

# Efficient daylight modeling for existing buildings

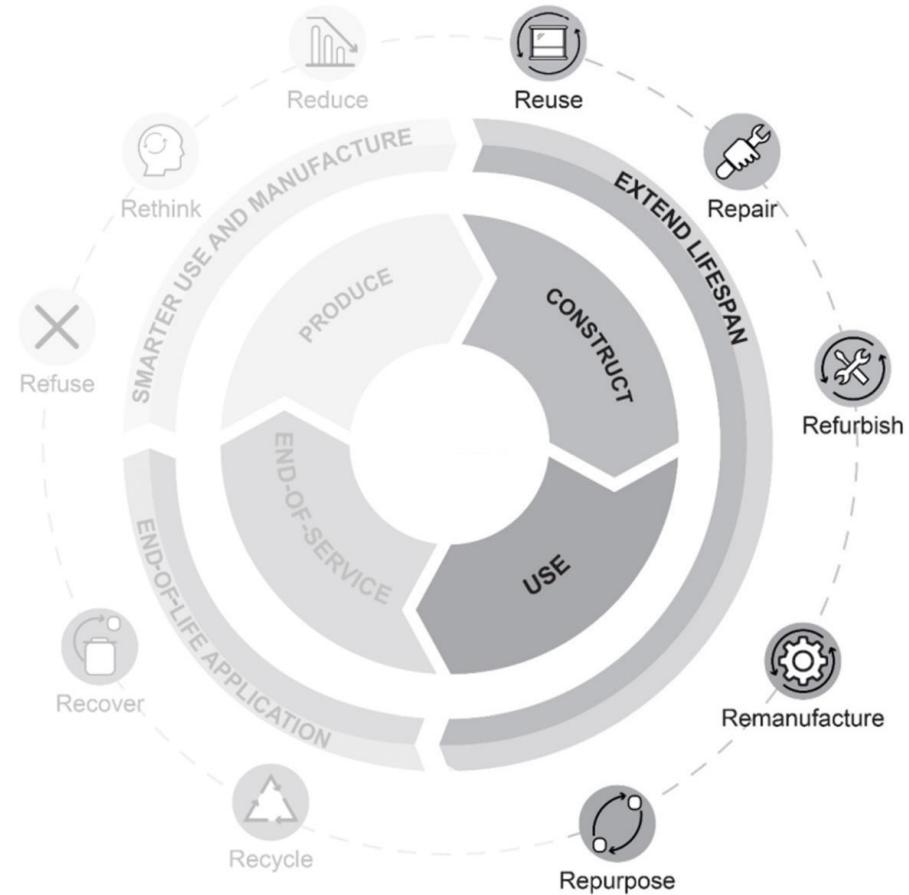
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# overview

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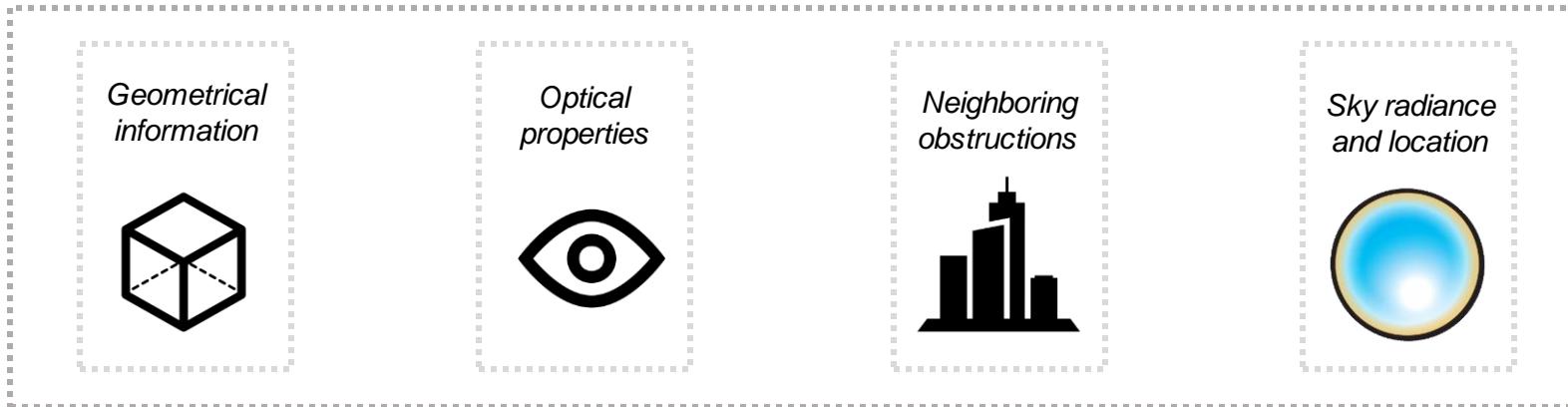
## Introduction

- Circular built environment
- Higher building performance, lower environmental cost



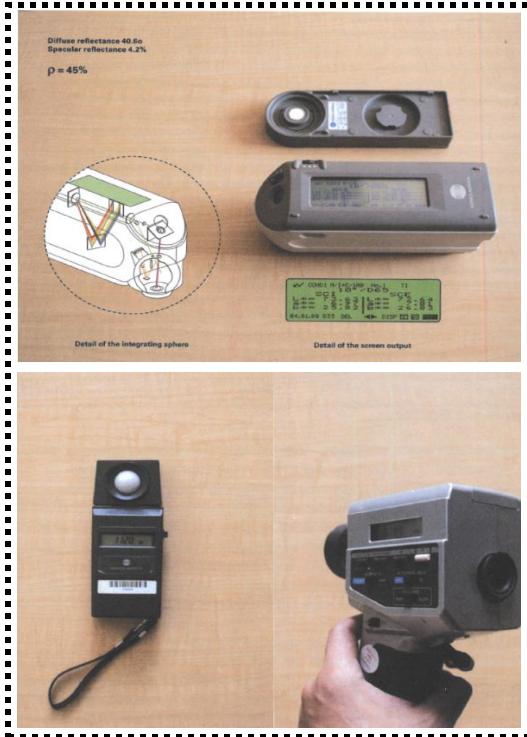
## Introduction

- Physically-based calculation

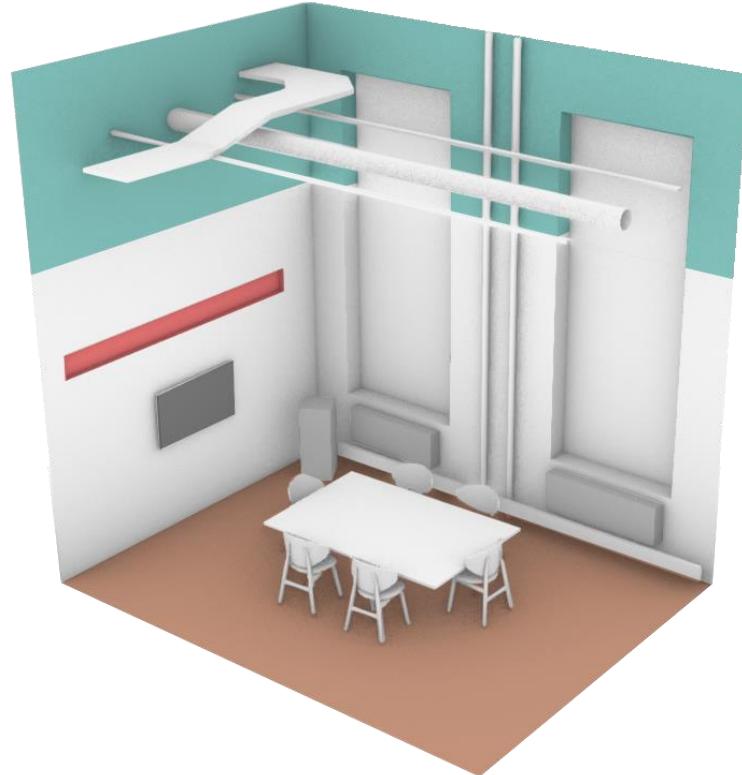


## Introduction

### Material characterization



Measurement devices for material characterization [1]



### Geometry measurements



+  
CAD

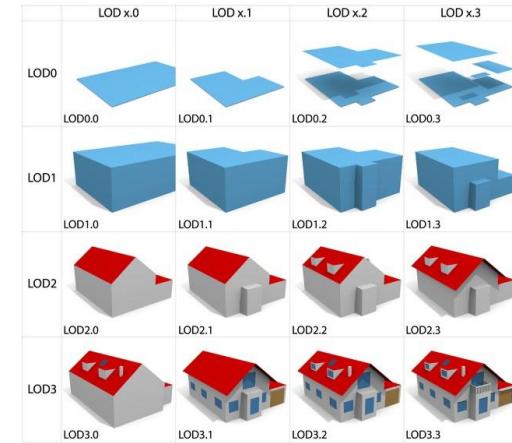
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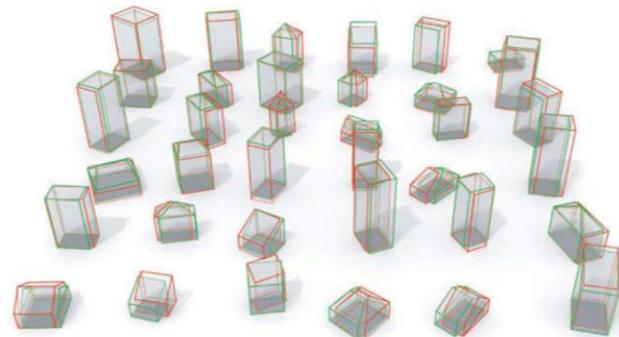
- Level of detail

### How important is the accuracy?

- What is the acceptable level of detail and accuracy for a geometrical and material definition for daylight simulation?
- Are existing geometrical LODs useful enough for daylight applications? Is it possible to develop them?



- Geometrical accuracy



- Optical properties

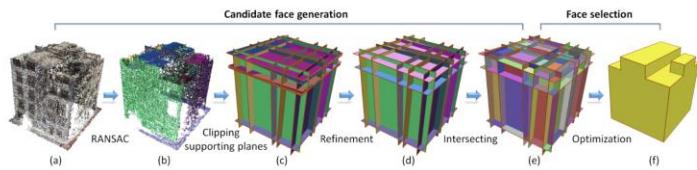
- Reflectance RGB
- Specularity
- Roughness

## Geometrical reconstruction

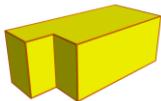
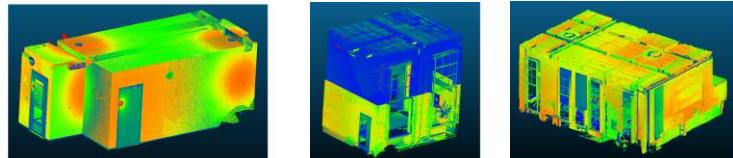
### Watertight (permanent structures)



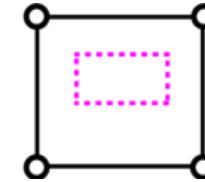
#### 1. Polyfit



#### Test results:

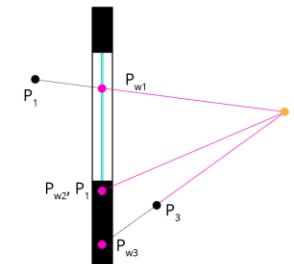


### Window boundaries

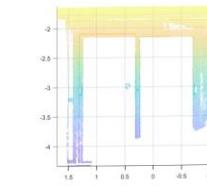


1. Window boundaries from relative position of permanent structures and points
2. Wall plane detection > hole detection

### Major furniture pieces



Wall plane



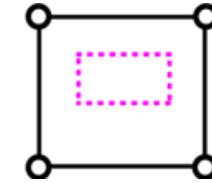
Hole detection for window boundary reconstruction [7]

## Geometrical reconstruction

**Watertight**  
*(permanent structures)*



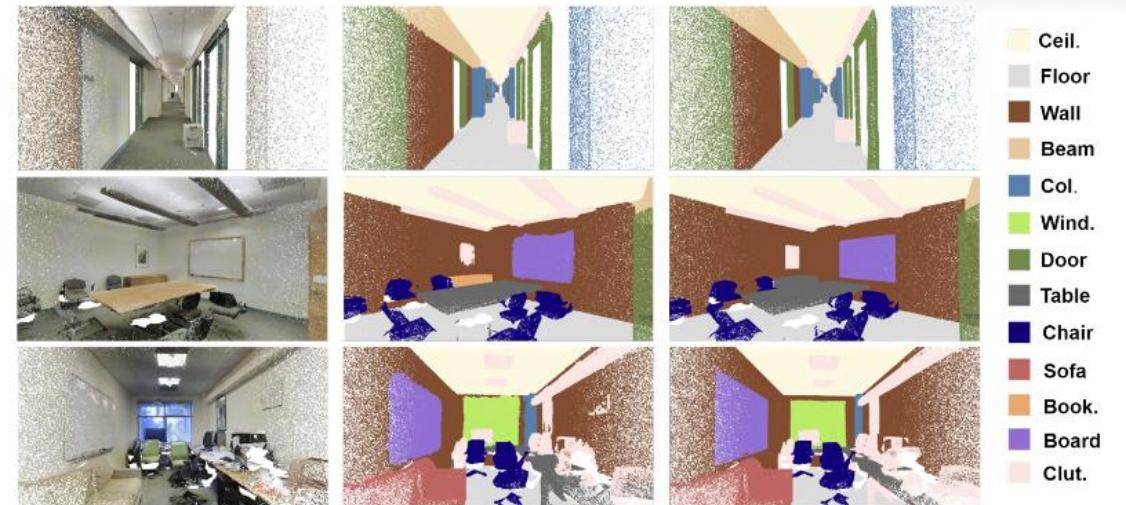
**Window boundaries**



**Major furniture pieces**



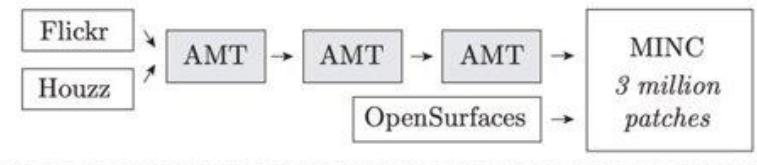
Learning-based semantic segmentation  
> mesh and surface reconstruction



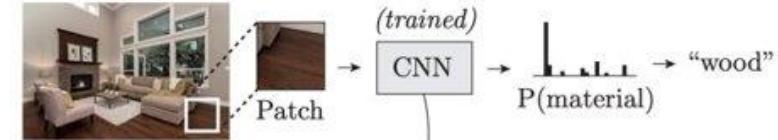
## Material characterization for daylight/ Opaque

- Material patch labeling (+ image segmentation)

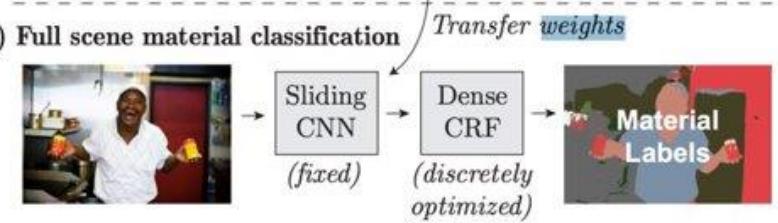
### (a) Constructing MINC



### (b) Patch material classification

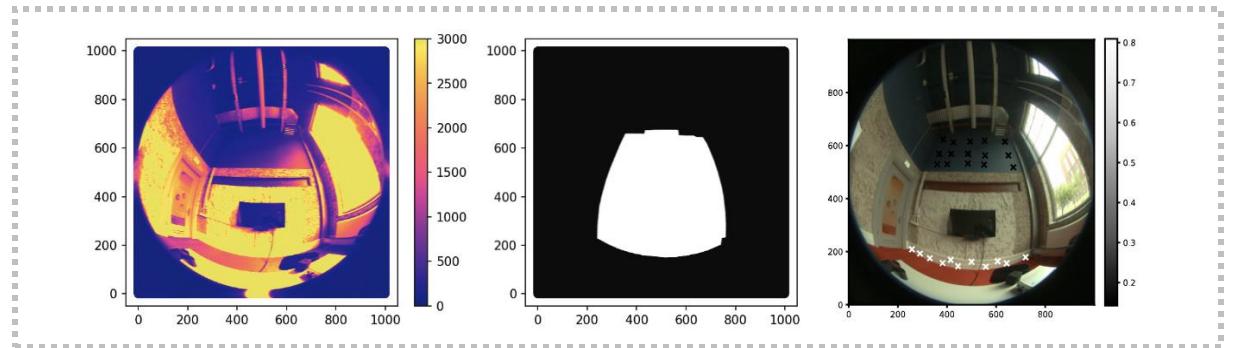


### (c) Full scene material classification



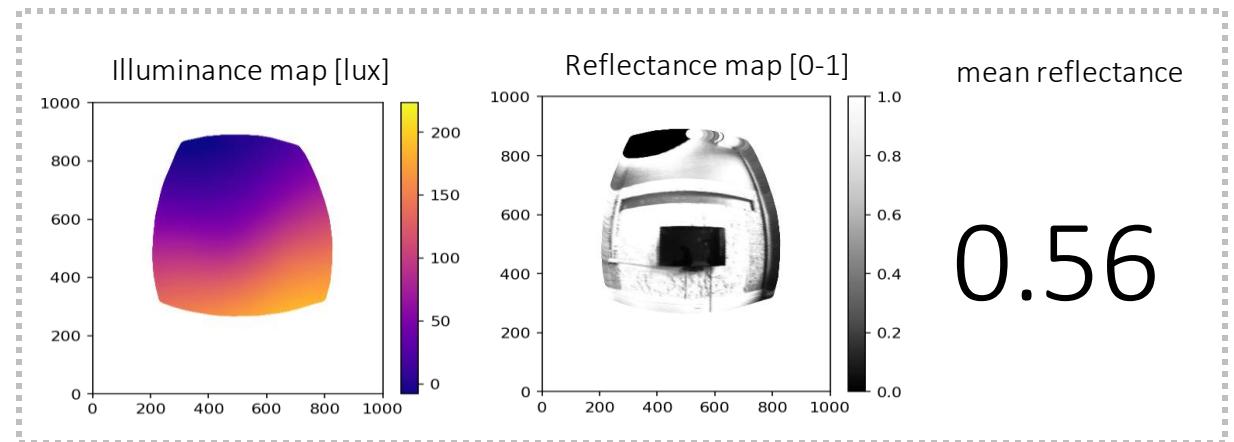
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- HDRI and illuminance proxy



*Input*

$$\rho = \frac{(L * \pi)}{E} + \text{Surface interpolation}$$



*output*

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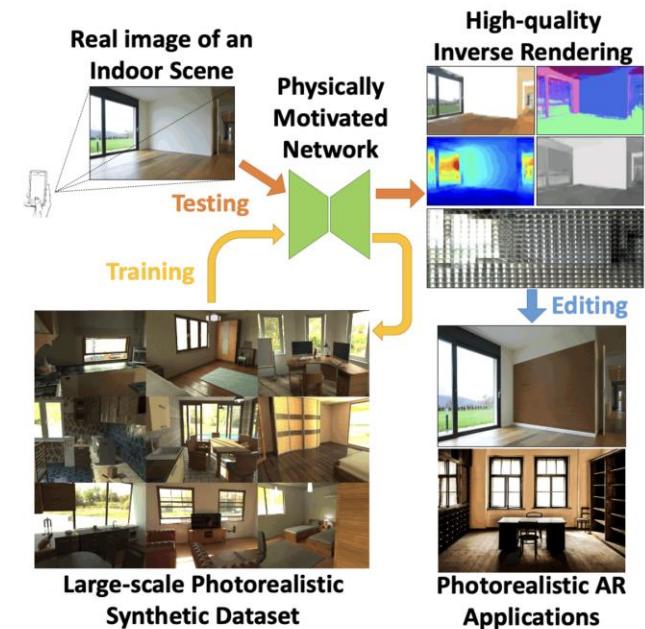
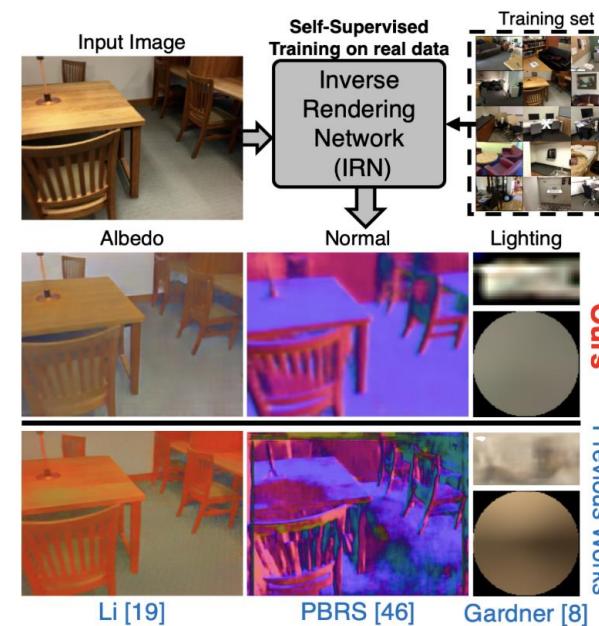
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## Material characterization for daylight/ Opaque

- Material patch labeling (+ image segmentation)
- HDRI and illuminance proxy
- Inverse rendering and Intrinsic image decomposition

• **Inverse rendering:** estimating render equation such as geometry, lights, materials, or the camera model.

• **Intrinsic decomposition:** albedo and shading.

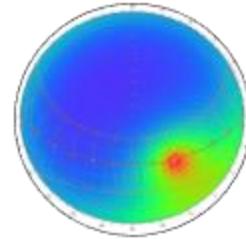


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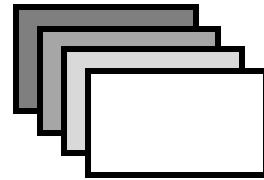
## Material characterization for daylight/ Transparent

### Transparent surfaces

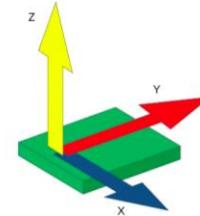
- HDR photography from the windows at two states.
- HDR photography with known external camera parameters, simulated sky.



Simulated sky



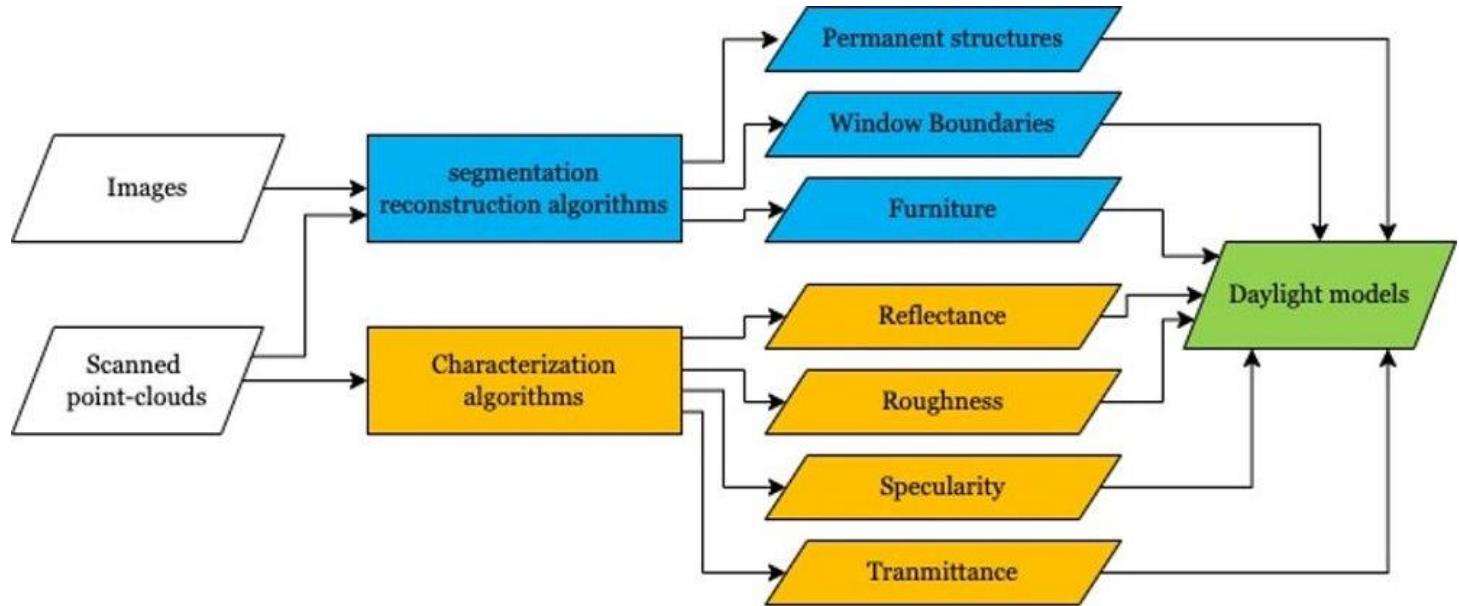
HDRI



Camera direction

## Conclusion and future work

- Less manual steps
- Affordable daylight modeling
- Faster IEQ improvement



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Questions and comments are welcome!**

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