

# Generative Range Imaging for Learning Scene Priors of 3D LiDAR Data

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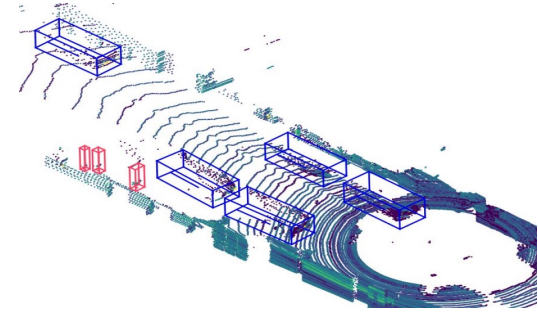
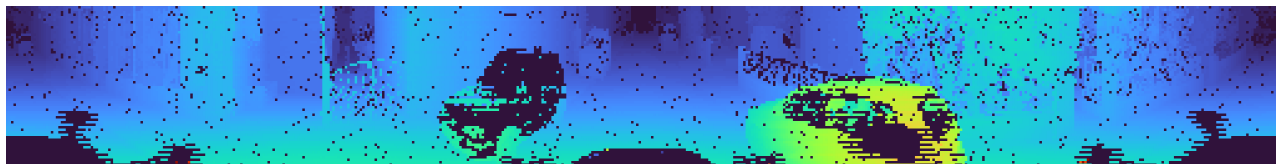
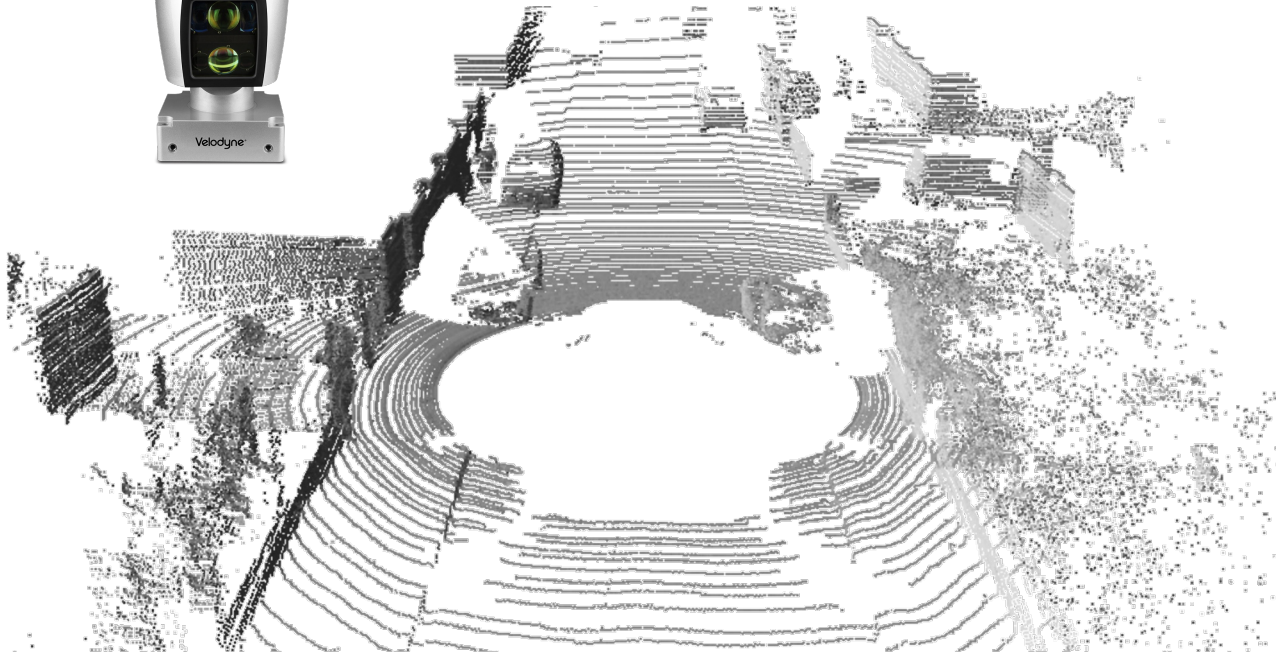


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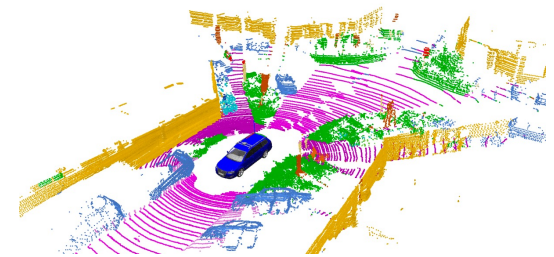


# Motivation

3D LiDAR sensors are important for robotics applications



Obstacle detection  
[Lang et al. CVPR'19]

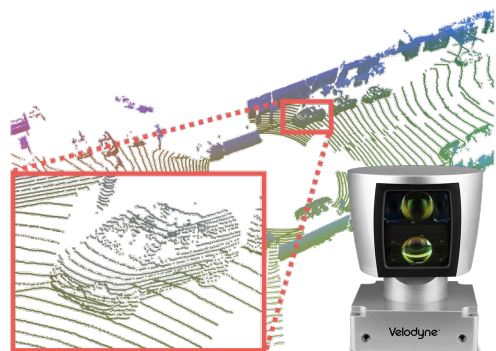


Semantic segmentation  
[Behley et al. ICCV'19]



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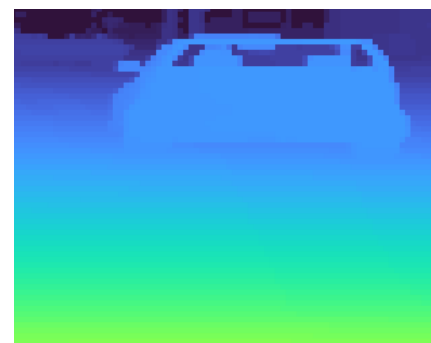
Issue: domain gaps in LiDAR perception tasks



High resolution  
**Dense**

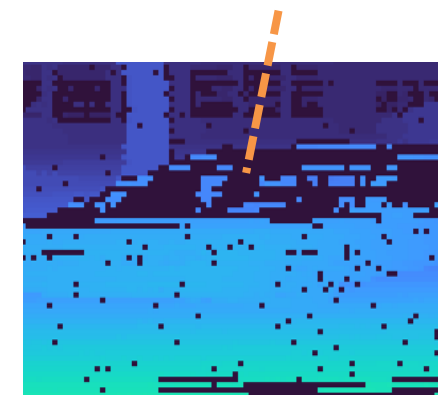


Low resolution  
**Sparse**



Simulation  
**Clean**

Ray-drop  
(missing points)

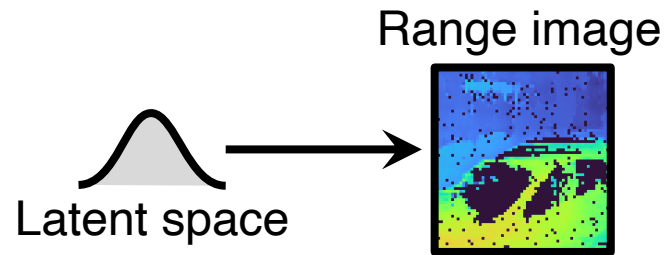


Real  
**Noisy**

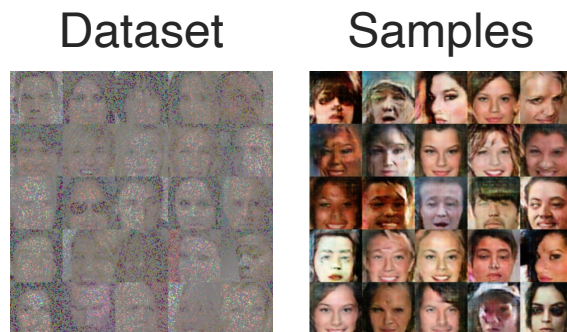
We propose LiDAR data priors for bridging the domain gaps  
using **deep generative models**



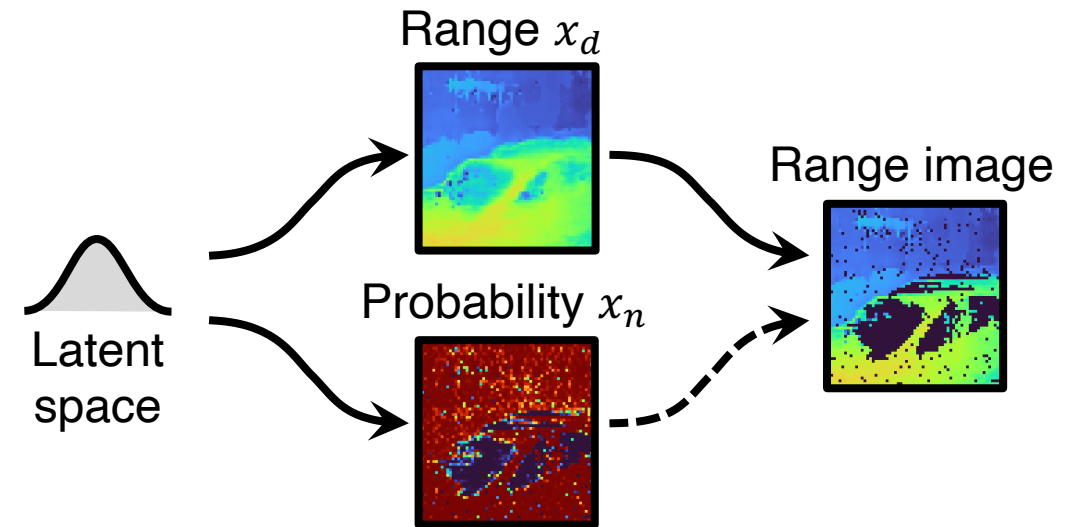
# Towards LiDAR Generative Models



Training **GANs** on LiDAR images  
[Caccia et al. IROS'19]



Training GANs w/ **invertible corruption**  
[Bora et al. ICLR'18] [Kaneko et al. CVPR'20]

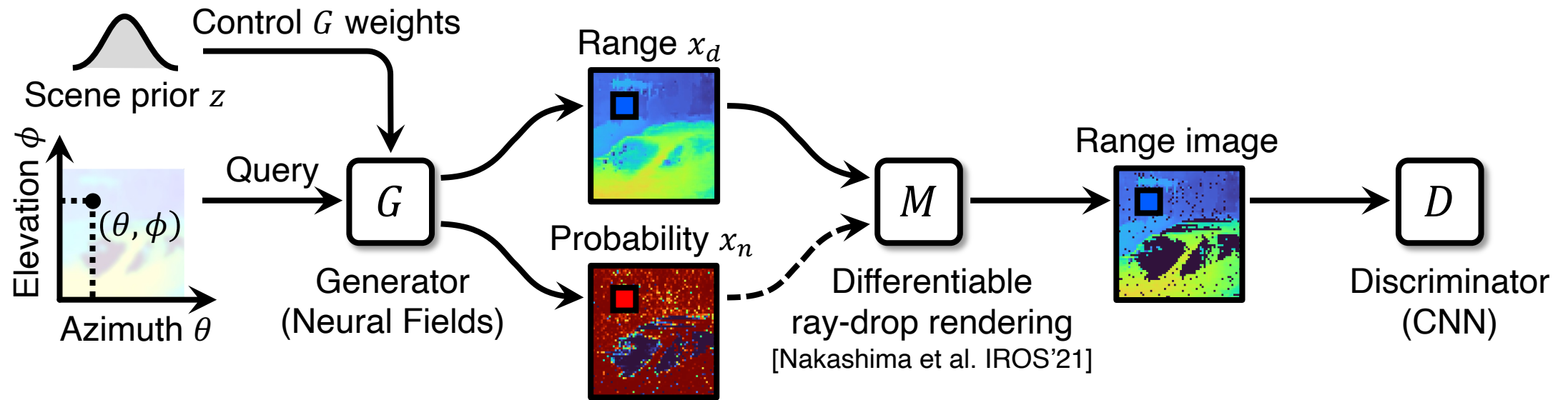


**Noise-aware GAN** on LiDAR images  
[Nakashima et al. IROS'21]

- + Robustness on ray-drop noises
- Fixed resolution = LiDAR dependence
- No demonstration on perception tasks

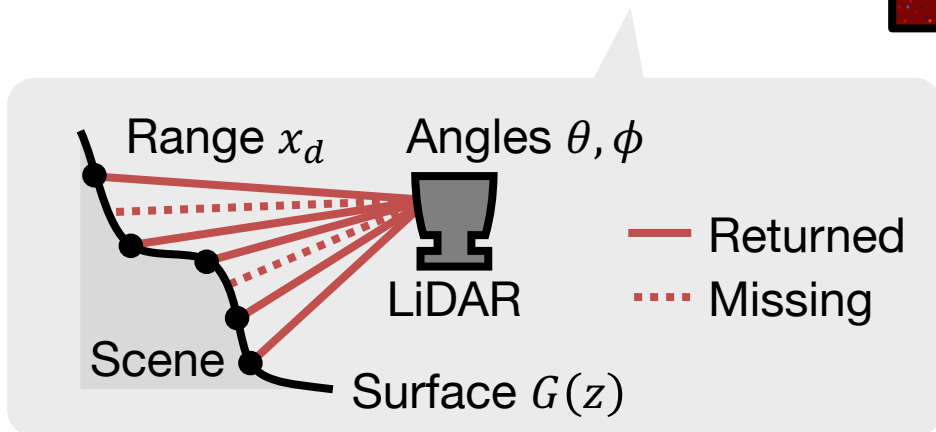
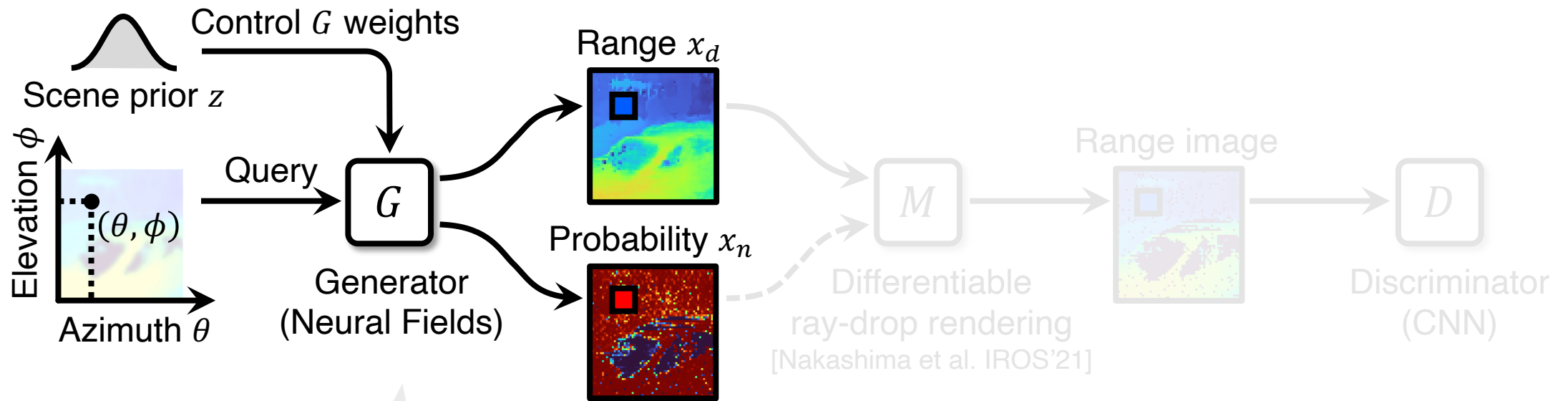


# LiDAR Range Images as 2D Neural Fields





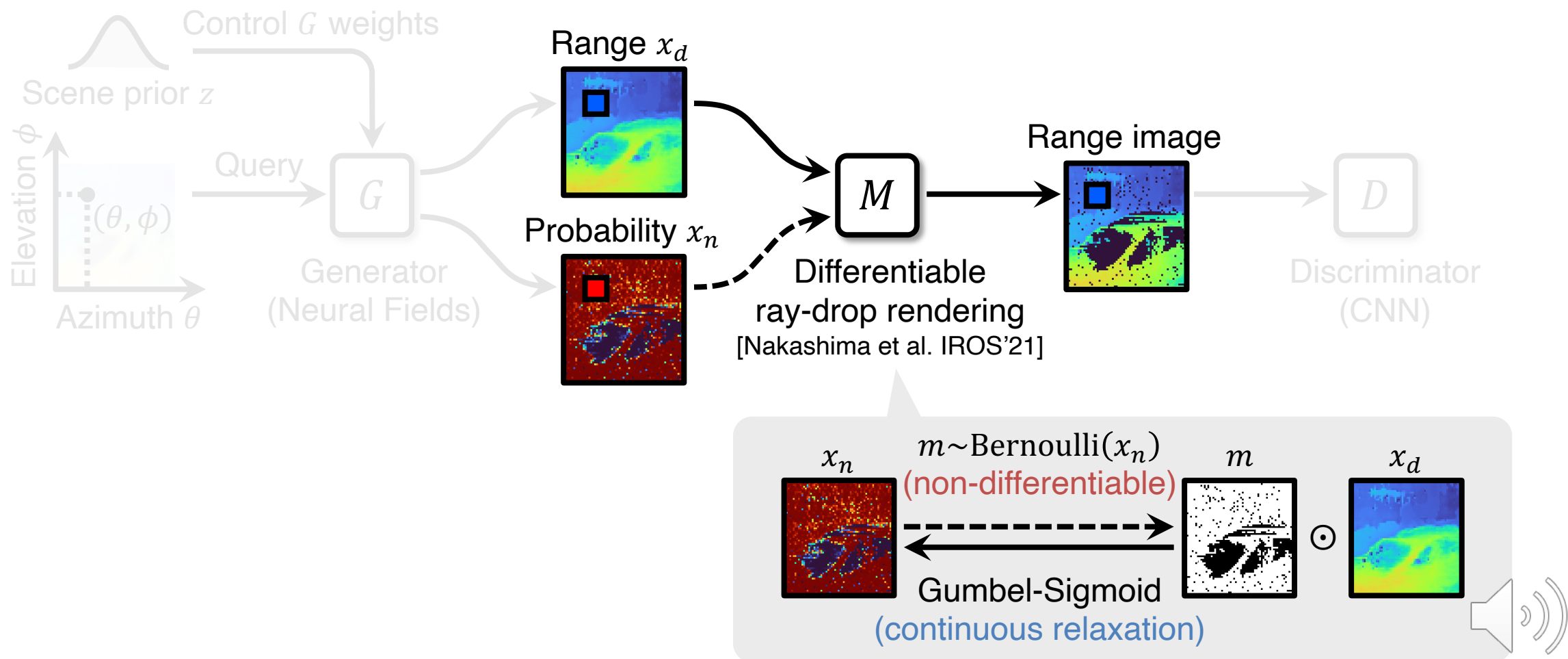
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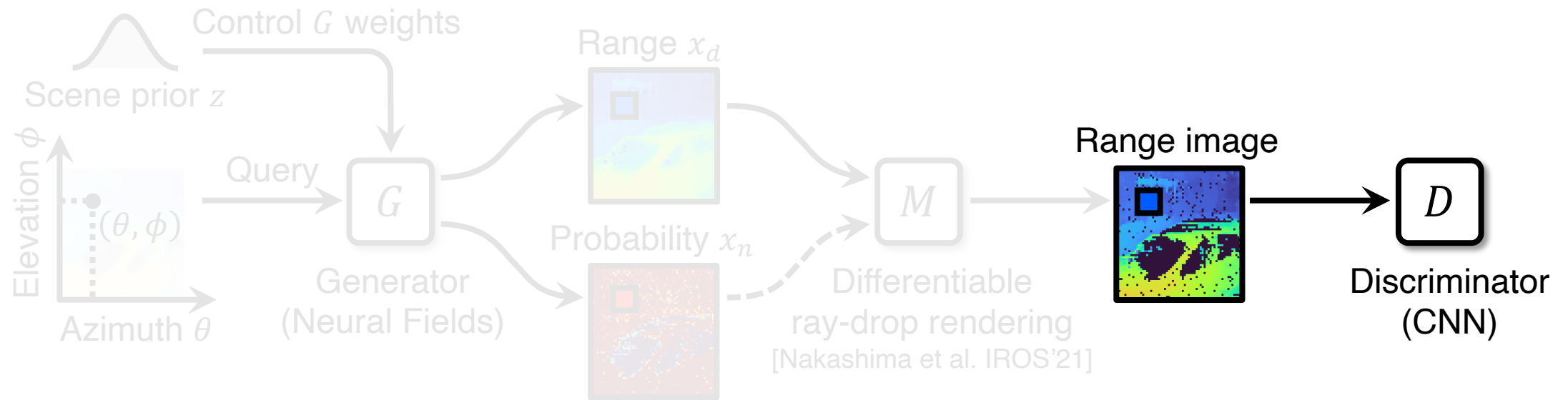
Analogy of LiDAR measurement



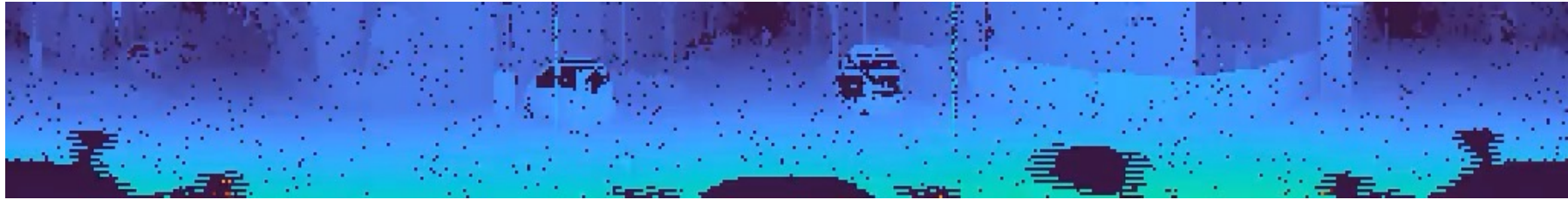
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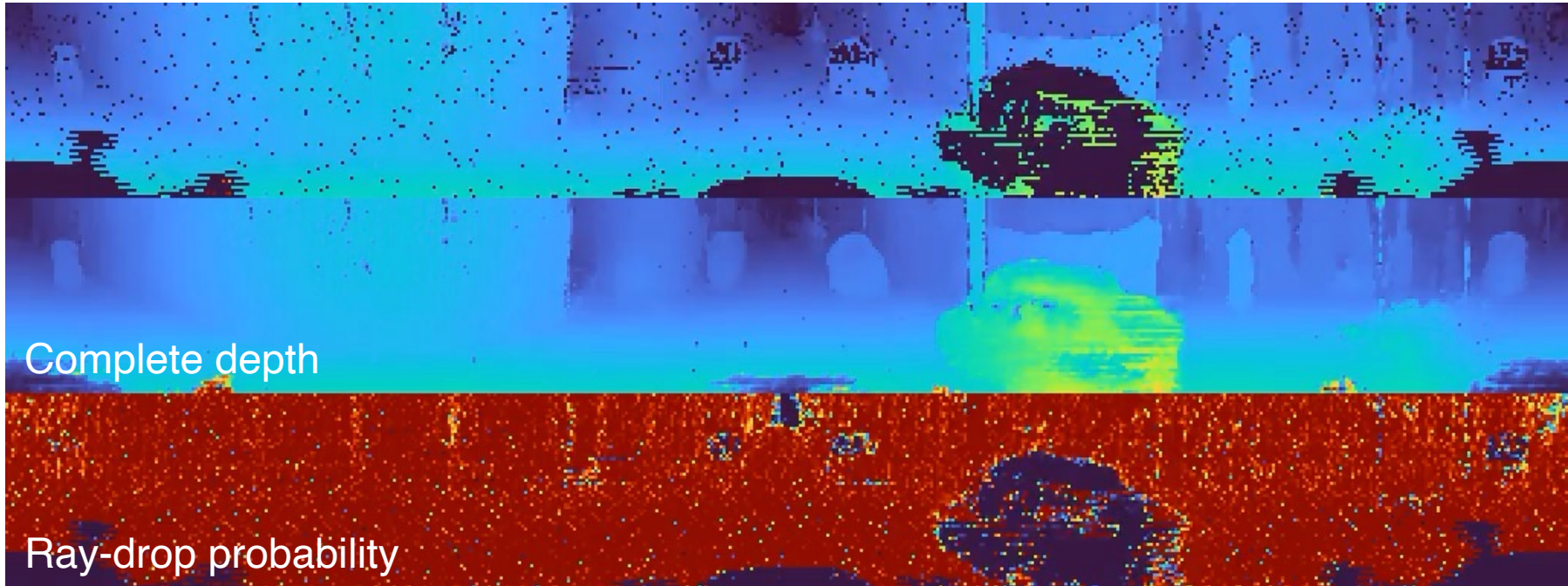
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Training data (KITTI)



Latent interpolation w/ our GAN



# Fidelity and Diversity

## Image-level:

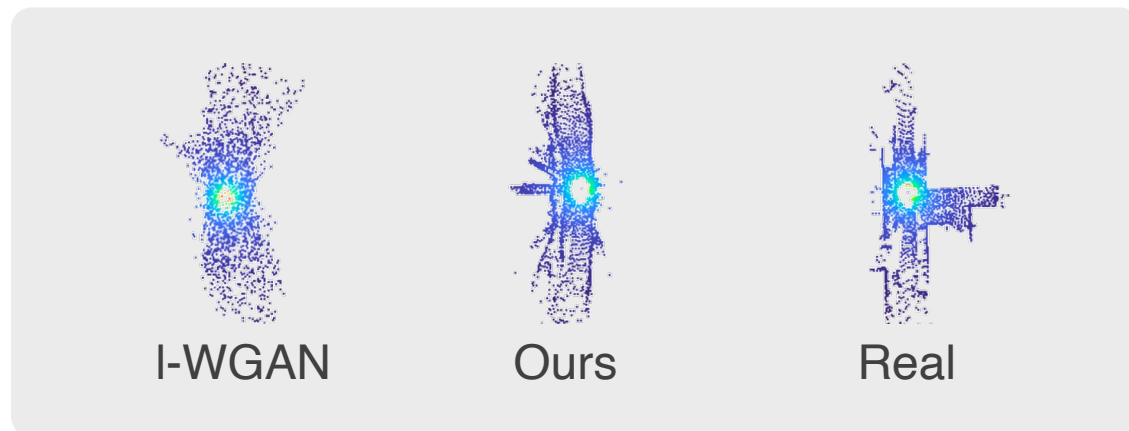
SWD on inverse depth maps

Method	$16 \times 128$	$32 \times 256$	$64 \times 512$	Mean
Vanilla GAN [7]	0.397	0.371	0.746	0.505
DUSTy [30]	<b>0.353</b>	0.353	0.768	0.491
<b>Ours</b>	0.378	<b>0.278</b>	<b>0.611</b>	<b>0.422</b>
Training set	0.257	0.207	0.765	0.410

## Point-level:

JSD, COV, MMD, and 1-NNA

Method	JSD ↓	COV ↑	MMD ↓	1-NNA ↓
r-GAN [1]	21.73	0.013	17.51	1.000
l-WGAN [1]	4.91	0.324	<b>8.62</b>	0.896
Vanilla GAN [7]	10.31	0.290	12.34	0.986
DUSTy [30]	<b>3.00</b>	0.375	9.41	0.898
<b>Ours</b>	3.04	<b>0.388</b>	9.12	<b>0.892</b>
Training set	2.80	0.362	0.765	0.890



## Feature-level:

FPD and MMD<sup>2</sup> on PointNet features

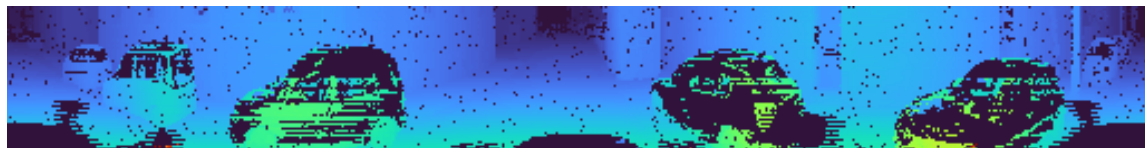
Method	2048 points		64 × 512 (full)	
	FPD ↓	MMD <sup>2</sup> ↓	FPD ↓	MMD <sup>2</sup> ↓
r-GAN [1]	787.45	45.02	–	–
l-WGAN [1]	129.35	10.65	–	–
Vanilla GAN [7]	3629.36	671.14	3648.68	675.24
DUSTy [30]	232.90	39.62	241.32	42.66
<b>Ours</b>	<b>96.11</b>	<b>3.66</b>	<b>93.85</b>	<b>42.66</b>

# Applications



# Decomposition

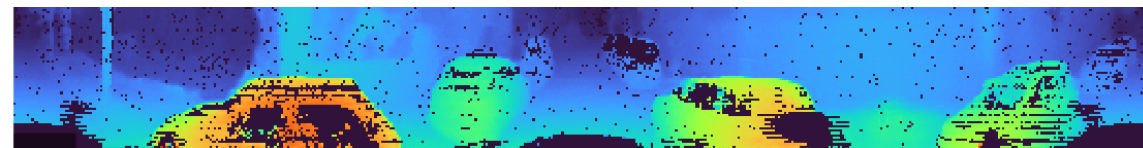
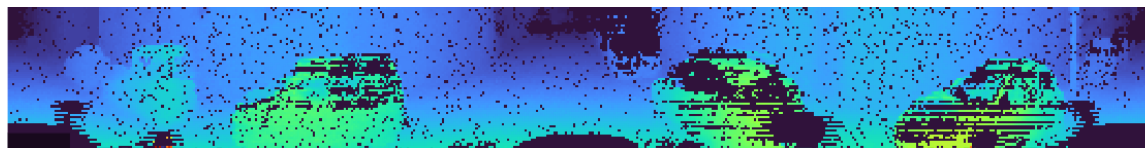
Target



Optimize latent code



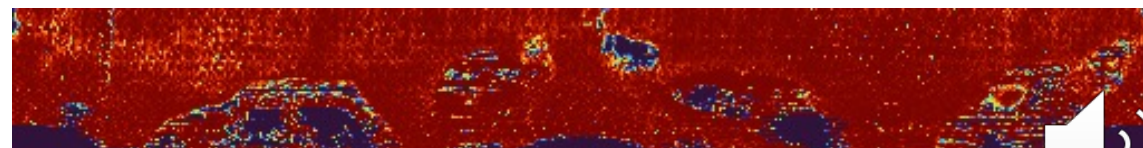
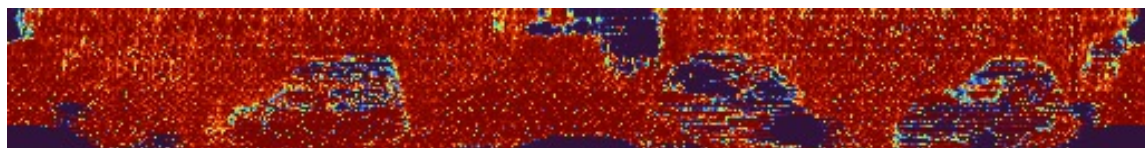
Reconstruction



Complete depth



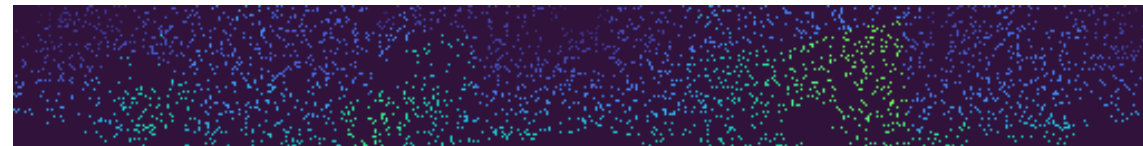
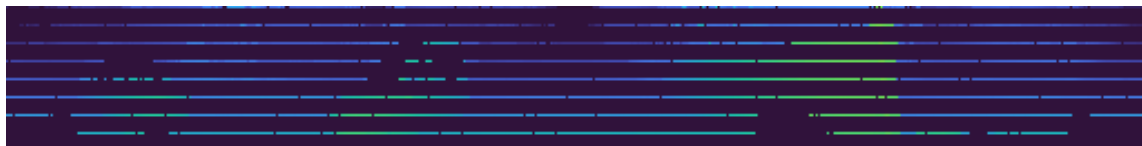
Ray-drop probability





# Restoration

Target



Optimize latent code



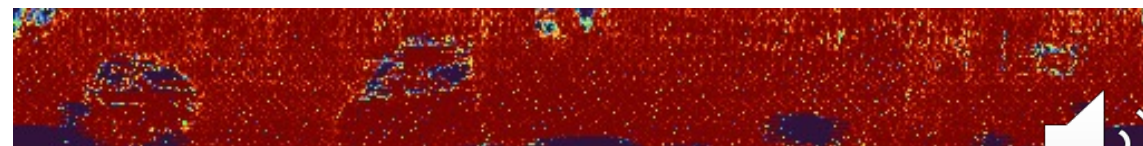
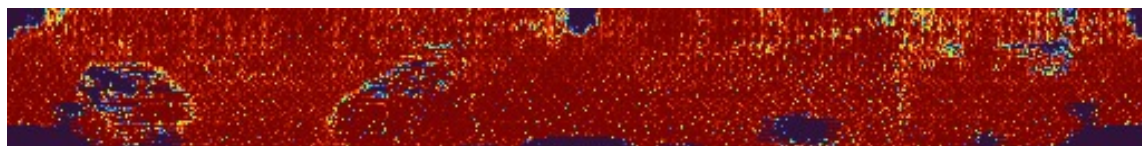
Reconstruction



Complete depth



Ray-drop probability



# Upsampling

Target



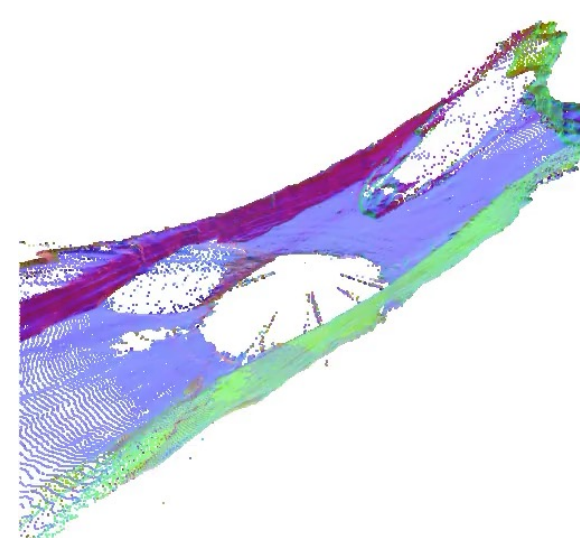
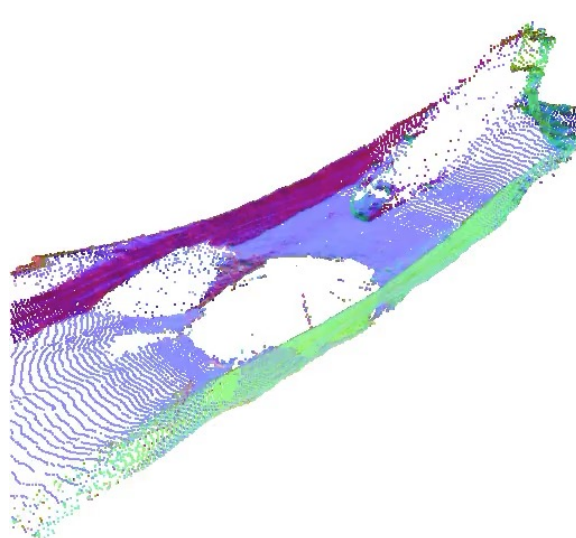
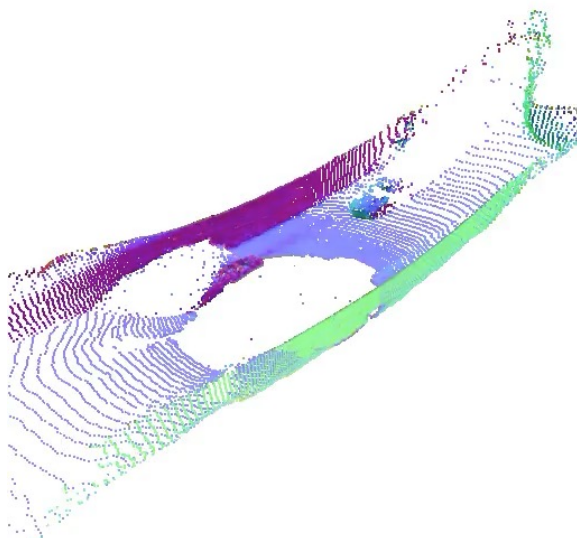
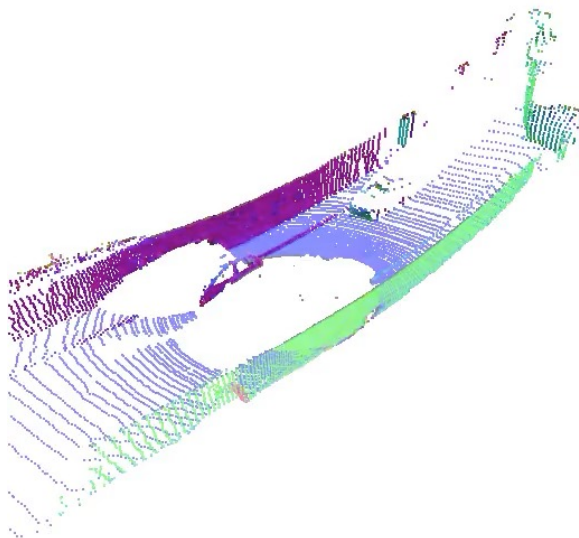
1× reconstruction



2× reconstruction



4× reconstruction



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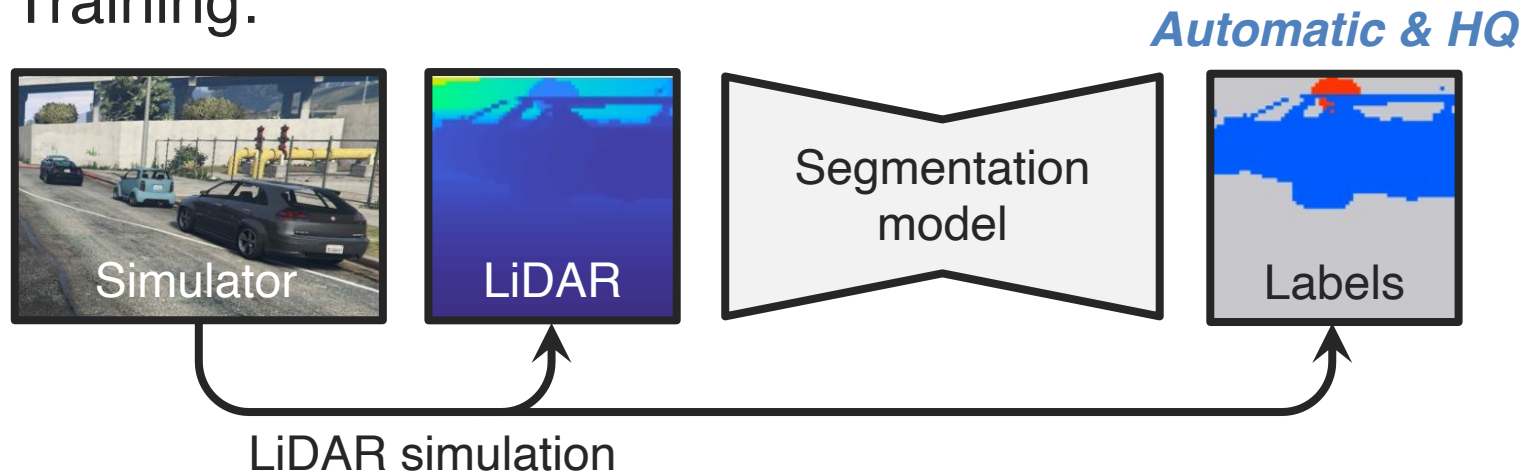
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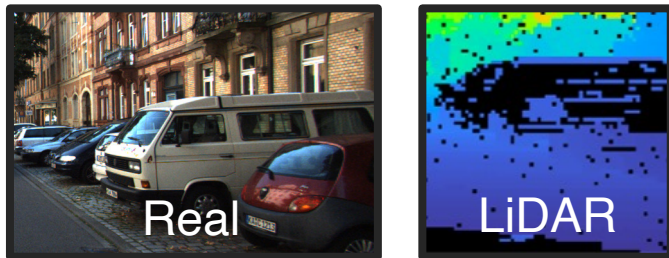


# Sim2Real Semantic Segmentation

Training:

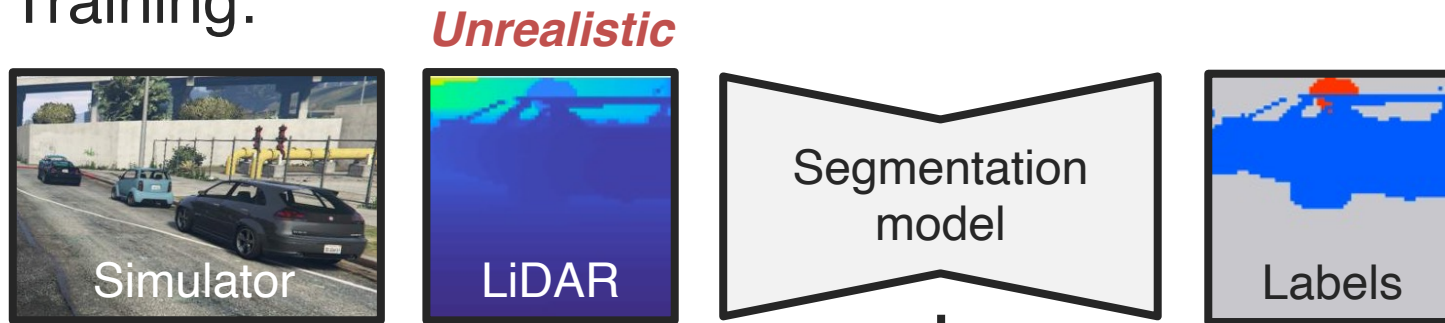


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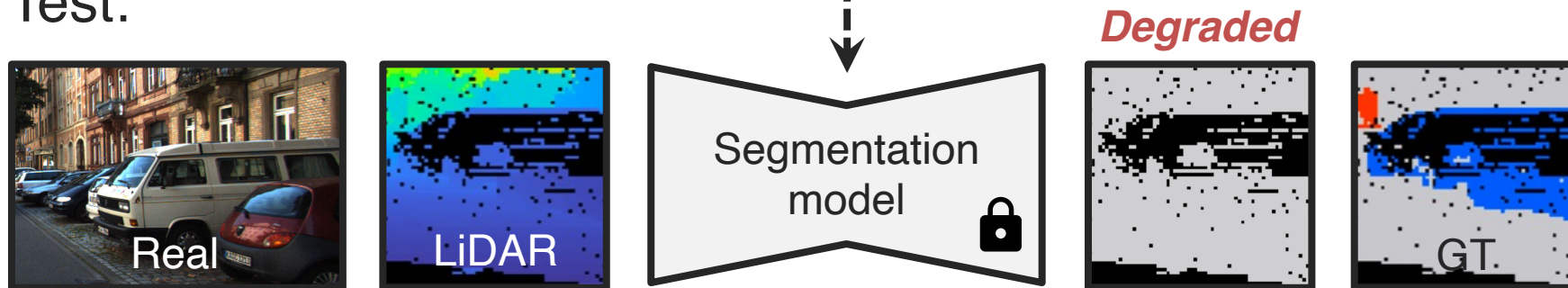


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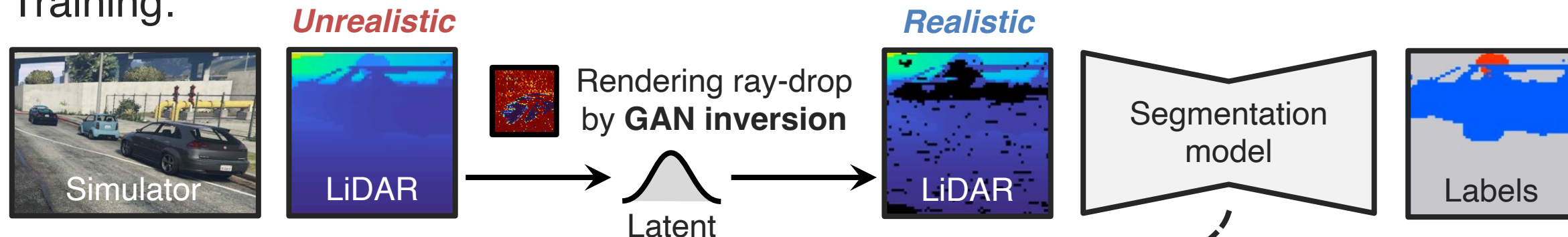


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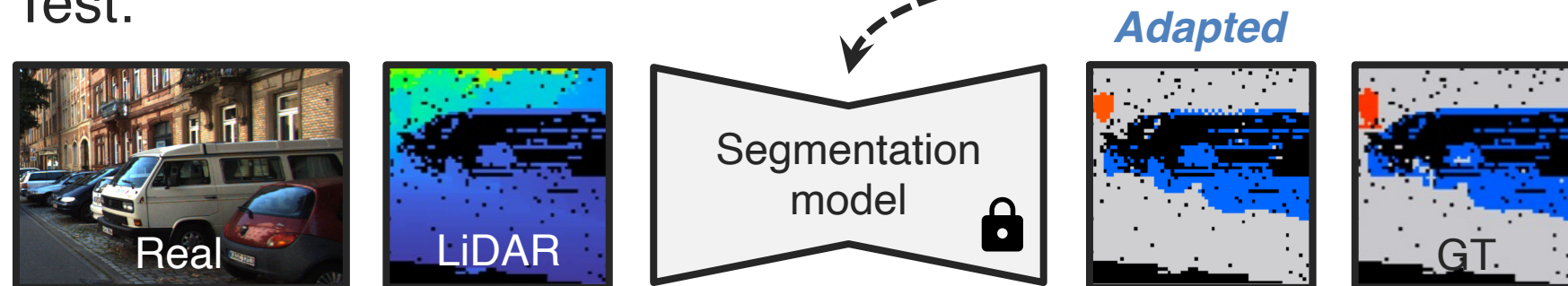


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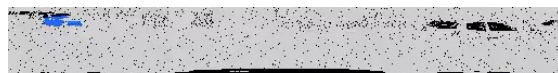


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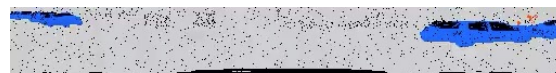
Input



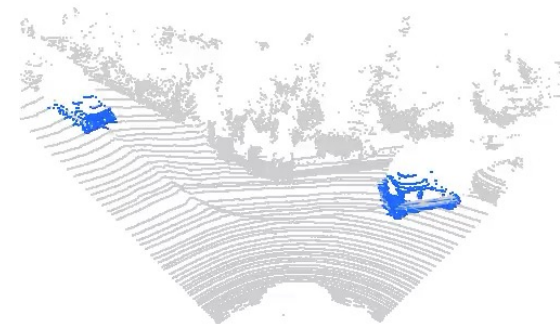
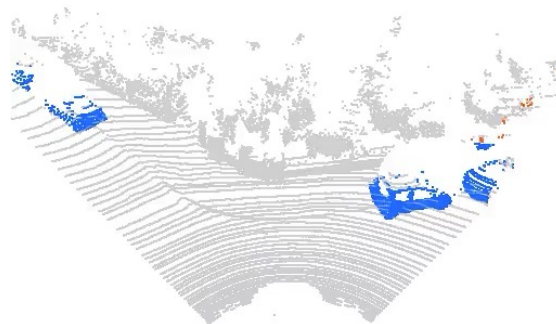
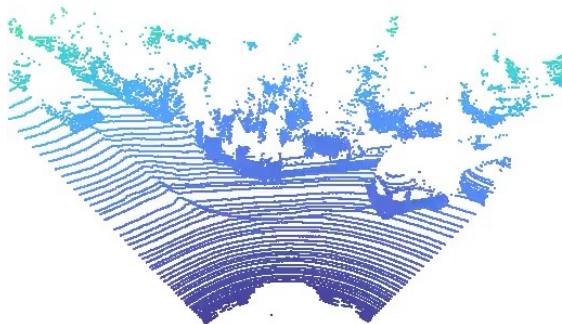
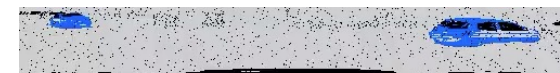
Baseline



Ours



GT



1.7% mIoU

46.3% mIoU

w/ our ray-drop rendering



# Sim2Real Semantic Segmentation

**GTA-LiDAR** (simulation)  $\rightarrow$  **KITTI** (real) [Wu+, ICRA'19]

Method	DA <sup>†</sup>		Input modality <sup>‡</sup>				■ Car			■ Pedestrian			mIoU
	D	F	C	R	I	M	Precision	Recall	IoU	Precision	Recall	IoU	
SqueezeSegV2 [47] <sup>§</sup>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	–	–	57.4	–	–	23.5	40.5
DAN [25]		✓	✓				56.3	76.4	47.8	20.8	<b>68.9</b>	19.0	33.4
CORAL [41]		✓	✓				56.5	82.1	50.2	26.0	50.3	20.7	35.5
HoMM [9]		✓	✓				59.4	85.2	53.9	26.2	66.8	23.2	38.6
ADDA [45]		✓	✓				56.7	83.5	50.7	24.7	58.5	21.0	35.9
CyCADA [15]	✓	✓	✓				40.9	72.1	35.3	17.8	52.4	15.3	25.3
ePointDA [52] <sup>§</sup>	✓	✓	✓				73.4	81.9	63.4	<b>29.4</b>	56.0	23.9	43.7
ePointDA [52]	✓	✓	✓				<b>75.2</b>	84.7	66.2	28.7	65.2	24.8	45.5
<b>Ours (config-E)<sup>§</sup></b>	✓		✓	✓			74.8	<b>87.0</b>	<b>67.3</b>	28.8	67.1	<b>25.2</b>	<b>46.3</b>



# Thank you!

**Code and models are available at**  
<https://kazuto1011.github.io/dusty-gan-v2>

