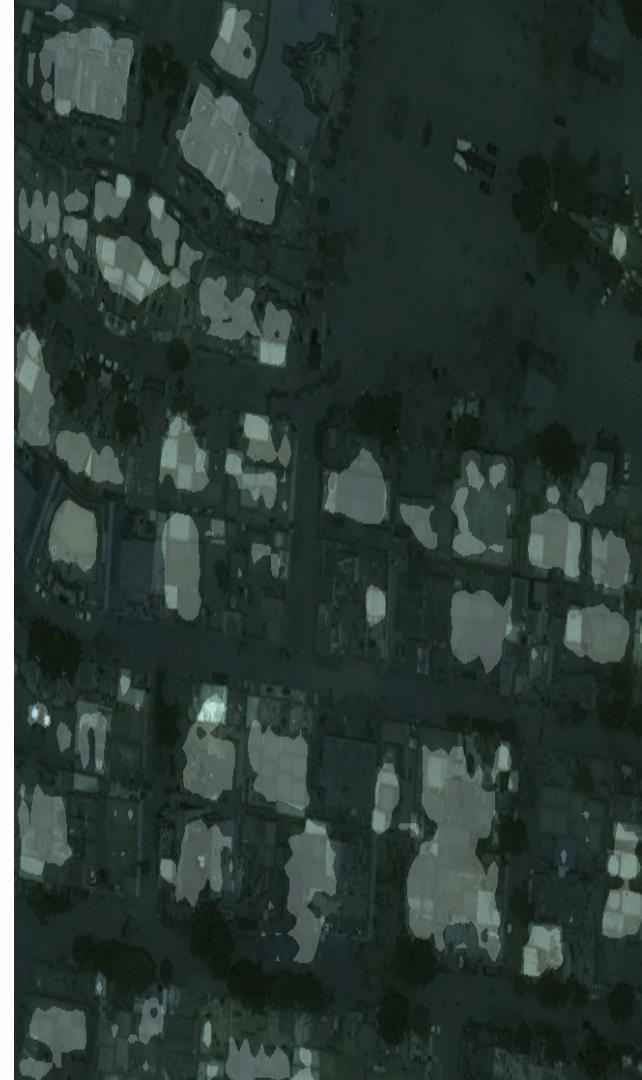


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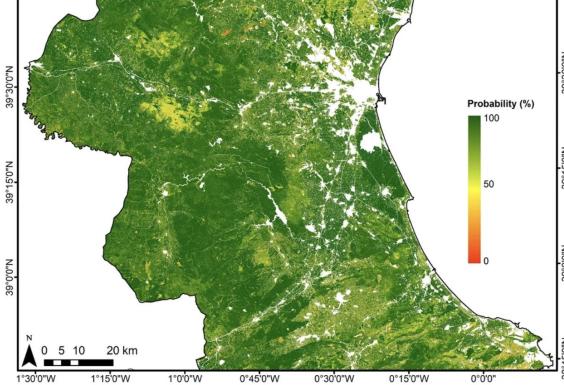
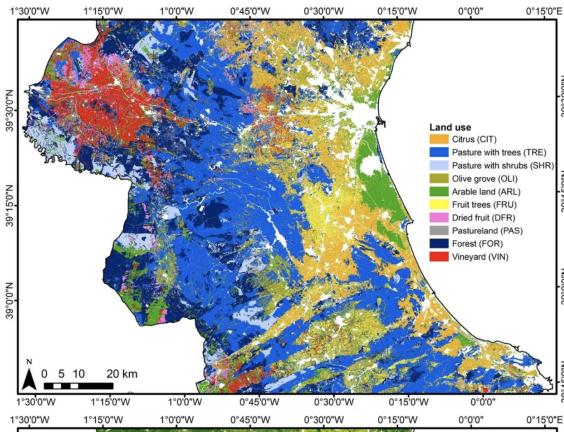
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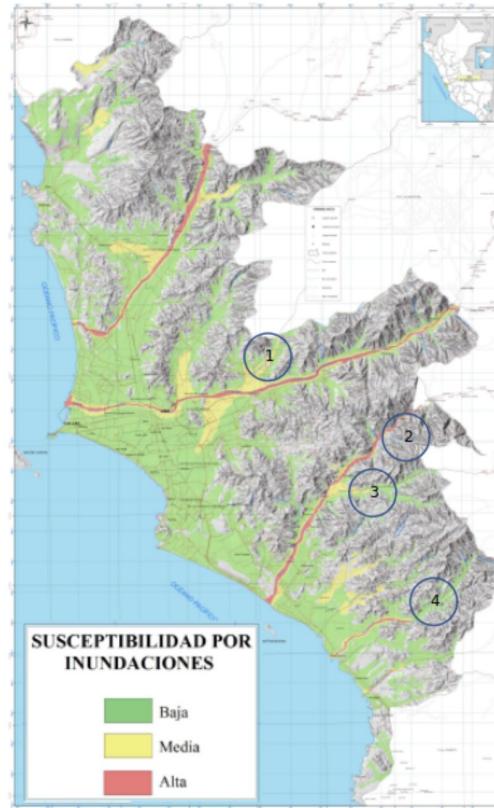
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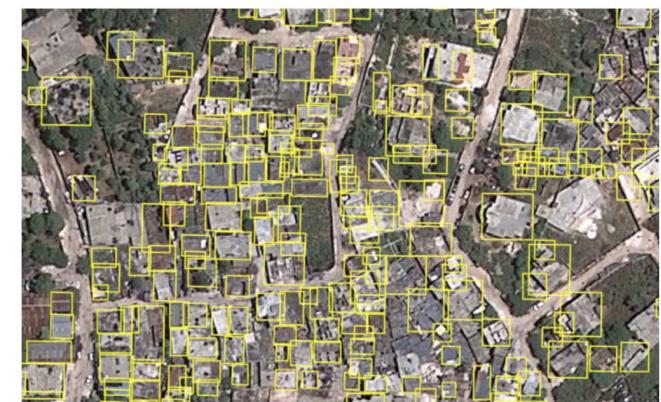
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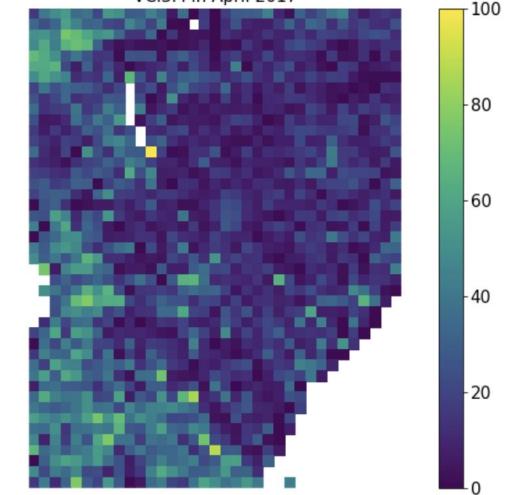
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VCI3M in April 2017



Geospatial ML is growing.

(Lees et al., 2019)

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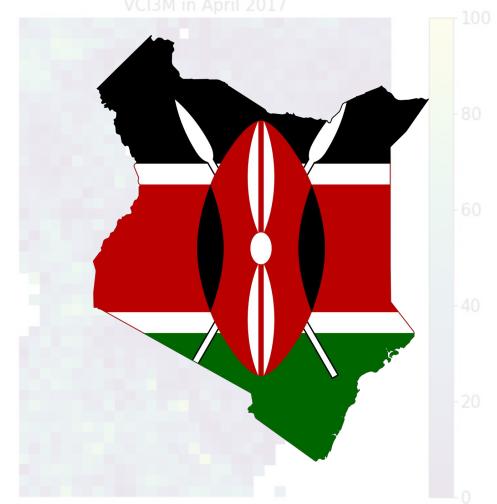
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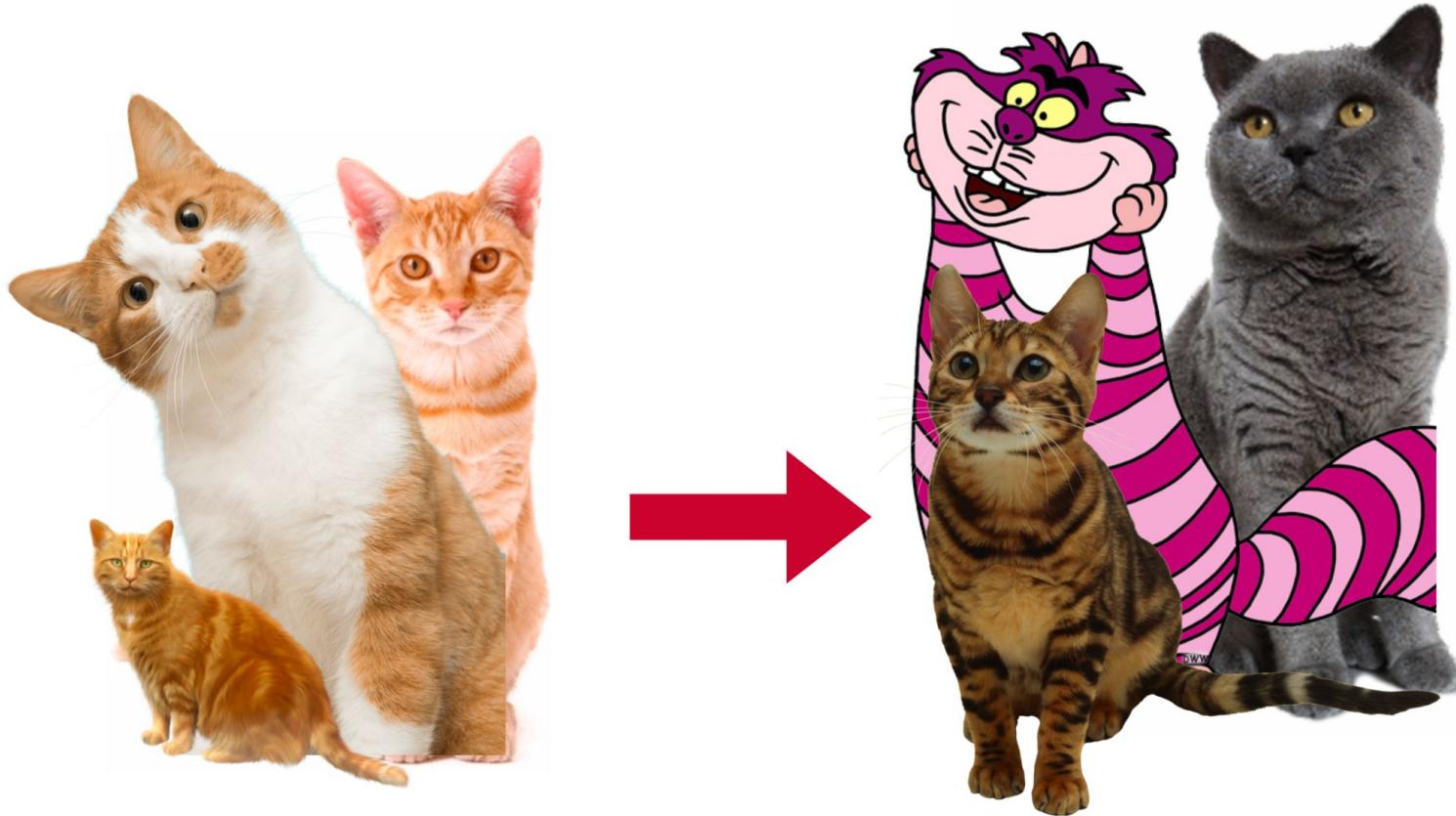


VC13M in April 2017



Geospatial ML is (often) **domain-specific**.

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Domain adaptation can help!

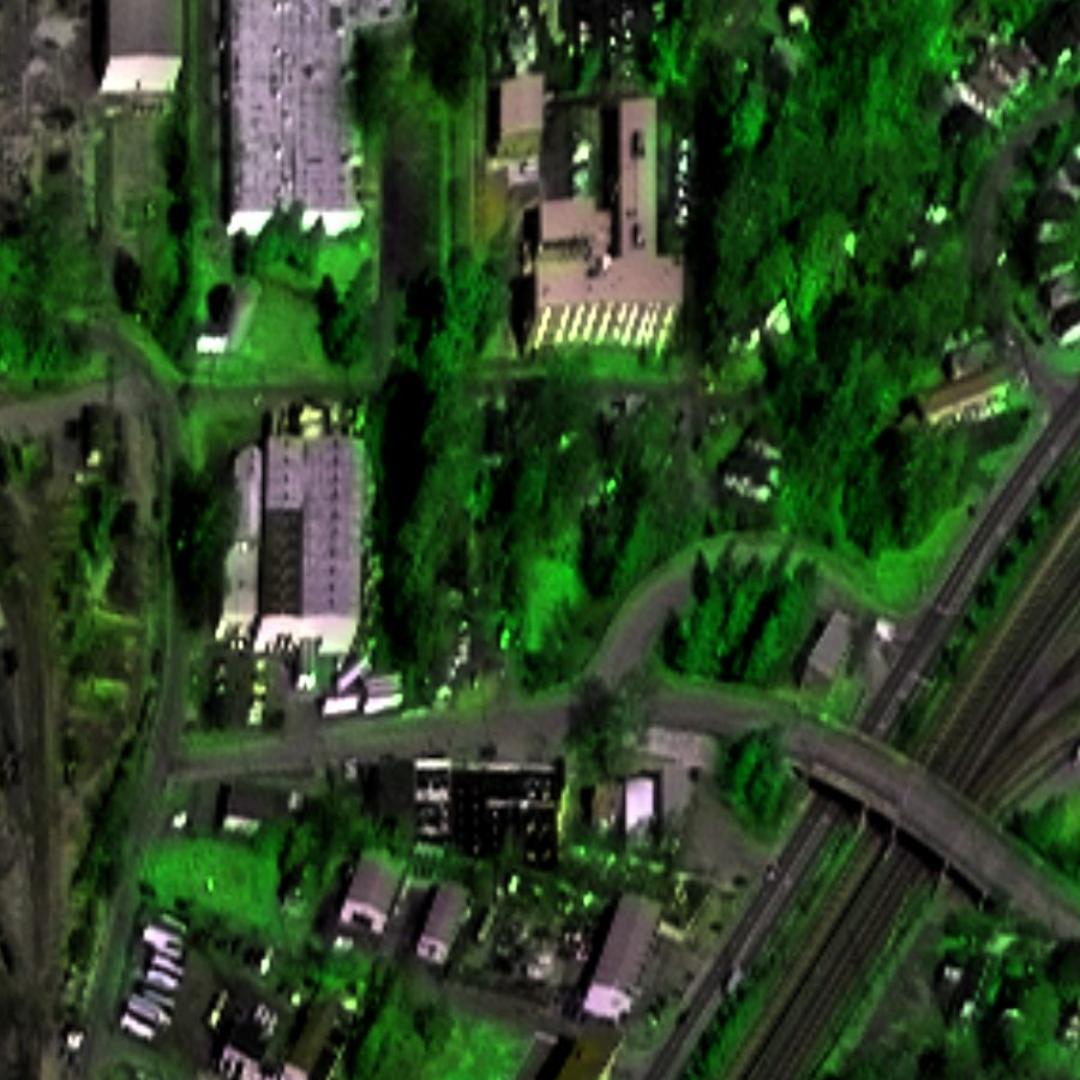
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SpaceNet 2:
City-to-City Adaptation

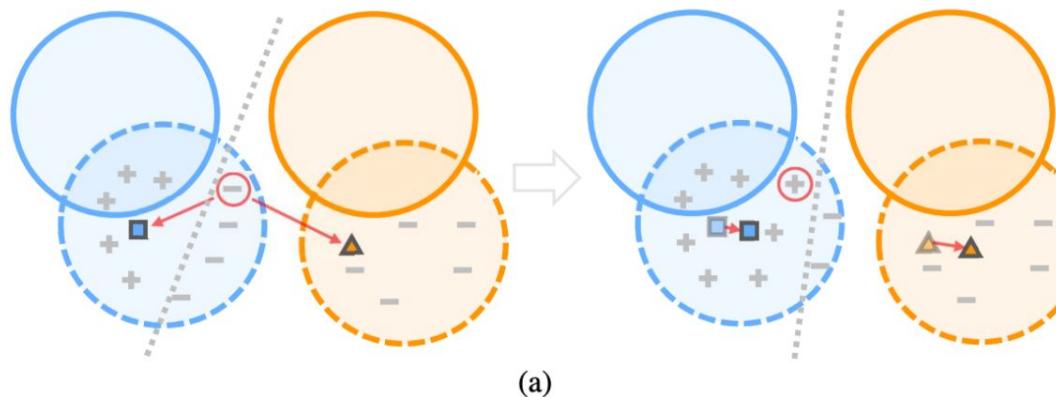


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SpaceNet 4:
On-to-Off-Nadir Adaptation

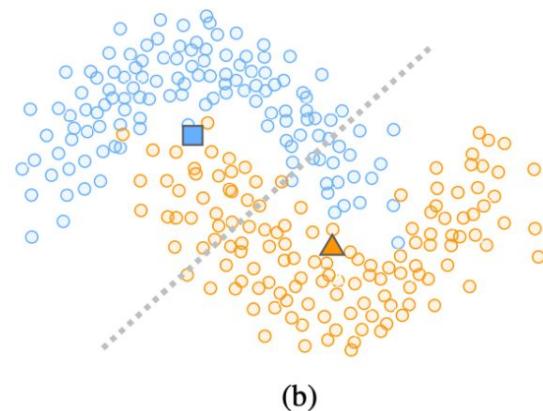


○ Source domain, class A ○ Source domain, class B + Pseudo label of class A
○ Target domain, class A ○ Target domain, class B – Pseudo label of class B
■ Prototype of class A ▲ Prototype of class B Decision boundary



(a)

○ Target domain, class A ○ Target domain, class B
■ Prototype of class A ▲ Prototype of class B Decision boundary



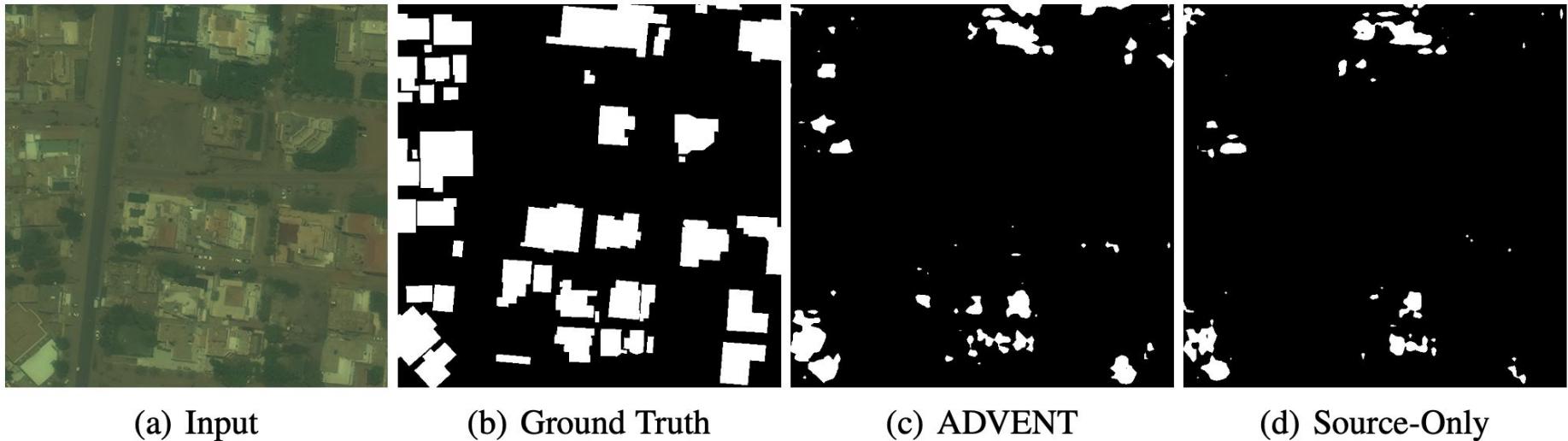
(b)

ADVENT

Zhang et. al., 2021

Tsai et. al., 2018

Vu et. al., 2019



(a) Input

(b) Ground Truth

(c) ADVENT

(d) Source-Only

	GTA → CS	V → K	V, P → K	P, S → K	V, S, P → K	ON → V. OFF
IoU (ADVENT)	47.6	13.59	9.95	26.36	25.05	11.03
IoU (SRC-ONLY)	36.6	15.09	17.56	23.62	30.09	14.77
Δ IoU	+11.0	-1.50	-7.61	+2.74	-5.04	-3.74

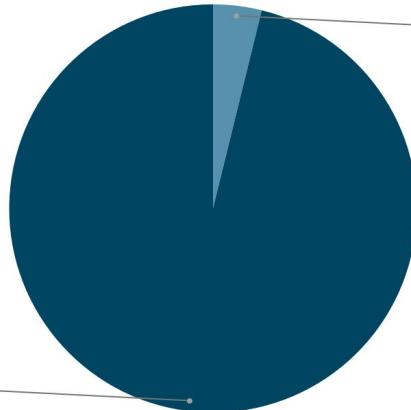
Adaptation failure

Vu et. al., 2019

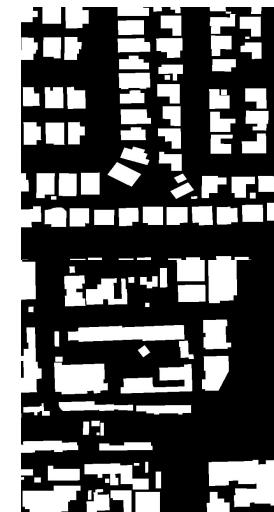
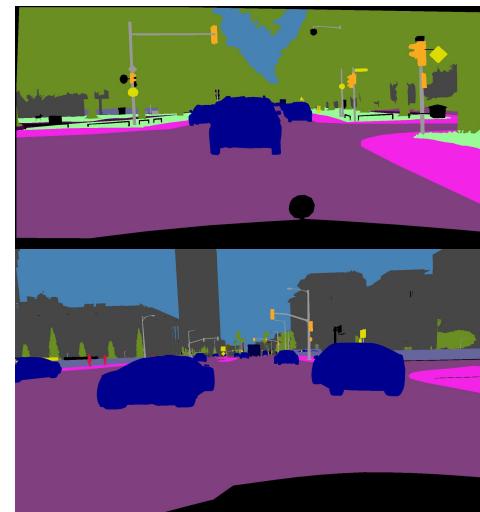
Core Assumptions of Adversarial Domain Adaptation

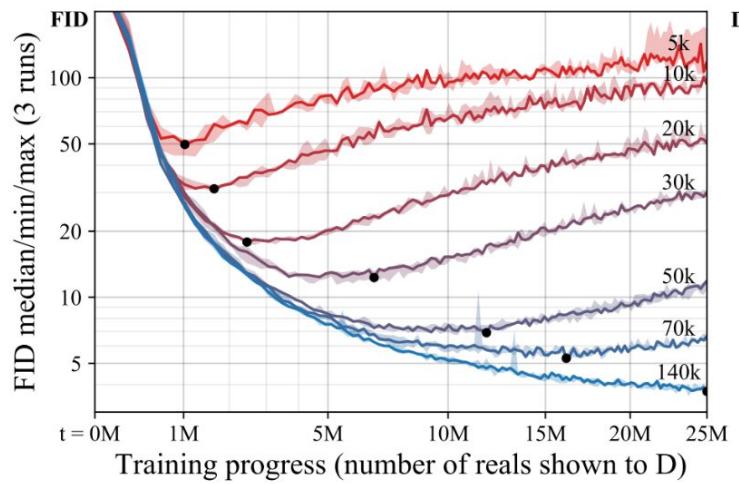
- You have sufficient labeled **source data**.
- The source and target **label distributions** are fairly similar.

Number of Labeled Training Samples

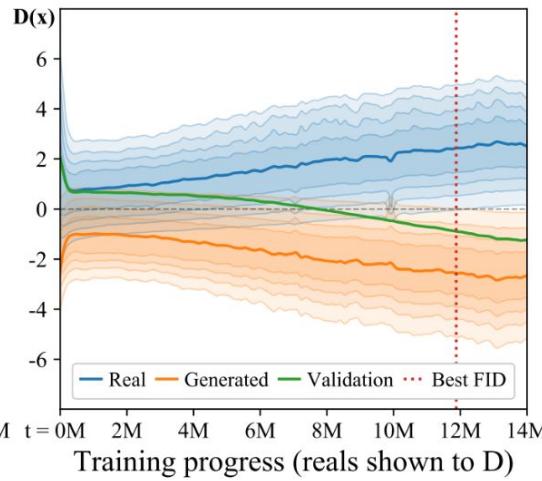


Vegas
3.8%

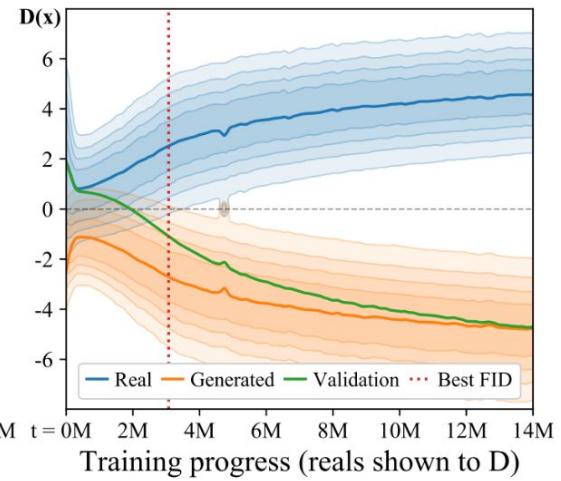




(a) Convergence of FFHQ (256×256)



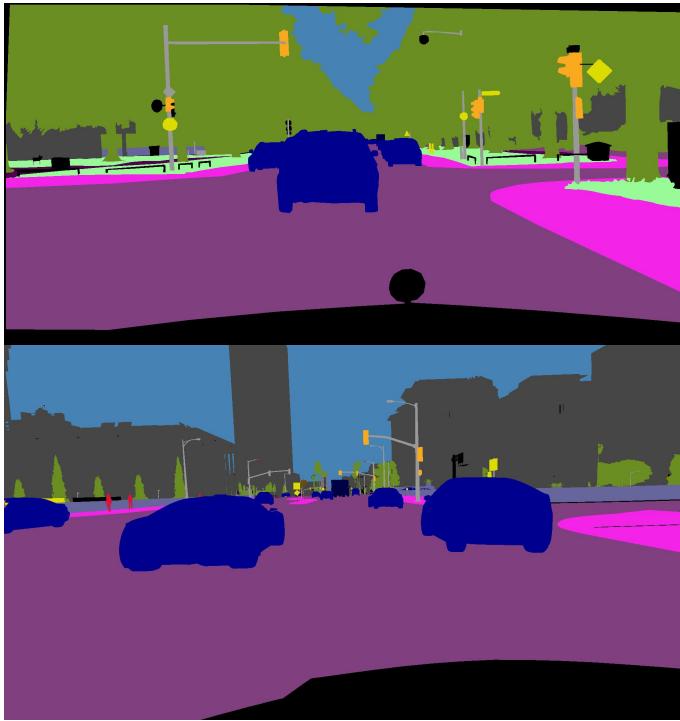
(b) Discriminator outputs, 50k



(c) Discriminator outputs, 20k

Discriminator **overfitting** (Karras et al., 2020)

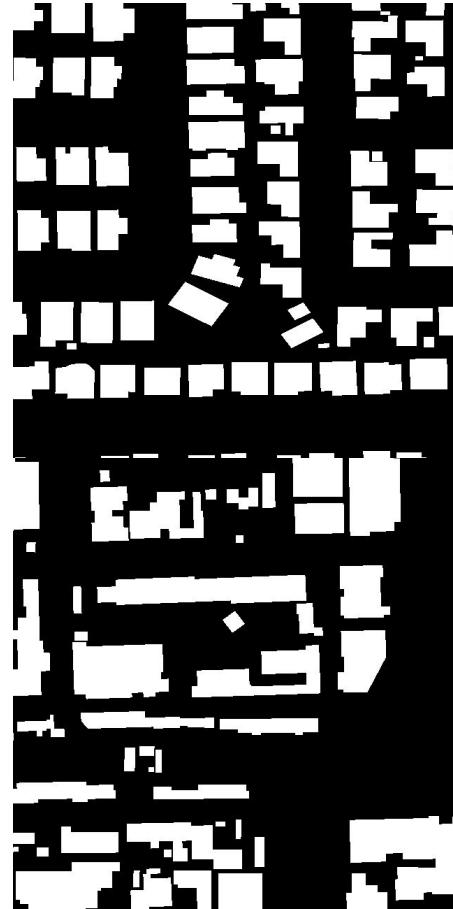
CityScapes



GTA V



Label distribution **discrepancies**



Vegas

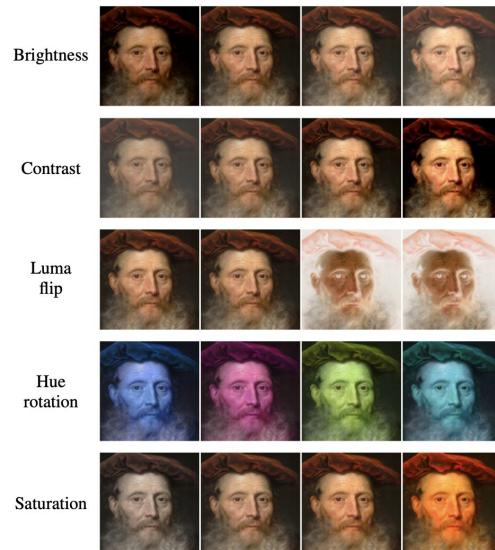
Khartoum

Percentile: 5th 35th 65th 95th

Pixel blitting

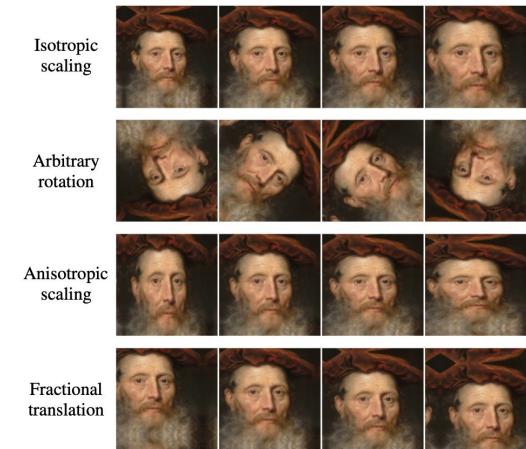


Color transformations



(Karras et al., 2020)

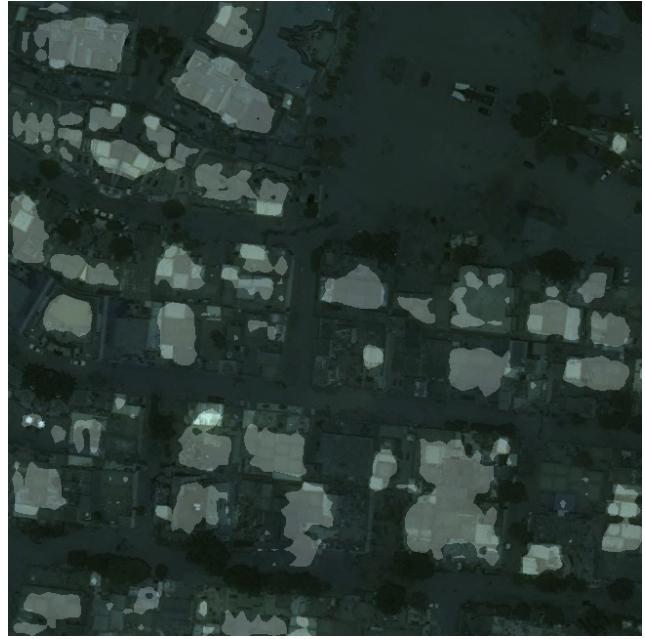
General geometric transformations



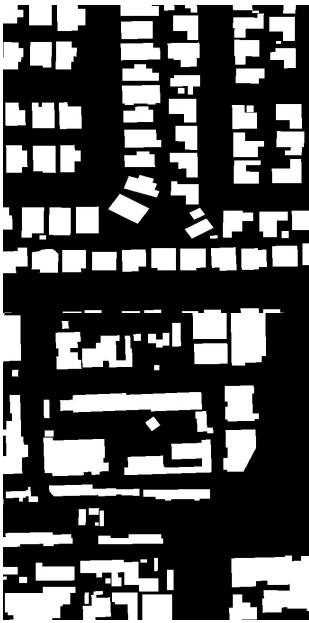
Solution: (adaptive?) augmentation



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Augmentations **reduce** discriminator overfitting.



UMAP



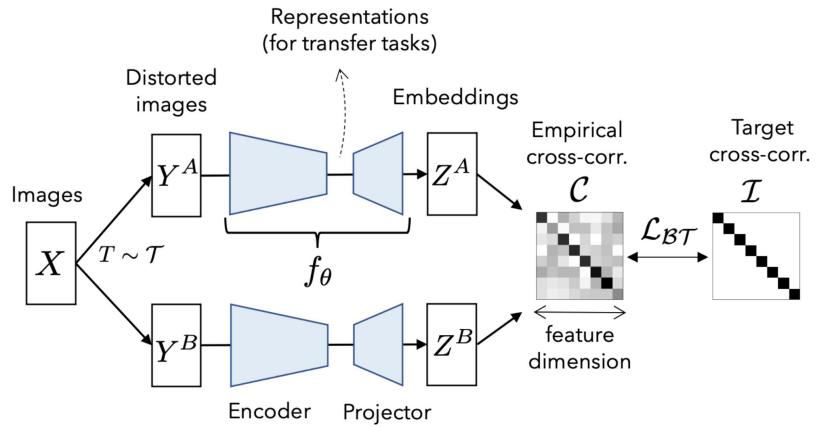
0D Persistent
Homology

Label Purity
Estimation

Relative Class
Similarity Metric

Comparing **Label-Distribution Similarities** (with UMAP)

(Zbontar et al., 2021)



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