# **3D Semantic Scene Reconstruction from a Single Viewport**

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Abstract: Reconstructing and understanding our environment is fundamental to human nature. So, we introduce a novel method for semantic volumetric reconstructions from a single RGB image. Our method combines reconstructing regions in a 3D scene that are occluded in the 2D image with a semantic segmentation. By relying on a headless autoencoder, we are able to encode semantic categories and implicit truncated signed distance field (TSDF) values in 3D into a compressed latent representation. A second network then uses these as a reconstruction target and learns to convert color images into these latent representations, which get decoded during inference. Additionally, we introduce a novel loss-shaping technique for this implicit representation. In our experiments on the realistic benchmark Replica-dataset, we achieve a full reconstruction of a scene, which is visually and quantitatively better than current methods while only using synthetic data during training. On top of that, we show that our method can reconstruct color images of scenes recorded in the wild. So, our method allows reverting a 2D image projection of an indoor environment to a complete 3D scene in novel detail.

# **1** INTRODUCTION

Understanding our surroundings through vision is one of the fundamental tasks for a visual perception system used by any artificial structure or natural being. This skill allows a mobile robot to plan and navigate indoor space. We can achieve this by reverting the camera's projection from 3D to 2D. So, we propose in this work a novel method to reconstruct a 3D scene from a 2D color image, including the non-visible areas. In fig. 1, these non-visible areas from our single camera view are highlighted in pink. On top of the full scene reconstruction, we semantically segmented our reconstructed scene simultaneously. Using only a single color image, we avoid expensive depth sensors and reduce the cost of our vision system. Additionally, we remove the requirement of capturing several images of our scene, as this hinders the quick and easy use of applications down the line. Our approach can be applied in many different fields, from augmented reality, allowing the overlay of information in the reconstructed map, to robotics, where it can enable the planning in unknown scenes.

Our main contributions are:

- 3D semantic scene reconstruction from one image
- · Implicit semantic representation for 3D scenes
- Novel loss shaping for latent reconstructions

## 2 RELATED WORK

#### 2.1 Scene Compression

Scene compression is a crucial part of this work, as we store our 3D scenes in a compressed latent format, which is used as a target for our scene reconstruction network. Prior works such as DeepSDF (Yao et al., 2021) and many others (Jiang et al., 2020; Davies et al., 2020; Chen et al., 2021b) have shown that implicit TSDF reconstruction is possible. These reconstructions are converted back into a mesh using a marching cubes algorithm (Lorensen and Cline, 1987) or a neural network, as presented by Chen et al. (Chen and Zhang, 2021). In addition, we incorporate the advances done by Chabra et al. (Chabra et al., 2020) and split our scene into several blocks, compressing them one by one. Yifan et al. (Yifan et al., 2021) improved SDF reconstructions by adding a second step to include high-frequency details. Similar to Denninger et al. (Denninger and Triebel, 2020),

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Figure 1: Reconstruction of a 3D scene based on a single color image. On the right is the output of our method.

we align the output scene with our input color image. Building on these ideas, we incorporate categories into the implicit TSDF reconstruction and add a new loss to improve the network's attention around the objects' surface. Furthermore, we highlight how we compress millions of such blocks to use them as a target for the scene reconstruction network.

#### 2.2 3D Scene Reconstruction

Many recent works have explored the task of reconstructing an entire 3D scene. Early works focus on a simpler version of this problem by reconstructing only the room layout (Ren et al., 2016; Dasgupta et al., 2016). Other uses multiple viewports or a video of a scene (Božič et al., 2021; Zhang et al., 2021b; Yariv et al., 2021; Wang et al., 2021; Oechsle et al., 2021). Instead, this work relies on a single viewport (Denninger and Triebel, 2020; Shin et al., 2019; Dahnert et al., 2021). Denninger et al. (Denninger and Triebel, 2020) proposed a method to directly map a 2D color image into a 3D scene, where the transformation from 2D to 3D is learned; we build our approach based on their findings. Likewise, Shin et al. (Shin et al., 2019) reconstructed a scene based on a single color image inside the camera frustum. In contrast, other methods like Dahnert et al. (Dahnert et al., 2021) lift the 2D features into the 3D space by using the camera's intrinsic parameters and then reconstructing the scene. Zhang et al. (Zhang et al., 2021a) proposed a similar method, where one CNN detects the objects and a second one their pose. A third CNN then uses this information to optimize their shape in 3D. The Mesh-RCNN (Gkioxari et al., 2019) by Gkioxari et al. relies on estimating the pose of the objects in a scene, and then they reconstruct their shape. However, this does not include the reconstruction of the entire scene. Kuo et al. (Kuo et al., 2020) instead rely on a CAD model retrieval approach rather than a generative approach for the objects. We instead

propose to learn the 2D to 3D transformation and predict the entire scene at once, avoiding the problem of setting a threshold for the bounding box detector. Instead of a color image Song *et al.* (Song et al., 2016) used a depth image to perform a 3D semantic scene reconstruction. Our approach also produces a 3D semantic segmentation without relying on the propagation of 2D features. In contrast to NeRF from Mildenhall *et al.* (Mildenhall et al., 2020), and its many derivatives (Martin-Brualla et al., 2020; Chen et al., 2021a; Barron et al., 2021; Mildenhall et al., 2021; Xu et al., 2022), we only use one single color image of a scene without knowing the camera's pose.

# **3** SCENE REPRESENTATION

## 3.1 **Problem Definition**

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We define our problem as a mapping from 2D image coordinates  $p_c = (x_c, y_c)$  to 3D scene coordinates  $p_s = (x_s, y_s, z_s)$ . Here, each final 3D coordinate has a truncated signed distance field value (TSDF) and the category of the closest surface. The input is an RGB image  $I_c: \Omega_c \rightarrow \{[0, 255]^3\}; \Omega_c \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  and a generated surface normal image  $I_n: \Omega_c \rightarrow \{[-1, 1]^3\}$ , where  $\Omega_c$  is the set of image coordinates. This means that we can evaluate our network  $\Theta$  for a given 3D scene coordinate  $p_s$  and an image  $I = \{I_c(p_c) \mid p_c \in \Omega_c\}$  with:

$$\Theta: \{I_{c}(\Omega_{c})\} \times \mathbb{R}^{3} \to \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{N}$$
(1)  
$$[I, p_{s}) \mapsto \Theta(I, p_{s}) = (t, c) \mid t \in [-\sigma, \cdots, \sigma], c \in \mathbb{N}$$
(2)

Here the result for each point  $p_s$  is the TSDF value t and the category label c. This TSDF value is the signed distance to the closest surface and can not be smaller than the truncation threshold  $-\sigma$  or bigger than  $\sigma$ . It is also positive outside of objects and negative inside of them. In contrast to a fixed voxel grid,

we can evaluate the scene at an arbitrary resolution and are only bound by the network's capacity.

Our TSDF values are stored view independent, corresponding to a complete TSDF approach, where the distance is zero on the surface and  $\sigma$  in the free space. This so-called complete view contrasts a projected TSDF approach, where the distance is only calculated along the camera view axis, *e.g.* Dahnert *et al.* (Dahnert et al., 2021). However, such a projected view contains considerable jumps in the TSDF space, while a complete TSDF space is smooth, even though it is more challenging to compute.

Inspired by Denninger et al. (Denninger and Triebel, 2020), we also use a perspective transformation to map a 3D scene into a cube  $C = [-1, 1]^3$ . This mapping is done using the camera's pose matrix  $K_{\text{extrinsic}}$  followed by the perspective camera matrix  $K_{\text{intrinsic}}$  built from the known camera intrinsics. We set the near-clipping plane to one meter and the far one to four meters. After mapping our scene into the cube, each color pixel corresponds to an axis-aligned line in the cube. However, this perspective transformation also introduces a distortion along the Zaxis, making objects closer to the camera larger in Zdirection than objects farther away, see a) - c) in fig. 2. We remove this distortion by applying the square root to the Z-coordinate  $z_s$  of the points  $p_s$ , leading to d) in fig. 2. As  $z_s \in [-1; 1]$ , we first need to scale it to the range [0; 1] and afterwards to [-1; 1]:

$$z_s \leftarrow \sqrt{(z_s+1)/2} \cdot 2 - 1 = \sqrt{2z_s+2} - 1$$
 (3)

This transformation improves the distribution in Z-direction for our specific depth range while transforming flat surfaces to curved ones, see d) in fig. 2.

## 3.2 Semantic TSDF Point Cloud Generation

We create our own dataset, as none exists, which maps 2D images to sematic TSDF point clouds. Such a point cloud should have TSDF values and semantic labels around the surface of each object. For this, we extend the SDFGen tool (Denninger and Triebel, 2020), as the original version only works on TSDF voxel grids. At first, we add a semantic label to all polygons and then rely on the octree combined with a flood fill of the SDFGen tool to compute a TSDF voxel grid with a shape of 128<sup>3</sup>. This voxel grid is used to detect the free and occluded areas in our scene, a) in fig. 2. To later check whether a point is inside an object, we sample anchor points in the free space, b) in fig. 2. To create our TSDF point cloud around the objects, we start by sampling points on

the surface areas reachable from the camera. This sampling is necessary as some polygons or part of them are occluded, *e.g.* a couch hidden behind a wall. We only want to reconstruct reachable objects of the scene, nothing that lies behind a wall in a different room. So, we define that a point  $p_s$  on a polygon is visible if at least three anchor points are reachable from  $p_s$  without intersecting any polygon. We use three points to avoid extending the reachable space through thin gaps. For example, the inside of a cupboard with an open slit could be otherwise accessed. As we aim to reconstruct scenes, we assume that the objects' insides are filled. These points then define our surface, see c) in fig. 2. To correct the distortion from the  $K_{intrinsic}$ , we use eq. (3) and get d) in fig. 2.

We can now generate our desired TSDF points by randomly taking a surface point and adding a random direction vector with the length of  $2\sigma$ , see g) in fig. 2. We then determine the TSDF value for each newly created point by finding its closest surface point with a nearest neighbor search. However, the resulting point is most likely not the closest point on the surface of the curved polygon, as we only have a fixed amount of surface points. We can find a closer surface point by sampling around our original surface point on the curved polygon. This process gets repeated until the distance converges. We take the category from the corresponding curved polygon. In the end, the sign of the TSDF value is based on the visibility to an anchor point. We repeat this for a final amount of 2,000,000 points per scene, calculating the TSDF value and category per point, see f) in fig. 2.

To enable the alignment of our scene with the image, we voxelize our created points. Using a resolution of 16, we get a good compromise between the number of blocks and the structural details inside a block, see g) in fig. 2. We increase the block size by a boundary factor b of 1.1 in every direction to make it easier to compress these blocks in the next step. Points on the boundary are therefore included in more than one block. The code for all can be found here: https://github.com/DLR-RM/SemanticSingleViewReconstruction.

## 4 SCENE COMPRESSION

These voxelized blocks of point clouds need to be brought into a latent representation to train our scene reconstruction network. We follow a similar route as DeepSDF and Deep local shapes (Yao et al., 2021; Chabra et al., 2020) by compressing each block filled with TSDF points into one latent vector using an implicit TSDF representation. Our addition here is the reconstruction of the category for each given point and our unique loss-shaping technique.

At first, we learn a transformation of our 3D point into 128 values on which a Fourier transformation is used, inspired by Tancik *et al.* (Tancik et al., 2020). We concatenate this with the 512 values long latent vector *l* for this block. This combined input vector is forwarded through two layers of size 512 and 128, each using a RELU activation. For the TSDF output *t*, we only use a final layer to reduce the size down to one value, whereas, for the class output, we rely on two fully connected layers with a length of 16 and then down to the number of classes |c|. This architecture is depicted in fig. 3.

Our novel loss function here incorporates the prediction of the TSDF value and the category class, which can be seen in eqs. (4) and (5). We start by taking the absolute difference between the TSDF label  $y_{tsdf}$  and the TSDF output t of the network, resulting in  $L_{dist}$ . Using a standard category loss, we combine the network's category outputs c and the desired one hot encoded category labels  $y_c$ . The combination of these losses is discussed in section 6.

$$L_{\rm dist} = |y_{\rm tsdf} - t| \tag{4}$$

$$L_{\mathcal{C}} = -\sum_{i=1}^{10} y_{\mathcal{C}}[i] \cdot \log\left(c[i]\right) \tag{5}$$

For the training, we initialize the latent vector l with zeros to ensure that the output is deterministic for a given point cloud. We then optimize only the latent vector for 2048 points per block for 1400 steps. Afterward, the network weights get optimized with the frozen latent vector l for another 1400 steps. This process is repeated for new blocks until the network converges. All hyperparameters used here are found by optimizing 7.259 networks, as the performance and computation time are crucial.

As we compress an entire scene with a side resolution of 16, our compressed space has a size of  $16^3 \times 512$  latent values, as each block gets compressed into 512 values. So for each scene, we need to perform 1400 latent update steps to optimize the latent vector for our  $16^3 = 4096$  blocks, whereas each



Figure 2: Creating a blocked TSDF point cloud around the reachable surface. First, SDFGen (Denninger and Triebel, 2020) creates a low-resolution voxel grid (a). In its free space, anchor points are sampled (b). These anchor points determine whether a sampled surface point is reachable (c). We then remove the Z-compression (d) and sample new points around our surface points (e). Finally, we determine the distance to the curved surface (f) and divide it into different blocks.



Figure 3: Compressing the implicit semantic representation.

block contains 2048 points. On an Nvidia RTX 3090, 1400 steps take 1.15s per block. For 89,029 scenes with 4096 blocks, this would take 13.3 years. To speed this up, we split our scene into three parts: boundary, non-boundary, and free/filled. For this, we save a voxel grid during the TSDF point cloud generation, with a resolution of 256 of the Z-corrected scene. This grid is created by calculating the TSDF and semantic value for the voxel grid points. As most are in free space, they can be filled by checking the visibility to an anchor point.

We spend the most time on the boundary blocks, ensuring that the TSDF values precisely follow the object's surface and assign the correct category. The non-boundary blocks are much easier as they usually only have a simple gradient in one direction, making it easier to optimize the corresponding latent vector *l*. For the filled and empty blocks, which don't contain any points, we can assign the corresponding latent vector, which is predicted only once. All the filled and empty regions get the category "void" as they are too far from a surface to predict a category. We start with an estimated latent vector to speed up the prediction for the boundary and non-boundary blocks. This latent vector is part of a database of 1,483,472 blocks (750 scenes) with the total 1400 steps we calculated prior. So during the calculation of the rest, we find the most similar block in the database for each new block and use its latent vector as an initialization. The similarity is compared by voxelizing the block's point cloud with a resolution of four into 64 blocks and then averaging the TSDF values of these voxels. We then add ten more elements containing our category distribution for the block and compare this 74-long vector via a KDTree to the vectors in the database.

These pre-initialized latent vectors then reduce the number of optimization steps for boundary blocks from 1400 to 750. Further, we stop early if the absolute error on the TSDF values is below 0.02, which we check every 125 steps. For the non-boundary blocks, the database reduced the number of steps to 160, where we check every 20 steps if the absolute TSDF error is below 0.03 and move on to the next block if that is the case. With this reduction, we only have to predict half of the blocks, while each block only takes an average of 0.3s. So, the time on a single GPU is reduced to only 1.27 years or roughly nine days on 50 GPUs, giving us a compressed latent representation that can be used in the next step.

## **5** SCENE RECONSTRUCTION

The final goal of this work is the reconstruction of an entire 3D scene based on a single color image. As our reconstruction target, we use the  $16^3 \times 512$  latent blocks generated in section 4. We rely on the treenet architecture by Denninger *et al.* (Denninger and Triebel, 2020) but adapt it to a smaller spatial output resolution of 16 in contrast to 32.

An overview of our network is given in fig. 4. The input to our network is a color image and a surface normal image as the normal image guides the reconstruction of flat surfaces. During inference, this surface normal image is generated by a simple U-Net based on the color image, while during training, we rely on the synthetic ground truth. After concatenating both inputs, it is forwarded through five convolutions and max poolings to reduce the spatial resolution from 512 down to 16 and increase the number of feature channels from 6 to 512. We can transform a 2D image into a 3D tensor using the tree-net architecture. Each path from the tree root to a leaf corresponds to a 3D depth slice of the camera frustum, while each node uses two ResNet blocks, with two convolutions each (He et al., 2016). This design enables the network to learn specific feature sizes and propagate this information to the correct slice position. We then combine all leaves in 3D, where each leaf is only responsible for a particular 3D slice in Zdirection. The channels of such a leaf are distributed over several 3D tensors, creating an output 3D voxel with a size of  $16^3 \times 512$ . On this combined 3D output, we perform eight 3D convolutions with 512 filters each to enable smoothing and cross-talk between the single paths of the tree, avoiding that a failure of one path decreases the performance of the whole. We rely on inception layers to increase the receptive field; however, we increase the dilation rate instead of the filter size (Yu and Koltun, 2015; Denninger and Triebel, 2020). So, we split the number of feature channels for each convolution and use half with a dilation rate of 1 and the other half with 2.



Figure 4: Our proposed architecture uses one image and reconstructs an entire 3D scene.

## 6 LOSS SHAPING

A crucial step to focus the attention of the network on the relevant reconstruction targets is loss shaping (Denninger and Triebel, 2020). Here, we increase the loss in parts of the scene where the network should perform well. This increase is necessary as the solution space we try to regress is enormous.

### 6.1 Scene Compression

We introduce three losses to improve the reconstruction accuracy for the scene compression. The first one sharps the loss around the surface. The second one increases the loss in relation to the distance to the blocks' boundaries, which reduces block artifacts. And the last one ensures that the gradient is constant over the reconstruction space.

Denninger *et al.* (Denninger and Triebel, 2020) rely on a Gaussian distribution to strengthen the loss around the surface. Instead, we design an inverse function, which uses our surface loss weight  $\theta_{surface}$ and the truncation threshold  $\sigma$ , defined by the generation process in section 3. Here,  $y_{tsdf}$  is the desired output for a given point *p*, and *t* is the output generated by the network defined in section 4. Increasing the loss if the current point *p* is close to a surface, meaning that its  $y_{tsdf}$  is close to zero. The results are best if  $\theta_{surface}$  is set to 37.27 and  $\varepsilon$  to 0.001.

$$L_{\text{surface}} = L_{\text{dist}} \cdot \frac{\theta_{\text{surface}} \cdot \sigma}{|y_{\text{tsdf}}| + \varepsilon}$$
(6)

Additionally, we increase the loss in relation to the distance to the blocks' boundaries. By determining the closest distance along the axis of one point p to

the sides of the projection cube C. We do this by taking the minimum and maximum value of the point pand comparing it to the boundary b. The closest distance  $d_{\text{cube}}$  is used, and 1.0 is subtracted from it to increase the loss as it approaches the boundary. The final result  $L_{\text{boundary}}$  is squared to sharpen the edges. These are defined in eq. (7) and eq. (8), and visualized in fig. 5. Here, the boundary factor b depends on the block scaling defined in section 3.2.

$$d_{\min \text{ dist}} = \min\left(b + \min_{i \in [1,2,3]} p[i], b - \max_{i \in [1,2,3]} p[i]\right) (7)$$

$$L_{\text{boundary}} = L_{\text{dist}} \cdot \left(\underbrace{1.0 - d_{\min \text{ dist}}}_{\text{inverse distance}}\right)^2 (8)$$

Combining all of them then results in our combined loss  $L_{\text{combined}}$ , which can be seen in eq. (9). Here, the category weight  $\theta_C$  combines the two different loss heads. Our extensive search with 7.259 tests found that a value of 30.31 for  $\theta_C$  works best.

#### $L_{\text{combined}} = L_{\text{dist}} + L_{\text{surface}} + L_{\text{boundary}} + \theta_{\mathcal{C}} \cdot L_{\mathcal{C}} \quad (9)$

Our last addition to the loss ensures that the sparse TSDF input points provided to the network are smoothly interpolated. We propose to punish high-frequency signals between two neighboring in-



Figure 5: The different results for the three parts defined in eq. (7) and eq. (8) are shown here.

Table 1: Results of our TSDF compression method.

Method	Prec	Rec	øIOU	CD <sub>GT</sub>	Class Acc.
Without $L_{surface}$	95.76	95.49	91.74	0.0034	99.57
With $L_{Gaussian}$	97.08	97.53	94.81	0.0030	99.65
Without $L_{boundary}$	98.98	98.94	97.92	0.0015	99.65
Without $L_{gradient}$	98.93	98.95	97.91	0.0013	97.73
With $ l  = 256$	98.83	98.76	97.63	0.0020	98.94
No categories	98.82	98.75	97.68	0.0013	X
Our method	99.00	98.96	97.93	0.0013	99.67

put points. For this, we add a loss if the gradient of the point inputs in relation to the combined loss is bigger than the euclidean distance between two points. This loss can be seen in eq. (10), where  $(\delta L_{\text{combined}}) / (\delta p)$  is the gradient of the combined loss in relation to the input point *p*, and *g* is the maximum value the gradient can take, in our scenario *g* is one. We finally scale this output with  $\theta_{\text{gradient}}$  to ensure that the gradient stays below the *g*, achieved by setting  $\theta_{\text{gradient}}$  to 1000.0.

$$L_{\text{gradient}} = \theta_{\text{gradient}} \cdot ReLU \left( \frac{\delta L_{\text{combined}}}{\delta p} - g \right) \quad (10)$$

Our training loss  $L_{tsdf final}$  is the sum of the  $L_{combined}$  and  $L_{gradient}$ . To show the effectiveness of our losses, we evaluate them on voxel-based metrics such as precision, recall, and IOU and also surface metrics like the chamfer distance and the class accuracy in table 1. Removing our proposed  $L_{surface}$  drastically hurts the performance on the IOU and the chamfer distance from the predicted mesh to the ground truth, as it focuses the attention on the surface of the objects. Our  $L_{surface}$  performs better than the Gaussian loss introduced by Denninger *et al.* (Denninger and Triebel, 2020), redefined in eq. (11). In this test, it only replaces the  $L_{surface}$ .

$$L_{\text{Gaussian}} = L_{\text{dist}} \cdot (\mathcal{N}(0, 0.25 \cdot \sigma) (y_{\text{tsdf}}) \cdot 0.25 \cdot \sigma)$$
(11)

The gains for  $L_{\text{boundary}}$  and  $L_{\text{gradient}}$  are smaller but apparent in a visual inspection, *e.g.* artifacts are visible on the boundaries without the  $L_{\text{boundary}}$ . The  $L_{\text{gradient}}$ , on the other hand, takes care of flying surface imperfections in free or occluded space, which result from high-frequency changes in the TSDF space. When the latent vector size is reduced from 512 to 256, the classification error shows a large increase. As we use these latent vectors as the regression targets for our scene reconstruction network, they form the upper boundary of our final 3D scene reconstruction performance.

#### 6.2 Scene Reconstruction

First, we make the process more dynamic than prior solutions for scene reconstruction (Denninger and Triebel, 2020) by precalculating a loss grid at a resolution of 256, which is dynamically mapped to the loss values during training. This dynamic mapping allows us to change the used loss values after generation. We also integrated the class value into the precalculated loss value, allowing us to increase the loss around objects in contrast to the floor, ceiling, and walls in a scene.

We rely on the projected TSDF voxel grid generated in section 3, where we extract the classes for the 2,000,000 points and store them in a 3D grid with the same 256 resolution as the TSDF voxel grid. The category for each voxel is based on the majority of points in this voxel. For detecting the free visible space, we walk along the camera rays into the 3D voxel grid and set all voxels to free until we hit an occupied one, as can be seen by the white circles in fig. 6. This first occupied voxel is set to true surface. From the free voxel, we start a flood fill algorithm into the still undefined and free areas. Based on the distance to the closest free voxel k, we assign a free non-visible k value, depicted by the gray circles in fig. 6. Here, k can be between 0 and 150 values, roughly 59% percent of the scene axis. Every occupied voxel we reach with the flood fill algorithm is set to true non-visible surface. To focus the attention more on the surface boundary, we set the 32 values before and 16 after a true surface to surface. We repeat this for the non-visible surface values; see the non-filled stars and pentagons in fig. 6.

Instead of just increasing the loss along the viewing direction, we increase it in all directions, boosting the loss around thin objects. We achieve this by iterating over all true surface values and setting for each of them in a radius of 16 all free values to surface values. This is repeated for the non-visible surface values as well. This change increases the loss, even if the surface normal is nearly perpendicular to the viewing direction. Lastly, we combine all surface values with a category class. Additionally, we increase the loss for non-floor or wall values by five, as objects have a greater appearance variety than walls and floors. Figure 6 shows how the loss shapes around objects and categories, and the legend contains the values we used during training. By averaging from  $256^3$  down to  $16^3$ , we can multiply our weight  $W_{surface}$  with the absolute difference between the network's output o and the target labels y, resulting in our reconstruction loss:

$$L_{\rm rec} = \mathcal{W}_{\rm surface} \cdot \frac{1}{512} \sum_{i=0}^{512} |o_i - y_i|$$
(12)

To ensure that the 3D structure is learned before the 3D convolutions are applied, we introduce a tree loss  $L_{\text{tree}}$ . This loss takes the input to the first 3D layer and passes it through a 3D convolution with a filter size of 512 matching our y. This output  $o^{\text{tree}}$  is then compared to y the same way as for o in eq. (12) and then multiplied with our  $W_{\text{surface}}$ . The resulting  $L_{\text{tree}}$ is scaled with a factor of 0.4 before combining it with  $L_{\text{rec}}$  to form our training loss L:  $L = L_{\text{rec}} + L_{\text{tree}} \cdot 0.4$ 

## 7 DATASET & EXPERIMENTS

#### 7.1 Replica and 3D-FRONT-dataset

Our approach is evaluated on the Replica-dataset (Straub et al., 2019), while we only trained it on data from the synthetic 3D-FRONT-dataset (Fu et al., 2020b; Fu et al., 2020a). For our training, we created 84,508 color- and predicted surface normal images and corresponding compressed voxel grids with a matching loss weight  $\theta_{surface}$ . The camera poses in the 3D-FRONT scenes, and the color and ground truth surface normal images are generated using Blender-Proc (Denninger et al., 2019). We focus on ensuring that each camera's view contains various objects and that the overlap between two camera poses in the same scene is small or non-existent by calculating the distance between projected depth images of the respective camera poses. We limit this maximal distance between two points in our two points clouds to 0.5m. After 50,000 tries, we reduce it to 0.25m. Further, we had to remove 4,619 objects from the 16,563 objects in the 3D-FUTURE dataset, as they were either not water-tight or the object normals point in different directions breaking the TSDF generation. We design a simple U-Net architecture to generate the predicted surface normal images by training it on the 3D-FRONT-dataset. For details on the U-Net architecture, see the code.

## 7.2 Category Reduction

As the overarching goal of this work is to reconstruct scenes to enable navigation and planning for mobile robots, we reduce the number of categories to ten because the difference between various cabinet types in the 3D-FRONT-dataset is not vital to us. This reduction leads us to the following classes: *void*, *table*, *wall*, *bath*, *sofa*, *cabinet*, *bed*, *chair*, *floor*, *lighting*.

## 7.3 Evaluation

We compare our method to Total3Dunderstanding by Nie et al. (Nie et al., 2020), Panoptic 3D Scene Reconstruction (P3DSR) by Dahnert et al. (Dahnert et al., 2021), and to SingleViewReconstruction (SVR) by Denninger et al. (Denninger and Triebel, 2020). Using the same camera intrinsics as them, we generated 20 images per Replica scene, resulting in 360 images. The Replica-dataset was selected as none of the methods was trained on it, and it contains realworld recorded scenes. We then compare the unprojected meshes in meters using the chamfer distance CD<sub>GT</sub> between the ground truth and the predicted mesh, where we find for each point in the ground truth the closest matching point in the prediction and average the distances between these matching points. To calculate the chamfer distance to the prediction CD<sub>pred</sub>, we switch the two meshes. Our results in table 2 show that we achieve a  $CD_{GT}$  of 10.53 cm and an IOU of 69.45% on the Replica-dataset. We focus here on the CD<sub>GT</sub>, as we are more interested in reconstructing every object than by accident predicting too much-occluded space, as missing an object might lead to a collision during navigation. Important to note here is that we only compare the reconstruction in a range between 1 and 4 meters as defined in section 3. However, P3DSR can predict further back than this, but these results are not considered here. For SVR, we also compare the voxel-based metrics for the occupied regions by applying the same Z-correction on



Figure 6: A top-down 2D view, showing the sofa in yellow, and the wall in blue. The symbols determine the loss values.



Figure 7: Results on the Replica-dataset for four different color images. All methods only use a color image as an input. Our method Our method shows the best reconstruction, followed by our other presented method SVR.

the voxel grid, as done on the points in eq. (3). This ensures that the IOU in the cube better reflects the actual scene reconstruction. Another metric is class accuracy which is the amount of correctly classified points, where we map every vertex of our true mesh to the closest point in the prediction and check if they share the same category. SVR is not evaluated on that, as it does not provide a semantic segmentation. We use the code and pre-trained weights by the authors for all methods. All methods use only one color image of the scene, except Total3Dunderstanding, which we provide with the GT bounding boxes, to avoid affecting the networks' performance by our chosen bounding box detector. A qualitative evaluation is shown in fig. 7, where our method outperforms all other methods in the level of detail and overall reconstruction performance. However, our method fails to correctly classify the couch table as a table in the first and last row and predicts a cabinet instead.

SVR and P3DSR are only trained with a fixed camera tilt of  $78.69^{\circ}$  and  $90^{\circ}$  and a fixed camera height of 1.55m and 90cm, respectively. However, we evaluate with our validation images, which have a camera tilt range of  $45^{\circ}$  to  $85^{\circ}$  and a camera height of 1.45 to 1.85m, and show these results in table 2. Furthermore, to not evaluate the training angle/height,

we regenerate our images at the same position in the scene but now with a method-specific angle and height. Our measured performance drops drastically at 90°, as we only trained up to  $85^{\circ}$ . Additionally, at a low height of 90 cm, most surfaces are perpendicular to the viewing direction making it particularly hard to predict their depth. Interestingly the performance of P3DSR drops as well; we assume this is because reconstructing at this angle is more challenging.

#### 7.4 Results in the Wild

To show the performance of our method, we collected images via different phone cameras in five homes and show the results in fig. 8. The most remarkable result is on the left in the second row, containing a dining table surrounded by chairs. Even though the backside of the right chair is missing, the network understood that there must be a chair as the sitting area was reconstructed, which is not visible in the single color image. Generating a surface normal image, an encoded 3D scene, and decoding this 3D scene with a resolution of 256 on an Nvidia 3090 RTX takes  $\approx 0.9$ s, for a resolution of 512, it takes  $\approx 4.2$ s.

Angle	Method	Precision	Recall	ØIOU	CD <sub>GT</sub>	CD <sub>pred</sub>	Class Acc.
[45°-80°]	Total3D	-	-	-	0.3057	0.3545	32.77
[45°-80°]	P3DSR	-	-	-	0.1728	0.3144	17.49
[45°-80°]	SVR	75.62	60.85	48.28	0.4189	0.4319	Х
[45°-80°]	Our method	85.30	79.41	69.45	0.1053	0.2331	66.78
78.69°	SVR	86.79	67.30	60.01	0.5168	0.3926	Х
$78.69^{\circ}$	Our method	82.84	76.65	65.46	0.1081	0.2526	64.86
90°	P3DSR	-	_	-	0.1858	0.2692	10.74
90°	Our method	79.97	48.41	41.67	0.3051	0.3751	48.19

Table 2: Different methods evaluated on the real-world Replica-dataset.

Ablation	Precision		Recall		ØIOU		CD <sub>GT</sub>		Class Acc.	
	GT	gen	GT	gen	GT	gen	GT	gen	GT	gen
Reduced no. 3D filters	83.0	85.9	86.8	78.3	73.3	69.0	0.088	0.107	64.9	67.1
Without inception	84.2	85.1	84.4	77.0	72.6	67.2	0.085	0.110	62.9	63.6
Without wall weight	83.1	84.1	83.9	76.7	71.3	66.4	0.092	0.111	70.8	68.9
Tree height of two	84.5	85.5	83.5	76.7	72.1	67.5	0.086	0.112	67.5	67.0
Tree height of four	84.2	85.0	82.8	75.3	71.2	65.9	0.088	0.111	67.0	65.8
Without loss shaping	87.1	87.2	85.7	78.0	75.5	69.4	0.148	0.168	77.5	75.5
Our method	84.2	85.3	85.5	79.4	73.3	69.5	0.084	0.105	68.0	66.8
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Table 3: Ablation study on the Replica-dataset with the GT and generated normals.



Figure 8: Our method in the wild. Eight images recorded in five different homes and their 3D segmented reconstruction.

#### 7.4.1 Ablation

We also performed various ablation studies to show the effects of our design decisions in table 3. These results show that our proposed network has the highest IOU and lowest  $CD_{GT}$  value when using generated normals. Reducing the number of 3D filters from 512 to 256 barely reduces the  $CD_{GT}$  performance, indicating that a quicker method could be designed.

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ment 3D scenes with only a single color image. For this, we use a neural network to embed part of the scene with an implicit TSDF representation, which incorporates the distance and category of the closest surface. These generated embedded latent vectors for each part are then used as a target for our scene reconstruction network. Together with our novel loss shaping techniques, we outperform three current methods on the challenging and realistic Replica-dataset by nearly cutting the average measured chamfer distance in half. Indicating that semantic segmentation and scene reconstruction with only a single image is possible in challenging real-world environments while training only on synthetic data.

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