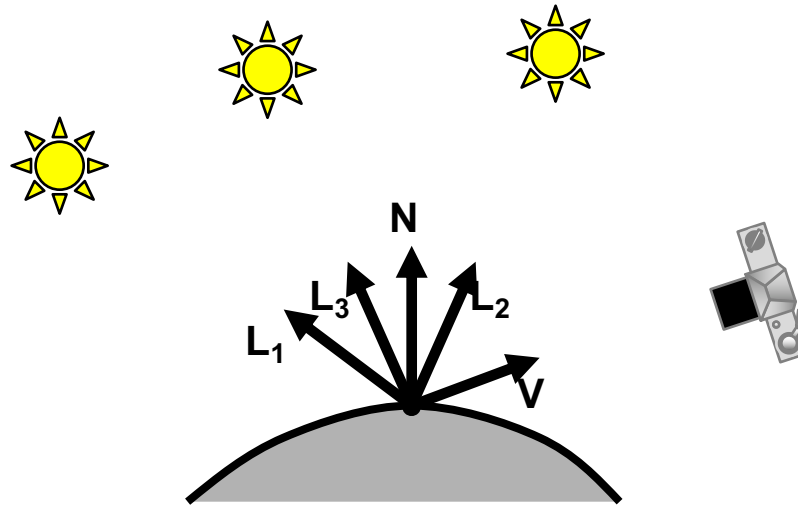


Photometric stereo

# Multiple Images: Photometric Stereo



# Photometric stereo

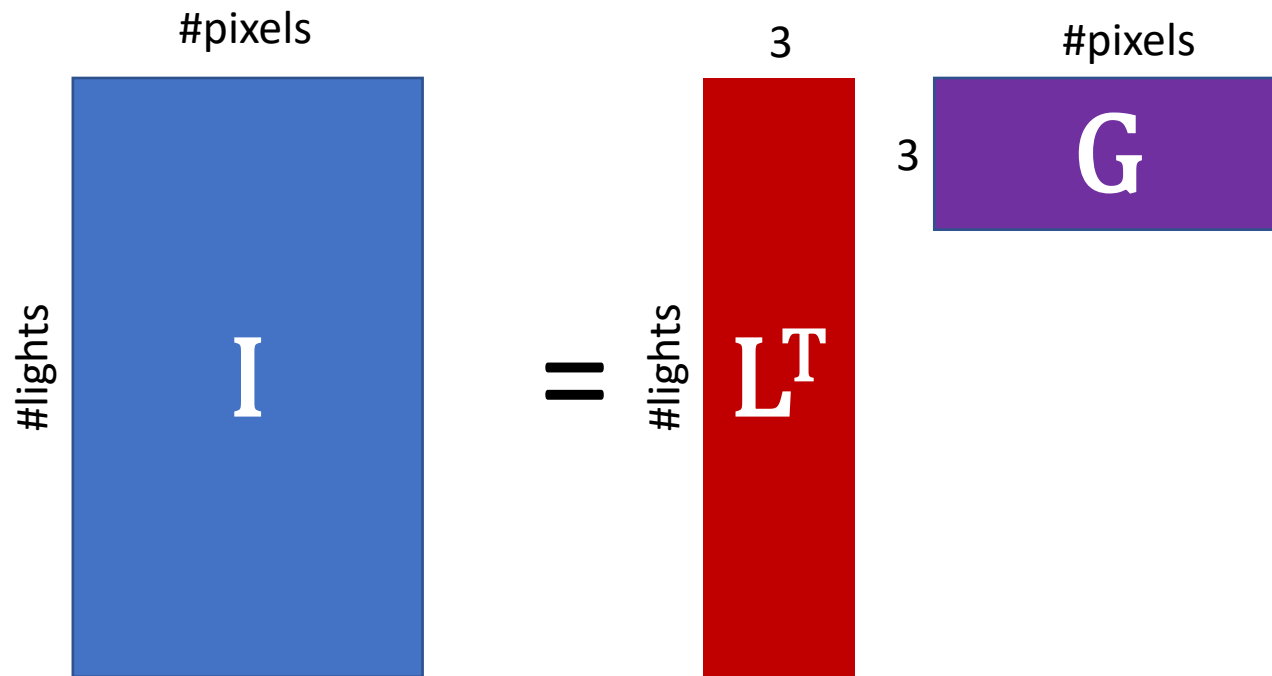
$$I = \rho \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathbf{N}$$

$$I = \rho \mathbf{N}^T \mathbf{L}$$

$$\mathbf{G} = \rho \mathbf{N}$$

# Multiple pixels: matrix form

$$\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{G}$$





# Normal equations

$$\|\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{G}\|^2 = \mathbf{I}^T \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{G} - 2\mathbf{G}^T \mathbf{L} \mathbf{I}$$

- Take derivative with respect to  $\mathbf{G}$  and set to 0

$$2\mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{G} - 2\mathbf{L} \mathbf{I} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{G} = (\mathbf{L} \mathbf{L}^T)^{-1} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{I}$$

# Estimating depth from normals

- So we got surface normals, can we get depth?
- Yes, given *boundary conditions*
- Normals provide information about the derivative

# Brief detour: Orthographic projection

- Perspective projection

- $x = \frac{X}{Z}, y = \frac{Y}{Z}$

- If all points have similar depth

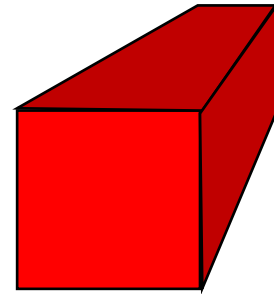
- $Z \approx Z_0$

- $x \approx \frac{X}{Z_0}, y \approx \frac{Y}{Z_0}$

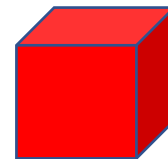
- $x \approx cX, y \approx cY$

- A scaled version of orthographic projection

- $x = X, y = Y$



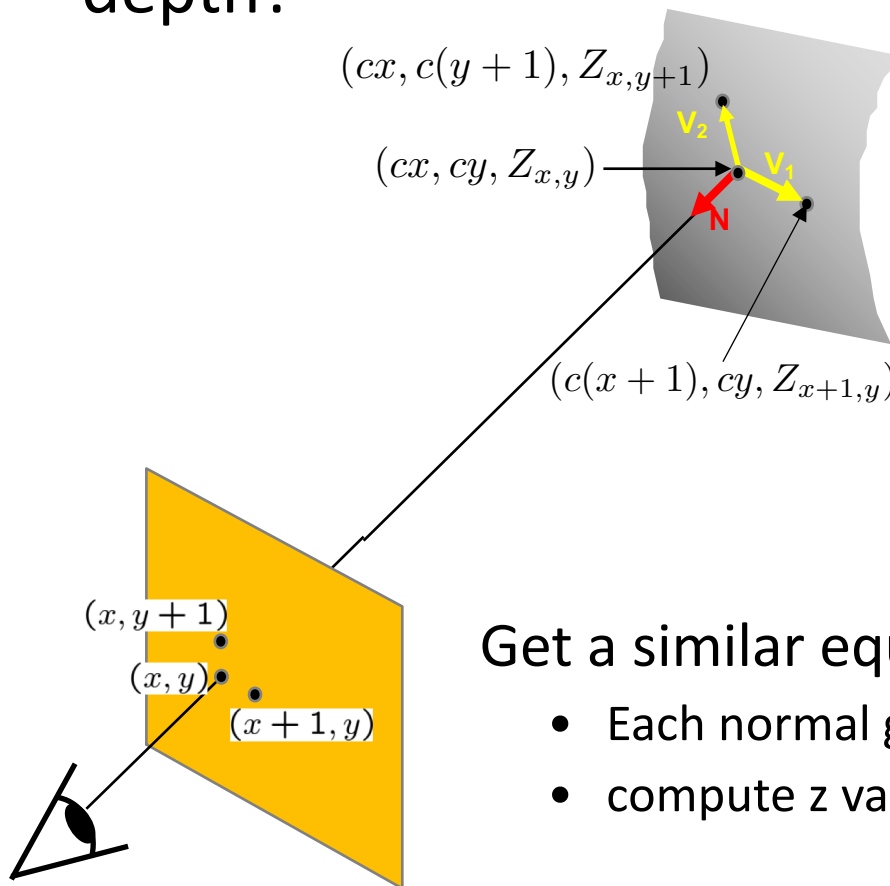
Perspective



Scaled  
orthographic

# Depth Map from Normal Map

- We now have a surface normal, but how do we get depth?



Assume a smooth surface

$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &= (c(x+1), cy, Z_{x+1,y}) - (cx, cy, Z_{x,y}) \\ &= (c, 0, Z_{x+1,y} - Z_{x,y}) \end{aligned}$$

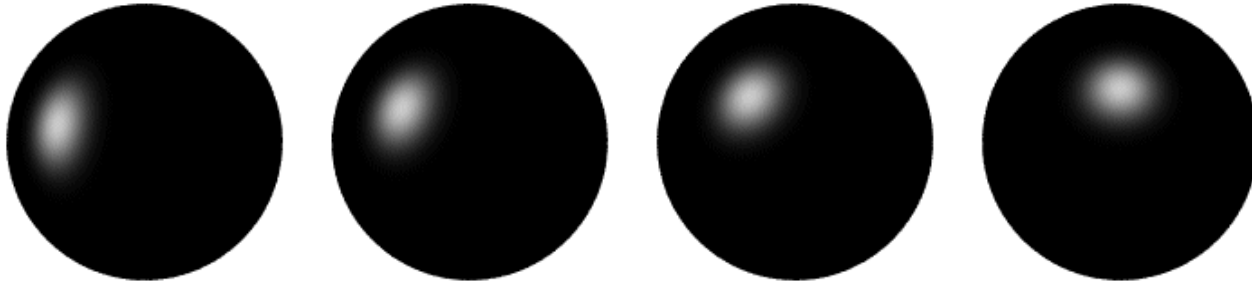
$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= N \cdot V_1 \\ &= (n_x, n_y, n_z) \cdot (c, 0, Z_{x+1,y} - Z_{x,y}) \\ &= cn_x + n_z(Z_{x+1,y} - Z_{x,y}) \end{aligned}$$

Get a similar equation for  $V_2$

- Each normal gives us two linear constraints on  $z$
- compute  $z$  values by solving a matrix equation

# Determining Light Directions

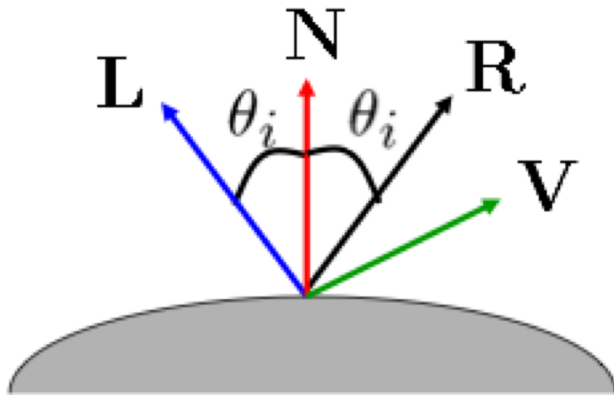
- Trick: Place a mirror ball in the scene.



- The location of the highlight is determined by the light source direction.

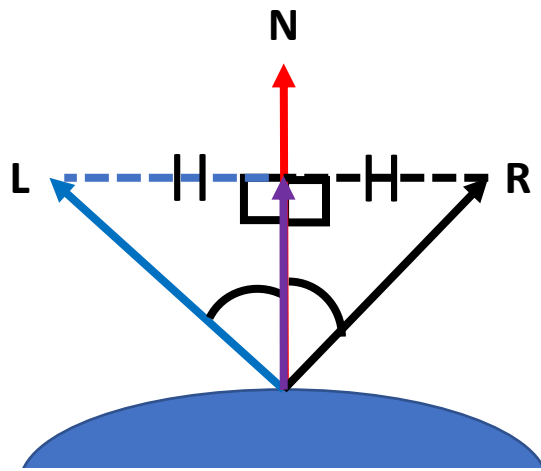
# Determining Light Directions

- For a perfect mirror, the light is reflected across  $\mathbf{N}$ :



$$I_e = \begin{cases} I_i & \text{if } \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{R} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Determining Light Directions



$$\text{purple arrow} = (N \cdot R)N$$

$$\text{dashed black line} = R - (N \cdot R)N$$

$$\text{dashed blue line} = R - (N \cdot R)N$$

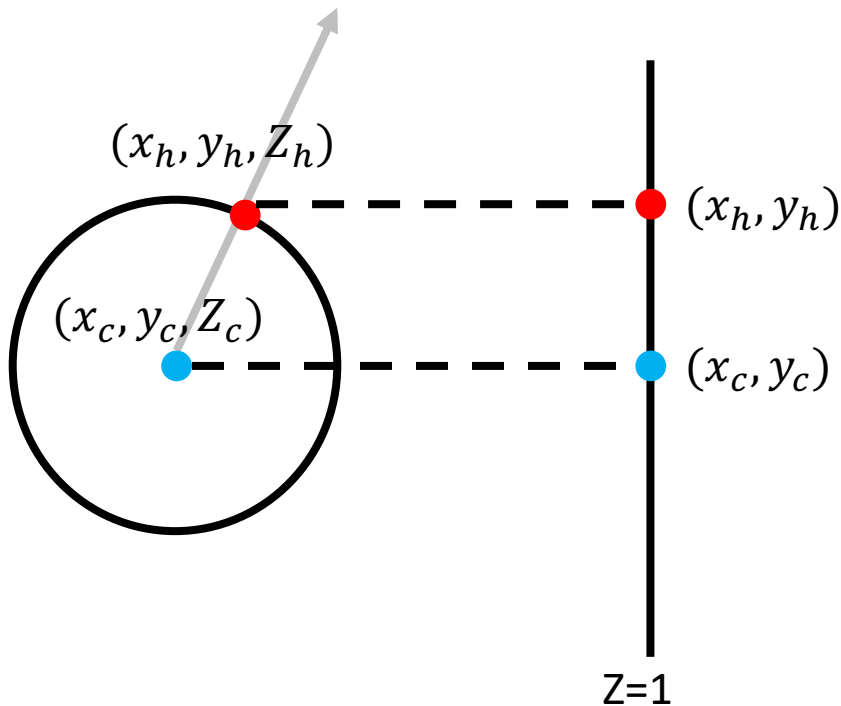
$$\begin{aligned} \text{blue arrow} &= \text{black arrow} - 2 \text{dashed blue line} \\ &= R - 2(R - (N \cdot R)N) \\ &= 2(N \cdot R)N - R \end{aligned}$$

So the light source direction is given by:

$$L = 2(N \cdot R)N - R$$

# Determining Light Directions

- Assume orthographic projection
- Viewing direction  $R = [0,0,-1]$
- Normal?



$Z_h$  and  $Z_c$  are unknown, but:

$$(x_h - x_c)^2 + (y_h - y_c)^2 + (Z_h - Z_c)^2 = r^2$$

$(Z_h - Z_c)$  can be computed

$(x_h - x_c, y_h - y_c, Z_h - Z_c)$  is the normal

$$L = 2(N \cdot R)N - R$$

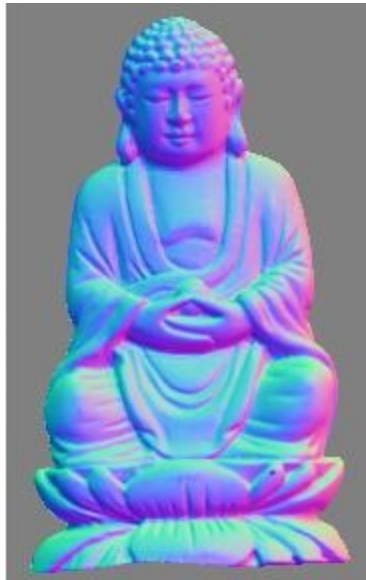


# Photometric Stereo

What results can you get?



Input  
(1 of 12)



Normals (RGB  
colormap)



Normals (vectors)

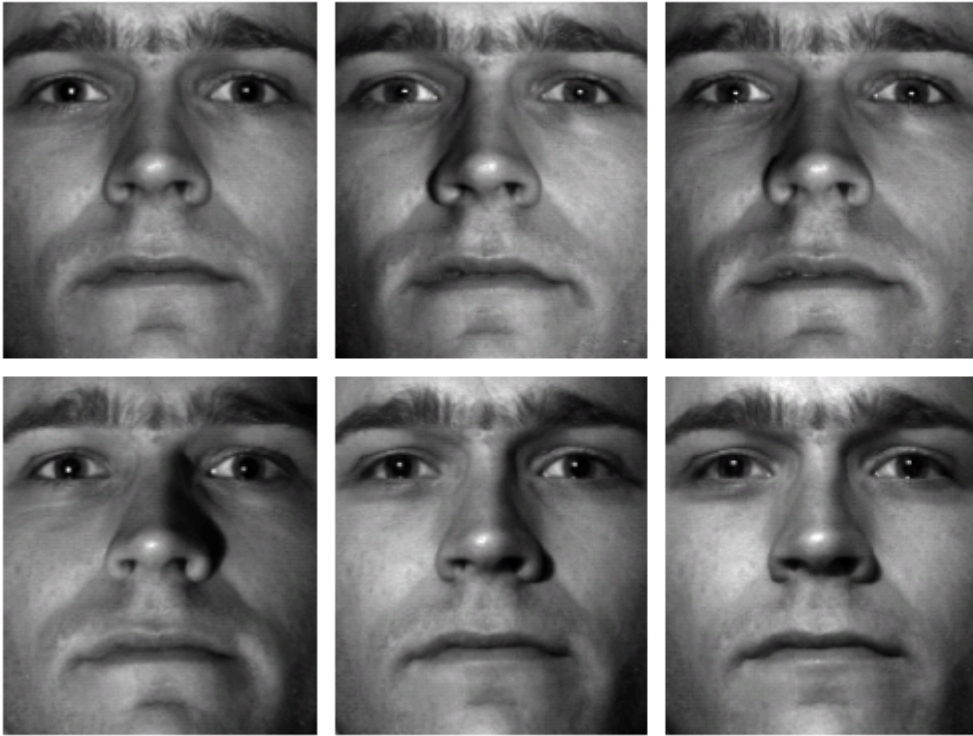


Shaded 3D  
rendering



Textured 3D  
rendering

# Results

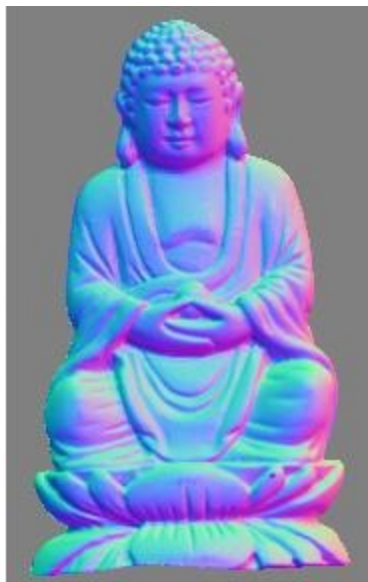


from Athos Georgiades

# Results



Input  
(1 of 12)



Normals (RGB  
colormap)



Normals (vectors)



Shaded 3D  
rendering



Textured 3D  
rendering

# Photometric stereo

- How many lights / images do you need?
- Are there any constraints on where to put the lights?

# Color Images

- Now we have 3 sets of equations for a pixel:

Green values for all pixels ←  $\mathbf{I}_g = \rho_g \mathbf{L}_g^T \mathbf{N}$  → Red values from all images

$\mathbf{I}_r = \rho_r \mathbf{L}_r^T \mathbf{N}$  → Red values from all images

$\mathbf{I}_b = \rho_b \mathbf{L}_b^T \mathbf{N}$  → Blue values from all images

- Simple approach: solve for  $\mathbf{N}$  using grayscale or a single channel
- Then fix  $\mathbf{N}$  and solve for each channel's  $\rho$

# Color Images

- Then fix  $\mathbf{N}$  and solve for each channel's  $\rho$  :

$$Q(\rho) = \sum_i (I_i - \rho \mathbf{L}_i^T \mathbf{N})^2$$

- Want to minimize  $Q(\rho)$ 
  - Take derivative and set to 0

$$\frac{dQ(\rho)}{d\rho} = -2 \sum_i (I_i - \rho \mathbf{L}_i^T \mathbf{N}) \mathbf{L}_i^T \mathbf{N}$$

$$\frac{dQ(\rho)}{d\rho} = 0 \Rightarrow \rho = \frac{\sum_i I_i \mathbf{L}_i^T \mathbf{N}}{\sum_i (\mathbf{L}_i^T \mathbf{N})^2}$$

# Question

- How many color images do you need?
- How many color images do you need if the object was grayscale?

Questions?



# Unknown Lighting

- What we've seen so far: [Woodham 1980]
- Next up: Unknown light directions [Hayakawa 1994]

# Unknown Lighting

Surface normals

Light directions

$$I = kN \cdot \ell L$$

Diffuse  
albedo

Light  
intensity

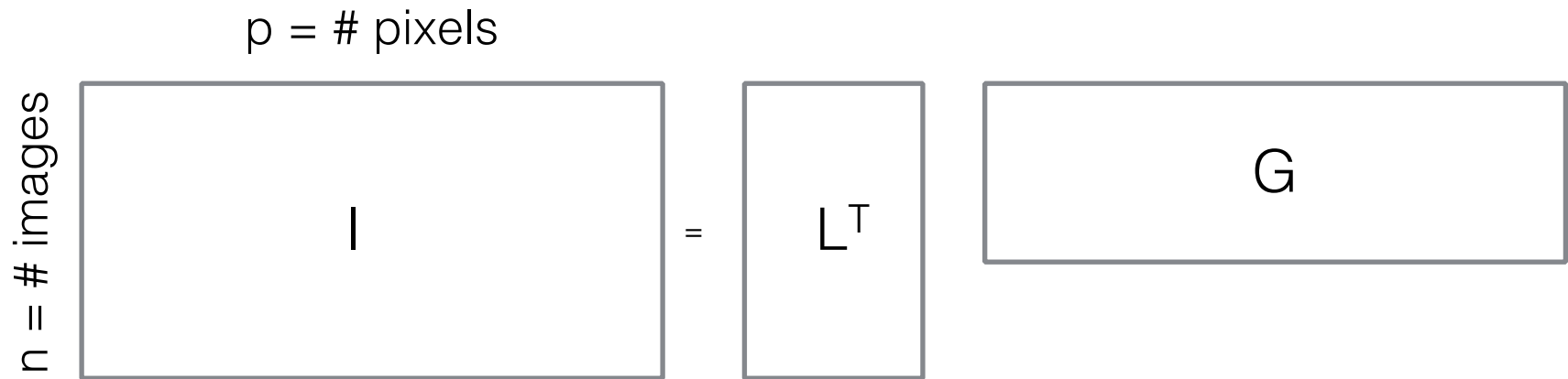
# Unknown Lighting

Surface normals, scaled  
by albedo

Light directions, scaled  
by intensity

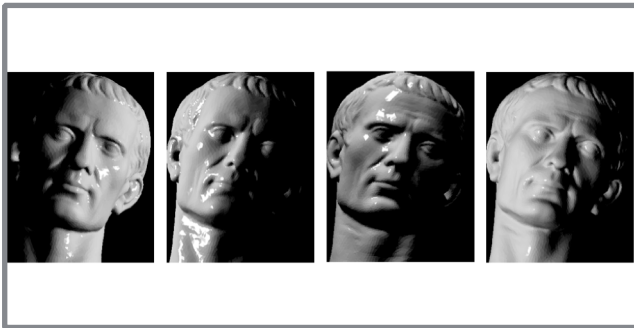

$$I = N \cdot L$$

# Unknown Lighting



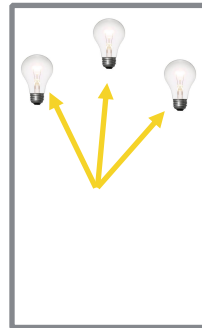
# Unknown Lighting

Measurements  
(one image per row)



$I$

Light directions  
(scaled by intensity)



$L^T$

Surface normals  
(scaled by albedo)



$G$

Both  $L$  and  $G$  are now unknown!  
This is a matrix factorization problem.

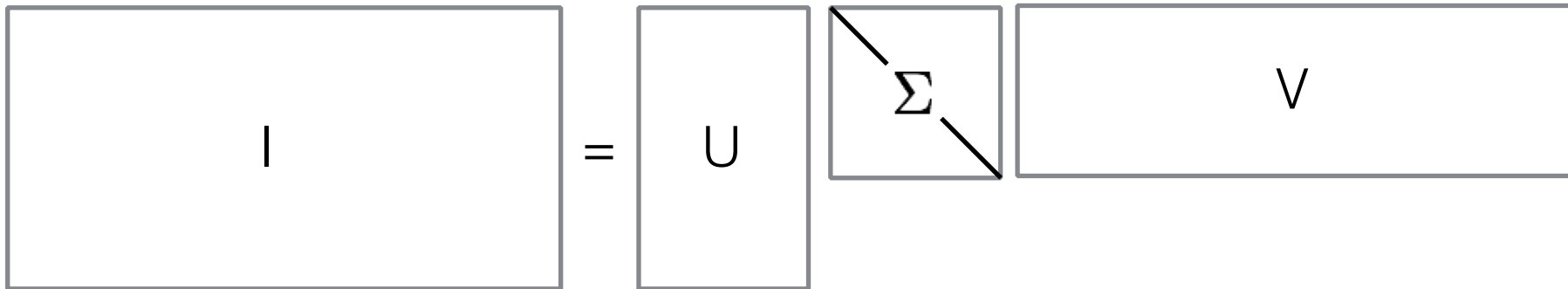
# Unknown Lighting

$$\begin{matrix} & j \\ i & \begin{matrix} | \\ | \\ | \end{matrix} \\ \hline & \end{matrix} \quad = \quad \begin{matrix} i & l_{ix} & l_{iy} & l_{iz} \\ \hline & \end{matrix} * \begin{matrix} & j \\ & n_{jx} \\ & n_{jy} \\ & n_{jz} \\ \hline & \end{matrix} \\ I \quad (n \times p) & & L \quad (n \times 3) & & G \quad (3 \times p)\end{matrix}$$

There's hope: We know that  $I$  is rank 3

# Unknown Lighting

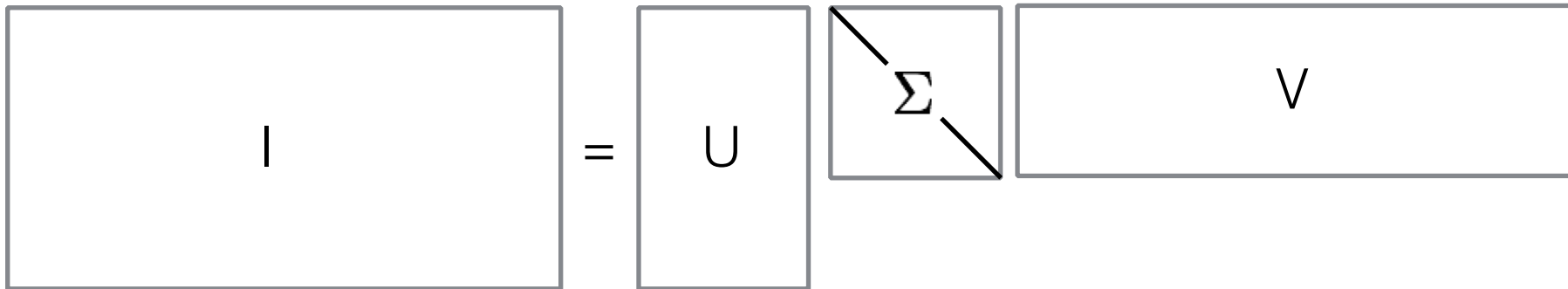
Use the SVD to decompose I:

$$I = U \Sigma V$$


SVD gives the best rank-3 approximation of a matrix.

# Unknown Lighting

Use the SVD to decompose  $I$ :

$$I = U \Sigma V$$


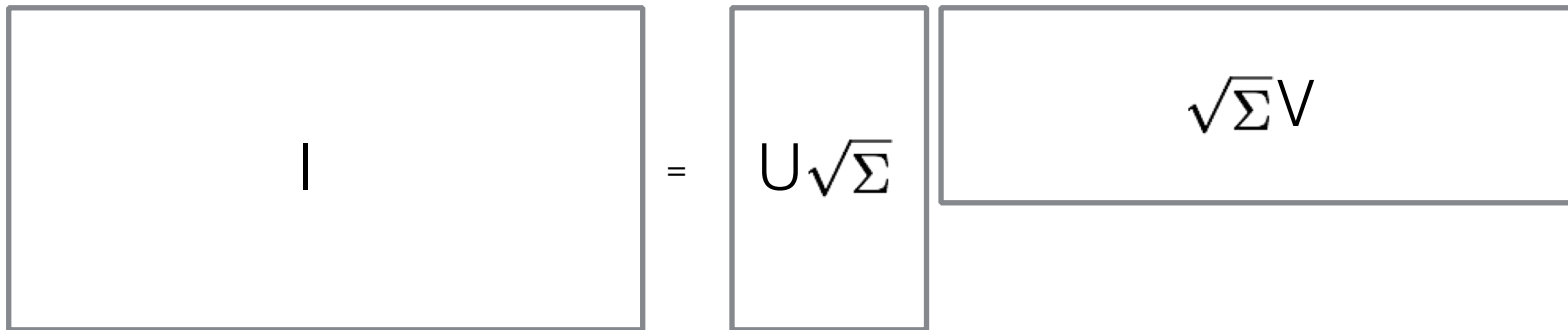
SVD gives the best rank-3 approximation of a matrix.

What do we do with  $\Sigma$ ?



# Unknown Lighting

Use the SVD to decompose I:

$$I = U\sqrt{\Sigma}V$$
A diagram illustrating the SVD decomposition of matrix I. It consists of three rectangular boxes arranged horizontally, separated by an equals sign. The first box on the left is a square and contains the letter 'I'. The second box is a vertical rectangle and contains the expression 'U\sqrt{\Sigma}'. The third box is a horizontal rectangle and contains the expression '\sqrt{\Sigma}V'.

Can we just do that?

# Unknown Lighting

Use the SVD to decompose I:

$$I = U\sqrt{\Sigma} A A^{-1} \sqrt{\Sigma} V$$

Can we just do that? ...almost.

The decomposition is unique up to an invertible 3x3 A.

# Unknown Lighting

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$$I = U\sqrt{\Sigma} A A^{-1} \sqrt{\Sigma} V$$

Can we just do that? ...almost.  $L = U\sqrt{\Sigma}A, G = A^{-1}\sqrt{\Sigma}V$

The decomposition is unique up to an invertible 3x3 A.

# Unknown Lighting

Use the SVD to decompose  $I$ :

$$I = U\sqrt{\Sigma} A A^{-1} \sqrt{\Sigma} V$$

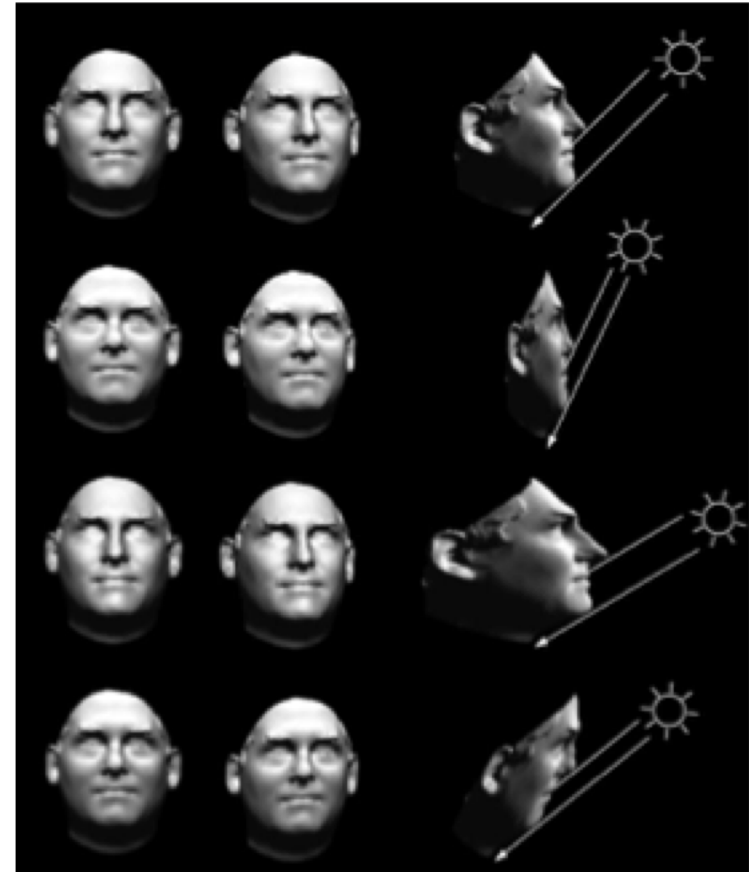
$$L = U\sqrt{\Sigma} A, G = A^{-1}\sqrt{\Sigma} V$$

You can find  $A$  if you know

- 6 points with the same reflectance, or
- 6 lights with the same intensity.

# Unknown Lighting: Ambiguities

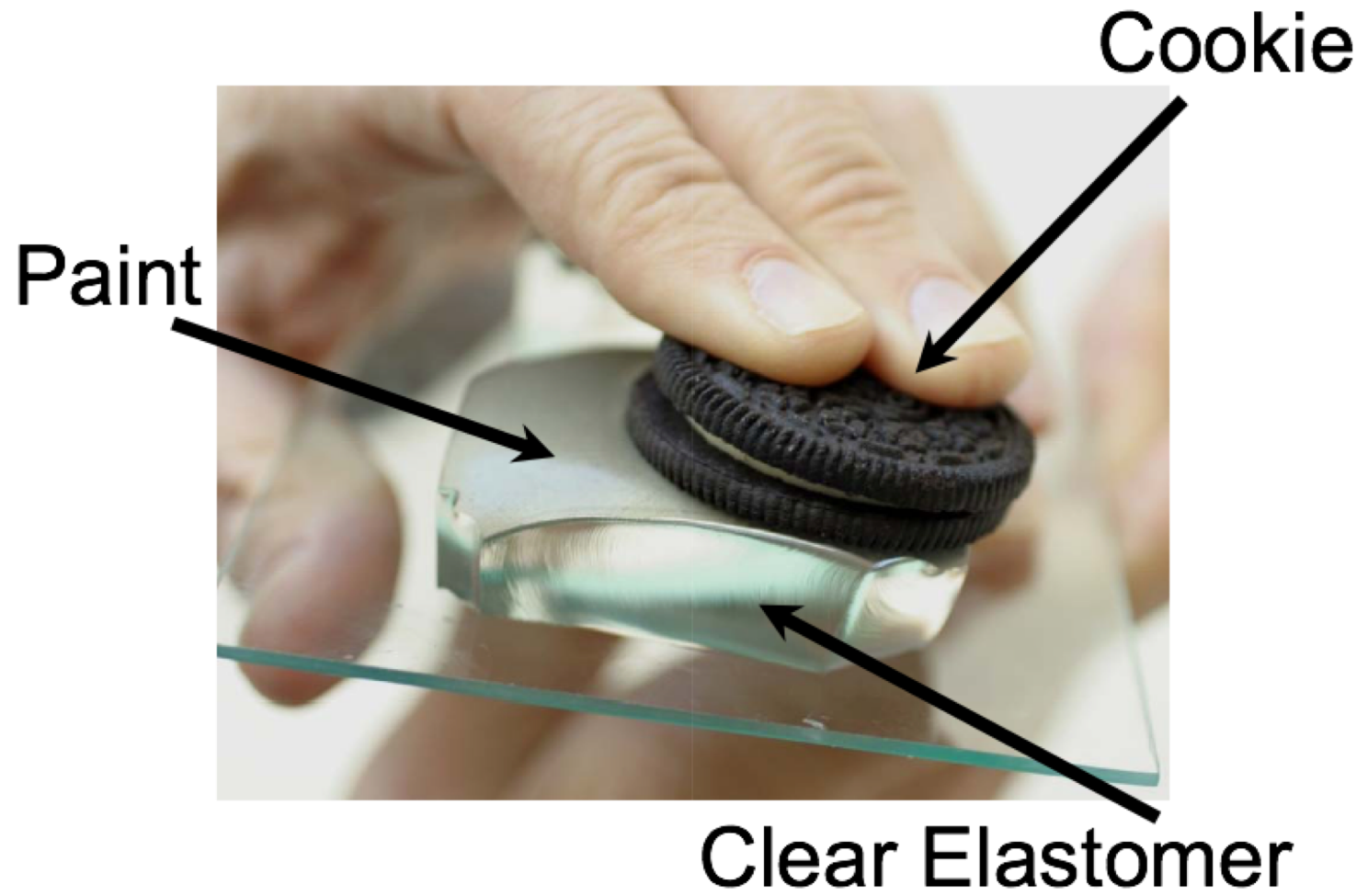
- Multiple combinations of lighting and geometry can produce the same sets of images.
- Add assumptions or prior knowledge about geometry or lighting, etc. to limit the ambiguity.



[Belhumeur et al.'97]

# Photometric stereo

- How do we deal with non-lambertian surfaces?
- How do we make sure we know the lighting directions?
- How can we effectively use color?







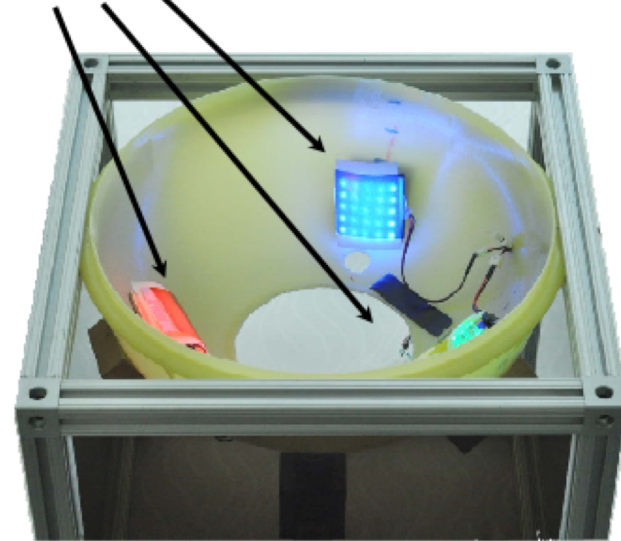


# Lights, camera, action

Sensor



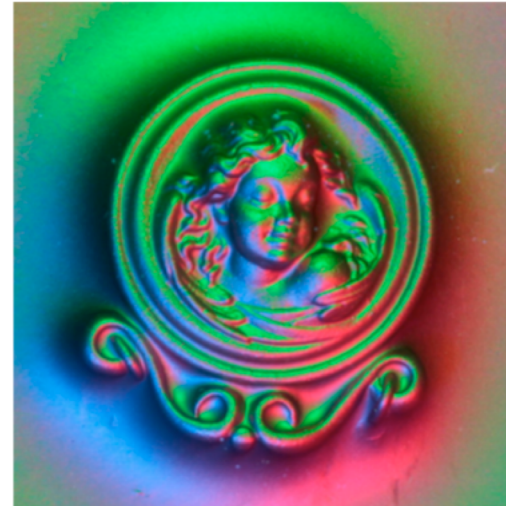
Lights



Camera

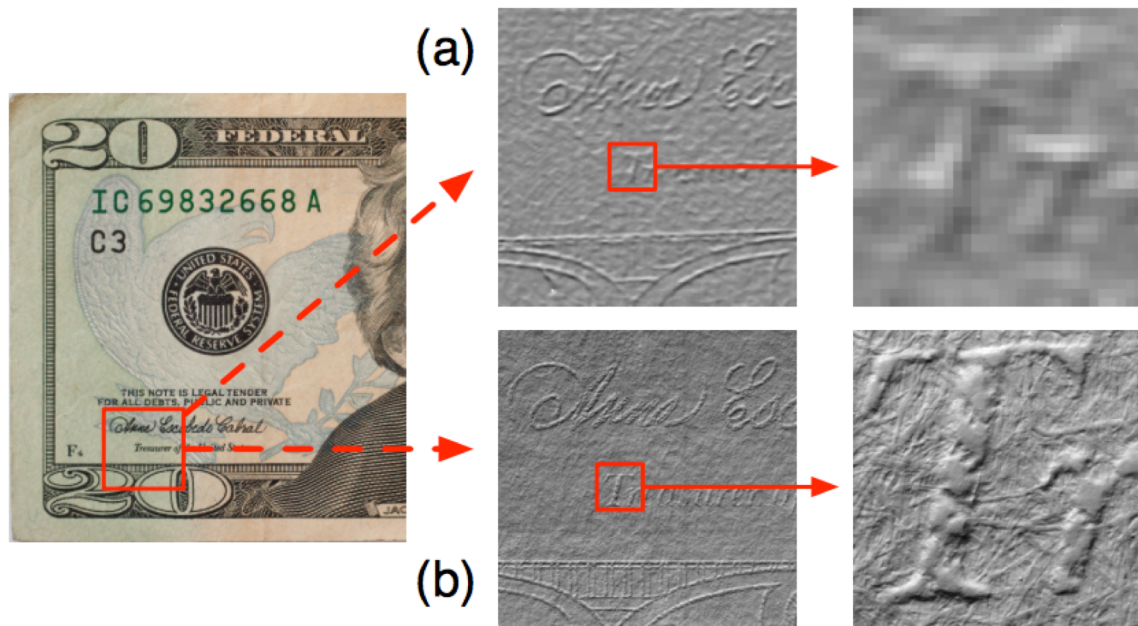
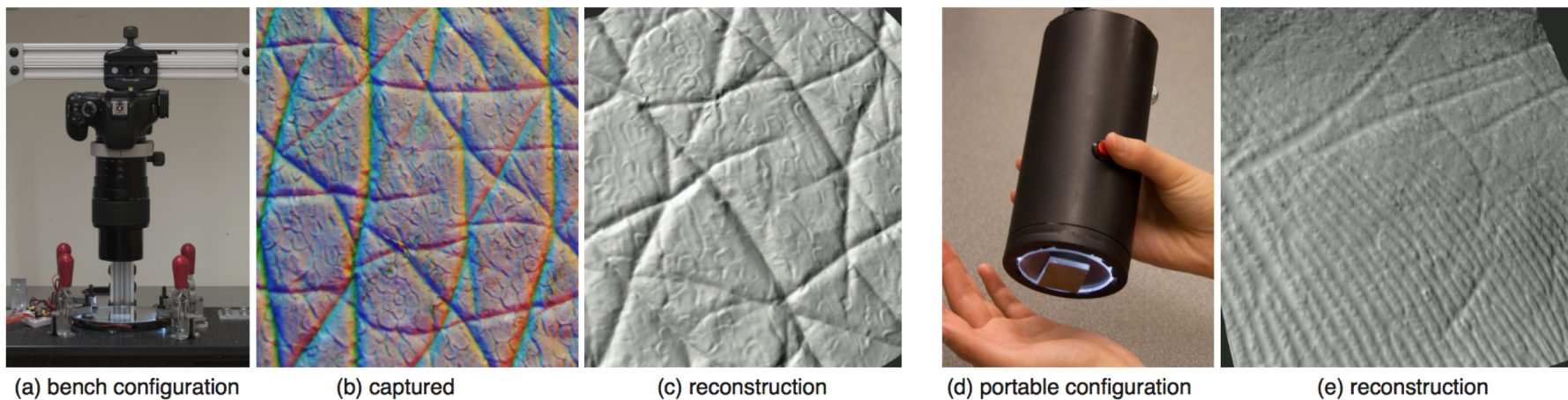


(a)



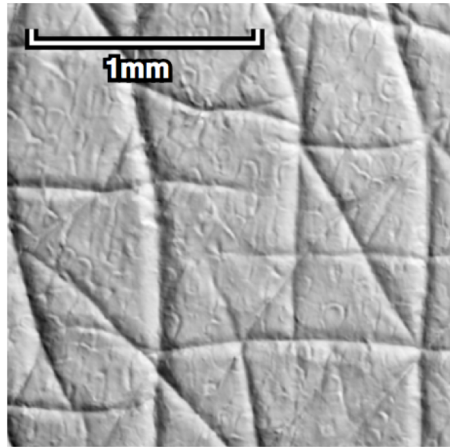
(b)

Figure 2. (a) This decorative pin consists of a glass bas-relief portrait mounted in a shiny gold setting. (b) The RGB image provided by the retrographic sensor. The pin is pressed into the elastomer skin, and colored lights illuminate it from three directions.

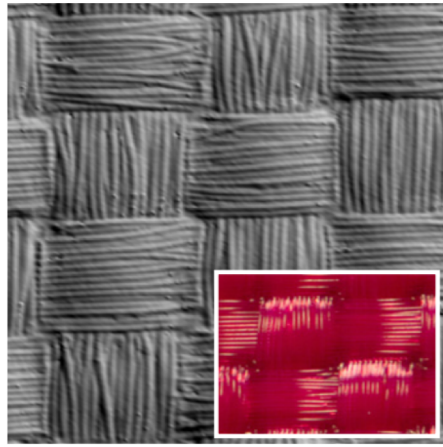


**Figure 7:** Comparison with the high-resolution result from the original retrographic sensor. (a) Rendering of the high-resolution \$20 bill example from the original retrographic sensor with a close-up view. (b) Rendering of the captured geometry using our method.

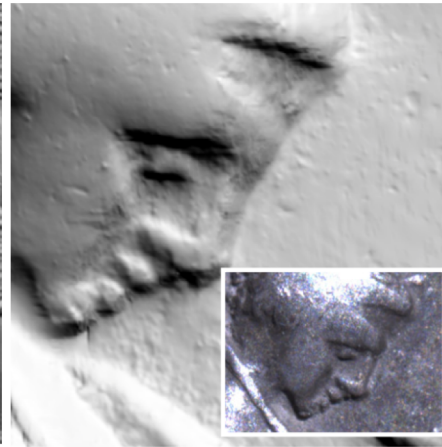




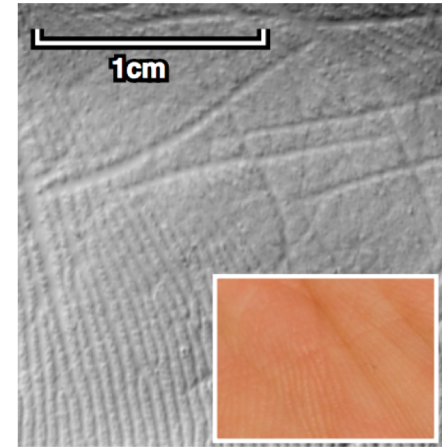
human skin



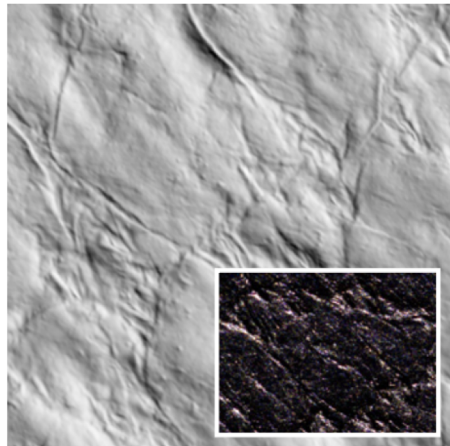
nylon fabric



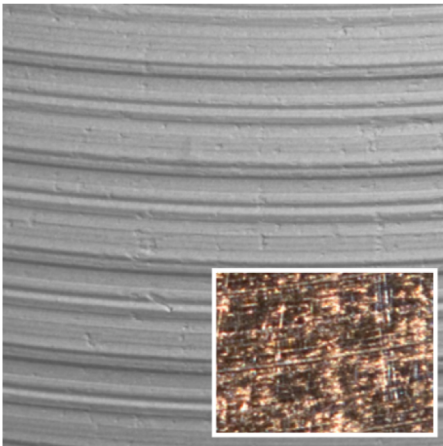
Greek coin



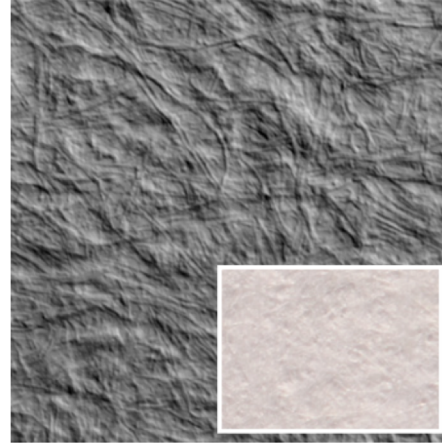
human skin



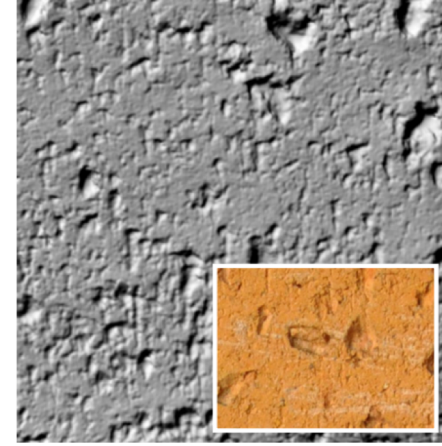
leather



vertically milled metal



paper



brick

(a) bench configuration

(b) portable configuration

**Figure 9:** Example geometry measured with the bench and portable configurations. Outer image: rendering under direct lighting. Inset: macro photograph of original sample. Scale shown in upper left. Color images are shown for context and are to similar, but not exact scale.

# Summary of reconstruction

- Given multiple cameras, correspondence, cameras
  - Triangulation
  - Set up linear equations of the form  $Ax = 0$
  - Correspondence must satisfy epipolar constraint
- Stereo is easy for rectified stereo cameras
  - Only disparities along a row
  - Disparity direct measure of depth
- Photometric stereo: use different light sources
  - Gives you normals and albedo