

# Domain Adaptation: Consistency and Uncertainty

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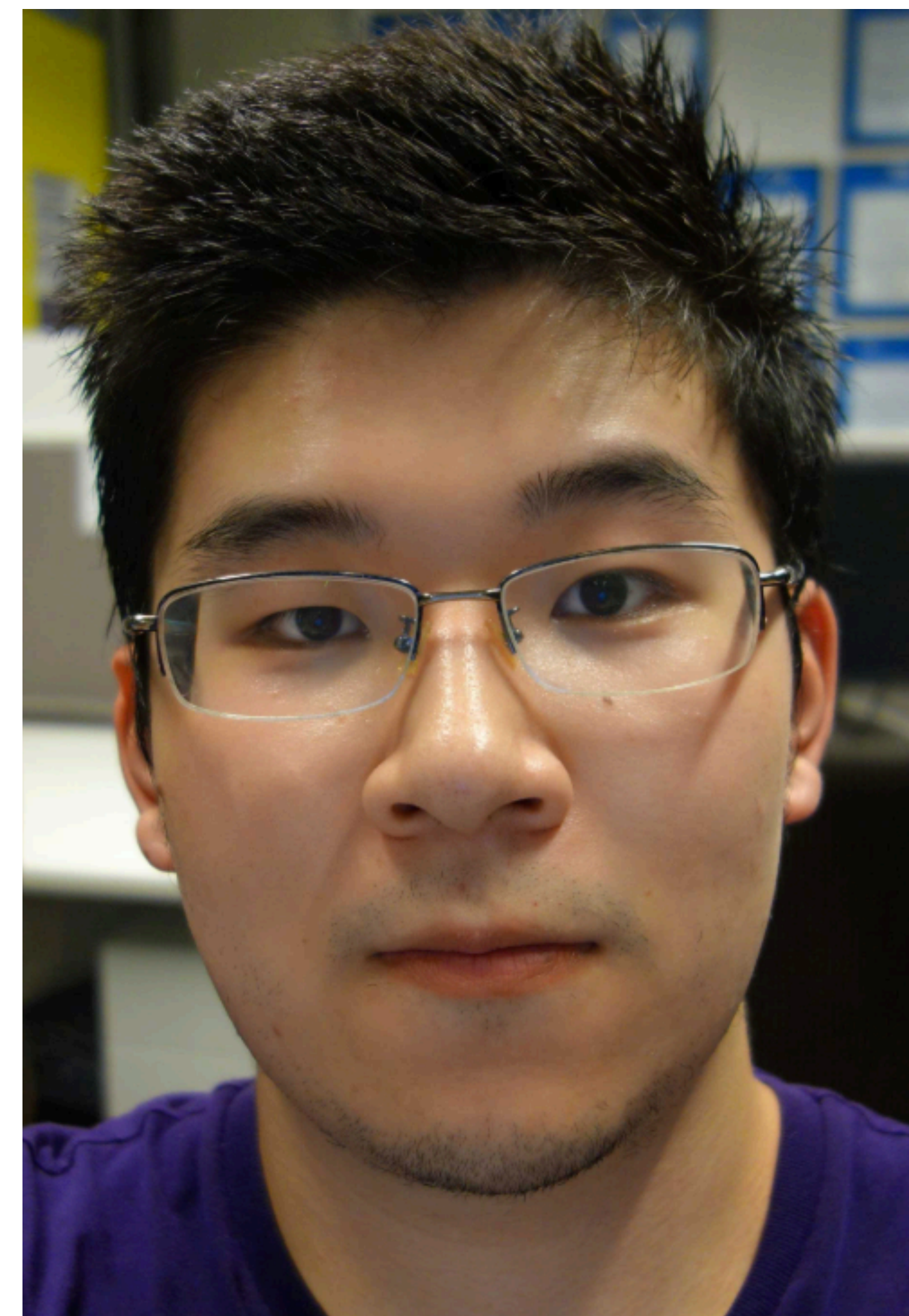
# About Me

## Present

- **Postdoc at NUS with Prof. Tat Seng Chua (蔡达成)**
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- Published 4 first-author conference papers and 5 first-author journal papers
- GoogleScholar 6000+ citations; Github 7000+ stars
- First-place winner in AICity Challenge CVPR 2020, CVPR 2021
- IEEE Circuits and Systems Society Outstanding Young Author Award 2021
- ( Thanks to my lab~ )

## Research Interests

- **Image Retrieval**, Target Re-identification (Cross Cam)
- **Image Generation (GAN)**, Domain Adaptation
- Image-text Understanding, Adversarial Samples



# Outline

- Task (Domain Adaptation for Segmentation)
- (IJCAI 2020) Unsupervised Scene Adaptation with Memory Regularization in vivo
- (IJCV 2021) Rectifying Pseudo Label Learning via Uncertainty Estimation for Domain Adaptive Semantic Segmentation
- Future Research Directions



# Domain Gap

Labeled Source-domain Data



GTA5 GAME

Unlabeled Target-domain Data



Real World

Pixel Level 的标注累啊! 🤔



# Domain **Adaptation**

Labeled Source-domain Data



**Training**

Unlabeled Target-domain Data



Target-domain Test Data



**Test**

# Domain **Adaptation**

- **How to formulate this problem?**
- Semi-supervised Learning
- Inductive Learning



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# Unsupervised Scene Adaptation with Memory Regularization in vivo

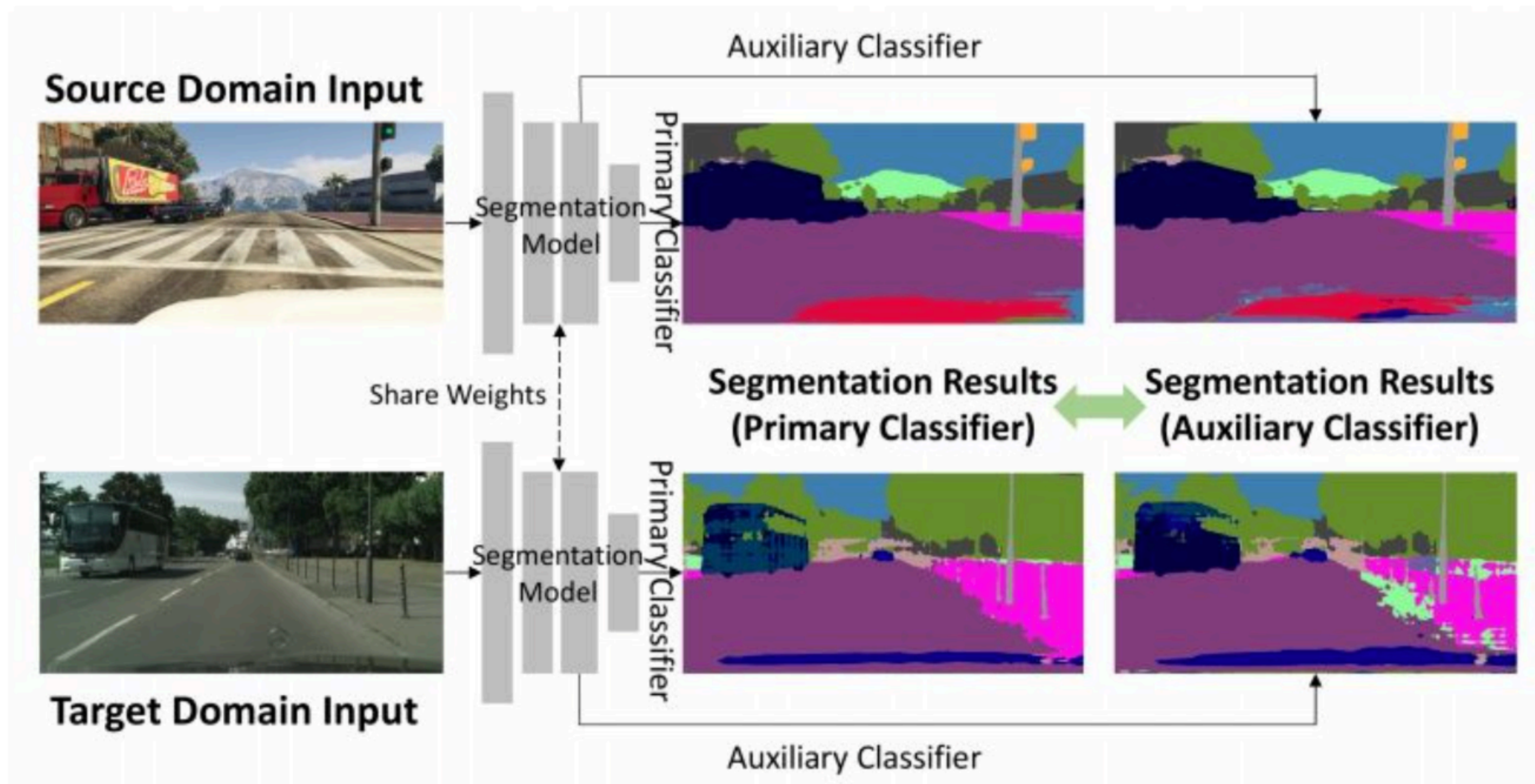
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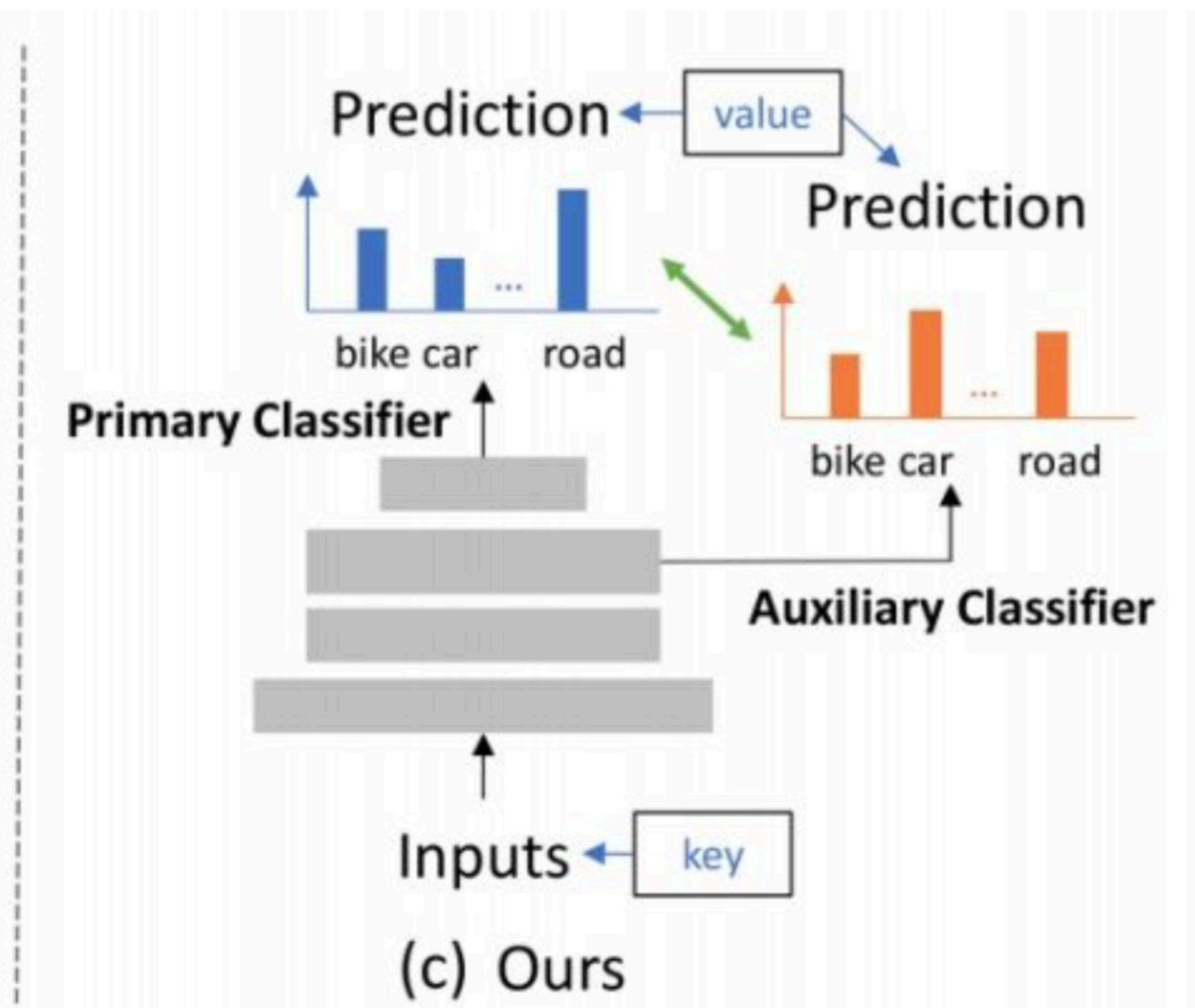
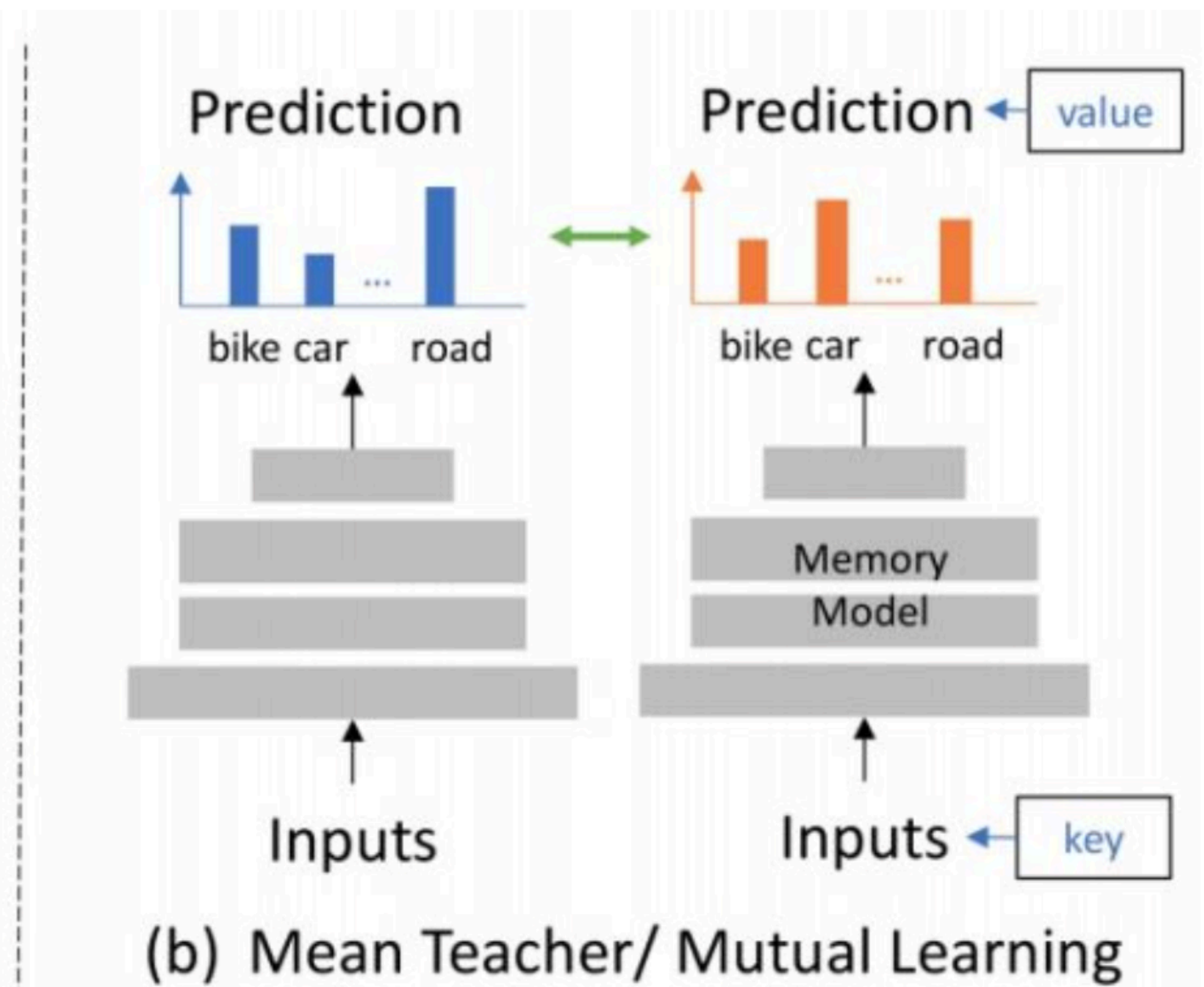
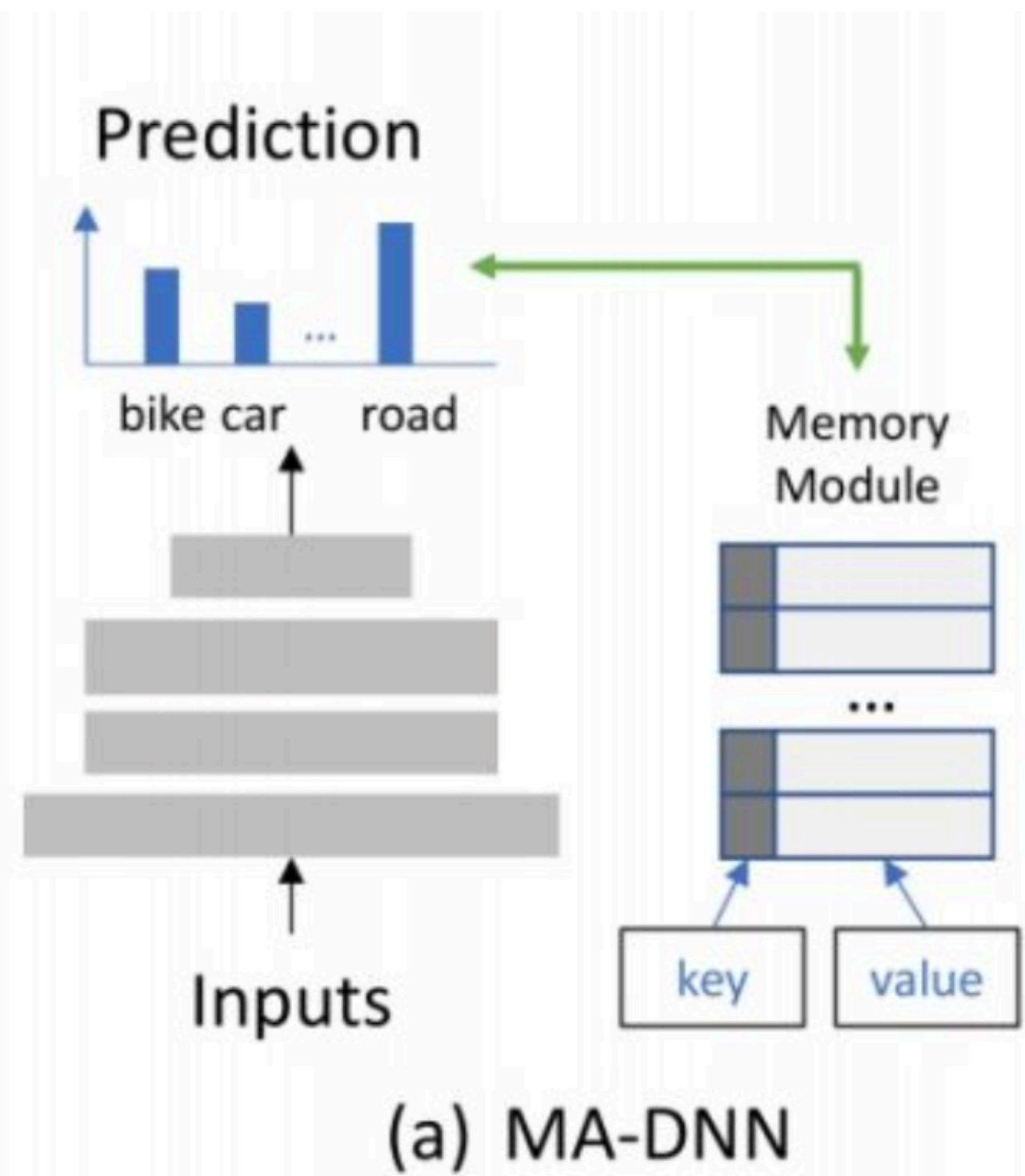


# Motivation: Inconsistency?





# Existing **Semi-Supervised** Methods (Memory)



**Co-training is all  
your need !**

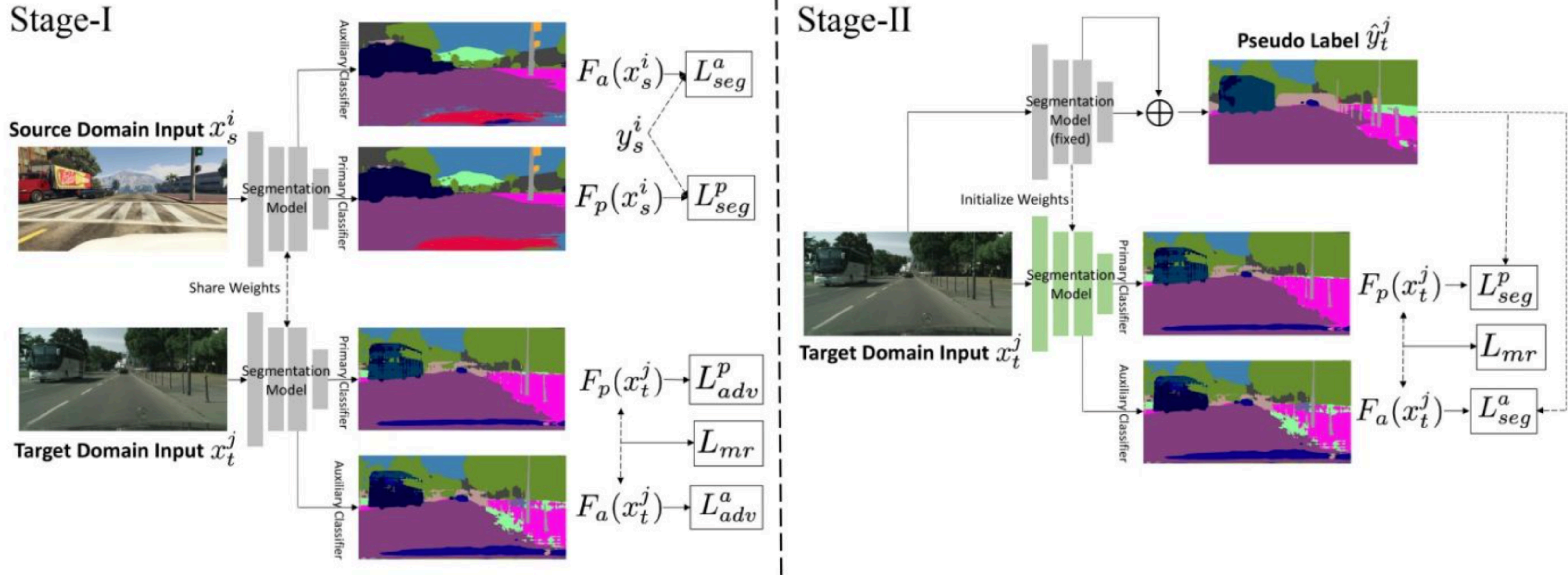


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- Save computation cost & Always up-to-the-date;
- Will the auxiliary classifier hurt the primary classifier? No.

# The Proposed Method

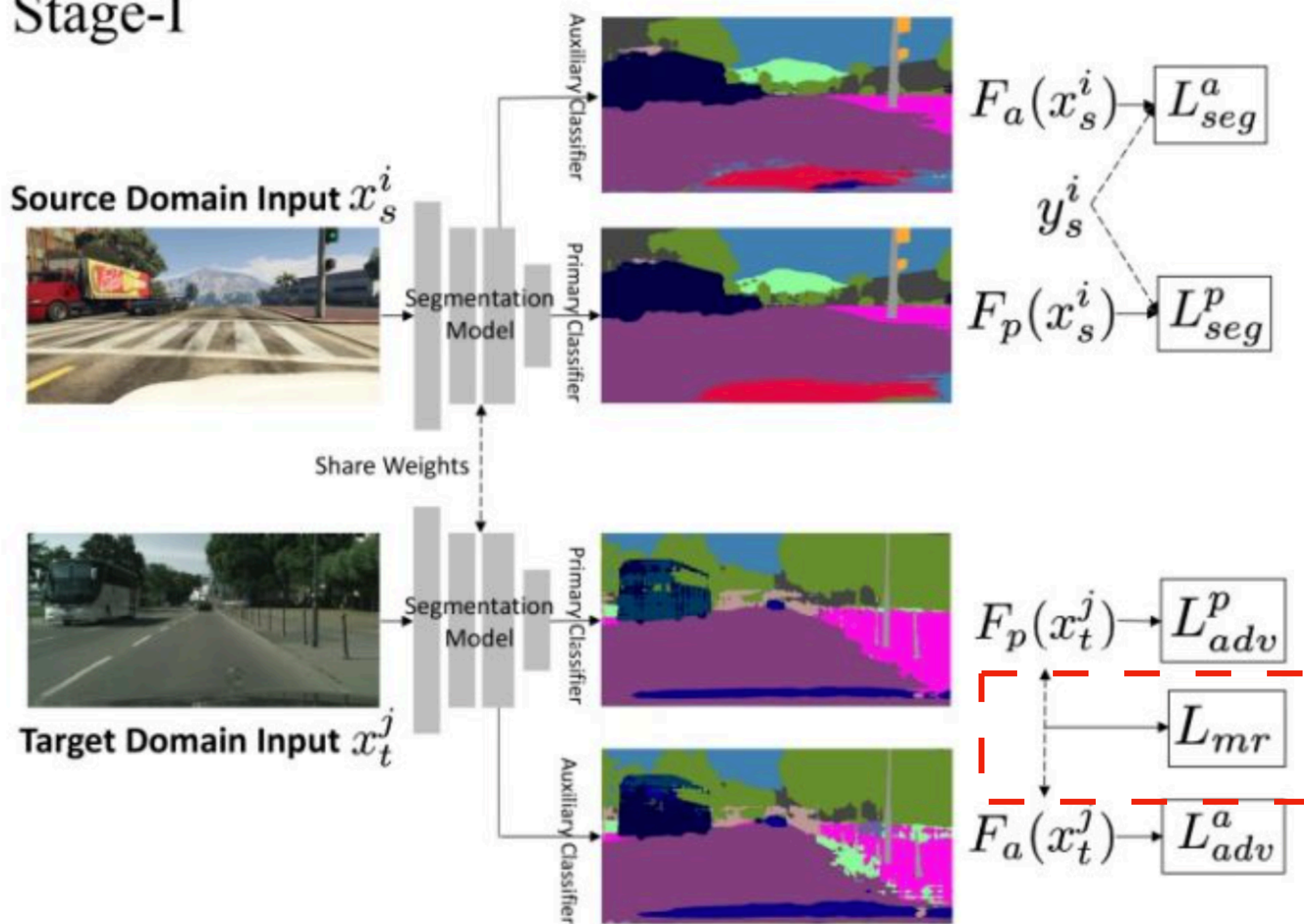
Why two stage?





# The Proposed Method (Stage-I)

Stage-I



$$L_{seg}^p = - \sum_{h=1}^H \sum_{w=1}^W \sum_{c=1}^C y_s^i \log(F_p(x_s^i)),$$

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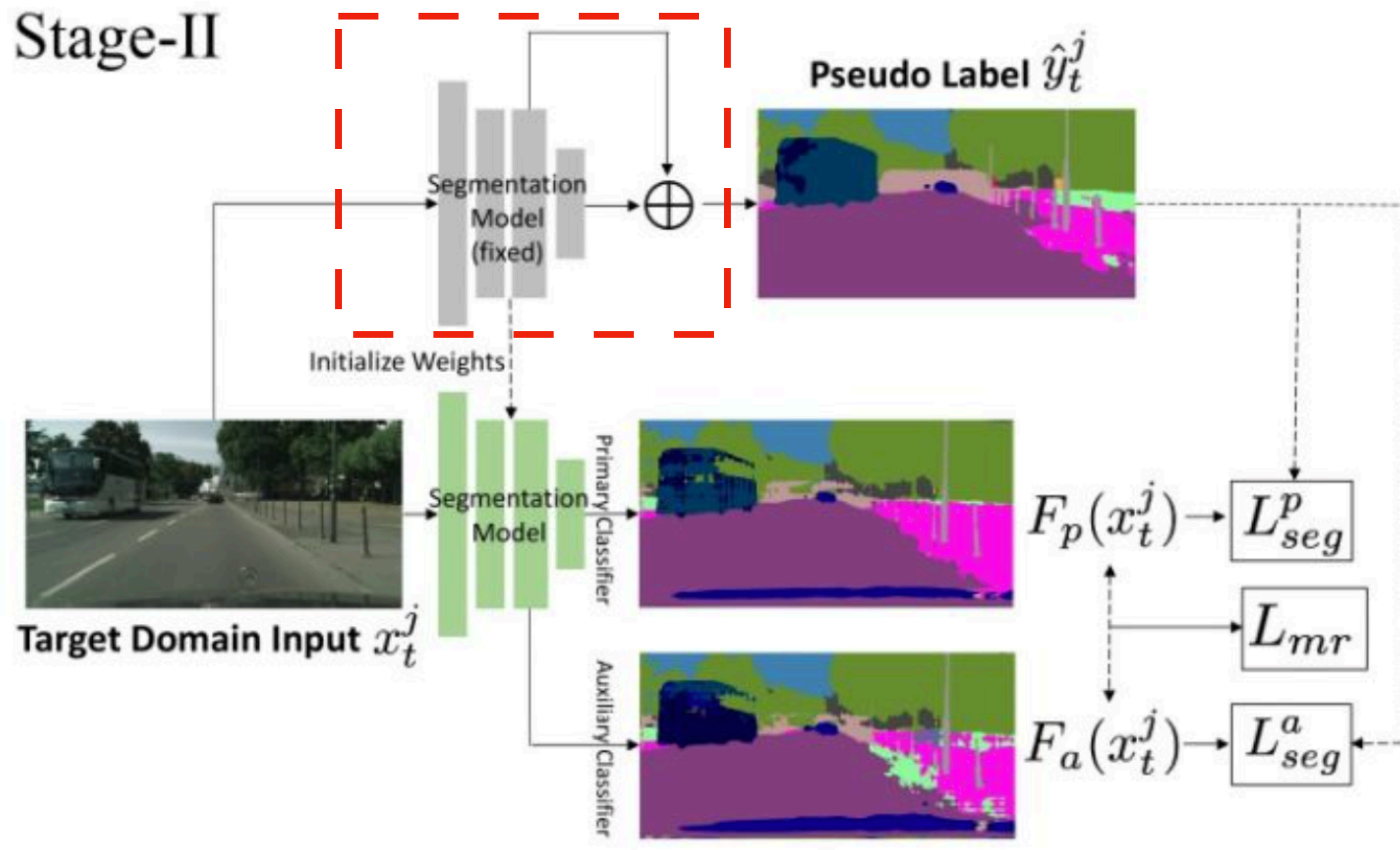
$$L_{adv}^p = \mathbb{E}[\log(D_p(F_p(x_s^i))) + \log(1 - D_p(F_p(x_t^j)))],$$

$$L_{adv}^a = \mathbb{E}[\log(D_a(F_a(x_s^i))) + \log(1 - D_a(F_a(x_t^j)))],$$

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# The Proposed Method (Stage-II)



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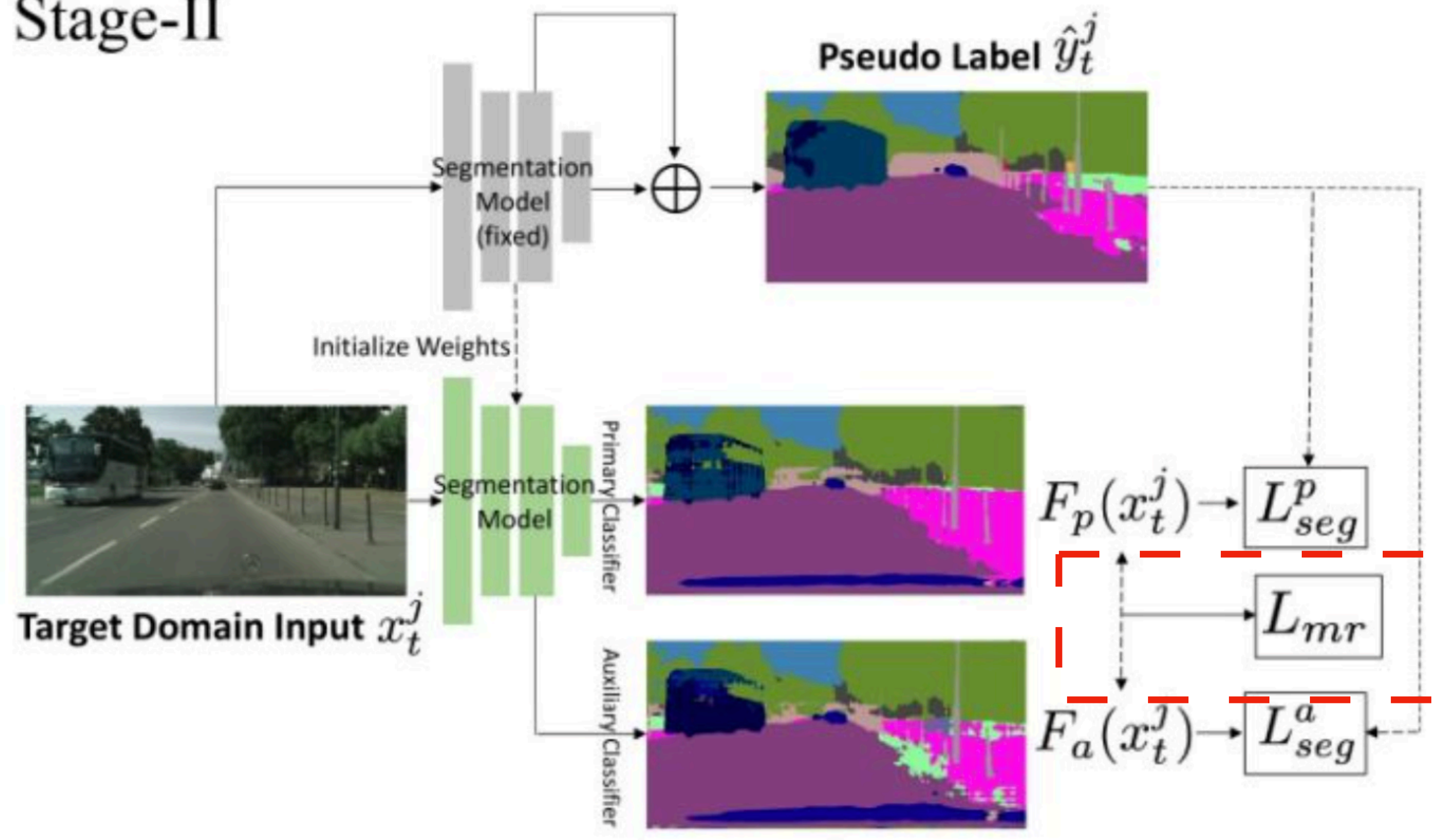
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# Ablation Study

Method	without $L_{mr}$	with $L_{mr}$
Auxiliary Classifier	40.04	44.45
Primary Classifier	43.11	45.29
Ours (Stage-I)	42.73	45.46

Table 1: Ablation study of the memory regularization on both classifiers, *i.e.*, the auxiliary classifier and the primary classifier, in the Stage-I training. The result suggests that the memory regularization helps both classifiers, especially the auxiliary classifier. The final results of the full model combine the results of both classifiers, and therefore improve the performance further.

## Stage-I

Method	$L_{seg}$	$L_{adv}$	$L_{mr}$	mIoU
Without Adaptation	✓			37.23
Adversarial Alignment	✓	✓		42.73
Memory Regularization	✓		✓	43.75
Ours (Stage-I)	✓	✓	✓	45.46

Table 2: Ablation study of different losses in the Stage-I training. We gradually add the adversarial loss  $L_{adv}$  and the memory regularization  $L_{mr}$  into consideration.

## Stage-II

Method	$L_{pseg}$	$L_{mr}$	mIoU
Ours (Stage-I)			45.46
Pseudo Label	✓		47.90
Ours (Stage-II)	✓	✓	48.31

Table 3: Ablation study of different losses in the Stage-II training. The result suggests that the memory regularization could prevent the model from overfitting to the noise in the pseudo labels.



# Comparison with the State-of-the-art

Method	Backbone	Road	SW	Build	Wall	Fence	Pole	TL	TS	Veg.	Terrain	Sky	PR	Rider	Car	Truck	Bus	Train	Motor	Bike	mIoU
Source	DRN-26	42.7	26.3	51.7	5.5	6.8	13.8	23.6	6.9	75.5	11.5	36.8	49.3	0.9	46.7	3.4	5.0	0.0	5.0	1.4	21.7
CyCADA [Hoffman et al., 2018]		79.1	33.1	77.9	23.4	17.3	32.1	33.3	31.8	81.5	26.7	69.0	62.8	14.7	74.5	20.9	25.6	6.9	18.8	20.4	39.5
Source	DRN-105	36.4	14.2	67.4	16.4	12.0	20.1	8.7	0.7	69.8	13.3	56.9	37.0	0.4	53.6	10.6	3.2	0.2	0.9	0.0	22.2
MCD [Saito et al., 2018]		90.3	31.0	78.5	19.7	17.3	28.6	30.9	16.1	83.7	30.0	69.1	58.5	19.6	81.5	23.8	30.0	5.7	25.7	14.3	39.7
Source	DeepLabv2	75.8	16.8	77.2	12.5	21.0	25.5	30.1	20.1	81.3	24.6	70.3	53.8	26.4	49.9	17.2	25.9	6.5	25.3	36.0	36.6
AdaptSegNet [Tsai et al., 2018]		86.5	36.0	79.9	23.4	23.3	23.9	35.2	14.8	83.4	33.3	75.6	58.5	27.6	73.7	32.5	35.4	3.9	30.1	28.1	42.4
SIBAN [Luo et al., 2019a]		88.5	35.4	79.5	26.3	24.3	28.5	32.5	18.3	81.2	40.0	76.5	58.1	25.8	82.6	30.3	34.4	3.4	21.6	21.5	42.6
CLAN [Luo et al., 2019b]		87.0	27.1	79.6	27.3	23.3	28.3	35.5	24.2	83.6	27.4	74.2	58.6	28.0	76.2	33.1	36.7	6.7	31.9	31.4	43.2
APODA [Yang et al., 2020]		85.6	32.8	79.0	29.5	25.5	26.8	34.6	19.9	83.7	<b>40.6</b>	77.9	59.2	28.3	84.6	34.6	49.2	8.0	<b>32.6</b>	39.6	45.9
PatchAlign [Tsai et al., 2019]		<b>92.3</b>	51.9	82.1	29.2	25.1	24.5	33.8	33.0	82.4	32.8	82.2	58.6	27.2	84.3	33.4	<b>46.3</b>	2.2	29.5	32.3	46.5
AdvEnt [Vu et al., 2019]	DeepLabv2	89.4	33.1	81.0	26.6	<b>26.8</b>	27.2	33.5	24.7	83.9	36.7	78.8	58.7	30.5	84.8	<b>38.5</b>	44.5	1.7	31.6	32.4	45.5
Source	DeepLabv2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29.2
FCAN [Zhang et al., 2018a]		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Source	DeepLabv2	71.3	19.2	69.1	18.4	10.0	35.7	27.3	6.8	79.6	24.8	72.1	57.6	19.5	55.5	15.5	15.1	11.7	21.1	12.0	33.8
CBST [Zou et al., 2018]		91.8	53.5	80.5	32.7	21.0	34.0	28.9	20.4	83.9	34.2	80.9	53.1	24.0	82.7	30.3	35.9	16.0	25.9	<b>42.8</b>	45.9
MRKLD [Zou et al., 2019]		91.0	<b>55.4</b>	80.0	33.7	21.4	<b>37.3</b>	32.9	24.5	85.0	34.1	80.8	57.7	24.6	84.1	27.8	30.1	<b>26.9</b>	26.0	42.3	47.1
Source	DeepLabv2	51.1	18.3	75.8	18.8	16.8	34.7	36.3	27.2	80.0	23.3	64.9	59.2	19.3	74.6	26.7	13.8	0.1	32.4	34.0	37.2
Our (Stage-I)		89.1	23.9	82.2	19.5	20.1	33.5	42.2	39.1	<b>85.3</b>	33.7	76.4	60.2	33.7	<b>86.0</b>	36.1	43.3	5.9	22.8	30.8	45.5
Our (Stage-II)		90.5	35.0	<b>84.6</b>	<b>34.3</b>	24.0	36.8	<b>44.1</b>	<b>42.7</b>	84.5	33.6	<b>82.5</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>34.4</b>	85.8	32.9	38.2	2.0	27.1	41.8	<b>48.3</b>

From 37.2% to 48.3%  
On GTA5 -> CityScapes

Table 4: Quantitative results on GTA5 → Cityscapes. We present pre-class IoU and mIoU. The best accuracy in every column is in **bold**.

Method	Backbone	Road	SW	Build	Wall*	Fence*	Pole*	TL	TS	Veg.	Sky	PR	Rider	Car	Bus	Motor	Bike	mIoU*	mIoU
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MCD [Saito et al., 2018]		84.8	<b>43.6</b>	79.0	3.9	0.2	29.1	7.2	5.5	83.8	83.1	51.0	11.7	79.9	27.2	6.2	0.0	43.5	37.3
Source	DeepLabv2	55.6	23.8	74.6	-	-	-	6.1	12.1	74.8	79.0	55.3	19.1	39.6	23.3	13.7	25.0	38.6	-
SIBAN [Luo et al., 2019a]		82.5	24.0	79.4	-	-	-	16.5	12.7	79.2	82.8	58.3	18.0	79.3	25.3	17.6	25.9	46.3	-
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AdaptSegNet [Tsai et al., 2018]		84.3	42.7	77.5	-	-	-	4.7	7.0	77.9	82.5	54.3	21.0	72.3	32.2	18.9	32.3	46.7	-
CLAN [Luo et al., 2019b]		81.3	37.0	80.1	-	-	-	16.1	13.7	78.2	81.5	53.4	21.2	73.0	32.9	22.6	30.7	47.8	-
APODA [Yang et al., 2020]	<b>86.4</b>	41.3	79.3	-	-	-	22.6	17.3	80.3	81.6	56.9	21.0	84.1	<b>49.1</b>	<b>24.6</b>	45.7	53.1	-	
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Ours (Stage-II)		83.1	38.2	<b>81.7</b>	9.3	1.0	35.1	<b>30.3</b>	19.9	<b>82.0</b>	80.1	<b>62.8</b>	21.1	<b>84.4</b>	37.8	24.5	<b>53.3</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>46.5</b>

From 35.2% to 46.5%  
On SYNTHIA -> CityScapes

Table 5: Quantitative results on SYNTHIA → Cityscapes. We present pre-class IoU, mIoU and mIoU\*. mIoU and mIoU\* are averaged over 16 and 13 categories, respectively. The best accuracy in every column is in **bold**.

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- Will the auxiliary classifier hurt the primary classifier? No.
- **But pseudo labels are noisy.**



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# Rectifying Pseudo Label Learning via Uncertainty Estimation for Domain Adaptive Semantic Segmentation

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# Motivation: Pseudo Labels contain lots of noise.

road	sidewalk	building	wall	fence	pole	traffic lgt	traffic sgn	vegetation	terrain
sky	person	rider	car	truck	bus	train	motorcycle	bike	unlabeled



(a) unlabeled target-domain inputs

(b) generated pseudo labels

(c) ground-truth labels

# Motivation: Pseudo Labels contain lots of noise.

**Table 5** Variance Regularization vs. Handcrafted Threshold

Methods	Threshold	mIoU
MRNet Zheng and Yang (2020)	–	45.5
Pseudo Learning	$> 0.99$	45.5
Pseudo Learning	$> 0.95$	47.2
Pseudo Learning	$> 0.90$	48.4
Pseudo Learning	$> 0.80$	48.1
Pseudo Learning	$> 0.70$	48.2
Pseudo Learning	$> 0.00$	48.3
Ours	–	50.3

The proposed method is free from hand-crafted threshold. ‘ $> k$ ’ denotes that we only utilize the label confidence  $> k$  to train the model. We report the mIoU accuracy on GTA5  $\rightarrow$  Cityscapes

**Threshold??**  
**Automatic Threshold.**



# **Background: Uncertainty**

- 1. Epistemic Uncertainty - Model Uncertainty**
- 2. Aleatoric Uncertainty - Data Uncertainty**

# Background: Uncertainty Reference

1. Robust Person Re-identification by Modelling Feature Uncertainty. ICCV 2019
2. 周志华 深度学习 贝叶斯网络
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# Background: Uncertainty

## Estimate Data Uncertainty in Regression

MEGVII 旷视

- Assume your target variable follows a Gaussian distribution
- Take the negative log likelihood to obtain the objective function

$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{2\sigma(x_i)^2} \|y_i - f(x_i)\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \log \sigma(x_i)^2$$

Estimating **an extra output**

Original predictive output

- Another explanation: assume ground truth  $y$  follows Dirac delta function, then take KL divergence

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# Background: High Certainty



1. 一般模糊的物体，在深度估计时会觉得很远（容易高估）。而清晰的物体，一般会觉得很近（容易低估）。
2. 一般消失线比较明显的物体，比如向远方延伸而消失的路啊，深度估计比较容易。而像没什么特别的强，就很难估计深度。

Monoscopic Depth Cues	Examples	Appear Nearer	Appear Farther
Size of objects	Tree	Larger	Smaller
Texture	Grass patch	High quality texture	Low quality, blurry
Linear Perspective	Curb line	-	Converge to horizon



*Size*



Rene Magritte, *The Listening Room*

**Background: Low Certainty**

*Interposition*



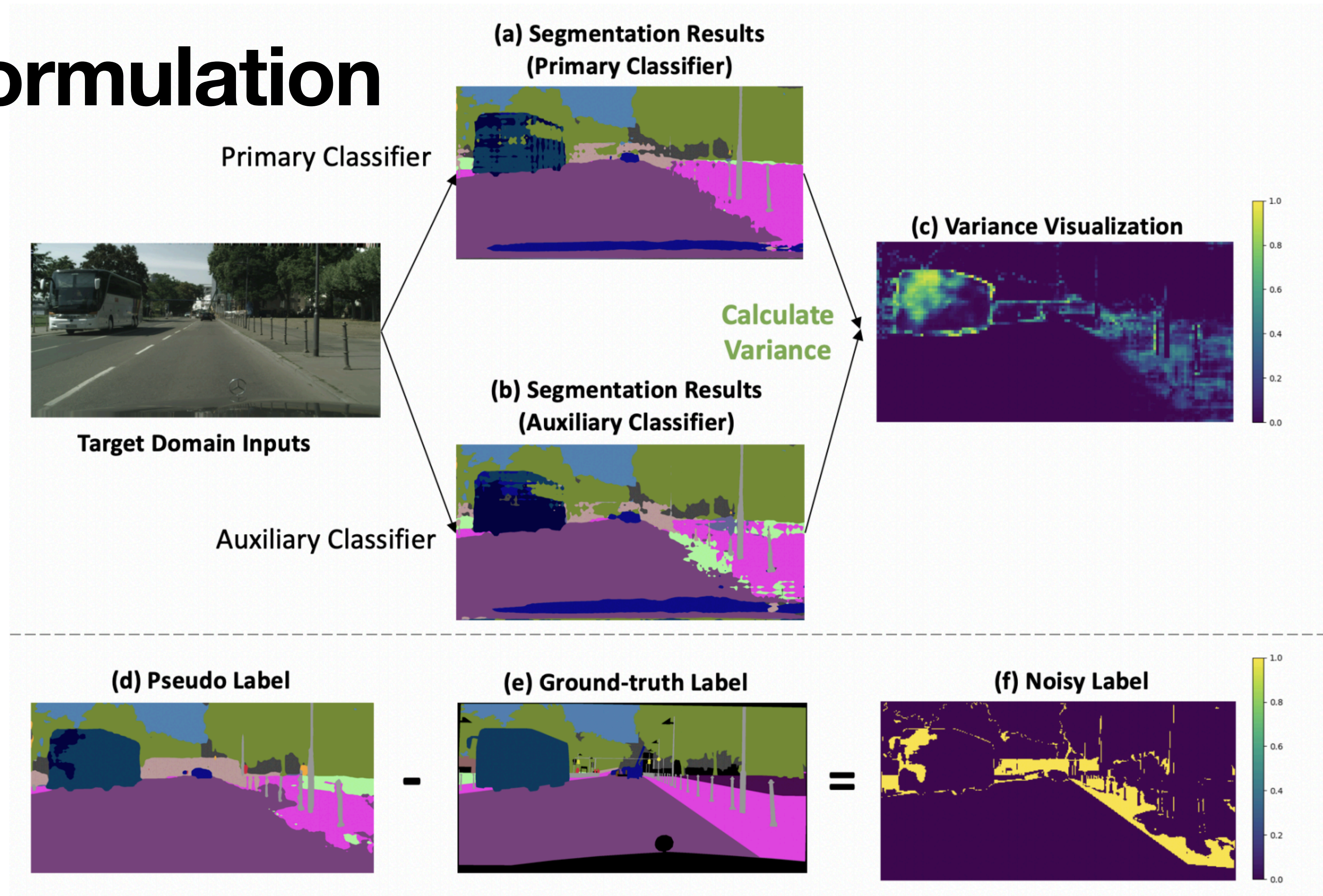
*Position, Probability, Size*





# Uncertainty Formulation

Large Variance  
= More Noise





# Uncertainty as Automatic Threshold to Rectify

$$L_{rect} = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{\text{Var}(p_t)} \text{Bias}(p_t) + \text{Var}(p_t)\right]$$

The diagram shows the equation  $L_{rect} = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{\text{Var}(p_t)} \text{Bias}(p_t) + \text{Var}(p_t)\right]$ . A blue arrow labeled 'Original loss' points to the  $\text{Bias}(p_t)$  term, which is circled in blue. A red arrow points to the  $\frac{1}{\text{Var}(p_t)}$  term, which is circled in red. A pink arrow points to the  $\text{Var}(p_t)$  term, which is circled in pink.

Small weight for high uncertain label.

Avoid large value.

# Experiment

## Pseudo Label Quality

**Table 6** Ablation study of the impact of different pseudo labels

Methods	Pseudo Label	mIoU
AdaptSegNet Tsai et al. (2018)	–	42.4
Pseudo Learning	AdaptSegNet	46.8
Ours	AdaptSegNet	47.4
MRNet Zheng and Yang (2020)	–	45.5
Pseudo Learning	MRNet	48.3
Ours	MRNet	50.3

The model name in the ‘Pseudo Label’ column denotes that we deploy the pseudo label generated by the corresponding model

## Dropout

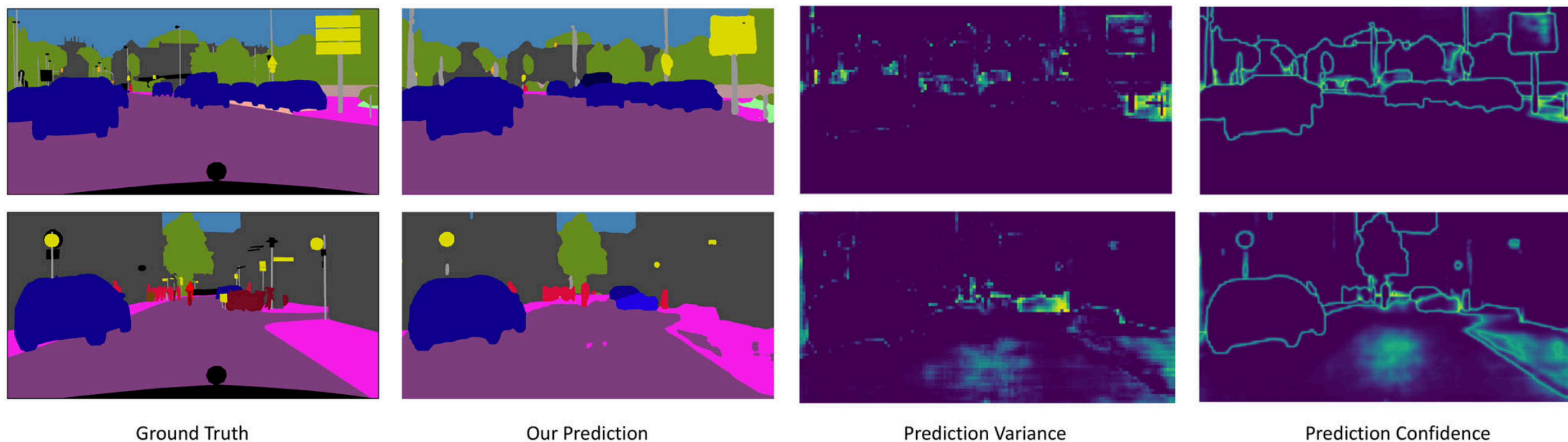
**Table 7** Ablation study of dropout rate on GTA5 → Cityscapes

Dropout Rate	mIoU
Pseudo Learning	48.3
Droprate = 0	49.6
Droprate = 0.1	50.3
Droprate = 0.3	50.1
Droprate = 0.5	50.1
Droprate = 0.7	50.0



# Experiment

## Variance Vs Confidence Score



**Fig. 5** Qualitative results of the discrepancy between the prediction variance and the prediction confidence. We could observe that the prediction variance used in this work has more overlaps with the ambiguous

predictions, while the prediction confidence usually focuses on the edge of the two different classes. (Best viewed in *color*)

# **Adaptive Boosting for Domain Adaptation: Towards Robust Predictions in Scene Segmentation**

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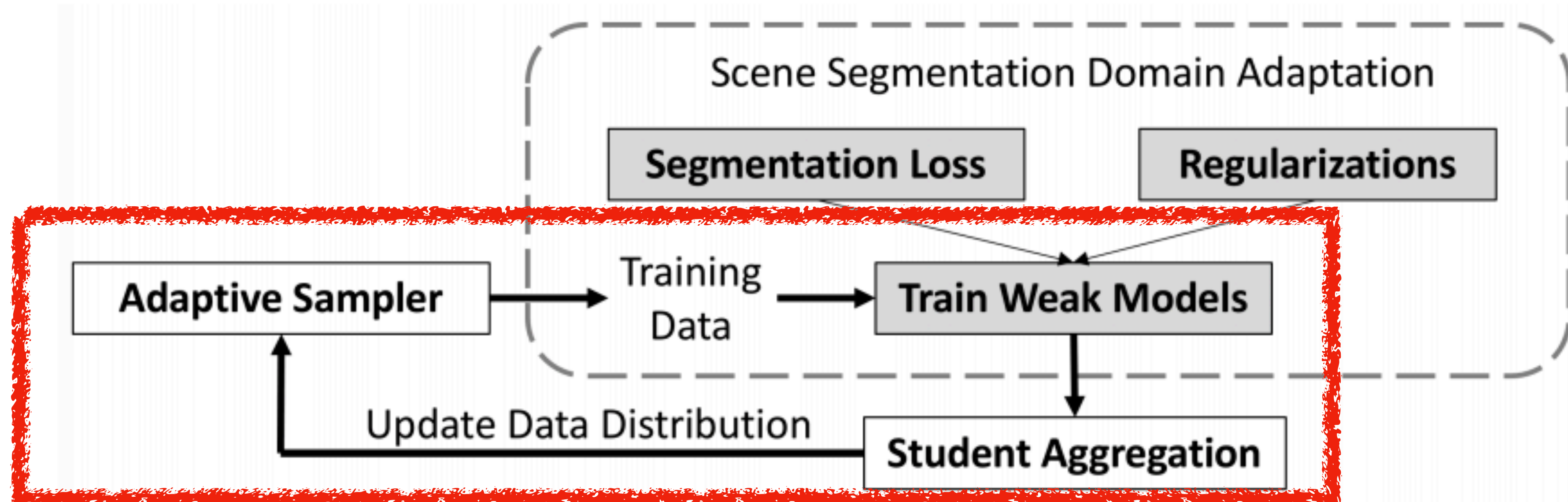


Figure 3. The brief pipeline of the proposed method. There are two main components, *i.e.*, Adaptive Sampler and Student Aggregation. We modify the training data distribution to learn complementary “weak” models, preventing the model from over-fitting. **Different from existing methods, the pipeline enables interactions between learned models and the data sampler.** The proposed method is orthogonal to most existing scene segmentation domain adaptation approaches (in the rounded rectangle).

# Outline

- Task (Domain Adaptation for Segmentation)
- (IJCAI 2020) Unsupervised Scene Adaptation with Memory Regularization in vivo
- (IJCV 2021) Rectifying Pseudo Label Learning via Uncertainty Estimation for Domain Adaptive Semantic Segmentation
- (TIP 2022) Adaptive Boosting for Domain Adaptation: Towards Robust Predictions in Scene Segmentation
- **Future Research Directions**



# Future Research Directions

- **Old-School Theory** can Do Many Things. (Contrastive Learning? Ladder Network? Adaboost for Domain Adaptation.)
- **Prior Knowledge** always helps. (3D human structure etc.)

[1] Adaptive Boosting for Domain Adaptation: Towards Robust Predictions in Scene Segmentation

[2] Parameter-Efficient Person Re-identification in the 3D Space

# Thanks a lot !

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