Grounding DINO: Marrying DINO with Grounded Pre-Training for Open-Set Object Detection

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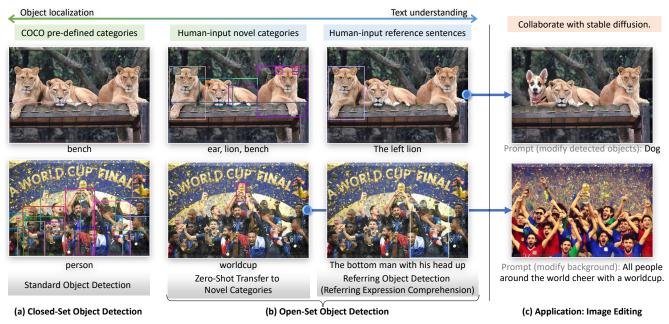


Figure 1. (a) Closed-set object detection requires models to detect objects of pre-defined categories. (b) Previous work zero-shot transfer models to novel categories for model generalization. We propose to add Referring expression comprehension (REC) as another evaluation for model generalizations on novel objects with attributes. (c) We present an image editing application by combining Grounding DINO and Stable Diffusion [42]. Best view in colors.

Abstract

In this paper, we present an open-set object detector, called Grounding DINO, by marrying Transformer-based detector DINO with grounded pre-training, which can detect arbitrary objects with human inputs such as category

names or referring expressions. The key solution of openset object detection is introducing language to a closed-set detector for open-set concept generalization. To effectively fuse language and vision modalities, we conceptually divide a closed-set detector into three phases and propose a tight fusion solution, which includes a feature enhancer, a language-guided query selection, and a cross-modality

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decoder for cross-modality fusion. While previous works mainly evaluate open-set object detection on novel categories, we propose to also perform evaluations on referring expression comprehension for objects specified with attributes. Grounding DINO performs remarkably well on all three settings, including benchmarks on COCO, LVIS, ODinW, and RefCOCO/+/g. Grounding DINO achieves a 52.5 AP on the COCO detection zero-shot transfer benchmark, i.e., without any training data from COCO. After finetuning with COCO data, Grounding DINO reaches 63.0 AP. It sets a new record on the ODinW zero-shot benchmark with a mean 26.1 AP. Code will be available at https://github.com/IDEA-Research/GroundingDINO.

1. Introduction

Understanding novel concepts is a fundamental capability of visual intelligence. In this work, we aim to develop a strong system to detect arbitrary objects specified by human language inputs, which we name as *open-set object detection*¹. The task has wide applications for its great potential as a generic object detector. For example, we can cooperate it with generative models for image editing (as shown in Fig. 1 (b)).

The key to open-set detection is introducing language for unseen object generalization [1, 7, 26]. For example, GLIP [26] reformulates object detection as a phrase grounding task and introduces contrastive training between object regions and language phrases. It shows a great flexibility for heterogeneous datasets and remarkable performance on both closed-set and open-set detection. Despite its impressive results, GLIP's performance can be constrained since it is designed based on a traditional one-stage detector Dynamic Head [5]. As open-set and closed-set detection are closely related, we believe a stronger closed-set object detector can result in an even better open-set detector.

Motivated by the encouraging progress of Transformer-based detectors [24, 25, 31, 58], in this work, we propose to build a strong open-set detector based on DINO [58], which not only offers the state-of-the-art object detection performance, but also allows us to integrate multi-level text information into its algorithm by grounded pre-training. We name the model as **Grounding DINO**. Grounding DINO has several advantages over GLIP. First, its Transformer-based architecture is similar to language models, making it easier to process both image and language data. For example, as all the image and language branches are built with Transformers, we can easily fuse cross-modality features in its whole pipeline. Second, Transformer-based detectors have demonstrated a superior capability of leveraging large-

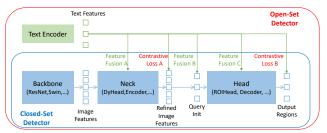


Figure 2. Existing approaches to extending closed-set detectors to open-set scenarios. Note that some closed-set detectors can have only partial phases of the figure.

scale datasets. Lastly, as a DETR-like model, DINO can be optimized end-to-end without using any hard-crafted modules such as NMS (Non-Maximum Suppression), which greatly simplifies the overall grounding model design.

Most existing open-set detectors are developed by extending closed-set detectors to open-set scenarios with language information. As shown in Fig. 2, a closed-set detector typically has three important modules, a backbone for feature extraction, a neck for feature enhancement, and a head for region refinement (or box prediction). A closed-set detector can be generalized to detect novel objects by learning language-aware region embeddings so that each region can be classified into novel categories in a language-aware semantic space. The key to achieving this goal is using contrastive loss between region outputs and language features at the neck and/or head outputs. To help a model align cross-modality information, some work tried to fuse features before the final loss stage. Fig. 2 shows that feature fusion can be performed in three phases: neck (phase A), query initialization (phase B), and head (phase C). For example, GLIP [26] performs early fusion in the neck module (phase A), and OV-DETR [56] uses language-aware queries as head inputs (phase B).

We argue that more feature fusion in the pipeline enables the model to perform better. It is worth noting that retrieval tasks prefer a CLIP-like two-tower architecture which only performs multi-modality feature comparison at the end for efficiency. However, for open-set detection, the model is normally given both an image and a text input that specifies the target object categories or a specific object. In such a case, a tight (and early) fusion model is more preferred for a better performance [1, 26] as both image and text are available at beginning. Although conceptually simple, it is hard for previous work to perform feature fusion in all three phases. The design of classical detectors like Faster RCNN makes it hard to interact with language information in most blocks. Unlike classical detectors, the Transformerbased detector DINO has a consistent structure with language blocks. The layer-by-layer design enables it to interact with language information easily. Under this principle, we design three feature fusion approaches in the neck,

¹We view the terms *open-set object detection*, *open-world object detection*, and *open-vocabulary object detection* the same task in this paper. To avoid confusion, we always use *open-set object detection* in our paper.

query initialization, and head phases. More specifically, we design a feature enhancer by stacking self-attention, text-to-image cross-attention, and image-to-text cross-attention as the neck module. We then develop a language-guided query selection method to initialize queries for head. We also design a cross-modality decoder for the head phase with image and text cross-attention layers to boost query representations. The three fusion phases effectively help the model achieve better performance on existing benchmarks, which will be shown in Sec. 4.4.

Although significant improvements have been achieved in multi-modal learning, most existing open-set detection work evaluates their models on objects of novel categories, as shown in the left column of Fig. 1 (b). We argue that another important scenario, where objects are described with attributes, should also be considered. In the literature, the task is named Referring Expression Comprehension (REC) [30, 34]². We present some examples of REC in the right column of Fig. 1 (b). It is a closely related field but tends to be overlooked in previous open-set detection work. In this work, we extend open-set detection to support REC and also evaluate its performance on REC datasets.

We conduct experiments on all three settings, including closed-set detection, open-set detection, and referring object detection, to comprehensively evaluate open-set detection performance. Grounding DINO outperforms competitors by a large margin. For example, Grounding DINO reaches a 52.5 AP on COCO minival without any COCO training data. It also establishes a new state of the art on the ODinW [23] zero-shot benchmark with a 26.1 mean AP.

The contributions of this paper are summarized as follows:

- We propose Grounding DINO, which extends a closedset detector DINO by performing vision-language modality fusion at multiple phases, including a feature enhancer, a language-guided query selection module, and a cross-modality decoder. Such a deep fusion strategy effectively improves open-set object detection.
- We propose to extend the evaluation of open-set object detection to REC datasets. It helps evaluate the performance of the model with freeform text inputs.
- 3. The experiments on COCO, LVIS, ODinW, and RefCOCO/+/g datasets demonstrate the effectiveness of Grounding DINO on open-set object detection tasks.

2. Related Work

Detection Transformers. Grounding DINO is built upon the DETR-like model DINO [58], which is an end-to-end Transformer-based detector. DETR was first proposed in [2] and then has been improved from many direc-

tions [4, 5, 12, 17, 33, 50, 64] in the past few years. DAB-DETR [31] introduces anchor boxes as DETR queries for more accurate box prediction. DN-DETR [24] proposes a query denoising approach to stabilizing the bipartite matching. DINO [58] further develops several techniques including contrastive de-noising and set a new record on the COCO object detection benchmark. However, such detectors mainly focus on closed-set detection and are difficult to generalize to novel classes because of the limited predefined categories.

Open-Set Object Detection. Open-set object detection is trained using existing bounding box annotations and aims at detecting arbitrary classes with the help of language generalization. OV-DETR [57] uses image and text embedding encoded by a CLIP model as queries to decode the categoryspecified boxes in the DETR framework [2]. ViLD [13] distills knowledge from a CLIP teacher model into a R-CNNlike detector so that the learned region embeddings contain the semantics of language. GLIP [11] formulates object detection as a grounding problem and leverages additional grounding data to help learn aligned semantics at phrase and region levels. It shows that such a formulation can even achieve stronger performance on fully-supervised detection benchmarks. DetCLIP [53] involves large-scale image captioning datasets and uses the generated pseudo labels to expand the knowledge database. The generated pseudo labels effectively help extend the generalization ability of the detectors.

However, previous works only fuse multi-modal information in partial phases, which may lead to sub-optimal language generalization ability. For example, GLIP only considers fusion in the feature enhancement (phase A) and OV-DETR only injects language information at the decoder inputs (phase B). Moreover, the REC task is normally overlooked in evaluation, which is an important scenario for open-set detection. We compare our model with other openset methods in Table 1.

3. Grounding DINO

Grounding DINO outputs multiple pairs of object boxes and noun phrases for a given (Image, Text) pair. For example, as shown in Fig. 3, the model locates a cat and a table from the input image and extracts word cat and table from the input text as corresponding labels. Both object detection and REC tasks can be aligned with the pipeline. Following GLIP [26], we concatenate all category names as input texts for object detection tasks. REC requires a bounding box for each text input. We use the output object with the largest scores as the output for the REC task.

Grounding DINO is a dual-encoder-single-decoder architecture. It contains an image backbone for image feature extraction, a text backbone for text feature extraction, a fea-

²We use the term *Referring Expression Comprehension (REC)* and *Referring (Object) Detection* exchangeable in this paper.

| Model | Base Detector | Model Design Fusion Phases (Fig. 2) | use CLIP | Text Prompt Represent. Level (Sec. 3.4) | Closed-Set Settings COCO | COCO | ro-Shot Transf | er ODinW | Referring Detection RefCOCO/+/g |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--|----------|---|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| ViLD [13] | Mask R-CNN [15] | | 1 | sentence | 1 / | partial label | partial label | | Ī |
| RegionCLIP [62] | Faster RCNN [39] | - | · / | sentence | · / | | | | |
| FindIt [21] | Faster RCNN [39] | A | | sentence | √ | partial label | 1 | | fine-tune |
| MDETR [18] | DETR [2] | A,C | | word | | 1 | fine-tune | zero-shot | fine-tune |
| DQ-DETR [46] | DETR [2] | A,C | | word | ✓ | | zero-shot | | fine-tune |
| GLIP [26] | DyHead [5] | A | | word | ✓ | zero-shot | zero-shot | zero-shot | |
| GLIPv2 [59] | DyHead [5] | A | | word | ✓ | zero-shot | zero-shot | zero-shot | |
| OV-DETR [56] | Deformable DETR [64] | В | ✓ | sentence | ✓ | partial label | partial label | | |
| OWL-ViT [35] | - | - | ✓ | sentence | ✓ | partial label | partial label | zero-shot | |
| DetCLIP [53] | ATSS [60] | = | ✓ | sentence | | | zero-shot | zero-shot | |
| OmDet [61] | Sparse R-CNN [47] | C | ✓ | sentence | ✓ | | | zero-shot | |
| Grounding DINO (Ours) | DINO [58] | A,B,C | | sub-sentence | | zero-shot | zero-shot | zero-shot | zero-shot |

Table 1. A comparison of previous open-set object detectors. Our summarization is based on the experiments in their paper, but not the ability to extend their models to other tasks. It is worth noting that some related works may not (only) be designed for the open-set object detection initially, like MDETR [18] and GLIPv2 [59], but we list them here for a comprehensive comparison with existing work. We use the term "partial label" for the settings, where models are trained on partial data (e.g. base categories) and evaluated on other cases.

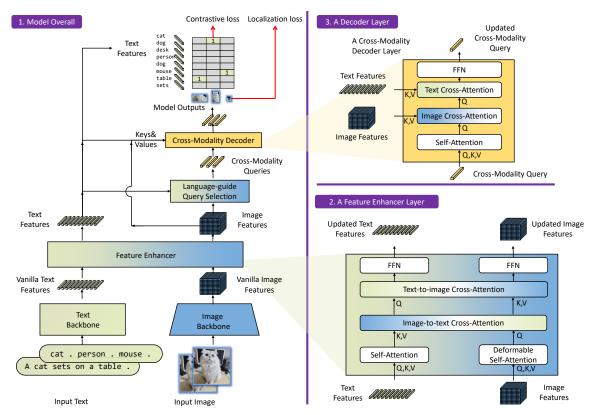


Figure 3. The framework of Grounding DINO. We present the overall framework, a feature enhancer layer, and a decoder layer in block 1, block 2, and block 3, respectively.

ture enhancer for image and text feature fusion (Sec. 3.1), a language-guided query selection module for query initialization (Sec. 3.2), and a cross-modality decoder for box refinement (Sec. 3.3). The overall framework is available in Fig. 3.

For each (Image, Text) pair, we first extract vanilla image features and vanilla text features using an image backbone and a text backbone, respectively. The two vanilla features are fed into a feature enhancer module for cross-modality feature fusion. After obtaining cross-modality text

and image features, we use a language-guided query selection module to select cross-modality queries from image features. Like the object queries in most DETR-like models, these cross-modality queries will be fed into a cross-modality decoder to probe desired features from the two modal features and update themselves. The output queries of the last decoder layer will be used to predict object boxes and extract corresponding phrases.

3.1. Feature Extraction and Enhancer

Given an (Image, Text) pair, we extract multiscale image features with an image backbone like Swin Transformer [32], and text features with a text backbone like BERT [8]. Following previous DETR-like detectors [58, 64], multi-scale features are extracted from the outputs of different blocks. After extracting vanilla image and text features, we fed them into a feature enhancer for crossmodality feature fusion. The feature enhancer includes multiple feature enhancer layers. We illustrate a feature enhancer layer in Fig. 3 block 2. We leverage the Deformable self-attention to enhance image features and the vanilla selfattention for text feature enhancers. Inspired by GLIP [26]. we add an image-to-text cross-attention and a text-to-image cross-attention for feature fusion. These modules help align features of different modalities.

3.2. Language-Guided Query Selection

Grounding DINO aims to detect objects from an image specified by an input text. To effectively leverage the input text to guide object detection, we design a language-guided query selection module to select features that are more relevant to the input text as decoder queries. We present the query selection process in Algorithm 1 in PyTorch style. The variables image_features and text_features are used for image and text features, respectively. num_query is the number of queries in the decoder, which is set to 900 in our implementation. We use bs and ndim for batch size and feature dimension in the pseudo-code. num_img_tokens and num_text_tokens are used for the number of image and text tokens, respectively.

The language-guided query selection module outputs num_query indices. We can extract features based on the selected indices to initialize queries. Following DINO [58], we use mixed query selection to initialize decoder queries. Each decoder query contains two parts: content part and positional part [33], respectively. We formulate the positional part as dynamic anchor boxes [31], which are initialized with encoder outputs. The other part, the content queries, are set to be learnable during training.

3.3. Cross-Modality Decoder

We develop a cross-modality decoder to combine image and text modality features, as shown in Fig. 3 block 3. Each cross-modality query is fed into a self-attention layer, an image cross-attention layer to combine image features, a text cross-attention layer to combine text features, and an FFN layer in each cross-modality decoder layer. Each decoder layer has an extra text cross-attention layer compared with the DINO decoder layer, as we need to inject text information into queries for better modality alignment.

Algorithm 1 Language-guided query selection.

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image_features: (bs, num_img_tokens, ndim)
text_features: (bs, num_text_tokens, ndim)
num query: int.
topk_proposals_idx: (bs, num_query)
logits = torch.einsum("bic,btc->bit",
   image_features, text_features)
# bs, num img tokens, num text tokens
logits_per_img_feat = logits.max(-1)[0]
# bs, num_img_tokens
topk_proposals_idx = torch.topk(
   logits_per_image_feature,
   num_query, dim=1)[1]
# bs, num_query
  Per-sentence features
                                        Per-word features
                                               Enco
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(b) Word level Figure 4. Comparisons of text representations.

cat. baseball glove . A cat is sleeping on a table .

cat . haseball glove . A cat is sleening on a table

(c) Sub-sentence level

3.4. Sub-Sentence Level Text Feature

cat , baseball glove .A cat is sleeping on a table

(a) Sentence level

Two kinds of text prompts are explored in previous works, which we named as sentence level representation and word level representation, as shown in Fig. 4. Sentence level representation [35, 53] encodes a whole sentence to one feature. If some sentences in phrase grounding data have multiple phrases, it extracts these phrases and discards other words. In this way, it removes the influence between words while losing fine-grained information in sentences. Word level representation [11, 18] enables encoding multiple category names with one forward but introduces unnecessary dependencies among categories, especially when the input text is a concatenation of multiple category names in an arbitrary order. As shown in Fig. 4 (b), some unrelated words interact during attention. To avoid unwanted word interactions, we introduce attention masks to block attentions among unrelated category names, named "subsentence" level representation. It eliminates the influence between different category names while keeping per-word features for fine-grained understanding.

3.5. Loss Function

Following previous DETR-like works [2, 24, 31, 33, 58, 64], we use the L1 loss and the GIOU [41] loss for bounding box regressions. We follow GLIP [26] and use contrastive loss between predicted objects and language tokens

for classification. Specifically, we dot product each query with text features to predict logits for each text token and then compute focal loss [28] for each logit. Box regression and classification costs are first used for bipartite matching between predictions and ground truths. We then calculate final losses between ground truths and matched predictions with the same loss components. Following DETR-like models, we add auxiliary loss after each decoder layer and after the encoder outputs.

4. Experiments

4.1. Setup

We conduct extensive experiments on three settings: a closed-set setting on the COCO detection benchmark (Sec. C.1), an open-set setting on zero-shot COCO, LVIS, and ODinW (Sec. 4.2), and a referring detection setting on RefCOCO/+/g (Sec. 4.3). Ablations are then conducted to show the effectiveness of our model design (Sec. 4.4). We also explore a way to transfer a well-trained DINO to the open-set scenario by training a few plug-in modules in Sec. 4.5. The test of our model efficiency is presented in Sec. I.

Implementation Details We trained two model variants, Grounding-DINO-T with Swin-T [32], and Grounding-DINO-L with Swin-L [32] as an image backbone, respectively. We leveraged BERT-base [8] from Hugging Face [51] as text backbones. As we focus more on the model performance on novel classes, we list zero-shot transfer and referring detection results in the main text. More implementation details are available in the Appendix Sec. A.

4.2. Zero-Shot Transfer of Grounding DINO

In this setting, we pre-train models on large-scale datasets and directly evaluate models on new datasets. We also list some fine-tuned results for a more thorough comparison of our model with prior works.

COCO Benchmark We compare Grounding DINO with GLIP and DINO in Table 2. We pre-train models on large-scale datasets and directly evaluate our model on the COCO benchmark. As the O365 dataset [44] has (nearly³) covered all categories in COCO, we evaluate an O365 pre-trined DINO on COCO as a zero-shot baseline. The result shows that DINO performs better on the COCO zero-shot transfer than DyHead. Grounding DINO outperforms all previous models on the zero-shot transfer setting, with +0.5AP and +1.8AP compared with DINO and GLIP under the same setting. Grounding data is still helpful for Grounding DINO, introducing more than 1AP (48.1 vs. 46.7) on the zero-shot transfer setting. With stronger backbones and larger data, Grounding DINO sets a new record of 52.5 AP

on the COCO object detection benchmark without seeing any COCO images during training. Grounding DINO obtains a 62.6 AP on COCO minival, outperforming DINO's 62.5 AP. When enlarging the input images by $1.5\times$, the benefits reduce. We suspect that the text branch enlarges the gap between models with different input images. Even though, Grounding DINO gets an impressive 63.0 AP on COCO test-dev with fine-tuning on the COCO dataset(See the number in brackets of Table 2).

LVIS Benchmark LVIS [14] is a dataset for long-tail obiects. It contains more than 1000 categories for evaluation. We use LVIS as a downstream task to test the zero-shot abilities of our model. We use GLIP as baselines for our models. The results are shown in Table 3. Grounding DINO outperforms GLIP under the same settings. We found two interesting phenomena in the results. First, Grounding DINO works better than common objects than GLIP, but worse on rare categories. We suspect that the 900 query design limits the ability for long-tailed objects. By contrast, the onestage detector uses all proposals in the feature map for comparisons. The other phenomenon is that Grounding DINO has larger gains with more data than GLIP. For example, Grounding DINO introduces +1.8 AP gains with the caption data Cap4M, whereas GLIP has only +1.1 AP. We believe that Grounding DINO has a better scalability compared with GLIP. A larger-scale training will be left as our future work.

ODinW Benchmark ODinW (Object Detection in the Wild) [23] is a more challenging benchmark to test model performance under real-world scenarios. It collects more than 35 datasets for evaluation. We report three settings, zero-shot, few-shot, and full-shot results in Table 4. Grounding DINO performs well on this benchmark. With only O365 and GoldG for pre-train, Grounding-DINO-T outperforms DINO on few-shot and full-shot settings. Impressively, Grounding DINO with a Swin-T backbone outperforms DINO with Swin-L on the full-shot setting. Grounding DINO outperforms GLIP under the same backbone for the zero-shot setting, comparable with GLIPv2 [59] without any new techniques like masked training. The results show the superiority of our proposed models. Grounding-DINO-L set a new record on ODinW zero-shot with a 26.1 AP, even outperforming the giant Florence models [55]. The results show the generalization and scalability of Grounding DINO.

4.3. Referring Object Detection Settings

We further explore our models' performances on the REC task. We leverage GLIP [26] as our baseline. We

³It is not an exact mapping between O365 and COCO categories. We made some approximations during evaluation.

| Model | Backbone | Pre-Training Data | Zero-Shot 2017val | Fine-Tuning 2017val/test-dev |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Faster R-CNN | RN50-FPN | - | - | 40.2 / - |
| Faster R-CNN | RN101-FPN | - | - | 42.0 / - |
| DyHead-T [5] | Swin-T | - | - | 49.7 / - |
| DyHead-L [5] | Swin-L | - | - | 58.4 / 58.7 |
| DyHead-L [5] | Swin-L | O365,ImageNet21K | - | 60.3 / 60.6 |
| SoftTeacher [52] | Swin-L | O365,SS-COCO | - | 60.7 / 61.3 |
| DINO(Swin-L) [58] | Swin-L | O365 | - | 62.5 / - |
| DyHead-T† [5] | Swin-T | O365 | 43.6 | 53.3 / - |
| GLIP-T (B) [26] | Swin-T | O365 | 44.9 | 53.8 / - |
| GLIP-T (C) [26] | Swin-T | O365,GoldG | 46.7 | 55.1 / - |
| GLIP-L [26] | Swin-L | FourODs,GoldG,Cap24M | 49.8 | 60.8 / 61.0 |
| DINO(Swin-T)† [58] | Swin-T | O365 | 46.2 | 56.9 / - |
| Grounding-DINO-T (Ours) | Swin-T | O365 | 46.7 | 56.9 / - |
| Grounding-DINO-T (Ours) | Swin-T | O365,GoldG | 48.1 | 57.1 / - |
| Grounding-DINO-T (Ours) | Swin-T | O365,GoldG,Cap4M | 48.4 | 57.2 / - |
| Grounding-DINO-L (Ours) | Swin-L | O365,OI [19],GoldG | 52.5 | 62.6 / 62.7 (63.0 / 63.0)* |
| Grounding-DINO-L (Ours) | Swin-L | O365,OI,GoldG,Cap4M,COCO,RefC | 60.7 | 62.6 / - |

Table 2. Zero-shot domain transfer and fine-tuning on COCO. * The results in brackets are trained with $1.5 \times$ image sizes, i.e., with a maximum image size of 2000. †The models map a subset of O365 categories to COCO for zero-shot evaluations.

| Model | Backbone | Pre-Training Data | | MiniVal [18] APr/APc/APf |
|------------------|----------|-------------------------------|------|-----------------------------|
| MDETR [18]* | RN101 | GoldG,RefC | | 20.9/24.9/24.3 |
| Mask R-CNN [18]* | RN101 | - | | 26.3/34.0/33.9 |
| GLIP-T (C) | Swin-T | O365,GoldG | 24.9 | 17.7/19.5/31.0 |
| GLIP-T | Swin-T | O365,GoldG,Cap4M | 26.0 | 20.8/21.4/31.0 |
| Grounding-DINO-T | Swin-T | O365,GoldG | 25.6 | 14.4/19.6/32.2 |
| Grounding-DINO-T | | O365,GoldG,Cap4M | 27.4 | 18.1/23.3/32.7 |
| Grounding-DINO-L | | O365,OI,GoldG,Cap4M,COCO,RefC | 33.9 | 22.2/30.7/38.8 |

Table 3. Zero-shot domain transfer to LVIS. *The models are finetuned on the LVIS dataset before evaluation.

evaluate the model performance on RefCOCO/+/g directly. The results are shown in Table 5. Grounding DINO outperforms GLIP under the same setting. Nevertheless, both GLIP and Grounding DINO perform not well without REC data. More training data like caption data or larger models help the final performance, but quite minor. After injecting RefCOCO/+/g data into training, Grounding DINO obtains significant gains. The results reveal that most nowadays open-set object detectors need to pay more attention for a more fine-grained detection.

4.4. Ablations

We conduct ablation studies in this section. We propose a tight fusion grounding model for open-set object detection and a sub-sentence level text prompt. To verify the effectiveness of the model design, we remove some fusion blocks for different variants. Results are shown in Table 6. All models are pre-trained on O365 with a Swin-T backbone. The results show that each fusion helps the final per-

formance. Encoder fusion is the most important design. The impact of word-level text prompts the smallest, but helpful as well. The language-guided query selection and text cross-attention present a larger influence on LVIS and COCO, respectively.

4.5. Transfer from DINO to Grounding DINO

Recent work has presented many large-scale image models for detection with DINO architecture⁵. It is computationally expensive to train a Grounding DINO model from scratch. However, the cost can be significantly reduced if we leverage pre-trained DINO weights. Hence, we conduct some experiments to transfer pre-trained DINO to Grounding DINO models. We freeze the modules co-existing in DINO and Grounding DINO and fine-tune the other parameters only. (We compare DINO and Grounding DINO in Sec. E.) The results are available in Table 7.

It shows that we can achieve similar performances with Grounding-DINO-Training only text and fusion blocks using a pre-trained DINO. Interestingly, the DINO-pre-trained Grounding DINO outperforms standard Grounding DINO on LVIS under the same setting. The results show that there might be much room for model training improvement, which will be our future work to explore. With a pre-trained DINO initialization, the model converges faster than Grounding DINO from scratch, as shown in Fig. 5. Notably, we use the results without exponential moving average (EMA) for the curves in Fig. 5, which results in a different final performance that in Table 7. As the model

⁴We used the official released code and checkpoints in https://github.com/microsoft/GLIP.

⁵See model instances at https://github.com/IDEA-Research/detrex

| Model | Language Input | Backbone | Model Size | Pre-Training Data | Test | | |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| Woder | Language Input | Backbone | Wiodel Size | 1 10-11aming Data | $AP_{average}$ | AP_{median} | |
| | | : | Zero-Shot Settii | ng | | | |
| MDETR [18] | 1 | ENB5 [48] | 169M | GoldG,RefC | 10.7 | 3.0 | |
| OWL-ViT [35] | ✓ | ViT L/14(CLIP) | >1243M | O365, VG | 18.8 | 9.8 | |
| GLIP-T [26] | ✓ | Swin-T | 232M | O365,GoldG,Cap4M | 19.6 | 5.1 | |
| OmDet [61] | ✓ | ConvNeXt-B | 230M | COCO,O365,LVIS,PhraseCut | 19.7 | 10.8 | |
| GLIPv2-T [59] | ✓ | Swin-T | 232M | O365,GoldG,Cap4M | 22.3 | 8.9 | |
| DetCLIP [53] | ✓ | Swin-L | 267M | O365,GoldG,YFCC1M | 24.9 | 18.3 | |
| Florence [55] | ✓ | CoSwinH | ≈841M | FLD900M,O365,GoldG | 25.8 | 14.3 | |
| Grounding-DINO-T(Ours) | 1 | Swin-T | 172M | O365,GoldG | 20.0 | 9.5 | |
| Grounding-DINO-T(Ours) | ✓ | Swin-T | 172M | O365,GoldG,Cap4M | 22.3 | 11.9 | |
| Grounding DINO L(Ours) | ✓ | Swin-L | 341M | O365,OI,GoldG,Cap4M,COCO,RefC | 26.1 | 18.4 | |
| | | | Few-Shot Settir | ng | | | |
| DyHead-T [5] | Х | Swin-T | ≈100M | O365 | 37.5 | 36.7 | |
| GLIP-T [26] | ✓ | Swin-T | 232M | O365,GoldG,Cap4M | 38.9 | 33.7 | |
| DINO-Swin-T [58] | X | Swin-T | 49M | O365 | 41.2 | 41.1 | |
| OmDet [61] | ✓ | ConvNeXt-B | 230M | COCO,O365,LVIS,PhraseCut | 42.4 | 41.7 | |
| Grounding-DINO-T(Ours) | ✓ | Swin-T | 172M | O365,GoldG | 46.4 | 51.1 | |
| | | | Full-Shot Settir | ng | | | |
| GLIP-T [26] | 1 | Swin-T | 232M | O365,GoldG,Cap4M | 62.6 | 62.1 | |
| DyHead-T [5] | X | Swin-T | $\approx 100M$ | O365 | 63.2 | 64.9 | |
| DINO-Swin-T [58] | X | Swin-T | 49M | O365 | 66.7 | 68.5 | |
| OmDet [61] | ✓ | ConvNeXt-B | 230M | COCO,O365,LVIS,PhraseCut | 67.1 | 71.2 | |
| DINO-Swin-L [58] | X | Swin-L | 218M | O365 | 68.8 | 70.7 | |
| Grounding-DINO-T(Ours) | ✓ | Swin-T | 172M | O365,GoldG | 70.7 | 76.2 | |

Table 4. Results on the ODinW benchmark.

| Method | Backbone | Pre-Training Data | Eina tuning | RefCOCO | | | RefCOCO+ | | | RefCOCOg | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| Wellod | Backbolle | Fie-Training Data | Fine-tuning | val | testA | testB | val | testA | testB | val | test |
| MAttNet [54] | R101 | None | √ | 76.65 | 81.14 | 69.99 | 65.33 | 71.62 | 56.02 | 66.58 | 67.27 |
| VGTR [9] | R101 | None | ✓ | 79.20 | 82.32 | 73.78 | 63.91 | 70.09 | 56.51 | 65.73 | 67.23 |
| TransVG [7] | R101 | None | ✓ | 81.02 | 82.72 | 78.35 | 64.82 | 70.70 | 56.94 | 68.67 | 67.73 |
| VILLA_L* [10] | R101 | CC, SBU, COCO, VG | ✓ | 82.39 | 87.48 | 74.84 | 76.17 | 81.54 | 66.84 | 76.18 | 76.71 |
| RefTR [27] | R101 | VG | ✓ | 85.65 | 88.73 | 81.16 | 77.55 | 82.26 | 68.99 | 79.25 | 80.01 |
| MDETR [18] | R101 | GoldG,RefC | ✓ | 86.75 | 89.58 | 81.41 | 79.52 | 84.09 | 70.62 | 81.64 | 80.89 |
| DQ-DETR [46] | R101 | GoldG,RefC | ✓ | 88.63 | 91.04 | 83.51 | 81.66 | 86.15 | 73.21 | 82.76 | 83.44 |
| GLIP-T(B) | Swin-T | O365,GoldG | | 49.96 | 54.69 | 43.06 | 49.01 | 53.44 | 43.42 | 65.58 | 66.08 |
| GLIP-T | Swin-T | O365,GoldG,Cap4M | | 50.42 | 54.30 | 43.83 | 49.50 | 52.78 | 44.59 | 66.09 | 66.89 |
| Grounding-DINO-T (Ours) | Swin-T | O365,GoldG | | 50.41 | 57.24 | 43.21 | 51.40 | 57.59 | 45.81 | 67.46 | 67.13 |
| Grounding-DINO-T (Ours) | Swin-T | O365,GoldG,RefC | | 73.98 | 74.88 | 59.29 | 66.81 | 69.91 | 56.09 | 71.06 | 72.07 |
| Grounding-DINO-T (Ours) | Swin-T | O365,GoldG,RefC | ✓ | 89.19 | 91.86 | 85.99 | 81.09 | 87.40 | 74.71 | 84.15 | 84.94 |
| Grounding-DINO-L (Ours)* | Swin-L | O365,OI,GoldG,Cap4M,COCO,RefC | √ | 90.56 | 93.19 | 88.24 | 82.75 | 88.95 | 75.92 | 86.13 | 87.02 |

Table 5. Top-1 accuracy comparison on the referring expression comprehension task. We mark the best results in bold. All models are trained with a ResNet-101 backbone. We use the notations "CC", "SBU", "VG", "OI", "O365", and "YFCC" for Conceptual Captions [45], SBU Captions [36], Visual Genome [20], OpenImage [22], Objects365 [63], YFCC100M [49] respectively. The term "RefC" is used for RefCOCO, RefCOCO+, and RefCOCOg three datasets. * There might be a data leak since COCO includes validation images in RefC. But the annotations of the two datasets are different.

| #ID | Model | | minival Fine-Tune | LVIS minival Zero-Shot |
|-----|-----------------------------|------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 0 | Grounding DINO (Full Model) | 46.7 | 56.9 | 16.1 |
| 1 | w/o encoder fusion | 45.8 | 56.1 | 13.1 |
| 2 | static query selection | 46.3 | 56.6 | 13.6 |
| 3 | w/o text cross-attention | 46.1 | 56.3 | 14.3 |
| 4 | word-level text prompt | 46.4 | 56.6 | 15.6 |

Table 6. Ablations for our model. All models are trained on the O365 dataset with a Swin Transformer Tiny backbone.

| Model | | Train Data Grounded Fine-Tune | COCO minival Zero-Shot | LVIS minival Zero-Shot | ODinW Zero-Shot |
|-------------------------|------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Grounding-DINO-T | | O365 | 46.7 | 16.2 | 14.5 |
| (from scratch) | | O365,GoldG | 48.1 | 25.6 | 20.0 |
| Grounding-DINO-T | O365 | O365 | 46.5 | 17.9 | 13.6 |
| (from pre-trained DINO) | O365 | O365,GoldG | 46.4 | 26.1 | 18.5 |

Table 7. Transfer pre-trained DINO to Grounding DINO. We freeze shared modules between DINO and Grounding DINO during grounded fine-tuning. All models are trained with a Swin Transformer Tiny backbone.

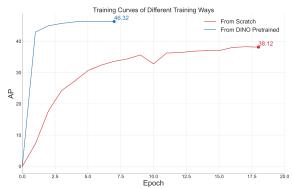


Figure 5. Comparison between two Grounding DINO variants: Training from scratch and transfer from DINO-pretrained models. The models are trained on O365 and evaluated on COCO directly.

trained from scratch need more training time, we only show results of early epochs.

5. Conclusion

We have presented a Grounding DINO model in this paper. Grounding DINO extends DINO to open-set object detection, enabling it to detect arbitrary objects given texts as queries. We review open-set object detector designs and propose a tight fusion approach to better fusing cross-modality information. We propose a sub-sentence level representation to use detection data for text prompts in a more reasonable way. The results show the effectiveness of our model design and fusion approach. Moreover, we extend open-set object detection to REC tasks and perform evaluation accordingly. We show that existing open-set detectors do not work well for REC data without fine-tuning. Hence we call extra attention to REC zero-shot performance in future studies.

Limitations: Although the great performance on openset object detection setting, Grounding DINO cannot be used for segmentation tasks like GLIPv2. Moreover, our training data is less than the largest GLIP model, which may limit our final performance.

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A. More Implementation Details

By default, we use 900 queries in our model following DINO. We set the maximum text token number as 256. Using BERT as our text encoder, we follow BERT to tokenize texts with a BPE scheme [43]. We use six feature enhancer layers in the feature enhancer module. The cross-modality decoder is composed of six decoder layers as well. We leverage deformable attention [64] in image cross-attention layers.

Both matching costs and final losses include classification losses (or contrastive losses), box L1 losses, and GIOU [41] losses. Following DINO, we set the weight of classification costs, box L1 costs, and GIOU costs as 2.0, 5.0, and 2.0, respectively, during Hungarian matching. The corresponding loss weights are 1.0, 5.0, and 2.0 in the final loss calculation.

Our Swin Transformer Tiny models are trained on 16 Nvidia V100 GPUs with a total batch size of 32. We extract three image feature scales, from $8\times$ to $32\times$. It is named "4scale" in DINO since we downsample the $32\times$ feature map to $64\times$ as an extra feature scale. For the model with Swin Transformer Large, we extract four image feature scales from backbones, from $4\times$ to $32\times$. The model is trained on 64 Nvidia A100 GPUs with a total batch size of 64.

| Item | Value |
|--------------------------|--------|
| optimizer | AdamW |
| lr | 1e-4 |
| lr of image backbone | 1e-5 |
| lr of text backbone | 1e-5 |
| weight decay | 0.0001 |
| clip max norm | 0.1 |
| number of encoder layers | 6 |
| number of decoder layers | 6 |
| dim feedforward | 2048 |
| hidden dim | 256 |
| dropout | 0.0 |
| nheads | 8 |
| number of queries | 900 |
| set cost class | 1.0 |
| set cost bbox | 5.0 |
| set cost giou | 2.0 |
| ce loss coef | 2.0 |
| bbox loss coef | 5.0 |
| giou loss coef | 2.0 |

Table 8. Hyper-parameters used in our pre-trained models.

B. Data Usage

We use three types of data in our model pre-train.

- 1. **Detection data.** Following GLIP [26], we reformulate the object detection task to a phrase grounding task by concatenating the category names into text prompts. We use COCO [29], O365 [44], and OpenImage(OI) [19] for our model pretrain. To simulate different text inputs, we randomly sampled category names from all categories in a dataset on the fly during training.
- 2. **Grounding data.** We use the GoldG and RefC data as grounding data. Both GoldG and RefC are prepro-

cessed by MDETR [18]. These data can be fed into Grounding DINO directly. GoldG contains images in Flickr30k entities [37, 38] and Visual Genome [20]. RefC contains images in RefCOCO, RefCOCO+, and RefCOCOg.

3. **Caption data.** To enhance the model performance on novel categories, we feed the semantic-rich caption data to our model. Following GLIP, we use the pseudolabeled caption data for model training. A well-trained model generates the pseudolabels.

There are two versions of the O365 dataset, which we termed O365v1 and O365v2, respectively. O365v1 is a subset of O365v2. O365v1 contains about 600K images, while O365v2 contains about 1.7M images. Following previous works [26, 53], we pre-train the Grounding-DINO-T on O365v1 for a fair comparison. The Grounding-DINO-L is pre-trained on O365v2 for a better result.

C. More Results on COCO Detection Benchmarks

C.1. COCO Detection Results under the $1 \times$ Setting

We present the performance of Grounding DINO on standard COCO detection benchmark in Table 9. All models are trained with a ResNet-50 [16] backbone for 12 epochs. Grounding DINO achieves 48.1 AP under the research setting, which shows that Grounding DINO is a strong closed-set detector. However, it is inferior compared with the original DINO. We suspect that the new components may make the model harder to optimize than DINO.

D. Detailed Results on ODinW

We present detailed results of Grounding DINO on ODinW35 in Table 10, Table 11, and Table 12.

E. Comparison between DINO and Grounding DINO

To illustrate the difference between DINO and Grounding DINO, we compare DINO and Grounding DINO in Fig. 6. We mark the DINO blocks in gray, while the newly proposed modules are shaded in blue.

F. Visualizations

We present some visualizations in Fig. 7. Our model presents great generalization on different scenes and text inputs. For example, Grounding DINO accurately locates man in blue and child in red in the last image.

| Model | Epochs | AP | AP_{50} | AP_{75} | AP_S | AP_M | AP_L |
|---------------------------------|--------|------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
| Faster-RCNN(5scale) [40] | 12 | 37.9 | 58.8 | 41.1 | 22.4 | 41.1 | 49.1 |
| DETR(DC5) [2] | 12 | 15.5 | 29.4 | 14.5 | 4.3 | 15.1 | 26.7 |
| Deformable DETR(4scale) [64] | 12 | 41.1 | _ | _ | _ | _ | |
| DAB-DETR(DC5) † [31] | 12 | 38.0 | 60.3 | 39.8 | 19.2 | 40.9 | 55.4 |
| Dynamic DETR(5scale) [6] | 12 | 42.9 | 61.0 | 46.3 | 24.6 | 44.9 | 54.4 |
| Dynamic Head(5scale) [5] | 12 | 43.0 | 60.7 | 46.8 | 24.7 | 46.4 | 53.9 |
| HTC(5scale) [3] | 12 | 42.3 | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ |
| DN-Deformable-DETR(4scale) [24] | 12 | 43.4 | 61.9 | 47.2 | 24.8 | 46.8 | 59.4 |
| DINO-4scale [58] | 12 | 49.0 | 66.6 | 53.5 | 32.0 | 52.3 | 63.0 |
| Grounding DINO (4scale) | 12 | 48.1 | 65.8 | 52.3 | 30.4 | 51.3 | 62.3 |

Table 9. Results for Grounding DINO and other detection models with the ResNet50 backbone on COCO val2017 trained with 12 epochs (the so called $1 \times$ setting).

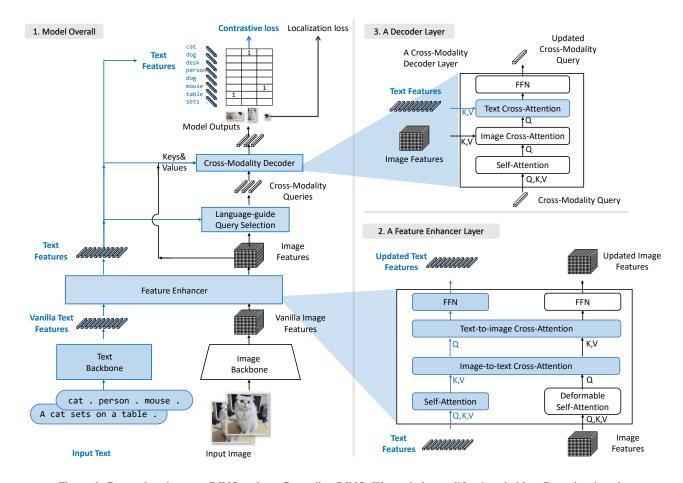


Figure 6. Comparison between DINO and our Grounding DINO. We mark the modifications in blue. Best view in color.

G. Marry Grounding DINO with Stable Diffusion

We present an image editing application in Fig. 1 (b). The results in Fig. 1 (b) are generated by two processes. First, we detect objects with Grounding DINO and generate

masks by masking out the detected objects or backgrounds. After that, we feed original images, image masks, and generation prompts to an inpainting model (typical Stable Diffusion [42]) to render new images. We use the released checkpoints in https://github.com/Stability-AI/stablediffusion for new image generation. More re-









Figure 7. Visualizations of model outputs.

| Dataset | AP | AP_{50} | AP_{75} | AP_S | AP_M | AP_L |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
| AerialMaritimeDrone_large | 9.48 | 15.61 | 8.35 | 8.72 | 10.28 | 2.91 |
| AerialMaritimeDrone_tiled | 17.56 | 26.35 | 13.89 | 0 | 1.61 | 28.7 |
| AmericanSignLanguageLetters | 1.45 | 2.21 | 1.39 | -1 | -1 | 1.81 |
| Aquarium | 18.83 | 34.32 | 18.19 | 10.65 | 20.64 | 21.52 |
| BCCD_BCCD | 6.17 | 11.31 | 6.04 | 1.27 | 9.09 | 6.89 |
| ChessPiece | 6.99 | 11.13 | 9.03 | -1 | -1 | 8.11 |
| CottontailRabbits | 71.93 | 85.05 | 85.05 | -1 | 70 | 73.58 |
| DroneControl_Drone_Control | 6.15 | 10.95 | 6.23 | 2.08 | 6.91 | 6.16 |
| EgoHands_generic | 48.07 | 75.06 | 56.52 | 1.48 | 11.42 | 51.84 |
| EgoHands_specific | 0.66 | 1.25 | 0.64 | 0 | 0.02 | 0.92 |
| HardHatWorkers | 2.39 | 9.17 | 1.07 | 2.13 | 4.32 | 4.6 |
| MaskWearing | 0.58 | 1.43 | 0.56 | 0.12 | 0.51 | 4.66 |
| MountainDewCommercial | 18.22 | 29.73 | 21.33 | 0 | 23.23 | 49.8 |
| NorthAmericaMushrooms | 65.48 | 71.26 | 66.18 | -1 | -1 | 65.49 |
| OxfordPets_by-breed | 0.27 | 0.6 | 0.21 | -1 | 1.38 | 0.33 |
| OxfordPets_by-species | 1.66 | 5.02 | 1 | -1 | 0.65 | 1.89 |
| PKLot_640 | 0.08 | 0.26 | 0.02 | 0.14 | 0.79 | 0.11 |
| Packages | 56.34 | 68.65 | 68.65 | -1 | -1 | 56.34 |
| PascalVOC | 47.21 | 57.59 | 51.28 | 16.53 | 39.51 | 58.5 |
| Raccoon_Raccoon | 44.82 | 76.44 | 46.16 | -1 | 17.08 | 48.56 |
| ShellfishOpenImages | 23.08 | 32.21 | 26.94 | -1 | 18.82 | 23.28 |
| ThermalCheetah | 12.9 | 19.65 | 14.72 | 0 | 8.35 | 50.15 |
| UnoCards | 0.87 | 1.52 | 0.96 | 2.91 | 2.18 | -1 |
| VehiclesOpenImages | 59.24 | 71.88 | 64.69 | 7.42 | 32.38 | 72.21 |
| WildfireSmoke | 25.6 | 43.96 | 25.34 | 5.03 | 18.85 | 42.59 |
| boggleBoards | 0.81 | 2.92 | 0.12 | 2.96 | 1.13 | -1 |
| brackishUnderwater | 1.3 | 1.88 | 1.4 | 0.99 | 1.75 | 11.39 |
| dice_mediumColor | 0.16 | 0.72 | 0.07 | 0.38 | 3.3 | 2.23 |
| openPoetryVision | 0.18 | 0.5 | 0.06 | -1 | 0.25 | 0.17 |
| pistols | 46.4 | 66.47 | 47.98 | 4.51 | 22.94 | 55.03 |
| plantdoc | 0.34 | 0.51 | 0.35 | -1 | 0.28 | 0.86 |
| pothole | 19.87 | 28.94 | 22.23 | 12.49 | 15.6 | 28.78 |
| selfdrivingCa | 9.46 | 19.13 | 8.19 | 0.85 | 6.82 | 16.51 |
| thermalDogsAndPeople | 72.67 | 86.65 | 79.98 | 33.93 | 30.2 | 86.71 |
| websiteScreenshots | 1.51 | 2.8 | 1.42 | 0.85 | 2.06 | 2.59 |

Table 10. Detailed results on 35 datasets in ODinW of Grounding DINO with Swin-T pre-trained on O365 and GoldG.

| sults are avai | lable | in Figure | č | Ś. |
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The "detection prompt" is the language input for Grounding DINO, while the "generation prompt" is for the inpainting model.

Using GLIGEN for Grounded Generation To enable fine-grained image editing, we combine the Grounding DINO with GLIGEN [?]. We use the "phrase prompt" in Figure 9 as the input phrases of each box for GLIGEN.

GLIGEN supports grounding results as inputs and can

| Dataset | AP | AP ₅₀ | AP ₇₅ | AP_S | AP_M | AP_L |
|-----------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| AerialMaritimeDrone_large | 10.3 | 18.17 | 9.21 | 8.92 | 11.2 | 7.35 |
| AerialMaritimeDrone_tiled | 17.5 | 28.04 | 18.58 | 0 | 3.64 | 24.16 |
| AmericanSignLanguageLetters | 0.78 | 1.17 | 0.76 | -1 | -1 | 1.02 |
| Aquarium | 18.64 | 35.27 | 17.29 | 11.33 | 17.8 | 21.34 |
| BCCD_BCCD | 11.96 | 22.77 | 8.65 | 0.16 | 5.02 | 13.15 |
| ChessPiece | 15.62 | 22.02 | 20.19 | -1 | -1 | 15.72 |
| CottontailRabbits | 67.61 | 78.82 | 78.82 | -1 | 70 | 68.09 |
| DroneControl_Drone_Control | 4.99 | 8.76 | 5 | 0.65 | 5.03 | 8.61 |
| EgoHands_generic | 57.64 | 90.18 | 66.78 | 3.74 | 24.67 | 61.33 |
| EgoHands_specific | 0.69 | 1.37 | 0.63 | 0 | 0.02 | 1.03 |
| HardHatWorkers | 4.05 | 13.16 | 1.96 | 2.29 | 7.55 | 9.81 |
| MaskWearing | 0.25 | 0.81 | 0.15 | 0.09 | 0.13 | 2.78 |
| MountainDewCommercial | 25.46 | 39.08 | 28.89 | 0 | 32.53 | 58.38 |
| NorthAmericaMushrooms | 68.18 | 72.89 | 69.75 | -1 | -1 | 68.62 |
| OxfordPets_by-breed | 0.21 | 0.42 | 0.22 | -1 | 2.91 | 0.17 |
| OxfordPets_by-species | 1.3 | 3.95 | 0.71 | -1 | 0.28 | 1.62 |
| PKLot_640 | 0.06 | 0.18 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.59 | 0.15 |
| Packages | 60.53 | 76.24 | 76.24 | -1 | -1 | 60.53 |
| PascalVOC | 55.65 | 66.51 | 60.47 | 19.61 | 44.25 | 67.21 |
| Raccoon_Raccoon | 60.07 | 84.81 | 66.5 | -1 | 11.23 | 65.86 |
| ShellfishOpenImages | 29.56 | 38.08 | 33.5 | -1 | 6.38 | 29.95 |
| ThermalCheetah | 17.72 | 25.93 | 19.61 | 1.04 | 20.02 | 63.69 |
| UnoCards | 0.81 | 1.3 | 1 | 2.6 | 1.01 | -1 |
| VehiclesOpenImages | 58.49 | 71.56 | 63.64 | 8.22 | 28.03 | 71.1 |
| WildfireSmoke | 20.04 | 39.74 | 22.49 | 4.13 | 15.71 | 30.41 |
| boggleBoards | 0.29 | 1.15 | 0.04 | 1.8 | 0.57 | -1 |
| brackishUnderwater | 1.47 | 2.34 | 1.58 | 2.32 | 3.31 | 9.96 |
| dice_mediumColor | 0.33 | 1.38 | 0.15 | 0.03 | 1.05 | 12.57 |
| openPoetryVision | 0.05 | 0.19 | 0 | -1 | 0.09 | 0.21 |
| pistols | 66.99 | 86.34 | 72.65 | 16.25 | 39.24 | 75.98 |
| plantdoc | 0.36 | 0.47 | 0.39 | -1 | 0.24 | 0.82 |
| pothole | 25.21 | 38.21 | 26.01 | 8.94 | 18.45 | 39.28 |
| selfdrivingCa | 9.95 | 20.55 | 8.28 | 1.36 | 7.27 | 15.46 |
| thermalDogsAndPeople | 67.89 | 80.85 | 78.66 | 45.05 | 30.24 | 85.56 |
| websiteScreenshots | 1.3 | 2.26 | 1.21 | 0.95 | 1.81 | 2.23 |

Table 11. Detailed results on 35 datasets in ODinW of Grounding DINO with Swin-T pre-trained on O365, GoldG, and Cap4M.

generate objects on specific positions. We can assign each bounding box an object with GLIGEN, as shown in Figure 9 (c) (d). Moreover, GLIGEN can full fill each bounding box, which results in better visualization, as that in Figure 9 (a) (b). For example, we use the same generative prompt in Figure 8 (b) and Figure 9 (b). The GLIGEN results ensure each bounding box with an object and fulfills the detected regions.

Inputs Detection Edited Images Results









(a) Detection Prompt: green mountain Generation Prompt: red mountain.









(b) Detection Prompt: pandas Generation Prompt: dogs and birthday cakes



(c) Detection Prompt: black cat Generation Prompt: cats and apples



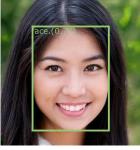






(d) Detection Prompt: the running girl Generation Prompt (modify background): The Wandering Earth





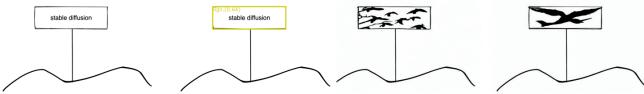




(e)* Detection Prompt: face Generation Prompt (modify background): a girl with short hair

Figure 8. Combination of Grounding DINO and Stable Diffusion. We first detect objects with Grounding DINO and then perform image inpainting with Stable Diffusion. "Detection Prompt" and "Generation Prompt" are inputs for Grounding DINO and Stable Diffusion, respectively. *The input human face in the row (e) is generated by StyleGAN.

Inputs Detection Edited Images Results



(a) Detection Prompt: sign
Generation Prompt: flying birds.
Phrase Prompt: flying birds.



(b) Detection Prompt: pandas Generation Prompt: dogs and birthday cakes. Phrase Prompt*: a dog; a cake.



(c) Detection Prompt: dog, cat Generation Prompt: a cake and a phone Phrase Prompt*: a cake; a phone.



(d) Detection Prompt: a sketch person
Generation Prompt: a woman and a man are talking
Phrase Prompt*: a woman; a man.

Figure 9. Combination of Grounding DINO and GLIGEN. We first detect objects with Grounding DINO and then perform image inpainting with GLIGEN. "Detection Prompt" and "Generation Prompt" are inputs for Grounding DINO and Stable Diffusion, respectively. "Phrase Prompt" are language inputs for each bounding box. The phrase prompts are separated by semicolons. *We assign phrase prompts to bounding boxes randomly.

| Dataset | AP | AP_{50} | AP_{75} | AP_S | AP_M | AP_L |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
| AerialMaritimeDrone_large | 12.64 | 18.44 | 14.75 | 9.15 | 19.16 | 0.98 |
| AerialMaritimeDrone_tiled | 20.47 | 34.81 | 12.79 | 0 | 7.61 | 26.93 |
| AmericanSignLanguageLetters | 3.94 | 4.84 | 4 | -1 | -1 | 4.48 |
| Aquarium | 28.14 | 45.47 | 30.97 | 12.1 | 24.71 | 39.42 |
| BCCD_BCCD | 23.85 | 36.92 | 28.88 | 0.3 | 10.8 | 24.43 |
| ChessPiece | 18.44 | 26.3 | 23.33 | -1 | -1 | 18.62 |
| CottontailRabbits | 71.66 | 88.48 | 88.48 | -1 | 66 | 73.04 |
| DroneControl_Drone_Control | 7.16 | 11.56 | 7.67 | 2.29 | 10.6 | 7.68 |
| EgoHands_generic | 52.08 | 81.57 | 59.15 | 1.12 | 31.78 | 55.46 |
| EgoHands_specific | 1.22 | 2.28 | 1.2 | 0 | 0.05 | 1.5 |
| HardHatWorkers | 9.14 | 23.64 | 5.6 | 5.09 | 15.34 | 13.59 |
| MaskWearing | 1.64 | 4.69 | 1.18 | 0.44 | 1.05 | 8.67 |
| MountainDewCommercial | 33.28 | 53.59 | 32.76 | 0 | 35.86 | 80 |
| NorthAmericaMushrooms | 72.33 | 73.18 | 73.18 | -1 | -1 | 72.39 |
| OxfordPets_by-breed | 0.58 | 1.05 | 0.59 | -1 | 4.46 | 0.6 |
| OxfordPets_by-species | 1.64 | 4.8 | 0.87 | -1 | 1.51 | 1.8 |
| PKLot_640 | 0.25 | 0.71 | 0.05 | 0.31 | 1.44 | 0.4 |
| Packages | 63.86 | 76.24 | 76.24 | -1 | -1 | 63.86 |
| PascalVOC | 66.01 | 76.65 | 71.8 | 32.01 | 55.7 | 75.37 |
| Raccoon_Raccoon | 65.81 | 90.39 | 69.93 | -1 | 26 | 68.97 |
| ShellfishOpenImages | 62.47 | 74.25 | 70.07 | -1 | 26 | 63.06 |
| ThermalCheetah | 21.33 | 26.11 | 24.92 | 2.39 | 15.84 | 75.34 |
| UnoCards | 0.52 | 0.84 | 0.66 | 3.02 | 0.92 | -1 |
| VehiclesOpenImages | 62.74 | 75.15 | 67.23 | 10.66 | 47.46 | 76.36 |
| WildfireSmoke | 23.66 | 45.72 | 25.06 | 1.58 | 22.22 | 35.27 |
| boggleBoards | 0.28 | 1.04 | 0.05 | 5.64 | 0.7 | -1 |
| brackishUnderwater | 2.41 | 3.39 | 2.79 | 4.43 | 3.88 | 21.22 |
| dice_mediumColor | 0.26 | 1.15 | 0.03 | 0 | 1.09 | 4.07 |
| openPoetryVision | 0.08 | 0.35 | 0.01 | -1 | 0.15 | 0.11 |
| pistols | 71.4 | 90.69 | 77.21 | 18.74 | 39.58 | 80.78 |
| plantdoc | 2.02 | 2.64 | 2.37 | -1 | 0.5 | 2.82 |
| pothole | 30.4 | 44.22 | 33.84 | 12.27 | 18.84 | 48.57 |
| selfdrivingCa | 9.25 | 17.72 | 8.39 | 1.93 | 7.03 | 13.02 |
| thermalDogsAndPeople | 72.02 | 86.02 | 79.47 | 29.16 | 68.05 | 86.75 |
| websiteScreenshots | 1.32 | 2.64 | 1.16 | 0.79 | 1.8 | 2.46 |

Table 12. Detailed results on 35 datasets in ODinW of Grounding DINO with Swin-L pre-trained on O365, OI, GoldG, Cap4M, COCO, and RefC.

| Model | Pre-Train | COCO minival | | LVIS minival | ODinW |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| | | Zero-Shot | Fine-Tune | Zero-Shot | Zero-Shot |
| Grounding DINO T | O365,GoldG | 48.1 | 57.1 | 25.6 | 20.0 |
| Grounding DINO T | O365,GoldG,RefC | 48.5 | 57.3 | 21.9 | 17.7 |
| Grounding DINO T | O365,GoldG,RefC,COCO | 56.1 | 57.5 | 22.3 | 17.4 |

Table 13. Impacts of RefC and COCO data for open-set settings. All models are trained with a Swin Transformer Tiny backbone.

H. Effects of RefC and COCO Data

We add the RefCOCO/+/g (we note it as "RefC" in tables) and COCO into training in some settings. We explore the influence of these data in Table 13. The results show that RefC helps improve the COCO zero-shot and fine-tuning performance but hurts the LVIS and ODinW results. With COCO introduced, the COCO results is greatly improved. It shows that COCO brings marginal improvements on LVIS and slightly decreases on ODinW.

| Model | params | GFLOPS | FPS |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|------|
| GLIP-T [26] | 232M | 488G | 6.11 |
| Grounding DINO T (Ours) | 172M | 464G | 8.37 |

Table 14. Comparison of model size and model efficiency between GLIP and Grounding DINO.

I. Model Efficiency

We compare the model size and efficiency between Grounding-DINO-T and GLIP-T in Table 14. The results show that our model has a smaller parameter size and better efficiency than GLIP.