



NANYANG
TECHNOLOGICAL
UNIVERSITY
SINGAPORE

New Generative Models for 3D Content Generation

Xingang Pan

Assistant Professor

College of Computing and Data Science

Nanyang Technological University

24 Mar 2025



3D Content Creation

3D content lays the foundation for broad applications



Movies / VFX



Gaming

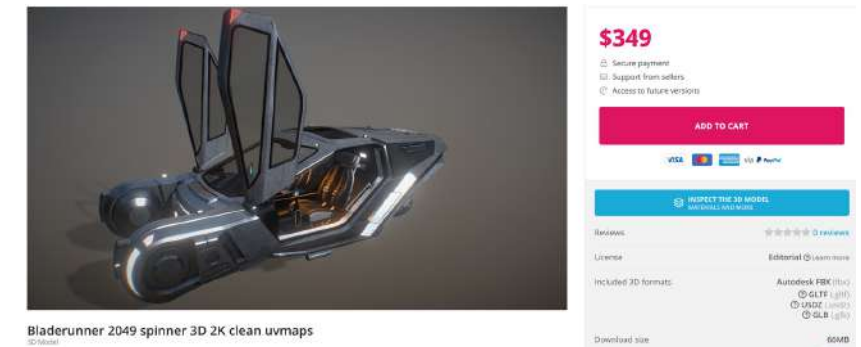
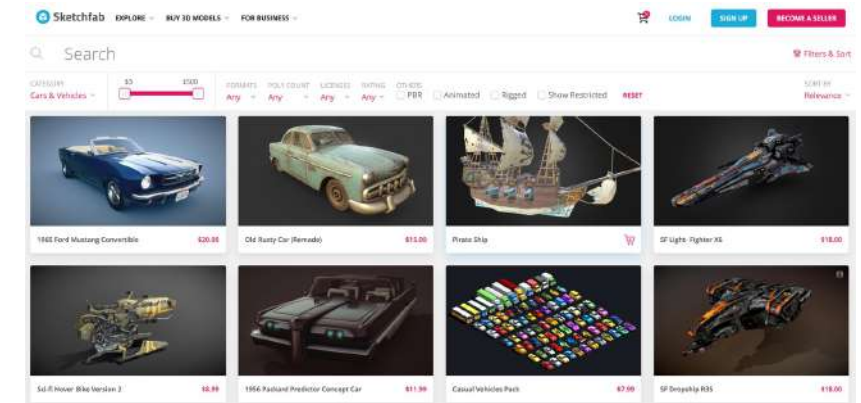


AR / VR / Metaverse



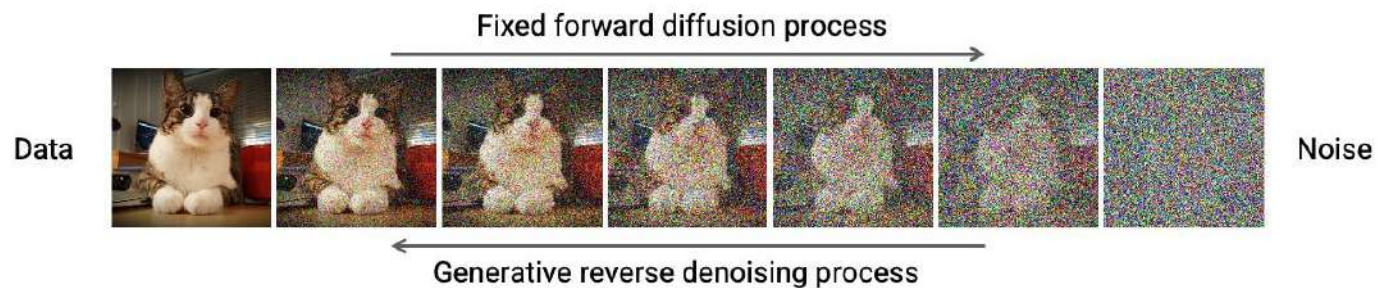
Manufacturing

3D assets: limited and expensive



Generative Models

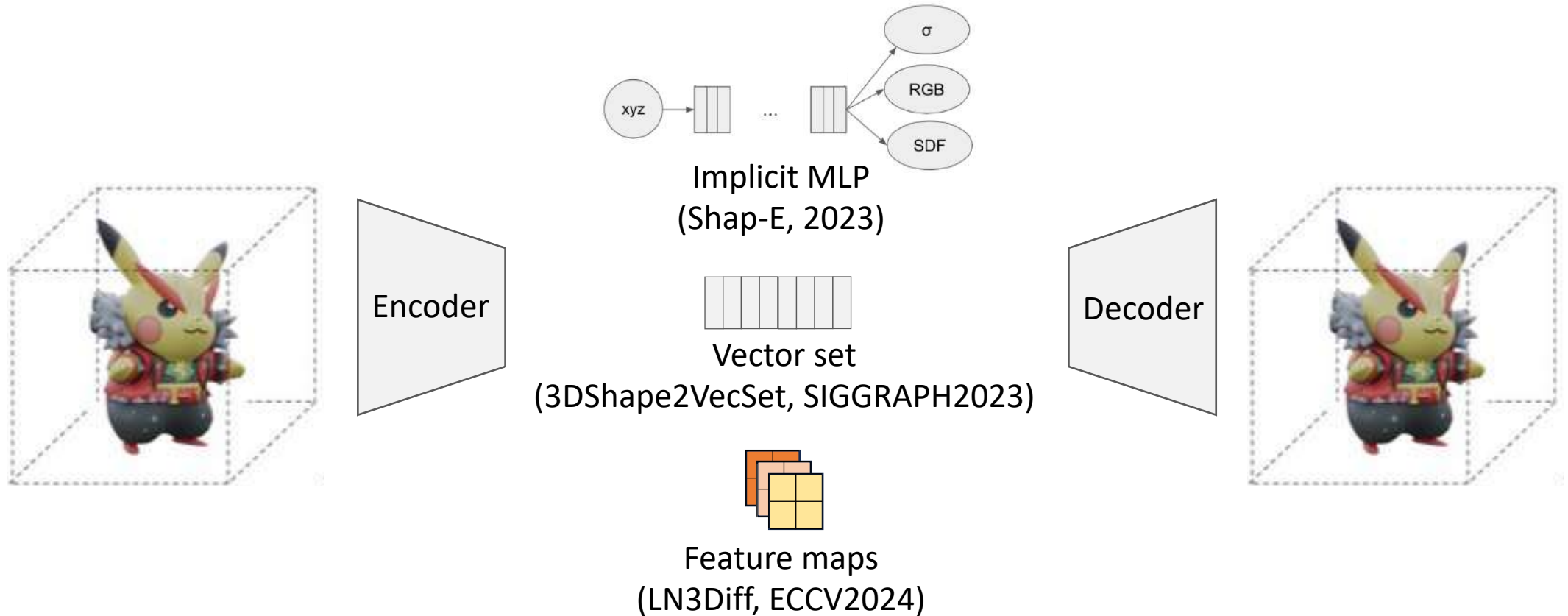
Diffusion Model



Autoregressive Model



Background on Native 3D Diffusion Models



- Lack of explicit 3D-aware latent space for interactive editing.
- Lack of high-quality texture and efficient 3D VAE encoding from 2D inputs.

GaussianAnything: Interactive Point Cloud Latent Diffusion for 3D Generation

Yushi Lan¹Shangchen Zhou¹Zhaoyang Lyu²Fangzhou Hong¹Shuai Yang³Bo Dai²

Xingang Pan¹

Chen Change Loy¹

¹S-Lab, NTU Singapore

²Shanghai AI Lab

³Peking University



<https://nirvanalan.github.io/projects/GA/>

3D VAE with Structured Latent

Input

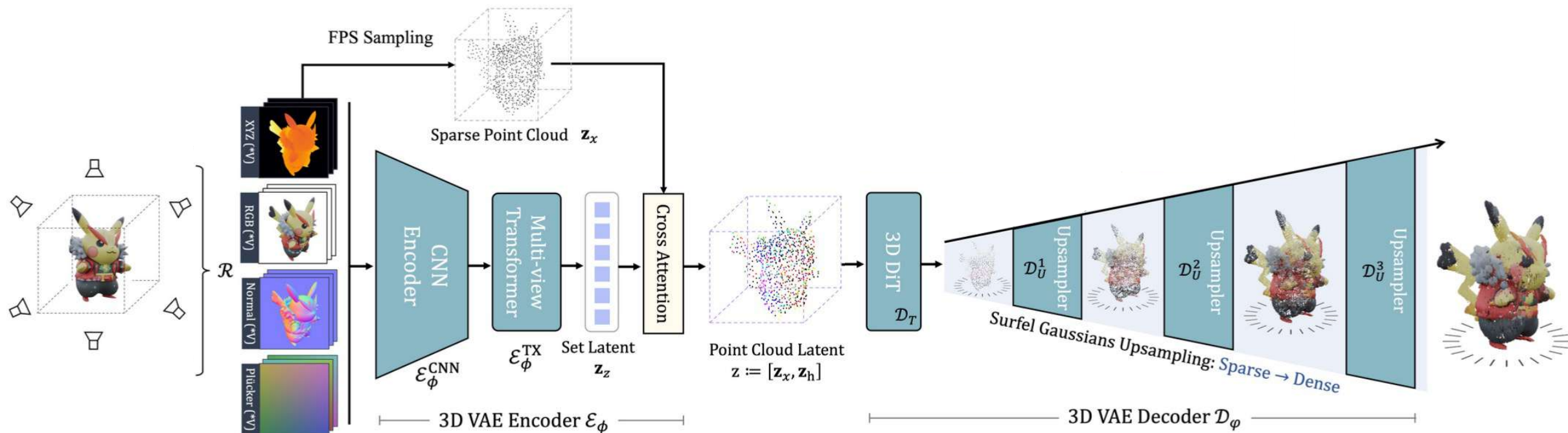
Point cloud
+ multi-view RGB, Depth, Normal

Latent

Point cloud
+ Embedding for each point

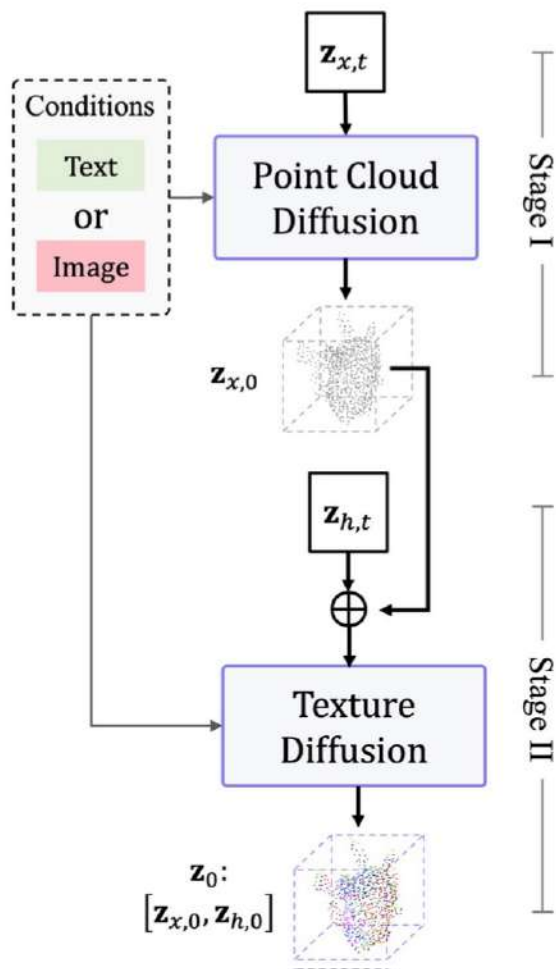
Output

High-quality
surfel Gaussians

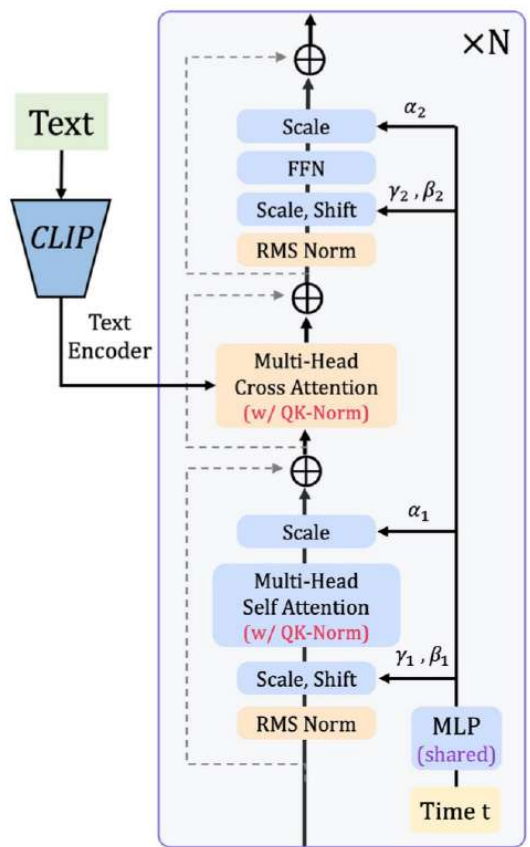


Pipeline of the 3D VAE of GaussianAnything.

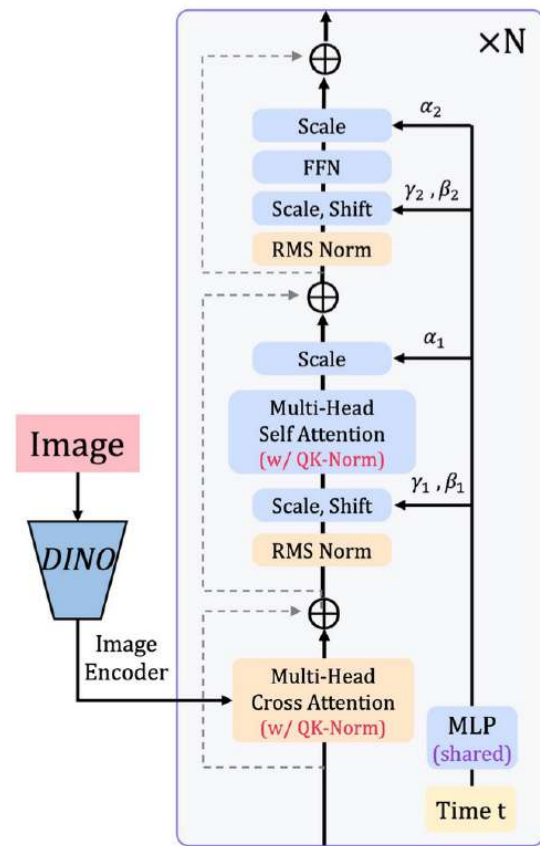
Cascaded Native 3D Diffusion



Two-Stage Diffusion

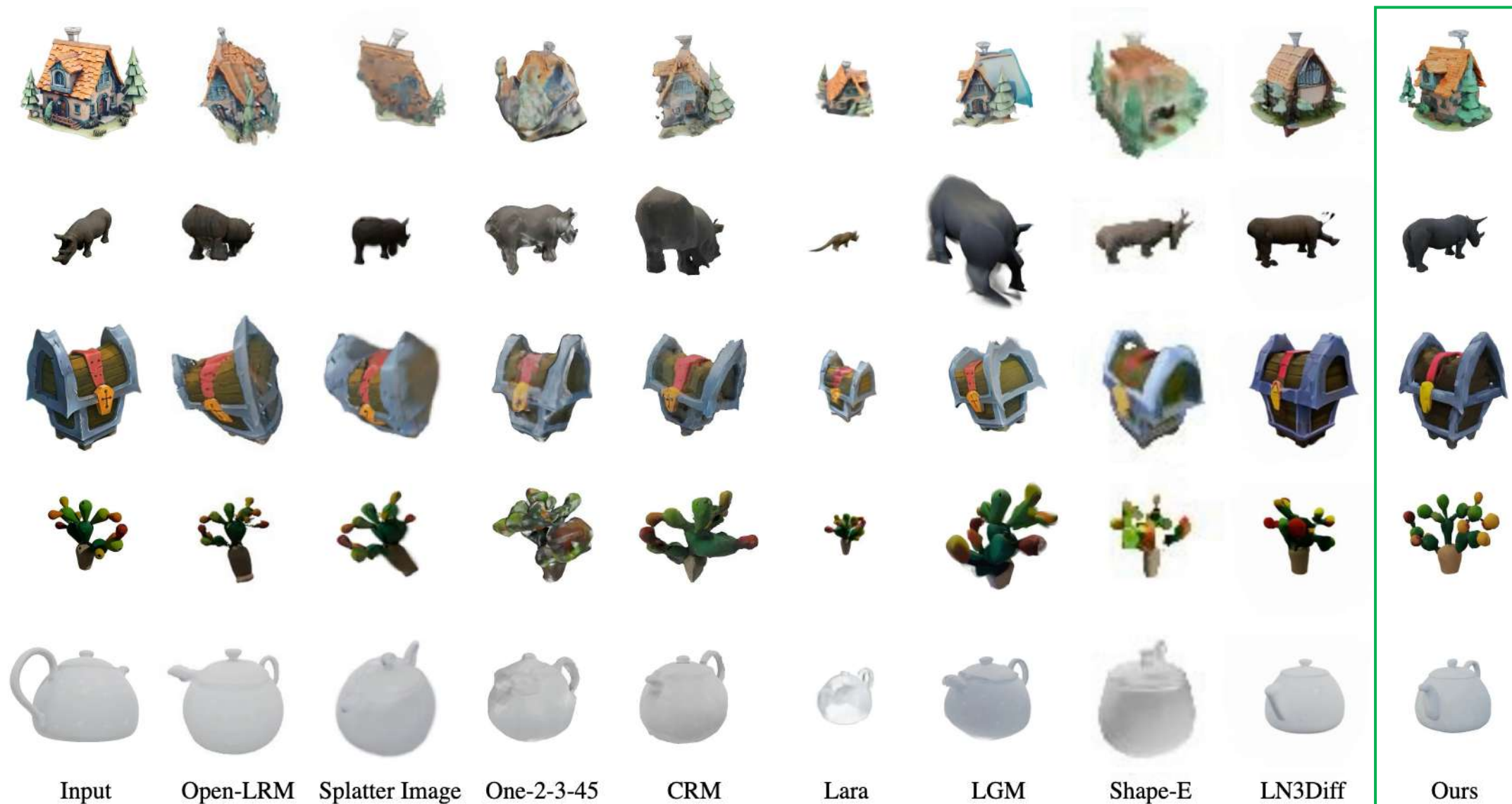


(a) DiT Block (Text condition)



(b) DiT Block (Image condition)

Qualitative Results (Image-to-3D)



Quantitative performance (Image-to-3D)

Method	FID↓	KID(%)↓	MUSIQ↑	P-FID↓	P-KID(%)↓	COV(%)↑	MMD(‰)↓
OpenLRM	38.41	1.87	45.46	35.74	12.60	39.33	29.08
Splatter-Image	48.80	3.65	30.33	19.72	7.03	37.66	30.69
One-2-3-45 (V=12)	88.39	6.34	59.02	72.40	30.83	33.33	35.09
CRM (V=6)	45.53	1.93	64.10	35.21	13.19	38.83	28.91
Lara (V=4)	43.74	1.95	39.37	32.37	12.44	39.33	28.84
LGM (V=4)	19.93	0.55	54.78	40.17	19.45	50.83	22.06
Shape-E	138.53	11.95	31.51	20.98	7.41	61.33	19.17
LN3Diff	29.08	0.89	50.39	27.17	10.02	55.17	19.94
Ours	24.21	0.76	65.17	8.72	3.22	59.50	15.48

Text-to-3D performance

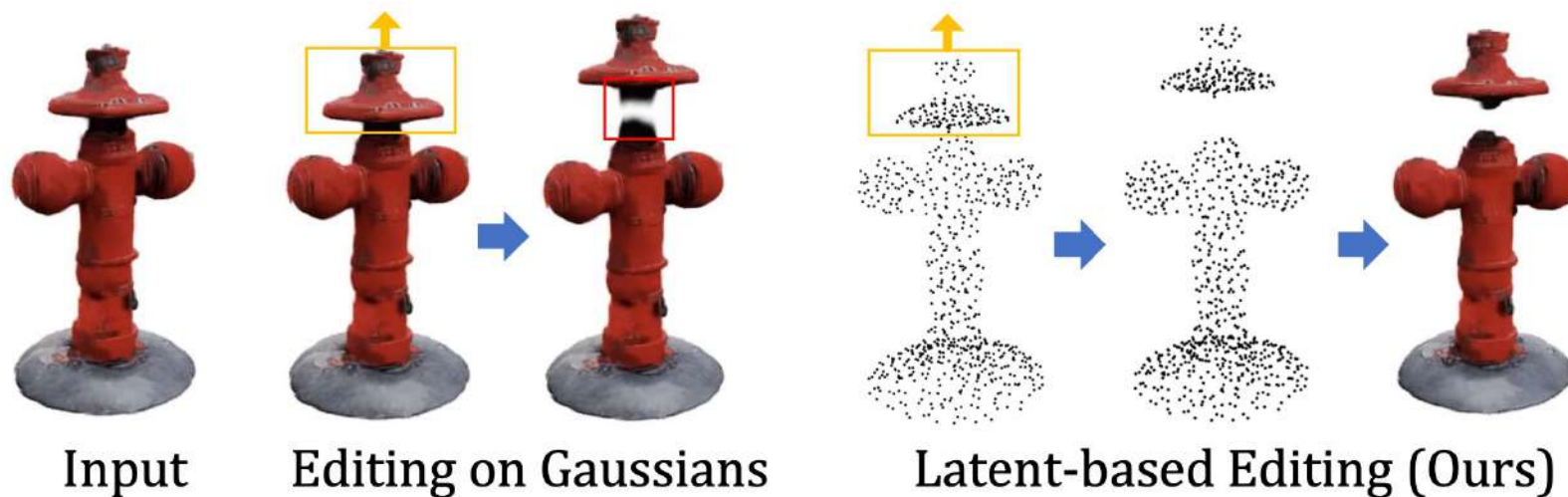
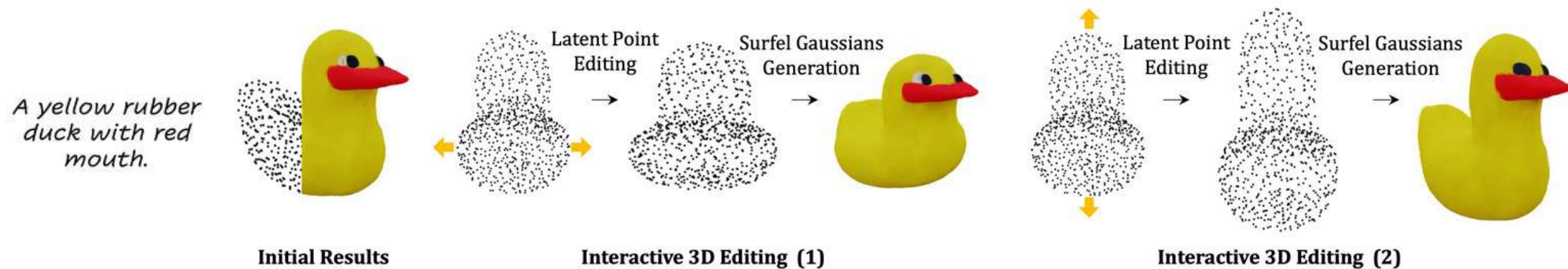
A voxelized dog.



An 18th century cannon.

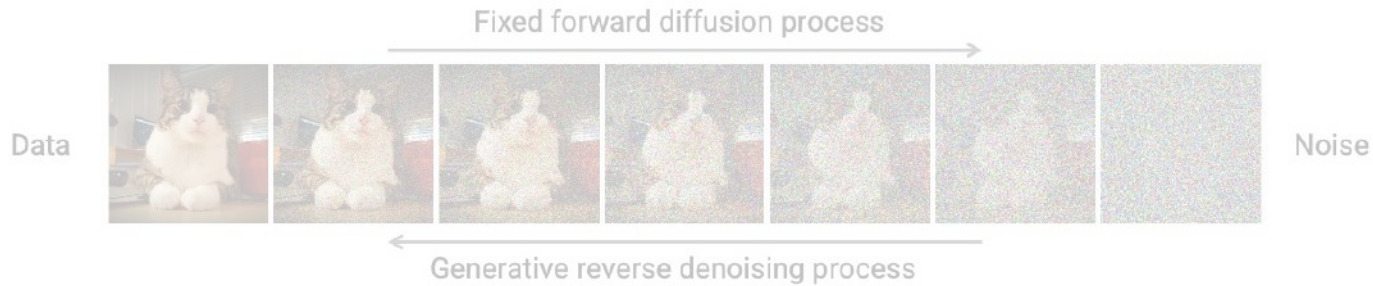


Interactive 3D Editing

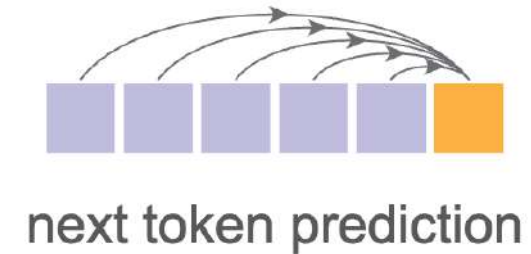


Generative Models

Diffusion Model

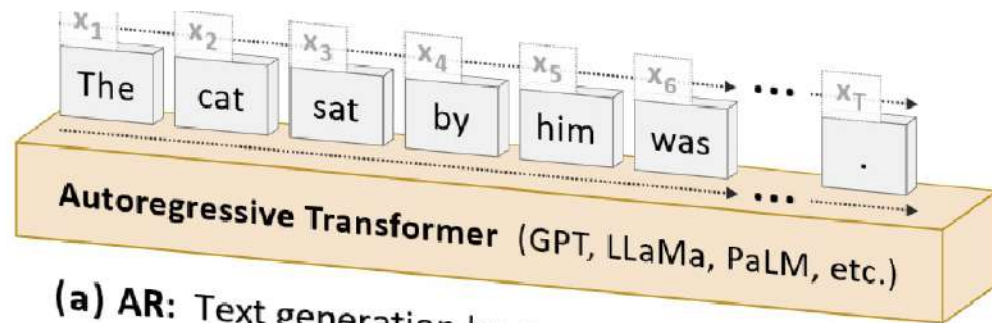


Autoregressive Model

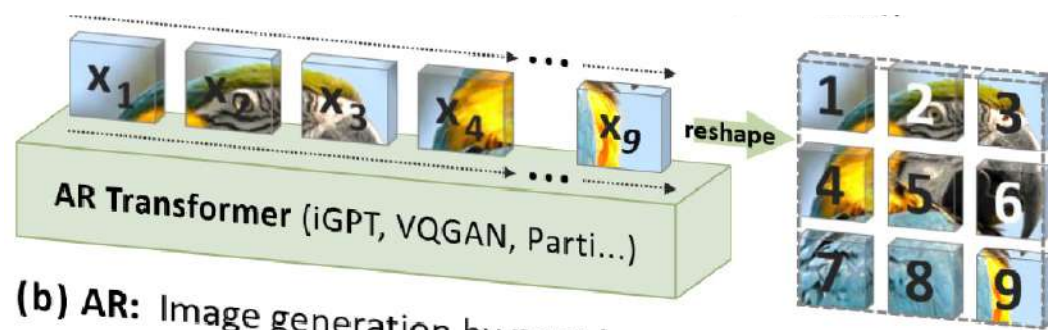


- A native 3D Diffusion Model, GaussianAnything:
Structured latent space, better design, better performance

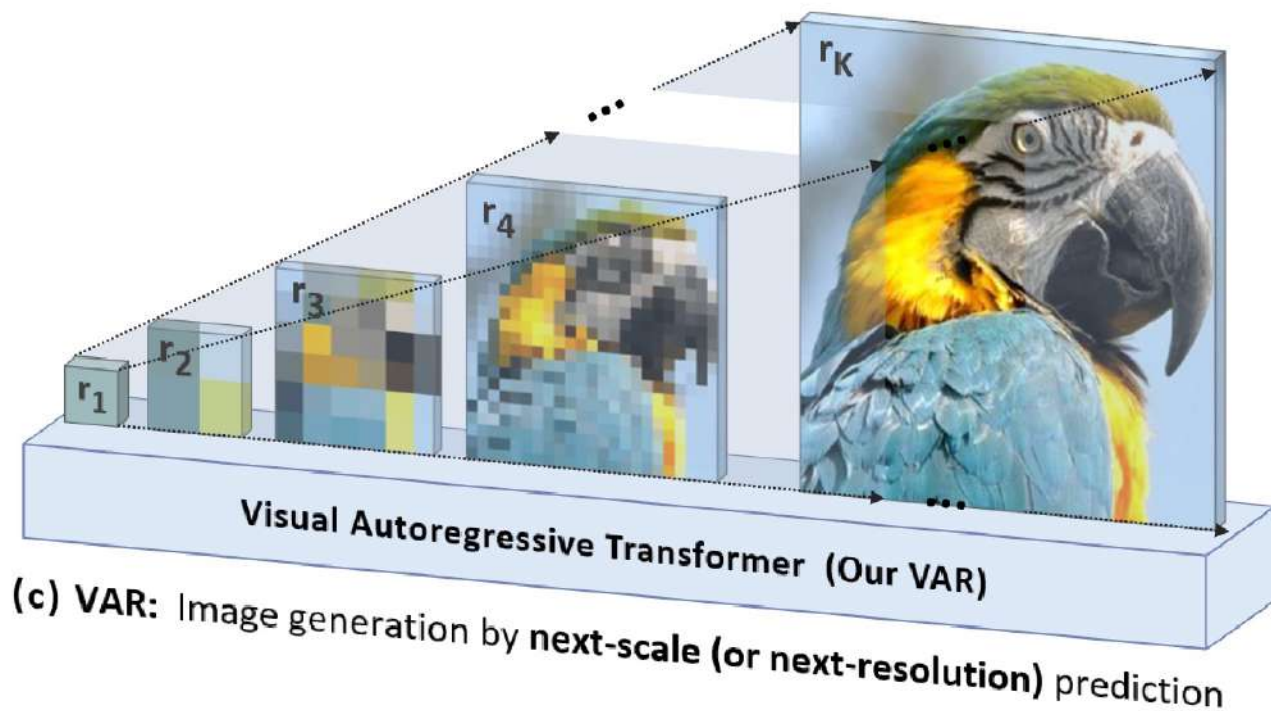
Autoregressive Generation



(a) AR: Text generation by **next-token** prediction



(b) AR: Image generation by **next-image-token** prediction



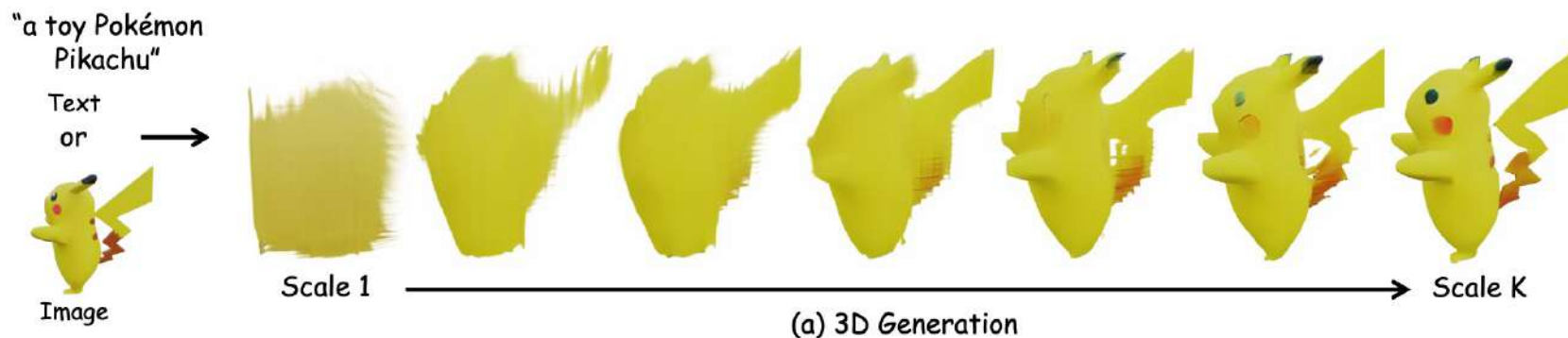
(c) VAR: Image generation by **next-scale (or next-resolution)** prediction

SAR3D: Autoregressive 3D Object Generation and Understanding via Multi-scale 3D VQVAE

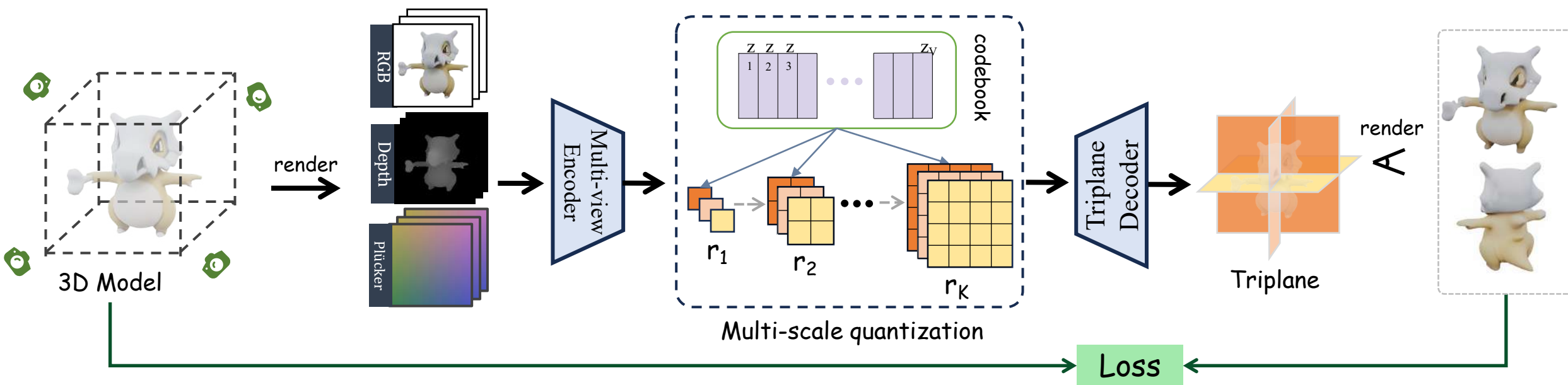
Yongwei Chen¹, Yushi Lan¹, Shangchen Zhou¹, Tengfei Wang², Xingang Pan¹

¹S-Lab, Nanyang Technological University

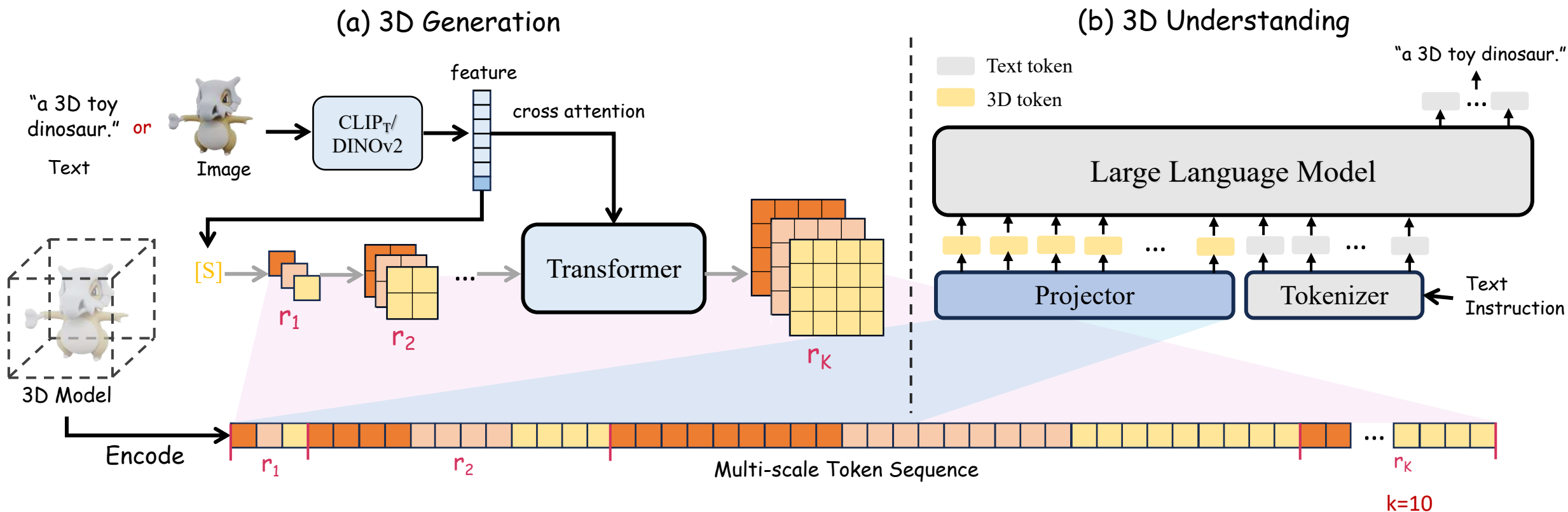
²Shanghai Artificial Intelligence Laboratory



SAR3D – VAE with multi-scale quantization



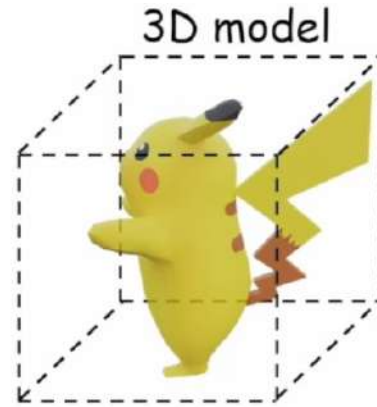
SAR3D -- Method



SAR3D -- Results



Fast 3D generation (<1s)



Detailed 3D understanding

Give a concise interpretation of the 3D data presented here.

SAR3D -- Experiments

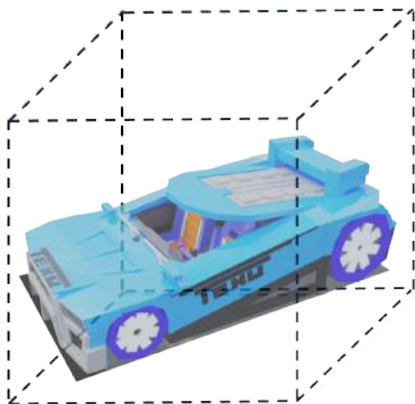


(a) Single Image to 3D

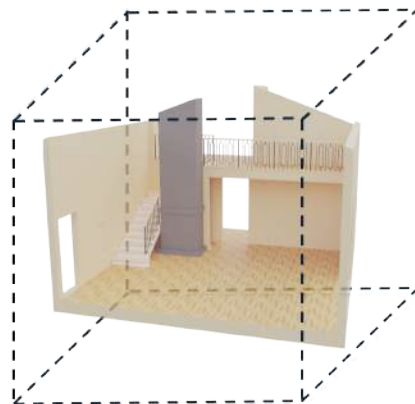


(b) Text to 3D

SAR3D -- Experiments



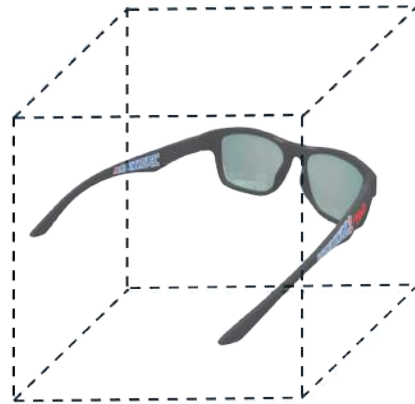
→ A sleek and aerodynamic blue and white racing car with a futuristic design, featuring racing stripes, a spoiler on the back, and a low profile.



→ A small, wooden house with a rectangular shape, staircase leading up to the entrance, and a patio area in front.



→ A wooden desk and chair set with a rectangular shape, featuring a simple and minimalistic design. The desk has a wooden top with a metal base, while the chair has a wooden seat and backrest.



→ A unique pair of black and green sunglasses with a slim and curved frame, featuring green lenses and a distinctive design.

3D Captioning. Given a 3D model, our method can generate captions that contain both category and details.

SAR3D -- Comparison

Method	FID↓	KID(%)↓	MUSIQ↑	COV(%)↑	MMD(‰)↓	Latency-V100 (s) ↓
Splatter-Image	48.80	3.65	30.33	37.66	30.69	0.83
OpenLRM	38.41	1.87	45.46	39.33	29.08	7.21
One-2-3-45 (V=12)	88.39	6.34	59.02	33.33	35.09	59.23
Lara (V=4)	43.74	1.95	39.37	39.33	28.84	11.93
CRM (V=6)	45.53	1.93	64.10	38.83	28.91	22.10
LGM (V=4)	19.93	0.55	54.78	50.83	22.06	3.87
Shap-E	138.53	11.95	31.51	61.33	19.17	9.54
LN3Diff	29.08	0.89	50.39	55.17	19.94	7.51
GaussianAnything	24.21	0.76	65.17	59.50	15.48	15.02
SAR3D-NeRF	22.55	0.42	65.77	74.17	13.63	1.64
SAR3D-Flexicubes	27.30	0.63	67.24	71.50	15.25	2.92

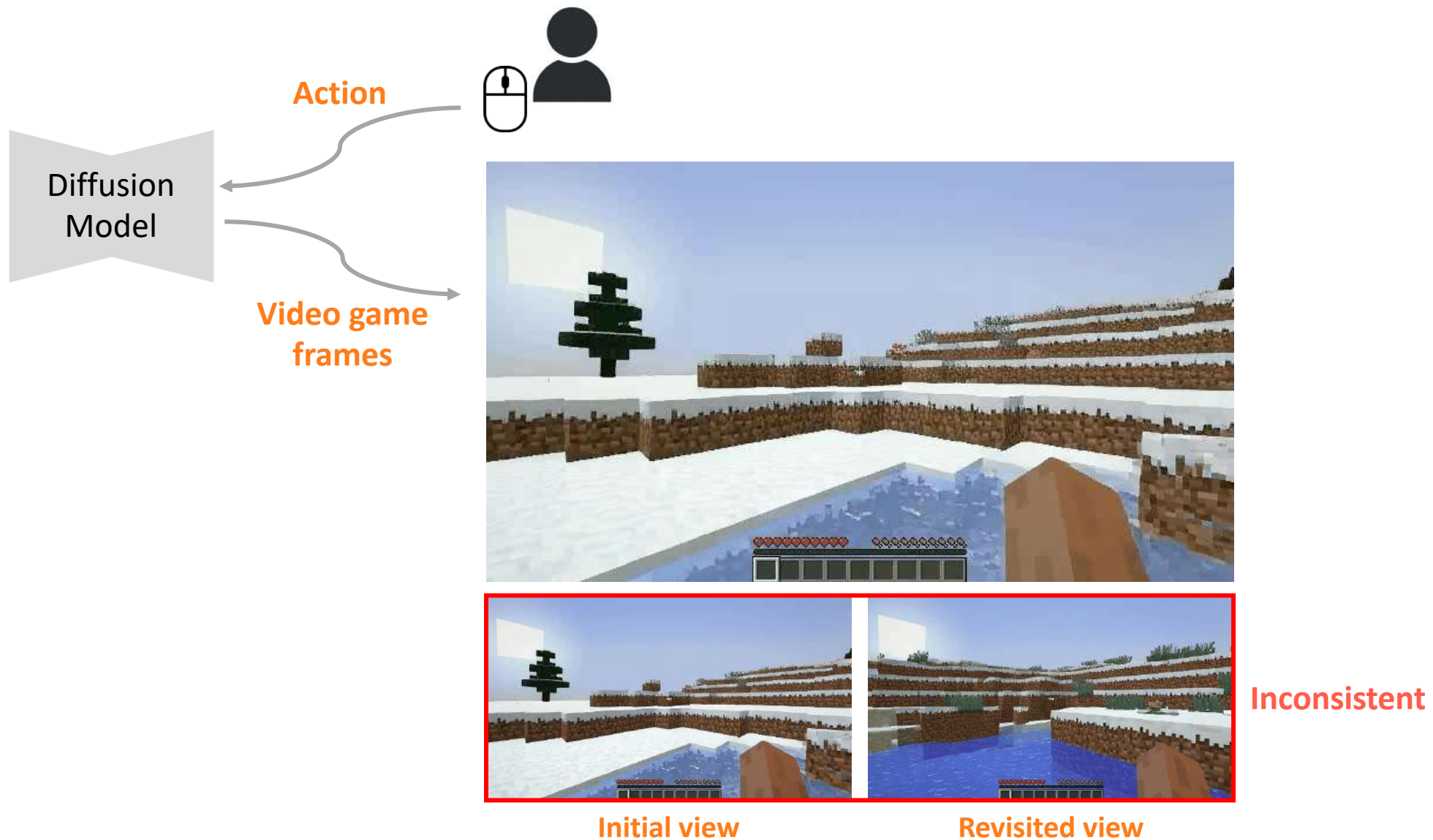
- Autoregressive Model for 3D generation can perform as well as diffusion models while being more efficient

Generative AI as 3D Game Engine?

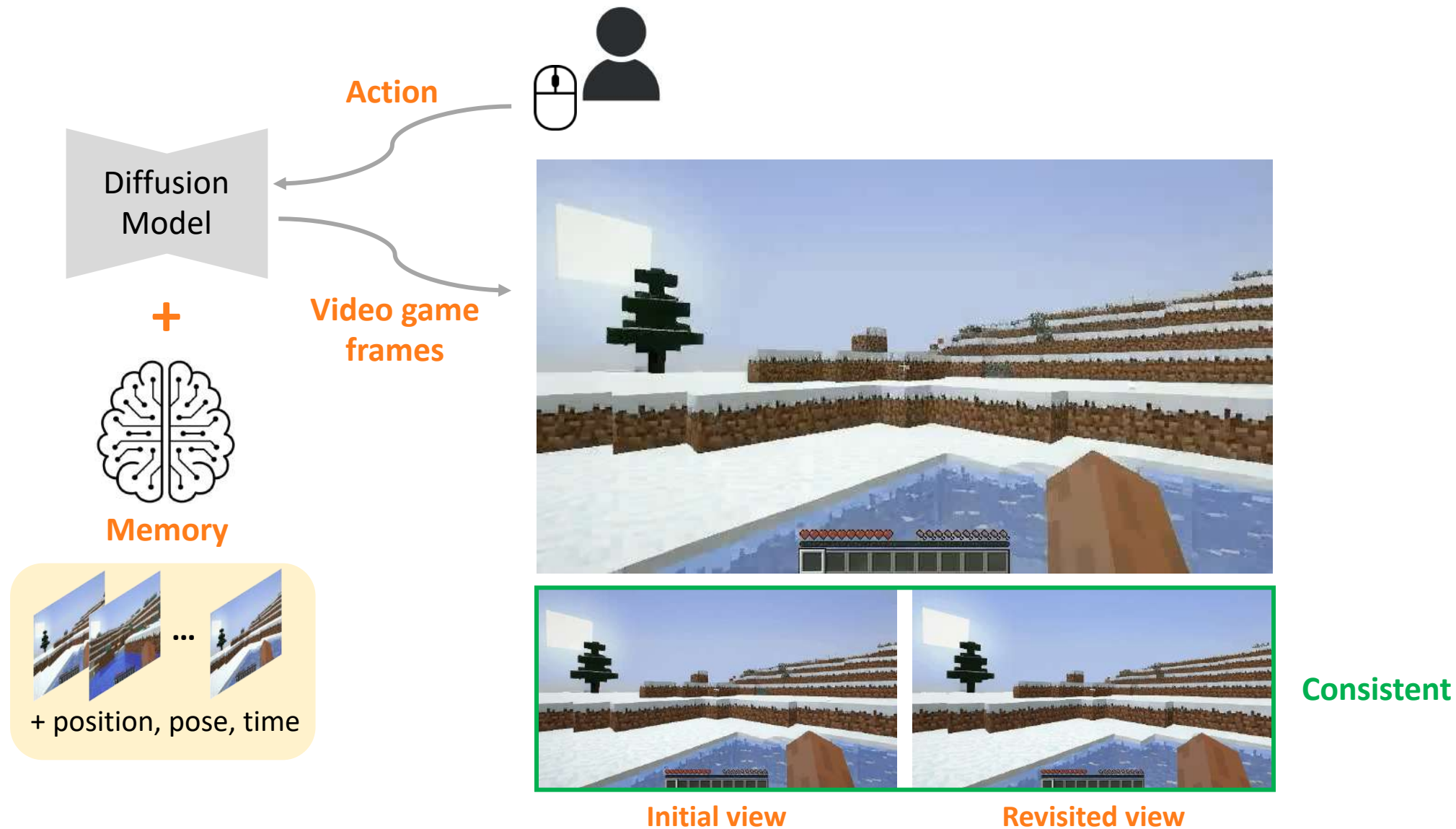


Minecraft powered purely by Generative AI

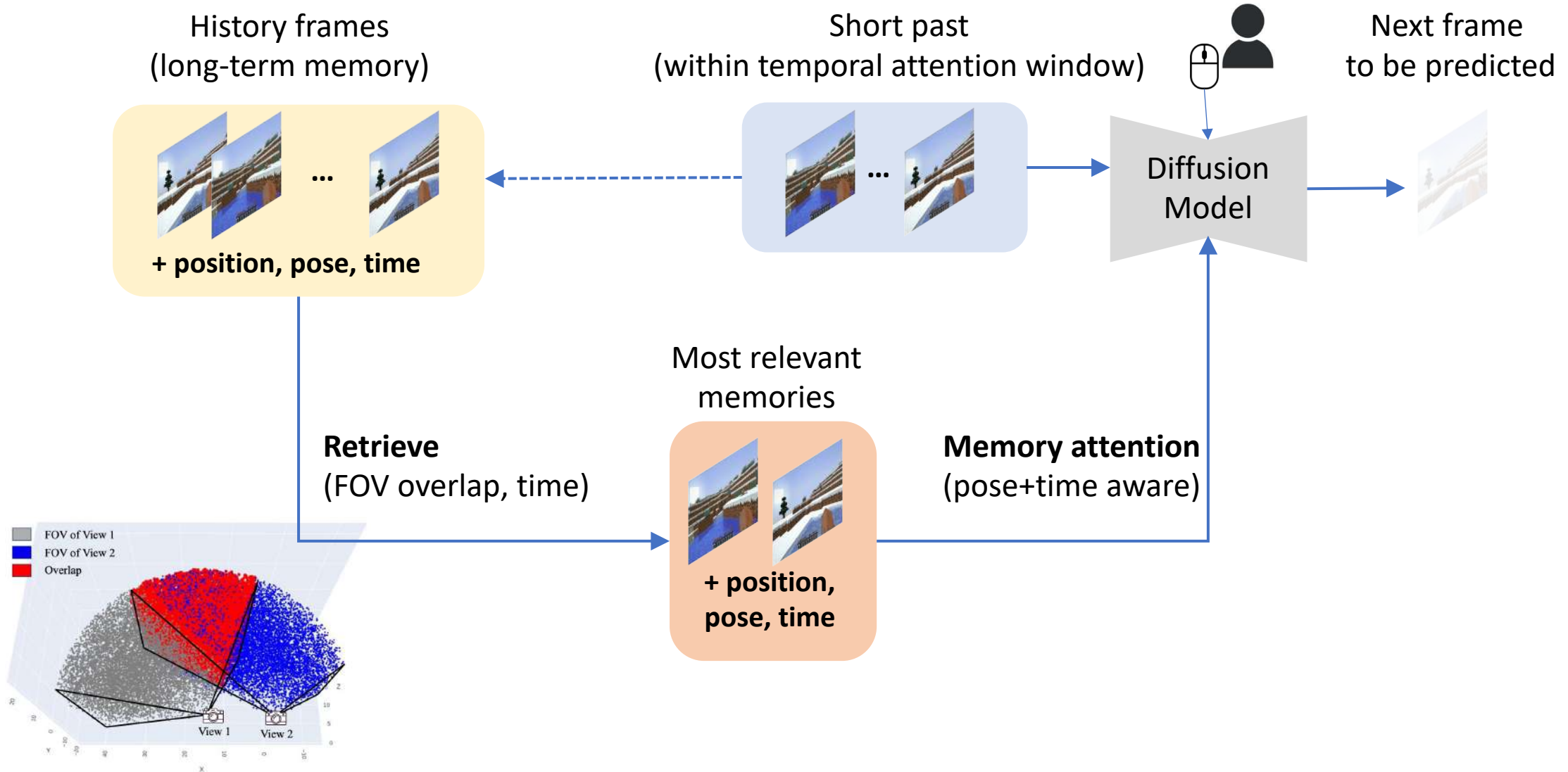
Generative AI as 3D Game Engine



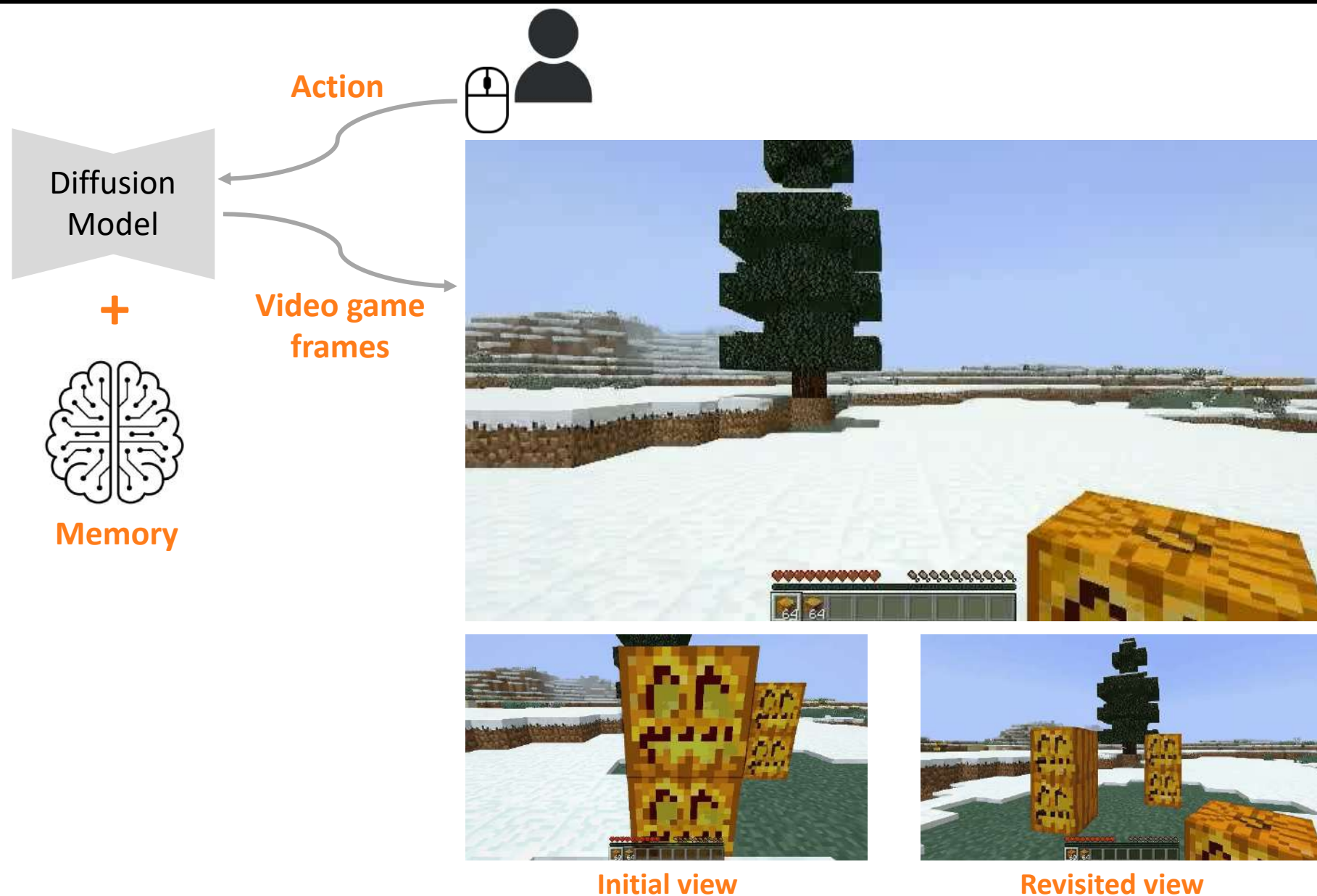
Generative AI as 3D Game Engine



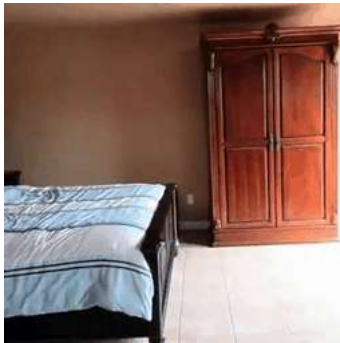
World Generation with Memory



Generative AI as 3D Game Engine



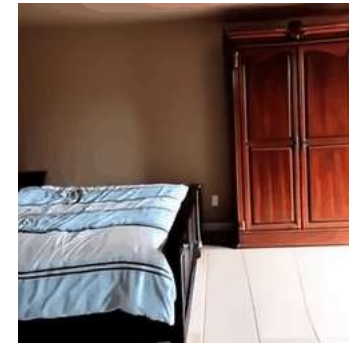
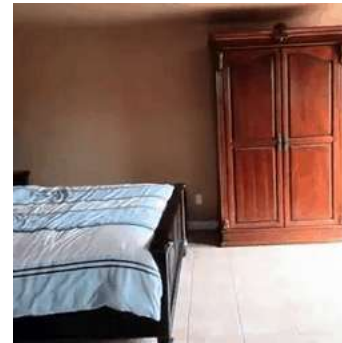
Real Scene Results



Initial view

Revisited view

w/o Memory



Initial view

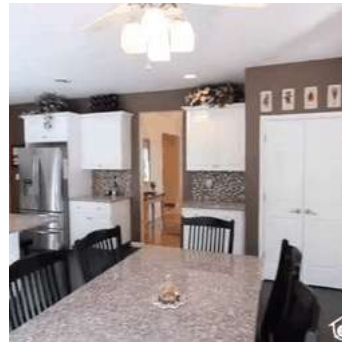
Revisited view

w/ Memory

Real Scene Results



Initial view



Revisited view



Initial view



Revisited view

Conclusion



- A native 3D Diffusion Model, GaussianAnything: structured latent space, better design, better performance
- Autoregressive Model for 3D generation can perform as well as diffusion models while being more efficient
- When building 3D playable worlds via video diffusion models, **Memory** is important!

Open problems

- 3D object -> Rigging -> **Animation**
- 3D **scene** generation
- **CAD** generation, 3D object to CAD
- **Physics**-aware generation

Thank you!

