Multi-sensor large-scale dataset for multi-view 3D reconstruction
Supplementary material

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In Table 1 we show an extended comparison of our dataset to a number of relevant datasets. In Appendices A and B we discuss the choice of lighting variations in our dataset, and the choice of sensors. In Appendices C and D we provide details of data acquisition and camera calibration processes. In Appendices E and F we provide details of testing and evaluation of 3D reconstruction methods on our dataset. In Appendix G we show complete evaluation results. Finally, in Appendix H we describe and discuss the variability of key surface reflection parameters in our dataset.

A. Lighting variability

In Figure 1 we illustrate all 14 lighting setups in our dataset. Ambient Low and Flash Low correspond to real-time / high-noise camera settings for the ambient diffuse lighting and the phone flashlight. We aimed to provide a broad range of realistic lighting conditions: directional light sources and flashlights of the phones provide eight samples of “hard” light, typical, for example, for streetlight; soft-boxes provide three samples of diffuse light, typical for indoor illumination; LED strips imitate ambient light, typical for cloudy weather.

B. Sensors

We aimed to include commodity RGB-D sensors with different properties. Smartphones are ubiquitous, and are increasingly commonly augmented with a depth sensor, while Kinect and RealSense devices represent dedicated RGB-D cameras. We included smartphones that capture depth with a time-of-flight sensor, Kinect v2 also uses a time-of-flight sensor but with a higher resolution and accuracy, and the RealSense device uses stereo-matching of infra-red images (a different technology). These devices capture depth maps with different resolution, level of noise, and different artefacts, as briefly illustrated in Figure 4. The structured-light scanner provides the reference 3D data for these devices.

These devices include commodity RGB sensors with different resolutions; we supplemented them with industrial RGB cameras with high-quality optics and low-noise sensors. The pair of industrial RGB cameras can serve as yet another source of depth maps based on stereo-matching of RGB images, in contrast to IR images in RealSense.

The data captured in the same environment with different sensors can be used to test generalization ability of computer vision methods, or to train a generator of synthetic data to reproduce a specific sensor, etc.

C. Data acquisition details

Lens settings. We set the focal distance for the industrial RGB cameras and for the cameras of the phones to the expected average distance from the cameras to the surface of the scanned object, namely 62.5 cm. To extend the depth of field for the industrial cameras to the whole scanning area, we set the aperture to the minimal value that does not cause any visual blur due to diffraction. We kept the lens parameters for Kinect and RealSense at their factory settings.

White balance. We set the white balance for all RGB sensors fixed at the start of each scanning session (i.e., daily), using a black-and-white calibration pattern. Most of our light sources have the same light temperature so that their light appears white under this setting, except for the ambient illumination which has a somewhat higher green component, and for the flashlight of the phones which has a yellow tint. We did not fix the white balance setting for Kinect, for which this control is not available.

Exposure and gain. For Kinect, it is not possible to control camera exposure and gain directly. Instead, the built-in auto-exposure function is permanently turned on, which sets the exposure and gain so that the mean pixel value over the whole image is 50% gray. Since in our setup a large portion of the image is the black background, the built-in algorithm produces over-exposed images. To minimize this effect, we added a dimming light filter mounted on a servomotor to the
rig, which is placed in front of the RGB camera of Kinect automatically when the bright light sources are activated, and removed for the dim ones.

D. Camera calibration details

The original implementation of the calibration pipeline of [18] supports calibration of rigid camera rigs, however, a straightforward application of this pipeline for our camera rig in its entirety proved to be numerically unstable due to the properties of the setup. Firstly, the included sensors have a large variation in the field of view (from 30° for the SLS camera to 90° for the IR sensors of RealSense) and resolution (from 0.04 MPix for the IR sensors of the phones to 40 MPix for their RGB sensors). Secondly, the focus of the cameras of the phones, being fixed programmatically, fluctuates slightly over time, which we relate to thermal deformations of the device (see [4] for a study of such an effect). Finally, the camera rig deforms slightly depending on its tilt in different scanning positions. To avoid the loss of accuracy we split the calibration procedure into several steps.

First, we obtained intrinsic camera models for each sensor independently. Then, for the sensors with a relatively high resolution and stable focus, namely the SLS and all RGB sensors except the sensors of the phones, we estimated their relative position within the rig for its vertical orientation. Next, we estimated the relative position of RGB sensors of the phones within the rig, w.r.t. the other sensors. After that, we estimated the position of each IR (depth) sensor w.r.t. the RGB sensor of the respective device, assuming that the sensors are fixed rigidly to the frame of the device. Finally, we estimated the position of each RGB sensor individually for different scanning positions of the robotic arm, and then linked the positions of all sensors together through a scanning position with the vertical orientation of the rig.

This whole procedure required capturing thousands of images of the calibration pattern, which we almost fully automated with the use of the robotic arm, except for several manual reorientations of the pattern.

In Figure 2 we show distributions of calibration error for each sensor at different stages of the calibration procedure. Note that the resolution of the RGB sensors of the phones is relatively high compared to the other RGB sensors so a higher value of the calibration error measured in pixels is expected.

At the bottom of Figure 2 we show calibration errors for the straightforward application of the calibration pipeline to our camera rig. Here, we estimated the relative positions for a subset of sensors within the rig simultaneously. The mean error of the straightforward approach is 1.8-5.7 times higher depending on the sensor compared to ours.

E. Parameters of tested methods

We tested all methods using ground-truth camera poses and intrinsic camera models, after the refinements of camera poses and depth camera calibration. We used RGB images from the right industrial camera and the depth maps from Kinect at full resolution after removing distortion (which resulted in a small amount of cropping at the boundaries), specifically, $2368 \times 1952$ for RGB and $496 \times 400$ for depth.

For each method, we tried to pick the values of the method parameters which resulted in the best reconstructions on our dataset, based on 5-10 typical scenes. We describe the parameters using the original notations from the respective works.

We tested COLMAP [14–16] with parameters set to their “performance” values recommended in the software documentation. Specifically, for feature extraction, we enabled estimation of affine shape of SIFT features, and enabled the more discriminative DSP-SIFT features instead of plain SIFT; for feature matching, we disabled estimation of multiple geometric models per image pair; for patch-match stereo, we enabled the regularized geometric consistency term; finally, for stereo fusion we set the minimum number of fused pixels to produce a point to 3, the maximum relative difference between measured and projected pixels to 1, and the maximum depth error to 1 mm.
we cropped the input images for this method to the bounding box of the object expanded by \( \sim 10 \) pixels.

To test **TSDF Fusion** \([3, 5]\) we used an implementation of this algorithm from Open3D library \([34]\), with a voxel size of 3 mm, and a TSDF truncation distance of 2 cm. We additionally tested an implementation of this algorithm from \([8, 9]\) and obtained very similar results; we do not report them.

We tested **SurfelMeshing** \([17, 19]\) with the number of inliers for depth filtering set to 1, the depth map erosion radius set to 0.1, and with 1 iteration of median filtering.

To test **RoutedFusion** \([24, 25]\) we trained it from scratch on ModelNet dataset \([26]\). We used the original training parameters for ShapeNet dataset \([2]\), with an increased level of synthetic noise \( \sigma = 0.01 \), as suggested by the authors. We tested RoutedFusion with a grid resolution of 384\(^3\), which corresponds to a voxel size of 2.6 mm.

We tested **Neural RGB-D Reconstruction** \([1, 13]\) with the original hyperparameters, optimizing the network until convergence for 200K iterations, and sampling the coarse points on the ray for every 2 mm.

**F. Evaluation details**

We evaluated 3D reconstruction methods using precision \( P(\tau) \) defined as the percentage of reconstruction points which are closer to the reference surface than a distance threshold \( \tau \); recall \( R(\tau) \) defined as the percentage of reference points which are closer to the reconstruction than the distance threshold; and F-score \( F(\tau) \) defined as the
harmonic mean of precision and recall. Additionally, we calculated the mean distance from the reconstruction to the reference, and the mean distance from reference to reconstruction, which we report in Appendix G.

To calculate the measures based on the distance from the reference to the reconstruction, we used vertices of the full SL scan; their average distance from the nearest neighbor is around 0.15 mm. To evaluate the methods which reconstruct the surface in the form of a triangular mesh, we sampled points from the mesh uniformly at a sampling distance of 0.1 mm.

The reference SL scans are incomplete, so the distance from some reconstruction points to the SL scan does not represent the distance to the real surface of the object, specifically, if the point lies near the missing part of the surface. To calculate the measures using only the points for which the distance to the real surface is reliable we used the approach of [20], and extended it using our new occluding surface.

First, we only kept the points which lie in the free space between the SL scanner and the object or near the surface of the object: we checked if the depth of the point w.r.t. SL scanner for any of its scanning positions is less than the depth given by the SL scan, plus a small tolerance \( t_{\text{subsurf}} = 3 \text{ mm} \) to keep the points just below the surface for evaluation.

Next, to evaluate the precision metric, we checked if a point is closer to the real surface of the object than a distance threshold. For every reconstructed point, we calculated the distance to the SL scan and the distance to the occluding surface. If the distance to the SL scan was below the threshold, we considered the point to be closer to the real surface than the threshold. If the distance to the occluding surface was above the threshold, we considered the point to be farther from the real surface than the threshold. In any other case (in which the point can only be closer to the occluding surface and farther from the SL scan than the threshold, since the occluding surface encloses the SL scan by definition), we considered the distance from the point to the real surface to be unknown and excluded the point from the calculation of the measure.

To visualize the distance from the reconstruction to the reference and to calculate the mean distance we used a similar strategy and considered the distance to the real surface to be unknown whenever the point was closer to the occluding surface than to the SL scan. To account for the approximate nature of our occluding surface and to prevent computational instabilities at points where it must coincide with the SL scan exactly in case of exact calculations, we replaced the distance to the occluding surface in all calculations by its value increased by \( \varepsilon_{\text{occ}} = 0.1 \text{ mm} \).

G. Complete evaluation results

In Figures 5 to 111\(^1\) we show qualitative evaluation of 3D reconstruction methods. For Neural RGB-D surface reconstruction we show the results only for four scenes: two relatively easy ones, based on performance of all the methods, dragon and small_wooden_chessboard, and two relatively hard ones green_flower_pot and white_box.

In each figure in the first column titled Reconstruction, we show the reconstruction produced by each method, and at the bottom of this column we show the reference surface from the SL scanner. In the column Accuracy on reconstruction, we show the reconstructed surface with color-coded distance to the reference surface; at the bottom of this column we show a photo of the scene. In the column Accuracy on reference, we show the reference surface, with the color showing the distance from the reconstruction to the reference. For each vertex of the reference surface, the distance is averaged over the reconstructed points for which this vertex is the closest one. Thanks to this projection of the distance values from the reconstructed points to the reference surface, these images show the accuracy of all points not just the ones closest to the camera. In the column Completeness on reference, we show the reference surface with color-coded distance to the reconstructed surface.

We use two colormaps for two different scales of error. In the last three columns, the points with no definite value of the distance are grey.

Since the methods TSDF Fusion, RoutedFusion, Surfelmeshing, and Neural RGB-D surface reconstruction produce the surface with a significant error, and in particular deep below the reference surface, we increased the value of sub-surface tolerance \( t_{\text{subsurf}} \) for these methods from 3 mm to 20 mm.

In Figures 112 to 218\(^1\) we show the recall, precision, and F-score curves for reconstructed surfaces produced by the methods for each scene. Each curve represents the measure in percent for different values of the distance threshold \( \tau \) in millimeters. Additionally, we mark the mean distance from the reference to the reconstruction for each method with a vertical dashed line on the recall plot, and the mean distance from the reconstruction to the reference with a vertical dashed line on the precision plot. Note that for some methods these lines may be out of the plot range.

Finally, in Figures 3 and 4 we show the values of the recall and precision metrics calculated with the distance threshold \( \tau = 0.5 \text{ mm} \) for the reconstructions produced by the RGB-based methods COLMAP, ACMP, VisMVSNet, UniMVSNet, and NeuS. The value of the measure for each method is represented by the right edge of the bar with the respective color. The scenes in each figure are sorted by the best result on the scene.

\(^1\)See at skoltech3d.appliedai.tech/data/skoltech3d_supp_results.pdf
H. Material properties in our dataset

We provide more information on the qualitative descriptors of surface reflection parameters assigned to each object and their relation to performance indicators for various reconstruction methods.

Identification of surface properties. As outlined in the main text, all labels were assigned to objects by visually inspecting photos of each object, to provide a preliminary assessment of the importance of various factors for reconstruction quality. Multiple photos of each object were used, with backlight proving particularly useful to establish the degree of translucency. The labels refer to the dominant material or materials of the objects, which have most influence on integral metrics of reconstruction quality. While this classification is imprecise and not a substitute for photometric measurements, as we use only rough estimation for each property, typically 3 buckets, we expect that visually assigned labels are highly correlated with the actual physical parameters. Where necessary, more than one label was assigned (e.g., for objects consisting of multiple parts with distinct reflectivity properties, with no single dominant material); in this case several labels for some properties are used simultaneously.

Most of our labels are aligned with typical parameters of simple reflectance models: diffuse and specular reflection coefficient, shininess/roughness, measuring the reflection peak width, and translucency.

- **Translucency.** We assess the degree of translucency for the materials of the large parts of the object, from none (the default), through low, medium, high, all the way to completely transparent.

- **Reflection sharpness.** We characterize how sharp the reflectance function peak is, if highlights are present on the object (i.e., it is not purely diffuse), grouping the objects into four categories, from low to very high.

- **Specularity.** We visually estimate the ratio of specular to diffuse reflection for the dominant object materials, resulting in a degree of manifestation of view-dependent highlights, complementing mirror-like tag with a weaker label. We distinguish between no view dependent highlights (diffuse), largely diffuse highlights (low), somewhat diffuse light reflections and wide highlights (medium), and narrow highlights for partially mirror-like surfaces where one can only see sharp reflections of lights (high).

- **Mirror-like.** A binary tag for surfaces for which, in addition to a near-perfect reflection peak, the diffusive component is low relative to specular. This label overlaps very high reflection sharpness labels.

- **Metallic.** A binary tag for surfaces made of metal; compared to dielectric surfaces, these surfaces are always completely non-transparent, and the specular component of reflected light tend to have the same color as diffuse, while for dielectric materials it is closer to the color of the incident light.

- **Geometric features.** We visually assess the dominant qualitative scale of geometric structures of the surface, if any. We seek to distinguish between fine 3D structure with characteristic scale close but above SLS 3D resolution (small), a larger, discernable geometry with feature size equal to a small fraction of the object size (medium). Additionally, among surfaces lacking a dominant feature scale, we identified those with flat areas of sufficiently large size to make an impact on overall reconstruction quality (flat label), in the absence of 3D texture.

- **Texture type.** We differentiate between several types of textured surfaces: most of the surface covered by high-frequency image texture (color), sufficiently small scale (below or close to what the scanner can resolve), high-frequency displacement variation (3D), or other texture-like imperfections such as dirt, speckles, or visible roughness (imperfections).

Correlating properties and reconstruction performance. Most surface reflectance features mentioned above are expected to influence performance of common reconstruction methods.

We use data-driven approach to model the variability in a given measure of reconstruction performance caused by different reflectance properties. Viewing all measures described in Appendix F as target variables, we constructed a numerical feature representation for each scene in our dataset; and used sparse $L_1$ regularised (Lasso) regression [21] to determine how each surface reflectance feature modulates reconstruction performance in each scene. As we wanted to determine which features had statistically the most influence on reconstruction performance, we used the automatic feature selection mechanism built into the Lasso algorithm.

Our target variables were precision $P$ (0.5 mm), recall $R$ (0.5 mm), and F-score $F$ (0.5 mm) for the image-based methods ACMP, COLMAP, VisMVSNet, and UniMVSNet (Appendix E). For constructing the feature representation of each scene, we formed 25 binary features from the 7 properties mentioned above by encoding the presence of each surface property as 1, and its absence as 0. For fitting the model, we used the implementation of Lasso available in scikit-learn [10]; we z-scored all features, and, for each target variable, sought to find an optimal value of the regularisation parameter $\alpha$ (a minimizer of RMSE measure) using leave-one-out cross-validation by varying it over a range $[0.01, 2.0]$, and record the values of the $R^2$ statistic, the regularization weight $\alpha$ as well as the regression weights of the final fit.

Table 2 displays (normalized) values of coefficients weighting the (normalized) value of each feature in each constructed linear model. Most regression problems have demonstrated a consistent value of the regularization weight $\alpha \in [0.18, 0.57]$ with an average of 0.36; the values of coefficient of determination $R^2$ vary from 0.24 to 0.54.
with a mean of 0.43, indicating that a reasonable performance has been achieved.

Factors affecting algorithms performance. Using the process described above, we have identified five labels having the most pronounced negative effect on reconstruction quality for image-based MVS methods, according to a mean F-score across methods: very high, high, or medium reflectivity, high specular, medium-scale geometric features; additionally, a negative effect from high translucency, low specularity is also expected, unlike moderate but notable contribution of non-metallic and diffuse materials. Conversely, having any type of texture (either color, 3d, or texture-like surface imperfections) contributes positively to reconstruction performance as one expect for MVS-type algorithms; the same can be said about non-translucent objects.

We consider this study very preliminary, given the approximate nature of our labels. Its results are encouraging as these show clear correlation between surface reflectance properties and algorithm performance.

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Figure 3. Recall for the RGB-based methods for all scenes with the distance threshold $\tau = 0.5$ mm.
Figure 4. Precision for the RGB-based methods for all scenes with the distance threshold $\tau = 0.5$ mm.
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Table 1. Comparison of our dataset to the most widely used related datasets. U indicates uncontrolled lighting; frames are counted per sensor, i.e., all data from an RGB-D sensor are counted as a single frame. The number of separate images acquired may be considerably larger (1.4 M for our dataset). All scenes, from both training and testing sets, were counted.
| Parameter                | Value          | Recall (0.5 mm) | Precision (0.5 mm) | F-score, thres=0.5mm |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|                          | Value          | ACMP | COL. | Vis. | Uni. | ACMP | COL. | Vis. | Uni. | ACMP | COL. | Vis. | Uni. | Mean |
| Translucency             | none           | 0    | 0    | 0.91 | 1.45 | 0    | 1.3  | 0.48 | 1.57 | 0    | 1.04 | 0    | 1.85 | 0.72 |
| low                      | -0.23          | 0    | 0    | 0.3  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| medium                   | 0.67           | 0    | 0.62 | 0.83 | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0.38 | 0.09 |
| high                     | -1.72          | -1.15| -1.98| -1.81| -1.93| -1.36| 0    | -0.56| -1.88| -1.53| -0.48| -1.19| -1.27|       |
| Reflection sharpness     | no refl.       | 0    | 0    | -0.17| 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| low                      | -0.83          | -0.8 | -0.64| -1.82| -0.56| 0    | 1.13 | 0    | -0.52| -0.57| 0    | -0.62| -0.43|       |
| medium                   | -2.05          | -0.58| -3.87| -3.37| -2.6 | -2.45| -1.57| -3.26| -2.3 | -2.18| -2.14| -3.32| -2.49|       |
| high                     | -1.59          | -0.12| -3.22| -1.46| -2.41| -2.93| -1.03| -3.66| -2.04| -2.34| -1.34| -2.71| -2.11|       |
| very high                | 0.24           | 1.47 | 4.8  | 3.47 | 3.99 | 3.46 | -0.91| -4.21| -3.4 | -3.37| -1.51| -4.11| -3.1 |       |
| Specularity              | diffuse        | -1.81| 0    | 3.66 | -2.15| -1.15| 0    | 0    | -1.21| -0.5 | 0    | -1.32| -0.76|       |
| low                      | -0.75          | 0    | -0.28| 0    | 0    | -0.27| 0    | 0    | 0.76 | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |       |
| medium                   | 0.23           | 1.15 | 0.59 | 0    | 2.08 | 0.27 | 0    | 0    | 1.58 | 0    | 0.3 | 0.32 | 0.55 |       |
| high                     | -1.66          | -0.64| 4.33 | -2.79| -2.02| -1.69| -0.91| -1.08| -1.91| -1.35| -1.56| -2.29| -1.77|       |
| Geometric features       | small          | 0    | 0.06 | 2.49 | 1.05 | 0    | 0    | 0.47 | 0.06 | 0.29 | 1.15 | 0.59 | 0.52 |       |
| medium                   | -1.58          | -1.1 | -0.79| 2.31 | -1.43| -1.25| 0    | -2.08| -1.5 | -1.42| 0    | -2.42| -1.34|       |
| flat                     | 0.23           | 1.15 | 0.59 | 0    | 2.08 | 0.27 | 0    | 0    | 1.58 | 0    | 0.3 | 0.32 | 0.55 |       |
| NA                       | 0             | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |       |
| Mirror-like              | yes            | 0.42 | 0.72 | 0.85 | 0.23 | 0    | 1.13 | 1    | 1.38 | 0    | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.83 | 0.73 |       |
| no                       | 0             | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |       |
| Metallic                 | yes            | -0.62| -0.21| -0.23| -1.3 | -1.25| -0.34| -1.24| -1.16| -1.14| -0.24| -1.21| -1.27| -0.97|       |
| no                       | 0             | 0    | 0.67 | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |       |
| Texture type             | color          | 2.61 | 2.41 | 3.9  | 3.41 | 3.65 | 2.48 | 2.31 | 2.97 | 3.36 | 2.59 | 2.73 | 3.34 | 3.01 |
|                          | imperf.        | 2.06 | 1.96 | 5.1  | 4.14 | 2.61 | 2.01 | 1.24 | 4.07 | 2.59 | 2.43 | 2.32 | 3.92 | 2.81 |
|                          | 3d             | 1.23 | 1.89 | 2.15 | 1.51 | 3.43 | 4.07 | 3.21 | 4.14 | 2.8  | 3.13 | 2.88 | 3.01 | 2.96 |
| Coef. of det.            | R2             | 0.39 | 0.24 | 0.54 | 0.41 | 0.46 | 0.47 | 0.39 | 0.49 | 0.44 | 0.4 | 0.44 | 0.4 | 0.48 |
| Reg. coeff.              | α              | 0.26 | 0.57 | 0.18 | 0.3  | 0.37 | 0.4  | 0.39 | 0.38 | 0.37 | 0.28 | 0.54 | 0.27 |       |

Table 2. Data-driven estimates of surface reflection features in our datasets. Note the negative effect on reconstruction quality (rightmost column, negative numbers highlighted in **red**) of very high, high, or medium reflection sharpness, high specularity, medium-scale geometric features. Conversely, note the positive contribution to reconstruction performance of color textures, 3d textures, or texture-like surface imperfections (rightmost column, large positive values highlighted in **blue**). COL., Vis., and Uni. denote COLMAP, VisMVSNet, and UniMVSNet respectively.