
SODA10M: Towards Large-Scale Object Detection Benchmark for Autonomous Driving

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Abstract

1 Aiming at facilitating a real-world, ever-evolving and scalable autonomous driving
2 system, we present a large-scale benchmark for standardizing the evaluation of
3 different self-supervised and semi-supervised approaches by learning from raw
4 data, which is the first and largest benchmark to date. Existing autonomous driving
5 systems heavily rely on ‘perfect’ visual perception models (e.g., detection) trained
6 using extensive annotated data to ensure the safety. However, it is unrealistic to
7 elaborately label instances of all scenarios and circumstances (e.g., night, extreme
8 weather, cities) when deploying a robust autonomous driving system. Motivated
9 by recent powerful advances of self-supervised and semi-supervised learning, a
10 promising direction is to learn a robust detection model by collaboratively exploit-
11 ing large-scale unlabeled data and few labeled data. Existing dataset (e.g., KITTI,
12 Waymo) either provides only a small amount of data or covers limited domains with
13 full annotation, hindering the exploration of large-scale pre-trained models. Here,
14 we release a Large-Scale **Object Detection** benchmark for Autonomous driving,
15 named as **SODA10M**, containing 10 million unlabeled images and 20K images
16 labeled with 6 representative object categories. To improve diversity, the images
17 are collected every ten seconds per frame within 32 different cities under different
18 weather conditions, periods and location scenes. We provide extensive experiments
19 and deep analyses of existing supervised state-of-the-art detection models, popular
20 self-supervised and semi-supervised approaches, and some insights about how to
21 develop future models. We show that SODA10M can serve as a promising pre-
22 training dataset for different self-supervised learning methods, which gives superior
23 performance when finetuning autonomous driving downstream tasks. This bench-
24 mark will be used to hold the ICCV2021 SSLAD challenge. The data and more
25 up-to-date information have been released at <https://soda-2d.github.io>.

26 1 Introduction

27 Autonomous driving technology has been significantly accelerated in recent years because of its great
28 potential in reducing accidents, saving human lives and improving efficiency. As an essential module
29 in the visual perception system, object detection in road images plays one of the most critical roles
30 for autonomous driving.

31 Performances of current object detection approaches, however, may be limited by the currently
32 available datasets [7, 64, 49], due to the drawbacks of existing benchmarks. First, the diversity of data

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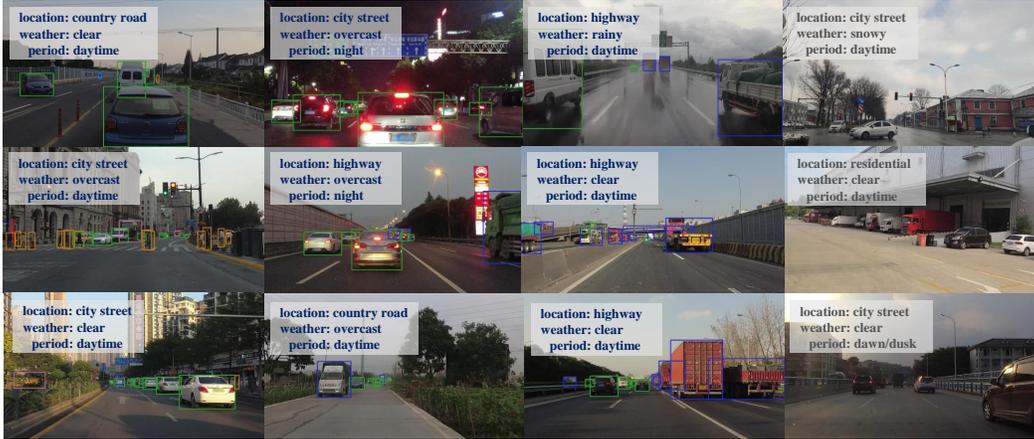


Figure 1: Examples of challenging environments in our dataset. The first three columns of images are from SODA10M labeled set, and the last column is from the unlabeled set. Our dataset includes a diverse set of 10 million images under different weather conditions, periods and locations.

33 sources is lacking. For example, the largest self-driving dataset in existence, Waymo Open [49], was
 34 collected from only three cities, covering only a few scenarios and circumstances. Models trained
 35 on these datasets may overfit to specific scenarios or characteristics. Second, existing datasets are
 36 usually fully annotated but limited in scale due to the cost of data annotation. They are not able to
 37 support the exploration of autonomous driving with huge volumes of unlabeled data.

38 Numerous self-supervised techniques [4, 19, 21, 5] have been developed for vision tasks to solve
 39 this problem, showing competitive or even superior performance compared with supervised learning.
 40 The main idea is to learn representation from a large set of unlabeled images via pretext tasks
 41 rather than annotation. Research efforts have also been devoted to semi-supervised learning [44,
 42 41, 65, 31], such as self training and consistency regularization, which collaboratively exploits both
 43 labeled data and large-scale unlabeled data to boost performance. Existing self-supervised and semi-
 44 supervised methods are mainly evaluated on ImageNet[8] and MSCOCO[37], where data labels are
 45 artificially removed for demonstration. There is no available benchmark for investigating advanced
 46 self-supervised and semi-supervised techniques for autonomous driving with real large-scale data.

47 To boost the development of real-world autonomous driving systems, we develop the first and largest-
 48 **Scale Object Detection** benchmark for **Autonomous driving** (SODA10M) that contains 10 million
 49 road images. Our SODA10M dataset can be distinguished from existing datasets from three aspects,
 50 including *scale*, *diversity* and *generalization*.

51 *Scale*. As shown in Table 1, SODA10M is significantly larger than existing autonomous driving
 52 datasets like BDD100K [64] and Waymo [49]. It contains 10 million images of road scenes, which
 53 is ten times more than Waymo [49]. Specifically, 20K images with tightly fitting high-quality
 54 2D bounding boxes while 10M images are unlabeled. All images contain detailed geographical,
 55 chronological and weather information.

56 *Diversity*. As shown in Fig. 1, SODA10M comprises images covering four seasons in 32 cities under
 57 different scenarios (e.g., urban, rural) and circumstances (e.g., night, rain, snow), while most present
 58 self-driving datasets [67, 64, 49] are less diverse. The changing scenarios and circumstances result
 59 in significant domain gaps in SODA10M. Specifically, the labeled training set contains only one
 60 domain, while the validation set and the unlabeled set contain 18 and 48 domains, respectively, which
 61 can serve as a challenging benchmark for unsupervised or semi-supervised domain adaptation.

62 *Generalization*. The largest scale and diversity ensure SODA10M’s superior generalization ability as
 63 a pre-training dataset over all existing autonomous-driving datasets. Observed from evaluations of
 64 existing self-supervised algorithms, the representations learned from SODA10M unlabeled set are
 65 superior to that learned from other driving datasets like Waymo [49], i.e., 38.9% vs. 37.1% in mAP
 66 for object detection task on SODA10M labeled set and 75.2% vs. 73.8% for semantic segmentation
 67 task on Cityscapes [7] when using MoCov1 [21] (see Sec. 4.3 for more details).

Table 1: Comparison of dataset statistics with existing benchmarks. Night/Rain indicates whether the dataset has domain information related to night/rainy scenes. Video represents whether the dataset provides video format or detailed chronological information. Note that only 93K images of nuScenes are labeled with 2D format. SODA10M, which focuses on self/semi-supervised learning, contains 10M unlabeled and 20K labeled images.

Dataset	Images	Cities	Night/Rain	Video	Categories	Boxes	Resolution
Caltech Pedestrian [10]	249K	5	X/X	✓	1	347K	640×480
KITTI [14]	15K	1	X/X	X	3	80K	1242×375
Citypersons [67]	5K	27	X/X	X	1	35K	2048×1024
BDD100K [64]	100K	4	✓/✓	✓	10	1.8M	1280×720
nuScenes [1]	1.4M	2	✓/✓	✓	23	0.8M	1600×900
Waymo Open [49]	1M	3	✓/✓	✓	3	9.9M	1920×1280
SODA10M (Ours)	10M	32	✓/✓	✓	6	149K	1920×1080

68 We provide experiments and in-depth analysis of existing supervised detection models, prevailing
69 self-supervised and semi-supervised approaches on SODA10M. Observation can be made that simple
70 self-supervised methods (e.g., MoCo-v1 [21]) achieve better results than the dense contrastive ones
71 (e.g., DenseCL [56]) on SODA10M unlabeled set and semi-supervised methods work much better
72 than self-supervised methods, even with a smaller set of unlabeled data (1-million vs. 5-million).

73 This benchmark will be used to hold the ICCV2021 SSLAD challenge, which aims to investigate
74 current ways of building next-generation industry-level autonomous driving systems by resorting to
75 self-supervised and semi-supervised learning. The SODA10M dataset and more up-to-date related
76 information have been released and will be maintained weekly.

77 2 Related Work

78 **Driving datasets** have gained enormous attention due to the popularity of autonomous self-driving.
79 Several datasets focus on detecting specific objects such as pedestrians [10, 67]. Cityscapes [7]
80 provides instance segmentation on sampled frames, while BDD100K [64] is a diverse dataset under
81 various weather conditions, time and scene types for multitask learning. For 3D tasks, KITTI
82 Dataset [15, 14] was collected with multiple sensors, enabling 3D tasks such as 3D object detection
83 and tracking. Waymo Open Dataset [49] provides large-scale annotated data with 2D and 3D
84 bounding boxes, and nuScenes Dataset [1] provides rasterized maps of relevant areas.

85 **Supervised learning** methods for object detection can be roughly divided into single-stage and
86 two-stage models. One-stage methods [36, 12, 38] directly outputs probabilities and bounding box
87 coordinates for each coordinate in feature maps. On the other hand, two-stage methods [22, 45, 35]
88 use a Region Proposal Network (RPN) to generate regions of interests, then each proposal is sent to
89 obtain classification score and bounding-box regression offsets. By adding a sequence of heads trained
90 with increasing IoU thresholds, Cascade RCNN [2] significantly improves detection performance.
91 With the popularity of the vision transformer, more and more transformer-based object detectors
92 [55, 40] have been proposed.

93 **Self-supervised learning** approaches can be mainly divided into pretext tasks [9, 66, 43, 42] and
94 contrastive learning [21, 5, 4, 19]. Pretext tasks often adopt reconstruction-based loss functions [9, 43,
95 17] to learn visual representation, while contrastive learning is supposed to pull apart negative pairs
96 and minimize distances between positive pairs, achieved by training objectives such as InfoNCE [53].
97 MoCo [21, 5] constructs a queue with a large number of negative samples and a moving-averaged
98 encoder, while SimCLR [4] explores the composition of augmentations and the effectiveness of
99 non-linear MLP heads. SwAV [3] introduces cluster assignment and swapped prediction to be more
100 robust about false negatives, and BYOL [19] demonstrates that negative samples are not prerequisite
101 to learn meaningful visual representation. For video representation learning, early methods are
102 based on input reconstruction [24, 25, 32, 33], while others define different pretext tasks to perform
103 self-supervision, such as frame order prediction [34], future prediction [48, 54] and spatial-temporal
104 jigsaw [30]. More recently, contrastive learning is integrated to learn temporal changes [18, 63].

105 **Semi-supervised learning** methods mainly consist of self training [61, 59] and consistency reg-
106 ularization [46, 65, 20]. Consistency regularization tries to guide models to generate consistent
107 predictions between original and augmented inputs. In the field of object detection, previous works fo-
108 cus on training detectors with a combination of labeled, weakly-labeled or unlabeled data [26, 50, 13],
109 while recent works [28, 47] train detectors with a small set of labeled data and a larger amount

110 of unlabeled images. Specifically, STAC [47] pre-trains the object detector with labeled data and
111 generate pseudo labels on unlabeled data, which are used to finetune the pre-trained model. Unbiased
112 Teacher [39] further improves the process of generating pseudo labels via teacher-student mutual
113 learning.

114 3 SODA10M

115 We collect and release a large-scale 2D dataset to promote significant progress of self-supervised and
116 semi-supervised learning in autonomous driving. Our SODA10M contains 10M unlabeled images
117 and 20K labeled images, which is split into training(5K), validation(5K) and testing(10K) sets.

118 3.1 Data Collection

119 The image collection task is distributed to the tens of thousands of taxi drivers in crowdsourcing.
120 They have to use the mobile phone or driving recorder (1080P+) to obtain images every ten seconds
121 per frame. Horizon needs to be kept at the center of the image, and the occlusion inside the car should
122 not exceed 15% of the whole picture. Images should be obtained in diverse weather conditions,
123 periods, locations and cities to achieve more diversity. After receiving each batch of images from the
124 suppliers, a random 5% of pictures will be selected for manual verification. Batches of images with a
125 pass rate below 95% will be returned for rectification.

126 **Driving hours.** The span of driving time for SODA10M (collected every ten seconds per frame) is
127 27833 hrs, which is much higher than the current large-scale datasets (5.5 hrs of nuScenes [1], 6.4
128 hrs of Waymo [49] and 1111.1 hrs of BDD100K [64]).

129 **Data Split.** We carefully select 5K training set, 5K validation set, 10K testing set with disjoint
130 sequence id (same sequence id denotes the corresponding images are taken by same car on same day).
131 Then we remove the images with same sequence id as the labeled set and randomly select 10-million
132 images to construct the unlabeled part of SODA10M. Considering the convenience for downloading
133 and using, we further divide 10-million unlabeled images into 10 splits by time sequence, with each
134 split containing 1-million images.

135 **Data Protection.** The driving scenes are collected in permitted areas. We comply with the local
136 regulations and avoid releasing any localization information, including GPS and cartographic in-
137 formation. For privacy protection, we actively detect any object on each image that may contain
138 personal information, such as human faces and license plates, with a high recall rate. Then, we blur
139 those detected objects to ensure that no personal information is disclosed. Detailed licenses, terms of
140 use and privacy are listed in Appendix A.

141 3.2 Annotation

142 Image tags (i.e., weather conditions, location scenes, periods) for all images and 2D bounding boxes
143 for labeled parts should be annotated for SODA10M. To ensure high quality and efficiency, the whole
144 annotation progress can be divided into the following three different steps.

145 **Pre-annotation:** In order to ensure efficiency, a multi-task detection model, which is based on Faster
146 RCNN [45] and searched backbone [29, 62], is trained on millions of Human-Vehicle images with
147 bounding-box annotation and generate coarse labels for each image first.

148 **Annotation:** Based on pre-annotated labels, annotators keep the accurate ones and correct the
149 inaccurate labels. Each image is distributed to different annotators, and the images with the same
150 annotation will be passed to the following process; otherwise, they would be distributed again. All
151 annotators must participate in several courses and pass the examination for standard labeling.

152 **Examination:** Senior annotators with rich annotation experience will review the image annotations
153 in the second step, and the missing or incorrectly labeled images will be sent back for re-labeling.

154 We exhaustively annotated car, truck, pedestrian, tram, cyclist and tricycle with tightly-fitting 2D
155 bounding boxes in 20K images. The bounding-box label is encoded as (x, y, w, h) , where x and y
156 represent the top-left pixel of the box, and w and h represent the width and length of the box.

157 3.3 Statistics

158 **Labeled Set.** The labeled set contains 20K images with full annotation. There are 5K images for
159 training, 5K images for validation and 10K images for testing. As shown in Fig. 2, the training set

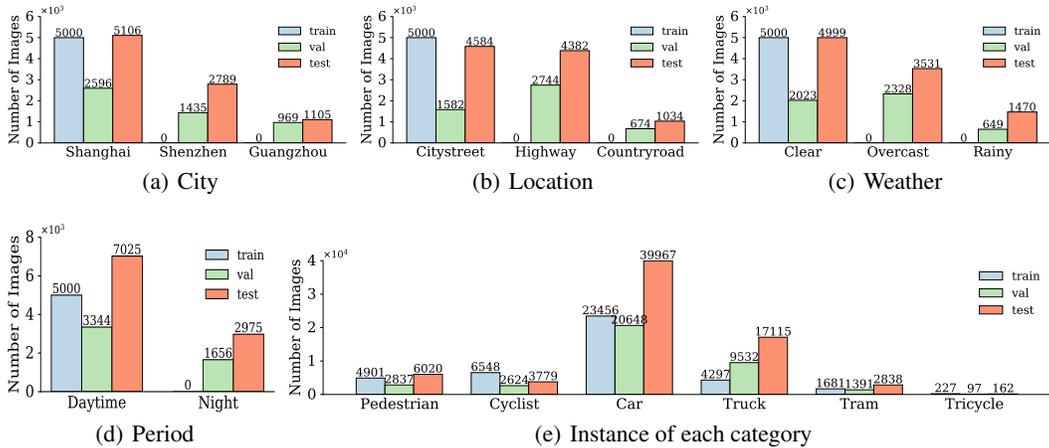


Figure 2: Statistics of the labeled set. (a) Number of images in each city. (b) Number of images in each location. (c) Number of images in each weather condition. (d) Number of images in each period. (e) Number of instances in each category.

160 only contains images obtained in city streets of Shanghai with clear weather in the daytime, while the
 161 validation and testing sets have three weather conditions, locations, cities and two different periods of
 162 the day. Considering the small gap between domains in different cities, we define 18 fine-grained
 163 domains through the pairwise combination of the remaining domains. The number of images in each
 164 fine-grained domain in the validation set and testing set are shown in Appendix D.

165 **Unlabeled Set.** The unlabeled set contains 10M images with diverse attributes. As shown in Fig. 3(a),
 166 the unlabeled images are collected among 32 cities, covering a large part of eastern China. Compared
 167 with the labeled set, the unlabeled set contains not only many more cities but also additional scenes
 168 such as residential, snowy and dawn/dusk, according to the gray part in Fig. 3(b), Fig. 3(c) and Fig.
 169 3(d). The rich diversity in SODA10M unlabeled set ensures the generalization ability to transfer to
 other downstream autonomous driving tasks as a pre-training or self-training dataset.

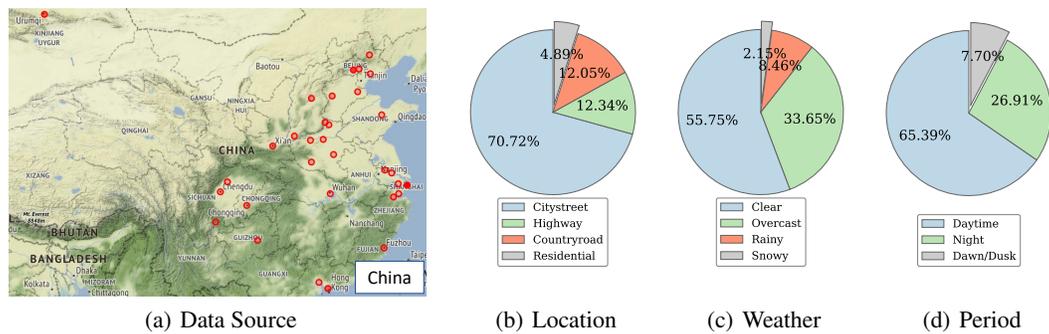


Figure 3: Statistics of the unlabeled set. (a) Geographical distribution of our data sources. SODA10M is collected from 32 cities, and darker color indicates greater quantity. (b) Number of images in each location. (c) Number of images in each weather condition. (d) Number of images in each period.

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 171 **Diversity Comparison.** We compare the diversity between SODA10M and other large-scale datasets
 172 (including nuScenes [1], Waymo [49] and BDD100K [64]) in period, weather and location fields.
 173 As shown in Table 2, our SODA10M is more diverse in all fields compared with nuScenes [1] and
 174 Waymo [49]. Although BDD100K [64] achieves competitive diversity with SODA10M in above
 175 three fields, equipped with more data (10M vs. 100K) and more cities where the data is collected
 176 from (32 vs. 4), SODA10M can better serve as the dataset and benchmark which focuses on solving
 177 self/semi-supervised learning problems.

Table 2: Diversity comparison between SODA10M and other datasets (i.e., nuScenes [1], Waymo [49] and BDD100K [64]), where ‘-’ denotes for not having annotations in this field.

Dataset	Period	Weather	Location
nuScenes [1]	Day: 88.3%, Night: 11.7%	Sunny: 80.4%, Rain: 19.6%	-
Waymo [49]	Day: 80.7%, Night: 9.8%, Dawn/Dusk: 9.5%	Sunny: 99.4%, Rain: 0.6%	-
BDD100K [64]	Daytime: 52.6%, Night: 40.1%, Dawn/Dusk: 7.3%	Clear: 60.6%, Overcast: 14.2%, Rainy: 8.1%, Snowy: 8.9%, Partly cloudy: 8.0%, Foggy: 0.2%	City street: 62.3%, Highway: 25.1%, Residential: 11.8%, Parking lot: 0.5%, Gas stations: 0.1%, Tunnel: 0.2%
SODA10M	Daytime: 65.4%, Night: 26.9%, Dawn/Dusk: 7.7%	Clear: 55.7%, Overcast: 33.6%, Rainy: 8.5%, Snowy: 2.2%	City street: 70.7%, Highway: 12.3%, Country road: 12.1%, Residential: 4.9%

178 4 Benchmark

179 As SODA10M is regarded as a new autonomous driving benchmark, we provide the fully supervised
 180 baseline results based on several representative one-stage and two-stage detectors. With the massive
 181 amount of unlabeled data, we then study the generalization ability of state-of-the-art self-supervised
 182 and semi-supervised methods based on SODA10M and give insights into developing future models.
 183 Methods used for building this benchmark are representative samples of Fig. 4. To make the
 184 experiments easily reproducible, the code of all used methods has been open-sourced, and detailed
 experiment settings and training time comparisons are provided in Appendix B.

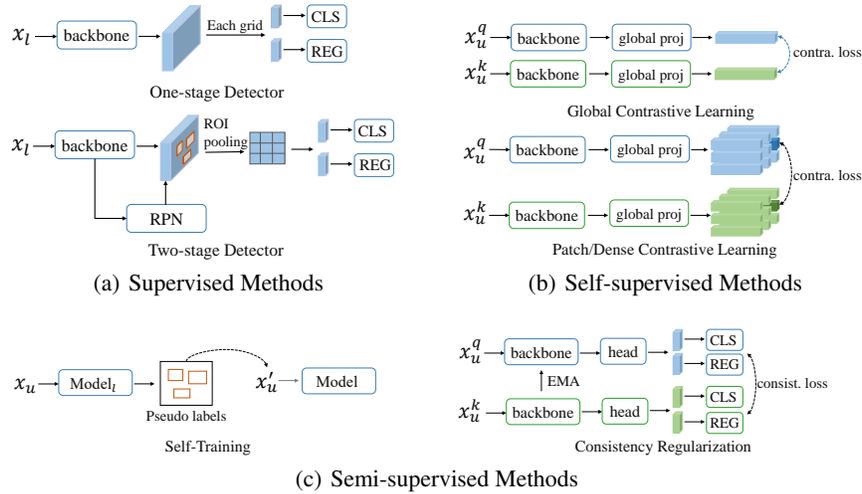


Figure 4: Overview of different methods used for building SODA10M benchmark. X_l and X_u denote for labeled set and unlabeled set. q, k represent for different data augmentations. For semi-supervised learning methods, the labeled set is also involved in training progress with supervised loss.

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186 4.1 Basic Settings

187 We utilize Detectron2 [57] as our codebase for the following experiments. Following the default
 188 settings in Detectron2, we train detectors with 8 Tesla V100 with a batch size 16. For the 1x schedule,
 189 the learning rate is set to 0.02, decreased by a factor of 10 at 8th, 11th epoch of total 12 epochs,
 190 while 2x indicates 24 epochs. Multi-scale training and SyncBN are adopted in the training process
 191 and precise-BN is used during the testing process. The image size in the testing process is set to
 192 1920×1080 . Unless specified, the algorithms are tested on the validation set of SODA10M. COCO
 193 API [37] is adopted to evaluate the detection performance for all categories.

194 4.2 Supervised Learning Benchmark

195 As shown in Table 3, the detection results of four popular object detectors (RetinaNet [36], Faster
 196 RCNN [45], Cascade RCNN [2]) are compared. We observe that in the 1x schedule, Faster RCNN

197 exceeds RetinaNet in mAP by 5.3% with a larger number of parameters, which is consistent with
 198 the traditional difference of single-stage and two-stage detectors. Equipped with a stronger head,
 199 Cascaded RCNN can further surpass Faster RCNN by a large margin (3.9%). Observation can also
 200 be made that training with a longer schedule can further improve the performance.

Table 3: Detection results(%) of baseline models on SODA10M dataset.

Model	Split	mAP	Pedestrian	Cyclist	Car	Truck	Tram	Tricycle	Params
RetinaNet [36] 1x	Val	32.7	23.9	37.3	55.7	40.0	36.6	3.0	36.4M
RetinaNet [36] 2x	Val	35.0	26.6	39.4	57.2	41.8	38.2	6.5	36.4M
RetinaNet [36] 2x	Test	34.0	24.9	36.9	57.5	44.7	32.1	7.8	36.4M
Faster RCNN [45] 1x	Val	37.9	31.0	43.2	58.3	43.2	41.3	10.5	41.4M
Faster RCNN [45] 2x	Val	38.7	32.5	43.6	58.9	43.7	40.8	12.6	41.4M
Faster RCNN [45] 2x	Test	36.7	29.5	40.1	59.7	47.2	32.3	11.7	41.4M
Cascade RCNN [2] 1x	Val	41.9	34.6	46.7	61.9	47.2	45.1	16.0	69.2M
Cascade RCNN [2] 1x	Test	39.4	31.9	43.4	62.6	50.0	36.8	11.9	69.2M

201 Precision recall (PR) curves (from COCO eval API [37]) of each category for Faster RCNN 1x are
 202 shown in Fig. 5. Observation can be made that for categories with a small number of instances
 203 (Tricycle, Tram and Pedestrian), the error types are mainly from many false positives (FP) with
 204 class confusion, which is shown in the green part. On the contrary, for the primary category like
 205 Car, FP has little impact on the performance. Note that each category in SODA10M is a singleton
 206 supercategory so its Sim result is identical to Loc. We also illustrate the PR curves of Cascade RCNN
 207 1x and find that the error type is basically consistent with Faster RCNN while Cascade RCNN shows
 208 stronger detection performance.

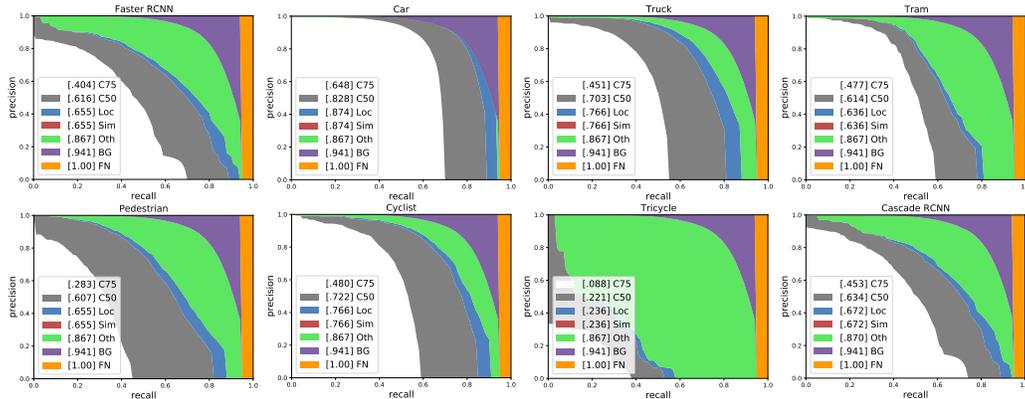


Figure 5: Precision recall curves of each category for Faster RCNN 1x and Cascaded RCNN 1x.

209 **4.3 Self-Supervised Learning Benchmark**

210 Self-supervised learning, especially contrastive learning methods, has raised attraction recently
 211 as it learns effective transferable representations via pretext tasks without semantic annotations.
 212 Traditional self-supervised algorithms [11, 42, 16] are usually pre-trained on ImageNet, while recent
 213 works [6, 51] have shown the consistency between upstream and downstream data distribution has a
 214 positive impact on the final performance. Therefore, we mainly compare the performance of existing
 215 mainstream self-supervised methods pre-trained on ImageNet and autonomous driving datasets,
 216 including SODA10M, BDD100K [64], nuScenes [1] and Waymo [49].

217 We follow the default settings in OpenSelfSup¹ to train six state-of-the-art standard self-supervised
 218 learning methods, including MoCo-v1 [21], MoCo-v2 [5], SimCLR [4], SwAV [3], DetCo [58],
 219 DenseCL [56], and evaluate their performance by fine-tuning the pre-trained models on the SODA10M
 220 labeled data and other self-driving datasets like BDD100K [64] and Cityscapes [7] to verify the

¹<https://github.com/open-mmlab/OpenSelfSup>

Table 4: Detection results(%) of self-supervised models evaluated on SODA10M labeled set, Cityscapes [7] and BDD100K [64]. mIOU(C), mIOU(B) denotes for semantic segmentation performance on Cityscapes and BDD100K respectively. † represents for training with additional 5-million data. FCN-16s is a modified FCN with stride 16 used in MoCo [21]. 1x and 90k denote finetuning 12 epochs and 90k iterations, respectively.

Pre-trained Dataset	Method	Faster-RCNN 1x			RetinaNet 1x			FCN-16s 90k	
		mAP	AP50	AP75	mAP	AP50	AP75	mIOU (C)	mIOU (B)
	random init	23.0	40.0	23.9	11.8	20.8	12.0	65.3	50.7
	super. IN	37.9	61.6	40.4	32.7	53.9	33.9	74.6	58.8
ImageNet [8]	MoCo-v1 [21]	39.0	62.0	41.6	33.8	54.9	35.2	75.3	59.7
	MoCo-v2 [5]	39.5	62.7	42.4	35.2	56.4	36.8	75.7	60.0
	SimCLR [4]	37.0	60.0	39.4	29.0	49.0	29.3	75.0	59.2
	SwAV [3]	35.7	59.9	36.9	26.4	45.7	26.3	73.0	57.1
	DetCo [58]	38.7	61.8	41.3	33.3	54.7	34.3	76.5	61.6
	DenseCL [56]	39.9	63.2	42.6	35.7	57.3	37.2	75.6	59.3
BDD100K [64]	MoCo-v1 [21]	37.1	60.1	39.2	31.1	51.6	32.1	74.5	57.9
	MoCo-v2 [5]	37.8	60.2	40.4	31.6	51.8	32.9	74.4	57.5
nuScenes [1]	MoCo-v1 [21]	36.2	58.9	38.1	29.3	49.2	29.9	73.6	57.0
	MoCo-v2 [5]	36.8	59.6	39.3	30.8	51.2	31.7	73.8	56.8
Waymo [49]	MoCo-v1 [21]	37.1	59.8	39.3	31.2	51.8	32.3	73.8	57.0
	MoCo-v2 [5]	37.1	59.7	39.4	31.4	52.0	32.4	73.5	56.6
	DetCo [58]	36.3	59.1	38.4	29.4	49.4	29.9	74.6	58.2
SODA10M	MoCo-v1 [21]	38.9	62.1	41.2	33.4	54.4	34.6	75.2	59.3
	MoCo-v1† [21]	39.0	62.6	41.9	33.8	55.2	35.2	75.5	59.5
	MoCo-v2 [5]	38.7	61.5	41.4	33.3	54.1	34.7	74.2	58.2
	MoCo-v2† [5]	38.6	61.3	41.4	33.2	54.6	34.6	74.5	58.9
	SimCLR [4]	35.9	59.5	37.4	28.7	48.7	29.1	73.3	57.3
	SimCLR† [4]	37.1	60.9	39.8	30.5	51.3	31.2	73.5	58.8
	SwAV [3]	33.4	57.1	34.5	24.5	43.2	24.6	68.6	54.2
	DetCo [58]	37.7	60.6	40.1	32.4	54.1	33.4	74.1	59.3
	DenseCL [56]	38.1	60.8	40.5	33.6	54.8	35.0	75.2	57.4
	Video MoCo-v1 [21]	34.9	57.8	36.6	27.9	47.3	28.2	73.6	57.3
Video MoCo-v2 [5]	34.8	57.0	36.5	28.9	48.6	29.5	74.4	56.8	
Video VINCE [18]	34.9	57.7	36.9	27.6	47.1	28.0	72.6	57.4	
Video VINCE+Jigsaw [18]	35.5	58.1	37.0	28.2	48.1	28.6	74.1	56.9	

221 generalization ability. For video-based self-supervised learning, MoCo-v1 [21], MoCo-v2 [5] and
 222 VINCE [18] are adopted. To ensure fairness, we apply the same data augmentation with VINCE to
 223 MoCo-v1 and MoCo-v2 to exploit temporal information and extra jigsaw augmentation to VINCE
 224 for better results. Due to the limit of hardware resources, we only use a 5-million unlabeled subset in
 225 each experiment by default, while we also make full use of the other 5-million subset in a sequential
 226 training manner, following Hu et al. [27]. Specifically, the model pre-trained on the first subset will
 227 be used as initialization to continue pre-training on the second one. We adopt 3700-epoch, 220-epoch,
 228 325-epoch and 60-epoch pre-training on BDD100K [64], nuScenes [1] and Waymo [49] and SODA
 229 unlabeled set for image-based methods respectively, to maintain similar GPU hours with pre-training
 230 200 epochs on ImageNet for fair comparison. Video-based approaches are trained for 800 epochs by
 231 considering time limit.

232 **ResNet-based Methods.** We pre-train on three different datasets (ImageNet, Waymo and SODA10M
 233 unlabeled set), and then report the transfer performance on three downstream tasks (detection on
 234 SODA10M labeled set, semantic segmentation on Cityscapes and BDD100K) in Table 4. For different
 235 downstream detection tasks listed in this table, the MoCo methods (MoCo-v1 [21], MoCo-v2 [5])
 236 and dense contrastive methods (DenseCL [56], DetCo [58]) can achieve better results, while the
 237 other methods perform even worse than ImageNet fully supervised pre-train. We also observe dense
 238 contrastive methods show excellent results when pre-trained on ImageNet, but relatively poor on
 239 SODA10M unlabeled set. Experiments show that the model pre-trained on ImageNet performs
 240 equivalent or better than the one in SODA10M, which is because the existing self-supervised methods
 241 are often designed for simple scenes like ImageNet and fail to deal with the complex driving scene.
 242 By comparing the results of the same self-supervised algorithm on other autonomous driving datasets,
 243 we verify that the diversity of SODA10M data can bring better generalization ability. Besides, more
 244 pre-training iterations will bring better performance. The above results inspire us to design suitable
 245 self-supervised tasks or different pre-training strategies according to complex driving scenarios. At

246 the same time, the diversity of SODA10M unlabeled set can also ensure that SODA10M is a superior
 247 upstream pre-training dataset. More downstream tasks (e.g., object detection, instance segmentation)
 248 and comparisons on 2x schedule are illustrated in Appendix C.

249 **Video-based Methods.** Since our unlabeled set has detailed timing information for videos, we also
 250 transform the unlabeled set into video frames whose interval is 10 seconds and perform contrastive
 251 learning on these sequential frames. We use the same unlabeled set with 5-million images as ResNet-
 252 based models. After transformation, we get around 90K videos. We train several popular algorithms
 253 with ResNet-50 backbone, and results are shown at the bottom of Table 4. Since augmentations in
 254 MoCo-v1 and MoCo-v2 are the same as VINCE, their performances are close to each other. With the
 255 stronger augmentation jigsaw, VINCE performs better on Faster RCNN.

256 **Transformer-based Methods.** In addition to pre-training with the traditional ResNet [23] backbone,
 257 we also provide the self-supervised result of transformer-based backbone on SODA10M dataset. We
 258 choose PVT-small [55] as the backbone by considering the training efficiency and easy deployment
 259 on object detection tasks. Experiment results in Table 5 show that simply applying traditional self-
 260 supervised learning methods results in a small drop (about 1-3%) in performance compared with
 261 ImageNet supervised pre-training. These results inspire us when pre-training a transformer-based
 262 model under a self-supervised scheme, we need to develop some specific algorithms based on its
 special structure, such as DeiT [52] and Swin-SSL [60].

Table 5: Detection results(%) of self-supervised models evaluated on SODA10M labeled set, Cityscapes (C) and BDD100K (B) with Transformer model (PVT). All models are pre-trained on SODA10M unlabeled set.

Model	PVT-small [55] 1x			PVT-small [55] 2x			PVT-small [55] 1x		PVT-small [55] 90k	
	mAP	AP50	AP75	mAP	AP50	AP75	mAP-C	AP50-C	mIOU-C	mIOU-B
random init	20.6	37.9	20.1	22.5	40.3	22.2	29.8	54.9	52.5	35.4
super. IN	33.8	57.3	35.2	33.0	55.1	33.9	33.8	60.0	60.0	41.8
MoCo-v1 [21]	28.7	50.3	29.1	28.5	49.7	29.1	30.4	56.4	59.2	40.3
MoCo-v2 [5]	26.2	46.8	26.3	26.7	46.5	27.4	28.3	52.5	58.1	39.4
BYOL [19]	27.4	49.2	26.9	26.9	47.4	27.1	28.0	53.1	57.6	40.5
SimCLR [4]	30.2	54.1	29.7	30.4	53.3	30.7	30.8	56.6	58.5	40.9

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264 4.4 Semi-Supervised Learning Benchmark

265 Semi-supervised learning has also attracted much attention because of its effectiveness in utilizing
 266 unlabeled data. We compare the naive pseudo labeling method with present state-of-the-art semi-
 267 supervised methods for object detection (*i.e.*, STAC [47] and Unbiased Teacher [39]) on 1-million
 268 unlabeled images considering the time limit. Both methods achieve high performance with only
 269 1-million unlabeled images. For pseudo labeling, we first train a supervised model on the training
 270 set with the ResNet-50 [23] backbone for 12 epochs. Then we predict results on the unlabeled set,
 271 a bounding box with a predicted score larger than 0.5 is selected as a predicted label. All semi-
 272 supervised methods exceed the results of using only labeled data. As for pseudo labeling, adding an
 273 appropriate amount of unlabeled data (50K to 100K) brings a greater improvement, but continuing to
 274 add unlabeled data (100K to 500K) results in a 1.4% decrease due to the larger noise. We follow the
 275 default settings in STAC and Unbiased Teacher, and change the input size to comply with SODA10M.
 276 Shown in in Table 6, the STAC exceeds pseudo labeling by 2.9%, and Unbiased Teacher continues to
 277 improve by 3.4% due to the combination of Exponential Moving Average (EMA) and Focal loss [36].

Table 6: Detection results(%) of semi-supervised models on SODA10M dataset. Pseudo labeling (50K), Pseudo labeling (100K) and pseudo labeling (500K) means using 50K, 100K and 500K unlabeled images, respectively.

Model	mAP	AP50	AP75	Pedestrian	Cyclist	Car	Truck	Tram	Tricycle
Supervised	37.9	61.6	40.4	31.0	43.2	58.3	43.2	41.3	10.5
Pseudo Labeling (50K)	39.3 ^{+1.4}	61.9	42.4	32.6	44.3	60.4	43.8	42.4	12.1
Pseudo Labeling (100K)	39.9 ^{+2.0}	62.7	42.6	33.1	45.2	60.7	44.8	43.3	12.1
Pseudo Labeling (500K)	38.5 ^{+0.6}	61.0	41.3	32.1	43.4	59.6	42.6	42.2	11.0
STAC [47]	42.8 ^{+4.9}	64.8	46.0	35.7	46.4	63.4	47.5	44.4	19.6
Unbiased Teacher [39]	46.2 ^{+8.3}	70.1	50.2	33.8	50.2	67.9	53.9	55.2	16.4

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Table 7: Detection results(%) in different domains on SODA10M dataset. IN indicates pre-trained on ImageNet, and SD means pre-trained on SODA10M unlabeled set. ‘-’ means no validation image in this domain.

Model	Overall mAP	City street (Car)			Highway (Car)			Country road (Car)		
		Clear	Overcast	Rainy	Clear	Overcast	Rainy	Clear	Overcast	Rainy
Daytime										
Supervised	43.1	70.0	64.9	56.6	68.3	65.9	65.9	69.4	63.5	-
MoCo-v1 [21] IN	44.2 ^{+1.1}	71.5	65.8	56.9	69.0	66.8	67.3	72.0	66.0	-
MoCo-v1 [21] SD	43.8 ^{+0.7}	71.3	66.0	55.8	69.4	67.4	68.0	72.8	65.5	-
STAC [47]	45.3 ^{+2.2}	74.2	69.6	58.0	71.7	70.3	70.7	75.2	69.8	-
Unbiased Teacher [39]	47.7 ^{+4.6}	73.0	68.1	55.3	69.1	62.0	71.3	72.6	70.0	-
Night										
Supervised	21.1	36.3	37.7	-	37.5	37.3	79.5	38.9	72.8	-
MoCo-v1 [21] IN	22.0 ^{+0.9}	39.5	43.4	-	41.7	41.5	80.6	42.5	73.2	-
MoCo-v1 [21] SD	22.7 ^{+1.6}	41.6	46.2	-	42.1	41.8	79.8	45.4	74.1	-
STAC [47]	28.2 ^{+7.1}	45.5	46.8	-	46.2	45.6	83.7	47.2	75.4	-
Unbiased Teacher [39]	39.7 ^{+18.6}	65.3	66.2	-	66.2	67.2	83.6	67.5	75.2	-

279 4.5 Discussion

280 We directly compare the performance of state-of-the-art semi/self-supervised object detection methods
 281 with supervised Faster-RCNN in Table 7. In this table, we illustrate the overall mAP for daytime/night
 282 domain and car detection results of 18 fine-grained domains consisting of different periods, locations
 283 and weather conditions.

284 Observation can be made that there exists a huge gap between the domain of daytime and night.
 285 Since the supervised method is only trained on the data during the daytime, the gap between day and
 286 night is particularly obvious. By adding diverse unlabeled data into training, the self/semi-supervised
 287 methods show a more significant improvement in the night domain. Specifically for semi-supervised
 288 learning, Unbiased teacher [39] surpasses STAC [47] by a large margin in the night domain because
 289 it can address pseudo-labeling bias issues caused by class imbalance existing in ground-truth labels
 290 and the overfitting issue caused by the scarcity of labeled data. Besides, semi-supervised methods
 291 work much better than self-supervised methods either from the aspect of overall performance or the
 292 training time (2.8×8 GPU days vs. 8.4×8 GPU days for Unbiased teacher and MoCov1 respectively
 293 in Appendix B).

294 Inspired by the above results, we summarize some guidance dealing with SODA10M dataset. For
 295 self-supervised learning, different from ImageNet pre-training, simple methods (e.g., MoCov1 [21])
 296 achieve better results than the dense contrastive methods (e.g., DenseCL [56]) on SODA10M un-
 297 labeled set. Concentrating on driving scenes, semi-supervised methods work much better than
 298 self-supervised methods when finetuning on SODA10M labeled set, even with a smaller set of
 299 unlabeled data (1-million vs. 5-million). Better performance will be achieved when combining
 300 self-supervised and semi-supervised methods. For both self and semi-supervised learning, model
 301 architecture design and efficient training will be promising topics on SODA10M for future research.

302 5 Conclusion

303 **Focusing on self-supervised and semi-supervised learning**, we present SODA10M, a large-scale 2D
 304 autonomous driving dataset that provides a small set of high-quality labeled data and a large amount
 305 of unlabeled data collected from various cities under diverse weather conditions, periods and location
 306 scenes. Comparing with the existing self-driving datasets, SODA10M is 10x larger than the largest
 307 dataset available Waymo and obtained in much more diversity. Furthermore, we build a benchmark
 308 for supervised, self-supervised and semi-supervised learning in autonomous driving and show that
 309 SODA10M can serve as a promising dataset for training and evaluating different self/semi-supervised
 310 learning methods. We hope that SODA10M can promote the exploration and standardized evaluation
 311 of advanced techniques for robust and real-world autonomous driving systems.

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- 472 (e) Did you discuss whether the data you are using/curating contains personally identifiable
473 information or offensive content? [Yes] See data protection in Section 3.1.
- 474 5. If you used crowdsourcing or conducted research with human subjects...
- 475 (a) Did you include the full text of instructions given to participants and screenshots, if
476 applicable? [N/A]
- 477 (b) Did you describe any potential participant risks, with links to Institutional Review
478 Board (IRB) approvals, if applicable? [N/A]
- 479 (c) Did you include the estimated hourly wage paid to participants and the total amount
480 spent on participant compensation? [N/A]