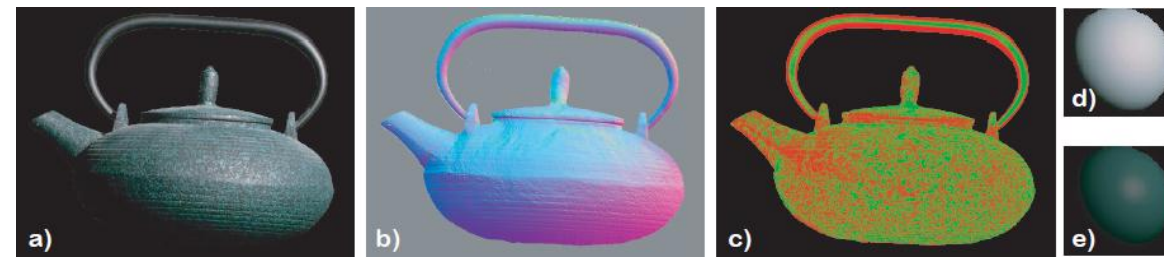


# Multi-view Photometric Stereo with Spatially Varying Isotropic Materials

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## Motivation

Photometric stereo with mixture of Ward's BRDFs [1]



Multi-view photometric stereo  
[2] with Lambert's BRDF

Iso-depth contours for  
arbitrary isotropic BRDFs [3].

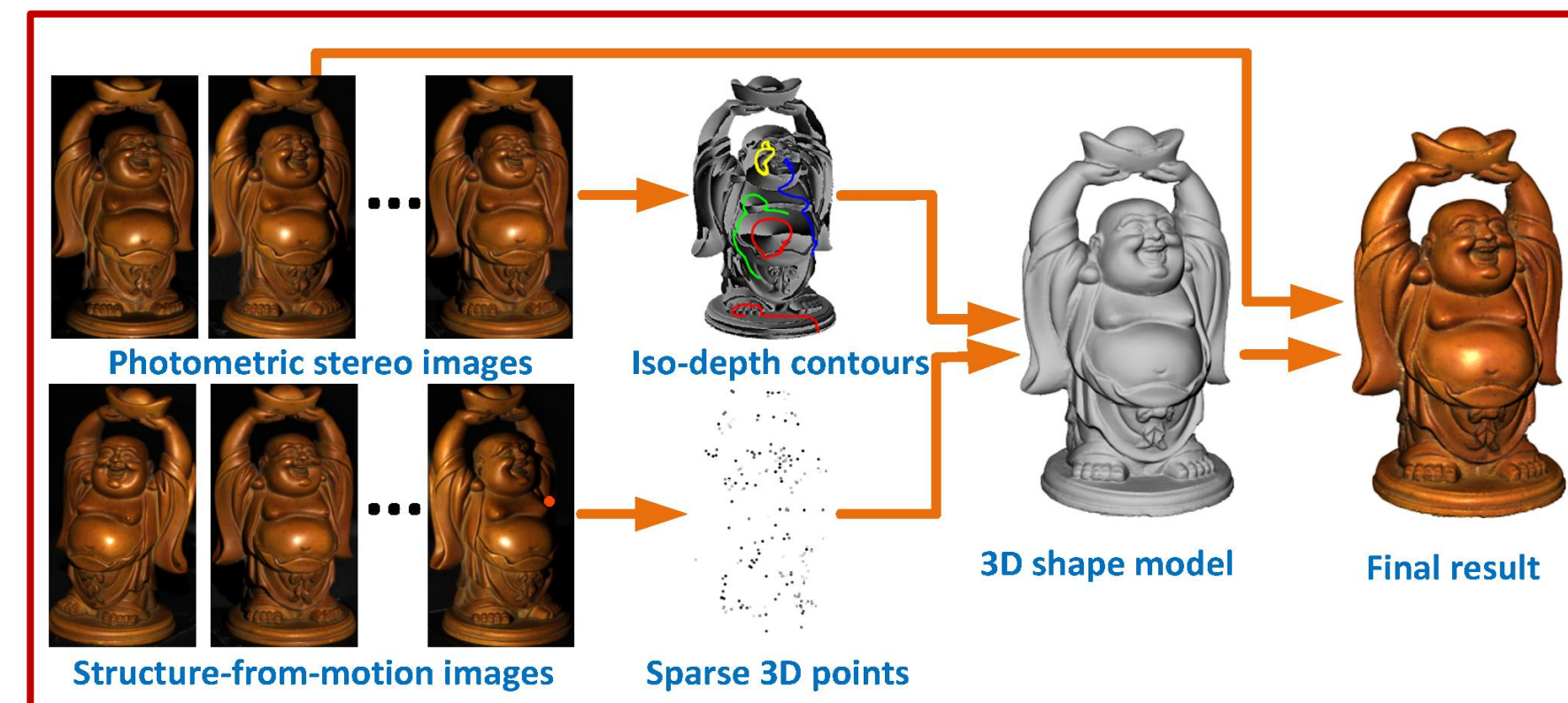
## Features of Our Method

- Arbitrary isotropic materials;
- Full 360-degree reconstruction of shape and BRDF;
- Simple & inexpensive capture setup;
- Simple optimization;
- High accuracy: **shape error ~0.3mm**,  
BRDF error: ~9% relative RMSE,  
**(re-rendered image error ~6-8 intensity levels)**.

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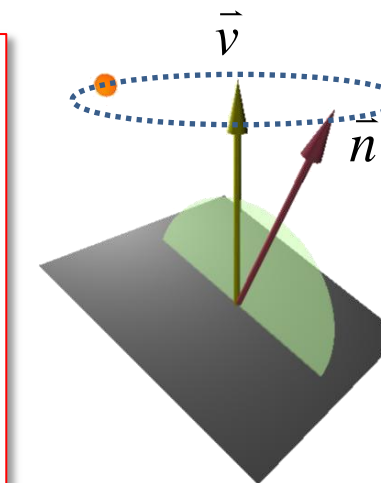
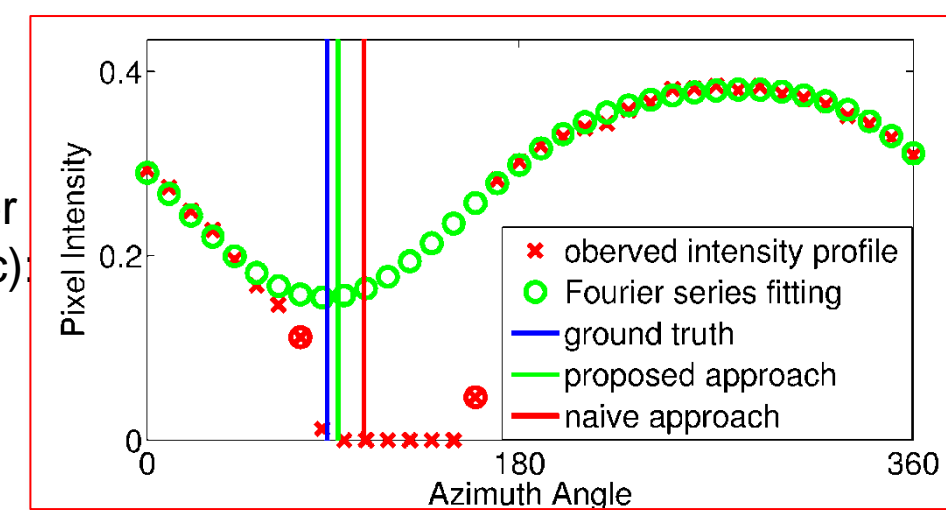
## Overview



## Technical Details

### Iso-depth contour estimation

- The symmetry axis of an intensity profile provides the azimuth angle [3];
- An intensity profile can be fit to a truncated Fourier series (to be robust to shadow, inter-reflection, etc):
$$A_0 + \sum_{k=1}^2 A_k \cos(k\theta) + \sum_{k=1}^2 B_k \sin(k\theta)$$
- Recover iso-depth contours from azimuth angles.



### Shape capture

Depth propagation

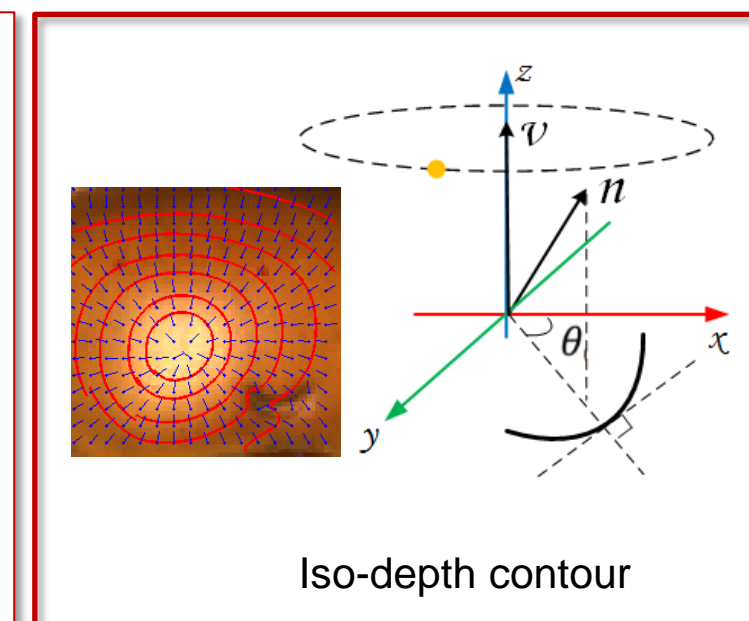
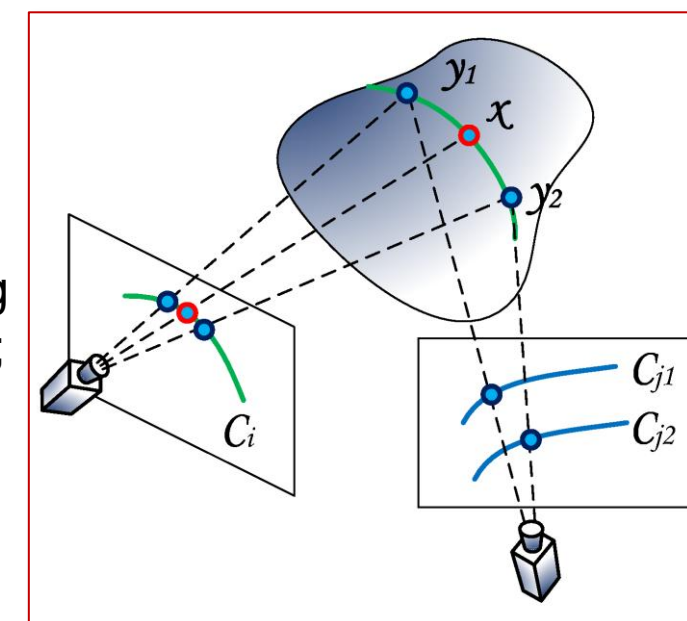
1. Begin with sparse SfM points.
2. Project a 3D point to one view;
3. Assign its depth to the iso-depth contour passing through its projection to generate new 3D points;
4. Iterate 1-3 with a different 3D point and view.

Shape refinement

Jointly optimize normals and 3D positions[5].

### Reflectance capture

Fix the shape, and apply the ACLS algorithm [4] to estimate BRDFs.



## Experiments (more in the paper)

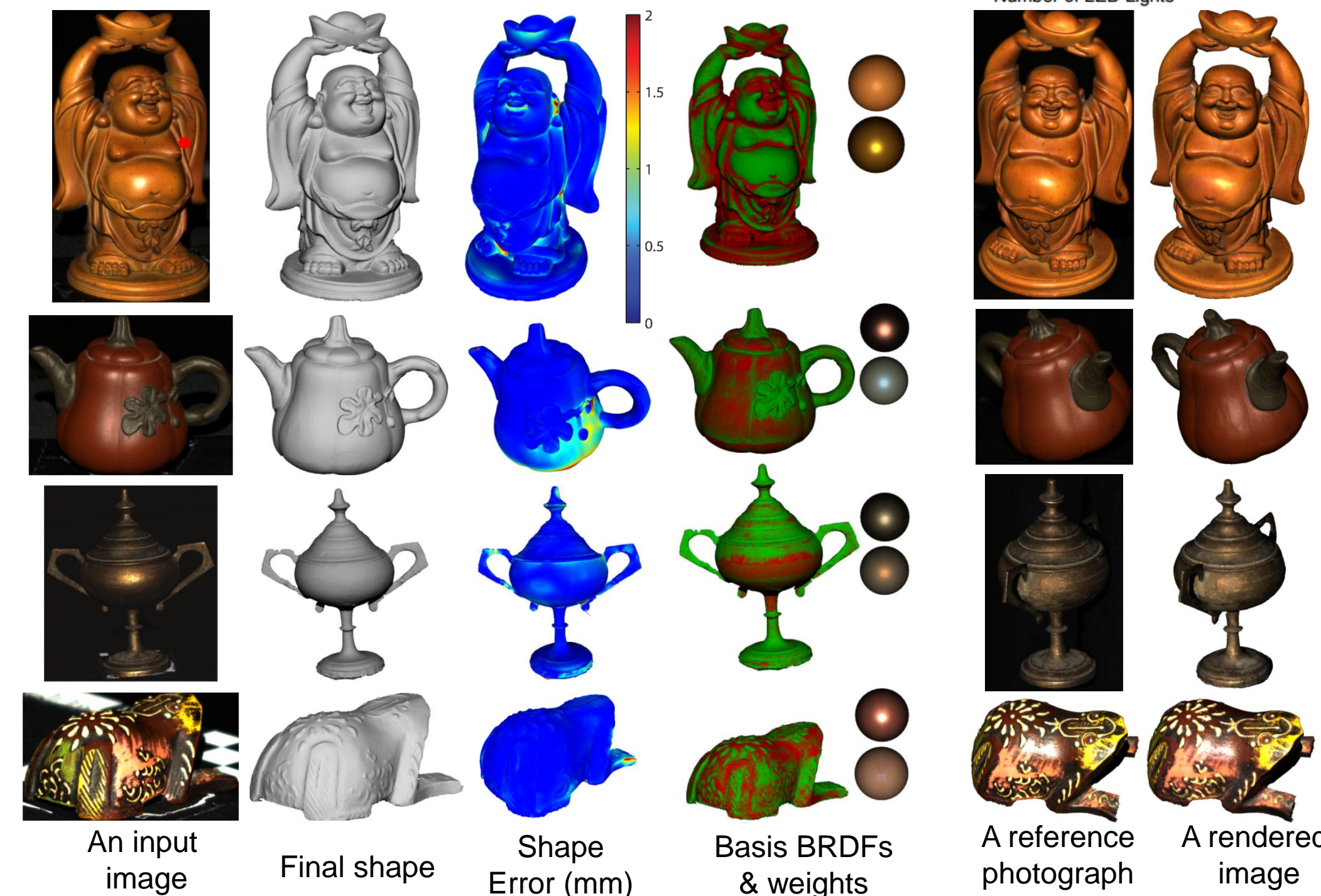
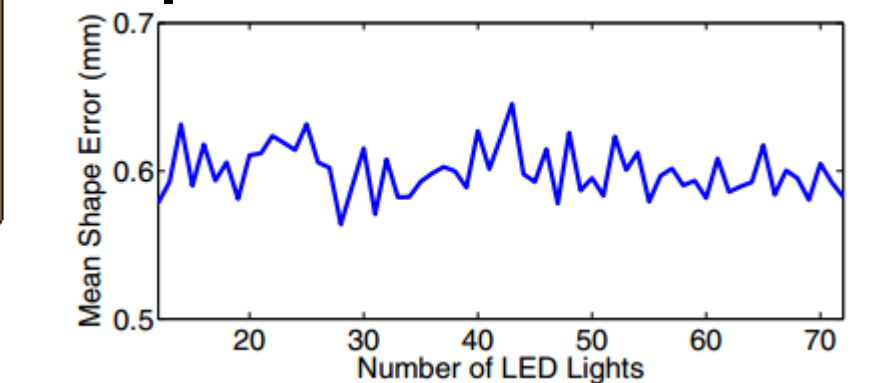


### Two Capture systems



Ringlight system      Handheld system

### Shape Errors



An input image

Final shape

Shape Error (mm)

Basis BRDFs & weights

A reference photograph

A rendered image