

PointClustering: Unsupervised Point Cloud Pre-training using Transformation Invariance in Clustering

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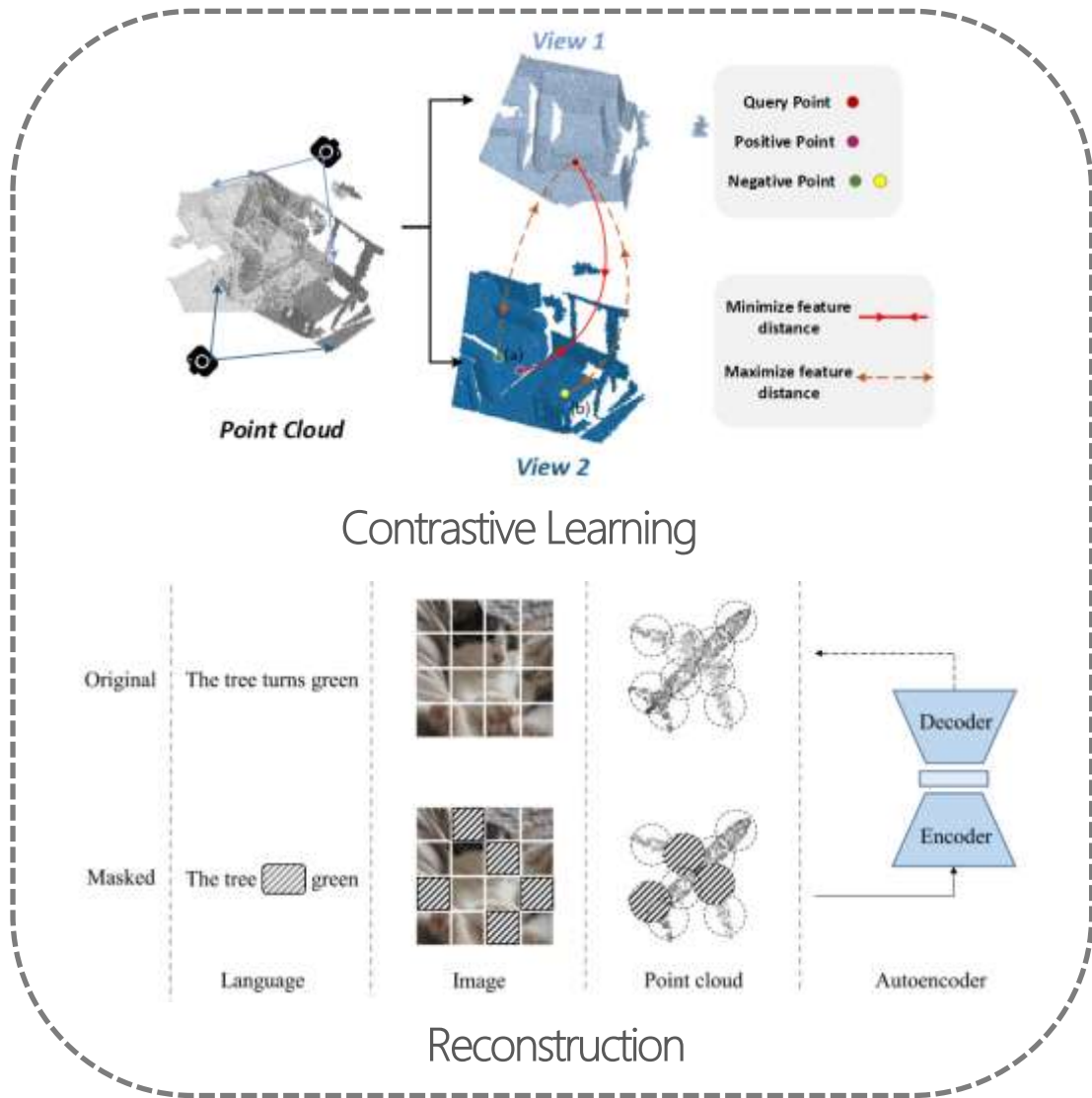
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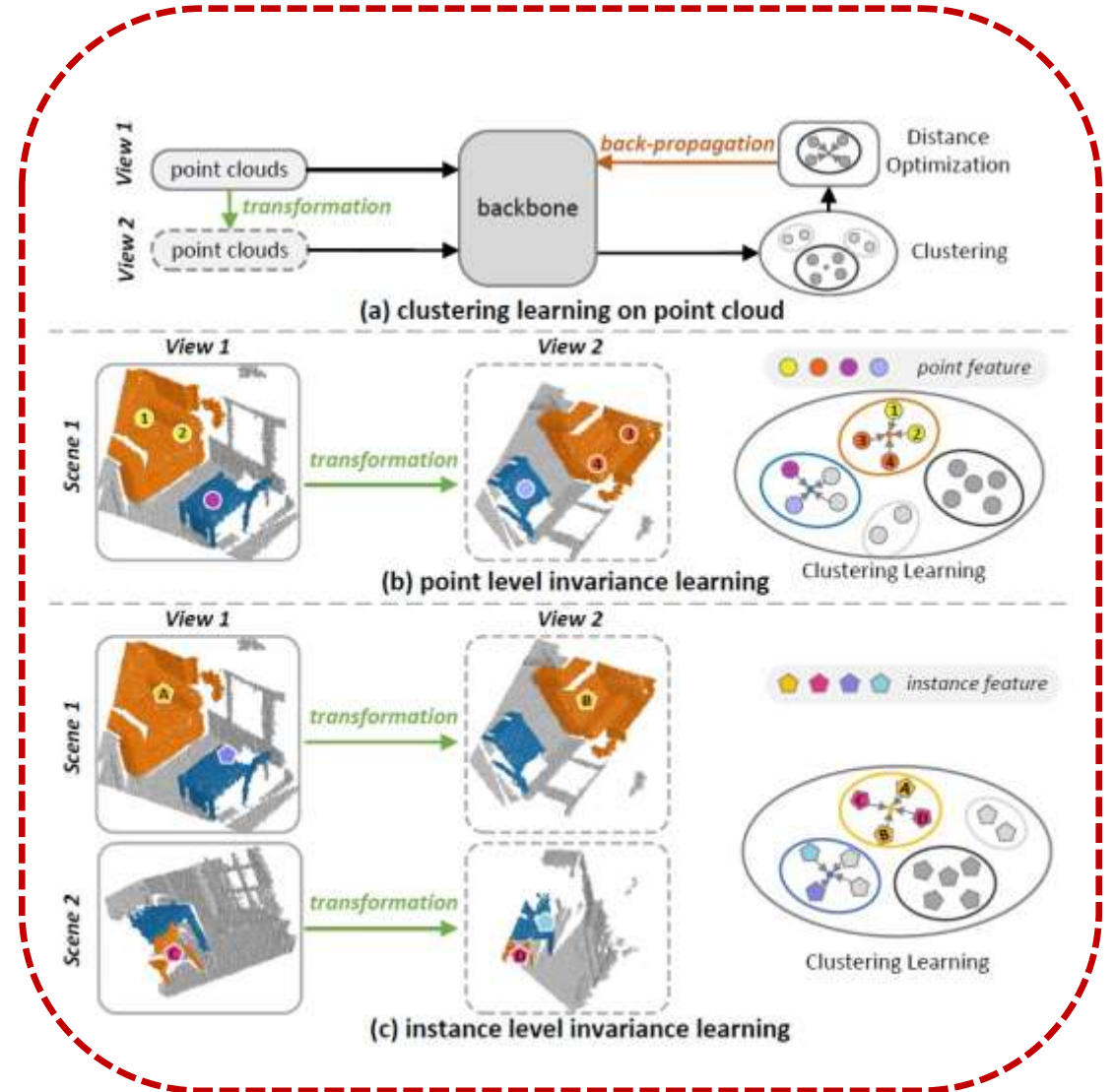
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New Point Cloud Pre-training Paradigm: PointClustering



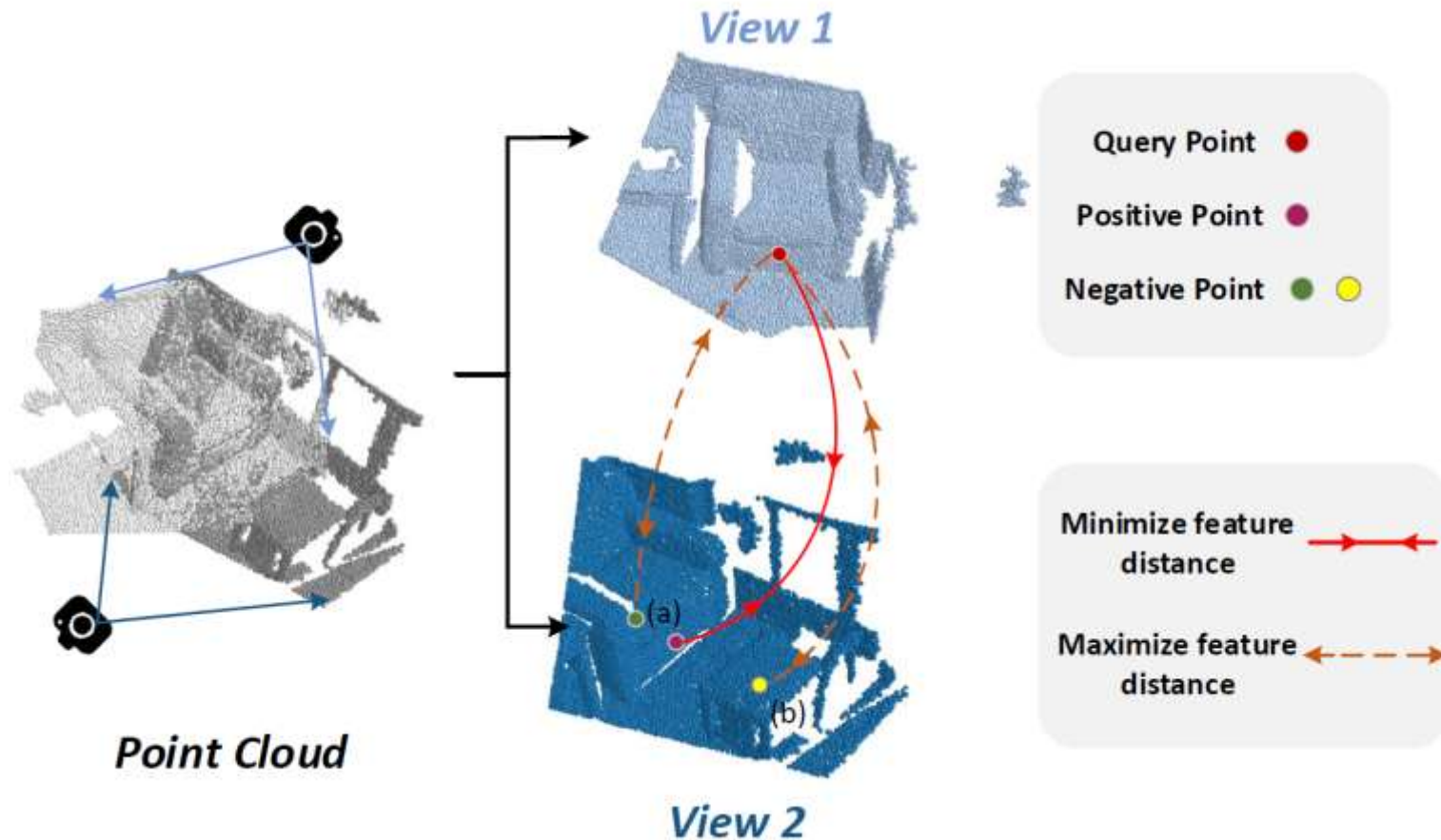
Previous Learning Paradigms



Our Proposal

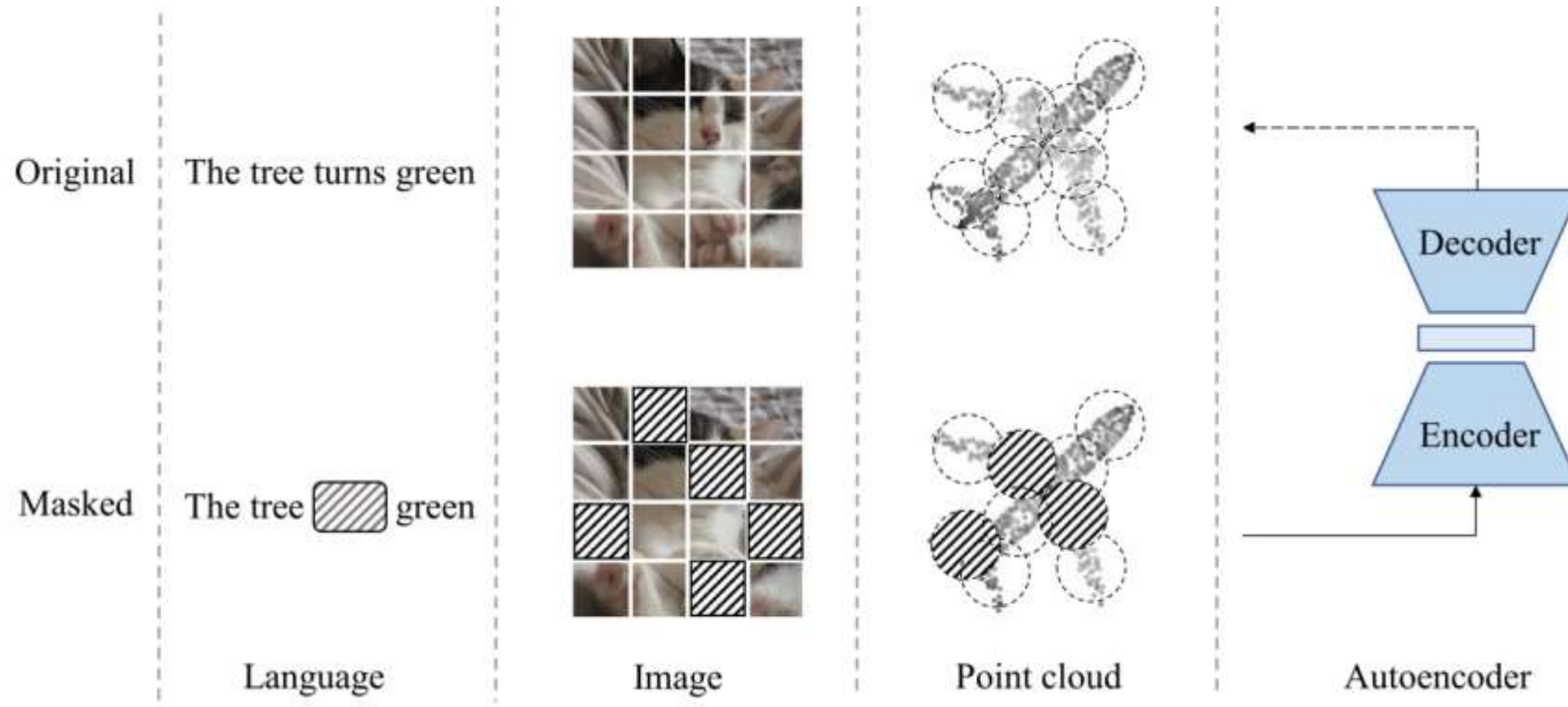
Unsupervised Point Cloud Pre-training

- Contrastive Learning



Unsupervised Point Cloud Pre-training

- Reconstruction

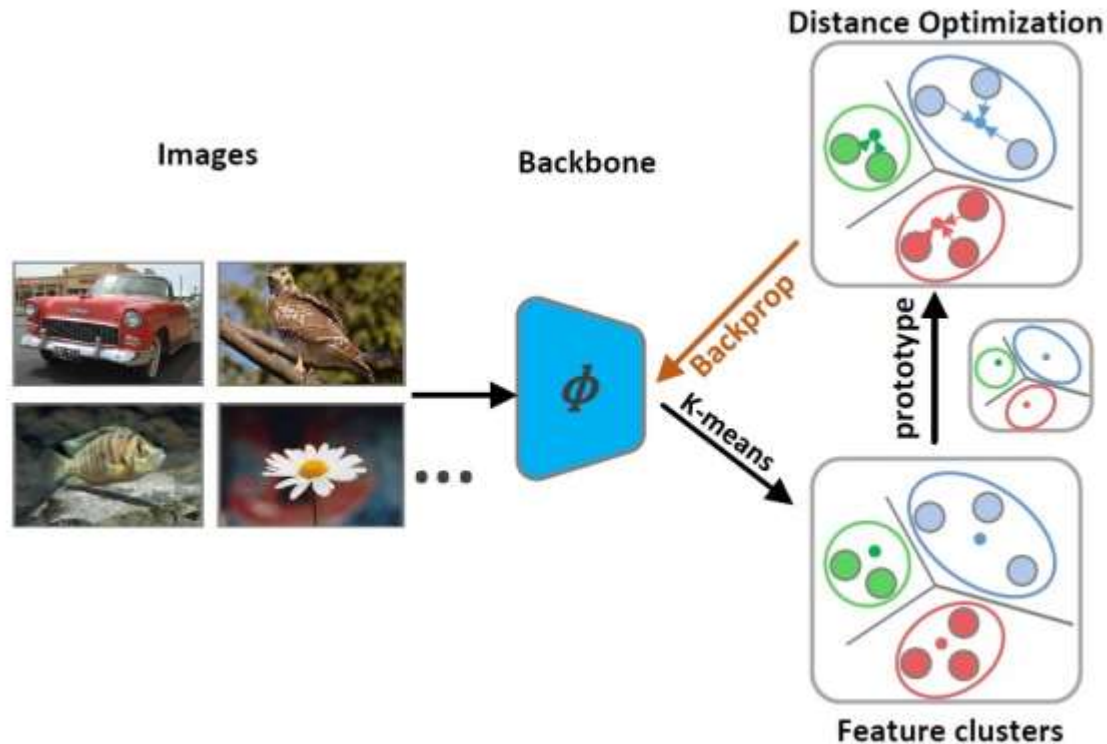


Limitation & Solution

- Sample-specific Unsupervised Learning
 - Semantics of instances are not fully explored

- New Paradigm of Point Clustering
 - Clustering estimates data distribution holistically
 - Class-level semantic information mining

Deep Clustering for Image

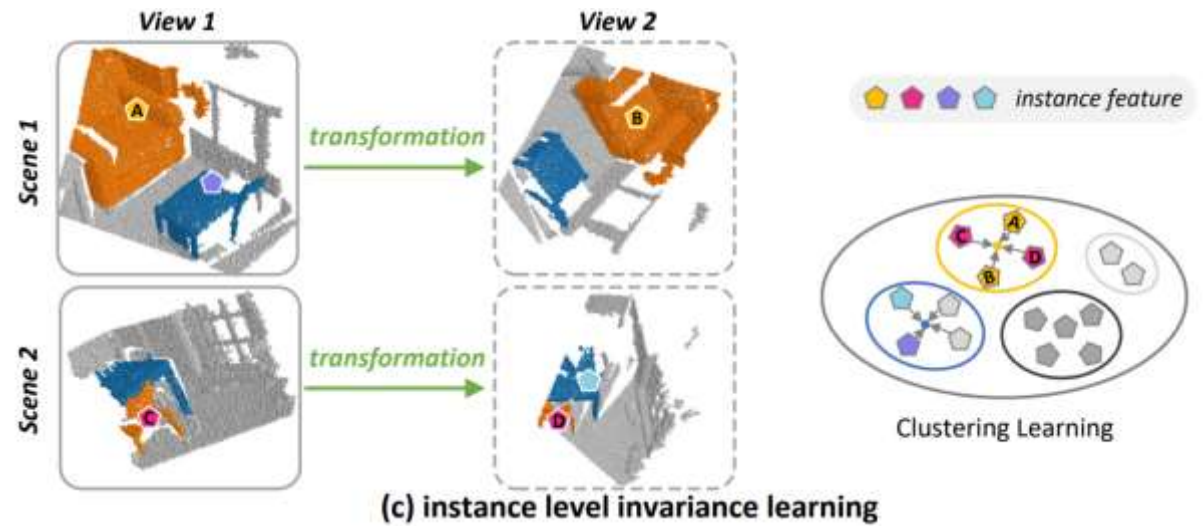
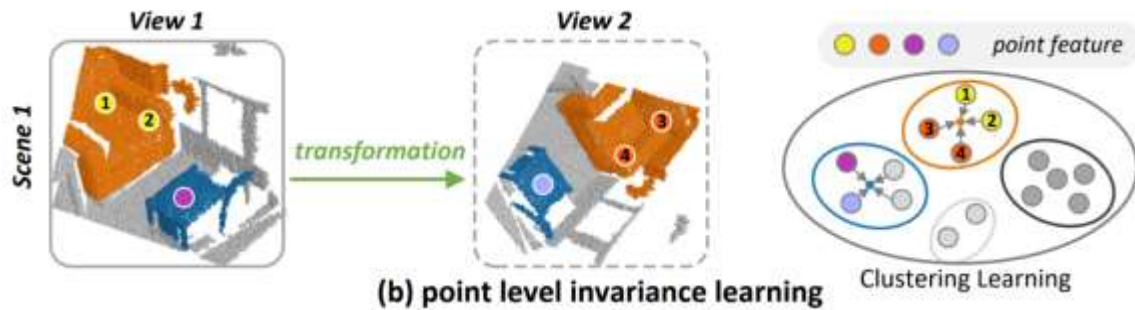
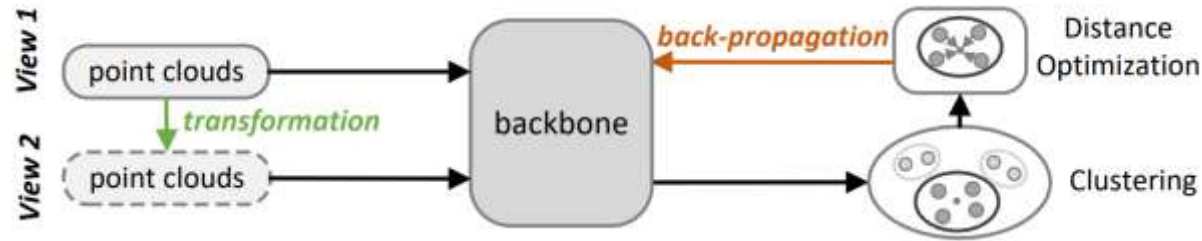


InfoNCE-based Clustering Loss:

$$L_c(f_i, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{y}) = -\log \frac{\exp(f_i \cdot u_{y_i} / \tau)}{\sum_{j=0}^{K-1} \exp(f_i \cdot u_j / \tau)},$$

- Iterative Learning in each epoch
 - Feature extraction and K-means clustering
 - Similarity optimization between feature and clustering prototypes
- Semantic Exploration
 - Class-level information exploration
- Directly apply to Point Clouds
 - Ignore inherent geometry of 3D point data

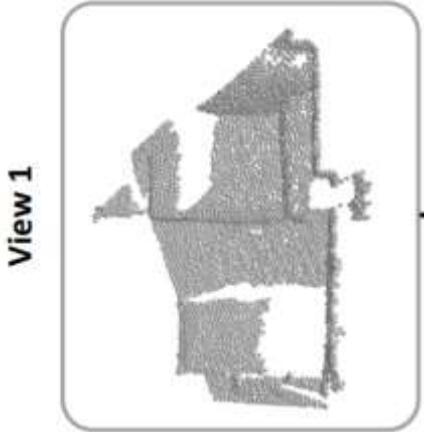
Clustering Learning on Point Clouds



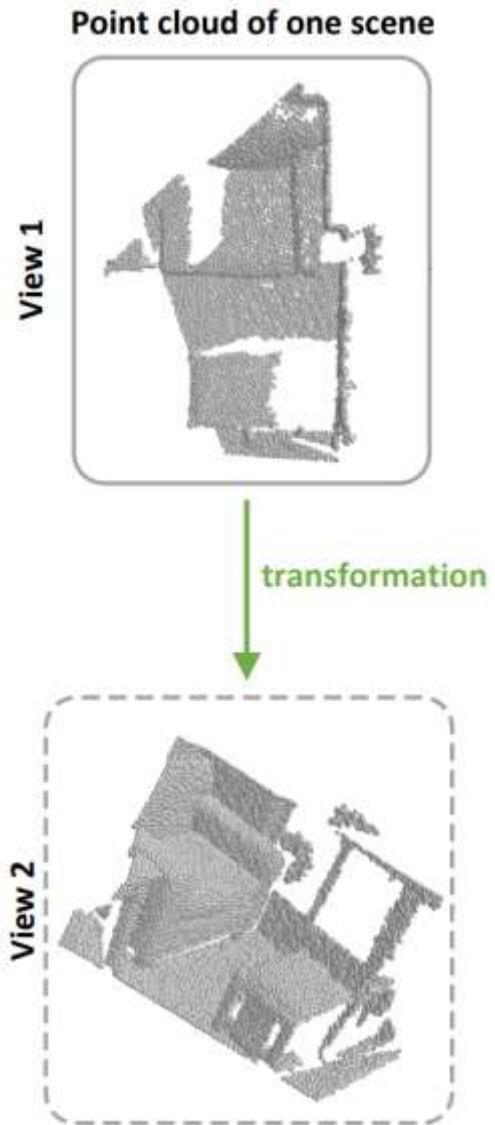
- Feature invariance learning as the inductive bias in clustering
- Exploitation of geometric and semantics for transformation invariance

Point-level Invariance Learning

Point cloud of one scene

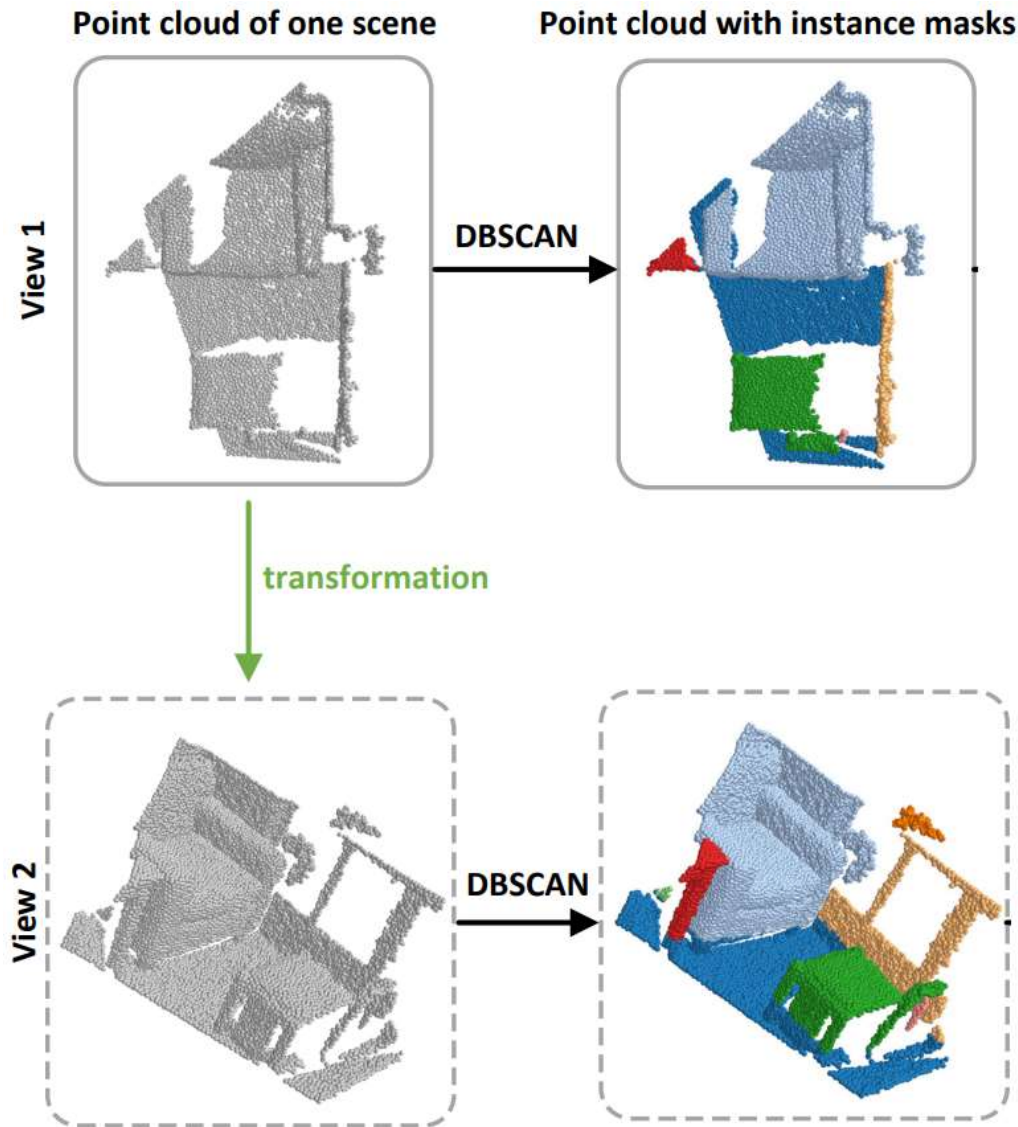


Point-level Invariance Learning



Apply data transformation (e.g., rotation) on each scene to generate two views

Point-level Invariance Learning



Apply DBSCAN to cluster points into instances

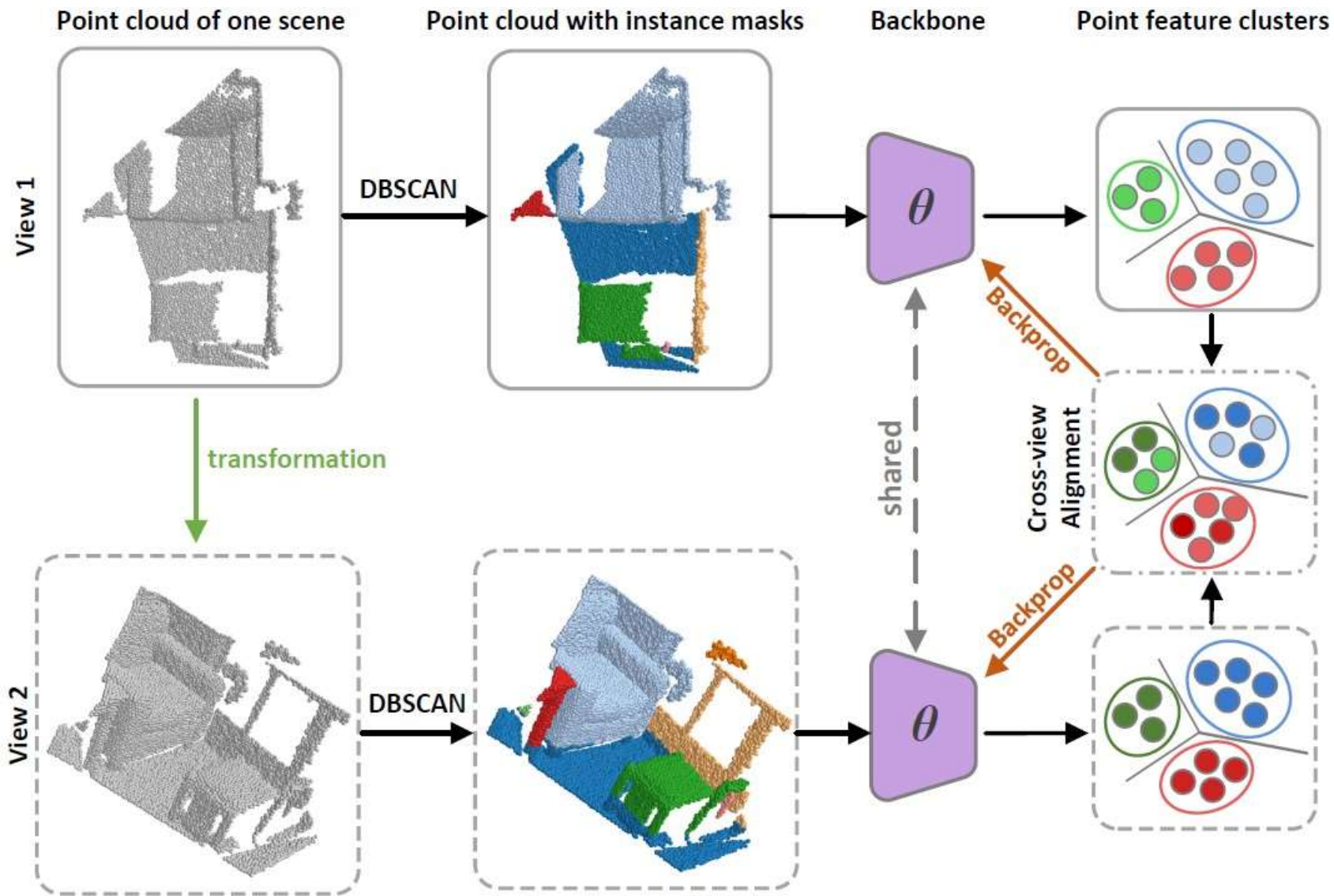
Point prototype set of each view

$$\mathbf{u}^{P_1} \text{ and } \mathbf{u}^{P_2}$$

Assigned point label set of each view

$$\mathbf{y}^{P_1} \text{ and } \mathbf{y}^{P_2}$$

Point-level Invariance Learning



Point feature extraction of two views

$$f_i^{P_1} \text{ and } f_i^{P_2}$$

Inner-view clustering loss

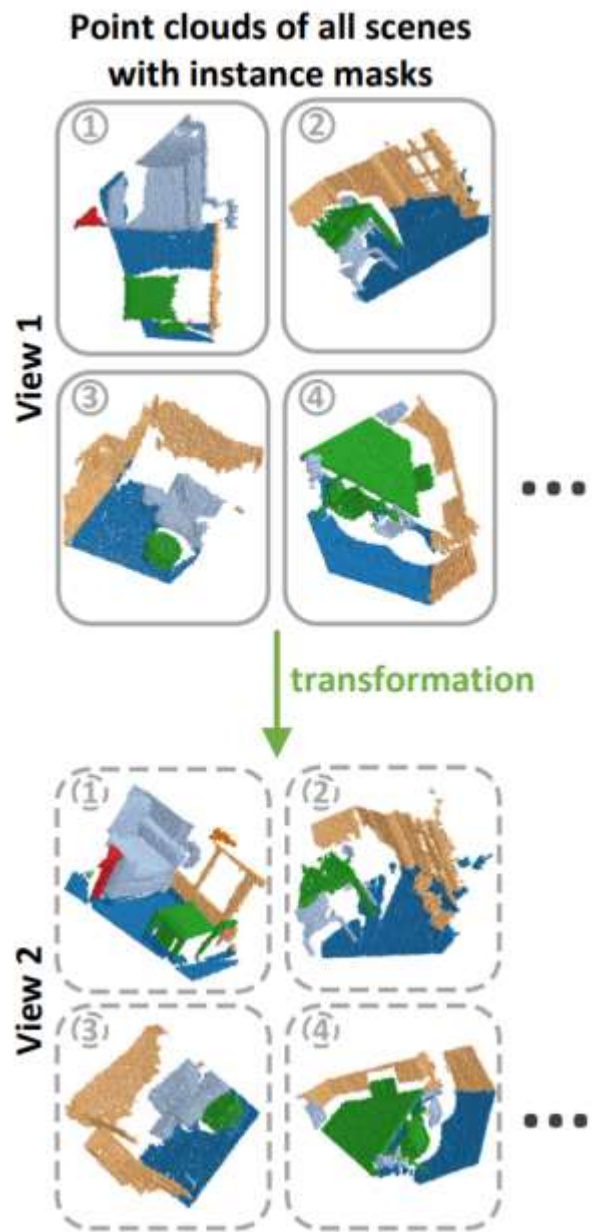
$$L_{ine}^P = L_c(f_i^{P_1}, \mathbf{u}^{P_1}, \mathbf{y}^{P_1}) + L_c(f_i^{P_2}, \mathbf{u}^{P_2}, \mathbf{y}^{P_2}),$$

Cross-view clustering loss

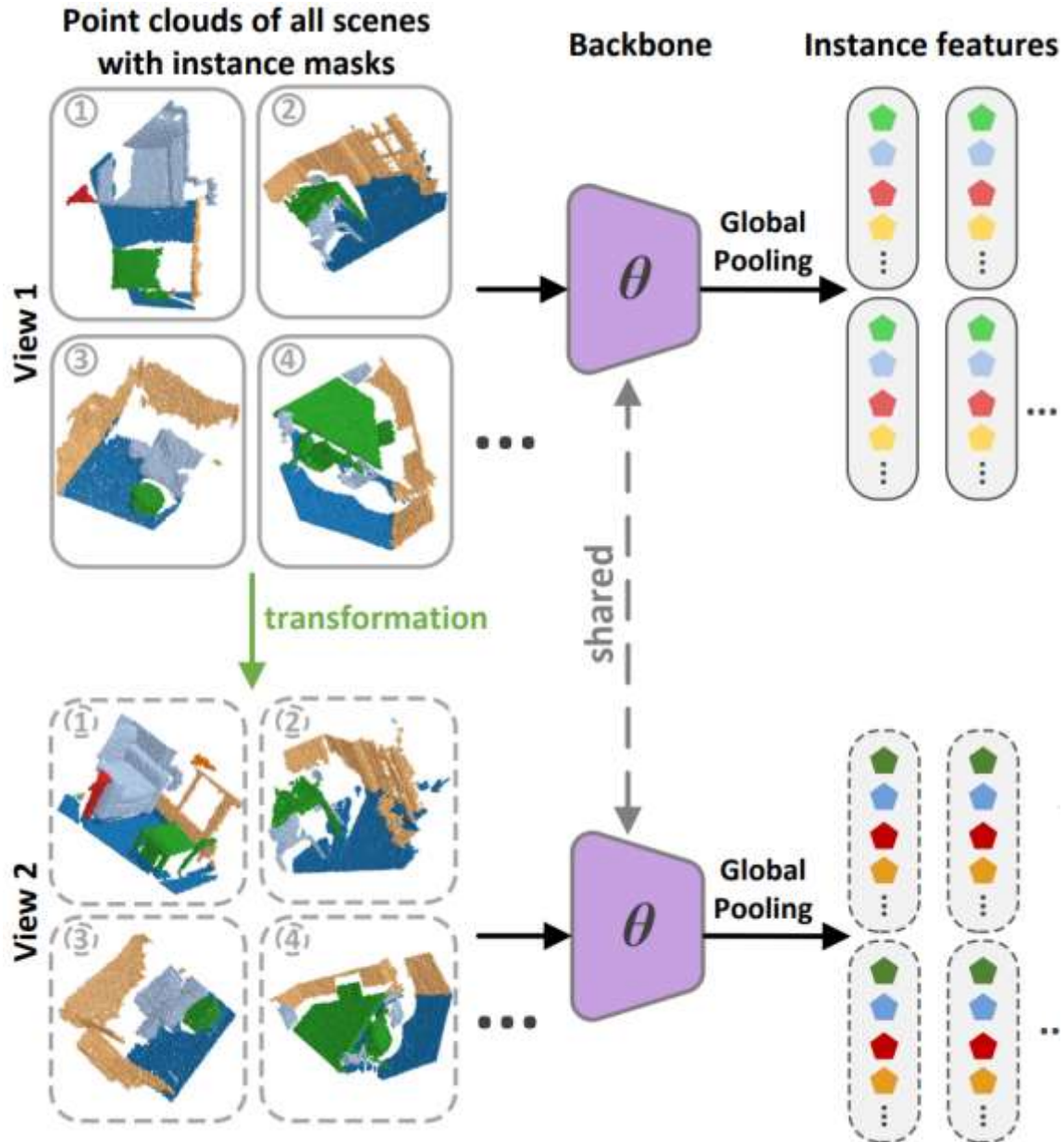
$$L_{cro}^P = L_c(f_i^{P_1}, \mathbf{u}^{P_2}, \mathbf{y}^{P_2}) + L_c(f_i^{P_2}, \mathbf{u}^{P_1}, \mathbf{y}^{P_1}).$$

Point-level loss $L^P = L_{ine}^P + L_{cro}^P$.

Instance-level Invariance Learning



Instance-level Invariance Learning



Instance-level invariance learning on all instances over the entire dataset

Instance feature is obtained through globally pooling point features

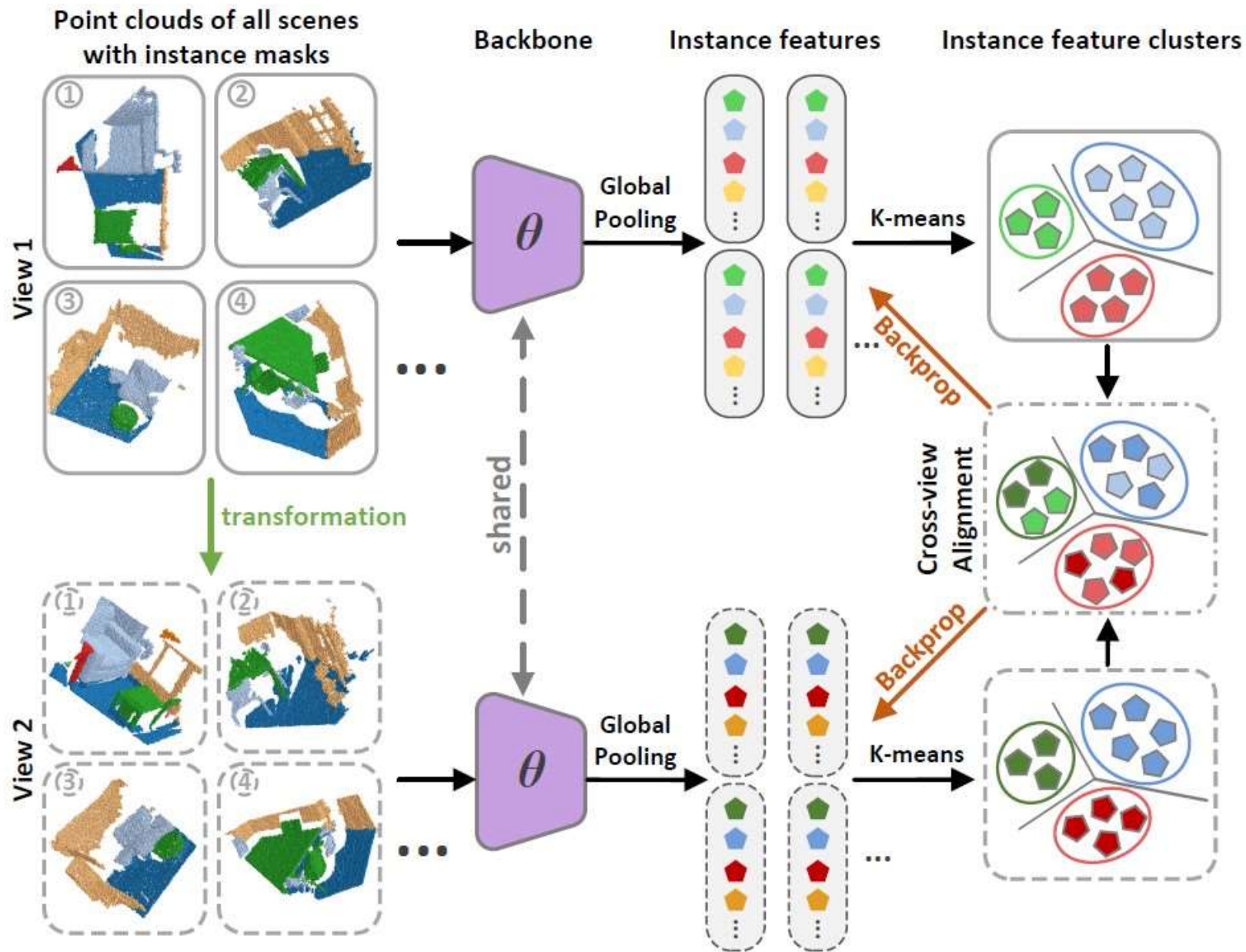
Instance prototype set of each view

$$\mathbf{u}^{I_1} \text{ and } \mathbf{u}^{I_2}$$

Assigned instance label set of each view

$$\mathbf{y}^{I_1} \text{ and } \mathbf{y}^{I_2}$$

Instance-level Invariance Learning



Instance feature of two views

$$f_i^{I_1} \text{ and } f_i^{I_2}$$

Inner-view clustering loss

$$L_{ine}^I = L_c(f_i^{I_1}, \mathbf{u}^{I_1}, \mathbf{y}^{I_1}) + L_c(f_i^{I_2}, \mathbf{u}^{I_2}, \mathbf{y}^{I_2}).$$

Cross-view clustering loss

$$L_{cro}^I = L_c(f_i^{I_1}, \mathbf{u}^{I_2}, \mathbf{y}^{I_2}) + L_c(f_i^{I_2}, \mathbf{u}^{I_1}, \mathbf{y}^{I_1}).$$

Instance-level loss $L^I = L_{ine}^I + L_{cro}^I.$

Overall loss $L_{ov} = L^P + L^I.$

Experiments

- Datasets

- Pre-training Dataset

- ScanNet: 2.5M RGB-D scanning frames
- Extract 190K 3D scans from 1,200 depth video sequences
- Sample 8,192 points of each scans for pre-training

- Datasets of Downstream Tasks

Dataset	Statistic	Task	Gain
ModelNet40 [62]	9.8K train, 2.5K val	Object Cls.	+3.0% Acc
ScanObjectNN [56]	11.4K train, 2.9K val	Object Cls.	+10.1% Acc
ShapeNetPart [69]	14.0K train, 2.9K val	Part Seg.	+1.6% mIoU
PartNet [40]	17.1K train, 2.5K val	Part Seg.	+4.3% mIoU
S3DIS [3]	199 train, 67 val	Semantic Seg.	+6.7% mIoU
ScanNetV2 [10]	1.2K train, 312 val	Semantic Seg.	+5.7% mIoU

Performance Comparisons

- Comparisons with the state-of-the-art methods

Performances on classification

Approach	Backbone	ModelNet40	ScanObjectNN
Scratch	PointNet++	90.7	77.9
DepthContrast [74]	PointNet++	91.3	-
GLR [50]	PointNet++	93.0	-
ReSp [52]	DGCNN	92.4	-
OcCo [60]	DGCNN	93.0	-
PointClustering	PointNet++	94.1 (+3.4)	84.5 (+6.6)
Scratch	SR-UNet	90.1	76.2
PointContrast [65]	SR-UNet	91.2	-
PointClustering	SR-UNet	93.6 (+3.5)	83.7 (+7.5)
Scratch	PointViT	91.5	77.2
Point-BERT [70]	PointViT	93.2	83.1
MaskPoint [34]	PointViT	93.8	84.3
Point-MAE [41]	PointViT	93.8	85.2
MaskSurf [73]	PointViT	93.4	85.8
PointClustering	PointViT	94.5 (+3.0)	87.3 (+10.1)

Performances on part segmentation

Approach	Backbone	ShapeNetPart	PartNet
Scratch	PointNet++	84.9	42.5
OcCo [60]	DGCNN	85.0	-
ReSp [52]	DGCNN	85.3	-
PointClustering	PointNet++	85.9 (+1.0)	47.0 (+4.5)
Scratch	SR-UNet	84.7	38.9
PointContrast [65]	SR-UNet	85.1	41.5
PointClustering	SR-UNet	86.0 (+1.3)	42.1 (+3.2)
Scratch	PointViT	85.1	45.8
Point-BERT [70]	PointViT	85.6	-
MaskPoint [34]	PointViT	86.0	-
MaskSurf [73]	PointViT	86.1	-
Point-MAE [41]	PointViT	86.1	-
PointClustering	PointViT	86.7 (+1.6)	50.1 (+4.3)

Performances on semantic segmentation

Approach	Backbone	S3DIS	ScanNetV2
Scratch	PointNet++	55.3	57.9
OcCo [60]	DGCNN	58.0	-
PointClustering	PointNet++	61.2 (+5.9)	62.6 (+4.7)
Scratch	SR-UNet	68.2	70.3
DepthContrast [74]	SR-UNet	71.5	71.2
CSC [23]	SR-UNet	72.2	73.8
PointContrast [65]	SR-UNet	70.9	74.1
PointClustering	SR-UNet	73.2 (+5.0)	75.5 (+5.2)
Scratch	PointViT	58.9	60.1
Point-MAE [41]	PointViT	60.0	-
MaskSurf [73]	PointViT	61.6	-
PointClustering	PointViT	65.6 (+6.7)	65.8 (+5.7)

PointClustering achieves better performances with three kinds of point backbone, i.e., PointNet++, SR-UNet and PointViT, on all benchmarks

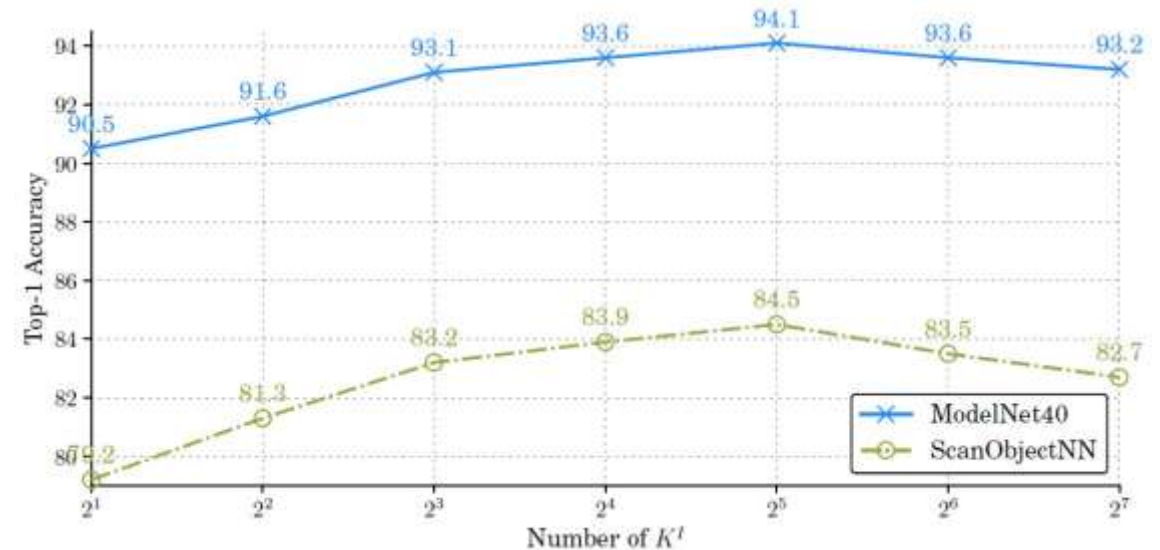
Performance Comparisons

- Ablation Studies

Ablation studies on different invariance learning

Model		ModelNet40	ScanObjectNN
point-level inv.	instance-level inv.		
Scratch		90.7	77.9
SceneClustering		91.0	78.1
PointClustering ⁻		91.5	80.1
✓		93.0	82.6
	✓	93.4	83.1
✓	✓	94.1	84.5

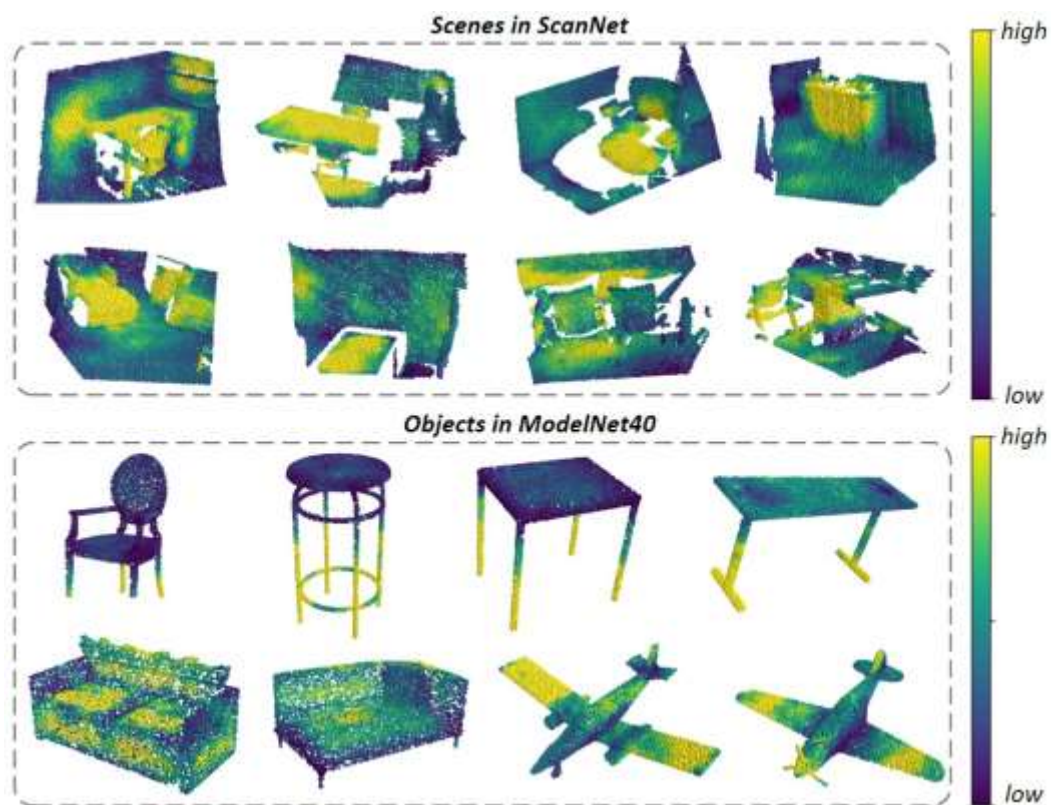
Ablation studies on instance clustering number K



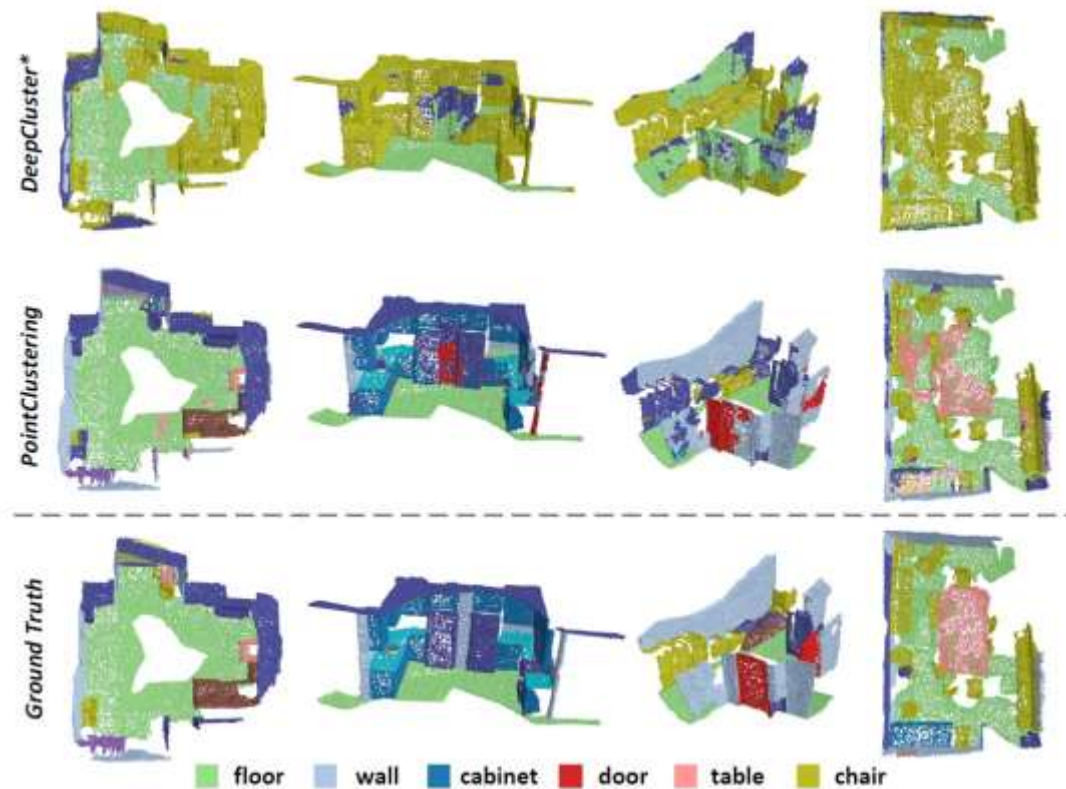
Visualization

- Point-level and Instance-level

Point feature visualization on ModelNet40



Unsupervised semantic segmentation on ScaneNetV2



Thanks!

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Source Code: <https://github.com/FuchenUSTC/PointClustering>