# Controllable 3D Generation

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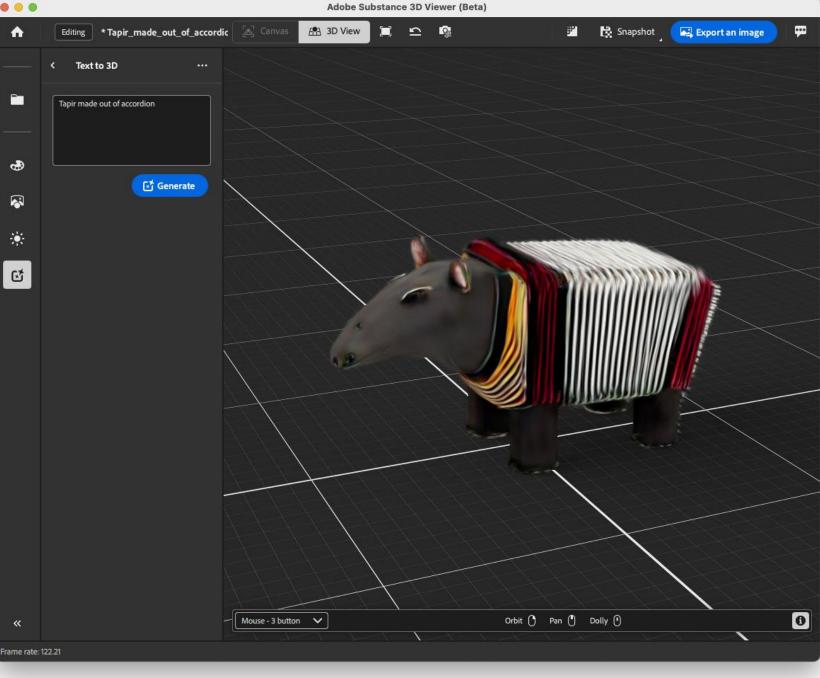
■ Text-to-Image ~ amazing progress





2021

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- Text-to-3D





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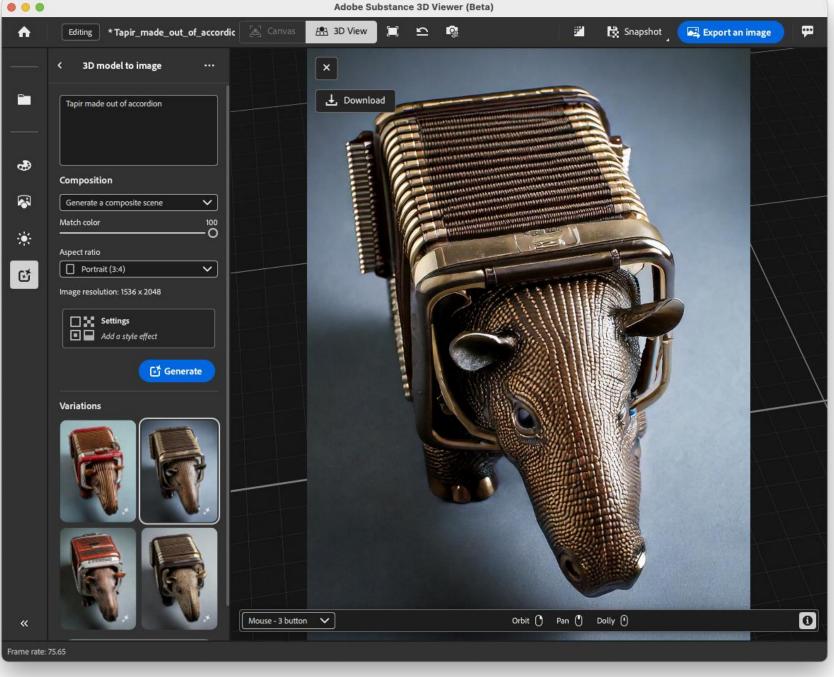
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#### How do we customize it further? E.g.

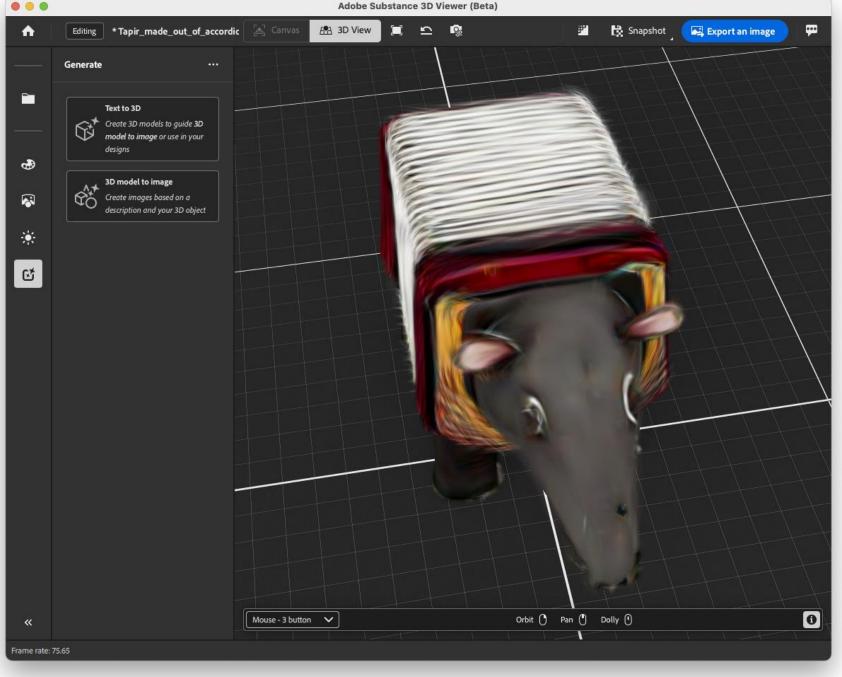
Tilt head (deform)

Make it look more like hippo (deform)

Add unicorn horn (sculpt)

Make skin look more natural (detail)

Move eye to another location (detail)





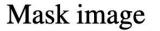
# Prior Work: Image Editing

- Entangled control:
  - Geometry
  - Materials
  - Lighting
  - Camera Intrinsics
  - Camera Extrinsics
  - Composition
- Text alone is not always well-defined



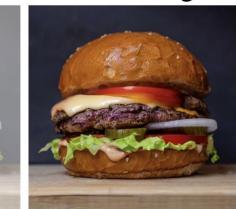
Input

"Replace the beef with raspberries"



Edited image





**DiffEdit** 

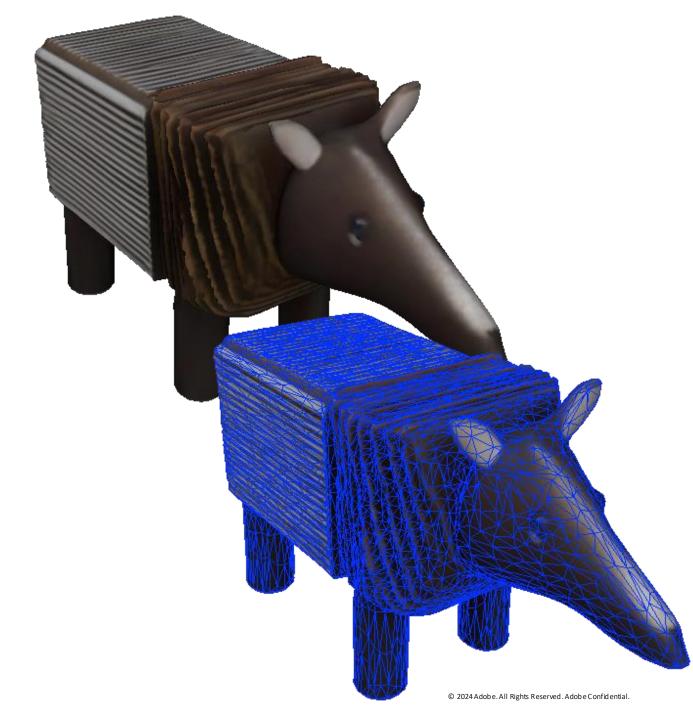




InstructEdit

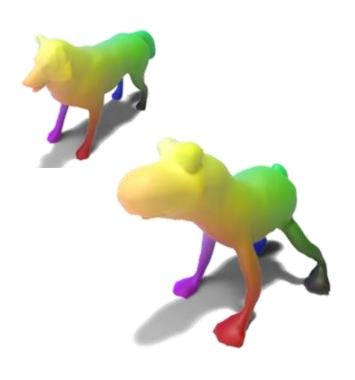
## Prior Work: Representations

- NeRFs / Gaussian Splats
  - Geometry (no surface priors)
  - Materials (not easy to disentangle from appearance)
  - Lighting (not easy to disentangle from appearance)
  - Camera Intrinsics
  - Camera Extrinsics
  - Composition
- Meshes / Surfaces
  - Traditional CG models fully disentangle appearance
  - Easy to use with traditional tools that artists know well
  - (hard to learn, hard to represent, poor gradients)

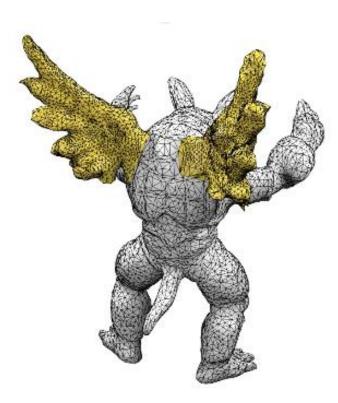


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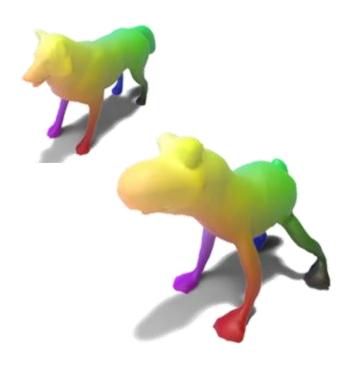
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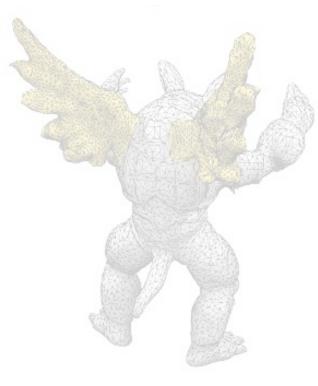
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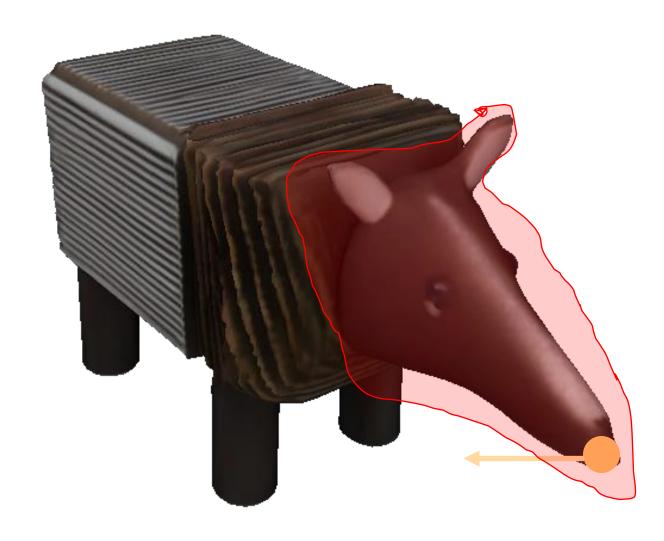
# **Deformation Examples**

"tilt tapir's head"



"make it's head look more like a hippo"





### Prior Works: Deformation as Geometric Optimization

- Move control points AND preserve original geometry
- No semantics, e.g.:
  - Rubber-like behavior
  - Symmetry not preserved



**Control points** 

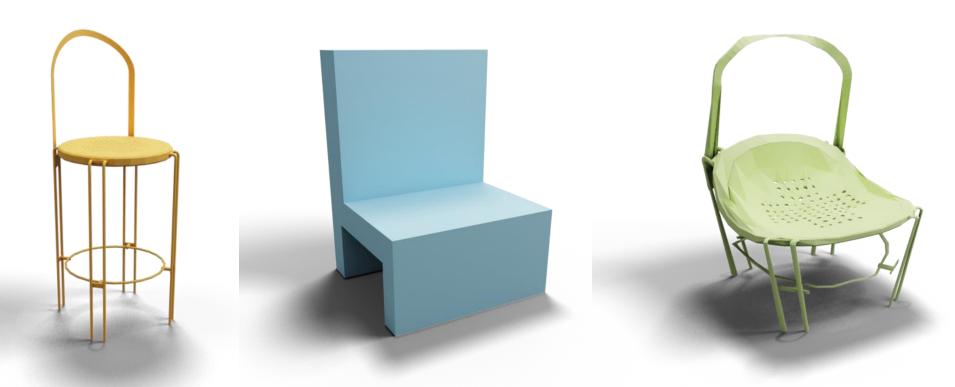


E.g.: As-rigid-as-possible (ARAP)

### Prior Works: Deformation as a Learnable Map

■ Naïve: learn direct map ~ hard to make it smooth enough

$$f_{\theta}: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$$



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Cage-based: learn cage parameters ~ hard to predict expressive & accurate cages

$$f_{\theta}: \mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{init}} \times \mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{deformed}} \to \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$$

Predict cage parameters with a neural network

Use Cage-Based Deformation to define the map









Init Cage

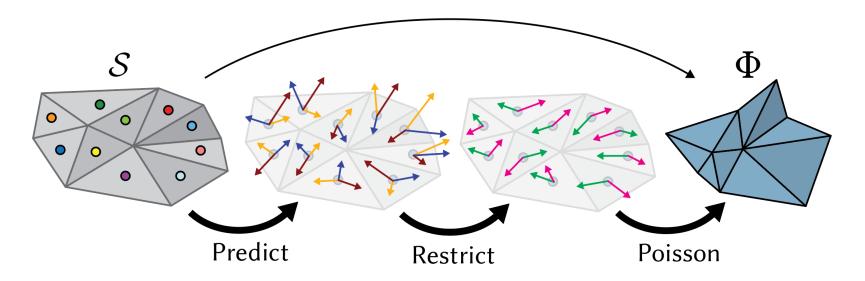
**Deformed Cage** 

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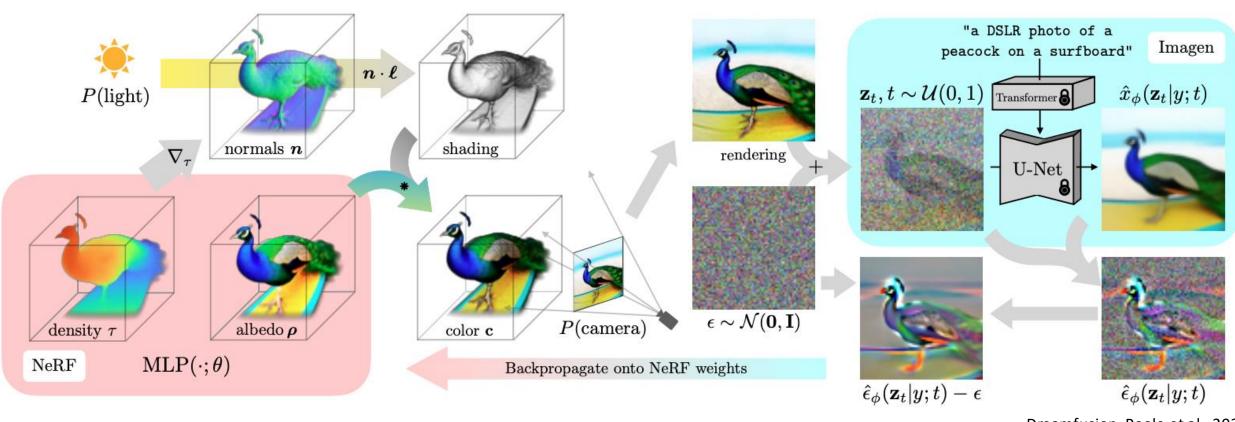
- Neural Jacobian Fields
  - Smooth field (e.g., rotation is the same matrix)
  - Easy to maintain geometry details: shape-aware

$$f_{\theta}: \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$$

$$f_{\theta}: \mathcal{S} \to \mathbb{R}^{3 \times 3}$$
Surface Deformation matrix



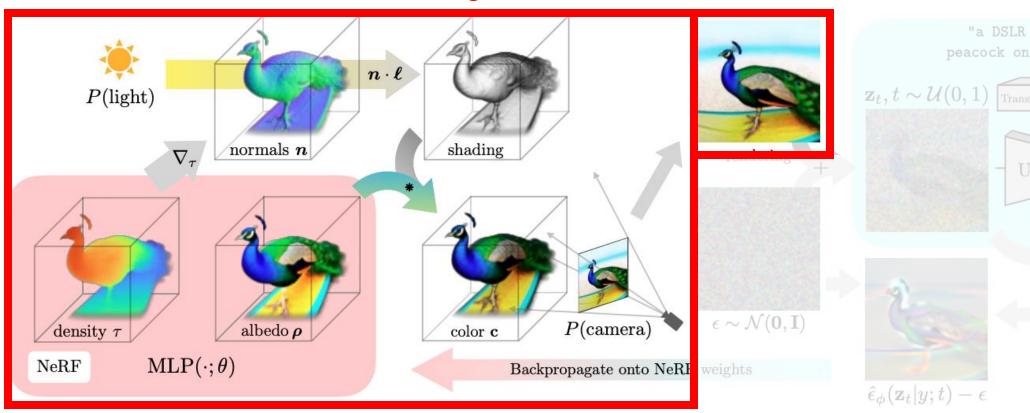
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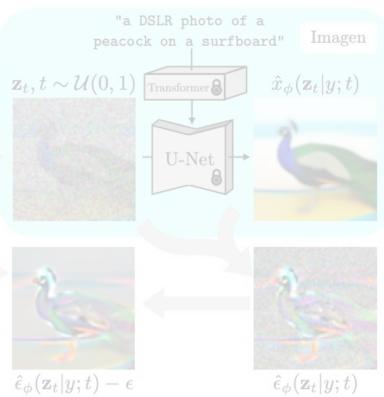


Dreamfusion, Poole et al., 2022

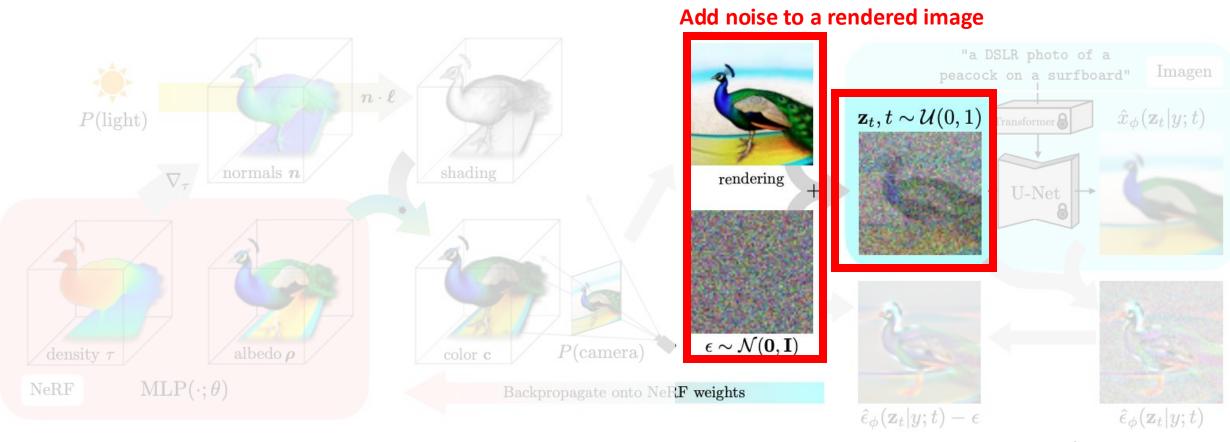
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#### **Differentiable Rendering**

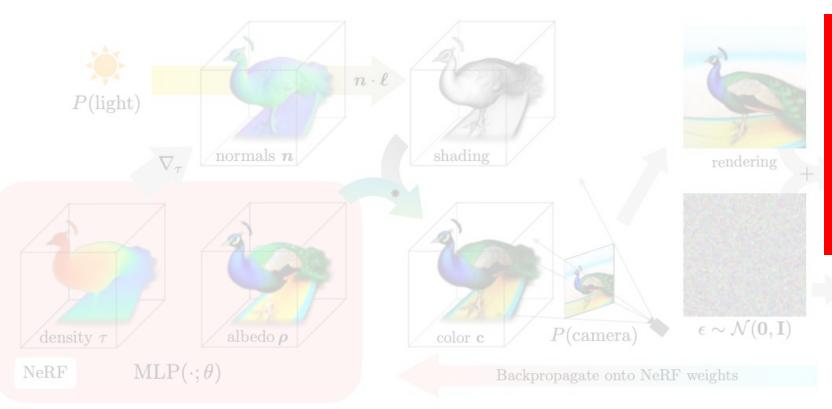




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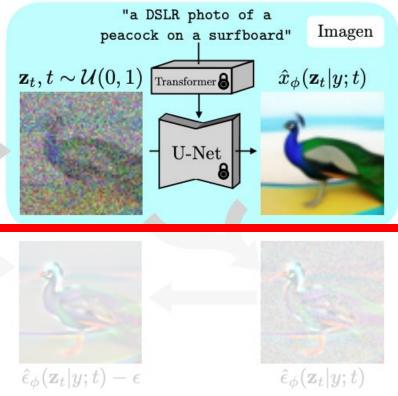


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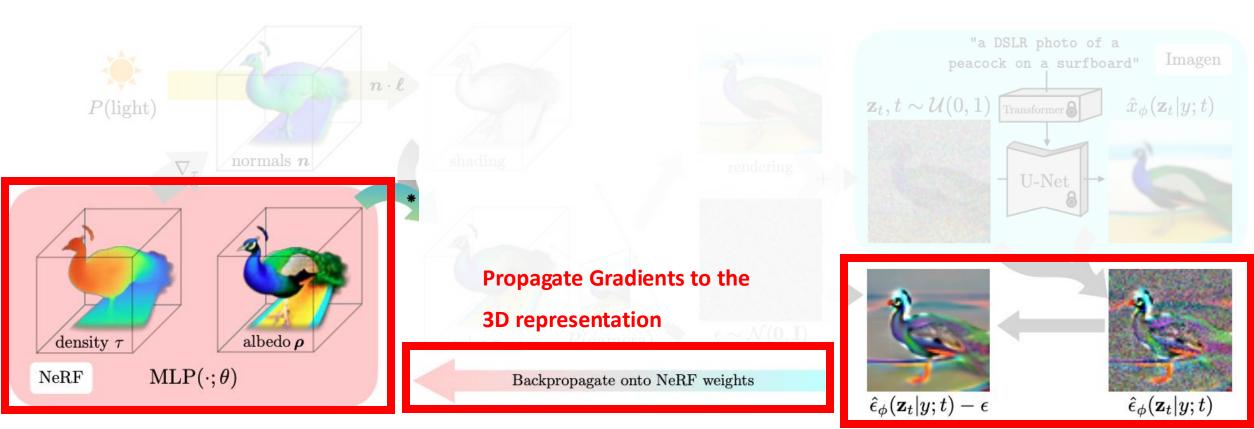


#### Denoise via a pre-trained

#### **Image Diffusion Model**



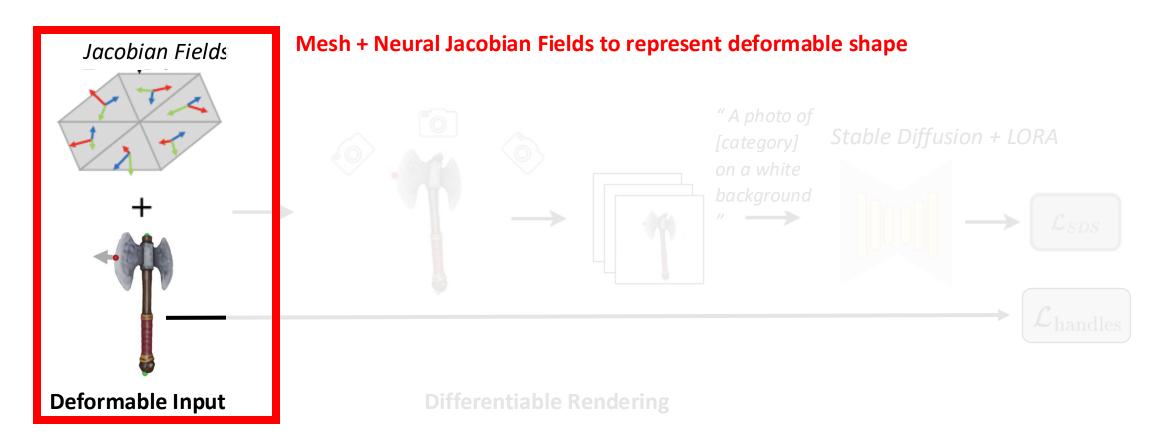
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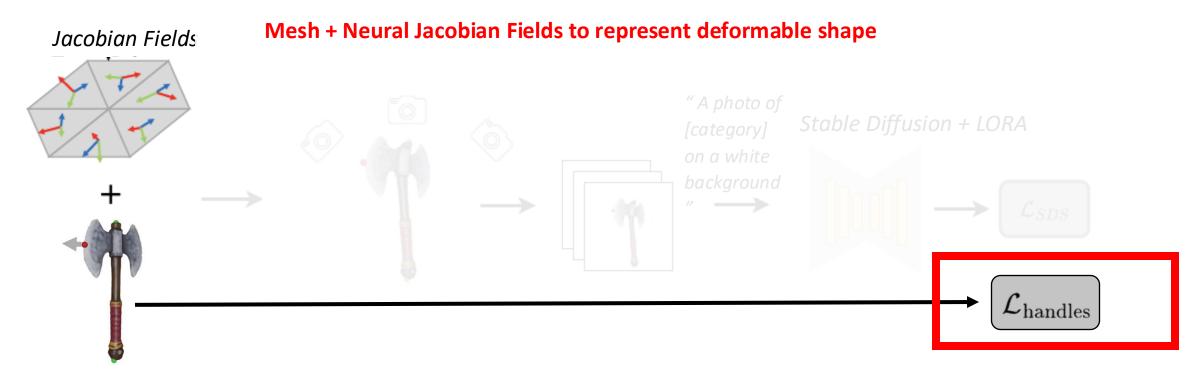
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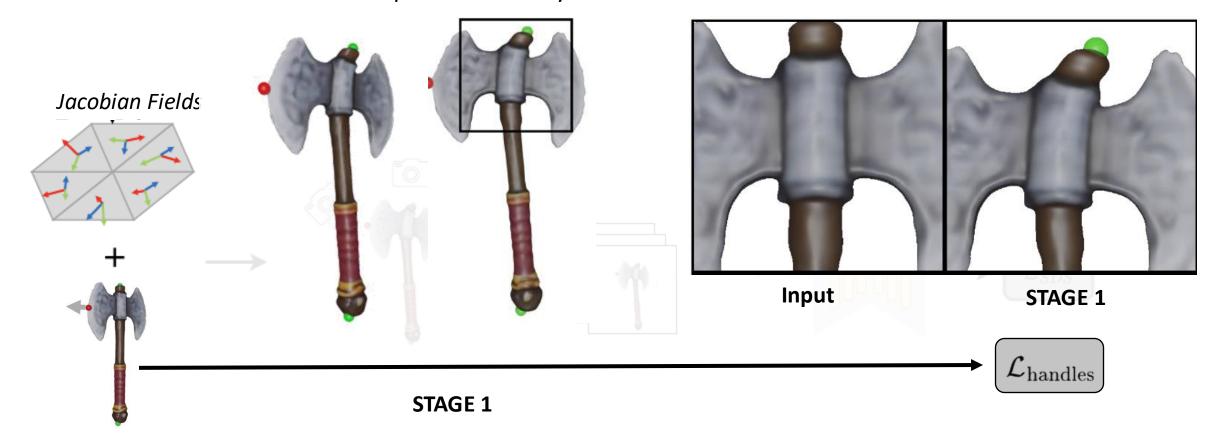


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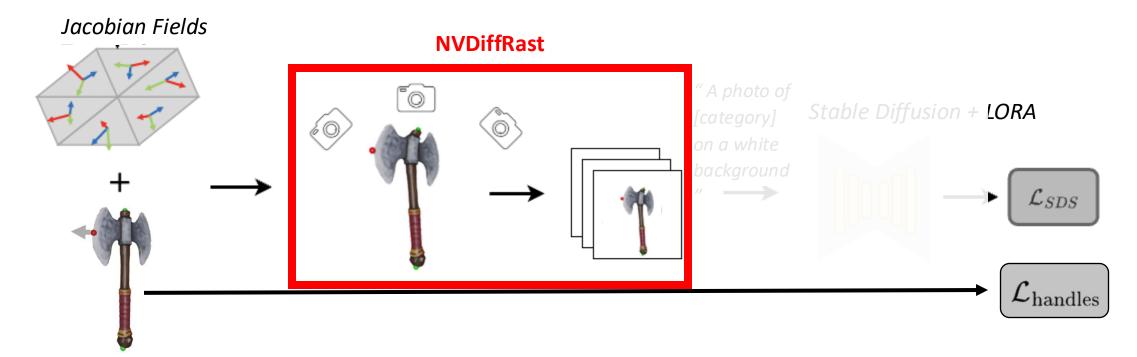
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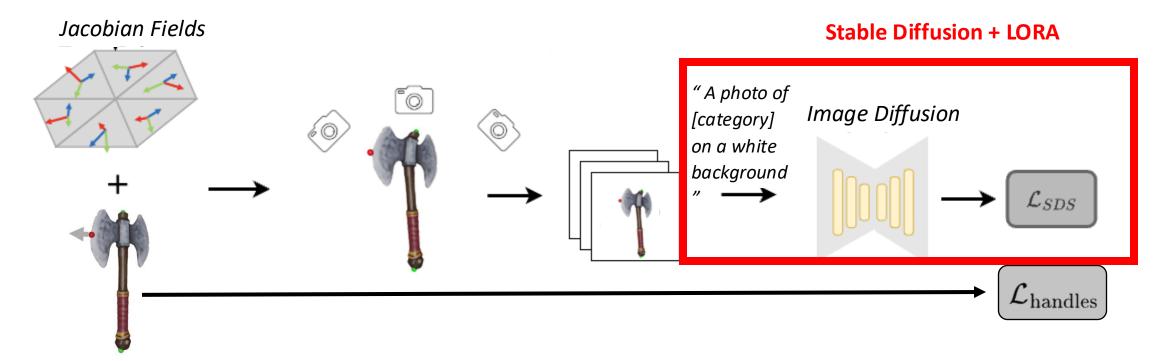
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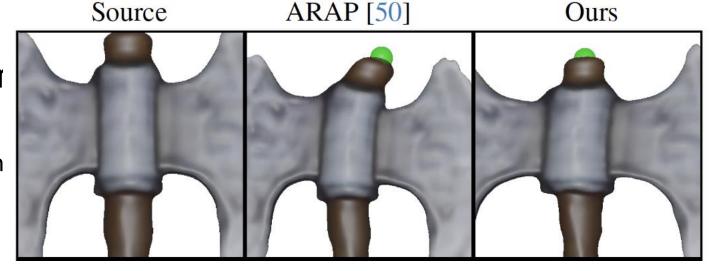


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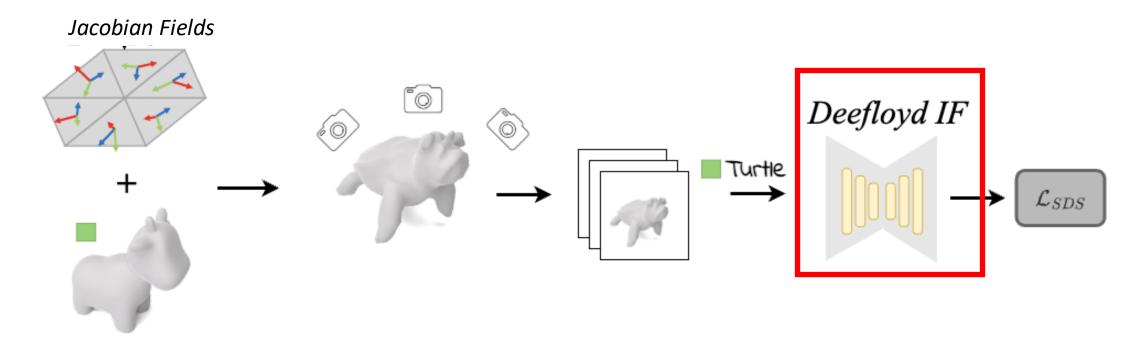


# Source Mesh



### **Deforming with Language Controls**

Condition on text

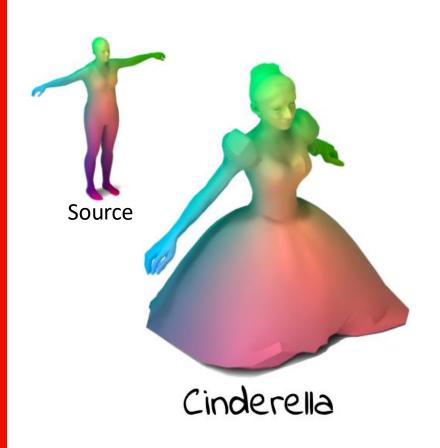


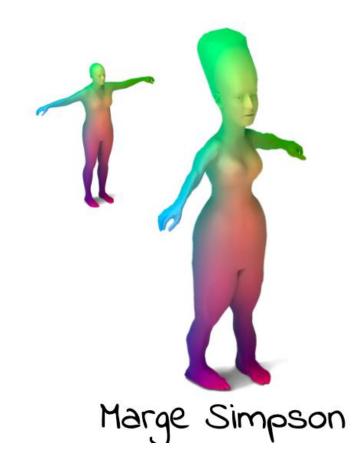
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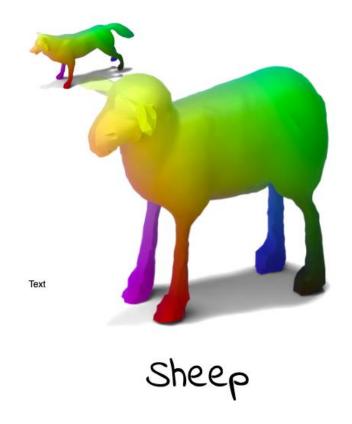
**Differentiable Rendering** 

**SDS Loss** 

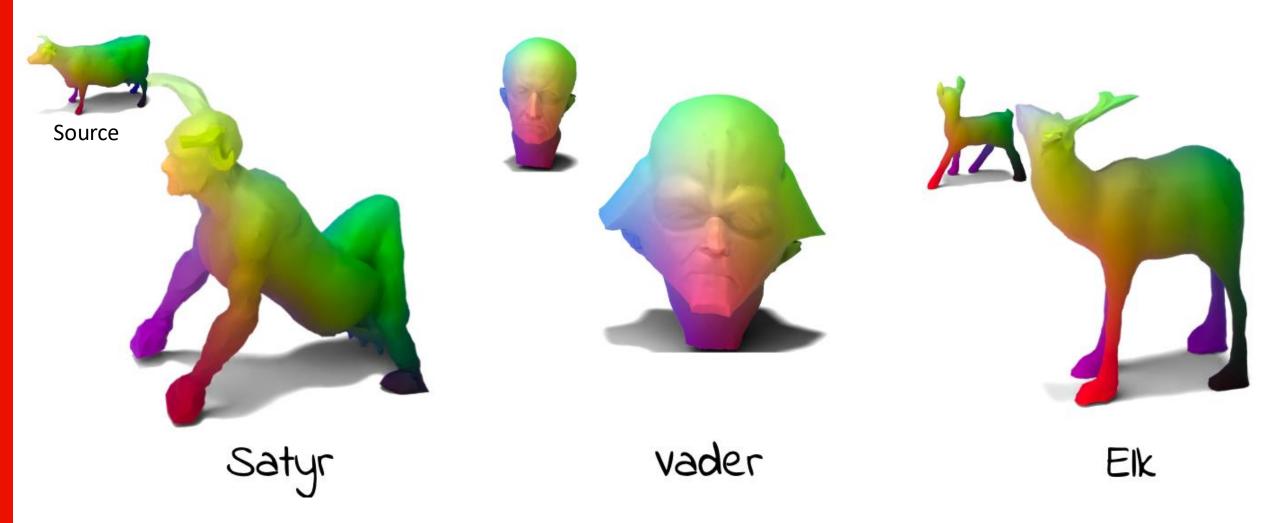
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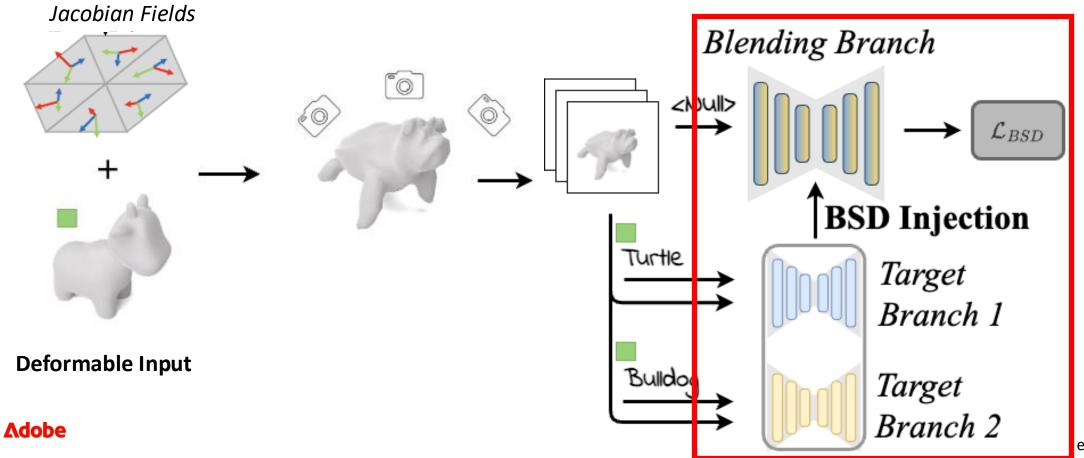


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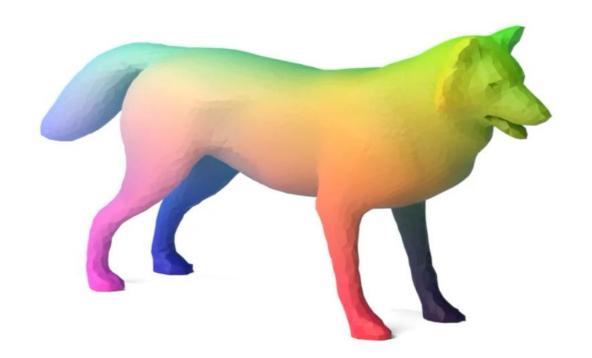
### Deforming with Language Controls: Multi-Target

Inject weighted features into attention module



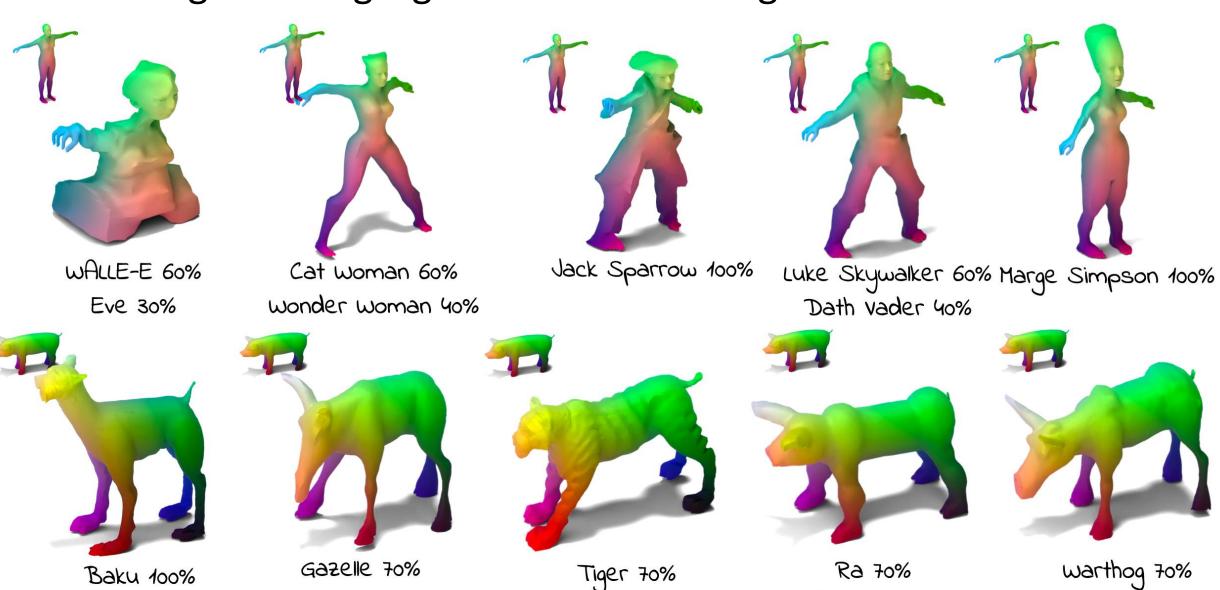
et al., 3DV 2025

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Springbok 30%



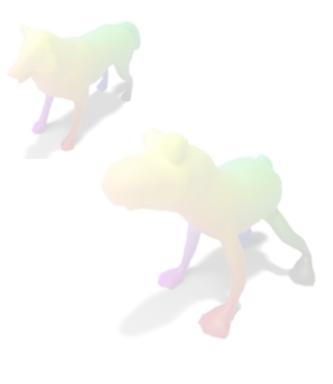
Leopard 50%

Anubis 30%

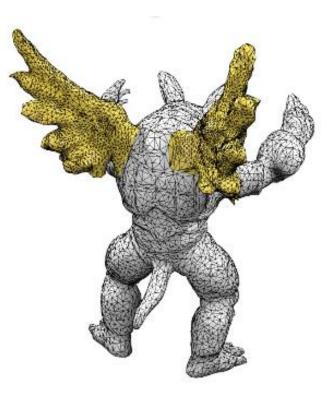
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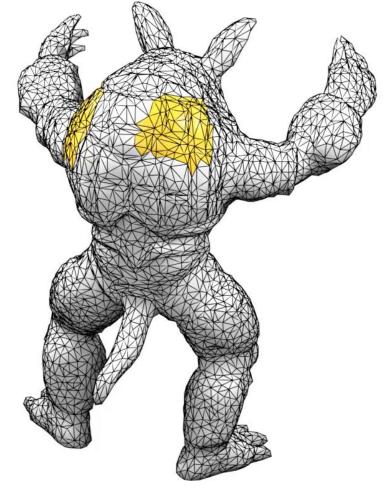


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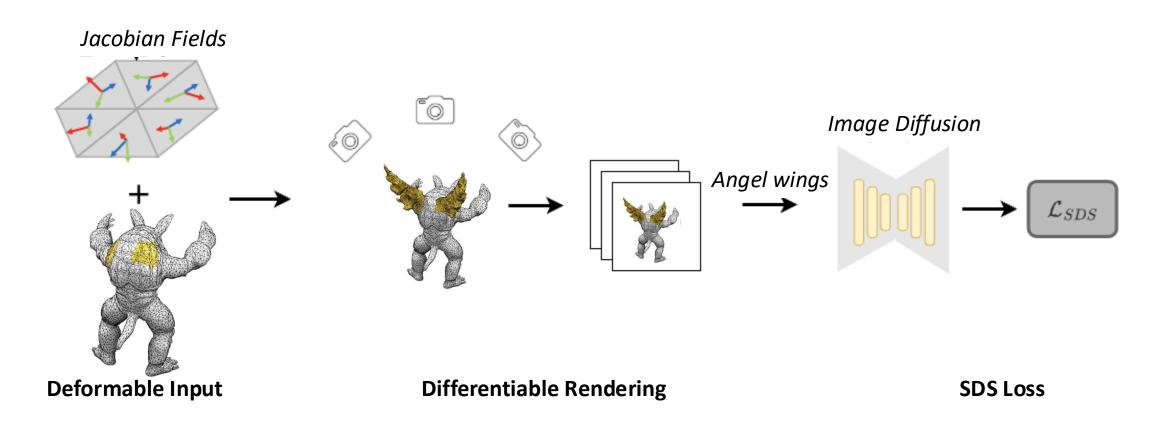
# Generative Sculpting



"Man with angel wings"

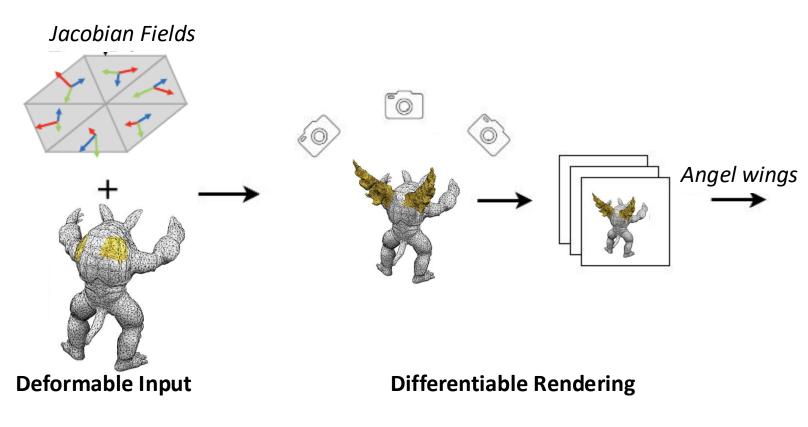
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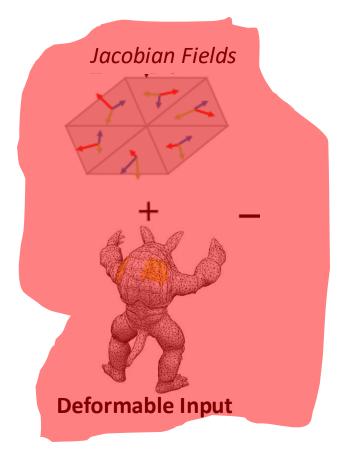
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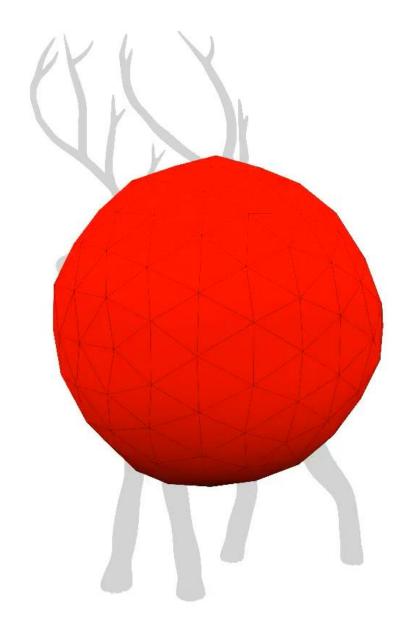




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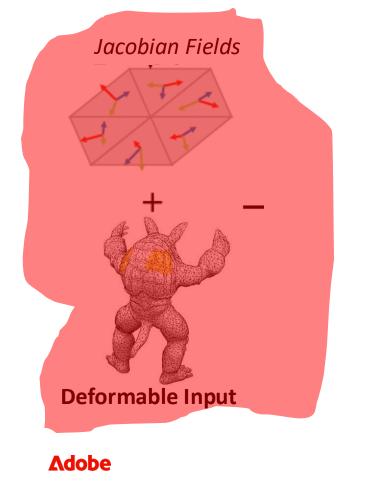




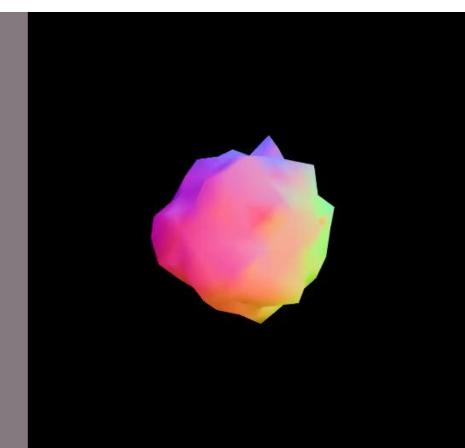
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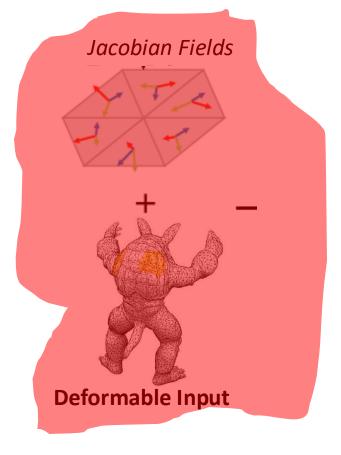
Prompt: "A deer"



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Use continuous remeshing instead?

- Remeshing + SDF + SDS



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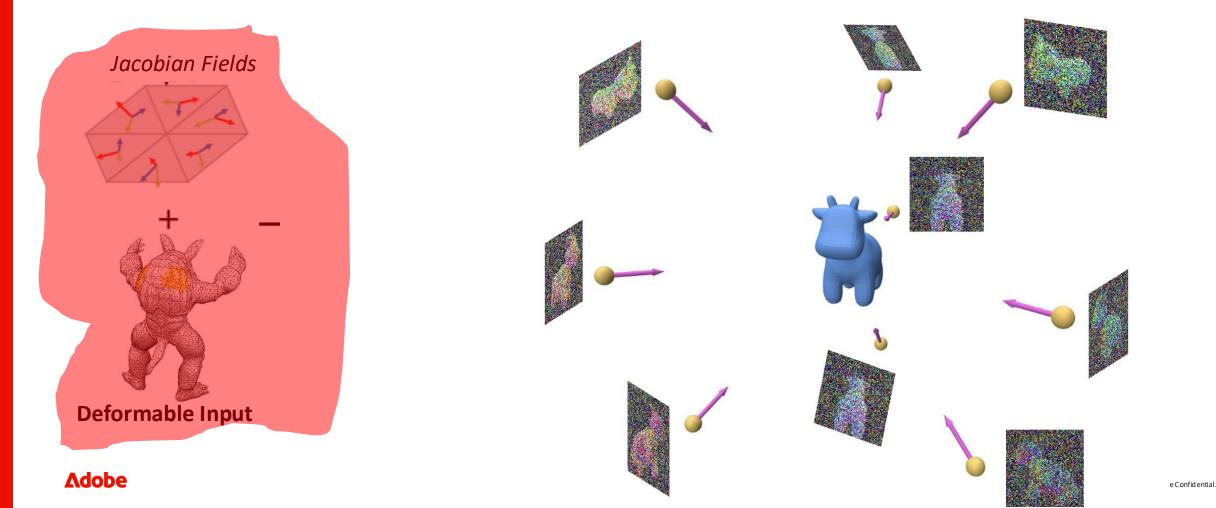




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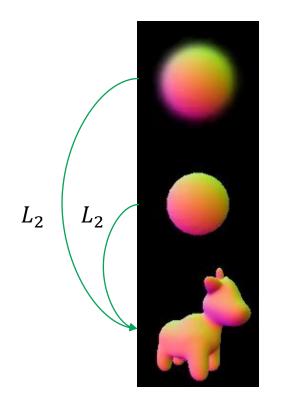
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Reconstruct from renderings with different levels of noise



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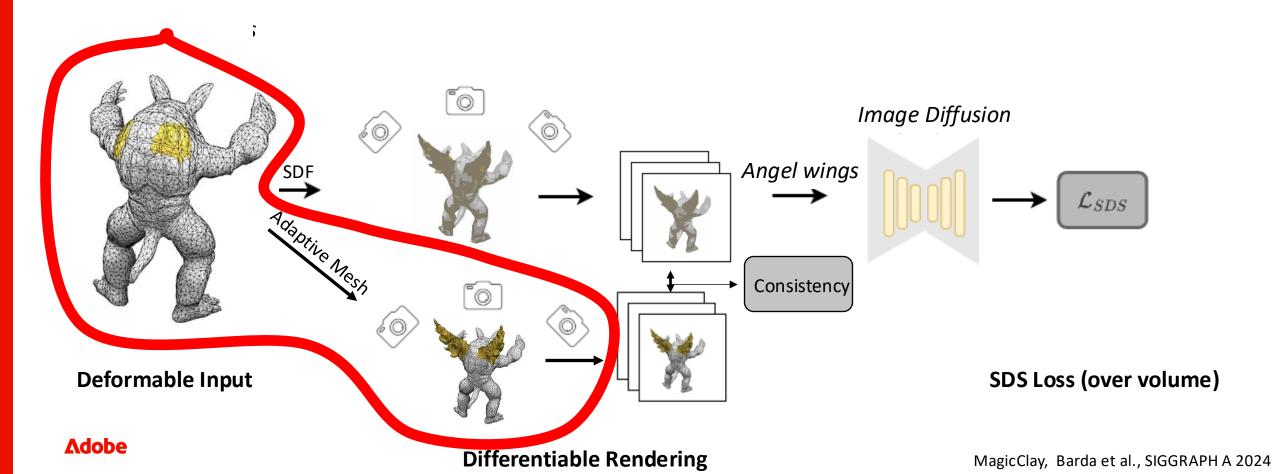


SDF Fitting

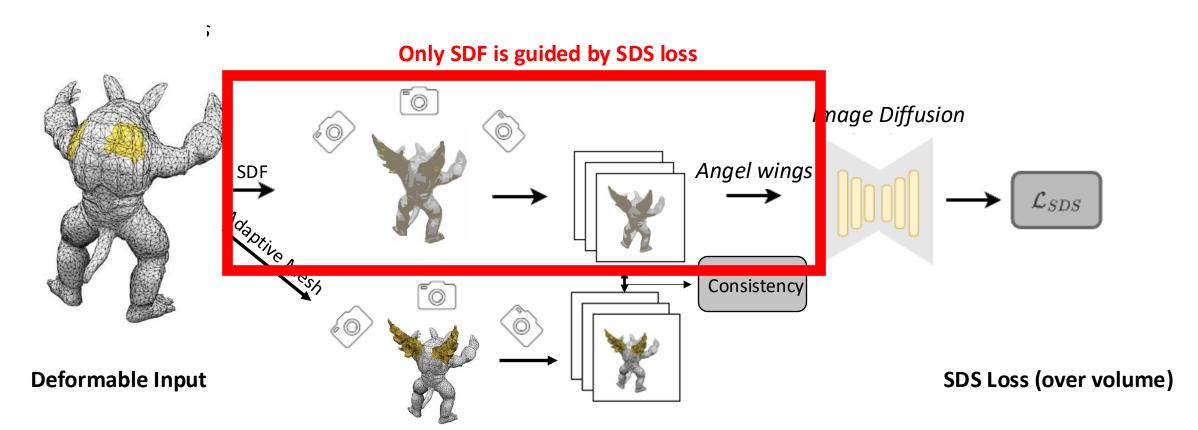
Mesh Fitting with Remeshing

Noise Magnitude

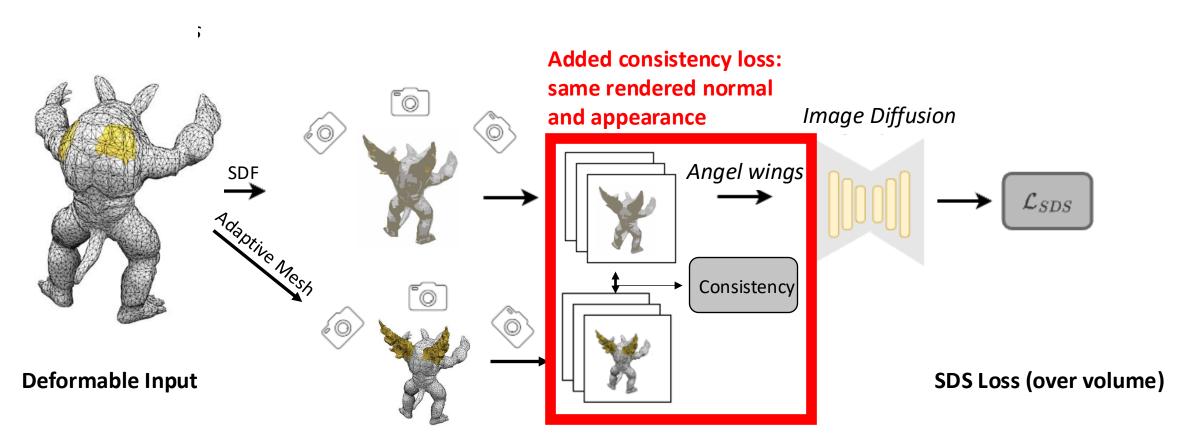
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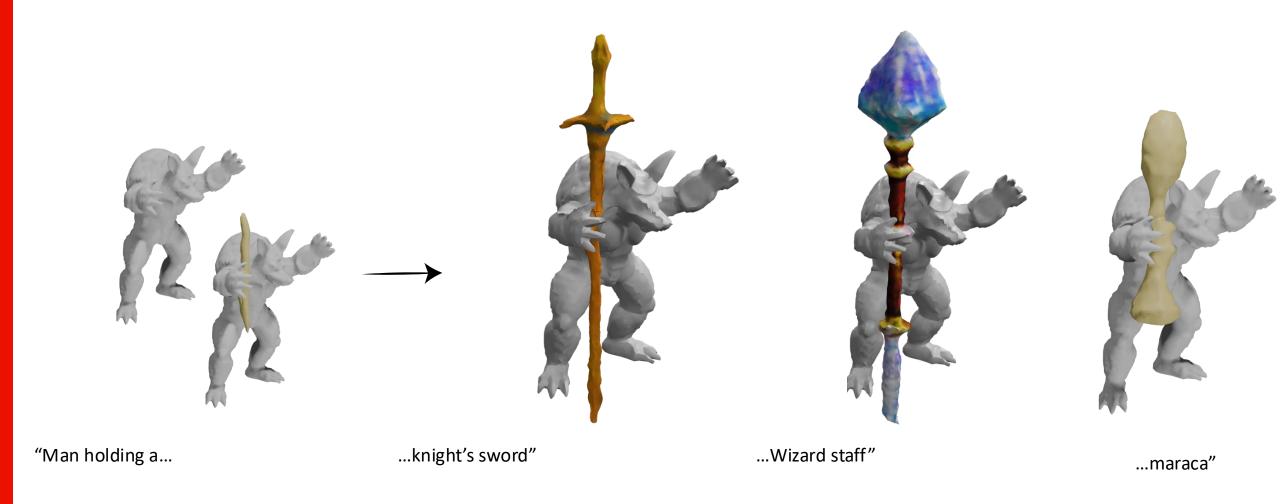


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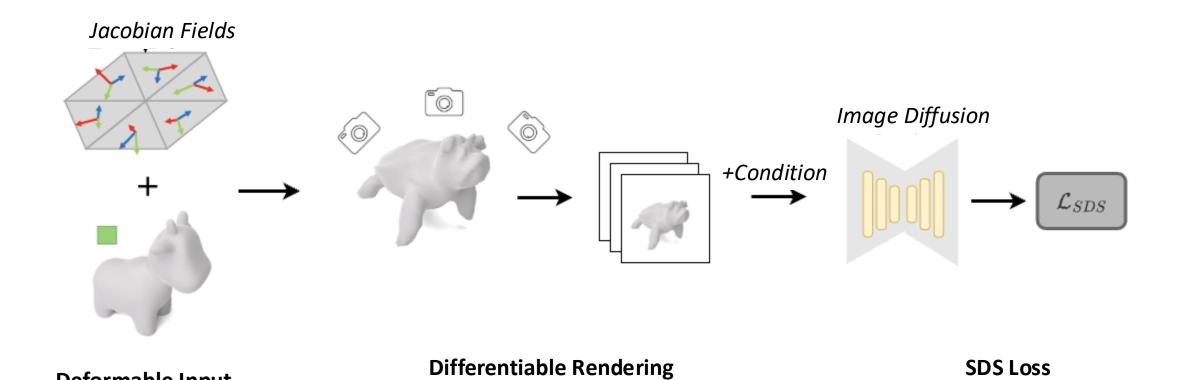
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# Getting Rid of SDS

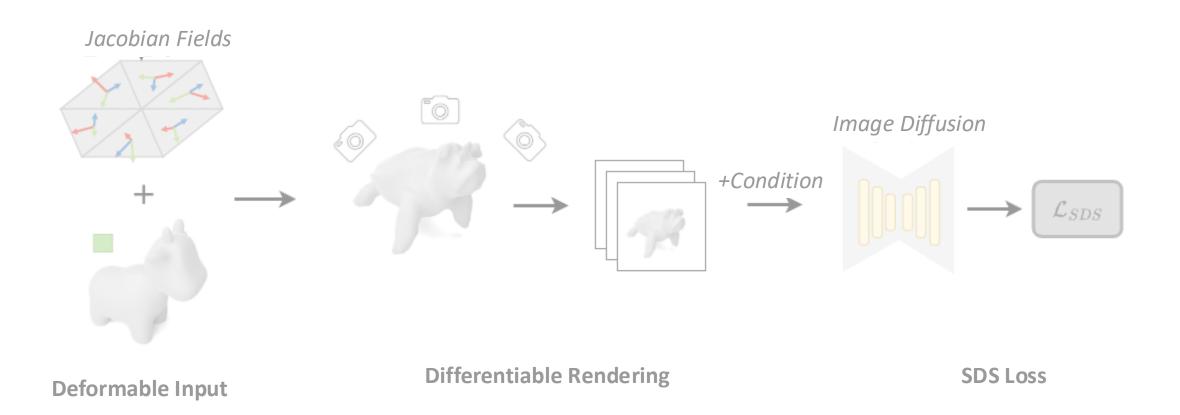
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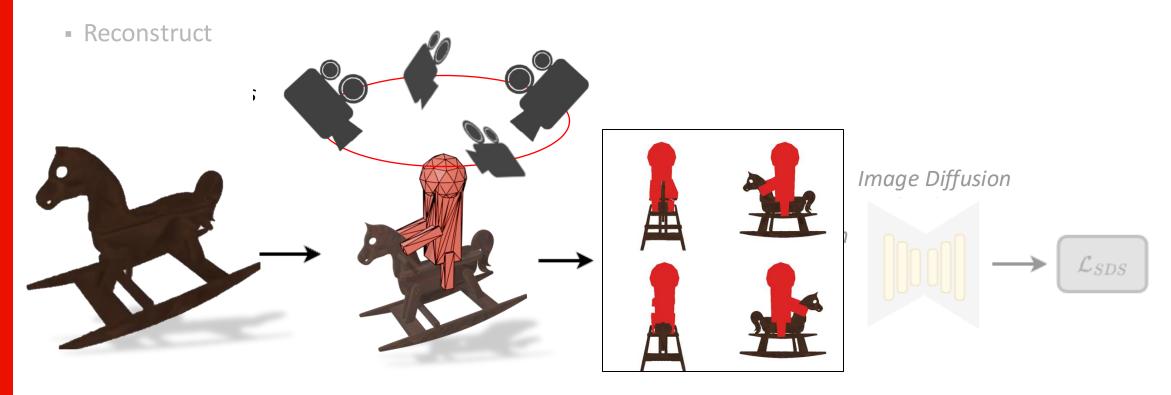
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**Deformable Input** 

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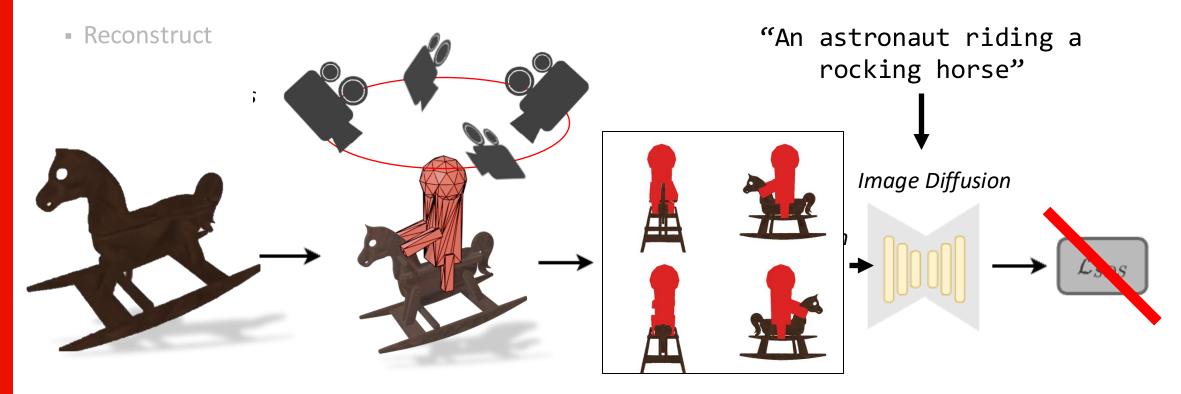


Input

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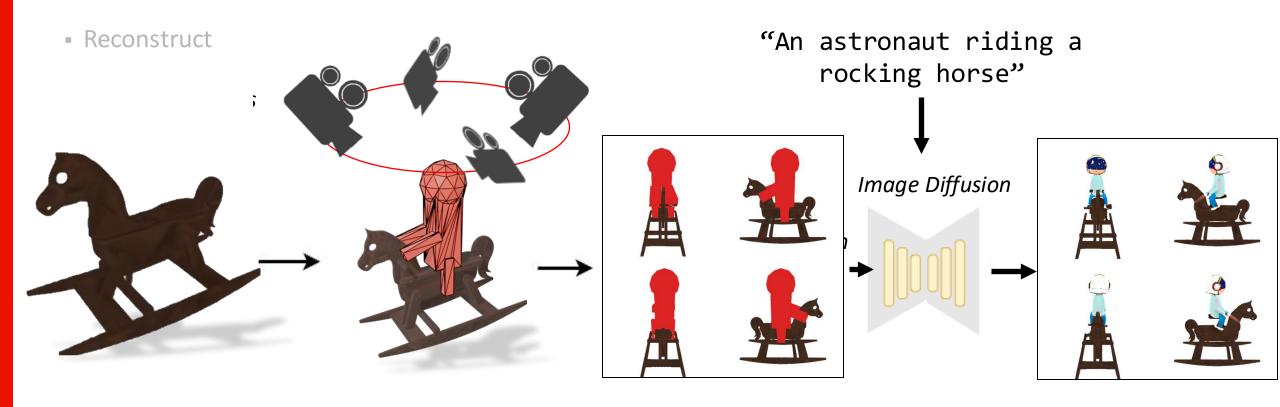


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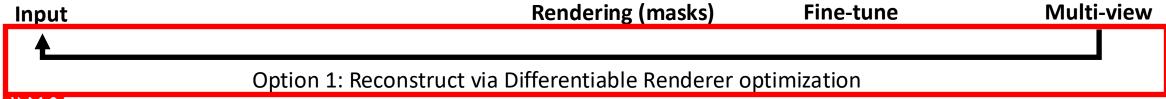
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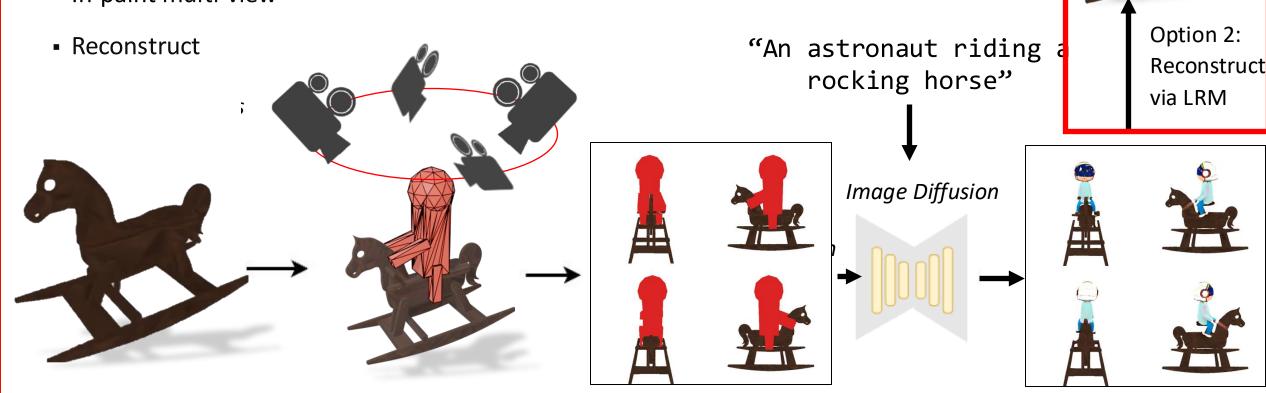
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**Multi-view** 

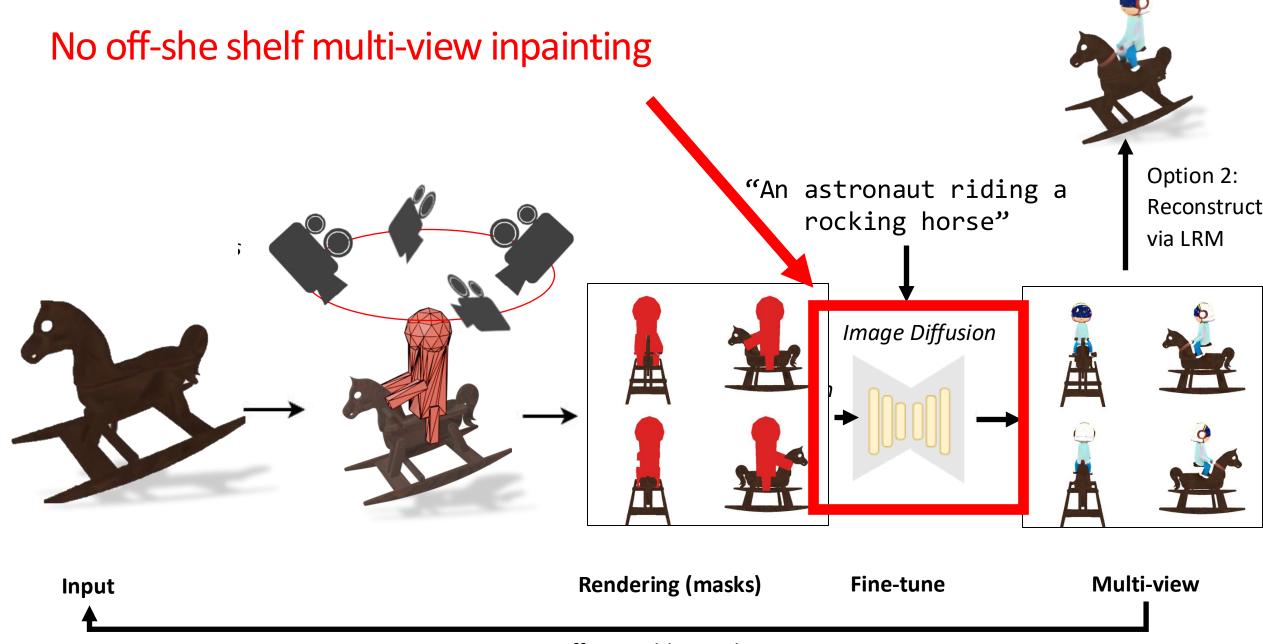
In-paint multi-view Option 2: Reconstruct "An astronaut riding a Reconstruct rocking horse" via LRM Image Diffusion



In-paint multi-view



Input Rendering (masks) Fine-tune Multi-view



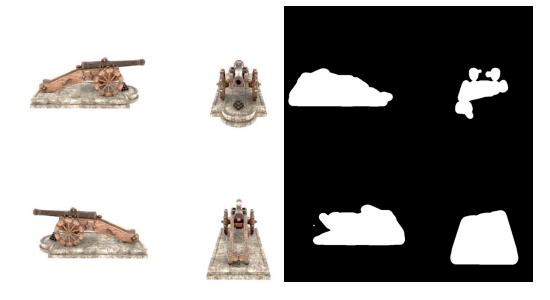
**Adobe** 

### **Training Data**

- 5000 high quality meshes from the Objaverse dataset
- Each rendered from 4 canonical views
- Detailed Captions created using LLaVa



"A bronze sculpture of a mythical creature with intricate detailing, featuring a dragon-like creature with scales and a flowing mane, perched atop a round base adorned with additional decorative elements. The surface is textured and ornate patterns embellish the pedestal."



"A low-poly cannon model with a textured surface, featuring a cylindrical barrel and a wooden carriage with large wheels. The cannon is mounted on a stone base, which has a small round platform in front of it. The overall design suggests an old-fashioned or historical style."

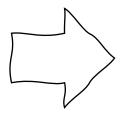
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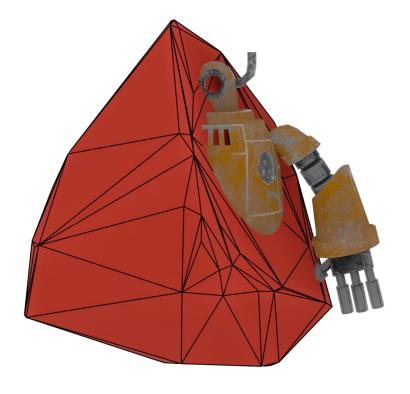
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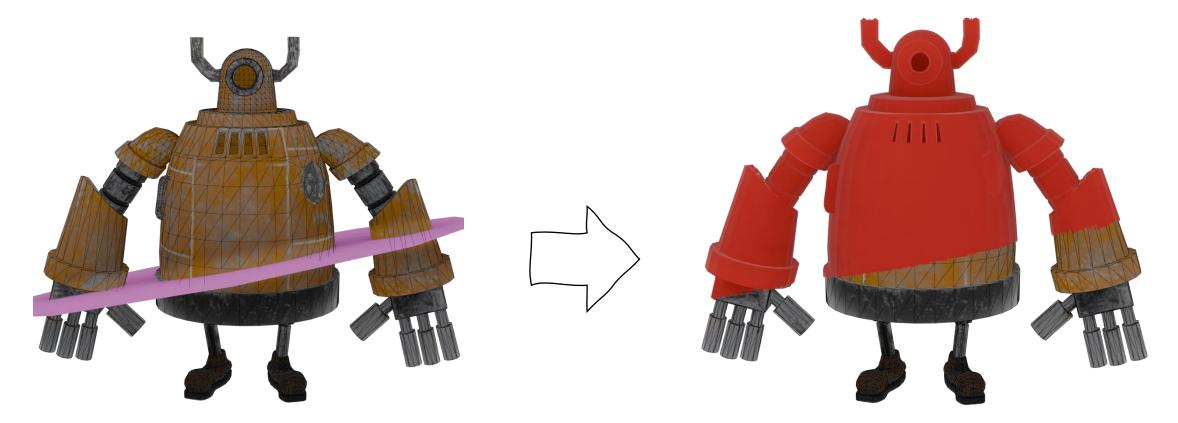


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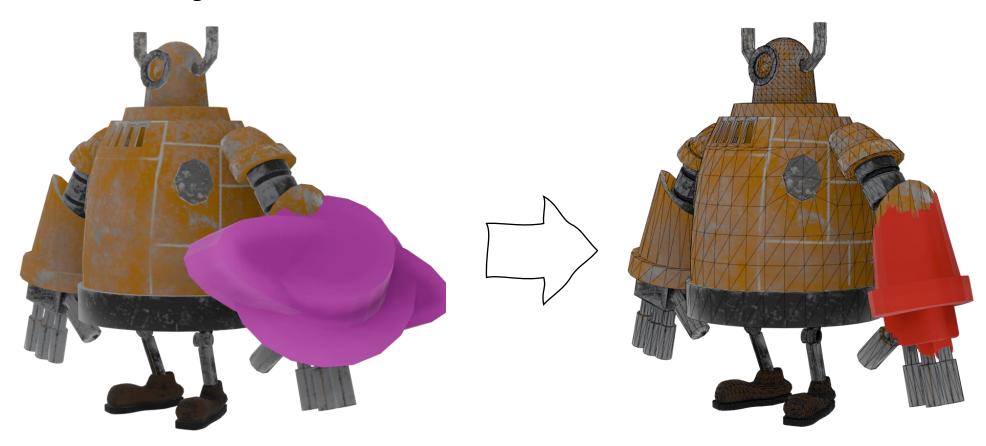


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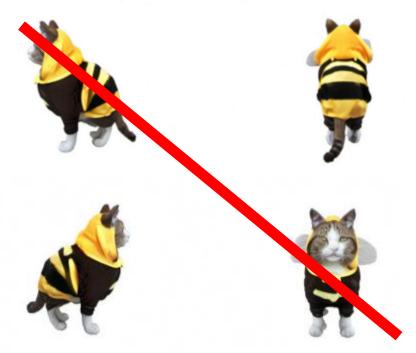


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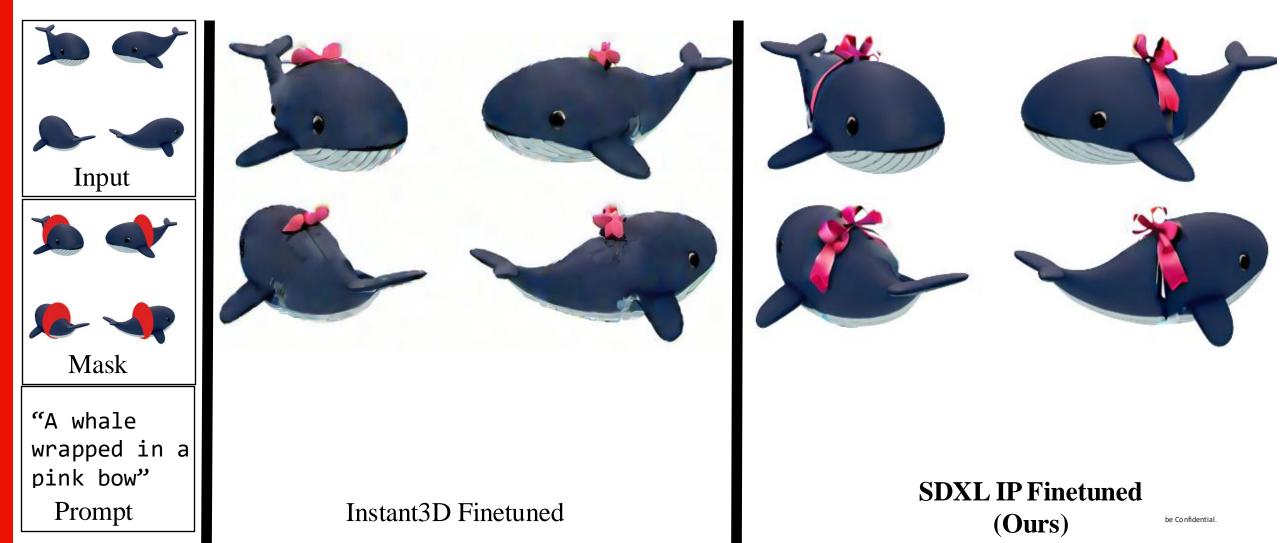




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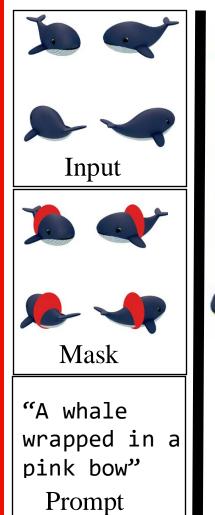
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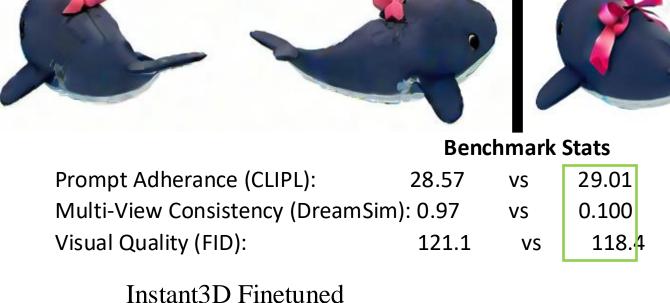
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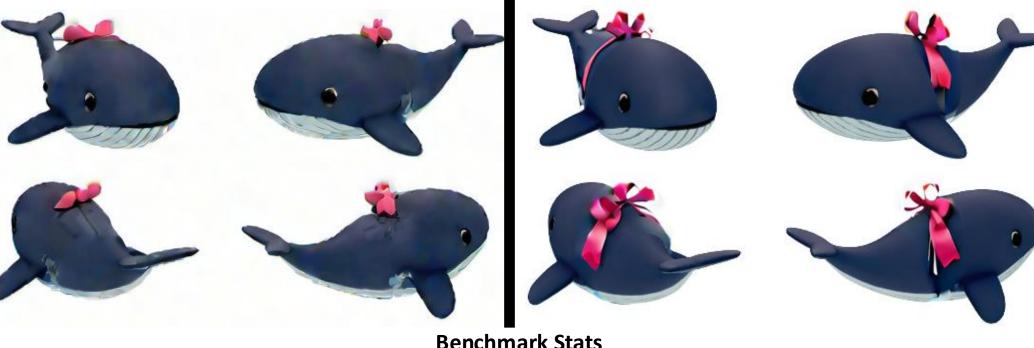


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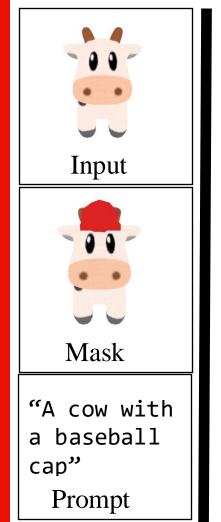


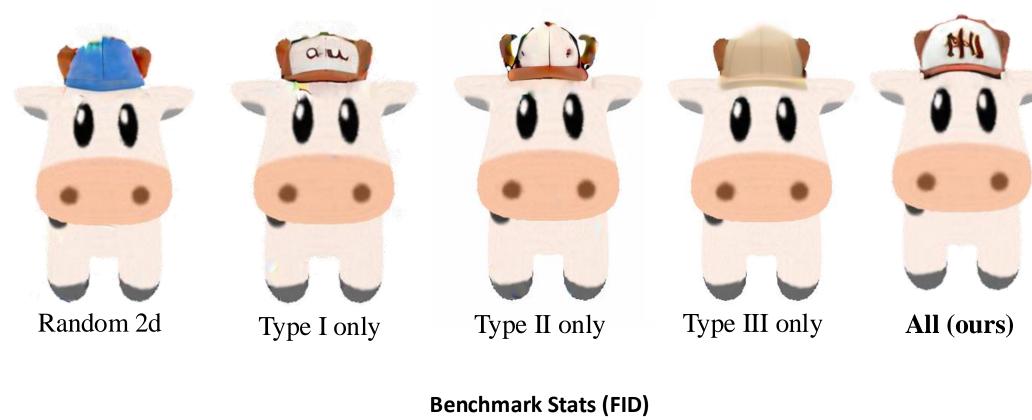
**SDXL IP Finetuned** 

(Ours)

### Ablation: use multiple masks

• What if we train only on one type of mask?





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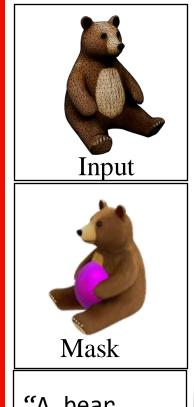
Instant3dit, Barda et al., In submission, 2025

### Interactive Generative Sculpting

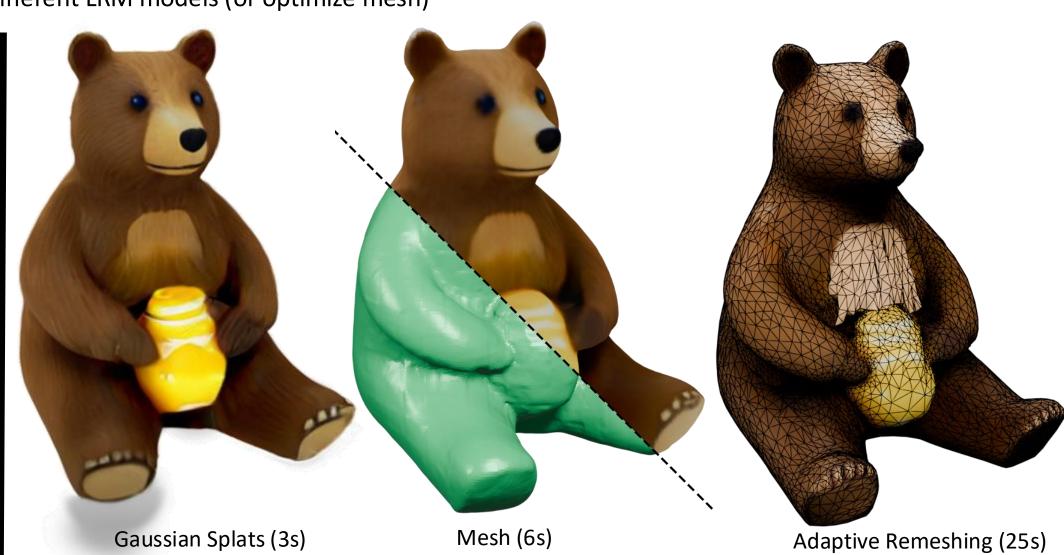
speed 5x

# Instant3dit demo.

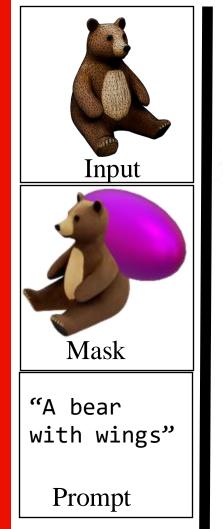
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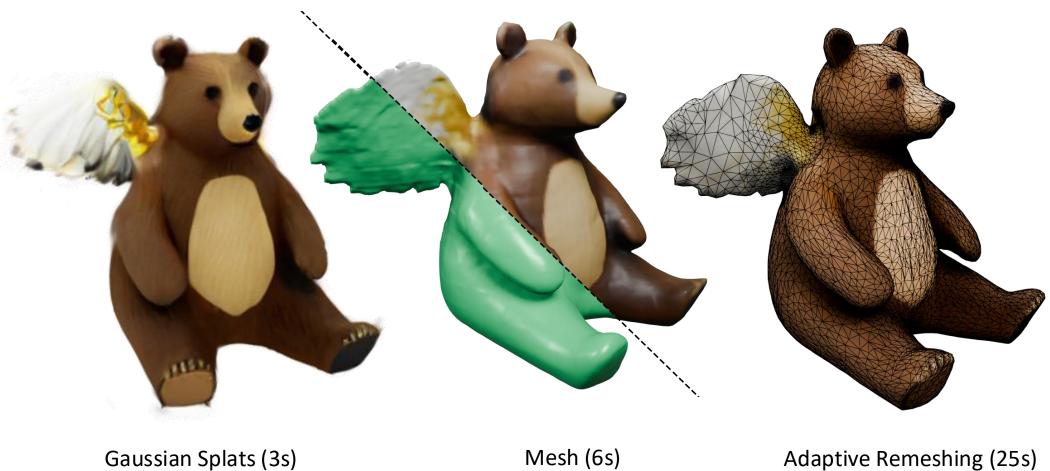


"A bear holding a honey pot" Prompt



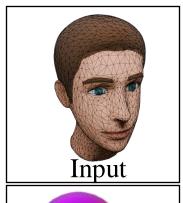
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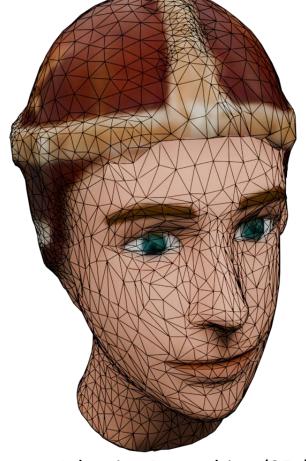




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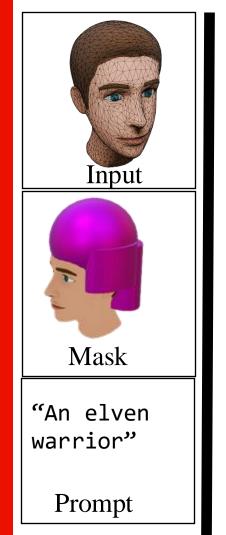


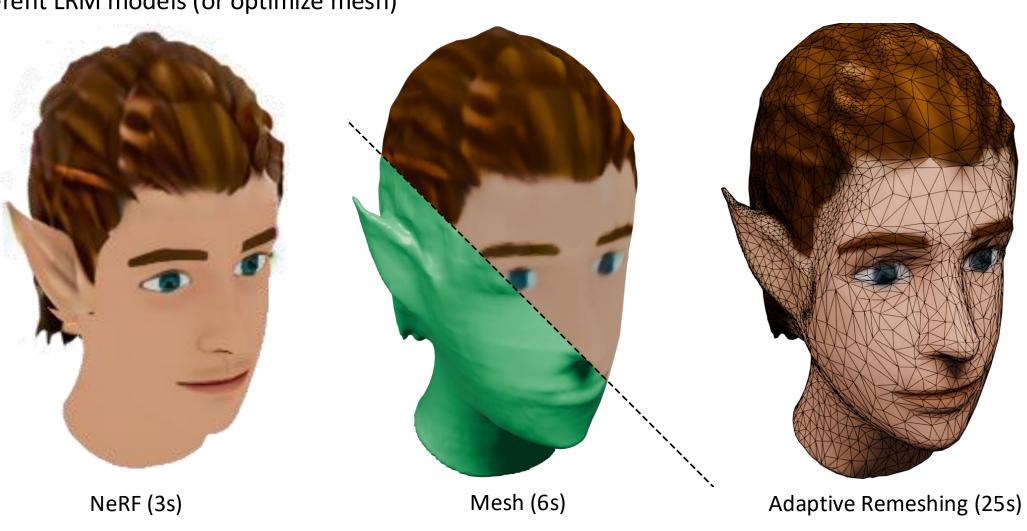
Mesh (6s)

Adaptive Remeshing (25s)

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#### Overview

- Support mesh outputs (but use other representations as needed)
- Inspired by traditional workflows



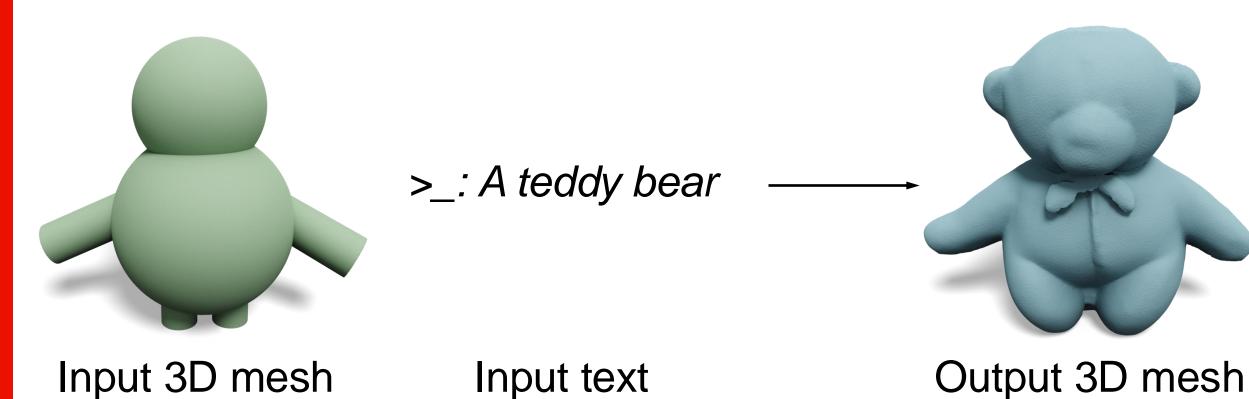


Generative **Scultping** 

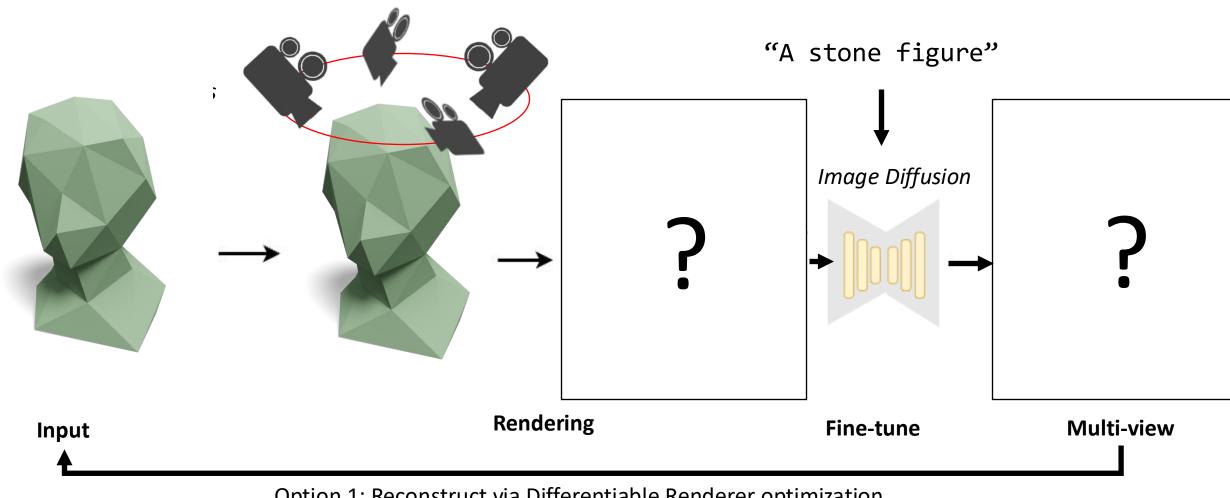


Generative **Detailization** 

### Generate or Change Details

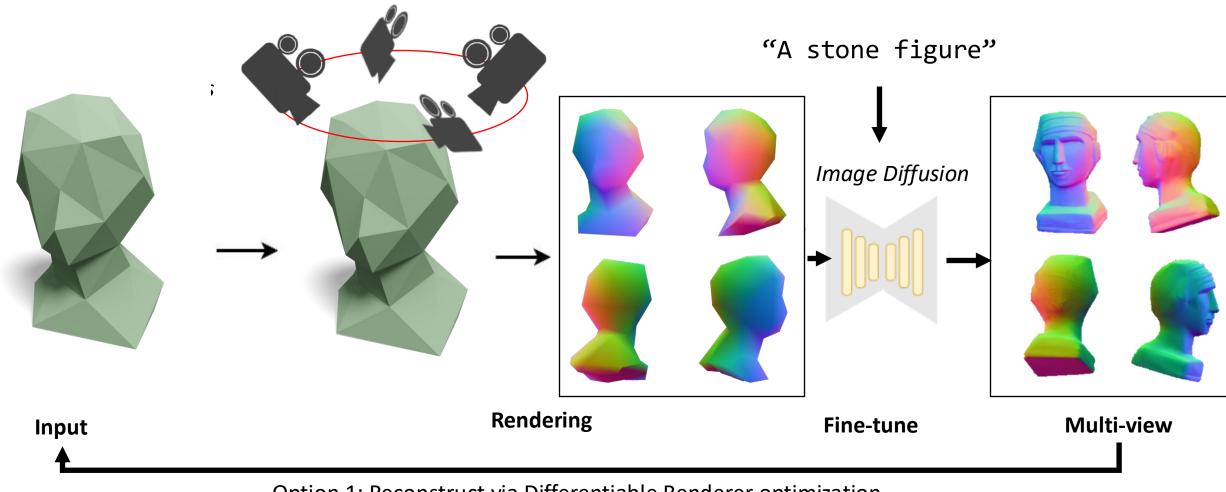


#### Multi-view Detail Generation



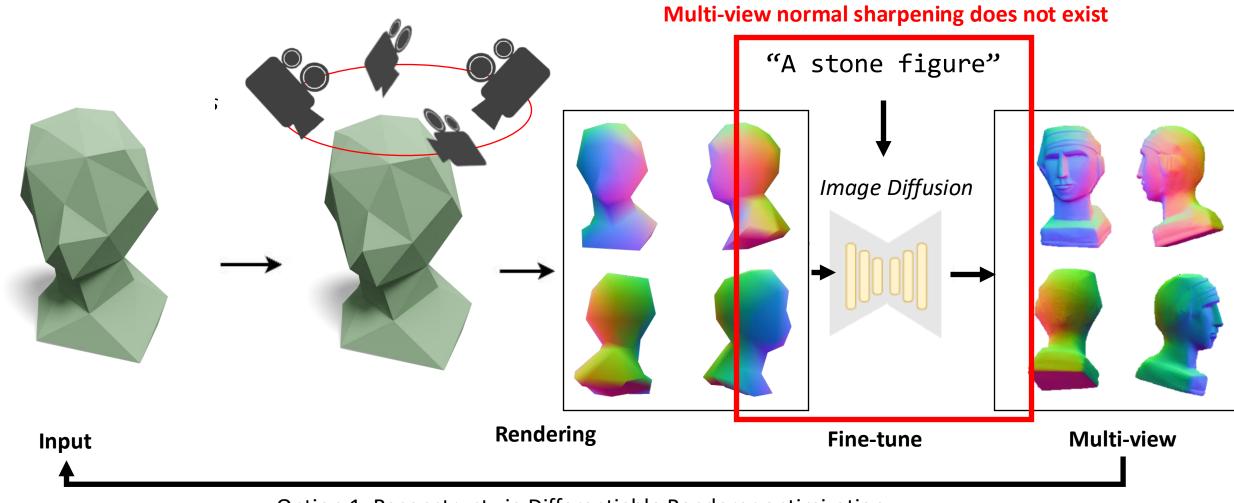
Option 1: Reconstruct via Differentiable Renderer optimization

#### Multi-view Detail Normal Generation

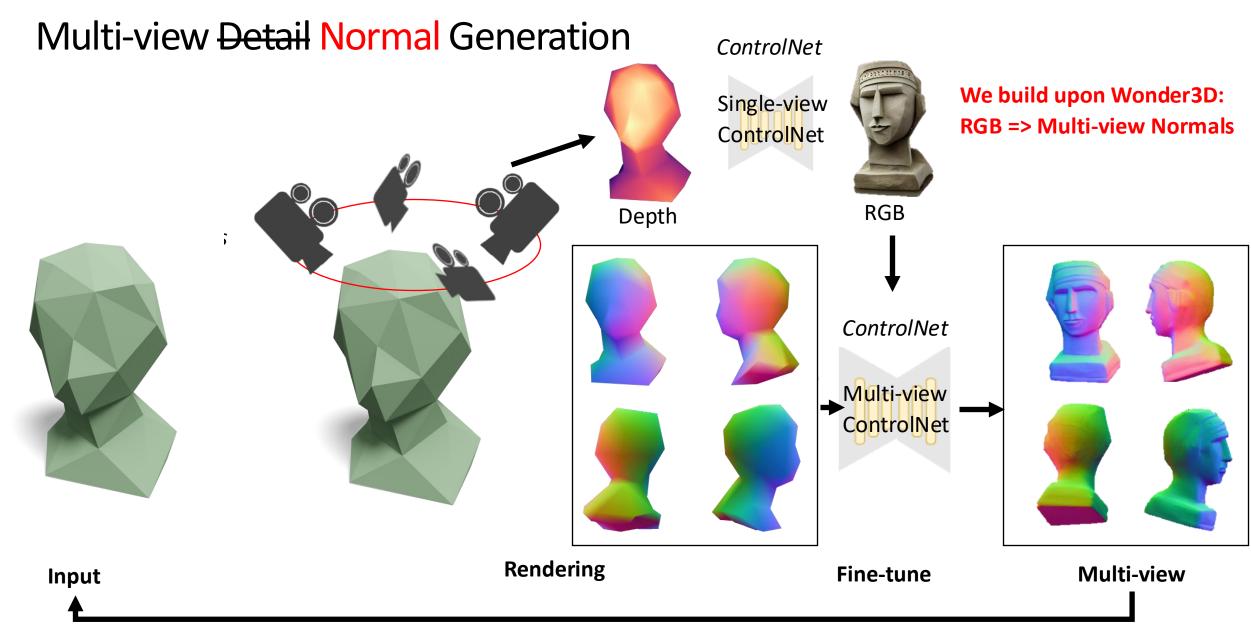


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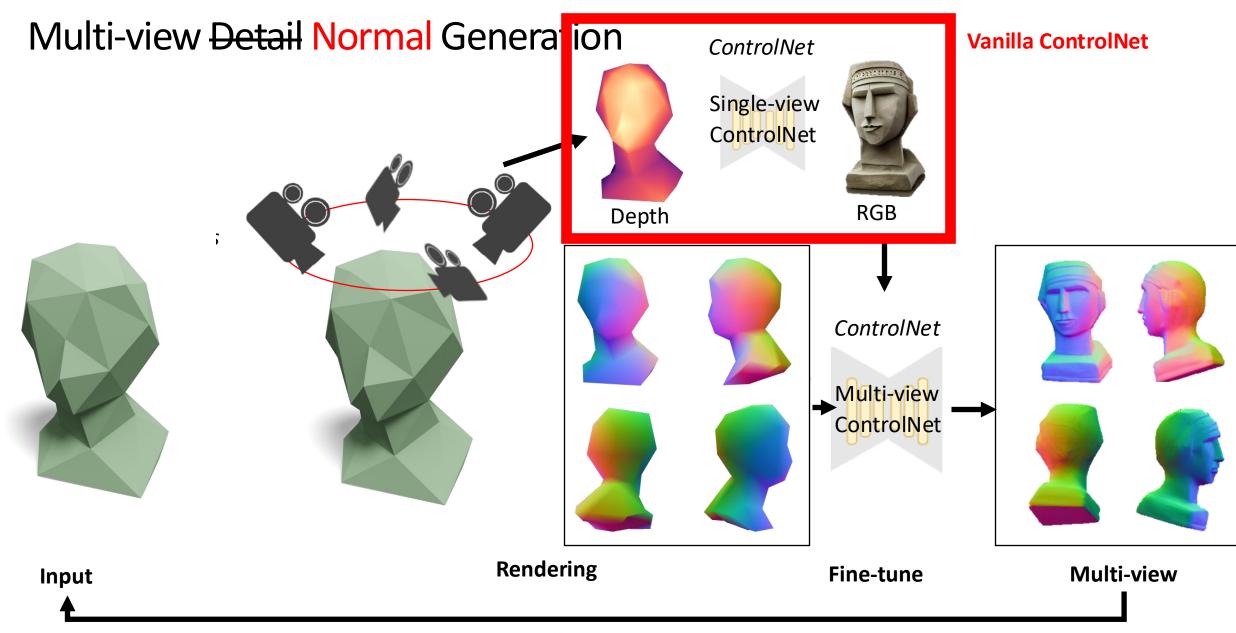
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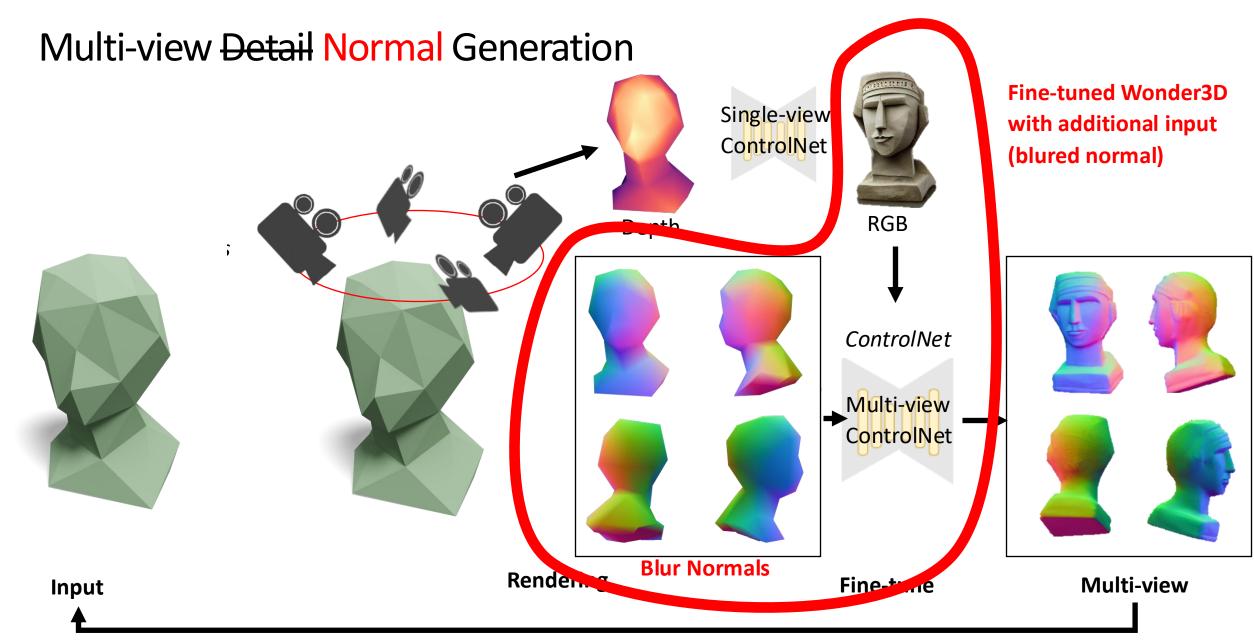


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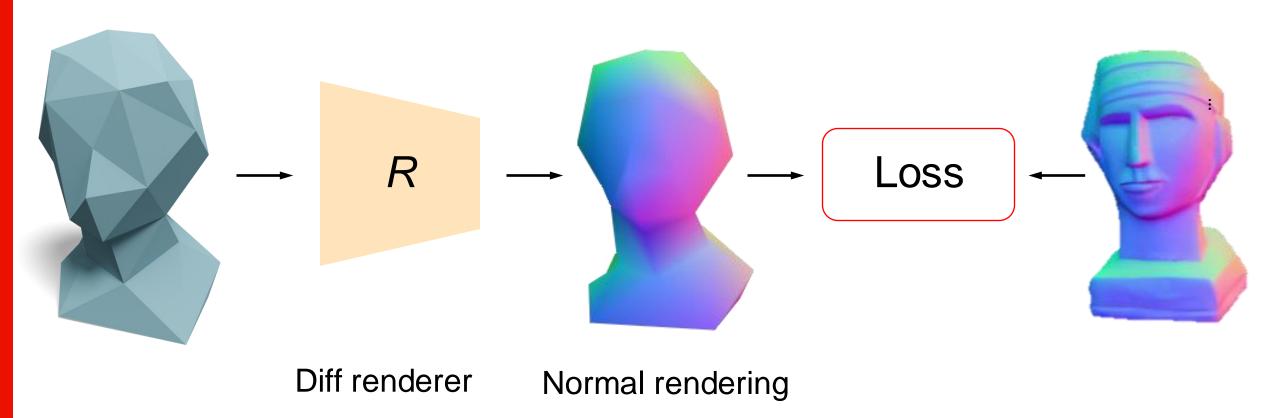


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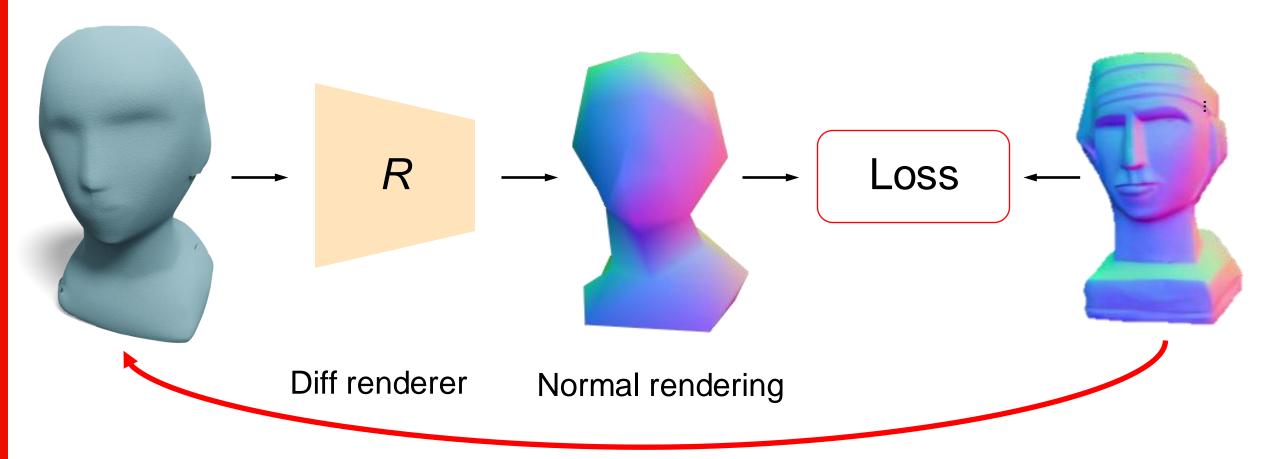




# Mesh Optimization

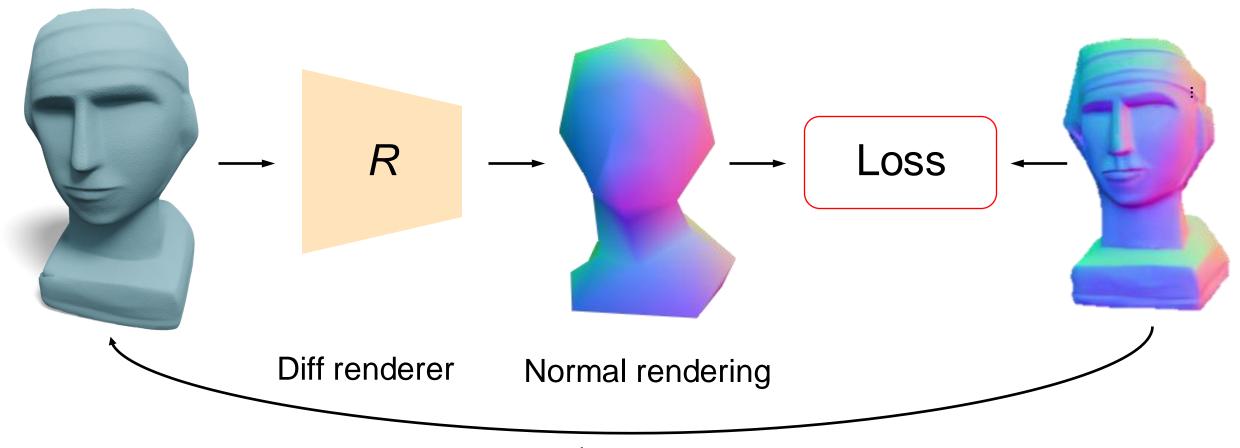


# Mesh Optimization



**Gradient Descent** 

# Mesh Optimization



**Gradient Descent** 

>\_: A cartoon figure >\_: A teddy bear >\_: A teddy bear Input 3D mesh Input 3D mesh Input 3D mesh Output 3D mesh Output 3D mesh Output 3D mesh

### Mesh Texturing

#### >\_: A cartoon cat head



Input 3D mesh



Geometry



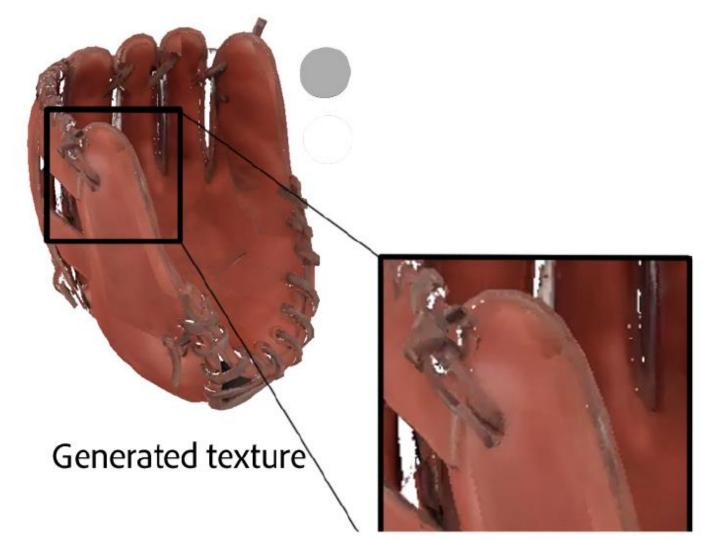
**Texture** 

**Adobe** 

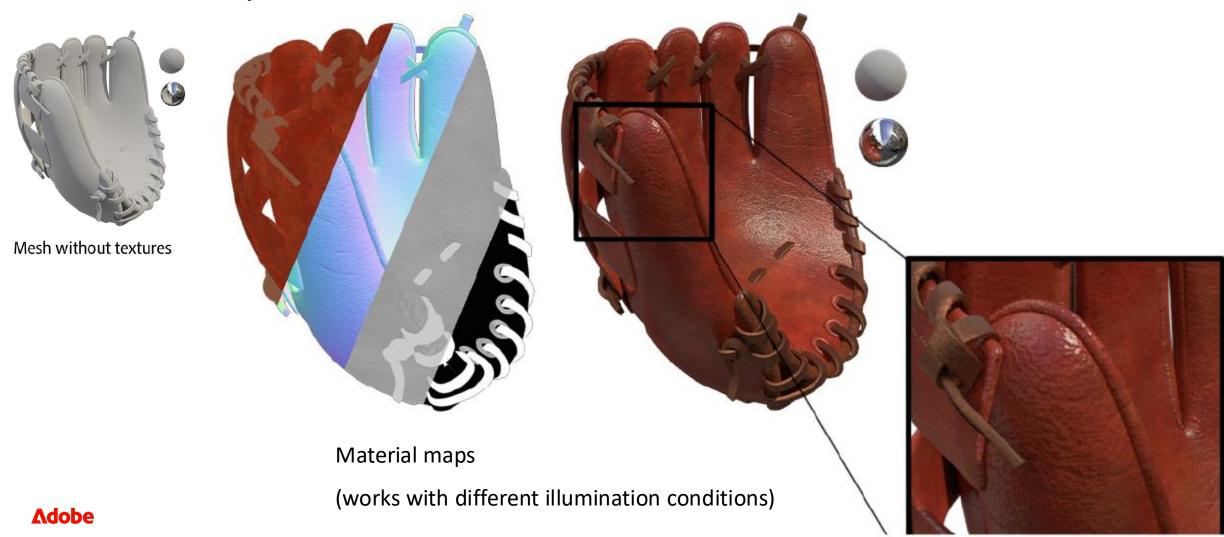
Textures are not just colors



Mesh without textures

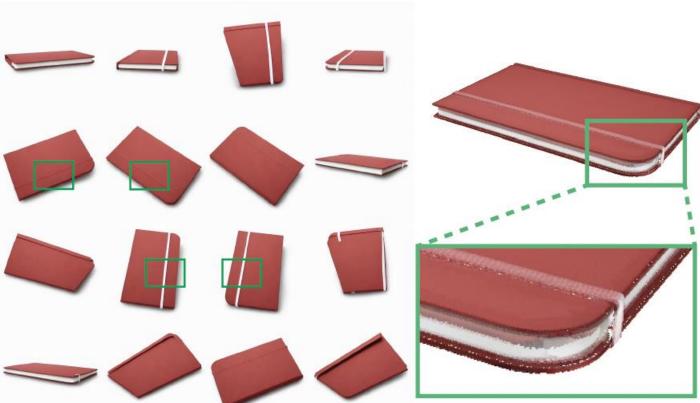


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Multi-view generation





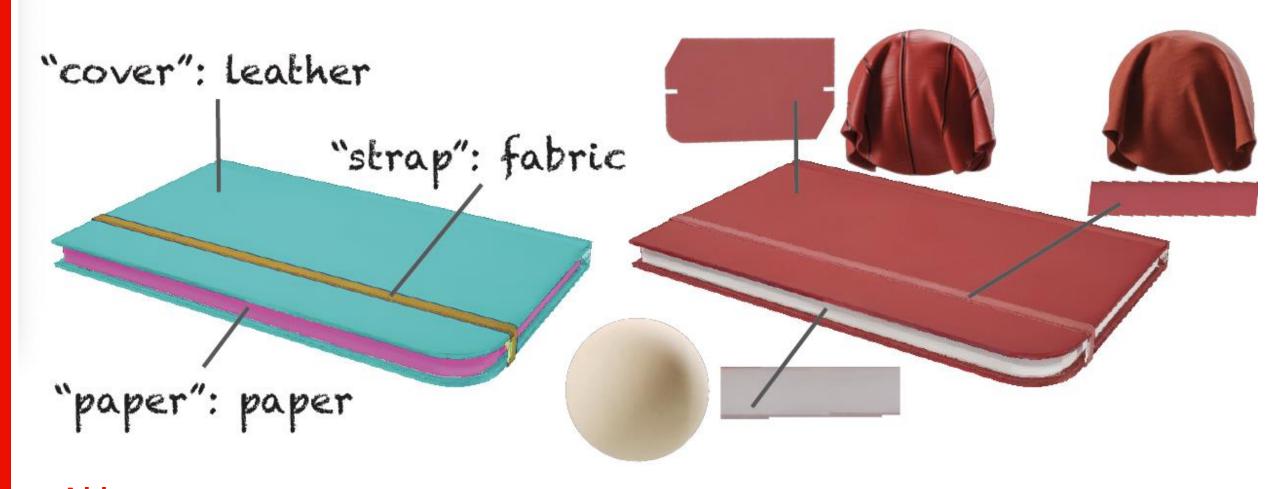


VLLM-assisted retrieval

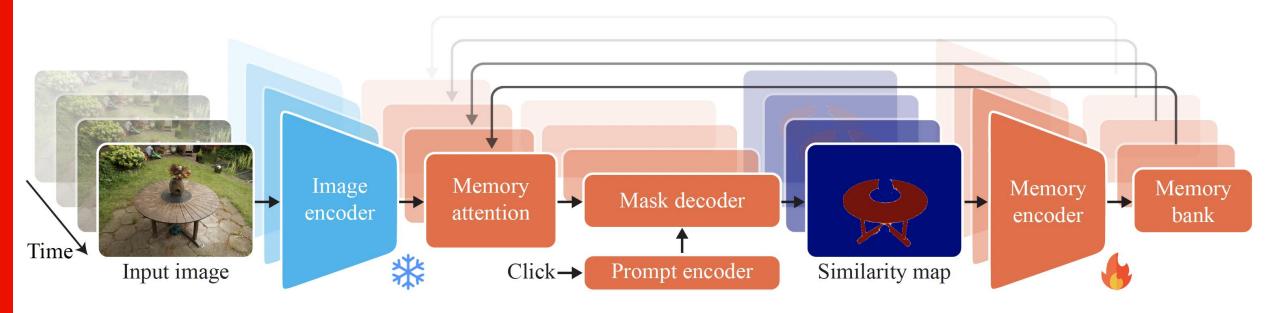


### More on Texturing – But How Do We Segment?

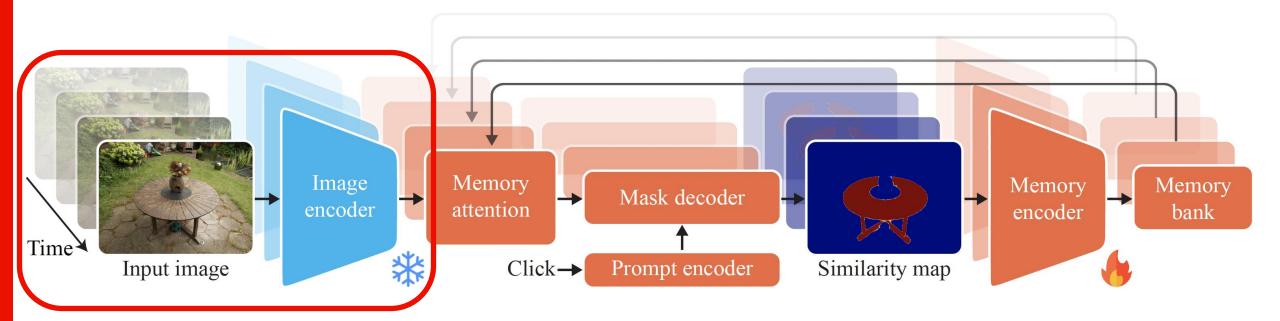
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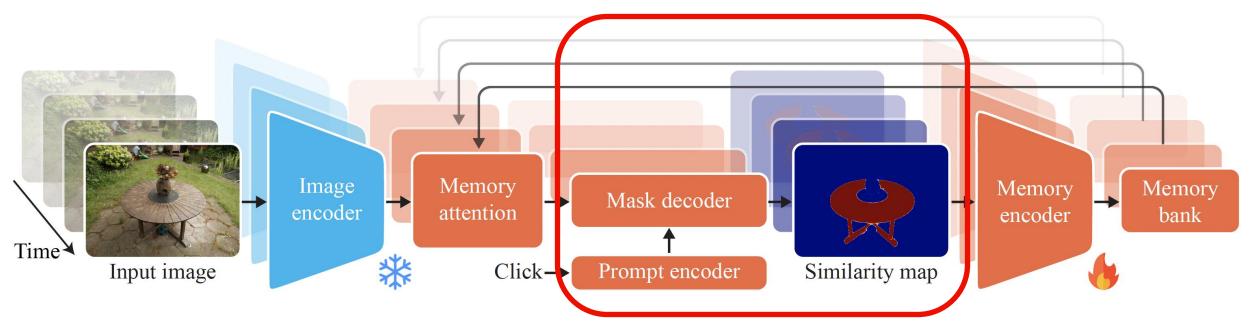


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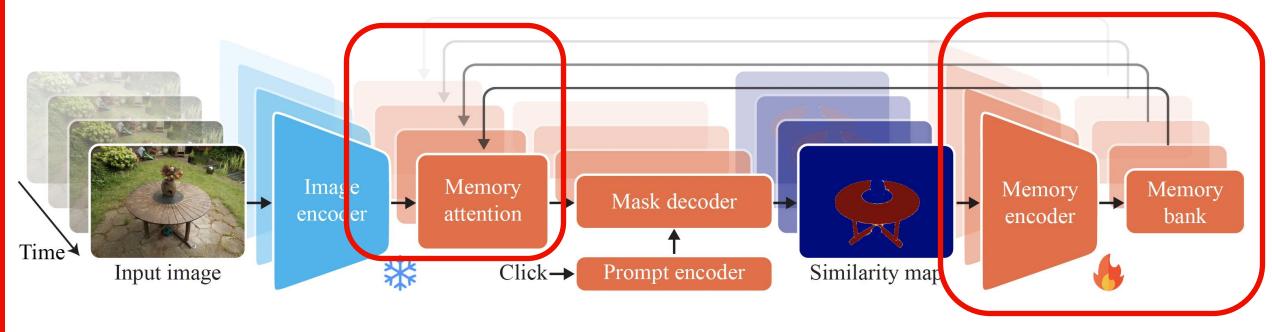
**Pre-trained VIT Image Encoder (frozen)** 

Fine-tune SAM2 (object segmentation in video) to segment materials



Fine-tune mask decoder with point selection conditioning (train on material data)

Fine-tune SAM2 (object segmentation in video) to segment materials



Fine-tune memory attention (improves consistency)

# Synthetic Training Data for Material-aware Segmentation

Per-frame masks

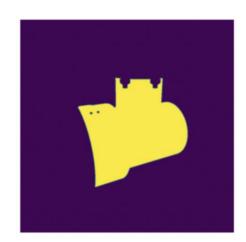




















# Synthetic Training Data for Material-aware Segmentation





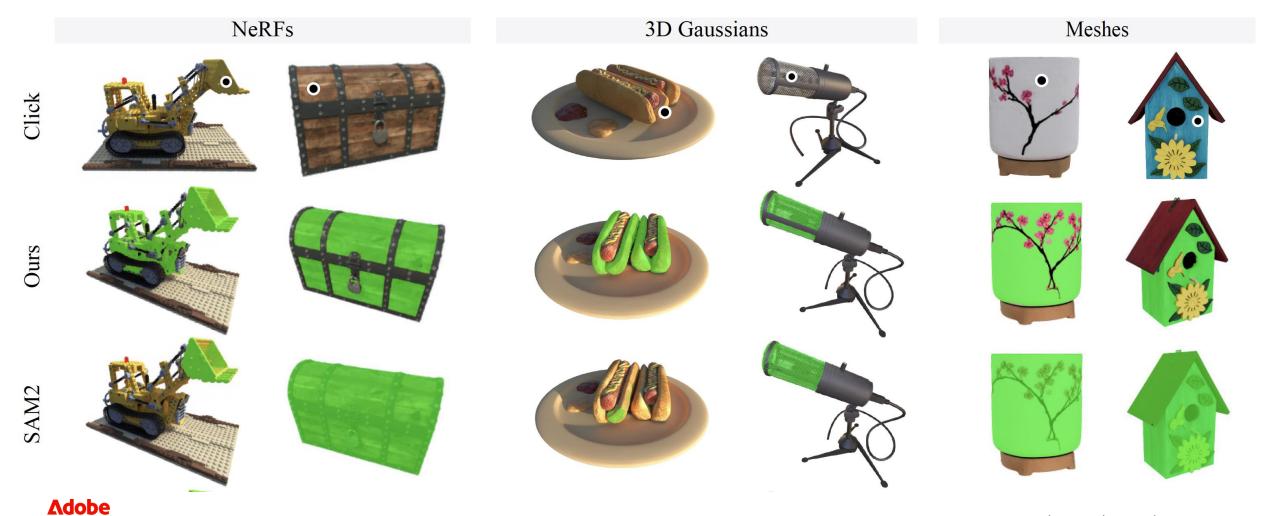




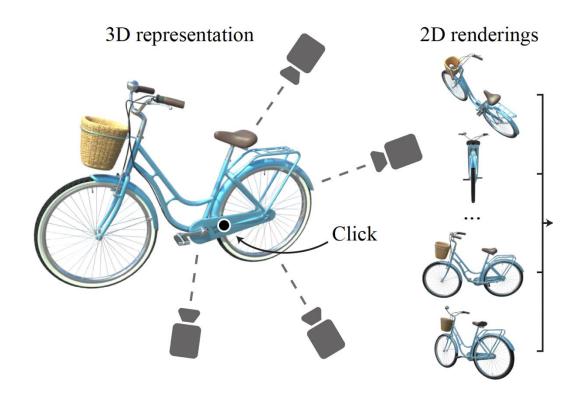


## Object vs Material Segmentation

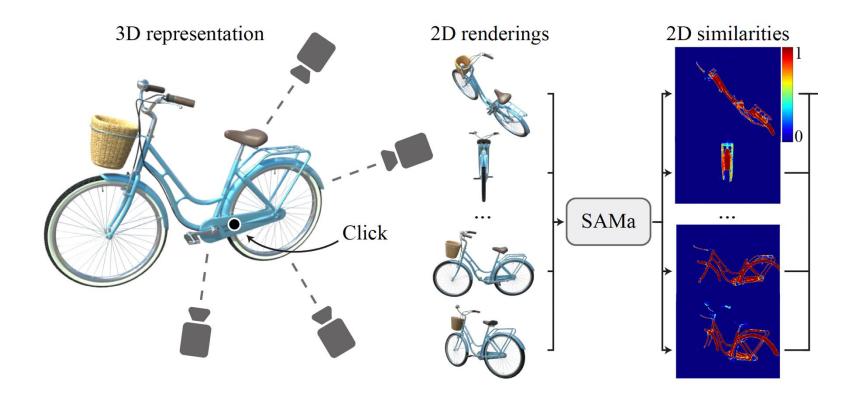
SAM2 is not suitable for material-aware segmentation without fine-tuning



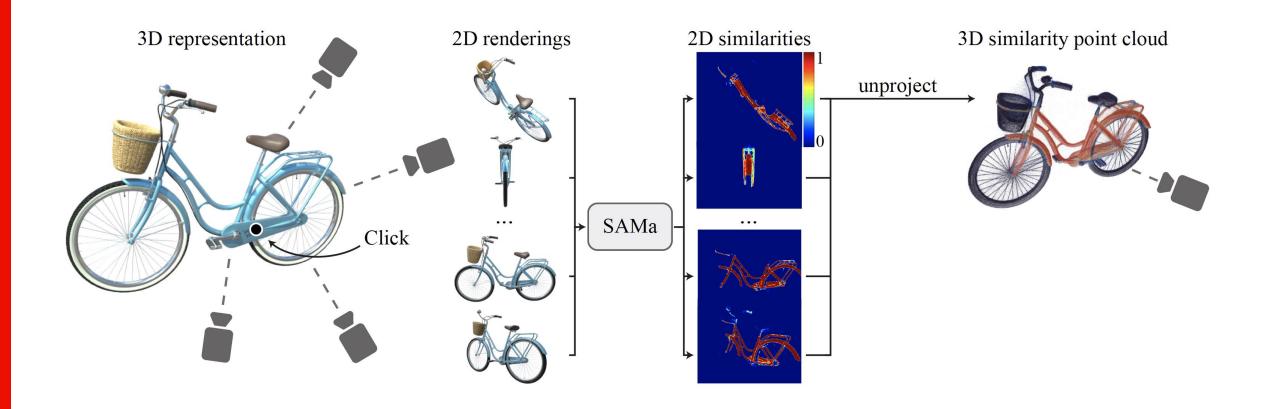
Sample 25 views



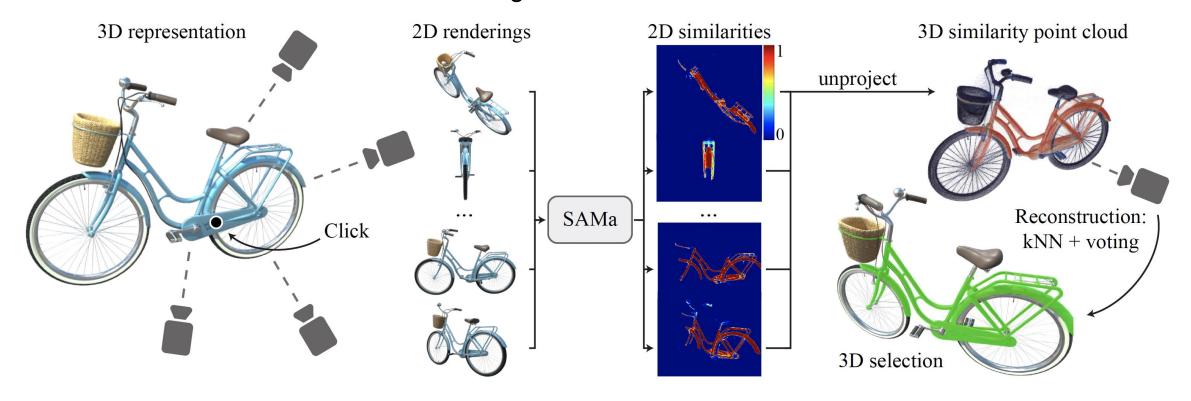
Sample 25 views => predict 2D features



Sample 25 views => predict 2D features => store features in 3D point cloud



- Sample 25 views => predict 2D features => store features in 3D point cloud
- Given user click => select via kNN voting

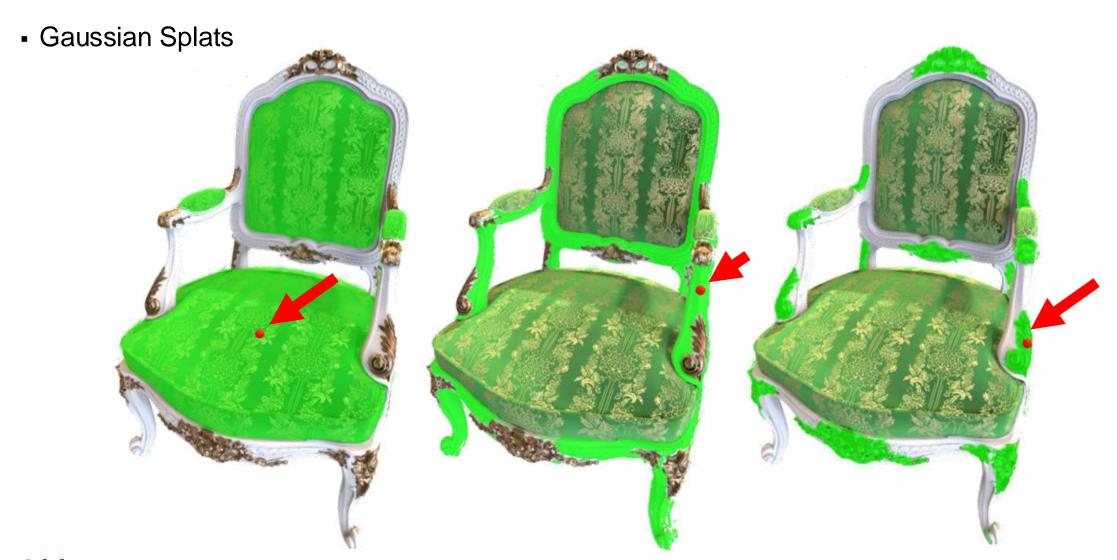


### Interactive Segmentation

At runtime selection can be done in 2ms per click



# Representation-Agnostic



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NeRFs





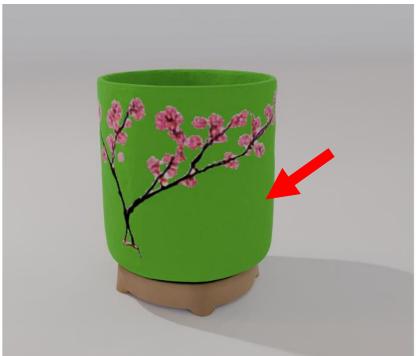
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# Representation-Agnostic

Meshes

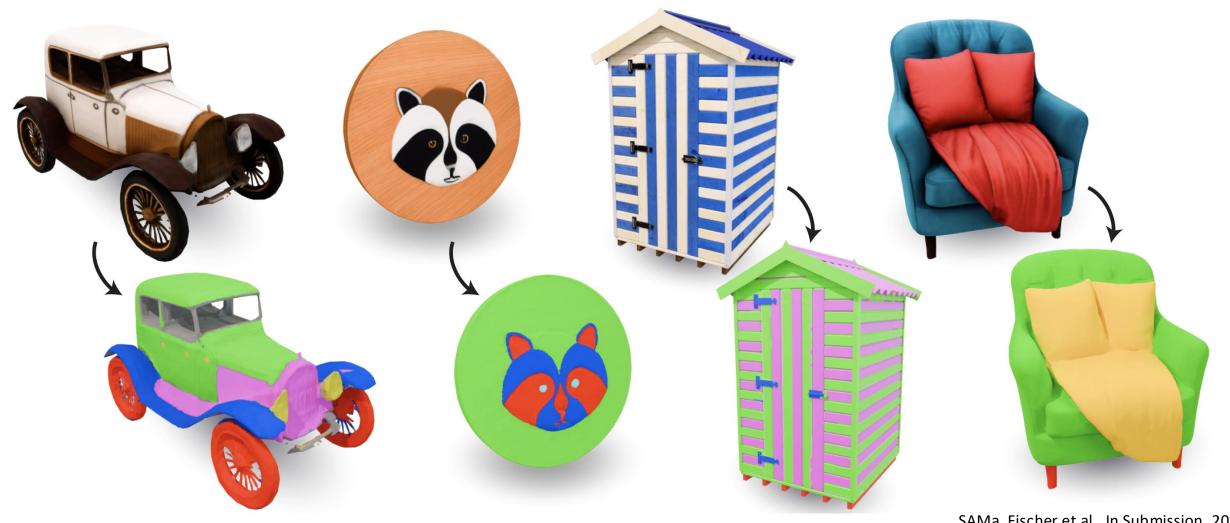






# **Automatic Segmentation**

Simulate many clicks => drop regions with high overlap



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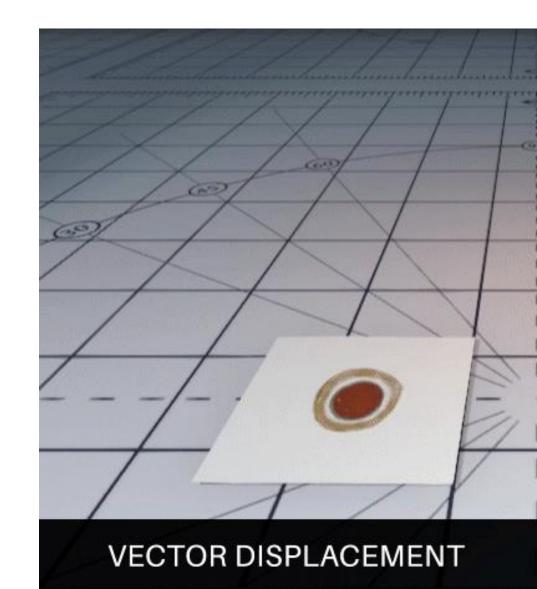
# **Spatial Controlling the Details**

Precisely position the ear on the head



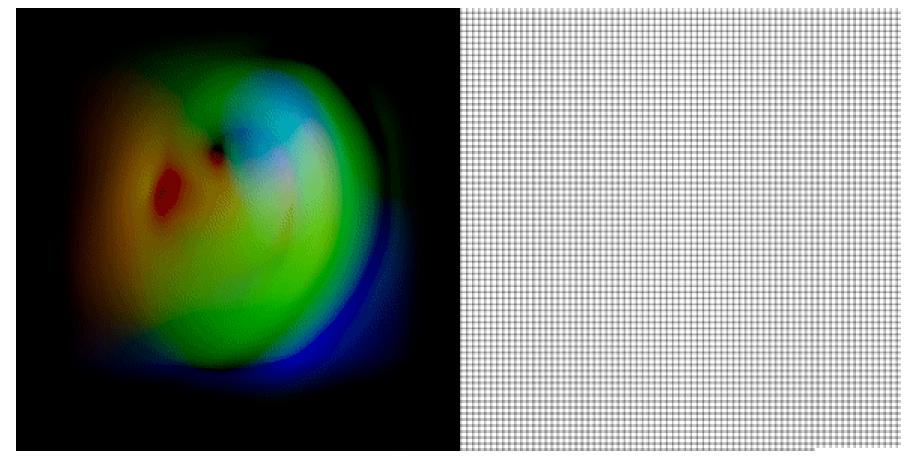
# Vector Displacement Map (VDM)

- Map over 2D Plane:  $f:[0,1]^2 o \mathbb{R}^3$ 



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- Geometry Image



# Why do we care?

Heavily used stock asset

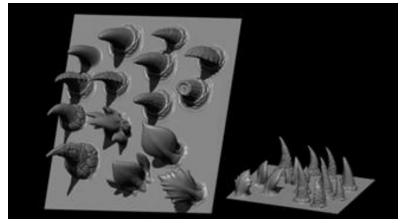






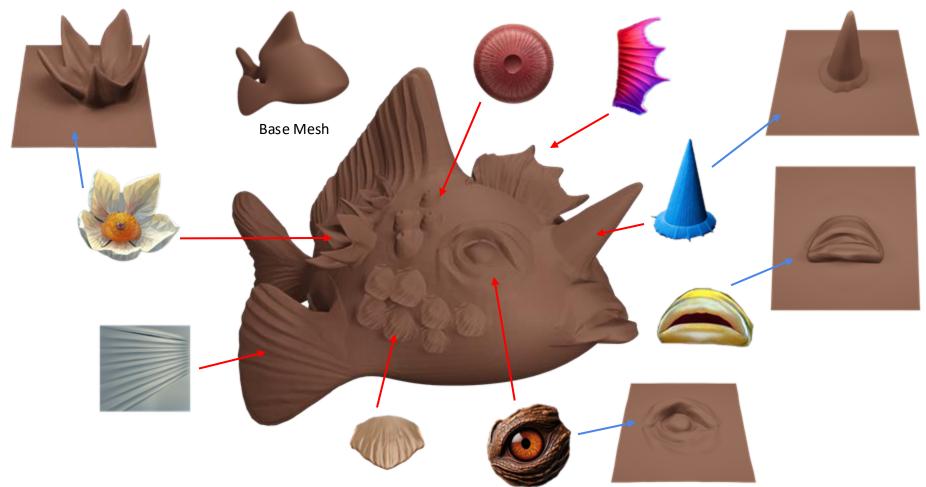


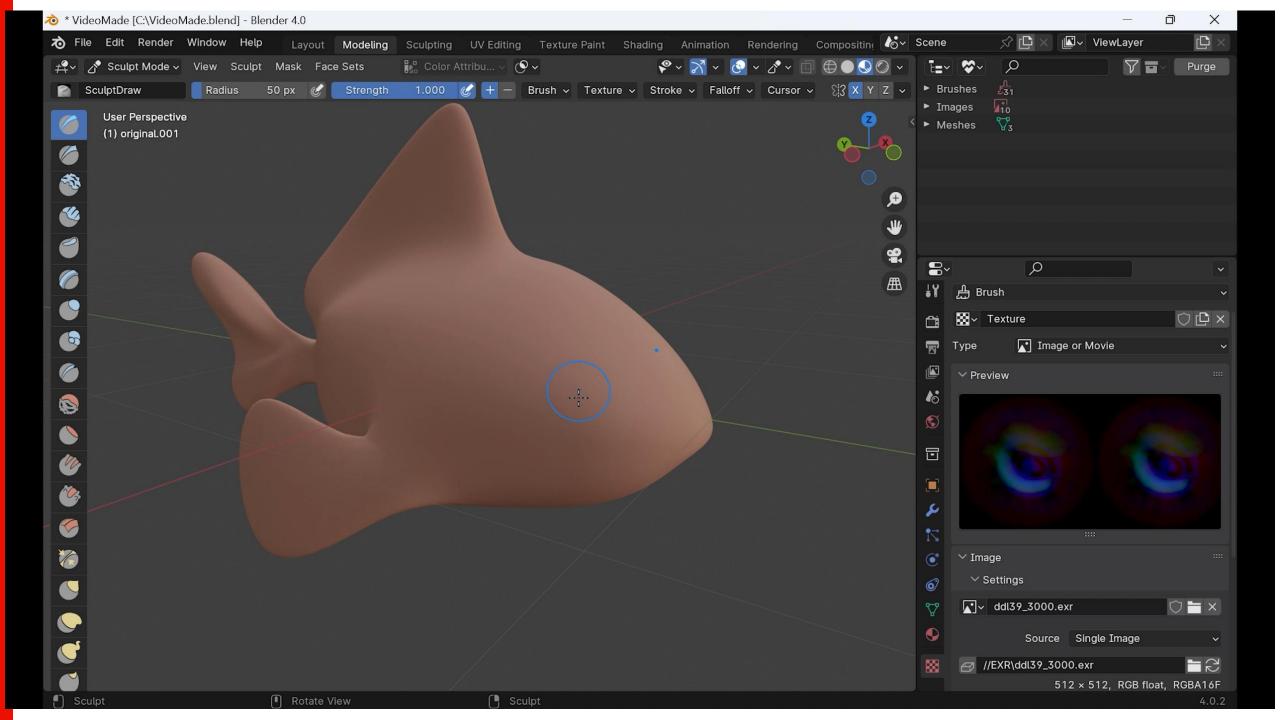




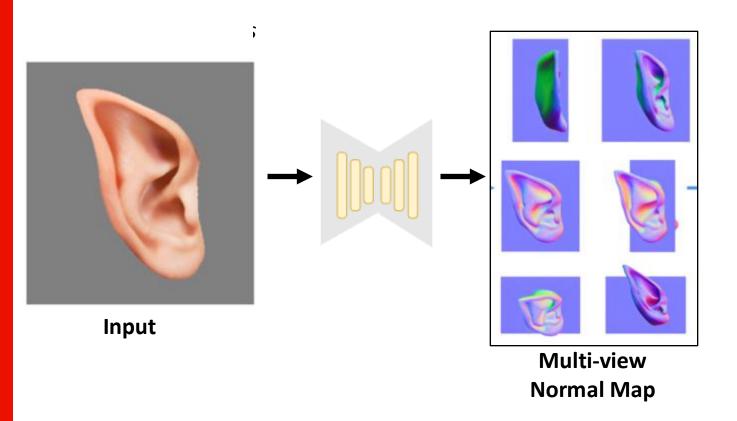
### **Generative VDMs**

Create VDM from an image

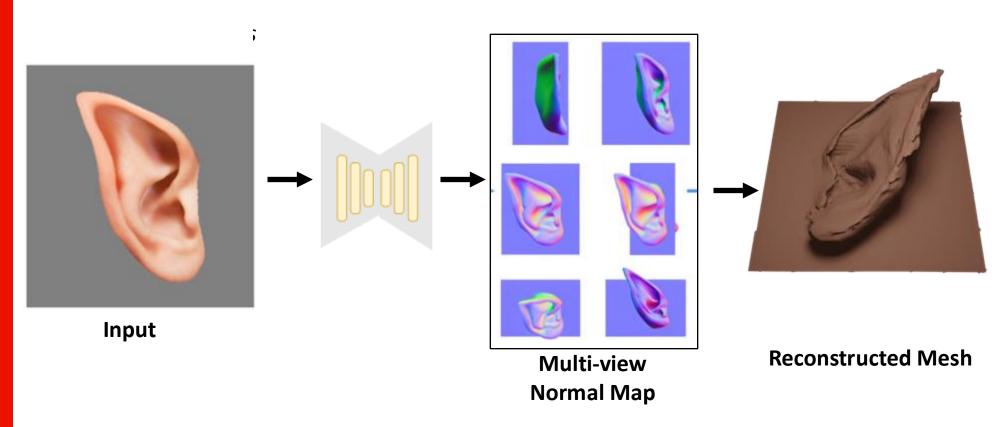




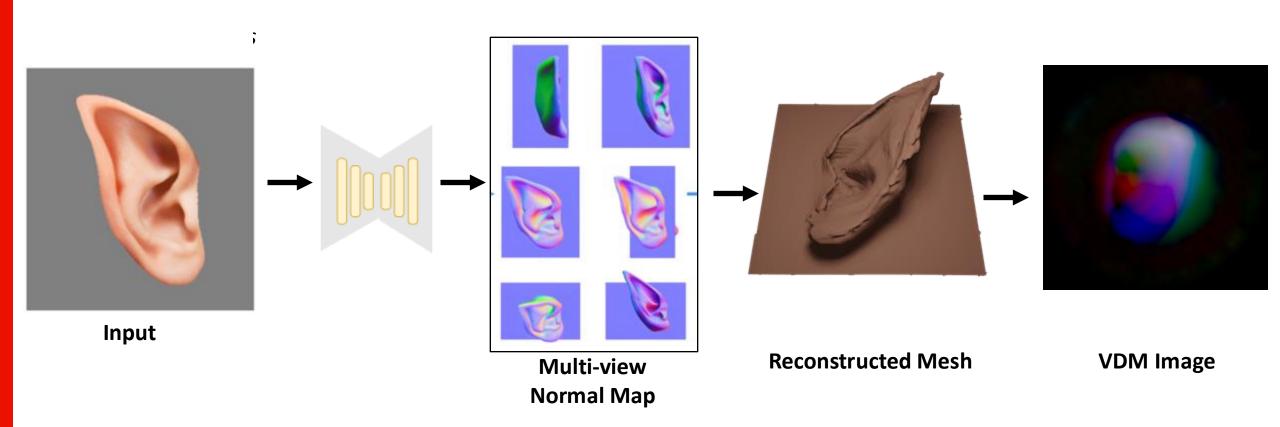
Start from an image



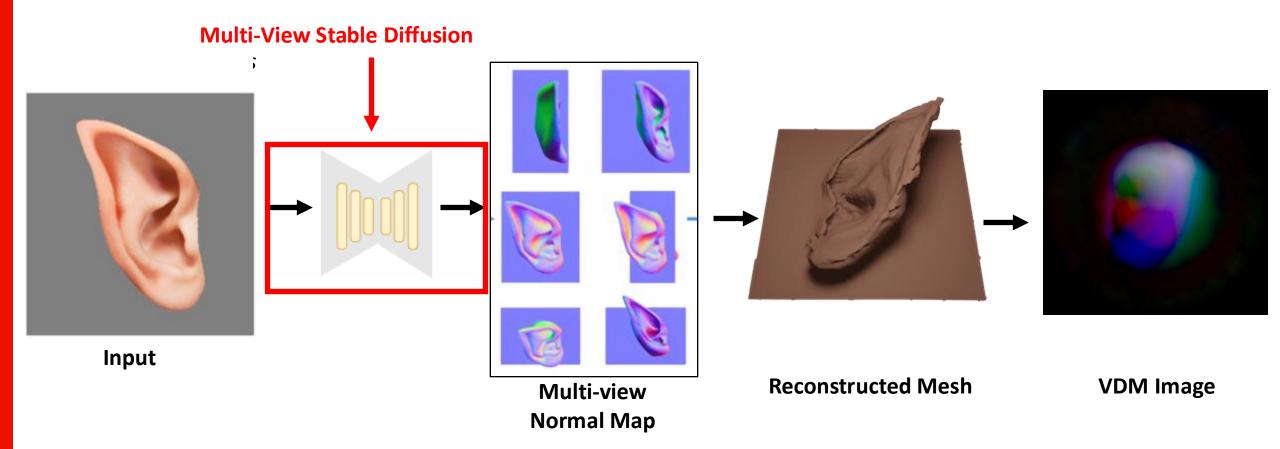
• Start from an image, reconstruct



• Start from an image, reconstruct, optimize to get VDM



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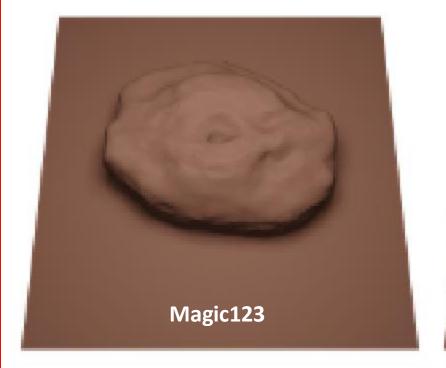


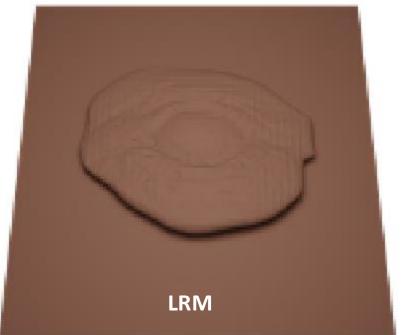
Input

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Input



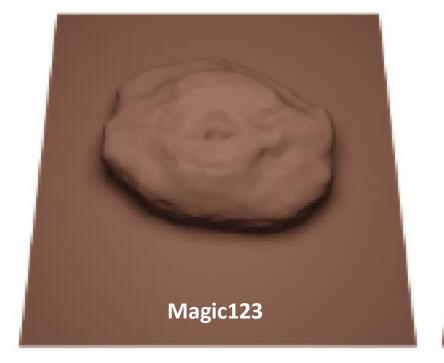




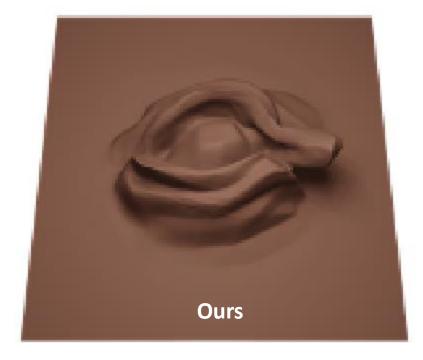
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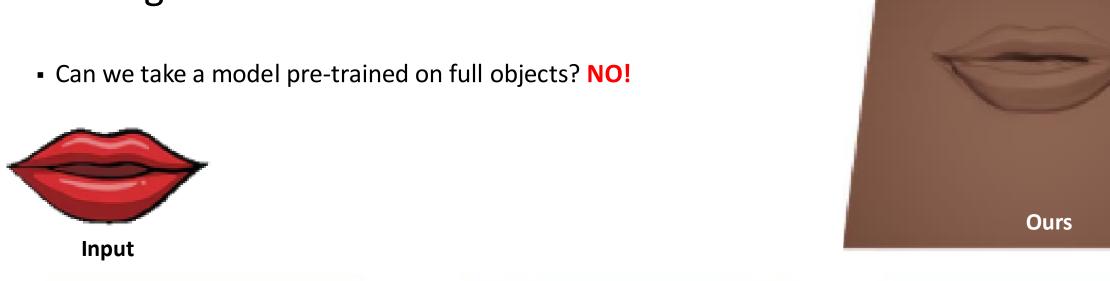
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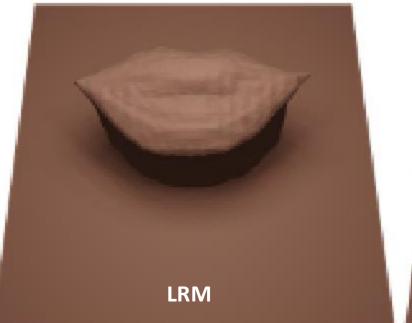






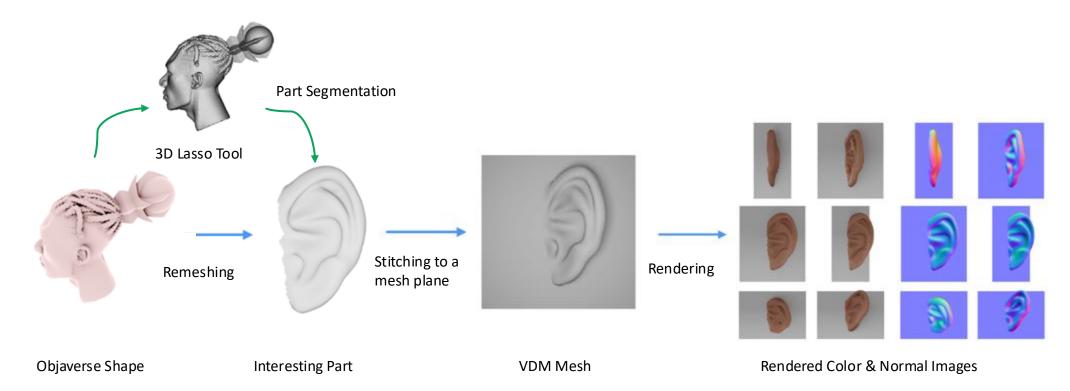




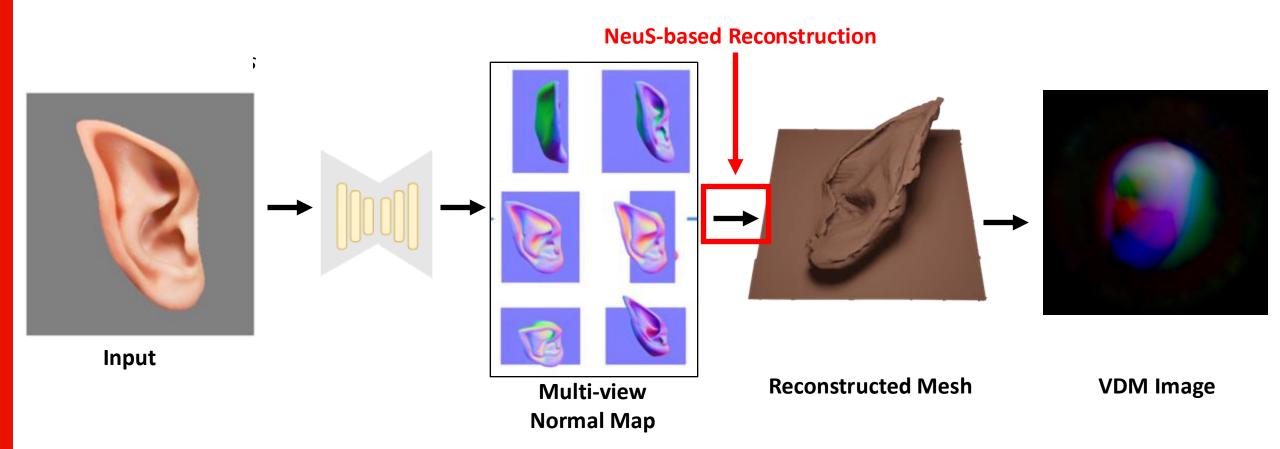




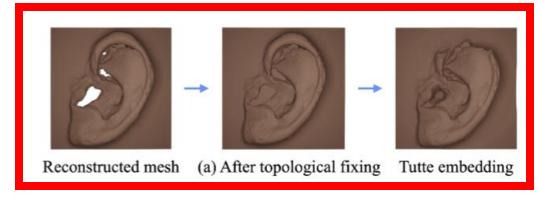
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- VDM data pipeline using Objaverse



Start from an image, reconstruct, optimize to get VDM

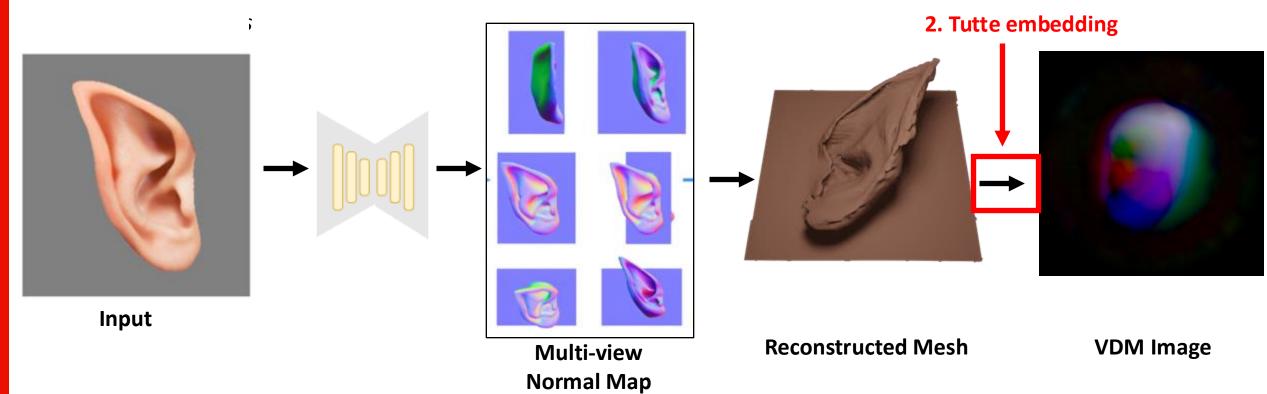


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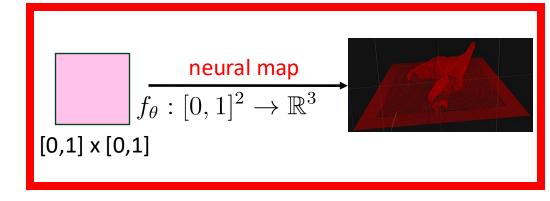


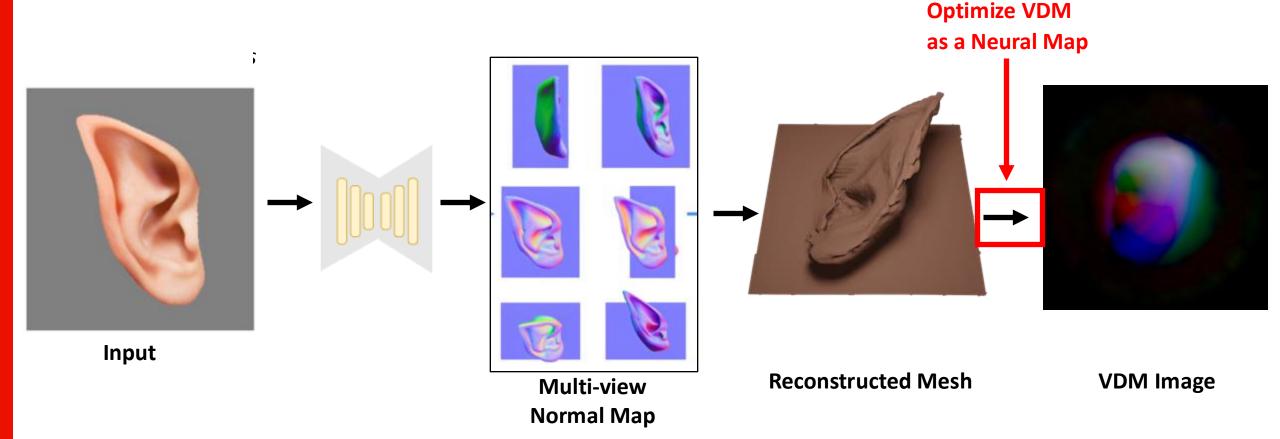
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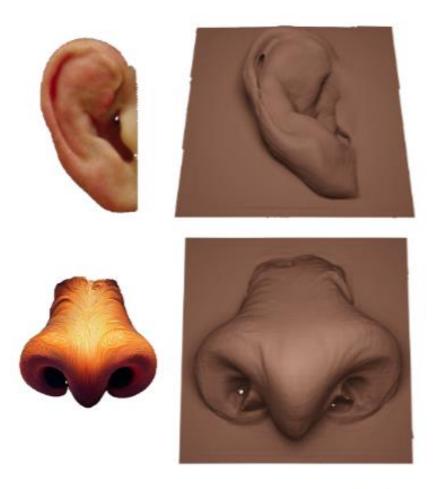
1. fill holes



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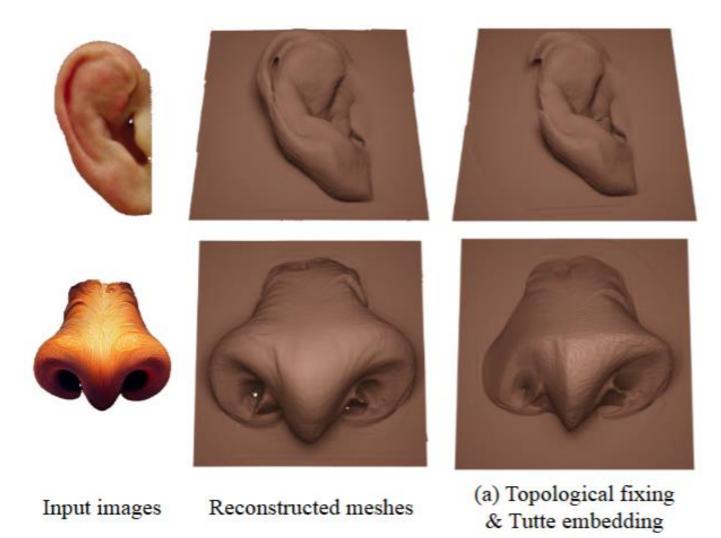




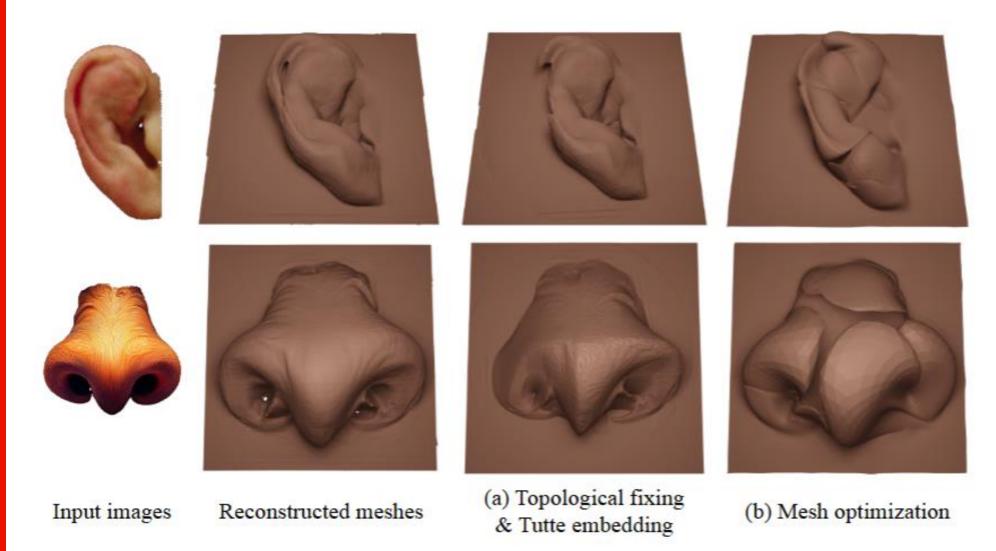


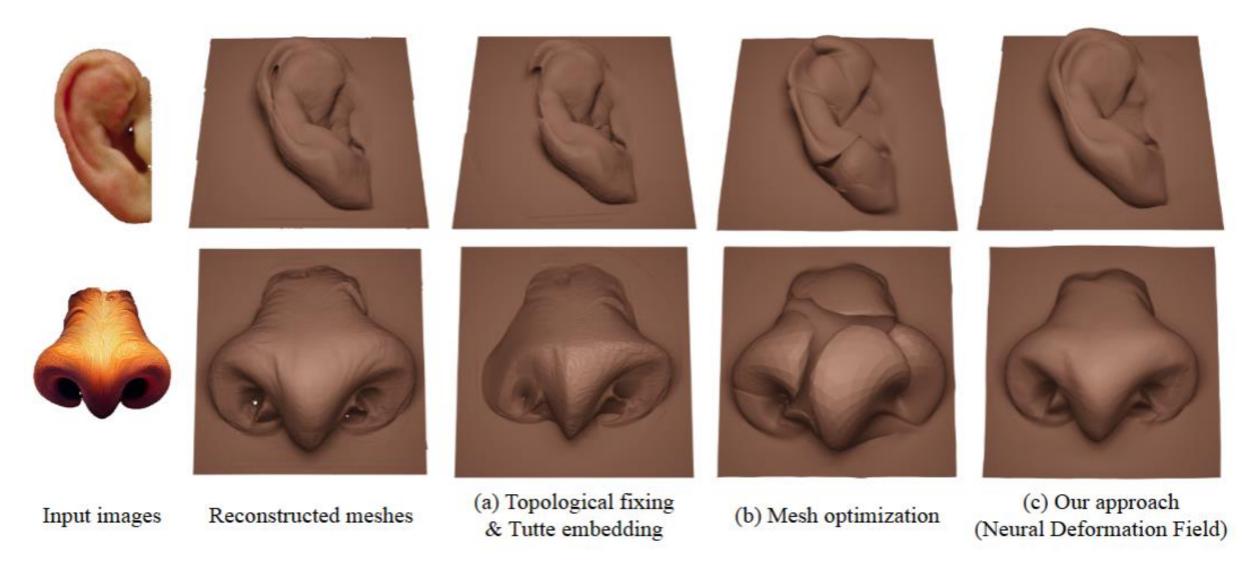
Input images

Reconstructed meshes



**Adobe** 





# Generated VDMs





































# **Generated VDMs**

















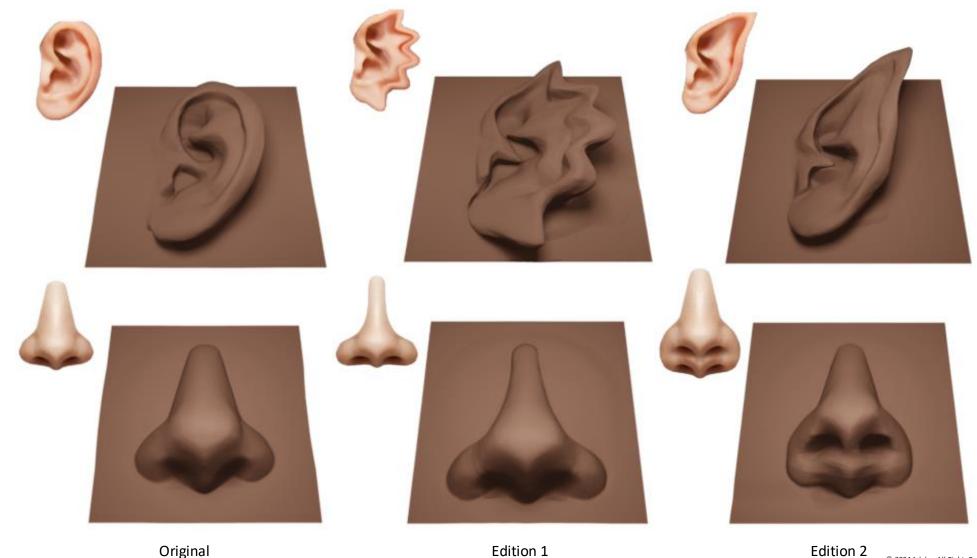








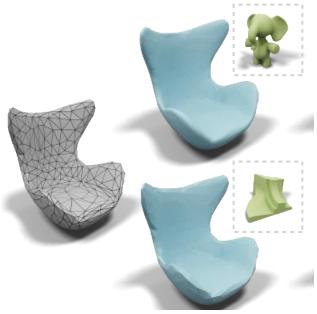
# Image Editing for VDM



### Other Work on Detailization

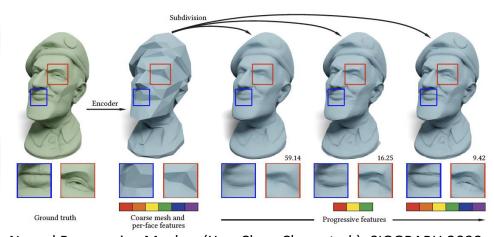


"a classic furniture piece made of polished wood with subtle details"

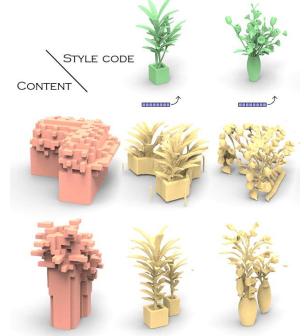


DECOLLAGE (Qimin Chen et al.), ECCV 2024

Neural Progressive Meshes (Hsueh-Ti Liu et al.), SIGGRAPH 2020



Neural Progressive Meshes (Yun-Chun Chen et al.), SIGGRAPH 2023

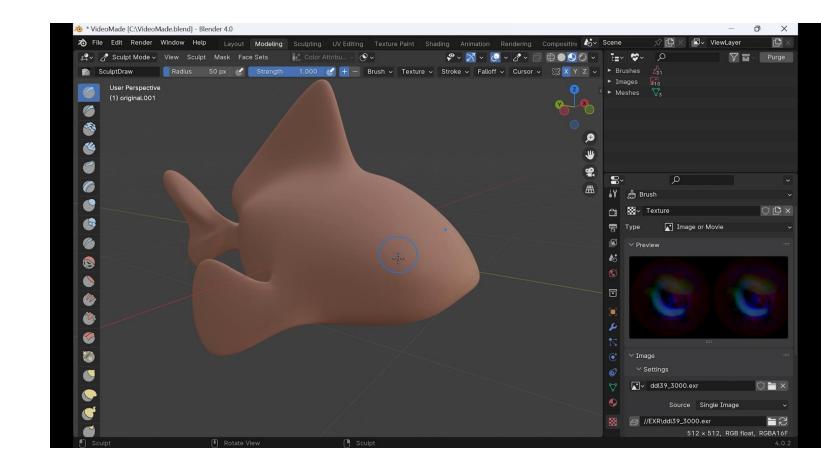


DecorGAN (Zhiqin Chen et al.), CVPR 2021

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#### Workflows

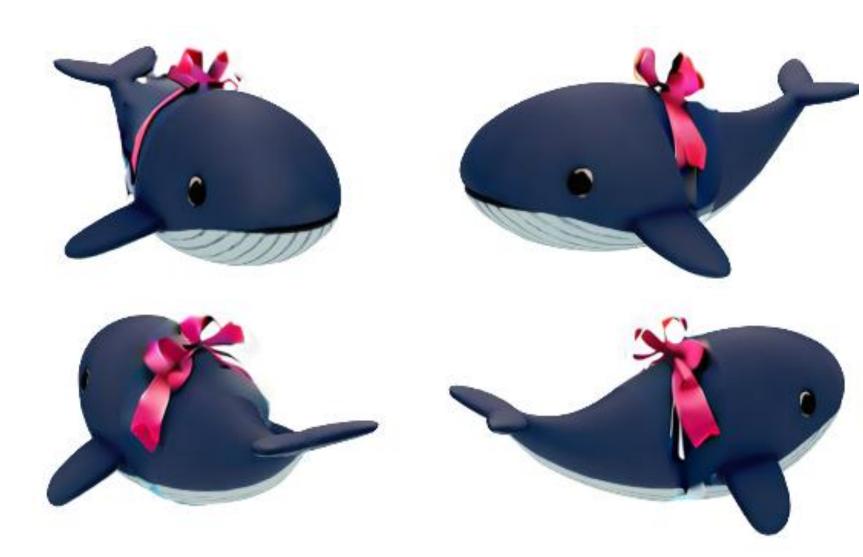
- Coarse deformation
- Coarse sculpting
- Detailize via normal maps
- Detailize via VDMs
- ..
- Representations
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- Workflows
- Representations
  - Meshes are essential for many existing workflows and pipelines
  - Hybrid representations allows to get the best of both worlds
  - Representation-agnostic methods via multi-view + LRM / Optimization
- Multi-view predictions



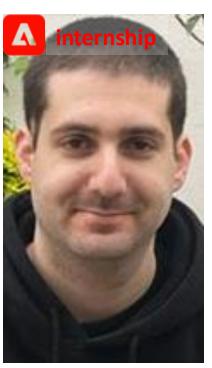
- Workflows
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  - Leverage pre-trained 2D priors
  - Work with different LRMs
  - Often need to be fine-tuned



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