Supplementary Material for
ST3D: Self-training for Unsupervised Domain Adaptation on 3D Object Detection

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Outline

In this supplementary file, we provide more details and visualizations omitted in our main paper due to 8-pages limits on paper length:

- Sec. S1: Dataset details for our domain adaptation tasks.
- Sec. S2: Analysis of domain difference and systematic bias on pseudo labels.
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- Sec. S6: Qualitative results.
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S1. Dataset Overview

We compare four LiDAR 3D object detection datasets as shown in Table S1. They are different in LiDAR type, beam angles, point cloud density, size, and locations for data collection. Visual illustrations in Figure S1 obviously show the different patterns of LiDAR point clouds in terms of distribution and density. Even for data from LiDARs with same beams (Waymo, KITTI, and Lyft in Figure S1), point clouds are also different in the range, vertical, and horizontal distributions. For instance, Waymo not only utilizes a small horizontal azimuth of LiDAR, but also clusters LiDAR beams in the medium of vertical angles (see Figure S1). Both these LiDAR setups lead to denser point clouds in the collected data (see # points per scene in Table S1).

We conduct experiments on domain adaptations from the label-rich domain to label-insufficient domains (i.e. Waymo → KITTI, Waymo → Lyft, Waymo → nuScenes) and the more challenging domain adaptations across domains with the different number of LiDAR beams (i.e. Waymo → nuScenes and nuScenes → KITTI). On all evaluated settings, our approach improves the baseline method and outperforms the existing approach by a significant margin, demonstrating the efficacy of the proposed approach.

S2. Domain Difference and Systematic bias

S2.1. Lyft Annotation Discrepancies

The Lyft [6] dataset is constructed by a labeling protocol different from the other three datasets, i.e. the Lyft dataset does not annotate objects on both sides of the road. For instance, we observe that the objects on the main branch of the road (w.r.t the ego car) are most likely annotated, while many objects on both sides might not be annotated. Visual illustrations of the annotated bounding boxes are shown in Fig. S2 for the Waymo dataset (blue boxes) and Fig. S3 (blue boxes) for the Lyft dataset.

The differences in annotation protocols will have a negative influence on the evaluation of domain adaptation results. When we use the pre-trained model on the Waymo dataset to evaluate data from the Lyft scenes, our model correctly predicts the cars on two sides of the road (see green boxes in Fig S3), which, however, are not annotated by the Lyft dataset (see blue boxes in Fig. S3). This makes it hard to evaluate the actual performance boost with the proposed domain adaptation method. We believe that our method can obtain a further performance boost if the results are properly evaluated.

S2.2. Analysis of Domain Discrepancy

We conclude that the domain gap mainly lies in two folds: (i) content gap (e.g. object size) caused by different data-capture locations; (ii) point distribution gap caused by different LiDAR beams. Self-training explicitly closes the domain gap by reformulating the UDA problem as a target...
Table S1. Dataset overview. Notice that we use version 1.0 of Waymo Open Dataset. * indicates we obtain the information from [11]. † means that we count this statistical information only on the validation set.

| Dataset      | LiDAR Type | Beam Angles  | # Points Per Scene† | # Training Frames | # Validation Frames | Location     |
|--------------|------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Waymo [10]   | 64-beam    | [-18.0°, 2.0°]⁺ | 160,139              | 158,081           | 39,987              | USA          |
| KITTI [3]    | 64-beam    | [-23.6°, 3.2°]⁺ | 118,624              | 3,712             | 3,769               | Germany      |
| Lyft [6]     | 64-beam    | [-29.0°, 5.0°]⁺ | 69,175               | 18,900            | 3,780               | USA          |
| nuScenes [2] | 32-beam    | [-30.0°, 10.0°]⁺ | 24,966               | 28,130            | 6,019               | USA and Singapore |

S2.3. Systematic Bias on Pseudo Labels

An important systematic bias on pseudo labels is Annotation style bias due to different annotation rules such as how to annotate (tightness of bounding boxes) and which to annotate (See Sec. S2.1 in Suppl.). This will make pseudo labels biased toward the source domain labeling rules, different from target domain GT.

S3. Implementation details

In this section, we give more implementation details in constructing our adaptation tasks. Further, we illustrate the component selection of the oracle model, the IoU head of SECOND [12] as well as the other two memory ensemble variants: NMS ensemble and bipartite ensemble.

S3.1. Parameter setups

We typically pre-train the detector for 30 epochs on Waymo and then train 30 epochs for self-training to converge on Waymo → KITTI setting. Besides, we update pseudo labels every two epoch. The scaling range of ROS is [0.75, 1.1], ensuring a reasonable scaled car size. For the QTMB, the two thresholds $T_{neg}$ and $T_{pos}$ of triplet box partition are 0.25 and 0.6, respectively. As for CDA, we split the total self-training epochs into six stages (i.e., epochs [0, 5), [5, 10), [10, 15), [15, 20), [20, 25), [25, 30)). More detailed parameter setups could be found in our released code.

S3.2. Details of Voxel Size and GT Sampling for Oracle Model

Here, we provide more details on the voxel size for SECOND-IOU and the GT sampling strategy for training.

Voxel Size. We derive our Oracle model with voxel size [0.10m, 0.10m, 0.15m] rather than [0.05m, 0.05m, 0.15m] To be noted, we adopt this setting in all experiments including our pre-trained model and self-training pipeline for a fair evaluation. The reason why we adopt this setting is that all our models are trained with the ring view (about 150m × 150m) which will take too much GPU memory if the voxel size is set to [0.05m, 0.05m, 0.15m] (we can only set batch size as 1 for SECOND-IoU and totally fail to run PV-RCNN with such voxel size). We use NVIDIA GTX 1080Ti with 11G GPU memory for all experiments and adopt voxel size [0.10m, 0.10m, 0.15m] to achieve the best trade-off between memory and realization in various settings as well as frameworks.

Figure S1. Visualization of bird’s eye views (left) and frontal views (right) for different datasets: Waymo [10], KITTI [3], Lyft [6] and nuScenes [2]. nuScenes has obviously sparse point clouds than other three datasets since it is only collected by 32-beam LiDAR. Even Waymo, KITTI and Lyft all utilize 64-beam LiDARs, Waymo is denser than KITTI and Lyft and its beams are clustered in the medium of vertical angles.

domain supervised problem with pseudo labels, where better pseudo labels provide better performance.

annotation style bias due to different annotation rules such as how to annotate (tightness of bounding boxes) and which to
Table S2. Comparison of different setting (voxel size and GT sampling) for our Oracle model based on SECOND-IoU. We also compare them with the Oracle performance release in the SN [11] based on PointRCNN. The reported AP results are evaluated on the moderate difficulty of the car category of the KITTI validation set at IoU threshold 0.7.

GT Sampling. We do not adopt the GT sampling data augmentation for all settings for fair comparisons. The reason is that it is unaffordable for the iterative self-training pipeline to use GT sampling data augmentation since it requires frequently generating a new GT database with updated pseudo labels, which produces a large computation cost (leveraging GT sampling for self-training takes more than 3× training time).

More Analysis. Here, we show the oracle results trained with voxel size [0.05m, 0.05m, 0.15m] and GT sampling data augmentations. The results are listed in Table S2. Though our model performance presented in Table 1 in our paper is obtained using a sub-optimal setup for memory and computational efficiency, our adaptation results are still competitive in comparison with results in Table S2. Furthermore, employing PointRCNN as the framework, Oracle results in SN [11] even has 4.55% performance gap to our sub-optimal Oracle model. It is noteworthy that, the development of the ST3D model is orthogonal with the above modifications, and ST3D could also benefit from these training modifications and further boost the performance.

We would like to highlight that our focus in this paper is to demonstrate the effectiveness of ST3D without adopting various training tricks in 3D object detection. And we believe the presented comparisons in the main paper are fair and could assess the actual progress made by our ST3D pipeline.

S3.3. SECOND-IoU

Given the object proposals from the RPN head in the original SECOND network, we extract the proposal features from 2D BEV features using the rotated RoI-align operation [4]. Then, taking the extracted features as inputs, we adopt two fully connected layers with ReLU nonlinearity [1] and batch normalization [5] to regress the IoU between RoIs and their corresponding ground-truths (or pseudo boxes) with sigmoid nonlinearity. During training, we do not back-propagate the gradient from our IoU head $L_{iou}$ to our backbone network. We observe the attached IoU branch could also boost the performance of the baseline SECOND model, namely SECOND-IoU, if the IoU prediction score is used for NMS.
S3.4. Other Memory Ensemble Variants

**NMS ensemble** is an intuitive solution to match and merge boxes based on the IoU between two boxes. It directly removes matched boxes with lower confidence scores. Specifically, we concatenate historical pseudo labels and current proxy-pseudo labels to $[M^t_i]_{k-1}, [\hat{L}^t_i]_k$ as well as their corresponding confidence scores to $\tilde{u^k}_i = \{u^k_i-n, u^k_i\}$ for each target sample $P^t_i$. Then, we obtain the final pseudo boxes $[M^t_i]_k$ and corresponding confidence score $u^k_i$ by applying NMS with a IoU threshold 0.1 as

$$[M^t_i]_k, u^k_i = \text{NMS}([\hat{M}^t_i]_k, \tilde{u^k}_i).$$  \hfill (1)

**Bipartite ensemble** employs optimal bipartite matching to pair historical pseudo labels $[M^t_i]_{k-1}$ and current proxy-pseudo labels $[\hat{L}^t_i]_k$ and then follow consistency ensemble to process matched pairs. Concretely, we assume that there are $n_m$ and $n_l$ boxes for $[M^t_i]_{k-1}$ and $[\hat{L}^t_i]_k$ separately. Then, we search a permutation of $n_m$ elements $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_{n_m}$
with the lowest cost as
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\hat{\sigma} = \arg \min_{\sigma \in \mathbb{S}_{nm}} \sum_{j} L_{\text{match}} \left( b_j, b_{\sigma(j)} \right),
\]
where the matching cost \( L_{\text{match}} \) is the \(-\text{IoU}\) between the matched boxes. Notice that the matched box pairs with IoU lower than 0.1 would still be regarded as unmatched.

### S4. Experimental Results with IoU = 0.5

In this section, we report the AP\(_{\text{BEV}}\) and AP\(_{3D}\) with the IoU threshold 0.5 as a supplement to the experimental results in our main submission. The results are shown in Table S5, S6, S7, S8 and S9, S10. To be noted, IoU threshold 0.7 is a more strict criterion and widely adopted to assess 3D object detection models for the “car” category [9, 12, 8, 11].

### S5. Extra Ablation Studies

In this section, we present more ablation experiments and analysis. All experiments are conducted with the 3D detector SECOND-IoU on the adaptation setting of Waymo \(\rightarrow\) KITTI. Our reported AP results are evaluated on the moderate difficulty of the car category of the KITTI dataset.

#### Compared with the Contemporary SOTA

As shown in Table S3, SF-UDA\(_{3D}\) is a contemporary work that leverages the consistency of temporal information along with the point cloud sequences to address the domain shift on 3D object detection. By using only the single-frame point cloud as input, our ST3D achieves similar performance while being much closer to the fully-supervised oracle results.

#### Quality-aware Confidence Criterion

Here, we investigate the influence of the IoU confidence criterion on the pre-trained SN model, the self-training pipeline and the fully supervised oracle model, respectively. As illustrated in Table S4, the IoU score can bring performance improvements for all three settings in comparison with the classification score. Specifically, the IoU confidence yields a 2.12% gain for the SN model and a 0.44% gain for the fully supervised oracle model in terms of AP\(_{3D}\). More importantly, our ST3D (w/ SN) self-training pipeline could benefit more from the IoU criterion, obtaining as much as 3.79% performance boost in items of AP\(_{3D}\). This suggests that the IoU confidence criterion could facilitate the model to produce high-quality pseudo-labeled data, and ultimately lead to a much better 3D object detection model.

#### Quality of Pseudo Labels

To directly investigate how each component contribute to the quality of pseudo labels, we utilize AP\(_{3D}\) and #TPs to assess the correctness of pseudo labels. Besides, ATE, ASE and AOE are to measure the translation, scale and orientation errors (refer to nuScenes toolkit [2]). As shown in Figure S4, ROS mitigates domain differences in object size distributions and hence largely reduces ASE; with Triplet, QAC and MEV, our method generates accurate and stable pseudo labels, localizing more #TPs with fewer errors; and CDA overcomes overfitting and reduces both ASE and AOE.

#### Quality of Pseudo Labels on KITTI training set

![Quality of pseudo labels on KITTI training set.](image)

#### Table S3. Comparison with SF-UDA\(_{3D}\) on nuScenes \(\rightarrow\) KITTI.

| Method         | Framework | Sequence | AP\(_{3D}\) | Closed Gap |
|----------------|-----------|----------|-------------|------------|
| Source Only    | PointRCNN | unknown  | 21.9        | -          |
| SF-UDA\(_{3D}\) [7] | PointRCNN | √        | 54.5        | 56.0%      |
| Oracle         | PointRCNN |          | 80.1        | -          |
| Source Only    | SECOND-IoU|          | 17.9        | -          |
| ST3D           | SECOND-IoU|          | 54.1        | 65.1%      |
| Oracle         | SECOND-IoU|          | 73.5        | -          |

#### Table S4. Comparison of different confidence criteria.

| Method   | Confidence | AP\(_{\text{BEV}}\) / AP\(_{3D}\) | Gain   |
|----------|------------|---------------------------------|--------|
| SN       | Classification IoU | 77.68 / 57.08 | -      |
|          | Classification IoU | 78.96 / 59.20 | 1.28 / 2.12 |
| ST3D (w/ SN) | Classification IoU | 82.21 / 69.38 | -      |
|          | Classification IoU | 85.83 / 73.37 | 3.62 / 3.79 |
| Oracle   | Classification IoU | 84.48 / 73.01 | -0.99 / 0.44 |
|          | Classification IoU | 83.29 / 73.45 | -      |

#### S6. Qualitative Results

##### Qualitative Results of Random Object Scaling

We have compared the AP\(_{\text{BEV}}\) and AP\(_{3D}\) of our ROS with SN and Source Only model in the Table 2 of our main paper. Here, we provide qualitative results of the Source Only model, ROS, SN and Oracle for visual comparisons. As shown in Fig. S5, the zoom-in regions in the left bottom box in each sub-figure shows that both SN and ROS can largely improve the localization accuracy of the pre-trained model while our ROS does not leverage extra statistical information on the target domain.

##### Qualitative Results of ST3D

We provide some qualitative results of our proposed ST3D equipped with SN on the KITTI validation set as shown in Fig. S6. Our ST3D (w/ SN) could also predict high-quality object bounding boxes on various scenes with only adaptation and self-training manner.
Figure S5. Comparison of ROS and SN to close object-size level domain gap on Waymo → KITTI. The green and blue bounding boxes are detector predictions and GTs, respectively. (a) Source Only: The detector is trained on Waymo without SN or ROS. (b) The detector is trained with ROS on Waymo. (c) The detector is trained with SN [11] on Waymo. (d) The detector is trained on KITTI.

| Source Only | ROS | SN | Oracle |
|-------------|-----|----|--------|
| AP BEV / AP 3D | 91.52 / 89.94 | 88.98 / 87.33 | 87.18 / 85.91 | 93.68 / 92.50 | 90.85 / 89.47 | 92.65 / 92.36 |

Table S5. Effectiveness analysis of Random Object Scaling (AP IoU threshold at 0.5).

Table S6. Component ablation studies (AP IoU threshold at 0.5). ST represents naive self-training. Triplet means the triplet box partition. QAC indicates the quality-aware criterion. MEV-C is consistency memory ensemble-and-voting. CDA means curriculum data augmentation.

| Method | AP BEV / AP 3D |
|--------|----------------|
| SN (baseline) | 87.18 / 85.91 |
| ST (w/ SN) | 86.17 / 85.86 |
| ST (w/ SN) + Triplet | 86.61 / 85.90 |
| ST (w/ SN) + Triplet + QAC | 91.76 / 90.79 |
| ST (w/ SN) + Triplet + QAC + MEV-C | 93.57 / 92.95 |
| ST (w/ SN) + Triplet + QAC + MEV-C + CDA | 92.65 / 92.36 |

Table S7. Sensitivity analysis for $T_{neg}, T_{pos}$ of triplet box partition (AP IoU threshold at 0.5).

| Method | AP BEV / AP 3D |
|--------|----------------|
| ST3D (w/ ME-N) | 92.72 / 92.40 |
| ST3D (w/ ME-B) | 92.65 / 92.03 |
| ST3D (w/ ME-C) | 92.66 / 92.22 |

Table S8. Ablation studies of memory ensemble (different variants and merge strategies for matched boxes) and memory voting (AP IoU threshold at 0.5). We denote three memory ensemble variants: consistency, NMS and bipartite as ME-C, ME-N, ME-B separately.

| Method | Memory Voting | Merge | AP BEV / AP 3D |
|--------|---------------|-------|----------------|
| × × | Normal | 83.31 / 66.73 |
| √ × | Normal | 93.62 / 93.21 |
| √ √ | Normal | 91.36 / 89.85 |
| √ √ | Strong | 93.28 / 92.95 |
| × √ | Curriculum | 92.42 / 91.49 |
| √ √ | - | 92.65 / 92.36 |

Table S9. Analysis of data augmentation types and intensities (AP IoU threshold at 0.5).

in supplementary materials). However, to validate the effectiveness of our method, we further conduct 5 extra experiments. Tab. S11 shows that, without tuning hyperparameters, ST3D still achieves promising results on these five adaptation tasks.

S7. Experimental Result on More Tasks.

Our experiments in the main paper are designed to cover most practical scenarios (across different LiDAR beam ways and from label-rich domains to label insufficient domains), and we also rule out some ill-posed settings, such as we do not consider KITTI and Lyft as source domain since KITTI lacks of ring view annotations and Lyft has very difference annotations in our main paper (see Sec. S2.1)

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| Task       | Method    | SECOND-IoU | PVR-CNN |
|------------|-----------|------------|---------|
| Waymo → KITTI | Source Only | 91.52 / 89.94 | 88.33 / 87.17 |
|            | SN [11]   | 87.18 / 85.91 | 86.32 / 85.72 |
|            | Ours      | 90.85 / 89.47 | **92.40 / 92.18** |
|            | Ours (w/ SN) | **92.65** | 91.49 / 90.77 |
|            | Oracle    | 94.08 / 92.28 | 94.97 / 94.85 |

| Task       | Method    | SECOND-IoU | PVR-CNN |
|------------|-----------|------------|---------|
| Waymo → Lyft | Source Only | 81.82 / 79.73 | 82.38 / 80.45 |
|            | SN [11]   | 81.55 / 78.13 | 80.12 / 78.09 |
|            | Ours      | **84.44 / 84.04** | **84.52 / 82.61** |
|            | Ours (w/ SN) | 83.98 / 83.40 | 82.21 / 81.70 |
|            | Oracle    | 94.62 / 92.32 | 92.38 / 91.87 |

| Task       | Method    | SECOND-IoU | PVR-CNN |
|------------|-----------|------------|---------|
| Waymo → nuScenes | Source Only | 43.32 / 37.58 | 40.48 / 36.95 |
|            | SN [11]   | 43.19 / 37.74 | 40.27 / 36.59 |
|            | Ours      | **43.03 / 38.99** | 40.90 / 38.67 |
|            | Ours (w/ SN) | 42.89 / **40.21** | **41.42 / 38.99** |
|            | Oracle    | 63.17 / 58.91 | 61.52 / 58.04 |

| Task       | Method    | SECOND-IoU | PVR-CNN |
|------------|-----------|------------|---------|
| nuScenes → KITTI | Source Only | 84.32 / 79.18 | 80.88 / 78.47 |
|            | SN [11]   | 48.32 / 46.74 | 66.22 / 65.82 |
|            | Ours      | **85.59 / 83.62** | 83.75 / 83.64 |
|            | Ours (w/ SN) | **86.85 / 85.65** | **90.47 / 90.25** |
|            | Oracle    | 94.08 / 92.28 | 94.97 / 94.85 |

Table S10. Result of different adaptation tasks. We report AP of the car category in AP\textsubscript{BEV} and AP\textsubscript{3D} at IoU = 0.5. The reported result is for the moderate case on the adaptation tasks with KITTI as target domain, and is the overall result for other adaptation tasks.

Table S11. Result of other five adaptation tasks. Notice that we sample $\frac{1}{20}$ of Waymo training frames and $\frac{1}{10}$ of Waymo validation frames when Waymo serves as target domain.

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