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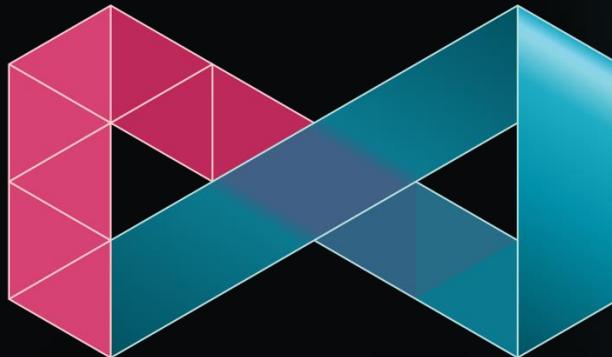
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MATERIALX

MaterialX and OpenPBR Town Hall

July 23rd, 2024

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- MaterialX Project Updates 2024 – Jonathan Stone (ASWF, Lucasfilm)
- OpenPBR Project Updates 2024 – Adrien Herubel (Autodesk), Peter Kutz (Adobe)
- MaterialX in OpenUSD and Hydra – Karen Lucknavalai (Pixar)
- MaterialX and OpenPBR in Omniverse – Frankie Liu (NVIDIA)
- LookdevX in Maya – Nikola Milosevic, Orn Gunnarsson (Autodesk)
- MaterialX in V-Ray – Mihail Djurev (Chaos)
- MaterialX in Houdini 20.5 – Chris Rydalch (SideFX)

MaterialX Project Updates 2024

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MaterialX 1.38.8 Release

- Autodesk and SideFX contributed a rich set of new pattern nodes
- Apple contributed support for MaterialX on iOS
- Added support for MaterialX Python installation through PyPI
- Improved GGX importance sampling in real-time shading



ASWF Dev Days 2023



- Provided dedicated mentorship to new contributors over two days
- 14 new MaterialX contributors, including developers from Wētā, ILM, and Autodesk
- Dev Days 2024 will be in September, see <https://www.aswf.io/dev-days-2024/> for details



Alliance for OpenUSD

- Launched in 2023 to develop a normative specification for USD
- Formed a Materials Working Group in 2024
- New group is focused on the MaterialX integration in USD
- See <https://aousd.org/> for details



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Alliance for OpenUSD

MaterialX 1.39.0 Release

- Major updates to the specification and codebase
- Adds support for the OpenPBR Surface shading model
- Updates the Physically Based Shading and pattern nodes
- Significant optimizations to real-time shading



Join the Conversation

- Visit www.materialx.org to learn more about the project
- Visit <https://www.aswf.io/get-involved/> to join the conversation
- Visit <https://www.aswf.io/dev-days-2024/> to join Dev Days 2024



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OpenPBR Project Update 2024

Adrien Herubel, Autodesk

Peter Kutz, Adobe

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OpenPBR update

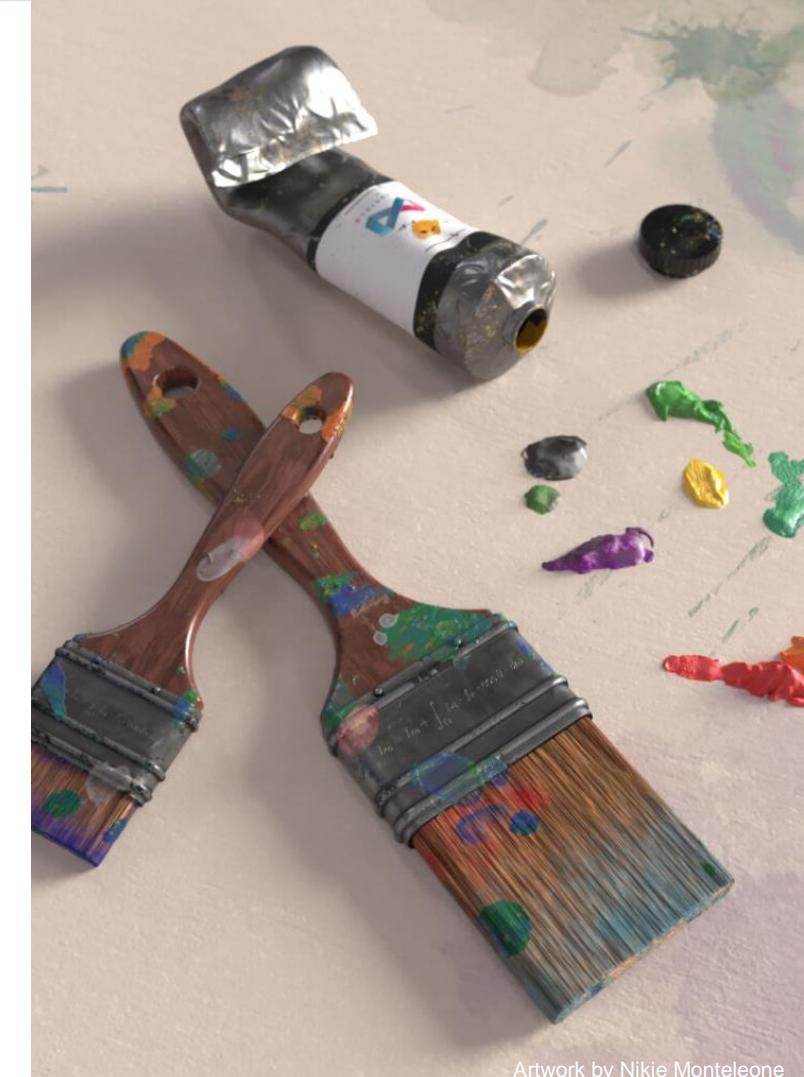
- State of OpenPBR
- Overview of new features
- Integrations
- Future work



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OpenPBR: A new standard

- Merging Standard Surface and Standard Material
 - Autodesk and Adobe share a user base
 - Facilitate asset exchange between vendors
- Physically based
- Artist friendly
- Open governance to drive consensus and adoption
- Reference implementation

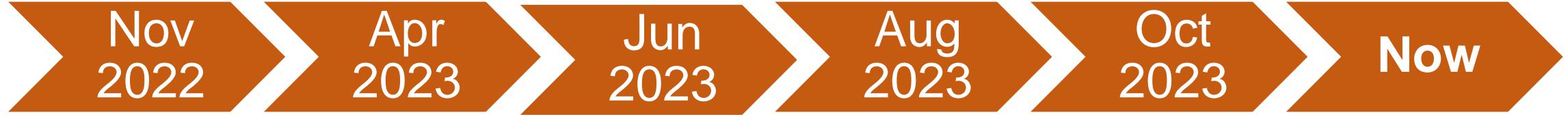


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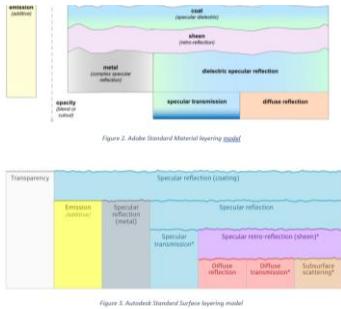
OpenPBR project timeline



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Common ground



New specification



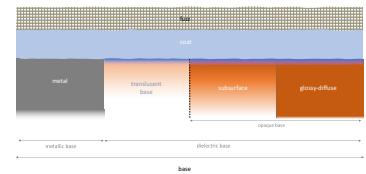
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Announce and private reviews



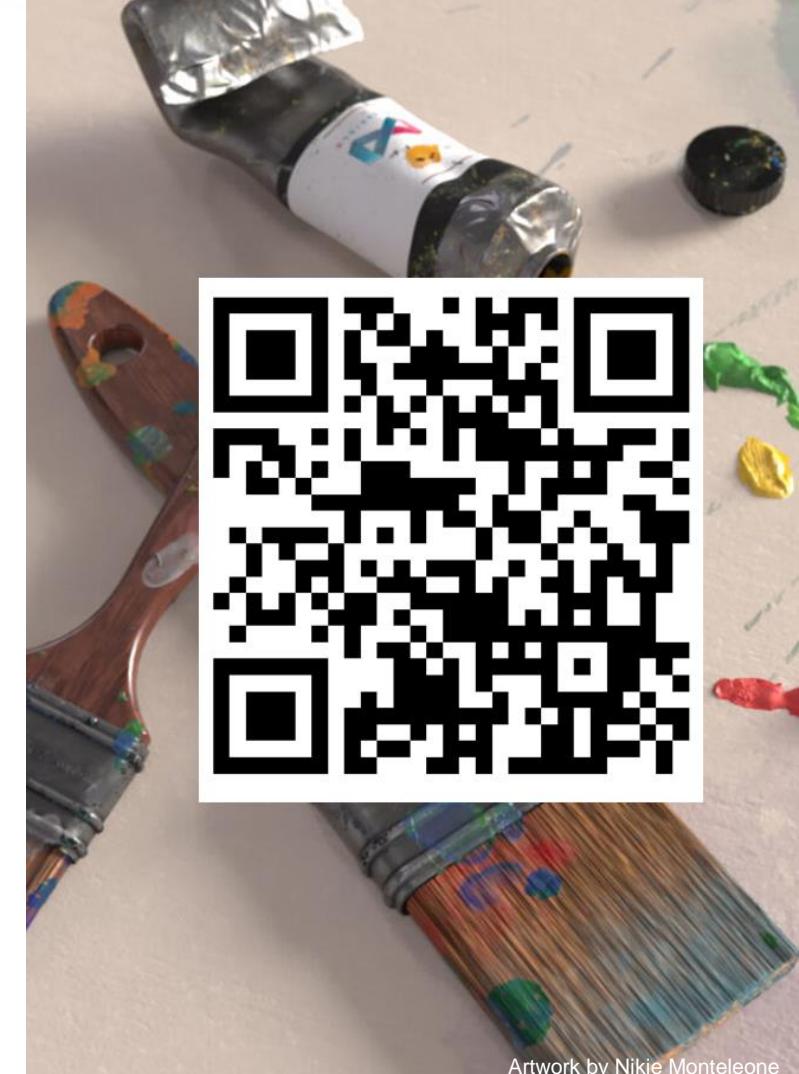
Public preview



1.0 release

OpenPBR project outcomes

- Finalized specification
- Unifies Autodesk Standard Surface and Adobe Standard Material, with some enhancements
- MaterialX reference implementation
- ASWF governance model
- Major interest from end-users and vendors



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Open source repo and specification

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The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'AcademySoftwareFoundation / OpenPBR'. The repository has 22 issues, 2 pull requests, and 18 forks. It includes sections for 'About', 'Releases' (with one latest release), 'Packages', 'Contributors' (9), 'Deployments' (153), and 'Languages' (CSS 94.0%, TeX 6.0%). A large preview image at the bottom shows a 3D rendering of a cluttered artist's workspace with various tools and materials.

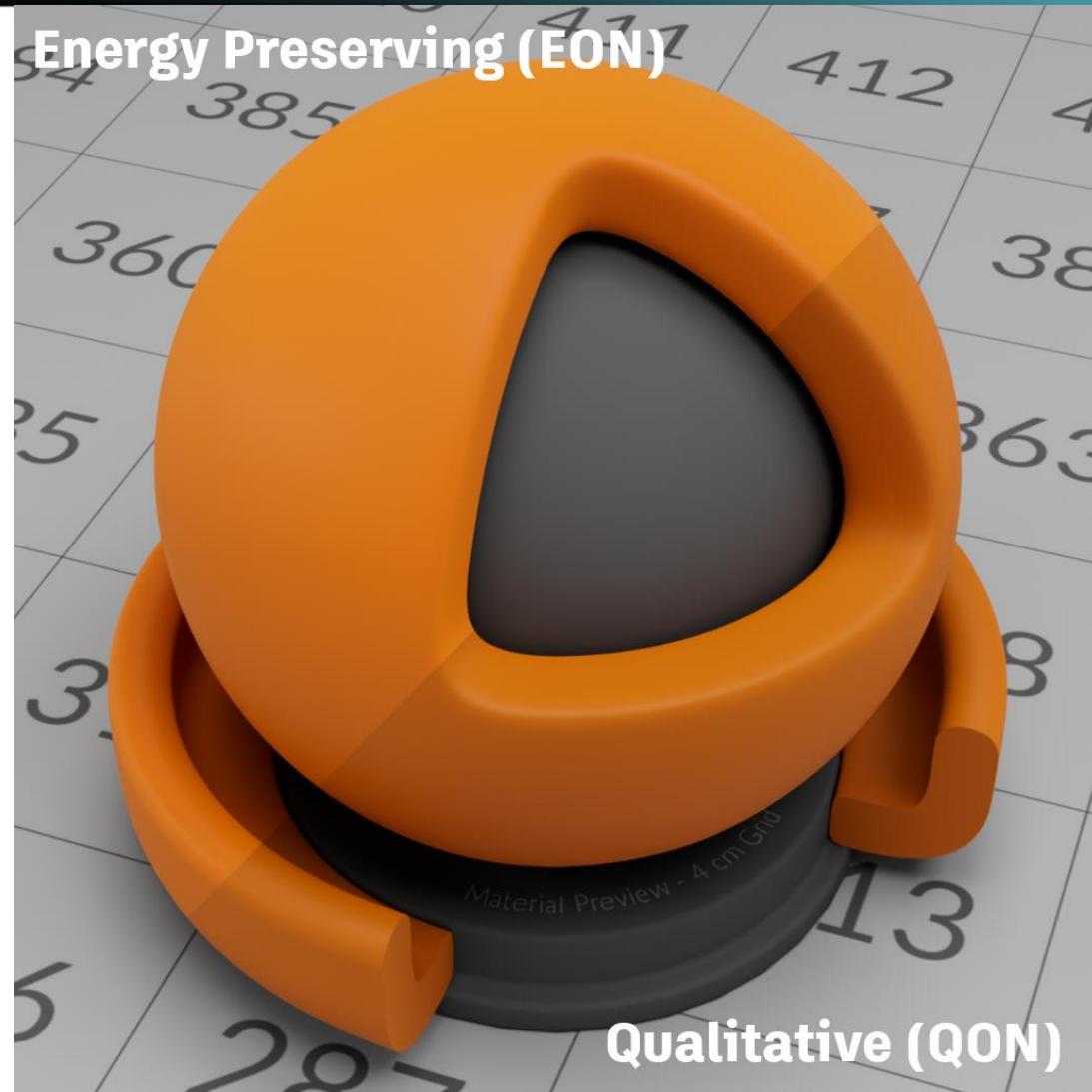
The screenshot shows the 'OpenPBR Surface' specification document. It features a table of contents with sections like 'Historical background and objectives', 'Model', and 'Parameter reference'. Below the table of contents are four rendered images of a 3D scene, labeled 'Shader Playground, rendered in Arnold for Maya, using OpenPBR Surface.' The images show a detailed 3D environment with complex lighting and materials.



Energy-preserving Oren–Nayar



Energy-preserving Oren–Nayar

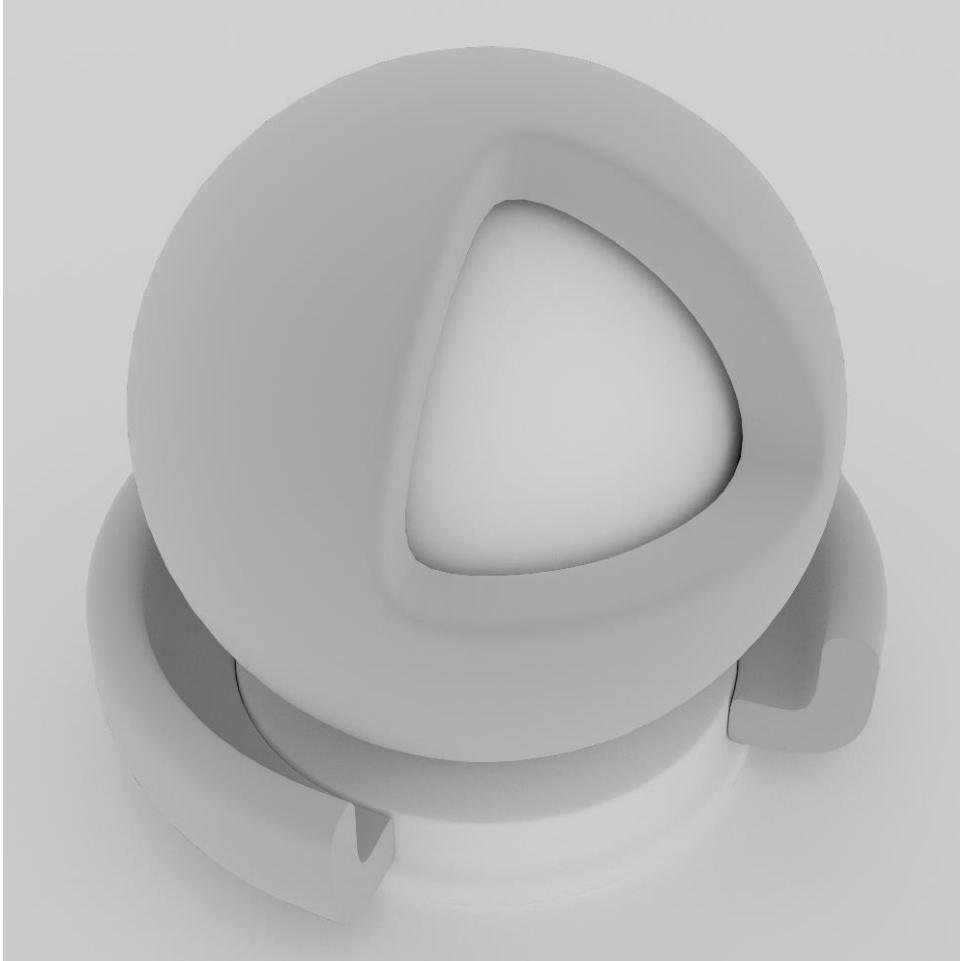


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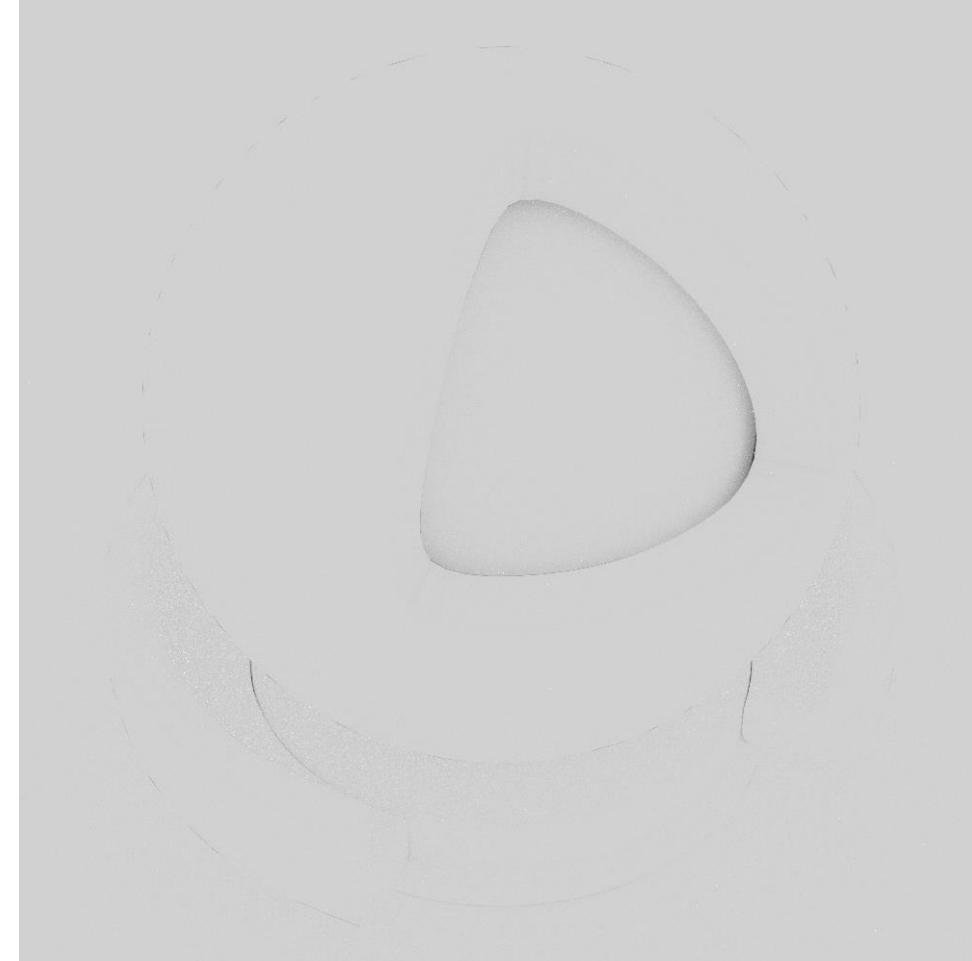
Qualitative (QON)



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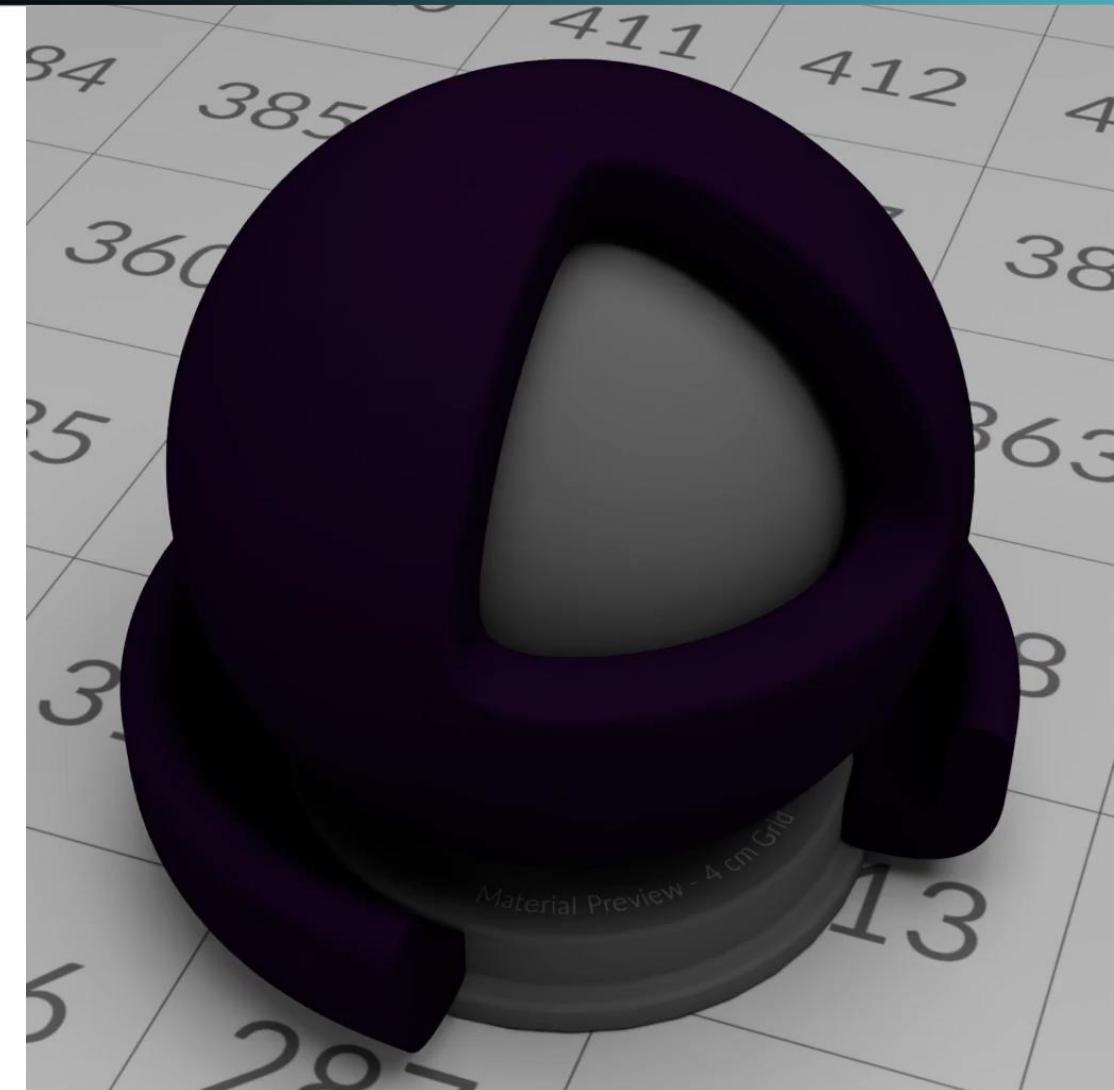
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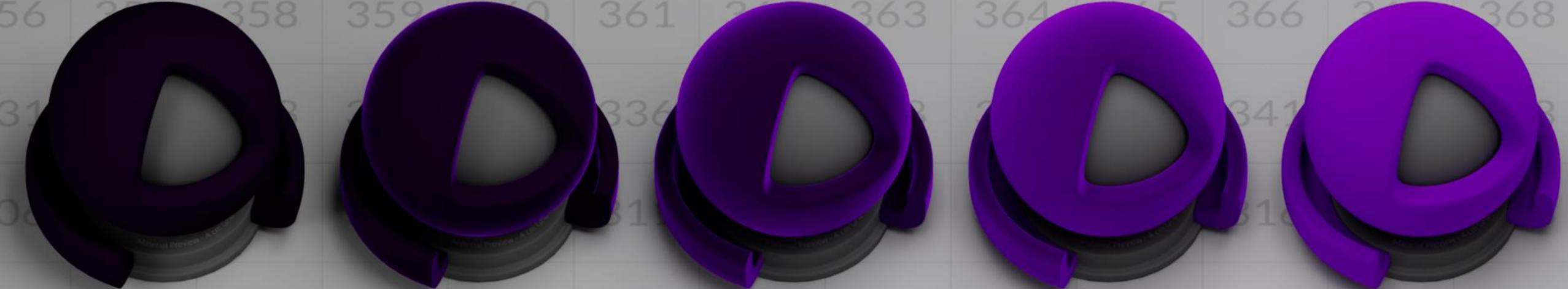
New fuzz model

- New Fuzz model using Zeltner '22
- Based on energy-conserving microflake multiple scattering
- Perfect importance sampling
- Improved range over popular microfacet models

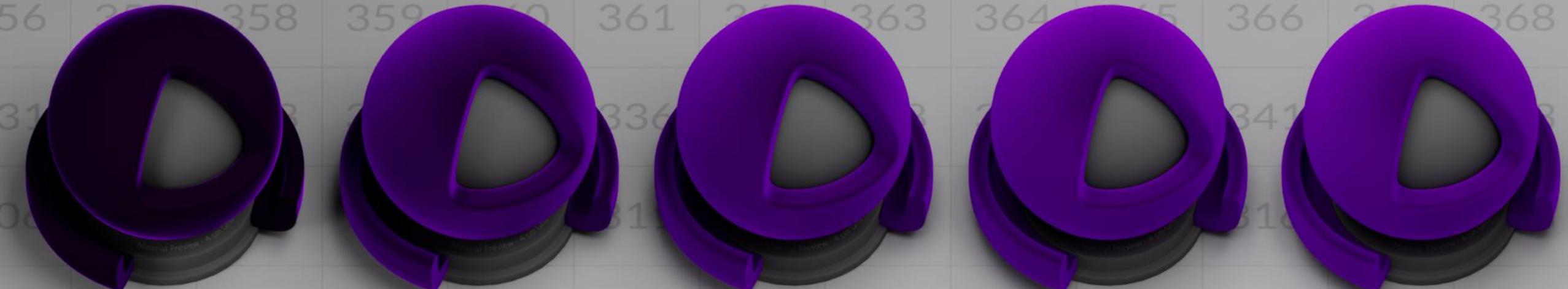


New fuzz model

Zeltner '22 sheen

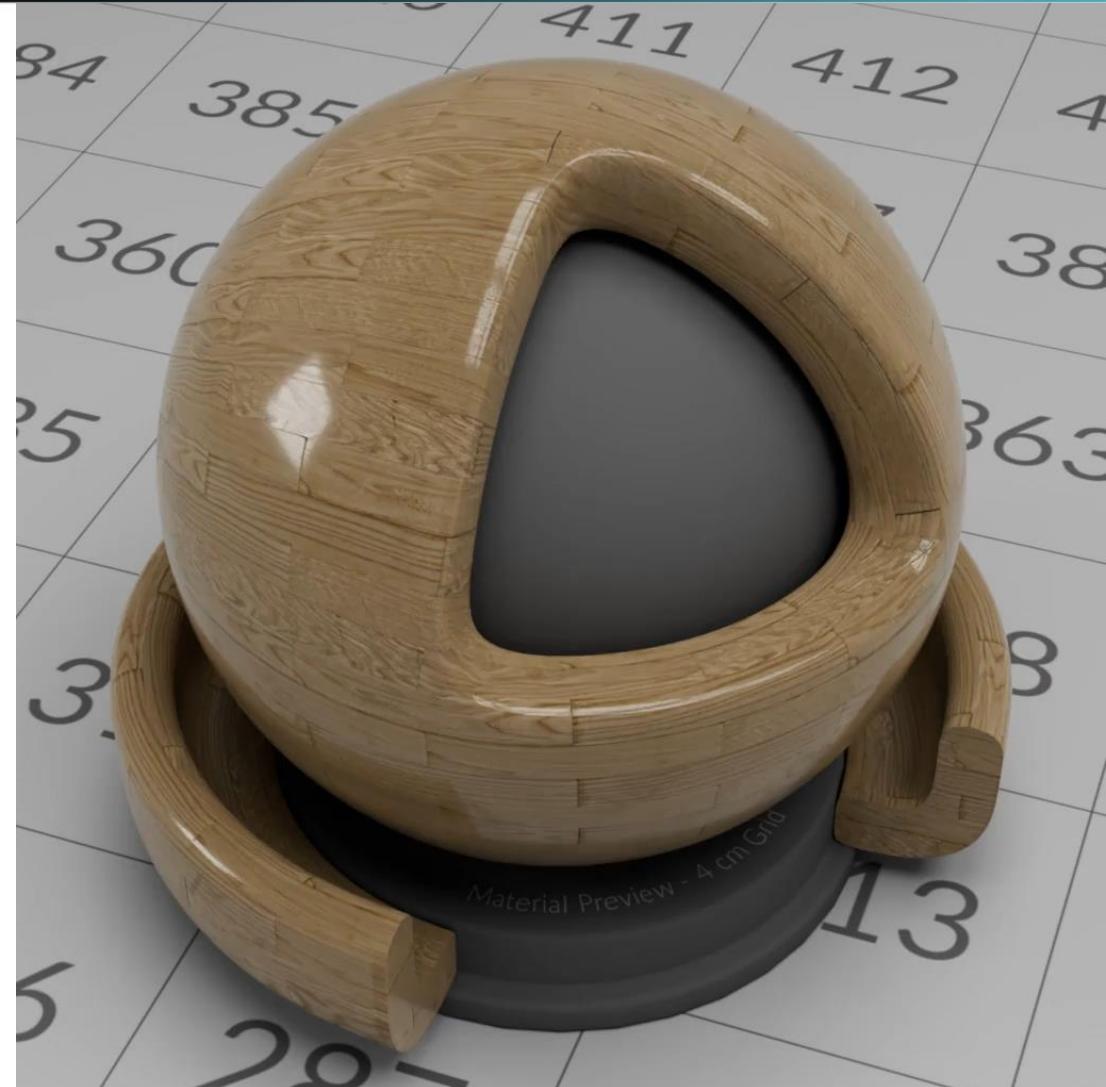


SPI sheen



Coat darkening

- New base color darkening
- Based on real internal reflection and re-absorption
- Opt-out



Coat darkening



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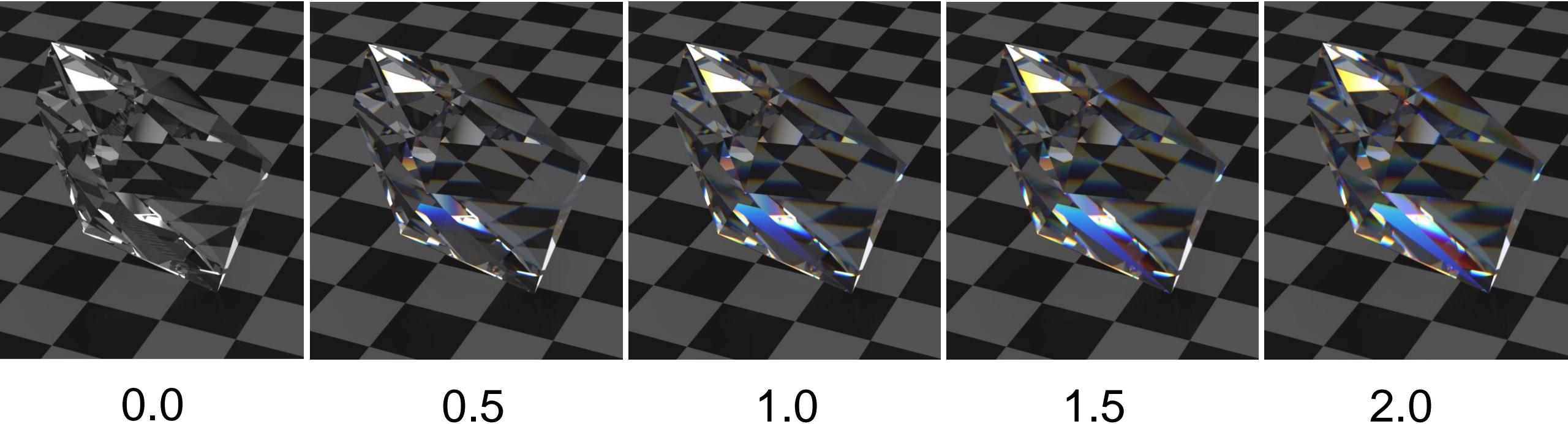
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Dispersion scale



More expressive layer ordering



Art-directable metal model

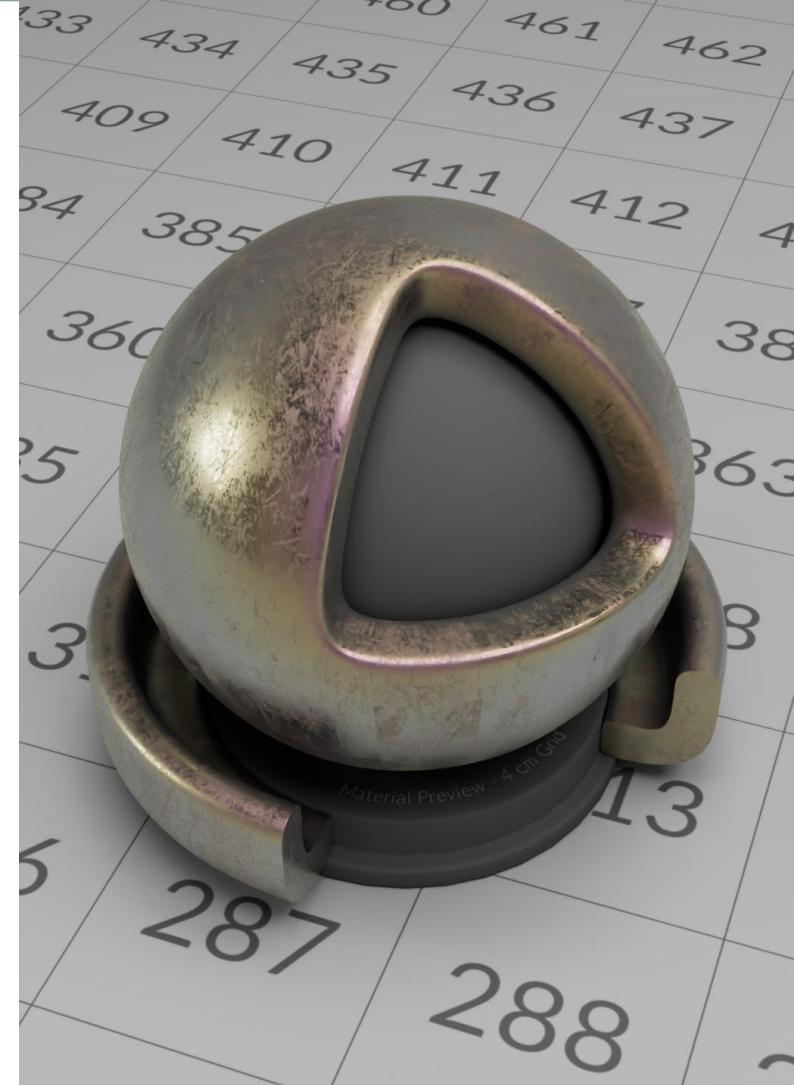


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F82-Tint

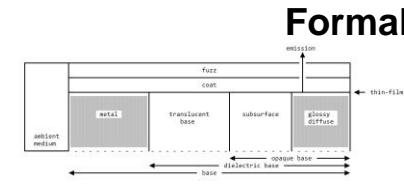
Other user-friendly tweaks

- More intuitive thin-film parameterization
- More natural specular weight



OpenPBR integrations

- MaterialX 1.39
- Adobe Substance
- Arnold
- Maya
- 3ds Max
- Omniverse
- Houdini Karma



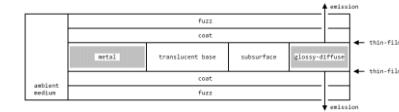
To summarize the formal structure, this consists of the following slab:

$S_{\text{surface_metals}} = \text{Slab}(f_{\text{fuzz}}, V_{\text{base}})$
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 $S_{\text{coat}} = \text{Slab}(f_{\text{fuzz}}, V_{\text{base}})$
 $S_{\text{base_metal}} = \text{Slab}(f_{\text{fuzz}}, V_{\text{base}})$
 $S_{\text{translucent}} = \text{Slab}(f_{\text{fuzz}}, V_{\text{base}})$
 $S_{\text{subsurface}} = \text{Slab}(f_{\text{fuzz}}, V_{\text{base}})$
 $S_{\text{glossy_diffuse}} = \text{Slab}(f_{\text{fuzz}}, V_{\text{base}})$

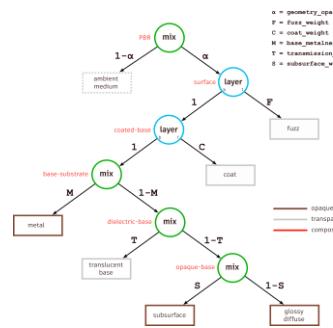
Which are composed to build the material structure, denoted PBR below, as follows:

$M_{\text{eq}} = \text{mix}(S_{\text{surface_metals}}, M_{\text{base}} \cdot \alpha)$
 $M_{\text{fuzz}} = \text{layer}(M_{\text{coated-base}}, S_{\text{fuzz}}, F)$
 $M_{\text{coated-base}} = \text{layer}(M_{\text{base_substrate}}, S_{\text{coat}}, C)$
 $M_{\text{base_substrate}} = \text{layer}(M_{\text{dielectric-base}}, S_{\text{base_metal}}, B)$
 $M_{\text{dielectric-base}} = \text{mix}(M_{\text{base_substrate}}, M_{\text{translucent}}, T)$
 $M_{\text{translucent}} = \text{mix}(S_{\text{translucent}}, S_{\text{subsurface}}, \beta)$

where $\alpha = \text{geometry_opacity}$
where $F = \text{fuzz_weight}$
where $C = \text{coat_weight}$
where $B = \text{base_metal_weight}$
where $T = \text{translucent_weight}$
where $\beta = \text{subsurface_weight}$



Formal structure

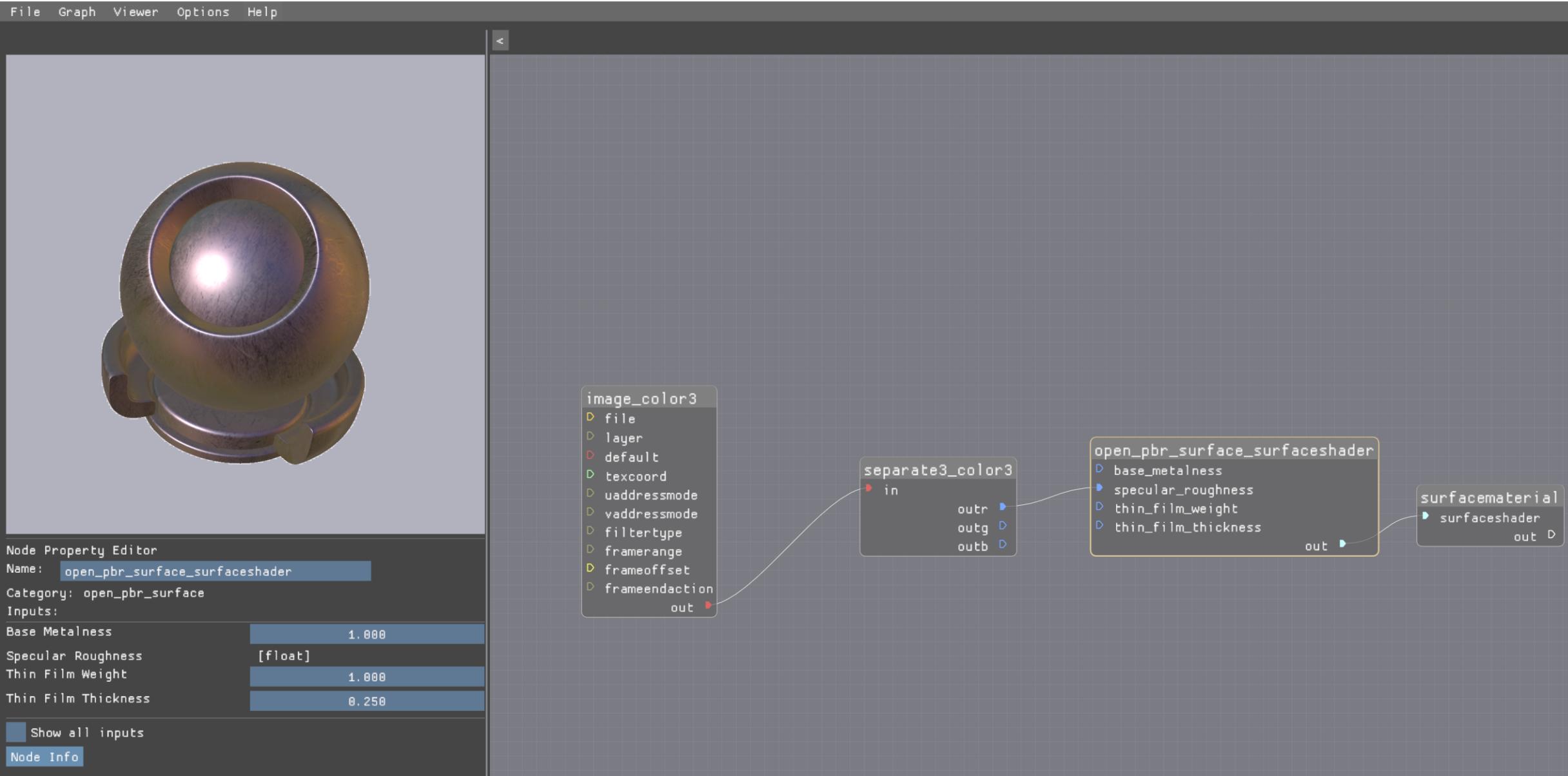


implementers

$f_{\text{PBR}} = \text{lerp}(f_{\text{transparent}}, f_{\text{surface}}, \alpha)$,
 $f_{\text{surface}} = F f_{\text{fuzz}} + \text{lerp}(1, 1 - \bar{E}[f_{\text{fuzz}}], F) f_{\text{coated-base}}$,
 $f_{\text{coated-base}} = C f_{\text{coat}} + \text{lerp}(1, T_{\text{coat}}(1 - E[f_{\text{coat}}]), C) f_{\text{base-substrate}}$,
 $L_e = \text{lerp}(1, T_{\text{coat}}, C) E$,
 $f_{\text{base-substrate}} = \text{lerp}(f_{\text{dielectric-base}}, f_{\text{conductor}}, M)$,
 $f_{\text{dielectric-base}} = f_{\text{specular}}^R + (1 - E[f_{\text{specular}}^R]) f_{\text{dielectric-base}}$,
 $f_{\text{dielectric-base}}^T = \text{lerp}(\text{lerp}(f_{\text{diffuse}}, f_{\text{sss}}, S), f_{\text{specular}}, T)$.



OpenPBR integration: MaterialX 1.39



OpenPBR integration: Adobe Substance

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Dragon Warrior | Ming Dynasty Gunner
Concept Artist: Ningbo Jiang
3D Character Artist: Anastasia Kukosh
OpenPBR Conversion: Nikie Monteleone

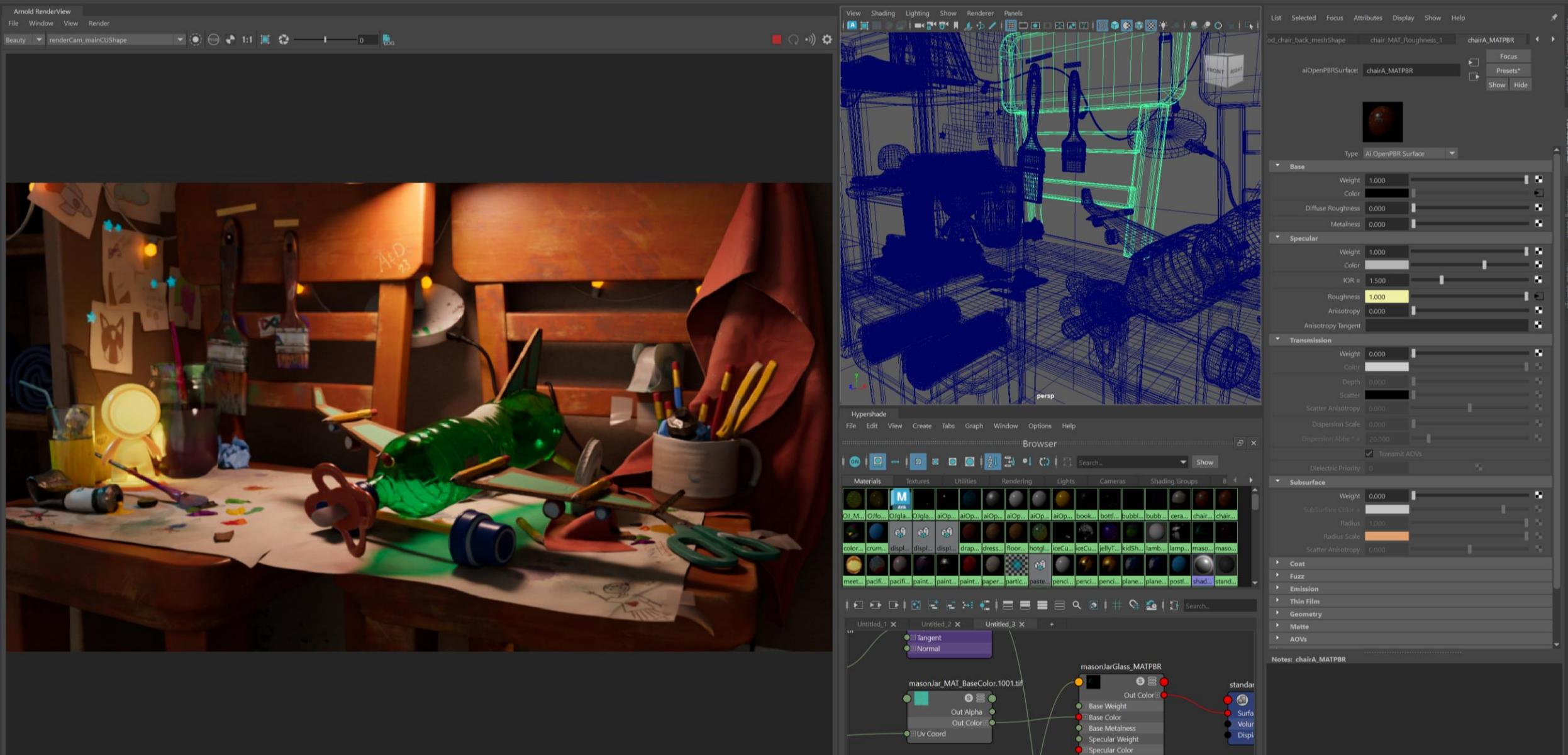


OpenPBR integration: Arnold

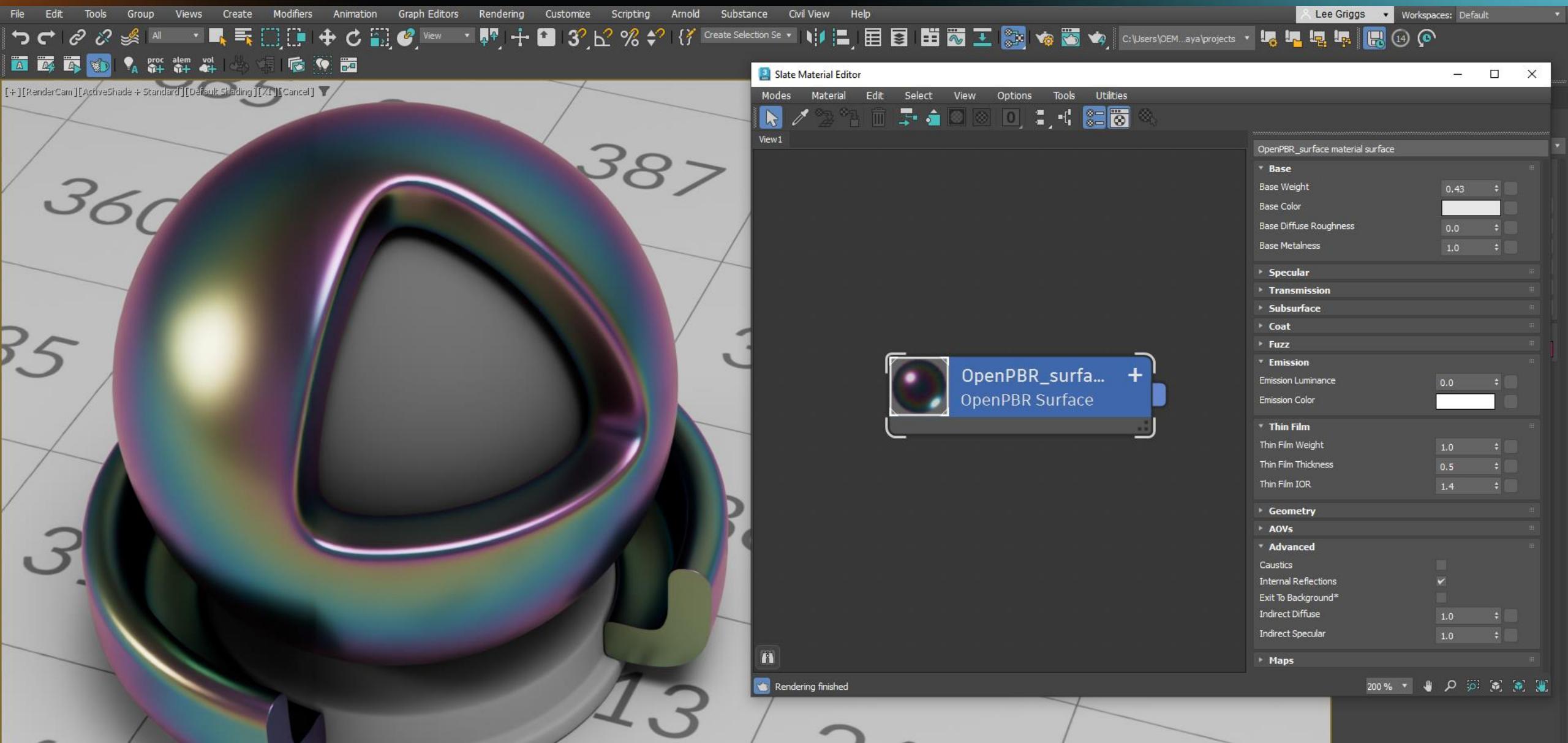


OpenPBR integration: Maya

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OpenPBR integration: 3ds Max



OpenPBR integration: Omniverse

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OpenPBR integration: Karma

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OpenPBR: Future work

- Increase OpenPBR and MaterialX 1.39 adoption
- Continuously review feedback and new ideas
- Shader translation graphs from/to Standard Surface
- Extending OpenPBR
 - Volumes
 - Hair

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MaterialX in OpenUSD & Hydra

Karen Lucknavalai, Pixar

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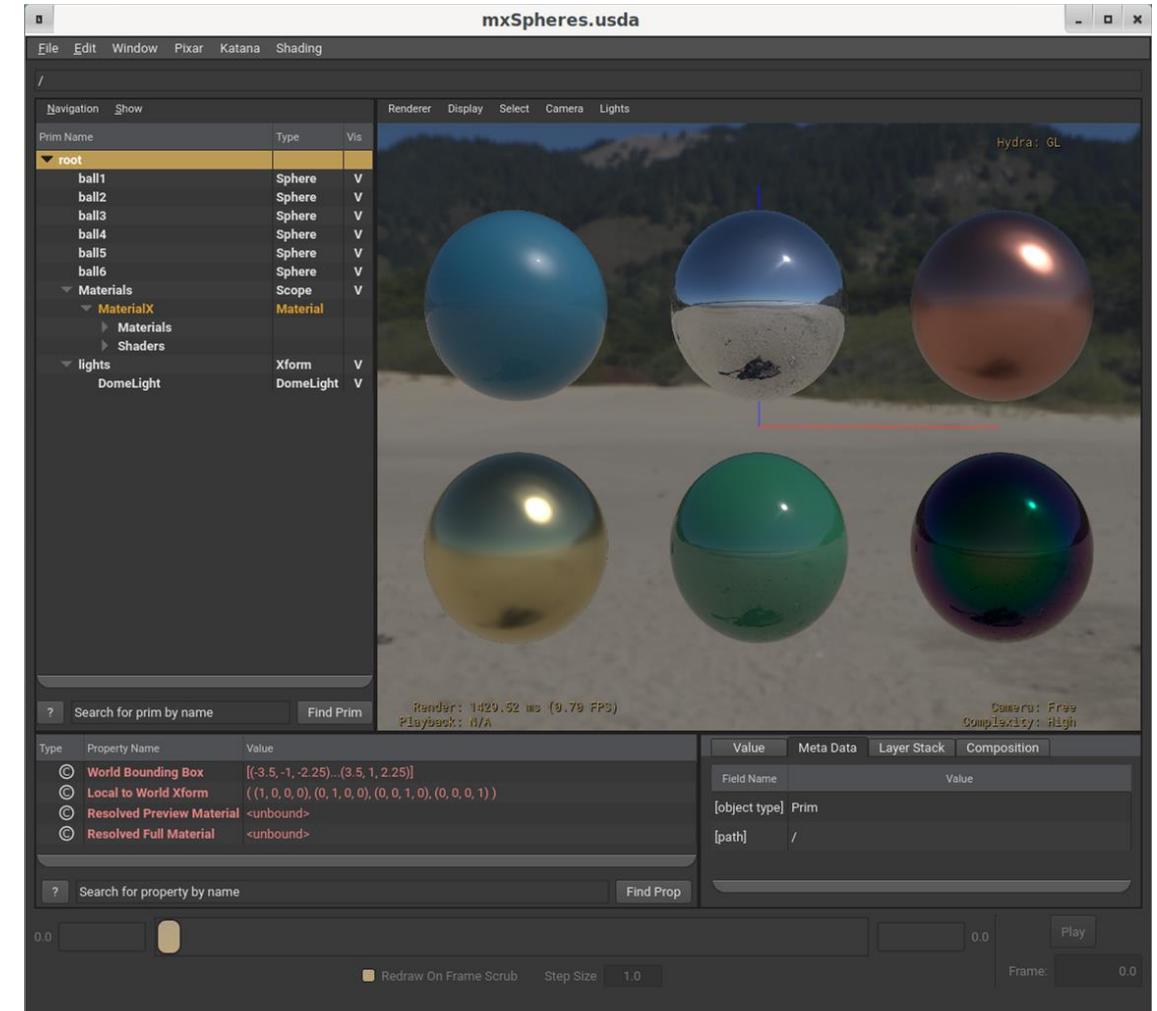
MaterialX in USD/Hydra - Updates

Dev branch changes

- Support for MaterialX v1.38.10
- Vulkan ShaderGen support
- Material Tag detection fixes
- MaterialX in Hydra USD

[Developer Guide](#)

- Improved glslfx shader caching

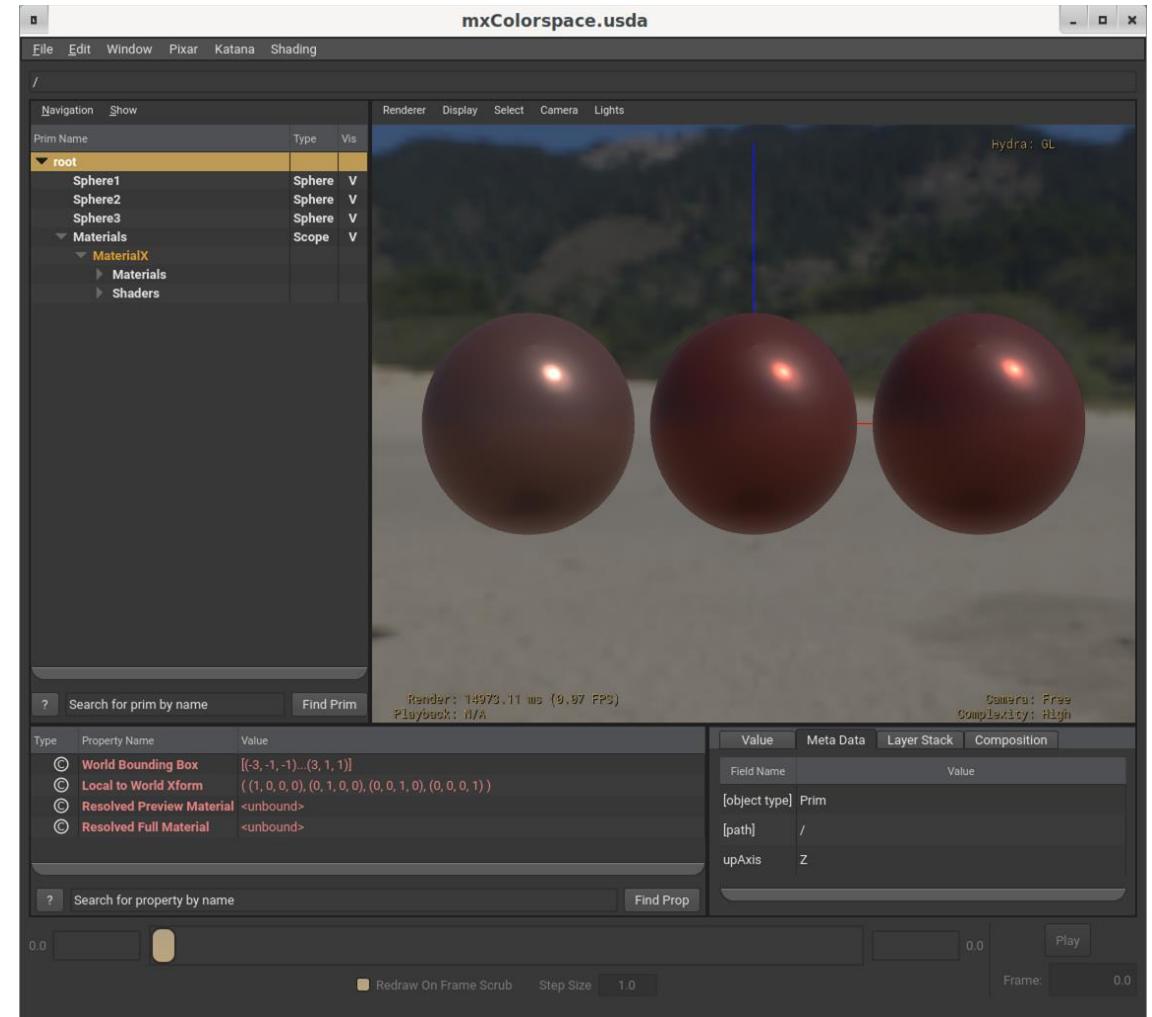


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- Update imaging tests
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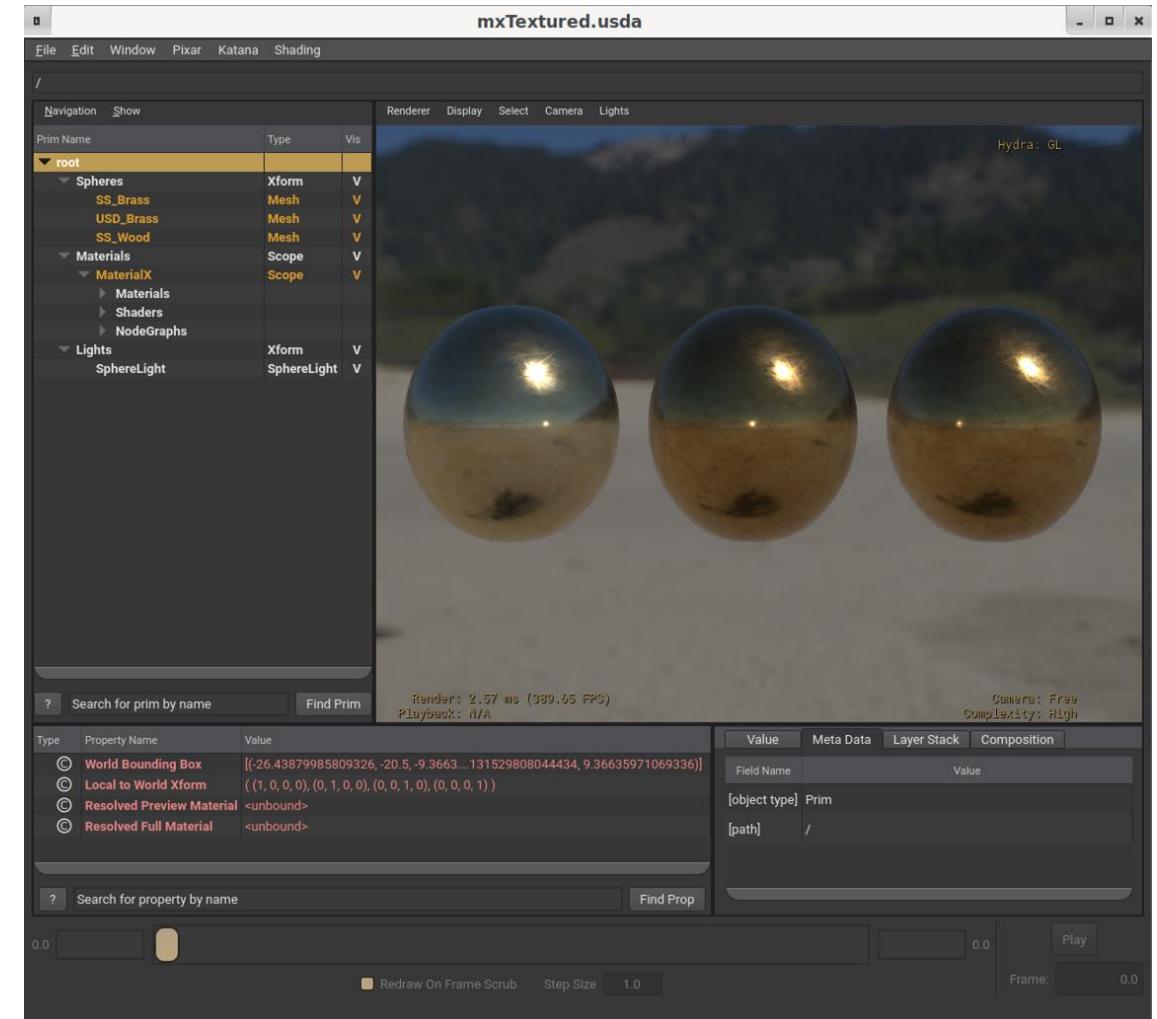


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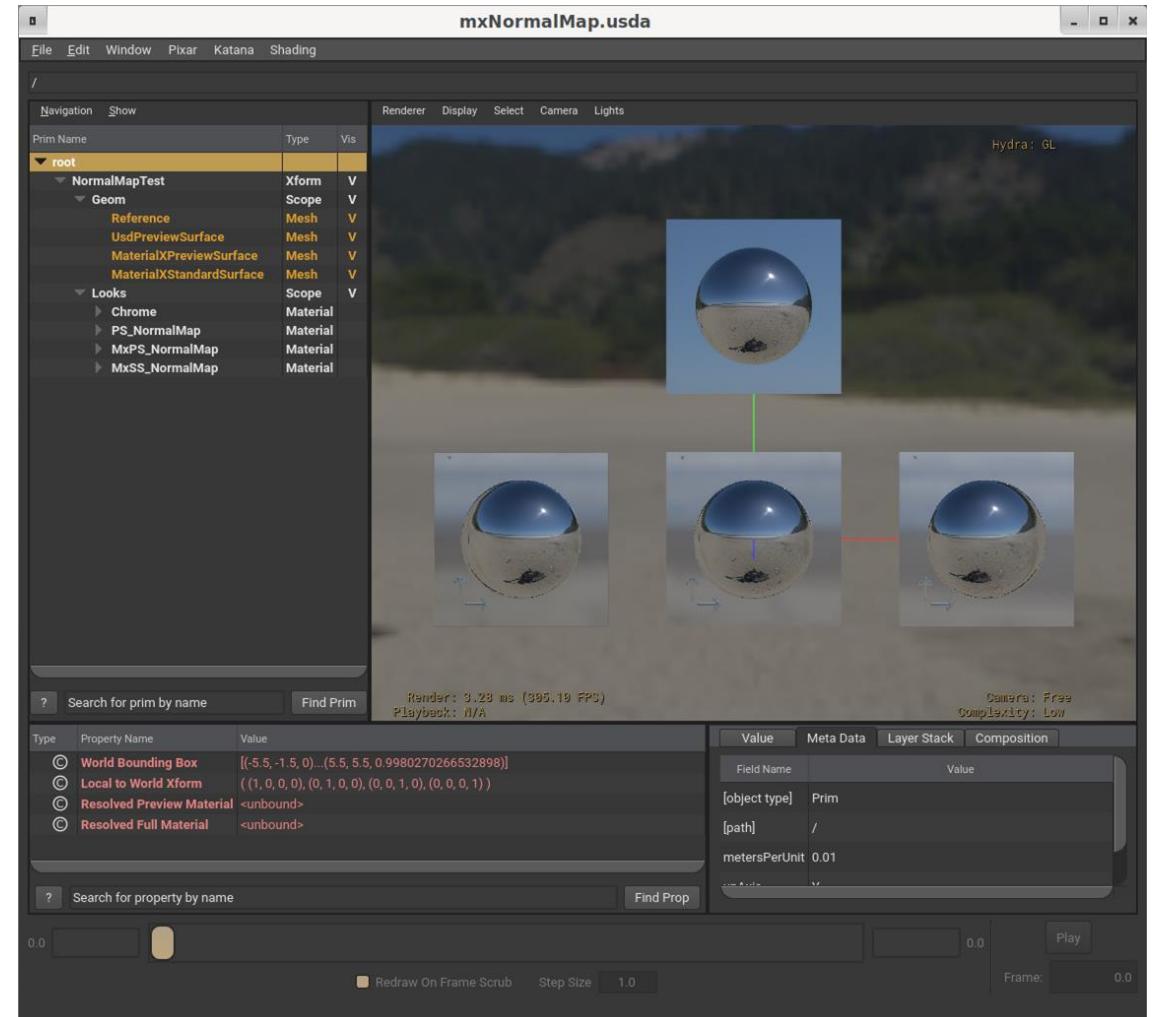
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MaterialX in USD/Hydra - Updates

Bug Fixes

- Name collision with inputs and built-in uniforms in Storm
- OIT fix for Metal
- Shader compile fix when using `heighttonormal` nodes
- `fileprefix` appropriately applied to `filenames`



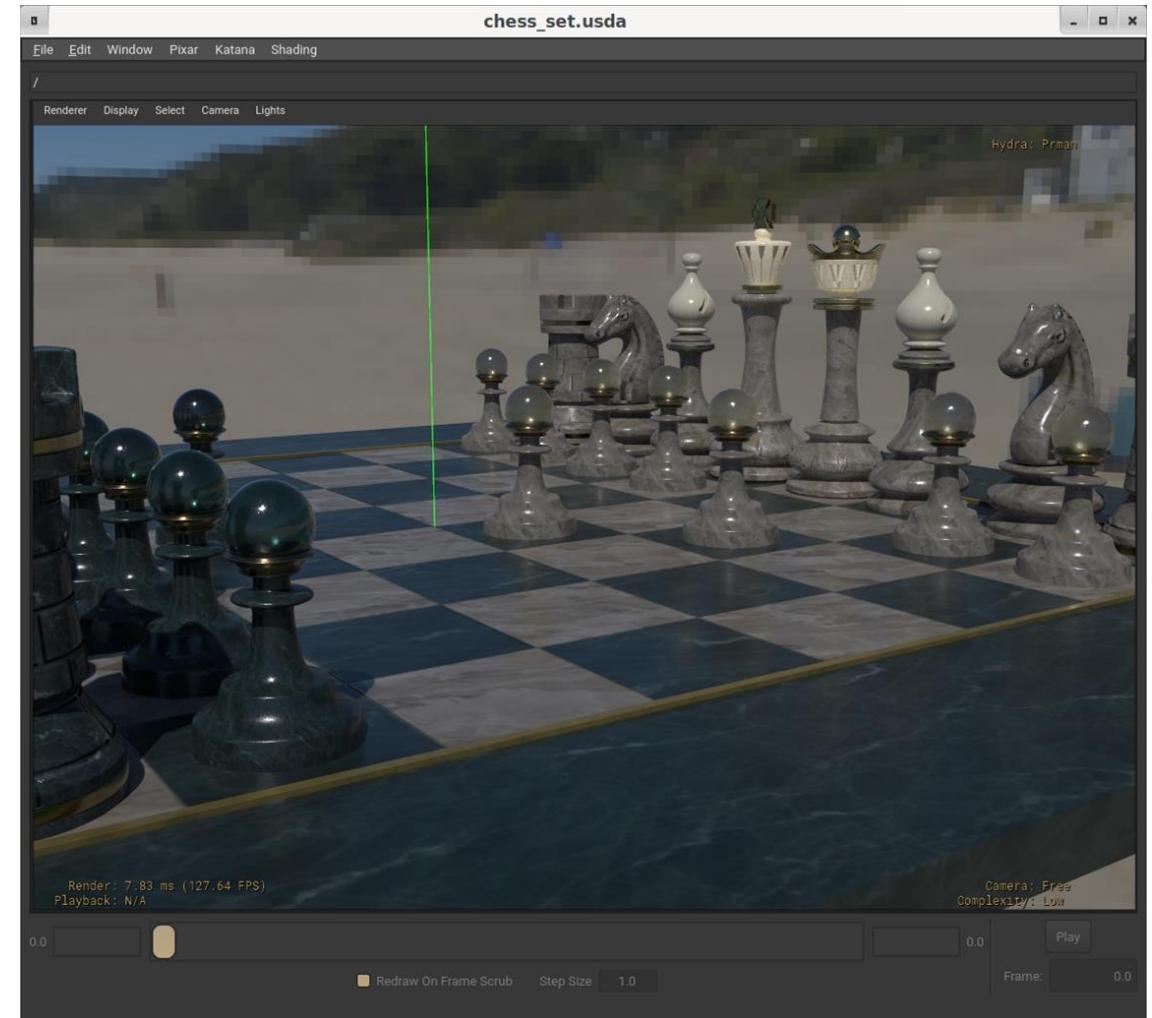
MaterialX in USD/Hydra - Updates

Prman bug fixes

- Nodes used in multiple places within a material
- Correct search paths

More information about Renderman, OSL and MaterialX:

OSL Virtual Town Hall
Today at 4p MDT



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Material Exchange in Omniverse with MaterialX and OpenPBR

Charles Anderson, Derek Haase, Jan Jordan, Minjae Lee, Frankie Liu, Kai Rohmer,
Masuo Suzuki and the NVIDIA Team

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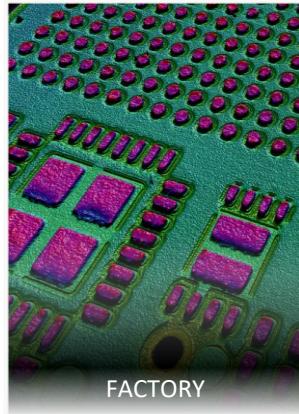
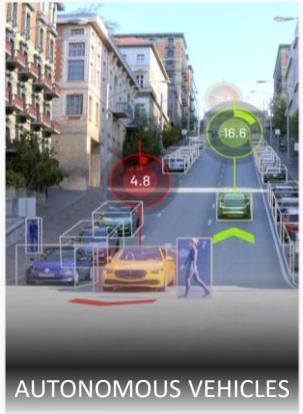
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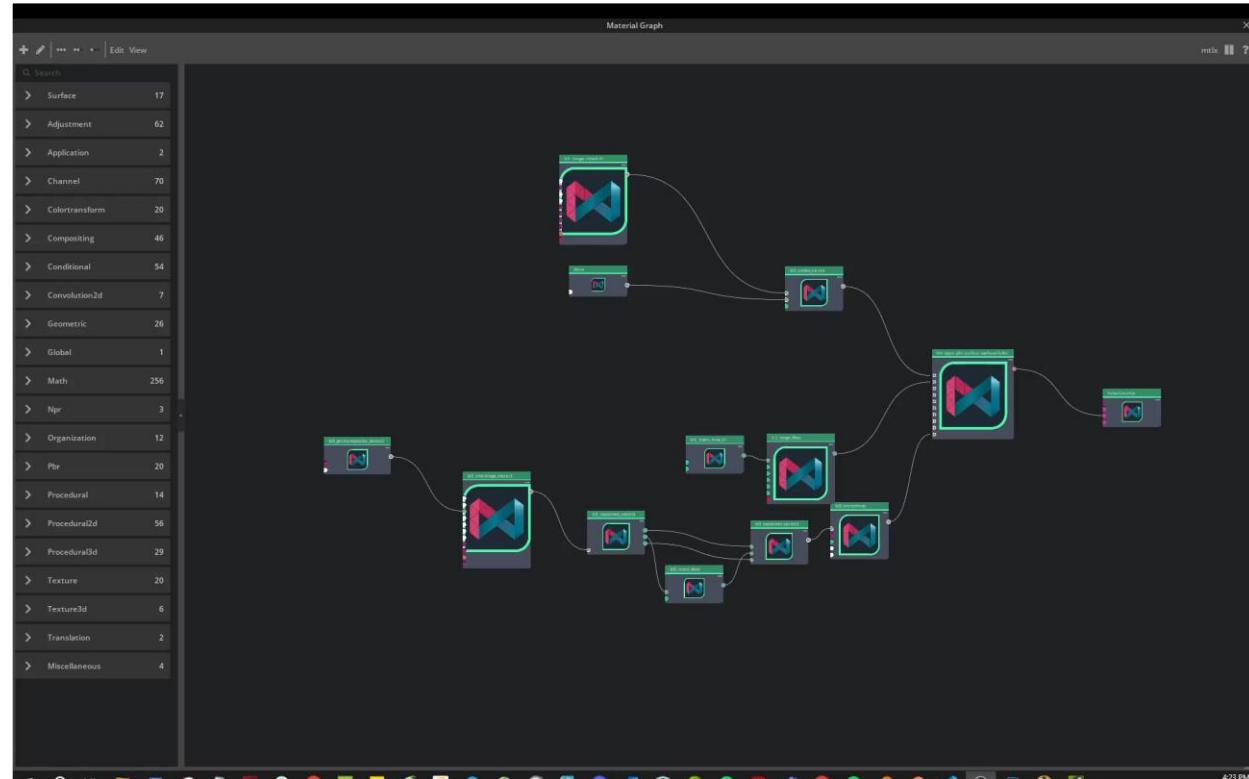
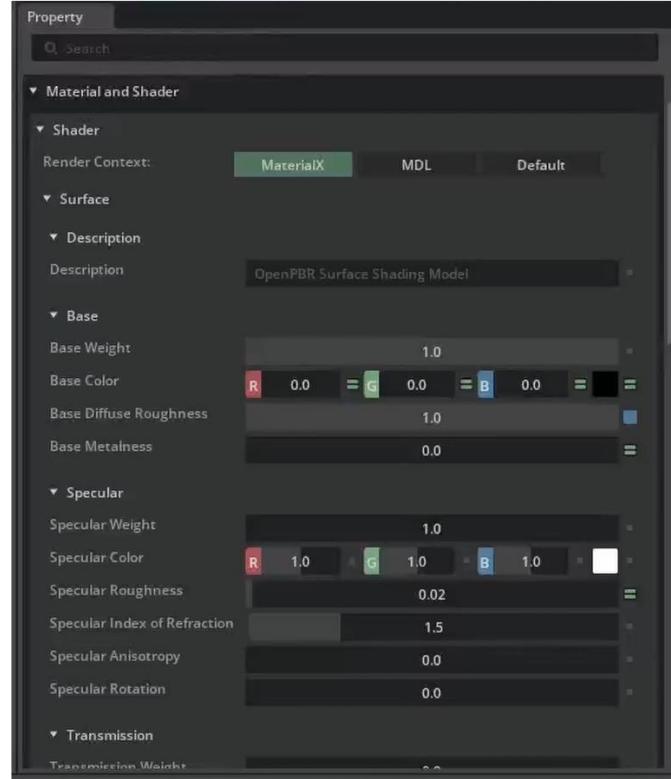
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First Class MaterialX Support



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USD SmartMaterials NIM

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describe_model
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    "description": "The 'Luxury HandBag' typically features a combination of high-end, durable and aesthetically pleasing materials. It is usually a fashion accessory with a structured body, a handle for carrying, and various decorative and functional components such as rings, legs, a lock, and sometimes a clochette for keys or decoration.  
Common materials for its components include:

    Cover: Leather (such as cowhide, lambskin or exotic skins) or high-quality synthetic materials designed to mimic leather.

    Handle: Leather wrapped around a sturdy core material such as metal or hard plastic, or entirely made of these materials.

    Body: Premium leathers, vegan leathers, or structured textiles often reinforced with an internal frame made of metal or hard plastic.

    Ring: Metal alloys such as brass, gold-plated metal, or stainless steel for structural support and decorative elements.

    Legs: Metal to protect the bottom of the bag and to provide stability when placed on surfaces.

    Handle Rings: Metal, often the same as the rings for design consistency and durability.

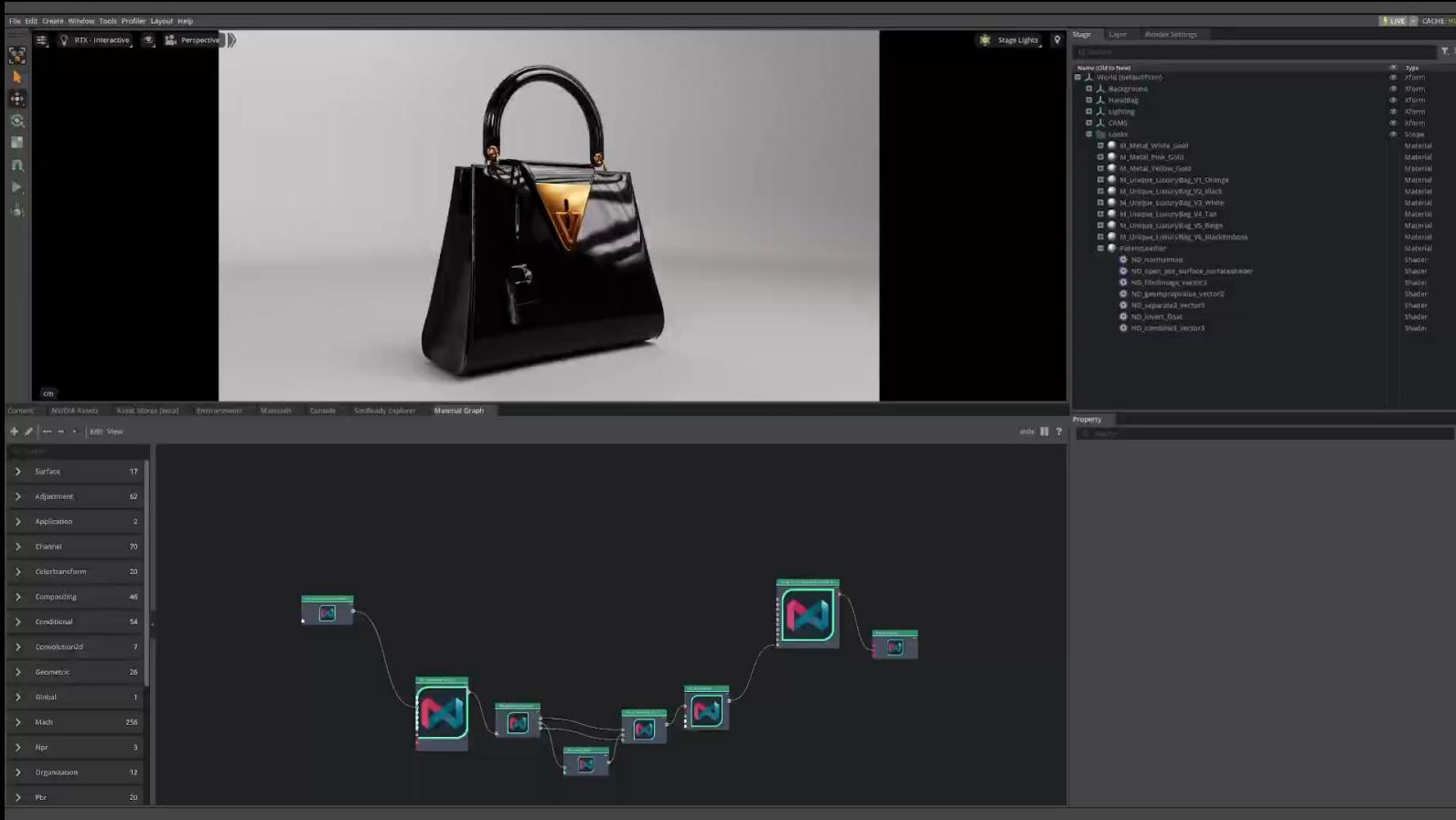
    Lock: Metal such as brass, nickel, or gold-plated components; may include a small amount of plastic or rubber for the locking mechanism.

    Clochette: Leather or a high-quality synthetic material, occasionally with metal hardware.

    These materials are selected for their quality, longevity, and to provide a luxurious and appearance to the handbag."
}
```



MaterialX Authoring



Future Work



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LookdevX in Maya

Nikola Milosevic, Product Manager
Orn Gunnarsson, Sr. Dev Manager

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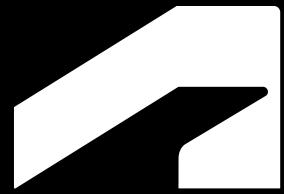
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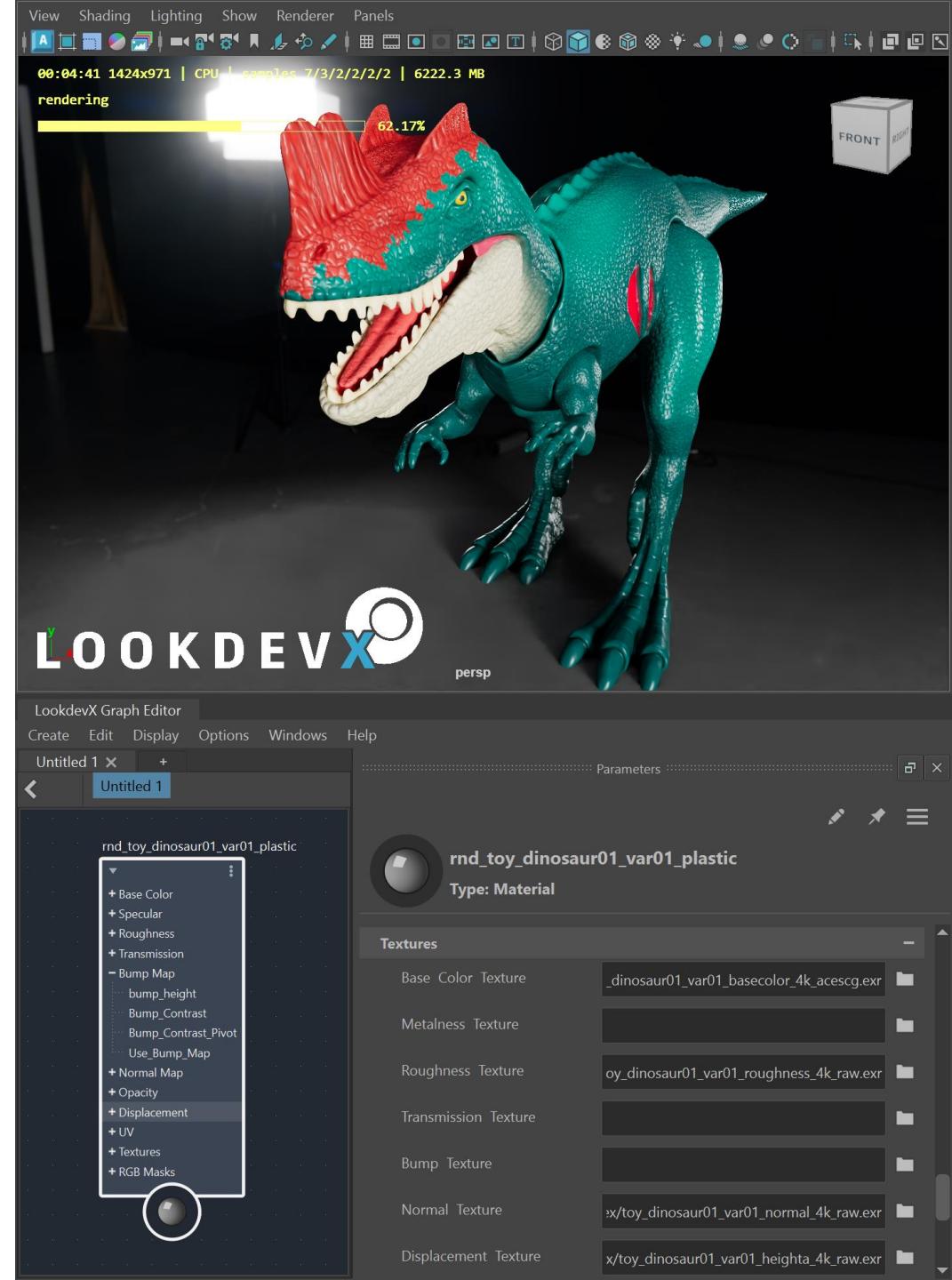
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Agnostic Material Authoring



LookdevX | Agnostic Material Editor

- Native USD & MaterialX authoring
- Open Rendering
- Enabled for DCC portability



LookdevX | Release Highlights

2024 Native USD Material Support



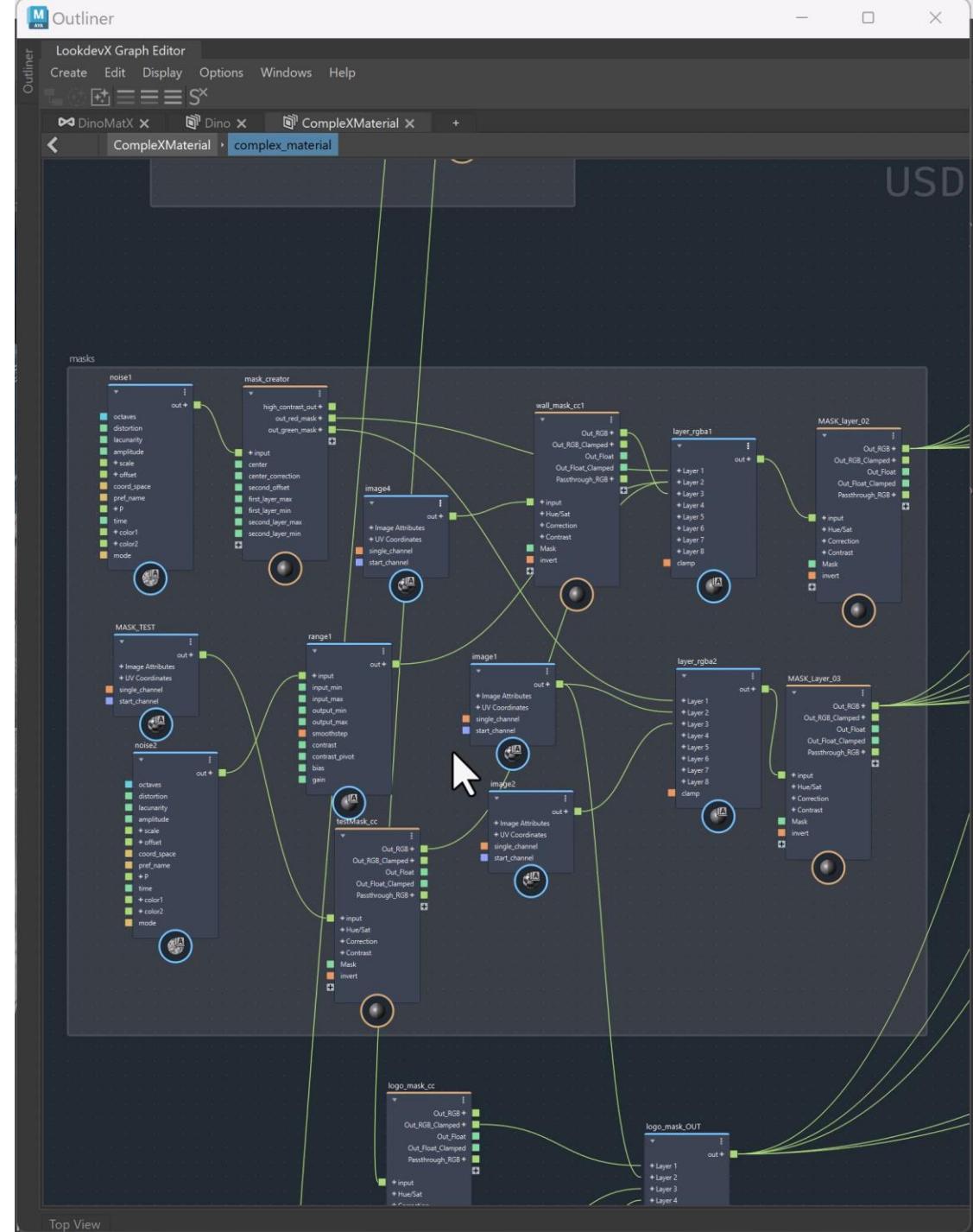
2024.2 Workflow improvements

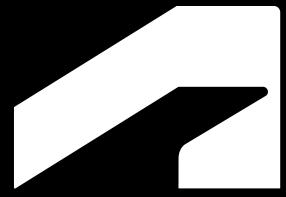


2025 Native MaterialX Support



2025.x Workflow improvements





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Maya 2025





Enabling MaterialX Workflows

Natively Authoring MaterialX Graphs in Maya
using LookdevX as agnostic authoring shader
toolset.

Assign materials to Maya geometry and
manage it through known direct material
assignments workflows.

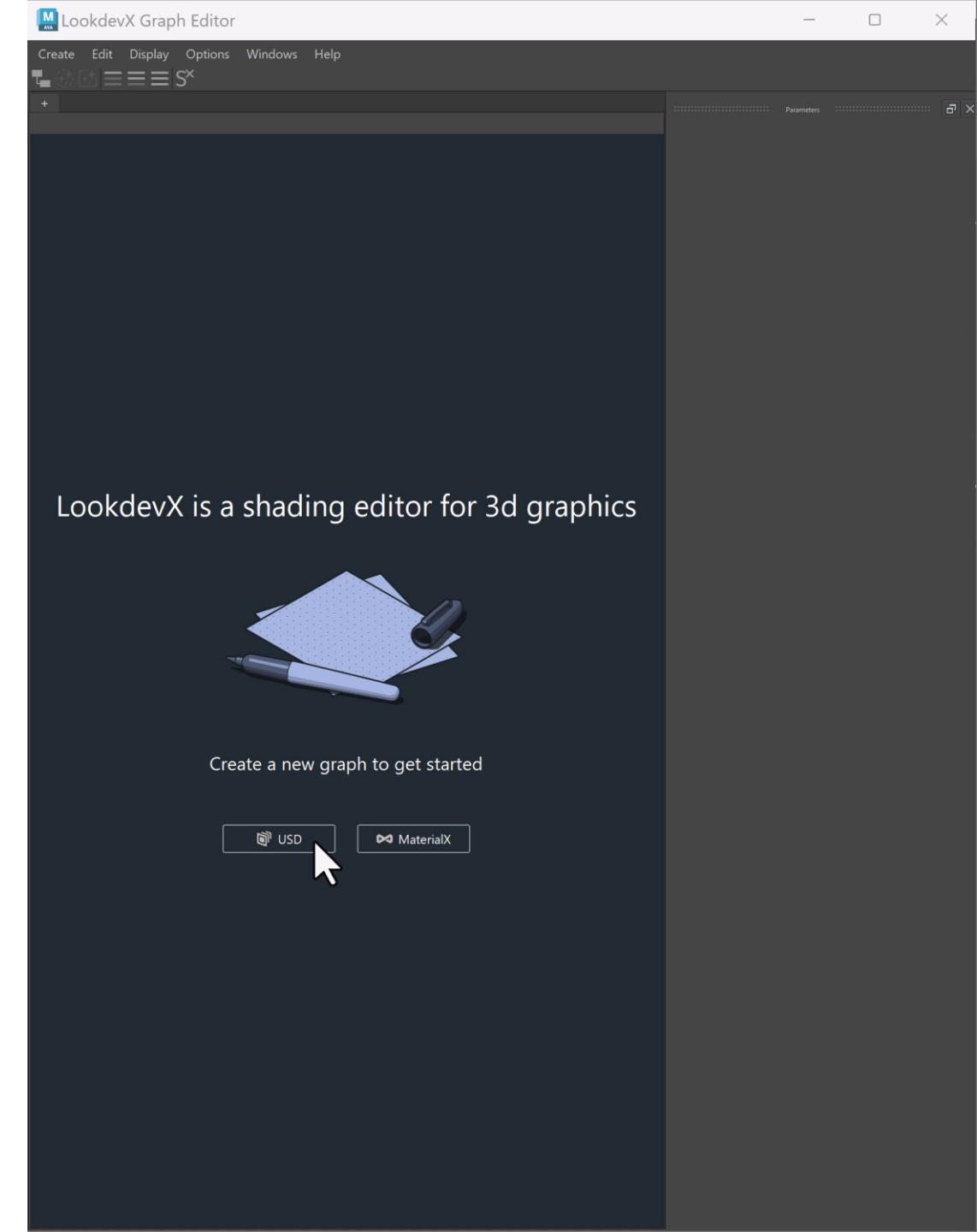




Maya 2025 | LookdevX



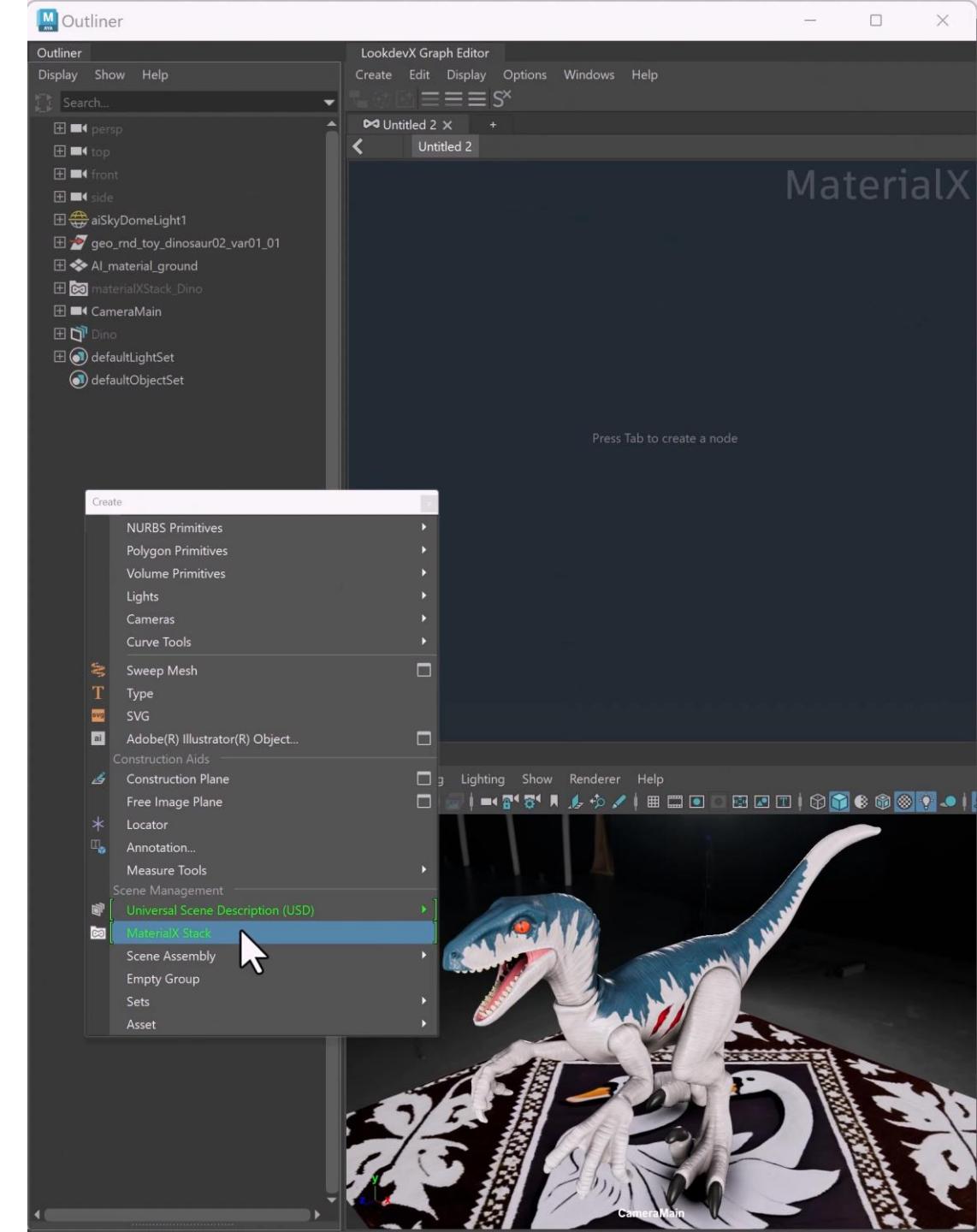
- Unifying different datatype workflows
 - Introducing Multiple runtimes
- Enable LookdevX as Agnostic Editor
 - Choose your shading data - Starting screen
 - Creating Shading data models per specific Tabs
 - Graph, Tabs, Nodes



Maya 2025 | LookdevX

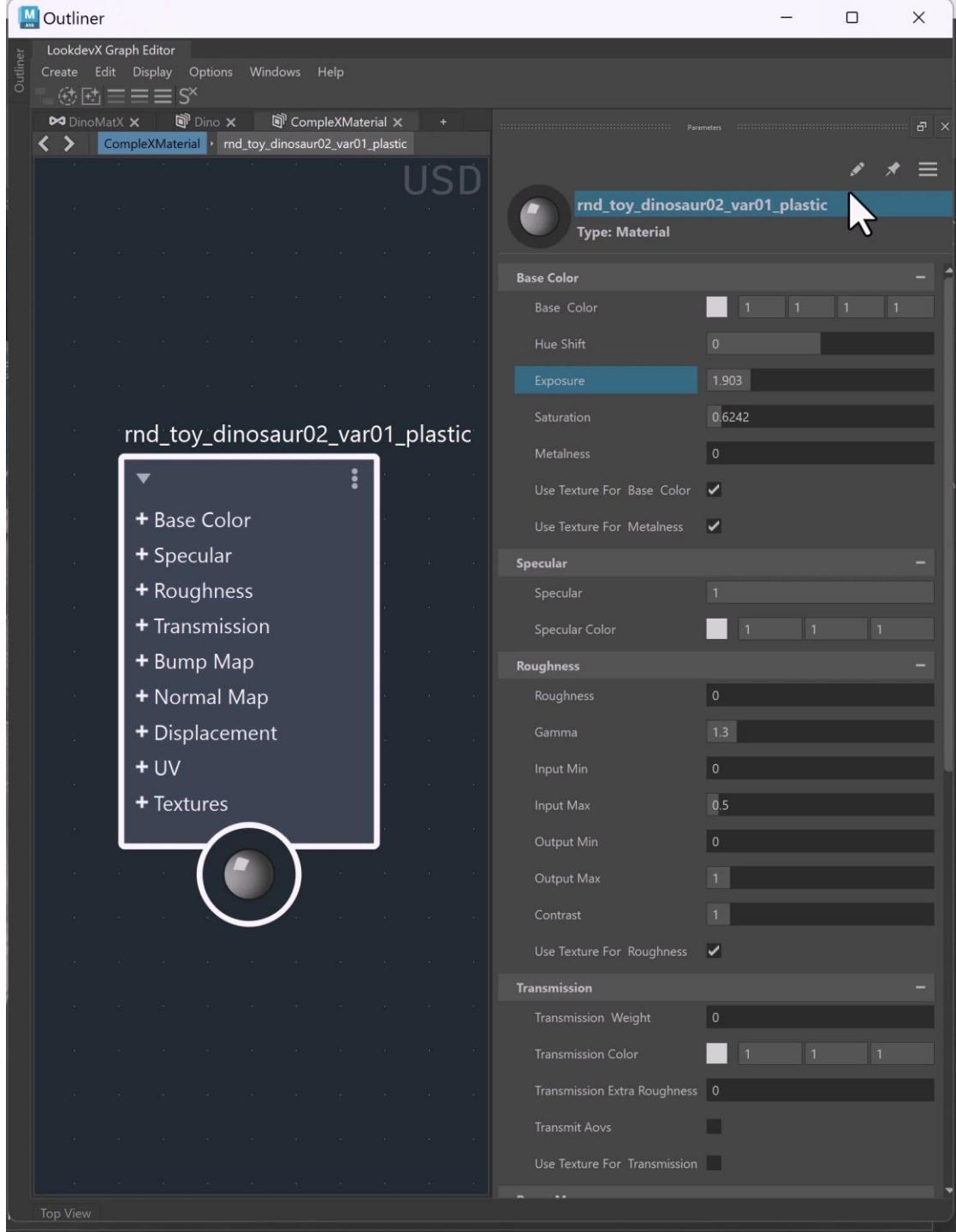


- MaterialX Document Stack I/O
- MaterialX Document I/O
- Native Maya MaterialX Assignment
 - Outliner, VP, LookdevX



Maya 2025 | LookdevX

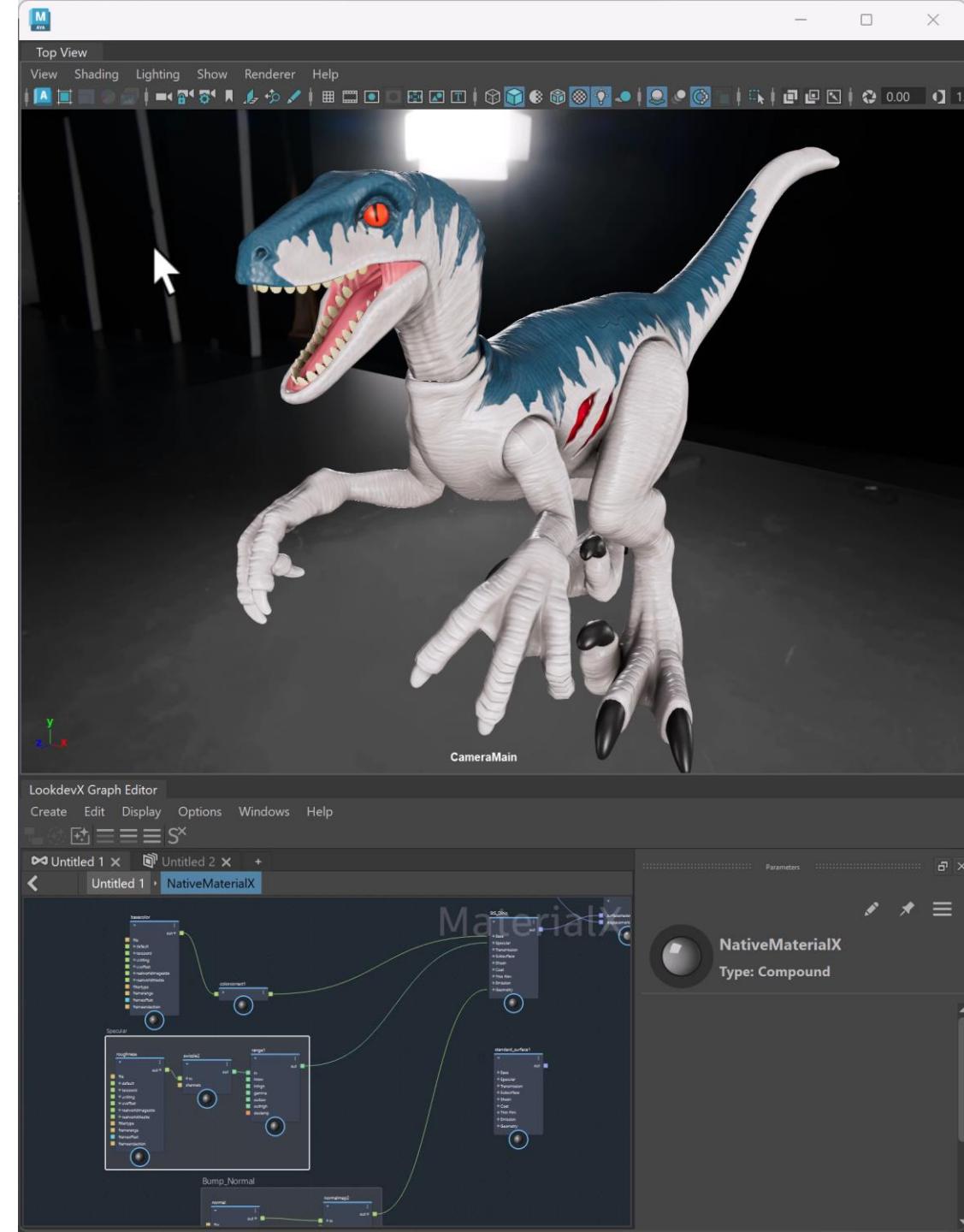
- Graph Creation Improvements
- Material Authoring enhancements
- Toolbar – Icon shelf
- Improving workflows Performance



Maya 2025 | Arnold support



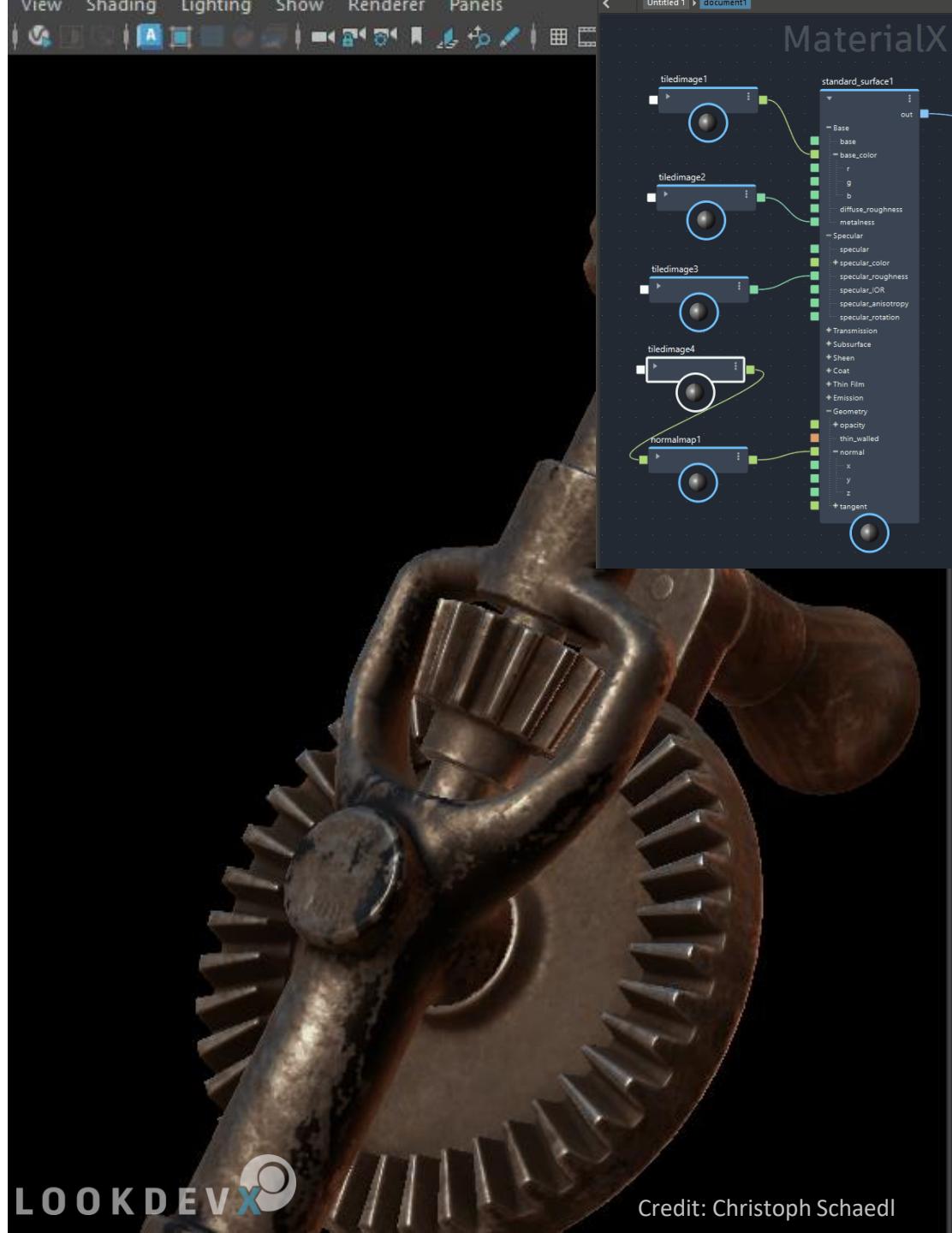
- Exposed Arnold Materials Through MatX
- Supporting Maya MaterialX Library
- Arnold Icons

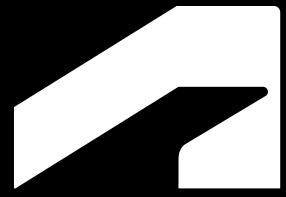


LookdevX | Open rendering



- Third party renderers can express their graphs through LookdevX
 - Shader discovery through USD schemas and MaterialX node definitions
 - Leveraging LookdevX UX features
 - Solo, Node icons, Icons, Node graphs ..etc





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Road map - Maya 2025.X

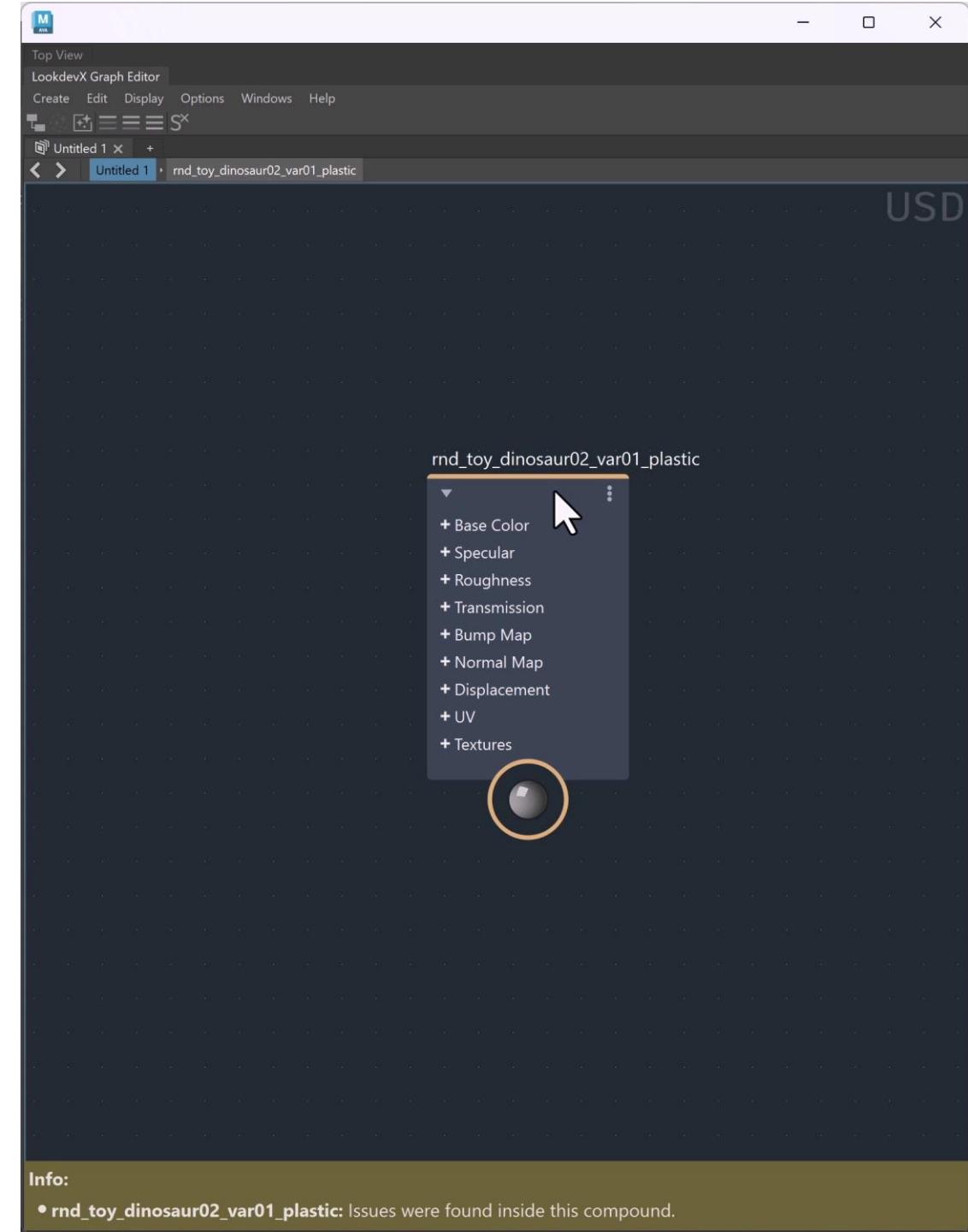


Maya 2025.1 | LookdevX



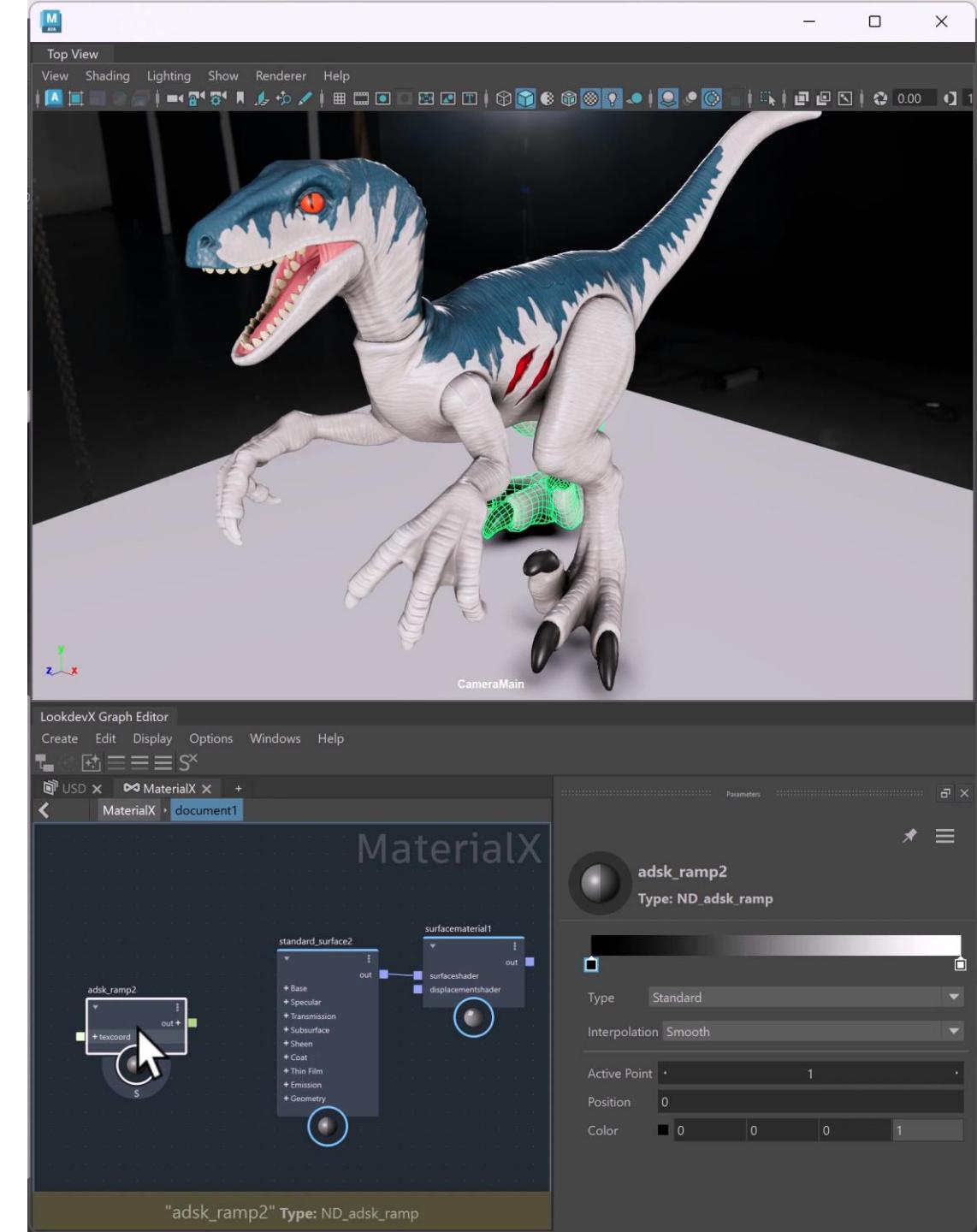
Key Features

- Hide input Nodes
- Assigning New & Existing Materials
- Node Library UI
- Supporting Volume Shaders
- VP support for Arnold materials through MaterialX



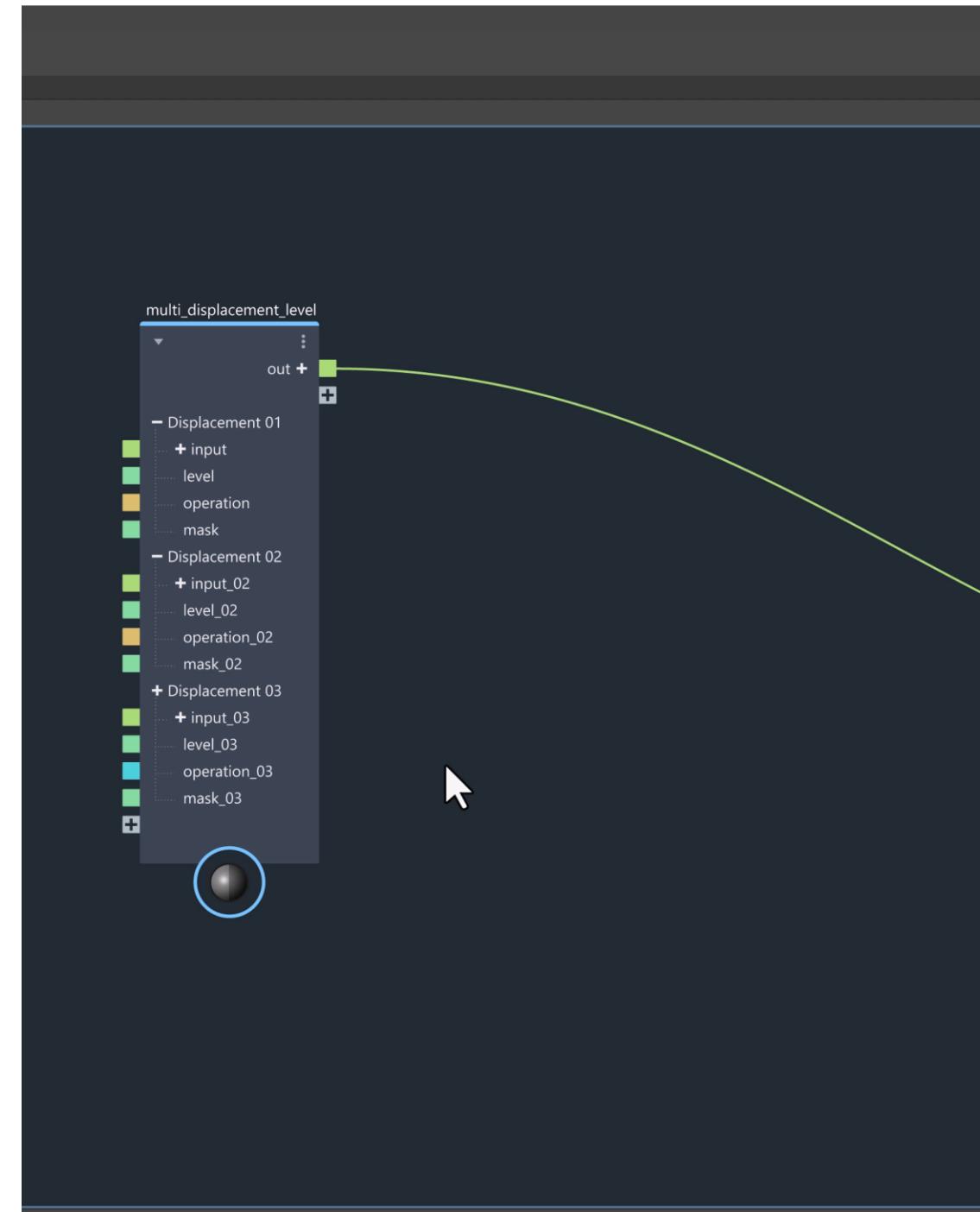
Key Features

- Ramp node
- Dynamic Port Workflow – Smart Connections
- Exposed Material Binding and Inheritance in AE
- VP support for Arnold materials through MaterialX



Key Features

- Publishing workflows (Phase I) - MaterialX
- USD Referencing MaterialX graphs – Cleanup
- Relative path support – MaterialX
- Component Tag's MaterialX support
- Automation tools (Python bindings)



OpenPBR Material



Maya 2025 | [LookdevX](#)

- Exposed through MaterialX from Arnold library

Now | [Maya Beta](#)

- Exposed in LookdevX and Maya Hypershade

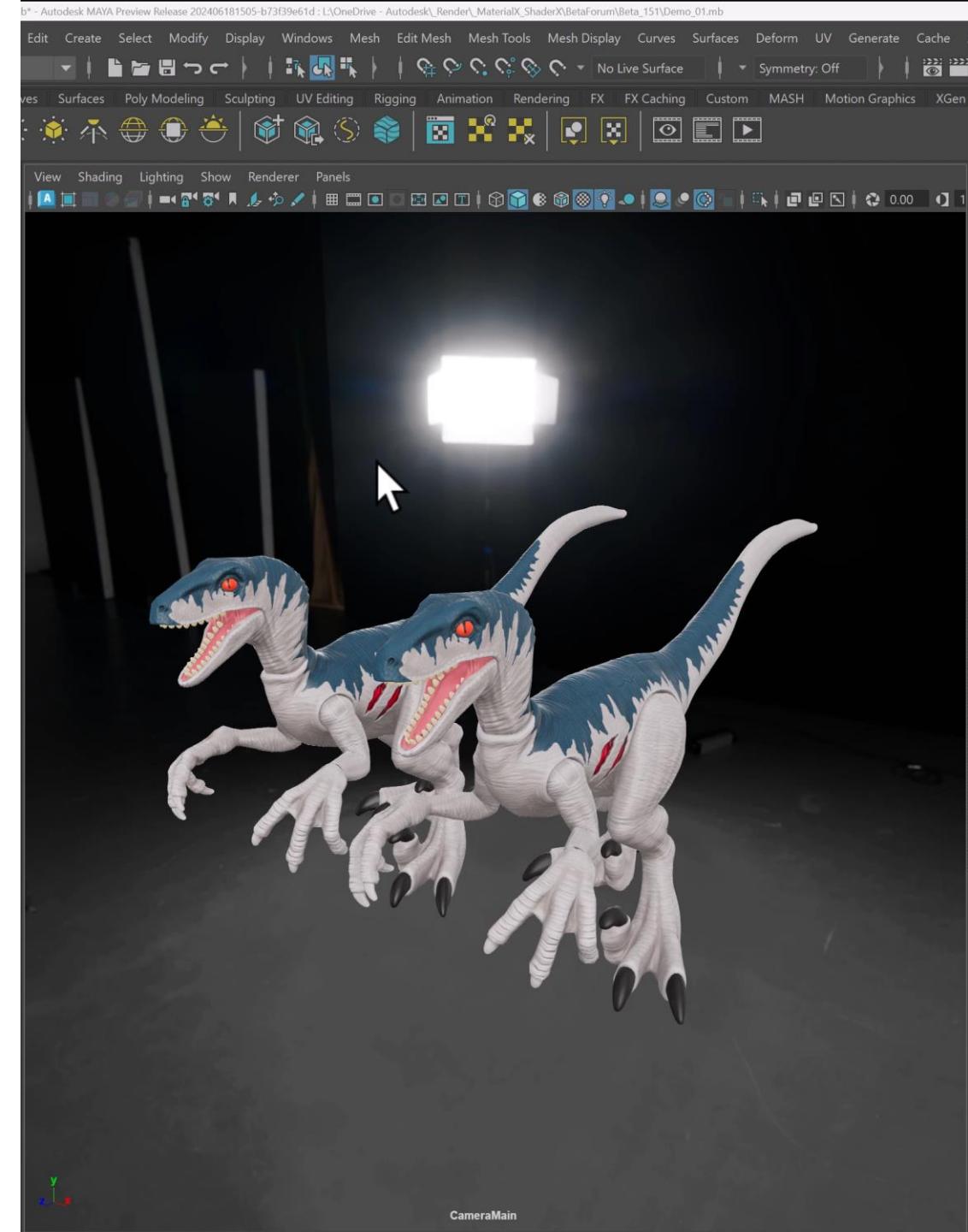
Next | [Maya & 3ds Max](#)

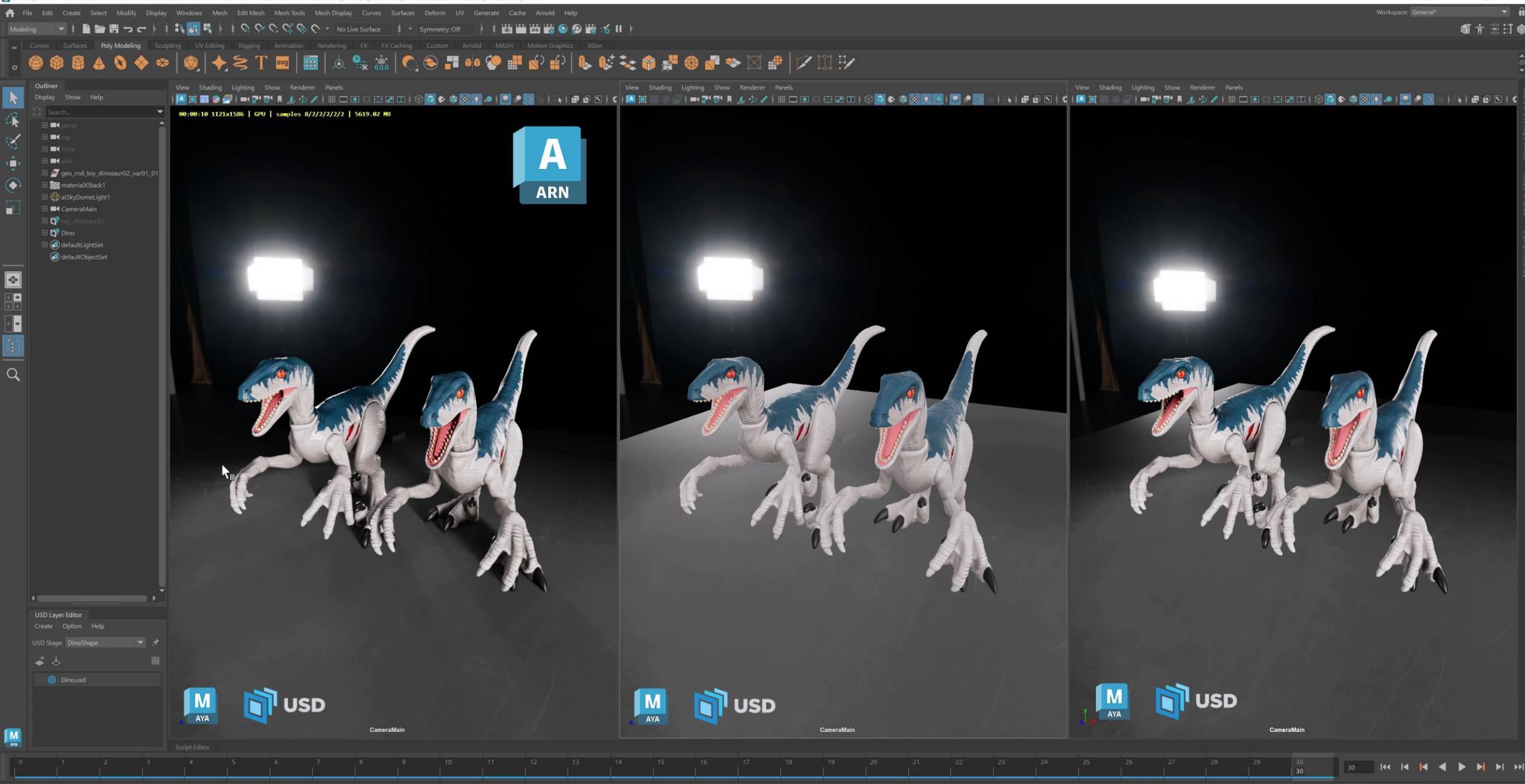
- Open PBR material Native DCC Integration



Hydra | LookdevX

- Hydra support
 - Material graphs can be accurately represented in Storm and Arnold delegate

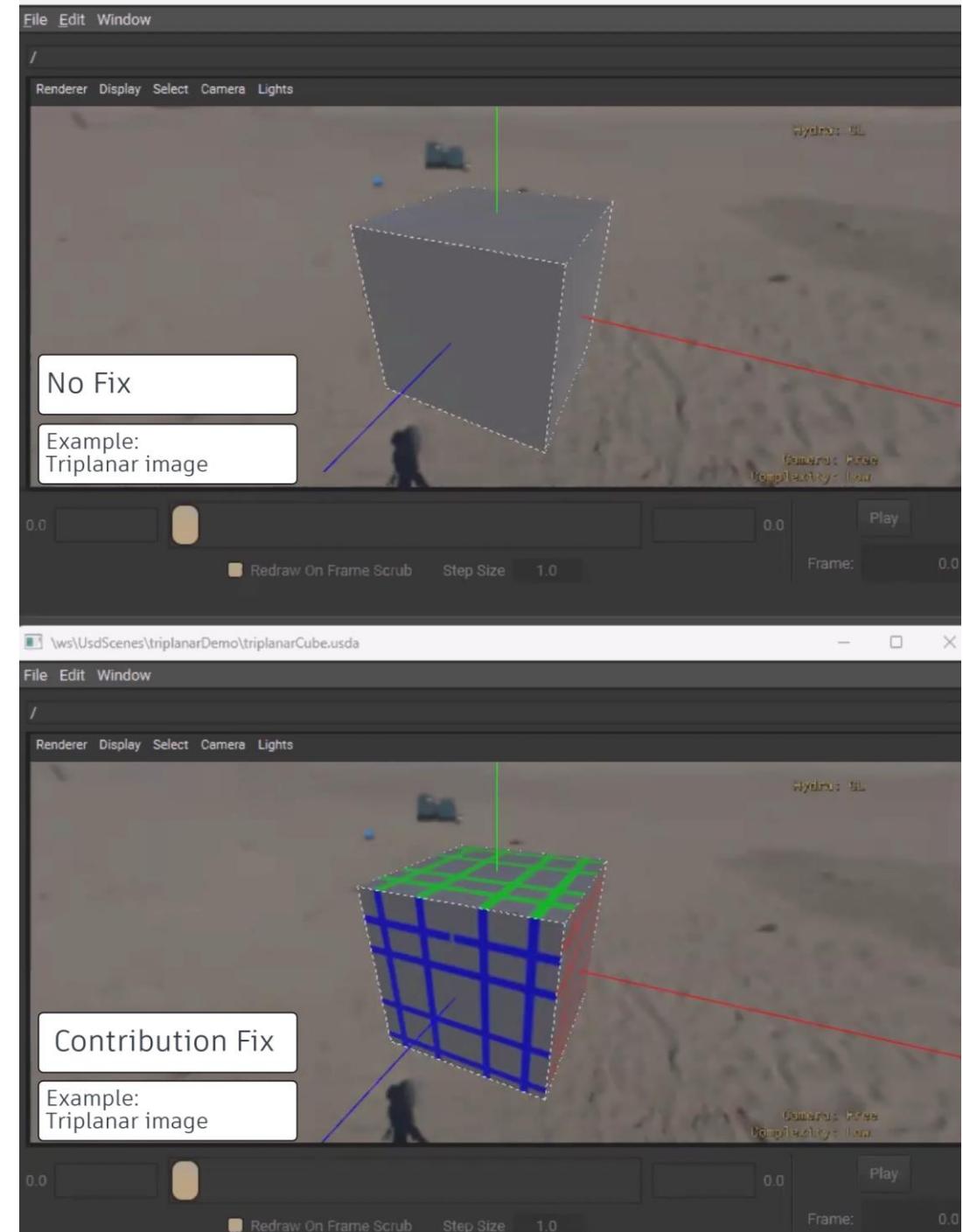




LookdevX | Contributions



- Image node's fixes – MaterialX
 - Triplanar, gltf_image, UsdUVTexture
- Loading Material graphs optimization
 - Smart shader generation
- MaterialX OCIO plugin
 - Enable OCIO or OCIO-Nano for color conversions



LookdevX | Planned Contributions



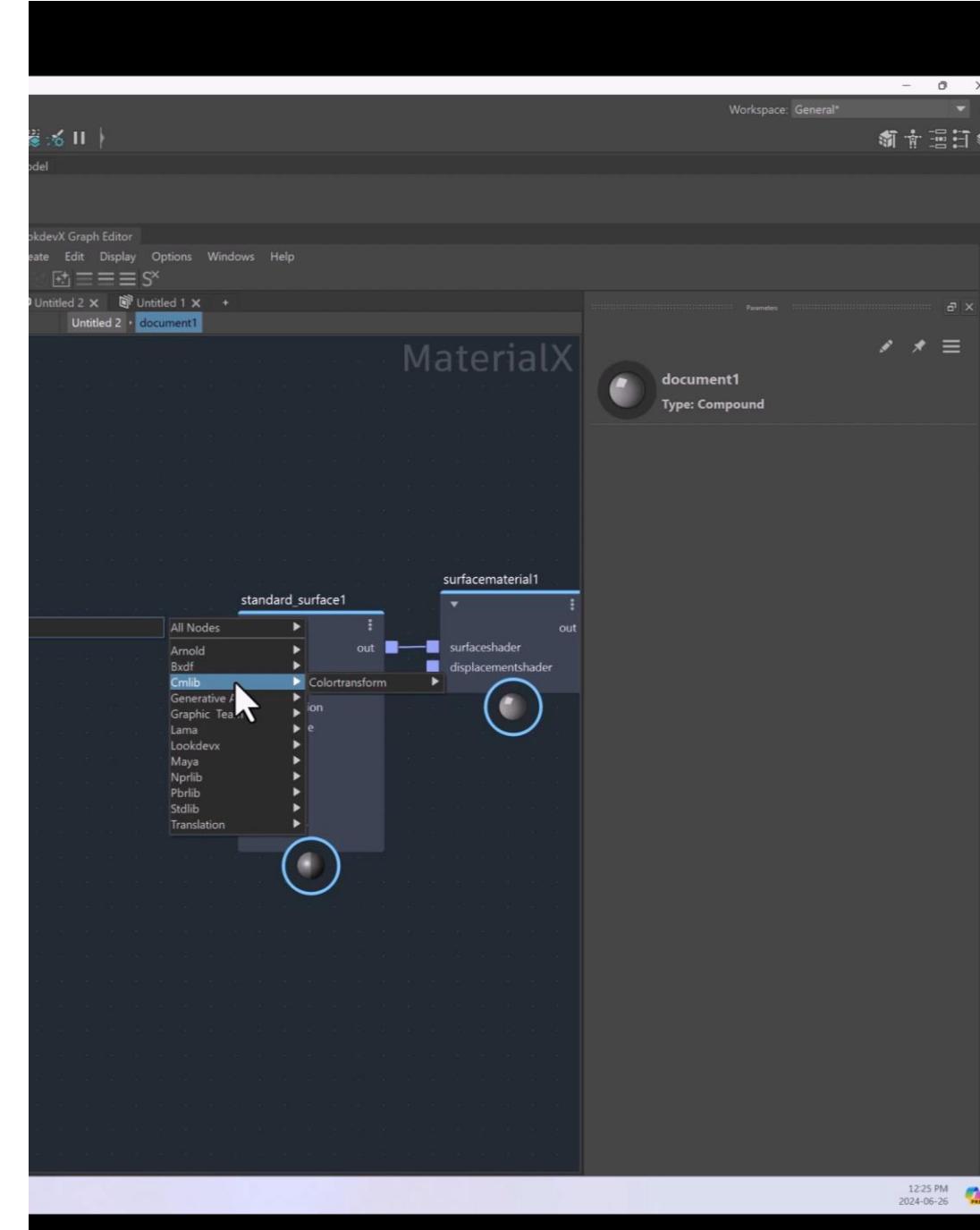
- Ramp node
- Conversion nodes
- Bias and Gain nodes



AI Enabled Workflows | LookdevX

Available for testing in upcoming Maya Beta

- Ethically Collected Data AI Models
- Working with multiple service providers
- Authentication using Autodesk SSO
- **API enabled extendable custom Data model**



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Workspace: General*

Modeling

Curves Surfaces Poly Modeling Sculpting UV Editing Rigging Animation Rendering FX FX Caching Custom MASH Motion Graphics XGen Arnold USD_Model

Outliner View Shading Lighting Show Renderer Panels

LookdevX Graph Editor

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MaterialX

Texture_Generator Type: Compound

AI Texture Generation

Persian rug, Square size

low quality , full scale , cropping

Aspect Ratio 1:1

Media Type photography

Mood natural

Generate Texture

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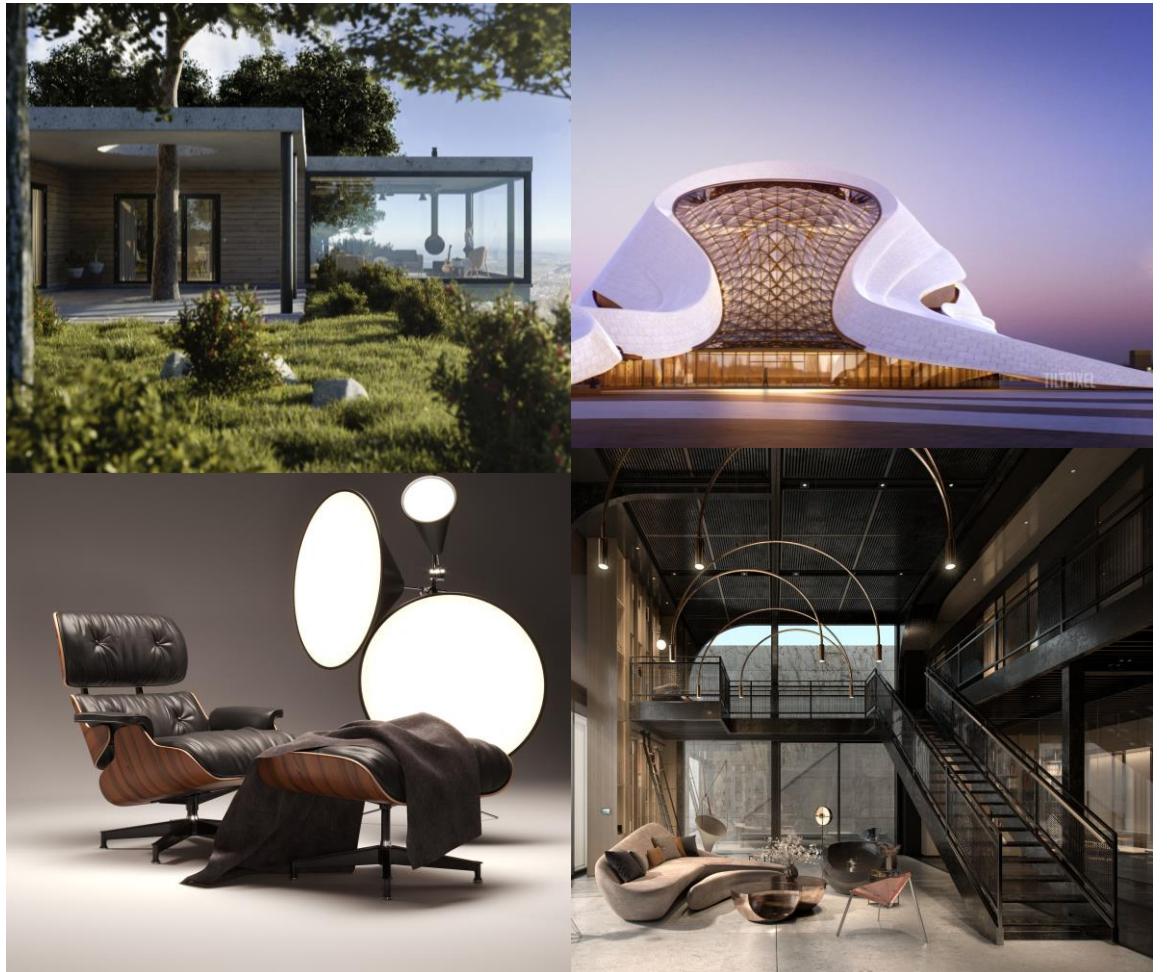
MaterialX in V-Ray

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V-Ray ecosystem in a nutshell

- Has integrations with many DCCs
- Extensible through plugins
- Supports OSL, GLSL and MDL
- V-Ray GPU
 - Most of V-Ray's functionality reimplemented to run fast on GPUs
 - Used in production
- Vantage
 - Standalone real-time renderer



Why MaterialX?

- Every DCC has its own material nodes
- V-Ray supports them through native nodes or translation
- Exporting is easy, importing is hard
- A common, restricted, complete set of nodes
- Nodegraph implementation



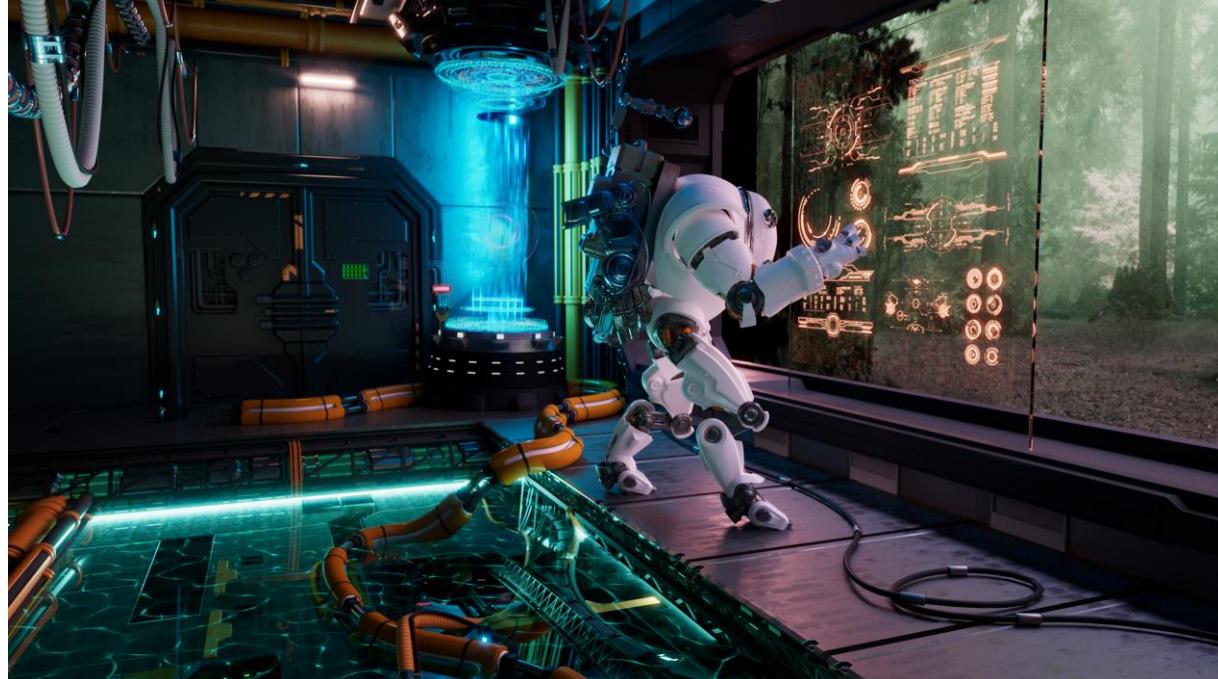
MaterialX in V-Ray implementation

- Writing renderer integrations is hard
- Native V-Ray implementation for each MaterialX node
- Same node and attribute name in V-Ray and MaterialX
- Minimize translation
- Native integration solves compilation time



MaterialX nodes in V-Ray

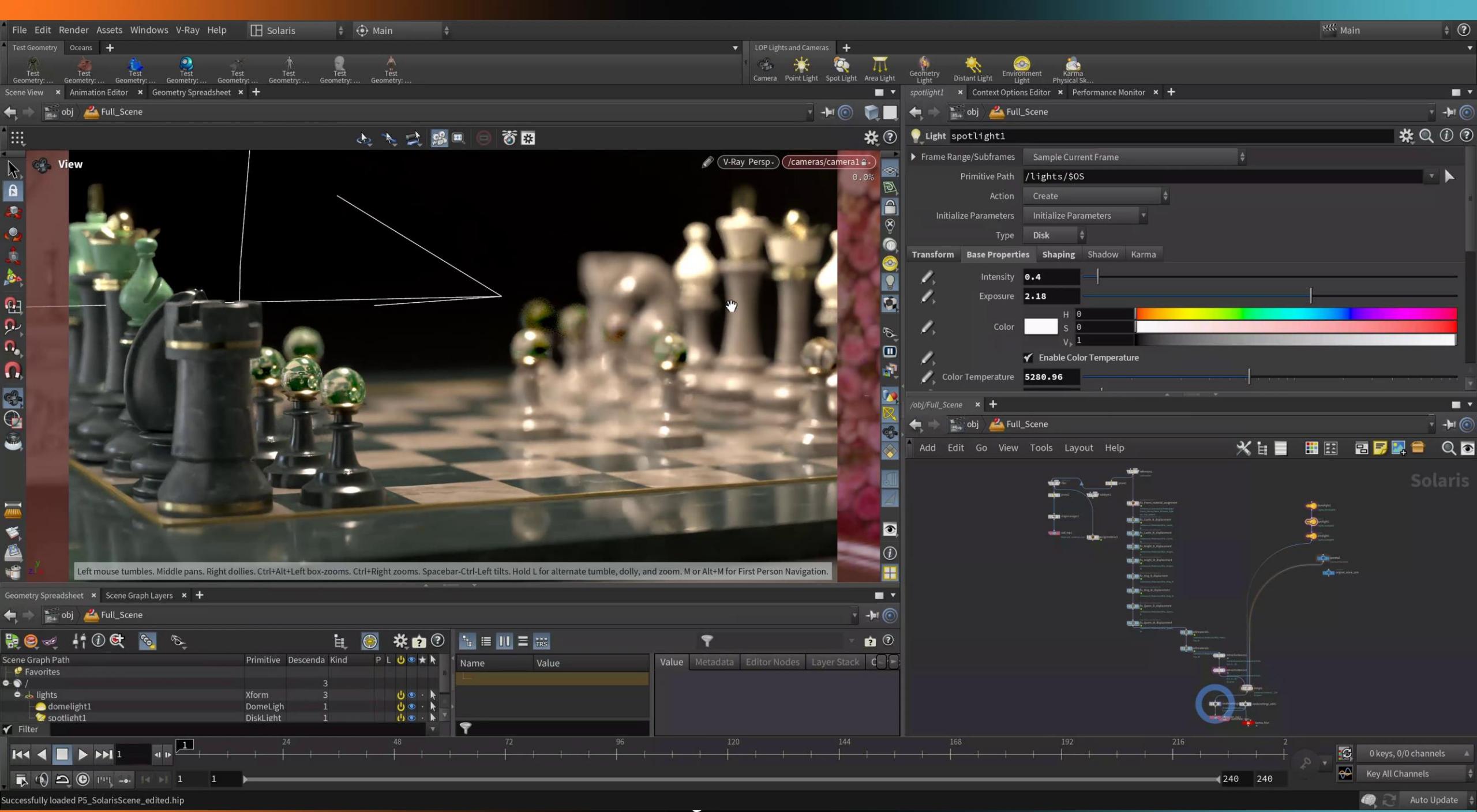
- Used code generation
 - Mapped existing V-Ray nodes to MaterialX nodes when possible
 - Present as a single node
- Support MaterialX node graph definitions internally
- Transpiled OSL & MDL code for procedural textures





Future plans

- OpenPBR support
- V-Ray material nodegraph definition
 - Allows us to display V-Ray material in other MaterialX applications
- MaterialX support in Vantage





MaterialX in Houdini 20.5

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MaterialX in Houdini 20.5

- Overview
- Quick Surface Materials
- Copernicus

Overview

MaterialX in Houdini 20.5

- MaterialX first included with H19.0
- Initial adoption motivated by Karma XPU
 - Need to build materials for both Karma delegates
- Takes a “MaterialX-as-Spec” approach
 - Renderers ingest shading graphs on-the-fly
 - No reliance on MaterialX code-gen
- Focused on USD-encoded MaterialX materials
- Super-set of Karma-specific nodes where needed



MaterialX in Houdini 20.5

- **Houdini**
 - H20.5 released July 10th
- **USD**
 - 24.03 (from 23.08)
- **MaterialX**
 - 1.38.10 (from 1.38.8)

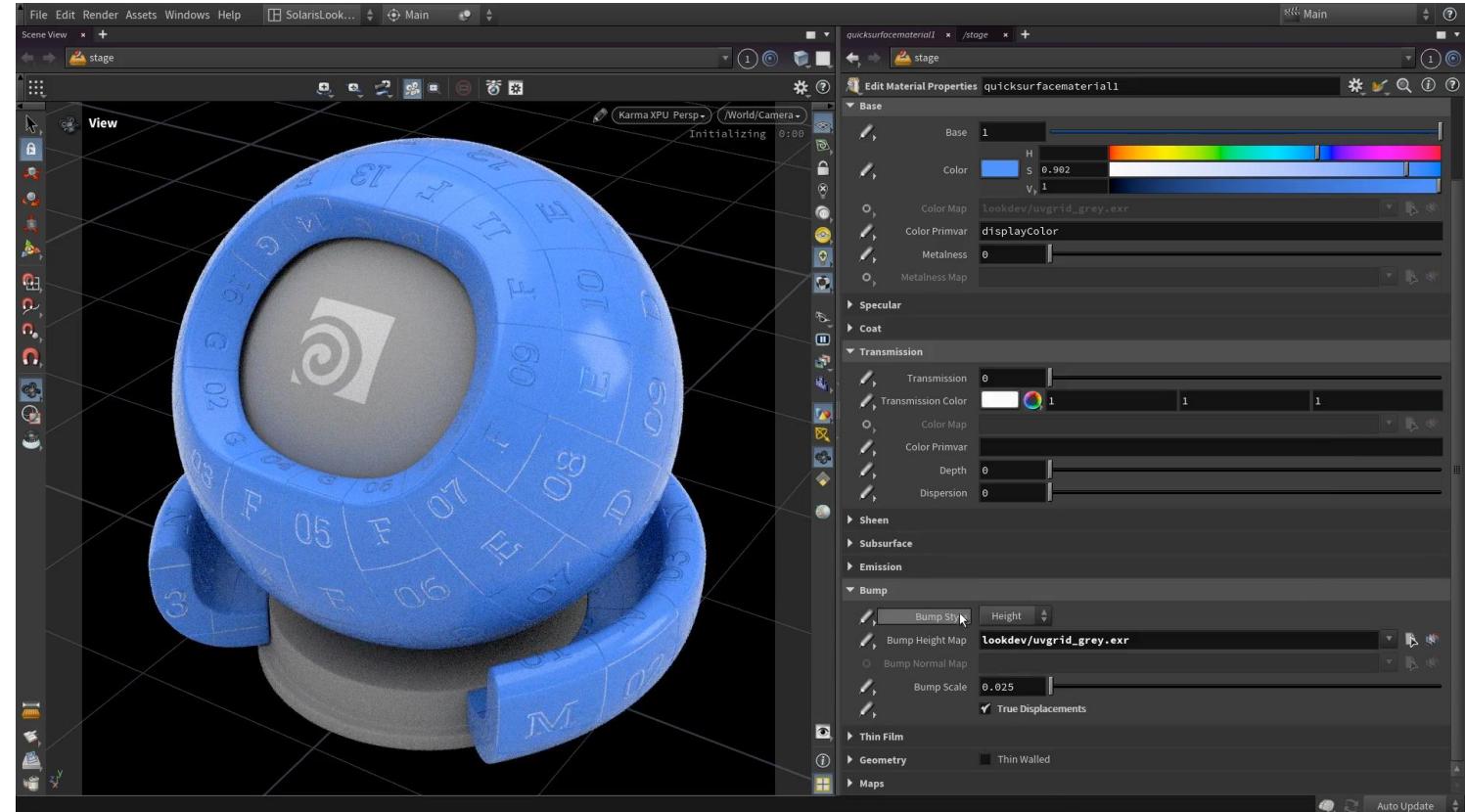
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| H19.5 | 22.05 | 1.38.4 | CY2022 |
| H19.0 | 21.08 | 1.38 | CY2021 |

<https://www.sidefx.com/docs/houdini20.5/licenses/index.html>

Quick Surface Material

MaterialX in Houdini 20.5

- Quick Surface Material
 - Uses standard MaterialX nodes
 - Based around mtlxstandard_surface*
- Referenced from USD layer
 - Users adjust public interface
 - Instanceable references by default
- Shared materials/prims = more efficient scenes
- Less context diving/switching for artists
- Initial workflow/pipeline possibilities with UsdShade



* OpenPBR planned for future releases

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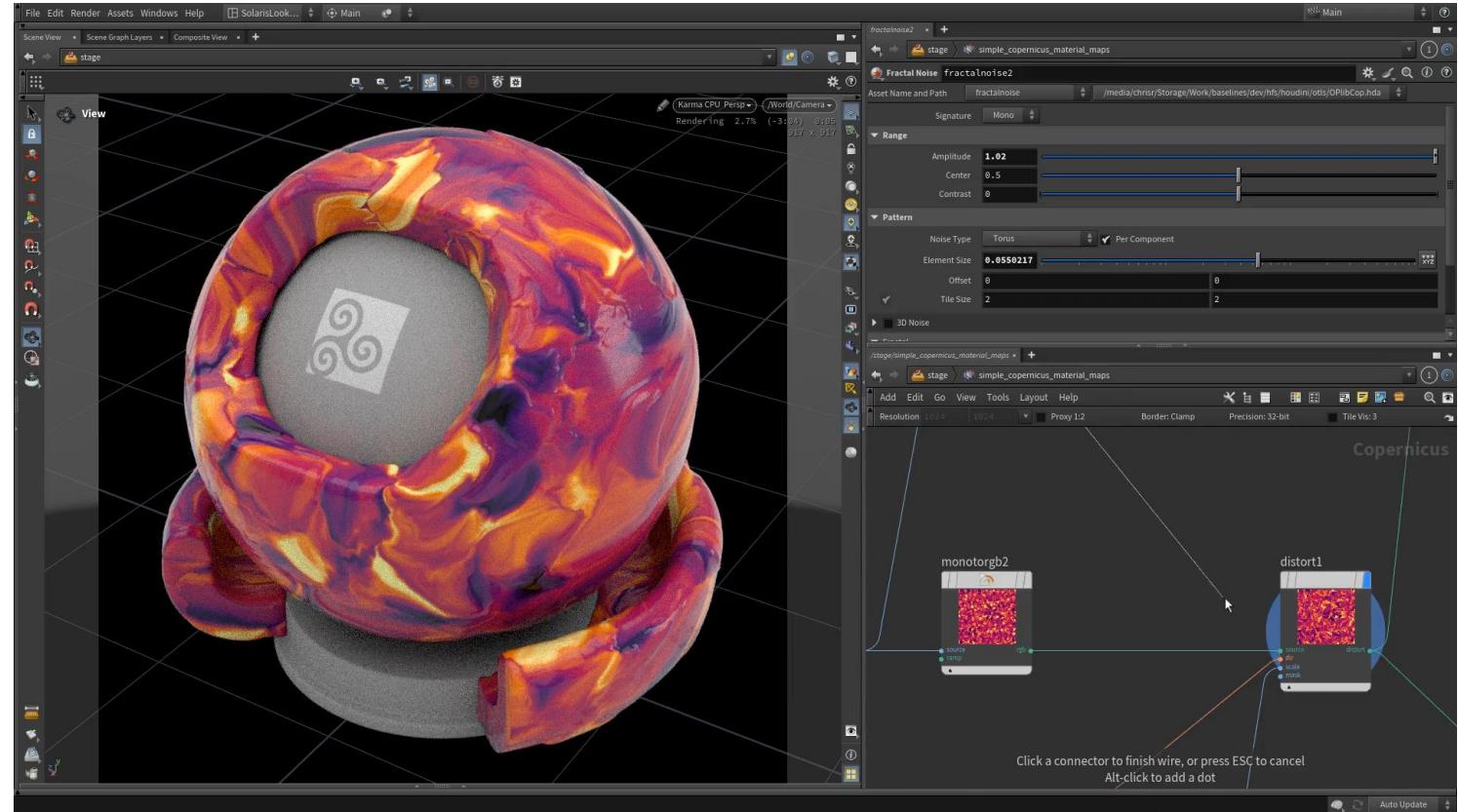


Copernicus



MaterialX in Houdini 20.5

- New, Fast Image-Processing Engine and Context in Houdini
- Embraces open standards
 - OpenCL for most nodes
 - OpenFX plugin support
- Copernicus maps via MaterialX texture nodes, update live in Solaris
- Many workflows are still in-progress (i.e. it's beta!)





Thank You!
Questions?