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# High-fidelity 3D Model Compression based on Key Spheres

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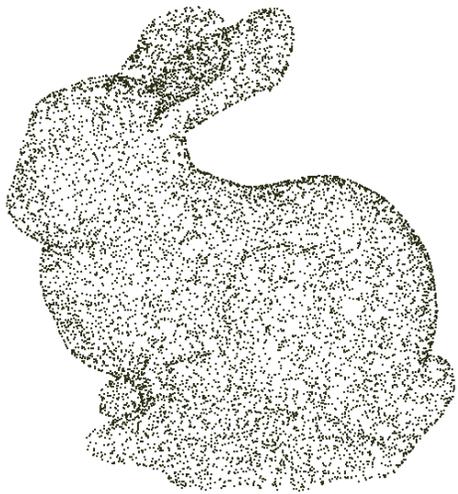
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## Idea in One Sentence

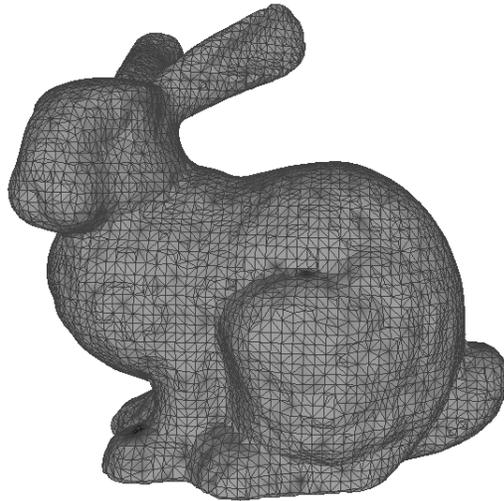
*Using rough shape information  
to make shape fitting easier*

# Background

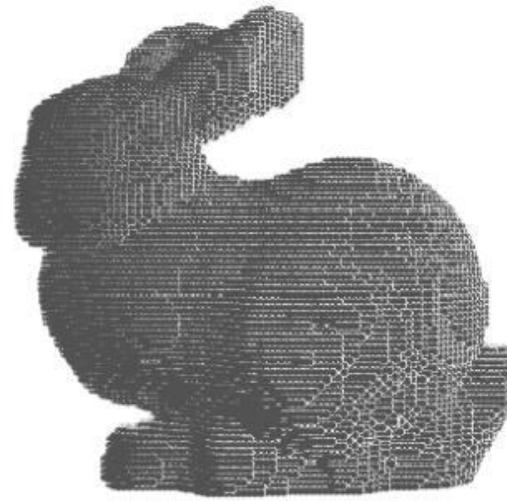
# Traditional 3D Object Representations



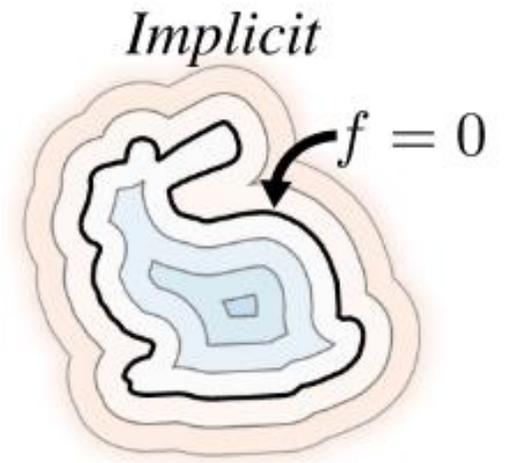
Point Cloud  
(1024)



Mesh  
(V:8171 F:16301)

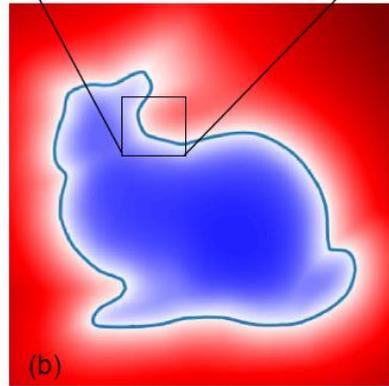
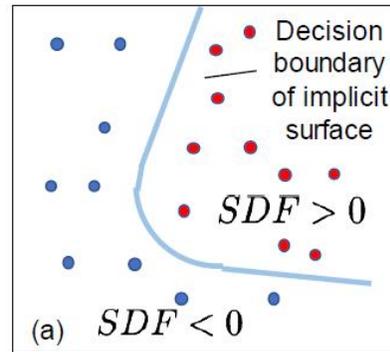


Voxel  
(128<sup>3</sup>)



Implicit SDF  
(Continuous)

# Signed Distance Field (SDF)



# Traditional 3D Reconstructions

- PC of each frame (Laser)  $\xrightarrow{\text{ICP}} \xrightarrow{\text{ICP}} \xrightarrow{\text{ICP}}$  stitched PCs [3]
- Images (Camera)  $\xrightarrow{\text{triangulation}} \xrightarrow{\text{triangulation}} \xrightarrow{\text{triangulation}}$  sparse PC  $\xrightarrow{\text{epipolar matching}} \xrightarrow{\text{epipolar matching}} \xrightarrow{\text{epipolar matching}}$  dense PC  $\xrightarrow{\text{Delauney triangulation}} \xrightarrow{\text{Delauney triangulation}} \xrightarrow{\text{Delauney triangulation}}$  dense mesh [4]
- Depth images (Kinect)  $\xrightarrow{\text{ICP\&fusion}} \xrightarrow{\text{ICP\&fusion}} \xrightarrow{\text{ICP\&fusion}}$  TSDF volume  $\xrightarrow{\text{Marching Cube}} \xrightarrow{\text{Marching Cube}} \xrightarrow{\text{Marching Cube}}$  mesh [5]

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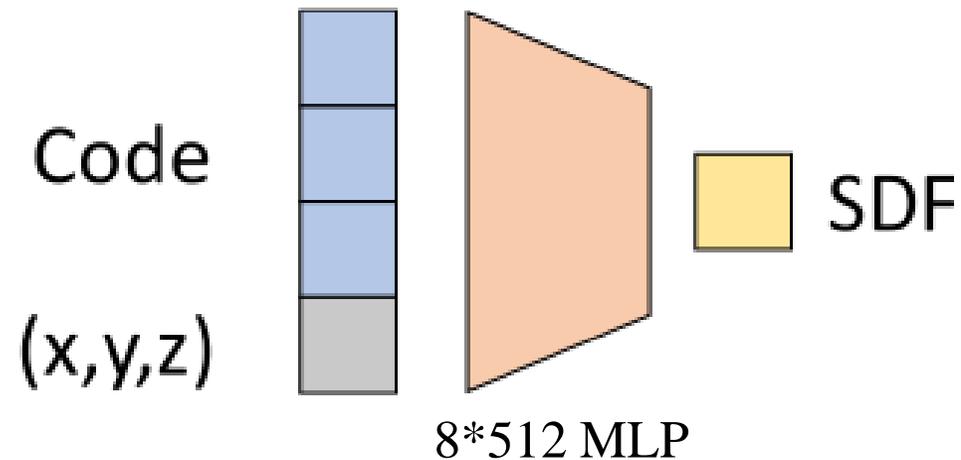
- Single view  $\xrightarrow{\text{CNN}}$  mesh [6] / voxel or volume [7]
- Stereo views  $\xrightarrow{\text{CNN}}$  matched image points  $\xrightarrow{\text{triangulation}}$  PC (depth map) [8]
- Multiple views  $\xrightarrow{\text{CNN}}$  cost volume  $\xrightarrow{\text{prediction}}$  PC (depth map) [9]
- Multiple views  $\xrightarrow{\text{MLP fitting}}$  density volume  $\xrightarrow{\text{Marching Cube}}$  mesh [10][11] (NeRFs)

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# Neural Implicit Reconstructions from 3D Models ----- DeepSDF [2]

- SDFs of one category models  $\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow$  SDF of a trained or new object
- The first work to introduce the auto-decoder method in 3D learning
- One code (latent) vector for each object



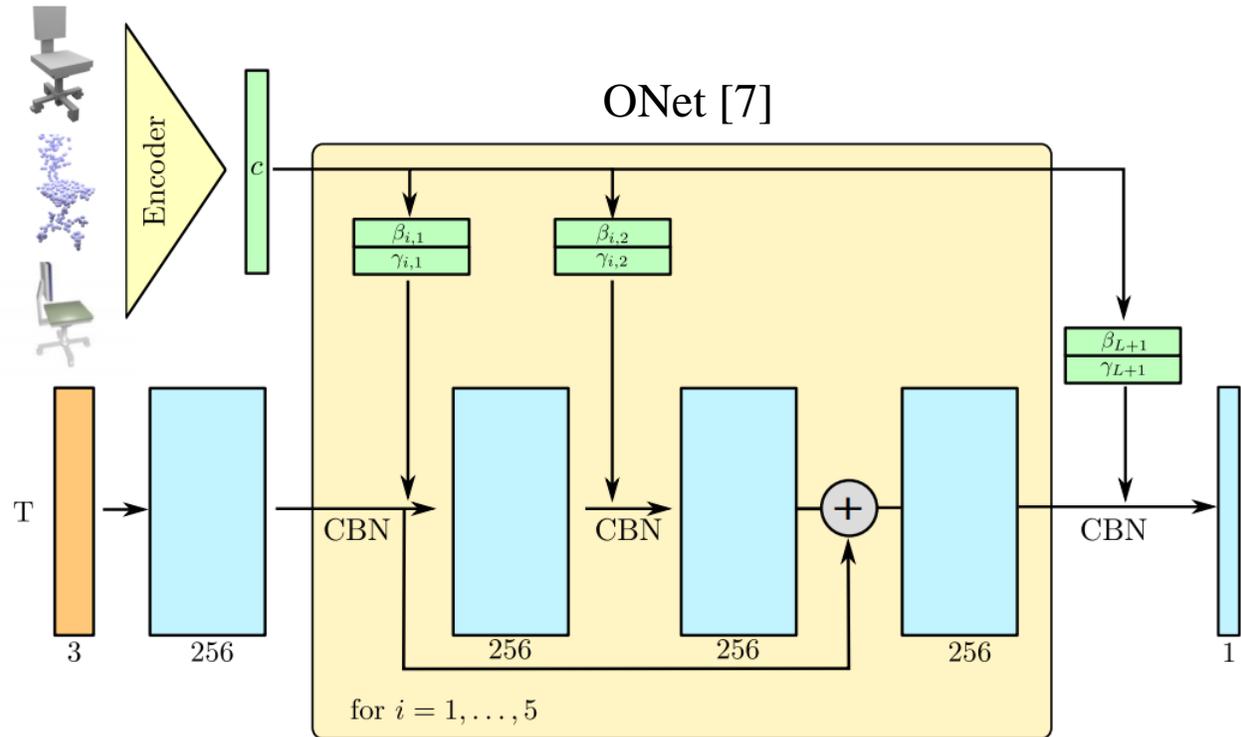
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# Neural Implicit Reconstructions from 3D Models ----- ONet [7] / IM-Net [14]

- Voxels of one category objects  $\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow$  occupancy of one trained object
- The encoder-decoder architecture without latent vectors
- Represent the 3D surface as the continuous decision boundary of a deep neural network classifier

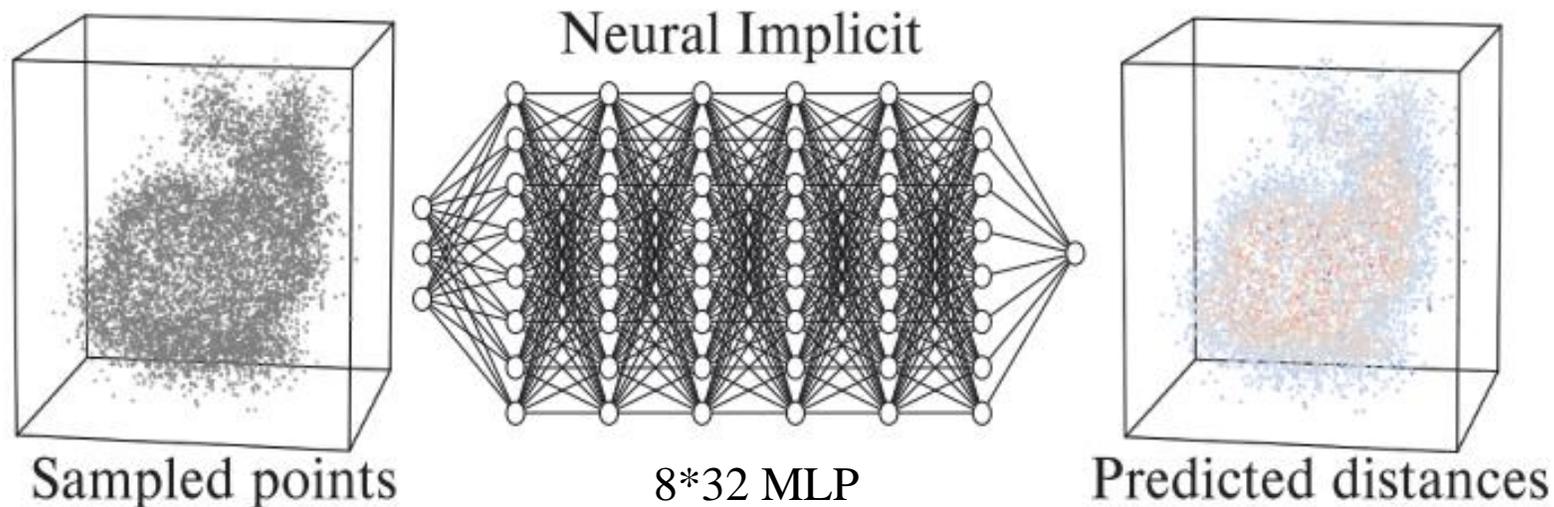


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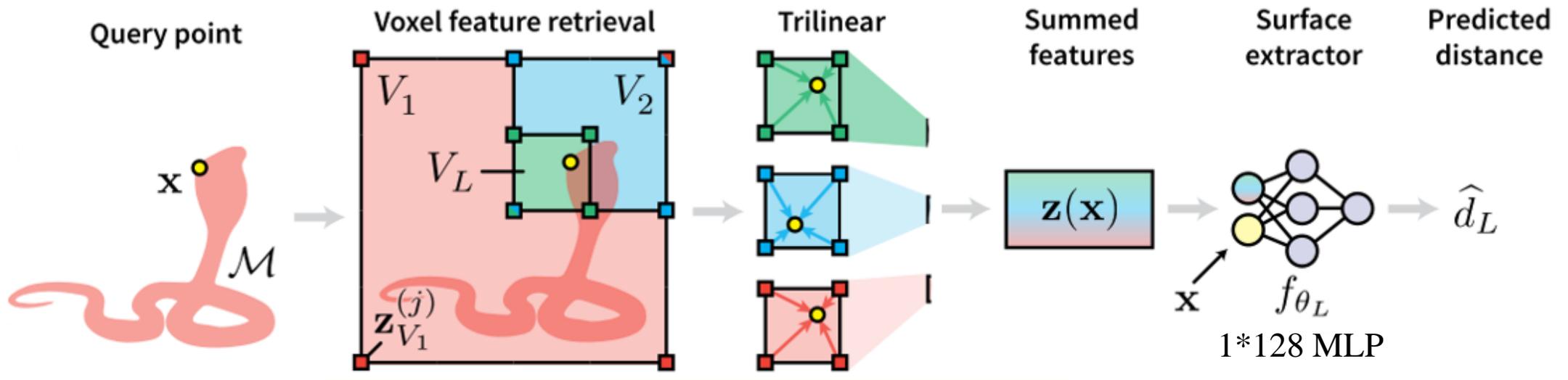
# Neural Implicit Reconstructions from 3D Model ----- NI [15]

- SDF of one model  $\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow$  SDF of this model
- The global overfitting scheme for each model (traditional compression way)
- Very small network (with 7553 paras.) and effective for simple objects



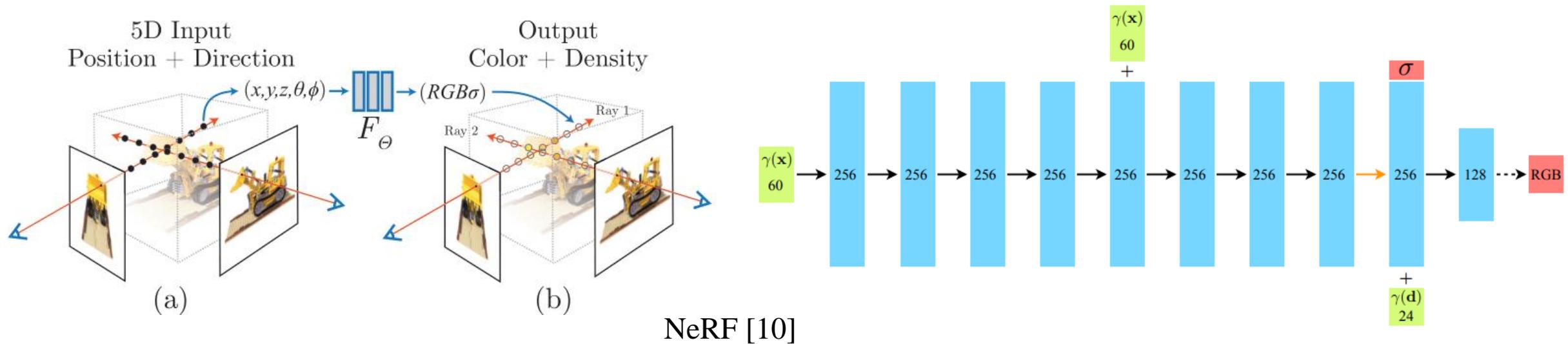
# Neural Implicit Reconstructions from 3D Model ----- NGLOD [16]

- Follow the basic process of NI, but using local fitting instead of global fitting
- Learn latent vectors for vertices of octree and interpolate them to get point feature
- One-layer network and a lot of latent vectors (depending on different level in LOD)
- More effective for objects with moderate complexity, compared to NI



# Other Overfitting Reconstructions for Image or Scene

- Image  $\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow$  Image [17]
- Images  $\rightarrow\rightarrow\rightarrow$  Scene [10] [11] (NeRFs)
- Similarity: MLP networks, global/local fitting, and w./w.o. latent vectors



# Motivation

# Spheres Representation of 3D Models

- Discrete but concise
- Extract spheres from SDF
- More effective than PC and voxel for 3D object classification

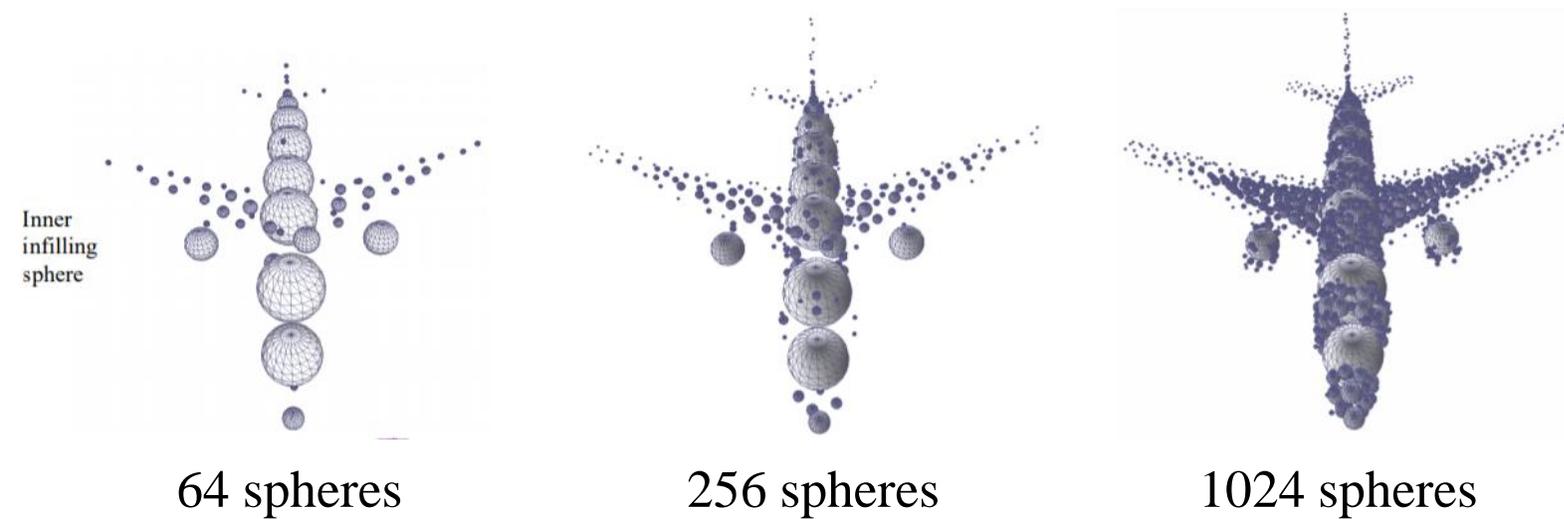
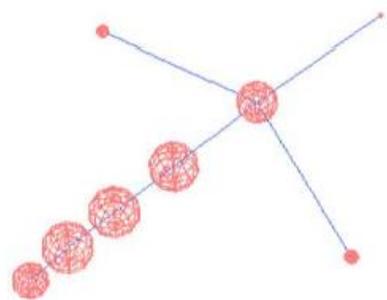


Table 1: Overall classification accuracy on ModelNet40

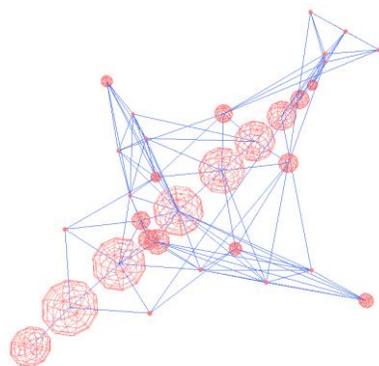
Method	Input	Acc(%)
MVCNN 12x	images	89.5
3D Shapenets	voxels	84.7
VoxNet	voxels	85.9
PointNet	points	89.2
PointNet++	points without normal	90.7
PointNet++	points with normal	91.9
Ours (1024 interior)	infilling spheres	90.2
Ours (1024 exterior)	infilling spheres	90.6
Ours (512 interior and 512 exterior)	infilling spheres	90.3
Ours (1024 interior on PointNet++)	infilling spheres	92.1

# Sphere-Node Graph of 3D Models

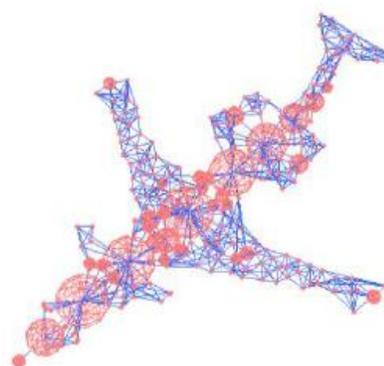
- Revise the method of extracting spheres
- Connect sphere nodes to form a graph (suitable for GNNs)
- More effective object classification under low resolution



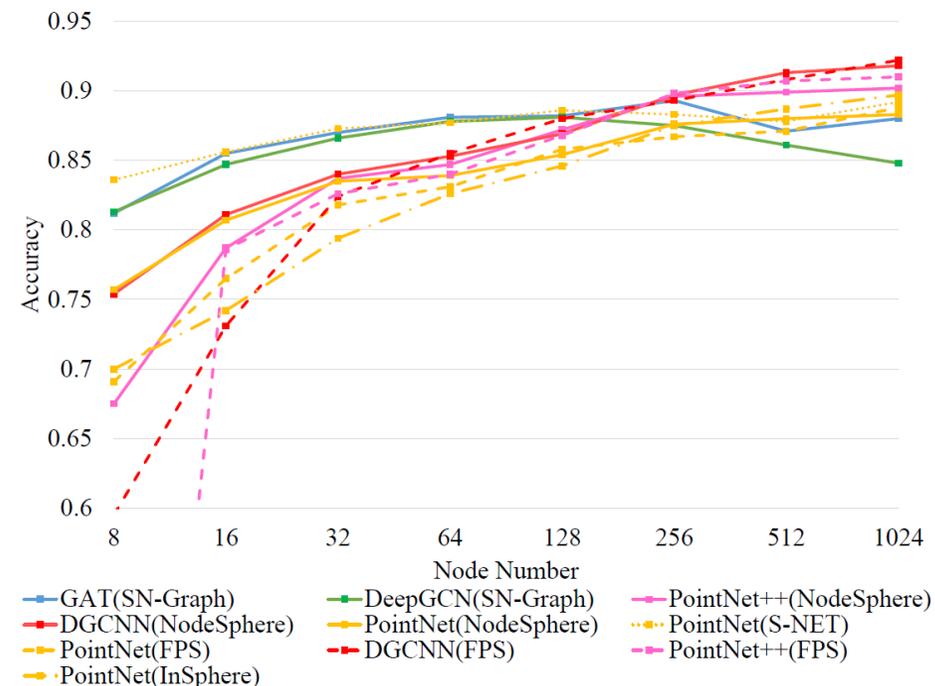
8 nodes



32 nodes

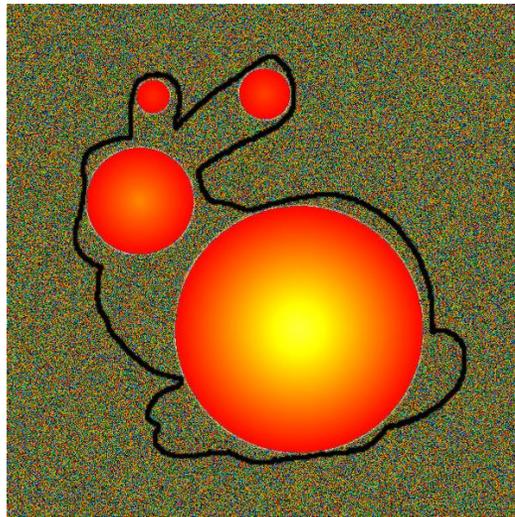


256 nodes



# Birth of This Idea

- Interior spheres or SN-Graph is visually attracted, so objects can be easily recognized.
- Except classification, what else can the spheres representation do? (2020.06)
- If rough shape information is obtained, SDF fitting will be easier. (2020.11)

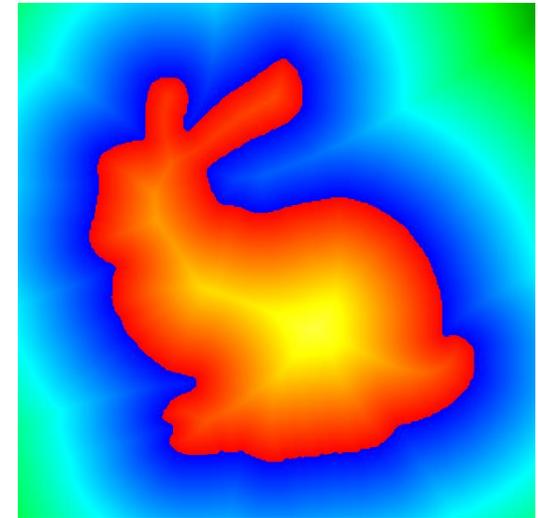


**Key Spheres SDF**

*Spheres indicate upper and lower bounds of local SDF for most regions of object.*



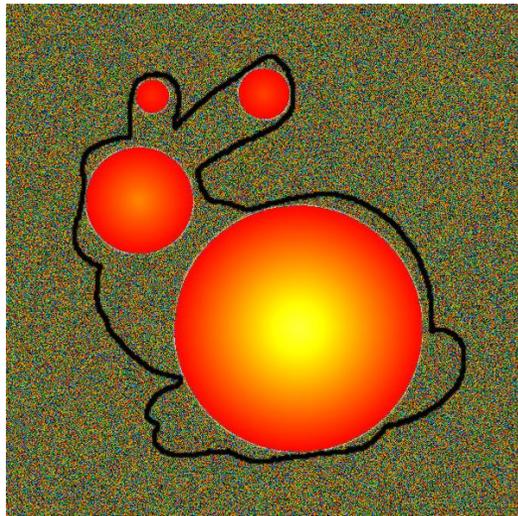
Overfitting



**Ground Truth SDF**

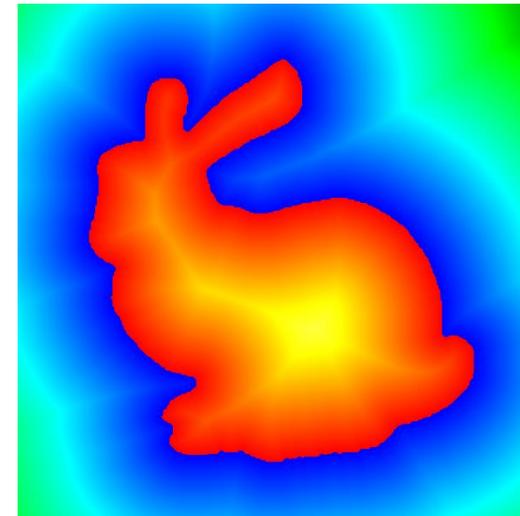
# Detailed Problems

- How to embed the spheres information into neural network? *We try two simple ways*
- Global fitting or local fitting? *Global fitting is enough for complex objects*
- How much improvement in reconstruction accuracy can this fitting lead to? *Significant*



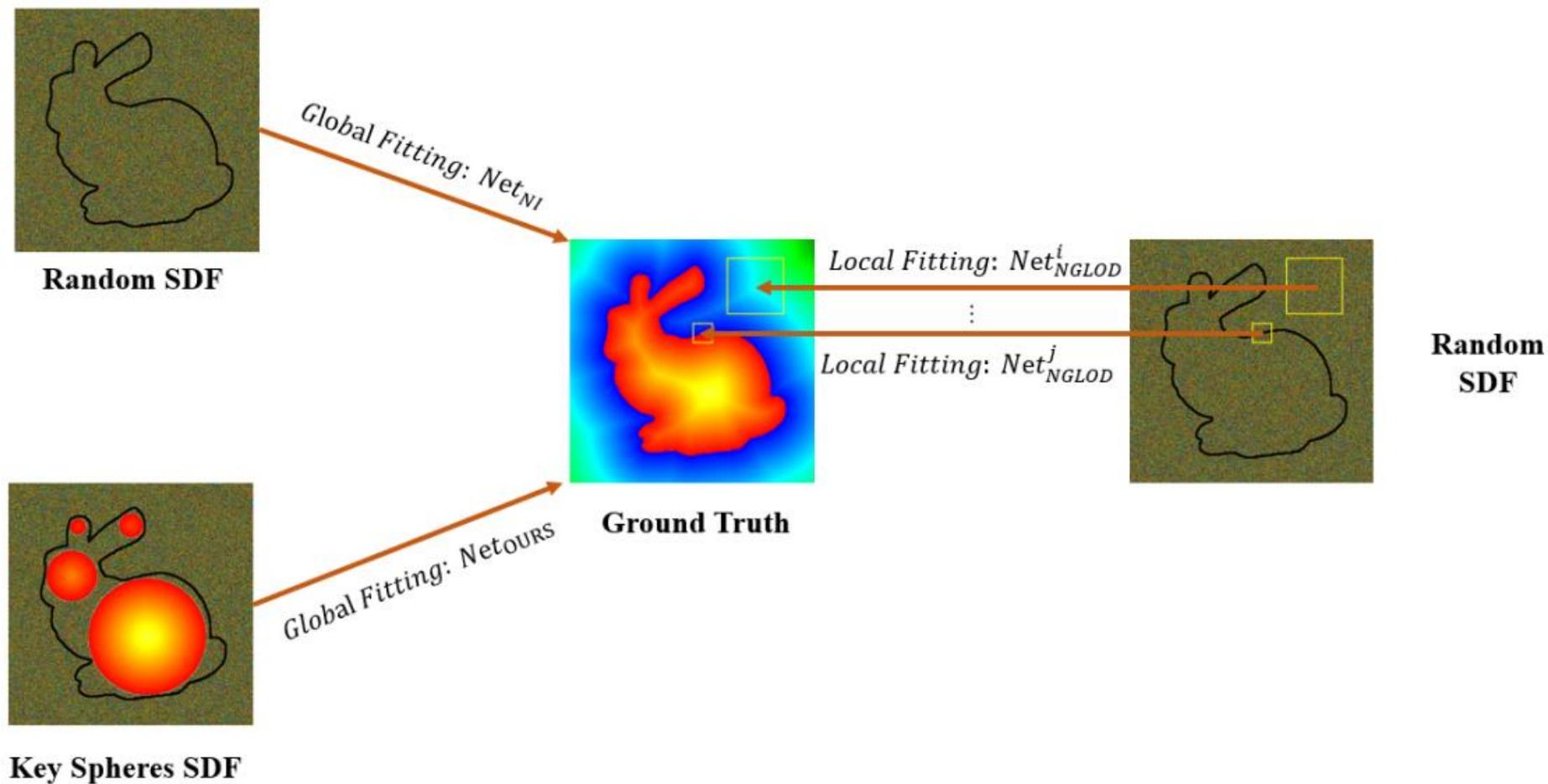
**Key Spheres SDF**

Overfitting



**Ground Truth SDF**

# Fitting Comparison with NI and NGLOD



# Key Spheres based 3D Model Compression

# Basic Process



GT model

Neural  
Network



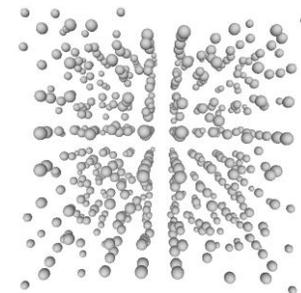
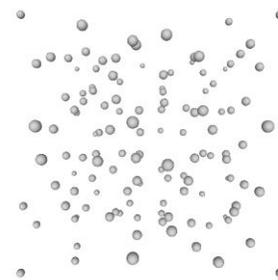
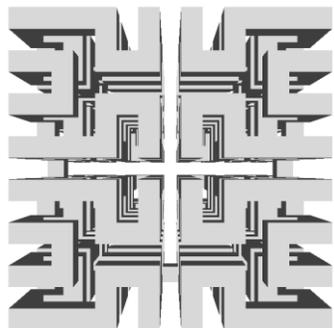
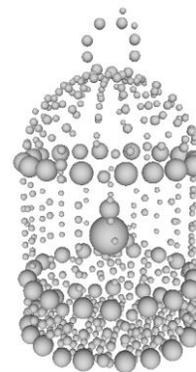
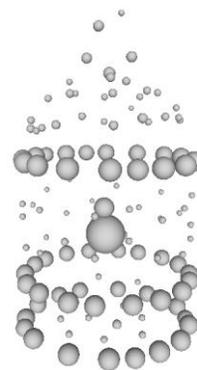
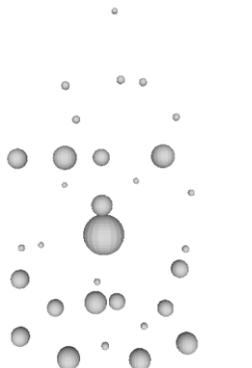
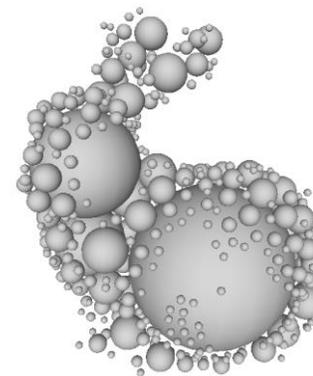
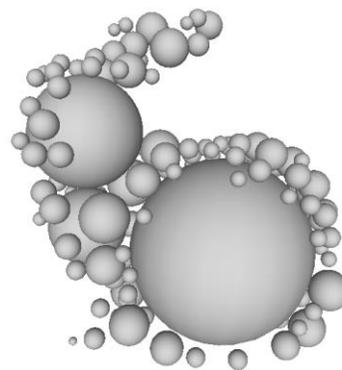
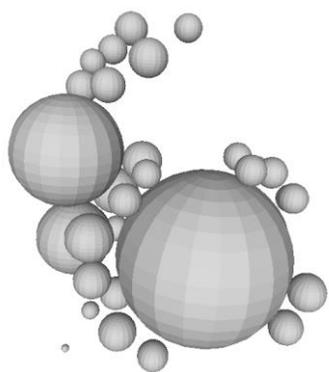
$SDF(x)$

Marching  
Cube



reconstructed model

# Key Spheres Extraction ----- Different Resolution

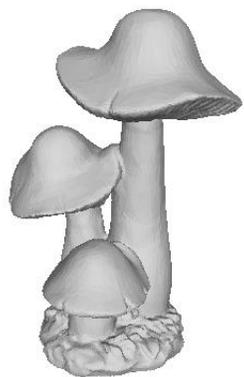


32 key spheres

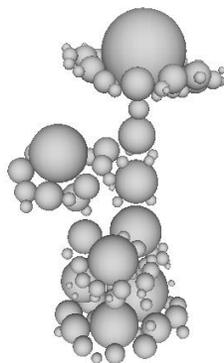
128 key spheres

512 key spheres

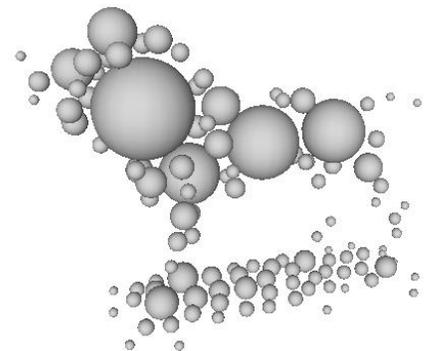
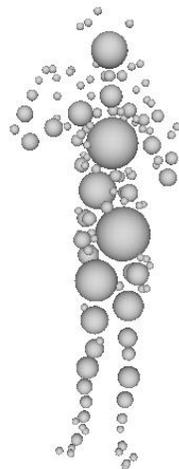
# Key Spheres Extraction ----- Different Models



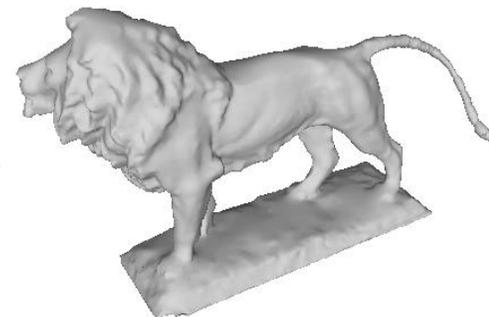
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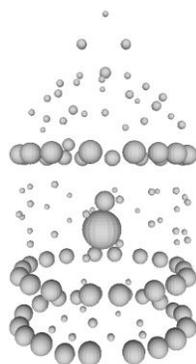
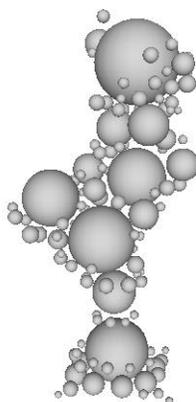
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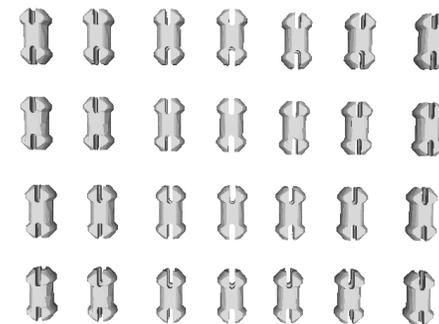
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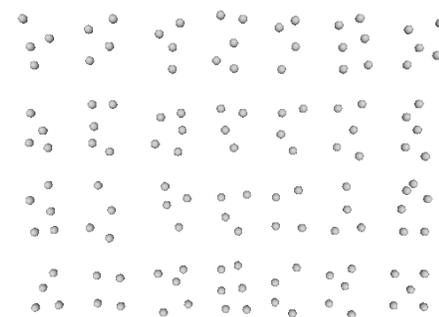
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14.3%



23.1%

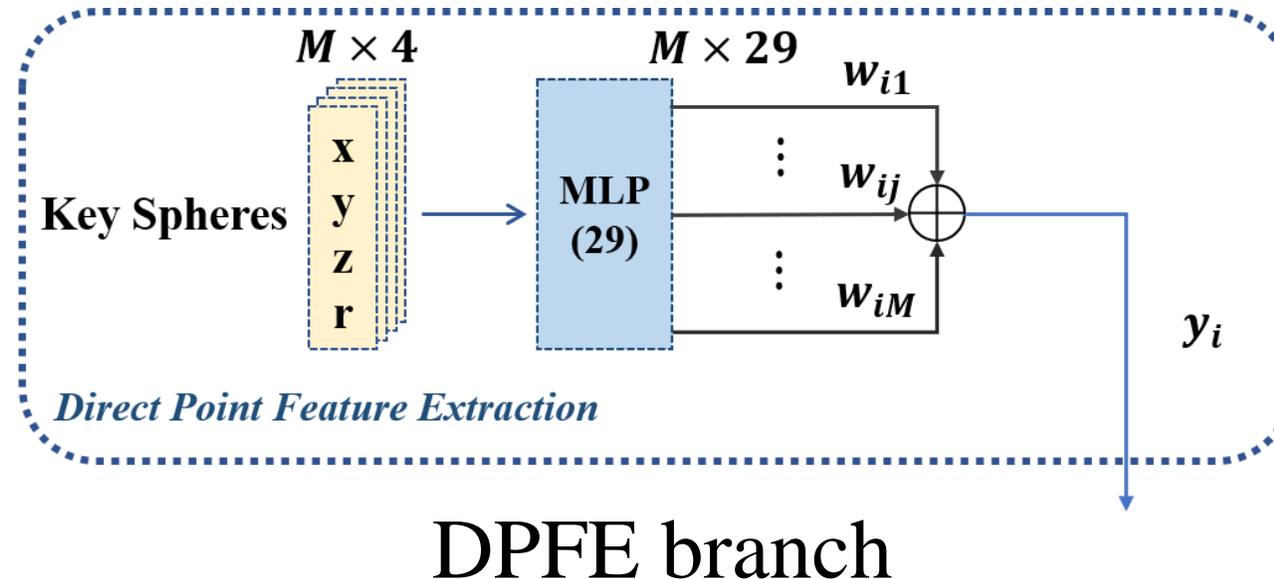


128 Key Spheres

# Key Spheres Feature Extraction and Aggregation

- One layer 4\*29 MLP promoting sphere feature to 29 dimensions
- Linear weighted aggregation

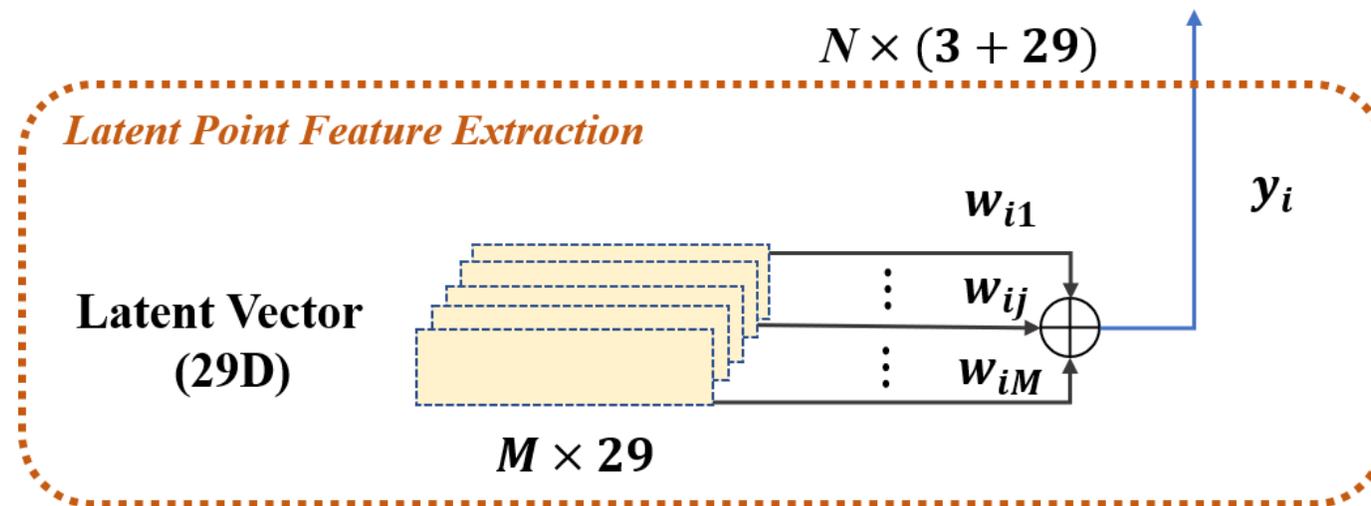
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# Key Spheres Feature Extraction and Aggregation

- 29 dimensions latent vector representing each sphere feature
- The same linear weighted aggregation

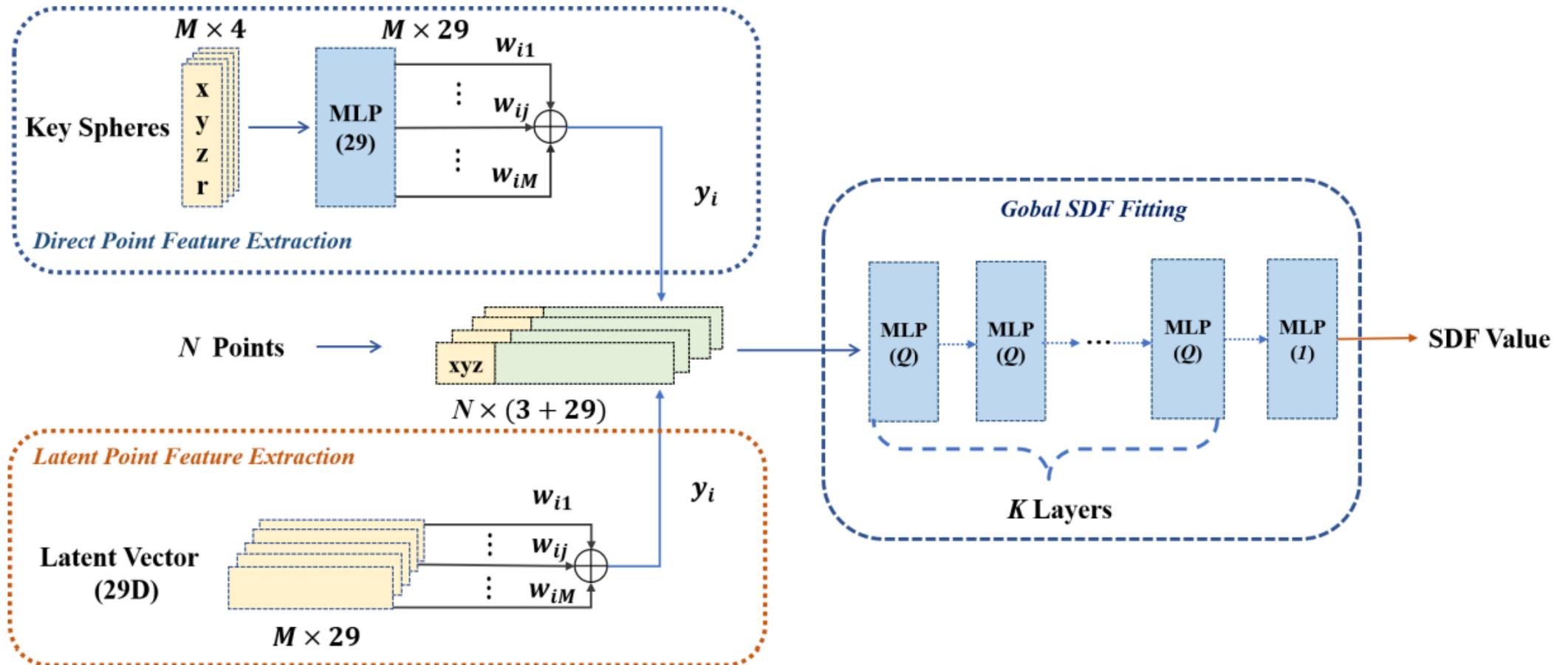
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LPFE branch

# Whole Network Architecture

- Concat of point coordinate and aggregation feature from key spheres
- MLP used for global SDF fitting

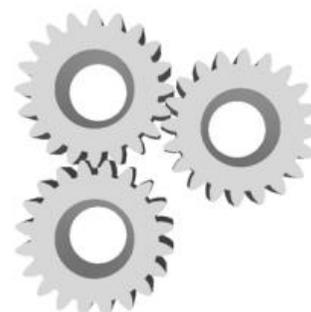
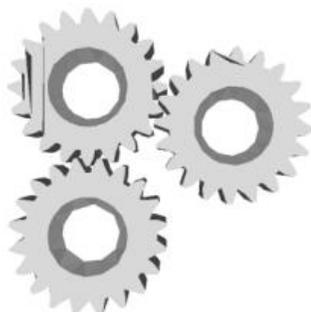
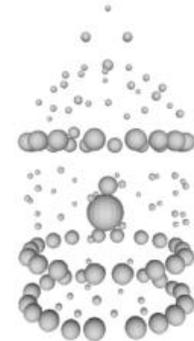
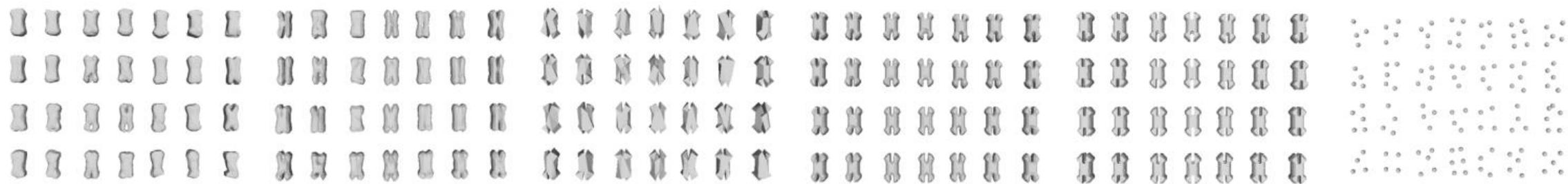


# Experiments

# Datasets & Metrics

- Thingi32 / Thing10K / ShapeNet150 (planes, chairs, and cars)
- Surface error / importance error / Chamfer distance (CD) / intersection over union (IOU)

# Visual Comparison with Three Other Methods



NI

NGLOD

QECD

OURS

GT

KEY SPHERES

paras. (7553)

(8737)

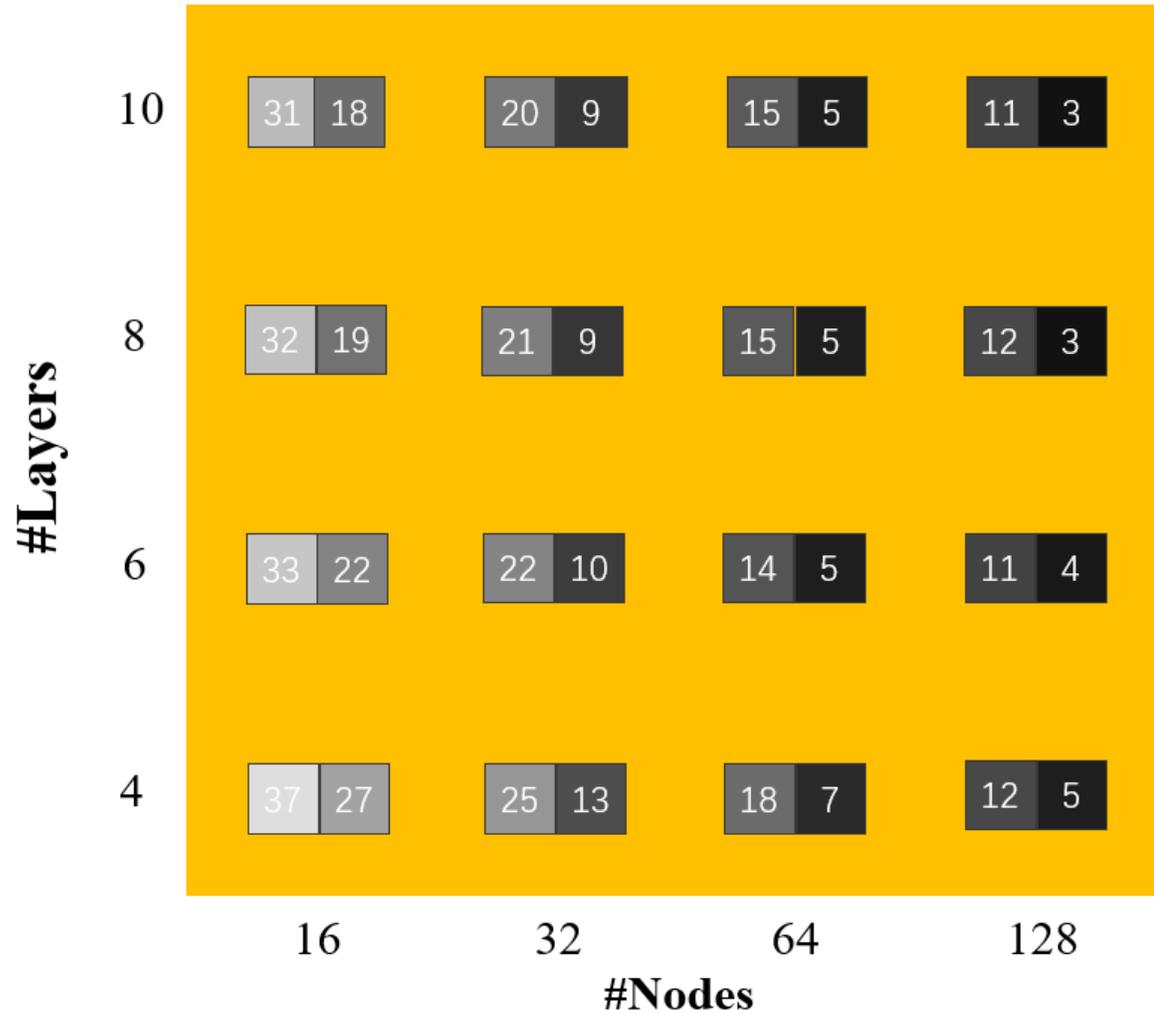
(~7200)

(7026)

(top to bottom:  
66K, 147K, 36K)

(512)

# Numerical Comparison with NI

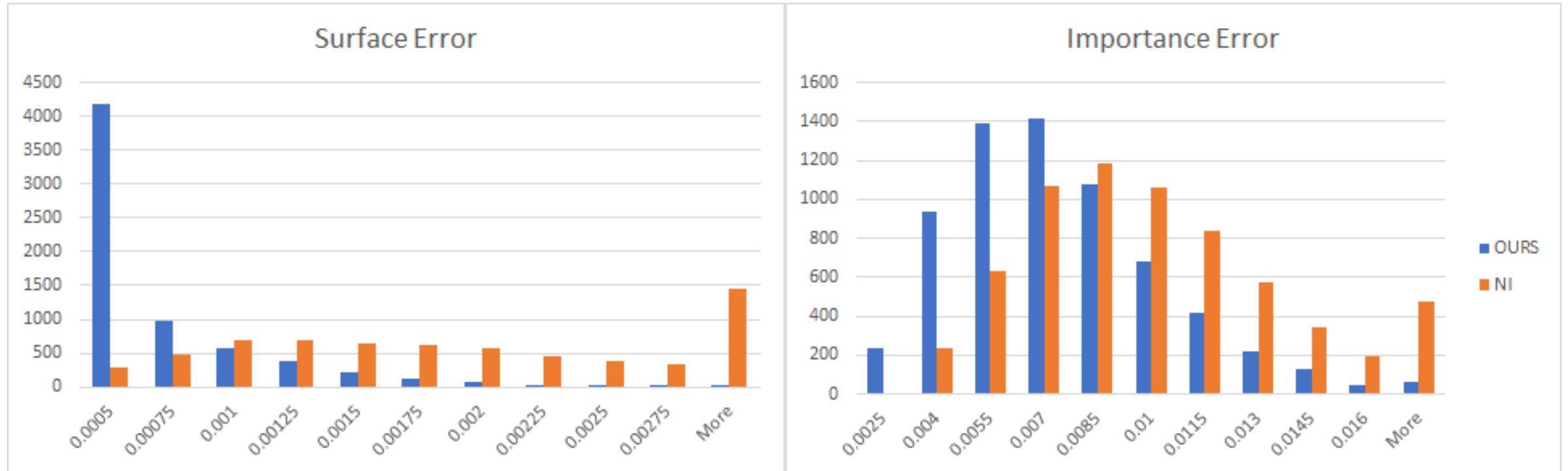


Former: NI

Latter: Ours w.  
DPFE branch &  
128 spheres

Surface error (times 10,000) on Thingi32

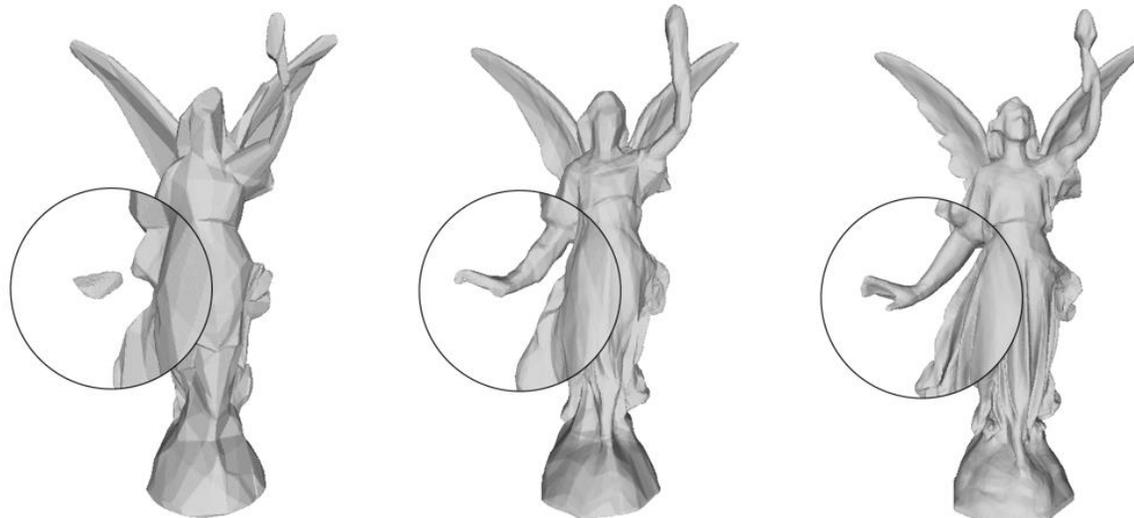
# Numerical Comparison with NI



Histograms of surface and importance errors of on Thing10K dataset

# Visual Comparison with NI

**NI**



**OURS**



MLP:  $4 \times 16$

$6 \times 32$

$8 \times 128$

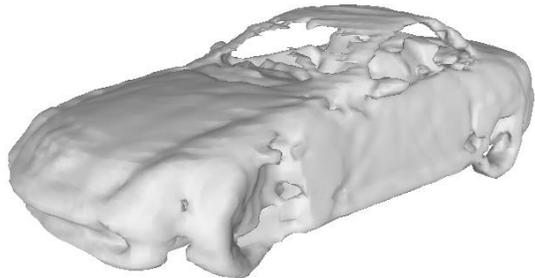
# Numerical Comparison with NGLOD and Other Methods

Method	Storage (KB)	ShapeNet150		Thing32	
		gIoU	CD	gIoU	CD
DeepSDF	7186	86.9	0.316	96.8	0.053
FFN	2059	88.5	0.077	97.7	0.033
SIREN	1033	78.4	0.381	95.1	0.077
NI	30	82.2	0.5	96	0.092
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NGLOD: (LOD1)	96	84.6	0.343	96.8	0.079
(LOD2)	111	88.3	0.198	98.2	0.041
(LOD3)	163	90.4	0.112	99	0.030
(LOD5)	1356	91.7	0.062	<b>99.4</b>	0.027
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OURS: (32)	30	93.8	0.188	98.6	0.028
(128)	42	93.8	0.138	98.6	0.029
(512)	93	94.1	0.124	98.5	0.031
(512*)	158	<b>95.9</b>	<b>0.060</b>	99.2	<b>0.025</b>

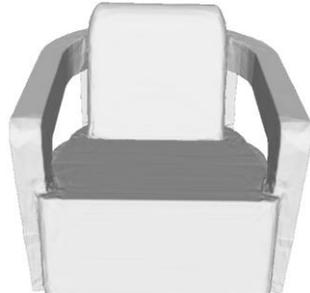
Ours with  
LPFE branch

# Visual Comparison with NGLOD (LOD-1)

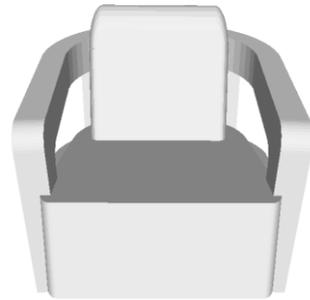
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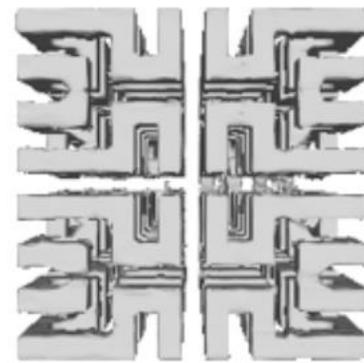
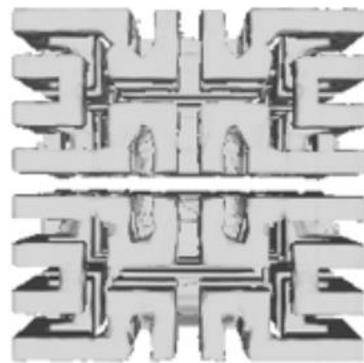
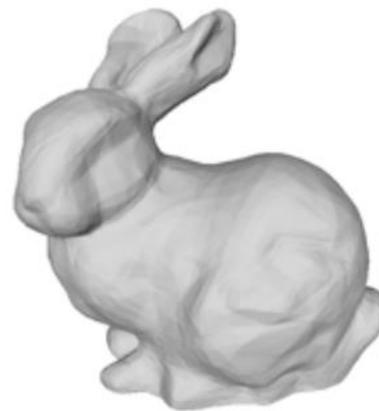
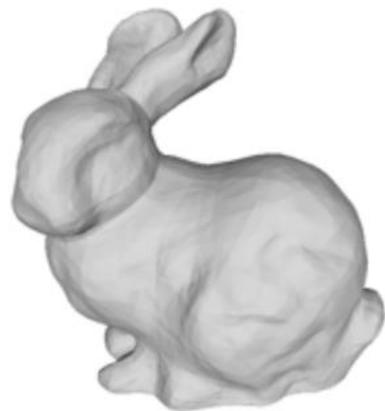
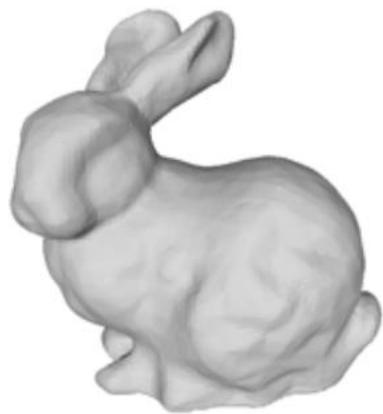
OUR



GT



# Visual Comparison at Various Resolutions



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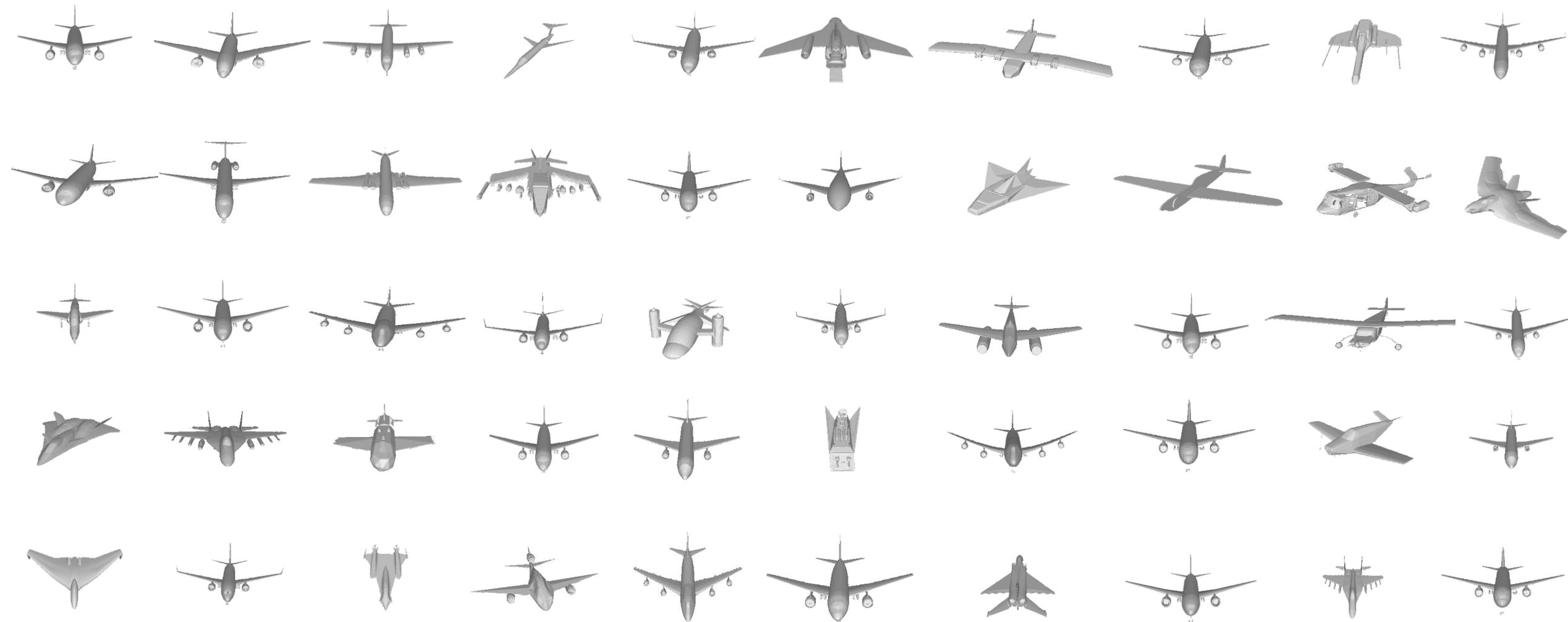
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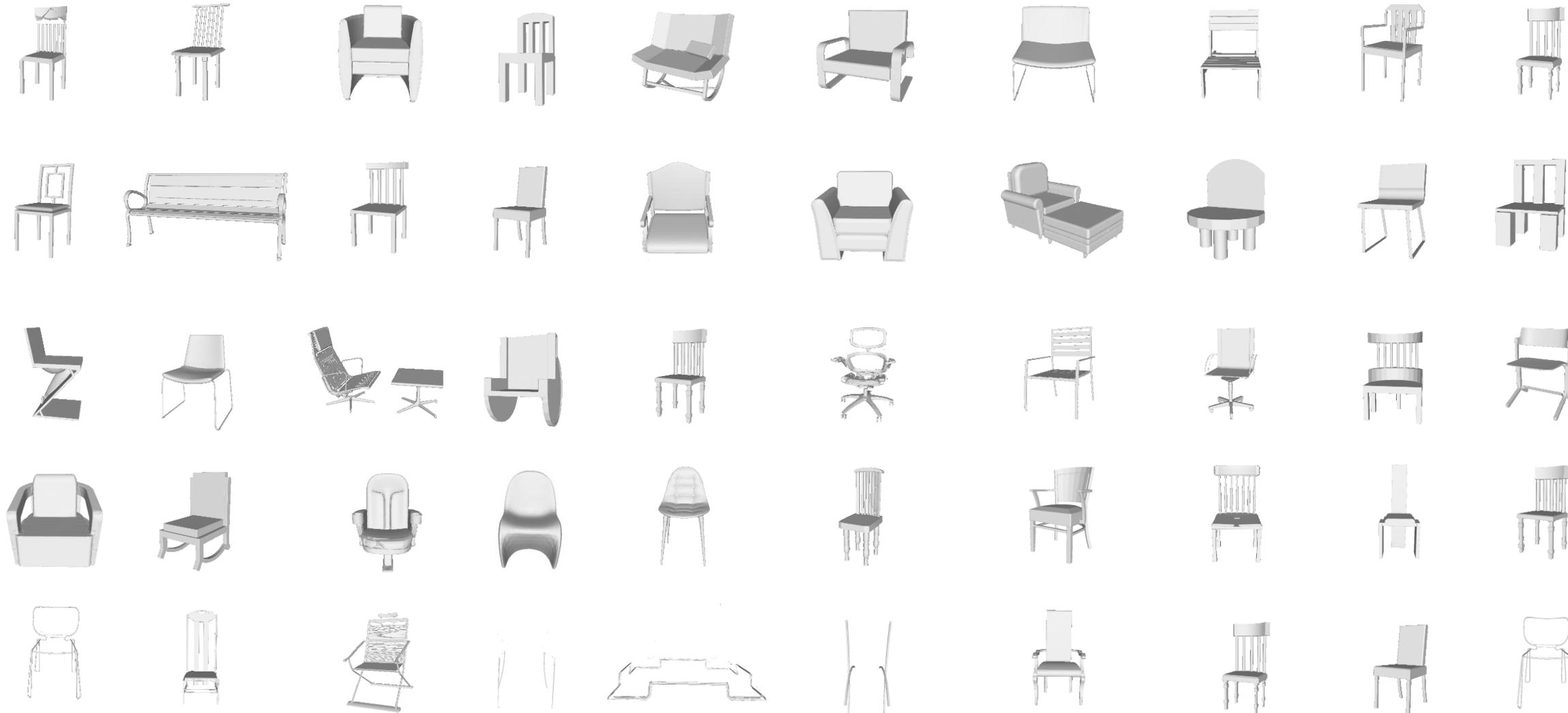
# Visualization of Reconstructed Thingi32



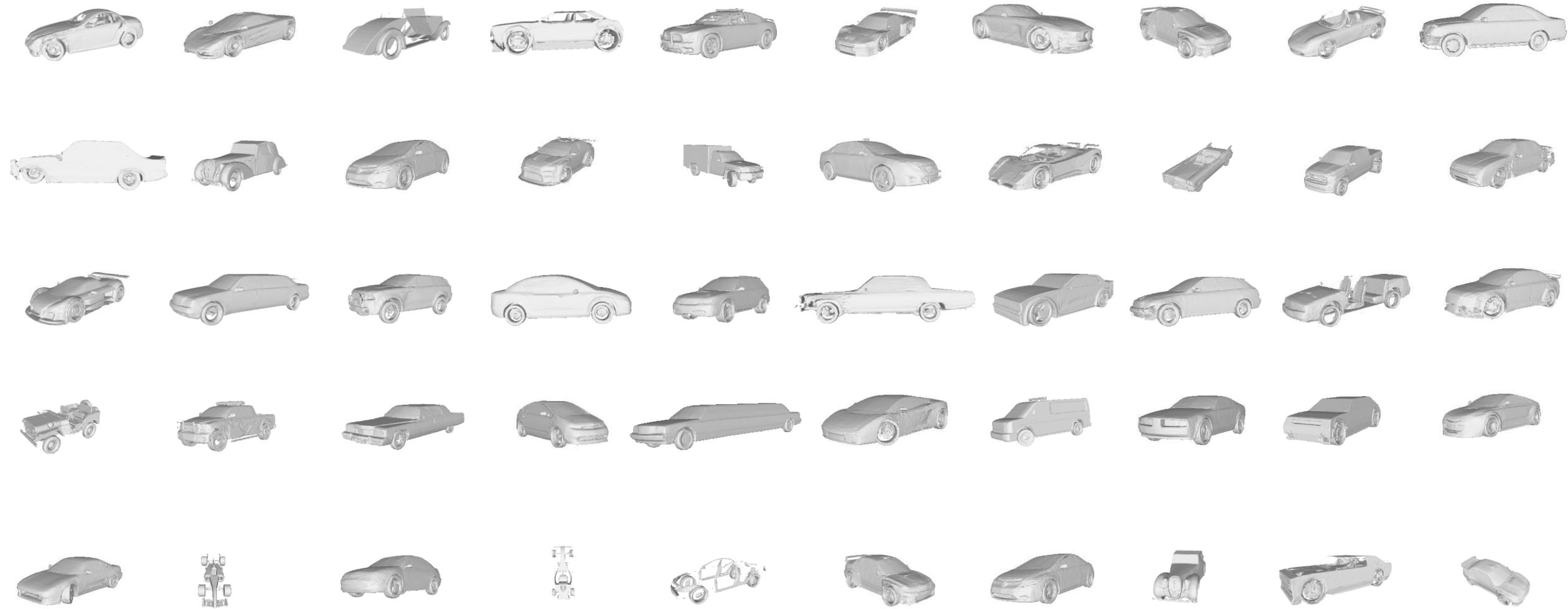
# Visualization of Reconstructed Planes in ShapeNet150



# Visualization of Reconstructed Chairs in ShapeNet150



# Visualization of Reconstructed Cars in ShapeNet150



# Compression Rate under High-fidelity Reconstruction

Method	Thingy32 (mean size 221K)	ShapeNet150-Planes (mean size 181K)
NI	29.2:1	23.9:1
NGLOD (LOD-1)	25.2:1	20.7:1
Ours w. DPFE & 32 spheres	<b>33.2:1 (finer detail)</b>	27.2:1
Ours w. DPFE & 128 spheres	31.4:1	<b>25.7:1 (more robust)</b>
Ours w. LPFE & 32 spheres	29.1:1	23.9:1
Ours w. LPFE & 128 spheres	20.5:1	16.8:1

# Conclusion & Future Work

# Conclusion

- A hybrid model reconstruction method w. explicit key spheres & implicit MLP
- Prior spheres + MLP global fitting = fine reconstruction quality & high compression rate
- Big network is not proper for some tasks, especially on neural compression.  
(personal opinion)

## Future Work

- Improve the feature aggregation method (e.g., transformer)
- Encode edge information of the rough shape
- Two stages training for very complex objects
- Revise the fitting target to others, rather than SDF
- Adaptive networks for different models

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