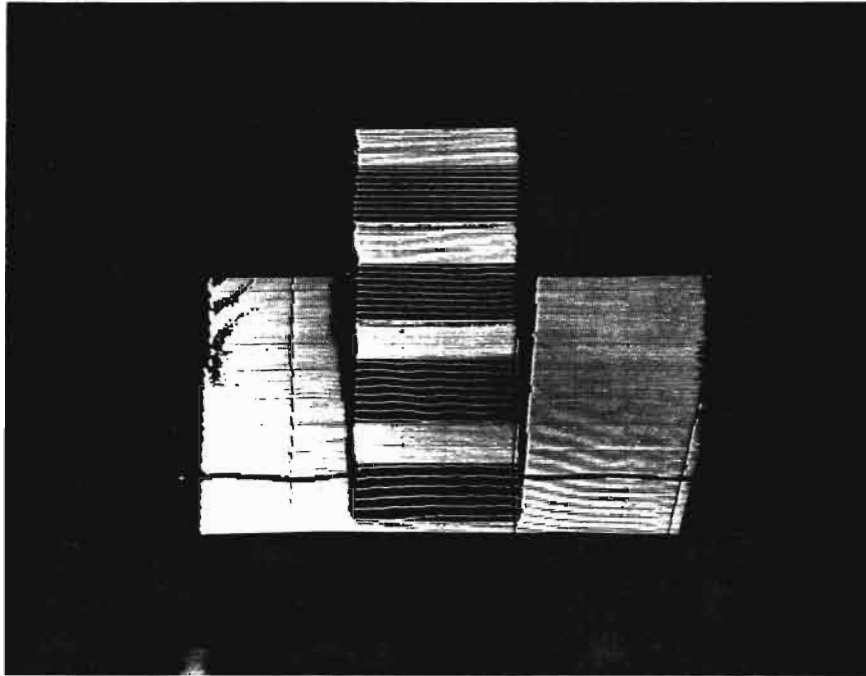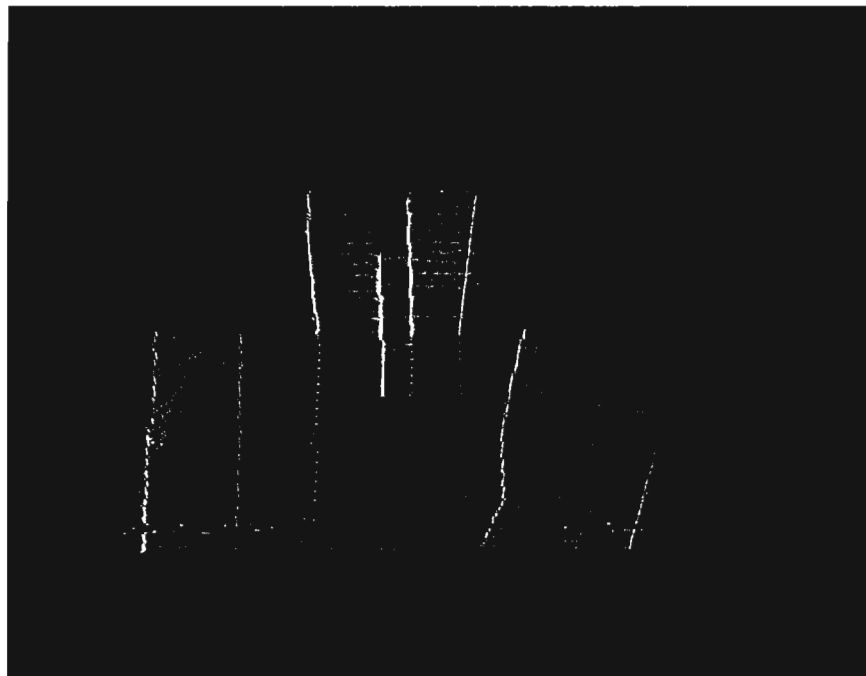cylinder
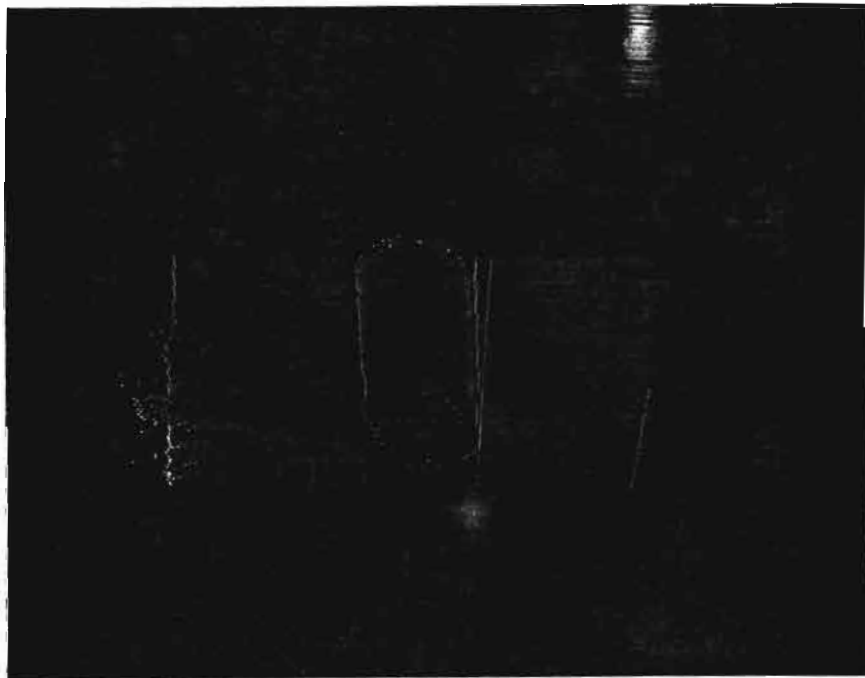
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garg_front
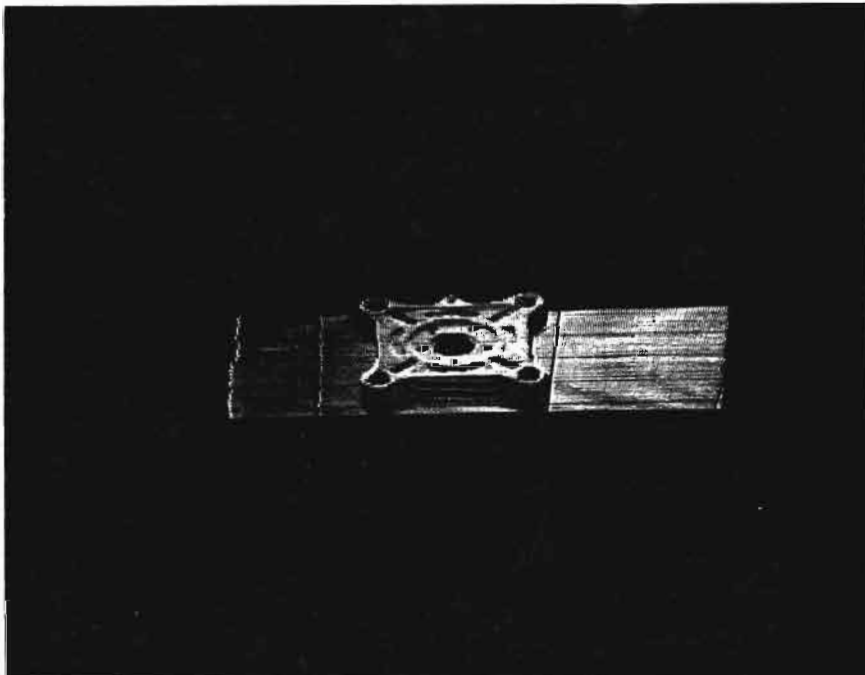
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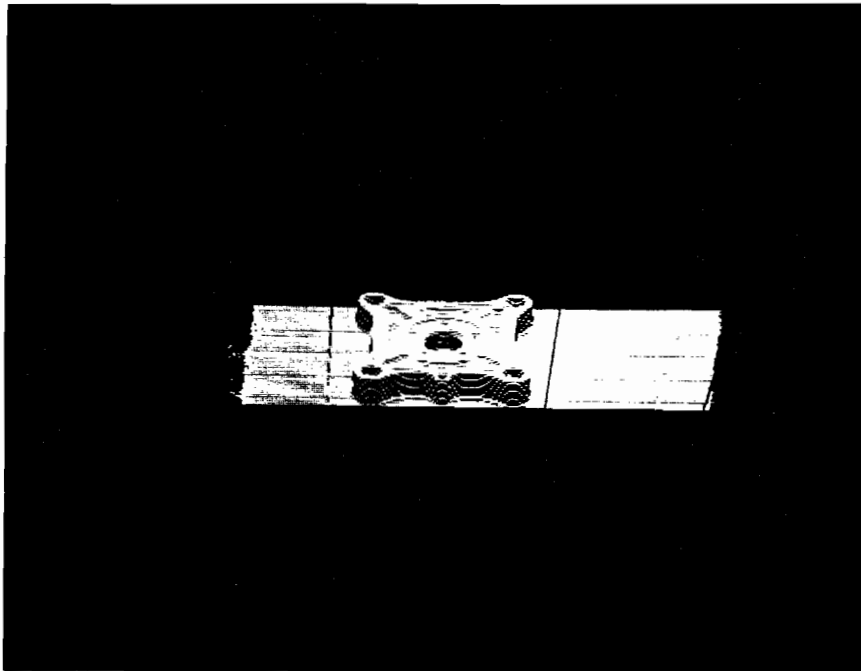
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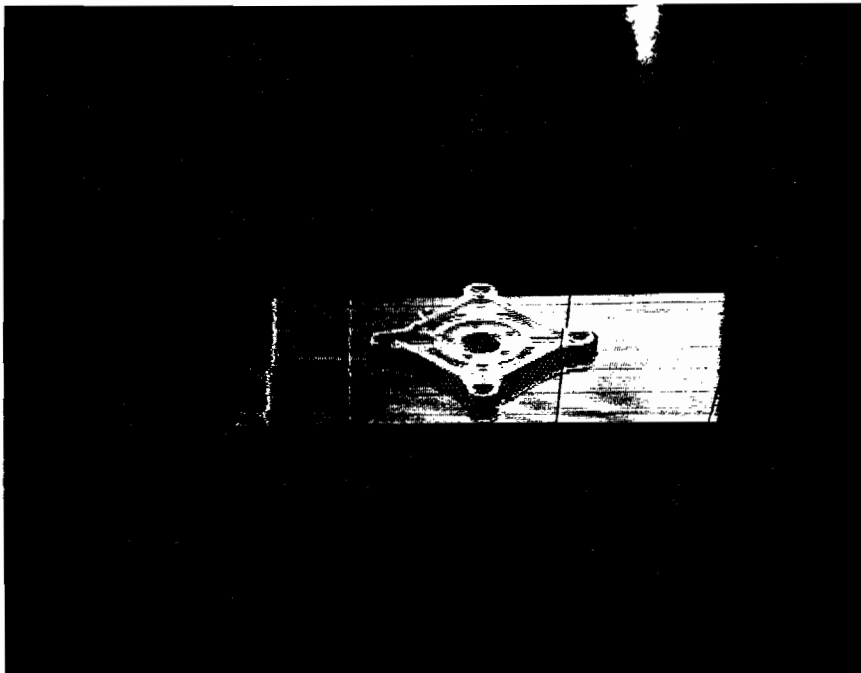
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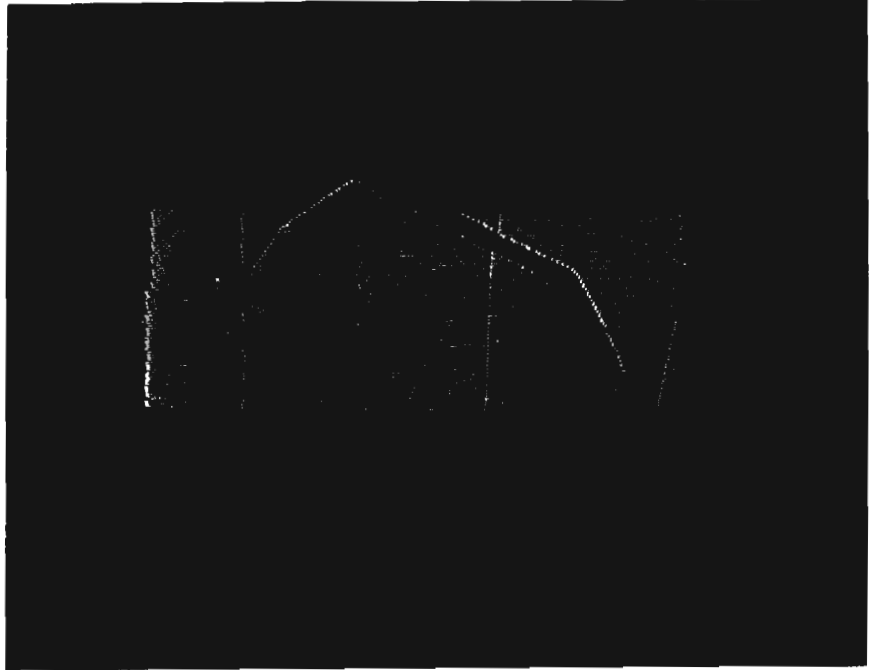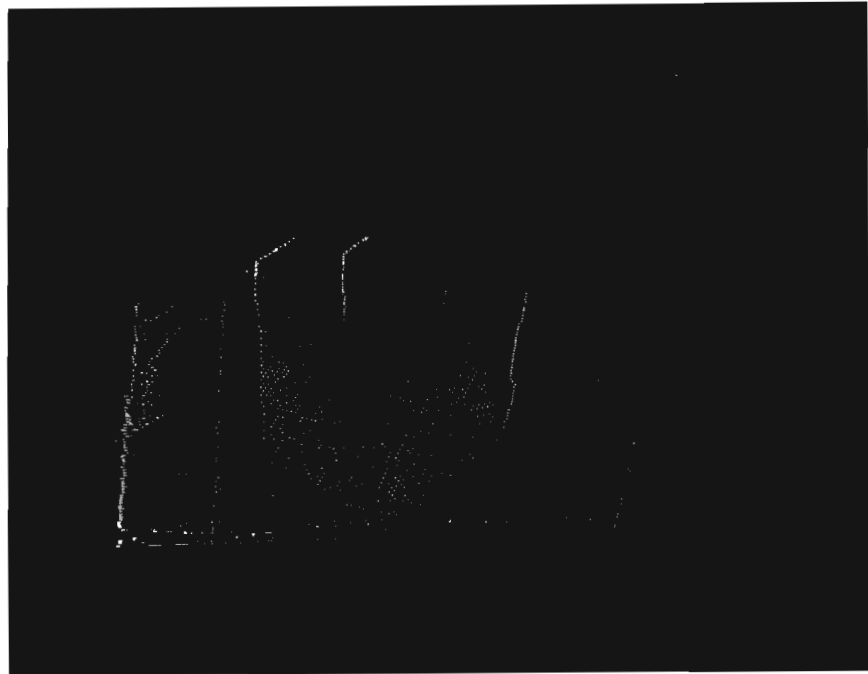
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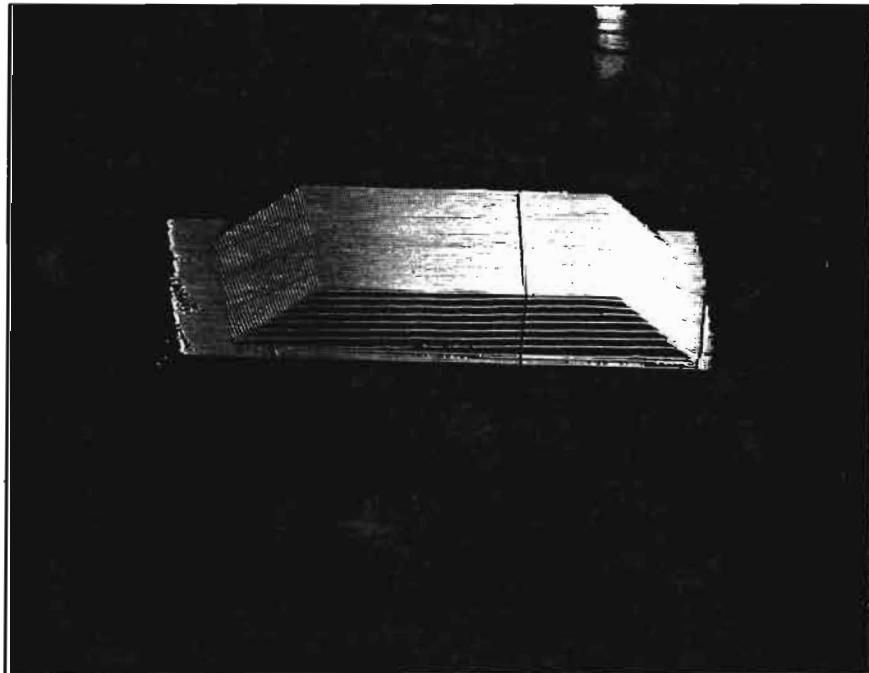
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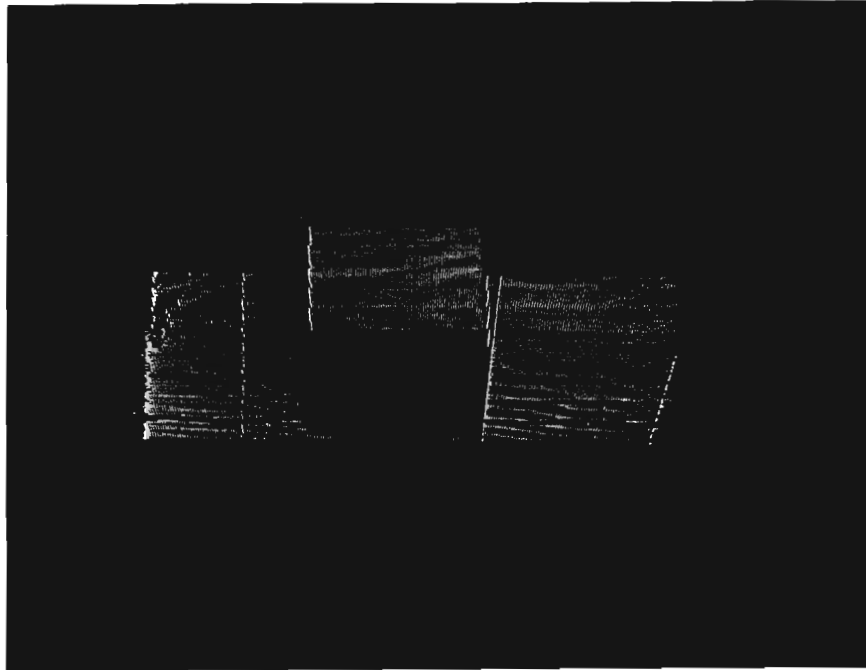
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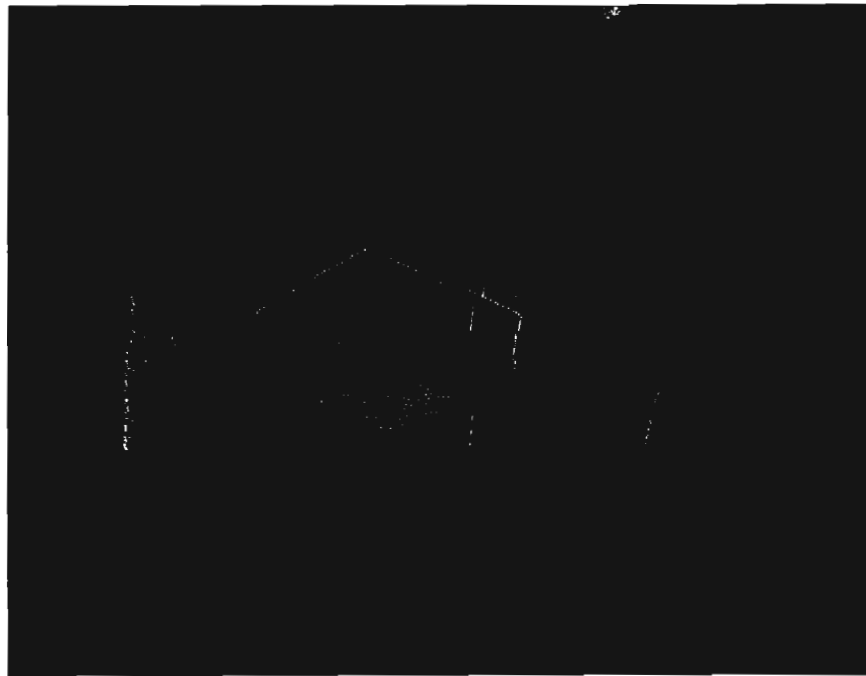
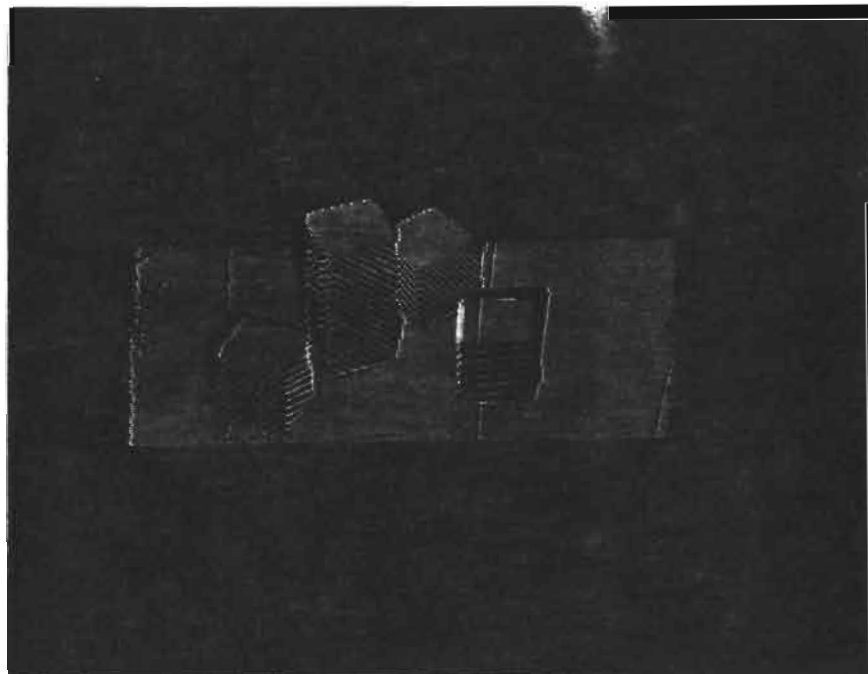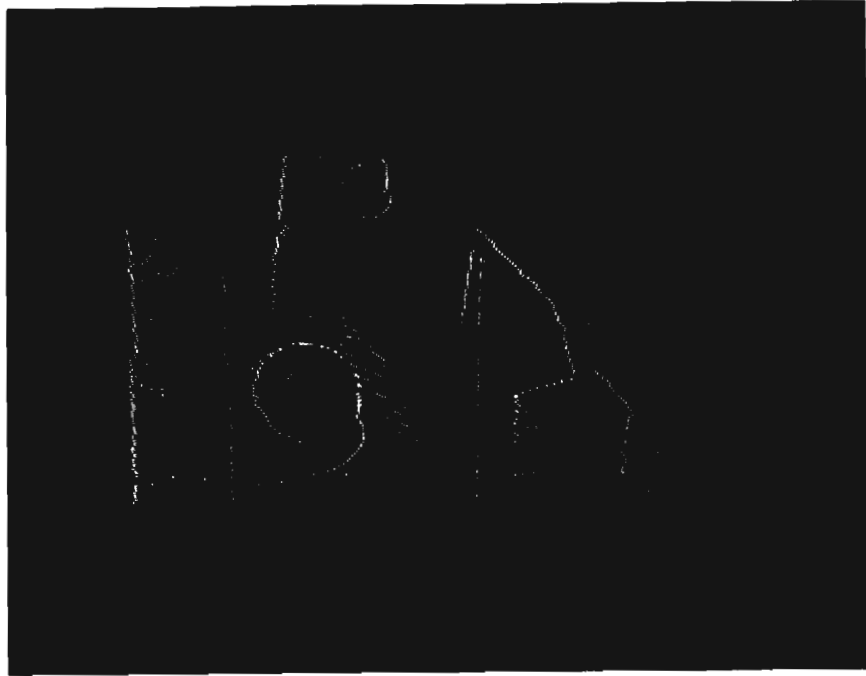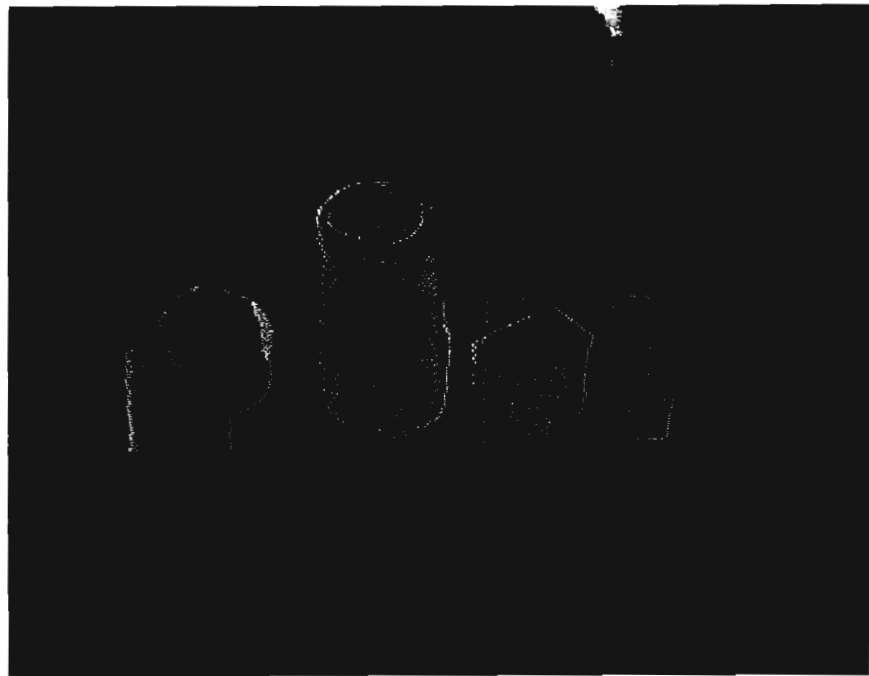poly_4
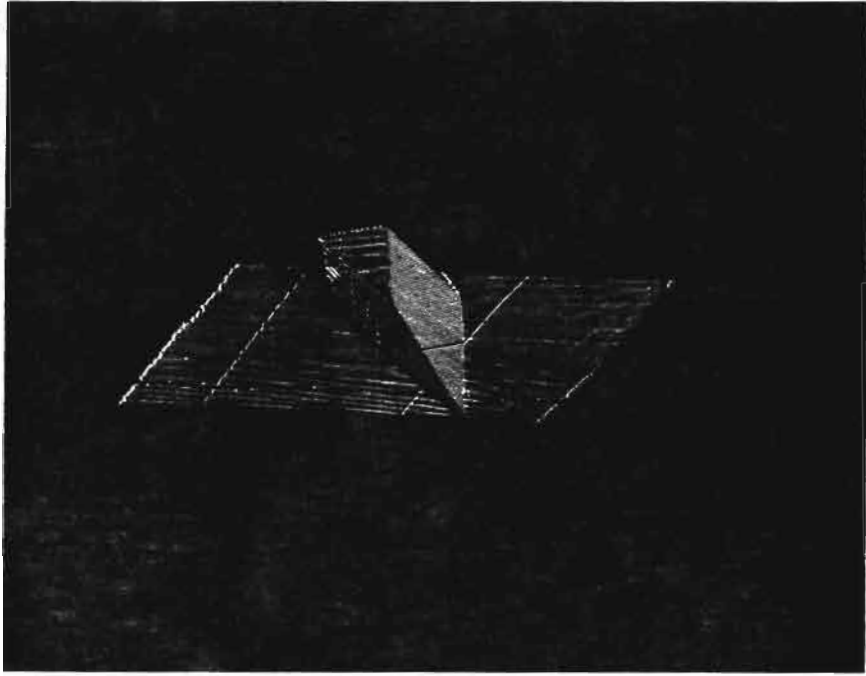
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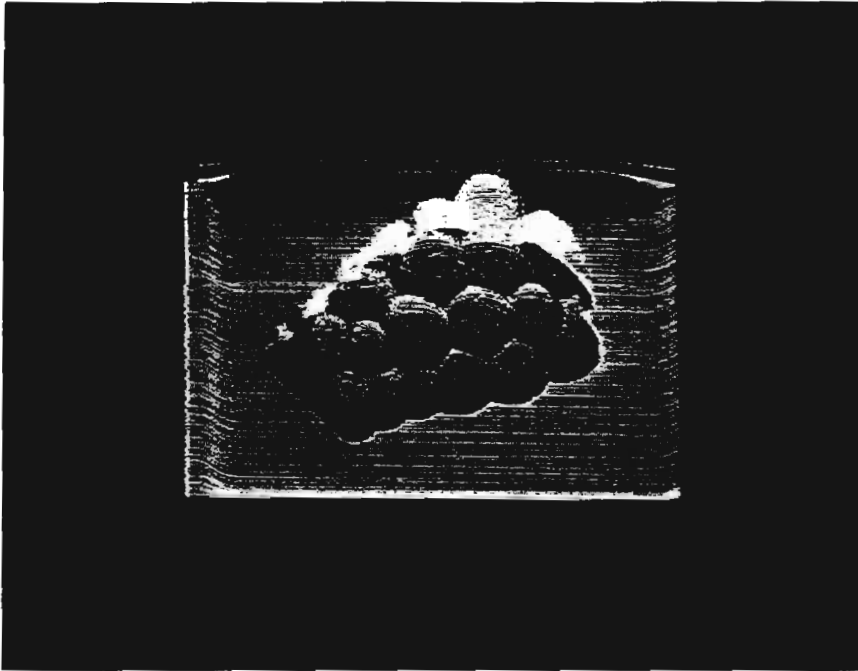
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scene_3

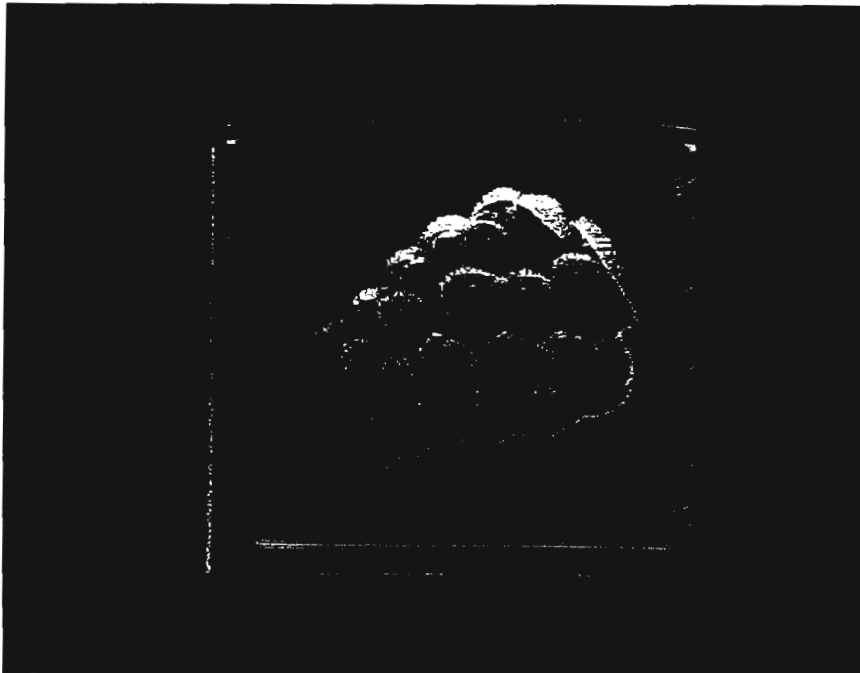# IV. Photographs of Objects Scanned at INRIA
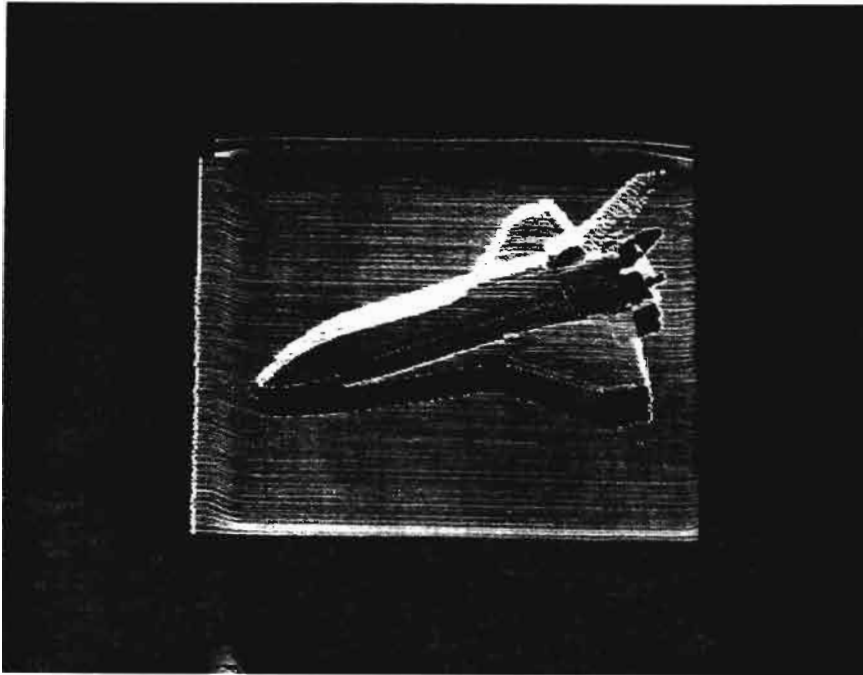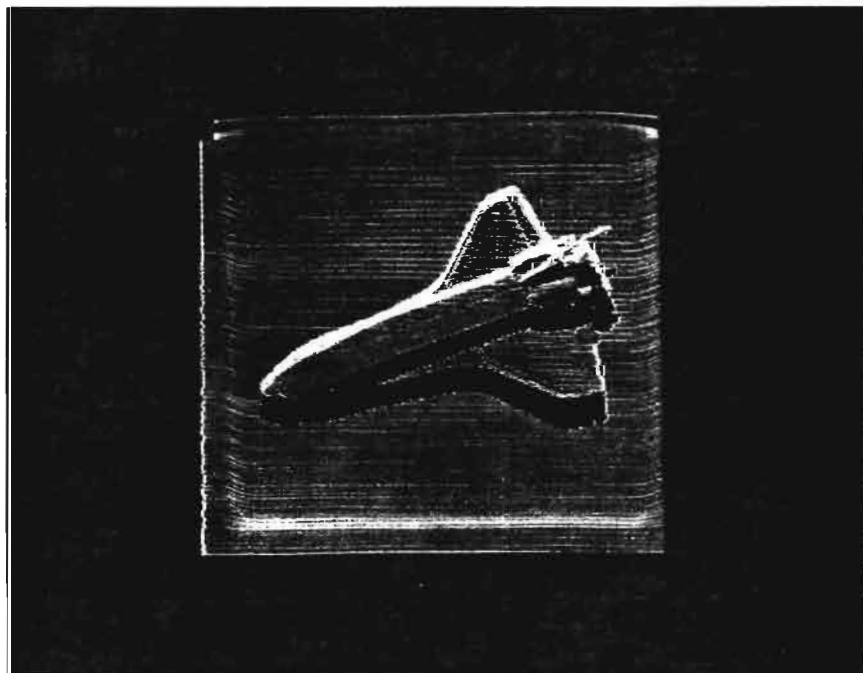

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renault_2

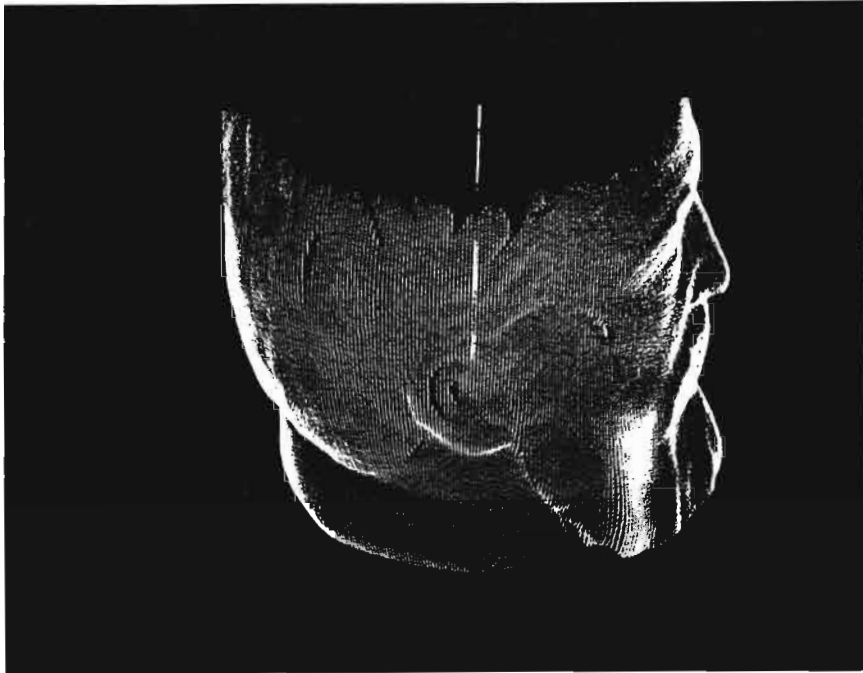# V. Photographs of Objects Scanned at SRI

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sri_shuttle1

sri_shuttle2
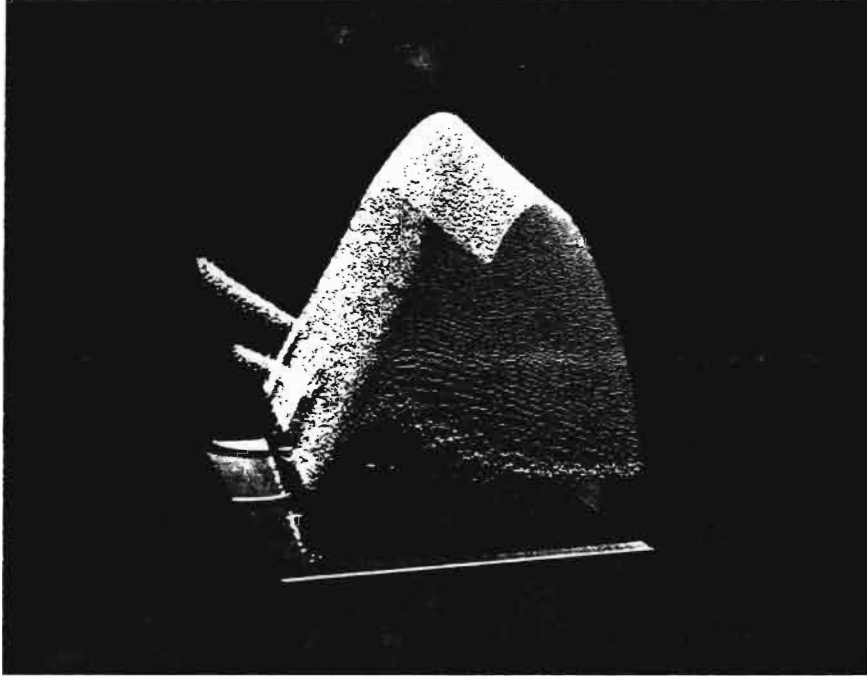
VI. Photograph of Object Scanned at ENST

v_hugo

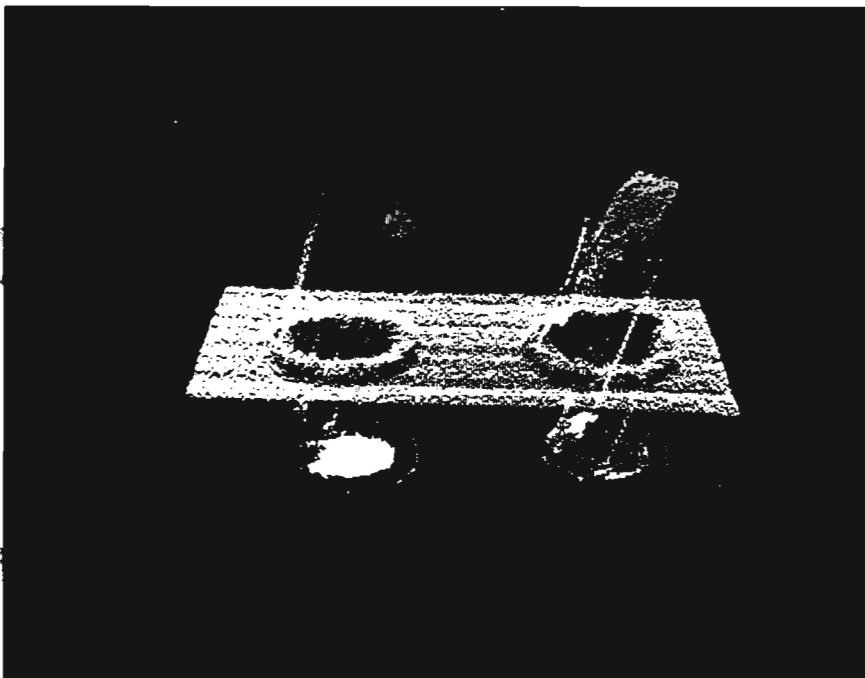## VII. Photographs of Objects Scanned at NCSU
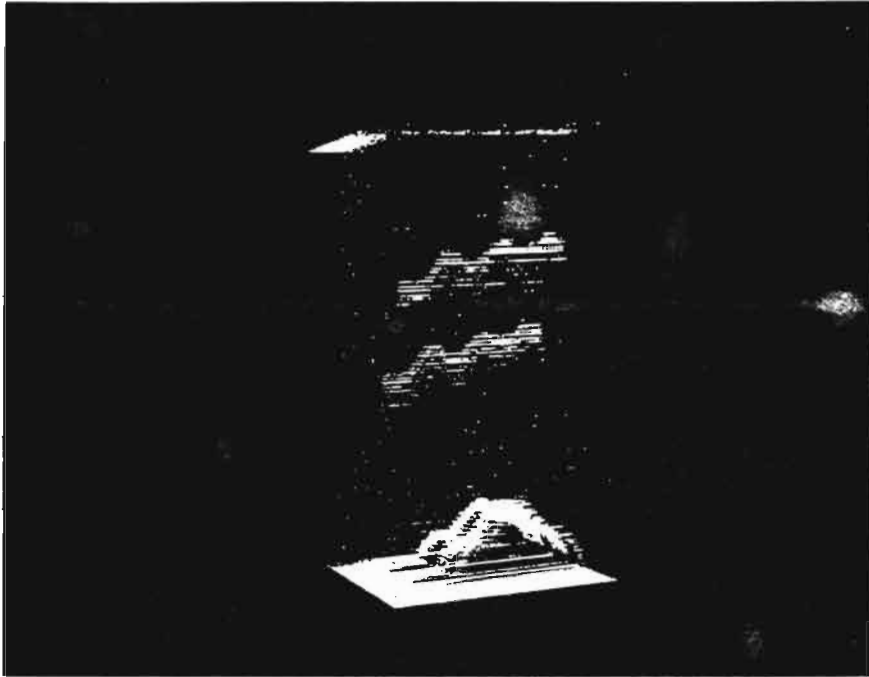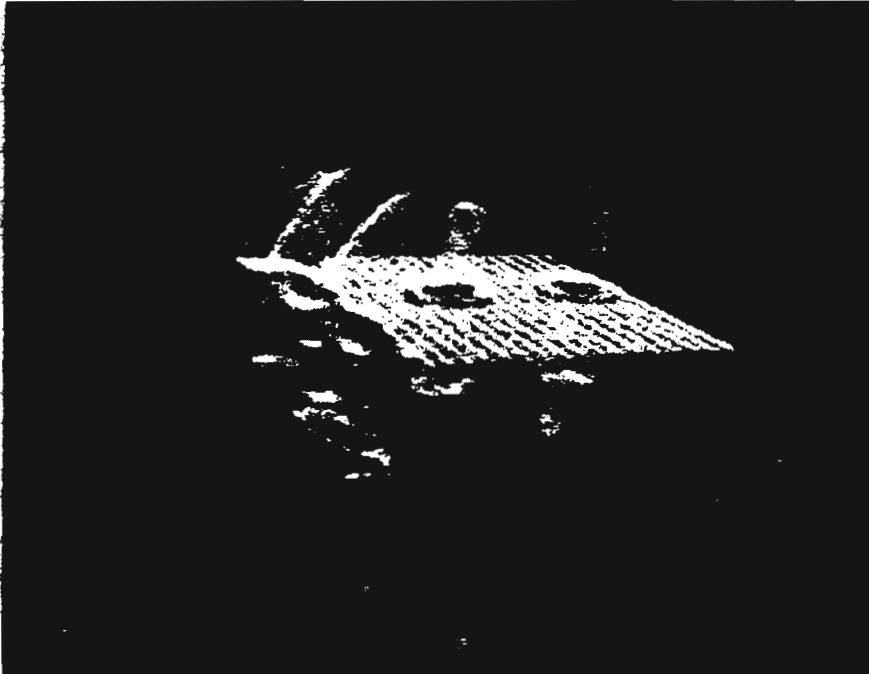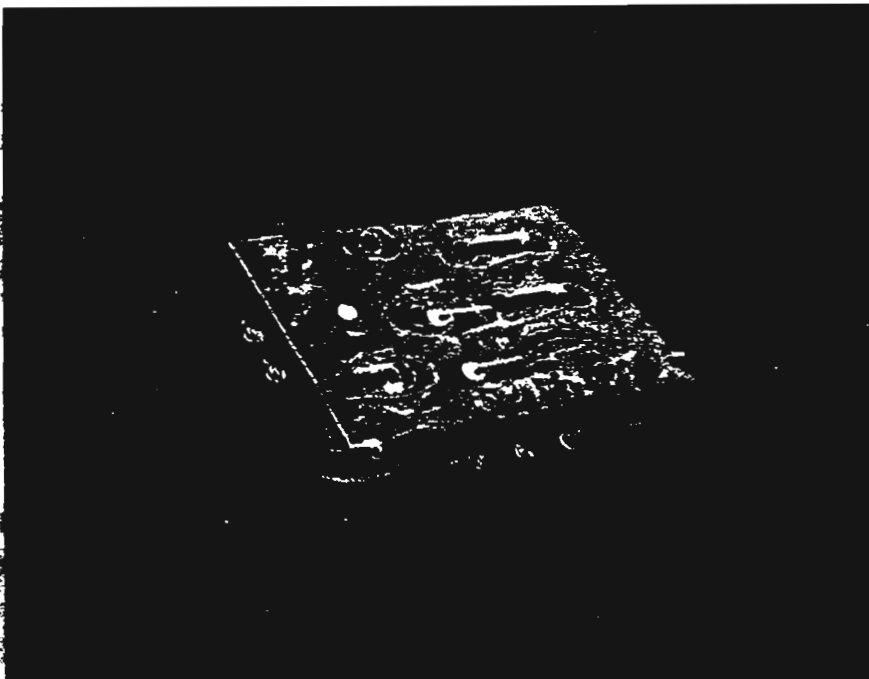

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