

PEFAT: Boosting Semi-supervised Medical Image Classification via Pseudo-loss Estimation and Feature Adversarial Training

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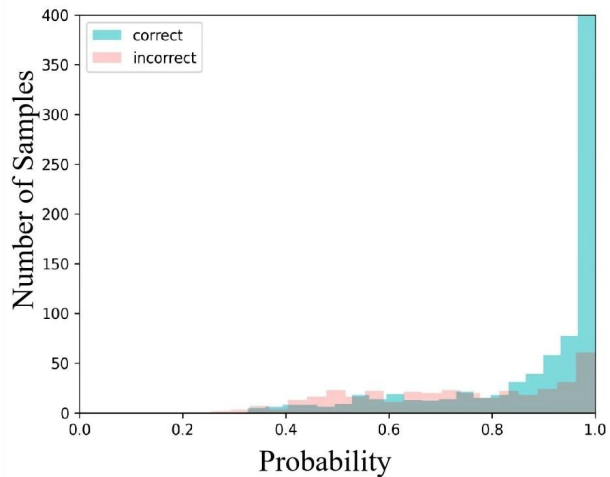


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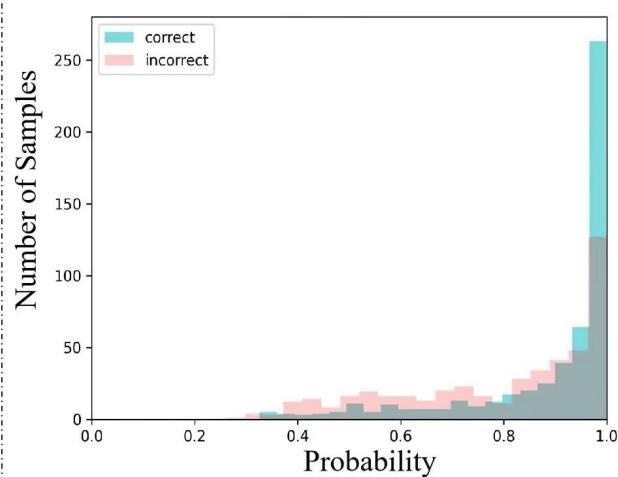


Observation

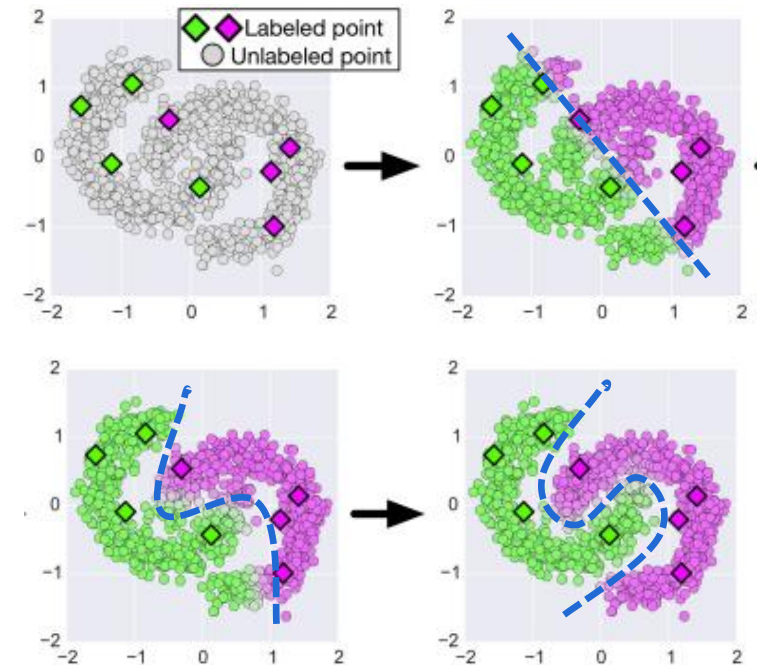
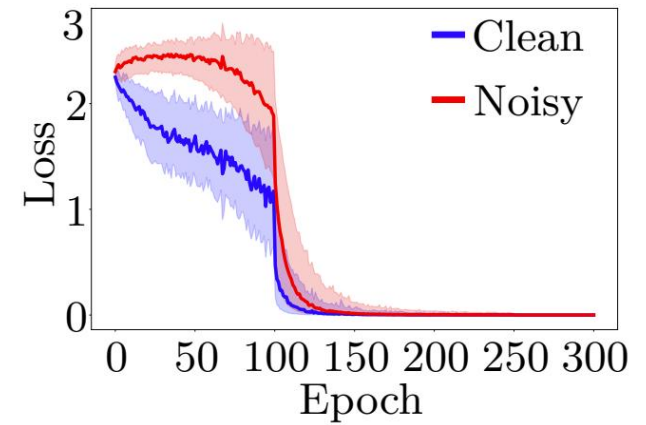
- Correct and incorrect pseudo-labeled data follow the similar probability distribution



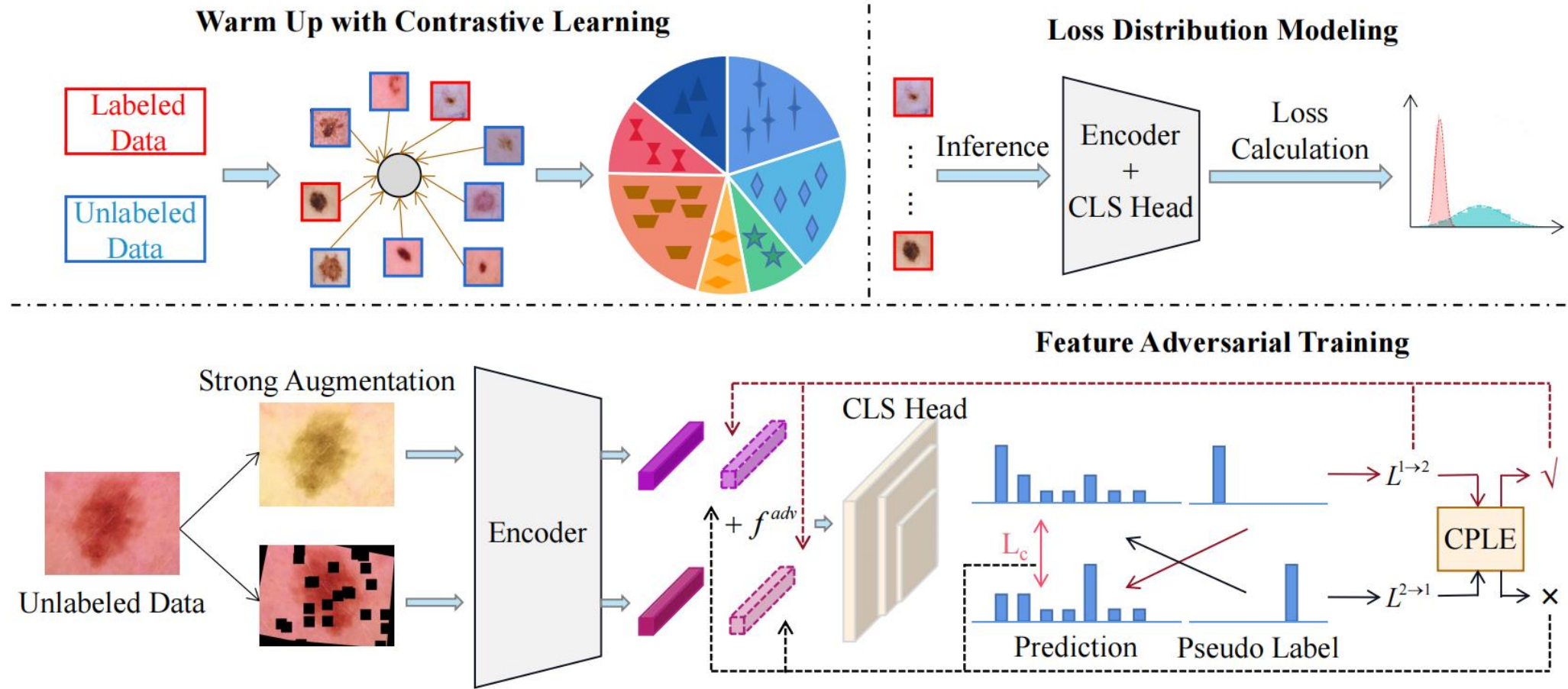
Probability distribution on labeled data



Probability distribution on validation data



Method



Step one: warm up the model using whole training data.

Step two: build loss prior on labeled data with Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM).

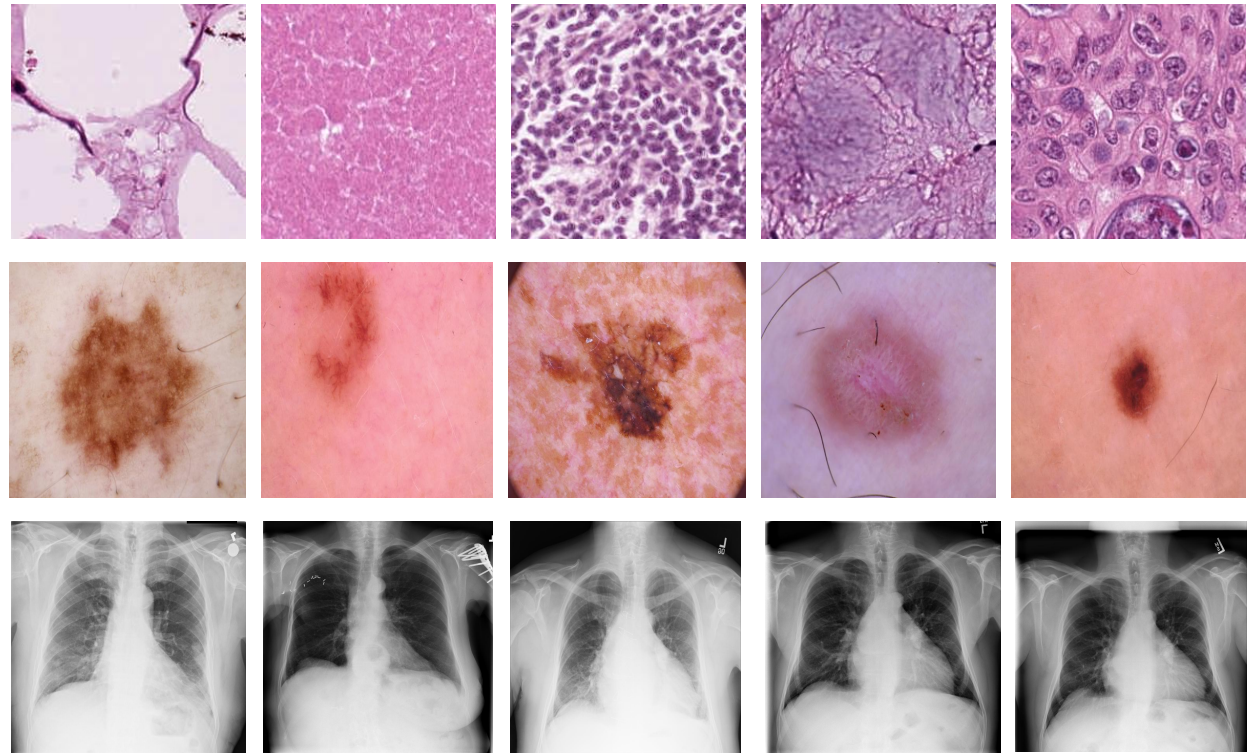
Step three: collect high-quality pseudo-labeled data using fitted GMM and cross pseudo-loss, meanwhile making predictions consistent after injecting feature-level adversarial noise

Datasets

1. **NCT-CRC-HE** (100,000 colorectal cancer histology slides, 9 classes), setting: 100/200 labeled data
2. **ISIC2018** (10,015 skin lesion dermoscopy images, 7 classes), setting: 5%/20% labeled data
3. **Chest X-Ray14** (112,120 chest x-rays from 30805 patients, 14 classes), setting: 2%/5%/10%/15%/20% labeled data

Evaluation Mertics

1. AUC
2. Accuracy
3. Specificity
4. Sensitivity
5. F1-score



Results

Table 1. Performance comparison with other state-of-the-art SSL methods on NCT-CRC-HE dataset. "SENS", "PREC" and "ACC" are Sensitivity, Precision and Accuracy, respectively. We list the evaluation metrics when 100 and 200 labeled data are given. Best and second best results are shown in **bold** and underline, respectively.

Method	NCT-CRC-HE (200 labeled data)					NCT-CRC-HE (100 labeled data)				
	AUC	SENS	PREC	ACC	F1	AUC	SENS	PREC	ACC	F1
Baseline	97.86	78.12	83.06	80.63	76.31	96.48	73.85	76.25	73.29	73.48
MT [33]	98.07	81.89	83.91	81.55	81.19	97.15	77.51	78.81	77.97	77.07
FixMatch [32]	98.43	85.03	84.75	84.81	84.66	97.91	80.59	81.78	80.47	80.28
SimPLE [14]	98.57	85.80	85.56	85.59	85.48	98.01	83.37	83.46	82.72	82.91
CoMatch [20]	98.83	87.94	<u>88.70</u>	86.48	86.24	98.00	84.72	<u>84.58</u>	83.93	84.11
SimMatch [41]	<u>99.02</u>	<u>88.19</u>	88.36	<u>88.31</u>	<u>87.98</u>	<u>98.03</u>	<u>85.07</u>	84.50	<u>84.24</u>	<u>84.43</u>
Ours	99.08	89.68	91.18	90.29	90.12	98.25	86.82	86.78	86.01	86.33

Table 2. Performance comparison on ISIC2018 dataset. "SENS", "SPEC" and "ACC" stand for Sensitivity, Specificity and Accuracy, respectively. Evaluation metrics are reported with the percentage of 5% and 20% labeled data. Best and second best results are shown in **bold** and underline, respectively.

Method	ISIC2018 (20% labeled data)					ISIC2018 (5% labeled data)				
	AUC	SENS	SPEC	ACC	F1	AUC	SENS	SPEC	ACC	F1
Baseline	90.90	69.37	91.77	91.42	51.89	84.28	56.32	87.53	85.36	40.96
SRC-MT [24]	93.58	71.47	92.72	92.54	60.68	87.61	<u>62.04</u>	89.36	88.77	46.26
DS ³ L [11]	93.85	70.33	92.29	92.53	61.08	85.08	58.82	89.52	89.27	44.19
ACPL [22]	94.36	72.14	-	-	62.23	-	-	-	-	-
RAC-MT [12]	<u>94.42</u>	<u>73.41</u>	<u>92.68</u>	<u>93.27</u>	<u>63.95</u>	<u>87.92</u>	59.34	<u>90.51</u>	<u>91.11</u>	<u>48.54</u>
Ours	94.87	76.72	93.45	93.68	66.15	88.64	64.10	91.25	91.81	50.96

Table 3. Performance of mean AUC on Chest X-Ray14 dataset under the label percentage of 2%, 5%, 10%, 15% and 20%. Note that * denotes the methods employ DenseNet-169 as backbone with 384×384 input size, † means the methods use DenseNet-121 as backbone with 512×512 input size.

Method	Label Percentage				
	2%	5%	10%	15%	20%
Graph XNet* [3]	53.00	58.00	63.00	68.00	78.00
SRC-MT* [24]	66.95	72.29	75.28	77.76	79.23
UPS [29]	65.51	73.18	76.84	78.90	79.92
NoTeacher [34]	72.60	77.04	77.61	-	79.49
S ² MTS ² † [23]	74.69	78.96	79.90	80.31	81.06
ACPL† [22]	<u>74.82</u>	<u>79.20</u>	<u>80.40</u>	<u>81.06</u>	<u>81.77</u>
Ours	75.06	79.54	80.93	81.56	82.58

Ablation and Analysis

Table 4. Ablation study of each module in PEFAT on NCT-CRC-HE dataset. Results are reported in the case of 100 labeled data. * and † denote singly employing FAT on the selected and unselected pseudo-labeled data, respectively.

Method	AUC	SENS	PREC	ACC	F1
Baseline	96.48	73.85	76.25	73.29	73.48
CPLE	98.09	84.57	83.89	84.16	84.65
CPLE+VAT	98.13	85.00	84.14	84.34	84.79
CPLE+FAT*	98.15	85.10	84.66	84.42	84.70
CPLE+FAT†	98.18	85.91	85.76	85.65	85.73
CPLE+FAT	98.25	86.82	86.78	86.01	86.33

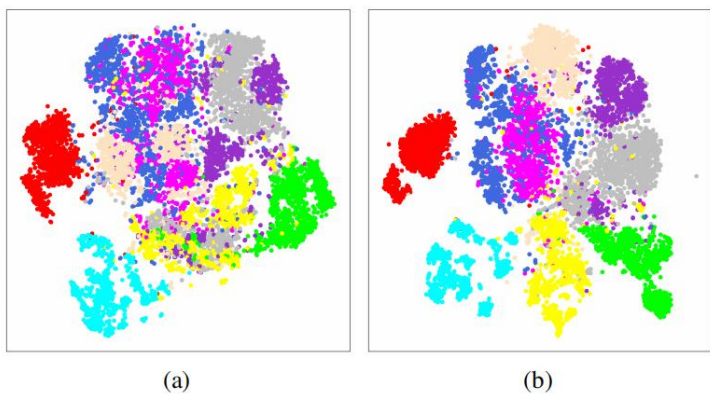


Figure 4. The t-SNE visualization on NCT-CRC-HE validation set. (a) is the result when using VAT; (b) shows the feature embedding when using FAT.

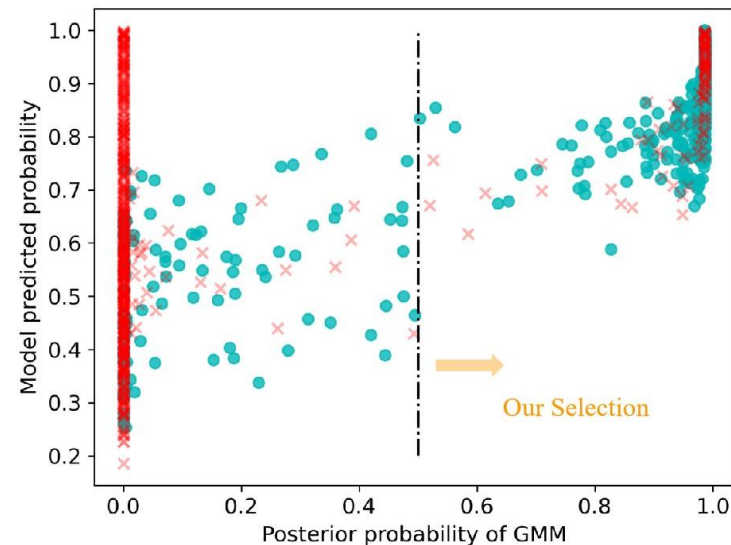


Figure 5. The relation between model predicted probability and posterior probability of GMM. Red \times and Turquoise \bullet denote unlabeled data with incorrect and correct pseudo-labels.

Table 5. Experiments conducted on NCT-CRC-HE validation set. $\delta = K$ means using probability threshold K to select pseudo-labeled samples. Ratio = Correct / Selected.

Method	Selected		Unselected \downarrow	Ratio \uparrow
	Correct \uparrow	Incorrect \downarrow		
$\delta=0.80$	3821	531	5648	87.80
$\delta=0.85$	3172	394	6434	88.95
$\delta=0.90$	2387	257	7356	90.28
$\delta=0.95$	1184	112	8704	91.36
CPLE	6490	592	2918	91.64