

3D Editing and Online Perception with Neural Radiance Fields

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Explicit 3D Representation

- ✓ Structured geometry
- ✓ Discrete and well-defined
- ✓ Visually intuitive









Volumetric

Point Cloud

Mesh

Part Assembly

Implicit Neural Representation

- $\checkmark Infinite-resolution$
- ✓ Lightweight
- ✓ Continuity and differentiability



DeepSDF [Park et al., 2019]



Occupancy Networks [Mescheder et al., 2019]

Neural Radiance Fields

Neural Radiance Fields (NeRF) can represent a scene as the weights of an MLP, trained on many images with known camera poses.



Courtesy of Ben Mildenhall, Pratul P. Srinivasan and Matthew Tancik

NeRF: Representing Scenes as Neural Radiance Fields, Mildenhall et al. ECCV 2020

Neural Radiance Fields

NeRF has attracted extensive attention in both academy and industry.

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titles and manually confirmed a relationship to the NeRF field. twitter.

NeRF: Neural Radiance Field in 3D Vision, Introduction and Review

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Abstract—Neural Radiance Field (NeRF) has recently become a significant development in the field of Computer Vision, allowing to implicit, neural network-based scene representation and novel view synthesis. NeRF models have found diverse applications in robotics, urban mapping, autonomous navigation, virtual reality/augmented reality, and more. Due to the growing popularity of NeRF and its expanding research area, we present a comprehensive survey of NeRF papers from the past two years. Our survey is organized into architecture and application-based taxonomies and provides an introduction to the theory of NeRF and its training via differentiable volume rendering. We also present a benchmark comparison of the performance and speed of key NeRF models. By creating this survey, we hope to introduce new researchers to NeRF, provide a helpful reference for influential works in this field, as well as motivate future research directions with our discussion section.

Index Terms-Neural Radiance Field, NeRF, Computer Vision Survey, Novel View Synthesis, Neural Rendering, Volume Rendering, 3D Reconstruction

1 INTRODUCTION

 \mathbf{N} EURAL Radiance Field (NeRF) models are novel view synthesis methods which use volume rendering with (typically) implicit neural scene representation via Multi Layer Perceptrons (MLPs) to learn the geometry and lighting of a 3D scene. Mildenhall et al. first introduced NeRF at ECCV 2020 [1], and since then, it has achieved state-of-theart visual quality, produced impressive demonstrations, and inspired many subsequent works. Recently, NeRF models have found applications in photo-editing, 3D surface extraction, human avatar modelling, and large/city-scale 3D gation website¹ with many eventually appearing in top-tier representation and view synthesis.

NeRF models have important advantages over other methods of novel view synthesis and scene representation.

- trained using only multi-view images of a scene. Un-NeRF models require only images and poses to learn missed out by previous surveys. a scene, and do not require 3D/depth supervision. The poses can also be estimated using Structure from Motion (SfM) packages such as COLMAP [2], as was done in certain scenes in the original NeRF paper.
- NeRF models are photo-realistic. Compared to classical techniques such as [3] [4], as well as earlier novel view synthesis methods such as [5][6][7], neural 3D
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representation methods [8][9][10], the original NeRI model converged to better results in terms of visual quality, with more recent models performing even better.

NeRF models have attracted much attention in the computer vision community in the recent past, with hundreds of papers and preprints appearing on popular code aggrecomputer vision conference. In 2022, the impact of NeRF is large and ever increasing, with the original NeRF paper by Mildenhall et al. receiving more than 2000 citations (as of May 2023), and growing interest year-over-year. Giver NeRF models are self supervised. They can be current interest, we believe it necessary to organize a survey paper to help computer vision practitioners with this new like many other neural representations of 3D scenes, topic. We also introduce some of the more recent literature

The rest of this manuscript is organized as follows.

- Section 2 introduces existing NeRF surveys preprints (2.1), explains the theory behind NeRF volume rendering (2.2), introduces the commonly used datasets (2.3) and guality assessment metrics (2.4).
- Section 3 forms the main body of the paper, and introduces the influential NeRF publications, and contains the taxonomy we created to organize these works. Its subsections detail the different families of NeRF innovations proposed in the past two years, as well as recent applications of NeRF models to various computer vision tasks.
- Sections 5 and 6 discuss potential future research directions and applications, and summarize the survey.

1. https://paperswithcode.com/method/nerf



Neural Radiance Fields

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Instant NeRFs [NVIDIA, 2022]

Immersive Map [Google, 2022]

Challenges

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- Efficiency: Faster training and inference
- Scalability: From object-scale to city-scale
- Robustness: Robust to input images and camera poses
- Generalization: Scene agnostic without training on the test data
- Dynamics: Modeling of dynamic objects
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Outline



3D Editing with NeRF [ICCV'21, ECCV'22, CVPR'23] Online Perception with NeRF [CVPR'22, ICCV'23, Arxiv'23]

3D Editing with NeRF

[ICCV'21, ECCV'22, CVPR'23]

Q1.1

Can we edit the objects in the scene?



We design a two-pathway architecture.



Learning Object-Compositional Neural Radiance Field for Editable Scene Rendering, Yang et al., ICCV 2021

Scene Branch: renders the entire view of the scene.



Scene Branch: renders the background for editable scene rendering.



Object-Compositional Neural Radiance Field Object branch: renders each standalone object conditioned on the object activation code.





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Editable Scene Rendering

We jointly render the objects and the background.



Framework Details



Object-level Supervision

Objective Rendering

$$\hat{C}(\boldsymbol{r})_{obj} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} T_i \alpha_i \mathbf{c}_{obj}_i$$

Object Color

$$\hat{O}(\boldsymbol{r})_{obj} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} T_i \alpha_i \qquad \alpha_i = 1 - \exp\left(-\sigma_{obj_i} \delta_i\right)$$

Object Opacity Sum of the product of transmittance and alpha of points along the ray.

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Sum of the product of transmittance and alpha of points along the ray.
$$\mathbf{L}_{obj} = \sum_{\mathbf{r} \in N_r} \sum_{k \in \llbracket 1..K \rrbracket} \frac{\lambda_1 [M(\mathbf{r})^k] || \hat{C}(\mathbf{r})_{obj}^k - C(\mathbf{r}) ||_2^2}{|| \hat{O}(\mathbf{r})_{obj}^k - M(\mathbf{r})^k ||_2^2}$$
Rendered objects should be close to the observations.
$$+ \lambda_2 w(\mathbf{r})^k || \hat{O}(\mathbf{r})_{obj}^k - M(\mathbf{r})^k ||_2^2$$
Only opaque at the object area and transparent elsewhere.

Object-level Supervision



Image View

Rendered Object



Input Segmentation



Rendered Opacity (Segmentation)



Image View

Rendered Object



Annotated Segmentation



Rendered Opacity (Segmentation)





Handling Occlusion in Clustered Scenes



Clustered Real-world Scene

Directly apply

object supervision



Incomplete Reconstruction

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Incomplete Reconstruction

Our Solution

2D instance masks is facing the 3D space ambiguity in the occluded region.



Biased and masked supervision Complete Reconstruction

Examples on the ScanNet Dataset





Novel View Synthesis









Editable Scene Rendering

Examples on the ToyDesk Dataset





Novel View Synthesis









Editable Scene Rendering

Q1.2

Can we edit both the geometry and texture of neural radiance fields?



Pure MLP Model

Mesh-based Representation





Transfer a pure MLP model into a mesh-based editable representation

NeuMesh: Learning Disentangled Neural Mesh-based Implicit Field for Geometry and Texture Editing, Yang et al., ECCV 2022



Volume Rendering of the Object



Disentangled Geometry / Texture Codes in Mesh Vertices

Query Points to Obtain Locally Interpolated Codes





Now, we will show how we enable editing.
How we enable editing - Geometry Editing







User Geometry Edit

Synchronized Field Deformation

Rendering Result







User-Selected Area

Non-rigid Alignment





Texture Code Swapped





Original Model

User-Selection













Original Rendering

Edited Rendering



Original Object



User Paint on a Single 2D View



User Paint on a Single 2D View

Only Update Affected Codes (highlighted) Spatial-Aware Optimization





User Paint on a Single 2D View

Rendered Object with Transferred Painting

Q1.3

Can we edit neural radiance fields as easy as 2D editing?

Semantic 2D Editing



"giraffe with neck warmer"

"giraffe with a hairy colorful mane"



Text-driven Synthesis & Editing

Stable Diffusion [CVPR' 22] Text2LIVE [ECCV' 22]





Input

Stroke-based Editing EditGAN [NeurIPS' 21] SDEdit [ICLR' 22]





Attribute-based Editing StyleFlow [ACM ToG' 21] SofGAN [ACM ToG' 22]

We aim at realizing the semantic-driven editing of...



Editing 3D from a single perspective.



Supporting real-world objects and scenes.



(2) Single-View 2D Editing



- Geometric Mod. Field



— Texture Mod. Field —



Edited NeRF



Edited NeRF

Editing on the Template NeRF













Geometric Editing on the Real-world Cars





Edited







Geometric Editing on the Generic Objects



Texture Editing with Single-View User Editing



Source



2D Editing





Source

2D Editing



Edited



Edited

Texture Editing with Text-prompts



Source View



Source View



"Swarovski Blue Crystal Car"



"Golden Pinecone"



"Ice Sculpture Car"



"Burning Pinecone"

Using single image editing from Text2LIVE [Bar-Tal, 2022].

Texture Editing with Text-prompts



Source View



Source View



"Stained Glass Vasedeck"







"Snowy Vasedeck"



"Kids Plasticine Round Table"

Using single image editing from Text2LIVE [Bar-Tal, 2022].

Online Perception with NeRF

[CVPR'22, ICCV'23, Arxiv'23]

Q2.1

Can we exploit NeRF for online 3D perception?

Challenges







NeRF [Mildenhall et al., ECCV'20]

F2-NeRF [Wang et al., CVPR'23]

Challenges

Catastrophic forgetting





iMAP [Sucar et al., ICCV'21]








Zhu et al. NICE-SLAM: Neural Implicit Scalable Encoding for SLAM. CVPR 2022.

Pipeline

Input Depth



Input RGB



Pretraining



Convolutional occupancy network [Peng et al. 2020]



NICE-SLAM

4x Speed

Predicted Poses	
——— GT Poses	



NICE-SLAM

10x Speed

Comparison



Robustness to Dynamic Objects





Accuracy and Efficiency

Camera Tracking Results on TUM RGB-D. ATE RMSE[cm]

	fr1/desk	fr2/xyz	fr3/office
iMAP [46]	4.9	2.0	5.8
iMAP* [46]	7.2	2.1	9.0
DI-Fusion [16]	4.4	2.3	15.6
NICE-SLAM	2.7	1.8	3.0
BAD-SLAM [42]	1.7	1.1	1.7
Kintinuous [59]	3.7	2.9	3.0
ORB-SLAM2 [26]	1.6	0.4	1.0

Computation & Runtime

	FLOPs [$\times 10^3$] \downarrow	Tracking [ms]↓	Mapping [ms]↓
iMAP [46]	443.91	101	448
NICE-SLAN	1 104.16	47	130

Q2.2

Can we use light-weight ToF sensors?

Motivation Dense SLAM





Light-Weight ToF Sensor





Microsoft C

Heavily relies on





Low-resolution depth distributions

- Expensive

- Heavy-sized

- Not common on mobile devices

+ Cheap

- + Compact
- + Widely available on mobile devices





We propose the first dense SLAM system with a light-weight ToF sensor

- Using a light-weight ToF instead of a heavy-sized depth sensor
- Cooperating with a monocular camera



RGB + Light-Weight ToF

Camera Tracking and Dense Reconstruction

Liu et al. Multi-Modal Neural Radiance Field for Monocular Dense SLAM with a Light-Weight ToF Sensor. ICCV 2023 (Oral).

Our Solution

Depth Prediction boosted with Temporal Filtering

Multi-modal Scene Representation



- A novel framework for dense SLAM working with light-weight ToF sensors
- The raw signals of light-weight ToF are fully leveraged
- Temporal information is exploited to deal with the noisy signals

Q2.3

Can we just utilize the RGB sequences?

Challenges

Depth ambiguity



Lack of geometry constraint



Monocular Depth Estimation + Scale&Shift-Invariant Depth Loss RGB Warping loss + Explicit flow constraint

Pipeline

Input RGB Stream





Zhu et al. NICER-SLAM: Neural Implicit Scene Encoding for RGB SLAM. Arxiv 2023.































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Mapping and Tracking Output



Pipeline



Pipeline



Scale&Shift-Invariant Depth Loss

Pipeline



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{flow}} = \sum_{\mathbf{r}_m \in \mathcal{R}} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{K}_m} \left\| (\mathbf{r}_m - \mathbf{r}_n) - \text{GM}(\mathbf{r}_{m \to n}) \right\|_1$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{warp}} = \sum_{\mathbf{r}_m \in \mathcal{R}} \sum_{n \in \mathcal{K}_m} \| C(\mathbf{r}_m) - C(\mathbf{r}_{m \to n}) \|_1$$

Results

rm-0 rm-1 rm-2 off-0 off-1 off-2 off-3 off-4 Avg.

ΣA	cc.[cm]↓	11.84	10.62	11.86	9.32	14.40	11.54	16.31	11.11	12.13
JS Co	omp.[cm]↓	5.63	5.88	9.22	13.29	10.17	6.95	7.81	5.26	8.03
E Co	omp.Rat.[<5cm %]↑	61.13	68.19	47.85	37.64	56.17	66.20	55.67	61.86	56.84
ŽN	ormal Cons.[%]↑	63.39	53.31	57.52	64.09	57.13	57.06	59.73	58.59	58.85
* A	cc.[cm]↓	14.19	9.56	8.41	10.16	7.86	16.50	13.01	13.08	11.60
₹C	omp.[cm]↓	6.24	6.45	12.17	5.95	8.33	8.28	6.77	8.62	7.85
$\frac{1}{2}C$	omp.Rat.[<5cm %]↑	69.77	66.30	51.21	74.16	62.10	54.92	63.88	55.43	62.22
a N	ormal Cons.[%]↑	77.69	82.16	78.89	81.44	79.41	73.68	77.09	78.05	78.55
¥Α	cc.[cm]↓	12.18	8.35	3.26	3.01	2.39	5.66	4.49	4.65	5.50
N ² C	omp.[cm]↓	8.96	6.07	16.01	16.19	16.20	15.56	9.73	9.63	12.29
Ê Co	omp.Rat.[<5cm %]↑	60.07	76.20	61.62	64.19	60.63	56.78	61.95	67.51	63.62
N	ormal Cons.[%]↑	72.81	74.71	79.21	77.53	78.57	75.79	77.69	76.38	76.59
Ξ.A	cc.[cm]↓	2.53	3.93	3.40	5.49	3.45	4.02	3.34	3.03	3.65
L Co	omp.[cm]↓	3.04	4.10	3.42	6.09	4.42	4.29	4.03	3.87	4.16
E Co	omp.Rat.[<5cm %]↑	88.75	76.61	86.10	65.19	77.84	74.51	82.01	83.98	79.37
N	ormal Cons.[%]↑	93.00	91.52	92.38	87.11	86.79	90.19	90.10	90.96	90.27

Results

	rm-0	rm-1	rm-2	off-0	off-1	off-2	off-3	off-4	Avg.
RGB-D input									
NICE-SLAM	1.69	2.04	1.55	0.99	0.90	1.39	3.97	3.08	1.95
Vox-Fusion	0.27	1.33	0.47	0.70	1.11	0.46	0.26	0.58	0.65
RGB input									
COLMAP	0.62	23.7	0.39	0.33	0.24	0.79	0.14	1.73	3.49
TANDEM	0.54	0.43	0.47	0.61	0.33	5.42	0.68	0.75	1.15
DSO	0.26	0.25	0.19	0.38	0.20	2.53	0.22	0.38	0.55
Orbeez-SLAM	0.34	0.41	0.27	0.36	F	F	0.294	2.89	0.76
NeRF-SLAM	17.26	11.94	15.76	12.75	10.34	14.52	20.32	14.96	14.73
DIM-SLAM	0.48	0.78	0.35	0.67	0.37	0.36	0.33	0.36	0.46
DIM-SLAM*	1.06	0.49	0.32	0.43	0.26	0.65	0.55	3.69	0.93
DROID-SLAM	0.34	0.13	0.27	0.25	0.42	0.32	0.52	0.40	0.33
DROID-SLAM*	0.58	0.58	0.38	1.06	0.40	0.70	0.53	1.33	0.70
NICER-SLAM	1.36	1.60	1.14	2.12	3.23	2.12	1.42	2.01	1.88

Summary

- We can edit neural radiance fields with compositional NeRF representations.
- We can conduct online 3D tracking and mapping using NeRF with various input signals.
- Future works:
 - Attribute-compositional representation
 - Scaling up to large scenarios
 - Efficient and robust as traditional SLAM

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Thank you!