

# An Evaluation of Self-Supervised Pre-Training for Skin-Lesion Analysis



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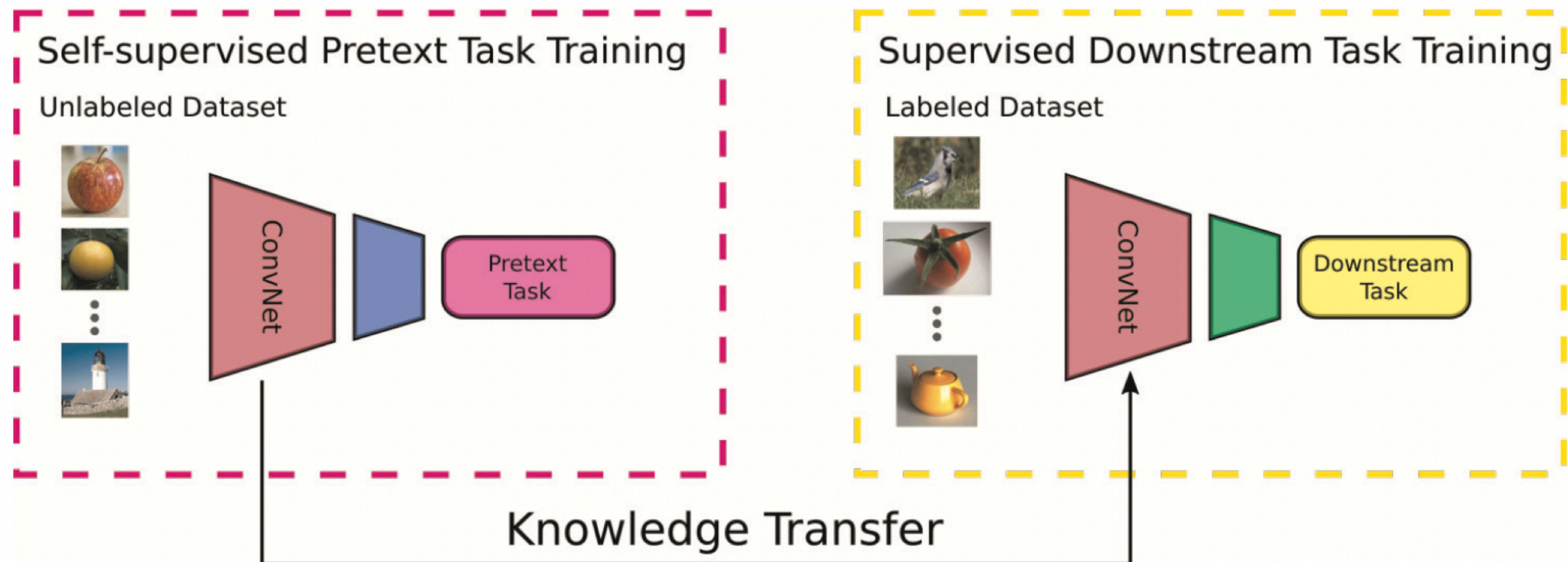
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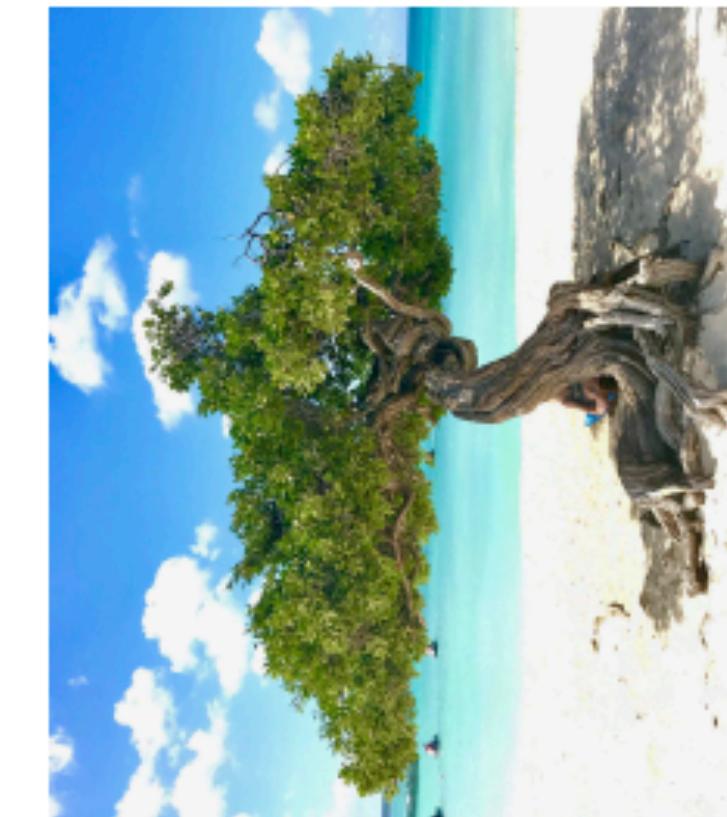
# Self-Supervised Learning



# Pretext-task examples



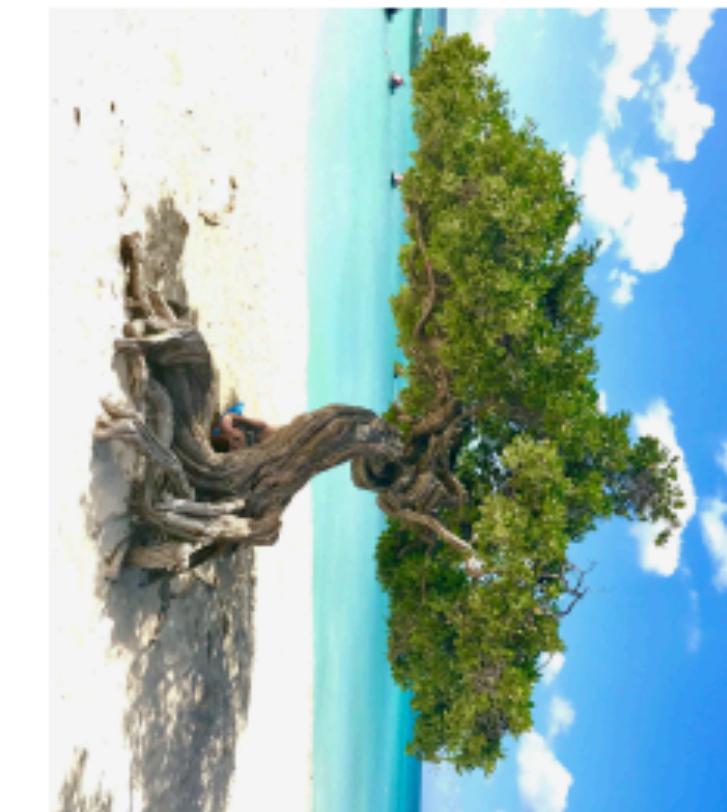
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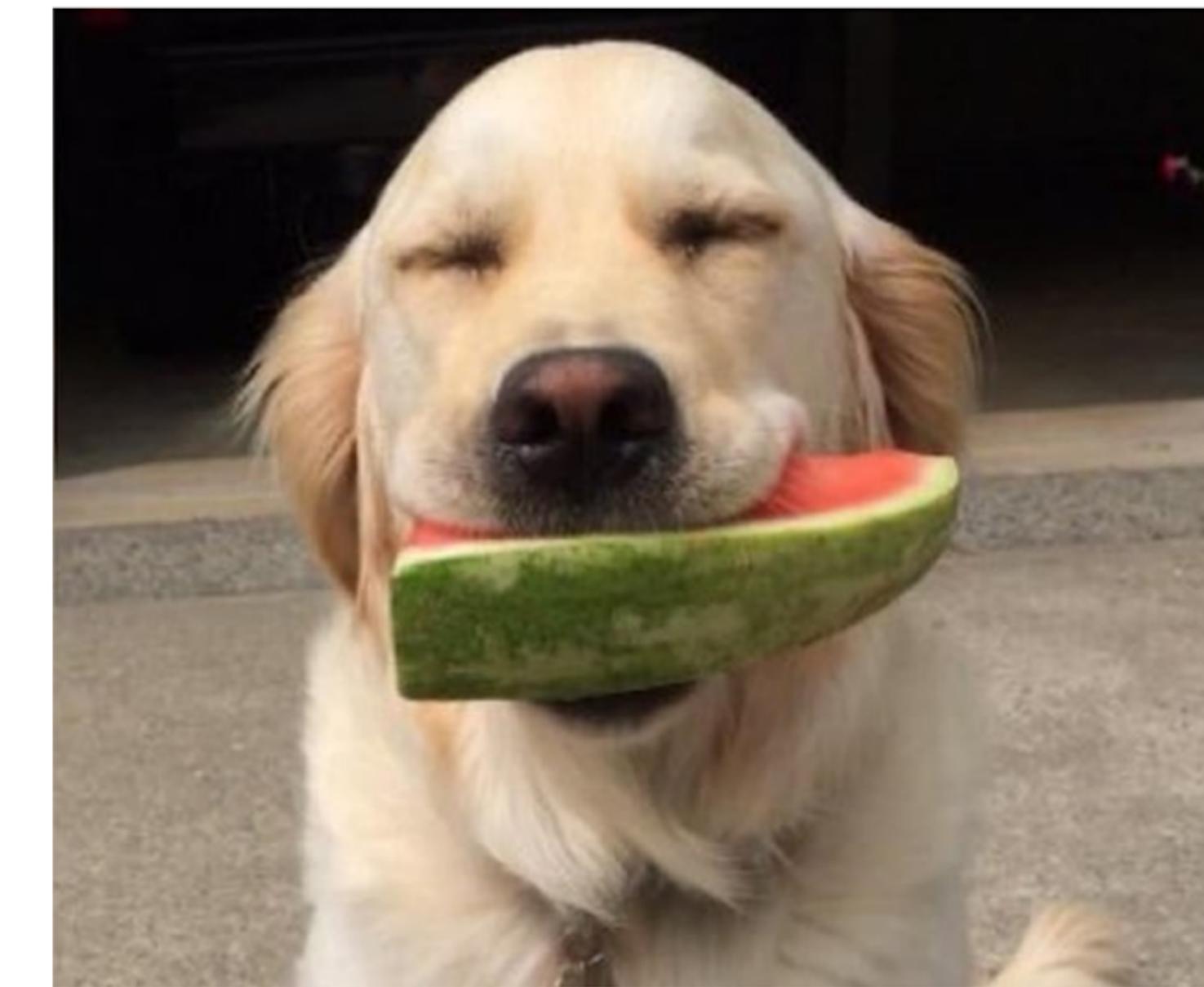
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Gidaris et al., 2018, Predicting Image Rotations

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# How Transferable are Self-supervised Features in Medical Image Classification Tasks?

## Big Self-Supervised Models Advance Medical Image Classification

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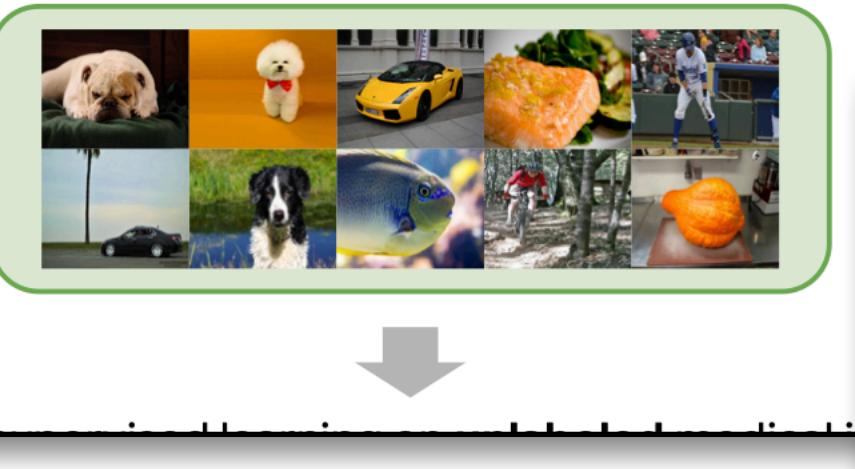
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### Abstract

*Self-supervised pretraining followed by supervised fine-tuning has seen success in image recognition, especially when labeled examples are scarce, but has received limited attention in medical image analysis. This paper studies the effectiveness of self-supervised learning as a pre-training strategy for medical image classification. We con-*

(1) Self-supervised learning on **unlabeled** natural images



## A Systematic Benchmarking Analysis of Transfer Learning for Medical Image Analysis

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## ON THE IMPACT OF SELF-SUPERVISED LEARNING IN SKIN CANCER DIAGNOSIS

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### ABSTRACT

Deep neural networks (DNNs) are the standard approach for image classification. However, they require a large amount of data and corresponding annotations. Collecting

in medical image analysis [6]. Additionally, the color distribution of natural images is also very different from the medical ones [7], which can result in models that have difficulties in generalizing to the other data [6].

Self-supervised learning (SSL) has emerged as a strategy

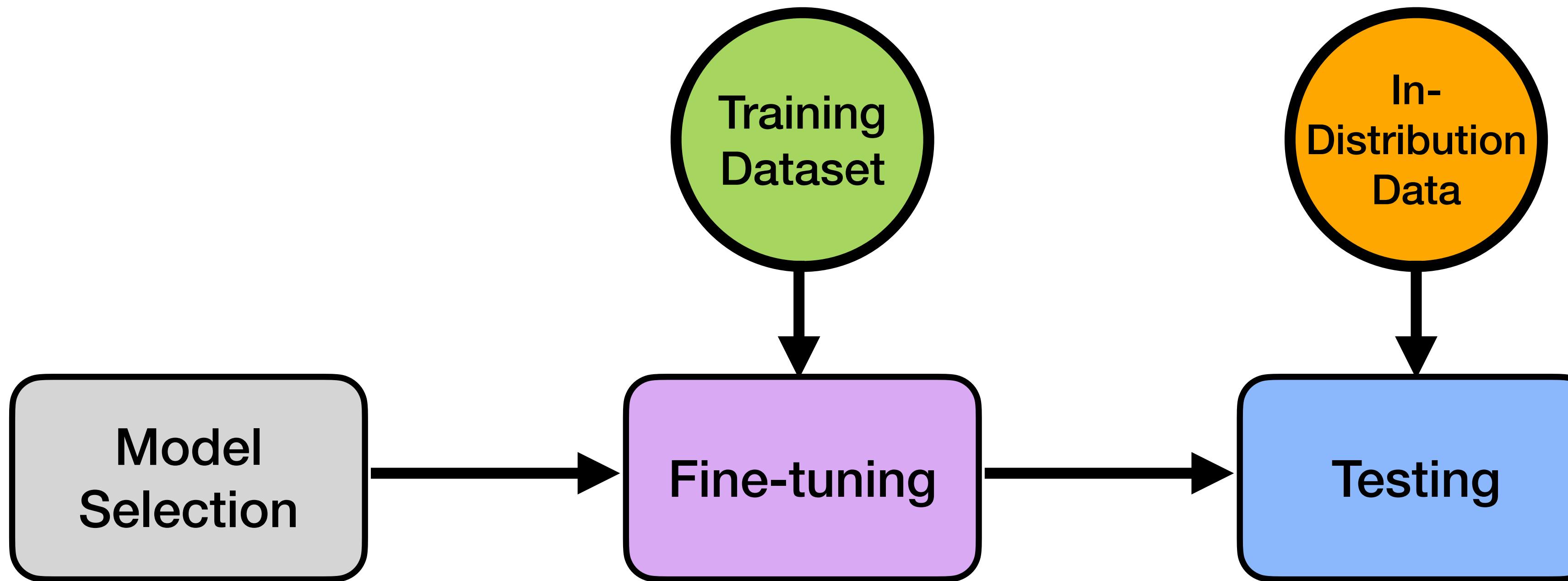
to address this challenge. Transfer learning from supervised ImageNet models has been frequently used in medical image analysis. Yet, no large-scale evaluation has been conducted to benchmark the efficacy of newly-developed

# What were they missing?

Work <sub>year</sub>	Out-of-distribution Evaluation	Low-data Evaluation
Azizi et al. 2021		
Hosseinzadeh et al. 2021		
Truong et al. 2021		
Verdelho et al. 2022		
Ours 2022		

# **Experimental Design & Preliminary results**

# Standard Evaluation Protocol

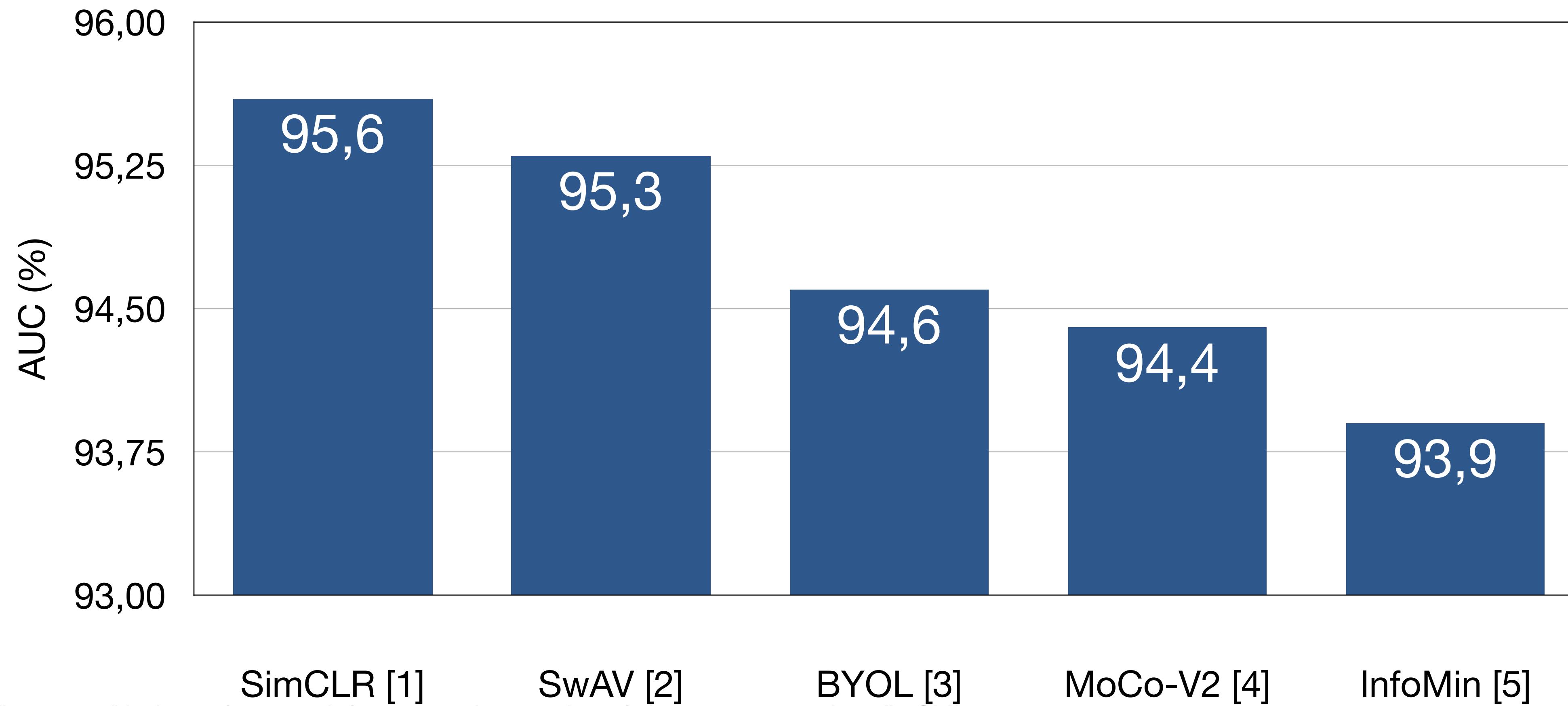


**Supervised (baseline)**

**Self-supervised (5 candidates)**

# Evaluated self-supervised learning methods

Fine-tuning results on ISIC 2019 (Melanoma vs. benign)



SimCLR [1]

SwAV [2]

BYOL [3]

MoCo-V2 [4]

InfoMin [5]

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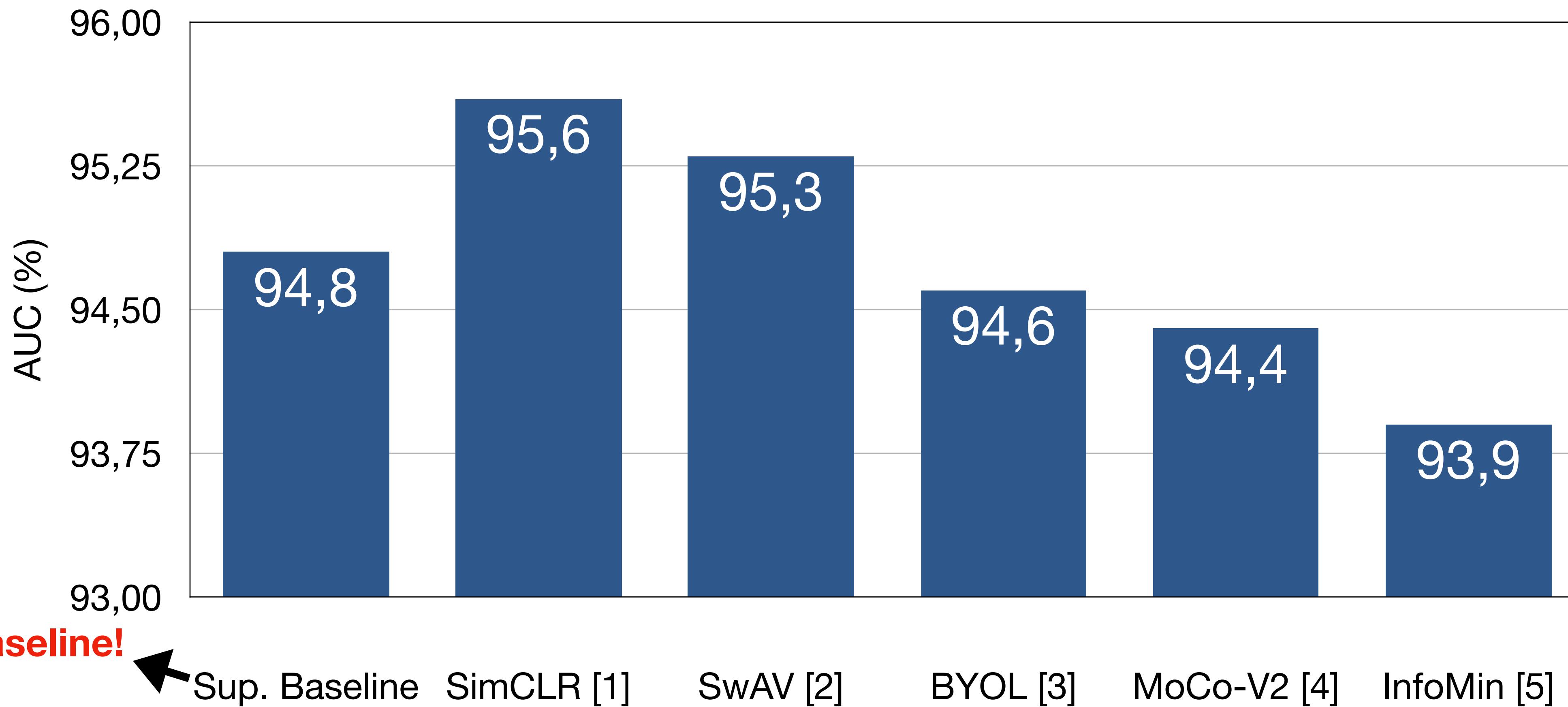
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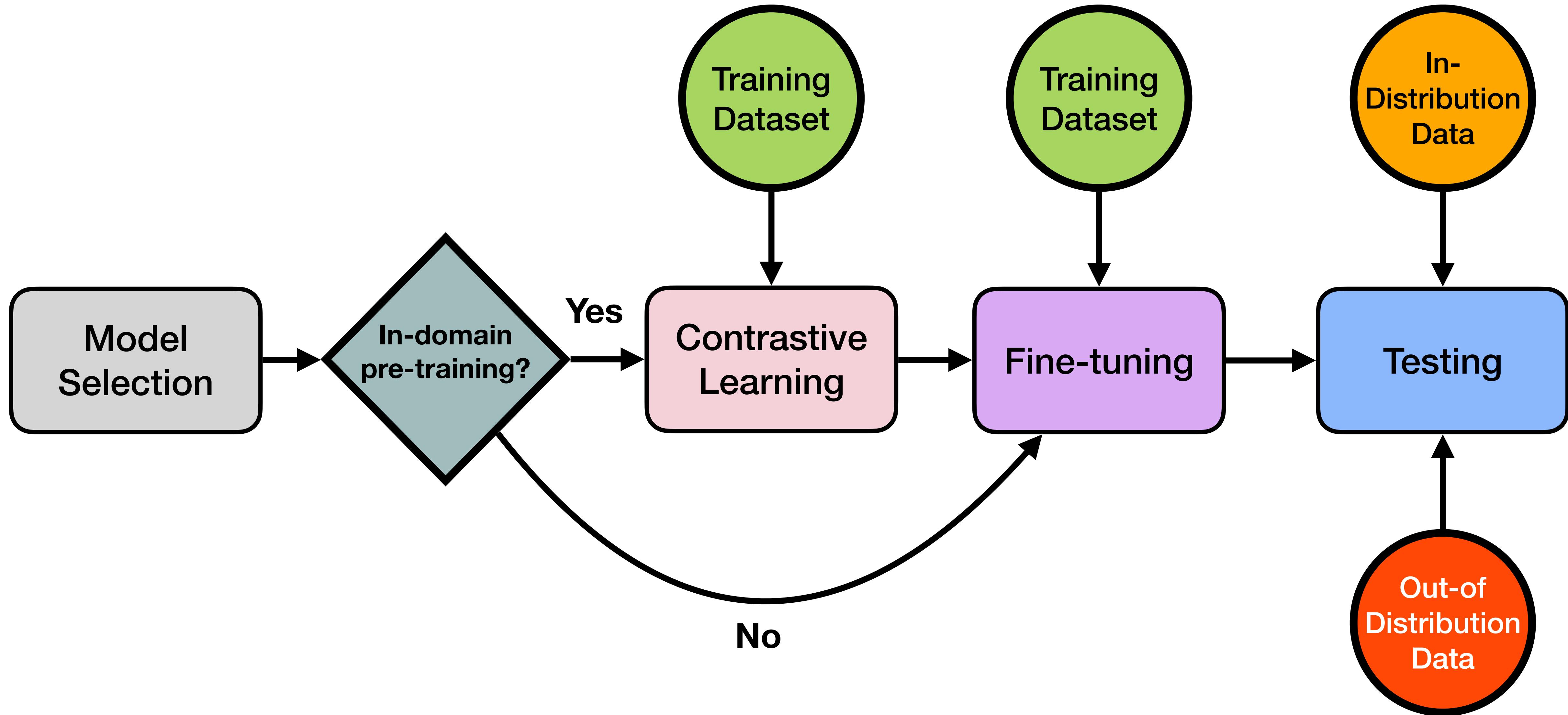
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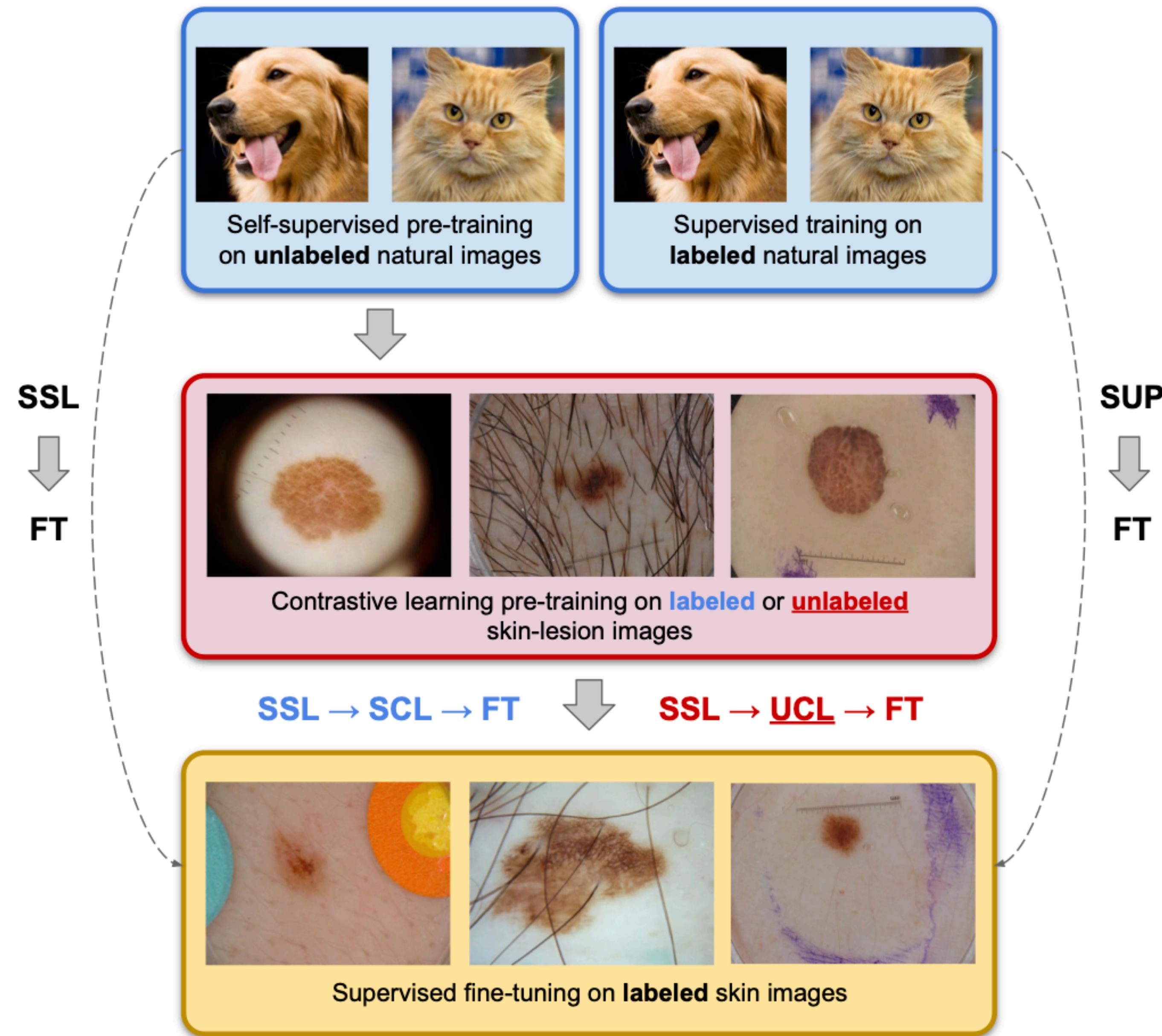
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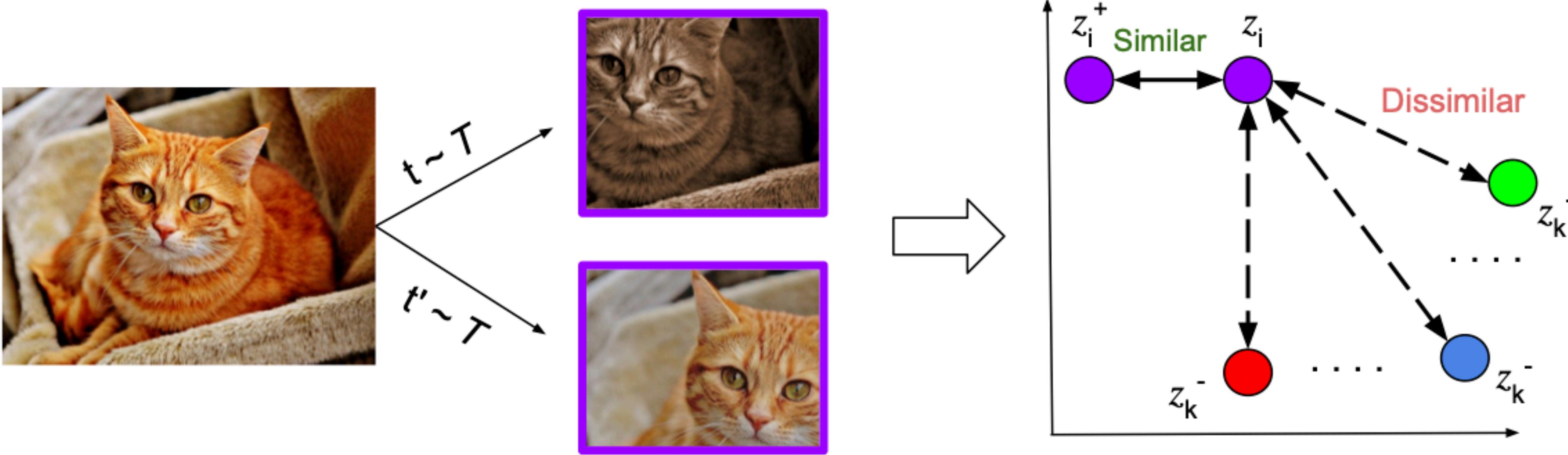
# Our Evaluation Protocol



# Our pipelines



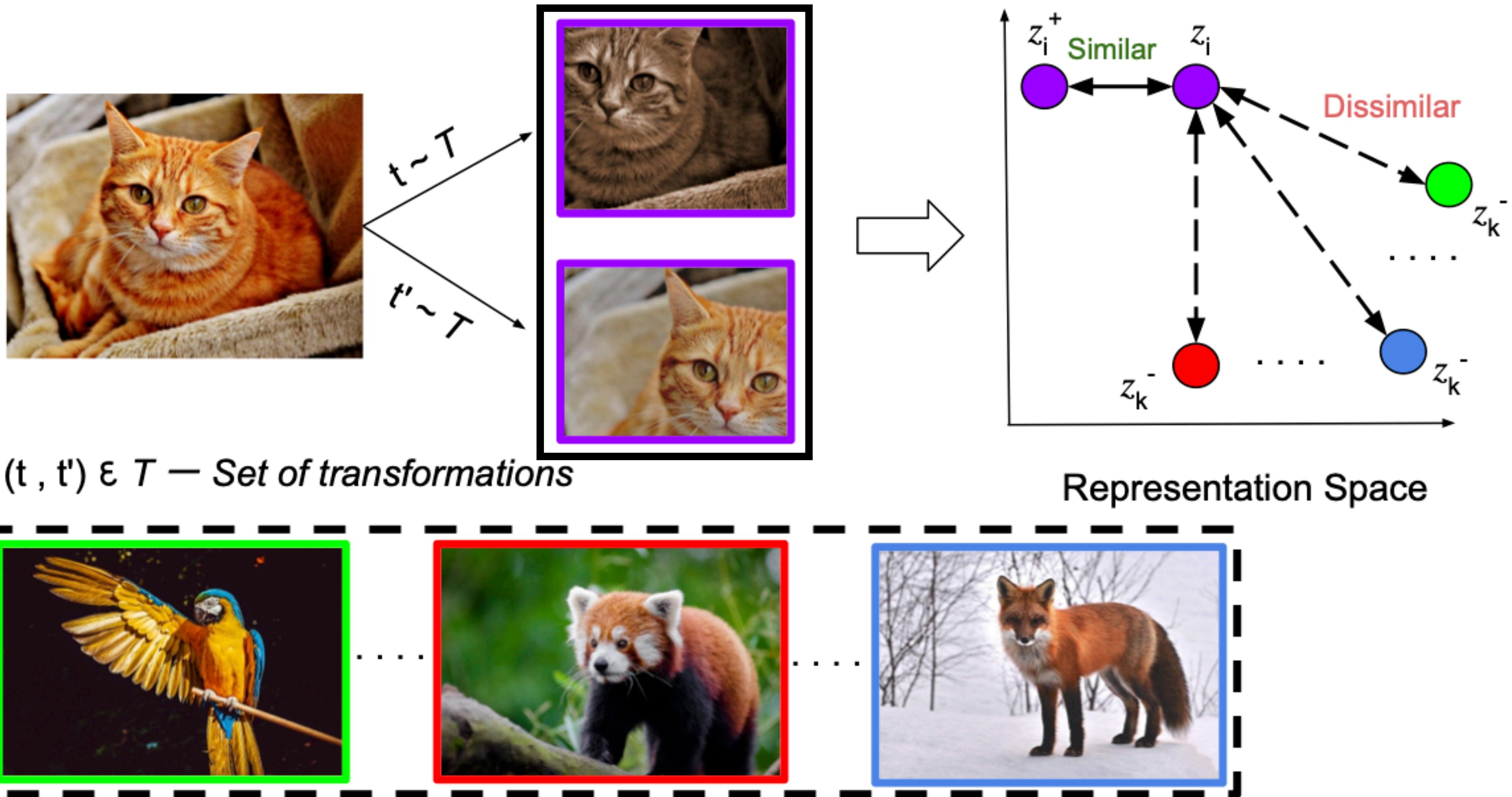
# Contrastive Learning



Representation Space



# Contrastive Learning

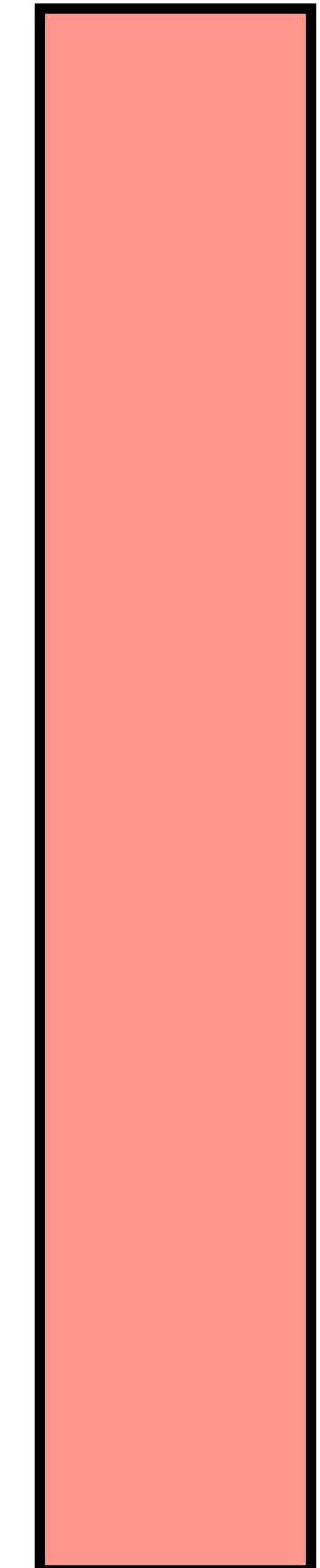


Unsupervised Contrastive Learning (UCL) -> Image augmentations to create positive views

Supervised Contrastive Learning (SCL) -> Label class to create positive views

# Full-data evaluation

Training Data  
100 %



# Low-data evaluation

Training Data

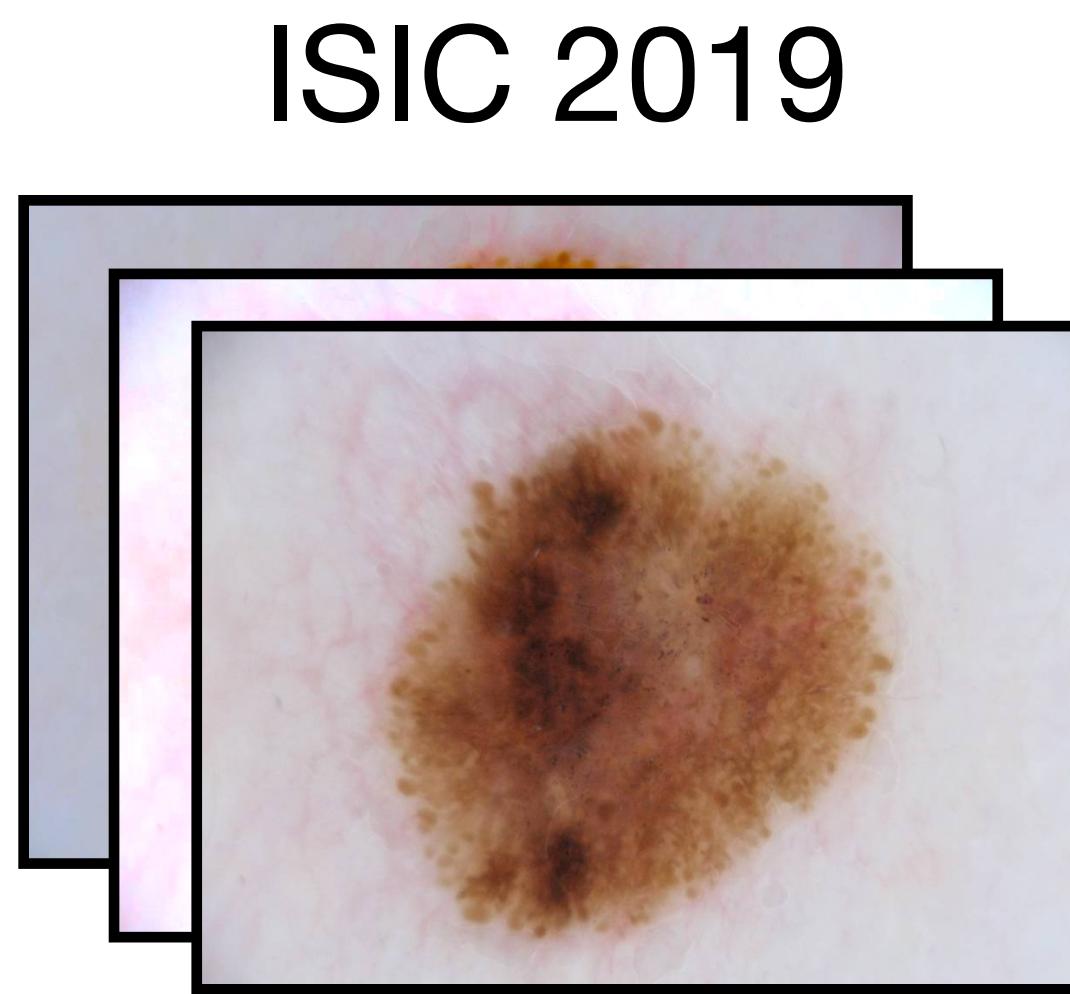


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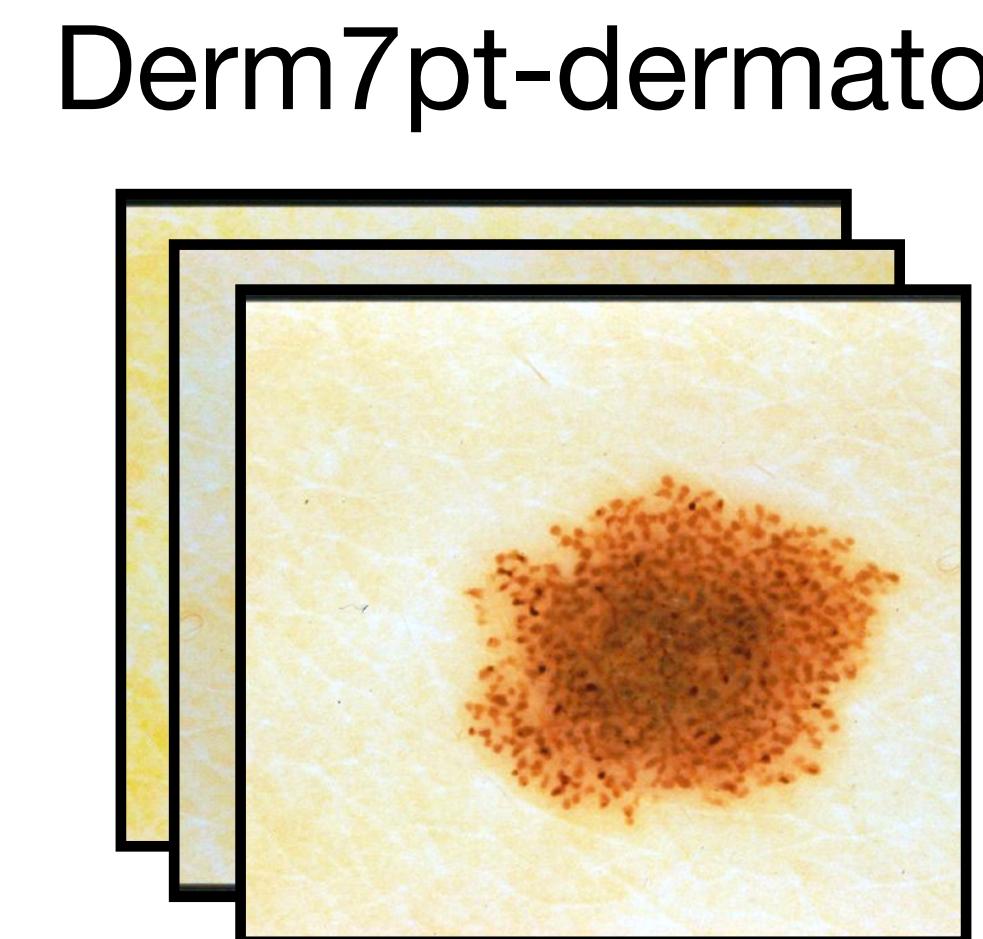


# Out-of-Distribution Evaluation

Train



ISIC 2019



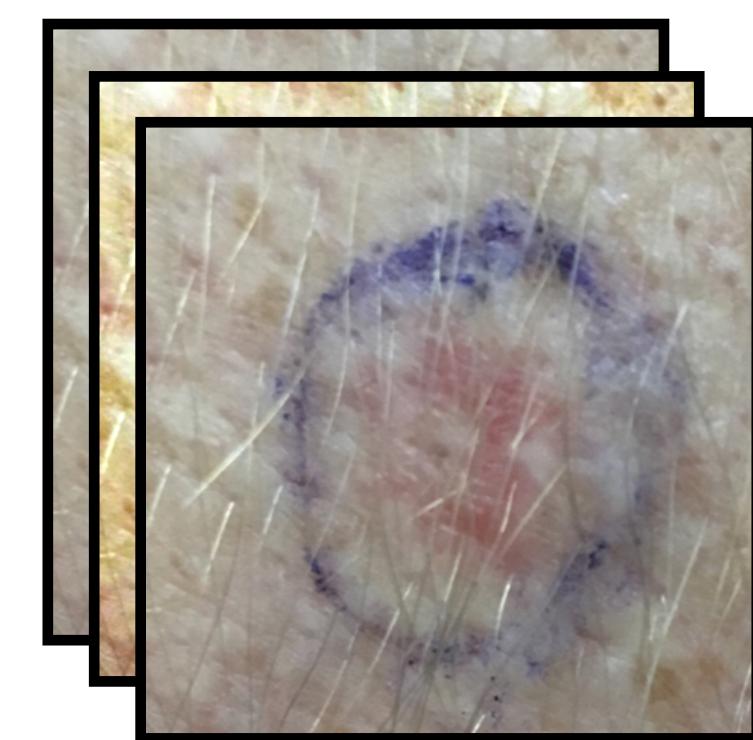
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Derm7pt-clinical



ISIC 2020



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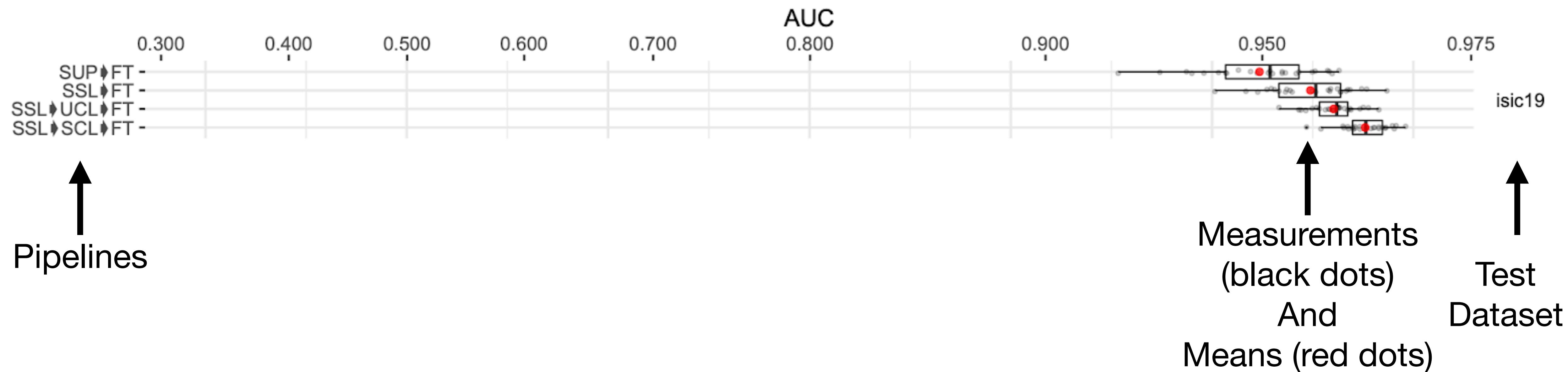
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# Results

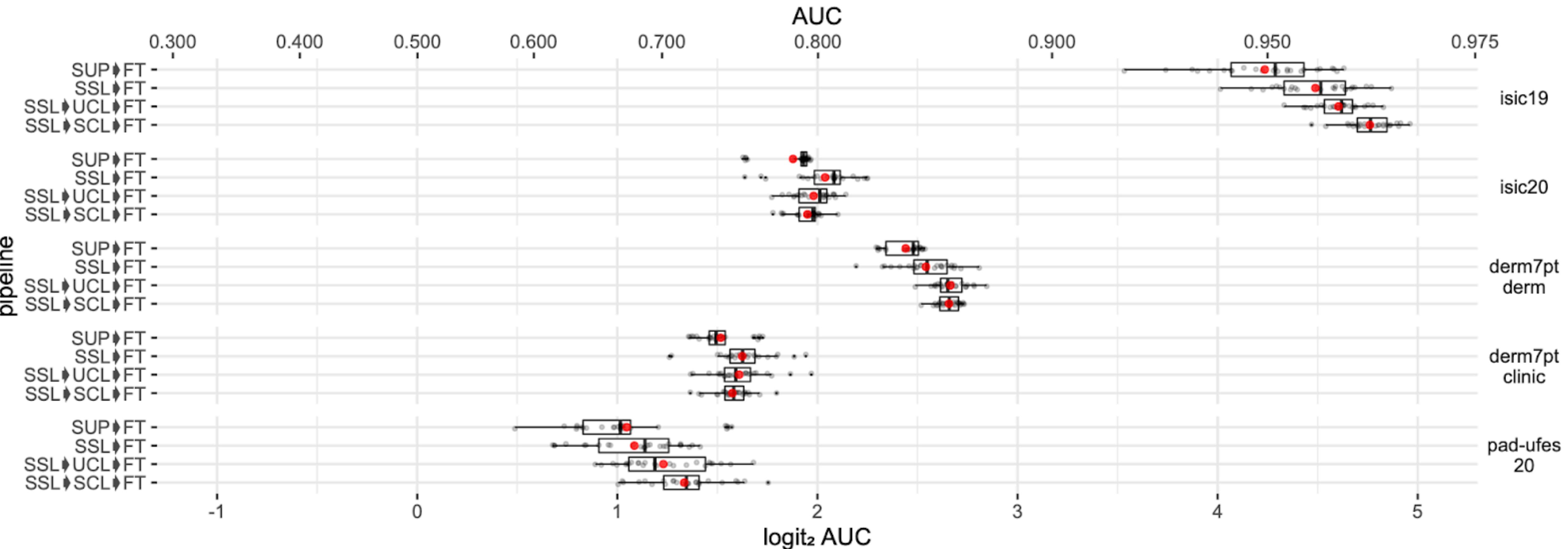


# Full data and out-of-distribution performance



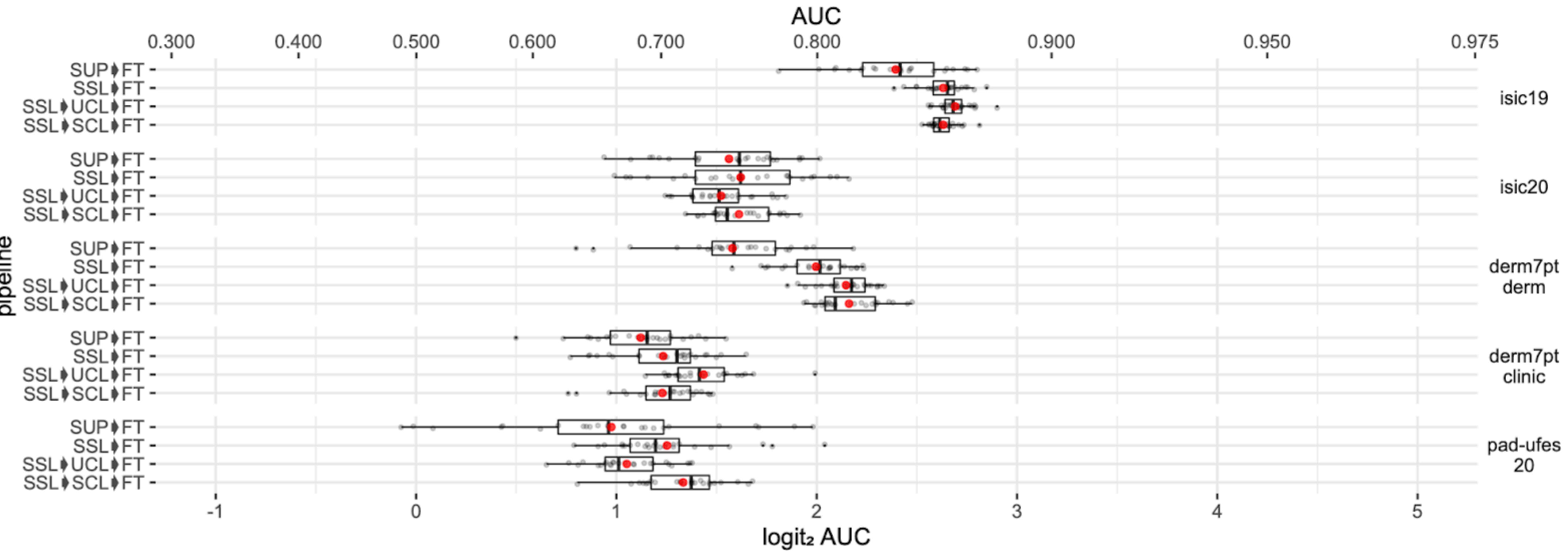
100% of training data – 14,805 samples

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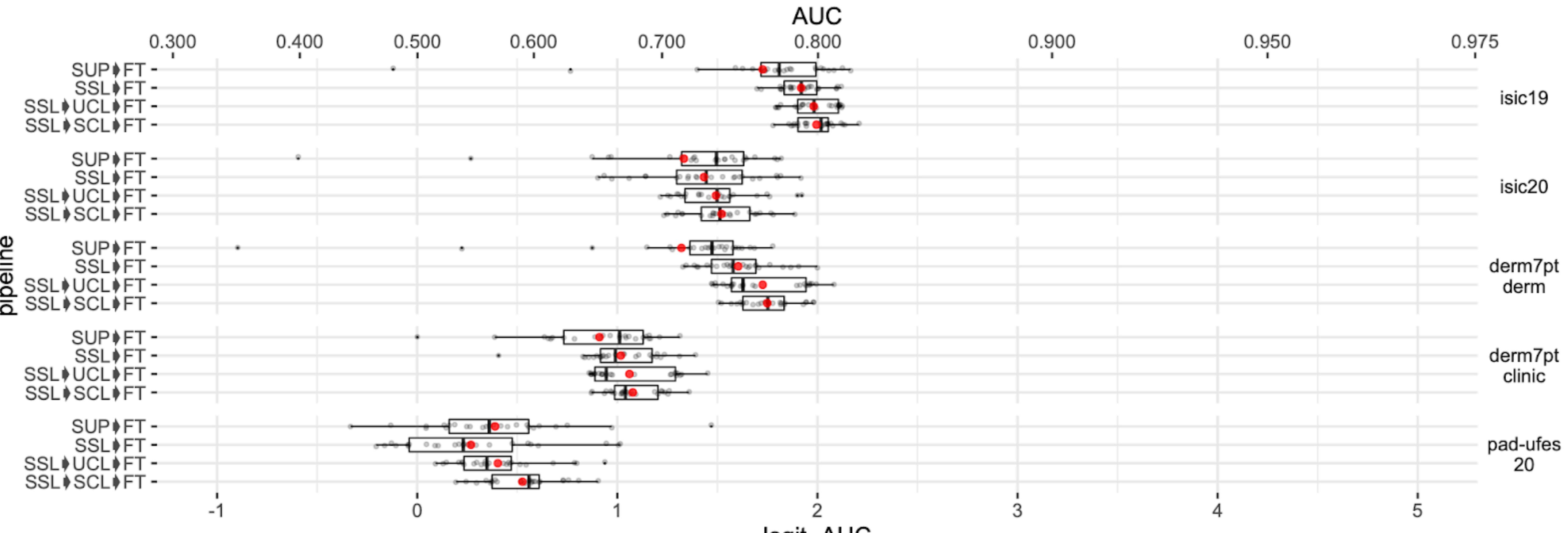
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# Low-data and out-of-distribution performance



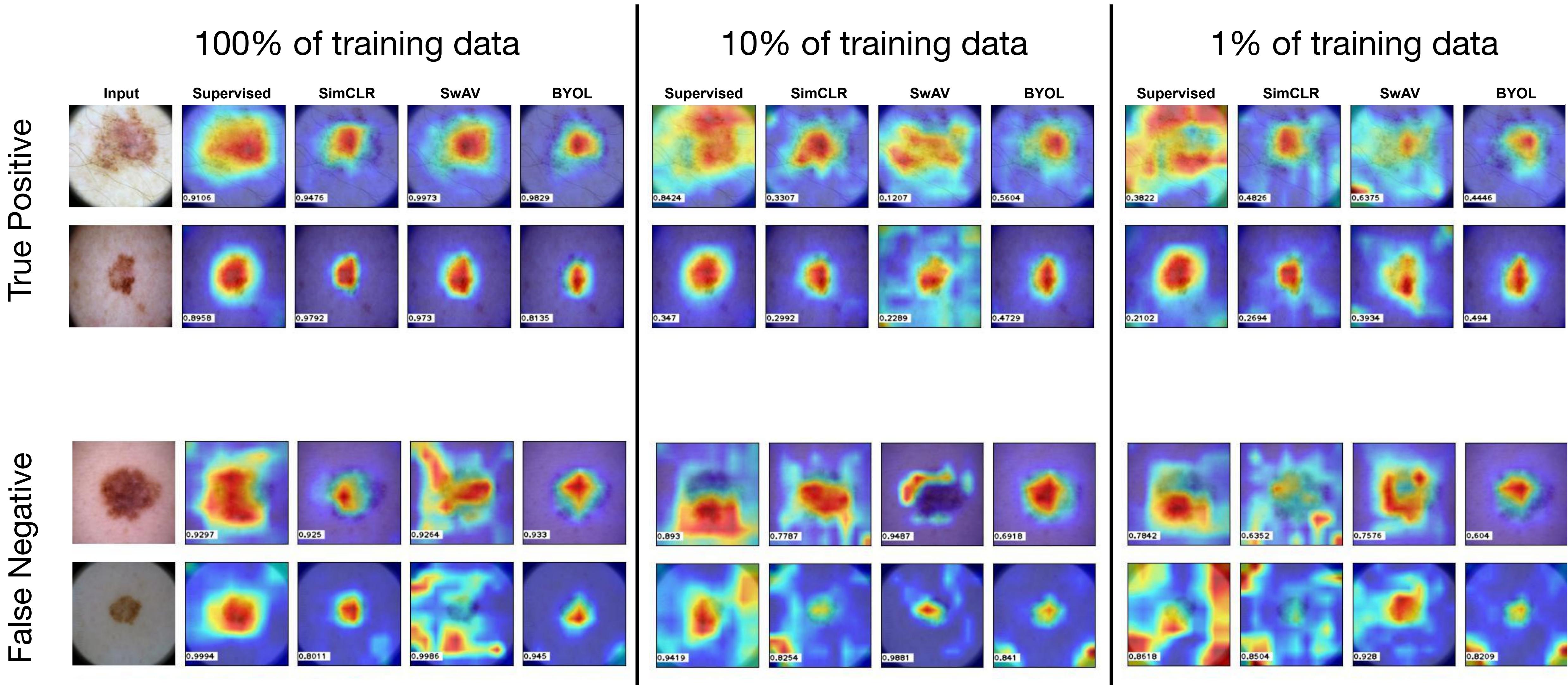
10% of training data – 1,480 samples

# Low-data and out-of-distribution performance



1% of training data — 148 samples

# Qualitative Analysis



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- **Understanding what circumstances make self-supervised competitive from a theoretical perspective is a promising research area.**

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Code and data available on Github!

<https://github.com/VirtualSpaceman/ssl-skin-lesions>

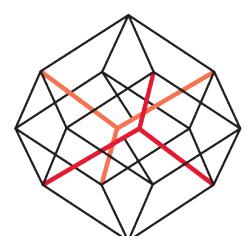
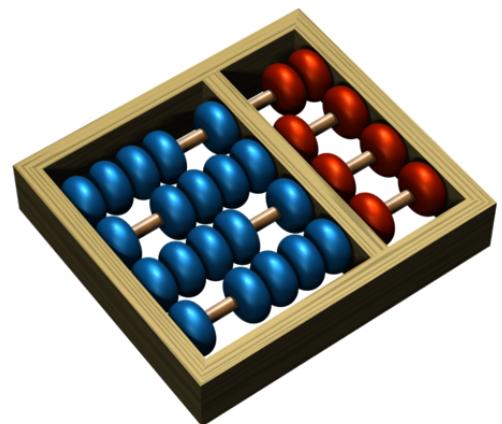
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