
Horus Documentation

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1.1 Installation

1.1.1 Install on Ubuntu

Supported versions: 14.04, 15.04, 15.10, 16.04

System setup

```
sudo add-apt-repository ppa:bqlabs/horus-dev
sudo apt-get update
```

Official versions are hosted in **ppa:bqlabs/horus**: [PPA Horus](#). Alpha, beta and rc versions are hosted in **ppa:bqlabs/horus-dev**: [PPA Horus dev](#).

Note: A [custom OpenCV](#) version is used, because of the next [reasons](#).

Install Horus

This command installs all the dependencies, including custom OpenCV libraries.

```
sudo apt-get install horus
```

Note: If user has no access to serial port, execute `sudo usermod -a -G dialout $USER` and reboot.

Update Horus

If there is a new release just execute

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install horus
```

1.1.2 Install on Windows

Supported versions: 7, 10

System setup

Install the USB Camera drivers

- [Logitech Camera C270 Drivers](#)

Install Horus

- [Horus installer](#)

Execute the installer and follow the wizard. This package contains all dependencies and also Arduino and FTDI drivers.

Reboot the computer to apply the changes.

Note: In **Windows 10**, if the application is blurred, follow these steps:

1. Right click on the application and select *Properties*
 2. Go to *Compatibility* tab.
 3. Under *Settings* section, check *Disable display scaling on high DPI settings*
 4. *Apply* and close the window.
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1.1.3 Install on Mac OS X

Supported versions: 10.9, 10.10, 10.11

System setup

Install the FTDI drivers

- [FTDI USB Drivers](#)

Install Horus

- [Horus installer](#)

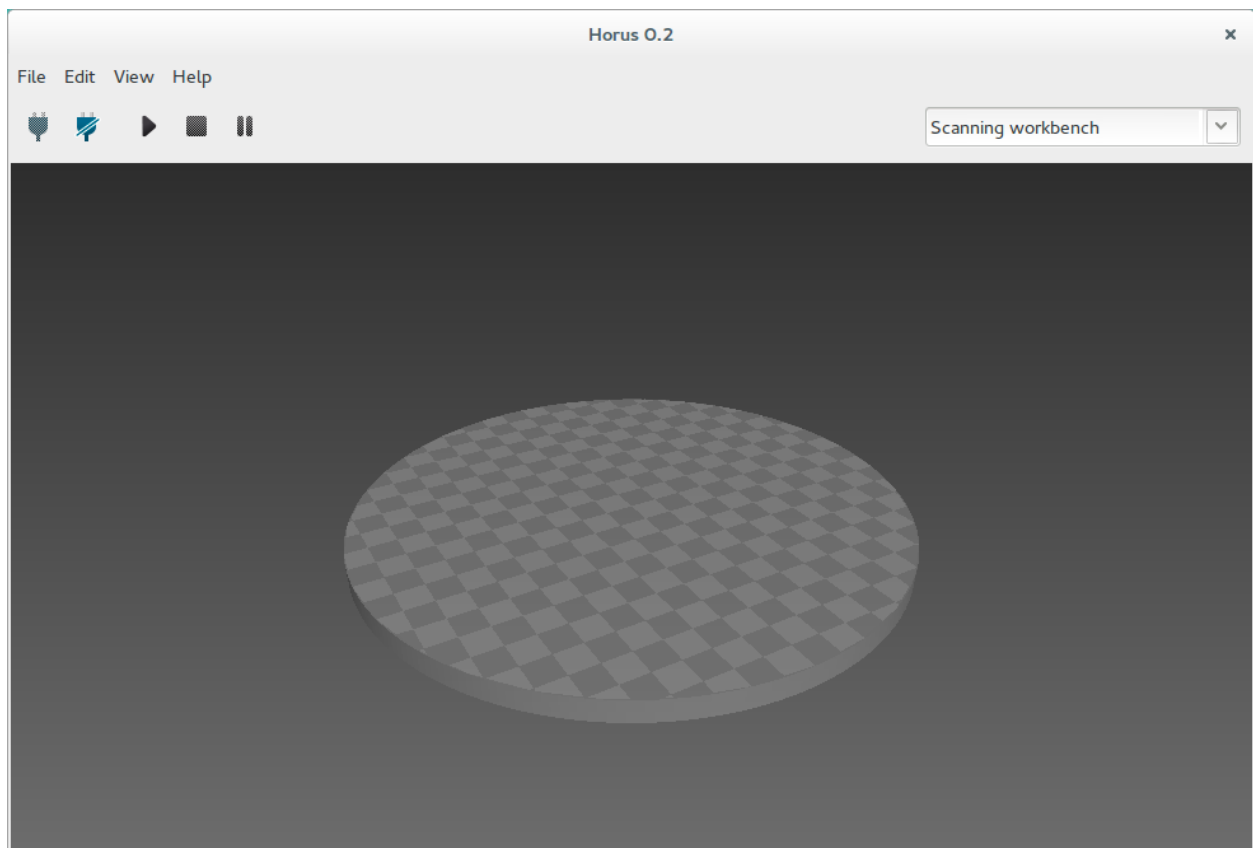
Execute the installer and drag Horus icon into *Applications*.

Reboot the computer to apply the changes.

1.2 Getting started

Horus is a multiplatform application to experiment with the [open 3D scanner Ciclop](#).

It provides a graphical interface that allows you to connect the scanner, control its devices, set scanning parameters, calibrate the scanner and scan 3D objects with Ciclop. It also includes a 3D scene of the point cloud obtained in real time.

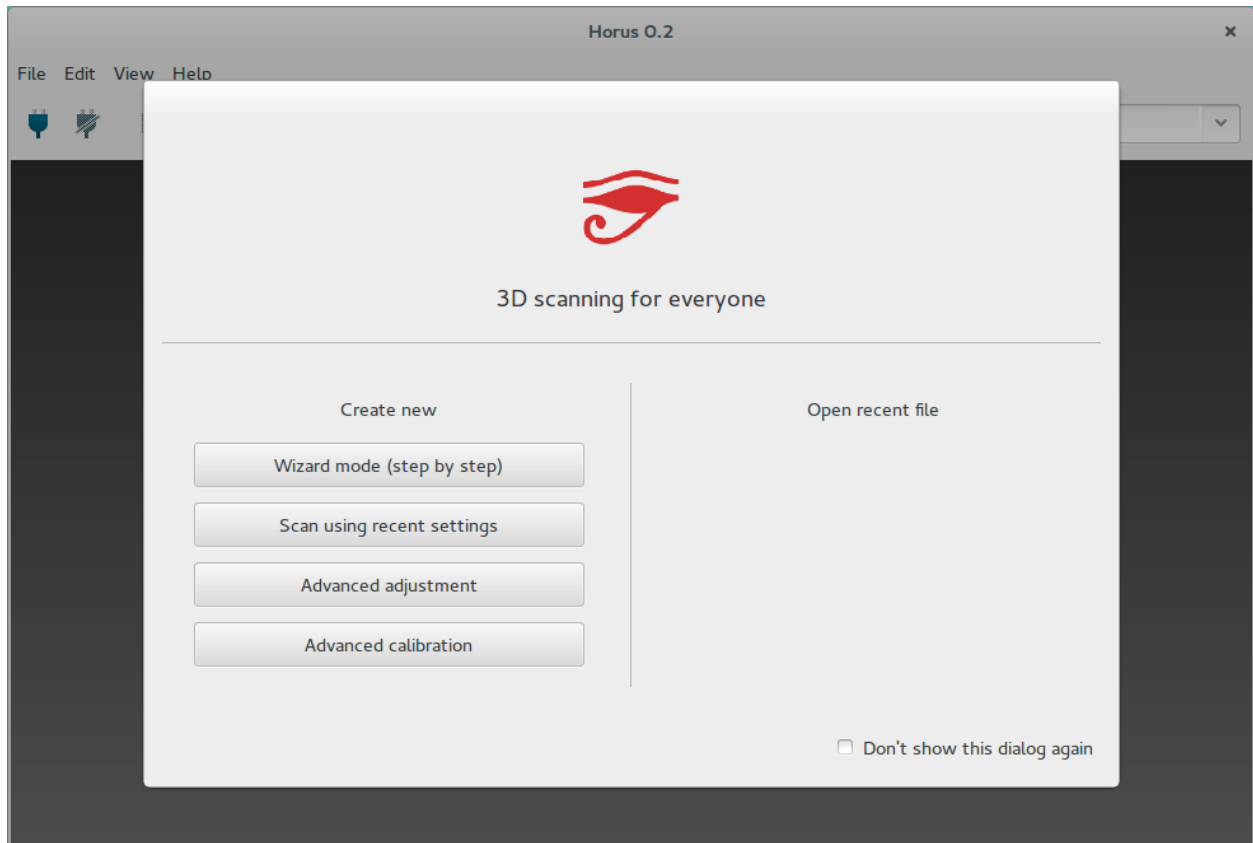


It was created by [bqlabs](#), the Department of Innovation and Robotics at [BQ](#), developed in [Python](#) and released under the [GPLv2](#) license.

1.2.1 Wizard

When you first open *Horus*, a **Welcome** window appears. This window has two parts:

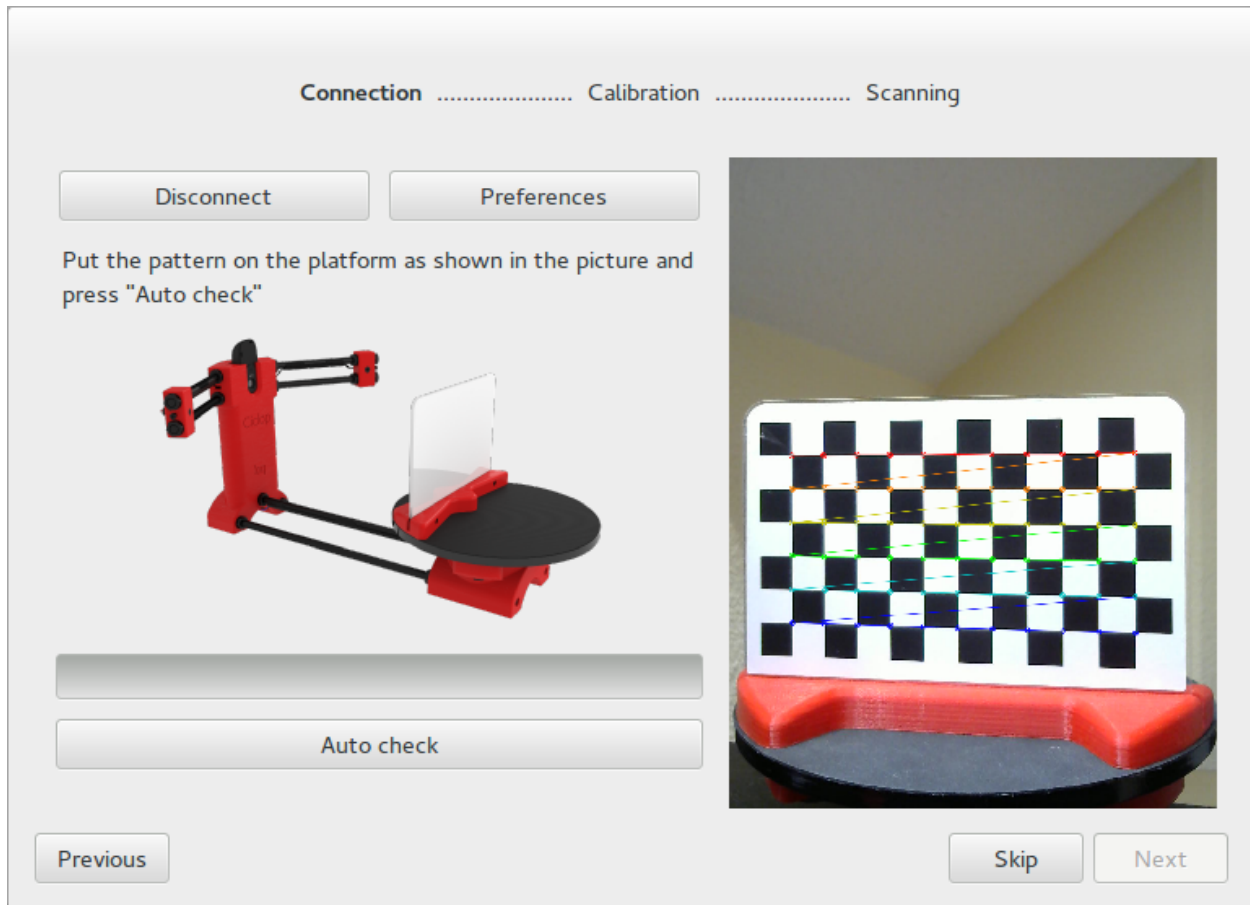
- **Create new:** it allows to launch the Wizard or any workbench.
- **Open recent file:** it provides direct access to the latest models (*ply* or *stl*).



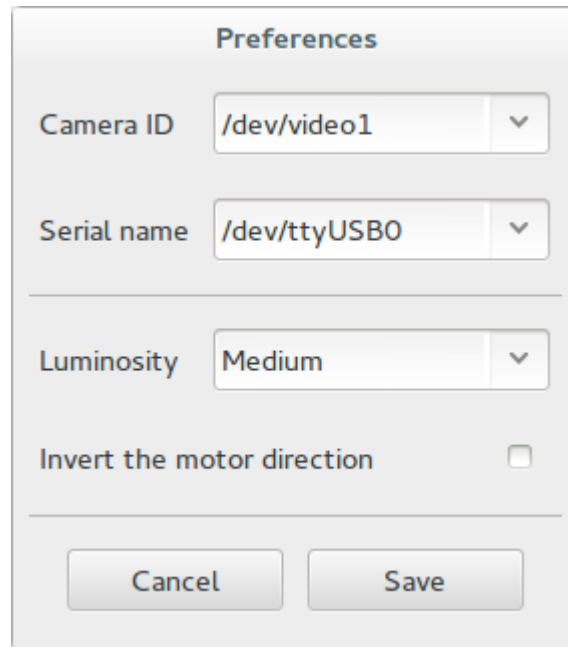
Pressing over **Wizard mode**, an interactive menu appears for configuring the scanner step by step.

Connection window

This window contains the scanner connection, a preferences panel and the auto check process.



- **Connect/Disconnect:** connects the camera and the electronics of Ciclop. If a device can not be found, a notification message is thrown.
- **Preferences:** allows to modify the *Camera ID* and the *Serial name* of the scanner. Also the *Luminosity*. This setting can take *High*, *Medium* or *Low* for high, medium or low ambient light. The setting *Invert the motor direction* inverts all the motor angle commands.

A screenshot of a 'Preferences' dialog box. The dialog has a title bar with the word 'Preferences' in blue. It contains four settings: 'Camera ID' with a dropdown menu showing '/dev/video1', 'Serial name' with a dropdown menu showing '/dev/ttyUSB0', 'Luminosity' with a dropdown menu showing 'Medium', and 'Invert the motor direction' with an unchecked checkbox. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'Save'.

Preferences

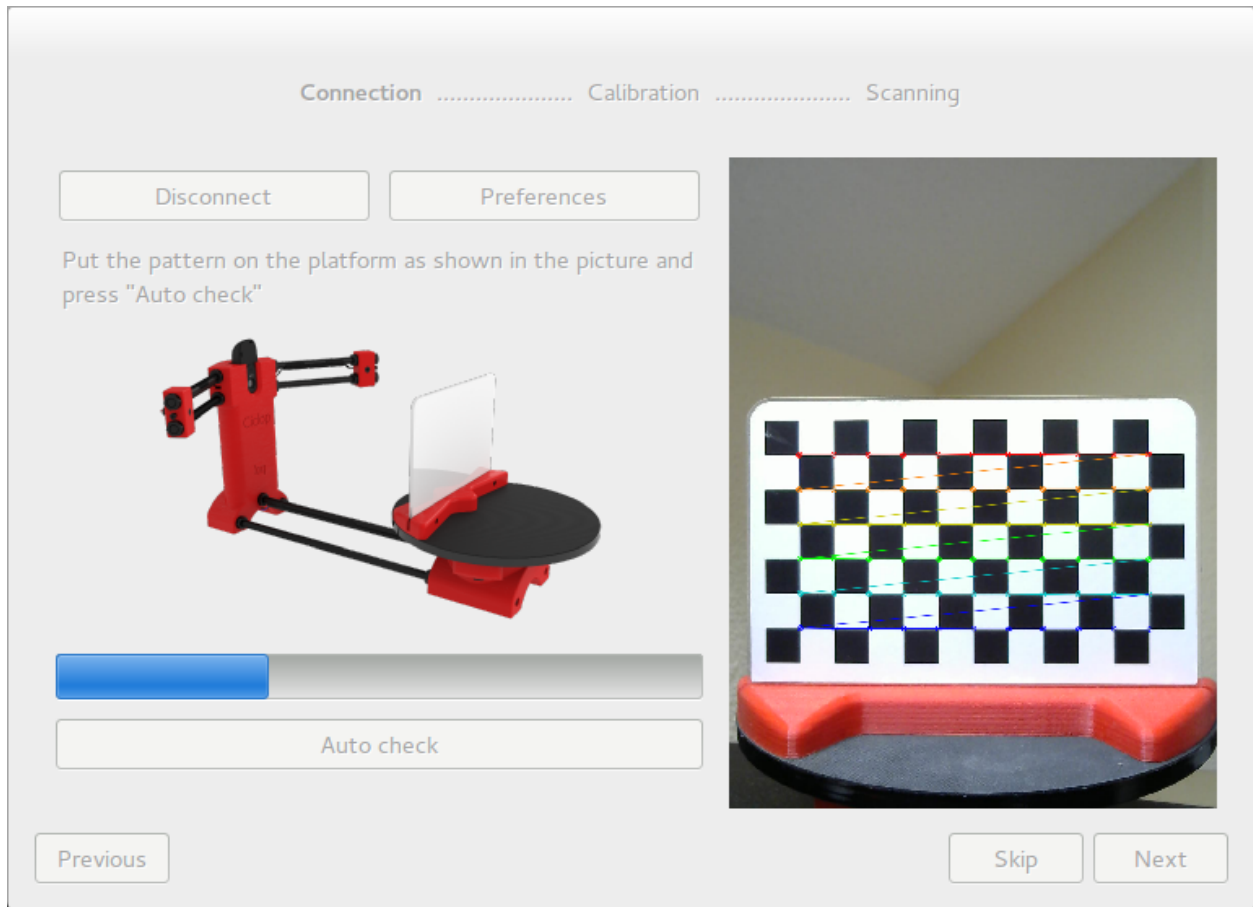
Camera ID

Serial name

Luminosity

Invert the motor direction ☐

- **Auto check:** in order to perform this process, putting the pattern over the platform is required, as shown in the picture. This process makes a full turn of the platform, and checks:
 - **Pattern detection:** indicates whether the pattern is not detected correctly by luminosity or brightness problems.
 - **Motor direction:** detects if the motor direction is reversed and how to correct it.
 - **Lasers detection:** detects if the lasers have been connected properly and are working.



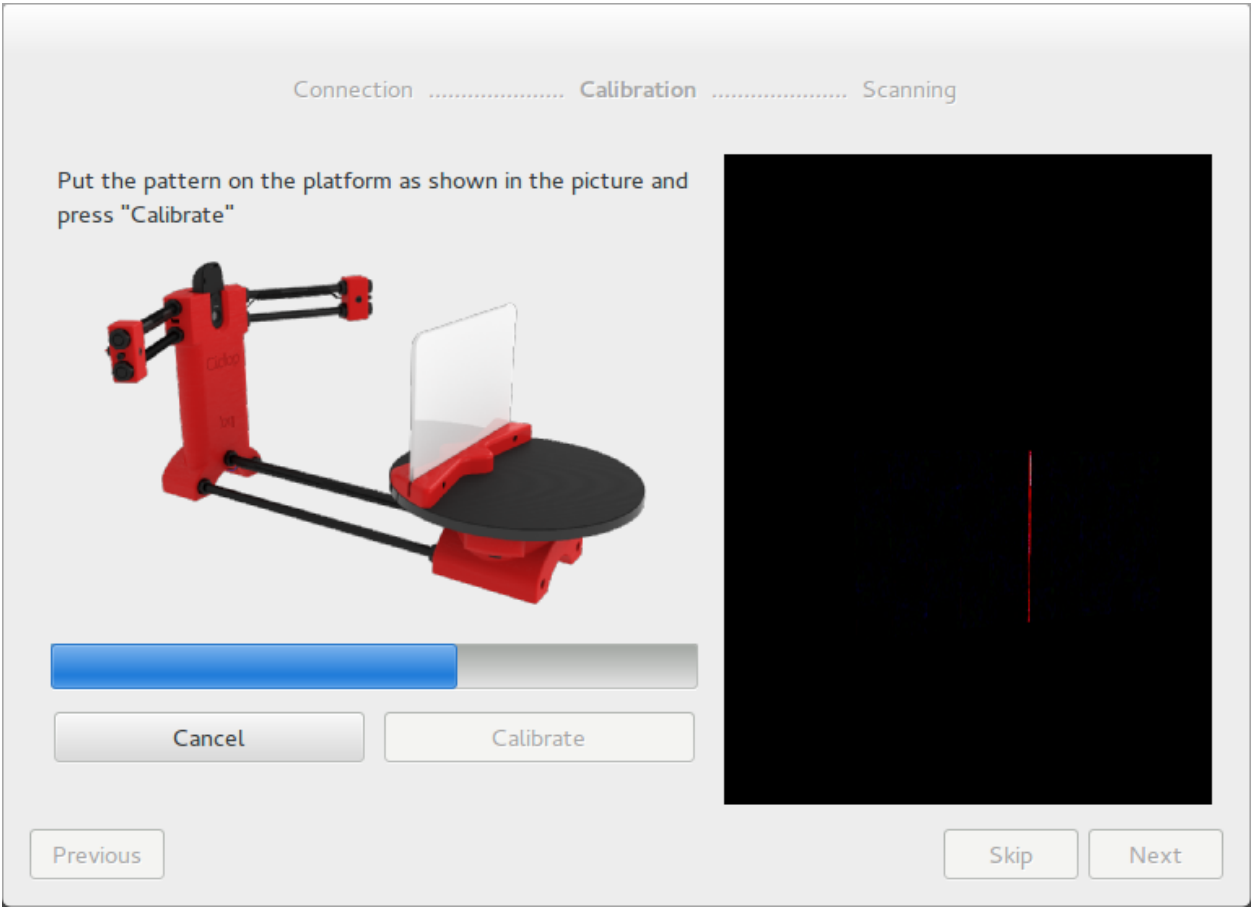
Note: The first time *Auto check* is pressed, a menu appears indicating if the lasers want to be aligned. This is for manually moving the orientation of the lasers until the emitted line is perpendicular to the platform. It requires an Allen wrench.

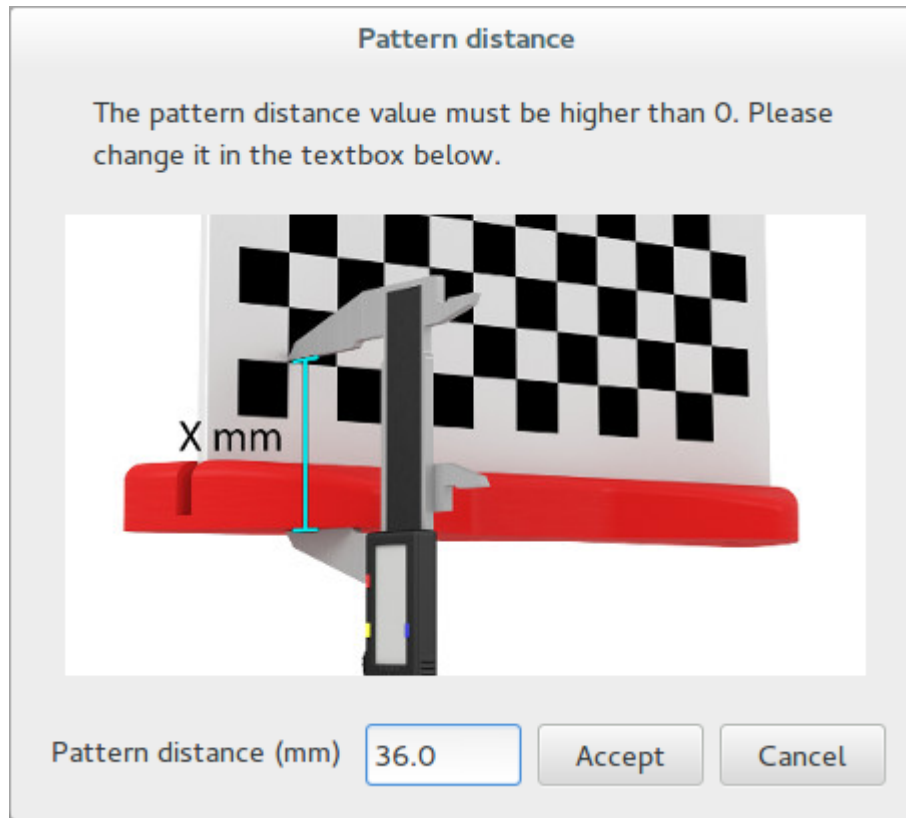
Calibration window

In this window both the lasers calibration and the platform calibration are performed.

This calibration process computes the planes in the space respect to the camera for each laser, as well as the spatial relation between the turntable and the optical center of the camera.

Note: The first time the calibration is performed, *Origin pattern distance* must be set. This distance is fundamental for the platform's calibration, because it indicates the real relation between the position of the pattern's sticker and the base.

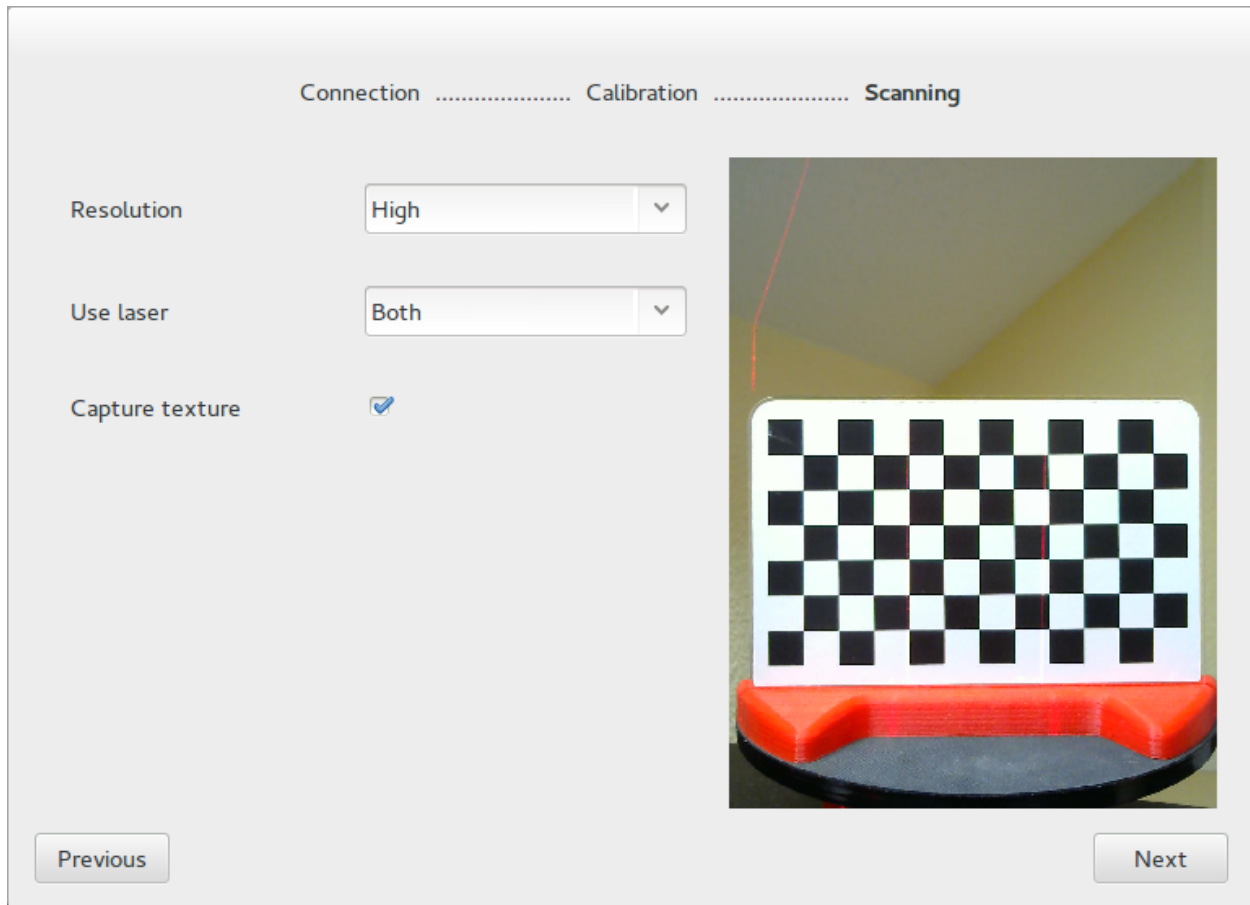




Scanning window

In this window, scanning parameters are set:

- **Resolution:** it is related to the number of steps per revolution of the motor.
 - *High*: 800 steps (0.45°)
 - *Medium*: 400 steps (0.9°)
 - *Low*: 200 steps (1.8°)
- **Laser:** selects left laser, right laser or both.
- **Capture texture:** enabling this option captures the real color of the object. Otherwise the point cloud has an uniform fake color.



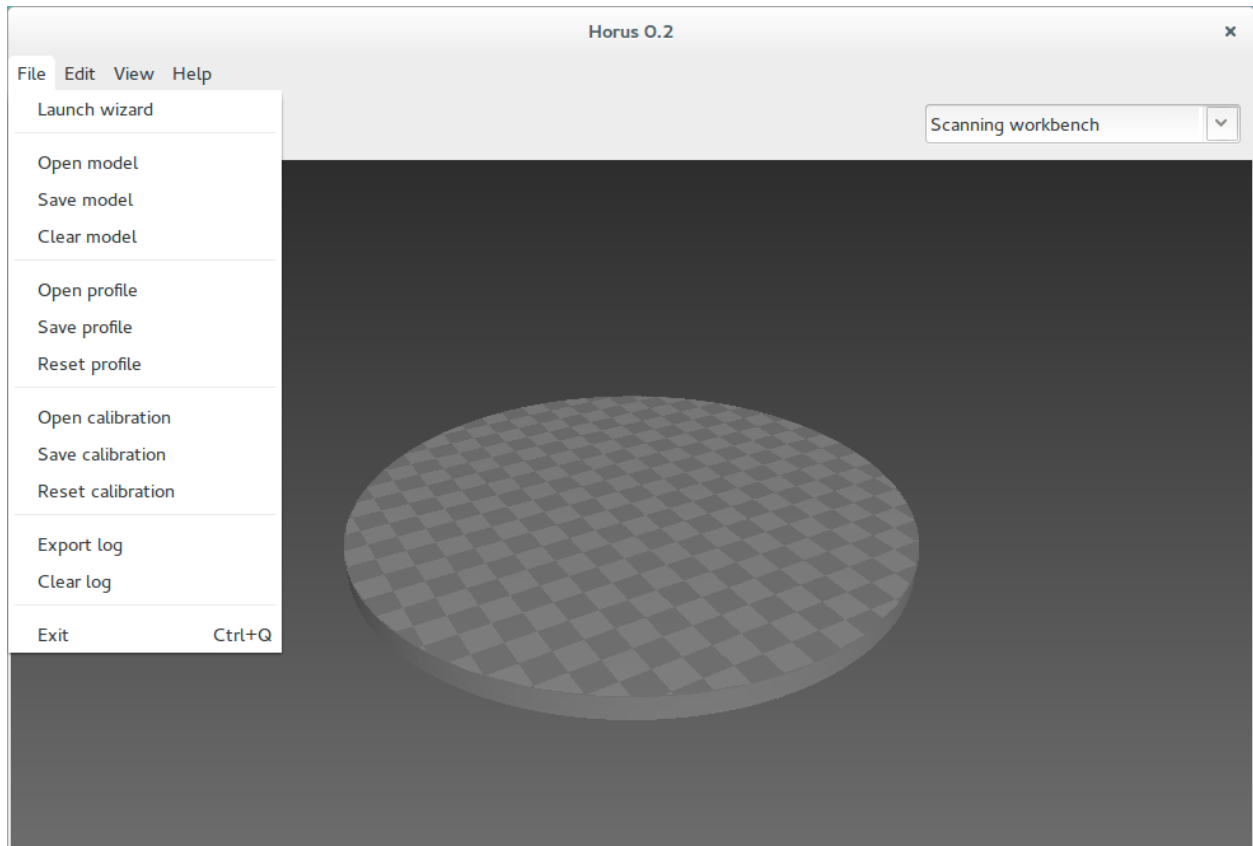
Once the **Wizard** is completed, access the main window.

1.2.2 Menu

File

- **Launch wizard:** opens the *Wizard*.
- **Open model:** opens a 3D model (*ply* point cloud or *stl* mesh).
- **Save model:** saves the point cloud of the 3D scene in *ply* format.
- **Clear model:** removes the current 3D model from the 3D scene.
- **Open profile:** loads all the control, adjustment and scanning parameters.
- **Save profile:** saves all the control, adjustment and scanning parameters in JSON format.
- **Reset profile:** resets all the control, adjustment and scanning parameters to the default values.
- **Open calibration:** loads all the calibration parameters.
- **Save calibration:** saves all the calibration parameters in JSON format.
- **Reset calibration:** resets all the calibration parameters to the default values.
- **Export log:** saves a log file with the registry of the previous commands.
- **Clear log:** removes the log file. It is automatically removed each 7 days.

- **Exit:** closes the application.



Edit

- **Preferences:** opens the complete preferences window:
 - **Connection section:** *Camera ID*, *Serial name* and *Baud rate*.
 - **Adjustment section:** *Luminosity* and *Invert the motor direction*.
 - **Firmware section:** allows to upload the default or a selected firmware to *BT ATmega328* and *Arduino UNO* boards. Also, it can clear EEPROM before uploading the firmware.
 - **Language section:** allows to select the application's current language.

Preferences

Camera ID

/dev/video1

▼

Serial name

/dev/ttyUSB0

▼

Baud rate

115200

▼

Luminosity

Medium

▼

Invert the motor direction

☐

AVR board

BT ATmega328

▼

Binary file

Default

▼

Upload firmware

☐ Clear EEPROM

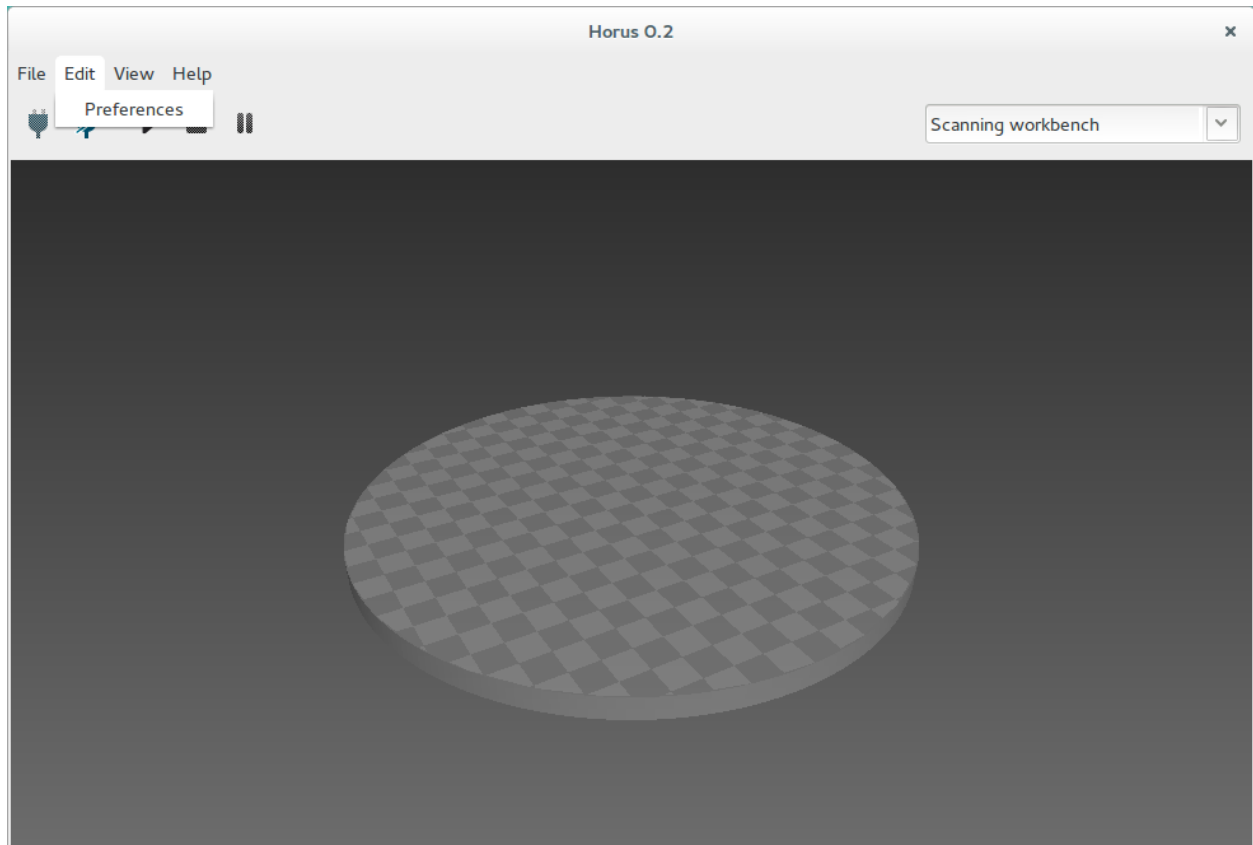
Language

English

▼

Cancel

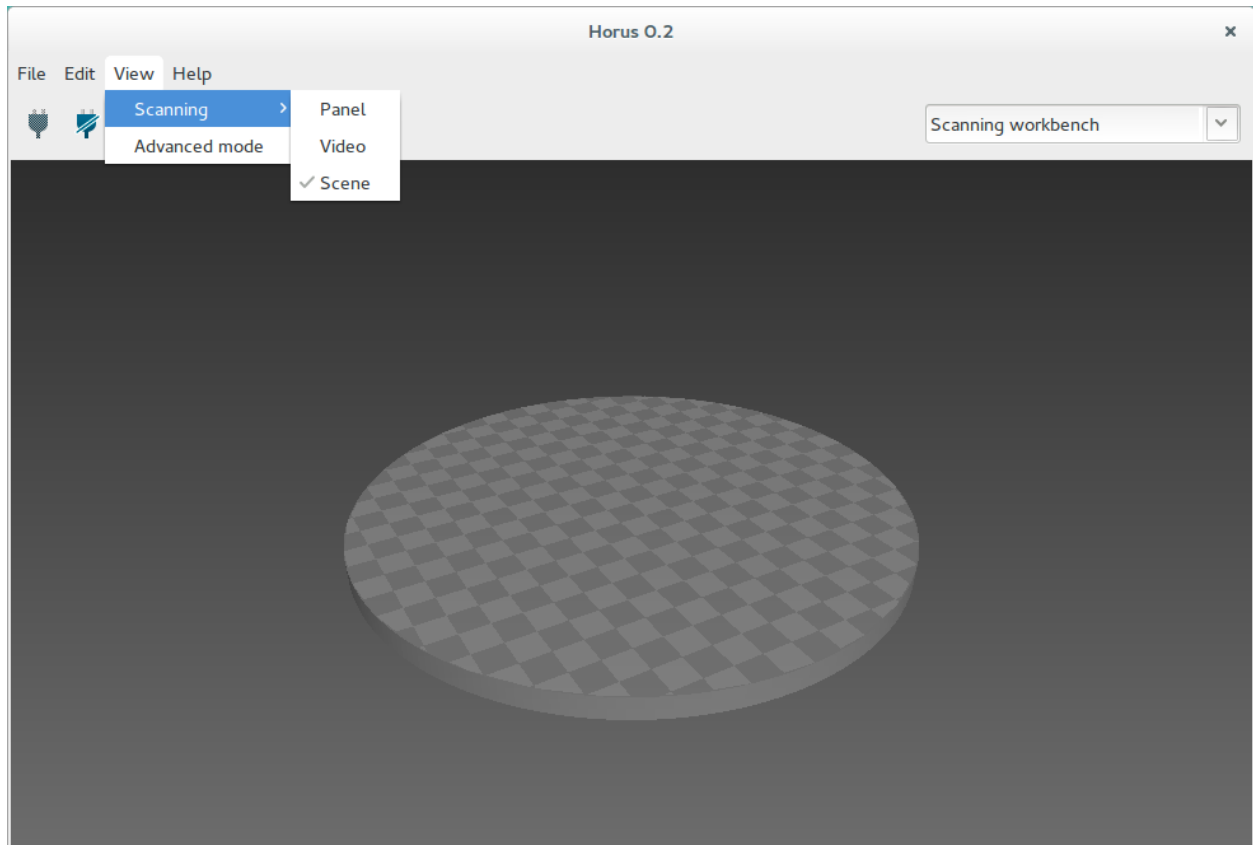
Save



Note: The *Firmware section* is only enabled if the scanner is disconnected.

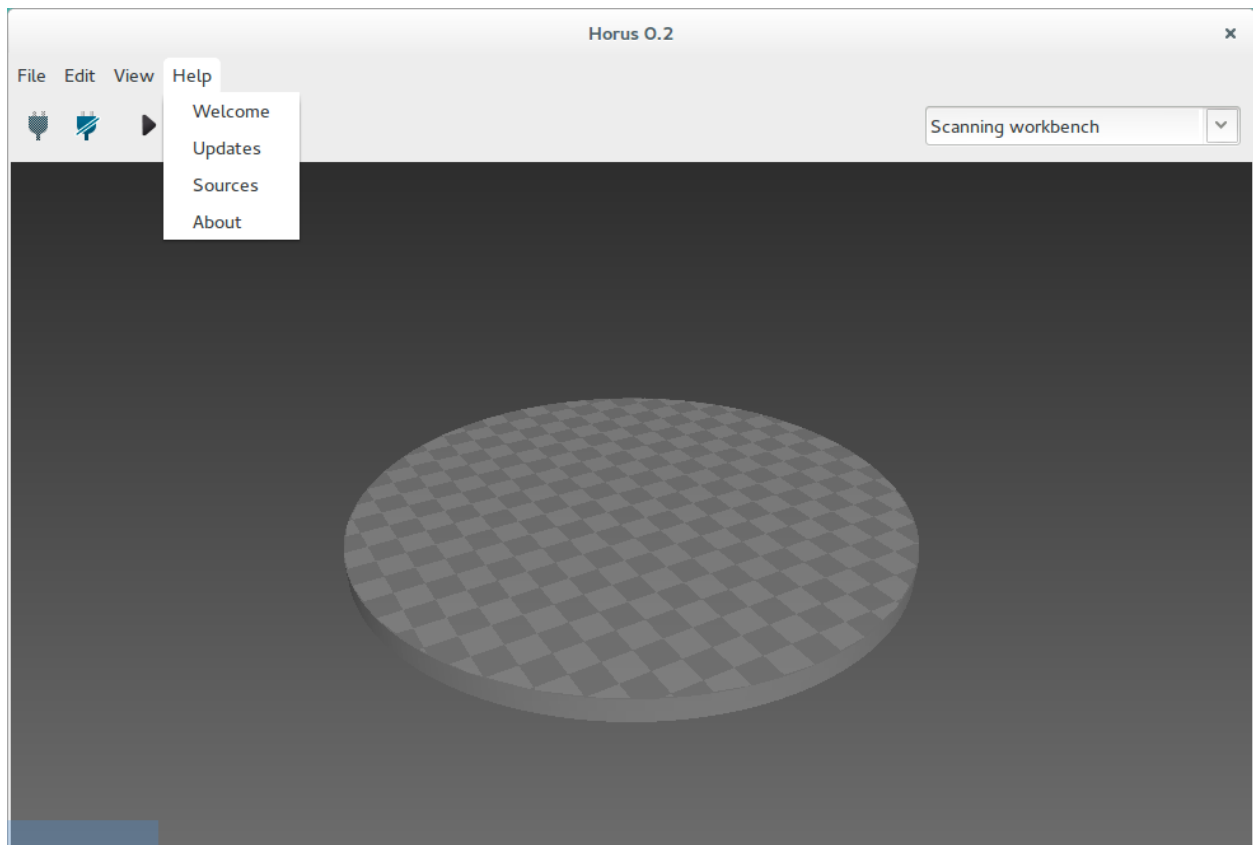
View

This menu shows and hides the *Scanning workbench* panels: the configuration panel, the video and the 3D scene. It also contains the *Advanced mode* option, that enables advanced options in *Calibration workbench*.



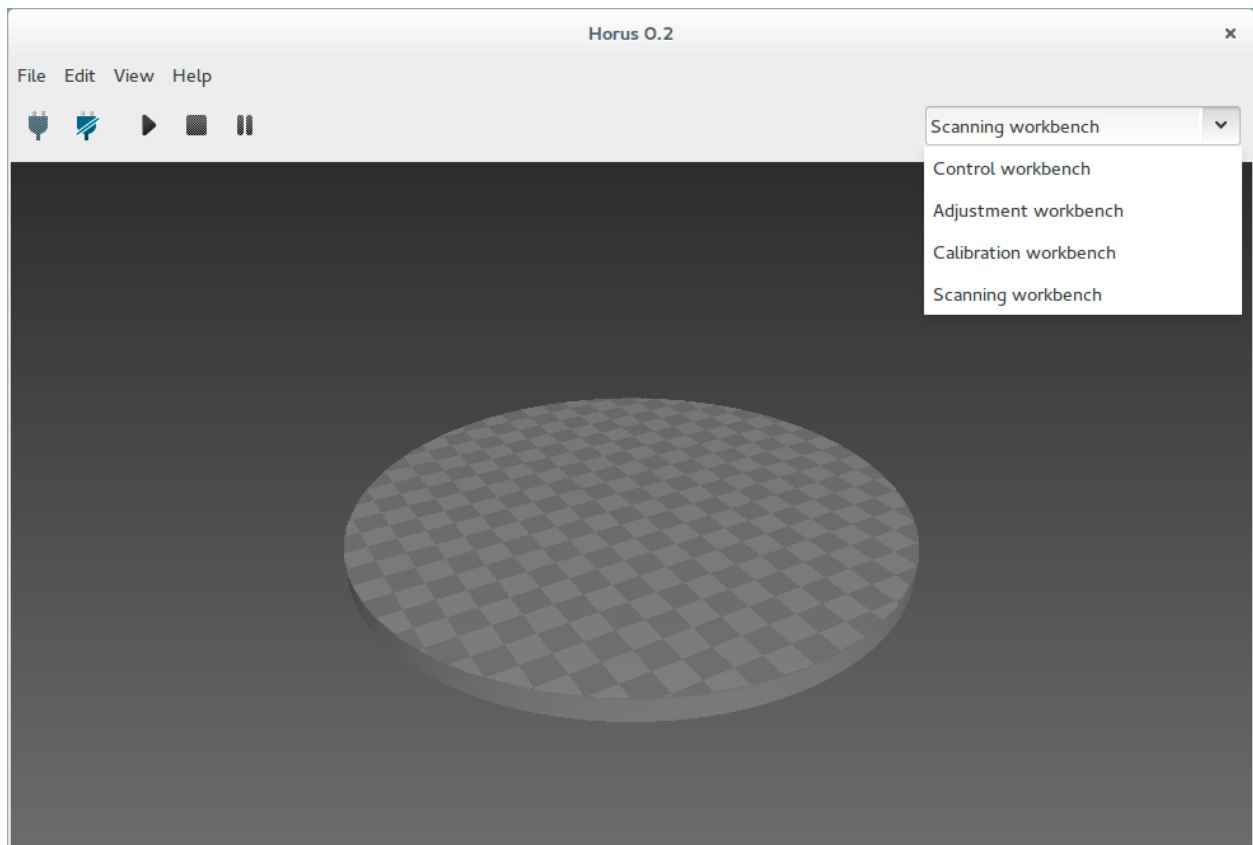
Help

In this menu you can open the *Welcome* window, check for updates and to access to project's web resources.

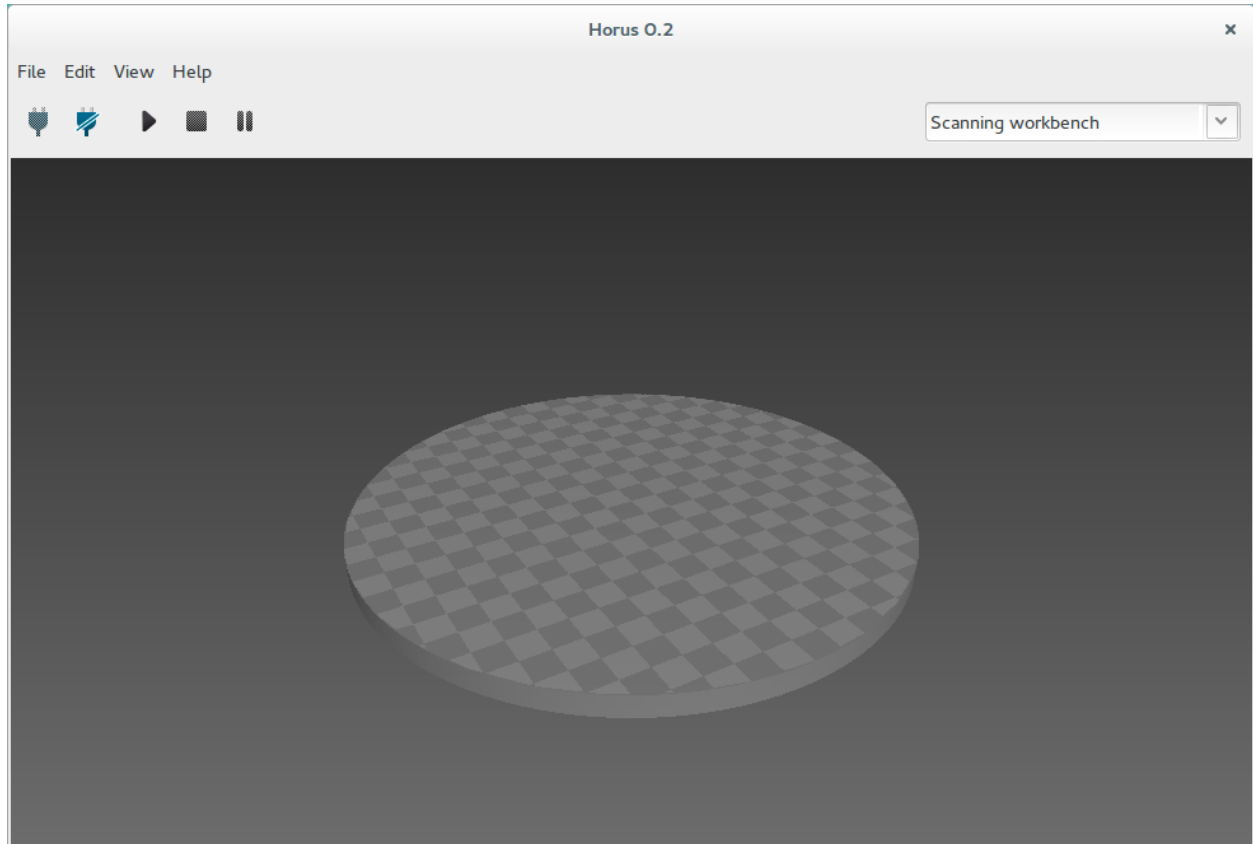


Workbench combo box

With this combo box, the current workbench is selected.

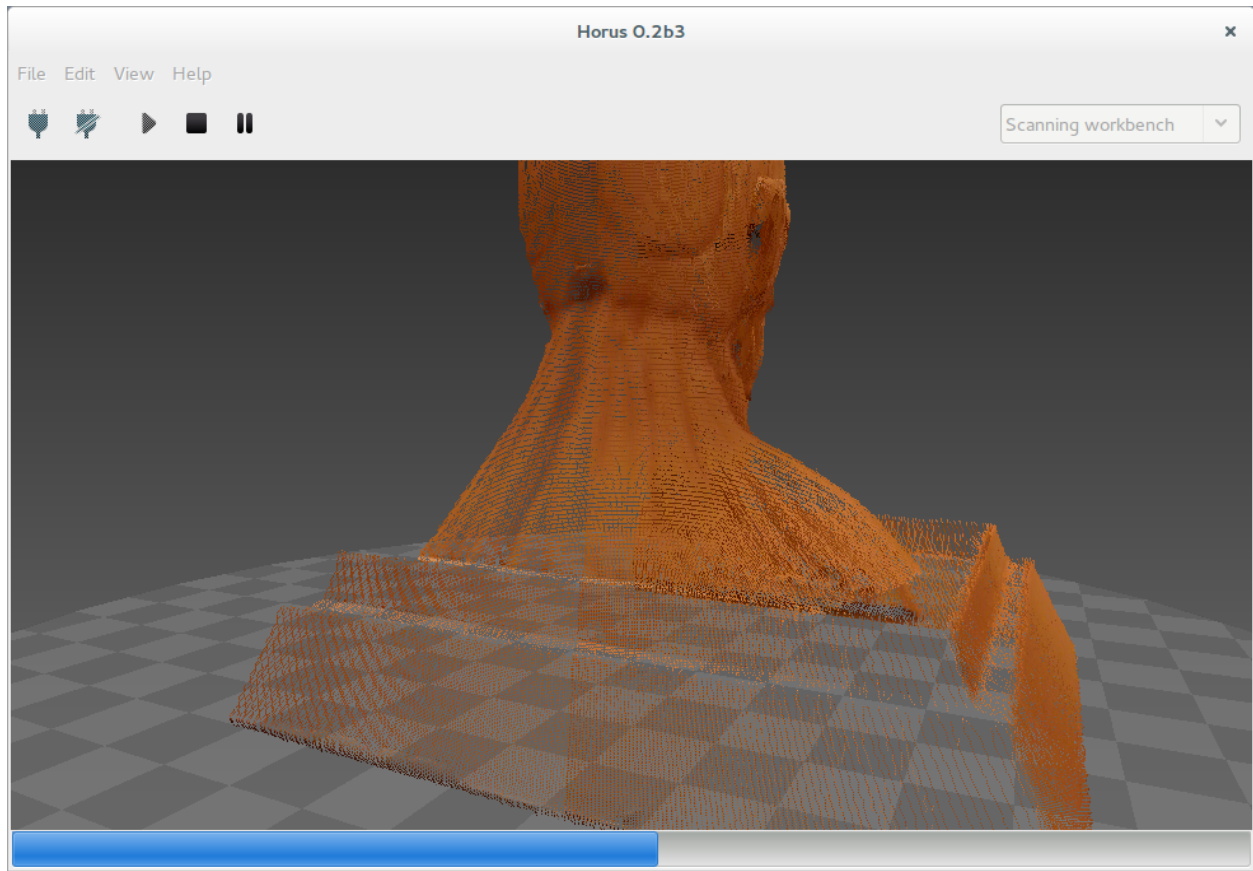


1.2.3 Scanning



To start scanning press the *Play* button. Also the process can be stopped, paused and resumed.

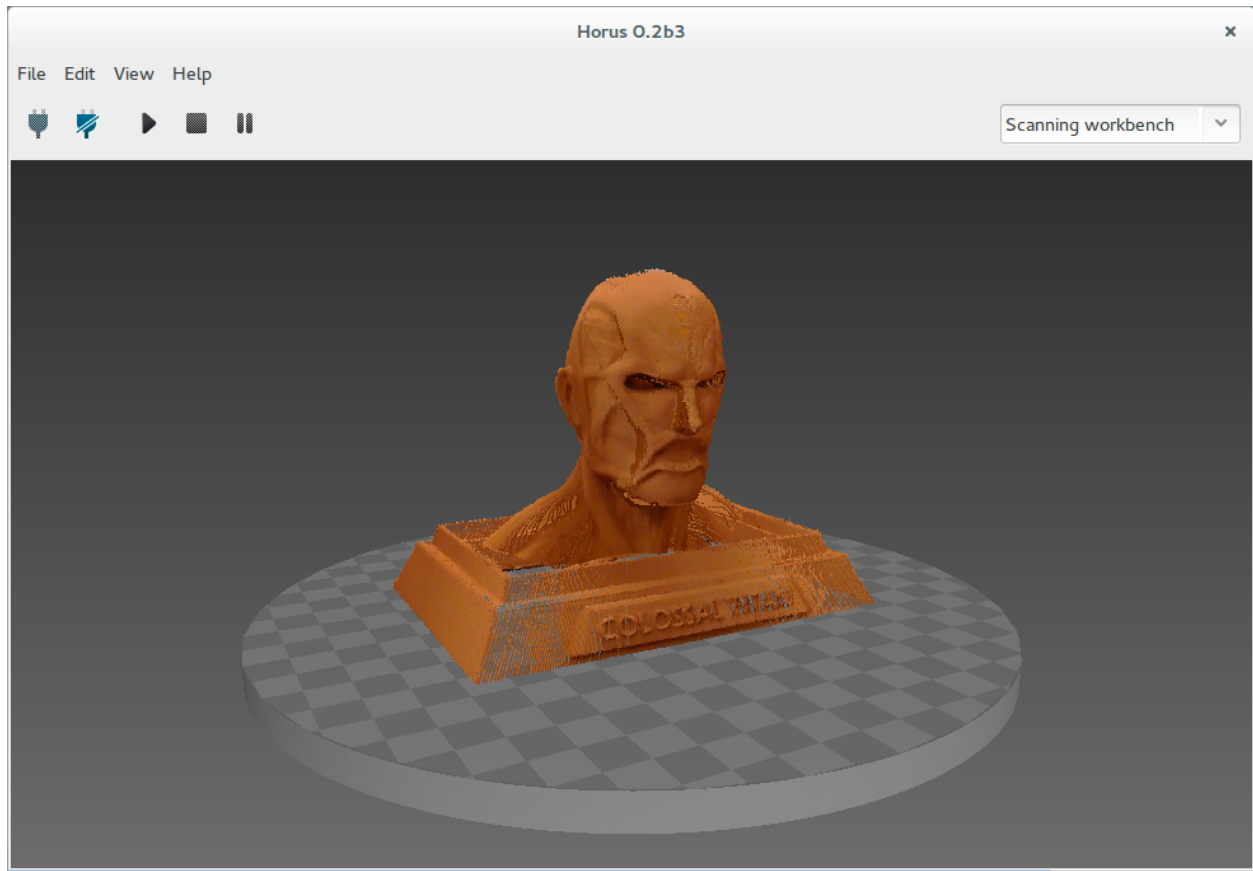
During the scanning, the progress is shown in the bottom of the scene.



You can navigate in the 3D scene using the following shortcuts:

Action	Shortcut 1	Shortcut 2
Default views	Home / PgUp / PgDn / End	
Rotate	Left click	Shift + Up/Down
Rotate horizontally	Up / Down	
Rotate vertically	Left / Right	
Vertical shift	Ctrl + Mouse wheel	Ctrl + Up / Down
Reset vertical shift	Dobule left click	
Traslation	Shift + Left click	
Zoom	Mouse wheel	Shift + Up /Down
Delete object	Right click + Delete object	Del
Quit program	Ctrl + Q	

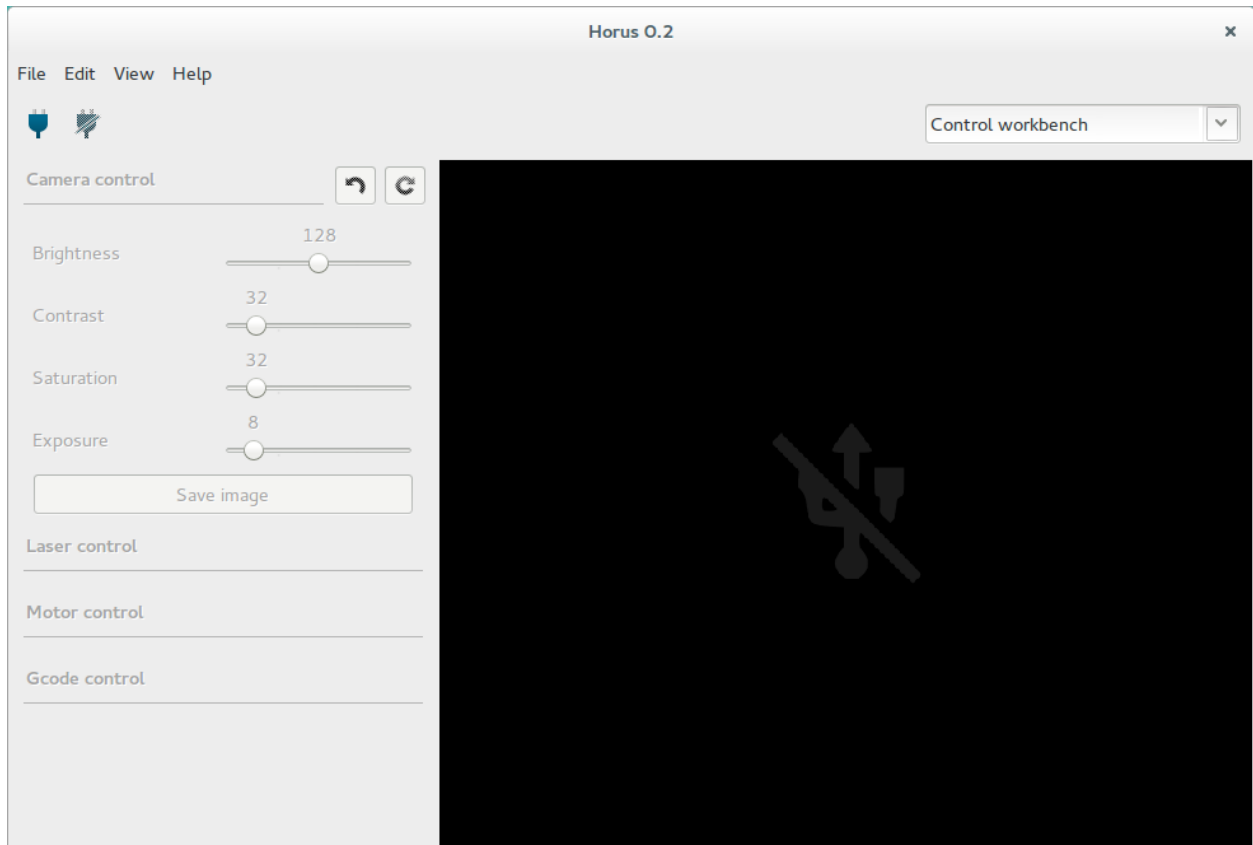
Upon completion of the scanning process, the object can be saved in *File > Save model*. The point cloud is saved in *ply* format.



1.3 Workbenches

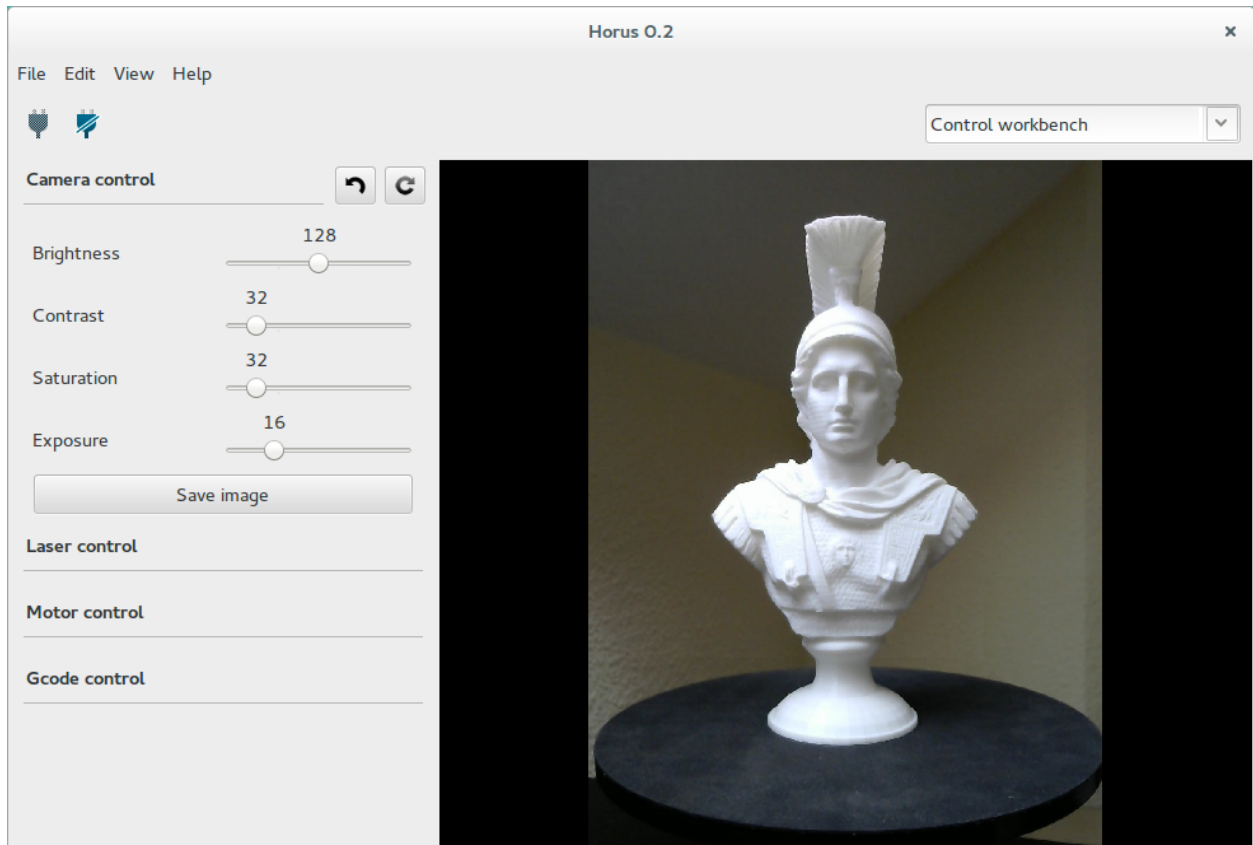
1.3.1 Control

This workbench is used to test the scanner components: camera, lasers and motor.



Camera

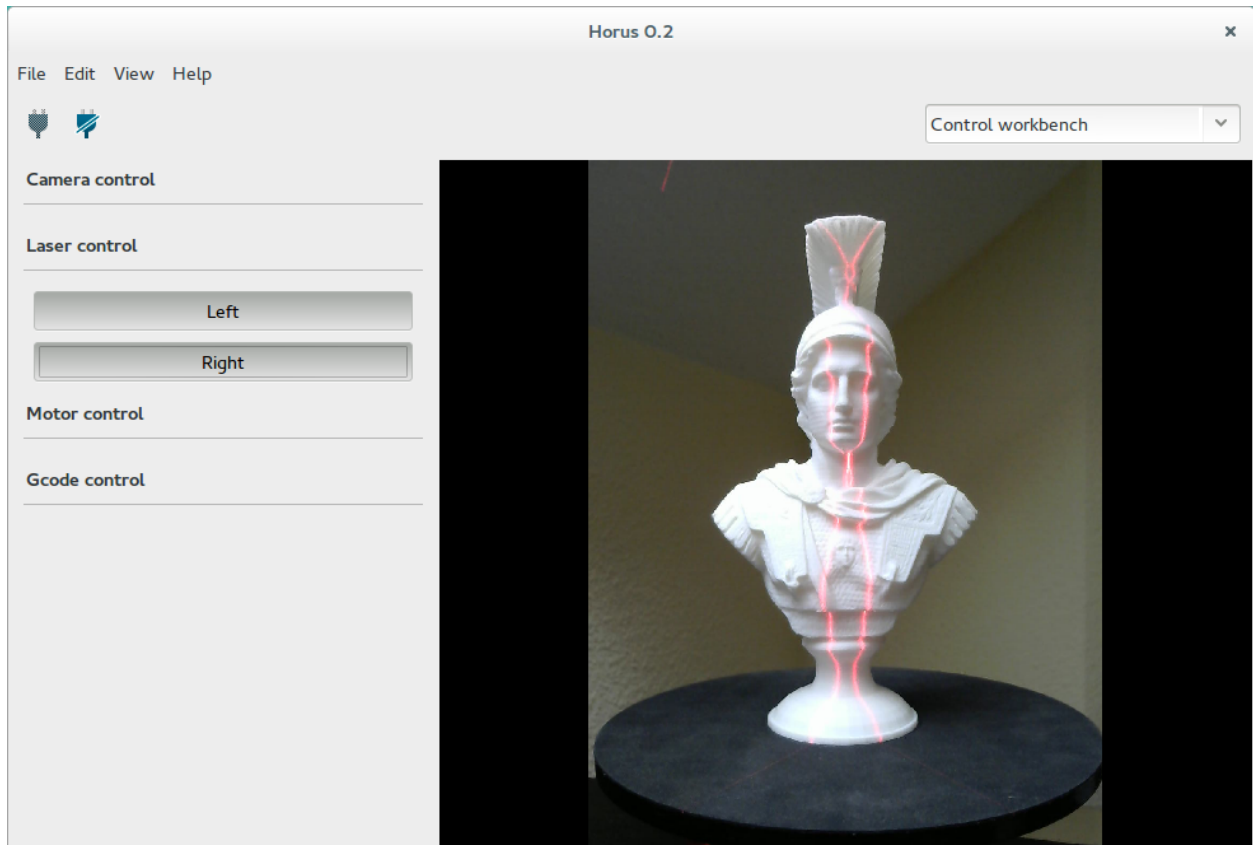
In this section you can adjust the brightness, contrast, saturation and exposure of the camera.



Also it allows to capture and save images from the camera in *png* format.

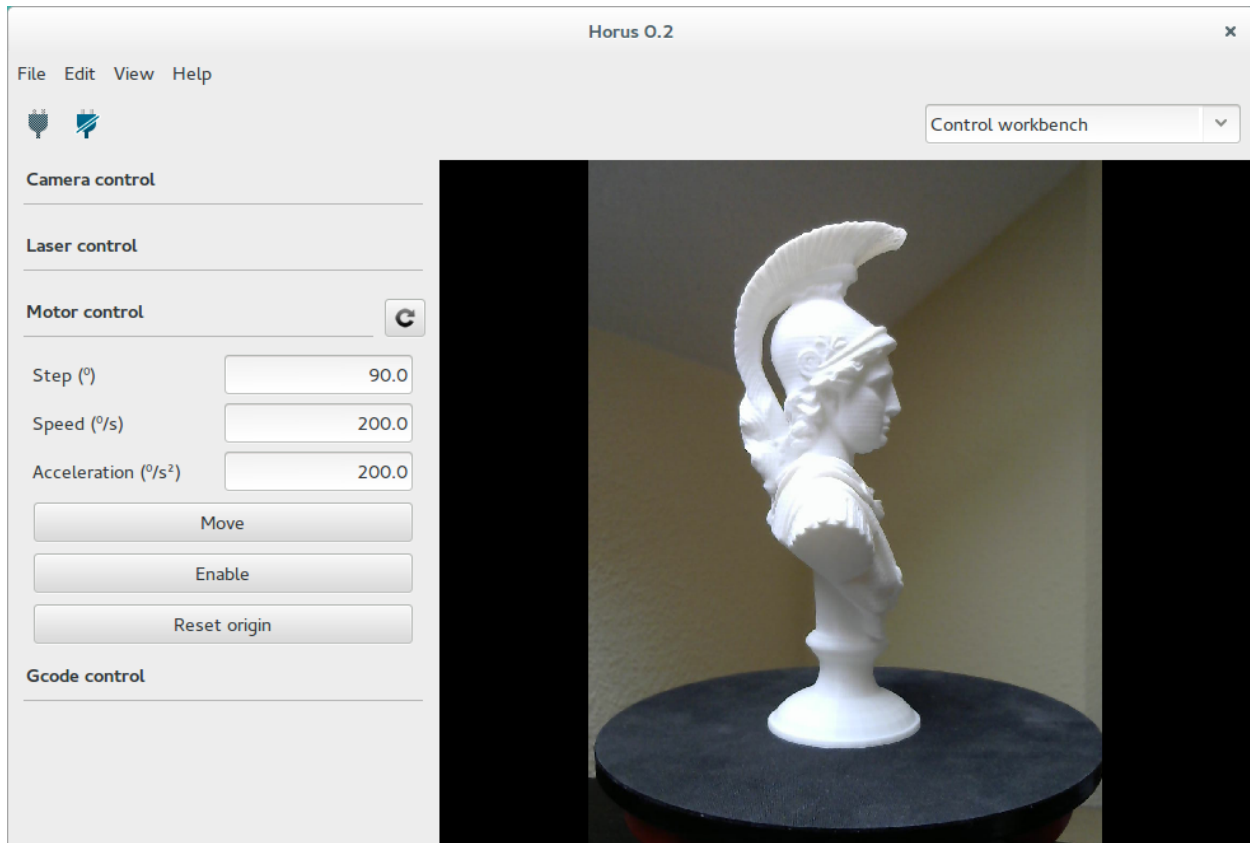
Laser

In this section you can turn on and off the lasers. When leaving the workbench the lasers are automatically turned off.



Motor

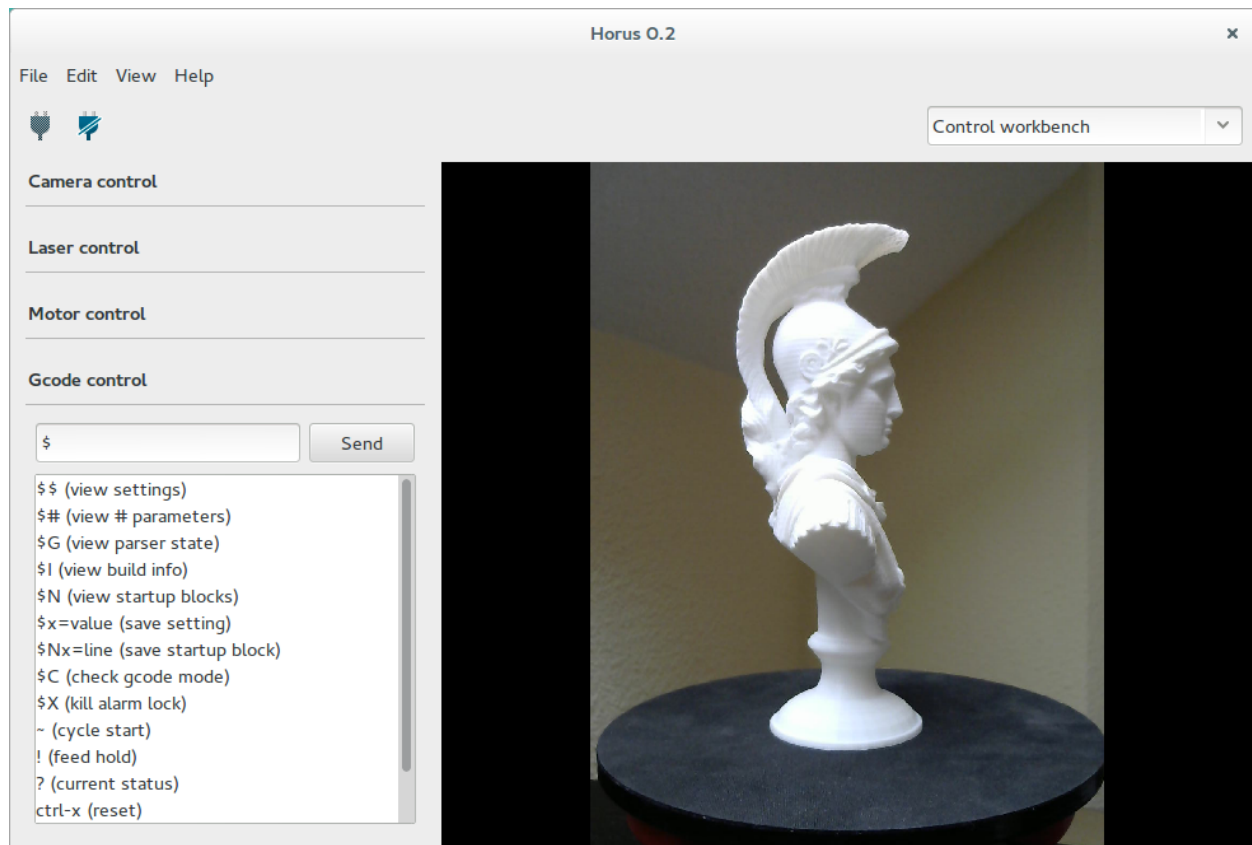
In this section you can move the motor to an absolute angle, with a specific speed and acceleration. These values affect only to this workbench.



Also the motor can be enabled or disabled and the position stored inside the firmware reseted.

Gcode

This section contains a terminal that allows to communicate with the firmware through Gcode commands.



1.3.2 Adjustment

In this workbench, camera capture and image processing parameters are adjusted for the different states of the system. The current state and its changes are displayed in the video wall in real time.

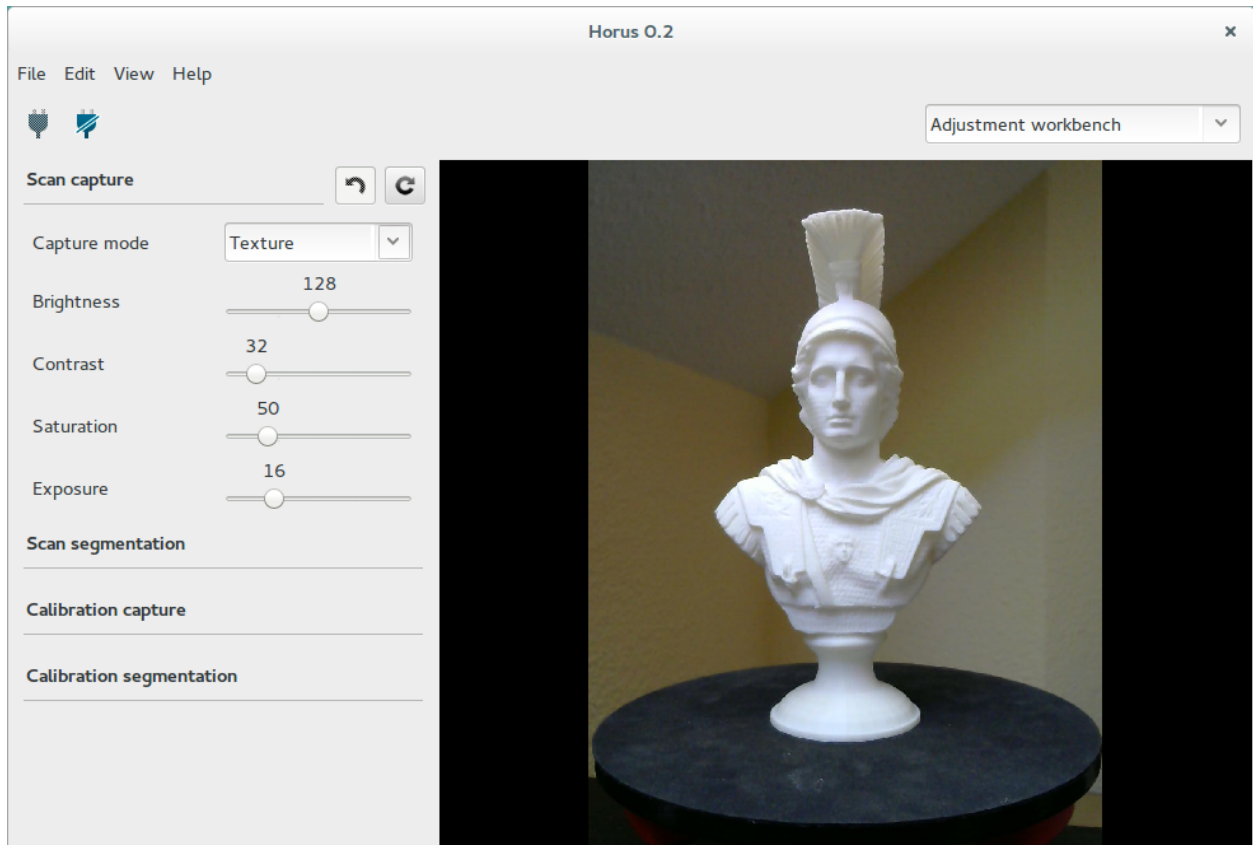
Scanning adjustments

These settings are applied during the scanning process.

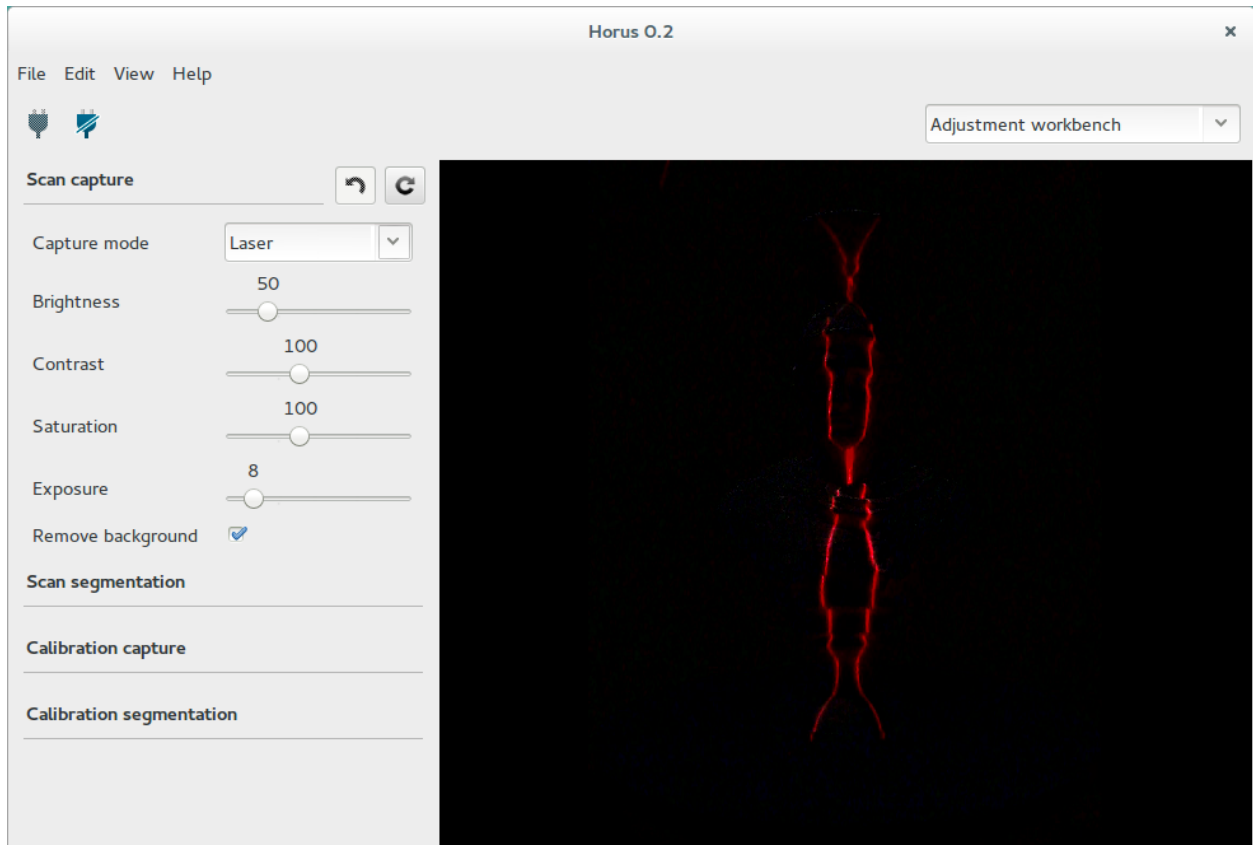
Capture

In this section you can adjust the parameters of the capture during the scanning process. These parameters must be adjusted with the object to be scanned.

The *Texture mode* contains the settings used to capture the texture/color of the scanned object. These are: brightness, contrast, saturation and exposure.



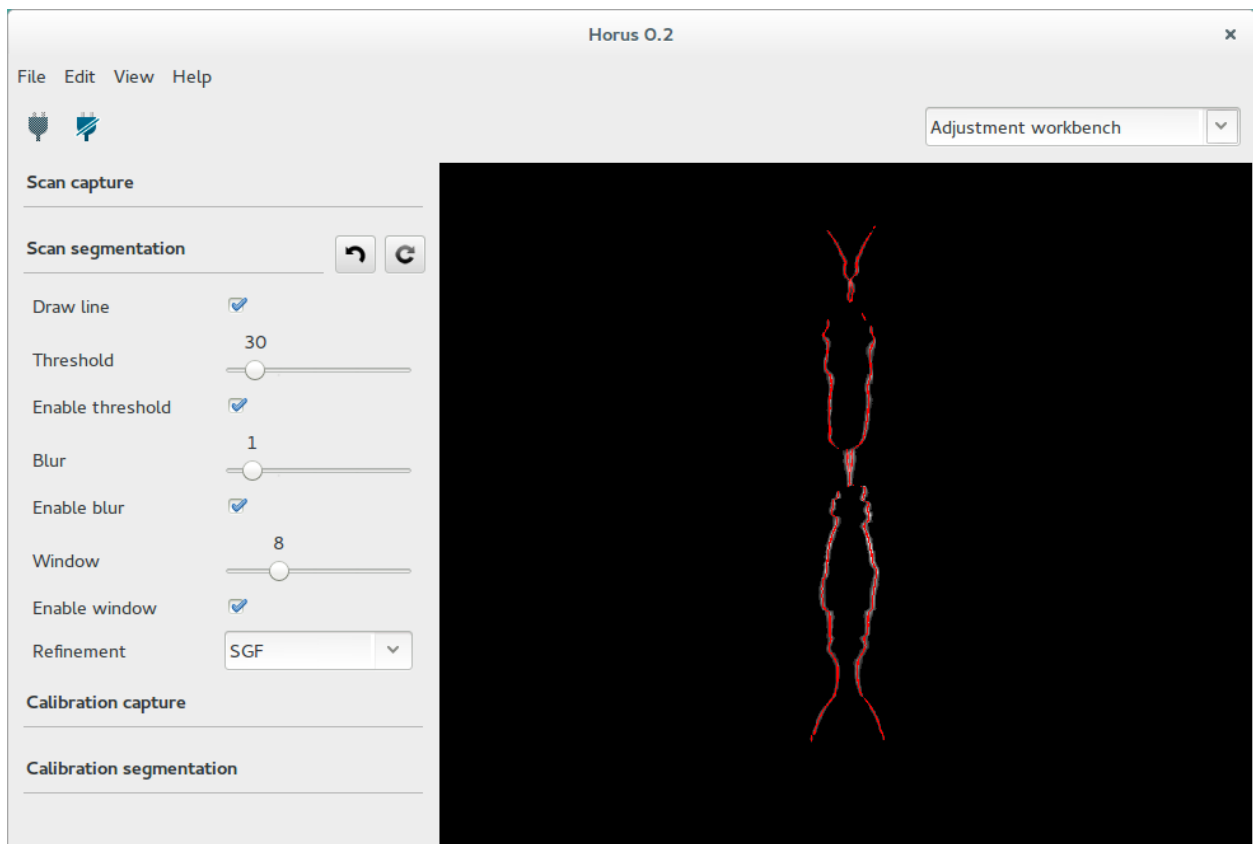
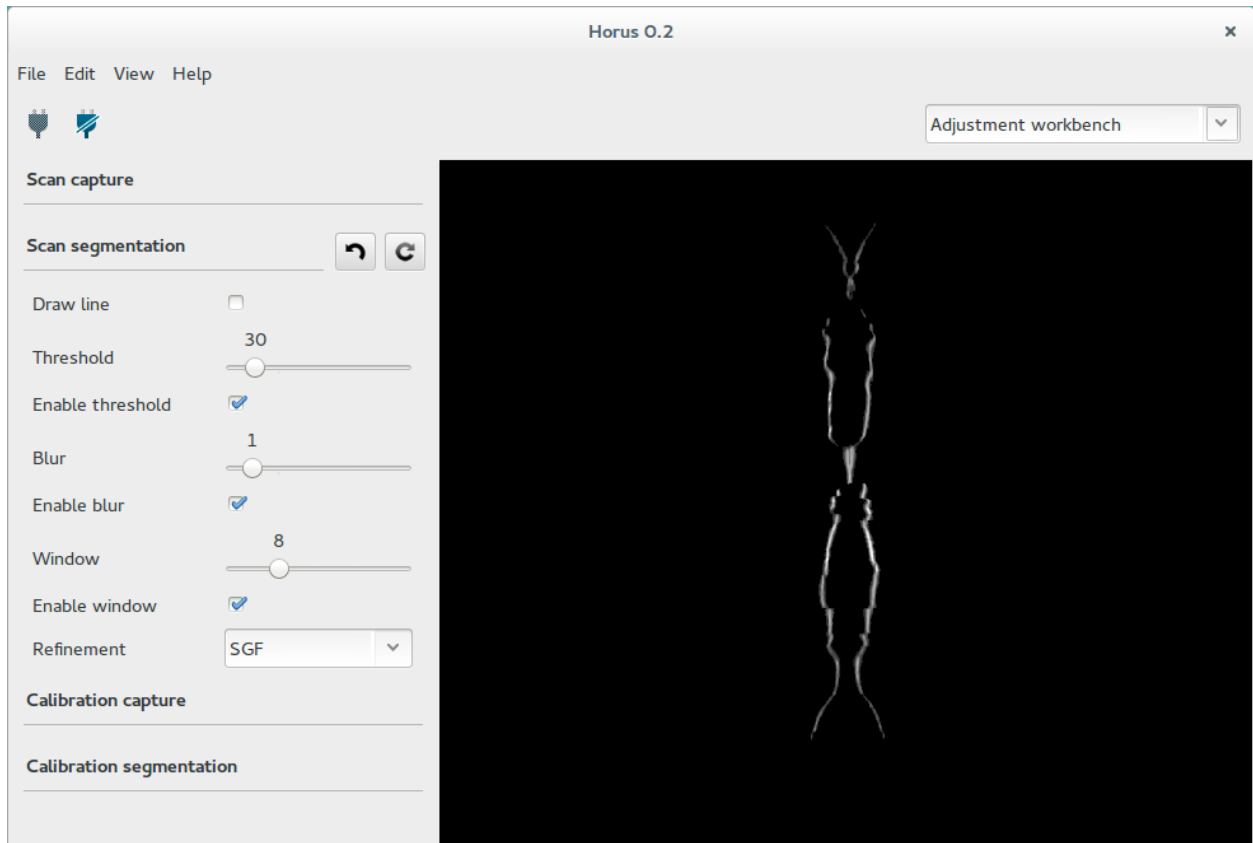
The *Laser mode* contains the settings used to capture and detect the laser over the scanned object. These are: brightness, contrast, saturation, exposure and background removal. The *Remove background* option improves the laser detection by consuming twice as long.



Segmentation

In this section you can adjust the parameters for the laser stripe segmentation during the scanning process.

- **Draw line:** show the computed lines in red from the segmented laser image.
- **Threshold:** remove all pixels which intensity is less than the threshold value.
- **Blur:** blur with Normalized box filter. Kernel size: $2 * \text{value} + 1$.
- **Window:** filter pixels out of $2 * \text{window value}$ around the intensity peak.
- **Refinement:** apply None or SGF algorithms for line smooth. SGF produces continuous surfaces.



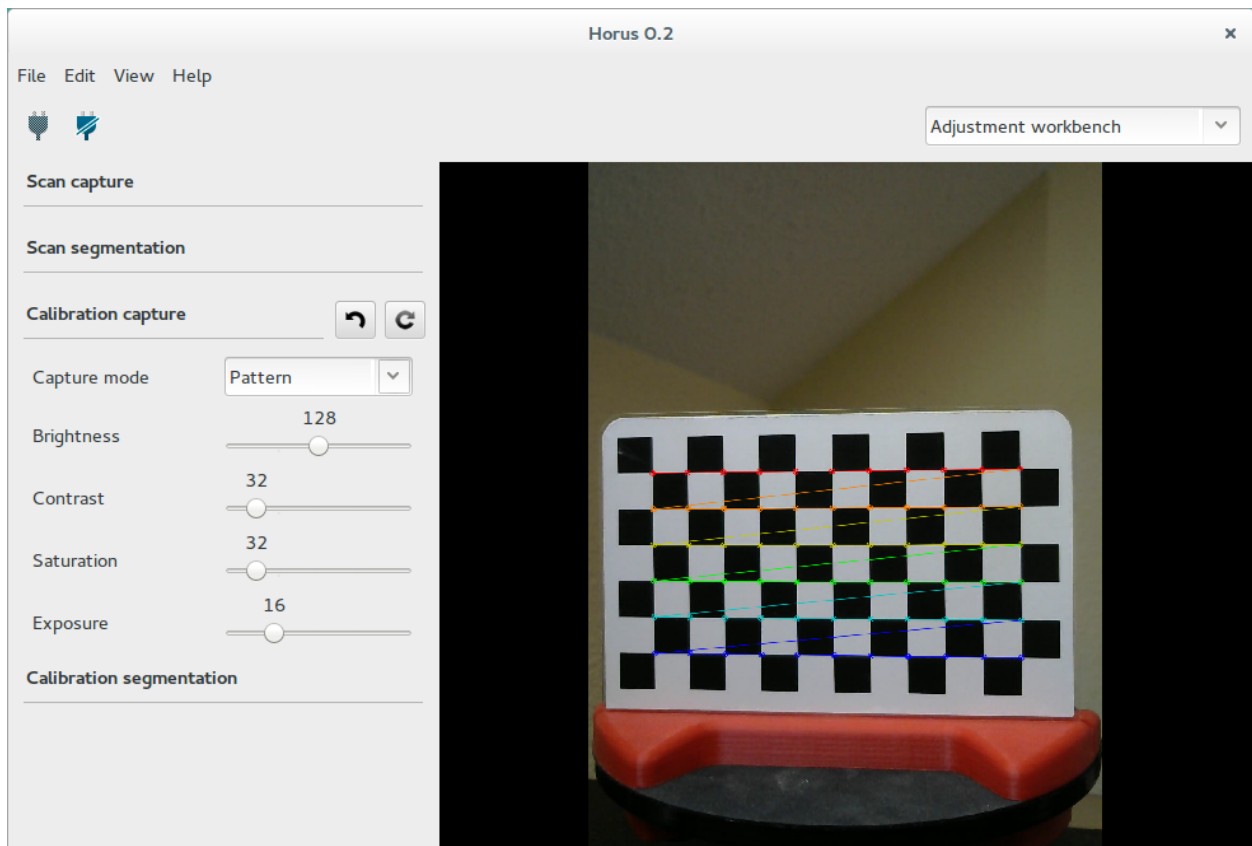
Calibration adjustments

These settings are applied during the calibration processes.

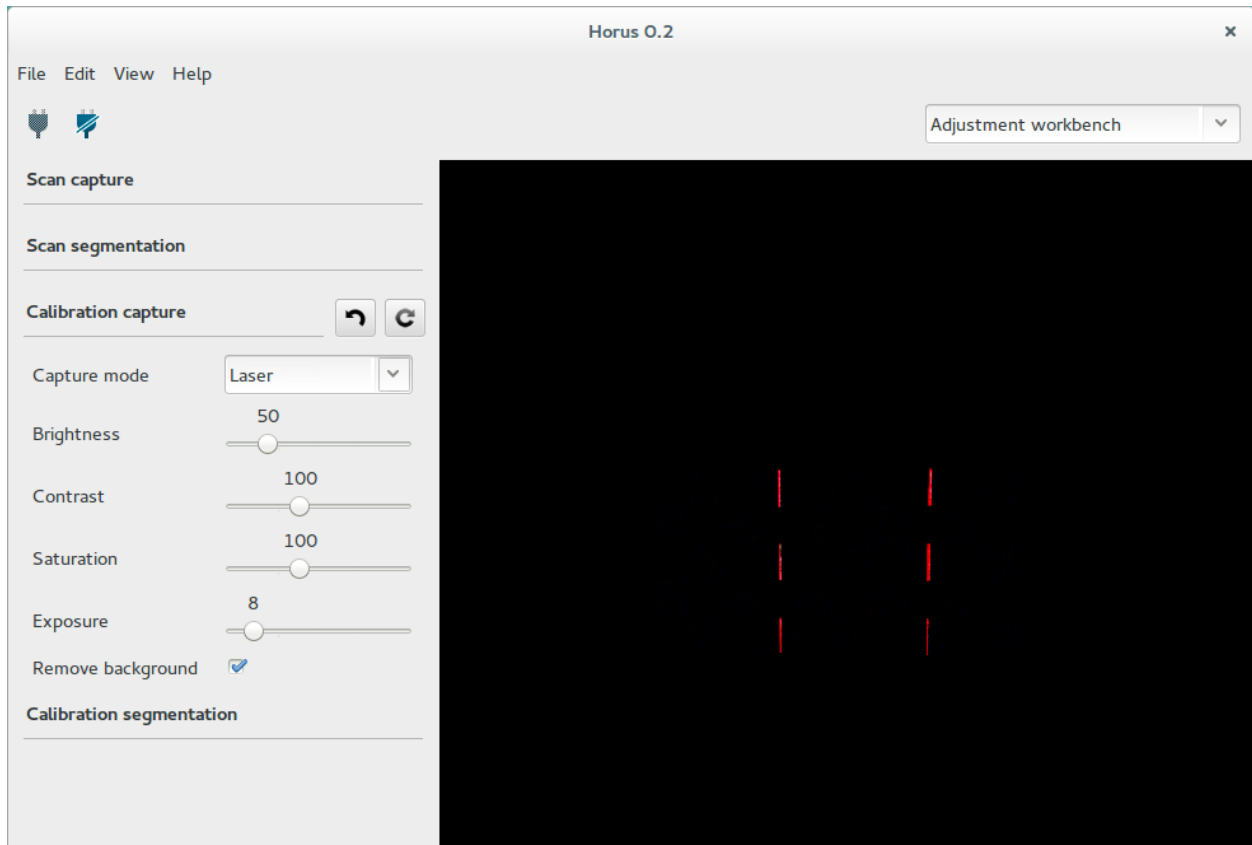
Capture

In this section you can adjust the parameters of the capture during the calibration process. These parameters must be adjusted with the calibration pattern.

The *Pattern mode* contains the settings used to capture the pattern. These are: brightness, contrast, saturation and exposure.



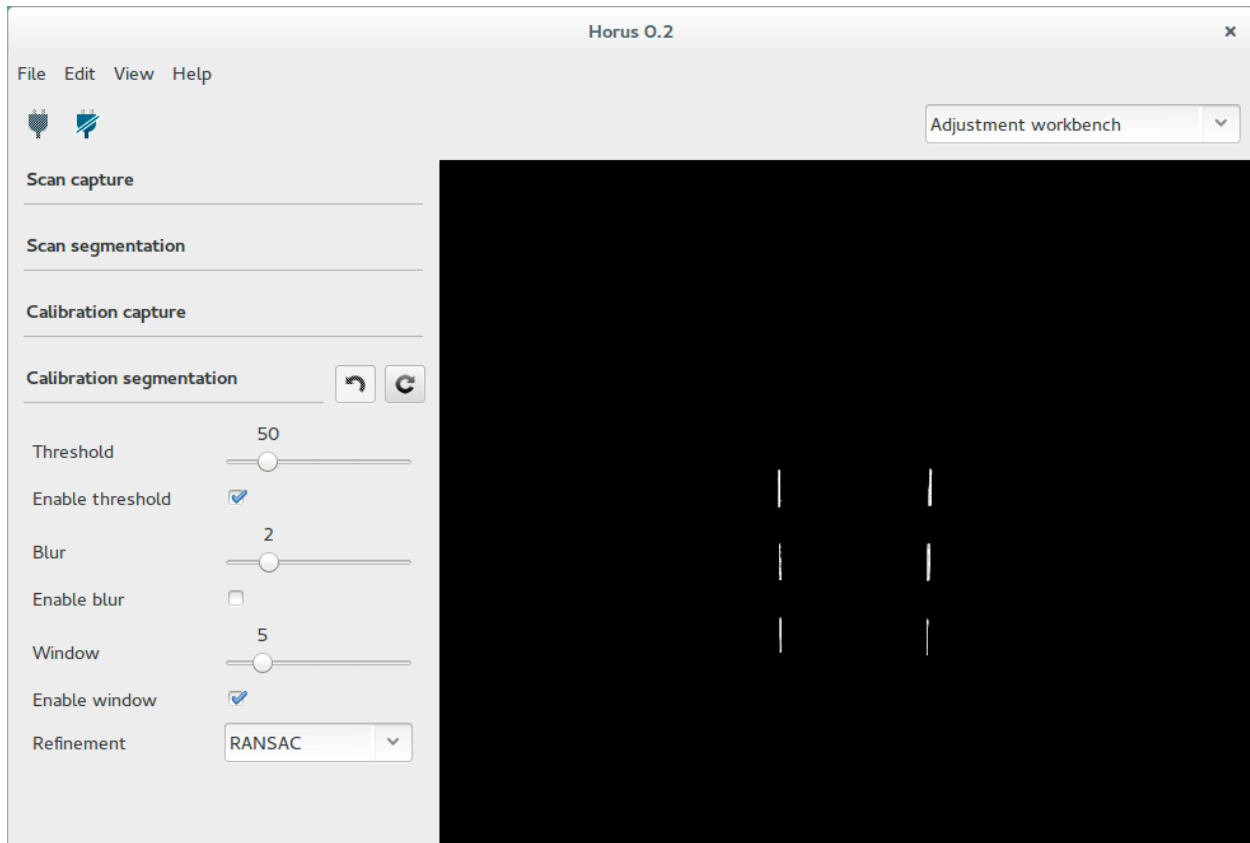
The *Laser mode* contains the settings used to capture and detect the laser over the pattern. These are: brightness, contrast, saturation, exposure and background removal. The *Remove background* option improves the laser detection by consuming twice as long.



Segmentation

In this section you can adjust the parameters for the laser stripe segmentation during the calibration processes.

- **Threshold:** remove all pixels which intensity is less than the threshold value.
- **Blur:** blur with Normalized box filter. Kernel size: $2 * \text{value} + 1$.
- **Window:** filter pixels out of $2 * \text{window value}$ around the intensity peak.
- **Refinement:** apply None, SGF, RANSAC algorithms for line smooth. SGF produces continuous surfaces. RANSAC produces flat surfaces.



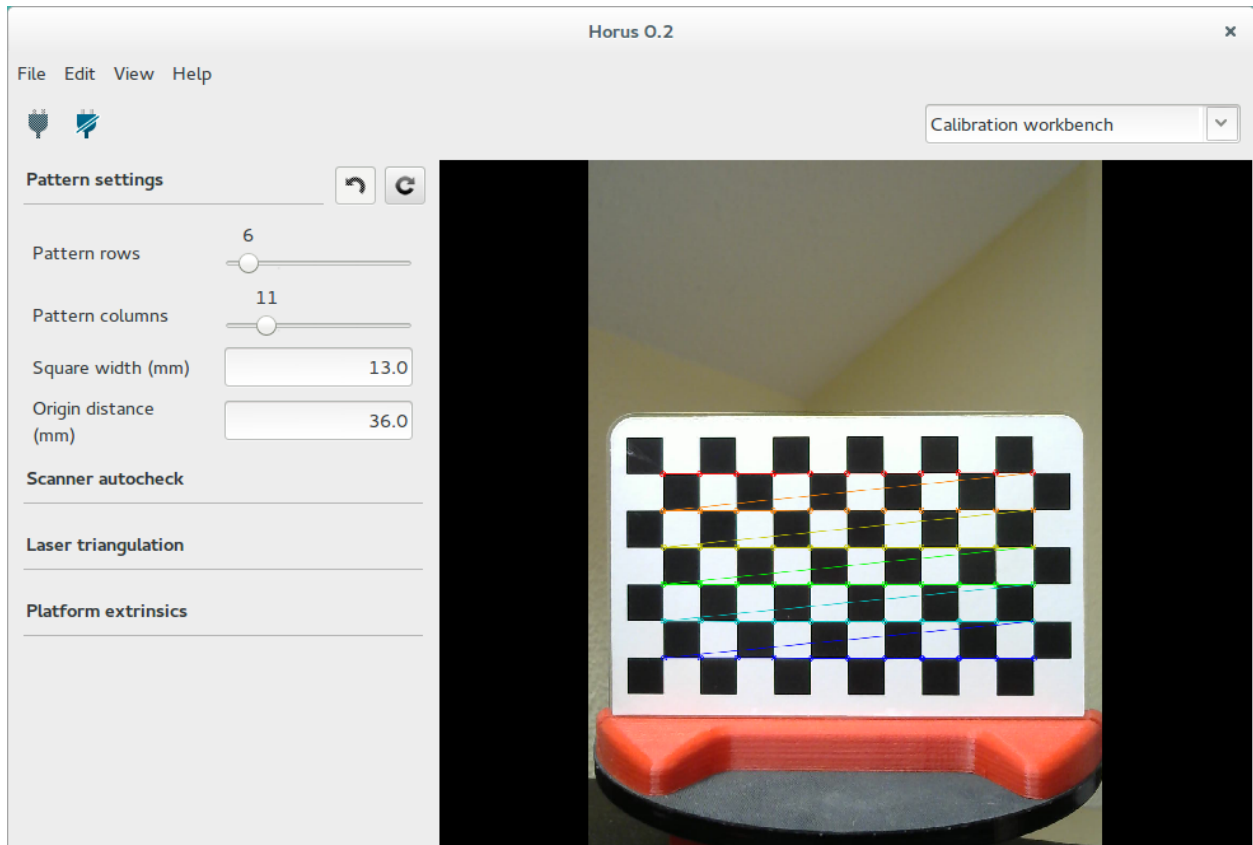
1.3.3 Calibration

This workbench contains all the scanner calibration processes.

Pattern settings

This section contains the calibration pattern features:

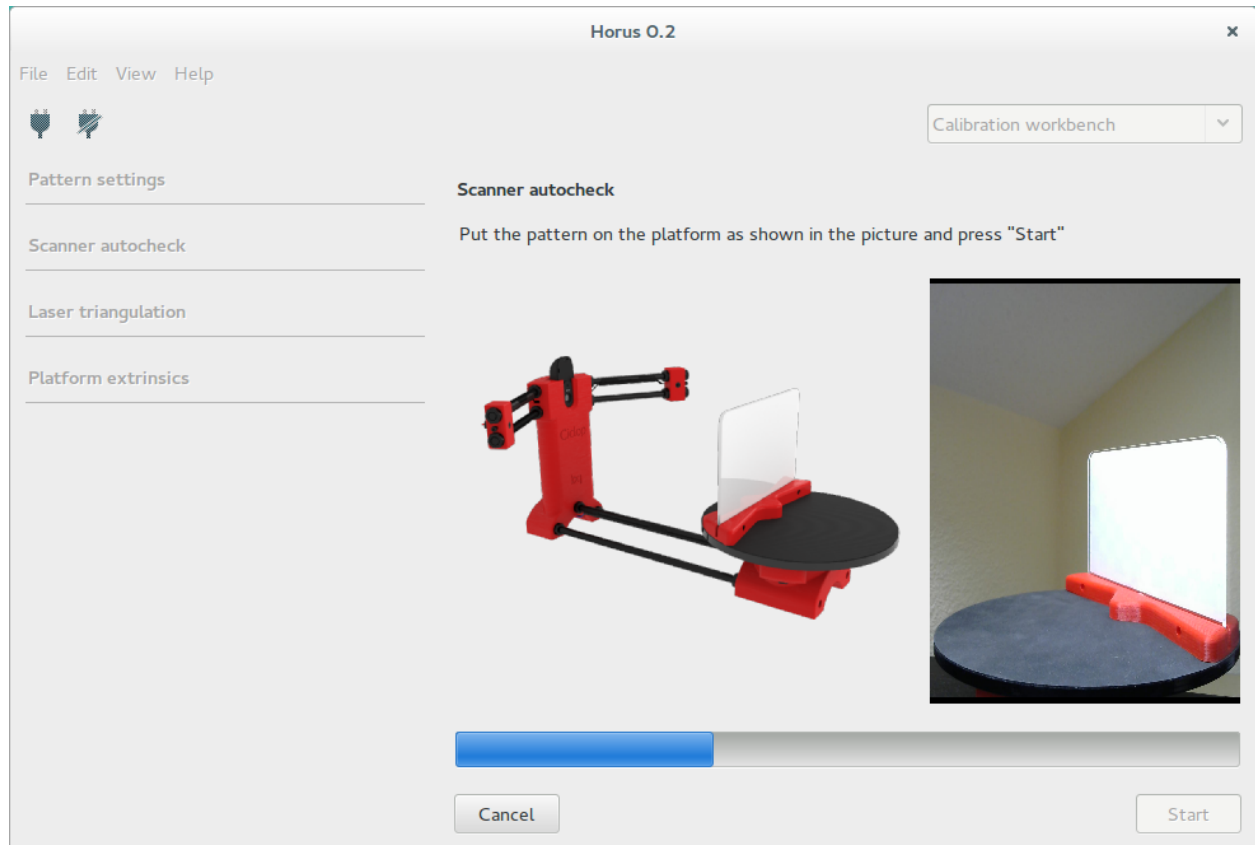
- **Pattern rows:** number of corner rows in the pattern. Default value 6.
- **Pattern columns:** number of corner columns in the pattern. Default value 11.
- **Square width:** default value 13 mm.
- **Origin distance:** minimum distance between the origin of the pattern (bottom-left corner) and the pattern's base surface in mm. There is no default value because it depends on the physical pattern.



Autocheck

This section contains the auto check process in which is detected whether the pattern, motor and lasers are configured properly.

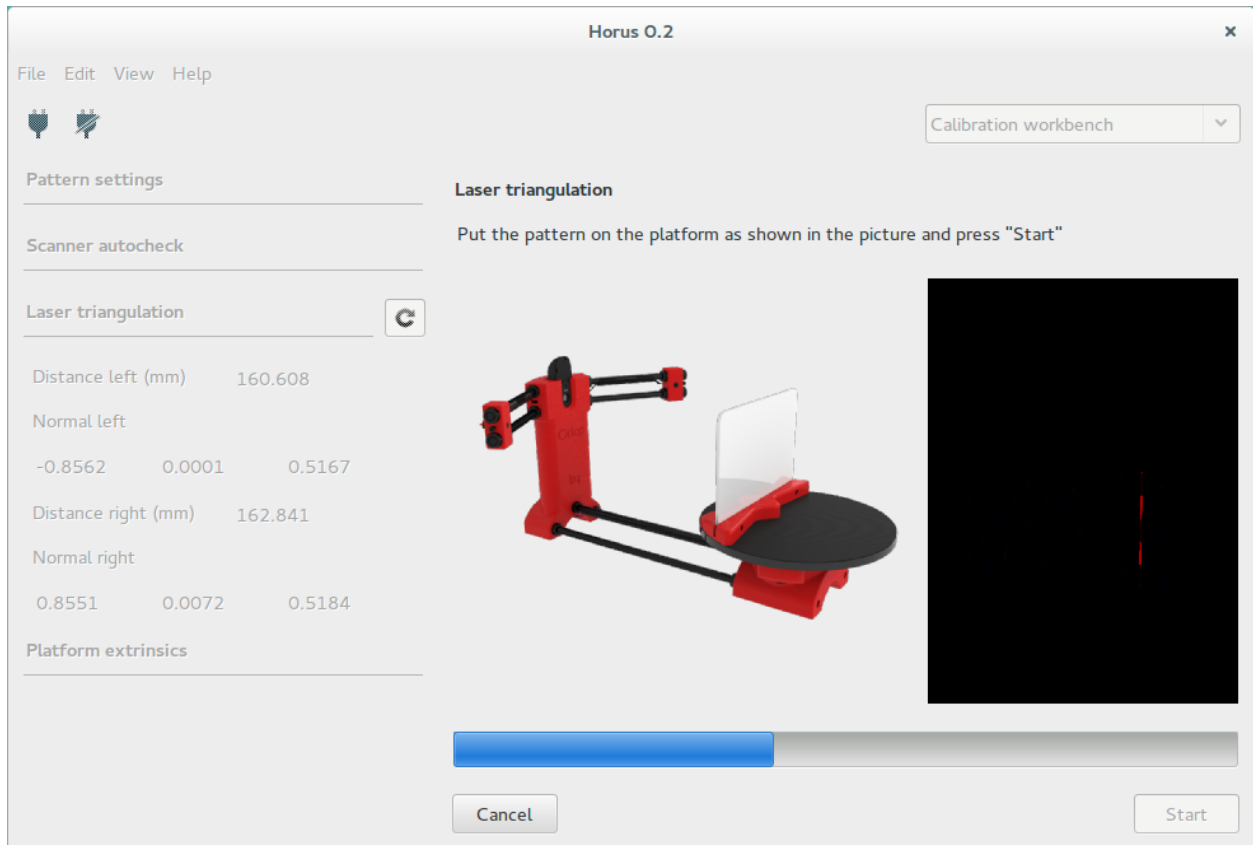
The pattern should be placed as shown in the picture. If the process ends successfully, the pattern will be placed perpendicular to the camera. Otherwise, a notification will be displayed.



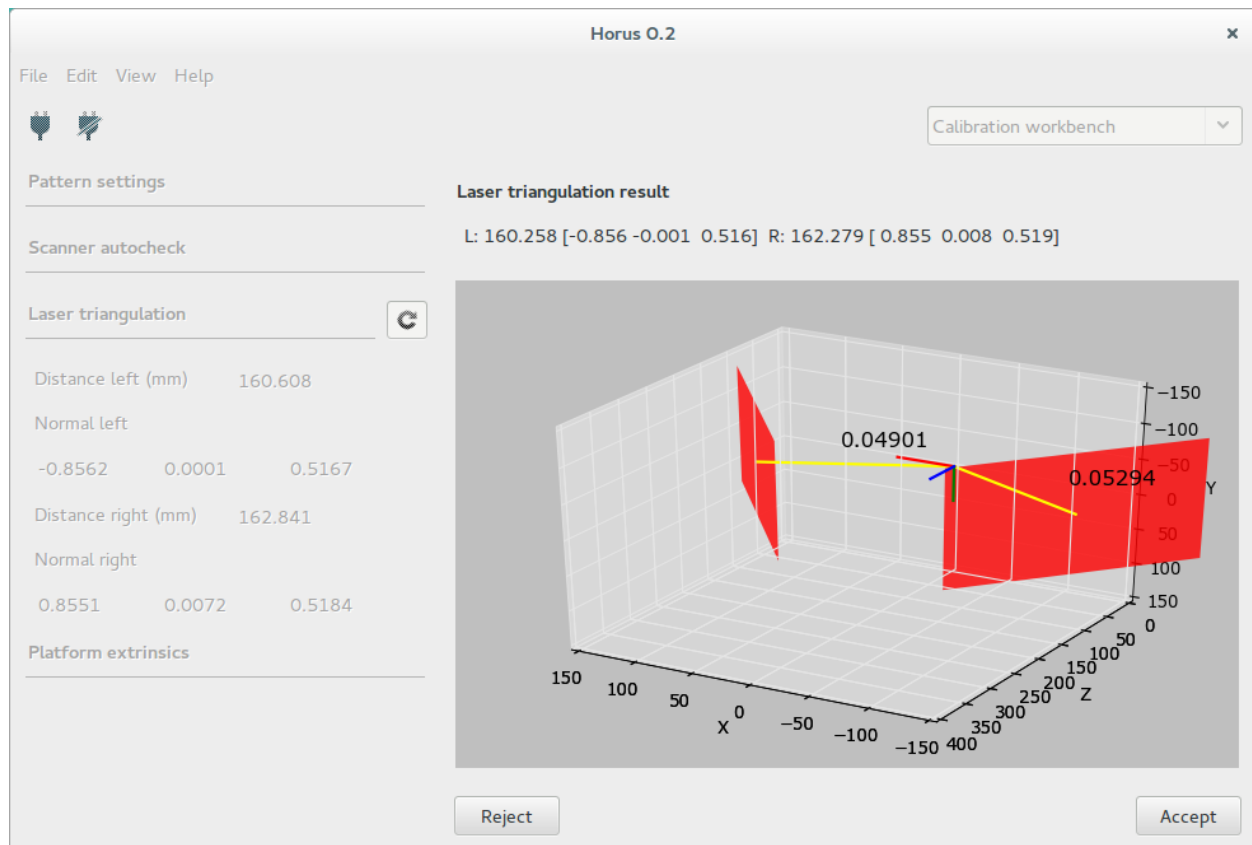
Laser calibration

In this section, the laser's planes are calculated. Each plane is defined by a normal vector and the minimum distance from the plane to the optical center of the camera.

To begin the calibration, the pattern must be placed perpendicular to the camera, as shown in the picture. At any time you can cancel the calibration and the pattern will return to its initial position.



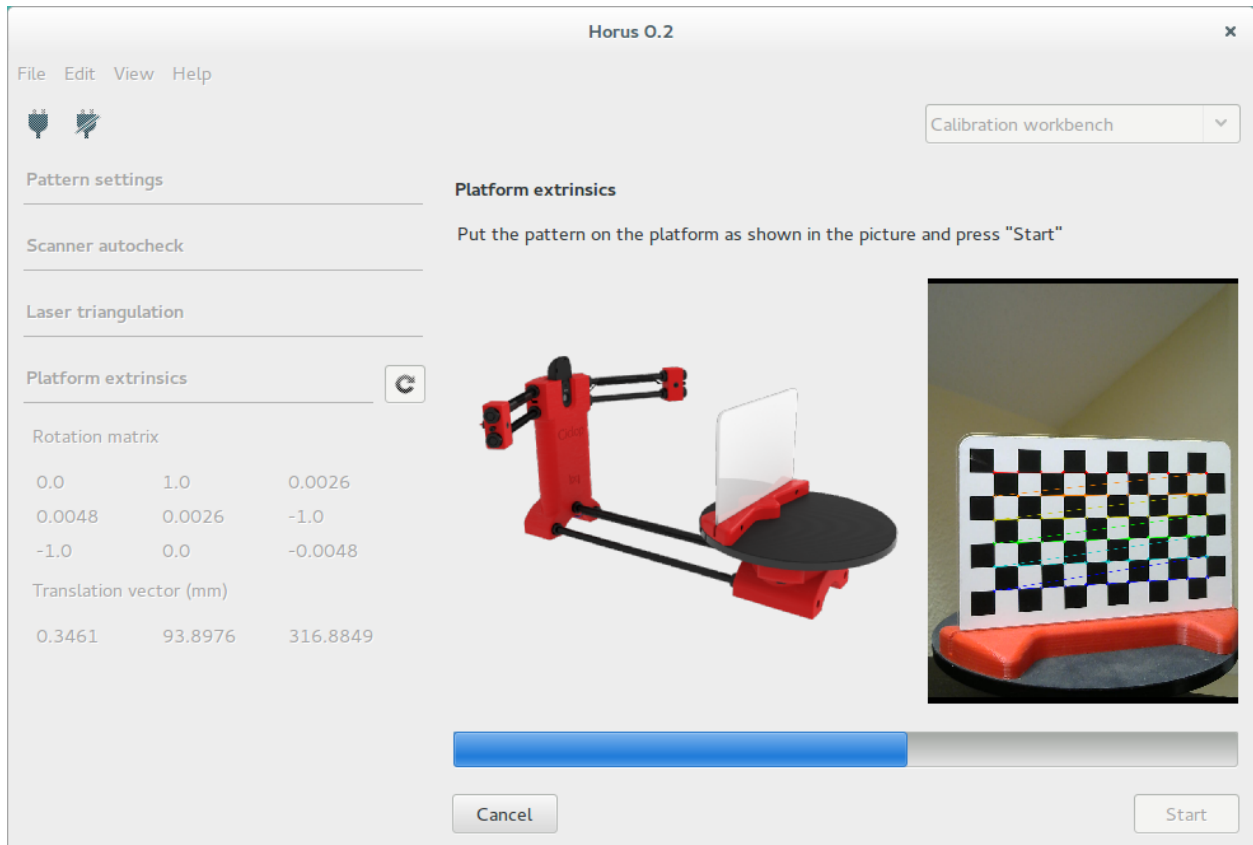
Finally the result is shown numerically and depicted in 3D. Also, the dispersion of the captured points during calibration appears. This value must be less than 0.1 mm. You can accept or reject the calibration result.



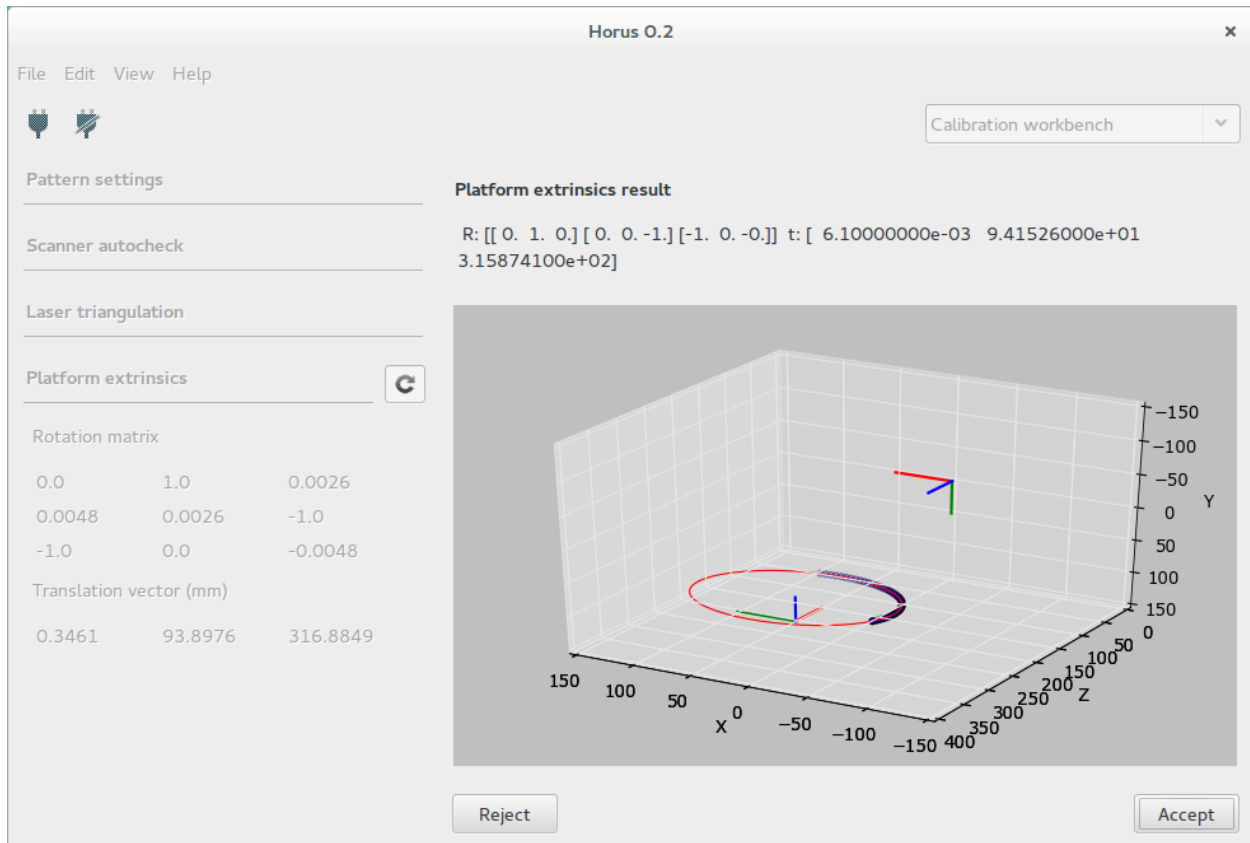
Platform calibration

In this section, the homogeneous transformation matrix from the rotation center of the turntable with respect to the camera system is calculated. This matrix is composed by a rotation matrix and a translation vector in mm.

To begin the calibration, the pattern must be placed perpendicular to the camera, as shown in the picture. At any time you can cancel the calibration and the pattern will return to its initial position.



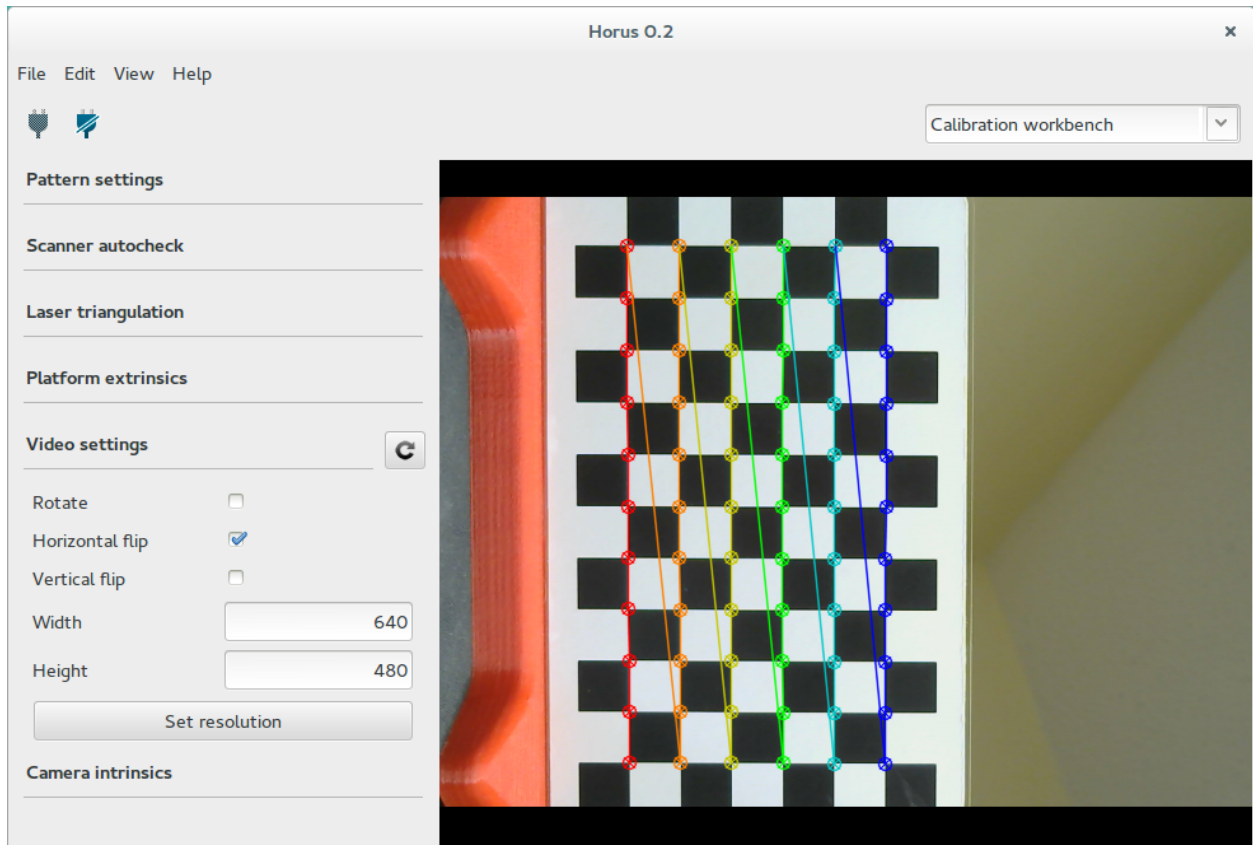
Finally the result is shown numerically and depicted in 3D. You can accept or reject the calibration result.



Once this process is completed, the scanner is calibrated.

Video settings (advanced)

This is an advanced section. It contains the rotation flags for the video. Also you can set the camera resolution in px.



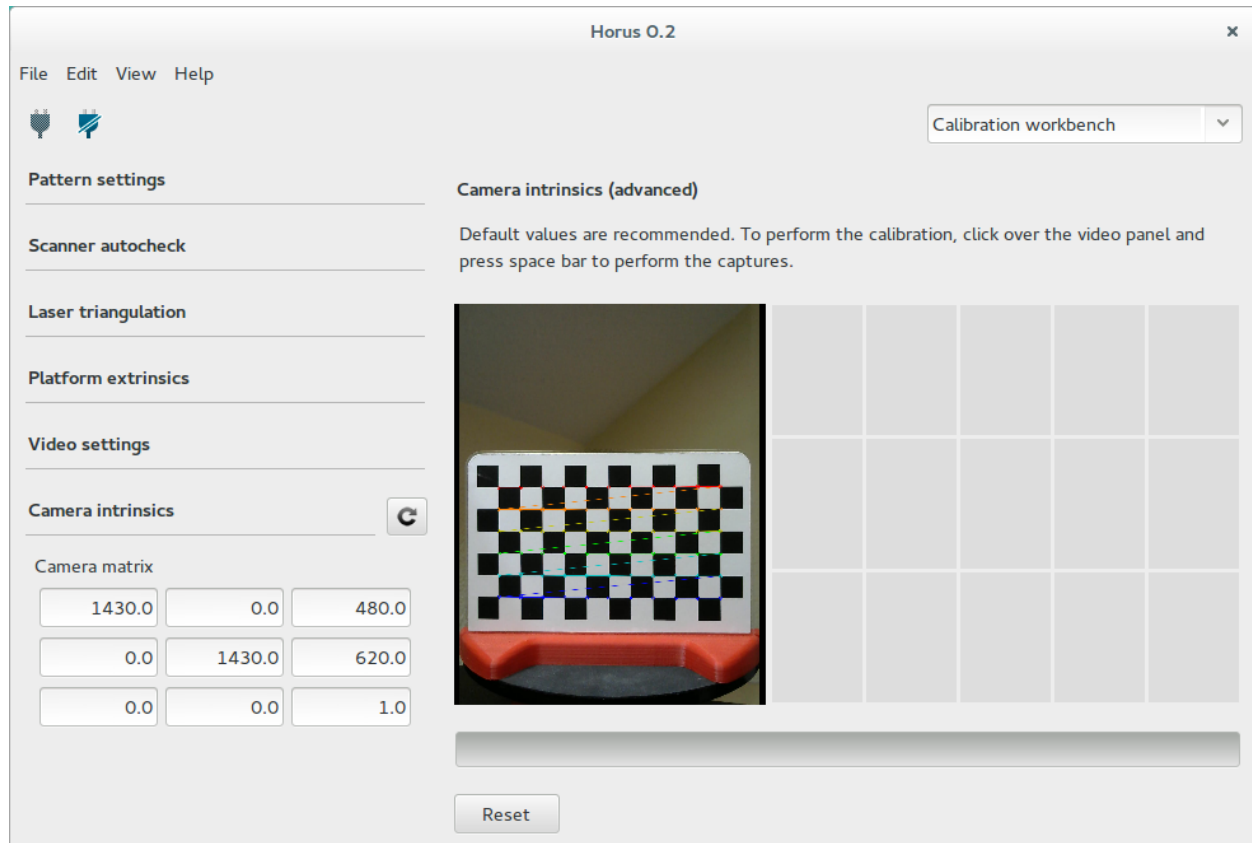
Hint: If a wrong resolution is set, the nearest resolution is recommended. Also, you can go back to the latest resolution.

Note: In Mac OS the resolution can not be set in runtime because of its OpenCV version.

Camera calibration (advanced)

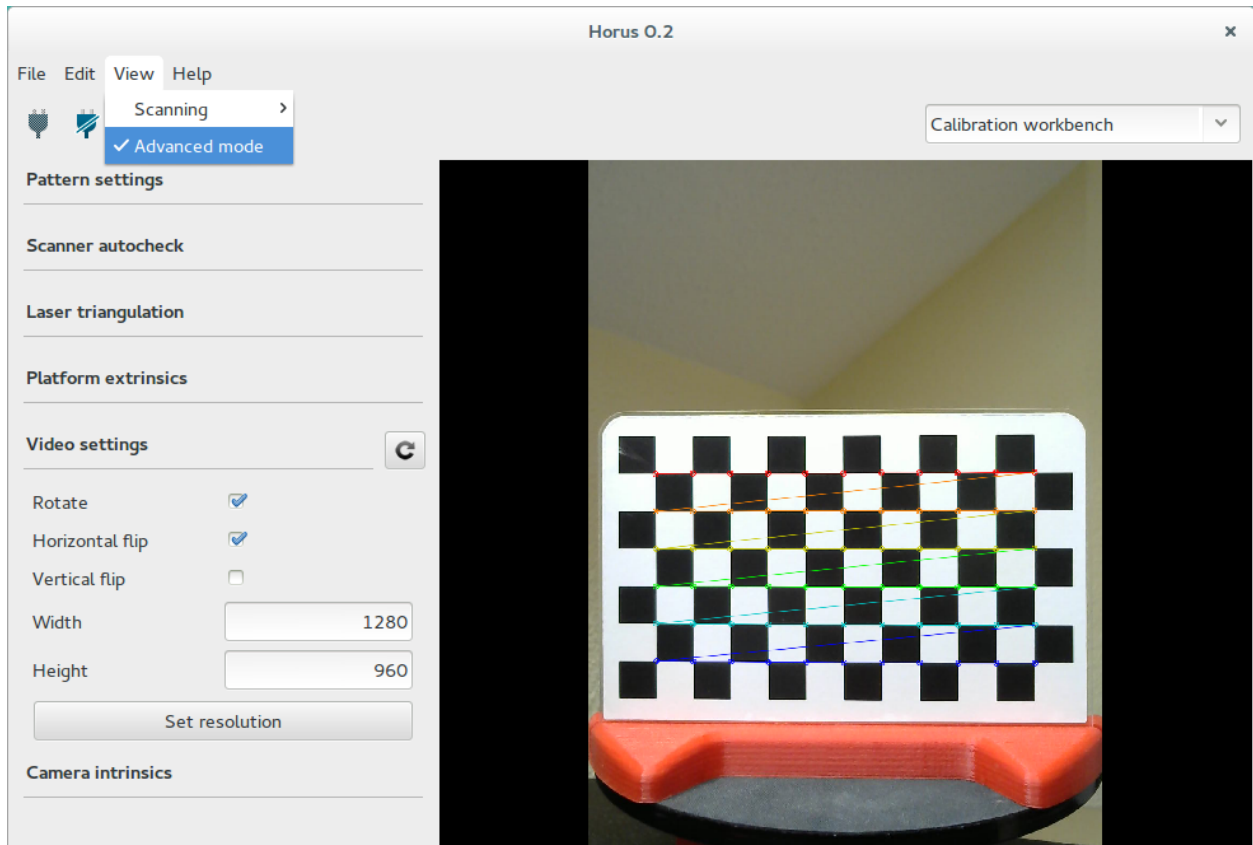
This is an advanced section. Default values are recommended.

To begin the calibration, press the “space” key to capture the pattern in different positions. Once taken all the captures, the calibration starts automatically. You can reset the taken captures at any time.



Warning: If camera intrinsics values are modified, laser and platform calibrations must be performed again.

Note: To enable the advanced mode go to the menu *View > Advanced mode*.



1.3.4 Scanning

This workbench is where the 3D scanning process is performed. This process generates a three dimensional point cloud from a physical object. It has three components:

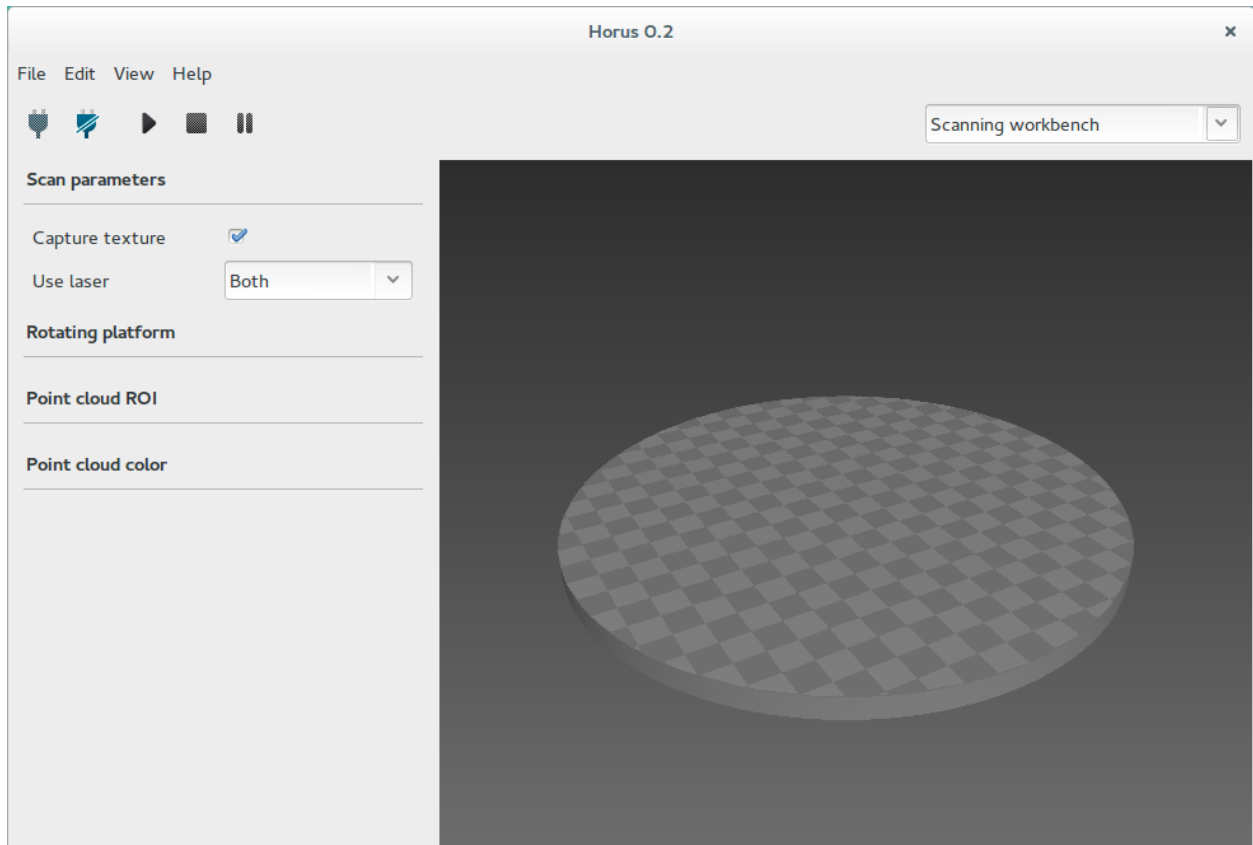
- Settings panel
- Video wall
- 3D scene

Through the menu *View* these panels can be shown or hidden.

Settings panel

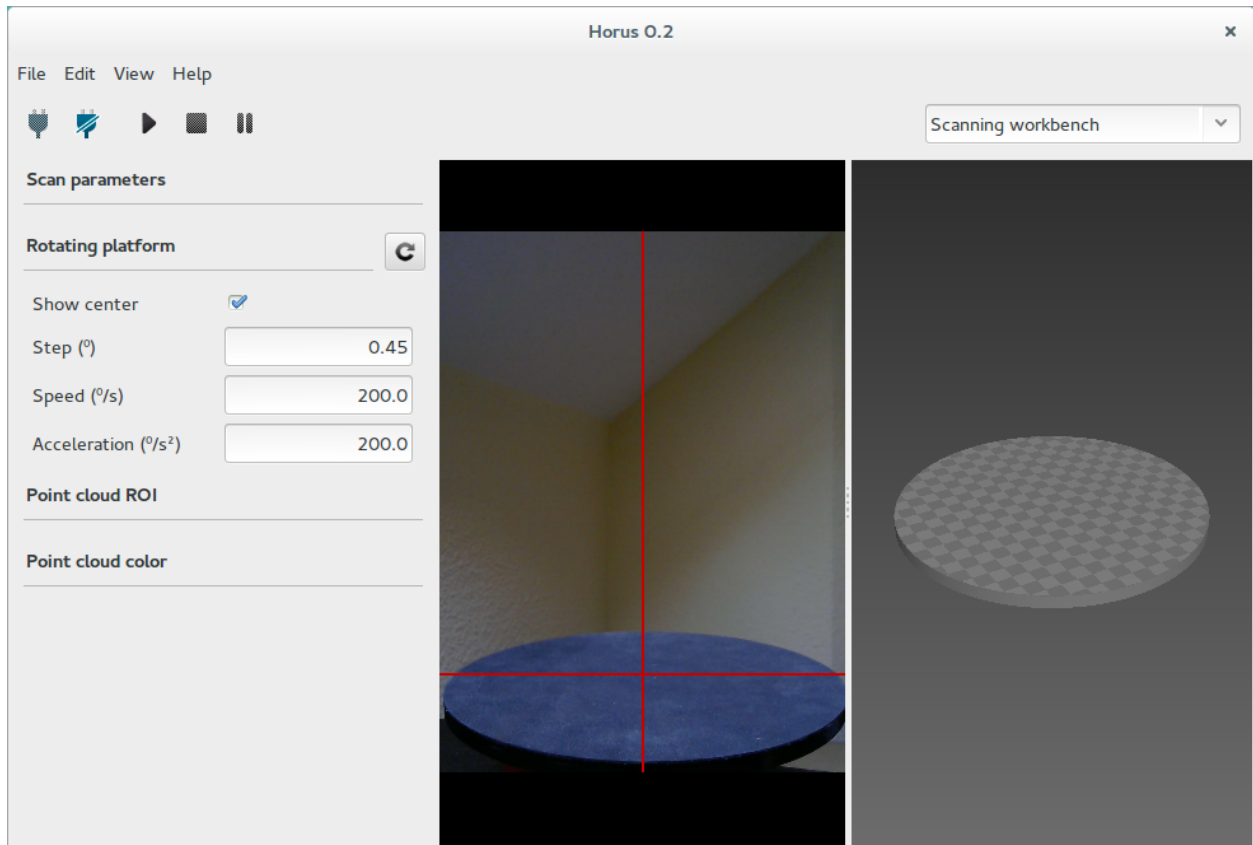
Scan parameters

- **Capture texture:** enabling this option captures the real color of the object. Otherwise the point cloud has an uniform fake color. If this option is disabled, the process is faster and the color used is the one defined in the *Point cloud color* section.
- **Use laser:** selects left laser, right laser or both.



Rotating platform

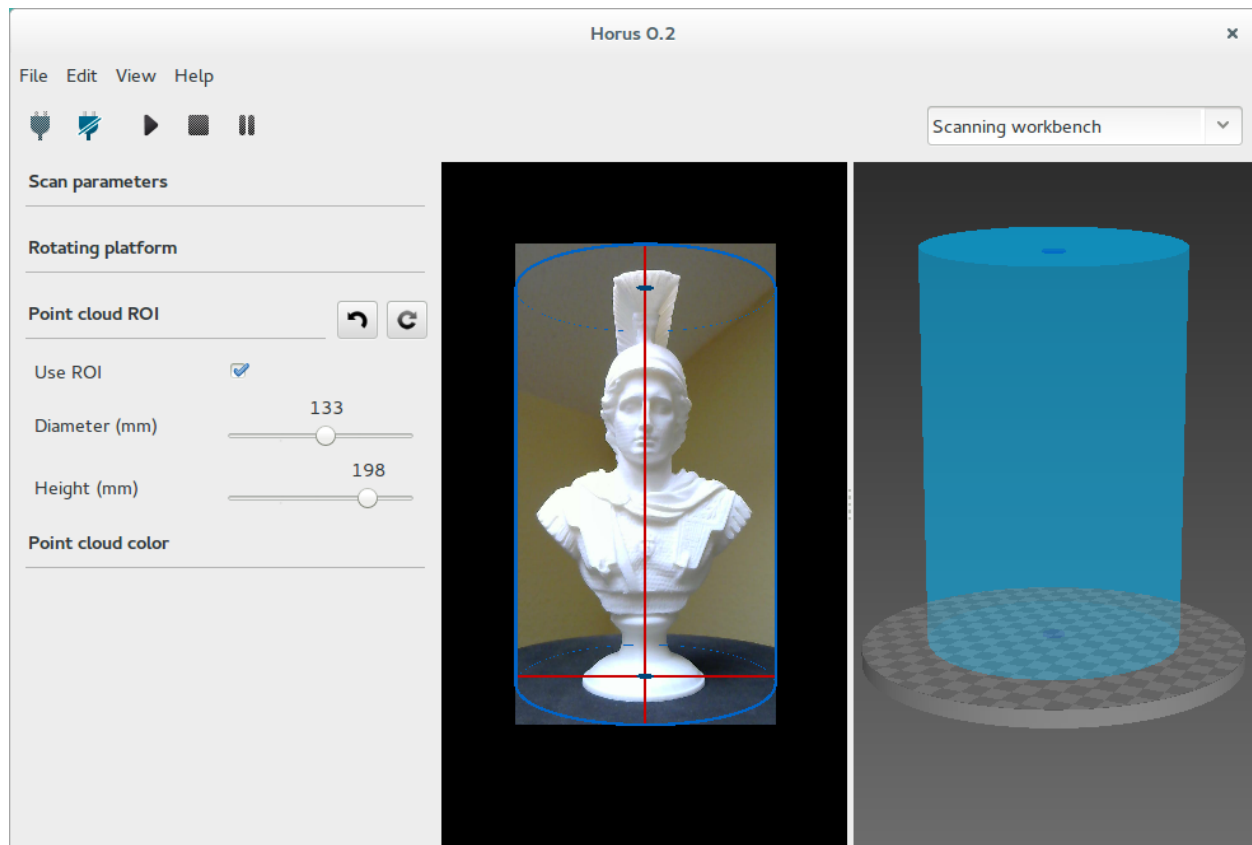
- **Show center:** shows the center of the platform using the current calibration values.
- **Step:** is the angle increased in each scan iteration. The smaller the step, the greater radial resolution, and also more scanning time. The default value is 0.45° , that is 800 steps per revolution.
- **Speed:** is the motor speed in degrees per second. The default value is 200 $^\circ/\text{s}$.
- **Acceleration:** is the motor acceleration in degrees per second squared. The default value is 200 $^\circ/\text{s}^2$.



Point cloud ROI

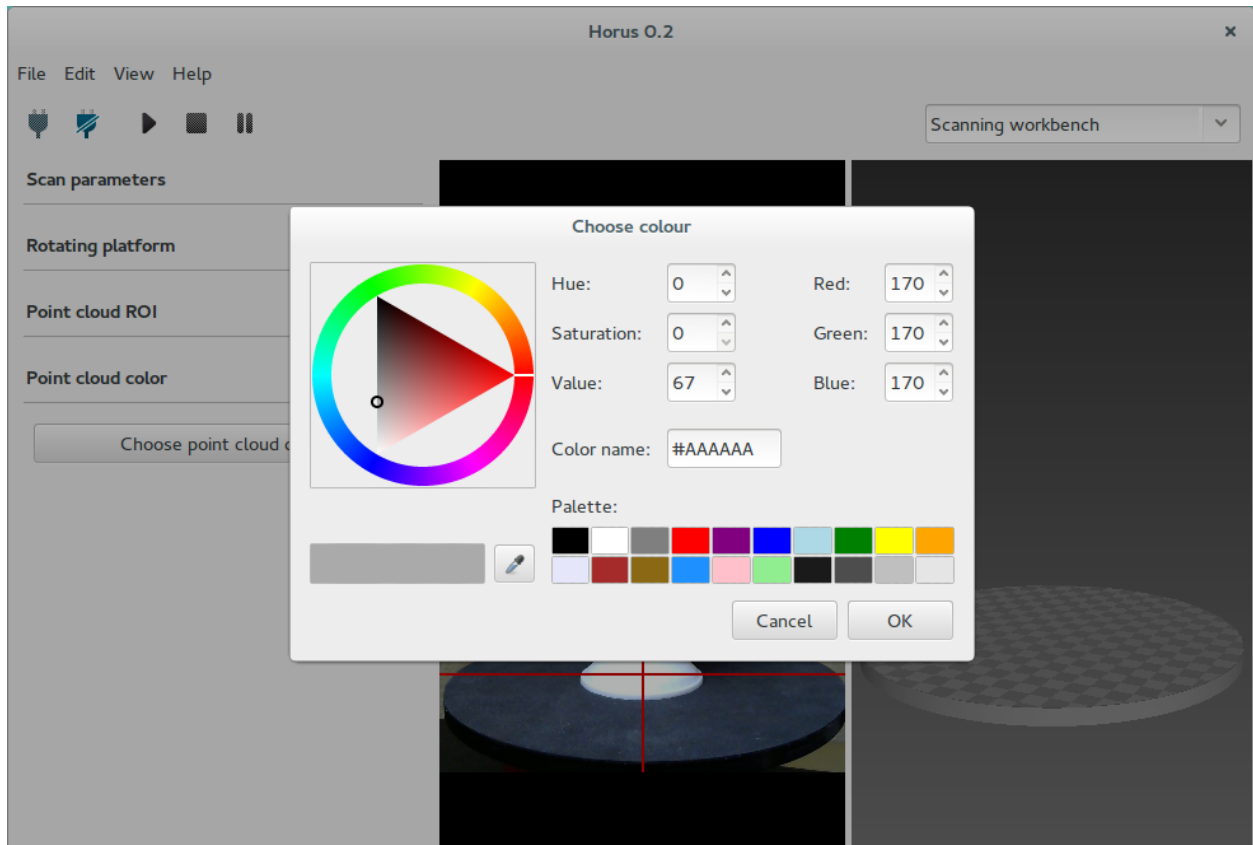
In this section the ROI (Region of interest) is defined. It is a cylindrical volume in the point cloud and a rectangle in the video.

- **Use ROI:** enabling this option applies the ROI. This region is the one being scanned both in the video and in the point cloud. All information outside won't be taken into account during the scanning process.
- **Diameter:** ROI diameter in mm. The default value is 200 mm.
- **Height:** ROI height in mm. The default value is 200 mm.



Point cloud color

In this section is selected the color for the point cloud when no texture is captured.

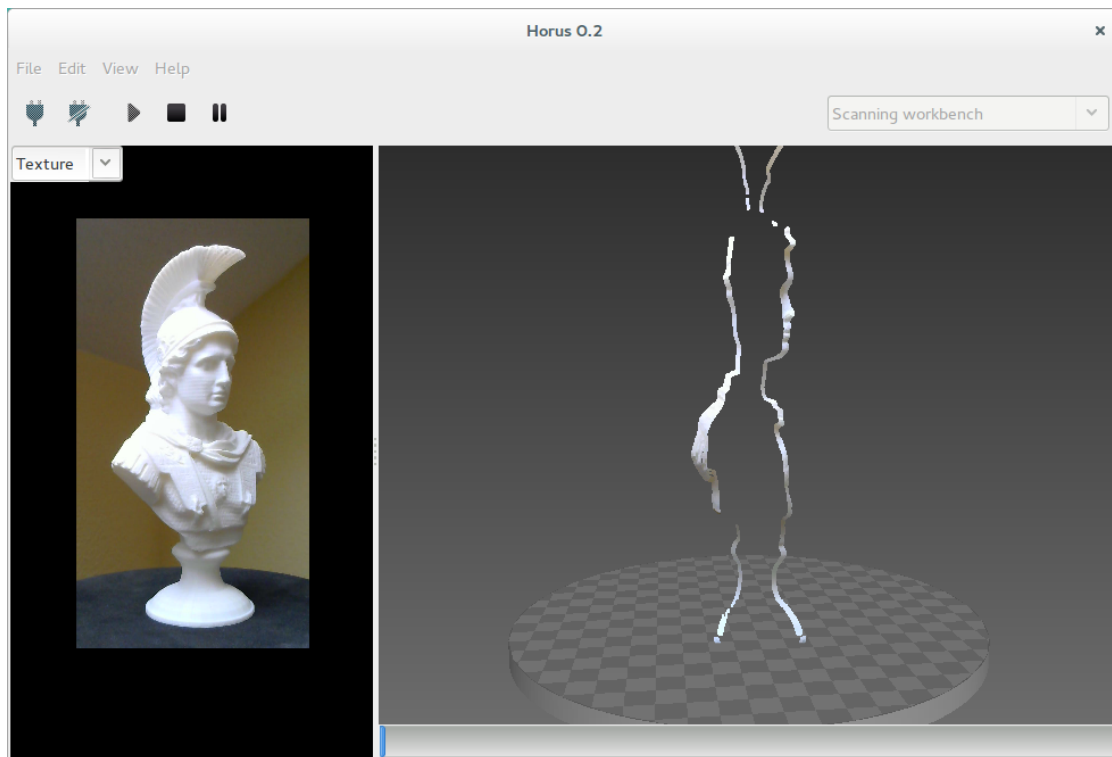


Note: The *Settings panel* is hidden during the scanning process.

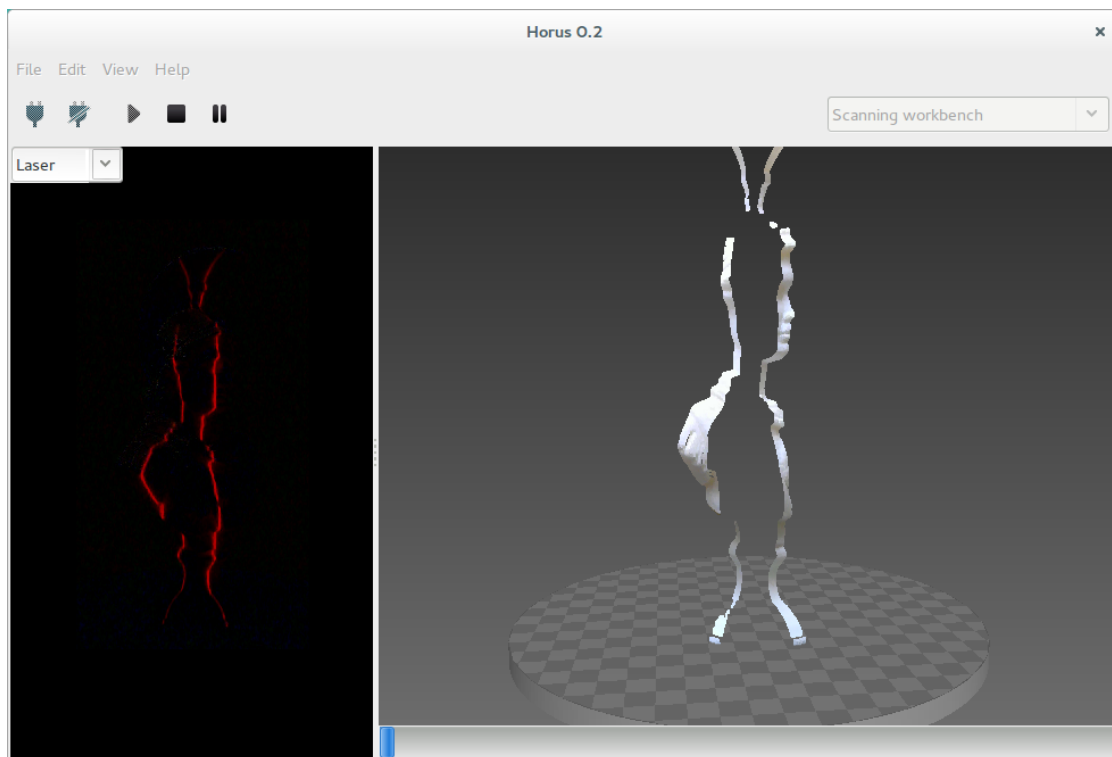
Video wall

In this window, two states are distinguished: while not scanning, it shows the video in texture mode. When the scan starts, you can select several views corresponding to the different stages of the image processing.

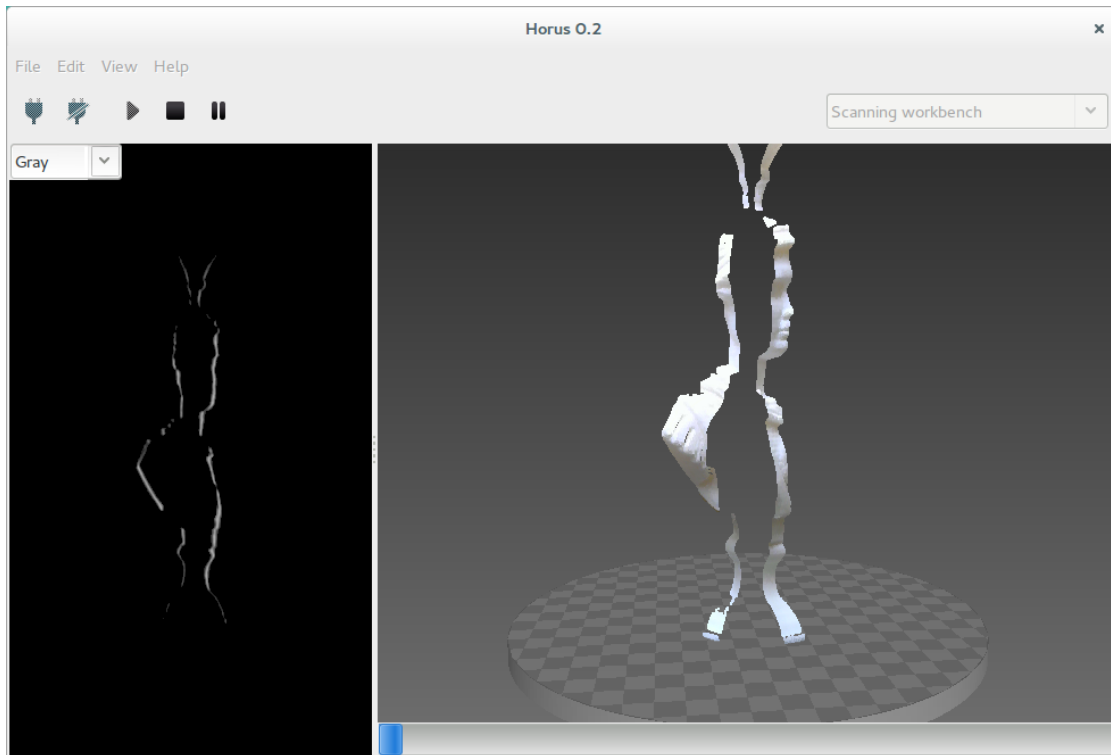
- **Texture**



- **Laser**



- **Gray**



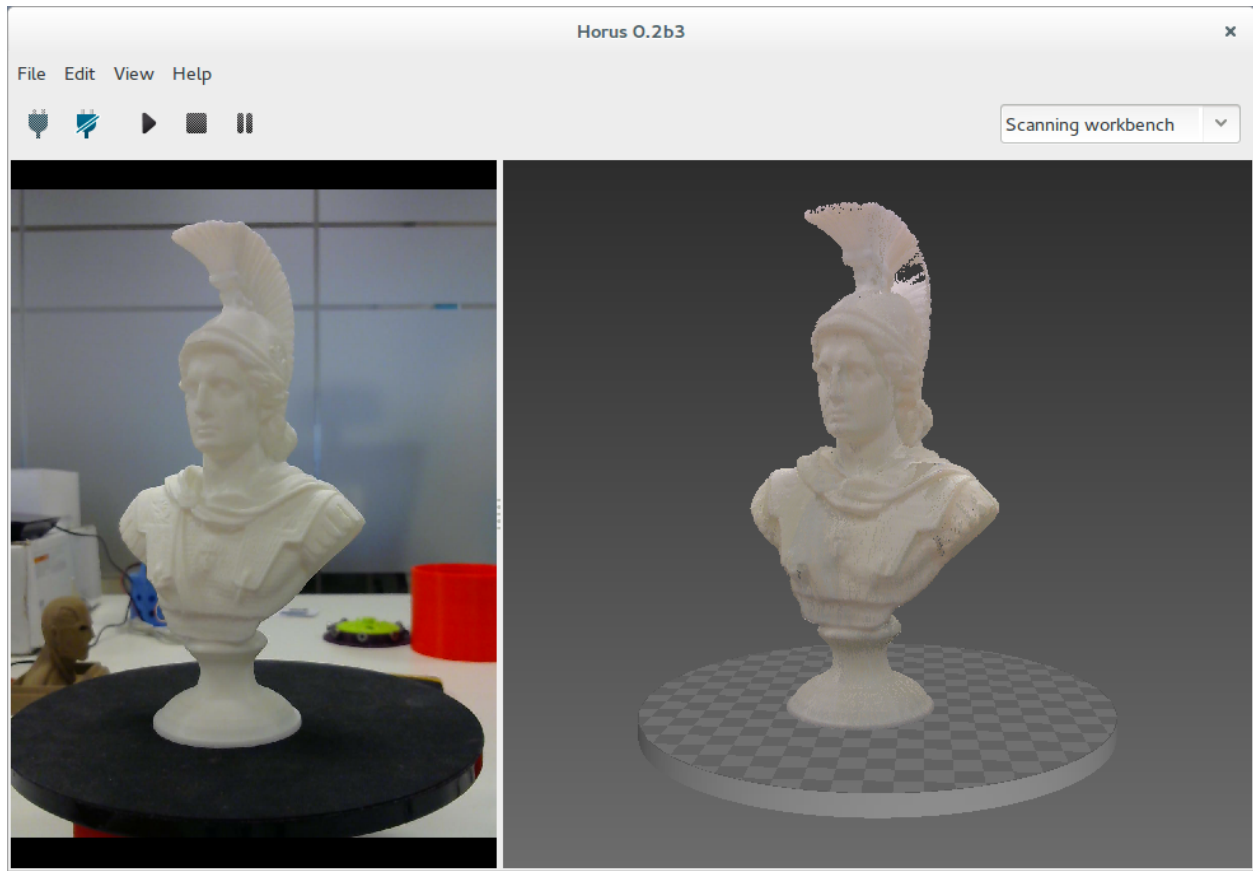
3D scene

This section is a three-dimensional scene where the scanned point cloud (model) is shown. Also it allows to view meshes in *stl* format.

To start scanning press the *Play* button. Also the process can be stopped, paused and resumed. During the scanning, the progress is shown in the bottom of the scene.

You can navigate in the 3D scene using the following shortcuts:

Action	Shortcut 1	Shortcut 2
Default views	Home / PgUp / PgDn / End	
Rotate	Left click	Shift + Up/Down
Rotate horizontally	Up / Down	
Rotate vertically	Left / Right	
Vertical shift	Ctrl + Mouse wheel	Ctrl + Up / Down
Reset vertical shift	Double left click	
Translation	Shift + Left click	
Zoom	Mouse wheel	Shift + Up /Down
Delete object	Right click + Delete object	Del
Quit program	Ctrl + Q	



To load, save or reset the 3D model, access from the menu *File*.

1.4 Scanner components

1.4.1 Camera

Supported cameras

Logitech C270



HD USB webcam with fixed focus.

Name	Value	Setting
Width	1280 px	camera_width
Height	960 px	camera_height
Frame rate	30 fps	frame_rate
Rotation	Yes	camera_rotate
Horizontal flip	Yes	camera_hflip
Vertical flip	No	camera_vflip
Focal length x	1430 px	camera_matrix
Focal length y	1430 px	camera_matrix
Optical center x	480 px	camera_matrix
Optical center y	620 px	camera_matrix
Distortion	No	use_distortion

Image controls

Name	Range	Setting
Brightness	0-255	brightness_
Contrast	0-255	contrast_
Saturation	0-255	saturation_
Exposure	1-64	exposure_

These parameters have different values for each situation:

- Capture texture
- Pattern detection
- Laser detection over the object
- Laser detection over the pattern

Therefore, for each case the optimum values can be set.

Flush buffer

OpenCV is used to manage the camera. It wraps all the functionality to allow easy access.

At the low level driver, each operating system has different behavior regarding to the buffer of stored images. Moreover, if the exposure time is set over the frame rate (33 ms), buffer filling may vary if image controls are being updated. This may cause synchronization problems between the laser and the camera. Instead of using a long delay to reach the synchronization, a better approach is implemented using custom flush values.

Name	OS	Value	Setting
Texture flush	Linux	3	flush_linux_texture
Laser flush	Linux	2	flush_linux_laser
Pattern flush	Linux	3	flush_linux_pattern
Texture flush	Windows	4	flush_windows_texture
Laser flush	Windows	3	flush_windows_laser
Pattern flush	Windows	4	flush_windows_pattern
Texture flush	MacOSX	4	flush_darwin_texture
Laser flush	MacOSX	3	flush_darwin_laser
Pattern flush	MacOSX	4	flush_darwin_pattern

Note: In Linux, a [custom OpenCV](#) version is used, because of the next [reasons](#). In Windows and Mac, standard 2.4.9 version is used.

Troubleshooting

Focus image

Logitech C270 camera is not focused at the scanner working distance (about 300 mm), but it is focused at a longer distance. This may cause inaccurate pattern detection and worse calibration values.

To improve that, the camera can be re-focused manually:

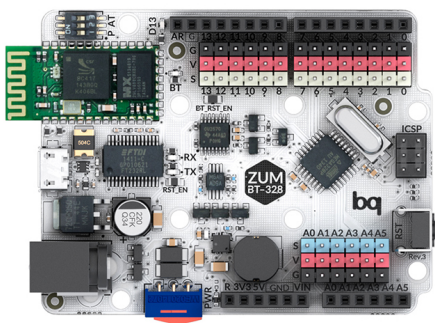
1. Remove the electronics: the camera can not be removed if the board is fixed.
2. Disassemble the camera: remove the 3 screws and the front cover.
3. Move the lens to break up the glue.
4. Put the camera into the scanner.
5. Put the pattern on the middle of the platform.
6. Open the video and move the focus until the pattern is focused.
7. Assemble again the camera and the rest of the scanner.

In this [video](#) the camera manual focus is explained.

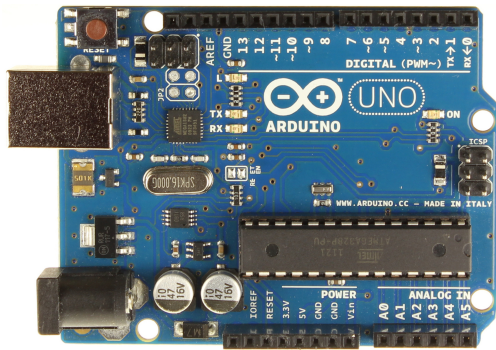
1.4.2 Board

Supported boards

ZUM BT-328

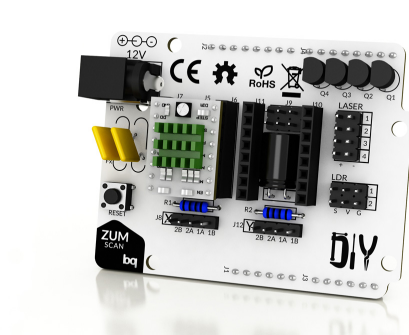


Arduino UNO



Supported shields

ZUM SCAN



Horus Firmware

The firmware is an adaptation of Grbl. Releases are hosted here: <https://github.com/bqlabs/horus-fw/releases>.

It can be uploaded in **Preferences > Upload firmware**.

Troubleshooting

Board not detected

Sometimes **Arduino UNO** board is not detected correctly, specially if you are using **Windows 10** or **strange clones**. First of all, follow this steps to ensure that your board and your operating system are working fine together:

1. Follow this guide to install the drivers and the Arduino IDE: <https://www.arduino.cc/en/Guide/Windows>.
2. Upload the *blink* example. If it doesn't work go to: <https://forum.arduino.cc/> to find a solution.

Then if the led is blinking is time to upload the Horus firmware. You have two options:

- In Horus GUI, go to *Preferences*. Select your board and press *Upload firmware*.

- In Arduino IDE, download the source code (<https://github.com/bqlabs/horus-fw>) and upload the file horus-fw.ino.

Hint: If you have any problem related to the board or the shield please put it here: <https://github.com/bqlabs/horus/issues> to update this manual.

1.4.3 Lasers

Supported lasers

Line laser



Red Class 1 line laser.

Name	Value
Wavelength	650 nm
Voltage	5 V
Working distance	300 mm
Output aperture	3 mm
Output power	2.5 mW
Fan angle	> 60 °
Body diameter	8 mm
Body length	26 mm
Wire length	250 mm
Security class	1
TÜV certificate	Yes

Warning: Only **Class 1** lasers according to *IEC 60825-1:2014* are recommended to ensure eye safety. The emission limits for this wavelength must be less than 390 uW.

Gcodes

M70

Switch off the laser specified in the T command.

Example M70 T1

M71

Switch on the laser specified in the T command.

Example M71 T2

Note: Lasers are switched off automatically after 255 seconds as a safety measure.

Troubleshooting

Laser not detected correctly

If the laser is not detected correctly:

1. Improve the environment light conditions.
2. Adjust the camera settings in *Adjustment workbench*:
 - *Scan capture* > *Laser* for the laser over the scanning object.
 - *Calibration capture* > *Laser* for the laser over the pattern.

1.4.4 Motor

Supported motors

Nema 17



Bipolar stepper motor.

Name	Value
Phase	2
Voltage	2.55 V
Step angle	1.8°
Fan angle	> 60 °
Shaft height	22 mm
Body height	40 mm
Wire length	600 mm
Chamfer	Yes

Gcodes

G1

Perform an angular movement. Using the F command, the angular speed is set to the specified value in degrees per second. Also with the X command, the motor moves to the specified absolute position in degrees.

Examples G1 F200, G1 X-90

G50

Reset all positions to zero. It is recommended to be executed after M18 to avoid the oscillation anchor.

M17

Enable the motor. It remains enabled even after sending G1 commands.

Warning: If the motor is enabled for a long time, the driver and the motor can overheat and even break.

M18

Disable the motor. It remains disabled even after sending G1 commands.

Troubleshooting

Reversed direction of rotation

Motor rotation must turn in a counterclockwise direction with positive angles. If it turns in reverse, probably the connector is connected in the wrong way. This can be solved by editing the parameter `invert_motor` in Preferences > Invert the motor direction.

Strange movements

To avoid possible strange movements in the motor:

1. Make sure the motor step is 1.8°.
2. Put all the jumpers in the Zum Scan board to enable micro-stepping.

- Adjust the electrical current with the potentiometer in the pololu driver. Recommended values are about 200 mA.

1.4.5 Pattern

Supported pattern

Chessboard patterns

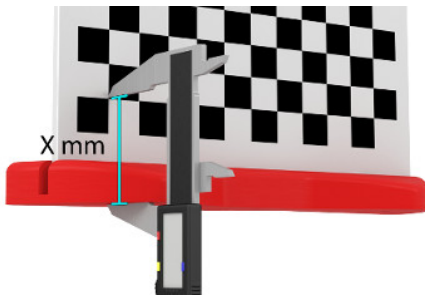
Name	Value	Setting
Rows	6	pattern_rows
Columns	11	pattern_columns
Square width	13 mm	pattern_square_width
Origin distance	> 0.0 mm	pattern_origin_distance

Note: These values can be set in *Calibration workbench* > *Pattern settings*.

Warning: It must be an odd number of columns in order to define an unique origin of the pattern.

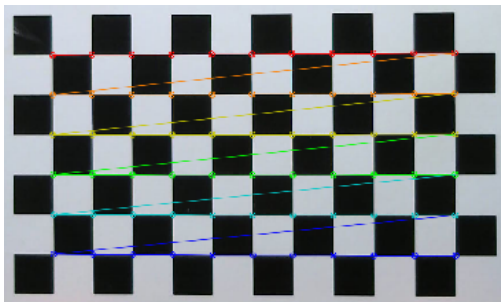
Origin distance

The origin distance is the minimum distance between the origin of the pattern (bottom-left corner) and the pattern's base surface. This value is used to define where is the pattern with respect to the turntable.



Pattern detection

When the pattern is correctly detected, the following colored dots and lines are drawn.



Troubleshooting

Pattern not detected

If the pattern is not detected:

1. Check the *Calibration workbench > Pattern settings*.
2. Improve the environment light conditions.
3. Adjust the camera settings in *Adjustment workbench > Calibration capture > Pattern*.