

# Reflection Separation using a Pair of Unpolarized and Polarized Images

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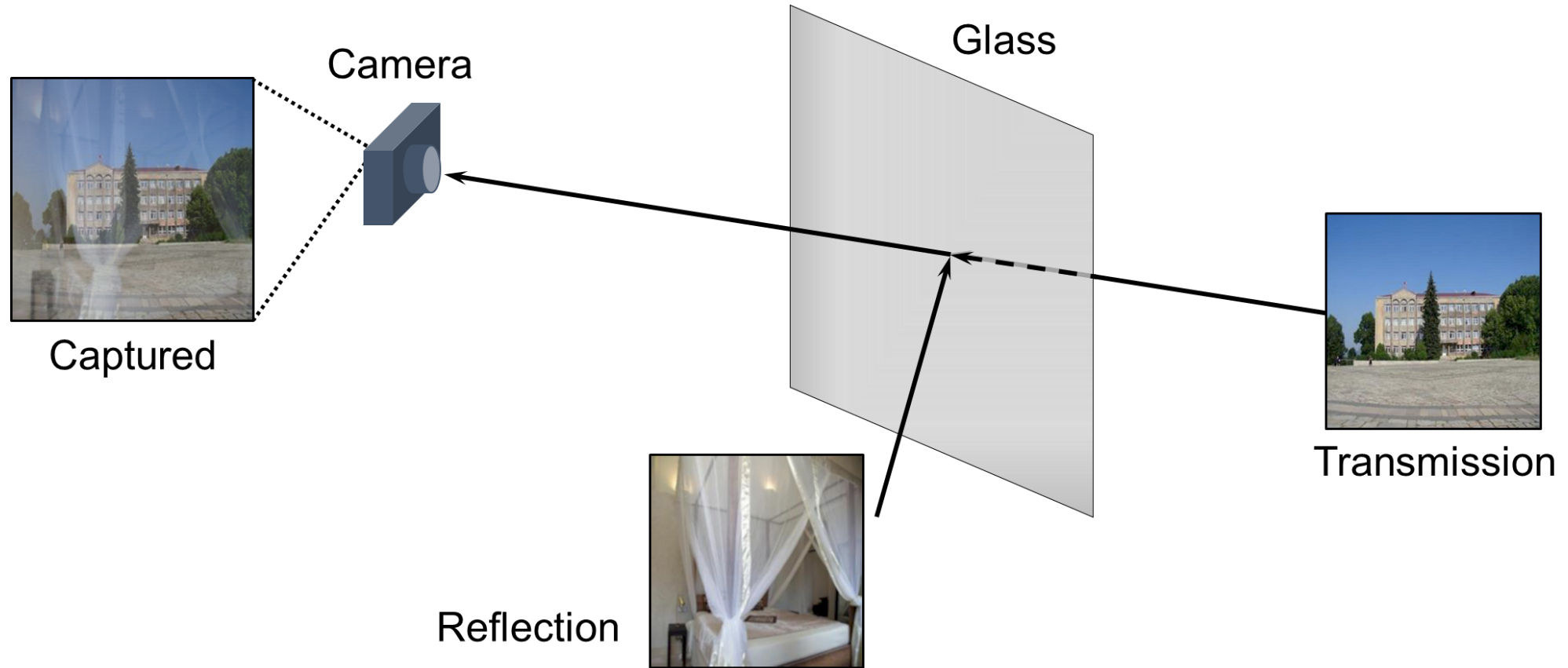
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# Reflection Separation



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- An ill-posed problem



Captured

$I$



Reflection

$I_r$



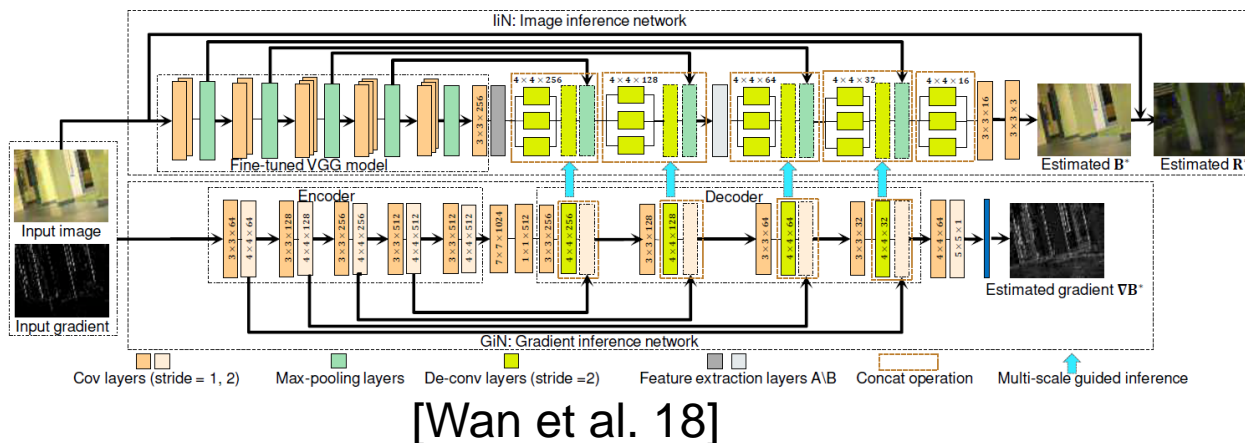
Transmission

$I_t$

# Previous Solutions

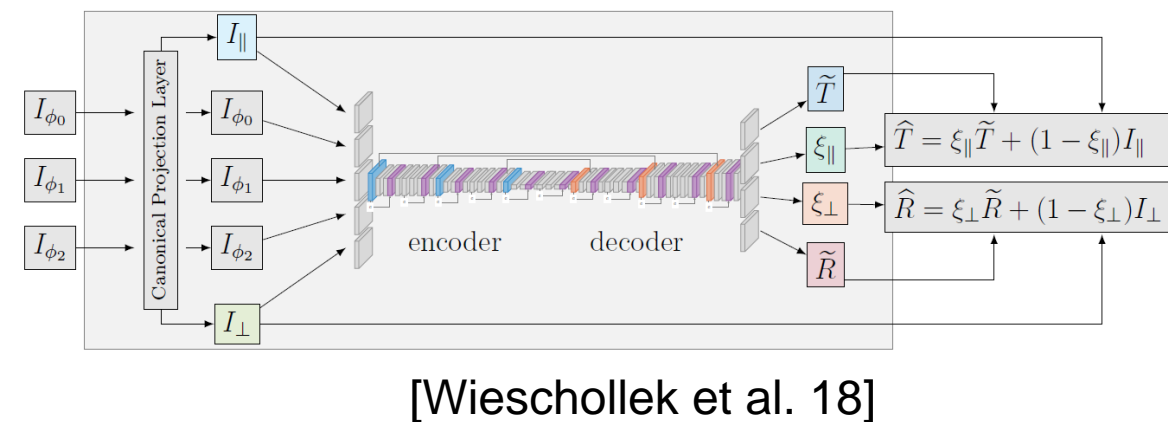
## Additional Priors

- Gradient sparsity priors  
[Levin et al. 07] [Wan et al. 18]
- Relative smoothness priors  
[Li et al. 14] [Arvanitopoulos et al. 17]



## Additional Input

- Different viewpoints  
[Gai et al. 12] [Guo et al. 14] [Xue et al. 15]
- Different polarization angles  
[Schechner et al. 00] [Wieschollek et al. 18]

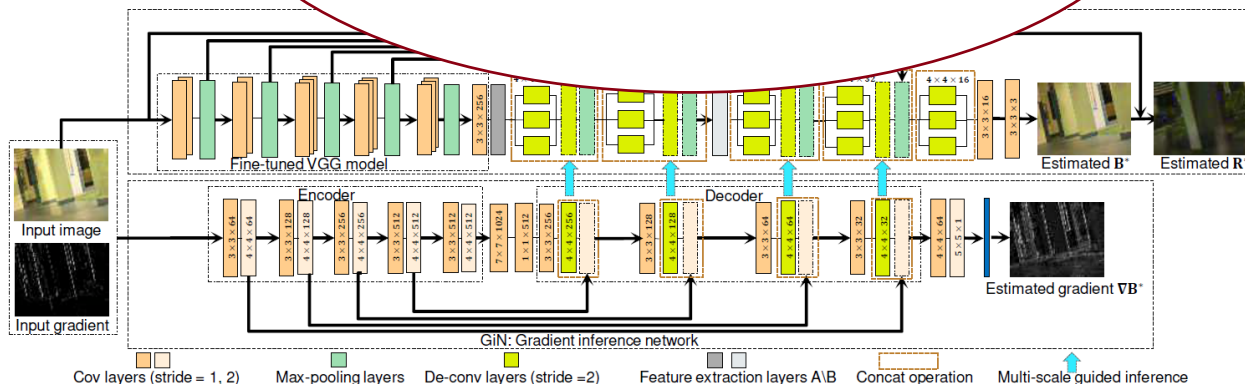


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**Violate in real-world scenarios**

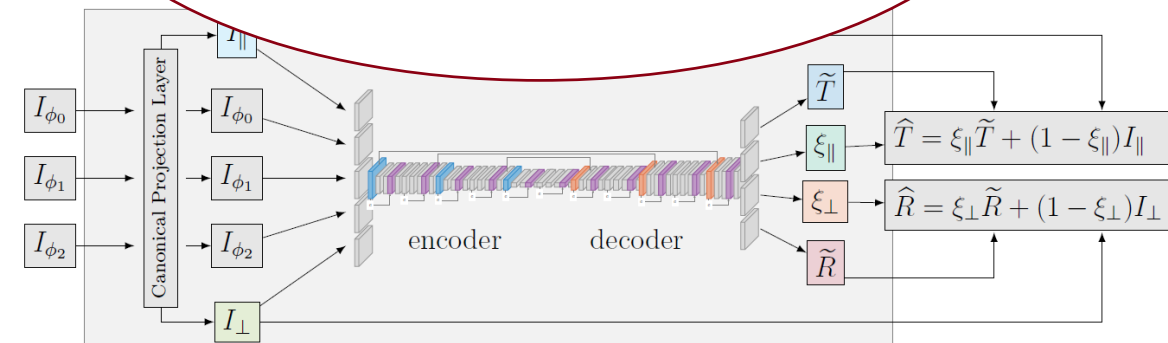


[Wan et al. 18]

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**Complicated capturing operations**



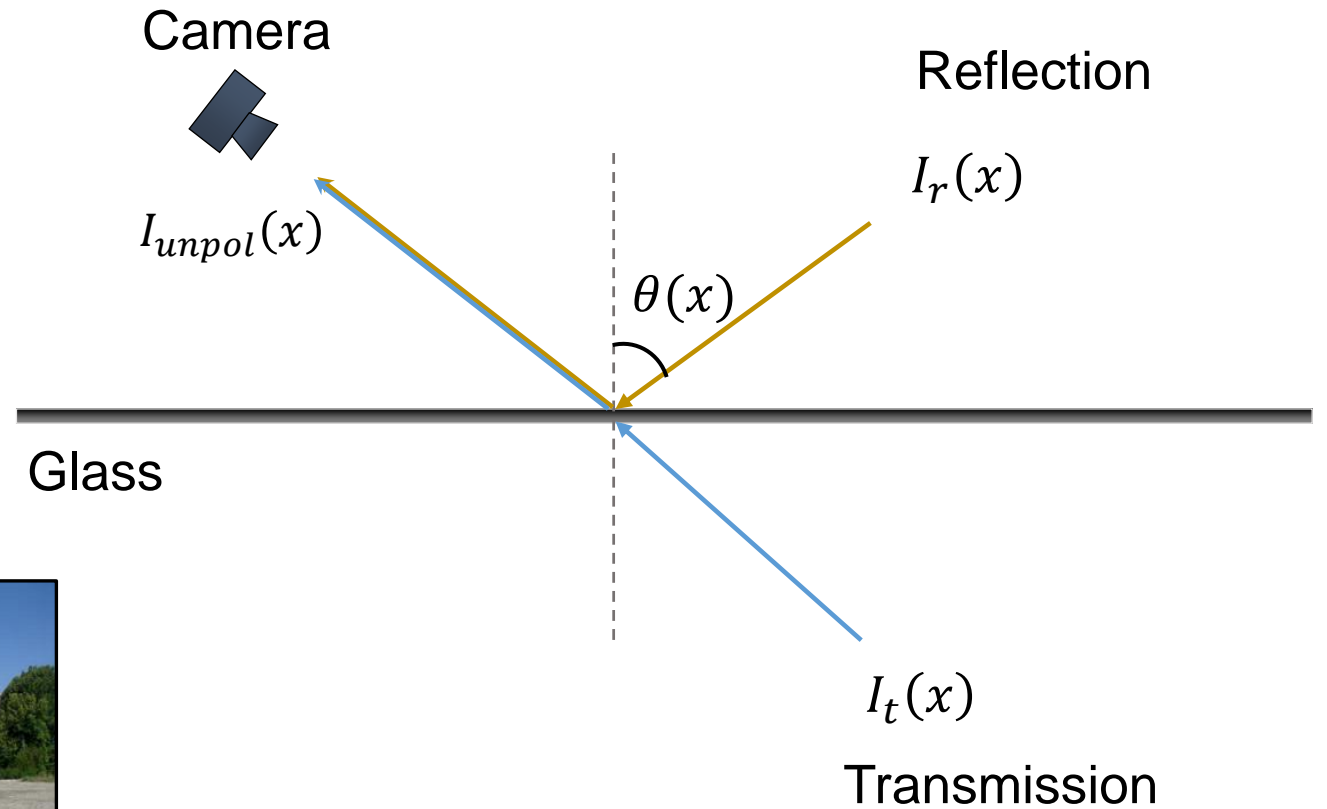
[Wieschollek et al. 18]

We design an end-to-end neural network which takes a pair of (un)polarized images for reflection separation based on a new physical image formation model.

# New Setup: (un)polarized images

Without polarizer  
in front of the camera

$$I_{unpol}(x) = I_r(x) \cdot \frac{\xi(x)}{2} + I_t(x) \cdot \frac{2 - \xi(x)}{2}$$



$I_{unpol}$



$I_r$



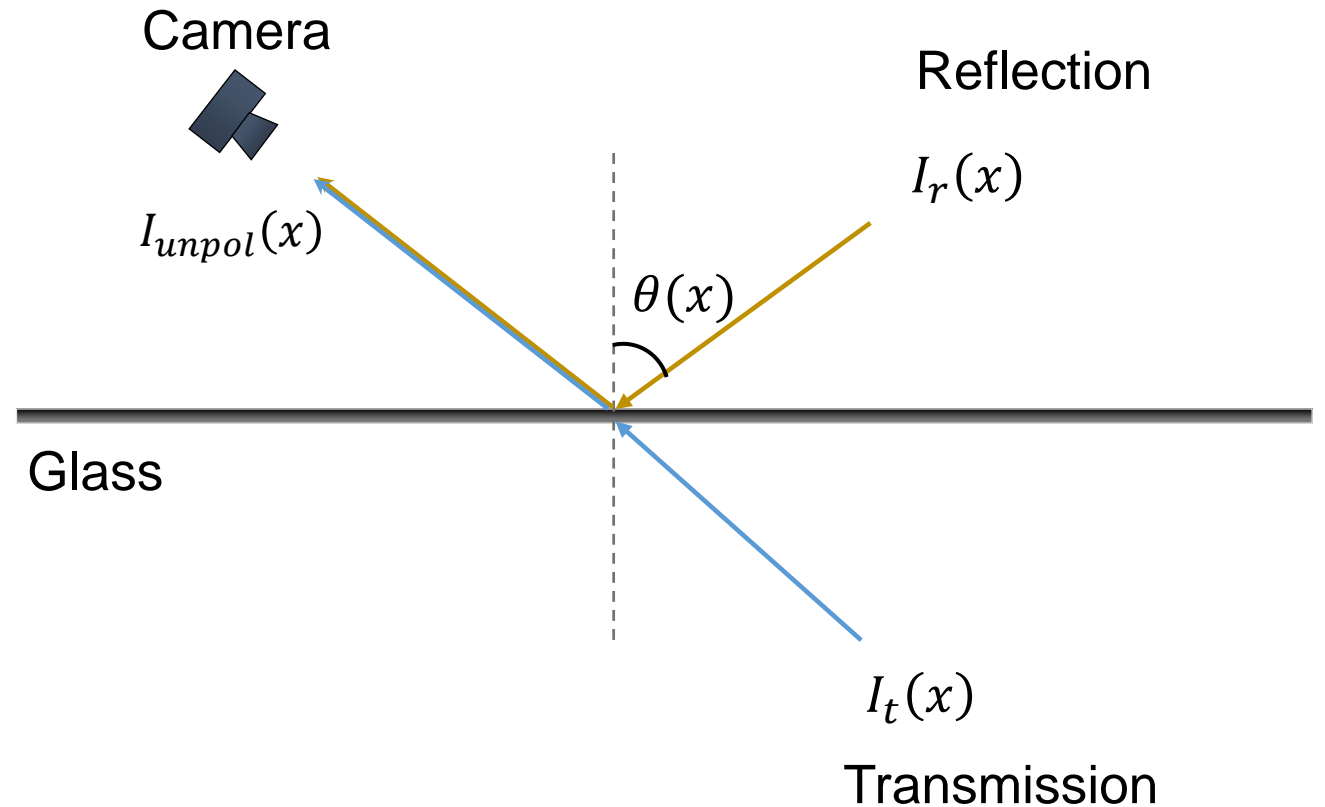
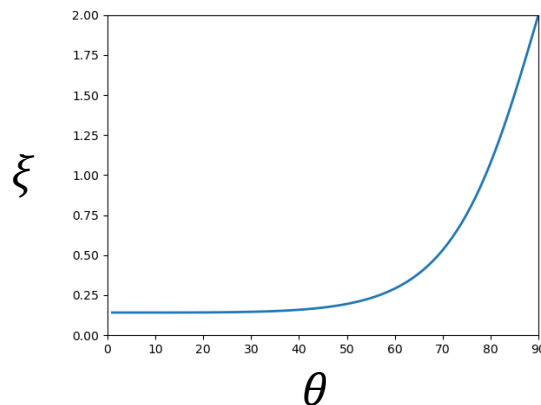
$I_t$

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$\xi(x) = f_1(\theta(x))$



$\theta(x)$  is the angle of incidence.



# New Setup: (un)polarized images

With polarizer  
in front of the camera

$$I_{pol}(x) = I_r(x) \cdot \frac{\zeta(x)}{2} + I_t(x) \cdot \frac{1 - \zeta(x)}{2}$$



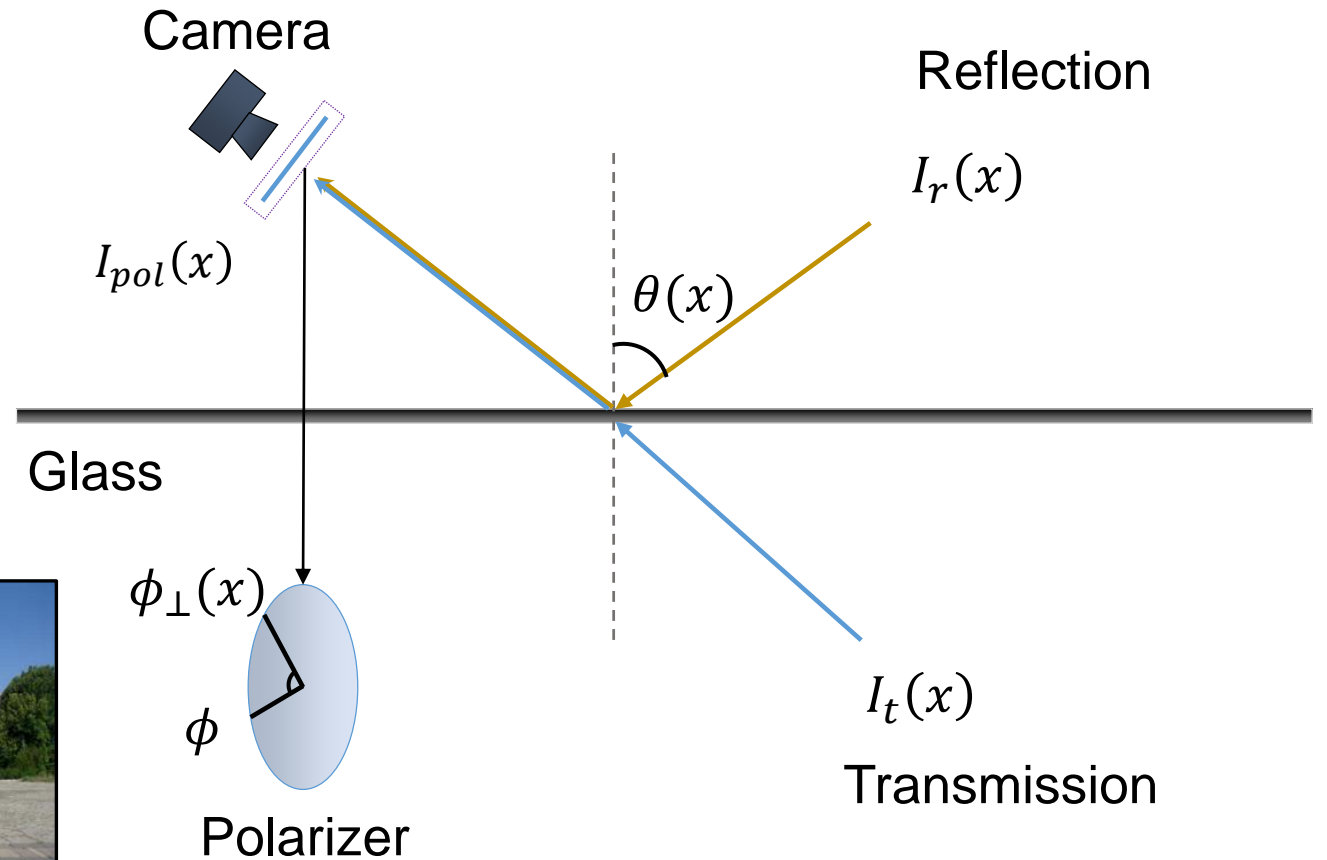
$I_{pol}$



$I_r$



$I_t$

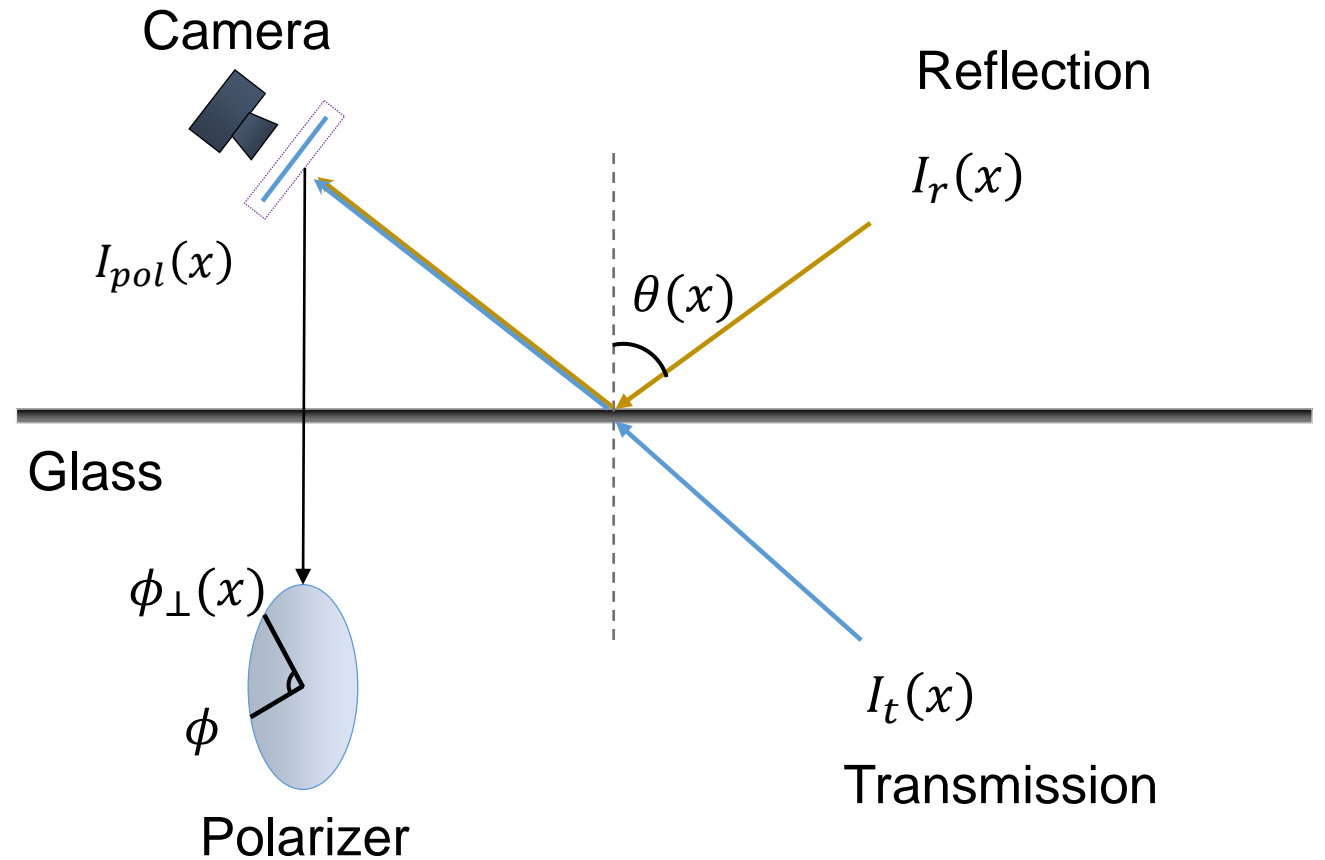
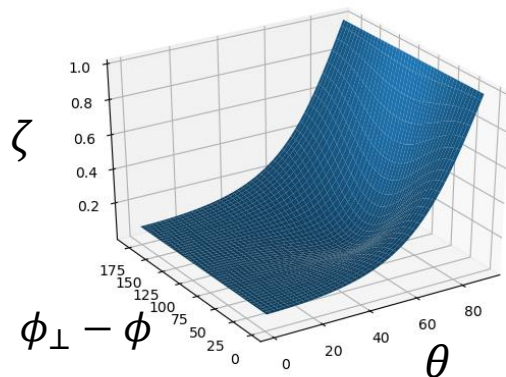


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$$I_{pol}(x) = I_r(x) \cdot \frac{\zeta(x)}{2} + I_t(x) \cdot \frac{1 - \zeta(x)}{2}$$

$$\zeta(x) = f_2(\theta(x), \phi_{\perp}(x))$$



$\phi_{\perp}(x)$  is the orientation of the polarizer for the best transmission of the component perpendicular to the plane of incidence (Pol).

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With polarizer:

$$I_{pol}(x) = I_r(x) \cdot \frac{\zeta(x)}{2} + I_t(x) \cdot \frac{1 - \zeta(x)}{2}$$

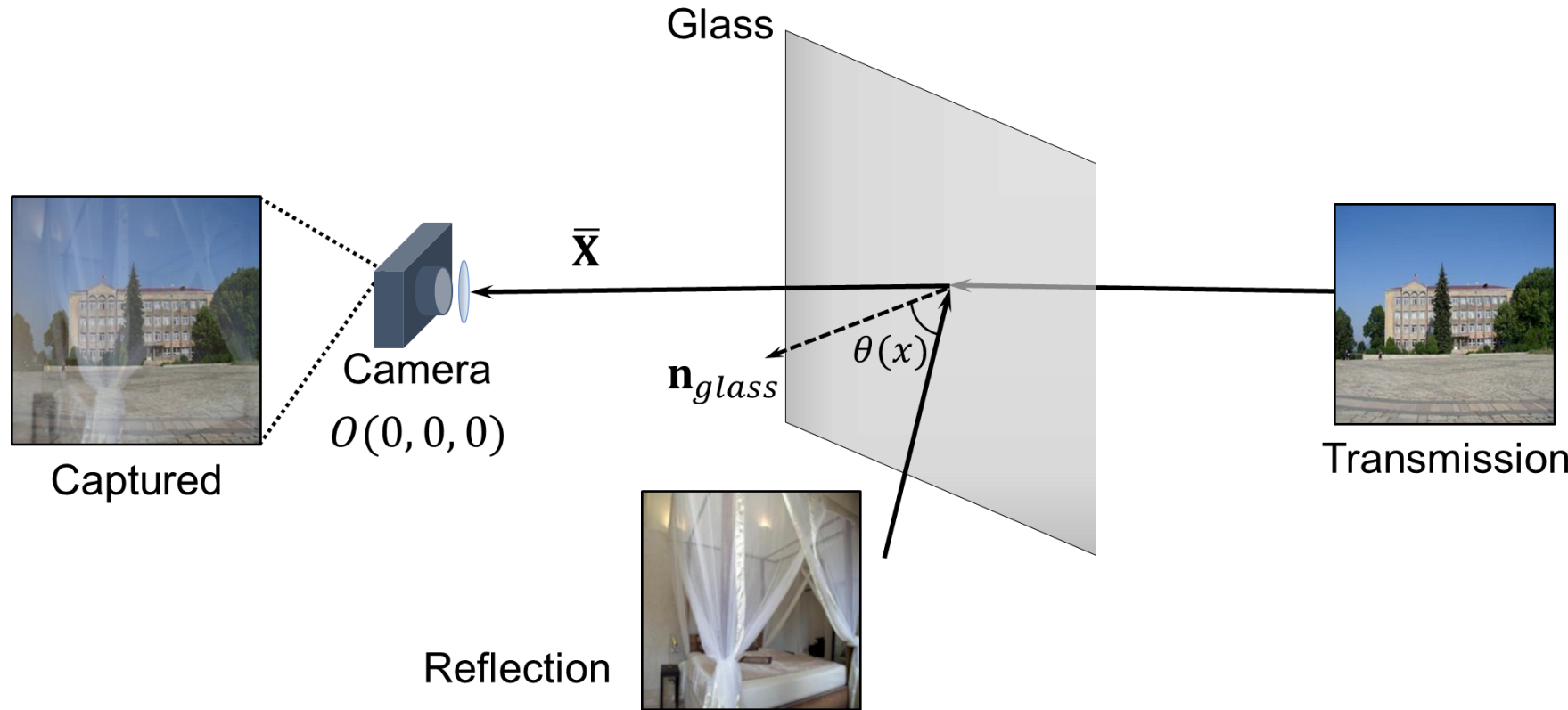


$$\left. \begin{array}{l} I_{unpol}(x), I_{pol}(x) \\ \theta(x), \phi_{\perp}(x) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow I_t(x), I_r(x)$$

How to compute  $\theta(x)$  and  $\phi_{\perp}(x)$  ?

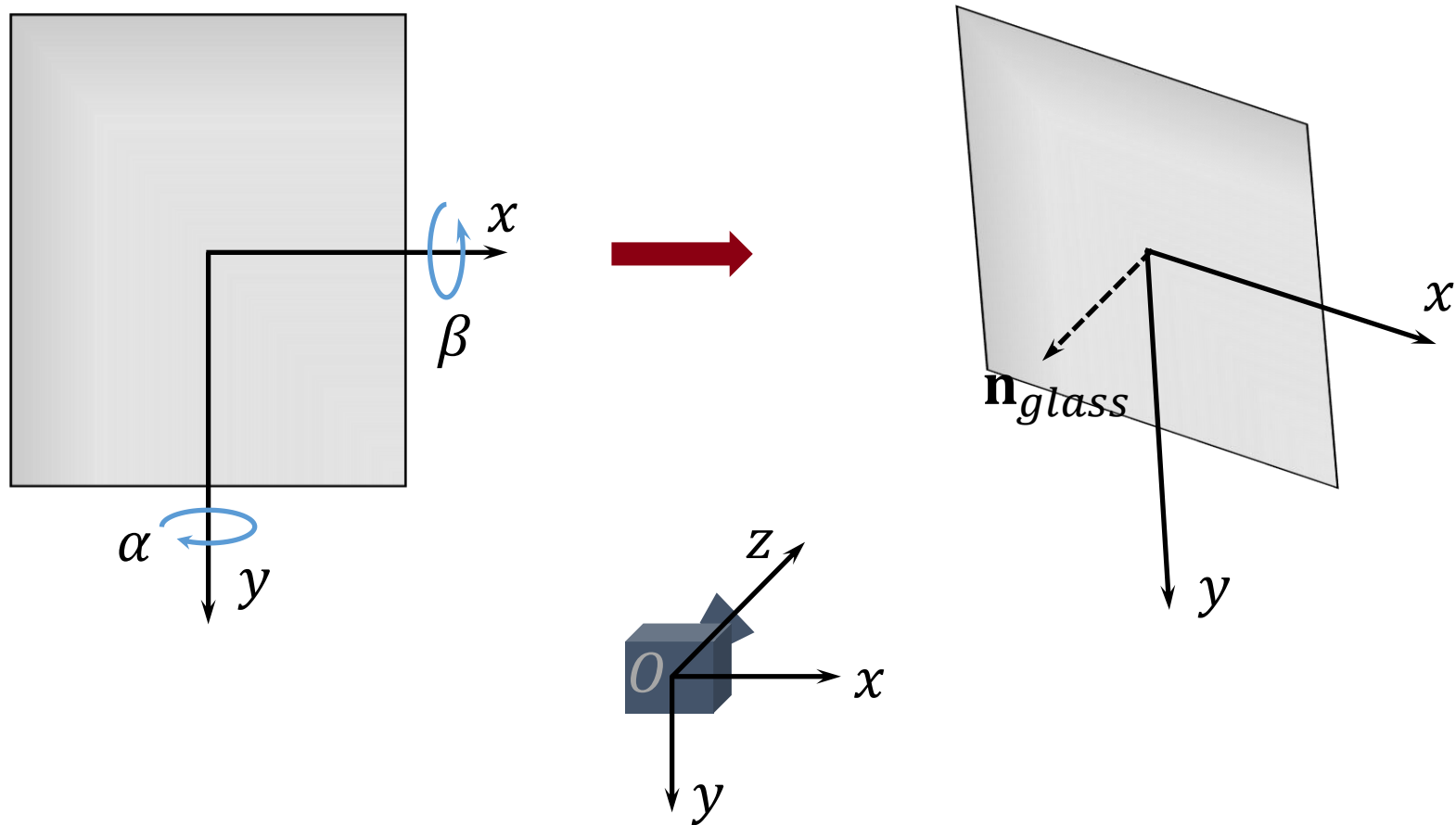
# Physical Image Formation Model

$$\theta(x) = \arccos(|\mathbf{n}_{glass} \cdot \bar{\mathbf{X}}|)$$





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$$\alpha, \beta \Rightarrow \mathbf{n}_{glass}$$

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Without polarizer:

$$I_{unpol}(x) = I_r(x) \cdot \frac{\xi(x)}{2} + I_t(x) \cdot \frac{2 - \xi(x)}{2}$$

With polarizer:

$$I_{pol}(x) = I_r(x) \cdot \frac{\zeta(x)}{2} + I_t(x) \cdot \frac{1 - \zeta(x)}{2}$$



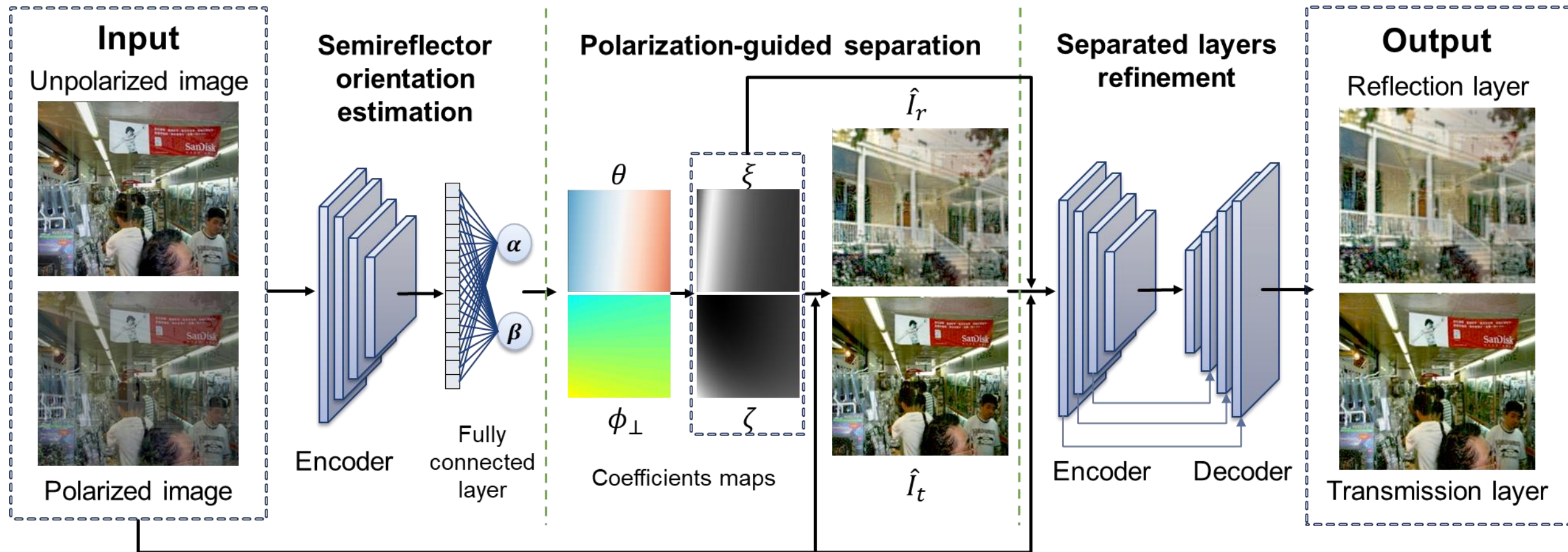
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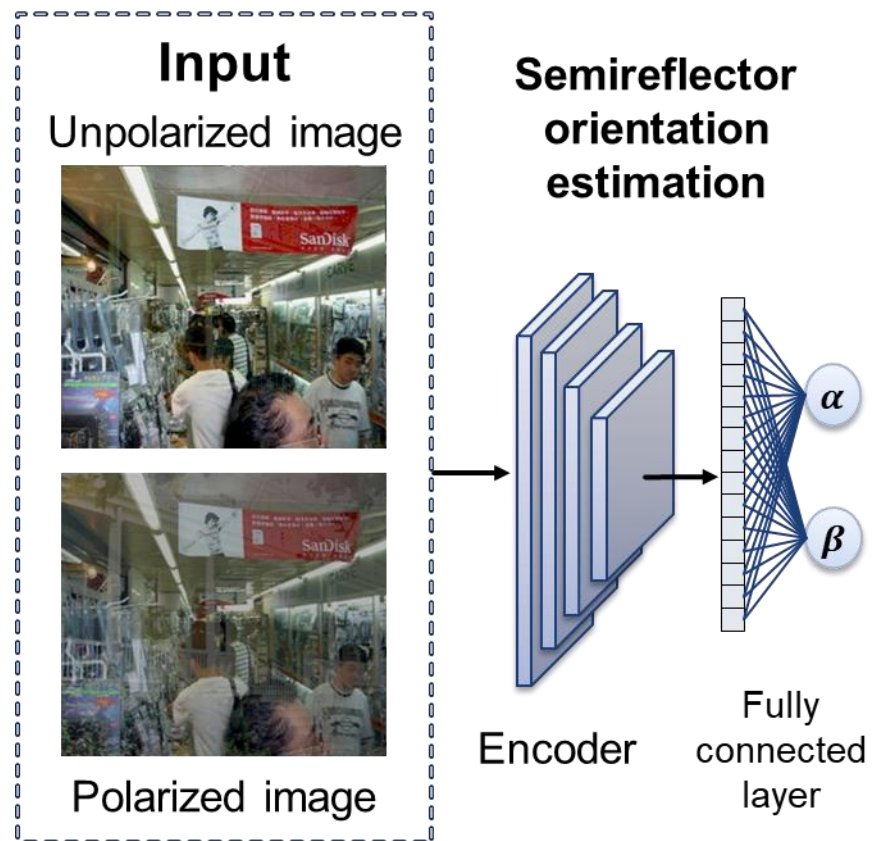


# Reflection Separation Network



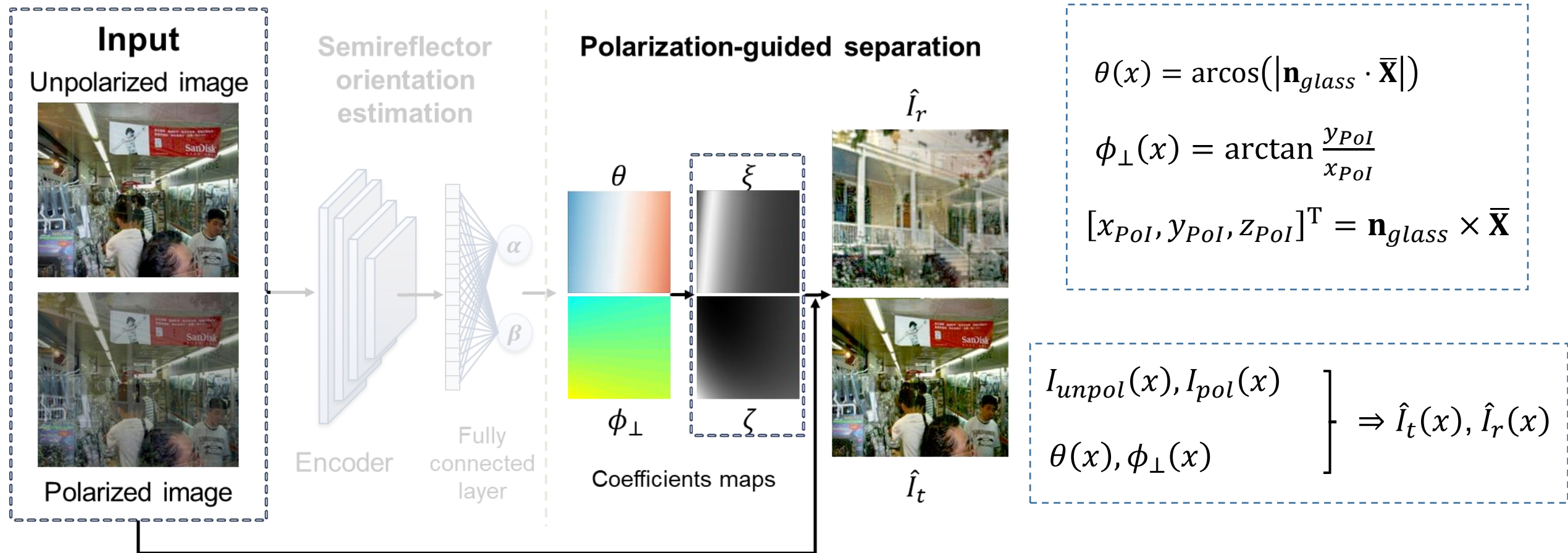
# Reflection Separation Network

- Semireflector orientation estimation module



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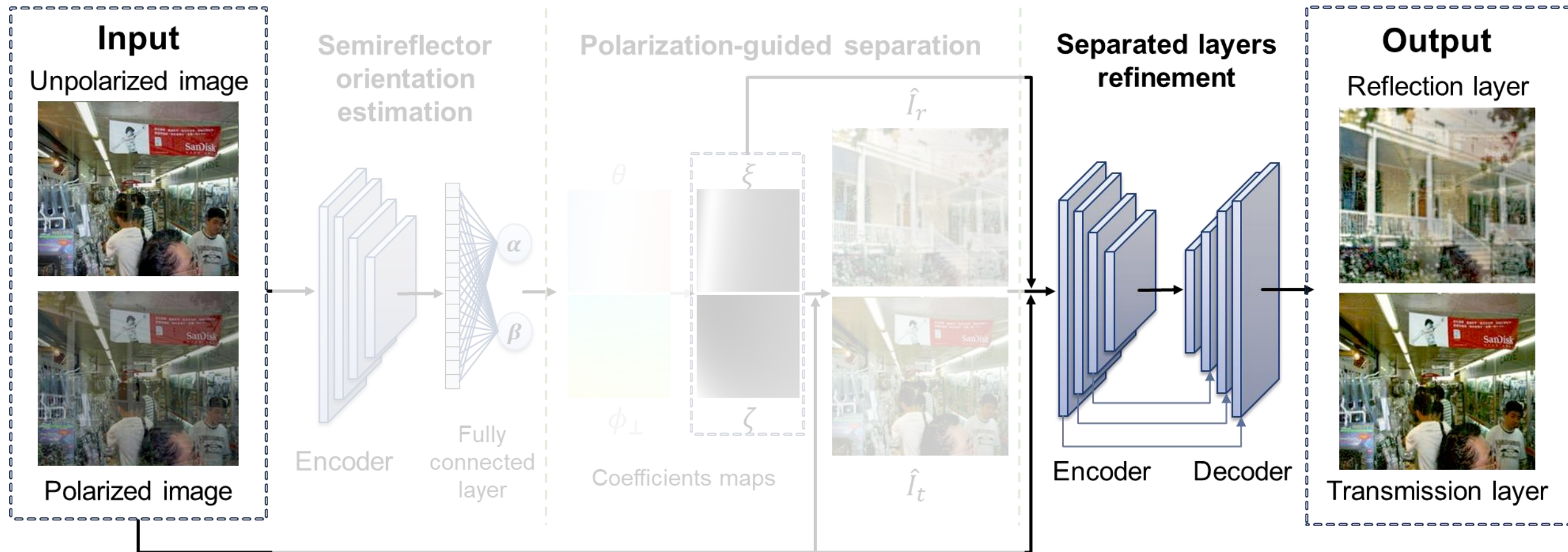
- Polarization-guided separation module



# Reflection Separation Network

- Separated layers refinement module

$$\hat{I}_t(x), \hat{I}_r(x) \Rightarrow I_t(x), I_r(x)$$

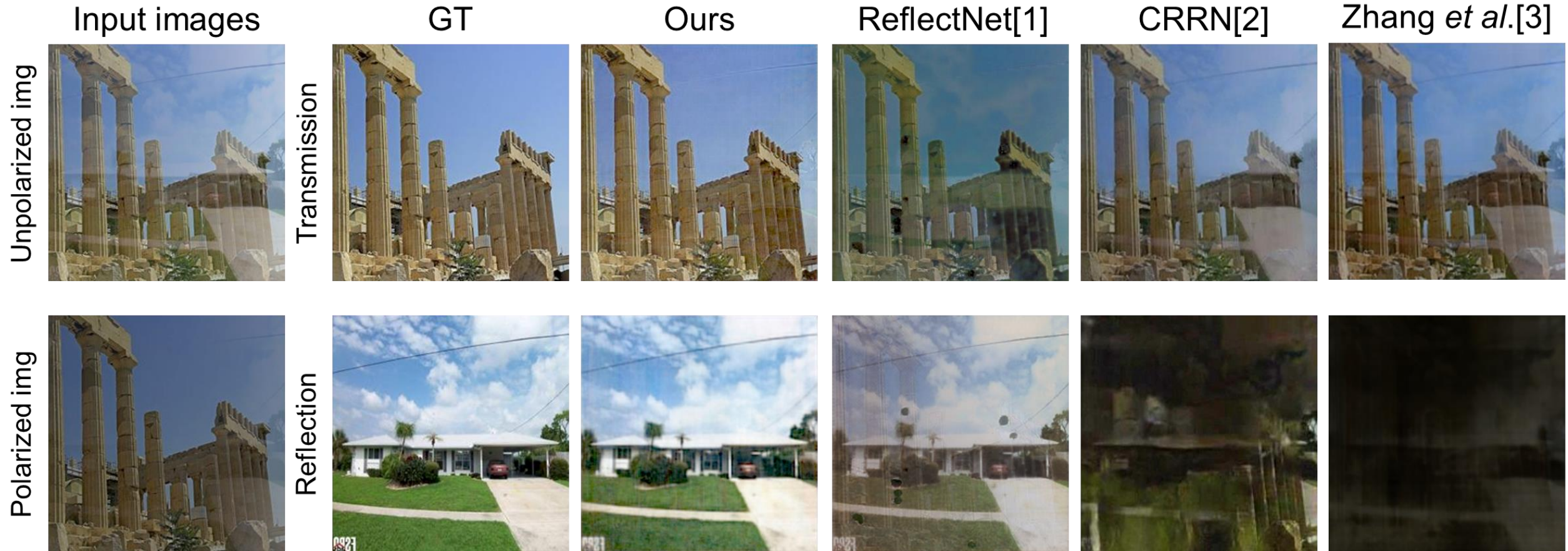


# Evaluation on Synthetic Data

		<b>Ours</b>	Ours- Initial	ReflectNet[1]- Finetuned	Ours- 2% noise	Ours- 8% noise	Ours- 16% noise
Transmission	SSIM	<b>0.9708</b>	0.8324	0.9627	0.9691	0.9668	0.9619
	PSNR	<b>28.23</b>	21.61	27.52	28.08	27.31	27.17
Reflection	SSIM	<b>0.8953</b>	0.6253	0.8303	0.8785	0.8418	0.8022
	PSNR	<b>20.92</b>	13.90	18.50	20.53	19.18	18.26

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Input images

GT

Ours

ReflectNet[1]

CRRN[2]

Zhang *et al.*[3]

Unpolarized img



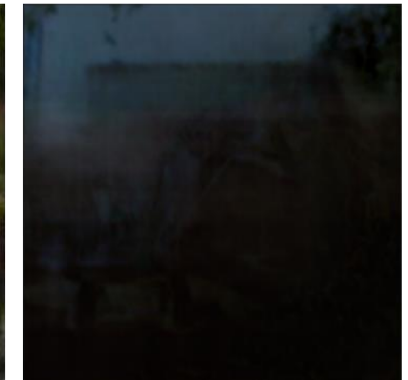
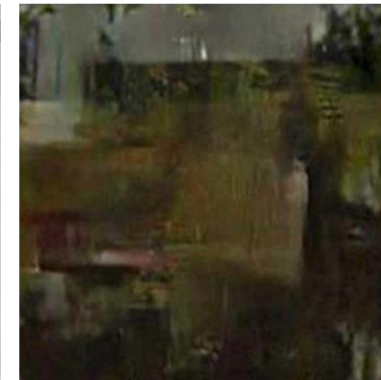
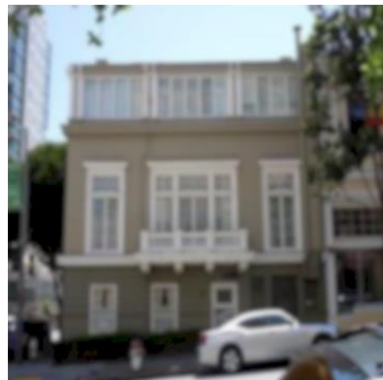
Transmission



Polarized img



Reflection

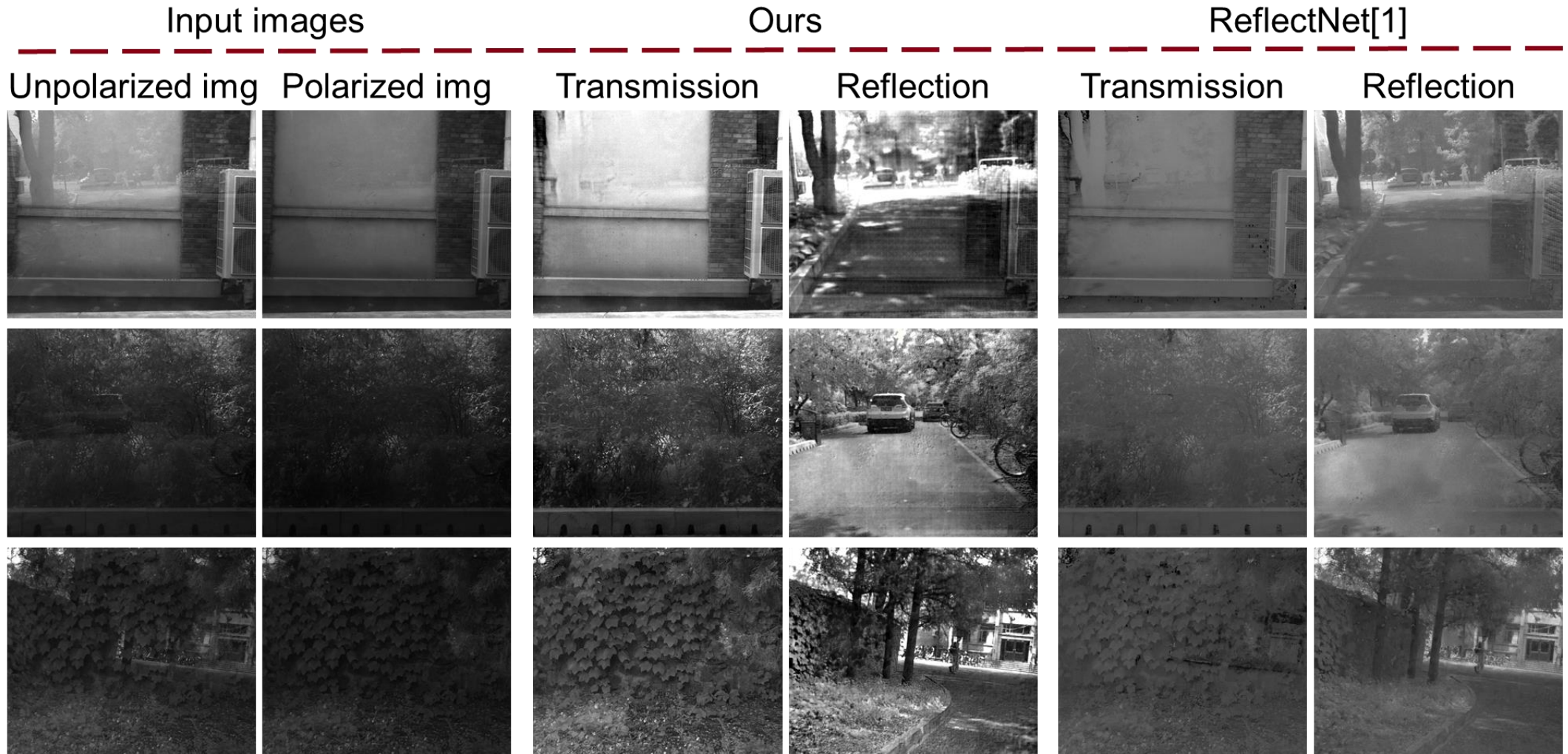


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# Evaluation on Real-World Data



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# Conclusion

- A simple while effective setup for reflection separation using a pair of (un)polarized images
- A well-posed physical image formation model
- An end-to-end deep neural network designed according to the physical model

**Thank you!**

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