

Web-based Latent Space Visualization Tool for Measured BRDFs Using NPs

This is a web-based tool with functions as:

1. Visualize the latent space learned from measured BRDFs using NPs.
2. Recommend BRDFs for one BRDF selected by user.
3. Interpolate BRDFs from two BRDFs selected by user.

Getting up and running

This tool is developed based on a TensorBoard plugin called Embedding Projector. For information of TensorBoard and Embedding Projector, see their repositories on Github: [TensorBoard](#) and [Embedding Projector](#). To launch our projector in standalone mode, you need to [install Bazel](#) and then build it from source in the NP-BRDF-Projector folder:

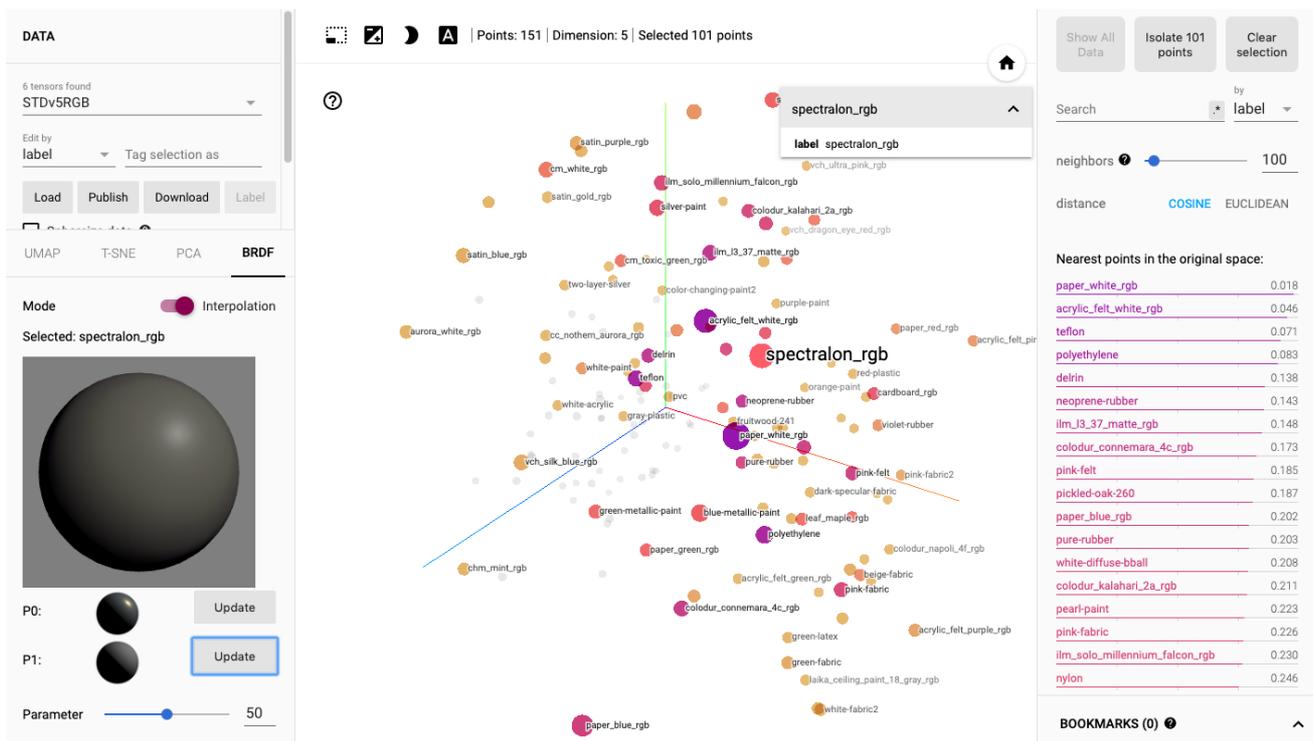
Recommended bazel version: 0.23

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NP-BRDF-Projector\> sh
bazel run ./tensorboard/plugins/projector/vz_projector:devserver
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After it has been successfully built, please open <http://localhost:6006/index.html> in web browser.

Usage

Panels



Show All Data Isolate 101 points Clear selection

Search by label

neighbors 100

distance COSINE EUCLIDEAN

Nearest points in the original space:

nylon	0.021
teflon	0.039
white-diffuse-bball	0.082
ilm_l3_37_matte_rgb	0.121
neoprene-rubber	0.127
ilm_solo_millennium_falcon_rgb	0.128
spectralon_rgb	0.138
colodur_kalahari_2a_rgb	0.148
white-paint	0.157
pearl-paint	0.174
acrylic_felt_white_rgb	0.180

And the projection panel which contains tabs for projection settings and a special BRDF tab:

UMAP T-SNE **PCA** BRDF

X Component #1 Y Component #2

Z Component #3

Total variance described: 84.6%.

The BRDF Tab

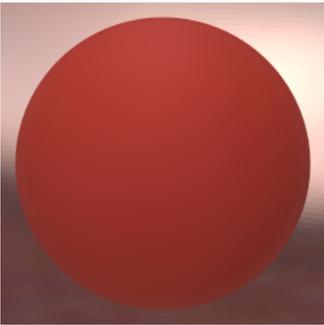
In the BRDF tab, there is a toggle button to switch BRDF interpolation mode off and on, which corresponds to the BRDF recommendation feature and the BRDF interpolation feature.

BRDF Recommendation

UMAP T-SNE PCA **BRDF**

Mode Interpolation

Selected: dark-red-paint



When BRDF interpolation mode is off, the BRDF tab shows an image of a sphere with the corresponding BRDF of currently selected point. This image is pre-rendered with global illumination. Whenever you click a point in the main panel, this image will be updated. At the same time, the inspector panel will give you a new recommendation list of similar BRDFs to the one you currently select. You can also update your current selection via clicking a neighbor listed in the inspector panel, the image in the BRDF tab will be updated accordingly. Thus, you can easily check if the recommendation list contains what you want and explore more similar BRDFs quickly.

BRDF Interpolation



When the BRDF interpolation mode is on, the BRDF tab shows an image of a sphere with the interpolated BRDF. There are two buttons to update the endpoints of interpolation and a slider to control the parameter of interpolation. The image in the BRDF tab is updated interactively by a WebGL renderer. Thus, you can see the effect of interpolating BRDF in a convenient way.