

Neural Parts: Learning Expressive 3D Shape Abstractions with Invertible Neural Networks

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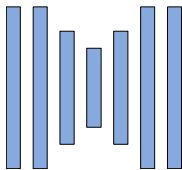


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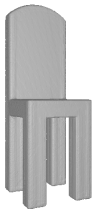
Can we learn to infer 3D from a 2D image?



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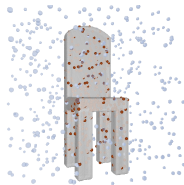
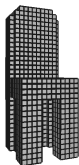


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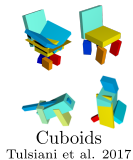


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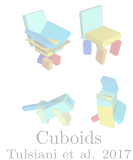
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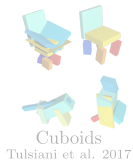
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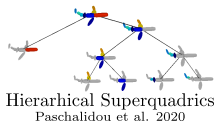
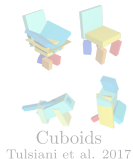
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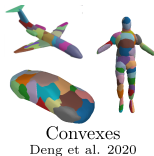
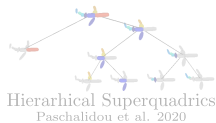
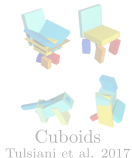
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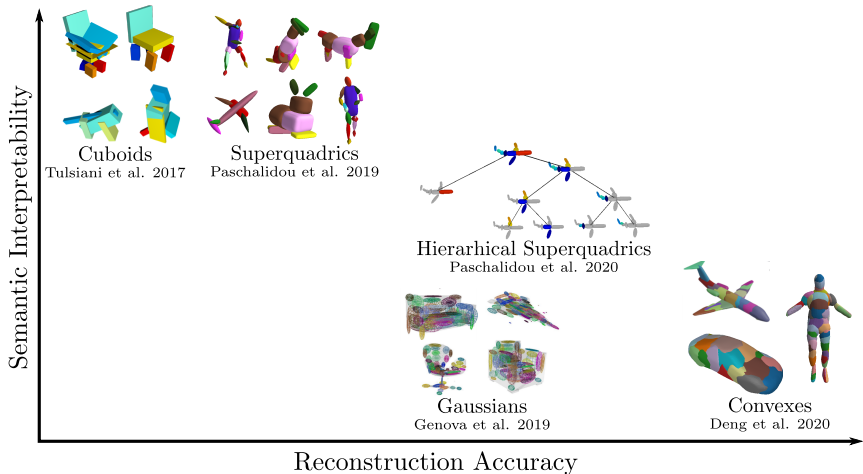
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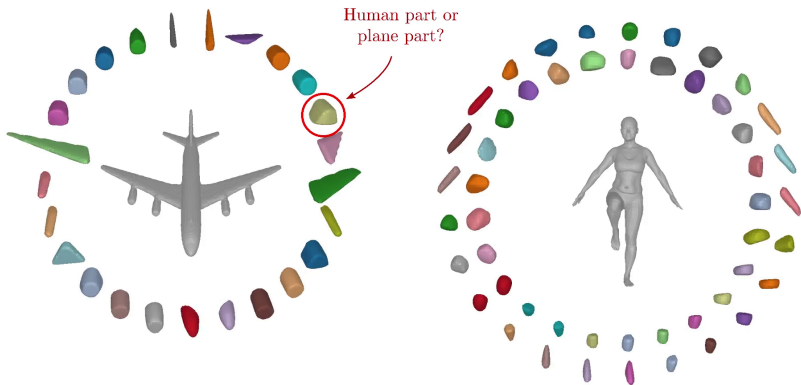


There exists a **trade-off** between the **number of primitives** and the **reconstruction quality** in primitive-based representations.

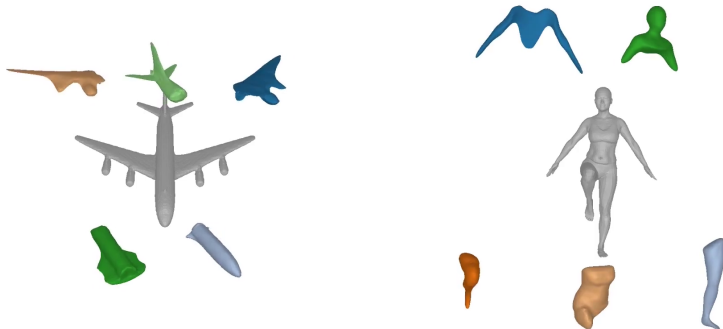
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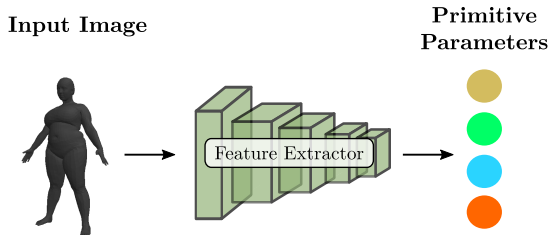
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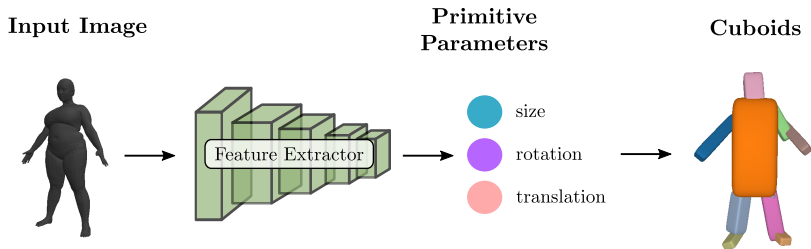
Neural Parts yield accurate and semantic reconstructions using an order of magnitude less parts.



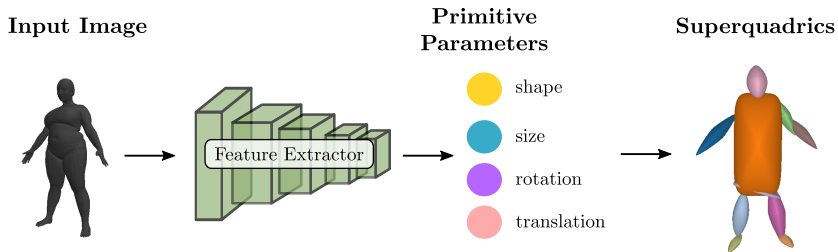
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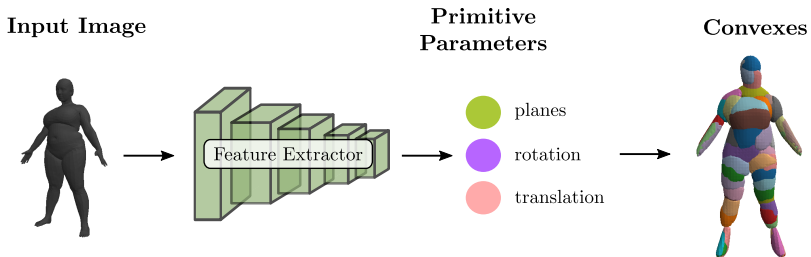
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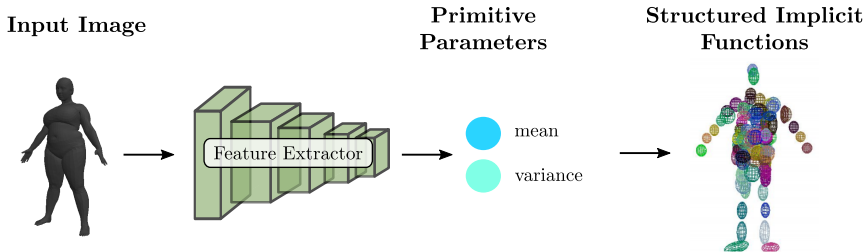
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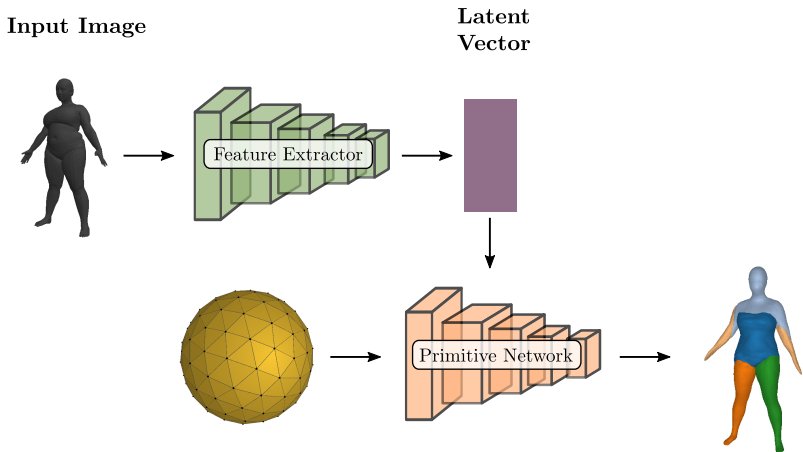
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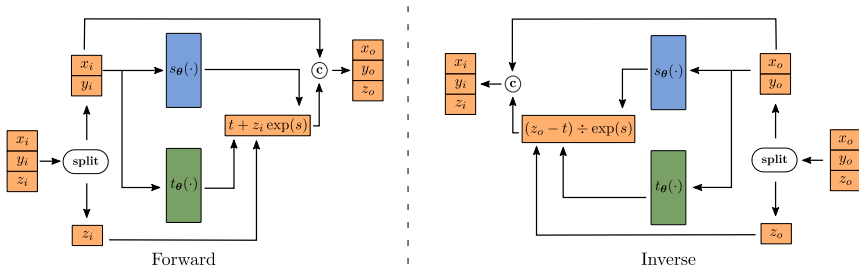
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For example, geometric object can be seen as topological space, and the **homeomorphism** is a **continuous stretching and bending of the object into a new shape**.

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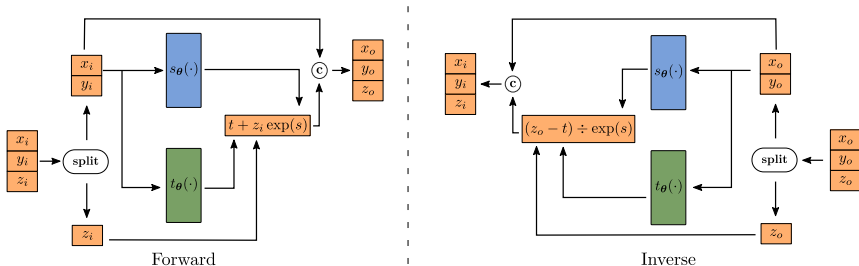
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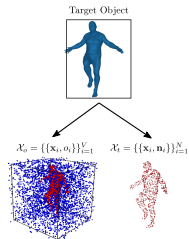
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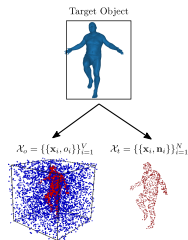
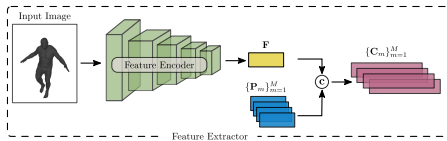


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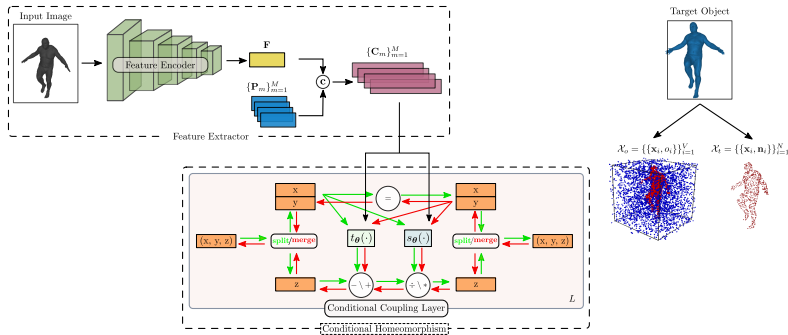
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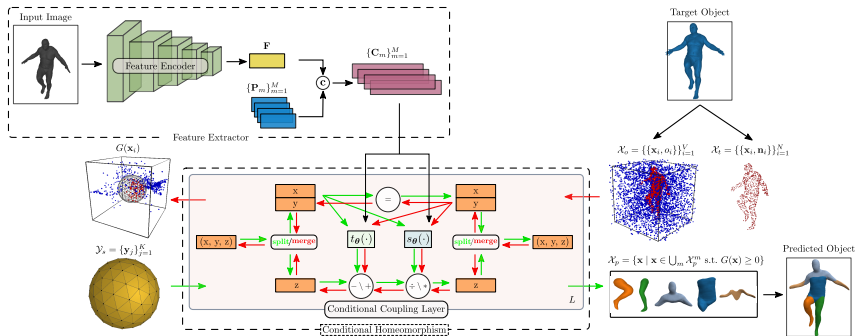
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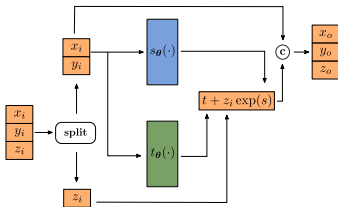
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The **original Real NVP** cannot be directly applied in our setting as it does not consider a shape embedding.



Original Coupling Layer

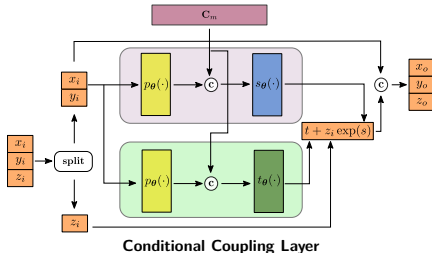
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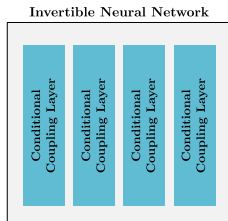


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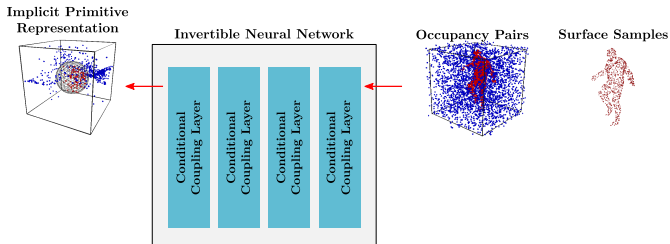
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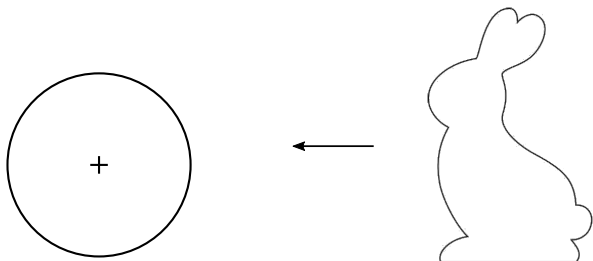


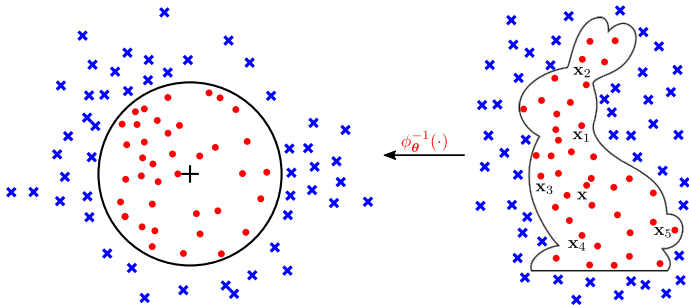
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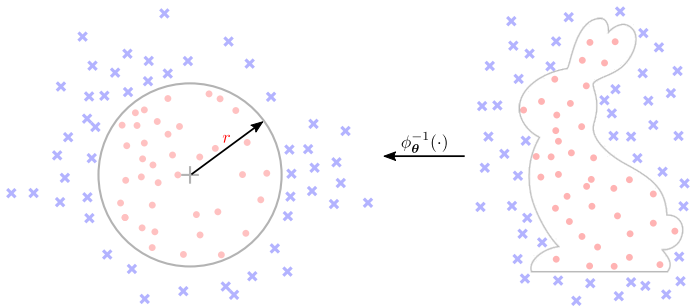
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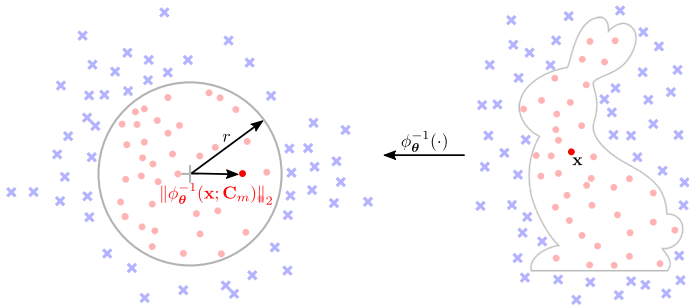
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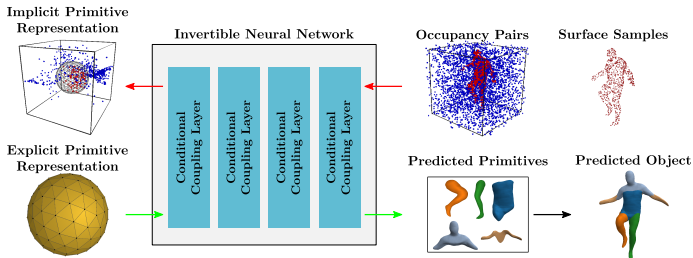
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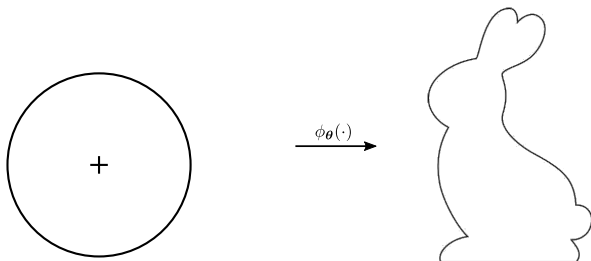


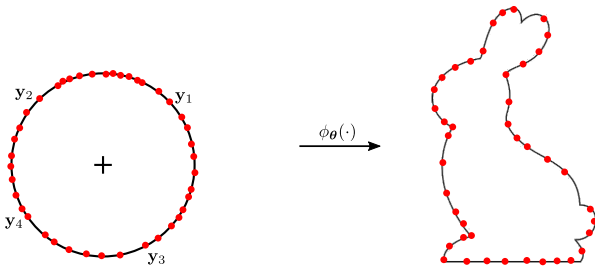
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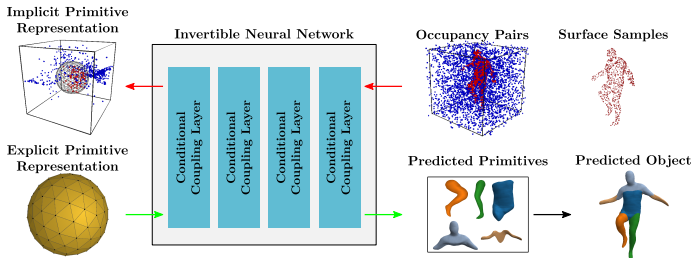




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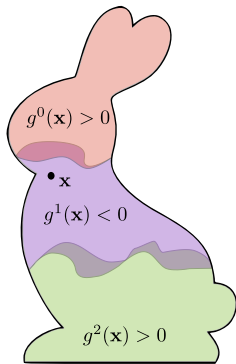
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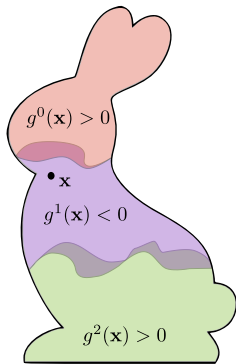
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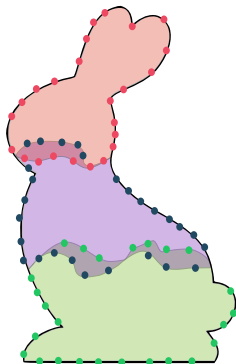
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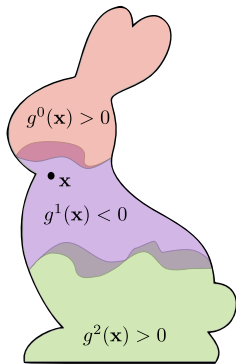
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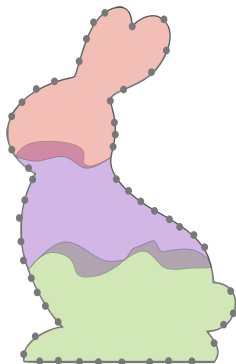
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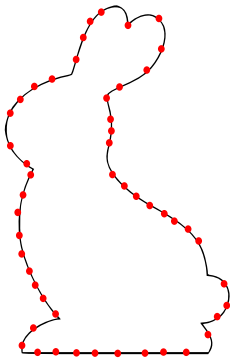
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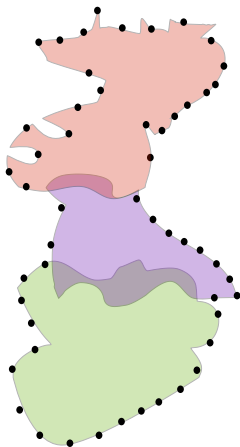
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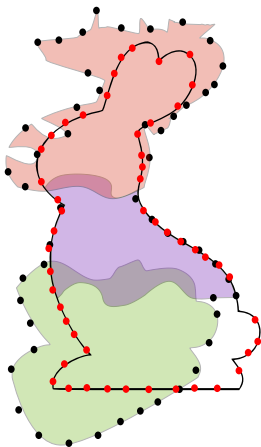
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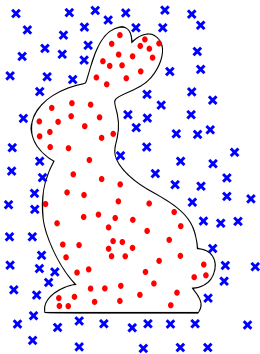
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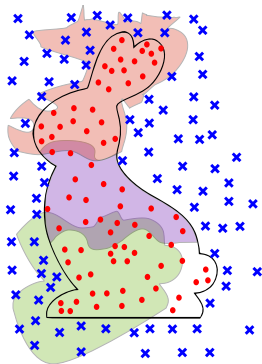
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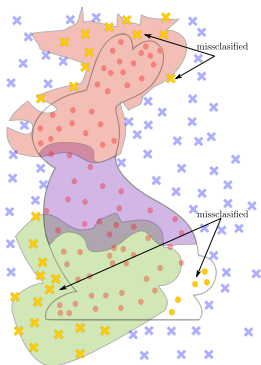


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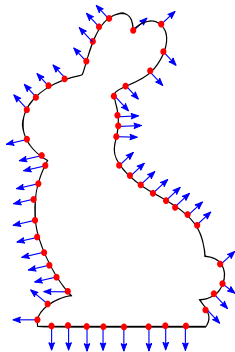


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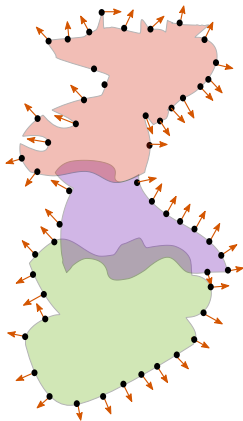
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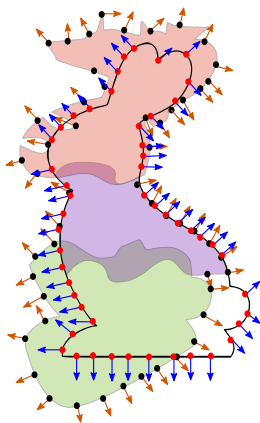
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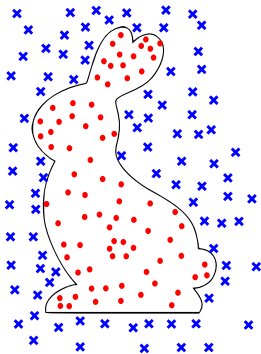
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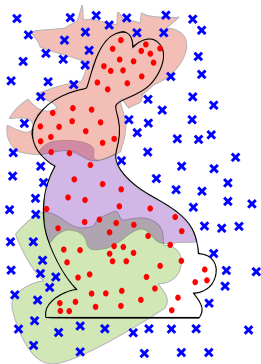
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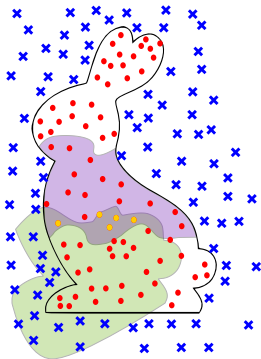


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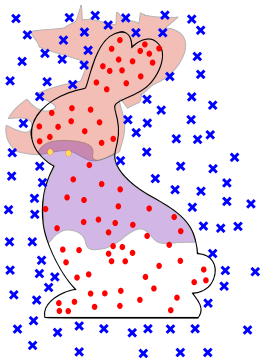


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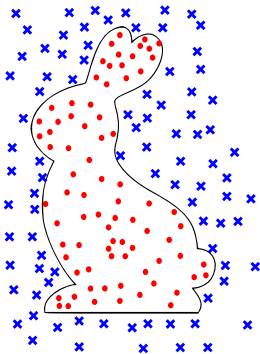
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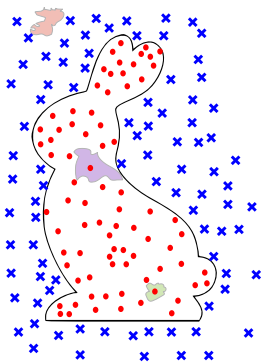
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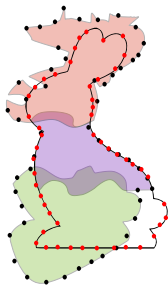
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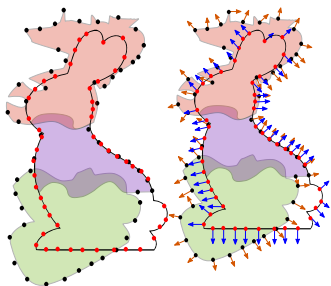
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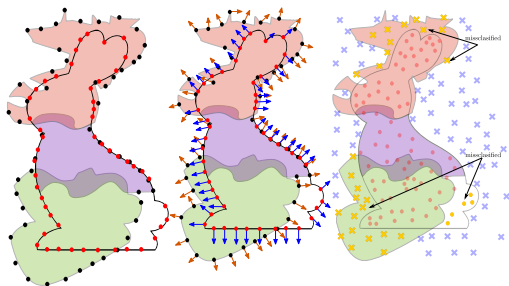
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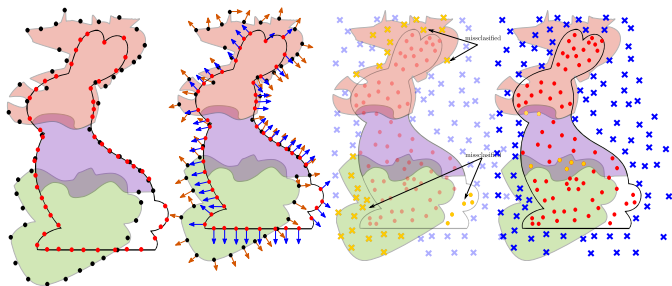
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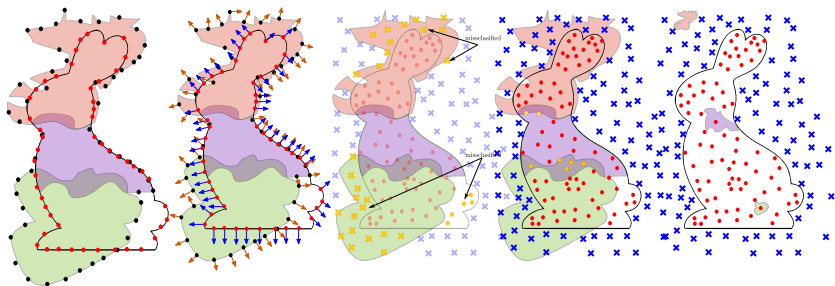
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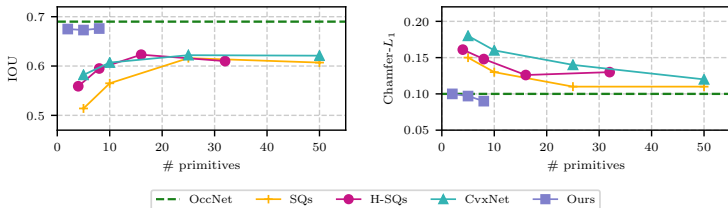
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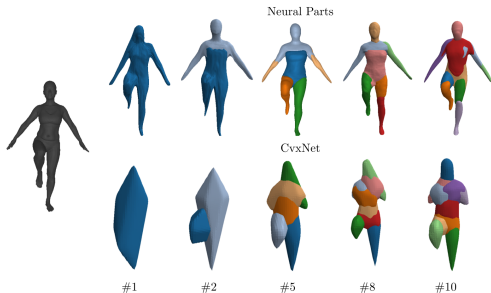
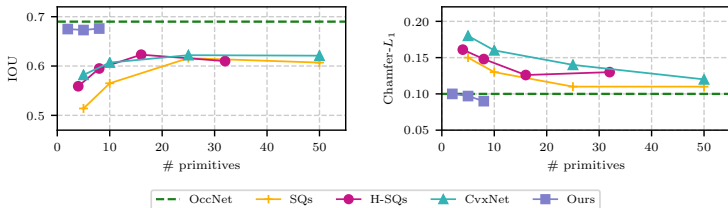


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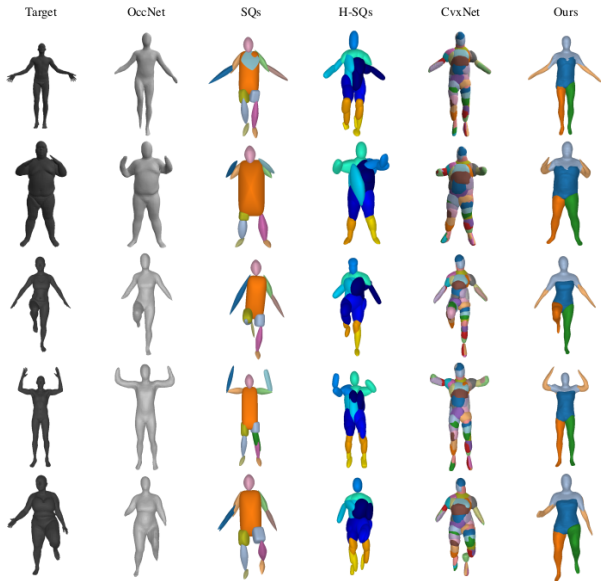
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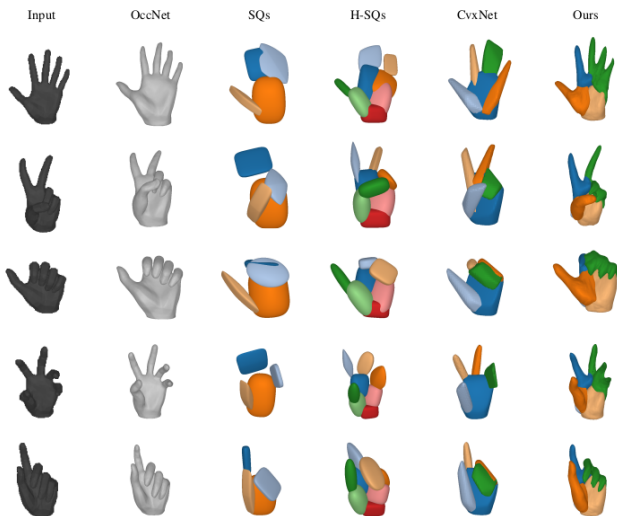
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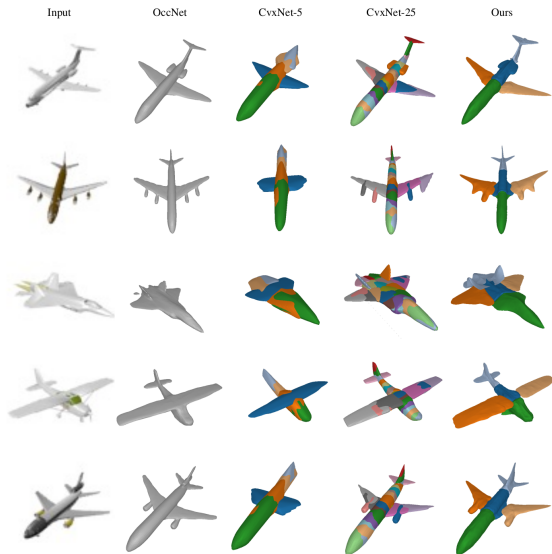
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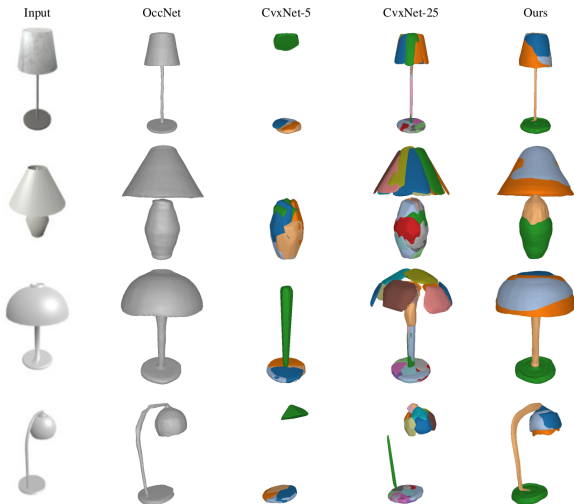
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Semantic Consistency



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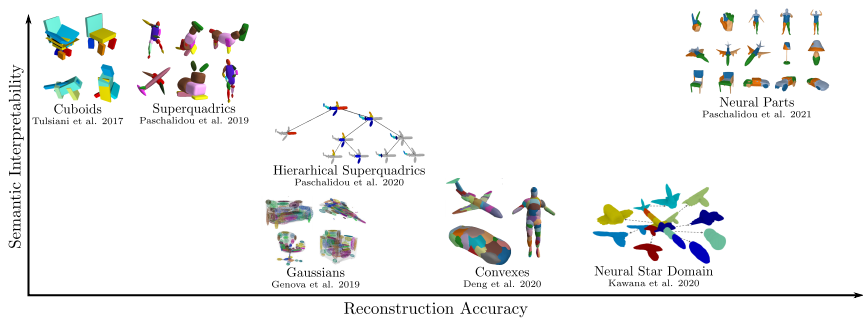
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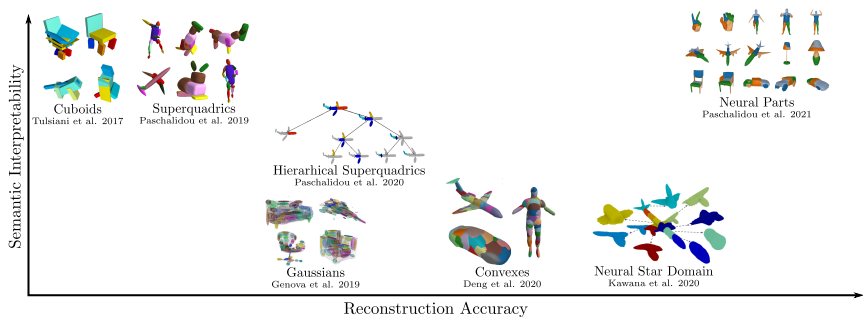
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What comes next?

Primitive Arena

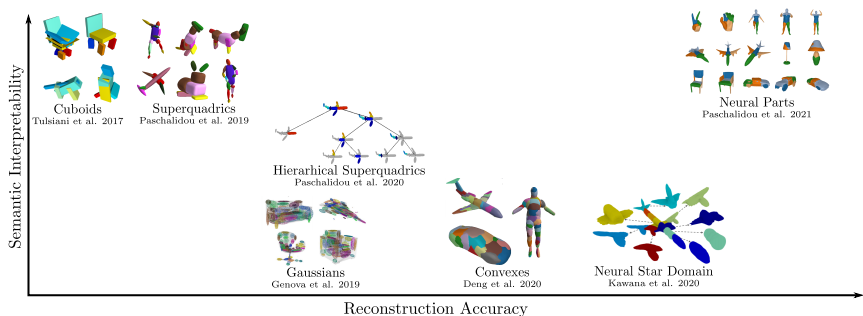


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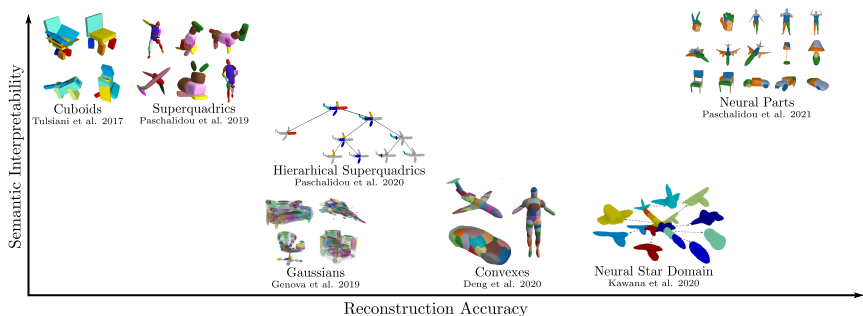
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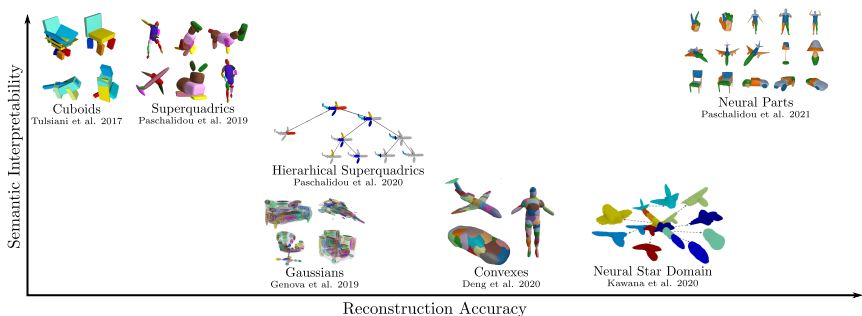
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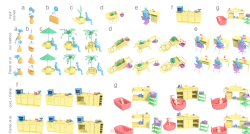


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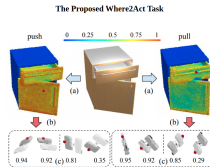


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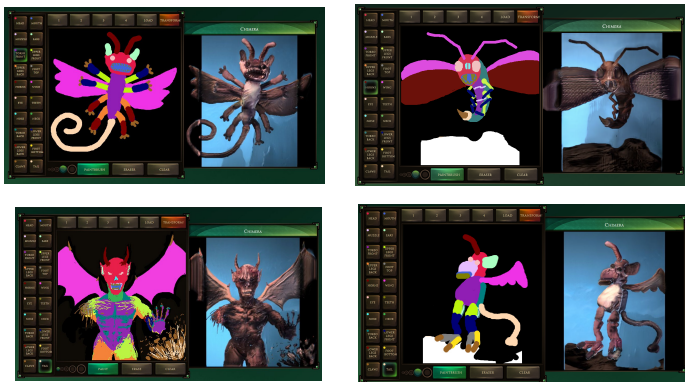


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Reconstruction by combining parts

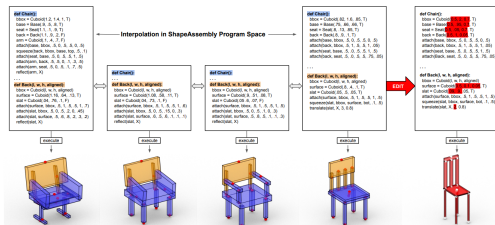


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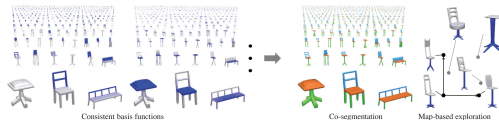


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