

# Towards Multi-Domain Learning for Generalizable Video Anomaly Detection

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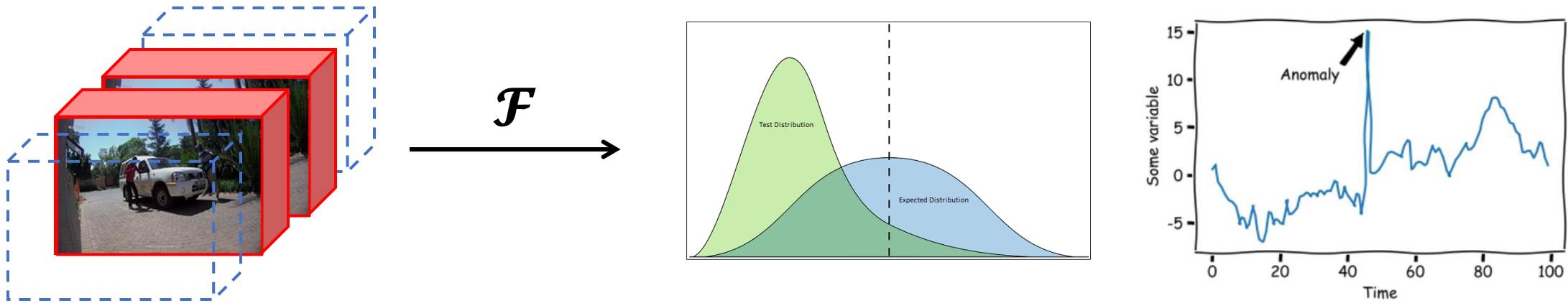
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# Video Anomaly Detection



Method	Training data	Test data
Unsupervised Learning	Normal videos (Unlabeled)	Unseen Abnormal videos (frame-level detection)
Weakly-supervised Learning	Normal videos + Abnormal videos (video-level labeled)	



## *What is the problem with the existing VAD model?*

Table 2: Anomaly detection performances (Area under curve, AUC) of single-domain models. Diagonal elements are in-domain results and off-diagonal elements are cross-domain results.

Source	Target					
	UCFC	XD	LAD	UBIF	TAD	ST
UCFC	82.32	68.06	75.75	71.12	73.75	59.24
XD	68.38	90.87	77.60	67.23	71.10	46.87
LAD	59.60	75.26	86.97	59.27	73.80	47.29
UBIF	74.79	75.22	70.29	93.63	68.16	54.21
TAD	50.83	45.38	52.02	61.95	90.71	41.58
ST	55.75	52.87	48.96	59.00	48.57	91.88



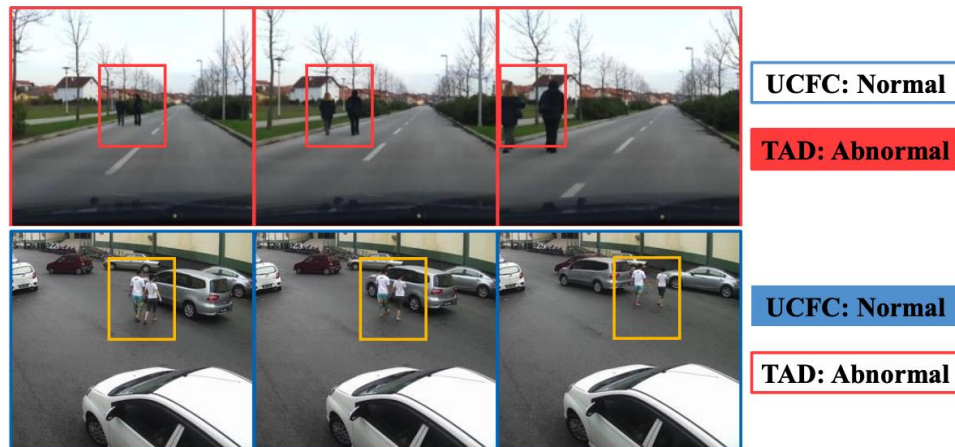
## *Why do we need a general VAD model?*

- 1) A single generalized model removes the need for multiple specific models for different domains, analogous to **multi-task learning**
- 2) Proper pre-training on multiple domains embodies generalized representation, leading to **better performance in unseen target domains**
- 3) A general VAD model will be highly beneficial for **practical scenarios**

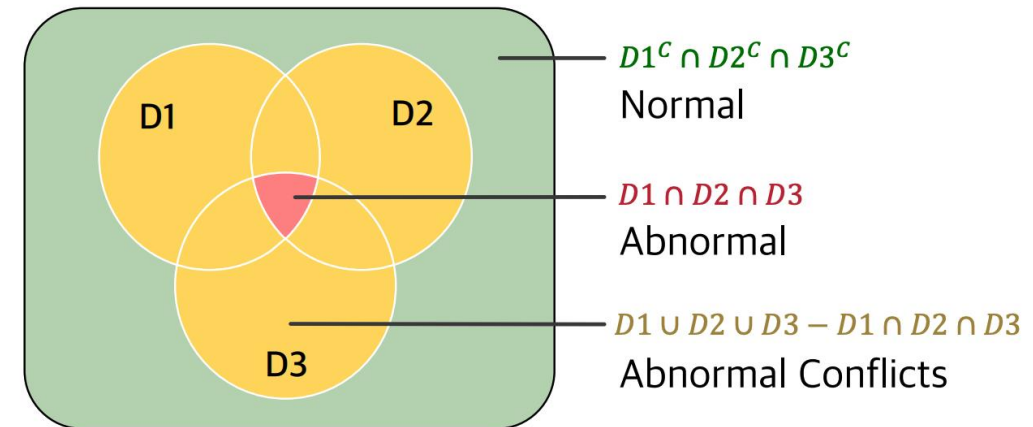


# Introduction

*Is it possible to create a general VAD model?*



(a) Examples of Abnormal Conflict between datasets



(b) Venn diagrams of events

Figure 1: (a) An example of abnormal conflict: *Pedestrian on the road* is normal in UCFC dataset but is abnormal in TAD. (b) Each circle represents each domain. MDVAD aims to design a general model that effectively considers **abnormal conflicts** to separate general **normal** and **abnormal** events.

# Goal

“Construct a general VAD model by conducting multi-domain learning while recognizing abnormal conflicts and exploring representations of general normality and abnormality”

- 1) Multiple Domain VAD, along with a benchmark and new evaluation protocols
- 2) Domain-specific multiple heads to mitigate abnormal conflicts
- 3) Abnormal Conflict (AC) Classifier to explore general features while being aware of abnormal conflicts



# Baselines

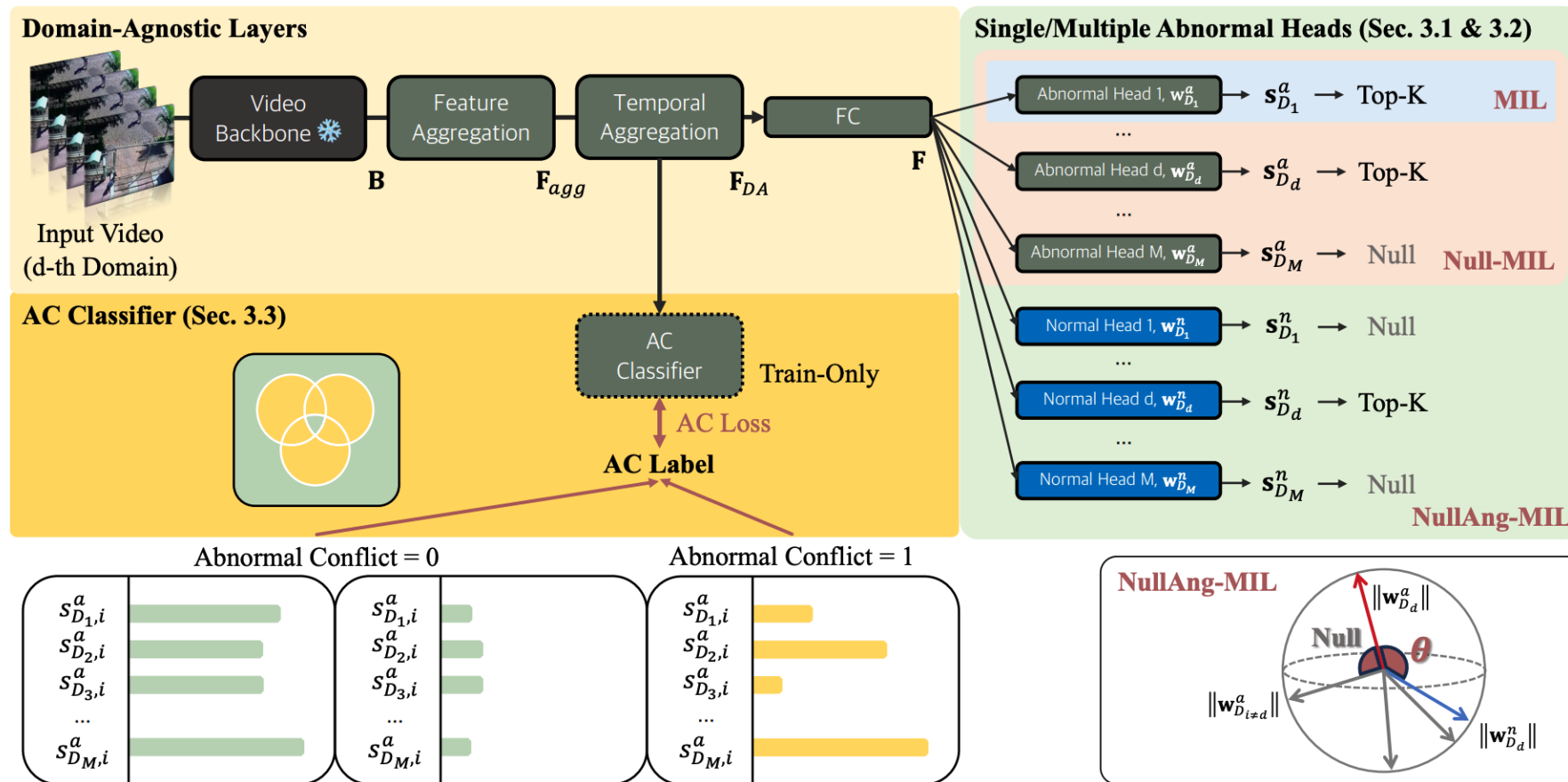
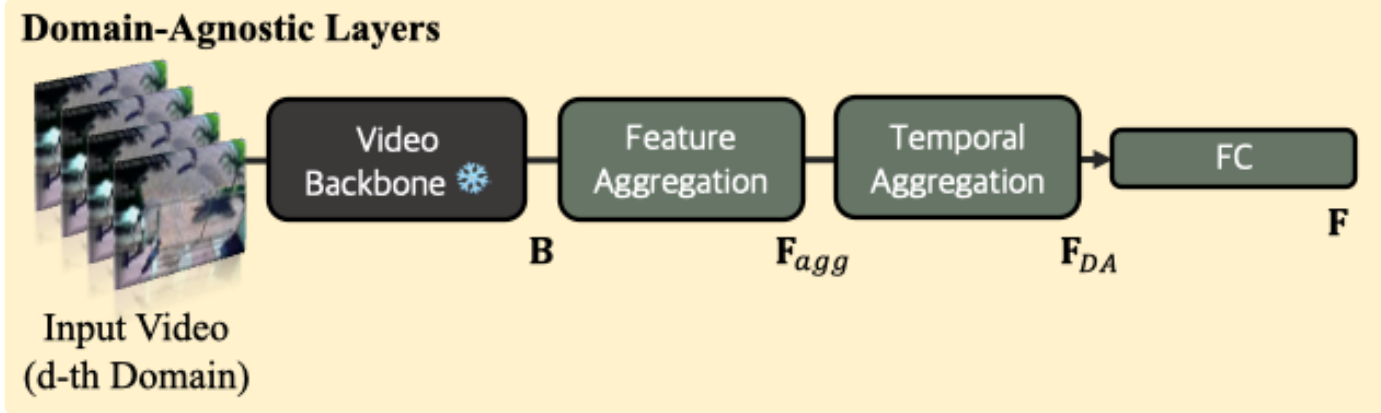


Figure 2: The overall framework of our MDVAD baselines that consists of domain-agnostic layers, single abnormal head (Sec. 3.1), multiple abnormal heads (Sec. 3.2), and AC classifier (Sec. 3.3).

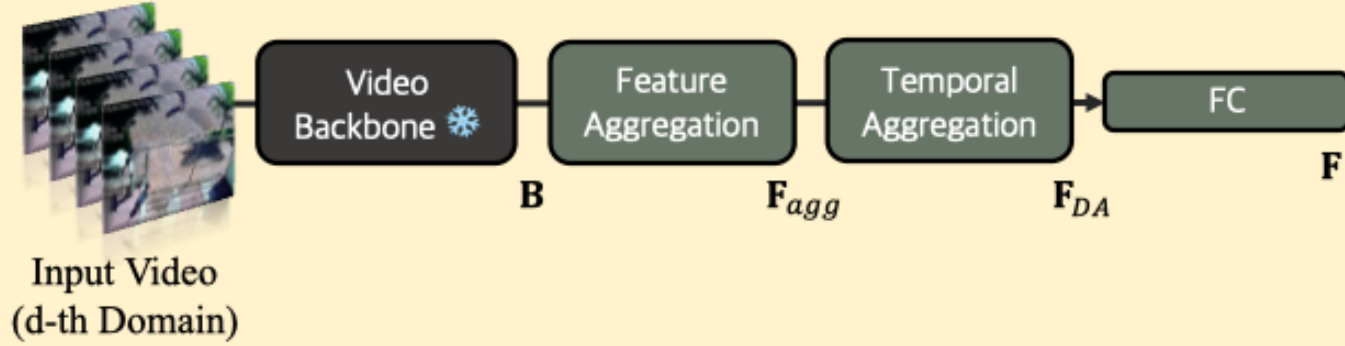
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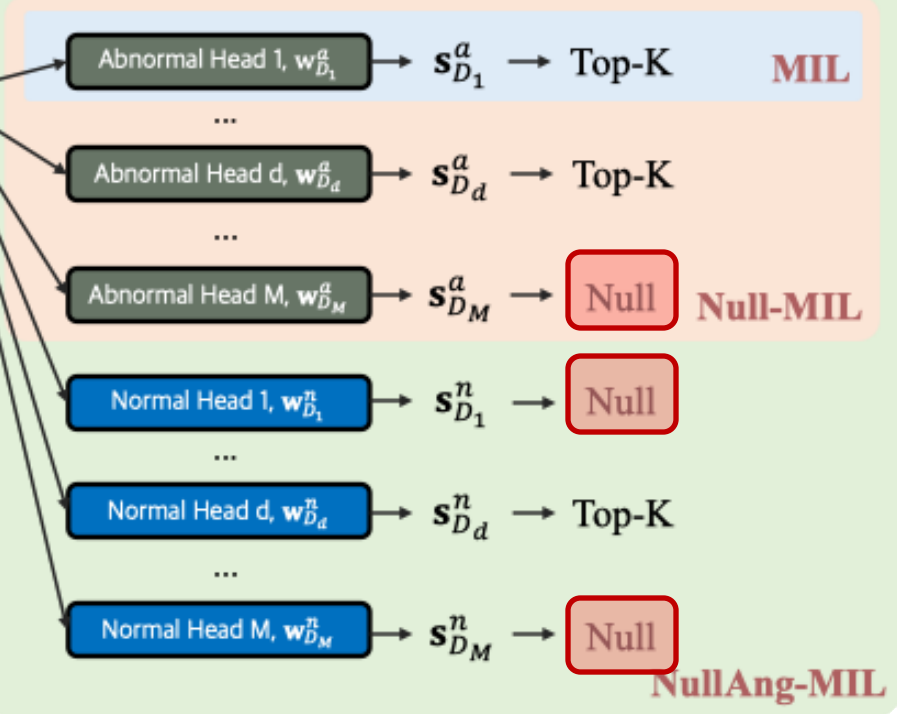


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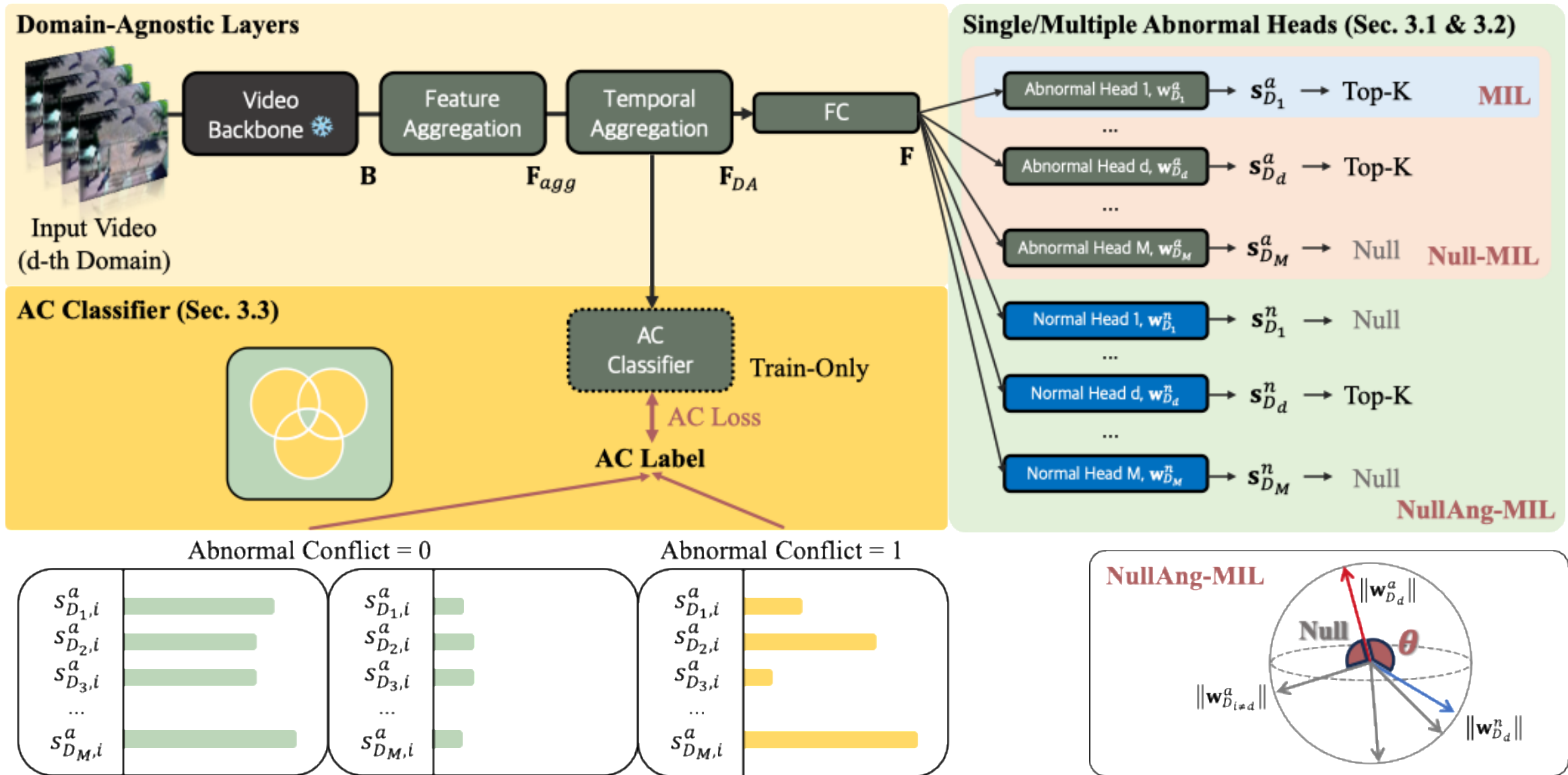
## Domain-Agnostic Layers



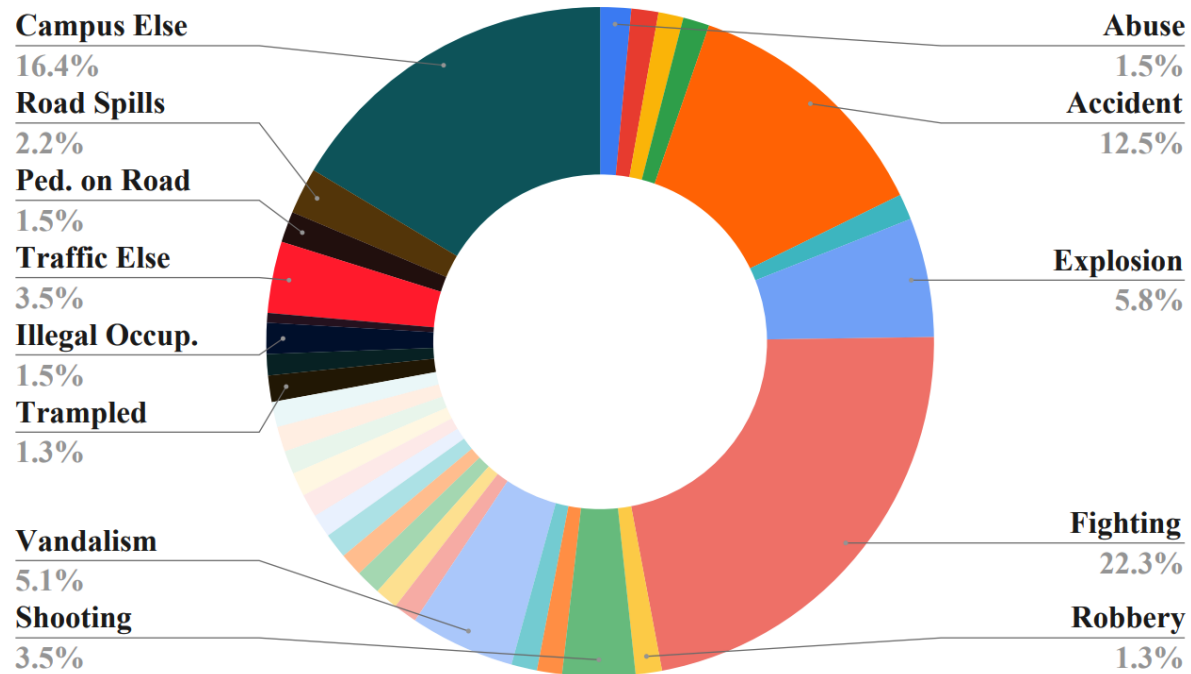
## Single/Multiple Abnormal Heads (Sec. 3.1 & 3.2)



# Baselines



# MDVAD benchmark



## Four evaluation protocols for the MDVAD benchmark

- E1: Held-in
- E2: Leave-one-out
- E3: Low-shot adaptation
- E4: Full fine-tuning



# Empirical studies

Table 5: **E1**: Multi-domain training: held-in results (AUC).

MDVAD Benchmarks								
		Target						Avg.
		UCFC	XD	LAD	UBIF	TAD	ST	
<b>Single-domain</b>								
Out Avg. (In-domain)		61.39 (77.93)	63.10 (83.23)	66.83 (83.82)	66.17 (92.62)	61.90 (90.75)	49.21 (90.79)	61.43 (86.52)
<b>E1: Held-in</b>								
Head	AC	UCFC	XD	LAD	UBIF	TAD	ST	Avg.
MIL	– ✓	80.05 80.11	83.77 83.91	86.01 85.15	85.76 87.72	88.92 90.05	88.82 87.98	85.56 85.82
Null-MIL (Ours)	– ✓	79.01 79.15	81.96 82.96	85.08 85.82	93.06 92.41	90.57 91.16	91.04 89.67	86.79 86.86
NullAng	–	76.32	82.74	82.32	92.30	91.82	91.26	86.13
MIL(Ours)	✓	77.21	82.09	83.88	91.90	91.36	91.12	86.26

**Training:** All six datasets / **Testing:** Target dataset

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Table 6: **E2**: Leave-one-out results

MDVAD Benchmarks								
		Target						
		UCFC	XD	LAD	UBIF	TAD	ST	
<b>Single-domain</b>								
Out Avg.		61.39	63.10	66.83	66.17	61.90	49.21	
<b>E2: Leave-one-out</b>								
Head	AC	UCFC	XD	LAD	UBIF	TAD	ST	
MIL	– ✓	75.98 78.49	74.07 76.87	76.94 <b>78.67</b>	72.01 81.81	74.11 78.39	49.39 65.66	
Null-MIL (Ours)	– ✓	62.38 68.78	59.63 74.65	64.91 74.46	55.42 55.61	66.28 67.72	45.60 55.26	
NullAng	–	75.26	73.00	73.91	79.41	77.94	52.98	
MIL(Ours)	✓	<b>78.55</b>	<b>77.68</b>	77.36	<b>82.53</b>	<b>79.21</b>	<b>60.41</b>	

**Training:** Five datasets except the target dataset

**Testing:** Target dataset



# Empirical studies

Table 7: **E3**: Low-shot adaptation results

		MDVAD Benchmarks					
		Target					
		UCFC	XD	LAD	UBIF	TAD	ST
<i><b>E3: Low-shot Adaptation</b></i>							
Head	AC						
MIL	–	75.19	68.20	<b>79.18</b>	82.13	82.80	71.65
	✓	72.52	71.00	76.69	82.34	78.72	74.88
Null-MIL	–	67.55	60.32	75.11	75.97	62.29	57.72
<b>(Ours)</b>	✓	70.57	66.40	73.58	81.39	71.12	63.02
NullAng	–	77.76	70.67	74.86	83.44	78.57	71.81
<b>MIL(Ours)</b>	✓	<b>78.99</b>	<b>75.80</b>	77.82	<b>85.75</b>	<b>84.06</b>	<b>76.23</b>

**Training:** E2 + a few target samples

**Testing:** Target dataset

Table 8: **E4**: Comparison between the single-domain model and full fine-tuned models from the E1 and E2.

		MDVAD Benchmarks					
		Target					
		UCFC	XD	LAD	UBIF	TAD	ST
<i><b>Single-domain</b></i>							
Single		77.93	83.23	83.82	92.62	90.75	90.79
<i><b>E4: Full fine-tuning</b></i>							
E1		78.62	82.71	<b>84.41</b>	92.42	<b>92.50</b>	91.17
E2		<b>80.24</b>	<b>82.77</b>	83.81	<b>92.95</b>	92.07	<b>91.27</b>

**Finetuning:** Target dataset / **Testing:** Target dataset



# Analysis

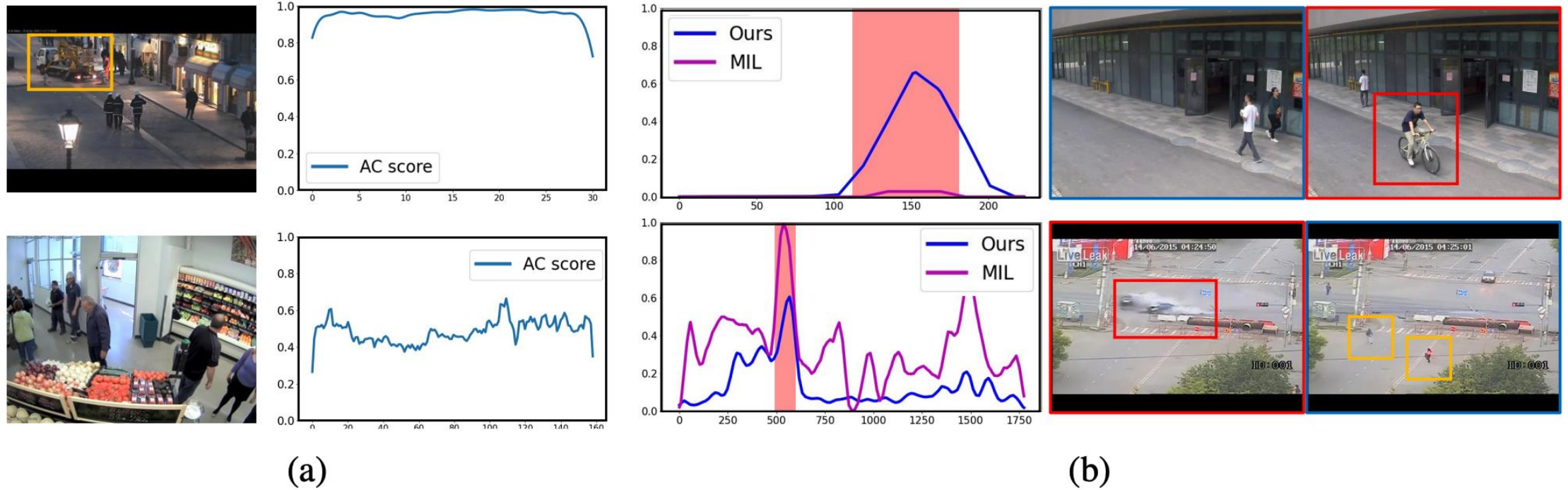


Figure 3: (a) The plot of AC scores. Both scenes are from UCFC and are normal in UCFC. (Top) **Yellow** box indicates abnormal conflict, which is abnormal in ST. (Bottom) Normal scene. (b) Qualitative results. **Red** box indicates abnormal event in the scene. (Top) *Bicyclist on walkway* abnormal event in ST. (Bottom) *Accident* abnormal event in UCFC and *Pedestrian on Road* abnormal conflict in TAD.



# Summary

- Introduced **MDVAD**: A task for generalizable VAD across multiple domains
- Proposed **multi-head framework** with **Null(Ang)-MIL loss** and **AC Classifier**
- Effectively addresses **abnormal conflicts** across domains
- Demonstrates strong results on MDVAD benchmark with diverse protocols
- Focuses on resolving **multi-domain conflicts** rather than single-domain architectures
- Framework compatible with various VAD models; supports future generalization research

