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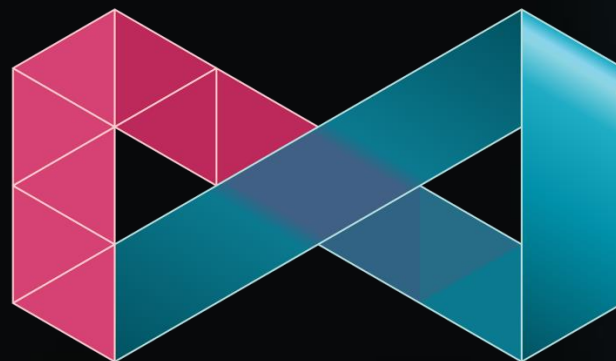
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MaterialX and OpenPBR Town Hall

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**MaterialX Project Updates 2024 – Jonathan Stone (ASWF, Lucasfilm)**

**OpenPBR Project Updates 2024 – Adrien Herubel (Autodesk), Peter Kutz (Adobe)**

**MaterialX in OpenUSD and Hydra – Karen Lucknavalai (Pixar)**

**MaterialX and OpenPBR in Omniverse – Frankie Liu (NVIDIA)**

**LookdevX in Maya – Nikola Milosevic, Orn Gunnarsson (Autodesk)**

**MaterialX in V-Ray – Mihail Djurev (Chaos)**

**MaterialX in Houdini 20.5 – Chris Rydalch (SideFX)**

# MaterialX Project Updates 2024



# MaterialX 1.38.8 Release

- Autodesk and SideFX contributed a rich set of new pattern nodes
- Apple contributed support for MaterialX on iOS
- Added support for MaterialX Python installation through PyPI
- Improved GGX importance sampling in real-time shading



# ASWF Dev Days 2023

- Provided dedicated mentorship to new contributors over two days
- 14 new MaterialX contributors, including developers from Wētā, ILM, and Autodesk
- Dev Days 2024 will be in September, see <https://www.aswf.io/dev-days-2024/> for details



# Alliance for OpenUSD



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- Launched in 2023 to develop a normative specification for USD
- Formed a Materials Working Group in 2024
- New group is focused on the MaterialX integration in USD
- See <https://aousd.org/> for details



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# MaterialX 1.39.0 Release

- Major updates to the specification and codebase
- Adds support for the OpenPBR Surface shading model
- Updates the Physically Based Shading and pattern nodes
- Significant optimizations to real-time shading



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- Visit [www.materialx.org](http://www.materialx.org) to learn more about the project
- Visit <https://www.aswf.io/get-involved/> to join the conversation
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## OpenPBR Project Update 2024

Adrien Herubel, Autodesk  
Peter Kutz, Adobe

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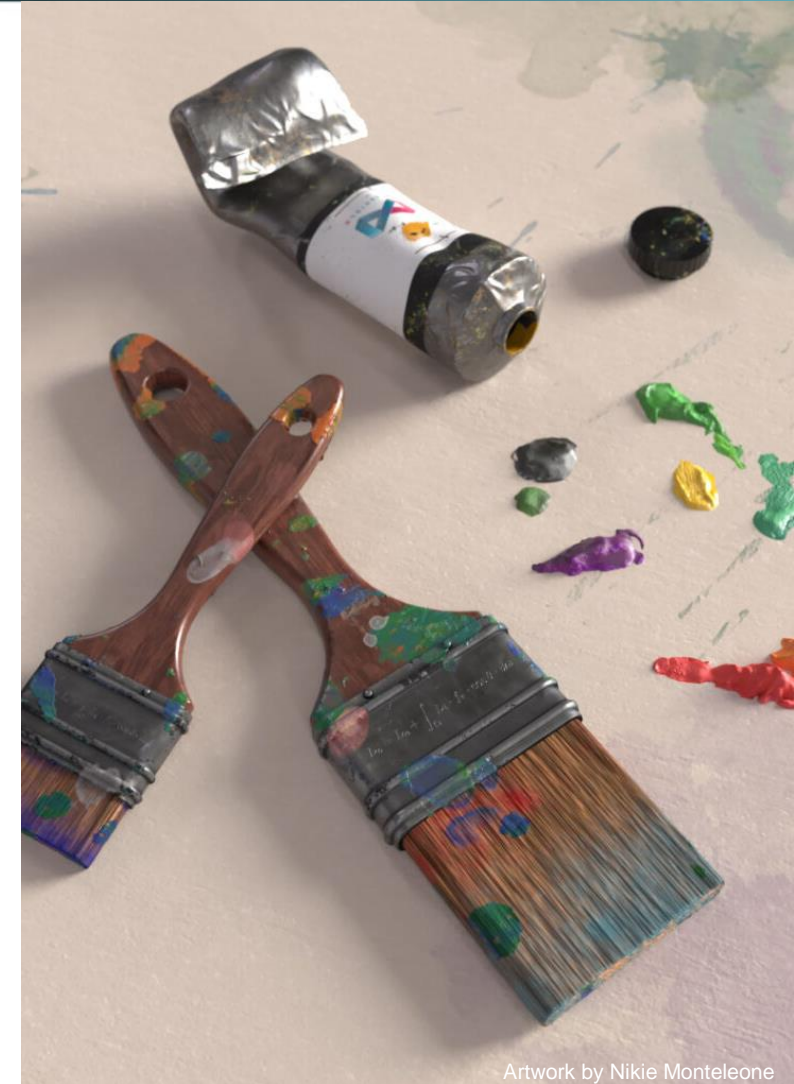
# OpenPBR update

- State of OpenPBR
- Overview of new features
- Integrations
- Future work



# OpenPBR: A new standard

- Merging Standard Surface and Standard Material
  - Autodesk and Adobe share a user base
  - Facilitate asset exchange between vendors
- Physically based
- Artist friendly
- Open governance to drive consensus and adoption
- Reference implementation



# OpenPBR project timeline



**Common ground**

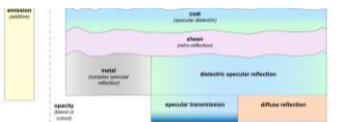


Figure 2. Adobe Standard Material layering model

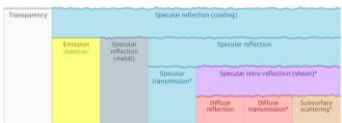


Figure 3. Autodesk Standard Surface layering model

**New specification**



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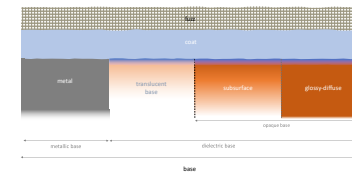


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**Public preview**

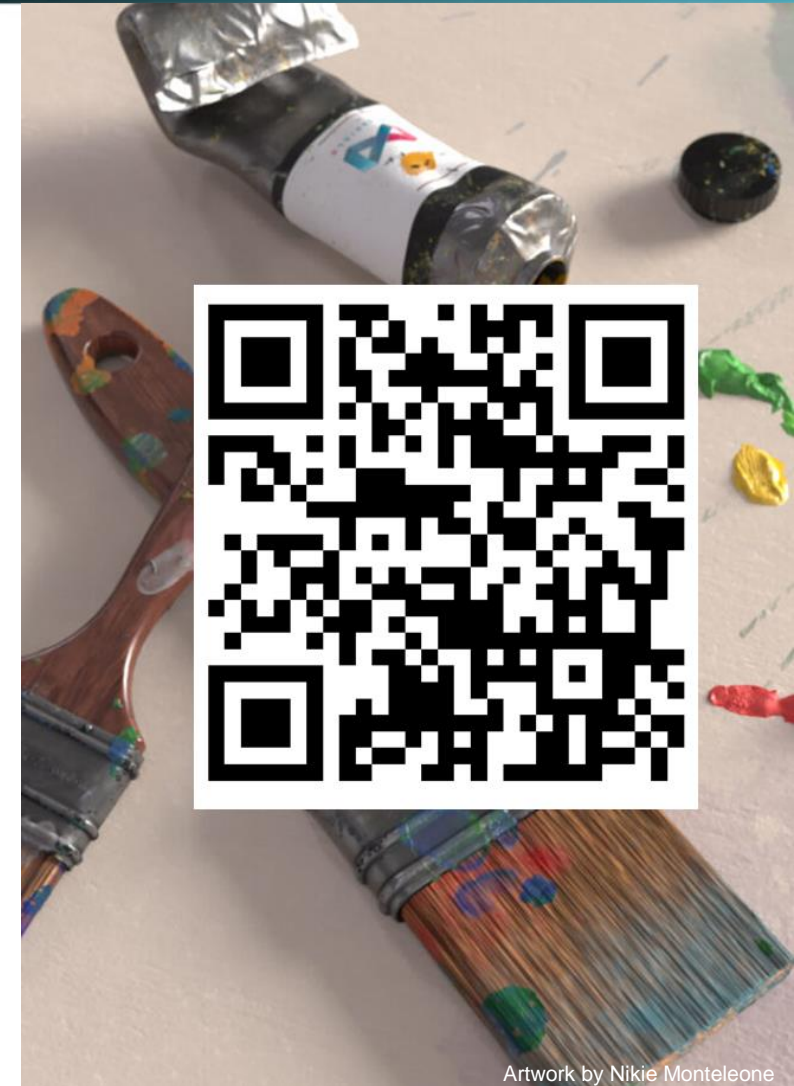
**1.0 release**





# OpenPBR project outcomes

- Finalized specification
- Unifies Autodesk Standard Surface and Adobe Standard Material, with some enhancements
- MaterialX reference implementation
- ASWF governance model
- Major interest from end-users and vendors





# Open source repo and specification



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The screenshot shows the GitHub repository for OpenPBR, a public project under the Academy Software Foundation. The repository is hosted on the 'main' branch and has 148 commits, 406 stars, and 18 forks. The commit history shows recent merges to the main branch. The repository includes a README, a LICENSE, and various files related to the project's development and documentation.

The screenshot shows the OpenPBR Surface specification document, version 1.1, dated 2024-06-28. The document is a specification of a surface shading model intended as a standard for computer graphics. It is designed as an über-shader, aiming to accurately model the vast majority of CG materials used in practical visual effects and feature animation productions. The document includes a table of contents with sections on historical background, formalism, model, languages, parameter reference, and acknowledgments. A rendered image of a 'Shader Playground' is shown, demonstrating the capabilities of the OpenPBR Surface model.



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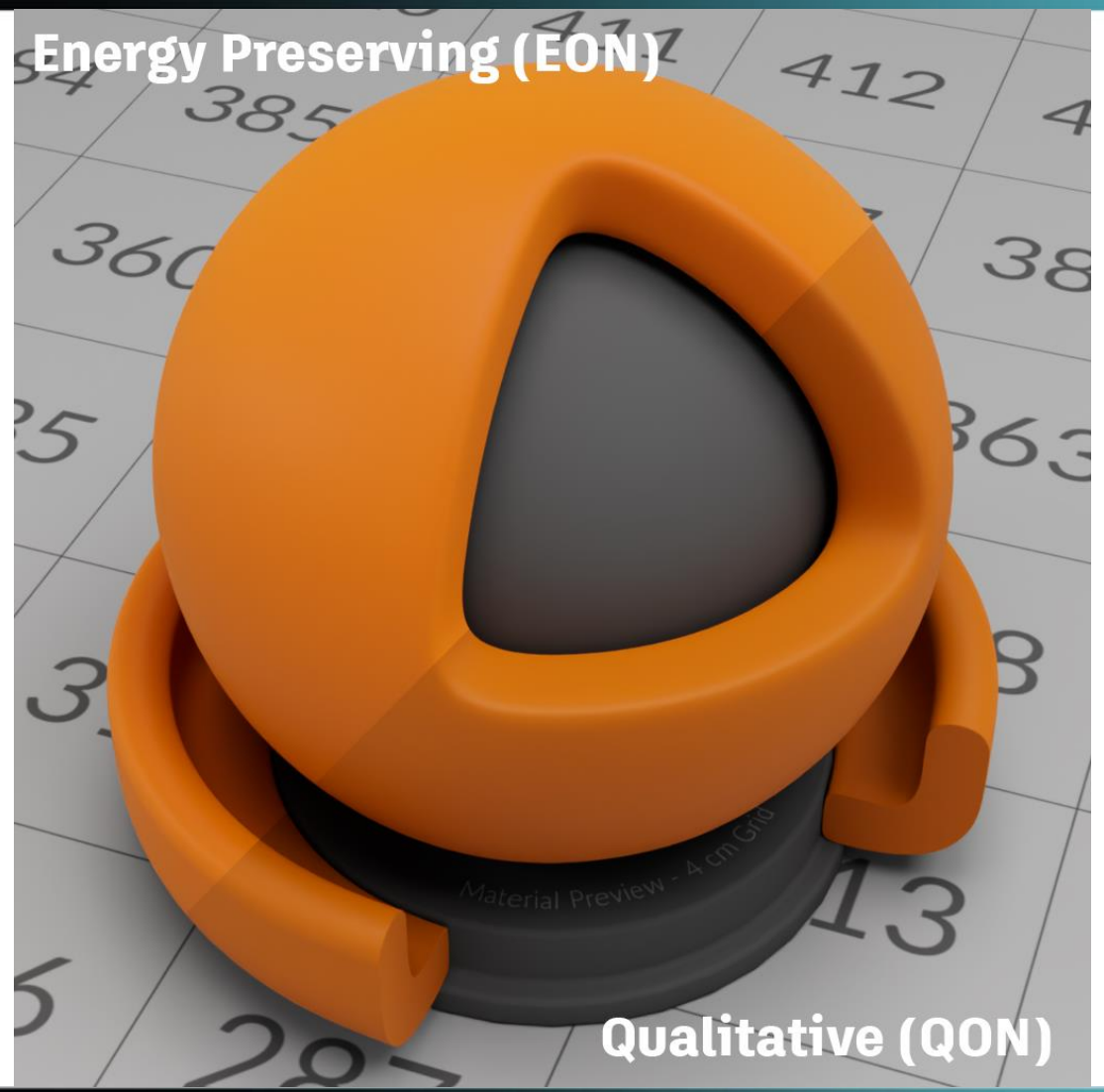




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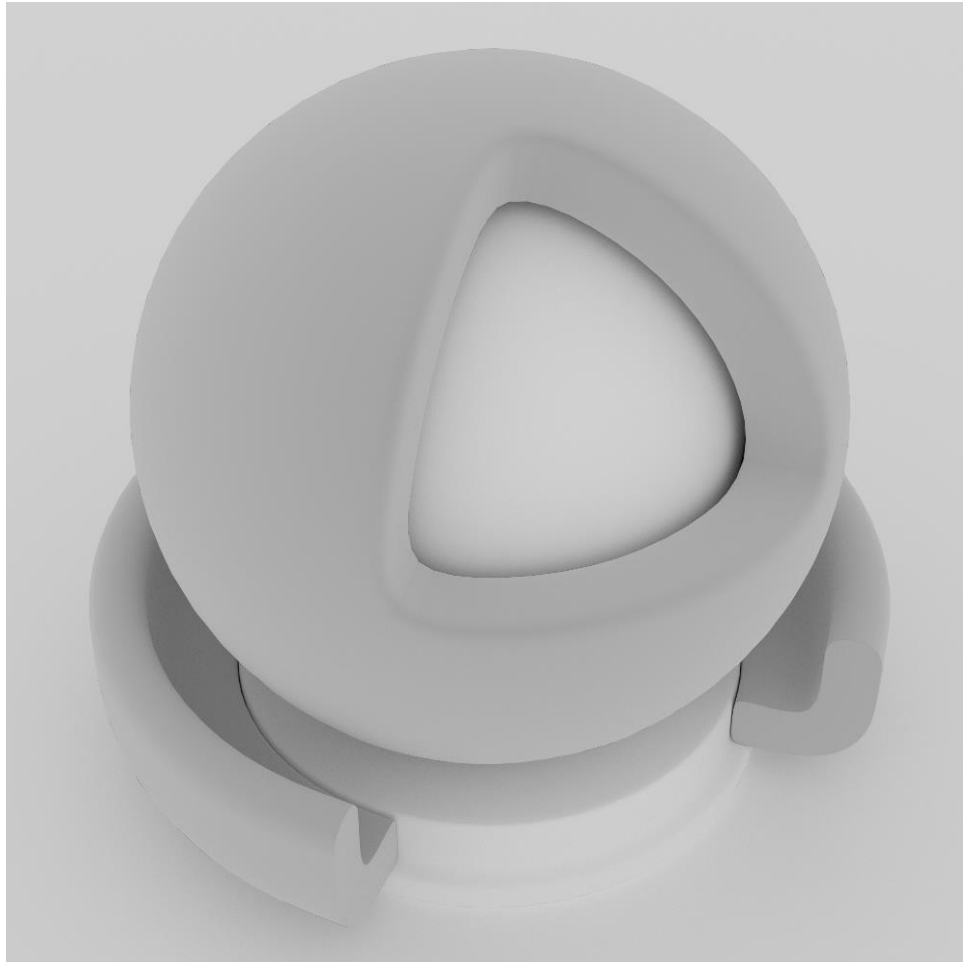




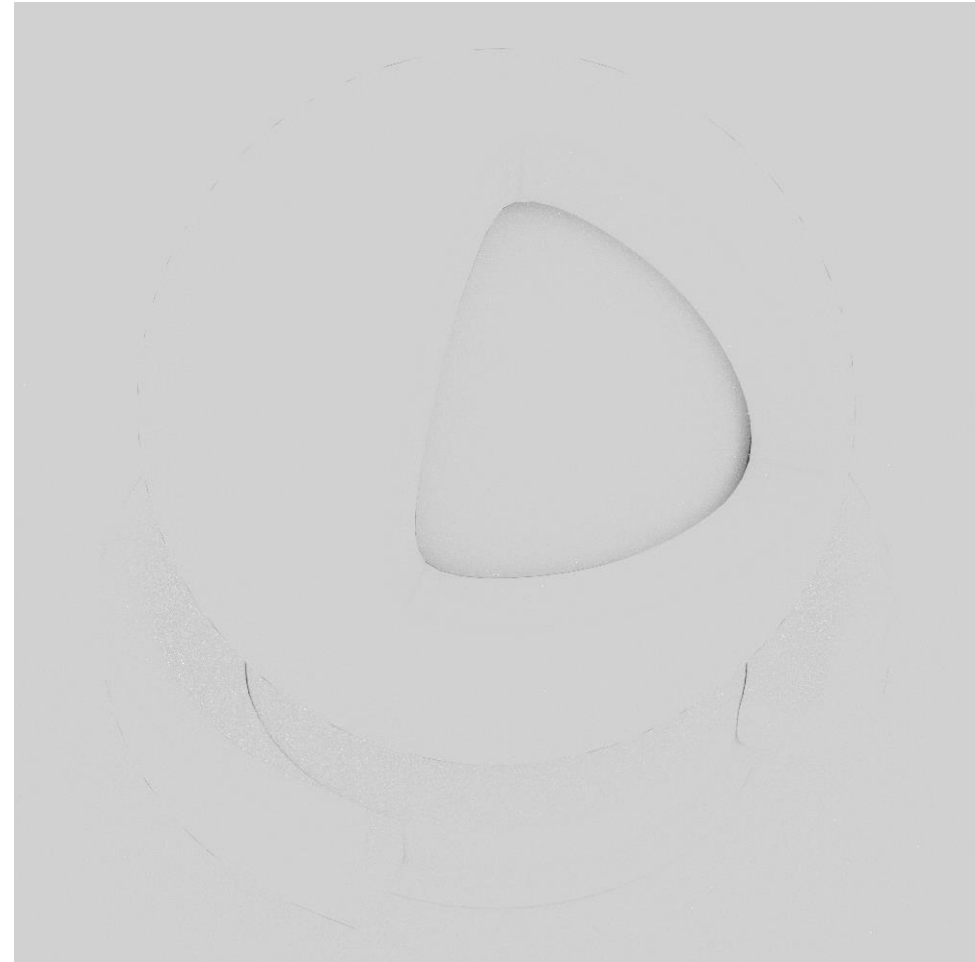
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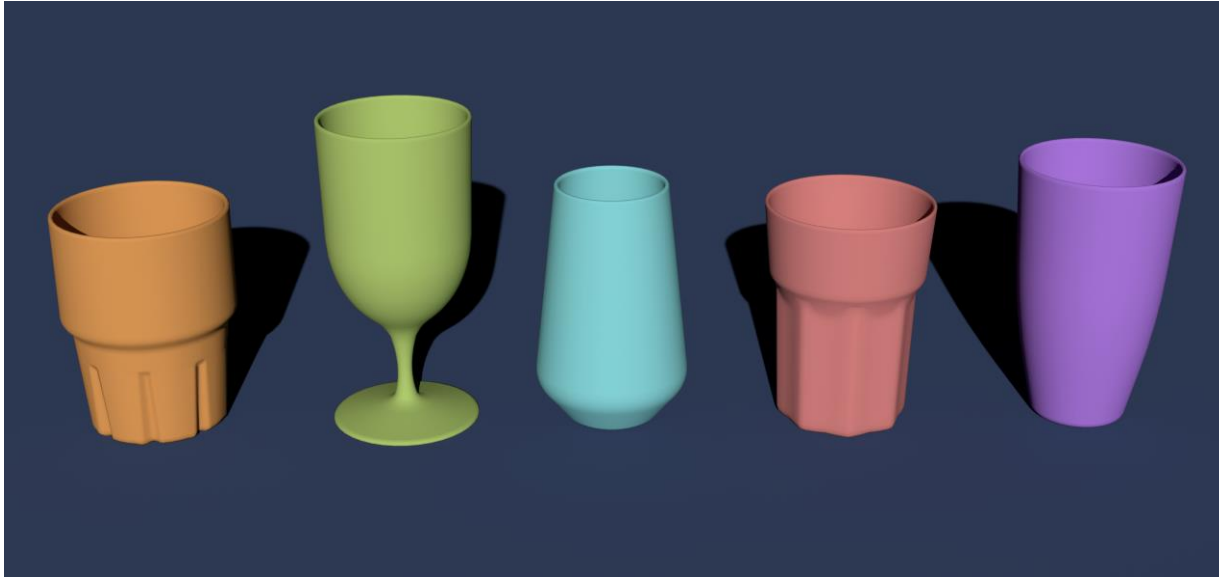


**QON**



**EON**

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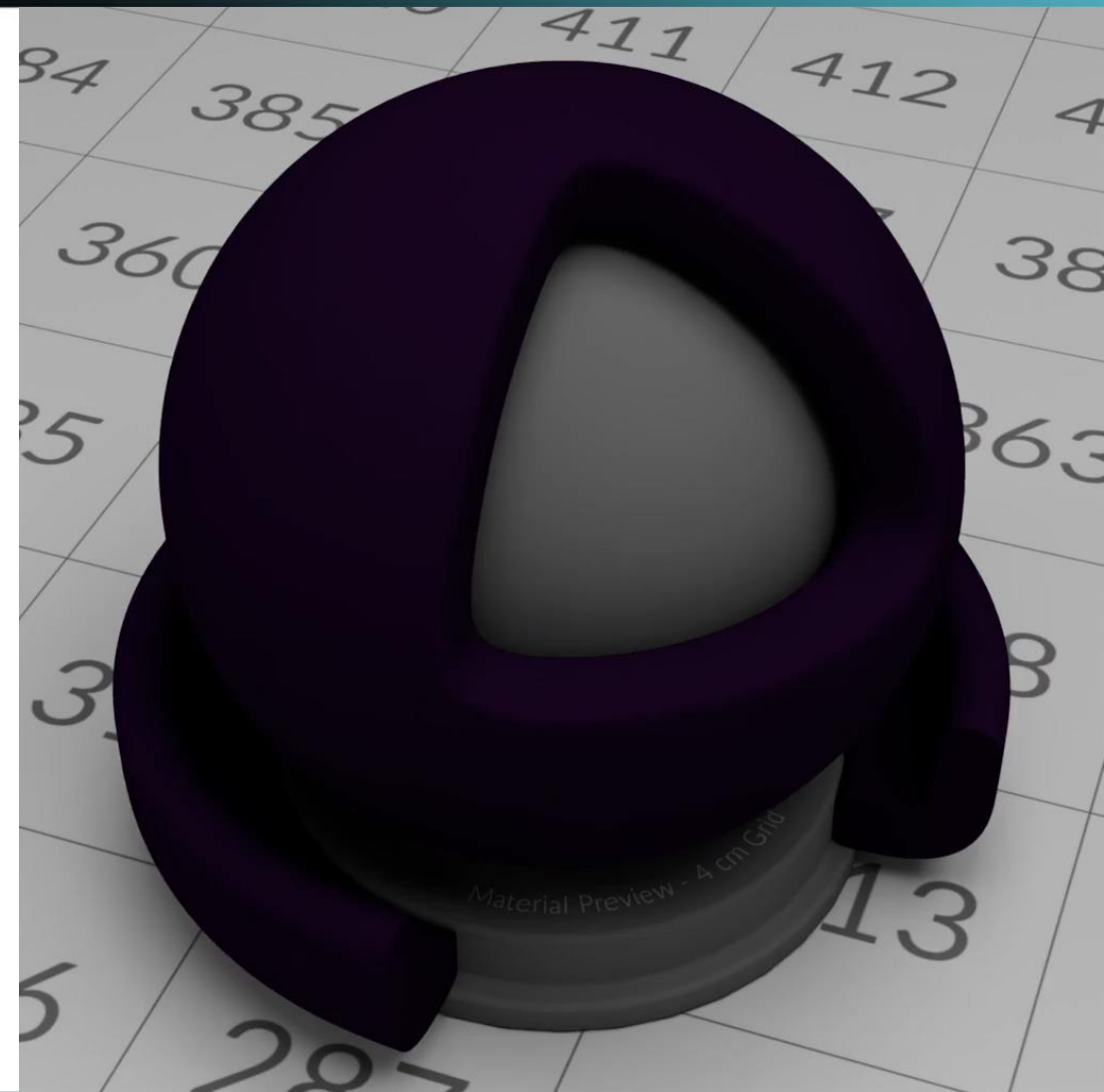


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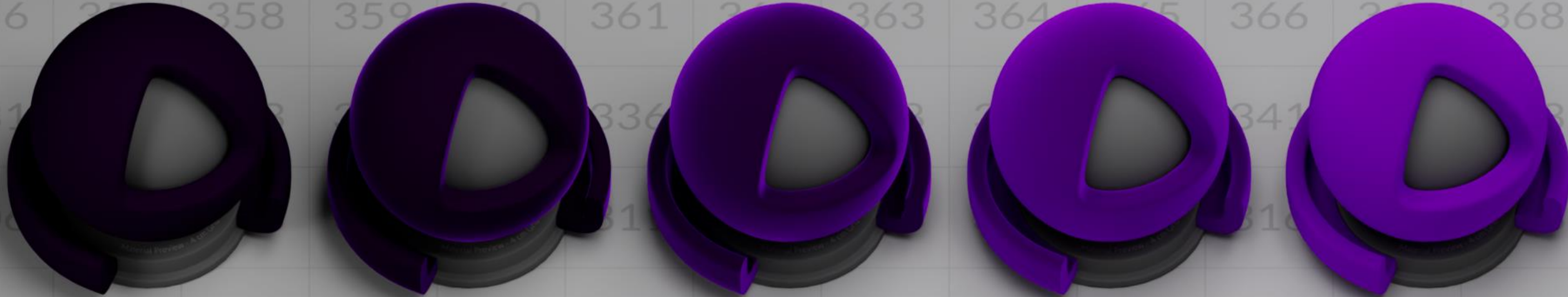
- New Fuzz model using Zeltner '22
- Based on energy-conserving microflake multiple scattering
- Perfect importance sampling
- Improved range over popular microfacet models



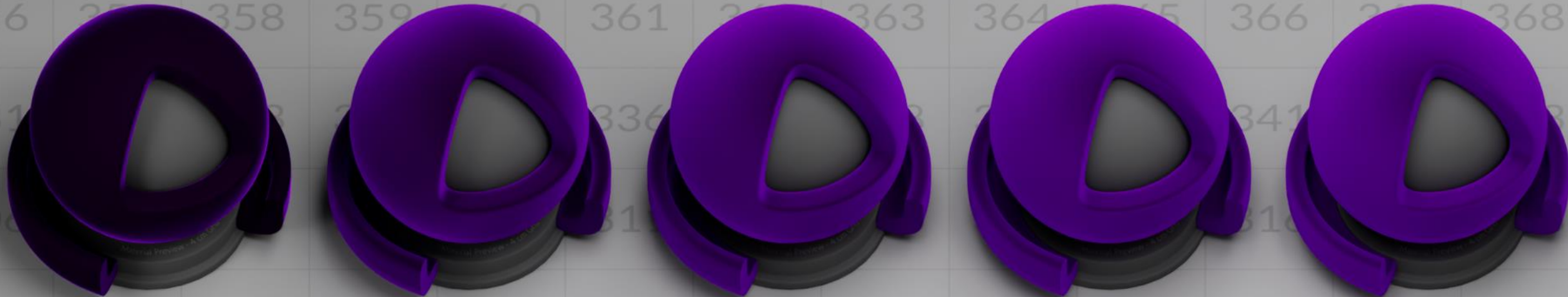


# New fuzz model

Zeltner '22 sheen

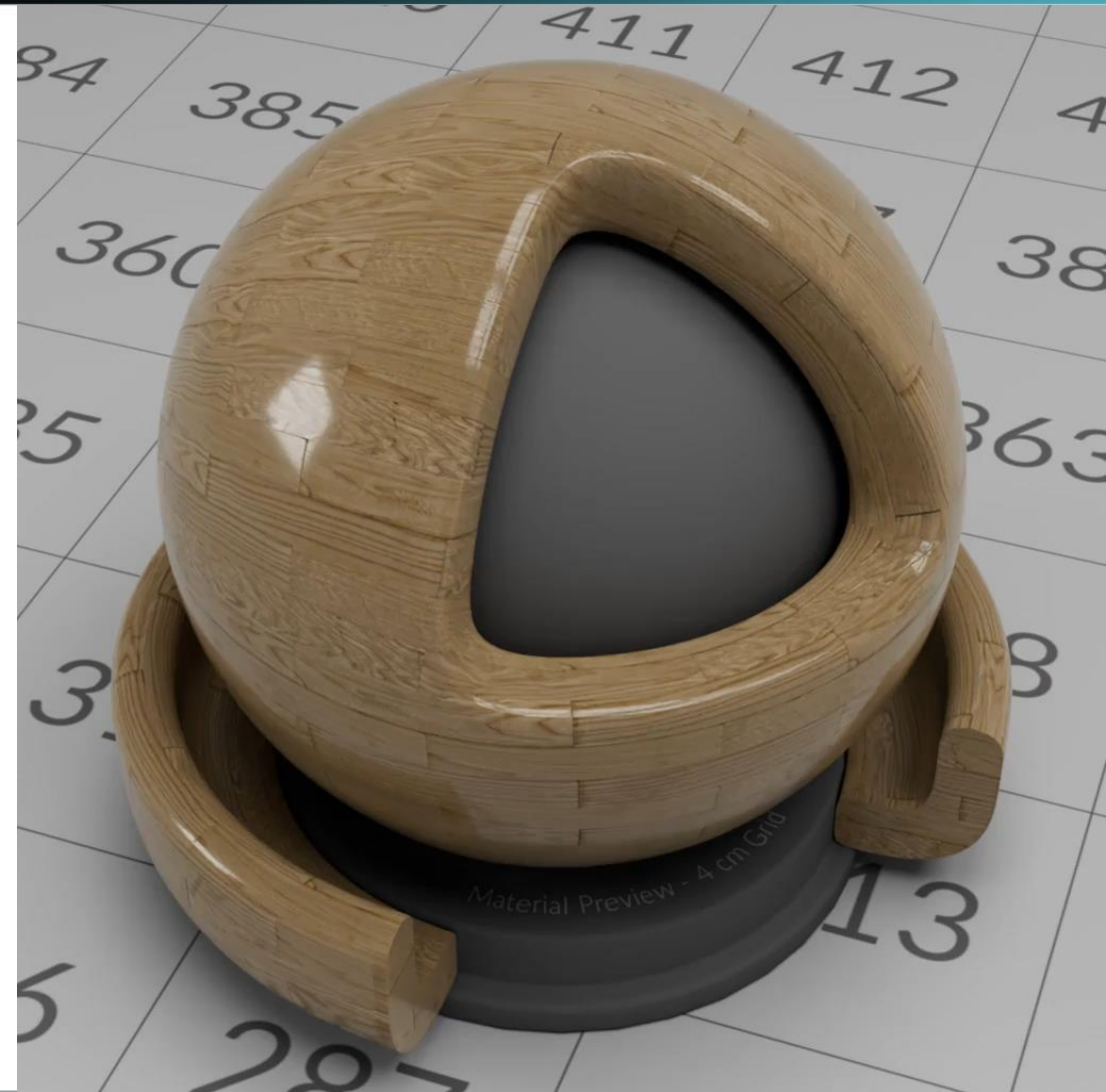


SPI sheen



# Coat darkening

- New base color darkening
- Based on real internal reflection and re-absorption
- Opt-out





# Coat darkening



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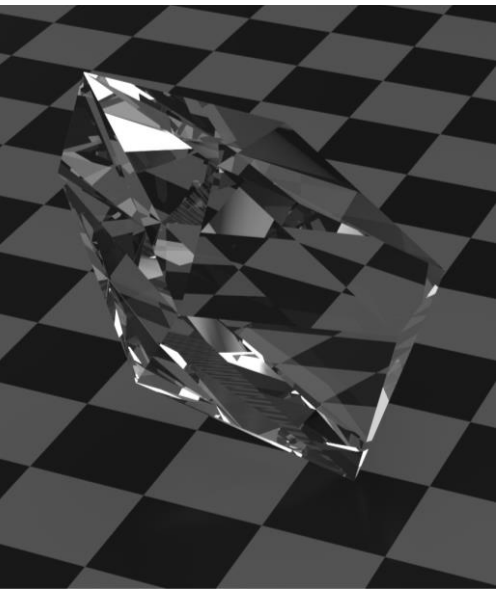
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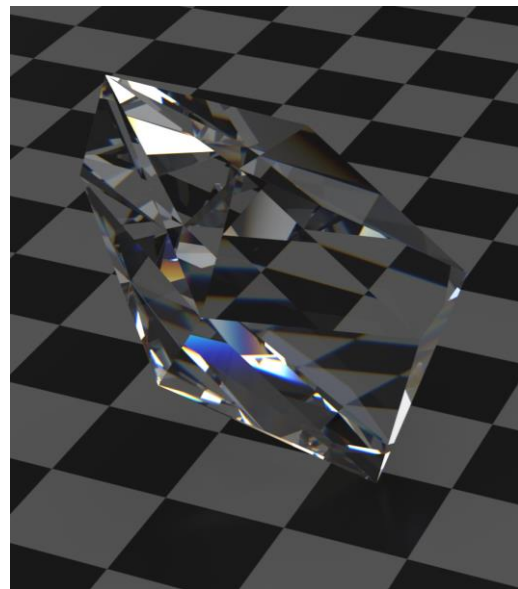
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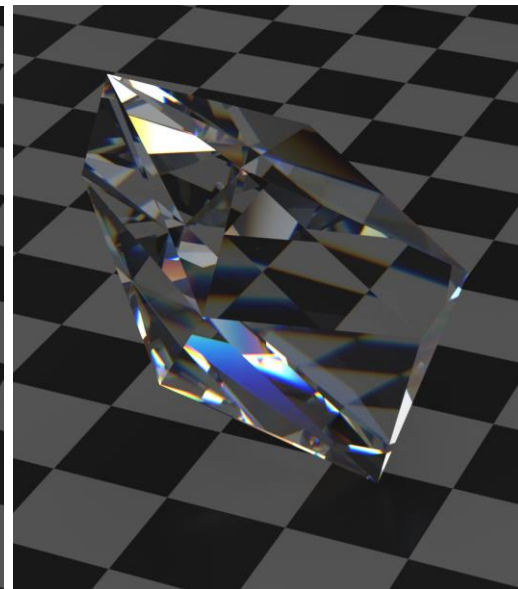
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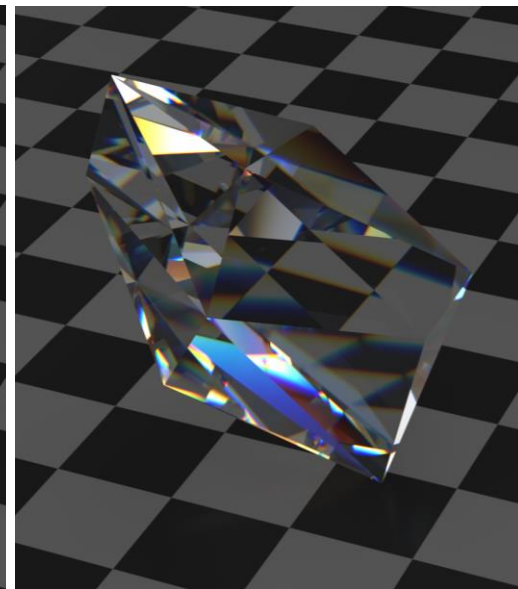
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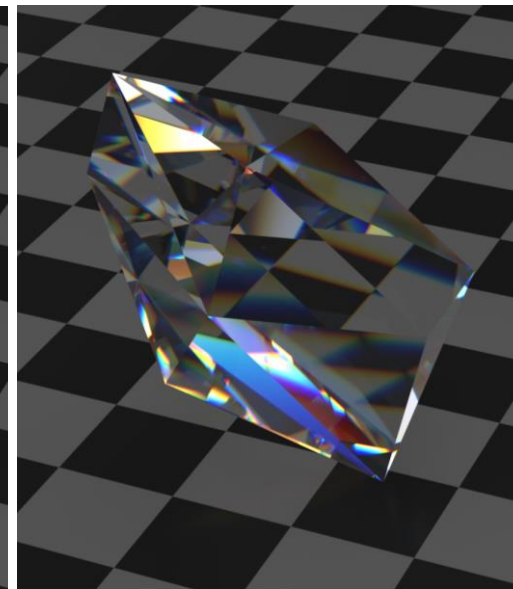
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# More expressive layer ordering



# Art-directable metal model

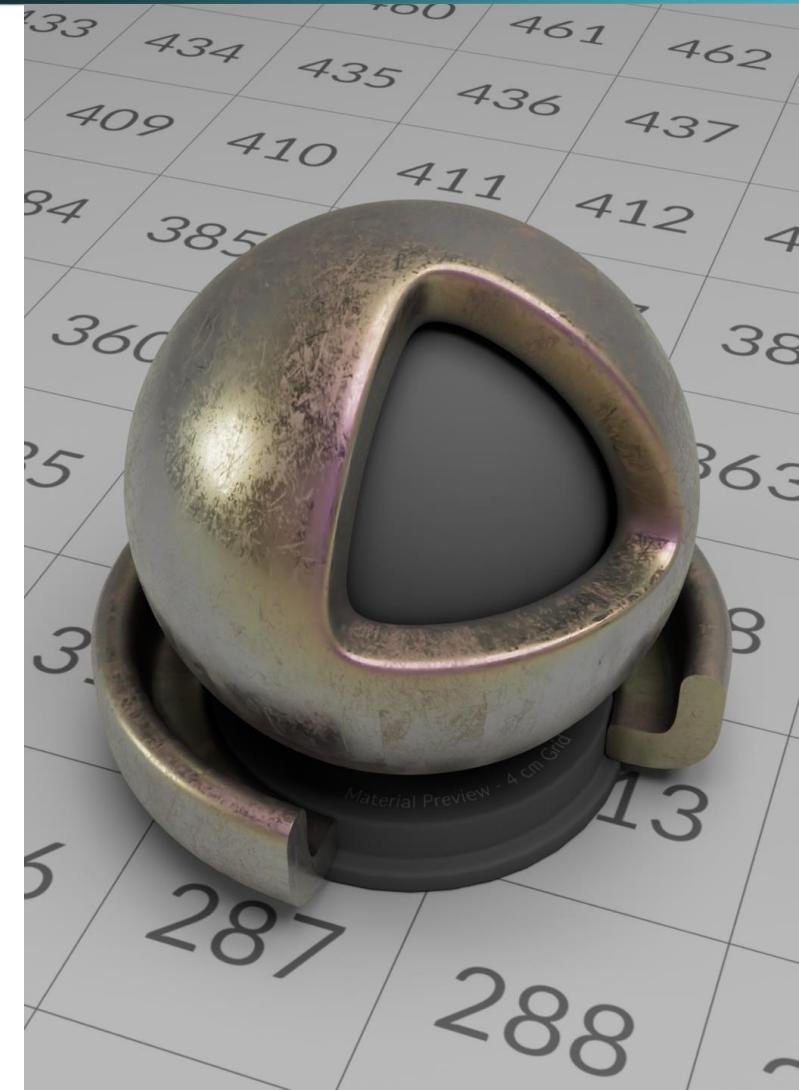


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# Other user-friendly tweaks

- More intuitive thin-film parameterization
- More natural specular weight

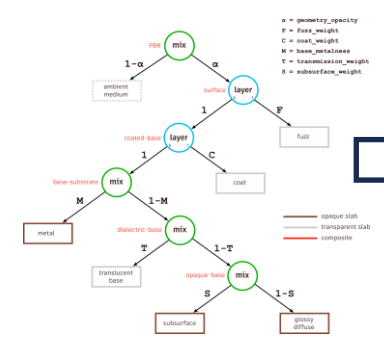
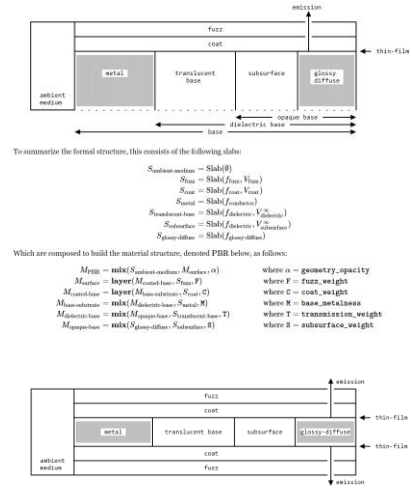




# OpenPBR integrations

- MaterialX 1.39
- Adobe Substance
- Arnold
- Maya
- 3ds Max
- Omniverse
- Houdini Karma

## Formal structure



implementers

## Implementations

$$f_{PBR} = lerp(f_{transparent}, f_{surface}, \alpha)$$

$$f_{surface} = F f_{fuzz} + lerp(1, 1 - E[f_{fuzz}], F) f_{coated-base}$$

$$f_{coated-base} = C f_{coat} + lerp(1, T_{coat}(1 - E[f_{coat}]), C) f_{base-substrate}$$

$$L_e = lerp(1, T_{coat}, C) E$$

$$f_{base-substrate} = lerp(f_{dielectric-base}, f_{conductor}, M)$$

$$f_{dielectric-base} = f_{specular}^R + (1 - E[f_{specular}^R]) f_{dielectric-base}^T$$

$$f_{dielectric-base}^T = lerp(lerp(f_{diffuse}, f_{SSS}, S), f_{specular}^T, T)$$

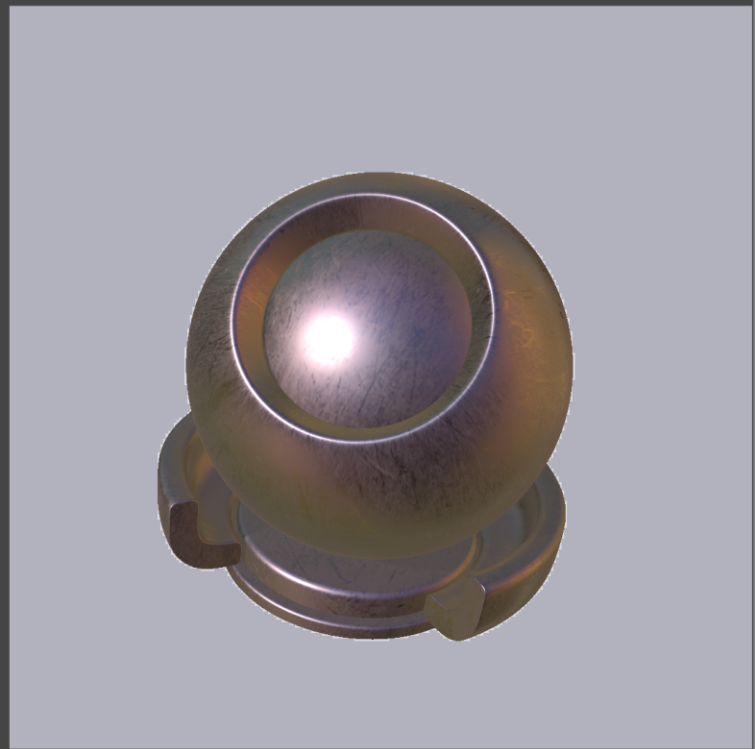






# OpenPBR integration: MaterialX 1.39

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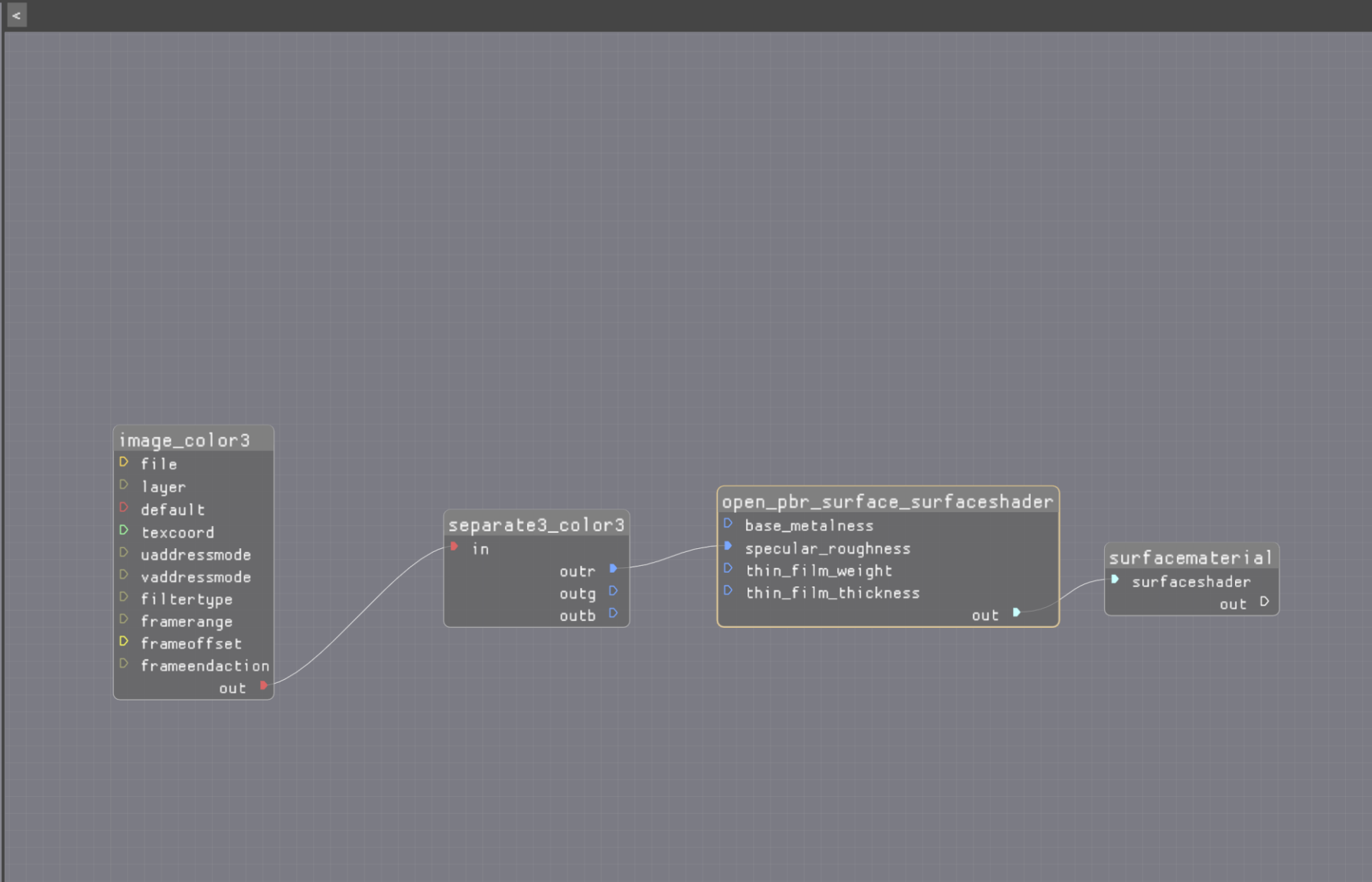
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Thin Film Thickness	0.250

Show all inputs

Node Info



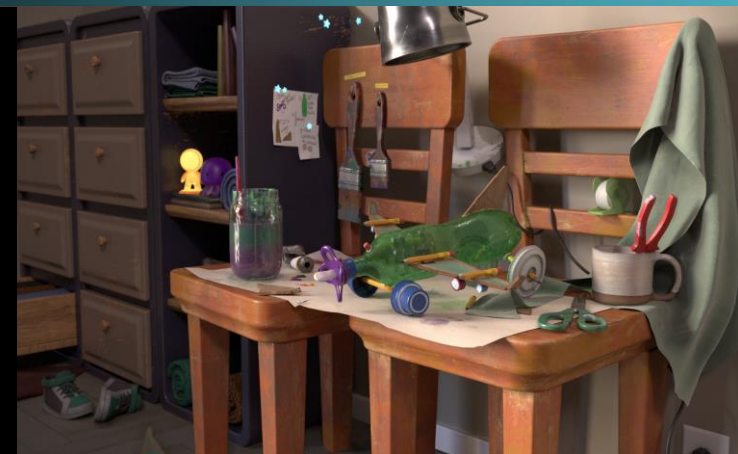
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Concept Artist: Ningbo Jiang  
3D Character Artist: Anastasia Kukosh  
OpenPBR Conversion: Nikie Monteleone





# OpenPBR integration: Arnold

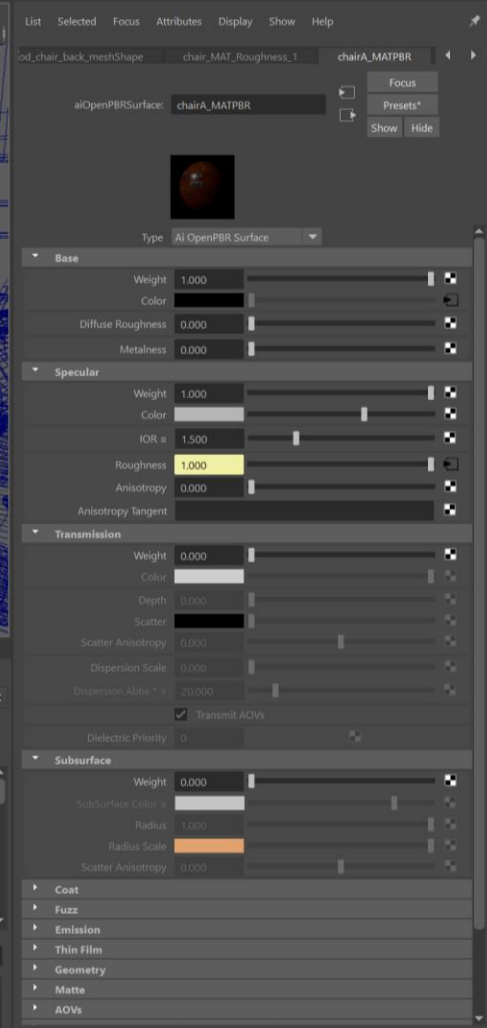
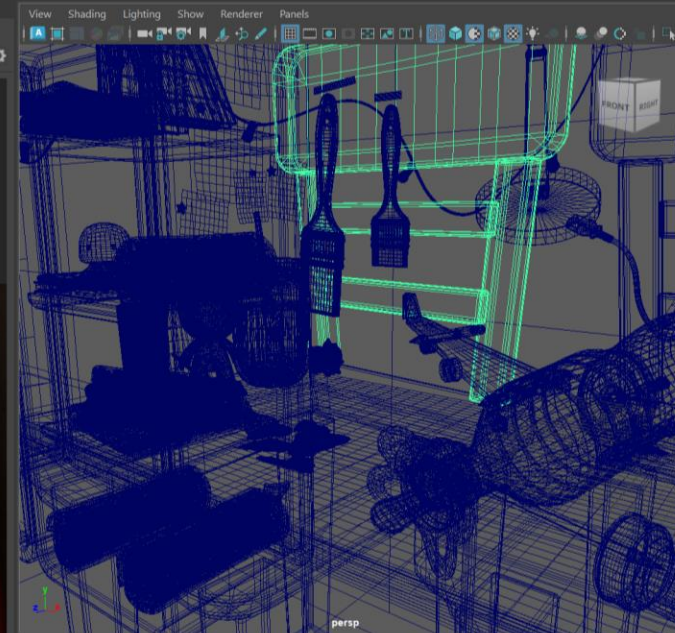
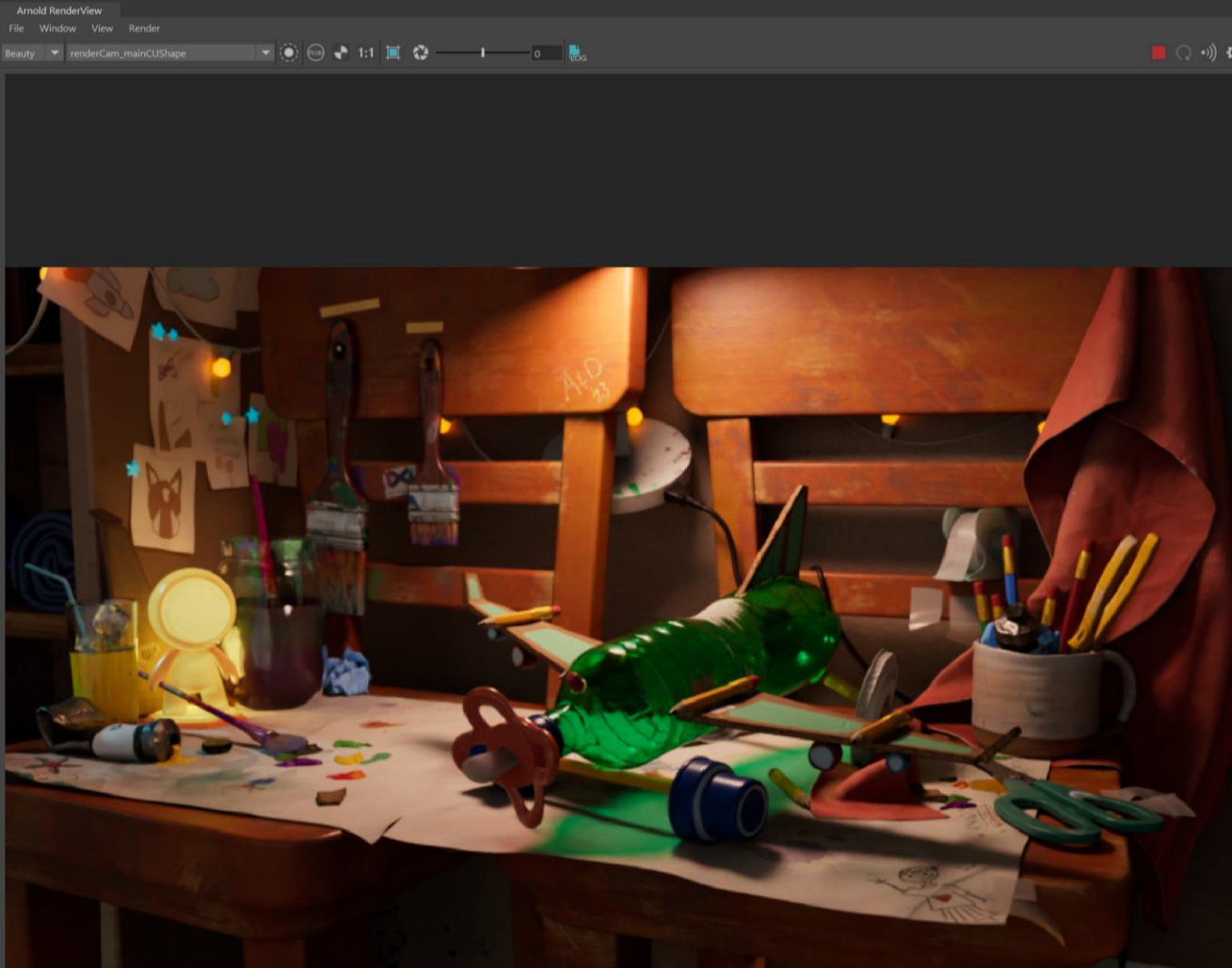
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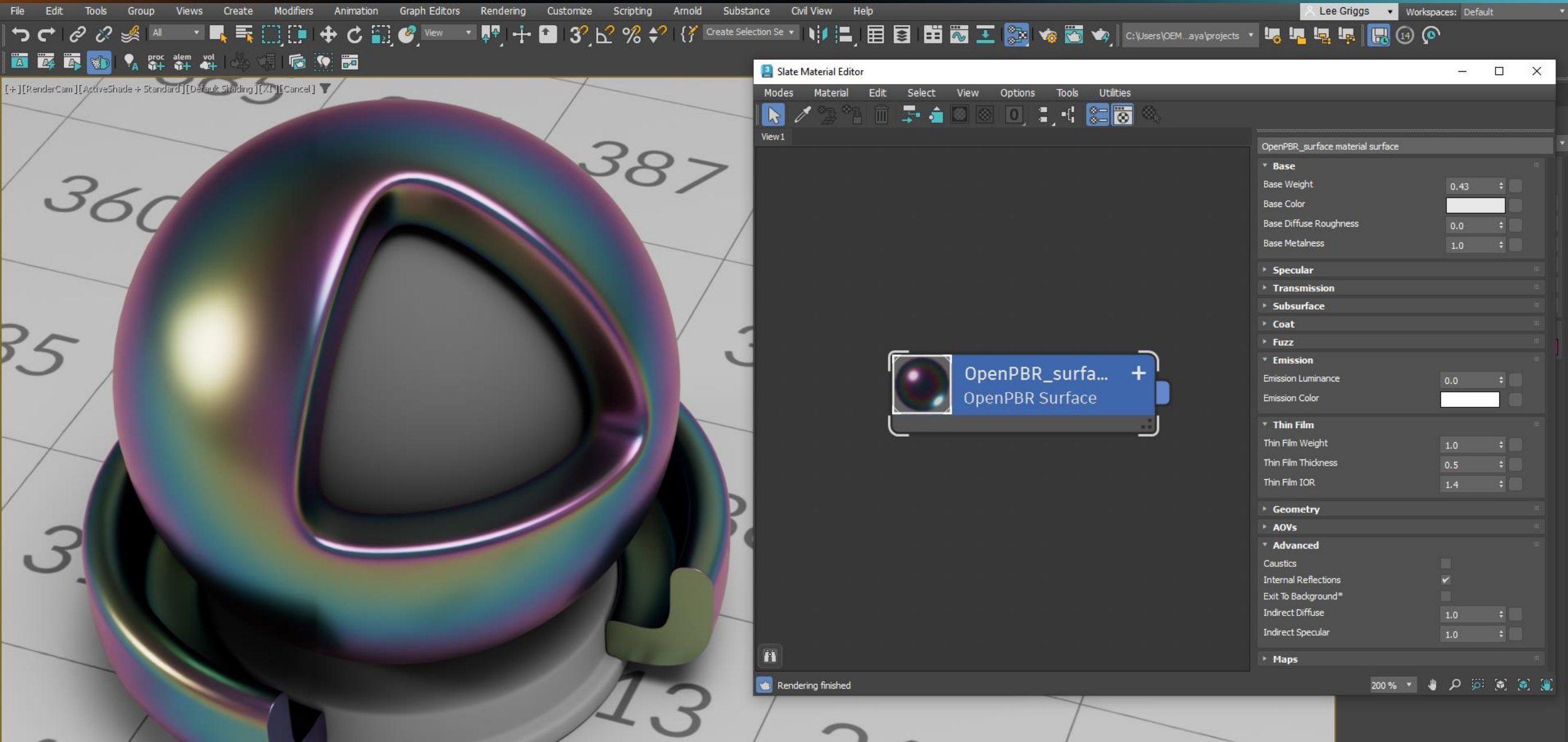




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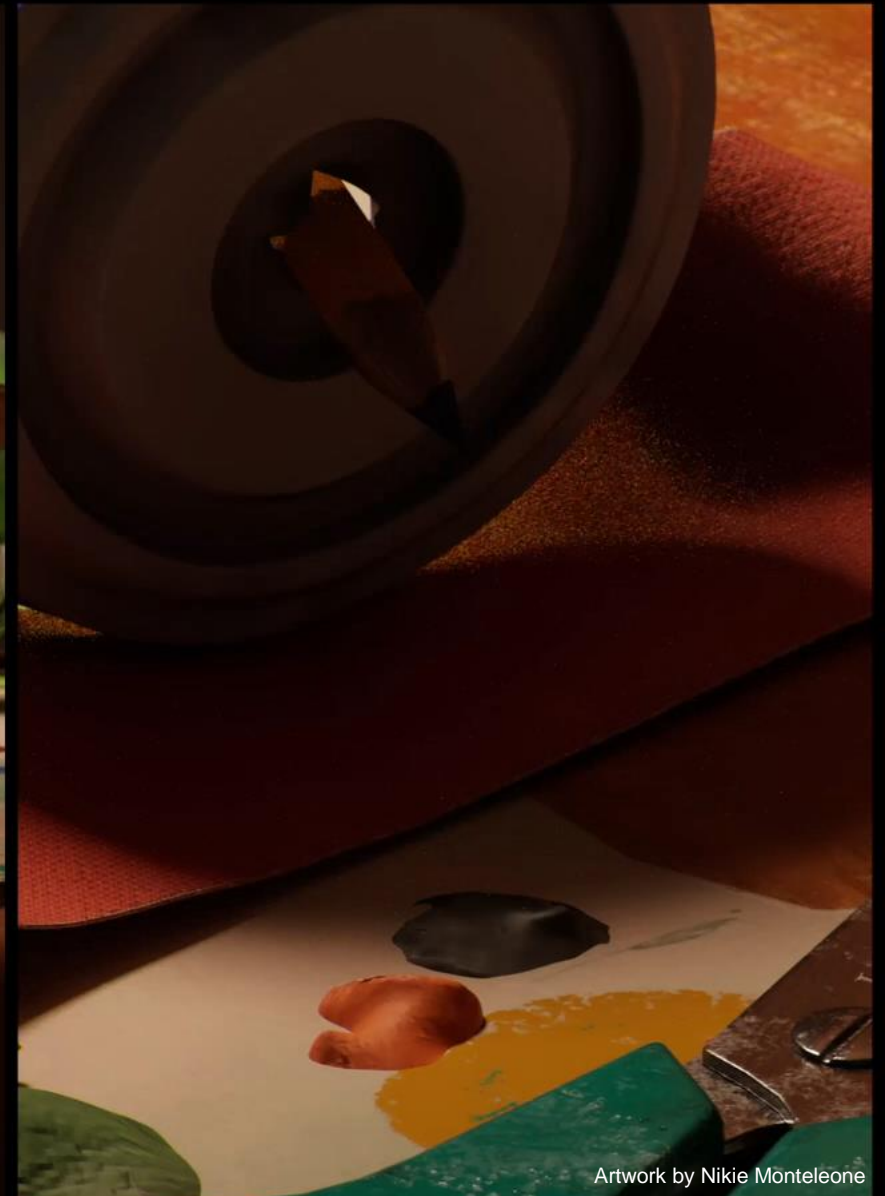


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# OpenPBR integration: Omniverse





# OpenPBR integration: Karma

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# OpenPBR: Future work

- Increase OpenPBR and MaterialX 1.39 adoption
- Continuously review feedback and new ideas
- Shader translation graphs from/to Standard Surface
- Extending OpenPBR
  - Volumes
  - Hair



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## MaterialX in OpenUSD & Hydra

Karen Lucknavalai, Pixar

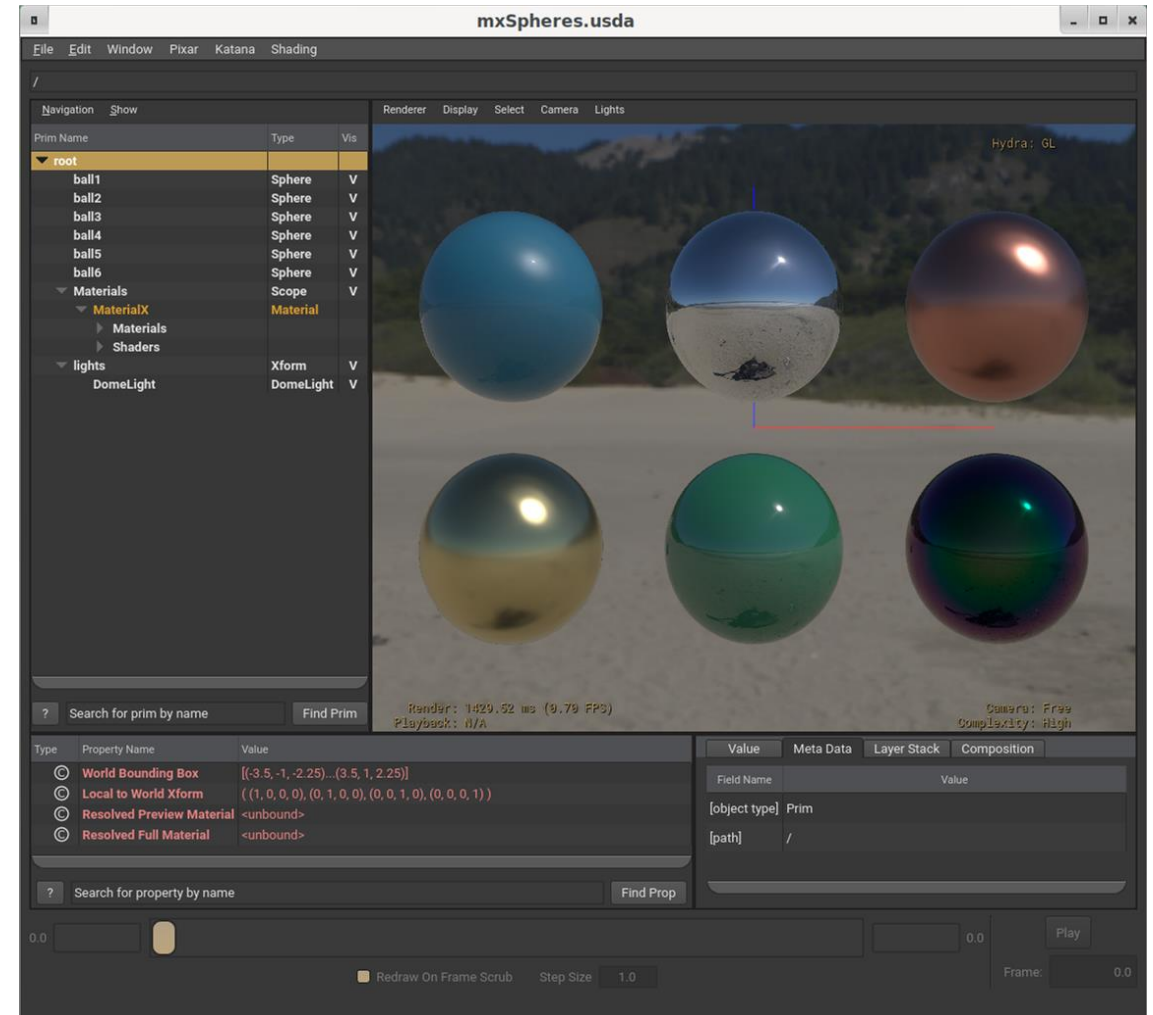
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# MaterialX in USD/Hydra - Updates

## Dev branch changes

- Support for MaterialX v1.38.10
- Vulkan ShaderGen support
- Material Tag detection fixes
- MaterialX in Hydra USD
- [Developer Guide](#)
- Improved glslfx shader caching

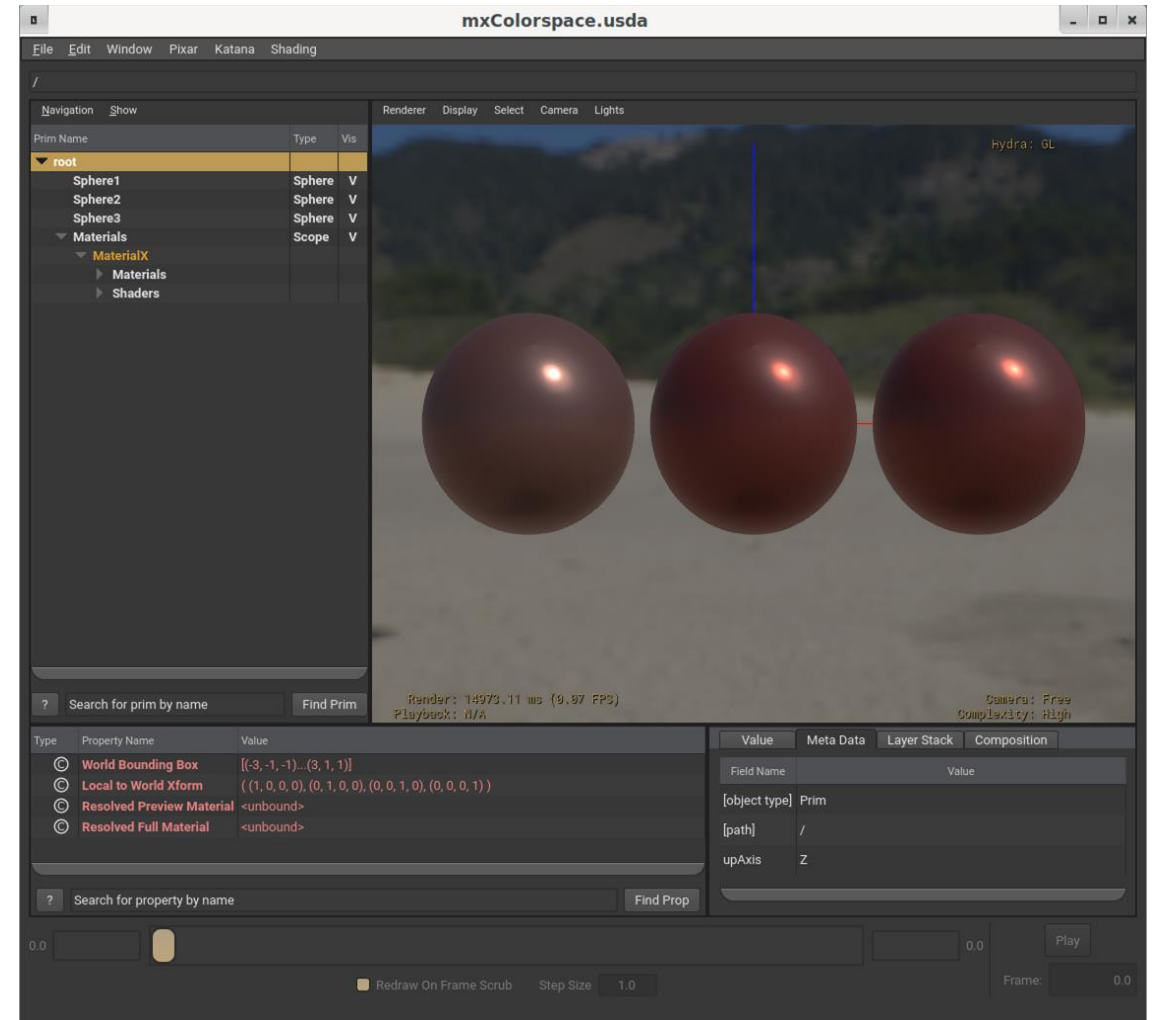


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- Normal map fixes for Storm and Prman

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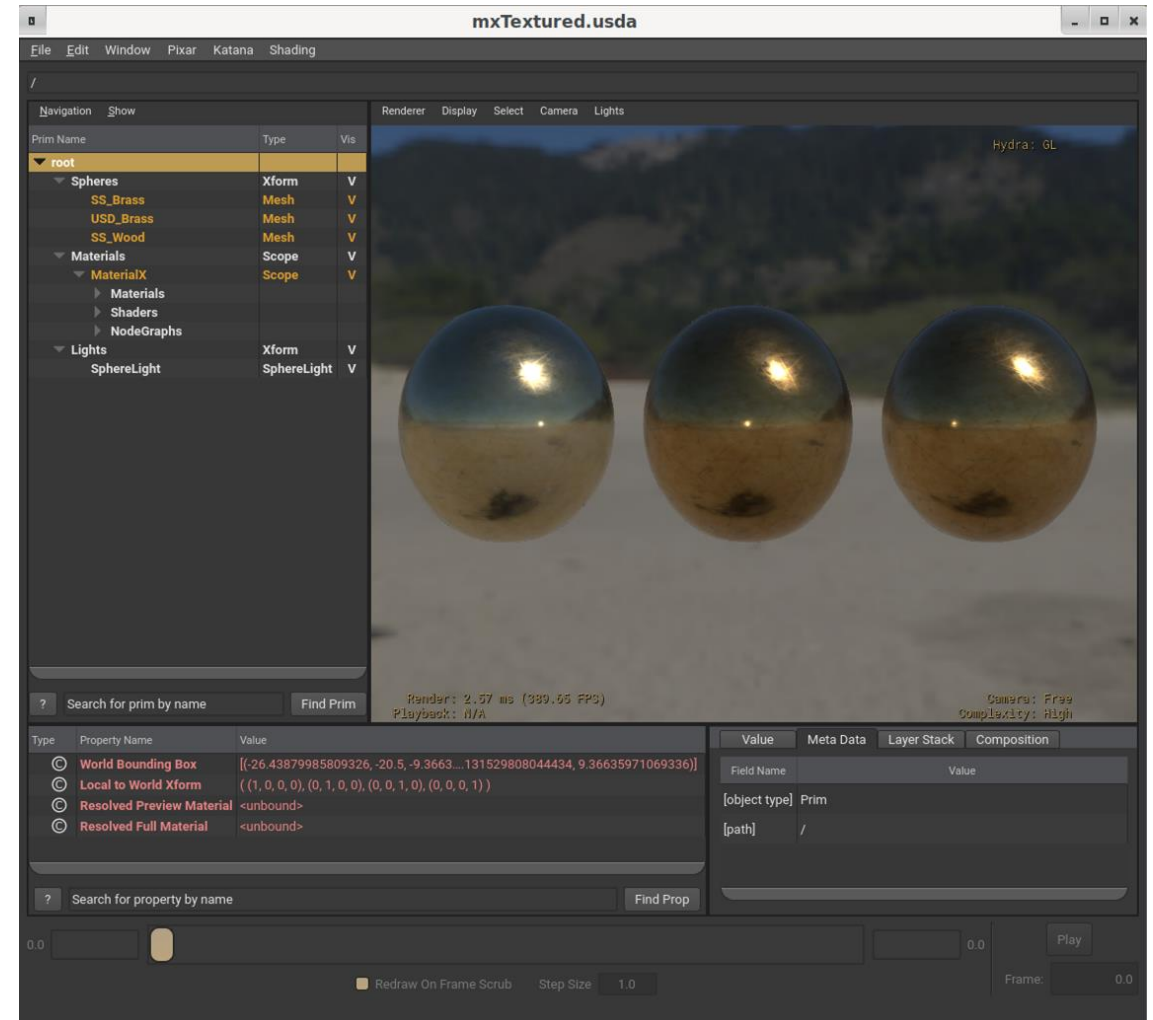


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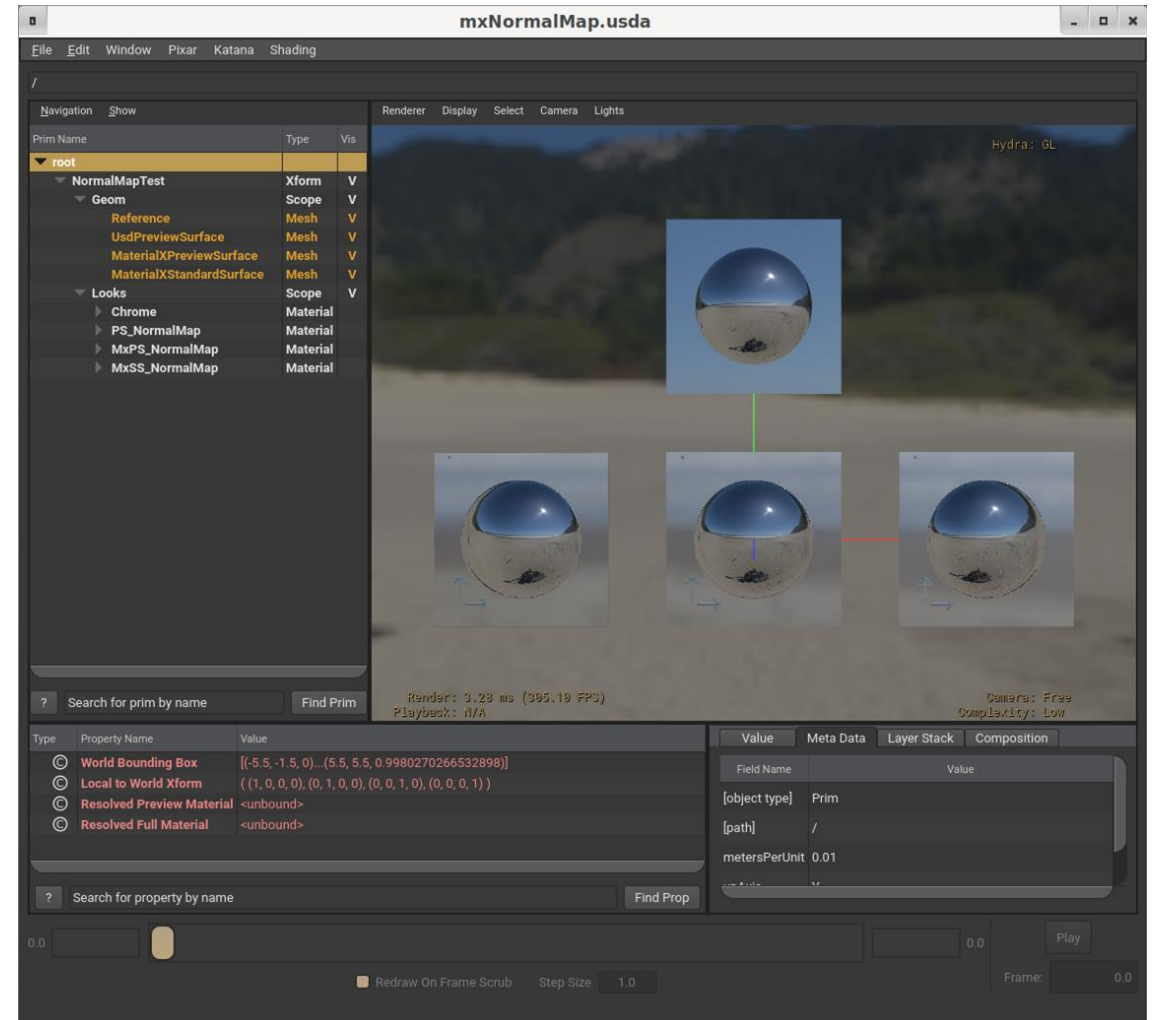




# MaterialX in USD/Hydra - Updates

## Bug Fixes

- Name collision with inputs and built-in uniforms in Storm
- OIT fix for Metal
- Shader compile fix when using `heighttonormal` nodes
- `fileprefix` appropriately applied to `filenames`



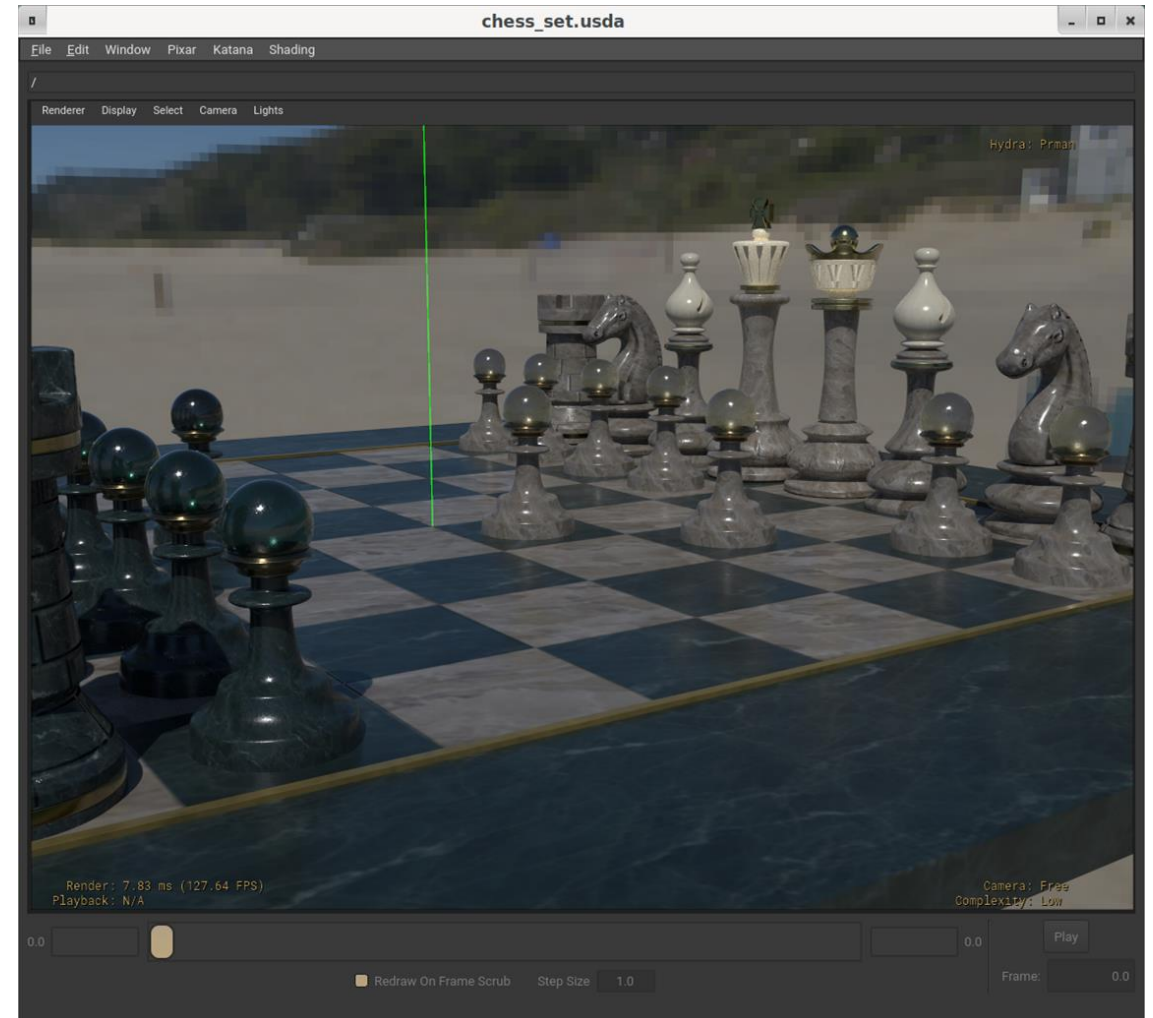
# MaterialX in USD/Hydra - Updates

## Prman bug fixes

- Nodes used in multiple places within a material
- Correct search paths

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Renderman, OSL and MaterialX:

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**Material Exchange in Omniverse with MaterialX and OpenPBR**

Charles Anderson, Derek Haase, Jan Jordan, Minjae Lee, Frankie Liu, Kai Rohmer,  
Masuo Suzuki and the NVIDIA Team

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# NVIDIA Omniverse Platform



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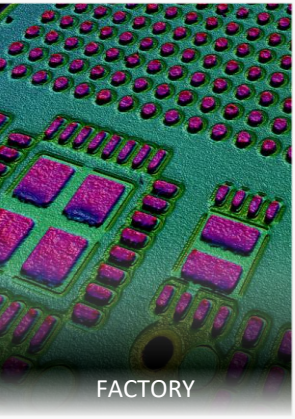
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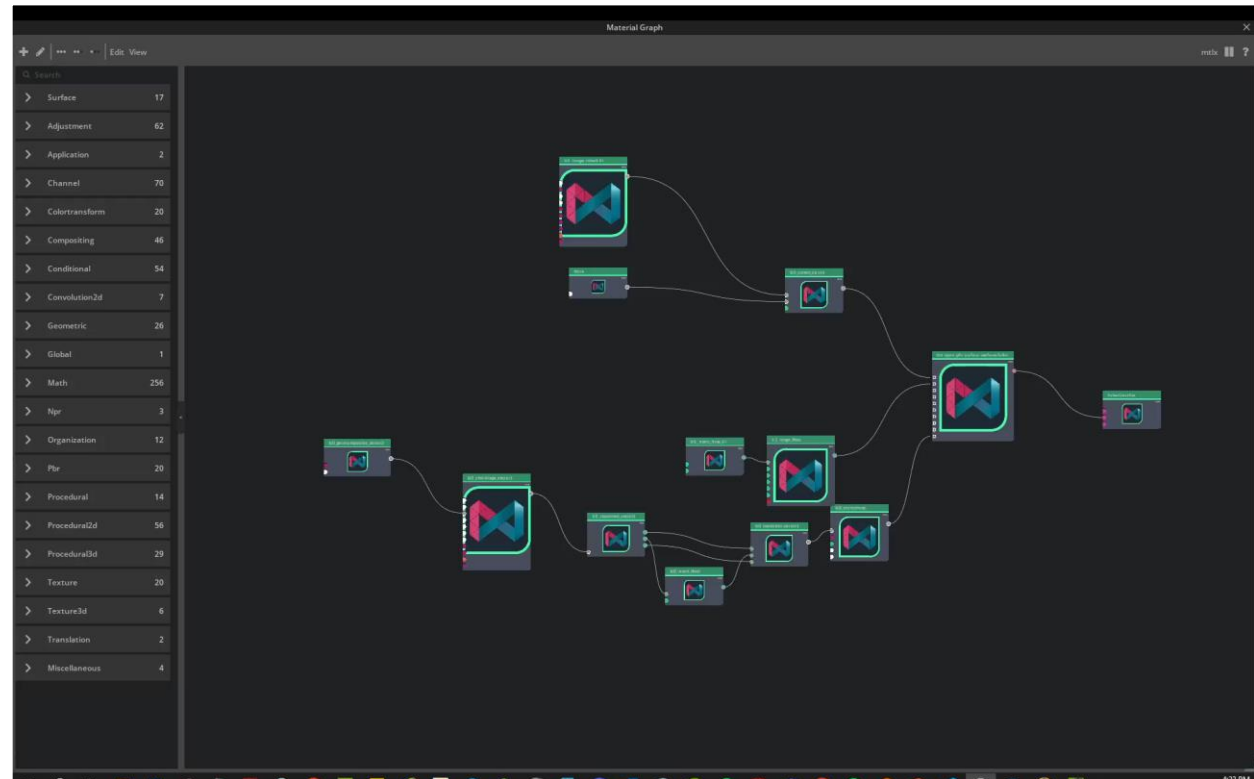
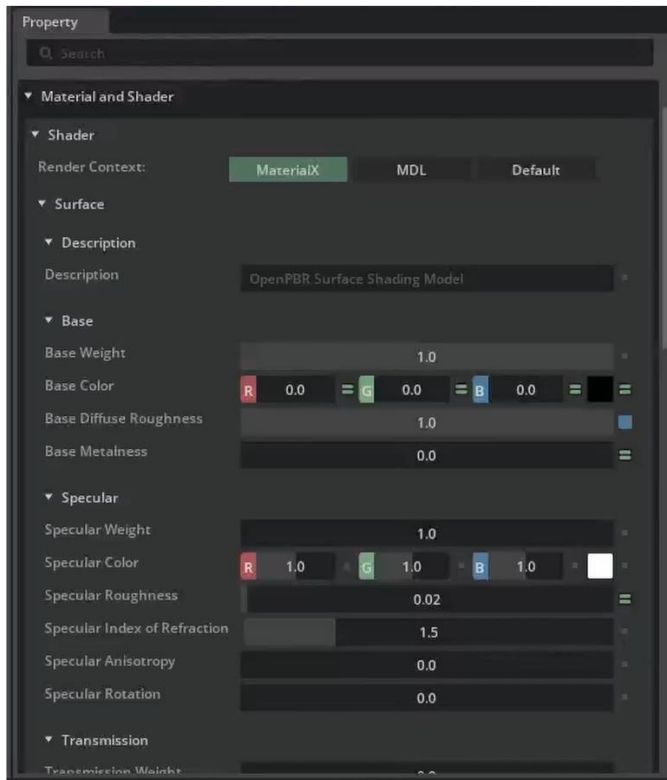


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# First Class MaterialX Support



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  Cover: Leather (such as cowhide, lambskin or exotic skins) or high-quality synthetic materials designed to mimic leather.

  Handle: Leather wrapped around a sturdy core material such as metal or hard plastic, or entirely made of these materials.

  Body: Premium leathers, vegan leathers, or structured textiles often reinforced with an internal frame made of metal or hard plastic.

  Ring: Metal alloys such as brass, gold-plated metal, or stainless steel for structural support and decorative elements.

  Legs: Metal to protect the bottom of the bag and to provide stability when placed on surfaces.
  Handle Rings: Metal, often the same as the rings for design consistency and durability.
  Lock: Metal such as brass, nickel, or gold-plated components; may include a small amount of plastic or rubber for the locking mechanism.

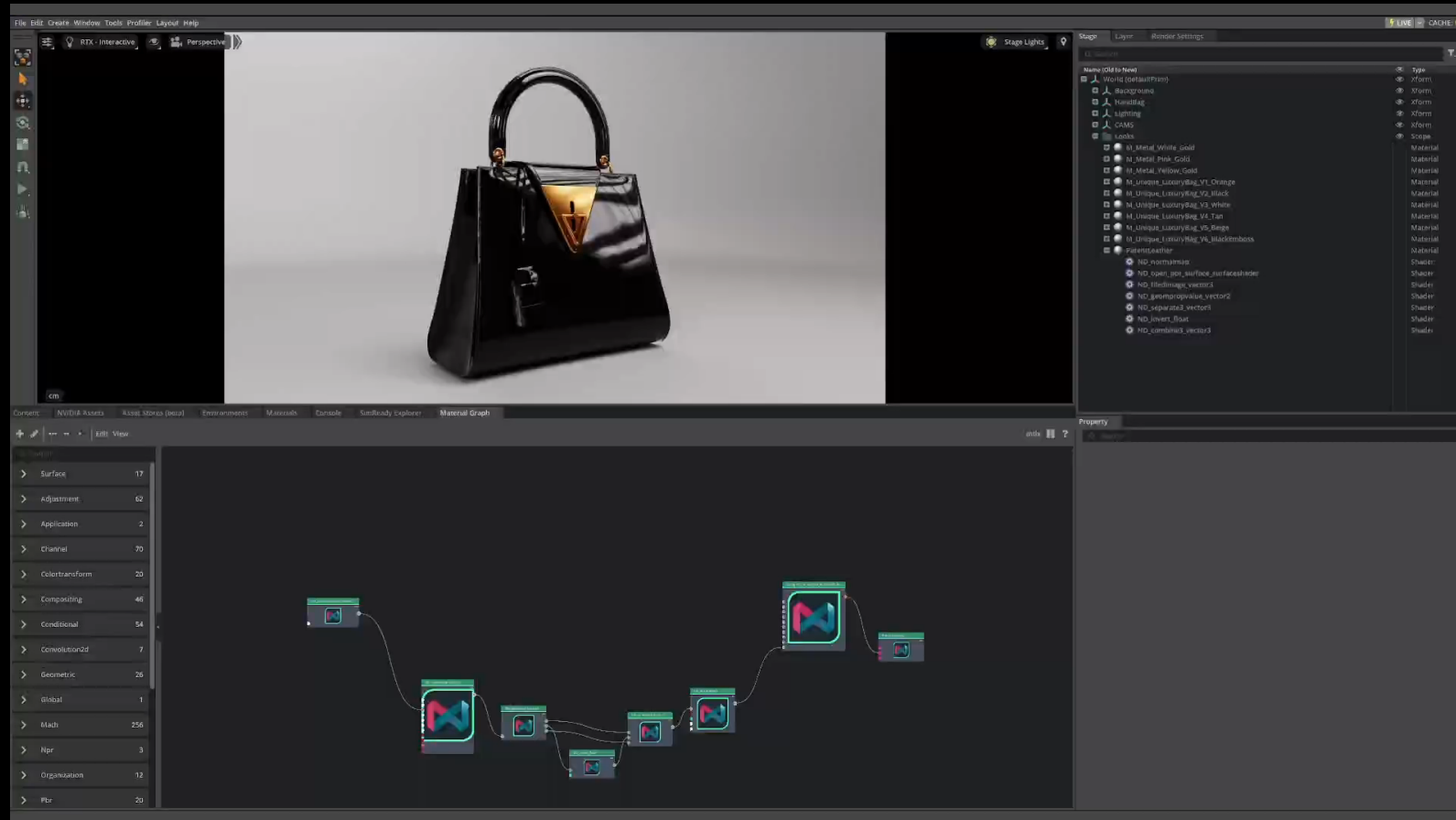
  Clochette: Leather or a high-quality synthetic material, occasionally with metal hardware.

  These materials are selected for their quality, longevity, and to provide a luxurious and appearance to the handbag."

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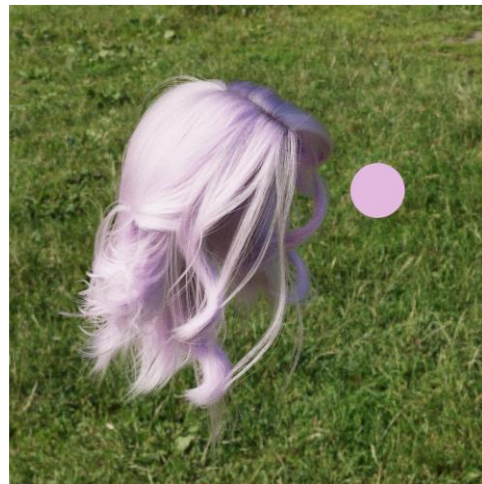




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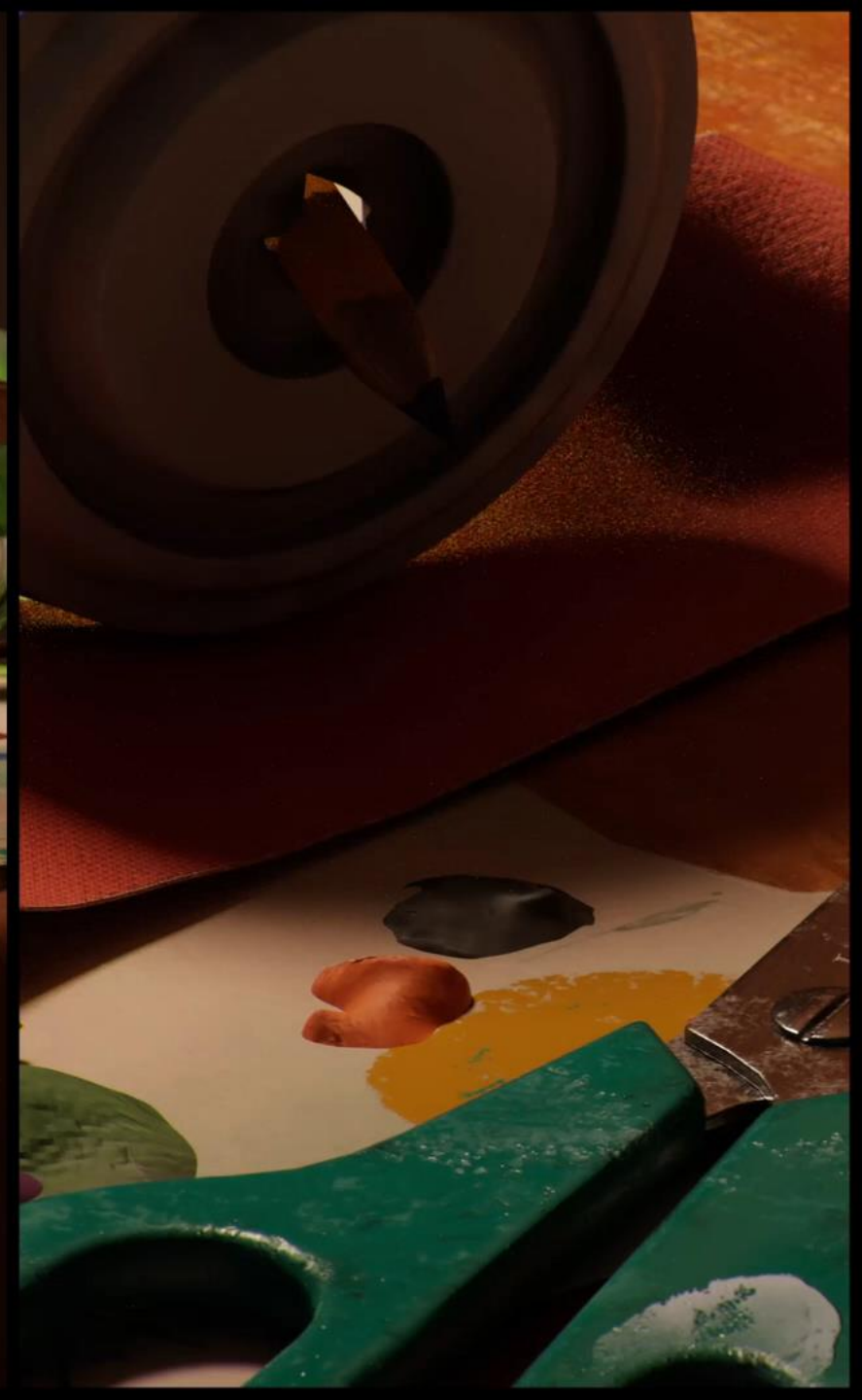


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## LookdevX in Maya

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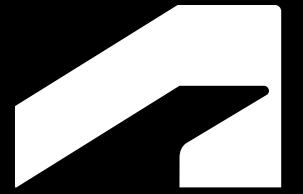
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Agnostic Material Authoring



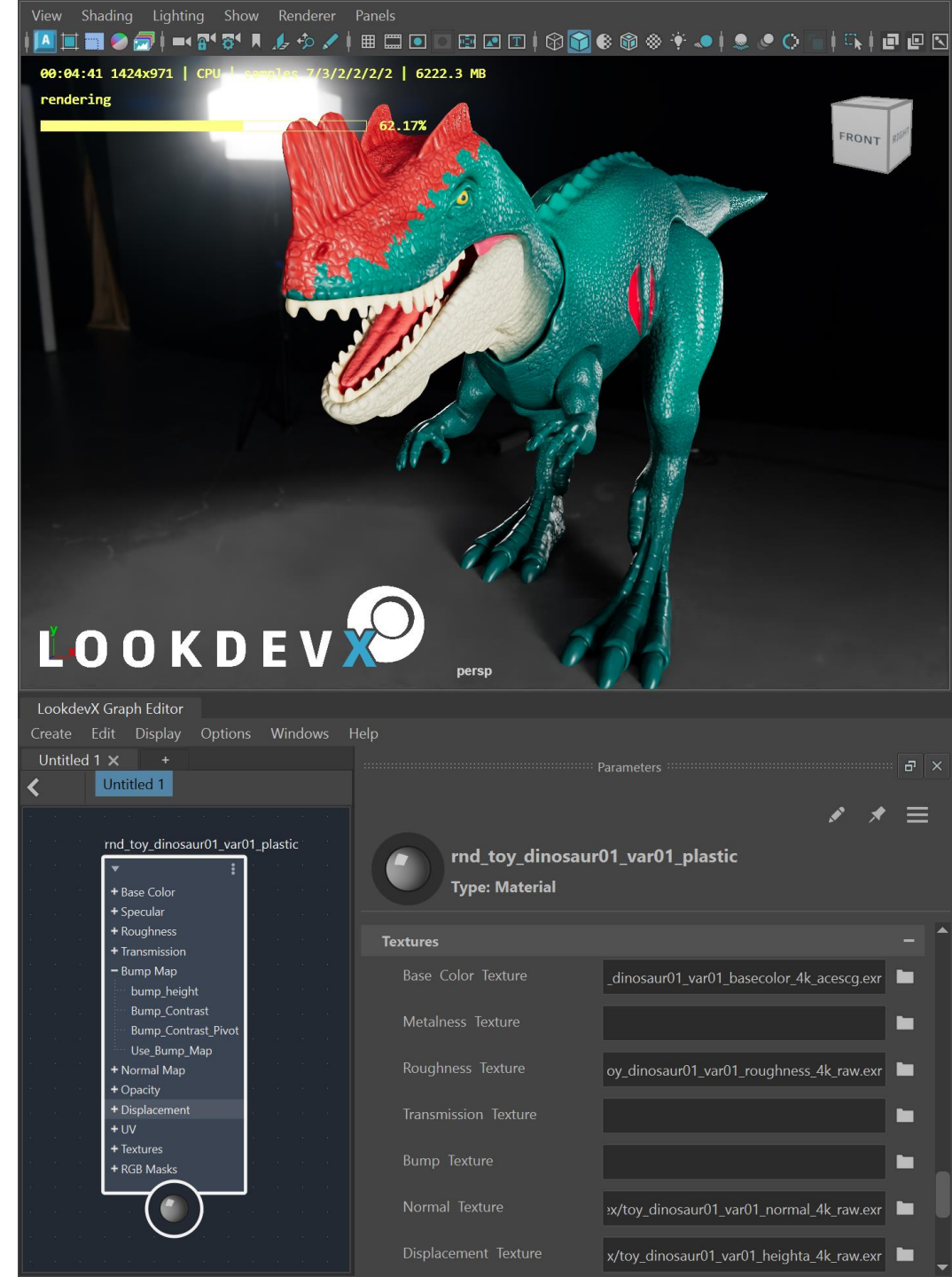
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# LookdevX | Agnostic Material Editor

- Native USD & MaterialX authoring
- Open Rendering
- Enabled for DCC portability





# LookdevX | Release Highlights

2024 Native USD Material Support



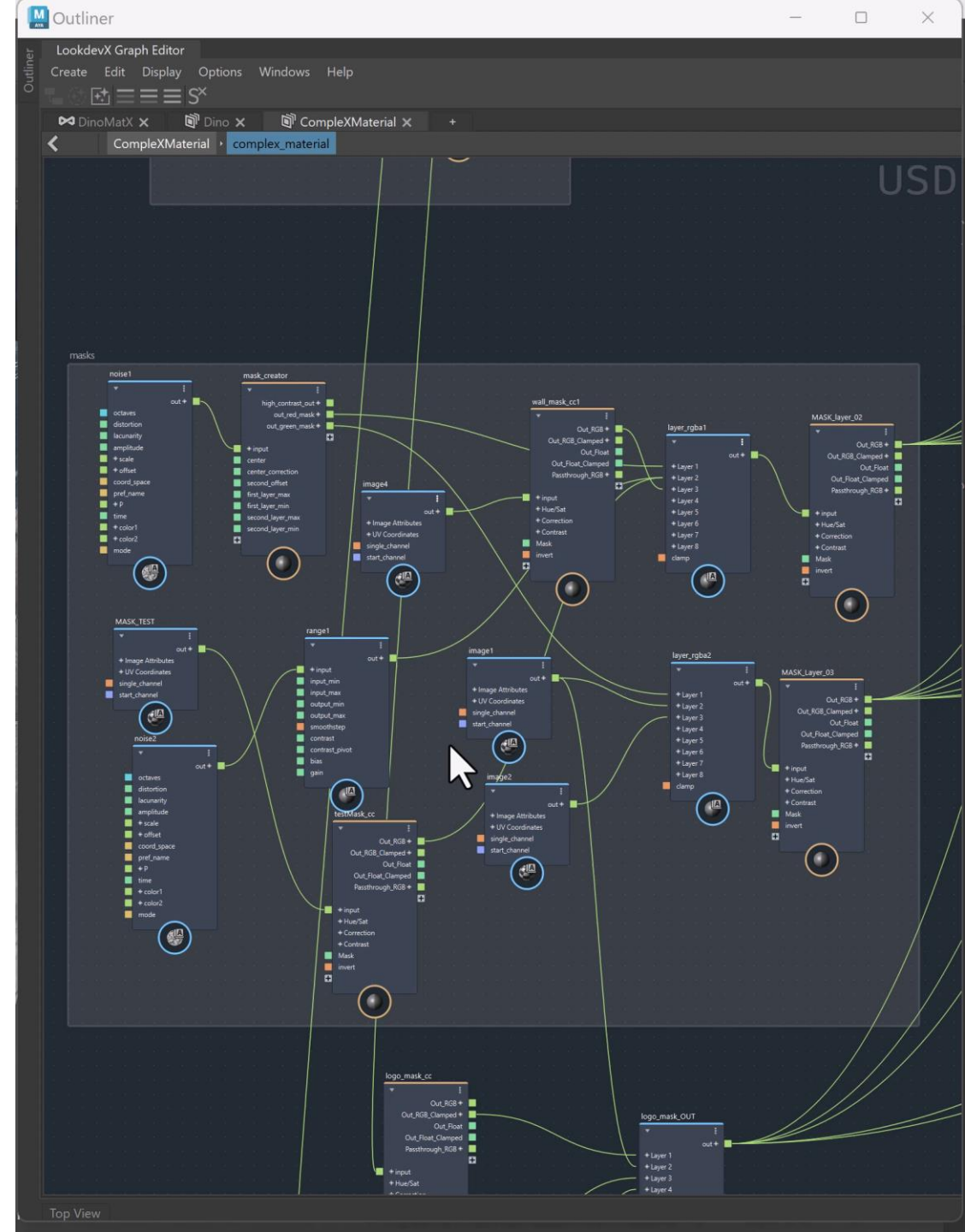
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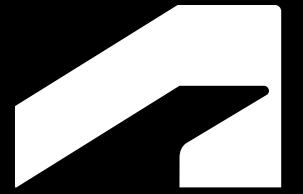


2025 Native MaterialX Support



2025.x Workflow improvements





# LOOKDEVX

Maya 2025





## Enabling MaterialX Workflows

**Natively Authoring MaterialX Graphs** in Maya using LookdevX as agnostic authoring shader toolset.

**Assign materials to Maya geometry** and manage it through known direct material assignments workflows.





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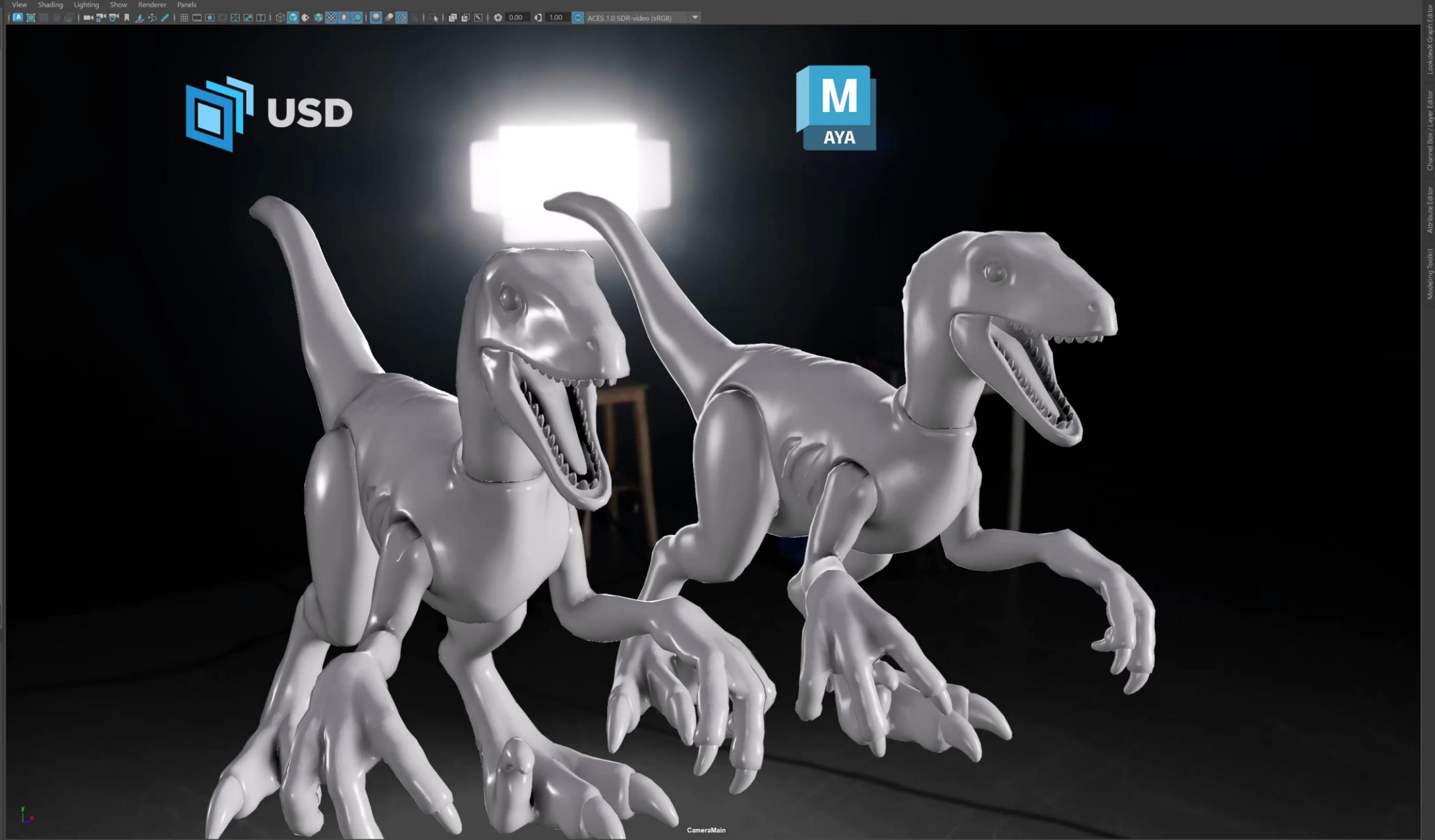
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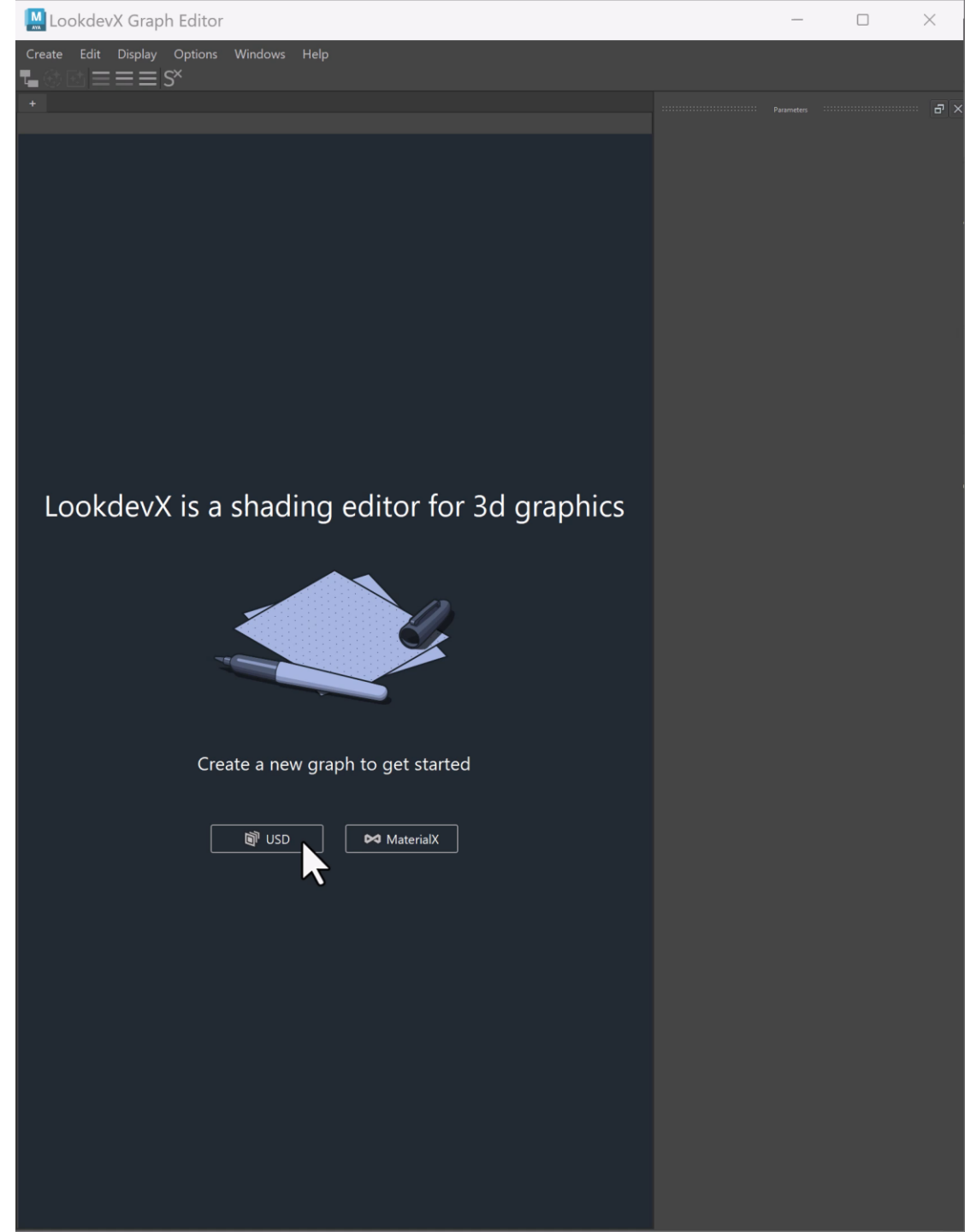
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# Maya 2025 | LookdevX



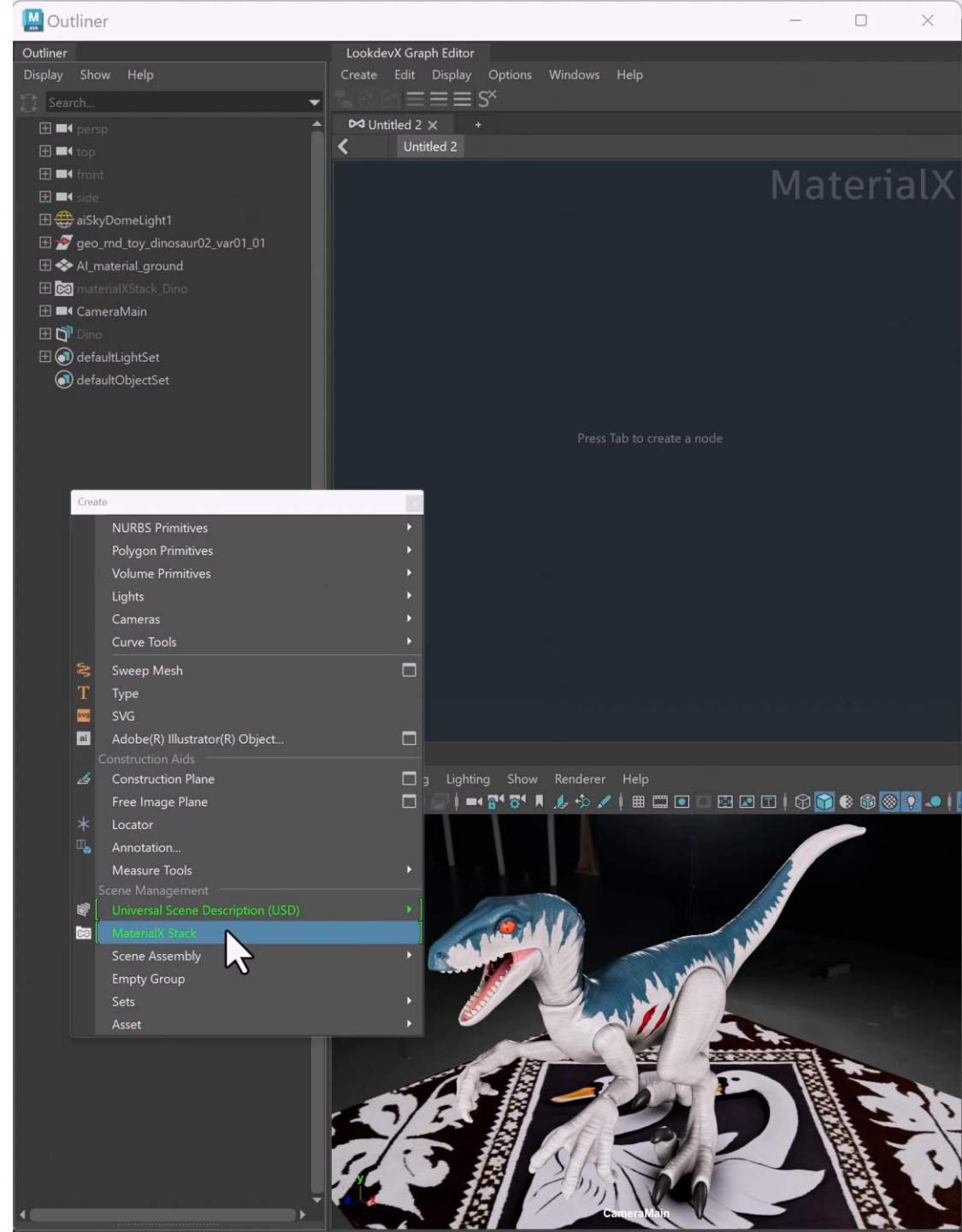
- Unifying different datatype workflows
  - Introducing Multiple runtimes
- Enable LookdevX as Agnostic Editor
  - Choose your shading data - Starting screen
  - Creating Shading data models per specific Tabs
    - Graph, Tabs, Nodes



# Maya 2025 | LookdevX



- MaterialX Document Stack I/O
- MaterialX Document I/O
- Native Maya MaterialX Assignment
  - Outliner, VP, LookdevX





# Maya 2025 | LookdevX

- Graph Creation Improvements



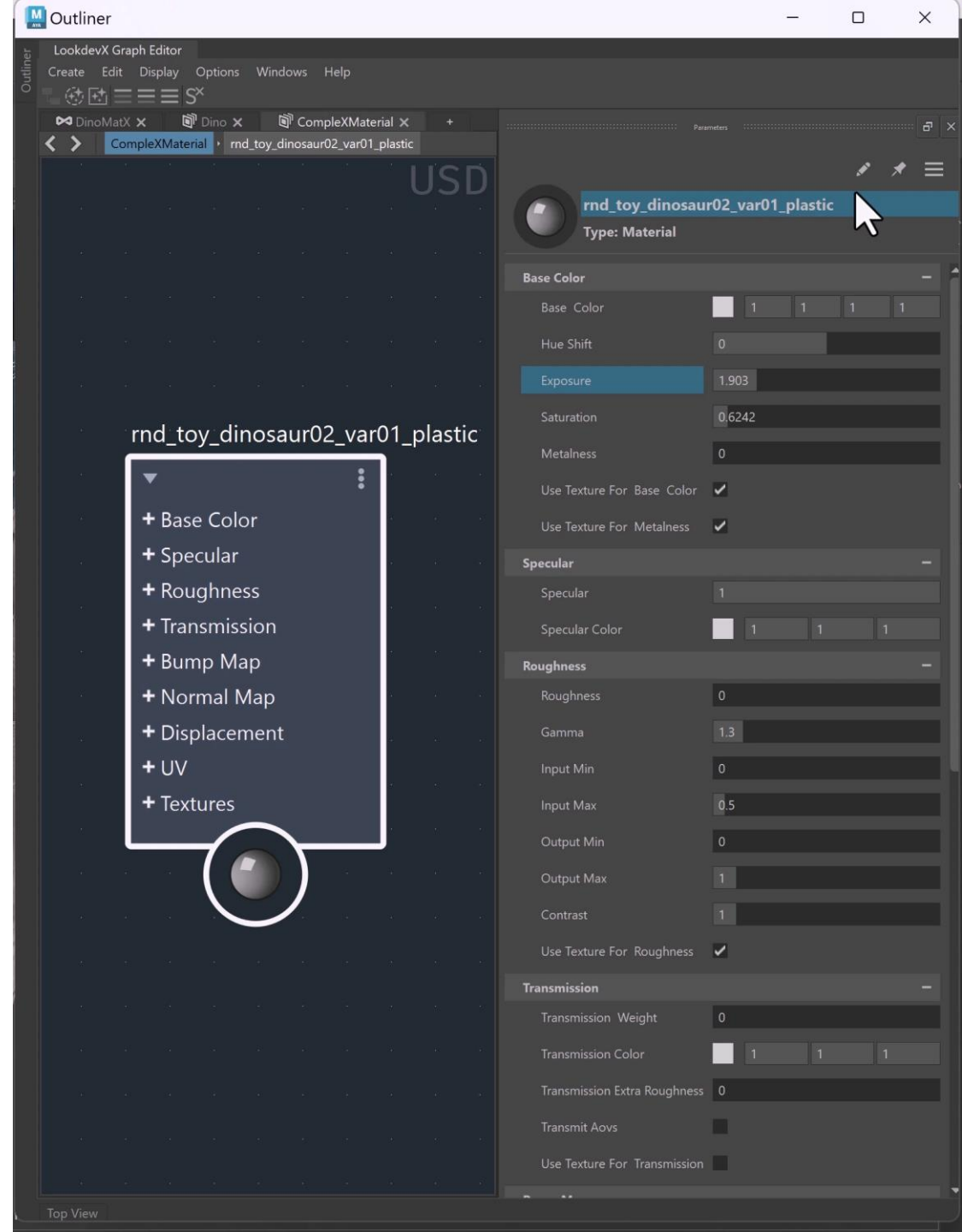
- Material Authoring enhancements



- Toolbar – Icon shelf



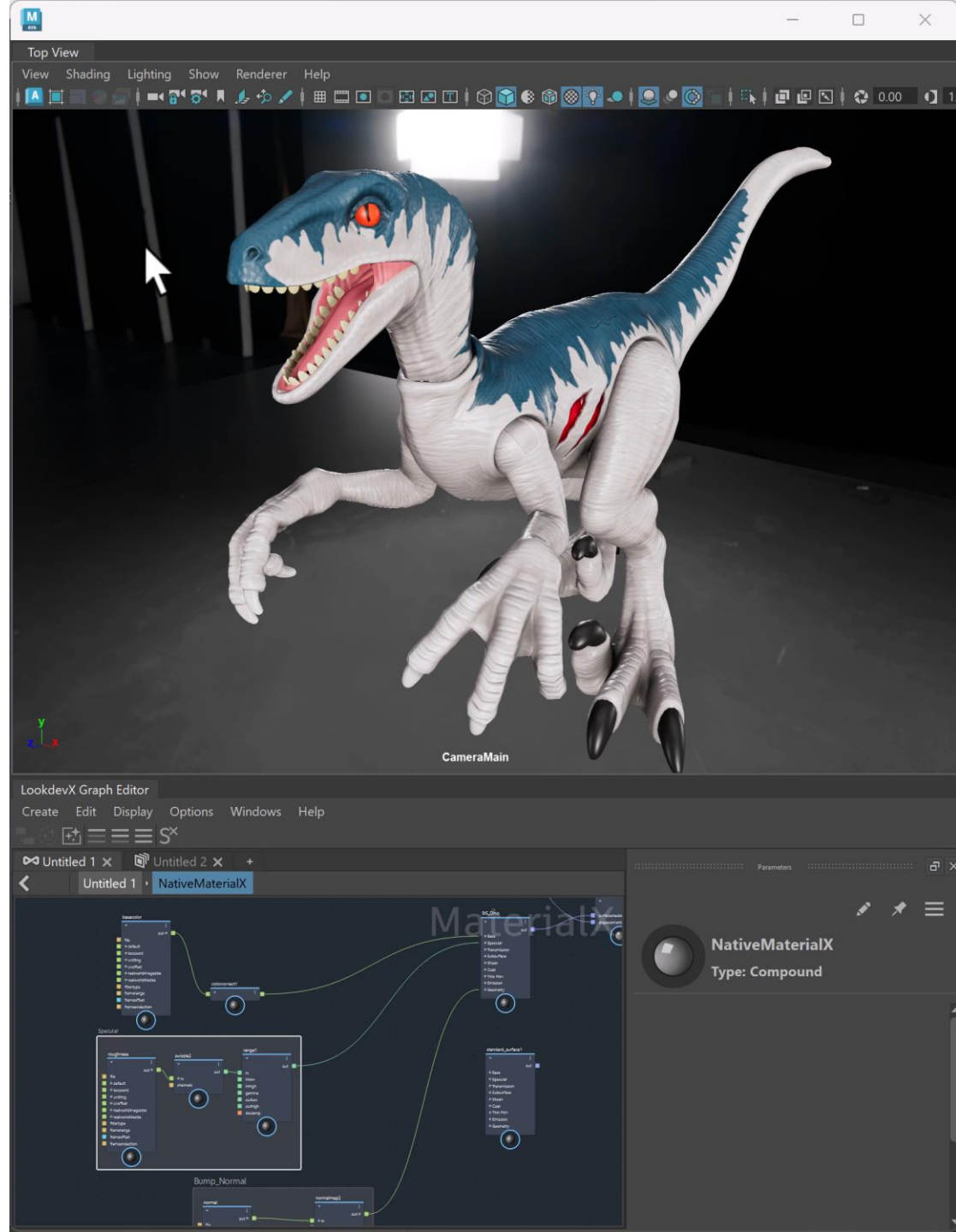
- Improving workflows Performance



# Maya 2025 | Arnold support



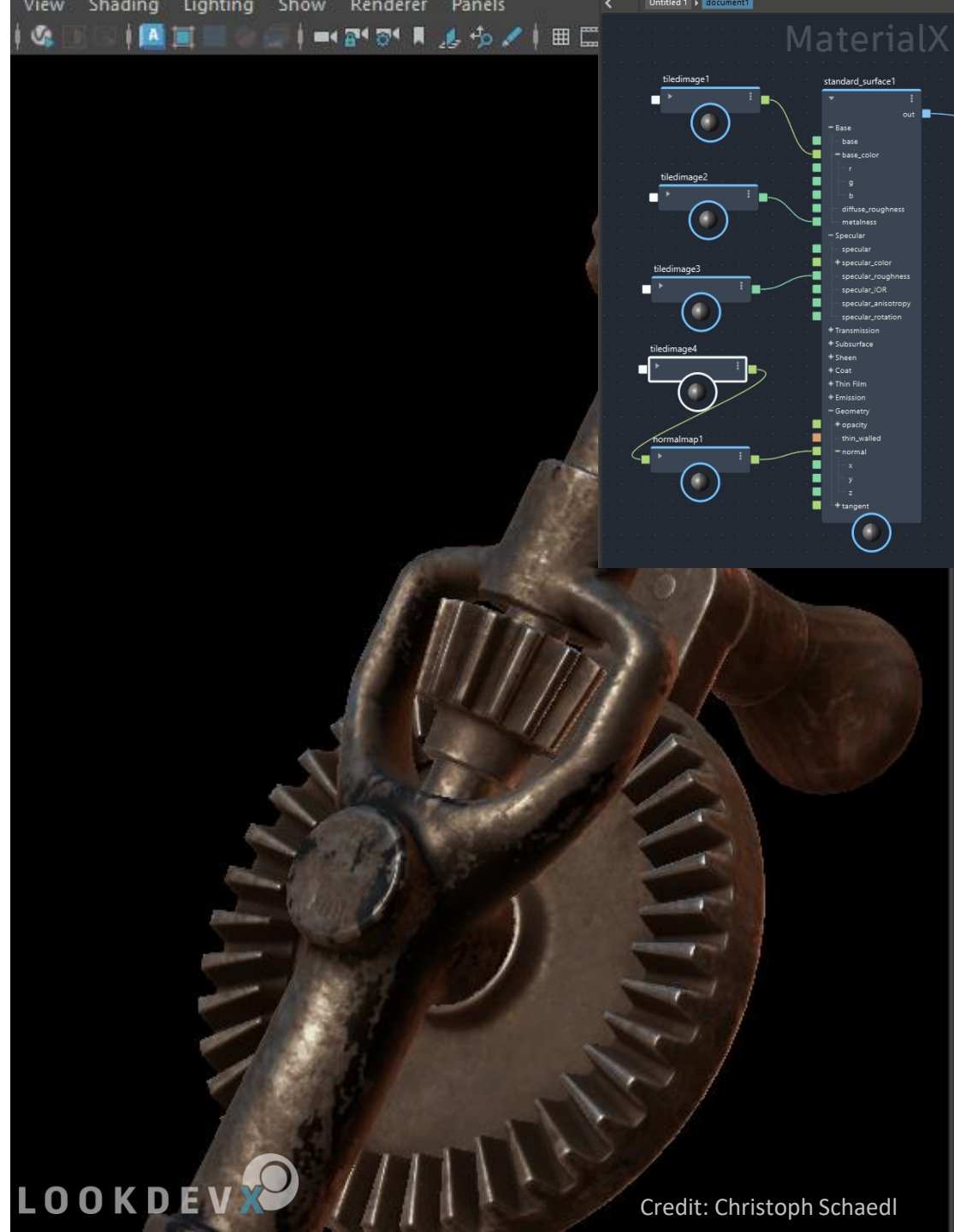
- Exposed Arnold Materials Through MatX
- Supporting Maya MaterialX Library
- Arnold Icons



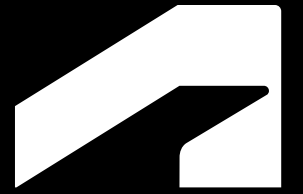
# LookdevX | Open rendering



- Third party renderers can express their graphs through LookdevX
  - Shader discovery through USD schemas and MaterialX node definitions
  - Leveraging LookdevX UX features
    - Solo, Node icons, Icons, Node graphs ..etc







# LOOKDEVX

Road map - Maya 2025.X

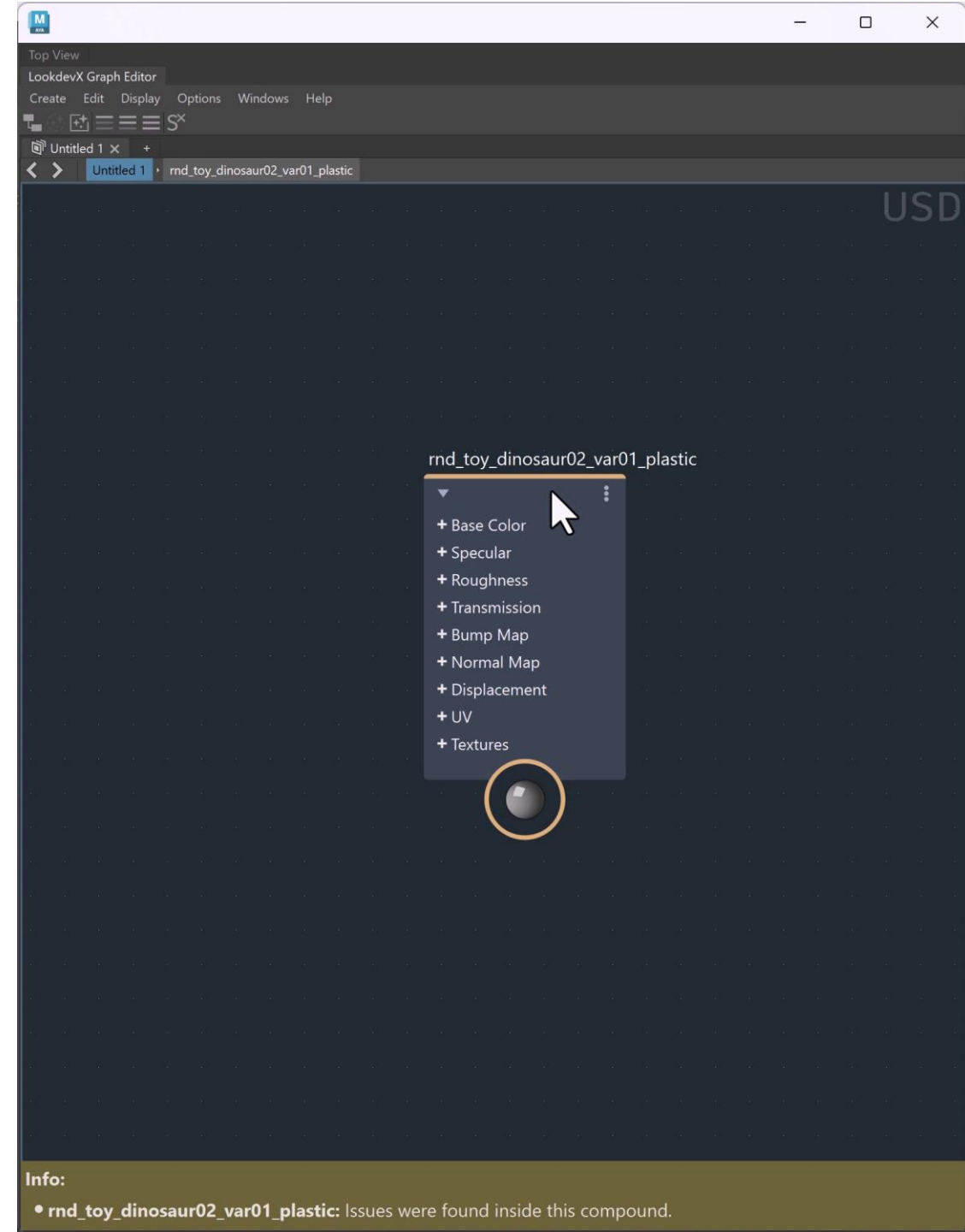


# Maya 2025.1 | LookdevX



## Key Features

- Hide input Nodes
- Assigning New & Existing Materials
- Node Library UI
- Supporting Volume Shaders
- VP support for Arnold materials through MaterialX

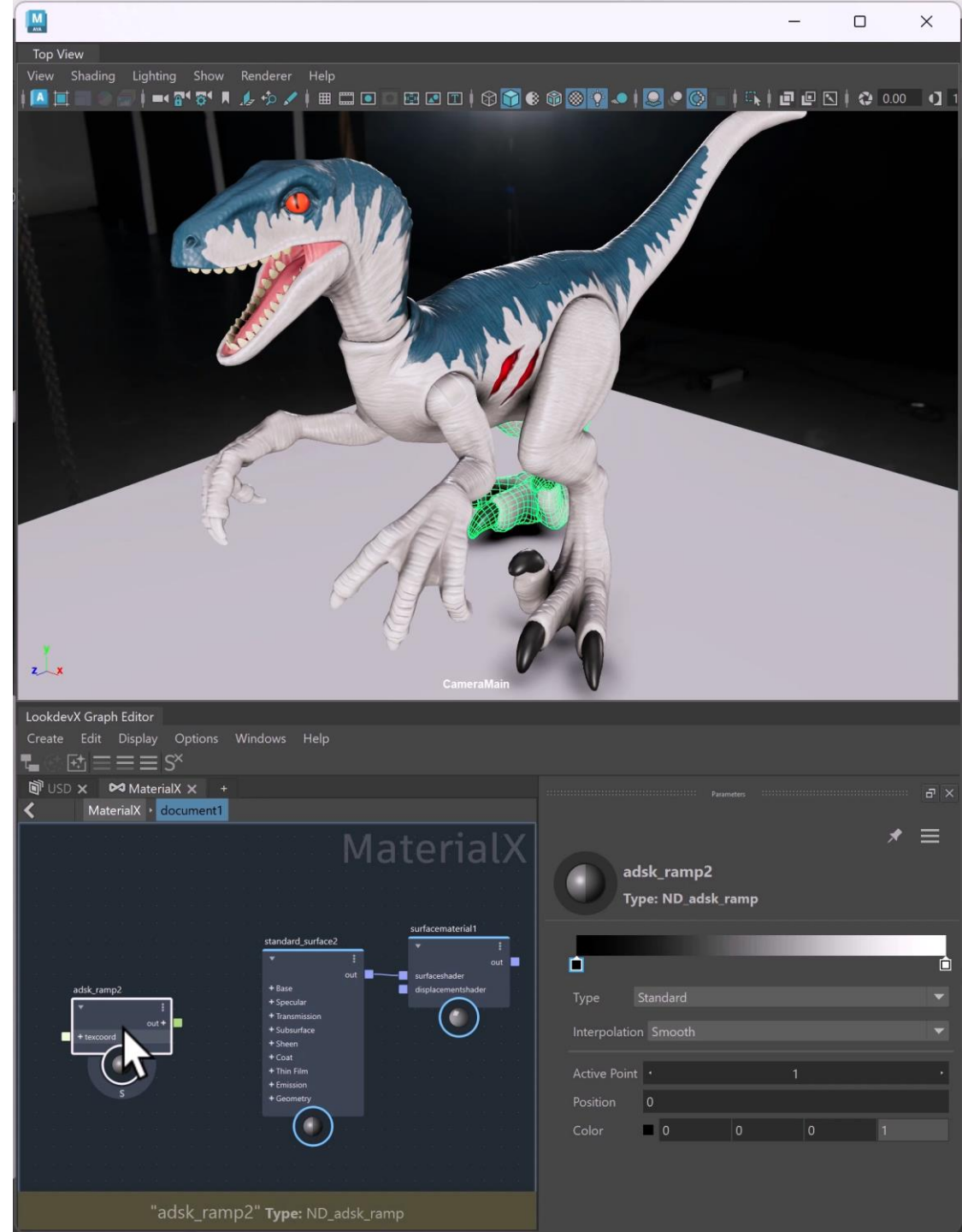


# Maya 2025.next | LookdevX



## Key Features

- Ramp node
- Dynamic Port Workflow – Smart Connections
- Exposed Material Binding and Inheritance in AE
- VP support for Arnold materials through MaterialX



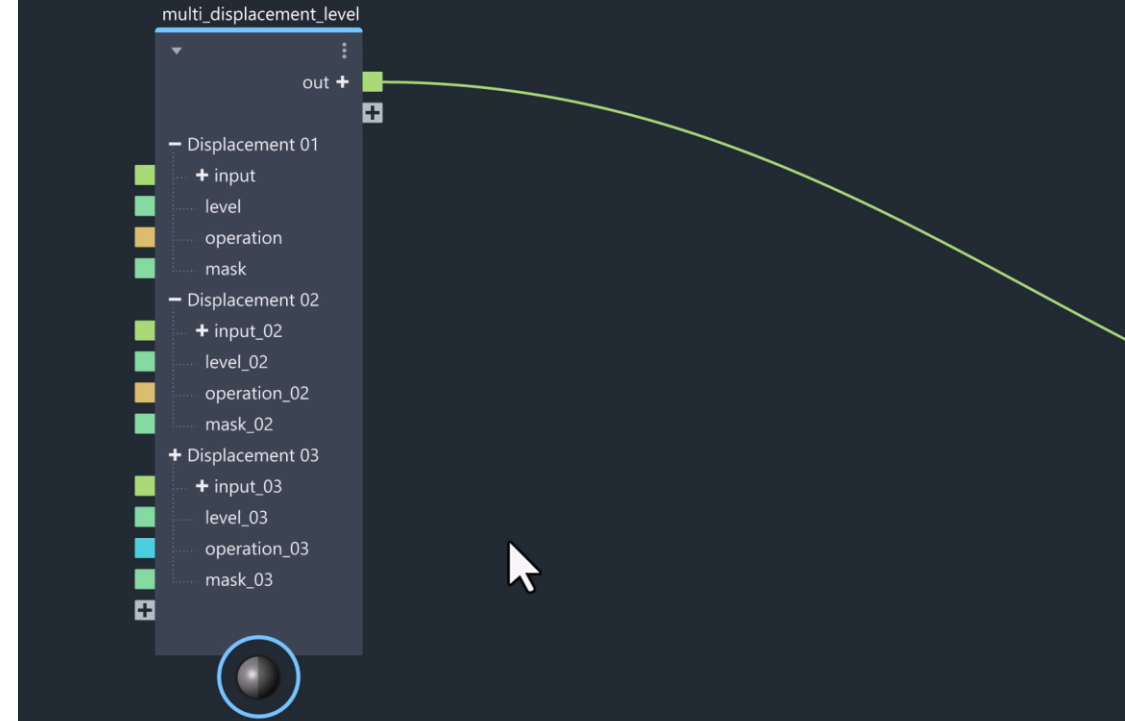


# Maya 2025.X | LookdevX



## Key Features

- Publishing workflows (Phase I) - MaterialX
- USD Referencing MaterialX graphs – Cleanup
- Relative path support – MaterialX
- Component Tag's MaterialX support
- Automation tools (Python bindings)



# OpenPBR Material



## Maya 2025 | [LookdevX](#)

- Exposed through MaterialX from Arnold library

## Now | [Maya Beta](#)

- Exposed in LookdevX and Maya Hypershade

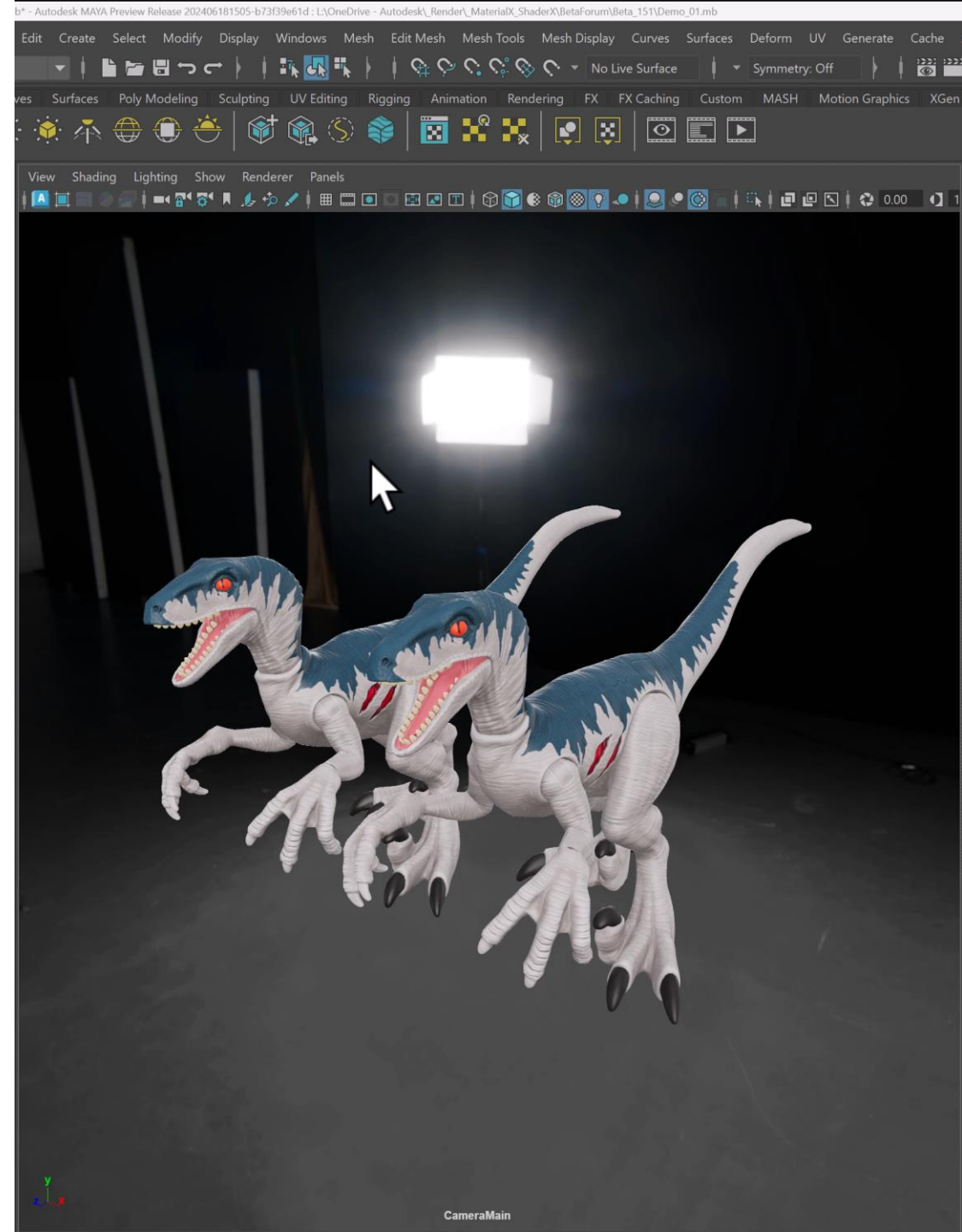
## Next | [Maya & 3ds Max](#)

- Open PBR material Native DCC Integration

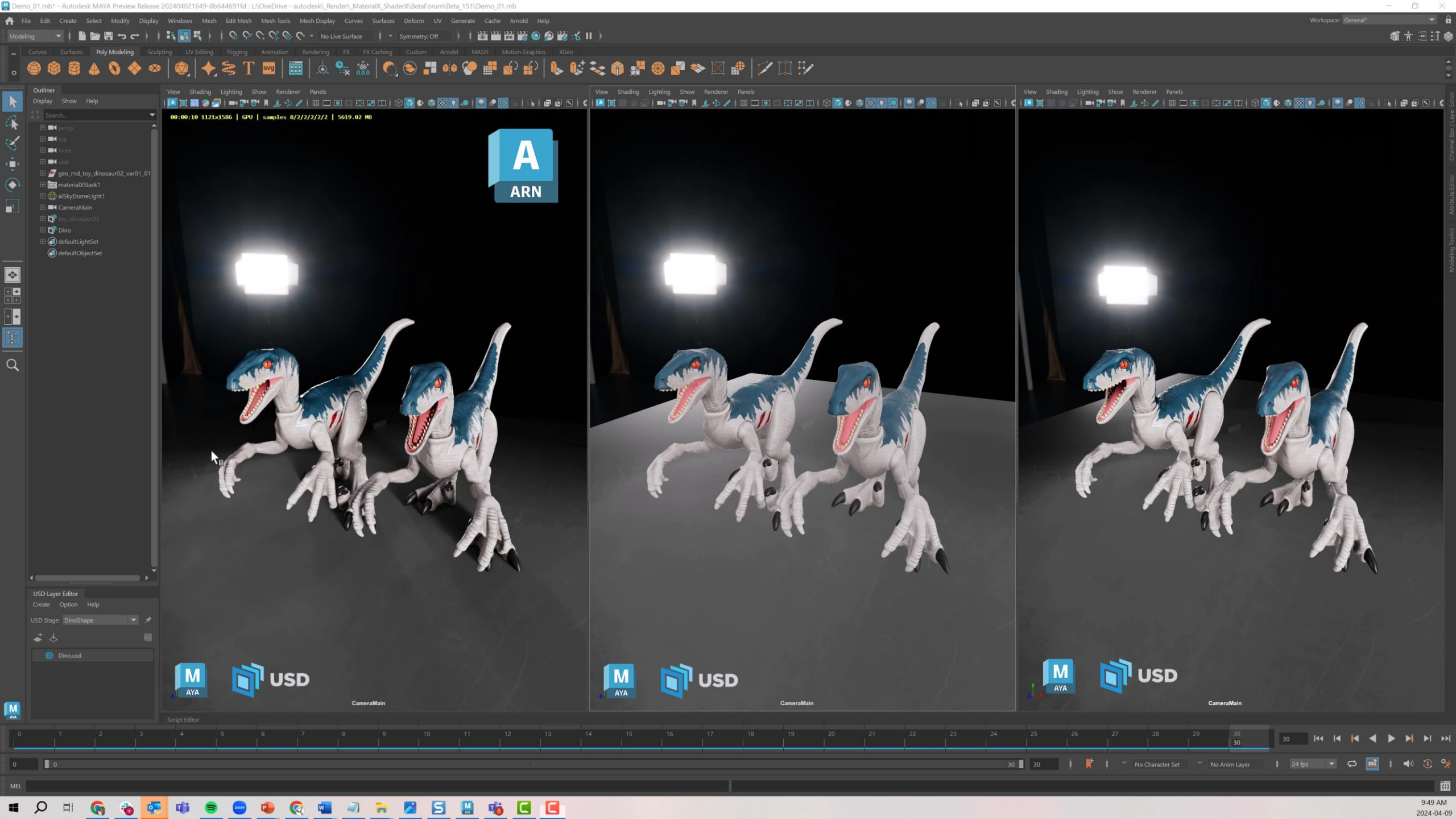


# Hydra | LookdevX

- Hydra support
  - Material graphs can be accurately represented in Storm and Arnold delegate



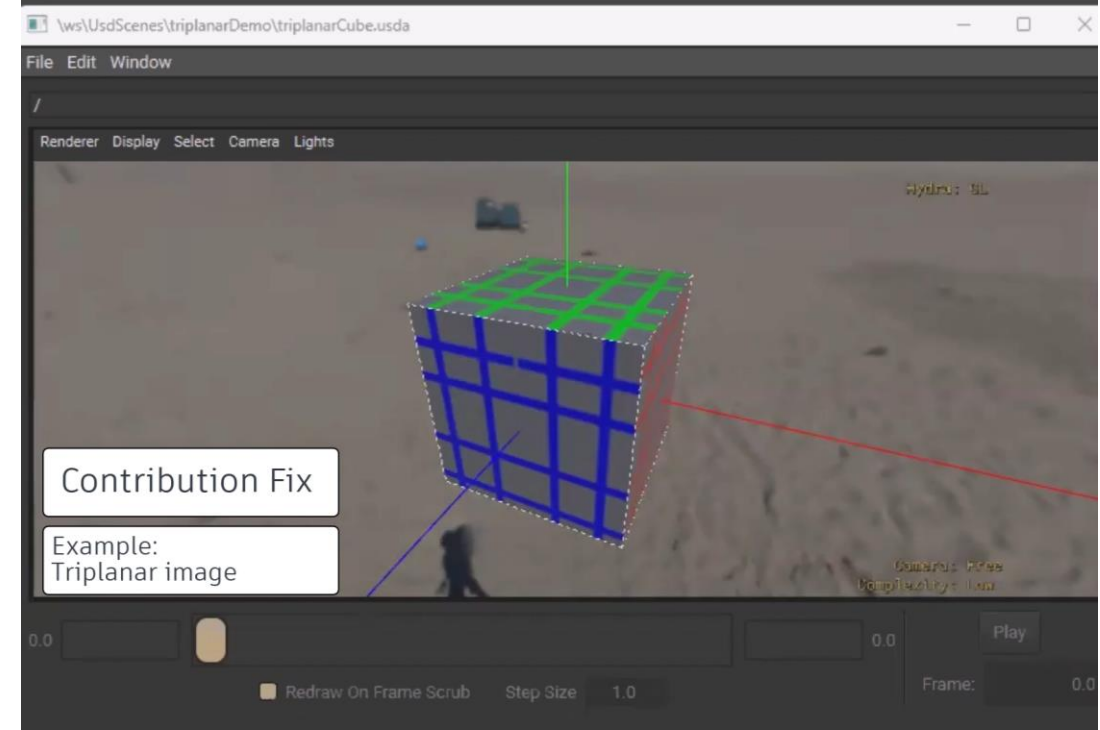
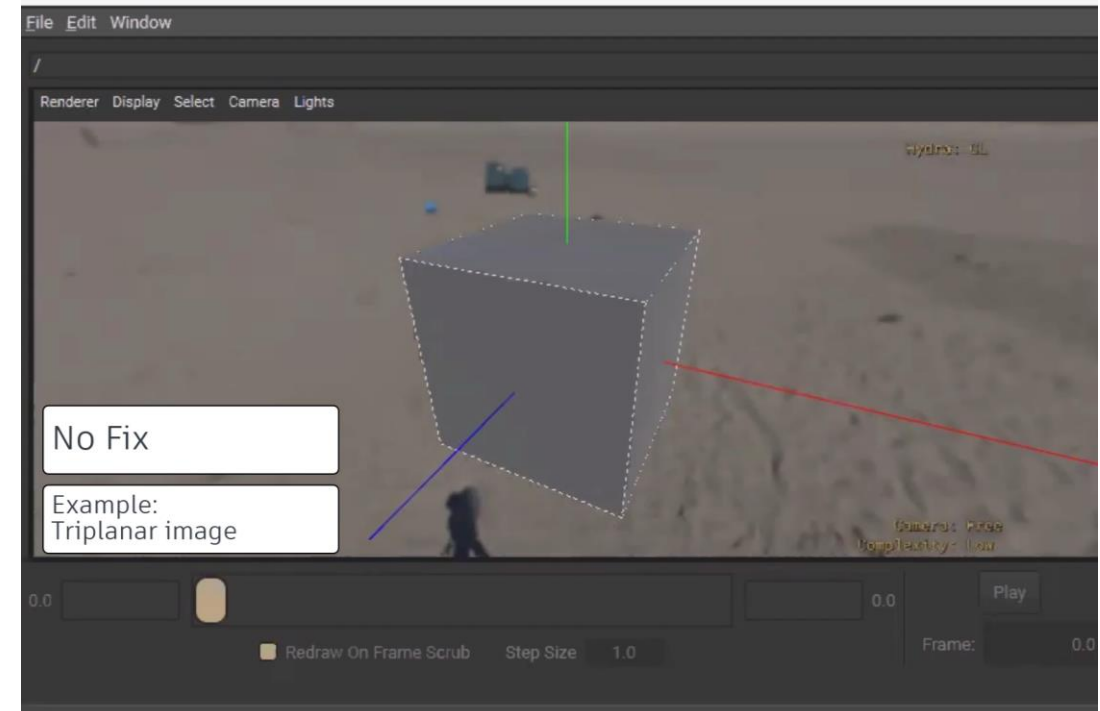




# LookdevX | Contributions



- Image node's fixes – MaterialX
  - Triplanar, gltf\_image, UsdUVTexture
- Loading Material graphs optimization
  - Smart shader generation
- MaterialX OCIO plugin
  - Enable OCIO or OCIO-Nano for color conversions



# LookdevX | Planned Contributions



- Ramp node
- Conversion nodes
- Bias and Gain nodes

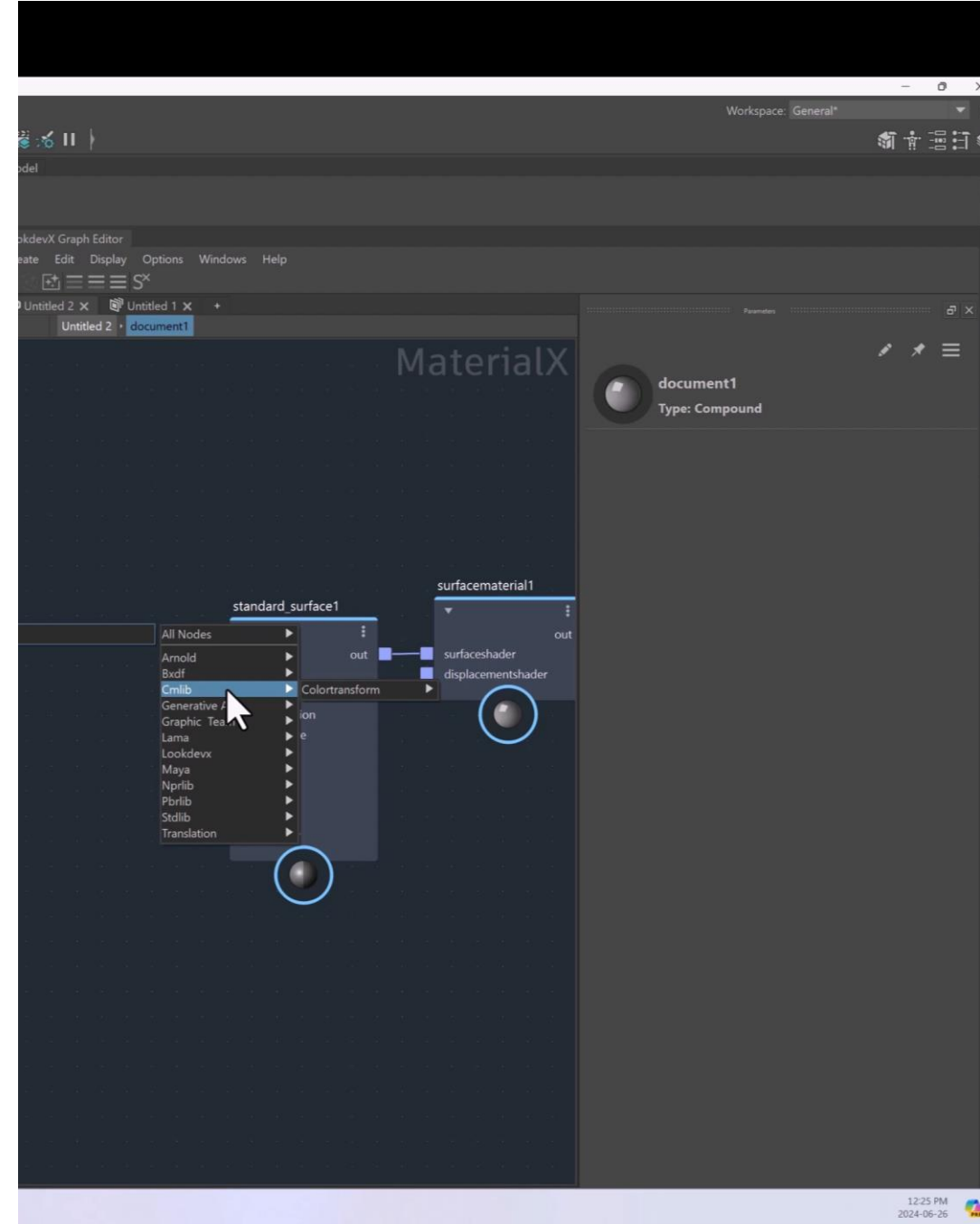




# AI Enabled Workflows | LookdevX

Available for testing in upcoming Maya Beta

- Ethically Collected Data AI Models
- Working with multiple service providers
- Authentication using Autodesk SSO
- **API enabled extendable custom Data model**





Texture\_Generator  
Type: Compound

AI Texture Generation

Persian rug, Square size

low quality, full scale, cropping

Aspect Ratio: 1:1

Media Type: photography

Mood: natural

Generate Texture

Status

standard\_surface1

- + Base
- + Specular
- + Transmission
- + Subsurface
- + Sheen
- + Coat
- + Thin Film
- + Emission
- + Geometry

surfacematerial1

- surfaceshader
- displacementshader

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# Virtual Town Hall Series

MaterialX in V-Ray

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- Architectural visualization



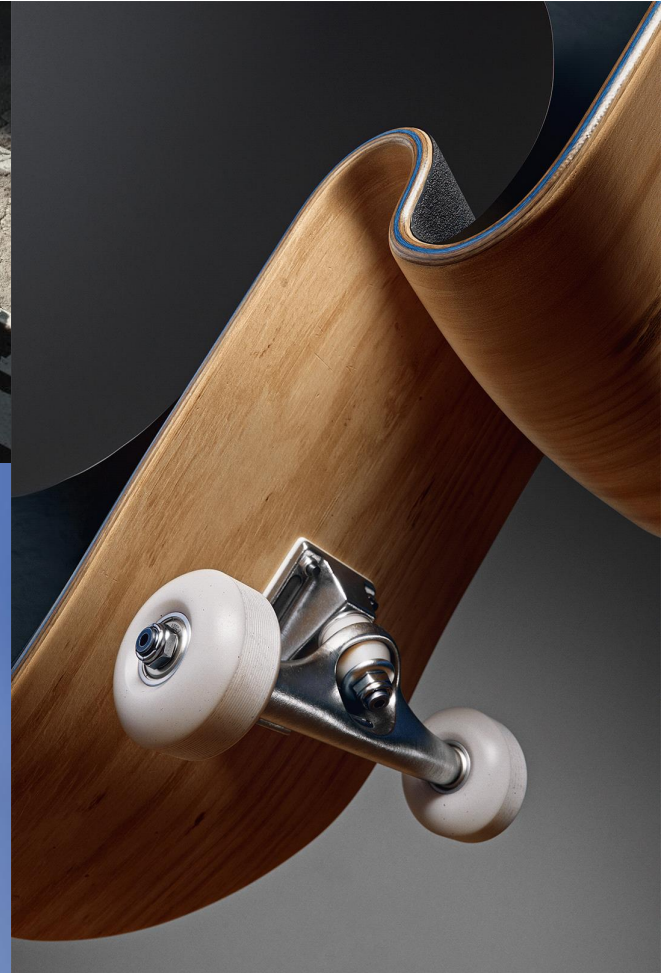
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- Architectural visualization
- Product design





# Chaos V-Ray



- Architectural visualization
- Product design
- VFX





# V-Ray ecosystem in a nutshell

- Has integrations with many DCCs
- Extensible through plugins
- Supports OSL, GLSL and MDL
- V-Ray GPU
  - Most of V-Ray's functionality reimplemented to run fast on GPUs
  - Used in production
- Vantage
  - Standalone real-time renderer



# Why MaterialX?

- Every DCC has its own material nodes
- V-Ray supports them through native nodes or translation
- Exporting is easy, importing is hard
- A common, restricted, complete set of nodes
- Nodegraph implementation



# MaterialX in V-Ray implementation

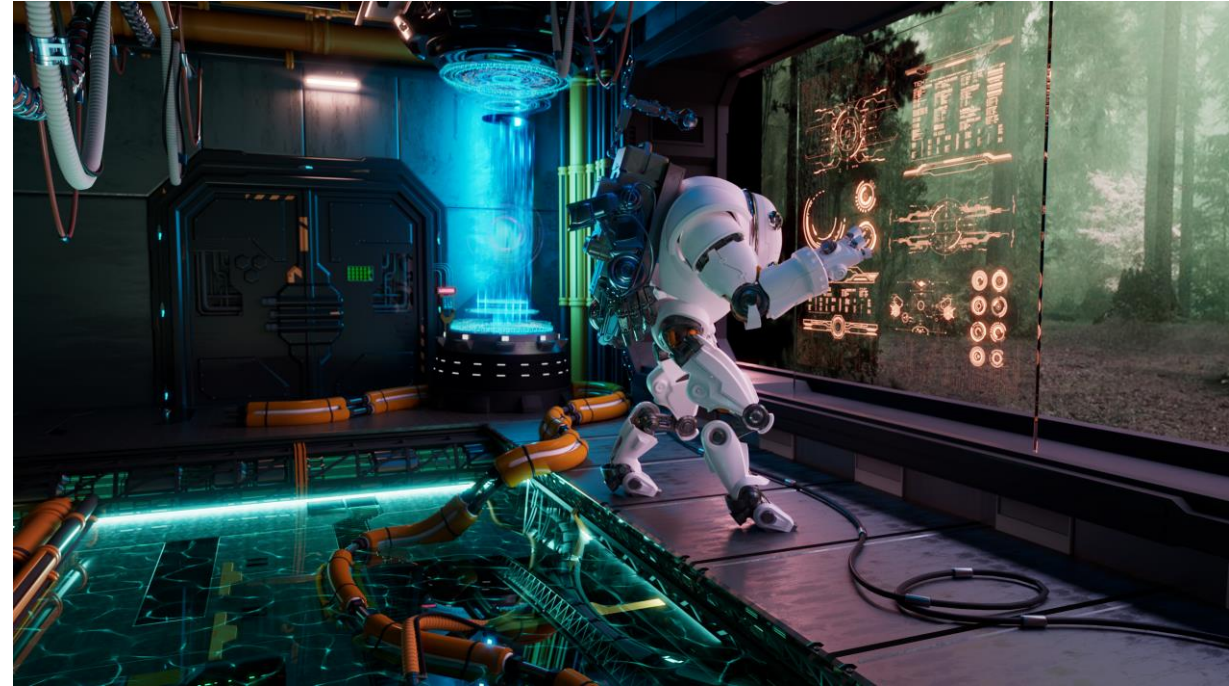
- Writing renderer integrations is hard
- Native V-Ray implementation for each MaterialX node
- Same node and attribute name in V-Ray and MaterialX
- Minimize translation
- Native integration solves compilation time





# MaterialX nodes in V-Ray

- Used code generation
  - Mapped existing V-Ray nodes to MaterialX nodes when possible
  - Present as a single node
- Support MaterialX node graph definitions internally
- Transpiled OSL & MDL code for procedural textures

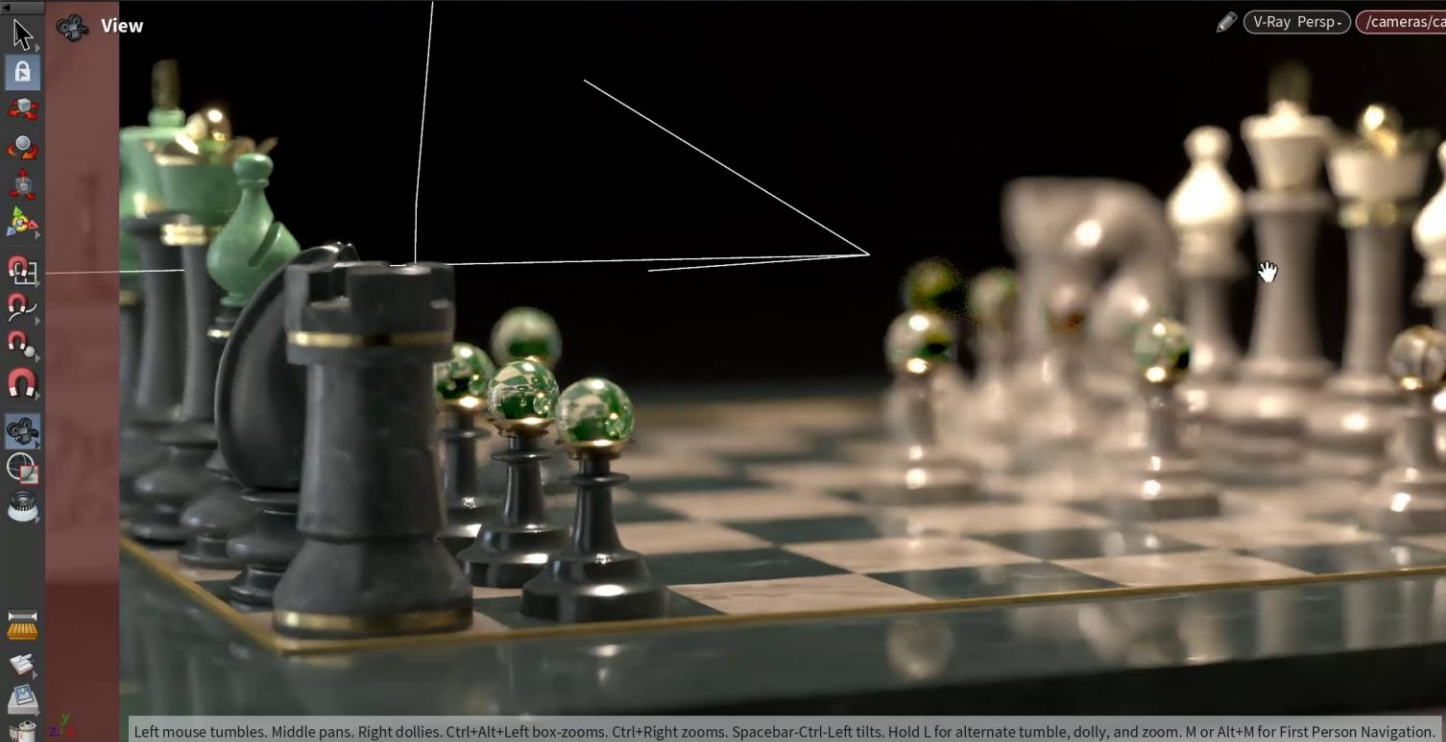


# Future plans



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- OpenPBR support
- V-Ray material nodegraph definition
  - Allows us to display V-Ray material in other MaterialX applications
- MaterialX support in Vantage



Light spotlight1

Frame Range/Subframes Sample Current Frame

Primitive Path /Lights/\$OS

Action Create

Initialize Parameters Initialize Parameters

Type Disk

Transform Base Properties Shaping Shadow Karma

Intensity 0.4

Exposure 2.18

Color H 0 S 0 V 1

Enable Color Temperature

Color Temperature 5280.96

Scene Graph Path

Scene Graph Path	Primitive	Descenda	Kind	P	L	U	★	☒
lights		3						
domelight1	Xform	3	DomeLigh					
spotlight1	DiskLigh	1	DiskLigh					

Filter

Name	Value	Value	Metadata	Editor Nodes	Layer Stack	C

Timeline: 1 24 48 72 96 120 144 168 192 216 240 240

0 keys, 0/0 channels

Key All Channels





# MaterialX in Houdini 20.5

Chris Rydalch, SideFX

July 23, 2024

# MaterialX in Houdini 20.5

- Overview
- Quick Surface Materials
- Copernicus

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# Overview



# MaterialX in Houdini 20.5

- MaterialX first included with H19.0
- Initial adoption motivated by Karma XPU
  - Need to build materials for both Karma delegates
- Takes a “MaterialX-as-Spec” approach
  - Renderers ingest shading graphs on-the-fly
  - No reliance on MaterialX code-gen
- Focused on USD-encoded MaterialX materials
- Super-set of Karma-specific nodes where needed



# MaterialX in Houdini 20.5



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- **Houdini**
  - H20.5 released July 10th
- **USD**
  - 24.03 (from 23.08)
- **MaterialX**
  - 1.38.10 (from 1.38.8)

	USD	MtIX	VFX
<b>H20.5</b>	24.03	1.38.10	CY2024
<b>H20.0</b>	23.08	1.38.8	CY2023
<i>H19.5</i>	<i>22.05</i>	<i>1.38.4</i>	<i>CY2022</i>
<i>H19.0</i>	<i>21.08</i>	<i>1.38</i>	<i>CY2021</i>

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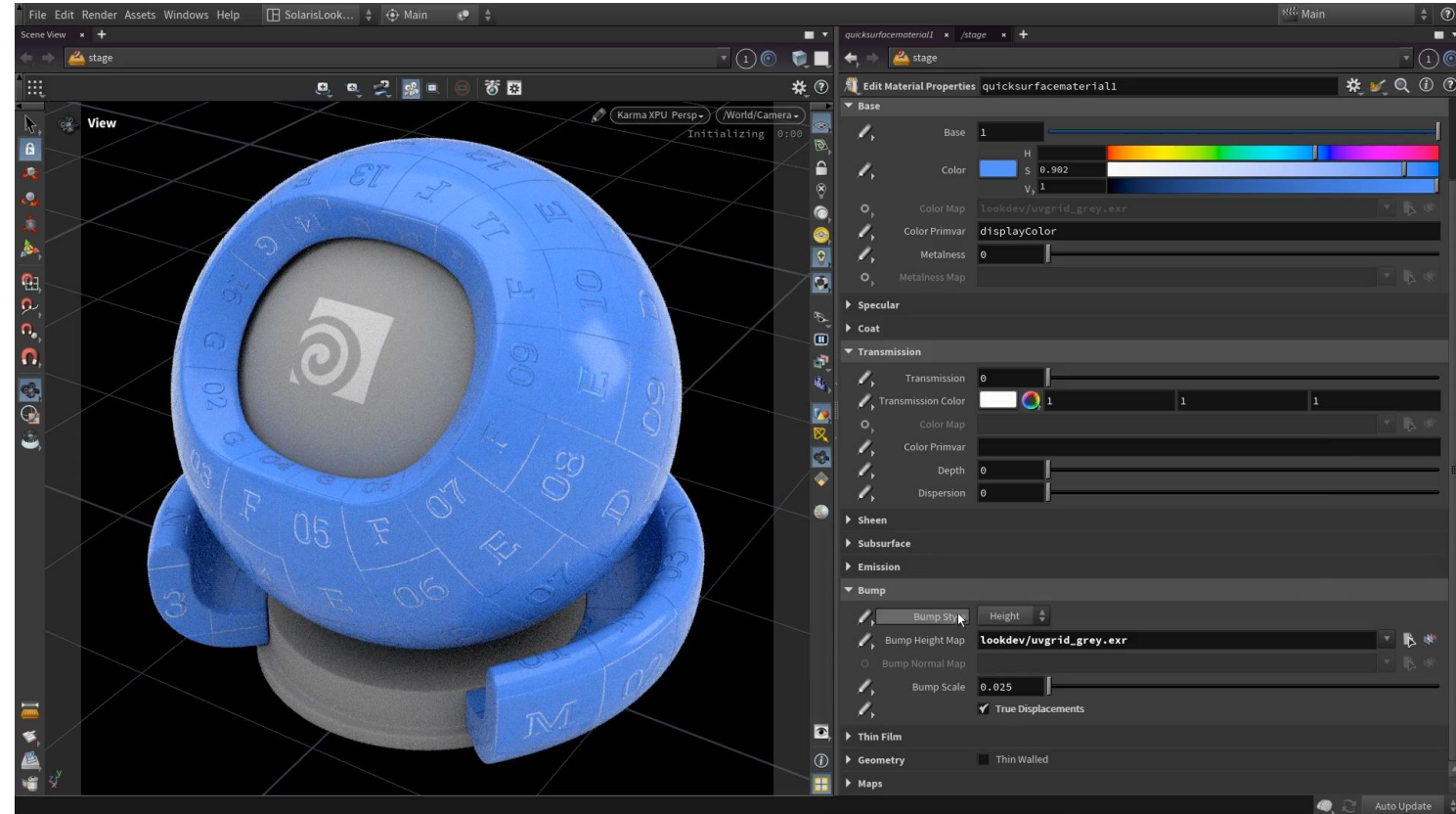
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# Quick Surface Material



# MaterialX in Houdini 20.5

- Quick Surface Material
  - Uses standard MaterialX nodes
  - Based around `mtlxstandard_surface*`
- Referenced from USD layer
  - Users adjust public interface
  - Instanceable references by default
- Shared materials/prims = more efficient scenes
- Less context diving/switching for artists
- Initial workflow/pipeline possibilities with UsdShade



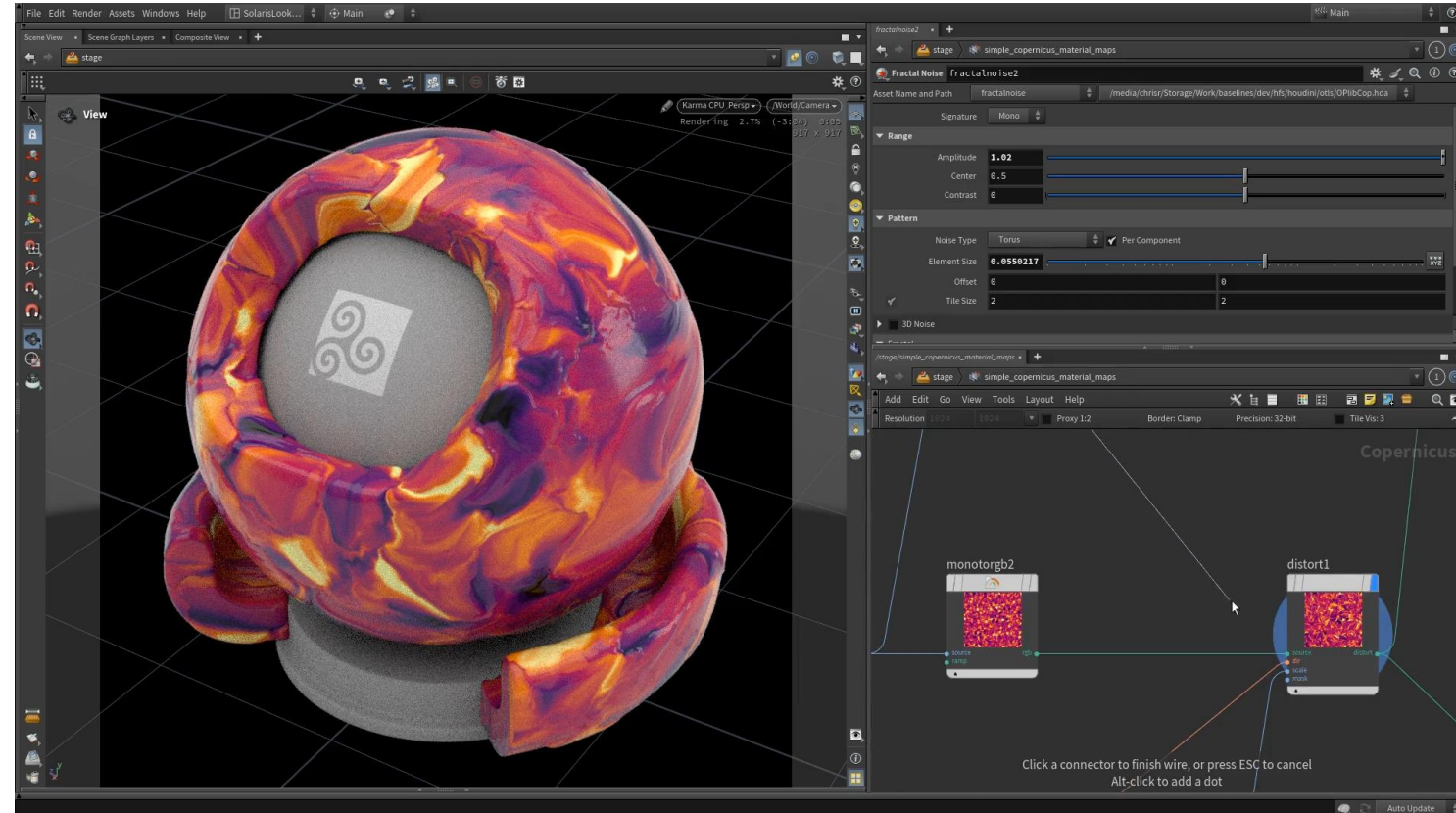
\* *OpenPBR planned for future releases*

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# Copernicus

# MaterialX in Houdini 20.5

- New, Fast Image-Processing Engine and Context in Houdini
- Embraces open standards
  - OpenCL for most nodes
  - OpenFX plugin support
- Copernicus maps via MaterialX texture nodes, update live in Solaris
- Many workflows are still in-progress (i.e. it's beta!)





**Thank You!**

**Questions?**