

3D-Aware Multi-Task Learning with Cross-View Correlations for Dense Scene Understanding

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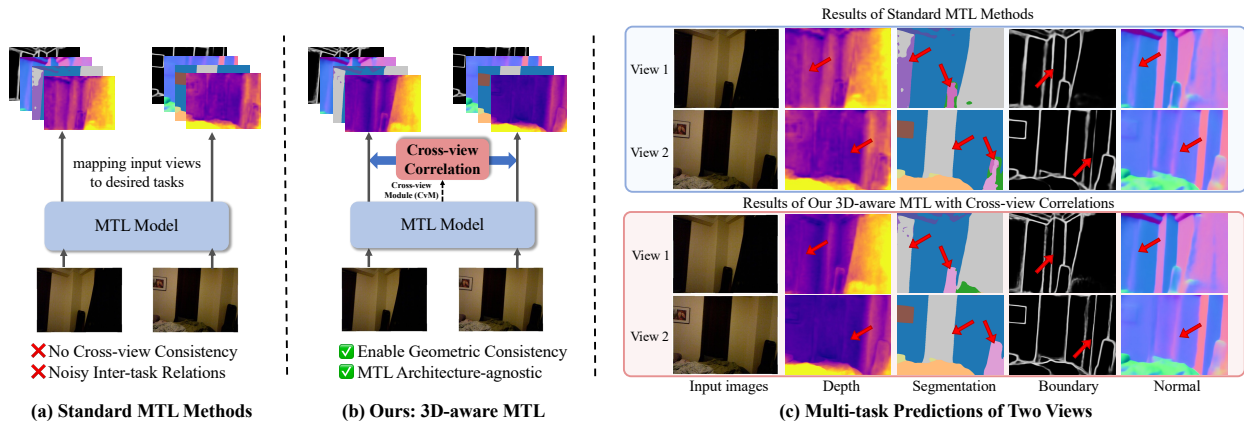


Figure 1. **Comparison between standard MTL and our 3D-aware MTL framework.** (a) Standard MTL relies solely on 2D per-pixel supervision, while (b) our approach incorporates geometric consistency through a lightweight cross-view module (CvM). (c) Using DINOv3 [56] as the encoder, standard MTL (top) shows cross-view ambiguities (highlighted by arrows), e.g., inconsistent curtain segmentation, leading to reduced inter-task coherence. In contrast, our method yields more consistent predictions across both views and tasks.

Abstract

This paper addresses the challenge of training a single network to jointly perform multiple dense prediction tasks, such as segmentation and depth estimation, i.e., multi-task learning (MTL). Current approaches mainly capture cross-task relations in the 2D image space, often leading to unstructured features lacking 3D-awareness. We argue that 3D-awareness is vital for modeling cross-task correlations essential for comprehensive scene understanding. We propose to address this problem by integrating correlations across views, i.e., cost volume, as geometric consistency in the MTL network. Specifically, we introduce a lightweight Cross-view Module (CvM), shared across tasks, to exchange information across views and capture cross-view correlations, which are integrated with MTL encoder features for multi-task prediction. This module is architecture-agnostic and can be applied to both single- and multi-view data. Extensive results on NYUv2 and PASCAL-Context demonstrate that our method effectively injects geometric consistency into existing MTL methods to improve performance.

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1. Introduction

One central focus of multi-task learning (MTL) in computer vision [61] is to jointly solve multiple visual tasks within a single network. By sharing the majority of model parameters, MTL models effectively reduce computational cost and memory capacity while exploiting cross-task inductive biases [8, 32, 61, 76]. This multi-task collaborative framework resonates deeply with a variety of real-world applications [76], such as robotic automation, where depth estimation and spatial awareness for obstacle avoidance are combined with semantic segmentation and other scene understanding tasks for object localization [1].

However, building an MTL model that performs consistently well for all desired tasks remains a challenging problem as it requires the MTL model to maintain a good balance between shared and task-specific features [32]. Modern deep learning-based MTL methods have explored various architectural innovations to address this: Liu *et al.* [38] introduce task-specific attention modules with a fully shared feature encoder for more flexible feature shar-

ing; Vandenhende *et al.* [61] and Bruggemann *et al.* [6] design cross-task attention modules to capture inter-task relations from multi-scale features; recent transformer-based methods have advanced MTL through techniques such as high-resolution multi-scale decoding [72], prompt learning [64, 73], task-specific experts [15, 18, 70, 74], and multi-teacher knowledge distillation [23, 43, 49].

Despite advancements, most existing MTL methods predominantly rely on mapping 2D images to high-dimensional features and per-pixel supervision (as shown in Fig. 1 (a)), resulting in unstructured features. This unstructured feature space, coupled with a lack of explicit mechanisms for modeling spatial consistency, can lead to noisy inter-task relations and degraded performance [32, 82] (Fig. 1 (c) top). In response, pioneering work like 3D-MTL [32] explores integrating 3D regularization into MTL by proposing a structured 3D-aware regularizer that projects shared features into a 3D feature space and decodes multiple tasks via differentiable rendering. Another approach, MuvieNeRF [82] recasts multi-task dense prediction as multi-view synthesis, embedding both cross-view and cross-task attention within a NeRF [45] backbone to synthesize multiple scene properties. However, despite utilizing multi-view data for 3D-awareness via feature projection and rendering, 3D-MTL [32] does not directly extract and integrate multi-view geometric cues into its shared representations. Meanwhile, MuvieNeRF [82] requires multi-view data and camera parameters during inference, which limits its scalability for real-world MTL applications.

On the other hand, recent work on multi-view scene reconstruction, such as VGGT [62], MV-Splat [12], and DepthSplat [68], demonstrates the success of leveraging multiple views for building robust 3D representations. MV-Splat [12] effectively reconstructs high-fidelity 3D scenes by efficiently processing sparse multi-view images with 3D Gaussian Splatting. Complementing this, DepthSplat [68] integrates depth information from a pre-trained depth estimation model with Gaussian Splatting to achieve superior 3D reconstruction quality. VGGT [62] leverages a unified transformer architecture enhanced with visual geometry grounding to improve 3D understanding from multi-view inputs and multiple downstream 3D tasks. However, these methods primarily focus on scene reconstruction or 3D representation and are not directly designed to enhance multi-task learning that jointly performs multiple dense prediction tasks from single view image input, including depth estimation, boundary detection, surface normal estimation, and semantic segmentation, making their integration into MTL unclear. This leads us to a critical question for current MTL frameworks:

Can we introduce cross-view correlations into MTL to ensure high geometric consistency across vision tasks?

Motivated by this insight, we propose a 3D-aware multi-

task learning framework that tightly integrates the design principles of MTL and 3D reconstruction, as shown in Fig. 1 (b). Our approach augments the monocular multi-task learning feature encoder with multi-view geometric cues via a dedicated geometric pathway, which we name the Cross-view Module (CvM), allowing the model to learn representations that are simultaneously task-aligned and geometry-aware (Fig. 1 (c)). The CvM consists of three sequential components: (i) a spatial-aware encoder for extracting geometric and spatial primitives, (ii) a multi-view transformer that ingests these encoded features for relational interactions, and (iii) a cost volume module that reconstructs cross-view correlations as a geometric representation. Crucially, the spatial-aware encoder operates independently of the main monocular MTL pathway, allowing it to leverage strong inductive biases for spatial locality to explicitly capture geometry-rich cues. Its features are then passed into the multi-view transformer, where intra- and cross-view attention forge robust geometry-aware representations, culminating in the construction of a cost volume that establishes dense correspondence across views. These 3D-aware features complement the original monocular MTL features and are concatenated with them before being passed into lightweight, task-specific decoder heads. Our method supports both MTL training on multi-view data (or video inputs) and single-view, while only a single image is needed for inference, making it broadly applicable in practice.

To summarize, our main contributions are as follows:

- Unlike prior work that primarily focuses on learning direct mappings between input images and desired task ground-truths, we propose to enable 3D-aware MTL by integrating cross-view correlation, *i.e.*, cost volume, as a geometric consistency into multi-task learning through an introduced multi-view module.
- Our method is architecture-agnostic, allowing seamless integration into various existing MTL architectures to enhance their performance.
- Our approach is applicable to both single- and multi-view data during training, yet requires only a single image for inference, eliminating the need for camera parameters at deployment.
- Extensive experimental results demonstrate the effectiveness and superiority of our proposed 3D-aware multi-task learning framework on standard NYUv2 and PASCAL-Context benchmarks.

2. Related Work

2.1. Multi-task Learning

Multi-task Learning (MTL) [8] aims at learning a single network that jointly estimates accurate predictions for multiple desired tasks. Recent research on multi-task learn-

ing in computer vision can be broadly divided into two categories [50, 61]. The first group aims at addressing the unbalanced optimization issues - each task’s loss function often exhibits distinct scales and convergence behaviors, jointly minimizing them can lead to optimization conflicts and performance degradation. To address this issue, prior work proposes to estimate loss weights dynamically [13, 20, 25, 35, 37, 38, 53], mitigating conflicts between gradient conflicts [14, 16, 36, 58, 77], or aligning features with single-task models [30, 31].

Our work is more related to the second one which aims at designing architectures [3, 4, 6, 27, 33, 51, 57, 59, 65, 80, 81] that better share information across tasks using cross-task attention mechanisms [46], task-specific attention modules [2, 38], cross-task feature interaction [60, 72], gating strategies or mixture of experts modules [5, 15, 18, 21, 74], visual prompting [39, 73] and distillation of multiple visual foundation models [23, 43, 49]. However, these methods mainly capture cross-task relations within the 2D space, and two recent works [32, 82] show that 3D-awareness is vital for learning more structured features that are shared and beneficial for all tasks by using NeRF as a decoder or a 3D-aware regularizer. However, MuvieNeRF [82] requires multiple views and ground-truth camera parameters, limiting its use for practical scenarios. While 3DMTL [32] does not require camera parameters during inference and can be applied to standard MTL settings with single-view input, it is shown that the method has limited capacity of leveraging multi-view data for enhancing the 3D-awareness.

Unlike existing methods, we propose to enable MTL to be 3D-aware by equipping the standard MTL encoder with a cross-view module capturing cross-view relations, allowing the model to learn representations that are simultaneously task-aligned and geometry-aware. Additionally, our method is architecture agnostic and can be applied to both single and multi-view data without requiring camera parameters during inference.

2.2. 3D Scene Reconstruction and Synthesis

Our approach is also related to methods that learn 3D scene representations for multi-view scene reconstruction and synthesis [7, 9, 12, 19, 29, 41, 45, 62, 63, 69, 79]. Earlier works [26, 45] in this field represent only a single scene per model, require many calibrated views, or are not able to perform tasks other than novel view synthesis such as semantic segmentation, depth estimation. Zhi *et al.* [83] extend the standard NeRF pipeline through a parallel semantic segmentation branch to jointly encode semantic information of the 3D scene, and obtain 2D segmentations by rendering the scene for a given view. Panoptic Neural Fields [28] predict a radiance field encoding color, density, instance, and category labels for any 3D point by combining multiple en-

coders for both background and individual object instances. However, this approach is limited to predicting these tasks on novel views of previously seen scenes. Consequently, it cannot be applied to entirely new scenes without additional training and is constrained to handling only rigid objects.

PixelNeRF [75] and PixelSplat [10] condition a NeRF [45] or Gaussian Splatting [26] on image inputs through an encoder, allowing for the modeling of multiple scenes jointly and generalizing to unseen scenes, however, the work focuses only on synthesizing novel views. MVSplat [12] further improves PixelSplat [10] by efficiently incorporating cross-view correlations to improve the scene reconstruction. Building on this, DepthSplat [68] proposes to leverage depth prediction from a single-view depth model for further improving the quality of 3D scene reconstruction. More recently, Wang *et al.* [62] propose VGGT that directly infers a set of 3D scene attributes from multiple views using a single, efficient feed-forward transformer.

In contrast to these methods that focus on scene reconstruction or synthesis, our work focuses on joint learning of dense vision problems in novel scenes and leverages cross-view correlation as a geometry cue to bring a beneficial structure to the learned representations. Our method can be trained from single-view or multi-view inputs and is not limited to a fixed architecture or specific set of tasks.

3. Methodology

3.1. Multi-task Learning

In multi-task learning (MTL), we aim to train a single model that takes an RGB image as input and simultaneously predicts multiple dense output targets, such as depth, edges, semantic labels, and surface normals. Formally, with an input image $\mathbf{I} \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times 3}$, the goal is to estimate a set of task-specific outputs $\mathcal{Y} = \{\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_T\}$ corresponding to T different tasks.

A common approach to MTL is to employ a shared encoder with T task-specific decoders architecture, where a feature extractor $f(\cdot)$ maps the input image to a latent representation $f(\mathbf{I}) \in \mathbb{R}^{H' \times W' \times C}$. This shared representation is then processed by T lightweight task-specific decoders $\{h_t\}_{t=1}^T$ to generate the task predictions $\hat{\mathbf{y}}_t = h_t \circ f(\mathbf{I})$. Such designs exploit the redundancy between related tasks and improve training efficiency by sharing features across tasks.

The model is typically trained on a single-view labeled dataset $\mathcal{D}$ with N image-label pairs by jointly minimizing multiple losses:

$$\min_{f, \{h_t\}_{t=1}^T} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{(\mathbf{I}, \mathcal{Y}) \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\mathbf{y}_t \in \mathcal{Y}} \ell_t(h_t \circ f(\mathbf{I}), \mathbf{y}_t), \quad (1)$$

where ℓ_t denotes the task-specific loss function, e.g., cross-entropy for segmentation, L_1 loss for depth estimation.

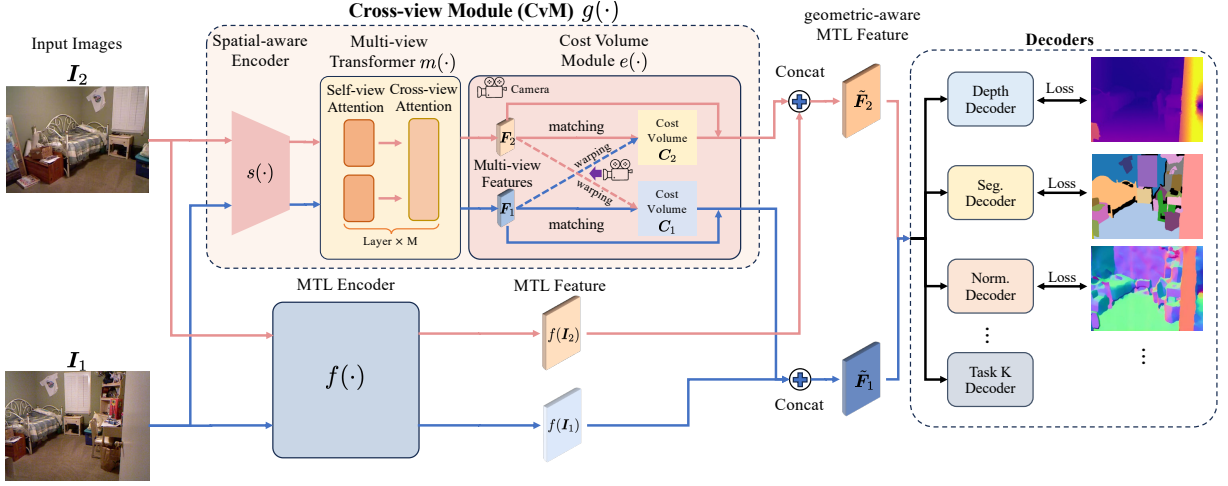


Figure 2. **Illustration of our method for integrating cross-view correlation for enabling 3D-aware MTL.** Given an image I_1 , we feed it and its neighboring view I_2 into the MTL encoder $f(\cdot)$ and extract the MTL features $f(I_1)$ and $f(I_2)$. In parallel, our lightweight cross-view module (CvM) $g(\cdot)$ takes as input both views. In CvM, a spatial-aware encoder $s(\cdot)$ encodes geometrically biased features, followed by a multi-view transformer $m(\cdot)$ that enables information exchange across views and outputs cross-view features F_1 and F_2 . A cost volume module $e(\cdot)$ then converts F_1 and F_2 to the cost volume C_1 and C_2 by warping the feature from one view to another given their relative camera parameters and matching features across views. Finally, both cost volume and cross-view feature are concatenated with the MTL features, forming the geometric-aware MTL feature $\tilde{F}_1$ and $\tilde{F}_2$ for estimating predictions of multiple dense vision tasks.

3.2. MTL with Cross-view Correlations

While existing multi-task learning benefits from feature sharing, it relies on single-view 2D images, and *its inherent lack of 3D awareness often results in geometric inconsistencies between related tasks*. To mitigate this, one straightforward approach is to include multi-view data (e.g., video sequences) for training MTL models to improve geometric consistency. However, simply mapping multi-view inputs to the desired task ground-truths does not ensure consistency across views of the same scene, which is a crucial geometric cue for scene understanding.

To address this, we propose a 3D-aware multi-task learning framework that augments the shared encoder $f(\cdot)$ with a lightweight cross-view module (CvM) $g(\cdot)$ —*shared across all tasks*—comprising: (i) a spatial-aware encoder that extracts geometry-biased features from paired views; (ii) a multi-view transformer that performs self/cross-attention to exchange information and produce cross-view enhanced features; and (iii) a differentiable cost volume builder that warps and matches features across depth hypotheses to explicitly encode cross-view correlations. The resulting geometric representation is fused with features from $f(\cdot)$ to obtain task-specific predictions (Fig. 2), enforcing cross-view geometric consistency and improving 3D coherence across tasks. Fig. 2 illustrates the overall pipeline of our method. The detailed design of our CvM module is as follows:

Spatial-aware encoder provides geometry-biased features from each view that are decoupled from monocular MTL cues, to serve as clean inputs for cross-view correlation modeling shared by all tasks. More specifically,

given an image I_1 , we feed it and its neighboring views $\{I_i\}_{i=2}^V$ into the MTL encoder to extract the MTL features $\{f(I_i)\}_{i=1}^V$. In this work, we use 1 neighboring view, *i.e.*, $V = 2$, but the method supports more views. One could simply utilize the MTL features for cross-view matching and regularizing cross-view consistency. However, we argue that this can lead to interference between monocular MTL and cross-view matching, leading to higher difficulty in training (shown in Tab. 5) and extending to other MTL models.

To this end, we instead design a cross-view module that operates in parallel with the MTL encoder. This cross-view module consists of a spatial-aware encoder $s(\cdot)$ that extracts geometric-aware features, followed by a multi-view transformer $m(\cdot)$ which aggregates intra- and cross-view correspondences, and a cost volume module $e(\cdot)$ for constructing cross-view correlations as geometric representations. The spatial-aware encoder $s(\cdot)$ is implemented as a shallow ResNet-like [22] Convolutional Neural Network (CNN), similar to [12, 67], to extract spatial-aware down-sampled features of all views $\{s(I_i)\}_{i=1}^V$.

Multi-view transformer aggregates complementary intra- and cross-view context to strengthen correspondences and disambiguate occlusions/textureless regions, yielding cross-view enhanced features for subsequent geometry construction. Instead of directly matching spatial-aware features $\{s(I_i)\}_{i=1}^V$, we adopt a multi-view transformer, implemented as a multi-view Swin Transformer [40, 66–68], consisting of stacked self- and cross-attention layers to facilitate information exchange

across views. Within this transformer, for each view, we compute attention with respect to its neighboring views¹, enabling the transformer to aggregate complementary visual cues and disambiguate challenging regions such as occlusions and textureless surfaces. To balance computational efficiency and geometric consistency, we follow a local attention design similar to Swin Transformer [40], where attention is restricted within spatial windows but is repeated across all scales and views. This ensures that the resulting features are both geometry-aware and scalable to large input resolutions, which is important for dense vision tasks. The output of the multi-view transformer is a set of cross-view enhanced feature maps $\{\mathbf{F}_i\}_{i=1}^V = m(\{s(\mathbf{I}_i)\}_{i=1}^V)$, which are subsequently used for constructing the cost volume.

Cost volume module converts learned correspondences into an explicit, differentiable 3D representation by building a depth-parameterized cost volume that enforces geometric consistency. Given cross-view enhanced feature maps $\{\mathbf{F}_i\}_{i=1}^V$, we aim to encode the feature matching information across views as a geometric cue, shared across all dense vision tasks, to improve their performance. Following prior work in multi-view stereo [67, 71], we construct a differentiable cost volume to explicitly model the geometric consistency across views. To achieve this, we first define a set of L candidate depth planes $\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_L\}$ sampled uniformly in inverse depth space. For each candidate depth d , the feature of one neighboring view $\mathbf{I}_j$ is warped to the reference view $\mathbf{I}_i$ using their camera intrinsics and relative pose, producing $\hat{\mathbf{F}}_{j \rightarrow i}^{(d)}$.

For each view $\mathbf{I}_i$, we perform pixel-wise matching between its feature and the warped features from each neighboring view under each depth candidate using dot-product similarity, and aggregate the resulting matching scores over all neighboring views:

$$\mathbf{C}_i^{(d)} = e(\{\mathbf{F}_i\}_{i=1}^V) = \frac{1}{V-1} \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^V \frac{\mathbf{F}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{F}}_{j \rightarrow i}^{(d)}}{\sqrt{K}}, \quad (2)$$

where K is the channel dimension for normalization. This yields a 3D cost volume $\mathbf{C}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times L}$ for each view shared across all tasks.

Training objective. Finally, we concatenate the cost volume $\mathbf{C}_i$ and the cross-view enhanced feature $\mathbf{F}_i$ with the MTL feature $f(\mathbf{I}_i)$ to form the 3D-aware multi-task feature $\tilde{\mathbf{F}}_{\mathbf{I}_i} = \text{concat}(f(\mathbf{I}_i), \mathbf{C}_i, \mathbf{F}_i)$ for estimating multi-task predictions. We then measure the mismatch between the

ground-truth labels and the predictions obtained from the spatial-aware MTL feature, and jointly optimize the model by minimizing all task losses as in Eq. (1):

$$\min_{f, \{h_t\}_{t=1}^T, g} \frac{1}{NV} \sum_{\{(\mathbf{I}_i, \mathcal{Y}_i)\}_{i=1}^V \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{\mathbf{y}_t \in \mathcal{Y}_i} \ell_t(h_t(\tilde{\mathbf{F}}_{\mathbf{I}_i}), \mathbf{y}_t), \quad (3)$$

where $g = e \circ m \circ s$ is the cross-view module that consists of the spatial-aware encoder s , multi-view transformer m and the cost volume module e .

Training and inference with single-view inputs. Although our cross-view module requires at least two views as input, during inference, often only a single-view image is available. We address this by duplicating the single-view image to serve as the neighboring view, enabling multi-task predictions. We employ the same strategy for training our method on single-view datasets and found that it still performs effectively (as shown in Tab. 2 and Tab. 3). We hypothesize that training the cross-view module on duplicated single-view images can prevent it from capturing spurious correlations between identical views, thereby enhancing its robustness. However, further improvements could be achieved through augmentation or multi-view image generation techniques, and we leave this for future work.

4. Experiments

In this section, we first detail the benchmarks and our implementation, followed by a quantitative and qualitative analysis of our method. Please refer to the supplementary materials for more results and details.

4.1. Datasets

NYUv2 [55] is a popular MTL benchmark consisting of 1449 indoor RGB-D images captured with a Microsoft Kinect sensor. We follow the standard split [17] and we use 795 and 654 images for training and testing. Following the prior work [43, 72], we perform four tasks, including 40-class semantic segmentation, depth estimation, surface normal prediction, and boundary detection.

NYUv2 Video Frames. Following prior work [32], we leverage raw RGB-D video sequences from the NYUv2 dataset [55], extracting additional video frames to construct multi-view inputs. We also follow 3DMTL [32] and use COLMAP [52] to estimate relative camera poses between adjacent frames. These video frames only have depth annotations and they are used for training in multi-view setting.

PASCAL-Context [11] provides dense annotations for various visual tasks, including semantic segmentation, boundary detection, and human part segmentation. We follow [61] and also perform saliency detection, and surface normal prediction with annotation from Vandenhende *et al.* [61]. We adopt the standard splits [61, 72]: 4998 images for training and 5105 images for testing.

¹Our method supports $V > 2$ though we use $V = 2$ by default. For each reference view that has more than 2 neighboring views (*i.e.*, $V > 3$), we perform cross-attention between the reference view and its top-2 nearest neighboring views, which are selected based on their camera distances to the reference view to ensure better trade-off between performance and computational efficiency.

Method	Seg. (mIoU) $\uparrow$	Depth (RMSE) $\downarrow$	Normal (mErr) $\downarrow$	Boundary (odsF) $\uparrow$	Δ MTL $\uparrow$
SAK [43] <i>w/o video</i>	63.18	0.4313	16.25	79.43	0.00
SAK [43]	62.60	0.4093	16.19	79.58	1.19
Ours	62.78	0.4034	16.10	80.52	2.03
DINOv3 [56] <i>w/o video</i>	63.68	0.4113	15.53	80.10	0.00
DINOv3 [56]	64.03	0.3954	15.35	80.52	1.52
3DMTL*	64.25	0.3952	15.24	80.15	1.68
Ours	65.27	0.3836	15.35	81.69	3.09

Table 1. Quantitative comparison of our method on NYUv2 dataset + extra video frames with multiple views. *: Code for 3DMTL [32] is not available and we reproduce 3DMTL [32] with DINOv3 backbone. Δ MTL is computed using “SAK [43] *w/o video*” and “DINOv3 [56] *w/o video*” as baseline, respectively.

4.2. Implementation Details

Our method is architecture agnostic and can be applied to different state-of-the-art MTL methods. We apply our method to the recent SAK [43], RADIO [49] from Lu *et al.* [43] and DINOv3 [56], by attaching the cross-view module (CvM) to their encoder. For all experiments, we follow the identical training and evaluation protocol of prior work [43]. We implement our model in PyTorch [47] and use the same loss functions and loss weights as in [43, 61, 72]. Across all experiments, we use ViT-L as the backbone for MTL encoder. For CvM, our spatial-aware encoder produces 128-dimensional features at 1/8 input resolution, followed by the multi-view transformer with 6 self- and cross-view attention layers. The number of depth candidates L is set to be 128 to uniformly sample depth candidates from 0.0001 to 10. Please refer to supplementary for more details.

Evaluation Metrics. We follow the previous methods [43, 72], measuring semantic segmentation and human parsing by the mean Intersection over Union (mIoU), saliency detection by maximum F-measure (maxF), surface normal estimation by mean error (mErr) of angles, depth estimation by Root Mean Square Error (RMSE), and boundary detection by optimal-dataset scale F-measure (odsF) [44, 48]. We also report the multi-task learning performance Δ MTL, *i.e.*, average performance gains across all tasks w.r.t. a baseline, *e.g.*, single-task learning method, as in prior work [61].

4.3. Results

MTL with Multiple Views. We perform experiments on multi-view data by training models on both single-view training images and video frames on NYUv2 and evaluating models on the single-view testing set of NYUv2. We incorporate our method with SAK [43] and DINOv3 [56] in this setting, and the results are depicted in Tab. 1. We observe that for both SAK [43] and DINOv3 [56], simply introducing multi-view data for training improves MTL performance, such as depth and surface normal estimation. However, this does not fully exploit the cross-view correlations. In contrast, by explicitly modeling spatial correspondence

Method	Seg. (mIoU) $\uparrow$	Depth (RMSE) $\downarrow$	Normal (mErr) $\downarrow$	Boundary (odsF) $\uparrow$	Δ MTL $\uparrow$
STL	54.19	0.5560	19.22	78.09	0.00
MTL	52.42	0.5413	19.29	76.50	-0.76
TaskExperts [74]	55.35	0.5157	18.54	78.40	3.33
BFCI [78]	55.51	0.4930	18.47	78.22	4.46
TSP [64]	55.39	0.4961	18.44	77.50	4.07
MLoRE [70]	55.96	0.5076	18.33	78.43	4.26
InvPT [72]	53.56	0.5183	19.04	78.10	1.64
3DMTL [32]	54.87	0.5006	18.55	78.30	3.74
RADIO [49]	59.32	0.4698	17.46	79.41	8.95
Ours	60.26	0.4619	17.34	80.36	10.20
SAK [43]	63.18	0.4313	16.25	79.43	14.05
Ours	63.12	0.4044	16.22	80.56	15.63
DINOv3 [56]	63.68	0.4113	15.53	80.10	16.33
Ours	64.98	0.3909	15.27	81.58	18.66

Table 2. Quantitative comparison of our method to the SotA methods on NYUv2 dataset. Δ MTL is computed using single-task learning “STL” as baseline.

and aggregating cross-view features, our CvM enables more effective use of multi-view signals. Notably, DINOv3 with CvM trained on multi-view data achieves +1.57 over DINOv3 trained with multi-view data, and +3.09 over the DINOv3 baseline trained with single-view data.

We further compare our approach with 3DMTL [32], which injects 3D awareness into MTL through a neural rendering regularization. Our CvM achieves consistently better results, improving segmentation by +1.0, boundary detection by +1.5, and reducing depth RMSE from 0.3952 to 0.3836, while achieving comparable performance on surface normal. These results strongly indicate that the cross-view correlations learned by our method effectively enhance 3D awareness and hence improve MTL framework.

Comparisons with SotAs. Our method is not limited to training on multi-view input and can be applied in a single-view setting for comparison with current state-of-the-art (SotA) MTL methods. We compare our method with SotA methods and report the results on NYUv2 and PASCAL in Tab. 2 and Tab. 3, respectively.

On NYUv2, integrating our method with state-of-the-art MTL methods consistently improves their MTL performance by an average over 1.7. Notably, our approach leads to comprehensive improvements on RADIO [49] and DINOv3 [56] across all tasks, and surpasses SAK [43] in three out of four tasks, with comparable segmentation result. Moreover, our CvM demonstrates clear benefits in geometry-intensive tasks such as depth estimation. Across three MTL methods, our method improves depth by 4.29% on average (*e.g.*, from 0.4113 (DINOv3) to 0.3909 (Ours)) and boosts boundary detection F-score by 1.2 on average (*e.g.*, Ours vs DINOv3: 81.58 vs 80.10). Our method with DINOv3 achieves a new SotA across all tasks on NYUv2.

On PASCAL-Context, our method also brings consistent

Method	Seg. (mIoU) ↑	PartSeg (mIoU) ↑	Sal (maxF) ↑	Normal (mErr) ↓	Boundary (odsF) ↑	Δ MTL ↑
STL	81.61	72.77	83.80	13.87	75.24	0.00
MTL	79.26	68.28	84.16	14.06	71.59	-2.97
TaskExpert [74]	80.64	69.42	84.87	13.56	73.30	-0.97
BFCI [78]	80.64	70.06	84.64	13.82	72.96	-1.32
TSP [64]	81.48	70.64	84.86	13.69	74.80	-0.22
MLoRE [70]	81.41	70.52	84.90	13.51	75.42	0.16
InvPT [72]	79.03	67.61	84.81	14.15	73.00	-2.81
3DMTL [32]	79.53	69.12	84.94	13.53	74.00	-1.08
RADIO [49]	81.11	71.50	85.17	13.49	74.80	0.29
Ours	81.18	71.75	85.26	13.42	76.95	1.07
SAK [43]	84.01	76.99	84.65	13.82	76.27	2.30
Ours	84.41	77.68	84.83	13.61	76.79	3.07
DINOv3 [56]	84.07	77.29	84.40	13.70	76.30	2.52
Ours	84.56	77.97	84.56	13.66	79.29	3.71

Table 3. Quantitative comparison of our method to the SotA methods on PASCAL-Context dataset. Δ MTL is computed using single-task learning “STL” as baseline.

improvements over SotA MTL approaches. By integrating CvM into RADIO [49], SAK [43], and DINOv3 [56], our method yields gains across all tasks and boosts MTL performance. The results show that this hybrid design is beneficial: despite the absence of multi-view inputs, our CvM still helps to prevent MTL encoder from capturing noisy and spurious view correlations between identical views and further improves the MTL performance.

Training Cost. Our CvM introduces approximately 5M additional parameters, making it a lightweight component relative to the overall size of typical MTL encoders, e.g., MTL models like RADIO [49], SAK [43], and DINOv3 [56] typically contain 300–350M parameters. Our proposed CvM accounts for only 1.5% of the total parameter count of MTL encoder.

4.4. Ablation Study

Here we conduct an in-depth analysis of our method to validate the effectiveness of our CvM. All experimental analyses are performed on NYUv2 dataset. Video frames in NYUv2 are used during training. Please refer to supplementary for more detailed results of Tabs. 5 to 7.

Cost Volume & Cross-view Features. We aim to examine the contributions of the cost volume C_i and the cross-view enhanced features F_i . We start with our method without both C_i and F_i , resulting in a standard MTL baseline “Ours w/o CV & CF”. We then add only the cost volume, i.e., “Ours w/o CF” to verify the effectiveness of cost volume. Based on “Ours w/o CF”, we further add the cross-view features, which is our full model “Ours”.

The results in Tab. 4 show that the cost volume alone can effectively supplement the MTL encoder with cross-view geometric cues, improving the MTL performance (Δ MTL) by over 1% on average. When combined with the cross-view enhanced features, our model achieves a further boost in performance, indicating that the two components are

Method	Seg. (mIoU) ↑	Depth (RMSE) ↓	Normal (mErr) ↓	Boundary (odsF) ↑	Δ MTL ↑
Ours w/o CV & CF	64.03	0.3954	15.35	80.52	17.57
Ours w/o CF	64.86	0.3853	15.33	81.18	18.65
Ours w/o CV	64.69	0.3856	15.32	81.57	18.69
Ours	65.27	0.3836	15.35	81.69	19.05

Table 4. Ablation study on cross-view module. “Ours w/o CV & CF” is the baseline without our cross-view module. “Ours w/o CF” indicates our method that only uses cost volume. “Ours” is our full model that uses both cost volume and cross-view enhanced feature. Δ MTL is computed using “STL” in Tab. 2 as baseline.

complementary. These findings validate the effectiveness of our design and demonstrate that injecting cross-view information into a standard MTL encoder is beneficial for learning geometry-aware representations that enhance performance across multiple tasks.

Extracting spatial-aware features plays a crucial role for subsequent cost volume construction and 3D-aware MTL. Apart from our design, we also consider three other methods and report results in Tab. 5: (1) “MTL encoder” uses the feature from the MTL encoder as spatial-aware feature. (2) “MTL encoder + LoRA [24]” attaches low-rank adapters (LoRA) [24] (rank and α are set to 16, scaling factor $s=1$) into the MTL encoder to adapt the features from MTL encoder as spatial-aware features. (3) “MTL encoder + Adapter [43]” appends adapters from SAK [43] to the MTL encoder for encoding spatial-aware features. As shown in Tab. 5, our design achieves the highest MTL performance. We attribute this to the strong inductive bias of CNNs in modeling spatial structures, resulting in higher-quality spatial-aware features. Beyond performance advantages, using a lightweight independent spatial-aware encoder instead of modifying the MTL encoder offers a non-intrusive mechanism to supply 3D-aware features, making our method architecture-agnostic and easily integrable with various MTL backbones.

Number of Depth Candidates L can affect the reconstruction of cost volume, and we experiment with 128, 256, 384, and 512 candidates while keeping the depth range fixed to investigate the effect of L . As shown in Tab. 6, increasing the number of candidates to 512 improves performance. However, using 512 depth candidates inevitably increases the computational cost significantly. For better trade-off between efficiency and performance, we use 128 depth candidates. This also aligns with the choices in 3D reconstruction pipelines such as MVSplat [12] and DepthSplat [68].

Number of Views. We use one neighboring view ($V=2$) while our method supports more views. We performed experiments with $V = 2, 3, 4$ and results are reported in Tab. 7. We can see that increasing the number of views can help learn better geometric structures and improve performance, while using $V = 2$ is sufficient and efficient.

Spatial-aware Encoder	MTL Encoder	MTL Encoder + LoRA [24]	MTL Encoder + Adapter [43]	Ours
Δ MTL $\uparrow$	18.84	18.87	18.98	19.05

Table 5. Comparisons of various spatial-aware feature extraction methods in cross-view module on NYUv2. Δ MTL is computed using “STL” in Tab. 2 as baseline.

Number of Depth	96	128	256	384	512
Δ MTL $\uparrow$	18.88	19.05	18.62	18.46	19.25

Table 6. Comparisons of various number of depth candidates on NYUv2. Δ MTL is computed using “STL” in Tab. 2 as baseline.

Number of Views	4	3	2
Δ MTL $\uparrow$	18.63	19.20	19.05

Table 7. Results of various number of views. Δ MTL is computed w.r.t. “STL” in Tab. 2.

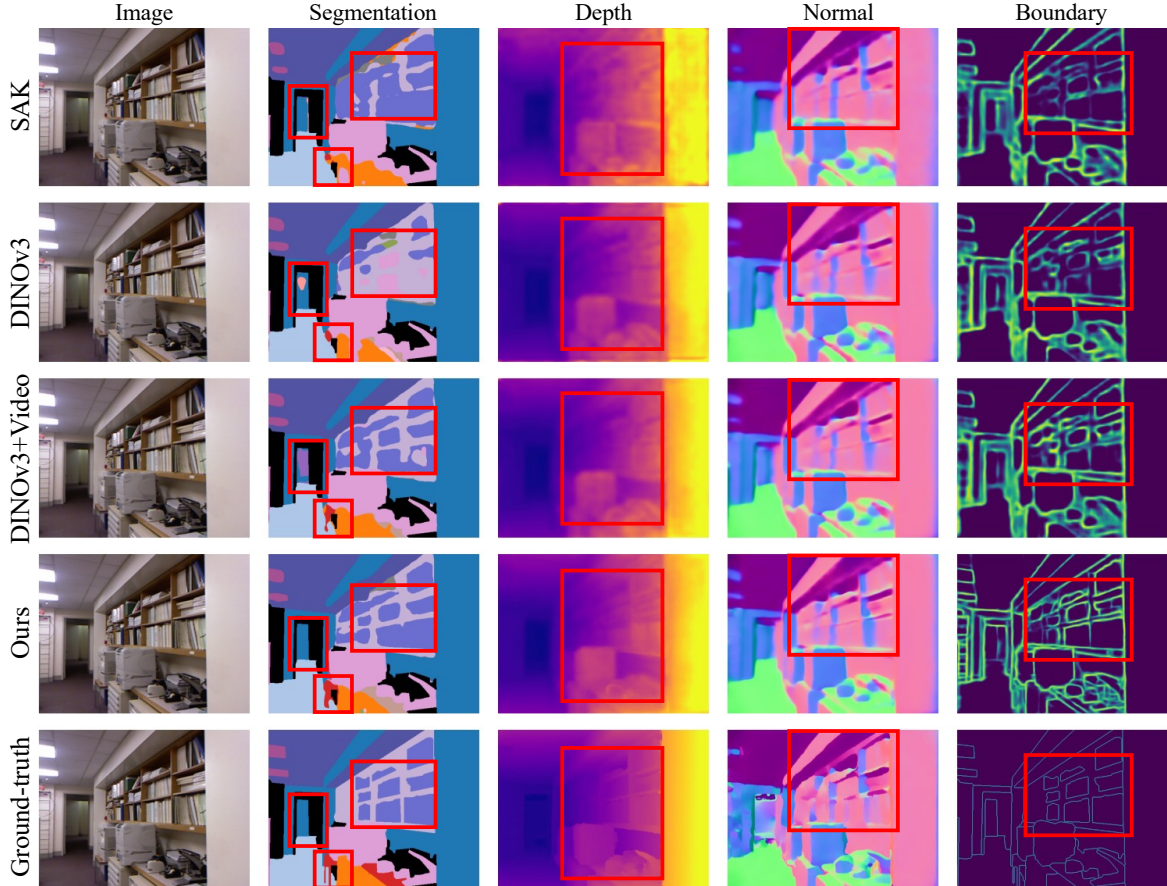


Figure 3. **Qualitative Comparisons on NYUv2.** The first column shows the RGB image, and the remaining columns display either the ground-truth or model predictions. The last row shows the ground-truth of four tasks. The first to fourth rows show the predictions of SAK, DINOv3, DINOv3 trained with videos as multi-view data, and our method, respectively.

4.5. Qualitative Results

We visualize task predictions for four methods: SAK [43], DINOv3 [56], DINOv3 trained with multi-view video data, and Ours. As shown in Fig. 3, SAK and single-view DINOv3 mis-segment the bookshelf and table-leg areas and produce blurred depth and noisy normals. DINOv3 trained with multi-view data improves the prediction but it still fails to recover fine geometry and boundaries. Our method can be observed to estimate more accurate predictions, yielding accurate segmentation of thin structures, sharper depth discontinuities, more stable normals, and clearer boundaries. These results strongly verify that geometric information is crucial for comprehensive scene understanding, and our method is capable of injecting geometric consistency into MTL methods.

5. Conclusion and Future Work

In this paper, we demonstrate that cross-view consistency provides crucial geometric cues for multi-task dense prediction in scene understanding across several benchmarks. We introduce a Cross-view Module (CvM) for MTL that estimates cross-view correlations through a spatial-aware encoder with a multi-view transformer and cost-volume construction. Through extensive experiments, we have demonstrated that CvM can be seamlessly integrated into existing multi-task learning methods and supports both single- and multi-view input. Despite its effectiveness, our method has **limitations**: it is designed for static scenes, whereas dynamic environments with moving objects or camera motion introduce additional challenges. Future work will explore more efficient multi-view modeling and motion-aware extensions to better handle dynamic scenes.

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