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ActiveStereoNet

End-to-End Self-Supervised Learning for Active Stereo Systems

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Goal: Sensing 3D Geometry



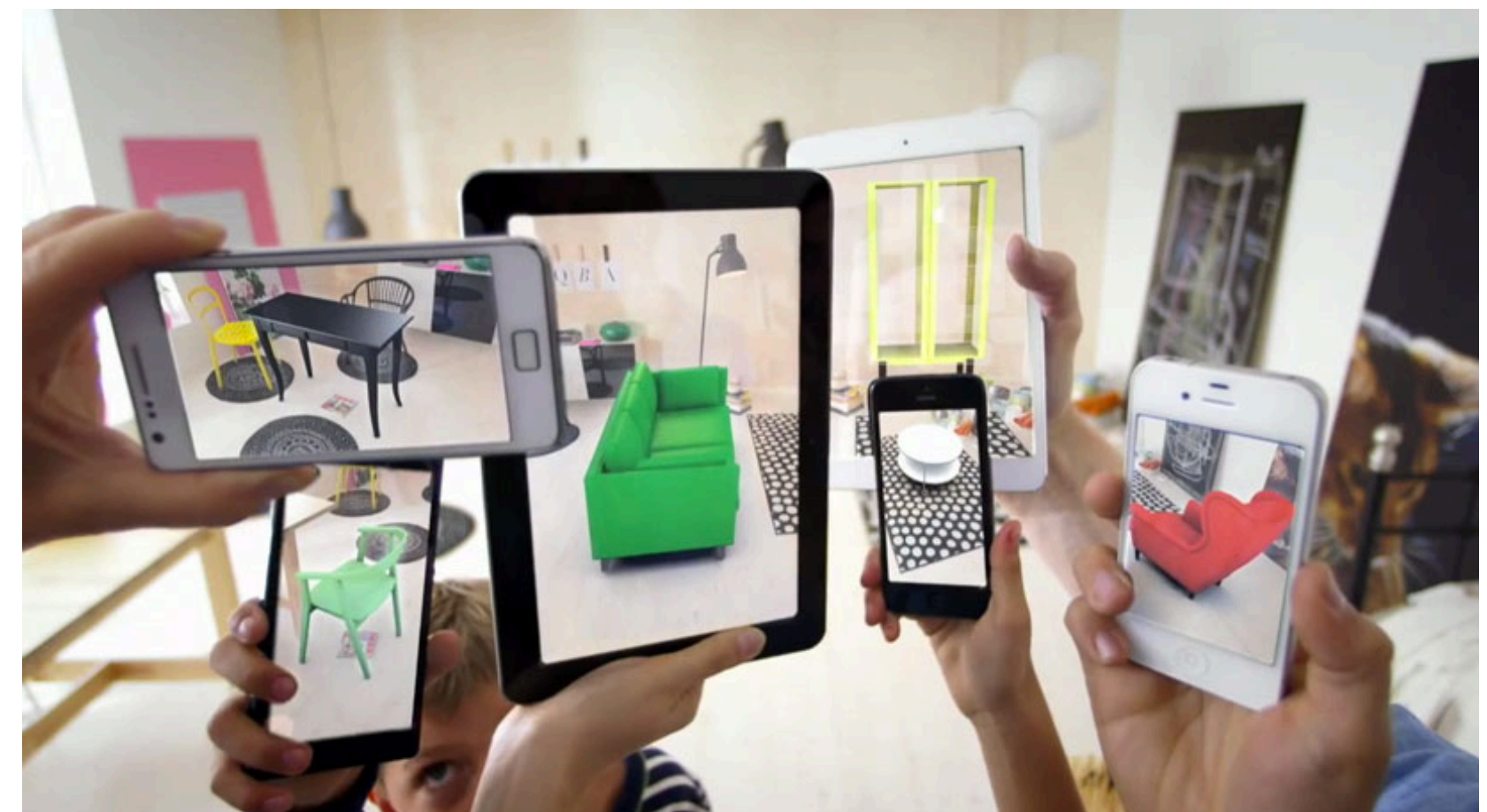
Biometric authentication



Autonomous driving



Indoor Robotics

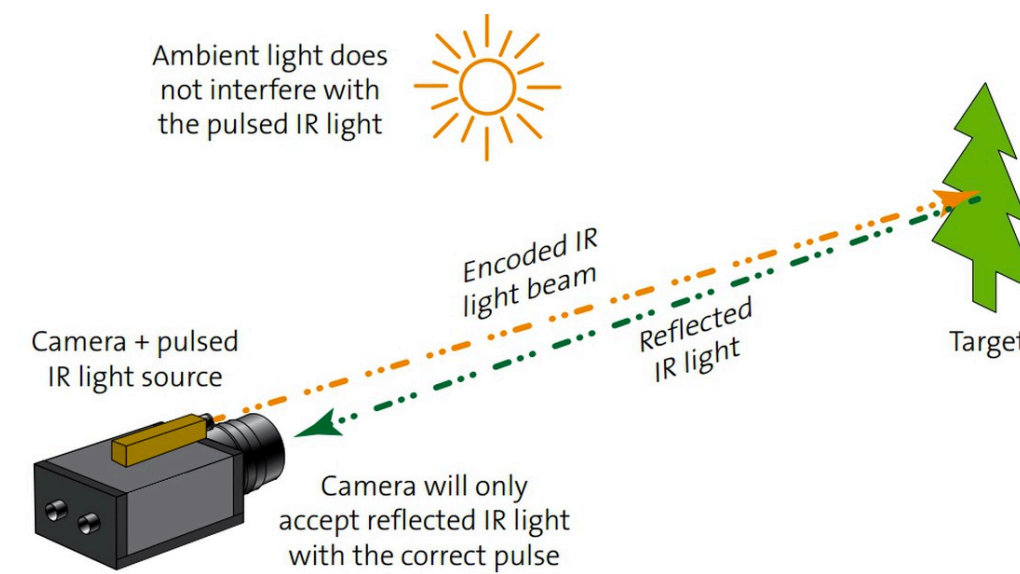


Augmented Reality

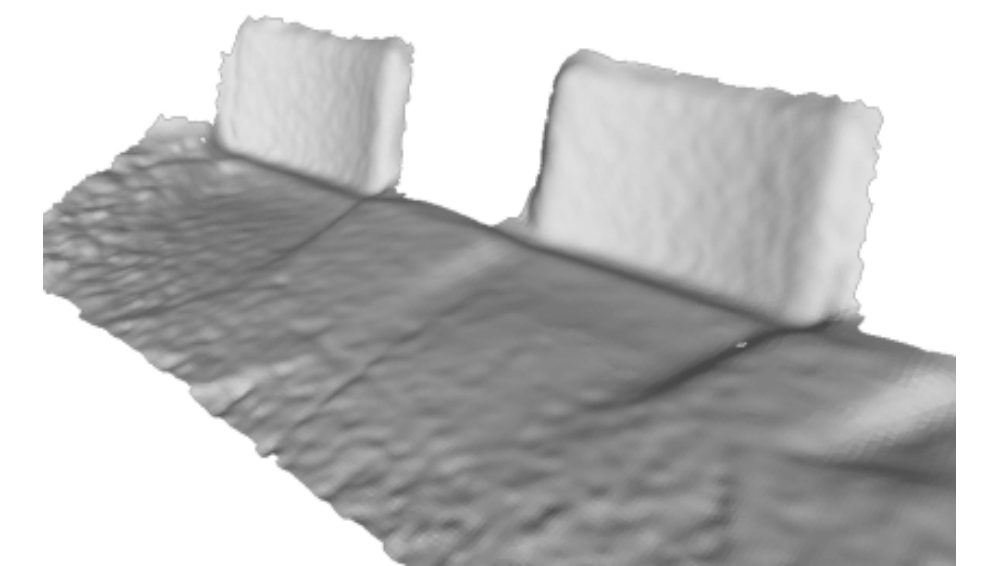
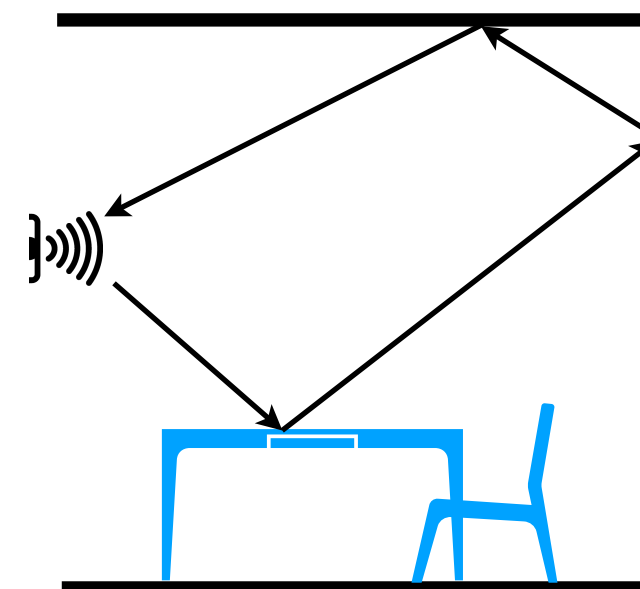
Active Depth Sensing

- Time of Flight

- ~~X~~ Fast motion
 - ~~X~~ Multi-Path



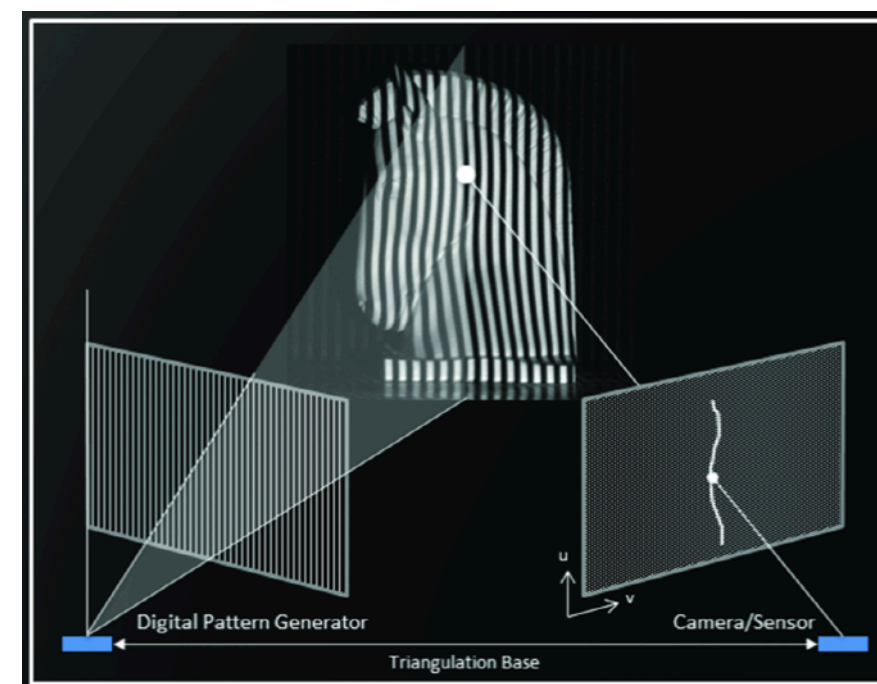
Time of Flight



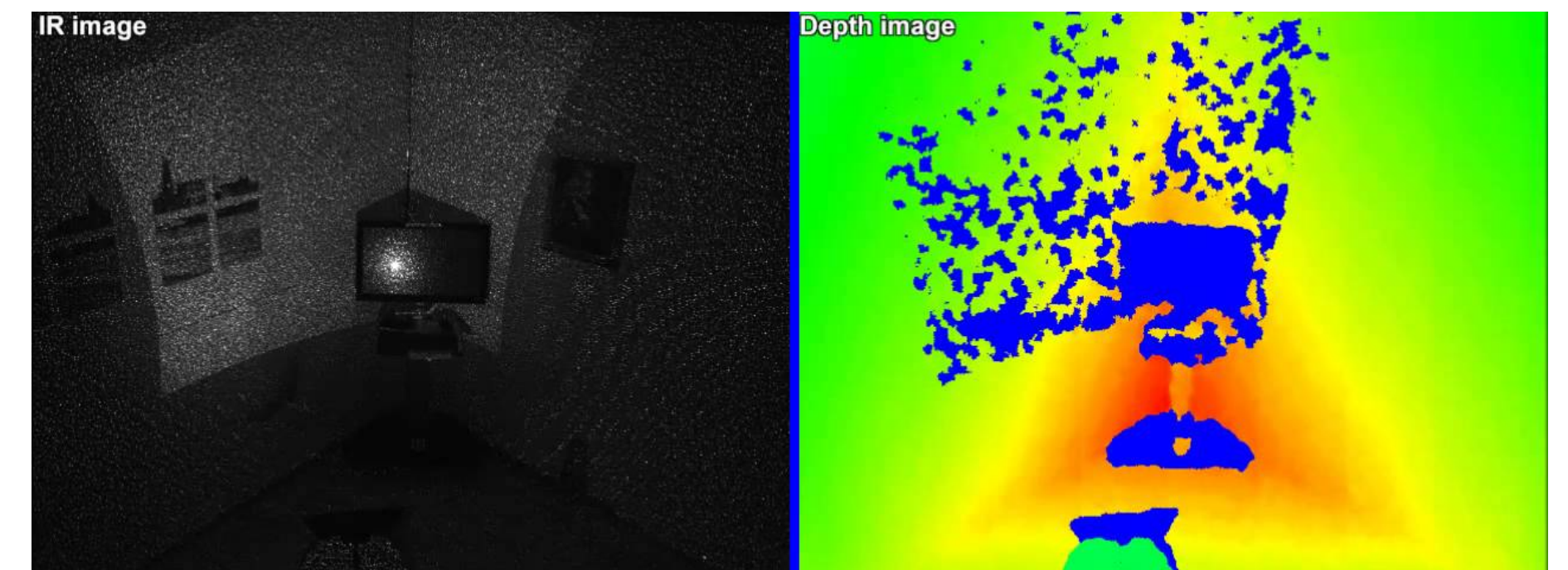
Multi-Path Interference

- Structured Light

- ~~X~~ Calibration
 - ~~X~~ Multi-Device



Structured Light



Multi-Device Interference

Passive Depth Sensing

- Stereo Matching

$$Z = \frac{bf}{d}$$

b : distance between camera centers

f : camera focal length

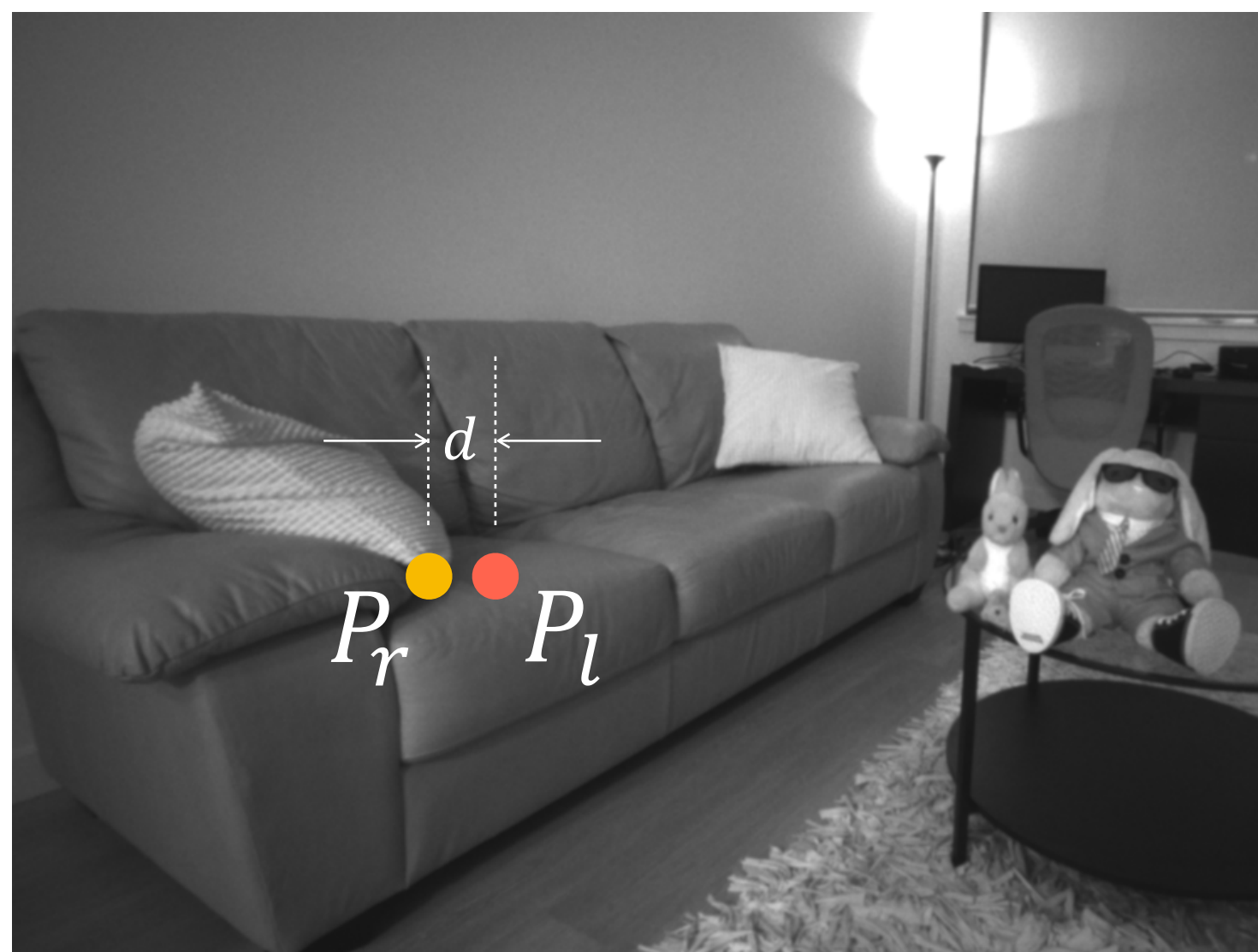
d : disparity

Z : depth

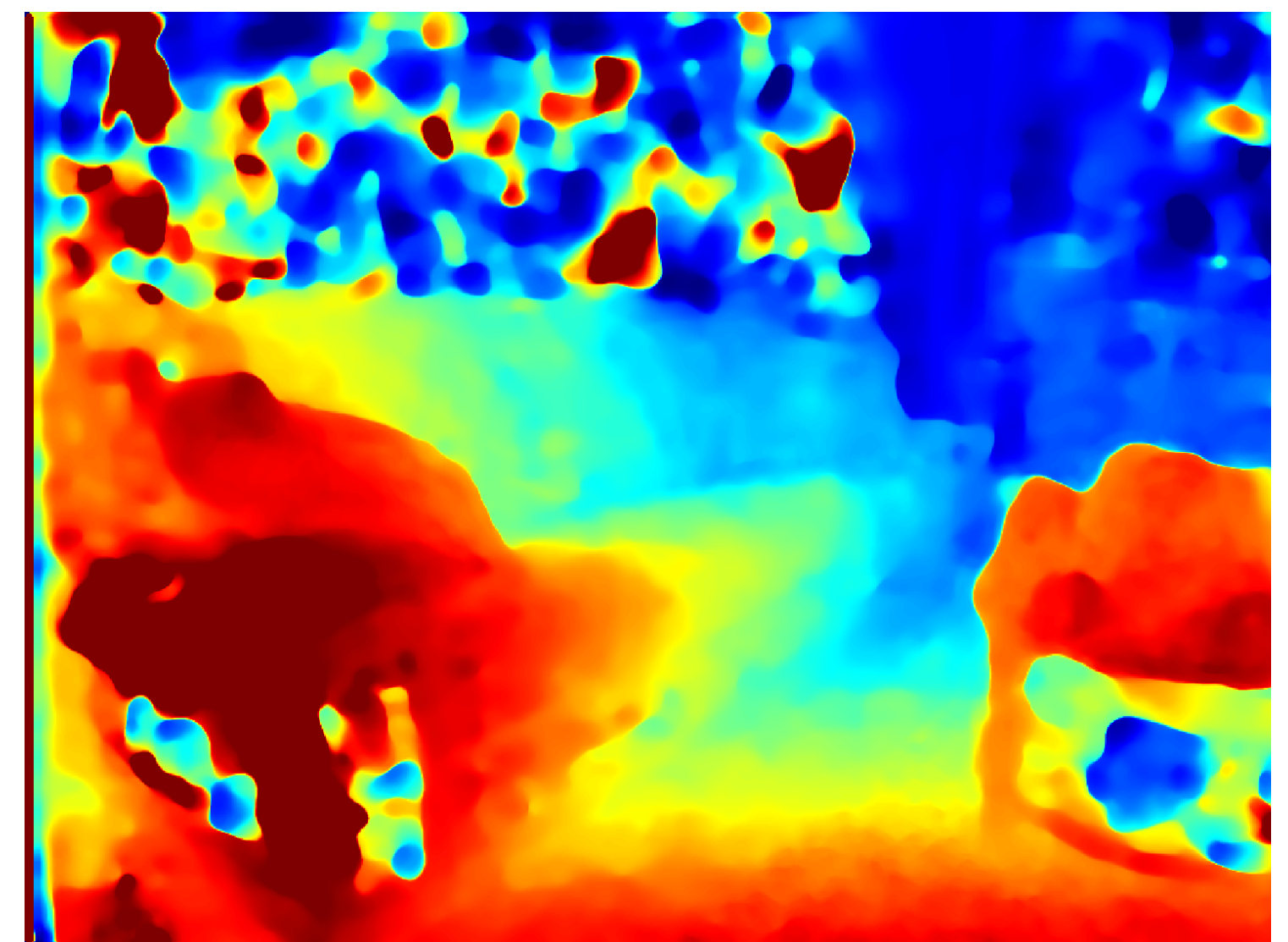
X Texture-less Region



Left View



Right View



Disparity

Active Stereo System

- Stereo Matching

$$Z = \frac{bf}{d}$$

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f: camera focal length

d: disparity

Z: depth

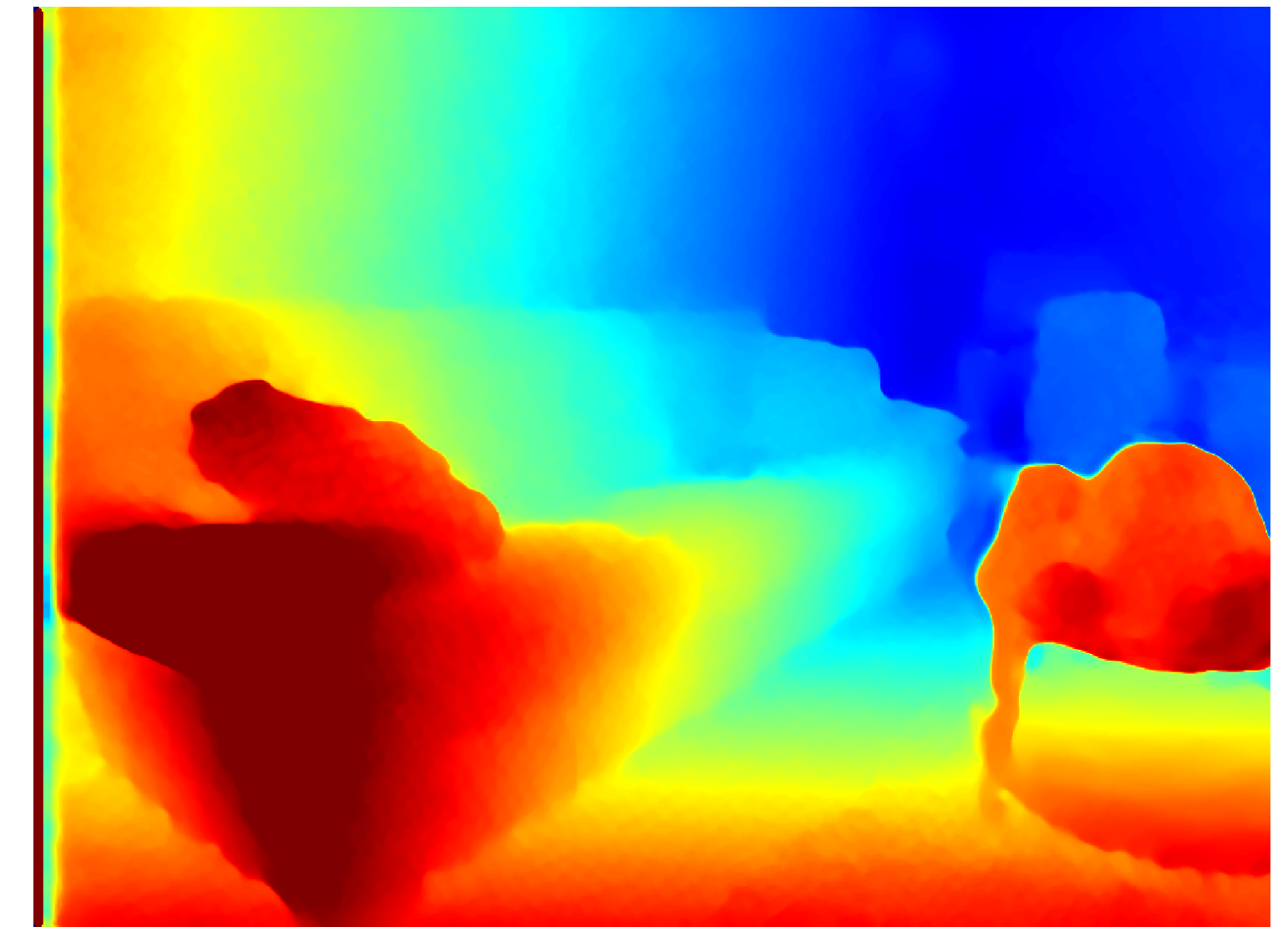
~~Texture less Region~~



Left View

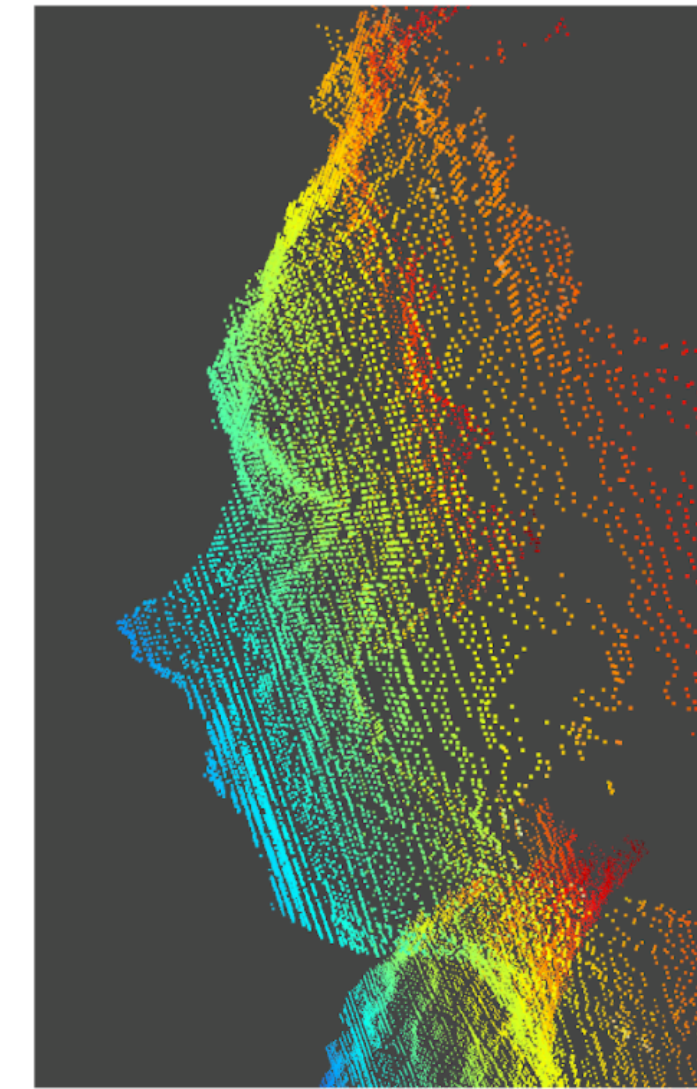
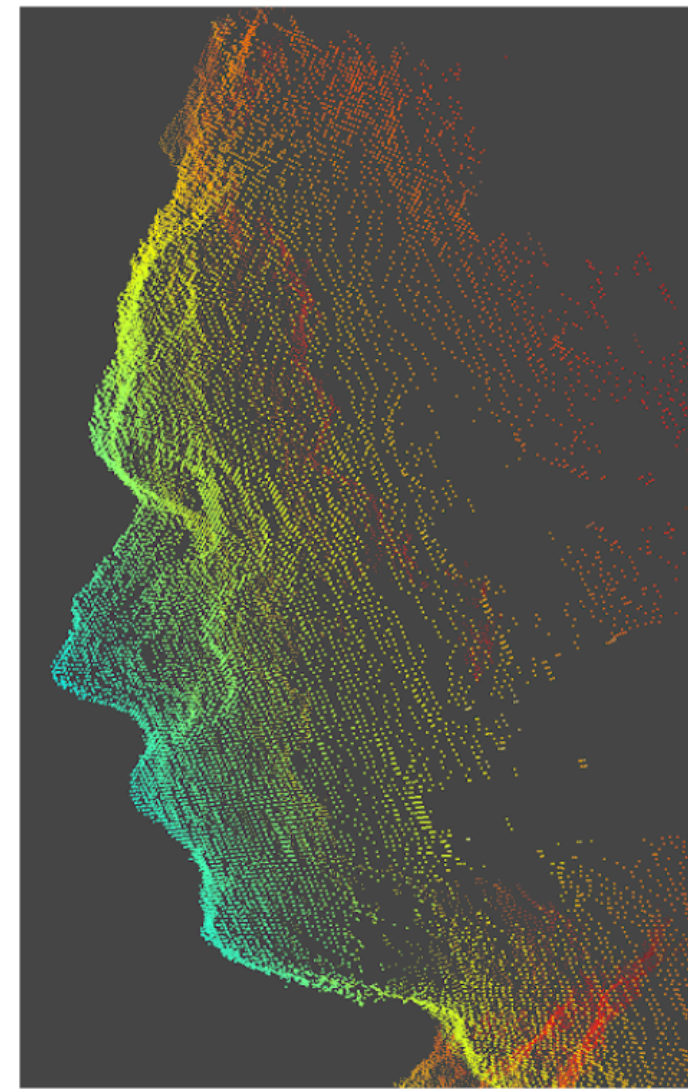
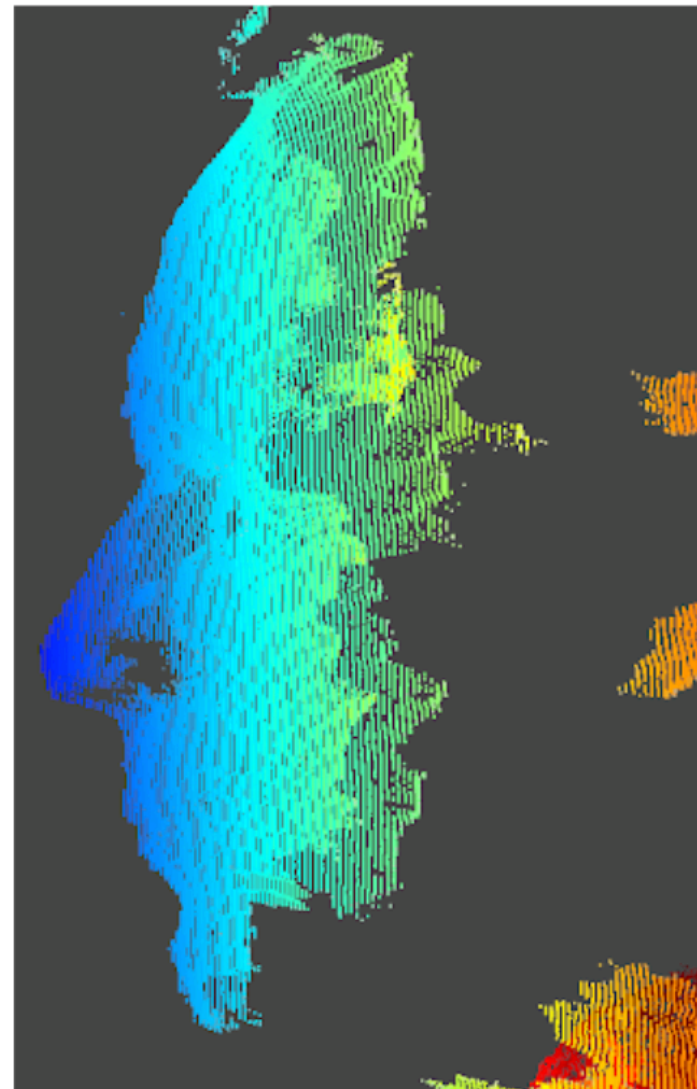
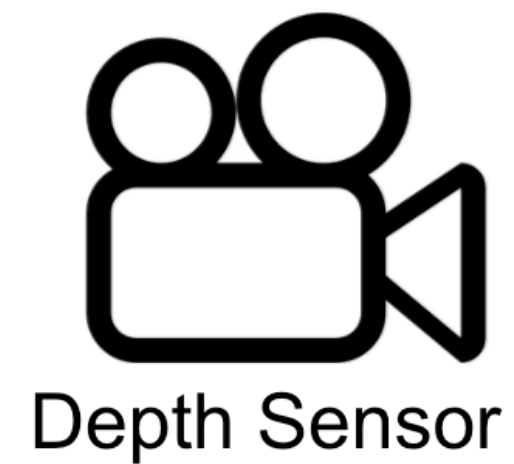


Right View



Disparity

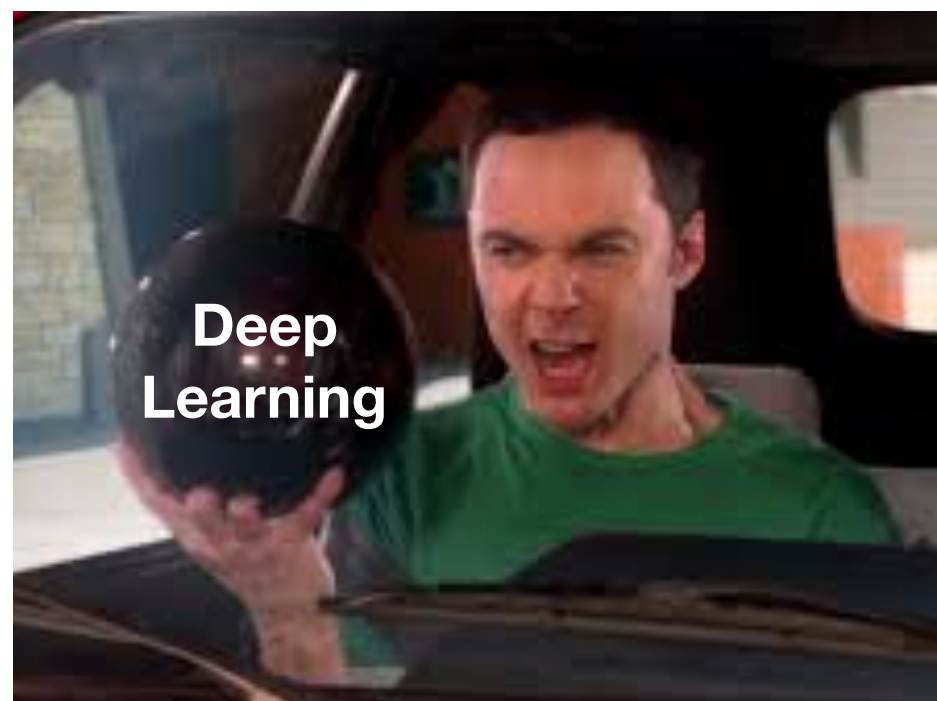
Active Stereo System



Use deep learning!



No ground truth...



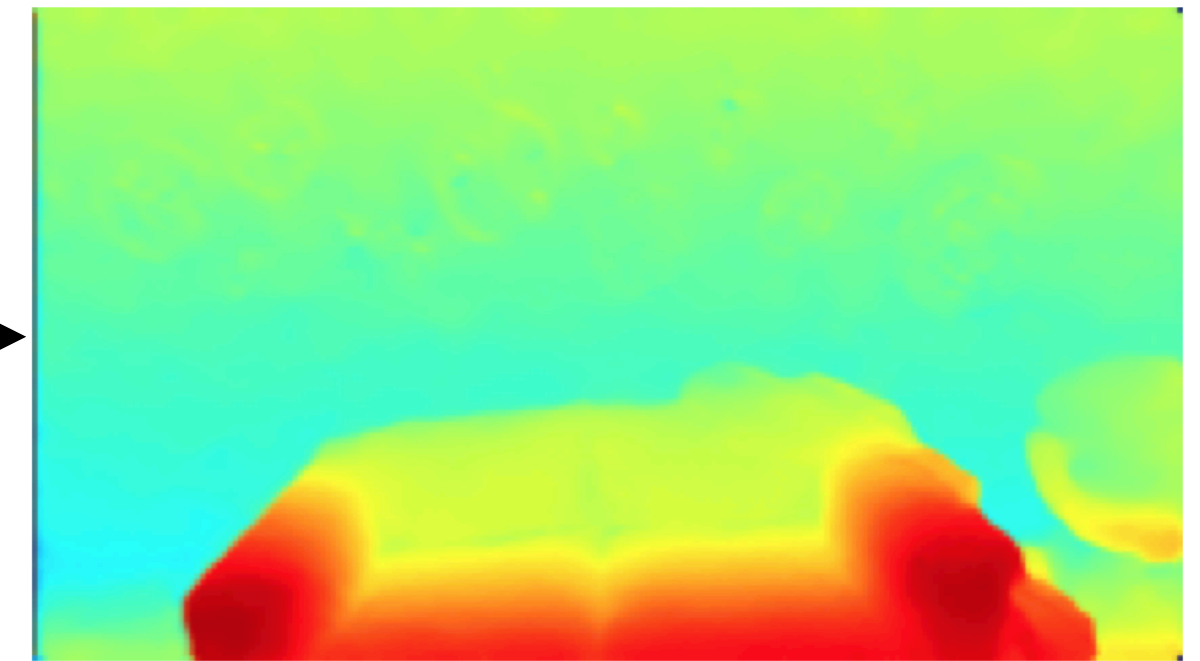
ActiveStereoNet



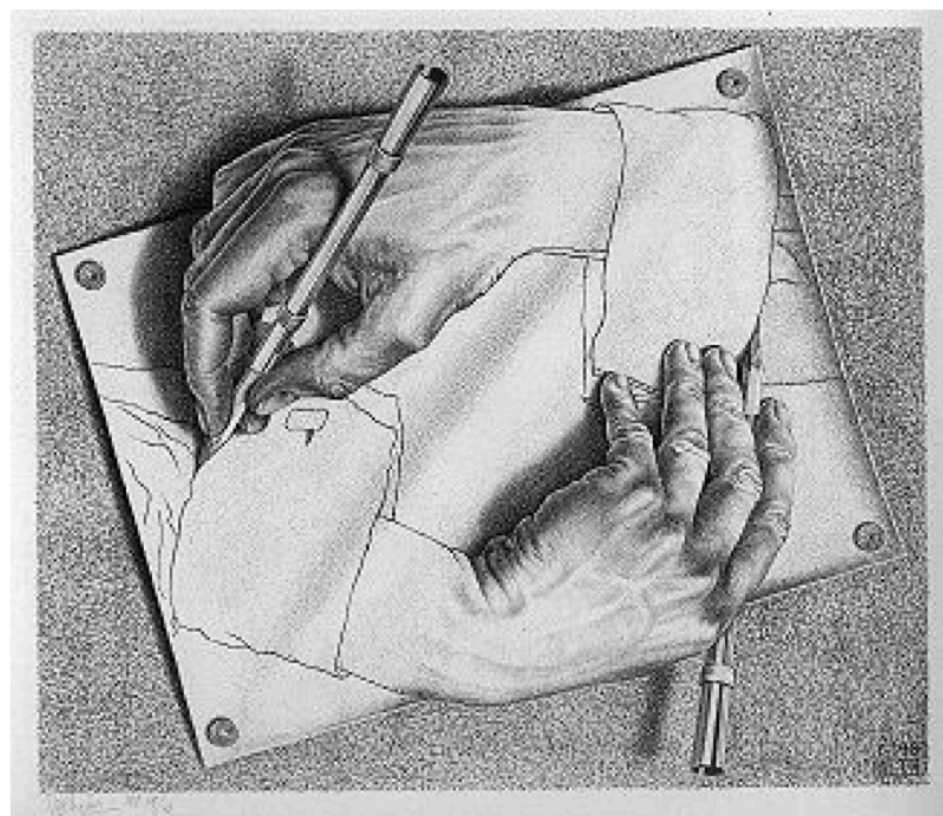
Input: Left/Right View



End-to-End System



Output: Disparity



Self-supervised Learning

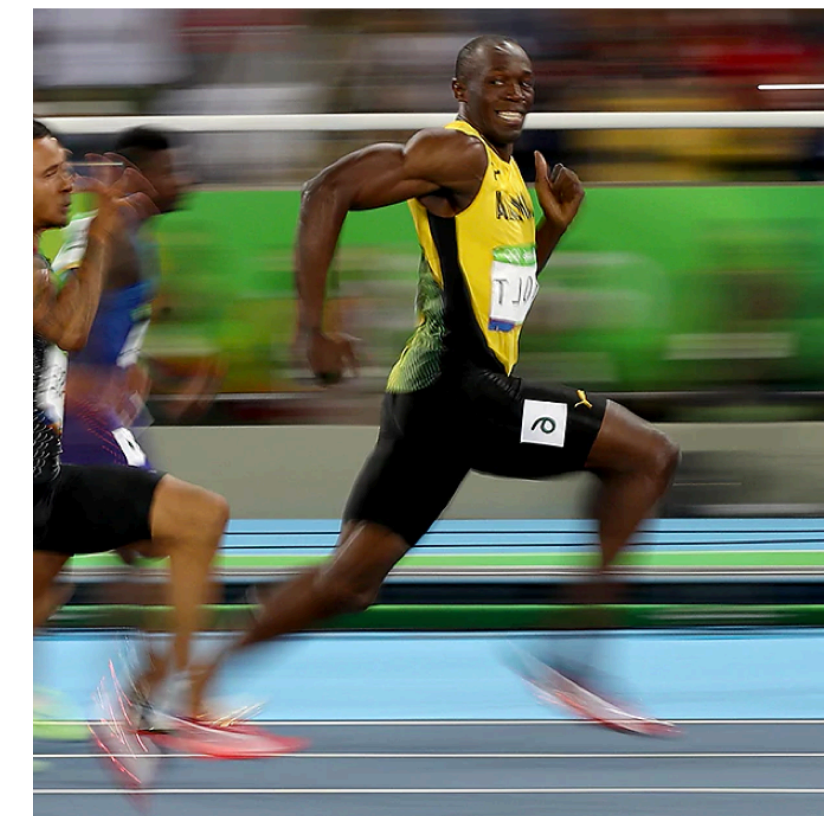
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Annotation



Supervision



Just keep running...

Self-Supervised Learning

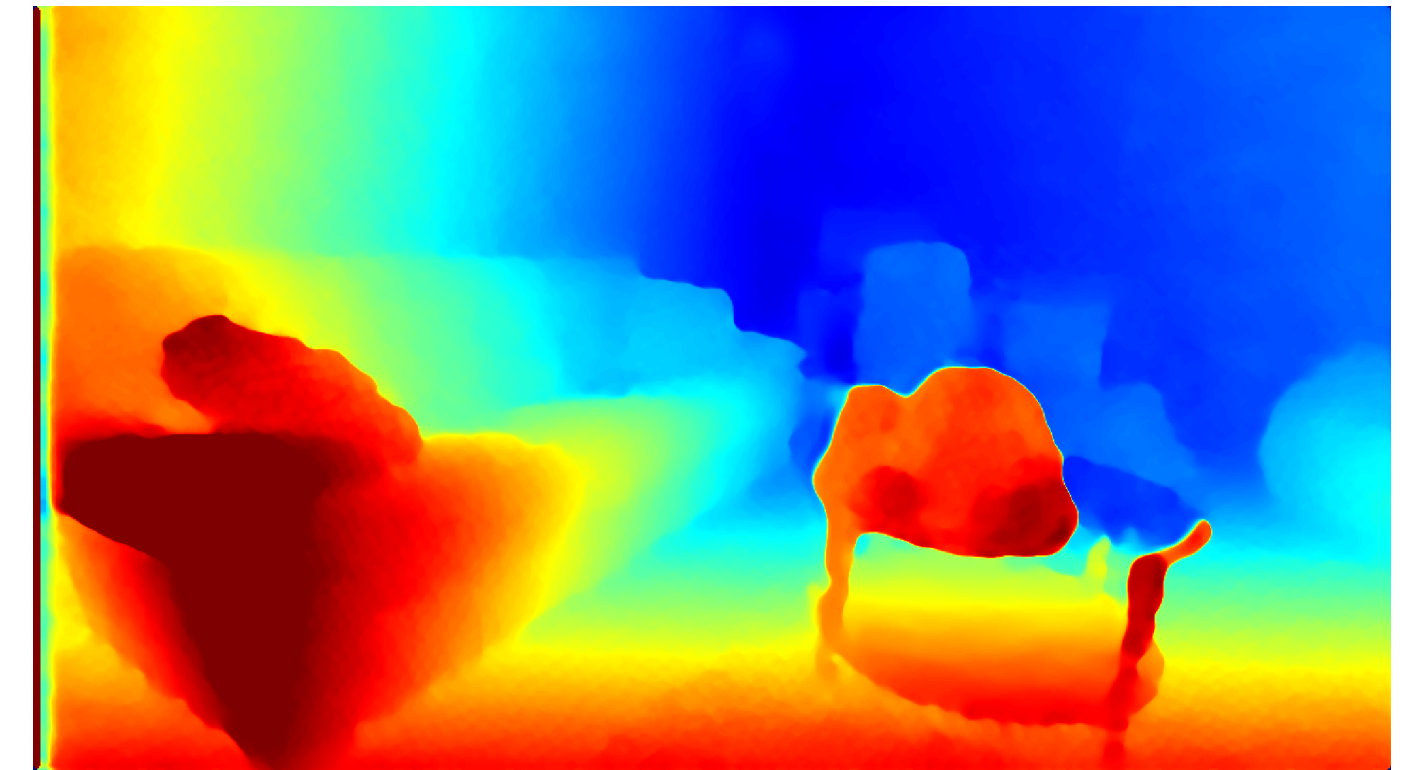


Left View



Right View

Neural Network



Estimated Disparity

Self-Supervised Learning

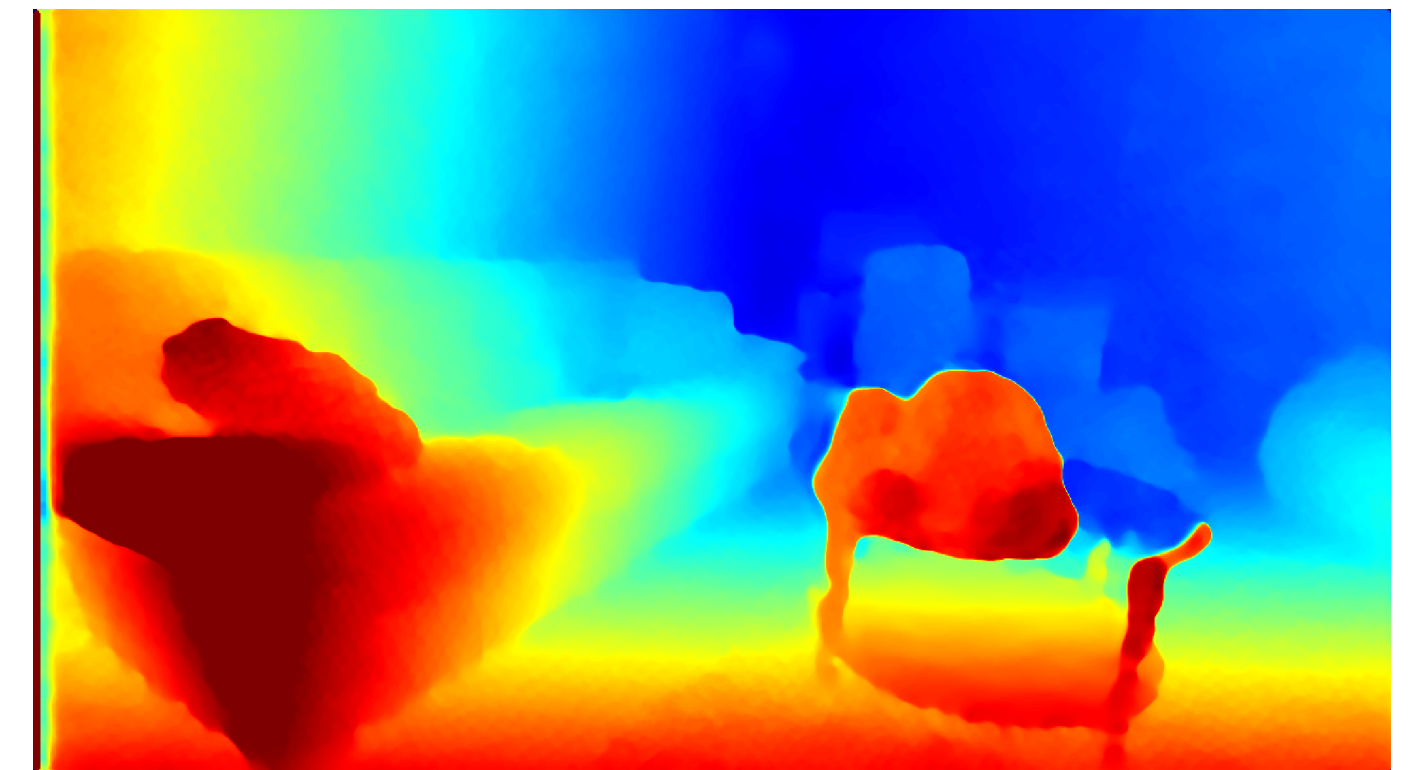


Left View



Right View

Neural Network



Estimated Disparity



Left View



Right View

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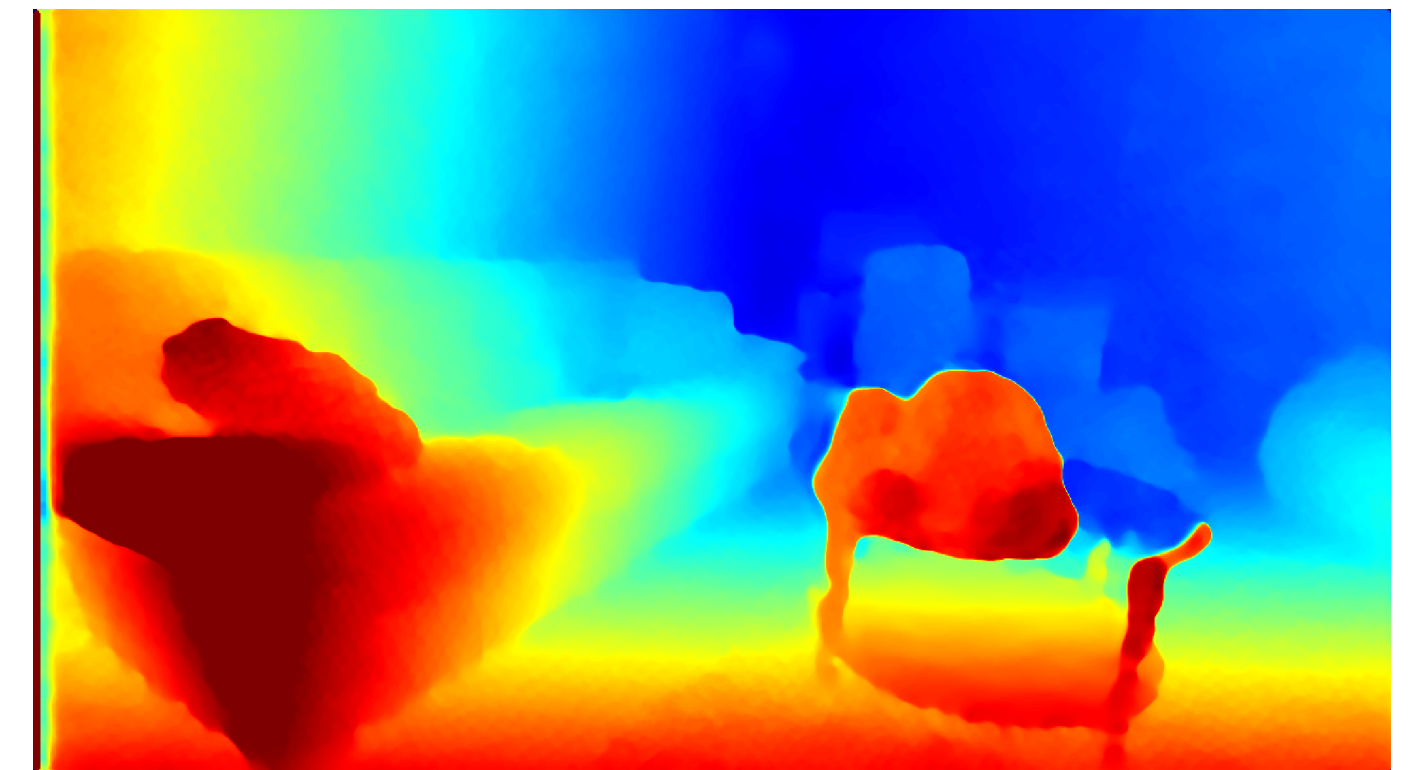


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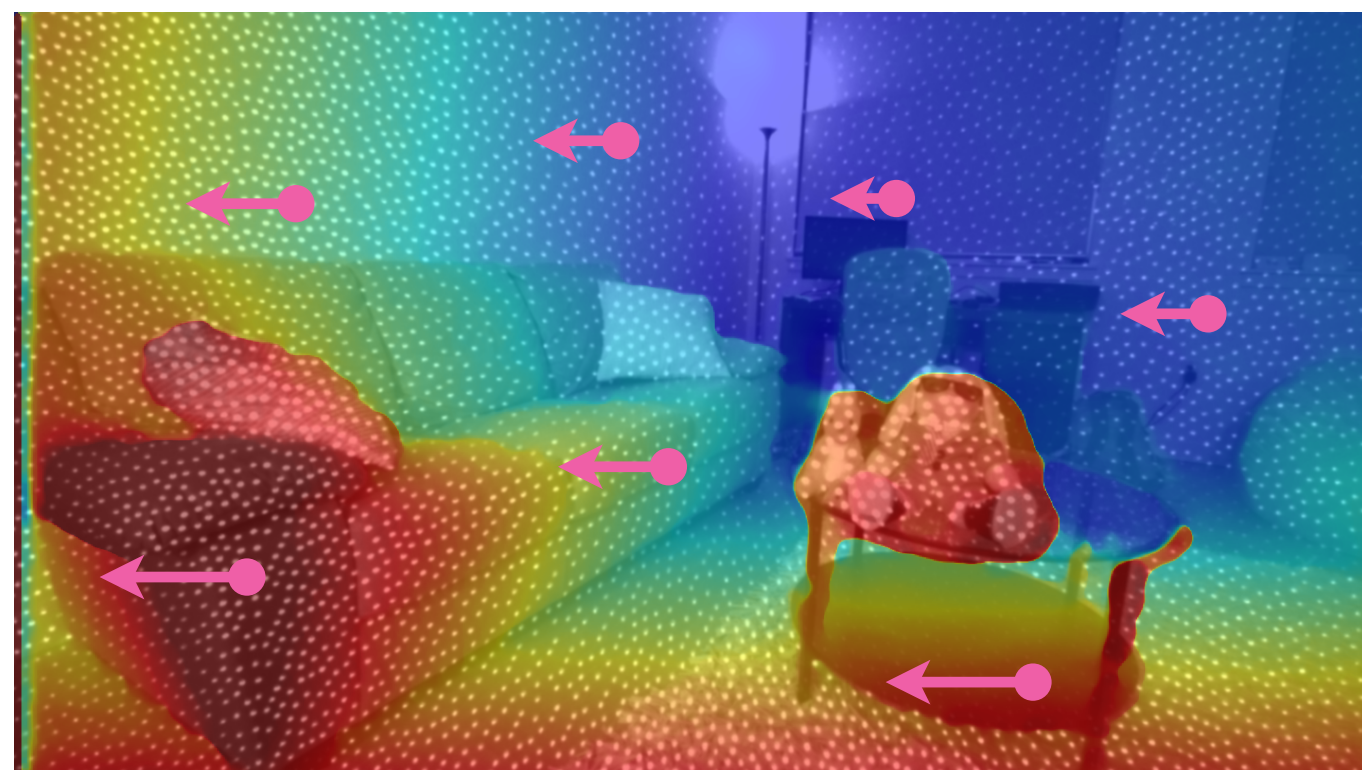


Right View

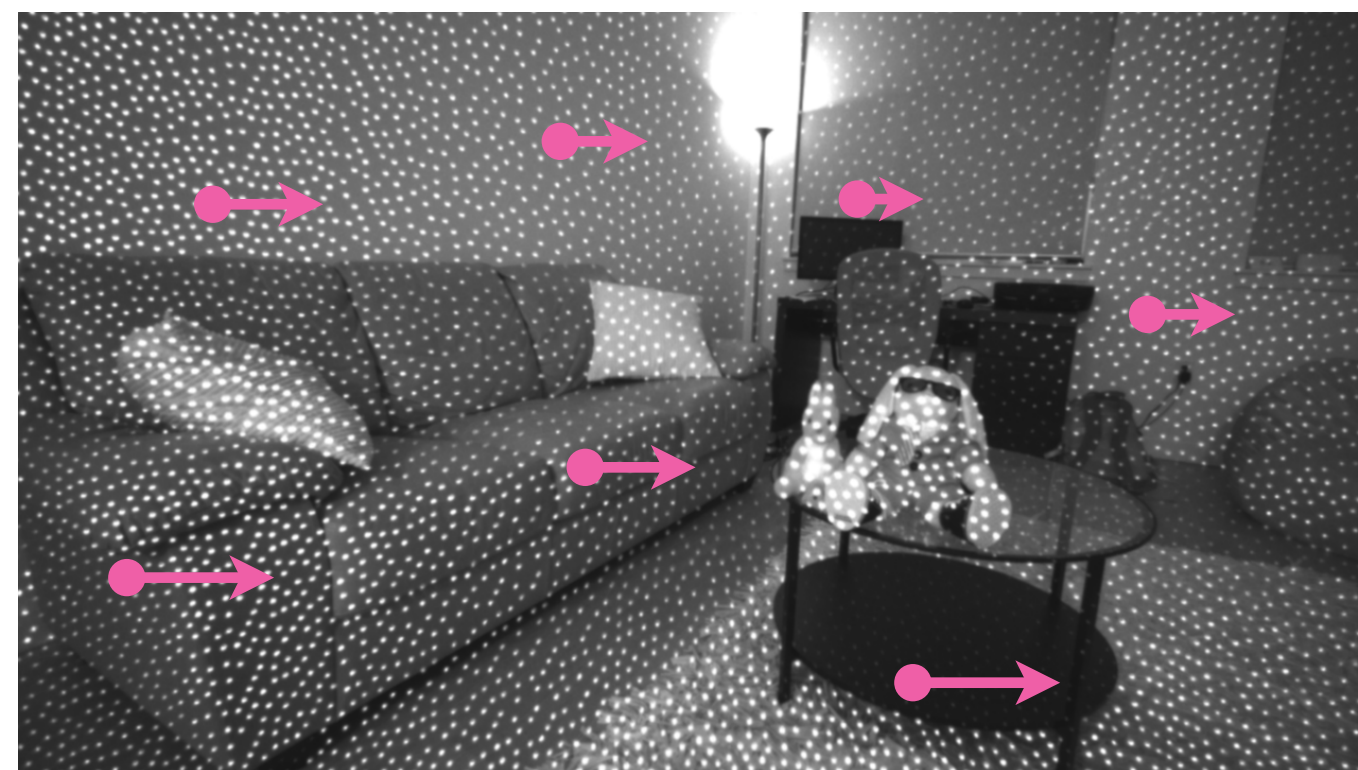
Neural Network



Estimated Disparity



Left View



Right View

Self-Supervised Learning

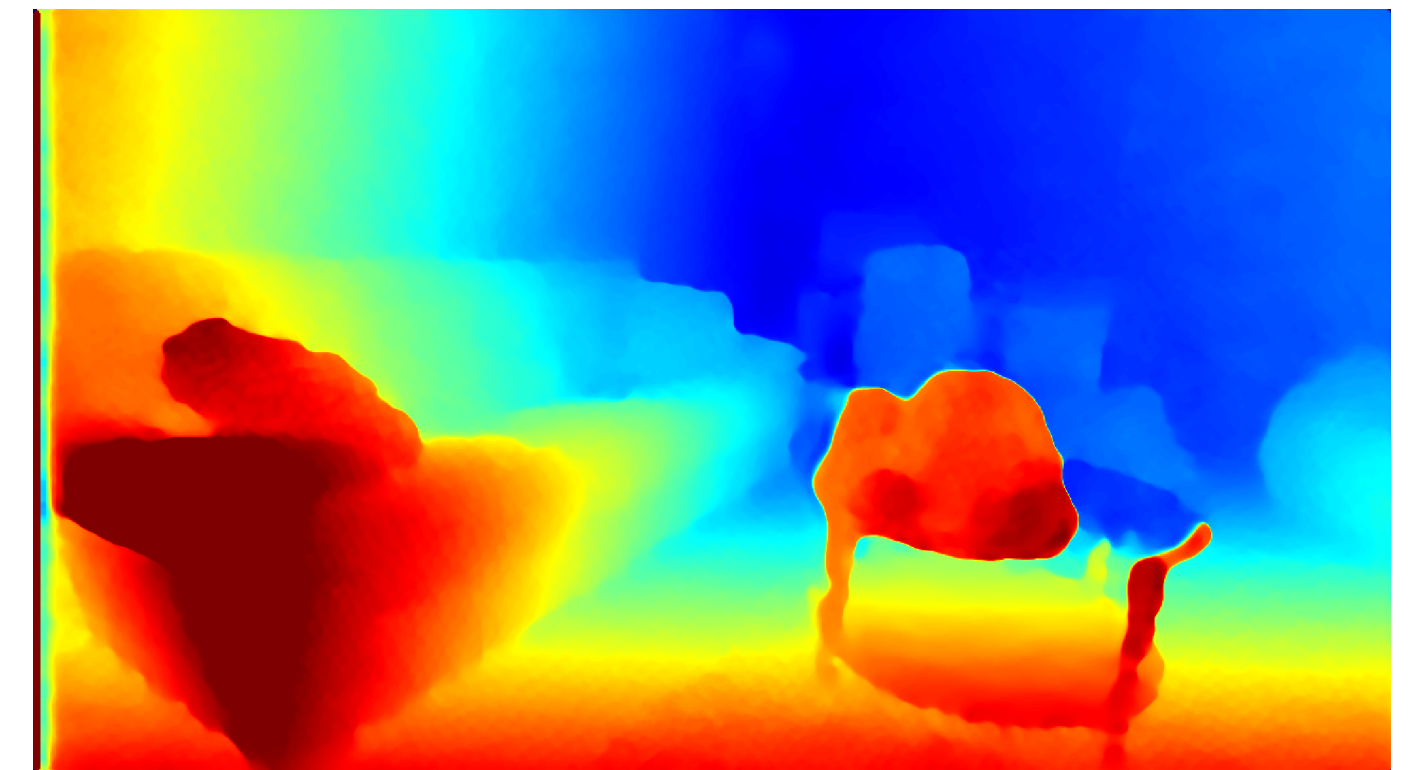


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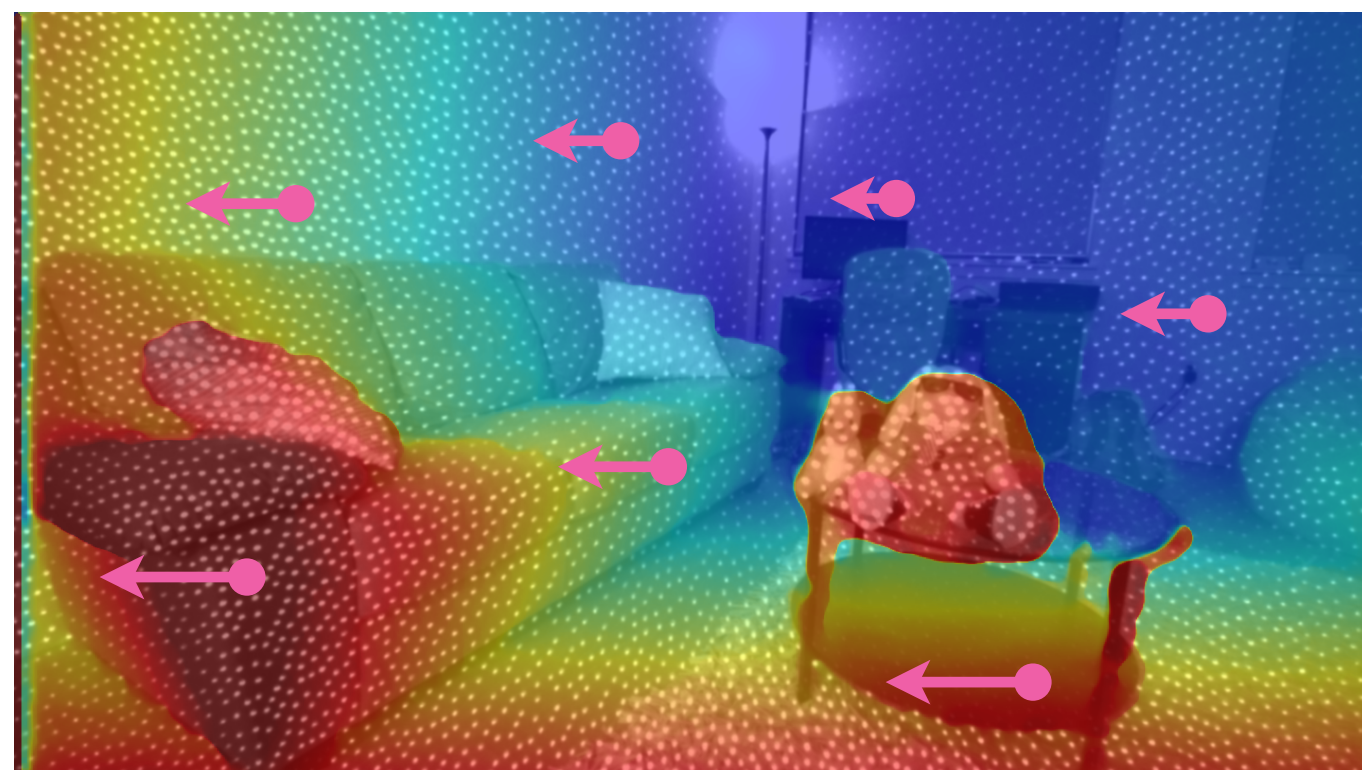


Right View

Neural Network



Estimated Disparity



Left View



Reconstructed Left View

Self-Supervised Learning

$$\text{Photometric Loss} = | \text{Left View} - \text{Reconstructed Left View} |$$

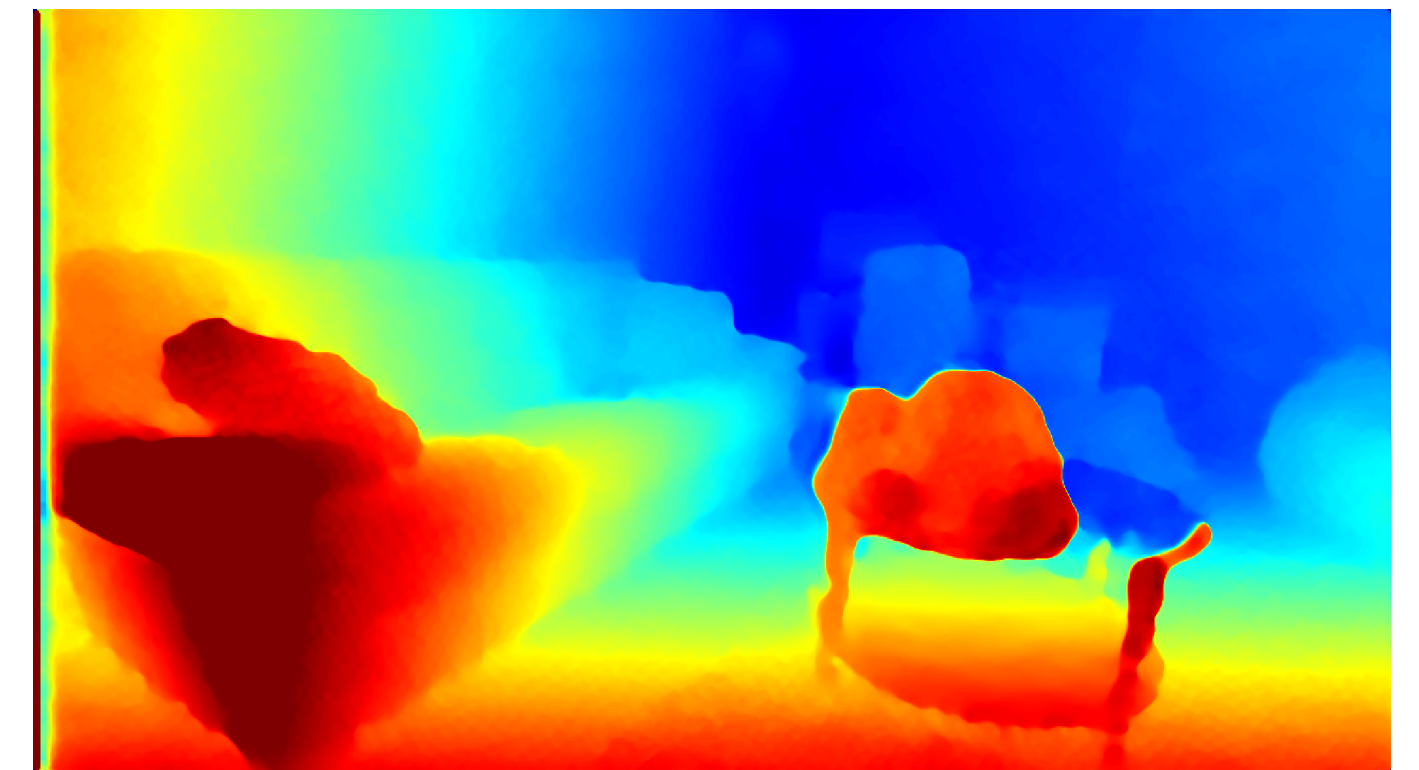


Left View

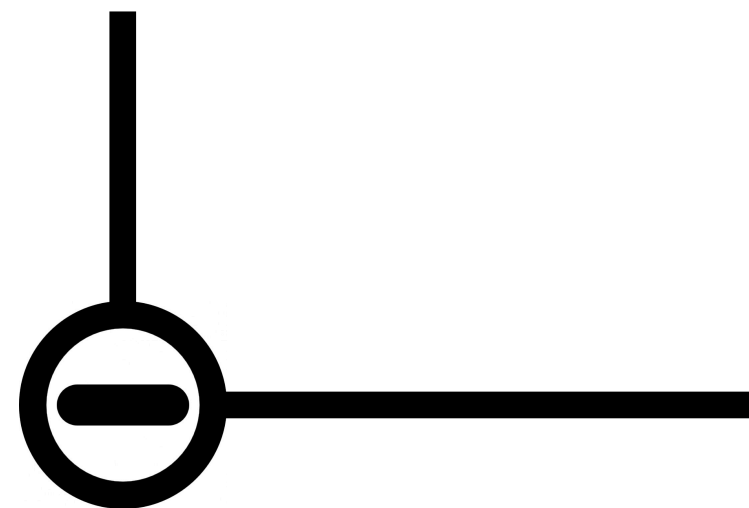


Right View

Neural Network

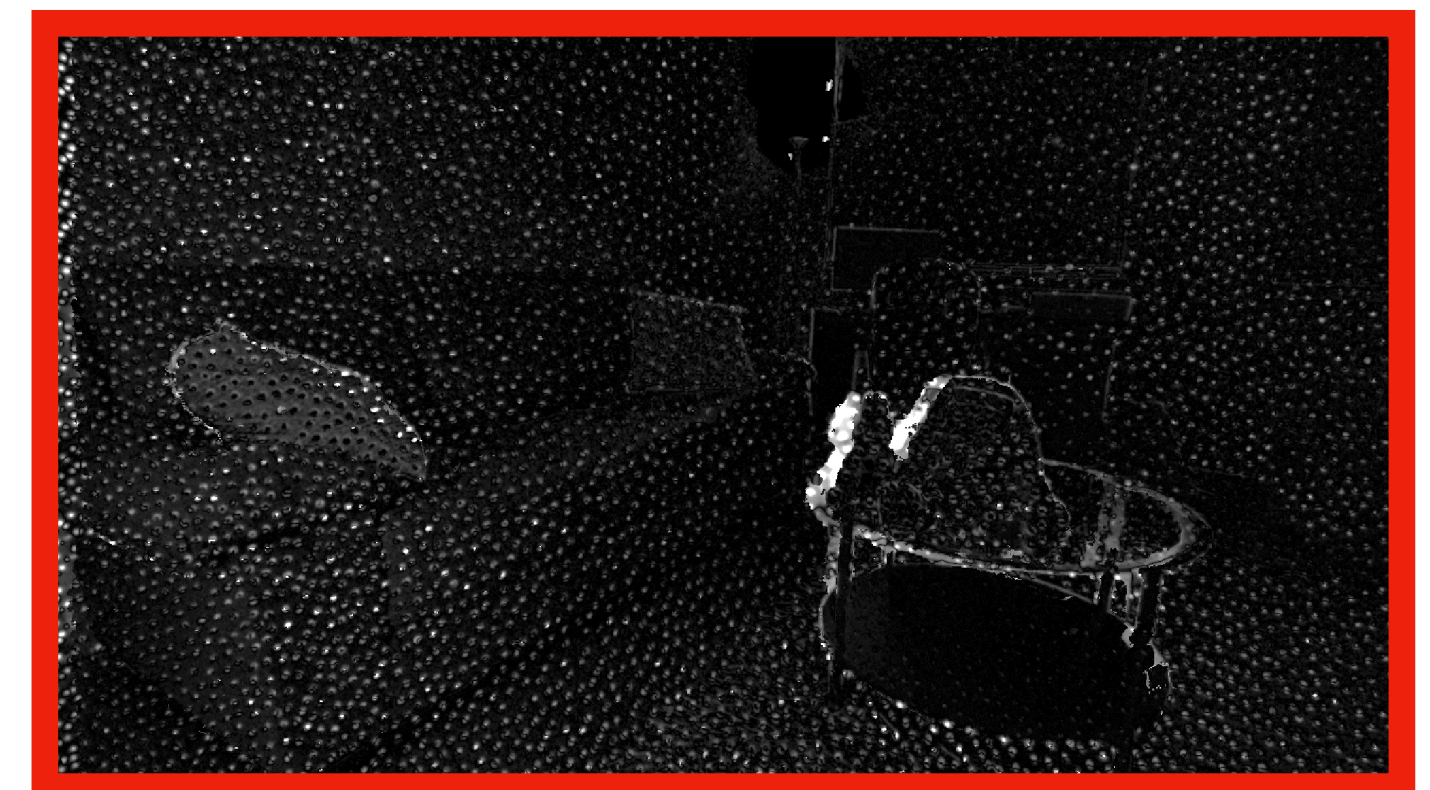


Estimated Disparity



Reconstructed Left View

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Photometric Loss

Self-Supervised Learning

$$\text{Photometric Loss} = | \text{Left View} - \text{Warping}(\text{Right View}, \text{Left Disparity}) |$$

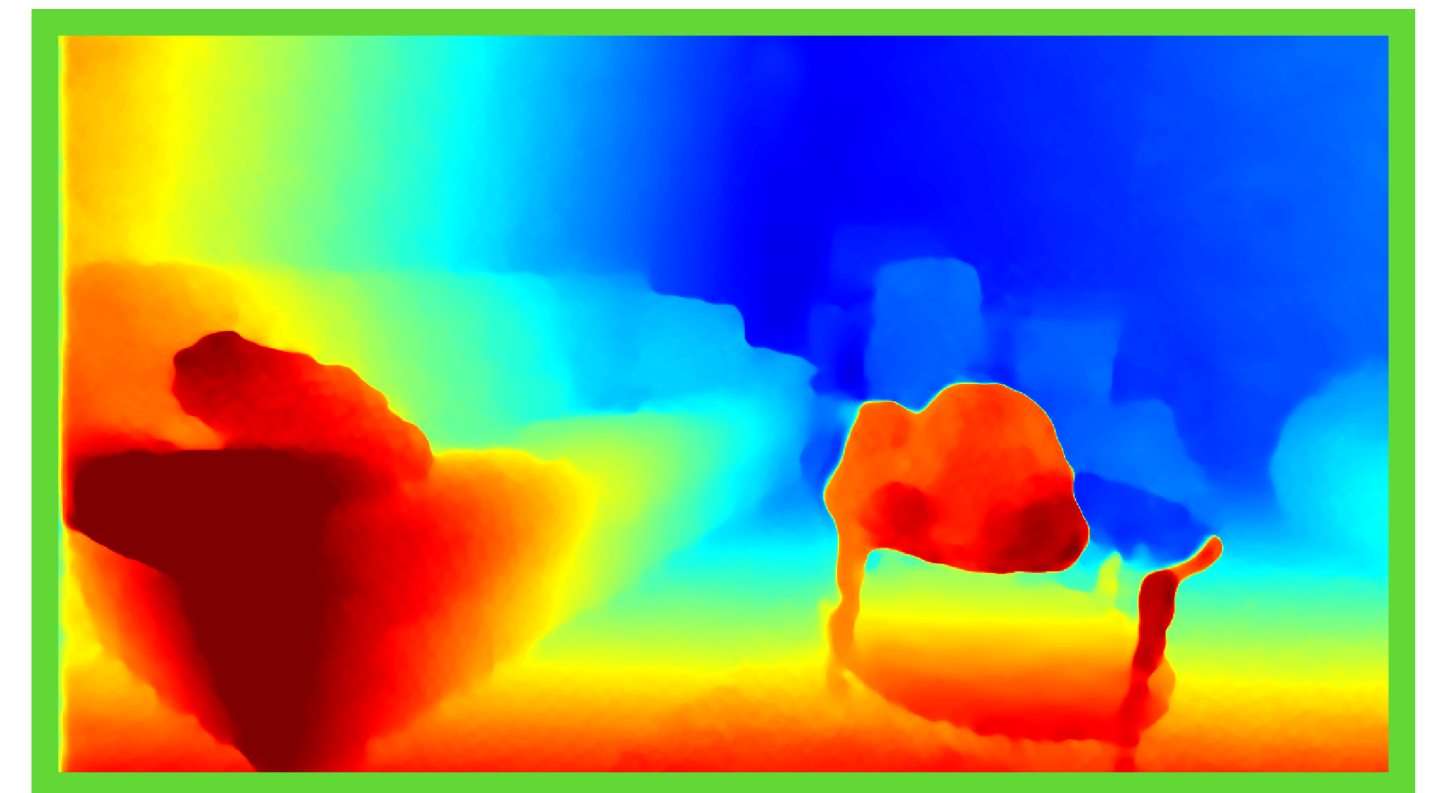


Left View

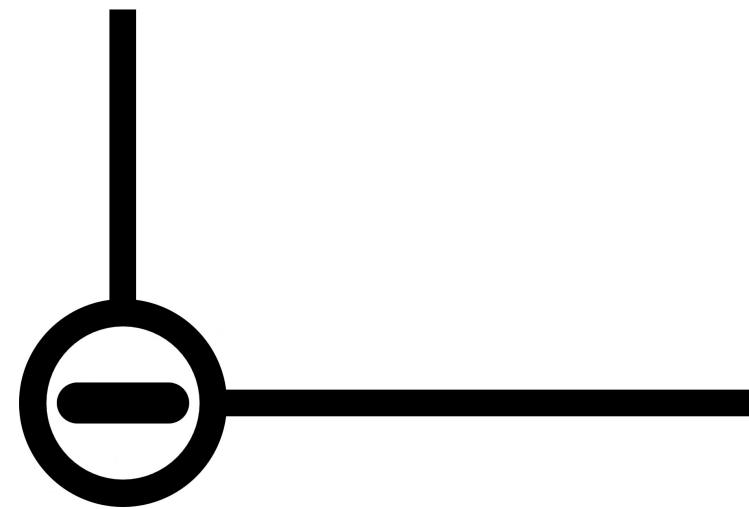


Right View

Neural Network

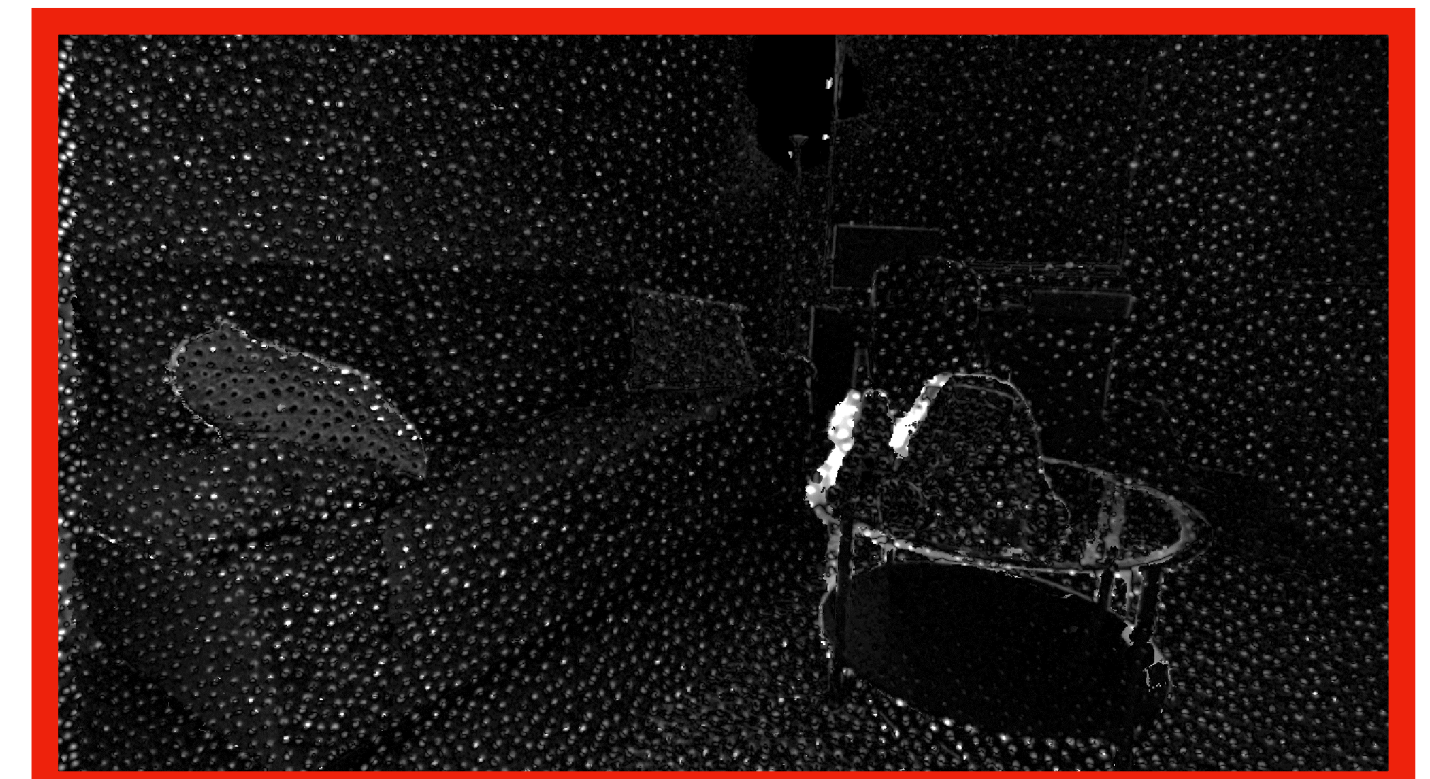


Estimated Disparity



Reconstructed Left View

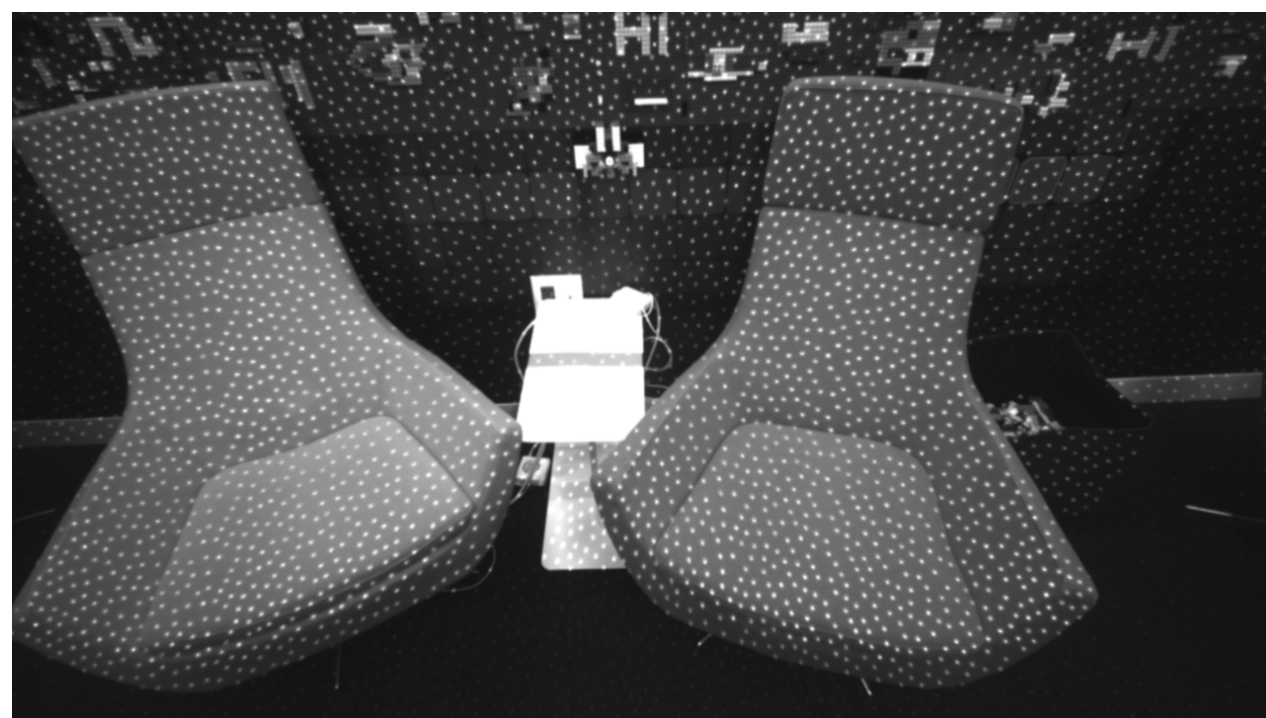
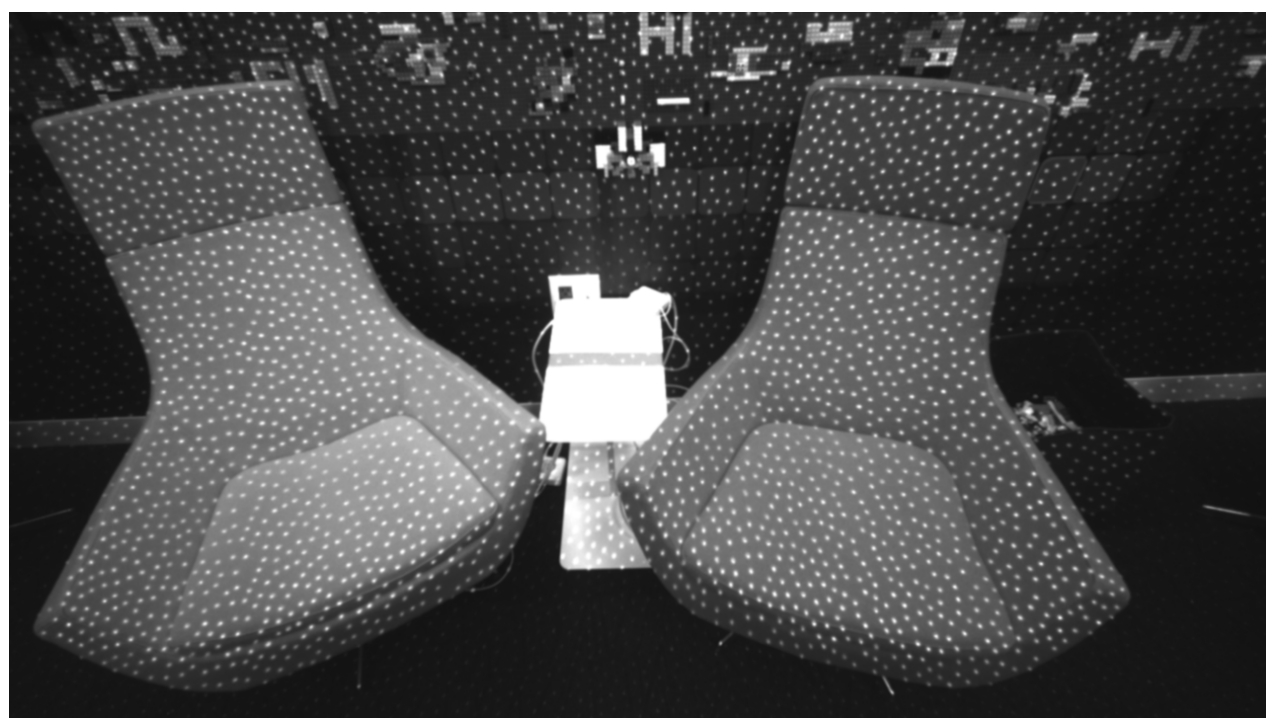
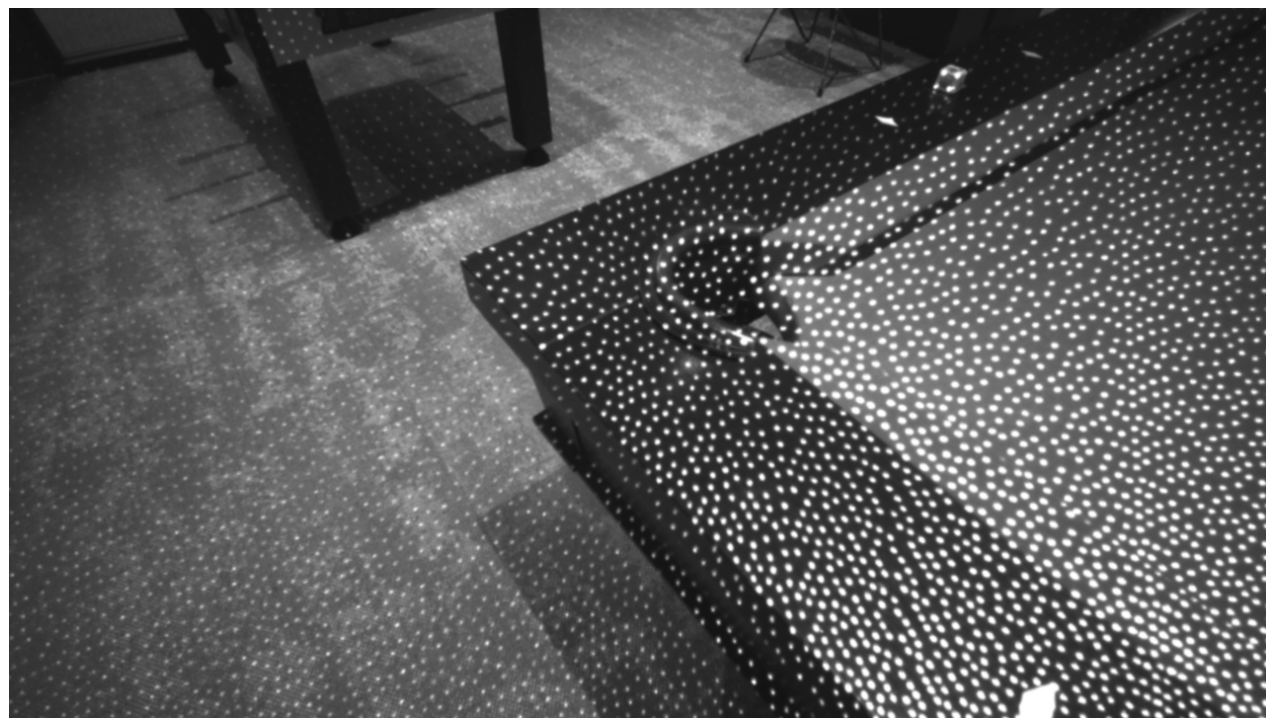
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Photometric Loss

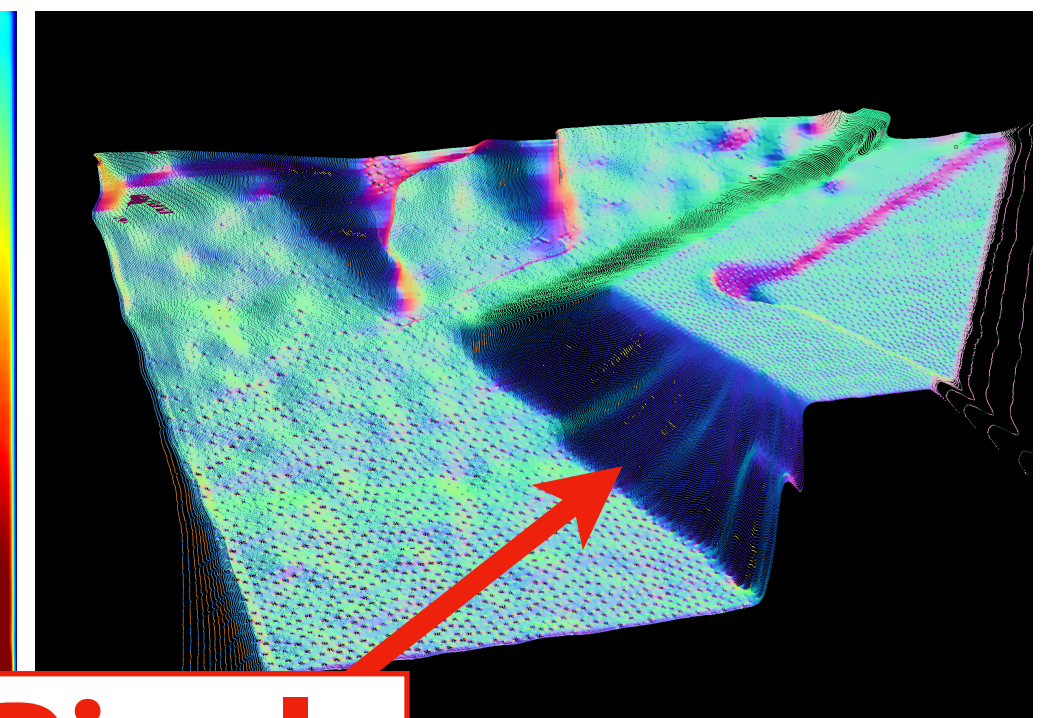
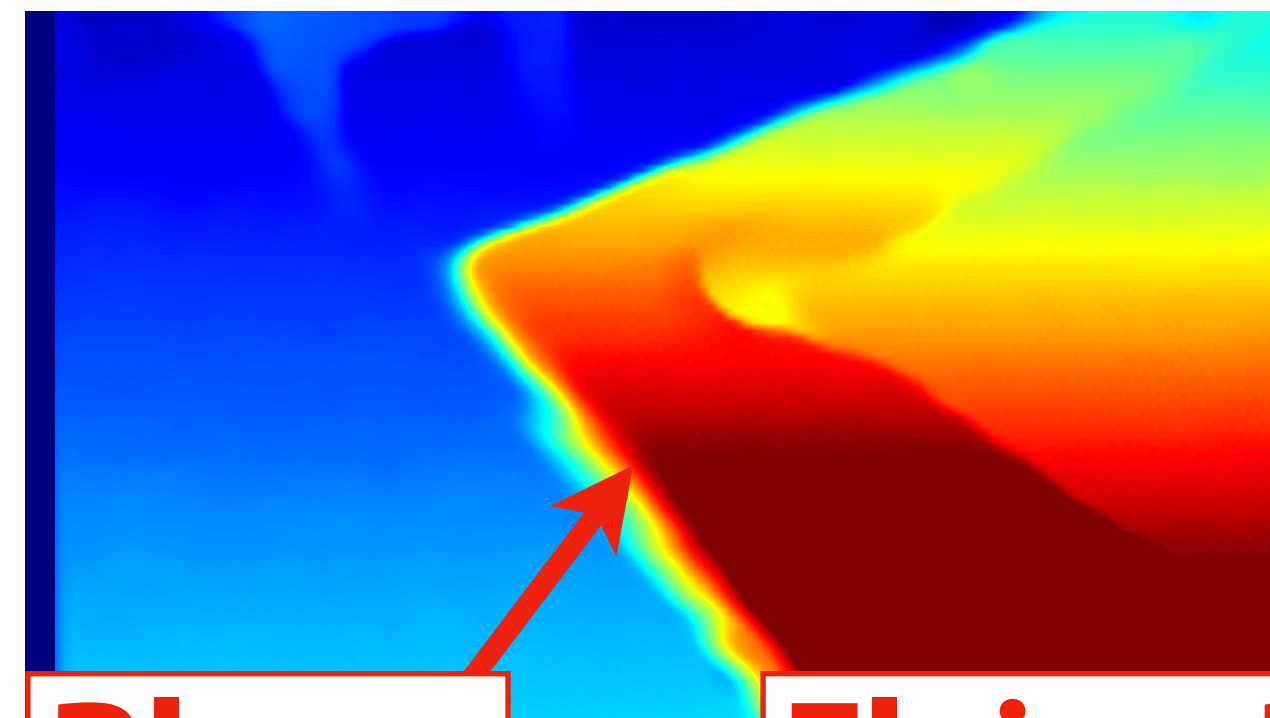
However...

$$\text{Photometric Loss} = | \text{Left View} - \text{Warping}(\text{Right View}, \text{Left Disparity}) |$$



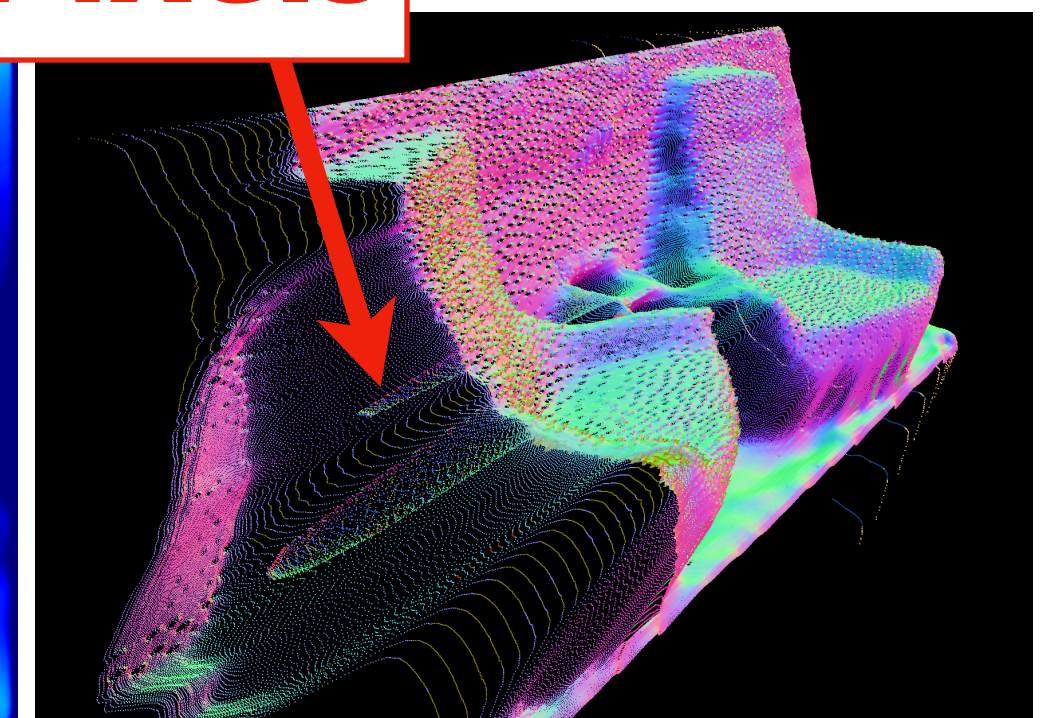
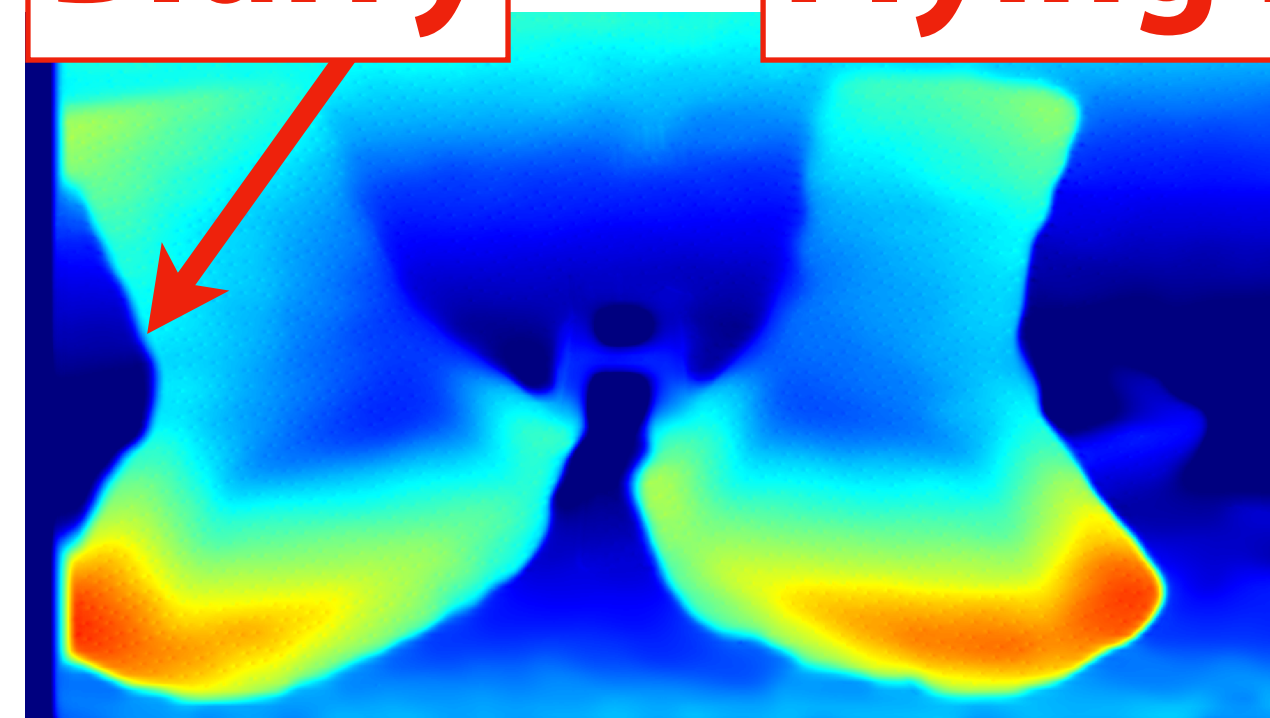
Left View

Right View



Blurry

Flying Pixels



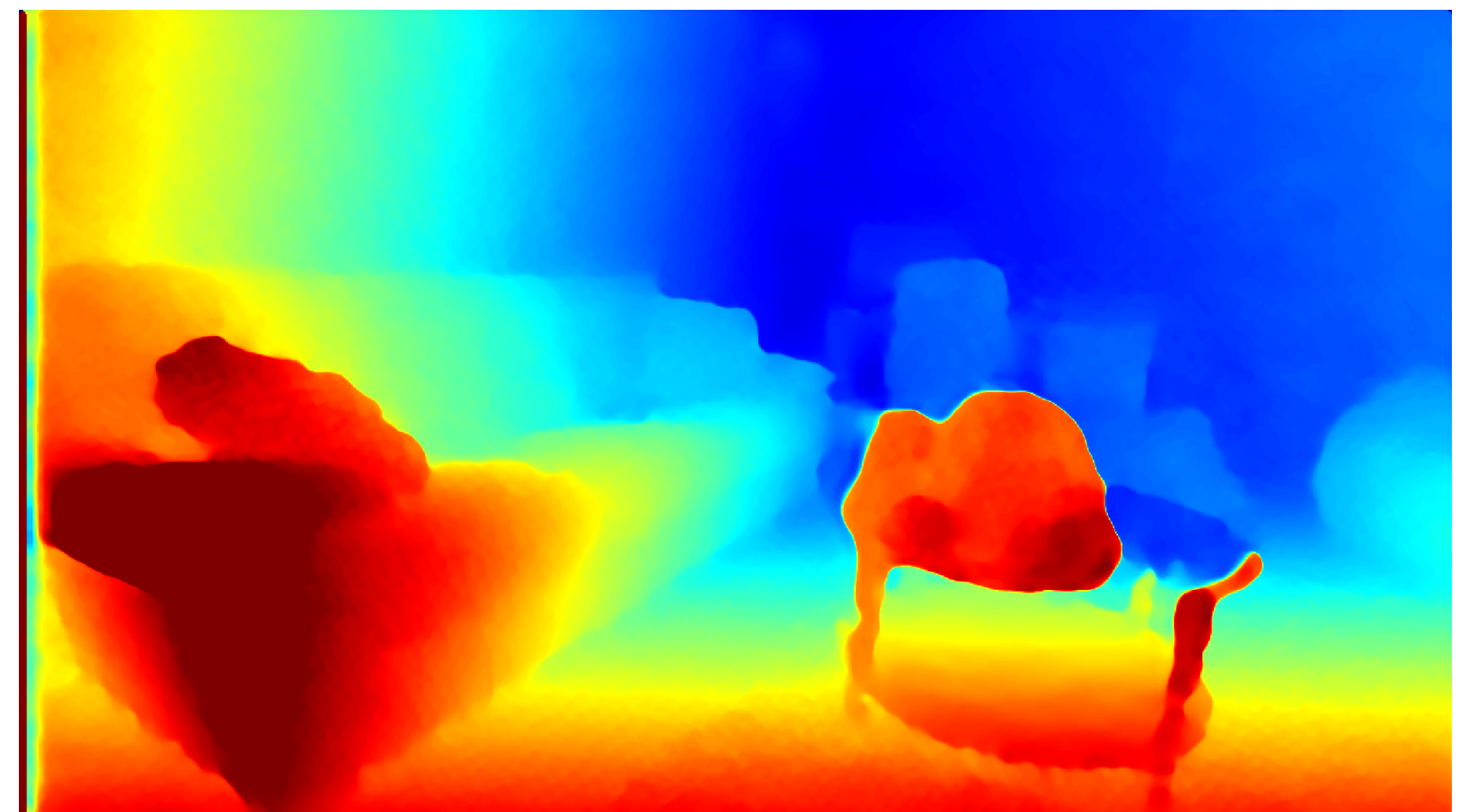
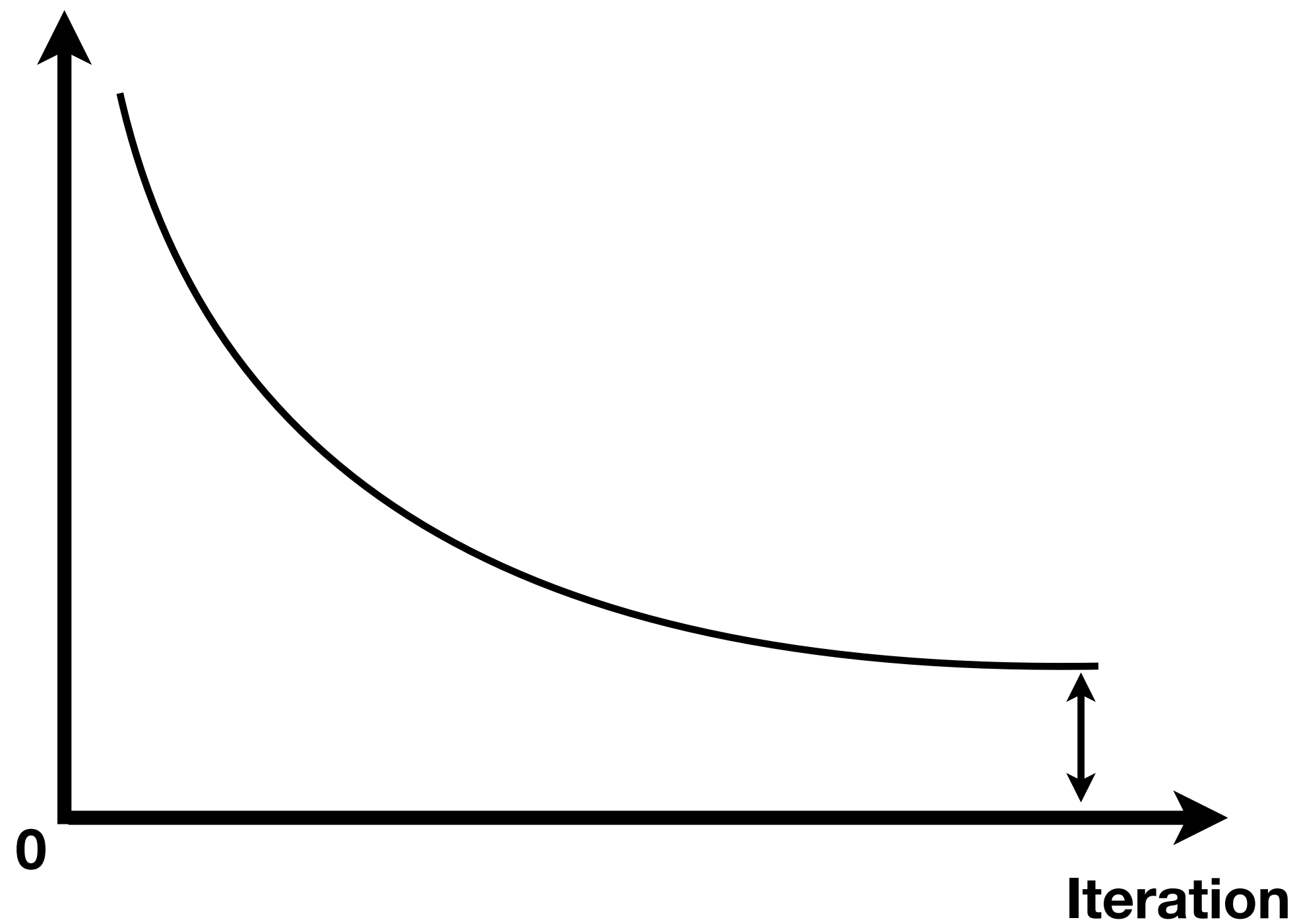
Estimated Disparity

Visualize in 3D

How to fix the problem?

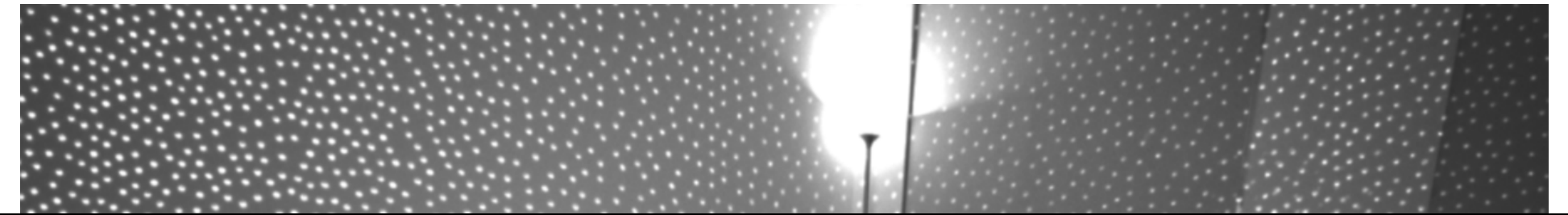
Disparity = $\text{argmin}(\text{Photometric Loss})$

Photometric Loss



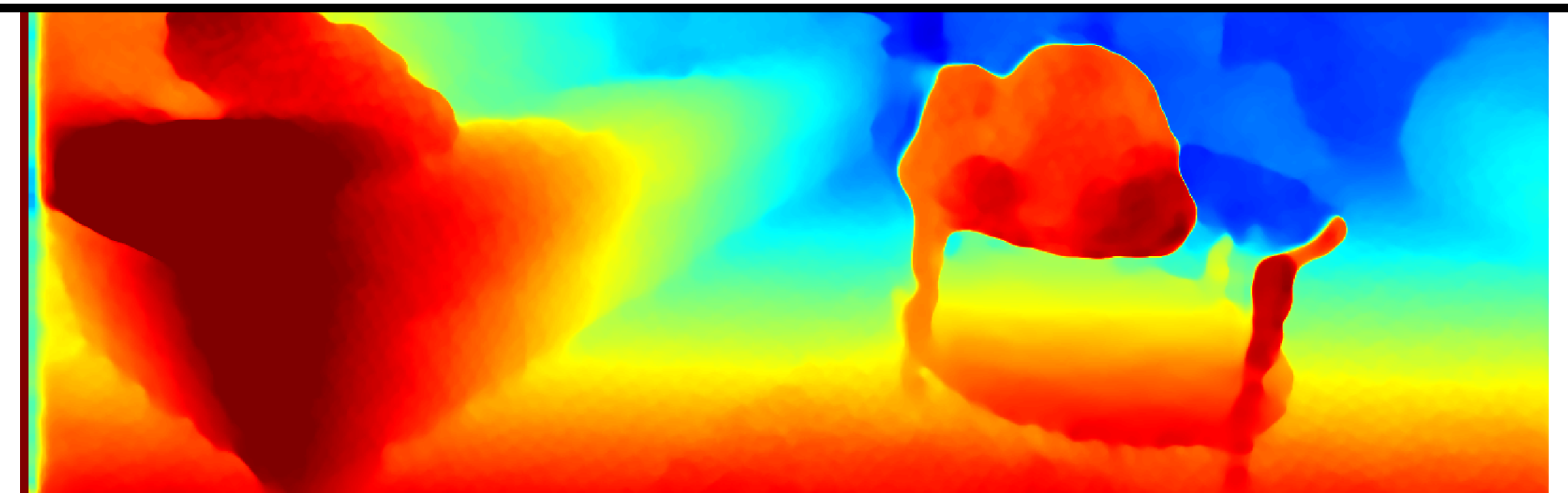
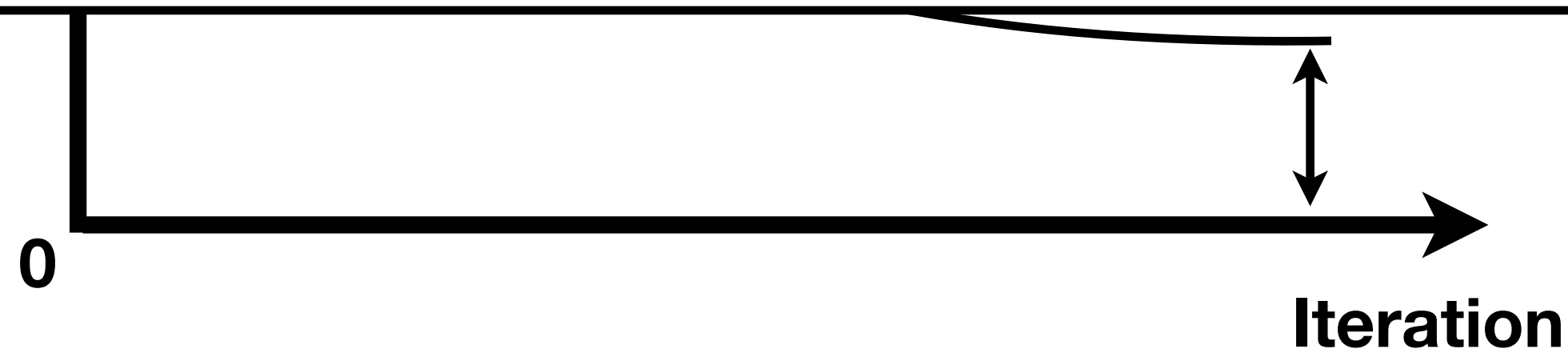
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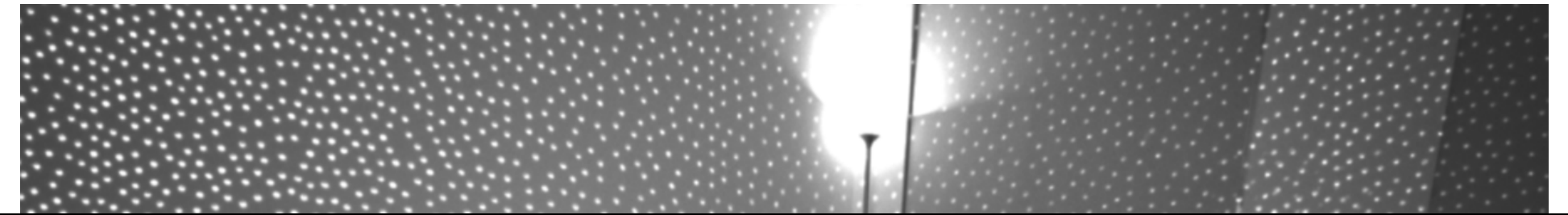
Lower Loss $\rightarrow$ Better Solution?

- ✓ Entropy Loss (Image Classification, Semantic Segmentation)
- ✓ L1/L2 Loss (Depth estimation, Colorization)
- ✗ Photometric Loss for Stereo Matching



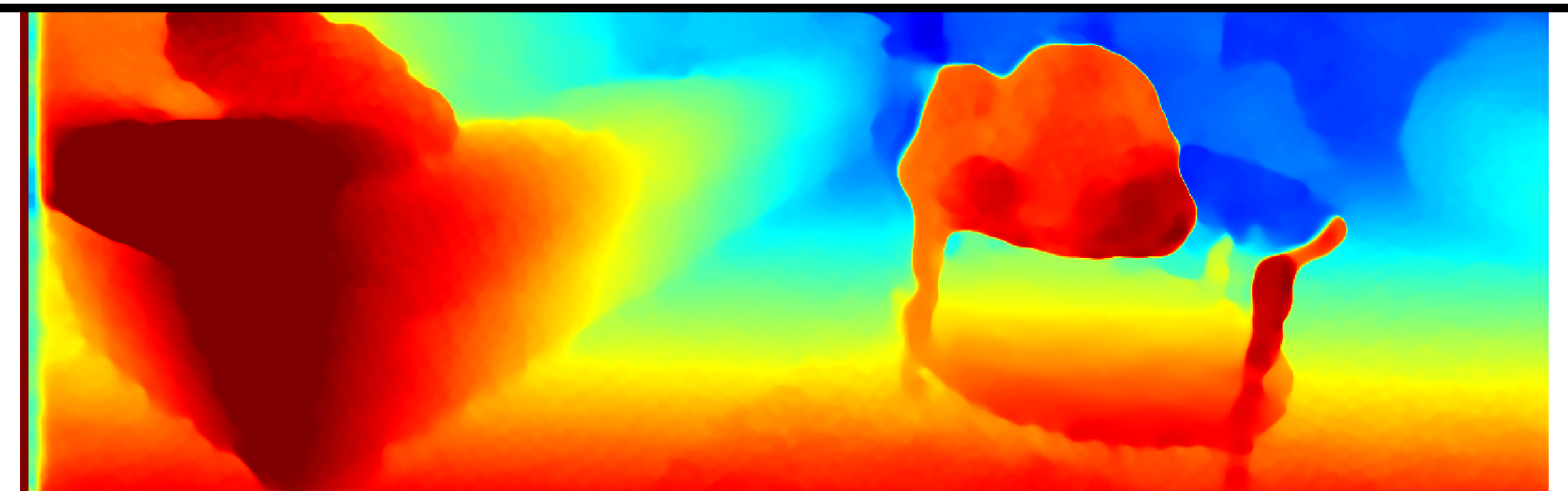
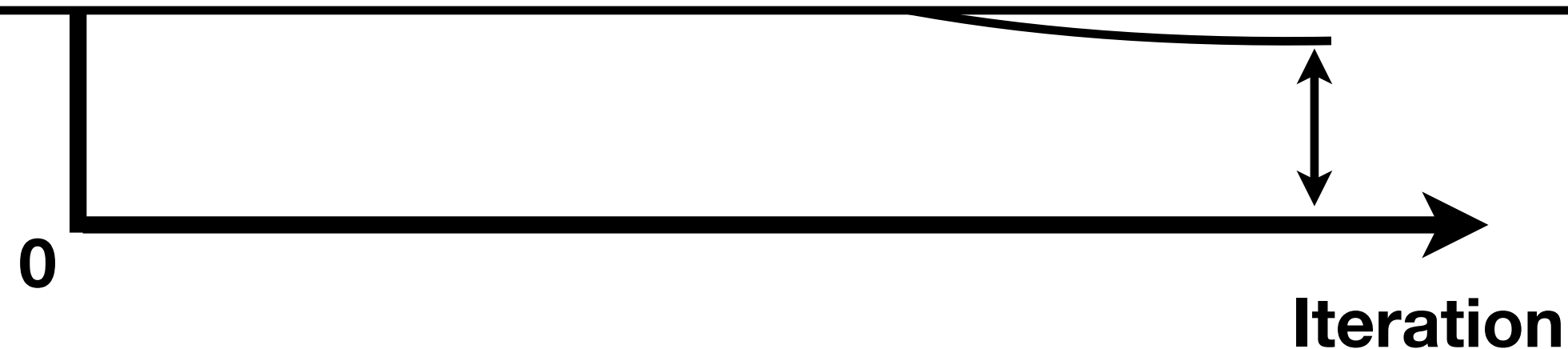
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Lower Loss $\rightarrow$ Better Solution?

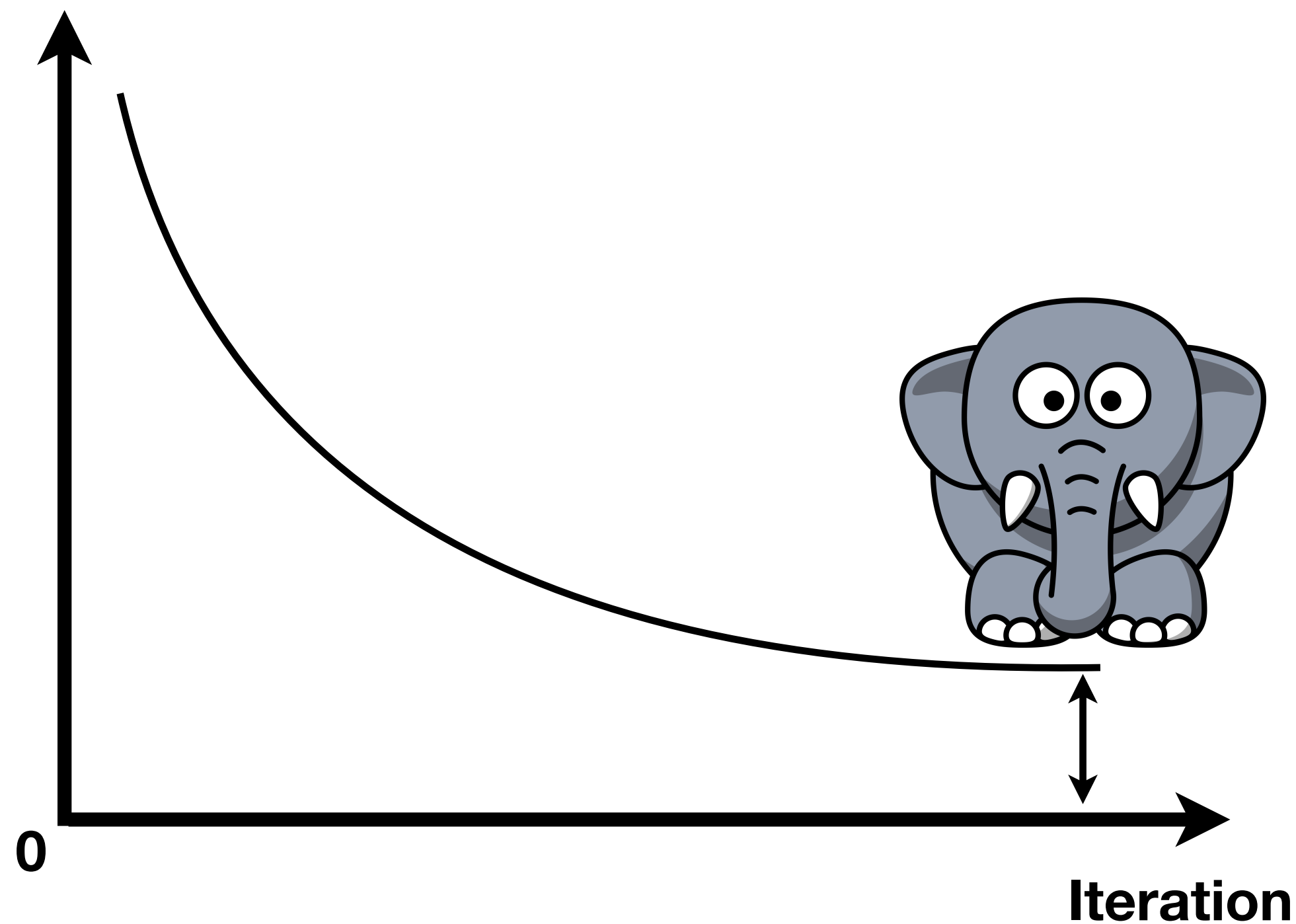
- ❌ Photometric Loss for Stereo Matching is not ideally zero!
- Different Exposure
 - Occlusion
 - ...



How to fix the problem?

Disparity = $\operatorname{argmin}(\text{Photometric Loss})$

Photometric Loss



**Unnecessary over optimization
hurts performance!**

Fix the loss!

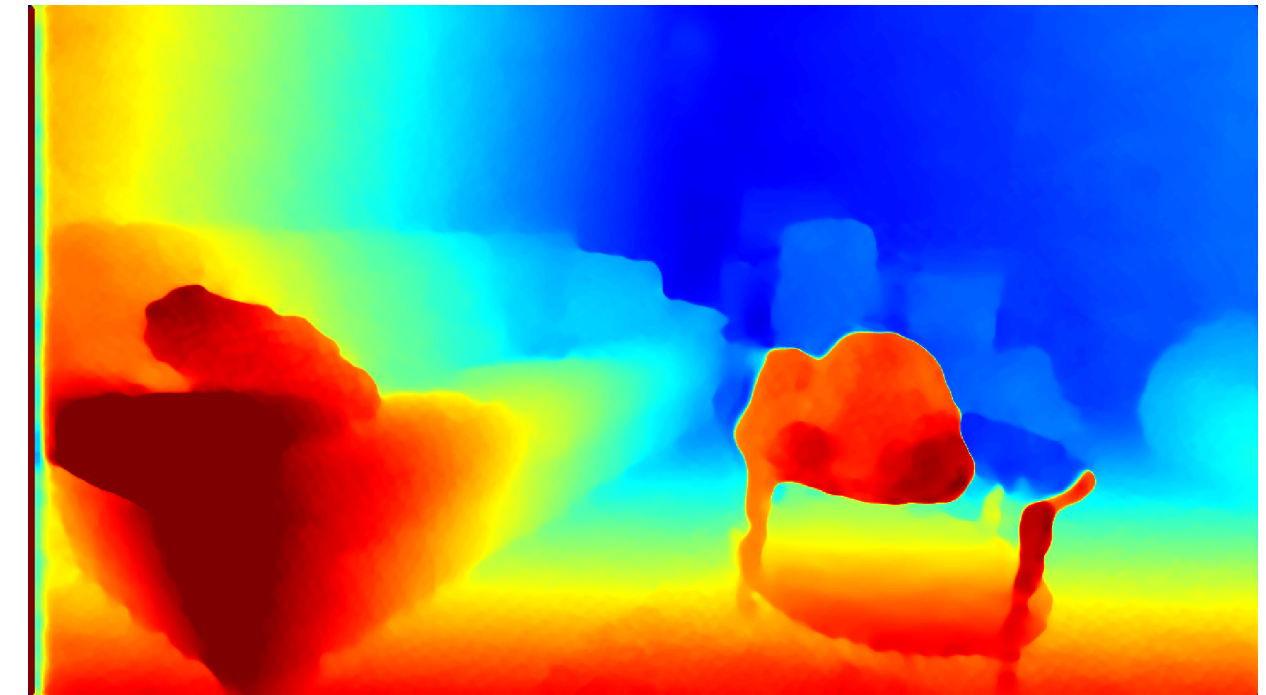
Improving Photometric Loss

1. Remove Unnecessary Dependence.
2. Remove Unexplainable Region.
3. Remove Bad Local Optima.

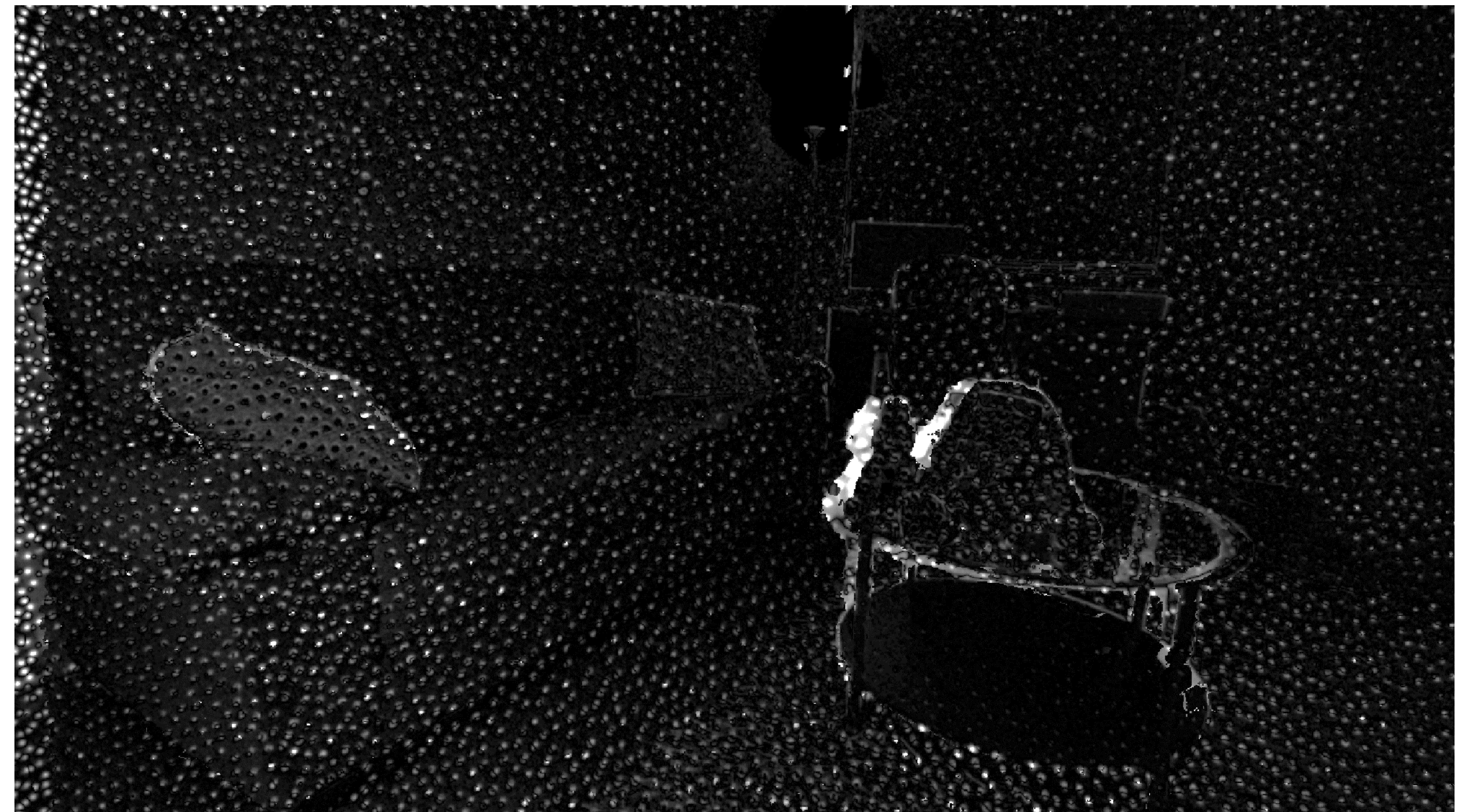
Left View



Disparity



Photometric Loss



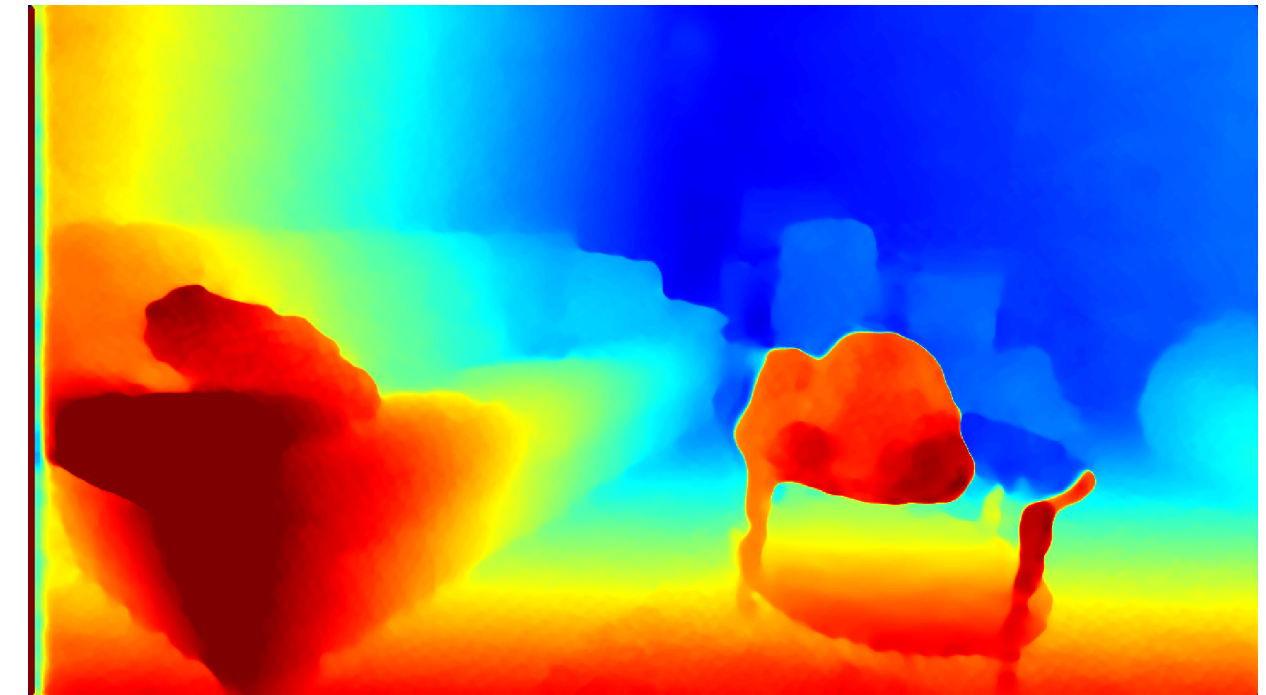
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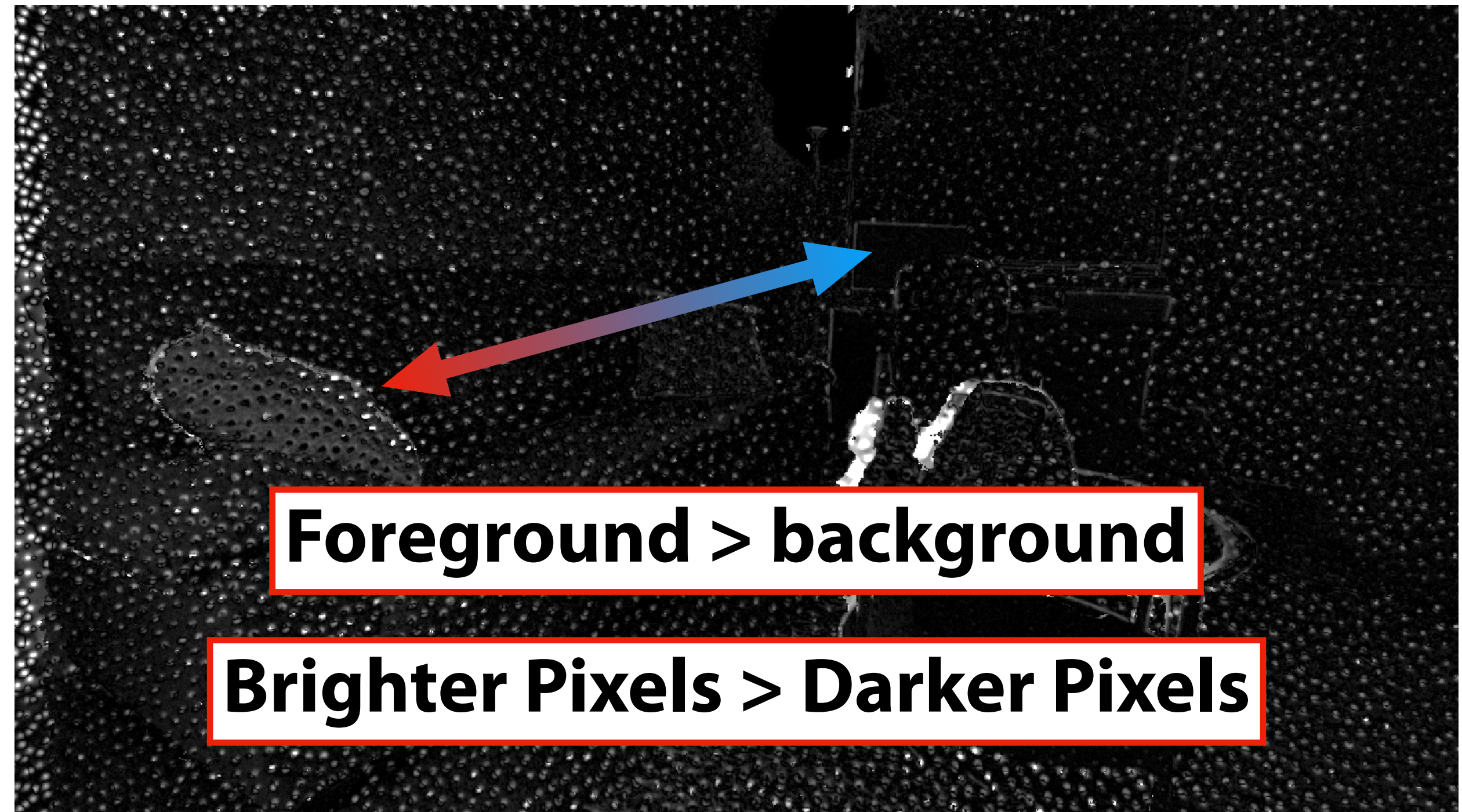
Left View



Disparity



Photometric Loss



Foreground > background

Brighter Pixels > Darker Pixels

Remove Dependence

1. Remove Unnecessary Dependence.

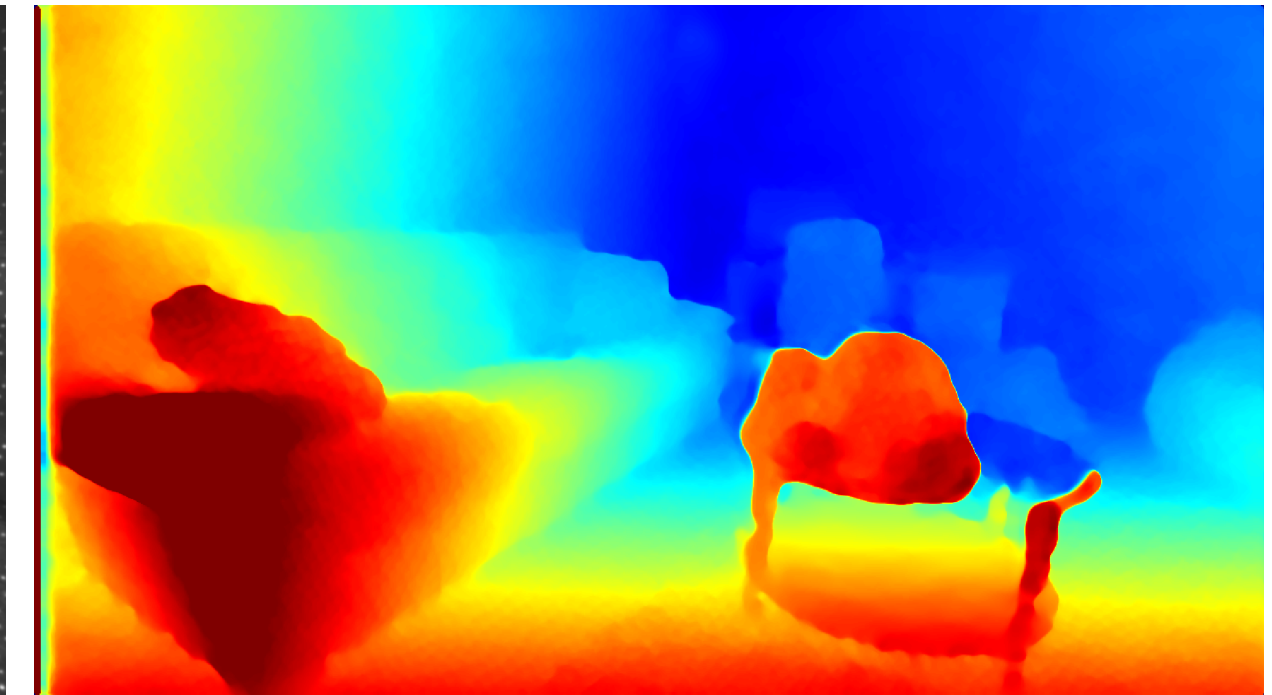
- Local Contrast Normalization

$$I_{LCN} = \frac{I - \mu}{\sigma + \eta}$$

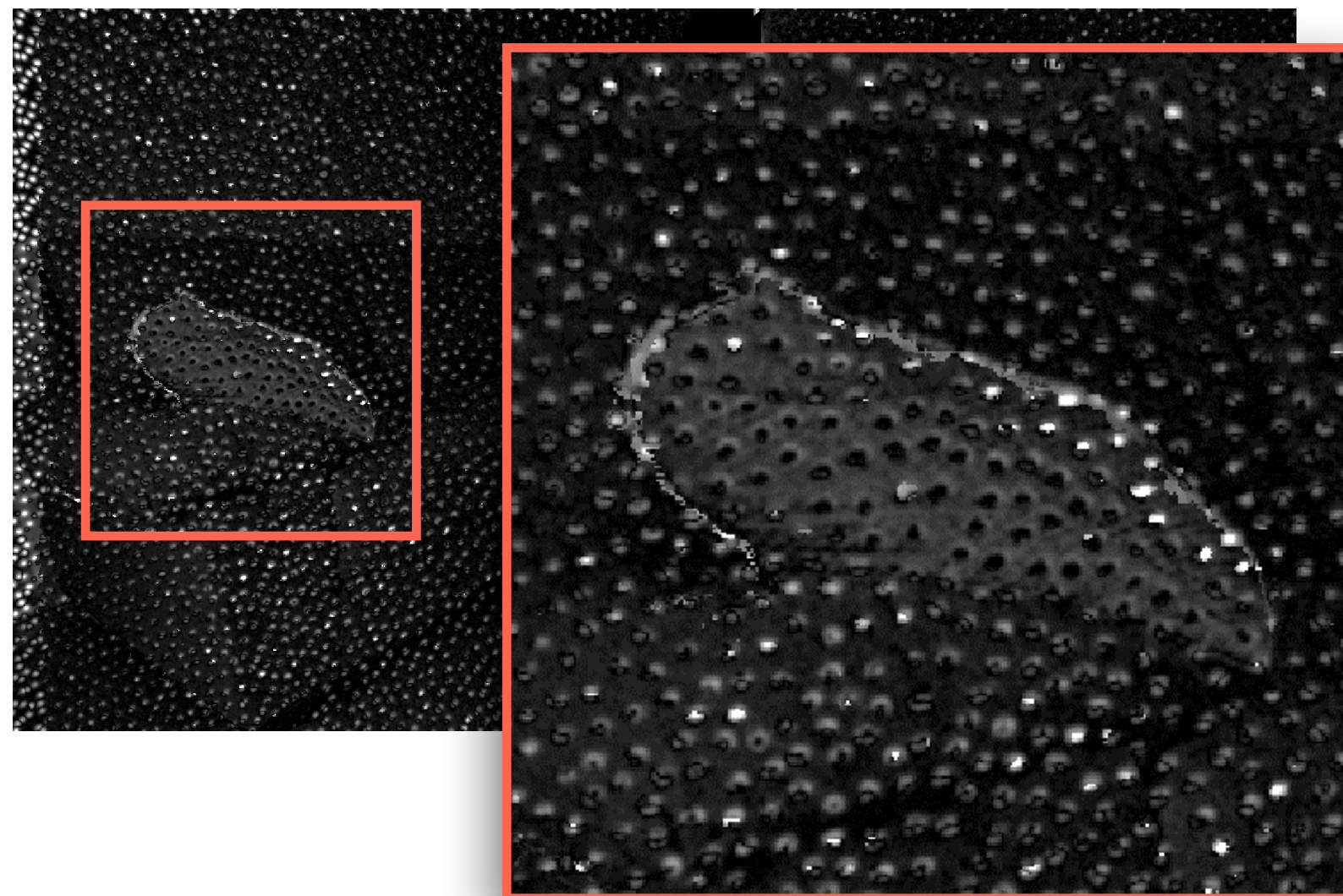
Left View



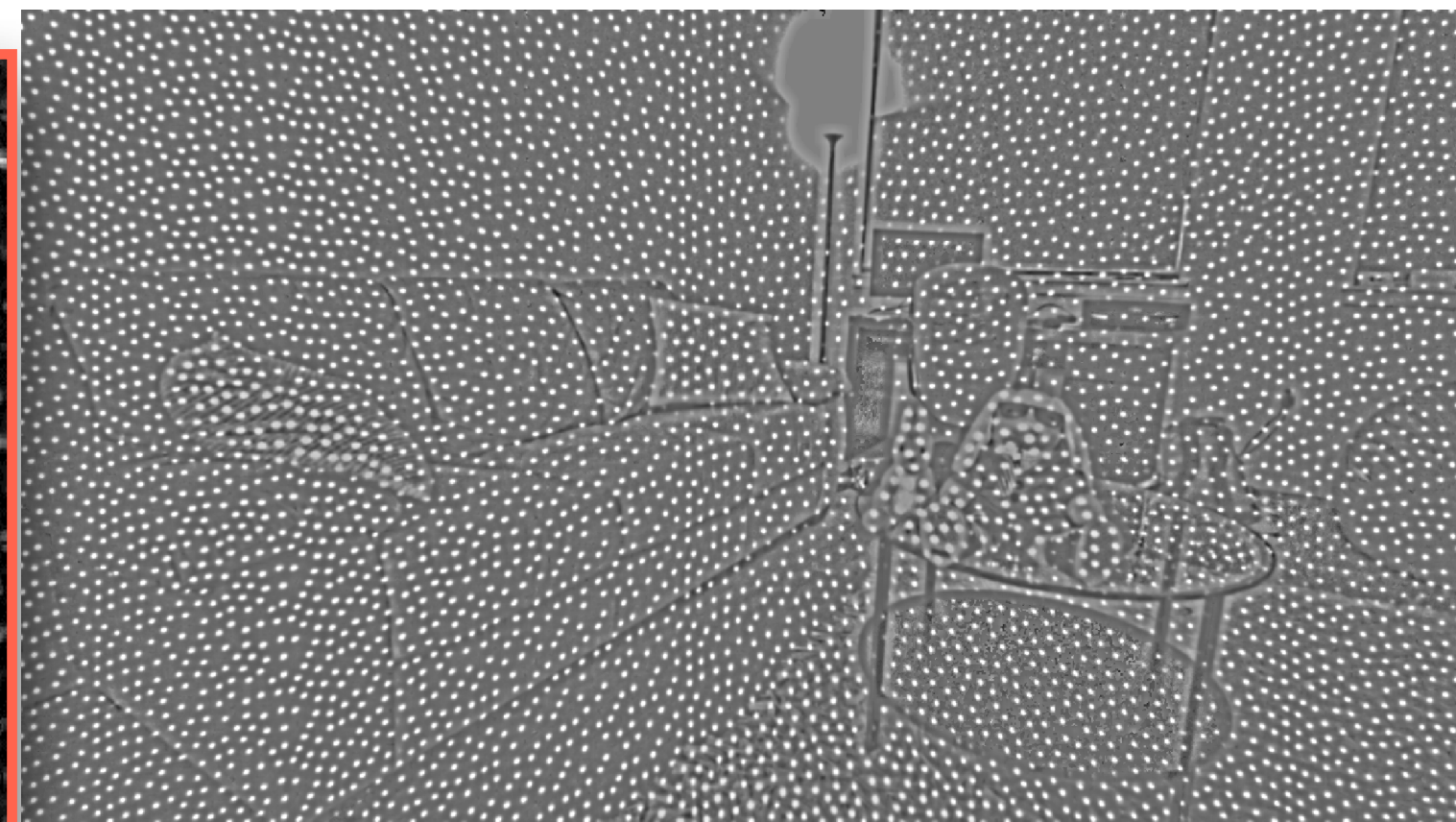
Disparity



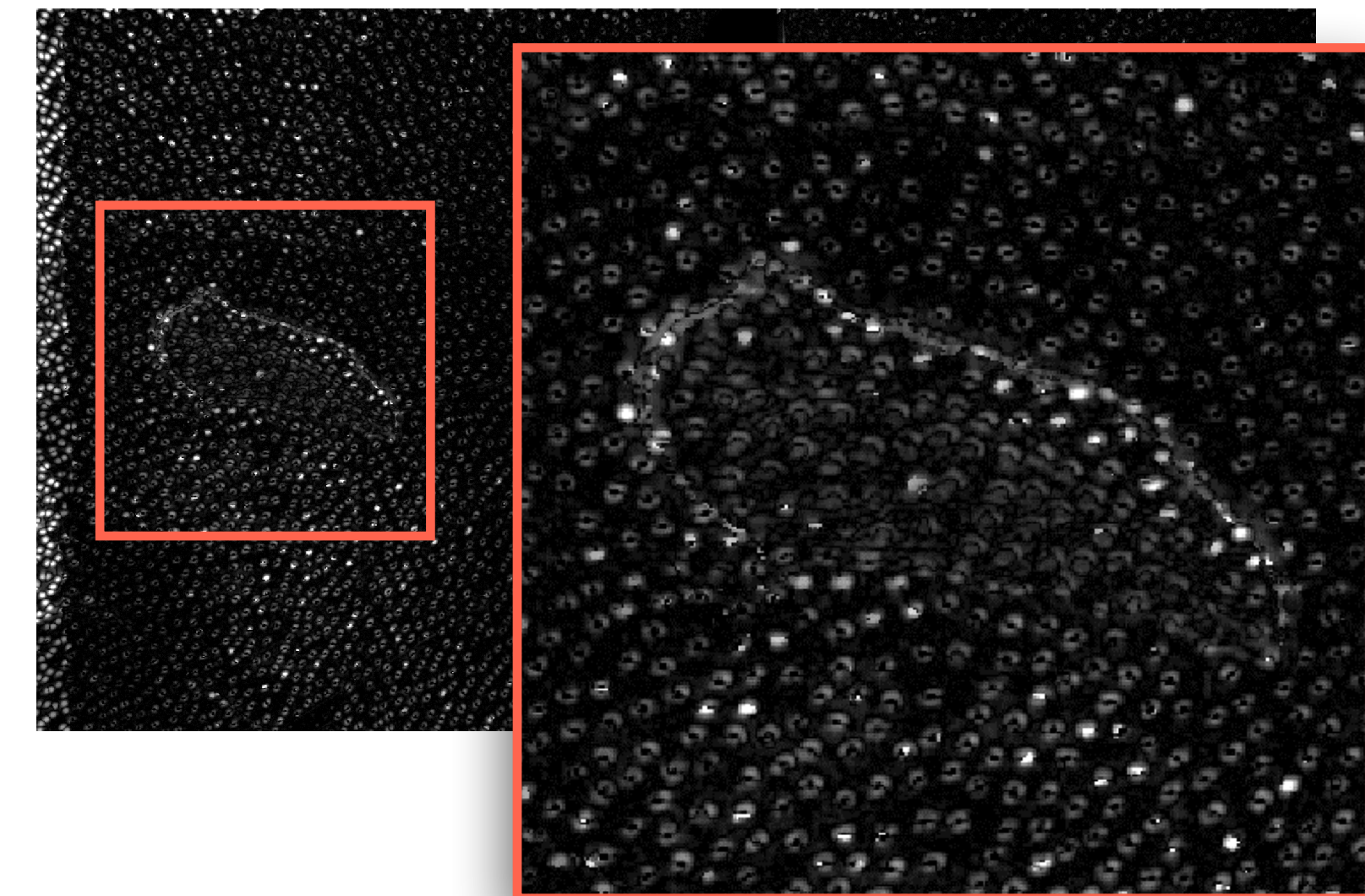
Loss on Raw IR



Local Contrast Normalization

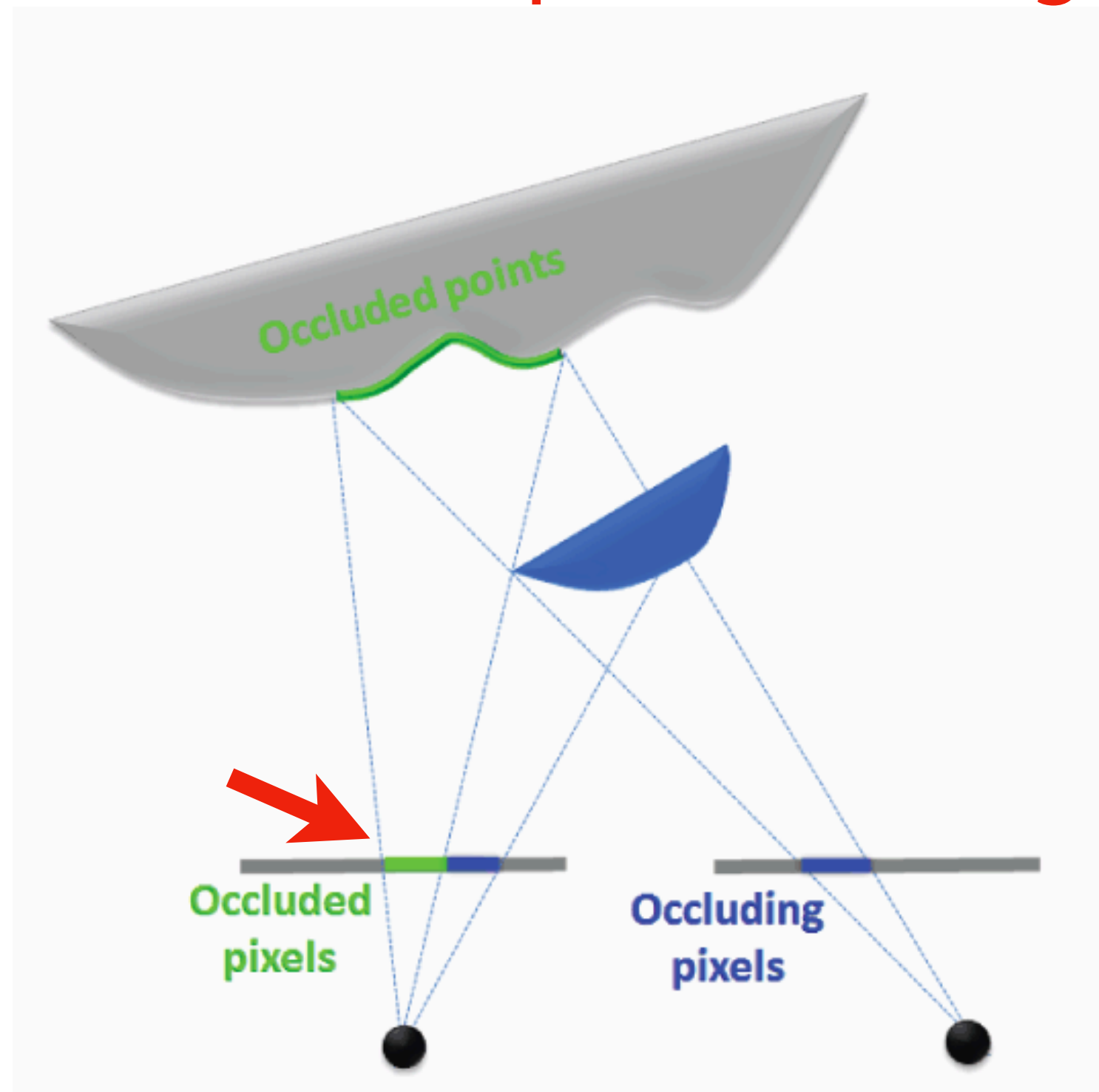


Loss on Normalized IR



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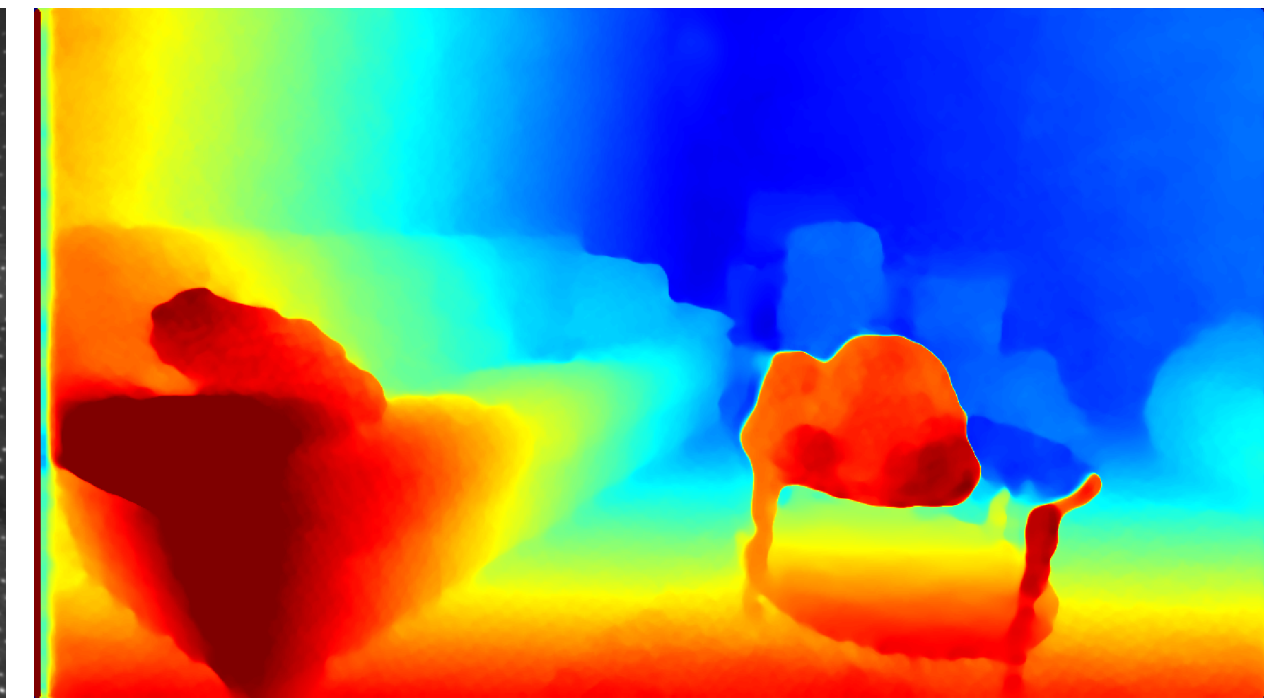
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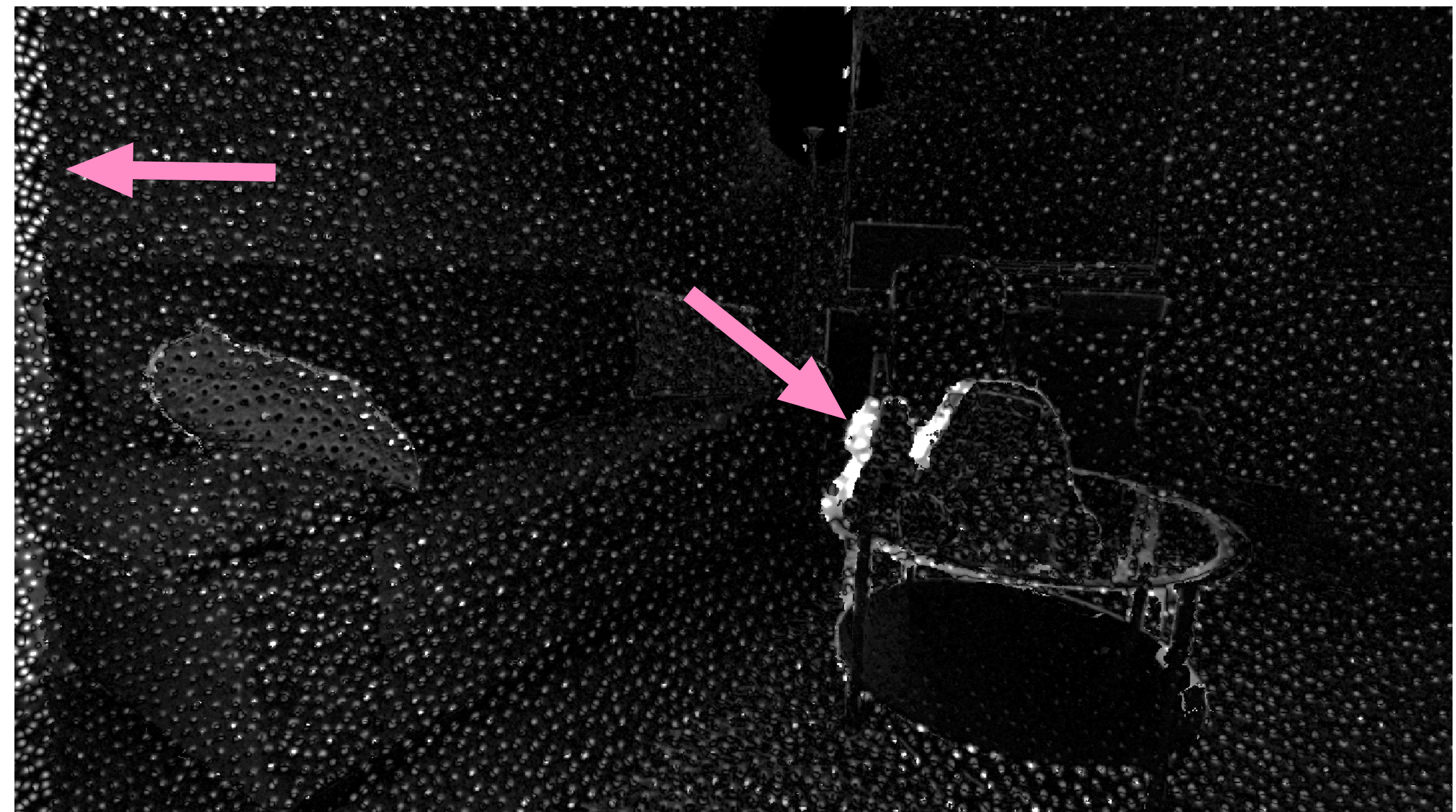
Left View



Disparity



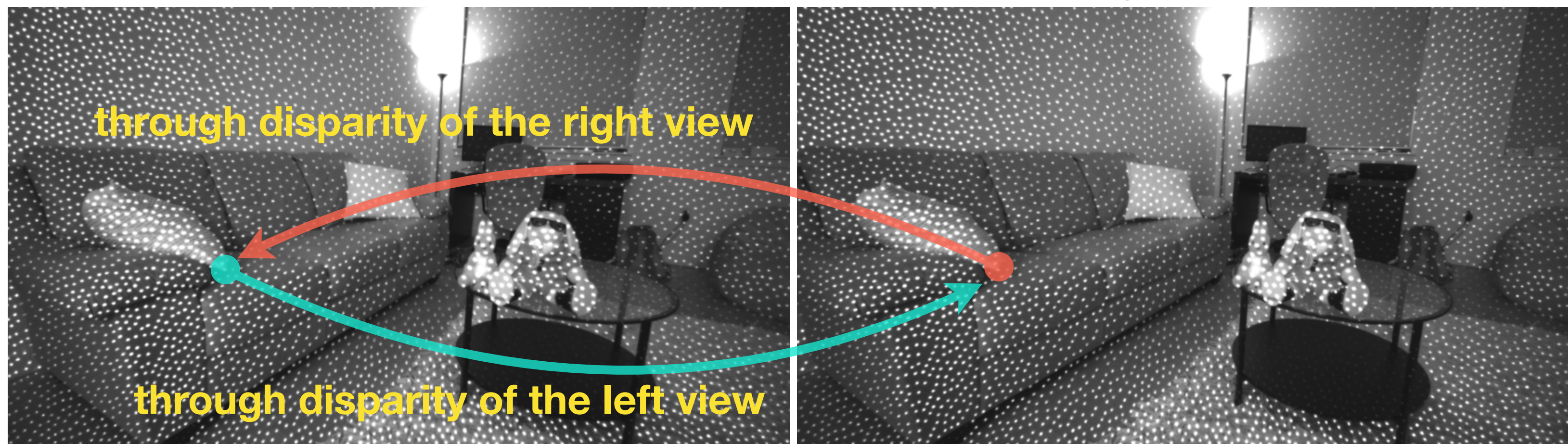
Photometric Loss



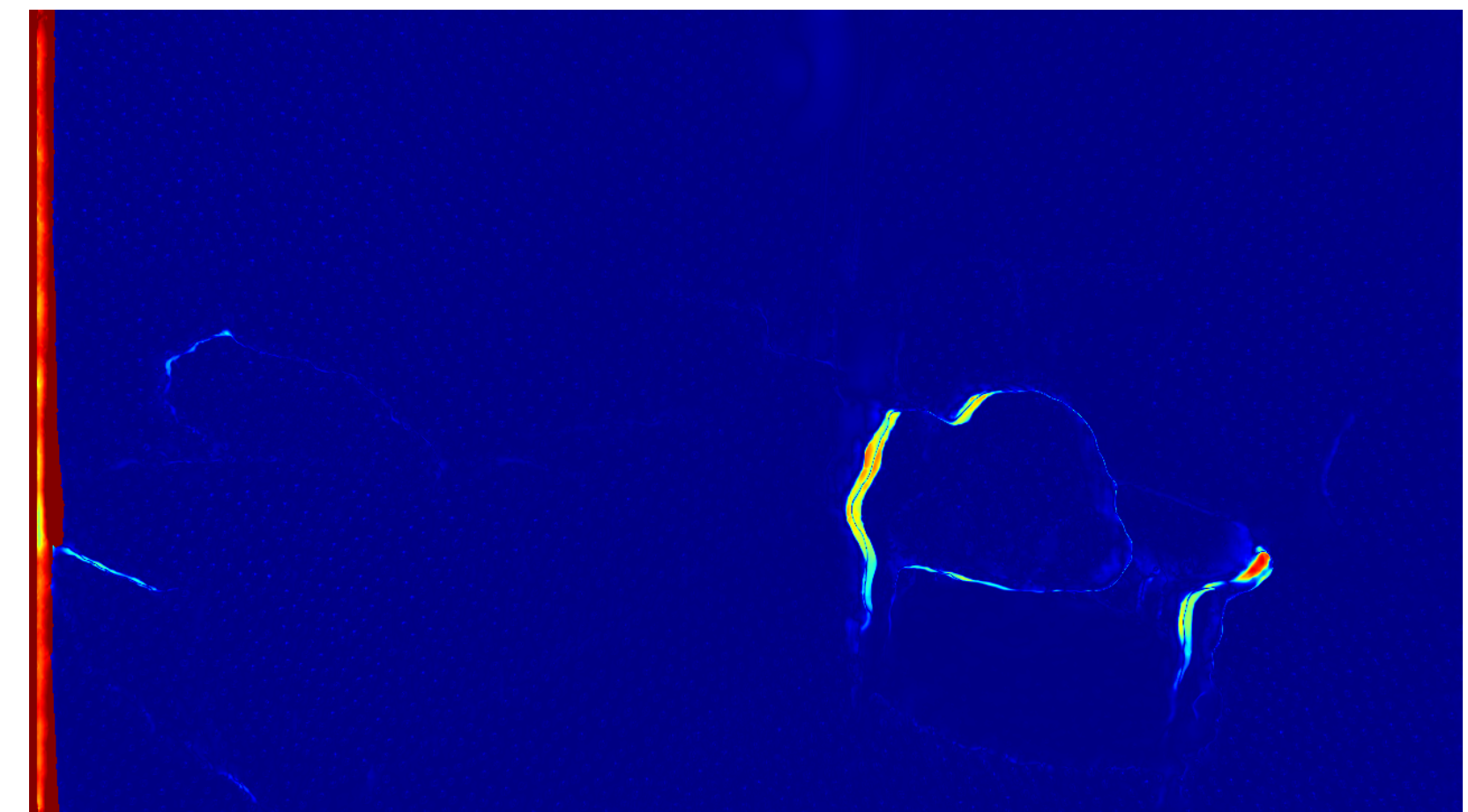
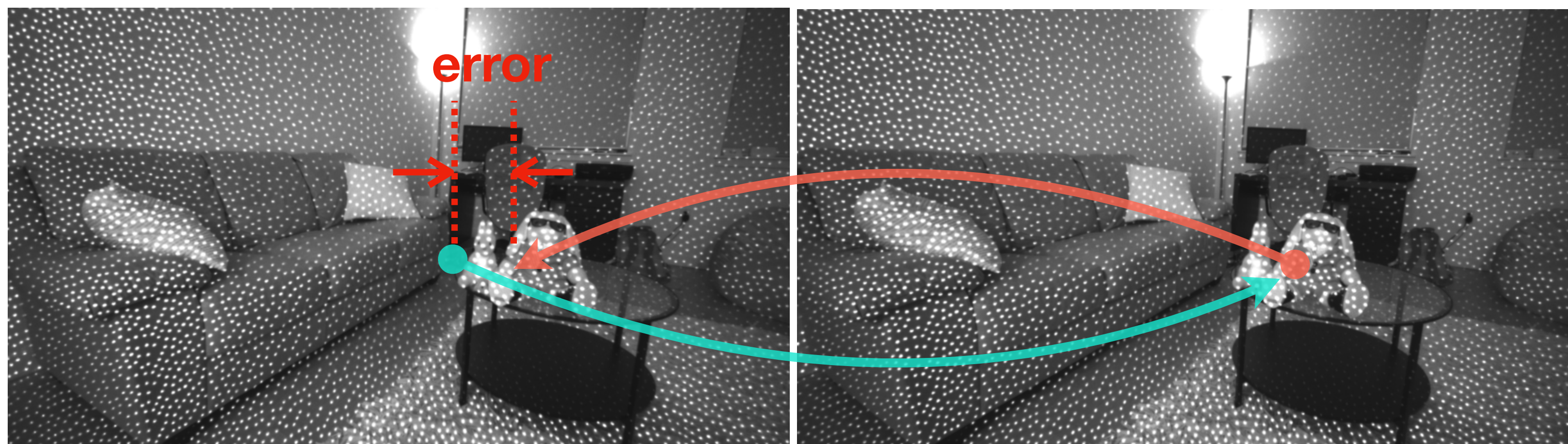
How to find occlusion?

Left View

Right View



Remove the pixel loss if error passes threshold.



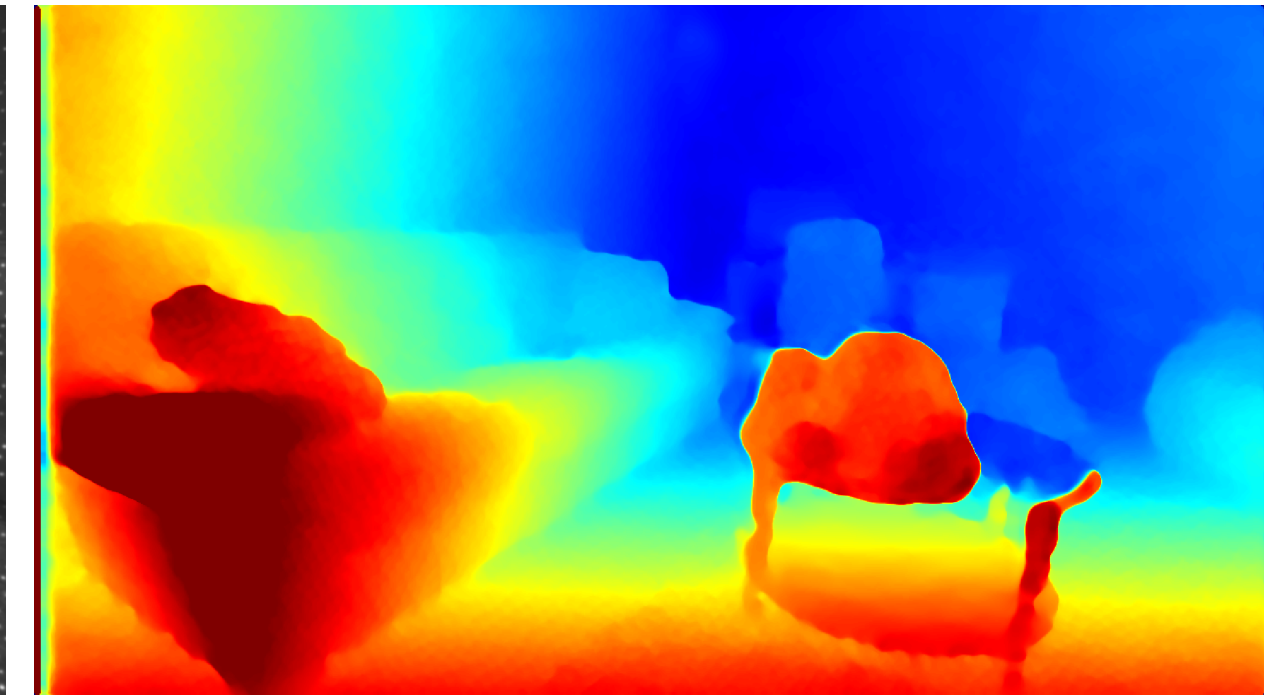
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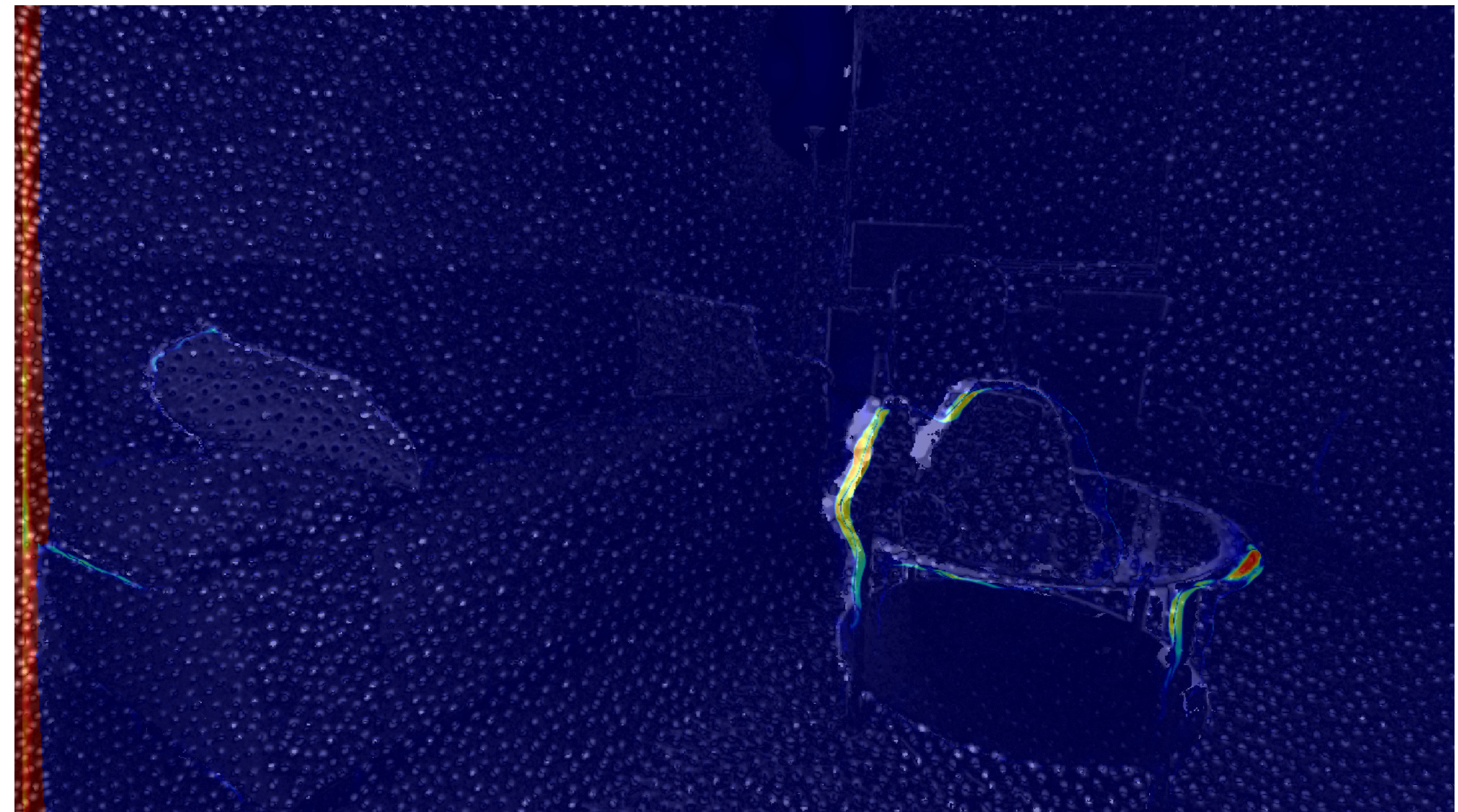
Left View



Disparity



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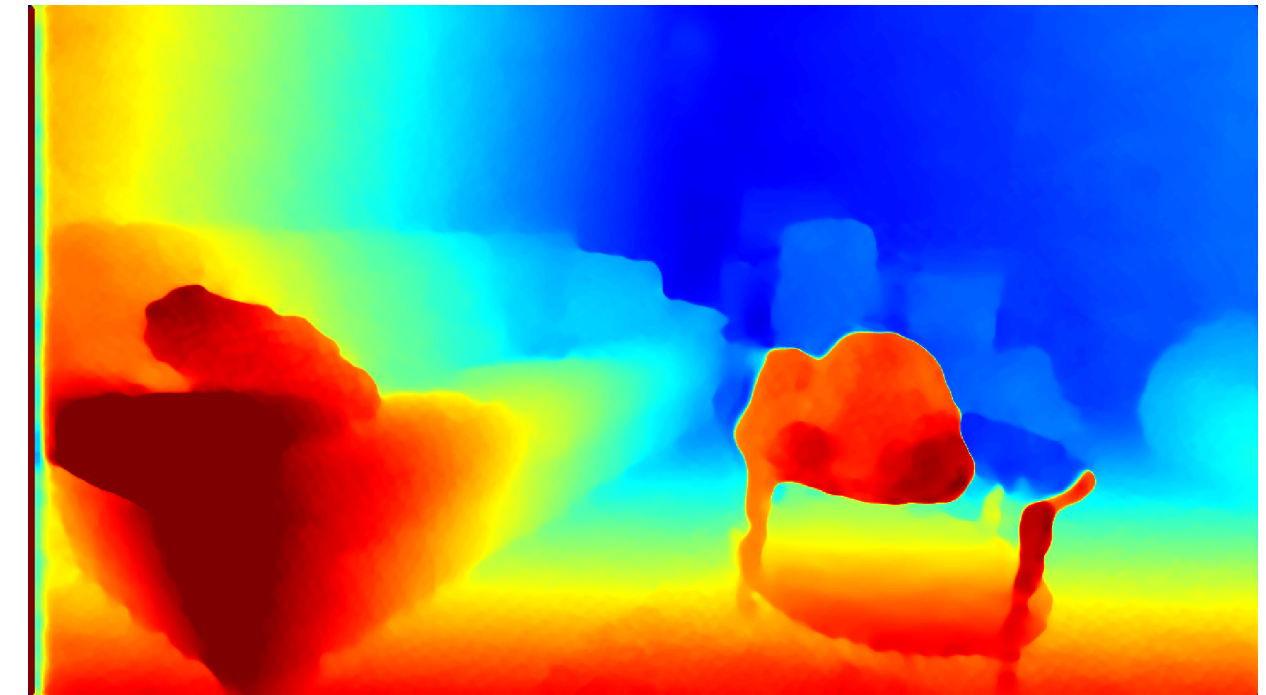
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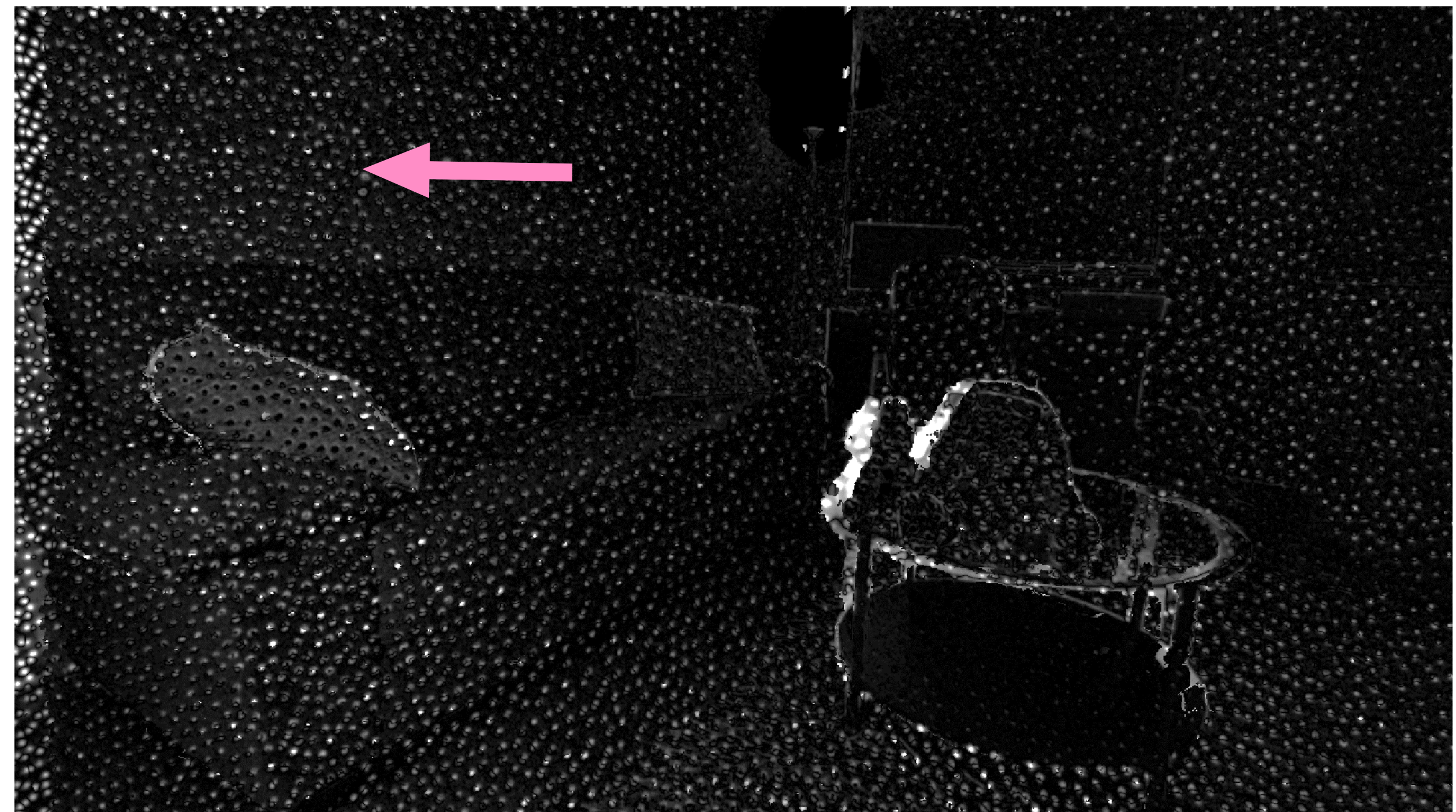
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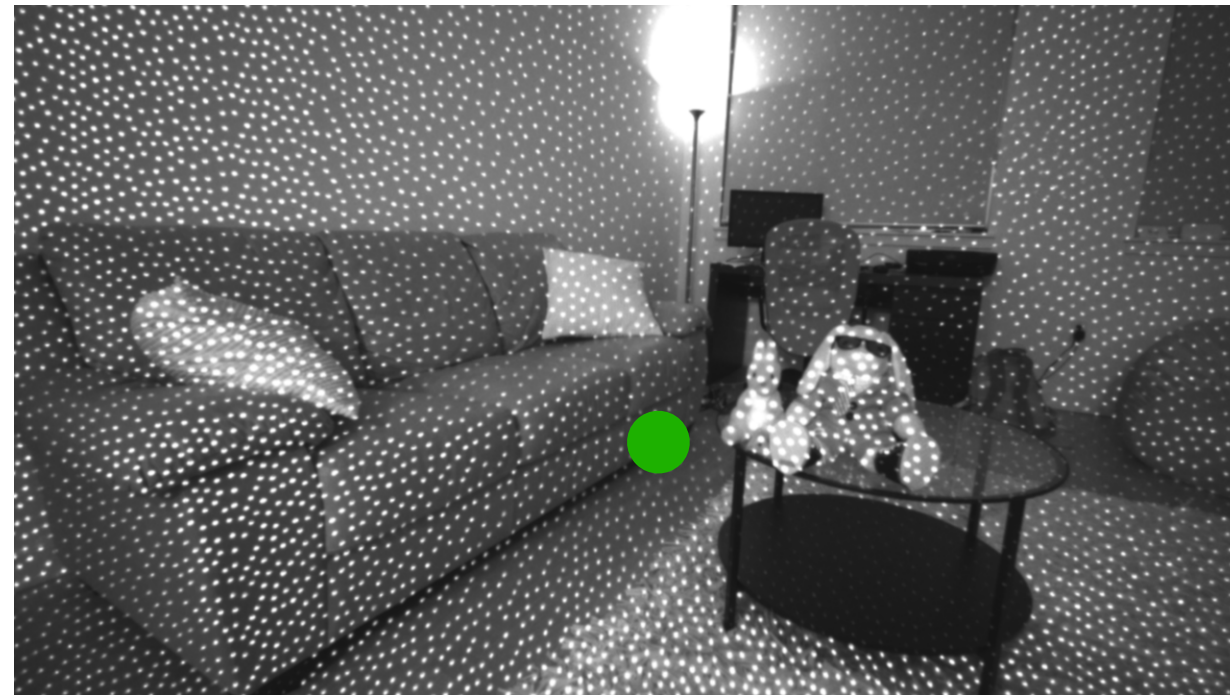


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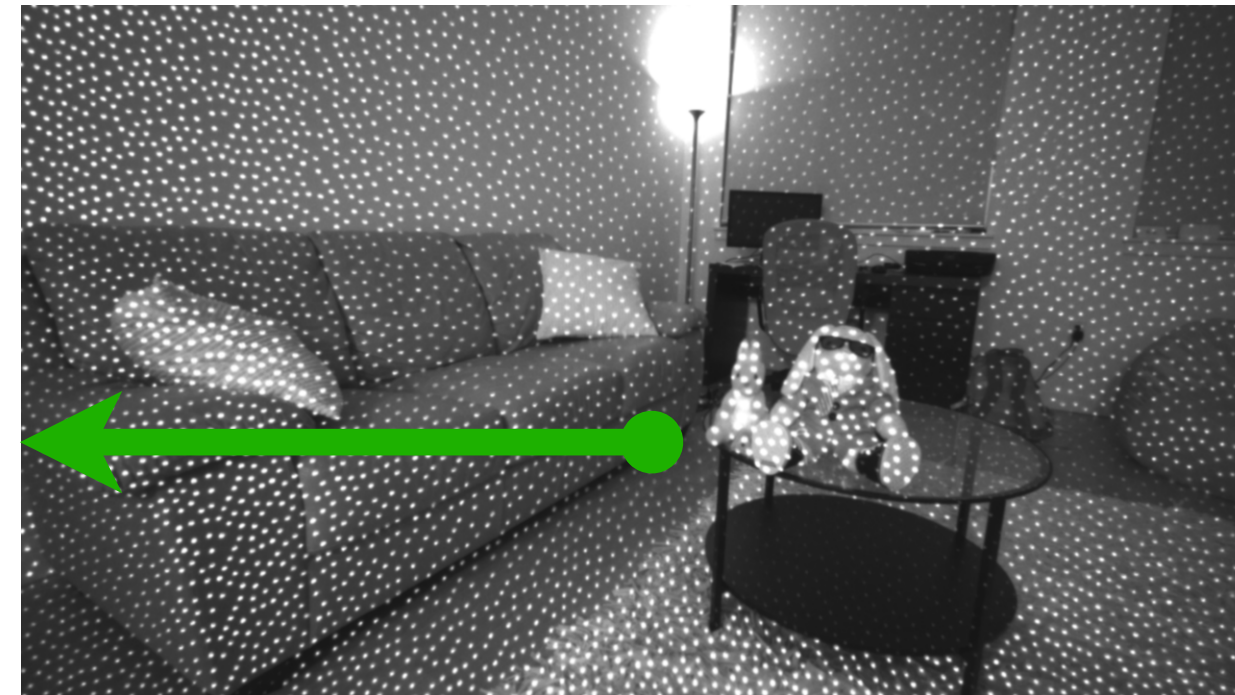


Remove Bad Optima

Left View



Right View



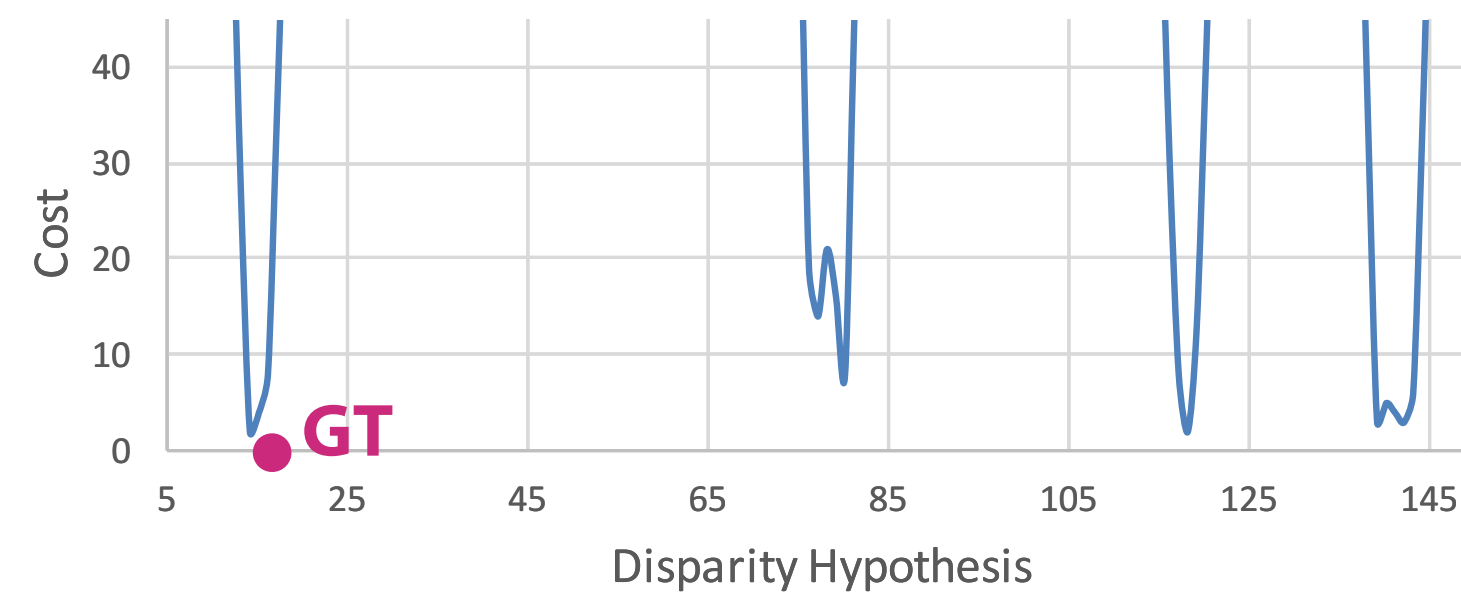
Adaptive Support Weight

$$C_{i,j} = \|\sigma_{i,j}(I_{LCN\ i,j} - \hat{I}_{LCN\ i,j})\|_1$$

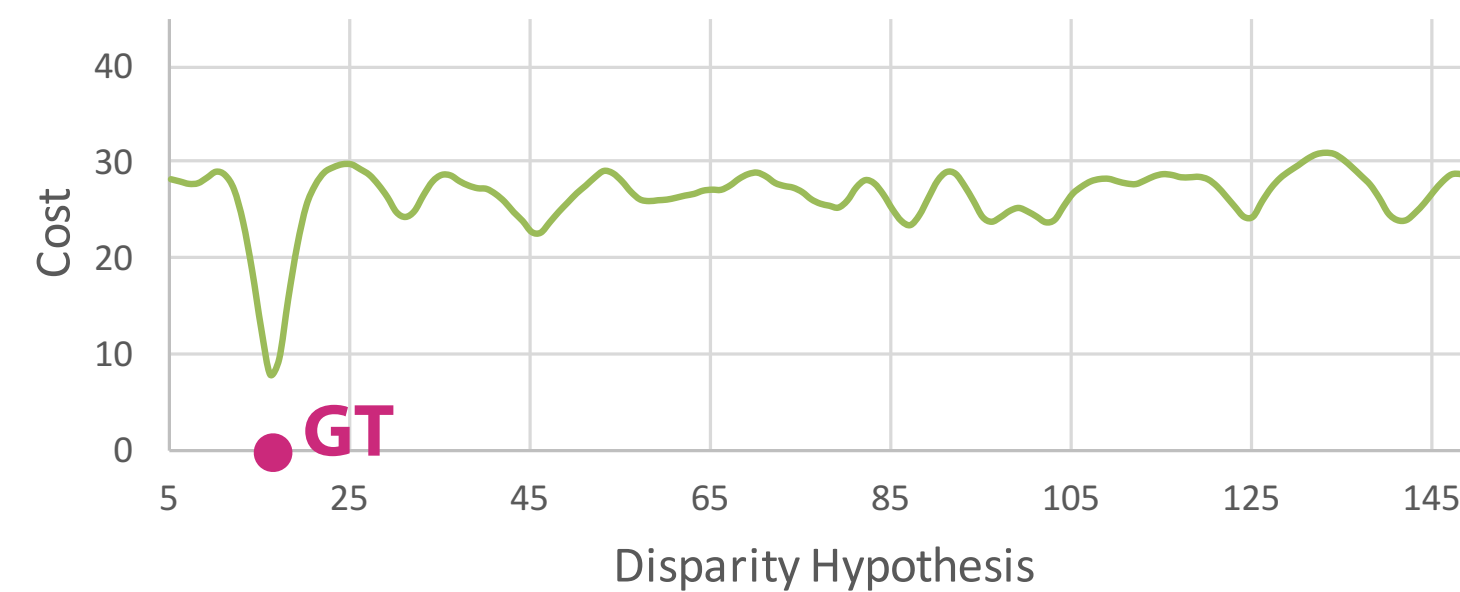
$$\hat{C}_{i,j} = \frac{\sum_{x=i-k}^{i+k-1} \sum_{y=j-k}^{j+k-1} \omega_{x,y} C_{x,y}}{\sum_{x=i-k}^{i+k-1} \sum_{y=j-k}^{j+k-1} \omega_{x,y}}$$

$$\omega_{x,y} = \exp\left(-\frac{|I_{i,j} - I_{x,y}|}{\sigma_\omega}\right)$$

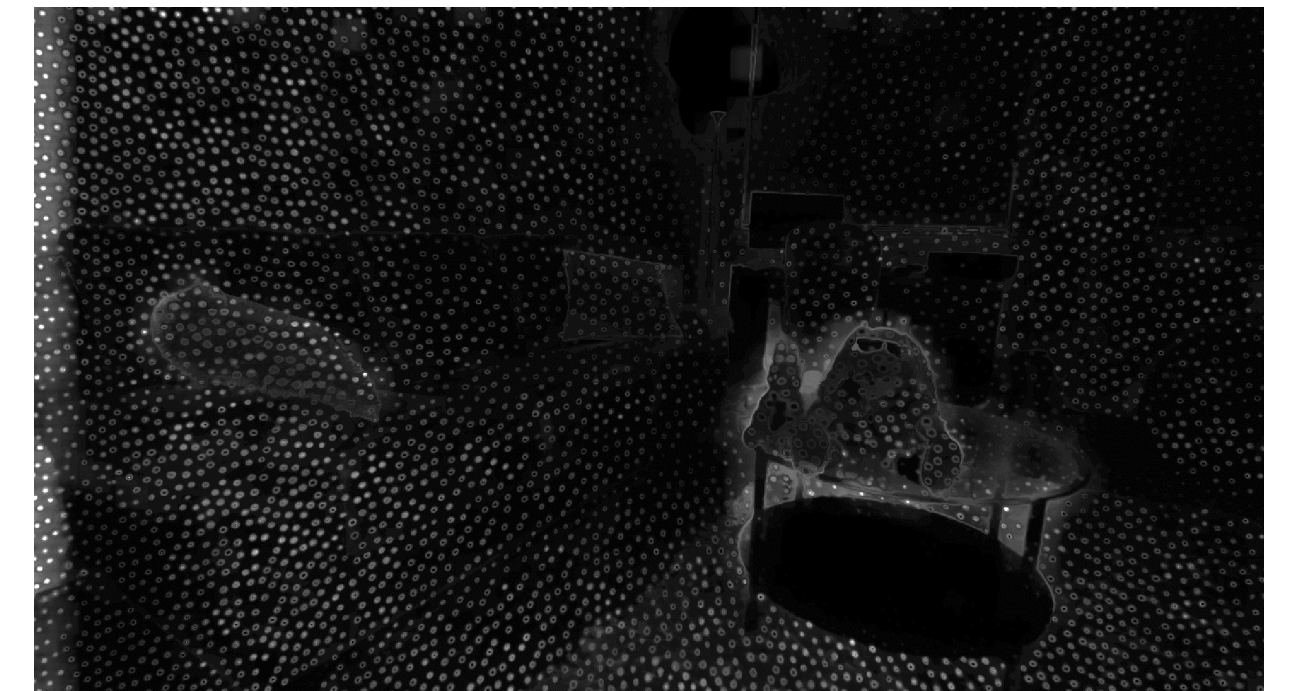
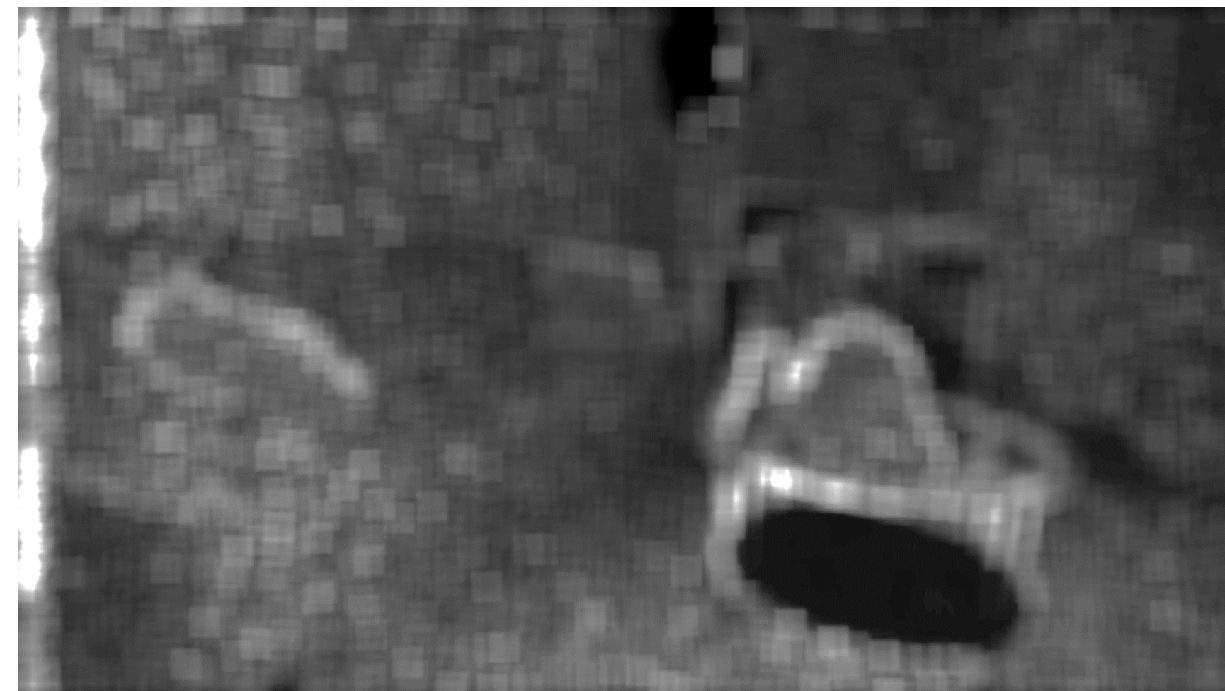
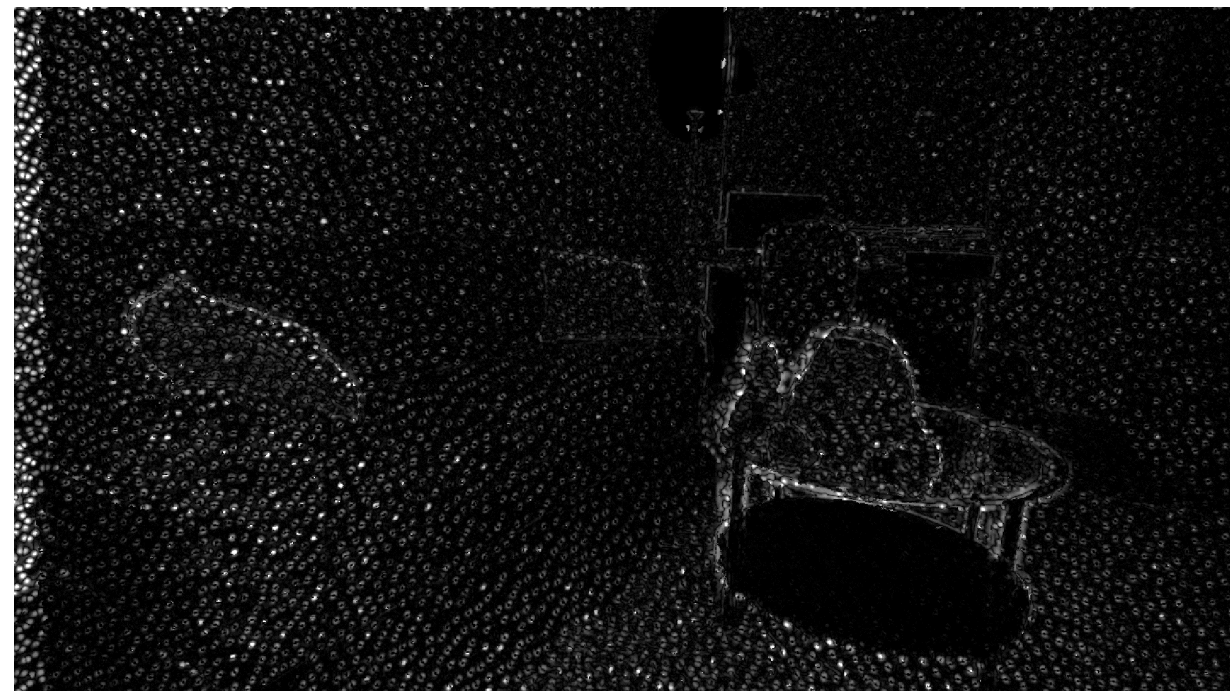
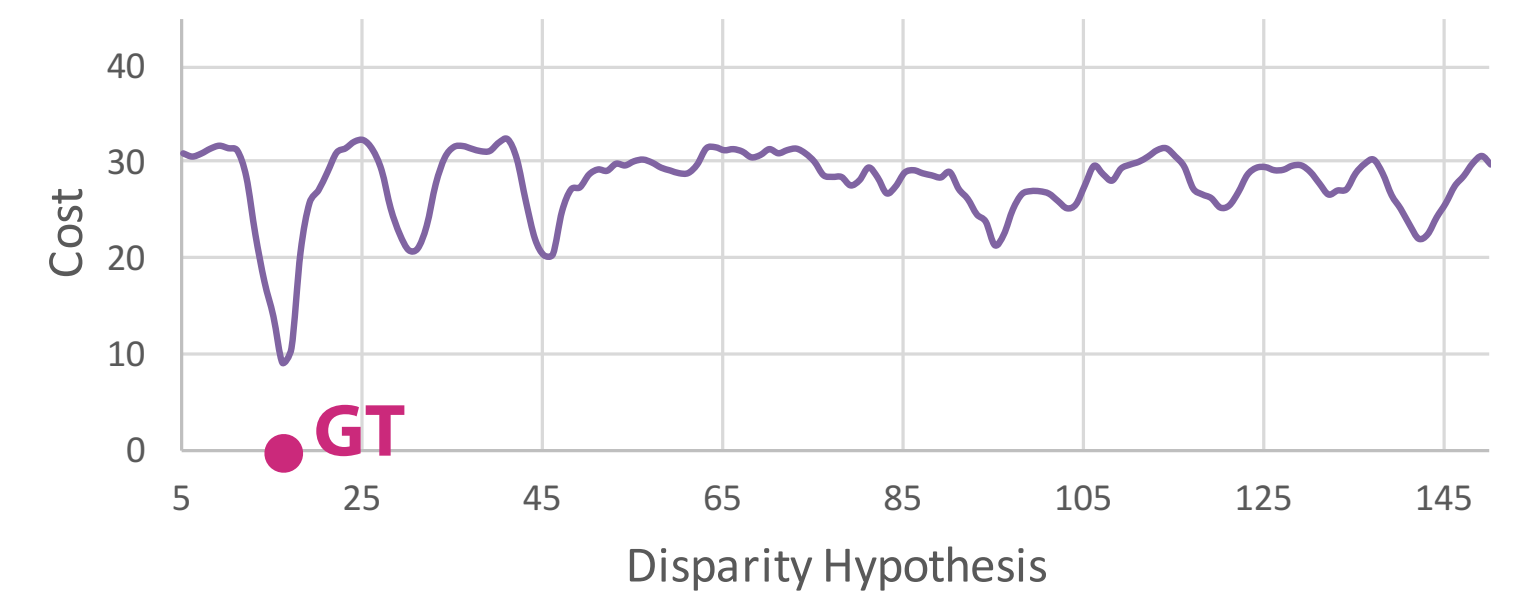
1x1 Window



32x32 Window



32x32 Window with ASW



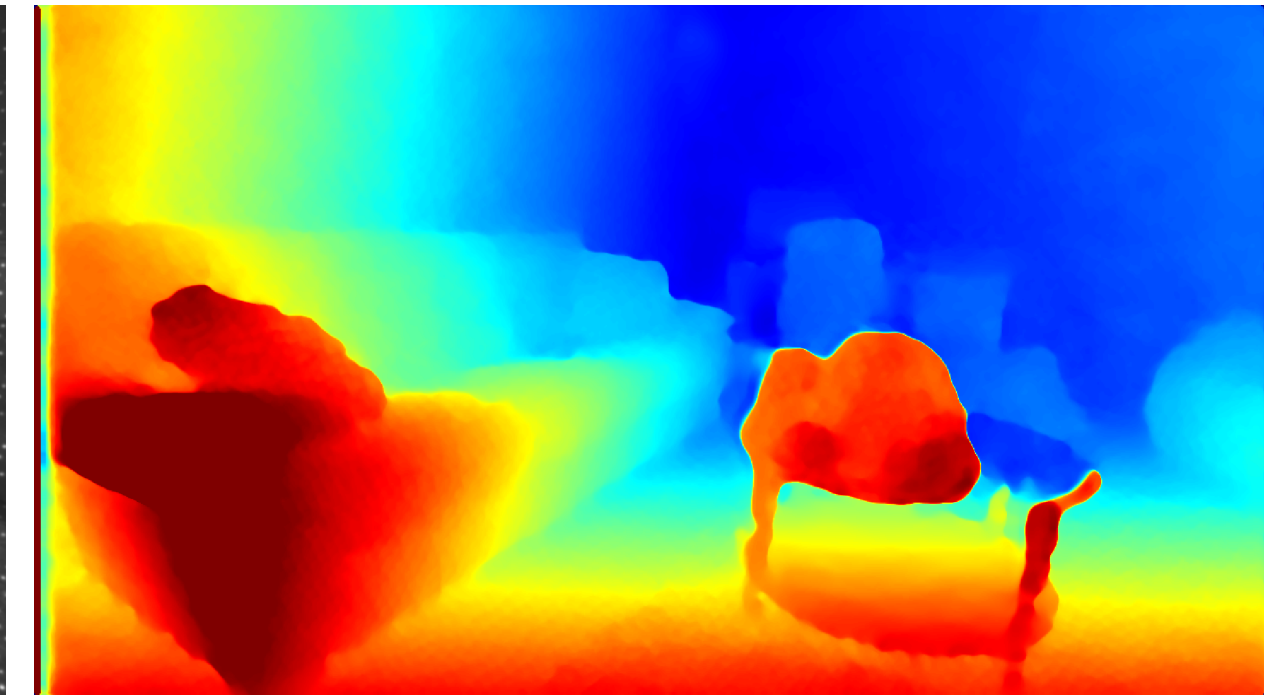
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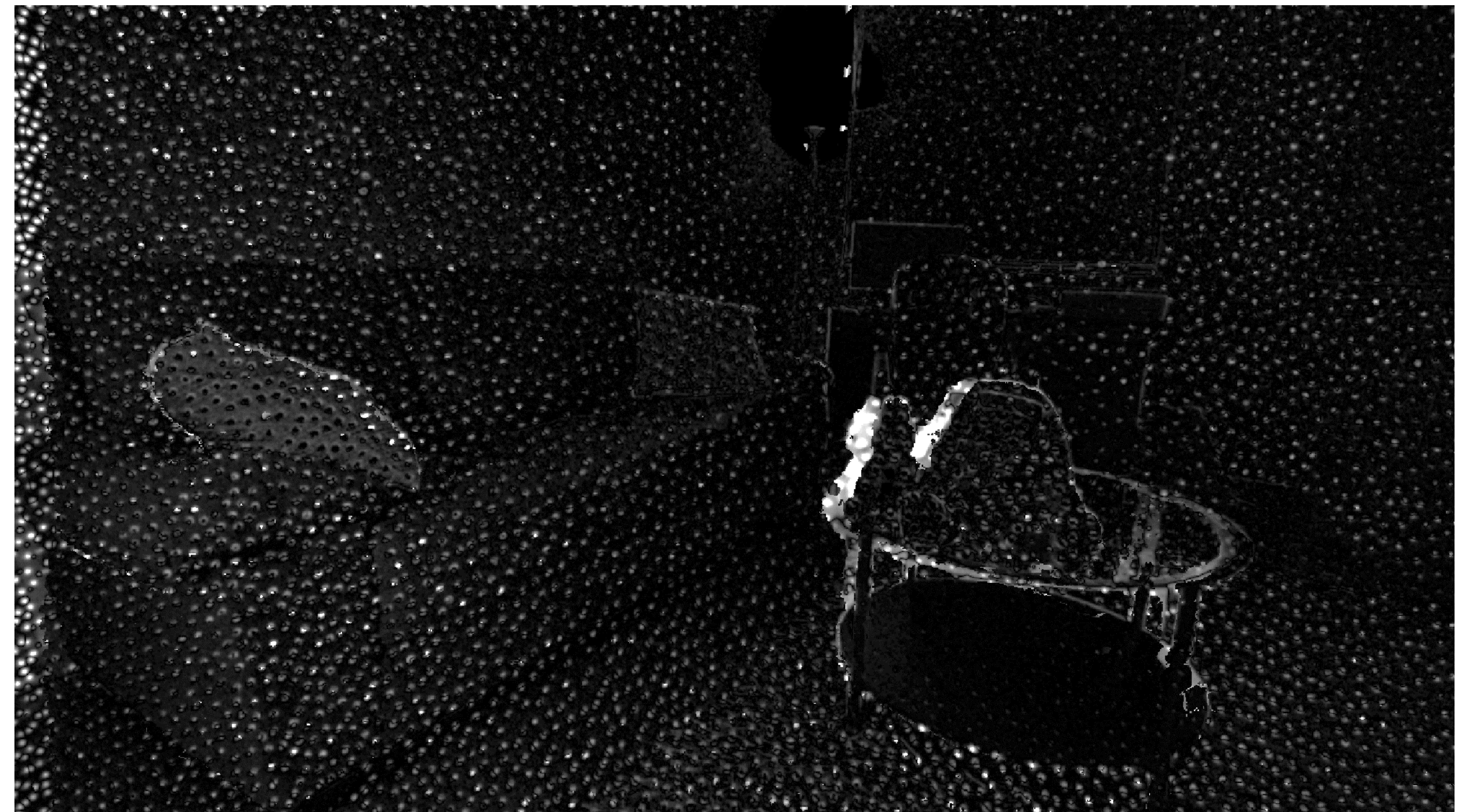
Left View



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Photometric Loss



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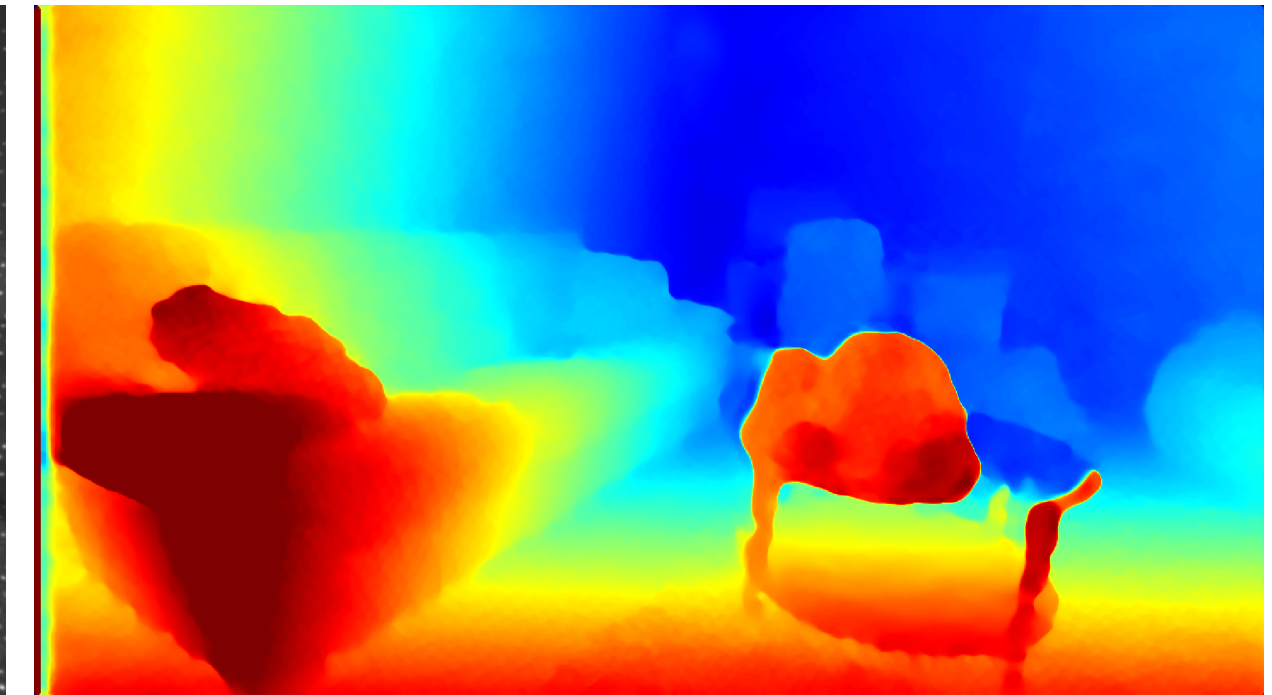
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$$L = \sum_{p \notin Inv} \hat{C}_p$$

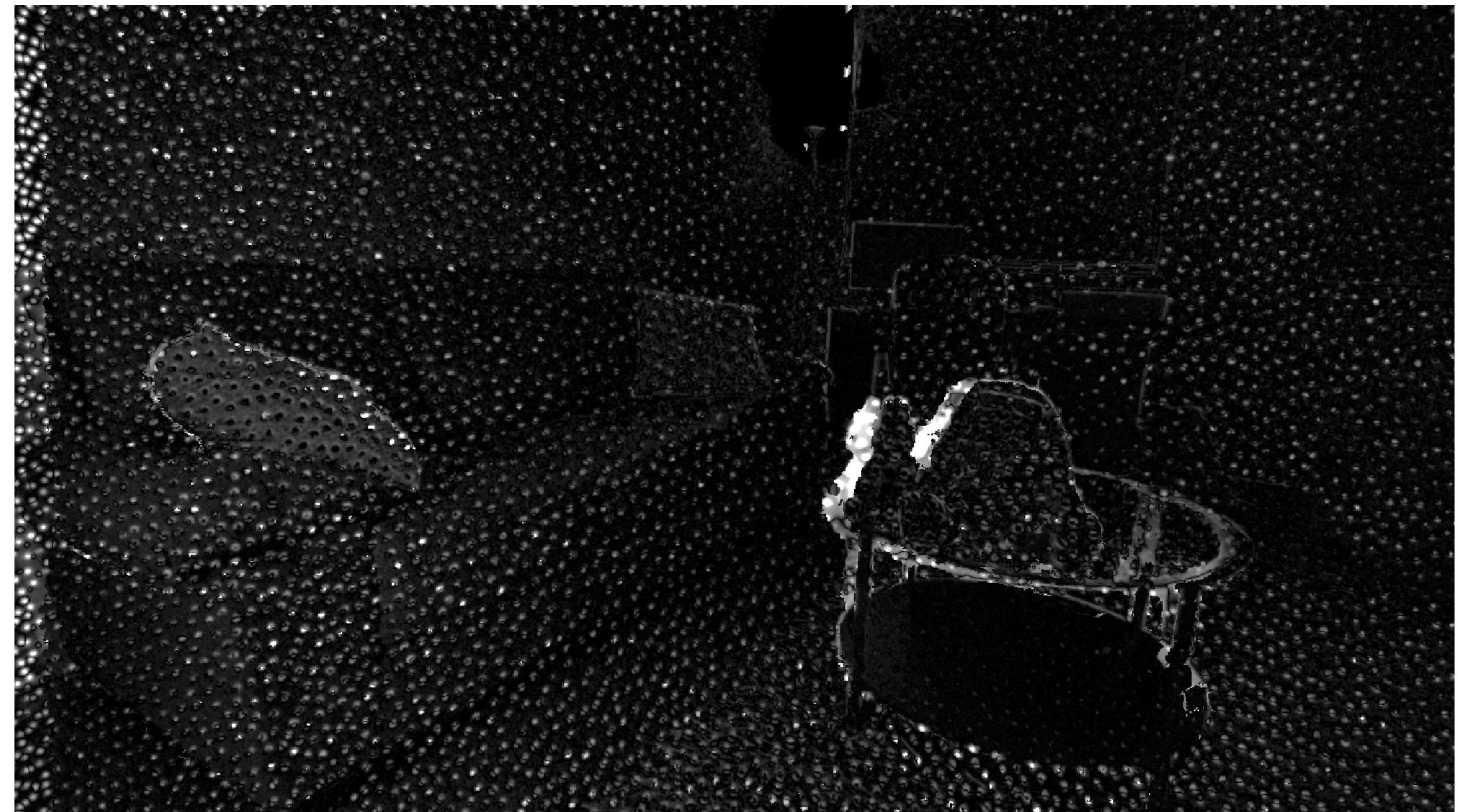
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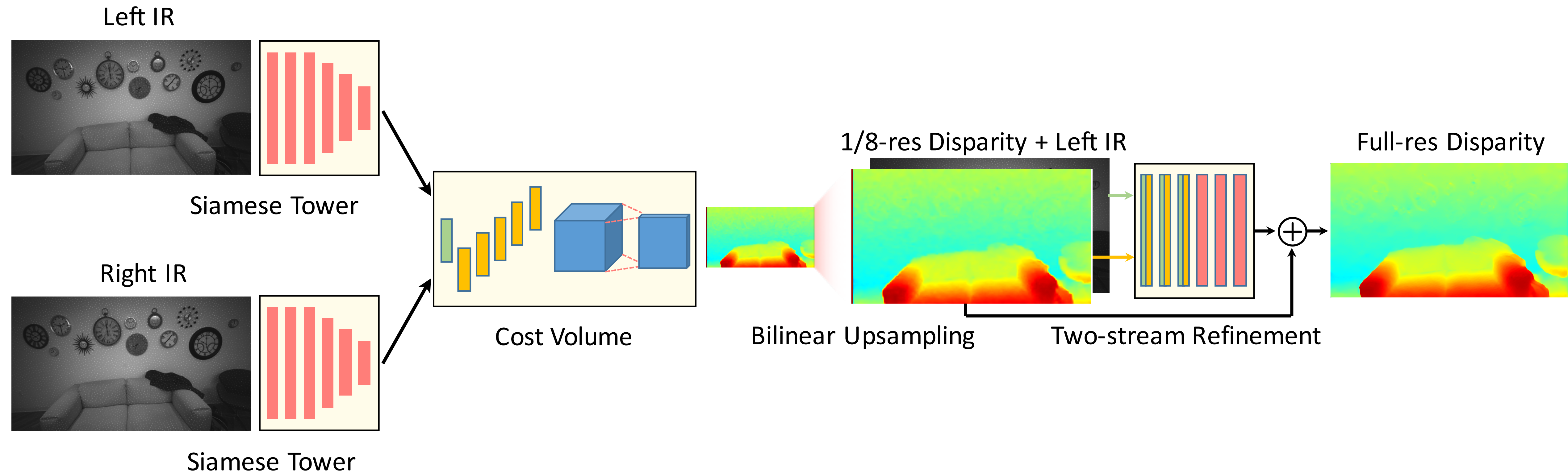


Photometric Loss

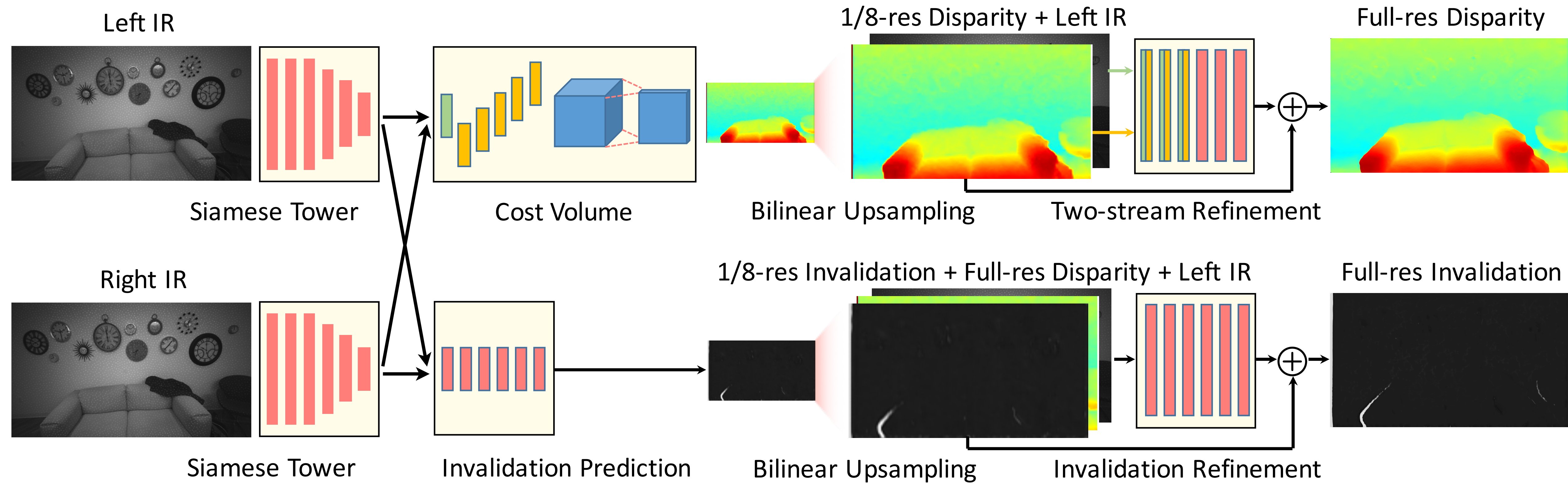


Network Architecture

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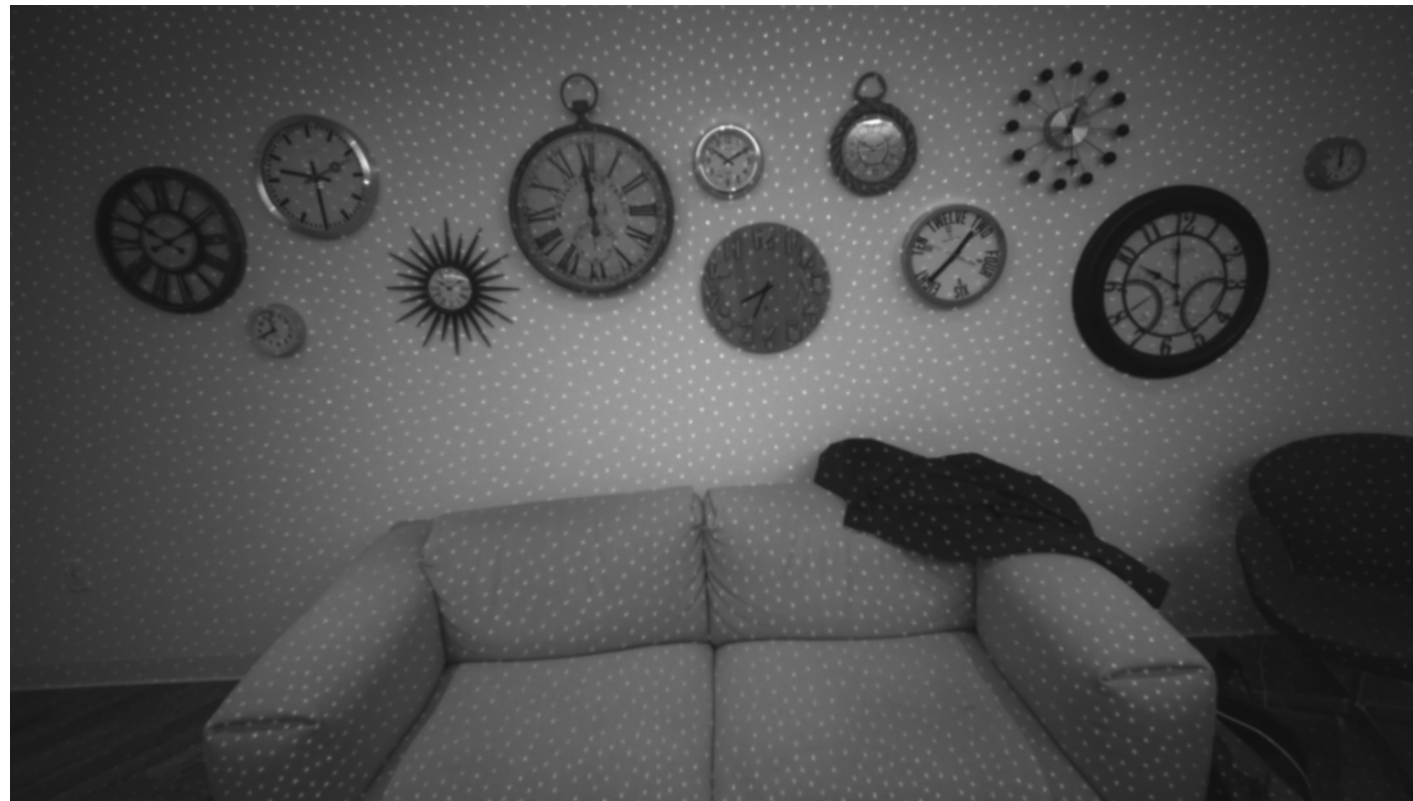


Network Architecture



Experiments

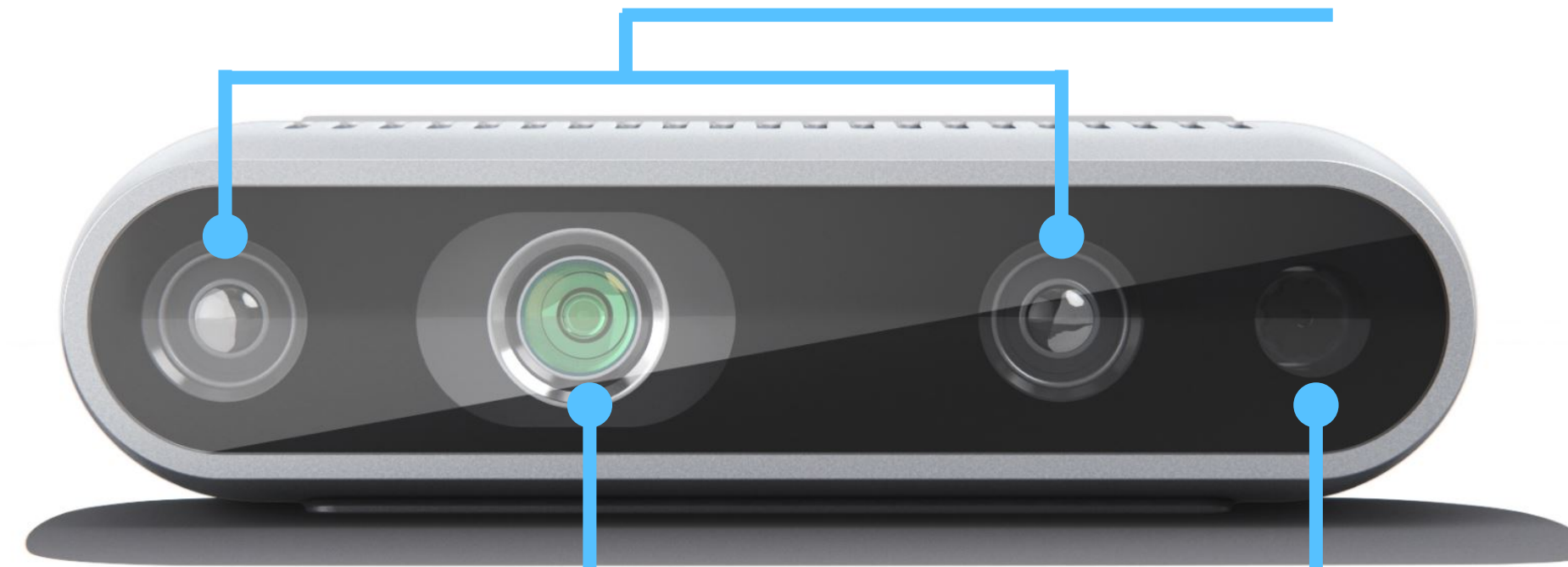
Experiments



Left IR Image

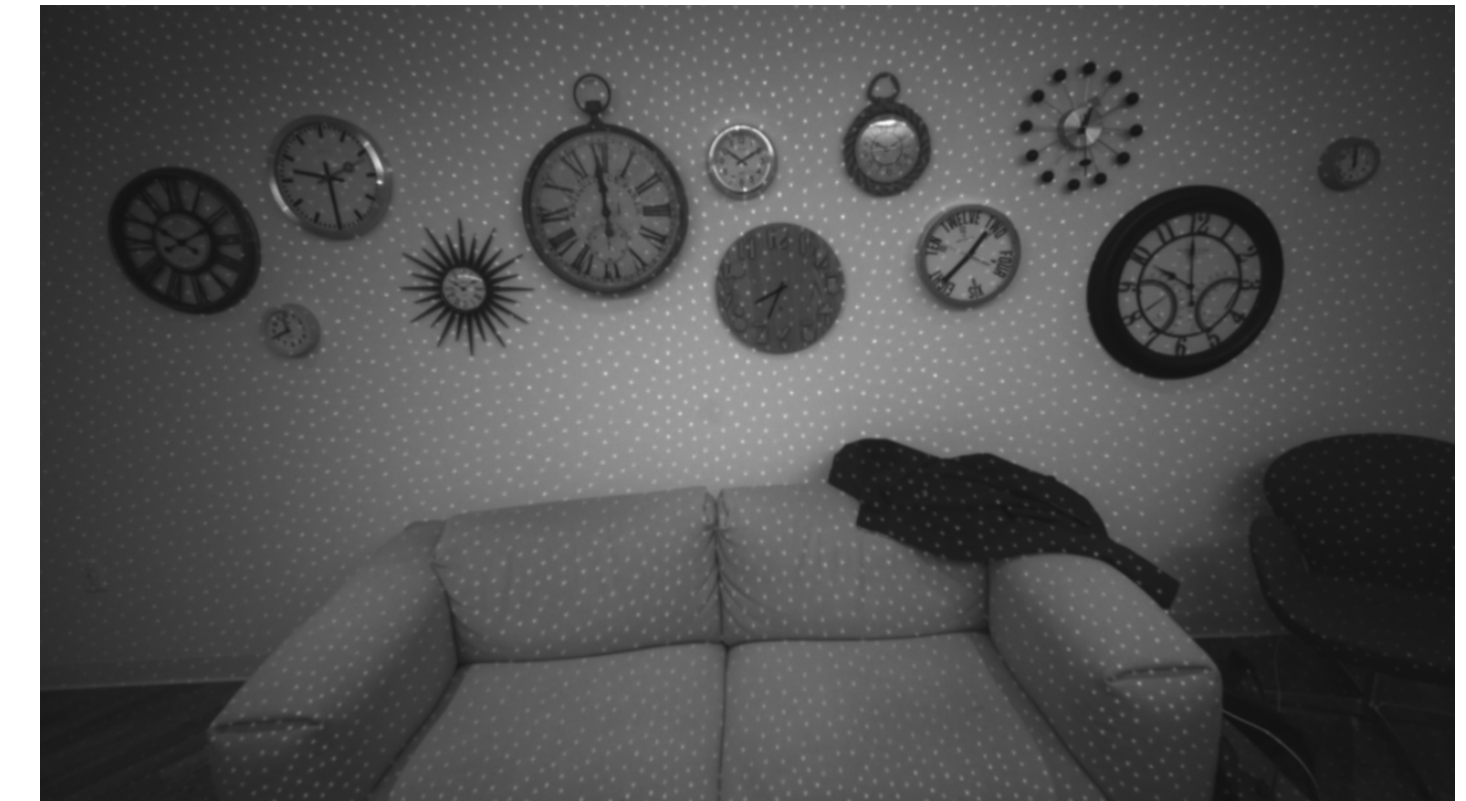
Intel RealSense D435

IR Stereo Camera



IR Projector

Color Camera



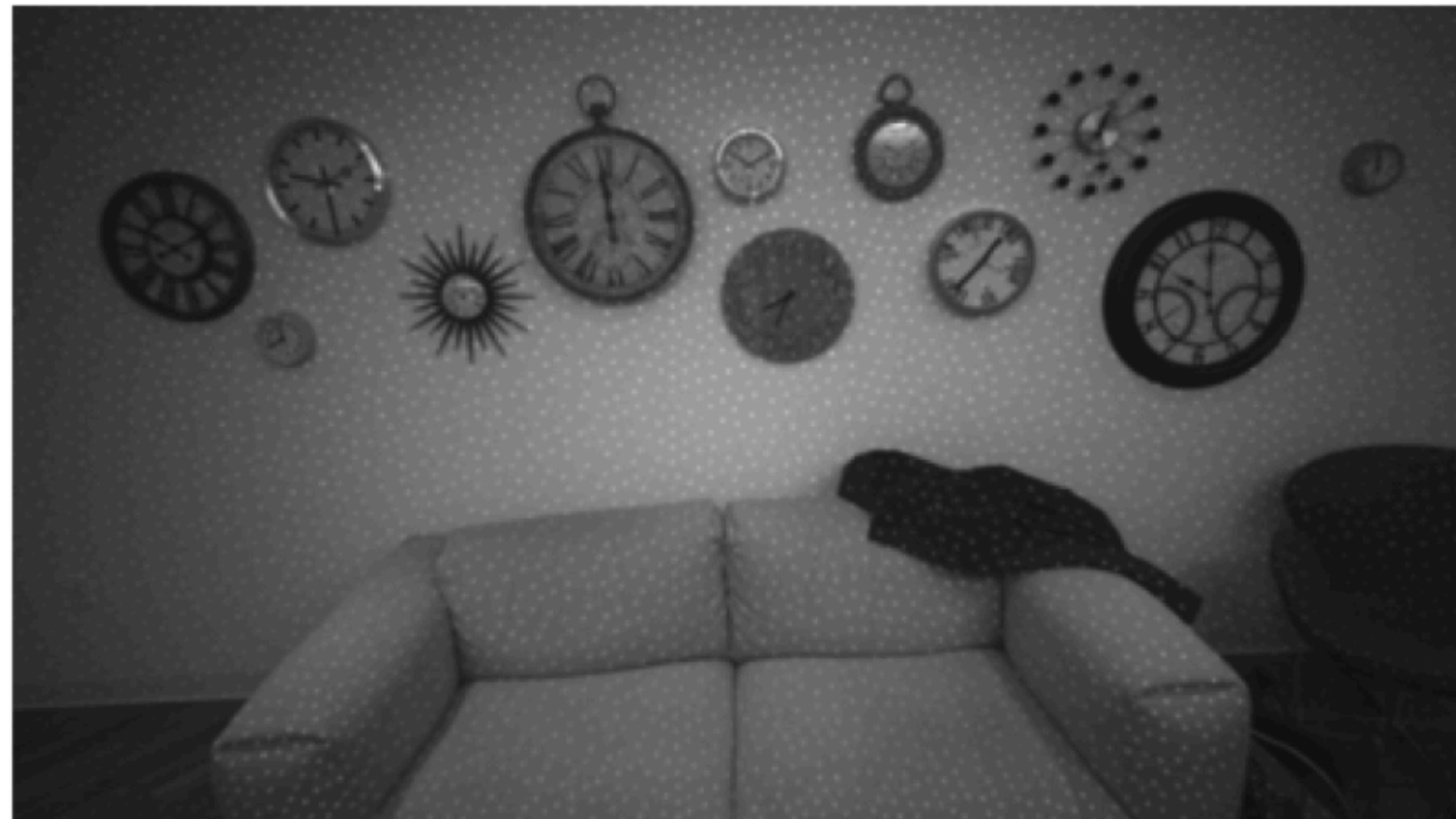
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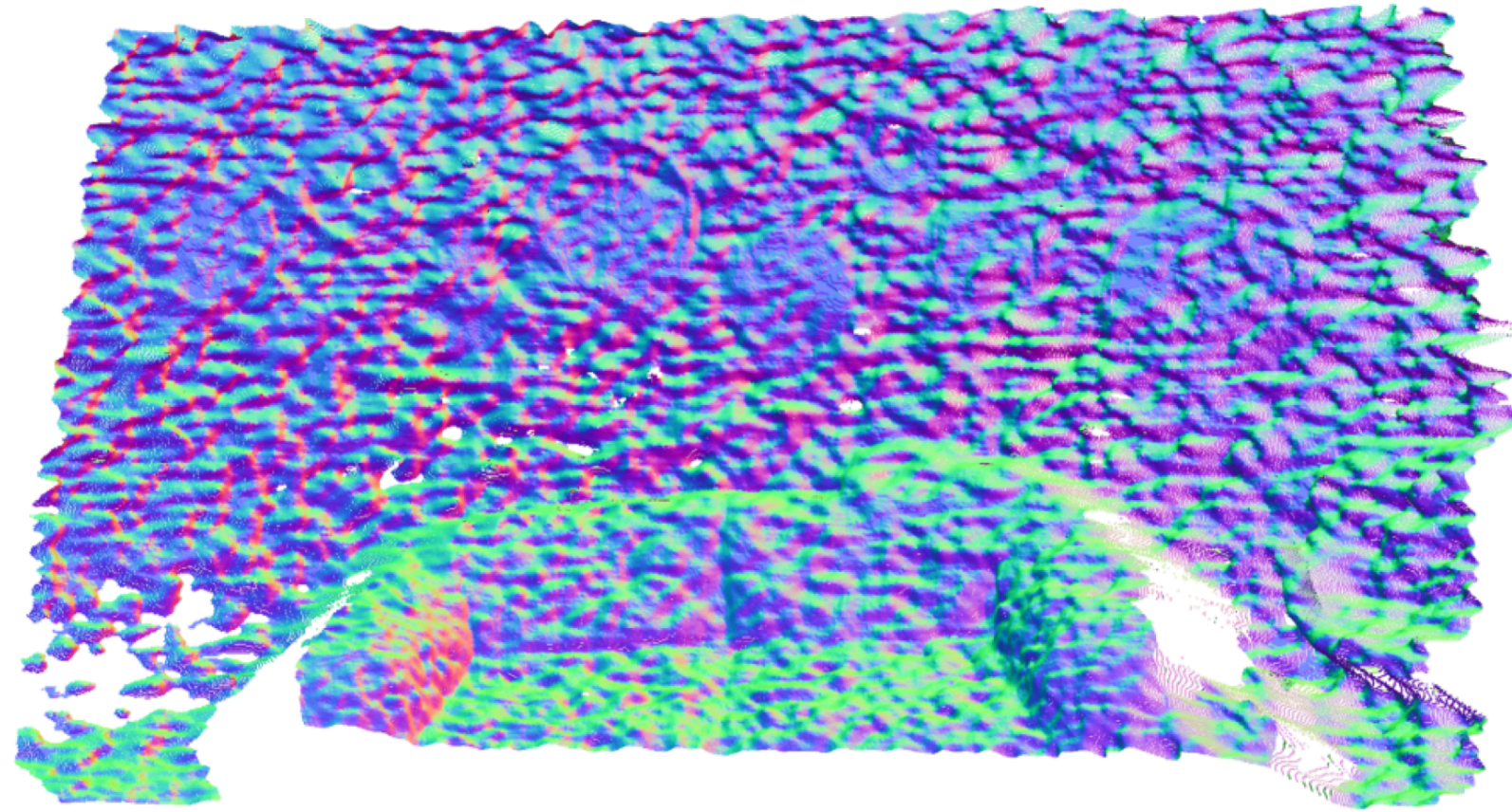
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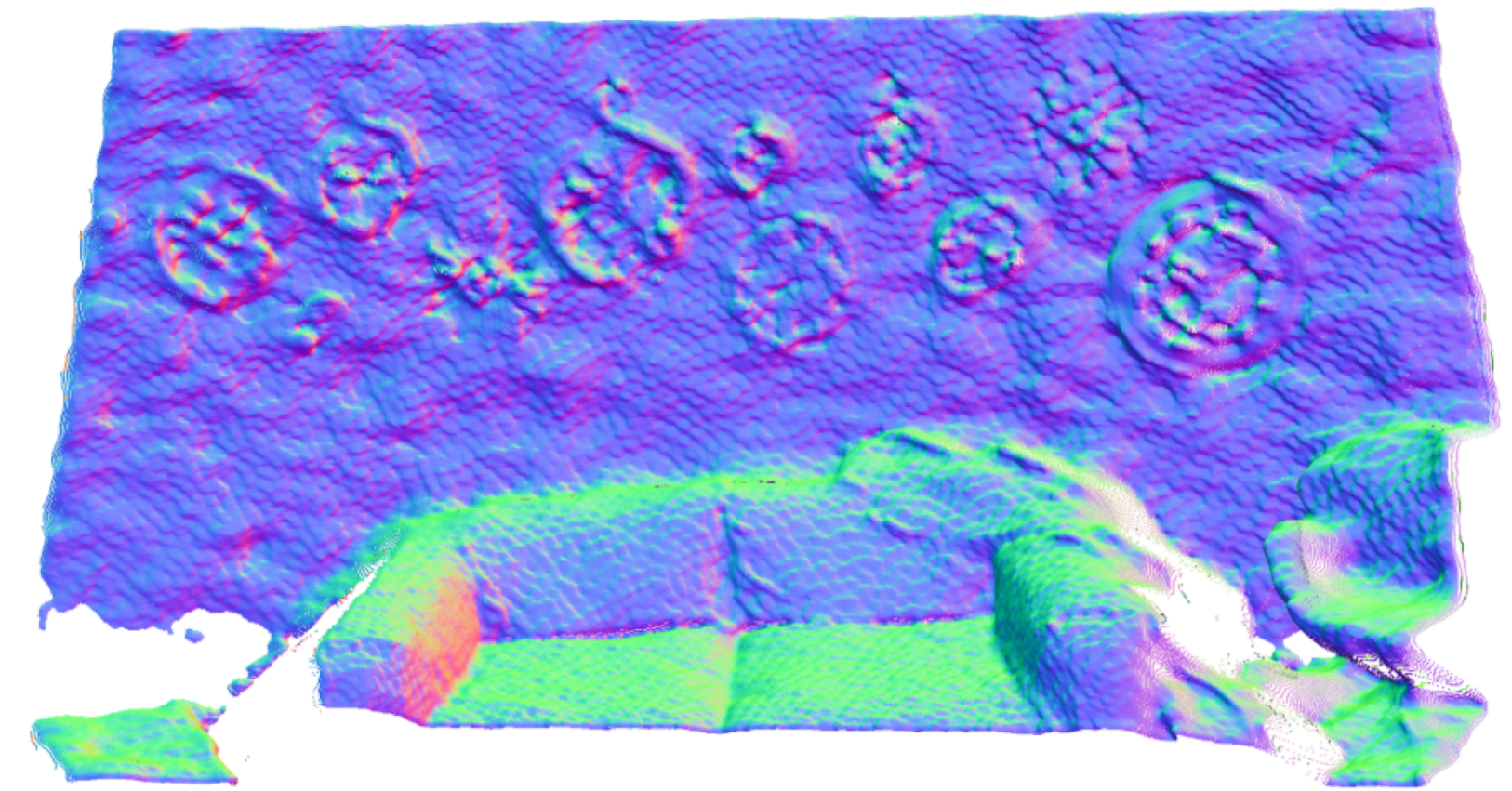
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Left View



Intel RealSense D435



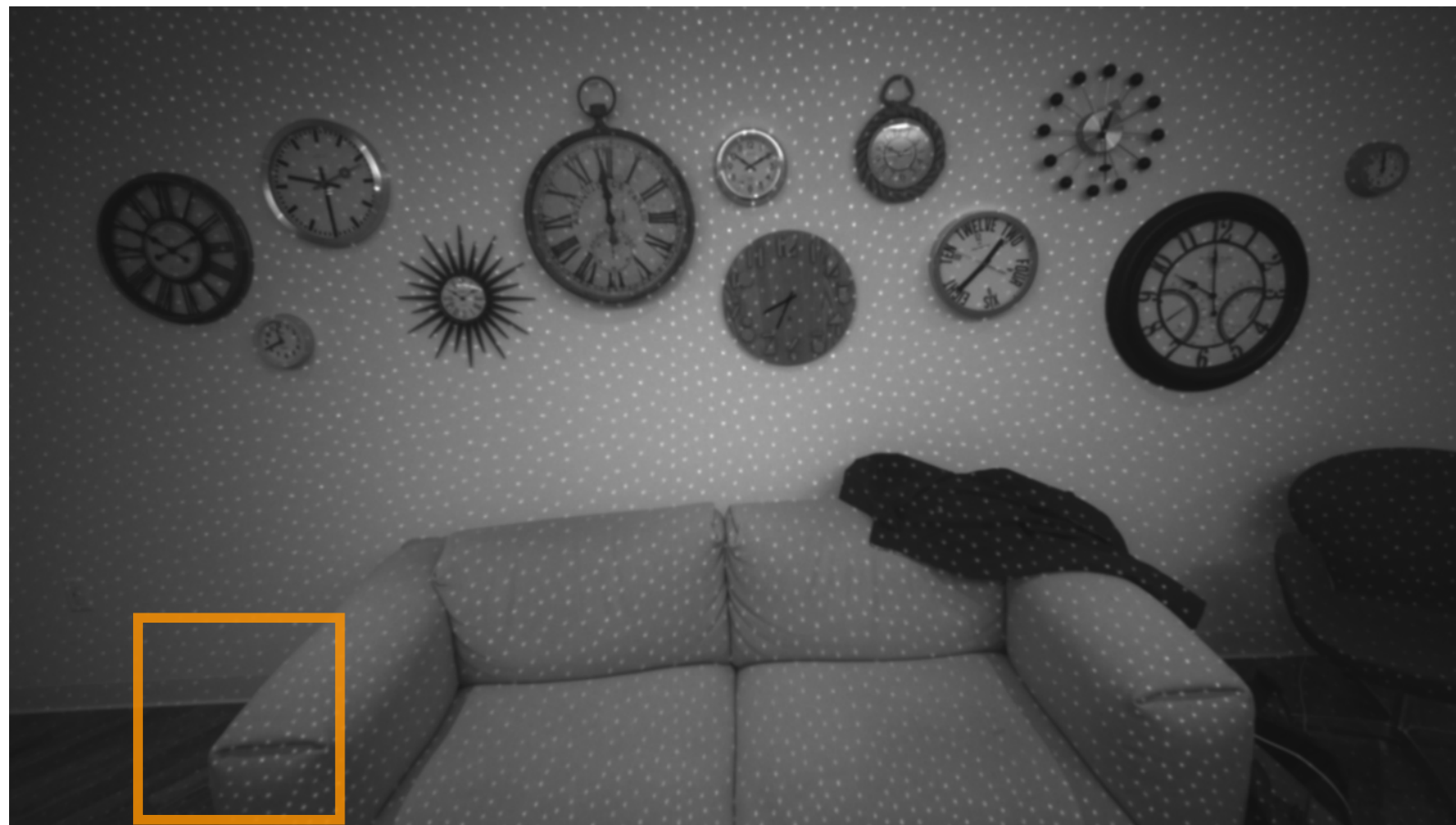
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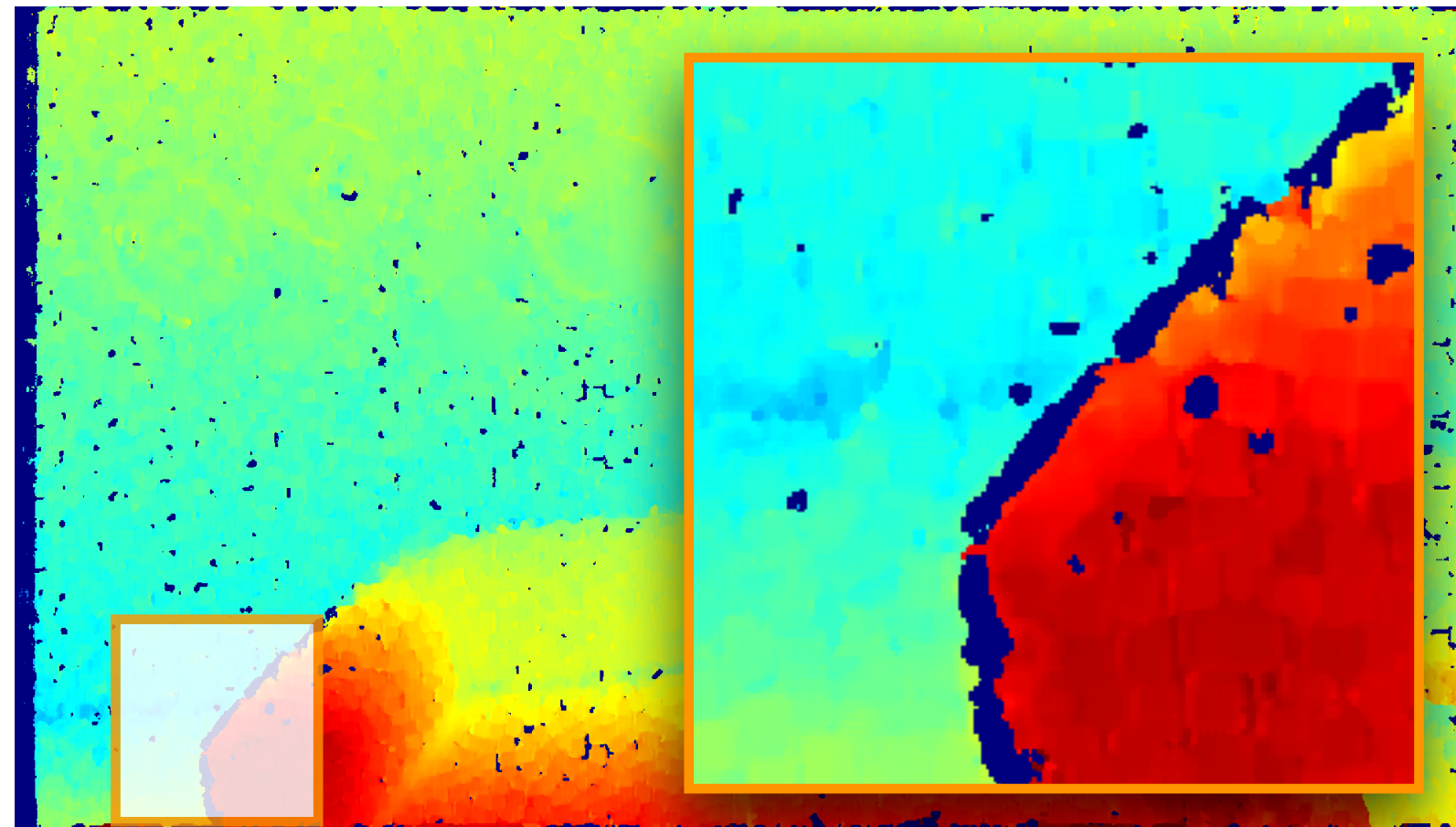
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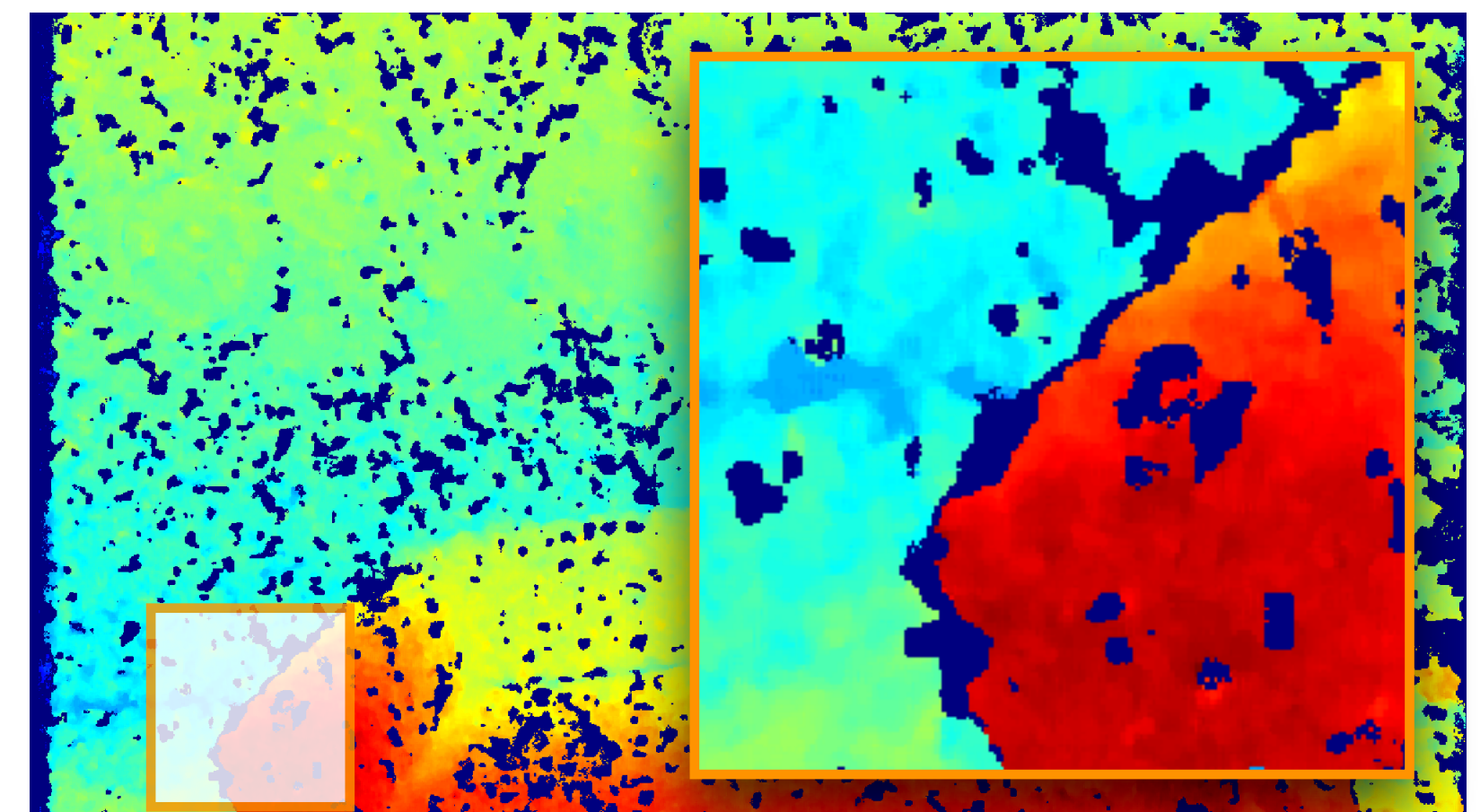
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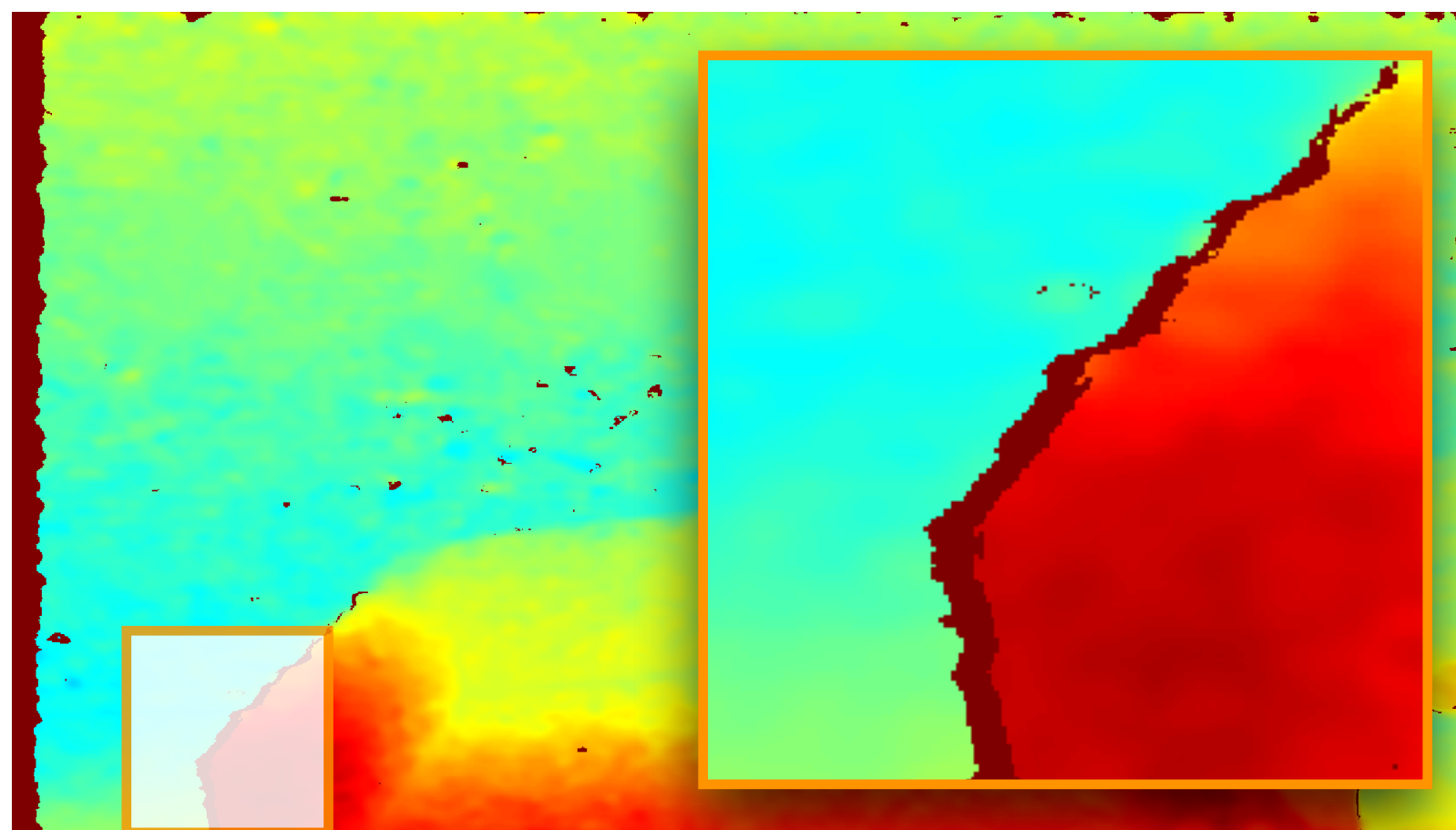
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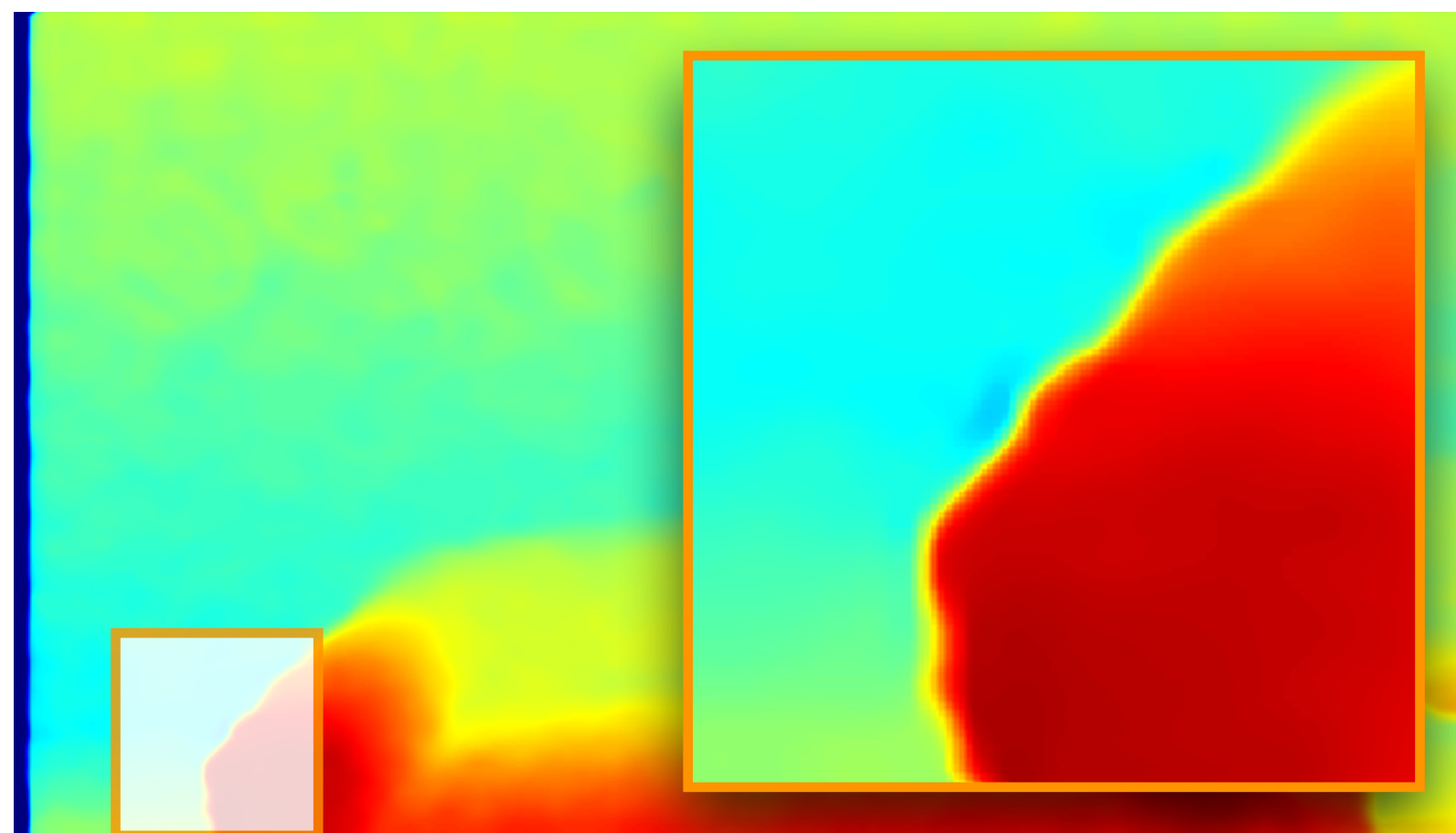
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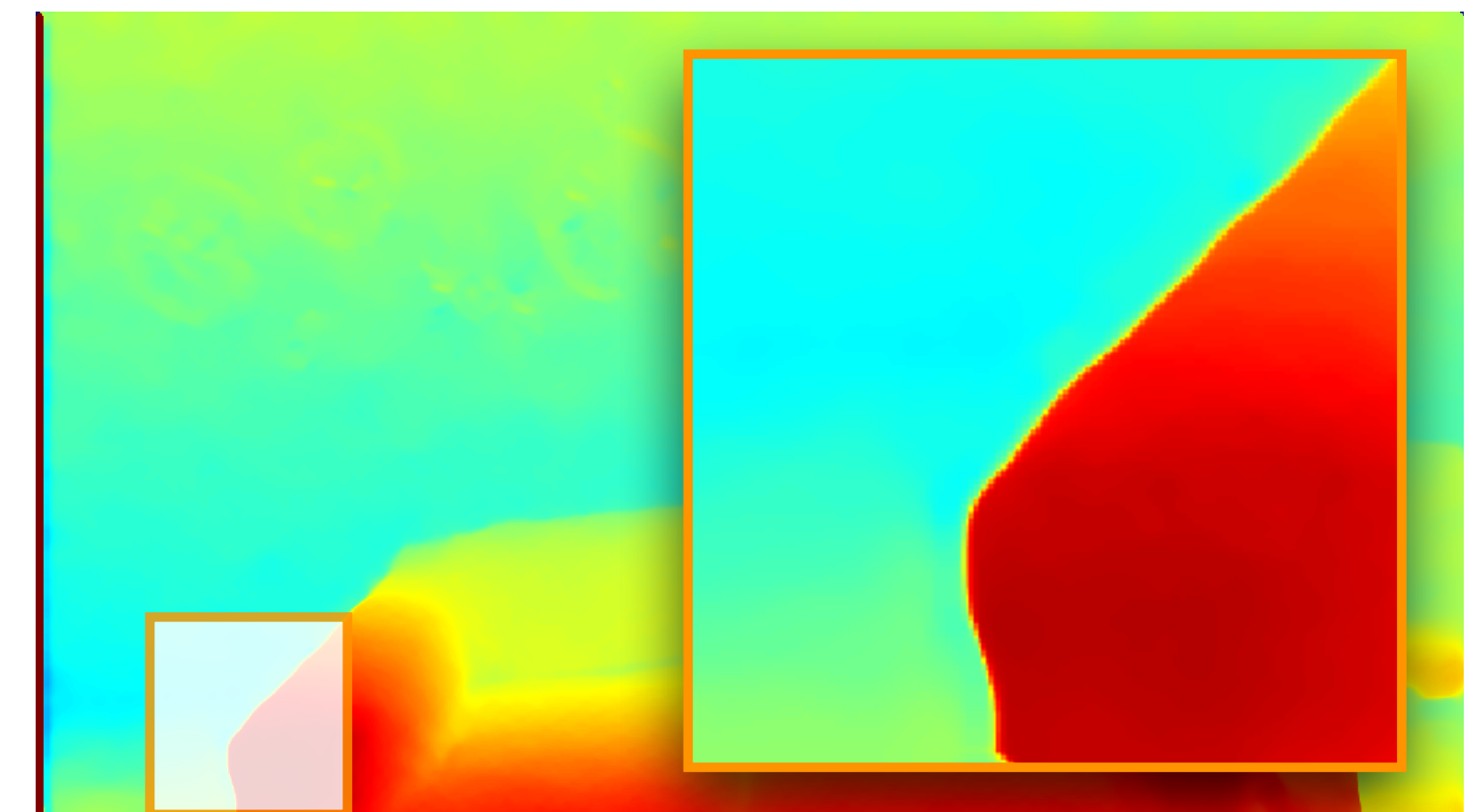
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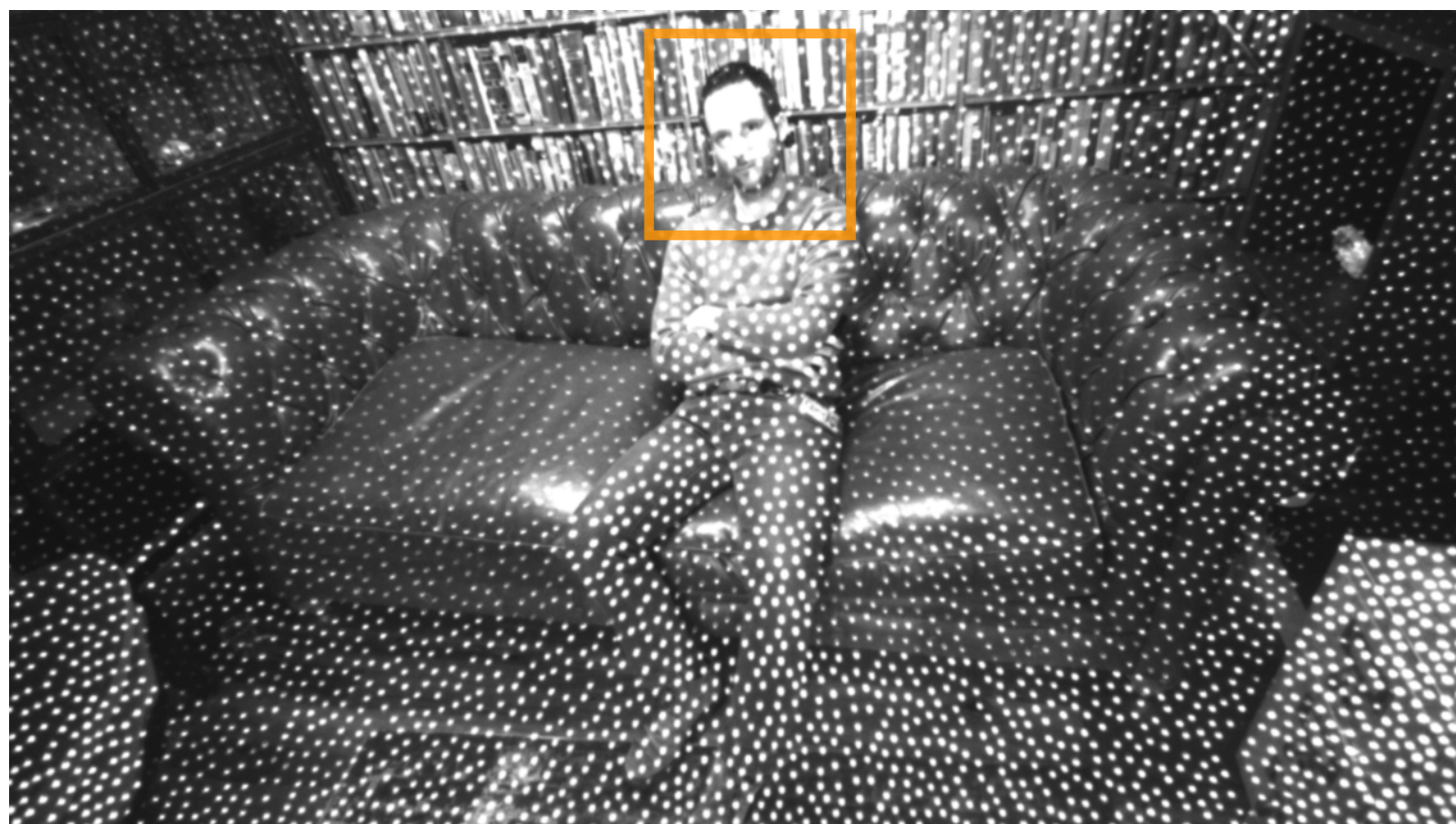


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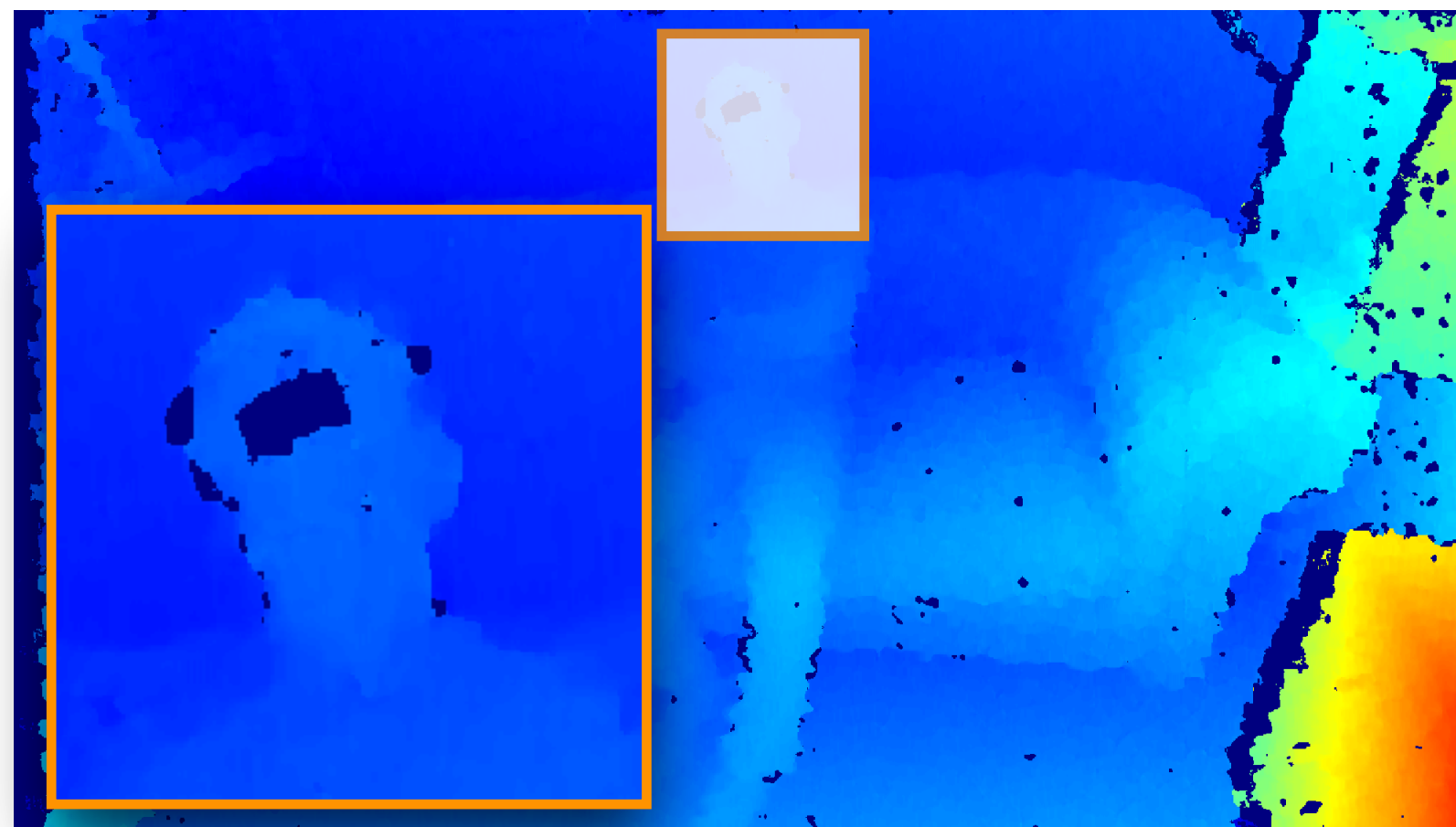


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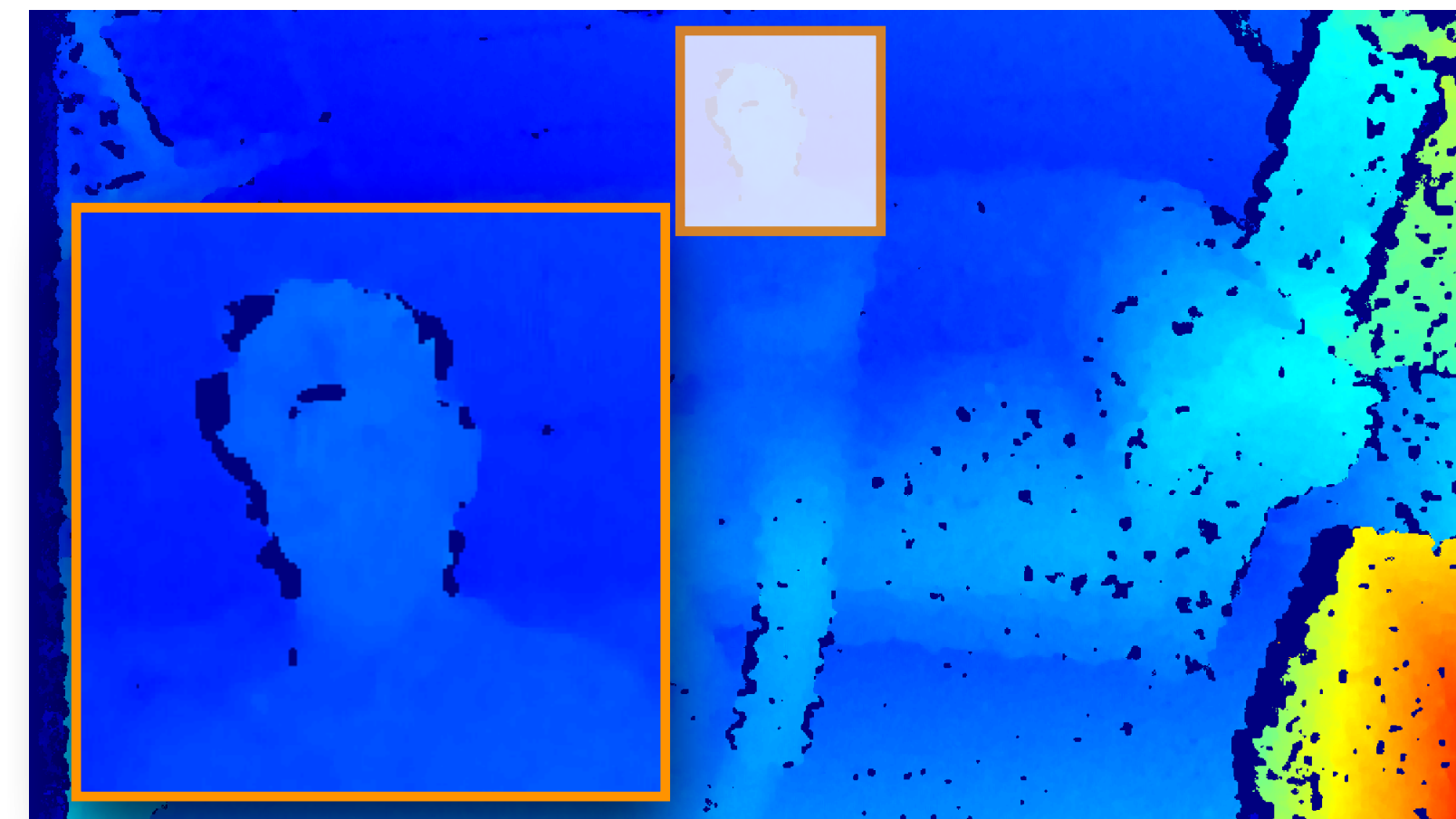
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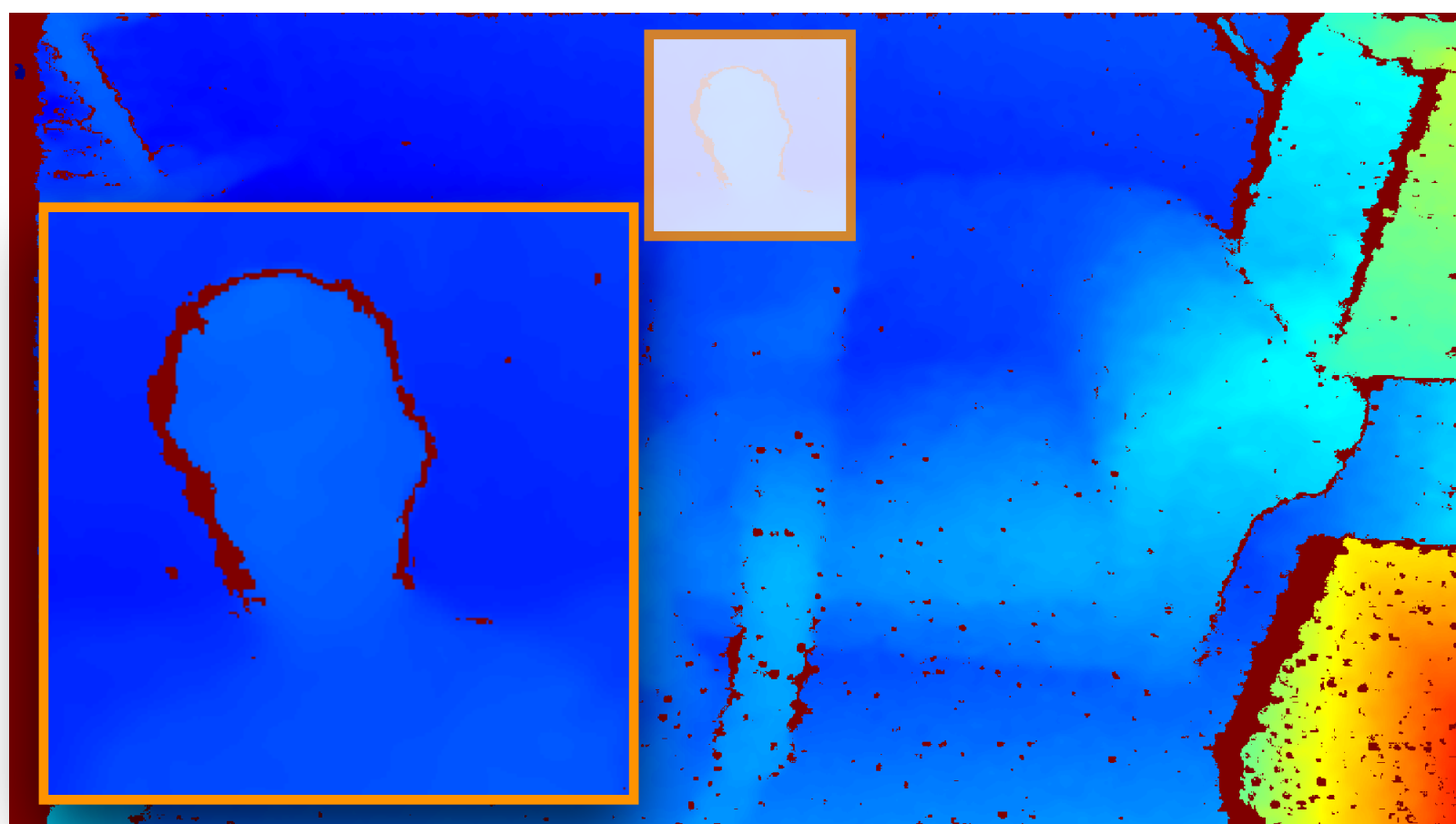
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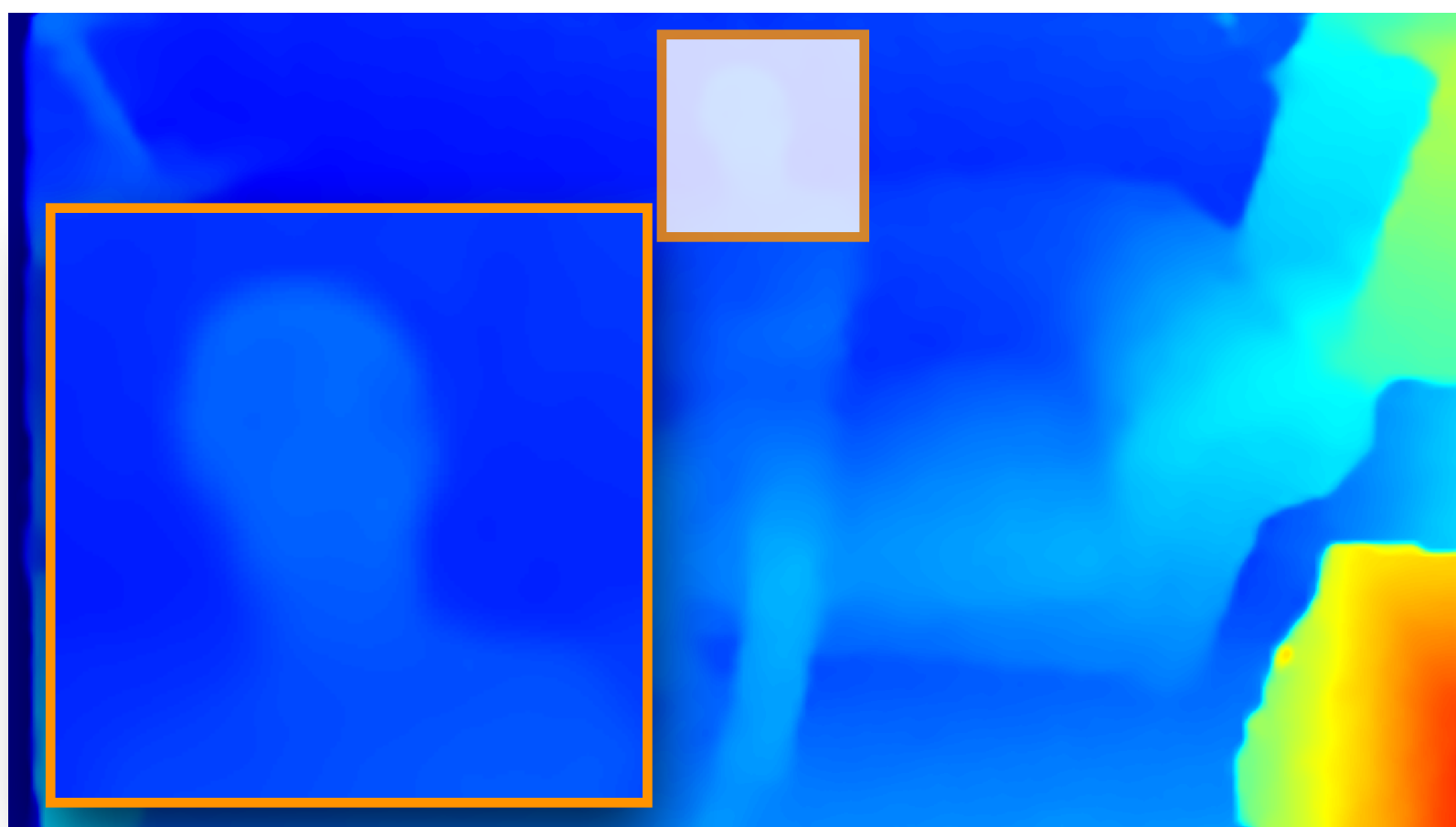
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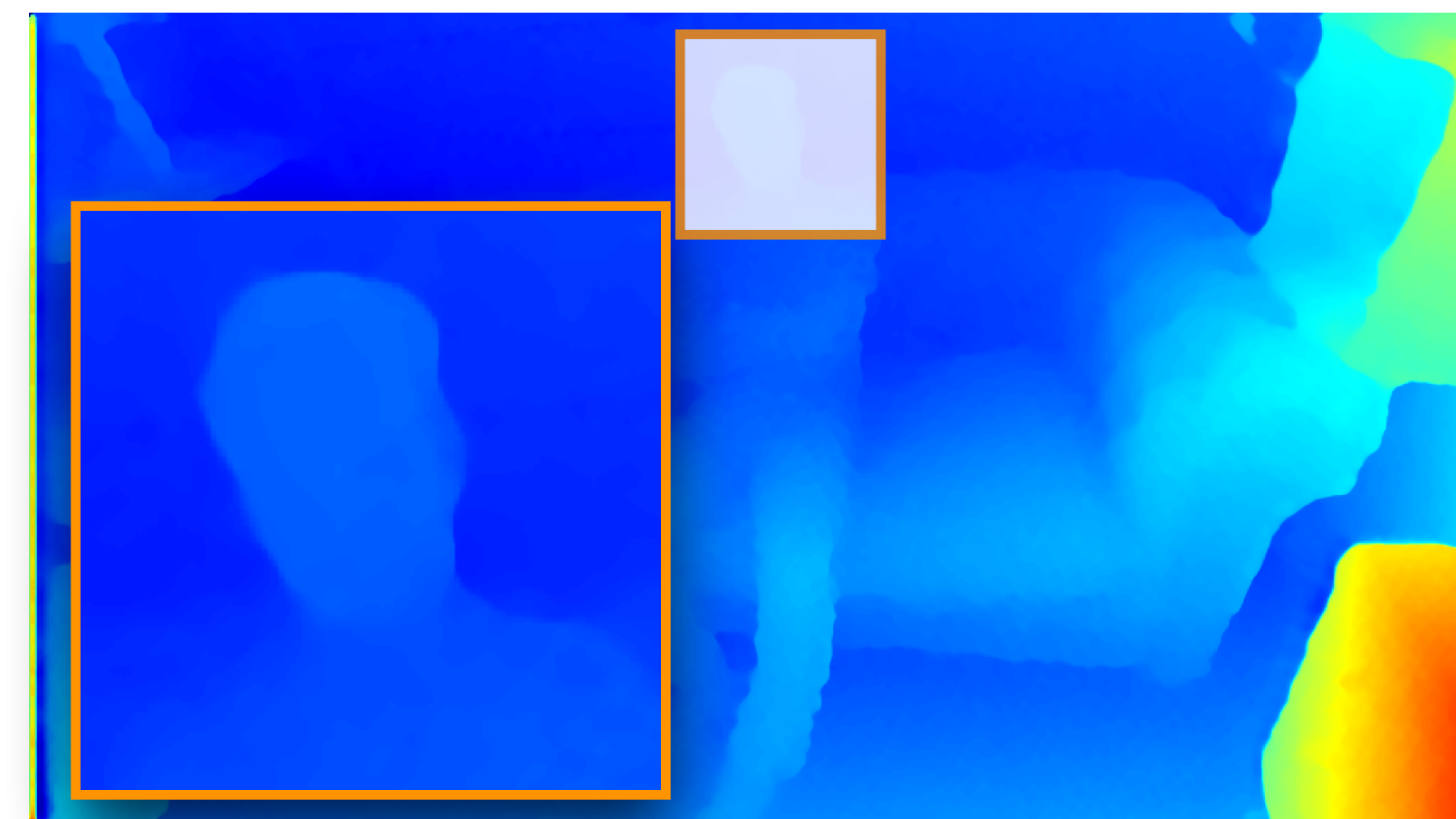
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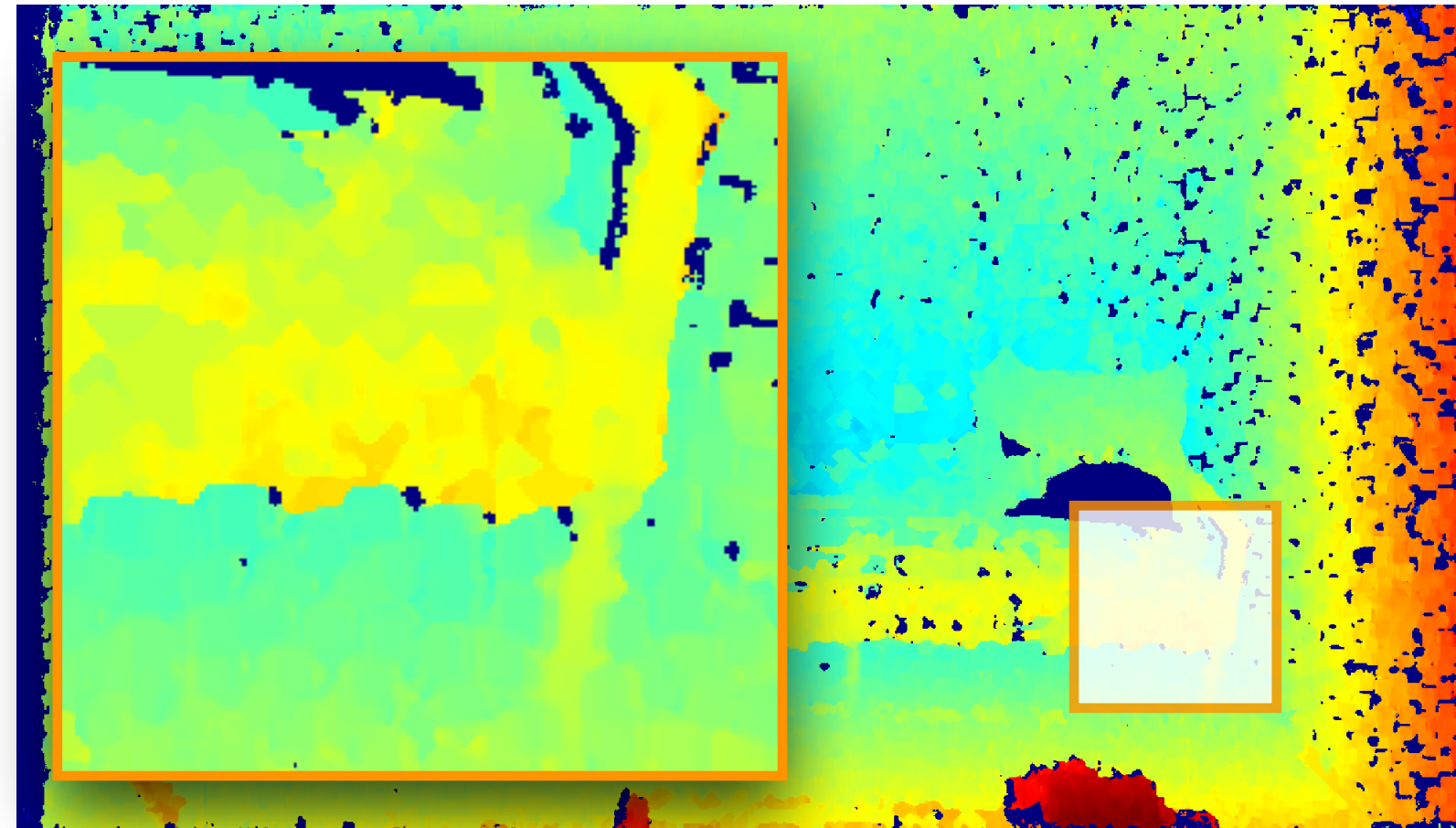


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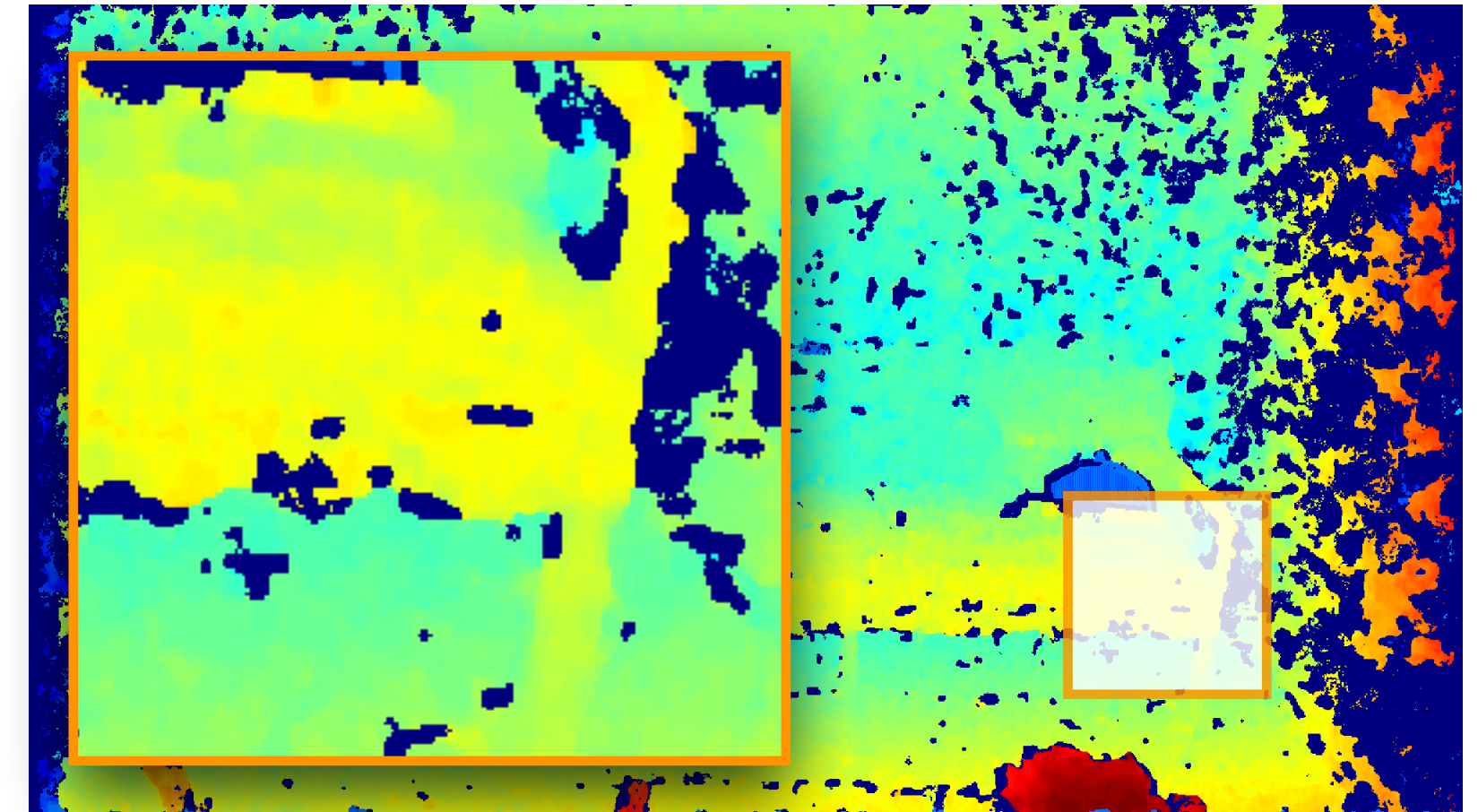
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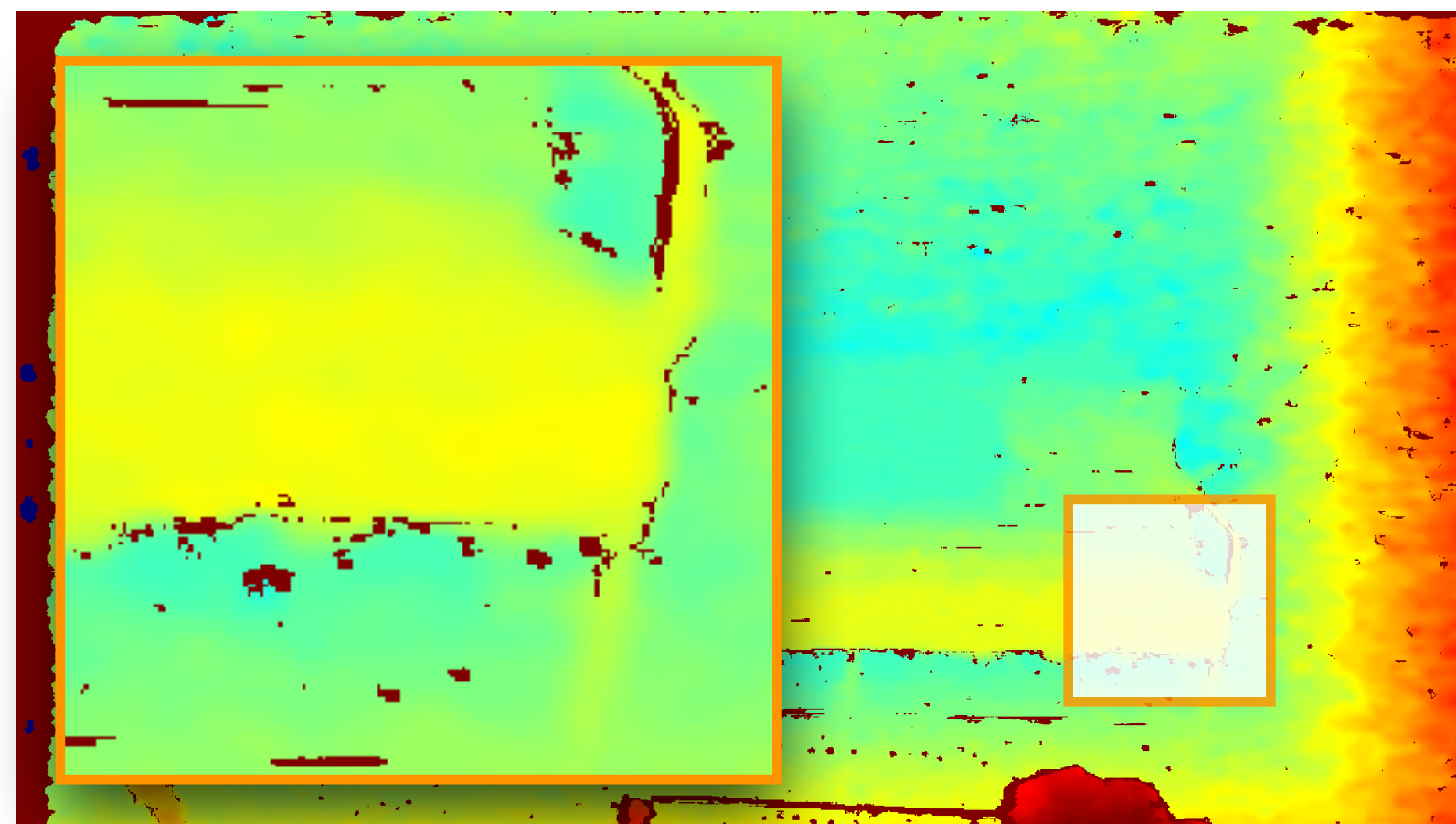
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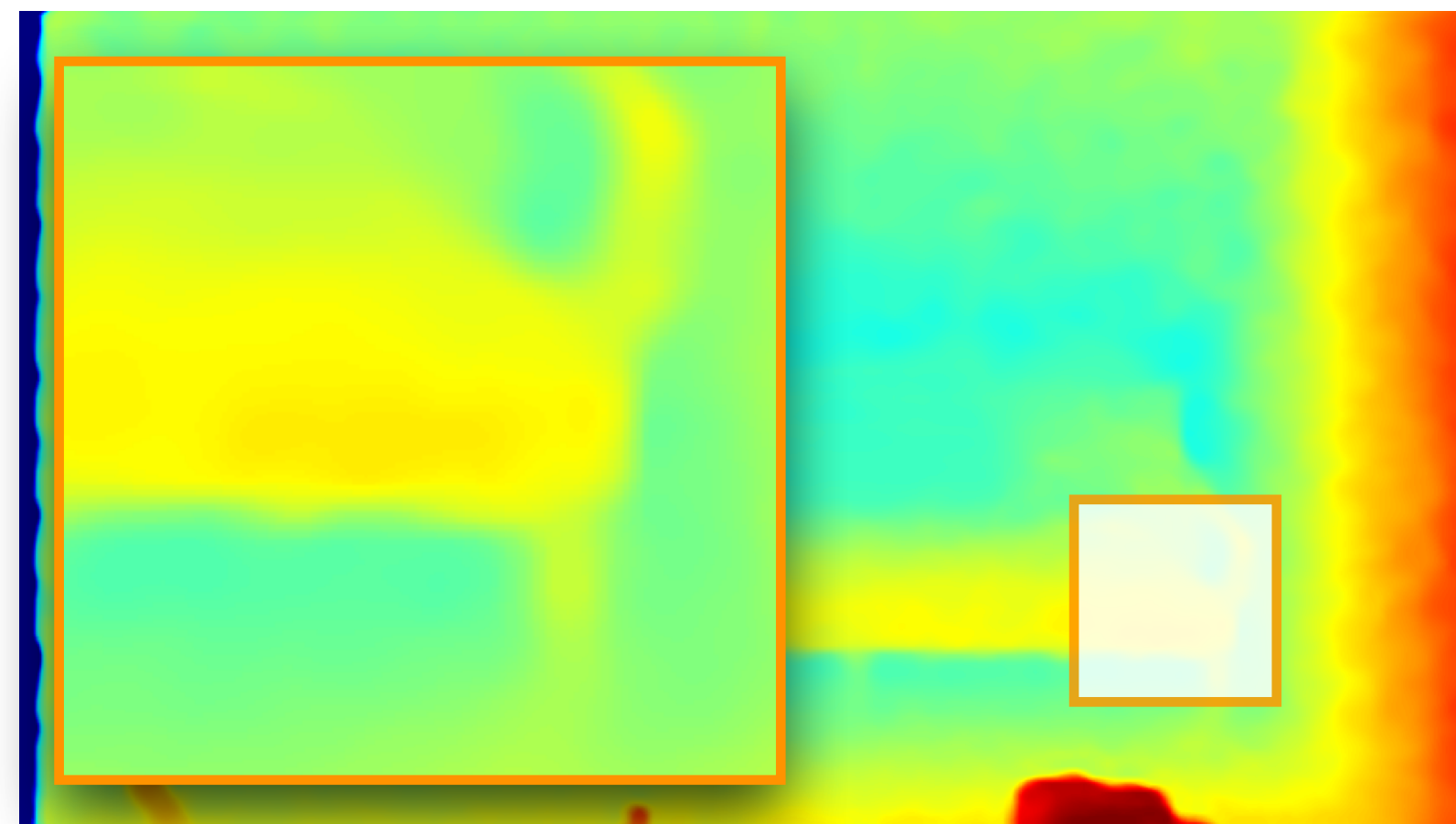
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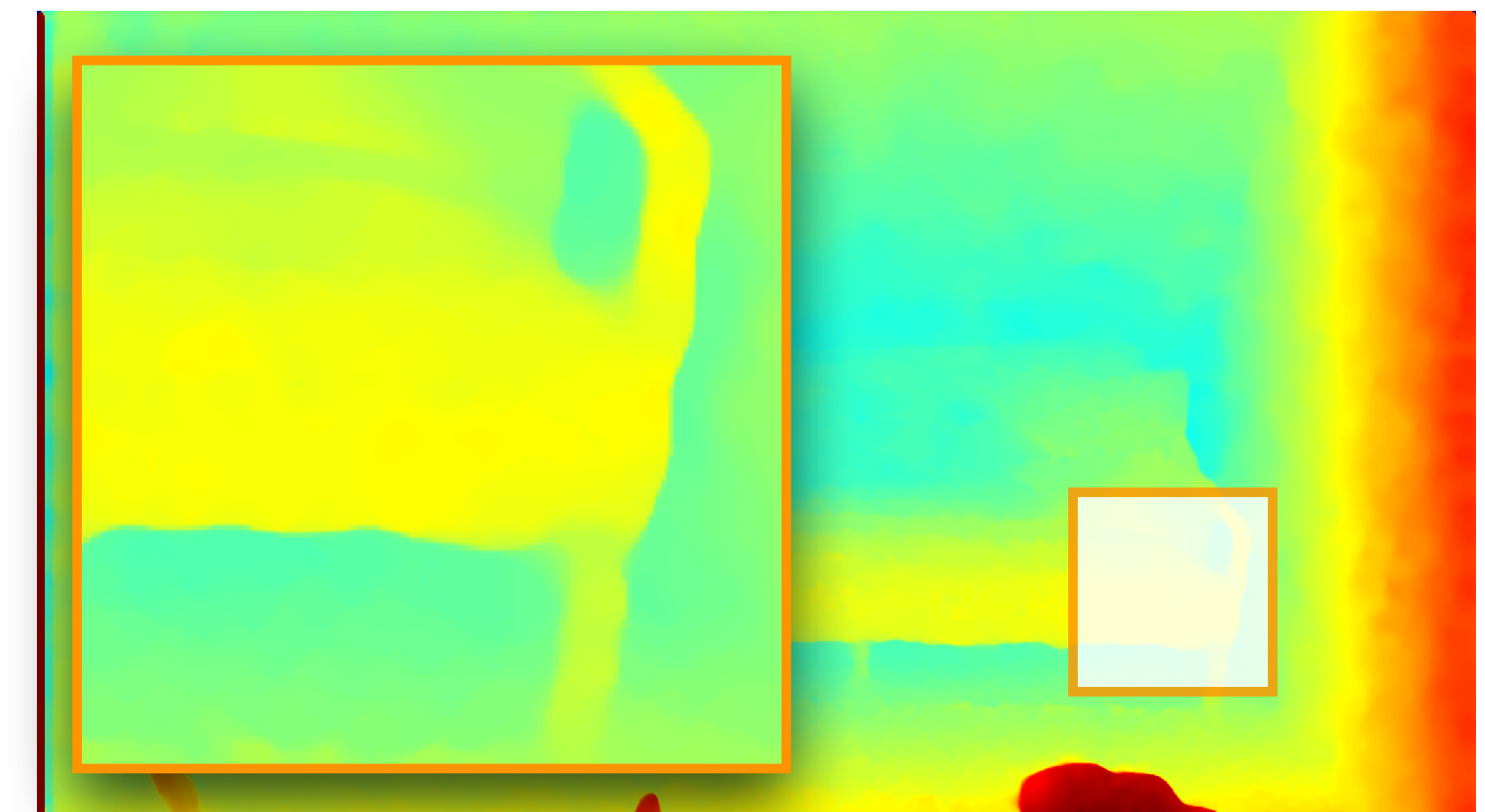
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ASN Semi Supervised (ours)



ASN Self-Supervised (ours)



Disparity Quantitative Result

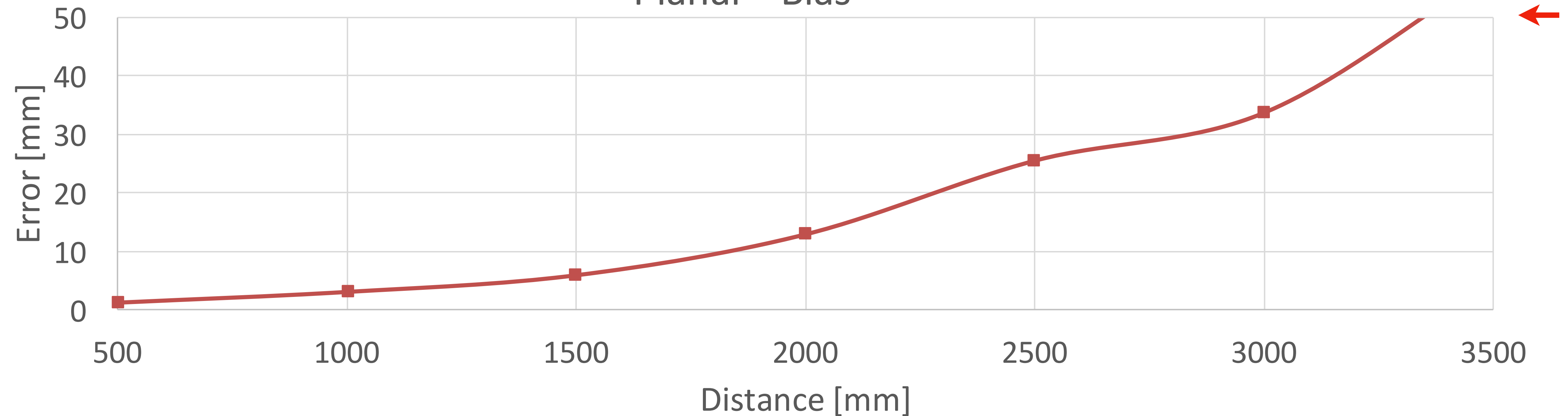


Fit plane on planar-wise scene as ground truth.

Disparity Quantitative Result

Sensor — Semi-Global Matching

Planar - Bias

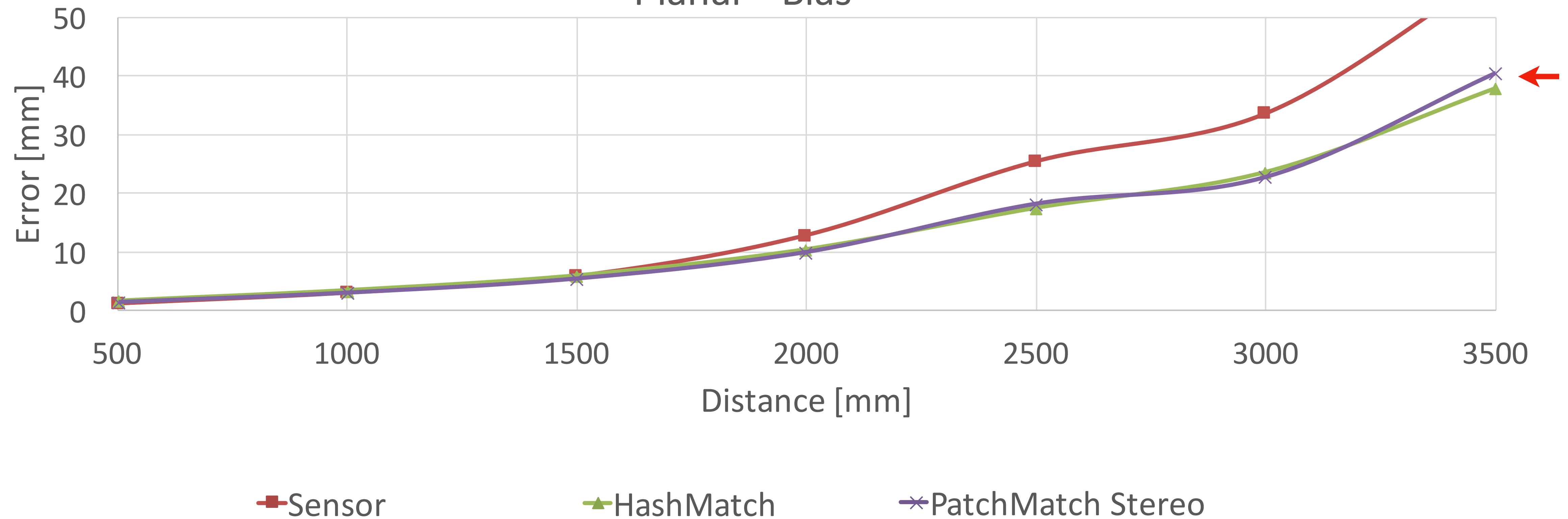


—■— Sensor

Disparity Quantitative Result

Traditional Methods

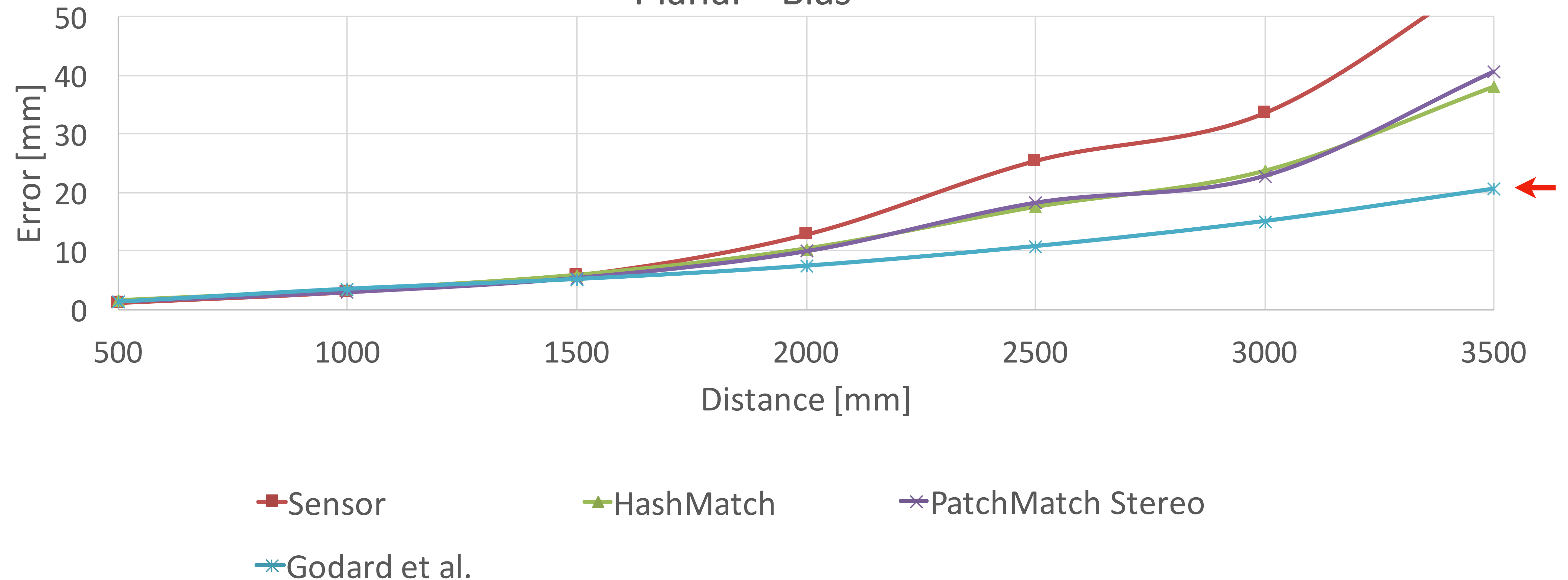
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Disparity Quantitative Result

Previous Self-Supervised Method

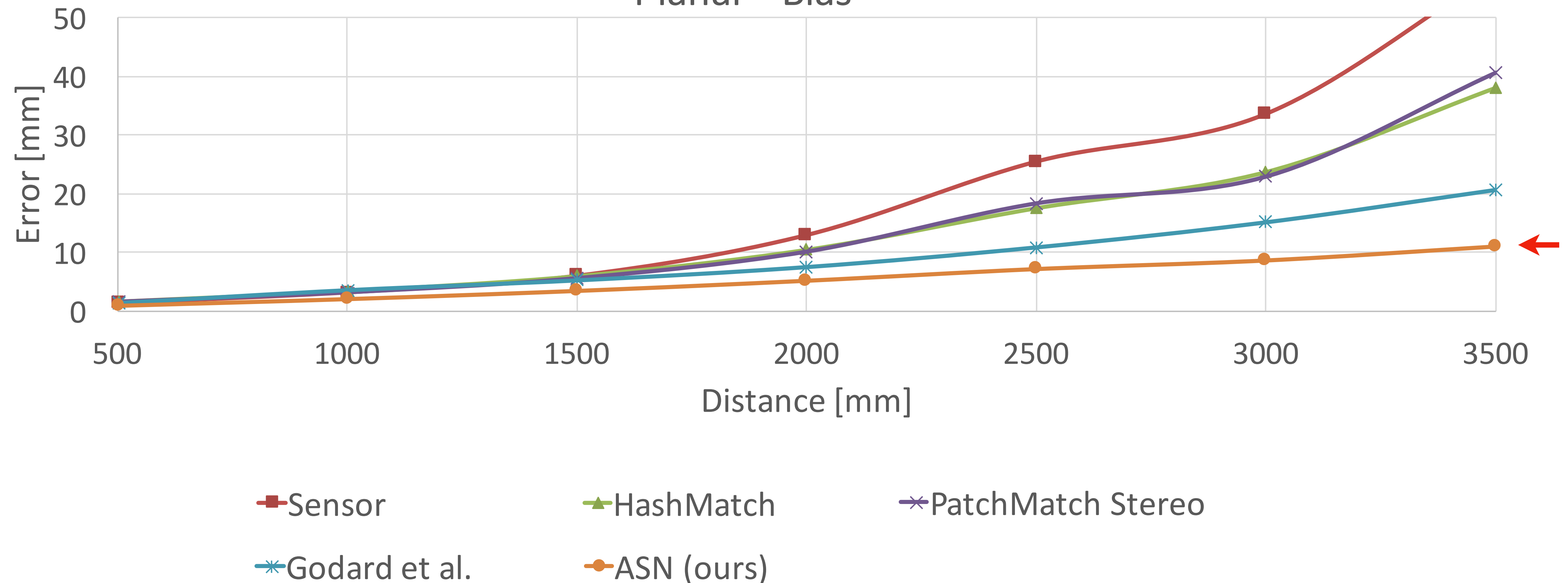
Planar - Bias



Disparity Quantitative Result

ActiveStereoNet

Planar - Bias



Disparity Quantitative Result

ActiveStereoNet

Planar - Bias

50

Disparity Error: 0.2 px $\rightarrow$ 0.03 px

10

0

500

1000

1500

2000

2500

3000

3500

Distance [mm]

■ Sensor

▲ HashMatch

✕ PatchMatch Stereo

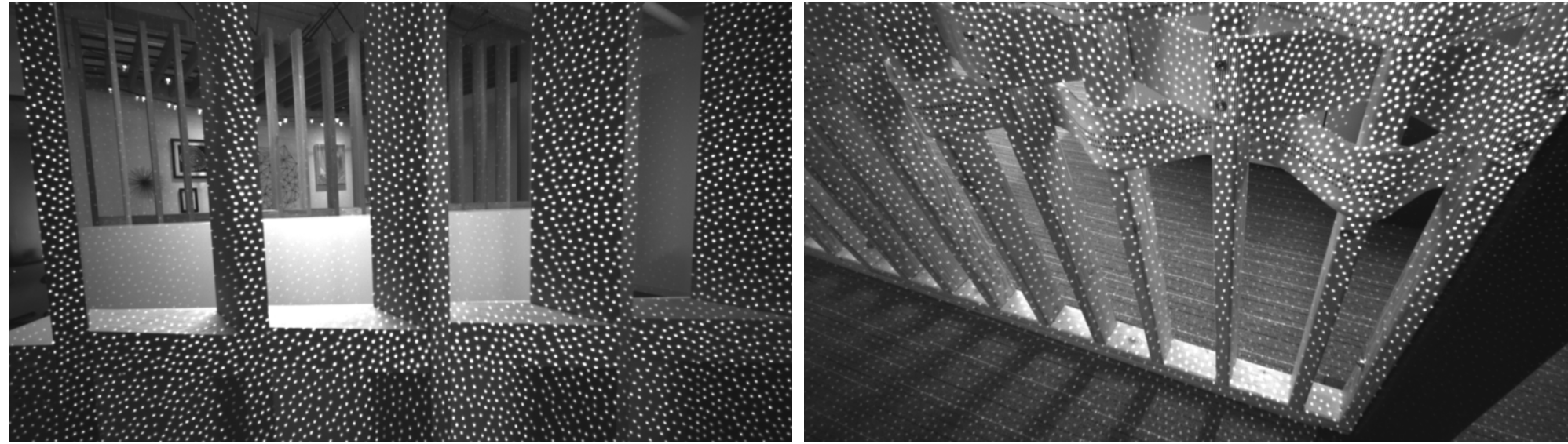
✕ Godard et al.

● ASN (ours)

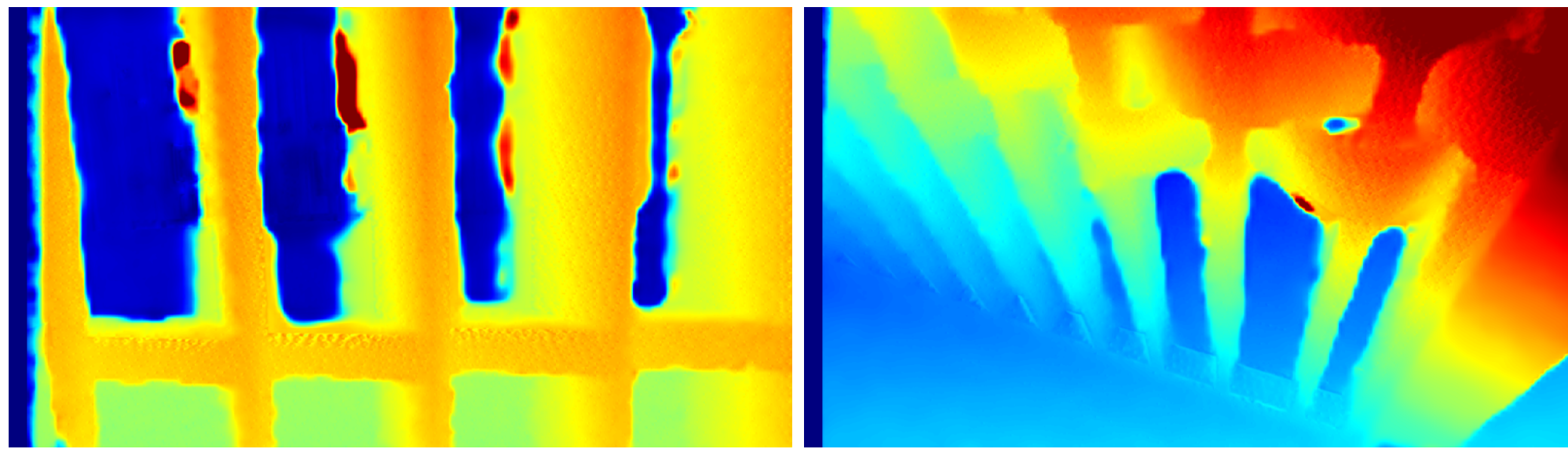
Ablation Study

Does LCN Matter?

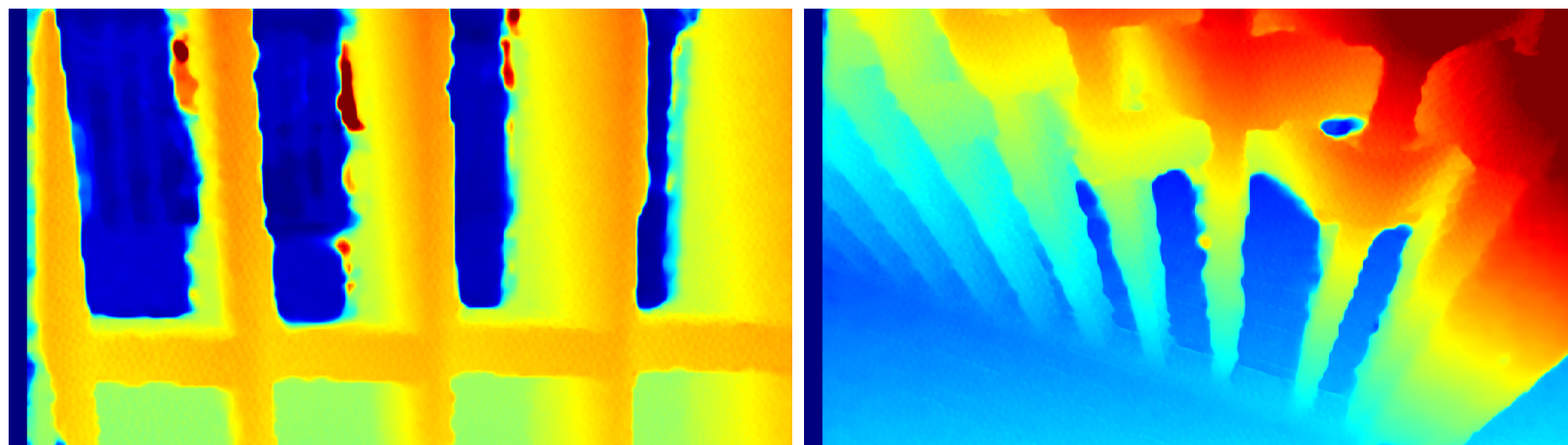
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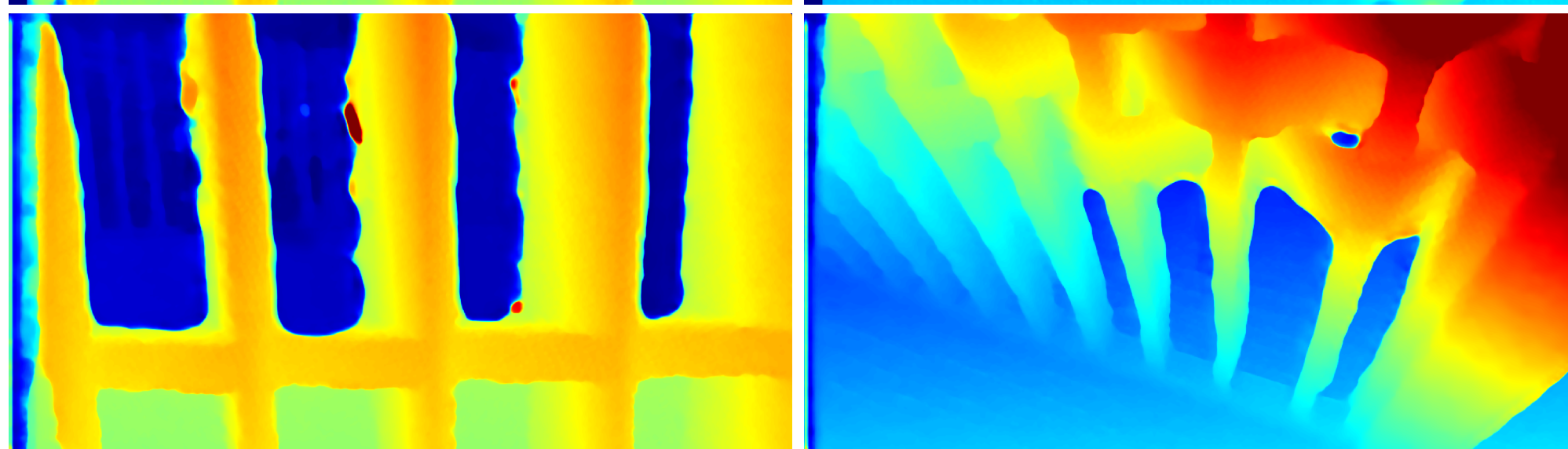
Traditional
Photometric Loss



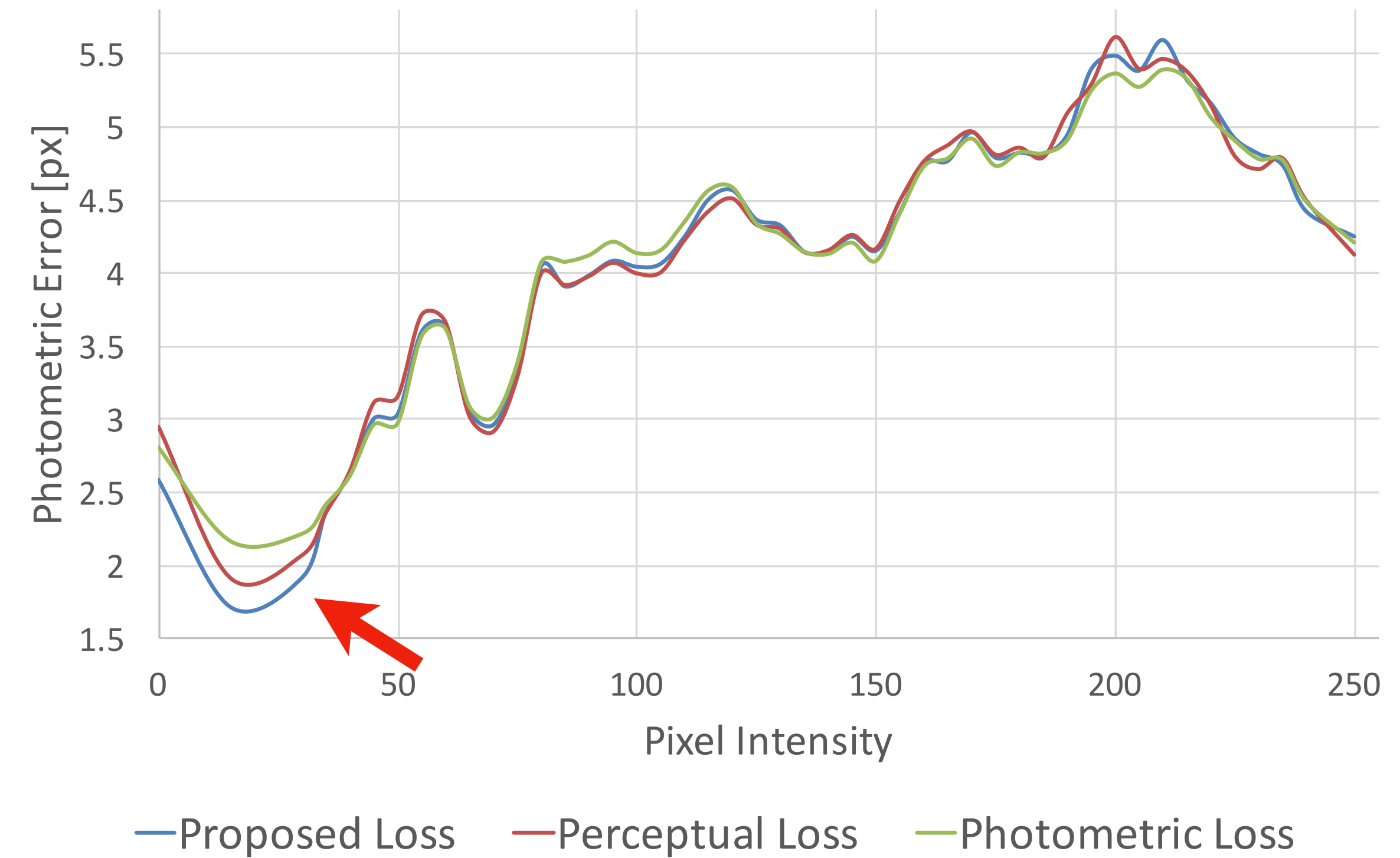
Perceptual Loss



LCN Loss

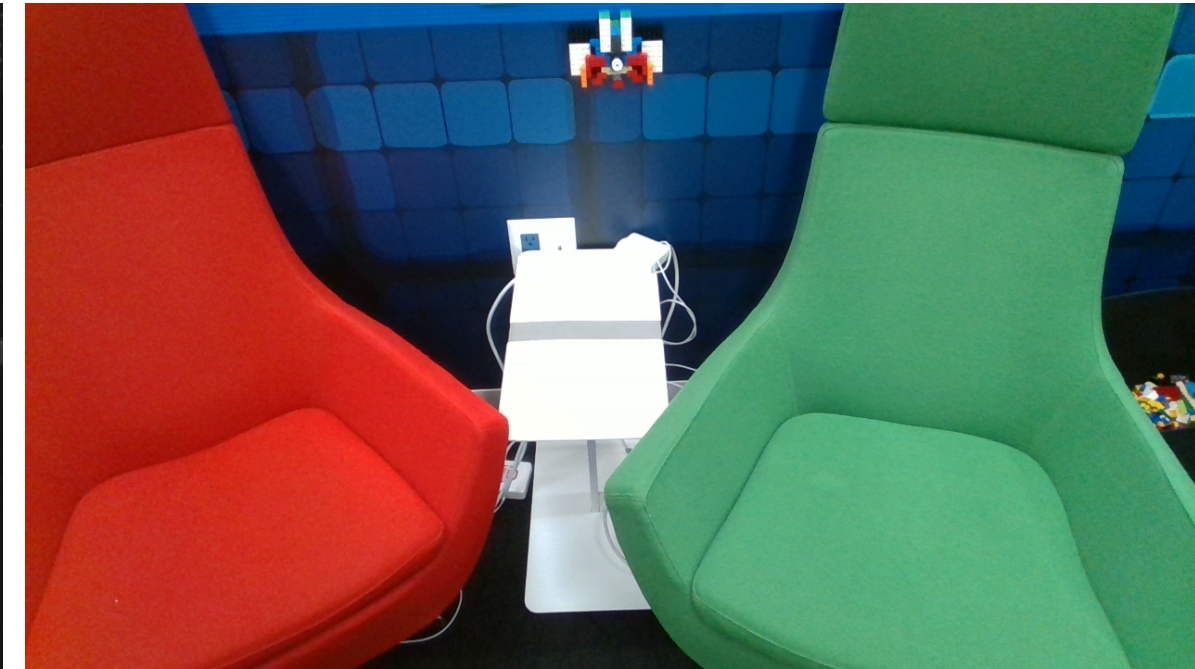
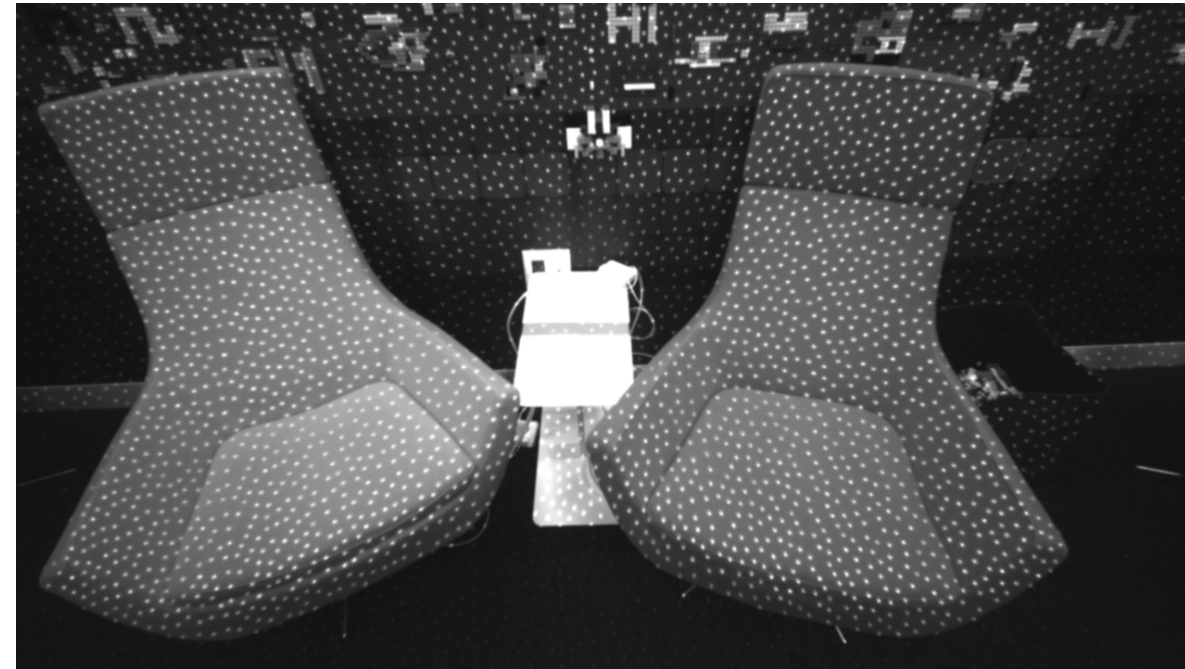


Reconstruction Loss Evaluation



LCN: Local Contrast Normalization

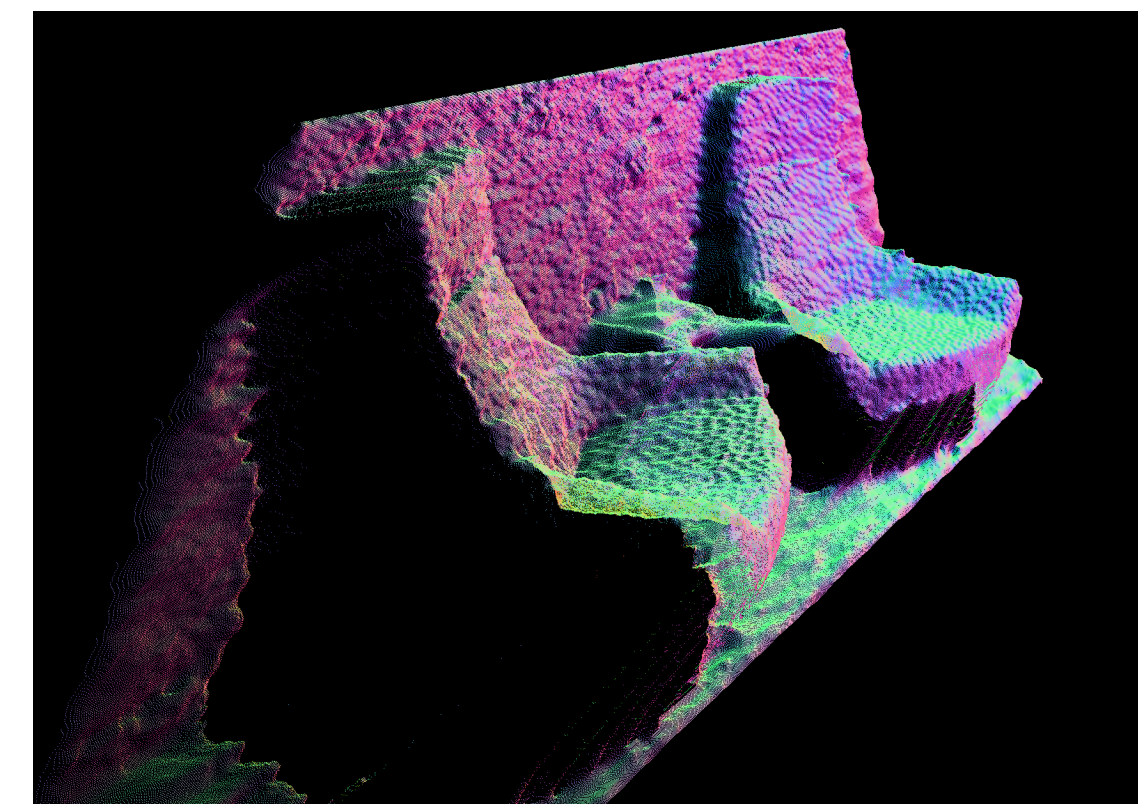
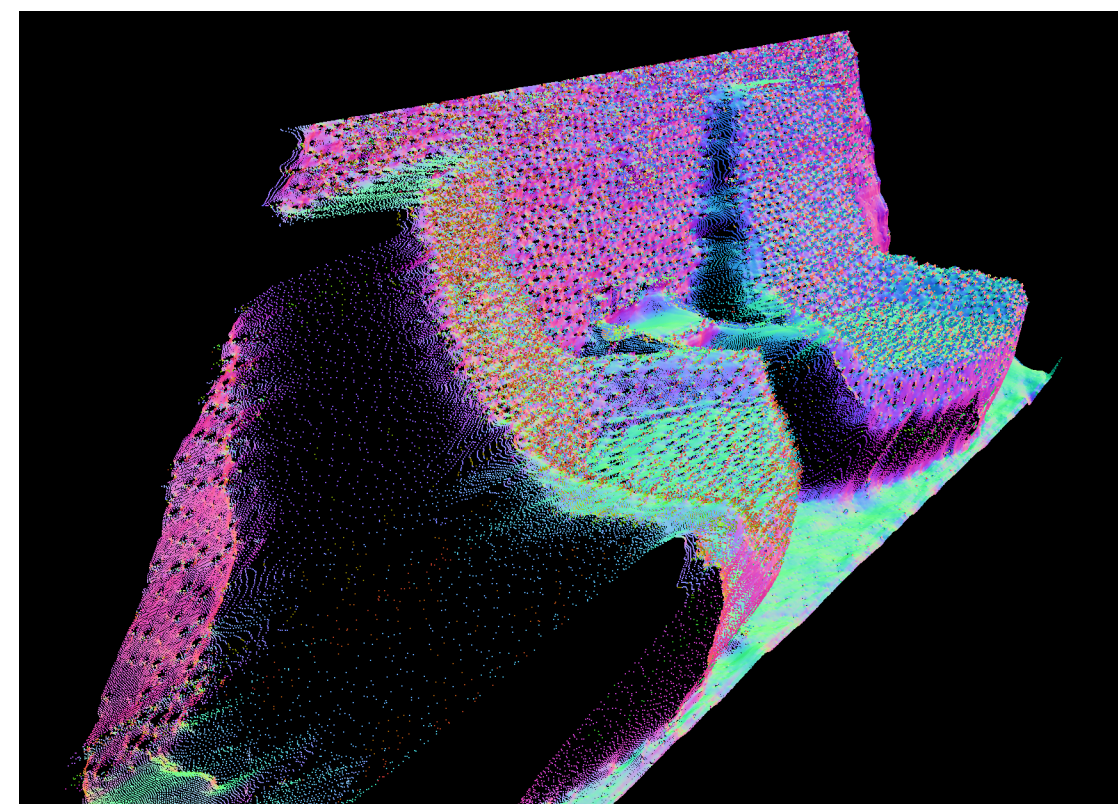
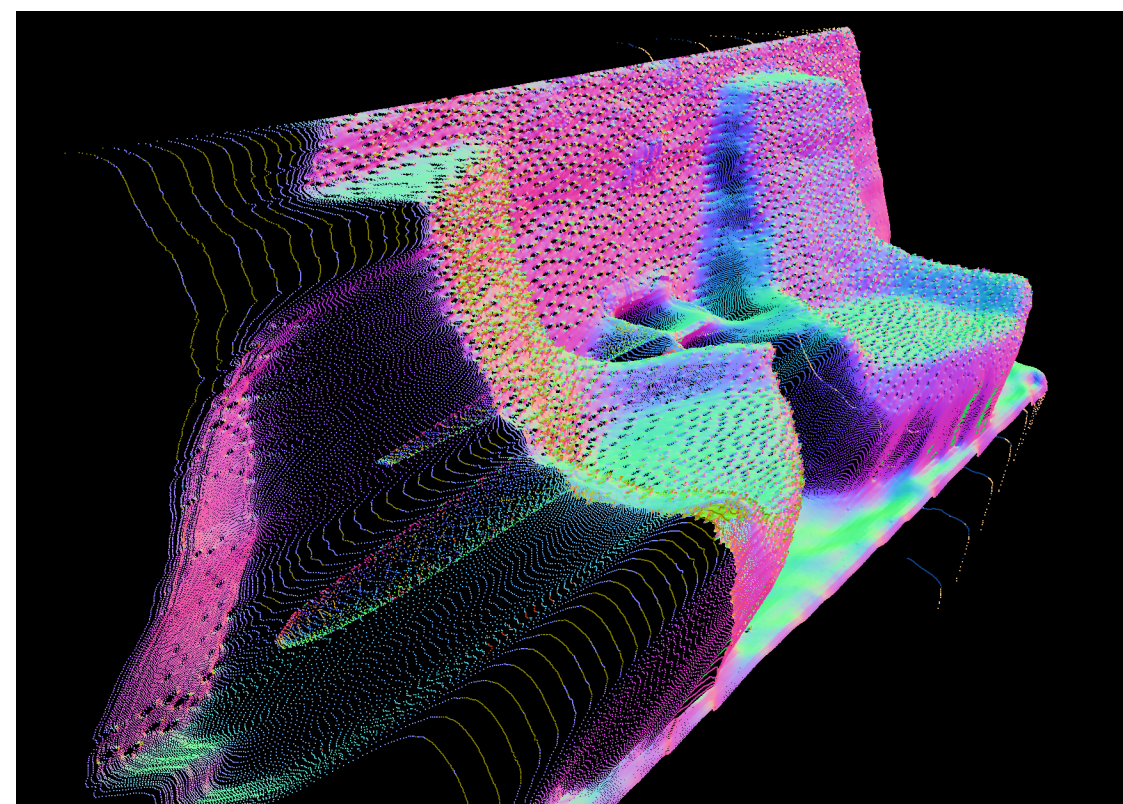
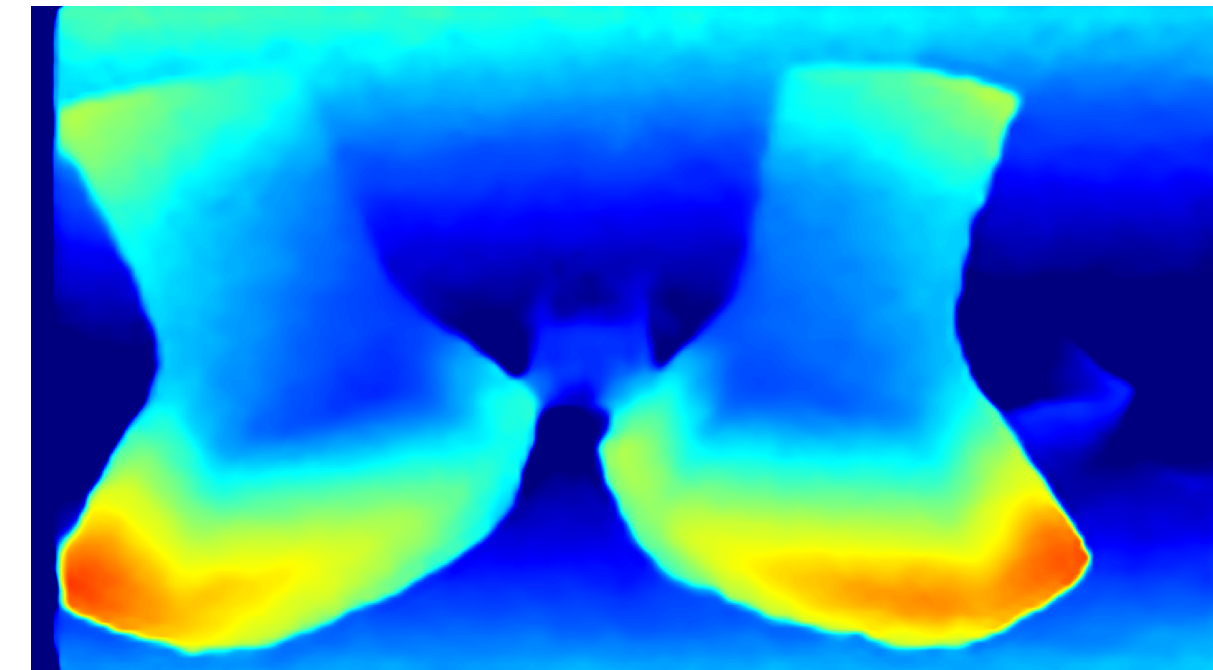
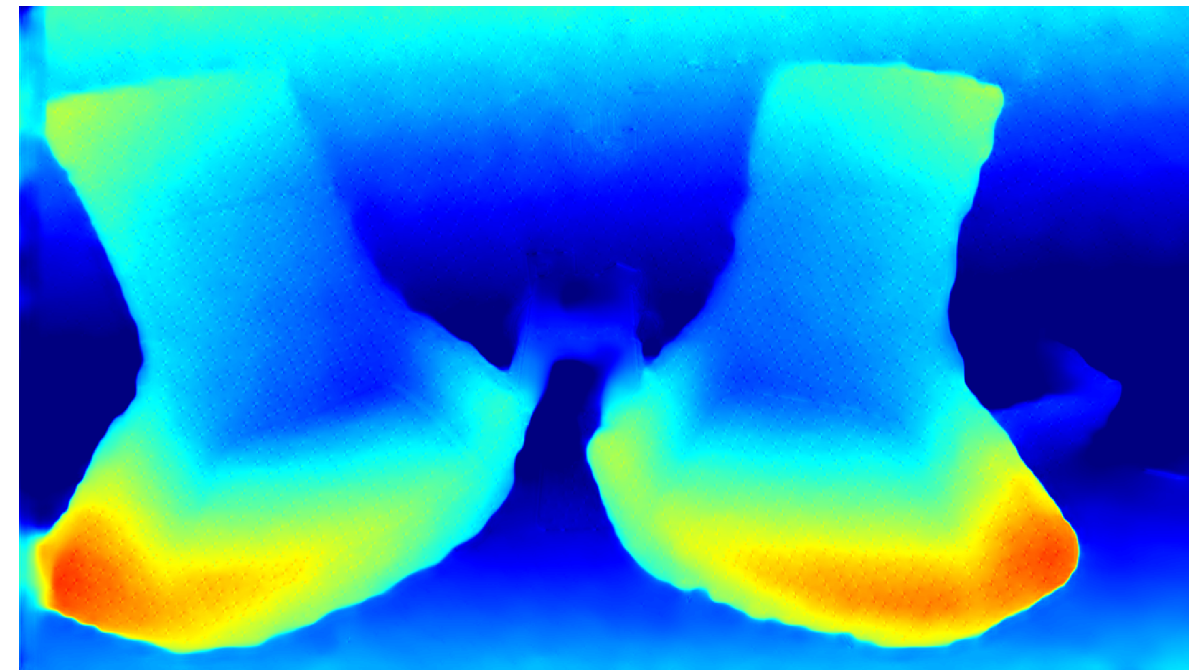
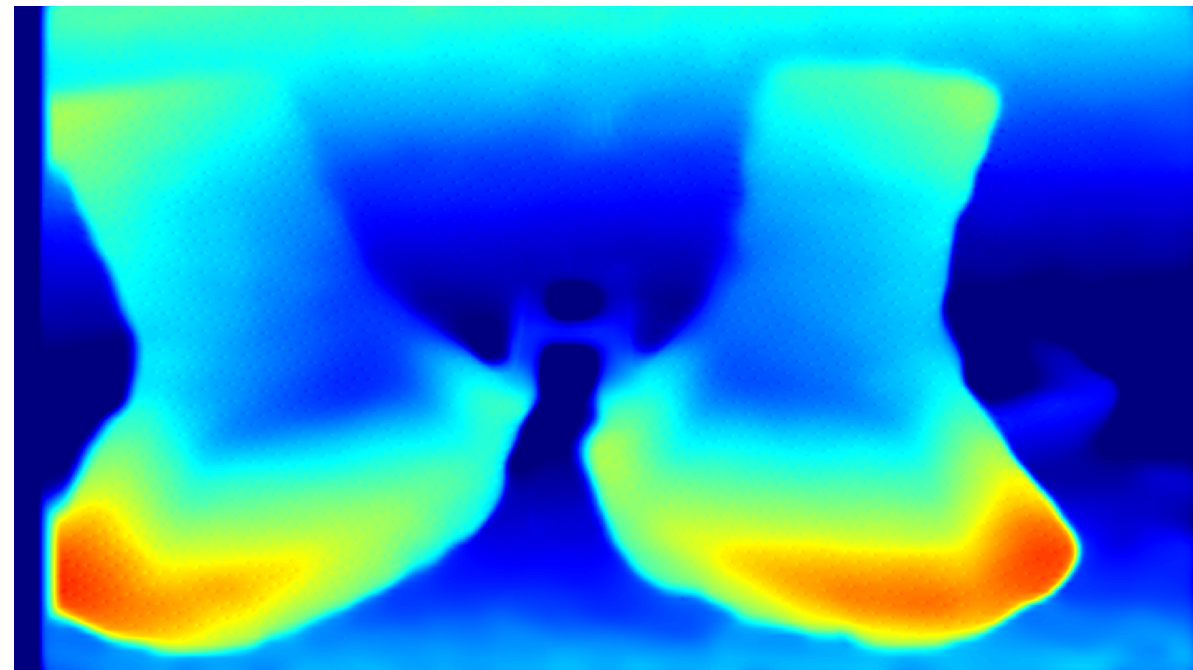
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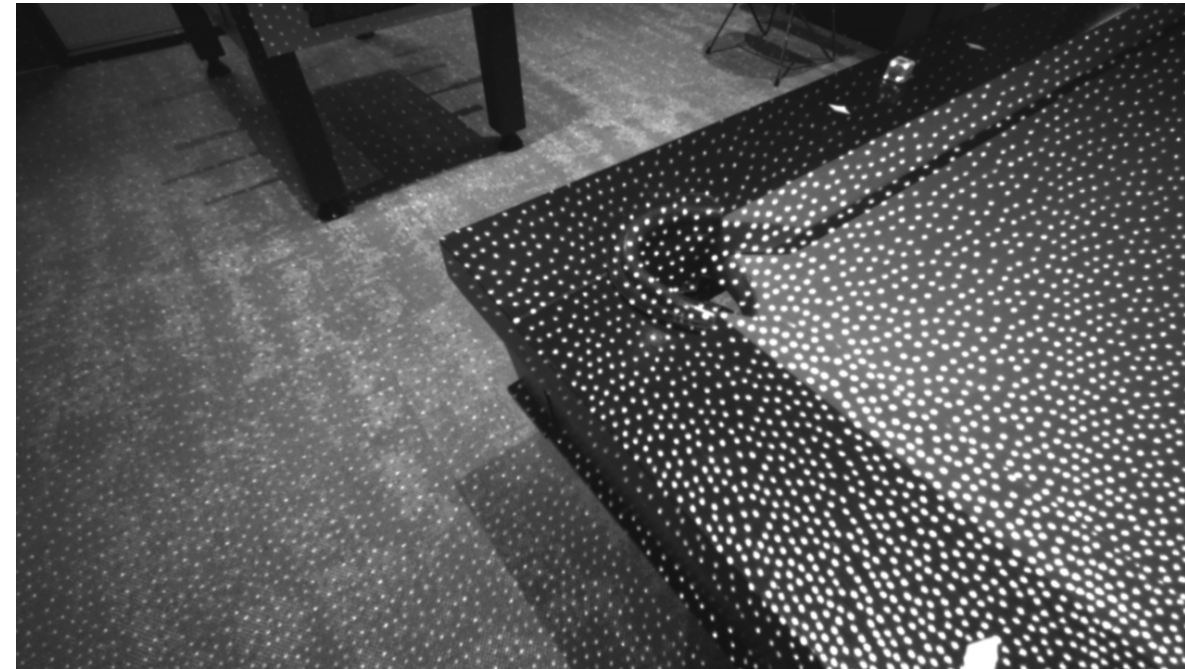
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ASN No Occlusion Mask

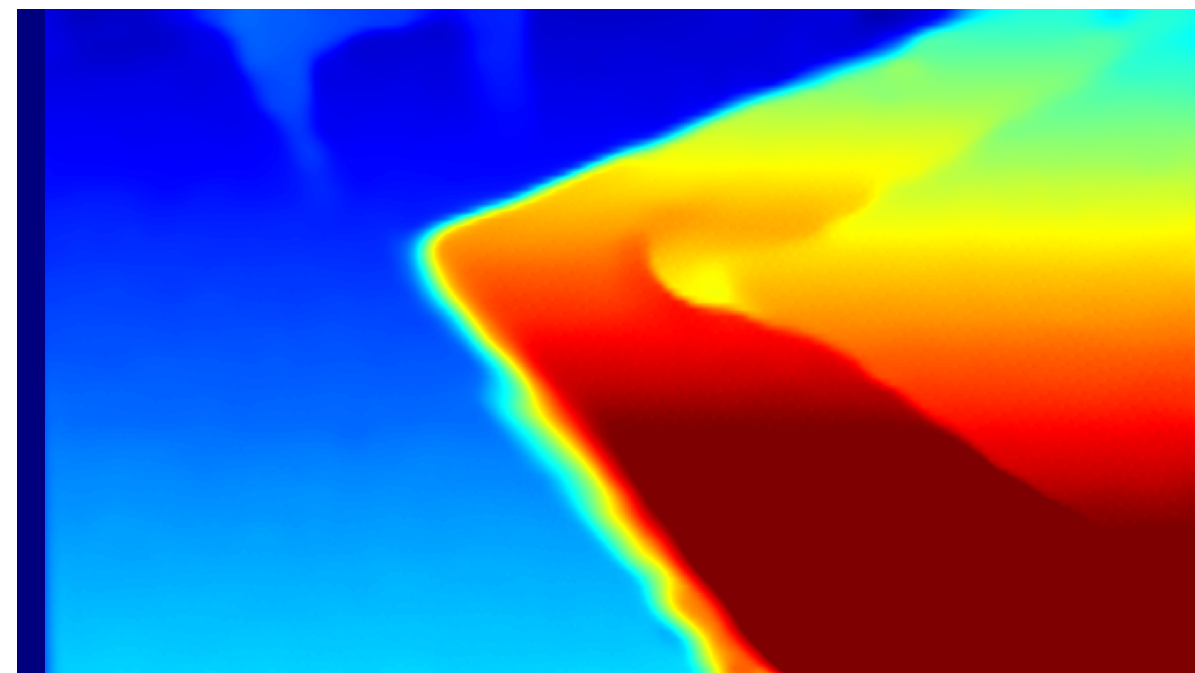
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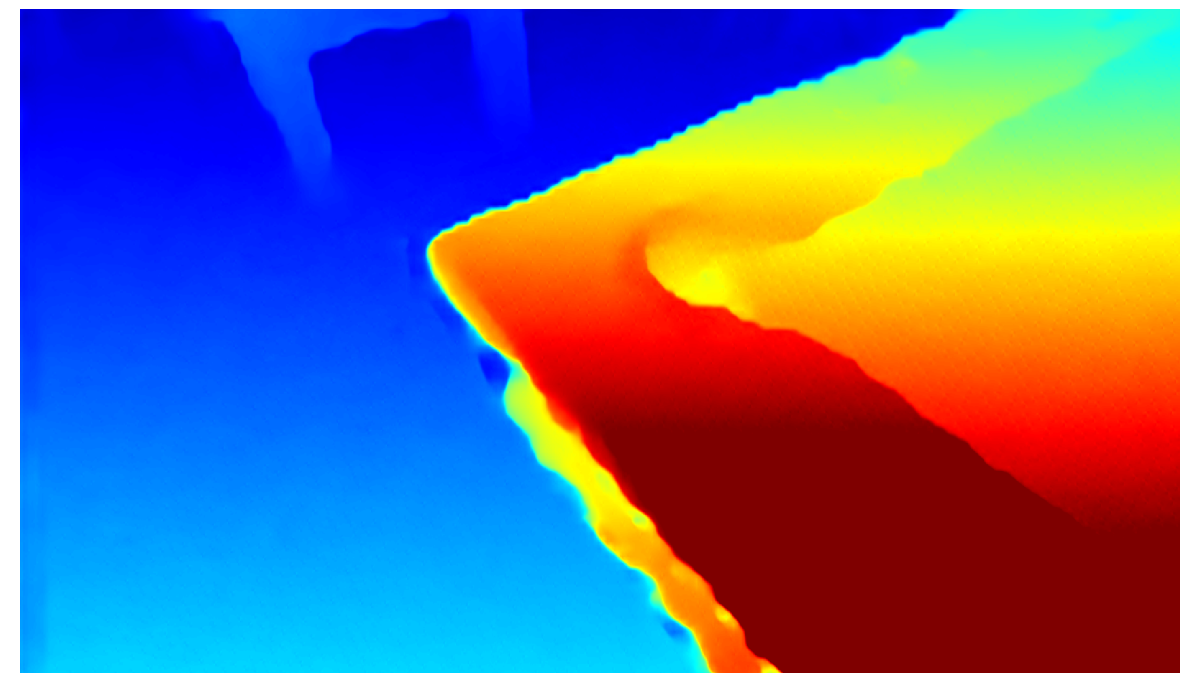
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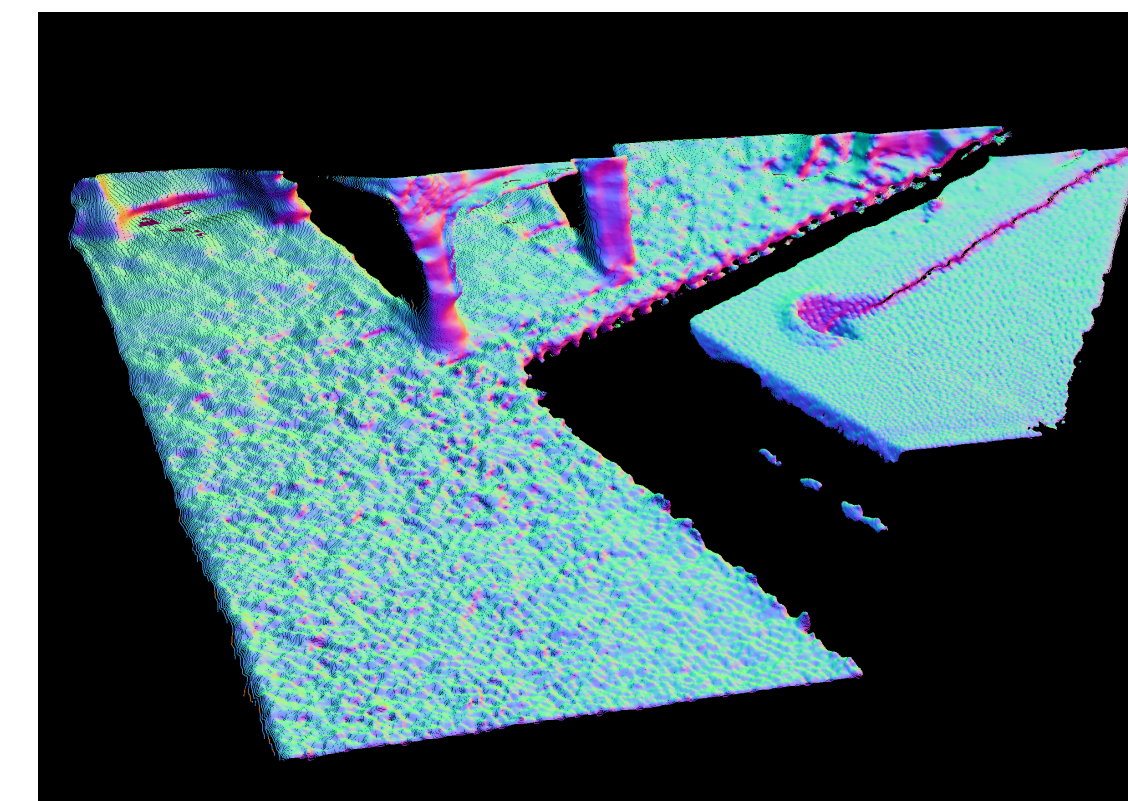
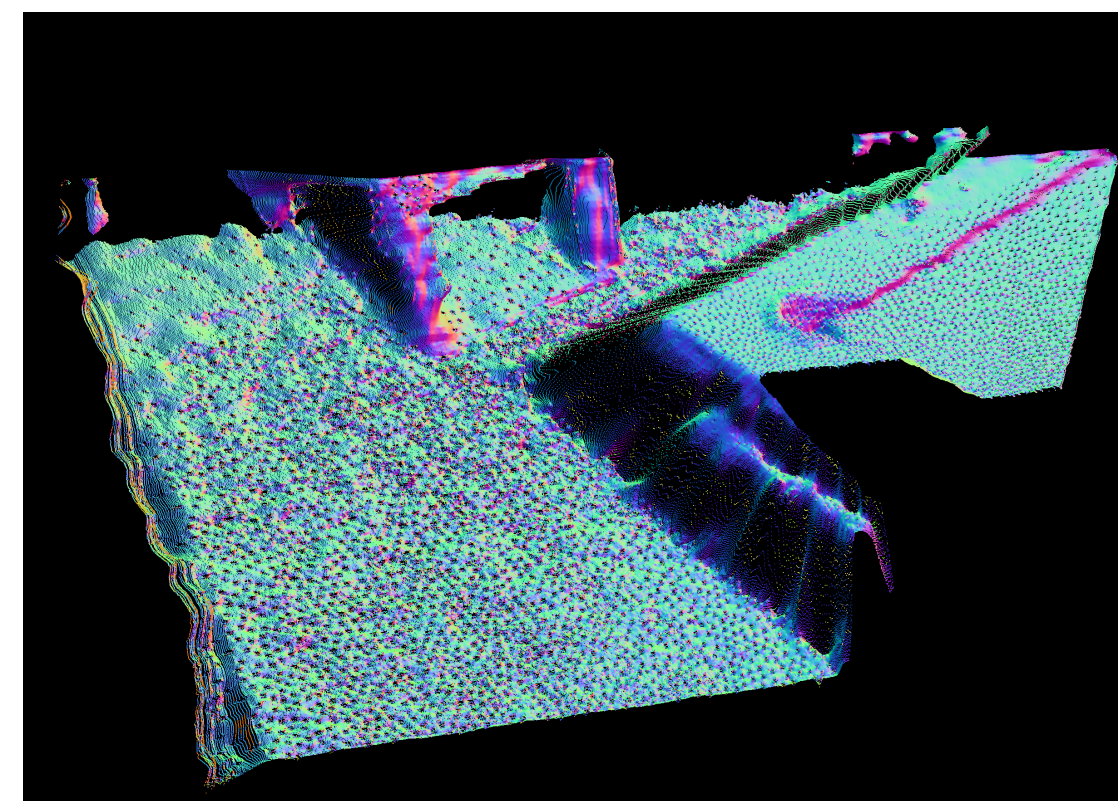
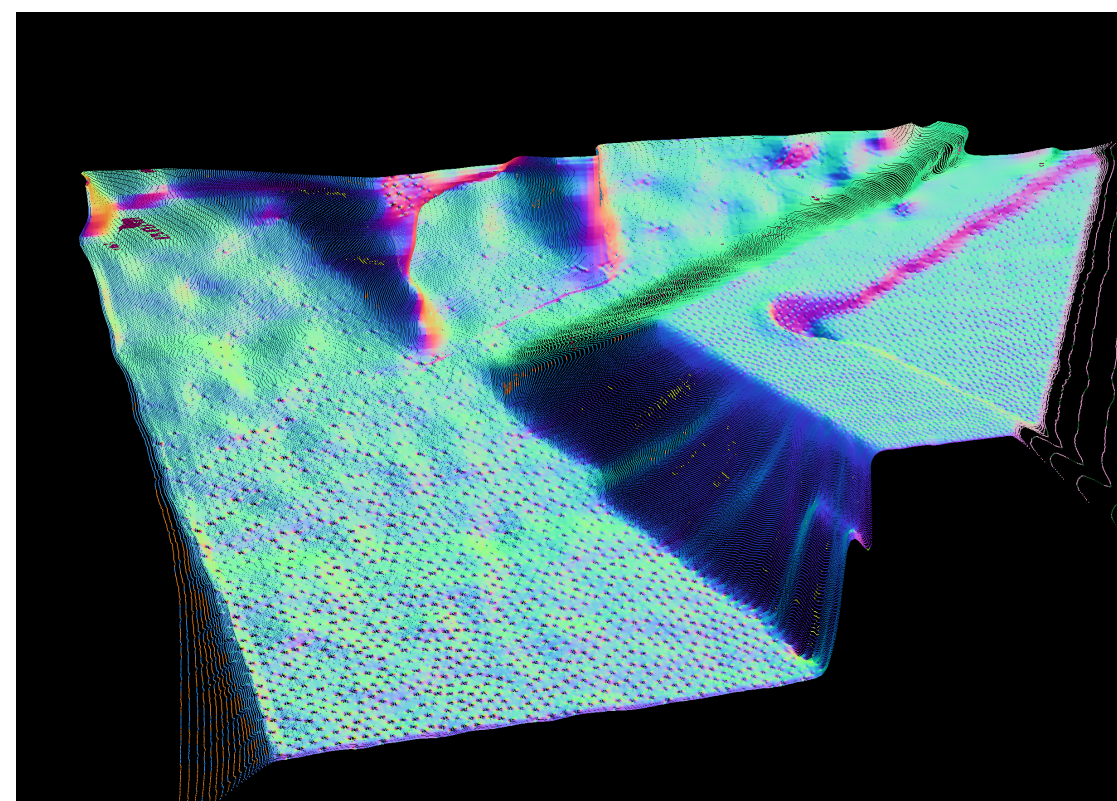
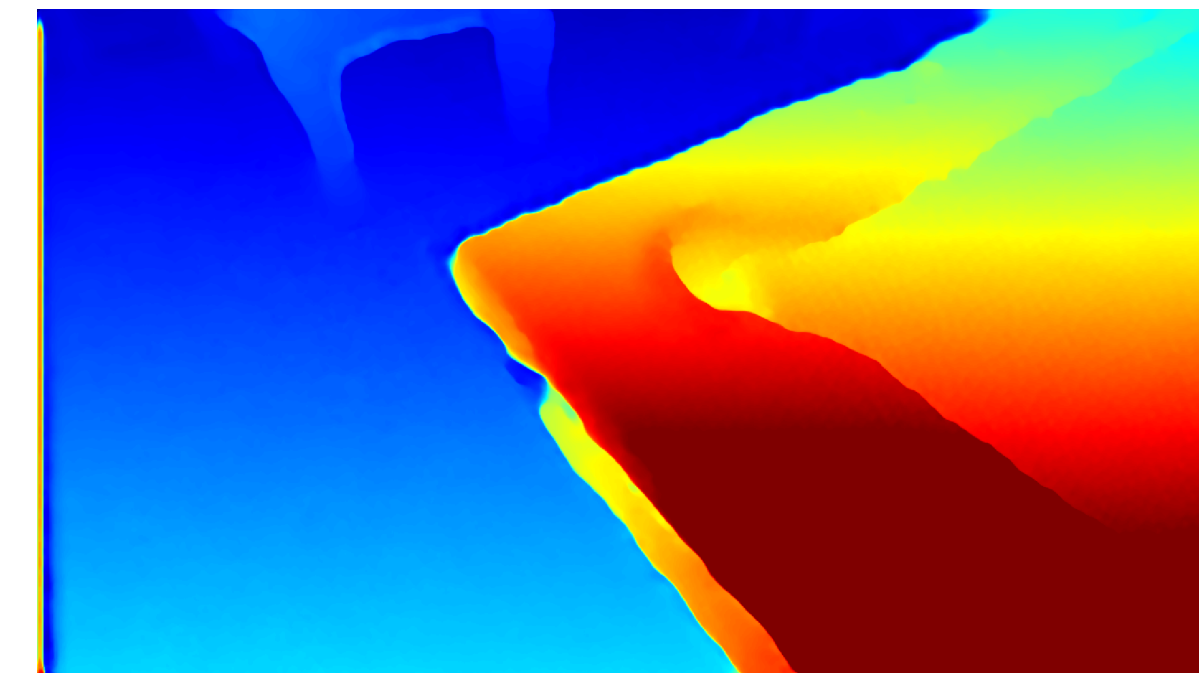
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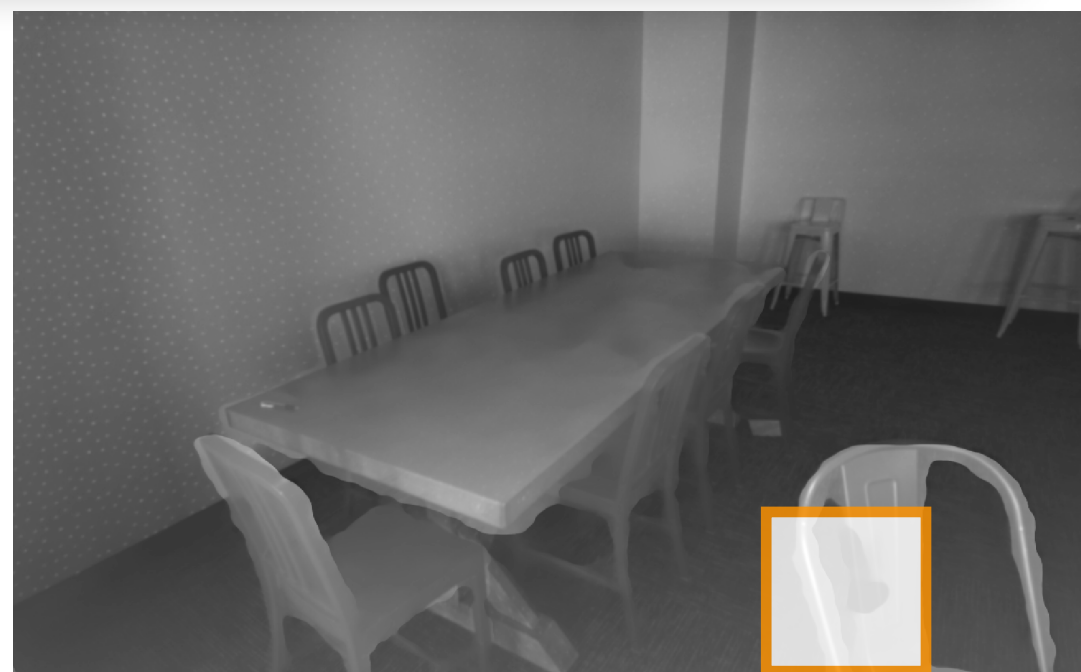
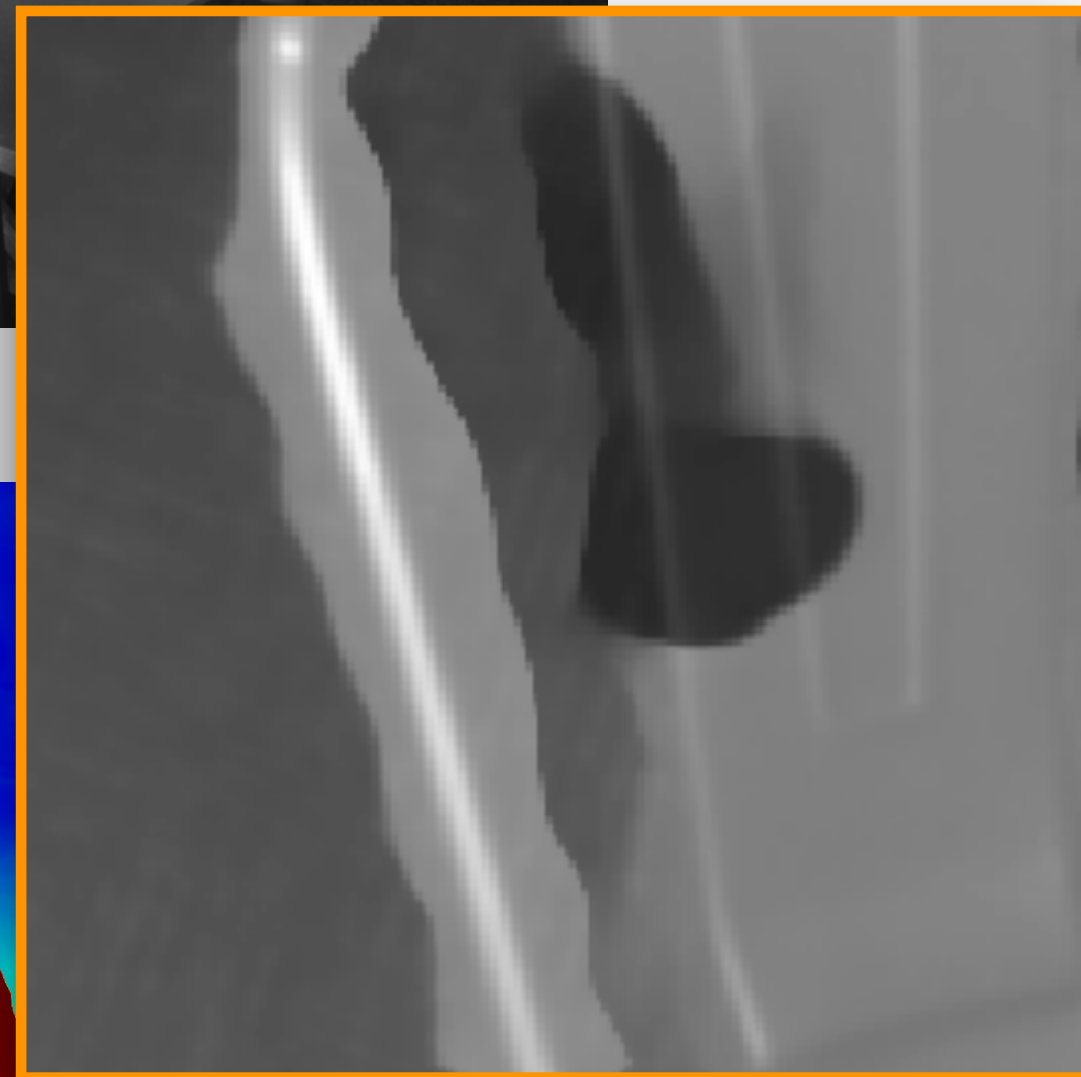


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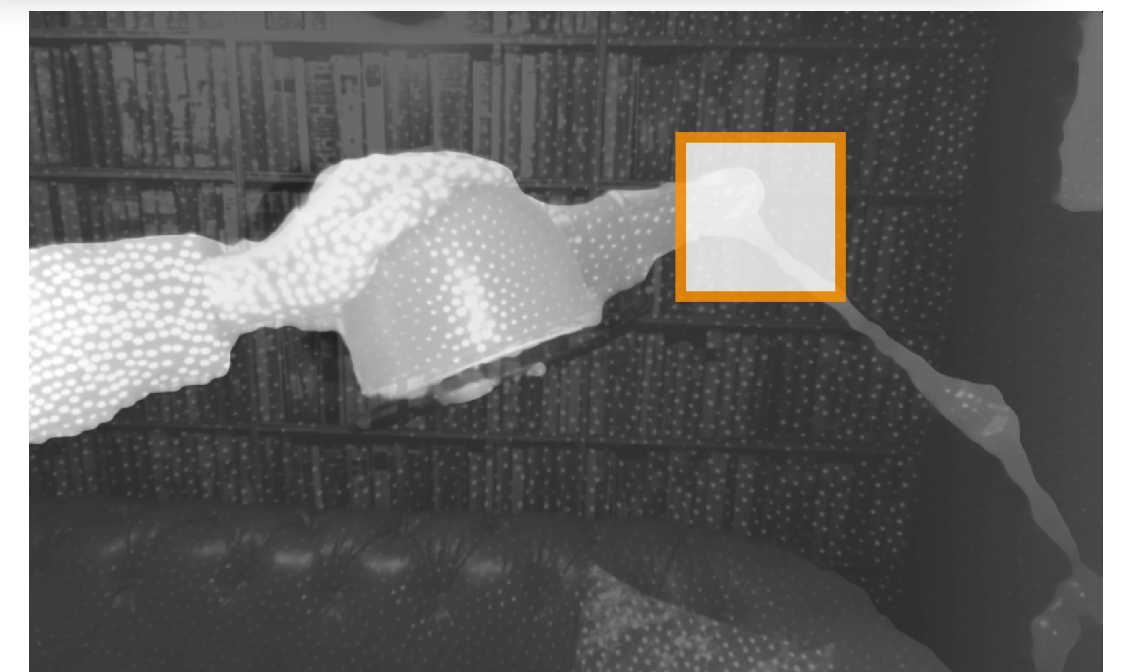
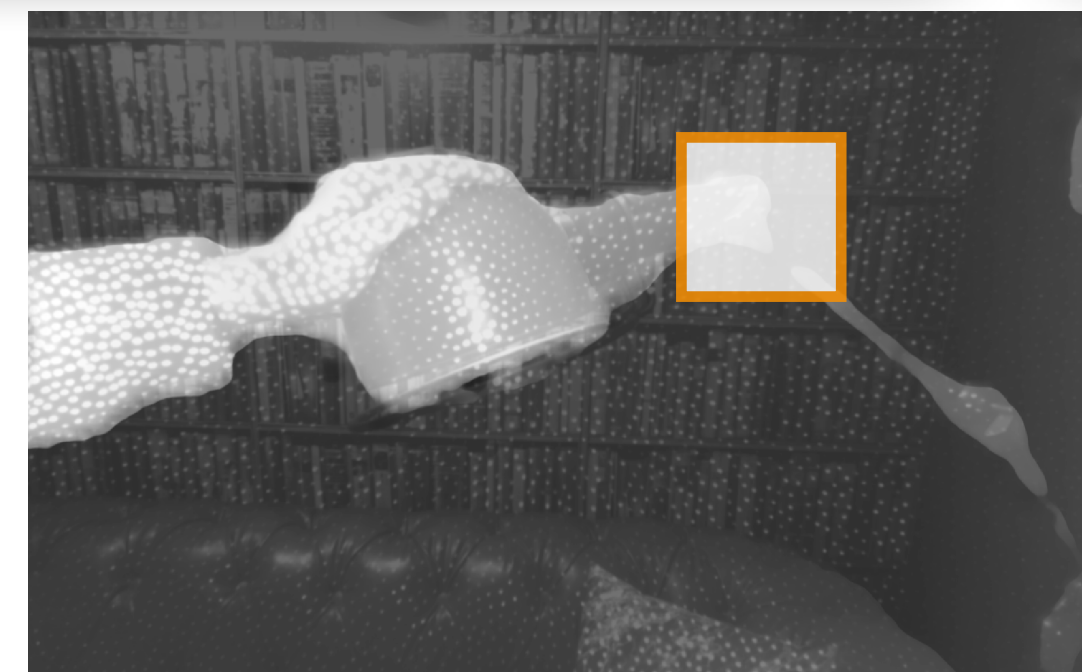


Does Window-based Matter?

Left IR Input



Left IR Input



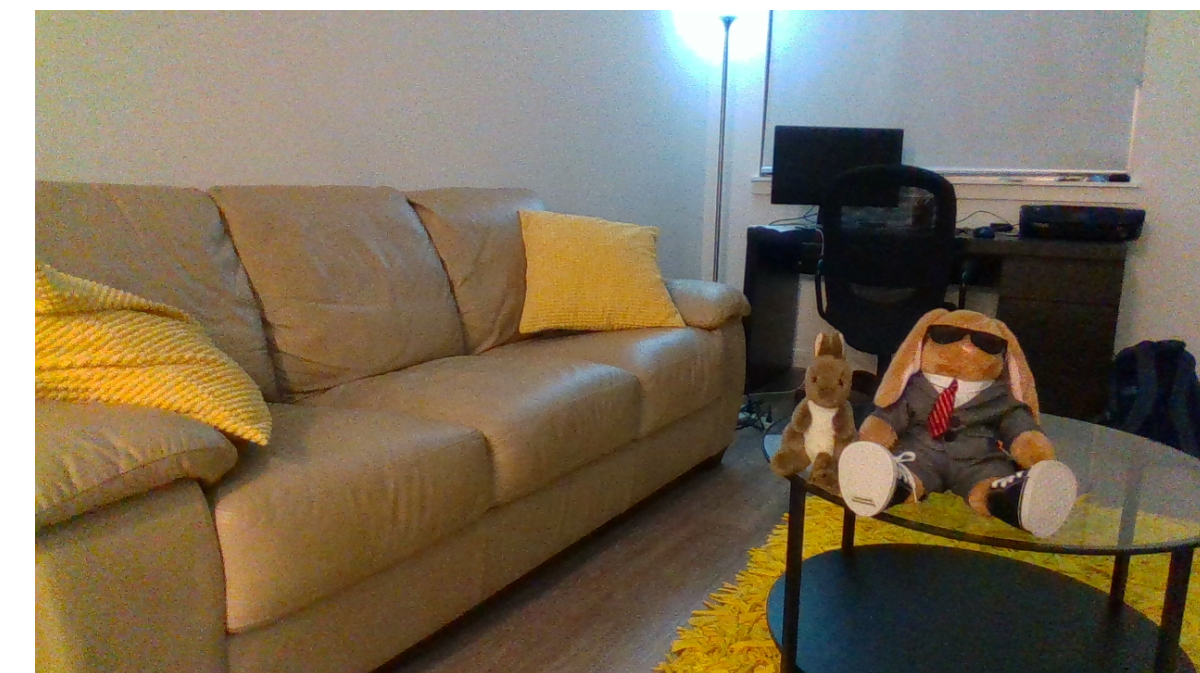
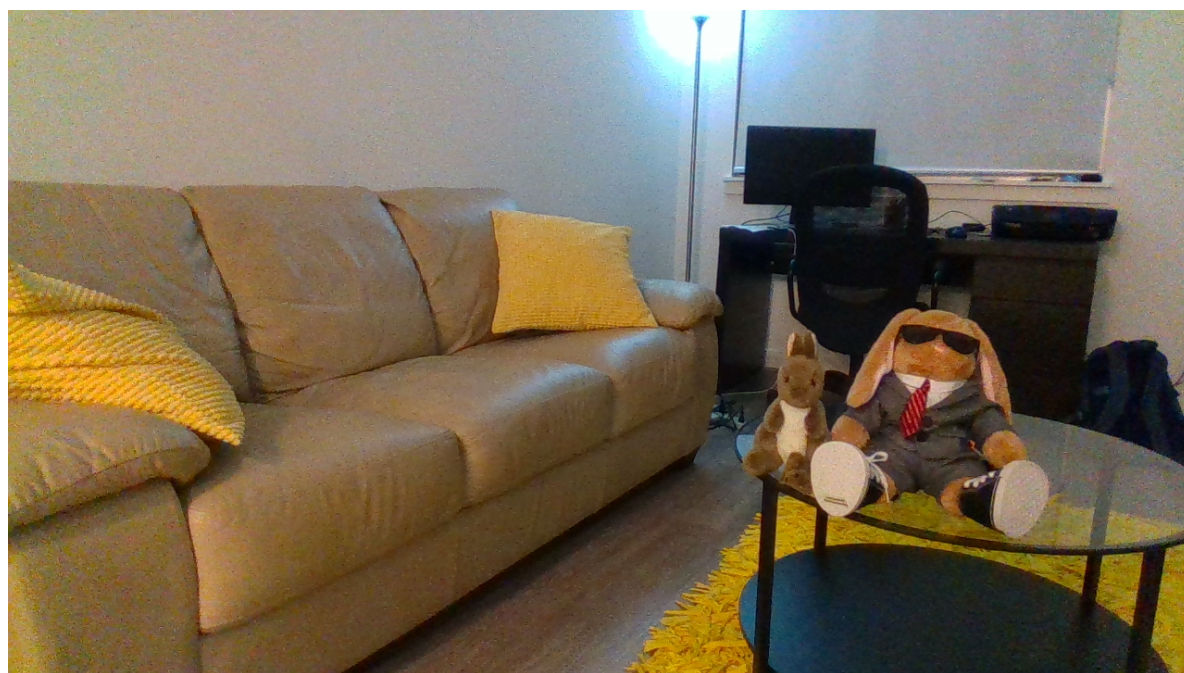
Why Active+Passive?

Only Passive

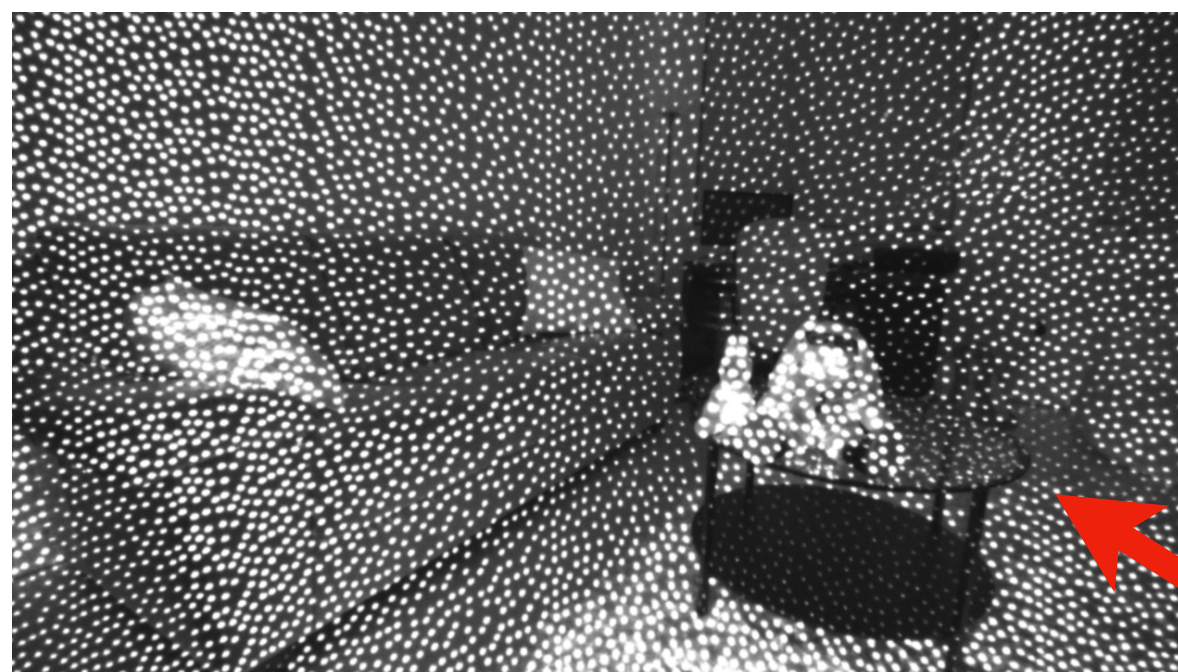
Only Active

Active+Passive

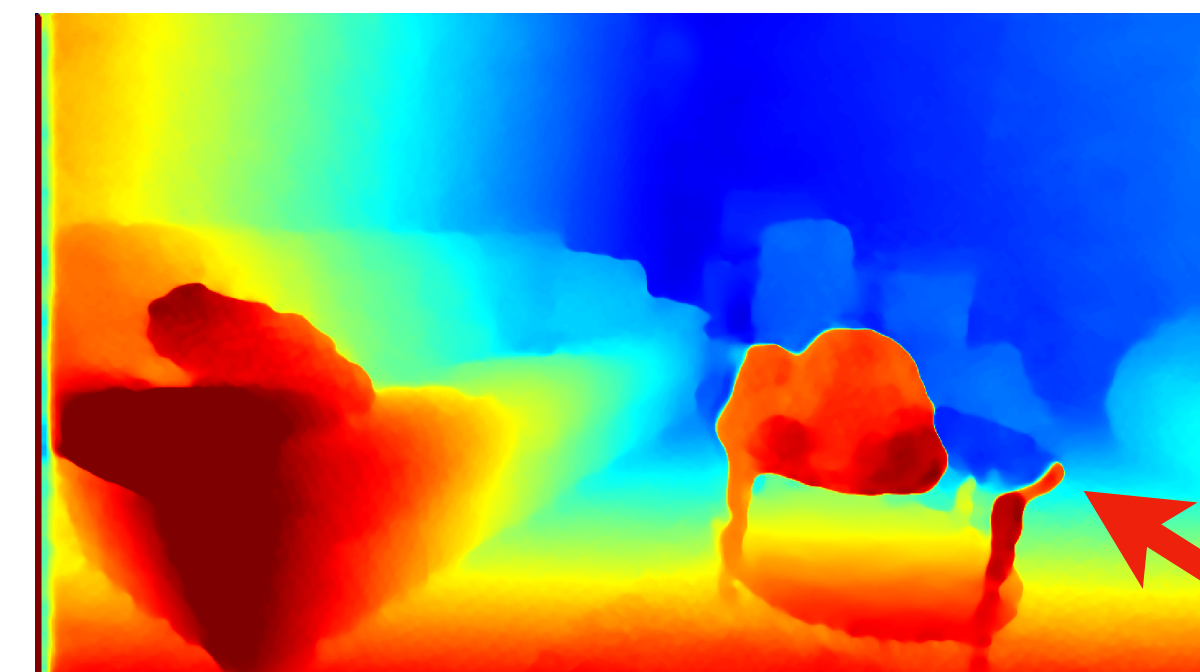
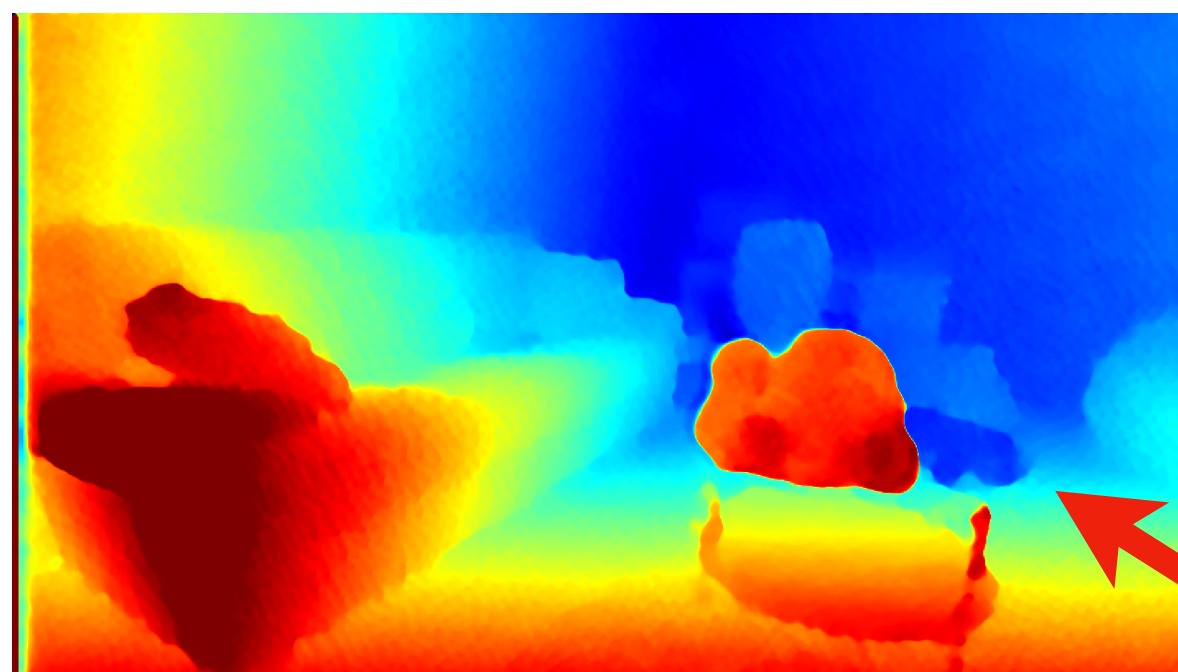
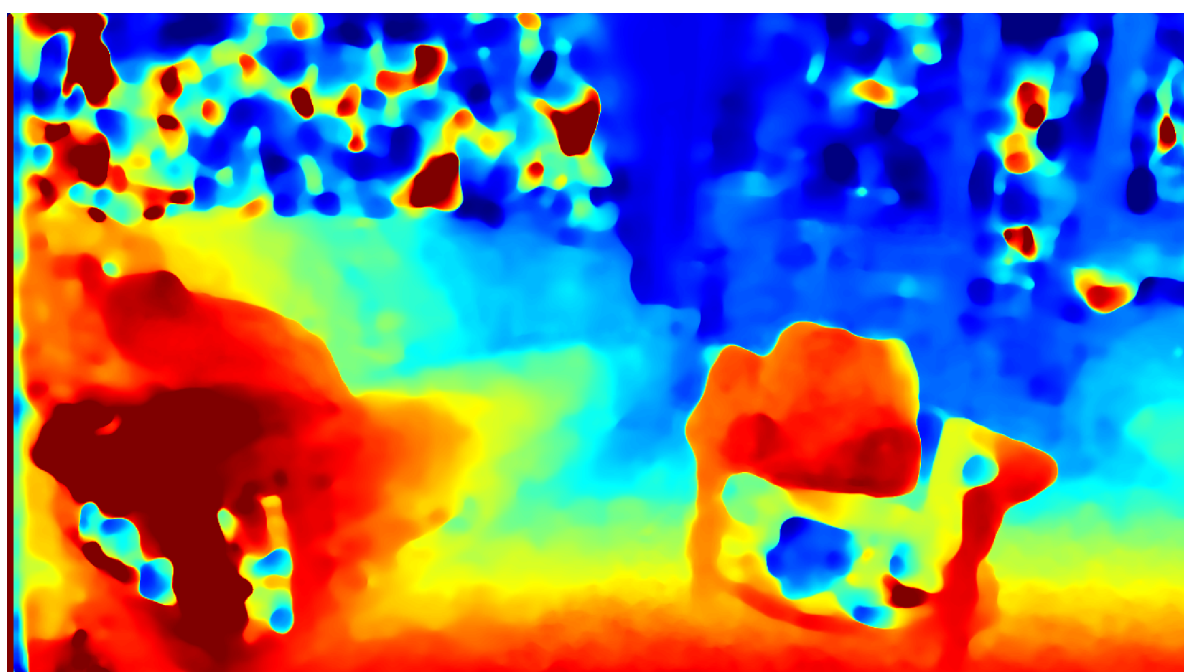
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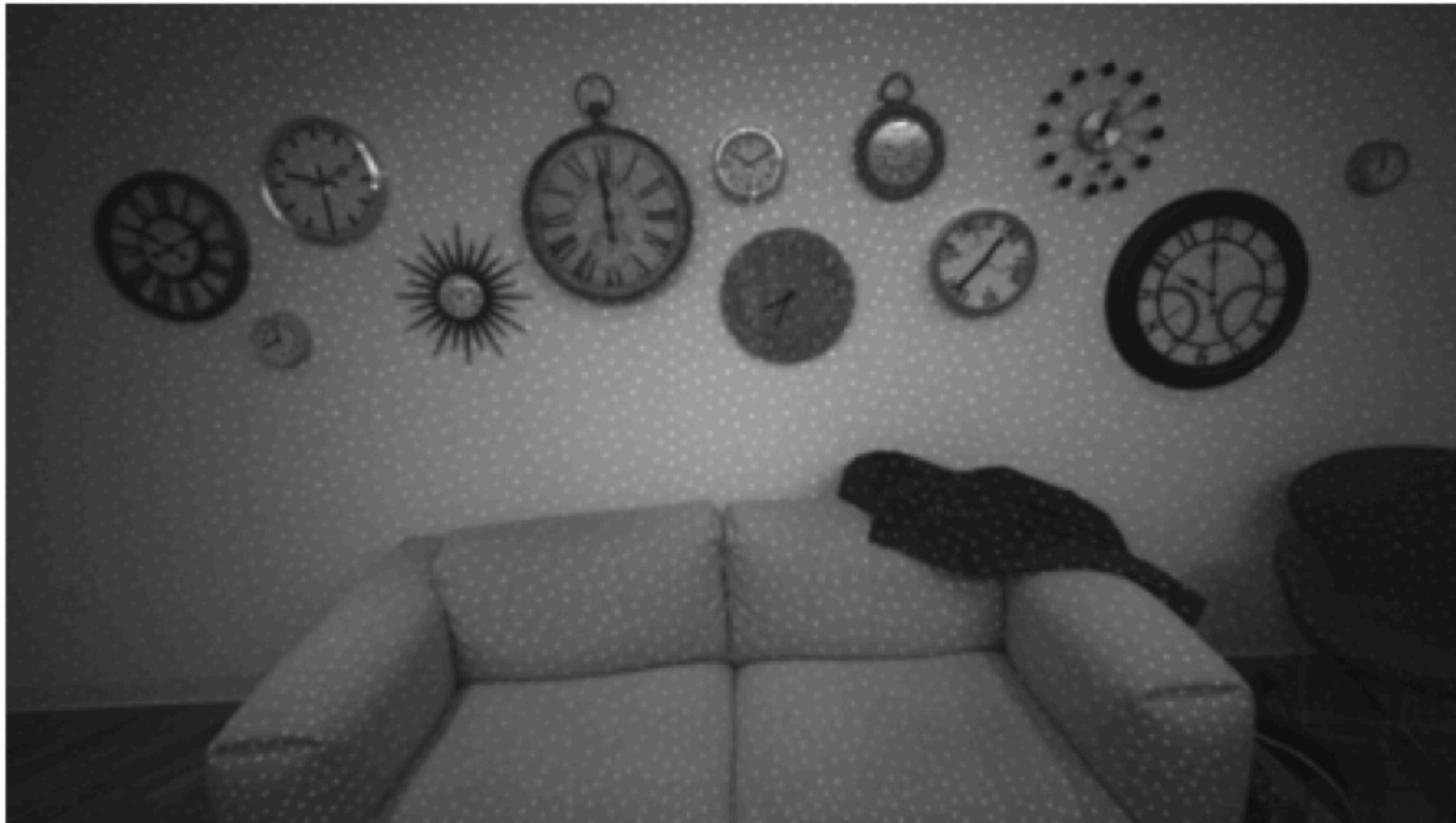


Disparity



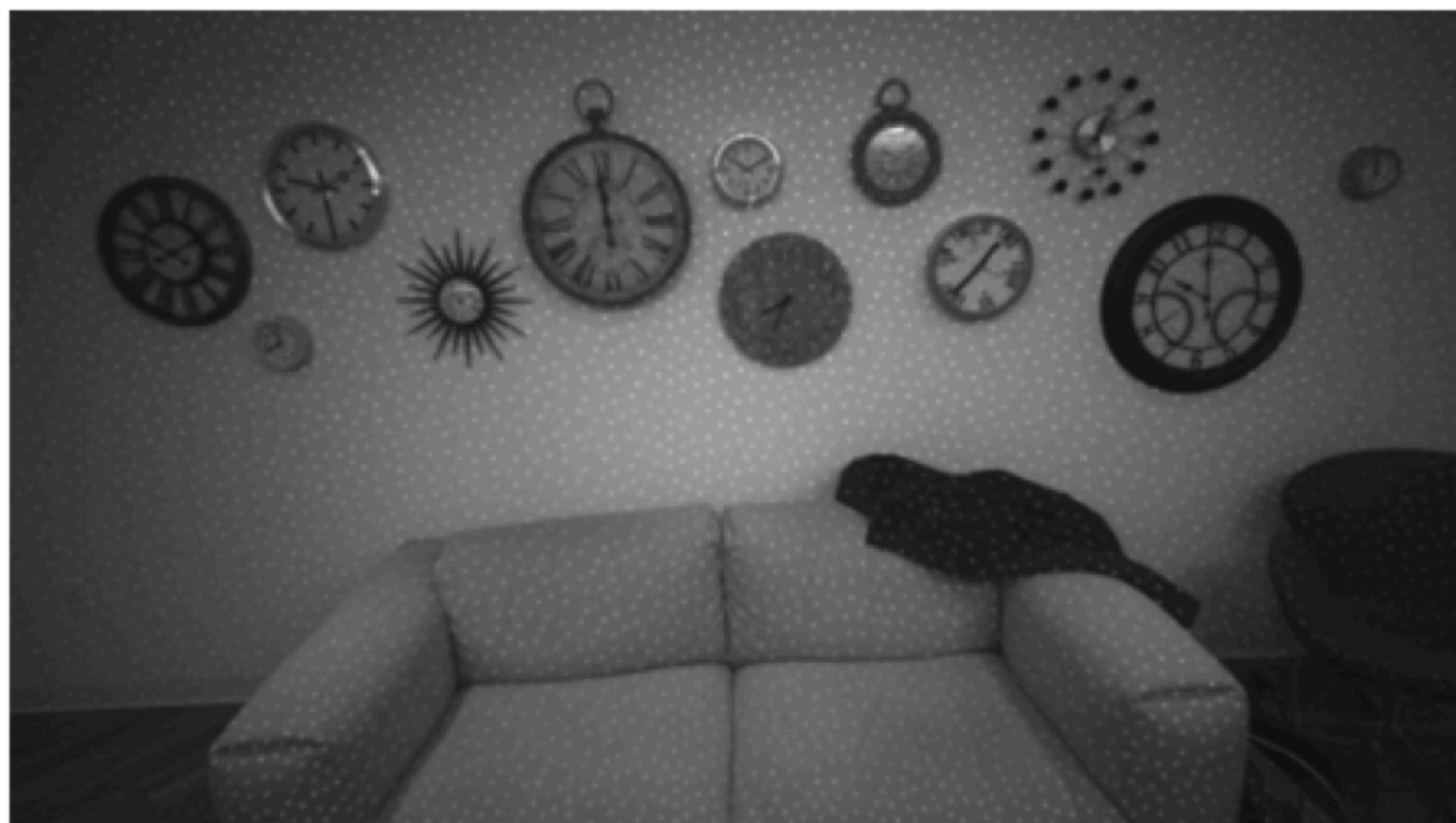
Conclusion

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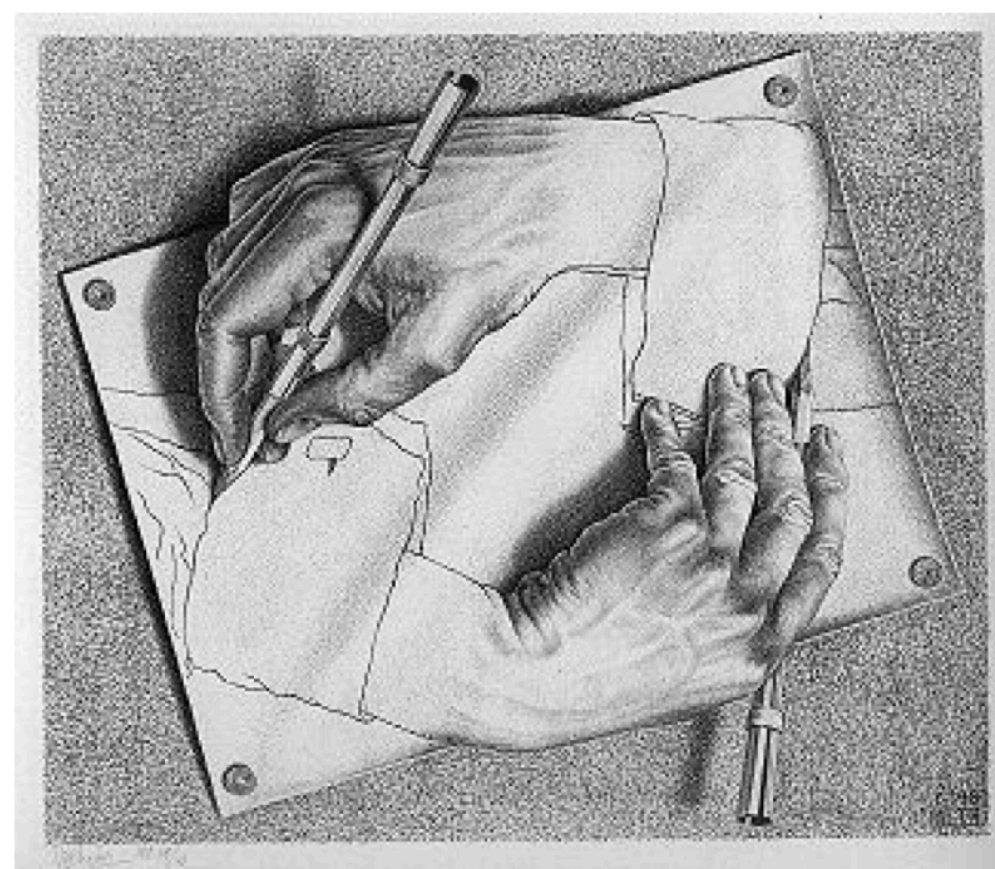


Conclusion

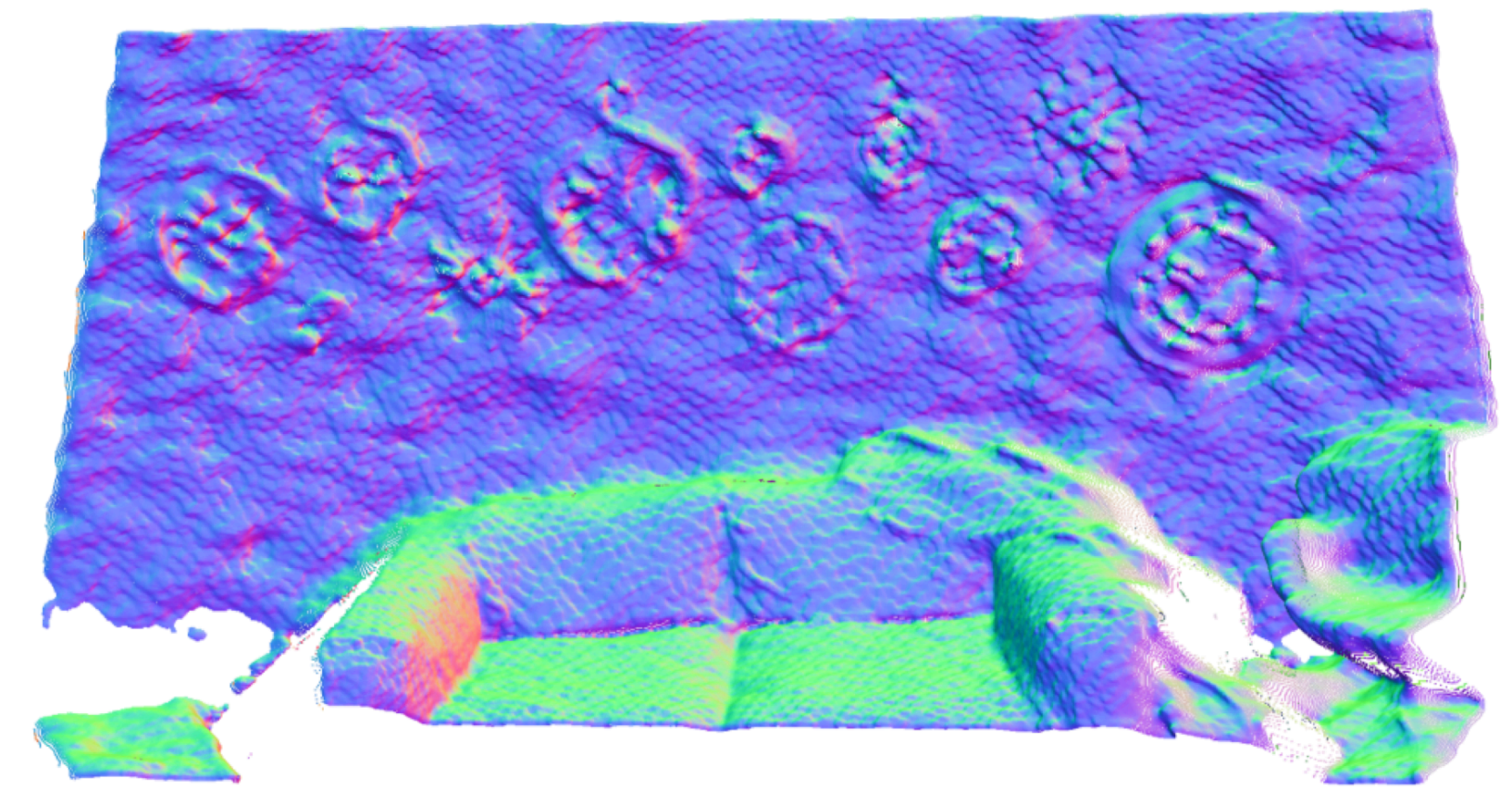
- We investigate active stereo with deep learning.
- We propose self-supervised learning for active stereo system using the improved photometric loss.
- We reduce the disparity error from 0.2 px to 0.03 px.



Active Stereo



Self-supervised Learning



Disparity Error: 0.03px



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ActiveStereoNet

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