

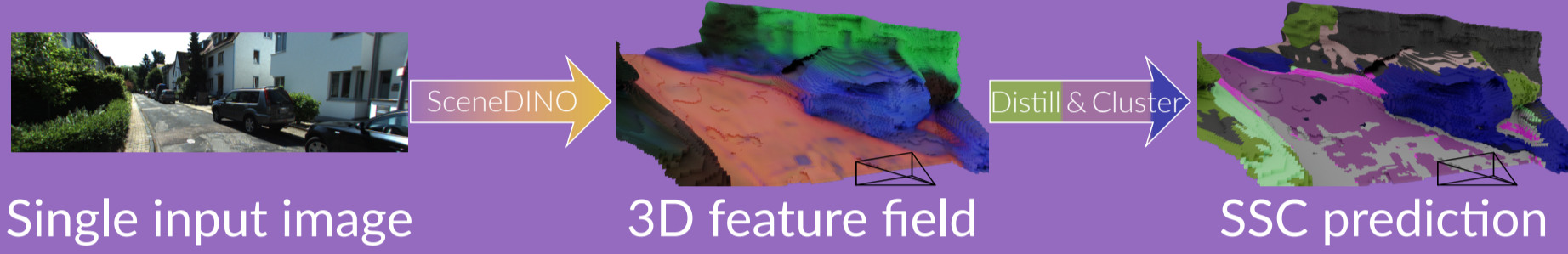
# Feed-Forward SceneDINO for Unsupervised Semantic Scene Completion

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TL ; DR

SceneDINO is unsupervised and infers 3D geometry and expressive features from a single image in a feed-forward manner, using multi-view self-supervision. Distilling and clustering features lead to unsupervised semantic scene completion predictions.



## Introduction

Unsupervised Semantic Scene Completion aims to estimate the *dense 3D geometry* of a scene and partition the scene into *semantically meaningful regions* from a single image without any form of human supervision.

### Motivation:

- Mitigate limitations of human-labeled 3D data (e.g., high cost, inherent bias, etc.)
- Omit the need for costly and complex depth sensors (e.g., LiDAR)
- Provide a foundation for approaching 3D scene understanding tasks using labels

### Related work:

- Most existing approaches use significant geometric and semantic *supervision* [5]
- Some approaches only utilize 2D semantic supervision (e.g., S4C [4])
- To the best of our knowledge, no existing fully *unsupervised* SSC approach
- No *feed-forward* approach for estimating general 3D features from a single image

**Goal:** Propose the *first fully unsupervised* semantic scene completion (SSC) approach.

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## Method

SceneDINO's unsupervised training comprises two stages:  
(1) Learning a feed-forward 3D *feature field* grounded in DINO [1] features  
(2) *Distilling* and *clustering* the 3D feature field into unsupervised SSC predictions

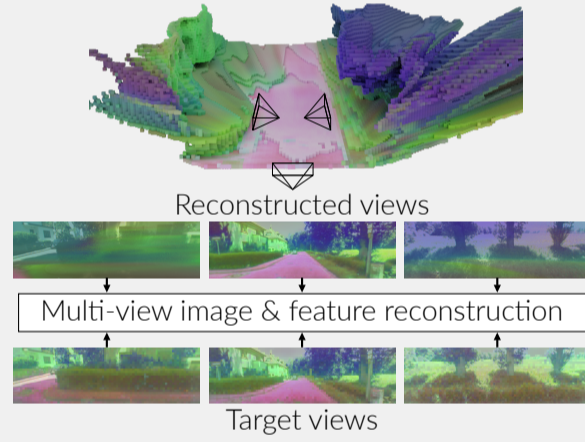
### Stage 1: Feature-field training

#### SceneDINO 3D inference

- 2D encoder-decoder  $\xi$  predicts dense embeddings  $\mathbf{E}$  from image  $\mathbf{I}_0$
- MLP  $\phi$  estimates **density**  $\sigma_{\mathbf{x}_i}$  and **features**  $f_{\mathbf{x}_i}$  at 3D position  $\mathbf{x}_i$  as

$$(\sigma_{\mathbf{x}_i}, f_{\mathbf{x}_i}) = \phi(\mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{u}}, \gamma(\mathbf{x}_i)),$$

with the interpolated embedding  $\mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{u}}$  and the positional encoding  $\gamma$



#### Multi-view self-supervision

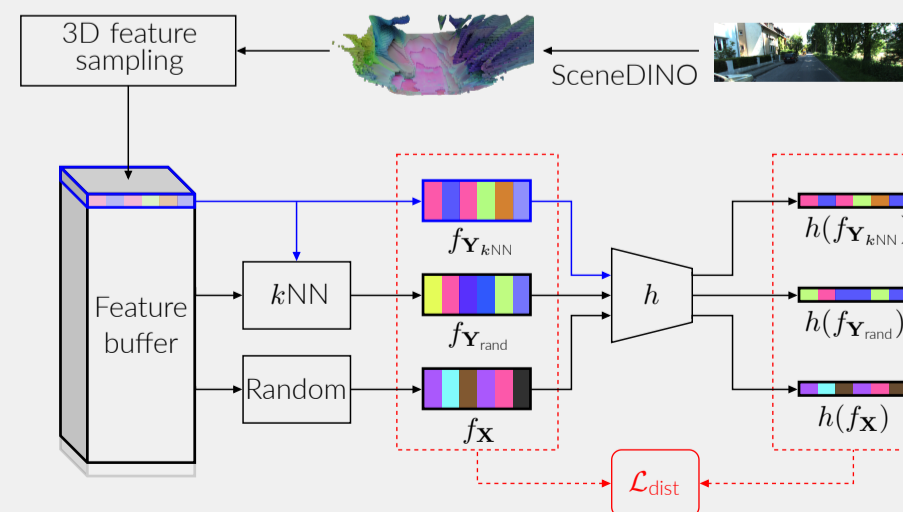
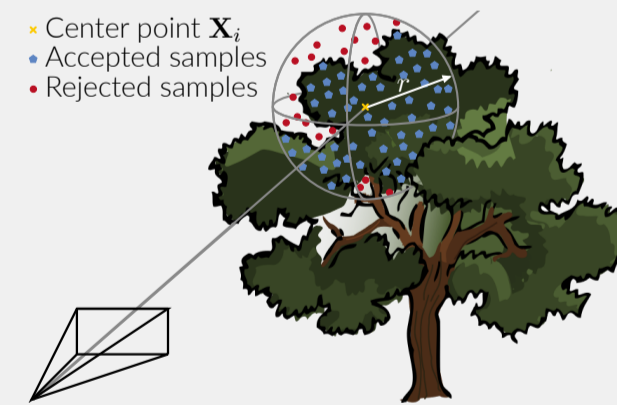
- SceneDINO is trained using multi-view images, (unsupervised) camera poses, and 2D DINO target features
- Single image fed into SceneDINO to predict a feature field
- Target views are reconstructed from the feature field using differentiable volume rendering and color sampling [7]
- Image/feature reconstruction and smoothness loss used
- Learned downsampler accounts for low target-feature resolution [2]

### Stage 2: Unsupervised SSC

#### 3D feature sampling

**Intuition:** Sample semantically rich 3D features and capture different semantic concepts.

- Sample center point  $\mathbf{X}_i$  from all visible surface points
- Sample occupied points within the radius  $r$  around  $\mathbf{X}_i$  to construct **feature batch**  $f_{\mathbf{x}}$
- Repeat  $n$ -times: sample a new center point sufficiently far from existing center points



#### Feature distillation and clustering

- Given a feature batch  $f_{\mathbf{x}}$ , we sample random and  $k$ NN feature batches from the buffer
- **Contrastive loss** [3] amplifies feature dis/similarities and reduces feature space by
  - $f_{\mathbf{x}} \Leftrightarrow f_{\mathbf{x}}$  self-correlation
  - $f_{\mathbf{x}} \Leftrightarrow f_{\mathbf{y}_{\text{rand}}}$  random correlation
  - $f_{\mathbf{x}} \Leftrightarrow f_{\mathbf{y}_{k\text{NN}}}$   $k$ NN correlation
- **Distilled features**  $h(f_{\mathbf{x}})$  clustered using  $k$ -means

## Results

**Experiment setup:** We train SceneDINO using on KITTI-360 (train). Next, we learn an unsupervised segmentation head by distilling and clustering SceneDINO's feature field. Hungarian matching is used to align pseudo semantics with the ground truth for validation.

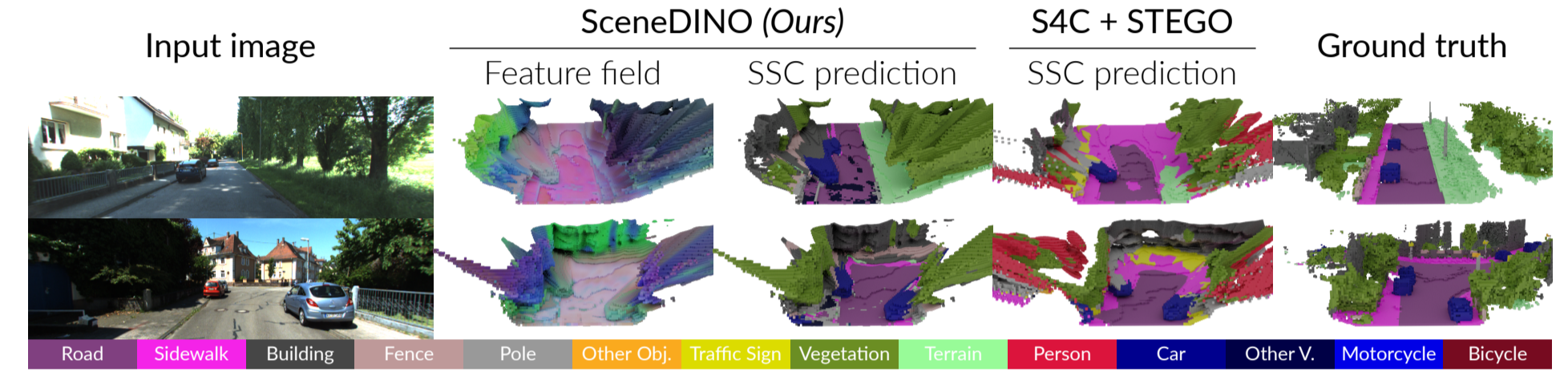


Table 1. **SSCBench-KITTI-360 results.** Semantic results using mIoU, and geometric results using IoU, Precision, and Recall (all in %,  $\uparrow$ ) on SSCBench-KITTI-360 test.

Method	S4C [4] + STEGO [3]			SceneDINO (Ours)			S4C [4]		
Supervision	Unsupervised						2D supervision		
Range	12.8 m	25.6 m	51.2 m	12.8 m	25.6 m	51.2 m	12.8 m	25.6 m	51.2 m
Semantic validation									
mIoU	10.53	9.26	6.60	<b>10.76</b>	<b>10.01</b>	<b>8.00</b>	16.94	13.94	10.19
Geometric validation									
IoU	49.32	41.08	36.39	<b>49.54</b>	<b>42.27</b>	<b>37.60</b>	54.64	45.57	39.35
Precision	54.04	46.23	41.91	53.27	46.10	41.59	59.75	50.34	43.59
Recall	84.95	78.69	73.43	87.61	83.59	79.67	86.47	82.79	80.16

Table 2. **Linear probing** SceneDINO using different target features, mIoU (in %,  $\uparrow$ ).

Probing approach	Target features	mIoU
Linear	DINO [1]	9.34
	DINOv2 [6]	<b>10.57</b>
S4C (full training)	n/a	10.19

Table 3. **Multi-view consistency results** on RE10K using  $L_1$  ( $\downarrow$ ),  $L_2$  ( $\downarrow$ ), and Cos-Sim ( $\uparrow$ ).

Method	$L_1$	$L_2$	Cos-Sim
DINOv2 [6]	14.20	0.66	0.75
FIT3D [8]	5.67	0.27	0.95
SceneDINO (w/ DINOv2)	<b>4.87</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.97</b>

Table 4. **SceneDINO analysis** on SSCBench-KITTI-360 test, using mIoU (in %,  $\uparrow$ ) and 51.2 m range.

(a) Training components ablation			(b) Feature distillation analysis		
$\Delta$ mIoU	mIoU	Configuration	$\Delta$ mIoU	mIoU	Configuration
-1.18	6.82	No downsampler (bilinear up. + aug.)	-1.61	6.39	No distillation
-0.74	7.26	No pos. enc. decomposition	-1.35	6.65	No $k$ NN-correlation loss ( $\lambda_{k\text{NN}} = 0$ )
-0.12	7.88	w/ estimated ORB-SLAM3 poses	-0.97	7.03	No neighborhood sampling
—	8.00	Full framework (SceneDINO)	-0.47	7.53	5-crop sampling [3] (instead 3D sampling)
+1.08	9.08	DINOv2 target features (vs. DINO)	—	8.00	Full framework (SceneDINO)

## Conclusion

- SceneDINO effectively estimates 3D geometry and lifts self-supervised DINO features using *multi-view self-supervision*
- Distilling and clustering SceneDINO's feature field in 3D leads to *state-of-the-art accuracy* in unsupervised semantic scene completion and 2D semantic segmentation
- SceneDINO offers *multi-view consistent features* and demonstrates *strong domain generalization*, *linear probing*, and *2D unsupervised semantic segmentation* results