

NeuralDome: A Neural Modeling Pipeline on Multi-View Human-Object Interactions

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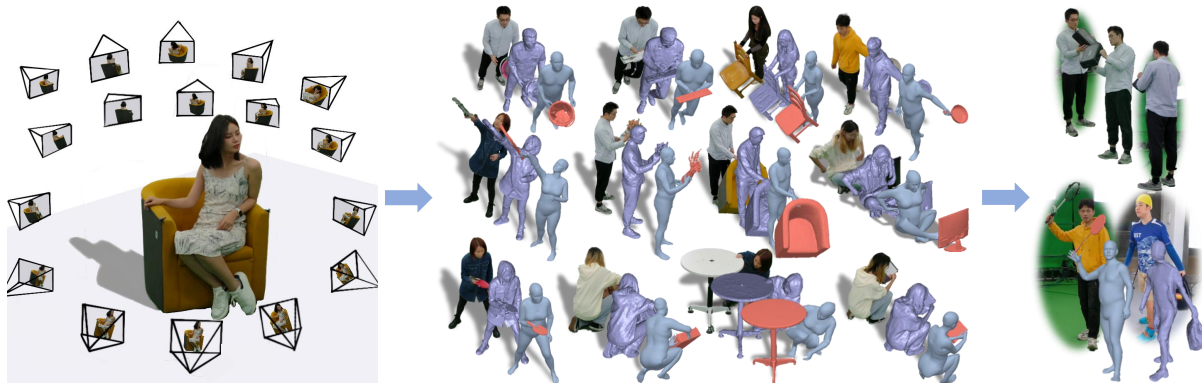


Figure 1. Our NeuralDome pipeline for processing multi-view video sequences on human object interactions. NeuralDome supports tracking, modeling, and rendering of individual human subjects and objects. To validate NeuralDome, we collect a large dataset HODome over a total of 71 million video frames across 76 viewpoints and process the datasets using NeuralDome for a variety of inference and neural modeling and rendering tasks.

Abstract

Humans constantly interact with objects in daily life tasks. Capturing such processes and subsequently conducting visual inferences from a fixed viewpoint suffers from occlusions, shape and texture ambiguities, motions, etc. To mitigate the problem, it is essential to build a training dataset that captures free-viewpoint interactions. We construct a dense multi-view dome to acquire a complex human object interaction dataset, named HODome, that consists of $\sim 71\text{M}$ frames on 10 subjects interacting with 23 objects. To process the HODome dataset, we develop NeuralDome, a layer-wise neural processing pipeline tai-

lored for multi-view video inputs to conduct accurate tracking, geometry reconstruction and free-view rendering, for both human subjects and objects. Extensive experiments on the HODome dataset demonstrate the effectiveness of NeuralDome on a variety of inference, modeling, and rendering tasks. Both the dataset and the NeuralDome tools will be disseminated to the community for further development, which can be found at <https://juzezhang.github.io/NeuralDome>

1. Introduction

A key task of computer vision is to understand how humans interact with the surrounding world, by faithfully capturing and subsequently reproducing the process via mod-

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eling and rendering. Successful solutions benefit broad applications ranging from sports training to vocational education, digital entertainment to tele-medicine.

Early solutions [11, 12, 51] that reconstruct dynamic meshes with per-frame texture maps are time-consuming and vulnerable to occlusions or lack of textures. Recent advances in neural rendering [37, 62, 71] bring huge potential for human-centric modeling. Most notably, the variants of Neural Radiance Field (NeRF) [37] achieve compelling novel view synthesis, which can enable real-time rendering performance [38, 59, 67] even for dynamic scenes [45, 63, 77], and can be extended to the generative setting without per-scene training [23, 69, 80]. However, less attention is paid to the rich and diverse interactions between humans and objects, mainly due to the severe lack of dense-view human-object datasets. Actually, existing datasets of human-object interactions are mostly based on optical markers [61] or sparse RGB/RGBD sensors [6, 26], without sufficient appearance supervision for neural rendering tasks. As a result, the literature on neural human-object rendering [21, 57] is surprisingly sparse, let alone further exploring the real-time or generative directions. Besides, existing neural techniques [52, 77] suffer from tedious training procedures due to the human-object occlusion, and hence infeasible for building a large-scale dataset. In a nutshell, despite the recent tremendous thriving of neural rendering, the lack of both a rich dataset and an efficient reconstruction scheme constitute barriers in human-object modeling.

In this paper, we present *NeuralDome*, a neural pipeline that takes multi-view dome capture as inputs and conducts accurate 3D modeling and photo-realistic rendering of complex human-object interaction. As shown in Fig. 1, *NeuralDome* exploits layer-wise neural modeling to produce rich and multi-modality outputs including the geometry of dynamic human, object shapes and tracked poses, as well as a free-view rendering of the sequence.

Specifically, we first capture a novel human-object dome (HODome) dataset that consists of 274 human-object interacting sequences, covering 23 diverse 3D objects and 10 human subjects (5 males and 5 females) in various apparatuses. We record multi-view video sequences of natural interactions between the human subjects and the objects where each sequence is about 60s in length using a dome with 76 RGB cameras, resulting in 71 million video frames. We also provide an accurate pre-scanned 3D template for each object and utilize sparse optical markers to track individual objects throughout the sequences.

To process the HODome dataset, we adopt an extended Neural Radiance Field (NeRF) pipeline. The brute-force adoption of off-the-shelf neural techniques such as Instant-NSR [79] and Instant-NGP [38], although effective, do not separate objects from human subjects and therefore lack sufficient fidelity to model their interactions. We instead

introduce a layer-wise neural processing pipeline. Specifically, we first perform a joint optimization based on the dense inputs for accurately tracking human motions using the parametric SMPL-X model [43] as well as localizing objects using template meshes. We then propose an efficient layer-wise neural rendering scheme where the humans and objects are formulated as a pose-embedded dynamic NeRF and a static NeRF with tracked 6-DoF rigid poses, respectively. Such a layer-wise representation effectively exploits temporal information and robustly tackles the occluded regions under interactions. We further introduce an object-aware ray sampling strategy to mitigate artifacts during layer-wise training, as well as template-aware geometry regularizers to enforce contact-aware deformations. Through weak segmentation supervision, we obtain the decoupled and occlusion-free appearances for both the humans and the objects at a high fidelity amenable for training the input multi-view inputs for a variety of tasks from monocular motion capture to free-view rendering from sparse multi-view inputs.

To summarize, our main contributions include:

- We introduce *NeuralDome*, a neural pipeline, to accurately track humans and objects, conduct layer-wise geometry reconstruction, and enable novel-view synthesis, from multi-view HOI video inputs.
- We collect a comprehensive dataset that we call *HODome* that will be disseminated to the community, with both raw data and the output modalities including separated geometry and rendering of individual objects and human subjects, their tracking results, free-view rendering results, etc.
- We demonstrate using the dataset to train networks for a variety of visual inference tasks with complex human object interactions.

2. Related Works

2.1. Neural Human Rendering

Various 3D data representations have been explored for neural human rendering, such as point-clouds [4, 41, 72], textured meshes [14, 28, 29, 54], and volumes [31, 32]. Implicit occupancy function-based methods [17, 19, 48, 49] can recover detailed 3D human geometry from sparse 2D images without faithful appearance synthesis. The recent NeRF [37] technique brings huge potential for 3D photo-realistic view synthesis [9, 10, 30, 34, 36, 38, 39, 64, 69, 75] and geometry modeling [7, 33, 68]. Further explorations extend it to dynamic scenes [7, 35, 42, 46, 67, 77], especially for humans. Existing works equip NeRF with pose-embeddings [23, 27, 40, 45, 80], learnable skinning weights [25, 44, 70] and even generalization across individuals [23, 66, 80]. However, these works only focus on

Datasets	#Cam-view	#Frame(M)	Resolution	Fps	Marker	Obj. Num.	Human Annot.	Novel views	Geometry	Human Textured	Neural Representation	Object Appearance
NTU [26]	3	~ 34	1920 × 1080	30	×	NA	✓	NA	×	×	×	×
PiGr [50]	1	0.1	960 × 540	5	×	NA	✓	NA	×	×	×	✓
GRAB [61]	×	NA	NA	NA	✓	51	×	×	×	×	×	×
PROX [16]	1	0.1	1920 × 1080	30	✓	NA	✓	×	×	×	×	✓
BEHAVE [6]	4	0.15	2048 × 1536	30	×	20	×	×	×	×	×	✓
InterCap [18]	6	0.07	1920 × 1080	30	×	10	✓	×	×	×	×	✓
Our	76	71	3840 × 2160	60	✓	23	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Table 1. **Dataset Comparisons.** We compare our proposed HODome dataset with the existing publicly available human-object dataset. HODome has the largest scale of human-object interactions in terms of the number of frames (#Frame), camera view (#Cam-view), and modality. “Obj. Num.” represents the object number. “Human Annot.” represents annotation from professional annotators.

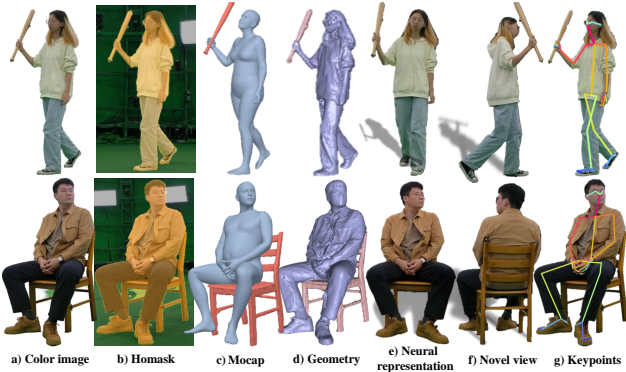


Figure 2. **HODome Modality.** HODome features multiple modalities of data format and annotations, including a) Color image, b) Human-object mask (Homask), c) MoCap (SMPL-X parameters and located object template), d) Geometry, e) digital assets in neural representations, f) Novel view and g) Keypoints (25 for bodies and 42 for hands with human annotation).

a single person. The most relevant works [53, 77] aim to model multi-person interactions, but they cannot handle more complex interactions due to the lack of large-scale human-object interactions dataset.

2.2. Human-object Modeling

Only a few works [6, 16, 18, 61, 73, 78] consider to jointly model whole-body interactions. Early solutions [11, 12, 51] that reconstruct meshes with per-frame texture maps, which are vulnerable to occlusions and lack of textures. Recently, several works [6, 16, 18, 61] explore the relationship via several interaction constraints, such as contact map [6, 18, 61], spatial arrangement [78] and physically plausible constraint [74]. However, these methods only produce a relative arrangement. The most relevant works [21, 56, 58] aim to render human-object interactions with volumetric fusion [56], neural texturing blending [58] and volumetric rendering [21]. However, without sufficient appearance supervision, their quality is limited. Comparably, our layer-wise neural representations can be converted to high-quality geometry and support separate free-view rendering for human or object.

2.3. Human-centric Dataset

A variety of human-centric datasets have been developed for human-only capturing or rendering tasks. Early datasets combine multi-camera RGB video capture with synchronized ground-truth 3D skeletons [20, 22, 55], parametric model [24, 65], scanned mesh [15, 76], without human-object interaction. Recent datasets capture human-object interactions using optical markers [61] or sparse RGB sensors [6, 26], without sufficient appearance supervision. As a result, the literature on neural human-object rendering [21, 57] is surprisingly rare. High-end works [11, 13] use dense cameras for reconstruction and rendering of humans and objects through mesh reconstruction and motion tracking, but without texture and neural representations. To fill this gap, we propose NeuralDome for capturing and rendering human-object interactions, facilitating various generative human-object tasks.

3. HODome Dataset

We present the HODome dataset for capturing and rendering photo-realistic human-object interactions. It consists of 274 human-object interacting sequences, covering 23 diverse 3D objects and 10 subjects (5 males and 5 females) under various apparels. For each sequence, we record the naturally interacting scene for about 60s using 76 RGB cameras for dense-view at 3840×2160 resolution and 60 frame-per-seconds (Fps), resulting in roughly 71 million frames. HODome consists of rich labels covering different aspects of HOI capturing and rendering labels (see Fig. 2). See Tab. 1 for comparison with other datasets.

3.1. Data Capturing System

To construct the HODome dataset, we use 76 Z-CAM cinema cameras with sufficient appearance supervision for neural rendering tasks and 16 Optitrack MoCap cameras [1] for accurate human-object tracking tasks. The Z-CAM system and Optitrack system are synchronized to record the RGB and MoCap data together. We use a publicly available tool [2] to estimate the intrinsic camera parameters and extrinsic camera parameters.

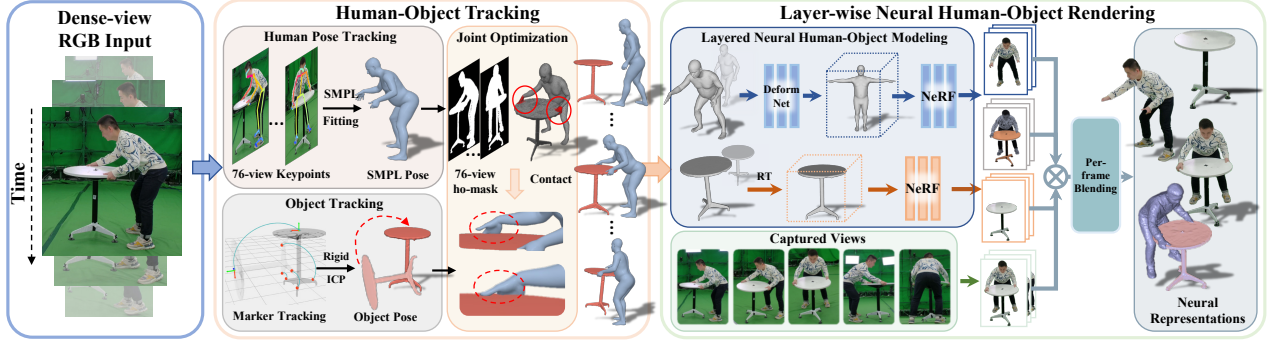


Figure 3. **Overview of NeuralDome.** Given the 76-view RGB stream as input, we first jointly track human skeletal motion and object rigid motion. Then with the tracked motion priors, we decouple the human-object interaction scenes via a layer-wise neural rendering scheme, to generate human/object renderings separately and corresponding acceptable segmentation maps. Blending with the high-fidelity captured views, we obtain the layer-wise neural representations in our HODome dataset.

3.2. Dataset Modality

Human MoCap and Object 6D Pose. For appearance realism, we do not place markers on human actors. Thus we detect the human joints from 76 RGB images by running the whole-body Openpose [8] to perform markerless MoCap. And we treat each object as rigid and solve the rigid object pose estimation from markers using the Iterative Closest Point (ICP) algorithm [5, 81]. See Fig. 3 for the pipeline of our method.

Human-Object Neural Representations. Under the dense-view setting, one can apply off-the-shell neural techniques, i.e., Instant-NSR [79] and Instant-NGP [38] to efficiently obtain per-frame geometry and novel-view synthesis of the whole human-object sequence, respectively. However, neither schemes separate object from human subject. We therefore propose a layer-wise neural scheme to separately recover neural representations of human and object, enabling both high-fidelity geometry reconstruction and free-view appearance rendering (Sec. 4.2).

Data Annotation. Our dataset includes 23 objects with varying scales and interaction types. Each object was pre-scanned using off-the-shell multi-view software packages [2]. Further, following the previous methods [6, 61], we annotated its pseudo contact label that computes from a threshold distance. To provide more accurate results for the quantitative benchmark, we annotate a separate *quantitative subset* as our test set with human-annotated segmentation and hand joints by the professional annotator. Our datasets will be available for research purposes.

4. Neural Modeling on HODome

We introduce a neural pipeline to produce the rich digital assets from the dense-view input of each human-object interaction (HOI) sequence in HODome, including accurate tracking, high-quality geometry reconstruction and novel-

view rendering. As illustrated in Fig. 3, given 76-view videos, we first perform a joint optimization scheme to accurately capture both the human skeletal motions and object rigid motion (Sec. 4.1). Then, based on the tracked human-object motions and shape priors, we decouple the humans and objects in HOI scenarios via a layer-wise neural human-object rendering scheme and a corresponding HOI-aware optimization strategy (Sec. 4.2). Such digital assets of humans, objects and the entire HOI scenes can naturally enable further geometry and appearance analysis of HOI scenarios.

4.1. Human-object Tracking

Here we introduce our human-object tracking scheme with the aid of object markers.

Tracking initialization. We initialize the human tracking process by fitting the SMPL-X model to the keypoints of each view. Note that we utilize the off-the-shell toolbox Easymocap [3] to get the initial per-frame parameters, i.e., pose θ_t , shape β_t , facial expression ψ_t , and translation γ_t on each frame t . As for the object, following GRAB [61], we regard each object as rigid and only estimate the rotation $R_t \in SO(3)$ and rigid translation $T_t \in \mathbb{R}^3$ with respect to its pre-scanned template. Specifically, we conduct the rigid-ICP technique [5, 81] to compute the rigid transformation between the per-frame markers, which serves as the initial object pose.

Joint optimization for human-object tracking. With human and object pose initialization, we further perform a joint optimization scheme to ensure correct human-object contact. We impose constraints to ensure plausible interactions as the following form:

$$E(\beta_t, \theta_t, \psi_t, \gamma_t, R_t, T_t) = E_{\text{smpl}} + \lambda_{\text{contact}} E_{\text{contact}} + \lambda_{\text{homask}} E_{\text{homask}} + \lambda_{\text{maker}} E_{\text{maker}}, \quad (1)$$

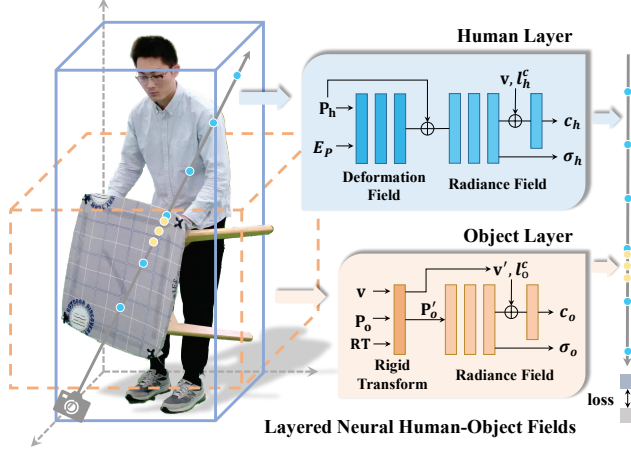


Figure 4. **Layer-wise Neural Human-Object Rendering Details.** We sample a ray uniformly in the bounding box of the performer and near the template for the object. We condition both the human and object layer with appearance codes (l_o^c, l_h^c). The dynamic human layer contains an additional pose embedding (E_p) conditioned deformation field. The sample colors and densities are merged, sorted and accumulated into pixel colors.

where E_{smp1} is the multi-view data fitting term describing the ℓ_2 distance between estimated joints and detected joints, following SMPLify-X [43] and PROX [16]. Besides, we impose contact term E_{contact} , human-object silhouette loss term E_{homask} , and object marker align term E_{maker} to ensure the plausibility of human-object interaction tracking. Due to page limitation, we have to defer more details of these terms in the Appendix.

4.2. Layer-wise Neural Human-Object Rendering

Here we introduce our layer-wise image generation pipeline via neural rendering, without tedious manual efforts for geometry separation.

Layered neural human-object modeling. For ease of instances separation, we represent the human-object interaction (HOI) scenes as a continuous layered neural radiance field, following ST-NeRF [77], as shown in Fig. 4. To leverage the shape prior imposed by the captured parametric SMPL-X model, we adopt a pose embedded dynamic NeRF similar to HumanNeRF [80] as the human layer. We use the skeletal pose to bridge the live frames to canonical space and an additional deformation MLP to learn subtle non-rigid deformation. Rather than using the pixel-aligned image feature, we leverage latent codes for time-varying human appearance capture to get rid of input images. Opposite to the human layer, we model objects as rigid static radiance fields in canonical space. The live frames are transformed to canonical space via object poses to maintain a globally consistent density field. Similarly, we adopt appearance latent codes for the time-varying shadow during interactions.

Dynamic human-object volume rendering. We utilize the layered volume rendering technique described in ST-NeRF [77] to render our neural human-object scenes. For a camera ray intersecting with the i_{th} entity at any timestamp, we compute the ray segment as the depth of intersection points d_f^j and d_n^i . We evenly partition each segment into N bins and sample one point uniformly from each bin:

$$p_j^i \sim \mathcal{U} \left[d_n^i + \frac{j-1}{N} (d_f^i - d_n^i), d_n^i + \frac{j}{N} (d_f^i - d_n^i) \right], j \in [1, 2, \dots, N], \quad (2)$$

where \mathcal{U} means uniform distribution. We impose the shape prior encoded in the tracked object template, on the ray sampling scheme for efficient training. We compute the ray-object intersection and uniformly sample a few points in the narrow segment where the first intersection point lies. For human, we simply sample in the ray-bounding box intersection segment. The samples from different segments are then merged and sorted by depth into M samples in total. We then compute a pixel's color by accumulating the radiance at sampled points:

$$C = \sum_{i=1}^M T(p_i) [(1 - e^{-\sigma_{p_i} \delta_{p_i}}) c_{p_i}], \quad (3)$$

where δ_{p_i} is the distance between adjacent points, c_{p_i} and σ_{p_i} are color and density, and $T(p_i) = \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} e^{-\sigma_{p_j} \delta_{p_j}}$.

HOI-aware training scheme. Here we introduce an effective optimization scheme to train our neural layer-wise HOI model. We first leverage a photometric loss:

$$\mathcal{L}_c = \sum_{\mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{R}} \|C_{\mathbf{r}} - \hat{C}_{\mathbf{r}}\|_2^2, \quad (4)$$

where \mathbf{r} is a ray in the training ray set \mathcal{R} , $C_{\mathbf{r}}$ and $\hat{C}_{\mathbf{r}}$ are the corresponding rendered and observed colors.

Note that in HOI scenarios, the human layer inevitably intersects with other object layers. This fact introduces ambiguities and cannot be addressed by a simple photometric loss. Thus we design three additional regularizers based on the tracked object template to alleviate this issue. To enforce the object layers to be solid surface radiance fields that do not contribute to human appearance, we adopt an occupancy and a sparsity regularizer inside and outside the object template, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{L}_o = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{O}} (\Omega_{\downarrow}(p, \mathcal{M}) \|e^{(-\sigma_p)}\|_2^2 + \Omega_{\uparrow}(p, \mathcal{M}) \|\sigma_p\|_2^2), \quad (5)$$

where \mathcal{M} is the template mesh, \mathcal{O} is a set of points randomly sampled in the object's bounding box, Ω_{\downarrow} and Ω_{\uparrow} indicate whether a point locates outside or inside the mesh.

Recall that we have encoded human-object contact prior by jointly tracking human-object at the skeletal-pose level

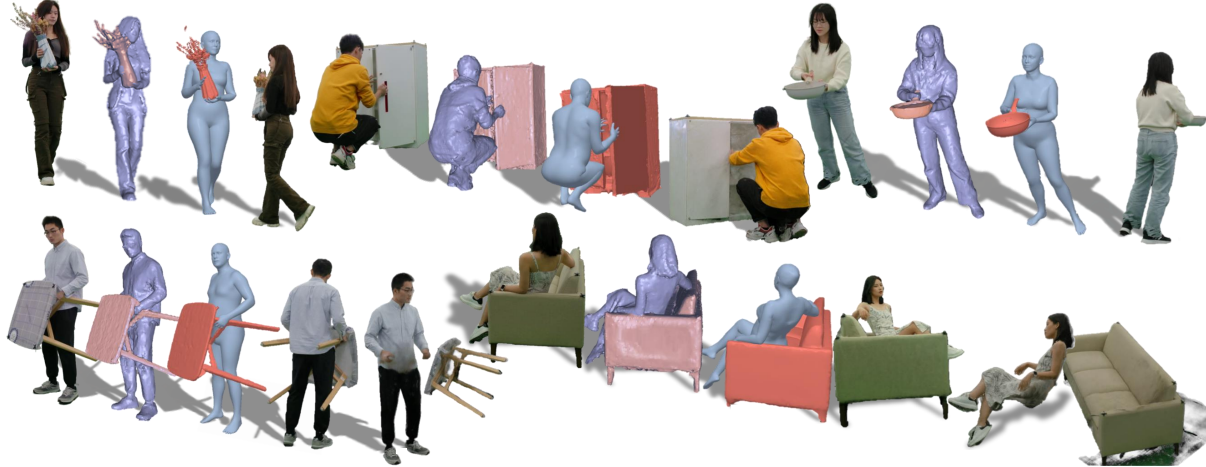


Figure 5. **The geometry, MoCap and neural modeling results from our dataset.** HODome includes various interaction sequences, such as “holding a vase”, “opening the cupboard”, “sitting on the sofa” and “moving the table”.

(Eq. 1). However, due to the misalignment of SMPL shape and actual human geometry, the human body and clothes may still overlap the object space, which goes against real-world physics. Therefore, we implicitly constrain the deformation net to predict contact-aware non-rigid deformation:

$$\mathcal{L}_h = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{H}} \Omega(p, \mathcal{M}) \|\sigma_p\|_2^2, \quad (6)$$

where \mathcal{H} is the set of random samples in the human’s bounding box.

We further explore a weakly-supervising scheme that utilizes object texture cues to help decouple the human and object entities. The key observation is that, with accurate object tracking, the object radiance field fused across frames can be rendered with higher confidence. That is, we train the entire scene first and render the objects only to capture views, and the pixels similar to the captured ones are labeled as object pixels. In this way, we obtain coarse object segmentation maps \mathcal{S} that serve as pseudo supervision: we adopt label-wise integration [53] to render the layer labels \mathbf{s} of rays:

$$\mathbf{s} = \sum_{i=1}^M T(p_i) [(1 - e^{-\sigma_{p_i} \delta_{p_i}}) \mathbf{l}_{p_i}], \quad (7)$$

where \mathbf{l}_{p_i} is one-hot label indicates which layer the point p_i belongs to. We apply a semantic loss for object rays \mathcal{S}_o :

$$\mathcal{L}_s = \sum_{\mathbf{r} \in \mathcal{S}_o} \|\mathbf{s}_{\mathbf{r}} - \hat{\mathbf{s}}_{\mathbf{r}}\|_2^2, \quad (8)$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{s}}_{\mathbf{r}}$ is the pseudo semantic label of ray \mathbf{r} . Note that additional loss can be applied if accurate labels are provided.

Layer-wise neural representation in HODome. To further use the data, we can render reliable segmentation maps and occlusion-free appearances for humans and objects respectively. However, the renderings tend to be blurred since

the information of all the frames is fused. Hence we introduce an enhancement scheme to construct separate high-quality per-frame neural representation for human/object: we blend the visible regions of the high-fidelity observed input views to rendered human/object images using the segmentation maps. The Instant-NGP [38] and Instant-NSR [79] techniques are then applied to reconstruct separate human/object in tens of seconds. Finally, we obtain layer-wise representation which enables real-time photo-realistic rendering and benefits the thorough analysis of HOI scenarios.

Implementations. To build our neural representations, we train our layered models using Adam optimizer with a learning rate that starts from $5e^{-4}$ and decays exponentially. Using the 76-view 4K resolution videos, the training process takes 8-10 hours on a single NVIDIA 3090 GPU for acceptable appearance and segmentation rendering. Thanks to Instant-NGP [38] and Instant-NSR [79], the layer-wise neural modeling process is conducted in seconds per frame.

5. Experiments

In this section, we compare our neural pipeline with existing state-of-the-arts. We first demonstrate the effectiveness and the generalization ability of our neural modeling approach (5.1). Next, we implement NeuralDome on three specific tasks (5.2).

5.1. Analysis of Neural Rendering

Comparisons. Here we compare our layer-wise neural human-object rendering approach, denoted as ‘Ours-layer’, with recent state-of-the-art methods, i.e., ST-NeRF [77], NeuralBody(NB) [45], in human-object interaction scenario. For fair comparisons, we select 20 cameras surrounding the performer for training and others for evaluation. We



Figure 6. **Qualitative comparisons** of novel view synthesis results. We show ground truth and synthesized images of novel view for NeuralBody [45], and ST-NeRF [77] and our layered human-object representation. Our approach achieves the best performance. We further illustrate our high-fidelity neural representations in HODome in the last column.

Methods	NB [45]		ST-NeRF [77]		Ours	
Scenes	PSNR \uparrow	SSIM \uparrow	PSNR \uparrow	SSIM \uparrow	PSNR \uparrow	SSIM \uparrow
Bigsofa	19.33	0.896	24.02	0.886	32.28	0.958
Sofa	26.73	0.965	28.49	0.958	35.62	0.987
Table	21.94	0.933	22.44	0.900	27.88	0.949
Average	22.67	0.931	24.99	0.915	31.93	0.964

Table 2. **Quantitative comparisons** of novel view synthesized appearance on different human-object interaction sequences.

remove the background layer and train ST-NeRF without the semantic label as ours. Fig. 6 shows several appearance synthesis results. NeuralBody has no ability to model objects which leads to artifacts in the density field. ST-NeRF fails as the bounding boxes of the performer and object almost completely overlap. Our method achieves both human and object modeling and rendering and thus further enables generating high-fidelity neural representation denoted as ‘Ours-HODome’. Tab. 2 further illustrates our method significantly outperforms the baselines.

Evaluation. Here we further evaluate how our scheme contributes to the generated layer-wise neural representations. Fig. 7 shows the single human layer where the performer is “sitting” in the air. Note that we have no ground truth of the specific human/object layer, thus we conduct qualitative evaluations only. Let **w/o pseudo segmentation** and **w/o blending** denote our human assets generated without pseudo semantic loss and blending-based enhancement scheme. It demonstrates that the pseudo semantic loss effectively helps decouple the human and object layer and our blending scheme further boosts the appearance fidelity of the blurred temporal-fused model to a photo-realistic level.

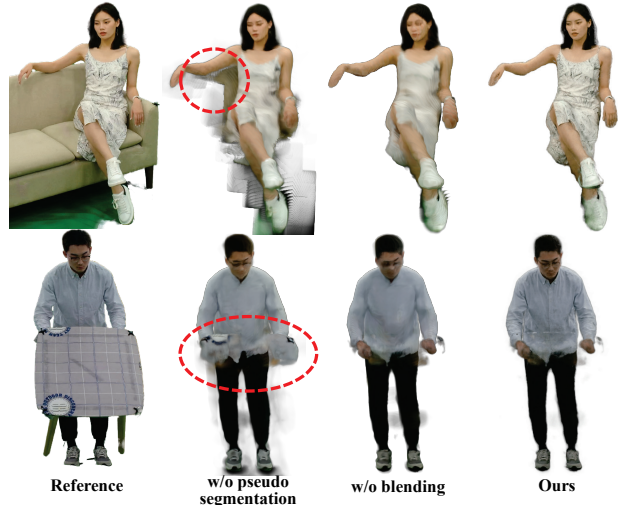


Figure 7. Qualitative evaluation of each strategy’s contribution to layer-wise neural representation generation. The weakly-supervising scheme effectively helps decouple human and object and our blending scheme generates high-quality digital assets.

Method	Separated evaluation				Joint evaluation	
	MPJPE \downarrow	PA-MPJPE \downarrow	Chamfer $_h$ \downarrow	Chamfer $_o$ \downarrow	V2V \downarrow	p.V2V \downarrow
Fit to input	16.11	6.94	86.66	18.14	61.57	28.92
PHOSA [78]	14.88	6.94	77.62	16.64	54.59	26.09
CHORE [73]	10.21	6.14	86.58	7.69	44.93	14.93

Table 3. **Human object capture benchmark.** “Fit to input” represents the vanilla method that fits the object template to image and capture human with Frankmocap [47].

5.2. Task and benchmark

Human-object Capture Benchmark. HODome provides multi-view sequences with synchronized ground truth of capturing. To demonstrate the capability, we provide a benchmark for human-object capture, shown in Tab. 3. For detailed metric explanation please refer to [6, 73, 74]. PHOSA [78] used the contact map from hand-crafted annotations, suffering from coarse contact information. While CHORE [73] outperforms it with the distance fields predicted from neural networks. It shows the importance of a prepared human-object dataset that supports data-driven human-object capture model. Check out the full capturing benchmark of the dataset at <https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.07626>.

Human-object Geometry Reconstruction Benchmark. Benefiting from the dense-view setting, various human-only geometry reconstruction methods can step towards a human-object geometry reconstruction setting. We can benchmark the state-of-the-art algorithms in sparse view geometry reconstruction tasks. Hence, we evaluate PIFu [48] by training on a subset of HODome. As shown in Fig. 8, we compare the quality result between original PIFu and PIFu-trained on HODome and in-the-wild images. Compared to the original PIFu, our training set can improve the quality of

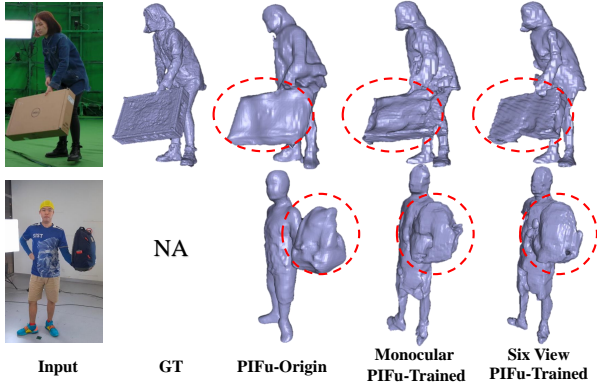


Figure 8. **Qualitative evaluation** on human-object reconstruction. We compare the original PIFu [48] with trained PIFu on both images from our dataset and in-the-wild images. The original PIFu fails to predict the object depth, and PIFu trained on our dataset can approximately predict the shape of the object.

Method	P2S $\times 10^{-4}$ ↓	Chamfer $\times 10^{-4}$ ↓
Origin PIFu [48]	38.726	40.947
Monocular PIFu-trained	14.653	14.483
6-View PIFu-trained	3.376	4.901

Table 4. **Geometry reconstruction benchmark.** Origin PIFu [48] uses the pre-trained model to infer. Monocular PIFu is trained on a single view. 6-View PIFu is trained on 6-view inputs.

Method	PSNR↑	SSIM↑
IBRnet [69]	21.43	0.892
Neuray [30]	23.34	0.909
NeuralHumanFVV [60]	21.69	0.914
NeuralHOIFVV	23.10	0.912

Table 5. **Neural rendering benchmark** in sparse-view setting.

the reconstructed shape of the objects. For further quantitative analysis, we evaluate the performance using **P2S** and **CD** in Tab. 4.

Sparse-View Human-object Rendering Benchmark. Our HODome supports various neural rendering tasks, even for human-object interactions. We provide a benchmark on sparse-view rendering tasks and evaluate on IBRNet [69], NeuRay [30] and NeuralHumanFVV [60]. Besides, we also provide a baseline, named NeuralHOIFVV, which uses the projection of trained PIFu’s [48] results as depth input, then applies the Neural Blending method presented in [79] to obtain novel-view synthesis. More details about NeuralHOIFVV are referred to the Appendix. We analyze the above methods on HODome and in-the-wild images. The qualitative and quantitative results are shown in Fig. 9 and Tab. 5. Our proposed NeuralHOIFVV can obtain generative novel-view synthesis on HODome and in-the-wild inputs.

5.3. Limitations

Although NeuralDome can provide accurate capturing results and layer-wise neural representations, we also want

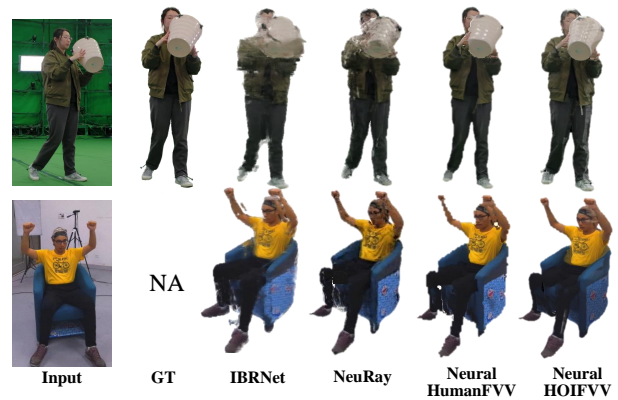


Figure 9. **Qualitative evaluation** on neural human-object rendering. We show the comparison of IBRNet [69], NeuRay [30], NeuralHumanFVV [60] and our proposed NeuralHOIFVV. We render one novel view between two input camera views.

to highlight some potential limitations of this pipeline. First, NeuralDome only considers single-person interaction with objects and the single-person task is already quite challenging for current research. It is non-trivial to extend the current algorithm to multi-person settings, especially in a crowd scene. Secondly, the reconstruction of 3D holistic scene is not covered in our pipeline. We leave the joint modeling of humans, objects and scene in the future work. Moreover, our dataset was collected under fixed illumination conditions with few backgrounds variance, limiting its generalization ability for other environments.

6. Conclusion

We have presented HODome, the first dataset to jointly capture and render human-object interaction using dense RGB cameras and the Optitrack system. To process the HODome dataset, we have further developed NeuralDome, a neural pipeline that can accurately track humans and objects, conduct layer-wise geometry reconstruction, and enable novel-view synthesis for both the subjects and objects. We believe the dataset could boost the development of capturing and rendering human-object interactions and is very valuable to the community for a wide range of human-object capturing and rendering tasks.

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