

# Text-to-3D Generative AI on Mobile Devices: Measurements and Optimizations

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# Text-to-3D Generative AI

“A pumpkin”



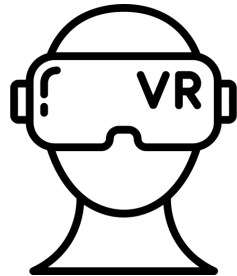
Text-to-3D  
Generative  
AI



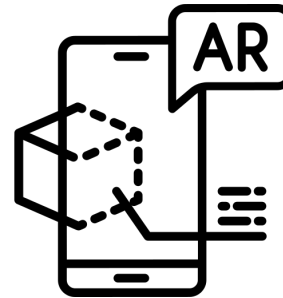
**Input:** Text Prompt

**Output:** 3D Model

**Application  
Scenarios:**

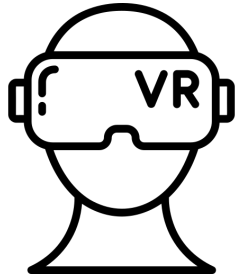


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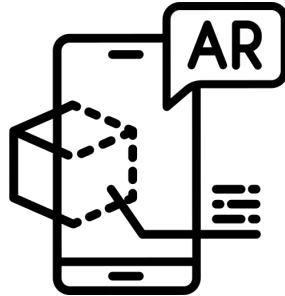


**Product Design**

# Text-to-3D Generative AI



Gaming



Product Design



Mobile  
Devices

## Problems:

Not ready for **mobile deployment** due to **resource constraints** (memory, compute, energy, etc.)

E.g., DreamFusion takes **12 hours** to generate a 3D object on a NVIDIA V100 GPU

# Motivation

We want to deploy Text-to-3D generative AI on **mobile devices** while ensuring **good user experience**



**Low Latency**

**Low Memory Usage**

**High 3D Object Synthesis Quality**

# Motivation

Low Latency  
Low Memory Usage  
High Synthesis Quality



Optimization



**Measurements** to identify bottlenecks

# Background

Text

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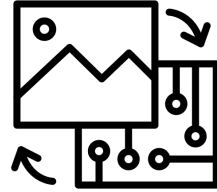
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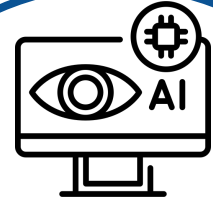
3D



**Natural  
Language  
Processing**



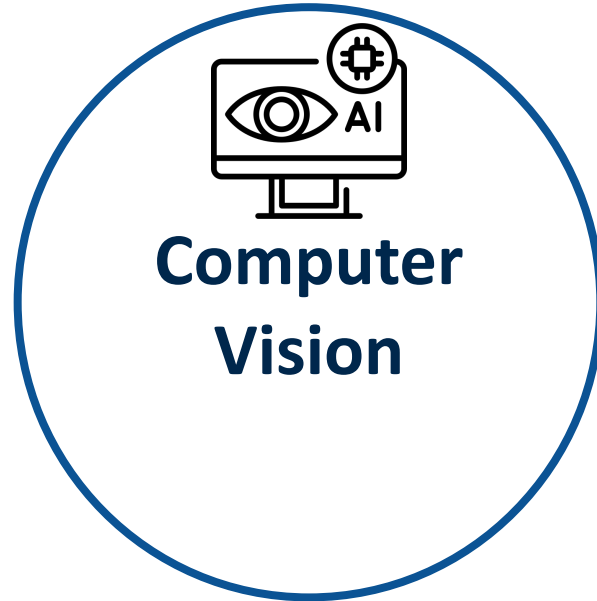
**Generative  
AI**



**Computer  
Vision**

# Background: 3D Representations

3D



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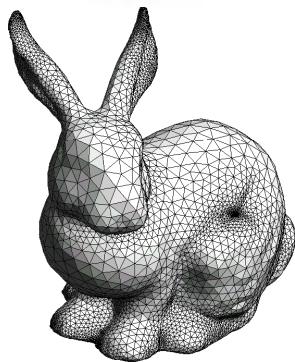
## Explicit Representation

## Implicit Representation

### Point Clouds



### 3D Meshes



### NeRF



### SDF



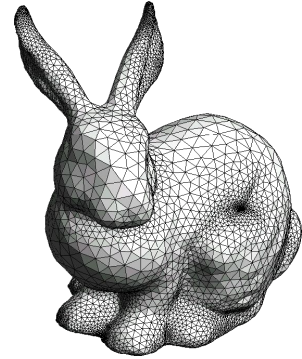


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Point Clouds



3D Meshes



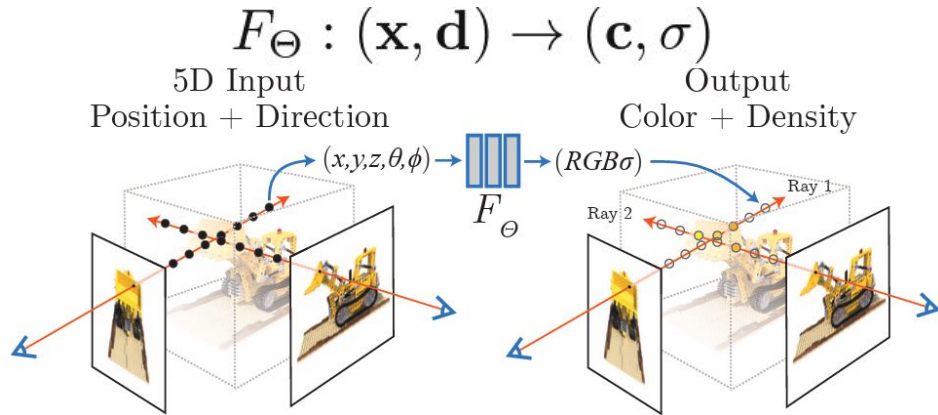
Usually use discrete locations represented by points, edges etc.



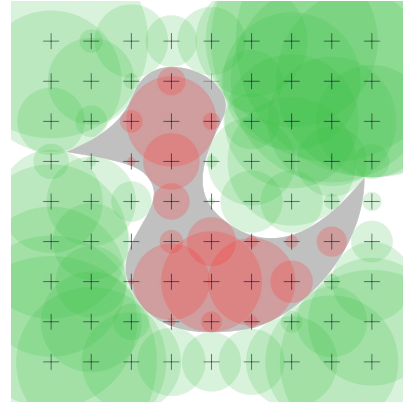
Low Latency  
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# Background: Implicit Representations

## NeRF: Neural Radiance Fields



## SDF: Signed Distance Field



**High Latency** due to Computation

**High Memory Usage** due to Computation

**High Synthesis Quality**

# Background: 3D Representations

## Explicit Representations

## Implicit Representations

Latency



Memory Usage

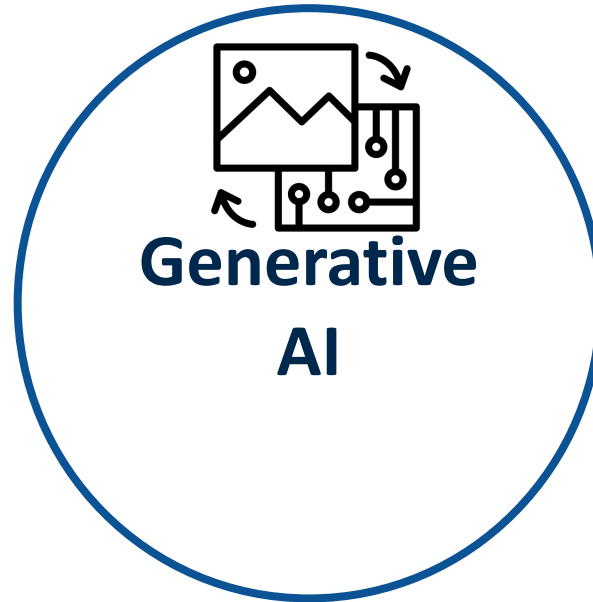


Synthesis Quality



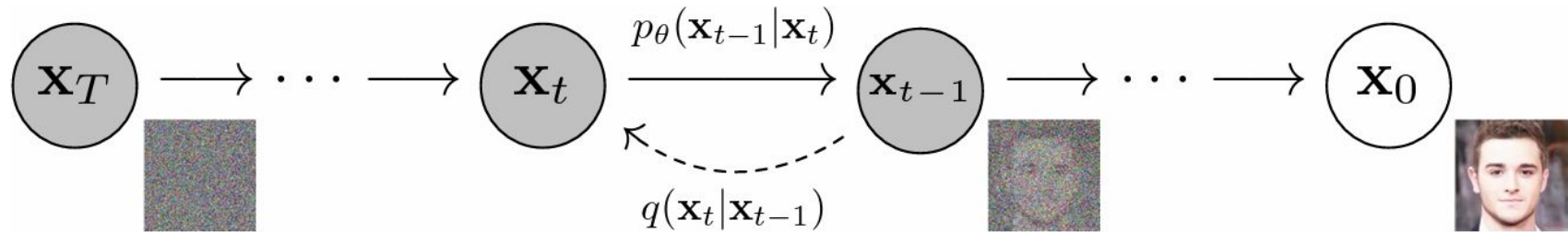
# Background

to



# Background: Diffusion Model

## Reverse Diffusion Process

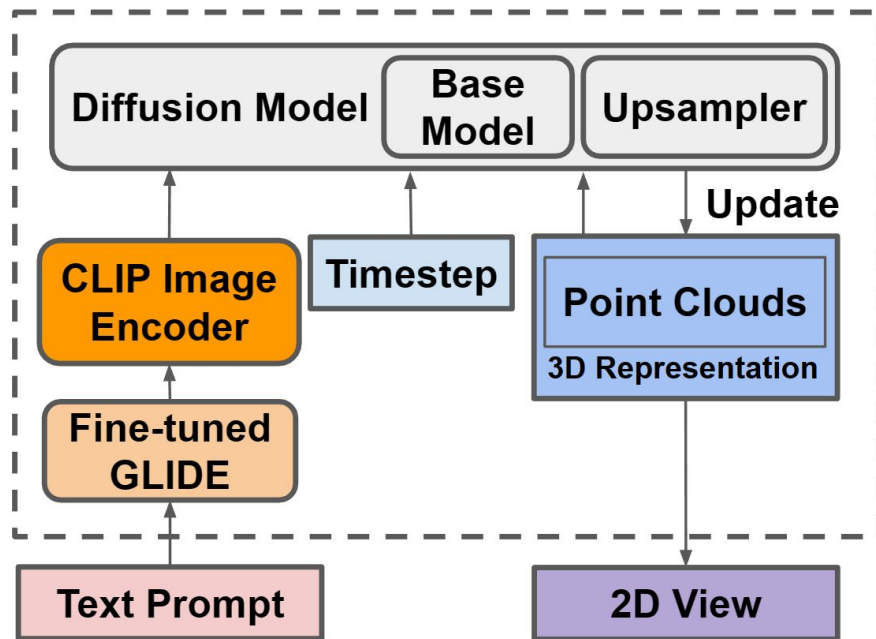


## Forward Diffusion Process

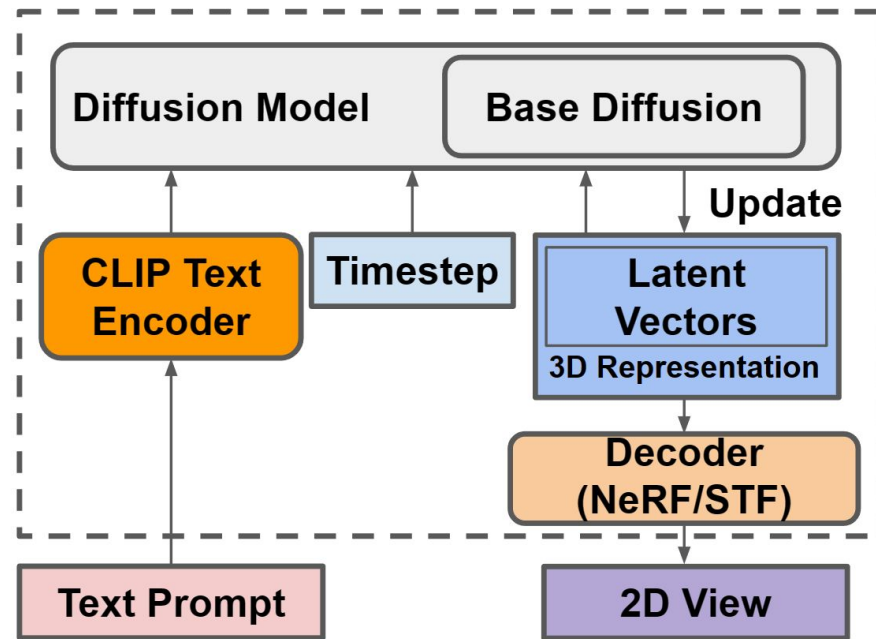
**Many steps** of an **expensive** machine learning model (e.g. Unet, ViT) is needed to learn the reverse diffusion process.

# Diffusion Model Overview

## Point-E (Dec. 2022)



## Shap-E (May 2023)



# Measurements

What are the **bottlenecks** to deploy text-to-3D models on mobile devices?

What to measure?

Optimization Goals:

Low Latency

Low Memory Usage

Good Synthesis Quality

# Measurement Setup

## Hardware:

**NVIDIA T4 GPU (weak server GPU)**

**NVIDIA Jetson AGX Orin (mobile GPU)**

## Dataset:





# Measurement Setup: Model Configurations

## For Point-E and Shap-E:

### Parameter count for Diffusion:

- ❖ 40M
- ❖ 300M
- ❖ 1B

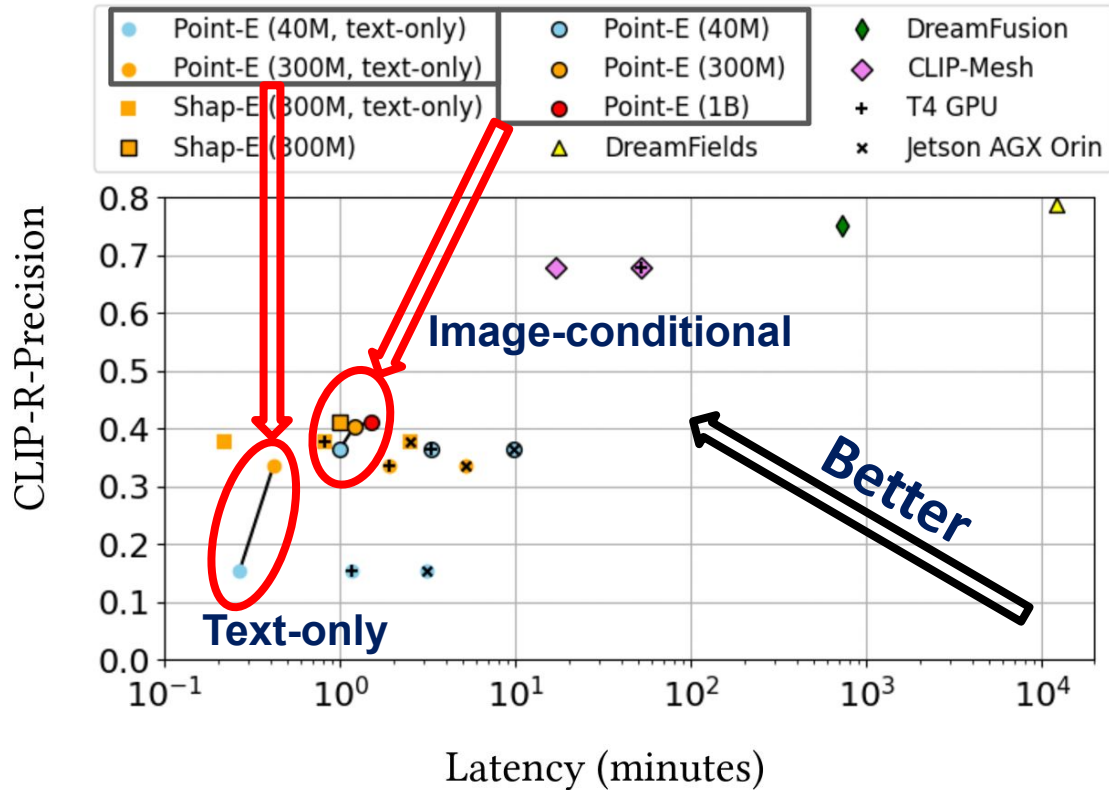
### Conditioning options:

- ❖ **Text-only**  
Text → 3D
- ❖ **Image-conditional (Default)**  
Text → 2D → 3D

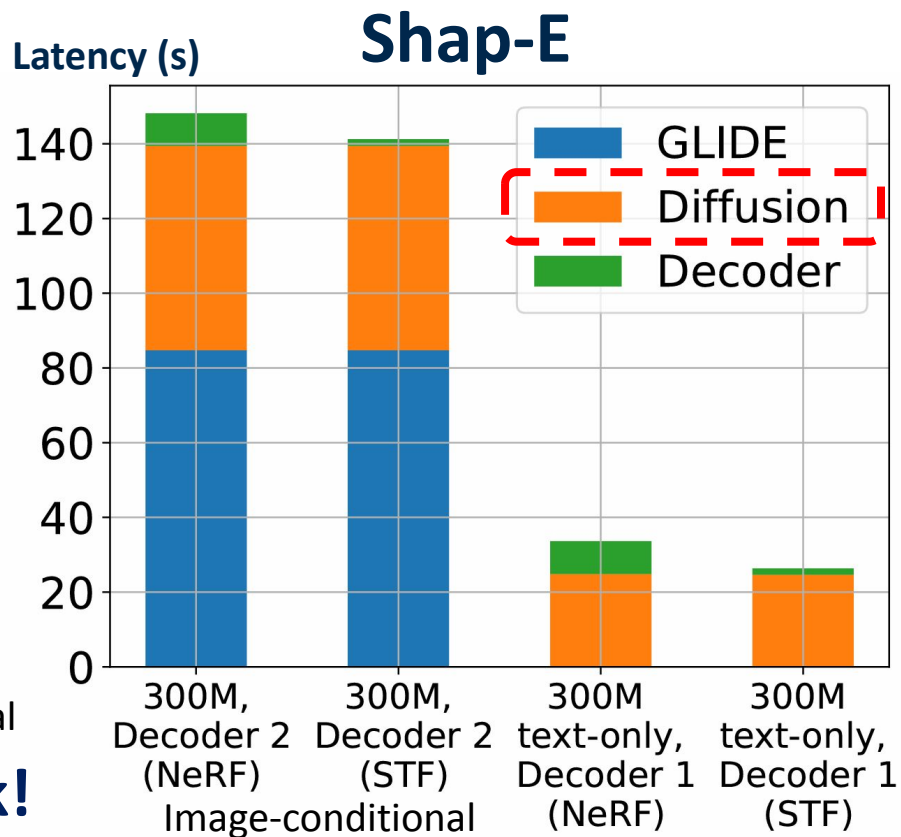
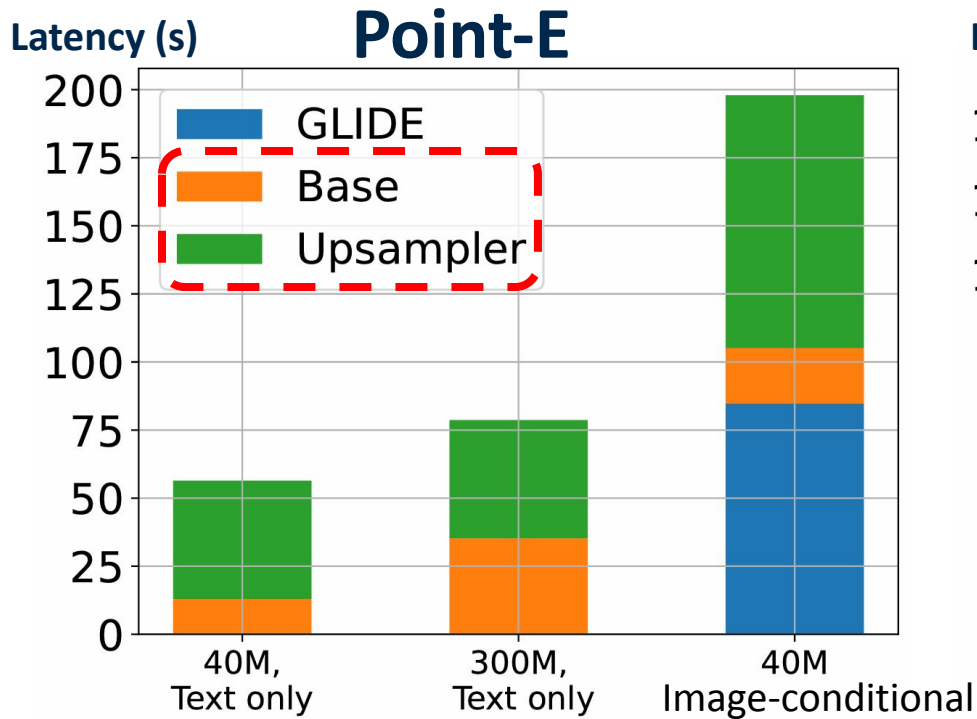
# Latency-Quality Tradeoff

**Synthesis quality:**  
Image-conditional >  
Text-only

**Latency:**  
Text-only <  
Image-conditional



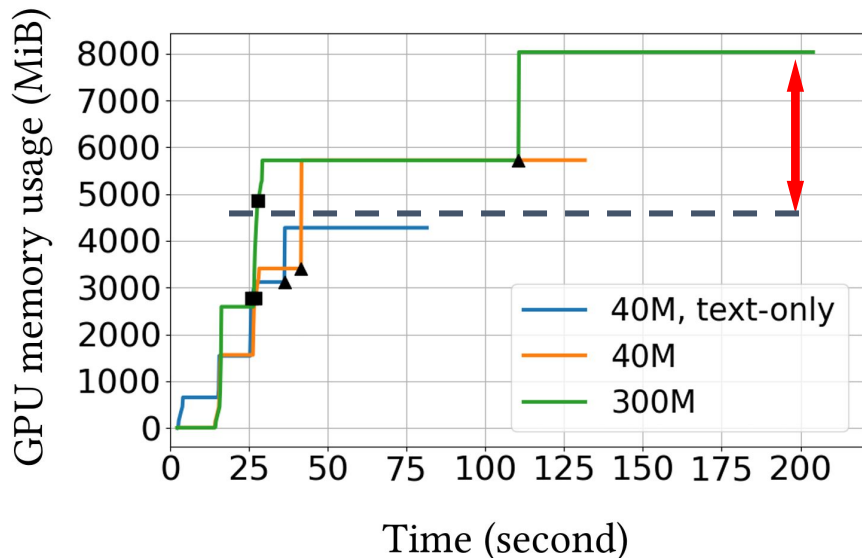
# Latency Breakdown



**Diffusion is a latency bottleneck!**

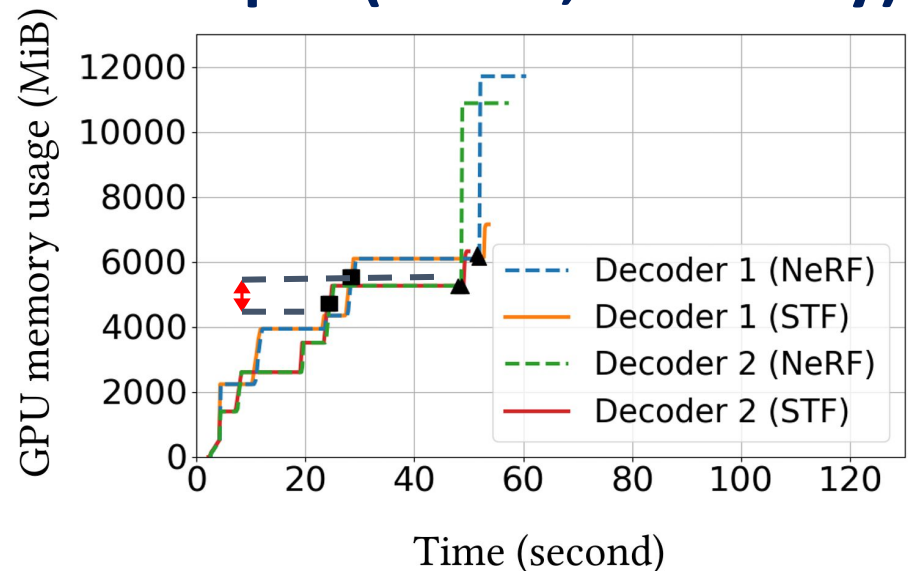
# GPU Memory Measurement

## Point-E



■ Start base diffusion    ▲ Start upsampling

## Shap-E (300M, Text-only)



■ Start diffusion    ▲ Start decoding (rendering)

**Implicit representation can save memory usage during generation.**

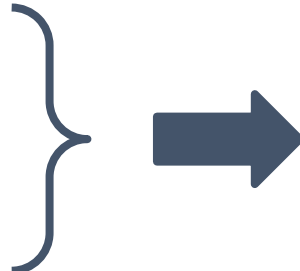
# Model Optimization

What to optimize?

**Diffusion process!**

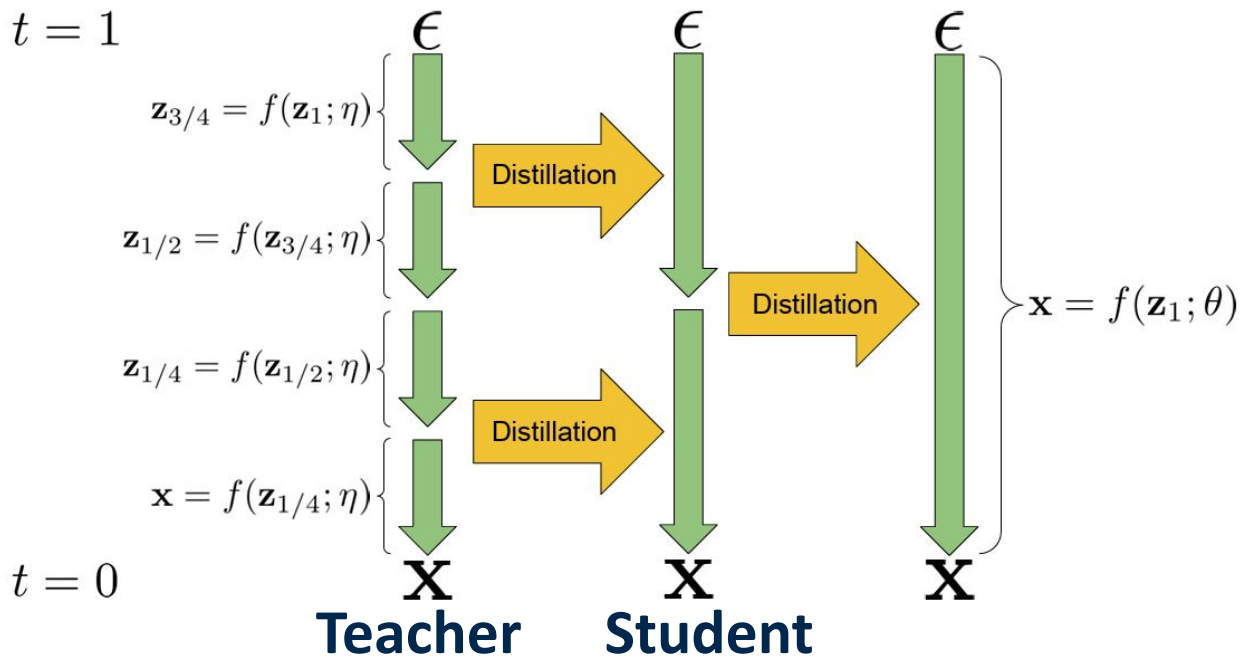
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## How to optimize?

- **Distillation**
  - **Quantization**
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- Can be generalized for other diffusion based models
- **Neural Architecture Search, Pruning, etc.**

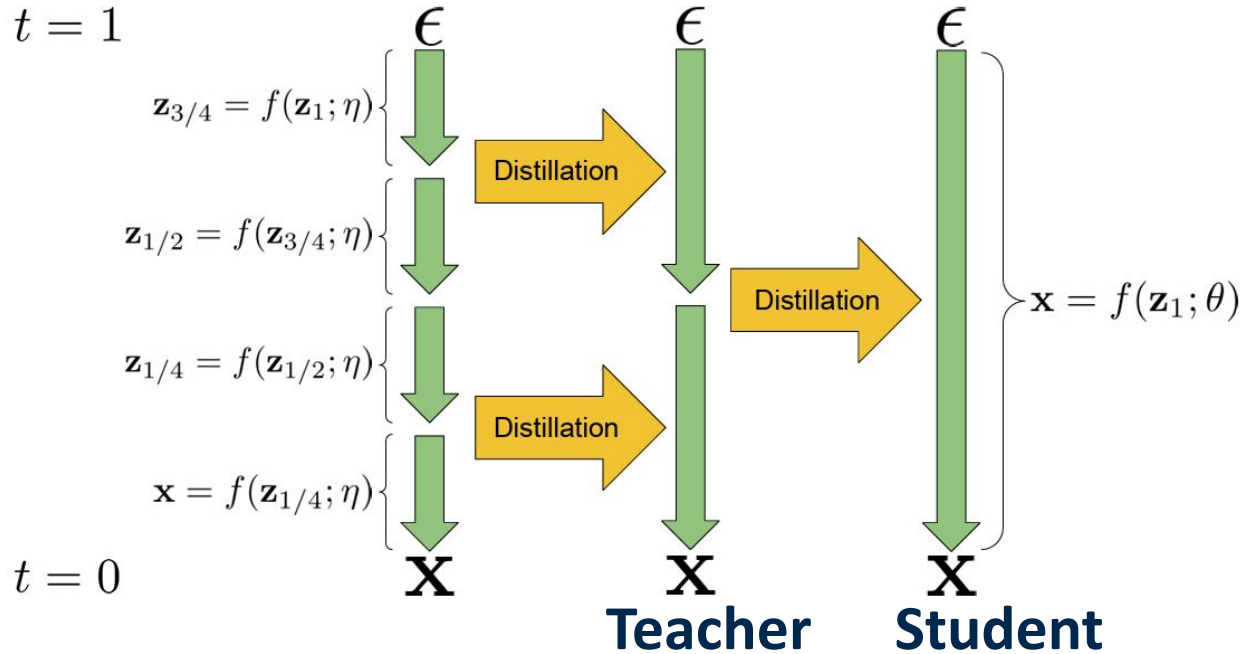
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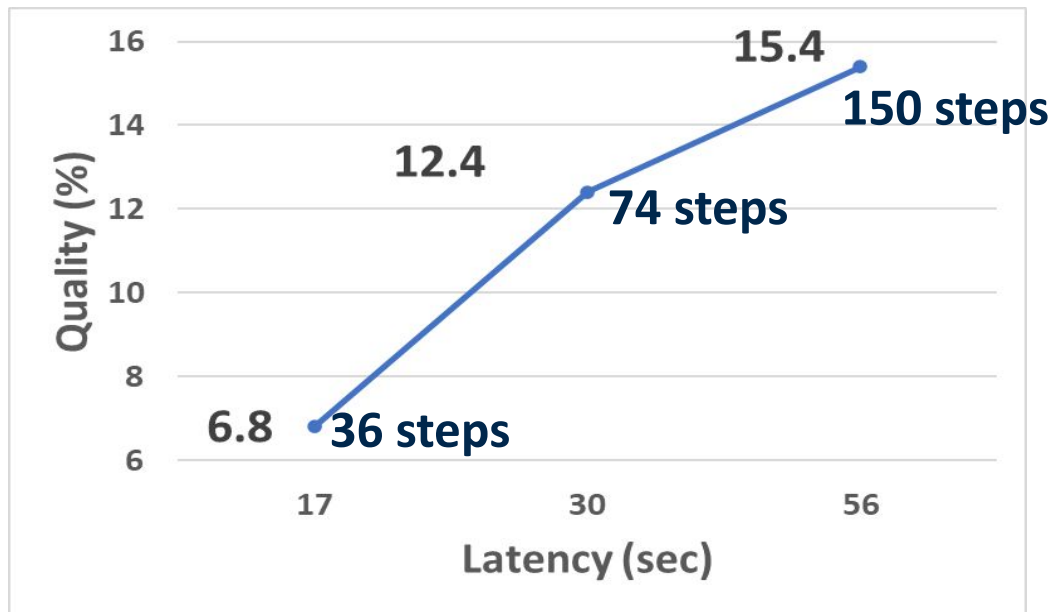




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Point-E results:



**Synthesis quality** severely degrades at lower latency.

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**Speed up** the model and **reduce memory usage** by using **lower precision parameters**: 32 bit  8 bit Quantization

**Point-E  
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**May need custom per-layer quantization**

# Summary

# Thank you! Questions?

**Custom optimization** (e.g. distillation, quantization) of text-to-3D models needed for mobile deployment.

**Shap-E outperforms Point-E** on mobile devices, possibly due to its efficient **implicit representation**.

Synthesis quality:

