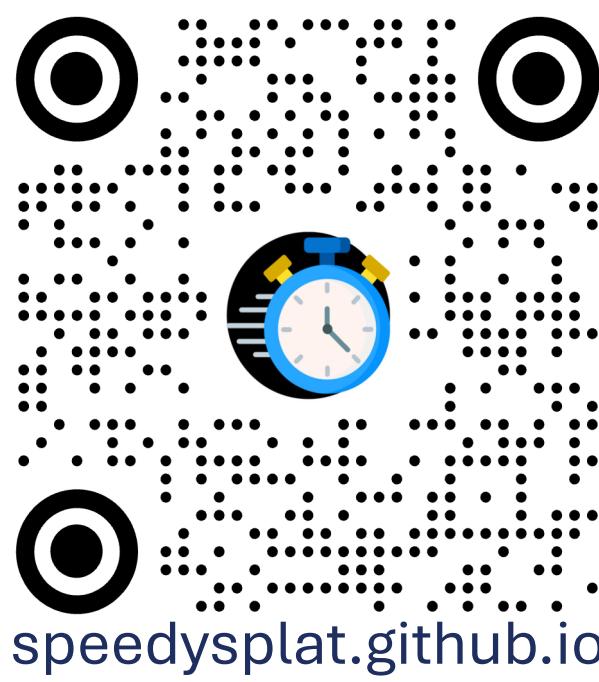




# Speedy-Splat: Fast 3D Gaussian Splatting with Sparse Pixels and Sparse Primitives

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## Background and Motivation



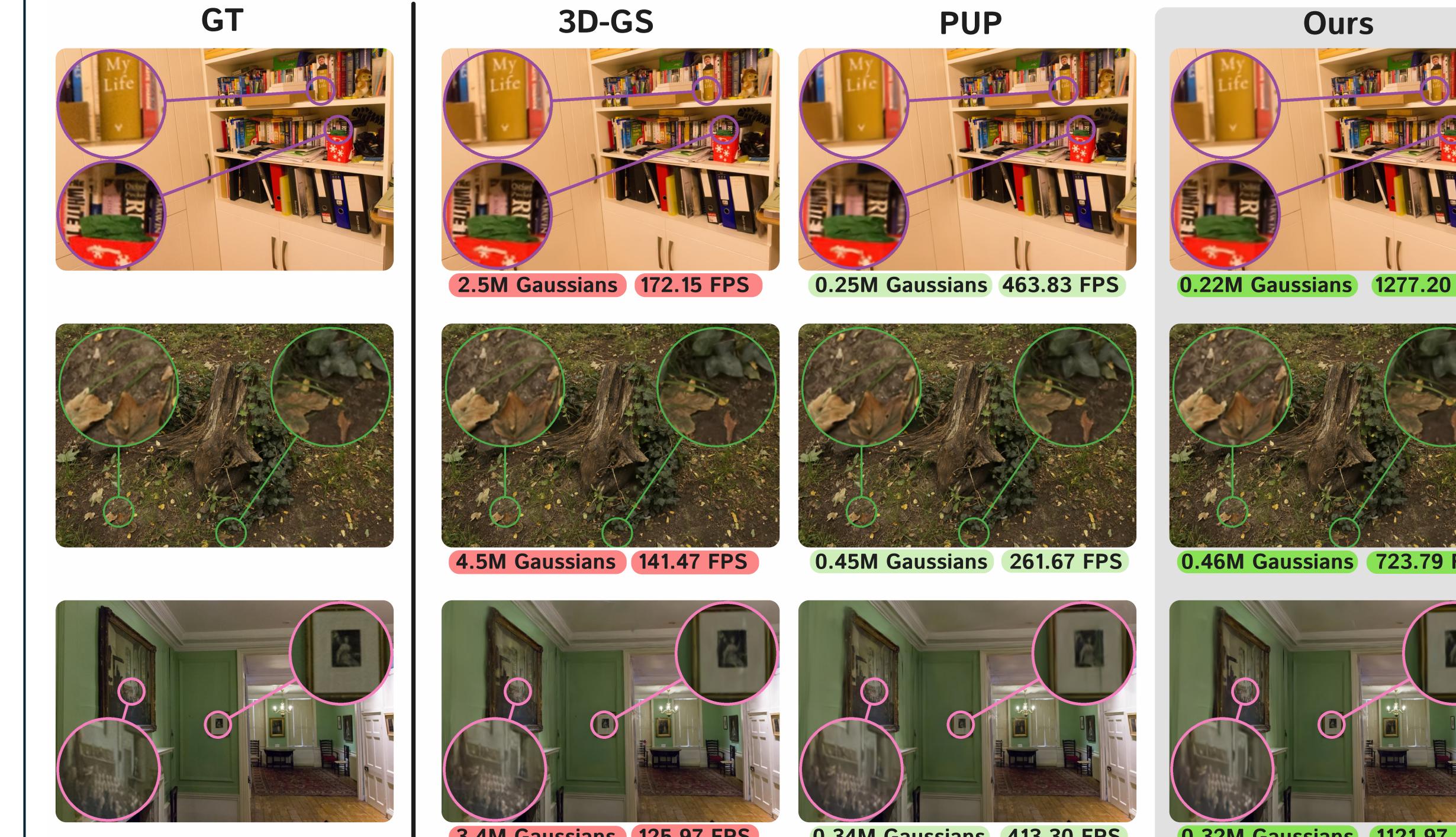
**Speedy-Splat (Ours)**    **3D Gaussian Splatting**

Speedy-Splat renders over 6 views in the time it takes 3D Gaussian Splatting to render 1

## How can we accelerate the rendering speed of 3D Gaussian Splatting (3D-GS) by over 6×?

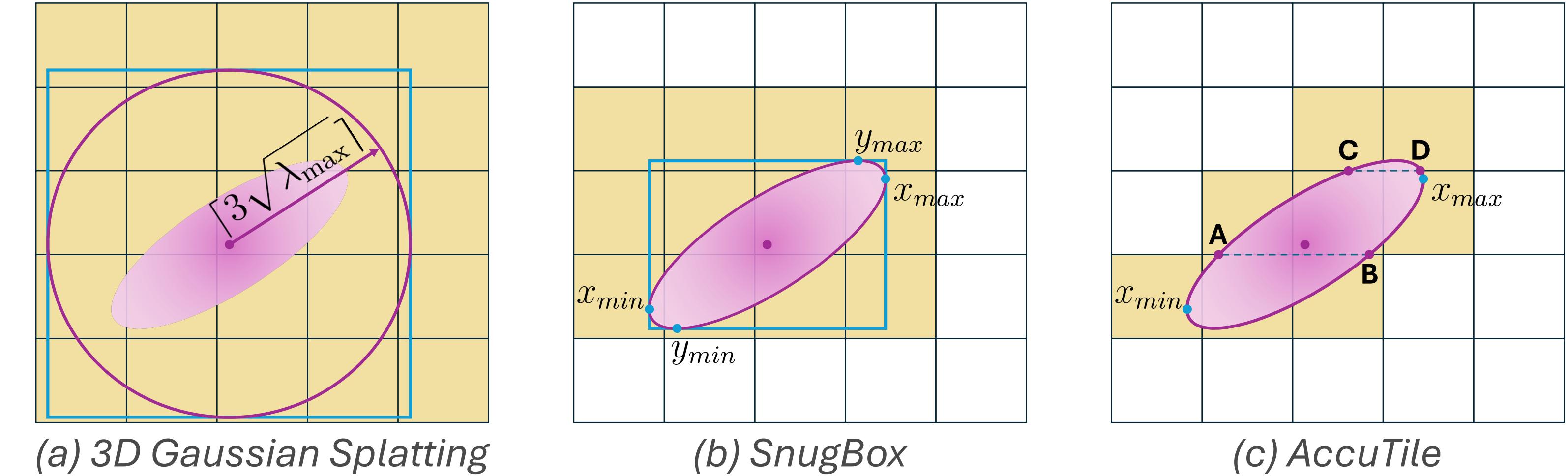
Rendering speed is primarily determined by two factors:

1. The **number of Gaussians allocated to each pixel**, and
2. The **total number of Gaussians** in the scene.



## Method

### Localization



**Our localization algorithms reduce the number of Gaussians per pixel.**

- 3D Gaussian Splatting overestimates Gaussian-to-tile intersections.
- Our **SnugBox** method finds the axis-aligned tight bounding box of the Gaussian and corresponding rectangular tile extent in constant time.
- Our **AccuTile** method extends SnugBox to quickly compute exact Gaussian-to-tile intersections.

SnugBox and AccuTile are **lossless** – they do not change the rendered image.

### Pruning

**Our pruning method reduces the total number of Gaussians by ~90%.**

We compute a pruning score  $\tilde{U}_i$  for each Gaussian  $\mathcal{G}_i$  as a second order approximation of the  $L_2$  reconstruction error:

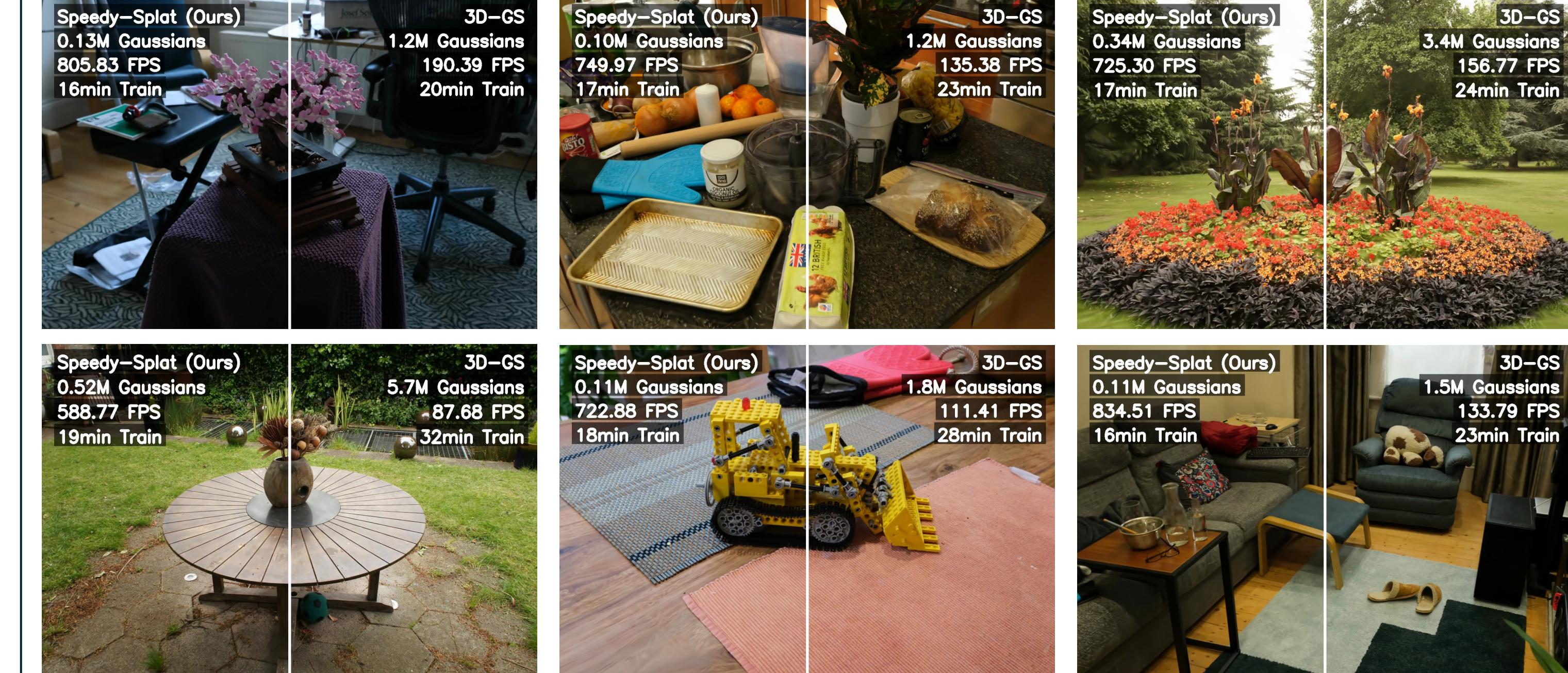
$$\tilde{U}_i = \sum_{\phi \in \mathcal{P}_{gt}} (\nabla_{g_i} I_{\mathcal{G}}(\phi))^2 \approx \sum_{\phi \in \mathcal{P}_{gt}} \nabla_{\mathcal{G}_i} I_{\mathcal{G}}(\phi) \nabla_{\mathcal{G}_i} I_{\mathcal{G}}(\phi)^T \approx \nabla_{\mathcal{G}_i}^2 L_2,$$

where  $\mathcal{P}_{gt}$  is the set of all training poses,  $I_{\mathcal{G}}(\phi)$  is the rendered view for pose  $\phi$ , and  $g_i$  is the value of the projected Gaussian in  $I_{\mathcal{G}}(\phi)$ .

We use this score to prune the scene during training via two modalities:

1. **Soft Pruning**, performed during the densification stage, and
2. **Hard Pruning**, performed after the densification stage.

## Results



When compared to original 3D-GS, **Speedy-Splat achieves 6.5× FPS, 10× compression, and 45% faster training.**

Our **lossless** methods **boost FPS by 2×** for free.

Method	FPS↑	Comp. ↑	Train ↑	PSNR ↑	SSIM ↑	LPIPS ↓
3D-GS	1.00×	1.00×	1.00×	27.55	0.814	0.222
EAGLES	1.51×	3.68×	1.37×	26.94	0.800	0.250
ELMGS	2.69×	5.00×	-	27.00	0.779	0.286
PUP	2.55×	8.65×	-	26.83	0.792	0.268
Mini-Splat	3.20×	6.84×	1.26×	27.34	0.822	0.217
Ours (Lossless)	1.99×	0.99×	1.10×	27.57	0.814	0.221
Ours (Full)	6.51×	10.6×	1.45×	26.94	0.782	0.296

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