



RIAV-MVS: Recurrent-Indexing an Asymmetric Volume for Multi-View Stereo









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Motivation

- Existing CNN-based MVS methods:
 - Concerns in (a), (b), (c) and (d)



Contributions

• Our contributions: 1) An asymmetric cost volume $\star \star \star \star \star$





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• Our contributions: 2) Residual pose update







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Existing CNN-based MVS Pipeline

- Existing CNN-based MVS methods:
 - Symmetric features, local context





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 - 3D CNNs are time and memory consuming
 - Soft-argmin is not robust to multi-modal distributions



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 A new paradigm to predict the depth via learning the proposed index filed to recurrently index an asymmetric plane-sweeping cost volume via GRUs



Background - Ours vs RAFT (ECCV'20)

- We borrowed ideas from RAFT for learning to optimize via GRU:
 - RAFT's all-pair correlation for optical flow: NO multi-view geometry constraints → Ours use plane-sweeping cost volume for MVS (Fig. a,b&c)
 - We propose *index field* that serves as a new design to bridge cost volume optimization and depth map estimation (Fig. e)



Background - Ours vs IterMVS (CVPR'22)

- IterMVS iteratively predicts a depth and reconstructs a new planesweeping cost volume using the updated depth planes (Fig. d)
- Ours learns to index the cost volume by approaching the "correct" depth planes per pixel via an index field (Fig. e)



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- Our proposed RIAV-Net iteratively refines index fields and retrieve plane-sweeping cost volume slices based on new index fields.
 - a residual index field $\Delta \emptyset$ is predicted as an update direction for next iteration



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Architecture: Feature & Cost Volume



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The proposed recurrent estimate of **index field** (i.e., a grid of indices to identify the depth hypotheses) enables the learning to be anchored at the cost volume domain.

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Architecture: Residual Pose Net



ResPose-Net

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Linear sampling

Architecture: Loss Function



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• Our attention applied to MVSNet

Our module + MVSNet backbone Lower is better!



Asymmetric VS symmetric

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• Qualitative results on ScanNet (top two rows) and DTU test set



• More depth results and 3D point clouds on ScanNet



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Thank You!

Code coming soon

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