



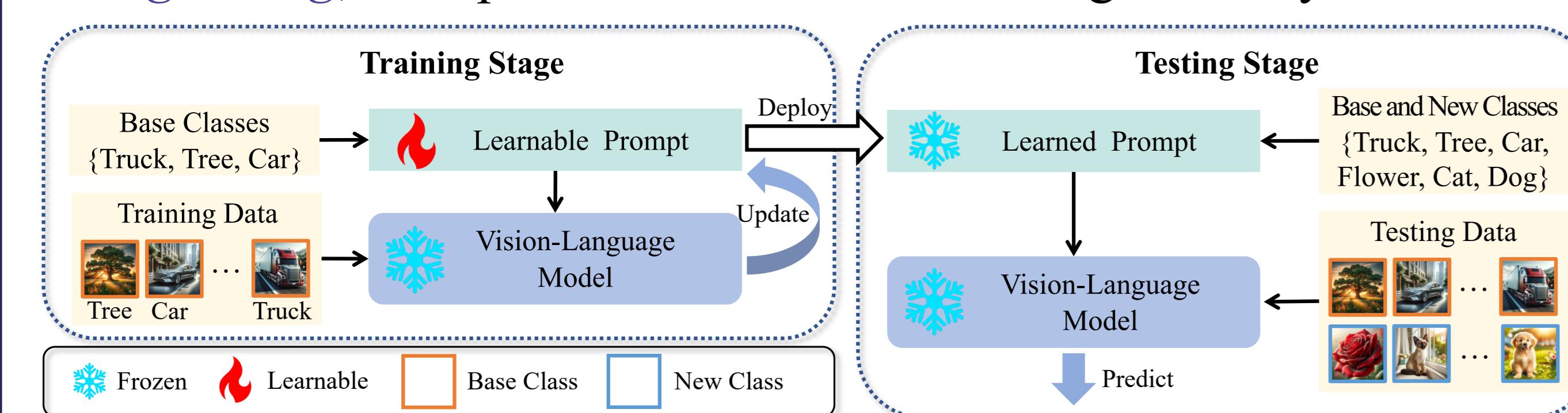
## TL; DR

We investigate a new problem setting OPT and propose DeCoOp to explore integrating out-of-distribution detection into the prompt tuning paradigm.

## OPT Problem Setting

### Definition

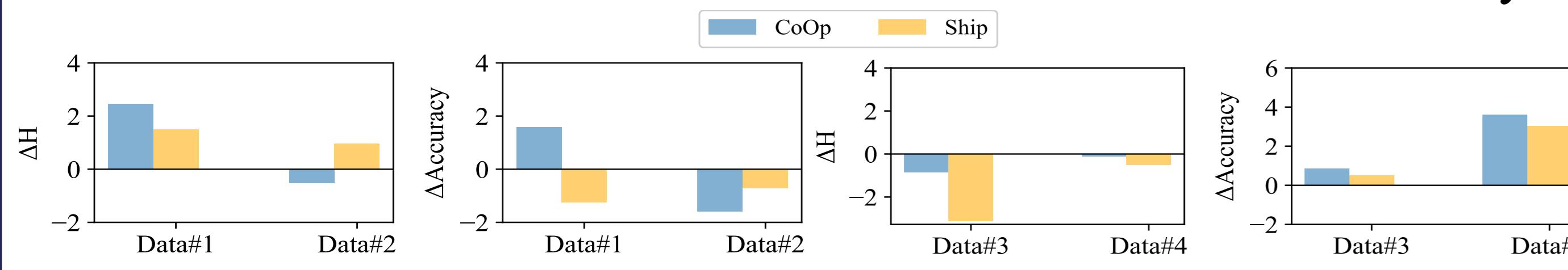
As illustrated in Figure 1, the **Open-world Prompt Tuning (OPT)** problem involves *tuning with only base class samples available, yet requiring classification of both base class and new class samples during testing*, with performance evaluated using accuracy metric.



▲ Figure 1: The overall illustration of OPT problem

### Motivation

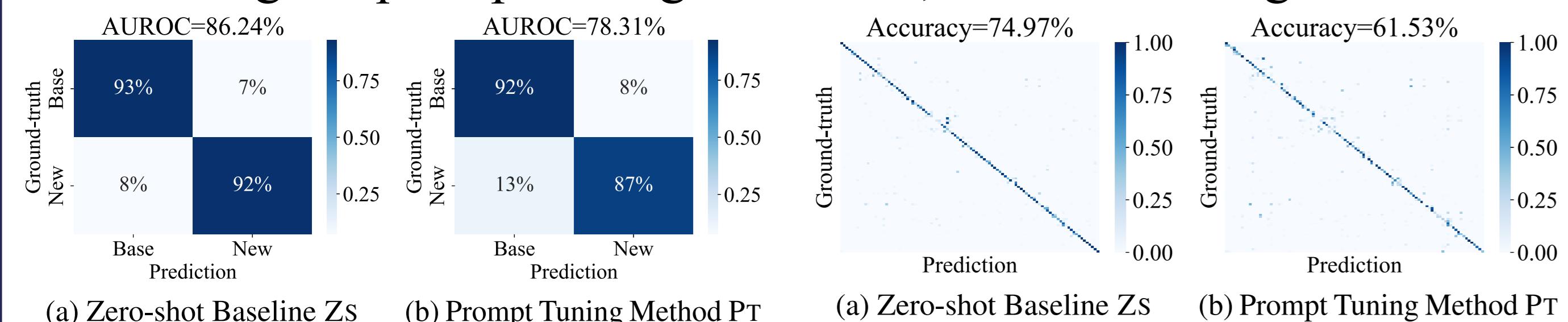
1. *The requirements to recognize new class samples emerges* in real-world applications, the , and these samples cannot be identified as a new class before testing.
2. *The performance of H and accuracy metrics are inconsistent*. Left subfigure of Figure 2 demonstrates that the improvement in the H metric corresponds to reduced accuracy, while right subfigure shows a deterioration in H is associated with increased accuracy.



▲ Figure 2: Performance changes of different metrics

### Challenges

1. *Existing methods and evaluating metrics ignore the base-to-new discriminability*, i.e., distinguishing whether a testing sample belongs to base classes and new classes. As shown in Figure 3, prompt tuning methods will degrades base-to-new discriminability.
2. *New-class discriminability degrades for prompt tuning methods*, making the prompt tuning not robust, as shown in Figure 4.



▲ Figure 3: Base-to-new discriminability

▲ Figure 4: New-class discriminability

## DePt and DeCoOp Approach

### DePt Framework

We propose a **Decomposed Prompt Tuning (DePt)** framework, which integrates a zero-shot baseline  $P_{ZS}$ , a prompt tuning baseline  $P_{PT}$ , and an OOD detector  $P_{OOD}$  using the following formulation. The main idea is to *distinguish OOD samples and let zero-shot and prompt tuning methods handle the base classes and new classes respectively*.

$$\begin{cases} P_{PT}(y|x), & P_{OOD}(y \in \mathcal{Y}_b|x) \geq P_{OOD}(y \in \mathcal{Y}_n|x), \\ P_{ZS}(y|x), & P_{OOD}(y \in \mathcal{Y}_b|x) < P_{OOD}(y \in \mathcal{Y}_n|x). \end{cases}$$

### Theoretical Analysis of DePt

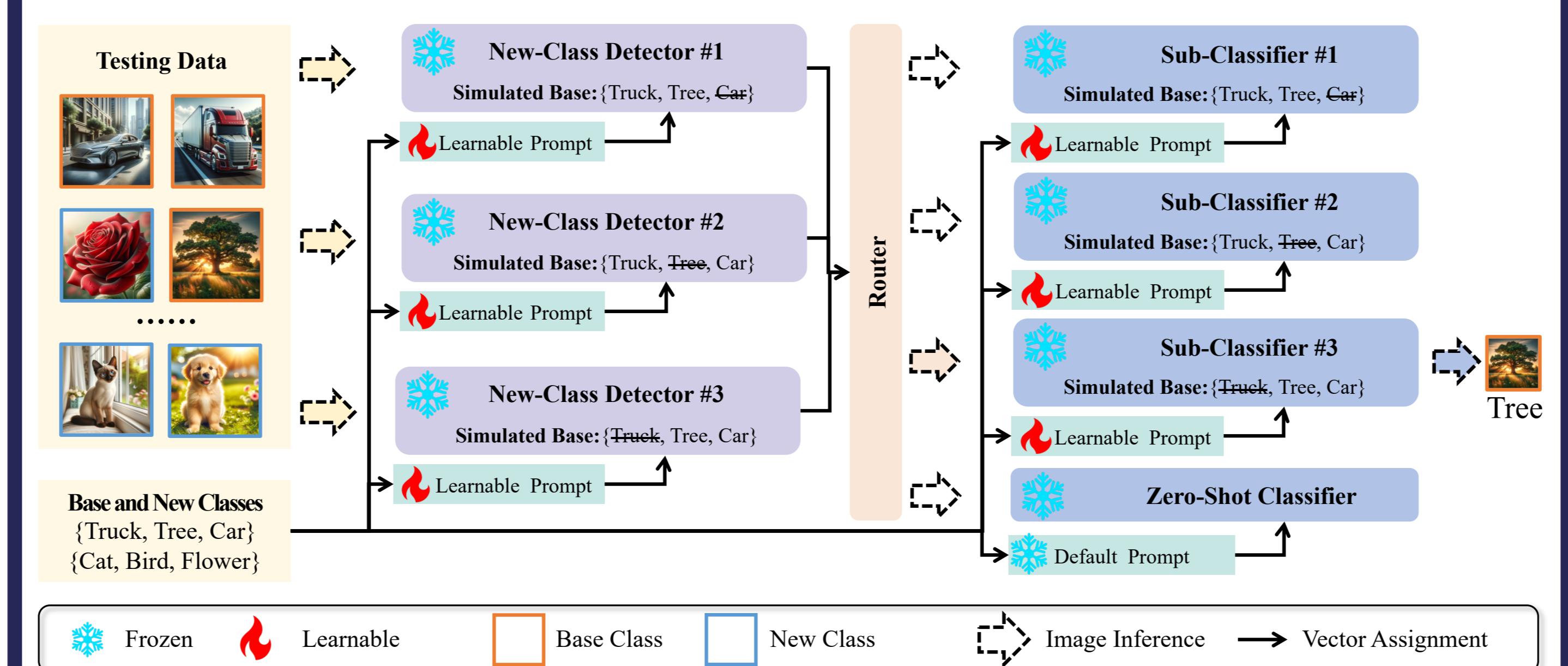
We prove that the DePt framework can achieve better performance compared to the zero-shot baseline, measuring their error using the cross-entropy metric.

**Theorem 2.1.** If  $\mathbb{E}_x [H_{ZS}^{CLS}(x)] \leq \delta$  for  $x$  belonging to both base and new classes,  $\mathbb{E}_x [H_{PT}^{CLS}(x)] \leq \delta - \Delta$  for  $x$  belonging to base classes, and  $\mathbb{E}_x [H_{ZS}^{OOD}(x)] \leq \epsilon$ , given a uniform mixing ratio ( $\alpha : 1 - \alpha$ ) of base classes and new classes in the testing data, we can determine that:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbb{E}_x [H_{ZS}(x)] & \leq \epsilon + \delta, \\ \mathbb{E}_x [H_{DEPT}(x)] & \leq \epsilon + \delta - \alpha \cdot \Delta. \end{cases}$$

### DeCoOp Approach

Motivated by DePt framework, we propose a **Decomposed Context Optimization (DeCoOp)** approach, shown in Figure 5. The main idea is to *train better OOD detector  $\mathcal{M}_D$  using the leave-out strategy and train classifiers  $\mathcal{M}_C$  for stronger generalization for new classes based on DePt framework*. The leave-out strategy address the challenge of lacking knowledge of new classes during training. The stronger generalization of  $\mathcal{M}_C$  is achieved by simulating the emergence of new categories during training with the help of leave-out strategy.



▲ Figure 5: The overall illustration of DeCoOp approach

## Experiments

### Research Question #1

Can the empirical results of the DePt framework on real-world datasets conform to our theoretical analysis?

METHOD	ViT-B/16		ViT-B/32	
	NEW ACC.	ACCURACY	NEW ACC.	ACCURACY
ZS	65.49	63.92	63.95	60.36
PT	57.73	65.57	53.01	61.03
DEPT	<b>68.15</b>	<b>68.03</b>	<b>65.45</b>	<b>62.92</b>

▲ Table 1: Performance of DePt framework

### Research Question #2

Can the DeCoOp method surpass existing baseline and SOTA methods, thereby demonstrating its robustness?

	AVERAGE	H	IMAGENET	H	CALTECH101	H	OXFORDPETS	
	H	ACC.	H	ACC.	H	ACC.	H	ACC.
CLIP	70.84	63.92	70.20 ± 0.00	66.73 ± 0.00	95.41 ± 0.00	92.90 ± 0.00	92.93 ± 0.00	88.03 ± 0.00
PROMPT ENS.	71.65	65.39	72.00 ± 0.00	68.48 ± 0.00	96.20 ± 0.00	94.08 ± 0.00	92.42 ± 0.00	86.37 ± 0.00
COOP	72.14	65.57	64.95 ± 1.11	61.79 ± 1.09	95.96 ± 0.39	93.24 ± 0.68	95.38 ± 0.33	89.61 ± 0.34
CoCoOp	74.72	67.67	72.71 ± 0.33	69.41 ± 0.36	95.55 ± 0.24	93.43 ± 0.37	<b>95.71 ± 0.76</b>	<b>90.24 ± 1.32</b>
SHIP	72.26	64.51	67.29 ± 0.38	63.65 ± 0.32	95.83 ± 0.23	92.93 ± 0.37	94.44 ± 0.54	86.78 ± 1.32
DECOOP(OURS)	<b>76.13</b>	<b>69.69</b>	<b>72.98 ± 0.04</b>	<b>69.62 ± 0.08</b>	<b>96.52 ± 0.09</b>	<b>94.50 ± 0.22</b>	95.27 ± 0.08	88.87 ± 0.28
	STANFORDCARS	H	FLOWERS102	H	FOOD101	H	FGVCAIRCRFT	
	ACC.	H	ACC.	H	ACC.	H	ACC.	
CLIP	68.75 ± 0.00	65.39 ± 0.00	72.74 ± 0.00	67.28 ± 0.00	90.18 ± 0.00	85.40 ± 0.00	30.25 ± 0.00	23.94 ± 0.00
PROMPT ENS.	69.36 ± 0.00	65.95 ± 0.00	72.14 ± 0.00	67.03 ± 0.00	90.32 ± 0.00	85.54 ± 0.00	29.42 ± 0.00	23.31 ± 0.00
COOP	68.22 ± 0.49	63.81 ± 0.44	78.33 ± 2.26	72.11 ± 2.36	86.65 ± 1.38	80.84 ± 1.50	29.38 ± 1.78	24.80 ± 1.23
CoCoOp	71.49 ± 0.62	67.75 ± 0.68	80.04 ± 1.46	71.95 ± 1.24	86.41 ± 0.24	85.61 ± 0.43	27.87 ± 1.36	21.46 ± 7.42
SHIP	69.71 ± 0.43	64.67 ± 0.55	76.85 ± 2.18	70.40 ± 2.01	86.84 ± 1.49	77.39 ± 2.19	27.13 ± 1.10	24.44 ± 0.96
DECOOP(OURS)	<b>73.24 ± 0.15</b>	<b>69.64 ± 0.19</b>	<b>84.16 ± 0.27</b>	<b>78.61 ± 0.59</b>	<b>90.68 ± 0.09</b>	<b>85.83 ± 0.07</b>	<b>31.44 ± 0.39</b>	<b>25.15 ± 0.31</b>
	SUN397	H	DTD	H	EUROSAT	H	UCF101	
	ACC.	H	ACC.	H	ACC.	H	ACC.	
CLIP	72.26 ± 0.00	62.57 ± 0.00	57.32 ± 0.00	44.56 ± 0.00	58.16 ± 0.00	41.40 ± 0.00	71.00 ± 0.00	64.97 ± 0.00
PROMPT ENS.	75.04 ± 0.00	65.97 ± 0.00	59.63 ± 0.00	46.28 ± 0.00	58.45 ± 0.00	48.91 ± 0.00	73.17 ± 0.00	67.33 ± 0.00
COOP	71.37 ± 1.21	61.82 ± 1.11	57.22 ± 2.37	48.18 ± 1.78	74.33 ± 4.35	59.65 ± 5.07	71.68 ± 2.84	65.41 ± 2.18
CoCoOp	77.17 ± 0.27	68.17 ± 0.33	60.59 ± 1.51	47.90 ± 1.43	73.77 ± 3.58	58.08 ± 1.49	76.59 ± 0.79	70.39 ± 1.25
SHIP	72.57 ± 0.38	60.42 ± 0.48	56.82 ± 2.18	47.58 ± 1.62	73.29 ± 2.67	54.11 ± 1.73	74.09 ± 2.09	67.24 ± 1.94
DECOOP(OURS)	<b>78.11 ± 0.09</b>	<b>69.33 ± 0.05</b>	<b>62.72 ± 1.23</b>	<b>51.44 ± 1.04</b>	<b>74.61 ± 3.82</b>	<b>61.90 ± 3.72</b>	<b>77.67 ± 0.50</b>	<b>71.71 ± 0.79</b>

▲ Table 2: Performance of DeCoOp approach

### Research Question #3

Does the DeCoOp successfully improve the base-to-new discriminability?

DATASET	CLIP	CoCoOp	SHIP	DECOOP(OURS)
	H	ACC.	H	ACC.
IMAGENET	88.34	88.05	84.71	<b>97.48</b>
CALTECH101	97.03	95.71	96.94	<b>99.58</b>
OXFORDPETS	92.66	91.15	93.30	<b>98.12</b>
STANFORDCARS	86.24	83.00	87.23	<b>97.63</b>
FLOWERS102	84.92	79.63	84.84	<b>95.75</b>
FGVCAIRCRFT	75.08	69.00	75.78	<b>84.06</b>
SUN397	72.46	73.75	74.78	<b>90.21</b>
DTD	62.29	60.65	6	