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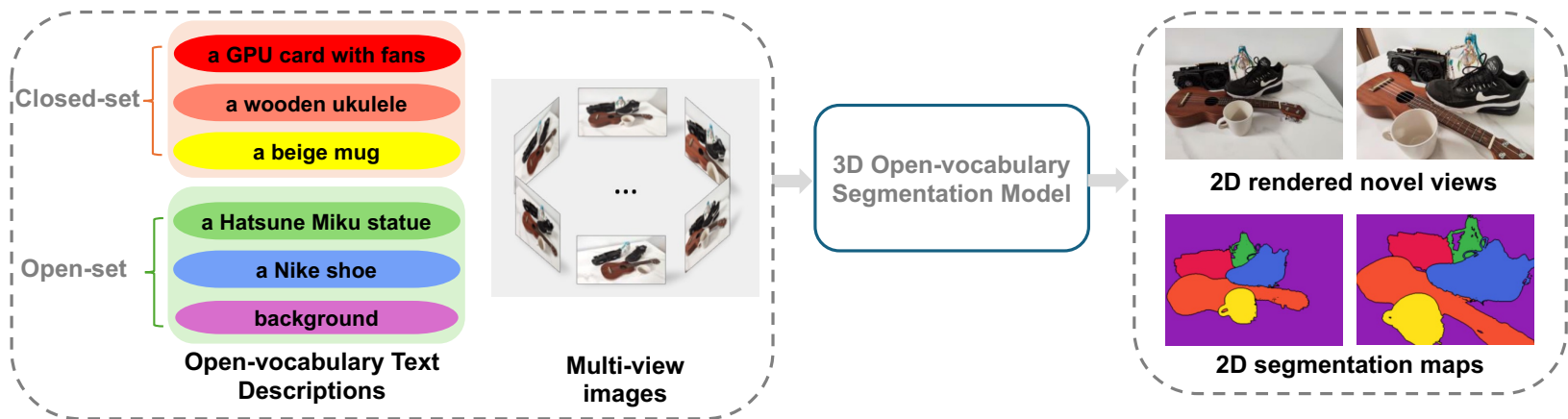
econSG: Efficient and Multi-view Consistent Open-Vocabulary 3D Semantic Gaussians

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3D Open-vocabulary Segmentation

- Produce accurate **object boundaries for open-world classes** in the 3D scene without requiring any segmentation annotations during training.



Input:

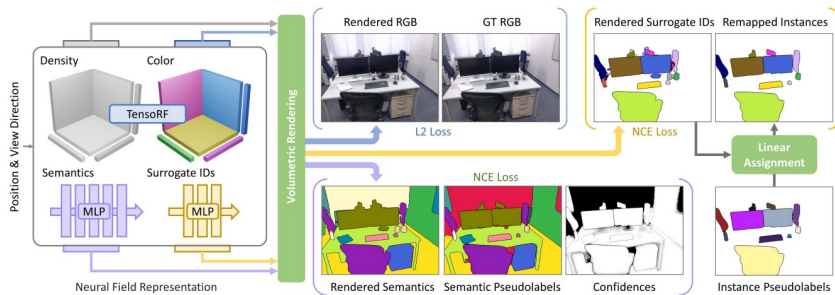
- Multi-view images
- Open-vocabulary text descriptions

Output:

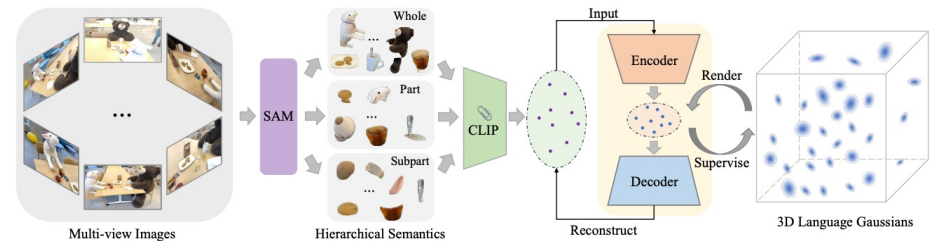
- Rendered images from novel views.
- Segmentation maps

Note: Train on closed-set classes and inference on both open-set and closed-set classes

Previous 3D Segmentation Approaches



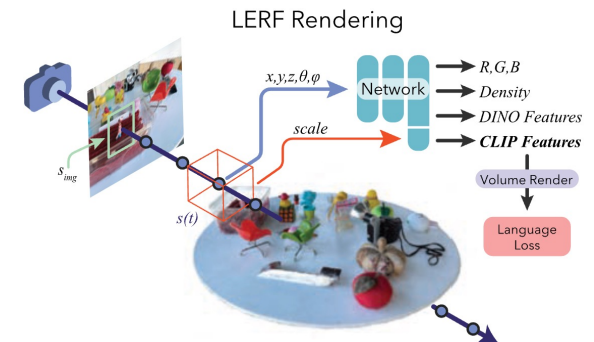
Panoptic Lifting [CVPR 2023]



LangSplat [CVPR 2024]

• Main issues:

- Suffering from **poor quality** on **in-the-wild scenes** (e.g. Panoptic Lifting)
- Dilemma of balancing open-vocabulary ability and **localizing accuracy** (e.g. LERF)
- **Time-consuming and inconsistent** across views (e.g. LangSplat)



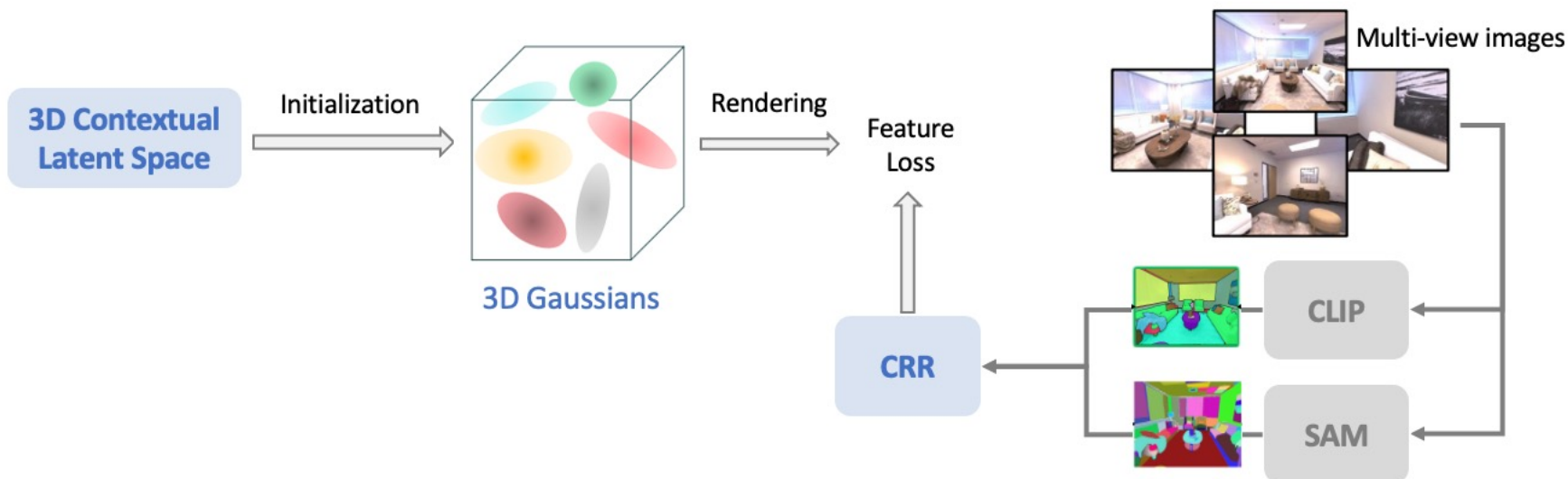
LERF [ICCV 2023]

Our Approach: econSG

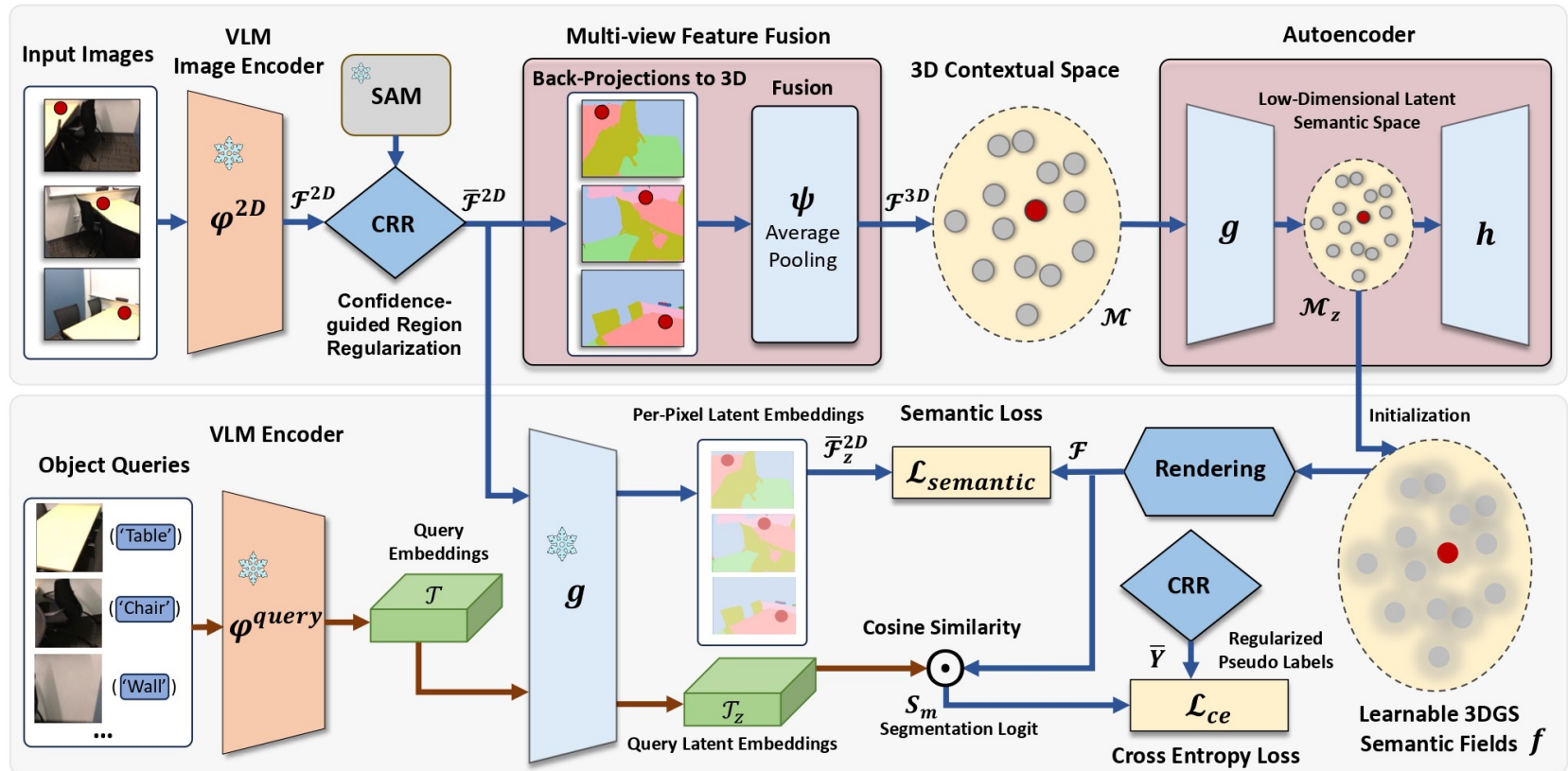
- We propose a **2D-3D mapping strategy** with the zero-shot open-vocabulary prompted paradigm for **building a 3D semantic field** in 3D Gaussian Splatting.
- Our approach is able to **simultaneously** achieve:
 - **accuracy**
 - **efficiency**
 - the grounding of **open-vocabulary level semantics**
 - natural modality **interactions**

Our Approach: econSG

- Our model consists of three key components:
 - 3D Gaussian Splatting (3DGS) as **explicit 3D representation** for building open-vocabulary semantic fields
 - Confidence-guided region regularization (CRR) for **semantic mask refinement**
 - 3D contextual latent space for **initialization**



econSG: Our Network Architecture

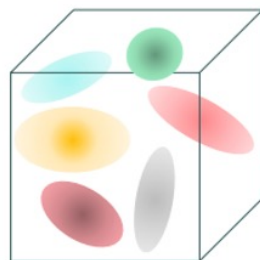


3D Gaussian Splatting (3DGS)

- Learnable parameters of each 3D Gaussian:

- μ : 3D position
- s : Scaling factor
- q : Rotation quaternion
- c : RGB color
- o : Opacity value
- f : Semantic embedding (Additional)

μ s q c o f



3D Gaussians

Differentiable
Rasterization

Optimization



RGB

L_{RGB}



Ground truth



Semantics

L_S



Refined
semantic mask

Rendering equation:

$$I = R(\mu, \Sigma, c, o; p_{cam})$$

Where the result image I is rendered from a specific camera pose p_{cam} , using the differentiable rasterization R .

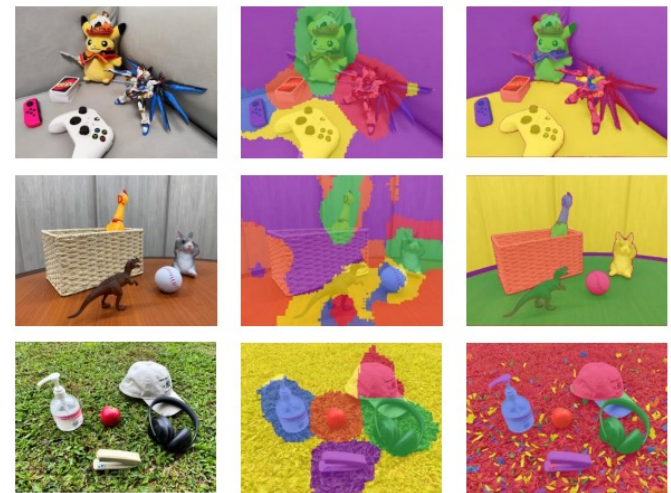
Confidence-guided Region Regularization (CRR)

- **Problems:**

1. Extracting pixel-aligned CLIP features (trained for image level) from image crops shows **ambiguity around object boundary**
2. SAM provides good object boundaries but show ambiguity due to **a lack of contextual information and scale**

- **Solution:**

We propose to **generate semantics with less ambiguities** in object boundaries, contextual information and scale



Images

(a) image crops

(b) SAM Crops

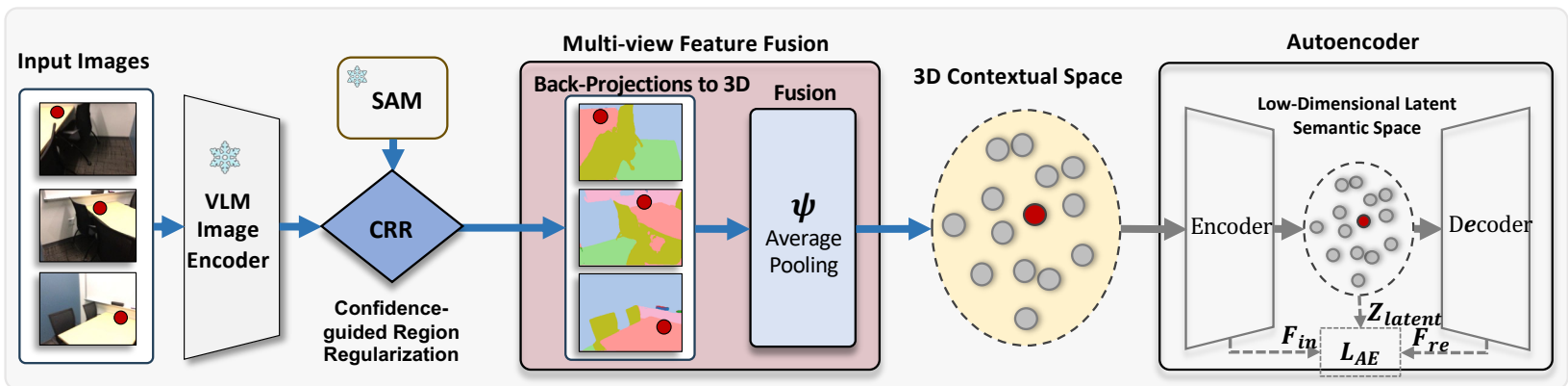
Confidence-guided Region Regularization (CRR)

- Given pixel-level CLIP features and SAM masks,
 - a) **Select high-confidence semantic regions** across all views with a higher confidence threshold τ_1 .
 - b) **Assign semantic labels to SAM masks** by the majority voting of labels in high-confidence regions within each mask.
 - c) **Generate semantics** by:
 - 1) Overlapped regions: retain the semantic labels from the high-confidence maps
 - 2) Outside: assign with SAM labels
 - d) **Regularize the boundary of semantics** by filtering with a lower confidence threshold τ_2 .

3D Contextual Latent Space

- **Multi-view Feature Fusion:**

1. Given multi-view images, **extract pixel-level semantics** with VLM and **generate object masks** with SAM.
2. **Refine 2D semantics** with CRR module.
3. **Back-project 2D semantics** to 3D space and fuse multi-view features to construct 3D contextual space



3D Contextual Latent Space

- **Autoencoder:**

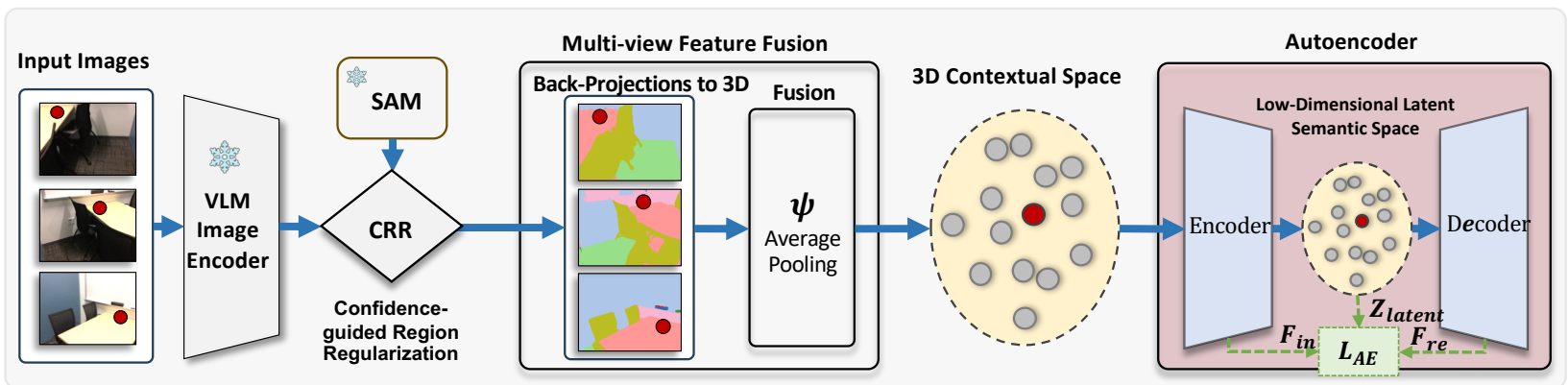
1. **Train an autoencoder** with the 3D contextual space.

❖ Reconstruction loss:

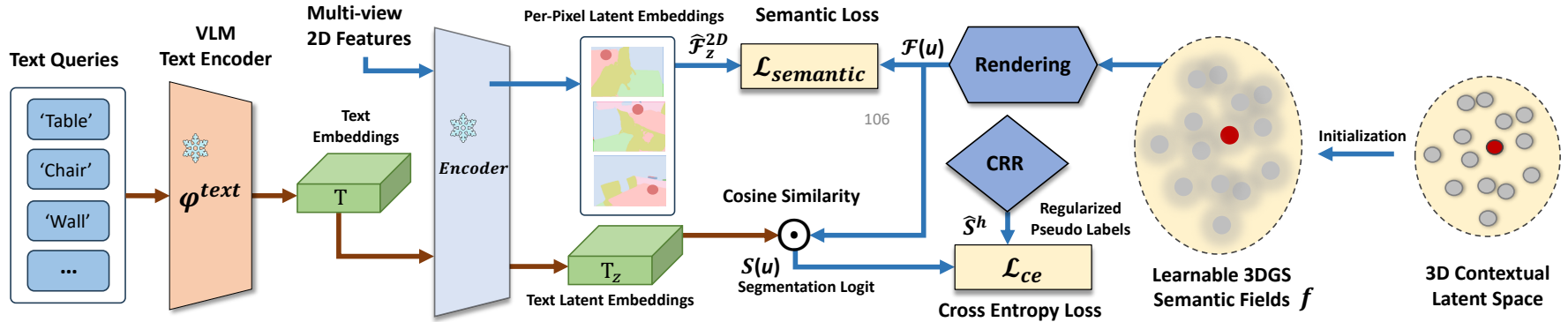
$$L_{AE} = L_{l2}(F_{in}, F_{re}) + L_{ce}(F_{re}, \hat{y}) + L_{ce}(z_{latent}, \hat{y})$$

Semantic labels

2. **Map high-dimensional 3D contextual space into low-dimensional latent semantic space** with the encoder.



3D Gaussian Splatting for Semantic Fields



- Initialize the semantic embedding f in each 3D Gaussian with the low-dimensional 3D contextual latent space.
- We optimize the 3DGS semantic fields with:

$$\mathcal{L}_{semantic} = \sum_{u=1}^U Dist(\mathcal{F}(u), \hat{\mathcal{F}}_z^{2D}(u)), \mathcal{L}_{ce} = CE(S(u), \hat{S}^h)$$

- $Dist(\cdot, \cdot)$ denotes the distance function.
- $S(u) = \cos \langle \mathcal{F}(u), \mathcal{T}_z \rangle$ denotes the segmentation logit at pixel u .

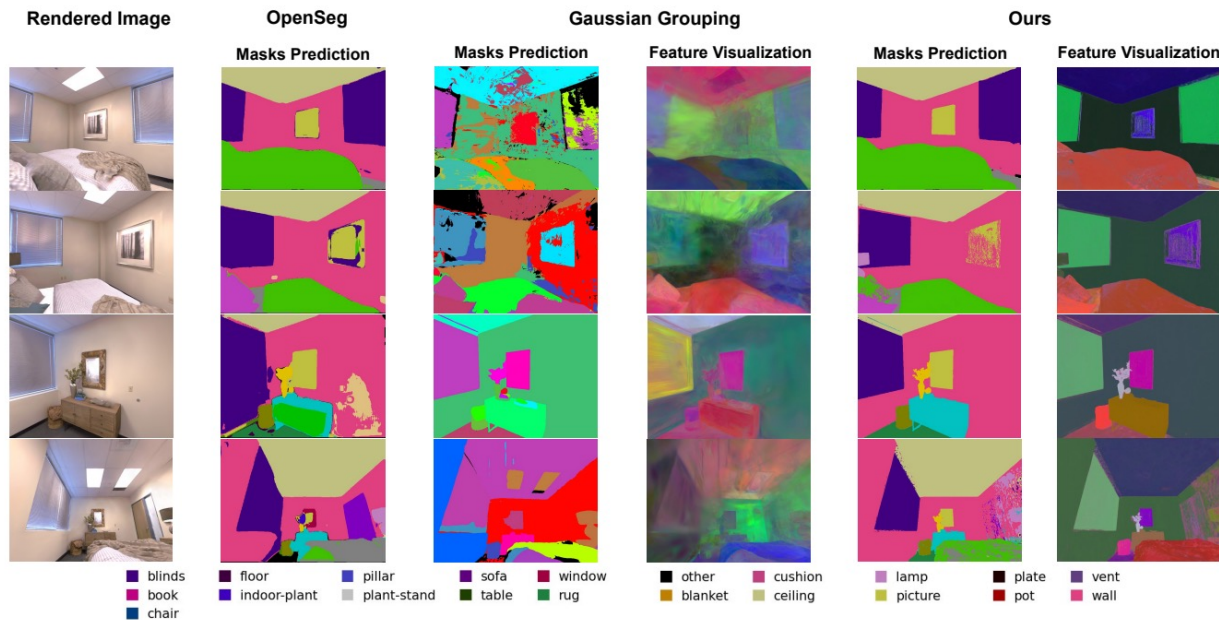
Final Losses: $\mathcal{L} = \boxed{\mathcal{L}_{color}} + \lambda_{sem} \mathcal{L}_{semantic} + \lambda_{2d} \mathcal{L}_{ce}(u)$

RGB fields

Segmentation Results of Novel Views from Scannet and Replica

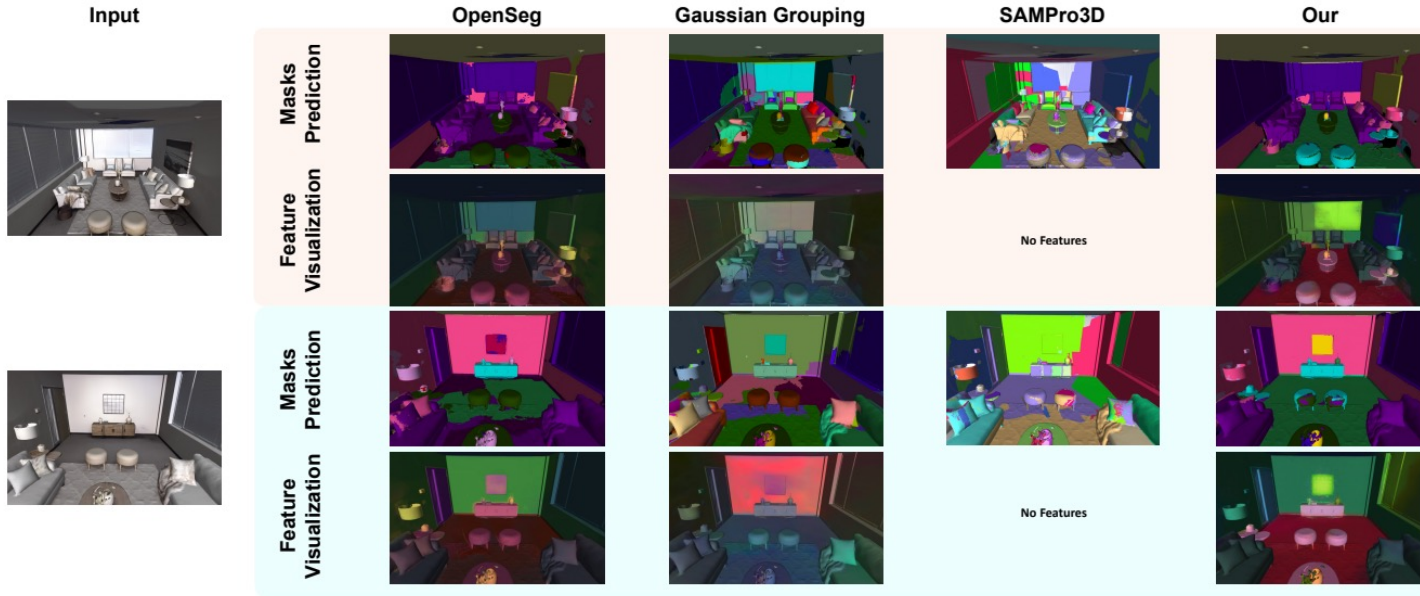
- Open-vocabulary Segmentation Comparison

Dataset	FPS	Replica				Scannet			
		sparse-view		multi-view		sparse-view		multi-view	
		mIoU	mAcc	mIoU	mAcc	mIoU	mAcc	mIoU	mAcc
LERF	0.2	4.312	17.080	8.285	22.125	14.059	38.734	15.349	40.294
3DOVS	0.3	4.553	19.356	9.081	23.938	14.227	40.584	17.802	42.532
Feature3DGS	2.5	9.584	38.245	10.634	36.520	17.552	48.686	18.069	54.101
econSG (Ours)	156	25.513	70.716	33.869	78.564	39.018	74.805	48.205	86.178



Analysis

- Analysis on the 3D Contextual Latent Space (Replica)

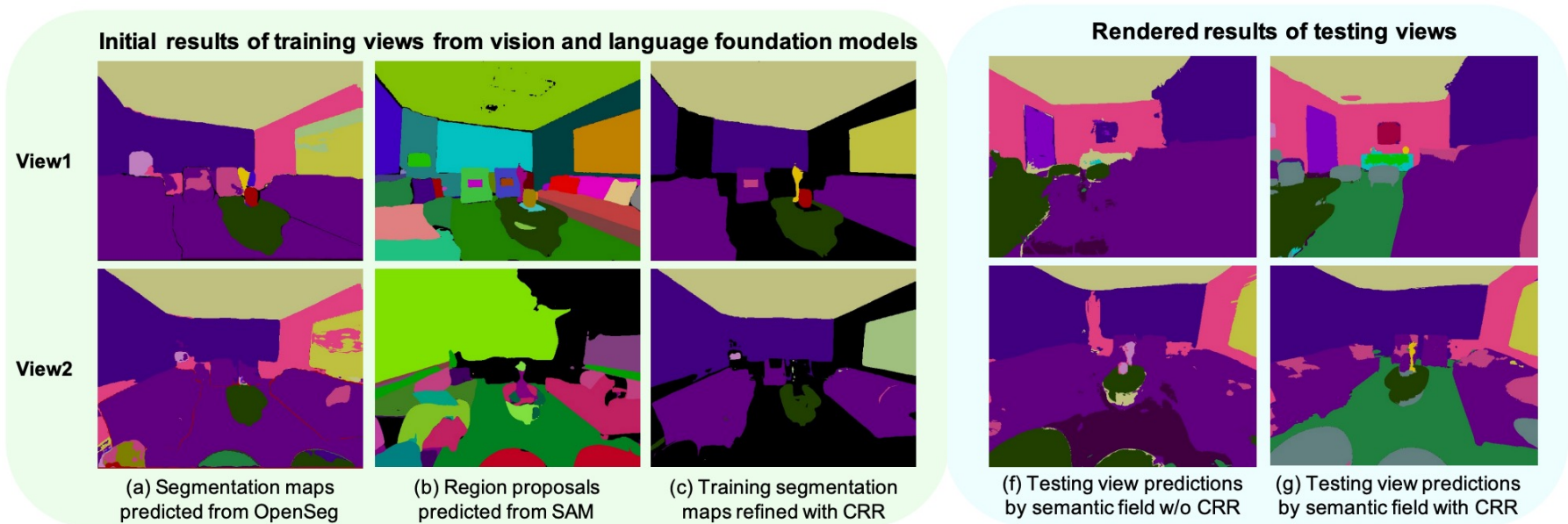


- Training efficiency analysis on the 3DOVS dataset

Methods	LERF	3DOVS	Langsplat	Feature3DGS	Ours				Ours (remove autoencoder)
Feature dimension	512	512	3	128	6	16	32		512
mIoU (%)	27.0	74.0	82.3	6.7	91.6	91.8	91.8		OOM
Training time (min)	19.4	78	66	87	29	32	43		OOM
Inference (s)	121.4	6.6	401.9	6.0	4.9	5.2	5.3		OOM

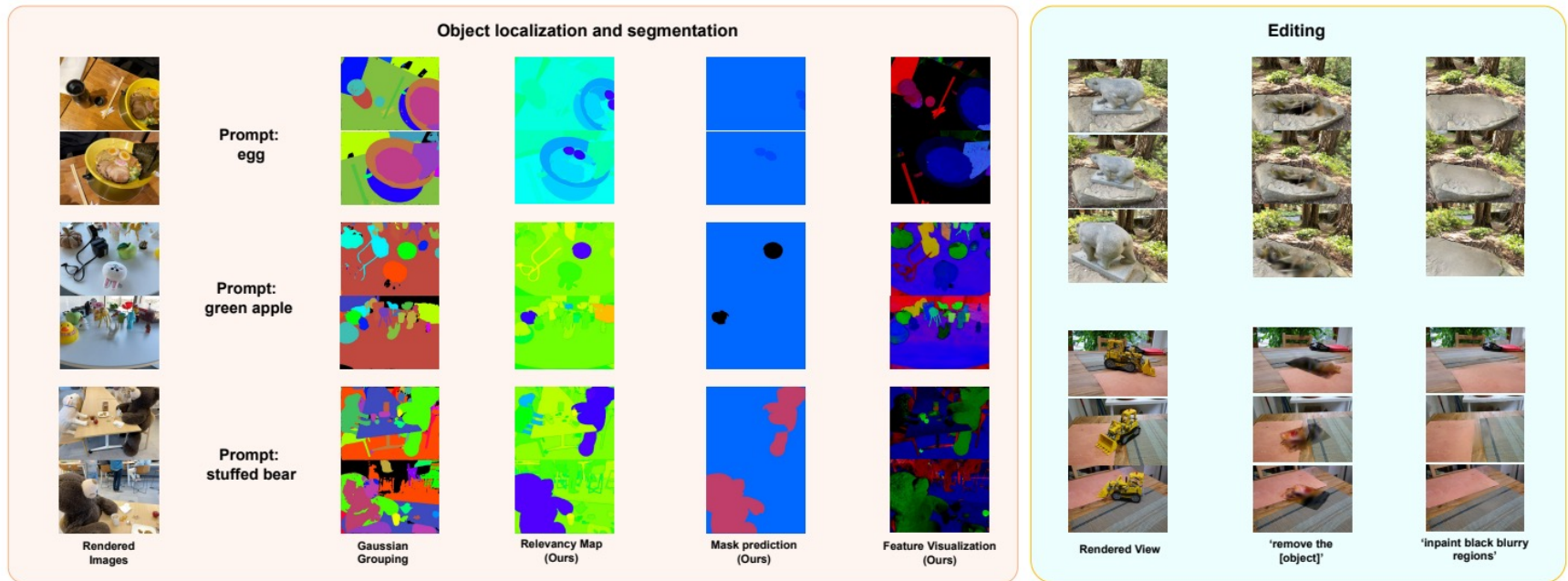
Ablation

- Ablation on Confidence-guided Region Regularization



Applications

- Language-guided segmentation and editing



Thanks for Listening!