

Optimizing the Illumination of a Surgical Site in New Autonomous Module-based Surgical Lighting Systems

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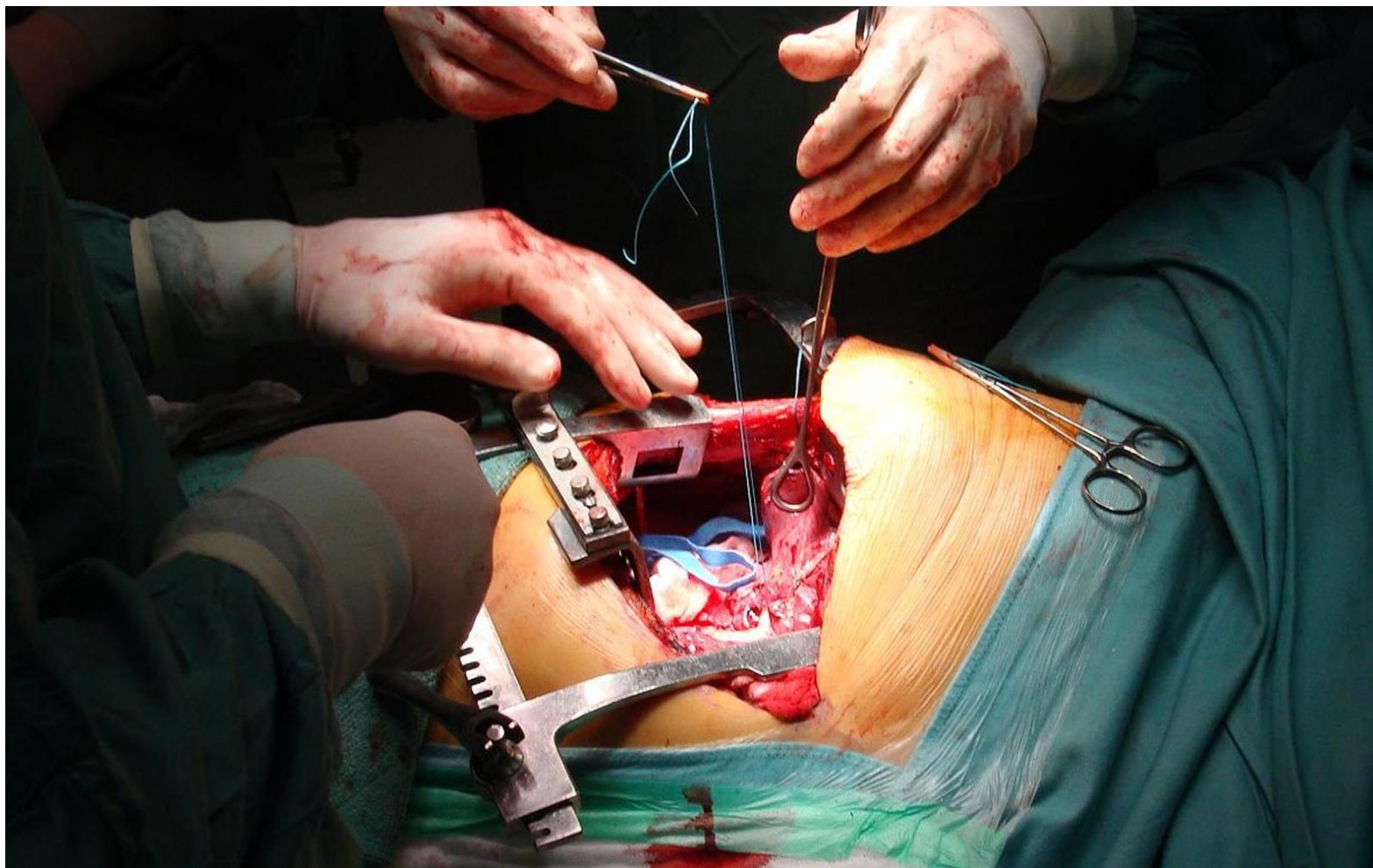
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Motivation



Removal of a lung tumor (Wikimedia.org, Wojciech Filipiak)

Motivation

- Drawbacks of current OR lighting methods:
 - **OR lights** cast shadows and need frequent readjustment
 - **Headlights** are strenuous to wear and require the surgeon to assume a certain head pose.
 - **Lighted retractors** often provide non optimal lighting, causes issues of sterility and risk of burning.



Wikimedia.org, Mazda Farshad

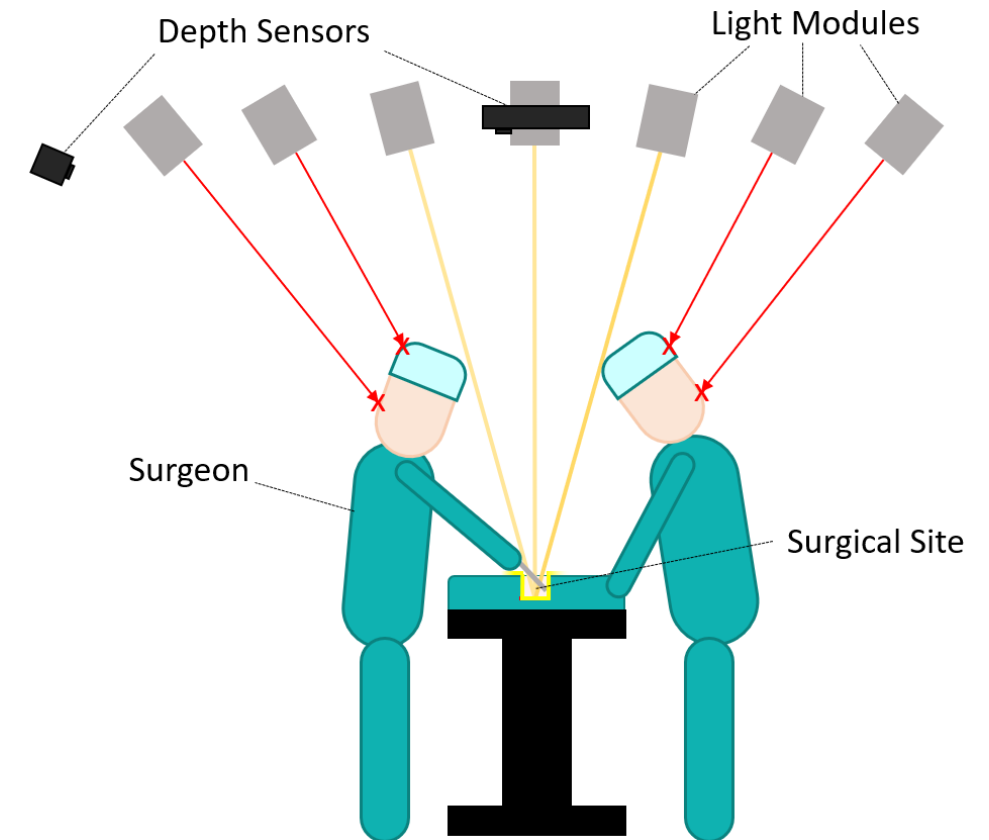
Goal

- Constant illumination of the site
 - Shadow-free
- No distraction of the surgeon
 - No interruptions due to light adjustments
 - No collisions with lights (e.g. OR lights)
 - No restriction of head movement (e.g. headlights)
- Safe, affordable and feasible

Solution

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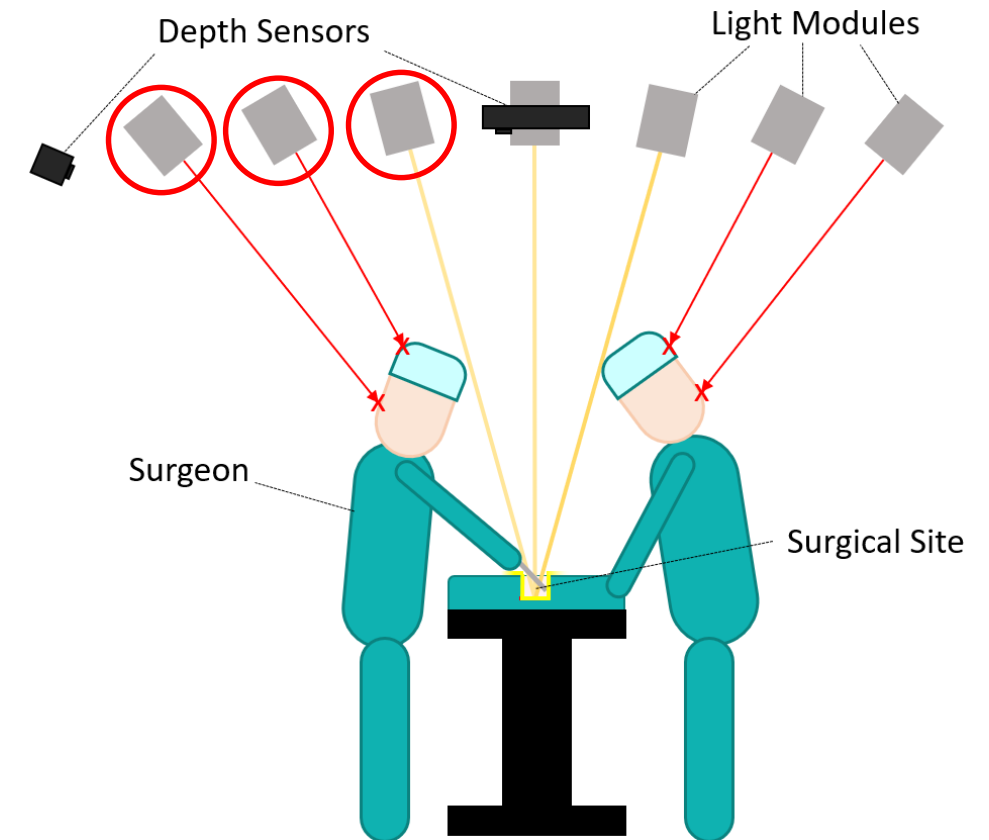
Side view



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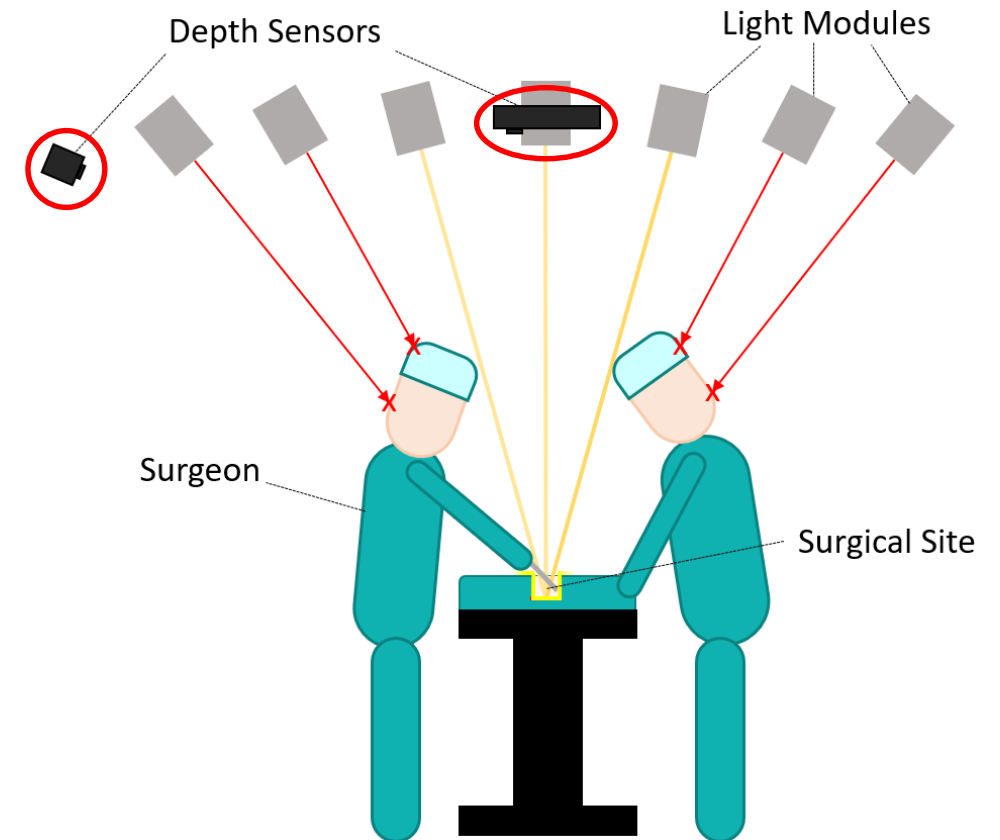
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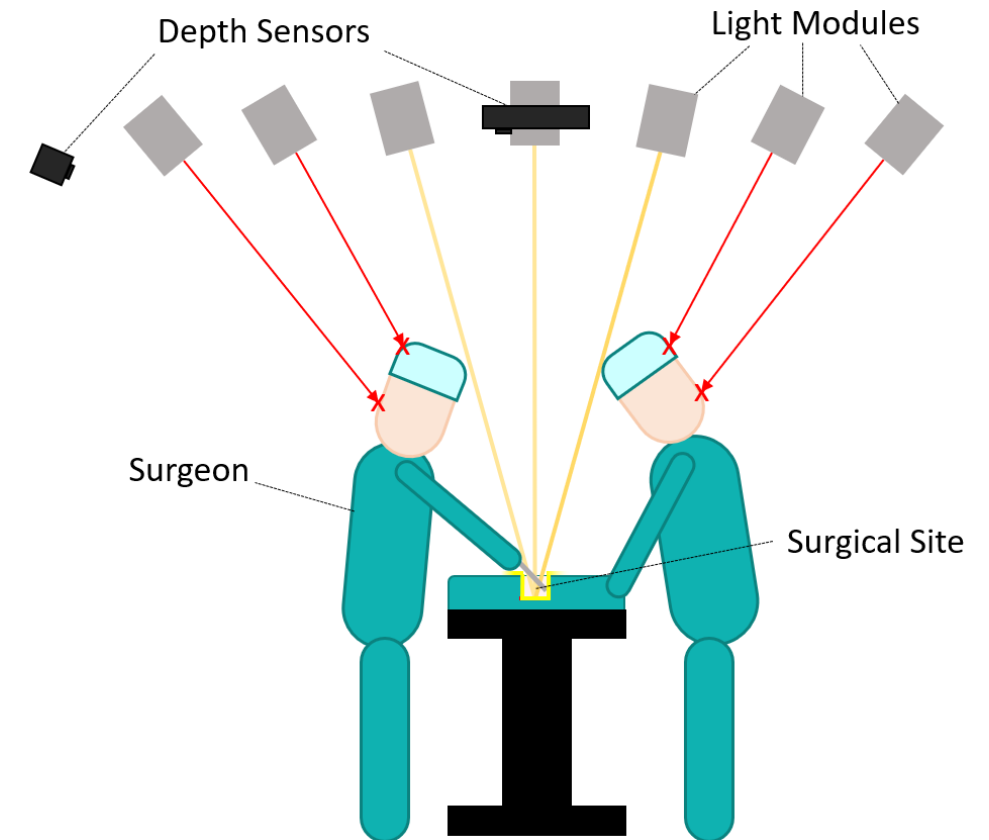
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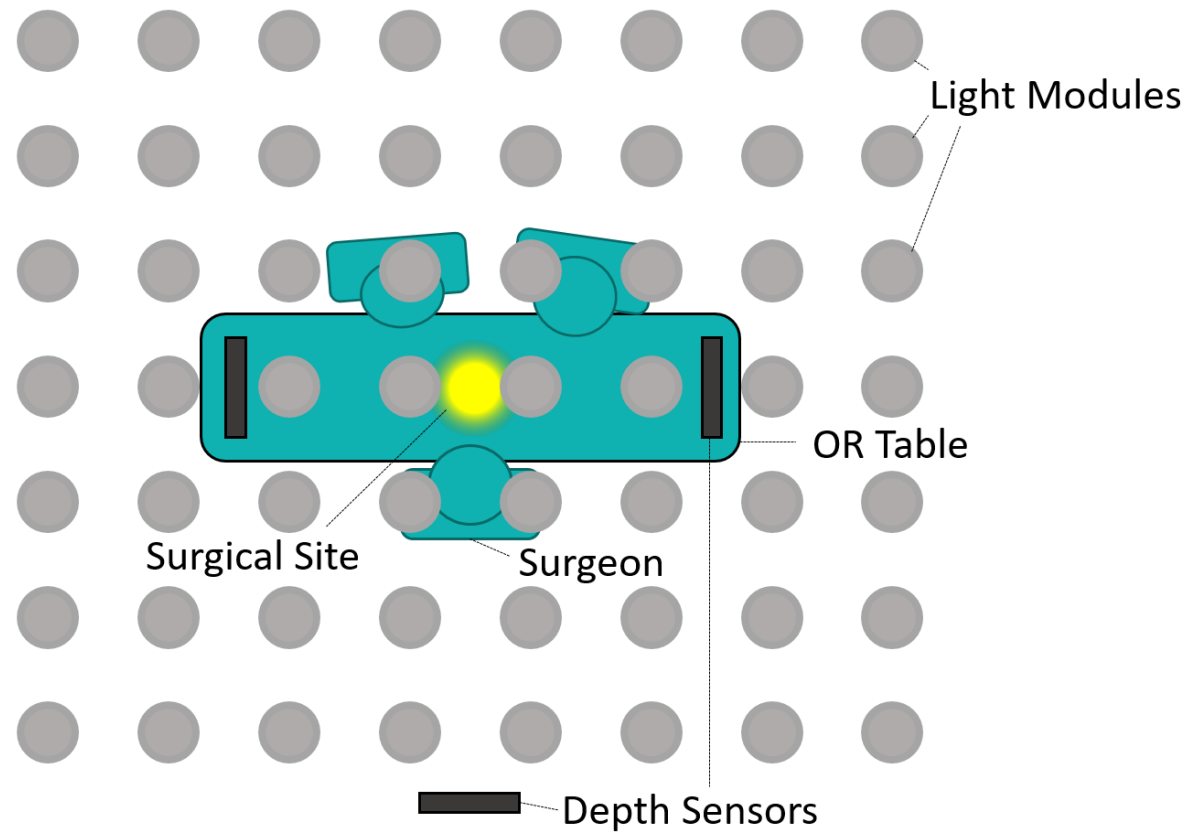
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 - Controllable rotation and intensity
 - Detect surgical staff using **depth sensors**.
 - **Optimize light module intensities** to obtain a constant shadow-free illumination at the site.

Side view



Top Down View



Challenges

- How to detect which light modules are blocked?
- How to control the intensity of light modules?
- **Optimization Goals:**
 - **Constant bright** illumination (also for deep wounds)
 - Surgeons should **not be distracted** by light changes
 - **Real-time**

Optimization Pipeline

Input: Depth sensors provide depth images



Sensor 1



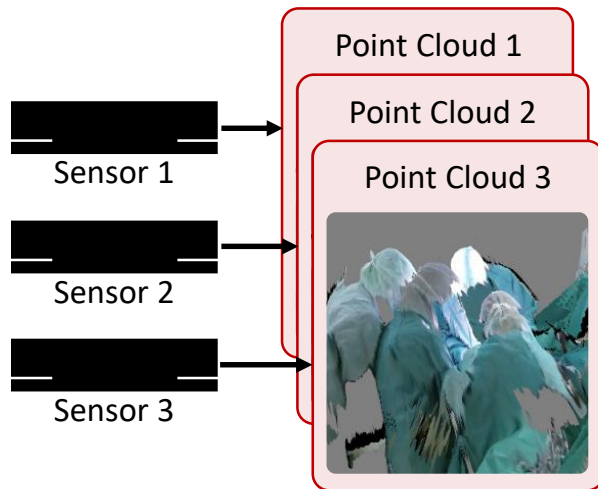
Sensor 2



Sensor 3

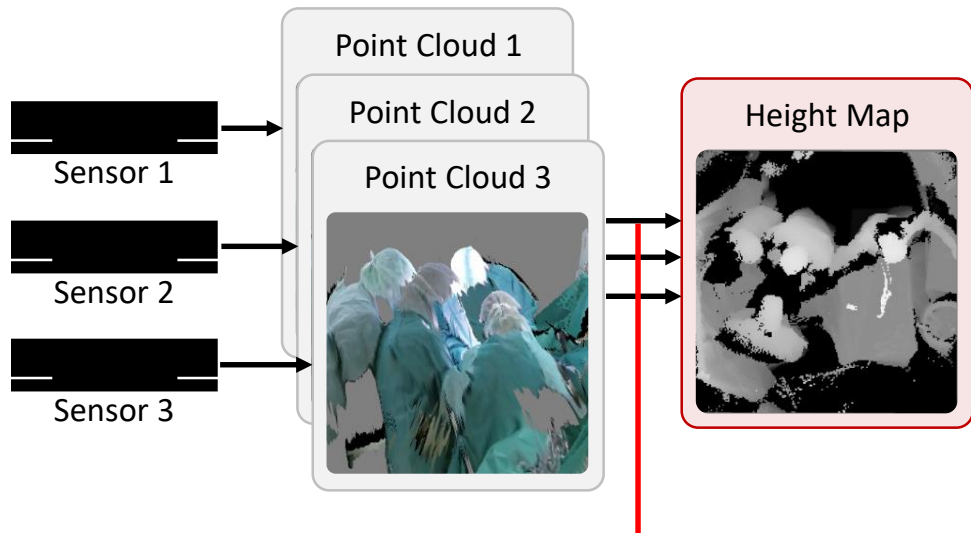
Optimization Pipeline

Step 1: Transform depth images to point clouds



Optimization Pipeline

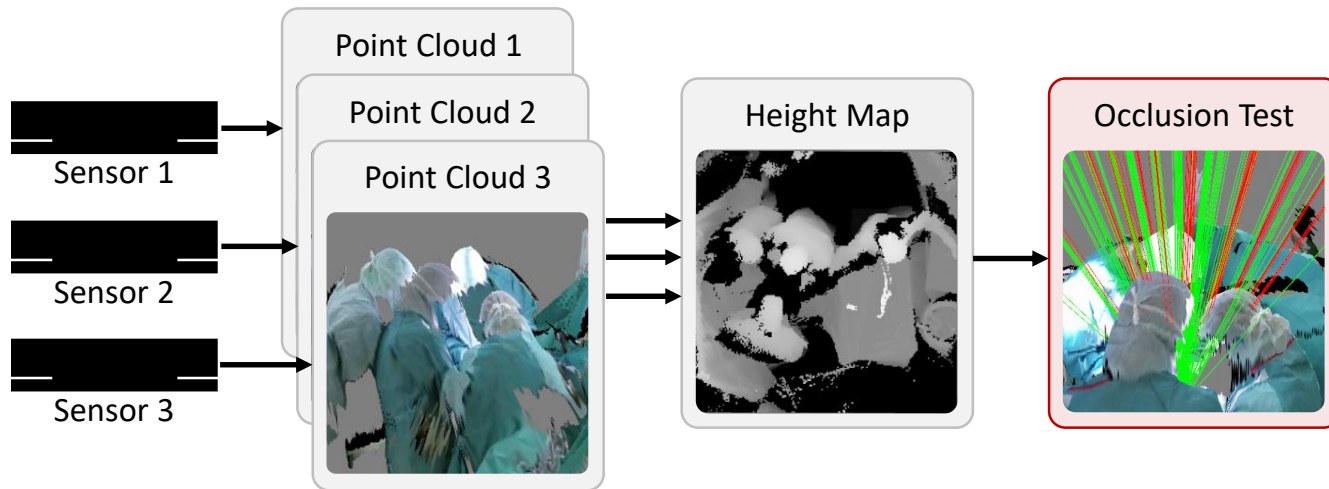
Step 2: Project point clouds onto a common height map



Using the world registration
of each sensor

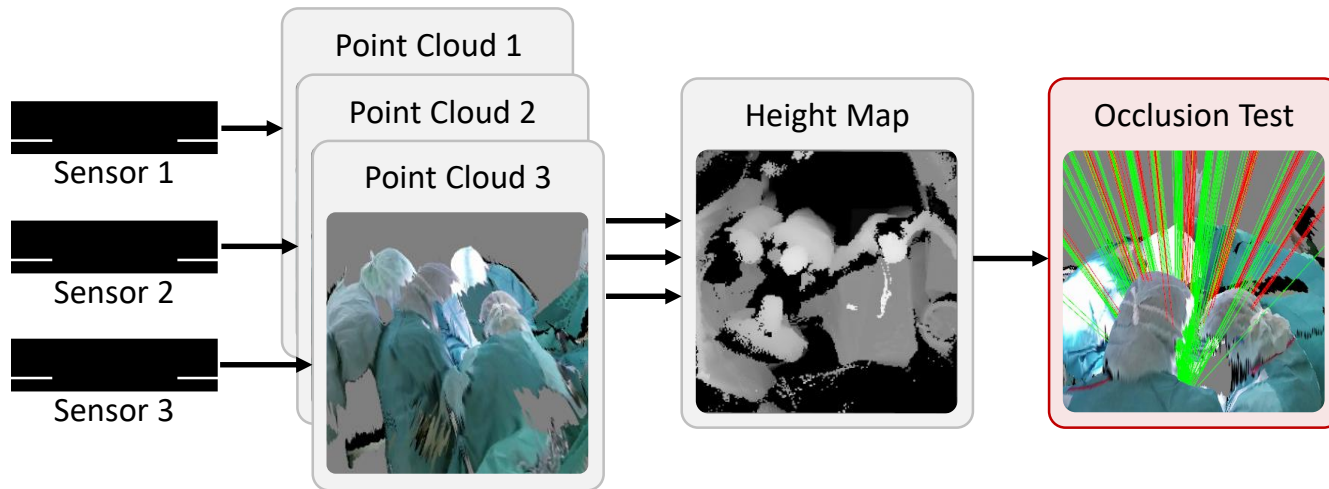
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Step 3: Perform (multiple) **occlusion tests** for every light module using the **height map**

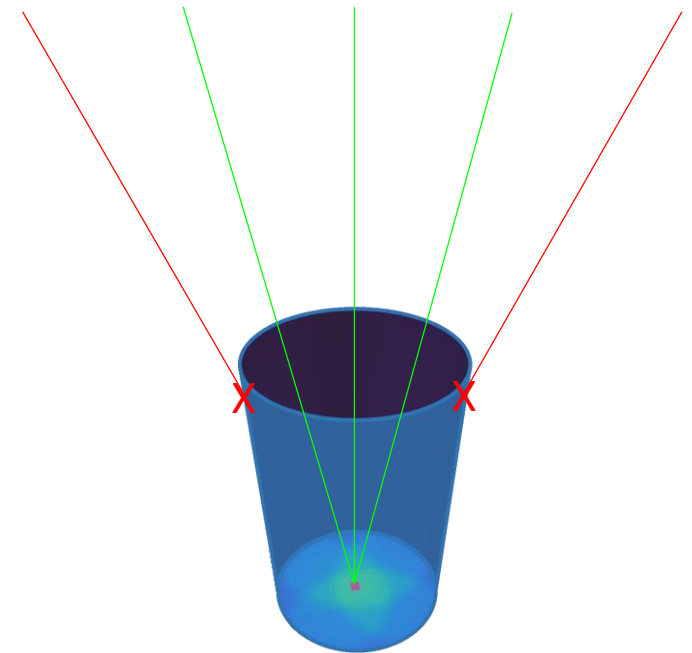


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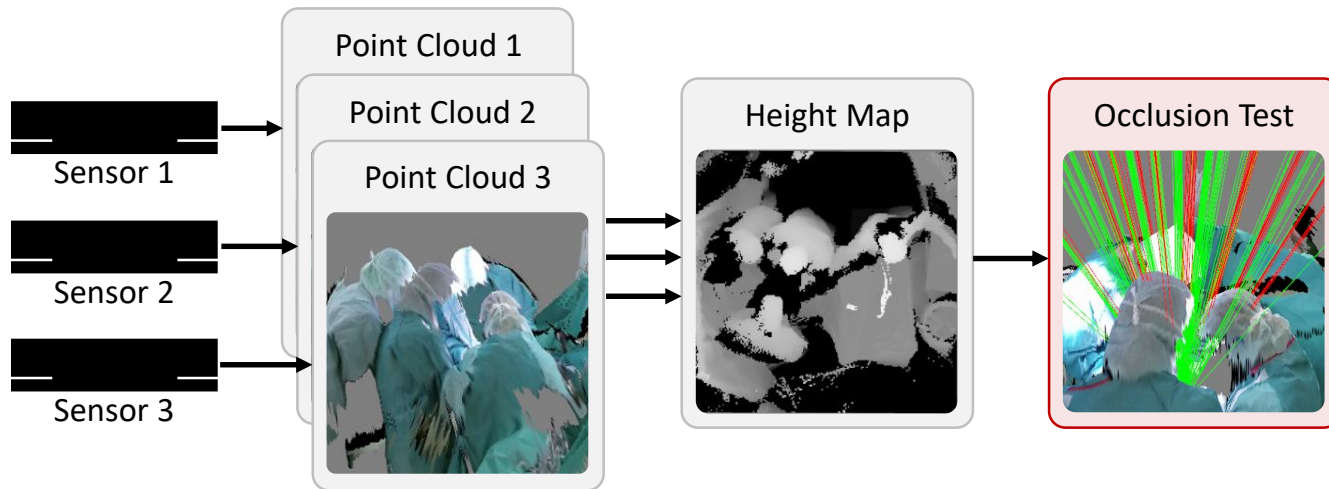


Test also against a virtual tube for depth illumination:



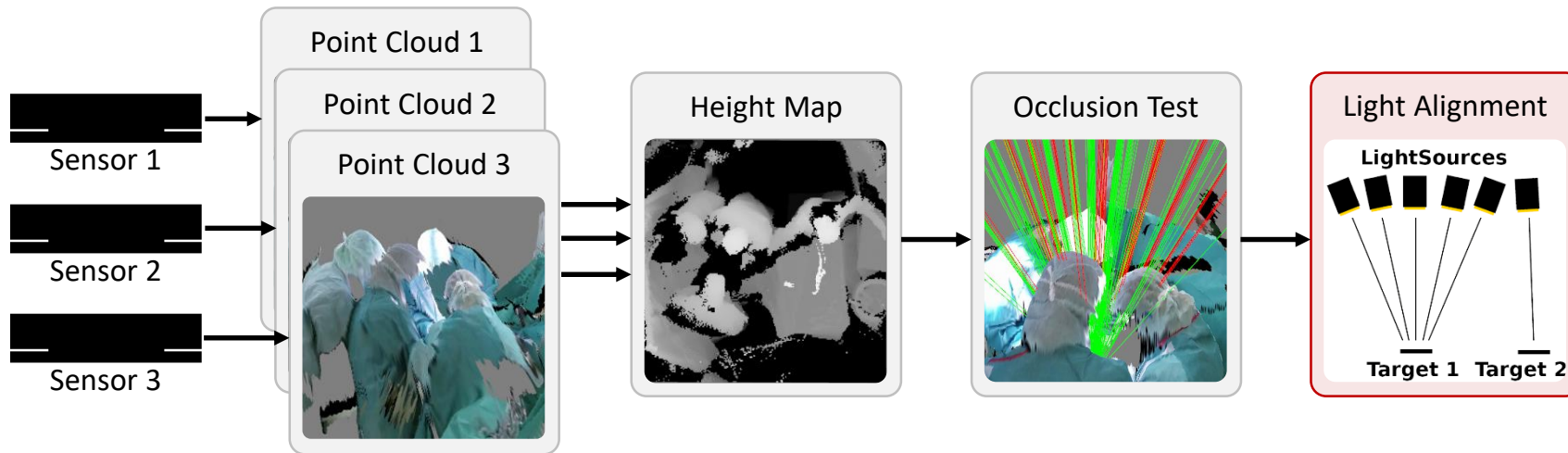
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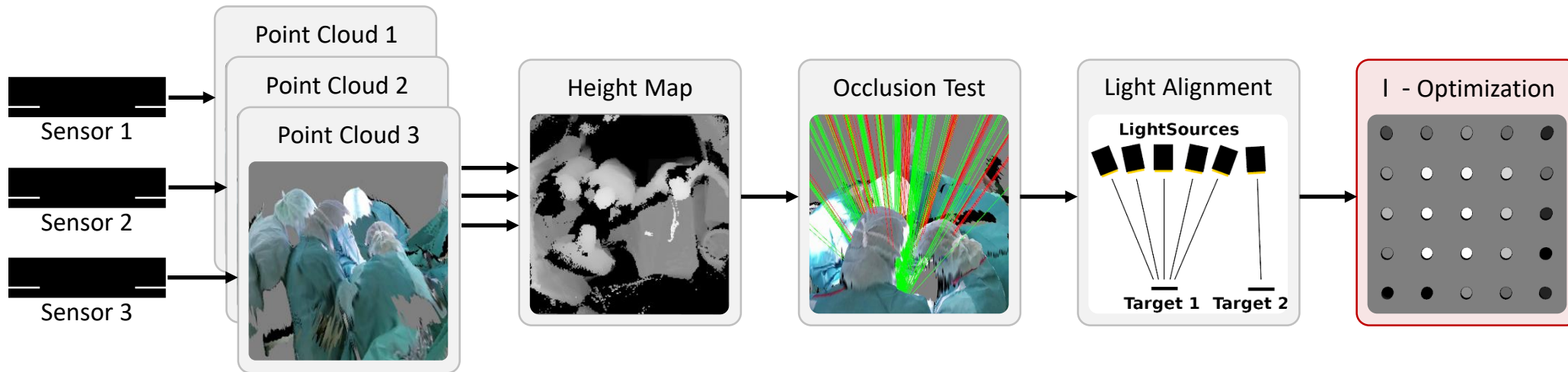
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Step 4: Assign and rotate all light modules to a target (light alignment).



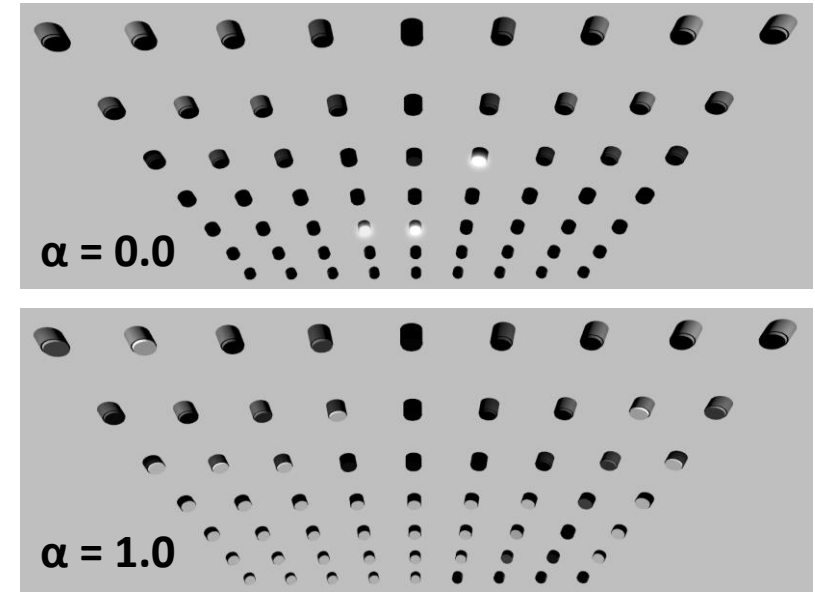
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Step 5: Determine an optimal intensity for every light module.



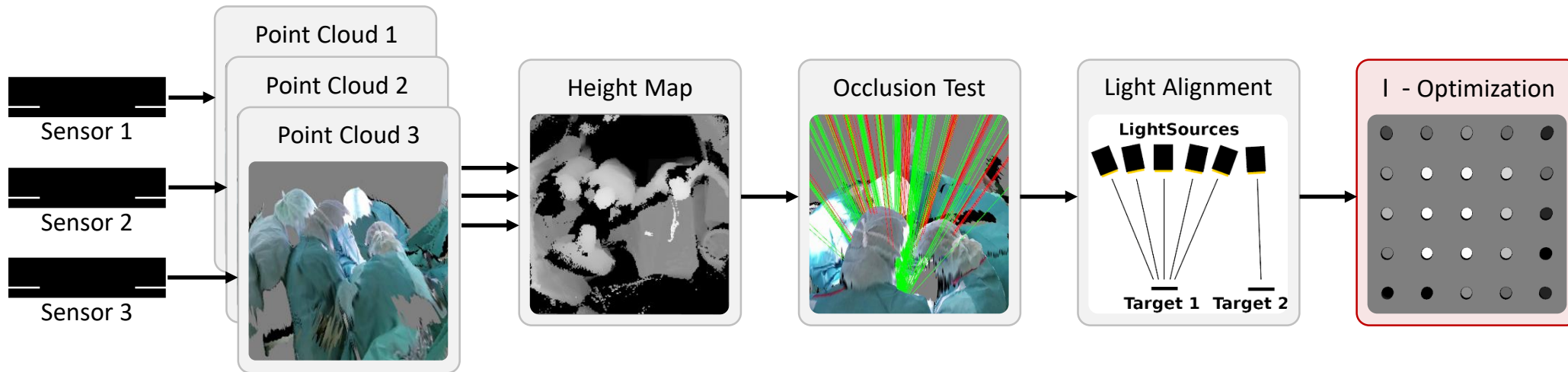
I - Optimization

- Our implementation:
 - Allows to smoothly fade between:
 - Minimization of number of lights ($\alpha=0.0$)
 - Maximization of number of lights ($\alpha=1.0$)
 - Allows different criteria, e.g.:
 - Prefer **most perpendicular light** to surgical site
 - Prefer light modules whose light was **unblocked for a longer period of time**.



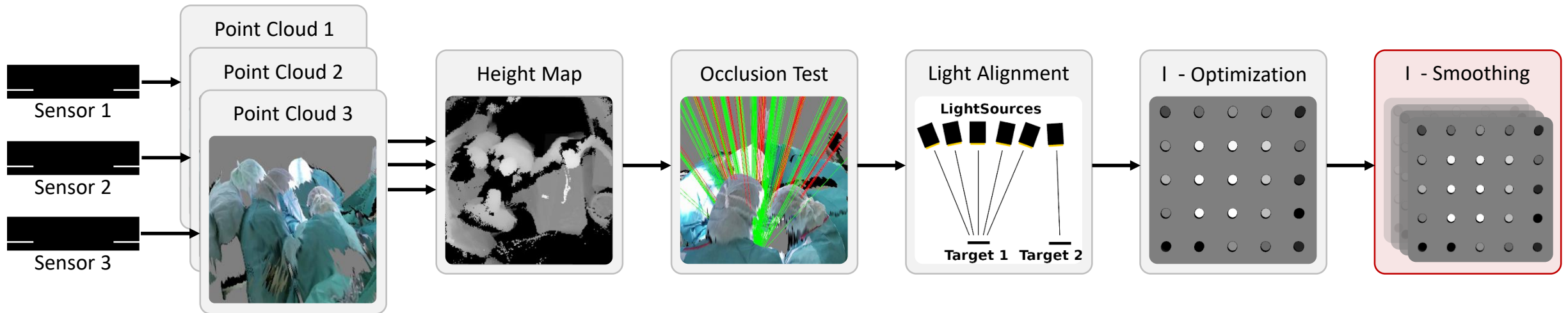
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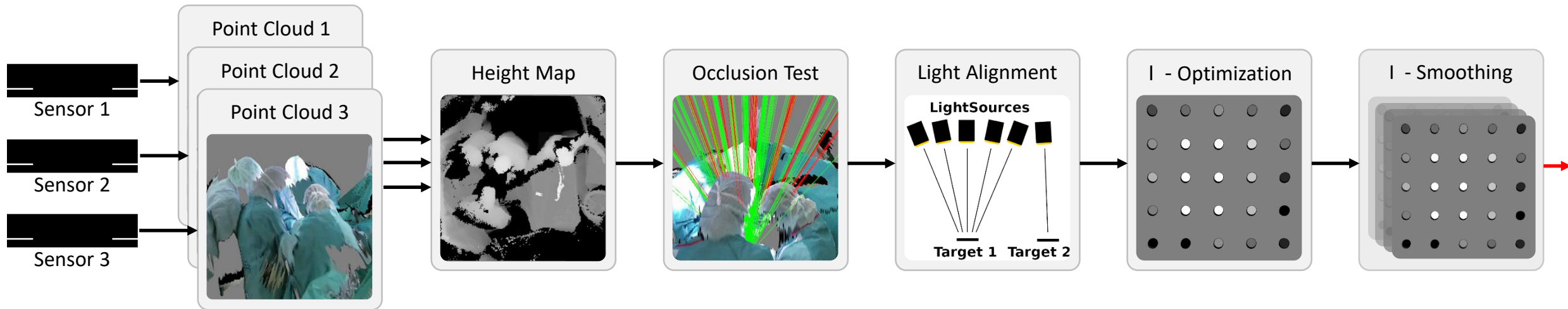
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Step 6: Smooth intensities over time to not distract the surgeons.

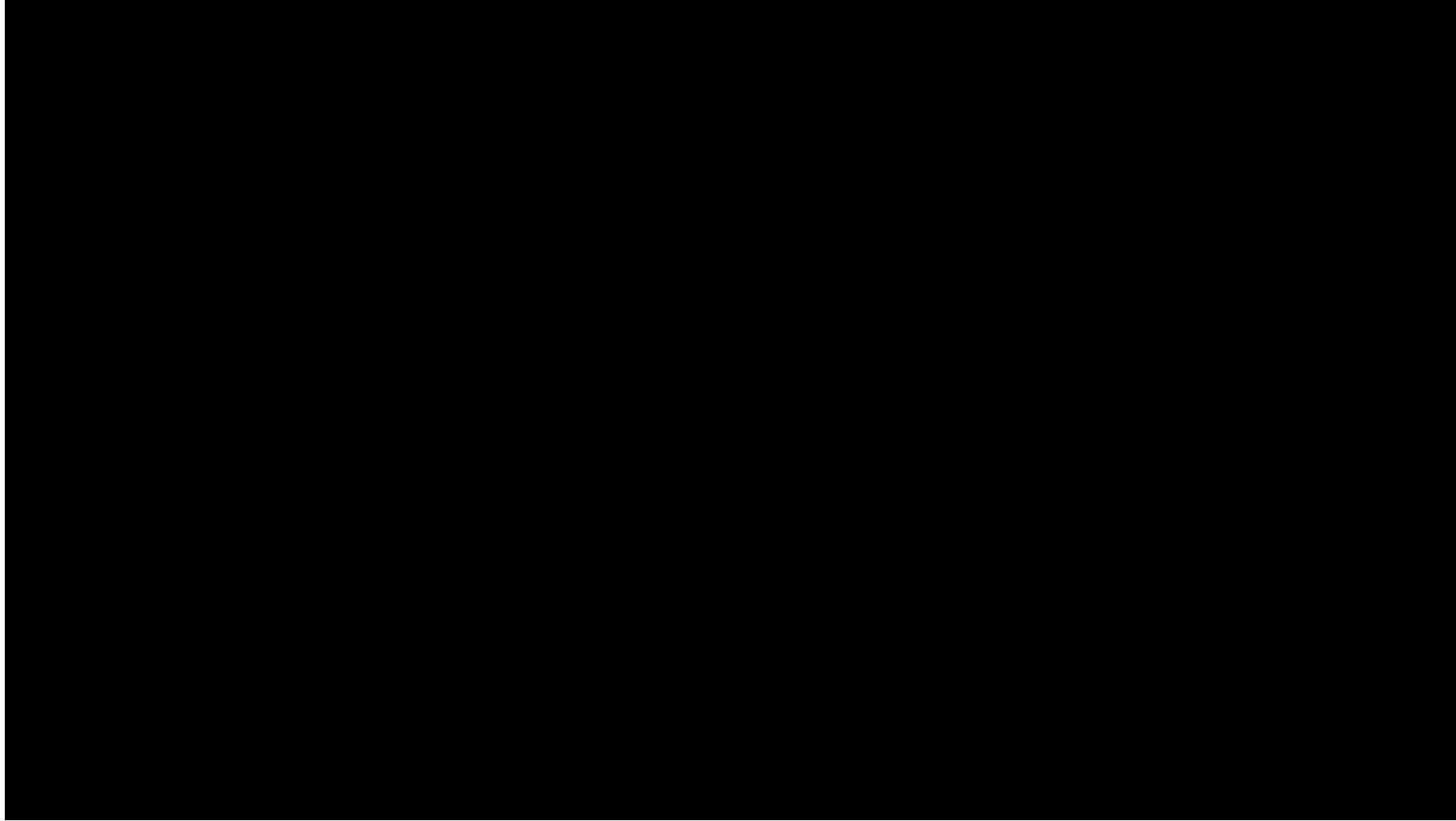


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Evaluation Setup

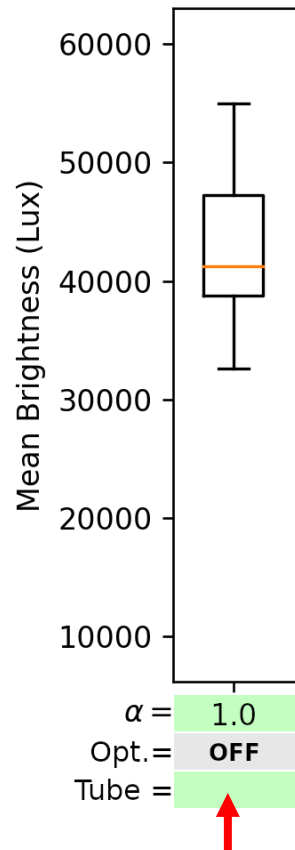


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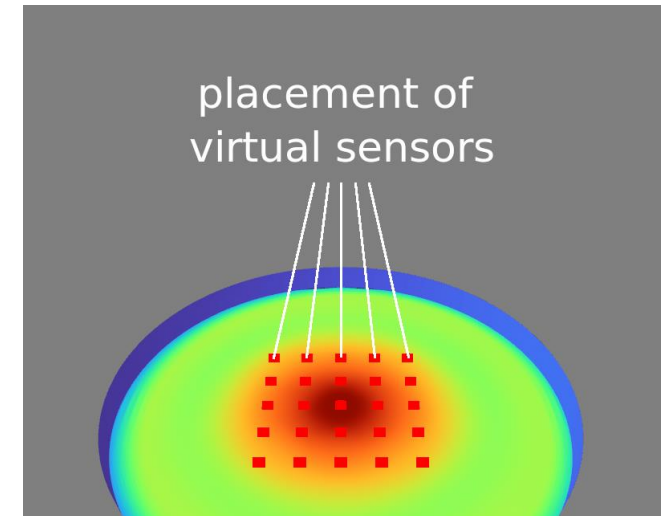
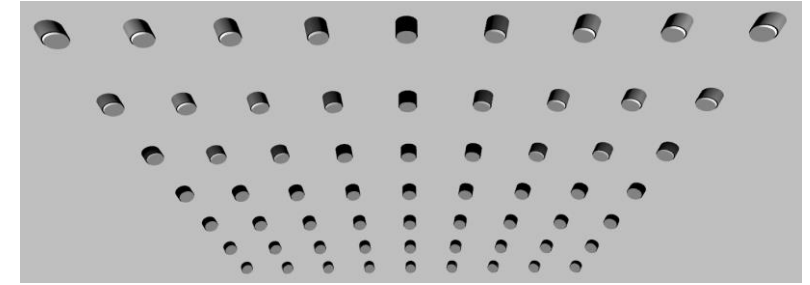
- Key data:
 - 56 light modules (7 x 8 grid)
 - Up to 50 klx at 1.9m per light module
 - 5 x 5 lux sensors in the virtual site (area of 5cm x 5cm)
 - 80 klx target brightness at the site center

Results

Brightness averaged over time and sensor (n = 9 surgery)

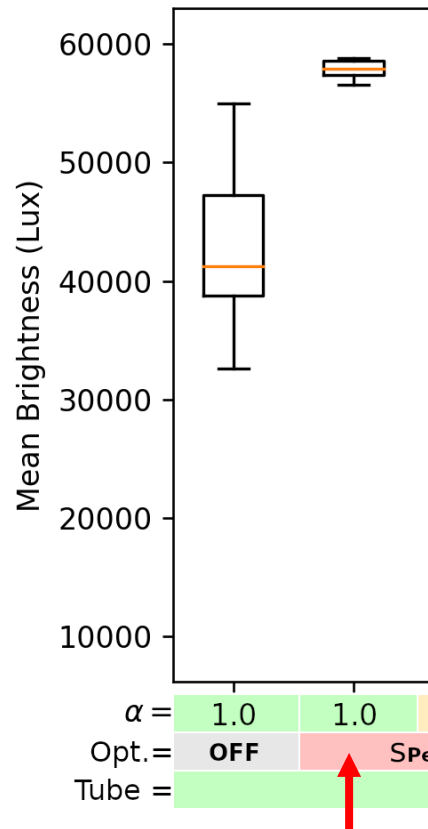


No optimization, all lights equally bright.

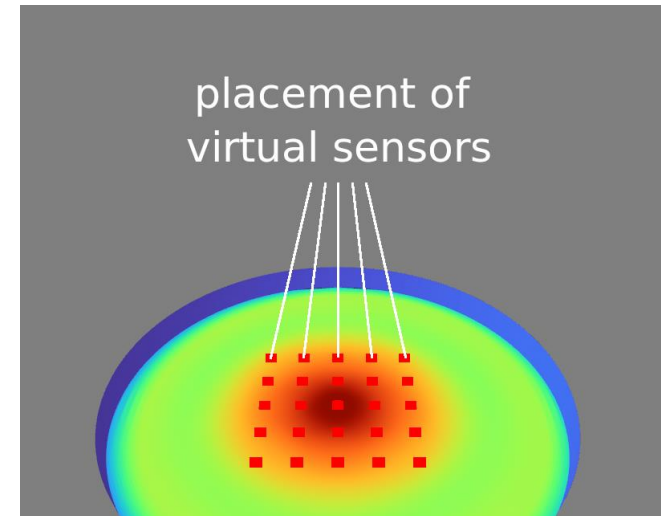
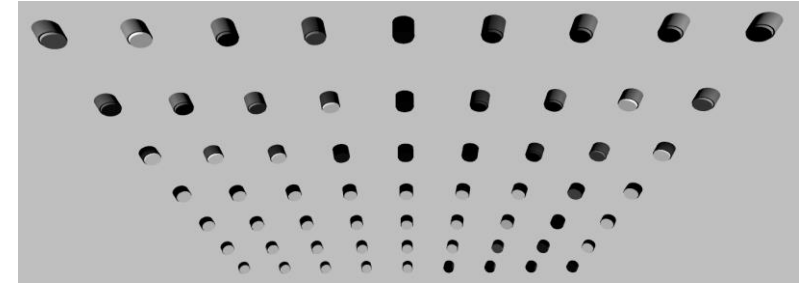


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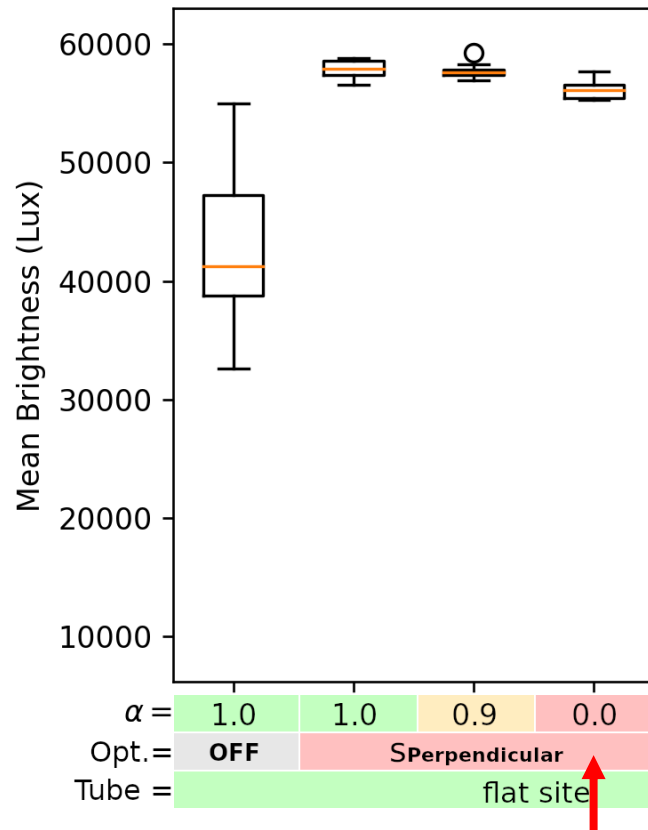


Using as **many** lights as possible
(with optimization)

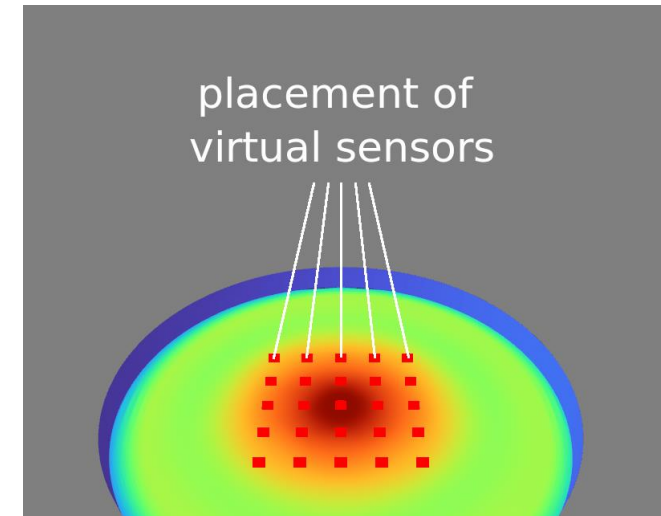
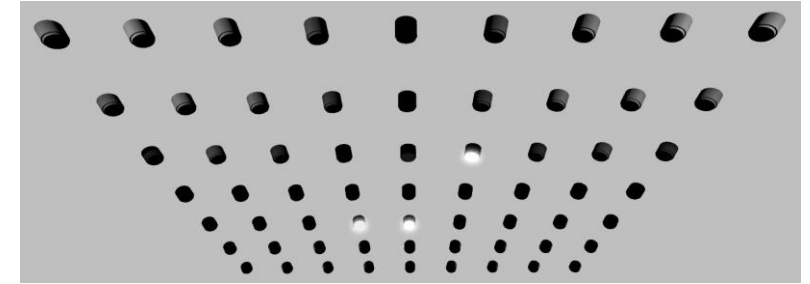


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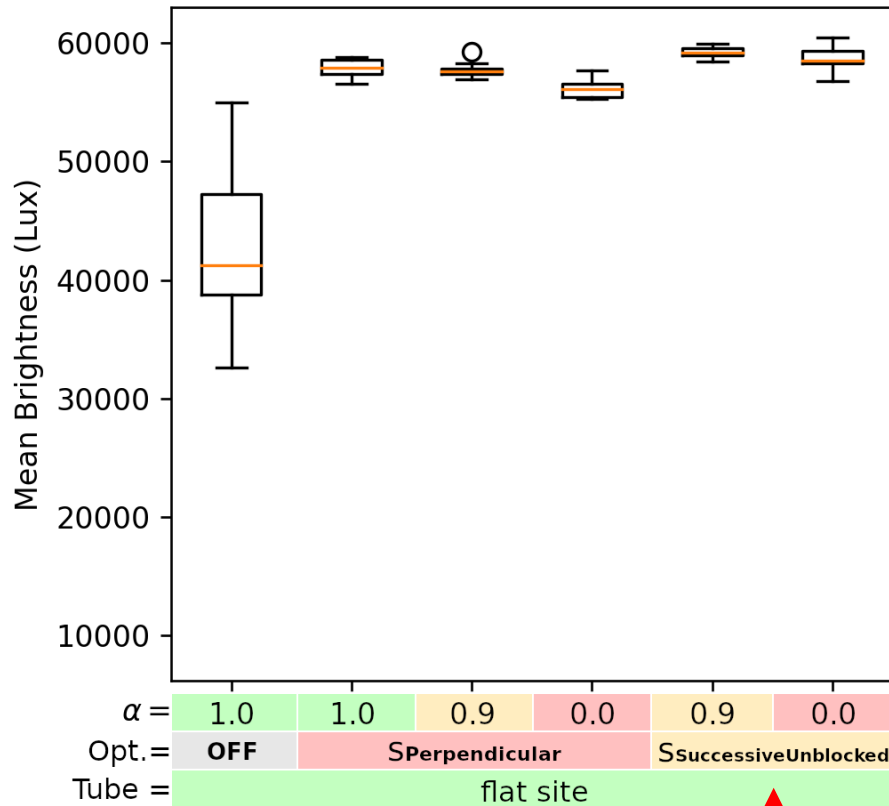


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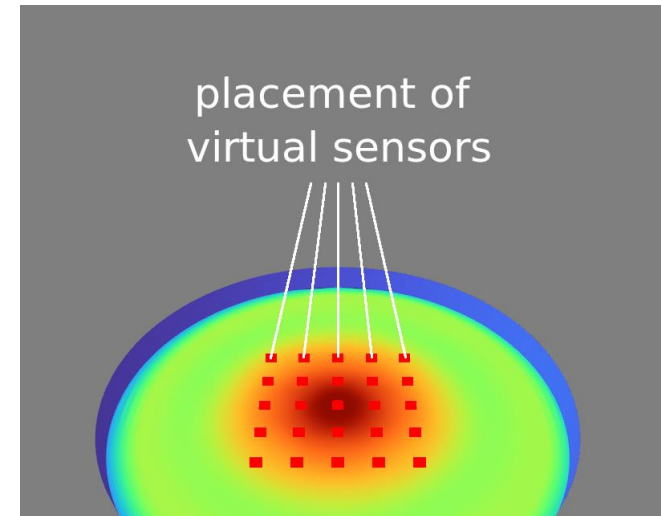


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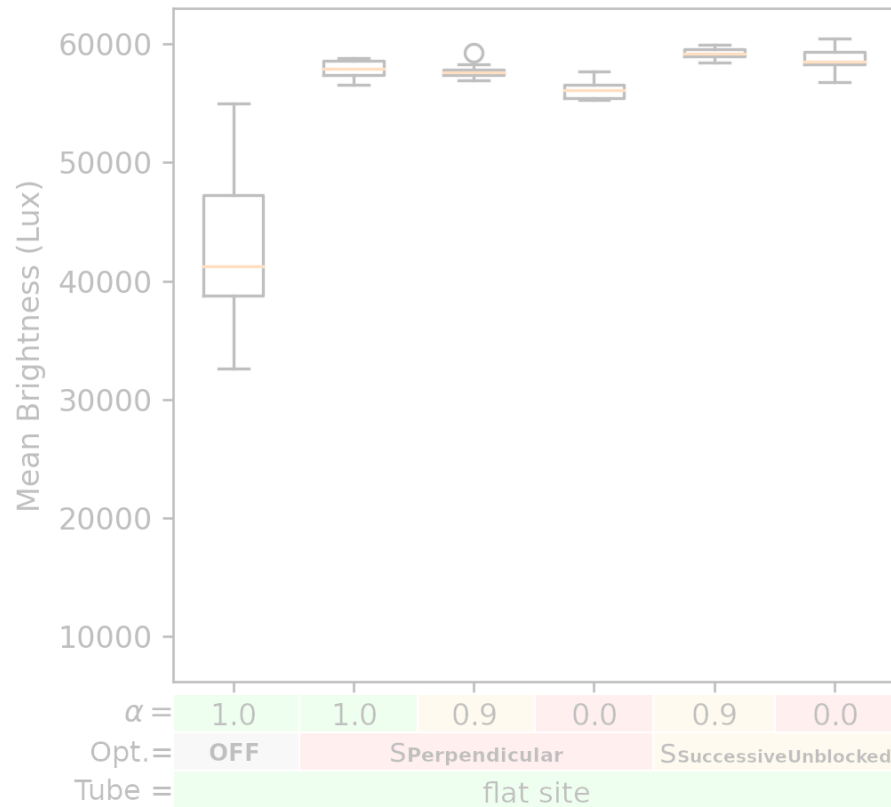


Other criteria in I-Optimization
(see paper)



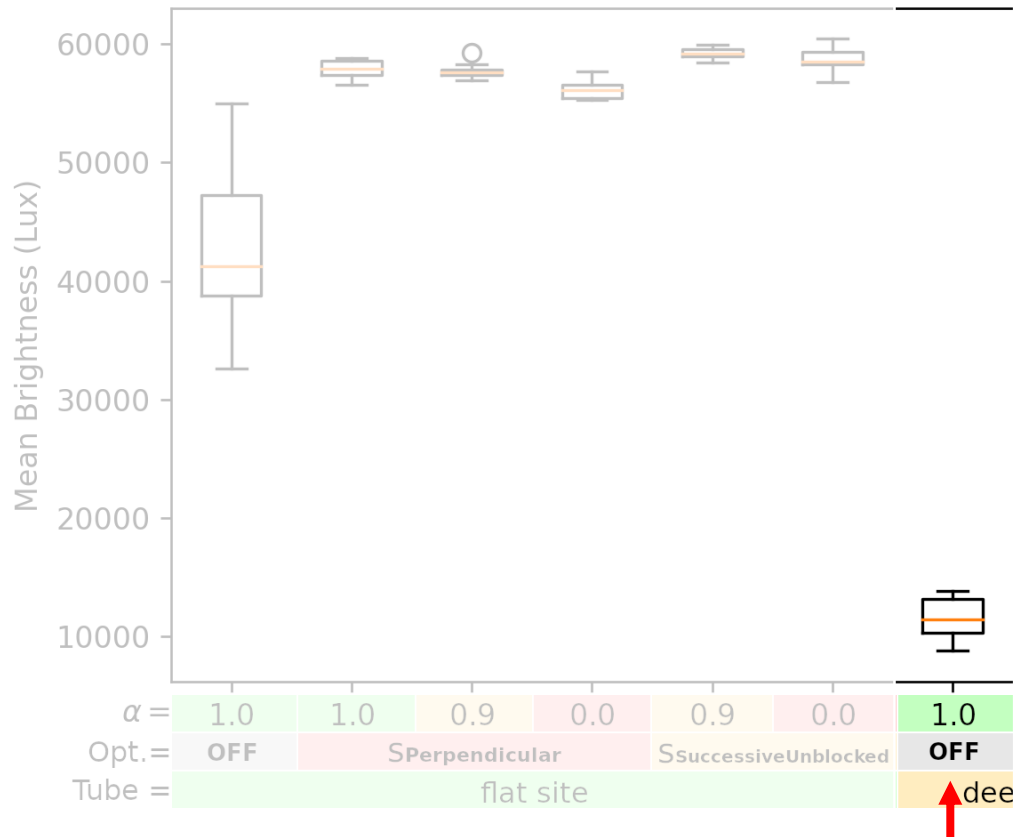
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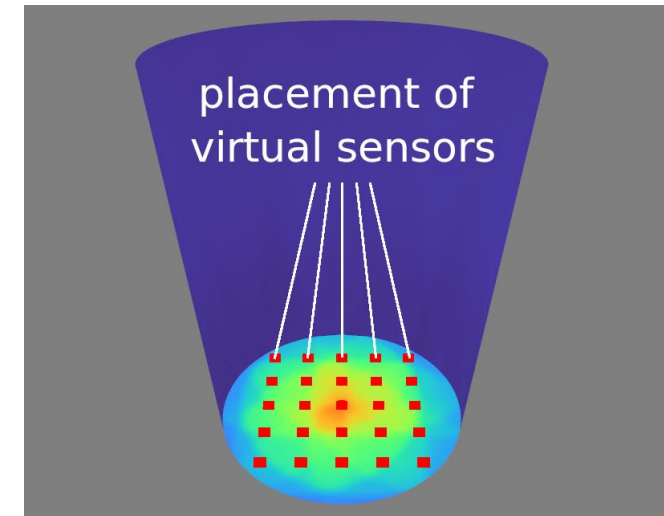
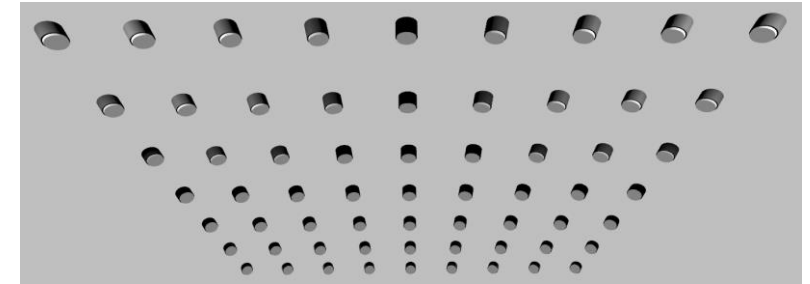
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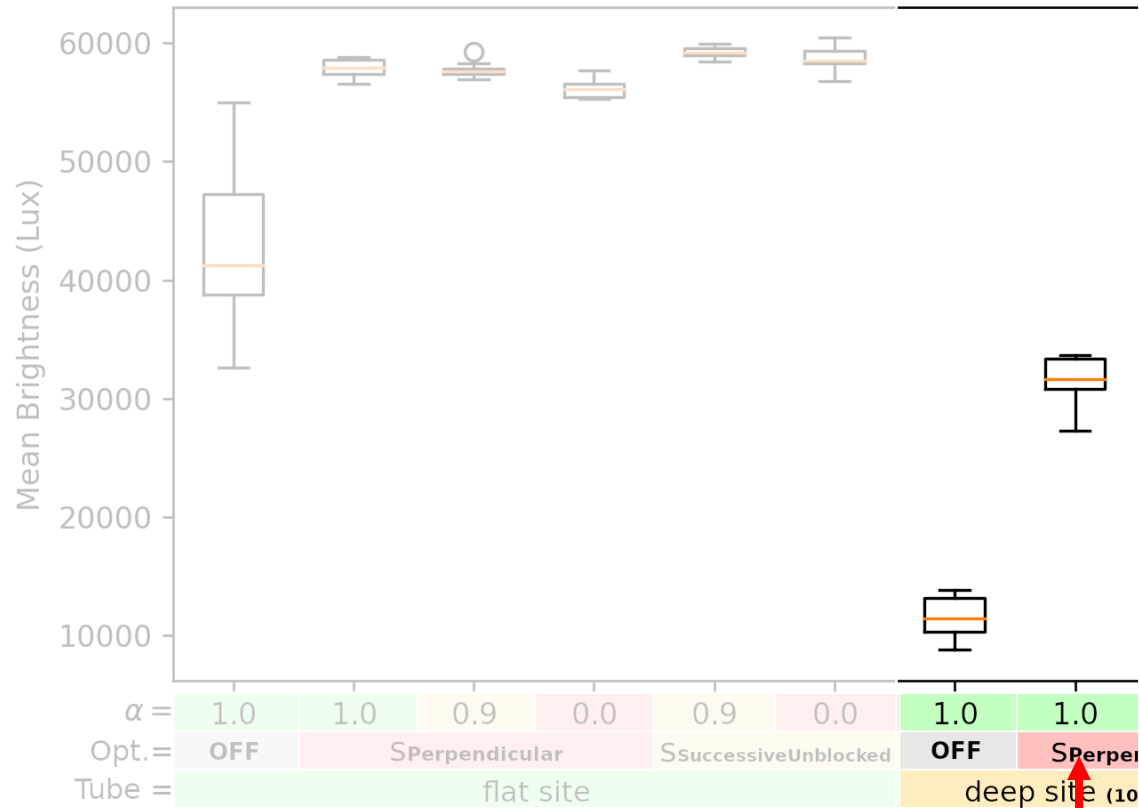
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Using a deep site



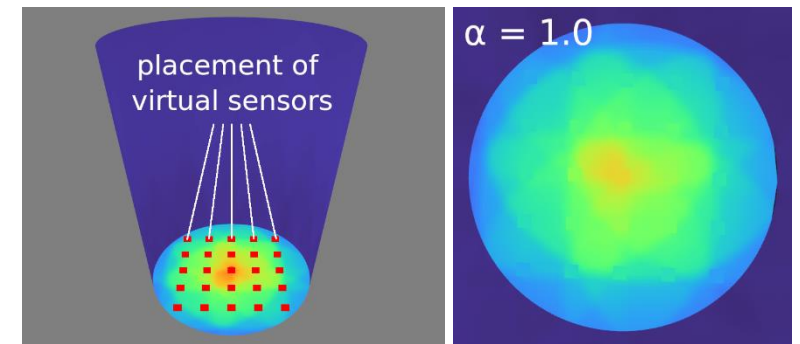
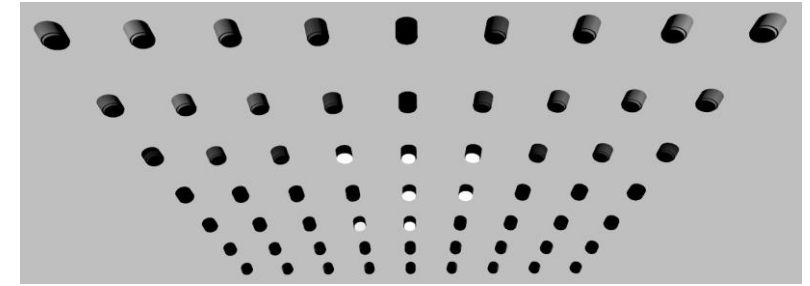
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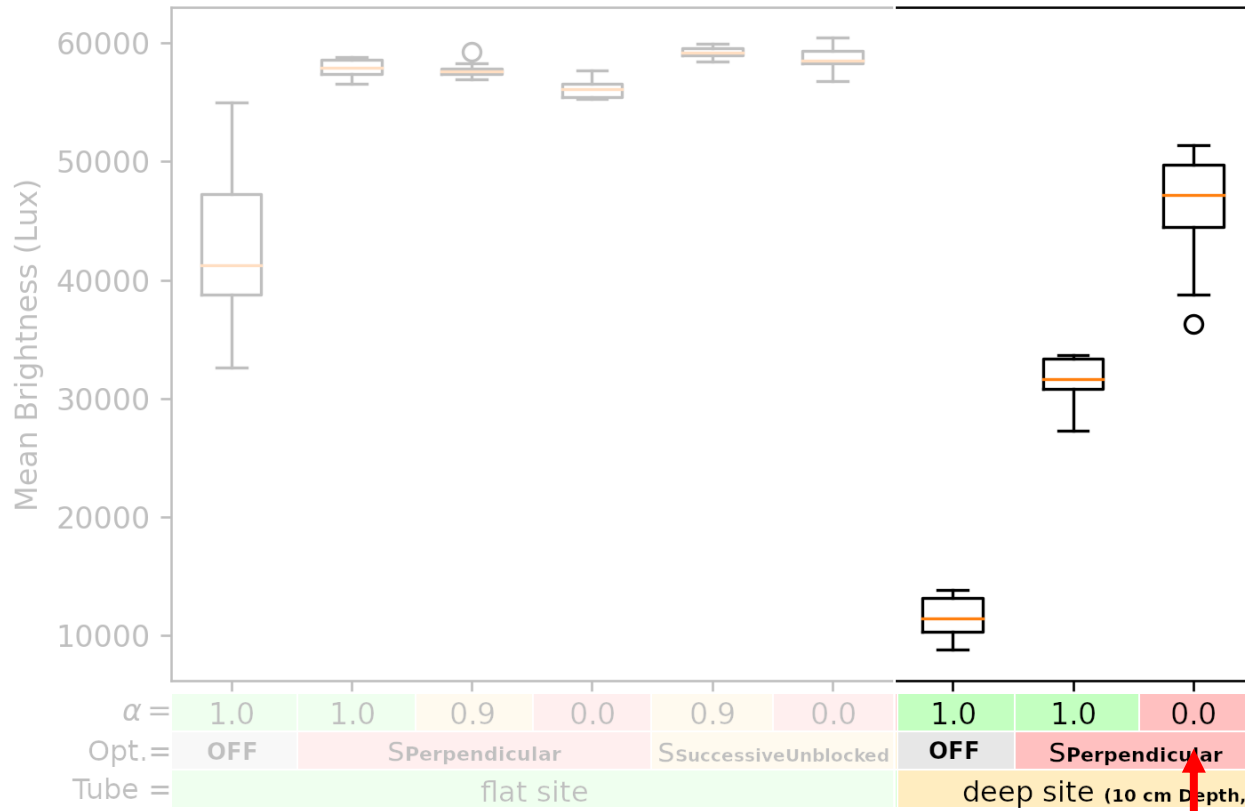
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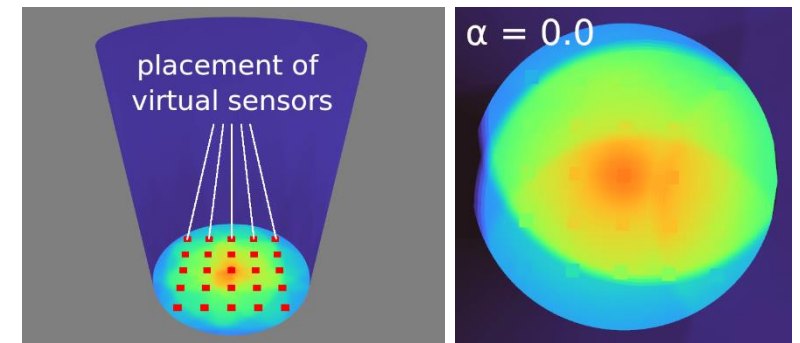
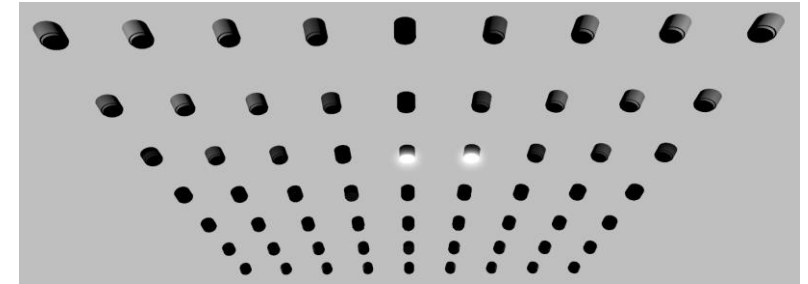
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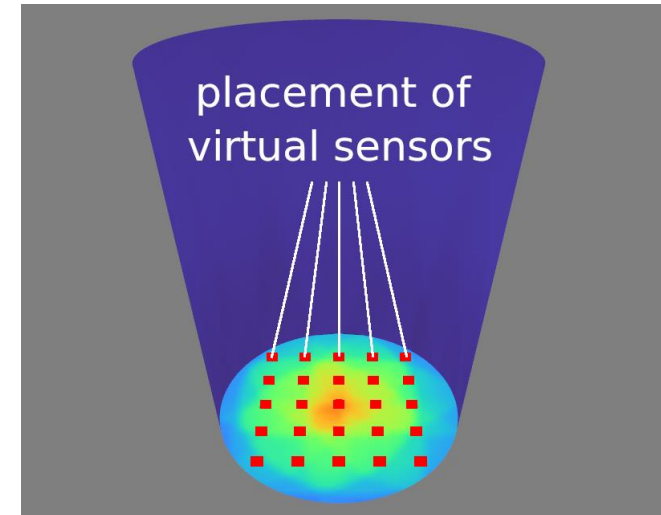
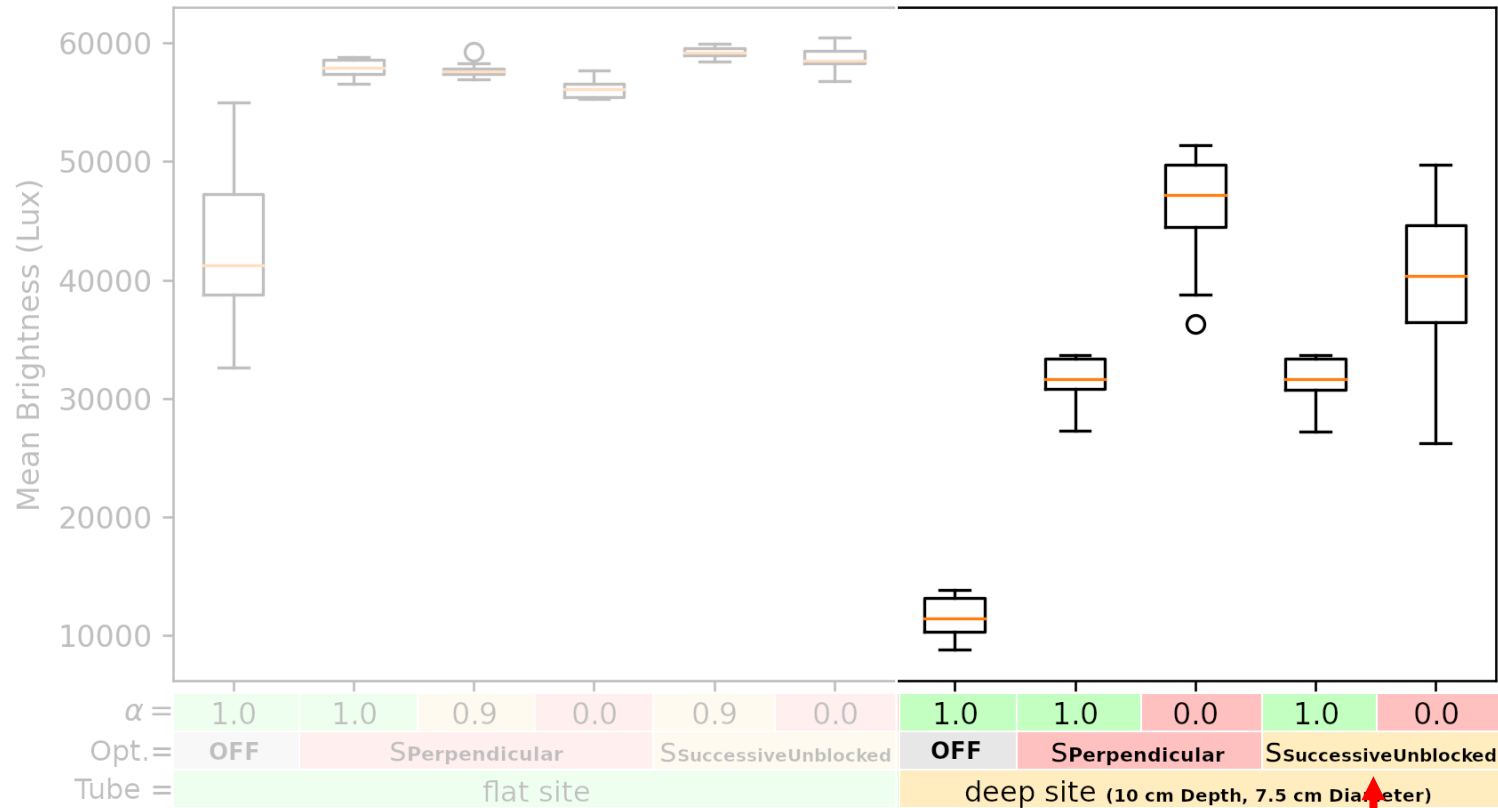
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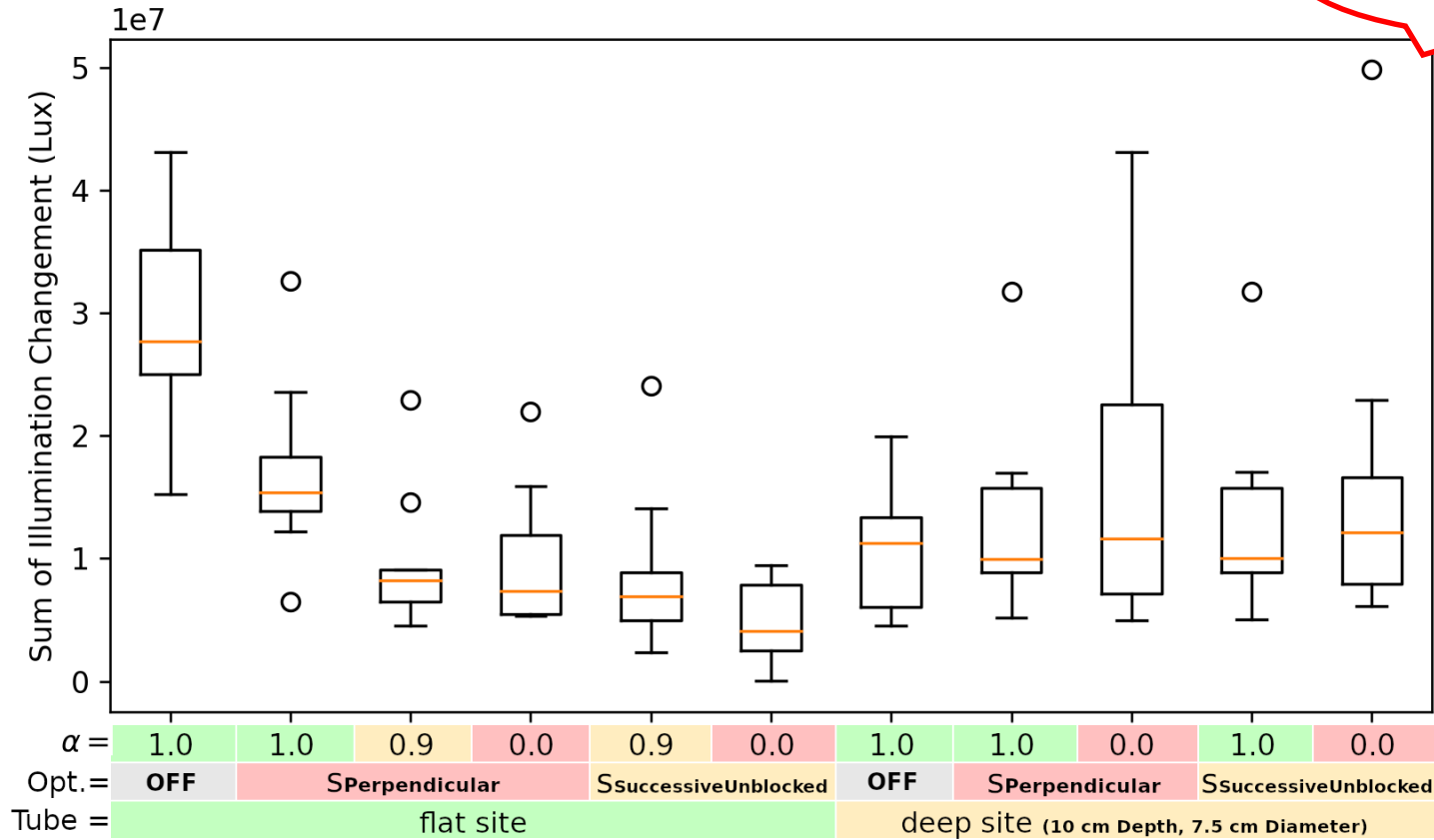


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Sum of brightness changes (n = 9 surgery)

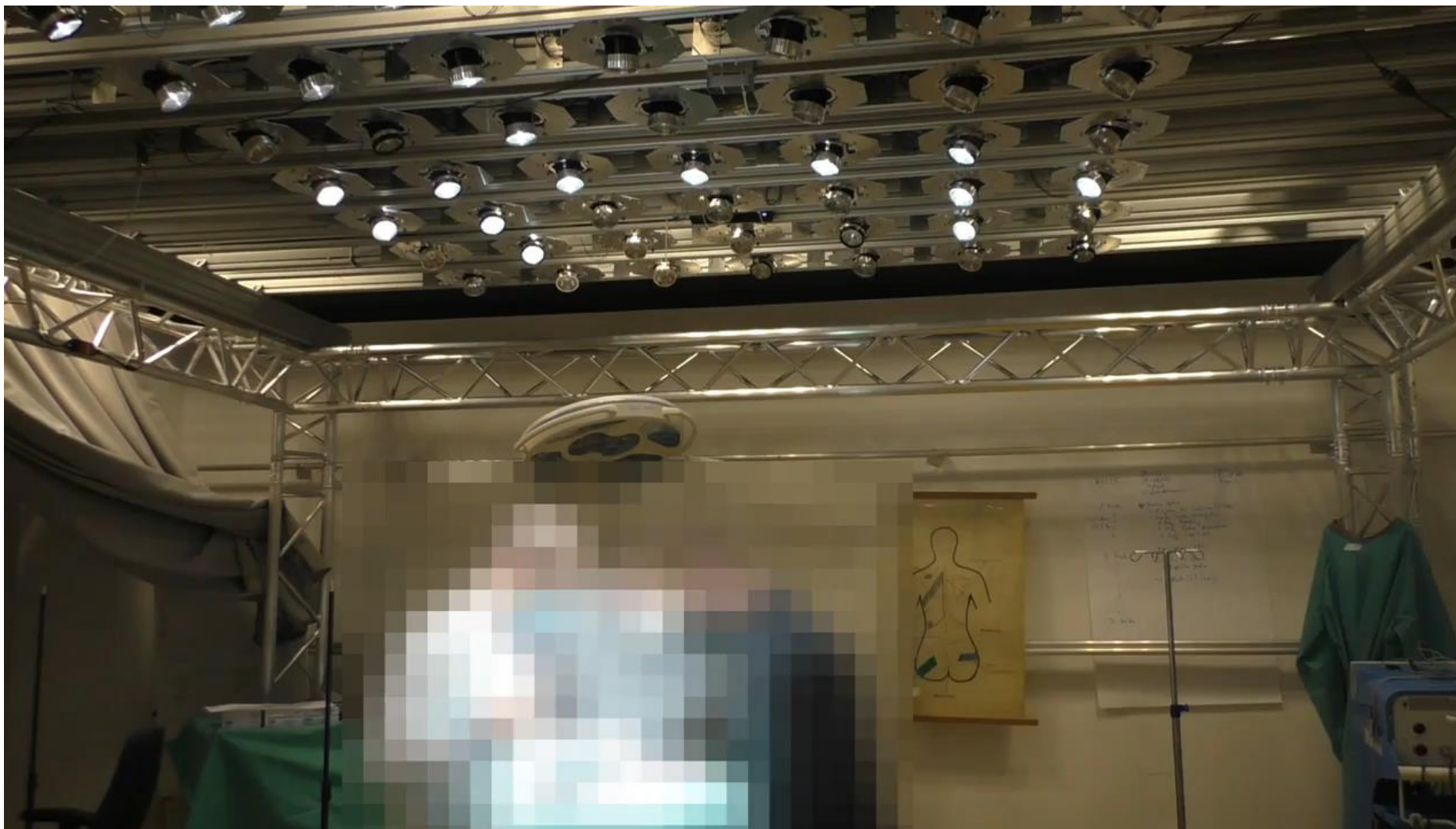
See paper



Conclusion

- A new autonomous module-based lighting system
- Optimization pipeline for controlling light modules
 - **Near to optimum** illumination in case of **flat sites**.
 - **Significant improvement** when illuminating **deep sites**.
 - **Realtime** ($\approx 50\text{Hz}$, three kinects, 56 light modules, single consumer pc)

Outlook: Actual Prototype



Thank you for your attention!

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