

Exploiting Illumination Decline

Advances in Monocular Visual SLAM, Self-Supervised Depth Estimation, and Watertight 3D Reconstruction



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Real-scale 3D reconstruction from monocular endoscope images

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Reconstruction

Outside vs. Inside the human body

Outside

[KITTI (2013)]



- Stereo images

Inside

[EndoMapper (2022)]



- Monocular images
⚠ Scale problem

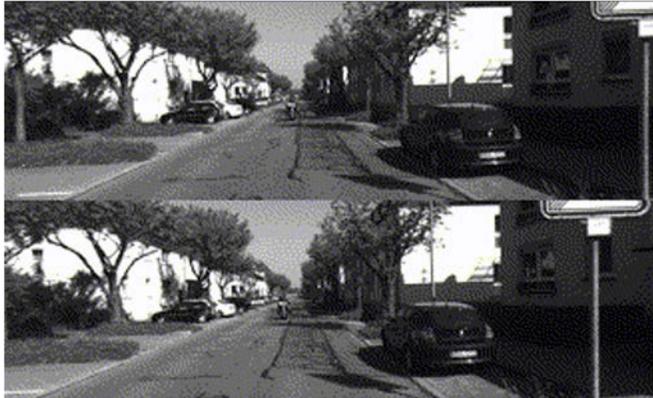
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Reconstruction Outside vs. Inside the human body

Outside

[KITTI (2013)]



Inside

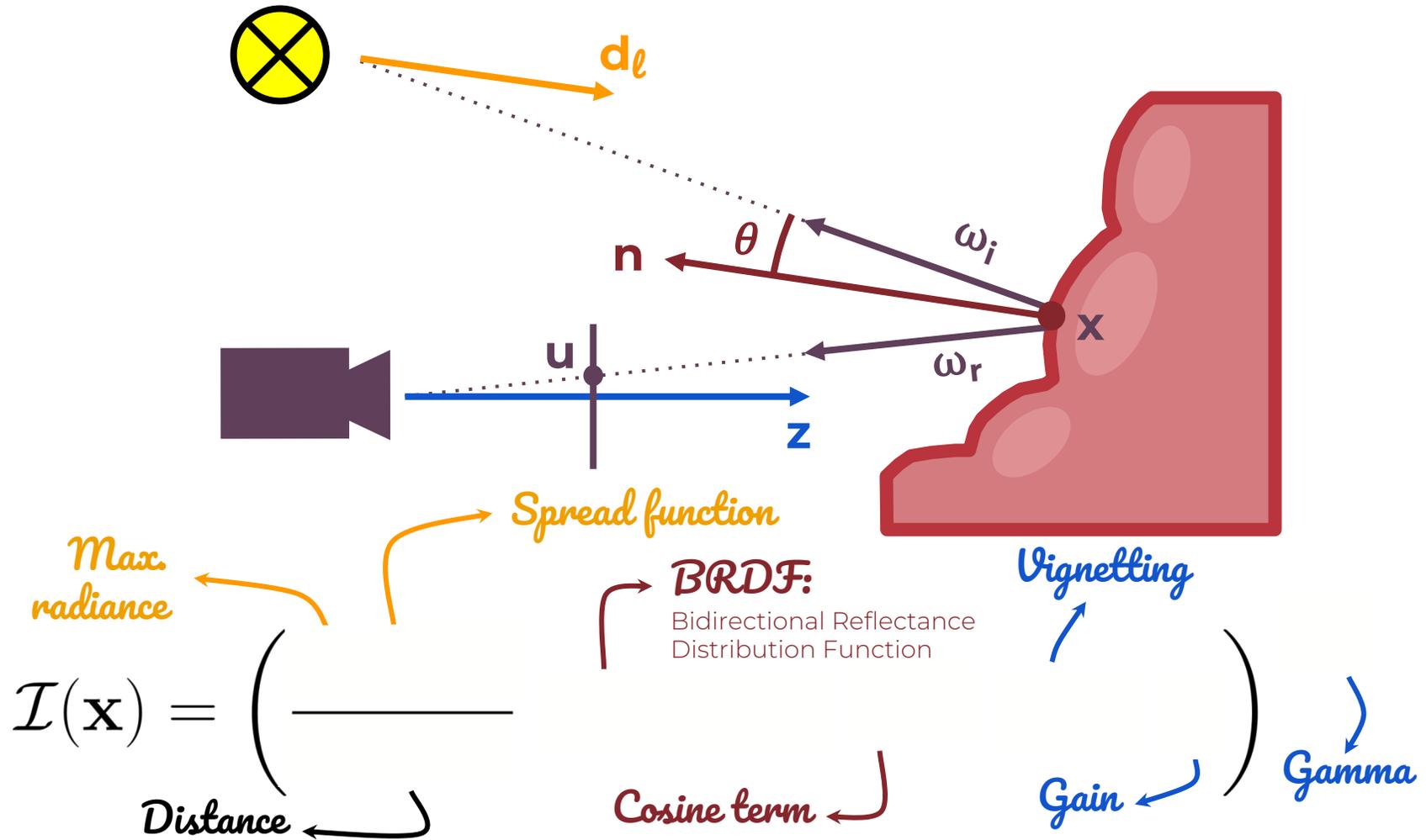
[EndoMapper (2022)]



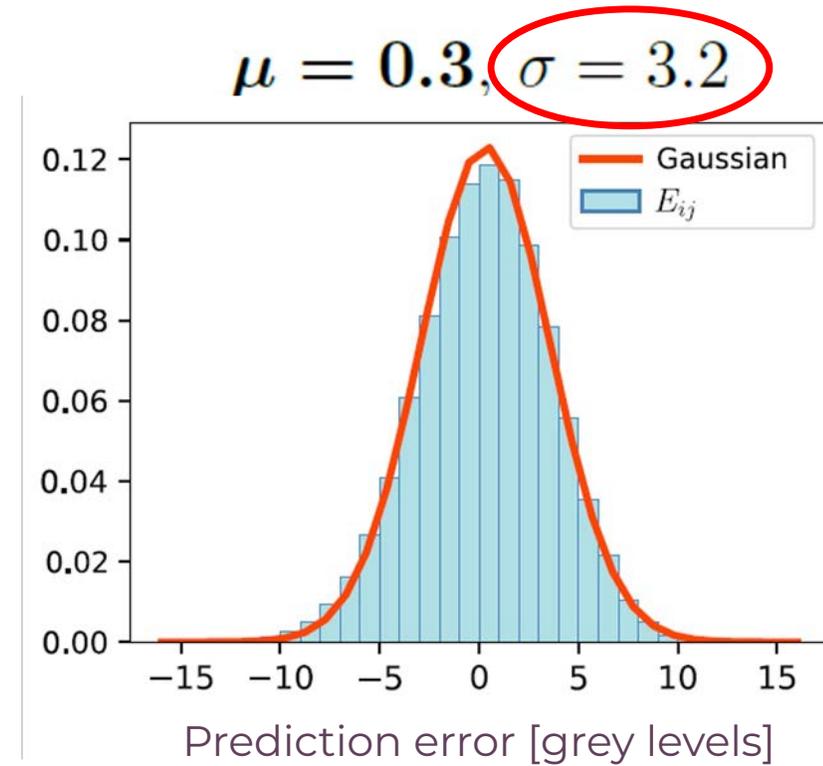
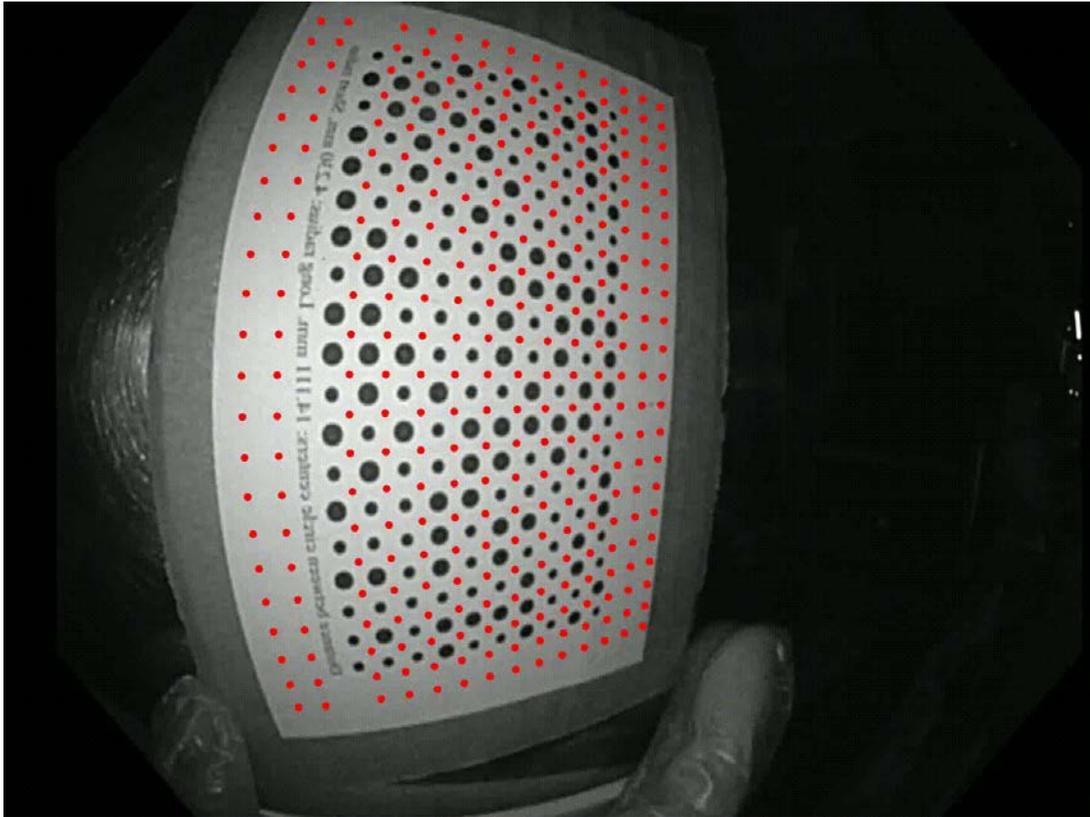
Previously, lighting changes were **dismissed**...

- Assuming **constant illumination**
- Using **invariant feature** points

General photometric model

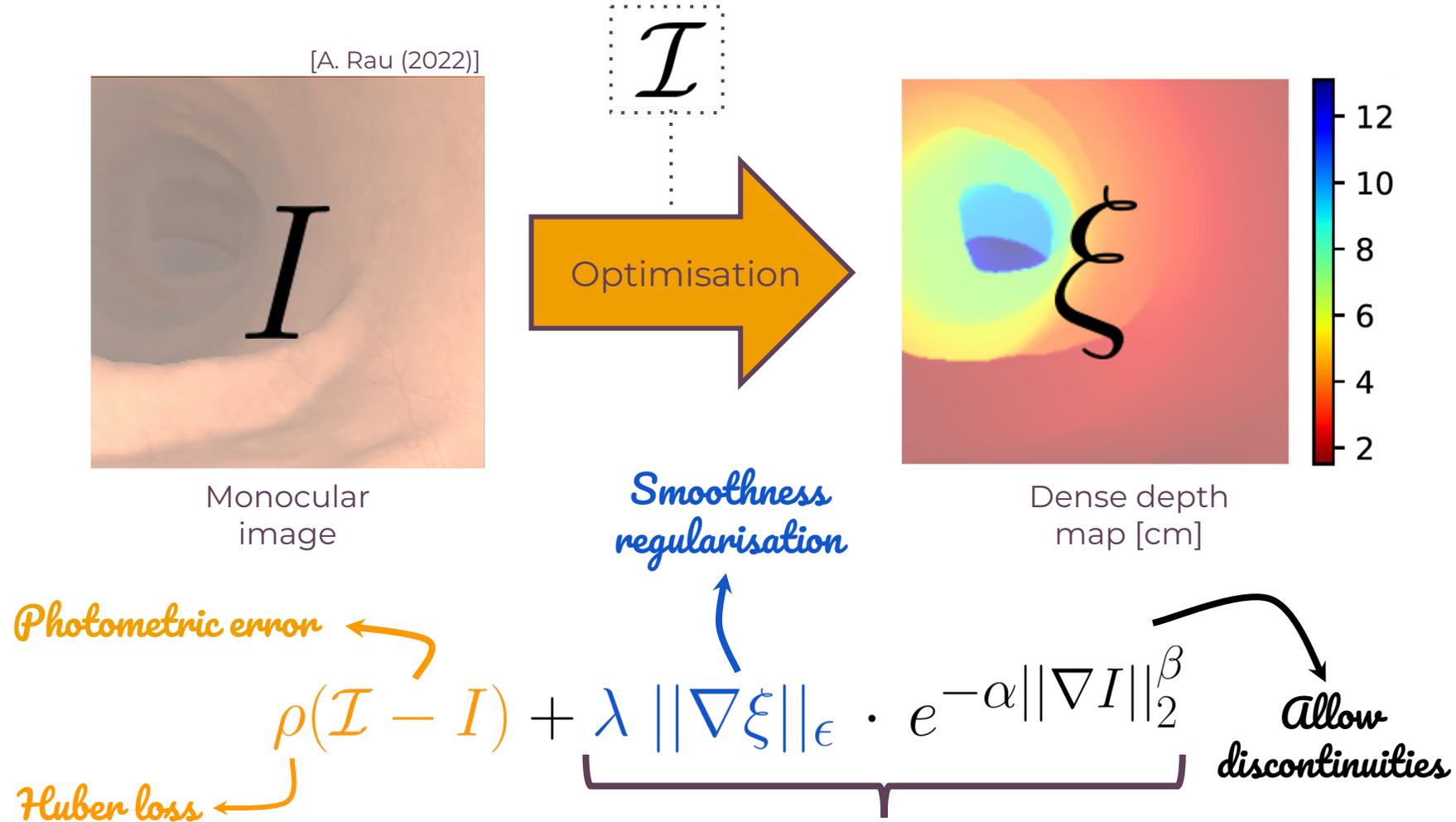


Endoscope calibration



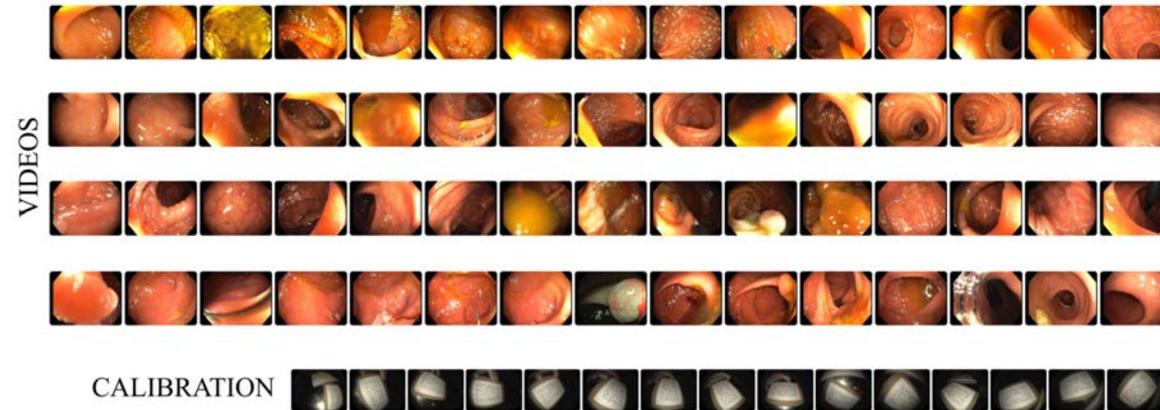
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Depth estimation

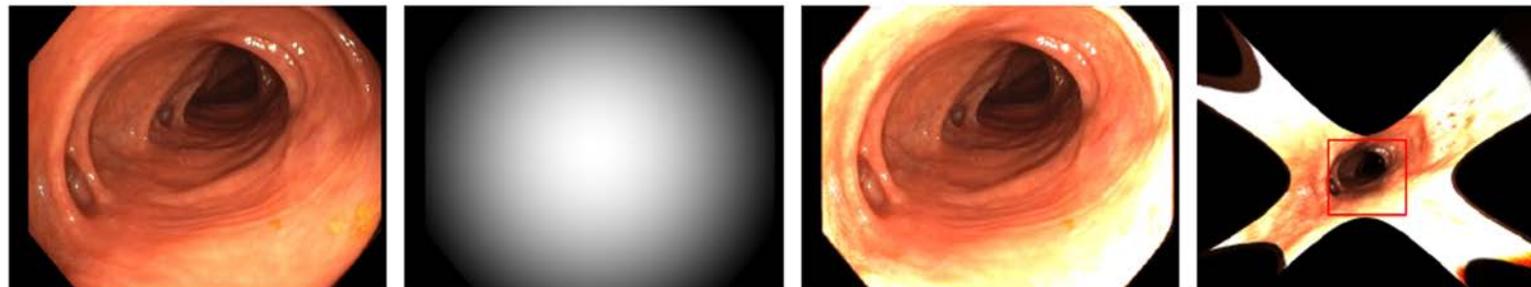


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Real colon dataset



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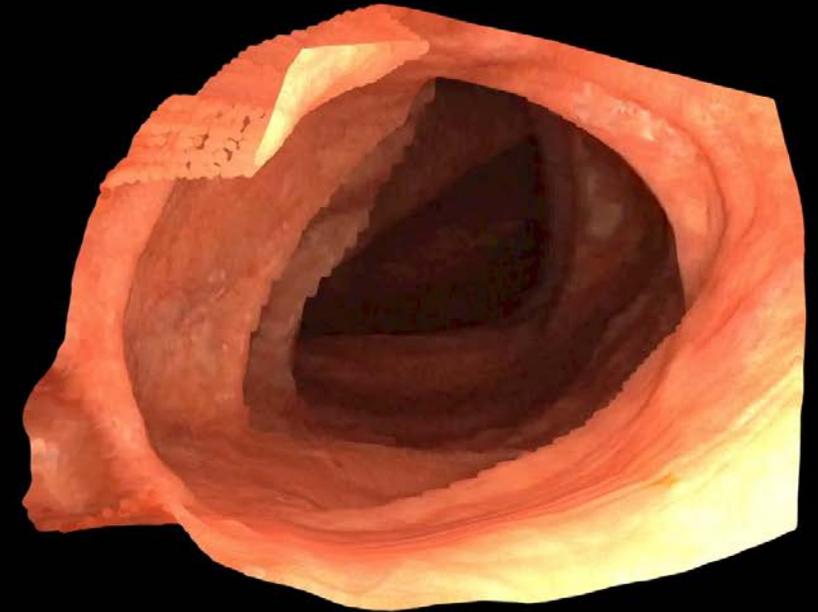
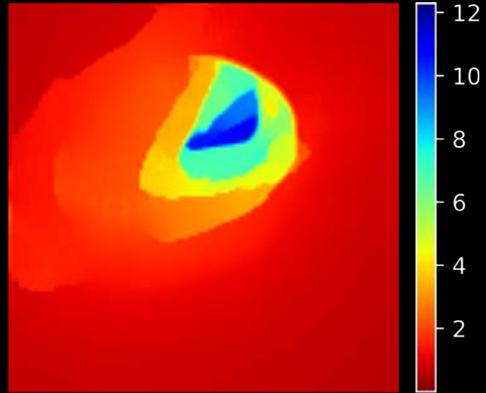
(a) Input frame

(b) Vignetting & $\mu(x)$

(c) Canonical

(d) Undistorted

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3D reconstruction

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LightDepth: Single-View Depth Self-Supervision from Illumination Decline

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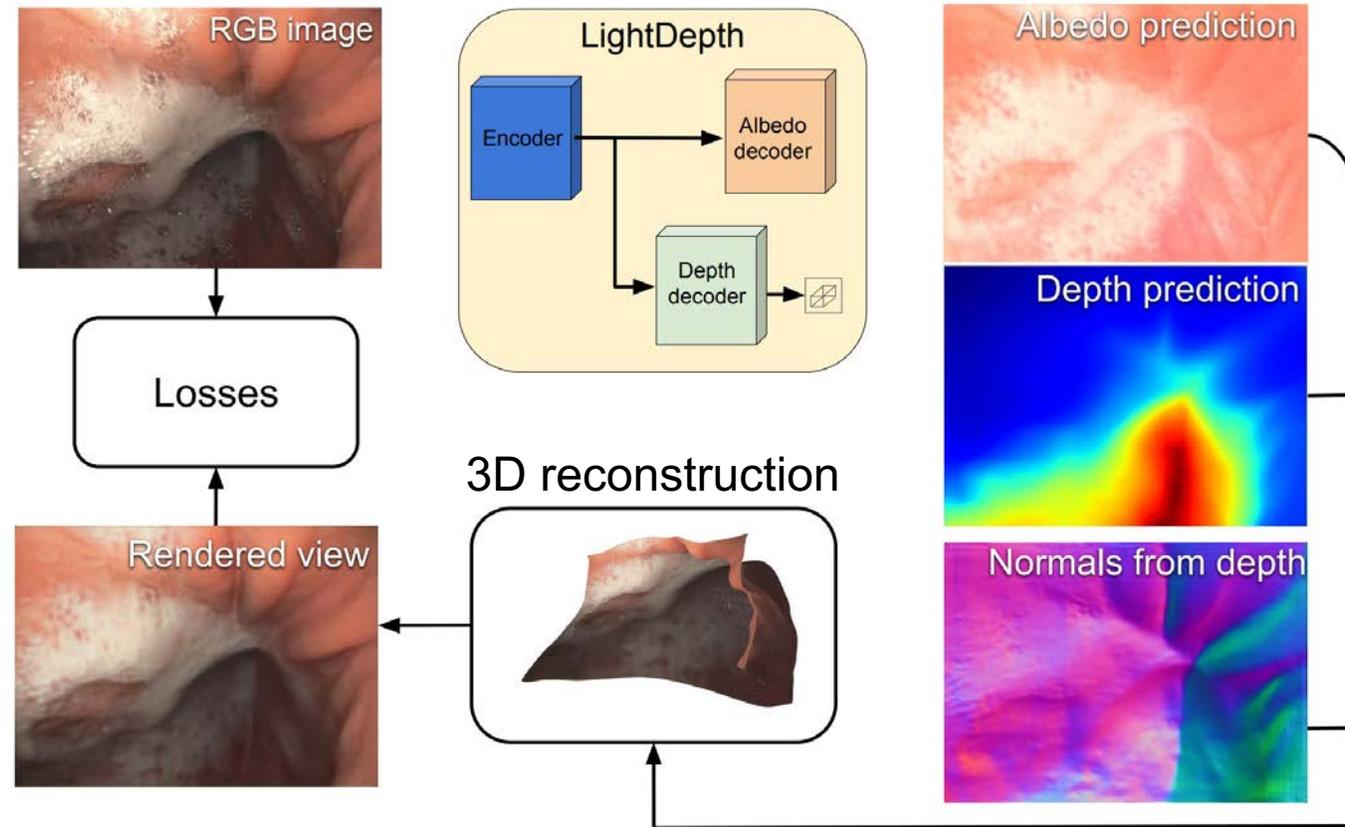
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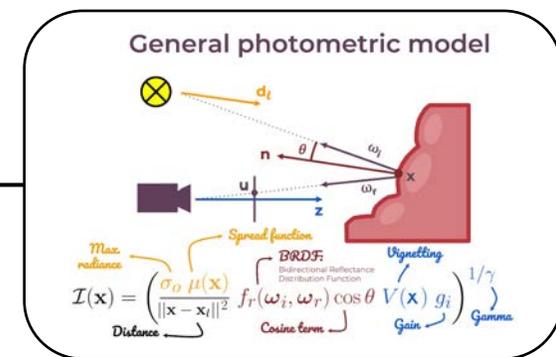
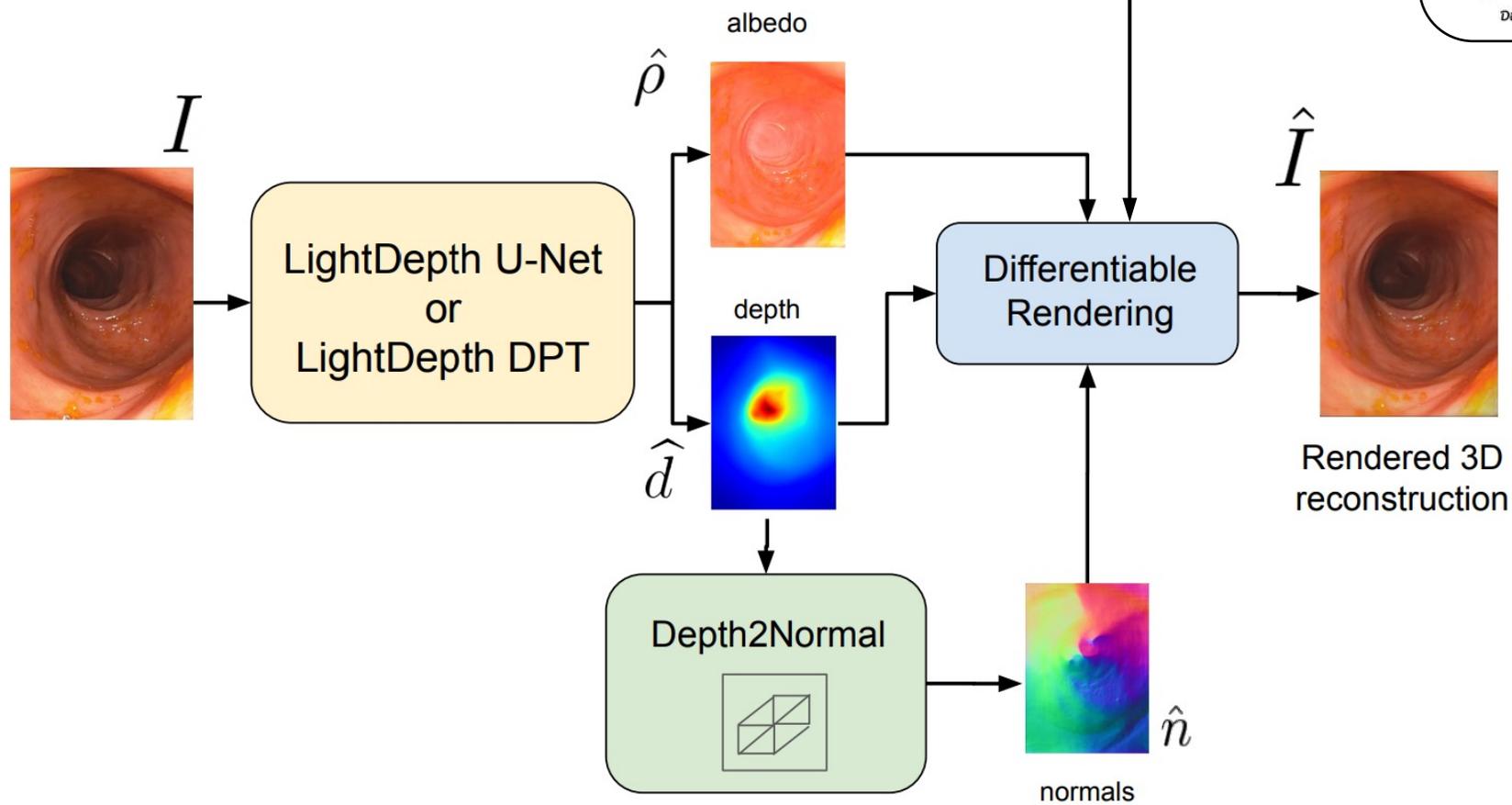
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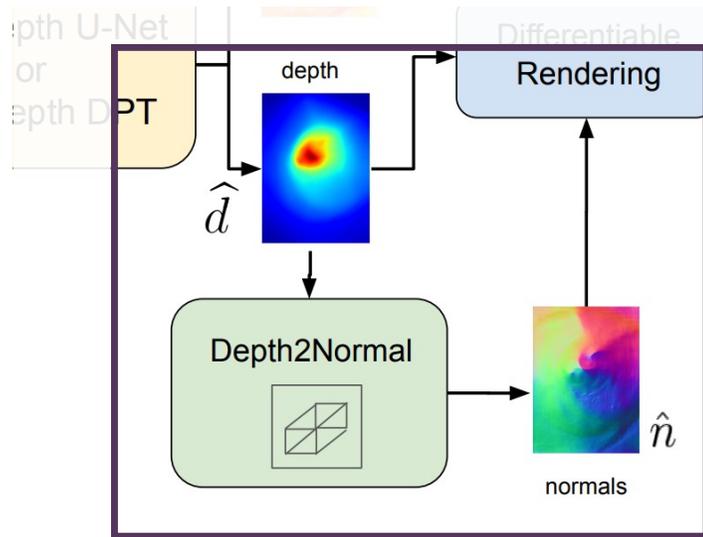
Single-view self-supervision



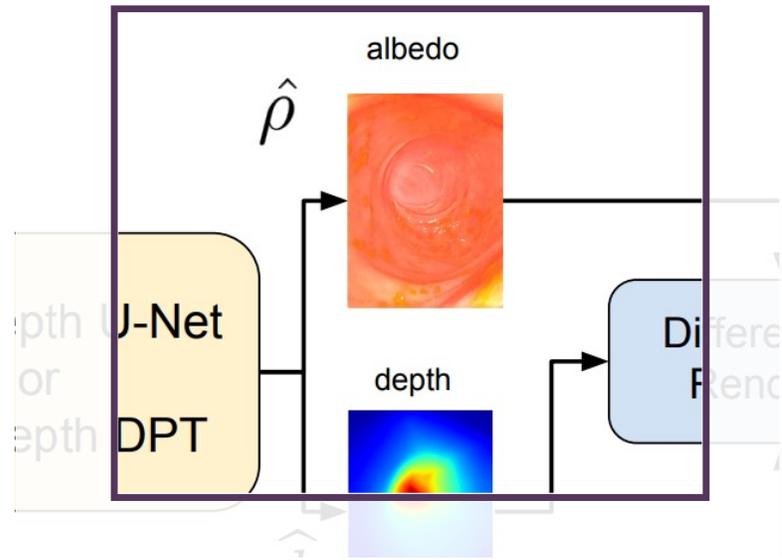
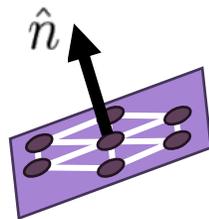
LightDepth



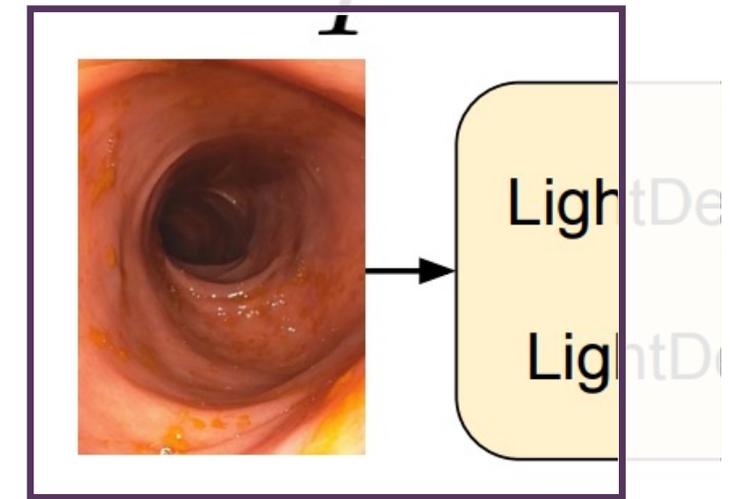
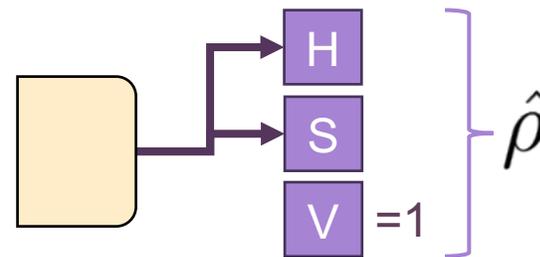
Key ideas



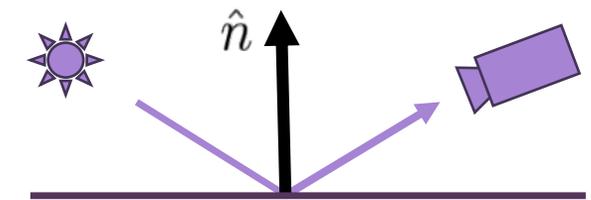
① Normals from Depth



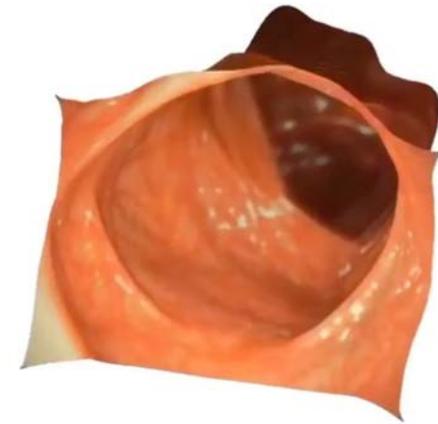
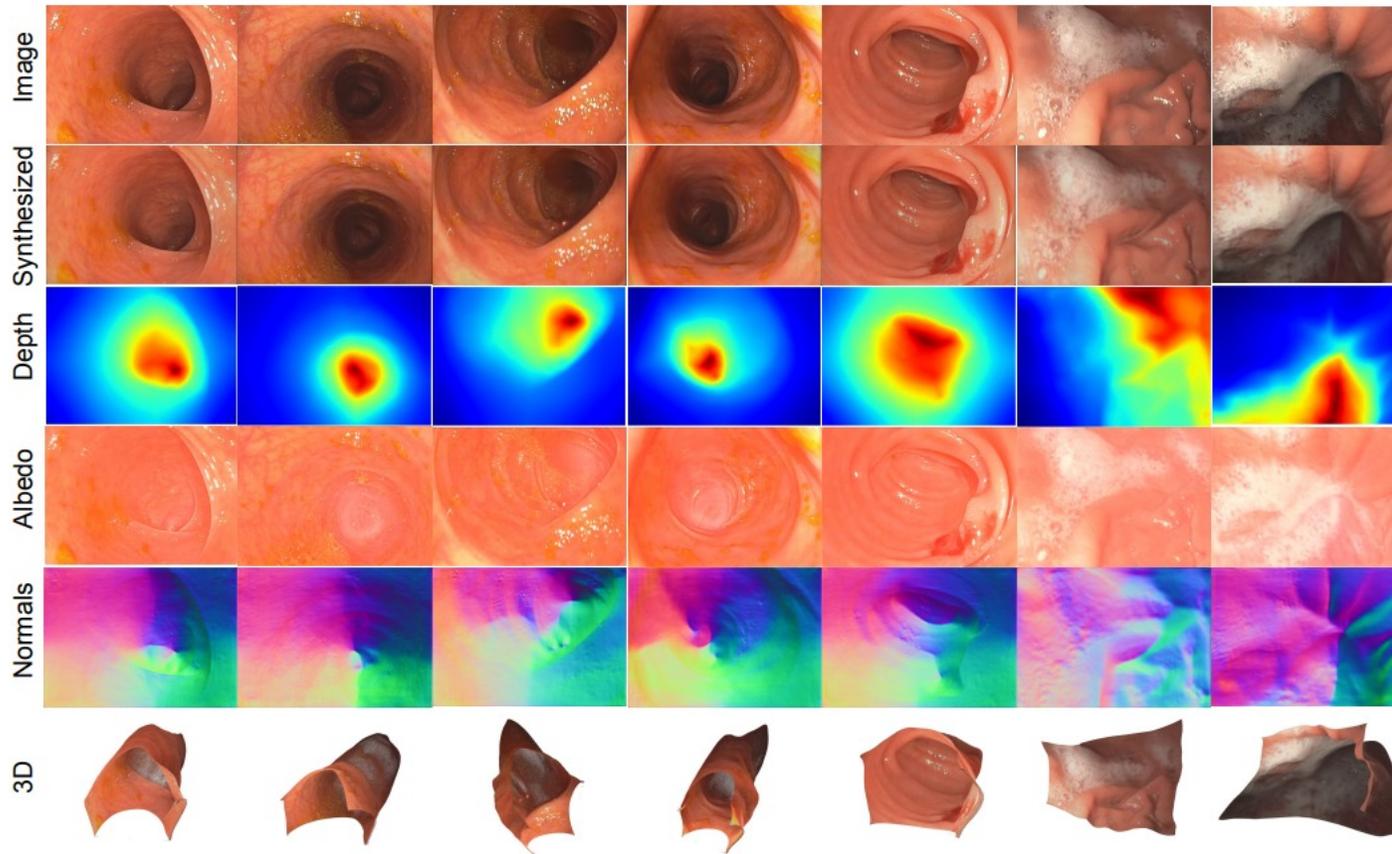
② Albedo prediction



③ Normals from highlights



Results inside the human colon



Comparison

Dataset	Architecture	Backbone	Supervision	Depth [mm]									Normals [°]
				MAE ↓	MedAE ↓	RMSE ↓	RMSE _{log} ↓	AbsRel ↓	SqRel ↓	$\delta < 1.25 \uparrow$	$\delta < 1.25^2 \uparrow$	$\delta < 1.25^3 \uparrow$	MAE ↓
Synthetic	U-Net	ResNet18	Depth GT	4.37	2.99	6.38	0.1251	0.0965	0.0008	0.9057	0.9931	0.9997	25.1
	LightDepth U-Net	ResNet18	Light	4.76	2.47	8.60	0.1375	0.0903	0.0011	0.9180	0.9820	0.9935	15.2
C3VD	U-Net	ResNet18	Depth GT	4.15	3.29	5.52	0.1139	0.0902	0.0007	0.9172	0.9943	0.9994	26.5
	DPT-Hybrid [48]	ResNet50	Depth GT	3.22	2.77	4.10	0.0860	0.0699	0.0004	0.9640	0.9865	0.9913	15.1
	Monodepth2 [20]	ResNet50	Multi-View	14.27	9.59	18.64	0.3921	0.2971	0.0070	0.4897	0.7313	0.8611	43.6
	CADDepth [64]	ResNet18	Multi-View	52.35	17.04	87.43	0.9144	1.1916	0.2650	0.3664	0.5653	0.6679	67.2
	XDCycleGAN [42]	ResNet	Cycle	17.16	11.91	22.43	0.4953	0.3616	0.0105	0.4291	0.6615	0.7910	64.4
	LightDepth U-Net	ResNet18	Light	4.37	2.92	6.31	0.1183	0.0856	0.0007	0.9315	0.9934	0.9994	24.0
	LightDepth DPT	ResNet50	Light	3.94	2.67	5.60	0.1080	0.08046	0.0006	0.9476	0.9965	0.9994	<u>21.3</u>
	LightDepth U-Net	ResNet18	Light (TTR)	3.72	2.59	5.43	0.1060	0.0770	0.0005	0.9505	0.9971	0.9994	23.5
LightDepth DPT	ResNet50	Light (TTR)	<u>3.70</u>	2.58	<u>5.27</u>	0.1073	0.0780	<u>0.0005</u>	0.9525	0.9961	<u>0.9992</u>	22.5	

Table 1. Depth and normal metrics for several architectures and supervision modes. Best results per dataset are boldfaced, second best underlined.

- LightDepth (TTR) is the closest to Depth GT supervision



LightNeus: Neural Surface Reconstruction in Endoscopy using Illumination Decline

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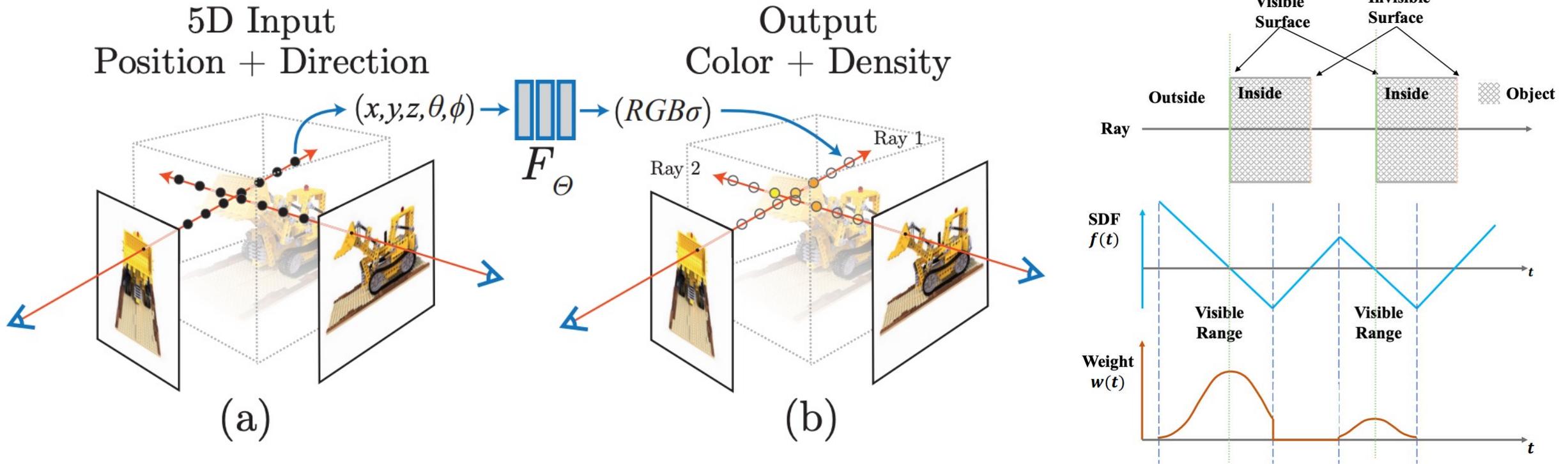
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What if we want...

- A **dense** model
- From a **whole section**
- **Globally** optimized

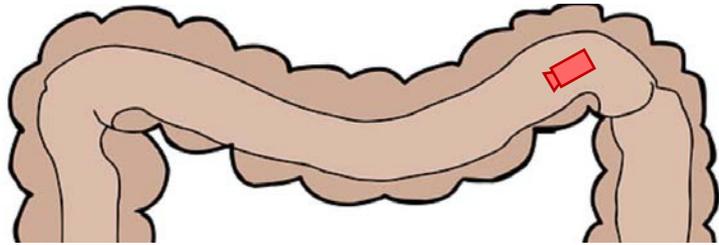
What's NeuS?



Mildenhall et al. (2020). NeRF: Representing scenes as neural radiance fields for view synthesis.

Wang et al. (2021). NeuS: Learning neural implicit surfaces by volume rendering for multi-view reconstruction.

NeRF inside the human colon? How?



Key ideas

- **Watertight** surfaces.
- Co-located **illumination decline**.

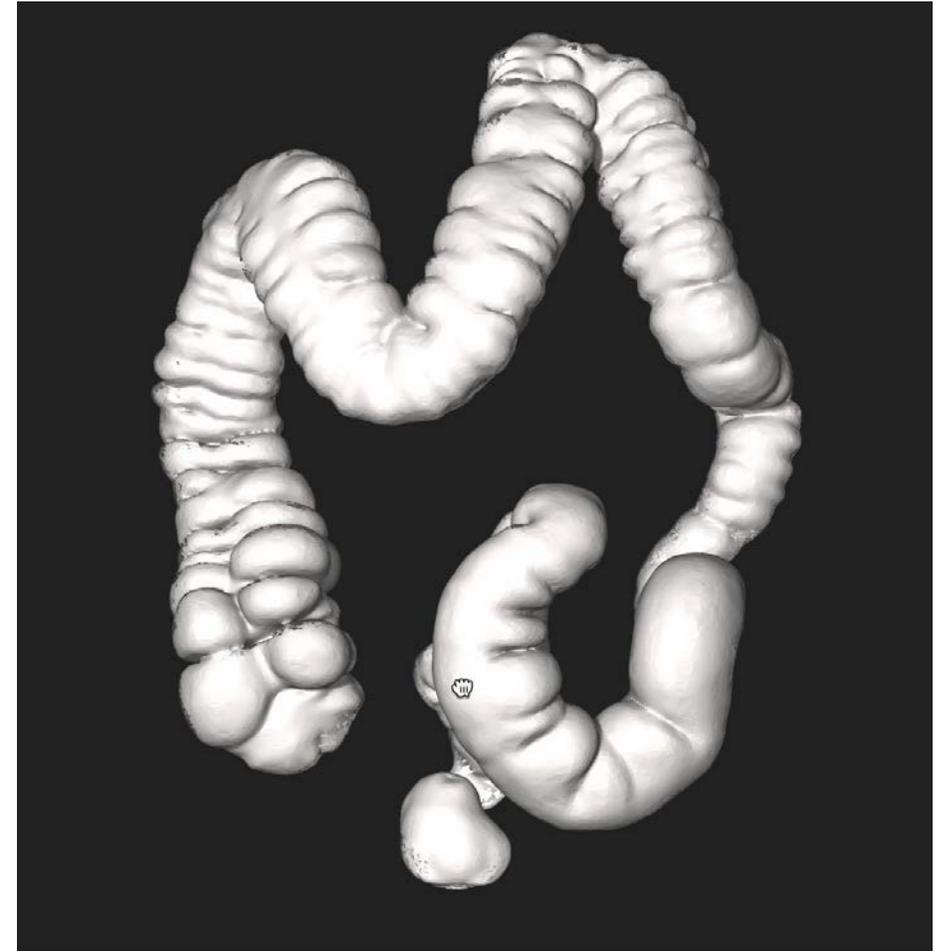
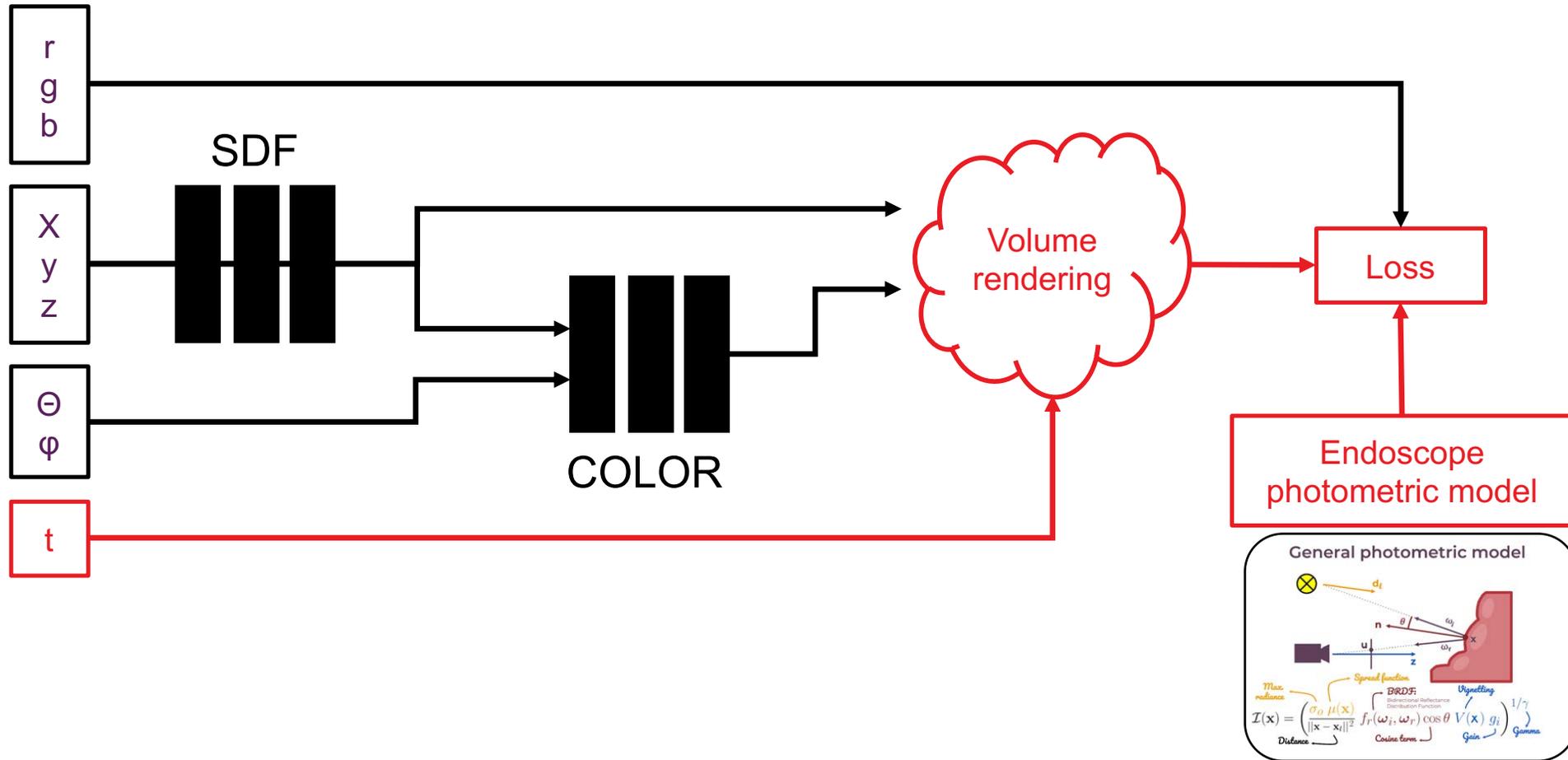
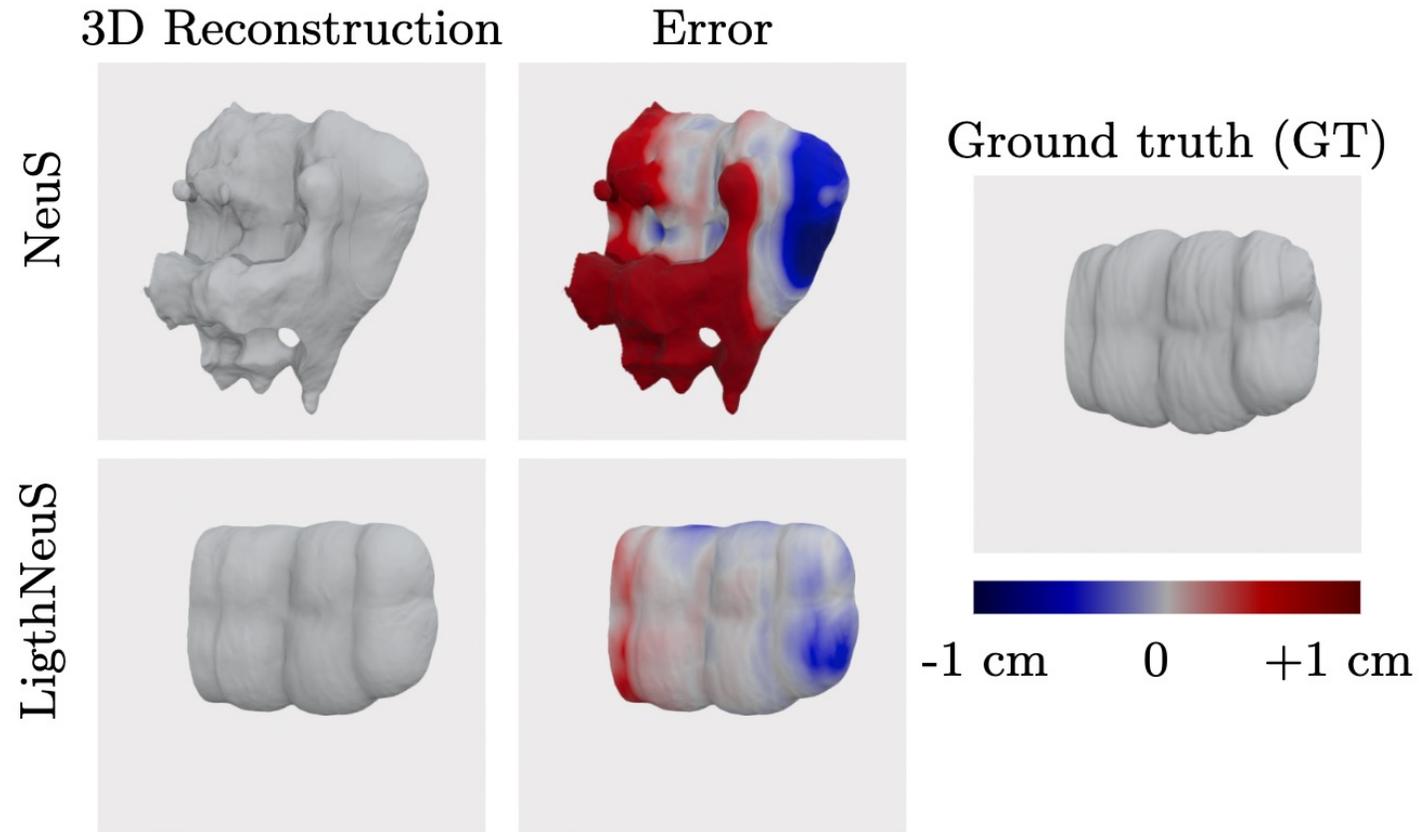


Image of a human colon from a CT scan.
Source: Nevit Dilmen @ Wikipedia

LightNeuS

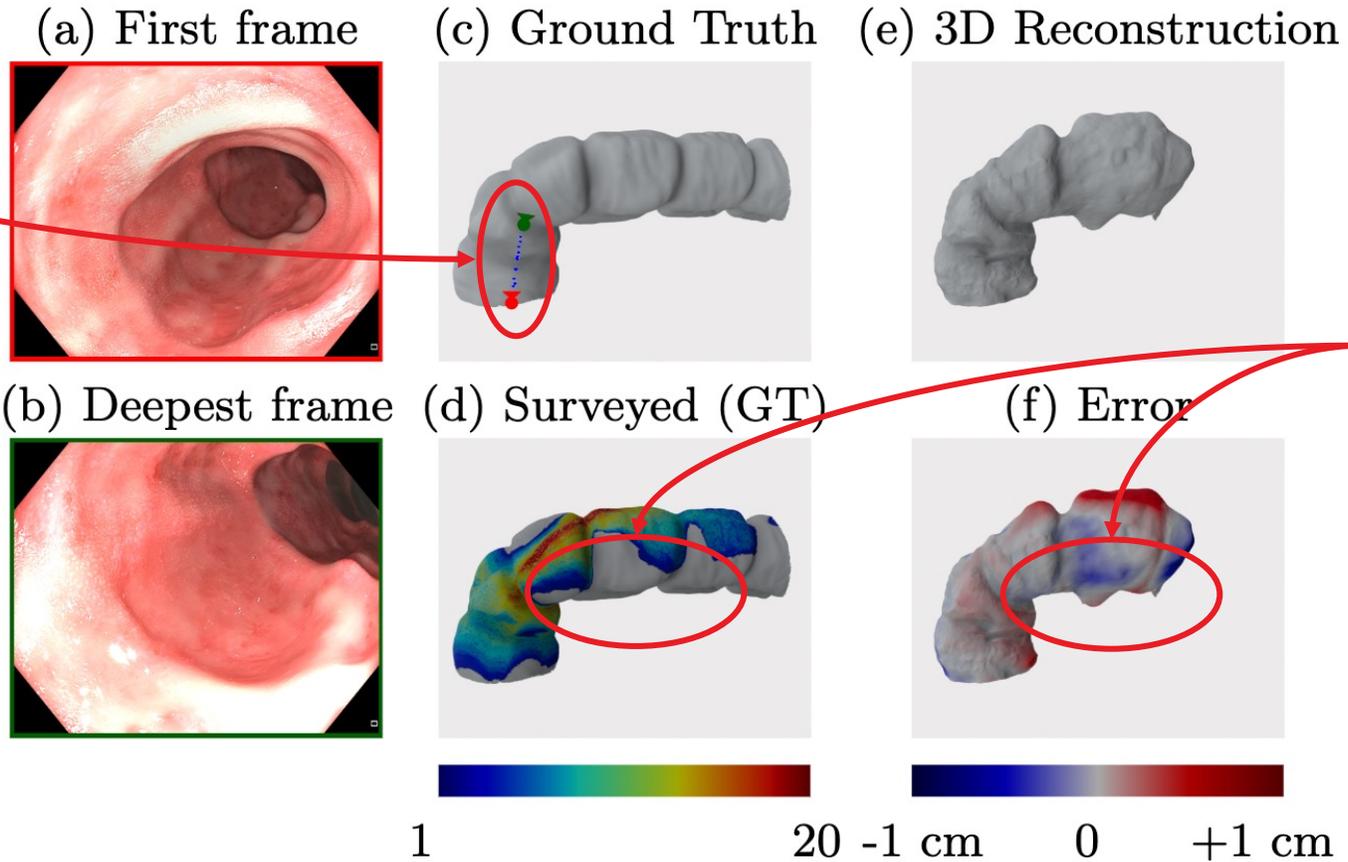


NeuS vs LightNeuS



Partially observed regions

Short camera trajectory



Unseen area



After inspecting a colon section,

Future work

Make it work in real-time!

Your LOGO **SURGERY OPERATIVE REPORT**

Patient name: _____ MR number: _____ Date of operation: _____
Original Hospital: 000842 _____ 01/3/2022
Account No: 8472942 _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____
94 _____ 130b _____

Preoperative diagnosis:
Appendicitis, Estimated blood loss: _____

Post-operative diagnosis:
Appendicitis, Estimated blood loss: _____

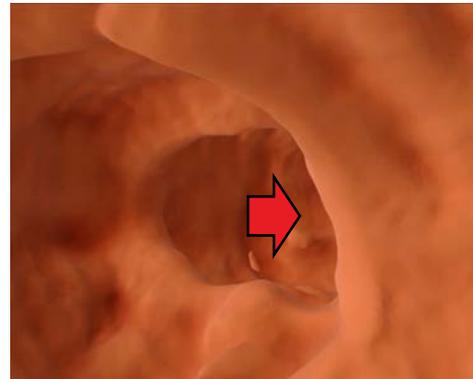
Operation performed: Therapeutic abdominal surgery
Surgery: _____ Marked Case
Anesthesia: General
Condition: Stable
Complications: None

Clinical findings:
A 22-year-old female visited our hospital because of abdominal pain as she sustained a fall from a ladder at home. The patient then fell unconscious. She discussed operative treatment with her husband and on our recommendation he agreed to proceed with surgical treatment.

Procedure:
The patient was brought to the operating room #206 and placed on the operating table. General anesthesia was administered at 12% after the patient's full history. We opened the inguinal incision and performed an emergency operation to stop bleeding. Two weeks after stopping the bleeding, the patient was brought to the appendectomy and she did not have complications of any abdominal symptoms or bleeding for 3 months.

Authorization for release of information: _____ Date: _____
Original Medical record: _____ Copy Patient: _____ Exhibit No.2: 137-27546

Automatic report writing



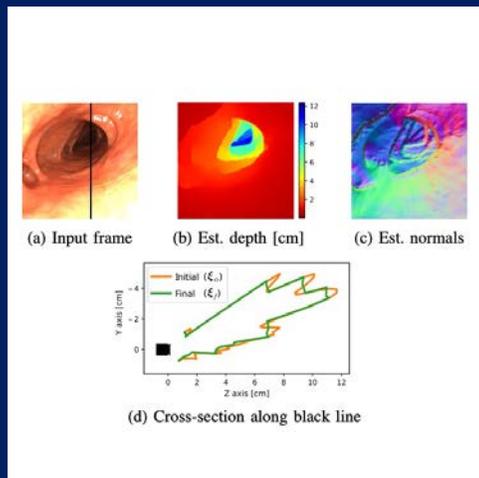
Real-time directions to unexplored areas



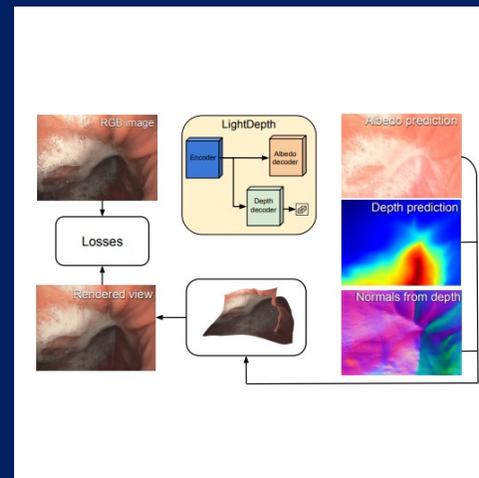
Full deformable model

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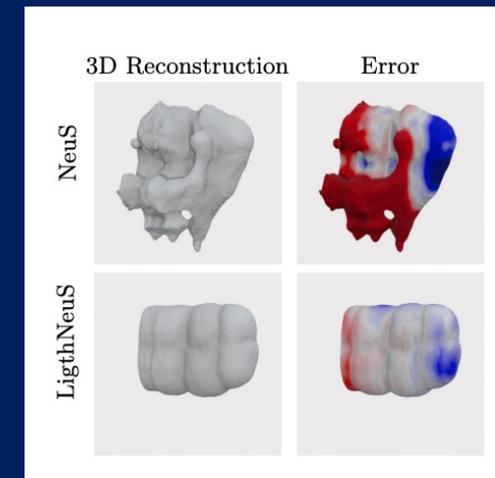
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