

Self-Supervised Feature Learning for Semantic Segmentation of Overhead Imagery

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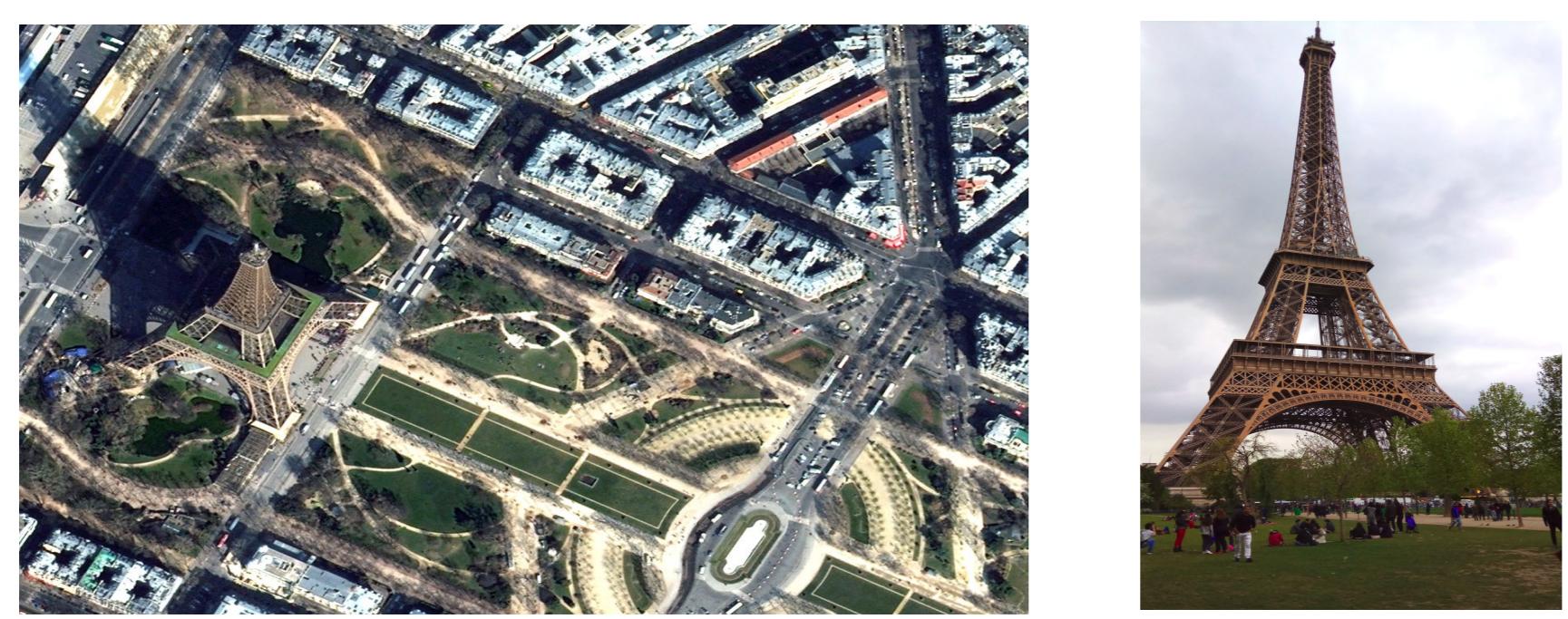
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1. Overview

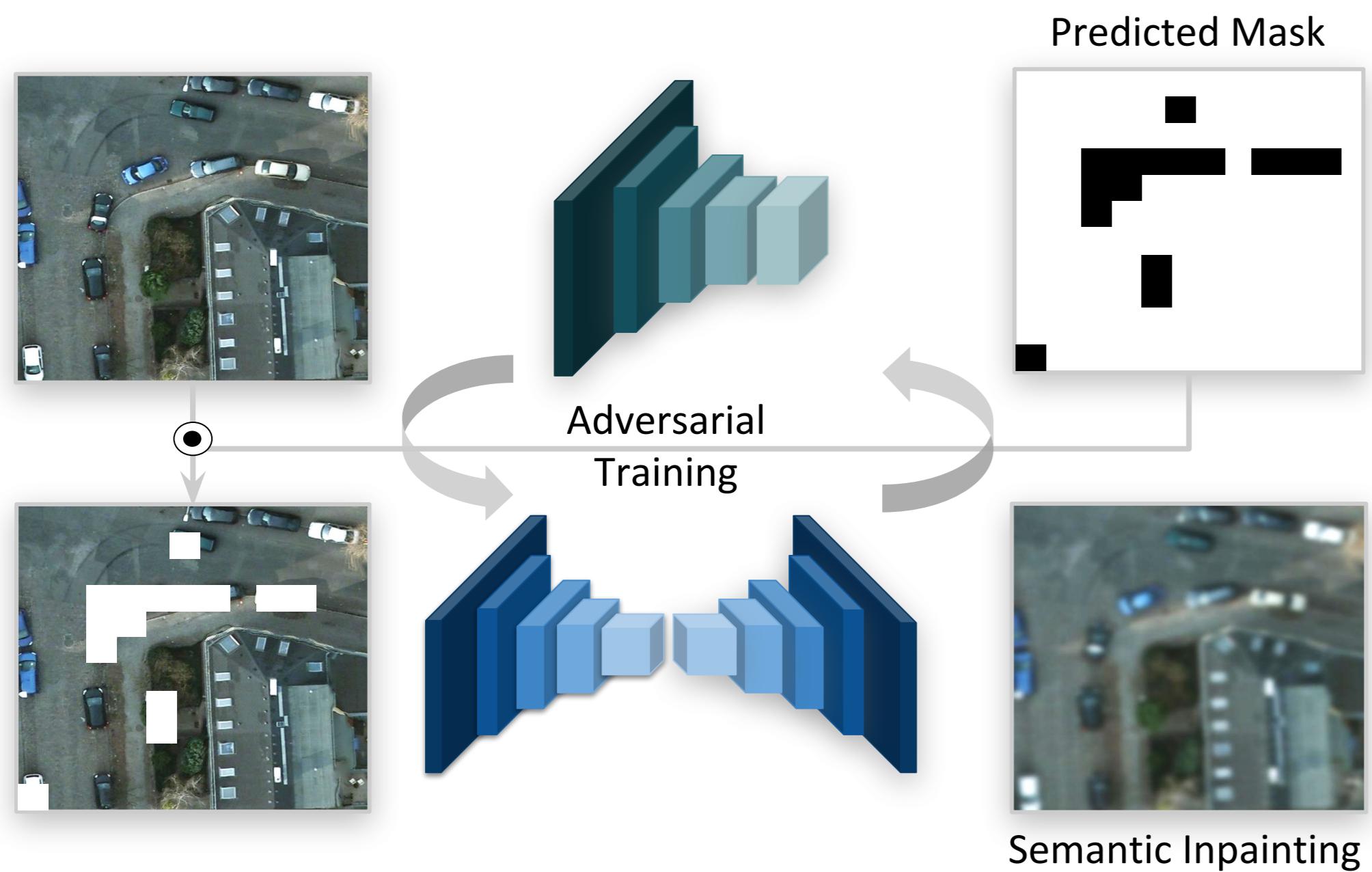
Overhead Imagery Tasks: Scene parsing, Road networks extraction, Land use estimation



- Abundance of unlabeled overhead imagery
- Large domain gap from ground imagery
- Overhead imageries lack specific subject



2. Self-Supervised Learning Approach



★ Semantic image inpainting [2]

- Reconstruct regions erased from the image
- Task close to semantic segmentation
- Encoder-decoder model with bottleneck
- Re-use pre-trained encoder for various tasks

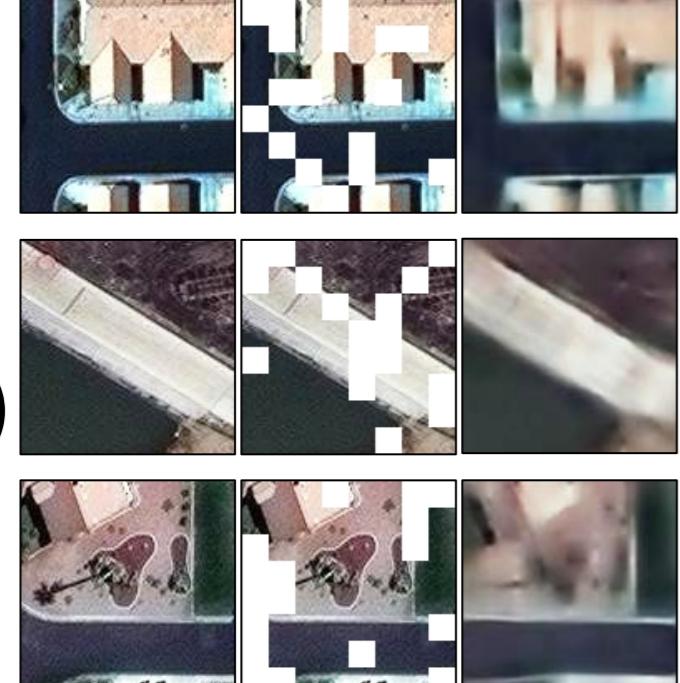
Contributions

★ Unified approach for overhead imagery tasks

★ Architectural Improvements for [2]

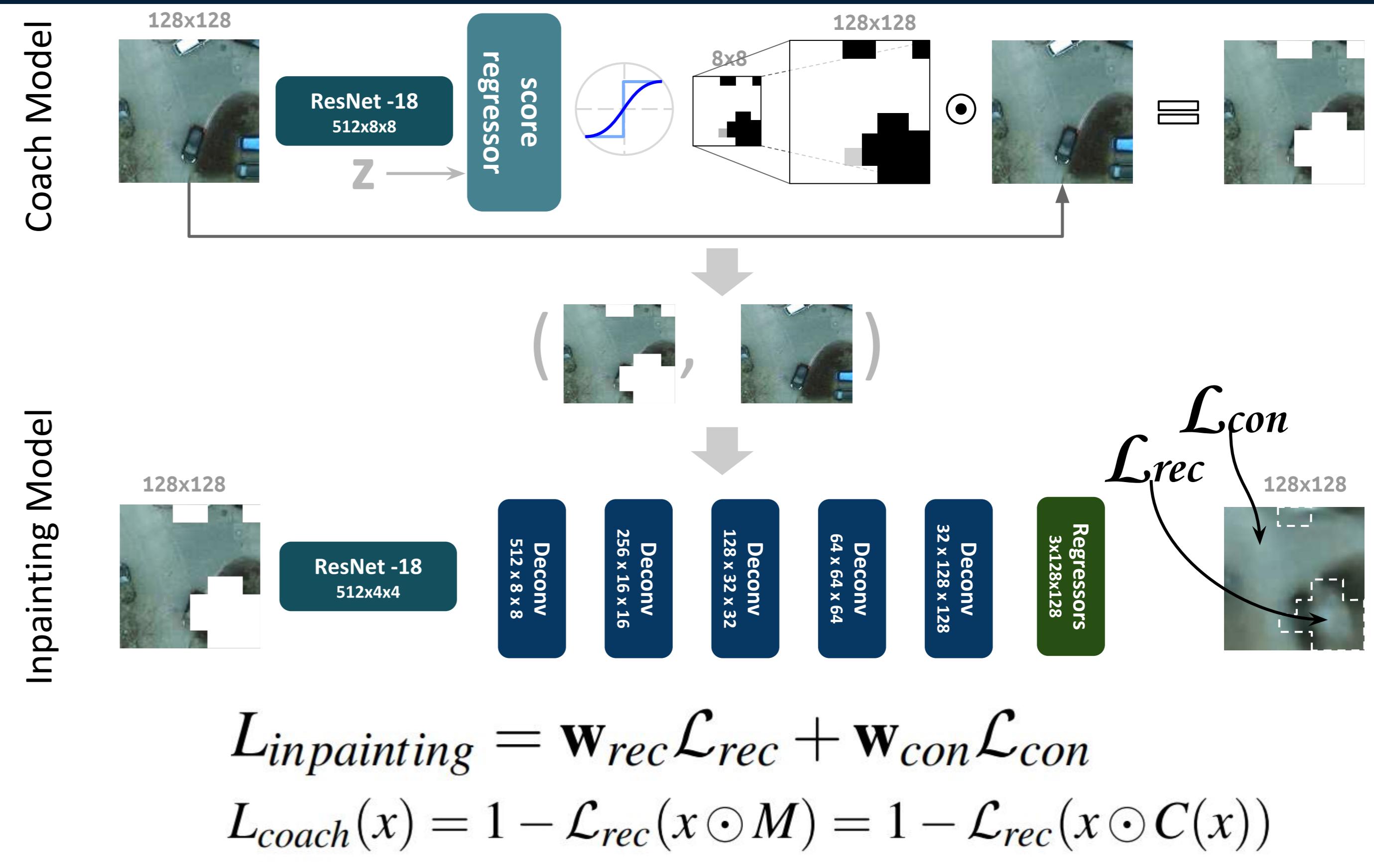
- ✓ Encoder-decoder network w/o bottleneck
- ✓ High capacity ResNet-18 as backbone
- ✓ Re-use pre-trained encoder and decoder

★ Adversarial mask prediction



Adversarial Masks (Coach Model)

3. Adversarial Mask Prediction

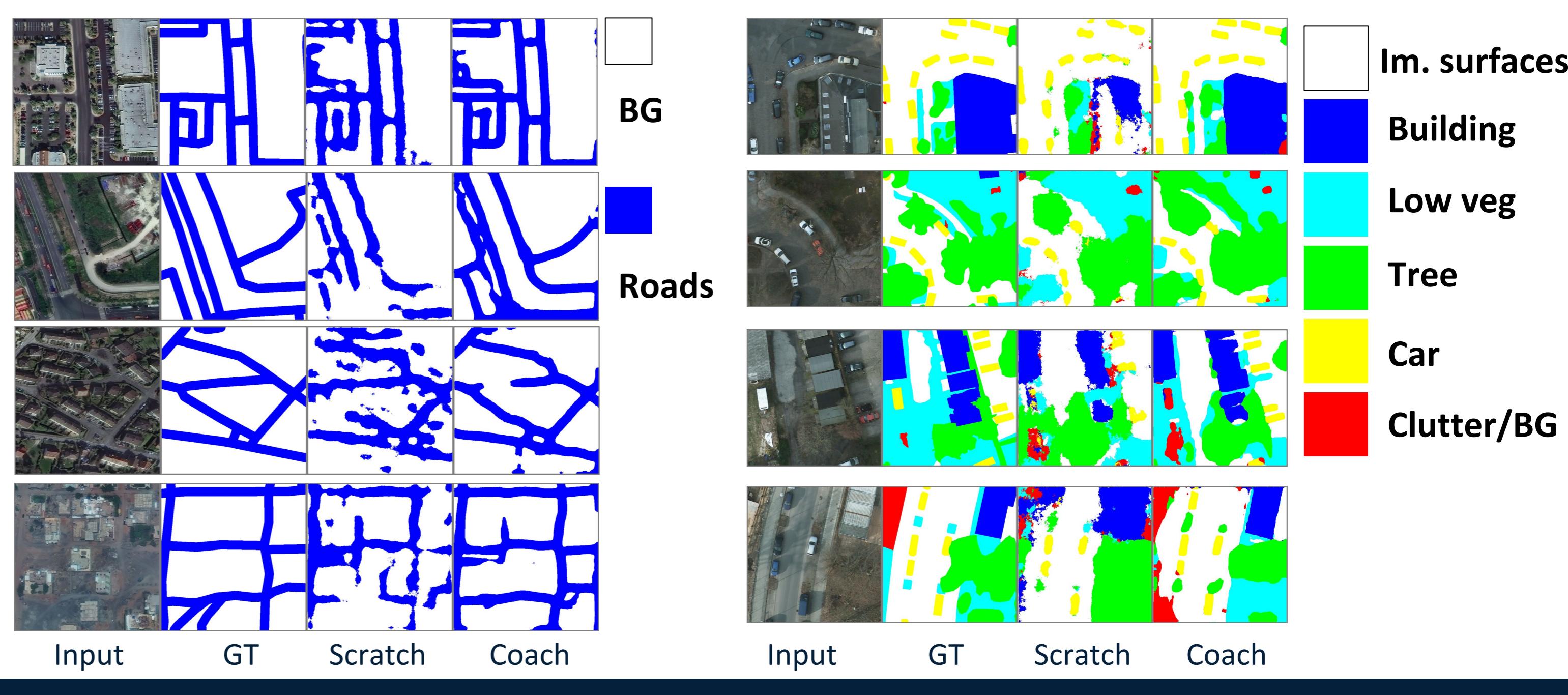


- Predicts increasingly difficult mask for inpainting.
- This mask is used to erase regions of the image.
- Trained in adversary to the inpainting network.

4. Results

Method	Arch	Improv	Potsdam	SpaceNet	DG Roads	DG Lands
Context Pred[1]		✗	0.273	0.593	0.478	0.257
Context Enc[2]		✗	0.298	0.610	0.478	0.339
Splitbrain[3]		✗	0.265	0.641	0.482	0.411
ImageNet (ResNet)		✗	0.493	0.701	0.669	0.575
Scratch	✓		0.418	0.661	0.607	0.507
Autoencoder	✓		0.499	0.742	0.742	0.499
Context Enc (ours)	✓		0.562	0.762	0.759	0.503
Coach Mask (ours)	✓		0.568	0.770	0.768	0.529

Dataset	Method	(a) Labeled				(b) Unlabeled					
		10%	25%	50%	100%	1K	2K	5K	10K	500K	100K
Potsdam	CE	0.562	0.628	0.668	0.698	0.432	0.453	0.537	0.561	0.548	0.562
	Coach	0.568	0.637	0.674	0.705	0.446	0.469	0.541	0.563	0.566	0.565
SpaceNet	CE	0.762	0.781	0.795	0.804	0.696	0.731	0.754	0.759	0.763	0.765
	Coach	0.770	0.786	0.797	0.806	0.709	0.731	0.757	0.770	0.774	0.774



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Codes are available at

<https://github.com/suriyasingh/Self-supervision-for-segmenting-overhead-imagery>