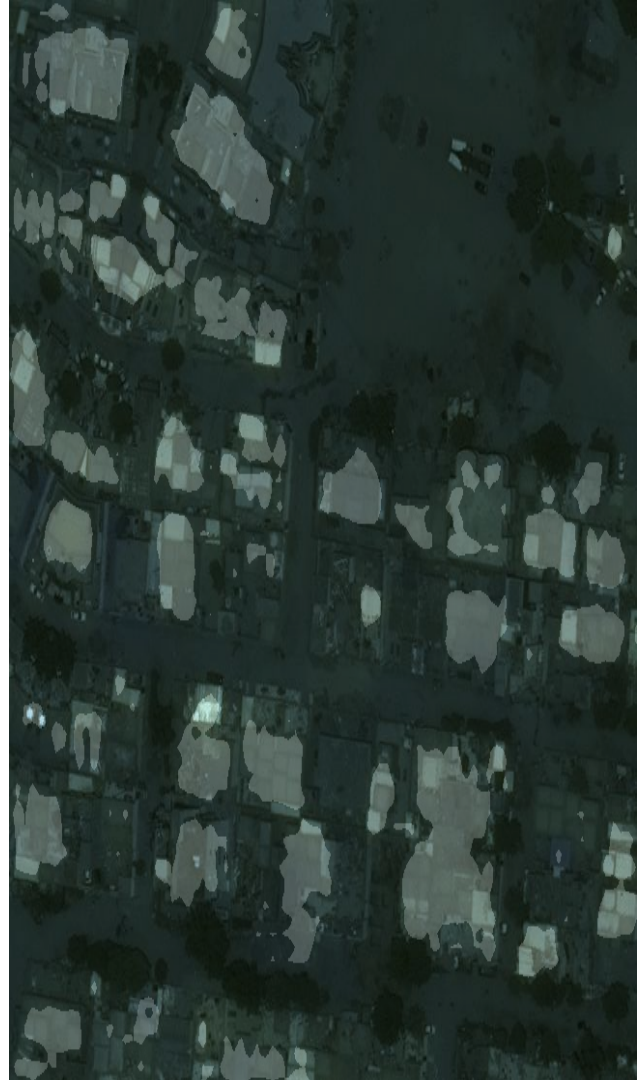


Leveraging Domain Adaptation for Low-Resource Geospatial Machine Learning

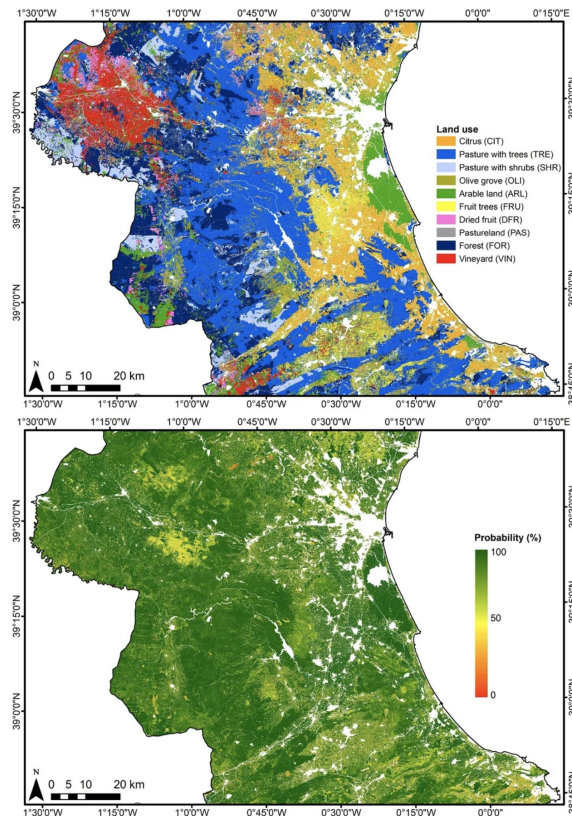
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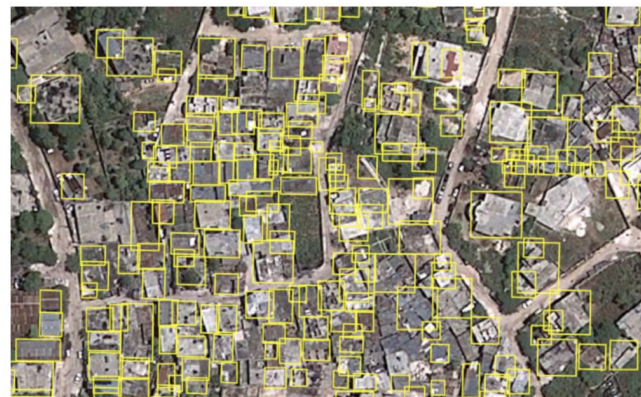
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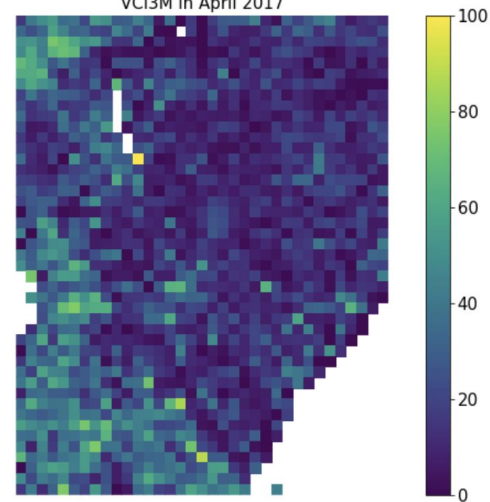
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VCI3M in April 2017



(Lees et al., 2019)

Geospatial ML is **growing**.

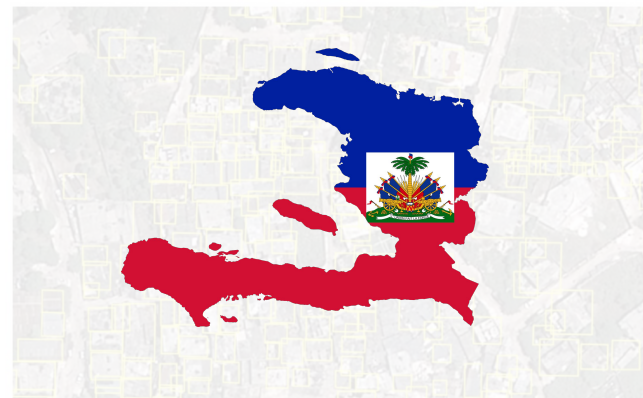
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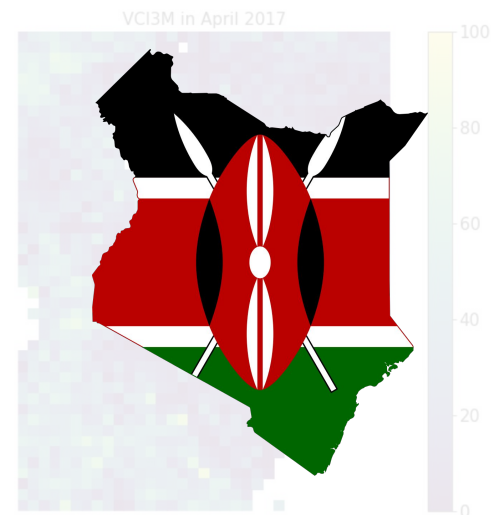
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Geospatial ML is (often) **domain-specific**.



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Domain adaptation can help!

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SpaceNet 2:
City-to-City Adaptation

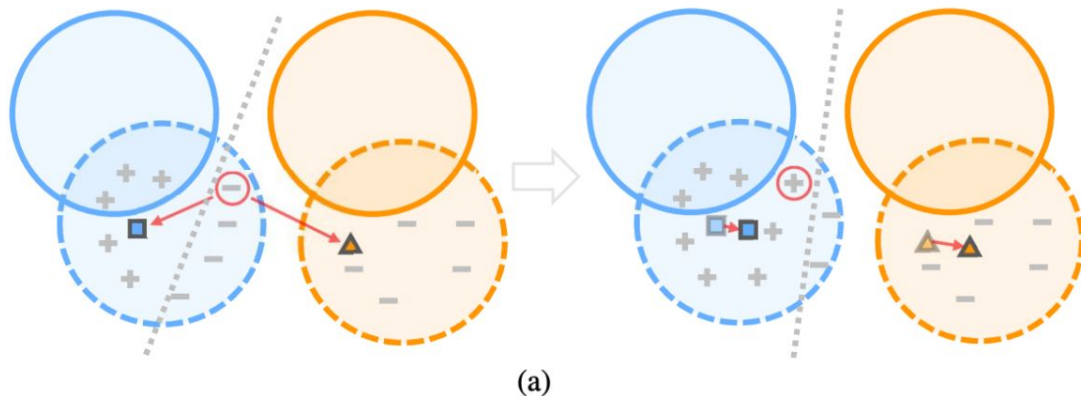


Very On-Nadir

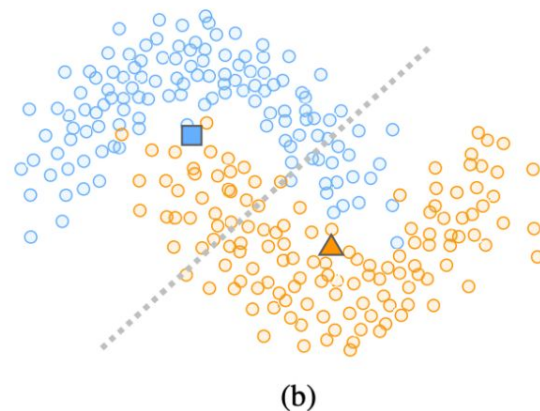
SpaceNet 4:
On-to-Off-Nadir Adaptation



○ 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



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



ADVENT

Zhang et. al., 2021

Tsai et. al., 2018

Vu et. al., 2019



(a) Input



(b) Ground Truth



(c) ADVENT



(d) Source-Only

	GTA $\rightarrow$ CS	V $\rightarrow$ K	V, P $\rightarrow$ K	P, S $\rightarrow$ K	V, S, P $\rightarrow$ K	ON $\rightarrow$ 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

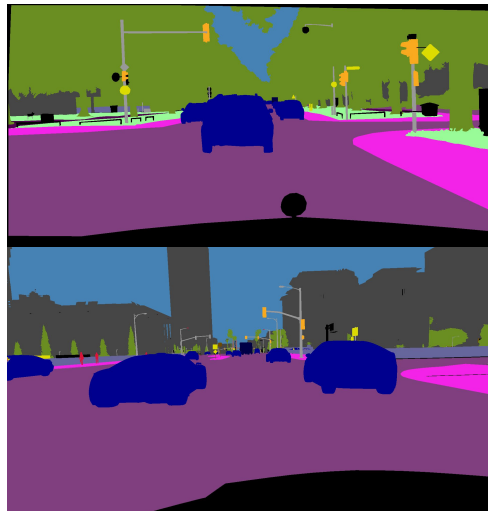
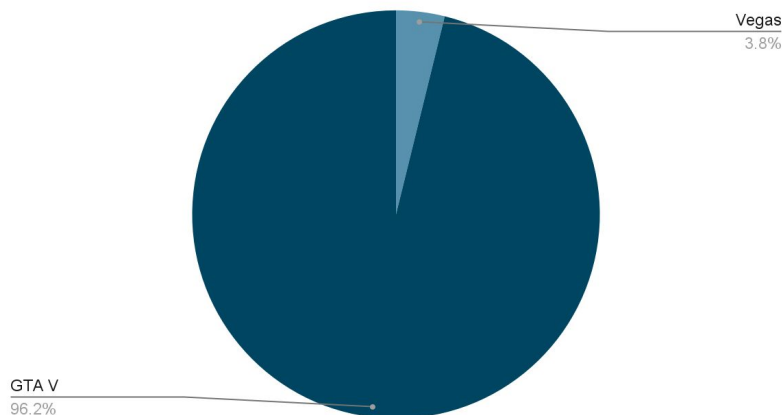
Adaptation **failure**

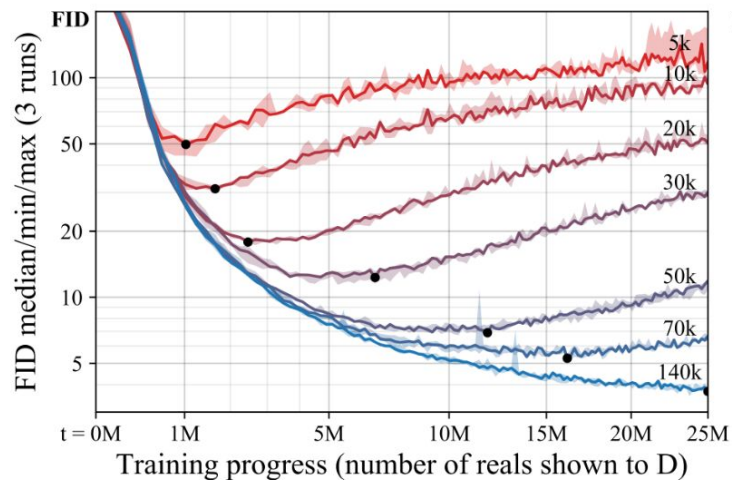
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Core Assumptions of Adversarial Domain Adaptation

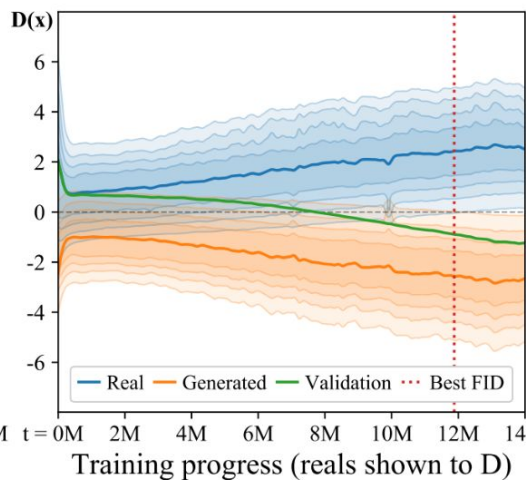
- You have sufficient labeled **source data**.
- The source and target **label distributions** are fairly similar.

Number of Labeled Training Samples

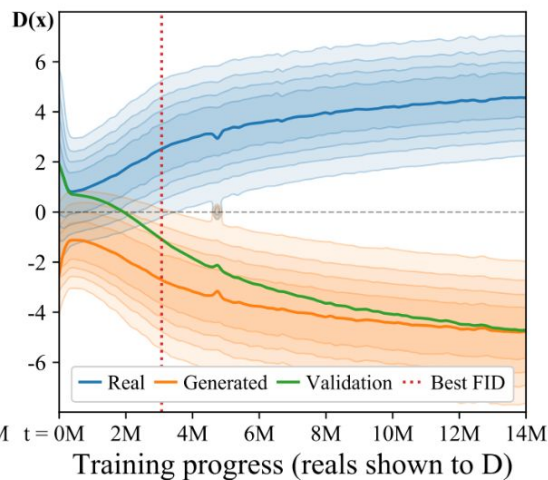




(a) Convergence of FFHQ (256×256)



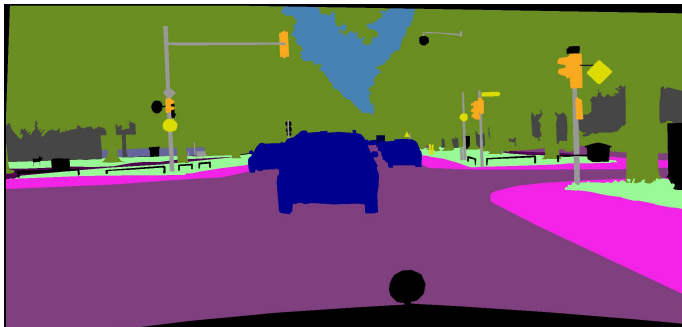
(b) Discriminator outputs, 50k



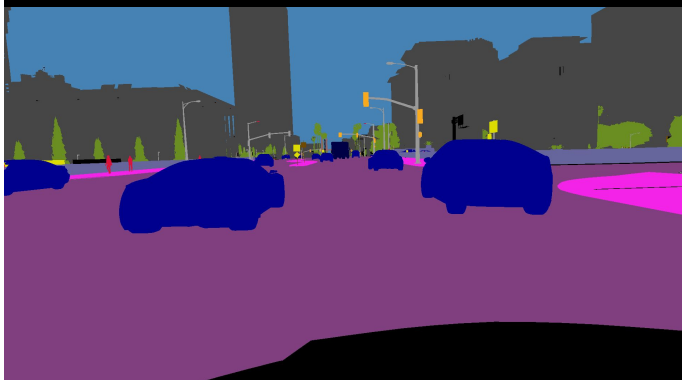
(c) Discriminator outputs, 20k

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

CityScapes



GTA V



Label distribution **discrepancies**

Vegas



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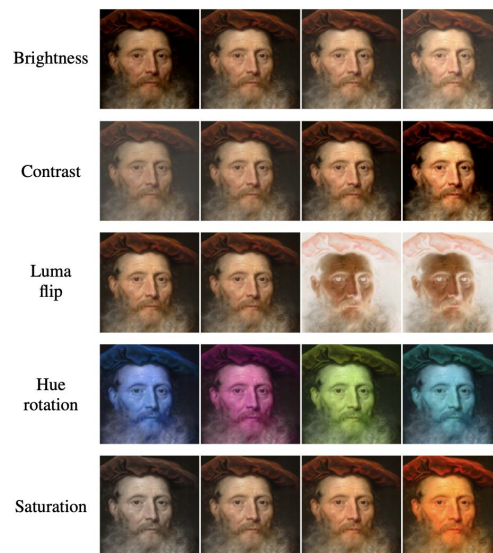


Percentile: 5th 35th 65th 95th

Pixel blitting



Color transformations

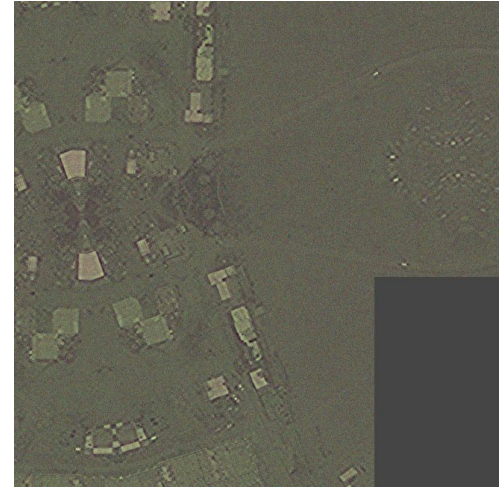


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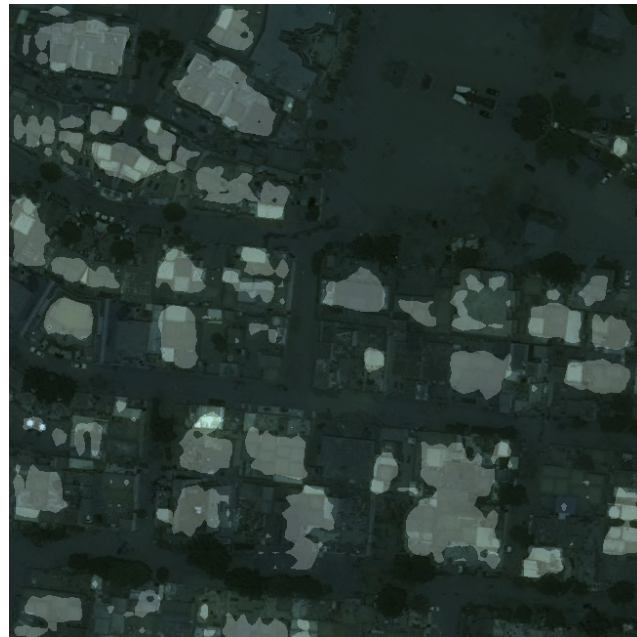
General geometric transformations



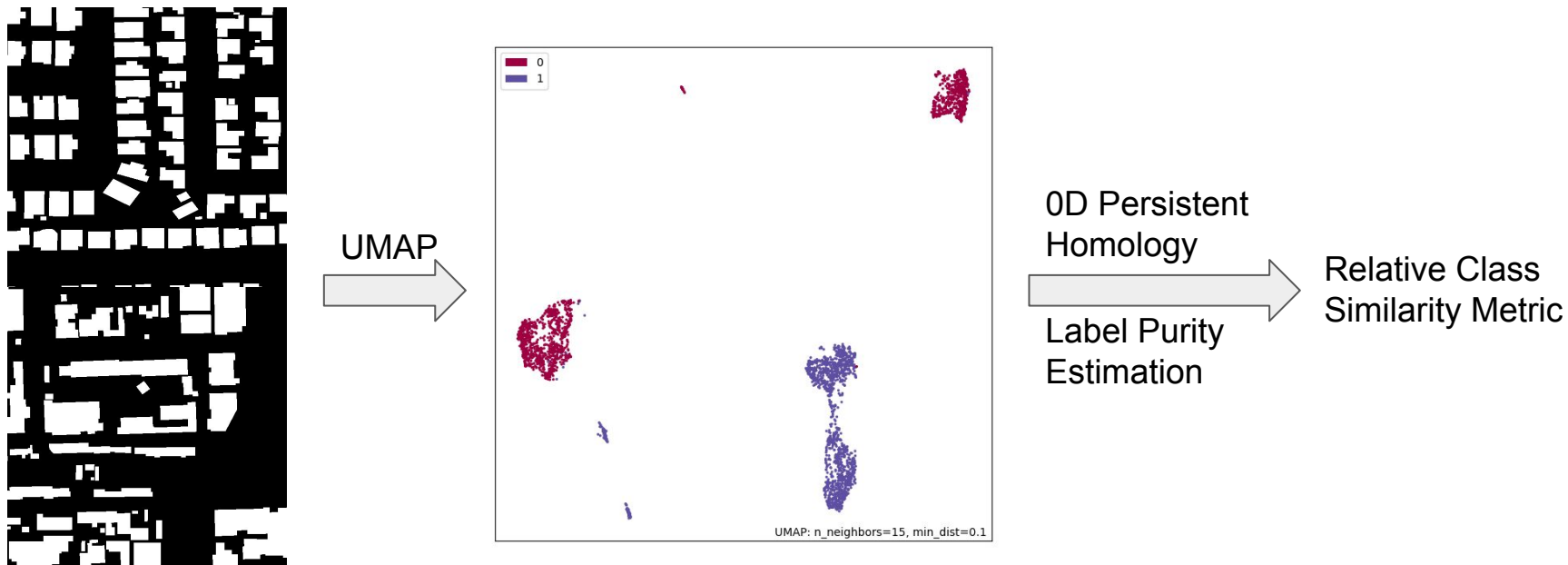
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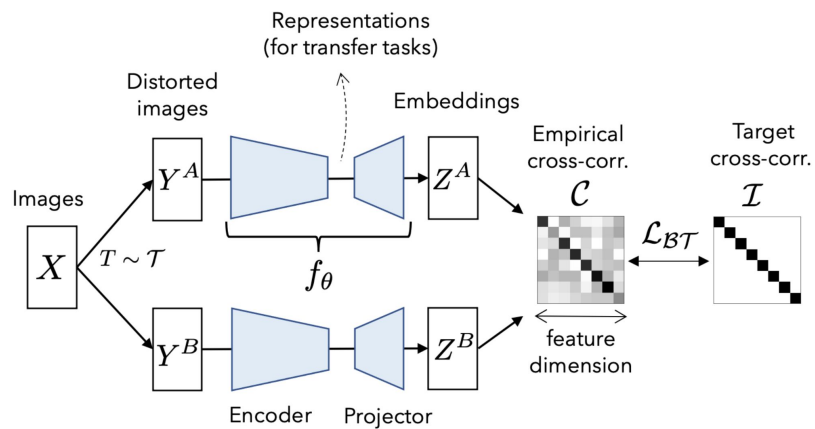


Augmentations **reduce** discriminator overfitting.



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

(Zbontar et al., 2021)



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