

Generative Neural Scene Representations for 3D-Aware Image Synthesis

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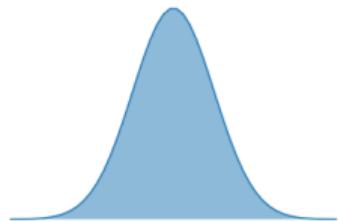


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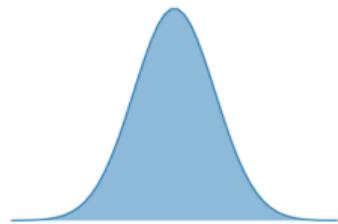
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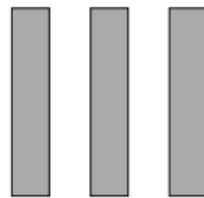
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Pass latent code to trained generator G_θ .



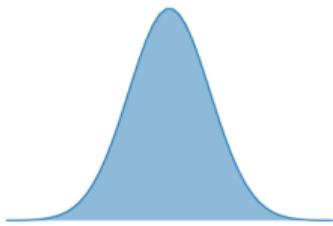
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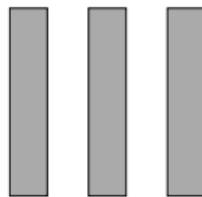
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The generator outputs a synthesized image.



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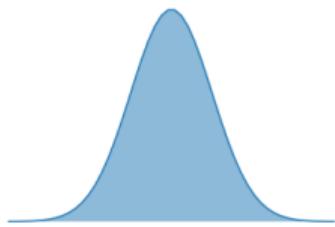


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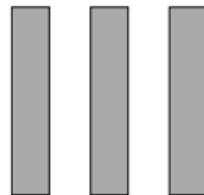
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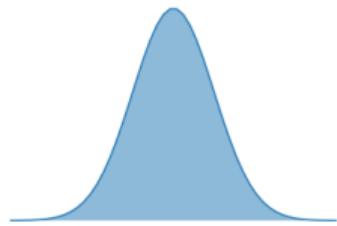


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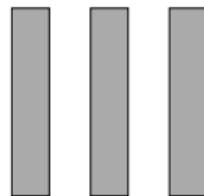
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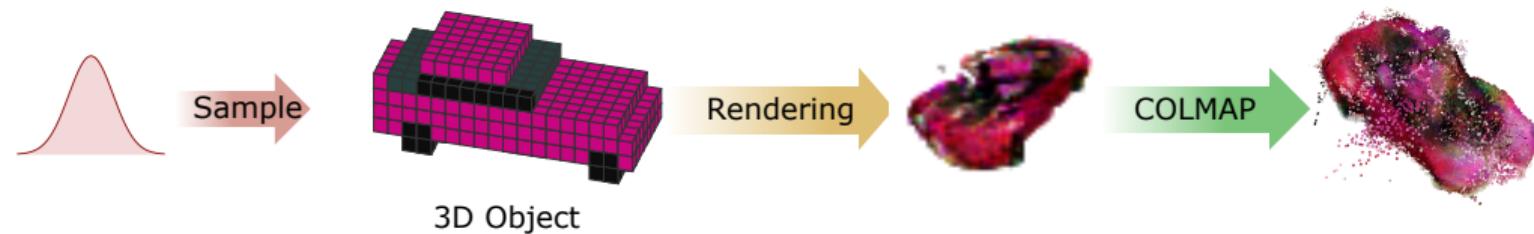
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What representation should we use for
3D-aware image synthesis?

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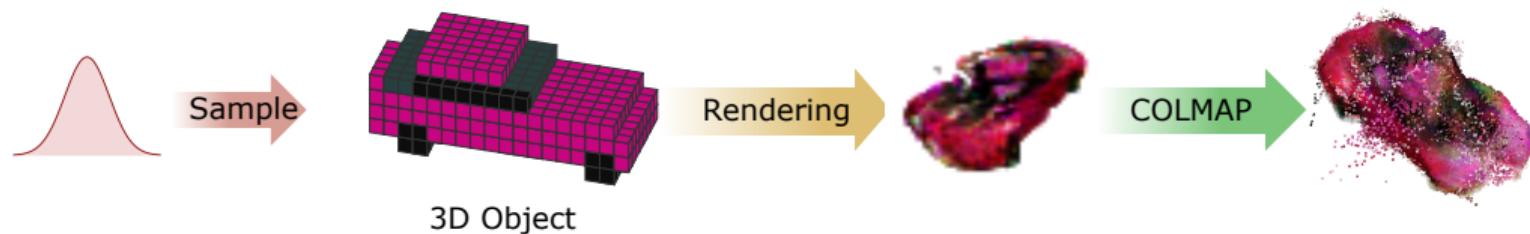
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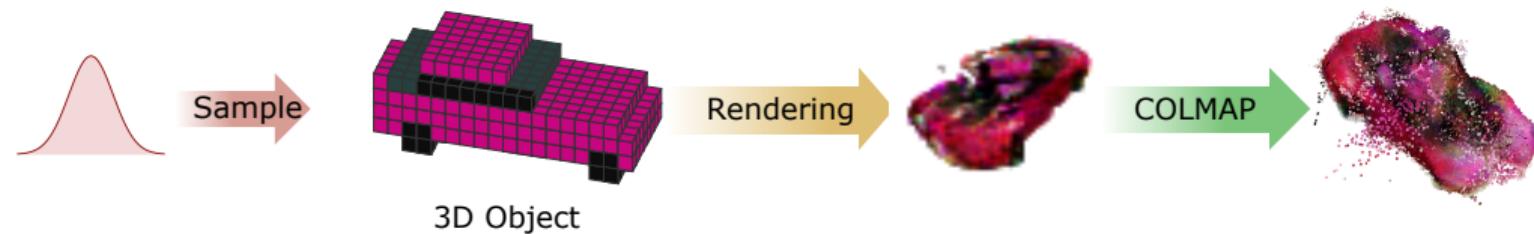


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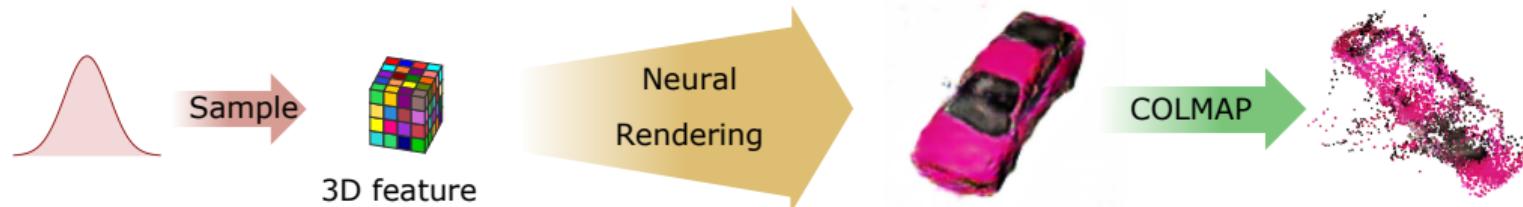


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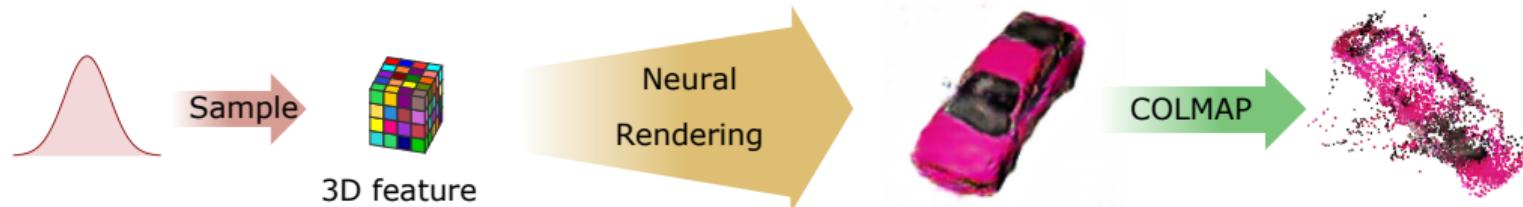
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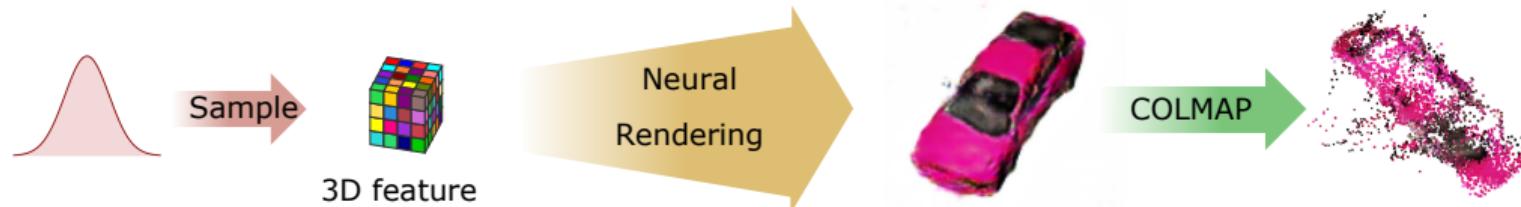


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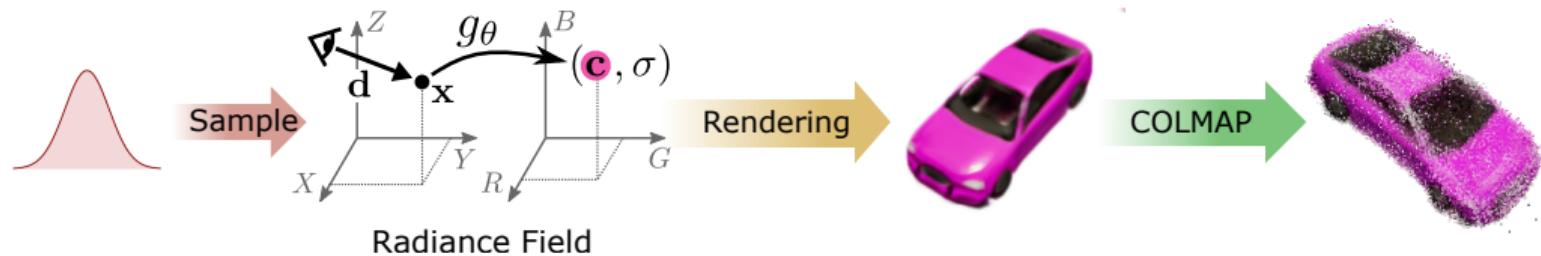


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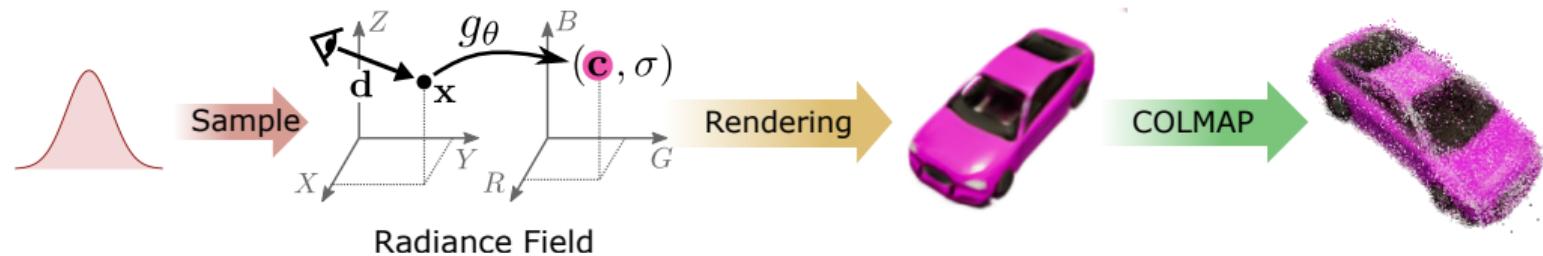
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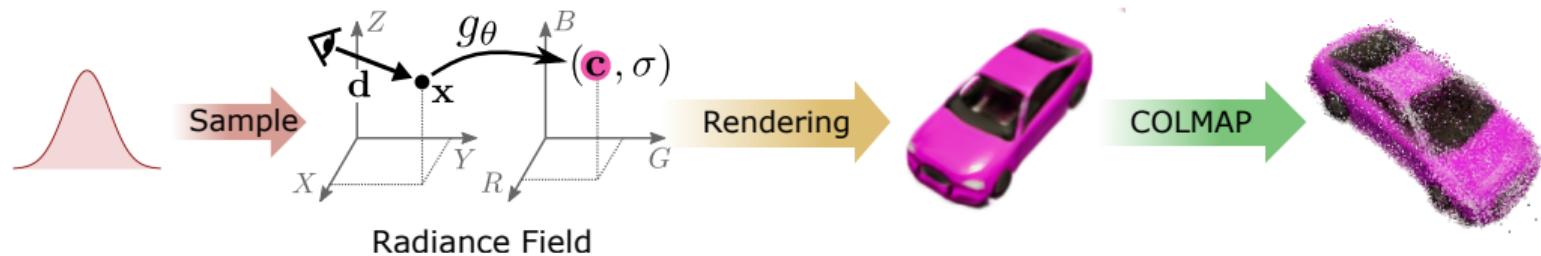
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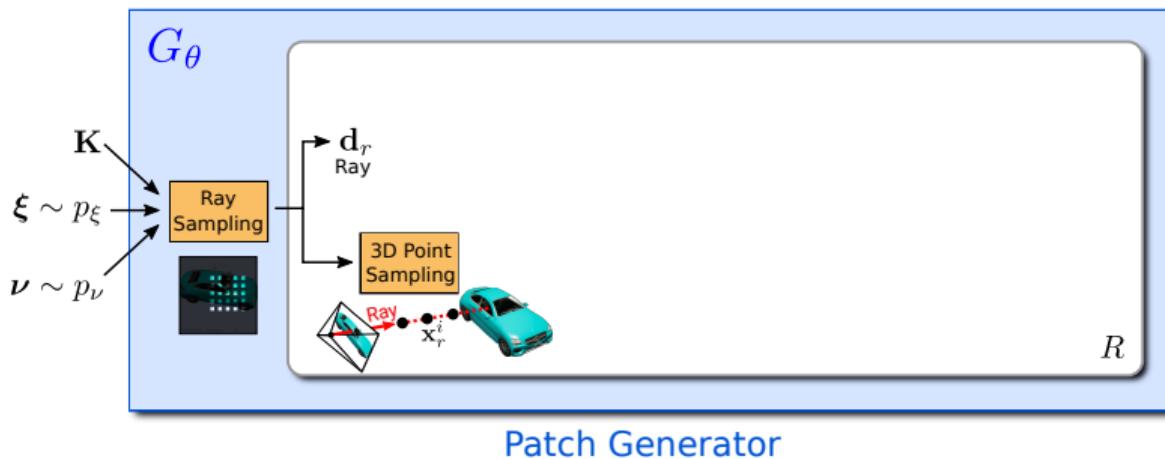
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Pass \mathbf{K} , ξ , and ν to generator G_θ and sample pixels / rays on image plane.



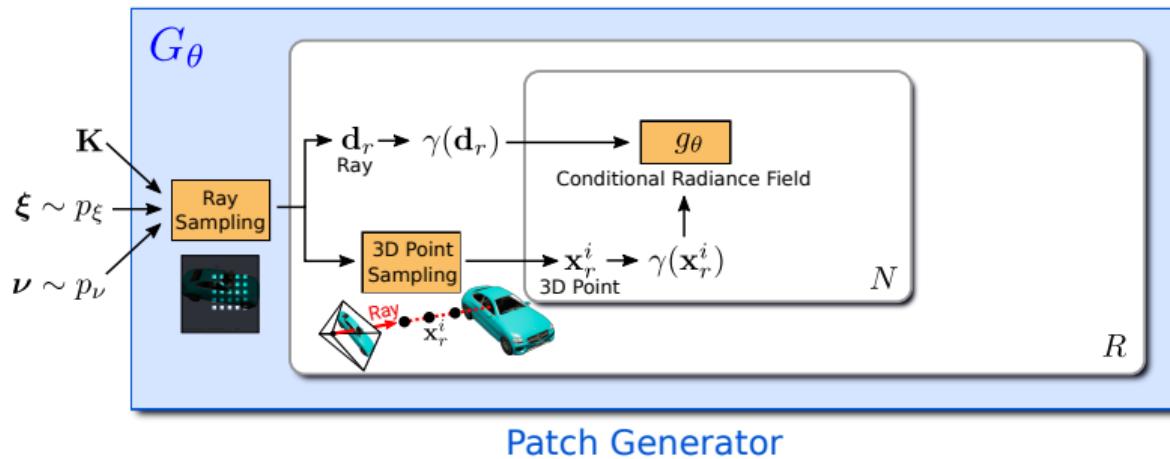
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For each ray, get viewing direction \mathbf{d}_r and sample 3D points \mathbf{x}_r^i along ray.



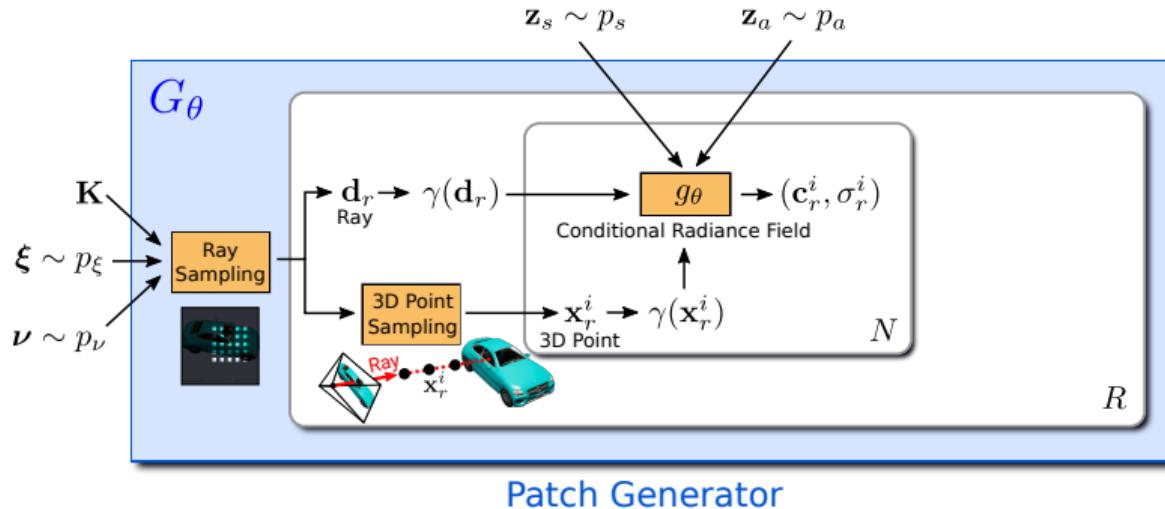
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For each 3D point along ray, pass \mathbf{d}_r and \mathbf{x}_r^i through positional encoding γ and then to the conditional radiance field g_θ .



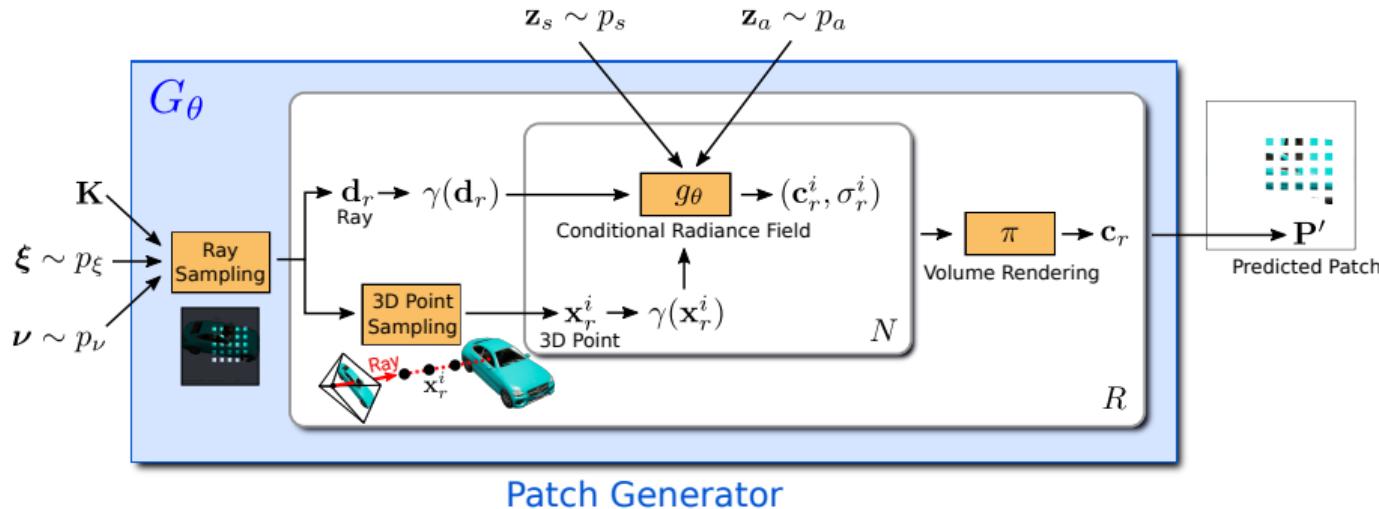
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Sample latent shape and appearance codes $\mathbf{z}_s, \mathbf{z}_a$ and pass them to g_θ .



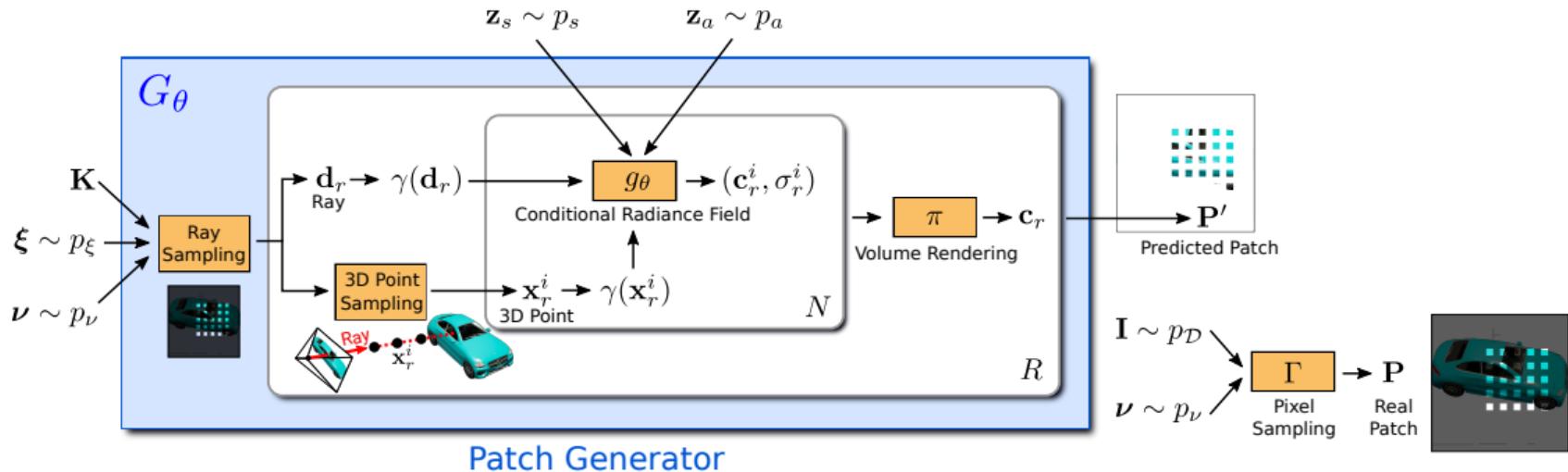
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Perform volume-rendering for each ray and get predicted patch \mathbf{P}' .



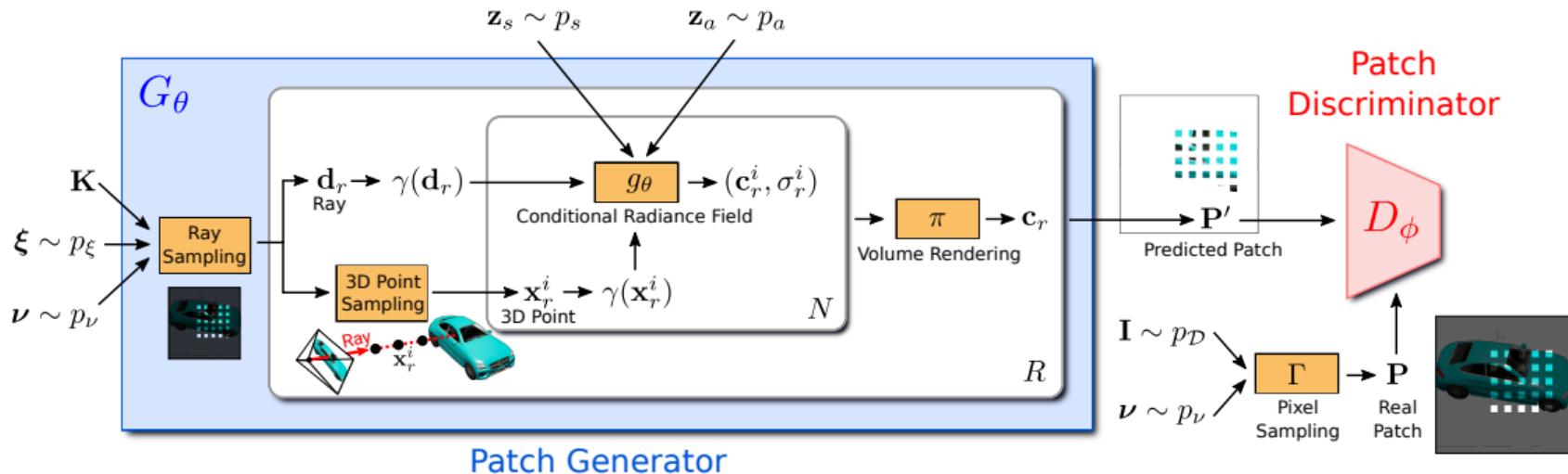
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Sample patch \mathbf{P} from real image \mathbf{I} drawn from the data distribution $p_{\mathcal{D}}$.

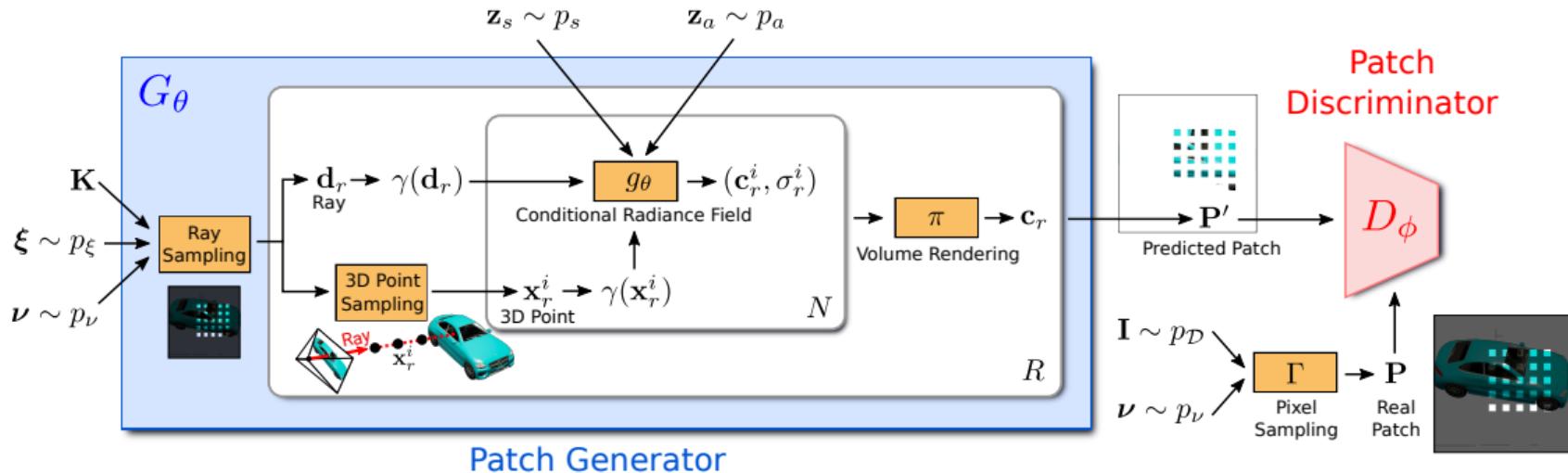


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Pass fake and real patch \mathbf{P}' , \mathbf{P} to discriminator D_ϕ and train with adversarial loss.



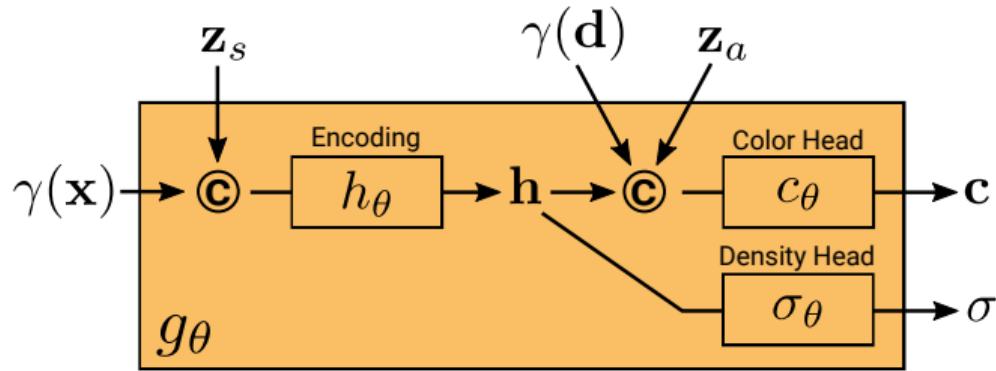
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- Generator/discriminator for **image patches** of size 32×32 pixels
- Patches sampled at **random scale** using dilation

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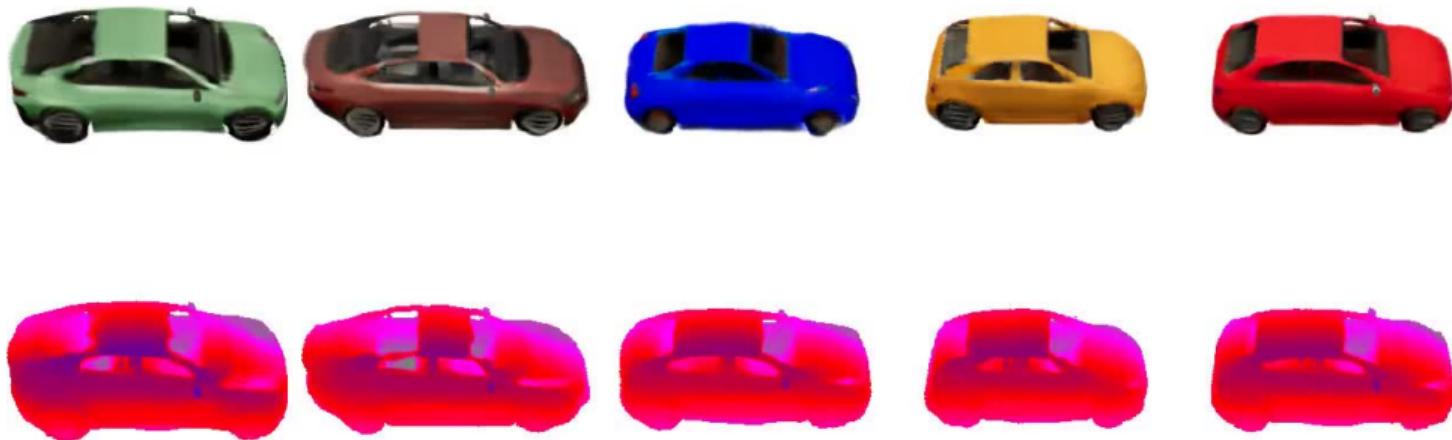


- ▶ Conditional radiance fields as fully-connected MLPs with ReLU activation
- ▶ Shape code \mathbf{z}_s concatenated with encoded 3D location $\gamma(\mathbf{x})$
- ▶ Appearance code \mathbf{z}_a concatenated with encoded viewing direction $\gamma(\mathbf{d})$

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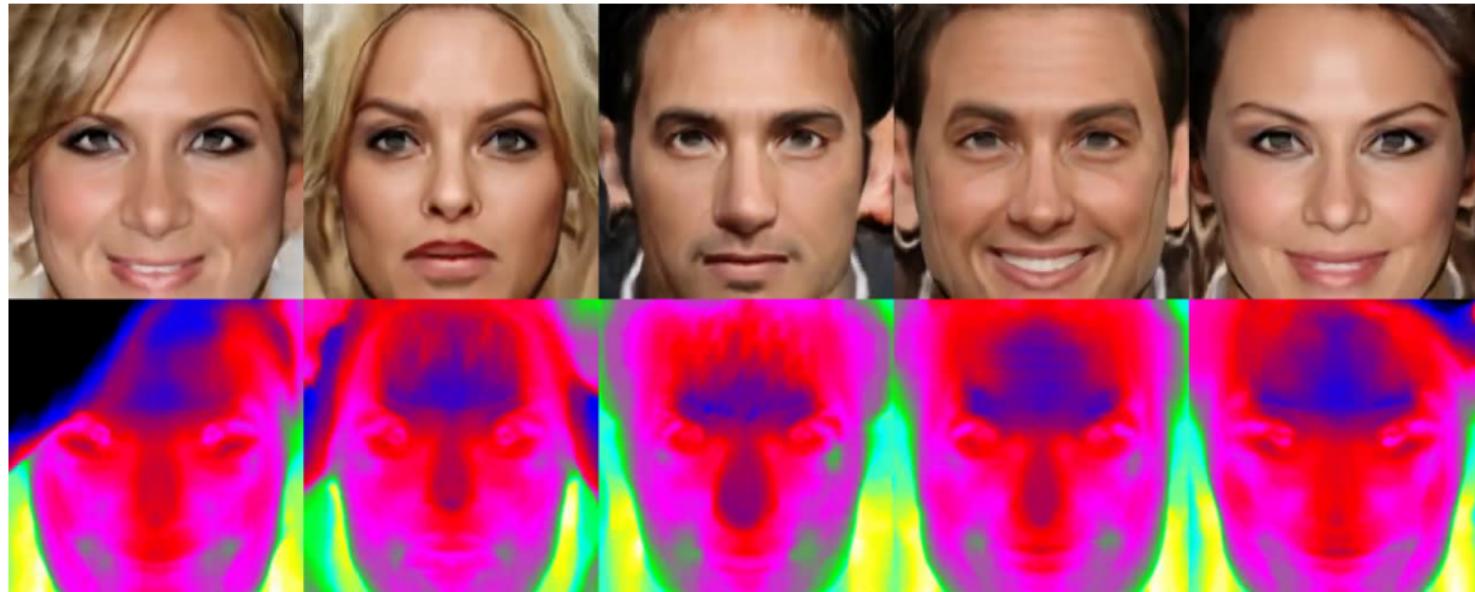
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Results on synthetic Carla dataset at 256^2 pixels:



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Results on real CelebA-HQ dataset at 256^2 pixels:



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How can we scale to
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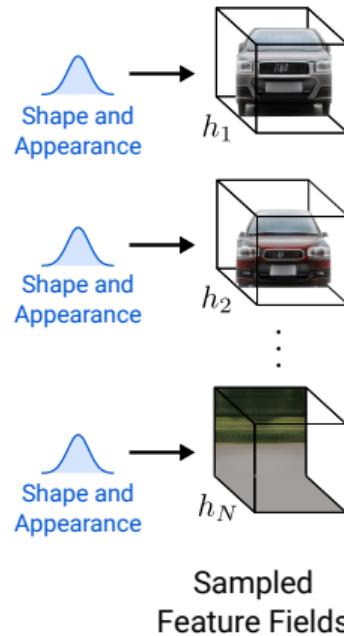
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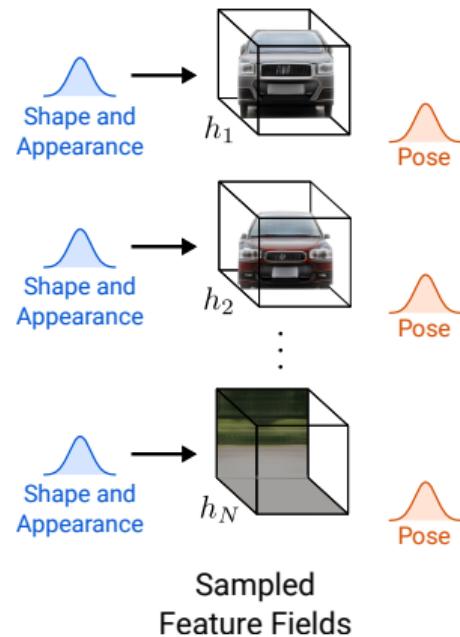
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Get N feature fields. Note: We show features in RGB color for clarity.



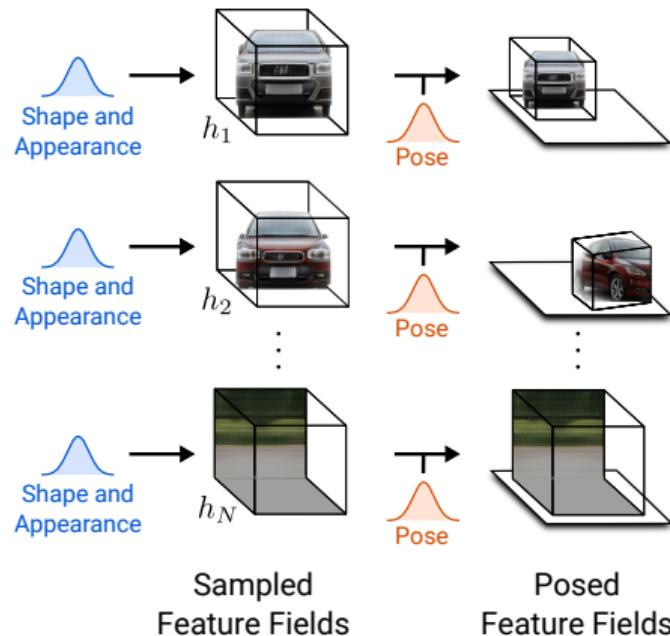
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Sample size and pose for each feature field.



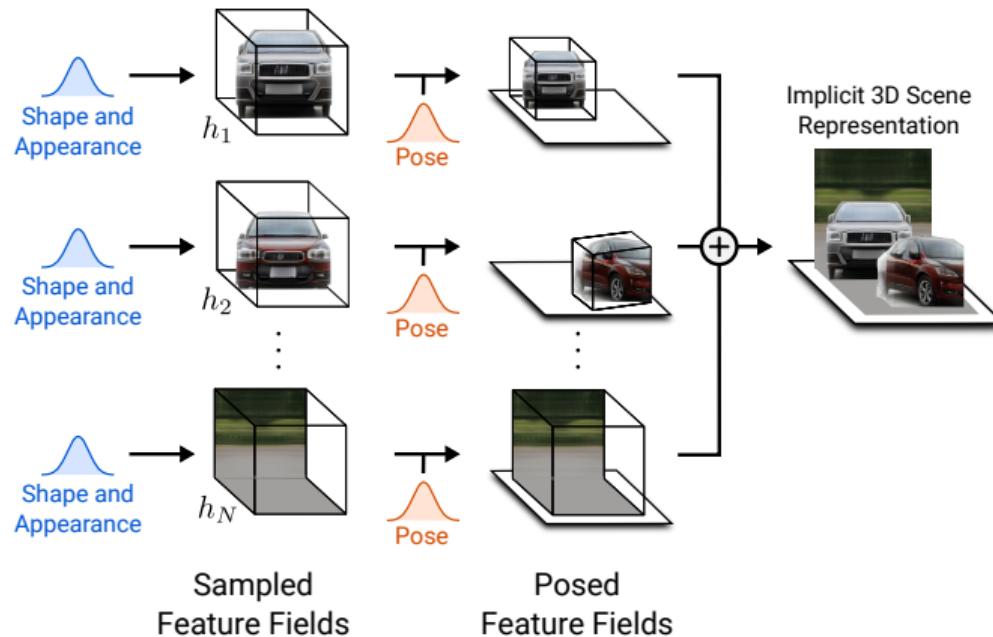
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Get posed feature fields.



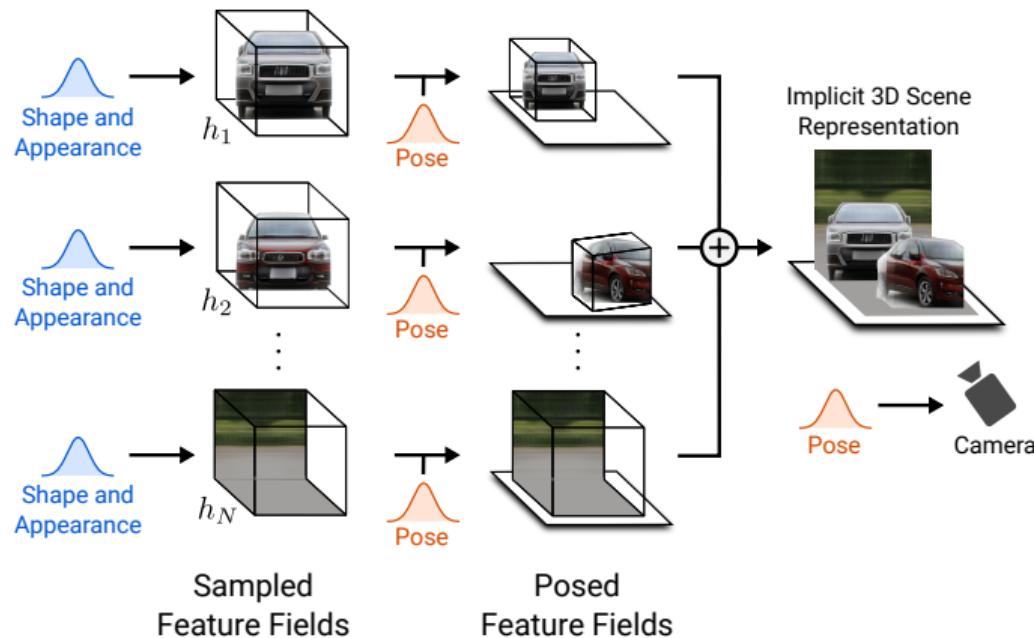
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Composite all feature feature fields to one 3D scene representation.



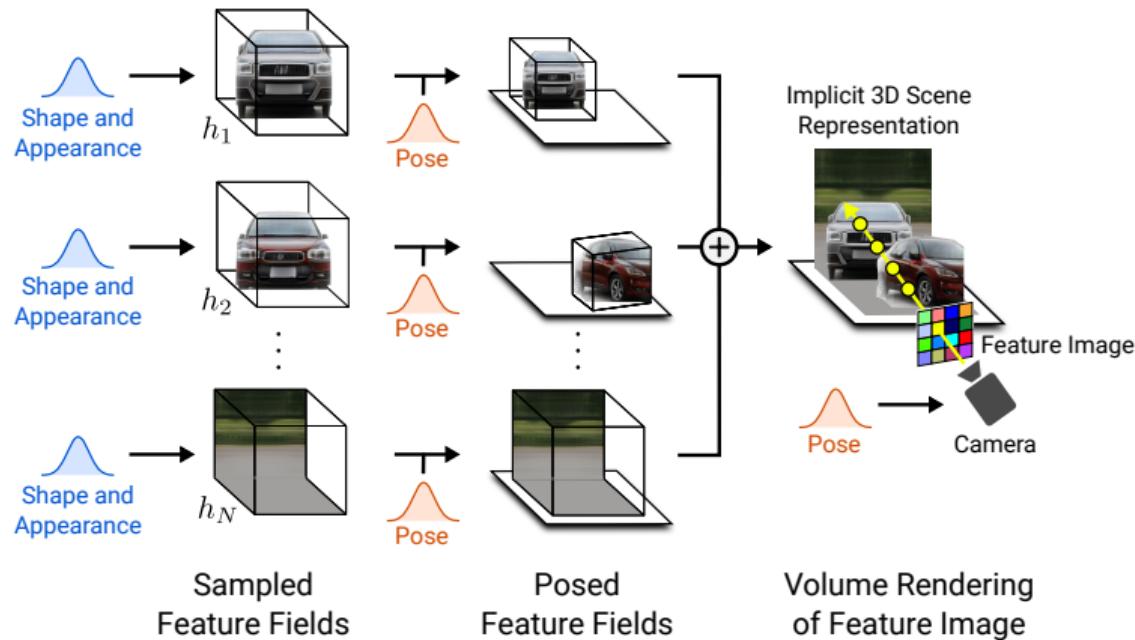
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Sample a camera pose.



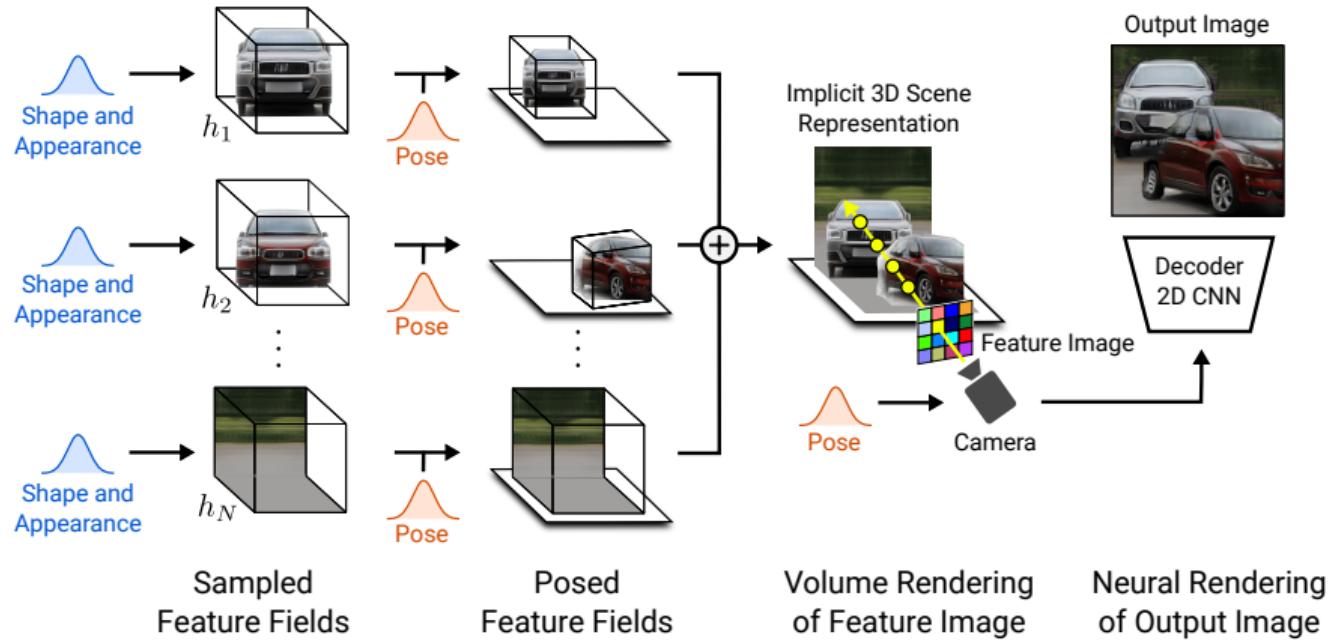
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Perform volume rendering and get feature image.



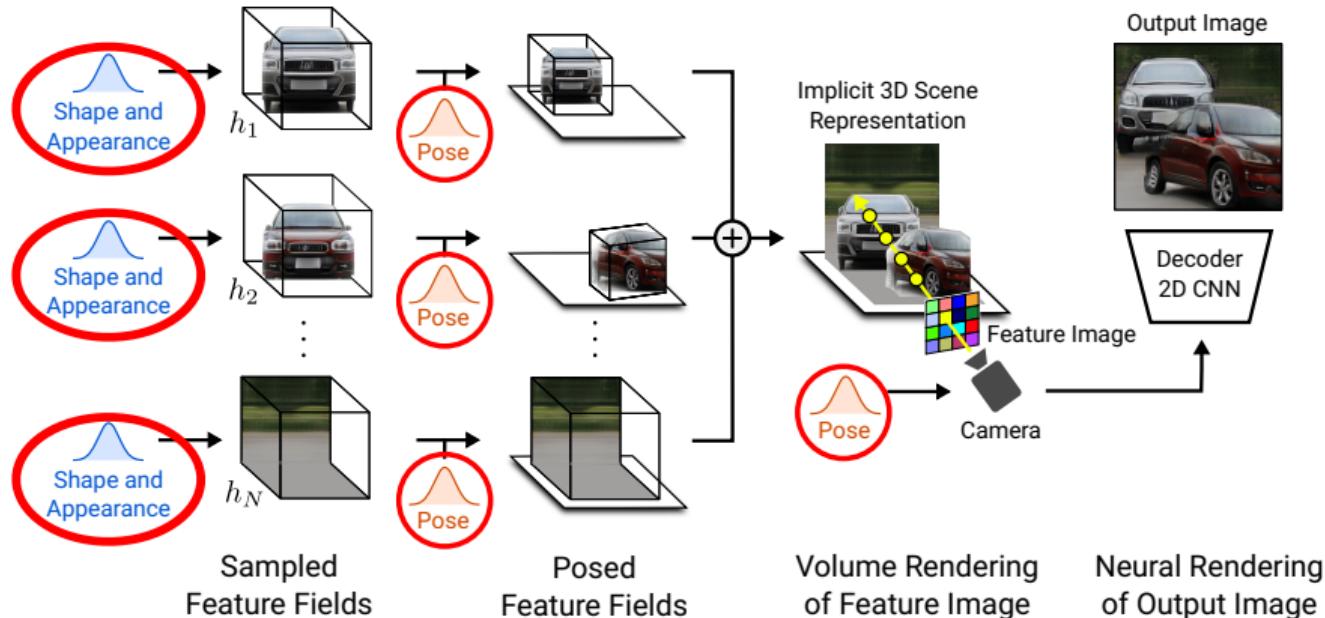
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Pass feature image to neural renderer to obtain final output.

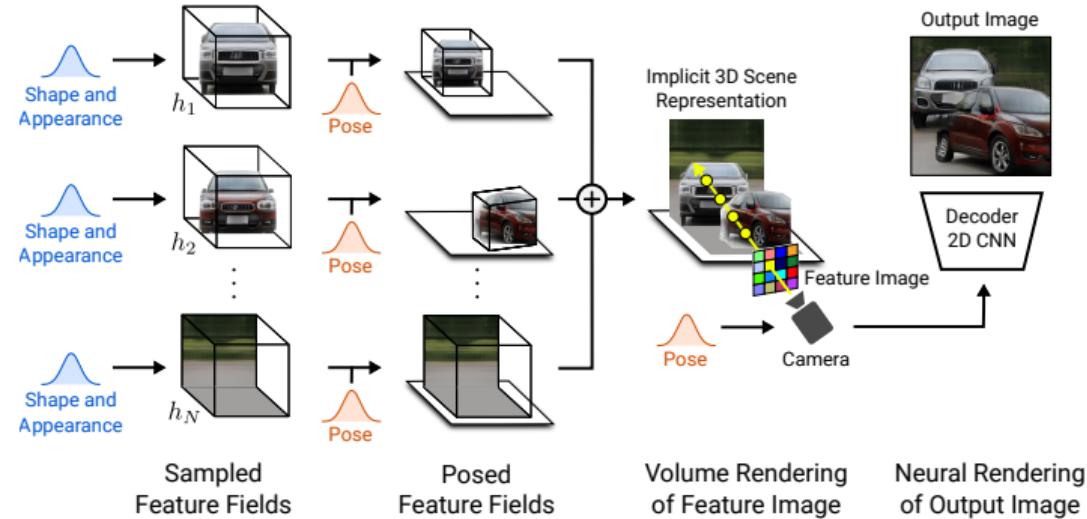


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At test time, we can sample individual codes and **control the poses**.



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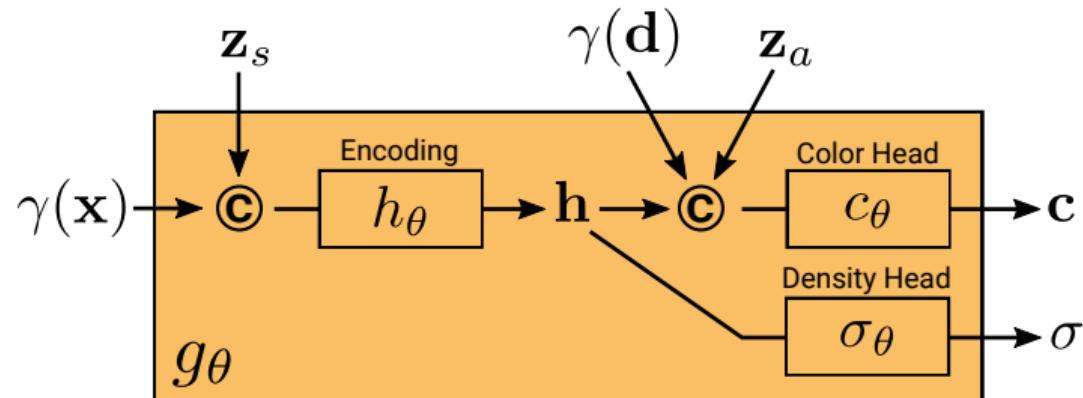


- We train with adversarial loss **on full image**
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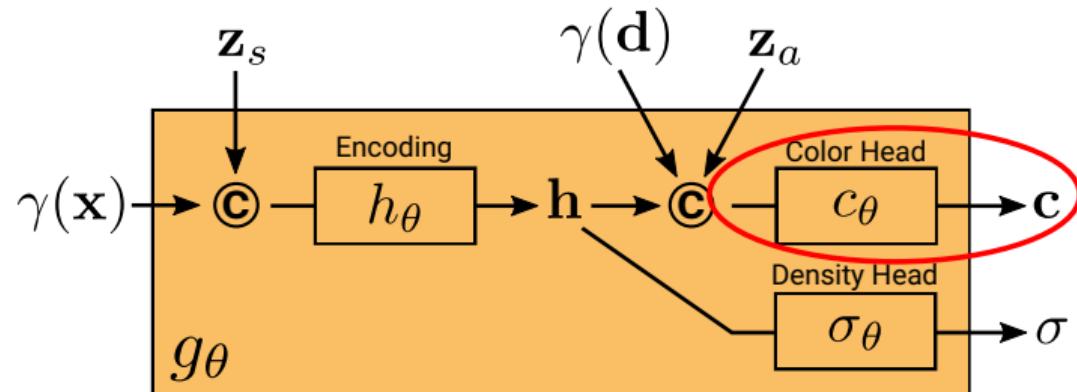
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Recall the conditional radiance field from before:



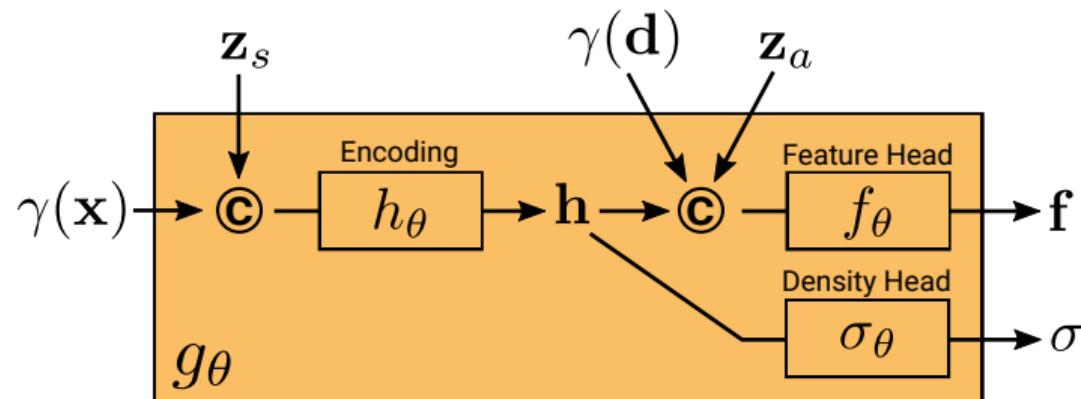
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Scene Composition

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$$h_i(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{d}) = (\sigma_i, \mathbf{f}_i)$$

which predict a density σ_i and a feature vector \mathbf{f}_i at (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{d}) .

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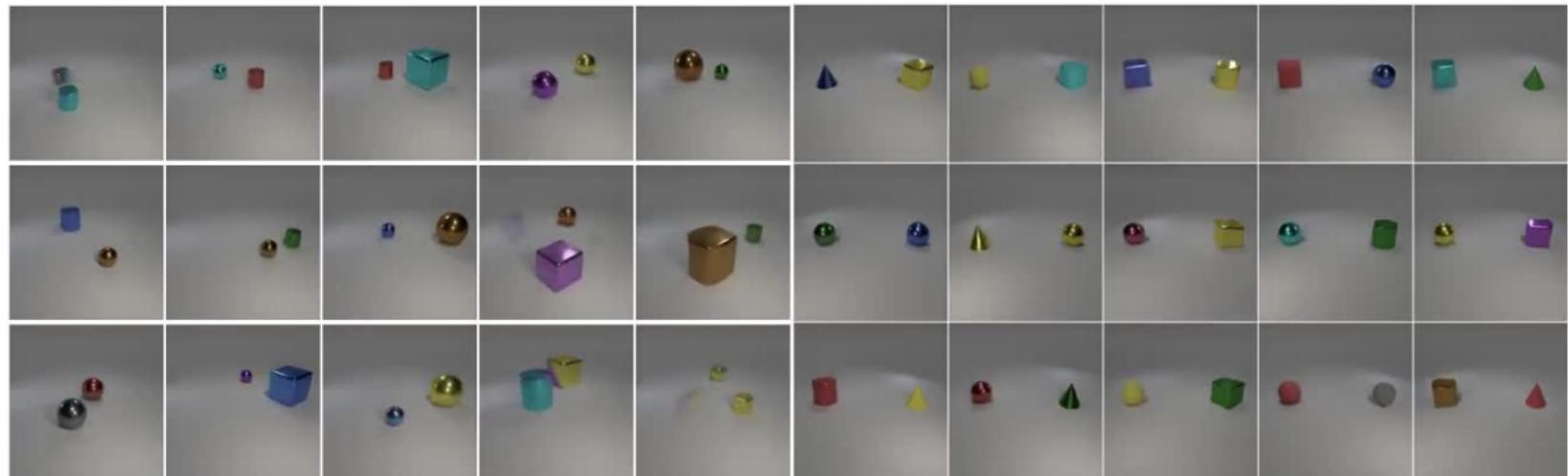
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How well does it work?

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We compare object translation for a 2D-based GAN (left) and our method (right):



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We can perform more complex operations like circular translations



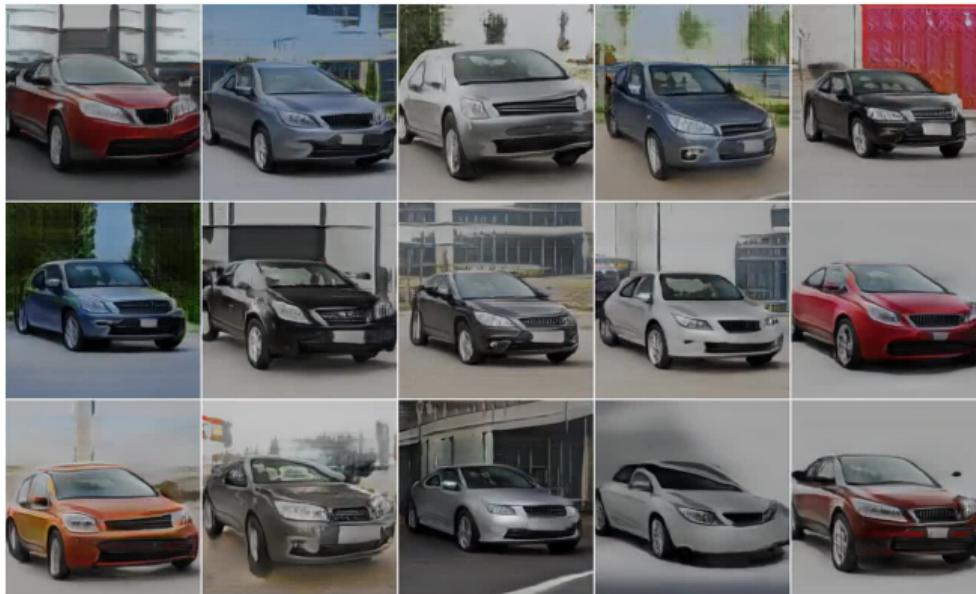
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We can add more objects at test time (trained on two-object)



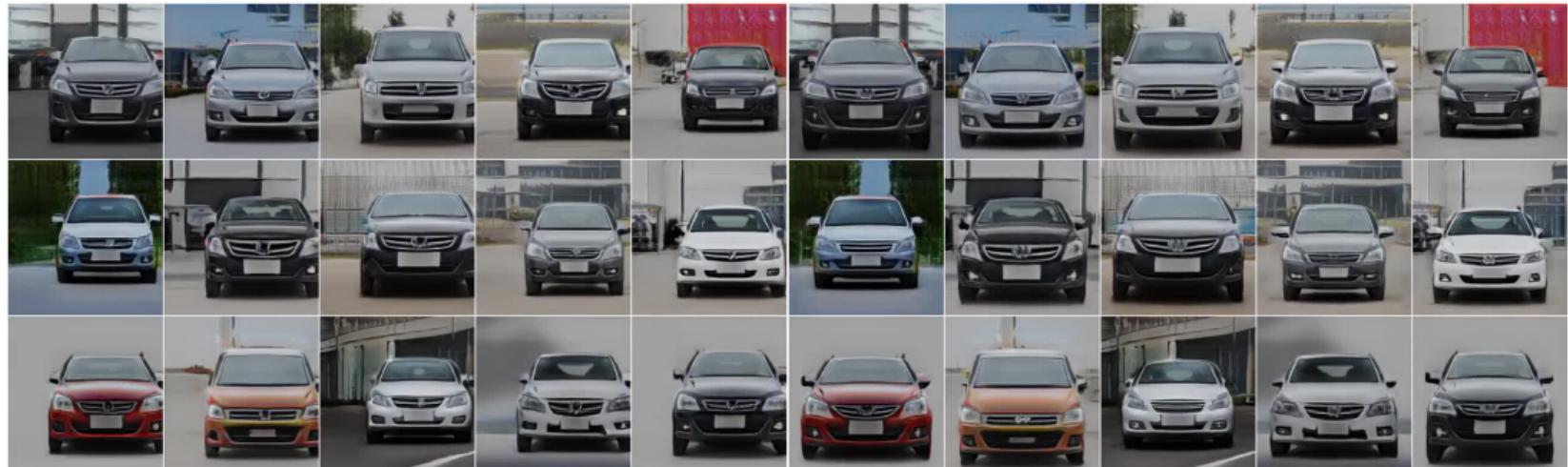
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We can rotate the object



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We can translate the object



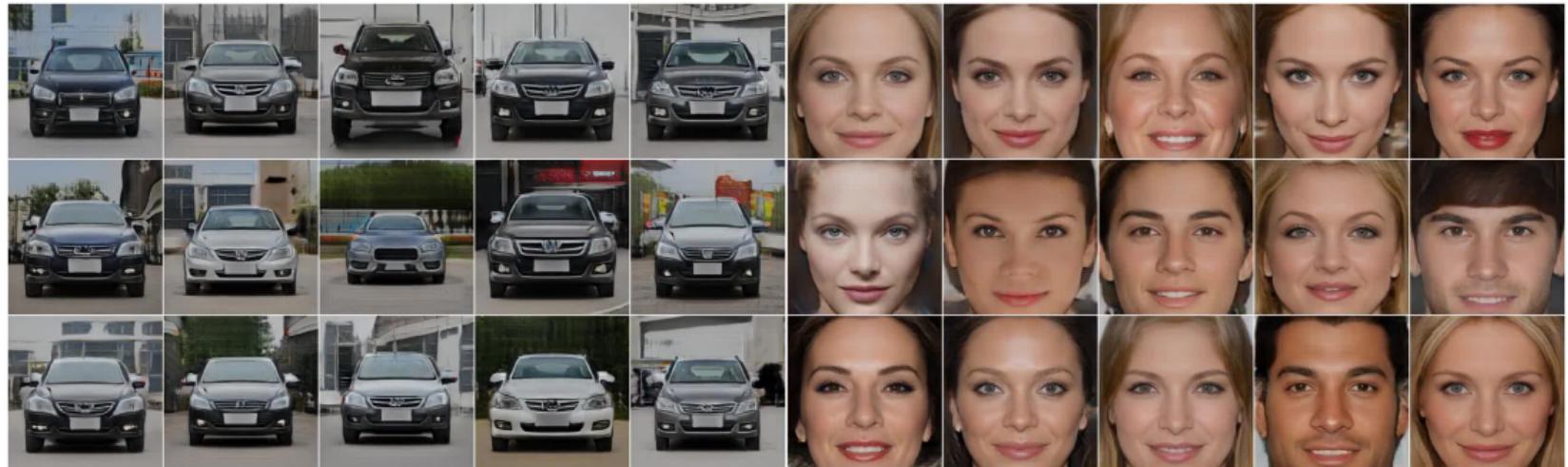
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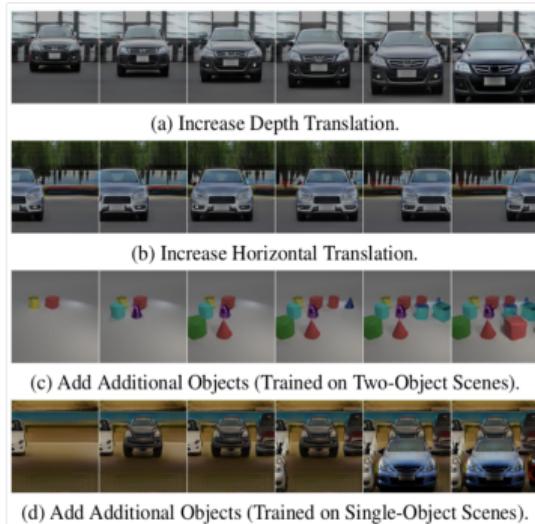
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We can change the object appearance



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We can generate out-of-distribution samples



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Total Rendering Time

	64×64	256×256
GRAF	110.1ms	1595.0ms
GIRAFFE	4.8ms	5.9ms

- ▶ CNN-based neural renderer yields faster inference.
- ▶ We always volume-render the feature image at 16×16 pixels.

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- ▶ Limitation: We assume simple uniform priors over object and camera poses
 - ▶ See CAMPARI (Niemeyer, Geiger. Arxiv, 2021) if you are interested

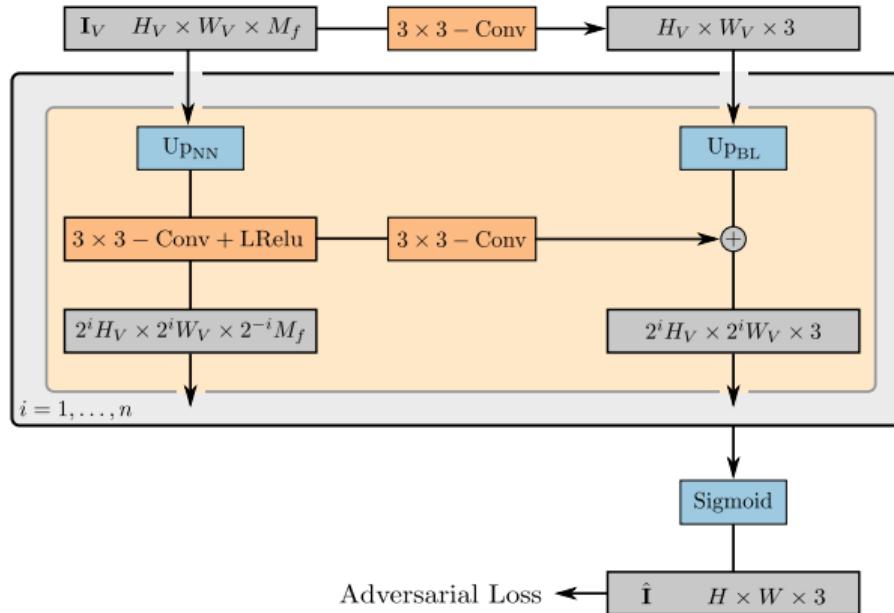
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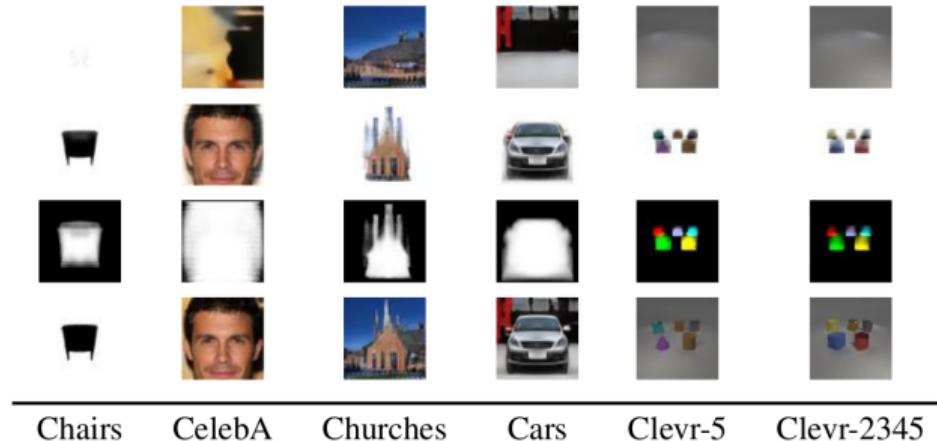
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Neural Renderer Architecture



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Disentanglement Results



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Quantitative Results

	Chairs	Cats	CelebA	Cars	Churches
2D GAN [57]	59	18	15	16	19
Plat. GAN [31]	199	318	321	299	242
HoloGAN [62]	59	27	25	17	31
GRAF [76]	34	26	25	39	38
Ours	20	8	6	16	17

Table 1: **Quantitative Comparison.** We report the FID score (\downarrow) at 64^2 pixels for baselines and our method.

	CelebA-HQ	FFHQ	Cars	Churches	Clevr-2
HoloGAN [62]	61	192	34	58	241
w/o 3D Conv	33	70	49	66	273
GRAF [76]	49	59	95	87	106
Ours	21	32	26	30	31

Table 2: **Quantitative Comparison.** We report the FID score (\downarrow) at 256^2 pixels for the strongest 3D-aware baselines and our method.

Appendix

Baseline Comparison



(a) 360° Object Rotation for HoloGAN [62].



(b) 360° Object Rotation for GRAF [76].



(c) 360° Object Rotation for Our Method.