

SegSy3D: Segmentation-Guided Self-Training and Model Synergy for Cross-Platform 3D Detection

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Abstract

SegSy3D (*Segmentation-Guided Self-Training and Model Synergy*) is a cross-platform 3D object detection framework that addresses large domain gaps via domain adaptation from vehicle-mounted sensors to drones and quadruped robots. We employ segmentation-guided pseudo-label refinement together with a joint self-training objective on preserved high-confidence pseudo-labels, yielding consistent gains when transferring from labeled vehicle data to unlabeled robotic platforms with heterogeneous sensors. At test time, we adopt a Model Synergy strategy that dynamically selects historical checkpoints with diverse knowledge and assembles them into a synergistic ensemble to enhance cross-platform robustness. Evaluated on RoboSense Challenge 2025 Track 5, SegSy3D achieved 56.14 AP_{0.5}⁴⁰ for Car, 55.07 AP_{0.5}⁴⁰ for Pedestrian, and an overall mAP of 55.61, ranking third in Phase 2. These results demonstrate its effectiveness in bridging domain gaps, enhancing multi-platform 3D perception, and providing a practical solution for real-world robotic deployments.

1. Introduction

Accurate 3D object detection is essential for autonomous robotic systems, enabling precise localization, volumetric estimation, and motion prediction in applications from autonomous driving to aerial surveillance and ground robotics [1–14]. As robotics expands beyond automotive domains to heterogeneous platforms like drones and quadruped robots, there is a growing demand for 3D detection systems that can

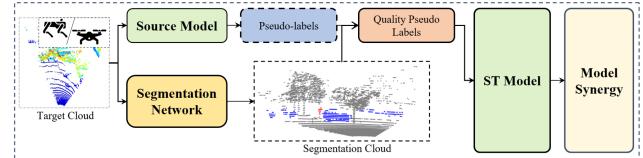


Figure 1. **SegSy3D**. A source detector generates pseudo-labels on target point clouds; a segmentation network refines them into quality pseudo-labels; the refined labels drive self-training to adapt the detector; at inference, Model Synergy assembles prior checkpoints for robust cross-platform detection.

operate under diverse perception constraints and environmental conditions [15–25]. These capabilities are critical for safe navigation, cooperative decision-making, and long-term autonomy in unstructured environments [23, 26–32].

Recent advances in LiDAR-based 3D object detection have achieved remarkable progress for automotive applications. Foundational works like PointNet [33] and PointNet++ [34] established effective point cloud feature learning paradigms, while methods including PointRCNN [35], PointPillars [36], PV-RCNN [37], SECOND [38], and CenterPoint [39] achieved state-of-the-art performance. Large-scale benchmarks like KITTI [4], nuScenes [2], and Waymo [3] have further accelerated progress by enabling systematic evaluation and comparison.

Despite these advances, models designed for road-driving scenarios often degrade significantly when applied to UAVs or legged robots [40, 41]. The challenges arise from (i) geometric domain shifts, *e.g.*, top-down viewpoints of drones versus near-ground views of quadrupeds; (ii) distributional discrepancies in point density, occlusion patterns, and scene

layout; and (iii) annotation scarcity, as 3D labeling for non-vehicle platforms is labor-intensive and costly. These factors hinder direct transferability and highlight the necessity of domain-adaptive frameworks [42–47].

To address these issues, unsupervised domain adaptation (UDA) and domain generalization (DG) methods have been explored [48–51]. Early approaches focused on pseudo-labeling to transfer supervision from source to target domains [40, 52, 53], generating target-domain labels using source-trained models. Building upon this idea, ST3D [41] introduced a self-training framework that iteratively refines pseudo-labels on the target domain, improving detection accuracy and robustness. Subsequent works further enhanced this framework by incorporating geometry-aware prototype alignment (GPA-3D) [54], semi-supervised domain adaptation (SSDA3D) [55], and adversarial adaptation techniques (UADA3D) [56, 57], enabling more effective cross-domain feature alignment and mitigating the noise in pseudo-labels. Complementary strategies include adversarial learning and domain-invariant representation extraction [49, 50, 58]. However, most prior studies remain constrained to vehicle-to-vehicle settings (*e.g.*, KITTI → nuScenes), leaving cross-platform adaptation relatively underexplored.

In this work, we propose **SegSy3D** (Segmentation-Guided Self-Training and Model Synergy), a cross-platform adaptation framework built upon Voxel R-CNN with Gaussian Blobs (GBlobs) [59] that transfers detectors trained on vehicle-mounted sensors to drone and quadruped robot platforms. An overview is shown in Fig. 1. SegSy3D integrates: (1) Progressive self-training for transferring knowledge from labeled sources to unlabeled targets; (2) A segmentation-guided refinement model to upgrade pseudo-label quality; and (3) Model Synergy, which adaptively selects and assembles the most suitable prior checkpoints into a unified meta-model, leveraging long-term information to guide the current test batch and enabling multi-temporal test-time adaptation and model fusion [60]. Overall, SegSy3D advances robust cross-platform 3D perception by effectively bridging large domain gaps and leveraging complementary strengths of multiple adapted detectors.

2. Methodology

2.1. Overview

SegSy3D is a self-training framework for cross-platform 3D object detection without target-domain annotations (Fig. 2). Starting from a detector pre-trained on labeled source data, we (i) generate pseudo-labels on unlabeled target point clouds; (ii) refine them with a source-trained segmentation model [61] and confidence calibration; (iii) adapt the detector via progressive self-training [41]; and (iv) at inference, apply *Model Synergy* [60] to select prior checkpoints, weight them, and assemble a unified predictor for robust cross-platform

fusion.

We follow Voxel R-CNN [62] and employ GBlob-sVFE [59] to encode per-voxel covariance from point deviations and concatenate it with voxel features, capturing fine-grained geometry to mitigate cross-platform shifts. The rest is standard: sparse 3D convolutions, height compression to bird’s-eye view, 2D aggregation; a *CenterHead* proposes candidates, and the Voxel R-CNN head refines them via ROI-grid pooling and MLPs for box regression and classification.

2.2. Segmentation-Guided Pseudo-Label Generation and Refinement

The quality of pseudo-labels is crucial for effective self-training. Conventional approaches typically rely only on detection confidence, which may discard true positives with low scores or retain noisy false positives under domain shift. To overcome this limitation, we propose a cross-domain guided pseudo-label generation strategy that combines semantic segmentation cues with detector outputs.

Specifically, we first train a segmentation network (CD-SegNet) [61] on the labeled source domain. This network is then applied to target domain point clouds to produce class-specific point-level predictions, such as car point clouds P_i^{car} and pedestrian point clouds $P_i^{\text{pedestrian}}$. These semantic predictions highlight regions likely to contain objects of interest. By intersecting these regions with detection outputs \tilde{L}_i^t , we obtain segmentation-guided labels \tilde{L}_i^{seg} that help recover potential true positives.

Meanwhile, the detection outputs are filtered using confidence thresholds: high-confidence predictions are retained as positive labels \tilde{L}_i^P , while low-confidence ones are used as negatives \tilde{L}_i^N . To construct the final pseudo-label set for training, we combine both sources:

$$\tilde{L}_i^{\text{all},P} = \{\tilde{L}_i^P, \tilde{L}_i^{\text{seg}}\}, \quad (1)$$

where $\tilde{L}_i^{\text{all},P}$ are our self-training positive labels. This integration offers two key benefits: (1) segmentation cues provide complementary semantic information that compensates for the weaknesses of detection confidence under domain shifts, and (2) confidence filtering ensures reliability by suppressing noisy detections. As a result, the generated pseudo-labels are both more accurate and more diverse, significantly enhancing self-training and improving cross-domain 3D object detection performance.

2.3. Self-Training

Our procedure follows the general ST3D pipeline [41] with extensions for cross-domain adaptation. We first train a detector on the source domain and generate pseudo-labels for the target domain using the method in Sec. 2.2. The refined pseudo-labels, obtained by incorporating semantic cues from a source-trained segmentation model together with

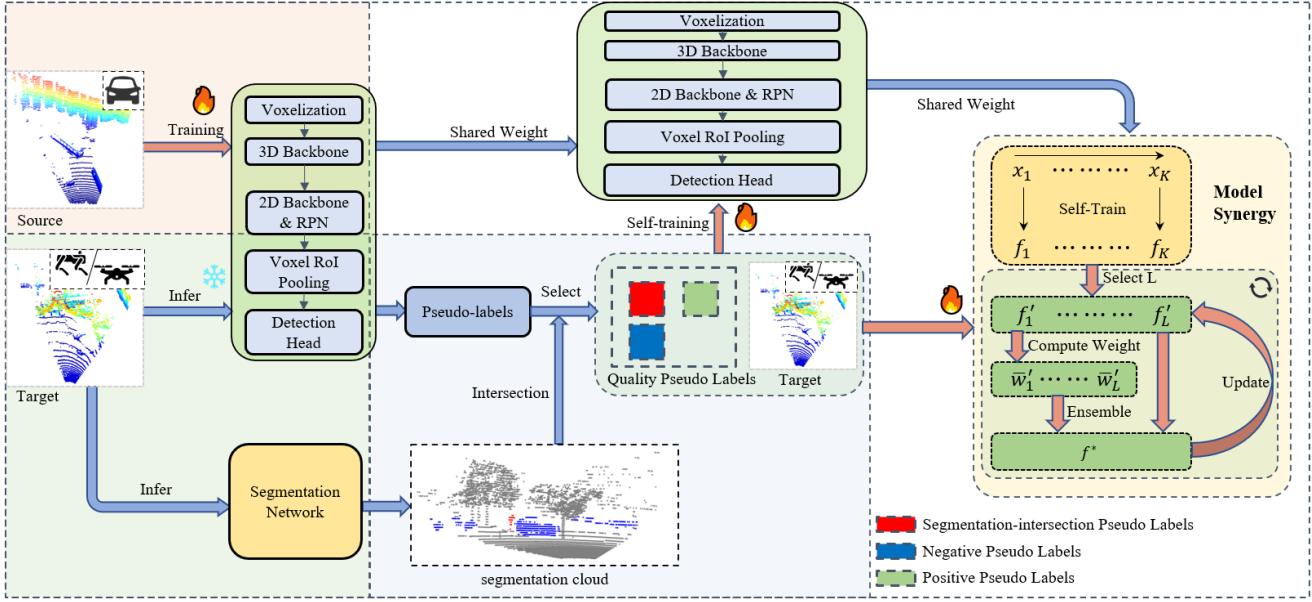


Figure 2. Architecture of SegSy3D. A detector pre-trained on the labeled source domain first produces pseudo-labels on unlabeled target scans. A source-trained segmentation network provides geometry-consistent masks to refine these labels; the retained high-quality labels supervise progressive self-training to adapt the detector to the target domain. At test time, Model Synergy (MOS) selects suitable prior checkpoints, estimates ensemble weights, and assembles a unified model for multi-temporal adaptation and robust fusion. Overall, SegSy3D couples refined pseudo-label self-training with MOS to strengthen cross-domain robustness.

confidence filtering, are then used to retrain the detector on the target domain, yielding the adapted model f_{ST}

To further enhance adaptation, we apply Model Synergy for test time adaptation (MOS) [60] starting from f_{ST} as initialization. MOS operates over a bank of historical checkpoints collected during self-training and, guided by the target data, adaptively selects and assembles them to yield a second model f_{MOS} . This MOS refinement continues test-time adaptation without labels, injecting complementary long-term knowledge and closing remaining domain gaps.

During inference, we adopt a class-specific fusion rule: pedestrian predictions are taken from f_{ST} and car predictions from f_{MOS} . This multi-temporal fusion exploits the complementary advantages of the two models, where f_{ST} benefits from self-training with segmentation guidance and f_{MOS} leverages MOS adaptation to better capture target-specific variations. Formally, the final prediction B_{result} set is

$$B_{\text{result}} = B_{f_{ST}}^{\text{pedestrian}} \cup B_{f_{MOS}}^{\text{car}}. \quad (2)$$

This strategy provides a principled mechanism for integrating complementary adaptation processes into a single predictor, delivering robust improvements across object categories and platforms.

2.4. Training Objectives

We use the CornerNet modified focal loss [63] to emphasize peak responses and down-weight non-peaks, providing

effective foreground–background rebalancing with limited memory overhead. Center and box parameters are trained with masked ℓ_1 regression in the CenterPoint style [39] (valid-target masking, code-wise aggregation, localization scaling). For region-wise predictions, we adopt BCE with logits for classification and Smooth- ℓ_1 (Huber) for box refinement [64], with all terms normalized by the count of valid samples.

Let $\mathcal{L}_{\text{focal}}^{(h)}$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\ell_1}^{(h)}$ denote the heatmap and masked- ℓ_1 losses at feature level h , and let $\mathcal{L}_{\text{BCE}}^{\text{roi}}$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Smooth-}\ell_1}^{\text{roi}}$ be the ROI classification and regression losses. The overall objective is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{total}} = & \sum_h \left(\lambda_{\text{hm}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{focal}}^{(h)} + \lambda_{\text{loc}} \mathcal{L}_{\ell_1}^{(h)} \right) \\ & + \lambda_{\text{roi-cls}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{BCE}}^{\text{roi}} + \lambda_{\text{roi-reg}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{Smooth-}\ell_1}^{\text{roi}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Unless stated otherwise, we use unit code weights and set $\lambda_{\text{hm}}=1.0$, $\lambda_{\text{loc}}=2.0$, $\lambda_{\text{roi-cls}}=1.0$, and $\lambda_{\text{roi-reg}}=1.0$.

3. Experiments

3.1. Dataset

We use the official data provided by the *RoboSense Challenge 2025* [70] held at IROS 2025. This competition builds upon the legacy of the *RoboDepth Challenge 2023* [71, 72] at ICRA 2023 and the *RoboDrive Challenge 2024* [73, 74].

Method	Car	Pedestrian	mAP
Source-only			
PV-RCNN [37]	22.24	37.54	29.89
LION [65] w/ Mamba [66]	39.98	38.85	39.42
LION w/ Retnet [67]	33.87	44.41	39.14
LION w/ Rwkv [68]	31.43	35.46	33.44
Part-A ² [69] w/ GBlobs [59]	45.96	39.80	42.88
PointPil. [36] w/ GBlobs	37.13	36.44	36.79
Centerpoint [39] w/ GBlobs	45.45	42.75	44.10
Voxel R-CNN [62] w/ GBlobs	51.11	46.04	48.57
Self-training			
st3d	28.97	43.51	36.24
st3d++	28.53	41.49	35.01
Ours	56.14	55.07	55.61

Table 1. Performance of different models on cross-platform 3D object detection. The upper block reports results of source-only baselines trained on the source domain and directly evaluated on the Phase 2 Quadruped target-domain dataset, while the lower block presents results of self-training methods. All results are reported using AP_{3D} at IoU threshold 0.5 with 40 recall positions, denoted as $AP_{0.5}^{40}$.

at ICRA 2024, continuing the collective effort to advance robust and scalable robot perception. Each track in this competition is grounded on an established benchmark designed for evaluating real-world robustness and generalization [6, 30, 75–77]. Specifically, this task is built upon the **Pi3DET** benchmark [6] in **Track 5**, which studies cross-platform LiDAR-based 3D object detection across vehicle, drone, and quadruped platforms through viewpoint normalization and unified pre-training [78].

The source domain contains 10,031 labeled LiDAR scenes with 3D bounding-box annotations from the Vehicle platform, while the target domains are 5,885 unlabeled scenes from the Drone platform (Phase 1) and 8,025 unlabeled scenes from the Quadruped platform (Phase 2). The task focuses on cross-platform adaptation, where significant distribution gaps and the absence of labels in the target domains pose a challenging problem of unsupervised domain adaptation across heterogeneous robotic platforms, reflecting real-world deployment scenarios in autonomous driving, aerial perception, and quadruped navigation.

Evaluation Metric. We adopt the KITTI evaluation metric [4] for evaluating our methods. Specifically, we report the 3D Average Precision (AP) over 40 recall positions with an IoU threshold of 0.5. In Phase 2, we evaluate on the Car and Pedestrian categories, denoted as Car 3D $AP_{0.5}^{40}$ and Pedestrian 3D $AP_{0.5}^{40}$, and take their mean as the final mAP score.

3.2. Implementation Details

We implement our framework in PyTorch [79] based on the OpenPCDet codebase [80]. For source-domain training, we adopt the Adam optimizer [81] with a OneCycle learning rate schedule [82] for 30 epochs, using a batch size of 26 per GPU and an initial learning rate of 0.01, following common practice in 3D object detection [59]. The input point clouds are cropped to the range [0, -75.2, -2, 75.2, 75.2, 4] m, and the voxel size is set to (0.1, 0.1, 0.15) m. During self-training, we train for 16 epochs with a reduced initial learning rate of 0.005.

3.3. Comparative Study

As shown in the upper block of Table 1, all models are trained on the source domain and directly evaluated on the Phase 2 Quadruped target set. The official PV-RCNN baseline yields the lowest performance, with 22.24 $AP_{0.5}^{40}$ for Car, 37.54 for Pedestrian, and an overall mAP of 29.89, highlighting the large cross-platform gap. Other models, including Mamba Lion, RetNet Lion, and CenterPoint GBlobs, achieve intermediate results, showing the benefit of GBlobs-based architectures. Voxel R-CNN GBlobs achieves the best performance, with 51.11 for Car, 46.04 for Pedestrian, and an overall mAP of 48.57, demonstrating strong source-only generalization.

As shown in the lower block of Table 1, we compare self-training methods on the Phase 2 Quadruped target domain. The PV-RCNN-based ST3D and ST3D++ baselines achieve 36.24 and 35.01 mAP, respectively, showing moderate improvements over source-only training. In contrast, **SegSy3D**—built on Voxel R-CNN with GBlobs, initialized on the labeled source domain, optimized using the pseudo-label set $\tilde{L}_i^{\text{all}, P}$ defined in Eq. (1), and further refined via segmentation-guided pseudo-label refinement, MOS-based test-time assembly, and model fusion—achieves the best overall performance. SegSy3D reaches 56.14 $AP_{0.5}^{40}$ for Car, 55.07 $AP_{0.5}^{40}$ for Pedestrian, and an overall mAP of 55.61, clearly validating its effectiveness for cross-platform adaptation. The significant improvement over baseline models demonstrates the advantage of combining high-quality pseudo-label selection with temporal consistency and model synergy. Moreover, SegSy3D consistently improves detection across both large and small objects, indicating robust feature adaptation. These results highlight that segmentation-guided refinement effectively filters noisy pseudo-labels, while MOS-based fusion leverages complementary detector strengths to achieve superior multi-platform 3D perception.

3.4. Ablation Study

Table 2 reports the results of our ablation study on Phase 2, evaluated by 3D $AP_{0.5}^{R40}$ for Car, Pedestrian, and their mean (mAP). The Default setting corresponds to the baseline model trained with ST3D. Incorporating segmentation-

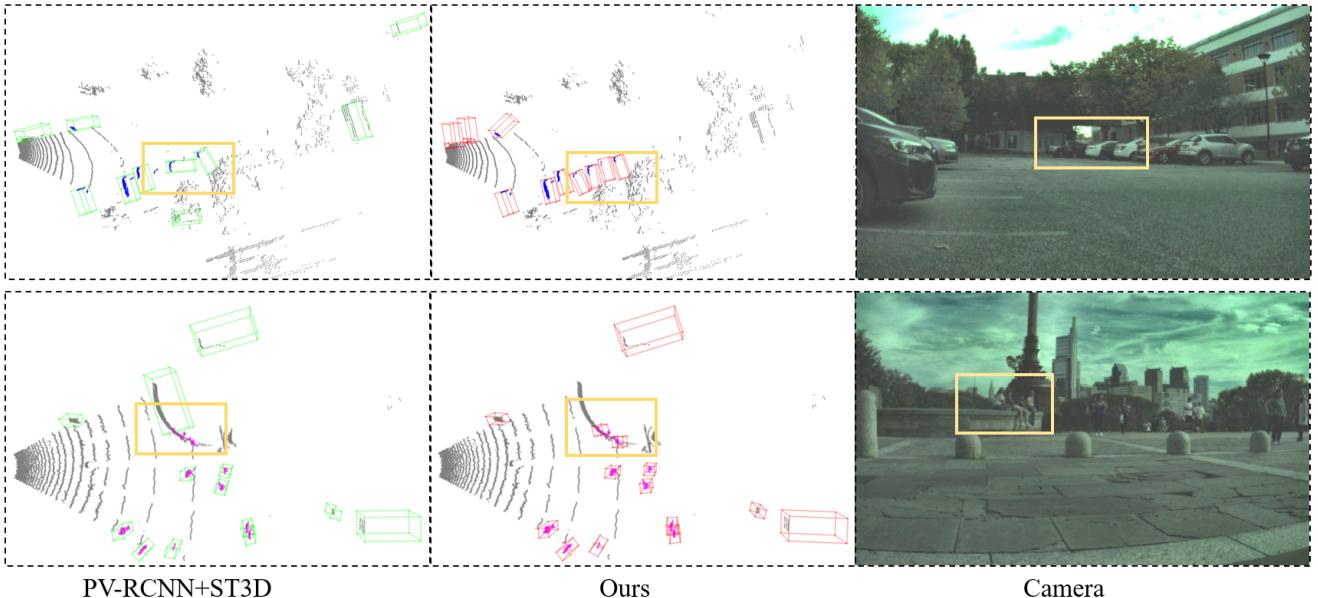


Figure 3. Qualitative comparison: left is the official baseline, middle is **SegSy3D**, and right is the camera view. Yellow boxes highlight the regions of interest; green/red boxes denote predicted bounding boxes; blue points are segmented cars, and magenta points indicate segmented pedestrians. All point clouds are from the Phase 2 Quadruped target domain.

guided pseudo-label refinement (L_i^{seg} , Sec. 2.2) clearly improves performance, demonstrating the benefit of filtering noisy labels. Further introducing Model Synergy (MOS) for multi-temporal optimization leads to additional gains, highlighting the effectiveness of temporal consistency in self-training. Finally, the full **SegSy3D** framework, which fuses complementary adapted models, achieves the best overall performance, significantly surpassing the baseline and validating the advantage of our complete approach.

Unlike filtering based solely on detector confidence, segmentation-guided refinement exploits semantic cues from the source domain to (i) recover true positives with low confidence that are geometrically consistent and (ii) suppress false positives with high confidence that are geometrically inconsistent. As illustrated in Fig. 3, these cues enable recovery of geometry-consistent low-score objects. This yields pseudo-labels with higher precision and recall, providing a more reliable self-training signal. Together with MOS, which dynamically assembles complementary checkpoints at test time, the adapted detector achieves stronger generalization across platforms and object scales.

4. Conclusion

We presented **SegSy3D**, a cross-platform 3D object detection framework that transfers knowledge from labeled vehicle data to unlabeled robotic platforms. It integrates segmentation-guided self-training on refined pseudo-labels with a test-time Model Synergy that selects and assembles

Method	Car	Pedestrian	mAP
Our w/o (\tilde{L}_i^{seg} + MOS)	53.81	53.72	53.77
Our w/o MOS	56.01	55.07	55.54
Ours	56.14	55.07	55.61

Table 2. Component ablation studies. Models are first trained on the source domain and then adapted via self-training on the Phase 2 Quadruped target-domain data.

prior checkpoints into a unified predictor for robust inference. The framework effectively reduces domain gaps across heterogeneous sensors and platforms. Limitations include additional compute and memory for synergy; future work will explore parameter-efficient synergy and budgeted checkpoint selection, distillation into compact students, temporal test-time adaptation, and uncertainty-aware pseudo-labeling for scalable deployment.

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