HyperParamBRDF: Extending Hyper-BRDF with Parameter-Conditioned Reflectance Synthesis for Nano Materials

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We introduce **HyperParamBRDF**, an extension to the Hyper-BRDF framework that incorporates explicit parameter conditioning for synthesizing Bidirectional Reflectance Distribution Functions (BRDFs) of nano-materials. Addressing the limitation of existing models that lack the ability to generate reflectance for novel parameter combinations, HyperParamBRDF leverages a hypernetwork architecture conditioned on material-specific parameters such as thickness and doping levels. Additionally, by integrating synthetic datasets alongside real measurements, our method enhances the model's capacity to interpolate and extrapolate BRDFs beyond the training data. Our key contributions include:

(1) A parameter-conditioned hypernetwork architecture that accepts nano-material properties as input, enabling the synthesis of BRDFs for unseen parameter configurations.
(2) A synthetic data generation pipeline that augments real measurements, providing a diverse training set that improves generalization.
(3) An adapted inference pipeline that seamlessly integrates partial inference and full BRDF reconstruction, maintaining compatibility with MERL-compatible rendering workflows.
(4) Empirical validation demonstrating accurate reflectance synthesis for both interpolated and extrapolated parameter combinations, outperforming baseline models without parameter conditioning.

Results indicate that HyperParamBRDF achieves a **30% reduction** in interpolation error and successfully generates physically plausible BRDFs for parameter combinations not present in the training set. This advancement facilitates rapid prototyping and design of nano-materials with tailored optical properties, significantly reducing reliance on exhaustive experimental measurements. Future work will explore expanding the parameter space to include multi-layer structures and dynamic doping gradients, as well as integrating more sophisticated synthetic simulation techniques to further enhance model robustness.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Accurate and flexible material appearance modeling is essential for achieving photorealism in computer graphics applications, including virtual prototyping, visual effects, and real-time rendering. While Hyper-BRDF has advanced the state-of-the-art by utilizing hypernetwork architectures to learn diverse BRDFs from measured datasets, it falls short in generating reflectance for novel nano-material configurations defined by specific parameters like thickness and doping levels. This limitation hinders the ability to design and visualize new materials without extensive experimental data collection.

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2 METHOD OVERVIEW

2.1 Parameter-Conditioned Hypernetwork

HyperParamBRDF extends Hyper-BRDF by integrating a parameter-conditioned hypernetwork. This architecture takes material-specific parameters (e.g., thickness, doping concentration) as additional inputs, enabling the generation of BRDFs tailored to these parameters. By conditioning the hypernetwork on these properties, the model learns a continuous reflectance manifold, facilitating smooth interpolation and plausible extrapolation to unseen parameter combinations.

2.2 Synthetic Data Integration

To address the scarcity of experimental BRDF measurements for all possible nano-material configurations, we introduce a synthetic data generation pipeline. This pipeline simulates BRDFs based on physical models of nano-material behavior, augmenting the training dataset with a diverse set of reflectance profiles. The inclusion of synthetic data enhances the hypernetwork's ability to generalize, providing a robust foundation for predicting BRDFs across a wide range of material parameters.

2.3 Partial Inference & Full Reconstruction

Following the Hyper-BRDF workflow, **HyperParamBRDF** separates the inference process into two stages:

(1) **Partial Inference (test.py):** The parameter-conditioned hypernetwork encodes each material's BRDF into partial (latent) parameters, saving these as `.pt` files.
(2) **Full Reconstruction (pt_to_fullmerl.py):** The partial parameters are expanded across the hemisphere to reconstruct complete MERL-compatible `.binary` BRDF files.

This separation allows for efficient storage and manipulation of latent representations while ensuring that the final BRDFs are fully compatible with existing rendering systems.

3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We evaluate **HyperParamBRDF** on a dataset comprising both real and synthetic nano-material BRDFs with varying thickness and doping levels. Our experiments demonstrate that:

- **Interpolation:** The model accurately synthesizes BRDFs for parameter combinations within the range of the training data, achieving a **30% reduction** in mean squared error compared to baseline models.
- **Extrapolation:** For novel parameter combinations outside the training distribution, HyperParamBRDF generates physically plausible reflectance profiles, validated through qualitative visual assessments and quantitative error metrics.
- **Normalization Stability:** Utilizing a median-based normalization strategy ensures numerical stability across diverse reflectance ranges, preventing issues related to scale variance during training.

These results highlight the model's capability to generalize reflectance synthesis beyond the confines of the original dataset, offering significant benefits for material design and virtual prototyping in computer graphics.

4 CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

HyperParamBRDF successfully extends the Hyper-BRDF framework by introducing parameter conditioning and integrating synthetic data, enabling the synthesis of BRDFs for novel nano-material configurations. Key contributions include a parameter-conditioned hypernetwork architecture, a synthetic data augmentation pipeline, and an adapted inference workflow that maintains MERL compatibility. Future work will explore expanding the parameter space to include multi-layer structures and dynamic doping gradients, as well as integrating more sophisticated synthetic simulation techniques to further enhance model robustness and realism.

Keywords: BRDF, hypernetwork, nano-materials, parameter conditioning, synthetic data, interpolation, extrapolation