

# Learning Neural Scene Representations for 3D Reconstruction and Understanding

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# Who Am I?

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  - 2021: Michael Zollhoefer
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# Motivation



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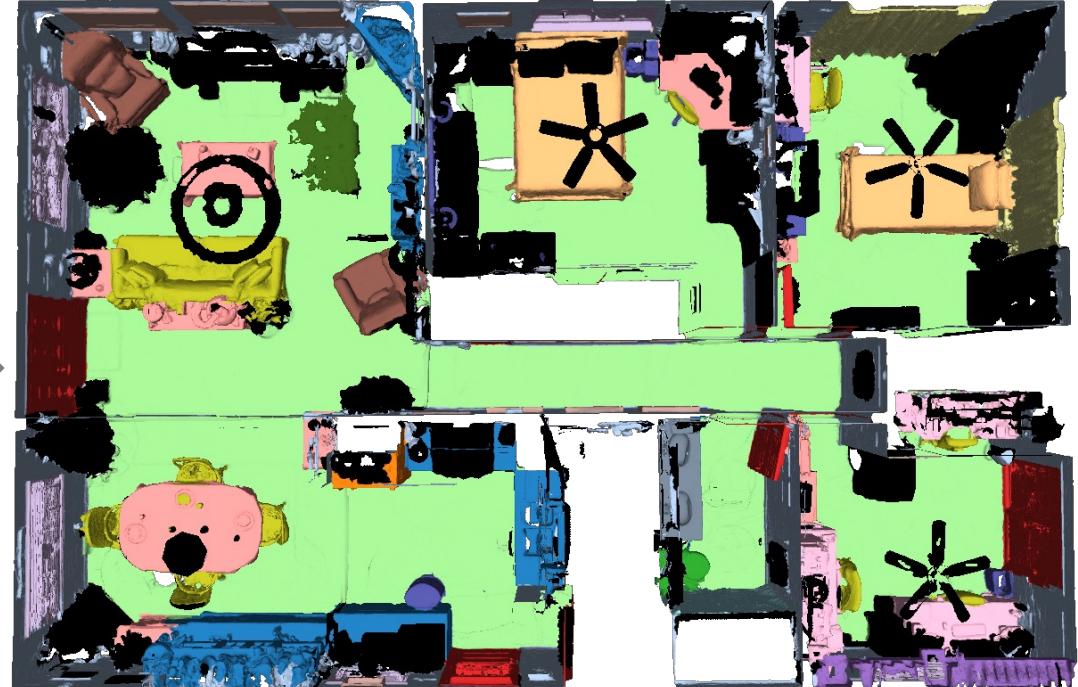


3D Reconstruction

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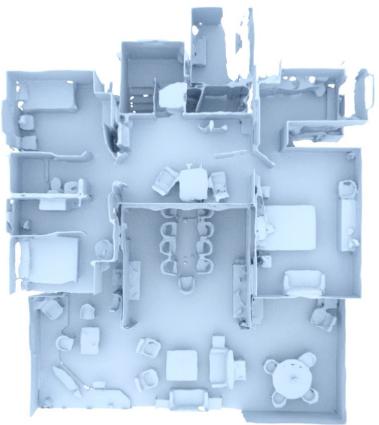


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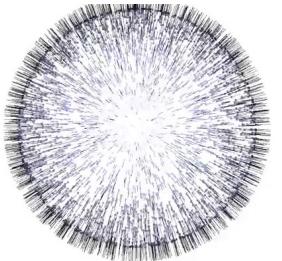


3D Scene Understanding

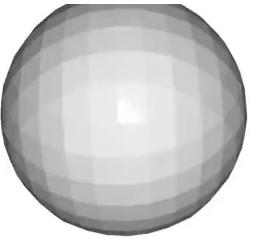
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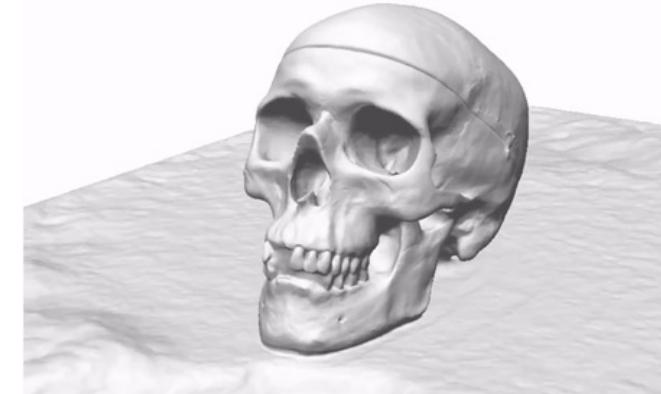
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ECCV 2020 (Spotlight)



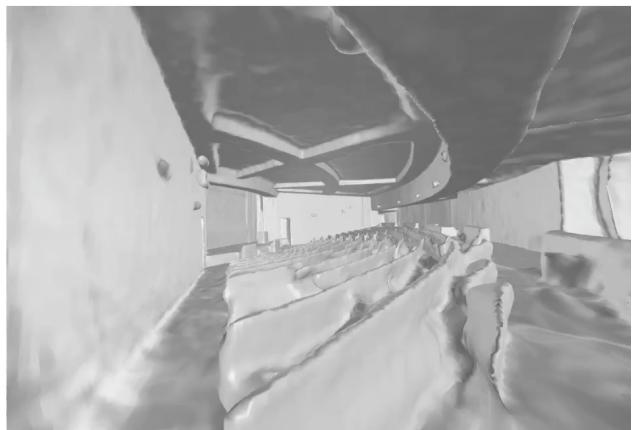
**Shape As Points**  
NeurIPS 2021 (Oral)



**KiloNeRF**  
ICCV 2021



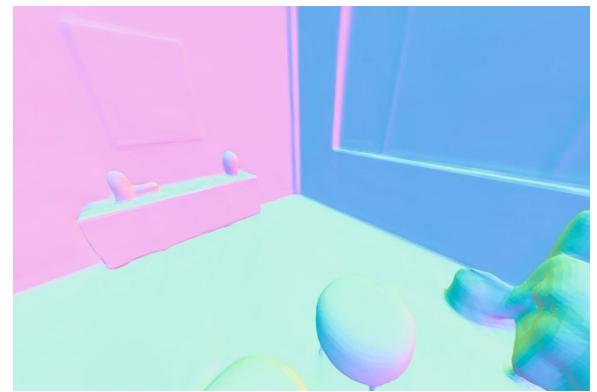
**UNISURF**  
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Ours  
**MonoSDF**  
NeurIPS 2022



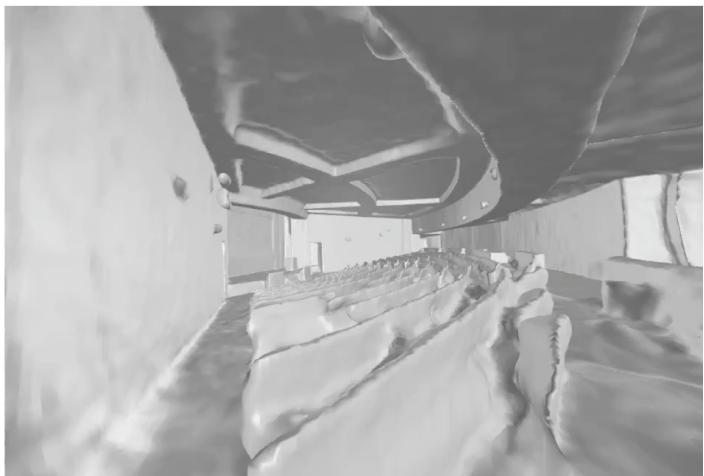
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**NICER-SLAM**  
arXiv 2023

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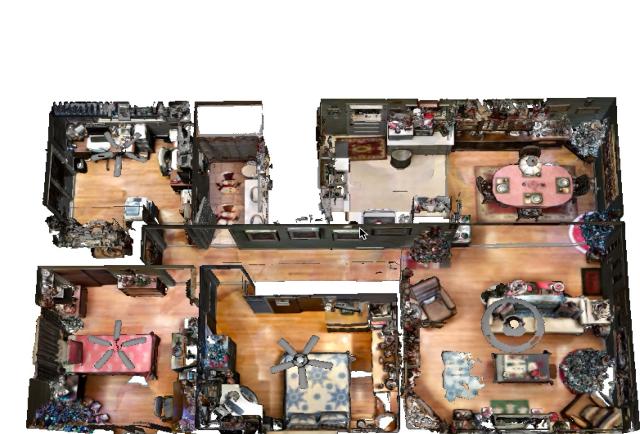
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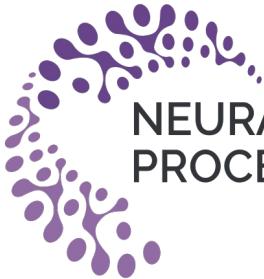
# NeRF is awesome!



## Some existing problems...

- 😢 Poor underlying geometry
- 😢 Camera poses needed

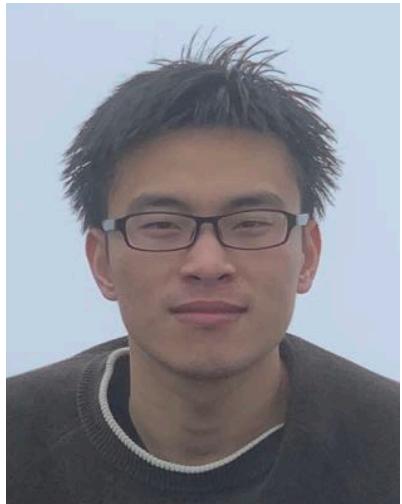
😊 MonoSDF  
😊 NICE-SLAM



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# MonoSDF: Exploring Monocular Geometric Cues for Neural Implicit Surface Reconstruction



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Torsten Sattler



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# Neural Implicit Surfaces with Volume Rendering



RGB Images



VolSDF/NeuS/UNISURF



NeRF

[1] Oechsle, Peng, Geiger: [UNISURF: Unifying Neural Implicit Surfaces and Radiance Fields for Multi-View Reconstruction](#). ICCV, 2021

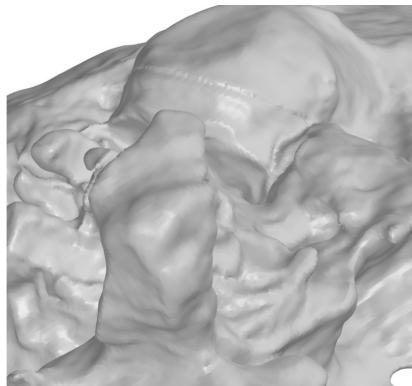
[2] Wang, Liu, Liu, Theobalt, Komura, Wang: [NeuS: Learning Neural Implicit Surfaces by Volume Rendering for Multi-view Reconstruction](#). NeurIPS, 2021

[3] Yariv, Gu, Kasten, Lipman: [Volume rendering of neural implicit surfaces](#). NeurIPS, 2021

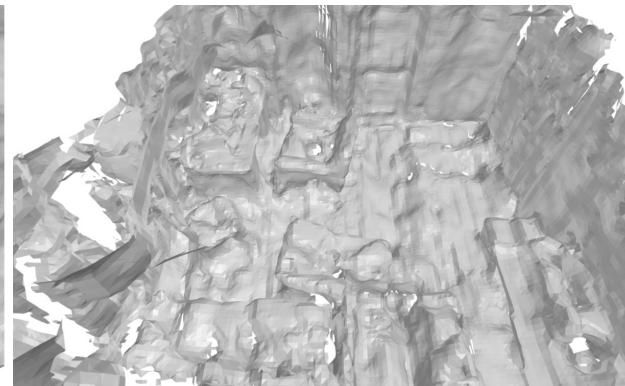
# Neural Implicit Surfaces with Volume Rendering

VolSDF

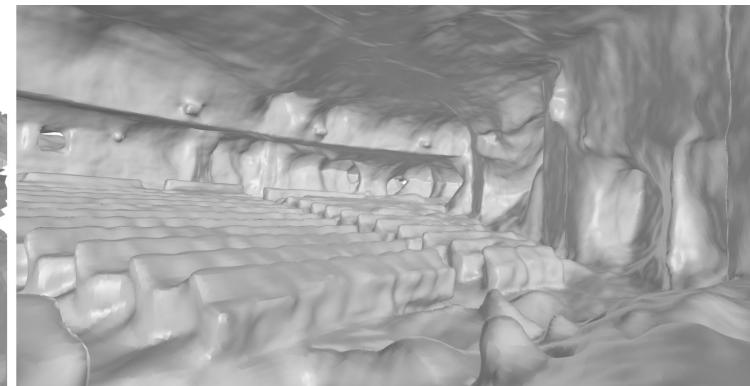
DTU (3 views)



ScanNet (464 views)



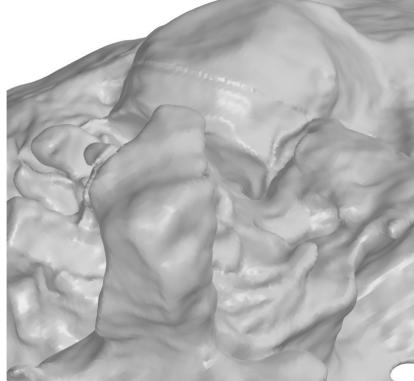
Tanks & Temples (298 views)



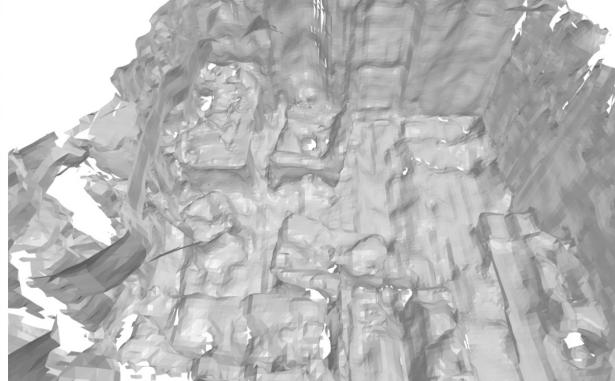
- Fails with sparse input views
- Poor results in large-scale indoor scenes

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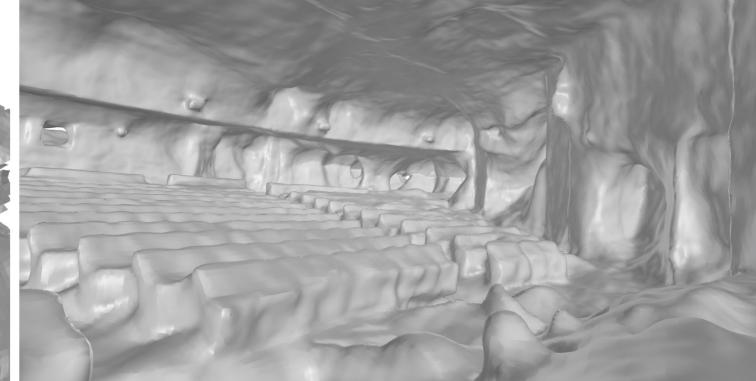
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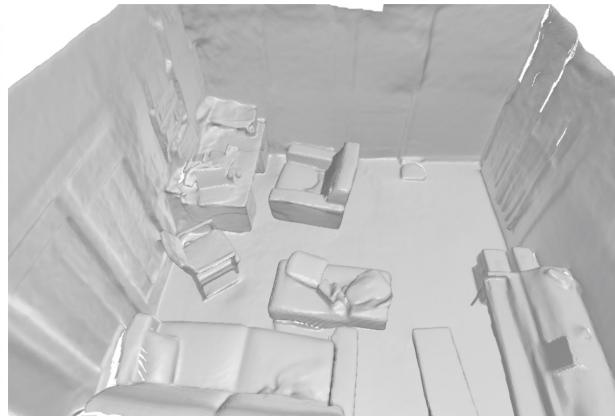
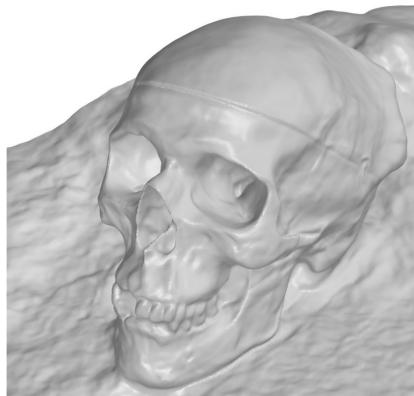


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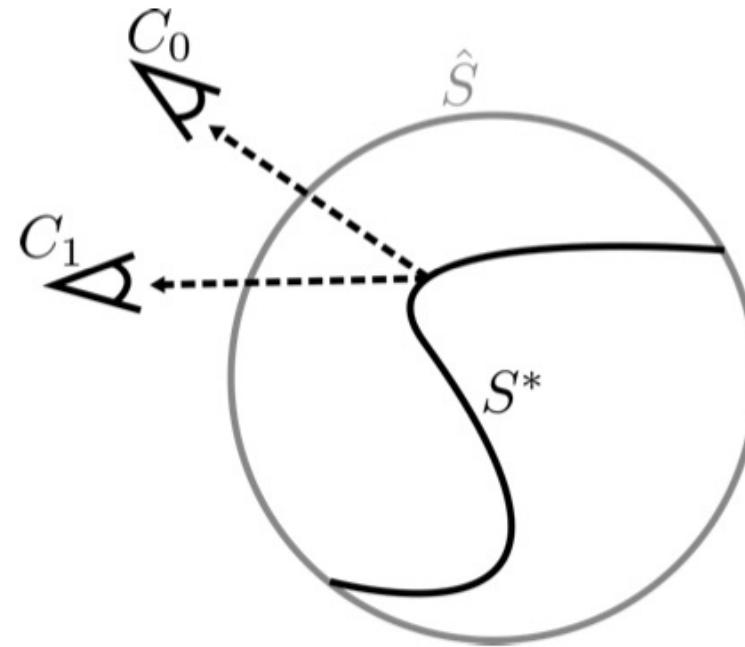
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MonoSDF  
(Ours)



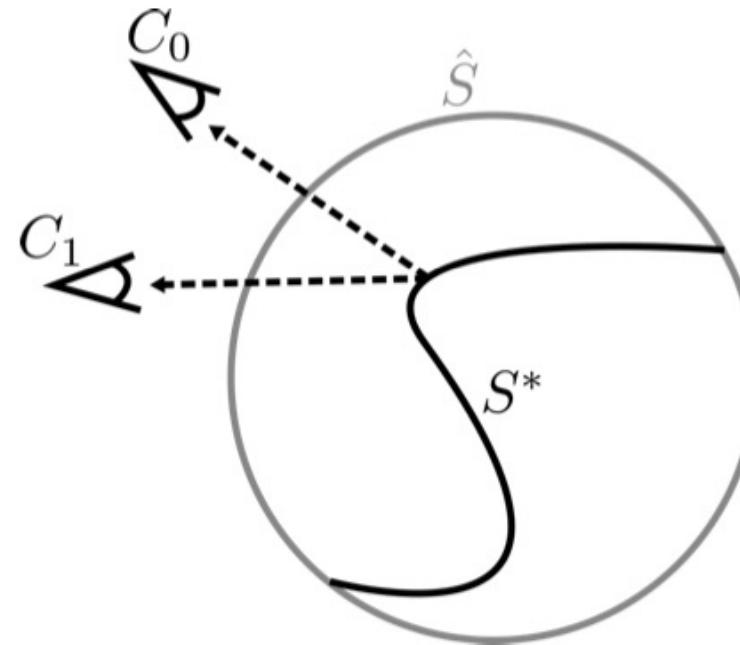
- + Manage to reconstruct with sparse views
- + Nice 3D reconstruction in large-scale indoor scenes

# Shape-Appearance Ambiguity



There exists an infinite number of photo-consistent explanations for input images!

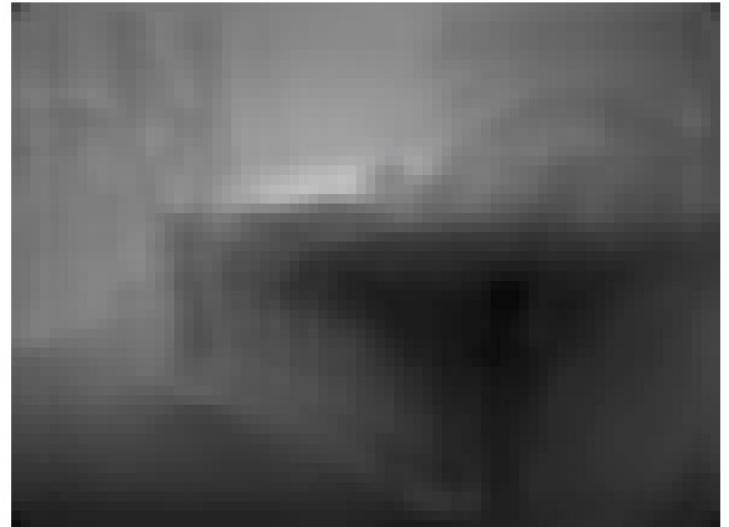
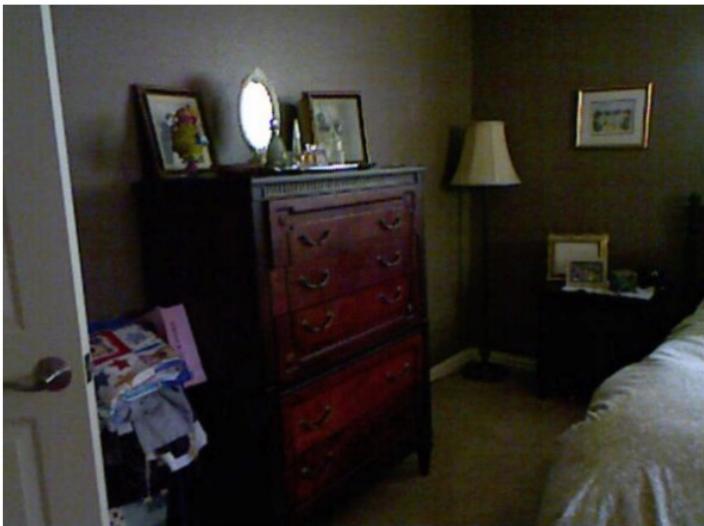
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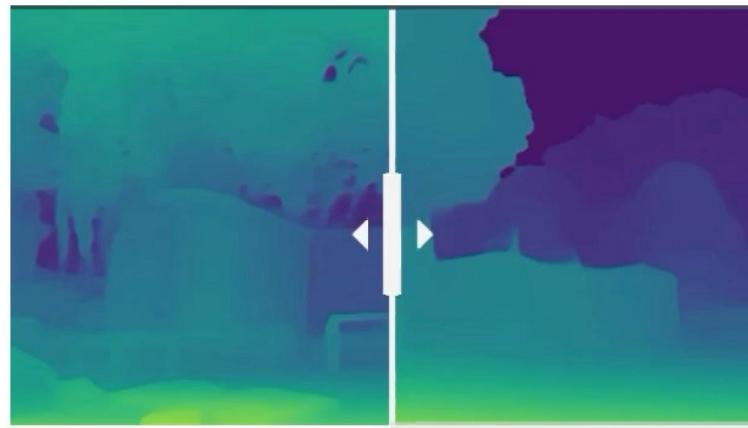
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→ **Exploit monocular geometric priors**

# Depth Map Prediction from a Single Image

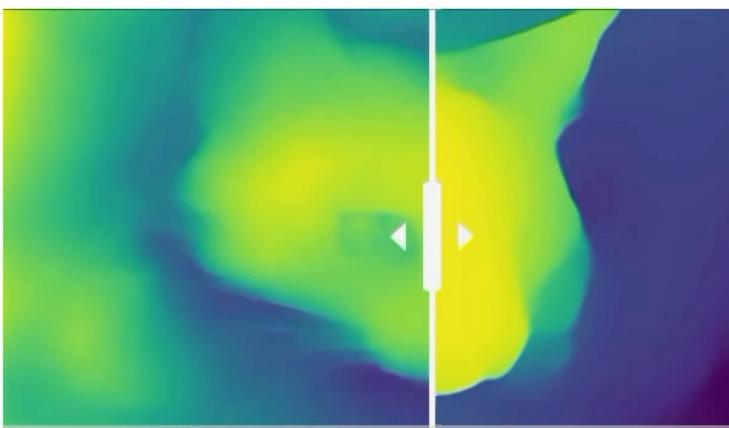


# Omnidata



**Ours**

**MiDaS  
DPT-Hybrid**



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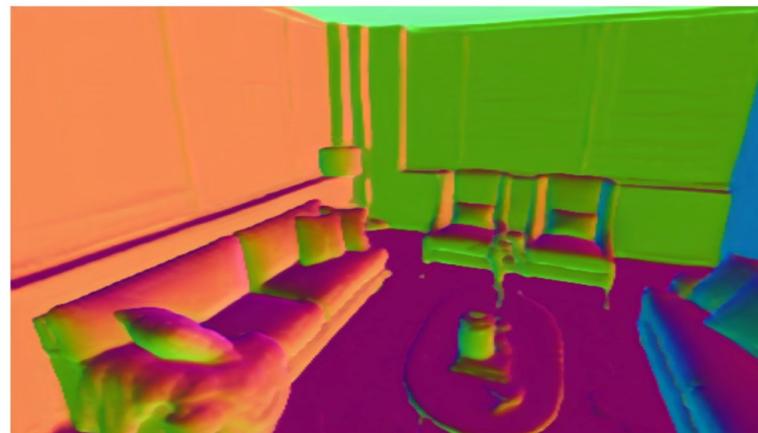
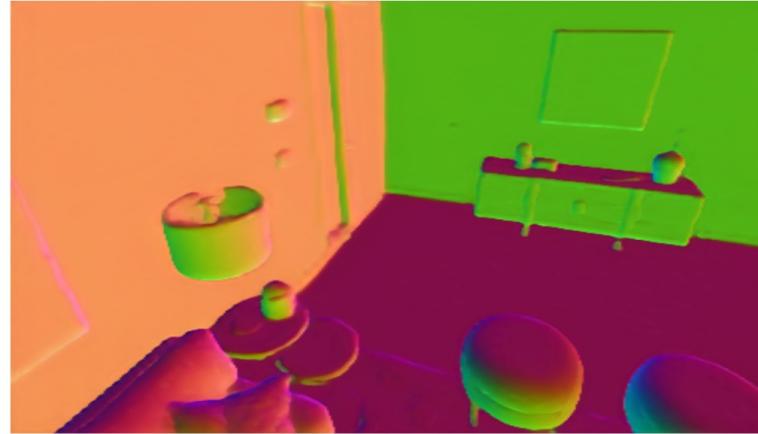
**MiDaS  
DPT-Hybrid**

[Ranftl et al. 2021]

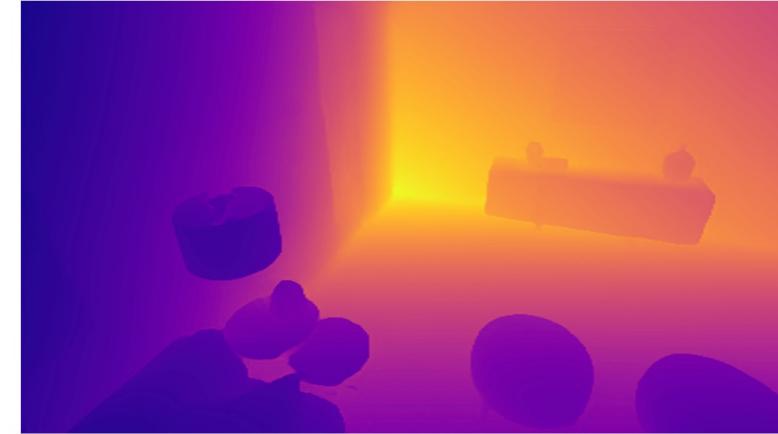
# Omnidata



RGB Image



Omnidata Normal



Omnidata Depth

# MonoSDF



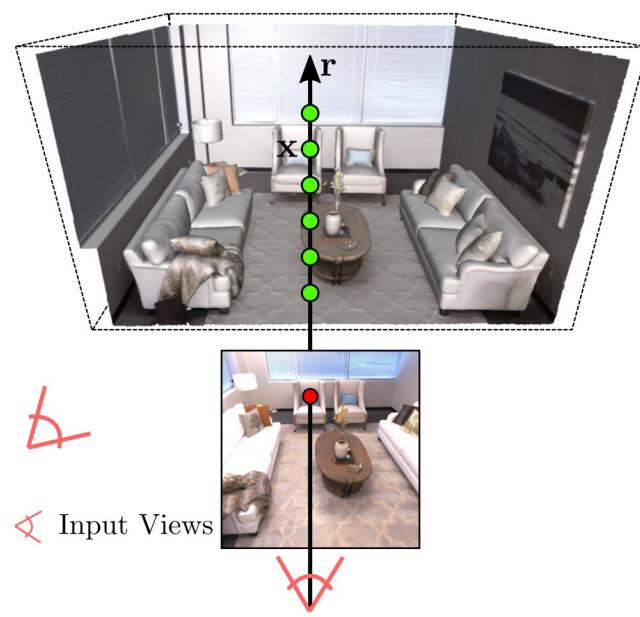
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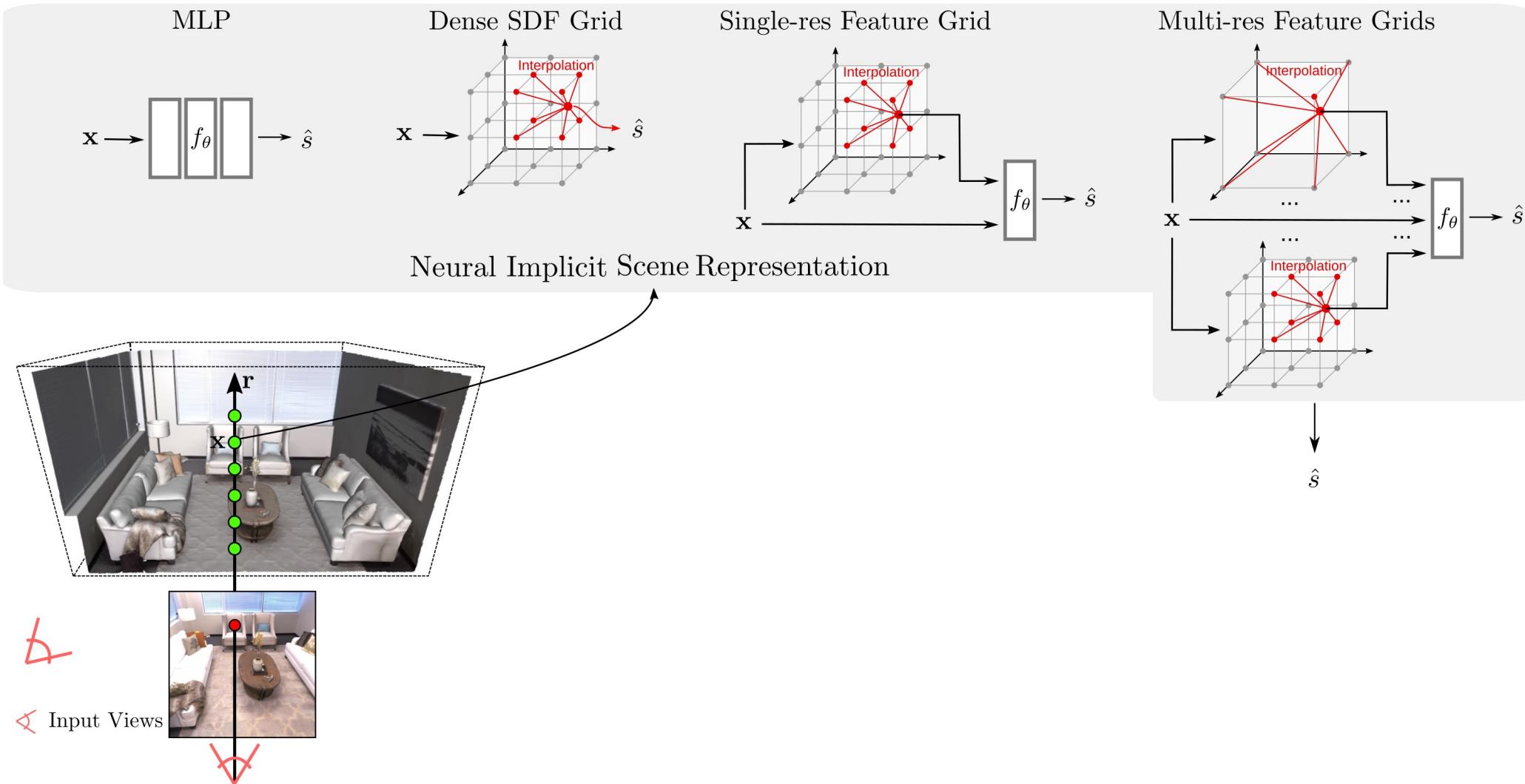
Input Views



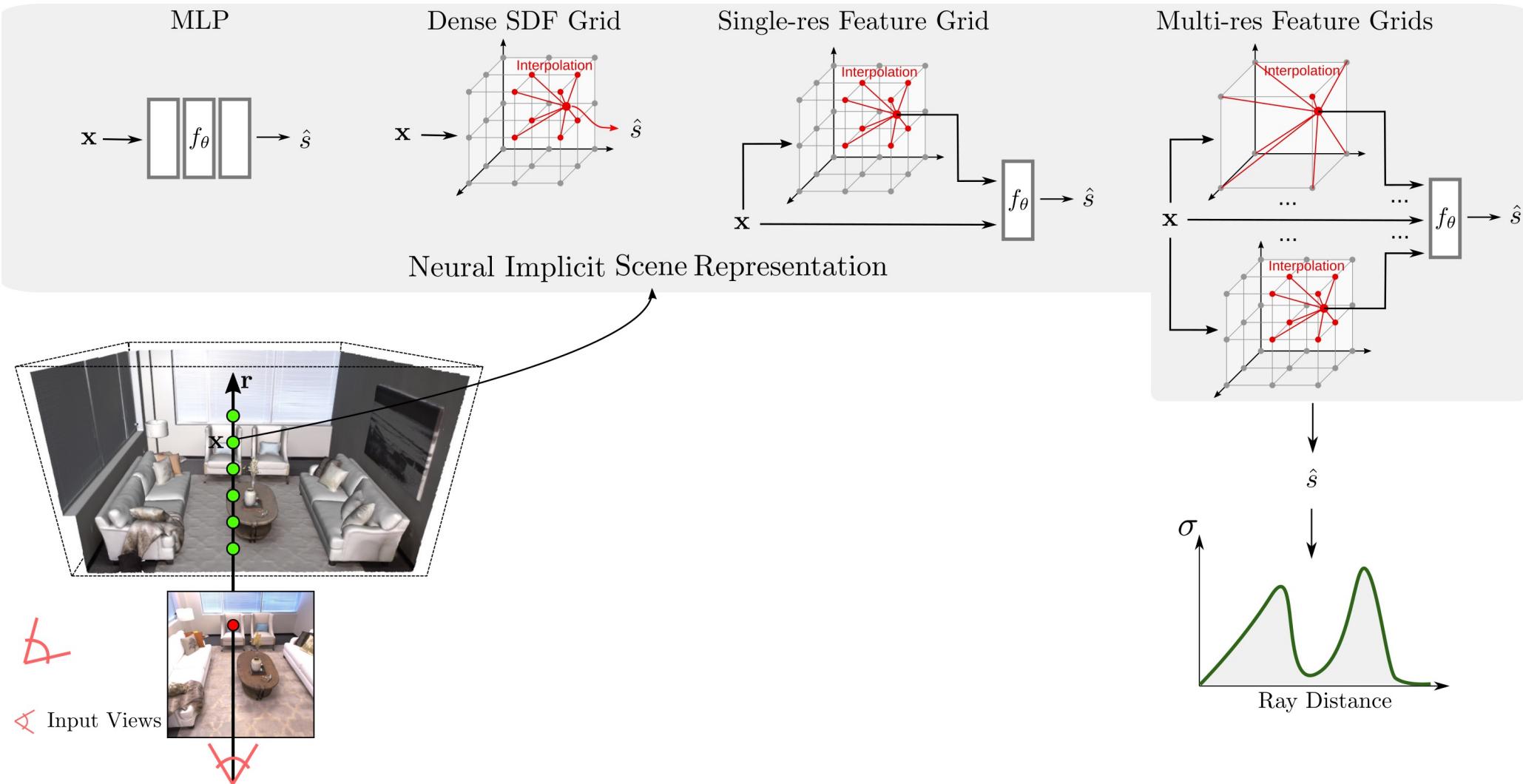
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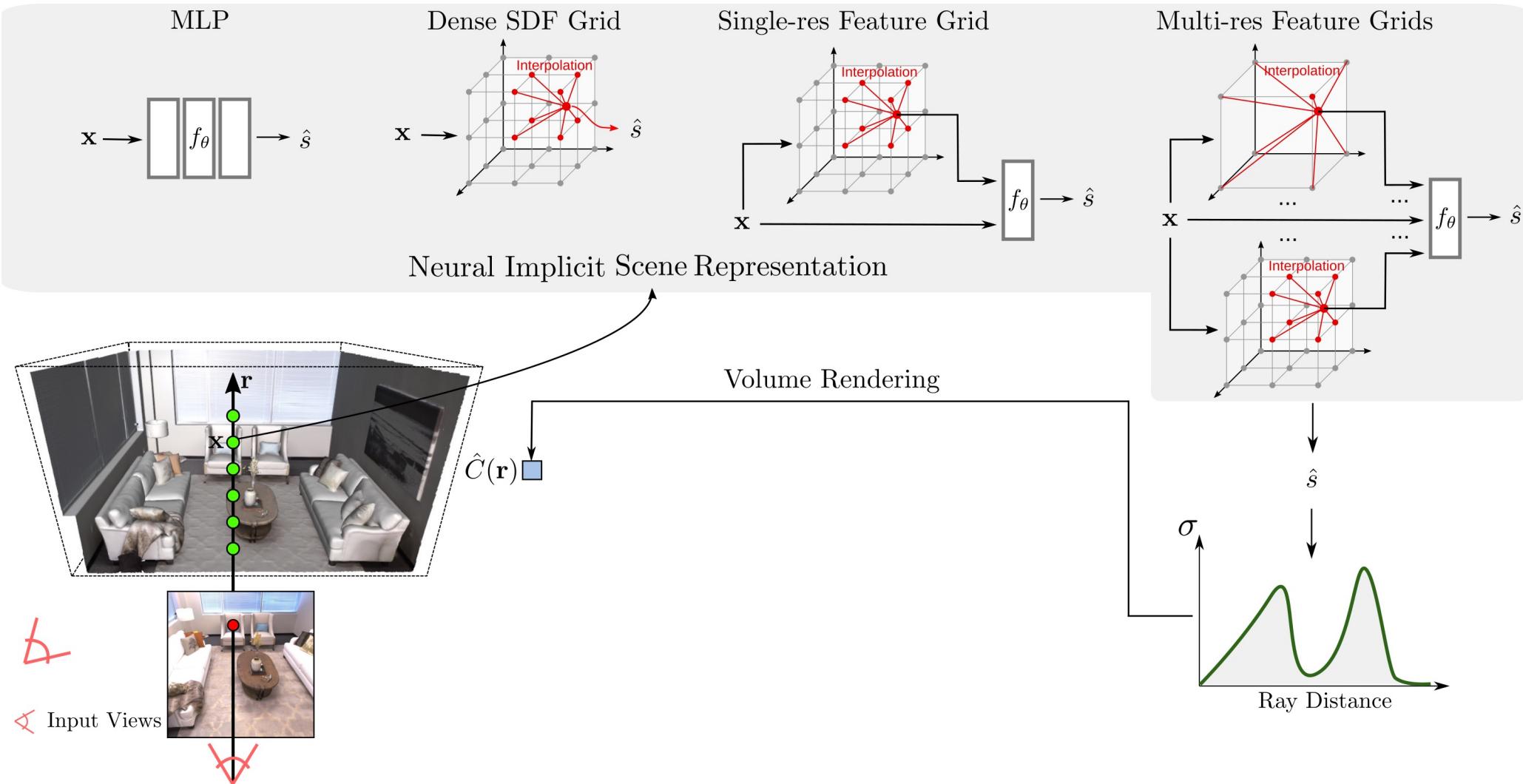
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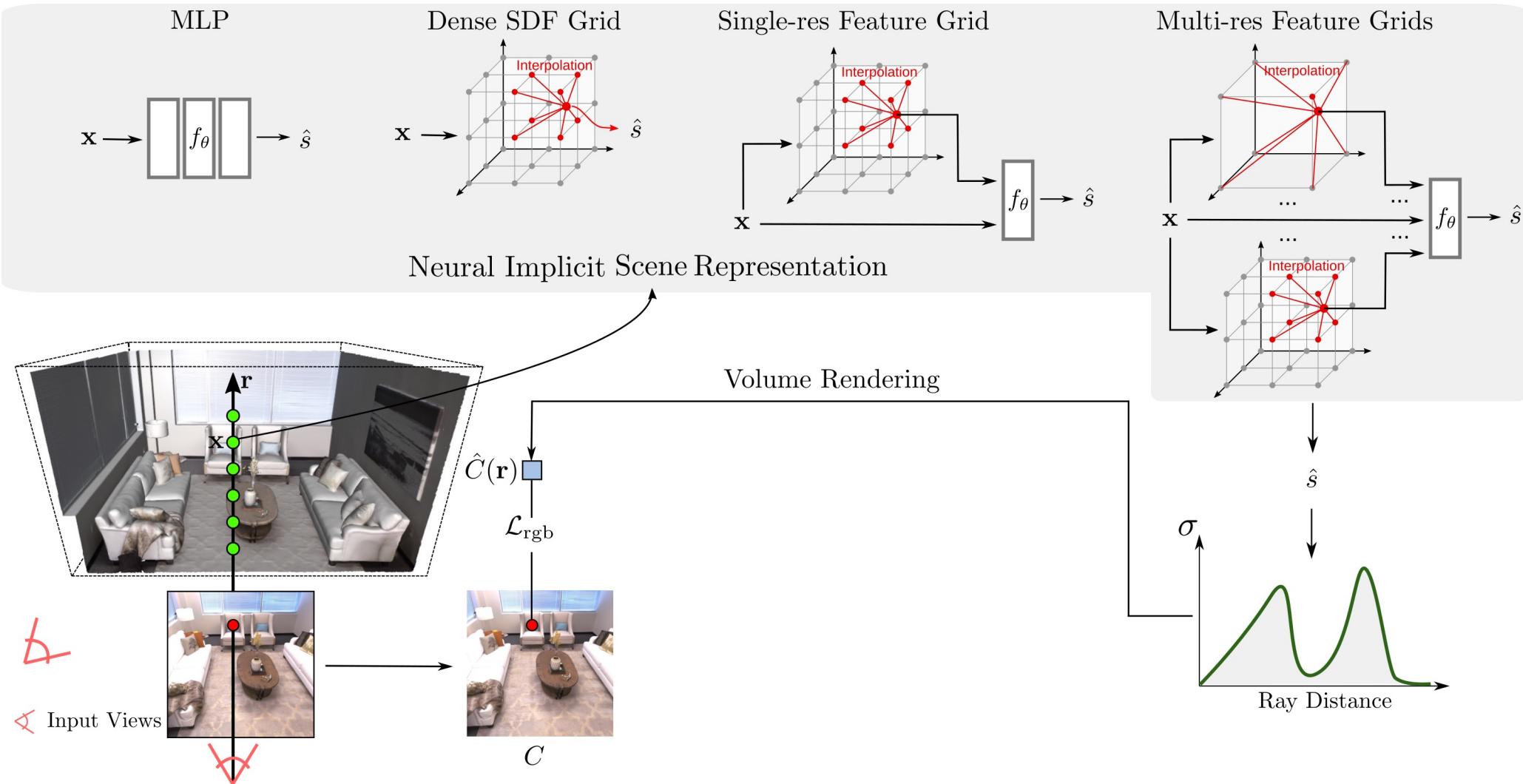
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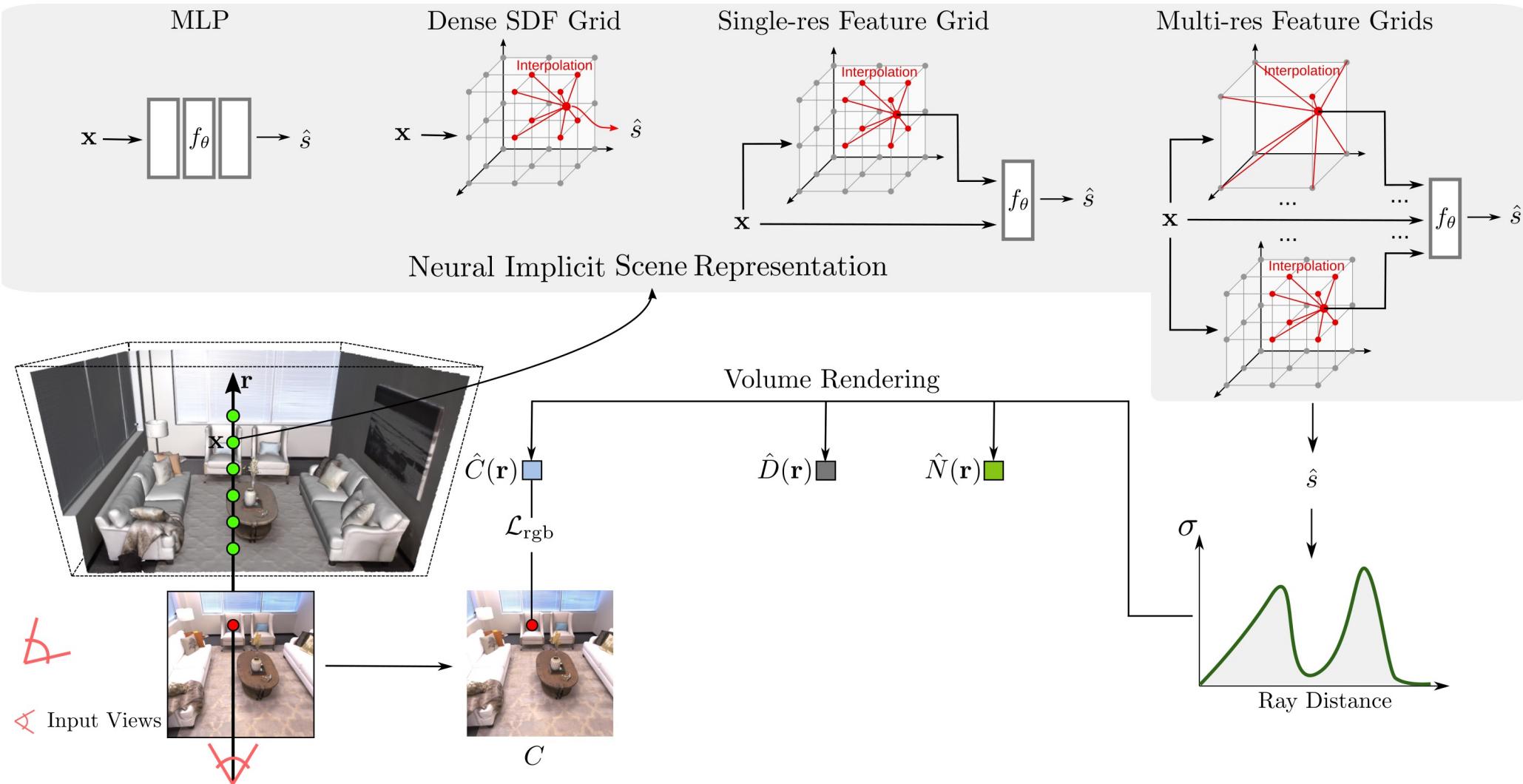
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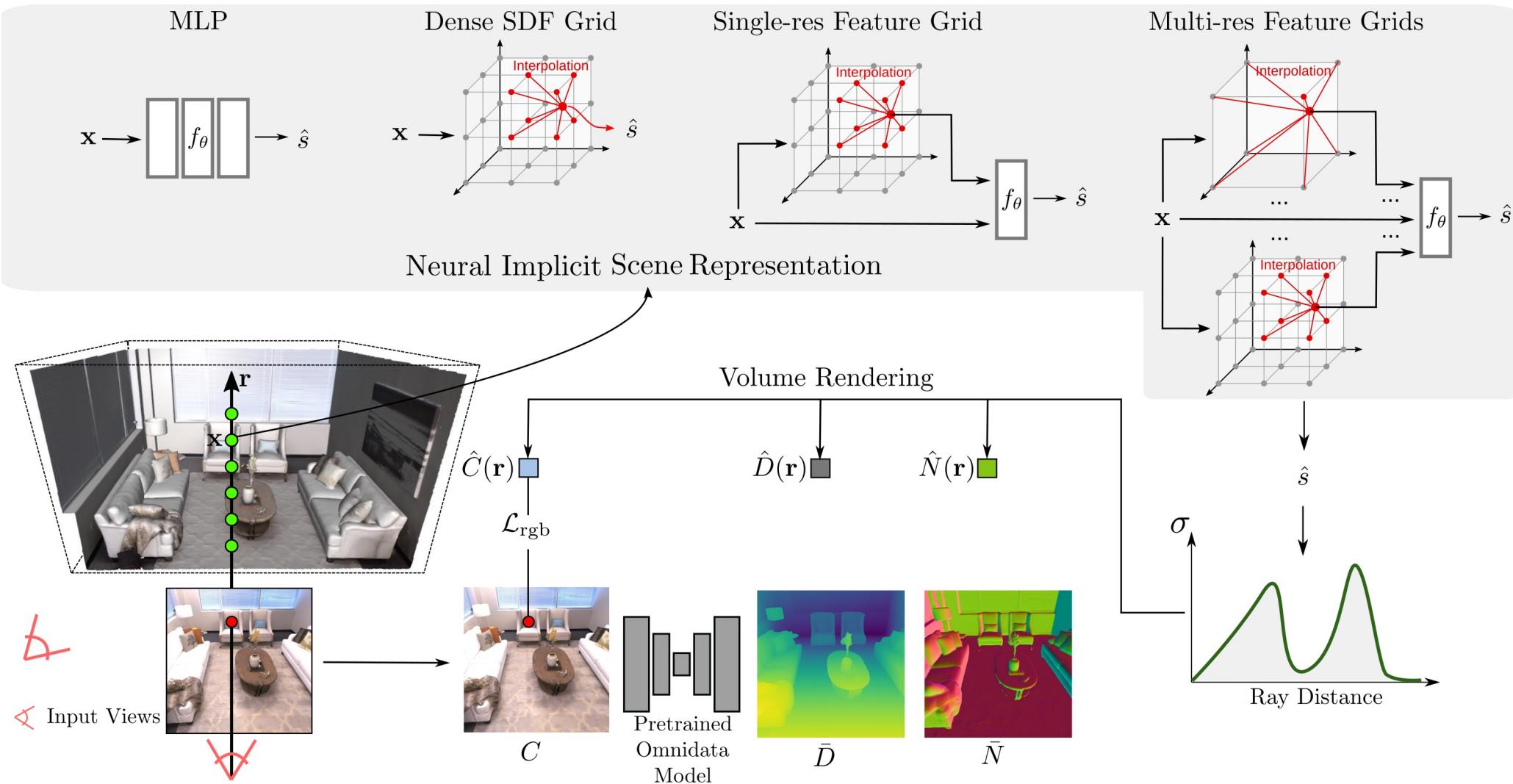
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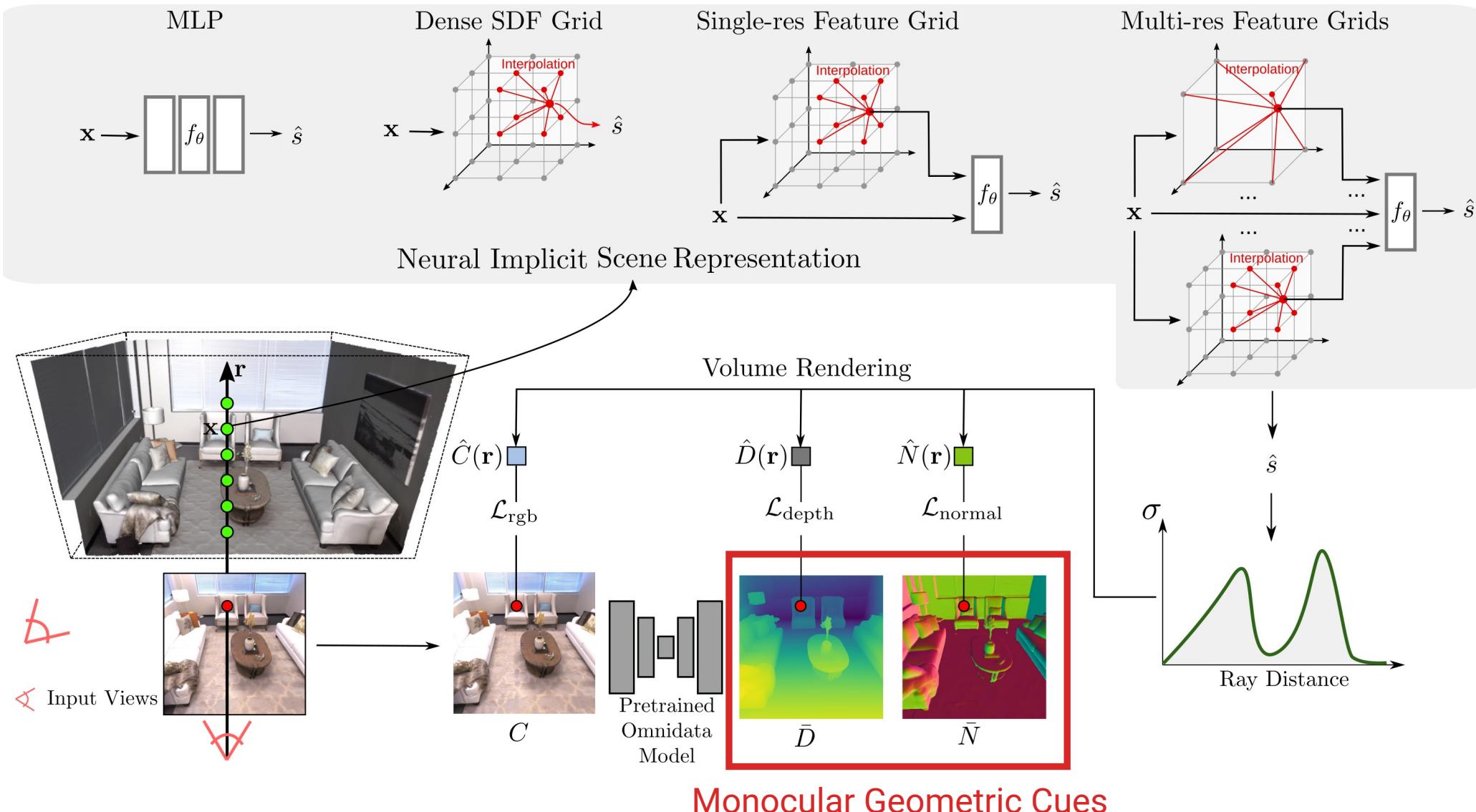
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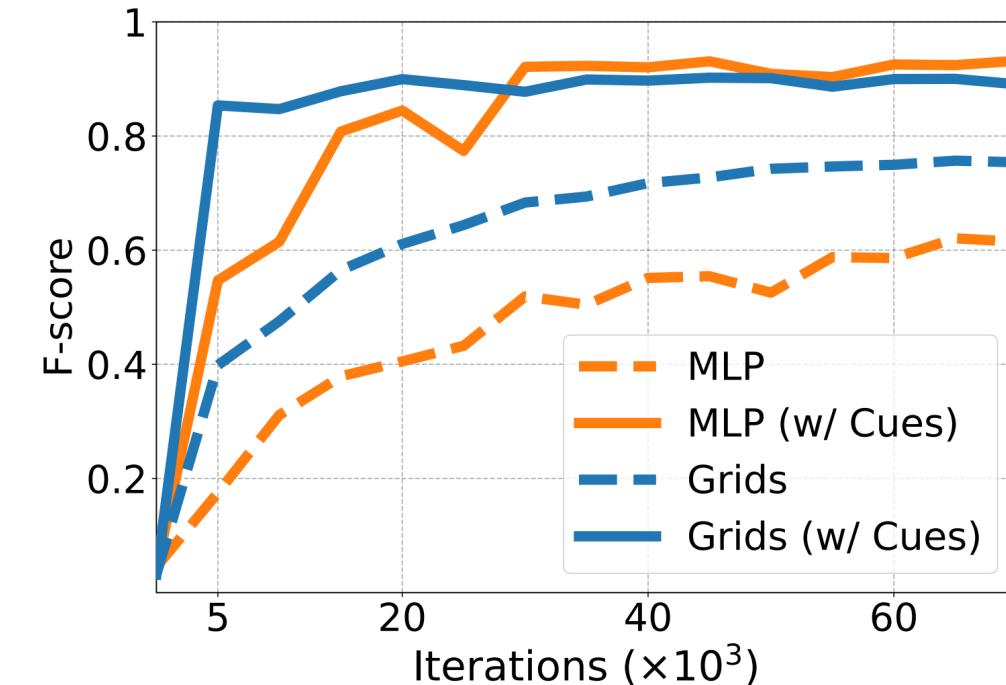


# MonoSDF



# Ablation Study

		Normal C. $\uparrow$	Chamfer- $L_1 \downarrow$	F-score $\uparrow$
MLP	No Cues	86.48	6.75	66.88
	Only Depth	90.56	4.26	76.42
	Only Normal	91.35	3.19	85.84
	Both Cues	<b>92.11</b>	<b>2.94</b>	<b>86.18</b>
Multi-Res. Grids	No Cues	87.95	5.03	78.38
	Only Depth	90.87	3.75	80.32
	Only Normal	89.90	3.61	81.28
	Both Cues	<b>90.93</b>	<b>3.23</b>	<b>85.91</b>



- ! Monocular cues improve reconstruction results significantly
- ! Combining depth & normal leads to best performance
- ! Monocular cues can improve convergence speed

# Baseline Comparisons on ScanNet

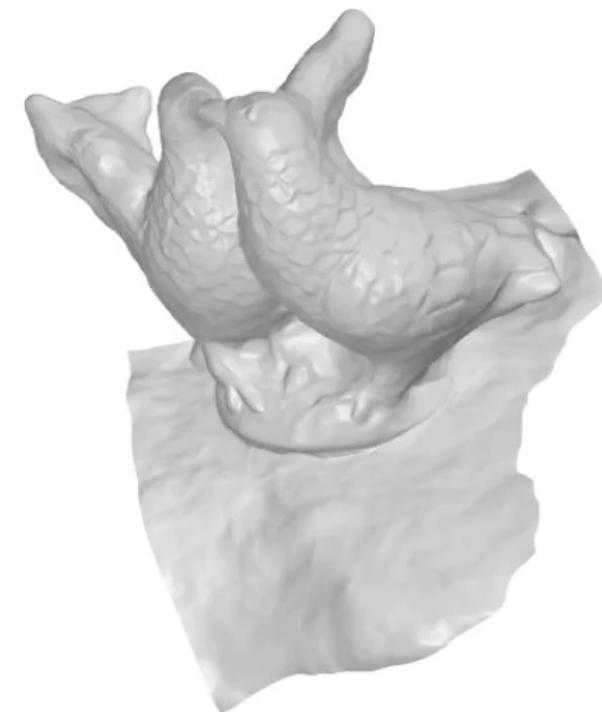
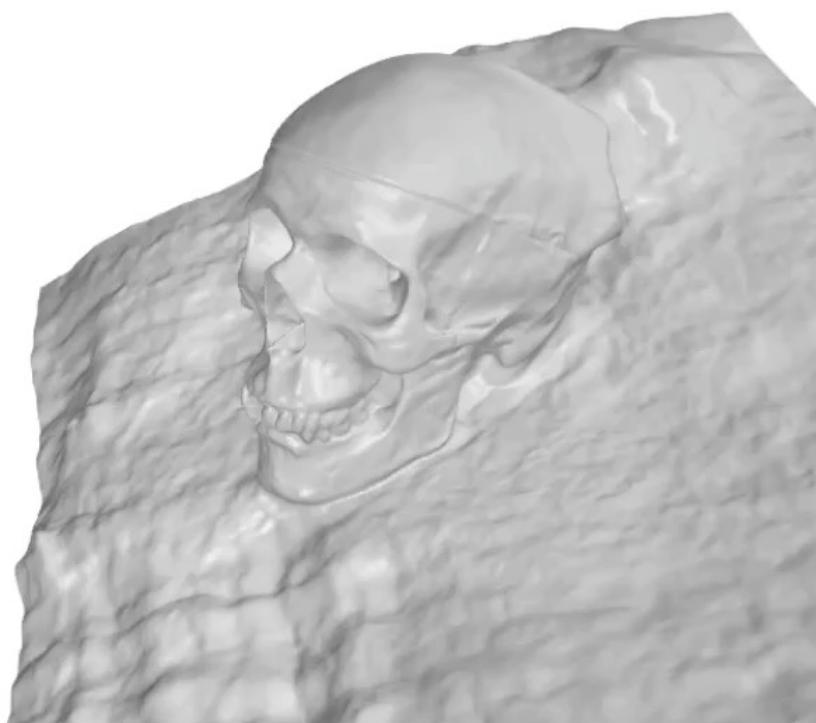


Ours

# Multi-Res. Feature Grids with High-Res. Cues



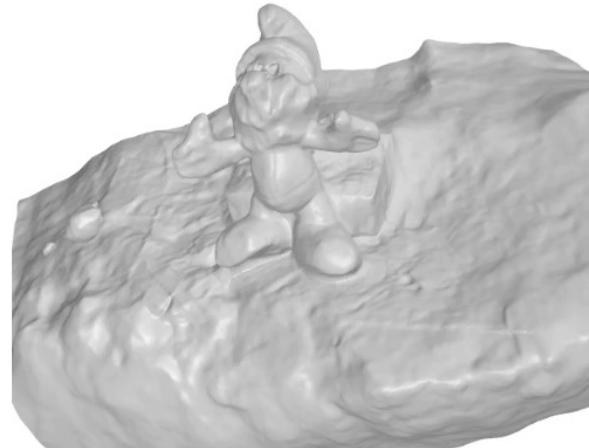
# Baseline Comparisons on DTU (3-views)



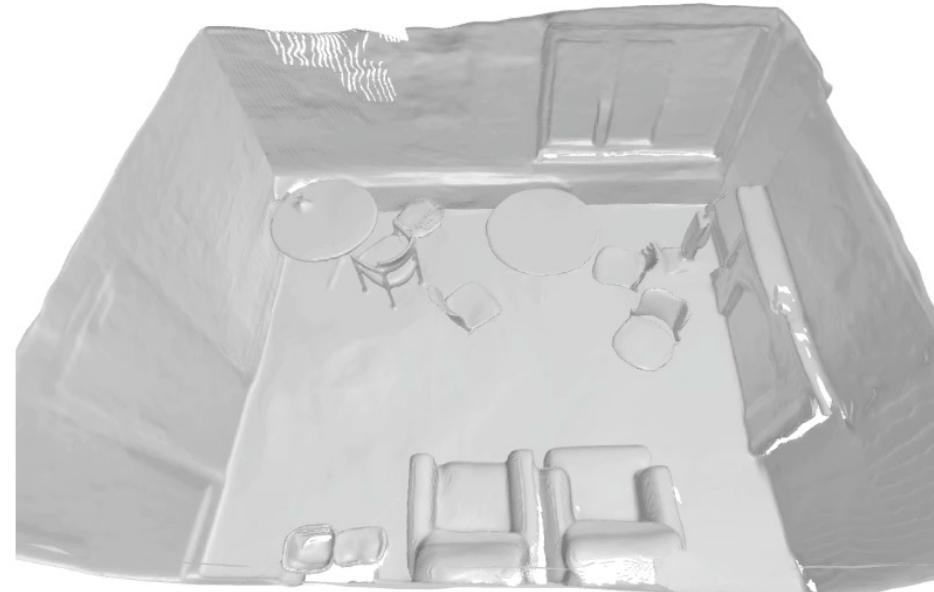
Ours

# Take-home Message

<https://niujinshuchong.github.io/monosdf/>



DTU (3 views)



ScanNet



Tanks and Temples

- ! Monocular cues improve reconstruction results and speed up optimization
- ! Inspire applications in other fields [GOOD, ICLR 2023]
- ! **Limitation:** Still require camera poses given :(

## RGB-D Sequences



**40x Speed**



# NICE-SLAM

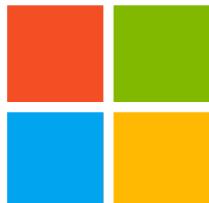
## Neural Implicit Scalable Encoding for SLAM

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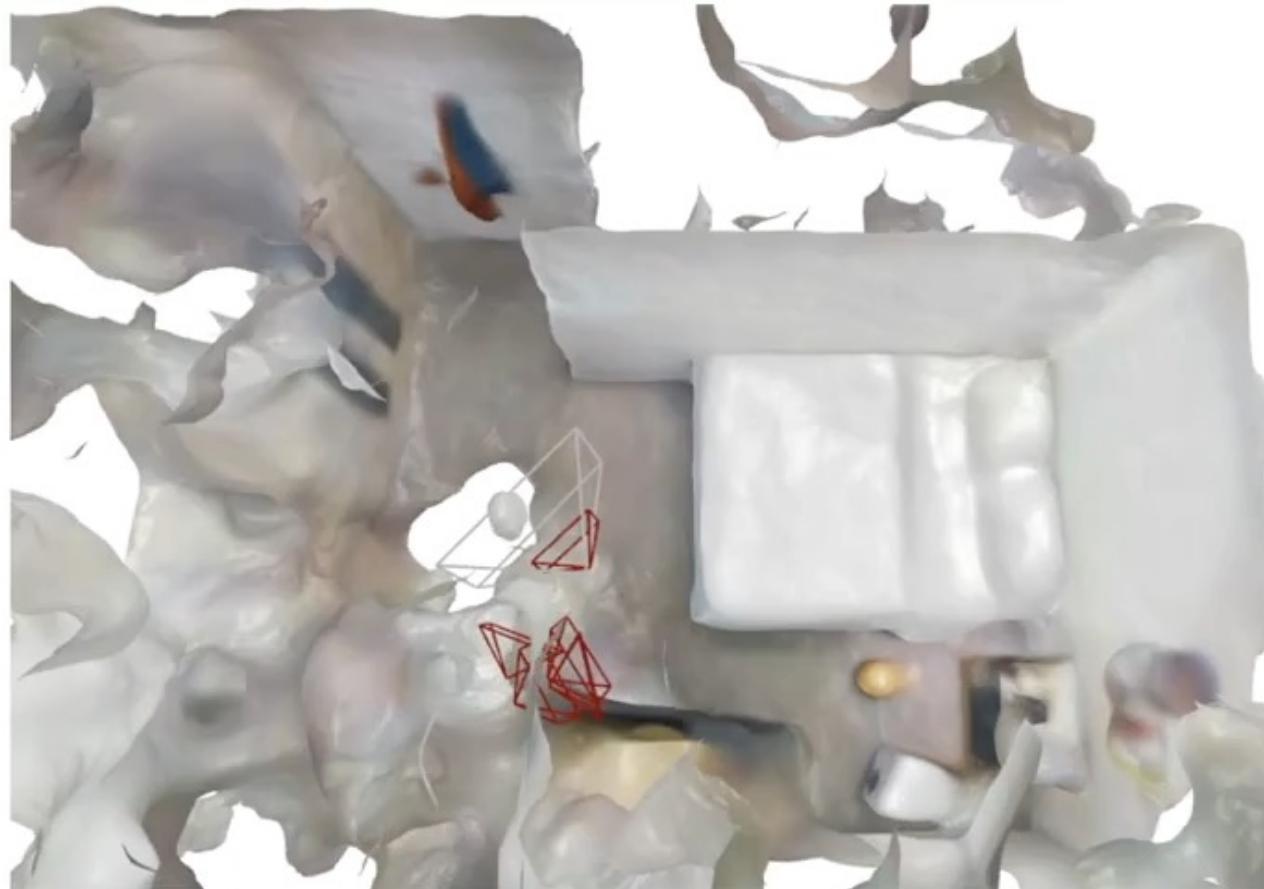
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# iMAP

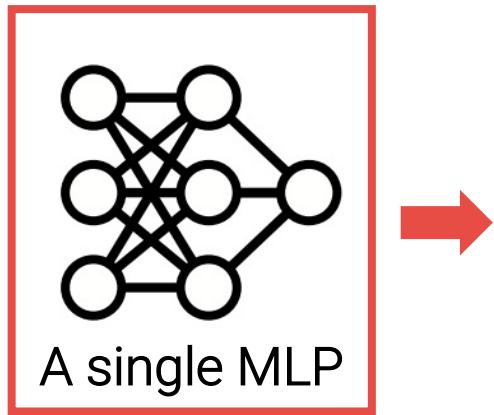
[Sucar et al., ICCV'21]



First neural implicit-based **online** SLAM system

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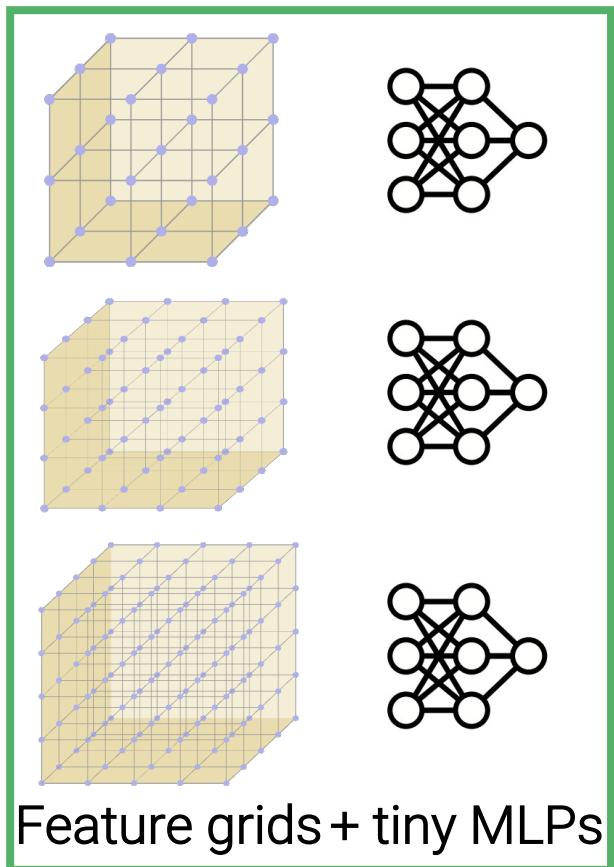
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- Fail when scaling up to larger scenes
- Global update → Catastrophic forgetting
- Slow convergence

— Predicted Poses  
— GT Poses

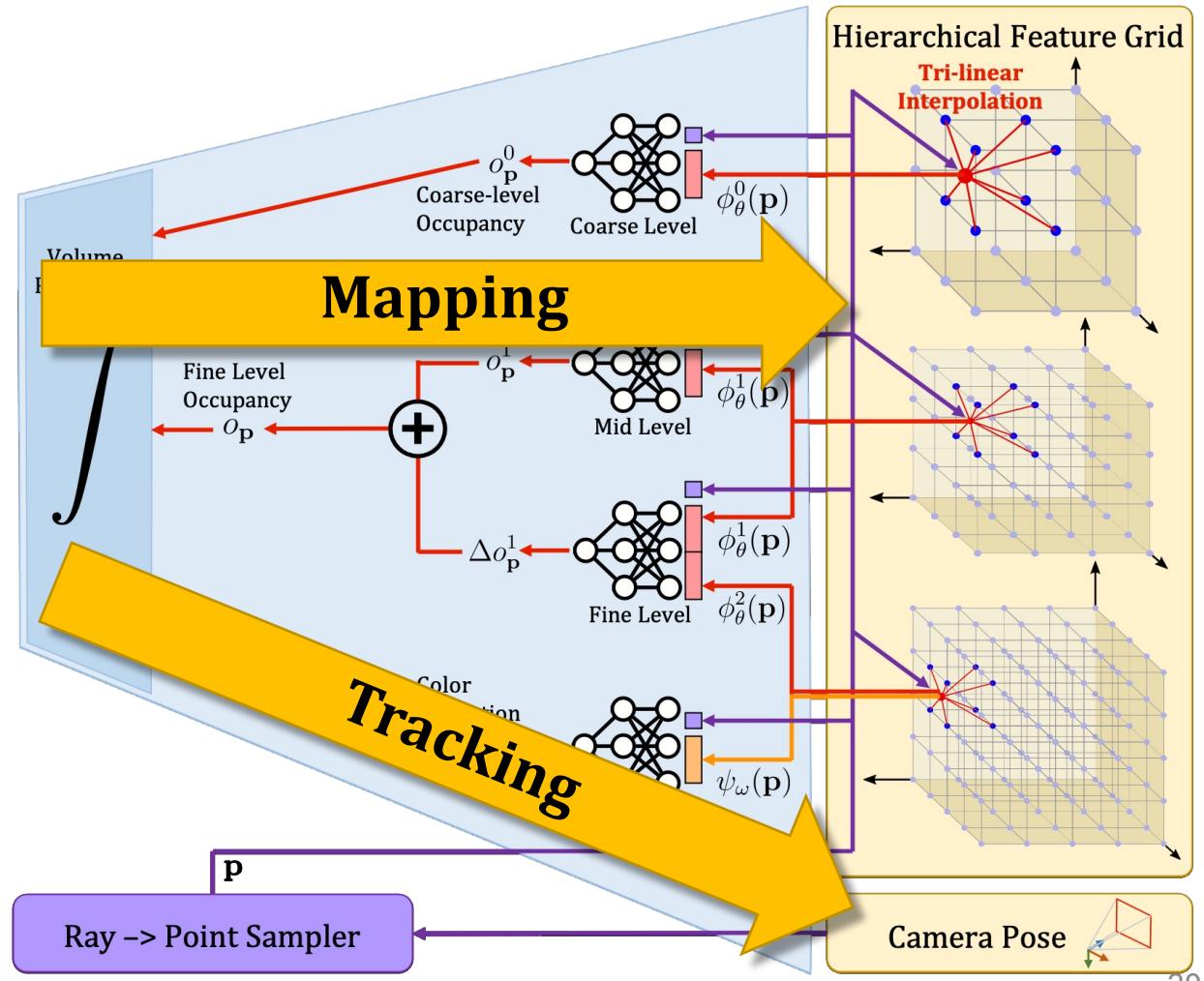
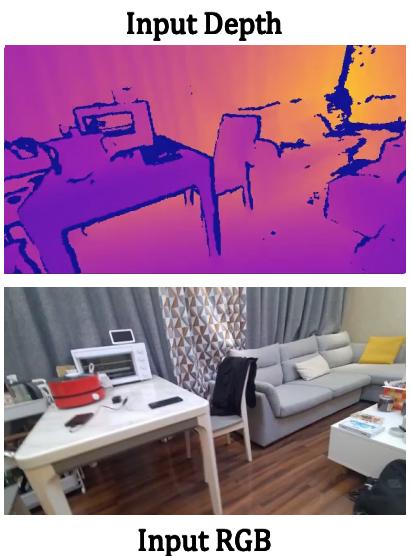
# NICE-SLAM



- Applicable to large-scale scenes
- Local update → No forgetting problem
- Fast convergence

— Predicted Poses  
— GT Poses

# Pipeline



# Results

# iMAP\*

(our re-implementation of iMAP)

# NICE-SLAM

4x Speed

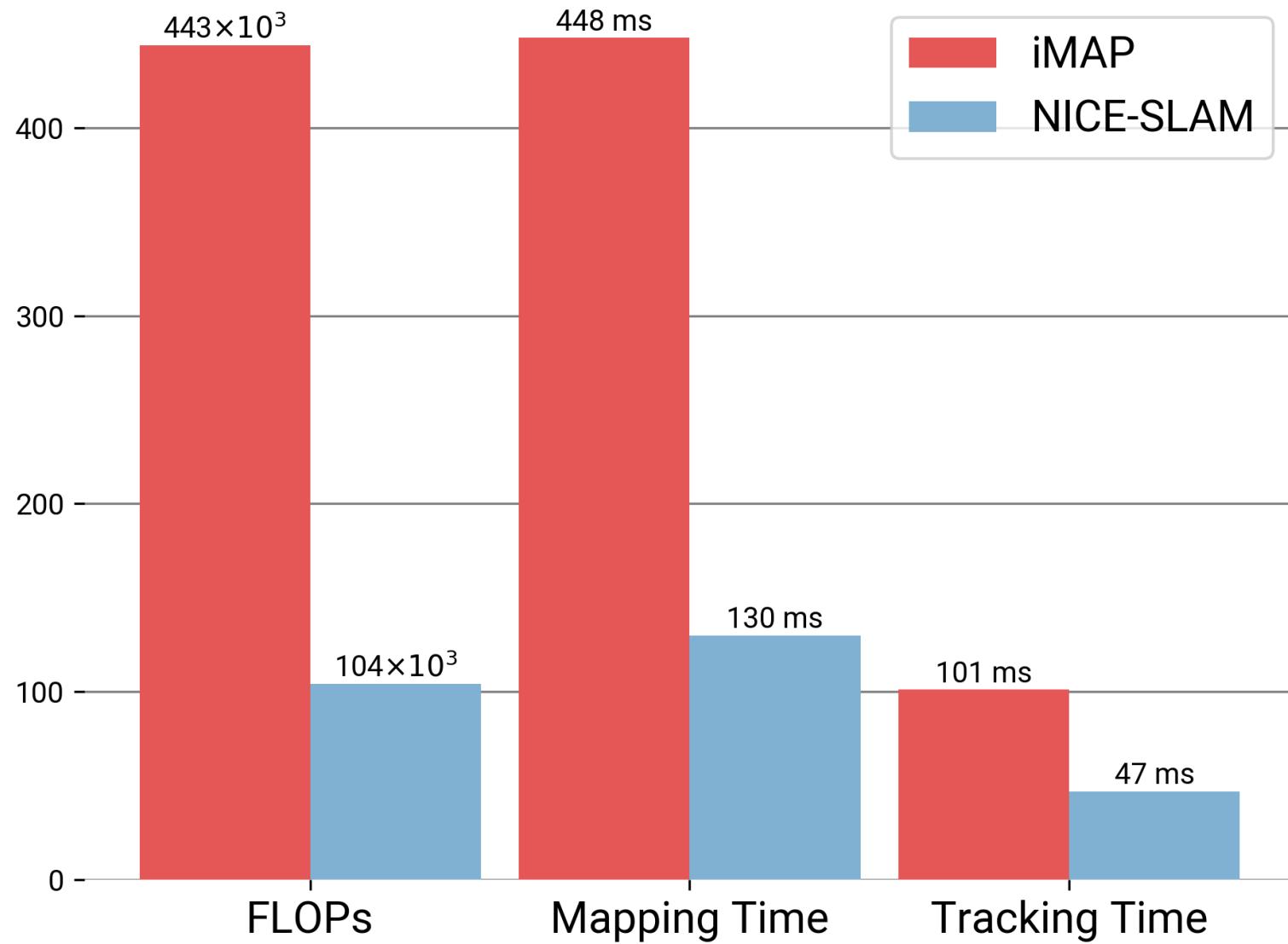
Predicted Poses  
GT Poses 41

**iMAP\***

(our re-implementation of iMAP)

**NICE-SLAM**

10x Speed



Note: Runtime evaluation setting from iMAP paper, not the best-performing setting <sup>43</sup>

# Take-home Message

- A NICE NeRF-based SLAM system for indoor scenes
- Hierarchical feature grids + a tiny MLP seems to be a trend!
  - Instant-NGP [SIGGRAPH'22 Best Paper]

## Limitations

- Requires depths as input
- Only bounded scenes
- Still not real-time

# NICER-SLAM: Neural Implicit Scene Encoding for RGB SLAM

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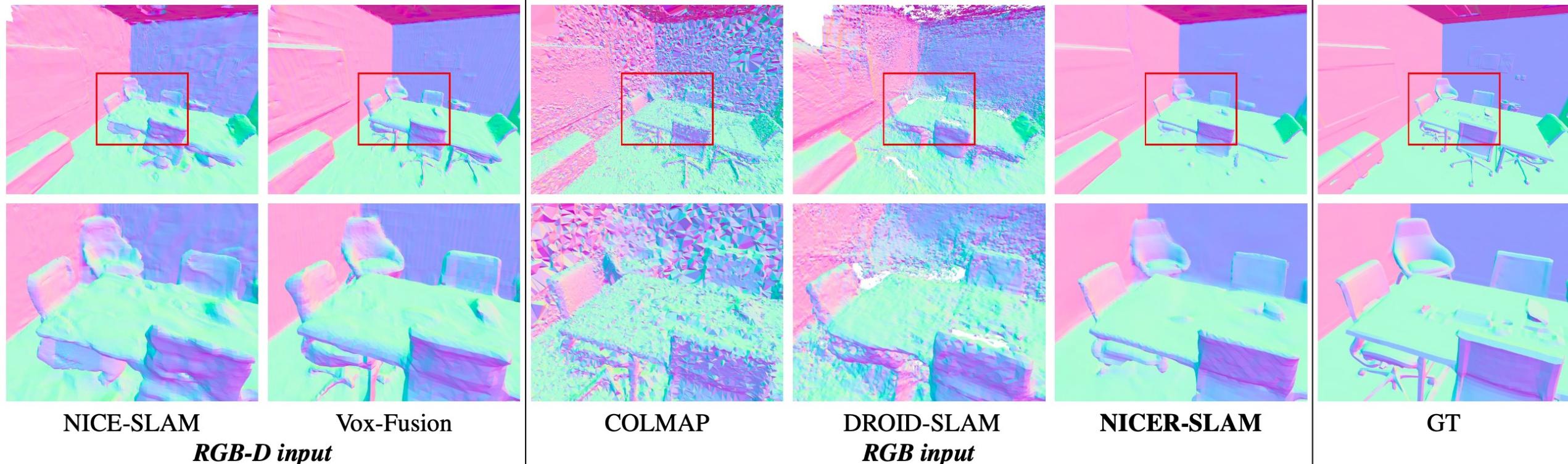
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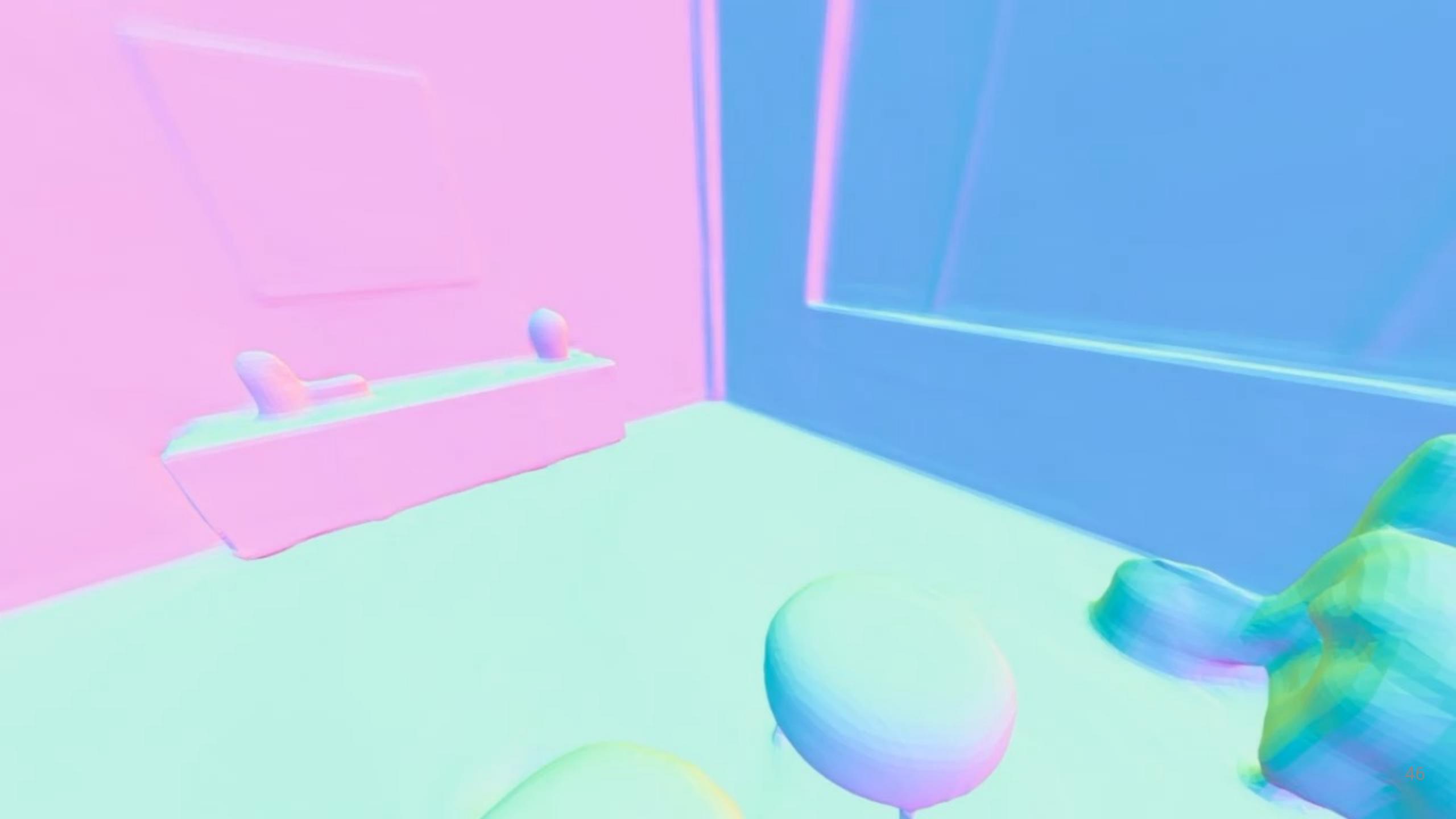
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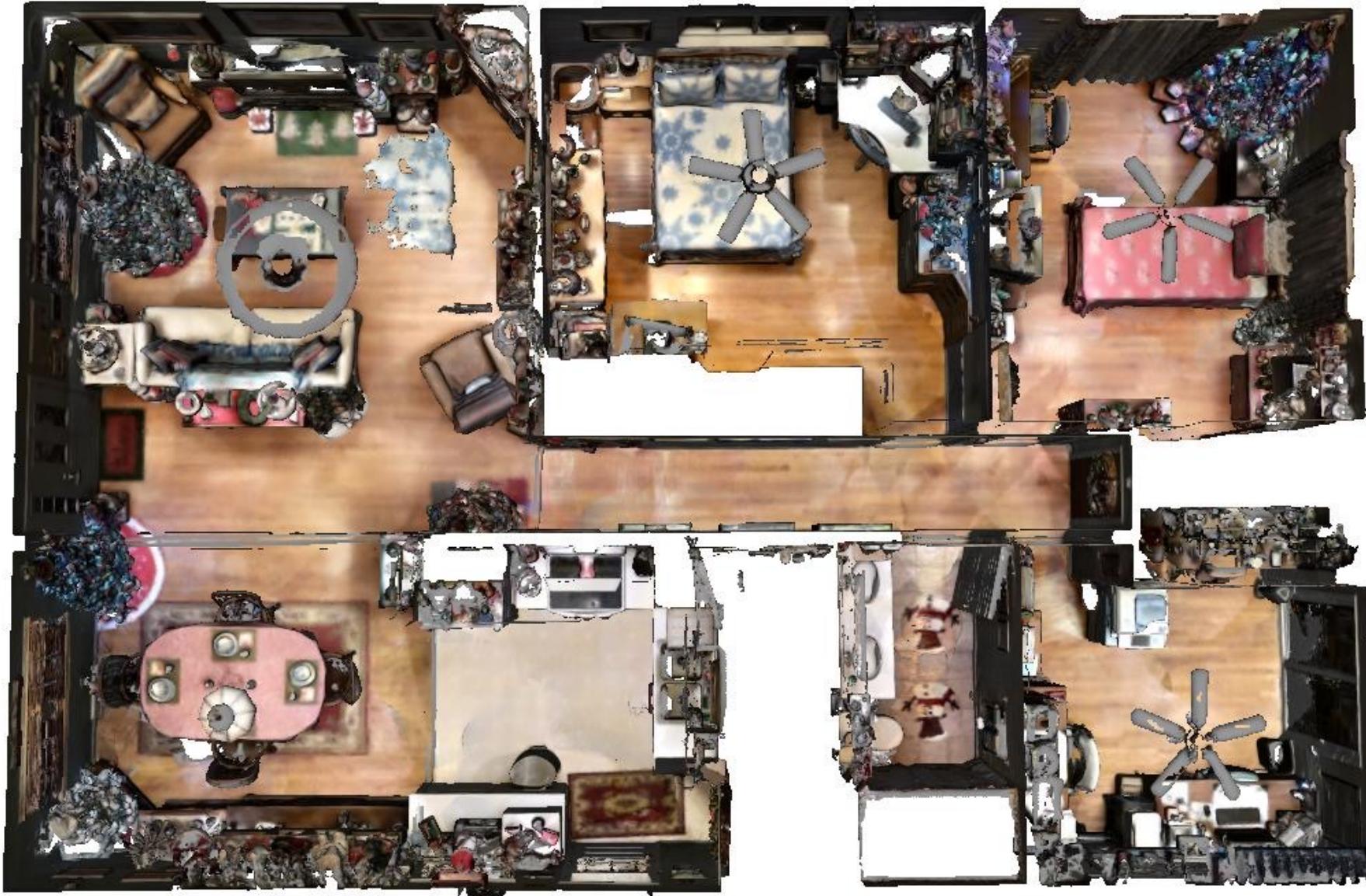
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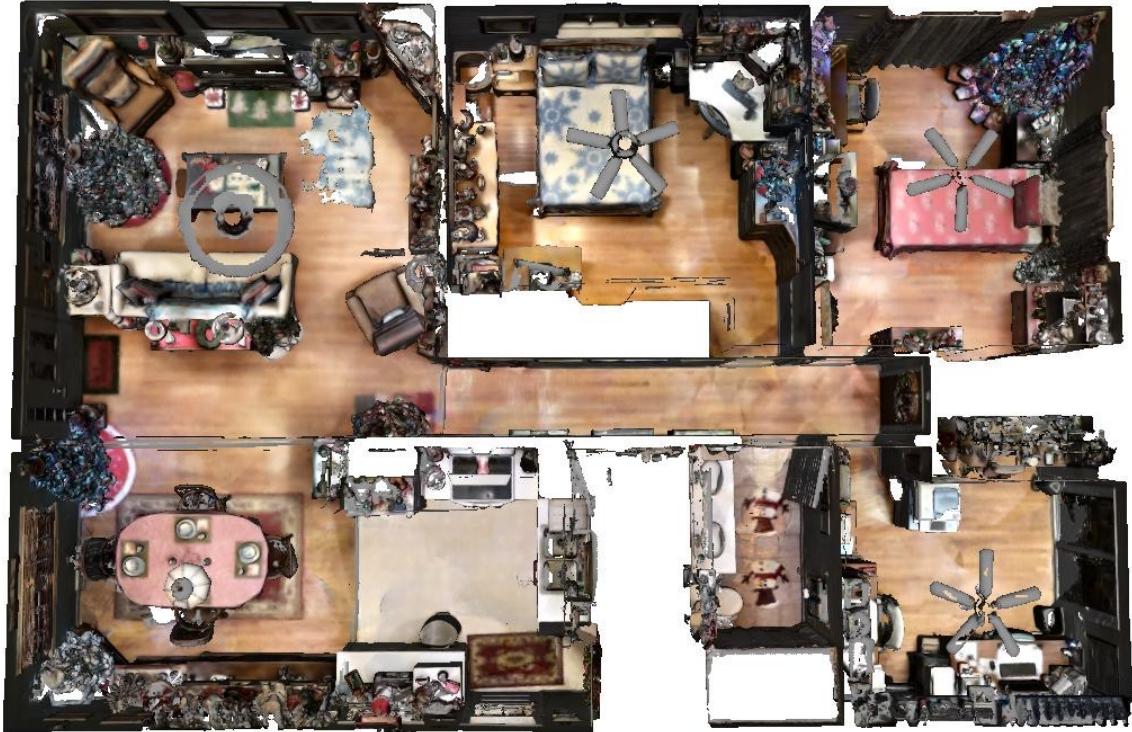


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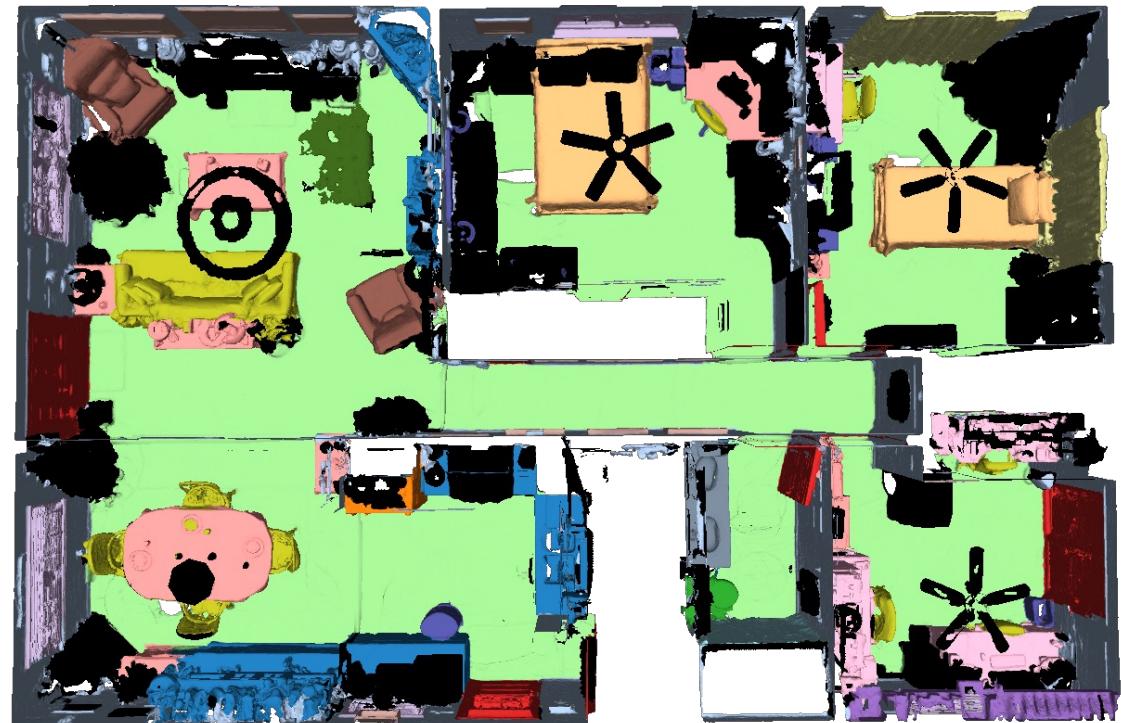
Input 3D Geometry



Input 3D Geometry

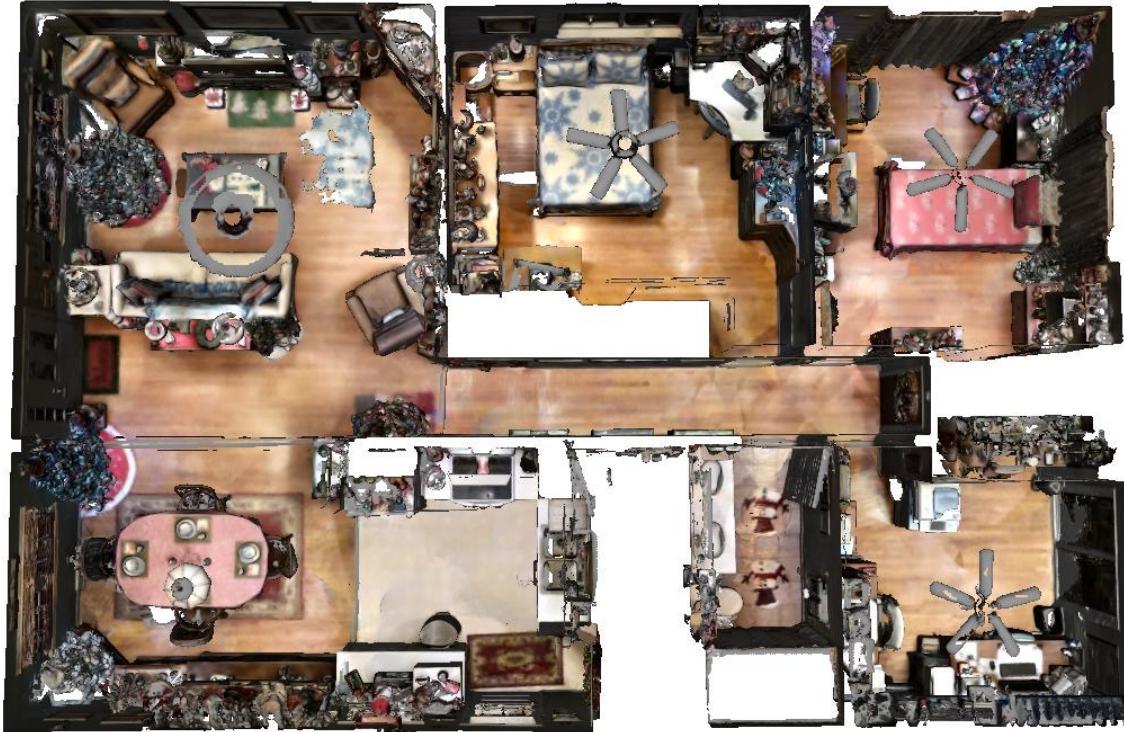
Legend:

- wall
- floor
- cabinet
- bed
- chair
- sofa
- table
- door
- window
- counter
- curtain
- toilet
- sink
- bathtub
- other
- unlabeled



Traditional Semantic Segmentation

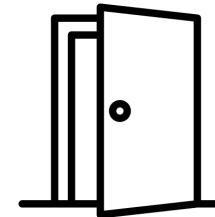
Only train and test on a few common classes



Input 3D Geometry

- Affordance prediction
- Material identification
- Physical property estimation
- Rare object retrieval
- Activity site prediction
- Fine-grained semantic segmentation
- Many more...

## 3D Scene Understanding Tasks w/o Labels



# OpenScene

3D Scene Understanding with Open Vocabularies

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Kyle Genova



Chiyu "Max" Jiang



Andrea Tagliasacchi



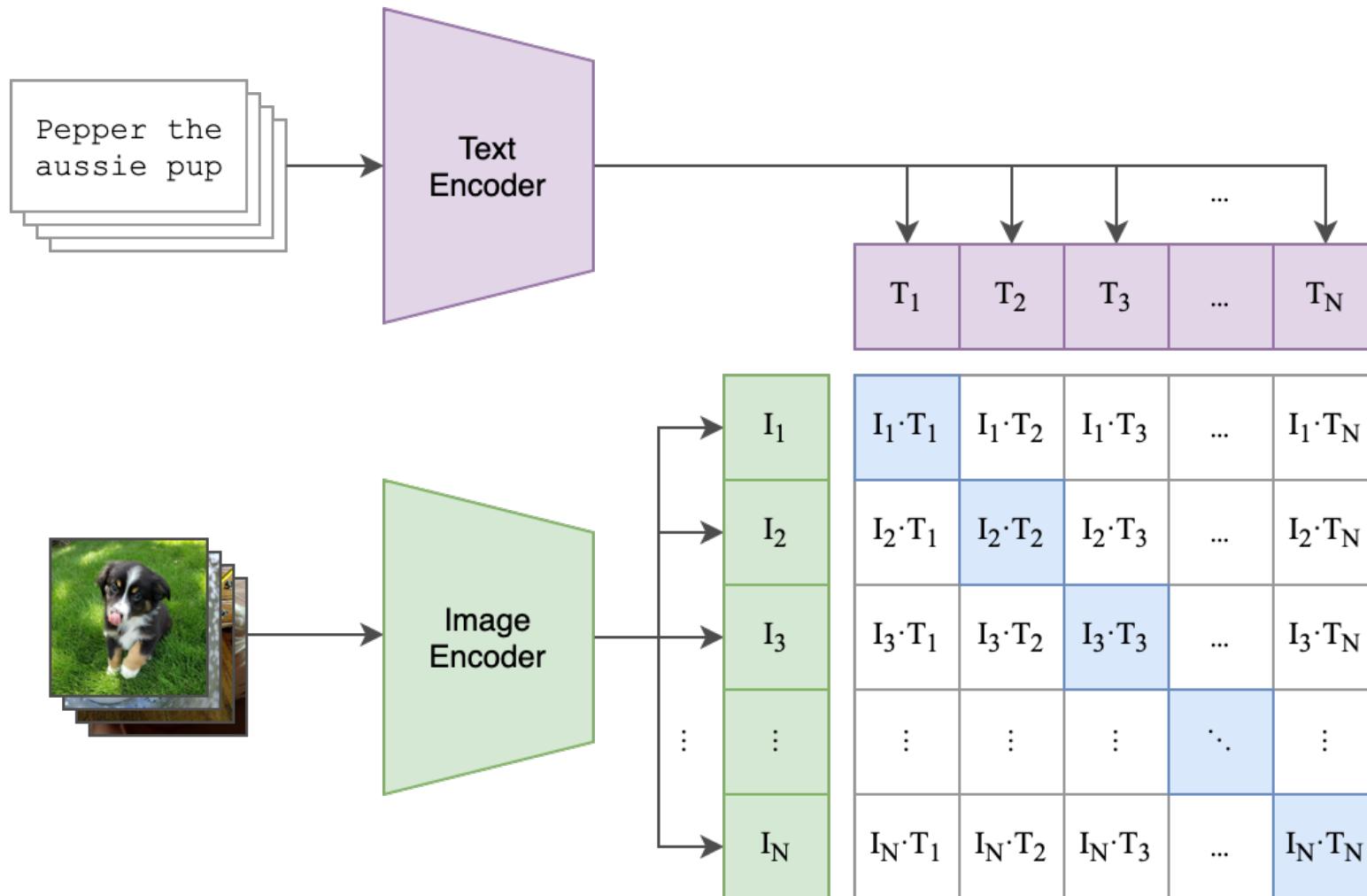
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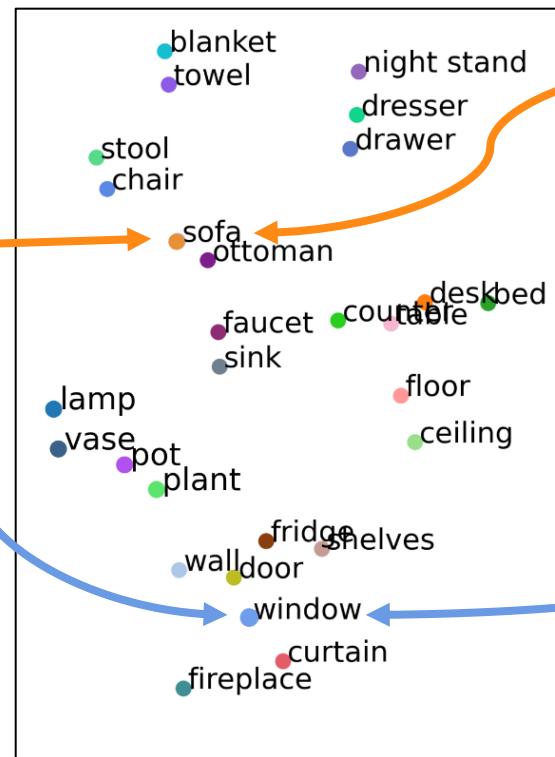


**CLIP:** Contrastive Language-Image Pre-Training

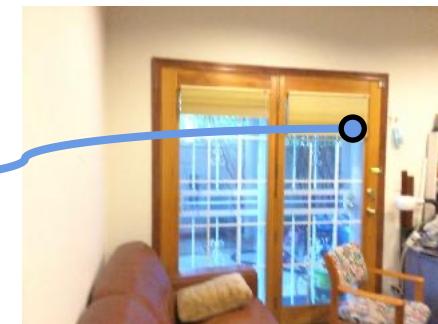
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3D Geometry



CLIP Text Features  
(visualize with T-SNE)



RGB Images

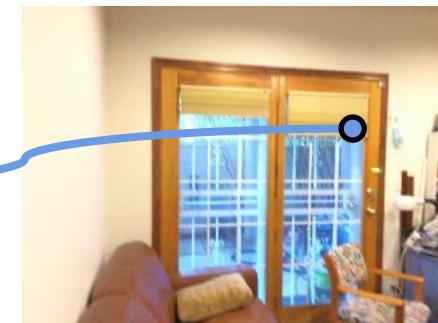
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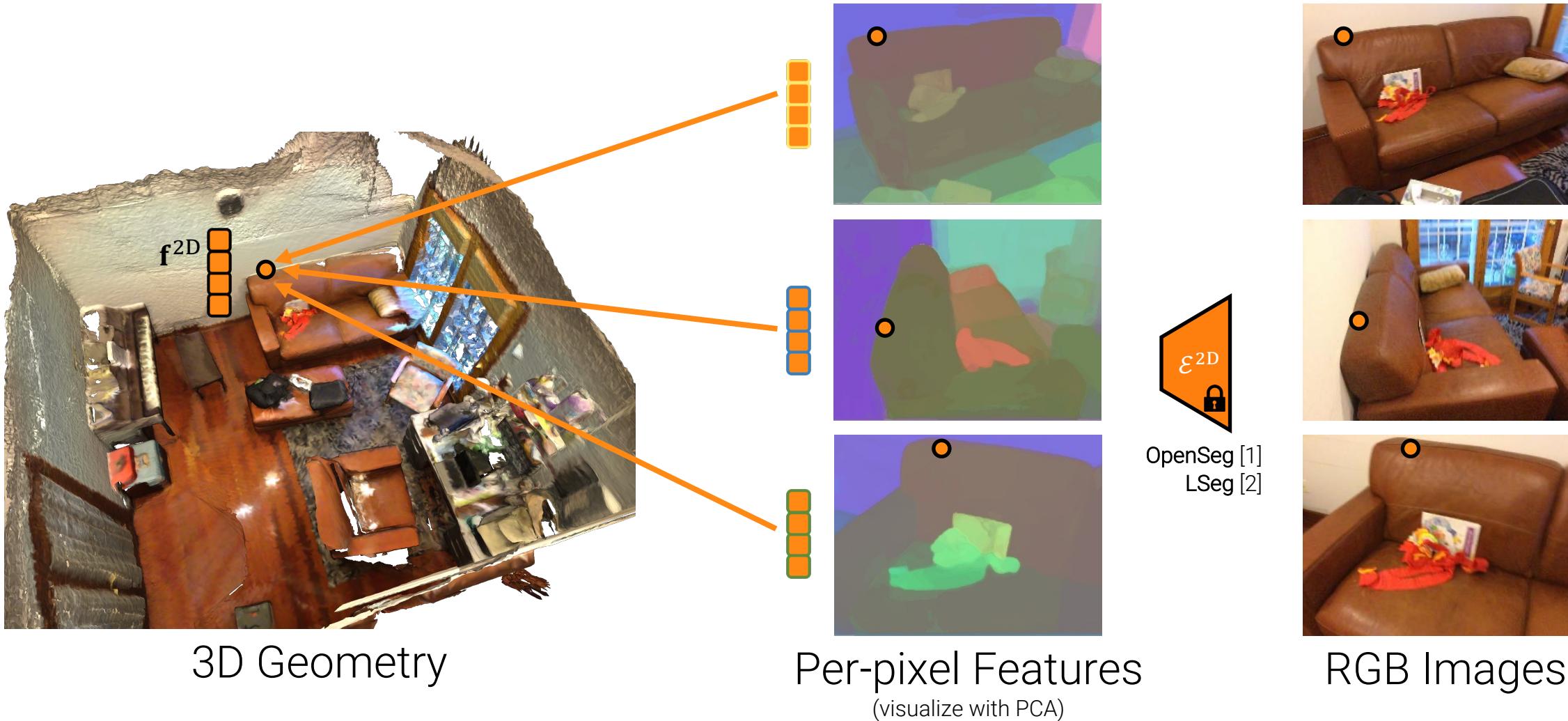


RGB Images

Note: bold word embeddings are approximate

# How to Learn Such Text-Image-3D Co-Embeddings?

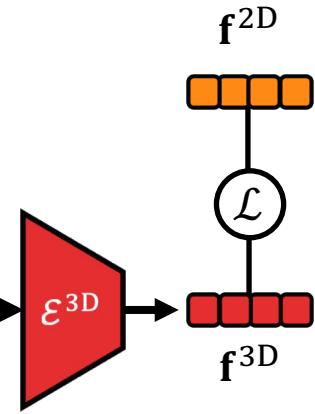
# Step 1: Multi-view Feature Fusion



# Step 2: 3D Distillation



3D Geometry

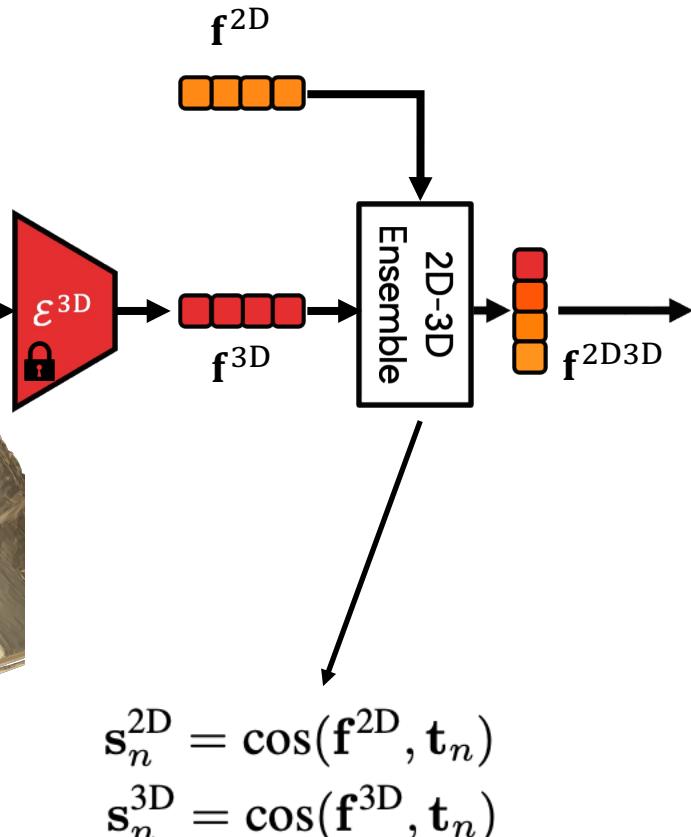


$$\mathcal{L} = 1 - \cos(f^{2D} - f^{3D})$$

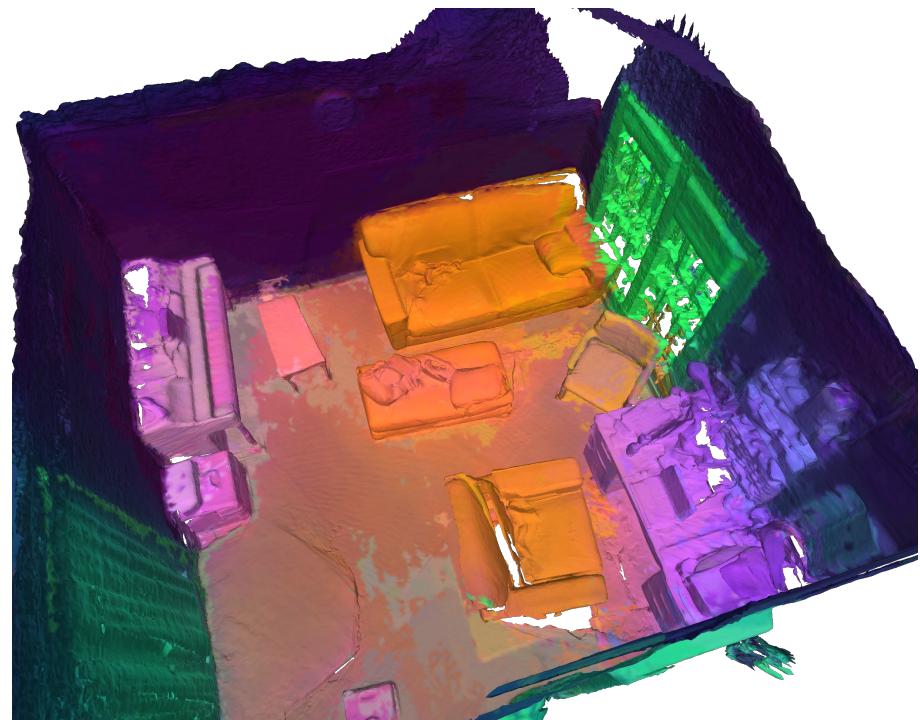
# Step 3: 2D-3D Ensemble



3D Geometry



Choose the feature with  
the highest max score among all prompts



2D-3D Ensemble Features  
(visualize with PCA)

# Open-Vocabulary, Zero-shot 3D Semantic Segmentation



Input 3D Geometry



Our Zero-shot 3D Segmentation  
(20 classes)

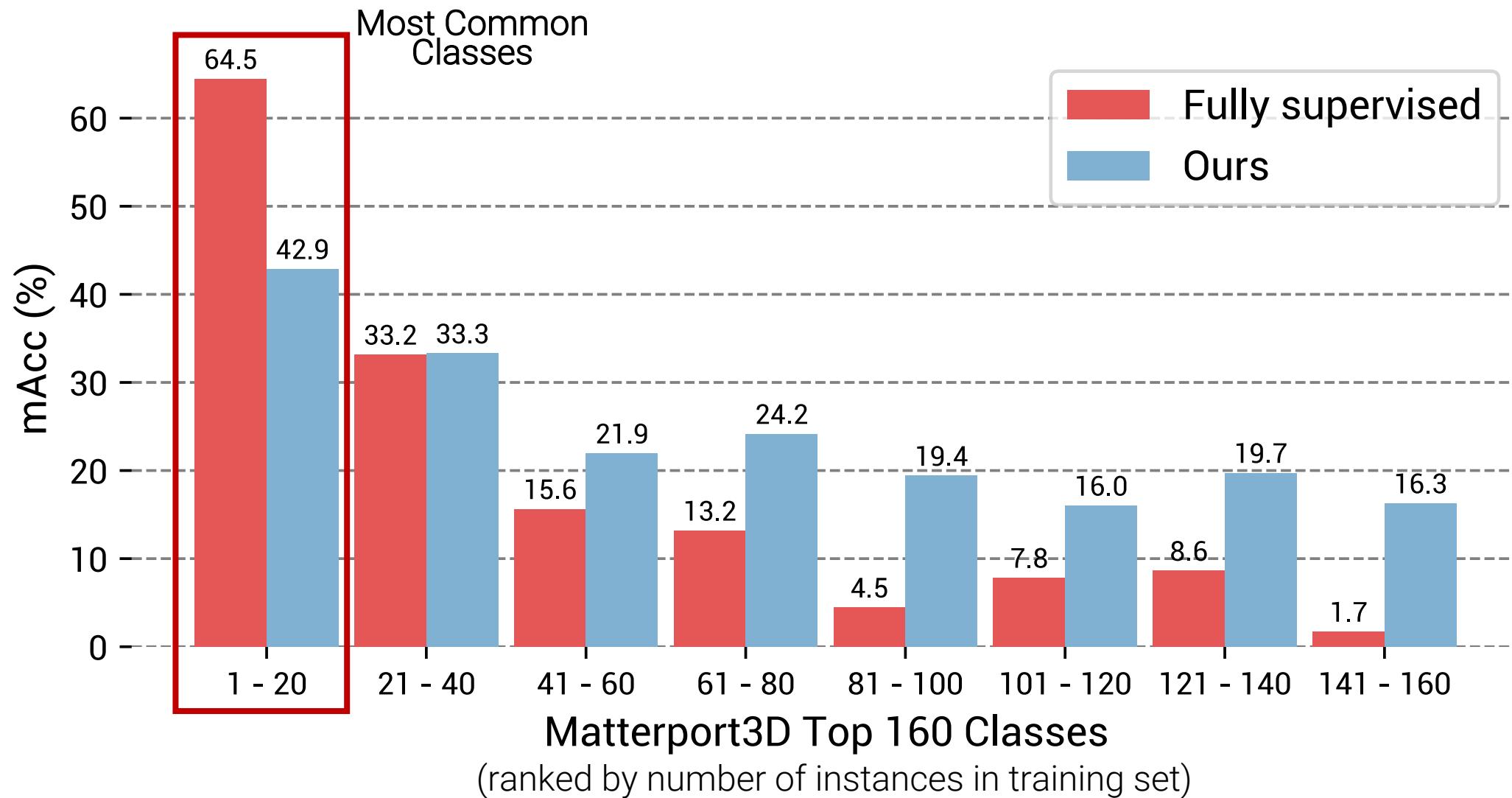
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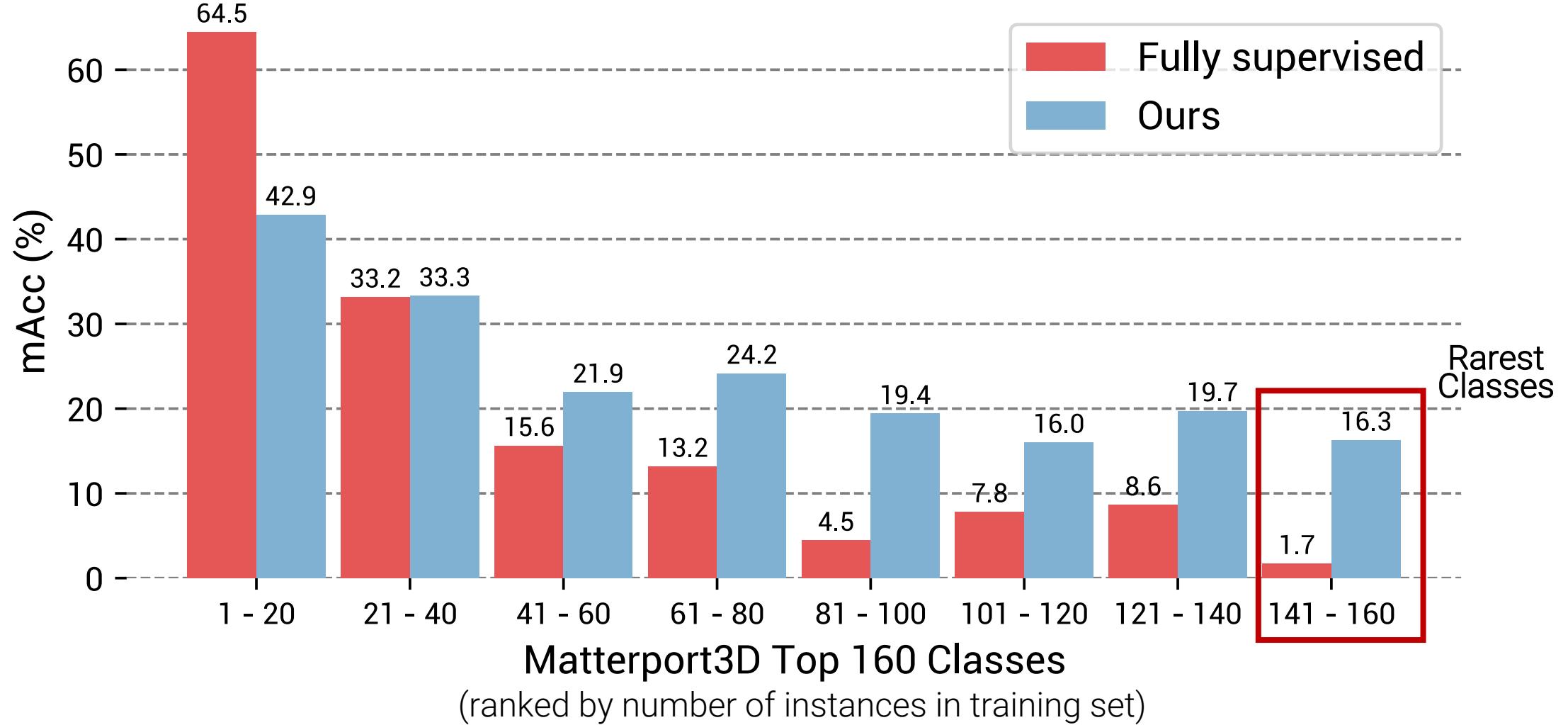
Our Zero-shot 3D Segmentation  
(160 classes)

wall	cabinet	bed	pot	bath	dresser	stand	clock	tissue box	furniture	soap	cup	hanger	urn	paper towel dispenser	toy
door	curtain	night stand	desk	book	rug	drawer	stove	air vent	air conditioner	thermostat	ladder	candlestick	decorative plate	foot rest	
ceiling	floor	table	box	air vent	ottoman	container	washing machine	faucet	fire extinguisher	fire extinguisher	garage door	light	car	lamp shade	
picture	plant	column	coffee table	photo	bottle	photo	light switch	shower curtain	radiator	piano	scale	jacket	toilet brush	soap dish	
mirror	mirror	banister	counter	bench	refridgerator	refridgerator	purse	bin	curtain rod	paper towel	bag	bottle of soap	cleaner	computer	
window	towel	stairs	bookshelf	bookshelf	bookshelf	bookshelf	wardrobe	wardrobe	headboard	paper towel	board	drum	whiteboard	knob	
chair	sink	stool	garbage bin	fan	fan	fan	wardrobe	wardrobe	telephone	sheet	rope	display case	water cooler	range hood	
pillow	shelves	vase	fireplace	railing	railing	railing	chandelier	chandelier	bucket	sheet	ball	toilet paper holder	teapot	paper	
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									candle	dishwasher	stuffed animal				
									flower pot	handle					

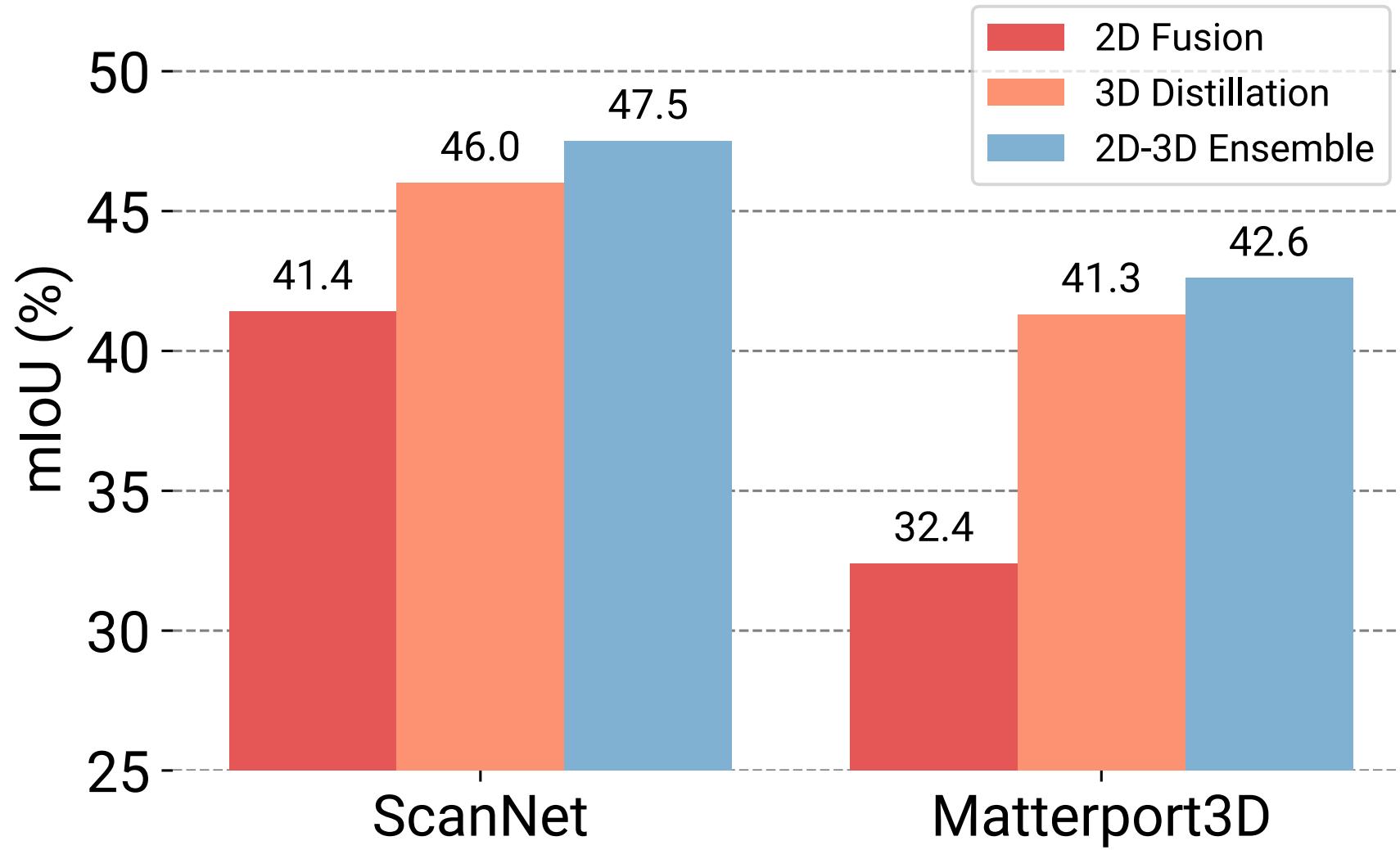
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# **Image-based 3D Scene Query**



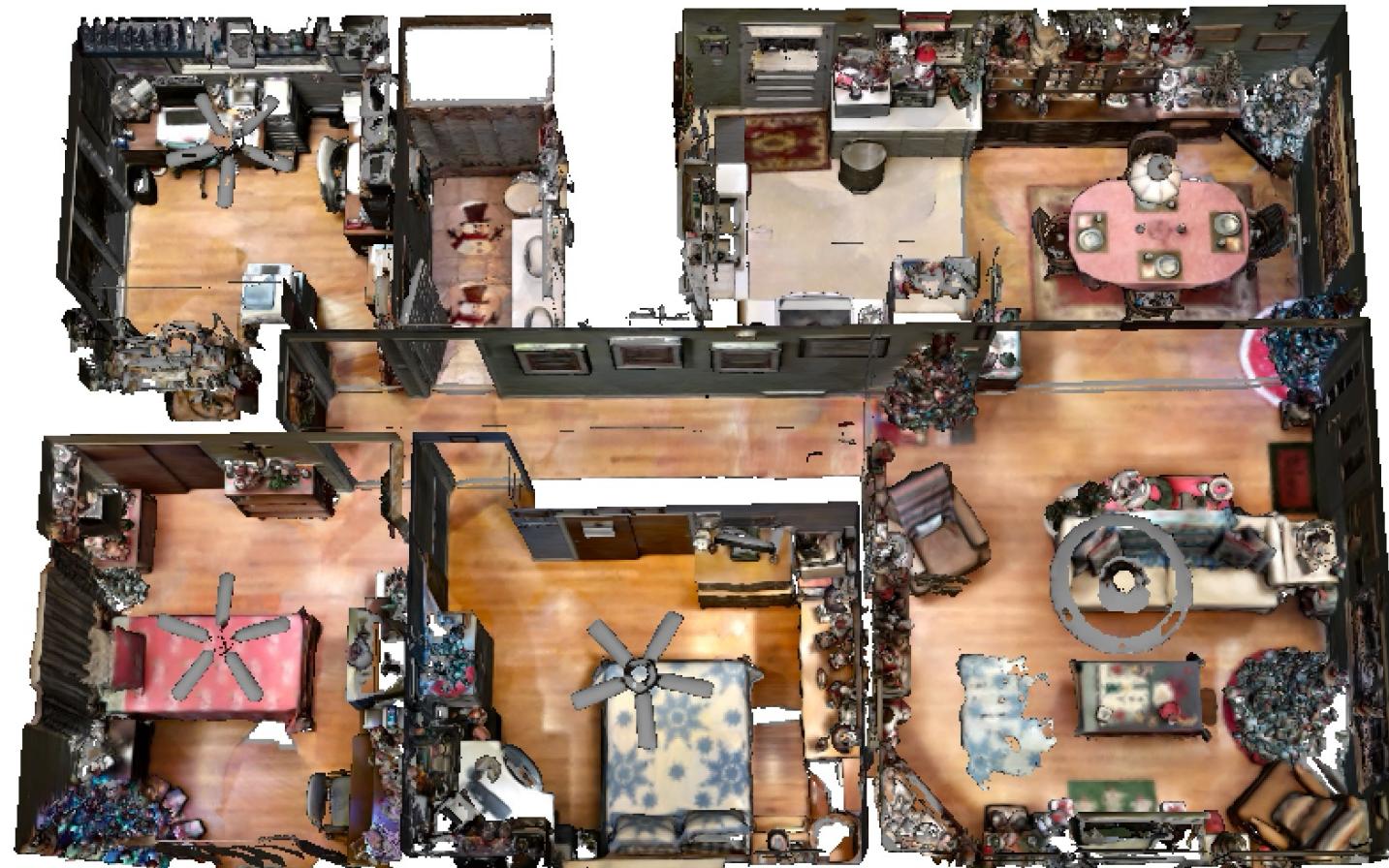
Image Queries

Given 3D Geometry

# **Interactive Demo**

Open-vocabulary 3D Scene Exploration

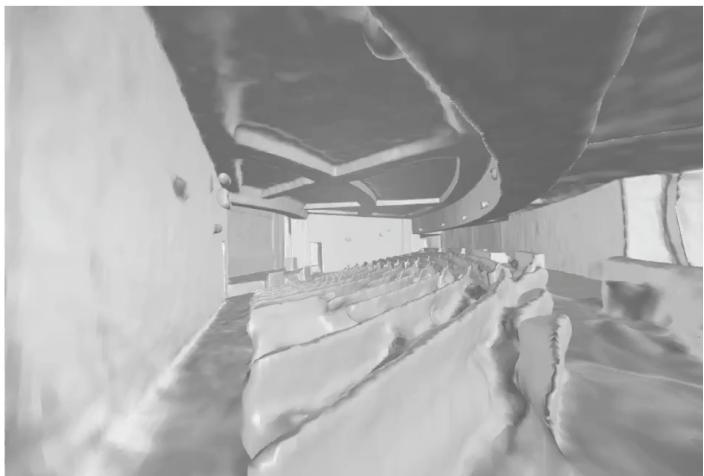
Text queries:



# Take-home Message

- We enable a **wide range of applications** by open-vocabulary queries
- This can hopefully influence how people train 3D scene understanding systems in the future
- Our real-time demo already shows the **possibility to directly apply to AR/VR**

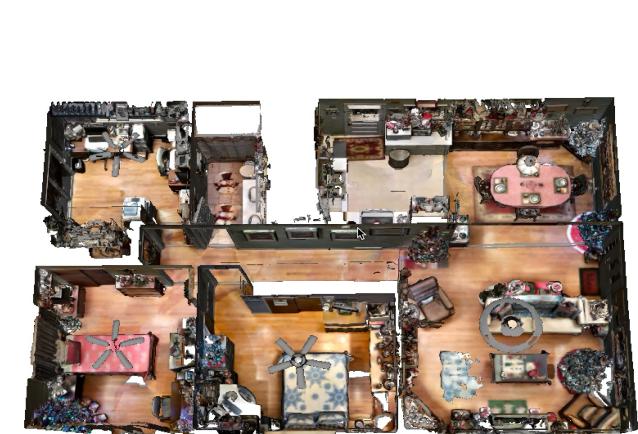
# My PhD Topics: Neural Scene Representations for 3D reconstruction and 3D scene understanding



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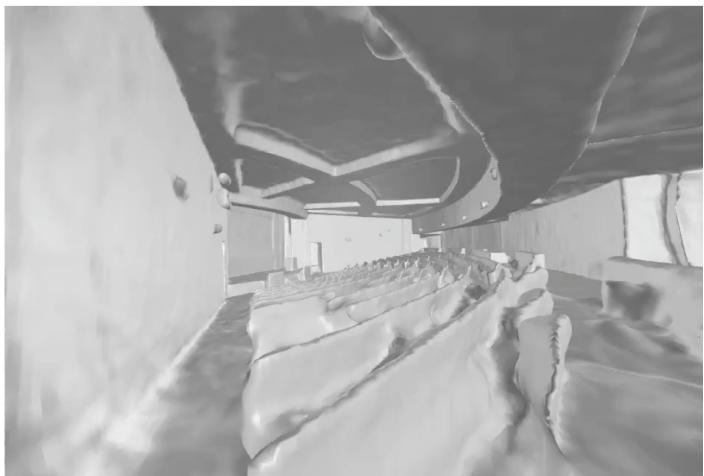
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Thank you!