# RLSBENCH: Domain Adaptation Under Relaxed Label Shift



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#### ML is not Robust under Distribution shift

- Huge success in standard i.i.d. supervised machine learning, standard ML
- Inspired applications, e.g., in medical domain
- However, standard ML breaks under distribution shift

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#### Common pitfalls and recommendations for using machine learning to detect and prognosticate for **COVID-19 using chest radiographs and CT scans**

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"Our review finds that none of the models identified are of potential clinical use due to methodological flaws and/or underlying biases."

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- Despite huge success in standard i.i.d. supervised machine learning, standard ML breaks under distribution shift
- Lack of rigor in benchmark driver empirical research

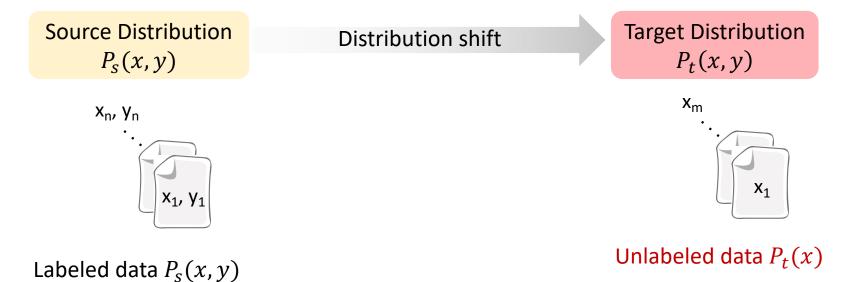
### **Different Learning Scenarios**

- Distribution shift problems can appear in different scenarios, e.g.,
  - domain generalization
  - transfer learning with (small amount of) labeled target data
  - domain adaptation
- These settings differ in "what data is available during training"
- In this work, we focus on domain adaptation problems

### **Domain Adaptation**

Problem setup





**Objective** 

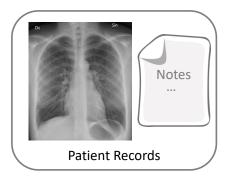
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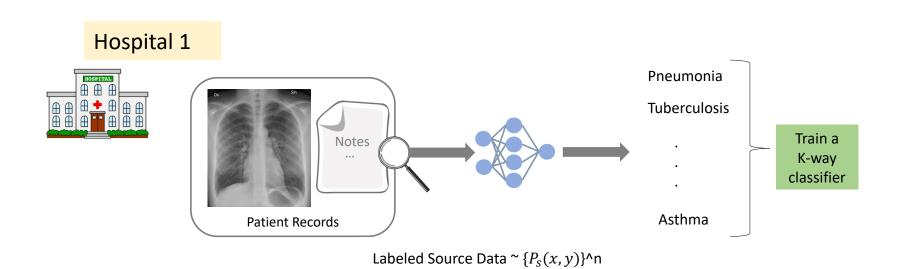
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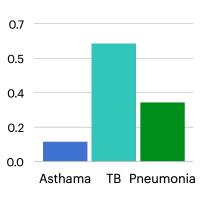
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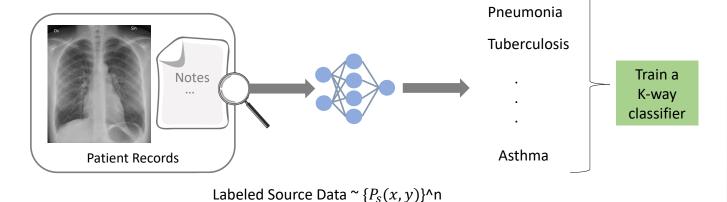


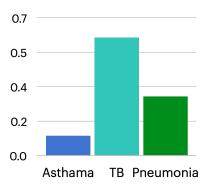




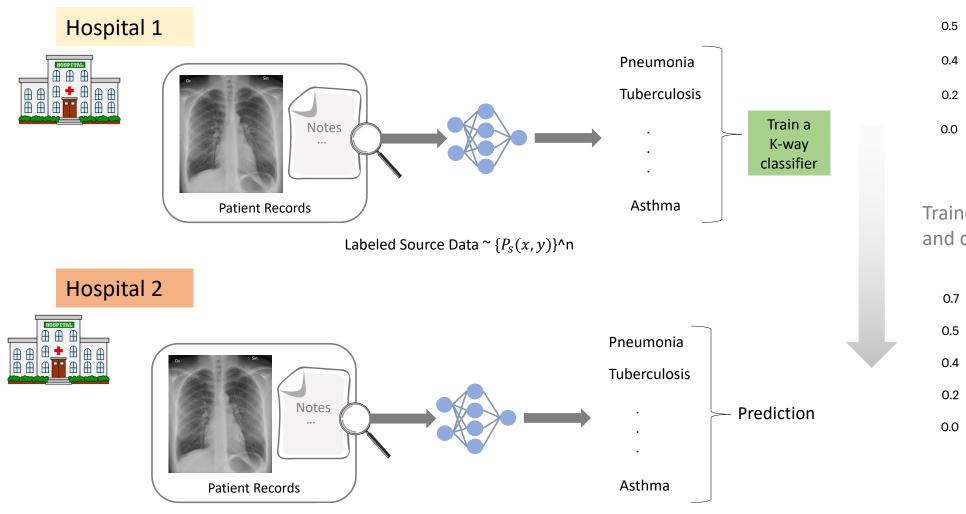
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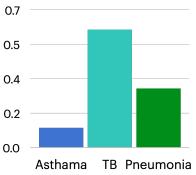




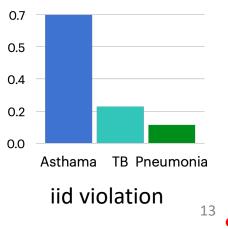


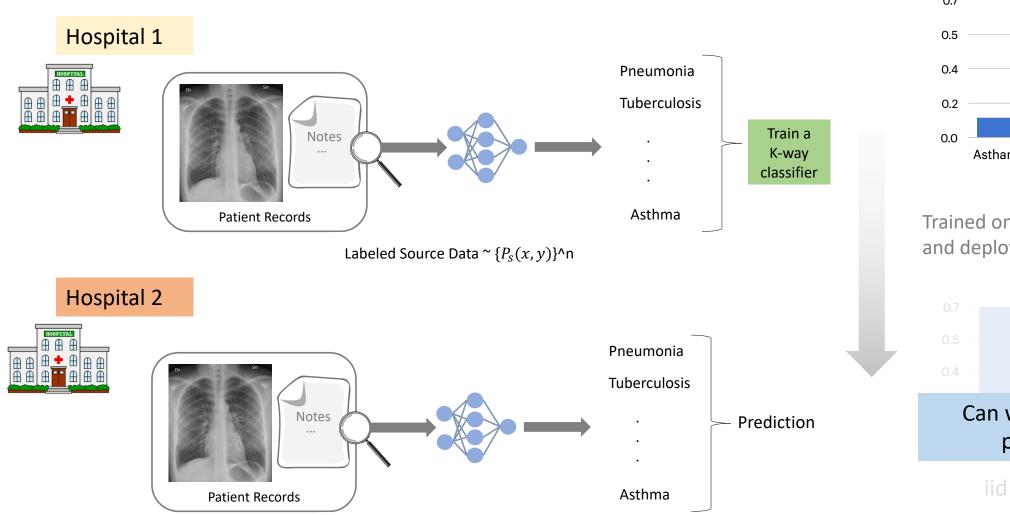
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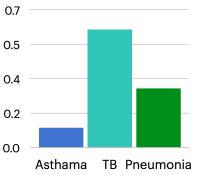




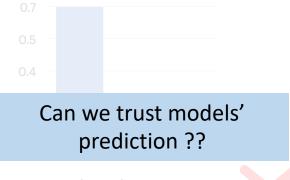
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### **Label Shift Setting**

- Assume p(y) can change but the conditional p(x|y) doesn't change
- Under this assumption, we obtain a well-posed setting
- Goal: (i) Estimate the target label marginal  $p_t(y)$ ; and (ii) adapt source classifier f to target data

• Why its non-trivial? Recall that we do not observe target labels

### Estimation and Correction under Label Shift

- Effective methods that are applicable in deep learning regimes exists
- Yield consistent estimates of the target label marginal [Garg et al. 2020, Lipton et al.

2018, Azizzadenesheli et al., 2019]

- $O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$  convergence rates with interpretable error bounds
- Principled ways to on-the-fly update the source classifier
  - Importance re-weighted correction

$$[f_t(x)]_y = \frac{w(y)[f_s(x)]_y}{\sum_j w(j)[f_s(x)]_j}$$

### **Extending the Label Shift Setting**

- Two key assumptions in label shift: (i) class overlap in source and target;
  (ii) p(x|y) remains invariant
- However, these label shift assumptions can be violated in practice
- Our past work on PU learning and Open Set Label Shift (OSLS) relaxes the class overlap assumption<sub>[Garg et al. 2021, Garg et al. 2022]</sub>
- In this work, we take a step in relaxing the latter assumption (i.e., p(x|y) remains invariant)

#### Motivation: Relaxed Label Shift

• In medical domain, along with changing prevalence of diseases, p(x|y) can

drift from location A to location B.

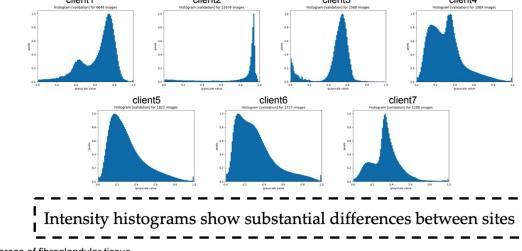
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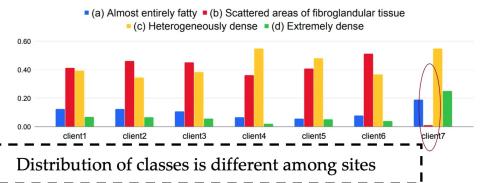


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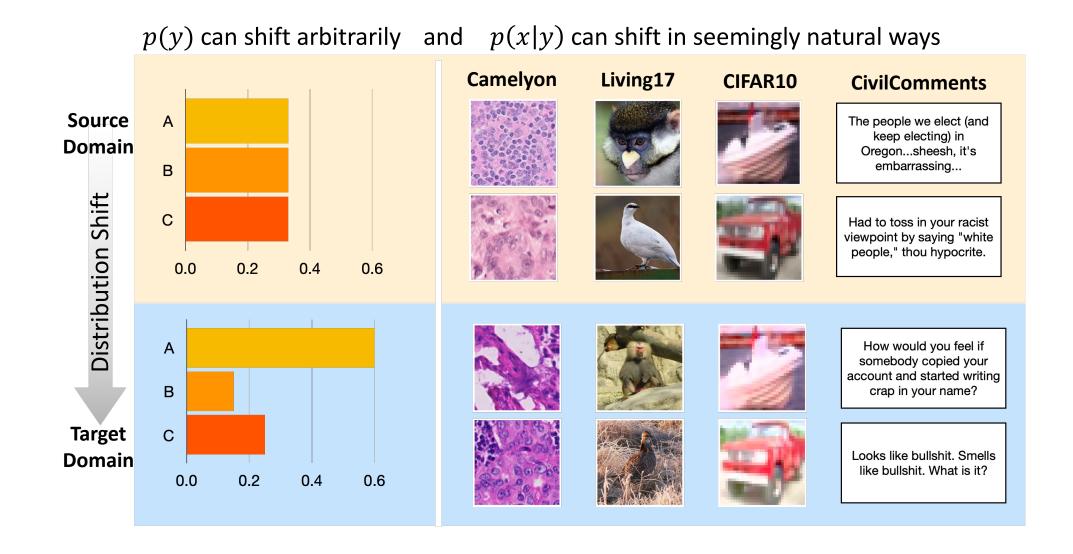
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- Assume that the label distribution can shift from source to target arbitrarily
- But that p(x|y) varies between source and target in some *comparatively* restrictive way, i.e.,

$$\max_{y} D(p_s(x|y), p_t(x|y)) < \epsilon$$

- Lack of rigorous characterization of the sense in which those shifts arise in the wild
- Our work focuses on empirical evaluation with real-world datasets
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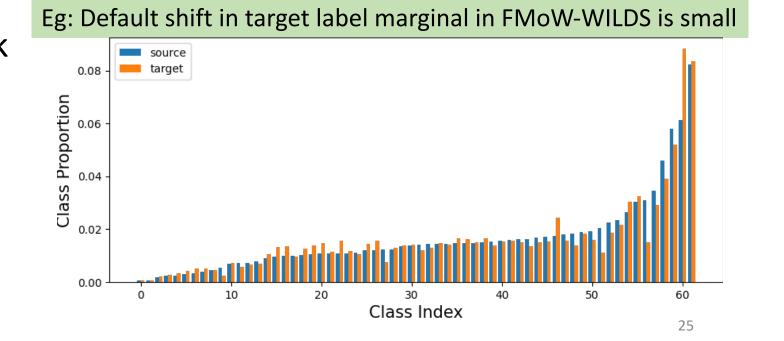
#### Issues with Prior Work

 Motivated by the kinds of problems arise in practice, several benchmarks exist (e.g., OfficeHome, DomainNet, WILDS)

However, most academic benchmarks exhibit little or no shift in the label

distribution

 Consequently, benchmark driven research produced heuristics that implicitly assume no shift in class proportions



#### Issues with Prior Work

- Several works aim to tackle relaxed label shift settings [Tan et al., 2020; Tachet des Combes et al., 2020; Prabhu et al., 2021]
- However, it is difficult to assess the state of the field owing to inconsistencies among relevant papers
  - I. Evaluation criteria (e.g., per-class average performance instead of target accuracy)
  - II. Datasets (e.g., different datasets in different papers)
  - III. Baselines (e.g., missing simple and important baselines)
  - IV. Model Selection criteria (e.g., peeking at target validation performance)
- Overall, fair and realistic comparison is missing

#### RLSbench: Relaxed Label Shift Benchmark

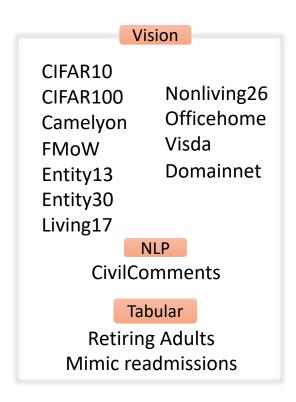
- We introduce RLSBENCH a large-scale benchmark for relaxed label shift
- Consists of >500 distribution shift pairs with varying severity of shift in target class proportions across 14 multi-domain datasets
- We evaluate a collection of 12 popular DA methods based on domain invariant representation learning, self-training, and test-time adaptation

• Overall, we train >30k models in our testbed

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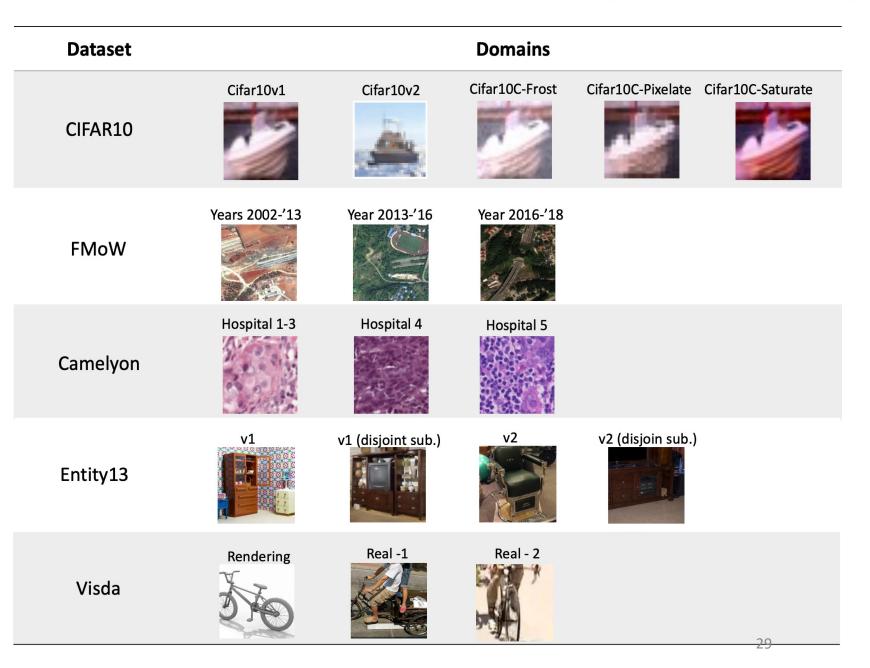
Across these 12 datasets we obtain **56 source and target** pairs with minor to no shift in class prevalence



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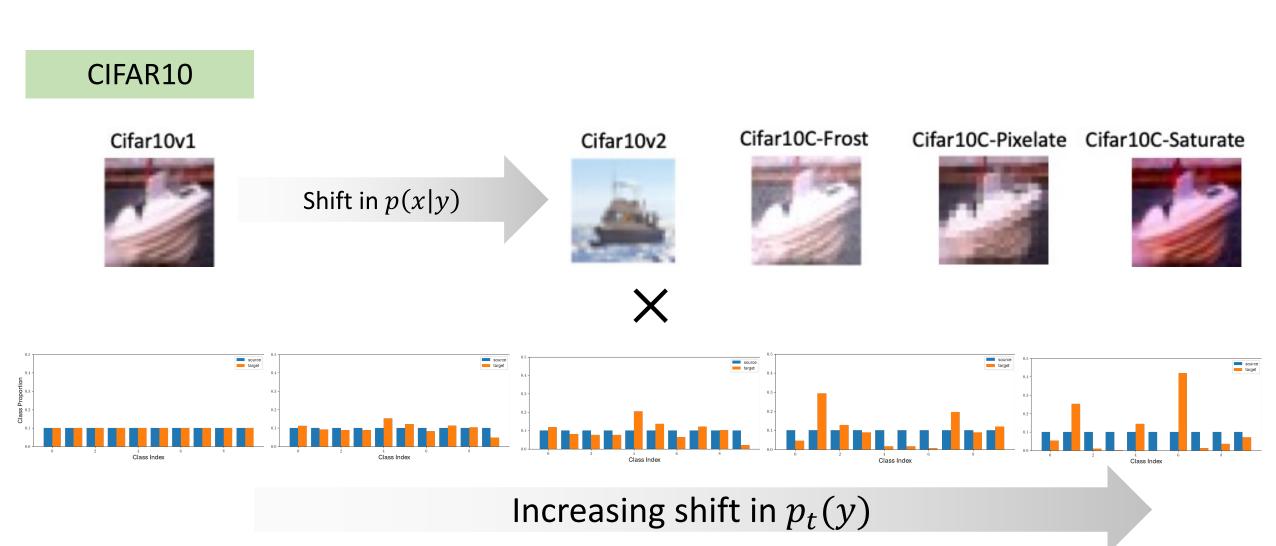
We show 5 (out of 14) multi-domain dataset in the table next



### Simulating a Shift in Target Marginal

- We simulate shift by altering target label marginal, keeping source fixed
- Sample the target label marginal from a Dirichlet distribution with a parameter  $\alpha \in \{0.5, 1.0, 3.0, 10.0, \infty\}$  multiplier to the original target marginal
- The Dirichlet parameter  $\alpha$  controls the severity of shift
- Intuitively, as  $\alpha$  decreases, the severity in shift increases
- After simulating shift, we obtain 560 pairs of different source and target datasets

### Simulating a Shift in Target Marginal



### **Domain Adaptation Methods**

- Source only Model
  - with augmentations
  - with adversarial training
- Domain Alignment Methods
  - DANN, CDANN
  - IWDAN, IWCDAN
- Self-training methods
  - FixMatch
  - NoisyStudent
  - SENTRY

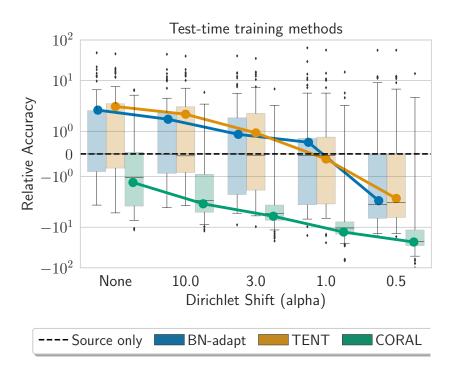
- Test-time training methods
  - CORAL/DARE
  - BN-adapt
  - TENT

#### Other Choices for Fair and Realistic Evaluation

- Re-implemented all methods with consistent design choices
- Model selection criteria and hyperparameter choices
  - Source hold-out performance
  - DA method specific hyperparameters fixed across datasets incorporating the suggestions made in corresponding papers
- Architectural and pretraining details
  - Different architectures (e.g., DenseNet121, Resenet18, Resnet50, DistillBert)
  - Bert pretraining, Imagenet-pretraining and randomly initialized models
- Data Augmentation
  - Strong augmentation technique with RandAug on vision datasets

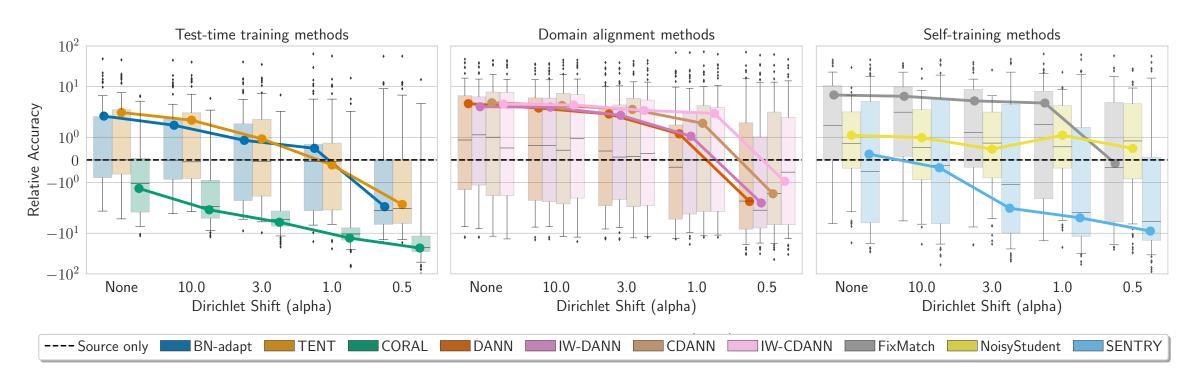
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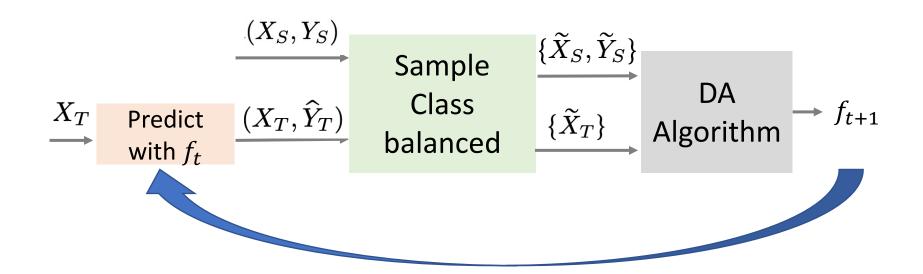
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- Performance of DA methods can falter
- Known failure of domain adversarial training methods [Wu et al., 2019; Zhao et al., 2019]
- We show that this failure is not limited to domain adversarial training methods, but is common with all the popular DA methods

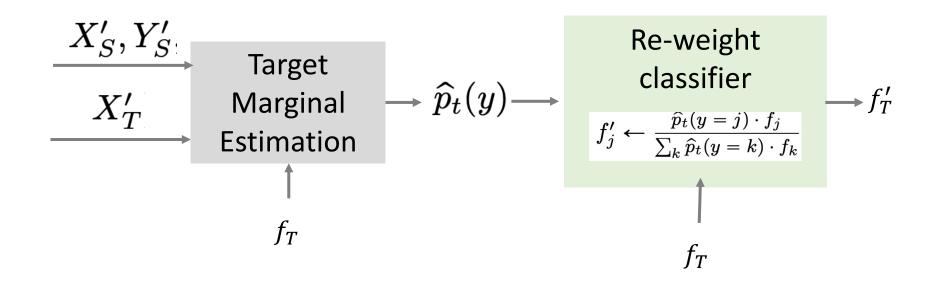
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  - Balanced source data
  - Leverage pseudolabels for target data to perform pseudo class-balanced re-sampling
- With re-sampling, we can hope to train f on a mixture of balanced source and balanced target datasets in an ideal case
- Still leaves open the problem of adapting f to the original target label distribution (which is not available)

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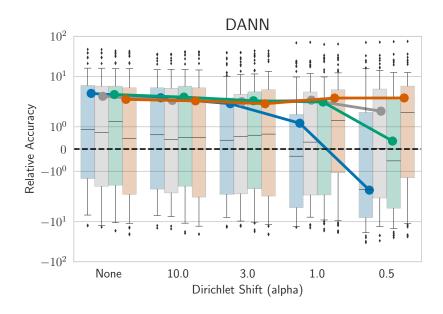


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- Relaxed label shift scenario violates the conditions required for consistency of label shift estimation techniques
- Nonetheless employ these techniques and empirically evaluate efficacy of these methods in our testbed

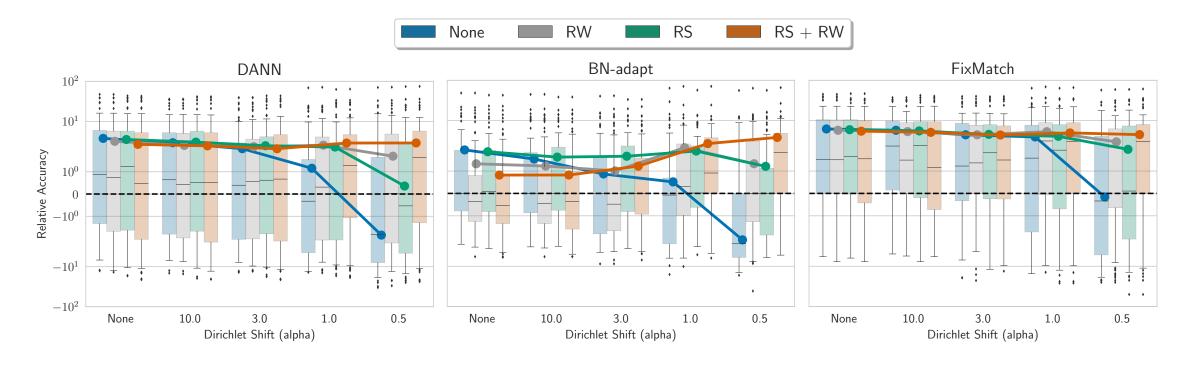
### **Takeaways**

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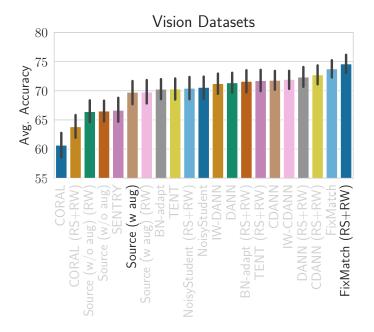


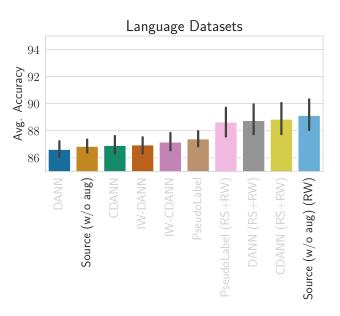


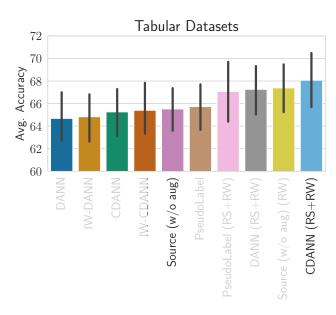
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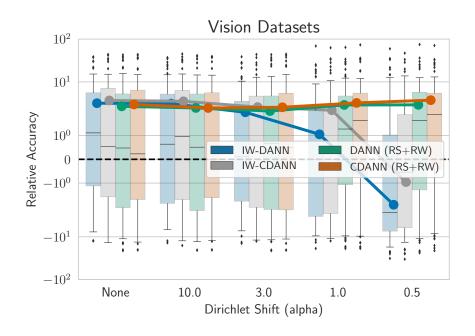
 Takeaway-4: DA methods paired with our meta-algorithm often improve over source-only classifier but no one method consistently performs the best

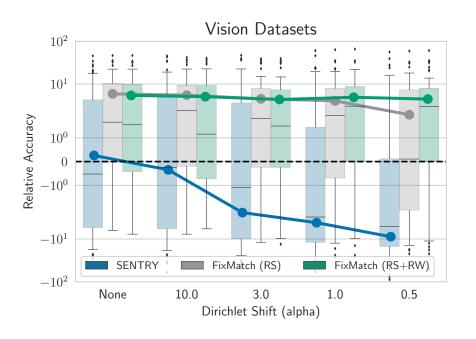




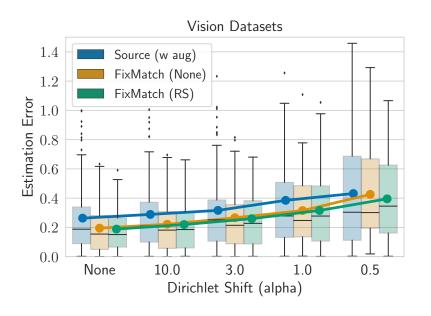


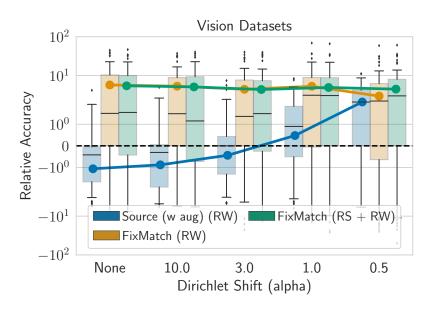
• **Takeaway-5:** Existing DA methods when paired with our metaalgorithm significantly outperform other DA methods specifically proposed for relaxed label shift.



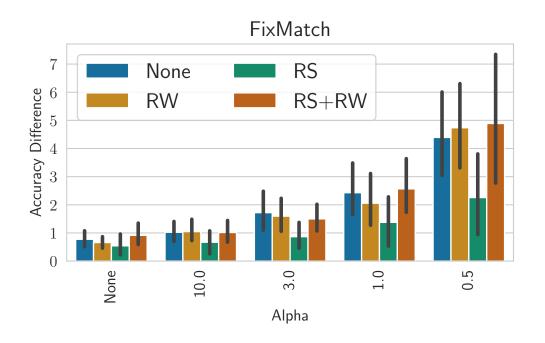


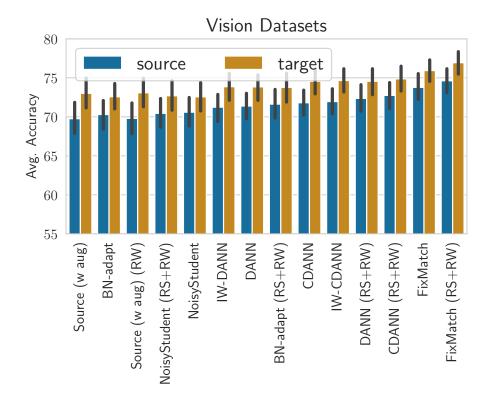
 Takeaway-6: Deep DA heuristics often improve target label marginal estimation on tabular and vision modalities.





 Takeaway-7: With increasing severity of label distribution shift, the accuracy difference with source and target early stopping criterion increases





### Theoretical Result

 We can show that label shift estimates degrade gracefully with shifts in p(x|y)

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#### Theorem (Estimation under RLS)

In population, the BBSE estimates of importance degrades as

$$||\widehat{w} - w^*||_2 \le \sqrt{k} ||w||_2 \kappa |TV(p_s(f(x)|y), p_t(f(x)|y)),$$

where  $\kappa$  is the condition number of the confusion matrix  $C_f$ .

## **Concluding Remarks**

- RLSBENCH provides sensitivity analysis to measure the robustnessof label shift methods under various sorts of perturbations
- Relative to the benchmark driven DA literature, RLSBENCH provides comprehensive and standardized suite
- One step closer to exhibiting the sort of diversity that we should expect to encounter when deploying models in the wild
- Caution: While promising, given underspecified nature of the problem, benchmark results should be taken with grain of salt

### **Future Work**

- Incorporate self-supervised methods that learn representations by training on a union of unlabeled data from source and target [Gidaris et al., 2018; He et al., 2022, Caron et al., 2020; Chen et al., 2020]
- Characterizing the behavior of label shift estimation techniques when the label shift assumption is violated

### Thanks!

## Questions?

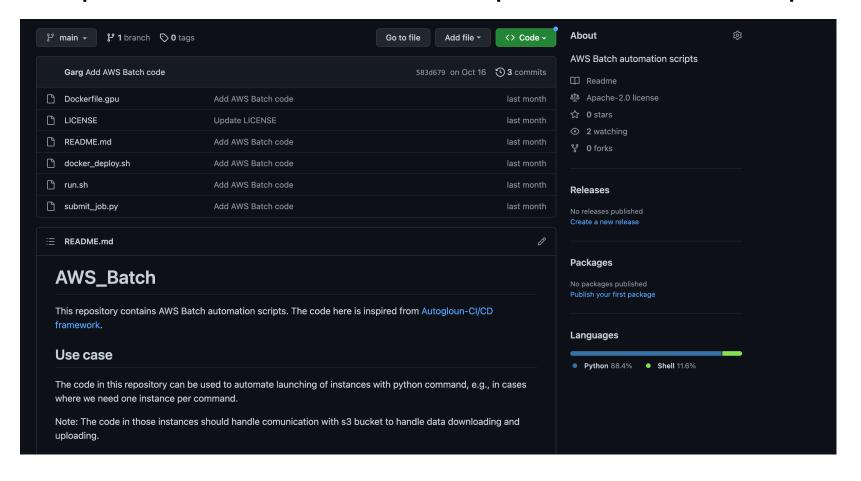
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- Launch experiments at scale with simple AWS Batch setup
- At a high level, we would need to:
  - (i) create a docker image with all the code and setup that we can use to launch our ec2 instances;
  - (ii) configure AWS batch setup that can launch EC2 instances with the docker image;
  - (iii) local scripts that will trigger, monitor and terminate the launch.