Train in Germany, Test in The USA: Making 3D Object Detectors Generalize

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Abstract

In the domain of autonomous driving, deep learning has substantially improved the 3D object detection accuracy for LiDAR and stereo camera data alike. While deep networks are great at generalization, they are also notorious to over-fit to all kinds of spurious artifacts, such as brightness, car sizes and models, that may appear consistently throughout the data. In fact, most datasets for autonomous driving are collected within a narrow subset of cities within one country, typically under similar weather conditions. In this paper we consider the task of adapting 3D object detectors from one dataset to another. We observe that naively, this appears to be a very challenging task, resulting in drastic drops in accuracy levels. We provide extensive experiments to investigate the true adaptation challenges and arrive at a surprising conclusion: the primary adaptation hurdle to overcome are differences in car sizes across geographic areas. A simple correction based on the average car size yields a strong correction of the adaptation gap. Our proposed method is simple and easily incorporated into most 3D object detection frameworks. It provides a first baseline for 3D object detection adaptation across countries, and gives hope that the underlying problem may be more within grasp than one may have hoped to believe. Our code is available at https://github.com/cxy1997/3D_adapt_auto_driving.

1. Introduction

Autonomous cars need to accurately detect and localize vehicles and pedestrians in 3D to drive safely. As such, the past few years have seen a flurry of interest on the problem of 3D object detection, resulting in large gains in accuracy on the KITTI benchmark [11, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 40, 41, 52, 53, 54, 51, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 68, 69]. However, in the excitement this has garnered, it has often been forgotten that KITTI is a fairly small (≈15K scenes) object detection dataset obtained from a narrow domain: it was collected using a fixed sensing apparatus by driving through a mid-sized German city and the German countryside, in clear weather, during the day. Thus, the 3D object detection algorithms trained on KITTI may have picked up all sorts of biases: they may expect the road to be visible or the sky to be blue. They may identify only certain brands of cars, and might have even over-fit to the idiosyncrasies of German drivers and pedestrians. Carrying
these biases over to a new environment in a different part of the world might cause the object detector to miss cars or pedestrians, with devastating consequences [1].

It is, therefore, crucial that we (a) understand the biases that our 3D object detectors are picking up before we deploy them in safety-critical applications, and (b) identify techniques to mitigate these biases. Our goal in this paper is to address both of these challenges.

Our first goal is to understand if any biases have crept into current 3D object detectors. For this, we leverage multiple recently released datasets with similar types of sensors to KITTI [18, 19] (cameras and LiDAR) and with 3D annotations, each of them collected in different cities [3, 4, 7, 25] (see Figure 1 for an illustration). Interestingly, they are also recorded with different sensor configurations (i.e., the LiDAR and camera models as well as their mounting arrangements can be different). We first train two representative LiDAR-based 3D object detectors (PIXOR [63] and POINTRCNN [52]) on each dataset and test on the others. We find that when tested on a different dataset, 3D object detectors fail dramatically: a detector trained on KITTI performs 36 percent worse on Waymo [3] compared to the one trained on Waymo. This indicates that the detector has indeed over-fitted to its training domain.

What domain differences are causing such catastrophic failure? One can think of many possibilities. There may be differences in low-level statistics of the images. The LiDAR sensors might have more or fewer beams, and may be oriented differently. But the differences can also be in the physical world being sensed. There may be differences in the number of vehicles, their orientation, and also their sizes and shapes. We present an extensive analysis of these potential biases that points to one major issue — statistical differences in the sizes and shapes of cars.

In hindsight, this difference makes sense. The best selling car in the USA is a 5-meter long truck (Ford F-series) [2], while the best selling car in Germany is a 4-meter long compact car (Volkswagen Golf1). Because of such differences, cars in KITTI tend to be smaller than cars in other datasets, a bias that 3D object detectors happily learn. As a counter to this bias, we propose an extremely simple approach that leverages aggregate statistics of car sizes (i.e., mean) to correct for this bias, in both the output annotations and the input signals. Such statistics might be acquired from the department of motor vehicles, or car sales data. This single correction results in a massive improvement in cross-dataset performance, raising the 3D easy part average precision by 41.4 points and results in a much more robust 3D object detector.

Taken together, our contributions are two-fold:

- We present a simple and effective approach to mitigate this issue by using easily obtainable aggregate statistics of car sizes, and show dramatic improvements in cross-dataset performance as a result.

Based on our results, we recommend that vision researchers and self-driving car companies alike be cognizant of such domain differences for large-scale deployment of 3D detection systems.

2. Related Work

We review 3D object detection for autonomous driving, and domain adaptation for 2D segmentation and detection in street scenes.

**LiDAR-based detection.** Most existing techniques of 3D object detection use LiDAR (sometimes with images) as the input signal, which provides accurate 3D points of the surrounding environment. The main challenge is thus on properly encoding the points so as to predict point labels or draw bounding boxes in 3D to locate objects. Frustum PointNet [41] applies PointNet [42, 43] to each frustum proposal from a 2D object detector; POINTRCNN [52] learns 3D proposals from PointNet++ features [43]. MV3D [11] projects LiDAR points into frontal and bird’s-eye views (BEV) to obtain multi-view features; PIXOR [63] and LaserNet [37] show that properly encoding features in one view is sufficient to localize objects. VoxelNet [69] and PointPillar [30] encode 3D points into voxels and extracts features by 3D convolutions and PointNet. UberATG-ContFuse [34] and UberATG-MMF [33] perform continuous convolutions [56] to fuse visual and LiDAR features.

**Image-based detection.** While providing accurate 3D points, LiDAR sensors are notoriously expensive. A 64-line LiDAR (e.g., the one used in KITTI [19, 18]) costs around $75,000 (US dollars). As an alternative, researchers have also been investigating purely image-based 3D detection. Existing algorithms are largely built upon 2D object detection [45, 20, 35], imposing extra geometric constraints [6, 8, 38] to create 3D proposals. [9, 10, 39, 60] apply stereo-based depth estimation to obtain 3D coordinates of each pixel. These 3D coordinates are either entered as additional input channels into a 2D detection pipeline, or used to extract hand-crafted features. The recently proposed pseudo-LiDAR [58, 44, 66] combined stereo-based depth estimation with LiDAR-based detection, converting the depth map into a 3D point cloud and processing it exactly as LiDAR signal. The pseudo-LiDAR framework has largely improved image-based detection, yet a notable gap is still remained compared to LiDAR. In this work, we

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1https://www.best-selling-cars.com/germany/2019-q1-germany-best-selling-car-brands-and-models/
therefore focus on LiDAR-based object detectors.

Domain adaptation. (Unsupervised) domain adaptation has also been studied in autonomous driving scenes, but mainly for the tasks of 2D semantic segmentation [13, 22, 24, 36, 48, 49, 50, 55, 67, 73] and 2D object detection [5, 12, 21, 23, 26, 27, 46, 47, 57, 72, 71]. The common setting is to adapt a model trained from one labeled source domain (e.g., synthetic images) to an unlabeled target domain (e.g., real images). The domain difference is mostly from the input signal (e.g., image styles), and many algorithms have built upon adversarial feature matching and style transfer [17, 22, 70] to minimize the domain gap in the input or feature space. Our work contrasts these methods by studying 3D object detection. We found that, the output space (e.g., car sizes) can also contribute to the domain gap; properly leveraging the statistics of the target domain can largely improve the model’s generalization ability.

3. Datasets

We review KITTI [18, 19] and introduce the other four datasets used in our experiments: Argoverse [7], Lyft [25], nuScenes [4], and Waymo [3]. We focus on data related to 3D object detection. All the datasets provide ground-truth 3D bounding box labels for several kinds of objects. We summarize the five datasets in detail in Table 1.

KITTI. The KITTI object detection benchmark [18, 19] contains 7, 481 (left) images for training and 7, 518 images for testing. The training set is further separated into 3, 712 training and 3, 769 validation images as suggested by [9]. All the scenes are pictured around Karlsruhe, Germany in clear weather and day time. For each (left) image, KITTI provides its corresponding 64-beam Velodyne LiDAR point cloud and the right stereo image.

Argoverse. The Argoverse dataset [7] is collected around Miami and Pittsburgh, USA in multiple weathers and during different times of a day. It provides images from stereo cameras and another seven cameras that cover 360° information. It also provides 64-beam LiDAR point clouds captured by two 32-beam Velodyne LiDAR sensors stacked vertically. We extracted synchronized frontal-view images and corresponding point clouds from the original Argoverse dataset, with a timestamp tolerance of 51 ms between LiDAR sweeps and images. The resulting dataset we use contains 13, 122 images for training, 5, 015 images for validation, 4, 168 images for testing.

nuScenes. The nuScenes dataset [4] contains 28, 130 training and 6, 019 validation images. We treat the validation images as test images, and re-split and subsample the 28, 130 training images into 11, 040 training and 3, 026 validation images. The scenes are pictured around Boston, USA and Singapore in multiple weathers and during different times of a day. For each image, nuScenes provides the point cloud captured by a 32-beam roof LiDAR. It also provides images from another five cameras that cover 360° information.

Lyft. The Lyft Level 5 dataset [25] contains 18, 634 frontal-view images and we separate them into 12, 599 images for training, 3, 024 images for validation, 3, 011 images for testing. The scenes are pictured around Palo Auto, USA in clear weathers and during day time. For each image, Lyft provides the point cloud captured by a 40 (or 64)-beam roof LiDAR and two 40-beam bumper LiDAR sensors. It also provides images from another five cameras that cover 360° information and one long-focal-length camera.

Waymo. The Waymo dataset [3] contains 122, 000 training, 30, 407 validation, and 40, 077 test images and we subsample them into 12, 000, 3, 000, and 3, 000, respectively. The scenes are pictured at Phoenix, Mountain View, and San Francisco in multiple weathers and at multiple times of a day. For each image, Waymo provides the combined point cloud captured by five LiDAR sensors (one on the roof). It also provides images from another four cameras.

Data format. A non-negligible difficulty in conducting cross-dataset analysis lies in the differences of data formats. Considering that most existing algorithms are developed using the KITTI format, we transfer all the other four datasets into its format. See the Supplementary Material for details.

4. Experiments and Analysis

4.1. Setup

3D object detection algorithms. We apply two LiDAR-based models POINTRCNN [52] and PIXOR [63] to detect objects in 3D by outputting the surrounding 3D bounding boxes. PIXOR represents LiDAR point clouds by 3D tensors after voxelization, while POINTRCNN applies PointNet++ [43] to extract point-wise features. Both methods do not rely on images. We train both models on the five 3D object detection datasets. POINTRCNN has two subnetworks, the region proposal network (RPN) and region CNN (RCNN), that are trained separately. The RPN is trained first, for 200 epochs with batch size 16 and learning rate 0.02. The RCNN is trained for 70 epochs with batch size 4 and learning rate 0.02. We use online ground truth boxes augmentation, which copies object boxes and inside points from one scene to the same locations in another scene. For PIXOR, we train it with batch size 4 and initial learning rate 5 × 10−5, which will be decreased 10 times on the 50th and 80th epoch. We do random horizontal flip and rotate during training.

Metric. We follow KITTI to evaluate object detection in 3D and the bird’s-eye view (BEV). We focus on the Car category, which has been the main focus in existing works. We report average precision (AP) with the IoU thresholds at 0.7: a car is correctly detected if the intersection over union (IoU) with the predicted 3D box is larger than 0.7. We denote AP for the 3D and BEV tasks by AP3D and APBEV.
KITTI evaluates three cases: Easy, Moderate, and Hard. Specifically, it labels each ground truth box with four levels (0 to 3) of occlusion / truncation. The Easy case contains level-0 cars whose bounding box heights in 2D are larger than 40 pixels; the Moderate case contains level-0, 1 cars whose bounding box heights in 2D are larger than 25 pixels; the Hard case contains level-0, 1, 2 cars whose bounding box heights in 2D are larger than 25 pixels. The heights are meant to separate cars by their depths with respect to the observing car. Nevertheless, since different datasets have different image resolutions, such criteria might not be aligned across datasets. We thus replace the constraints of “larger than 40, 25 pixels” by “within 30, 70 meters”. We further evaluate cars of level-[0, 1, 2] within three depth ranges: 0 − 30, 30 − 50, and 50 − 70 meters, following [63].

We mainly report and discuss results of POINTRCNN on the validation set in the main paper. We report results of PIXOR in the Supplementary Material.

### 4.2. Results within each dataset

We first evaluate if existing 3D object detection models that have shown promising results on the KITTI benchmark can also be learned and perform well on newly released datasets. We summarize the results in **Table 2**: the rows are the source domains that a detector is trained on, and the columns are the target domains the detector is being tested on. The **bold** font indicates the within domain performance (i.e., training and testing using the same dataset).

We see that POINTRCNN works fairly well on the KITTI, Lyft, and Waymo datasets, for all the easy, moderate, and hard cases. The results get slightly worse on Argoverse, and then nuScenes. We hypothesize that this may result from the relatively poor LiDAR input: nuScenes has only 32 beams; while Argoverse has 64 beams, every two of them are very close due to the configurations that the signal is captured by two stacked LiDAR sensors.

We further analyze at different ranges in **Table 2** (bottom). We see a drastic drop on Argoverse and nuScenes for the far-away ranges, which supports our hypothesis: with fewer beams, the far-away objects can only be rendered by very sparse LiDAR points and thus are hard to detect. We also see poor accuracies at 50 – 70 meters on KITTI, which may result from very few labeled training instances there.

Overall, both 3D object detection algorithms work fairly well when being trained and tested using the same dataset, as long as the input sensor signal is of high quality and the labeled instances are sufficient.

### 4.3. Results across datasets

We further experiment with generalizing a trained detector across datasets. We indicate the best result per column and per setting by red fonts and the worst by blue fonts.

We see a clear trend of performance drop. For instance, the POINTRCNN model trained on KITTI achieves only 45.2% AP_{BEV} (Moderate) on Waymo, lower than the model trained on Waymo by over 40%. The gap becomes even larger in AP_{3D}: the same KITTI model attains only 11.9% AP_{3D}, while the Waymo model attains 85.3%. We hypothesize that the car height is hard to get right. In terms of the target (test) domain, Lyft and Waymo suffer the least drop if the detector is trained from the other datasets, followed by Argoverse. KITTI and nuScenes suffer the most drop, which might result from their different geo-locations (one is from Germany and the other contains data from Singapore). The nuScenes dataset might also suffer from its relatively fewer beams in the input and other models may therefore not be able to apply. By considering different ranges, we also find that the deeper the range is, the bigger the drop is.

In terms of the source (training) domain, we see that the detector trained on KITTI seems to be the worst to transfer to others. In every 5 × 1 block that is evaluated on a single dataset in a single setting, the KITTI model is mostly outperformed by others. Surprisingly, nuScenes model can perform fairly well when being tested on the other datasets: the results are even higher than on its own. We thus have two arguments: The quality of sensors is more important in generalizing 3D object detectors across datasets (domains). We hypothesize that there exist significant idiosyncrasies in each dataset. In particular, **Figure 1** shows that the images and point clouds are quite different across datasets. One hand, different datasets are collected by cars of different image resolutions, such criteria might not be aligned across datasets. We indicate the best result per column and per setting by red fonts and the worst by blue fonts.

### 4.4. Analysis of domain idiosyncrasies

**Table 2** and **subsection 4.3** reveal drastic accuracy drops in generalizing 3D object detectors across datasets (domains). We hypothesize that there exist significant idiosyncrasies in each dataset. In particular, **Figure 1** shows that the images and point clouds are quite different across datasets.
Table 2: 3D object detection across multiple datasets (evaluated on the validation sets). We report average precision (AP) of the Car category in bird’s-eye view (AP_{BEV}) and 3D (AP_{3D}) at IoU = 0.7, using the POINTRCNN detector [52]. We report results at different difficulties (following the KITTI benchmark, but we replace the 40, 25, 25 pixel thresholds on 2D bounding boxes with 30, 70, 70 meters on object depths, for Easy, Moderate, and Hard cases, respectively) and different depth ranges (using the same truncation and occlusion thresholds as KITTI Hard case). The results show a significant performance drop in cross-dataset inference. We indicate the best generalization results per column and per setting by red fonts and the worst by blue fonts. We indicate in-domain results by bold fonts.

| Setting | Source\textsuperscript{1}, Target | KITTI | Argoverse | nuScenes | Lyft | Waymo |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|------|--------|
| Easy    | KITTI                             | 88.0/82.5 | 55.8/27.7 | 47.4/13.3 | 81.7/51.8 | 45.2/11.9 |
|         | Argoverse                         | 69.5/33.9 | 79.2/57.8 | 73.4/38.1 | 89.0/38.2 | 78.8/36.7 |
|         | nuScenes                          | 49.7/13.4 | 73.2/21.8 | 11.5/0.5  | 90.2/87.3 | 90.1/85.3 |
|         | Lyft                              | 74.3/39.4 | 71.1/45.8 | 11.5/0.5  | 87.0/64.7 |
|         | Waymo                             | 51.9/13.1 | 76.4/42.6 | 11.5/0.5  | 74.5/53.8 | 85.3/51.5 |
| Moderate| KITTI                             | 80.6/68.9 | 44.9/22.3 | 26.2/8.3  | 61.8/33.7 | 43.9/12.5 |
|         | Argoverse                         | 56.6/31.4 | 69.9/44.2 | 27.6/11.8 | 66.6/42.1 | 72.3/35.1 |
|         | nuScenes                          | 39.8/10.7 | 56.6/17.1 | 40.7/21.2 | 71.4/25.0 | 68.2/30.8 |
|         | Lyft                              | 61.1/34.3 | 62.5/35.3 | 33.6/12.3 | 83.7/65.5 | 77.6/53.2 |
|         | Waymo                             | 45.8/13.2 | 64.4/29.8 | 28.9/13.7 | 74.2/53.8 | 85.9/67.9 |
| Hard    | KITTI                             | 81.9/66.7 | 42.5/22.2 | 24.9/8.8  | 57.4/34.2 | 41.5/12.6 |
|         | Argoverse                         | 58.5/33.3 | 69.9/42.8 | 26.8/14.5 | 64.4/42.7 | 68.5/36.8 |
|         | nuScenes                          | 39.6/10.1 | 53.3/16.7 | 40.2/20.5 | 67.7/25.7 | 69.9/29.0 |
|         | Lyft                              | 60.7/33.9 | 62.9/35.9 | 30.6/11.7 | 79.3/65.5 | 77.0/53.9 |
|         | Waymo                             | 46.3/12.6 | 61.6/29.0 | 28.4/14.1 | 74.1/54.5 | 80.4/67.7 |

0-30m

| Setting | Source\textsuperscript{1}, Target | KITTI | Argoverse | nuScenes | Lyft | Waymo |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|------|--------|
|         | KITTI                             | 88.8/84.9 | 58.4/34.7 | 47.9/14.9 | 77.8/54.2 | 48.0/14.0 |
|         | Argoverse                         | 74.2/46.8 | 83.3/63.3 | 55.3/26.9 | 87.7/69.5 | 85.7/44.4 |
|         | nuScenes                          | 50.7/13.9 | 73.7/26.0 | 73.2/42.8 | 89.1/43.8 | 79.8/43.4 |
|         | Lyft                              | 75.1/45.2 | 81.0/54.0 | 61.6/25.4 | 90.4/88.5 | 88.6/70.9 |
|         | Waymo                             | 56.8/15.0 | 80.6/48.1 | 57.8/24.0 | 88.4/76.2 | 90.4/87.2 |

30m-50m

| Setting | Source\textsuperscript{1}, Target | KITTI | Argoverse | nuScenes | Lyft | Waymo |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|------|--------|
|         | KITTI                             | 70.2/51.4 | 46.5/19.0 | 9.8/4.5  | 60.1/34.5 | 50.5/21.4 |
|         | Argoverse                         | 33.9/11.8 | 72.2/39.5 | 9.5/9.1  | 65.9/39.1 | 75.9/42.1 |
|         | nuScenes                          | 24.1/3.8  | 46.3/6.4  | 17.1/4.1 | 70.1/18.9 | 69.4/29.2 |
|         | Lyft                              | 39.3/16.6 | 59.2/21.8 | 11.2/9.1 | 83.8/62.7 | 79.4/55.5 |
|         | Waymo                             | 31.7/9.3  | 58.0/18.8 | 9.9/9.1  | 74.5/51.4 | 87.5/68.8 |

50m-70m

| Setting | Source\textsuperscript{1}, Target | KITTI | Argoverse | nuScenes | Lyft | Waymo |
|---------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|------|--------|
|         | KITTI                             | 28.8/12.0 | 9.2/3.0   | 1.1/0.0  | 33.2/9.6 | 27.1/12.0 |
|         | Argoverse                         | 10.9/1.3  | 29.9/6.9  | 0.5/0.0  | 35.1/14.5 | 46.2/23.0 |
|         | nuScenes                          | 6.5/1.5   | 15.2/2.3  | 9.1/9.1  | 41.8/5.3  | 37.9/15.2 |
|         | Lyft                              | 13.6/4.6  | 23.1/3.9  | 1.1/0.0  | 62.7/33.1 | 54.6/27.5 |
|         | Waymo                             | 5.6/1.8   | 26.9/5.6  | 0.9/0.0  | 50.8/21.3 | 63.5/41.1 |

Figure 2: The average numbers of 3D points per car (left) and per scene (right). We only include points within the frontal-view camera view and cars whose depths are within 70 meters.

Different sensor configurations. For example, nuScenes uses a single 32-beam LiDAR; the point clouds are thus sparser than the other datasets. On the other hand, these datasets are collected at different locations; the environments and the foreground object styles may also be different.

To provide a better understanding, we compute the average number of LiDAR points per scene and per car (using the ground-truth 3D bounding box) in Figure 2. We see a large difference: Waymo has ten times of points per car than nuScenes\textsuperscript{2}. We further analyze the size of bounding boxes per car. Figure 3 shows the histograms of each dataset. We again see mismatches between different datasets: KITTI seems to have the smallest box sizes while Waymo has the largest. We conduct an analysis and find that most of the bounding boxes tightly contain the points of cars inside. We, therefore, argue that this difference of box sizes is related to the car styles captured in different datasets.

\textsuperscript{2}We note that POINTRCNN applies point re-sampling so that every input points while PIXOR applies voxelization. Both operations can reduce but cannot fully resolve point cloud differences across domains.
Figure 3: Car size statistics of different datasets.

Figure 4: Sizes of detected bounding boxes before and after our Statistical Normalization (Stat Norm). The detector is trained on Waymo (w/o or w/ Stat Norm) and tested on KITTI. We also show the distribution of ground-truth box sizes in both datasets.

Figure 5: Car detection accuracy (AP$_{3D}$ at Moderate cases) on KITTI, using POINTRCNN models trained on different datasets. We vary the IoU threshold from 0.0 to 1.0 (x-axis). The curves indicate that models trained on different datasets have similar detection abilities (converge at low IoU) but they differ in localization (diverge at high IoU).

### 4.5. Analysis of detector performance

So what are the idiosyncrasies that account for the majority of performance gap? There are two factors that can lead to a miss-detected car (i.e., IoU < 0.7): the car might be entirely missed by the detector, or it is detected but poorly localized. To identify the main factor, we lower down the IoU threshold using KITTI as the target domain (see Figure 5). We observe an immediate increase in AP$_{3D}$ and the results become saturated when IoU is lower than 0.4. Surprisingly, POINTRCNN models trained from other datasets perform on a par with the model trained on KITTI. In other words, poor generalization resides primarily in localization.

We investigate one cause of mislocalization$: i.e.,$ inaccurate box size. To this end, we replace the size of every detected car that has IoU > 0.2 to a ground-truth car with the corresponding ground-truth box size, while keeping its bottom center and rotation unchanged. We see an immediate performance boost in Table 3 (see the Supplementary Material for complete results across all pairs of datasets). In other words, the detector trained from one domain just cannot predict the car size right in the other domains. This observation correlates with our findings in Figure 3 that these datasets have different car sizes. By further analyzing the detected boxes (in Figure 4, we apply the detector trained from Waymo to KITTI), we find that the detector tends to predict box sizes that are similar to the ground-truth sizes in source domain, even though cars in the target domain are indeed physically smaller. We think this is because the detectors trained from the source data carry the learned bias to the target data.

### 5. Domain Adaptation Approaches

The poor performance due to mislocalization rather than misdetection opens the possibility of adapting a learned detector to a new domain with relatively smaller efforts. We investigate two scenarios: (1) a few labeled scenes (i.e., point clouds with 3D box annotations) or (2) the car size...
Table 4: Improved 3D object detection across datasets (evaluated on the validation sets). We report AP$_{3D}$/ AP$_{2D}$ of the Car category at IoU = 0.7, using POINTRCNN [32]. We investigate (OT) output transformation by directly adjusting the predicted box sizes, (SN) statistical normalization, and (FS) few-shot fine-tuning (with 10 labeled instances). We also include (Direct) directly applying the detectors trained on the source domain and (Within) applying the detectors trained on the target domain for comparison. We show adaption results from KITTI to other datasets, and vice versa. We mark the best result among Direct, OT, SN, and FS in red fonts, and worst in blue fonts.

| Setting | Dataset | From KITTI (KITTI as the source; others as the target) | To KITTI (KITTI as the target; others as the source) |
|---------|---------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|         |         | Direct | OT | SN | FS | Direct | OT | SN | FS | Within |
| Easy    | Argoverse nuScenes | 55.8 / 27.7 | 72.7 / 9.0 | 74.7 / 48.2 | 75.8 / 49.2 | 79.2 / 57.8 | 69.5 / 33.9 | 53.3 / 5.7 | 76.2 / 46.1 | 80.0 / 49.7 | 88.0 / 82.5 |
|         | Lyft | 47.4 / 13.3 | 55.0 / 10.4 | 60.8 / 23.9 | 54.7 / 21.7 | 73.4 / 38.1 | 49.7 / 13.4 | 75.4 / 31.5 | 83.2 / 35.6 | 83.8 / 58.7 | 88.0 / 82.5 |
|         | Waymo | 81.7 / 51.8 | 88.2 / 23.5 | 88.3 / 73.3 | 89.0 / 78.1 | 90.2 / 87.3 | 74.3 / 39.4 | 71.9 / 4.7 | 83.5 / 72.1 | 85.3 / 72.5 | 88.0 / 82.5 |
|         | Argoverse nuScenes | 45.2 / 11.9 | 86.1 / 16.2 | 84.6 / 53.3 | 87.4 / 70.9 | 28.8 / 12.0 | 64.1 / 39.0 | 82.1 / 48.7 | 81.0 / 67.0 | 88.0 / 82.5 |
|         | Lyft | 78.1 / 54.9 | 88.2 / 23.5 | 88.3 / 73.3 | 89.0 / 78.1 | 90.2 / 87.3 | 74.3 / 39.4 | 71.9 / 4.7 | 83.5 / 72.1 | 85.3 / 72.5 | 88.0 / 82.5 |
|         | Waymo | 51.9 / 13.1 | 64.0 / 39.0 | 82.1 / 48.7 | 81.0 / 67.0 | 88.0 / 82.5 |
| Mod.    | Argoverse nuScenes | 57.4 / 13.7 | 68.5 / 13.1 | 74.9 / 49.4 | 75.9 / 55.3 | 28.8 / 12.0 | 77.3 / 55.9 | 68.5 / 41.9 | 66.3 / 43.0 | 81.9 / 66.7 |
|         | Lyft | 43.9 / 12.3 | 69.1 / 13.1 | 74.9 / 49.4 | 75.9 / 55.3 | 28.8 / 12.0 | 77.3 / 55.9 | 68.5 / 41.9 | 66.3 / 43.0 | 81.9 / 66.7 |
|         | Waymo | 51.9 / 13.1 | 64.0 / 39.0 | 82.1 / 48.7 | 81.0 / 67.0 | 88.0 / 82.5 |
| Hard    | Argoverse nuScenes | 57.4 / 13.7 | 68.5 / 13.1 | 74.9 / 49.4 | 75.9 / 55.3 | 28.8 / 12.0 | 77.3 / 55.9 | 68.5 / 41.9 | 66.3 / 43.0 | 81.9 / 66.7 |
|         | Lyft | 43.9 / 12.3 | 69.1 / 13.1 | 74.9 / 49.4 | 75.9 / 55.3 | 28.8 / 12.0 | 77.3 / 55.9 | 68.5 / 41.9 | 66.3 / 43.0 | 81.9 / 66.7 |
|         | Waymo | 51.9 / 13.1 | 64.0 / 39.0 | 82.1 / 48.7 | 81.0 / 67.0 | 88.0 / 82.5 |
| 0-30    | Argoverse nuScenes | 58.4 / 13.7 | 73.0 / 13.7 | 73.1 / 54.2 | 73.6 / 55.2 | 69.9 / 42.8 | 81.9 / 86.8 | 69.9 / 42.8 | 81.9 / 86.8 | 88.8 / 84.9 |
|         | Lyft | 47.9 / 14.9 | 56.2 / 13.9 | 60.0 / 29.2 | 54.0 / 23.6 | 73.2 / 42.8 | 50.7 / 13.9 | 74.3 / 39.4 | 83.5 / 72.1 | 85.3 / 72.5 | 88.0 / 82.5 |
|         | Waymo | 41.5 / 12.6 | 68.7 / 13.9 | 69.4 / 49.4 | 70.1 / 34.4 | 45.8 / 13.2 | 54.9 / 3.7 | 71.3 / 47.1 | 66.8 / 51.8 | 80.6 / 86.9 |
| 30-50   | Argoverse nuScenes | 58.4 / 13.7 | 73.0 / 13.7 | 73.1 / 54.2 | 73.6 / 55.2 | 69.9 / 42.8 | 81.9 / 86.8 | 69.9 / 42.8 | 81.9 / 86.8 | 88.8 / 84.9 |
|         | Lyft | 47.9 / 14.9 | 56.2 / 13.9 | 60.0 / 29.2 | 54.0 / 23.6 | 73.2 / 42.8 | 50.7 / 13.9 | 74.3 / 39.4 | 83.5 / 72.1 | 85.3 / 72.5 | 88.0 / 82.5 |
|         | Waymo | 41.5 / 12.6 | 68.7 / 13.9 | 69.4 / 49.4 | 70.1 / 34.4 | 45.8 / 13.2 | 54.9 / 3.7 | 71.3 / 47.1 | 66.8 / 51.8 | 80.6 / 86.9 |
| 50-70   | Argoverse nuScenes | 58.4 / 13.7 | 73.0 / 13.7 | 73.1 / 54.2 | 73.6 / 55.2 | 69.9 / 42.8 | 81.9 / 86.8 | 69.9 / 42.8 | 81.9 / 86.8 | 88.8 / 84.9 |
|         | Lyft | 47.9 / 14.9 | 56.2 / 13.9 | 60.0 / 29.2 | 54.0 / 23.6 | 73.2 / 42.8 | 50.7 / 13.9 | 74.3 / 39.4 | 83.5 / 72.1 | 85.3 / 72.5 | 88.0 / 82.5 |
|         | Waymo | 41.5 / 12.6 | 68.7 / 13.9 | 69.4 / 49.4 | 70.1 / 34.4 | 45.8 / 13.2 | 54.9 / 3.7 | 71.3 / 47.1 | 66.8 / 51.8 | 80.6 / 86.9 |

statistics of the target domain are available. We argue that both scenarios are practical: we can simply annotate for every place a few labeled instances, or get the statistics from the local vehicle offices or car-selling websites. In the main paper, we will mainly focus on training from KITTI and testing on the others, and vice versa. We leave other results in the Supplementary Material.

**Few-shot (FS) fine-tuning.** In the first scenario where a few labeled scenes from the target domain are accessible, we investigate fine-tuning the already trained object detector with these few-shot examples. As shown in Table 4, using only 10 labeled scenes (average over five rounds of experiments) of the target domain, we can already improve the AP$_{3D}$ by over 20.4% on average when adapting KITTI to other datasets and 24.4% on average when adapting other datasets to KITTI. Figure 6 further shows the performance by fine-tuning with different number of scenes. With merely 20 labeled target scenes, the adapted detector from Lyft and Waymo can already be on a par with that trained from scratch in the target domain with 500 scenes.

**Statistical normalization (SN).** For the second scenario where the target statistics (i.e., average height, width, and length of cars) are accessible, we investigate modifying the

![Figure 6](image-url)
We investigate a even simpler approach by directly adjusting the detector's prediction without fine-tuning — by adding \( (\Delta h, \Delta w, \Delta l) \) to the predicted size. As shown in Table 4, this approach does not always improve but sometimes degrade the accuracy. This is because when we apply the source detector to the target domain, the predicted box sizes do slightly deviate from the source statistics to the target ones due to the difference of object sizes in the input signals (see Figure 4). Thus, simply adding \( (\Delta h, \Delta w, \Delta l) \) may over-correct the bias. We hypothesize that by searching a suitable scale for addition or designing more intelligent output transformations can alleviate this problem and we leave them for future work.

**Discussion.** As shown in Table 4, statistical normalization largely improves over direct applying the source-domain detector. For some pairs of data sets (e.g., from KITTI to Lyft, the AP\textsubscript{BEV} after statistical normalization is encouraging, largely closing the gap to the Within performance.

Compared to domain adaptation on 2D images, there are more possible factors of domain gaps in 3D. While the box size difference is just one factor, we find addressing it to be highly effective in closing the gaps. This factor is rarely discussed in other domain adaptation tasks. We thus expect it and our solution to be valuable additions to the community.

### 6. Conclusion

In conclusion, in this paper we are the first (to our knowledge) to provide and investigate a standardized form of most widely-used 3D object detection datasets for autonomous driving. Although naïve adaptation across datasets is unsurprisingly difficult, we observe that, surprisingly, there appears to be a single dominant factor that explains a majority share of the adaptation gap: varying car sizes across different geographic regions. That car sizes play such an important role in adaptation ultimately makes sense. No matter if the detection is based on LiDAR or stereo cameras, cars are only observed from one side — and the depth of the bounding boxes must be estimated based on experience. If a deep network trained in Germany encounters an American Ford F-Series truck (with 5.3m length), it has little chance to correctly estimate the corresponding bounding box. It is surprising, however, that just matching the mean size of cars in the areas during fine-tuning already reduces this uncertainty so much. We hope that this publication will kindle interests in the exciting problem of cross-dataset domain adaptation for 3D object detection and localization, and that researchers will be careful to first apply simple global corrections before developing new computer vision algorithms to tackle the remaining adaptation gap.

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Supplementary Material

In this Supplementary Material, we provide details omitted in the main paper.

- Appendix S1: data format conversion (section 3 of the main paper).
- Appendix S2: evaluation metric (subsection 4.1 of the main paper).
- Appendix S3: additional results on dataset discrepancy (subsection 4.4 and subsection 4.5 of the main paper).
- Appendix S4: object detection using PIXOR [63] (subsection 4.2 and subsection 4.3 of the main paper).
- Appendix S5: object detection using POINTRCNN with different adaptation methods (subsection 4.5 and section 5 of the main paper).
- Appendix S6: additional qualitative results (section 5 of the main paper).

S1. Converting Datasets into KITTI Format

In this section we describe in detail how we convert Argoverse [7], nuScenes [4], Lyft [25], and Waymo [3] into KITTI [18, 19] format. As the formatting of images, point clouds and camera calibration information is trivial, and label fields such as alpha and rotationy have been well-defined, we only discuss the labeling process with non-deterministic definitions.

S1.1. Object filtering

Due to the fact that KITTI focuses on objects that appear in the camera view, we follow its setting and discard all object annotations outside the frontal camera view. To allow truncated objects, we project the 8 corners of each object’s 3D bounding box onto the image plane. An object will be discarded if all its 8 corners fall out of the image boundary. To make other datasets consistent with KITTI, we do not consider labeled objects farther than 70 meters.

S1.2. Matching categories with KITTI

Since the taxonomy of object categories among datasets are misaligned, it is necessary to re-label each dataset in the same way as KITTI does. As we focus on car detection, here we describe how we construct the new car and truck categories for each dataset except KITTI in Table S5. The truck category is also important since detected trucks are treated as false positives when we look at the car category. We would like to point out that Waymo labels all kinds of vehicles as cars. A model trained on Waymo thus will tend to predict trucks or other vehicles as cars. Therefore, directly applying a model trained on Waymo to other datasets will lead to higher false positive rates. For other datasets, the definition between categories can vary (e.g., Argoverse label Ford F-Series as cars; nuScenes labels some as trucks) and result in cross-domain accuracy drop even if the data are collected at similar locations with similar sensors.

S1.3. Handling missing 2D bounding boxes

To annotate each object in the image with a 2D bounding box (the information is used by the original KITTI metric), we first compute 8 corners of its 3D bounding box, and then calculate their pixel coordinates \( \{(cx_n, cy_n)\}, 1 \leq n \leq 8 \). We then draw the smallest bounding box \( (x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2) \) that contains all corners whose projections fall in the image plane:

\[
\begin{align*}
    x_1 &= \max(\min_{0 \leq n < 8} cx_n, 0), \\
    y_1 &= \max(\min_{0 \leq n < 8} cy_n, 0), \\
    x_2 &= \min(\max_{0 \leq n < 8} cx_n, width), \\
    y_2 &= \min(\max_{0 \leq n < 8} cy_n, height),
\end{align*}
\]

where \( width \) and \( height \) denote the width and height of the 2D image, respectively.

S1.4. Calculating truncation values

Following the KITTI formulation, the truncation value refers to how much of an object locates beyond image boundary. With Equation 1 we estimate it by calculating how much of the object’s 2D uncropped bounding box is
outside the image boundary:

\[
\begin{align*}
x'_1 &= \min_{0 \leq n < 8} cx_n, \\
y'_1 &= \min_{0 \leq n < 8} cy_n, \\
x'_2 &= \max_{0 \leq n < 8} cx_n, \\
y'_2 &= \max_{0 \leq n < 8} cy_n, \\
\text{truncation} &= 1 - \frac{(x_2 - x_1) \times (y_2 - y_1)}{(x'_2 - x'_1) \times (y'_2 - y'_1)}.
\end{align*}
\]

S1.5. Calculating occlusion values

We estimate the occlusion value of objects by approximating car shapes with corresponding 2D bounding boxes. The \textit{occlusion} value is thus derived by computing the percentage of pixels occluded by bounding boxes from closer objects. We discretize the 0–1 occlusion value into KITTI’s {0, 1, 2, 3} labels by equally dividing the interval into 4 parts. We describe in \textbf{algorithm 1} the detail of how we compute occlusion value for each object.

\begin{algorithm}
\caption{Computing occlusion of objects from a single scene}
\textbf{Input}: Image height $H$, image width $W$, object list $\text{objs}$.
\begin{algorithmic}[1]
\State $\text{canvas} \leftarrow \text{Array}([H,W])$;
\For{$x \in \{0,1,\ldots,W-1\}$}
\For{$y \in \{0,1,\ldots,H-1\}$}
\State $\text{canvas}[x,y] \leftarrow -1$;
\EndFor
\EndFor
\State $\text{objs} \leftarrow \text{Sort}(\text{objs}, \text{key} = \text{depth}, \text{order} = \text{descending})$;
\For{$\text{obj} \in \text{objs}$}
\State $[x_1,x_2,y_1,y_2] = \text{obj}.\text{bounding}_2\text{bbox}$;
\For{$x \in \{x_1,x_1+1,\ldots,x_2-1\}$}
\For{$y \in \{y_1,y_1+1,\ldots,y_2-1\}$}
\State $\text{canvas}[x,y] \leftarrow \text{obj}.\text{id}$;
\EndFor
\EndFor
\EndFor
\State $[x_1,x_2,y_1,y_2] = \text{obj}.\text{bounding}_2\text{bbox}$;
\State $\text{cnt} \leftarrow 0$;
\For{$x \in \{x_1,x_1+1,\ldots,x_2-1\}$}
\For{$y \in \{y_1,y_1+1,\ldots,y_2-1\}$}
\If{$\text{canvas}[x,y] = \text{obj}.\text{id}$}
\State $\text{cnt} \leftarrow \text{cnt} + 1$;
\EndIf
\EndFor
\EndFor
\State $\text{obj}.\text{occlusion} \leftarrow 1 - \frac{\text{cnt}}{(x_2-x_1) \times (y_2-y_1)}$;
\end{algorithmic}
\end{algorithm}

S2. The New Difficulty Metric

In subsection 4.1 of the main paper, we develop a new difficulty metric to evaluate object detection (i.e., how to define easy, moderate, and hard cases) so as to better align different datasets. Concretely, KITTI defines its \textit{easy}, \textit{moderate}, and \textit{hard} cases according to truncation, occlusion, and 2D bounding box height (in pixels) of ground-truth annotations. The 2D box height (the threshold at 40 pixels) is meant to differentiate far-away and nearby objects: the \textit{easy} cases only contain nearby objects. However, since the datasets we compare are collected using cameras of different focal lengths and contain images of different resolutions, directly applying the KITTI definition may not well align datasets. For example, a car at 50 meters is treated as a moderate case in KITTI but may be treated as an easy case in other datasets.

To resolve this issue, we re-define detection difficulty based on object truncation, occlusion, and \textbf{depth range (in meters)}, which completely removes the influences of cameras. In developing this new metric we hope to achieve similar case partitions to the original metric of KITTI. To this end, we estimate the distance thresholds with

\[ D = f_v \times \frac{H}{h}, \]

where $D$ denotes depth, $f_v$ denotes vertical camera focal length, and $H$ and $h$ are object height in the 3D camera space and the 2D image space, respectively. For a car of average height (1.53 meters) in KITTI, the corresponding depth for 40 pixels is 27.03 meters. We therefore select 30 meters as the new threshold to differentiate \textit{easy} from \textit{moderate} and \textit{hard} cases. For \textit{moderate} and \textit{hard} cases, we disregard cars with depths larger than 70 meters since most of the annotated cars in KITTI are within this range. Table S7 shows the comparison between old and new difficulty partitions. The new metric contains fewer easy cases than the old metric for all but the KITTI dataset. This is because that the other datasets use either larger focal lengths or resolutions: the objects in images are therefore larger than in KITTI. We note that, the moderate cases contain all the easy cases, and the hard cases contain all the easy and moderate cases.

We also report in Table S6 the detection results within and across datasets using the old metric, in comparison to Table 2 of the main paper which uses the new metric. One notable difference is that for the easy cases in the old metric, both the within and across domain performances drop for all but KITTI datasets, since many far-away cars (which are hard to detect) in the other datasets are treated as easy cases in the old metric.
Table S6: 3D object detection results across multiple datasets using the original KITTI evaluation metric (pixel thresholds). We apply POINTRCNN [52]. We report average precision (AP) of the Car category in bird’s-eye view and 3D (AP_{BEV} / AP_{3D}, IoU = 0.7) and compare object detection accuracy of different difficulties. The results are less comparable due to misaligned difficulty partitions among datasets. Red color: best generalization (per column and per setting); blue color: worst generalization; bold font: within-domain results.

| Setting   | Source | Target | KITTI     | Argoverse | nuScenes | Lyft     | Waymo |
|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|
|           |        |        | 88.0 / 82.3 | 44.2 / 21.4 | 27.5 / 7.1 | 72.3 / 45.5 | 42.1 / 10.6 |
| Easy      | KITTI  | Argoverse | 68.6 / 31.5 | 69.9 / 43.6 | 28.3 / 11.4 | 76.8 / 56.4 | 73.5 / 34.2 |
|           | Argoverse |        | 49.4 / 13.2 | 57.0 / 16.5 | 43.4 / 21.3 | 83.0 / 31.8 | 71.7 / 28.2 |
|           | nuScenes |       | 72.6 / 38.9 | 66.9 / 33.2 | 35.5 / 13.1 | **86.4** / **77.1** | 78.0 / 54.6 |
|           | Lyft    |       | 52.0 / 13.1 | 64.9 / 29.4 | 31.5 / 14.3 | 82.5 / 68.8 | **85.3** / **71.7** |
|           | Waymo   |       | **86.0** / **74.7** | 44.9 / 22.3 | 26.2 / 8.3 | 63.2 / 36.3 | 43.9 / 12.3 |
| Moderate  | KITTI  | Argoverse | 65.2 / 36.6 | **69.8** / **44.2** | 27.6 / 11.8 | 68.5 / 43.6 | 72.1 / 35.1 |
|           | Argoverse |        | 45.4 / 12.1 | 56.5 / 17.1 | **40.7** / **21.2** | 73.4 / 26.3 | 68.1 / 30.7 |
|           | nuScenes |       | 67.3 / 38.3 | 62.4 / 35.3 | 33.6 / 12.3 | **79.6** / **66.8** | 77.3 / 53.1 |
|           | Lyft    |       | 51.5 / 14.9 | 64.4 / 29.8 | 28.9 / 13.7 | 75.5 / 58.2 | **85.6** / **67.9** |
|           | Waymo   |       | **85.7** / **74.8** | 42.5 / 22.2 | 24.9 / 8.8 | 62.0 / 34.9 | 41.4 / 12.6 |
| Hard      | KITTI  | Argoverse | 63.5 / 37.8 | **69.8** / **42.8** | 26.8 / 14.5 | 65.9 / 44.4 | 68.5 / 36.7 |
|           | Argoverse |        | 42.2 / 11.1 | 53.2 / 16.7 | **40.2** / **20.5** | 73.0 / 27.8 | 66.8 / 29.0 |
|           | nuScenes |       | 65.0 / 37.0 | 62.8 / 35.8 | 30.6 / 11.7 | **79.7** / **67.3** | 76.6 / 53.8 |
|           | Lyft    |       | 48.9 / 14.4 | 61.6 / 29.0 | 28.4 / 14.1 | 75.5 / 55.8 | **80.2** / **67.6** |

Table S7: Percentage (%) of data (total annotated cars with depths ∈ [0, 70] meters) in each difficult partition with old / new difficulty metric. The new easy threshold selects much fewer data than the old metric on all datasets except KITTI.

| Dataset Type | Easy Percentage | Moderate Percentage | Hard Percentage |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Training Set | KITTI 21.7 / 21.6 | Argoverse 27.7 / 14.9 | nuScenes 31.9 / 13.9 |
|              | 55.5 / 67.8     | 40.5 / 40.5         | 47.2 / 47.2     |
|              | 76.1 / 91.0      | 59.6 / 59.6          | 64.8 / 64.8     |
|              | 50.4 / 54.9      | 64.9 / 70.5          | 25.0 / 15.5     |
|              | 39.7 / 40.1      | 58.7 / 58.7          | 29.0 / 10.7     |
| Validation Set | KITTI 20.4 / 20.4 | Argoverse 29.2 / 14.3 | nuScenes 38.3 / 18.4 |
|               | 55.4 / 65.5      | 41.7 / 41.7          | 53.6 / 53.6     |
|               | 77.1 / 88.4      | 60.6 / 60.6          | 68.5 / 68.5     |
|               | 52.5 / 57.7      | 66.9 / 73.3          | 25.3 / 15.5     |
|               | 42.3 / 42.3      | 60.9 / 60.9          | 30.5 / 10.3     |

Table S8: The average size (meters) of 3D ground truth bounding boxes of the five datasets.

| Dataset  | Width | Height | Length |
|----------|-------|--------|--------|
| KITTI    | 1.62  | 1.53   | 3.89   |
| Argoverse| 1.96  | 1.69   | 4.51   |
| nuScenes | 1.96  | 1.73   | 4.64   |
| Lyft     | 1.91  | 1.71   | 4.73   |
| Waymo    | 2.11  | 1.79   | 4.80   |

S3. Dataset discrepancy

We have shown the box size distributions of each dataset in Figure 3 of the main paper. We also calculate the mean of the bounding box sizes in Table S8. There is a huge gap of size between KITTI and the other four datasets. In addition, we train an SVM classifier with the RBF kernel to predict which dataset a bounding box belongs to and present the confusion matrix result in Figure S9 (row: ground truth; column: prediction). The model has a very high confidence to distinguish KITTI from the other datasets.

We further train a point cloud classifier to tell which dataset a point cloud of car belongs to, using PointNet++ [43] as the backbone. For each dataset, we sample 8,000 object point cloud instances as training examples and 1,000 as testing examples. We show the confusion matrix in Figure S10. The classifier can almost perfectly classify the point clouds. Compared to Figure S9, we argue that not only the bounding box sizes, but also the point cloud styles (e.g., density, number of laser beams, etc) of cars contribute to dataset discrepancy. Interestingly, while the second factor seems to be more informative in differentiating datasets, the first factor is indeed the main cause of poor transfer performance among datasets.

5As mentioned in the main paper, POINTRCNN applies point resampling so that every scene (in RPN) and object proposal (in RCNN) will have the same numbers of input points. Such an operation could reduce the point cloud differences across domains.
S4. PIXOR Results

We report object detection results using PIXOR [63], which takes voxelized tensors instead of point clouds as input. We implement the algorithm ourselves, achieving comparable results as the ones in [63]. We report the results in Table S9. PIXOR performs pretty well if the model is trained and tested within the same dataset, suggesting that its model design does not over-fit to KITTI.

Figure S9: The confusion matrix of predicting which dataset an object belongs to using SVM with the RBF kernel. We take the (height, width, length) of car objects as inputs and the corresponding labels are the datasets the objects belong to.

We also see a clear performance drop when we train a model on one dataset and test it on the other datasets. The drop is more severe than applying the POINTRCNN detector in many cases. We surmise that the re-sampling operation used in POINTRCNN might make the difference. We therefore apply the same re-sampling operation on the input point cloud before inputting it to PIXOR. Table S10 shows the results: re-sampling does improve the performance in applying the Waymo detector to other datasets. This is likely because Waymo has the most LiDAR points on average and re-sampling reduces the number, making it more similar to that of the other datasets. We expect that tuning the number of points in re-sampling can further boost the performance.

S5. Additional Results Using POINTRCNN

S5.1. Complete tables

We show the complete tables across five datasets by replacing the predicted box sizes with the ground truth sizes (cf. subsection 4.5 in the main paper) in Table S11, by few-shot fine-tuning in Table S12, by statistical normalization in Table S13, and by output transformation in Table S14. For statistical normalization and output transformation, we see smaller improvements (or even some degradation) among datasets collected in the USA than between datasets collected in Germany and the USA.

S5.2. Online sales data

In the main paper, for statistical normalization we leverage the average car size of each dataset. Here we collect car sales data from Germany and the USA in the past four years. The average car size \((h, w, l)\) is \((1.75, 1.93, 5.15)\) in the USA and \((1.49, 1.79, 4.40)\) in Germany. The difference is \((0.26, 0.14, 0.75)\), not far from \((0.20, 0.37, 0.78)\) between KITTI and the other datasets. The gap can be reduced by further considering locations (e.g., Argoverse from Miami and Pittsburgh, USA) and earlier data (KITTI was collected in 2011).

In Table S15, we show the results of adapting a detector trained on KITTI to other datasets using statistical normalization with the car sales data: \((\Delta h, \Delta w, \Delta l)\) is \((0.26, 0.15, 0.75)\). The performance is slightly worse than using the statistics of the datasets. Nevertheless, compared to directly applying the source domain detector, statistical normalization with the car sales data still shows notable improvements.

S5.3. Pedestrian

We calculate the statistics of pedestrians, as in Table S16. There are smaller differences among datasets. We therefore expect a smaller improvement by statistical normalization.
Table S9: 3D object detection across multiple datasets (evaluated on the validation sets). We report average precision (AP) of the Car category in the bird’s-eye view (AP\textsubscript{BEV}) at IoU = 0.7, using PIXOR [63]. We report results at different difficulties (following the KITTI benchmark, but we replace the 40, 25, 25 pixel thresholds on 2D bounding boxes with 30, 70, 70 meters on object depths, for Easy, Moderate, and Hard cases, respectively) and different depth ranges (using the same truncation and occlusion thresholds as KITTI Hard case). The results show a significant performance drop in cross-dataset inference.

We indicate the best generalization results per column and per setting by red fonts and the worst by blue fonts. We indicate in-domain results by bold fonts.

| Setting | Source, Target | KITTI | Argoverse | nuScenes | Lyft | Waymo |
|---------|----------------|-------|-----------|----------|------|-------|
| Easy    | KITTI          | 87.2  | 31.5      | 39.4     | 65.1 | 28.3  |
|         | Argoverse      | 57.4  | 79.2      | 49.0     | 89.4 | 69.3  |
|         | nuScenes       | 40.4  | 66.3      | 56.8     | 79.7 | 40.7  |
|         | Lyft           | 53.1  | 71.4      | 45.5     | 90.7 | 75.2  |
|         | Waymo          | 9.8   | 63.6      | 38.1     | 82.5 | 87.2  |
| Moderate| KITTI          | 72.8  | 25.9      | 20.0     | 37.4 | 23.4  |
|         | Argoverse      | 42.5  | 67.3      | 24.4     | 57.9 | 55.0  |
|         | nuScenes       | 30.3  | 46.3      | 30.1     | 50.5 | 35.3  |
|         | Lyft           | 38.7  | 58.5      | 24.9     | 78.1 | 56.8  |
|         | Waymo          | 10.0  | 47.4      | 21.0     | 62.4 | 76.4  |
| Hard    | KITTI          | 68.2  | 28.4      | 18.8     | 34.5 | 24.1  |
|         | Argoverse      | 43.0  | 64.7      | 22.7     | 57.7 | 55.2  |
|         | nuScenes       | 27.1  | 46.0      | 29.8     | 50.6 | 35.8  |
|         | Lyft           | 35.8  | 54.3      | 24.8     | 78.0 | 53.7  |
|         | Waymo          | 11.1  | 46.9      | 21.3     | 63.4 | 74.8  |
| 0-30m   | KITTI          | 87.2  | 39.5      | 38.9     | 62.2 | 32.1  |
|         | Argoverse      | 60.0  | 82.4      | 49.9     | 88.0 | 72.8  |
|         | nuScenes       | 38.7  | 63.0      | 55.1     | 79.4 | 43.9  |
|         | Lyft           | 50.7  | 73.5      | 48.4     | 90.5 | 76.4  |
|         | Waymo          | 12.9  | 65.7      | 42.7     | 83.1 | 88.3  |
| 30m-50m | KITTI          | 50.3  | 29.4      | 9.1      | 31.0 | 26.1  |
|         | Argoverse      | 23.7  | 66.1      | 0.8      | 54.5 | 56.5  |
|         | nuScenes       | 18.6  | 44.9      | 12.3     | 48.1 | 37.3  |
|         | Lyft           | 17.5  | 50.4      | 7.0      | 77.0 | 53.0  |
|         | Waymo          | 8.1   | 41.3      | 4.5      | 62.1 | 78.0  |
| 50m-70m | KITTI          | 12.0  | 3.0       | 3.0      | 9.0  | 10.1  |
|         | Argoverse      | 4.8   | 31.7      | 0.3      | 20.6 | 31.3  |
|         | nuScenes       | 9.1   | 13.4      | 9.1      | 21.6 | 20.9  |
|         | Lyft           | 6.5   | 19.1      | 9.1      | 61.2 | 29.9  |
|         | Waymo          | 1.7   | 20.6      | 9.1      | 39.7 | 53.3  |

S6. Qualitative Results

We further show qualitative results of statistical normalization refinement. We train a POINTRCNN detector on Waymo and test it on KITTI. We compare its car detection before and after statistical normalization refinement in Figure S11. Statistical normalization can not only improve the predicted bounding box sizes, but also reduce false positive rates.
Table S10: 3D object detection across multiple datasets (evaluated on the validation sets). The setting is exactly the same as Table S9, except that we perform POINTRCNN re-sampling on the input point cloud before applying the PIXOR detector.

| Setting | Source\Target | KITTI | Argoverse | nuScenes | Lyft | Waymo |
|---------|---------------|-------|-----------|----------|------|-------|
| Easy    | KITTI         | **85.9** | 22.3      | 35.7     | 56.2 | 13.4  |
|         | Argoverse     | 59.4  | **80.5**  | 47.1     | 89.3 | 66.5  |
|         | nuScenes      | 14.5  | 57.1      | **66.2** | 73.4 | 44.2  |
|         | Lyft          | **66.6** | 73.8      | 52.2     | **90.7** | 77.3  |
|         | Waymo         | 28.6  | 66.0      | 52.0     | 84.2 | **86.7** |
| Moderate| KITTI         | 70.3  | 19.1      | 18.9     | **33.5** | 14.8  |
|         | Argoverse     | 43.0  | **66.5**  | 24.1     | 57.9 | 52.6  |
|         | nuScenes      | 12.6  | 46.9      | **36.5** | 52.6 | 35.7  |
|         | Lyft          | 49.3  | 54.4      | 28.6     | **79.4** | 59.2  |
|         | Waymo         | 23.8  | 51.4      | 26.7     | 69.0 | **77.1** |
| Hard    | KITTI         | **67.2** | 20.0      | 17.4     | 33.1 | 15.0  |
|         | Argoverse     | 42.8  | **63.8**  | 22.3     | 57.7 | 52.5  |
|         | nuScenes      | 14.4  | 44.6      | **35.7** | 53.1 | 36.0  |
|         | Lyft          | 45.5  | 54.5      | 27.6     | **79.3** | 58.5  |
|         | Waymo         | 24.0  | 54.2      | 26.4     | 70.3 | **77.3** |
| 0-30m   | KITTI         | **85.8** | 28.6      | 33.2     | 56.6 | 14.7  |
|         | Argoverse     | 61.5  | **82.7**  | 48.6     | 88.3 | 65.0  |
|         | nuScenes      | 20.2  | 61.5      | **64.4** | 75.4 | 48.4  |
|         | Lyft          | 62.9  | 71.9      | 54.3     | **90.7** | 78.3  |
|         | Waymo         | 31.0  | 65.9      | 55.4     | 85.9 | **88.2** |
| 30m-50m | KITTI         | **48.8** | 22.0      | 4.5      | 29.3 | 16.8  |
|         | Argoverse     | 21.1  | **69.7**  | **2.3**  | 55.1 | 54.6  |
|         | nuScenes      | 8.6   | 42.8      | **15.9** | 52.7 | 40.5  |
|         | Lyft          | 25.1  | 53.1      | 10.3     | **78.6** | 59.9  |
|         | Waymo         | 16.7  | 52.4      | 9.8      | 68.8 | **78.8** |
| 50m-70m | KITTI         | **15.7** | 3.4       | 0.4      | 7.5  | 12.0  |
|         | Argoverse     | 9.4   | **29.5**  | 0.1      | 22.2 | 30.4  |
|         | nuScenes      | 0.7   | 12.8      | **9.1**  | 23.1 | 16.4  |
|         | Lyft          | 7.3   | 18.8      | 3.0      | **63.6** | 30.8  |
|         | Waymo         | 2.3   | **23.5**  | 9.1      | 45.1 | **56.8** |
Table S11: Cross-dataset performance by assigning ground-truth box sizes to detected cars while keeping their centers and rotations unchanged. We report $\text{AP}_{\text{BEV}} / \text{AP}_{\text{3D}}$ of the Car category at IoU = 0.7, using POINTRCNN [52]. We indicate the best generalization results per column and per setting by red fonts and the worst by blue fonts. We indicate in-domain results by bold fonts.

| Setting | Source\Target | KITTI | Argoverse | nuScenes | Lyft | Waymo |
|---------|--------------|-------|-----------|----------|------|-------|
| Easy    | KITTI        | 95.6 / 84.6 | 80.5 / 65.7 | 66.5 / 33.5 | 89.8 / 74.8 | 90.3 / 77.1 |
|         | Argoverse    | 80.0 / 59.2 | 83.1 / 77.3 | 54.2 / 26.7 | 87.5 / 75.6 | 89.1 / 74.7 |
|         | nuScenes     | 80.5 / 63.9 | 77.4 / 52.5 | 74.8 / 46.4 | 89.4 / 65.2 | 85.6 / 62.9 |
|         | Lyft         | 83.9 / 58.4 | 80.2 / 67.2 | 65.2 / 29.2 | 90.3 / 87.3 | 89.9 / 73.9 |
|         | Waymo        | 86.1 / 78.2 | 79.2 / 72.7 | 63.1 / 30.0 | 88.3 / 86.1 | 90.2 / 86.2 |
| Moderate| KITTI        | 81.4 / 72.6 | 64.5 / 50.9 | 35.0 / 18.2 | 74.6 / 54.3 | 79.4 / 63.0 |
|         | Argoverse    | 66.9 / 51.0 | 73.6 / 60.1 | 28.2 / 17.6 | 67.6 / 52.3 | 73.3 / 61.5 |
|         | nuScenes     | 61.4 / 47.3 | 59.0 / 36.2 | 41.7 / 25.4 | 72.4 / 45.1 | 69.2 / 50.6 |
|         | Lyft         | 71.4 / 49.4 | 68.5 / 49.3 | 34.6 / 17.4 | 84.2 / 66.9 | 79.7 / 64.7 |
|         | Waymo        | 73.7 / 60.6 | 68.0 / 54.9 | 30.8 / 18.4 | 75.0 / 63.2 | 86.4 / 74.4 |
| Hard    | KITTI        | 82.5 / 71.9 | 64.0 / 49.3 | 31.4 / 17.7 | 73.1 / 53.0 | 77.2 / 59.1 |
|         | Argoverse    | 65.6 / 52.5 | 73.6 / 59.2 | 27.5 / 16.6 | 65.3 / 52.2 | 75.8 / 58.4 |
|         | nuScenes     | 61.3 / 45.7 | 55.3 / 33.5 | 40.9 / 25.4 | 72.6 / 43.6 | 68.3 / 46.2 |
|         | Lyft         | 72.0 / 52.0 | 65.4 / 49.8 | 31.2 / 16.5 | 84.8 / 67.2 | 78.2 / 63.6 |
|         | Waymo        | 75.3 / 60.7 | 67.8 / 51.9 | 30.2 / 17.0 | 75.2 / 61.9 | 80.8 / 68.9 |
| 0-30m   | KITTI        | 89.2 / 86.7 | 82.3 / 70.2 | 62.8 / 35.1 | 89.8 / 76.2 | 90.4 / 78.7 |
|         | Argoverse    | 83.3 / 68.7 | 86.1 / 80.2 | 56.8 / 31.9 | 88.3 / 77.3 | 89.8 / 78.1 |
|         | nuScenes     | 76.5 / 62.5 | 80.9 / 55.2 | 74.2 / 49.1 | 89.4 / 67.7 | 87.5 / 62.6 |
|         | Lyft         | 86.7 / 62.7 | 84.2 / 69.3 | 63.1 / 31.7 | 90.5 / 88.5 | 90.2 / 77.2 |
|         | Waymo        | 88.0 / 75.8 | 82.8 / 76.3 | 62.0 / 32.9 | 88.7 / 86.8 | 90.5 / 88.1 |
| 30m-50m | KITTI        | 71.6 / 56.4 | 63.1 / 40.4 | 11.1 / 9.1  | 74.3 / 52.9 | 80.4 / 64.3 |
|         | Argoverse    | 43.2 / 27.0 | 74.5 / 53.9 | 9.5 / 9.1  | 67.4 / 49.3 | 78.8 / 62.9 |
|         | nuScenes     | 37.1 / 25.0 | 49.0 / 18.3 | 17.4 / 10.4 | 71.0 / 42.2 | 75.4 / 50.5 |
|         | Lyft         | 52.8 / 31.4 | 61.9 / 35.6 | 11.3 / 9.1  | 85.1 / 65.9 | 80.4 / 65.4 |
|         | Waymo        | 57.6 / 38.5 | 63.5 / 45.8 | 10.0 / 9.1  | 75.4 / 62.5 | 87.7 / 74.9 |
| 50m-70m | KITTI        | 30.8 / 15.1 | 23.6 / 9.7  | 1.6 / 1.0   | 50.0 / 24.0 | 53.3 / 31.2 |
|         | Argoverse    | 13.7 / 10.1 | 34.2 / 11.7 | 0.5 / 0.0   | 37.2 / 19.8 | 51.9 / 31.7 |
|         | nuScenes     | 9.2 / 5.7   | 15.8 / 4.3  | 9.8 / 9.1   | 46.9 / 20.1 | 43.4 / 23.2 |
|         | Lyft         | 17.2 / 8.1  | 28.2 / 11.4 | 1.1 / 0.1   | 64.2 / 39.9 | 57.8 / 36.3 |
|         | Waymo        | 13.1 / 4.9  | 29.2 / 11.4 | 0.9 / 0.0   | 53.0 / 29.4 | 65.9 / 45.2 |
Table S12: Cross-dataset performance by few-shot fine-tuning using 10 labeled target domain instances (average over five rounds of experiments). We report AP$_{BEV}$/ AP$_{3D}$ of the Car category at IoU = 0.7, using POINTRCNN [52]. We indicate the best generalization results per column and per setting by red fonts and the worst by blue fonts. We indicate in-domain results by bold fonts.

| Setting | Source\Target | KITTI          | Argoverse      | nuScenes        | Lyft            | Waymo           |
|---------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Easy    | KITTI         | **88.0**/**82.5** | 75.8/49.2      | 54.7/**21.7**   | **89.0**/**78.1** | **87.4**/**70.9** |
|         | Argoverse     | 80.0/49.7      | **74.2**/**42.0** | 54.0/19.2      | **86.6**/**63.5** | 86.6/56.3       |
|         | nuScenes      | 83.8/58.7      | **68.7**/**33.7** | **73.4**/**38.1** | **88.4**/**67.7** | **84.3**/59.8   |
|         | Lyft          | 85.3/72.5      | 73.5/48.9      | 56.5/17.7      | **90.2**/**87.3** | 89.1/70.4       |
|         | Waymo         | 81.0/67.0      | **76.9**/**55.2** | 51.0/16.7      | 88.3/81.0       | **90.1**/**85.3** |
| Moderate| KITTI         | **80.6**/**68.9** | 60.7/37.3      | 28.7/12.5      | 74.2/53.4       | 75.9/55.3       |
|         | Argoverse     | 68.8/42.8      | **66.5**/**34.4** | 27.5/11.2      | 65.4/40.2       | 75.3/46.7       |
|         | nuScenes      | 67.2/45.5      | 54.5/24.2      | **40.7**/**21.2** | 71.9/44.0       | 72.8/47.0       |
|         | Lyft          | 73.9/56.2      | 61.0/35.3      | 30.3/10.6      | **83.7**/**65.5** | 78.3/57.9       |
|         | Waymo         | 66.8/51.8      | **65.7**/**41.8** | 26.7/11.0      | 75.1/54.8       | **85.9**/**67.9** |
| Hard    | KITTI         | **81.9**/**66.7** | 59.8/36.5      | 27.5/12.4      | 71.8/52.9       | 70.1/54.4       |
|         | Argoverse     | 66.3/43.0      | **67.9**/**37.3** | 26.9/11.8      | **66.0**/**42.0** | 70.3/43.9       |
|         | nuScenes      | 64.7/44.5      | 52.0/23.4      | **40.2**/**20.5** | 71.0/44.3       | **68.7**/44.3   |
|         | Lyft          | 74.1/56.2      | 61.9/37.0      | 28.6/11.1      | **79.3**/**65.5** | **76.9**/55.6   |
|         | Waymo         | 68.1/52.9      | **62.3**/**39.3** | 26.7/11.7      | 74.7/55.2       | **80.4**/**67.7** |
| 0-30m   | KITTI         | **88.8**/**84.9** | 73.6/55.2      | 54.0/23.6      | **89.3**/**77.6** | **88.7**/74.1   |
|         | Argoverse     | 84.0/56.9      | **81.2**/**52.2** | 54.0/22.6      | **87.7**/**68.7** | **88.3**/60.7   |
|         | nuScenes      | 81.2/59.8      | 70.5/40.1      | **73.2**/**42.8** | **88.8**/69.6   | **86.2**/62.4   |
|         | Lyft          | 87.5/73.9      | 78.1/54.3      | 56.9/21.2      | **90.4**/**88.5** | **89.4**/74.8   |
|         | Waymo         | 84.8/71.0      | **79.4**/**56.6** | 52.8/20.8      | 88.8/79.1       | **90.4**/**87.2** |
| 30m-50m | KITTI         | **70.2**/**51.4** | 59.0/29.9      | **9.5**/6.1     | 73.7/50.4       | 78.1/57.2       |
|         | Argoverse     | 47.9/23.8      | **70.8**/**34.0** | 7.3/2.0        | **65.4**/**36.9** | **78.1**/48.5   |
|         | nuScenes      | 45.0/25.1      | 51.4/17.1      | **17.1**/**4.1** | 71.5/41.5       | **74.2**/48.0   |
|         | Lyft          | 57.7/33.3      | **62.4**/29.5 | **6.5**/3.3     | **83.8**/**62.7** | **79.7**/59.9   |
|         | Waymo         | 49.2/29.2      | 60.6/34.7      | 9.4/6.3        | **75.1**/**52.6** | **87.5**/68.8   |
| 50m-70m | KITTI         | **28.8**/**12.0** | 20.1/6.3      | **3.3**/1.2     | 46.8/19.4       | 45.2/24.3       |
|         | Argoverse     | 8.1/3.8        | **33.0**/**12.7** | 0.4/0.0        | **38.0**/10.3    | 51.1/23.4       |
|         | nuScenes      | 12.9/5.7       | **15.5**/**2.6** | **9.1**/**9.1** | 47.0/14.9       | **44.3**/19.3   |
|         | Lyft          | **17.5**/8.0   | 26.8/9.1       | 2.5/0.0        | **62.7**/33.1    | **54.0**/27.2   |
|         | Waymo         | 10.5/4.8       | **27.6**/7.3   | 1.3/0.0        | **51.2**/19.9    | **63.5**/41.1   |
Table S13: Cross-dataset performance by fine-tuning with source data after statistical normalization. We report AP\textsubscript{BEV} / AP\textsubscript{3D} of the Car category at IoU = 0.7, using POINTRCNN [52]. We indicate the best generalization results per column and per setting by red fonts and the worst by blue fonts. We indicate in-domain results by bold fonts.

| Setting | Source\Target \n\hline | KITTI | Argoverse | nuScenes | Lyft | Waymo \n\hline | \hline Easy | KITTI & 88.0 / 82.5 & 74.7 / 48.2 & 60.8 / 23.9 & 88.3 / 73.3 & 84.6 / 53.3 \nArgoverse & 76.2 / 46.1 & \textbf{79.2} / \textbf{57.8} & 48.3 / 18.6 & 84.8 / 65.0 & 84.8 / 49.2 \nnuScenes & 83.2 / 35.6 & 72.0 / 25.3 & \textbf{73.4} / \textbf{38.1} & 88.7 / 38.1 & 76.6 / 43.3 \nLyft & 83.5 / 72.1 & 74.4 / 44.0 & 57.8 / 21.1 & \textbf{90.2} / \textbf{87.3} & 86.3 / 66.4 \nWaymo & 82.1 / 48.7 & 75.0 / 44.4 & 54.9 / 20.7 & 85.7 / 80.0 & \textbf{90.1} / \textbf{85.3} \n\hline Moderate | KITTI & \textbf{80.6} / \textbf{68.9} & 61.5 / 38.2 & 32.9 / 16.4 & 73.7 / 53.1 & 74.9 / 49.4 \nArgoverse & 67.2 / 40.5 & \textbf{69.9} / \textbf{44.2} & 24.7 / 11.1 & 63.3 / 38.9 & 72.0 / 43.6 \nnuScenes & 67.4 / 31.0 & 55.6 / 17.9 & \textbf{40.7} / \textbf{21.2} & 71.1 / 24.5 & \textbf{66.6} / \textbf{32.2} \nLyft & 73.6 / 57.9 & 59.7 / 33.3 & 30.4 / 10.9 & \textbf{83.7} / \textbf{65.5} & 75.5 / 51.3 \nWaymo & 71.3 / 47.1 & \textbf{62.3} / \textbf{31.7} & 28.8 / 11.5 & 71.5 / 52.6 & \textbf{85.9} / \textbf{67.9} \n\hline Hard | KITTI & \textbf{81.9} / \textbf{66.7} & 60.6 / 37.1 & 31.9 / 15.8 & 73.1 / 53.5 & 69.4 / 49.4 \nArgoverse & 68.5 / 41.9 & \textbf{69.9} / \textbf{42.8} & 24.3 / 10.9 & 61.6 / 40.2 & 68.2 / 42.7 \nnuScenes & \textbf{65.4} / \textbf{30.8} & 52.5 / 17.2 & 40.2 / 20.5 & 73.2 / 28.6 & 68.7 / 30.4 \nLyft & \textbf{75.2} / \textbf{58.9} & 60.8 / 31.8 & 29.5 / 14.4 & \textbf{79.3} / \textbf{65.5} & 75.5 / 53.2 \nWaymo & 73.0 / 49.7 & \textbf{60.2} / \textbf{32.5} & 28.4 / 10.9 & 71.5 / 53.3 & \textbf{80.4} / \textbf{67.7} \n\hline 0-30m | KITTI & \textbf{88.8} / \textbf{84.9} & 73.1 / 54.2 & 60.0 / 29.2 & 88.8 / 75.4 & 87.1 / 60.1 \nArgoverse & \textbf{83.3} / 53.9 & \textbf{83.3} / \textbf{63.3} & 51.5 / 23.0 & \textbf{86.3} / 68.4 & 87.3 / 59.7 \nnuScenes & 83.6 / 42.8 & 72.8 / 27.2 & \textbf{73.2} / \textbf{42.8} & \textbf{88.9} / 47.1 & \textbf{78.5} / 45.9 \nLyft & 87.4 / 73.6 & 78.7 / 51.8 & 58.7 / 26.8 & \textbf{90.4} / \textbf{88.5} & 87.9 / 72.4 \nWaymo & 85.7 / 59.0 & \textbf{79.9} / \textbf{50.5} & 57.6 / 24.3 & 87.2 / 75.8 & \textbf{90.4} / \textbf{87.2} \n\hline 30m-50m | KITTI & \textbf{70.2} / \textbf{51.4} & 61.5 / 31.5 & 11.0 / 2.3 & 73.8 / 52.2 & 78.1 / 54.9 \nArgoverse & 48.9 / 25.7 & \textbf{72.2} / \textbf{39.5} & 5.0 / 4.5 & 61.0 / 32.4 & 74.4 / 46.2 \nnuScenes & 44.9 / 18.6 & 45.6 / 7.3 & \textbf{17.1} / \textbf{4.1} & 70.1 / 18.1 & 67.9 / 31.6 \nLyft & 58.3 / 38.0 & 57.2 / 18.5 & 6.5 / 4.5 & \textbf{83.8} / \textbf{62.7} & 77.2 / 52.4 \nWaymo & 57.3 / 36.3 & 54.9 / 20.1 & 9.1 / 1.5 & 71.3 / 48.4 & \textbf{87.5} / \textbf{68.8} \n\hline 50m-70m | KITTI & \textbf{28.8} / \textbf{12.0} & 23.8 / 5.6 & 3.0 / 2.3 & \textbf{49.9} / \textbf{22.2} & 46.8 / 25.1 \nArgoverse & 9.1 / 2.6 & \textbf{29.9} / \textbf{6.9} & 0.2 / 0.1 & 28.9 / 8.8 & 46.2 / 21.2 \nnuScenes & 9.4 / 5.1 & \textbf{14.8} / \textbf{2.3} & \textbf{9.1} / \textbf{9.1} & 40.7 / 5.2 & \textbf{36.4} / \textbf{14.9} \nLyft & \textbf{21.1} / \textbf{6.7} & 21.2 / 4.9 & 4.5 / 0.0 & \textbf{62.7} / \textbf{33.1} & \textbf{52.1} / \textbf{25.3} \nWaymo & 14.4 / 5.7 & \textbf{27.7} / \textbf{11.0} & 1.0 / 0.0 & 46.9 / 22.0 & \textbf{63.5} / \textbf{41.1} \n\hline
Table S14: Cross-dataset performance by output transformation: directly adjusting the predicted box size by adding the difference of mean sizes between domains. We report AP$_{BEV}$/ AP$_{3D}$ of the Car category at IoU = 0.7, using POINTRCNN [52]. We indicate the best generalization results per column and per setting by red fonts and the worst by blue fonts. We indicate in-domain results by bold fonts.

| Setting | Source\Target | KITTI | Argoverse | nuScenes | Lyft | Waymo |
|---------|---------------|-------|-----------|----------|------|-------|
| Easy    | KITTI         | **88.0 / 82.5** | 72.7 / 9.0 | 55.0 / 10.4 | 88.2 / 23.5 | 86.1 / 16.2 |
|         | Argoverse     | 53.3 / 5.7 | **79.2 / 57.8** | 52.6 / 21.3 | 87.1 / 66.1 | 87.6 / 56.1 |
|         | nuScenes      | 75.4 / 31.5 | 73.3 / 27.9 | **73.4 / 38.1** | 89.2 / 44.3 | 78.4 / 35.5 |
|         | Lyft          | 71.9 / 4.7 | 77.1 / 48.0 | 63.1 / 24.5 | **90.2 / 87.3** | 89.2 / 73.9 |
|         | Waymo         | 64.0 / 3.9 | 74.3 / 54.8 | 58.8 / 25.2 | 88.3 / 85.3 | **90.1 / 85.3** |
| Moderate| KITTI         | **80.6 / 68.9** | 59.9 / 7.9 | 30.8 / 6.8 | 70.1 / 17.8 | 69.1 / 13.1 |
|         | Argoverse     | 52.2 / 7.3 | **69.9 / 44.2** | 27.5 / 11.7 | 66.9 / 42.1 | 74.3 / 45.5 |
|         | nuScenes      | 58.5 / 27.3 | 56.8 / 20.4 | **40.7 / 21.2** | 71.3 / 27.3 | 67.8 / 26.2 |
|         | Lyft          | 60.8 / 5.6 | 62.7 / 37.6 | 33.5 / 12.5 | **83.7 / 65.5** | 78.4 / 60.8 |
|         | Waymo         | 54.9 / 3.7 | 62.9 / 40.4 | 30.1 / 14.5 | 74.3 / 59.8 | **85.9 / 67.9** |
| Hard    | KITTI         | **81.9 / 66.7** | 59.3 / 9.3 | 27.8 / 7.6 | 66.5 / 19.1 | 68.7 / 13.9 |
|         | Argoverse     | 53.5 / 8.6 | **69.9 / 42.8** | 26.7 / 14.5 | 64.6 / 43.0 | 70.0 / 44.2 |
|         | nuScenes      | 59.5 / 27.8 | 53.6 / 19.9 | **40.2 / 20.5** | 67.6 / 28.5 | 66.3 / 26.0 |
|         | Lyft          | 63.1 / 6.9 | 63.4 / 38.6 | 30.4 / 13.3 | **79.3 / 65.5** | 77.3 / 57.3 |
|         | Waymo         | 58.0 / 4.1 | 60.5 / 39.2 | 29.4 / 14.6 | 74.0 / 57.2 | **80.4 / 67.7** |
| 0-30m   | KITTI         | **88.8 / 84.9** | 73.0 / 13.7 | 56.2 / 13.9 | 88.4 / 27.5 | 87.7 / 22.2 |
|         | Argoverse     | 64.9 / 10.1 | **83.3 / 63.3** | 55.2 / 27.0 | 87.8 / 69.9 | 87.9 / 62.6 |
|         | nuScenes      | 74.6 / 36.6 | 73.7 / 32.0 | **73.2 / 42.8** | 89.2 / 46.2 | 79.6 / 41.6 |
|         | Lyft          | 74.8 / 9.1 | **81.2 / 55.8** | 61.2 / 27.2 | **90.4 / 88.5** | 89.6 / 77.2 |
|         | Waymo         | 71.3 / 4.4 | 78.4 / 55.7 | 60.5 / 25.8 | 88.7 / 85.0 | **90.4 / 87.2** |
| 30m-50m | KITTI         | **70.2 / 51.4** | 36.1 / 5.4 | 10.8 / 9.1 | 67.4 / 10.7 | 73.6 / 10.4 |
|         | Argoverse     | 35.1 / 9.1 | **72.2 / 39.5** | 9.5 / 0.3 | **66.3 / 39.1** | 77.5 / 44.9 |
|         | nuScenes      | 35.5 / 15.5 | 47.4 / 7.8 | **17.1 / 4.1** | 69.9 / 22.5 | **68.7 / 21.1** |
|         | Lyft          | 43.3 / 3.9 | **60.8 / 25.4** | 11.2 / 9.1 | **83.8 / 62.7** | 79.5 / 61.4 |
|         | Waymo         | 39.8 / 4.5 | 58.1 / 34.9 | 9.9 / 9.1 | 74.5 / 57.5 | **87.5 / 68.8** |
| 50m-70m | KITTI         | **28.8 / 12.0** | 20.5 / 1.0 | 1.5 / 1.0 | 41.3 / 6.8 | 42.6 / 4.2 |
|         | Argoverse     | 8.0 / 0.8 | **29.9 / 6.9** | 0.5 / 0.0 | 35.6 / 14.2 | 49.2 / 20.3 |
|         | nuScenes      | 7.8 / 5.1 | 15.3 / 3.0 | **9.1 / 9.1** | 41.4 / 5.6 | **37.0 / 12.0** |
|         | Lyft          | 12.7 / 0.9 | **25.6 / 6.0** | 1.1 / 0.0 | **62.7 / 33.1** | **54.9 / 30.4** |
|         | Waymo         | 7.7 / 1.1 | 25.5 / 6.5 | 0.9 / 0.0 | 50.8 / 22.3 | **63.5 / 41.1** |
Figure S11: 3D prediction on KITTI using the model trained on Waymo before and after statistical normalization refinement. The green boxes are the ground truth car bounding boxes. Purple boxes and magenta boxes are predictions by the model before and after statistical normalization refinement, respectively. The left column demonstrates that statistical normalization is able to resize bounding box predictions to the correct sizes, while the right case shows that it also can reduce false positive rates.
Table S15: Statistical normalization using the mean sizes of datasets versus car sales data. Direct: directly applying the source domain detector.

| Setting | Dataset          | Direct |Datasets | Car sales data |
|---------|------------------|--------|---------|----------------|
| Easy    | Argoverse        | 55.8 / 27.7 | 74.7 / 48.2 | 68.6 / 32.8 |
|         | nuScenes         | 47.4 / 13.3 | 60.8 / 23.9 | 62.0 / 24.4 |
|         | Lyft             | 81.7 / 51.8 | 88.3 / 73.3 | 88.9 / 69.9 |
|         | Waymo            | 45.2 / 11.9 | 84.6 / 53.3 | 66.7 / 22.8 |
| Moderate| Argoverse        | 44.9 / 22.3 | 61.5 / 38.2 | 57.7 / 29.1 |
|         | nuScenes         | 26.2 / 8.3 | 32.9 / 16.4 | 32.6 / 13.0 |
|         | Lyft             | 61.8 / 33.7 | 73.7 / 53.1 | 72.6 / 47.6 |
|         | Waymo            | 43.9 / 12.3 | 74.9 / 49.4 | 61.8 / 22.9 |
| Hard    | Argoverse        | 42.5 / 22.2 | 60.6 / 37.1 | 54.0 / 30.0 |
|         | nuScenes         | 24.9 / 8.8 | 31.9 / 15.8 | 29.8 / 13.2 |
|         | Lyft             | 57.4 / 34.2 | 73.1 / 53.5 | 71.7 / 45.7 |
|         | Waymo            | 41.5 / 12.6 | 69.4 / 49.4 | 62.7 / 25.1 |
| 0-30m   | Argoverse        | 58.4 / 34.7 | 73.1 / 54.2 | 71.0 / 44.0 |
|         | nuScenes         | 47.9 / 14.9 | 60.0 / 29.2 | 60.1 / 26.1 |
|         | Lyft             | 77.8 / 54.2 | 88.8 / 75.4 | 89.2 / 72.5 |
|         | Waymo            | 48.0 / 14.0 | 87.1 / 60.1 | 72.4 / 30.2 |
| 30m-50m | Argoverse        | 46.5 / 19.0 | 61.5 / 31.5 | 57.4 / 20.0 |
|         | nuScenes         | 9.8 / 4.5 | 11.0 / 2.3 | 5.7 / 3.0 |
|         | Lyft             | 60.1 / 34.5 | 73.8 / 52.2 | 72.2 / 42.7 |
|         | Waymo            | 50.5 / 21.4 | 78.1 / 54.9 | 66.8 / 35.5 |
| 50m-70m | Argoverse        | 9.2 / 3.0 | 23.8 / 5.6 | 16.8 / 4.5 |
|         | nuScenes         | 1.1 / 0.0 | 3.0 / 2.3 | 1.0 / 0.1 |
|         | Lyft             | 33.2 / 9.6 | 49.9 / 22.2 | 46.0 / 18.8 |
|         | Waymo            | 27.1 / 12.0 | 46.8 / 25.1 | 44.2 / 18.0 |

Table S16: Dataset statistics on pedestrians (meters)

| Setting | KITTI | Argoverse | nuScenes | Lyft | Waymo |
|---------|-------|-----------|----------|------|-------|
| H       | 1.76 ± 0.11 | 1.84 ± 0.15 | 1.78 ± 0.18 | 1.76 ± 0.18 | 1.75 ± 0.20 |
| W       | 0.66 ± 0.14 | 0.78 ± 0.14 | 0.67 ± 0.14 | 0.76 ± 0.14 | 0.85 ± 0.15 |
| L       | 0.84 ± 0.23 | 0.78 ± 0.14 | 0.73 ± 0.19 | 0.78 ± 0.17 | 0.90 ± 0.19 |