

Hologram generation via deep-learning

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About our lab

- 3 professors
- 1 postdoc
- 35 students
 - 7 Ph.D students
 - 16 master students
 - 12 undergraduate students
- Research topics
 - Holographic display and its related algorithms
 - Digital holography
 - Single-pixel imaging
 - Special-purpose computers using FPGA
 - Deep learning



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Prof. Ito

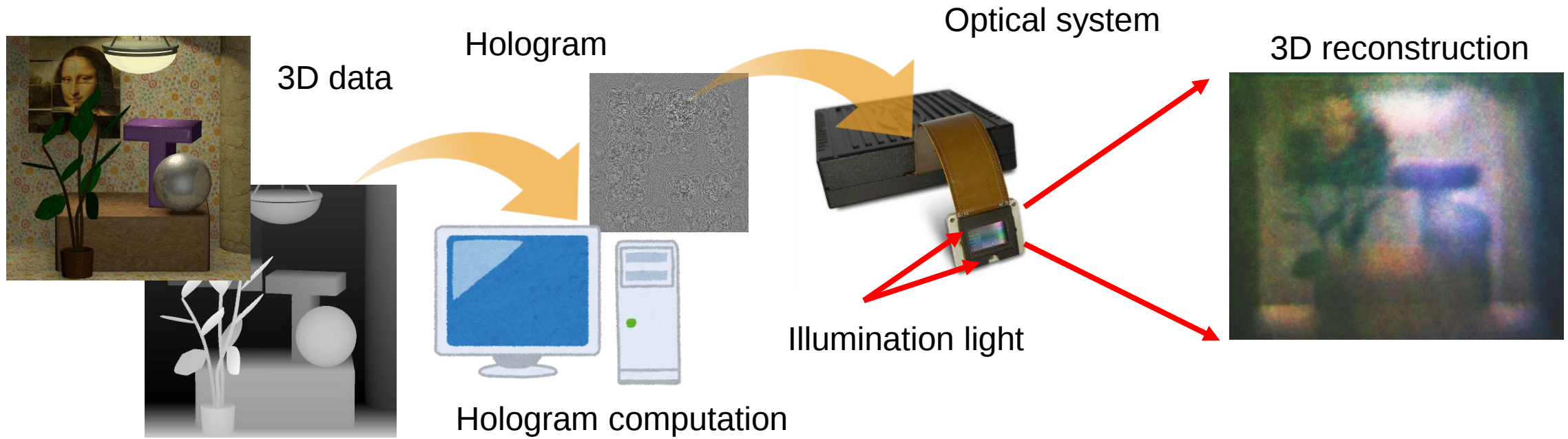
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Holography can faithfully reproduce the wavefront of light

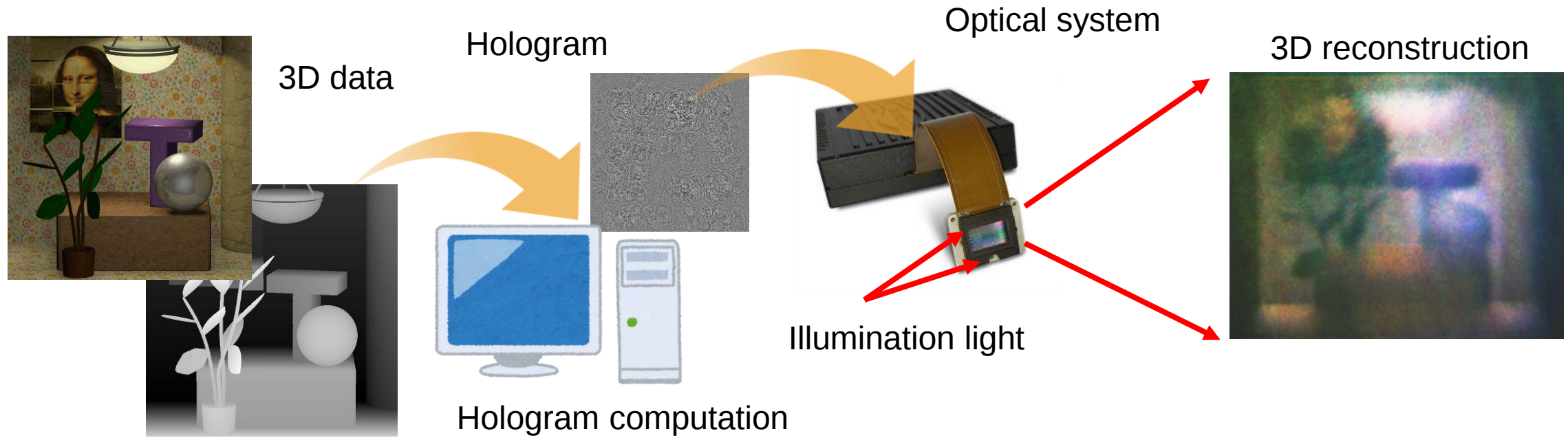
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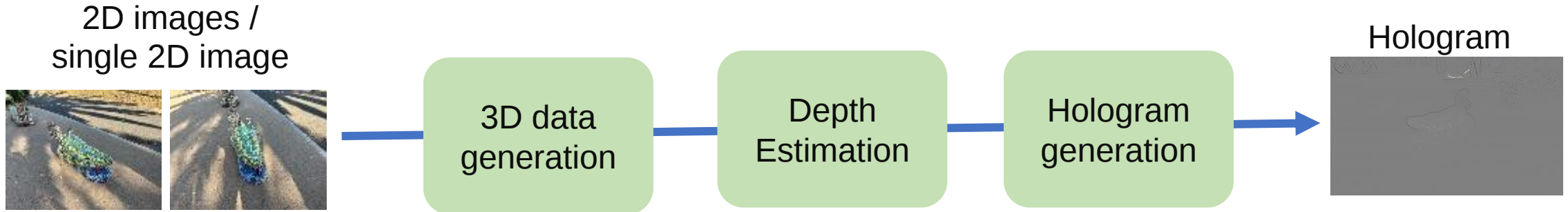


What is difficult?

- Hologram computation
- Cumbersome for 3D data generation
- Image quality
- Small image size and viewing angle

Topics

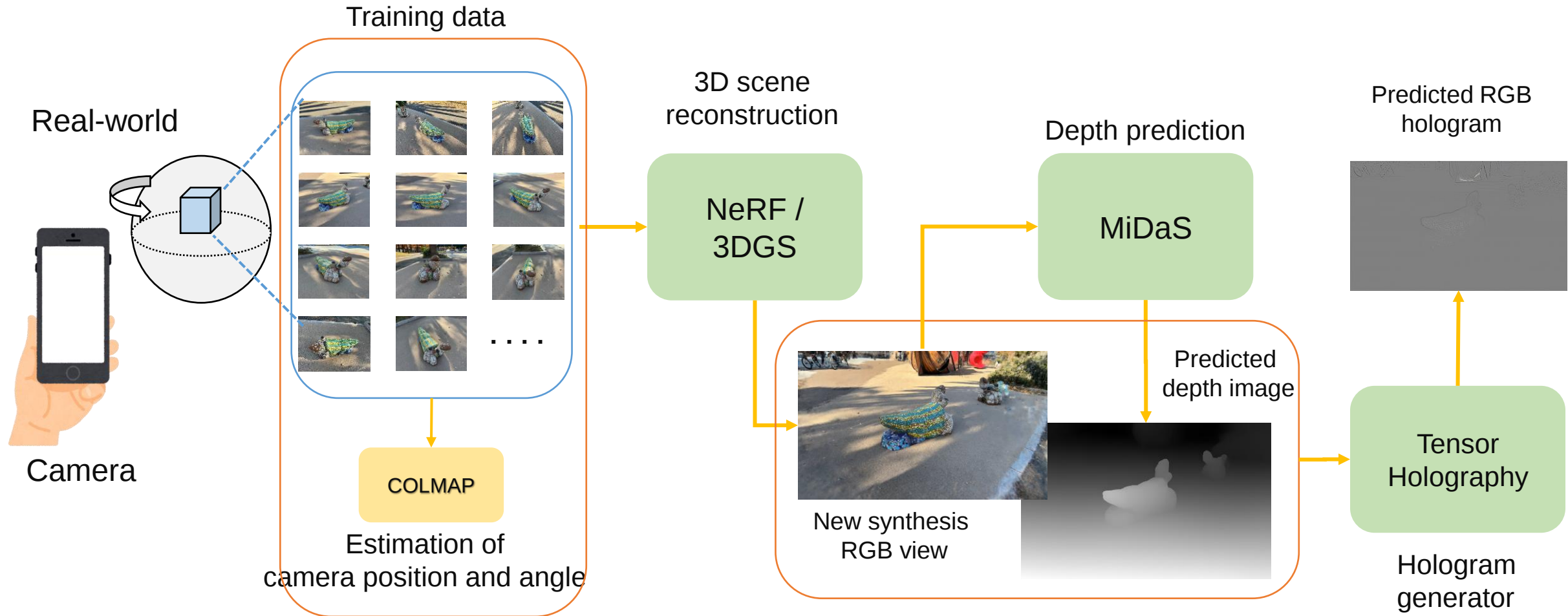
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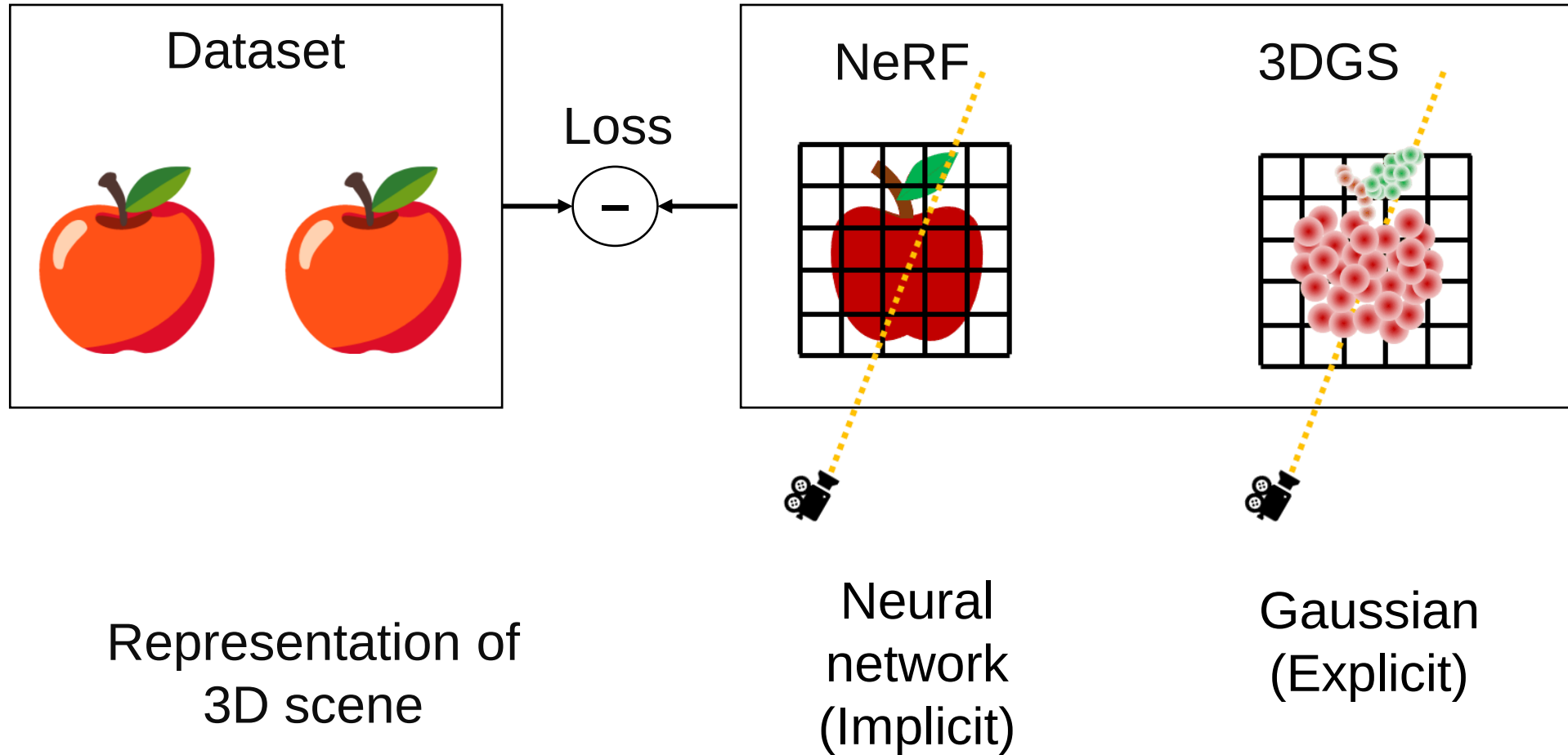
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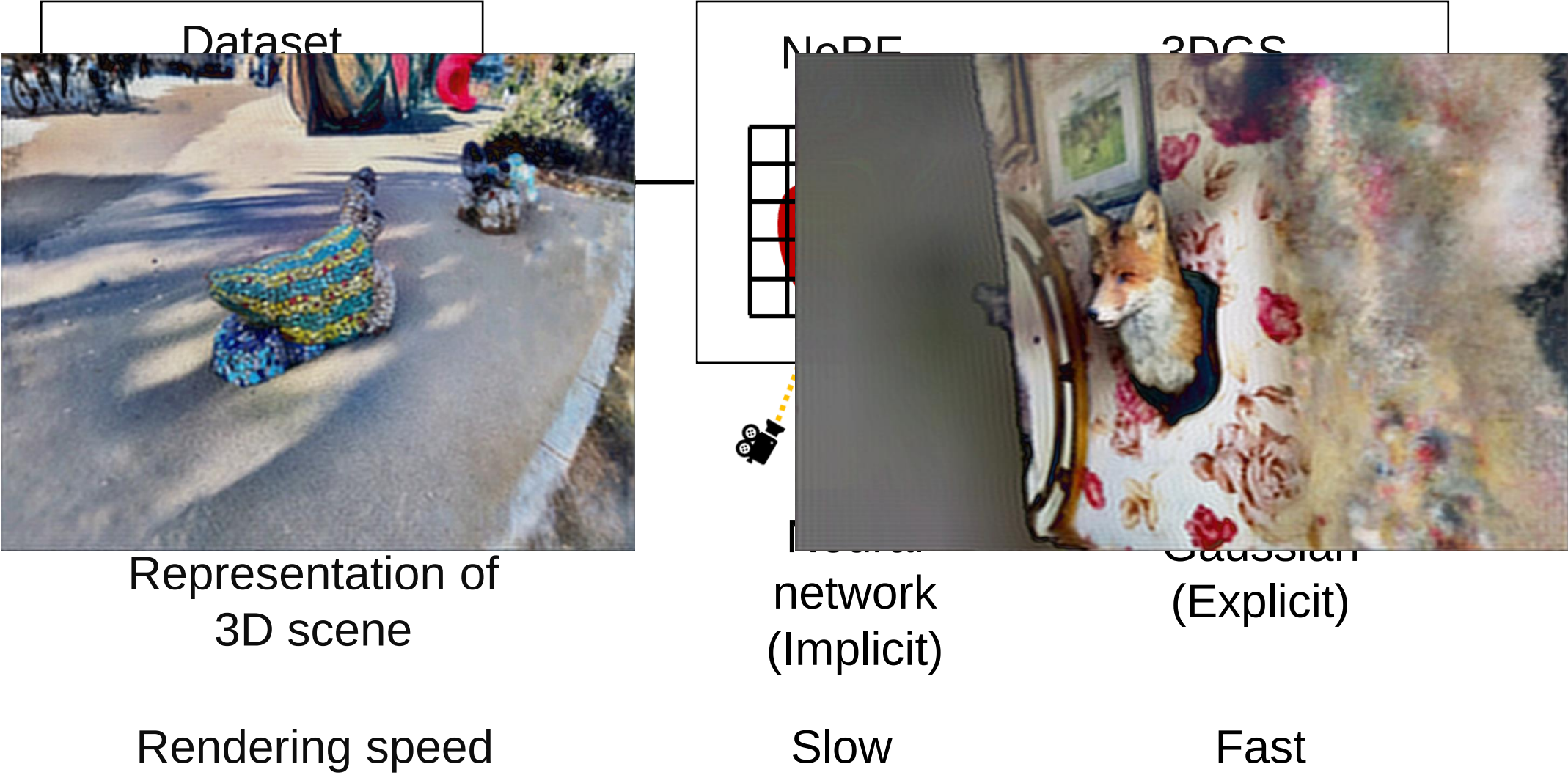
Kang, M., Wang, F., Kumano, K., Ito, T., & Shimobaba, T. (2024). Neural-radiance-fields-based holography. *Applied Optics*, 63(28), G24-G29.

Kumano, K., Wang, F., Ono, K., Ito, T., & Shimobaba, T. Computer-Generated Hologram Based on 3d Gaussian Splatting. *Optica Engineering* (accepted)

Neural Radiance Field (NeRF) / 3D Gaussian Splatting (GS)



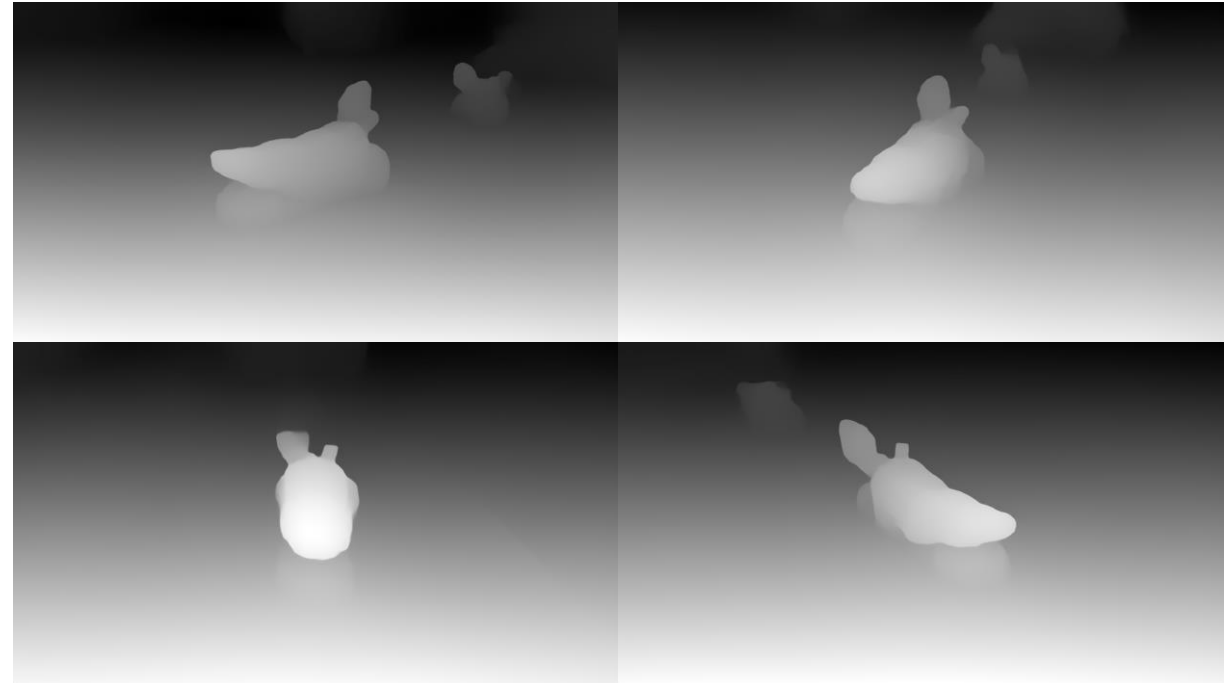
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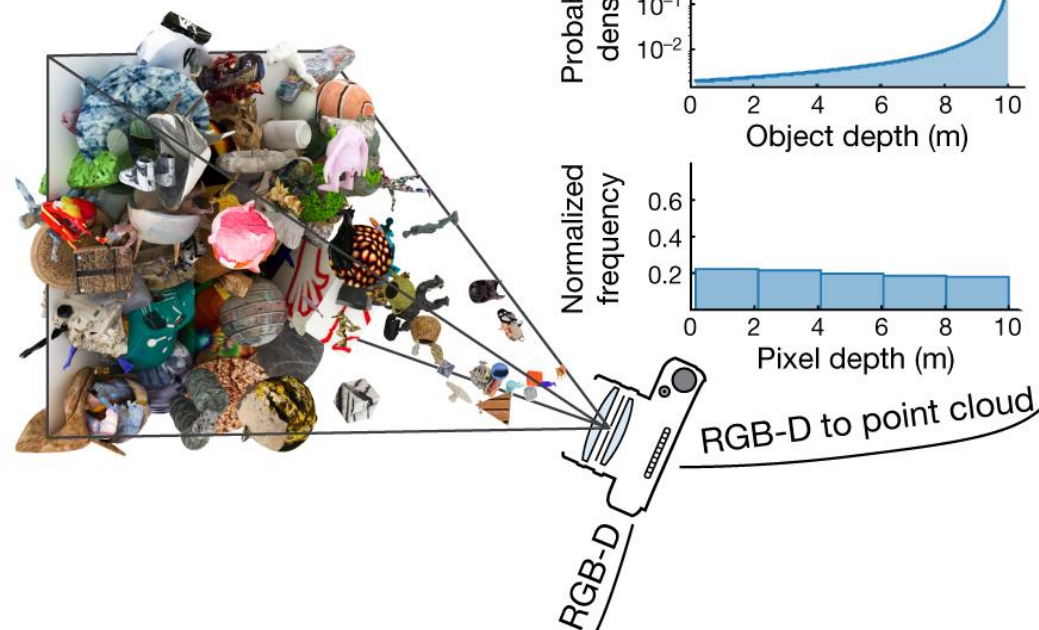
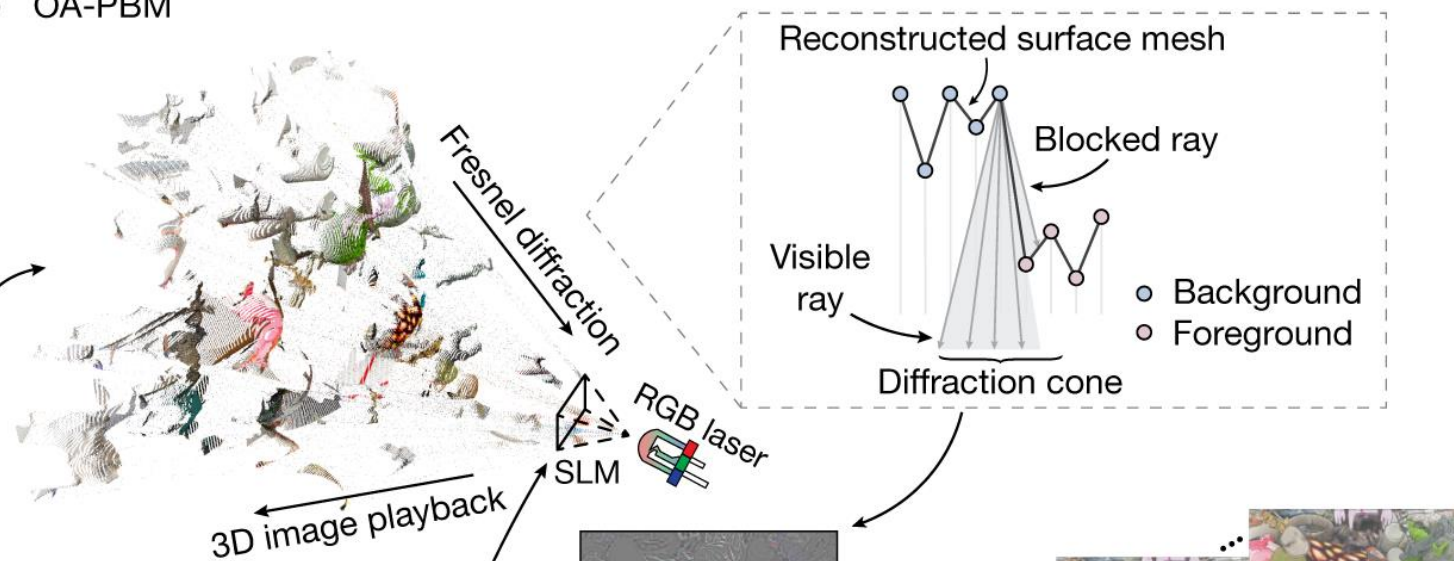
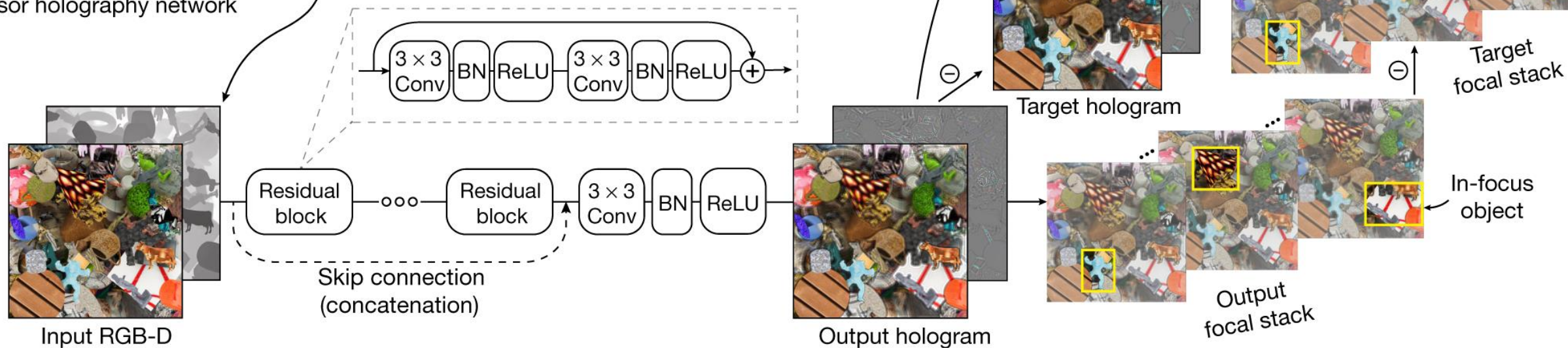


Depth prediction: MiDaS

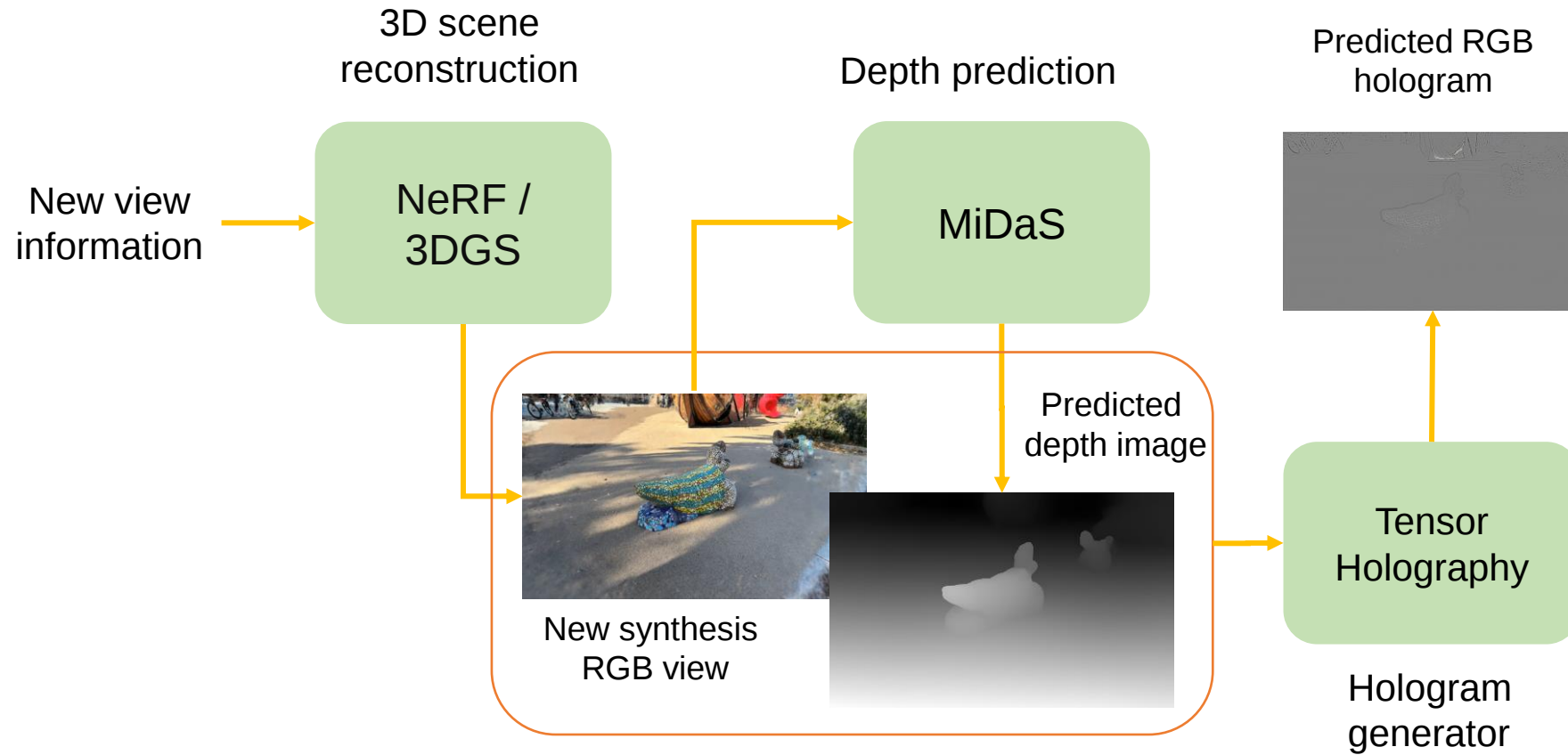
Ranftl+ IEEE PAMI (2020)

A monocular depth estimation model that can be used with zero-shot (no fine-tuning), trained on multiple diverse datasets

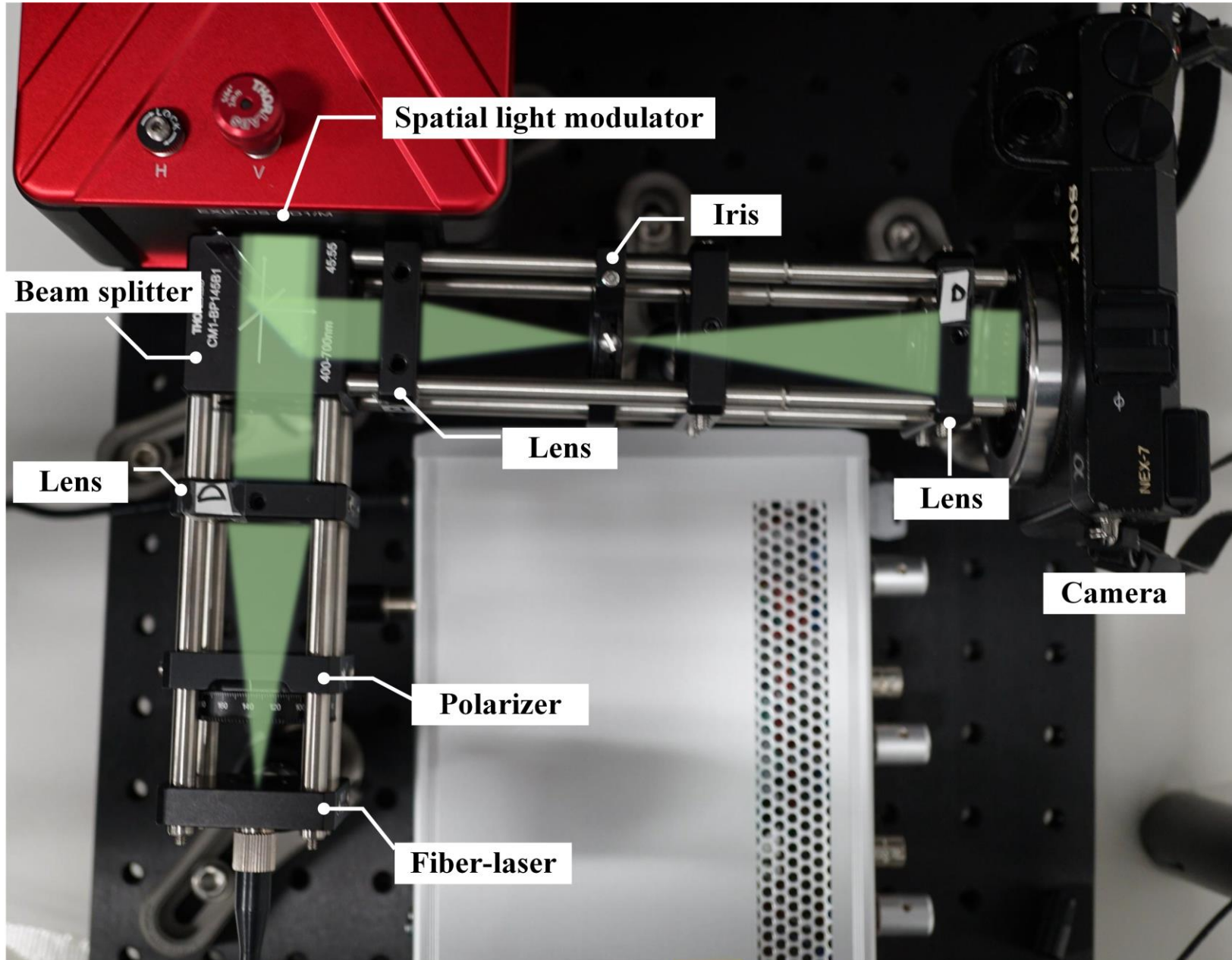


a Random scene generator**b** OA-PBM**c** Tensor holography network

Summary of the proposed pipeline



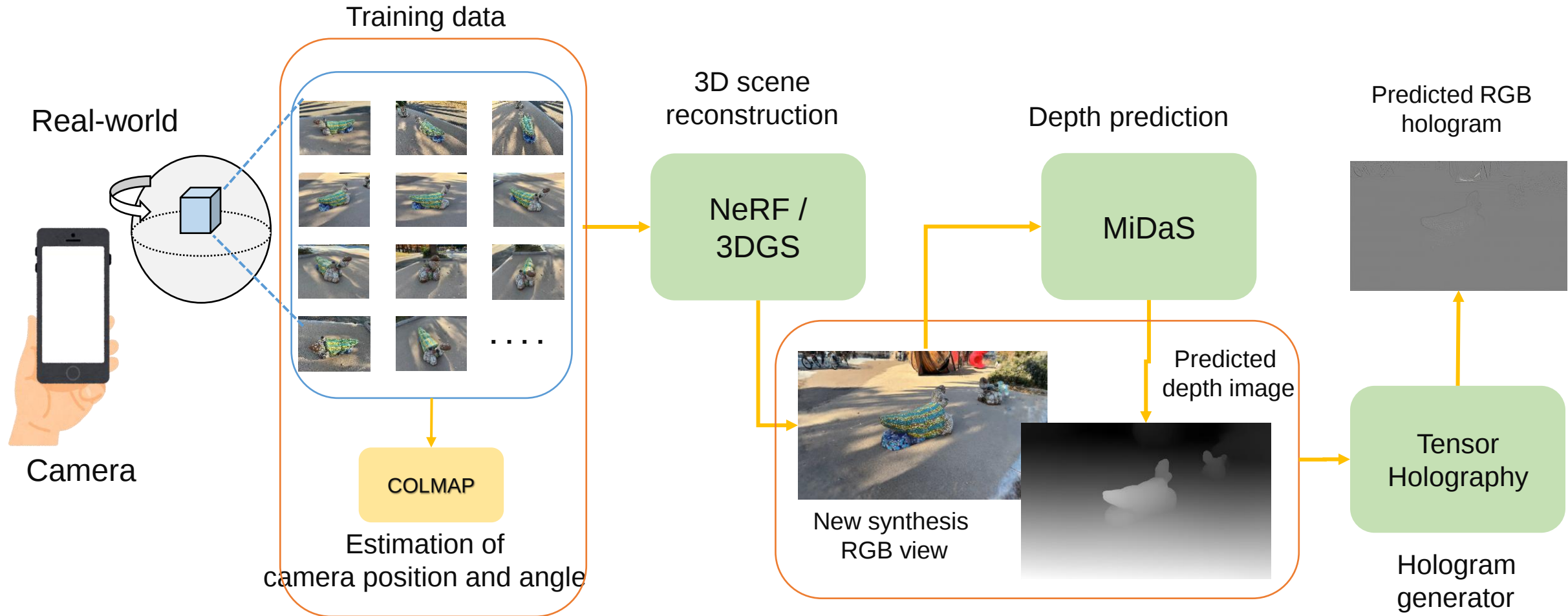
Optical experiments



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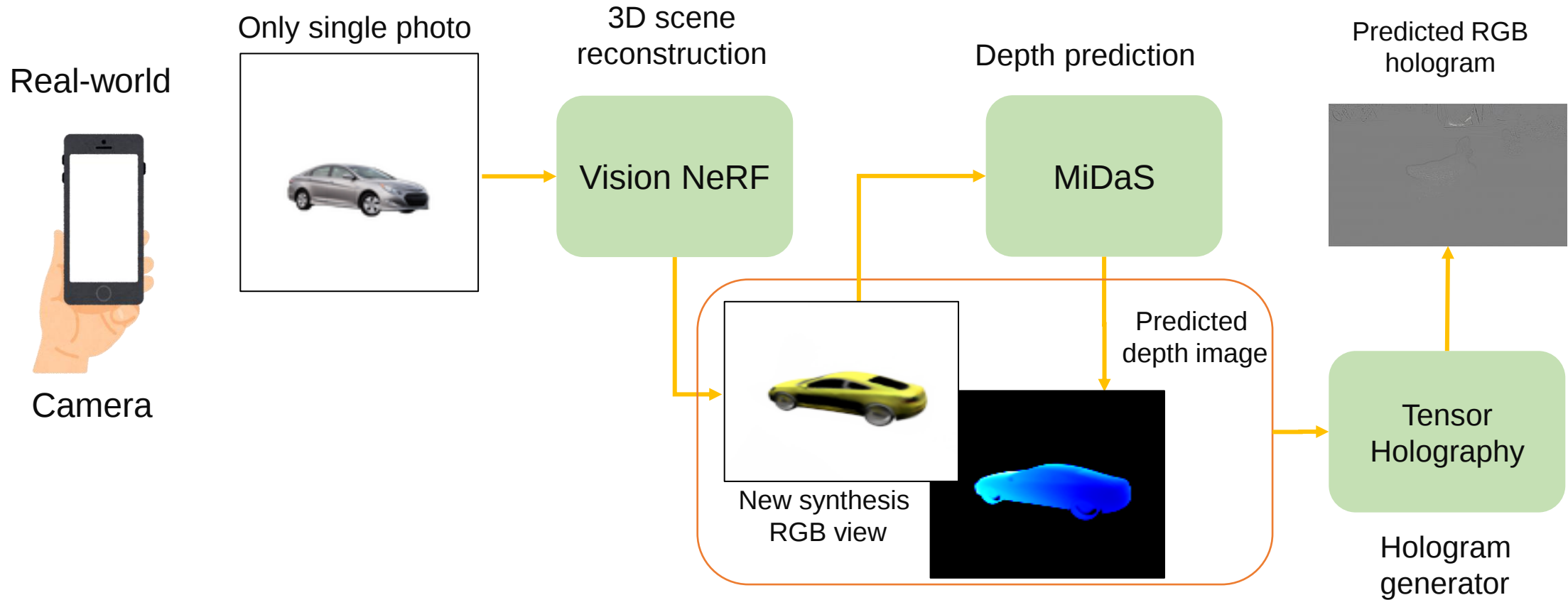


Problem of NeRF-based hologram generation



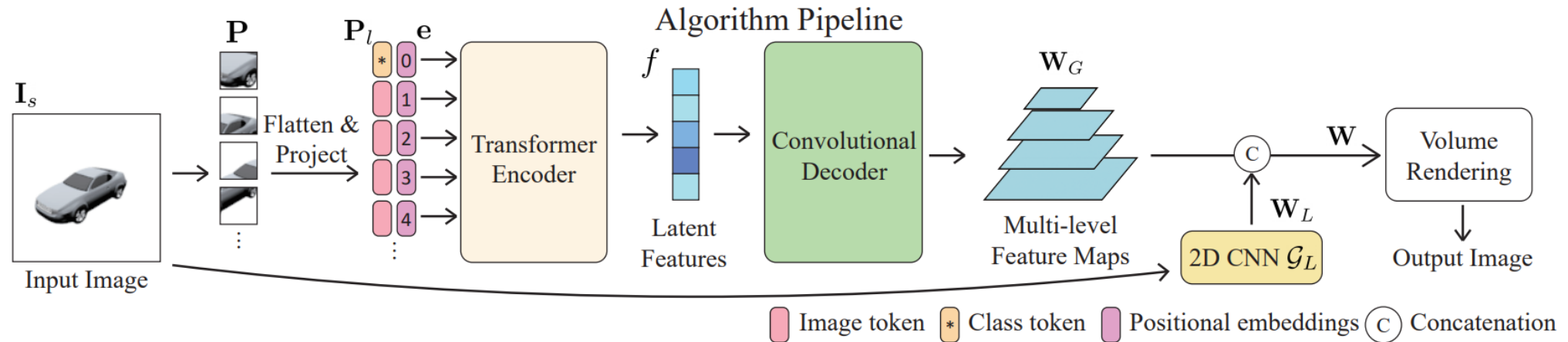
- Required many 2D images
- Camera pose estimation

Free viewpoint holographic displays using Vision NeRF



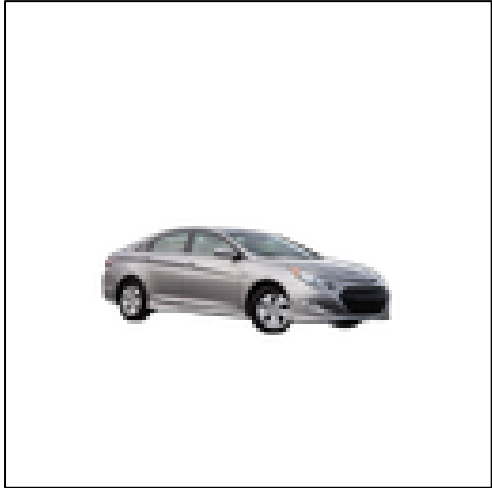
Vision NeRF

- Conventional NeRF requires multiple images (and their camera poses) taken from different angles of the same scene,
- Vision NeRF can infer 3D information about the scene from only one image and generate images from any viewpoint
- To generate a new viewpoint, the camera's position and angle is fed into Vision NeRF

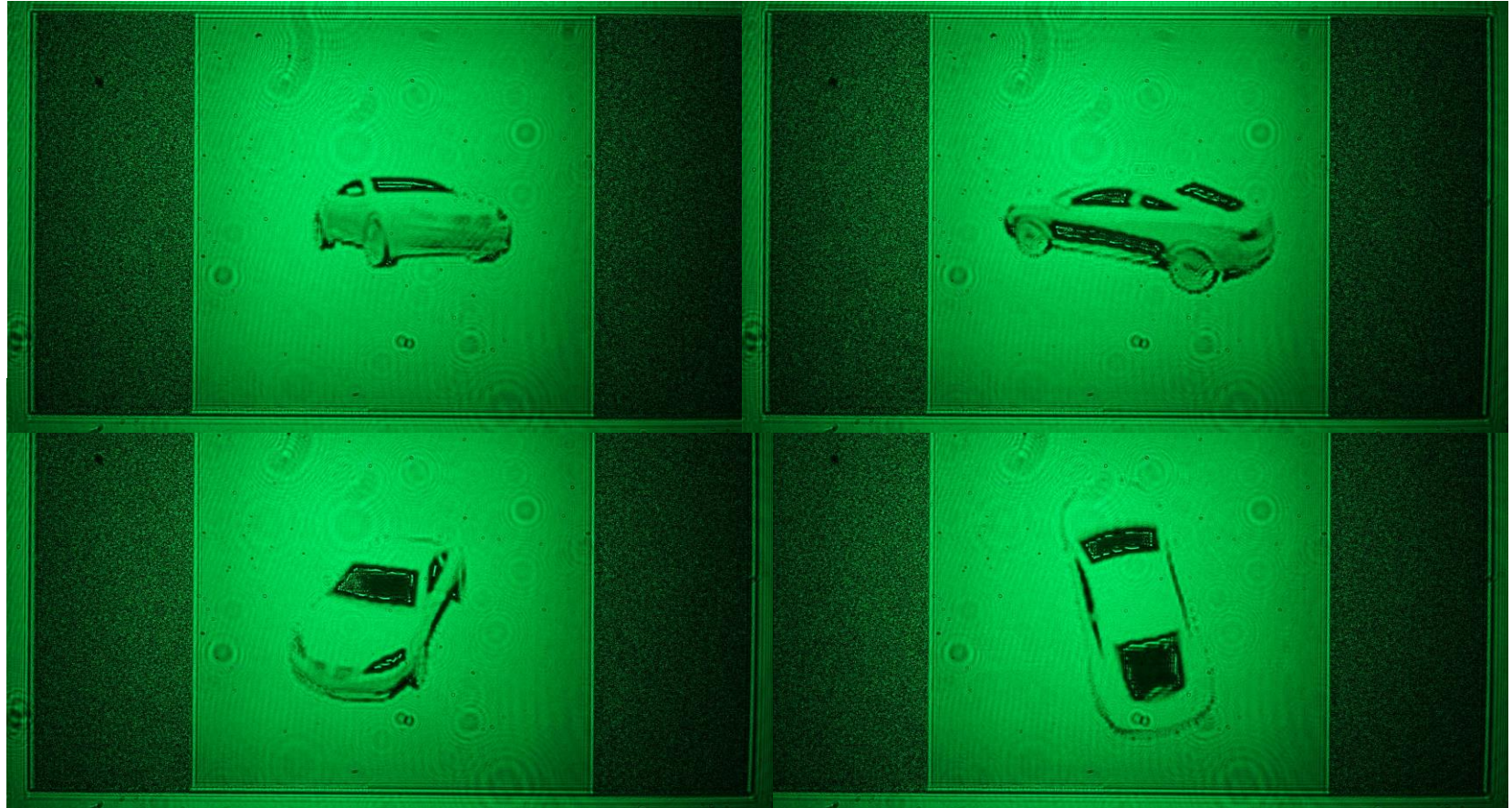


Optical reconstructions

Single image



Hologram reconstruction

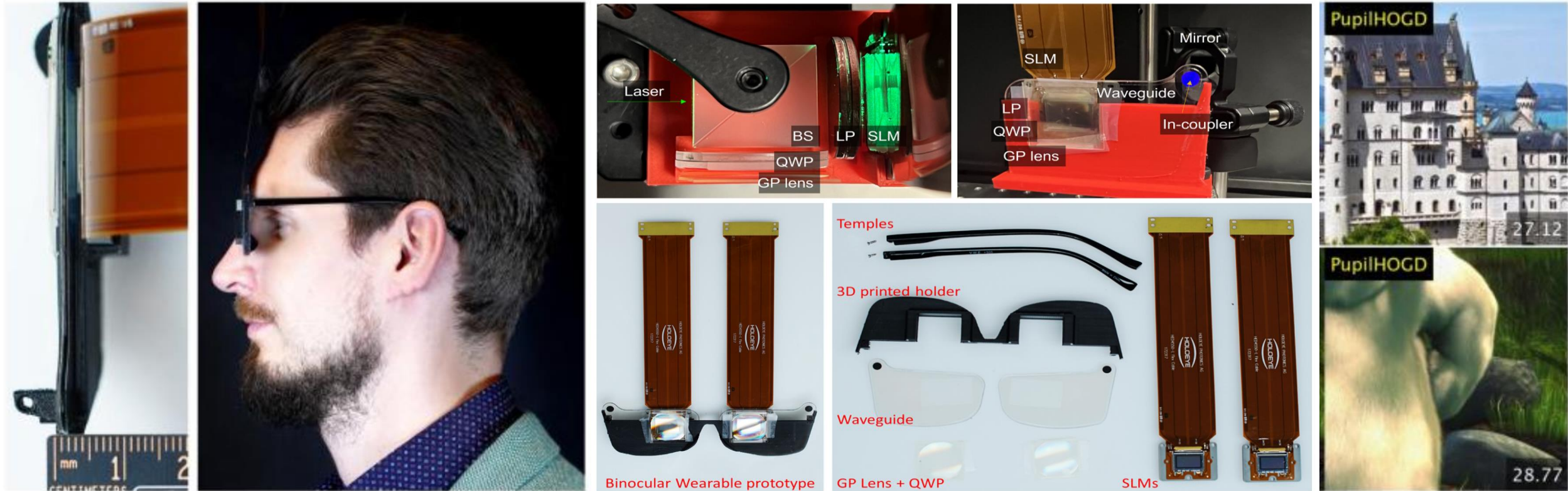


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Holographic 3D glasses

Kim+ SIGGRAPH 2022



- ✓ Holographic 3D glasses offer true 3D hologram display, providing a more realistic and immersive augmented reality experience than traditional AR
- ✓ However, we need two 3D data and holograms for left and right eyes
- ✓ Time consuming

Binocular hologram generation using deep learning

Original image (for left eye)

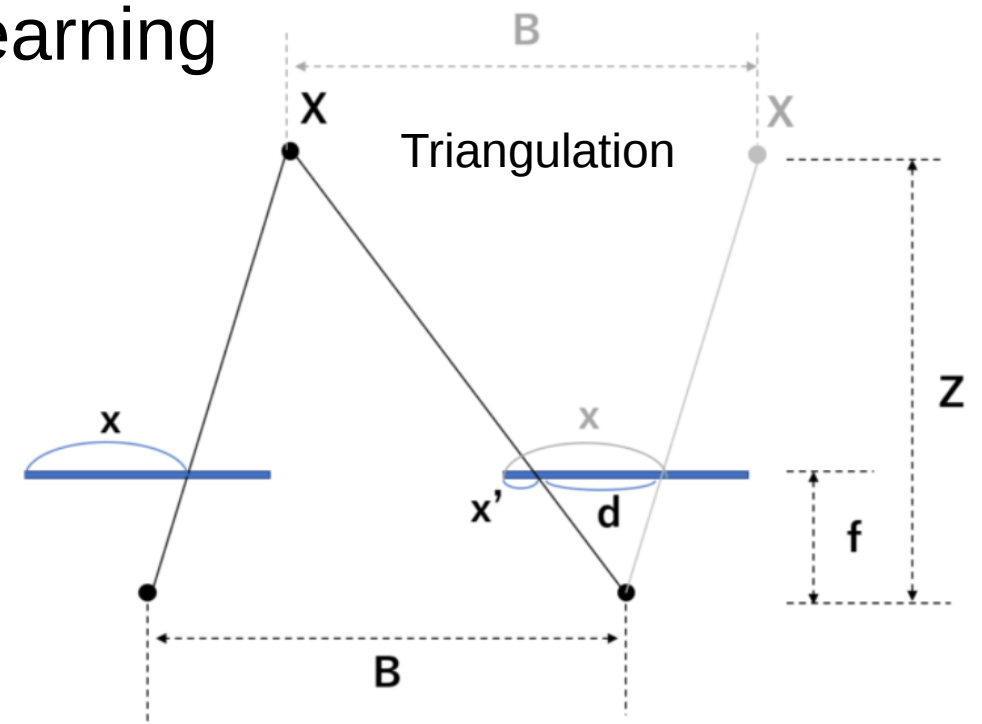
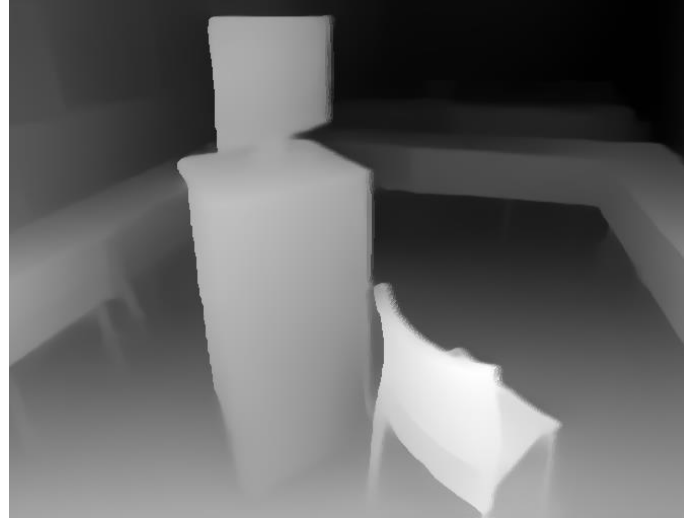


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Original image (for left eye)



Depth map



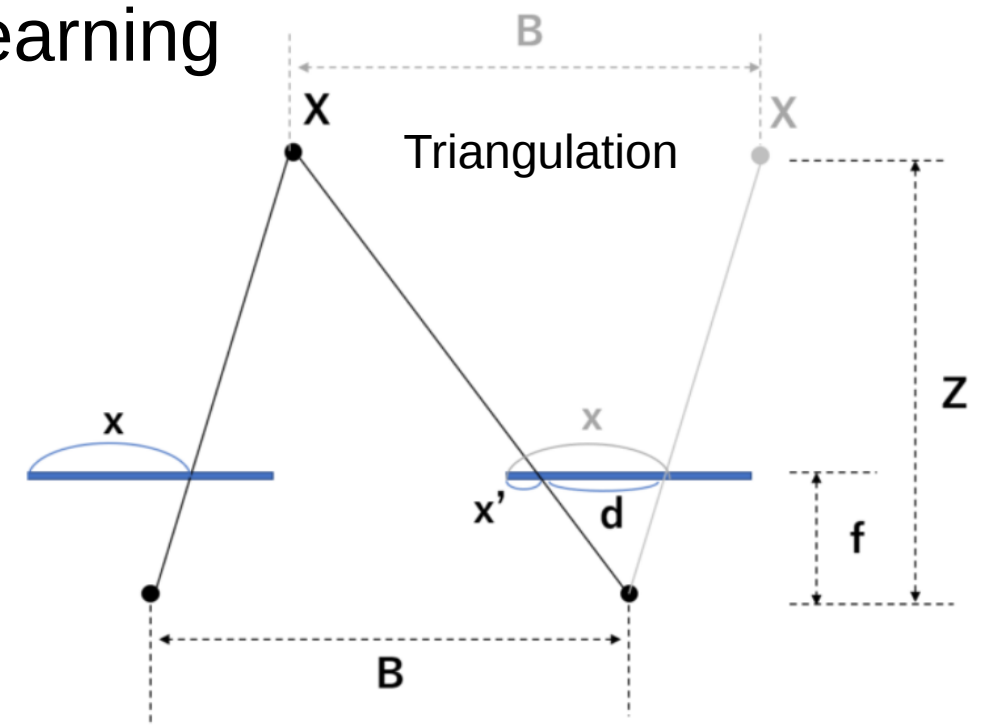
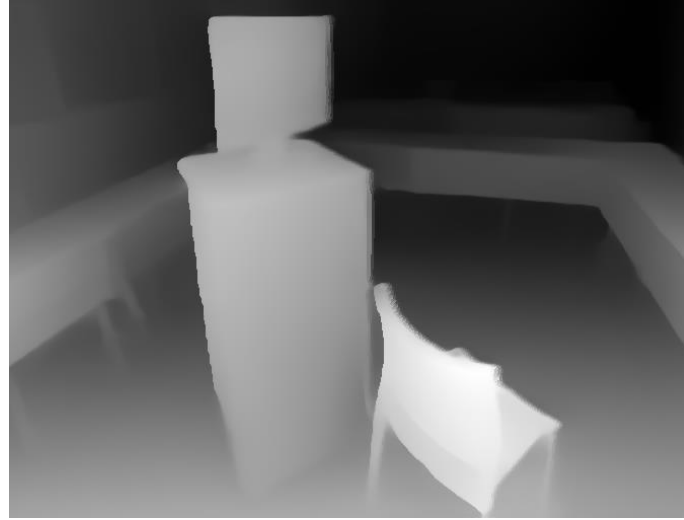
To generate a new image for the right eye, we use triangulation and a depth map to shift the pixels of the left eye's image to new positions of the right eye's image

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Depth map



Deep neural network (gmcnn) for inpainting

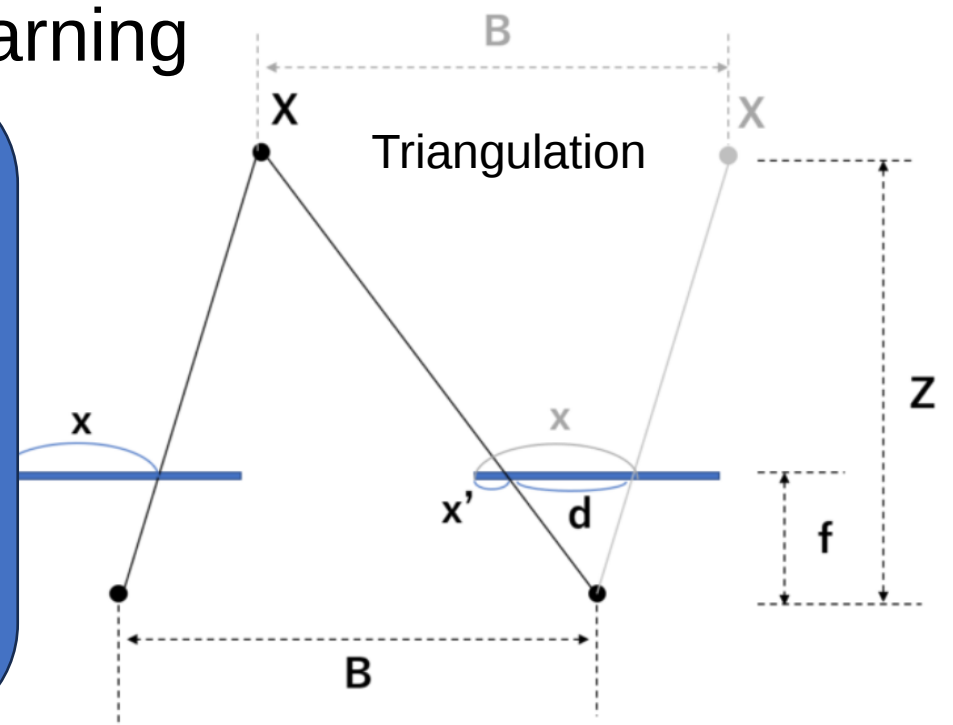
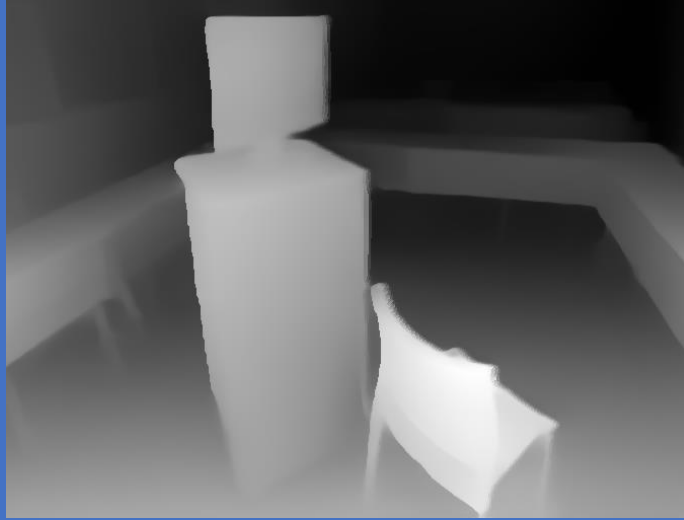


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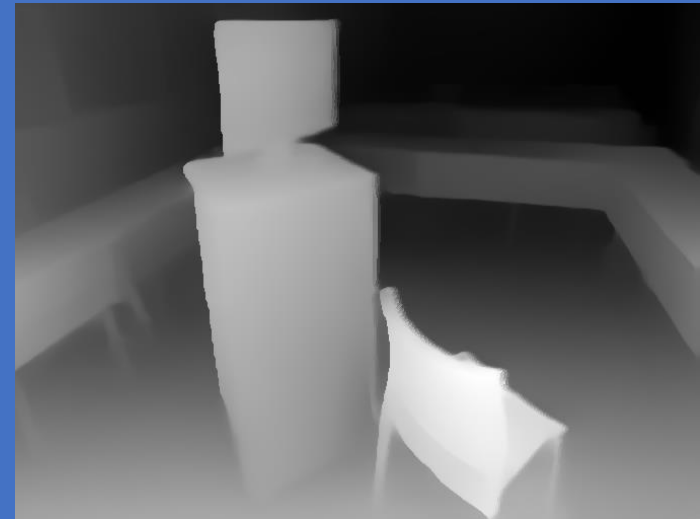
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Hologram reconstruction for left eye



for right eye



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Various video equipment

- We have many video equipment
 - ✓ TV, TV games, PC, YouTube, Amazon prime video...
 - ✓ Most video equipment presents two-dimensional movies
- If existing video equipment are modified to be able to display holographic 3D video, extensive equipment modifications would be required on both the transmitter and receiver sides

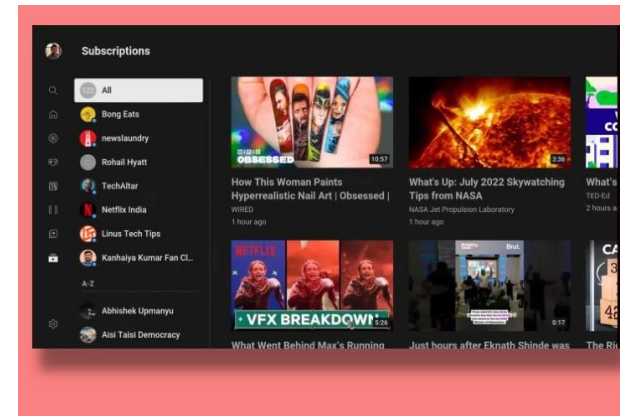
Nintendo Switch



Amazon prime video



Youtube



TV



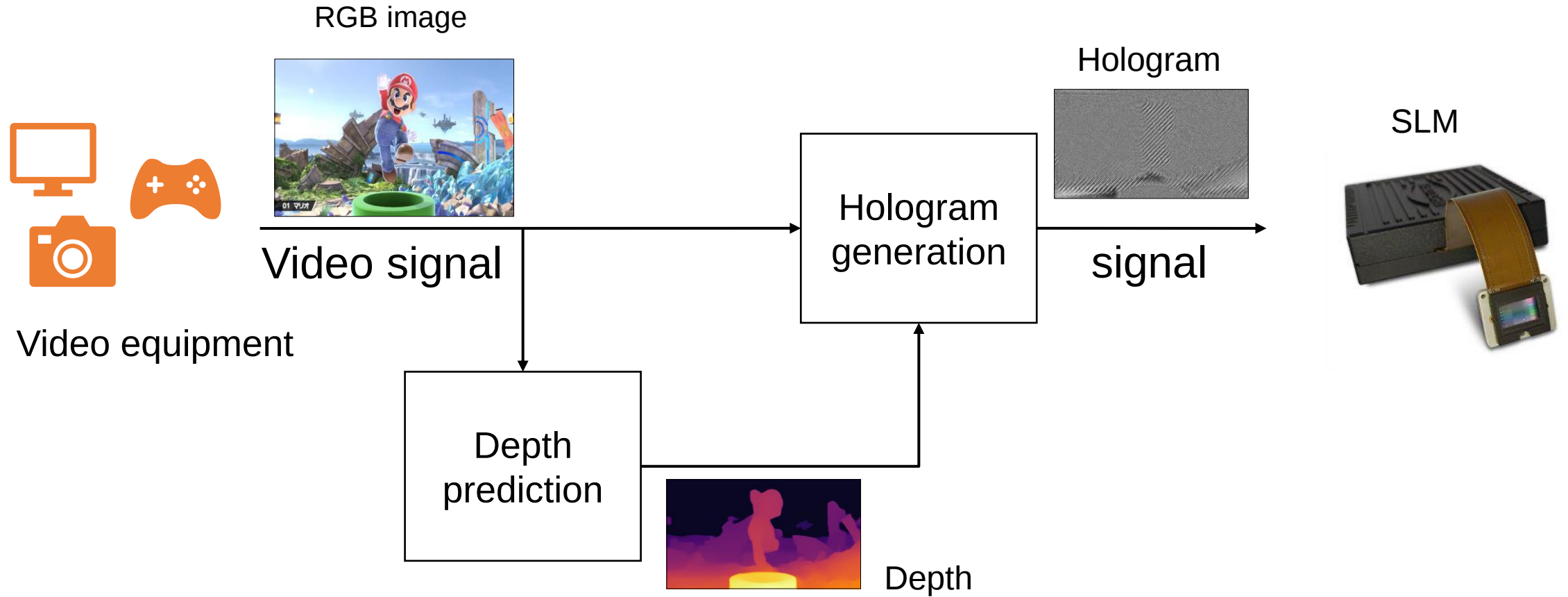
Holographic signal converter

- We propose a conversion method from 2D signals of existing video equipment to holographic signal
- The proposed method can reproduce 3D holographic images in real-time
- The proposed method does not require any changes to existing video equipment

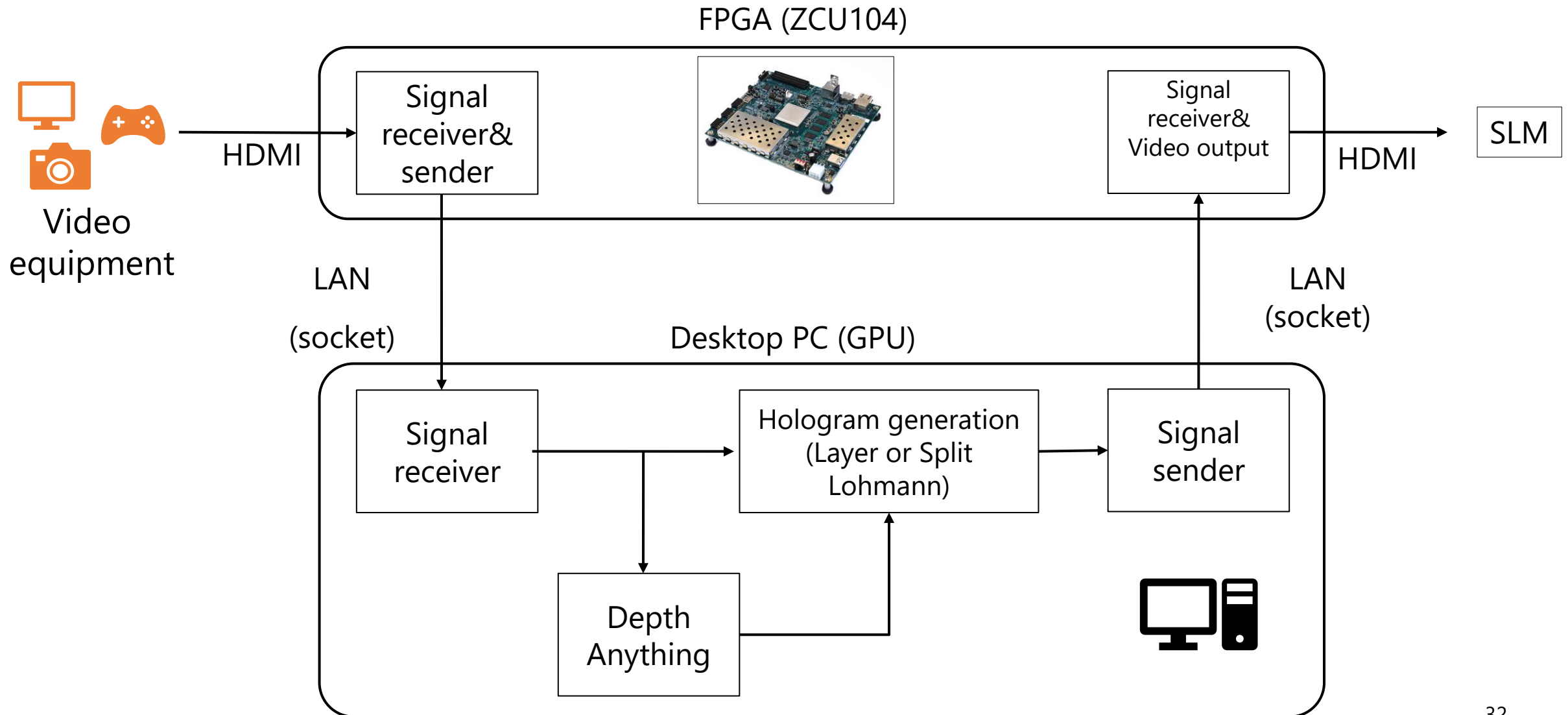


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Ph.D student

Proposed system: Holographic signal converter

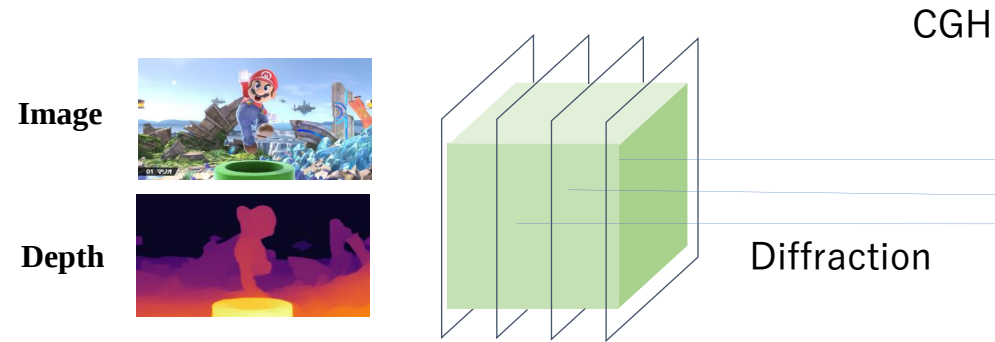


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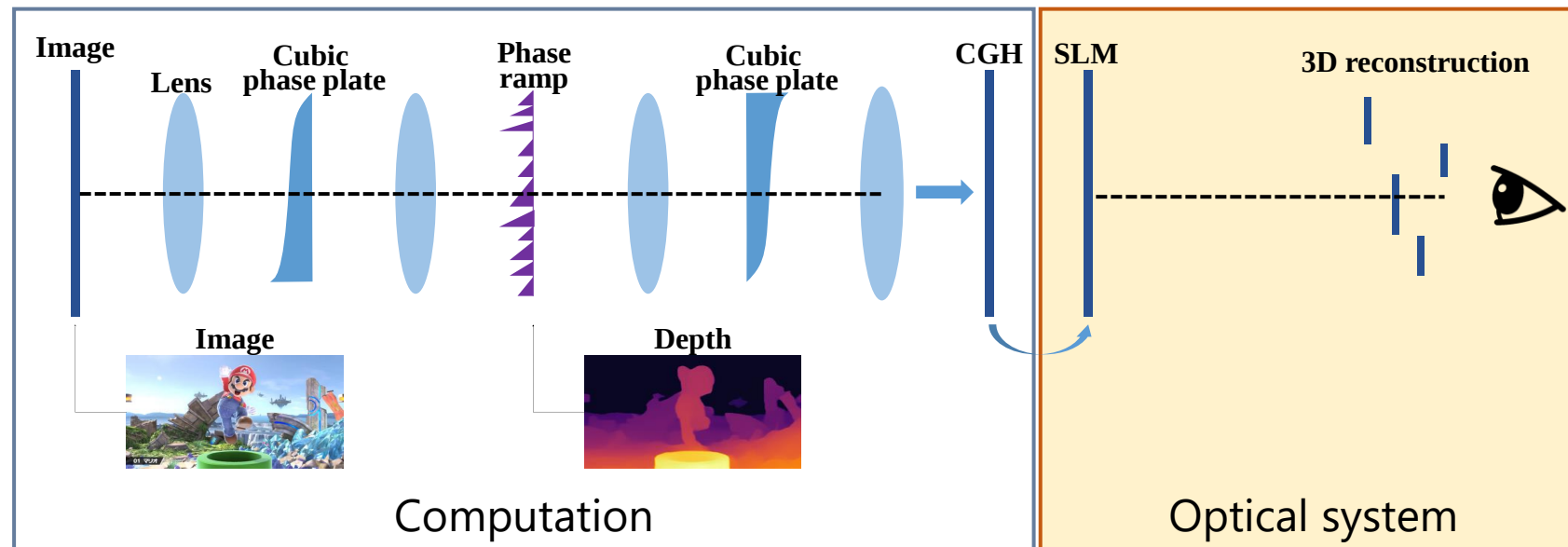


Hologram calculation algorithm

Layer method



Split Lohmann method



Holographic TV game

Playing Mario Kart / GRAN TURISMO 7 on holographic display



HDMI signal



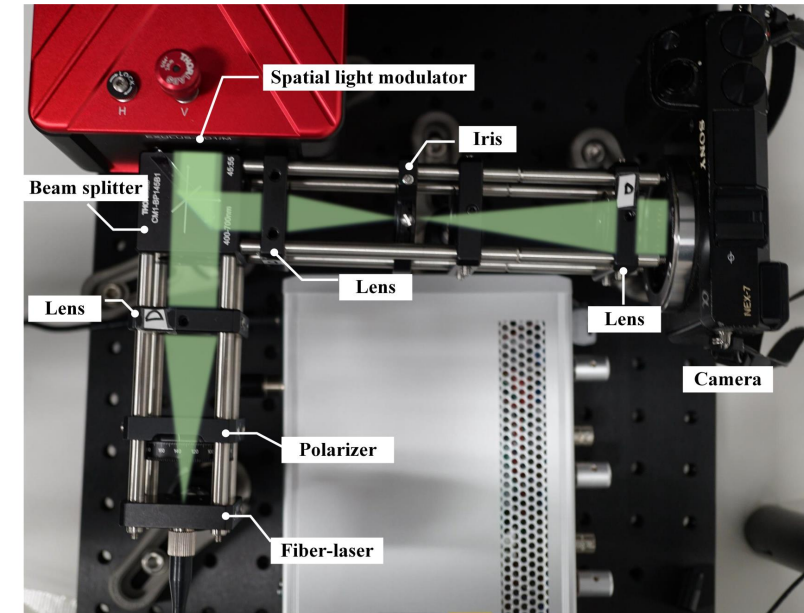
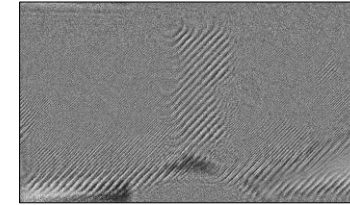
Depth Estimation



Depth map

Hologram calculation

Hologram



World's first holographic TV game?





Shotoku, M., Wang, F., Ito, T., & Shimobaba, T. Holographic signal converter for existing two-dimensional video equipment (under review)

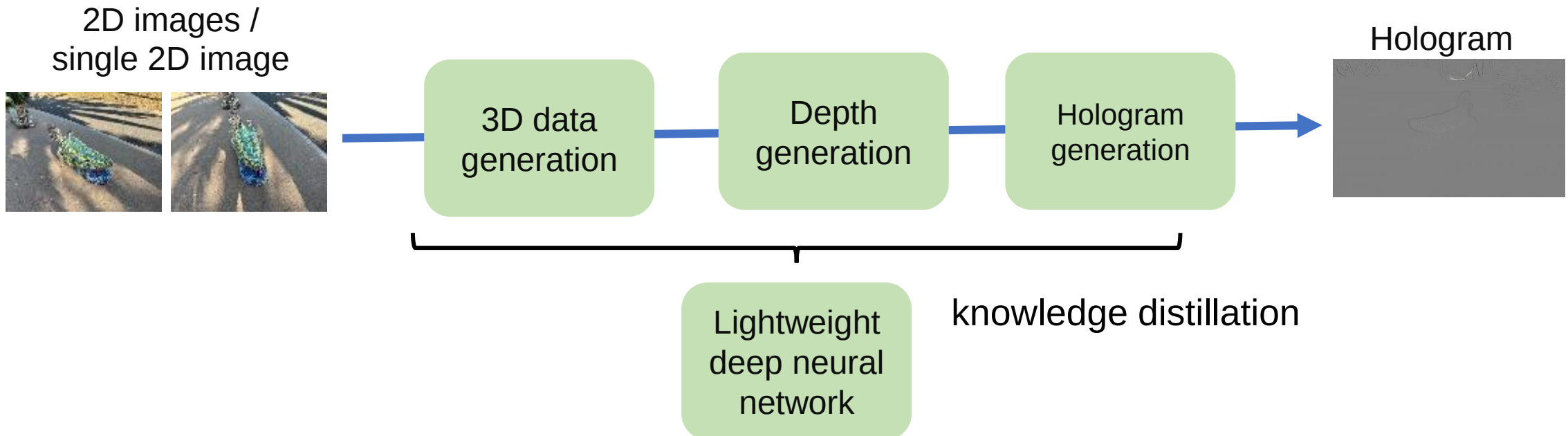
Sony PlayStation 5 GRAN TURISMO 7

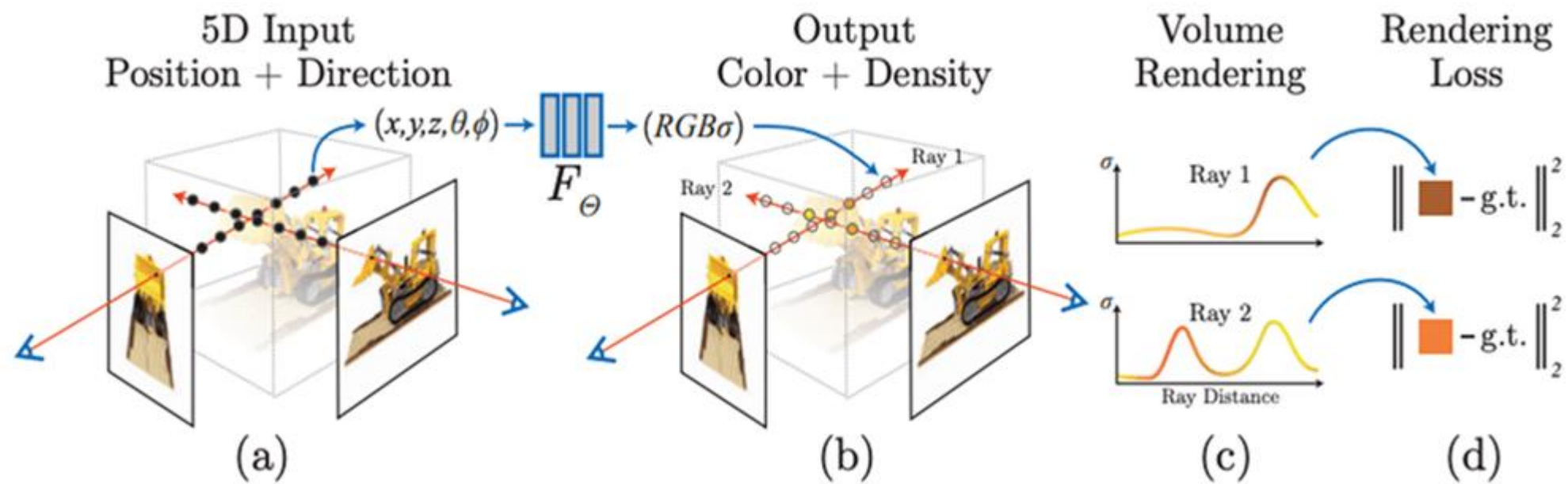


We would like to express our gratitude to Polyphony Digital for the permission to use GRAN TURISMO 7.

Conclusions

- We introduced the following topics:
 - Free viewpoint holographic displays using NeRF
 - Free viewpoint holographic displays using Vision NeRF
 - Binocular hologram generation
 - 3D TV game using holographic signal converter
- Future works
 - Knowledge distillation + hologram generator for deep 3D scene

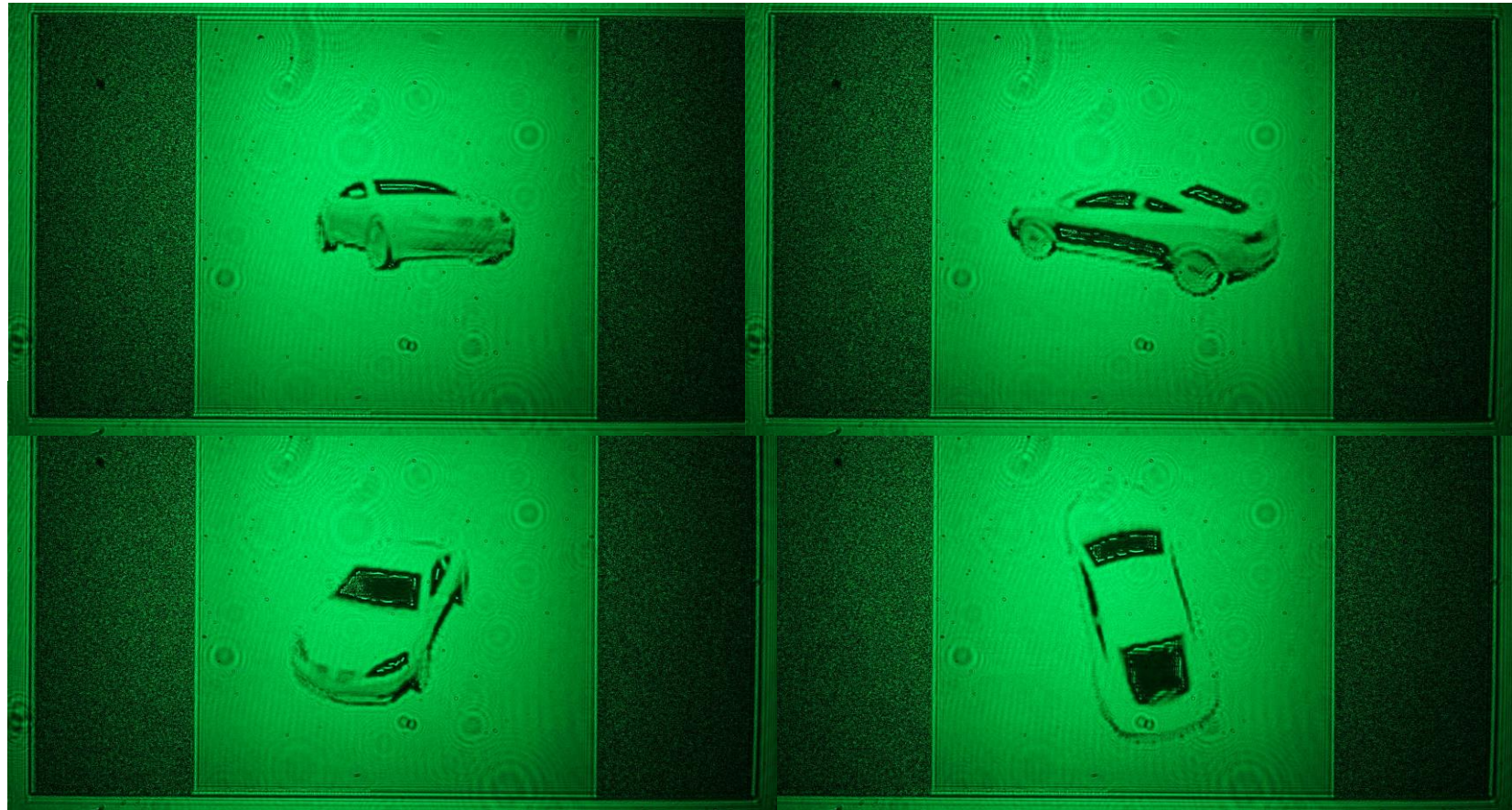




Optical reconstructions

ホログラムの仕様

解像度	1920×1080[pixel]	光波長	G:520[nm]
画素ピッチ	6.4[μ m]	伝搬距離	16[cm]



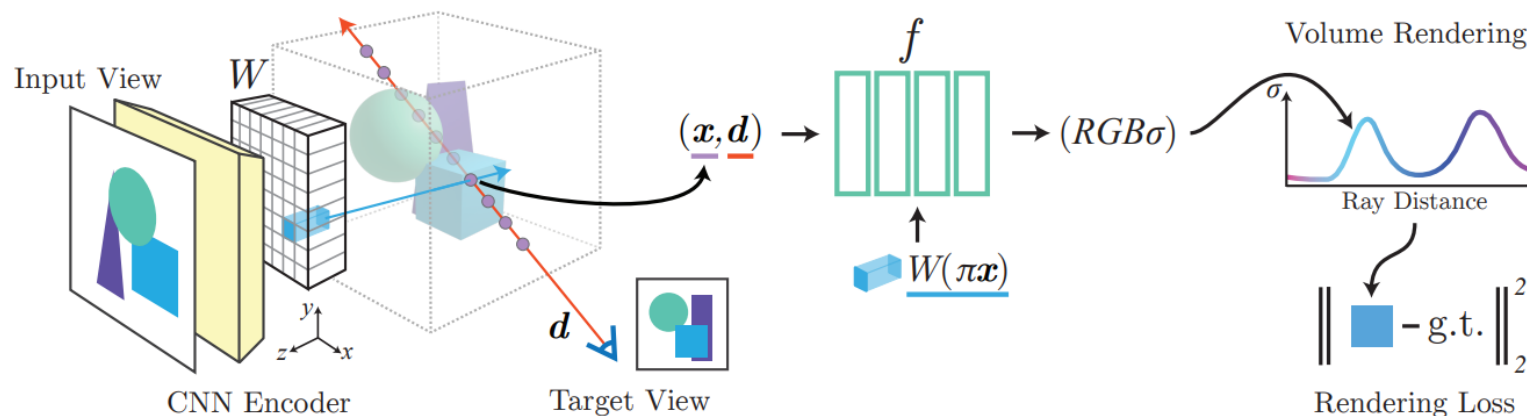
提案手法

STEP 02

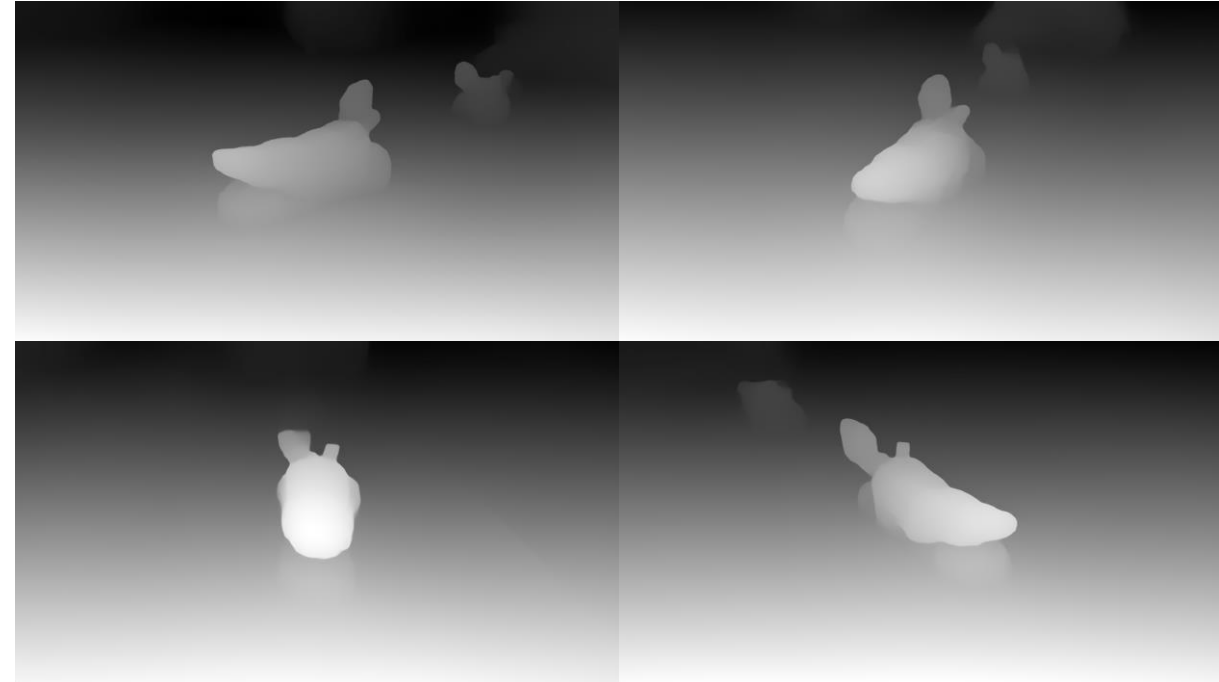
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Pixel NeRF : NeRFを応用して入力画像が単数や少数の場合でも3次元シーンの再構成を可能にした技術

学習時にCNNで特徴量を抽出し、どのシーンにも共通する情報として使用



Result of depth prediction



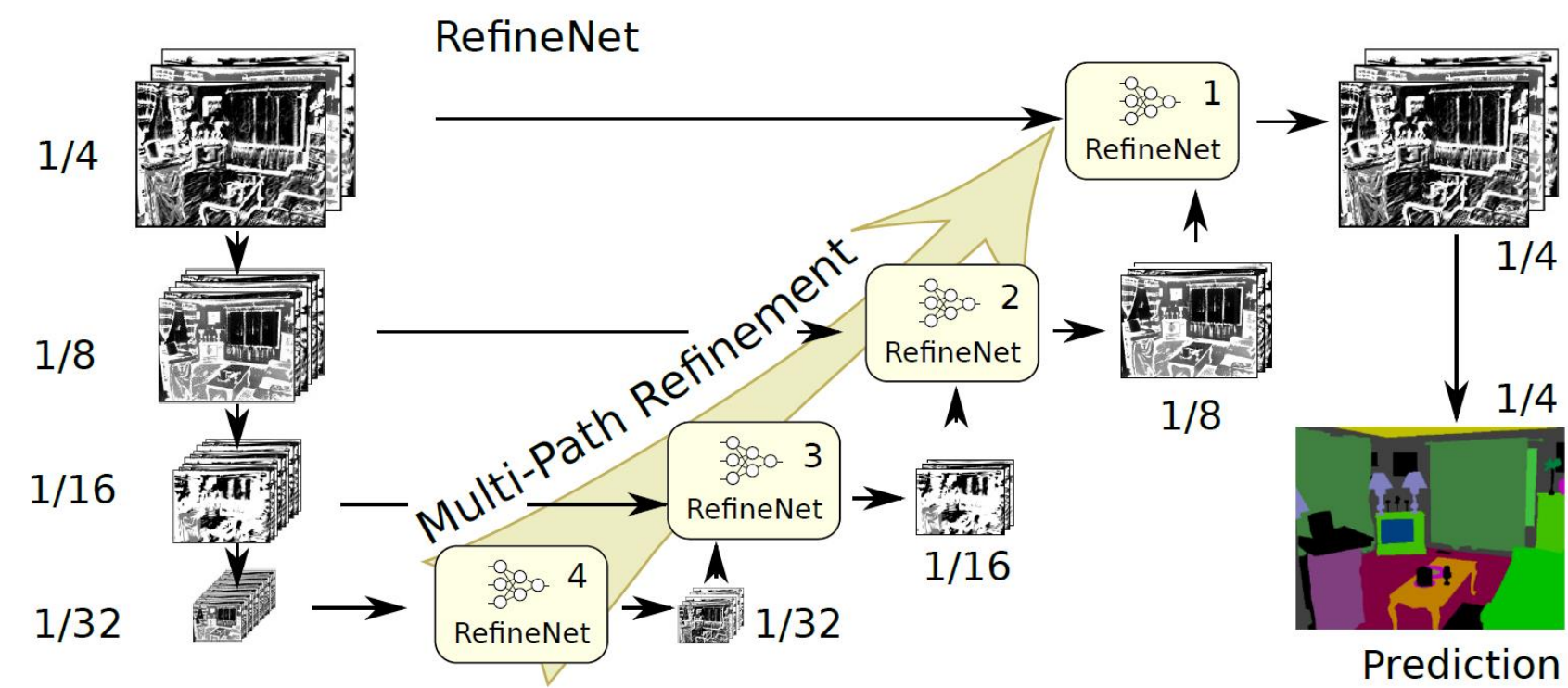
Depth prediction: MiDaS

Network structure: RefineNet

End-to-end learning

Over 10 diverse datasets used

$$d = \mathcal{N}_{\text{MiDaS}}\{\text{RGB}\}$$





3D scene reconstruction from NeRF



$$RGB = \mathcal{N}_{NeRF}\{\mathbf{v}\}$$

Elapsed times in each step

	Split Lohmann		Layer-based		
	Gray	Color	Gray	Color	
HDMI extraction	1.10	1.46	1.09	2.23	ms
Send to GPU	4.48	10.2	4.41	10.8	
Depth Anything	20.9	22.1	21.6	21.8	
Hologram generation	2.92	9.24	10.1	28.7	
Send to GPU	15.5	96.2	16.0	96.0	
HDMI conversion	0.83	0.94	0.79	0.91	fps
FPS	21.6	6.32	20.1	5.62	
FPS (Pipeline)	51.3	9.49	46.5	9.52	

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My expectation:

We need a fast and efficient compression/decompression technique

Could JPEG Pleno distribute reference codes for the compression algorithms?

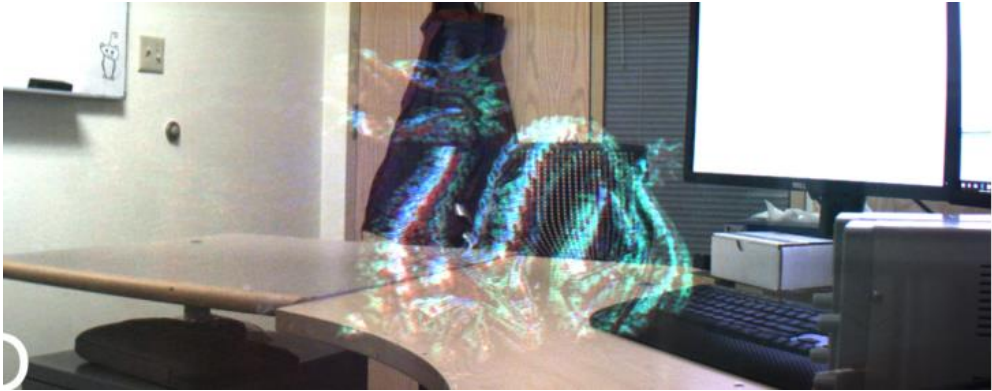
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Near-eye holographic display



<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/project/holographic-near-eye-displays-virtual-augmented-reality/>

Practical use within 10 years?



Maimone+ Trans Graph 2017

Holographic display with wide angle and large image size

e.g. Photorefractive polymer (rewritable holographic polymer)

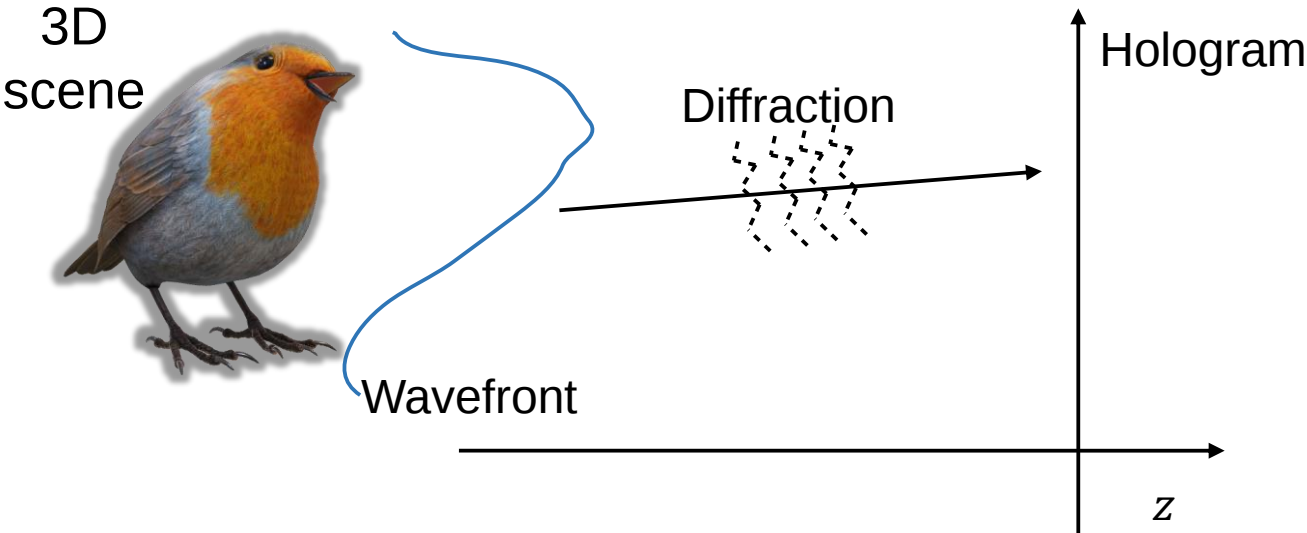


Large space
bandwidth product

It would still take over
30 years to make it
practical?

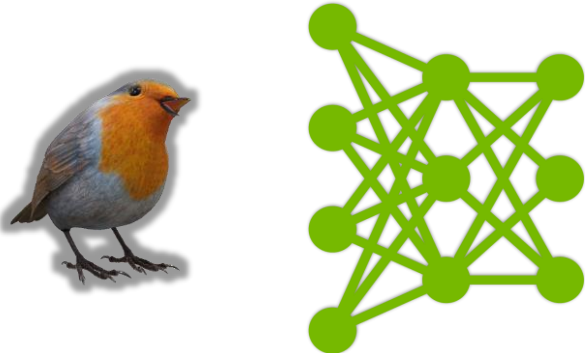
Blanche+ Nature 2010

Acceleration algorithms

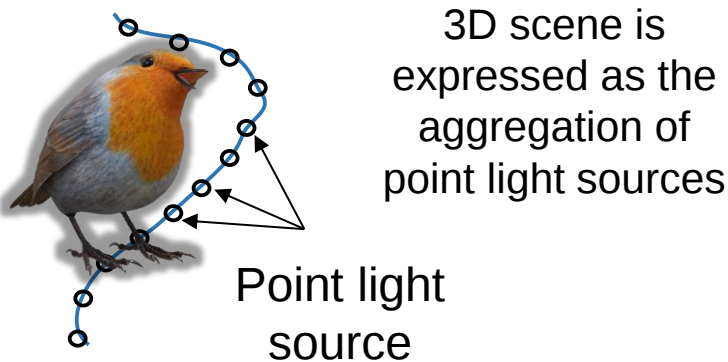


Deep learning

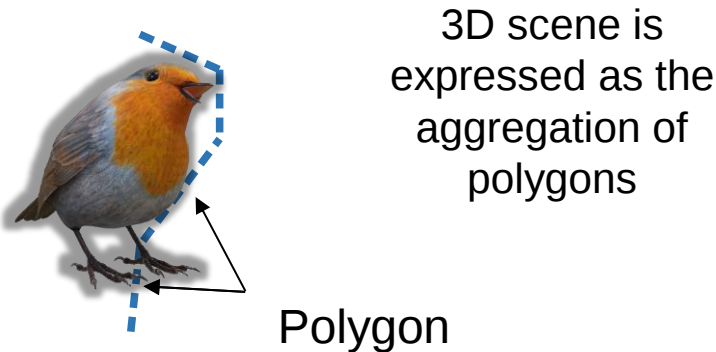
Deep neural network can directly predict holograms from 3D scene



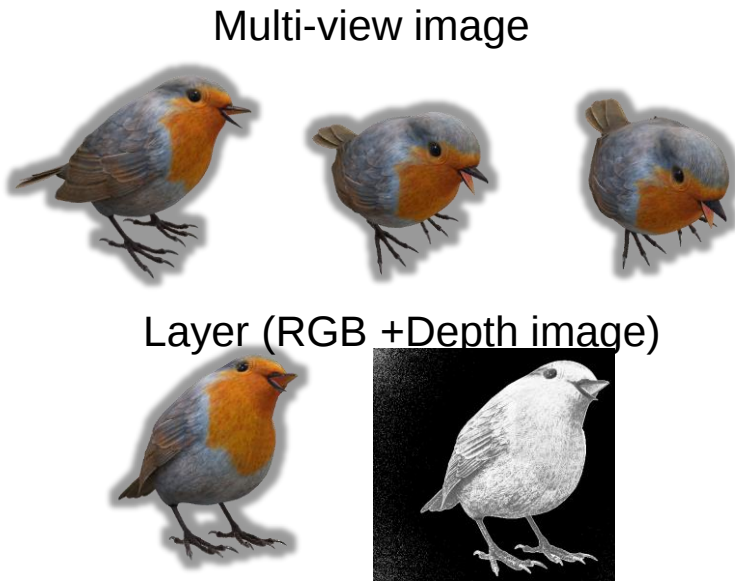
Point cloud



Polygon



Light field method



Point cloud method

Suitable for wide-angle holographic display

- LUT

$O(N^4)$

- Novel LUT, Kim+ Appl.Opt. (2008)
- Mini LUT using principal component analysis (PCA), Jiao+ Opt. Express (2017)
- Recurrence formulas
 - Yoshikawa+ Opt. Rev 2001, Matsushima+ Appl. Opt. 2000, Shimobaba+ Comput. Phys. Commun. 2001

- Separable convolution

$O(N^3)$

- S-LUT method, Pan+ Opt. Express (2009)
- Separable convolution, Maimone+ ACM Trans. Graph. (2017)
- Oriented separable convolution, Shimobaba+ Opt. Express (2022)

- Sparsity

- Image hologram, Yamaguchi+ Opt. Eng. (2007)
- WRP, Shimbaba+ Opt. Lett. (2009)
- Wavelet, Shimobaba+ Opt. Express (2017)
- Short-time Fourier transform
 - Yamaguchi+, Yoshikawa+, Blinder+
- Gabor transform, Blinder+ Photo. Res. (2025) $O(N) !!$

Polygon method

- Rotational diffraction (FFT-based method)
 - Matsushima+ J. Opt. Soc. Am. 2003
 - Matsushima+ Opt. Express 2014
 - Nishi and Matsushima Appl. Opt. 2017
 - Analytical solution method
 - Ahrenberg+ Appl. Opt. 2008
 - Liu+ Opt. Express 2010
 - Liu+ Opt. Lett. 2011
 - Pan+ Appl. Opt. 2013
 - Zhang+ Opt. Express 2018
 - Wang+ Photo. Res. 2023
 - Wang+ Opt. Lasers Eng. 2023
 - Hybrid approach combining polygon with point cloud
 - Wang+ Opt. Lett. 2023
- Wide-angle holographic display
- Near-eye holographic display
- Wide-angle holographic display



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Light field method

- Holographic stereogram
 - Yatagai+ Appl. Opt. 1976
 - Phase-added stereogram (PAS)
 - Yamaguchi+ SPIE Conf. 1993
 - Ray sampling plane method
 - Wakunami+ Opt. Express 2011
 - Layer method
 - Multiple diffraction calculations
 - Shimobaba+ Opt. Express 2013, Chen+ Opt. Express 2015
 - Split-Lohmann holography
 - Chang+ Adv. Photo. Nexus 2024
 - Hybrid approach combining layer method + Stereogram
 - Zhang+ Opt. Express 2015
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- The diagram uses blue curly braces to group the methods into three categories:
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Wide-angle holographic display

My expectation:

Many CGH acceleration algorithms have been proposed since the 1970s

Could JPEG Pleno collect reference codes for the various algorithms?

CGH algorithm's zoo

Reference codes need not be optimized

Hardware accelerations

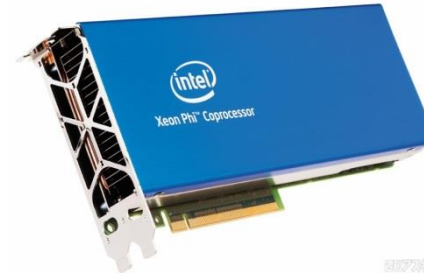
Multi-core CPU



Parallel processors

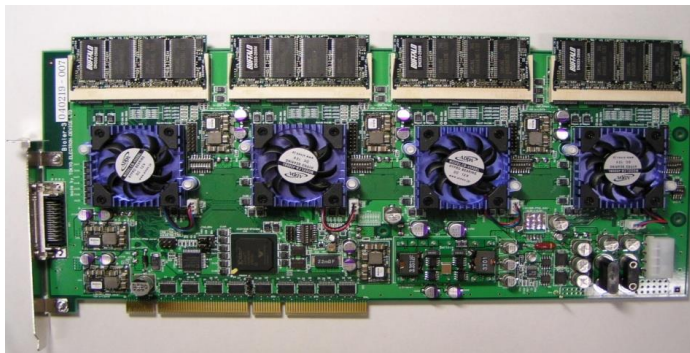


GPU

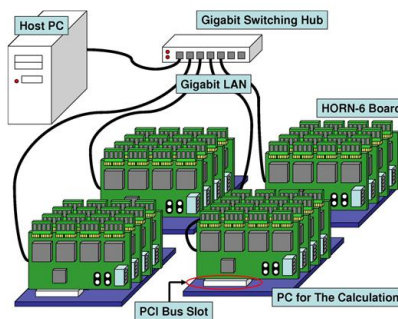


XeonPhi coprocessor

FPGA (Field Programmable Gate Array)



HORN-5 board (2004)



HORN-6 Cluster (2009)



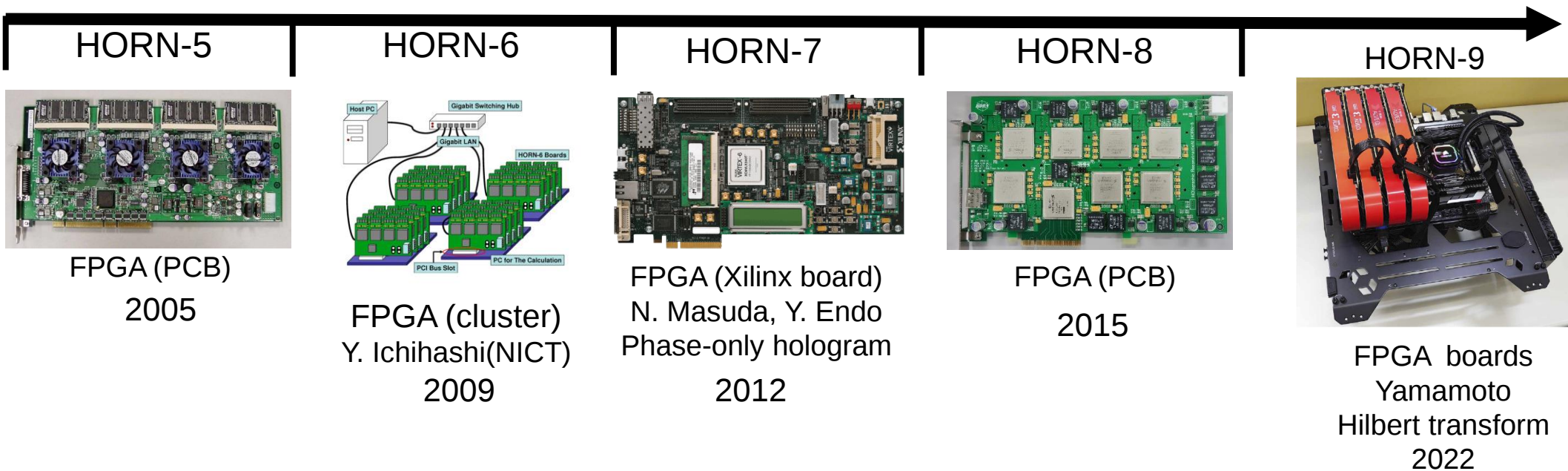
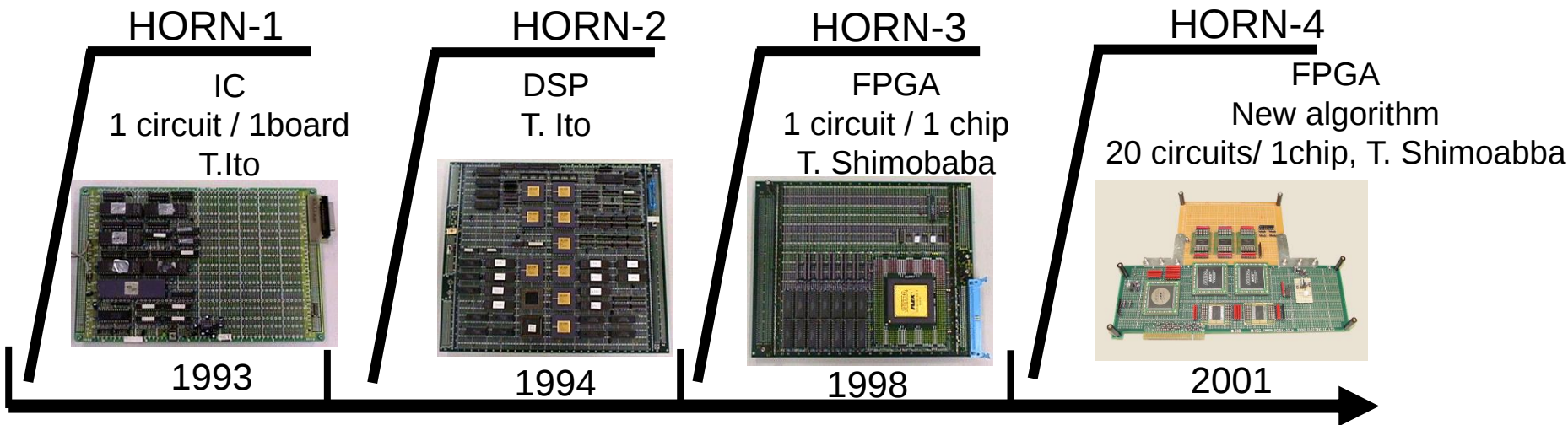
HORN-8 (2018)

HORN : HOlographic ReconstructiON

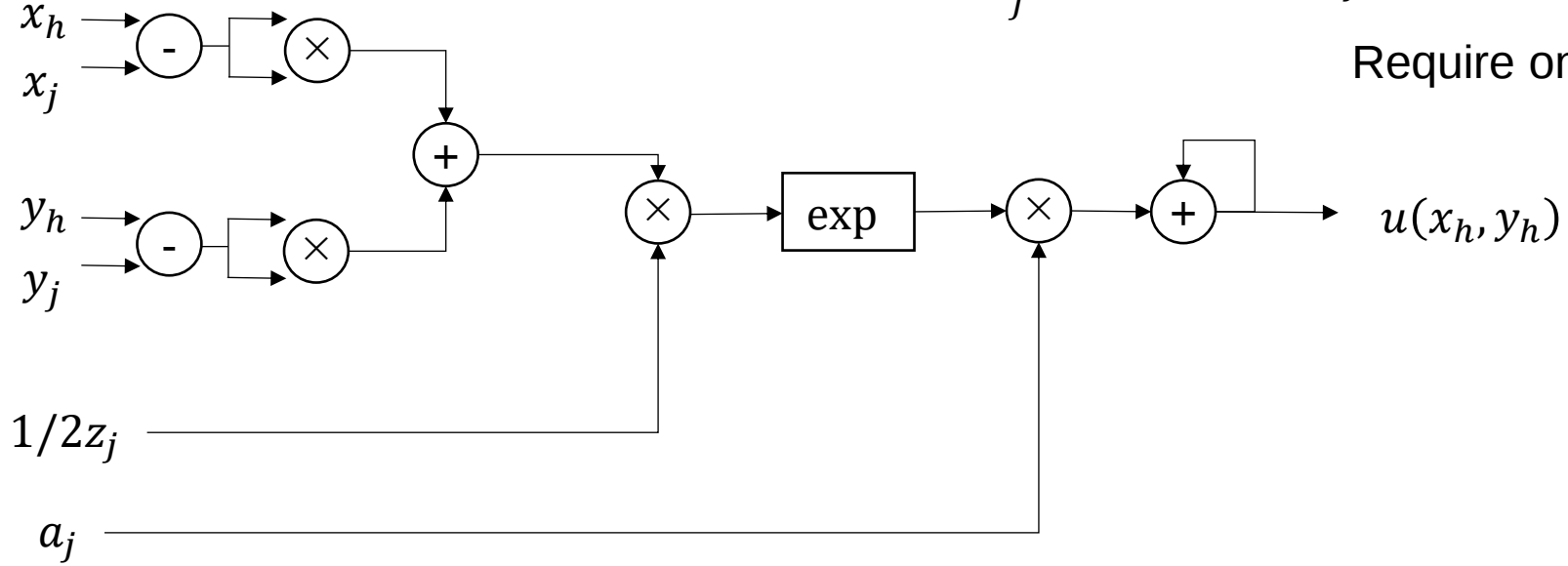
Special-purpose computers for holography: HORN



Prof./Dean Tomoyoshi Ito,
Chiba Univ.
Originator of HORN project



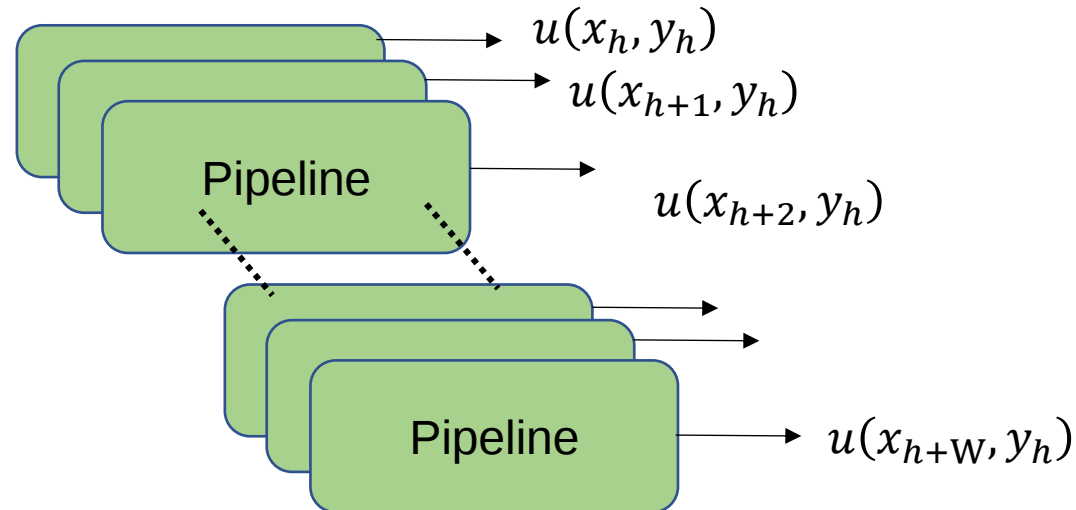
Pipeline architecture



$$u(x_h, y_h) = \sum_j^N a_j \exp(ik \frac{x_{hj}^2 + y_{hj}^2}{2z_j})$$

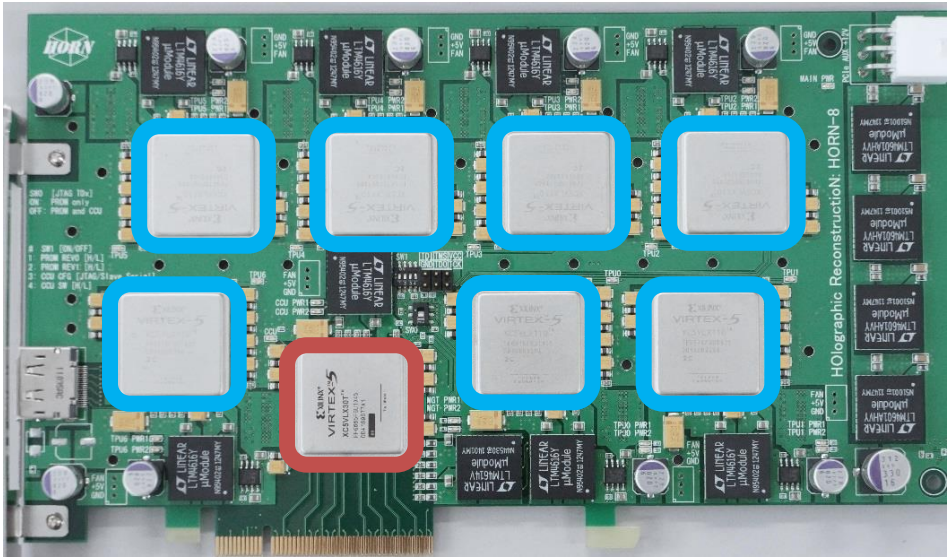
Require only N clock cycle

Parallelizing pipelines

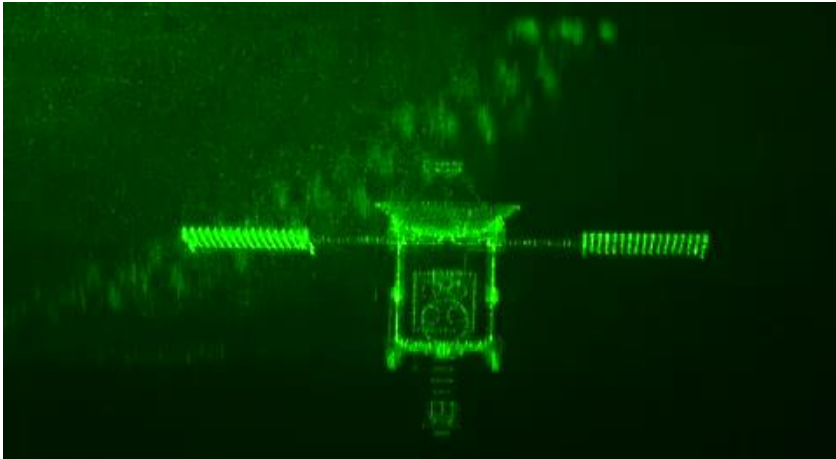


Multiple hologram pixels can be calculated in parallel

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- Large-scale FPGA board developed in our laboratory
- 1 Control FPGA and 7 computational FPGAs
- Implementing about 4500 pipeline circuits in the FPGA board
 - 4500 hologram pixels can be calculated in parallel



Hologram resolution is 1920x1080 (2K)

Table 1 | Performance comparison of the HORN-8 board, CPU and GPU

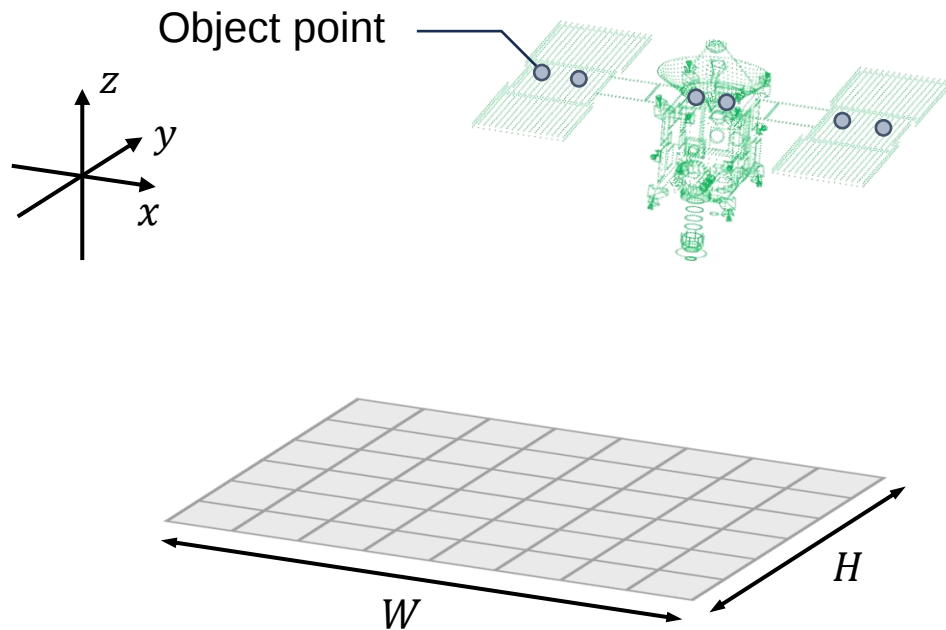
System	Time/CGH (s)	Speed ratio	Frame rate (fps)
CPU: Core i7-6700K, 4 cores, 4 GHz	2.951	1	0.34
GPU: GTX TITAN X, 3,072 cores, 1GHz	0.106	28	9.4
HORN-8 board: 4,480 parallel (cores), 0.25 GHz	0.019	155	53

This is the time taken to generate a hologram of 1,920 × 1,080 pixels from a 3D image of 10,000 points.

HORN-10 (under development)

Prior to HORN-10

$$U(x_h, y_h) = \sum_{j=1}^{N_X N_Y} \exp \left\{ i \frac{\pi}{\lambda z_l} (x_{hj}^2 + y_{hj}^2) \right\}$$

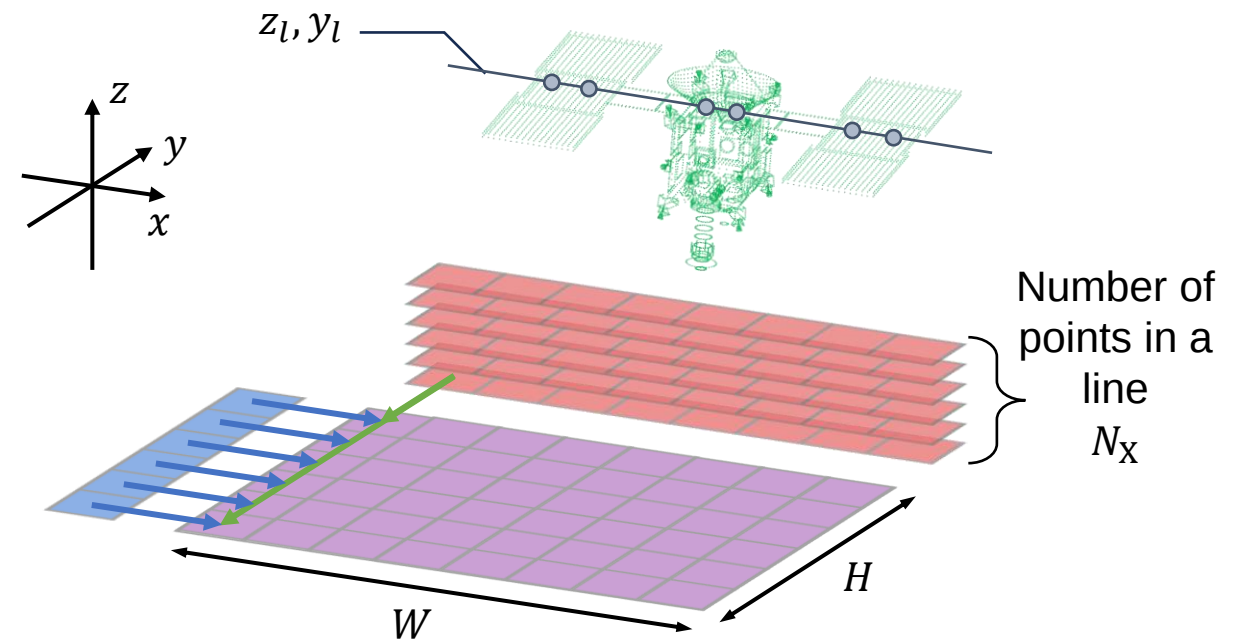


Computational complexity

$$O(N_X \times N_Y \times H \times W) = O(n^4)$$

HORN-10 (Separable convolution)

$$U(x_h, y_h) = \sum_{l=1}^{N_Y} \left\{ \exp \left(i \frac{\pi}{\lambda z_l} y_{hl}^2 \right) \sum_{j=1}^{N_X} \exp \left(i \frac{\pi}{\lambda z_l} x_{hlj}^2 \right) \right\}$$



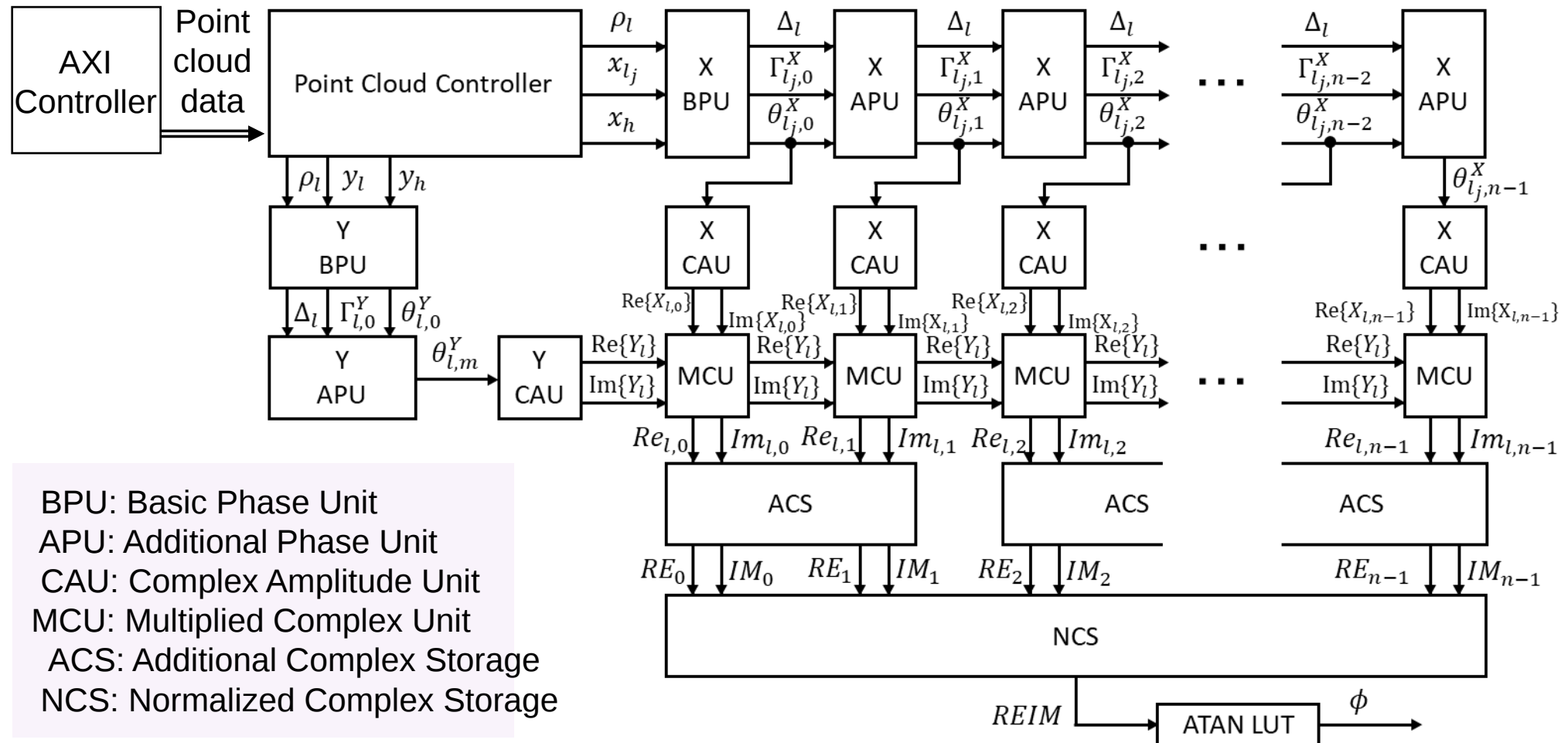
Computational complexity

$$O(((N_X + H) \times W + H) \times N_Y) = O(n^3)$$

Block diagram of HORN-10

$$U = \sum_{l=1}^{N_Y} \left\{ \exp(i \cdot 2\pi\theta_l^Y) \sum_{j=1}^{N_{X,l}} \exp(i \cdot 2\pi\theta_{l,j}^X) \right\}$$

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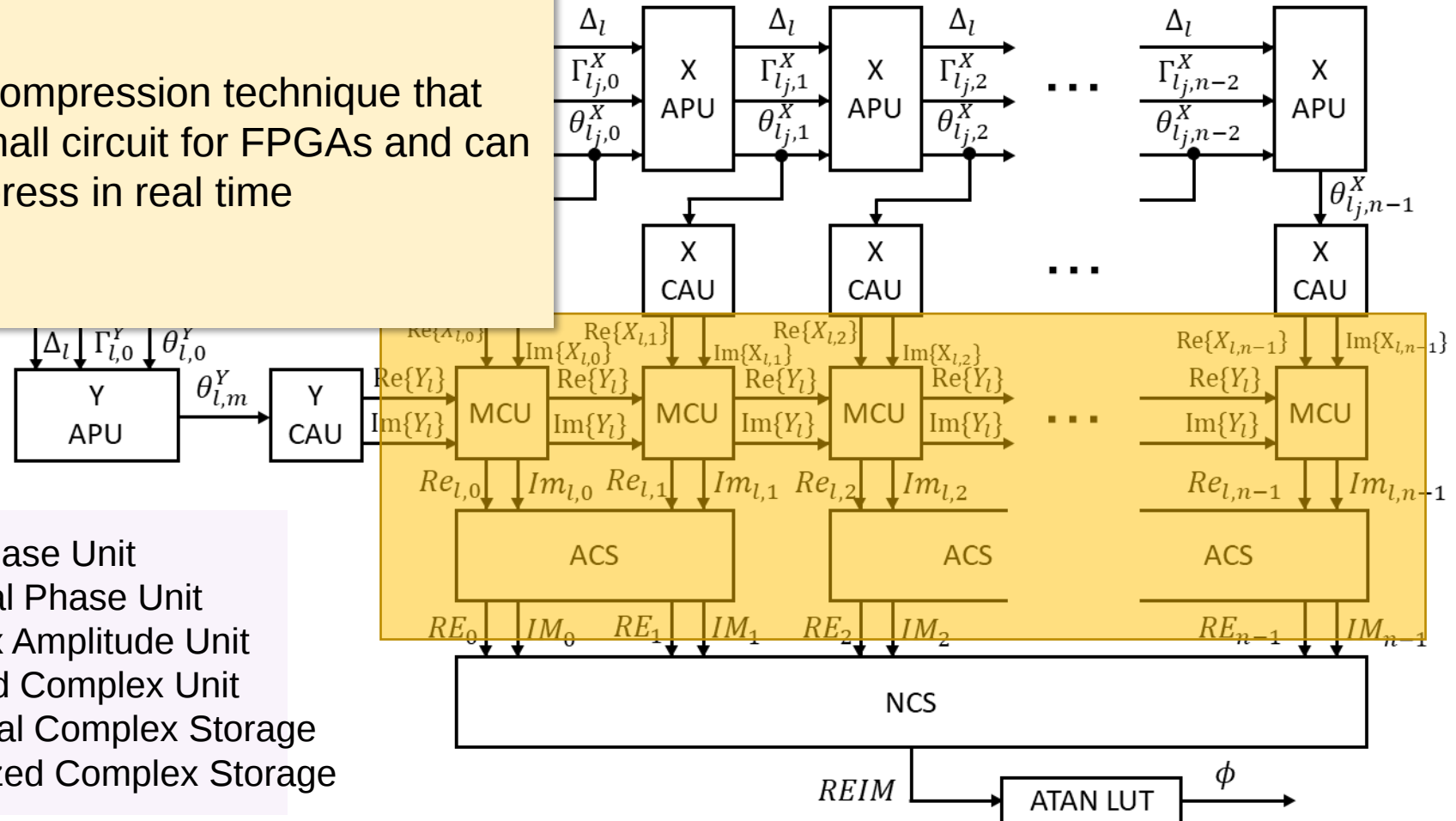
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My expectation

Current pipeline count is limited by FPGA memory capacity

We need a hologram compression technique that can be realized in a small circuit for FPGAs and can compress and decompress in real time



BPU: Basic Phase Unit
 APU: Additional Phase Unit
 CAU: Complex Amplitude Unit
 MCU: Multiplied Complex Unit
 ACS: Additional Complex Storage
 NCS: Normalized Complex Storage

Conclusion

- We presented our current studies
- We also described my expectations for JPEG Pleno for the problems in those studies:
 - Standard implementation for CGH algorithms
 - How to evaluate image quality without a reference image
 - Techniques for compressing and decompressing holograms at high speed



