

NeLF: Neural Incident Light Field for Multi-view Geometry and Material Estimation

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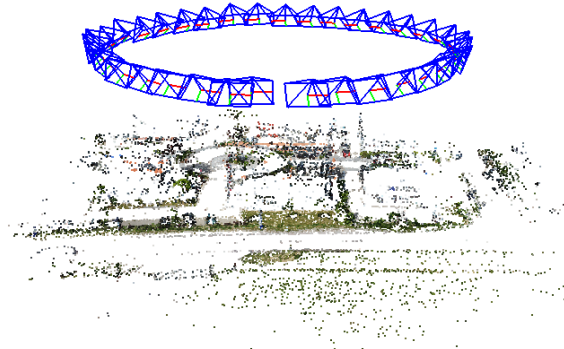
- Introduction to Multi-view 3D Reconstruction
- Introduction to Differentiable Rendering
- NeLF for Geometry and Material Estimation

Introduction: Photogrammetry Pipeline



(a) Multi-view images

Structure
from Motion



(b) Camera parameters

Multi-view
Stereo



(c) Dense point cloud



(e) Textured mesh

Mesh
Texturing



(d) Mesh surface



Mesh
Reconstruction

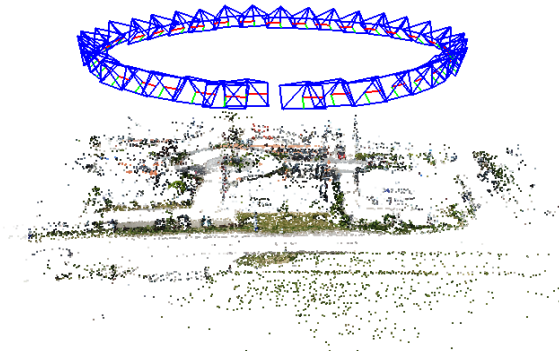


Introduction: Multi-view Stereo (MVS)



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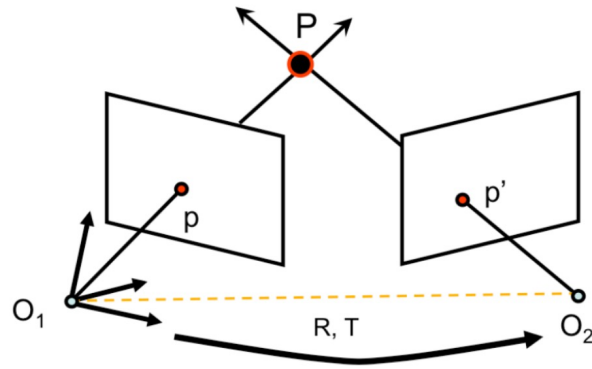


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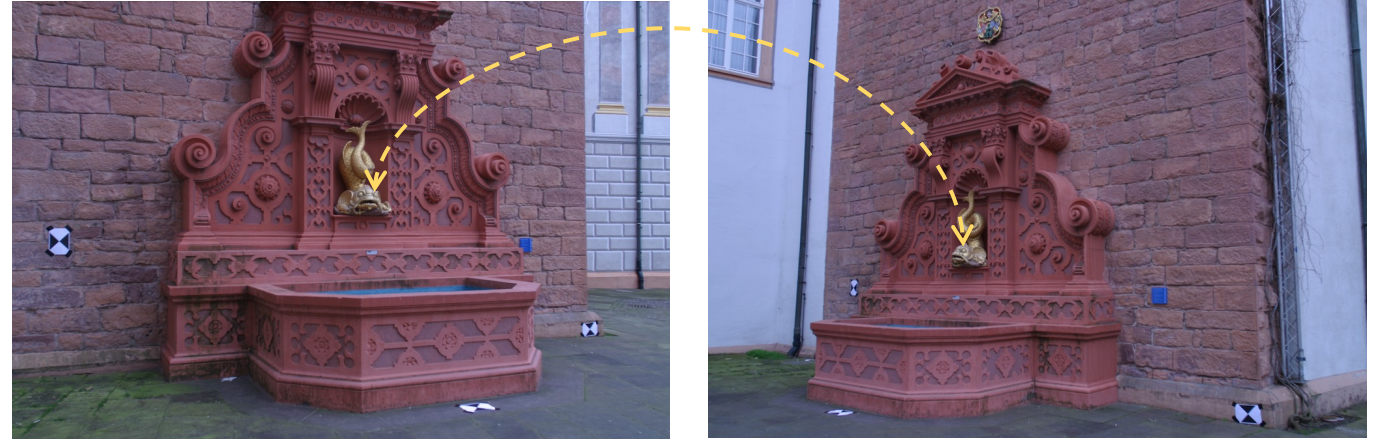


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(a) 3D triangulation (from slides [1])



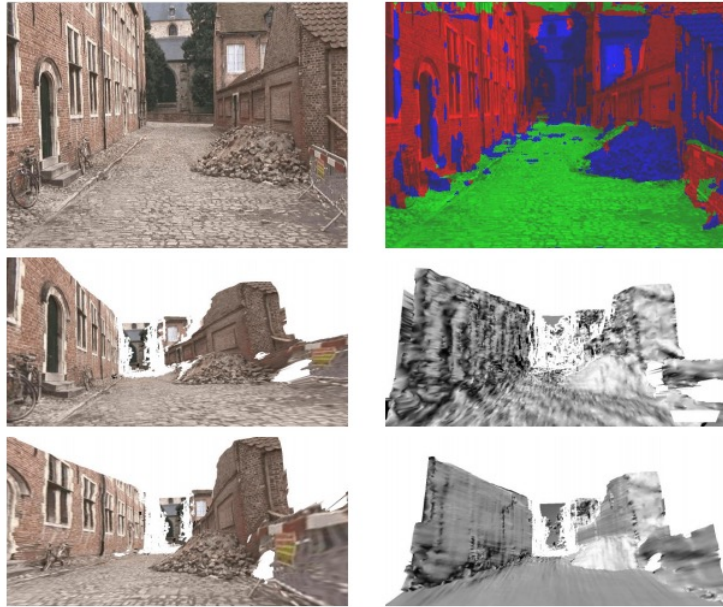
(b) Visual correspondences

How to find better **pixelwise** correspondences?

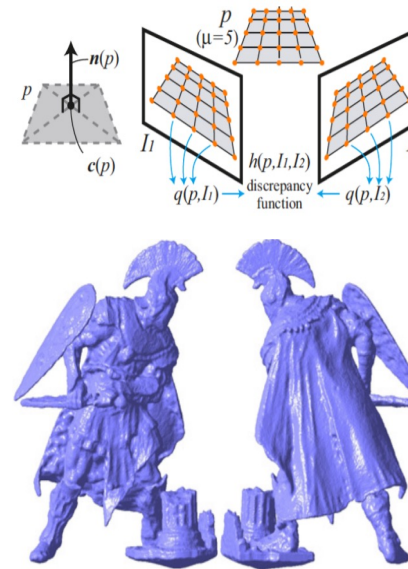
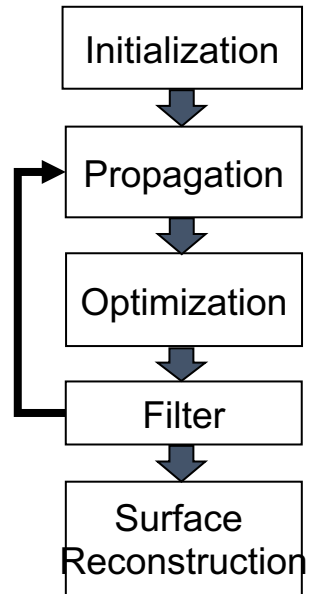
- Hand-crafted matching cost (e.g., SSD and NCC)

How to find better **dense** correspondences?

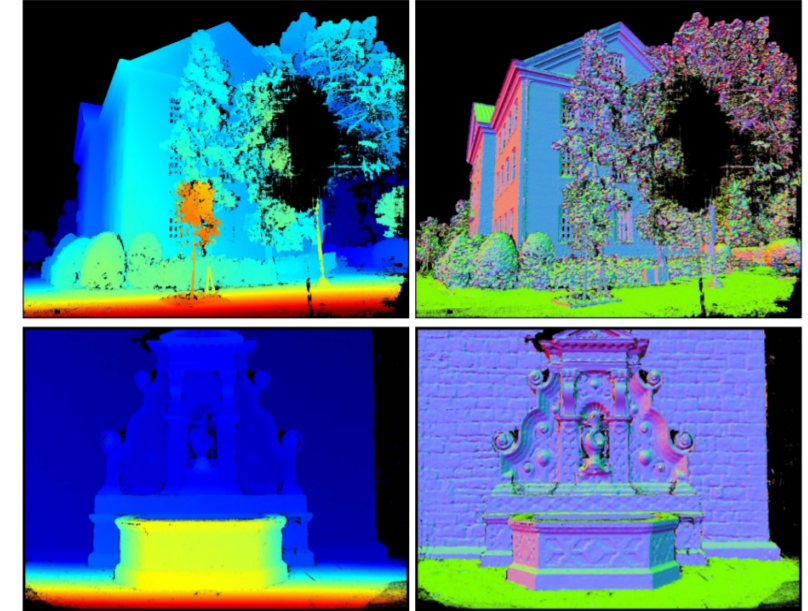
- Engineered cost regularizations (e.g., semi-global matching, propagation)



Multi-direction Planesweep
Gallup et al. CVPR2007



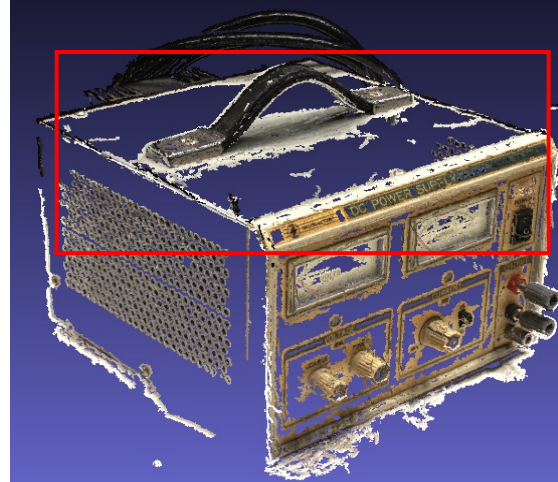
PMVS
Furukawa and Ponce. PAMI2010



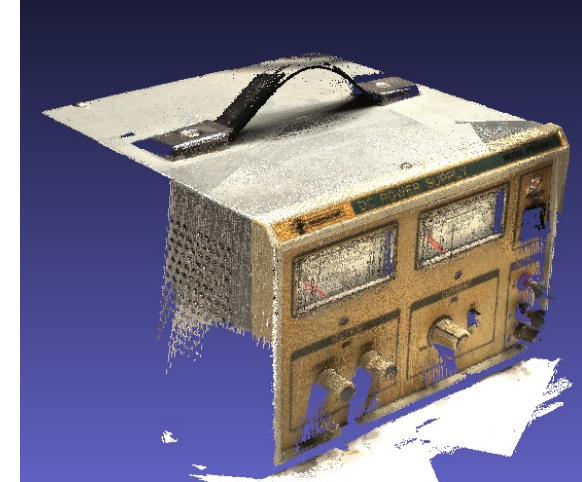
Colmap
Schonberger et al. ECCV2016



✓ Well-textured areas



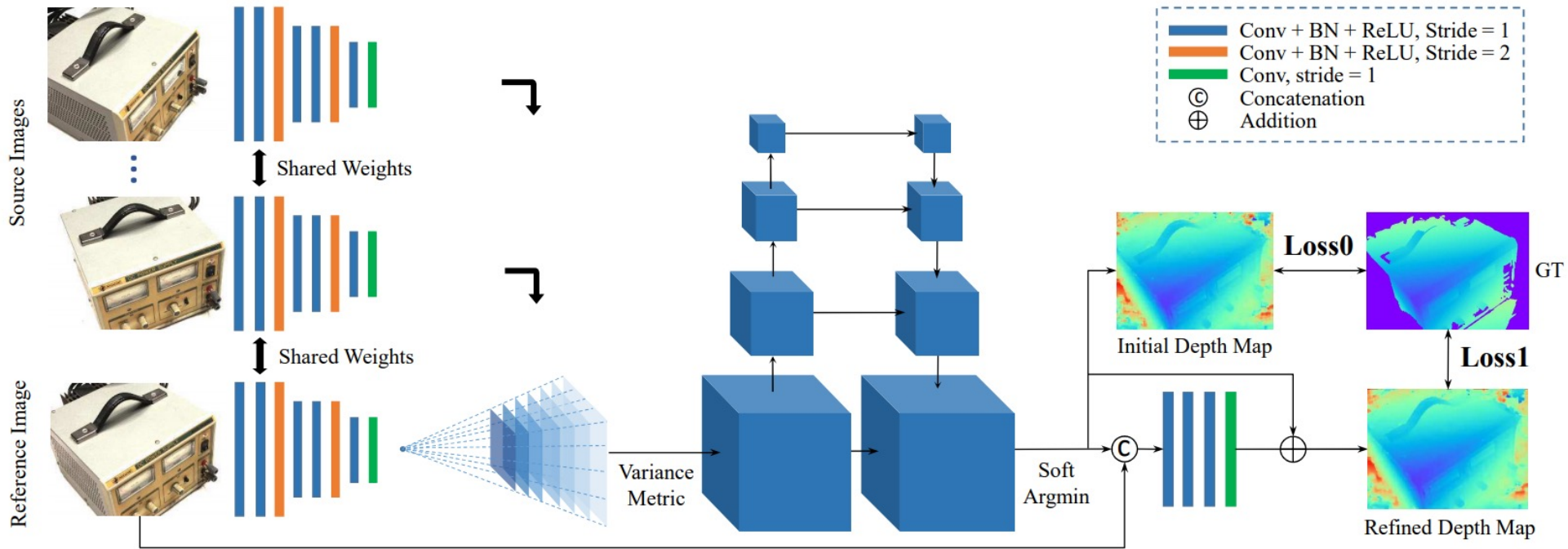
✗ Textureless, Non-lambertian areas



Ground Truth

MVS + Deep Learning:

- Arbitrary N-views input?
- Unstructured camera geometry?
- Generalization?



- End-to-end MVS learning framework
- Camera geometry encoded as differentiable homography
- Variance-based Cost Metric for N-view similarity

scan 1



scan 12



scan 24



(a) MVSNet

(b) Ground Truth

	Mean Distance (mm)			Percentage ($<1mm$)			Percentage ($<2mm$)		
	Acc.	Comp.	overall	Acc.	Comp.	f-score	Acc.	Comp.	f-score
Camp [3]	0.835	0.554	0.695	71.75	64.94	66.31	84.83	67.82	73.02
Furu [7]	0.613	0.941	0.777	69.55	61.52	63.26	78.99	67.88	70.93
Tola [35]	0.342	1.190	0.766	90.49	57.83	68.07	93.94	63.88	73.61
Gipuma [8]	0.283	0.873	0.578	94.65	59.93	70.64	96.42	63.81	74.16
SurfaceNet[14]	0.450	1.04	0.745	83.8	63.38	69.95	87.15	67.99	74.4
MVSNet (Ours)	0.396	0.527	0.462	86.46	71.13	75.69	91.06	75.31	80.25

- Highest **f-score**
- Significant improvement on **completeness**
- Fast running speed at ~5s / view



(a) Family



(b) Francis



(c) Train

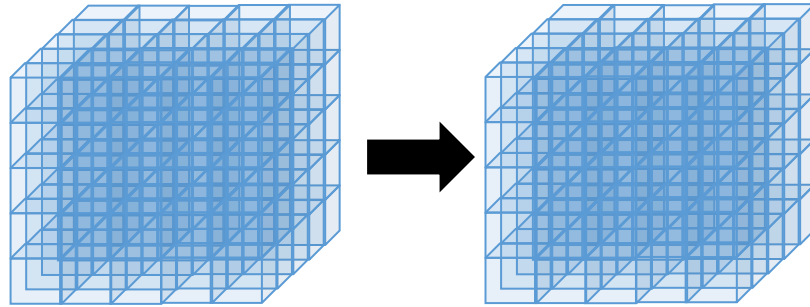


(d) Lighthouse

- Trained on DTU **without any fine-tuning**
- Rank 3rd until April 18, 2018

Problem of MVSNet:

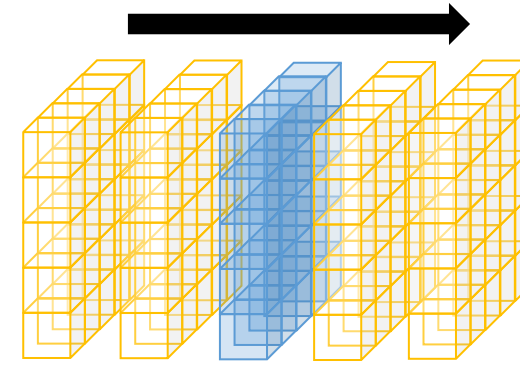
- 3D CNNs is memory consuming
- Cannot handle high-res & large-scale scenes



3D CNNs Regularization

Solution:

- Sequential regularization



Sequential Regularization

Matchability and Visibility:

- Is the pixel matchable and visible in all views?

Solution:

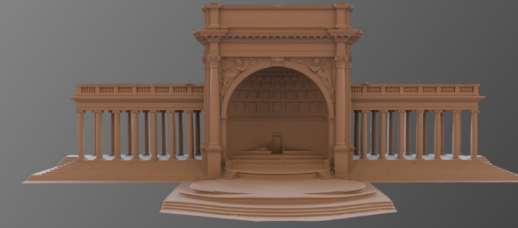
- Explicit matchability and visibility modeling



- **Point-based method:** PointMVSNet (ICCV19), Vis-PointMVSNet (PAMI20)
- **Recurrent regularization:** R-MVSNet (CVPR19), D2HC-RMVSNet (ECCV20), AA-RMVSNet (ICCV21)
- **Coarse-to-fine:** CasMVSNet (CVPR20), UCSNet (CVPR20), CVP-MVSNet (CVPR20)
- **Visibility handling:** Vis-MVSNet (BMVC20), PVA-MVSNet (ECCV20), PVSNet (Arxiv20)
- **Un/self-supervision:** MVS² (3DV19), M³VSNet (Arxiv20), JDACS (AAAI21)
- **Attention:** AA-MVSNet (CVPR20), MVS2D (CVPR22), TransMVSNet (CVPR22), MVSTER (ECCV22)
- **Satellite Image:** Sat-MVS (ICCV21)
- **Novel-view Synthesis:** MVSNeRF (CVPR21)
- **Others:** ...

Aug. 2023: **all top-ranking** methods are based on MVSNet

Leaderboard



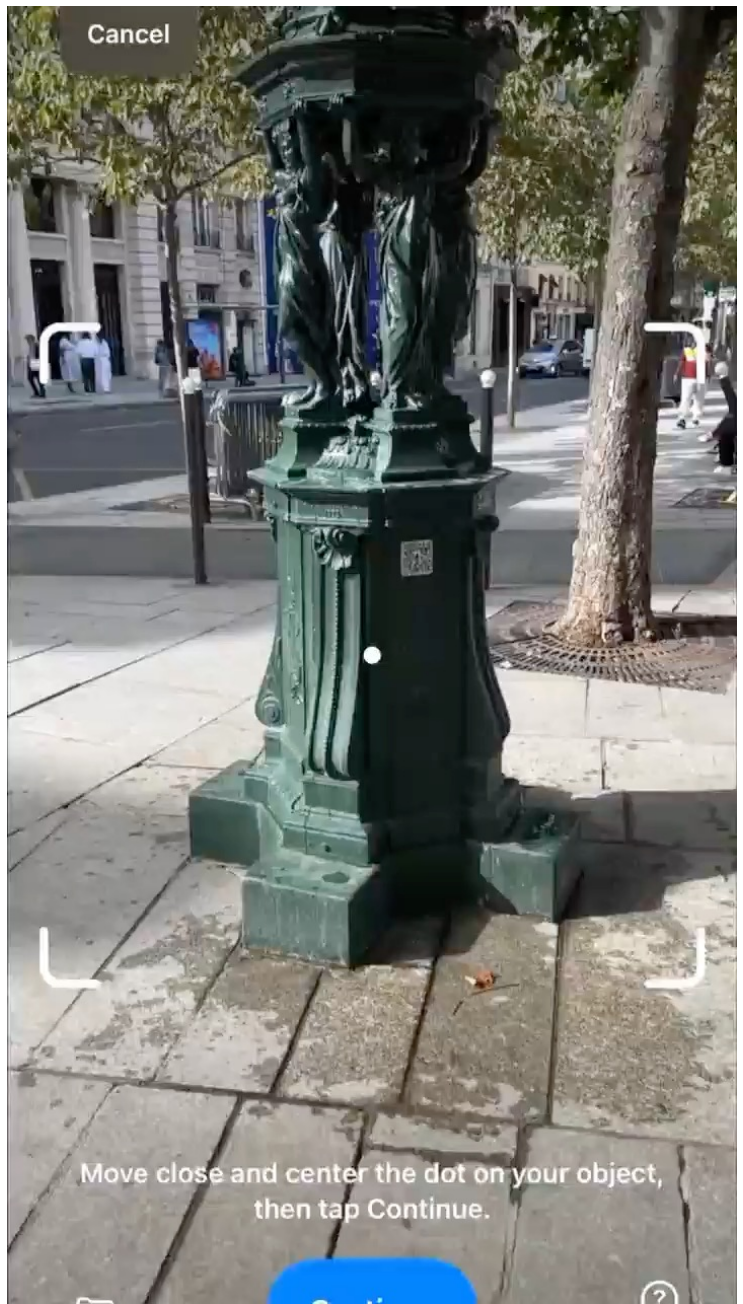
Intermediate ▾

Advanced ▾

Intermediate F-score

method	rank	mean	runtime*	Family	Francis	Horse	Lighthouse	M60	Panther	Playground	Train
MVSFormer-H-Intermediate	8.62	66.41	N.A.	82.06	69.33	60.59	68.54	65.67	64.07	61.45	59.54
GeoMVSNet	10.50	65.89	N.A.	81.64	67.53	55.78	68.02	65.49	67.19	63.27	58.22
RA-MVSNet	11.12	65.72	N.A.	82.44	66.61	58.40	64.78	67.14	65.60	62.74	58.08
WT-MVSNet	12.25	65.34	N.A.	81.87	67.33	57.76	64.77	65.68	64.61	62.35	58.38
ET-MVSNet	13.62	65.49	N.A.	81.65	68.79	59.46	65.72	64.22	64.03	61.23	58.79
EI_MVSNet	17.00	65.52	N.A.	81.59	67.67	61.67	63.18	65.10	63.42	60.62	60.95
UniMVSNet_NR-MVSNet	18.62	65.17	N.A.	80.98	65.09	54.94	68.71	64.08	64.67	65.61	57.29
TF-MVSNet	20.12	64.51	N.A.	81.45	67.17	57.01	62.64	65.34	62.20	61.44	58.85
PFR-MVSNet	20.88	64.56	N.A.	81.57	65.50	54.43	63.37	66.44	65.65	62.31	57.23
UniMVSNet-intermediate	21.88	64.36	N.A.	81.20	66.43	53.11	63.46	66.09	64.84	62.23	57.53

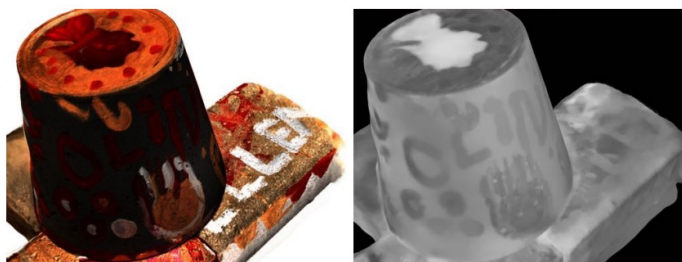
Multi-view 3D Reconstruction: Where are We Now?





Input Images

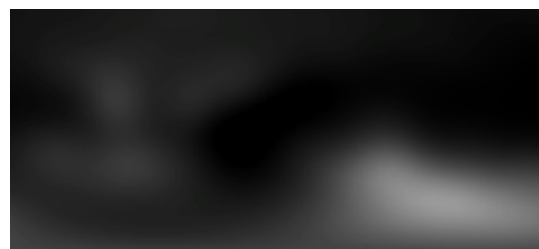
Reconstruction
(Vision)



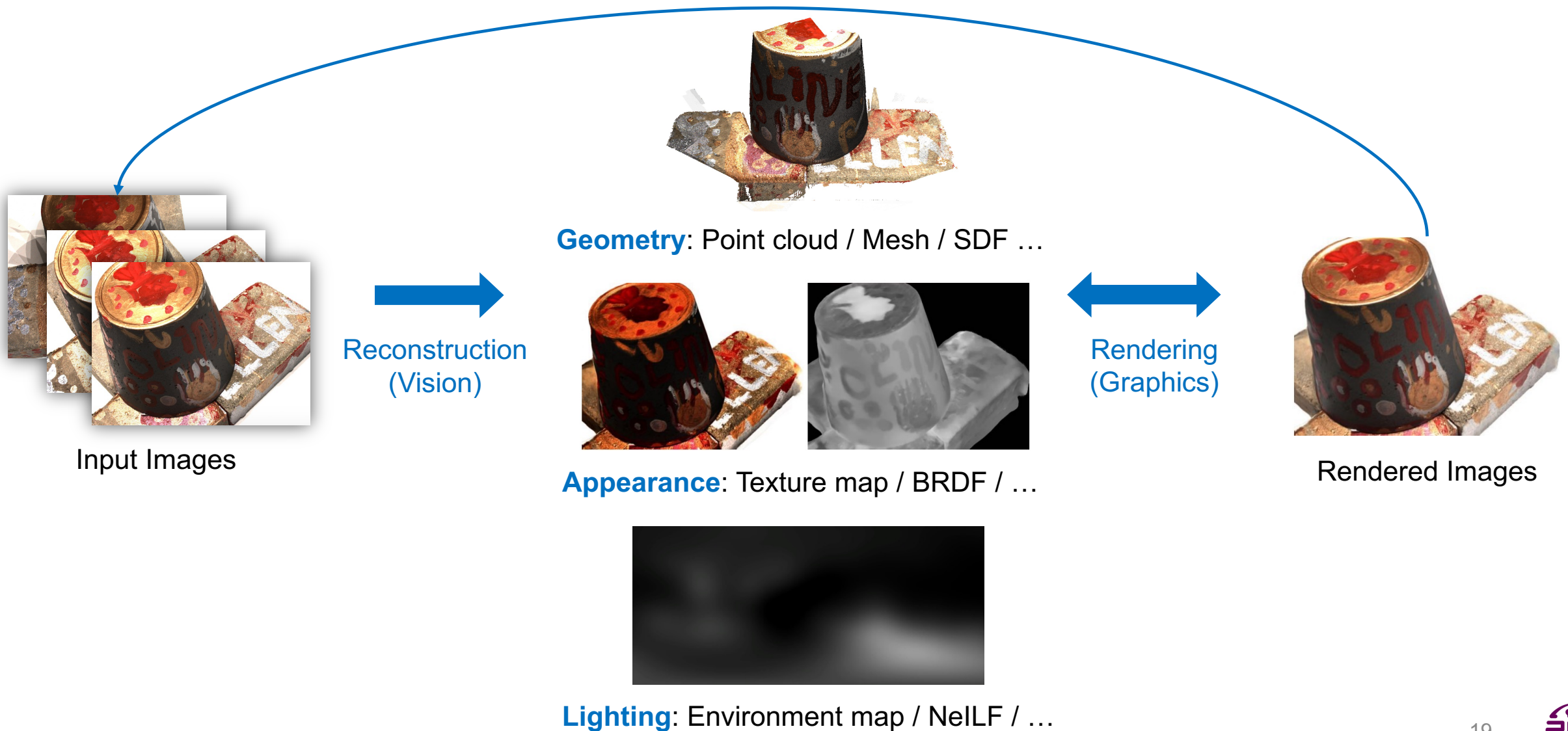
Rendering
(Graphics)



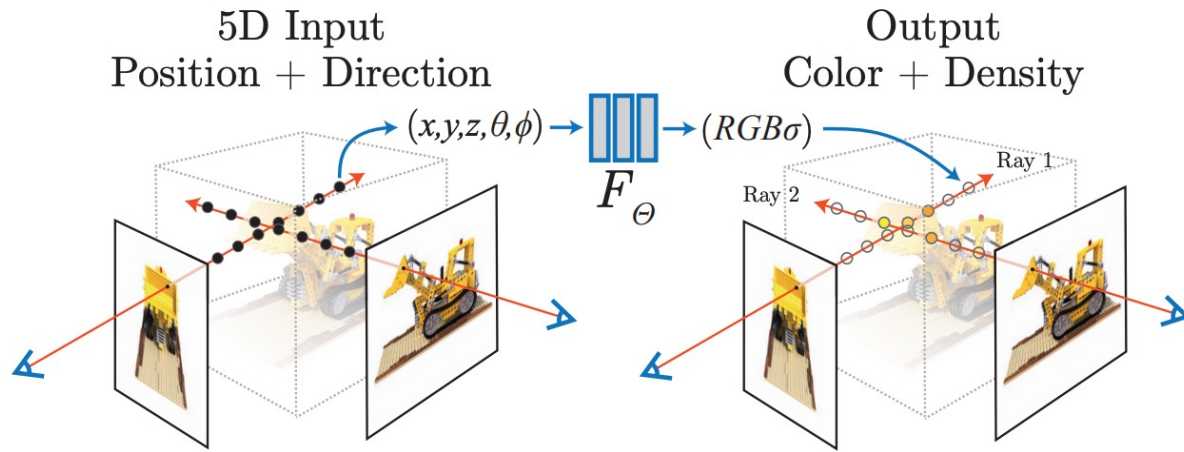
Rendered Images



Bridging vision & graphics!

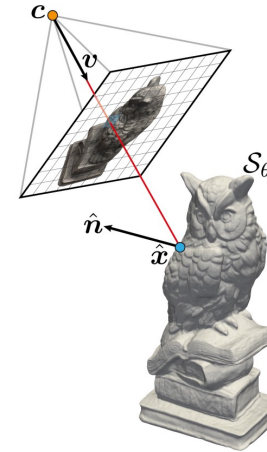


Introduction: Differentiable Volume & Surface Rendering



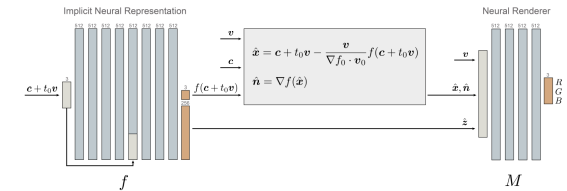
$$C(\mathbf{r}) = \int_{t_n}^{t_f} T(t) \sigma(\mathbf{r}(t)) \mathbf{c}(\mathbf{r}(t), \mathbf{d}) dt, \text{ where } T(t) = \exp\left(-\int_{t_n}^t \sigma(\mathbf{r}(s)) ds\right)$$

Volume Rendering (e.g., NeRF)

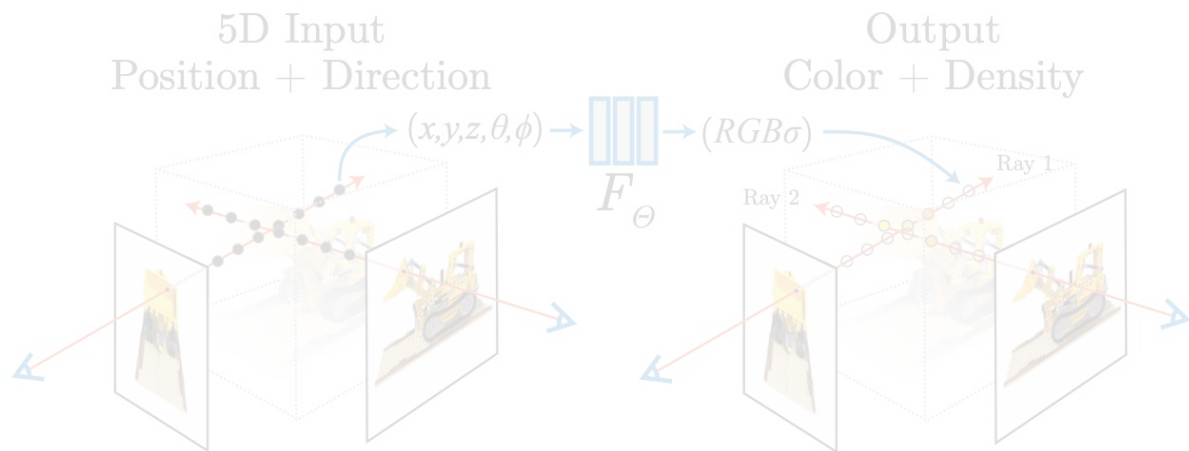


$$L_o^P(\omega_o, \mathbf{x}) = \int_{\Omega} f(\omega_o, \omega_i, \mathbf{x}) L_i(\omega_i, \mathbf{x}) (\omega_i \cdot \mathbf{n}) d\omega_i$$

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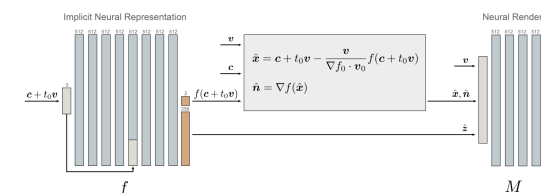
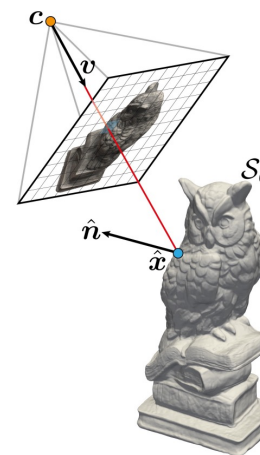


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Problem of Differentiable Rendering:

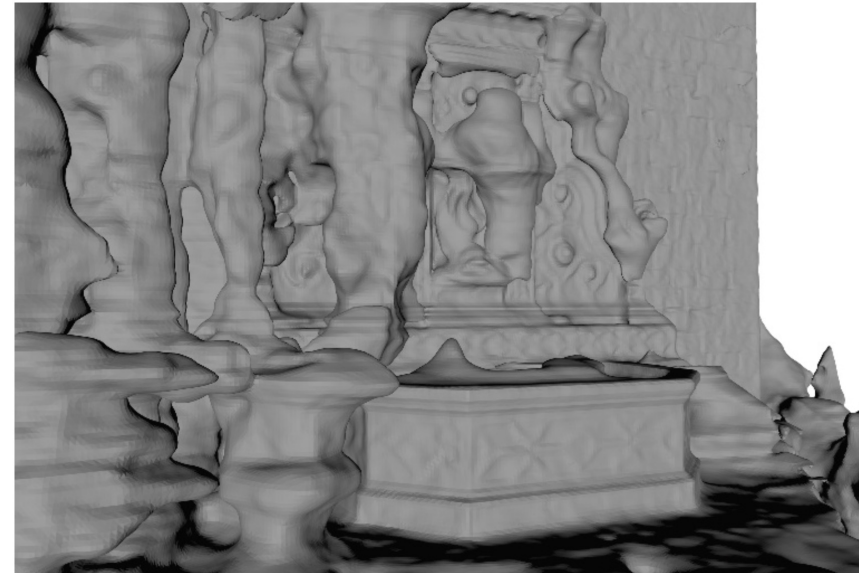
- Geometry-appearance ambiguity (IDR)



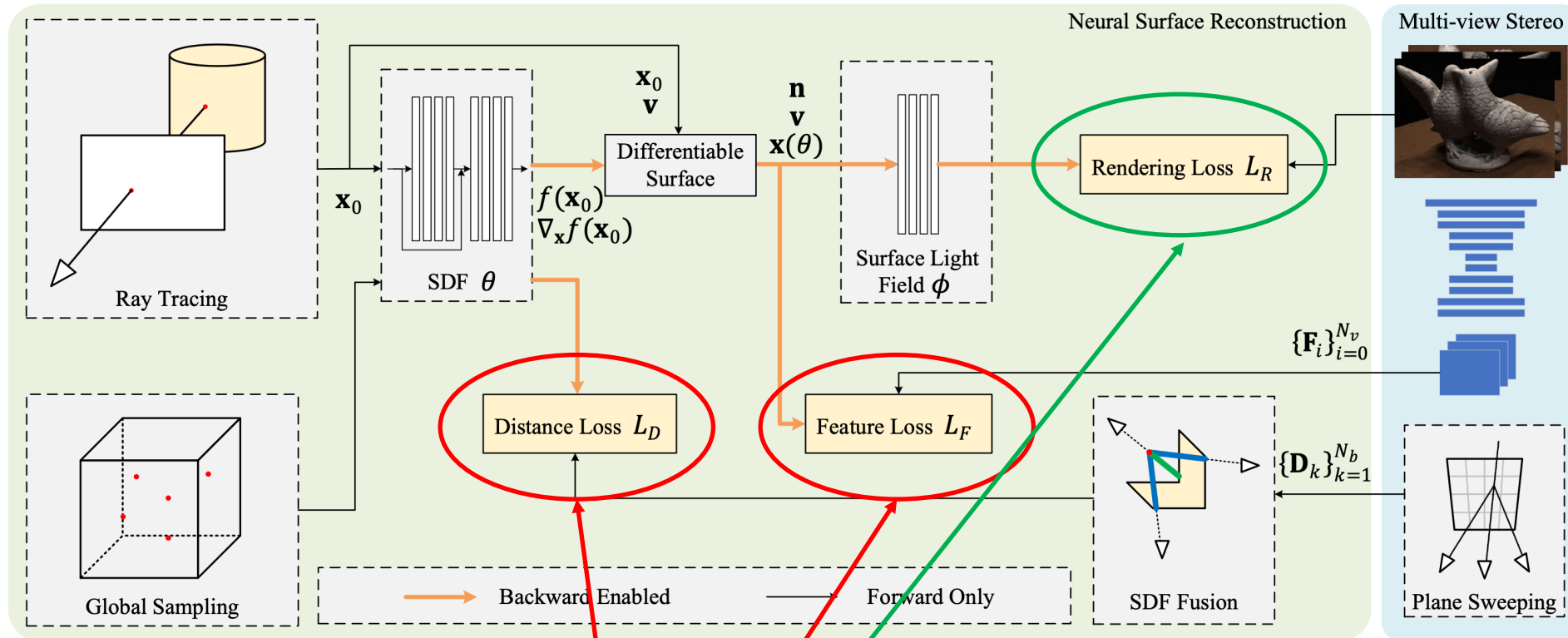
✓ Qualified Rendering

Solution:

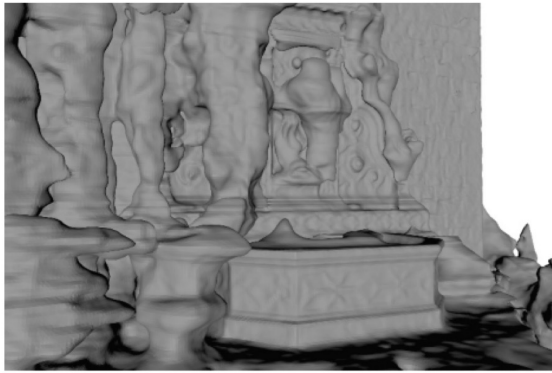
- Geometric priors
- Regularizations



✗ Erroneous Geometry



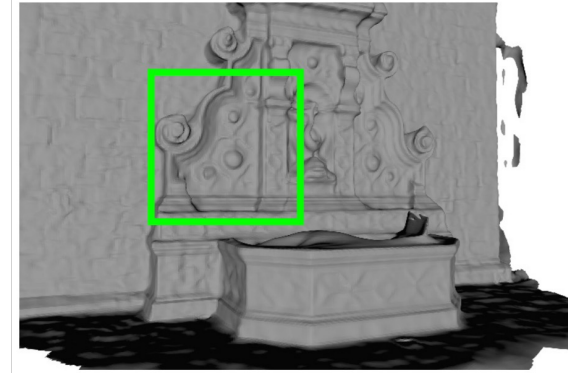
- Joint geometry and appearance optimization
- **Geometry initialization from Vis-MVSNet**
- Multi-view feature consistency loss



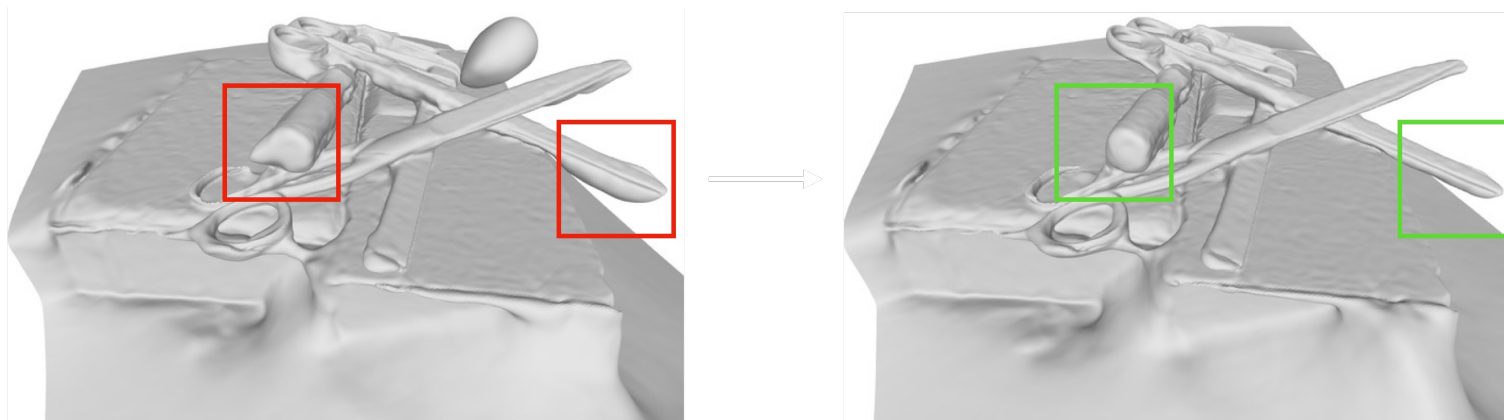
IDR



IDR with masks



MVSDf (ours)



- **Minimum Surface Constraint:**

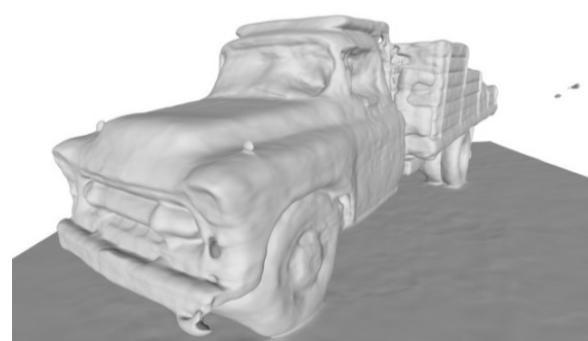
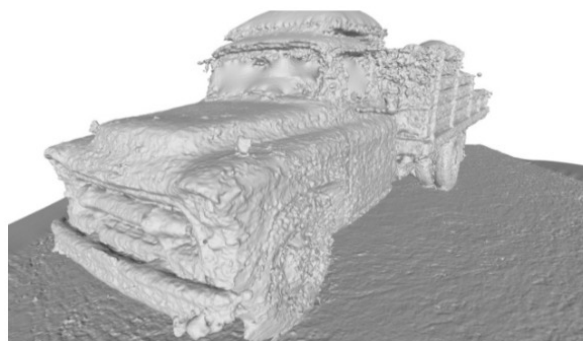
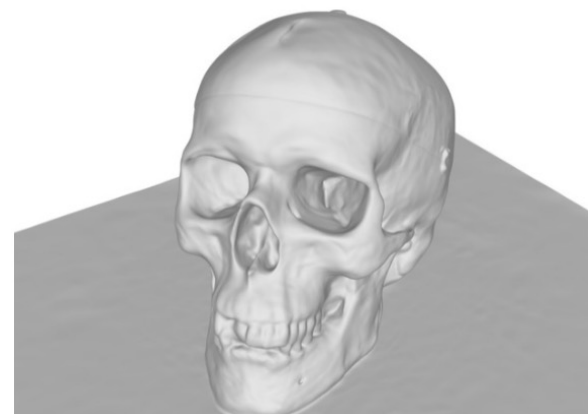
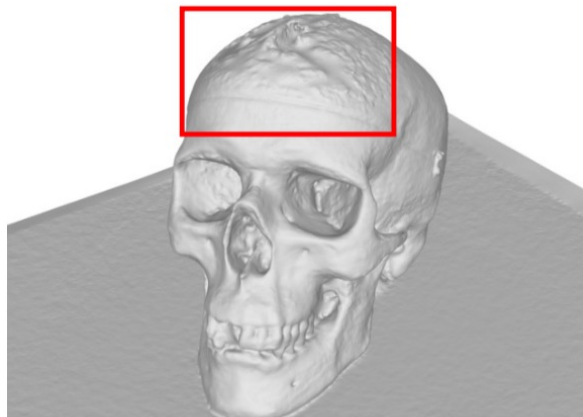
Minimize the surface area:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{area}(\mathcal{S}) &= \int_{\Omega} \|\nabla H(f(\mathbf{x}; \theta))\| d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \int_{\Omega} \delta(f(\mathbf{x}; \theta)) \|\nabla f(\mathbf{x}; \theta)\| d\mathbf{x},\end{aligned}$$

$$L_M = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{R}|} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}} \delta_{\epsilon}(f(\mathbf{x})), \text{ where } \delta_{\epsilon}(z) = \frac{\epsilon \pi^{-1}}{\epsilon^2 + z^2}.$$

- **Hessian Smoothness:**

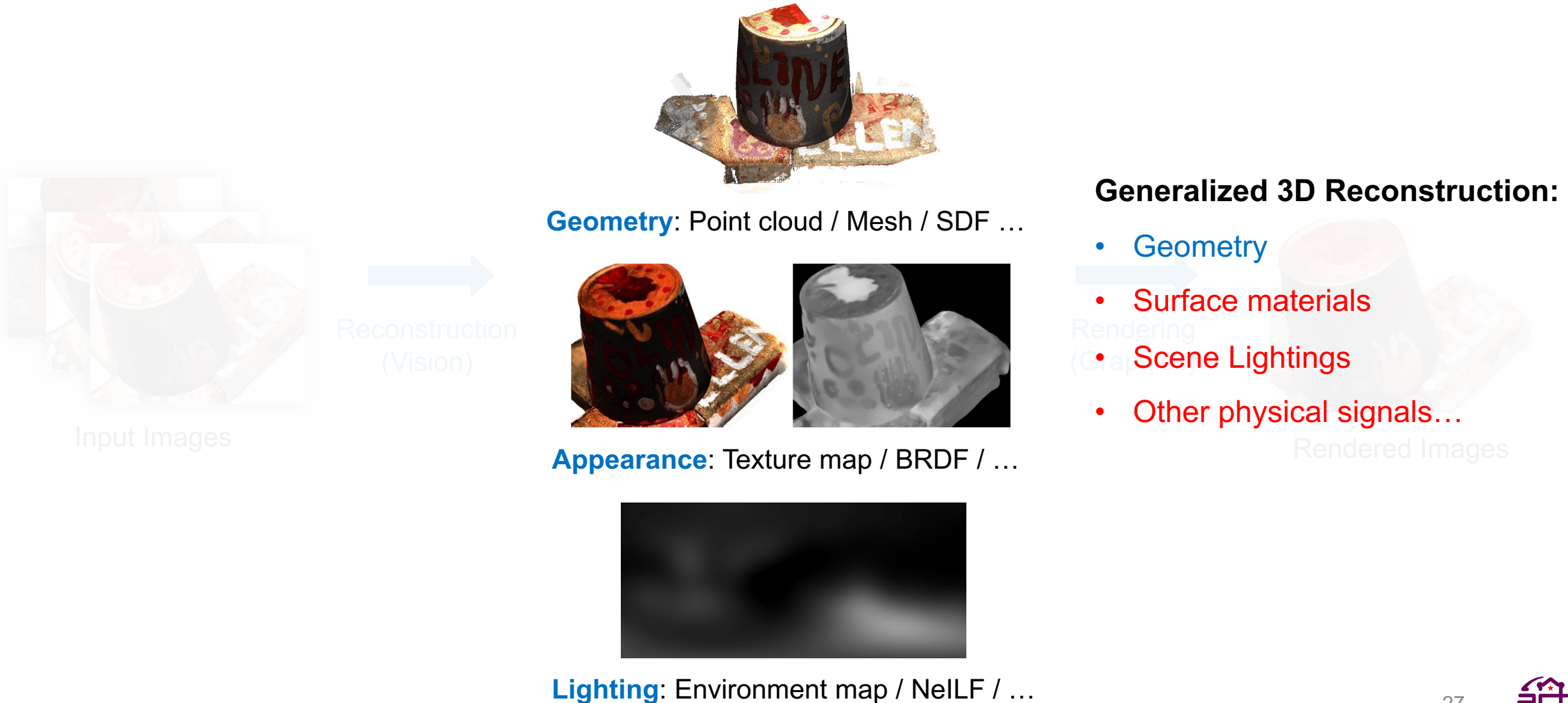
$$L_H = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{R}|} \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{R}} \|\mathbf{H}f(\mathbf{x})\|_1,$$

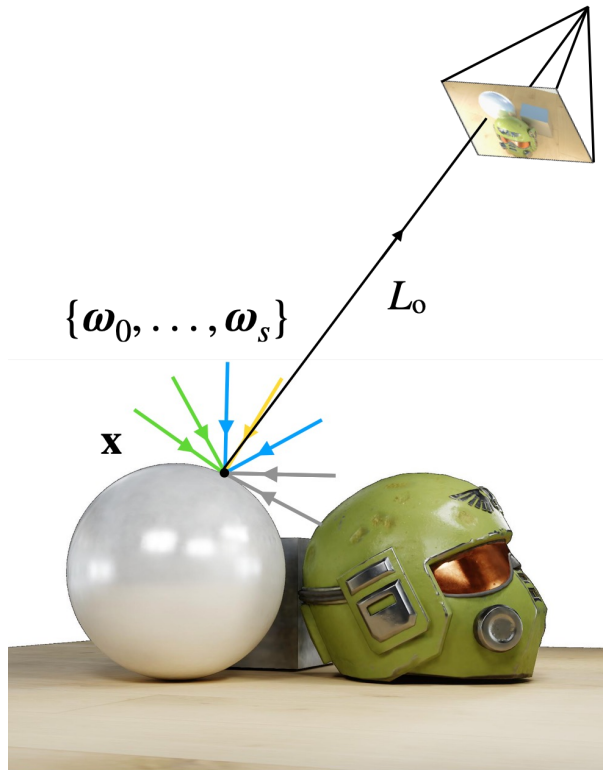


Vis-MVSNet Point Cloud

Poisson Reconstruction

RegSDF (ours)





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Observed pixel color

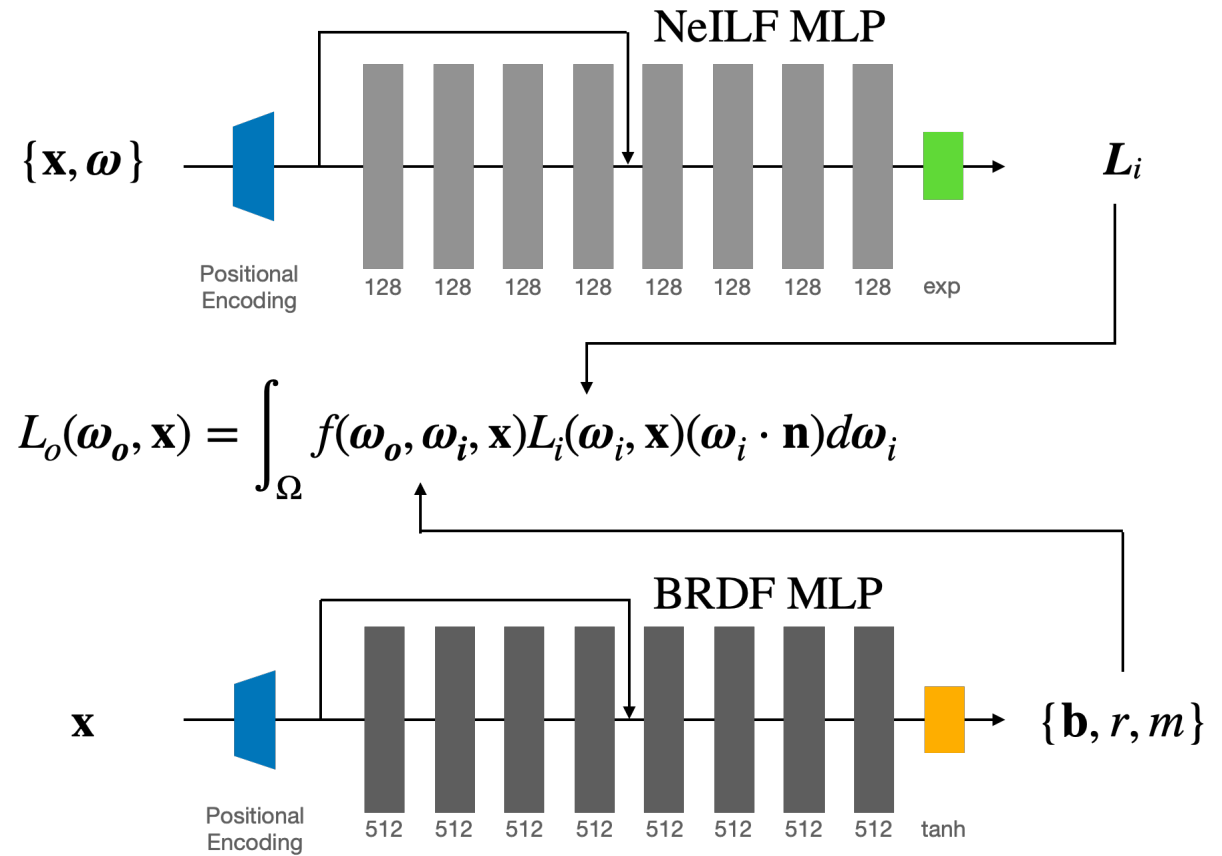
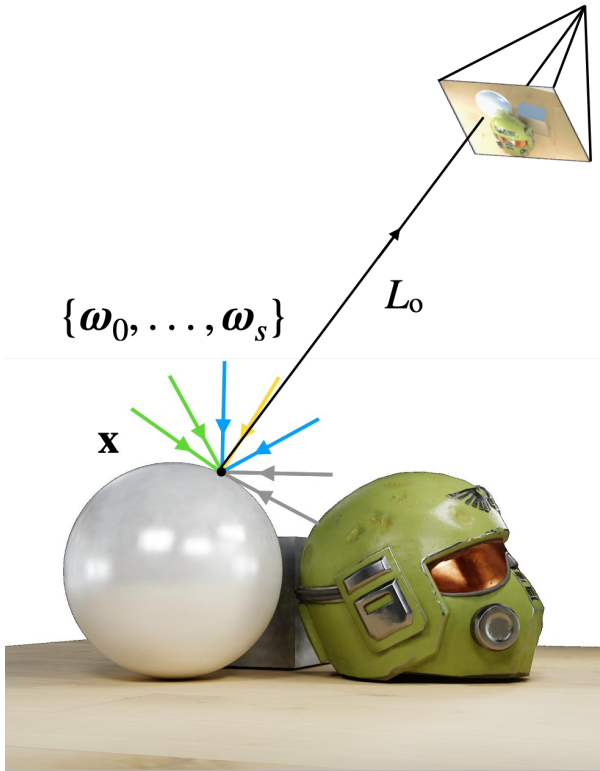
Surface Material:

- BRDF (base color, metallic, roughness ...)

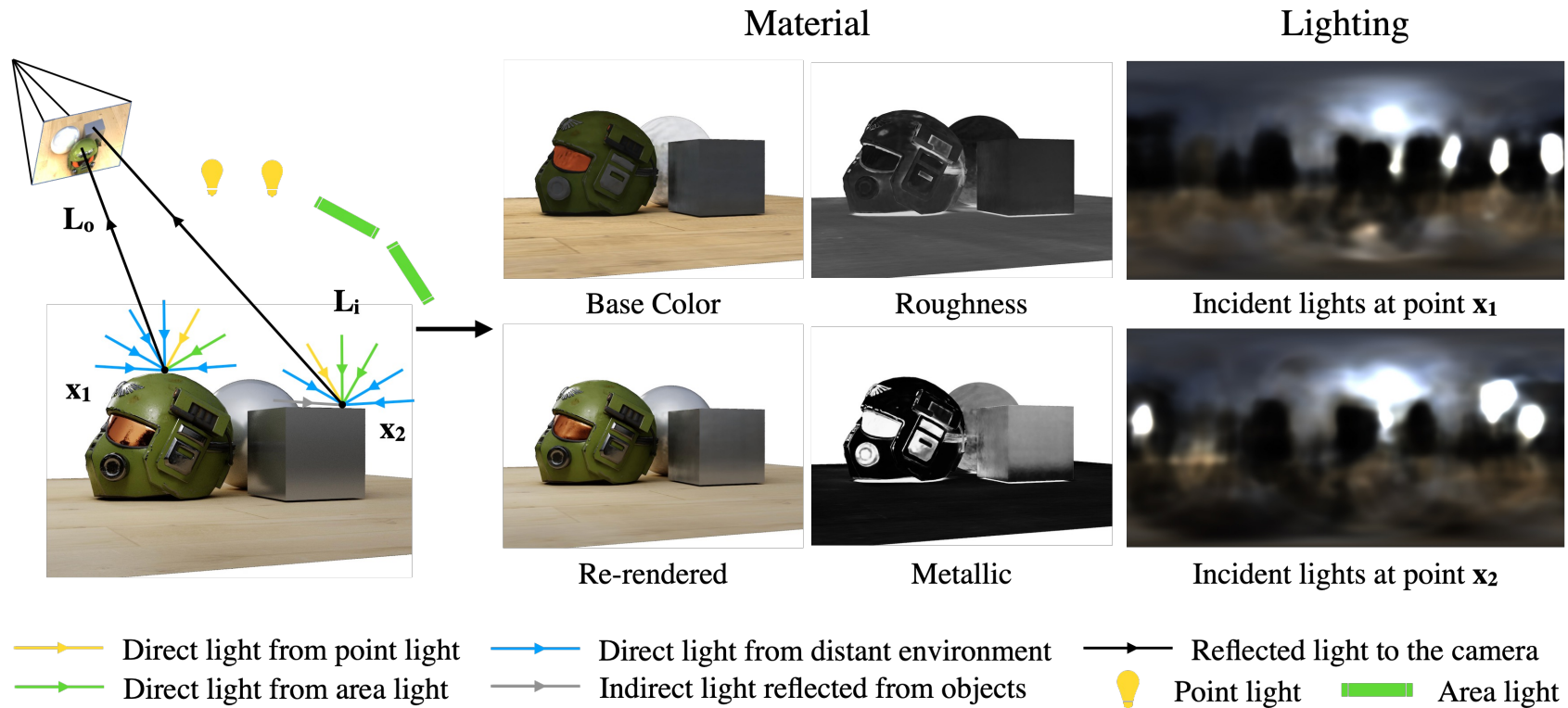
Incident Light:

- Env Map Approximation?
- Neural incident light field

NeILF: Network Architecture



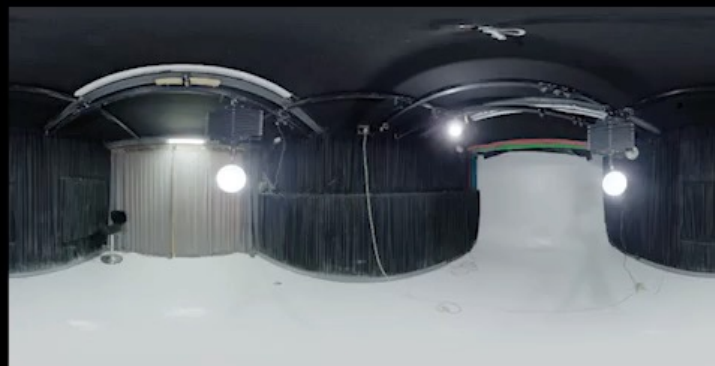
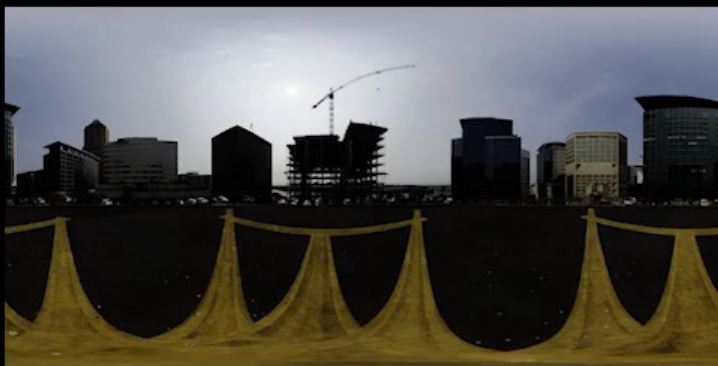
NeLF: Joint Estimation of Material and Lighting



- Fully 5D light field
- Joint illumination of direct/indirect lights of **any static scenes**
- Without the need of tracing rays of multiple bounces



Relighting - Synthetic-objects



NeRF:

- Volume Rendering
- Joint geometry and lighting estimation
- 5D out-going radiance field
- Spatially-varying geometry property (density/SDF)
- Sampling along viewing ray

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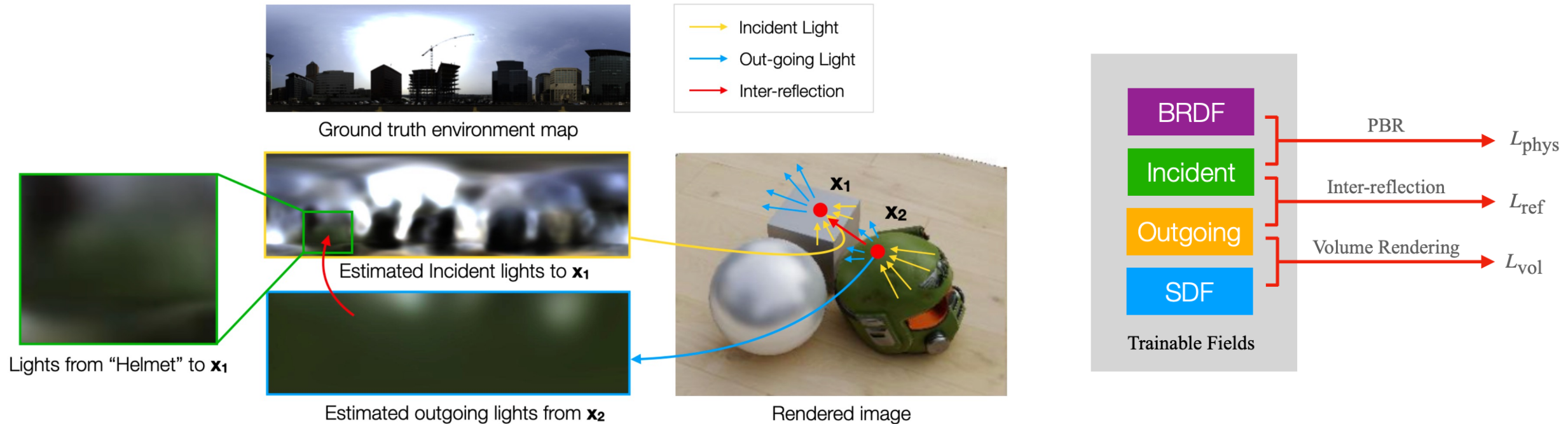
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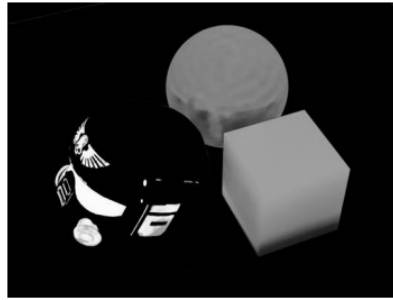
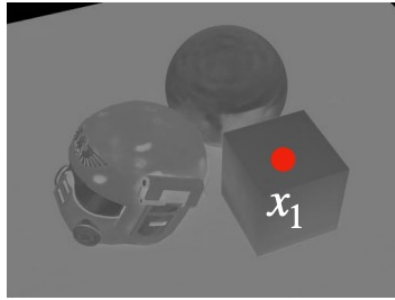
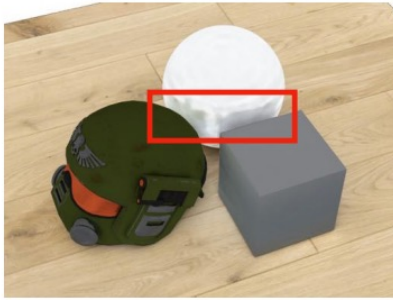
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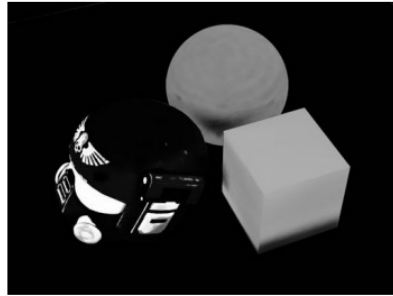
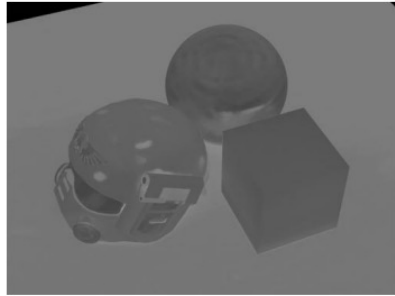
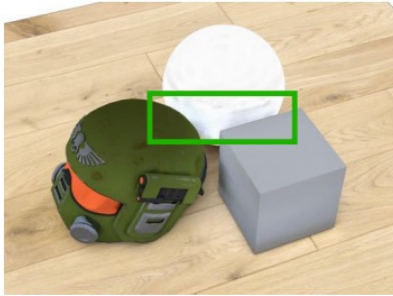


- **Light field** = outgoing radiance field (**NeRF**) + incident light field (**NeILF**)
- Unifying NeRF and NeILF through **PBR** and **inter-reflection**
- Joint geometry, material, and lighting estimation.

w/o Inter-reflection



w/ Inter-reflection



Base color

Roughness

Metallic

Incident Light of x_1

NeLF++: Geometry Refinement



NeLF Base Color



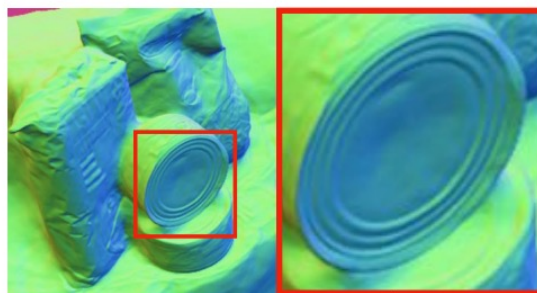
Our Base Color



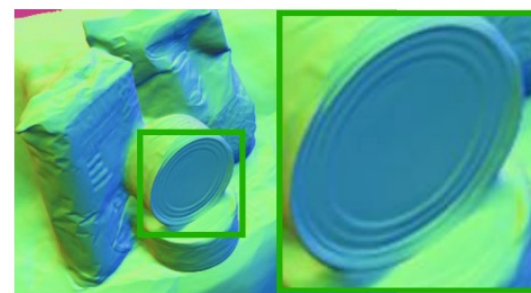
NeLF PBR



Our PBR



VolSDF Normal



Our Normal



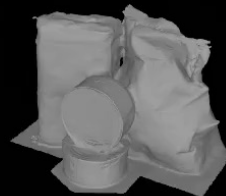
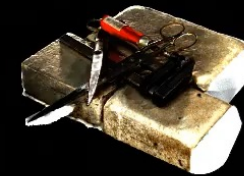
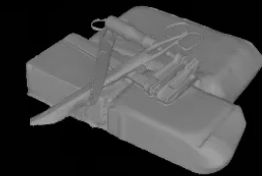
NeRF

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Ours



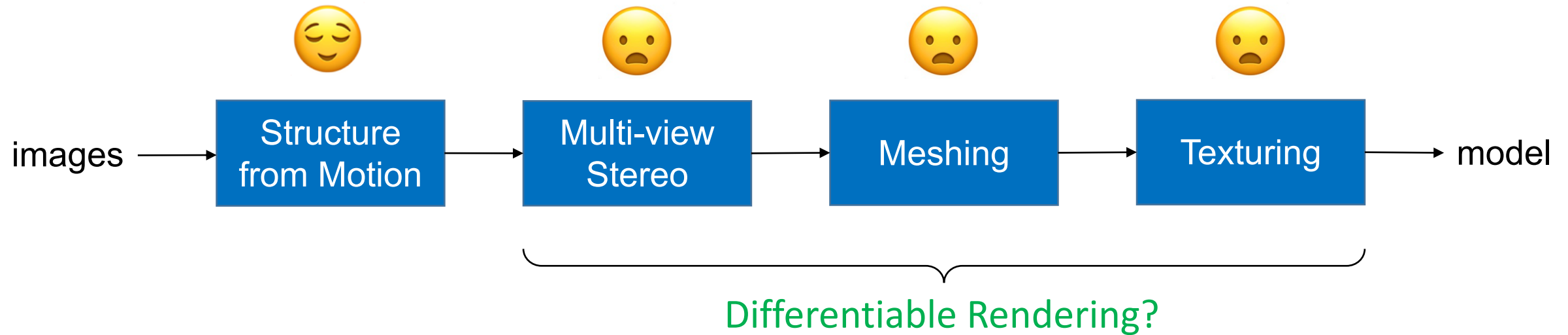
Relighting of DTU Objects

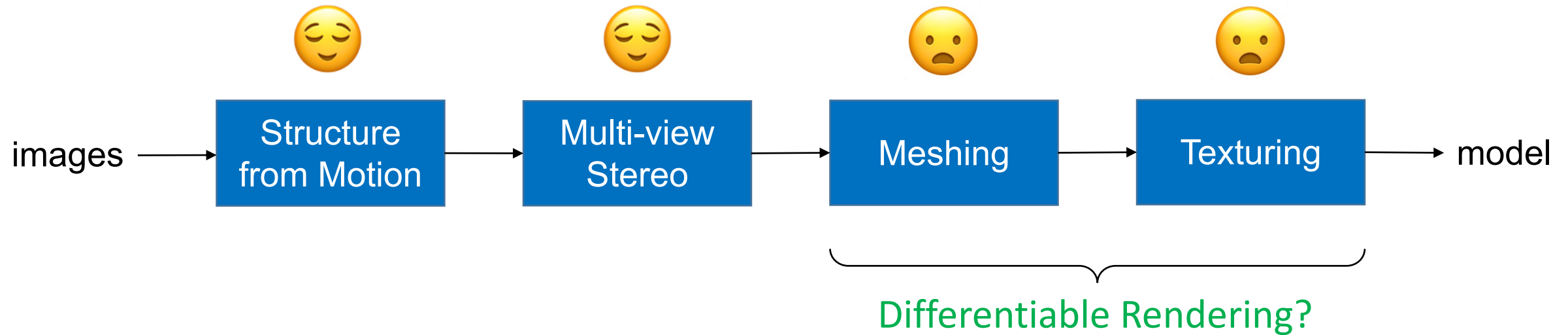


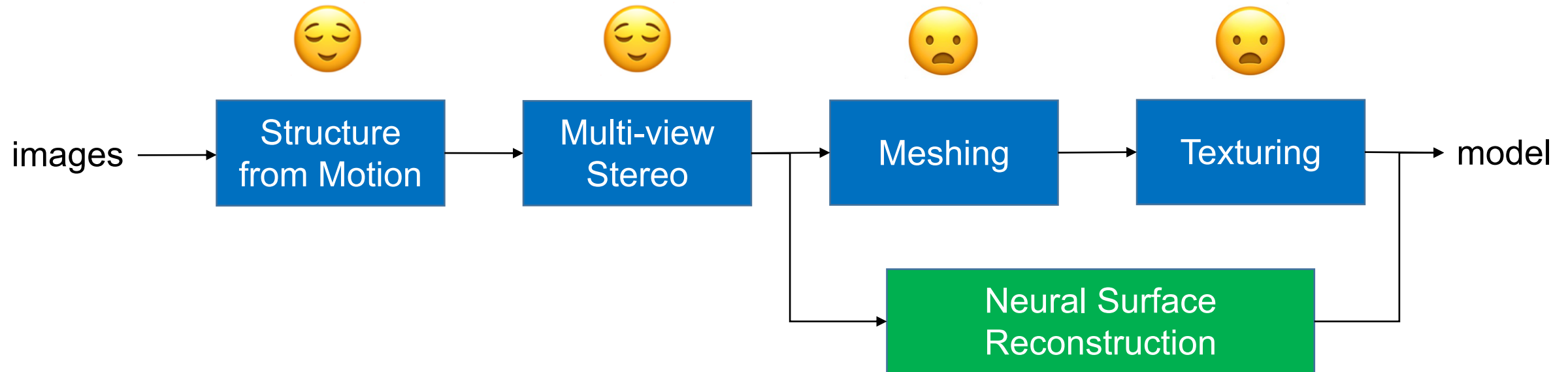
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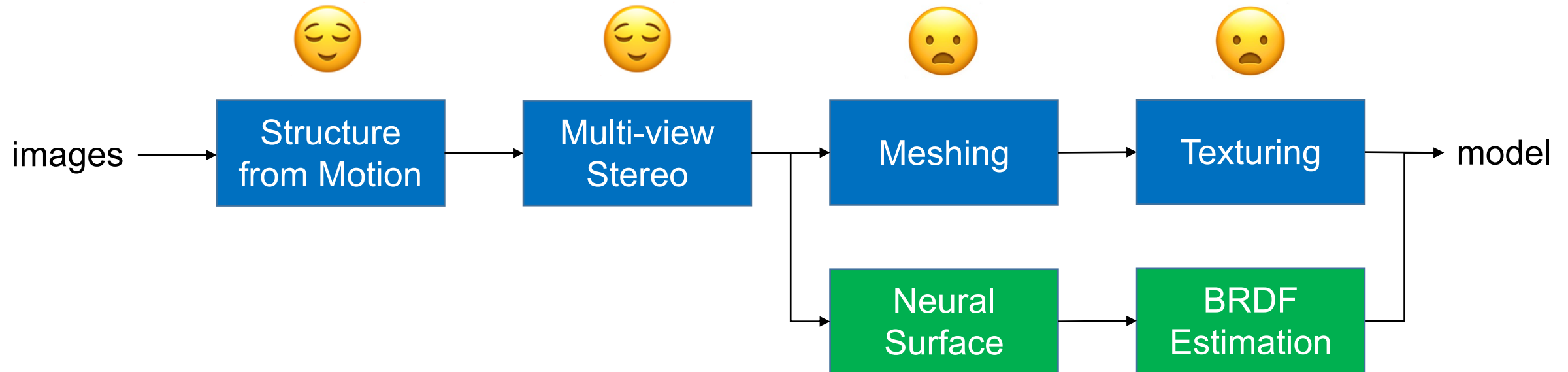
Relighting
under *city*

Relighting
under *studio*



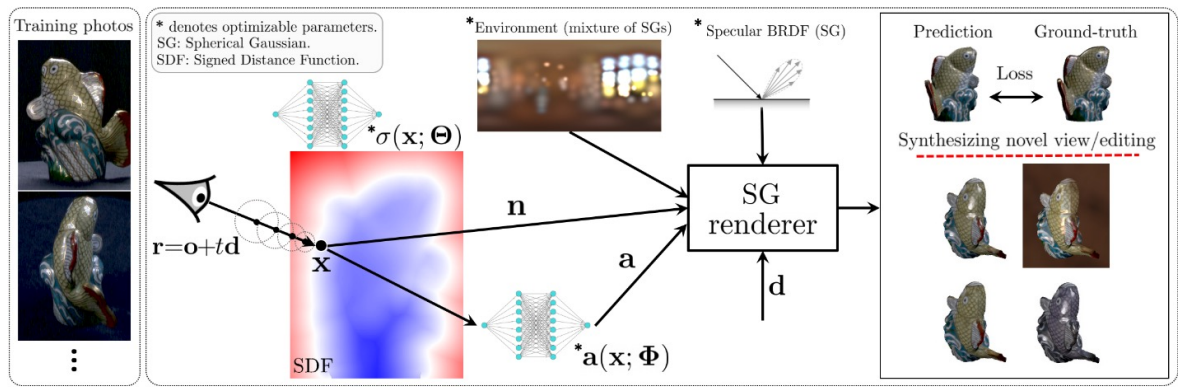




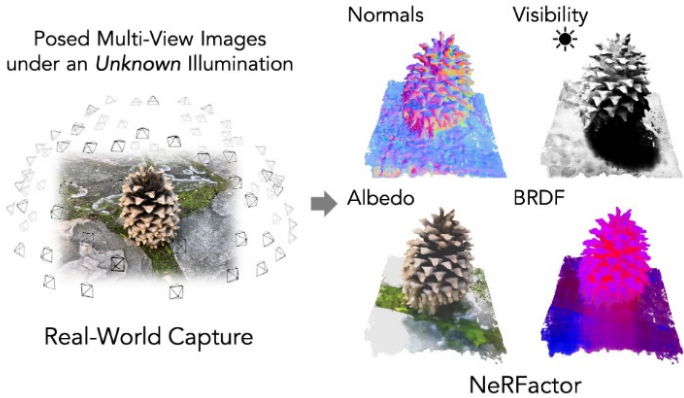


Future Works in the Era of Neural Rendering

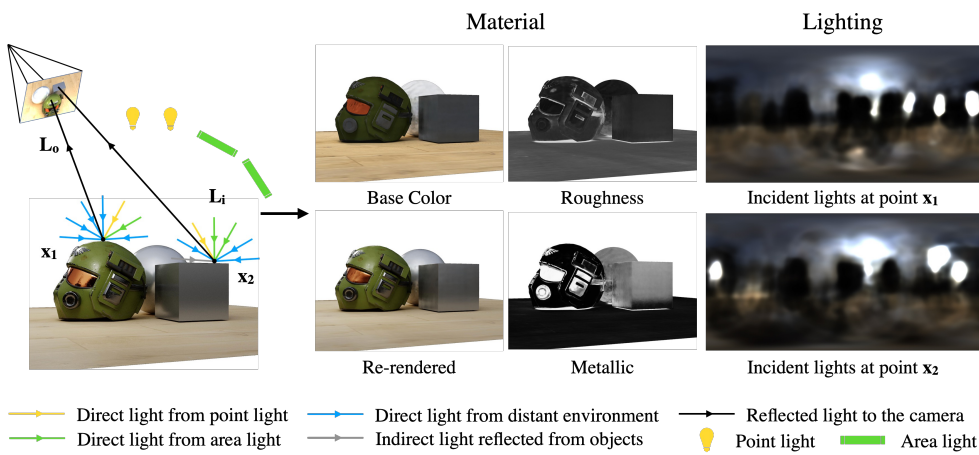
Future Works: Material & Lighting Estimation



PhySG (CVPR 21)



NeRFactor (SIGGRAPH Asia 21)



NeILF (ECCV 22)



NeRO (Siggraph 23)



Future Works: Dynamic 3D Reconstruction

- Plenoptic Function:

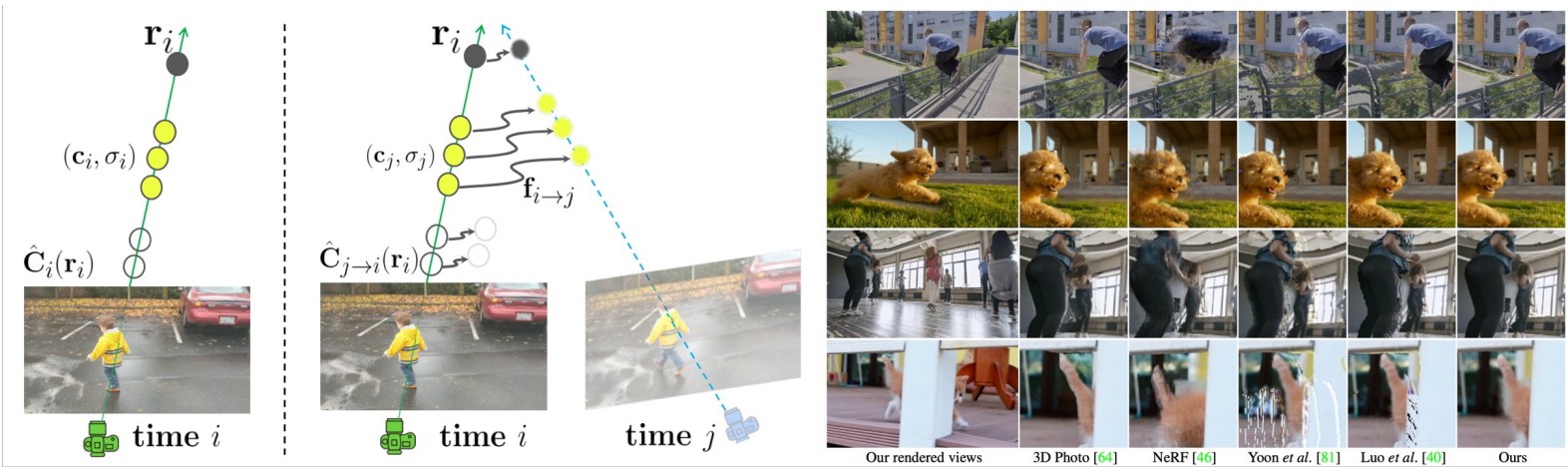
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- The Light Field:

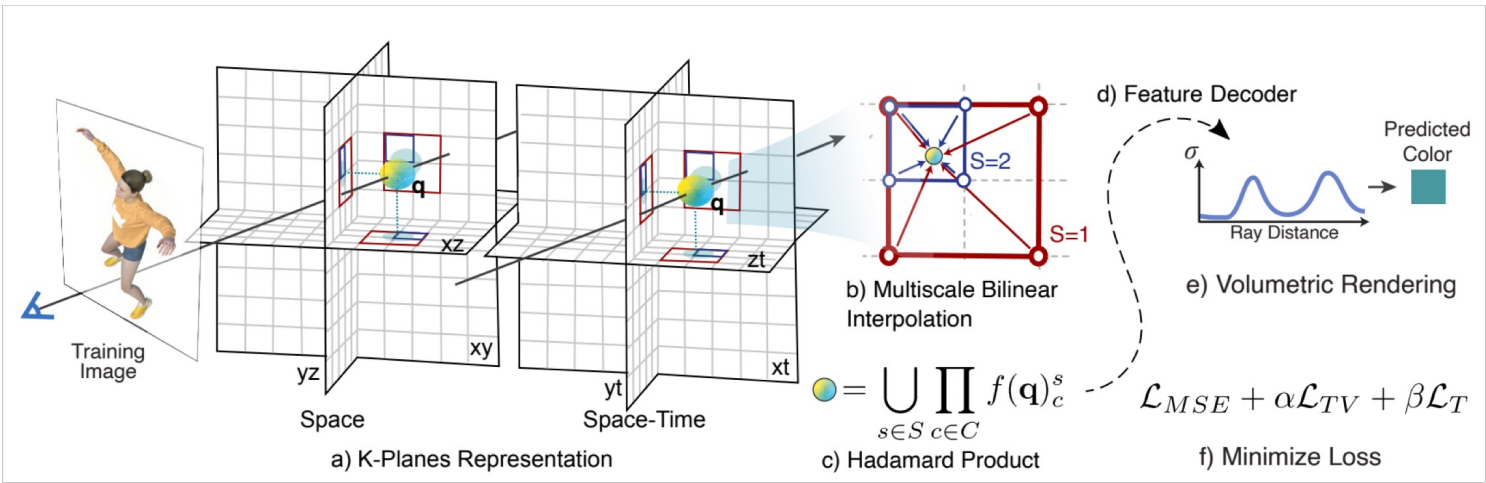
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- The 4D Light Field:

$$f(x, y, z, \theta, \varphi \blacksquare t)$$



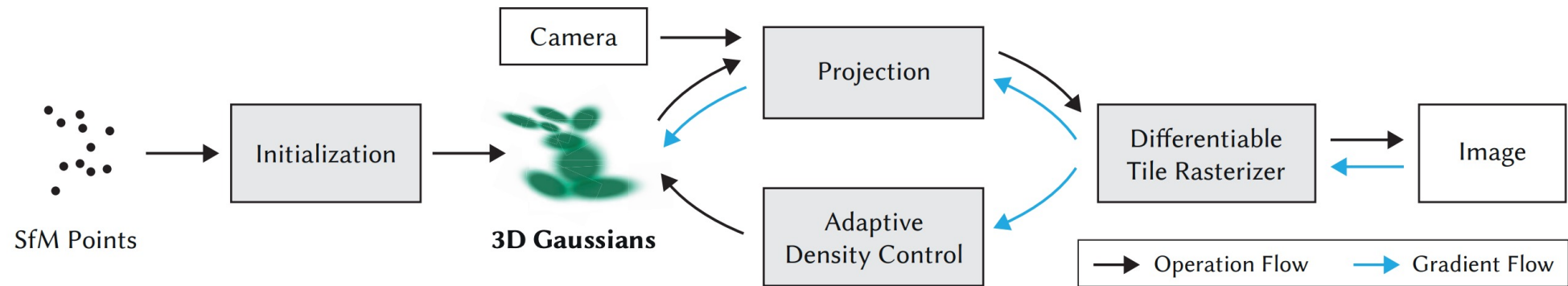
Neural Scene Flow Fields for Space-Time View Synthesis of Dynamic Scenes. CVPR 2021.



K-Planes: Explicit Radiance Fields in Space, Time, and Appearance. arXiv 2023



Future Works: Point-based Differentiable Rendering



Thanks!

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