

# Supplementary Material: Universal Photometric Stereo Network using Global Lighting Contexts

## Appendix A. Implementation Details

**Architecture details:** In the main paper, an overview of our universal photometric stereo network was given but some important details were omitted due to the space limit. In this section, we detail the “basic + pre-fusion” configuration of our universal photometric stereo network. It should be noted that the hyper parameters in our architecture are all selected empirically, so it is quite possible that there are parameters that will give better performance.

The image-wise feature extraction network (*i.e.* Swin-S variant of SwinTransformer [10]) and subsequent multi-scale feature fusion with the feature pyramid network (*i.e.* UPerNet [13]) in our encoder were implemented on MM-Segmentation [2]. The updates from the original codes are mainly two. First, we input a mask image in addition to an RGB image. Second, we modified the original mlp-based patch embedding (*i.e.*, local information embedding during the reduction of the image resolution to 1/4 of the canonical resolution) to the CNN-based one with five convolutional layers to capture the local shading variations. The number of different scales was four; hence, given the canonical resolution of  $256 \times 256$ , sizes of the multi-scale feature maps were  $64 \times 64 \times 96$ ,  $32 \times 32 \times 192$ ,  $16 \times 16 \times 384$  and  $8 \times 8 \times 768$ , which were fused to  $64 \times 64 \times 256$  global lighting contexts.

The feature communication in our encoder and aggregation in our decoder were pixelwisely applied to feature vectors under different lighting conditions in similar to our previous work [8]. As illustrated in Fig. 1, the feature communication step built upon a single Transformer layer where input feature vectors were firstly projected to query, key and value vectors whose dimensions were same with the input ones. They were then passed to a multi-head self-attention (the number of heads is 8) and a multi-layer perceptron (MLP) with the pre-layer normalization [14] and dropout ( $p = 0.1$ ). Though the MLP doubled the original feature dimension, the feature dimension and number of feature vectors in a set did not change between the input and output of the feature communication step.

The feature aggregation step input  $q$  sets of vectors  $\text{cat}\{I(\mathbf{x}), \mathcal{G}(\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{x}))\}_{1\dots q} \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times (256+3)}$  where each vector was composed of raw pixel values and the interpolated global lighting context. Then the input set was passed to three Transformer layers and a PMA [9] where the number of elements in a set was shrunk from  $q$  to one. The surface normal predictor was a MLP with one hidden layer whose feature dimension shrank as  $384 \rightarrow 192 \rightarrow 3$  and the norm of the output vector was normalized to be a unit surface normal vector at the location.

**Competitor details:** It should be noted again that all the algorithms (ours, GCNet [6], MPM [11] and Variational [7]) took the object mask as input. To ensure a fair comparison, we applied the same center crop to input images, which means that the input of all the algorithms were exactly same (*i.e.*, crops of images and an object mask). For a fair evaluation, we used the authors’ official implementations for competitors. Since there is a binary ambiguity left in the surface normal recovered by MPM (*i.e.* signs of  $x, y, z$  directions), we manually solved it so as to be quantitatively optimal in the quantitative experiments and most visually plausible in the qualitative evaluation. As for GCNet, we used the pre-trained model provided by authors since our training dataset was not available for their model due to the fact that GCNet requires the supervision of directional lightings. In addition, we found that GCNet [5] didn’t work at all for our raw test images without the proper image normalization (The data normalization is also important for the DiLiGenT [12] evaluation), therefore we empirically performed the linear image normalization dividing each image by  $0.1 \cdot \max(I)$  so that the pixel values in each image ranged between 0 and 0.1. Unlike others, Variational [7] is actually an algorithm for perspective images and it requires the focal length of images as input. So we approximated test images as perspective ones by using the unit focal length (*i.e.*  $f = 256$  for  $256 \times 256$  image) for our PS-Wild test dataset and using ones from Exif-Tags in the real evaluation. We note that empirically, the small differences of the focal length didn’t show any significant difference in results. Unfortunately, MPM [11] is a quite computationally expensive algorithm whose computational complexity is  $O(h^2w^2)$  and we confirmed that it didn’t work for images whose sizes were bigger than  $512 \times 512$ . For a fair comparison, we used  $256 \times 256$  crops in both quantitative and qualitative comparison because we confirmed that MAE didn’t significantly depend on the input image resolution.

## Appendix B. PS-Wild Dataset and Training Details

**Renderer details:** PS-Wild was rendered with the *Cycles* engine in Blender2.93 [1]. For a full global illumination rendering using a path tracing integrator with direct light sampling, we used 256 rendering samples with 10 max ray bounces. Each BRDF material in both training and test 3-D assets consisted of 2-D texture maps of the base color, roughness, metalness which were directly fed to the diffuse and specular BRDFs of the *Cycles* engine (*i.e.* we used Principled BSDF shader [4]). In Fig. 2, we illustrated some examples of rendered images and 3-D assets in our PS-Wild training dataset. Each row corresponds to one object from 10,099 objects in total. As for the test dataset, we illustrate the entire 50 objects and corresponding results in Fig.3-52. As mentioned, our textures are classified into three types of materials (six as categorized in ShareTextures [3]); diffuse

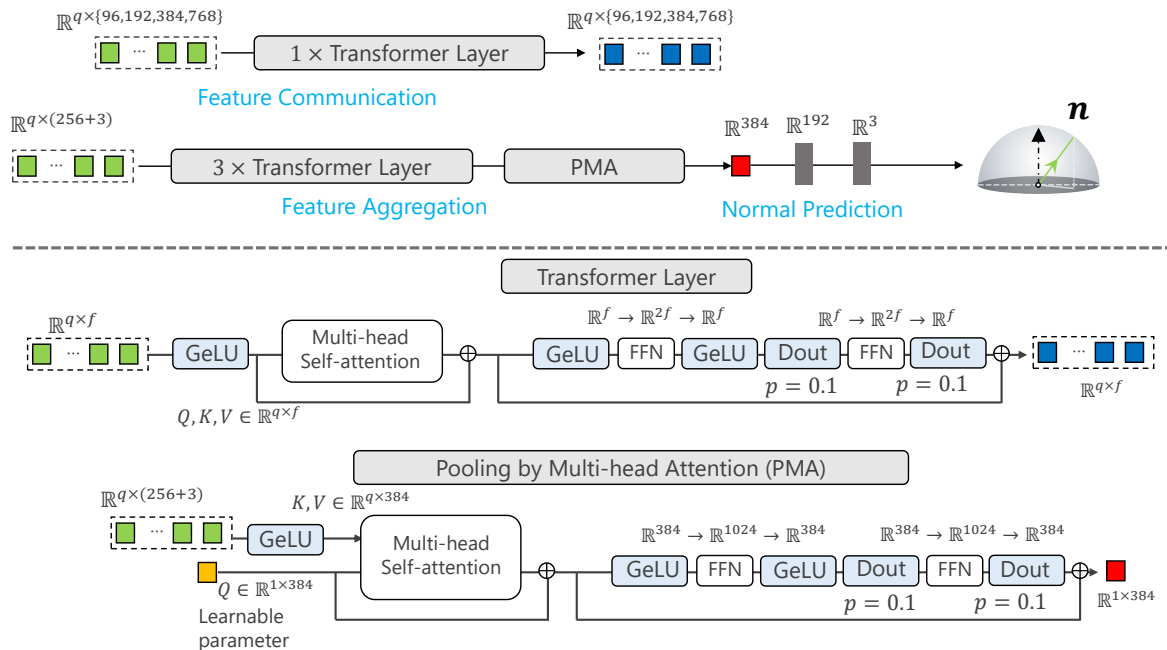


Figure 1. Implementation details of the feature communication and aggregation steps. Our feature communication step is composed of a single Transformer layer and our feature aggregation step is composed of three Transformer layers followed by PMA layer.

(Fabric, Concrete), specular (Wood, Floor, Ground) and metallic (Metal). The rendering pipeline was exactly same as one for the training dataset.

**Training details:** We augmented the dataset during the training to bring more variations in training examples. Concretely, we randomly flipped images horizontally or vertically, and randomly rotated images by 90 degrees. In addition, we also performed the random color swapping for each image since our task didn't include the surface reflectance recovery. We used  $p = 0.5$  for all the augmentations.

### Appendix C. Complete Quantitative Comparison

We illustrated the complete results on our PS-Wild test datasets in Fig.3-52. As described in the main paper, we observed that GCNet worked well for images under the directional lighting, however had problems in handling more complicated lighting conditions. We also observed that GCNet basically produced more blurry output than other methods due to the image-wise operations such as convolutional neural networks. MPM and Variational could produce sharper results but had problems in handling non-Lambertian, non-convex objects.

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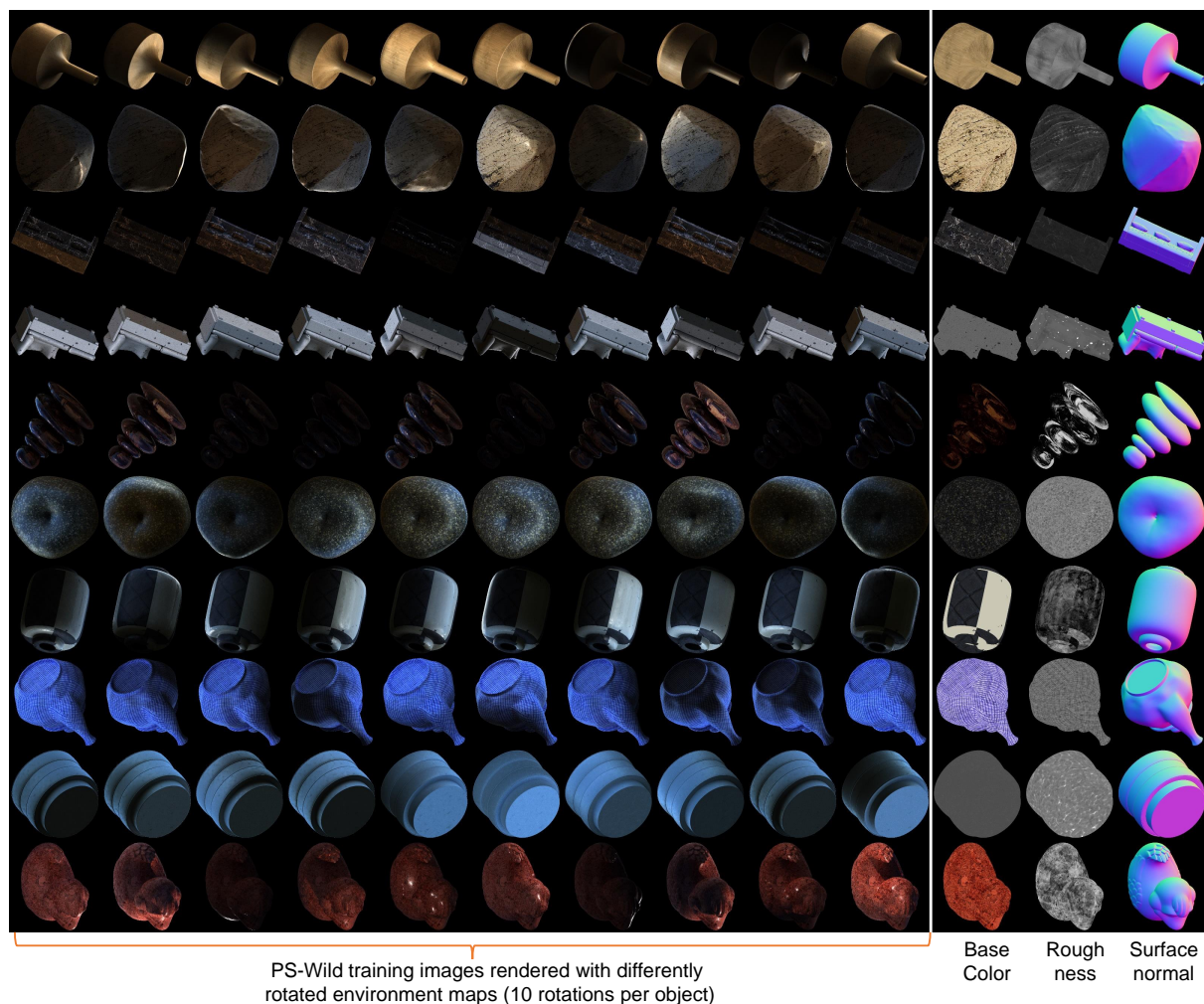


Figure 2. Examples of images and BRDF parameter maps in our PS-Wild training dataset (metallic map is omitted).

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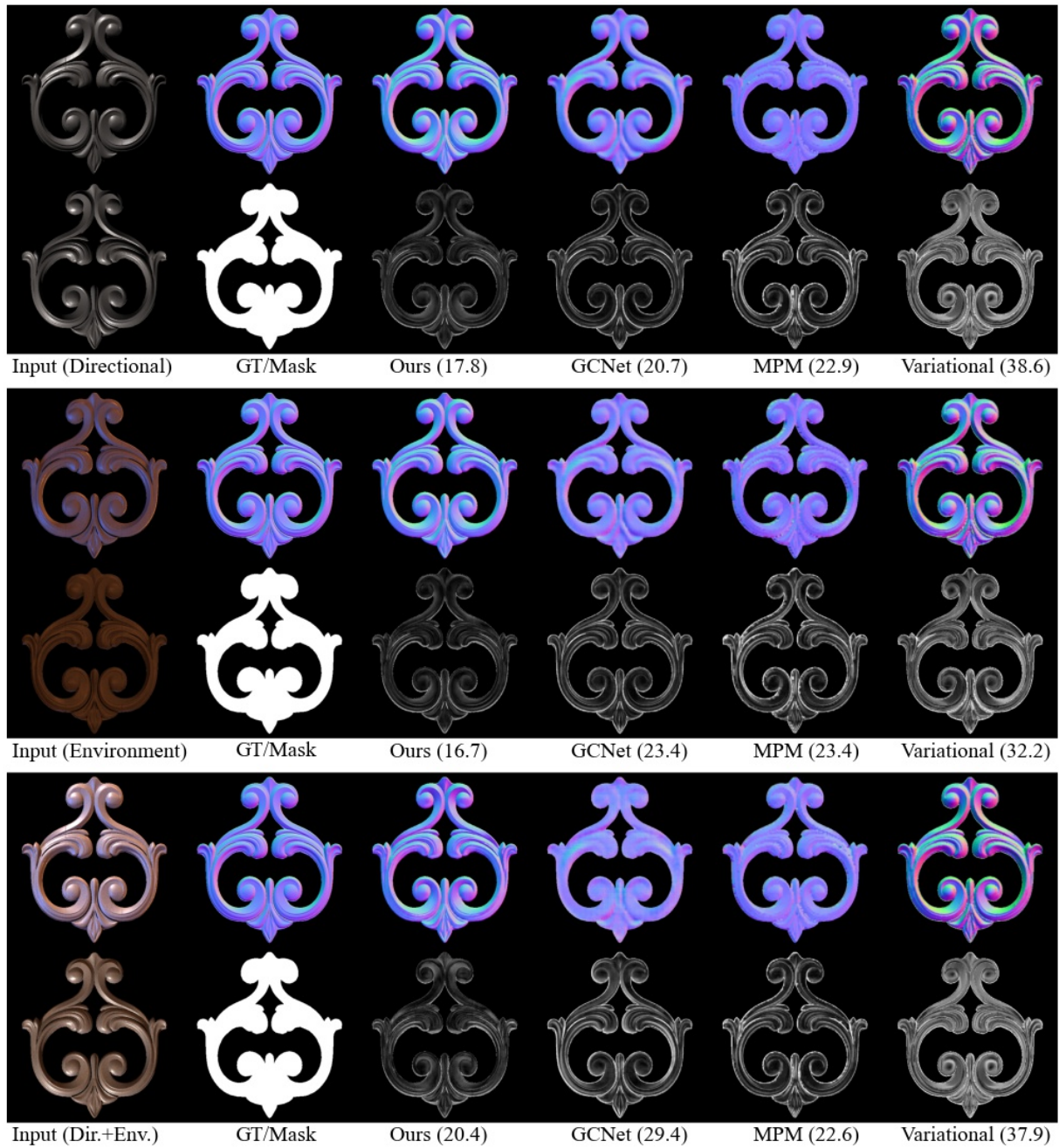


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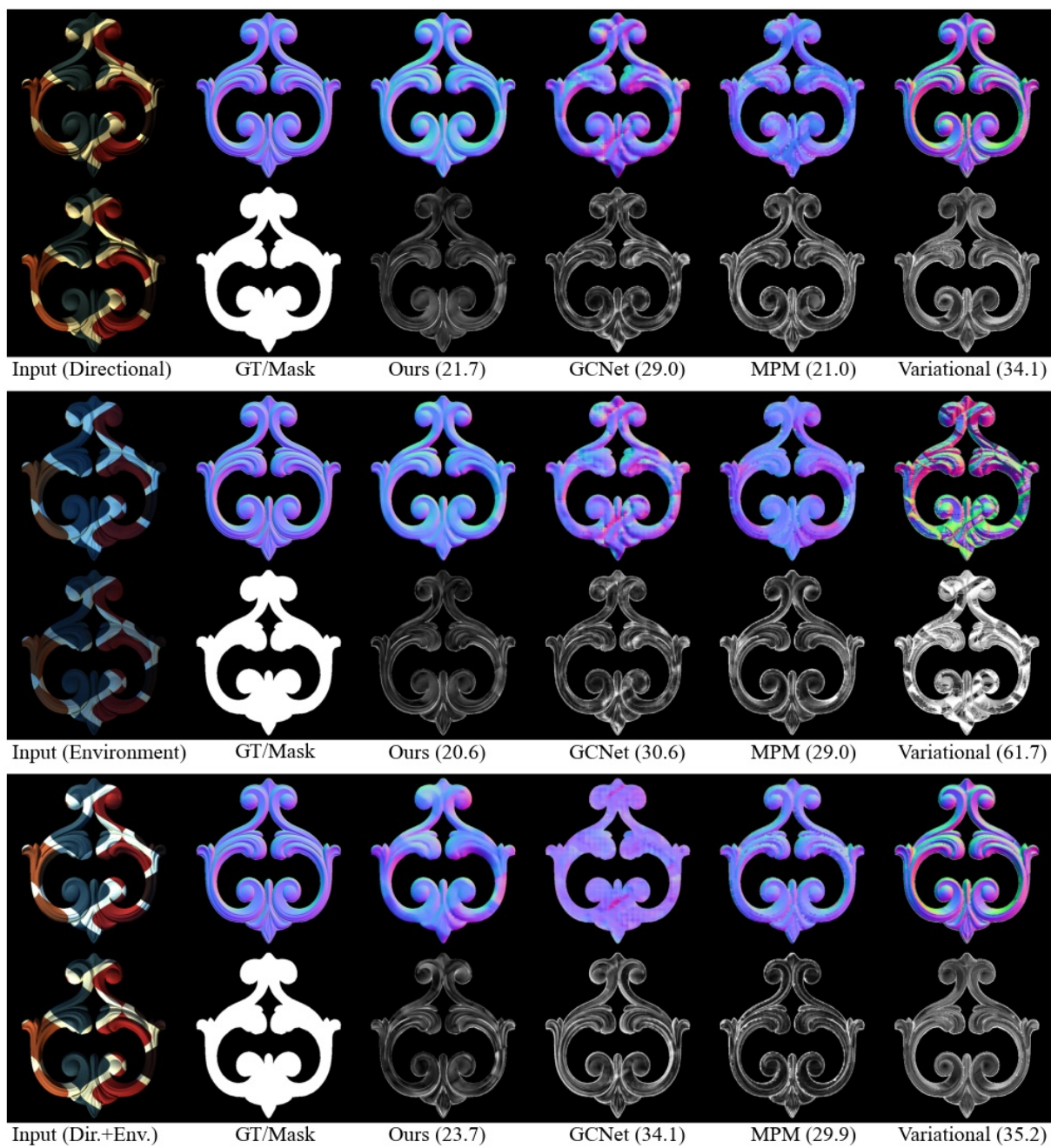


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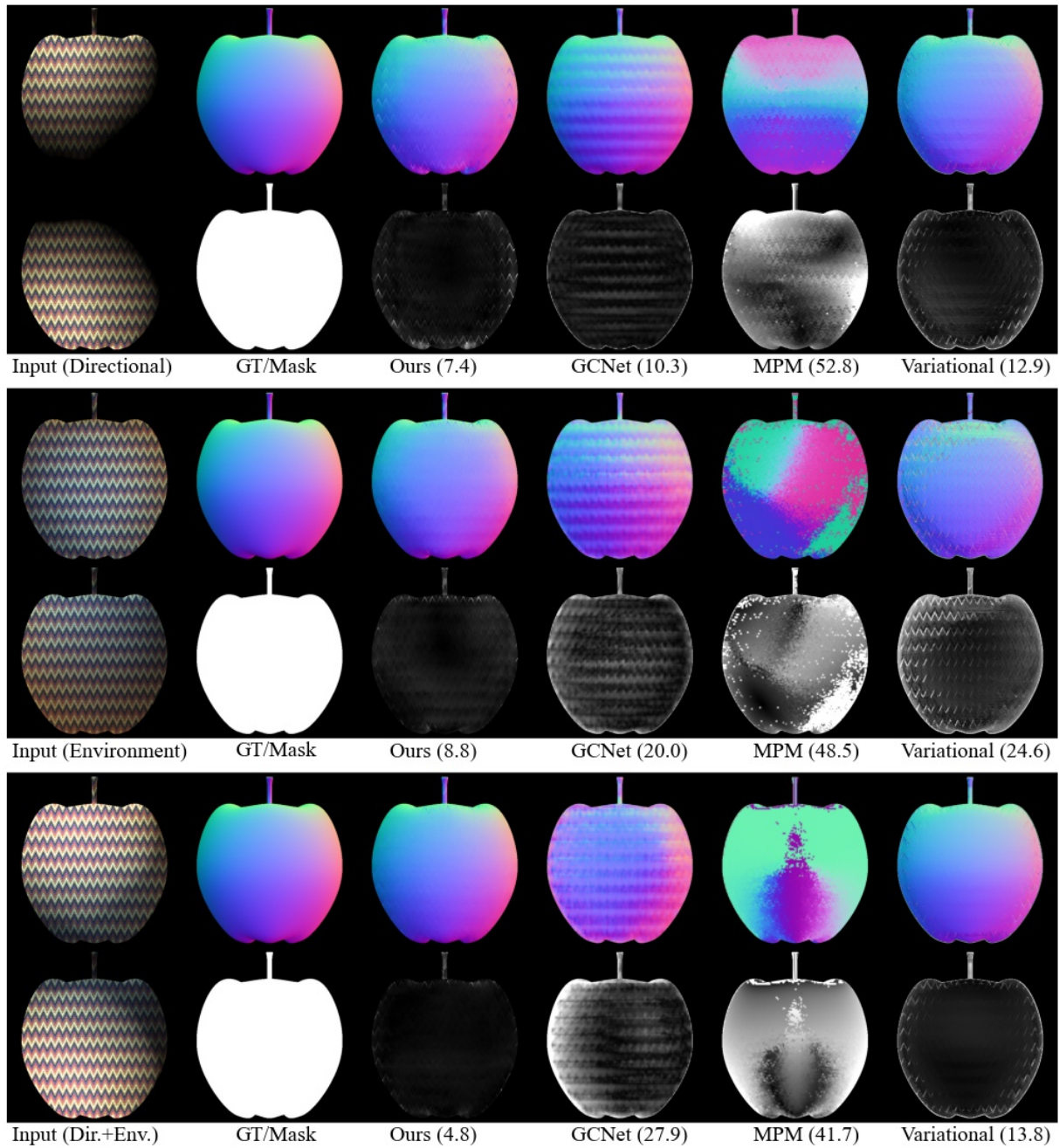


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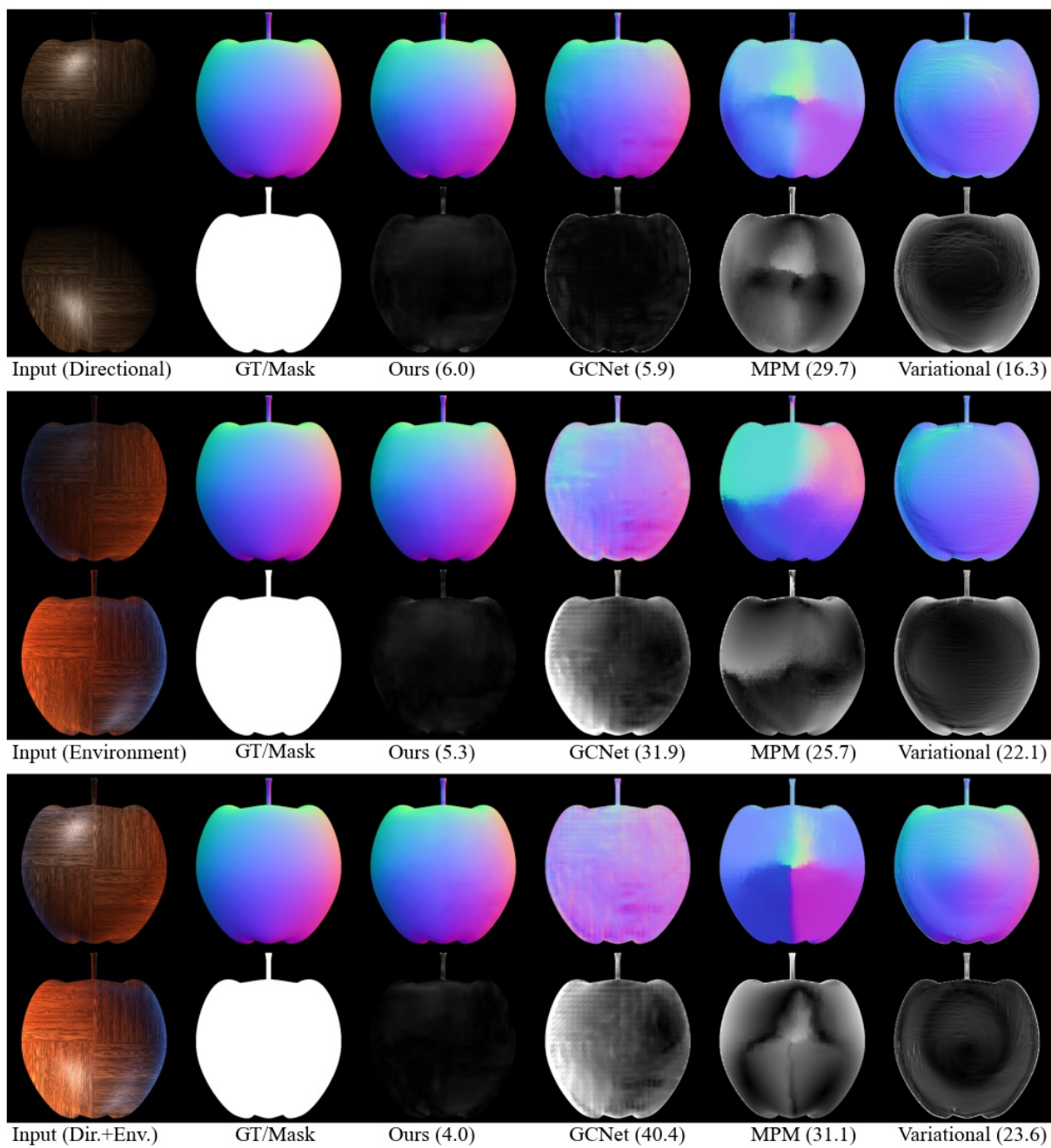


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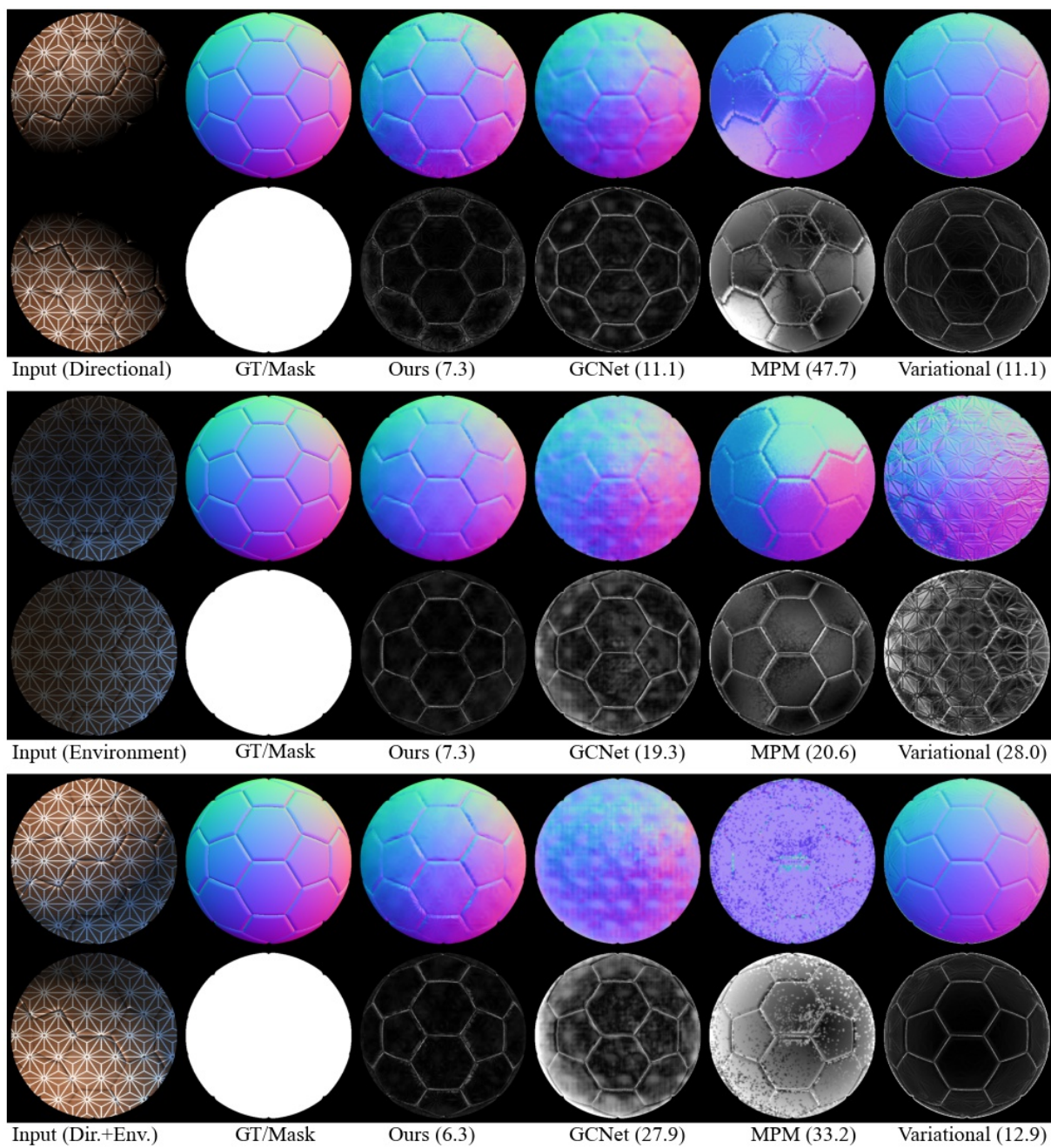


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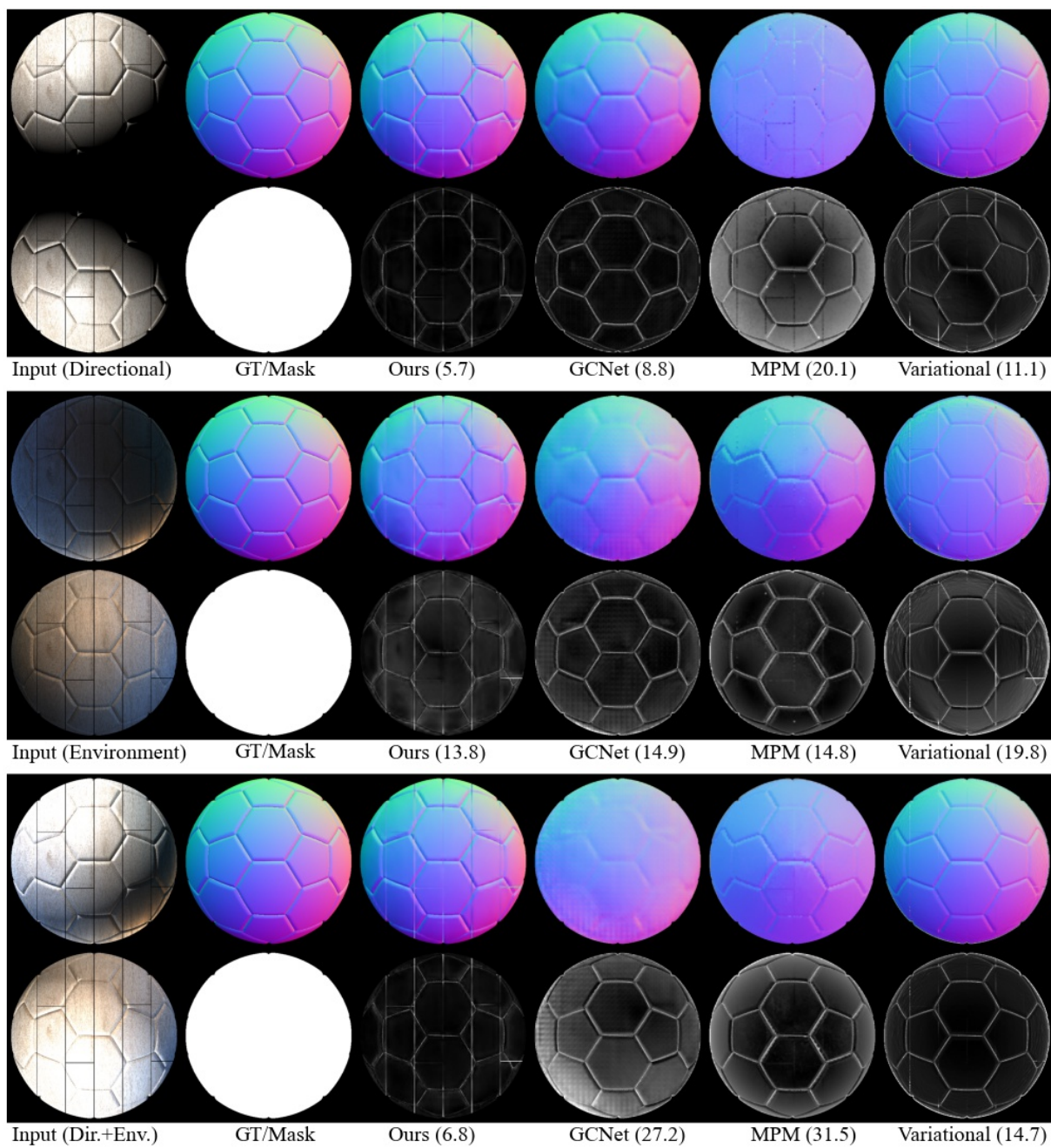


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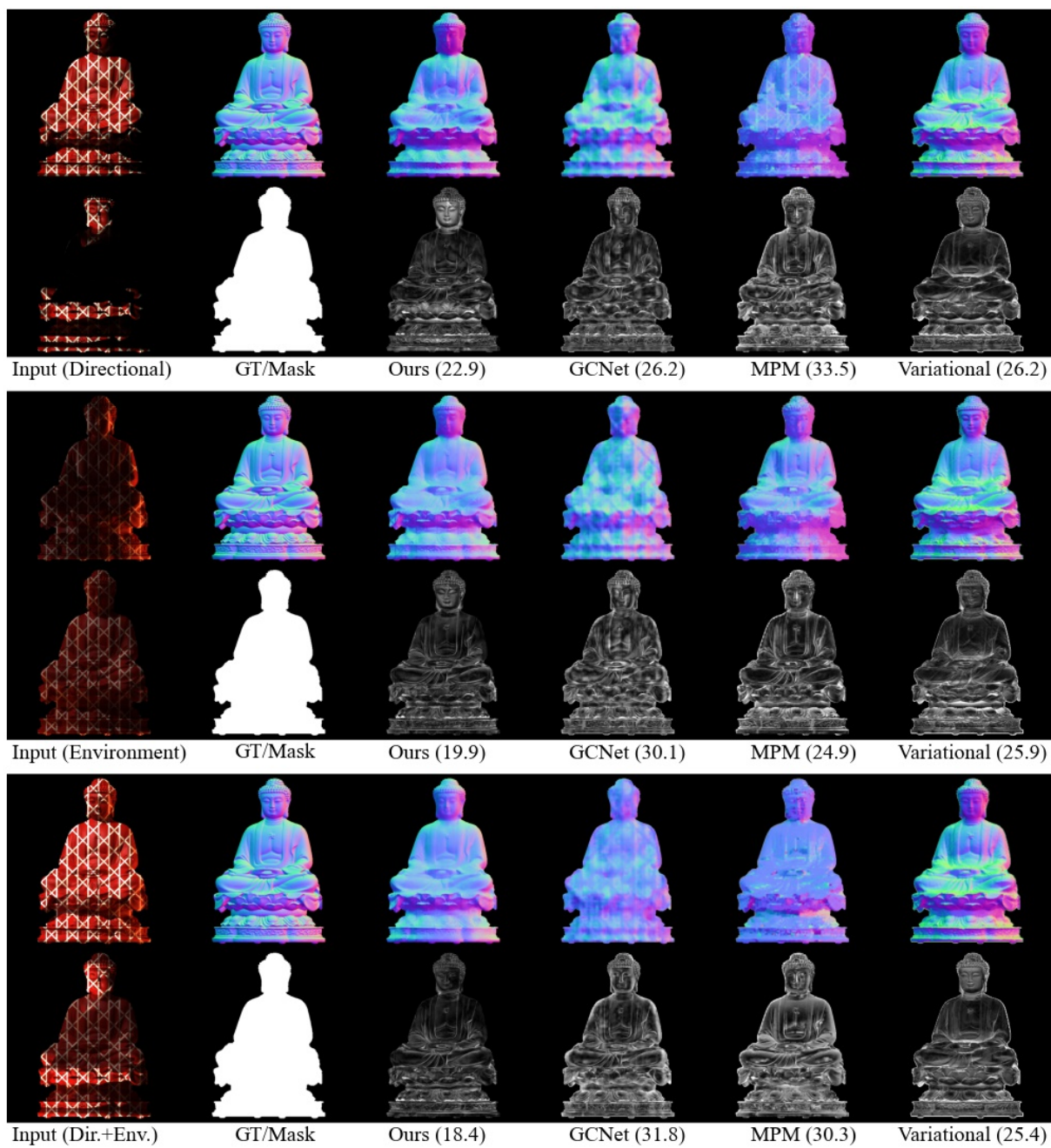


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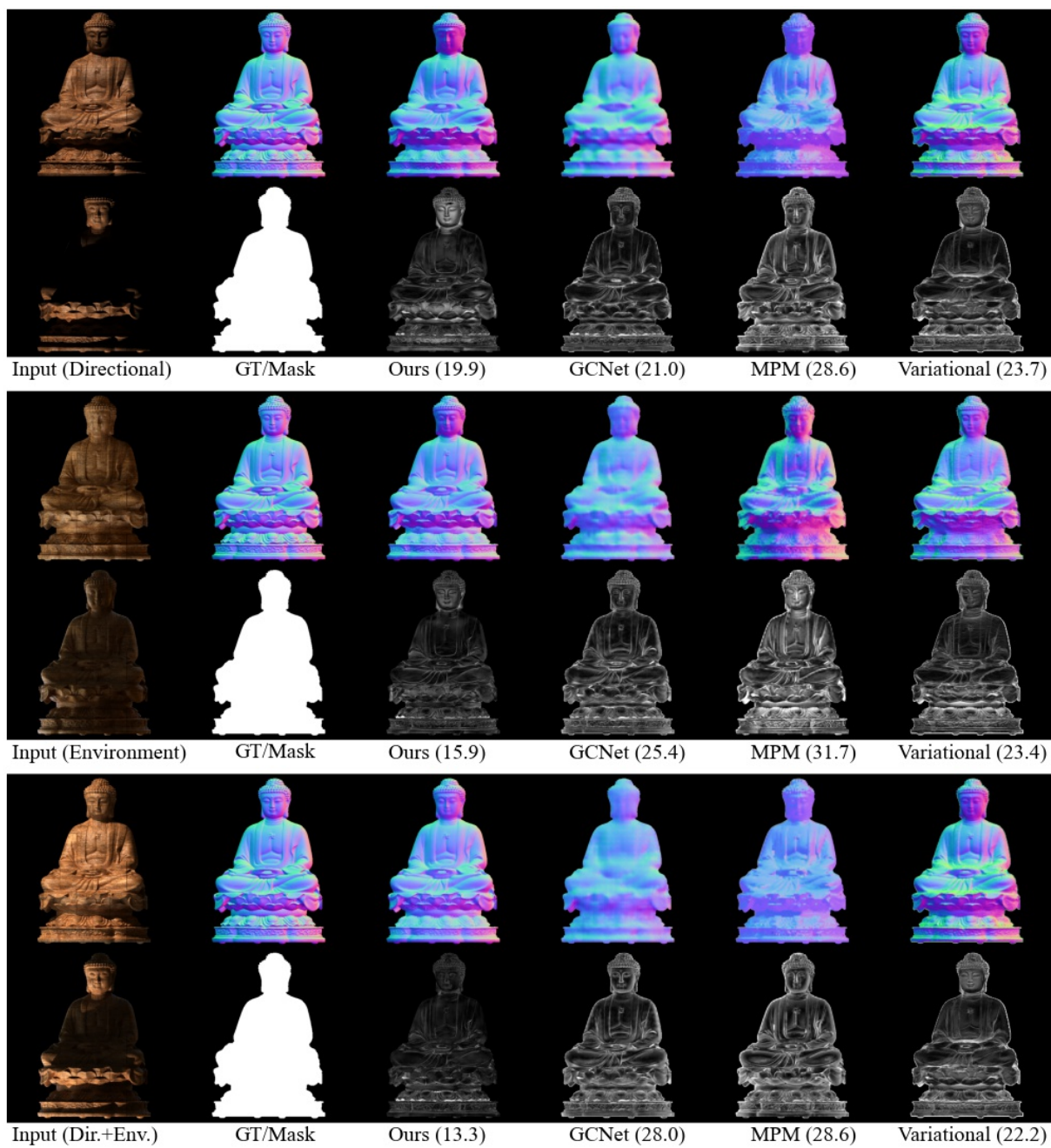


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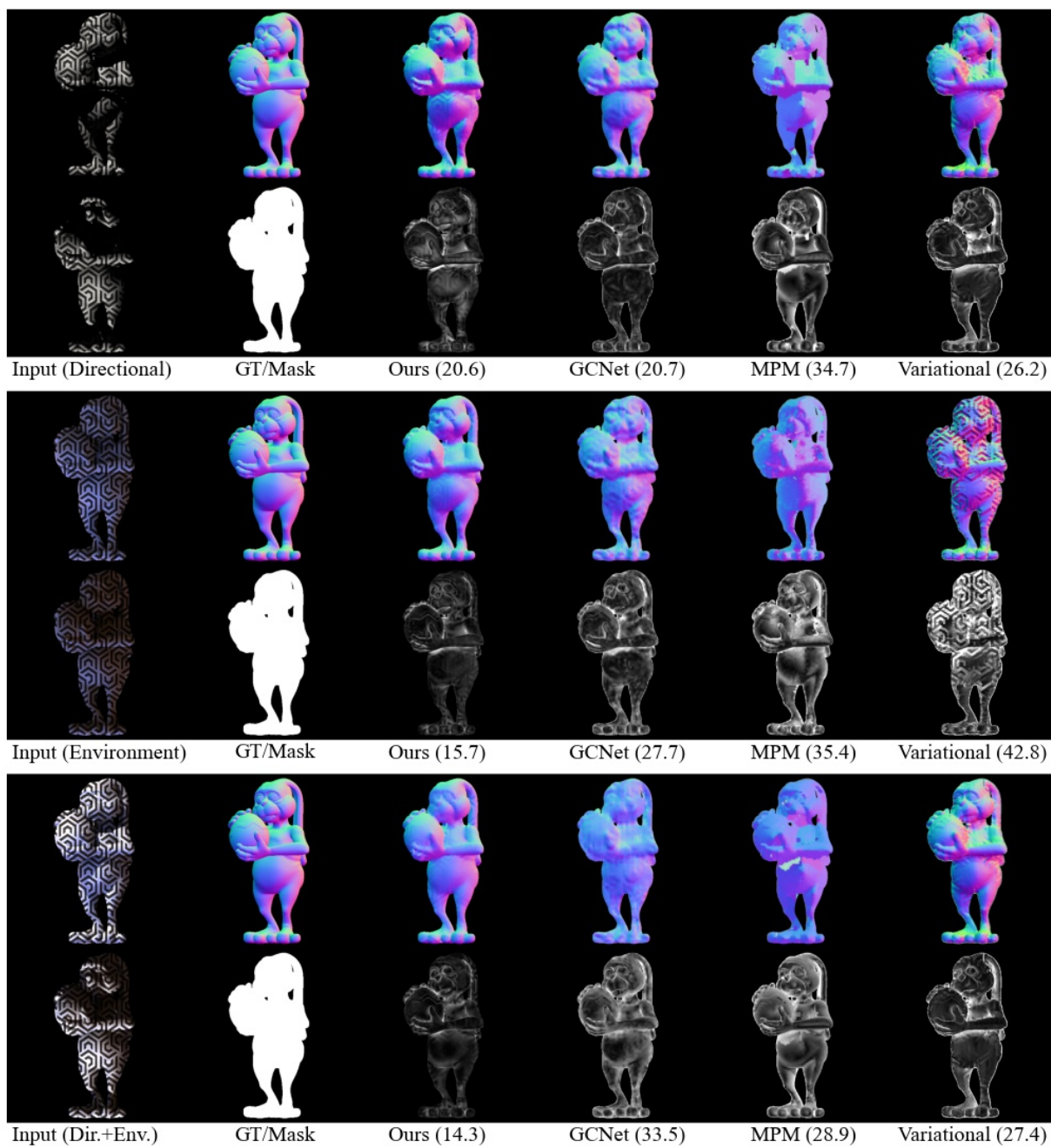


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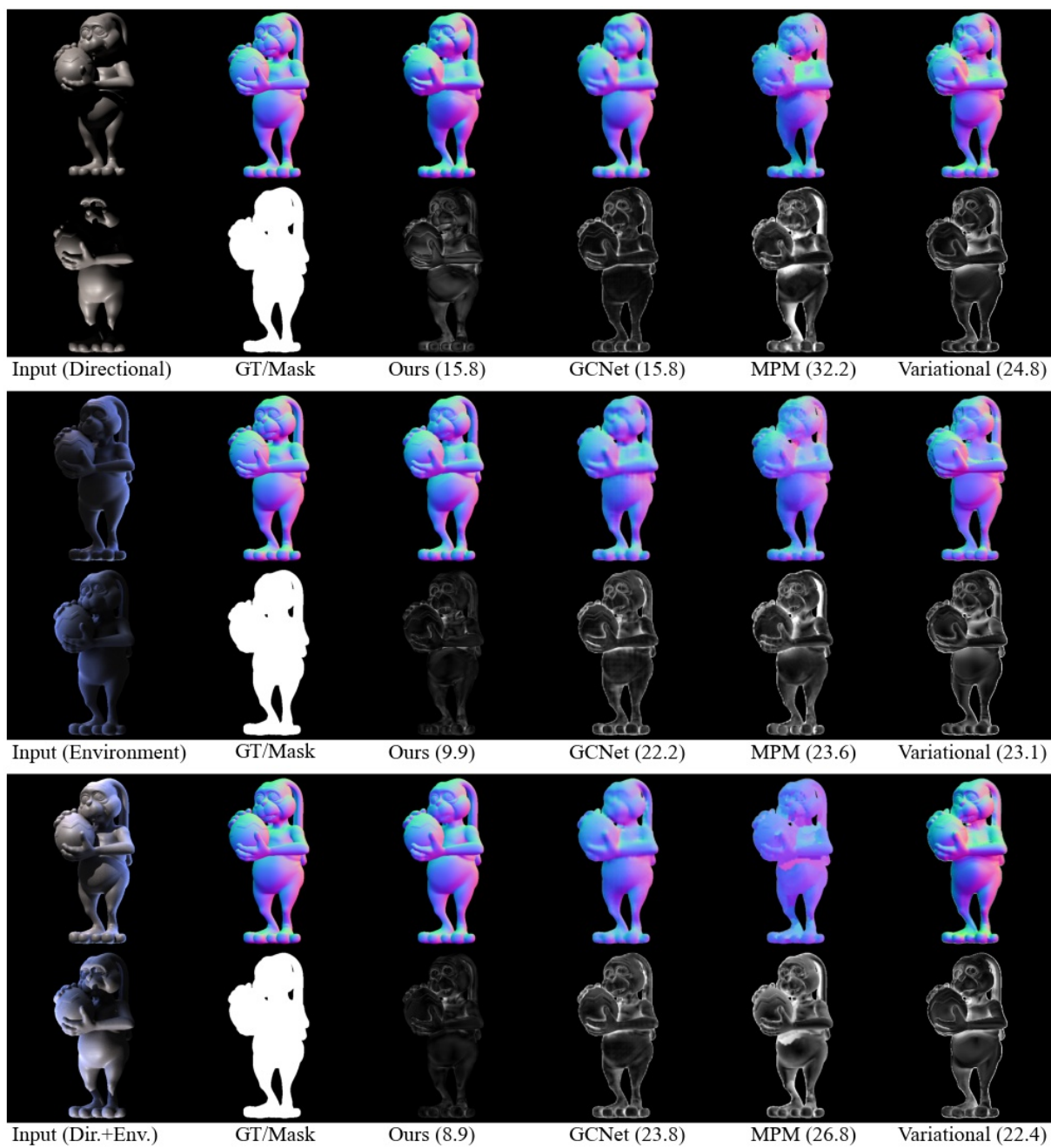


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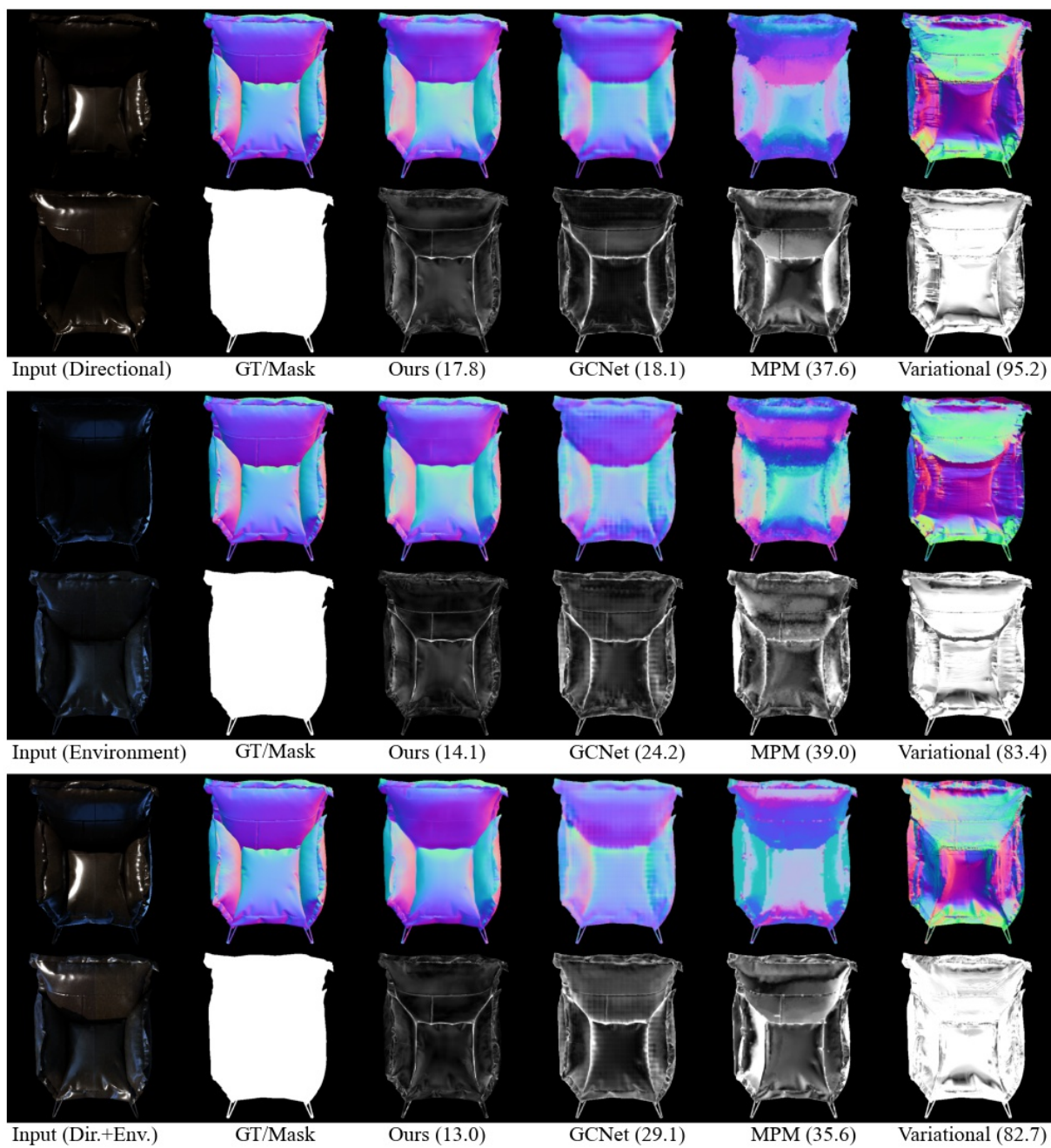


Figure 13. Results on object ID 11 (chair, brown-tiling [Floor]). MAEs (in degrees) are shown next to the name of the method.

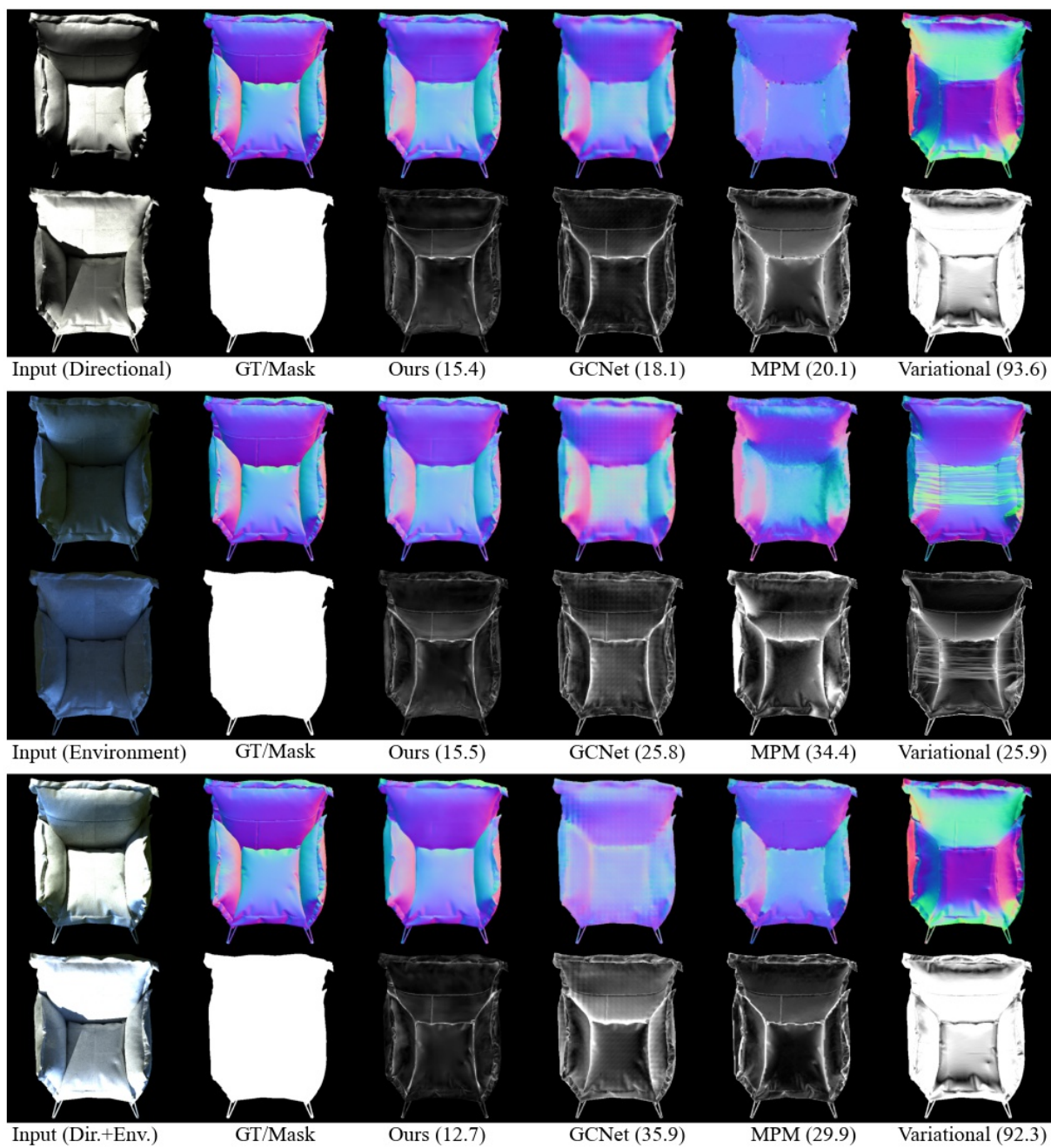


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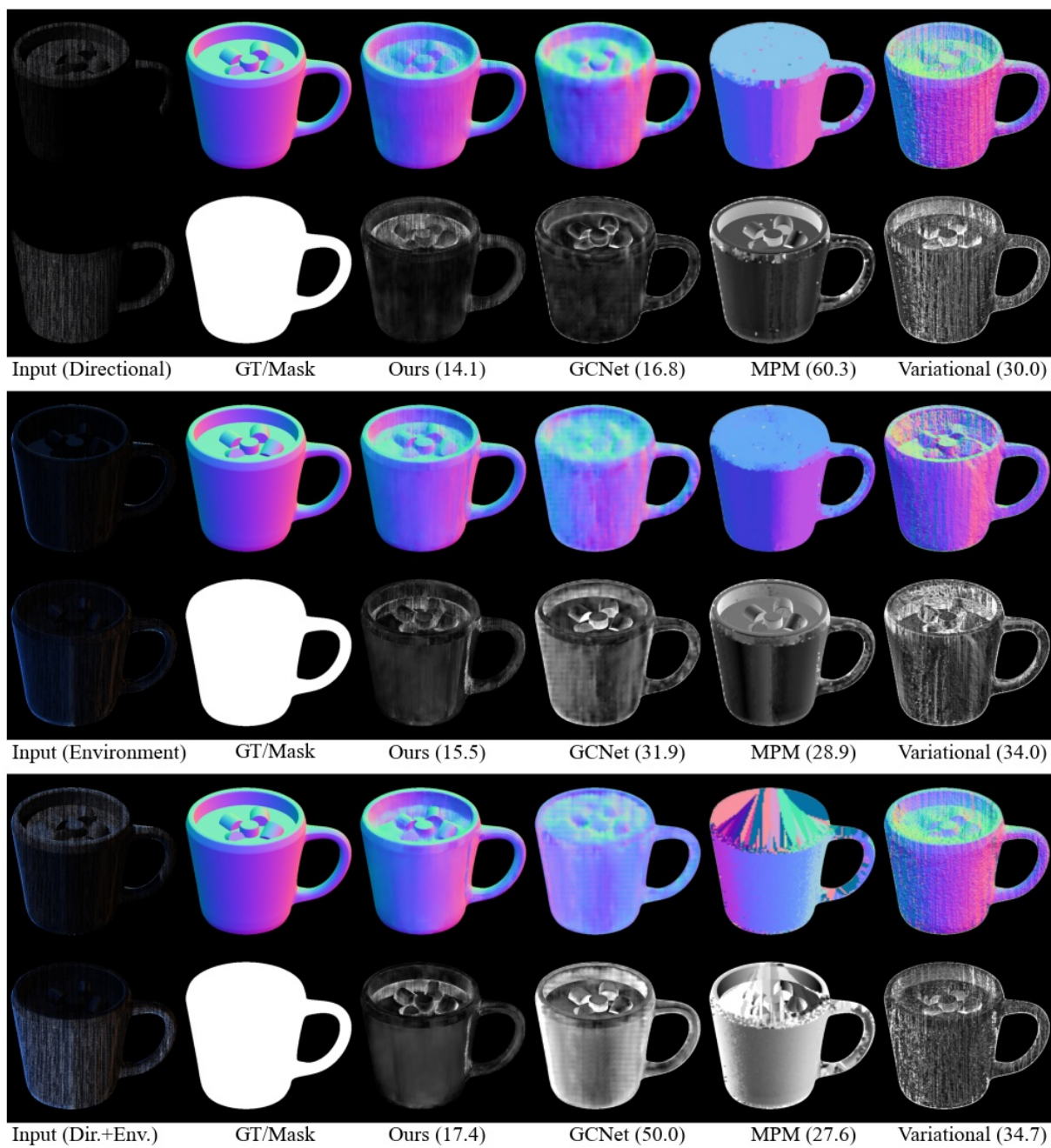


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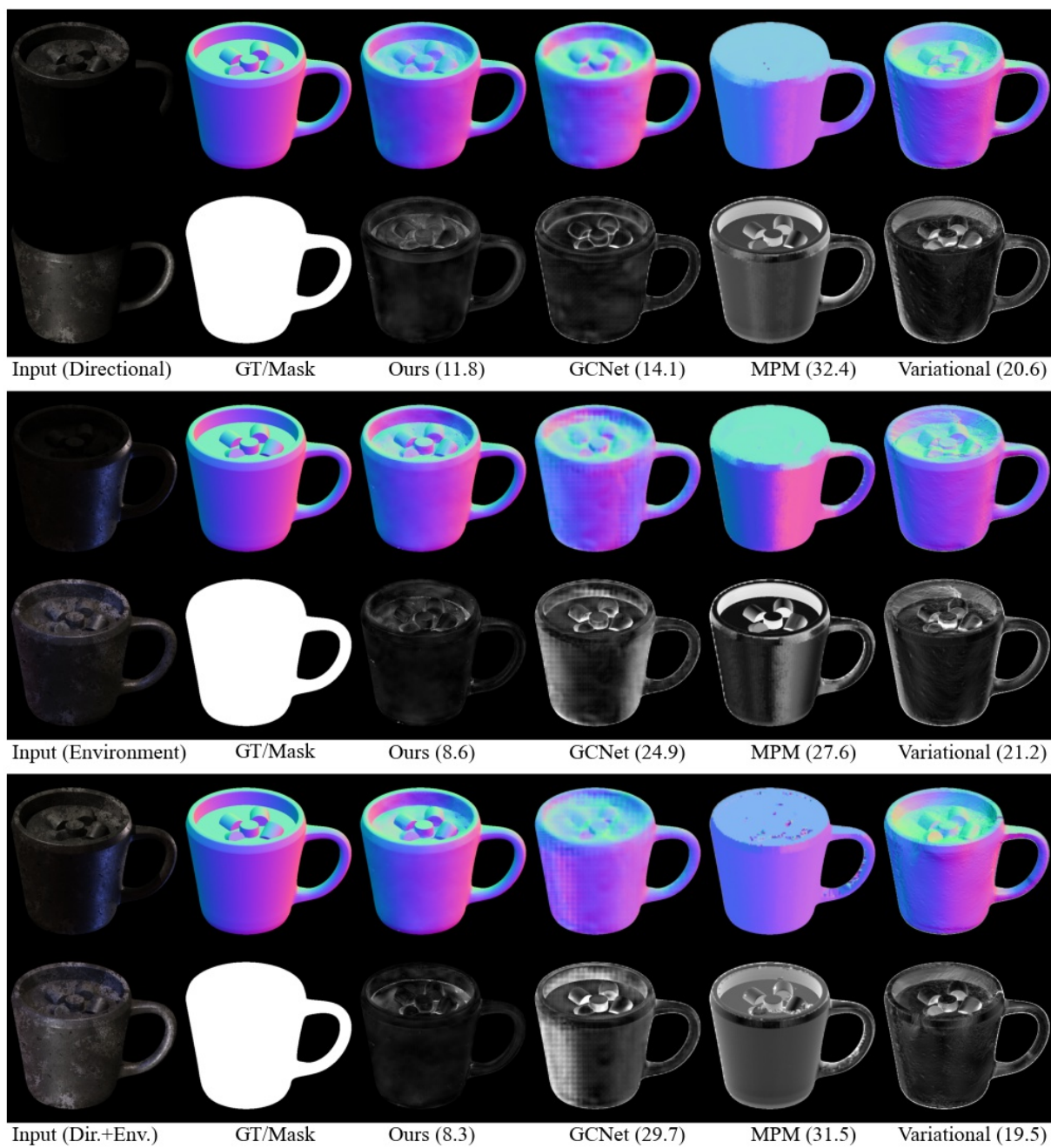


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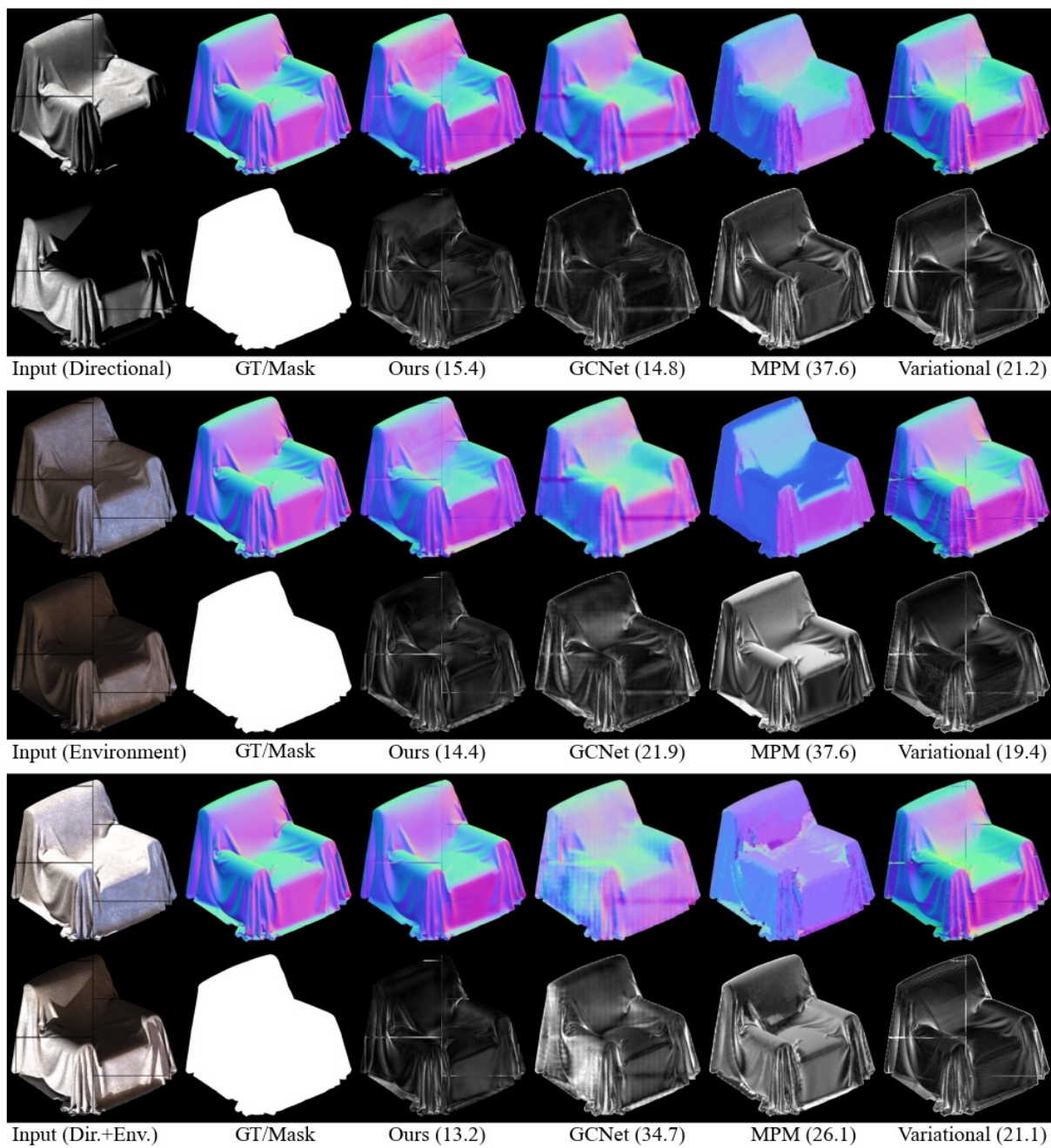


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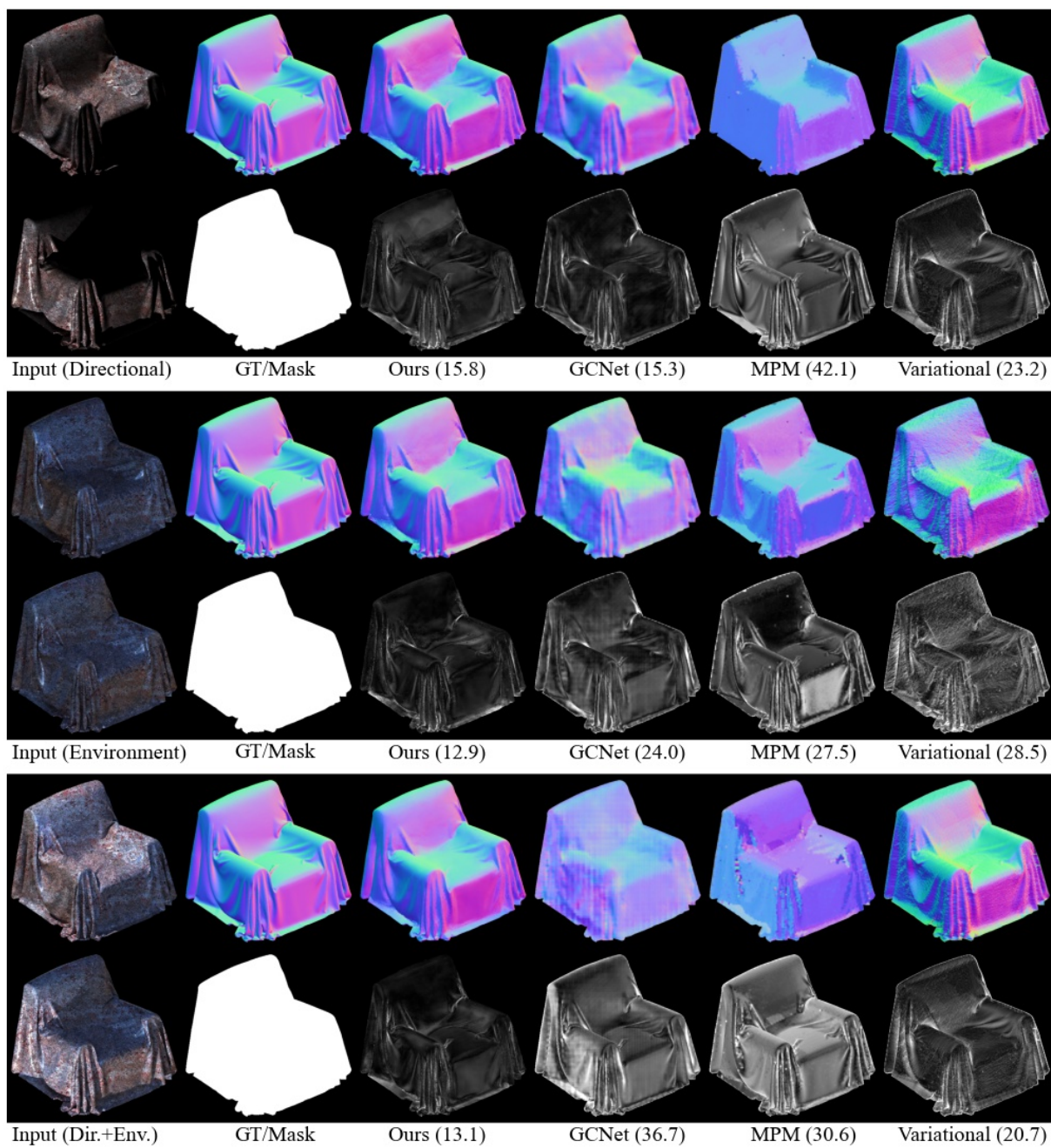


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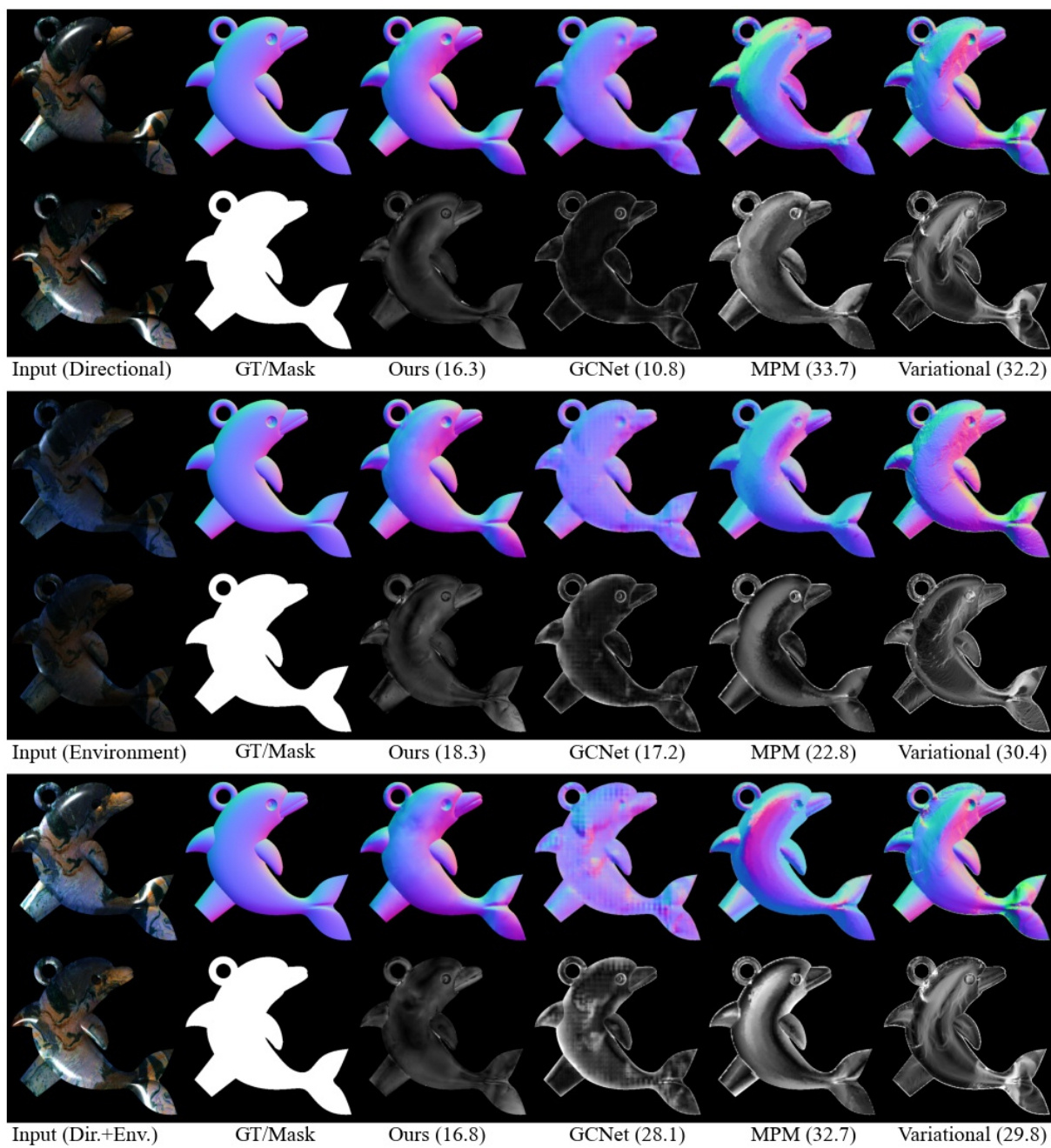


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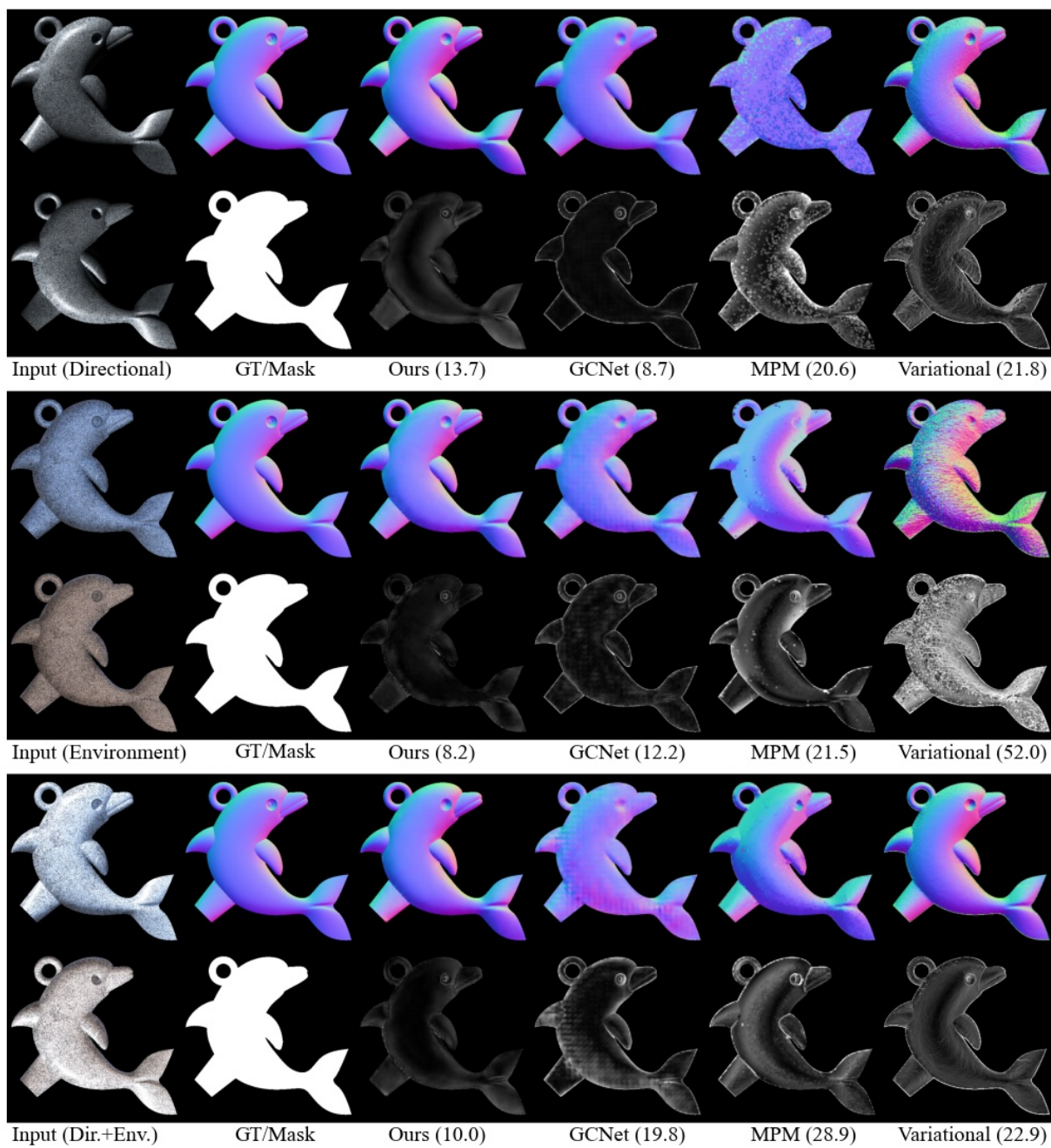


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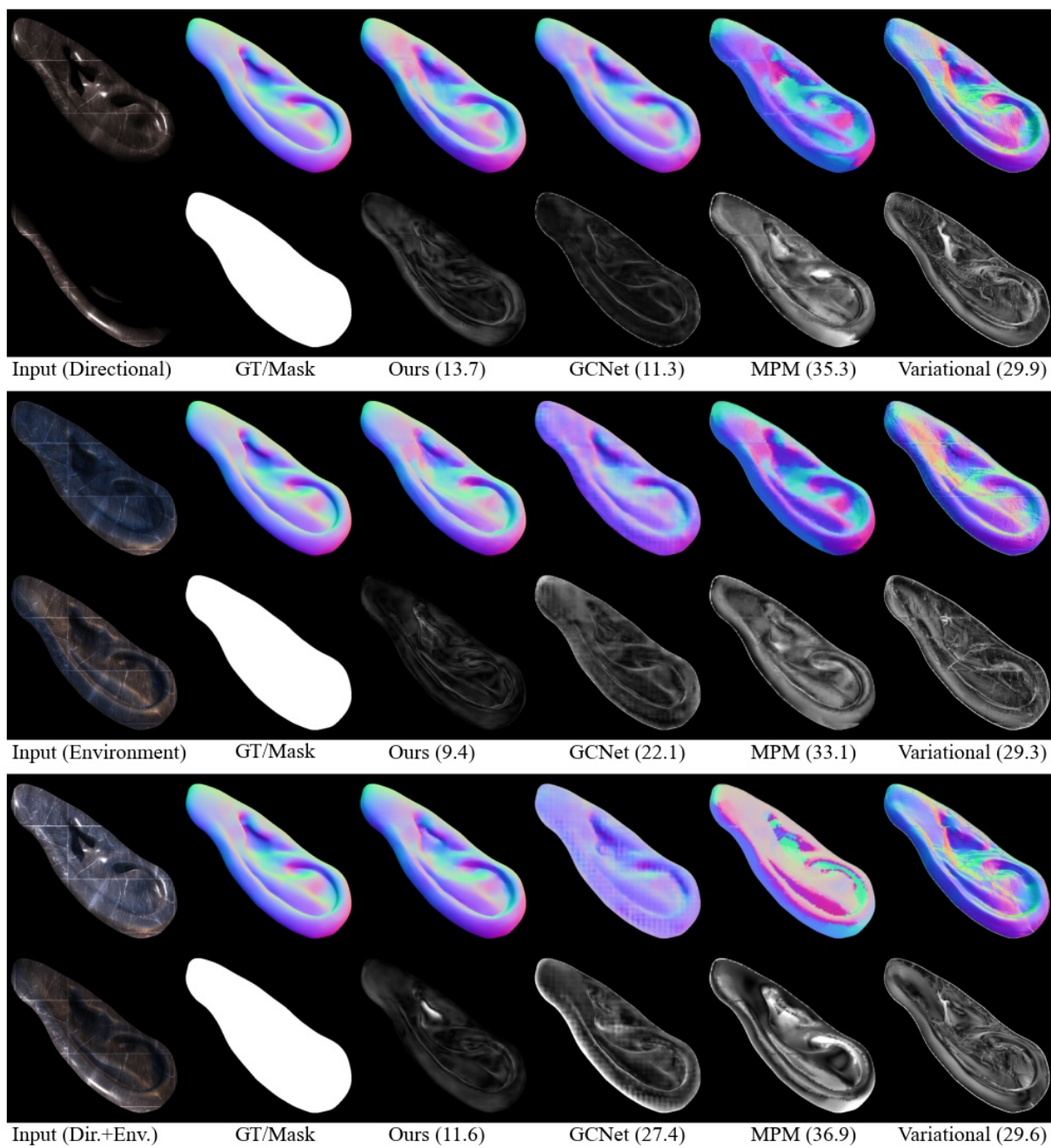


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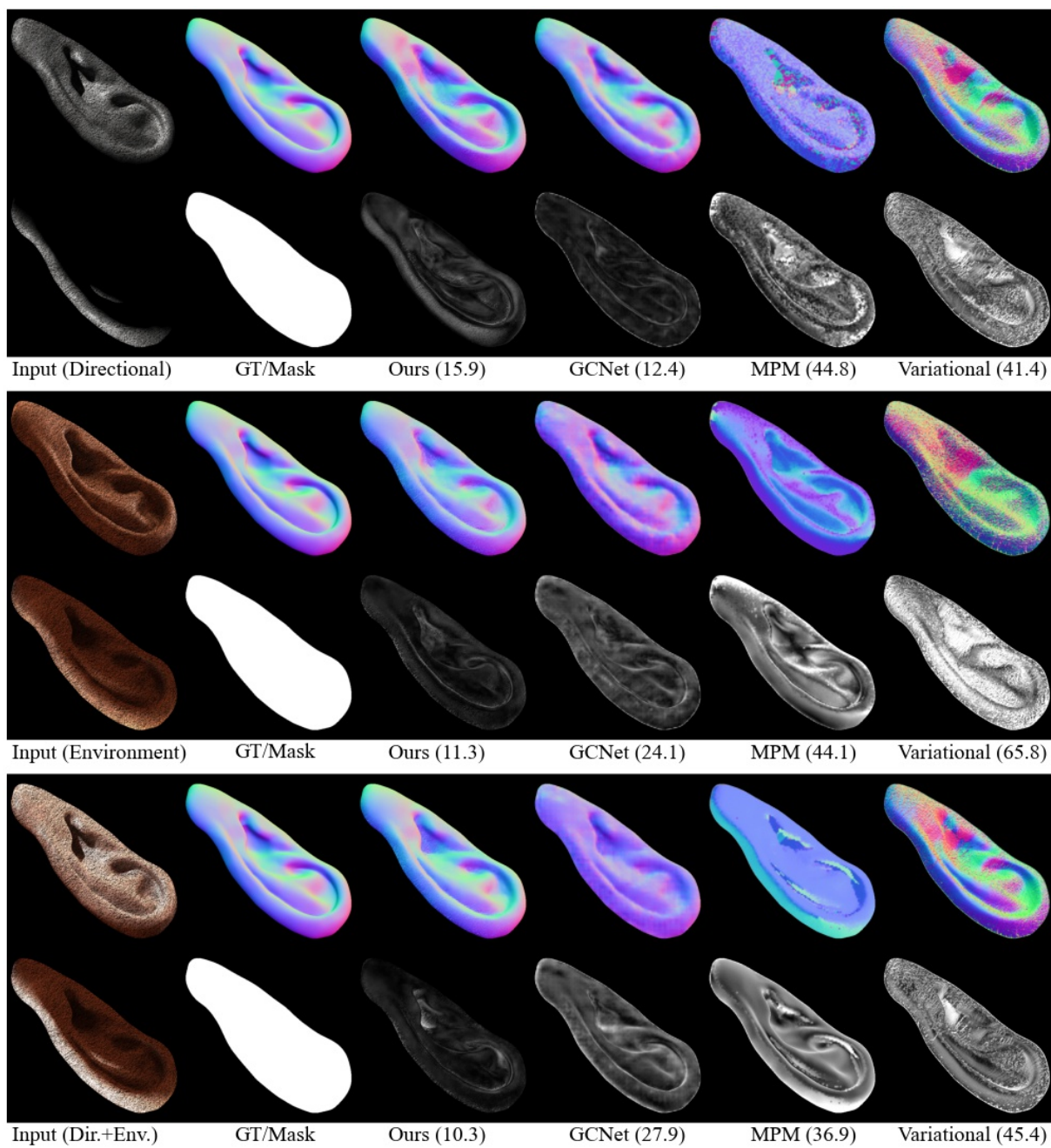


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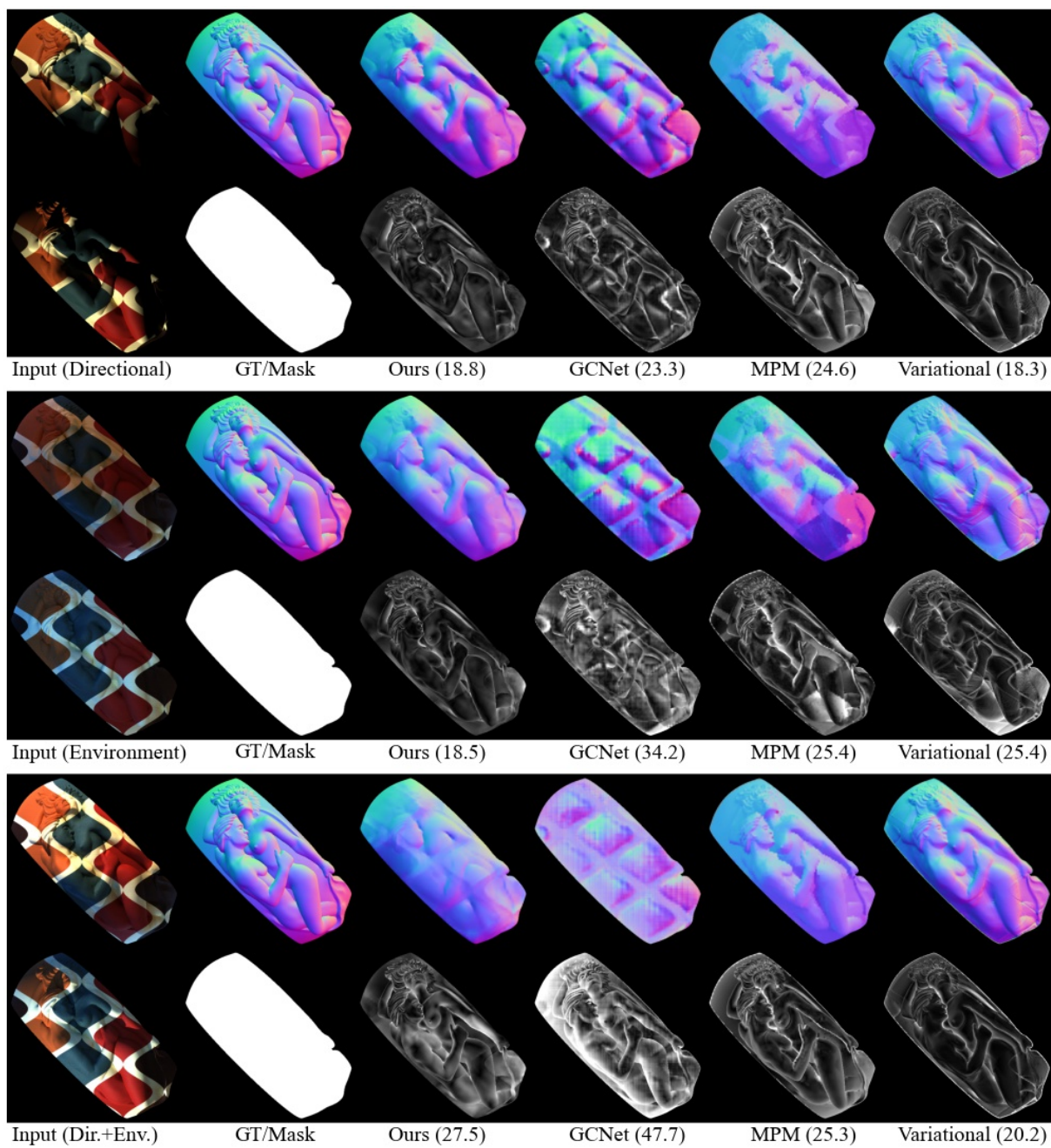


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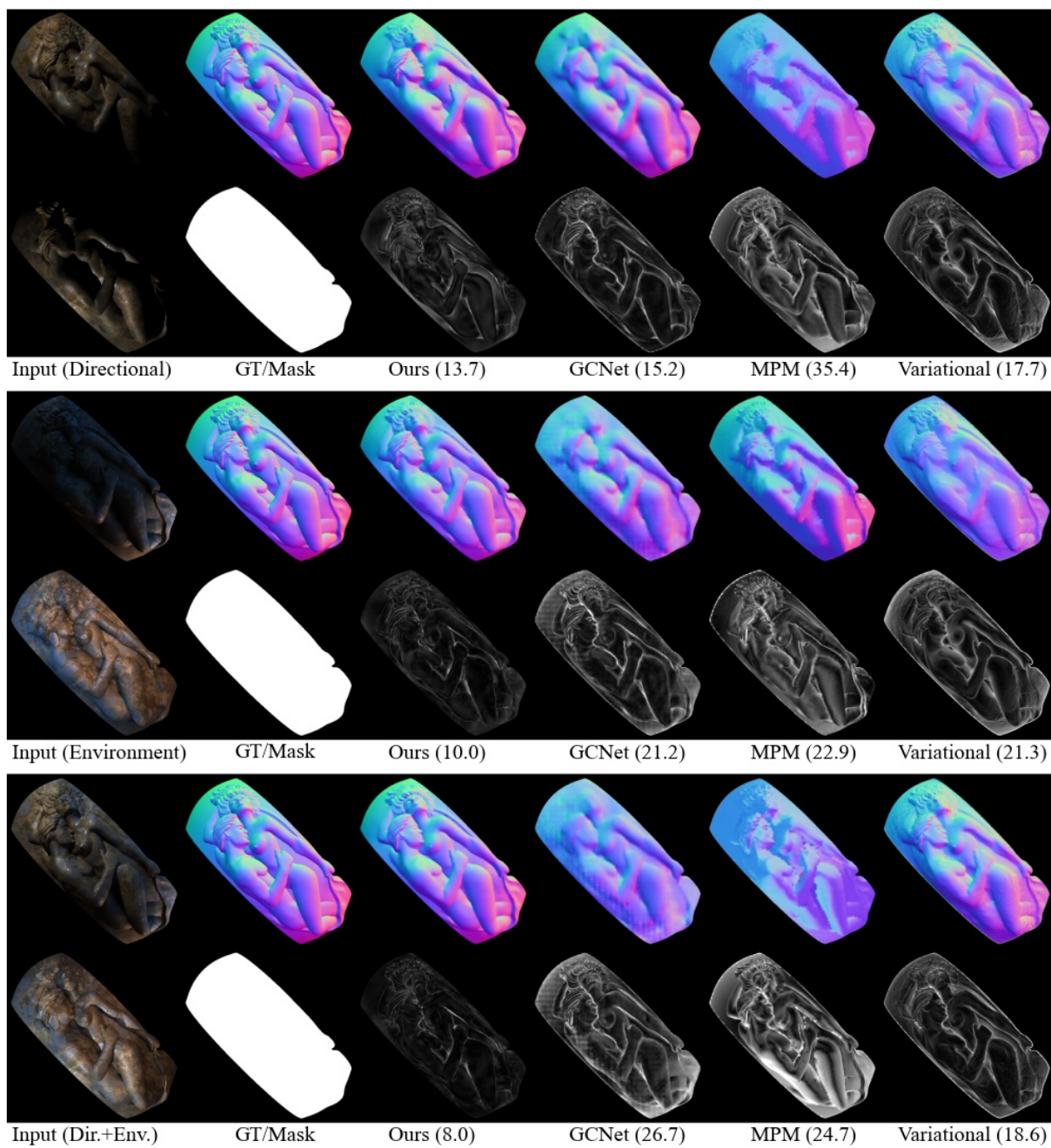


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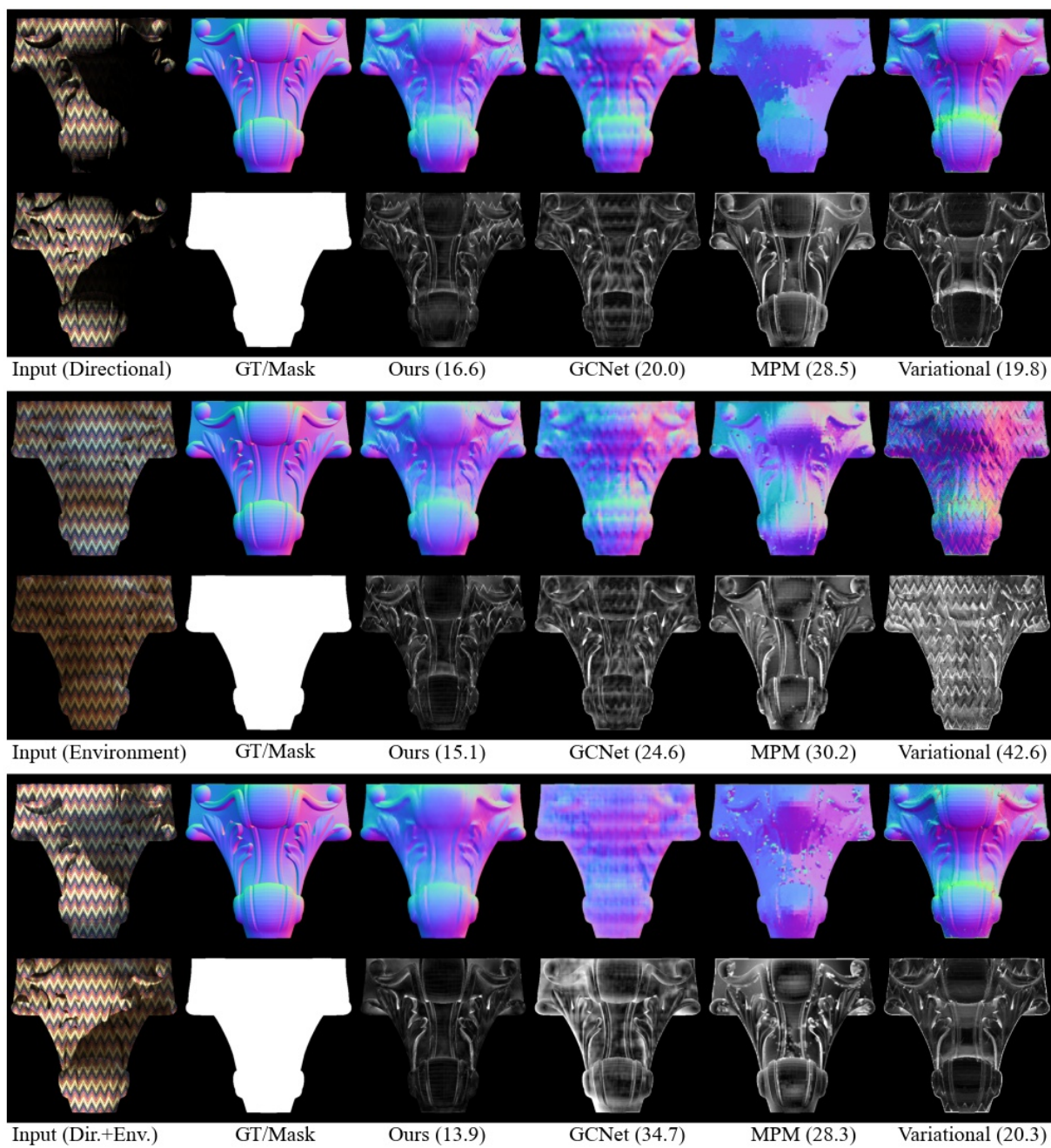


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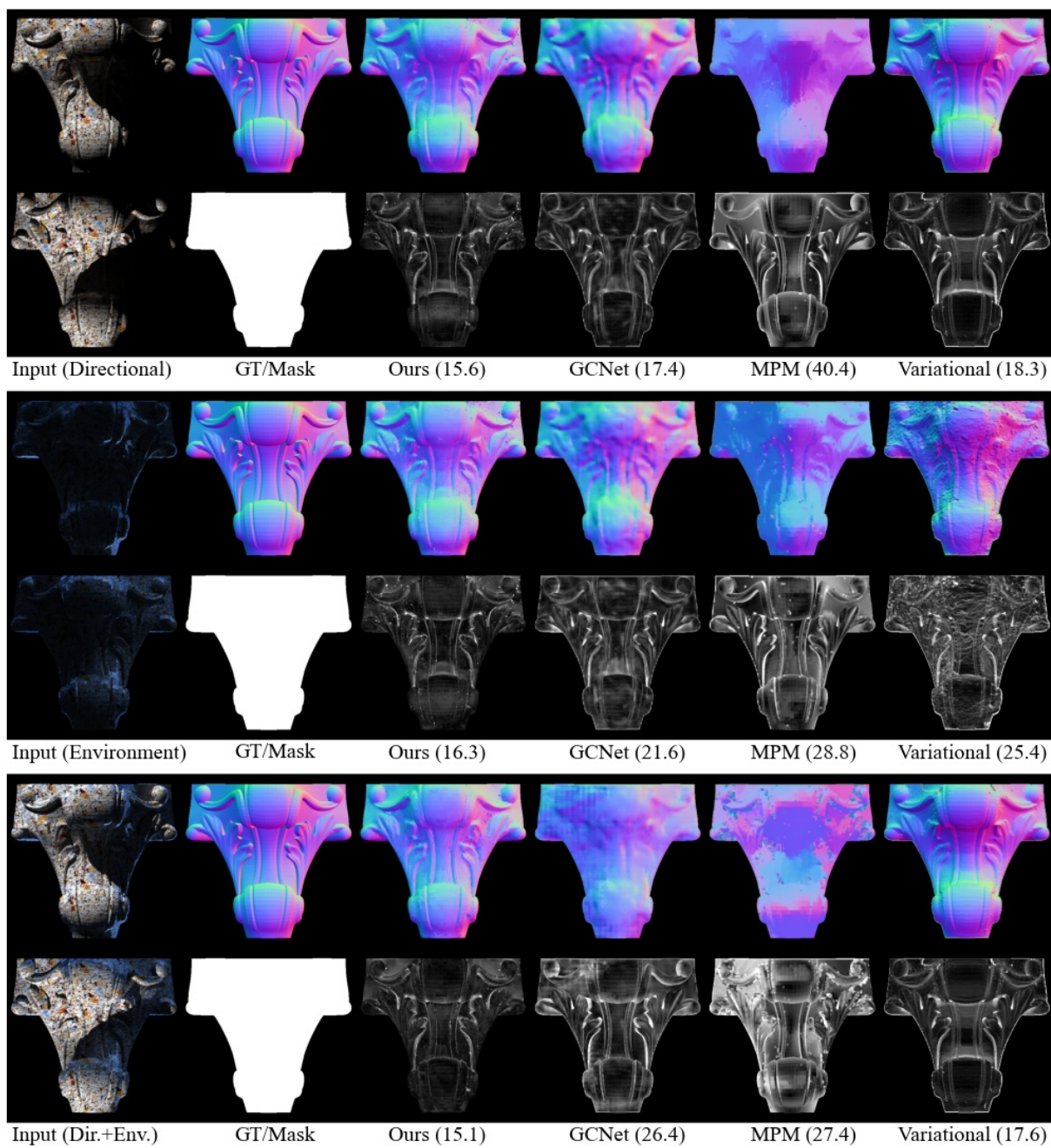


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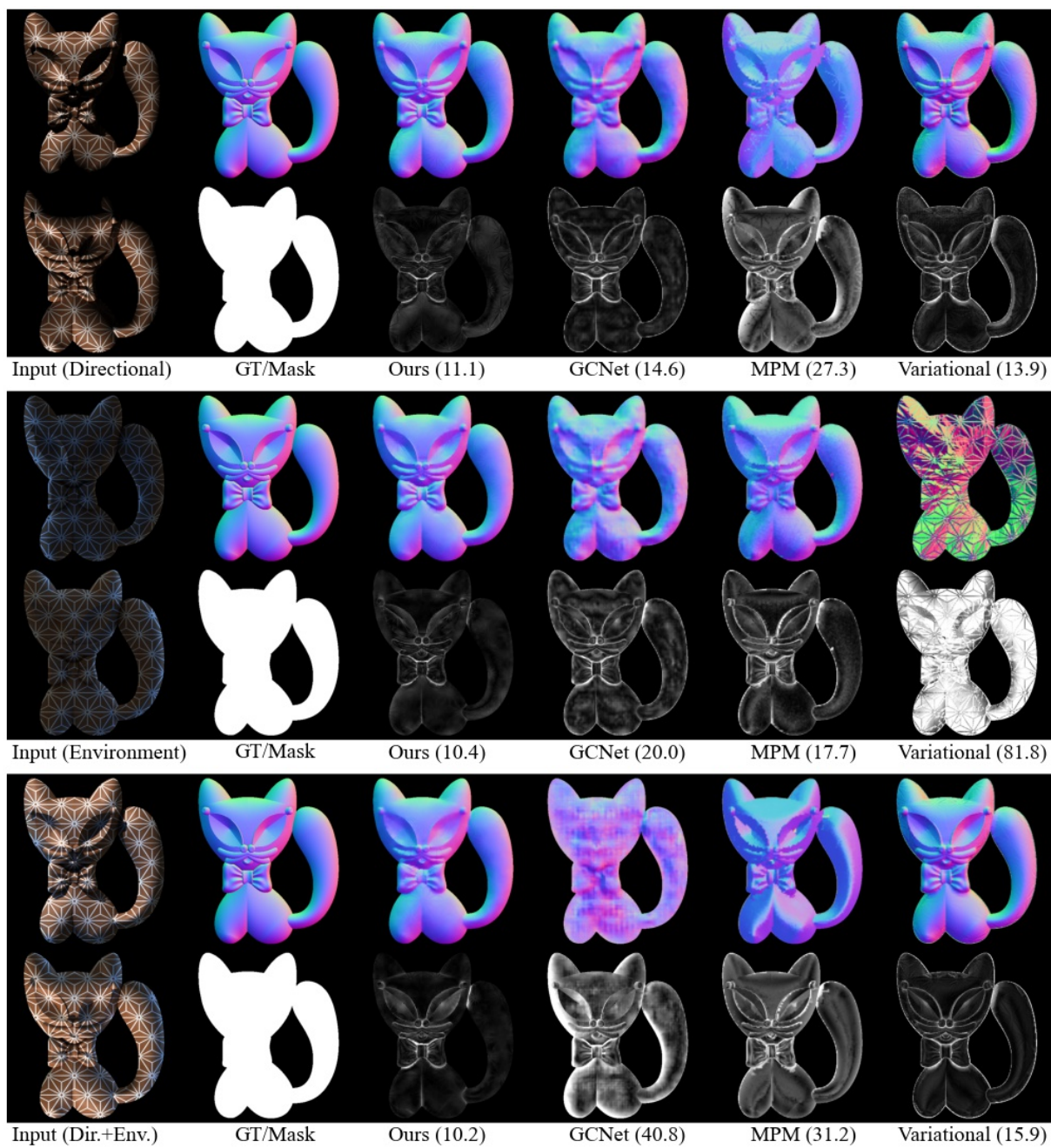


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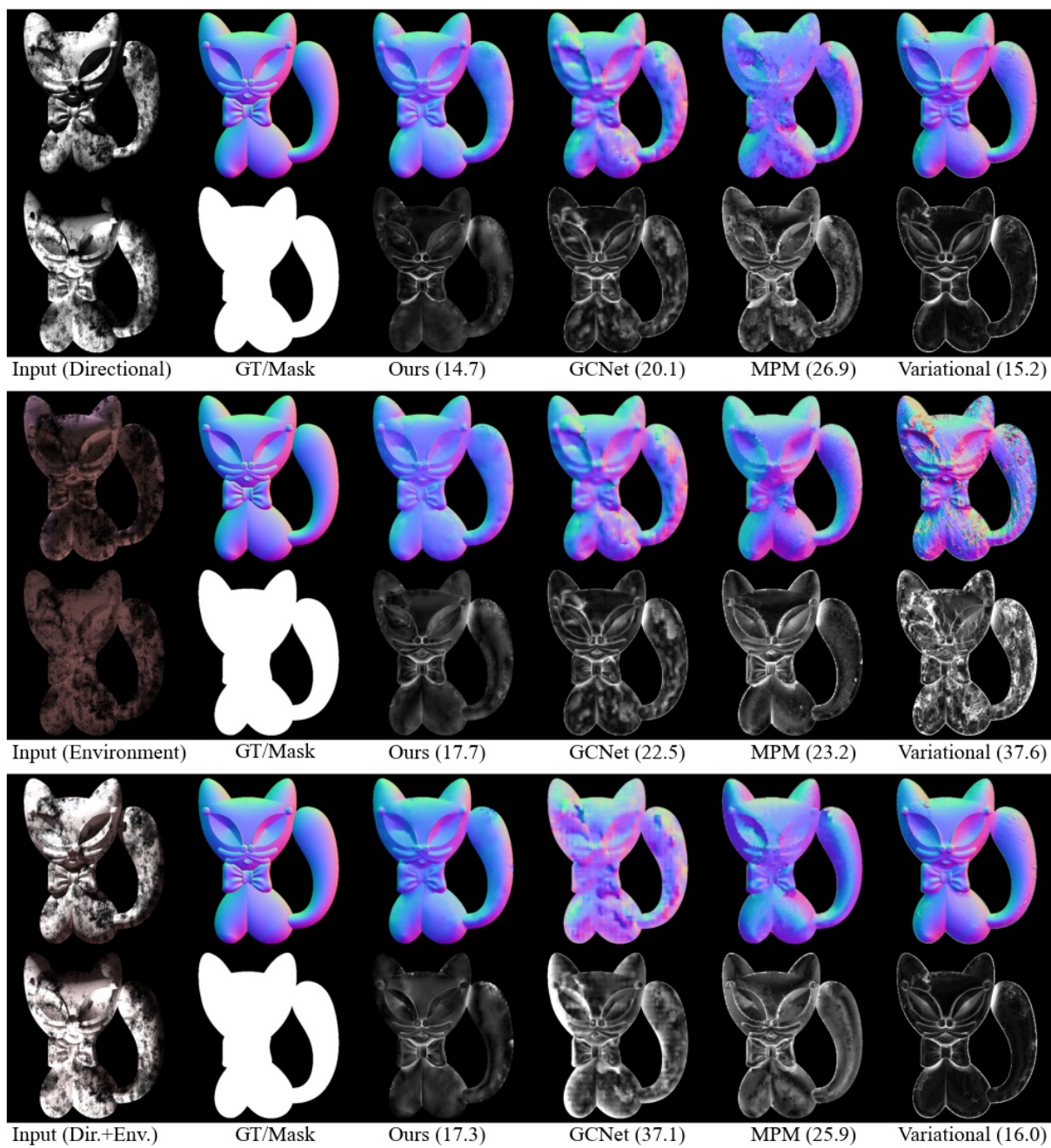


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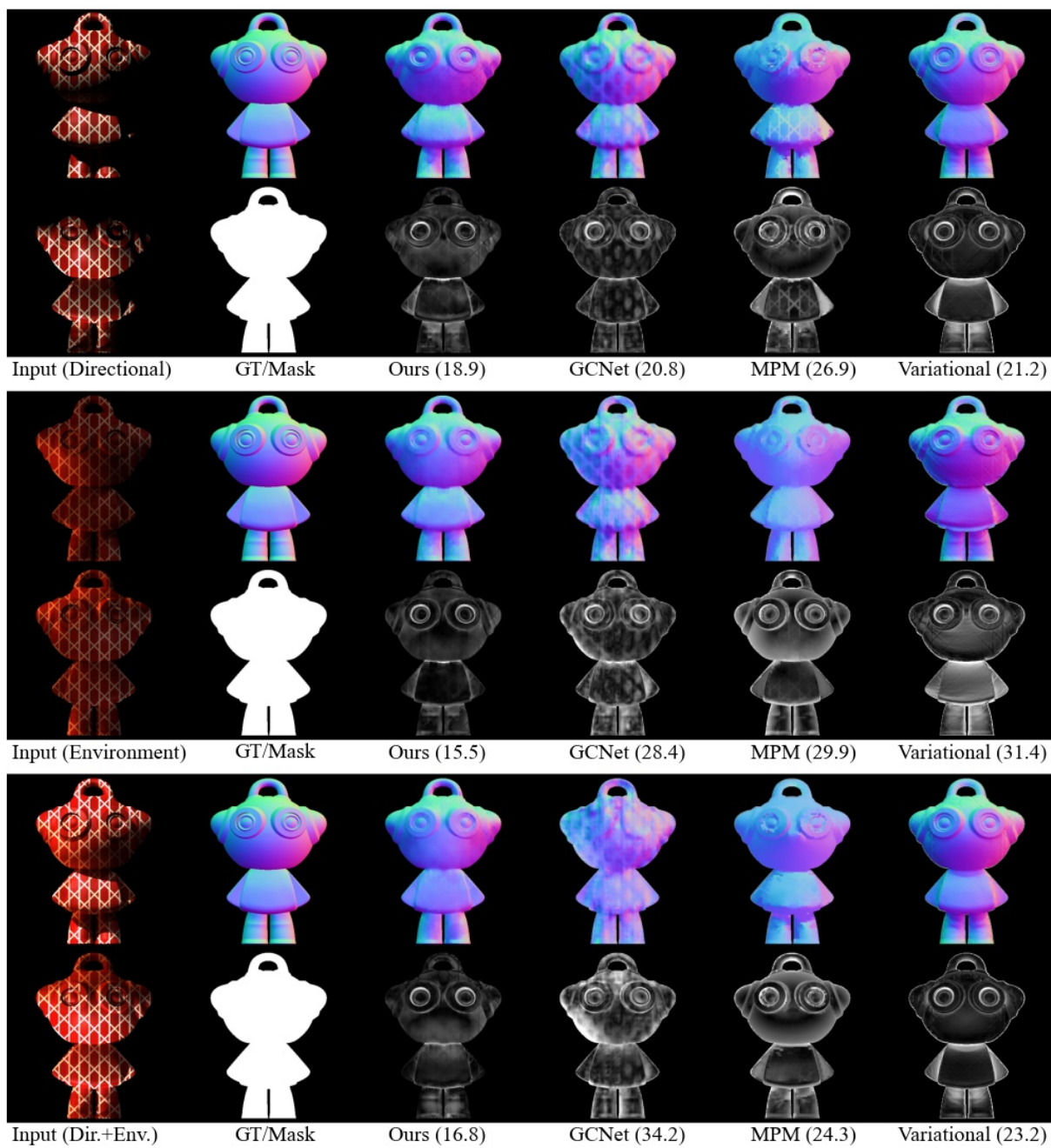


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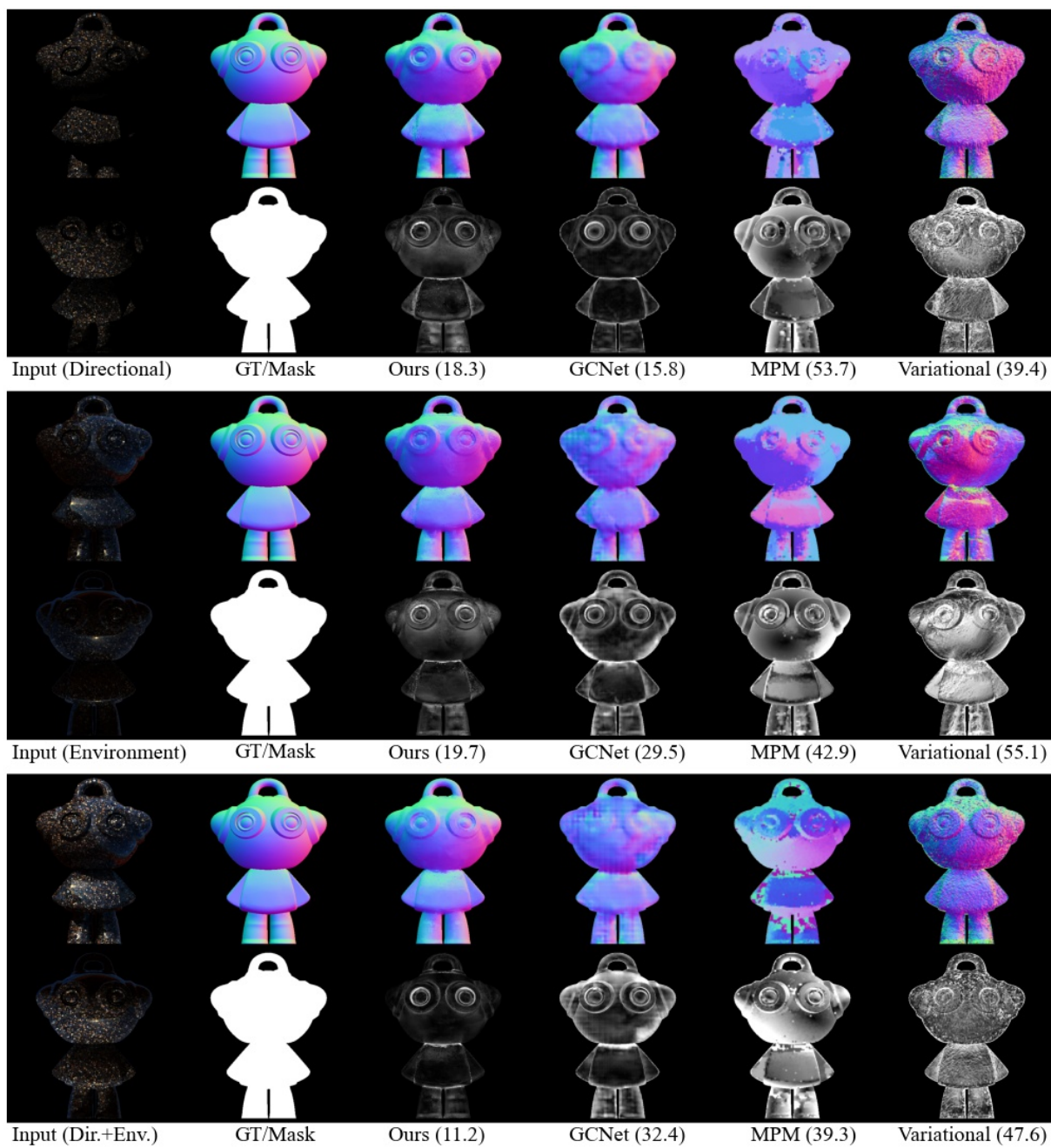


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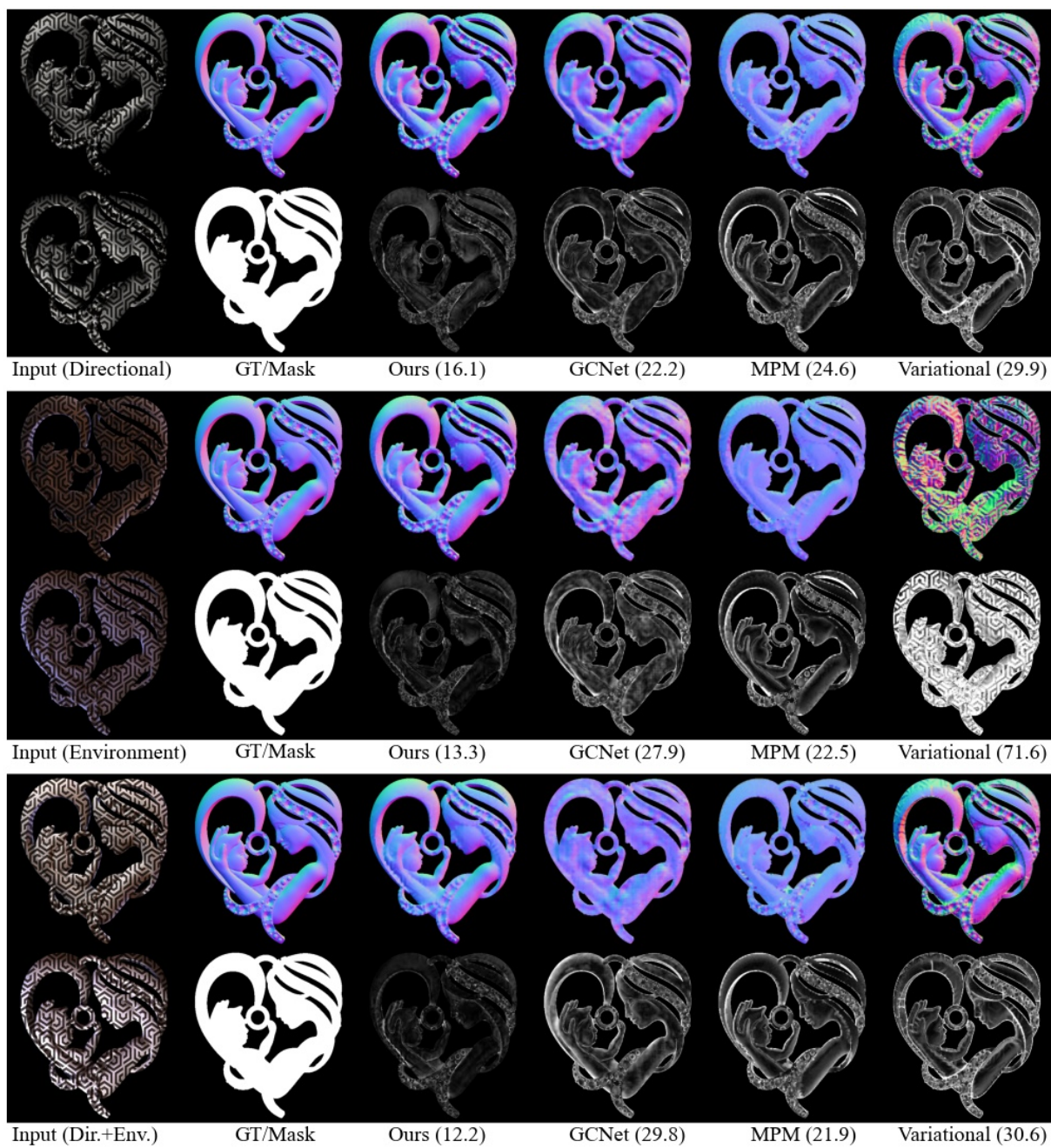


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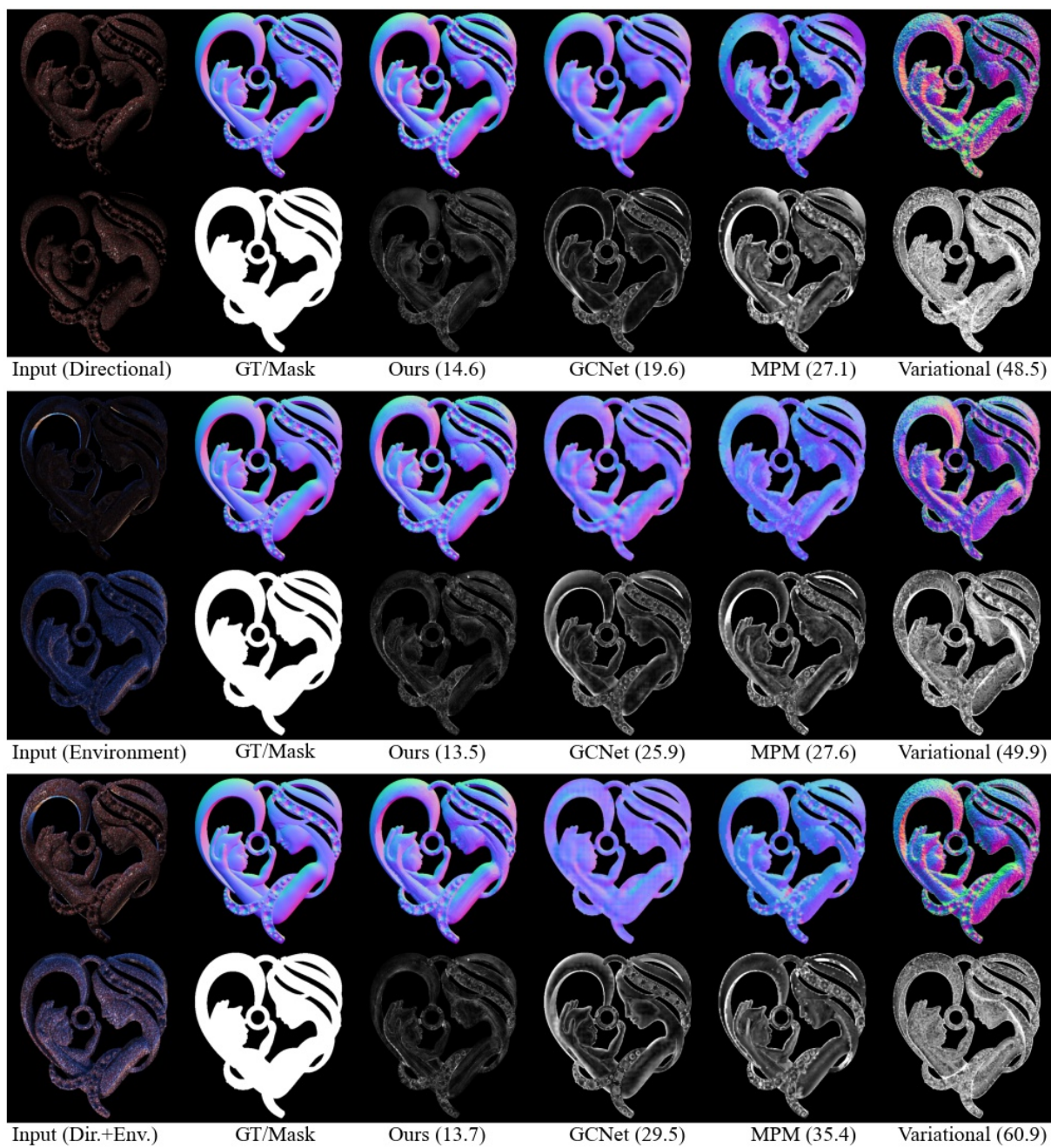


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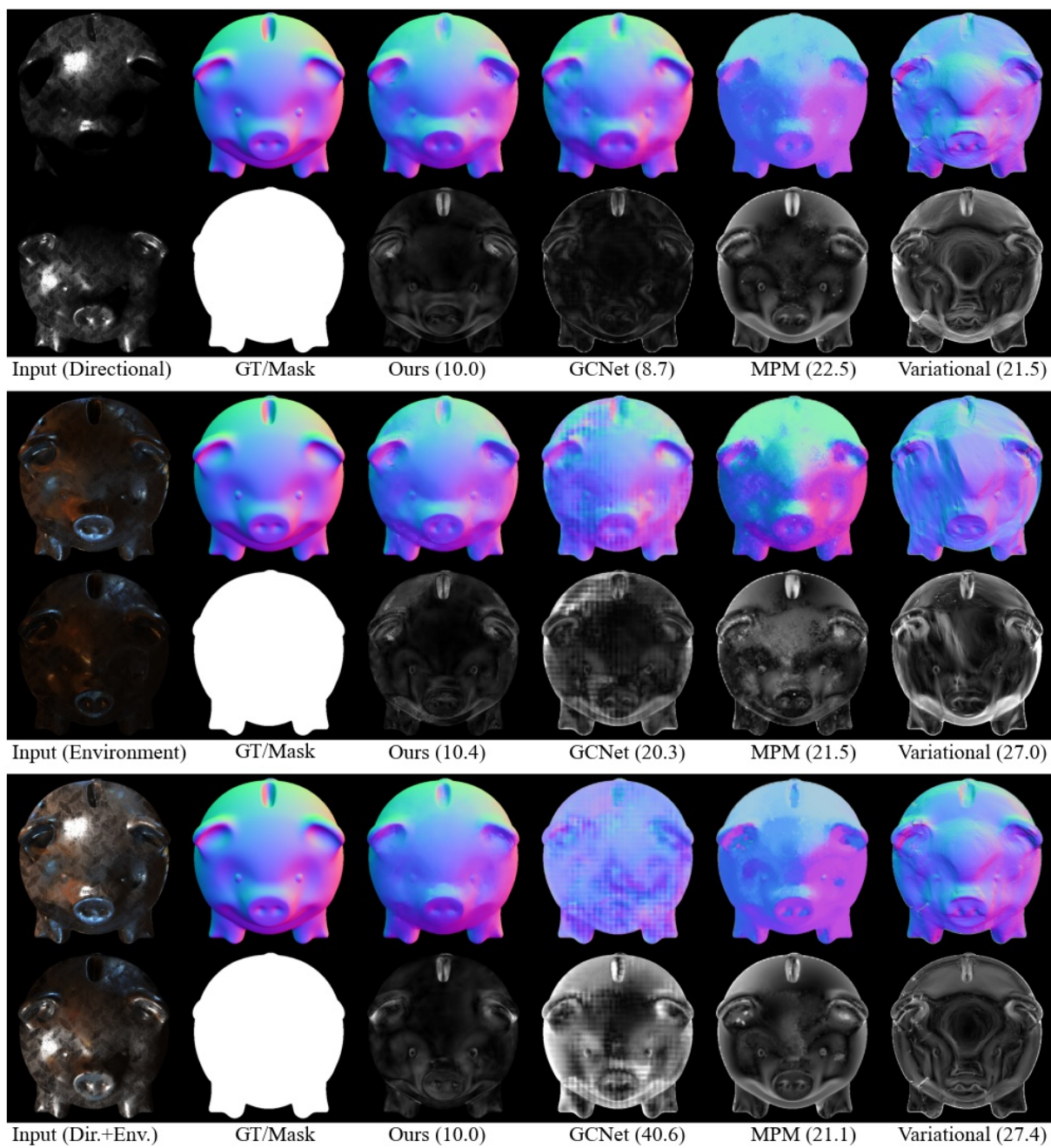


Figure 33. Results on object ID 31 (pig, black-metal-2 [Metal]). MAEs (in degrees) are shown next to the name of the method.

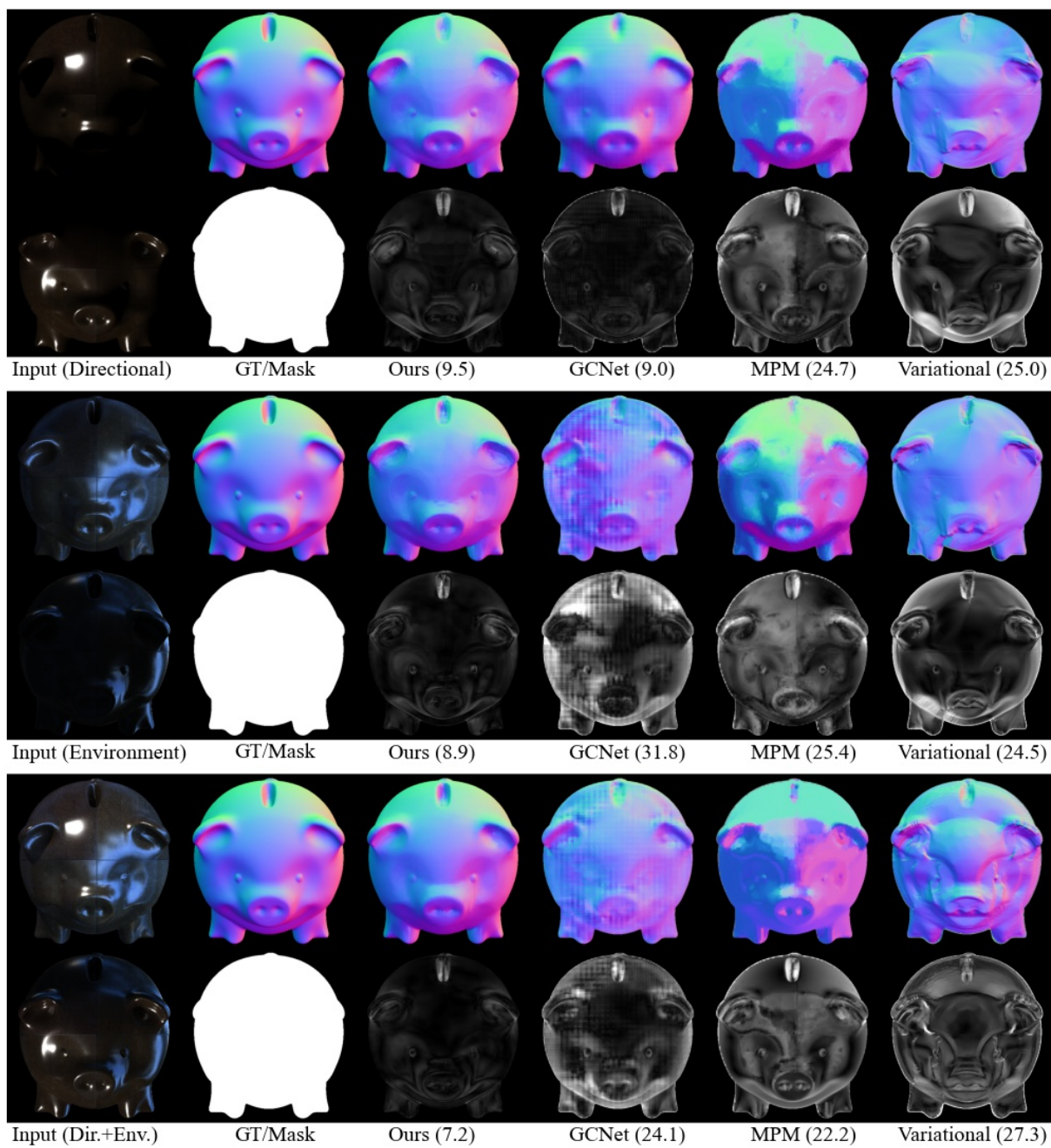


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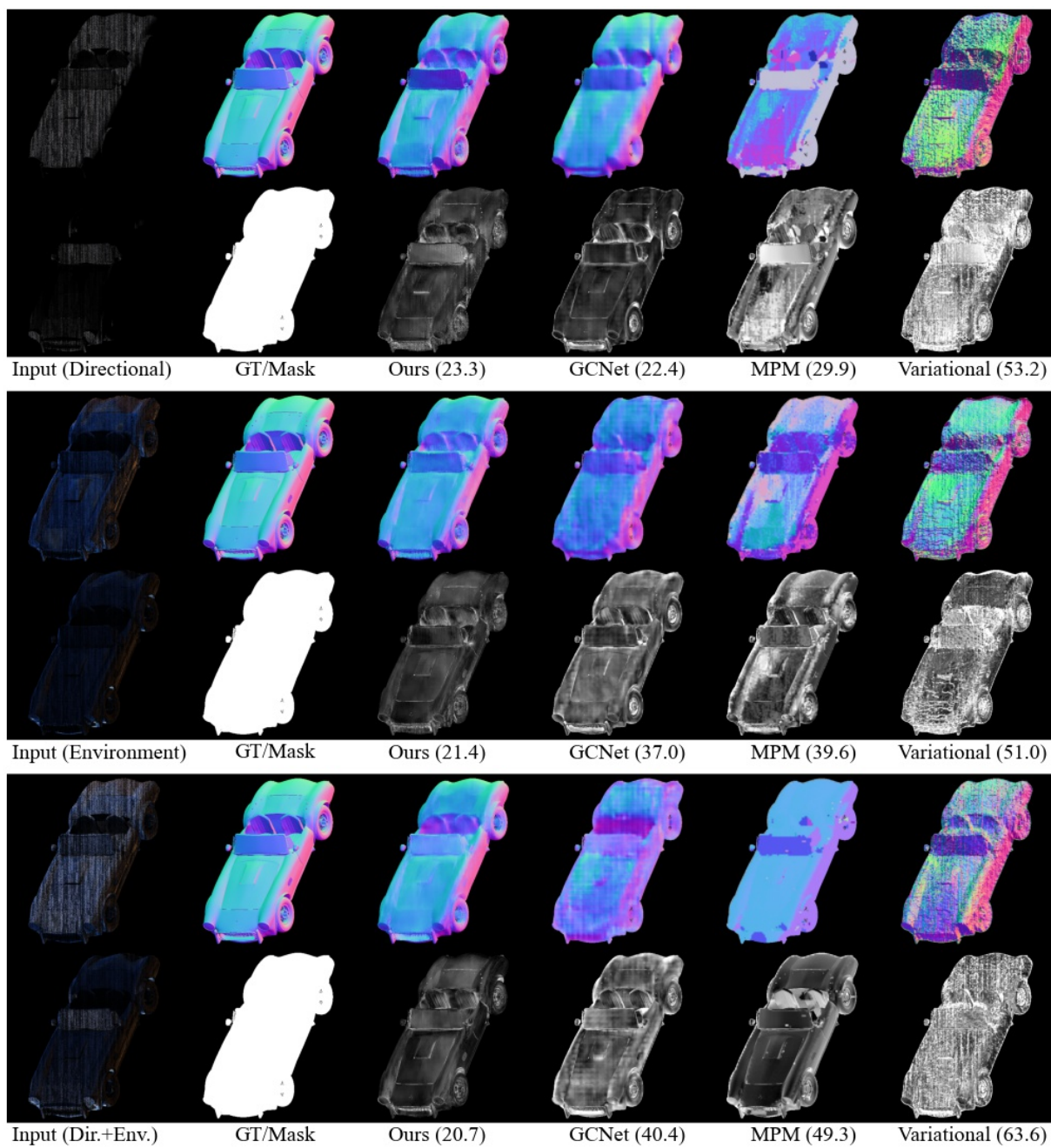


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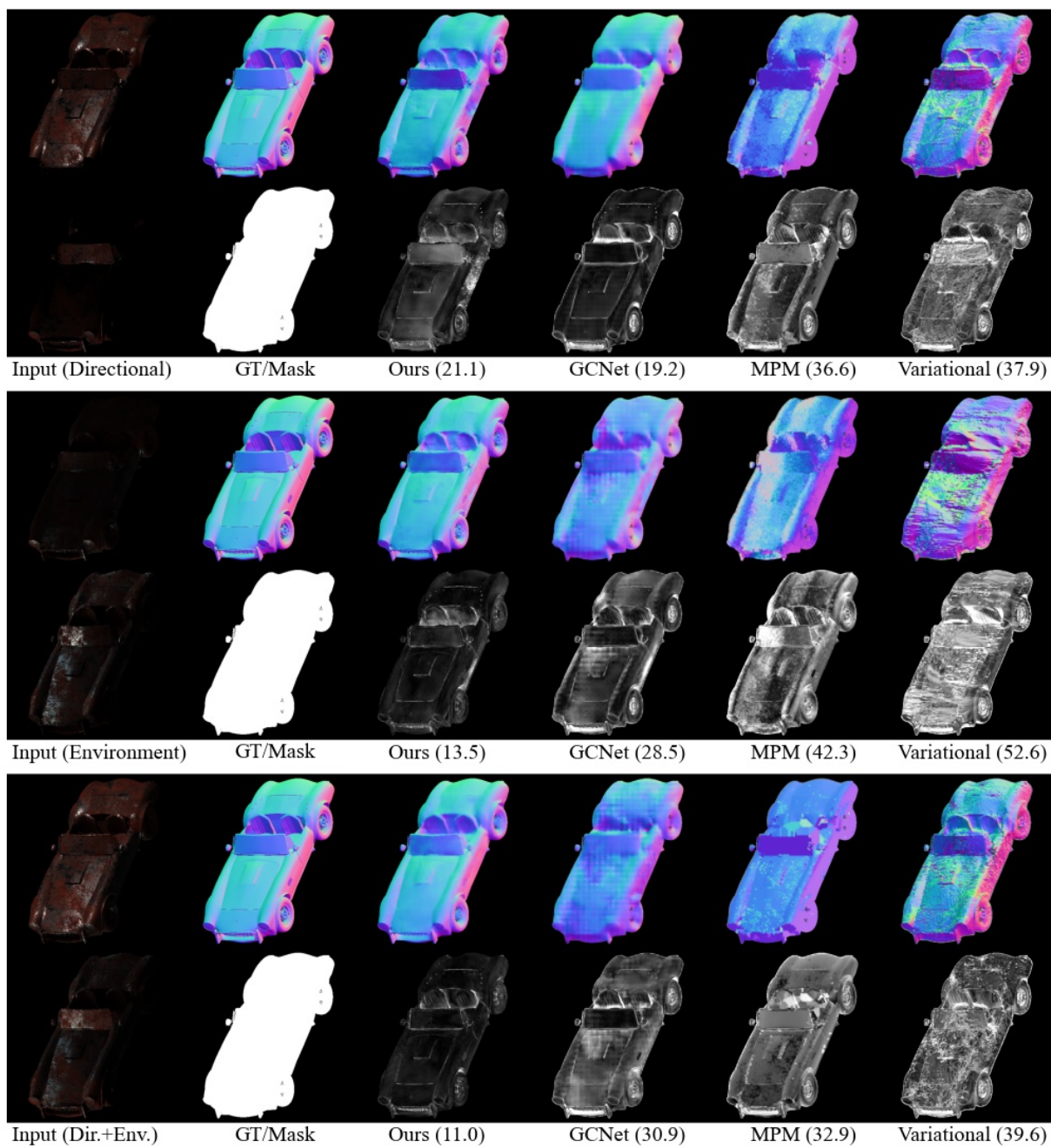


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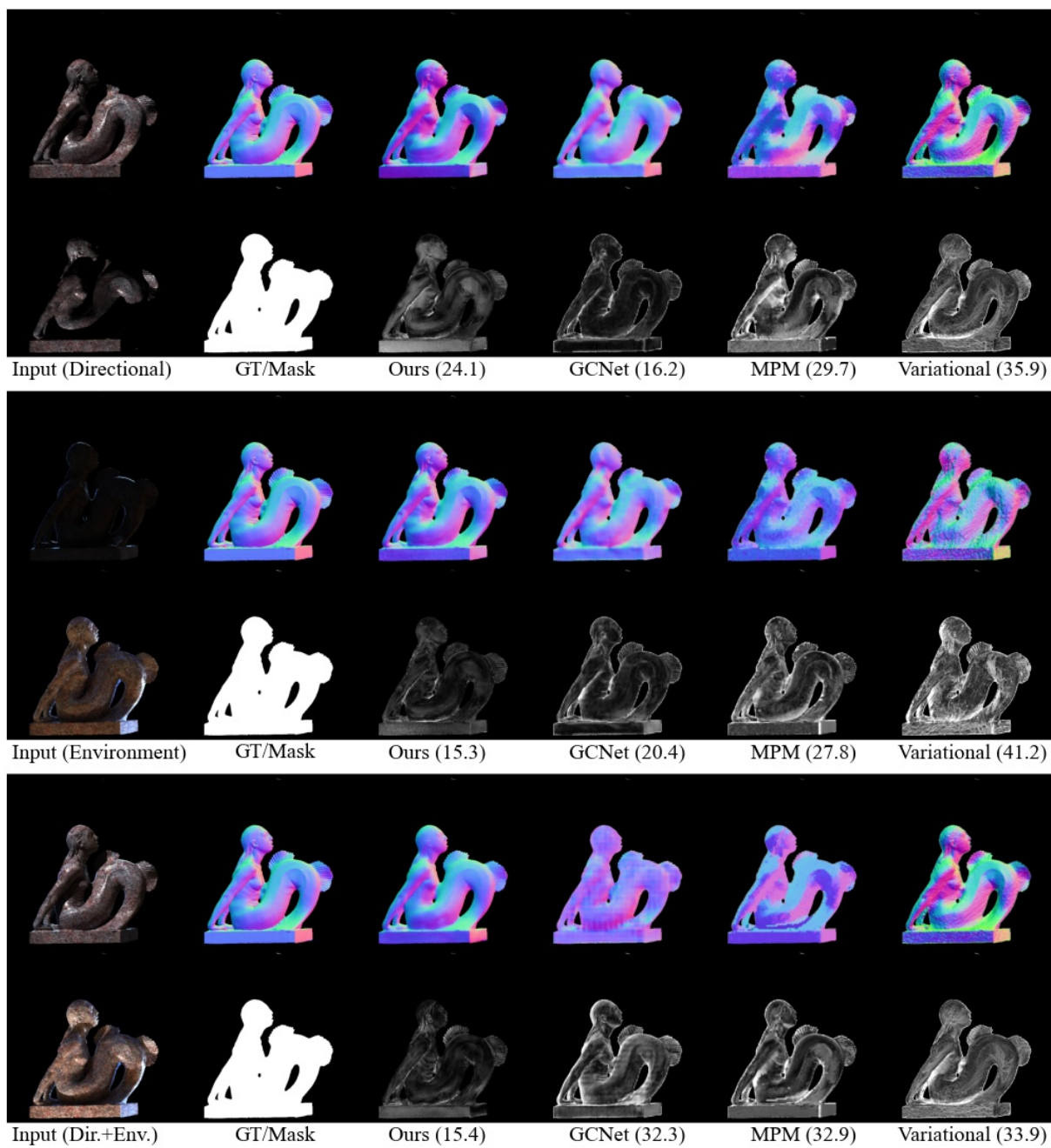


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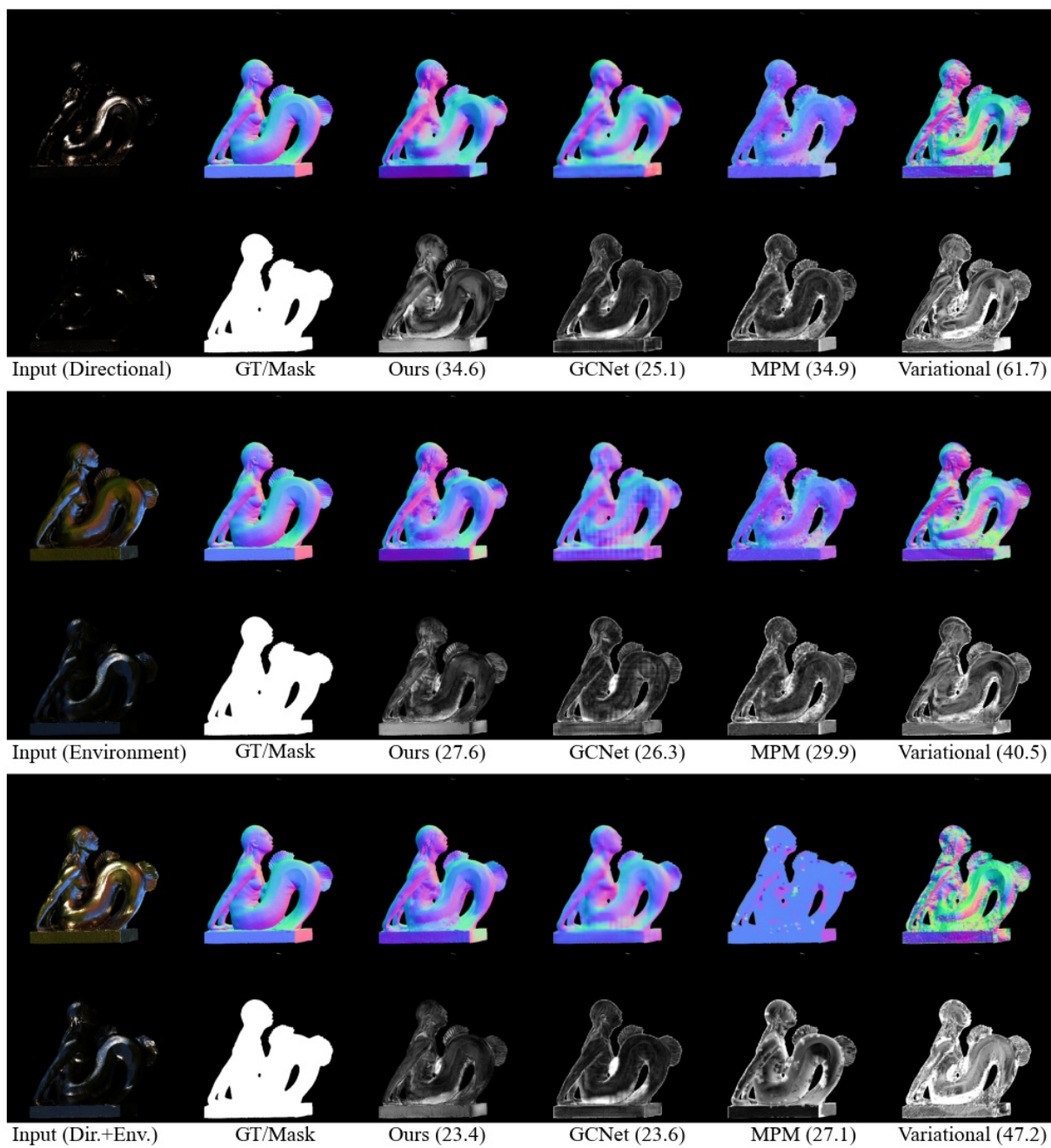


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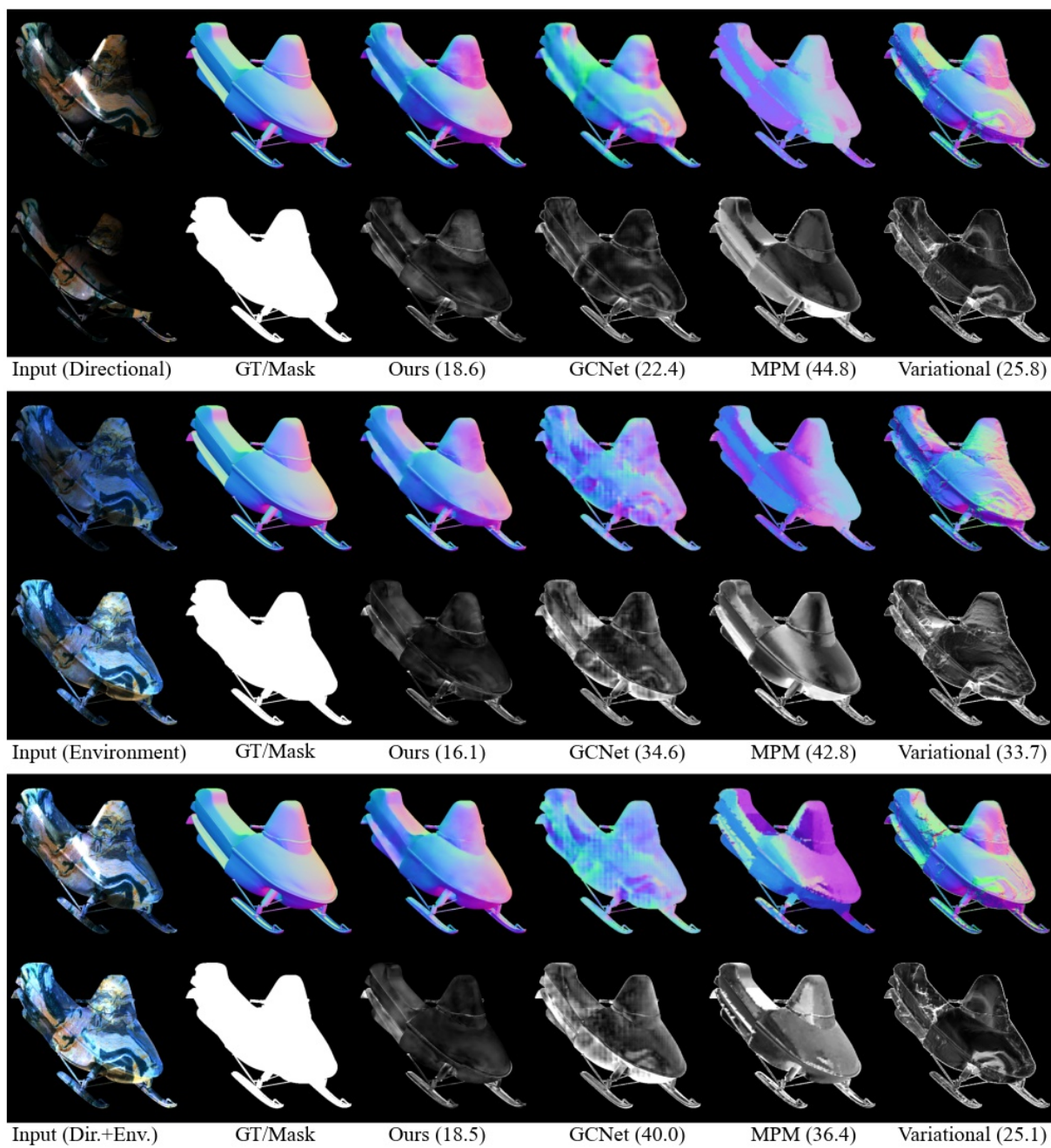


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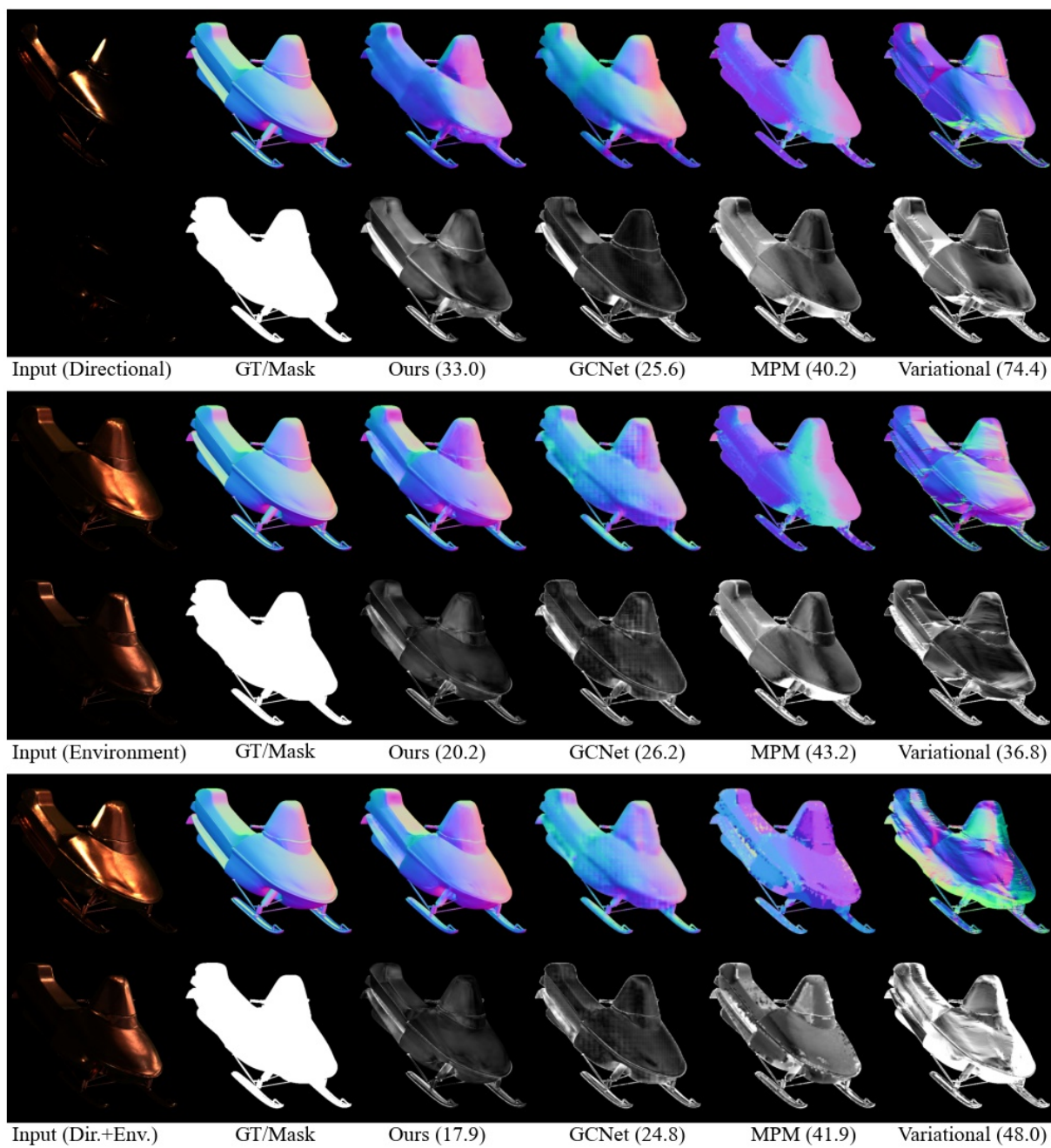


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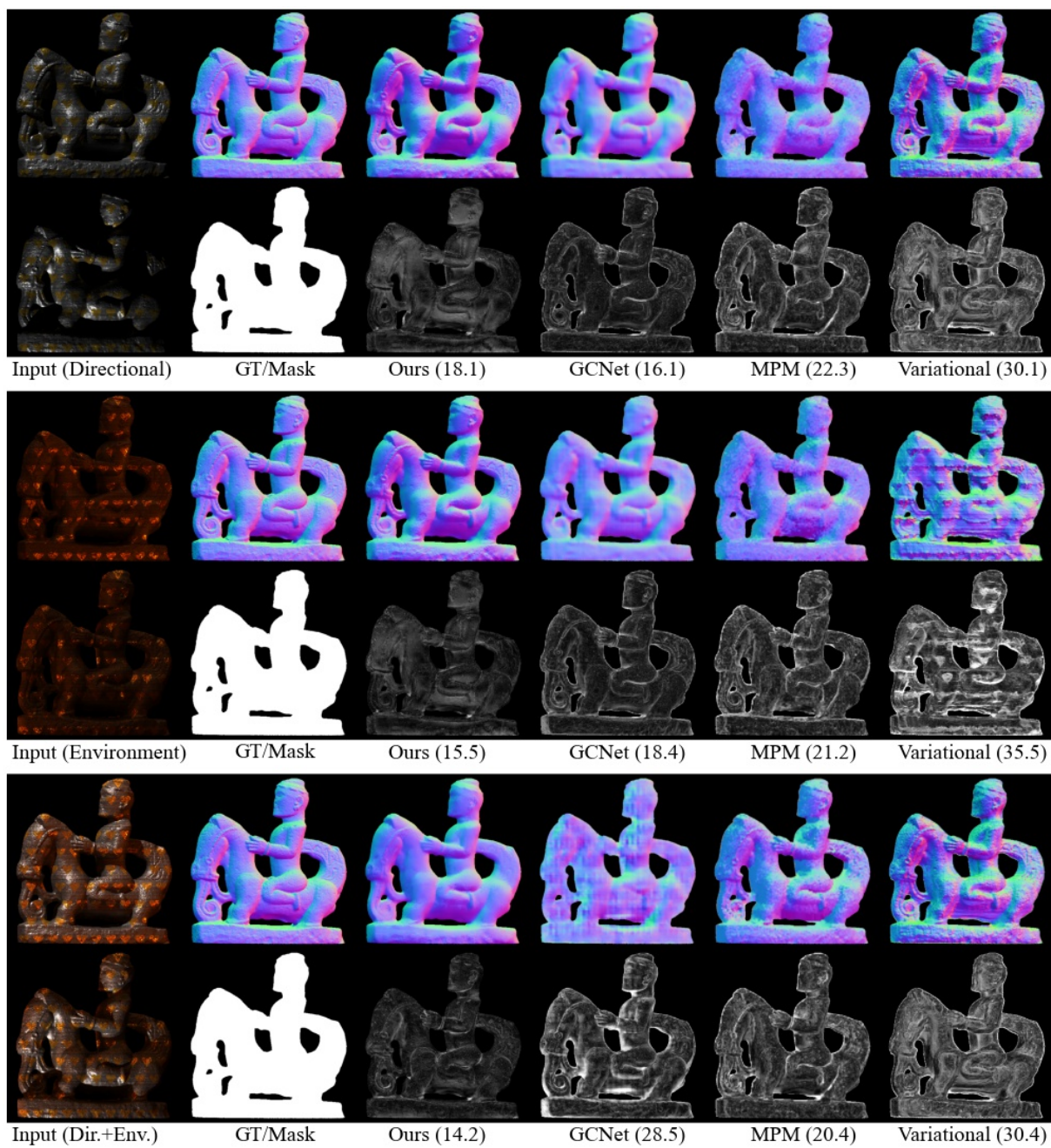


Figure 41. Results on object ID 39 (statue-2, metal-plate [Metal]). MAEs (in degrees) are shown next to the name of the method.



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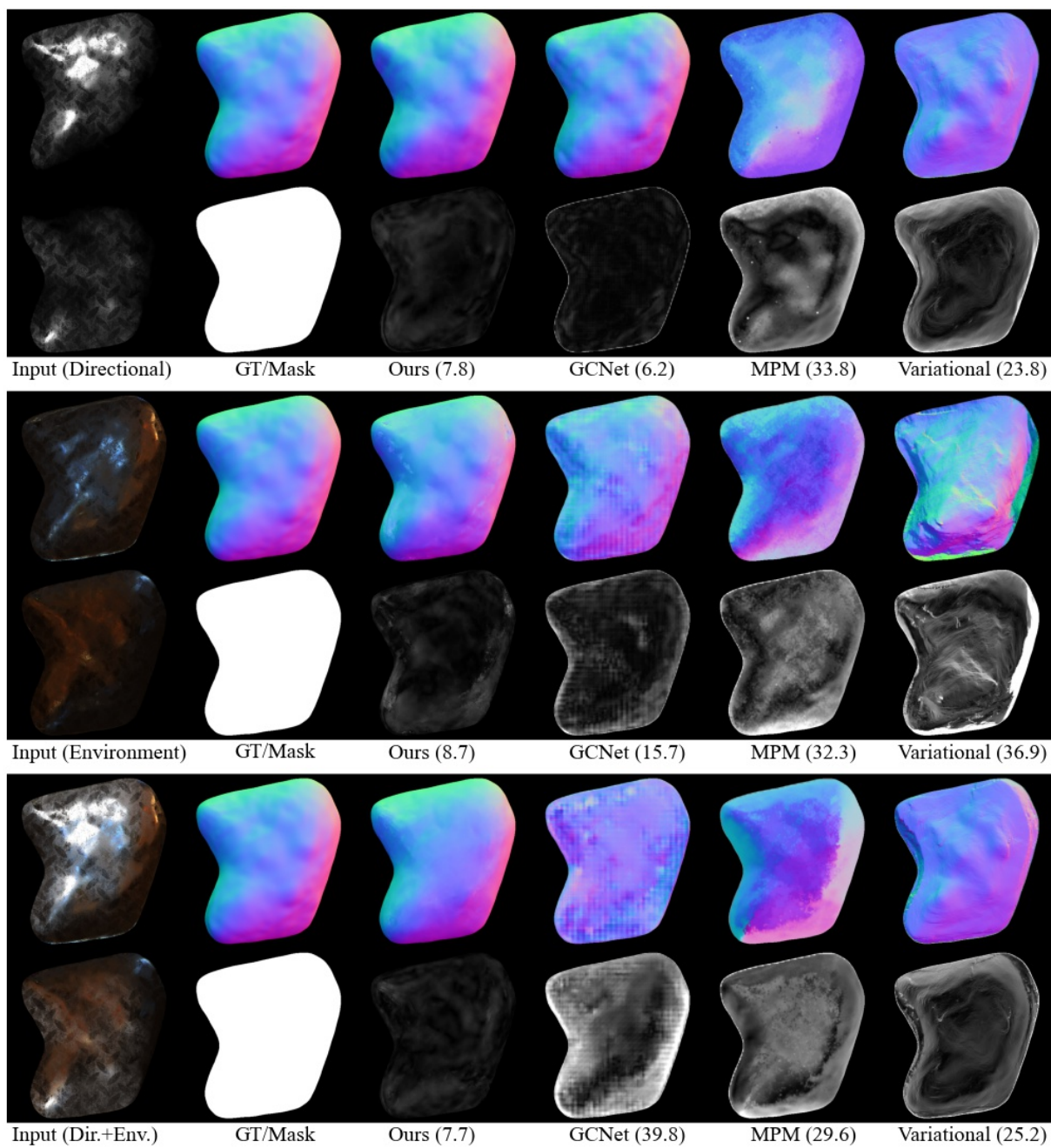


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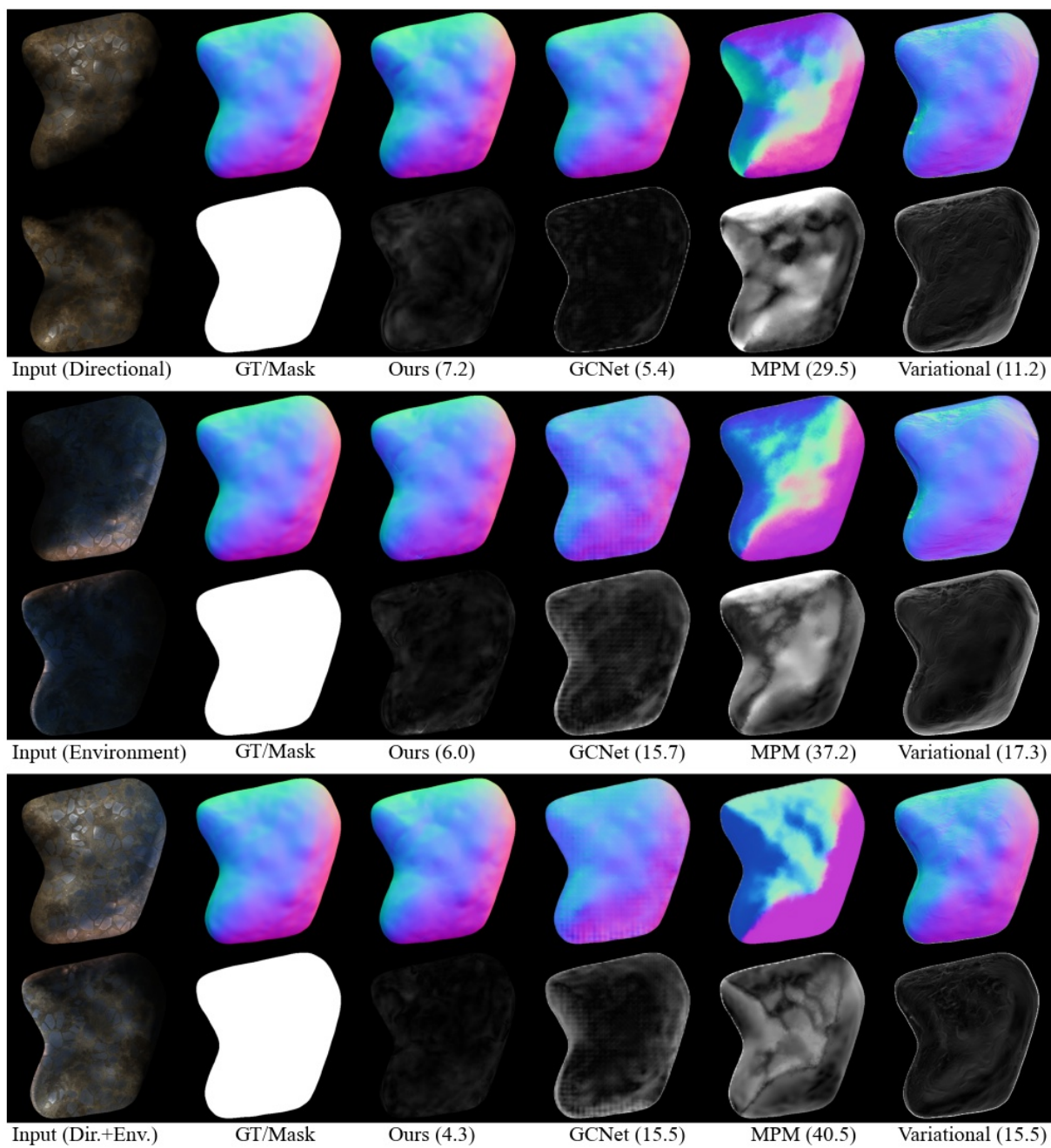


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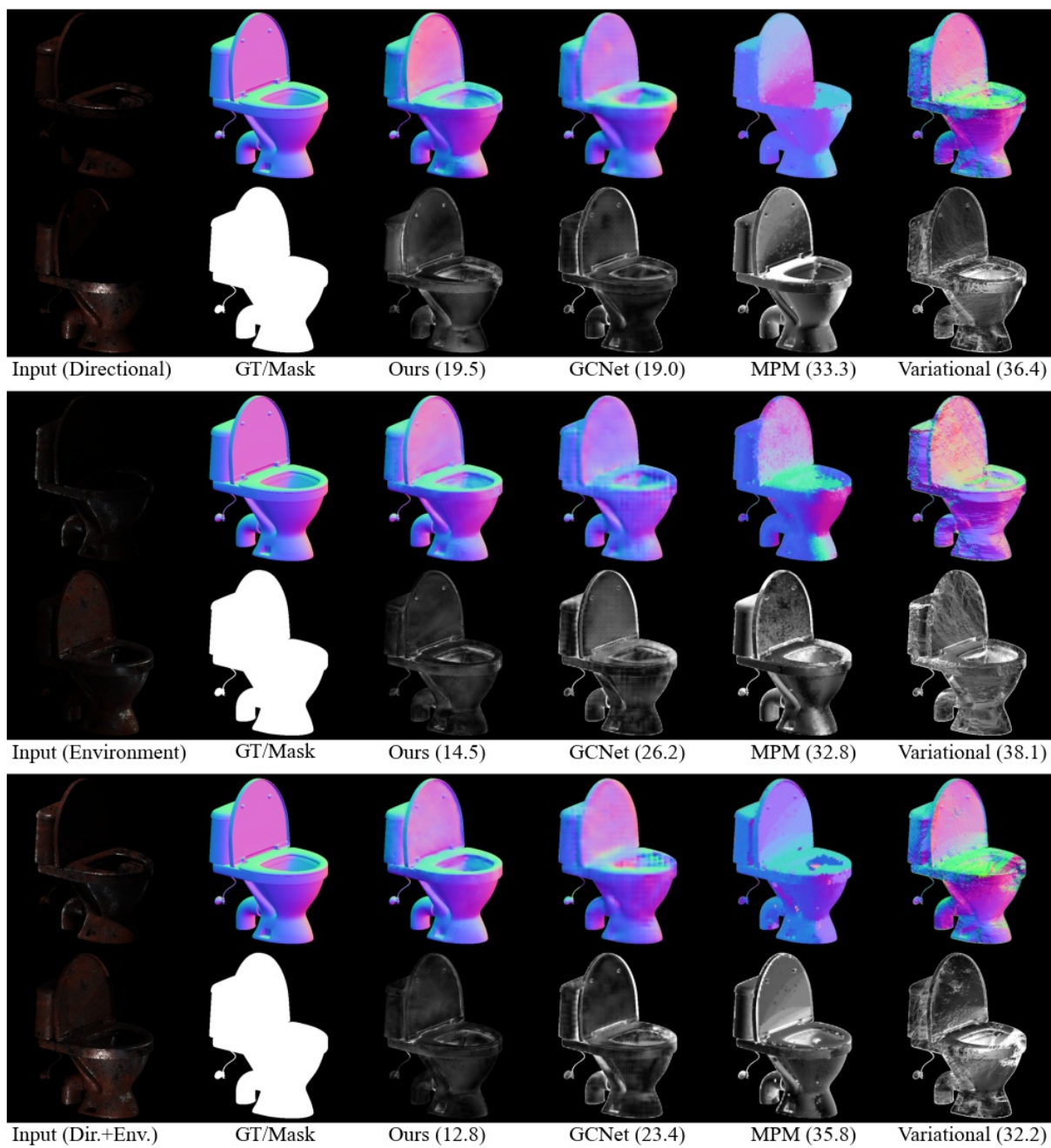


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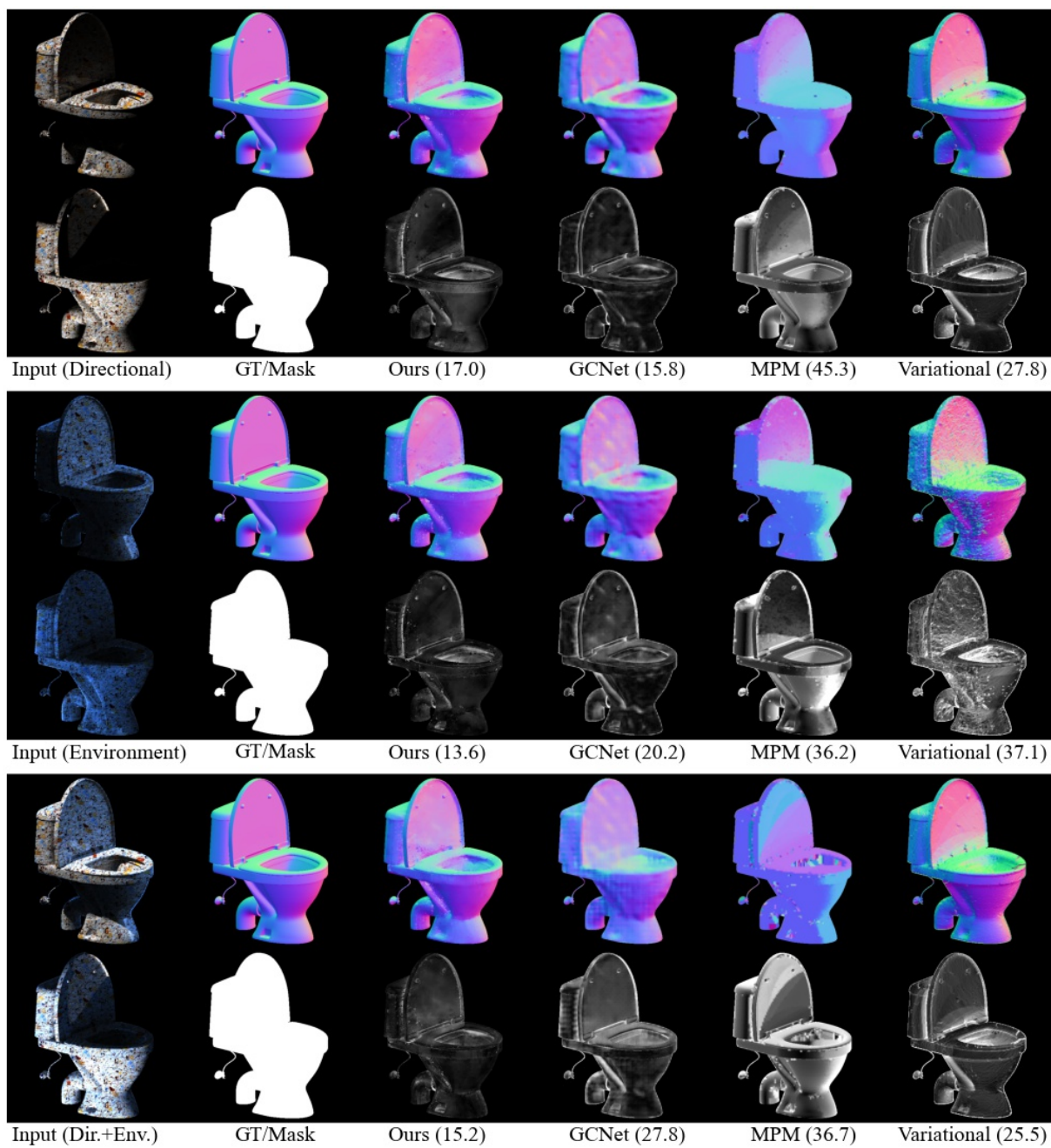


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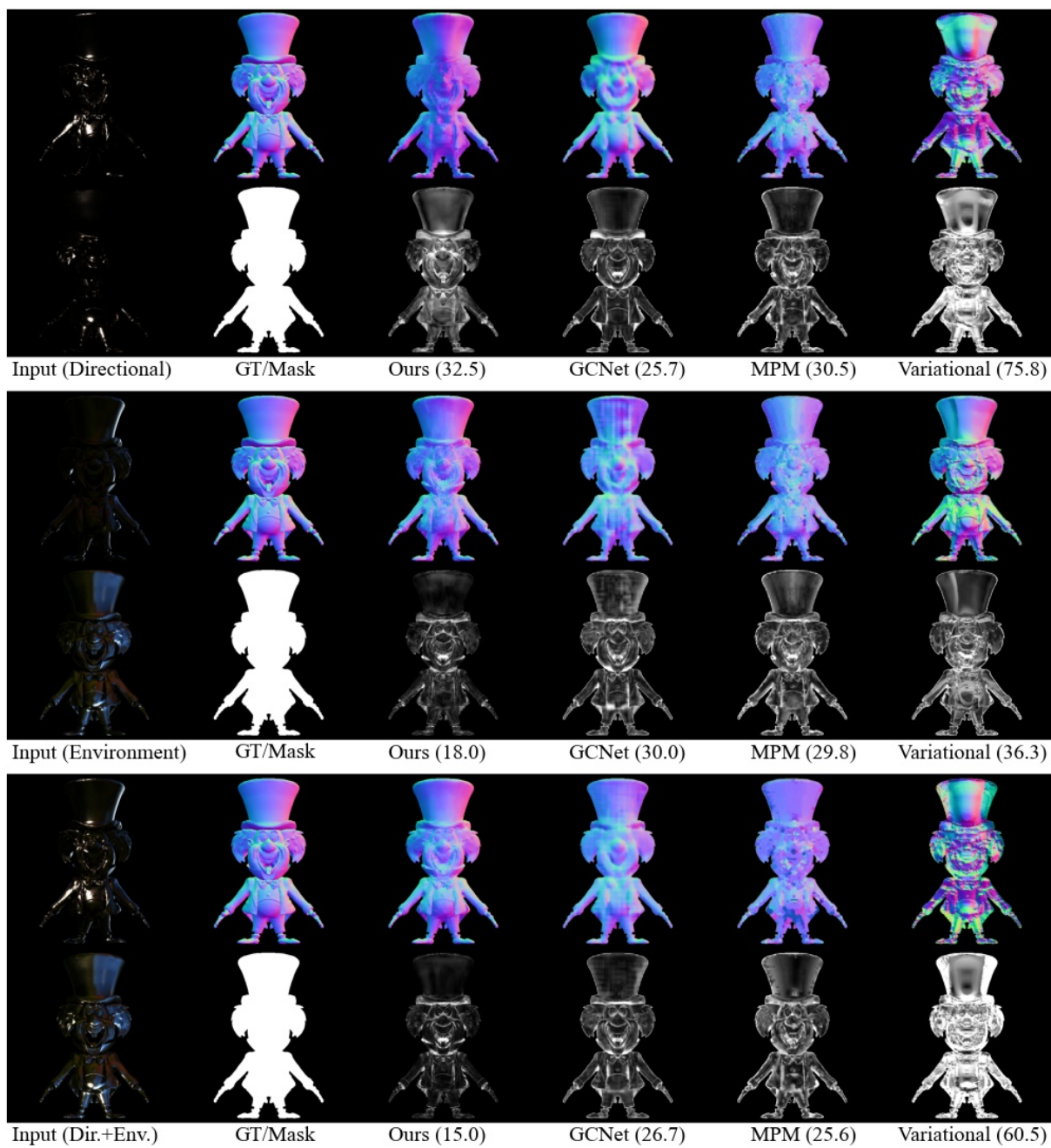


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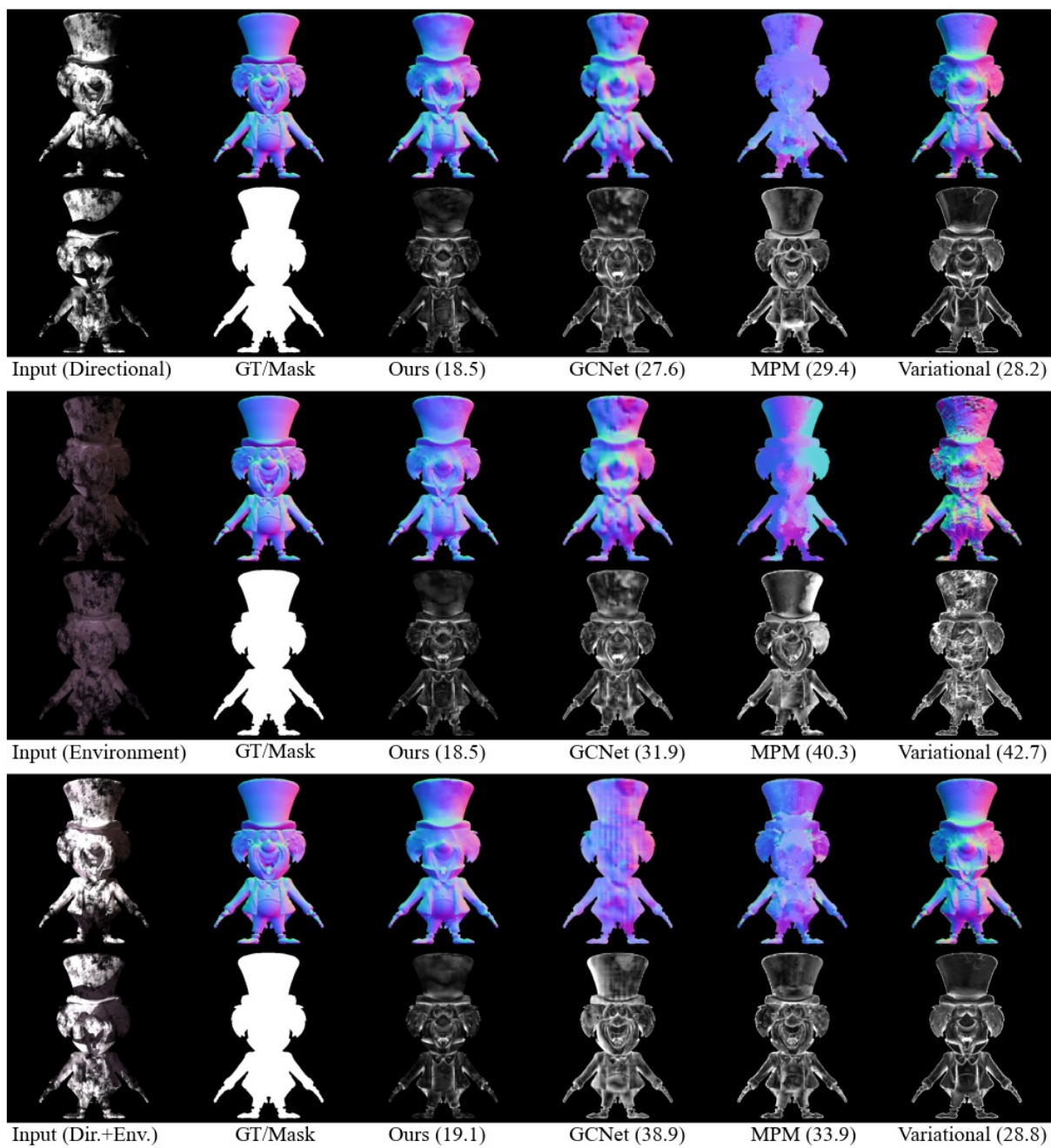


Figure 48. Results on object ID 46 (uncle, snow-ground [Ground]). MAEs (in degrees) are shown next to the name of the method.

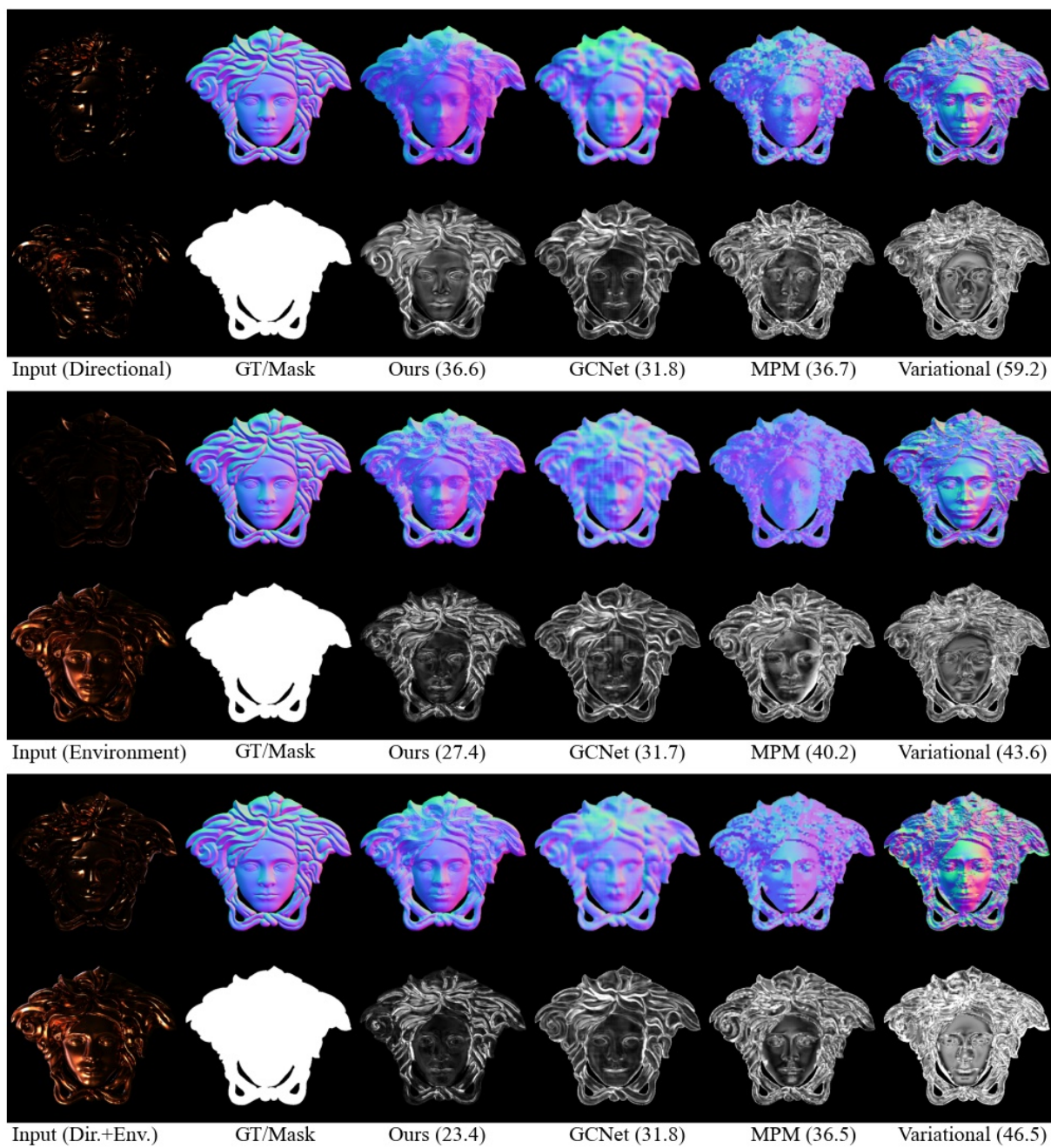


Figure 49. Results on object ID 47 (versace, old-copper [Metal]). MAEs (in degrees) are shown next to the name of the method.

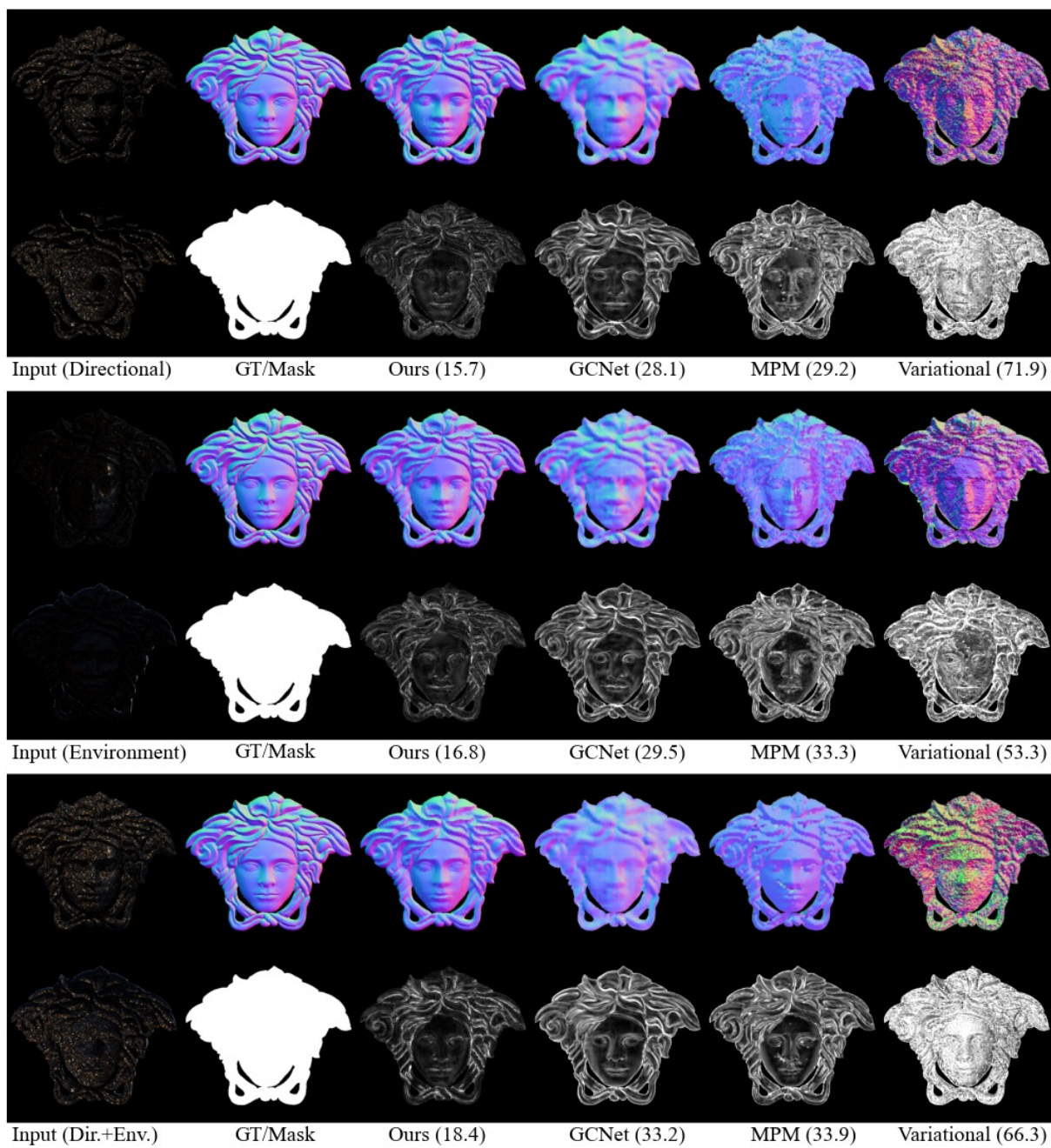


Figure 50. Results on object ID 48 (versace, pebble-stone [Ground]). MAEs (in degrees) are shown next to the name of the method.

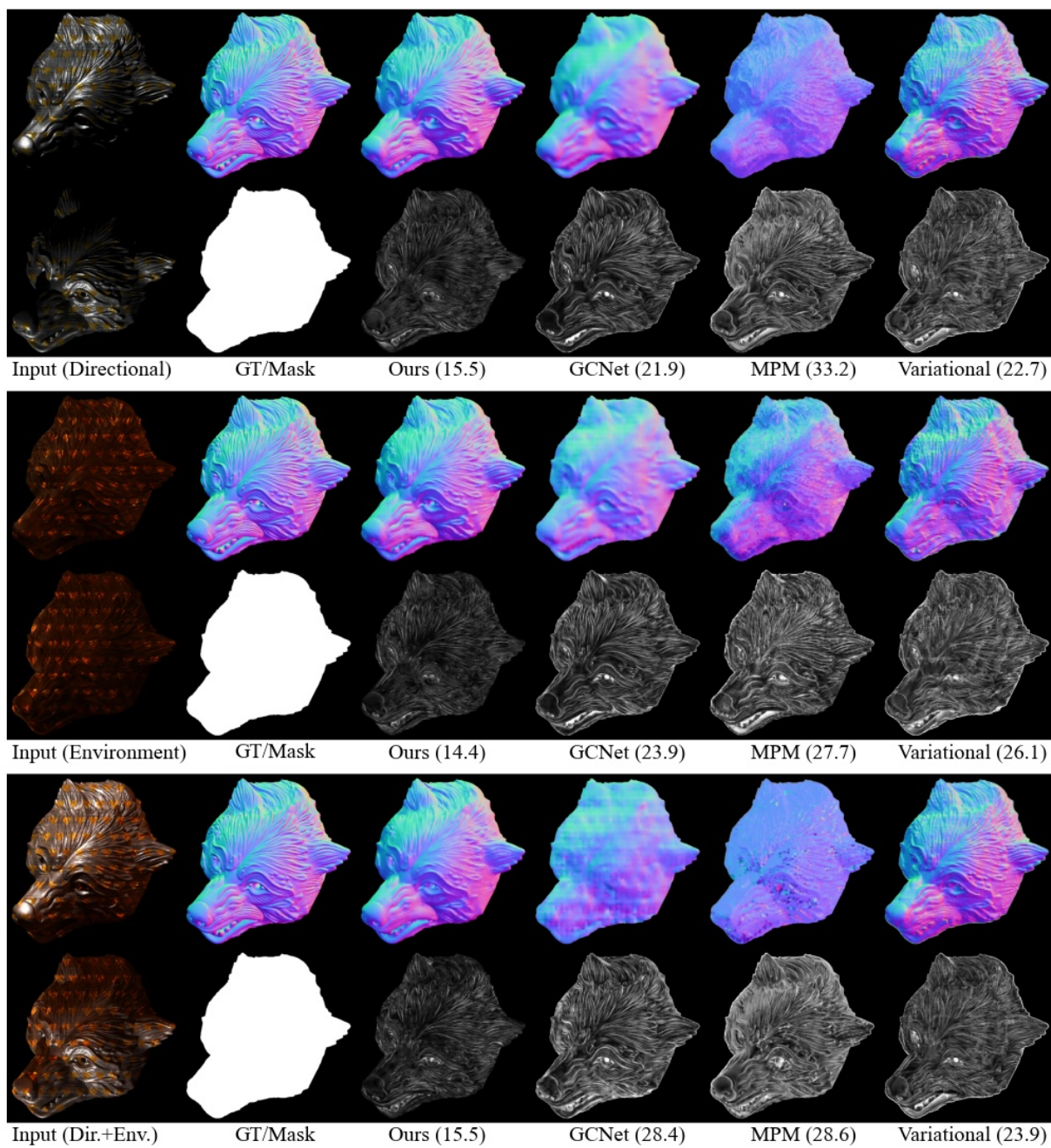


Figure 51. Results on object ID 49 (wolf, metal-plate [Metal]). MAEs (in degrees) are shown next to the name of the method.

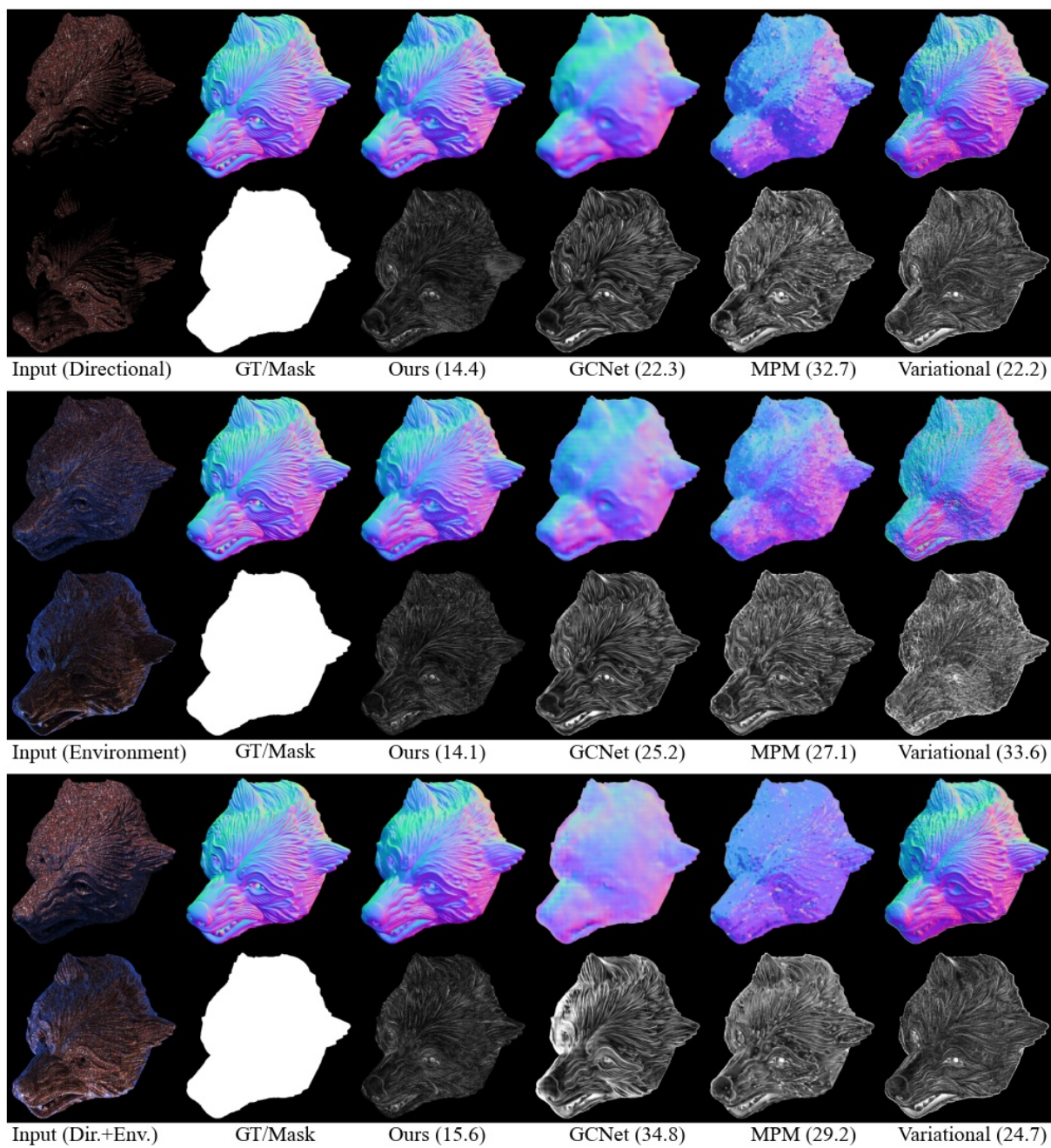


Figure 52. Results on object ID 50 (wolf, pebble-stone [Ground]). MAEs (in degrees) are shown next to the name of the method.