



# Self-Supervised Feature Learning for Deep Multi-View Clustering

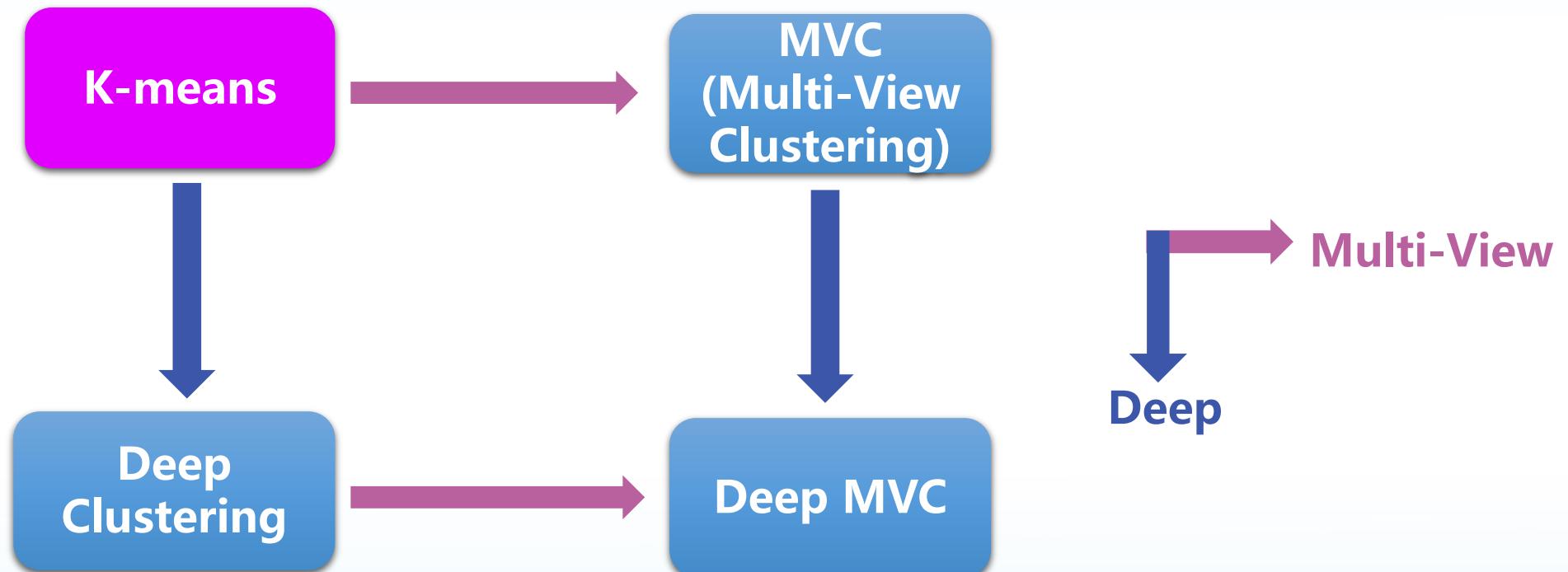


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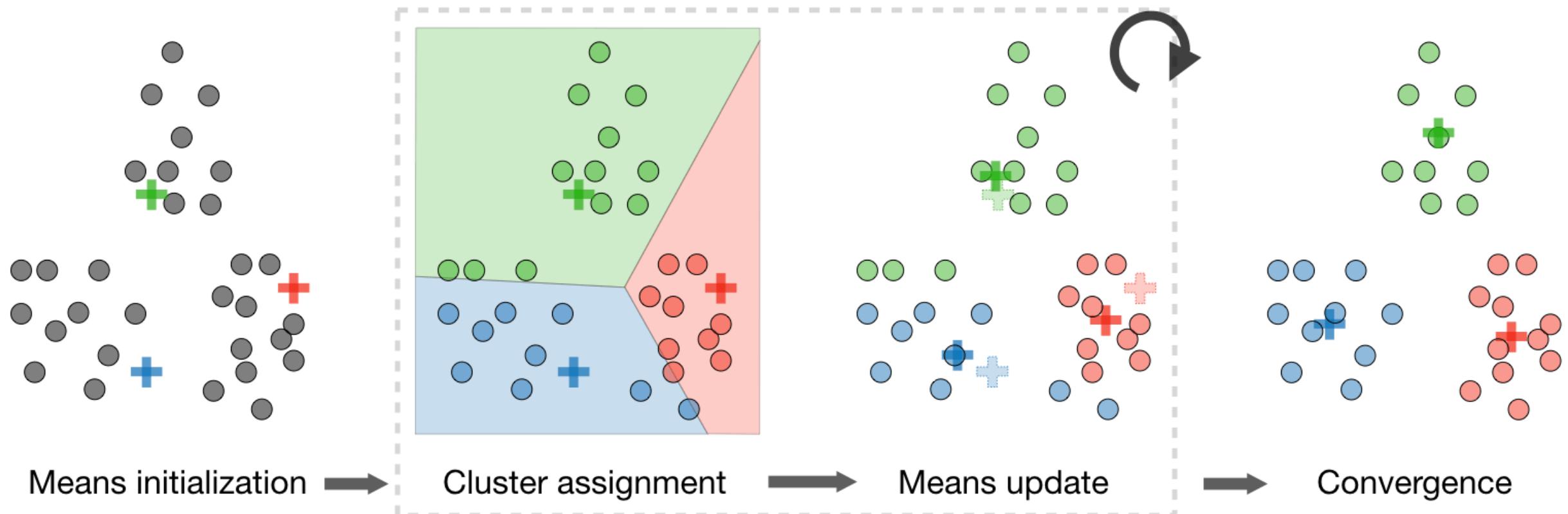
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**Traditional clustering method**

## 1967 : K-means

$$\arg \min_{\mathbf{S}} \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in S_i} \|\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i\|^2$$



# Limitations of shallow models



(a) USPS



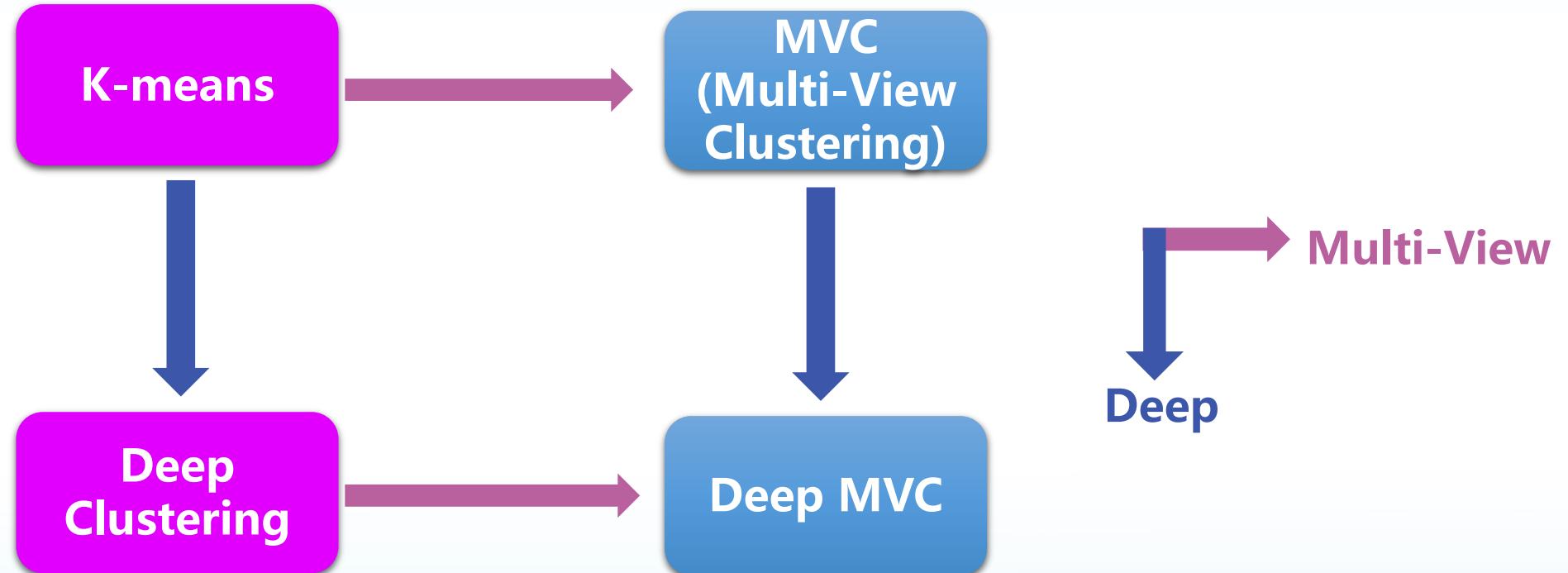
(b) STL-10



(c) CIFAR-10



(d) MNIST



For high-dimensional datasets

# Deep Clustering → DEC (deep embedding clustering )

**Soft assignment**

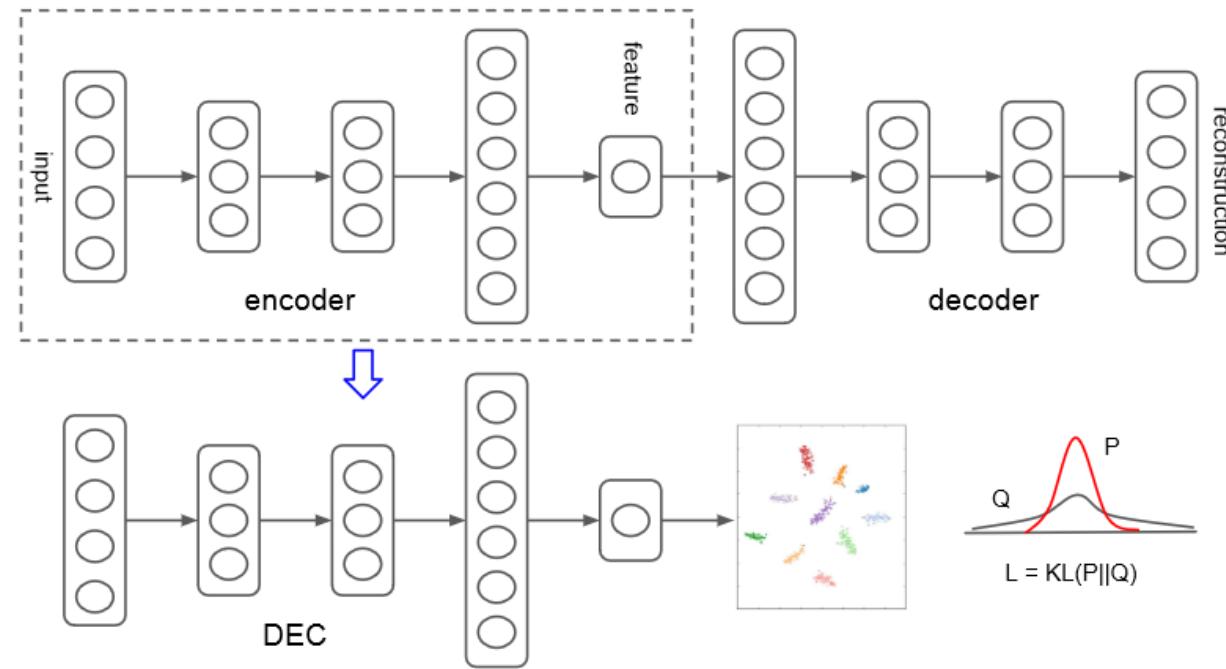
$$q_{ij} = \frac{(1 + \|z_i - \mu_j\|^2 / \alpha)^{-\frac{\alpha+1}{2}}}{\sum_{j'} (1 + \|z_i - \mu_{j'}\|^2 / \alpha)^{-\frac{\alpha+1}{2}}}$$

**Target distribution**

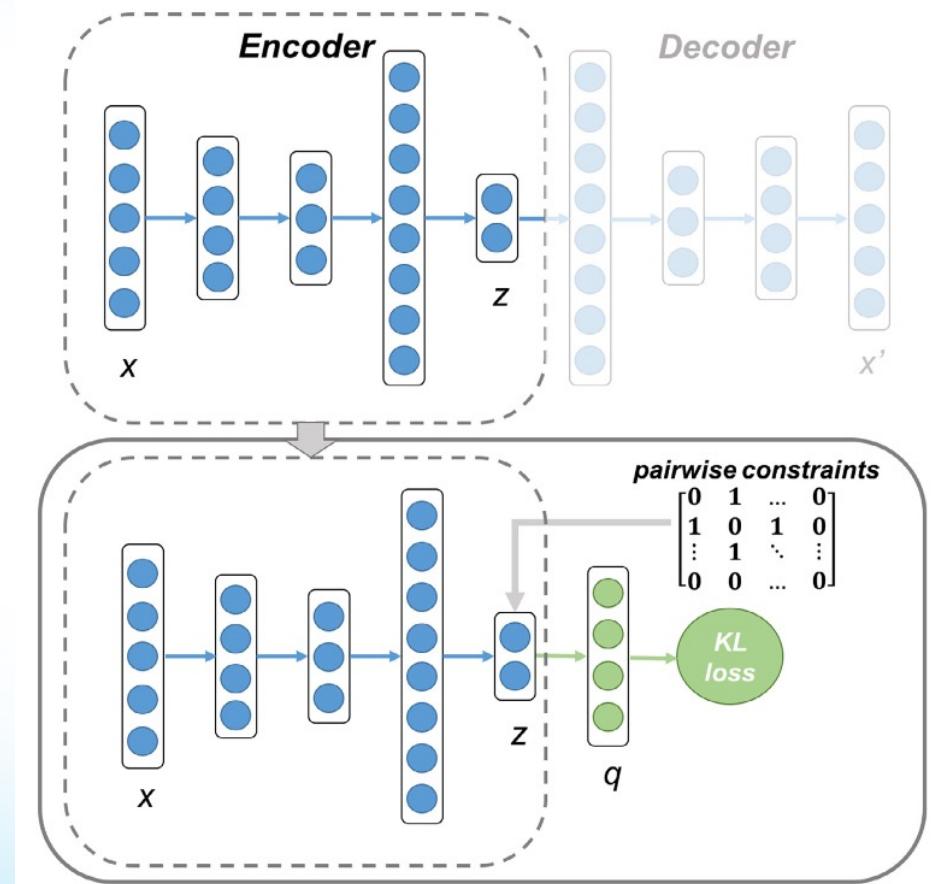
$$p_{ij} = \frac{q_{ij}^2 / \sum_i q_{ij}}{\sum_j (q_{ij}^2 / \sum_i q_{ij})}$$

**KL divergence minimization**

$$L = \text{KL}(P\|Q) = \sum_i \sum_j p_{ij} \log \frac{p_{ij}}{q_{ij}}$$



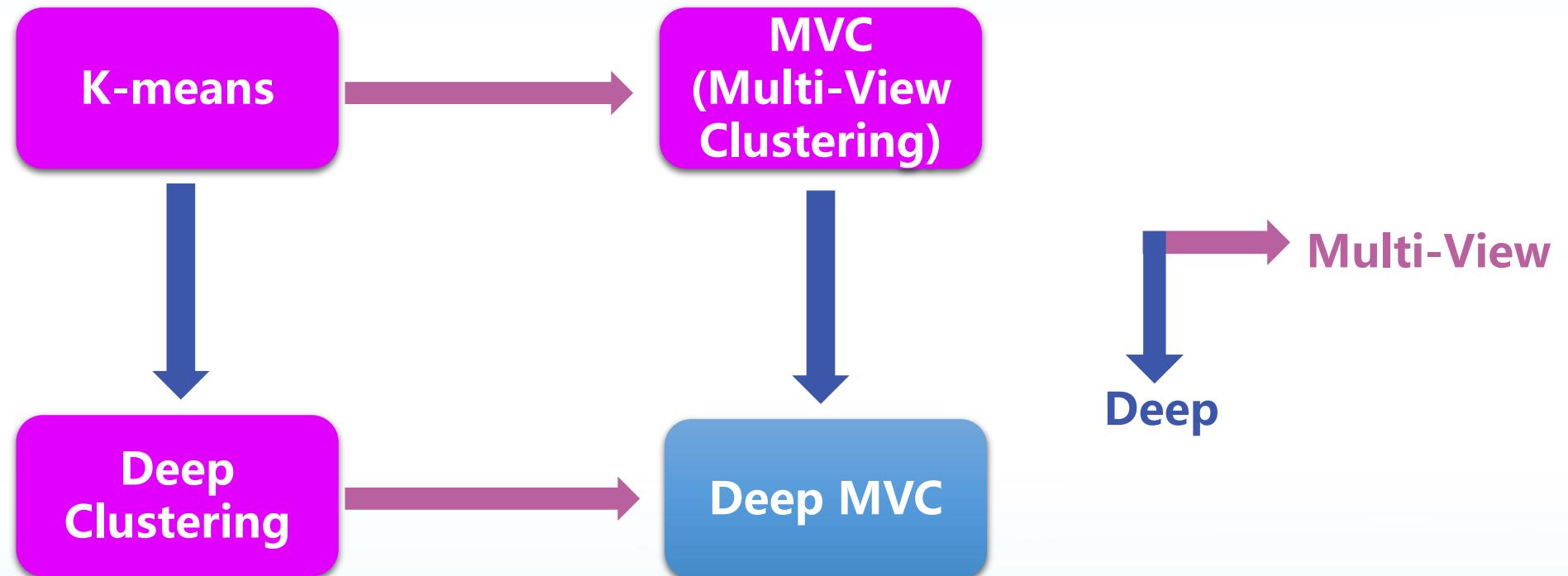
# Deep Clustering → SDEC (Semisupervised DEC)



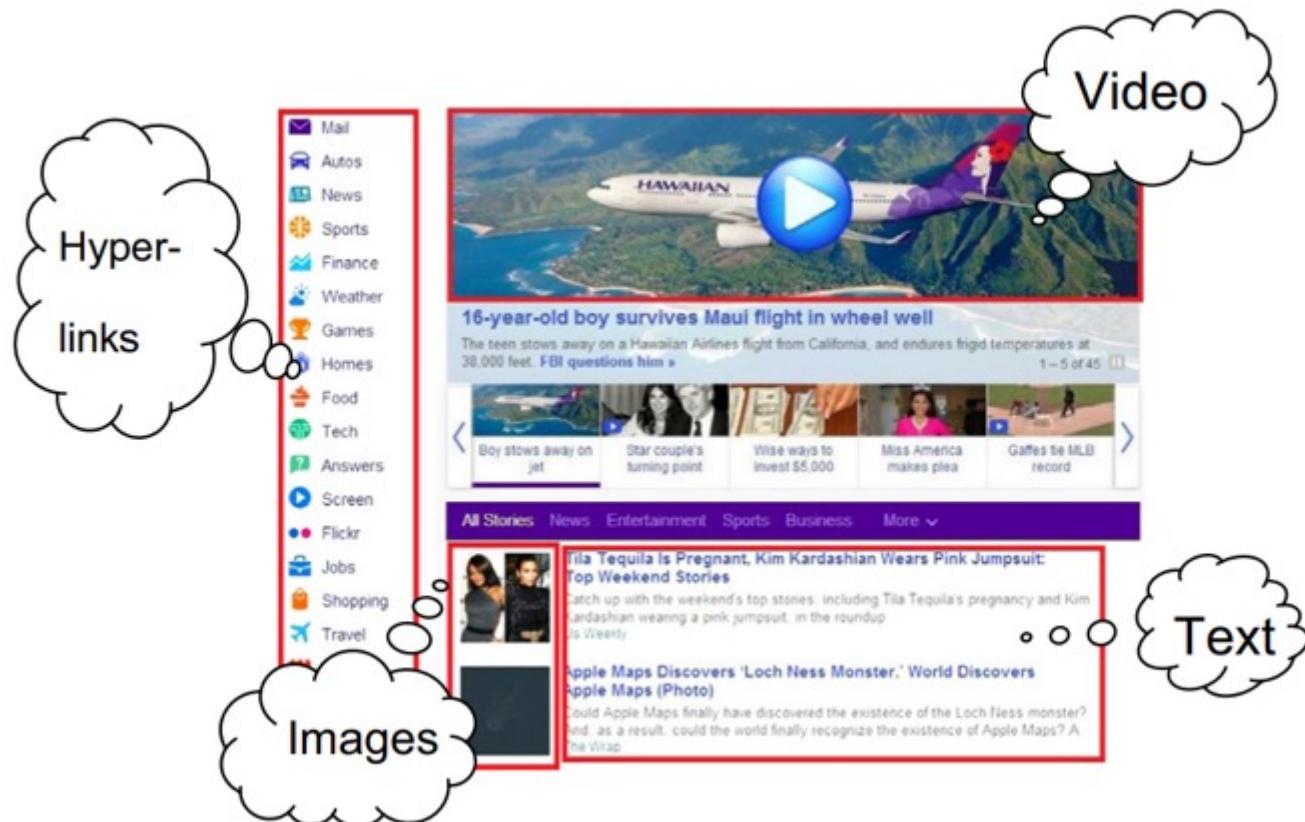
Clustering results measured by ACC(%).

Data	k-means	KM-cst	AE+KM	AE+KM-cst	DEC	IDEC	SDEC
USPS	65.67	68.18	70.28	71.87	75.81	75.86	<b>76.39</b>
STL-10	28.31	29.09	34.00	35.15	37.40	36.99	<b>38.86</b>
CIFAR-10	23.75	23.91	23.89	24.36	26.26	25.02	<b>27.26</b>
MNIST	52.98	54.27	74.09	75.98	84.94	83.85	<b>86.11</b>
20NG	33.77	33.89	40.81	47.71	50.11	53.63	<b>78.12</b>

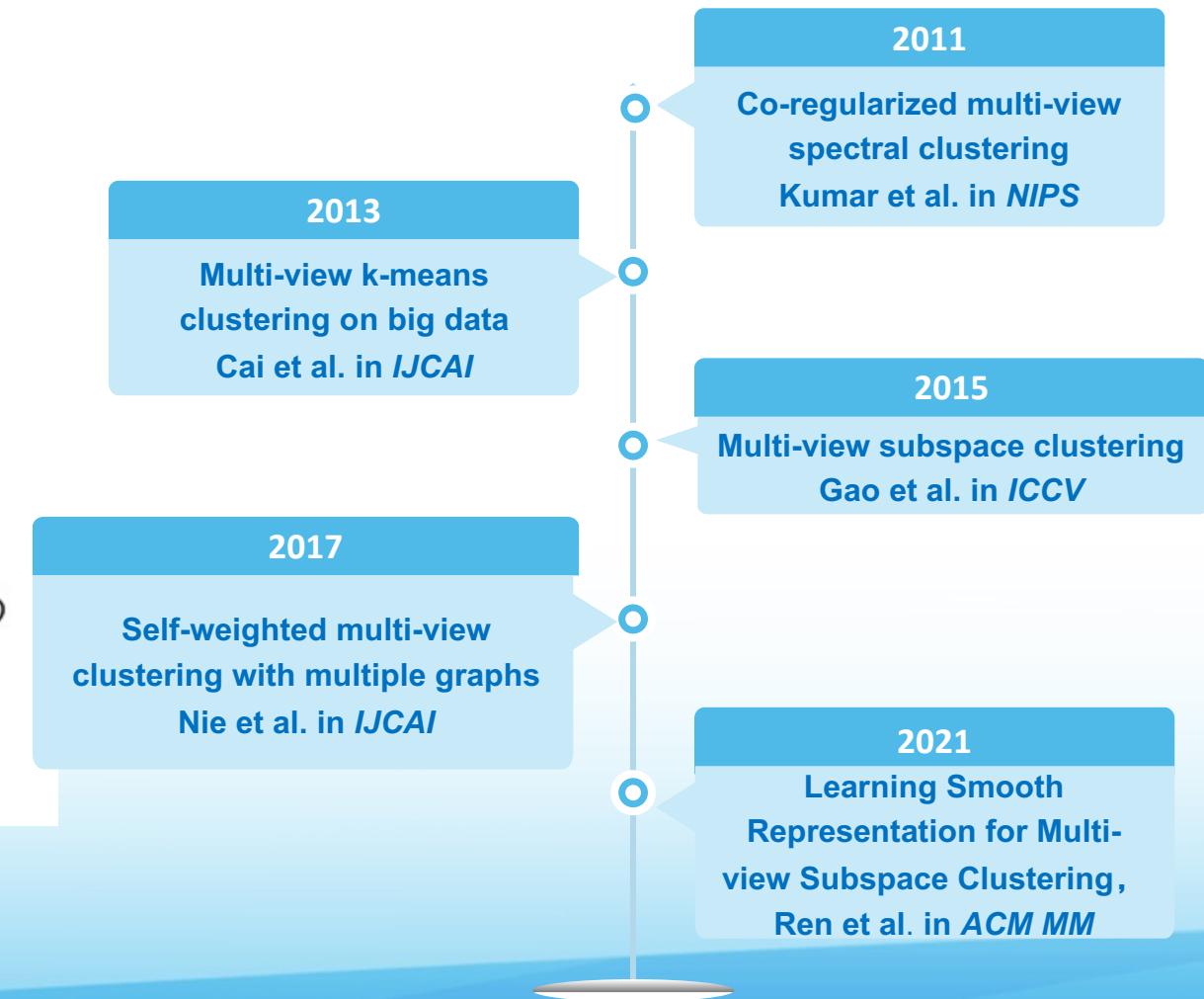
A data example often has  
different observable views.

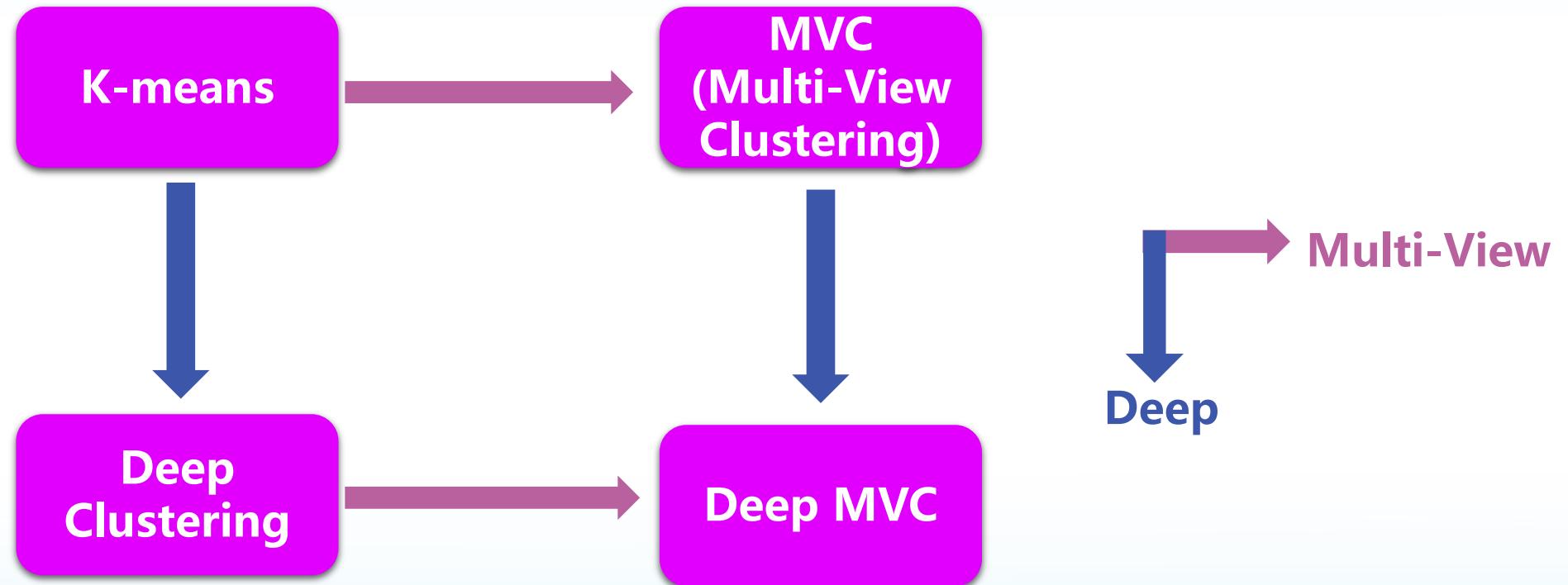


While in real-world, an object can be always describe by multiple views.  
Conventional clustering methods only work on single-view data.



$$\min_{C^v, B} \sum_{v=1}^m ||X^v - C^v B||_F^2$$





- a. enough representation capability and are applicable for image clustering.
- b. handle large-scale data clustering tasks.

# Deep Multi-view Clustering

Multi-view clustering + Deep learning techniques

Representation learning

Self-supervised learning

Adversarial learning

Contrastive learning

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# Our Recent Work

## Deep Embedded Multi-view Clustering with Collaborative Training (DEMVC, Information Sciences, 2021)

Deep embedded multi-view clustering with collaborative training



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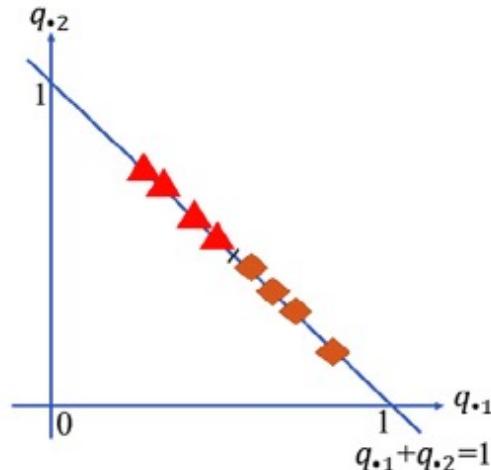
Collaborative training

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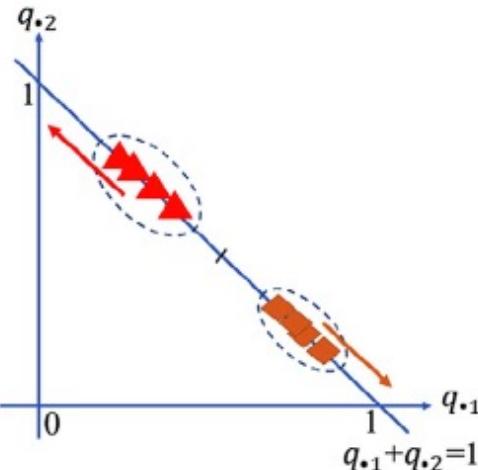
### ABSTRACT

Multi-view clustering has attracted increasing attentions recently by utilizing information from multiple views. However, existing multi-view clustering methods are either with high computation and space complexities, or lack of representation capability. To address these issues, we propose deep embedded multi-view clustering with collaborative training (DEMVC) in this paper. Firstly, the embedded representations of multiple views are learned individually by deep autoencoders. Then, both consensus and complementary of multiple views are taken into account and a novel collaborative training scheme is proposed. Concretely, the feature representations and cluster assignments of all views are learned collaboratively. A new consistency strategy for cluster centers initialization is further developed to improve the multi-view clustering performance with collaborative training. Experimental results on several popular multi-view datasets show that DEMVC achieves significant improvements over state-of-the-art methods.

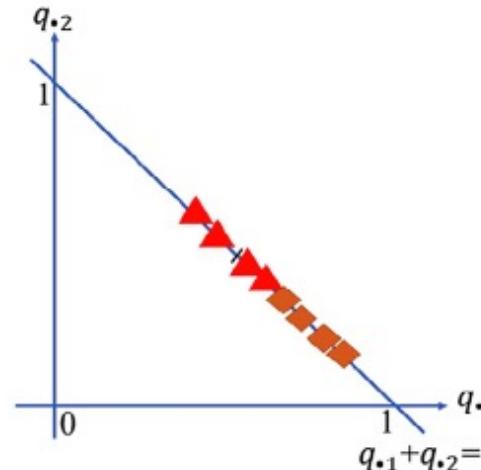
# The mechanism of deep embedded clustering to minimize KL divergence



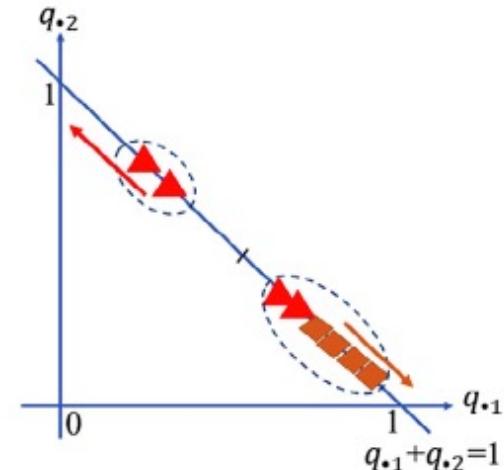
(a) Before optimization



(b) After optimization



(c) Before optimization



(d) After optimization

optimization using **KL divergence**

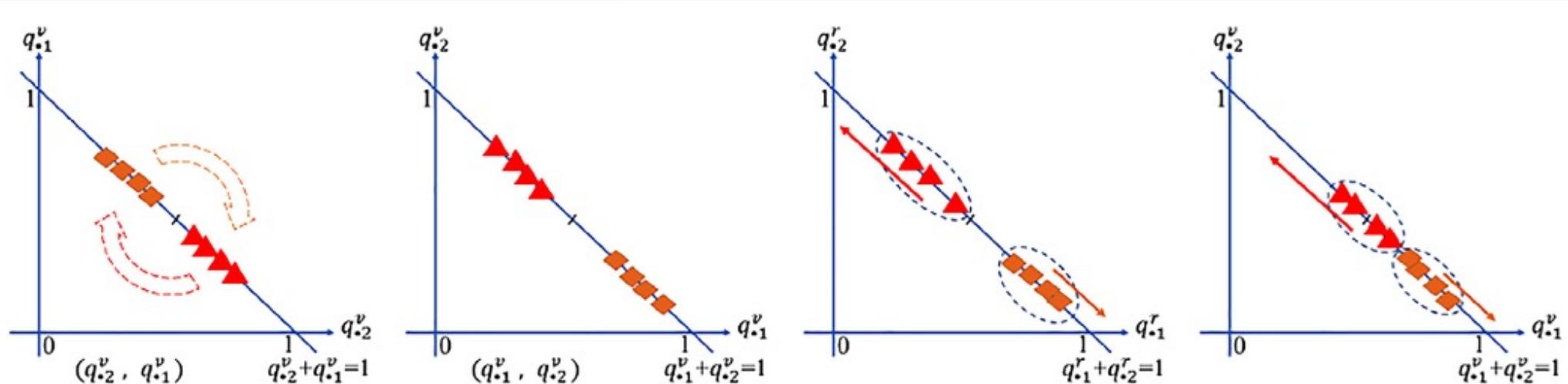
$$L_c^v = KL(P^v || Q^v) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^K p_{ij}^v \log \frac{p_{ij}^v}{q_{ij}^v}$$

**hard samples** are prone to misclassification

$$L_r^v = \sum_{i=1}^N \|\mathbf{x}_i^v - g_\Omega^v(f_\Theta^v(\mathbf{x}_i^v))\|_2^2$$

$$L = \sum_{v=1}^V L_r^v + \gamma \sum_{v=1}^V L_c^v$$

# The mechanism by which DEMVC works



(a) Before coordinate alignment

(b) After coordinate alignment

(c) The referred view with correct samples

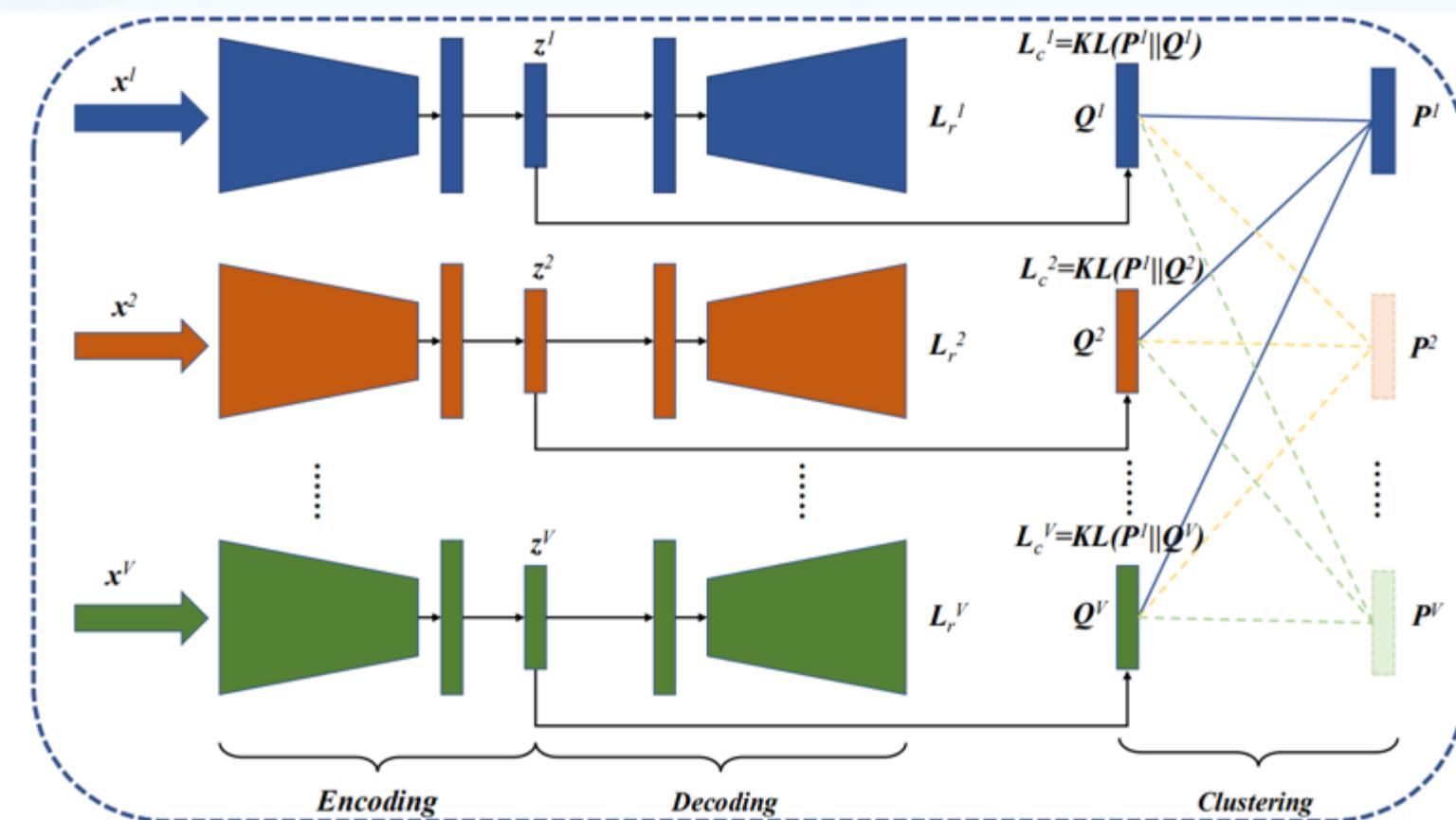
(d) Another view with mispredicted samples

collaborative training

correct the mispredicted samples in other views

$$L = \sum_{v=1}^V \sum_{i=1}^N \left\| \mathbf{x}_i^v - g_{\Omega}^v(f_{\Theta}^v(\mathbf{x}_i^v)) \right\|_2^2 + \gamma \sum_{v=1}^V KL(P^r || Q^v)$$

# The framework of DEMVC:



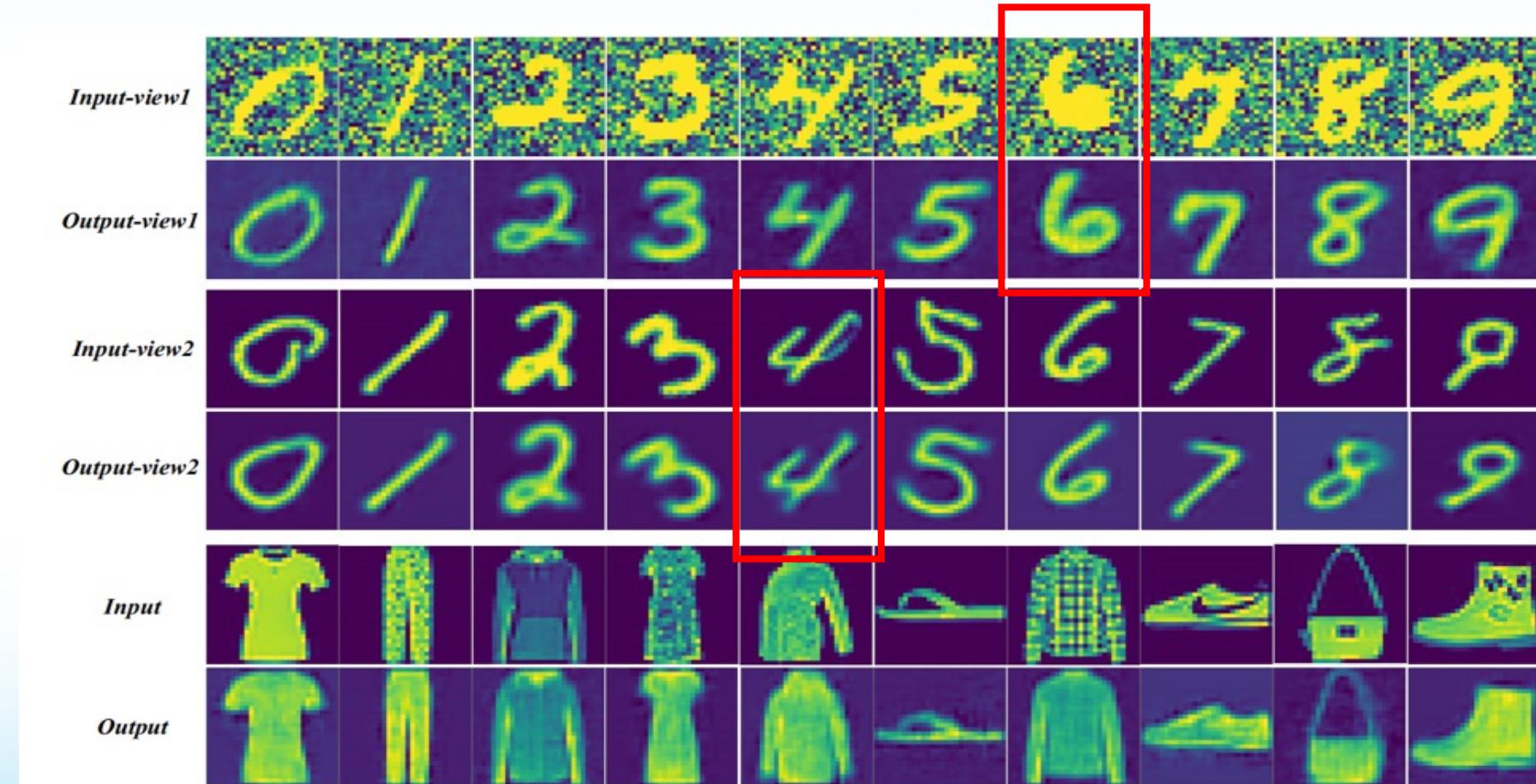
$$L_{k\text{-means}}^{V_s} = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^K \|z_i^{V_s} - c_j^{V_s}\|^2$$

DEMVC applies k-means on one view (the **referred view**) to obtain an auxiliary target distribution.

This **auxiliary distribution** is used to refine the deep autoencoders and clustering soft assignments **for all views**.

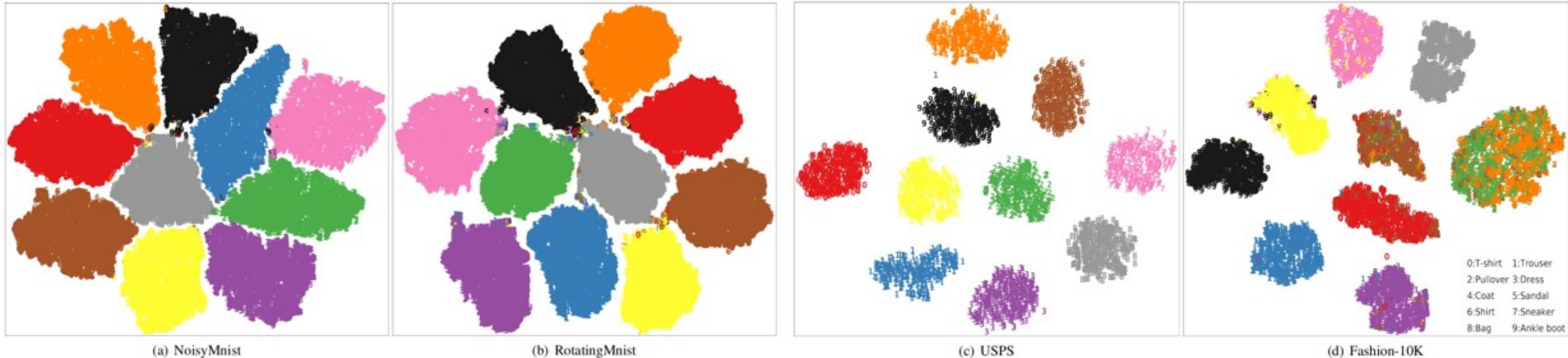
Each view will become the referred view in sequence to ensure that the multi-view clustering takes full advantage of all views.

## Visualization of inputs and outputs:



This indicates DEMVC's **good representation capability** of sample features and reconstruction capability, which is the premise to improve clustering performance.

Visualization by *t*-sne:



Linear complexity makes it easy  
to handle large-scale dataset  
(e.g. 70,000 examples)

# Quantitative comparison:

Multi-view  
methods

Methods	Noisy-Rotated		MNIST-USPS		Caltech101-20	
	ACC	NMI	ACC	NMI	ACC	NMI
DCCA (ICML 2013)	97.00 <sup>†</sup>	92.00 <sup>†</sup>	97.42*	93.60*	-	46.48*
DCCAE (ICML 2015)	<b>97.50<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>93.40<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>98.00*</b>	<b>94.70*</b>	-	45.56*
DiMSC (CVPR 2015)	/	/	48.34*	36.02*	-	29.05*
LMSC (CVPR 2017)	/	/	78.60*	78.49*	-	<b>63.55*</b>
BMVC (TPAMI 2018)	85.61	81.48	88.68	89.93	47.44	60.28
COMIC (ICML 2019)	/	/	47.76	64.16	<b>62.32</b>	60.56
DEMVC (ours)	<b>99.87</b>	<b>99.53</b>	<b>99.83</b>	<b>99.49</b>	<b>56.05</b>	<b>68.87</b>

Methods	MNIST-10K		Fashion-10K	
	ACC	NMI	ACC	NMI
DEC (ICML 2016)	83.41	79.22	56.70	61.29
IDEC (IJCAI 2017)	84.25	82.77	57.43	61.55
DCN (ICML 2017)	83.31 <sup>‡</sup>	80.86 <sup>‡</sup>	58.67 <sup>‡</sup>	59.40 <sup>‡</sup>
DEC-DA (ACML 2018)	97.93	95.81	53.55	59.91
<i>k</i> -SCN (ACCV 2018)	87.14 <sup>‡</sup>	78.15 <sup>‡</sup>	63.78 <sup>‡</sup>	62.04 <sup>‡</sup>
NCSC (ICML 2019)	94.09 <sup>‡</sup>	86.12 <sup>‡</sup>	72.14 <sup>‡</sup>	68.60 <sup>‡</sup>
DEMVC-2 views (ours)	<b>99.87</b>	<b>99.60</b>	<b>84.75</b>	<b>87.14</b>
DEMVC-3 views (ours)	<b>99.99</b>	<b>99.96</b>	<b>78.99</b>	<b>90.88</b>

Single-view  
methods

# Our Recent Work

## Self-supervised Discriminative Feature Learning for Multi-view Clustering (SDMVC, TKDE, 2022)

### Self-Supervised Discriminative Feature Learning for Deep Multi-View Clustering

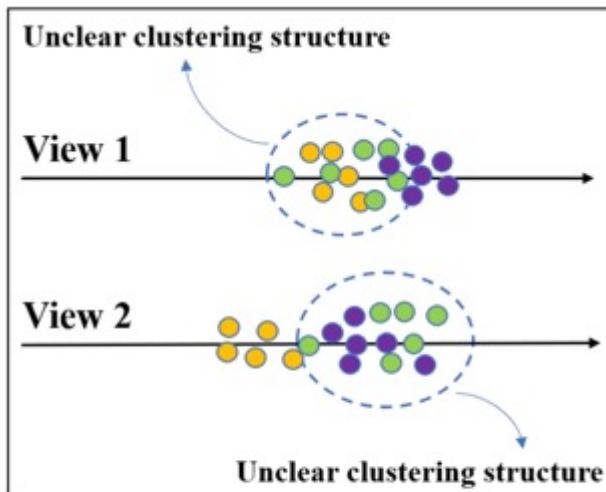
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**Abstract**—Multi-view clustering is an important research topic due to its capability to utilize complementary information from multiple views. However, there are few methods to consider the negative impact caused by certain views with unclear clustering structures, resulting in poor multi-view clustering performance. To address this drawback, we propose self-supervised discriminative feature learning for deep multi-view clustering (SDMVC). Concretely, deep autoencoders are applied to learn embedded features for each view independently. To leverage the multi-view complementary information, we concatenate all views' embedded features to form the global features, which can overcome the negative impact of some views' unclear clustering structures. In a self-supervised manner, pseudo-labels are obtained to build a unified target distribution to perform multi-view discriminative feature learning. During this process, global discriminative information can be mined to supervise all views to learn more discriminative features, which in turn are used to update the target distribution. Besides, this unified target distribution can make SDMVC learn consistent cluster assignments, which accomplishes the clustering consistency of multiple views while preserving their features' diversity. Experiments on various types of multi-view datasets show that SDMVC outperforms 14 competitors including classic and state-of-the-art methods. The code is available at <https://github.com/SubmissionsIn/SDMVC>.

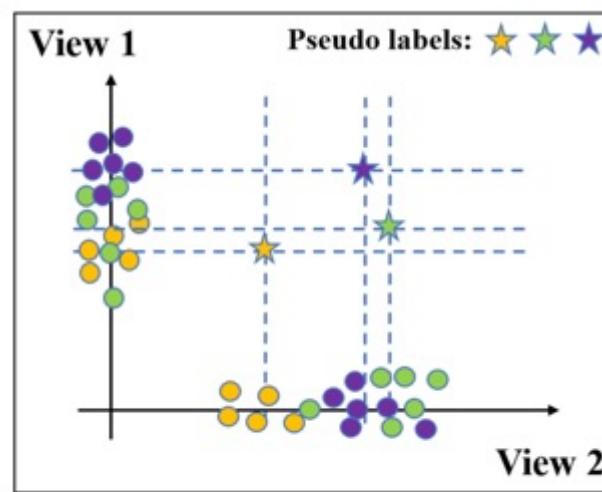
**Index Terms**—Multi-view clustering, Deep clustering, Unsupervised learning, Self-supervised learning.

How to improve multi-view clustering ?

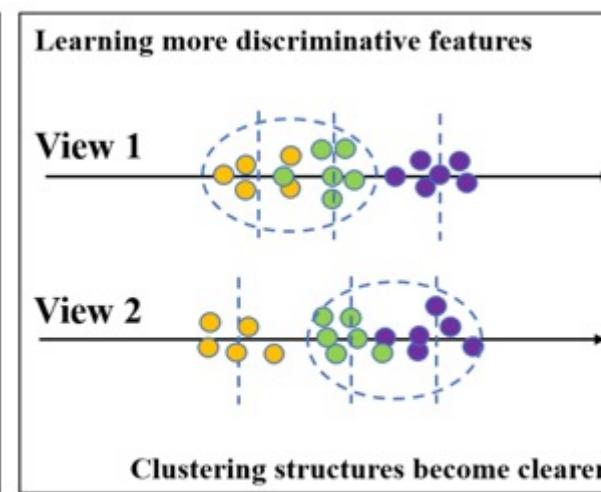
How to extract **complementary information** from multiple views?



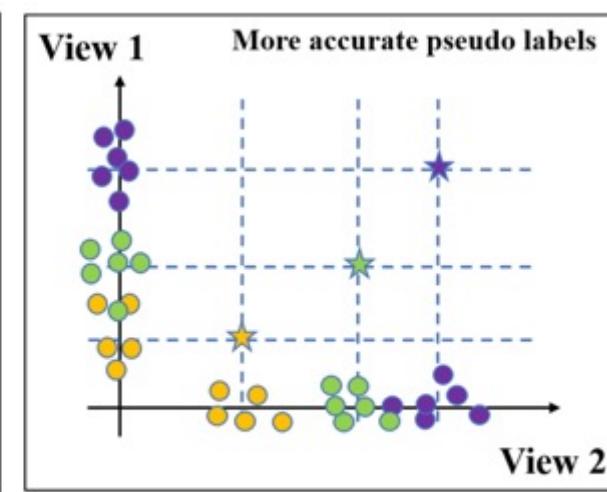
(a)



(b)



(c)

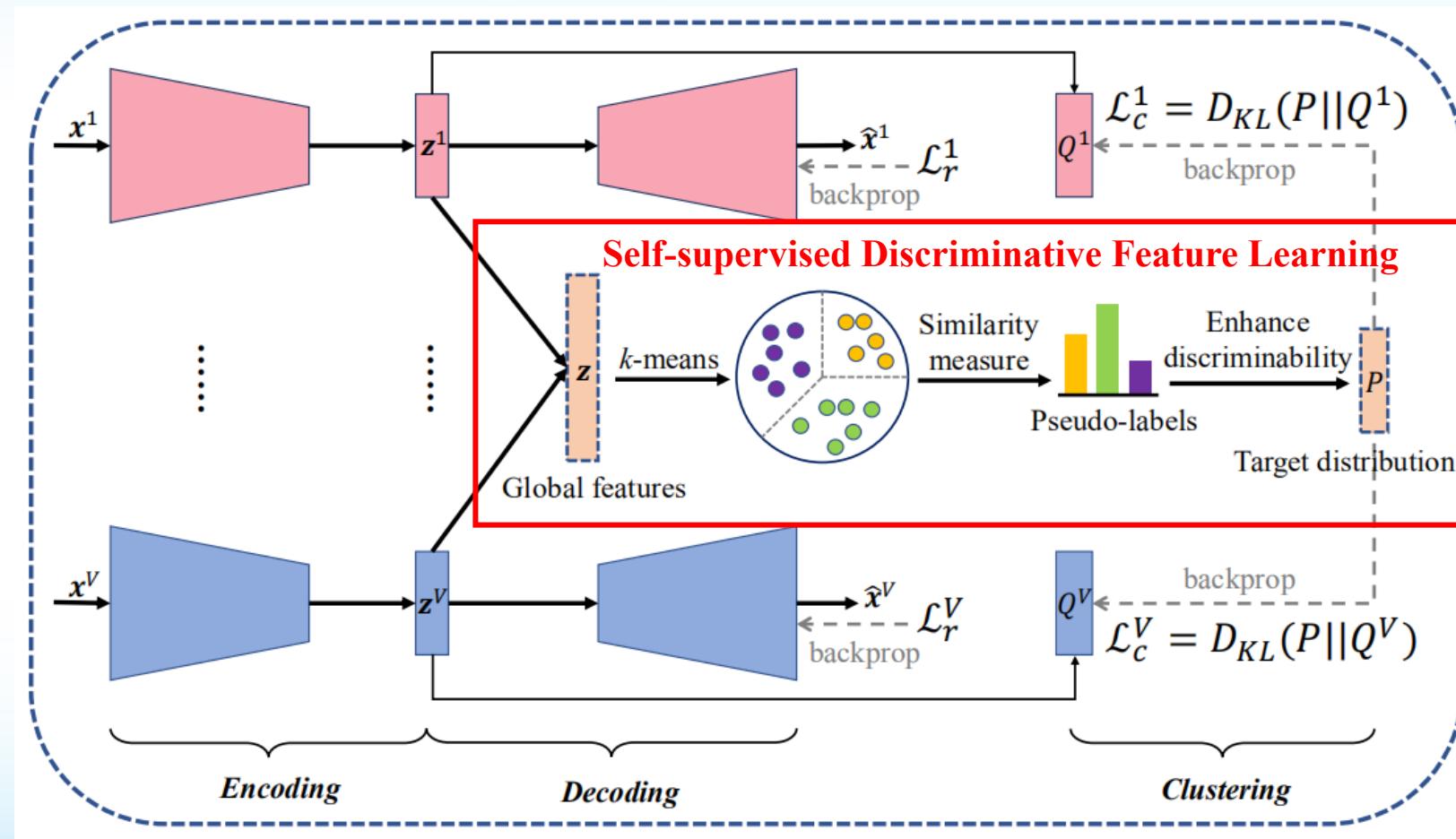


(d)

The **discriminability** of different views' clustering structures is different.

The clustering structures of different views can **correct each other**.

The framework of SDMVC:



## Global feature

$$\mathbf{z}_i = [\mathbf{z}_i^1; \mathbf{z}_i^2; \dots; \mathbf{z}_i^V] \in \mathbb{R}^{\sum_{v=1}^V d_v}$$

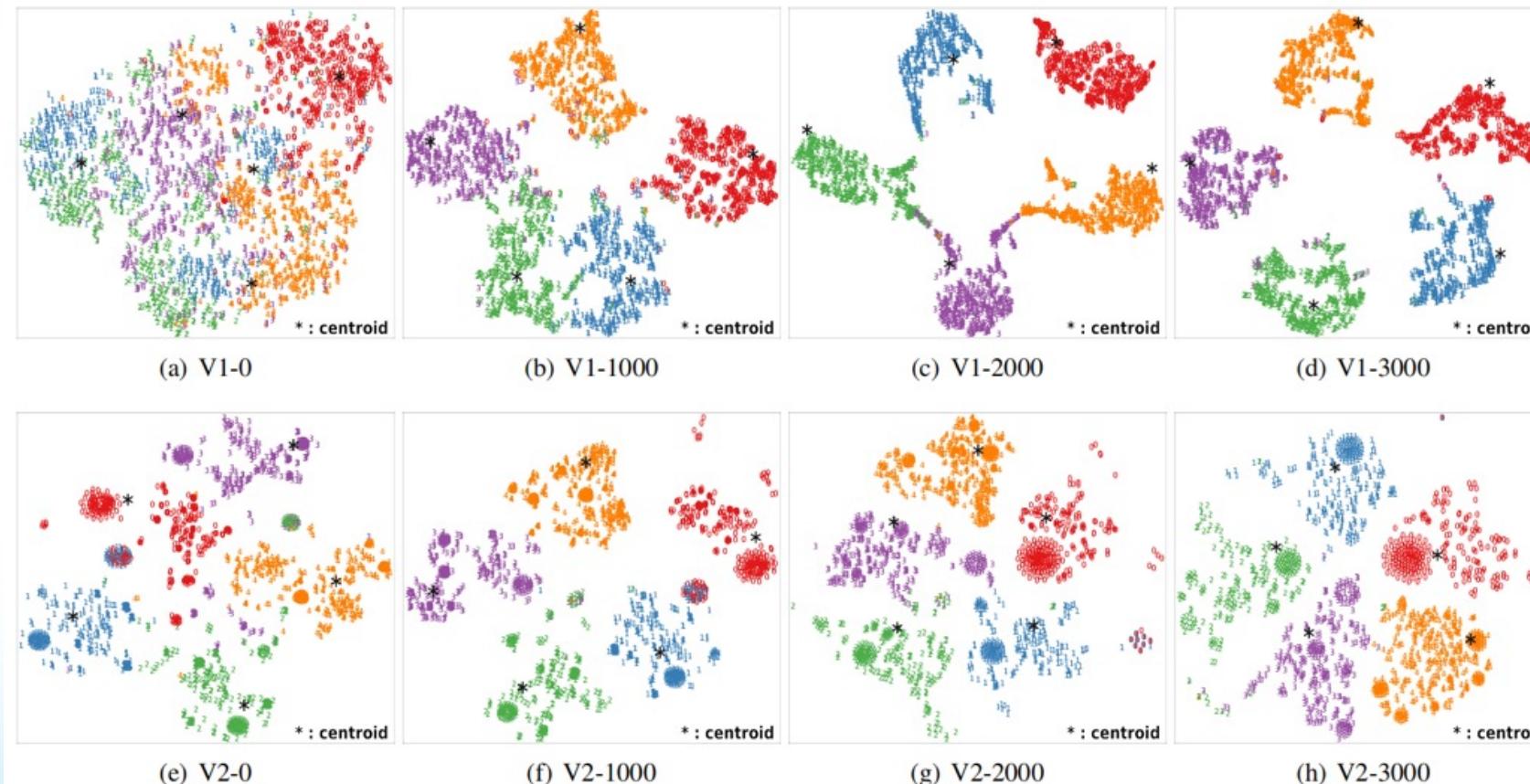
$$\min_{\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots, \mathbf{c}_K} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^K \|\mathbf{z}_i - \mathbf{c}_j\|^2$$

## Soft assignment

$$s_{ij} = \frac{(1 + \|\mathbf{z}_i - \mathbf{c}_j\|^2)^{-1}}{\sum_j (1 + \|\mathbf{z}_i - \mathbf{c}_j\|^2)^{-1}}$$

$$p_{ij} = \frac{(s_{ij})^2 / \sum_i s_{ij}}{\sum_j ((s_{ij})^2 / \sum_i s_{ij})}$$

Visualization the features in learning process (BDGP data set) :



The clustering structures of embedded features become **clearer and clearer** while their centroids are gradually **separated**.

## Quantitative comparison:

Methods	MNIST-USPS			Fashion-MV			BDGP			Caltech101-20		
	2 views, $K = 10$ 5,000 examples			3 views, $K = 10$ 10,000 examples			2 views, $K = 5$ 2,500 examples			6 views, $K = 20$ 2,386 examples		
	ACC	NMI	ARI	ACC	NMI	ARI	ACC	NMI	ARI	ACC	NMI	ARI
<i>k</i> -means (1967)	0.7678	0.7233	0.6353	0.7093	0.6561	0.5689	0.4324	0.5694	0.2604	0.4179	0.3351	0.2605
SC (2002)	0.6596	0.5811	0.4864	0.5354	0.5772	0.4261	0.5172	0.5891	0.3156	0.4620	0.4589	0.3933
DEC (2016)	0.7310	0.7146	0.6323	0.6707	0.7234	0.6291	0.9478	0.8662	0.8702	0.4268	0.6251	0.3767
IDEC (2017)	0.7658	0.7689	0.6801	0.6919	0.7501	0.6522	<b>0.9596</b>	<b>0.8940</b>	<b>0.9025</b>	0.4318	0.6253	0.3773
BMVC (2018)	0.8802	0.8945	0.8448	0.7858	0.7488	0.6835	0.3492	0.1202	0.0833	0.5553	0.6203	0.5038
MVC-LFA (2019)	0.7678	0.6749	0.6092	<b>0.7910</b>	0.7586	0.6887	0.5468	0.3345	0.2881	0.4221	0.5846	0.2994
COMIC (2019)	0.4818	0.7085	0.4303	0.5776	0.6423	0.4361	0.5776	0.6423	0.4361	<b>0.6232</b>	<b>0.6838</b>	<b>0.6931</b>
SAMVC (2020)	0.6965	0.7458	0.6090	0.6286	0.6878	0.5665	0.5386	0.4625	0.2099	0.5218	0.5961	0.4653
PVC (2020)	0.6500	0.6118	0.4964	—	—	—	0.4724	0.2972	0.2520	—	—	—
DEMVC (2021)	<b>0.9976</b>	<b>0.9939</b>	<b>0.9948</b>	0.7864	<b>0.9061</b>	<b>0.7793</b>	0.9548	0.8720	0.8901	0.5748	0.6781	0.5068
<b>SDMVC (ours)</b>	<b>0.9982</b>	<b>0.9947</b>	<b>0.9960</b>	<b>0.8626</b>	<b>0.9215</b>	<b>0.8405</b>	<b>0.9816</b>	<b>0.9447</b>	<b>0.9548</b>	<b>0.7158</b>	<b>0.7176</b>	<b>0.7265</b>

The clustering performance of SDMVC is **better** than other methods.

# Hot Research Directions

Incomplete  
MVC

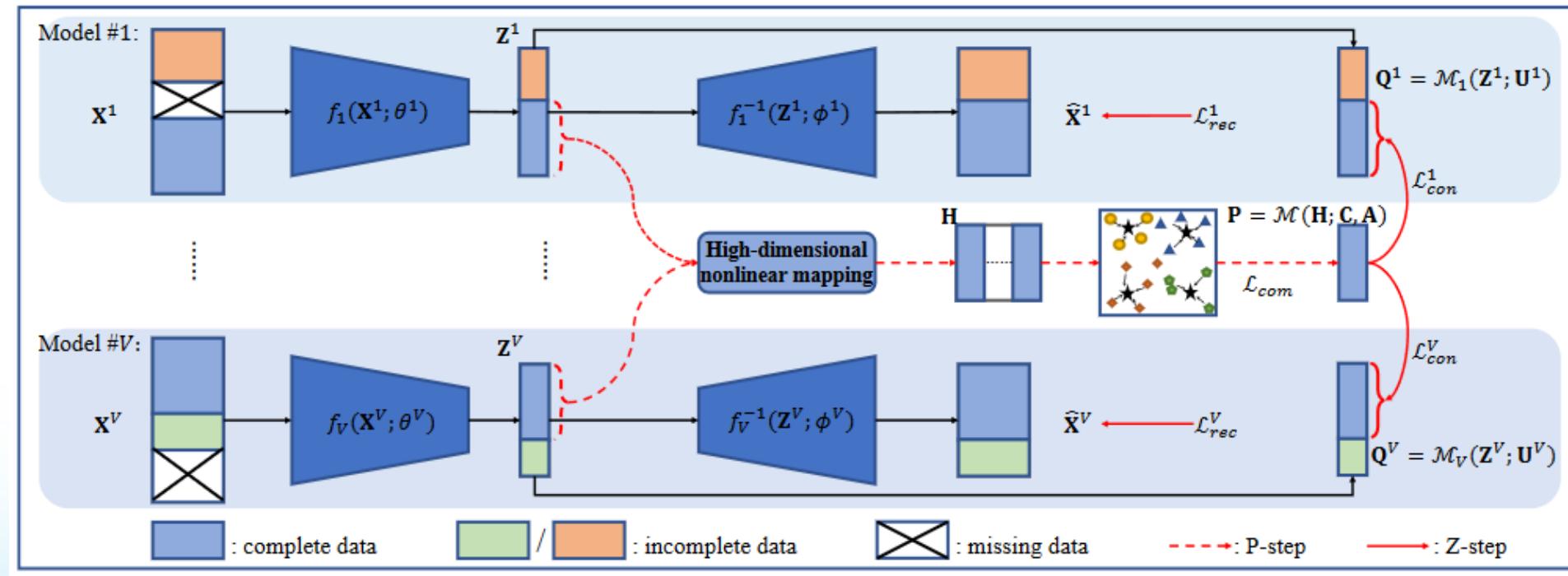
Deep hierarchical  
clustering

Multi-view graph  
clustering

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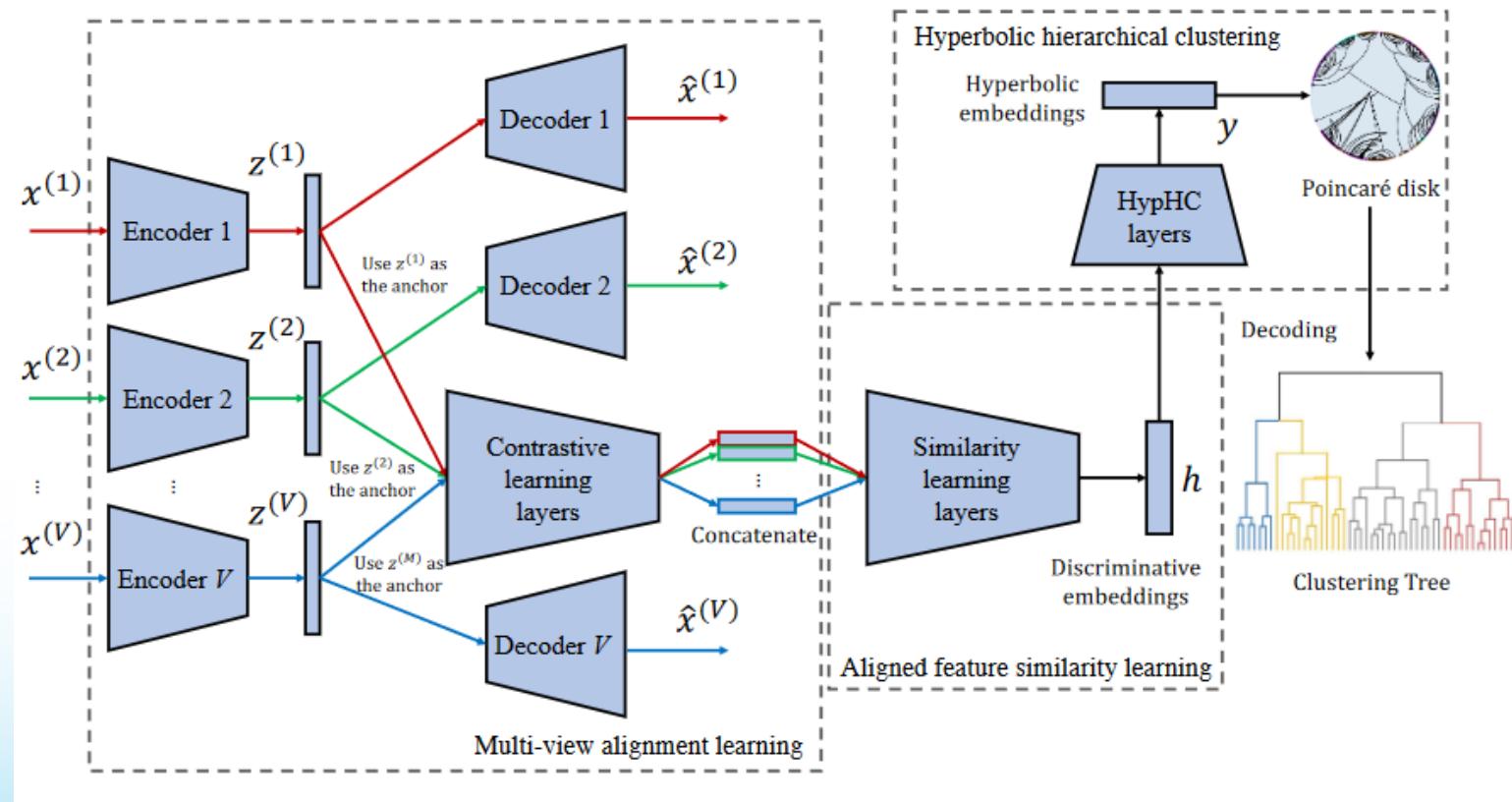
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How to handle multi-view data containing missing data in some views?  
An **imputation-free** and **fusion-free** deep IMVC framework.



# Deep hierarchical clustering

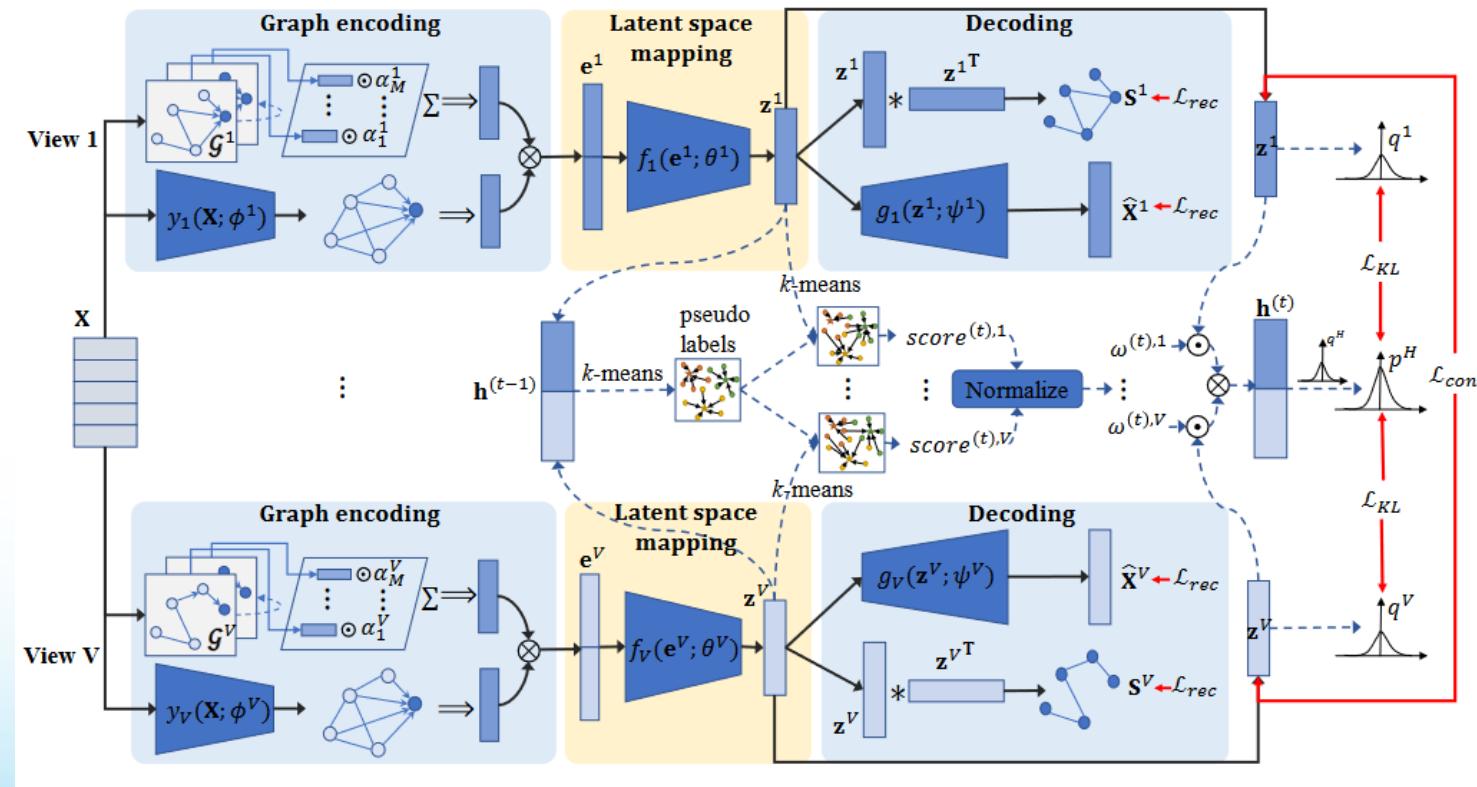
How to better understand the hierarchical structure of multi-view data?



Consists of three parts: multi-view alignment learning, **aligned feature** similarity learning, and continuous **hyperbolic hierarchical clustering**.

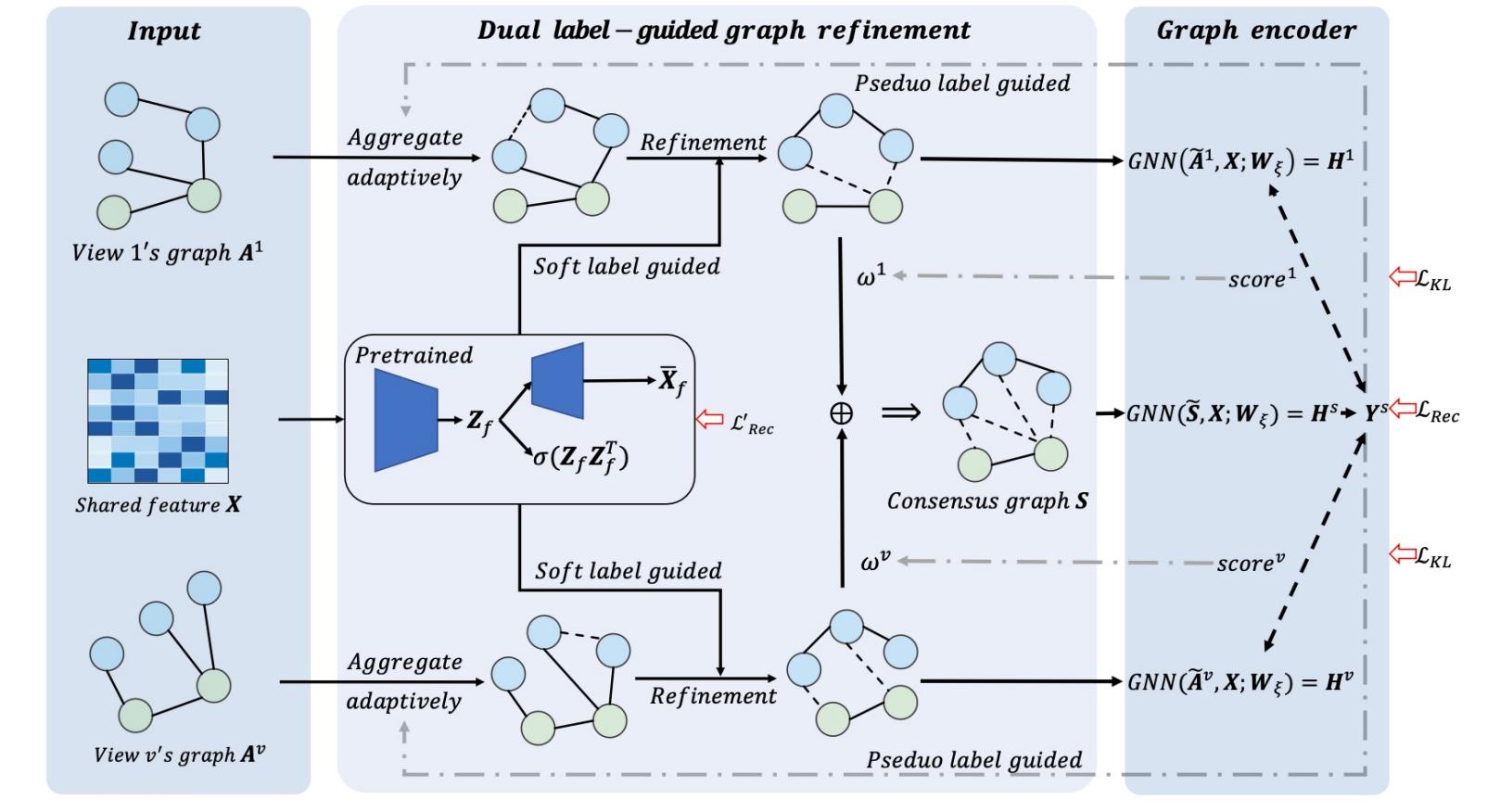
## Multi-view graph clustering

How to solve multi-view **attributed graph clustering**?  
A shared-attribute multi-graph clustering with global self-attention.



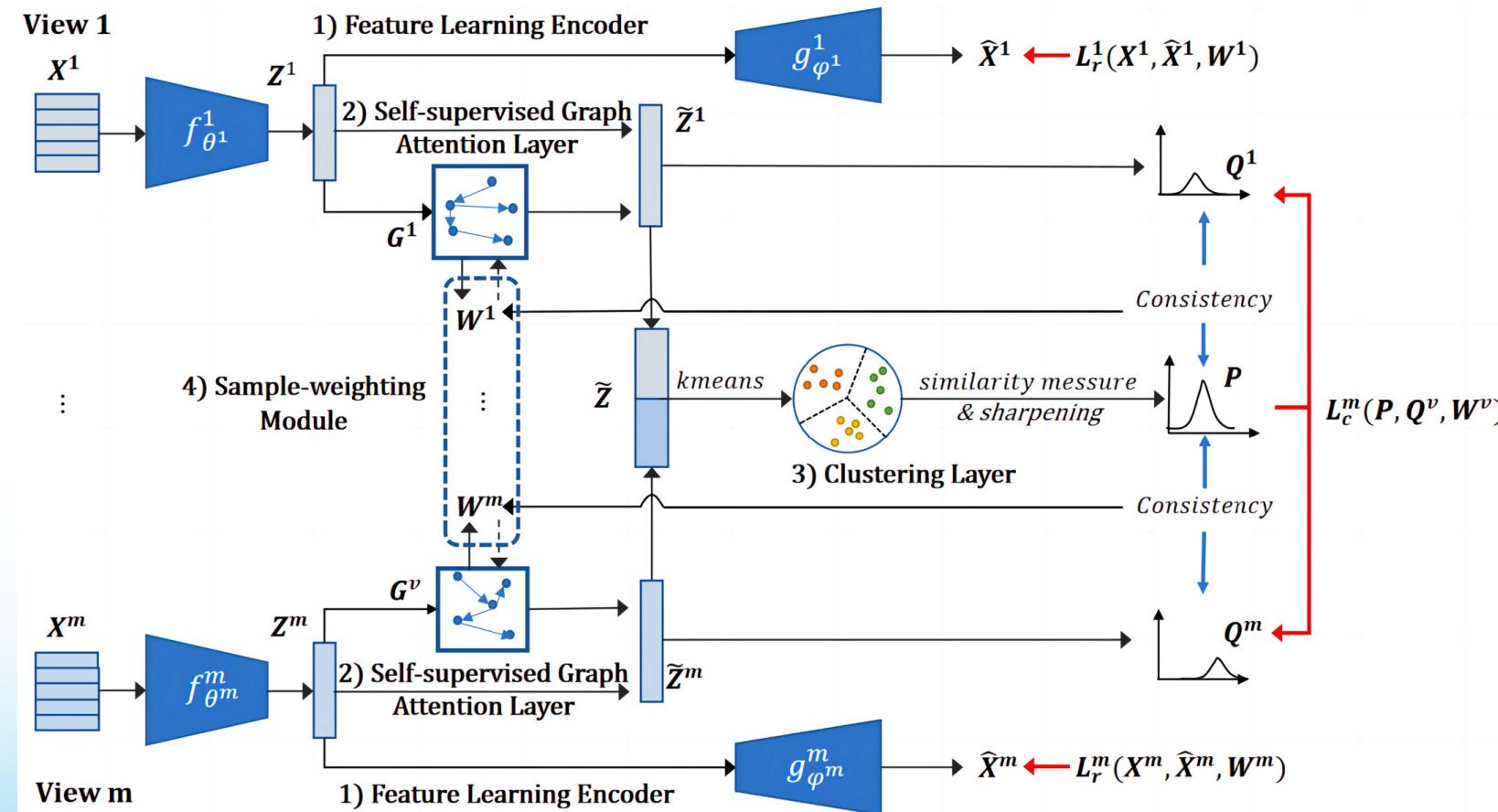
## Multi-view graph clustering

Existing MVGC methods are often sensitive to the given graphs, especially influenced by the low quality graphs, i.e., they tend to be limited by the homophily assumption.



## Multi-view graph clustering

MVGC methods are limited due to the insufficient consideration in utilizing the self-supervised information and graph information.



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