Why is 3D Generation Hard? And what can we do about it?



CMPT464/764: Geometric Modeling in Computer Graphics

Lecture 13

Amazing image generation via LFMs



An illustration of an avocado sitting in a therapist's chair, saying 'I just feel so empty inside with a pit-sized hole in its center. The therapist, a spoon, scribbles notes.

I JUST FEEL S EMPTY INSIDE

Titan Image Generator Change

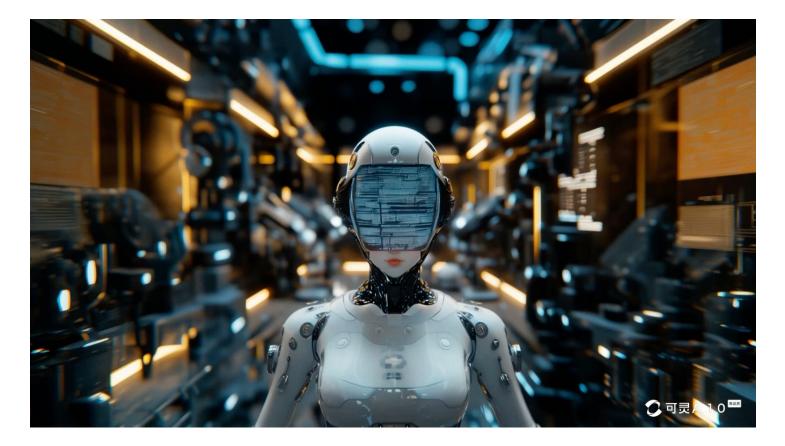
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Video generation too



State-of-the-art 3D generation

RealmDreamer: Text-Driven 3D Scene Generation with Inpainting and Depth Diffusion

Jaidev Shriram, Alex Trevithick, Lingjie Liu, Ravi Ramamoorthi

"A bear sítting in a classroom with a hat on, realístic, 4k image, high detail"



April 10, 2024

Compare 2D ...



"A bunny mesh" Image generated by DALL·E 3

Compare 2D to 3D = geometry + texture



"A bunny mesh" Image generated by DALL·E 3

"A baby bunny sítting on top of a stack of pancakes" 3D model generated from text [Zhu et al. 2023]

What is geometry?

Geometry is a branch of mathematics concerned with the properties of space such as the distance, shape, size, and relative position of figures.

Wikipedia

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Do LFMs "understand" (projective) geometry?



Images generated by Stable Diffusion

"Shadows do not lie and lines do not bend ..." [Sarkar et al. CVPR 2024]

More obvious error: "Al hands"



"Human hands" generated by Stable Diffusion (left), DALL-E 2 (upper right), and Midjourney (lower right)

How come?



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Hands in an image are
usually small
often obscured/occlude

- inconsistent in appearance
- Human hand having five fingers is an obvious fact: likely not in the captions even if the images do involve human hands

LFMs are good at learning ...

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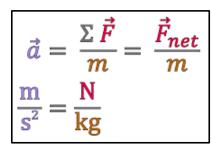
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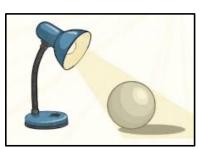
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LFMs are *not* so good at ...

- learning consistent and prominent features: dogs vs. dog ears
- in a "zero-shot" way to generalize w/o laborious labeling
- discovering obvious, but "hidden", rules/laws/concepts: e.g., not in training data (captions), highly abstract, hard to extract ...



Newton's Laws



Shadow formation



Vanishing points



How chairs stand

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3D objects and designs meant to be used: from Autodesk Fusion 360 dataset

LLMs "know" geometry ... in texts

ChatGPT 4



How big is a computer mouse?



The size of a computer mouse can vary significantly based on the type and design. Generally, most standard computer mice are about 4 to 5 inches (10 to 12.5 cm) in length and 2 to 3 inches (5 to 7.5 cm) in width. Some ergonomic mice may be larger or shaped differently to fit the hand better, while compact mice designed for portability can be smaller, around 3 to 4 inches (7.5 to 10 cm) in length. If you're looking for a specific model, it's best to check the manufacturer's specifications.

LLMs "know" geometry ... in texts

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What is a vanishing point?

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A vanishing point is a concept used in linear perspective drawing and painting. It refers to the point on the horizon line where parallel lines appear to converge or "vanish" in the distance.

Some key points about vanishing points:

- They are used to create the illusion of depth and three-dimensionality on a two-dimensional surface like a canvas or paper.
- Parallel lines that are perpendicular to the viewing plane (like railroad tracks) will have a single vanishing point on the horizon line that they appear to converge towards.
- Parallel lines that are angled relative to the viewing plane (like the corners of buildings) will have two vanishing points on the horizon line.
- The horizon line represents the eye level of the viewer. Objects above it appear higher, below it appear lower.
- The closer an object is to the vanishing point(s), the smaller it appears due to the illusion of distance.

Accurately plotting vanishing points allows artists to construct proper perspective and create realistic spatial depth in their drawings and paintings. Mastering vanishing points is a key skill in linear perspective techniques.

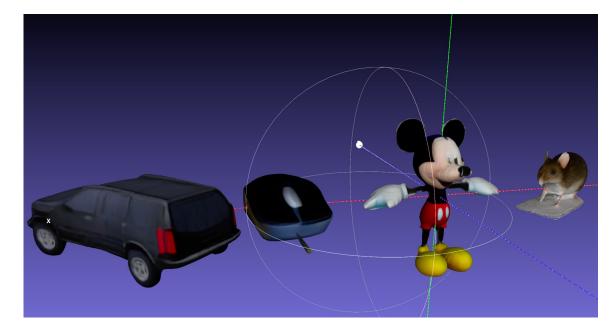
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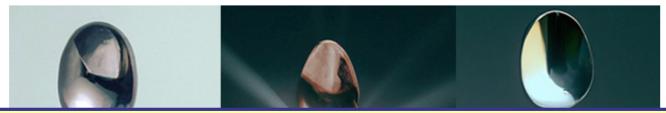
Visual manifestation a different story

3D generation by One-2-3-45++



- All the generated 3D models are simply normalized
- Contemporary 3D GenAI models do not have a proper sense of size

Another example: spatial relations



"DALL-E 2's difficulty with even basic spatial relations (such as in, on, under) suggests that whatever it has learned, it has not yet learned the kinds of representations that allow humans to so flexibly and robustly structure the world."

"A direct interpretation of this difficulty is that systems like DALL-E 2 do not yet have relational compositionality."

From "Testing Relational Understanding in Text-Guided Image Generation", by Colin Conwell and Tomer D. Ullman, 2022

DALL-E 2 results on "A Cup on a Spoon"

For 3D scene generation

Set-the-Scene: Global-Local Training for Generating Controllable NeRF Scenes						
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- Then generate per-object NeRFs



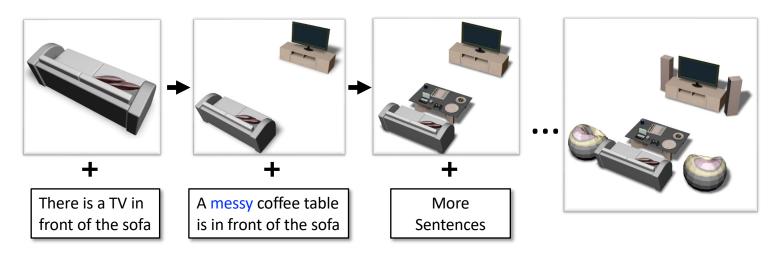
"A Princess Bedroom"

Old, pre-DL work (2018)

Language-Driven Synthesis of 3D Scenes from Scene Databases

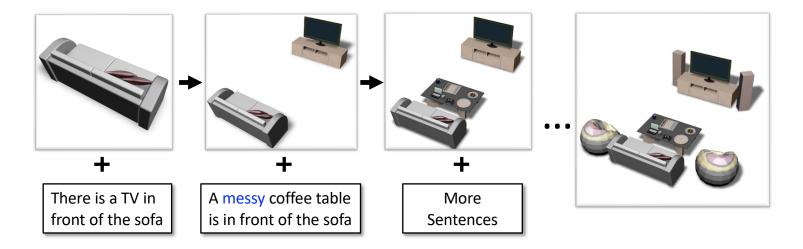
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[Ma et al. SIGGRAPH Asia 2018]



Automate layout generation

- Supervised learning: spatially and semantically aware annotations
- Automatic scene layout generation from natural language commands
- Subscene/object retrieval and accommodation, e.g., TV \rightarrow TV + TV stand

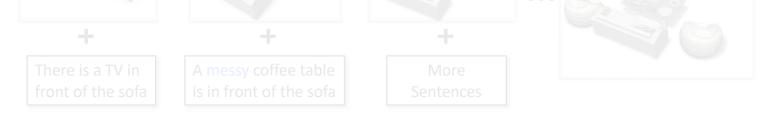


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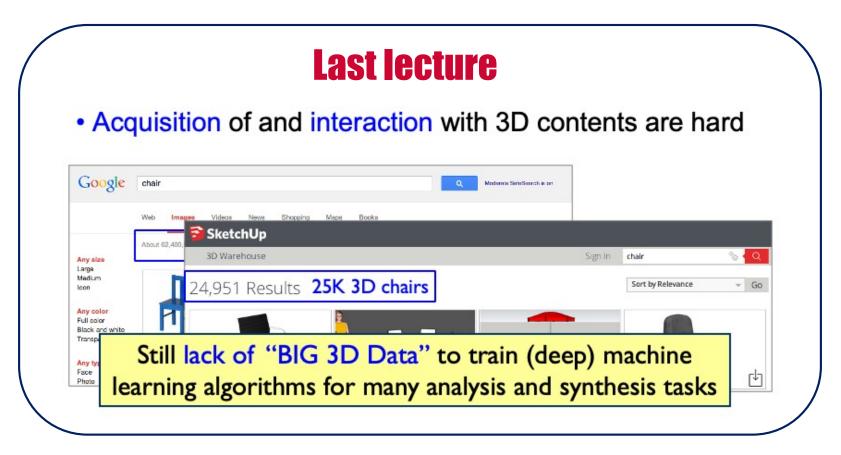
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Most zero-shot Text-to-X models do not have clear spatial or geometry awareness, e.g., region localization, object orientation, relations, etc.

Need specialized priors, e.g., functional or physical, or chain-ofthoughts reasoning/prompting to improve such awareness



Next challenges: 3D data challenge



#2:3D data challenge in 2024

Gap between 3D models and images/texts has only widened!

#3:3D output challenge

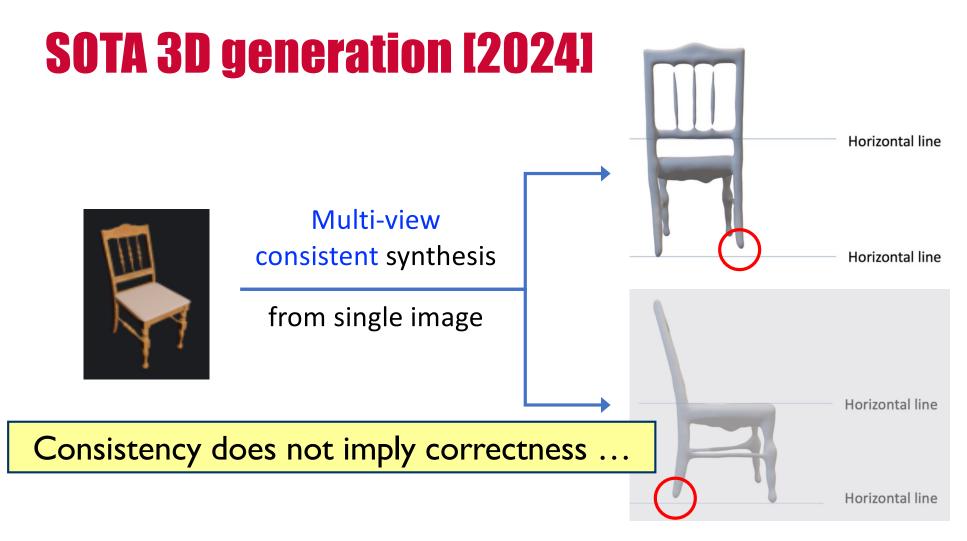
Must go beyond appearance (\Leftarrow differentiable rendering). Think about functionality!

Ultimately, generated 3D shapes should serve intended functions!



Magic3D

DreamGaussian



#4: Controllability challenge

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Text2Scene is too coarse manually create 3D scene proxy for generation and editing

[Cohen-Bar et al. ICCV 2023]

Most fundamental: representation challenge

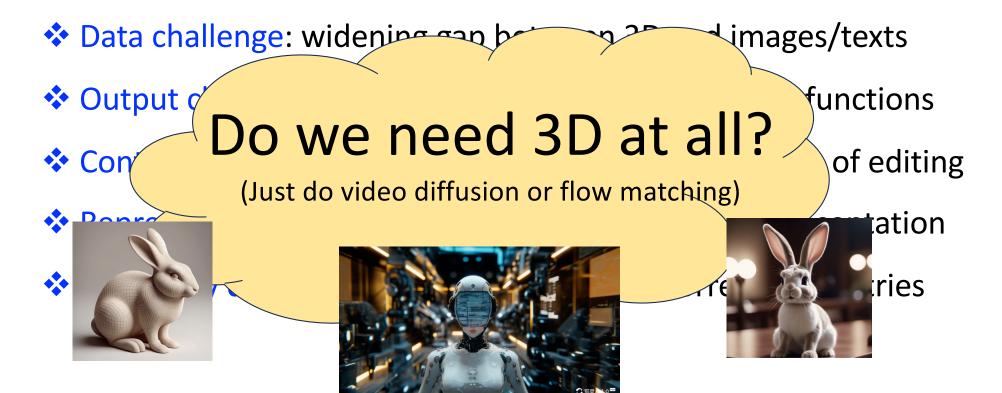
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"While NeRFs are often thought about as a major victory for Al-based techniques, ..., the key insight may actually simply be in the idea of a continuous volumetric representation (neural implicit representation from 2019) ... (NeRFs are) by no means the final word on the "best" 3D scene representation for image-based rendering. Ravi Ramamoorthi

"NeRFs: The Search for the Best 3D Representation", arXiv, August 2023

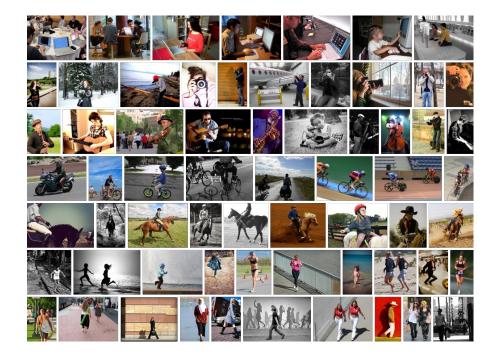
Representation is (almost) everything!

Why is 3D generation hard?



Observers vs. doers

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Observers vs. doers vs. creators

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Observers vs. doers vs. creators

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✤ We are also 3D creators — we create (generate) to understand!



Richard Feynman:

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To counter 3D data challenge

3D reconstruction and generation without 3D supervision



Current trend

Text-to-3D, image-to-3D, or text-to-image-to-3D

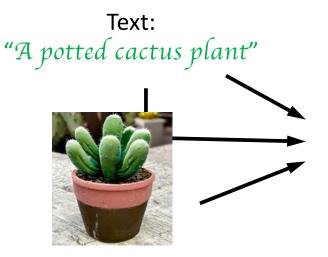


via multi-view

Magic3D [Lin et al. CVPR 2023]

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Single-view image



3D Gaussians via multi-view [Kerbl et al. SIGGRAPH 2023]



DreamGaussian [Tang et al. ICLR 2024]

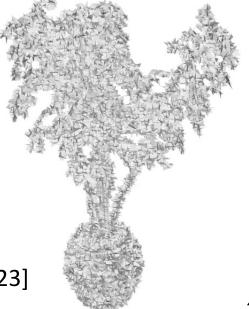
NeRF and 3DGS produce rendering, not modeling, primitives



Images from MobileNeRF [Chen, Tagliasacchi et al. CVPR 20

NeRF and 3DGS produce rendering, not modeling, primitives

- Unstructured: not how human reasons about 3D
- Not editable/reusable: for further modeling
- Not functional: true purpose of 3D creations



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vs.



Learning by interacting in 3D

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Avoiding 3D supervision leads to VERY LARGE model

- <u>Training data</u>: billions of images to train diffusion models
- <u>Neural network size</u>: billions of network parameters
- <u>Training costs</u>: days/weeks costing millions of \$, a privilege of large corporations professors could only use their pre-trained models ⁽²⁾
- <u>Environmental impact</u>: excessive use of electricity and heat



DGS produces rendering, not modeling, primitives

<u>3D supervision is unnatural</u>

Andrew Ng's data-centric AI: "smartizing" training data. "The key is good (quality) data, not big data."

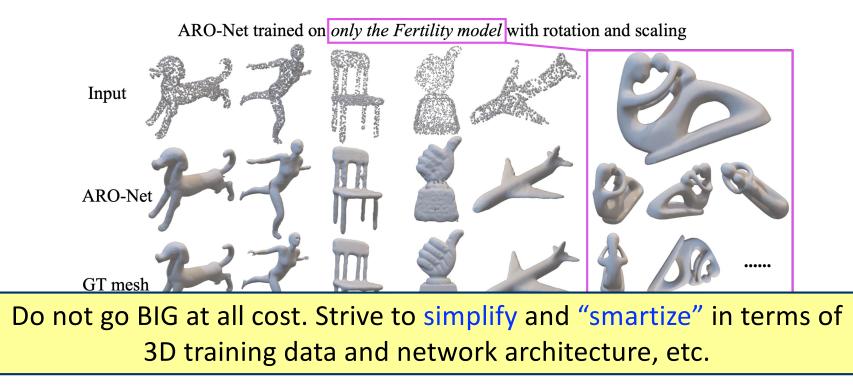
aming data: plillons of images to train diffusion models

Nothing wrong with using few 3D data, overall cost may be smaller! "One 3D model is worth a thousand images, maybe more!"

"Supervised" is not always "inferior" to "unsupervised/selfsupervised", what matters is the overall cost!

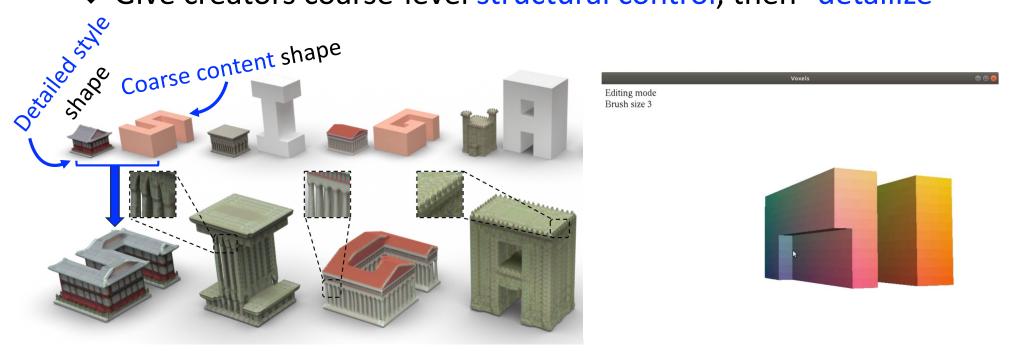
An extreme example

Train with a single 3D model while attaining generalizability



Addressing controllability challenge

Give creators coarse-level structural control, then "detailize"



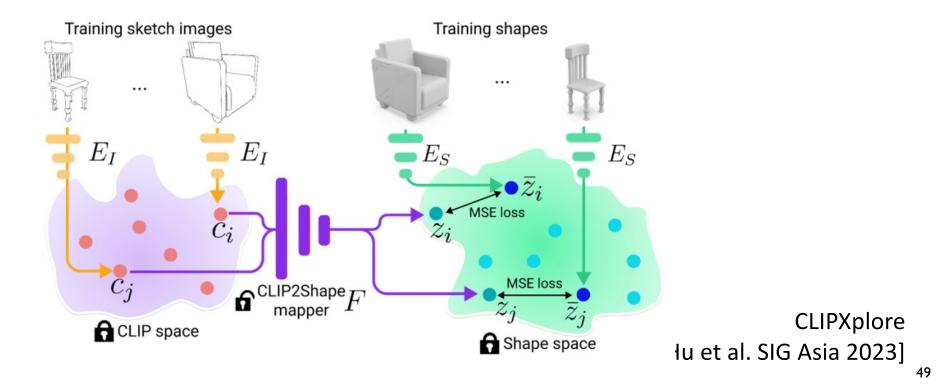
ShaDDR: geometry detailization and texture generation [Chen et al. SIGGRAPH Asia 2023]



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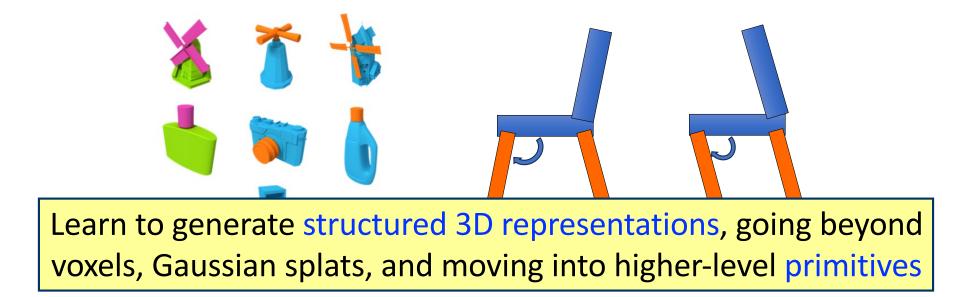
Explicitly enforcing text control

Key: coupling CLIP and shape spaces with paired CLIP and shape codes



Addressing functionality challenge

Functionality is mainly characterized by object structures, i.e., object parts + part relations



From Minsky's "The Society of Mind" (1986)

12.5 THE FUNCTIONS OF STRUCTURES

Many things that we regard as physical are actually psychological. To see why this is so, let's try to say what we mean by "chair." At first it seems enough to say.

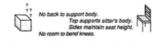
"A chair is a thing with legs and a back and seat."

But when we look more carefully at what we recognize as chains, we find that many of them do not fit this description because they don't divide into those separate parts. When all is done, there's little we can find in common to all chains—except for their intended use.

"A chair is something you can sit upon."

bot mat, too, seems manequate, in make a seem as through a chain were as monostantial as a wish. The solution is that we need to combine at least two different hinds of descriptions. On one side, we need structural descriptions for recognizing chairs when we see them. On the other side we need functional descriptions in order to know what we can do with chairs. We can capture more or what we mean by intervexang both steas. But it's not enough merely to propose a vague association, because in order for it to have some use, we need more infinitate details about how those chair parts actually help a person to sit. To catch the proper meaning, we need connections between parts of the chair structure and the requirements of the human body that those parts are supposed to serve. Our network needs details the thes:

Without such knowledge, we might just crawl under the chair or try to wear it on our head. But with that knowledge we can do amazing things, like applying the concept of a chair to see how we could sit on a box, even though it has no legs or back!



Uniframes that include structures like this can be powerful. For example, such knowledge about relations between structure, comfort, and posture could be used to understand when a box could serve as a chair: that is, only when it is of suitable height for a person who does not require a backrest or room to bend the knees. To be sure, such clever reasoning requires special mental skills with which to redescribe or "reformulate" the descriptions of both box and chair so that they "match" despite their differences. Until we learn to make old descriptions fit new circumstances, our old knowledge can be applied only to the circumstances in which it was learned. And that would scarcely ever work, since circumstances never repeat themselves perfectly.

LEARNING MEANING

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3D CAD generation from sparse-view

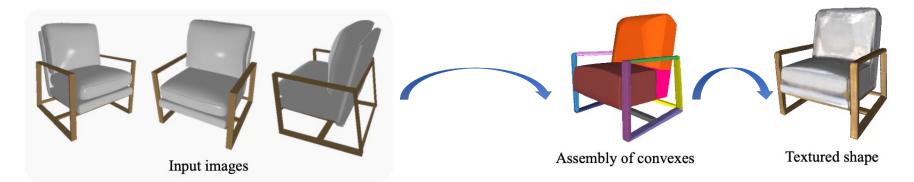
Assembly of quadric primitives from sparse, wide-baseline views



[Yu et al. ECCV 2024]

3D CAD generation from sparse-view

Primitive assembly via diff rendering, w/o 3D supervision



[Yu et al. ECCV 2024]

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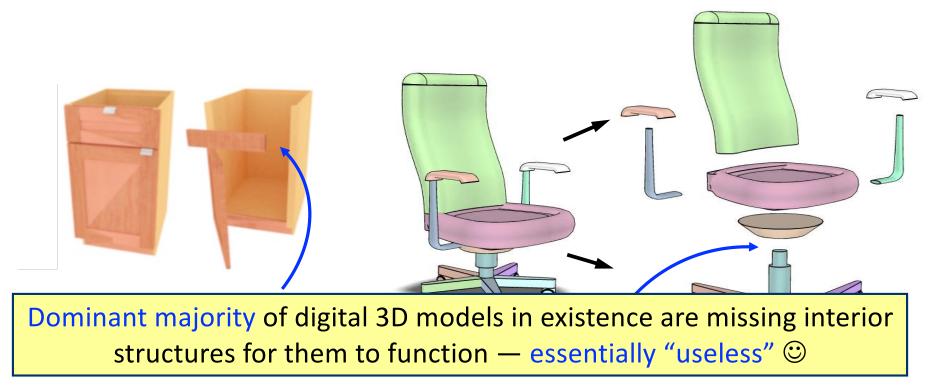
80%+ papers on "multi-view/sensor to 3D" target neural fields (NeRFs, 3DGS). More attention should on multi-view to CAD!

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Data challenge to functional reasoning

Functioning objects often reveal hidden/interior structures

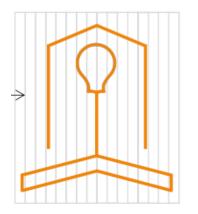


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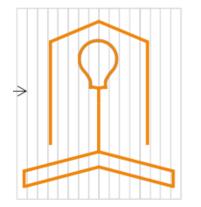
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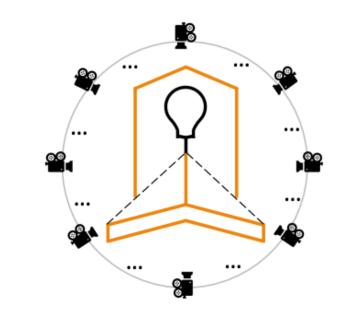


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VS



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Infinity many cameras still cannot reveal the bulb

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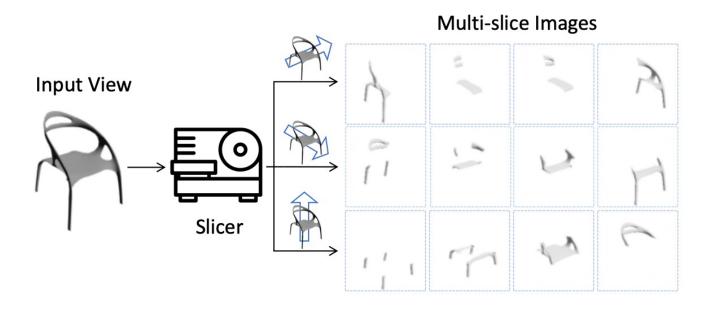
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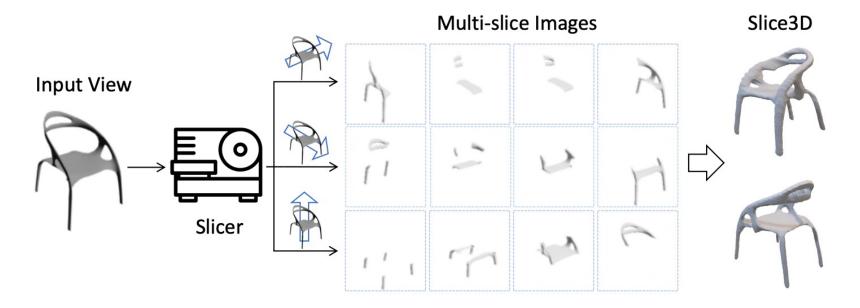
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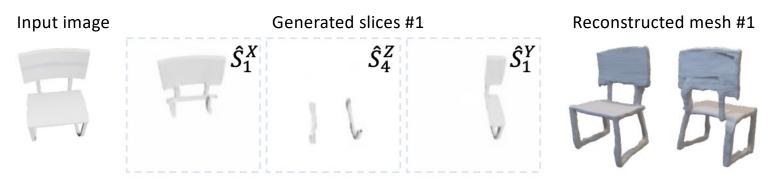
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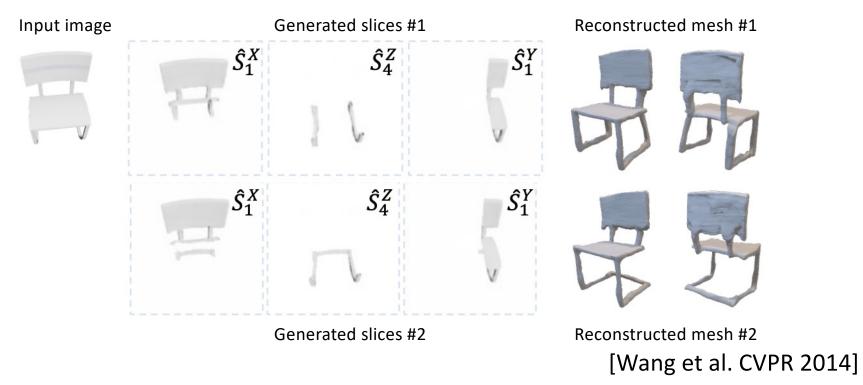
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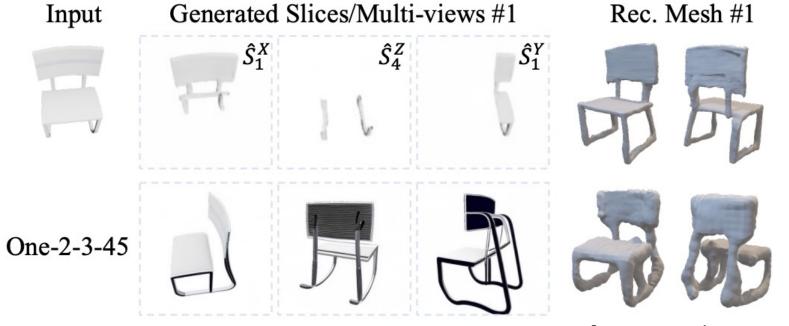
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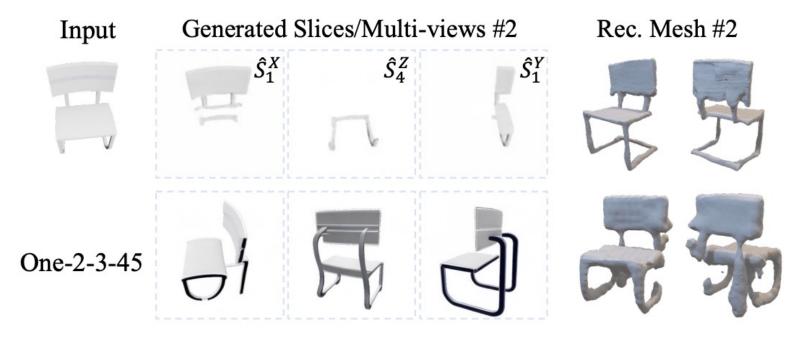
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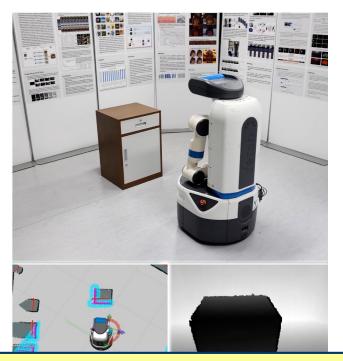


EASI-Tex [Perla et al. SIGGRAPH 2024]

Text-to-image-to-3D with generation of interiors



Active 3D reconstruction with robots



New trend in visual computing on "learning by interacting", embodied Al, and increasing integration between vision, graphics, and robotics

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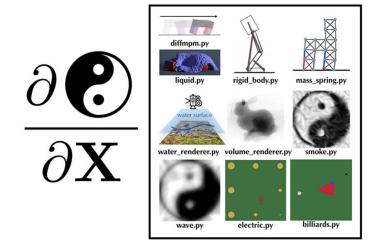
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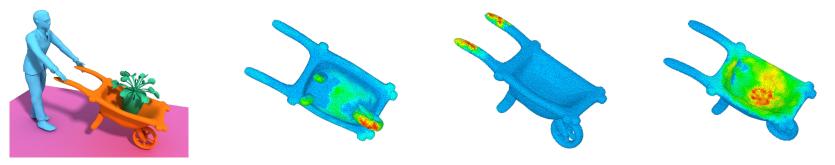
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- Keep humans in the loop with high-level priors and controls



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- Data-centeric AI with use of small and "smartized" 3D data
- Continuing pursuit of the "best" 3D representation
 - Shifting from voxels/points for rendering to modeling primitives, with emphases on structures, motions, and functions
 - Maybe the best representation is ultimately a hybrid one



Check out SLM = Small Language Models: more efficient, lower-cost (60-200M parameters vs. 175B for ChatGPT), and more customizable

Back to "Geometry Challenge"

Geometry is a branch of mathematics concerned with the properties of SPACE such as the distance, shape, size, and relative position of figures.

Wikipedia

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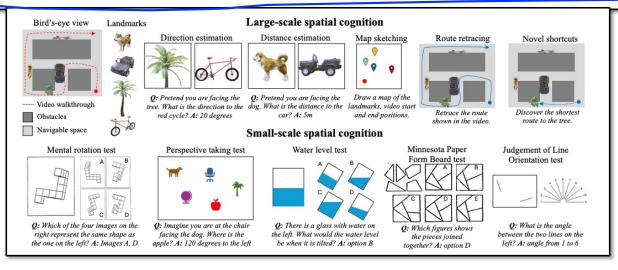
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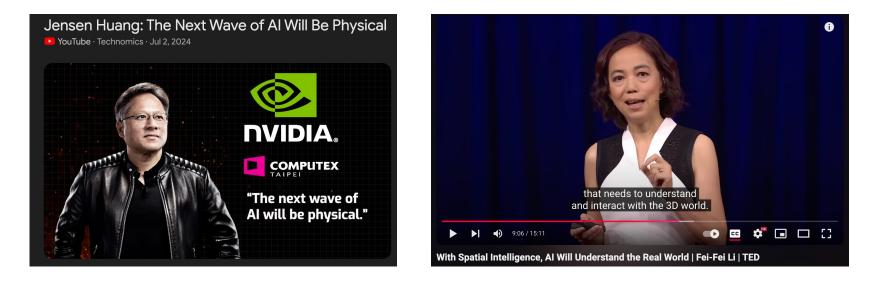
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Next wave: spatial and physical Al



Contemporary LFMs far from having spatial intelligence

To do the right geometry/function/physics is key to 3D GenAI

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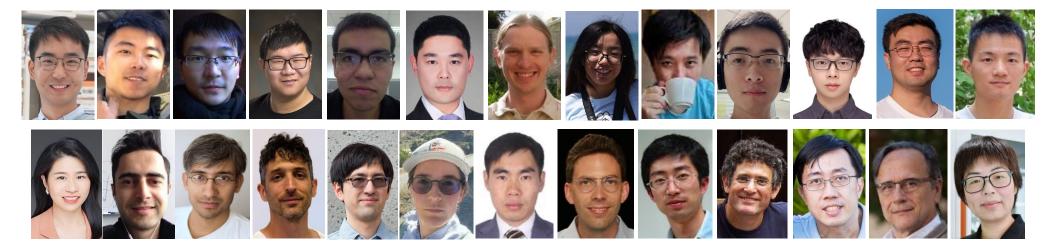
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