

Neural Networks for 3D Data

CS 6384 Computer Vision

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Neural Networks for Images and Languages

- Image recognition



- Natural Language Understanding

Google Translation

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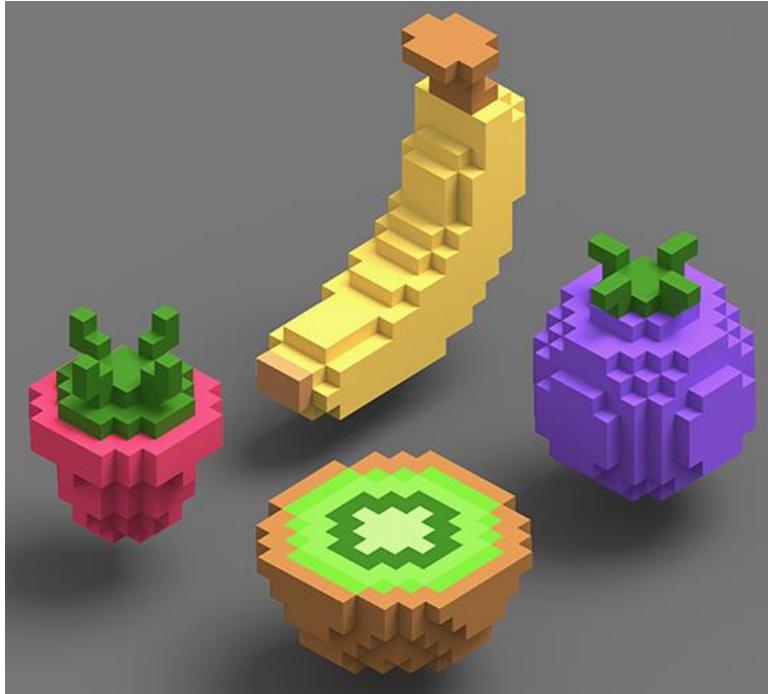
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3D Data

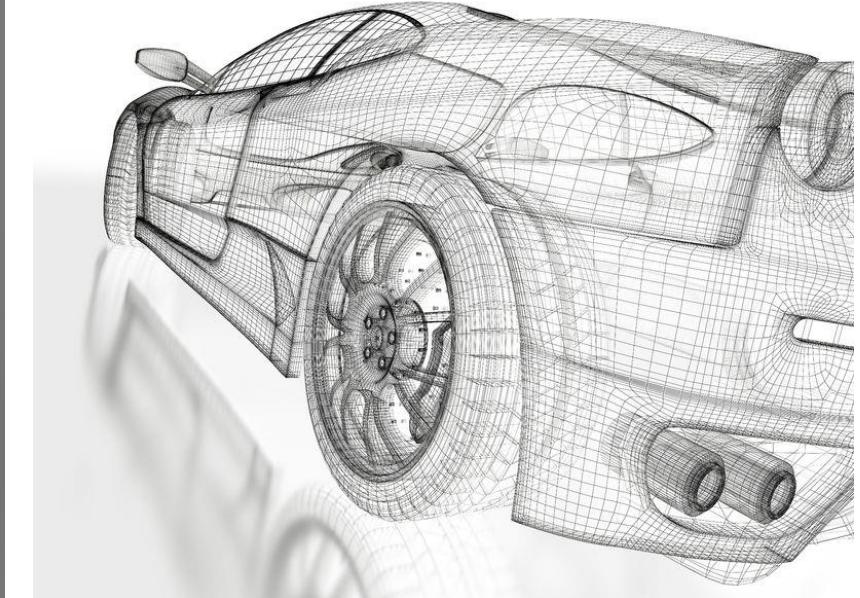
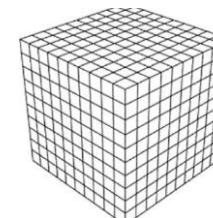
Can we use neural networks for these 3D data?



3D points



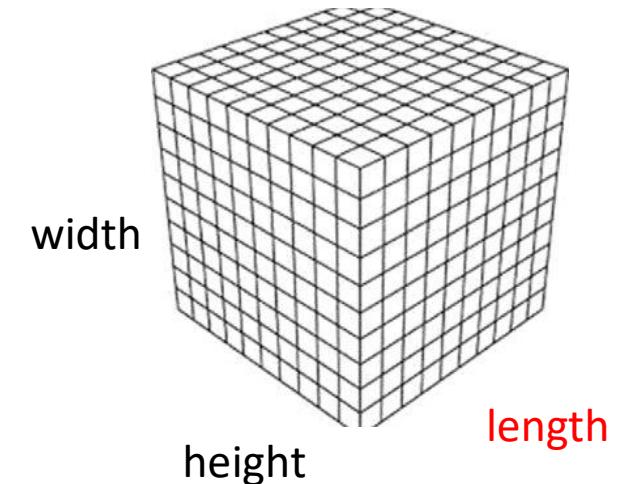
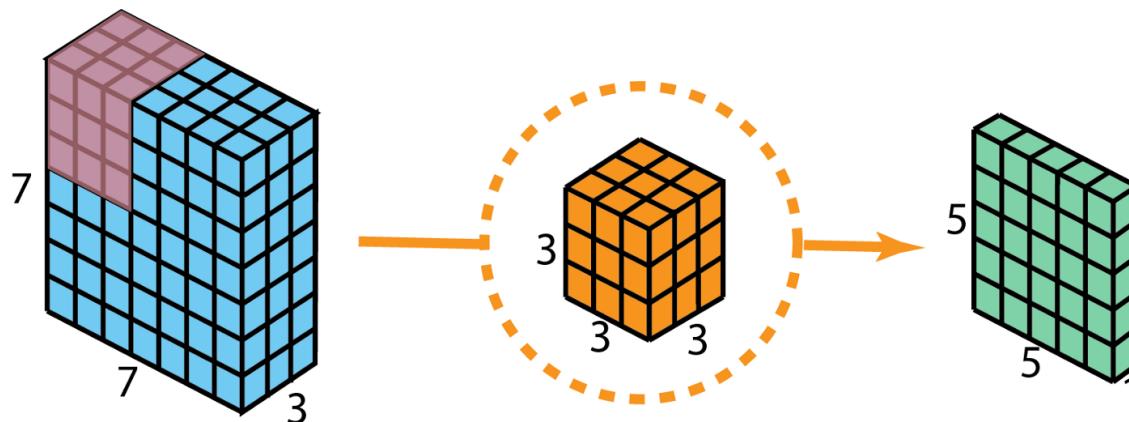
3D Voxels



3D Meshes

3D Voxels

- Add an additional dimension to images
 - Images [height, width, 3]
 - Voxels [height, width, length, 3] (the last dimension can change depending on what data to store)
- Use 3D convolutions

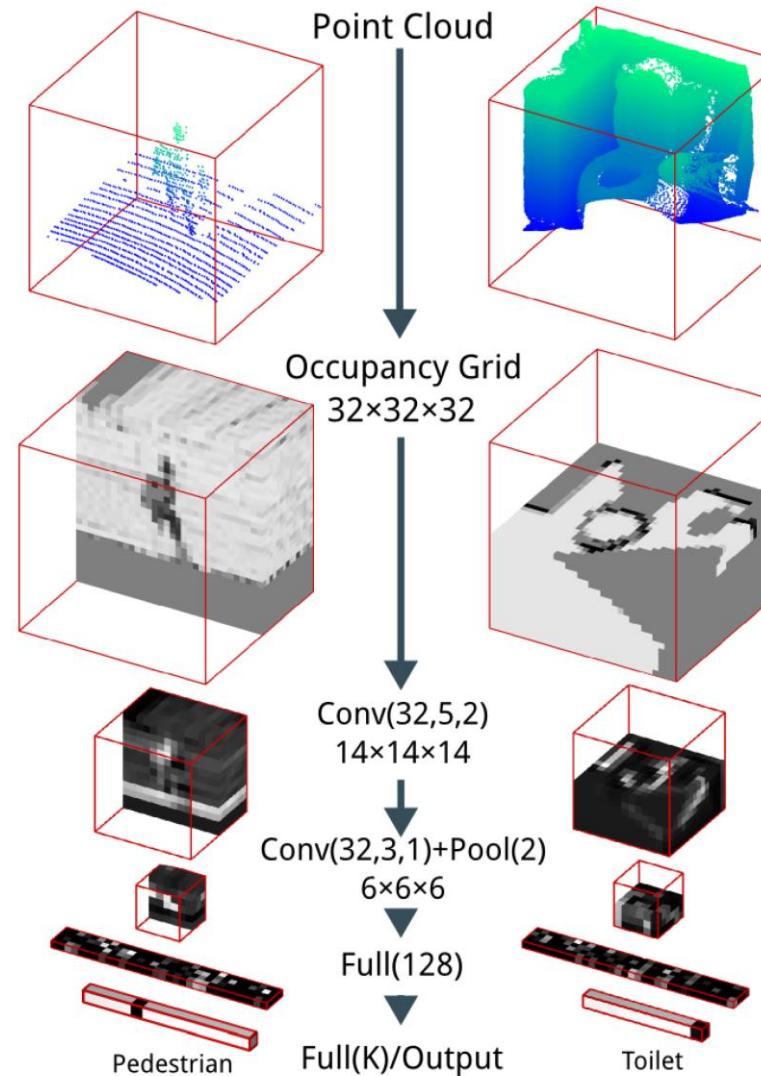


VoxNet

- Input: Volumetric occupancy grid
 - Each voxel stores the probability of that voxel is occupied
- 3D convolution layer

$$C(f, d, s)$$

filters filter size stride



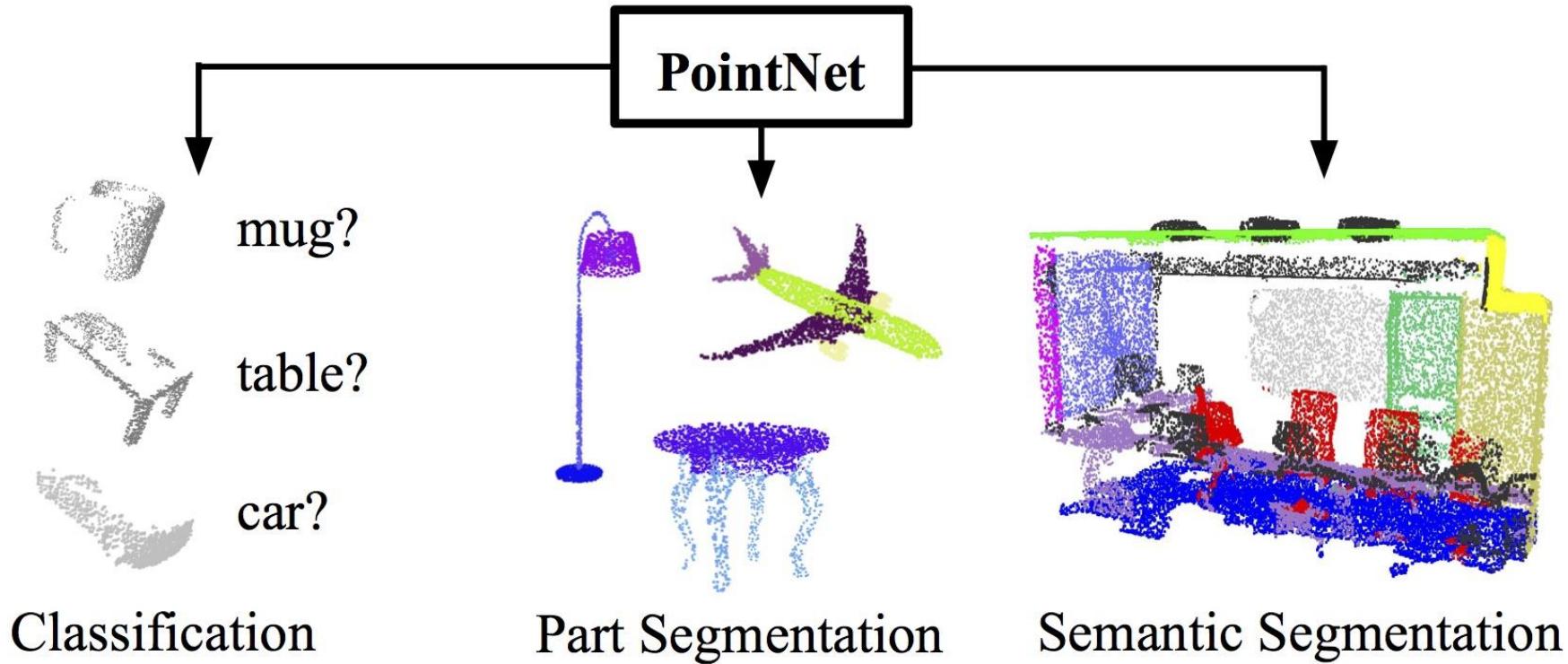
VoxNet: A 3D Convolutional Neural Network for Real-Time Object Recognition. Maturana & Scherer, IROS'15

3D Points

- 3D convolution is expensive
- 3D points $N \times 3$
 - A set, irregular format
 - Cannot directly apply 2D convolution or 3D convolution
 - Invariant to permutation and rigid transformation



PointNet

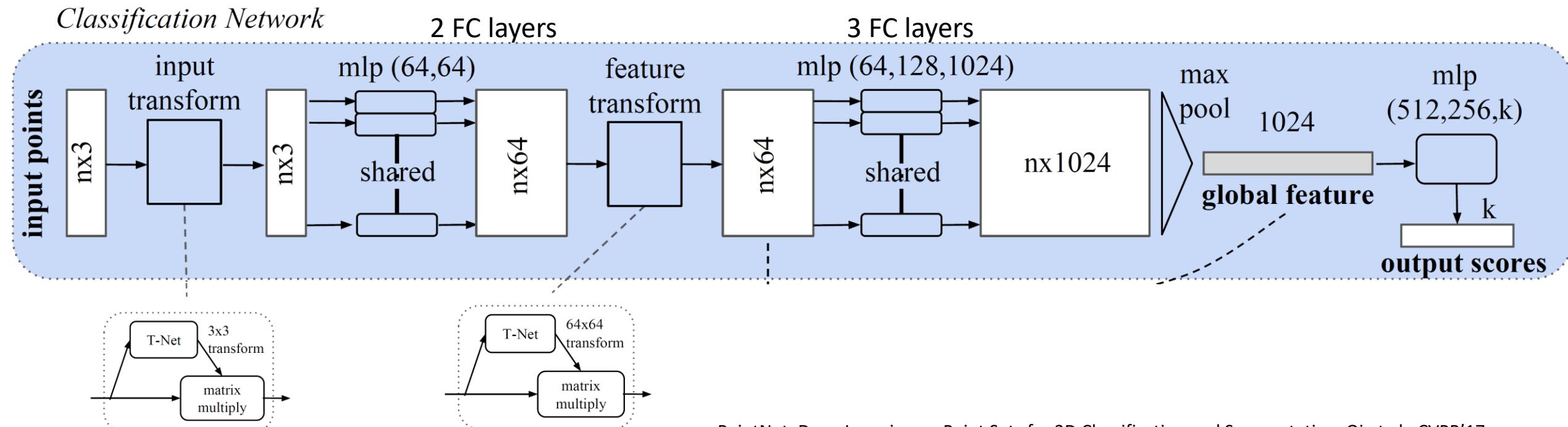


PointNet: Deep Learning on Point Sets for 3D Classification and Segmentation. Qi et al., CVPR'17.

PointNet

- Design principle
 - Invariant to permutation and rigid transformation
 - Per-point feature extraction and max-pooling

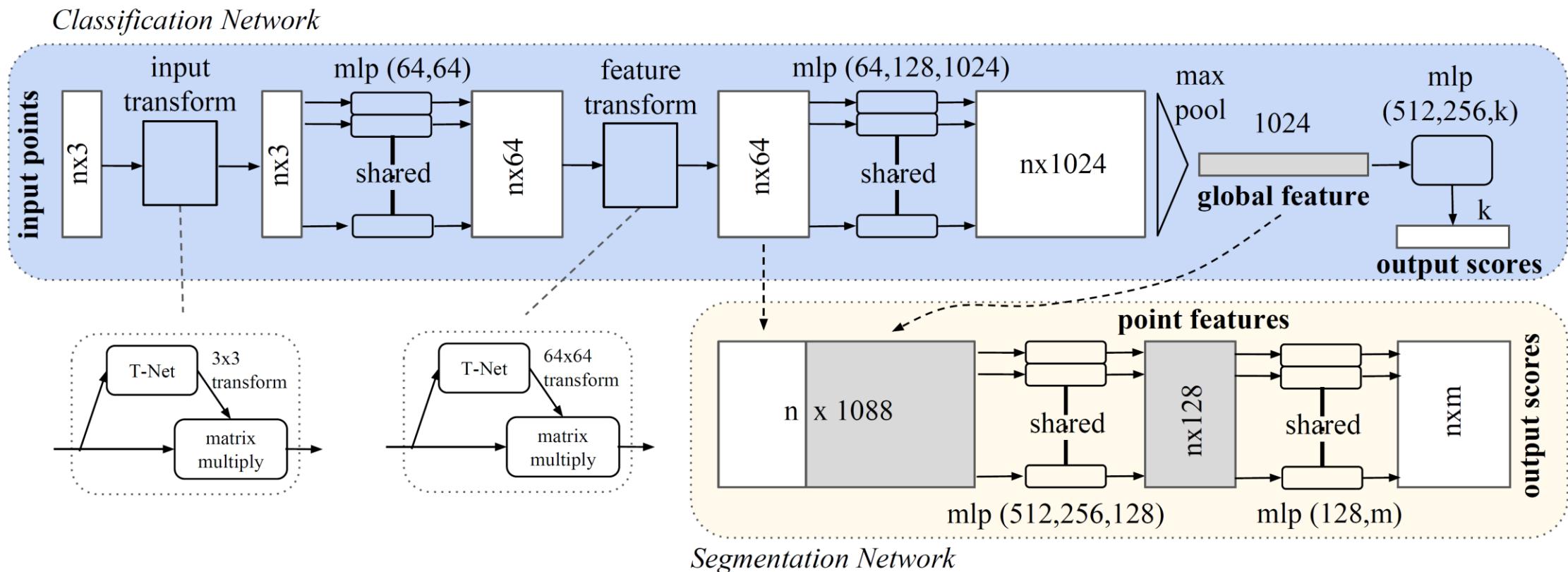
Classification Network



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PointNet

- Point-wise labeling



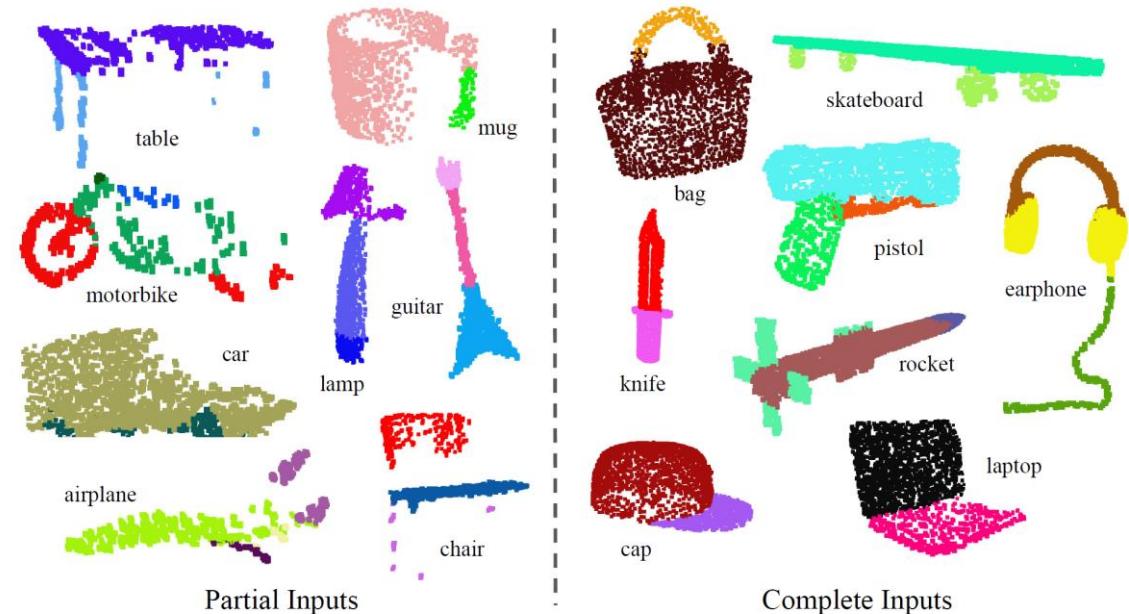
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PointNet

	input	#views	accuracy avg. class	accuracy overall
SPH [11]	mesh	-	68.2	-
3DShapeNets [28]	volume	1	77.3	84.7
VoxNet [17]	volume	12	83.0	85.9
Subvolume [18]	volume	20	86.0	89.2
LFD [28]	image	10	75.5	-
MVCNN [23]	image	80	90.1	-
Ours baseline	point	-	72.6	77.4
Ours PointNet	point	1	86.2	89.2

Table 1. Classification results on ModelNet40. Our net achieves state-of-the-art among deep nets on 3D input.

3D Shape Classification



Part segmentation

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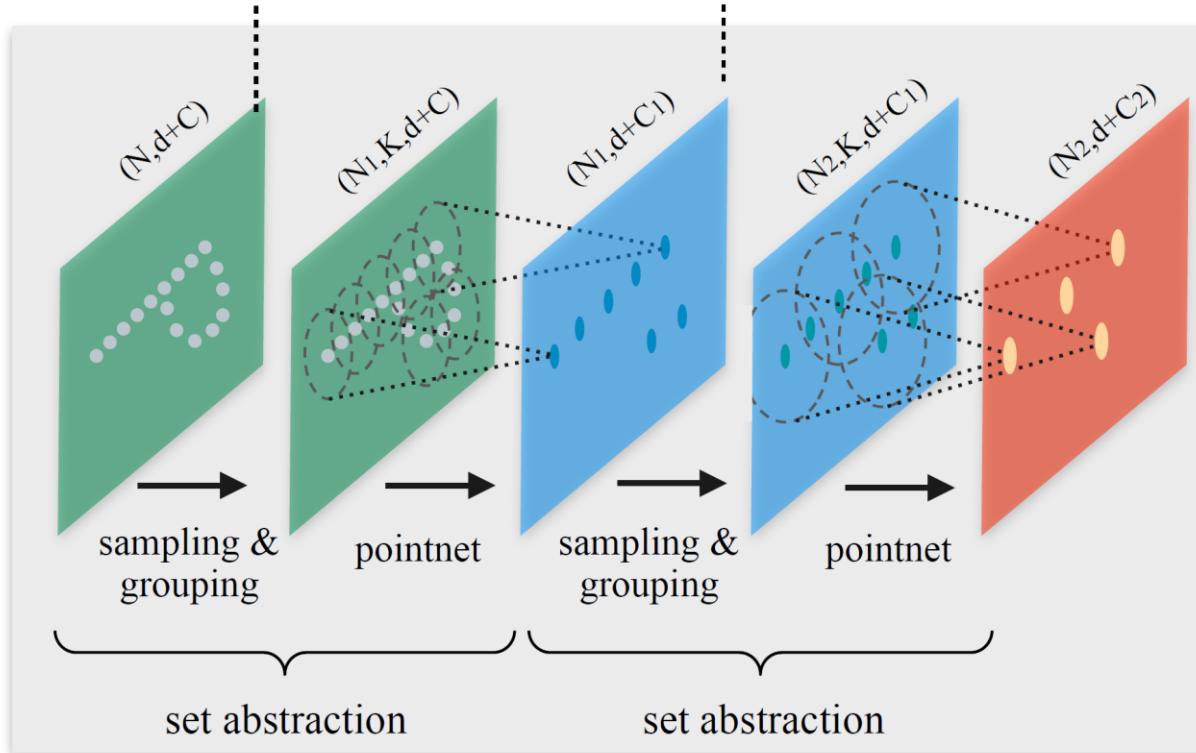
PointNet++

- PointNet cannot capture local structures of the point clouds
 - Per-point feature extraction and max-pooling
- PointNet++
 - A hierarchical neural network on 3D points
 - Use PointNet as a building block, extract features in a hierarchical way

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PointNet++

Hierarchical point set feature learning

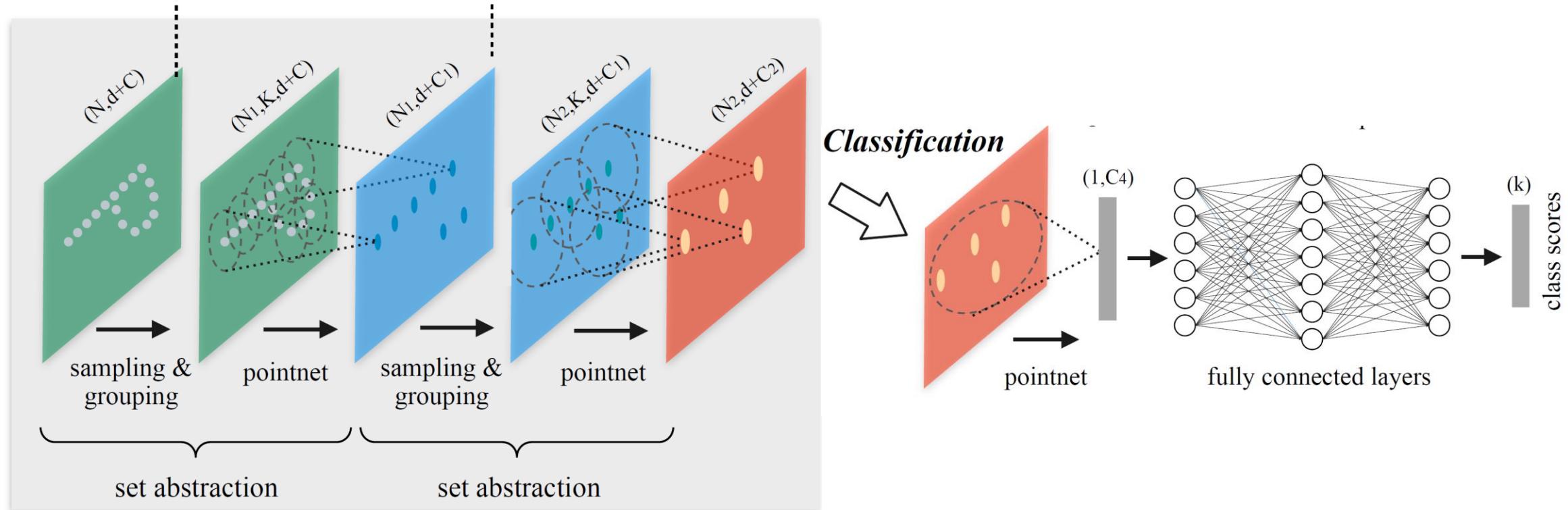


- Set abstraction levels (3 levels used)
 - Sampling layer (farthest point sampling), sample N' points (centroids)
 - Grouping layer, find K nearest neighbors for each centroid
 - Ball query
 - KNN
 - PointNet layer, extract a feature vector with dimension C' for each centroid and its neighbors

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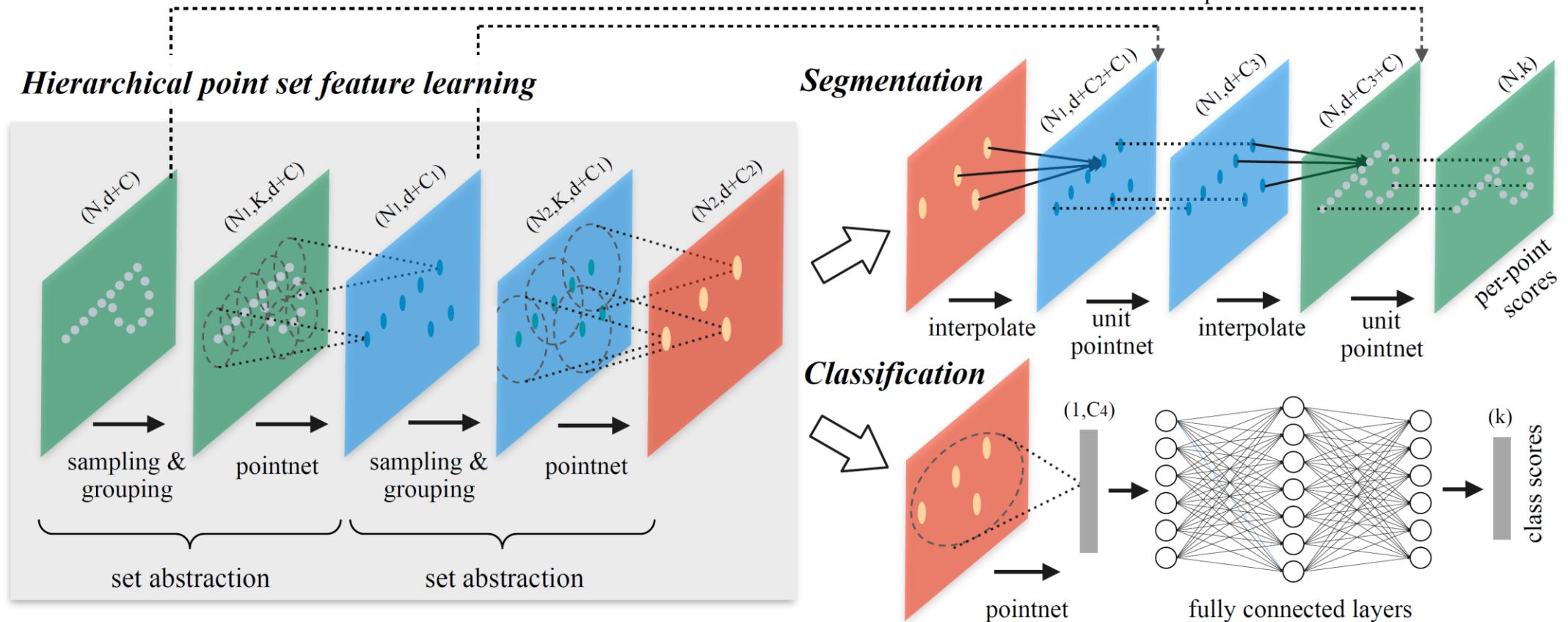
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PointNet++

Point Feature Propagation for Set Segmentation



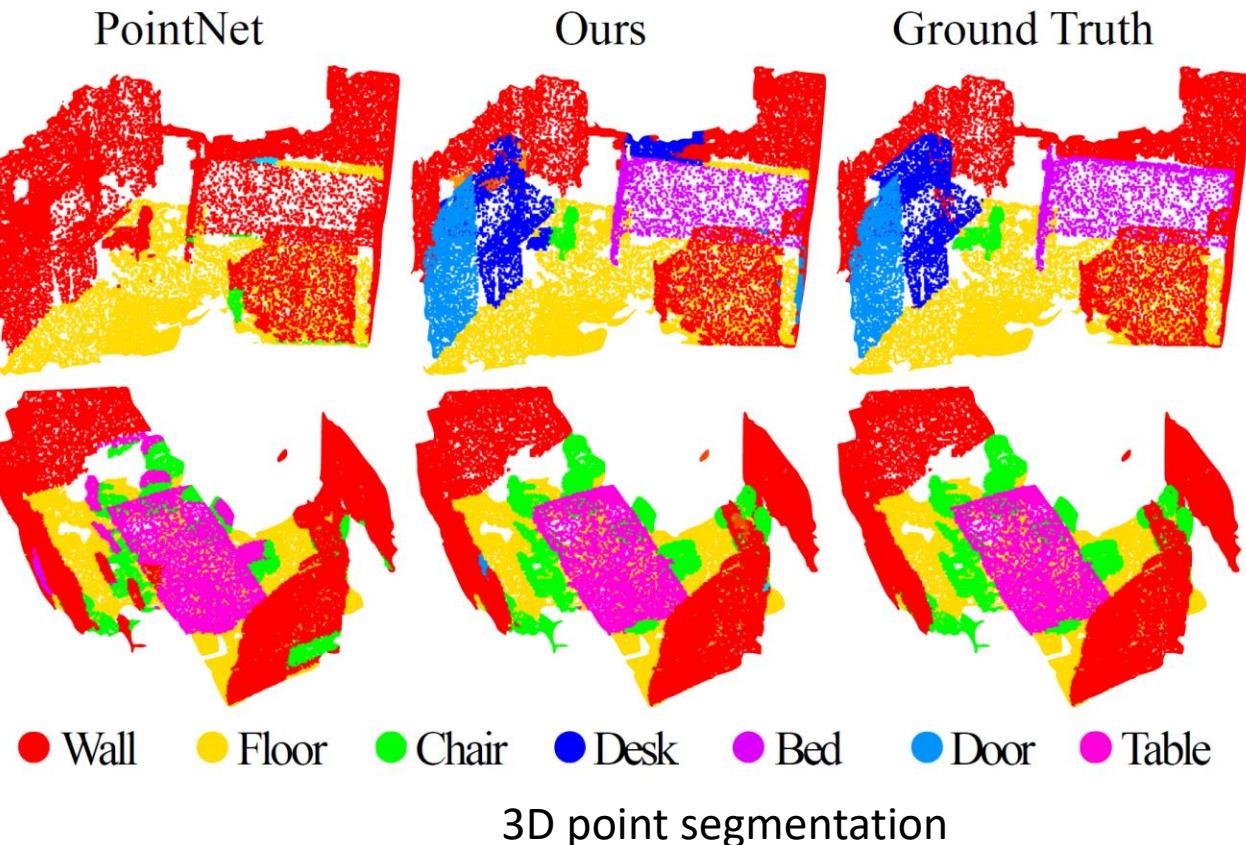
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PointNet++

Method	Input	Accuracy (%)
Subvolume [21]	vox	89.2
MVCNN [26]	img	90.1
PointNet (vanilla) [20]	pc	87.2
PointNet [20]	pc	89.2
Ours	pc	90.7
Ours (with normal)	pc	91.9

Table 2: ModelNet40 shape classification.

3D Shape Classification



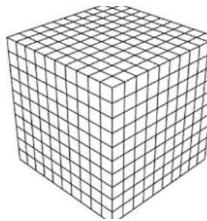
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Implicit Representations of 3D Data

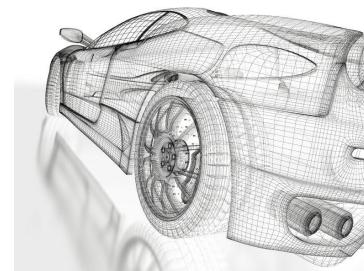
- Explicit shape representations



3D points



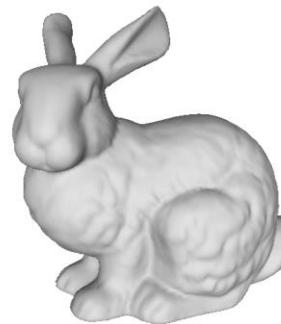
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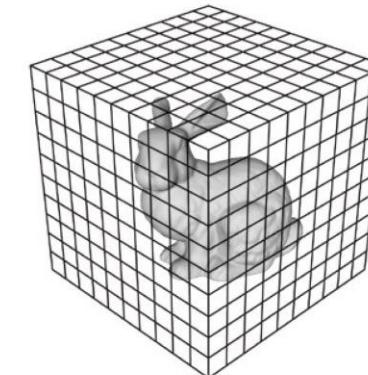
3D Meshes

- Implicit shape representations

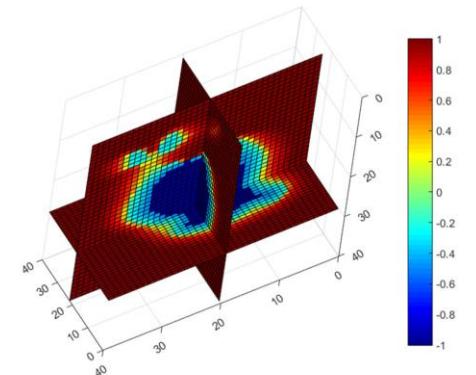
- Use a function to encode the 3D shape
- Example: Signed Distance Fields (SDFs)



(a) Surface view.



(b) Bounding volume.



(c) Generated SDF.

Signed Distance Fields for Rigid and Deformable 3D Reconstruction. Miroslava Slavcheva.

Occupancy Network for 3D Reconstruction

- Occupancy function

$$o : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$$

↑
3D location

- Training a neural network to learn the following function



$$f_{\theta} : \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

↑
3D location ↑
Input for 3D
reconstruction:
image, point cloud ↑
Probabilities for
occupancy

- Image: ResNet
- Points: PointNet

Occupancy Networks: Learning 3D Reconstruction in Function Space. Mescheder et al., CVPR'19

Occupancy Network for 3D Reconstruction

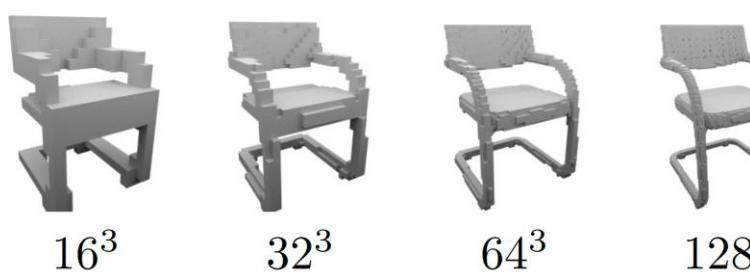
- Training

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{B}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{B}|} \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{B}|} \sum_{j=1}^K \mathcal{L}(f_{\theta}(p_{ij}, x_i), o_{ij})$$

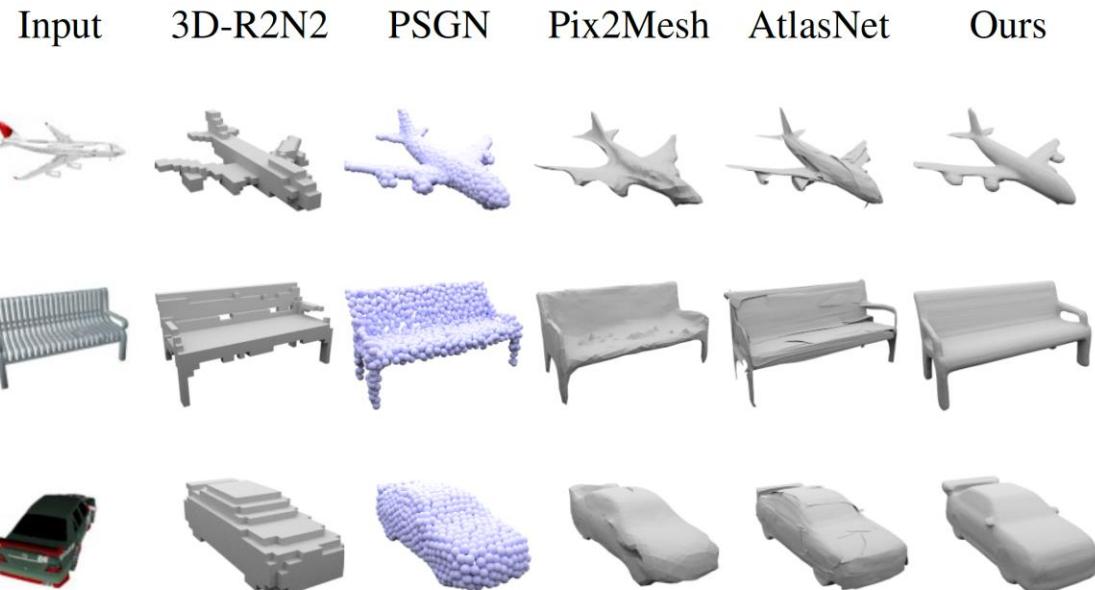
Cross-entropy
loss function

3D point j for image i image i Ground truth occupancy

Occupancy Network for 3D Reconstruction



Continuous shape representation



Single image 3D reconstruction

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DeepSDF

- Signed distance function

$$SDF(\mathbf{x}) = s : \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3, s \in \mathbb{R}$$

- Train a neural network to predict SDFs

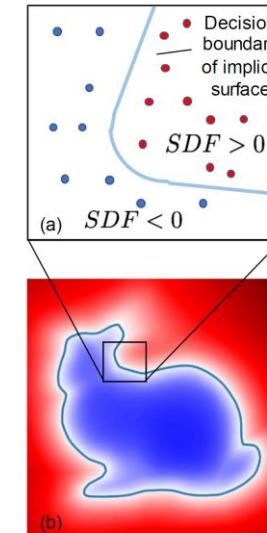
$$f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \approx SDF(\mathbf{x}), \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$$

- Loss function

$$\mathcal{L}(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}), s) = |\text{clamp}(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}), \delta) - \text{clamp}(s, \delta)|$$

$$\text{clamp}(x, \delta) := \min(\delta, \max(-\delta, x))$$

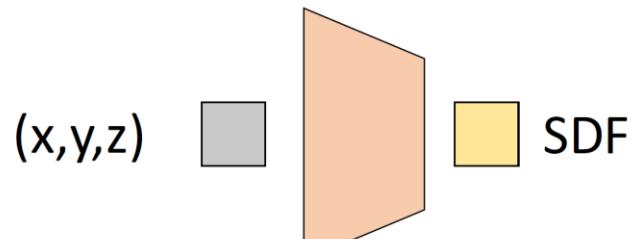
distance from the surface over
which we expect to maintain a metric SDF



- 8 FC layers with dropout
- 512-d FC layer with ReLU
- Output with tanh

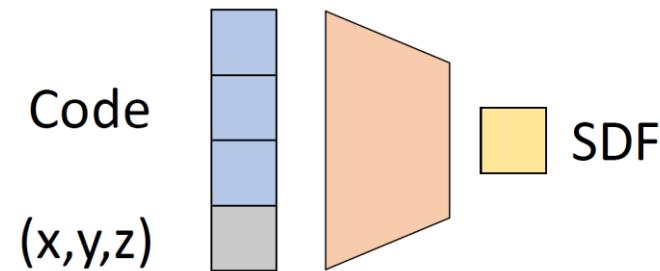
DeepSDF

- Learning the latent space of shapes



(a) Single Shape DeepSDF

$$f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \approx SDF(\mathbf{x}), \forall \mathbf{x} \in \Omega$$



(b) Coded Shape DeepSDF

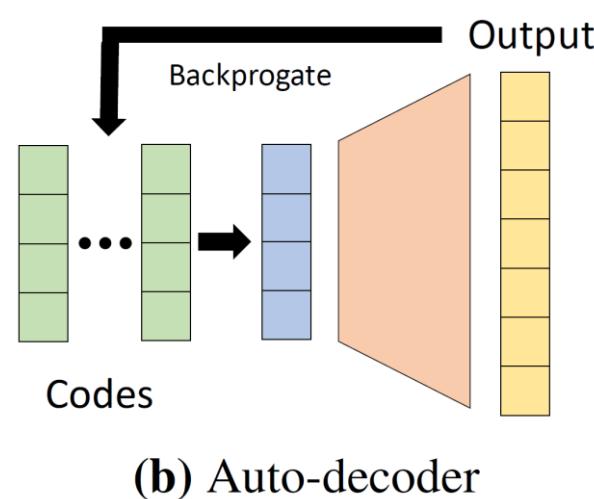
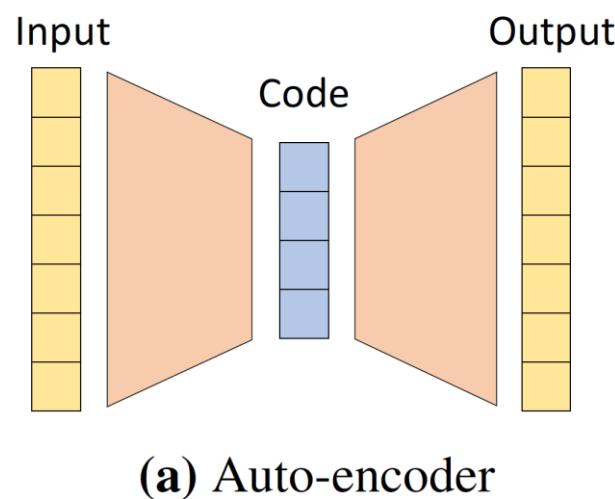
$$f_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{x}) \approx SDF^i(\mathbf{x})$$

Code for shape i

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DeepSDF

- Auto-decoder



- Training objective

$$\arg \min_{\theta, \{\mathbf{z}_i\}_{i=1}^N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\sum_{j=1}^K \mathcal{L}(f_\theta(\mathbf{z}_i, \mathbf{x}_j), s_j) + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{z}_i\|_2^2 \right)$$

- Inference

$$\hat{\mathbf{z}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{z}} \sum_{(\mathbf{x}_j, \mathbf{s}_j) \in X} \mathcal{L}(f_\theta(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{x}_j), \mathbf{s}_j) + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{z}\|_2^2$$

Shape completion from partial point clouds

DeepSDF

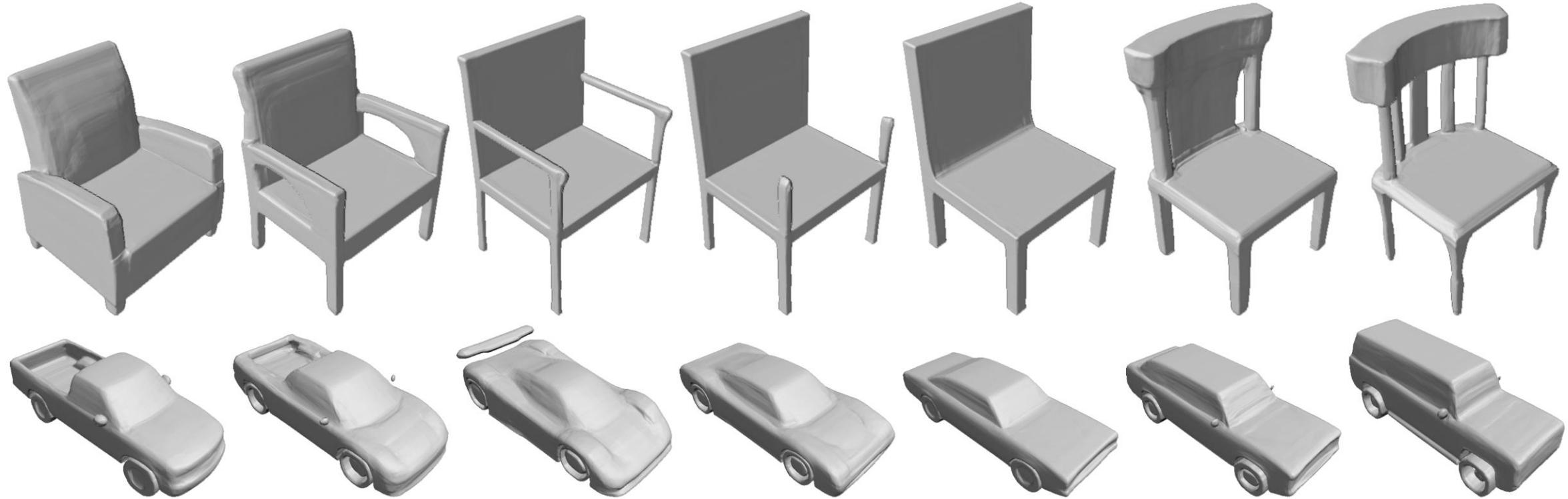
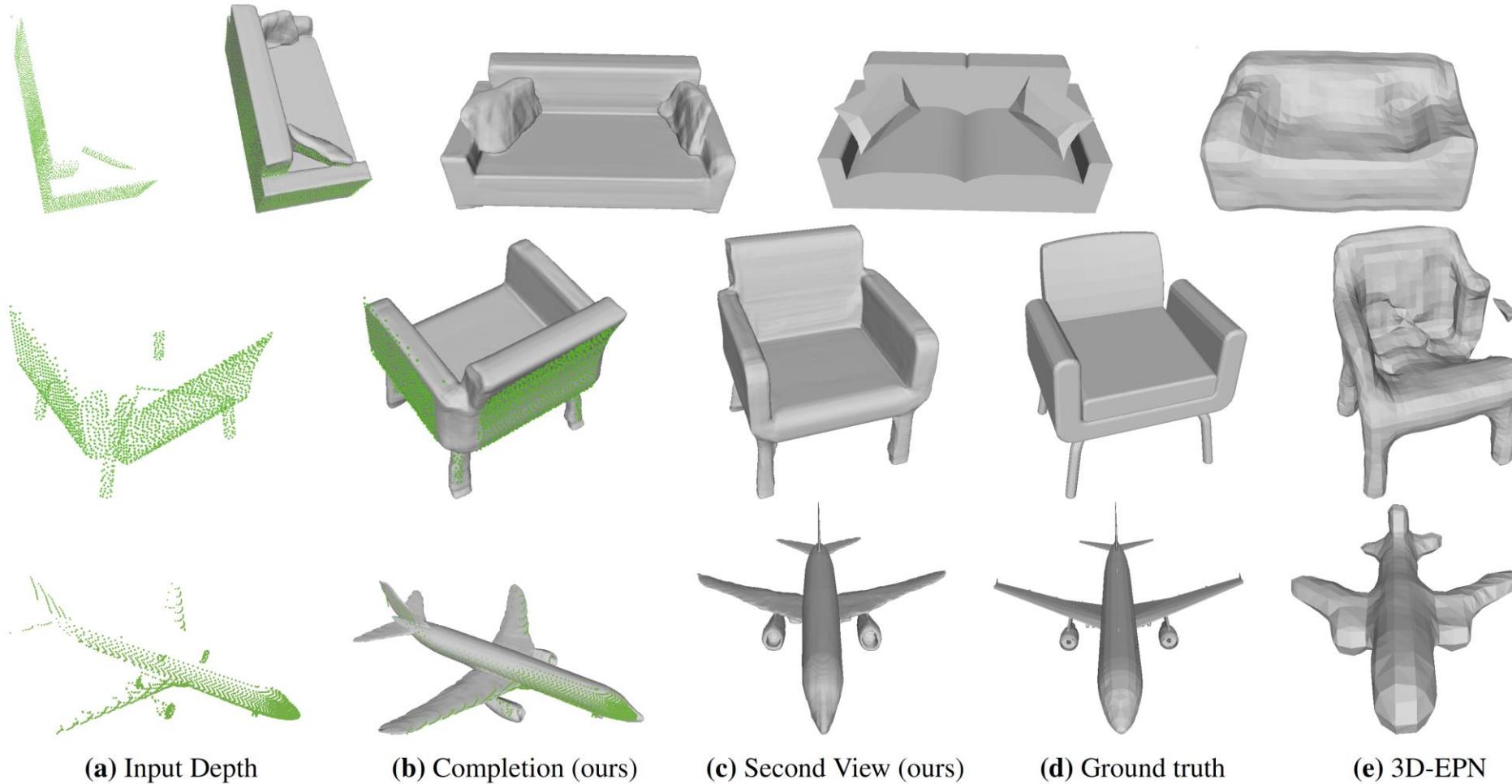


Figure 1: DeepSDF represents signed distance functions (SDFs) of shapes via latent code-conditioned feed-forward decoder networks. Above images are raycast renderings of DeepSDF interpolating between two shapes in the learned shape latent space. Best viewed digitally.

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Neural Radiance Fields (NeRF)

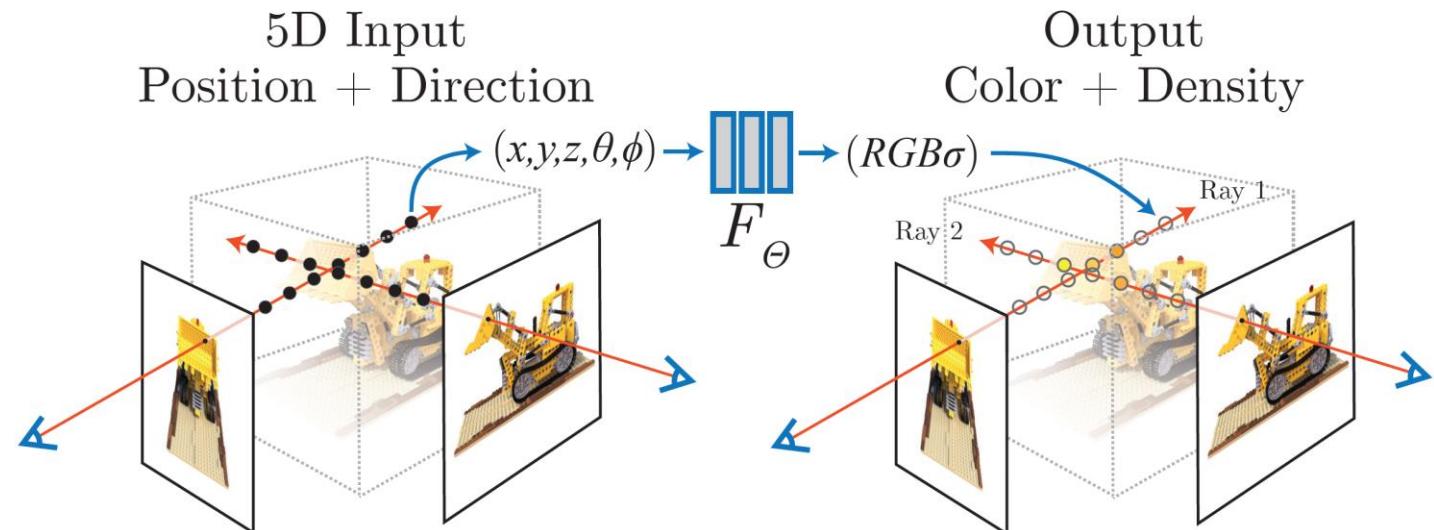
- Represent 3D scenes with color information (geometry + appearance)
- Learning a 5D vector-valued function

$$F_{\Theta}(x, y, z, \theta, \phi) = (r, g, b, \sigma)$$

3D location Viewpoint: azimuth, elevation Color (RGB) Density

$$F_{\Theta} : (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{d}) \rightarrow (\mathbf{c}, \sigma)$$

Unit vector for direction



NeRF: Representing Scenes as Neural Radiance Fields for View Synthesis. Mildenhall et al., ECCV'20

Neural Radiance Fields (NeRF)

- Volumetric rendering

$$\text{Ray } \mathbf{r}(t) = \mathbf{o} + t\mathbf{d}$$

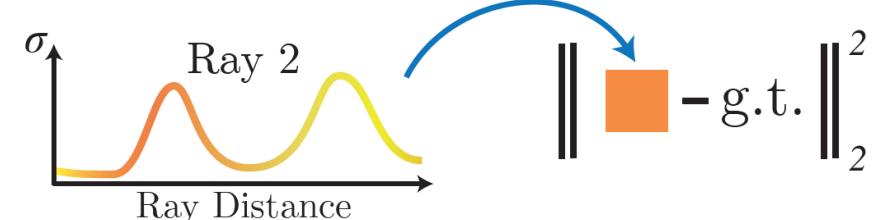
$$\text{Color of the ray } C(\mathbf{r}) = \int_{t_n}^{t_f} T(t)\sigma(\mathbf{r}(t))\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{r}(t), \mathbf{d})dt$$

Density Color

Probability that the ray travels from t_n to t without hitting any other particle

$$T(t) = \exp\left(-\int_{t_n}^t \sigma(\mathbf{r}(s))ds\right)$$

Volume
Rendering Rendering
Loss



Renders: find $C(\mathbf{r})$ for a camera ray traced through each pixel

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Neural Radiance Fields (NeRF)



View Synthesis



<https://www.matthewtancik.com/nerf>

Summary

- Neural networks can be applied to 3D data
 - Shape recognition, shape reconstruction
 - Point cloud segmentation
 - View synthesis
 - Etc.
- Explicit 3D representations
 - Voxels, points, meshes
- Implicit 3D representations
 - Learn a function to represent the 3D shape (occupancy, SDFs, radiance fields)

Further Reading

- VoxNet https://www.ri.cmu.edu/pub_files/2015/9/voxnet_maturana_scherer_iros15.pdf
- PointNet <https://arxiv.org/abs/1612.00593>
- PointNet++ <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1706.02413.pdf>
- Occupancy Network <https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.03828>
- DeepSDF <https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.05103>
- NeRF <https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.08934>
- NeRF Explosion 2020 <https://dellaert.github.io/NeRF/>