# UnScene3D: Unsupervised 3D Instance Segmentation for Indoor Scenes 

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Figure 1. We propose UnScene3D, a fully-unsupervised 3D instance segmentation method, effectively separating semantic instances without requiring any manual annotations. We utilize geometric primitives to ensure crisps masks, and due to our self-training loop we can also obtain a dense set of predictions even in cluttered indoor scenarios.


#### Abstract

$3 D$ instance segmentation is fundamental to geometric understanding of the world around us. Existing methods for instance segmentation of $3 D$ scenes rely on supervision from expensive, manual 3D annotations. We propose UnScene3D, the first fully unsupervised 3D learning approach for class-agnostic $3 D$ instance segmentation of indoor scans. UnScene3D first generates pseudo masks by leveraging self-supervised color and geometry features to find potential object regions. We operate on a basis of geometric oversegmentation, enabling efficient representation and learning on high-resolution 3D data. The coarse proposals are then refined through self-training our model on its predictions. Our approach improves over clusteringbased alternatives to unsupervised 3D instance segmentation methods by more than $300 \%$ Average Precision score, demonstrating effective instance segmentation even in challenging, cluttered $3 D$ scenes.


## 1. Introduction

The increasing availability of commodity RGB-D sensors, now widely available on iPhones as well as with the Microsoft Kinect or Intel RealSense, has enabled consumer-
level capture of 3D geometry of real-world environments. To enable applications in robotics, autonomous navigation, and mixed reality in such scenes, semantic 3D scene understanding is necessary. In particular, 3D instance segmentation is critical to 3D perception, providing dense instance mask predictions, thus enabling physical and geometric reasoning about objects in an environment. While various 3D deep learning approaches have been developed for 3D instance segmentation $[5,13,16,17,20,21,27,29,39-$ 42, 46-48, 50, 53, 54], they require full supervision from expensive, manual, dense annotations on 3D scenes.

We introduce UnScene3D, a novel approach designed for class-agnostic 3D instance segmentation. Our aim is to identify objects in real-world 3D scans by predicting their dense instance masks, without any constraints to a predefined set of class categories. Moreover, we avoid expensive data annotation requirements by operating in an unsupervised fashion, instead leveraging self-supervised 2D and 3D features for segmentation.

UnScene3D comprises two essential elements. First, we observe that for RGB-D scan data, self-supervised representation learning methods $[18,56]$ can provide an innate signal indicating object-ness through feature similarity. We thus generate pseudo masks over 3D segment primitives, based on multimodal analysis of self-supervised color and geometry features from the RGB-D data. By considering
mesh segments rather than voxels or points, our approach efficiently scales with high-resolution 3D data in large scene environments while inherently promoting contiguous segmentation masks. As we require strong features for these initial coarse estimates, we fuse information from both geometric and 2D color features in a complementary fashion. Second, following the pseudo mask generation, we train our model through iterative self-training on both the initial pseudo masks and the current confident model predictions. Through multiple rounds of self-training with noise robust losses achieve improved object recognition and segmentation. At inference time, we do not require any 2 D color signal and can produce class-agnostic 3D instance segmentation for a new geometric observation of a 3D environment. Experiments on challenging, cluttered indoor environments from the ScanNet [9], S3DIS [1] and ARKit [2] datasets show that UnScene3D improves significantly over unsupervised, clustering-based state of the art. In summary, our contributions are:

- We propose an unsupervised 3D instance segmentation approach for indoor RGB-D scans, without requiring any human annotation.
- We generate sparse 3D pseudo masks for unsupervised training based on a multi-modal fusion of color and geometric signal from RGB-D scan data. We achieve robustness and efficiency through a geometry-aware scene coarsening.
- Our generated pseudo masks are iteratively refined by self-training for 3D instances to improve 3D instance segmentation performance.


## 2. Related Work

Self-supervised 3D pretraining While significant progress has been made in fully supervised 3D instance segmentation $[8,13,15-17,19,39,41,46,47]$ the amount of densely annotated 3D data is scarce. Inspired by success in the 2D domain, various 3D pretraining methods have been developed to boost semantic and instance segmentation performance when fine-tuning with annotated semantic labels. Such methods leverage instance discrimination based on different camera views [18, 56], local augmentations [57], or multiple LIDAR sweeps [36]. While these methods can provide powerful 3D feature extraction, they do not construct any notion of object instances.

Weakly-supervised 3D segmentation Classical methods have leveraged object template information to match or retrieve templates to local geometry in a scene [4, 23, 26, $28,33,34]$, thereby identifying potential object locations. Other methods formulated 3D dense instance segmentation with only 3D box annotation [6, 38] or single-point supervision and active-learning [31, 49]. More recent methods have focused on exploiting knowledge from powerful pre-trained
vision-language models to inform text-guided queries in 3D scenes [11, 22, 30, 37, 43]; however, such methods still rely on large-scale annotated data in the 2D domain.

Clustering-based segmentation There has been very little work done in fully unsupervised 3D instance segmentation, but classical clustering methods have been used to group regions with similar geometric properties together. A particularly notable approach is the densitybased clustering of DBSCAN [12] and its hierarchical counterpart HDBSCAN [32]. These methods can be used to group point clusters in a 3D scene based on point normals and colors. The ScanNet dataset [9] showed that the Felzenswalb algorithm [14] originally developed for image over-segmentation, can generate useful geometric segment clusters. We also exploit such geometric primitives to guide dimensionality reduction and feature aggregation.

Finally, recent methods have been developed to detect instances with self-supervised pretrained features in driving scenarios. These methods often leverage the unique properties of such data including dynamics and instance sparsity. Song et. al. [45] identify object instances through motion, showing promise for self-driving scenarios, but limited to moving objects. Nunes et. al. [35] additionally propose a clustering and graph cut based refinement on pre-trained 3D features, focusing on sparse outdoor scenarios to identify spatially separate objects. Our solution aims to segments instances in complex, cluttered indoor environments.

Unsupervised 2D instance segmentation Classical graph-cut algorithms [7,10,44,55] can be used to detect objects in scenes, employing low-level feature clustering to identify self-similar regions. Recent advances in self-supervised feature learning have been employed in 2D unsupervised instance segmentation methods, which use two-stage training pipelines to achieve remarkable segmentation results [51, 52]. These methods first generate a set of coarse pseudo masks building on the insights of graph-cut algorithms and then refine them with a series of self-training iterations. In particular, FreeSolo [51] uses multi-branch feature extraction to obtain self-similar regions as mask proposals, producing a dense set of initial pseudo-annotated instances. CutLER [52] uses the normalized cut (NCut) algorithm [44] with deep self-supervised features from DINO [3] to identify multiple prominent regions as pseudo masks. Inspired by such approaches we also leverage pseudo mask generation and self-training, but to handle high-dimensional, noisy real-world 3D scan data, we employ a multi-modal feature reasoning and geometric graph coarsening for robust unsupervised 3D instance segmentation.

## 3. Method

Problem definition We propose an unsupervised learning-based method for 3D instance segmentation. We operate on a set of training 3D scenes $\left\{X_{i}\right\}_{i=1}^{n_{t}}$, represented as mesh graphs $G=(V, E)$, of vertices $V$ and triangular face edges $E$, where each scene $X_{i}$ contains an unknown set of $n_{i}$ objects in the $i^{t h}$ scene. We aim to train a model that can predict for a previously unseen input scene $X$, a set of 3D masks representing the different object instances in that scene.

Method overview In order to achieve unsupervised 3D instance segmentation we first break down the scenes into $N$ geometric primitives $S_{N}$, which we use to initialize an adjacency matrix $W$ to extract an initial set of pseudo masks $M^{0}$, representing instance hypotheses based on combining 2D and 3D inputs $\mathcal{F}_{2 D} / \mathcal{F}_{3 D} \in R^{N \times D_{2 D / 3 D}}$, where $D_{2 D}, D_{3 D}$ are the dimensions of the $2 D / 3 D$ selfsupervised features. We regularize the per-segment similarities over geometric primitives for mitigating noise and enabling efficient 3D reasoning. We then employ a series of self-training cycles, updating pseudo mask supervision with new predicted masks, in order to produce final 3D instances. An overview of our approach is shown in Figure 2.

### 3.1. Initial pseudo mask generation

In order to initiate self-training, we first generate an initial set of pseudo masks, leveraging complementary information from 2D and 3D signal in $\left\{X_{i}\right\}$.

### 3.1.1 Feature aggregation

To encourage effective initial pseudo mask generation, we employ joint reasoning across both self-supervised color and geometry features, as they can provide complementary information regarding objects. As RGB-D scans often contain color image information and reconstructed 3D scan geometry, we can associate both 2D and 3D features in 3D by back-projecting the 2 D extracted features using the corresponding depth and camera pose information for each image. Both 2D and 3D features are extracted through state-of-the-art self-supervised feature learning methods [3, 18]. As real-world camera estimation often contains small misalignment errors and noise or oversmoothing in reconstructed scan geometry, these self-supervised features can often also contain high-frequency noise, which we address in Sec. 3.1.2 when reasoning over these features. Note that while we employ both 2D and 3D signal when available for training, we do not require any aligned color image inputs for inference, enabling more general applicability.

### 3.1.2 3D Graph Cut

To generate pseudo masks from the 2D and 3D selfsupervised features, we employ graph cut to estimate classagnostic instances from the background. More precisely, we leverage the principle of Normalized Cut [44] (NCut), which employs eigenvalue decomposition from an adjacency matrix $W \in R^{N \times N}$ over a graph to identify selfsimilar regions potentially representing semantic instances, where a set of potential instances can be extracted iteratively. Given a graph representing the 3D scene, we build an adjacency matrix $W$ and self-supervised features with a corresponding degree matrix $D \in R^{N \times N}$, where $D(i, i)=$ $\Sigma_{j} W(i, j)$ and $(D-W) v=\lambda D v$. In this system, finding the second smallest eigenvalue $\lambda$ and its corresponding eigenvector $v$ is a close approximation for the minimized cost. From $v$, we obtain foreground separation by taking all node activations where the eigenvector components were larger than their mean. To identify multiple foreground objects, this process is repeated iteratively.

Unfortunately, applying this approach directly to the 3D scenes $\left\{X_{i}\right\}$ in common 3D representations such as voxels or points is not only computationally infeasible, but unreliable due to the noise in camera pose estimation and geometric reconstruction of 3D scan data. Thus, we propose to regularize the graph cut across geometric primitives.

### 3.1.3 Geometric Primitives

To employ efficient reasoning across high-dimensional 3D data and enable robust 3D regularization of noisy features, we propose to operate on geometric primitives acquired through a graph coarsening process. For a 3D scene $X_{i}$ we construct the graph $G=(V, E)$ where $V$ and $E$ being the mesh vertices and face edges. Then, nodes with similar normals and colors are aggregated and clustered based on the mesh topology following [14] and resulting in a set $S_{N}=\left\{C_{1} \ldots C_{N}\right\}$ and $\bigcup\left(S_{N}\right)=V$ where $C_{n}$ represent a single primitive. This reduces the graph size by multiple orders of magnitude, and enables effective regularization of noise in the used self-supervised 2D and 3D features.

### 3.1.4 NCut on Geometric Primitives

After addressing the challenge of dimensionality reduction and effectively mitigating speckle noise in our features using geometric primitives, we can leverage the capabilities of the Normalized Cut algorithm to achieve a clean partitioning of scene graphs. For this, we iteratively apply NCut to our aggregated features for the extraction of initial pseudo masks denoted as $M$. Starting with an empty set $M^{0}=\{ \}$, we iteratively compute the adjacency matrix over $S_{N}$ and retrieve the masks $m \subset S_{N}$. We start


Figure 2. UnScene3D first generates a set of pseudo masks (top) to initiate self-training (bottom) for unsupervised 3D instance segmentation. We leverage features from 3D self-supervised pre-training in combination with 2D self-supervised features on an input mesh. These multi-modal features are then aggregated on geometric primitives, integrating low- and high-level signals for pseudo mask segmentation. These initial pseudo masks are then used as supervision for a 3D transformer-based model to produce updated instance masks that are integrated into the supervision of multiple self-training cycles. Finally, we obtain clean and dense instance segmentation without using any manual annotations.
from $N$ geometric segments with their corresponding $D$ dimensional features $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{R}^{N \times D}$, and construct the similarity matrix $A=\operatorname{sim}(\mathcal{F})$, where $\operatorname{sim}$ denotes cosine similarity. Additionally, for the multi-modal setup we calculate similarity matrices $A_{2 D}$ and $A_{3 D}$ independently and take their weighted average to obtain the final scores. Empirically, we found this to be more robust than direct feature fusion of the different modalities, due to their different statistical characteristics. We obtain $W_{j}$ introduced in Section 3.1.2 by thresholding $A$ at $\tau_{c u t}$, where $j$ denotes the $j^{\text {th }}$ NCut iteration. Using $W_{j}$, we solve for the second eigenvector $v_{j}$ and threshold it to retrieve the partition $m_{j}$. We keep all separated foregrounds in $M^{0}$, where for each upcoming iteration, we mask out the row and column vectors from $W_{j}$, where $m_{i} \in M^{0}$ was already accepted as a foreground instance and $i$ being the previous segment ids. This allows greedy separation of instances in order of confidence in every cut iteration. Examples of our generated pseudo masks are visualized in Figures 5 and 6.

As the adjacency graph is unaware of the mesh connectivity, NCut often results in masks that span spatially separated scene regions. In 3D, we can leverage knowledge of physical distance and connectivity of $G$ to constrain masks to be contiguous in the coarsened scene connectivity graph. We thus filter masks $m_{j}$ that have separated components, keeping only the parts $\tilde{m}_{j}$ that contain the item with the maximum absolute value in $v_{j}$. Separation based on connectivity is performed before saving $\tilde{m}_{j}$ into $M^{0}$, thus allowing for repeated detection of the dropped part over the
next NCut iterations. Finally, we iterate until the maximum number of instances $M^{0}=\left\{m_{i}\right\}_{i=1}^{N_{m}}$ are obtained, or there are no segments left in the scene. Moreover, we favor generating a reliable set of masks at the cost of restricting to a sparse initial set (i.e., missing potential instances rather than generating noisy masks for them) through a stricter $\tau_{c u t}$ or lower number of instances.

### 3.2. Self-Training

Our initial pseudo masks can provide a set of proposed instances $M^{0}$; however, these pseudo masks are quite sparse in the scenes and sometimes over- or under-split nearby instances. We thus refine the pseudo mask data through an iterative self-training strategy, producing final instance segmentation predictions $M^{\prime}$ with more dense and complete instance proposals.

We leverage a state-of-the-art 3D transformer-based backbone [42] for our self-training from pseudo mask data as mask-head supervision, while the class-head is collapsed to foreground and background classes. Through multiple training cycles we save the proposals of the $t^{t h}$ iteration into $M^{t}$, from the self-trained model, and save these masks as an extension to the original pseudo dataset obtaining $M^{t} \supseteq M^{0}$. From the second training iteration, we can extract the most confident $K$ predictions and sample these new instance proposals as an addition to the pseudo annotations. Further, we only accept new instances if the added information value is larger than the minimum threshold, measured by simple segment IoU scores. This way, we can effectively
densify the originally sparse annotations, but without limiting the quality of the originally clean pseudo masks.

### 3.3. Implementation Details

Backbones. We use a Res 16UNet34C sparse-voxel UNet implemented in the MinkowskiEngine [8] for 3D pretrained feature extraction as well as for the 3D transformer during self-training. For the pretrained features we use our own trained weights of [18] for compatibility reasons.

Self-training. We employ the 3D transformer architecture of [42], initialized from scratch. The first self-training cycle is trained for 600 epochs with a batch size of 8 until convergence, which takes $\approx 3$ days on a single NVIDIA RTX A6000 GPU. Further self-training cycles are all initialized from the previous state and finetuned for an additional 50 epochs in $\approx 4$ hours and for a total of 4 training cycles to produce the final set of instance predictions $S$. For the Hungarian assignment, we take the original weighted combination of dice and binary cross-entropy losses and only apply the DropLoss condition in the backpropagation phase.

## 4. Experiments

We demonstrate the effectiveness of UnScene3D for unsupervised class-agnostic 3D instance segmentation on challenging real-world 3D scan datasets containing a large diversity of objects and significant clutter. We train our method and all learned baselines on ScanNet [9], using the official train split. Note that no semantic annotation data is used for training, only the RGB-D reconstructions. Additionally, we show that our approach trained on ScanNet data can effectively transfer to class-agnostic 3D instance segmentation on ARKitScenes [2] data.

Datasets. We train and evaluate UnScene3D on RGB-D scan data from ScanNet [9], using the official train split. We use the raw RGB images, and registered camera poses for training our approach, while the semantic annotations are used only for evaluation. We use the official ScanNet train split for both the pre-trained 3D features from [18] and our self-training iterations. We additionally evaluate our method on ARKitScenes [2], on an 884/120 train/test split of indoor LIDAR scans. For ARKitScenes, we use 3D pre-trained features from ScanNet, followed by pseudo mask generation and self-training on the ARKitScenes train scenes. We convert the LIDAR scan data to meshes with Poisson Surface Reconstruction [24, 25] prior to our graph coarsening. Note that all baselines using learned features are trained on the same ScanNet data as ours.

Evaluation metrics. We evaluate class-agnostic 3D instance segmentation performance with the widely-used Average Precision score on the full-resolution mesh vertices.

| ScanNet | AP@25 | AP@50 | AP |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HDBSCAN [32] | 32.1 | 5.5 | 1.6 |
| Nunes et al. [35] | 30.5 | 7.3 | 2.3 |
| Felzenswalb [14] | 38.9 | 12.7 | 5.0 |
| CutLER Projection [52] | 7.0 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Ours | $\mathbf{5 8 . 5}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 . 9}$ |

Table 1. Unsupervised class-agnostic 3D instance segmentation on ScanNet [9]. Our approach improves significantly over baselines ( 3 x improvement in AP) due to our pseudo mask generation and self-training strategy.

Following the strategy of the supervised benchmark [9] we report scores at IoU scores of $25 \%$ and $50 \%$ (AP@25, AP@50) and averaged over all overlaps between [ $50 \%$ and $95 \%$ ] at $5 \%$ steps (AP). Note that since predictions are class agnostic, all methods evaluate only instance mask AP values without considering any semantic class labels. For ScanNet, we evaluate against ground truth instance masks from the established 20 -class benchmark. Since ARKitScenes does not contain any ground truth instance mask annotations, we evaluate all methods qualitatively.

Comparison to the state of the art. We evaluate our approach in comparison to state-of-the-art traditional clustering methods HDBSCAN [32] and Felzenszwalb's algorithm [14], in addition to the unsupervised approach of Nunes et. al. [35] leveraging learned feature clustering and refinement. All baselines are provided with input mesh vertices, colors, and normals, while our approach and Nunes et. al. also operate on sparse voxel scene representations. Table 1 and Figure 3 show comparisons on ScanNet data; our UnScene3D approach improves significantly over state of the art by effectively leveraging signal from self-supervised 3D features to guide our model through self-training. Note that since Nunes et. al. has been designed for outdoor applications, even while leveraging ScanNet-trained features, it uses ground removal and relies on physical object separation, making segmentation difficult in cluttered scenes.

Additionally, we demonstrate the importance of reasoning in 3D, and compare with a state-of-the-art unsupervised 2D instance segmentation approach CutLER [52] run on the RGB frames of the scans, and projected to 3D using the corresponding camera poses. Here, the difficulty lies in resolving view inconsistencies, occlusions, and lack of knowledge of geometric structure resulting in poor 3D segmentation performance despite plausible 2D proposals.

Evaluation on other datasets We quantitatively evaluate UnScene3D on the Area_5 of the S3DIS dataset [1] using only 3D features pretrained on [9]. Comparison with 3Donly state-of-the-art can be seen in Table 2.

We additionally compare with state of the art on ARKitScenes [2] data in Figure 7. Here we show only qualitative


Figure 3. Qualitative comparison on ScanNet [9] scenes with projected predictions from the 2D method CutLER [52], traditional clusteringbased methods Felzenszwalb [14] and HDBSCAN [32], and the GraphCut-based cluster refinement method [35]. Our approach leverages strong pseudo mask prediction and a self-training strategy to produce cleaner, more accurate instance segmentation.

| S3DIS | AP@25 | AP@50 | AP |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HDBSCAN [32] | 27.9 | 11.2 | 5.0 |
| Felzenswalb [14] | 23.5 | 10.7 | 5.0 |
| Nunes et al. [35] | 20.1 | 10.5 | 5.5 |
| Ours | $\mathbf{5 2 . 6}$ | $\mathbf{4 0 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 . 4}$ |

Table 2. Evaluation on S3DIS dataset (Area_5). UnScene3D is able to adapt to other datasets as well and shows a significant improvement over previous SOTA methods.
results due to the absence of ground truth instance mask annotations. UnScene3D effectively produces cleaner, more accurate segmentations in these complex environments.

UnScene3D as data-efficient pretraining UnScene3D is able to learn powerful object properties and dense segmentation even in a fully unsupervised fashion. We demonstrate the potential of our strong learned features for downstream 3D instance segmentation with limited annotated data. We follow the setup introduced by CSC [18] with limited reconstructions available for downstream fine-tuning. We show our method as a strong pretraining strategy in Figure 4, notably outperforming both training from scratch as well as the state-of-the-art 3D pretraining of CSC. For more details we refer to our supplementary material.


Figure 4. Our unsupervised self-training produces strong 3D features that can served as a powerful pretraining strategy for 3D instance segmentation in limited data scenarios. UnScene3D significantly outperforms state-of-the-art self-supervised 3D pretraining [18] on ScanNet instance segmentation.

What is the effect of multi-modal signal for pseudo mask generation? We evaluate the effect self-supervised color and geometry signals for generating pseudo annotations in Table 3. We consider using only self-supervised geometric features (3D), only self-supervised color features (2D) that are projected to the 3D scans, and both together (both). We find that the color and geometry provide complementary signals. We also note that color features are only used for the initial pseudo mask generation, during self-training iterations and test time only 3D features were used.

|  | Modality | AP@25 | AP@50 | AP | AP Final |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FreeMask | 3D | 14.4 | 3.6 | 1.3 | 2.0 |
| Ours | 3D | 45.4 | 16.7 | 9.2 | 13.3 |
| FreeMask | 2D | 31.1 | 15.1 | 6.8 | 13.8 |
| Ours | 2D | 51.3 | 21.8 | 9.4 | 15.7 |
| FreeMask | both | 23.7 | 10.1 | 5.7 | 12.1 |
| Ours | both | $\mathbf{5 2 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 . 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 . 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 5 . 9}$ |

Table 3. We compare pseudo mask generation from 3D-only features (3D), color-only features (2D), and both color and geometry (both) signal, as well as with pseudo annotation generation algorithm FreeMask [51]. In this table we report method performances after a single iteration of self-training initialized from the different pseudo annotation methods and the final AP scores after 4 selftraining iterations.


Figure 5. Initial pseudo masks generated by UnScene3D in comparison with a 3D-lifted FreeMask [51]. FreeMask tends to produce a larger set of noisier pseudo masks, while we rely on a cleaner but sparser set for our self-training.

What is the effect of pseudo annotations? We also evaluate the effect of our pseudo mask generation in Table 3 and Figure 5, in comparison to the 3D adaptation of the FreeMask [51] approach operating on our geometric segments. FreeMask tends to estimate a larger but noisier set of initial pseudo masks, while our approach is focusing on a sparser set of more reliable pseudo masks and produces significantly better performance. The strong difference in performance can be explained by the nature of the samples. While a sparser set of examples can be extended with multiple iterations of self-training, noisy samples will propagate through the full pipeline, and thus directly degrade the final performance. Further details of our adaptations of the FreeMask 3D method can be found in our supplemental.

What is the impact of self-training? We observe that while self-training iterations are always improving the qualitative performance, their effective added information value is saturating after a limited number of cycles. We report on Table 4 through the first 4 steps, and observe a significant relative improvement in both modalities.


Figure 6. UnScene3D employs self-training to refine the initial sparse set of proposals. We can see consistent improvement over both the number of predicted instances and the quality of the instance masks. Here we show results using the pseudo annotations obtained from both modalities.

|  | 3D Only |  |  | 3D \& 2D |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | AP@25 | AP@50 | AP | AP@25 | AP@50 | AP |
| $S^{0}$ pseudo masks | 13.8 | 4.7 | 2 | 19.9 | 10.0 | 5.9 |
| $1{ }^{\text {st }}$ Self-train | 45.4 | 16.7 | 9.2 | 52.9 | 23.2 | 10.4 |
| $2^{\text {nd }}$ Self-train | 50.0 | 24.1 | 12.0 | 56.5 | 29.8 | 15.0 |
| $3{ }^{\text {rd }}$ Self-train | 52.2 | 25.8 | 12.8 | 58.8 | 31.9 | 15.9 |
| $4^{\text {st }}$ Self-train | 52.7 | 26.2 | 13.3 | 58.5 | 32.2 | 15.9 |

Table 4. Multiple iterations of self-training significantly improve performance, saturating around 4 iterations.

Limitations While UnScene3D offers a promising step towards unsupervised 3D instance segmentation, various limitations remain. We rely on a mesh representation for graph coarsening, but believe this could be extended to alternative representations through neighborhood reasoning. Additionally, our graph coarsening step may cause very small objects (e.g., pens, cell phones) to be missed in the pseudo annotation generation. Finally, employing a fixed set of pseudo masks from the initial stage that are used


Figure 7. As UnScene3D does not require any human annotation, so we can also train and test our method on the ARKitScenes [2] dataset. We leverages 3D features followed by a series of selftraining iterations for cleaner, more accurate instance segmentation. Qualitative results shows consistently better results than our baselines.
through self-training could reinforce noisy predictions.

## 5. Conclusion

We introduced UnScene3D, a novel approach towards achieving fully-unsupervised 3D instance segmentation in cluttered indoor scenes. Our approach effectively combined low-level geometric properties to regularize multi-modal self-supervised deep features for initial pseudo mask extraction, and our self-training notably improved performance by refining these proposals to a more complete, dense set of instances. As 3D instance segmentation is a crucial aspect of 3D scene understanding, UnScene3D's ability to achieve this without requiring any manual annotations opens up new possibilities for 3D semantic understanding.

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