# GIRAFFE: Representing Scenes as Compositional Generative Neural Feature Fields

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#### **GIRAFFE Overview**

• Compositional generative neural feature fields

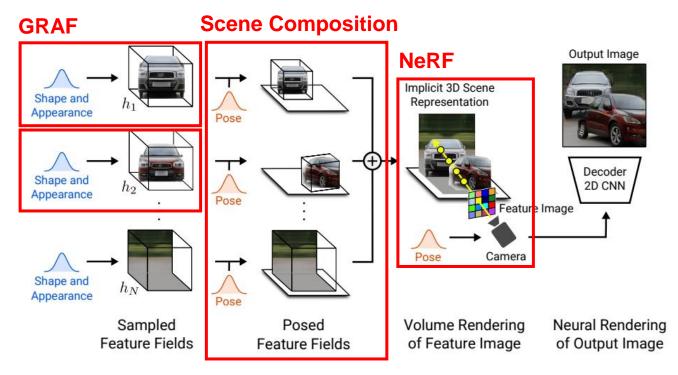


Figure 1: Overview. We represent scenes as compositional generative neural feature fields.

#### Demos

• <a href="https://m-niemeyer.github.io/project-pages/giraffe/index.html">https://m-niemeyer.github.io/project-pages/giraffe/index.html</a>

#### NeRF

#### Objective



Fig. 1: We present a method that optimizes a continuous 5D neural radiance field representation (volume density and view-dependent color at any continuous location) of a scene from a set of input images.

#### **NeRF** Overview

Implicit Neural Representation: One network for one scene.

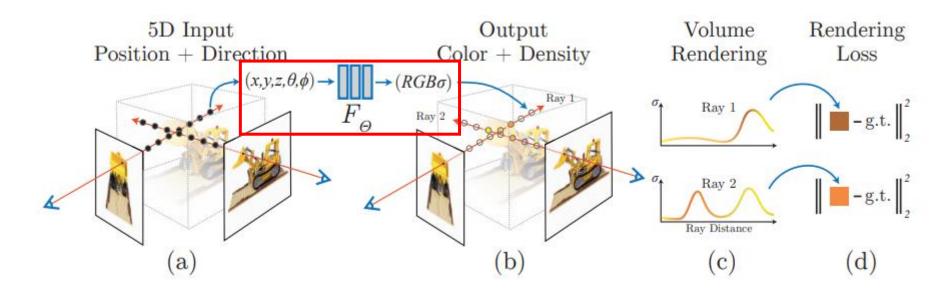


Fig. 2: An overview of our neural radiance field scene representation and differentiable rendering procedure.

## NeRF Volume Rendering

Density and shown color

$$C(r) = \int_{t_n}^{t_f} T(t)\sigma(r(t))c(r(t),d)dt, \quad \text{where } T(t) = \exp\left(-\int_{t_n}^{t} \sigma(r(s))ds\right)$$

To Discrete 
$$\hat{C}(r) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} T_i (\underbrace{1 - \exp(-\sigma_i \delta_i)}) c_i$$
, where  $T_i = \exp\left(-\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \sigma_j \delta_j\right)$ 

## NeRF Volume Rendering

Hierarchical volume sampling

$$\hat{C}(r) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \underline{T_i(1 - \exp(-\sigma_i \delta_i))} c_i, \quad \text{where } T_i = \exp\left(-\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \sigma_j \delta_j\right)$$

Optimize two networks: coarse and fine

$$\widehat{w}_i = \frac{w_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i}$$

# NeRF Optimizing

#### Positional Encoding

Significantly improve performance in detail

$$\gamma(p) = \sin(2^{0}\pi p)$$
,  $\cos(2^{0}\pi p)$ , ...,  $\sin(2^{L-1}\pi p)$ ,  $\cos(2^{L-1}\pi p)$ 

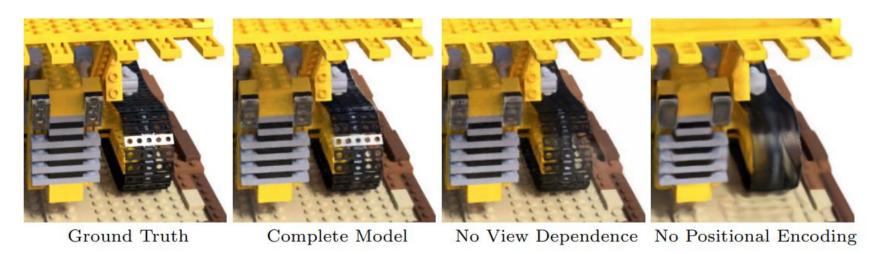


Fig. 4: Here we visualize how our full model benefits from representing view dependent emitted radiance and from passing our input coordinates through a high-frequency positional encoding.

## **GRAF** Objective

• 3D-Aware Generative Model using Radiance Fields

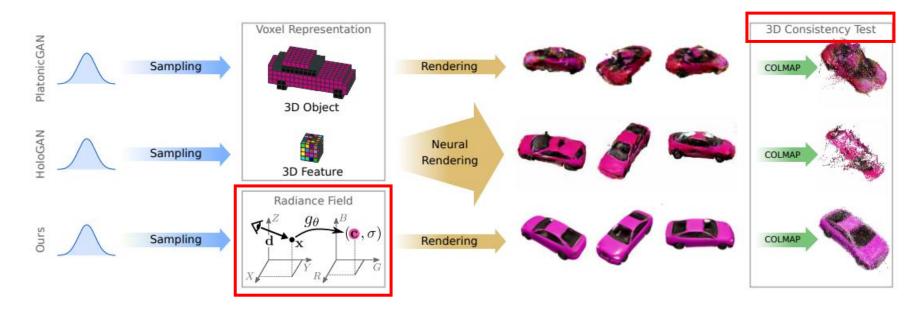


Figure 1: Motivation.

#### COLMAP

 COLMAP is a general-purpose Structure-from-Motion (SfM) and Multi-View Stereo (MVS) pipeline.

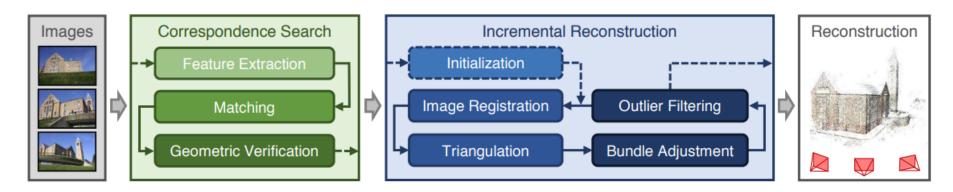


Figure 2. Incremental Structure-from-Motion pipeline.

#### **GRAF Overview**

Generative Radiance Fields

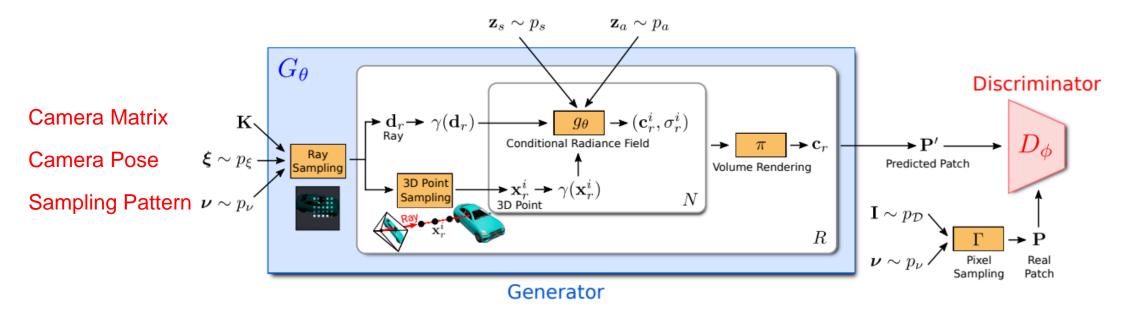


Figure 2: Generative Radiance Fields

# **GRAF Ray Sampling**

- Camera Matrix: K = # of patches
- Camera Pose:  $\xi = [R|t] \sim p_{\xi}$
- Sampling Pattern: (u, s) = (center, scale)

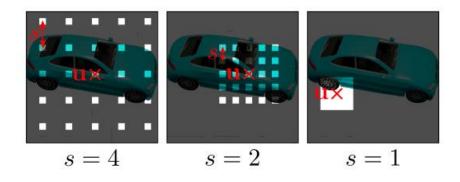


Figure 3: Ray Sampling.

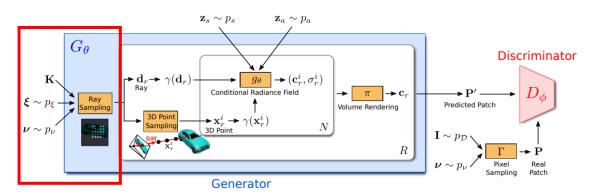


Figure 2: Generative Radiance Fields.

#### **GRAF Conditional Radiance Field**

•  $g_{\theta}$  in the overview

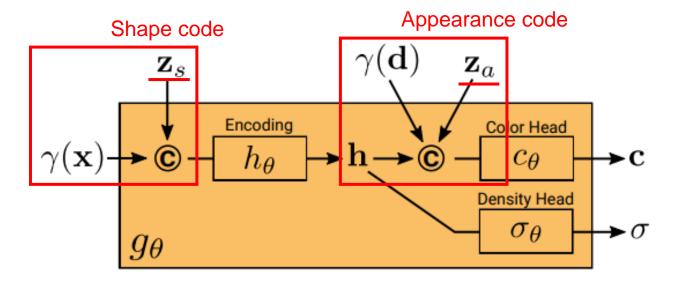


Figure 4: Conditional Radiance Field.

## **GRAF Volume Rendering**

- Same as NeRF
- Hierarchical volume sampling

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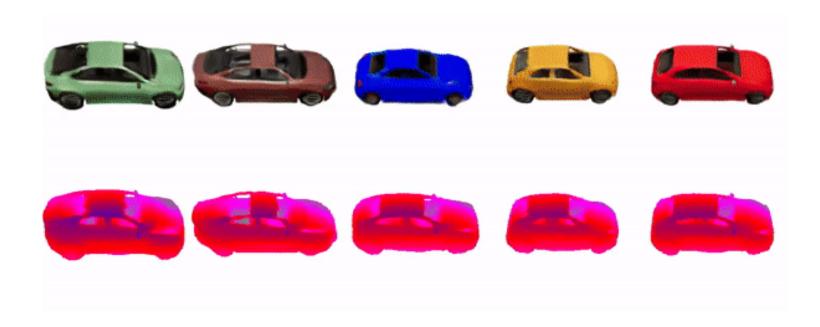
#### **GRAF** Results

Change shape and appearance codes



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 Generative radiance fields can produce a depth map to every RGB image



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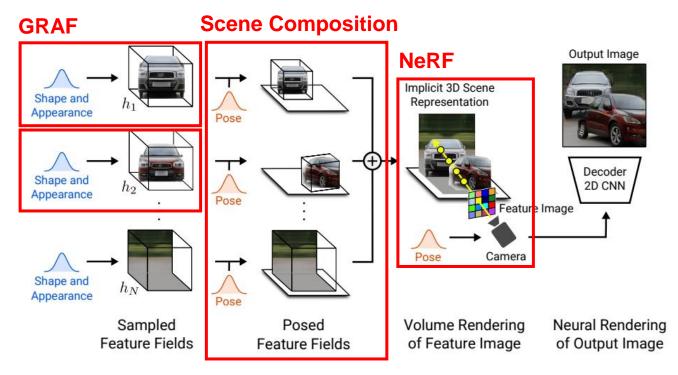


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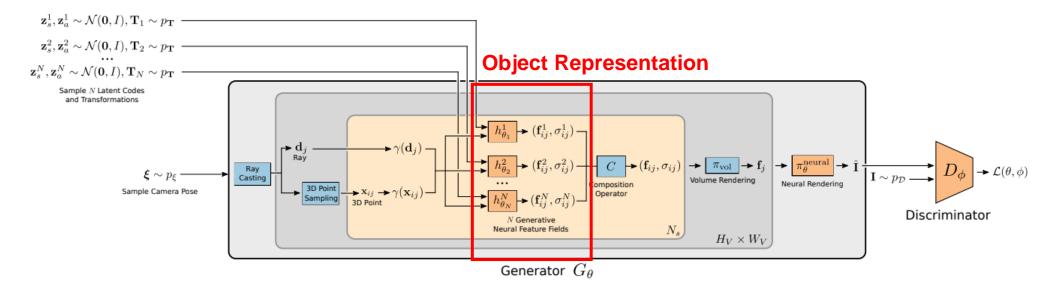


Figure 3: GIRAFFE.

## Object Representation

T is sampled from a dataset-dependent distribution

$$T = \{s, t, R\}$$

$$k(x) = R \cdot \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \end{bmatrix} \cdot x + t$$

$$(\sigma, f) = h_{\theta} \left( \gamma \left( k^{-1}(x) \right), \gamma \left( k^{-1}(d) \right), z_s, z_a \right)$$

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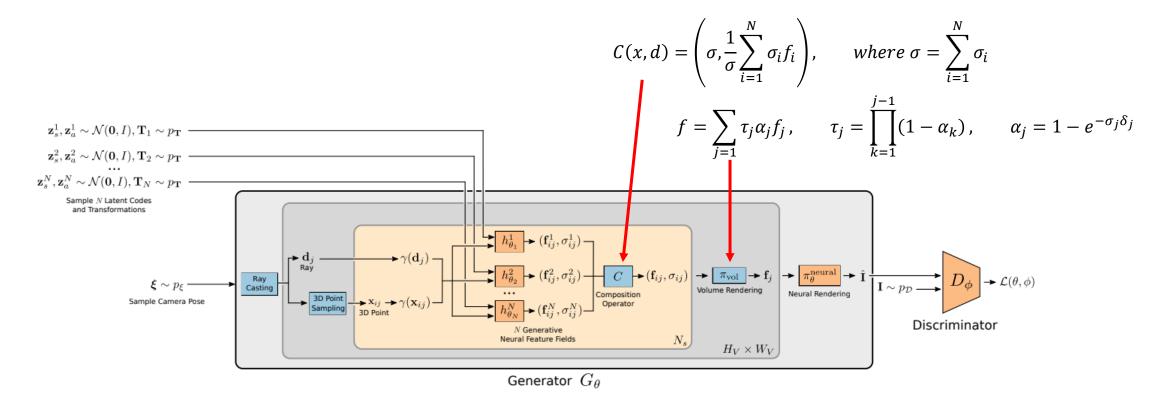


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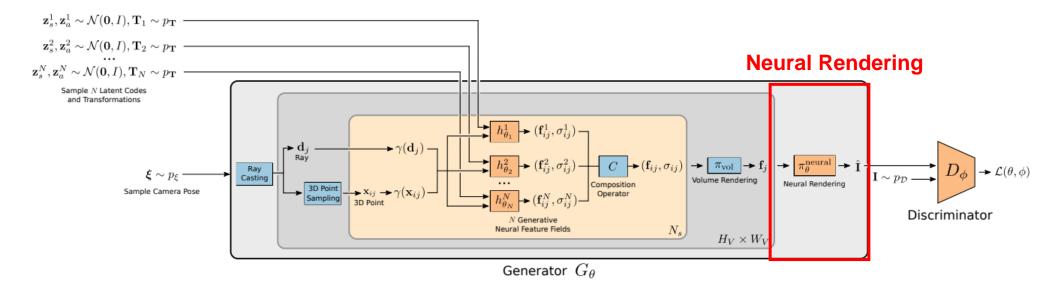


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## Neural Rendering Operation

- Neural feature fields to RGB space
- $\mathbb{R}^{H_V, W_V, M_f} \to \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times 3}$

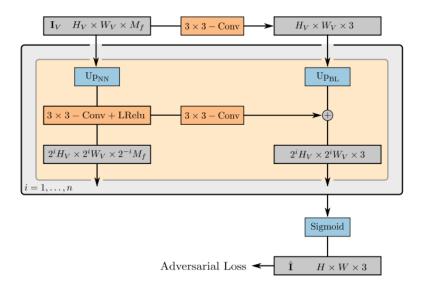


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## Training

Non-saturating GAN objective and R<sub>1</sub> gradient penalty

$$\nu(\theta,\phi) = \mathbb{E}_{z_s^i,z_a^i \sim \mathcal{N},\xi \sim p_\xi,T_i \sim p_T} \left[ f\left(D_\phi\left(G_\theta(\{z_s^i,z_a^i,T_i\},\xi\right)\right) \right) + \mathbb{E}_{I \sim p_D} \left[ f\left(-D_\phi(I)\right) - \lambda \|\nabla D_\phi(I)\| \right]$$
where  $f(t) = -\log(1 + \exp(-t))$ ,  $\lambda = 10$ , and  $p_D$  indicates the data distribution

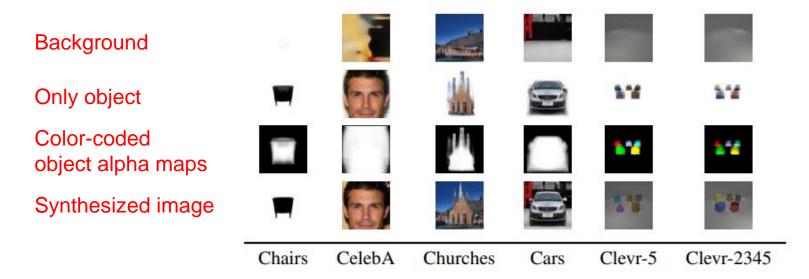


Figure 5: **Scene Disentanglement.** From top to bottom, we show only backgrounds, only objects, color-coded object alpha maps, and the final synthesized images at 64<sup>2</sup> pixel resolution. Disentanglement emerges without supervision, and the model learns to generate plausible backgrounds although the training data only contains images with objects.

	Cats	CelebA	Cars	Chairs	Churches
2D GAN [58]	18	15	16	59	19
Plat. GAN [32]	318	321	299	199	242
BlockGAN [64]	47	69	41	41	28
HoloGAN [63]	27	25	17	59	31
GRAF [77]	26	25	39	34	38
Ours	8	6	16	20	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 [63]	61	192	34	58	241
w/o 3D Conv	33	70	49	66	273
GRAF [77]	49	59	95	87	106
Ours	21	32	26	30	31

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

2D GAN	Plat. GAN	BlockGAN			
1.69	381.56	4.44	7.80	0.68	0.41

Table 3: **Network Parameter Comparison.** We report the number of generator network parameters in million.

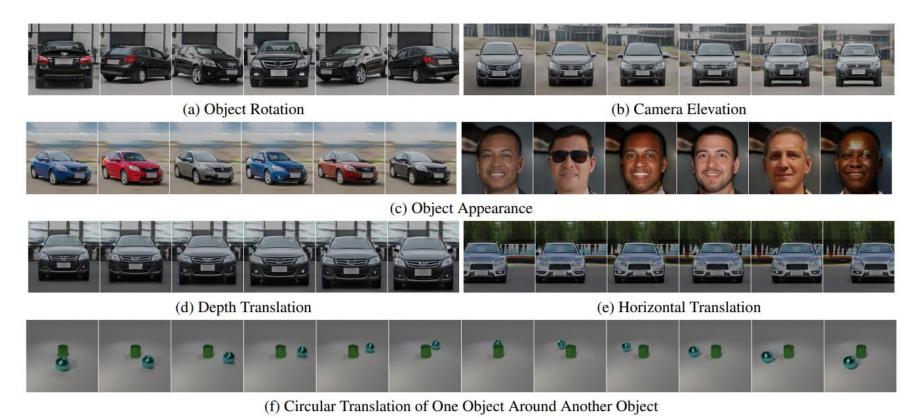


Figure 7: Controllable Scene Generation at 256<sup>2</sup> Pixel Resolution. Controlling the generated scenes during image synthesis: Here we rotate or translate objects, change their appearances, and perform complex operations like circular translations.



Figure 10: **Neural Renderer.** We change the background while keeping the foreground object fixed for our method at 256<sup>2</sup> pixel resolution. Note how the neural renderer realistically adapts the objects' appearances to the background.



(a) Increase Depth Translation



(b) Increase Horizontal Translation



(c) Add Additional Objects (Trained on Two-Object Scenes)



(d) Add Additional Objects (Trained on Single-Object Scenes)

Figure 8: **Generalization Beyond Training Data.** As individual objects are correctly disentangled, our model allows for generating out of distribution samples at test time. For example, we can increase the translation ranges or add more objects than there were present in the training data.



Figure 11: **Canonical Pose.** In contrast to random Fourier features [82], axis-aligned positional encoding (1) encourages the model to learn objects in a canonical pose.

$$(\sigma, f) = h_{\theta} (\underline{\gamma}(k^{-1}(x)), \underline{\gamma}(k^{-1}(d)), z_s, z_a)$$

**Positional Encoding:** We use axis-aligned positional encoding for the input point and viewing direction (Eq. 1). Surprisingly, this encourages the model to learn canoncial representations as it introduces a bias to align the object axes with highest symmetry with the canonical axes which allows the model to exploit object symmetry (Fig. 11).

#### Limitations



Figure 12: **Dataset Bias.** Eye and hair rotation are examples for dataset biases: They primarily face the camera, and our model tends to entangle them with the object rotation.

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(a) Disentanglement Failure on Churches.



(b) Disentanglement Failure on CompCars.

Figure 12: **Disentanglement Failures.** For *Churches*, the background sometimes contains a church, and for *CompCars*, the object sometimes contains background parts or vice versa. We attribute these to mismatches between the assumed uniform distributions over object and camera poses and their real distributions, and identify learning them instead as interesting future work.

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