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# 基于神经表示的三维重建与生成

Fast Inference & Training and 3D-Aware Generative Models

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# Outline

- ▶ Real-time rendering of neural radiance fields
- ▶ Fast training of neural scene representation
- ▶ 3D-aware generative model

rendered in real-time on NVIDIA GTX 1080 Ti\*



\*affordable consumer GPU

# Fast Inference

## Key Idea: Reduce FLOPs of volume rendering

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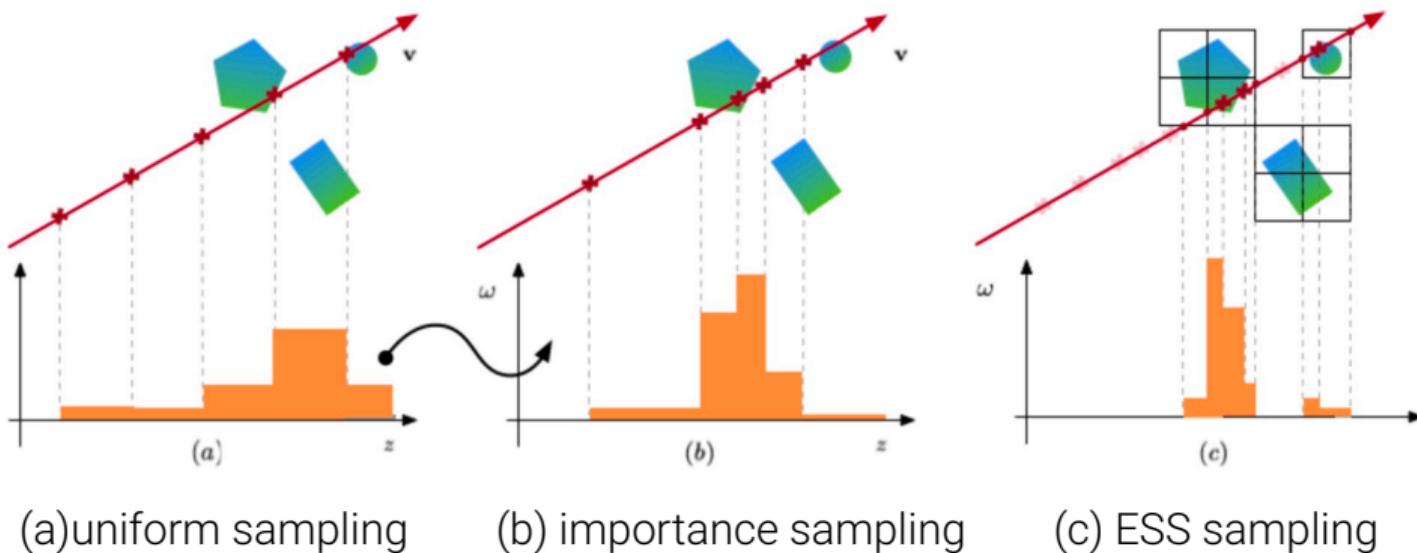
- ▶ **Reducing  $K$**

- ▶ Classical techniques: Early ray termination, empty space skipping
- ▶ Adaptive sampling

- ▶ **Reducing  $L_r$**

- ▶ Tabulation-based methods
- ▶ Smaller networks

# Reducing $K$ : Empty space skipping & Early ray termination



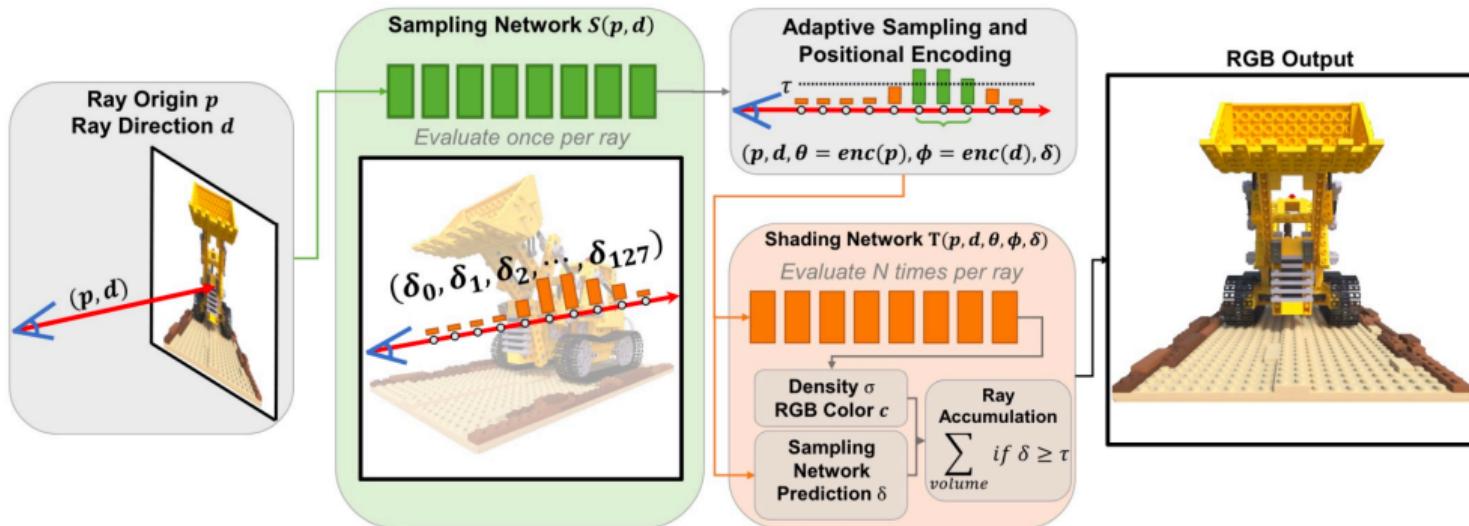
(a) uniform sampling

(b) importance sampling

(c) ESS sampling

- ▶ ESS: Skipping a sample point  $x$  if  $x$  lies in an unoccupied cell
- ▶ ERT: Skipping  $x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}$  if transmittance  $T_i < \epsilon$

# Reducing $K$ : Adaptive sampling



- ▶ Learning where to sample via a **sampling network**
- ▶ Fine-tune shading network to desired sample counts (2,4,8,16) for fast rendering

# Reducing $L_r$ : Tabulation-based Methods

## Naïve Solution:

1. Train a large MLP  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{d})$
2. save network's output for fast inference

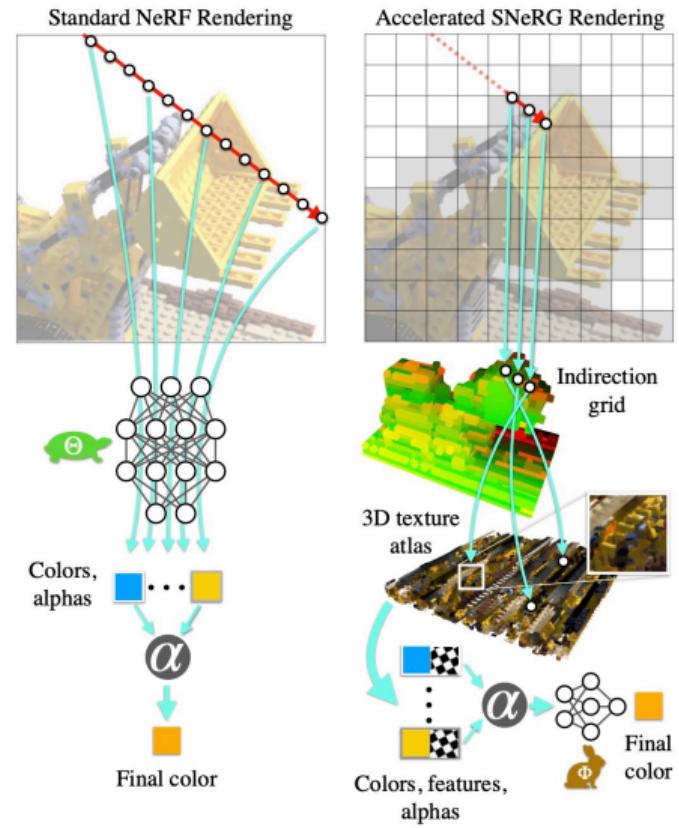
**Challenge:** Naïve solution requires memory of  $O(N^5)$  given 5D input  $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{d})$

**Key Idea:** Modeling **view dependency  $\mathbf{d}$**  differently to reduce memory to  $O(N^3)$

- ▶ SNeRG, ICCV 2021
- ▶ PlenOctree, ICCV 2021
- ▶ FastNeRF, ICCV 2021

# SNeRG

- ▶ Replacing slow MLP evaluations with lookups into **cached sparse 3D grid**
- ▶ Caching **view-independent** colors, features and alphas
- ▶ Model **view dependency** via a small network
- ▶ Combine with ESS + ERT





(a) Frame rendered by our method.

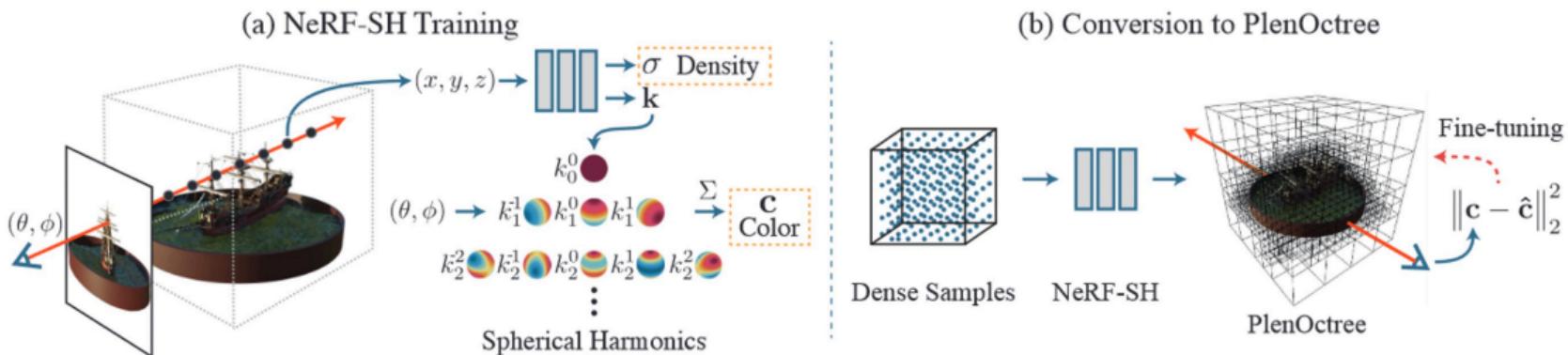


(b) Cross-section of (a).

(c) Trained without  $\mathcal{L}_s$ .(d) No  $\mathcal{L}_s$ , no visibility culling.

- ▶  $O(N^3)$  still requires **large memory consumption**
- ▶ Culling voxels where the maximum opacity is low, or maximum transmittance  $T < \epsilon$  across all views

# PlenOctree



- Modeling view dependency via **spherical harmonics coefficients k**
- Use octree structure to skip large empty space, but still **memory costly**

## Reducing $L_r$ : Smaller networks

**Naïve Solution:** Replace the large MLP with a small MLP

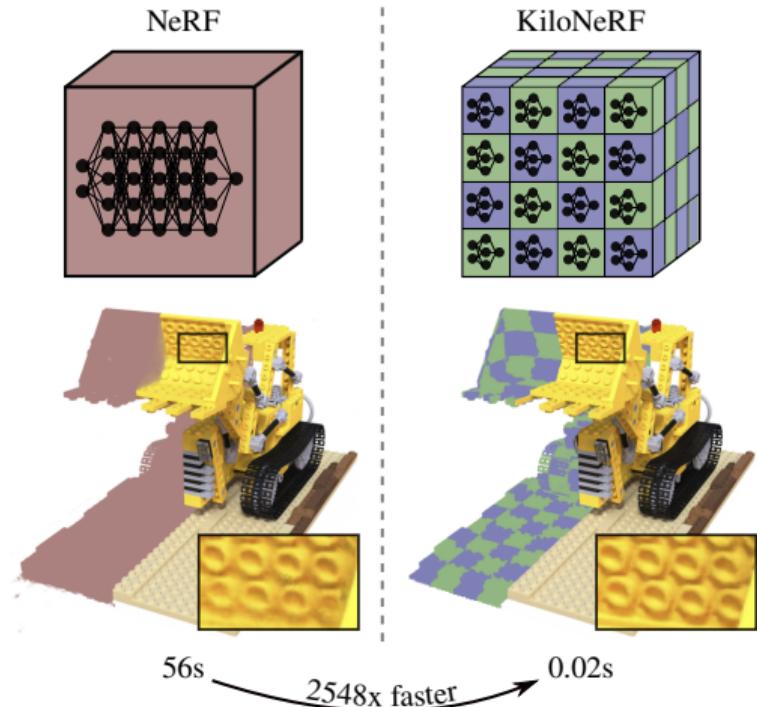
**Challenge:** Naïve solution leads to degraded image quality

**Key Idea:** Use a small network to **independently** represent a small region

- ▶ KiloNeRF: ICCV 2021
- ▶ (BlockNeRF, MegaNeRF)

# KiloNeRF

- ▶ Replacing **large** MLPs with **small** ones via space partitioning
- ▶ No cache required, more **memory friendly**
- ▶ Combine with ESS + ERT



# KiloNeRF

Method	Render time ↓	Speedup ↑
NeRF	56185 ms	–
NeRF + ESS + ERT	788 ms	71
KiloNeRF	<b>22</b> ms	<b>2548</b>

Table 2: **Speedup Breakdown.** The original NeRF model combined with KiloNeRF’s implementation of ESS and ERT is compared against the full KiloNeRF technique.

- ▶ ESS/ERT and small MLPs both contribute to fast rendering

# Fast Inference

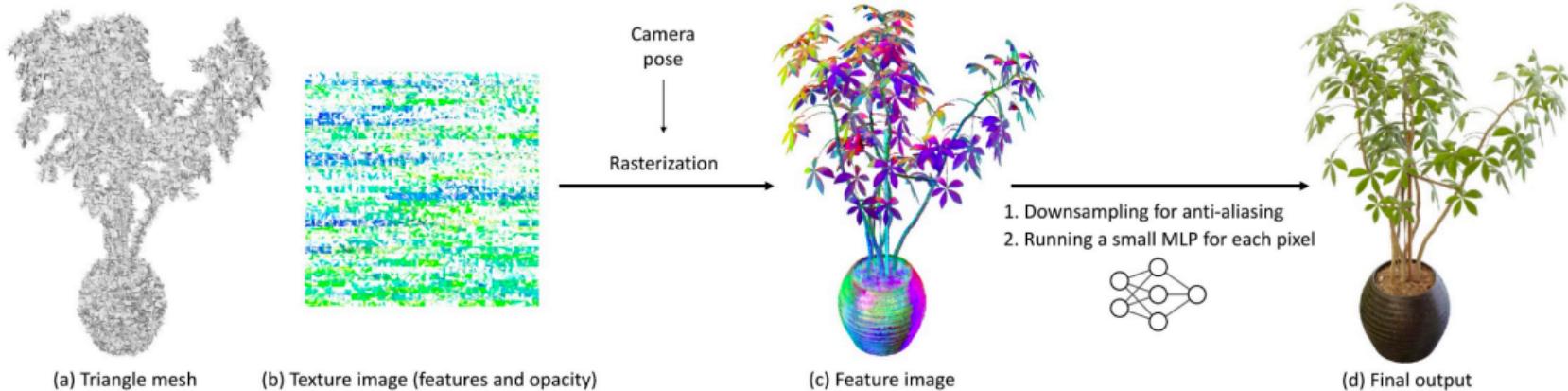
**Key Idea: Reduce FLOPs of volume rendering → image-order rendering**

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**How about object-order rendering?**

# MobileNeRF



- ▶ Exploit fast polygon **rasterization**, using standard GPU rasterization pipeline
- ▶ Avoid semi-transparency, enabling efficient rendering without sorting
- ▶  $10\times$  faster than SNeRG

# Discussions

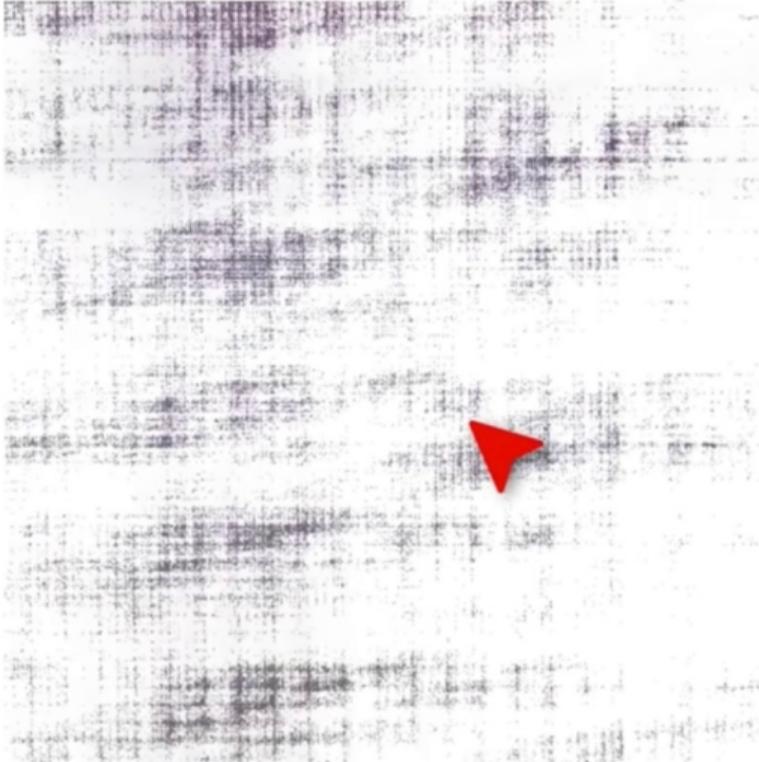
Method	Device	Dataset	FPS	Memory (MB)	PSNR
AdaNeRF*	NVIDIA 3090	DONeRF Dataset (800x800)	20	4	27.5
SNeRG	Laptop with mobile GPU		207.26	4096 (100)	30.38
FastNeRF	NVIDIA 3090		238	16200	29.97
PlenOctree	NVIDIA V100	NeRF Synthetic	167.68	1930	31.71
KiloNeRF	NVIDIA 1080TI	(800x800)	50	50	31
MobileNeRF	NVIDIA 2080TI		744.91	125.75	30.9
	iPhone XS		55.89		

- ▶ Fast rendering is usually achieved by combining **multiple techniques**
- ▶ Image-order: tabulation-based methods are more **efficient** at the cost of **memory**
- ▶ Object-order: leverage standard rendering tools

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## Previous method (NeRF)



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minutes : seconds

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## Additional benefits of optimizing local tensors?

- ▶ Each voxel or feature tensor is only responsible for a small region
- ▶ Shallow computational graph, allowing for use large learning rate

# Fast Training

**Challenge:** Memory complexity of  $O(N^3)$  still **expensive**

**Idea:** Reduce required resolution or use compact representation

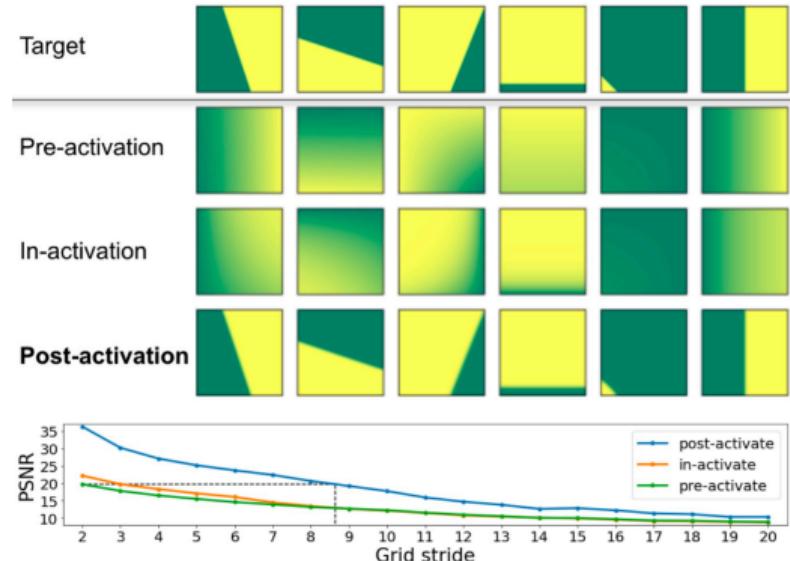
- ▶ Reduce required resolution via activation design
  - ▶ DVGO
- ▶ Explore sparsity
  - ▶ Plenoxel: Sparse data structure
- ▶ Parameter sharing
  - ▶ Instant NGP: hard parameter-sharing
  - ▶ TensoRF: tensor factorization

- **Post-activation**: modeling sharp surface within a cell
- Resolution  $160 \times 160 \times 160$  for all NeRF-Synthetic objects

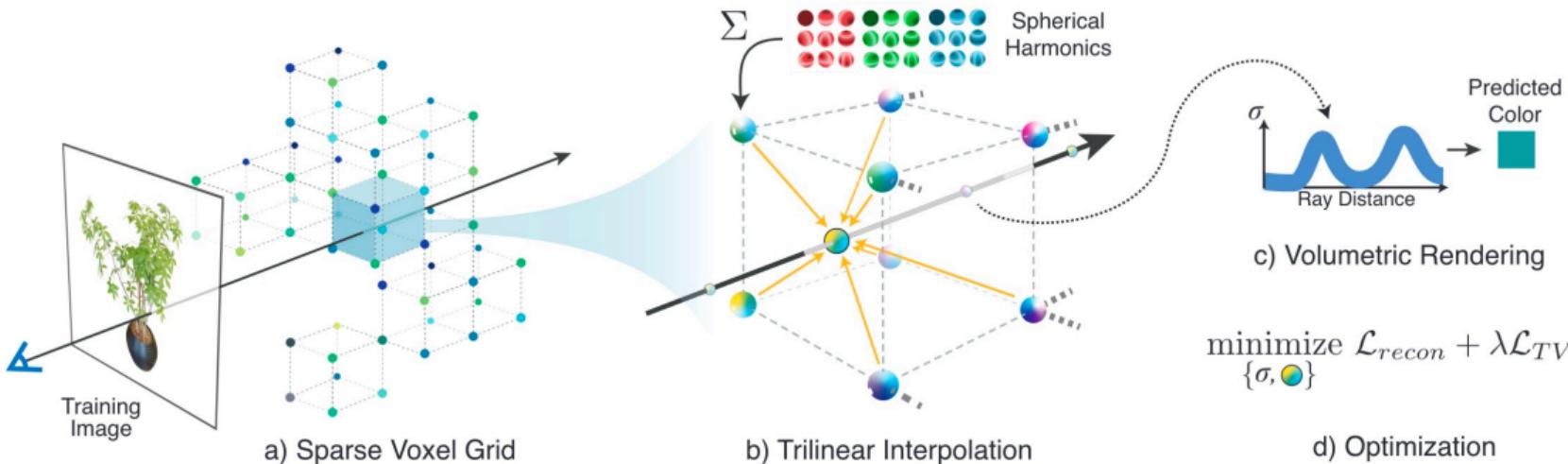
$$\alpha^{(\text{pre})} = \underbrace{\text{interp}}_{\text{blue}} \left( \mathbf{x}, \underbrace{\text{alpha}}_{\text{red}} \left( \underbrace{\text{softplus}}_{\text{green}} \left( \mathbf{V}^{(\text{density})} \right) \right) \right),$$

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$$\alpha^{(\text{post})} = \underbrace{\text{alpha}}_{\text{red}} \left( \underbrace{\text{softplus}}_{\text{green}} \left( \underbrace{\text{interp}}_{\text{blue}} \left( \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{V}^{(\text{density})} \right) \right) \right).$$

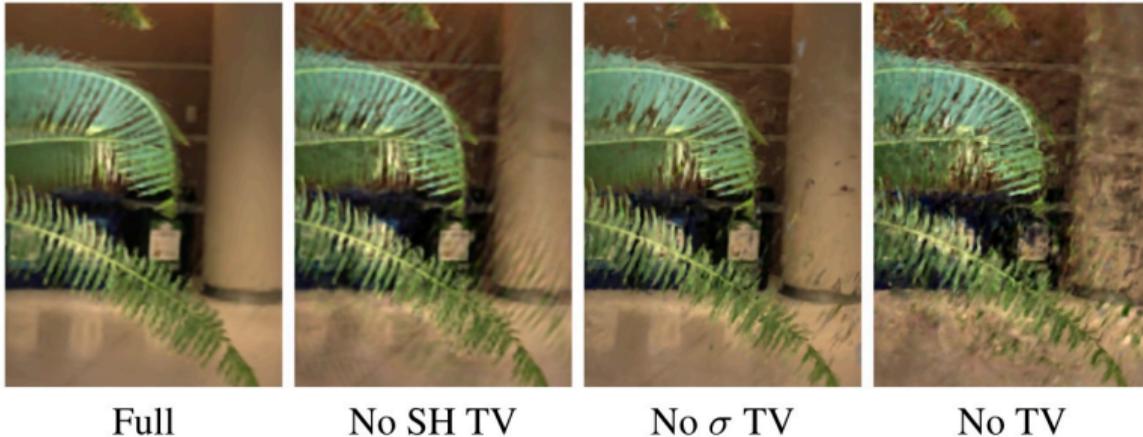


# Plenoxel



- **Sparse data structure** using progressive training
- Highest resolution  $512 \times 512 \times 512$  for NeRF-Synthetic objects

# DVGO & Plenoxel



Full

No SH TV

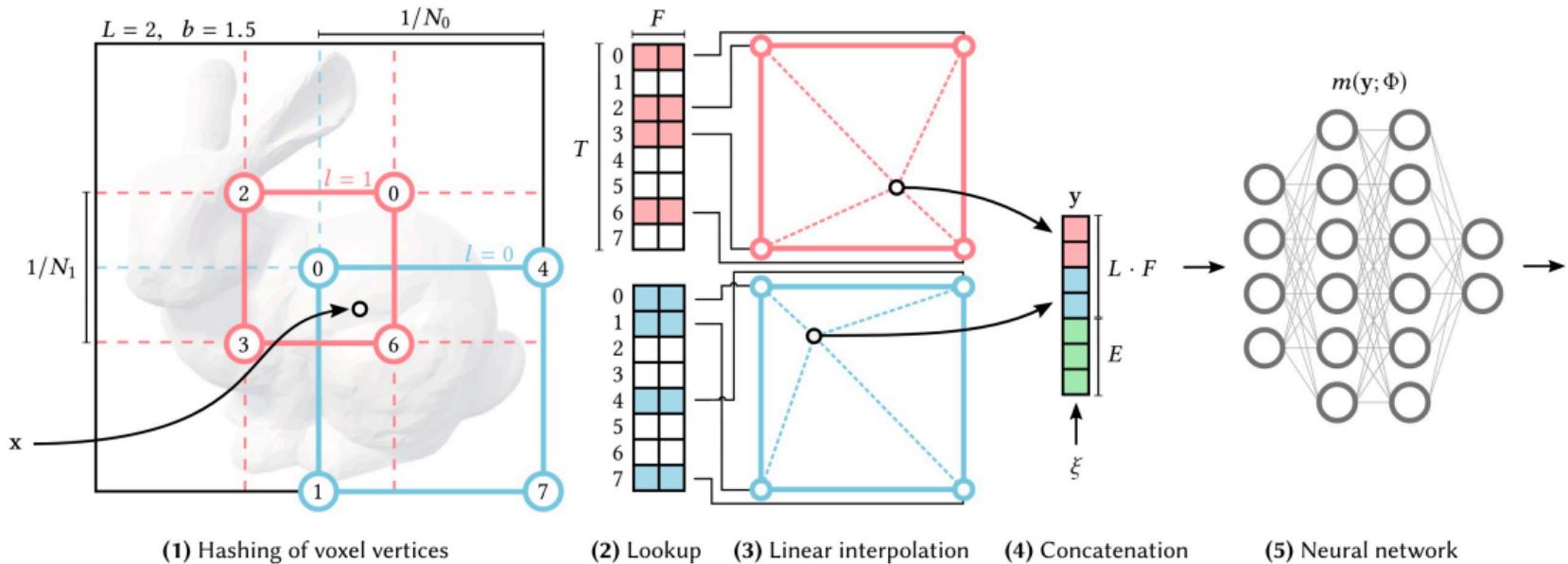
No  $\sigma$  TV

No TV

**Regularization:** both optimize density voxel grid directly, additional "tricks" required

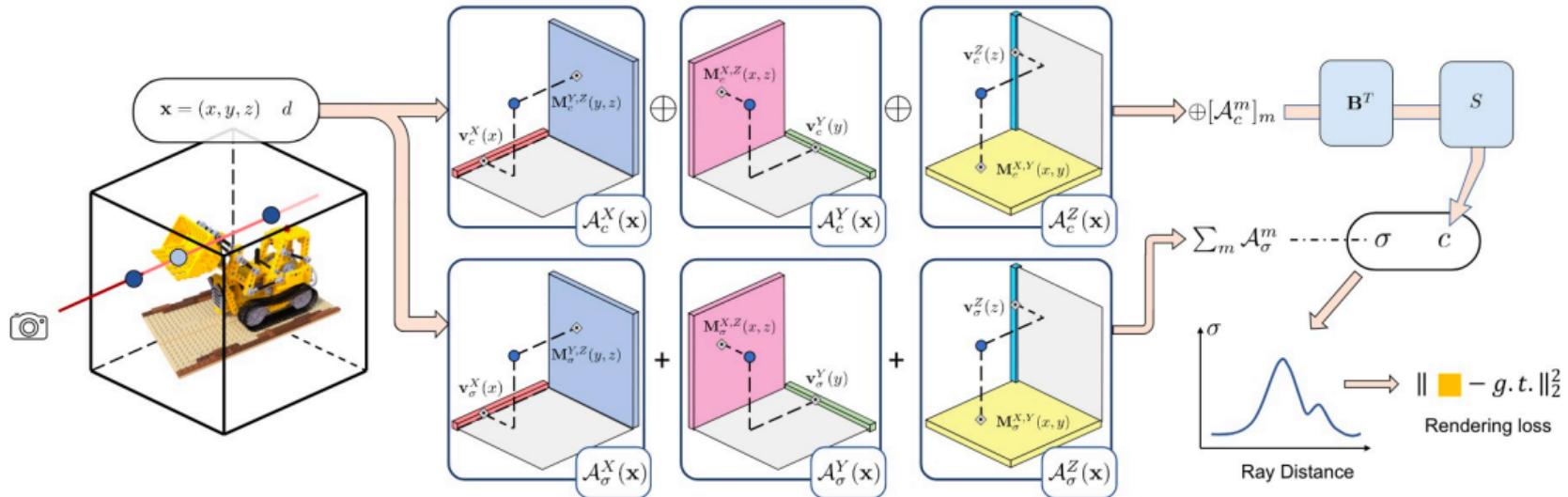
- DVGO: low density initialization, lower learning rate to voxels visible to fewer views
- Plenoxel: total variation loss, (sparsity loss for forward-facing scenes)

# Instant NGP



- ▶ Multi-resolution feature grid saved in hash table + small MLP
- ▶ Random **Parameter sharing** by not resolving hash conflict

# TensoRF



- ▶ Feature grid represented by factorized tensor + small MLP
- ▶ **Parameter sharing** along a certain axis / plane

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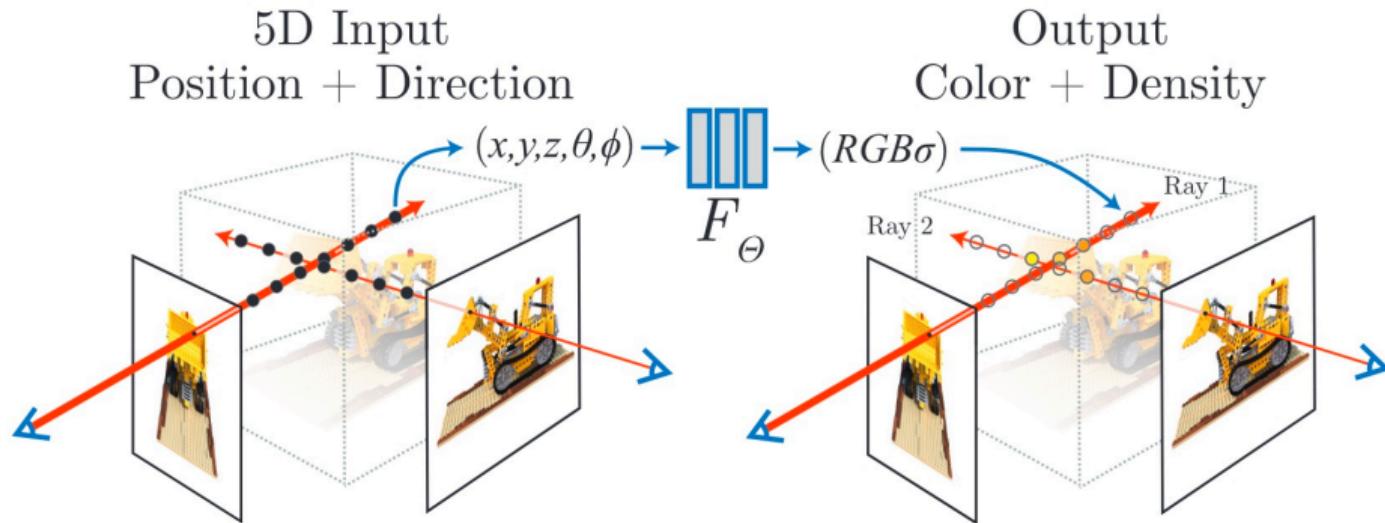
Method	Device	Training Time	Memory (MB)	PSNR	Initial LR
NeRF	NVIDIA V100	1-2 days	6MB	31.01	5e-4
DVGO	NVIDIA RTX2080 Ti	15 mins	612.1	31.95	0.1
Plenoxel	NVIDIA Titan RTX	11 mins	778.1	31.71	30
Instant NGP	NVIDIA RTX 3090	<b>5 mins</b>	<b>50.4</b>	<b>33.18</b>	0.01
Instant NGP's NeRF	NVIDIA RTX 3090	<b>5 mins</b>	–	30.06	–
TensoRF	NVIDIA V100	17 mins	71.8	<b>33.14</b>	0.02

- ▶ Parameter sharing methods are more **memory efficient**
- ▶ Larger **learning rates** of local tensors lead to faster convergence
- ▶ Good **Implementation** is another key to fast training, e.g., Instant NGP's NeRF
- ▶ Empty space skipping is also commonly used

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# Why 3D-Aware Generative Models?



- ▶ NeRF optimizes the MLP for a **single scene**
- ▶ Not easy to create non-existed scenes

# Why 3D-Aware Generative Models?



- ▶ Existing 2D GANs are able to generate high fidelity, novel contents
- ▶ However, there is no **3D controllability**, e.g., control over camera poses

# 3D-Aware GANs

**Naïve Solution:** Replace the 2D generator as a conditional radiance field

**Challenge:** Image-level supervision, **no per-pixel loss**; computationally expensive

**Idea:** Reducing FLOPs of one forward pass of the generator  $H \times W \times K \times L_r$

- ▶ **Reducing  $H \times W$**

- ▶ Patch-based discriminator
- ▶ 2D-CNN based upsampling network

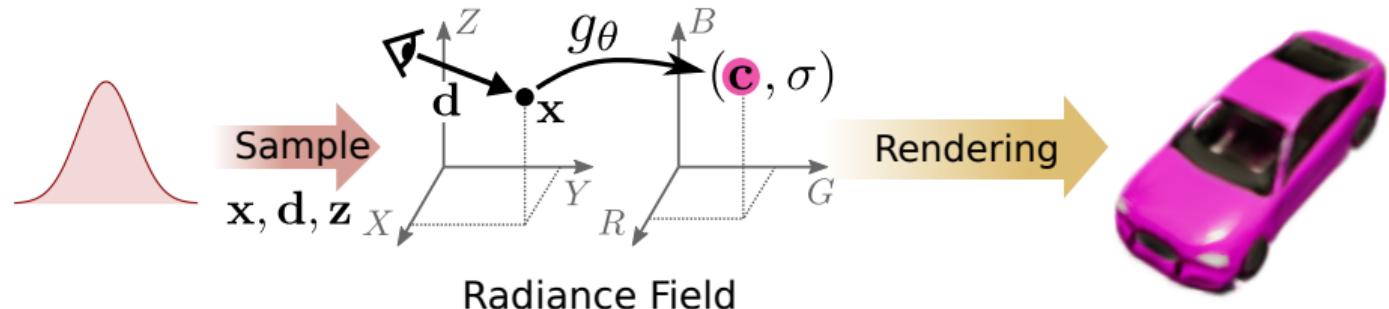
- ▶ **Reducing  $K$**

- ▶ Sampling on a few isosurfaces
- ▶ Empty space skipping

- ▶ **Reducing  $L_r$**

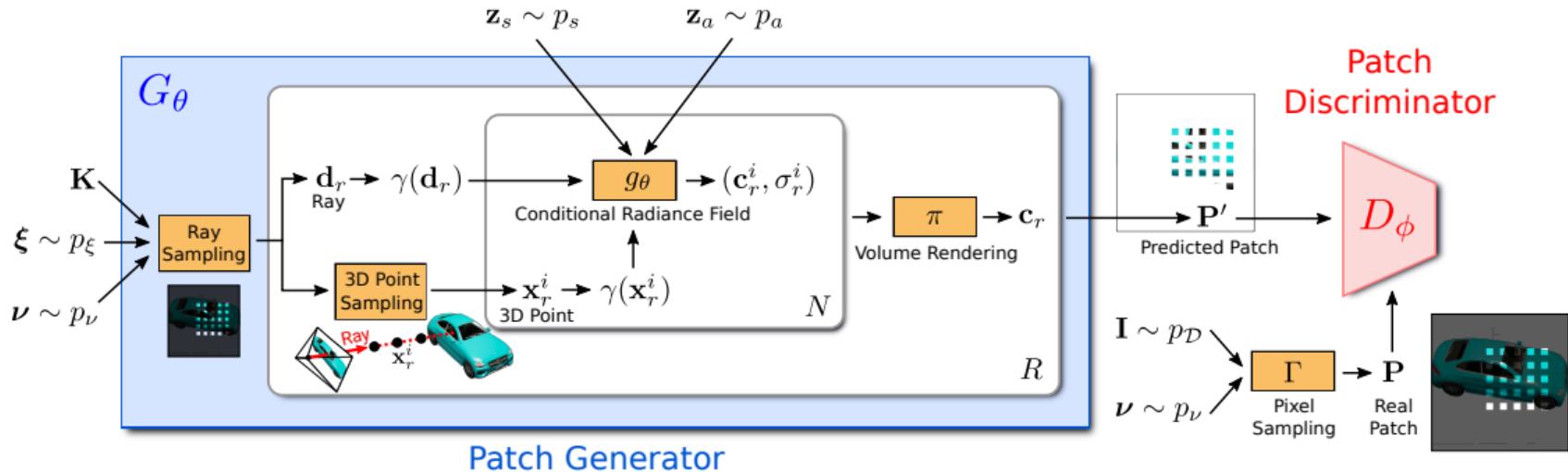
- ▶ Replace (a part of) large MLP with 2D/3D CNN

# GRAF: Generative Radiance Fields



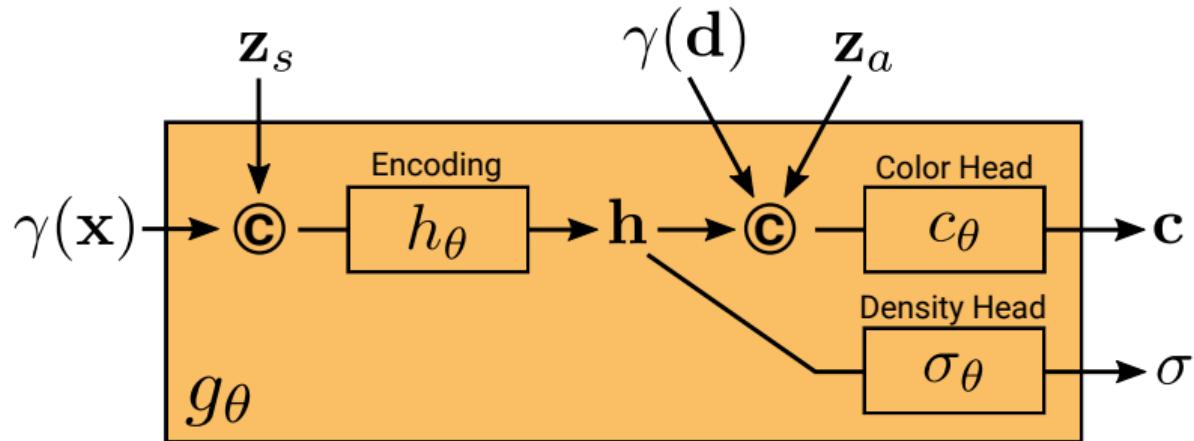
- ▶ **Generative model** for radiance fields
- ▶ Trained from **unstructured** and **unposed** 2D image collections

# Reducing $H \times W$ : Patch-based discriminator



- ▶ **Conditional** neural radiance fields supervised by **adversarial loss**
- ▶ Sample **camera poses** and **image patches** of size  $32 \times 32$  pixels

# GRAF: Generator



- ▶  $\mathbf{z}_s$  for shape,  $\mathbf{z}_a$  for appearance
- ▶ Automatically disentangled  $\mathbf{z}_s$  and  $\mathbf{z}_a$

RGB



Depth



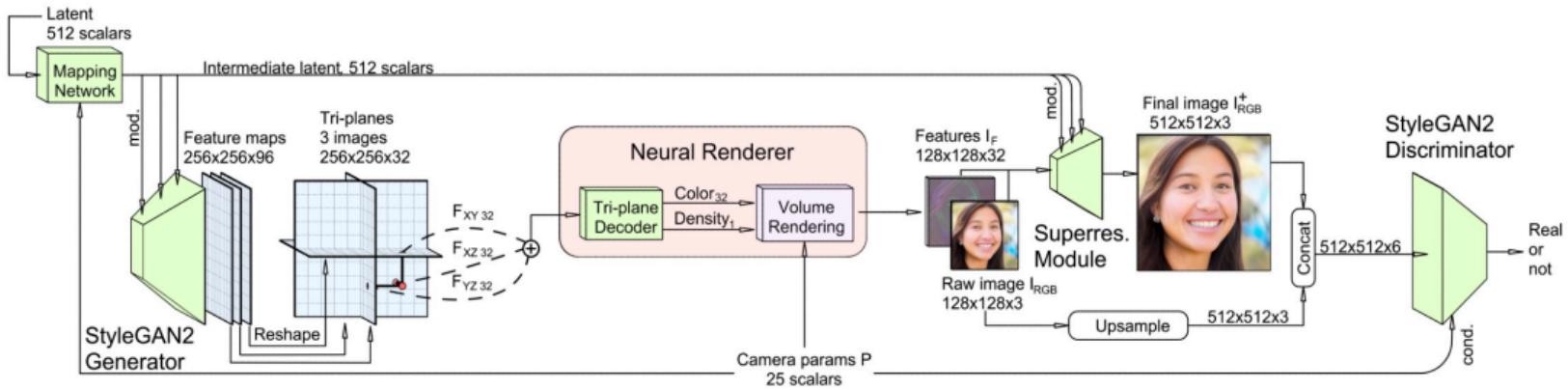
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# Reducing $H \times W$ : StyleNeRF



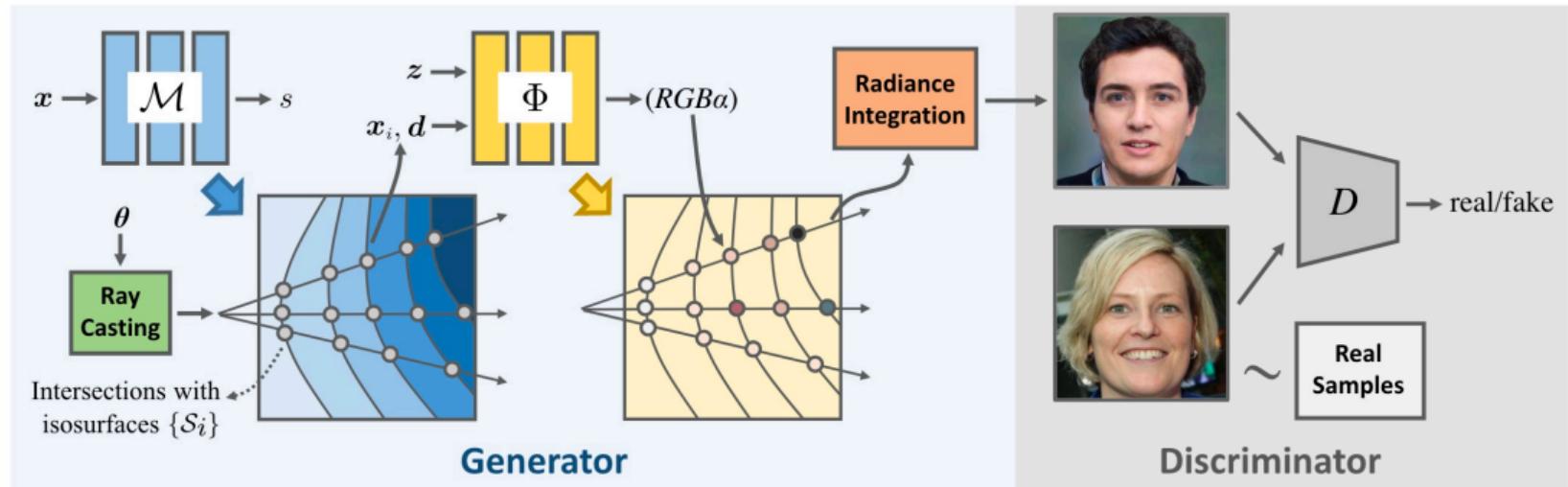
- ▶ Low-res. volume rendering + **2D upsampling neural renderer**
- ▶ High fidelity, harder to preserve multi-view consistency

# Reducing $H \times W$ and $L_r$ : EG3D



- ▶  $L_r$ : Replace per-point large MLP with tri-plane 2D generator + small MLP
- ▶  $H \times W$ : Uses 2D upsampling neural renderer

# Reducing $K$ : GRAM



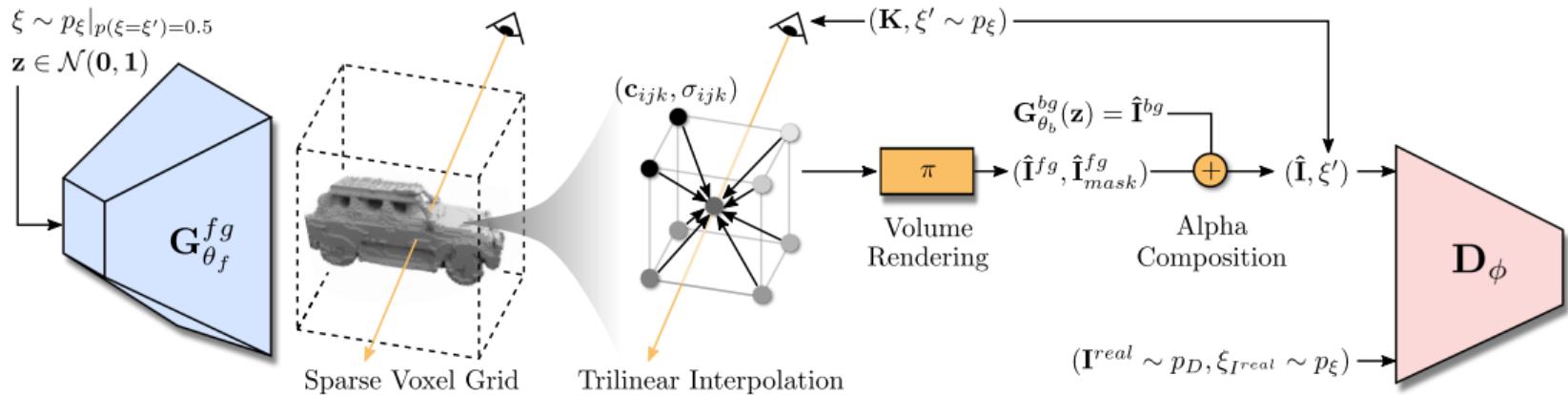
- No 2D CNN, evaluate on 24 or 48 isosurfaces

# Reducing $K$ and $L_r$ : VoxGRAF



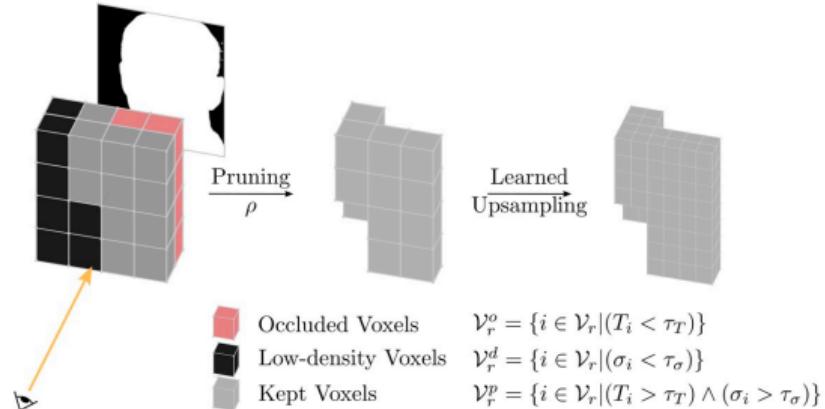
- ▶ Inspired by DVGO and Plenoxel, represent scene as 3D **sparse** voxel grids
- ▶ Fast rendering during inference, one forward pass to generate the voxel grids

# VoxGRAF

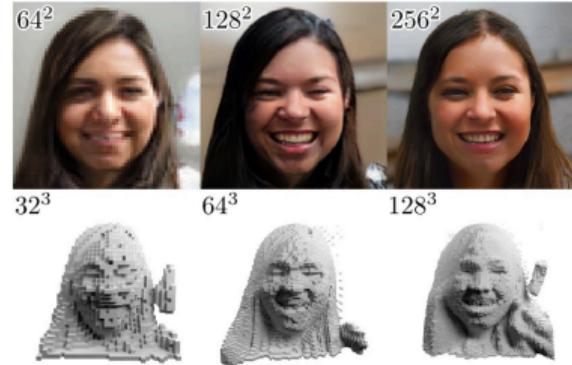


- ▶ Learn sharp surface via regularization
- ▶ Disentangle foreground and background

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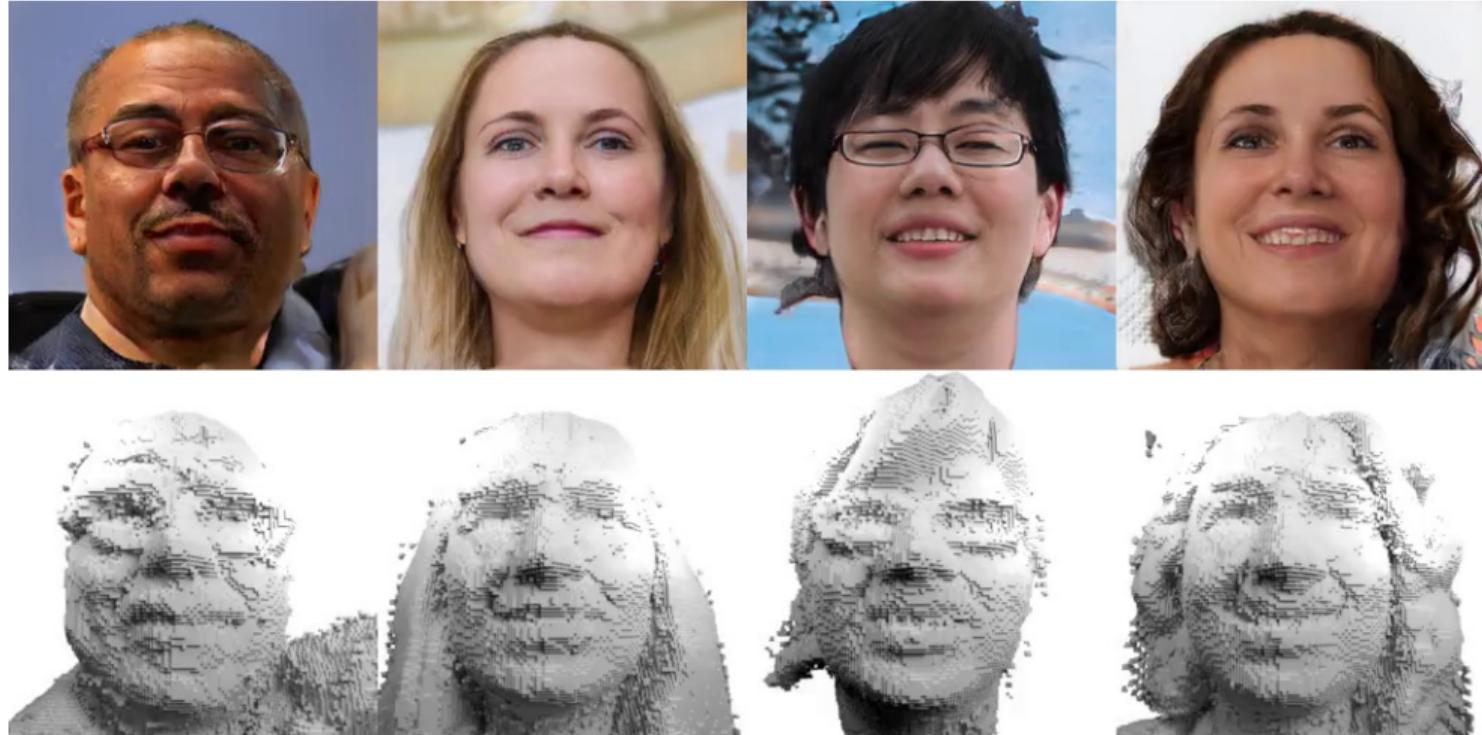
(a) Pruning



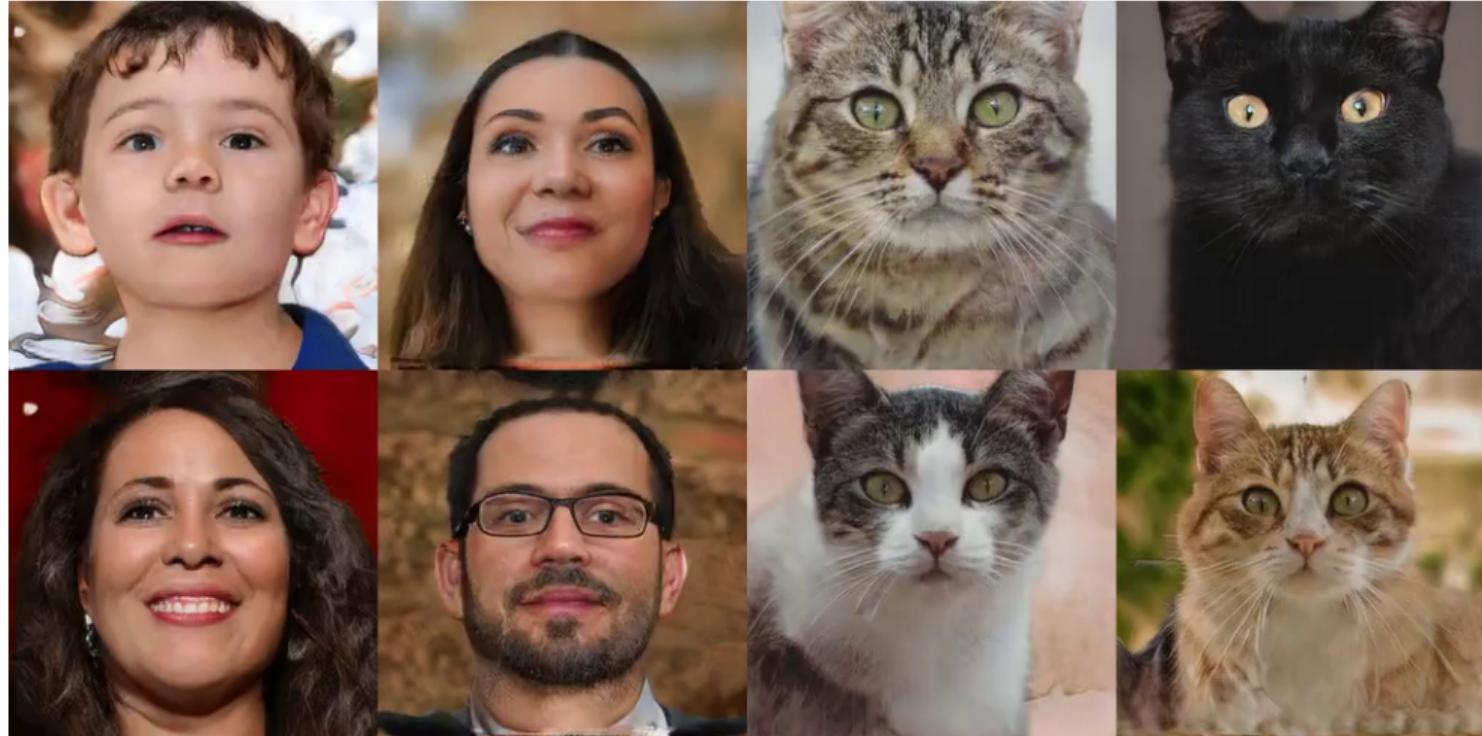
(b) Progressive Growing

- Density based pruning
- Progressive Growing for the resolution of voxel grids and 2D image

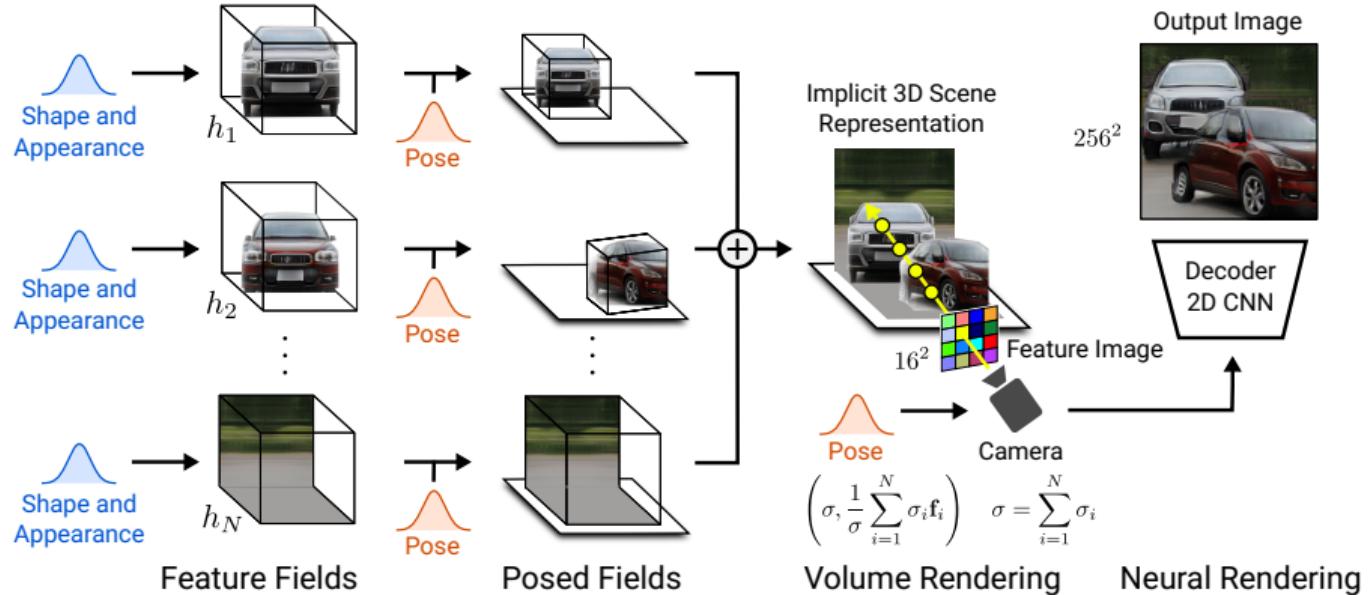
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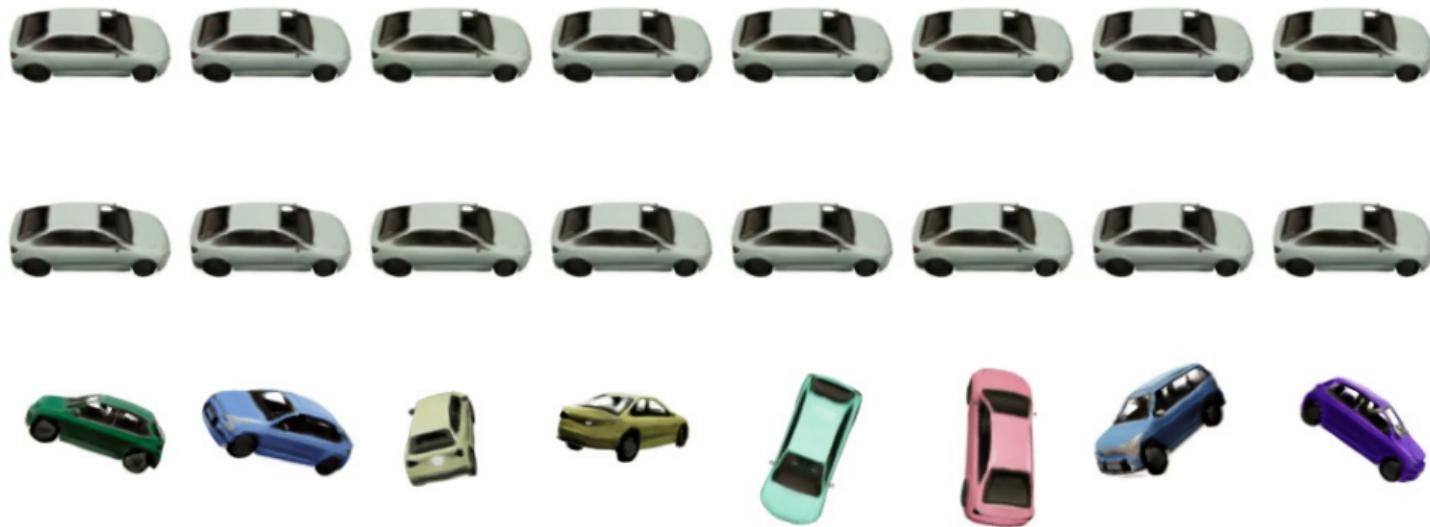
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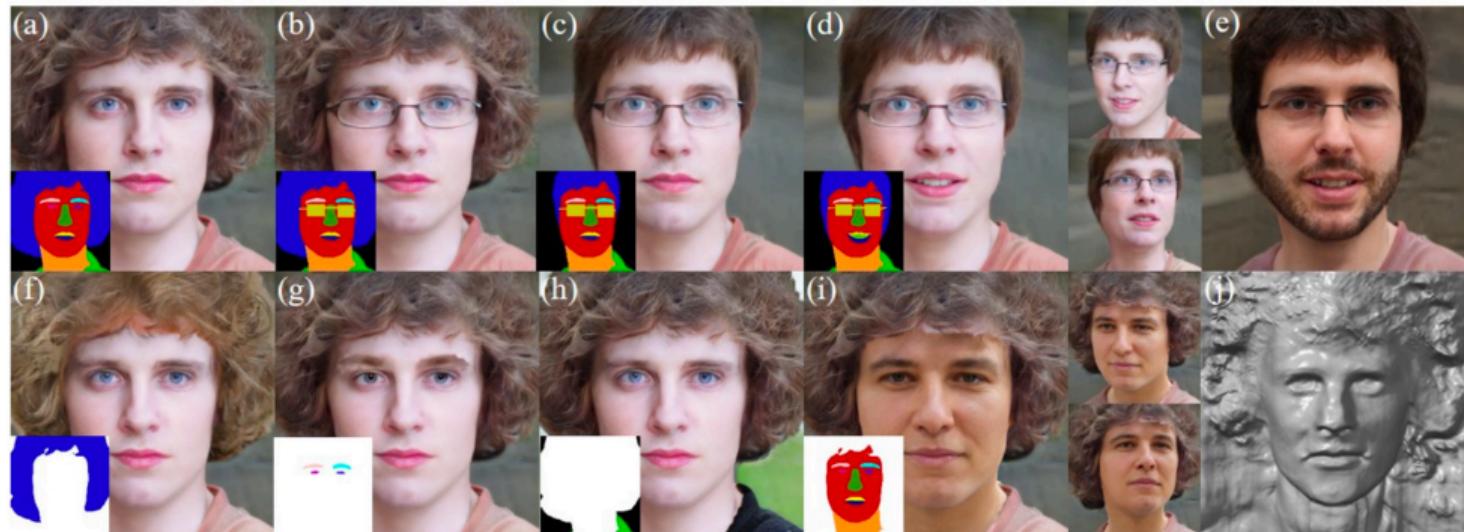
# What's more? GIRAFFE: Compositional Generation



# What's more? Category-level 6DoF Pose Estimation



# What's more? Semantic Editing



# Conclusions

- ▶ 3D-aware generative methods share similar ideas to fast inference and training
- ▶ 2D neural renderer leads to better FID
- ▶ Many exciting applications

	FFHQ $R_I = 256^2$	AFHQ $R_I = 256^2$	Carla $R_I = 128^2$
GIRAFFE	31.5	16.1	–
StyleNeRF	8.0	–	–
EG3D	<b>4.8</b>	<b>3.9</b>	–
GRAF	71	121	41
$\pi$ -GAN	85	47	29.2
GOF	69.2	54.1	29.3
GRAM	17.9	18.5	26.3
VoxGRAF	<b>14.4</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>11.3</b>

# Thank you!

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