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#### Abstract

We propose a novel formulation for joint recovery of camera pose, object geometry and spatially-varying BRDF. The input to our approach is a sequence of RGB-D images captured by a mobile, hand-held scanner that actively illuminates the scene with point light sources. Compared to previous works that jointly estimate geometry and materials from a hand-held scanner, we formulate this problem using a single objective function that can be minimized using off-the-shelf gradient-based solvers. By integrating material clustering as a differentiable operation into the optimization process, we avoid pre-processing heuristics and demonstrate that our model is able to determine the correct number of specular materials independently. We provide a study on the importance of each component in our formulation and on the requirements of the initial geometry. We show that optimizing over the poses is crucial for accurately recovering fine details and that our approach naturally results in a semantically meaningful material segmentation.

#### 1. Introduction

Reconstructing the shape and appearance of objects is a long standing goal in computer vision and graphics with numerous applications ranging from telepresence to training embodied agents in photo-realistic environments. While

Figure 1: **Illustration**. Based on images captured from a handheld scanner with point light illumination, we jointly optimize for the camera poses, the surface geometry and spatially varying materials using a single objective function.

Ideally, object geometry and material properties are inferred jointly: a good model of light transport allows for recovering geometric detail using shading cues. An accurate shape model, in turn, facilitates the estimation of material properties. This is particularly relevant for shiny surfaces where small changes in the geometry greatly impact the apmearance and liceation of encoding reflections. Vational onti-

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#### Model

#### $\mathcal{X} = \{\{(z_p, n_p, f_p)\}_{p=1}^{P}, \{\pi_i\}_{i=2}^{N}\}$

- N undistorted images from a pinhole camera with vignetting removed; the first is called reference view
- $\pi_i$ : projective mapping from view *i* back to the reference view
- $z_p$ : depth for every pixel
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