

The many faces of reliability of visual perception for autonomous driving

Trends and perspectives

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Growing number of complex datasets

- Several datasets to assess specific use-cases:
 - **Weather:** ACDC, Cityscapes Rainy / Foggy, Dark Zurich, Raincover
 - **Distribution shift:** Cityscapes-C/OC, SHIFT (S), WildDash, WildDash2, RoboBEV
 - **OOD:** Fishyscapes, SegmentMelfYouCan, StreetHazards (S), BDD-Anomaly
- Datasets with different sources of error in the same conditions: MUAD (S)
- BRAVO challenge: unified reliability bench
- Neural closed-loop simulators from real-data: Vista, Vista 2, UniSim
- **New datasets for classification:** ImageNet-C, ImageNet-R, ImageNet-A, ImageNet-O, ImageNetV2
- Similar trend of other sensors, e.g., Lidar



Out-of-Context Cityscapes



Cityscapes-C



ACDC



SegmentMelfYouCan

(S): synthetic data

Reluctance to focus on multiple KPIs



We're SoTA!

| Method | Accuracy |
|---------|-------------|
| Foo | *** |
| Bar | *** |
| Foo+Bar | *** |
| Ours | SoTA |



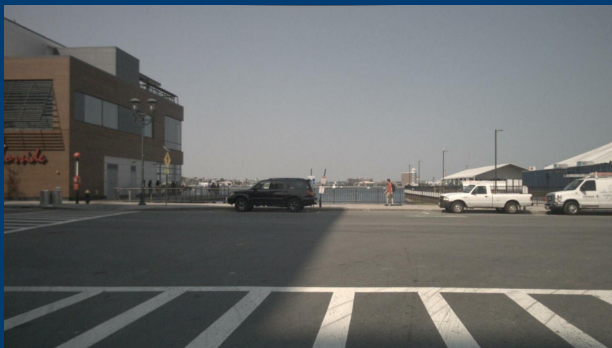
We're SoTA ... most of the time.
Here are our limitations.

| Method | Metric 1 | Metric 2 | Metric 3 | Metric 4 |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
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| Bar | *** | *** | *** | SoTA |
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- The academic peer-review systems seems to reward bold numbers
- Potential solution: aggregate scores across conditions and metrics, e.g., nuScenes Detection Score (NDS)

Opportunity to adapt foundation generative models for testing

Editing to get edge cases (for Robustness evaluation or validation)



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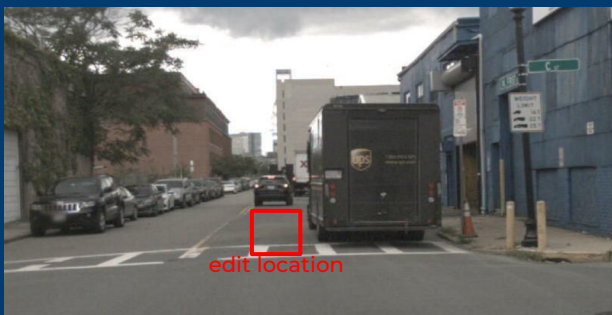


"People and kids are crossing the street"



"Trash is littering the street"

Spatially localized edits



Original image



"A baby crossing the street"



"An old lady fell in the middle of the road"

Opportunity to adapt foundation generative models for testing

Create training or validation data for domain generalization



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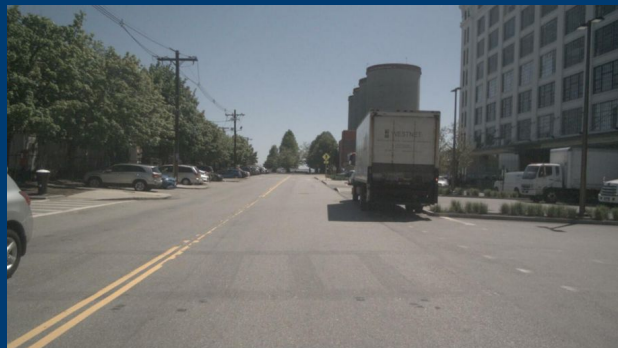


"In Paris"



"In India"

Annotations in the original domain are still valid



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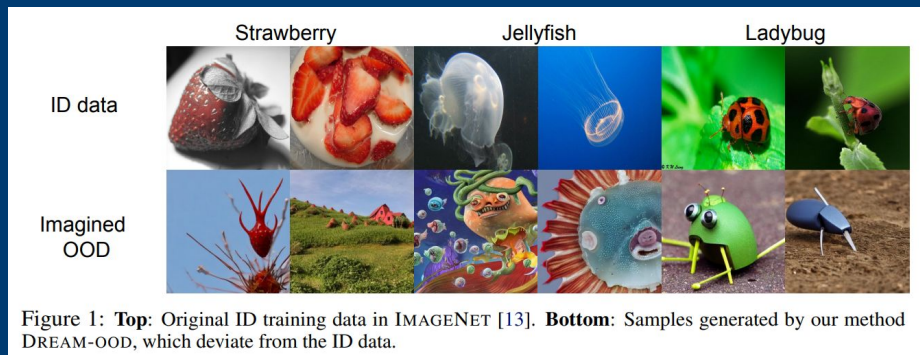
"Heavy fog, zero visibility"



"Heavy snow"

Opportunity to adapt foundation generative model for training data

Create training data for OOD and corner-cases



Dream-OOD: generate useful images for OOD skills

Robusta: generate segmentation data with unseen layouts, corruptions and OOD

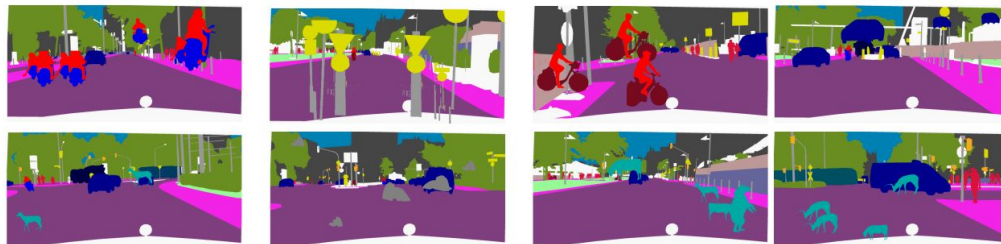
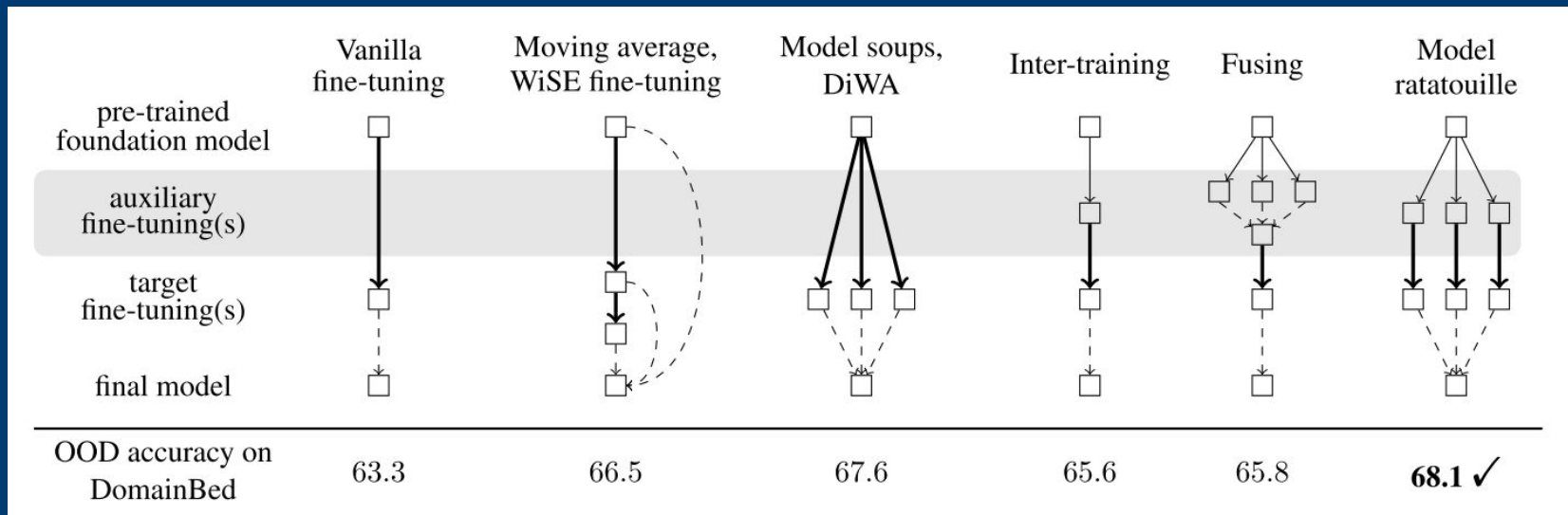


Figure 4. **Perturbed label maps.** Different label maps from Corrupted-Cityscapes (top) and Outlier-Cityscapes (bottom).

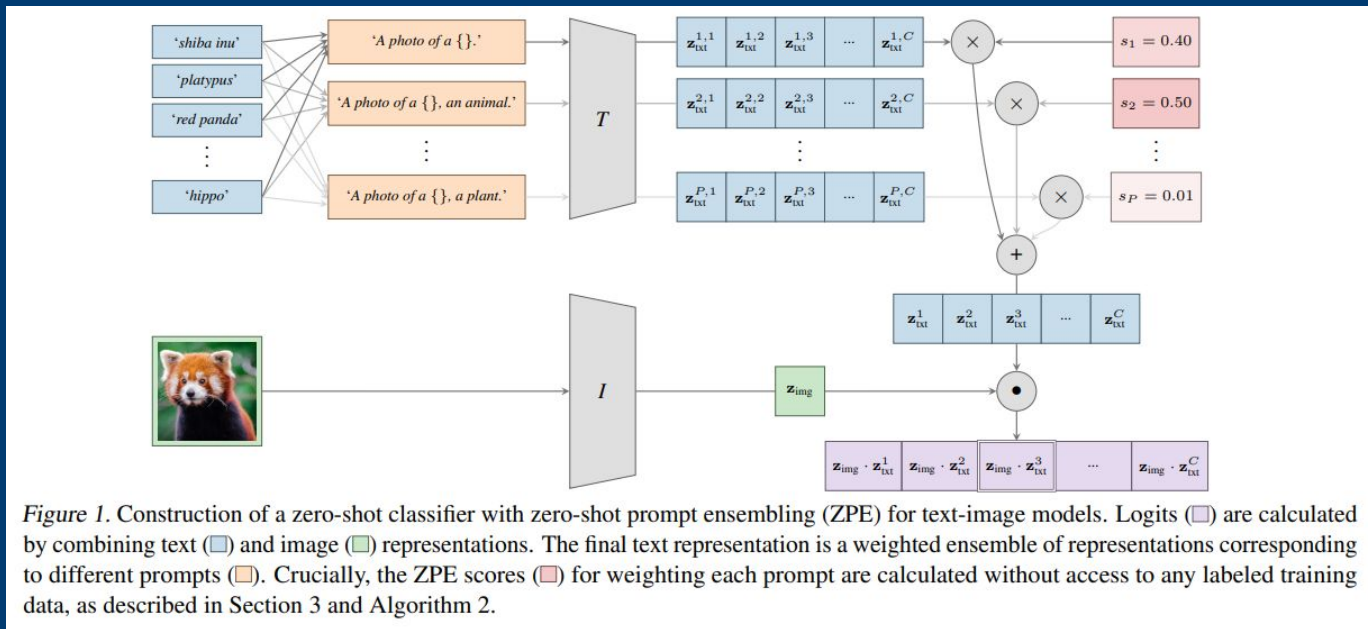
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Repurpose foundation models for improved generalization with computational efficiency



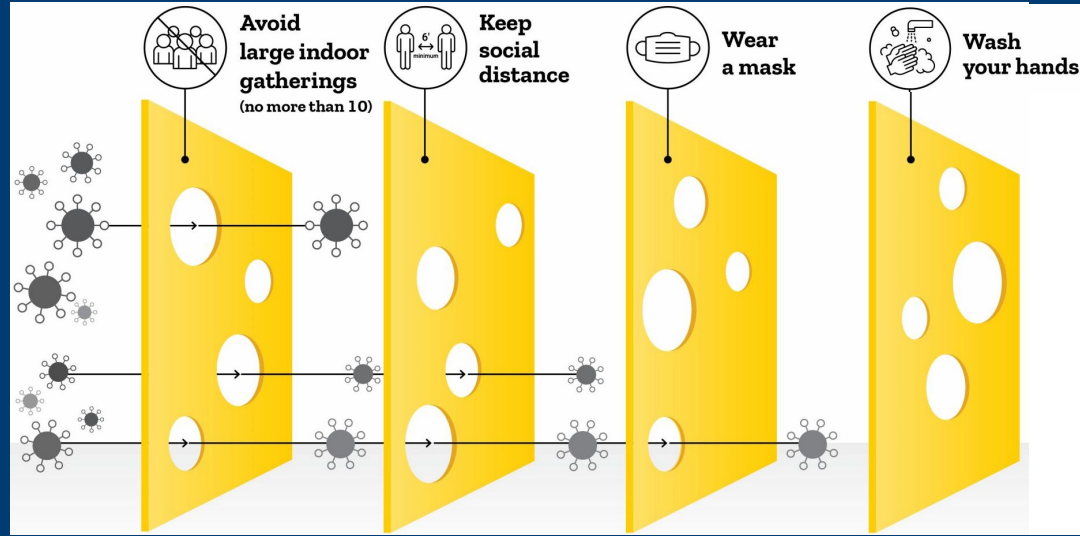
Different model soups variants

Reliability of vision-language models



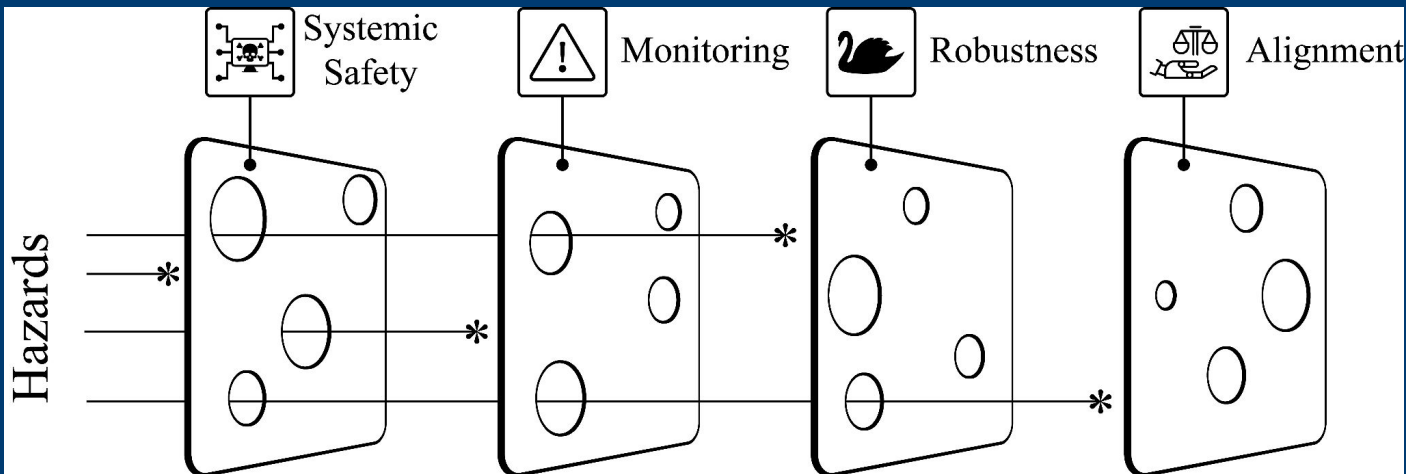
Zero-shot prompt ensembling

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The end.