

# HalluciDet: Hallucinating RGB Modality for Person Detection Through Privileged Information

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## Introduction & Motivation

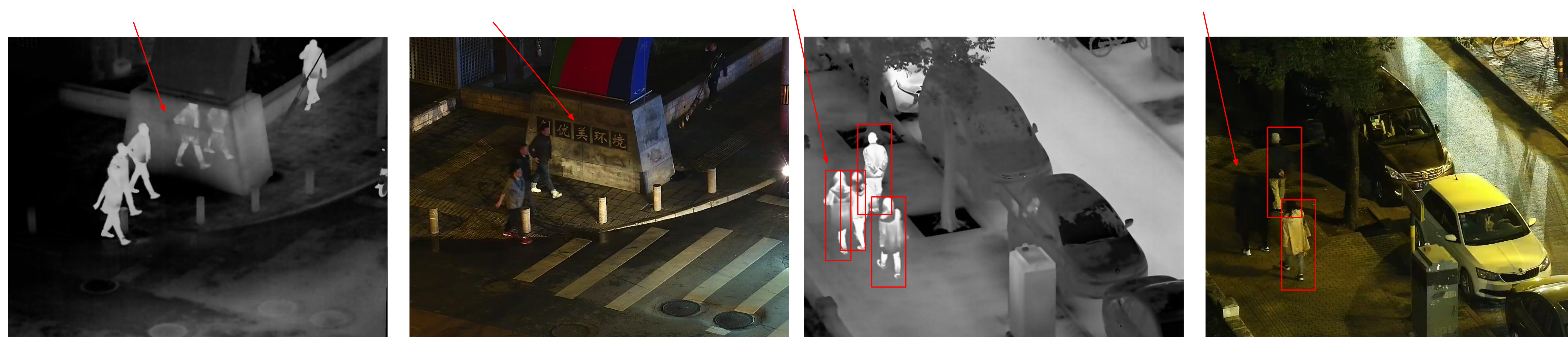
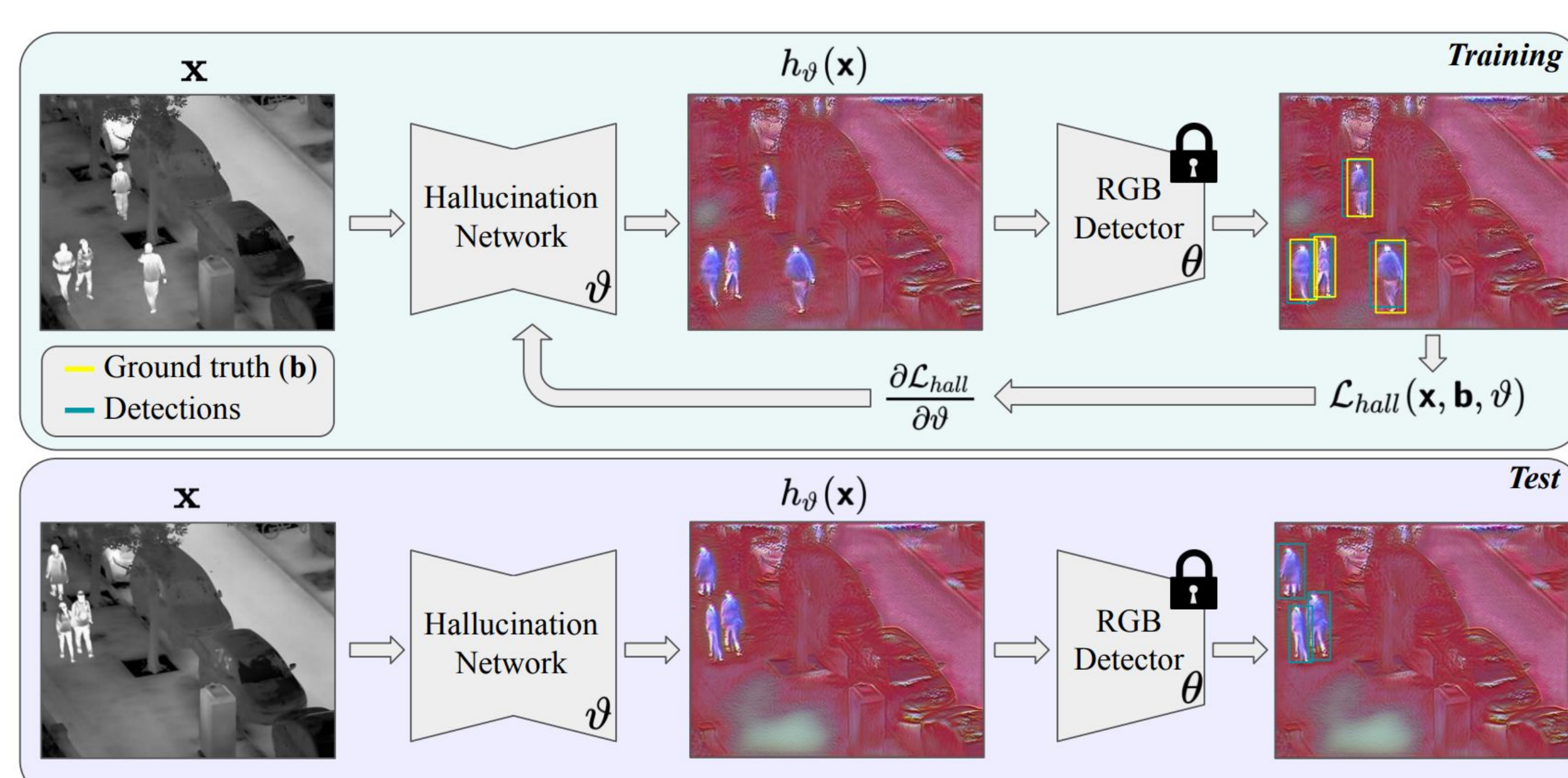


Figure 1. IR and RGB images (LLVIP dataset). Images have complementary information; thus, one modality can help the other one.

Our work investigates image translation for object detection :

- Model adapts from pre-trained RGB to IR.
- Guide the image-to-image translation for the final detection task.

## HalluciDet



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{hall}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{b}, \vartheta) = \mathcal{L}_{\text{cls}}(f_{\theta}(h_{\vartheta}(\mathbf{x})), \mathbf{c}) + \lambda \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\text{reg}}(f_{\theta}(h_{\vartheta}(\mathbf{x})), \mathbf{b})$$

Equation 1: Hallucination Loss.

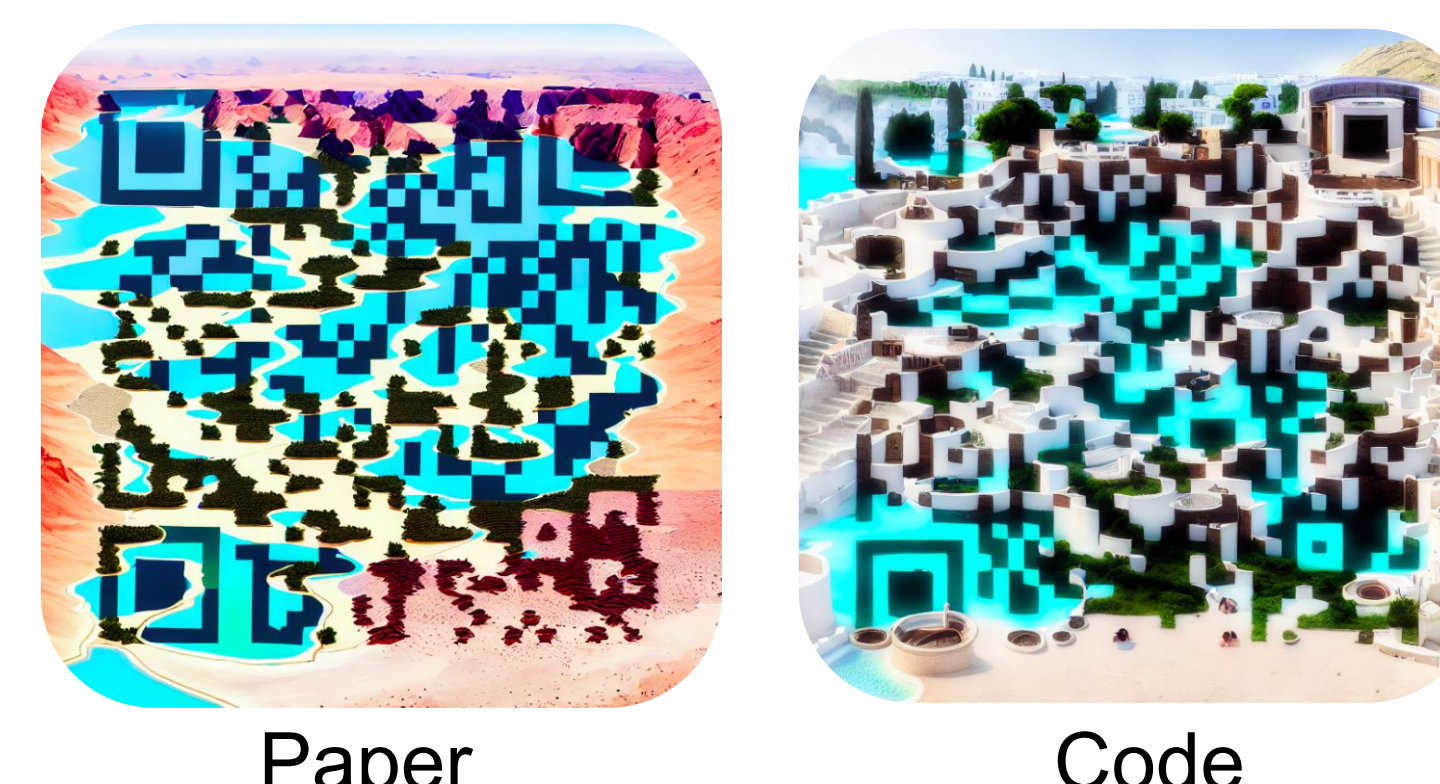


Figure 2. HalluciDet: During training, it is able to train the Hallucination Network with the knowledge from the RGB detector. During the test, it improves the detection of IR.

## Image-to-image Benchmark

Image-to-image translation	Learning strategy	AP@50 $\uparrow$		
		Test Set (Dataset: LLVIP)		
		FCOS	RetinaNet	Faster R-CNN
Blur [10]	-	42.59 $\pm$ 4.17	47.06 $\pm$ 1.99	63.05 $\pm$ 1.96
Histogram Equalization [10]	-	33.10 $\pm$ 4.64	36.45 $\pm$ 2.02	51.47 $\pm$ 4.03
Histogram Stretching [10]	-	38.55 $\pm$ 4.25	41.97 $\pm$ 1.39	57.69 $\pm$ 2.78
Invert [10]	-	53.62 $\pm$ 2.07	55.43 $\pm$ 2.03	71.83 $\pm$ 3.04
Invert + Equalization [10]	-	50.03 $\pm$ 2.44	52.57 $\pm$ 1.50	68.69 $\pm$ 2.73
Invert + Equalization + Blur [10]	-	50.58 $\pm$ 2.41	52.62 $\pm$ 1.36	68.91 $\pm$ 2.74
Invert + Stretching [10]	-	51.48 $\pm$ 2.17	52.87 $\pm$ 1.80	69.34 $\pm$ 3.07
Invert + Stretching + Blur [10]	-	51.54 $\pm$ 1.92	52.96 $\pm$ 1.80	69.59 $\pm$ 2.90
Parallel Combination [10]	-	50.18 $\pm$ 2.25	52.52 $\pm$ 1.39	68.14 $\pm$ 2.98
U-Net [29]	Reconstruction	42.94 $\pm$ 4.14	47.35 $\pm$ 1.92	63.23 $\pm$ 2.03
CycleGAN [39]	Adversarial	22.76 $\pm$ 1.94	27.04 $\pm$ 4.23	38.92 $\pm$ 5.09
CUT [24]	Contrastive learning	19.16 $\pm$ 2.10	21.61 $\pm$ 2.09	35.17 $\pm$ 0.32
FastCUT [24]	Contrastive learning	46.87 $\pm$ 2.28	52.39 $\pm$ 2.31	67.73 $\pm$ 2.14
HalluciDet (ours)	Detection	<b>63.28 <math>\pm</math> 3.49</b>	<b>56.48 <math>\pm</math> 3.39</b>	<b>88.34 <math>\pm</math> 1.50</b>

Table 1. Comparison of detection over different methods and HalluciDet.

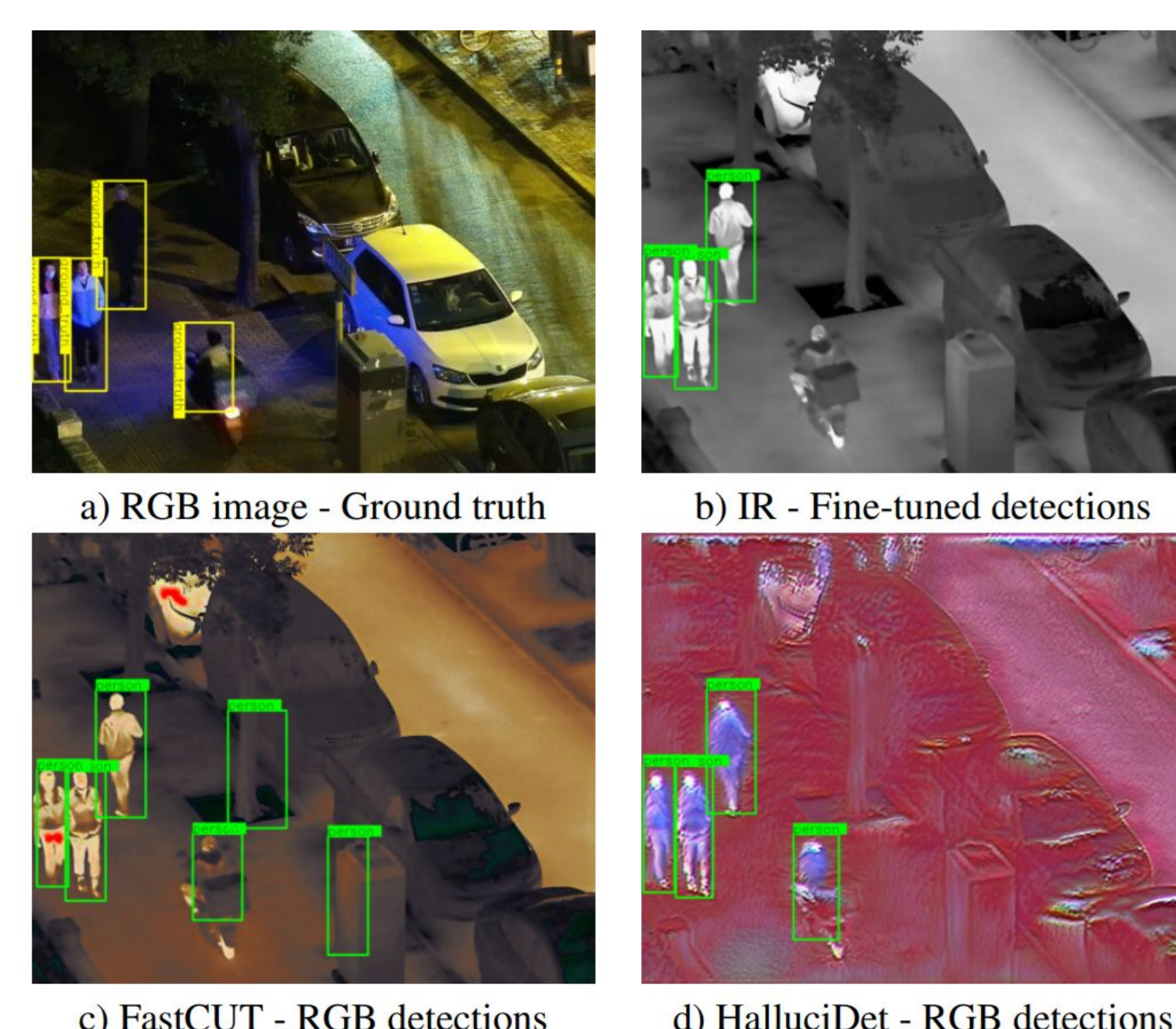


Figure 3. Different image-to-image on detection task.

## Qualitative Results

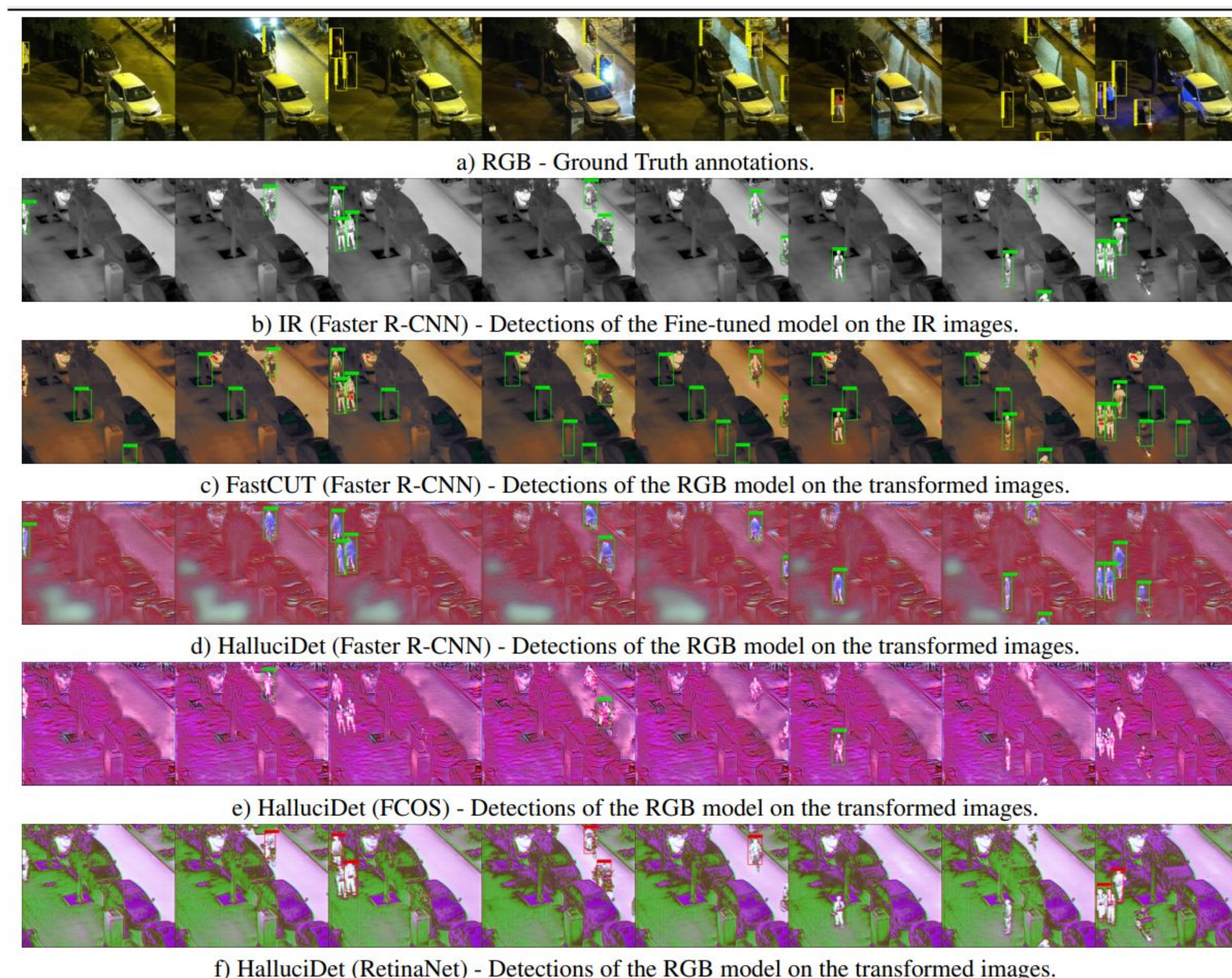


Figure 5. HalluciDet detections on IR LLVIP dataset over different detectors.

## Training Samples, Params. & Fine-Tuning

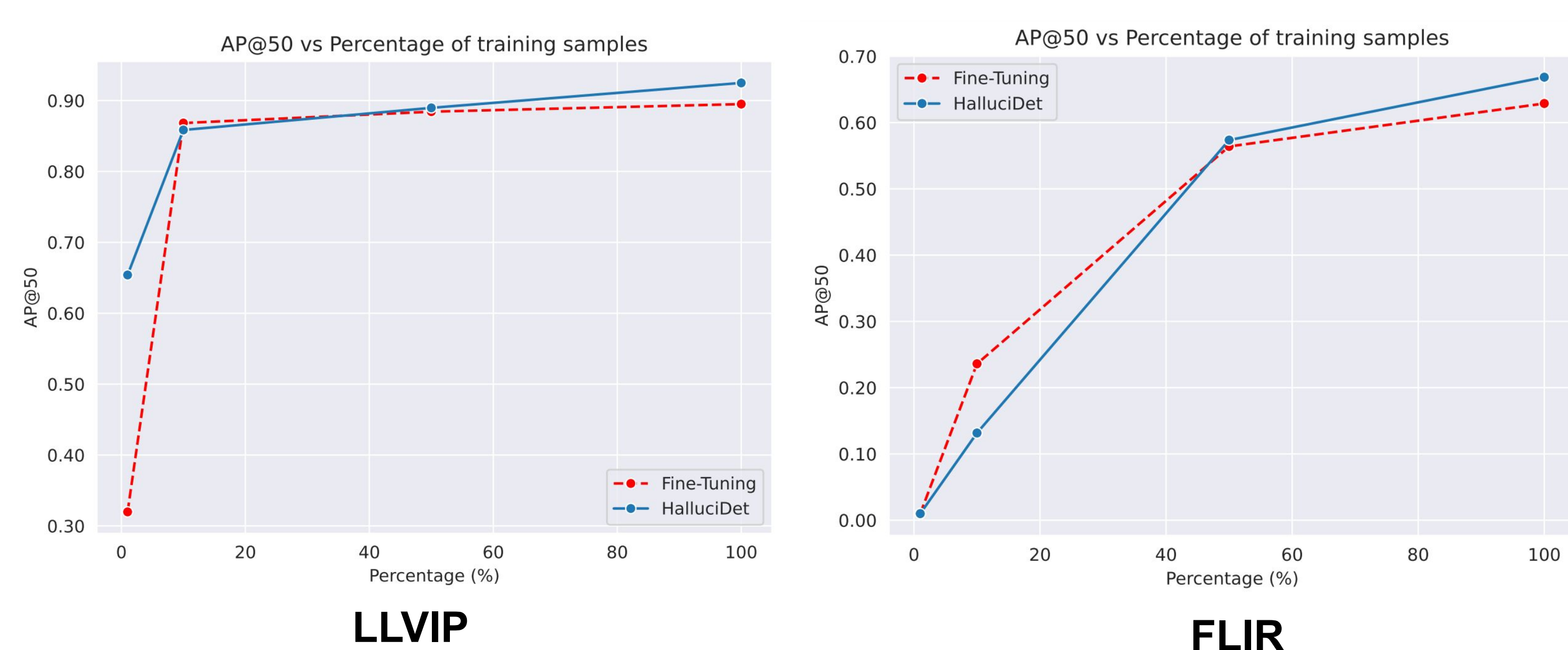


Figure 4. AP@50 vs Percentage of Training Samples.

	No Adaptation	Fine-tuning	HalluciDet
FCOS	38.52 $\pm$ 0.79	42.22 $\pm$ 1.04	<b>49.18 <math>\pm</math> 0.99</b>
RetinaNet	44.13 $\pm$ 2.01	47.87 $\pm$ 2.21	<b>49.01 <math>\pm</math> 4.08</b>
Faster R-CNN	55.85 $\pm$ 1.19	61.48 $\pm$ 1.55	<b>70.90 <math>\pm</math> 1.35</b>

Table 2. Comparison HalluciDet and Fine-tuning on FLIR dataset.

Method	Params.	AP@50 $\uparrow$
Faster R-CNN	41.3 M	84.83
HalluciDet	MobileNet <sub>v1.3s</sub> + 3.1 M	85.20
	MobileNet <sub>v2</sub> + 6.6 M	89.73
	ResNet <sub>18</sub> + 14.3 M	90.42
	ResNet <sub>34</sub> + 24.4 M	90.65

Table 3. Different Hallucination backbones were evaluated on the LLVIP dataset.

## Conclusion

- ✓ We propose a **novel approach** that leverages privileged information from **pre-trained RGB detectors** and **adapts** it for IR detection without changing the detector performance on RGB.
- ✓ HalluciDet uses a straightforward yet **powerful image translation network** to **reduce the domain gap** between IR-RGB modalities, guided by the proposed **hallucination loss** function incorporating standard object detection terms.

