



# Domain Alignment in Representation Space Using Cycle-Consistent Adversarial Learning

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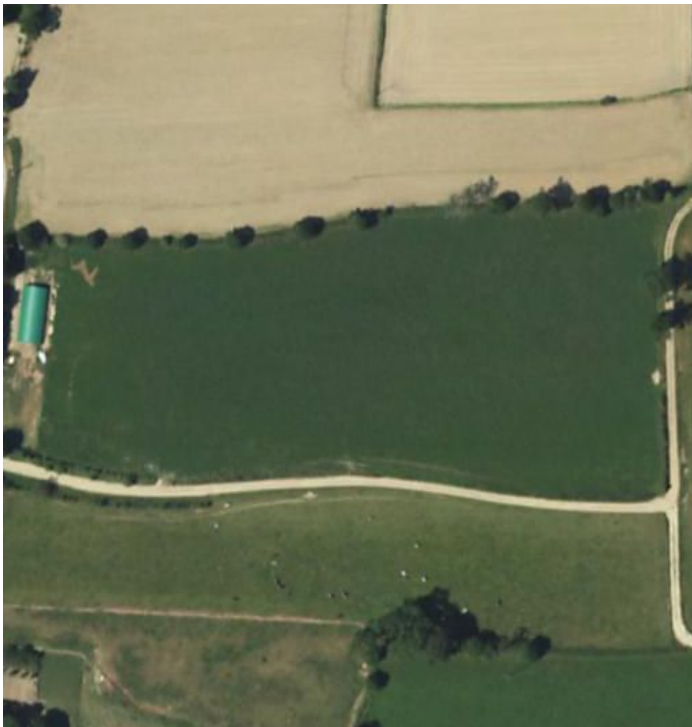


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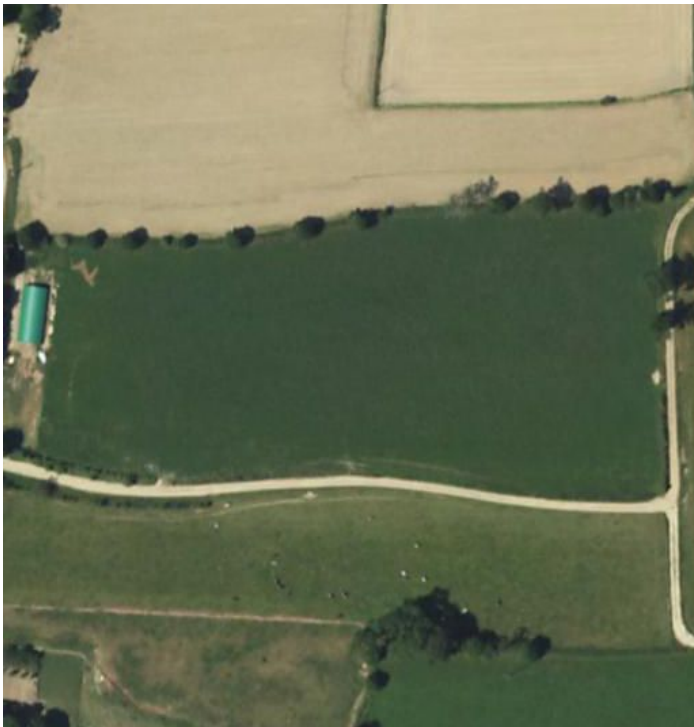


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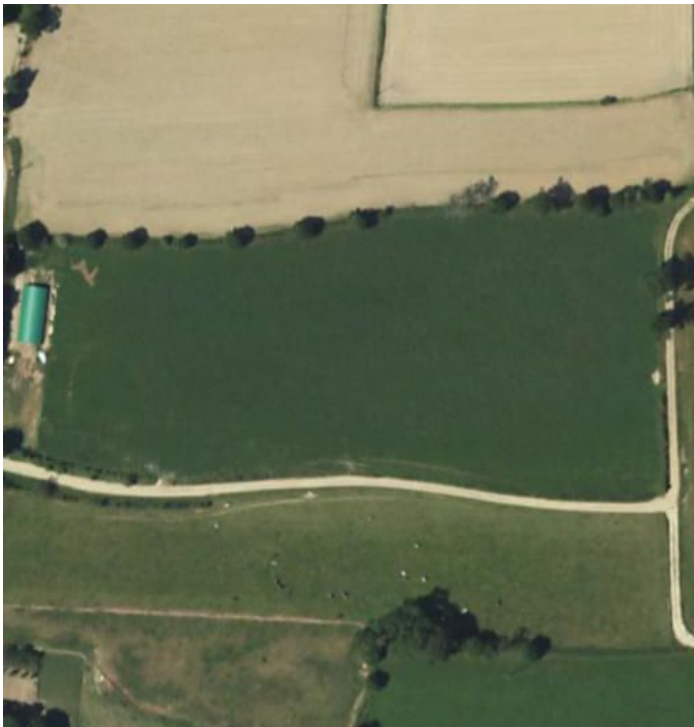


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Change map



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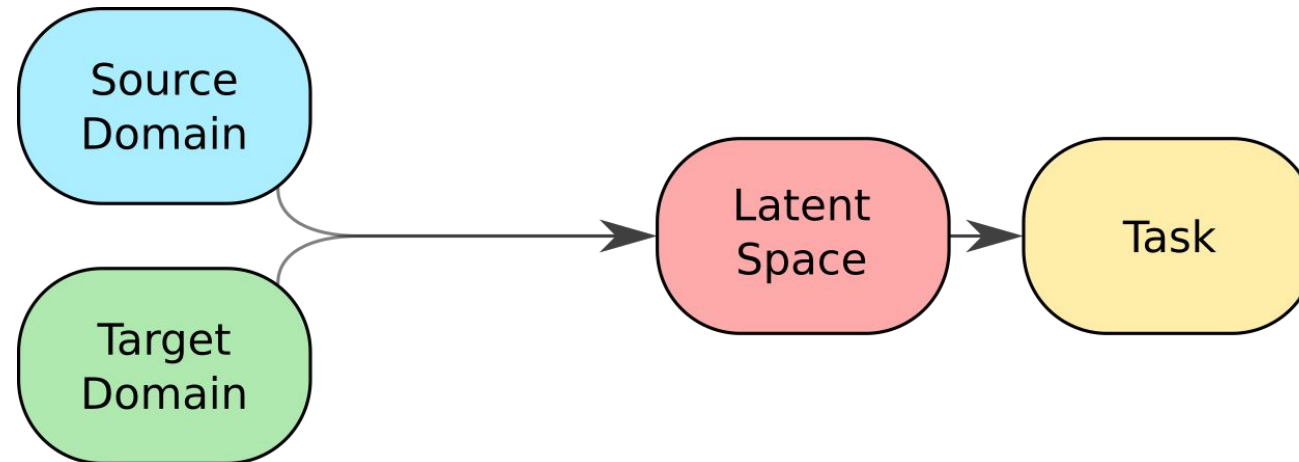


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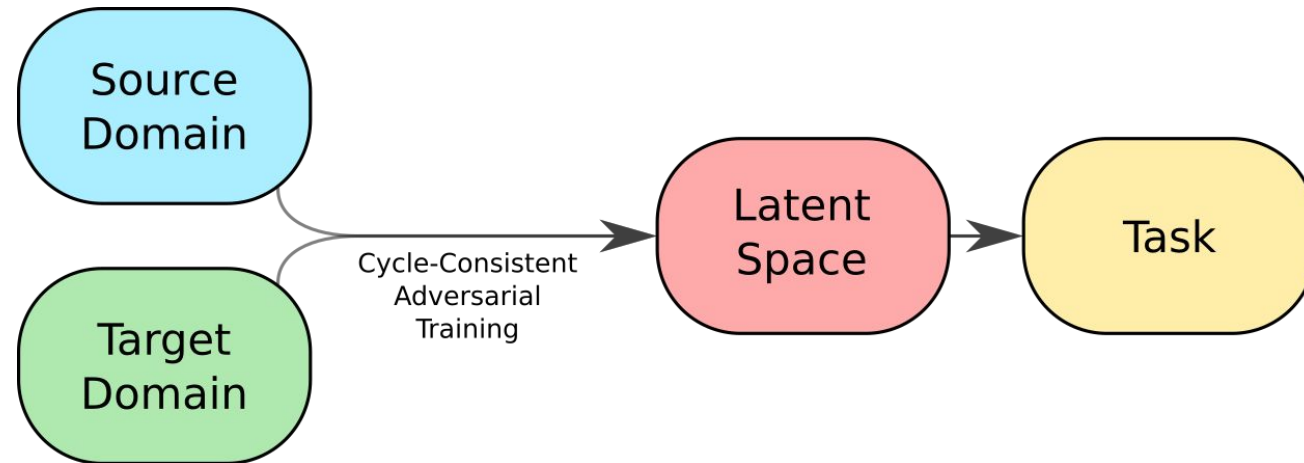
Our objective is to find a representation space (feature space) where the representation depends only on the contents of the input image and not on the domain of origin.



A hypothetical “same object” in two domains should have very similar representations in this latent space.

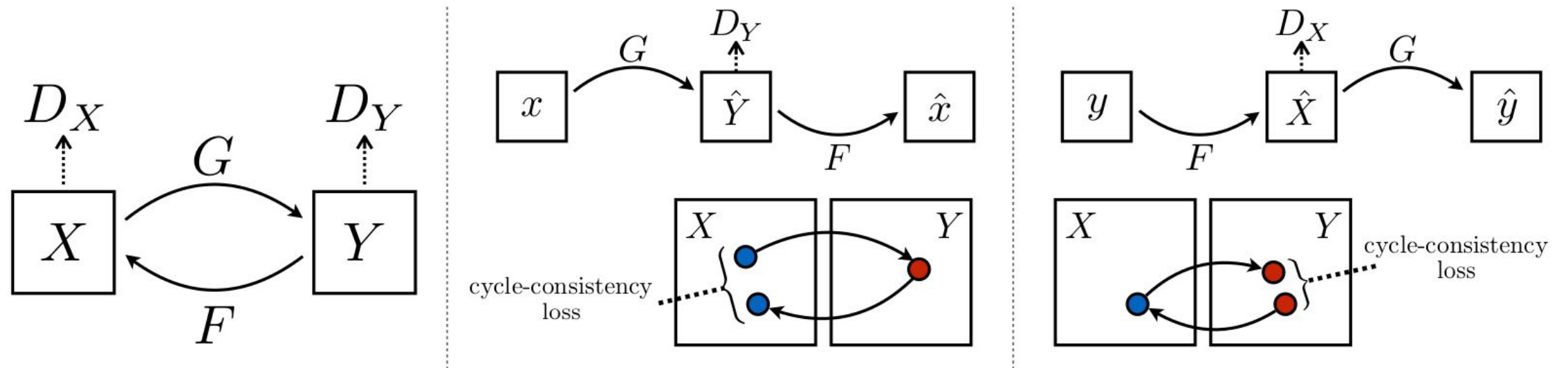
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This is achieved using cycle-consistent adversarial training (originally proposed to develop the CycleGAN architecture).



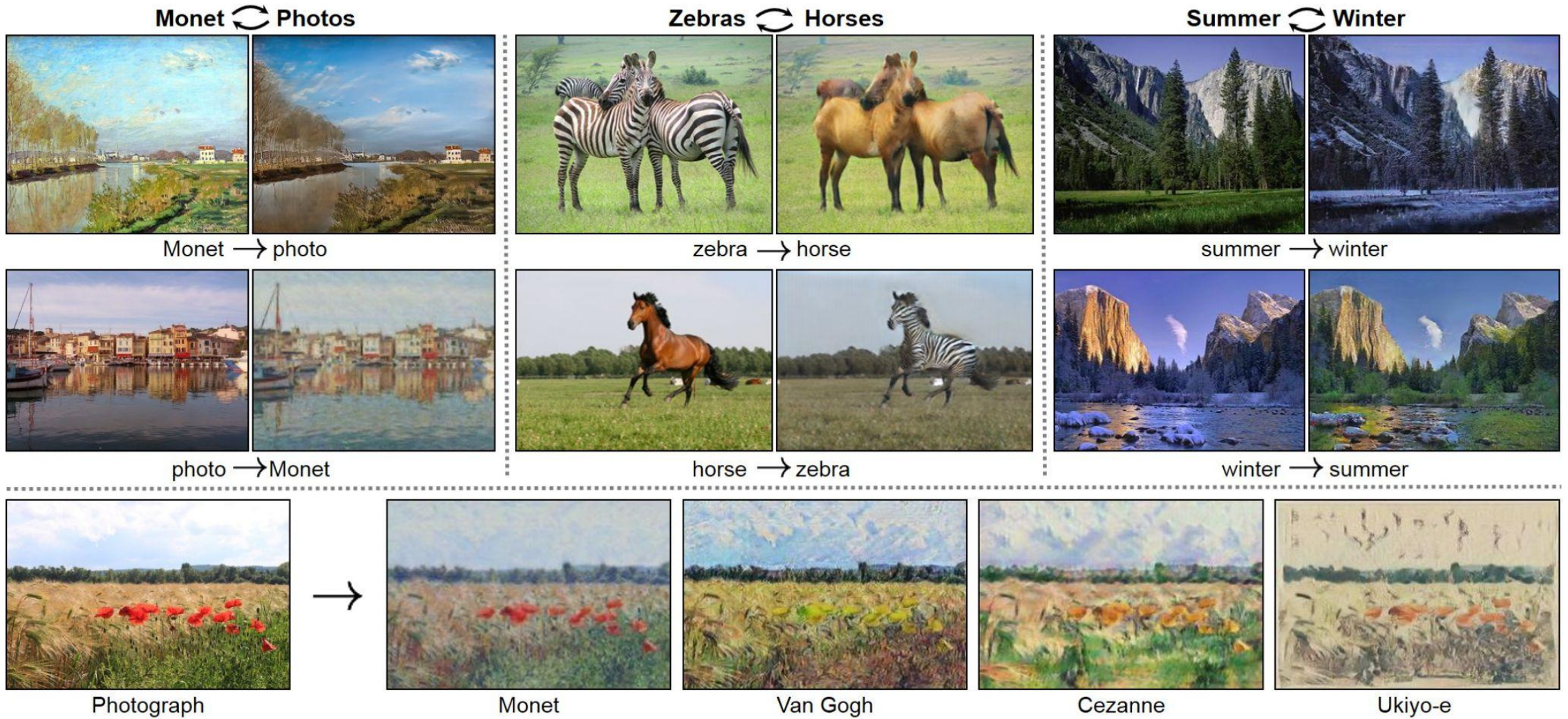
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Main concept: a **forward translation** and a **backward translation** should approach an **identity transformation** (i.e. should have a result close to the input).



One big advantage: CycleGAN learns from **unpaired data!**

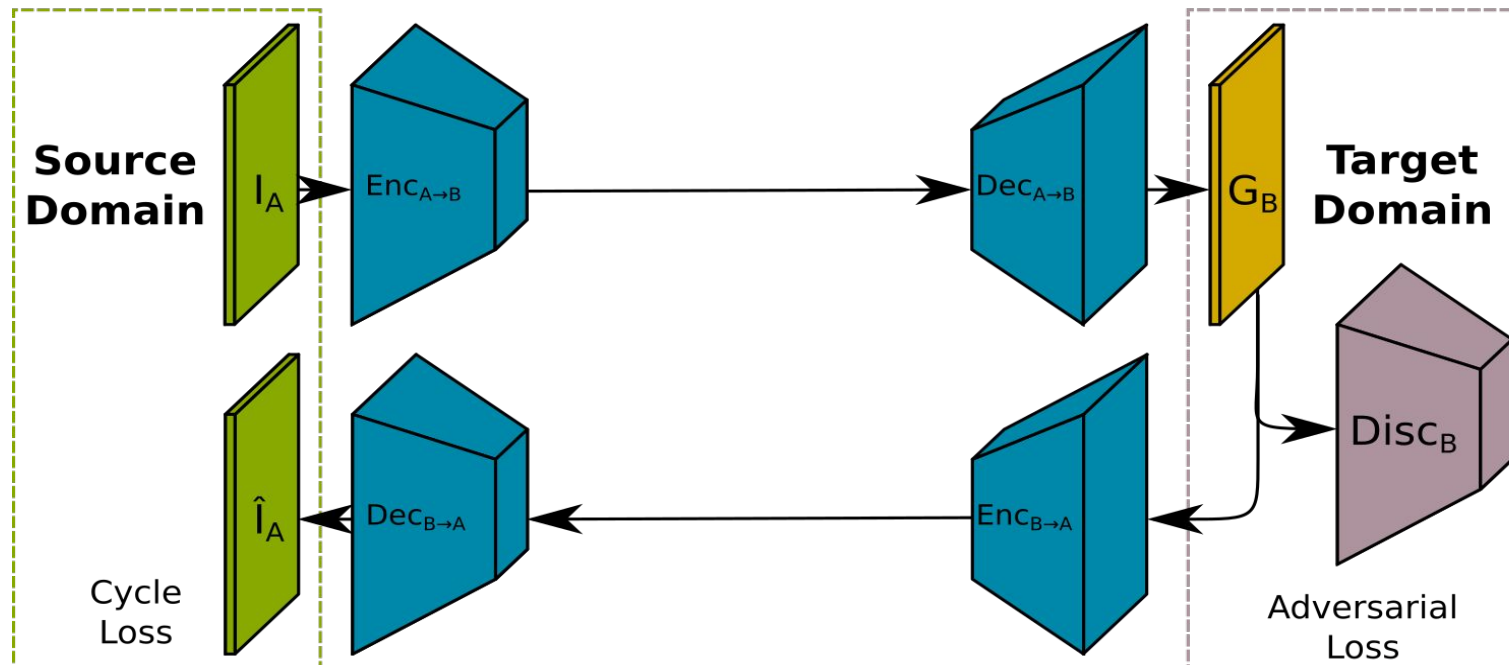
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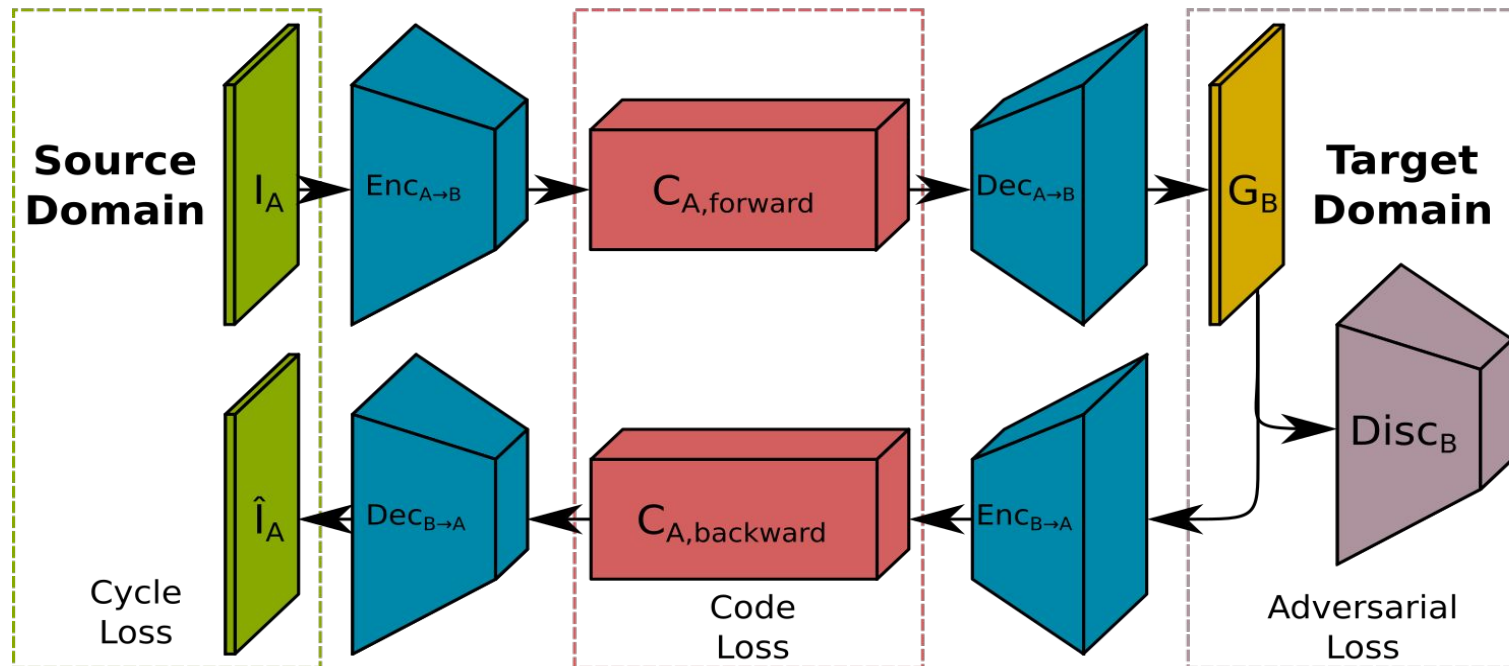
CycleGAN uses once encoder-decoder network for each translation direction.



Only one path is shown here for simplicity, but two are possible: A-B-A and B-A-B.

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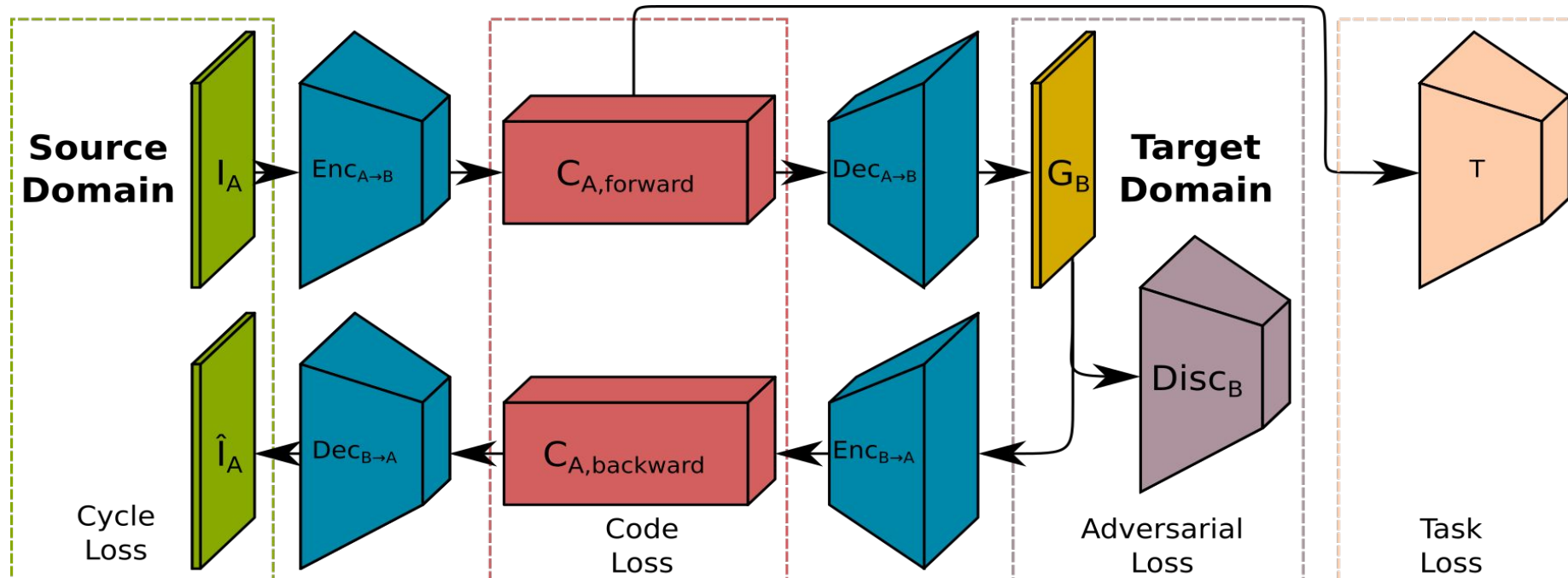
The encoded representation in the forward and backward translations are what we are trying to align (not done in the original CycleGAN).



Intuitively, a discriminator would align the codes. In practice we show that this is not a good idea, and a simple L1 loss is more efficient.

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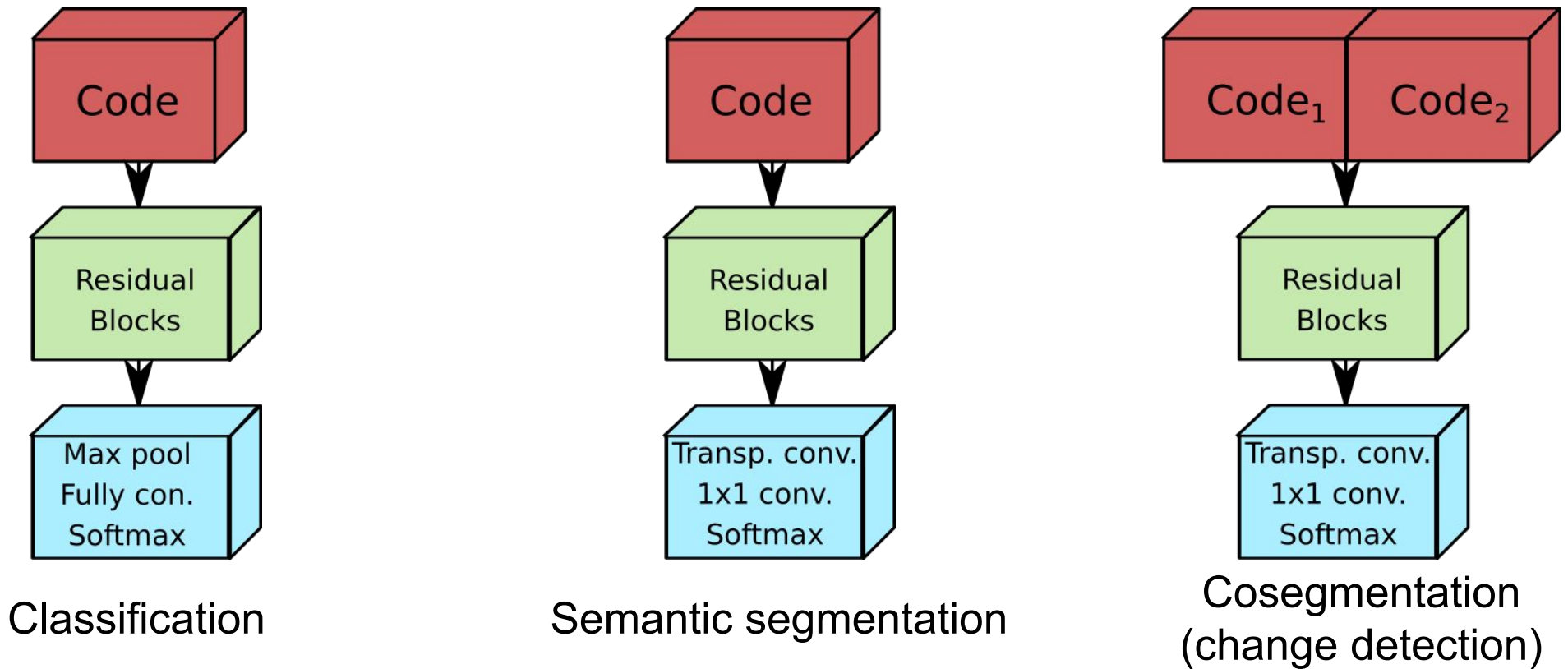
A task can then be performed using this representation as input.



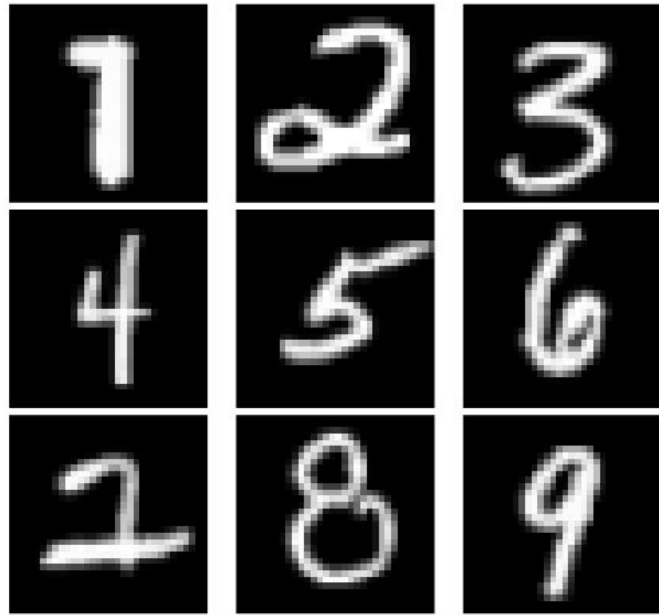
Simultaneous training of all the elements also encourages the encoders to learn a representation that is useful for the desired task.

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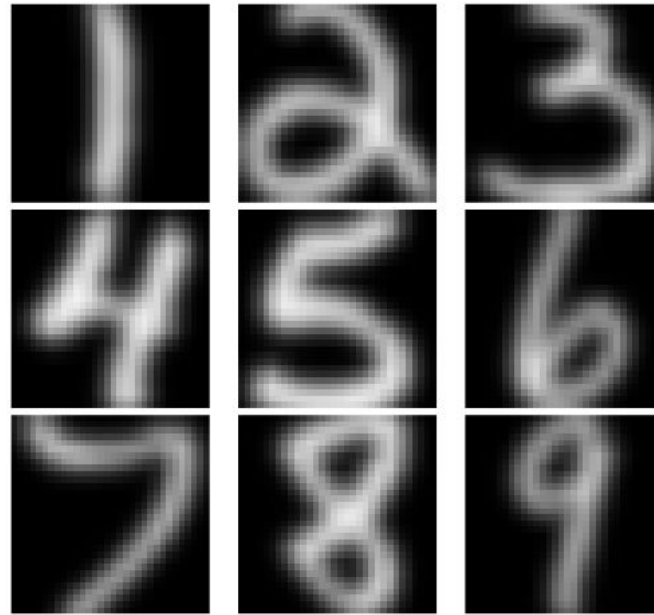
We can input the code into different task networks to accomplish different tasks.



# Application: Digit Recognition



MNIST



USPS



SVHN

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Model	MNIST $\rightarrow$ USPS	USPS $\rightarrow$ MNIST	SVHN $\rightarrow$ MNIST
Source only	0.957	0.779	0.723
DANN	-	-	0.736
DTN	-	-	0.844
CoGAN	0.912	0.891	-
ADDA	0.894	0.901	0.760
CyCADA	0.956	0.965	<b>0.904</b>
DINE (shared enc.)	<b>0.982</b>	0.973	0.713*
DINE (normal)	<b>0.982</b>	<b>0.981</b>	0.803
Target only	0.973	0.995	0.995

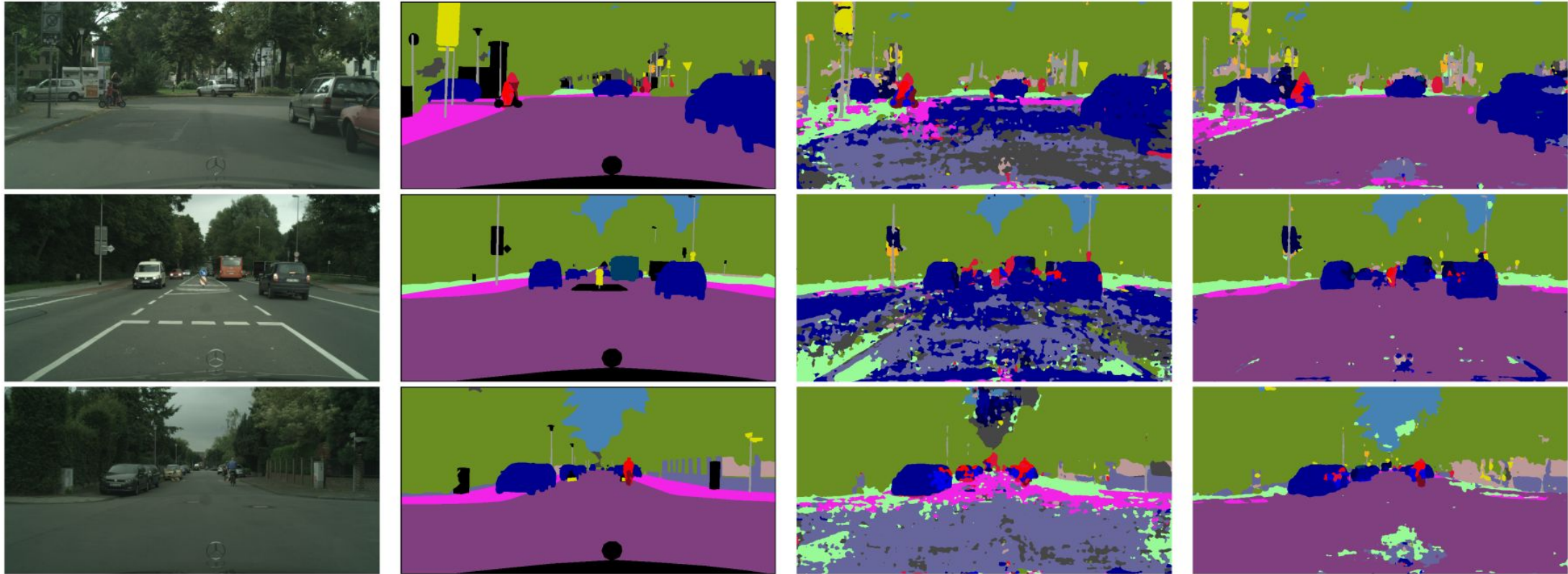
# Application: Semantic Segmentation



GTA 5

Cityscapes

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Input

Ground truth

Source supervision

DINE

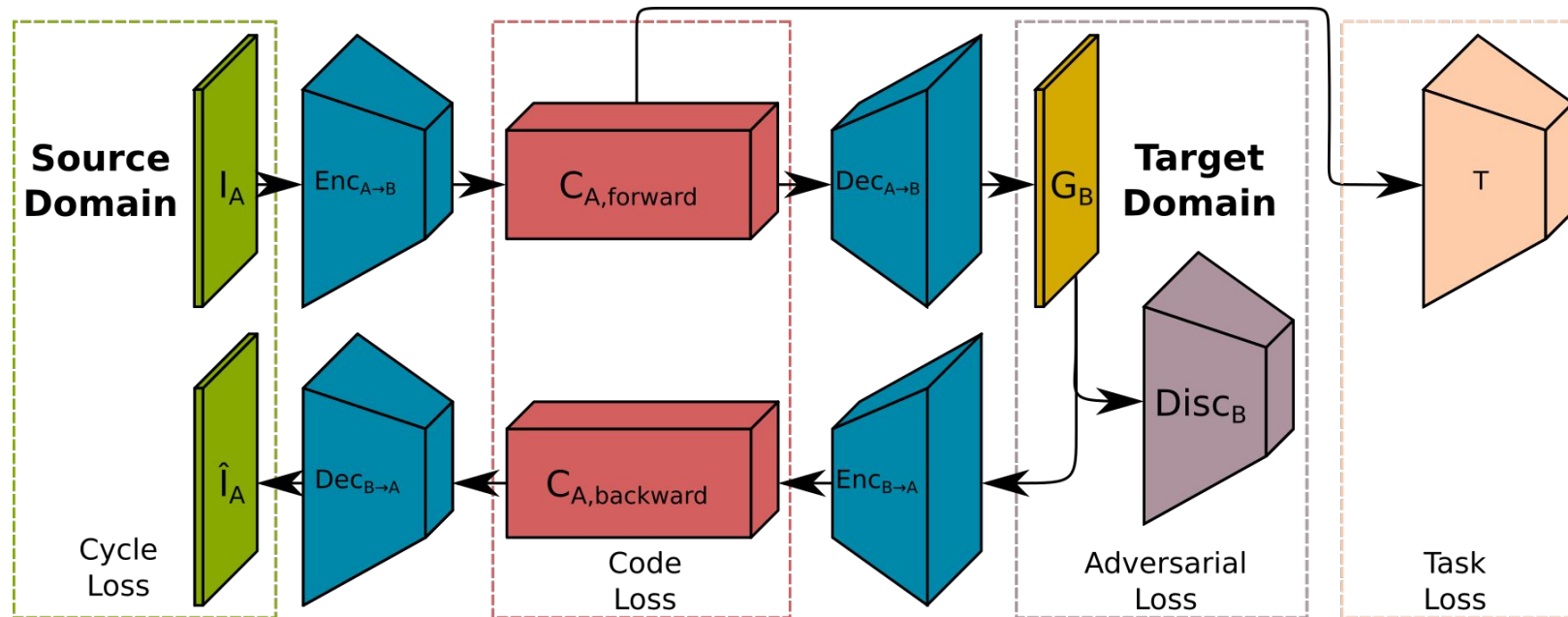


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Model	Backbone	Parameters	mIoU
Source supervision	ResNet-9	11.4 M	0.117
FCNs in the Wild	VGG-16	50.5 M	0.271
Adapt-SegNet	Deeplab-v2 VGG16	29.6 M	0.350
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CyCADA	VGG16-FCN8s	134.4 M	0.354
CyCADA	DRN-26	20.6 M	0.395
AdvEnt	ResNet-101	44.5M	<b>0.438</b>
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CyCADA	ResNet-9	11.4 M	0.117
Adapt-SegNet	ResNet-9	11.4 M	0.125
DINE (shared enc.)	ResNet-9	11.4 M	0.137
DINE (normal)	ResNet-9	11.4 M	<b>0.201</b>

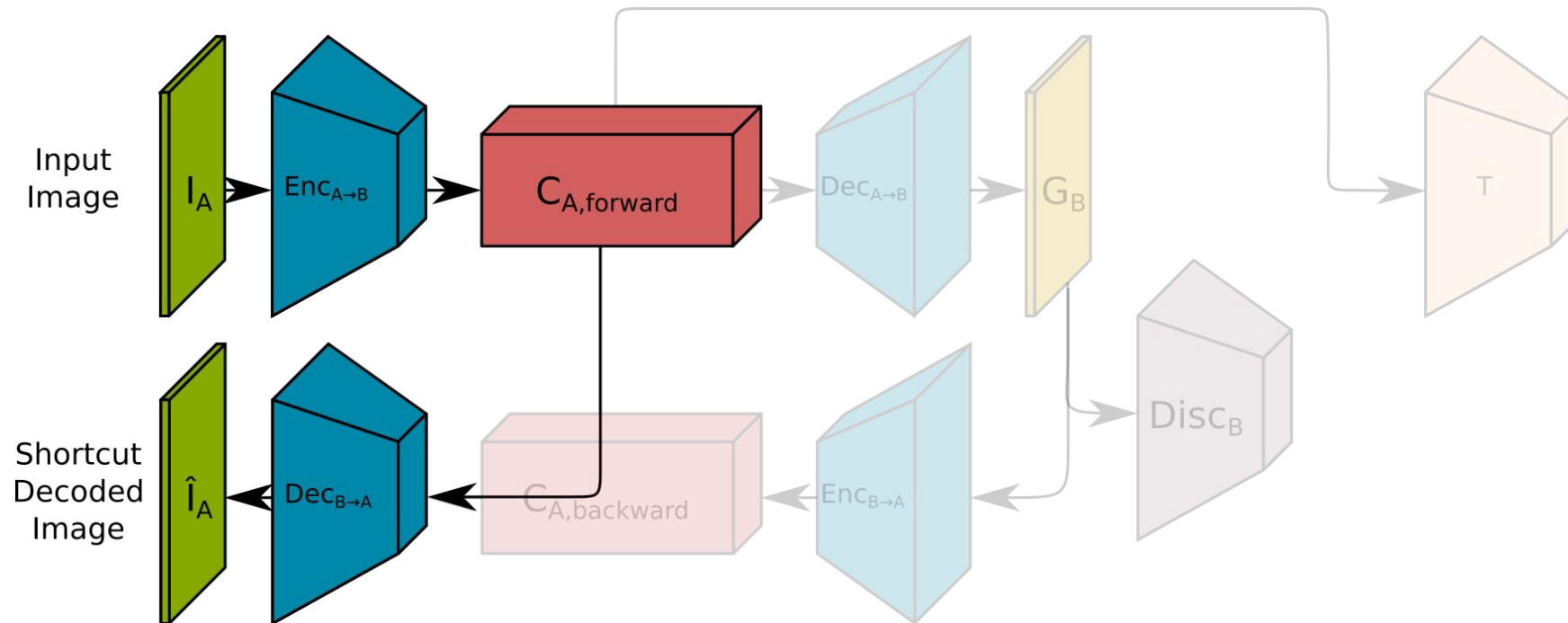
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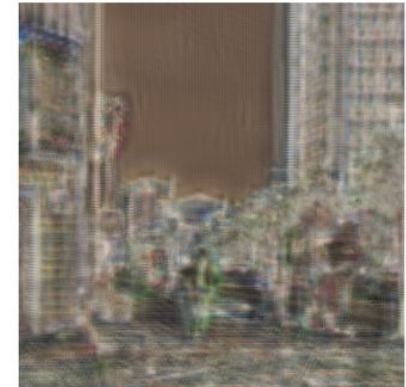
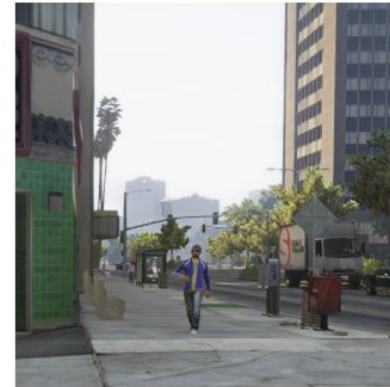
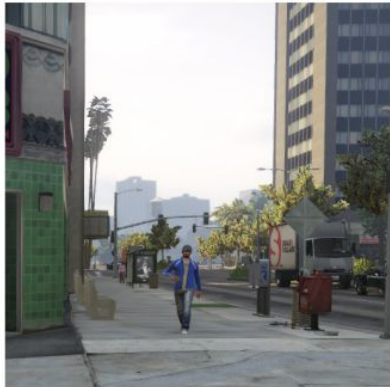
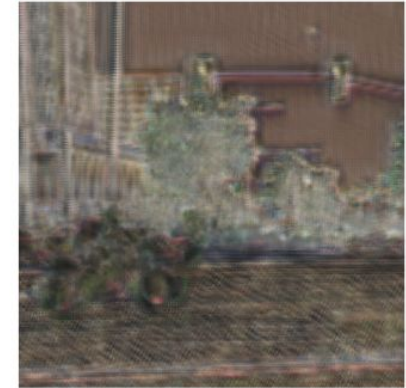


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Input

Translated

Full cycle

Shortcut  
(DINE)

Shortcut  
(code discr.)

# Application: Change Detection



Flood

Wildfire

Tsunami

# Application: Change Detection



Image 1

Image 2

Ground truth

DINE

Source sup.

# Application: Change Detection



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# Application: Change Detection



Image 1  
(domain A)

A -> B  
(clean data)

A -> B  
(all data)

Image 2  
(domain B)

B -> A  
(clean data)

B -> A  
(all data)



# Conclusion

- Cycle-consistent adversarial learning was used to find a common representation space using unpaired data from different domains
- Method was tested for classification, semantic segmentation, and semantic cosegmentation (change detection)
- Notably, this method surpassed target domain supervision in one of our tests
- Method allows for visual verification of domain alignment in representation space
- Using data containing changes for training GANs may lead to bad results due to hallucinations

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Questions?