



Fine-Grained Recognition With Humans-in-the-Loop

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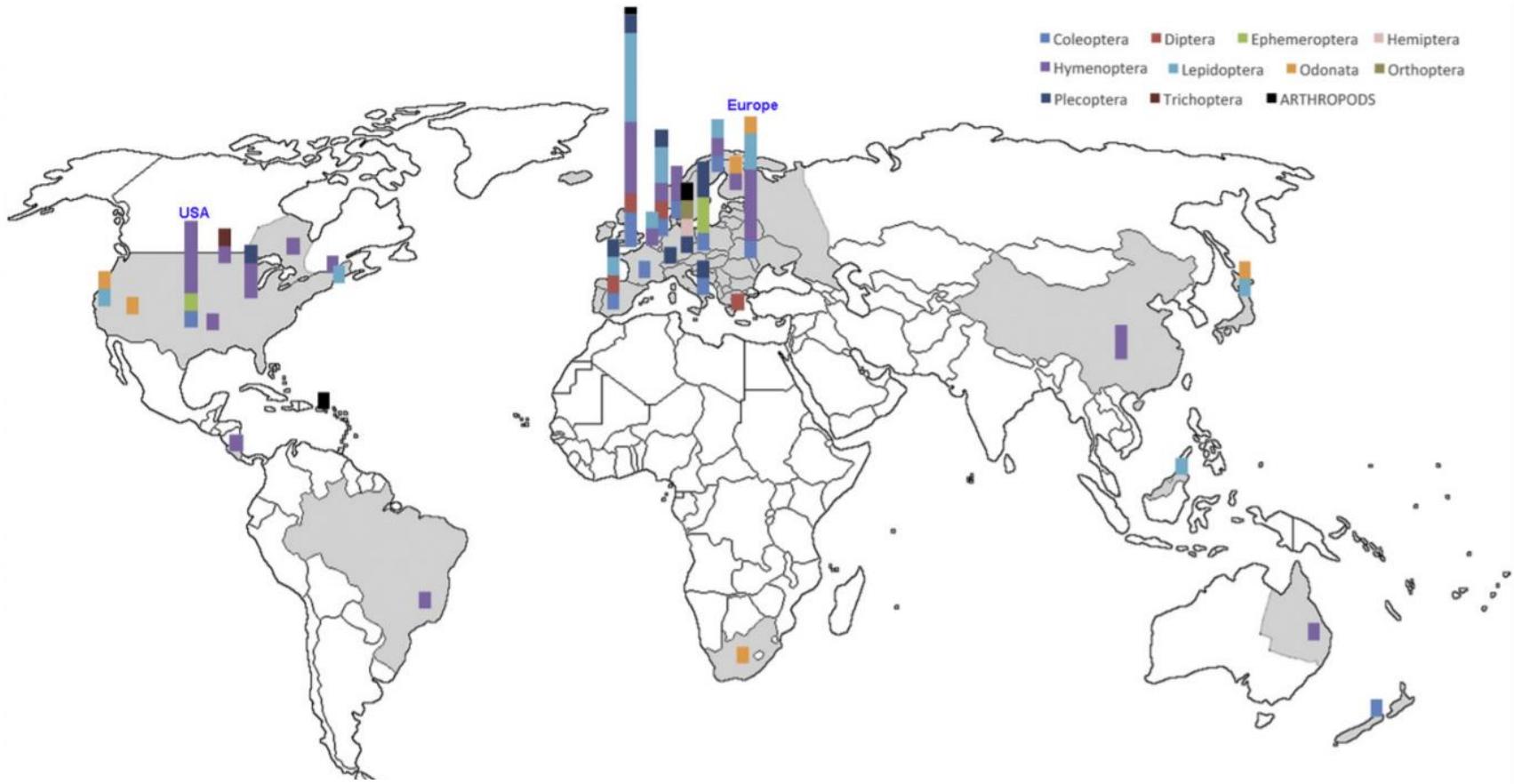
Plummeting insect numbers 'threaten collapse of nature'

Sun 10 Feb 2019
13.00 EST

The Guardian



“Insectageddon”



Review

Worldwide decline of the entomofauna: A review of its drivers

How can we automate wildlife monitoring on a **global** scale?

iNaturalist 2017



5,089 classes
Bounding Boxes

iNaturalist 2018



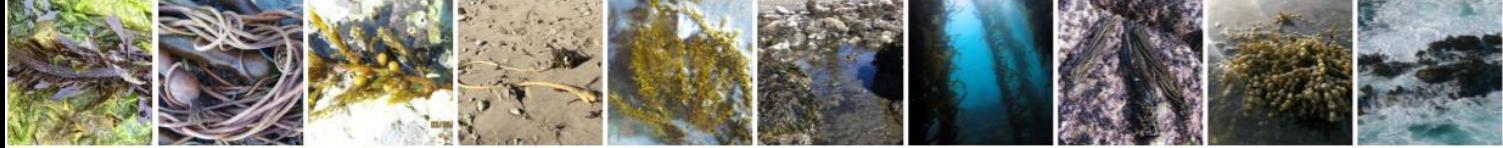
8,142 classes
Taxonomy

iNaturalist 2019



1,100 “hard” classes

The iNaturalist Species Classification and Detection Dataset **CVPR 2018**
Van Horn, Mac Aodha, Song, Cui, Sun, Shepard, Adam, Perona, Belongie



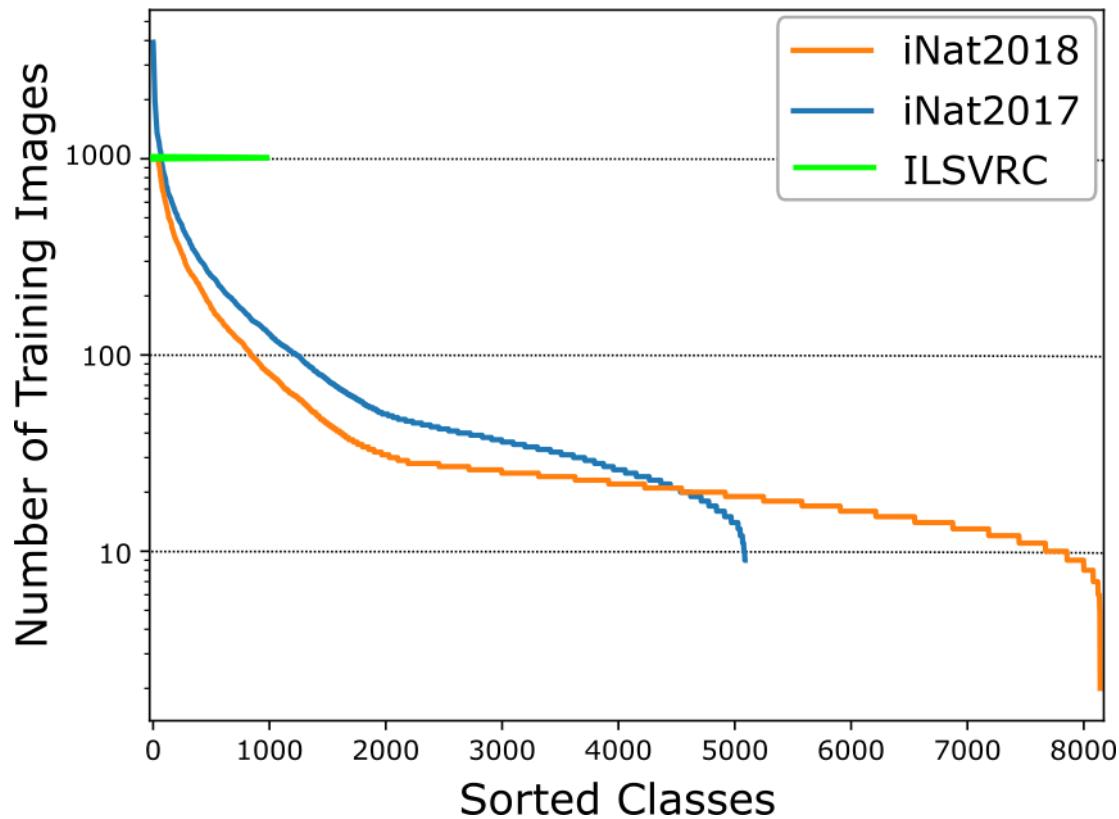
Ardea cinerea



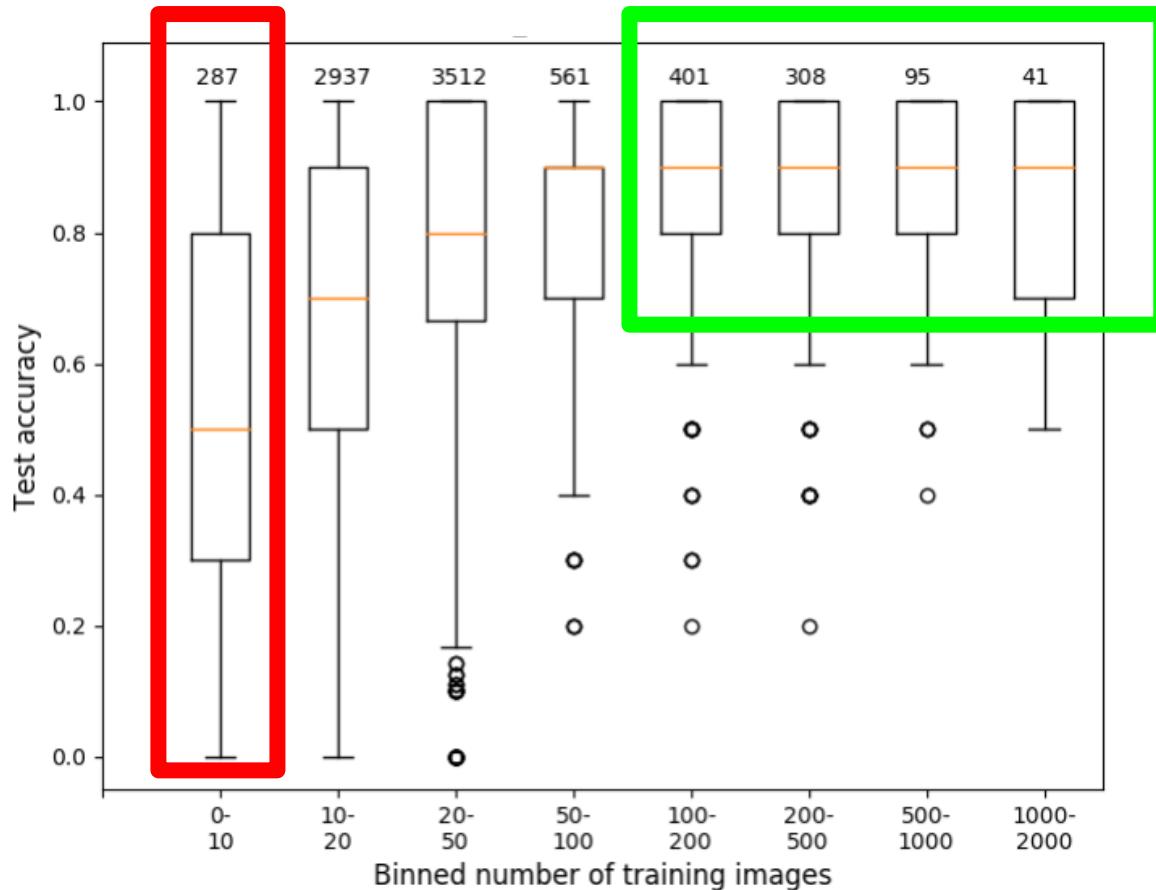
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Training Distribution



iNaturalist 2018 – Winner’s Top 1 Accuracy





Observations



Species

Location

Go

Filters 1

The World

28,319,959
OBSERVATIONS240,947
SPECIES102,115
IDENTIFIERS798,456
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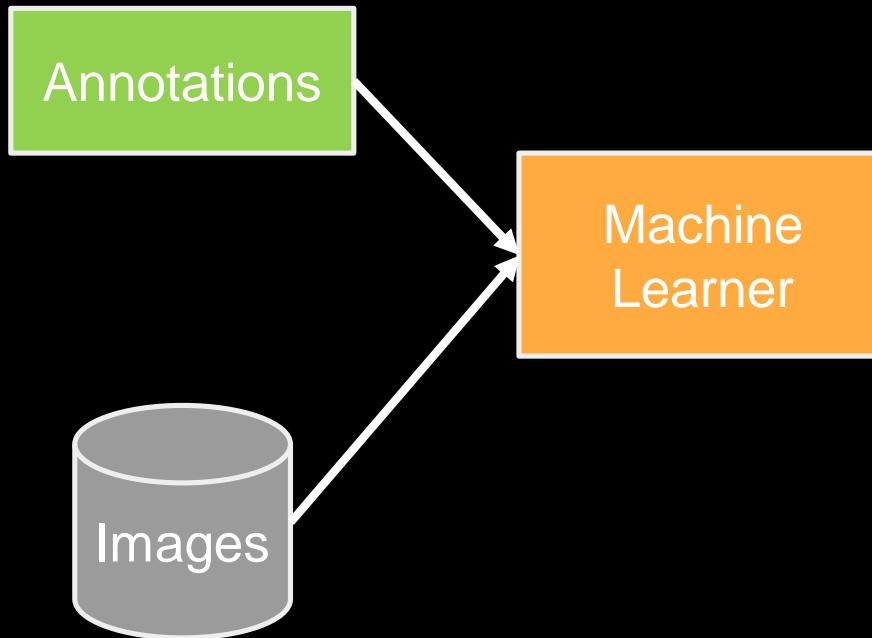
Community Guidelines

Support iNaturalist

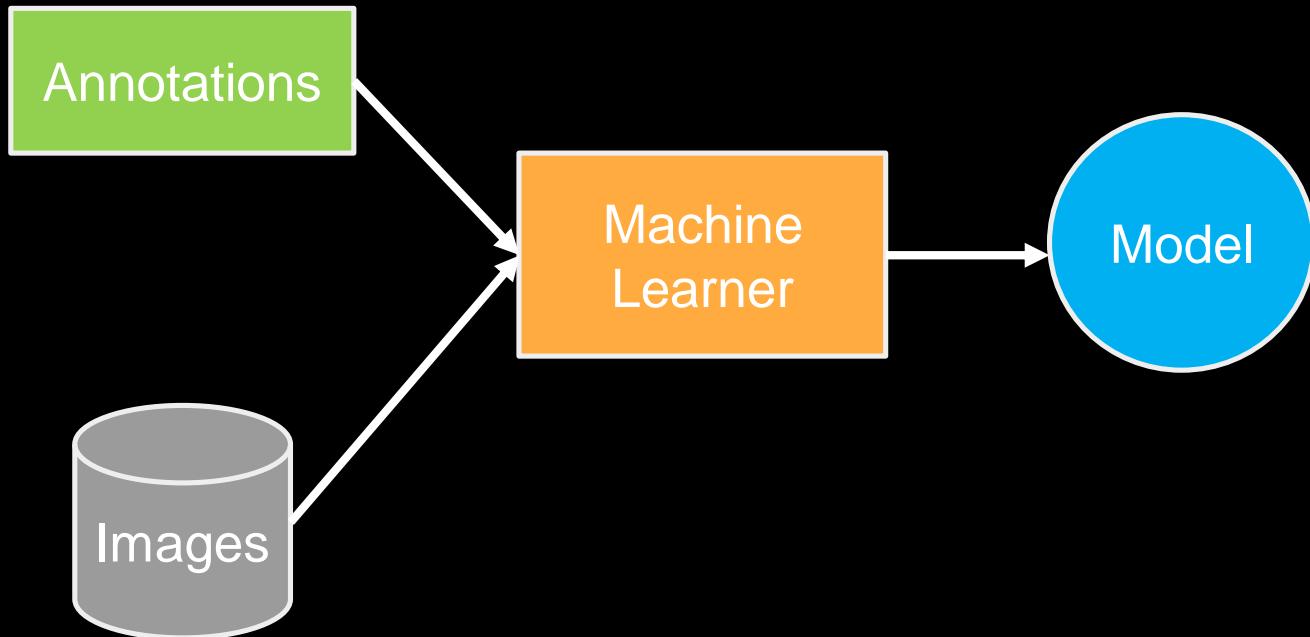


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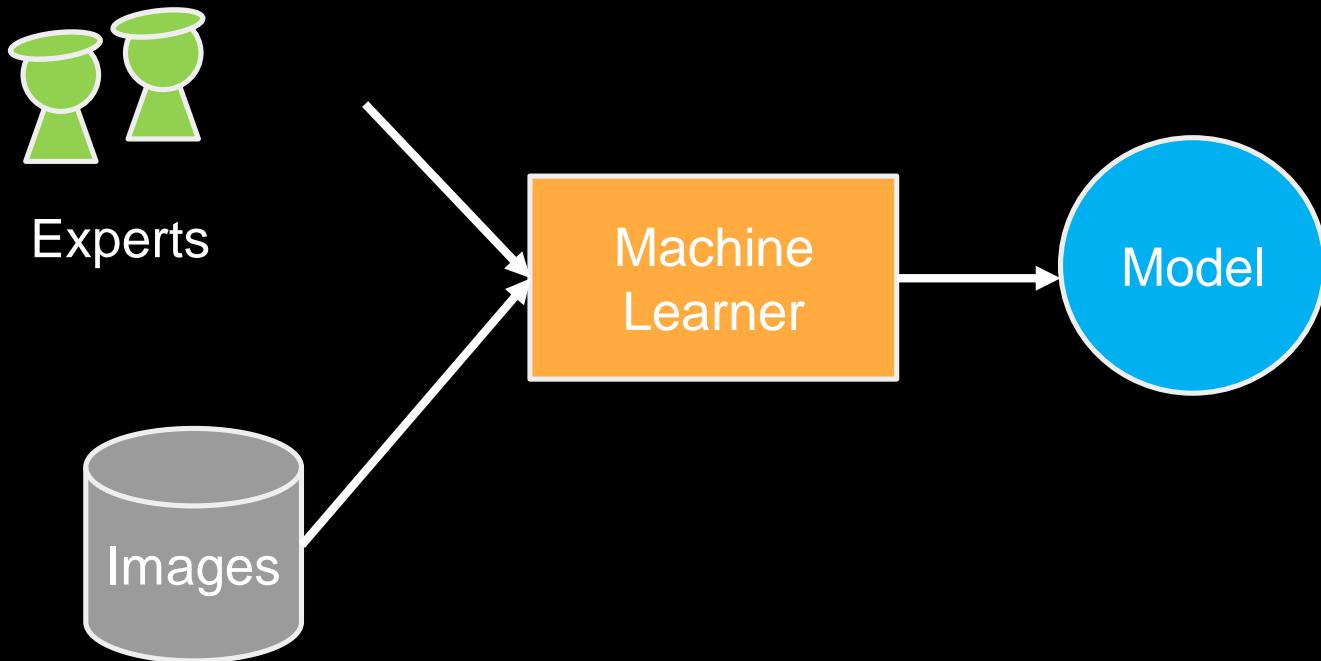
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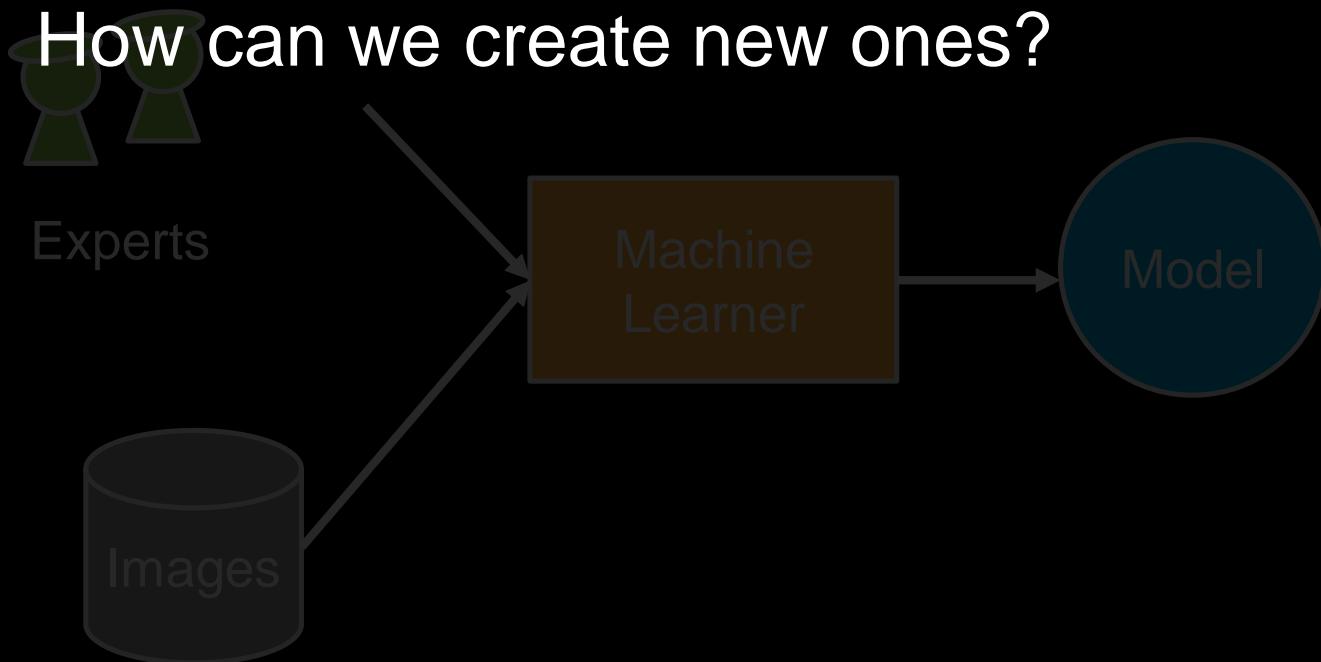


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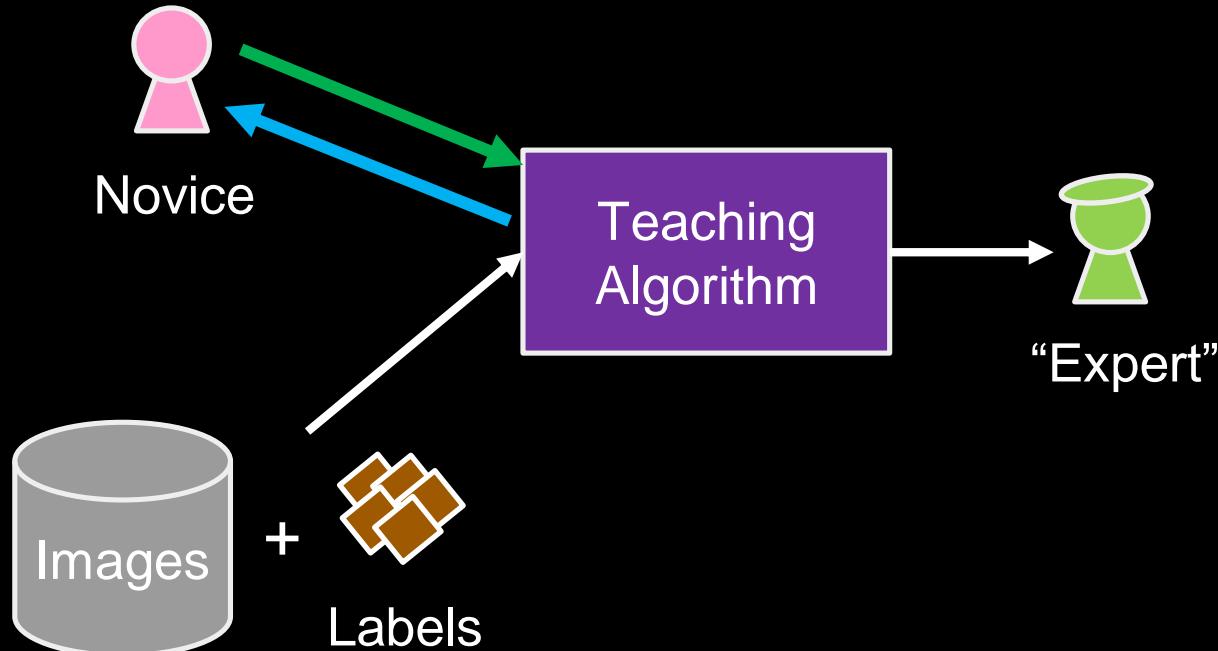


Problem: Limited number of experts.

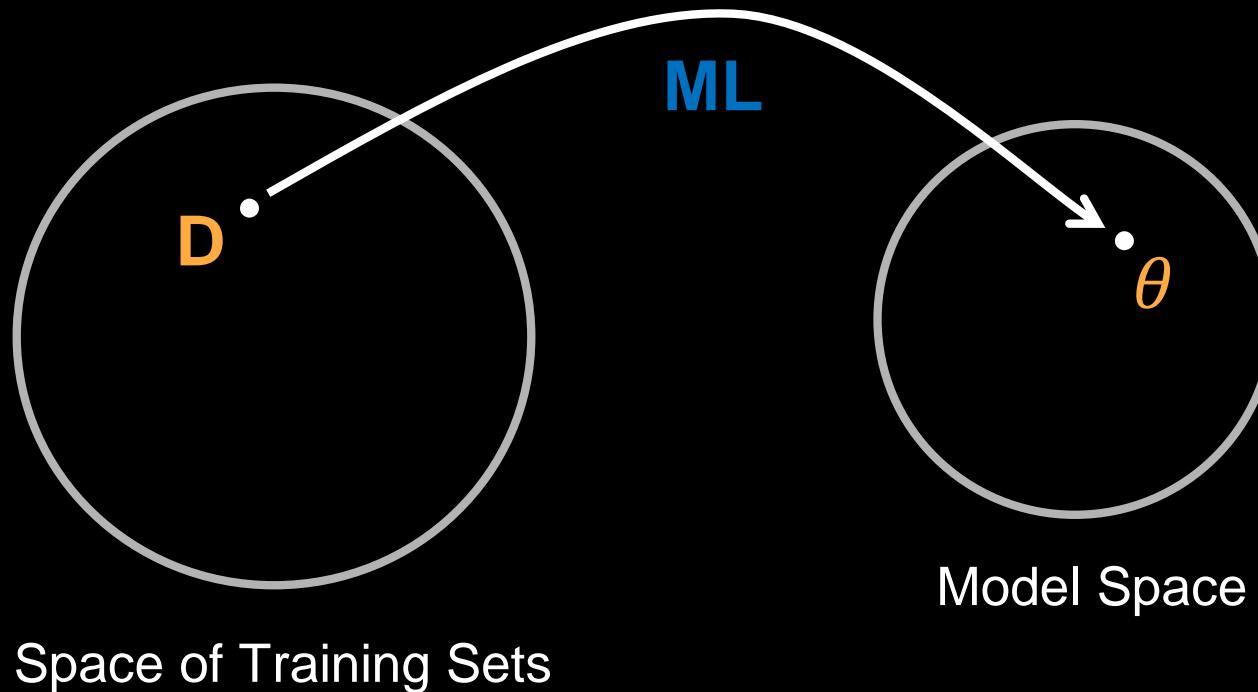
How can we create new ones?



Machine Teaching



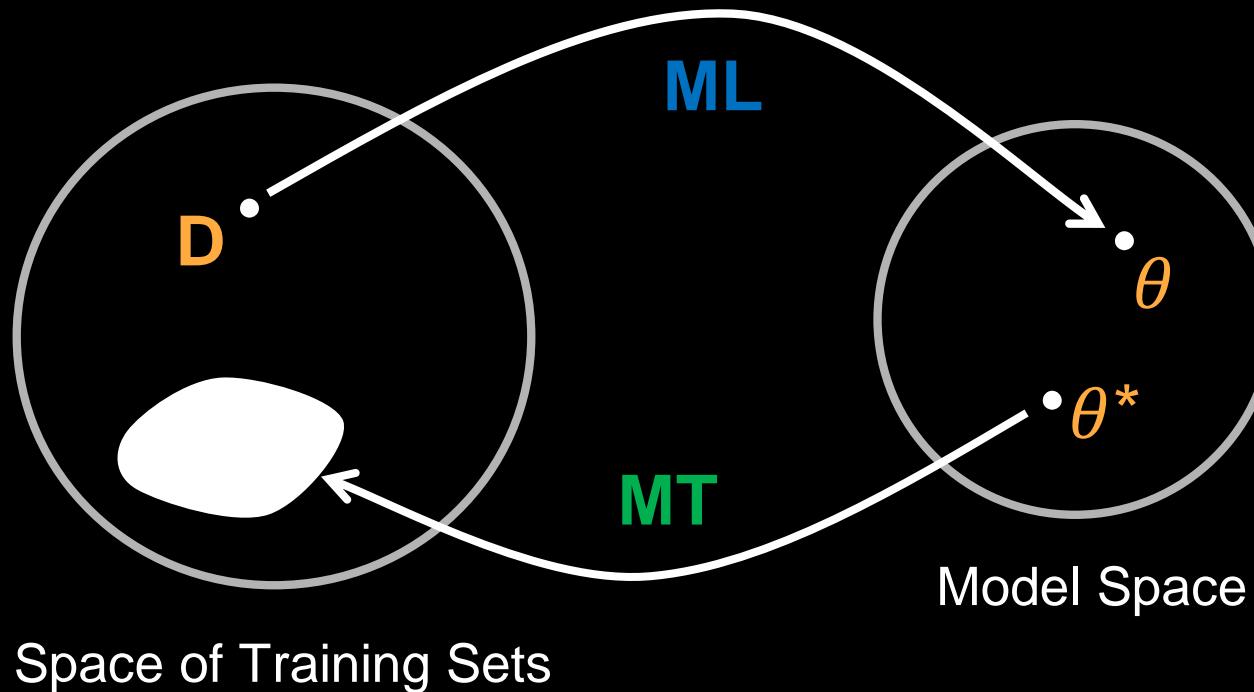
Machine Learning vs Machine Teaching



Space of Training Sets

Model Space

Machine Learning vs Machine Teaching



Space of Training Sets

Zhu AAAI'15

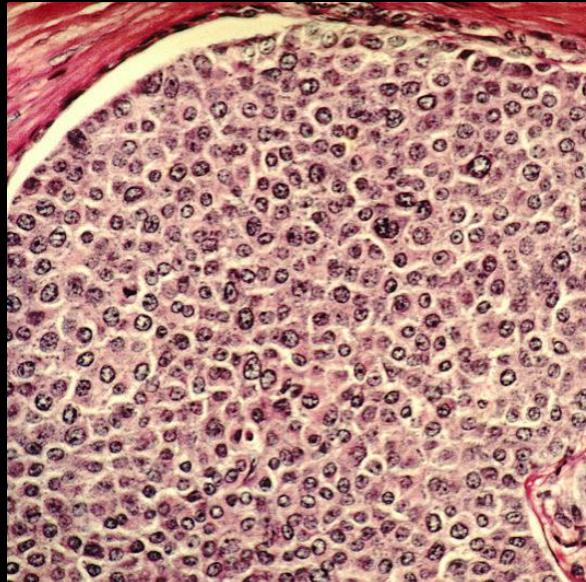
Can we design **teaching algorithms**
that enable humans to become
better at **fine-grained** categorization?

Why Visual Expertise?

Poisonous?

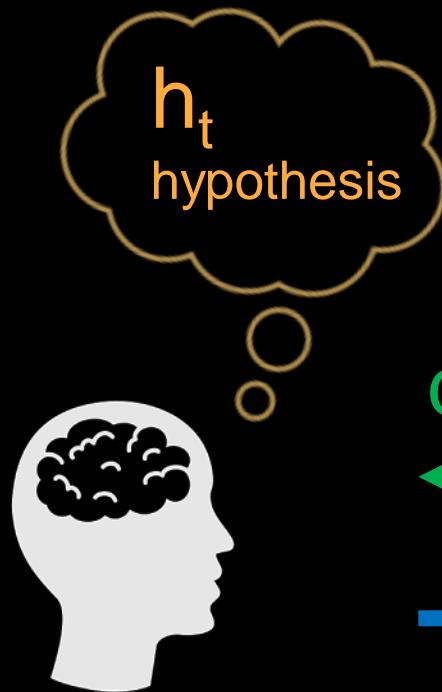


Cancer?



Forgery?

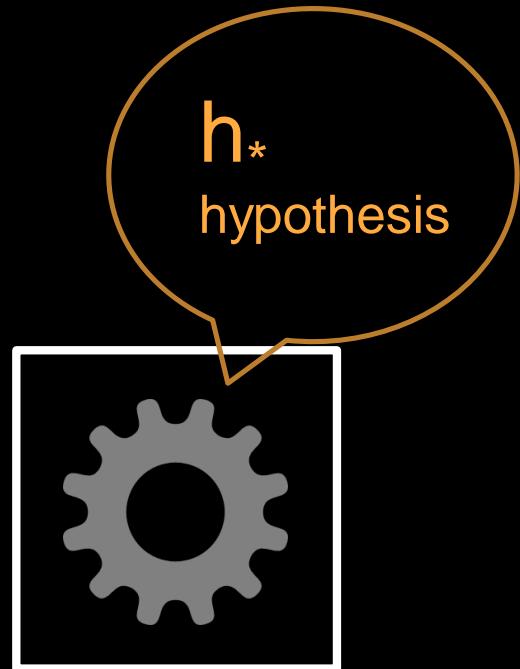




Student/Learner

data & label

feedback



Machine Teacher

Teaching Visual Expertise



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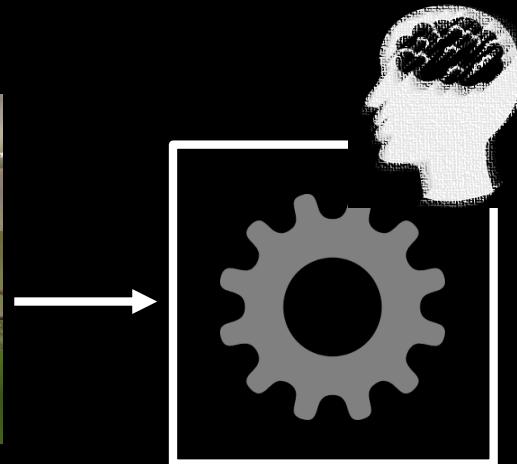
Set of images with
class labels

Teaching Visual Expertise



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Set of images with
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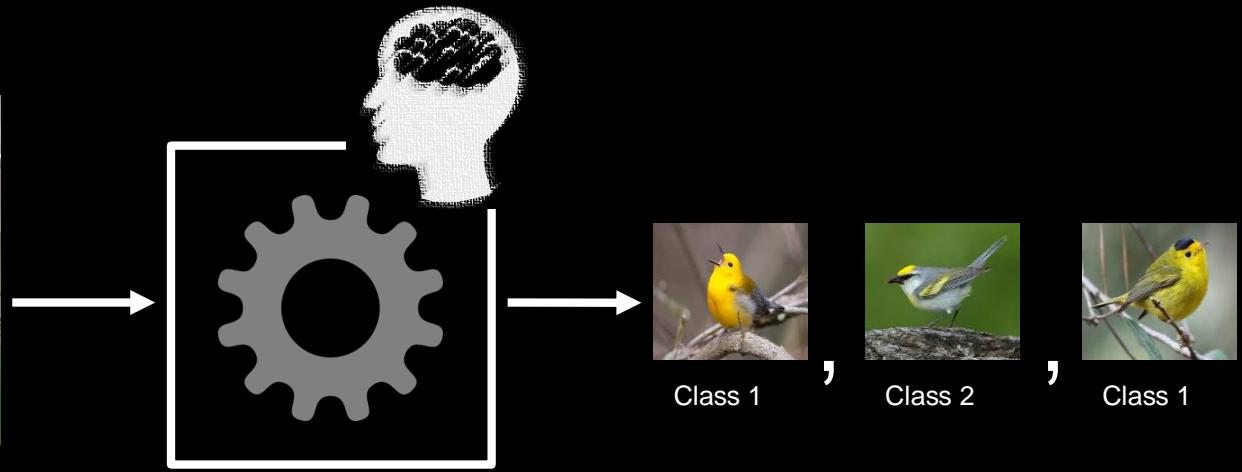


Teaching
algorithm &
student model

Teaching Visual Expertise



Set of images with
class labels



Teaching
algorithm &
student model

Sequence of teaching
images

Machine Teaching Landscape

Theoretical

Goldman & Kearns 1995
Zhu 2013
Chen et al. 2018
...

Spaced Repetition

Leitner 1972
Settles & Meeder 2016
Hunziker et al. 2019
...

Decision Making

Bak et al. 2016
...

Visual Categories

Singla et al. 2014
Johns et al. 2015
Chen et al. 2018
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Connecticut Warbler or MacGillivray's Warbler



**Connecticut Warbler
or MacGillivray's Warbler**



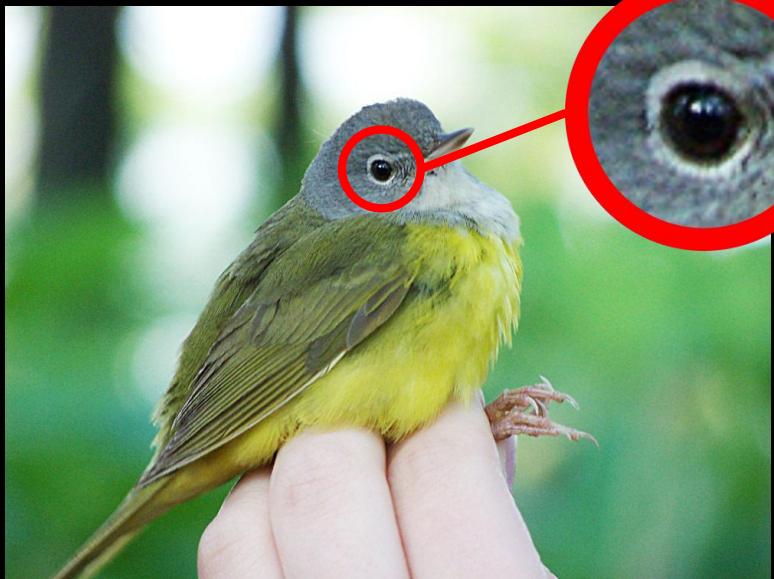
Connecticut Warbler



MacGillivray's Warbler



Connecticut Warbler

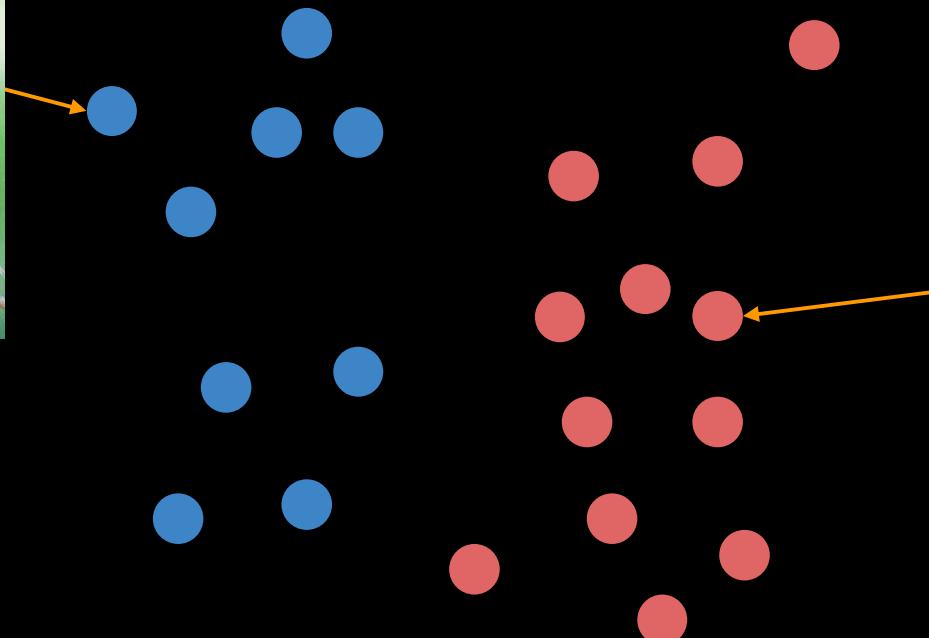


MacGillivray's Warbler

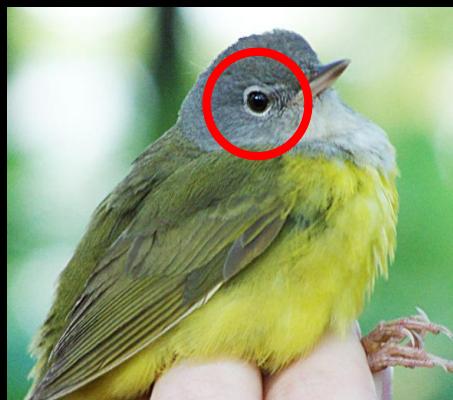


Teaching Categories to Human Learners with Visual Explanations **CVPR 2018**
Mac Aodha, Su, Chen, Perona, Yue, Singla

x is an image



e is an associated explanation



Butterflies

Monarch



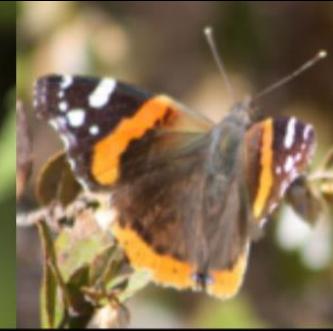
Viceroy



Queen



Red Admiral



Cabbage
White



Butterflies

Monarch



Viceroy



Queen

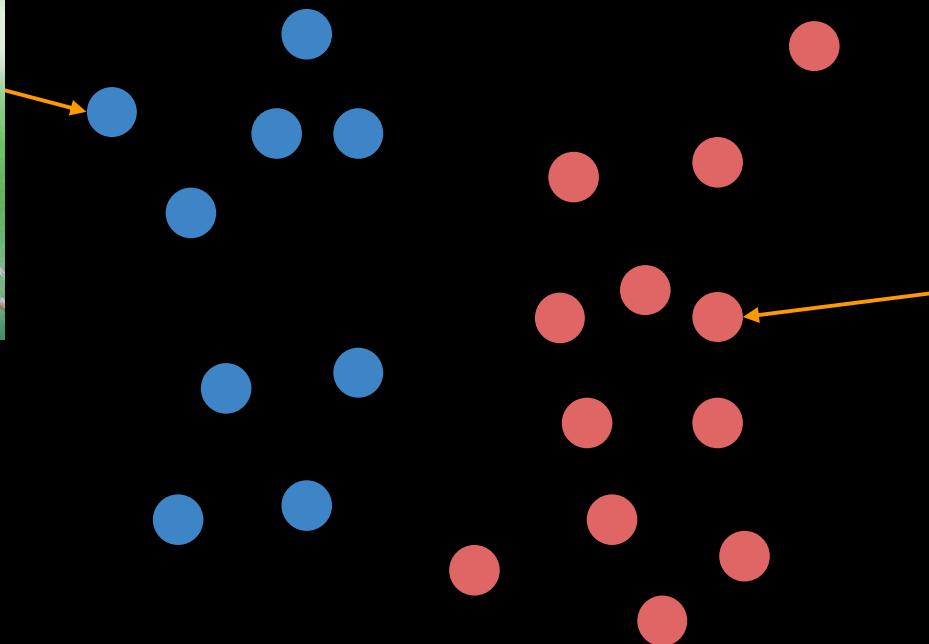
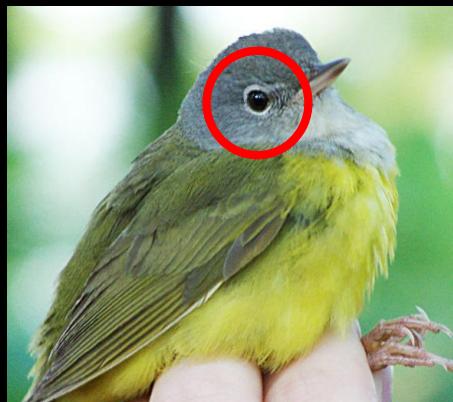


Red Admiral

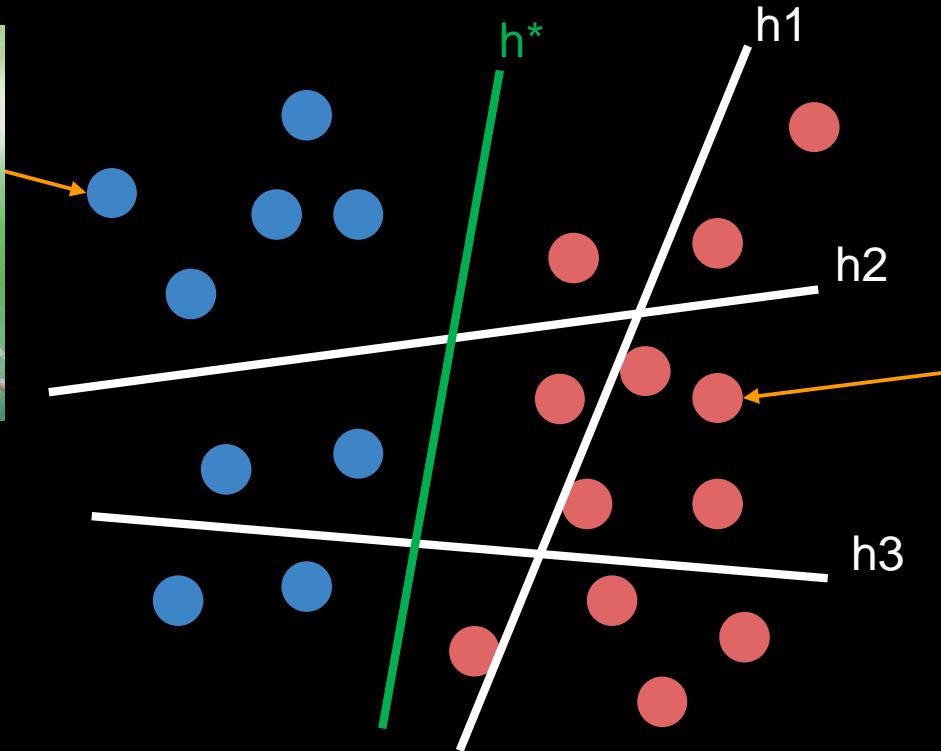
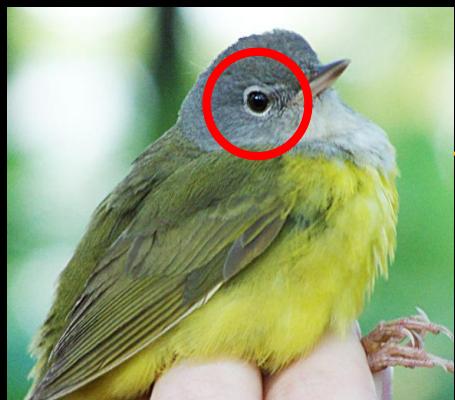


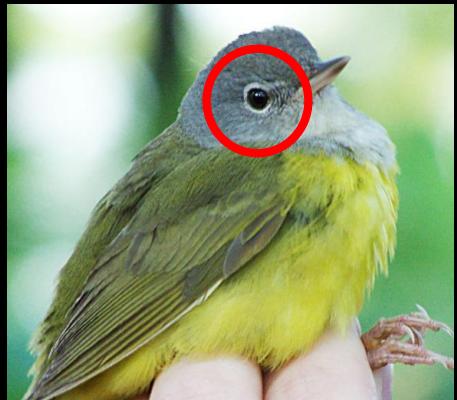
Cabbage
White



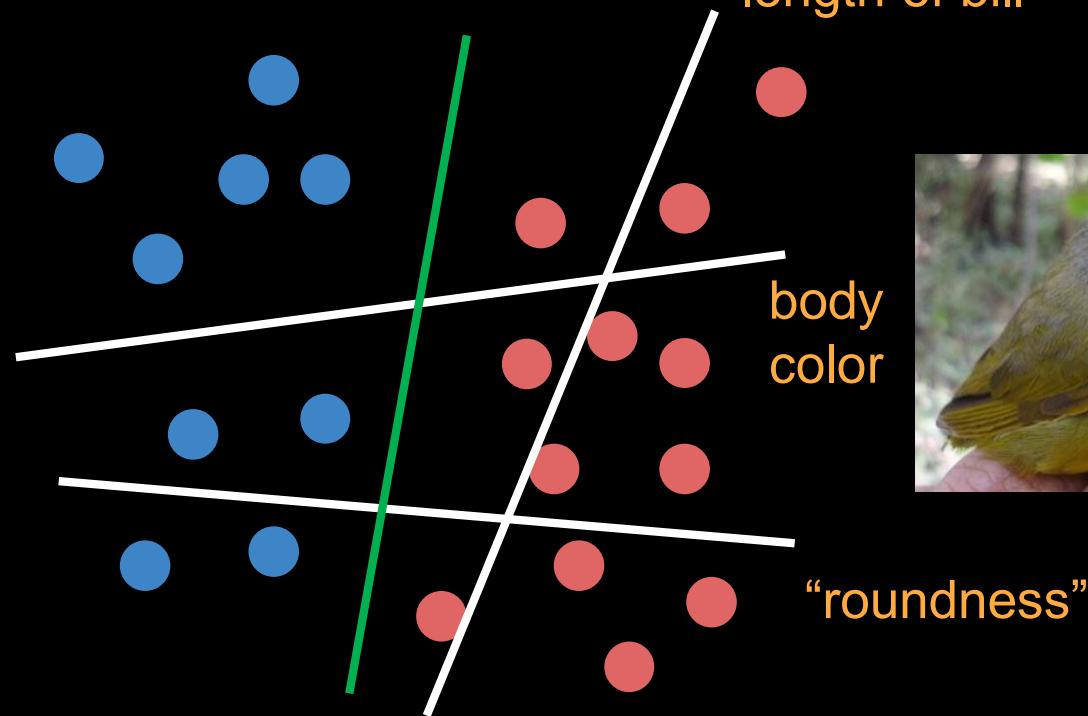


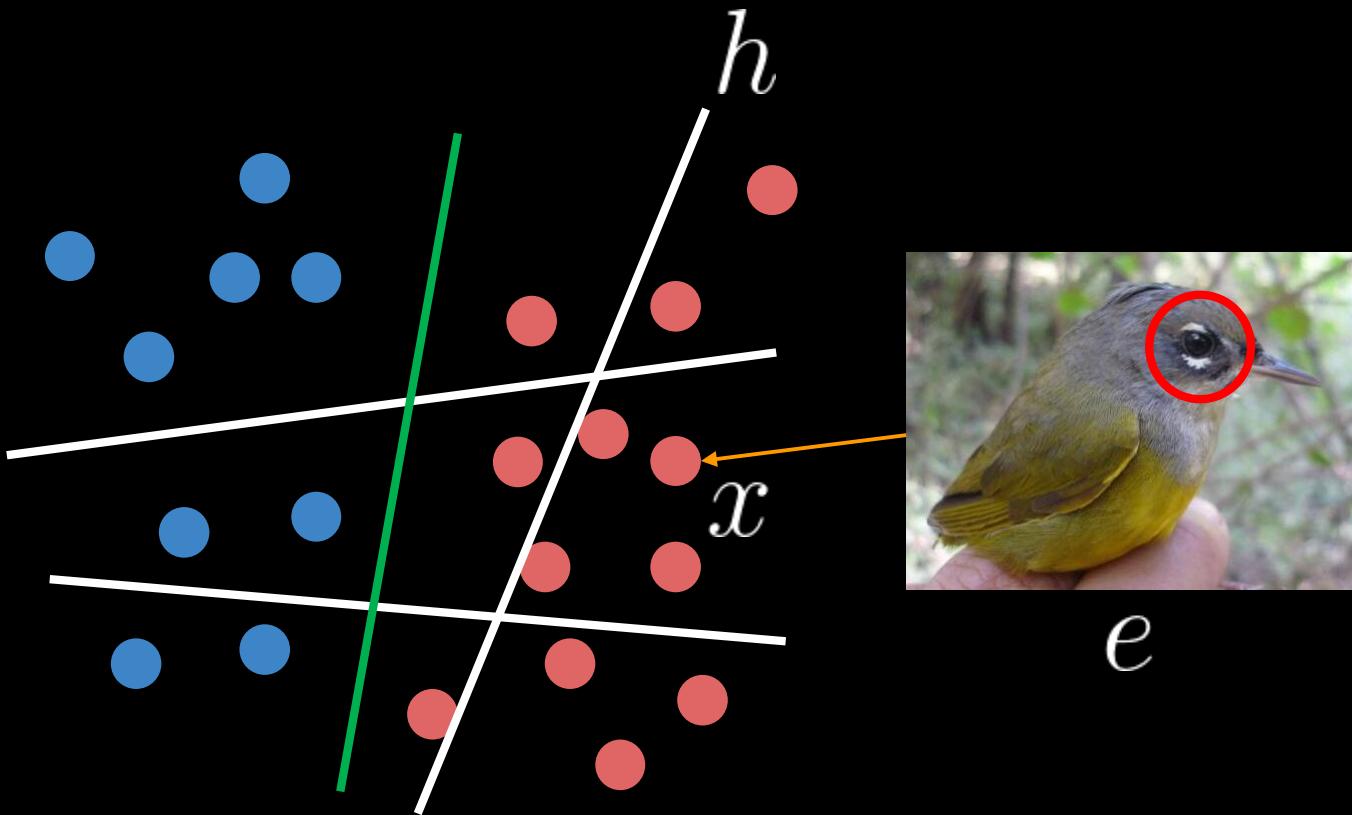
h is a hypothesis





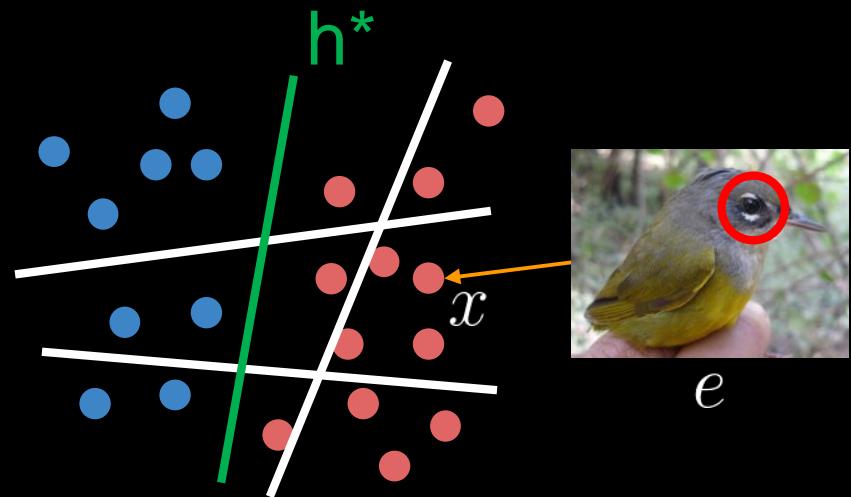
“eye whiteness”





How to Choose Teaching Set T to Teach h^* ?

$$T = \{(x_1, y_1, e_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n, e_n)\}$$



Student Model

$$P(h|T)$$

Student Model

$$P(h|T) \propto P(h) \prod_{x_t, y_t \in T} S(y_t|h, x_t)$$

“win stay, lose switch”

Student Model

$$P(h|T) \propto P(h) \prod_{x_t, y_t \in T} S(y_t|h, x_t)$$

“win stay, lose switch”

$$S(y_t|h, x_t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y_t = \hat{y}_t^h \\ \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\alpha h(x_t)y_t)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Student Model - With Explanations

$$P(h|T) \propto P(h) \prod_{x_t, y_t \in T} S(y_t|h, x_t)$$

“Good”



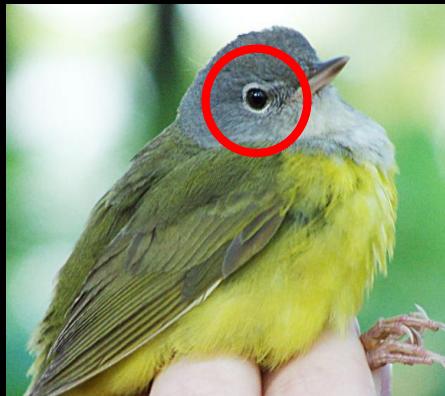
“Bad”



Student Model - With Explanations

$$P(h|T) \propto P(h) \prod_{x_t, y_t \in T} S(y_t|h, x_t) \prod_{x_t, e_t \in T} (E(e_t) D(x_t))$$

“Good”



“Bad”



Selecting the Teaching Set T

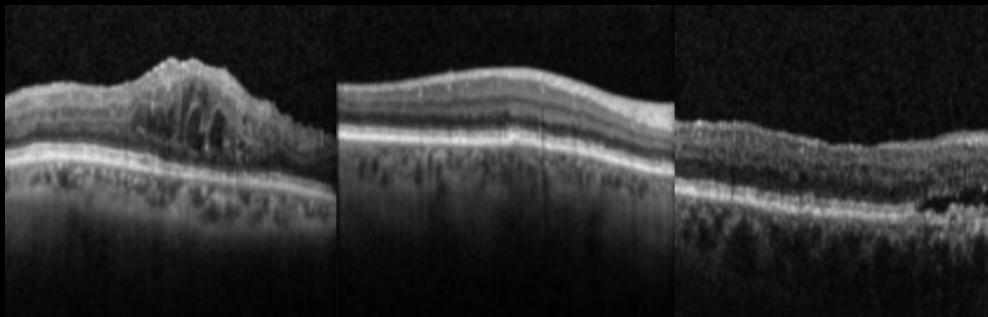
Select for largest reduction in expected error

$$\mathbb{E}[err(h)|T] = \sum_{h \in \mathcal{H}} P(h|T)err(h)$$

Retina Images

1125 images, 3 classes

Macular
Edema



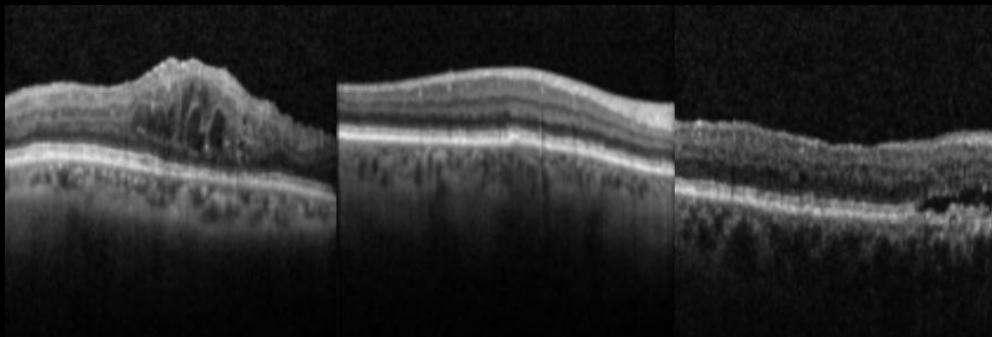
Normal

Subretinal
Fluid

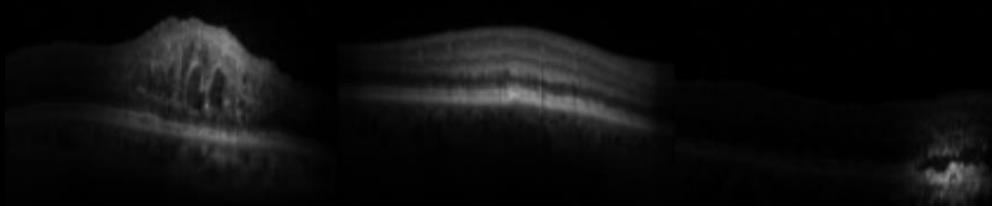
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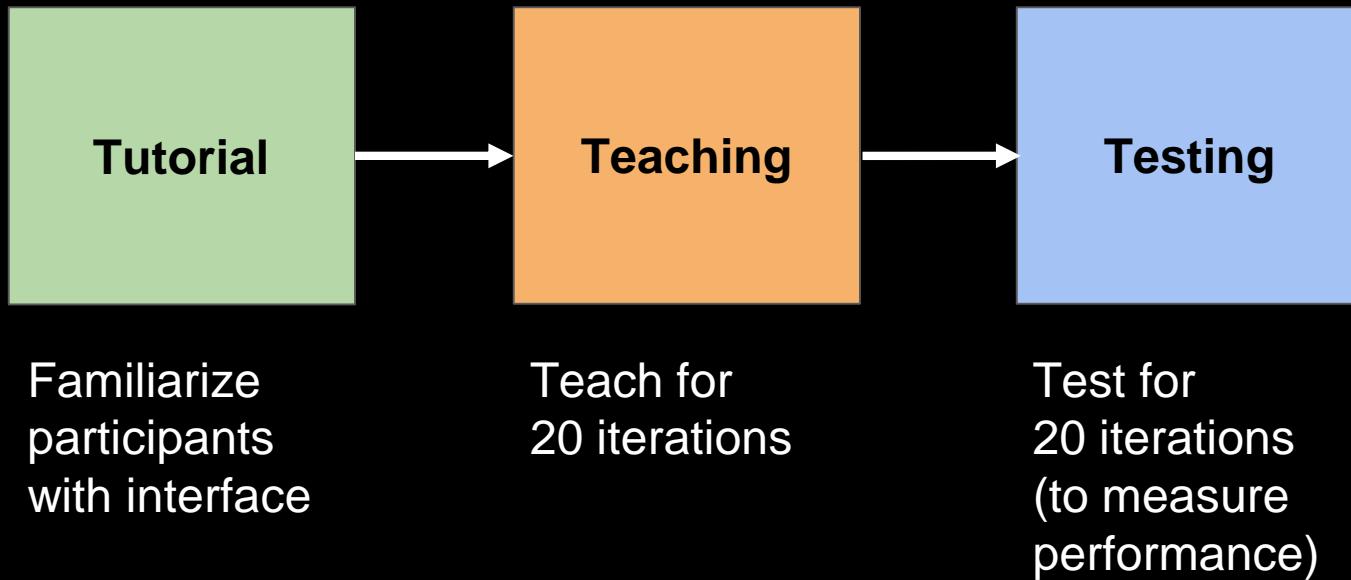


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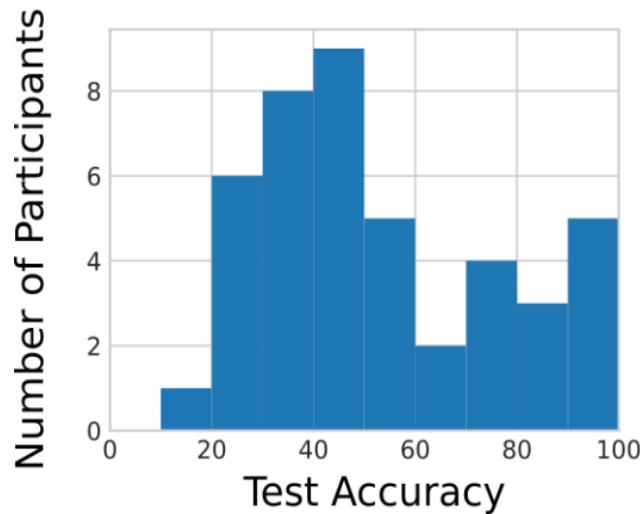
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Experimental Setup



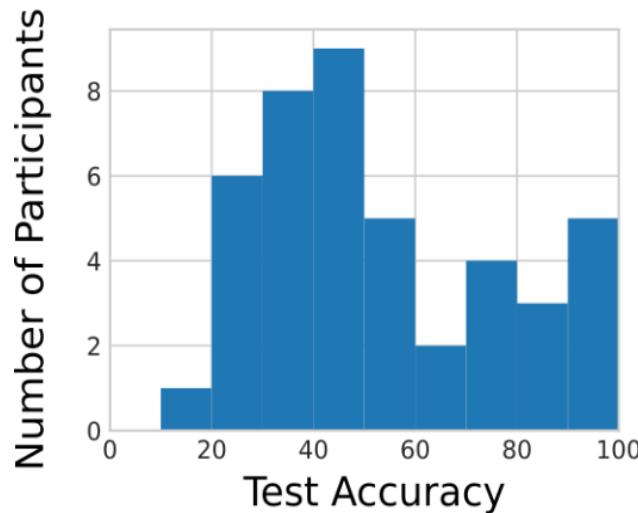
Results for Retina Images

Random Image

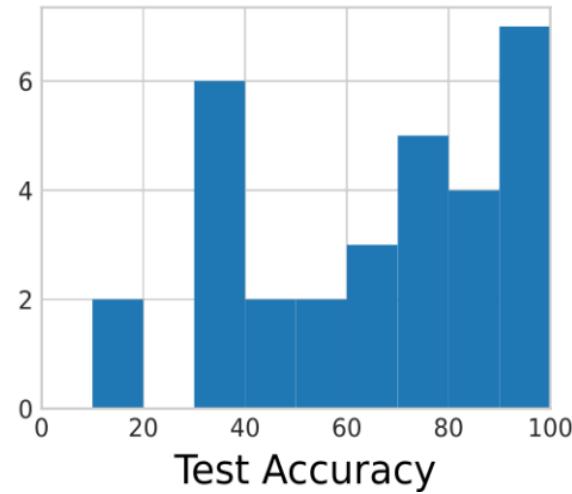


Results for Retina Images

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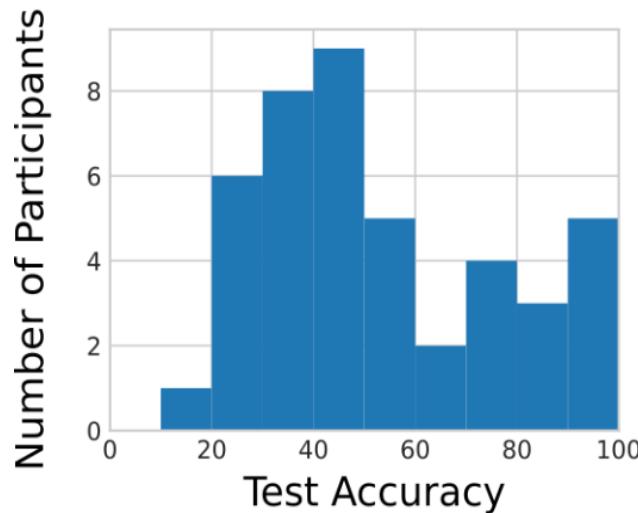


**Random Image
with Explanation**

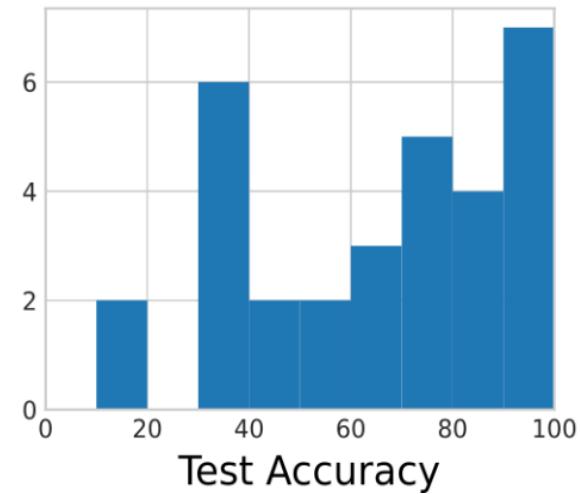


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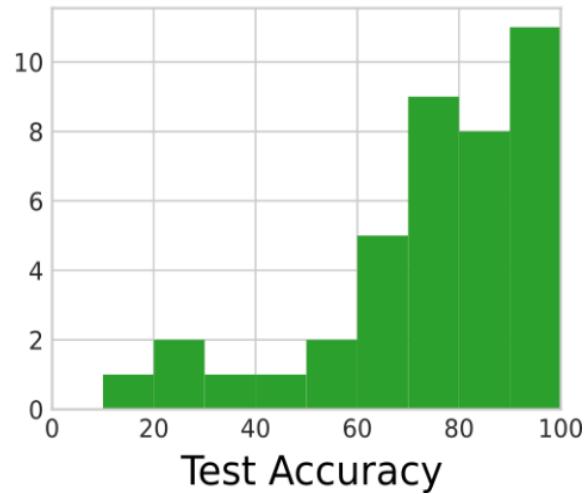
Random Image



**Random Image
with Explanation**



Explain (Ours)

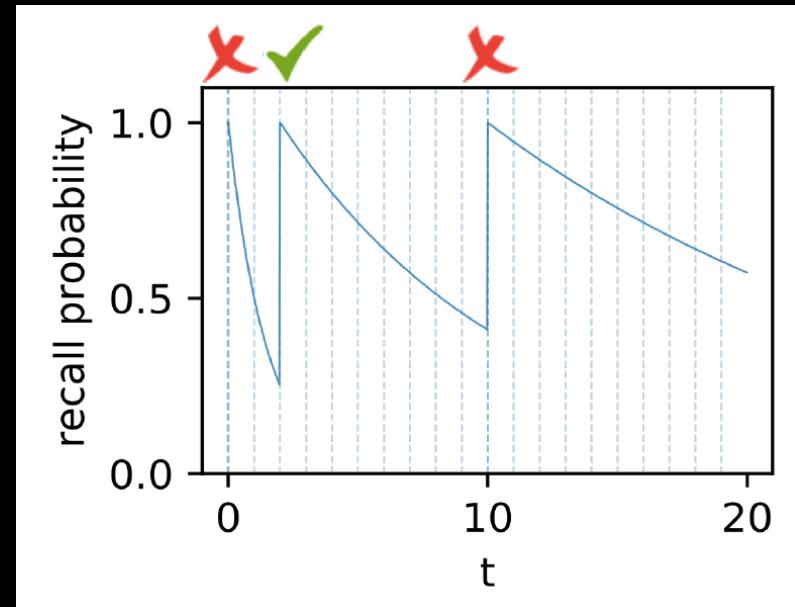


Modeling Learner Memory Decay

Memory decays over time

Spaced repetition model

$P_i(t \mid \text{history})$



Modeling Learner Memory Decay

German vocabulary

“Flash cards”

Round Robin

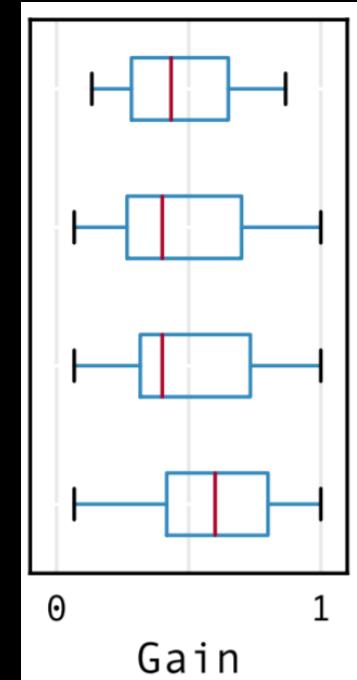
15 concepts, 40 time steps

Random

~ 25 mins per exp

Lowest Recall

Ours



Teaching Multiple Concepts to Forgetful Learners NeurIPS 2019

Hunziker, Chen, Mac Aodha, Gomez Rodriguez, Krause, Perona, Yue, Singla

Open Questions

- Models of the learning process
- Learning to teach
- Learning how low shot is performed
- Evaluation tool for interpretable machine learning
- Generating curriculums

Presence-Only Geographical Priors for Fine-Grained Image Classification **ICCV 2019**
Mac Aodha, Cole, Perona

Can we use information such as
where, **when**, and **who** captured an
image to help determine its class?

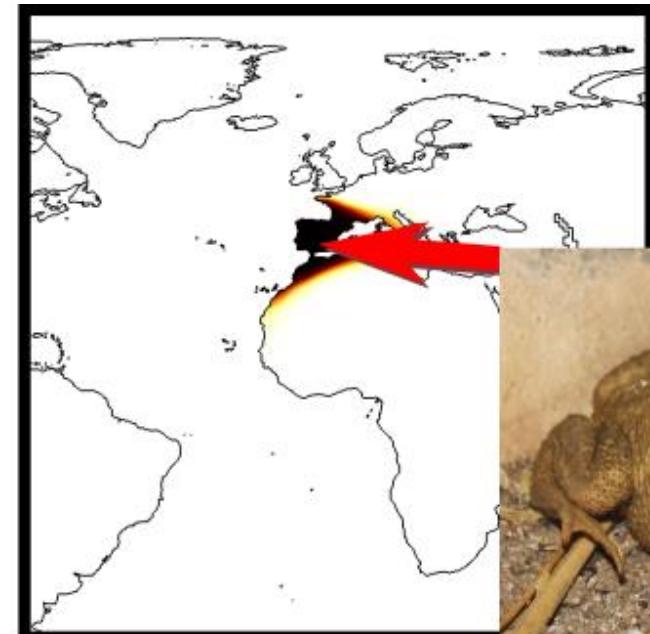
Which class y is in image I ?



$$P(y|I)$$



European Toad



Spiny Toad



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wlw CC BY-NC 4.0

Which class y is in image I taken at location \mathbf{x} ?



wlw CC BY-NC 4.0



$$P(y|I, \mathbf{x})$$

Which class y is in image I taken at location \mathbf{x} ?



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$$P(y|I, \mathbf{x}) \propto P(y|I)P(y|\mathbf{x})$$

Which class y is in image I taken at location \mathbf{x} ?

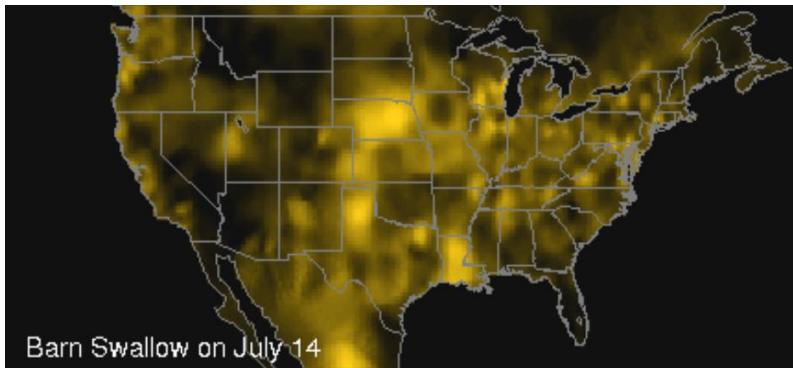


$$P(y|I, \mathbf{x}) \propto$$

$$P(y|I) P(y|\mathbf{x})$$

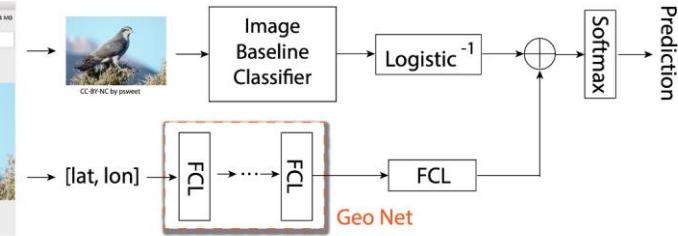
Previous Work

“Non-parametric”



Berg et al. CVPR 2014

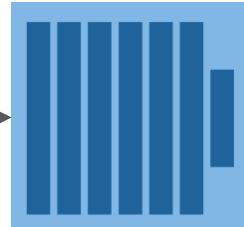
Jointly Trained



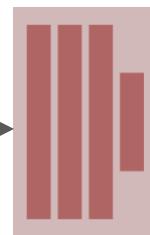
Tang et al. ICCV 2015
Chu et al. Arxiv 1906.01737, 2019



Image Classifier

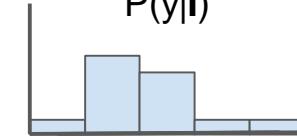


Spatio-Temporal Prior

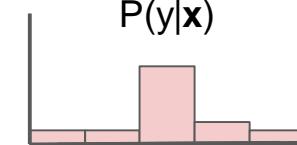


$\mathbf{x} = (\text{longitude}, \text{latitude}, \text{day})$

$P(y|I)$



$P(y|x)$



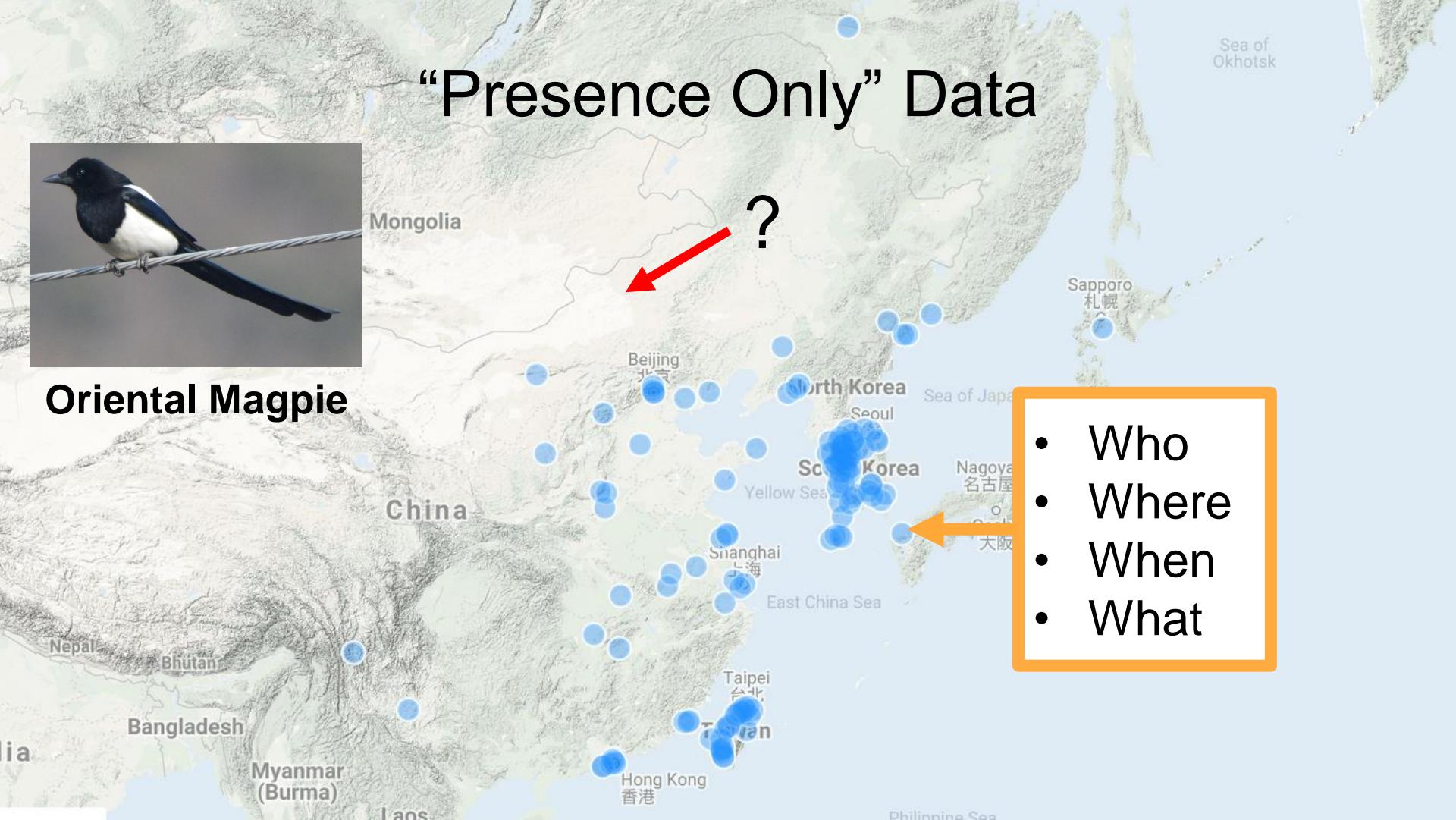
Combine



“Presence Only” Data



Oriental Magpie



- Who
- Where
- When
- What

Training Data

location (+time)

photographer ID

$$\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i, p_i) | i = 1, \dots, N\}$$



class label

Joint Model of Photographers and Objects

Capture the following relationships:

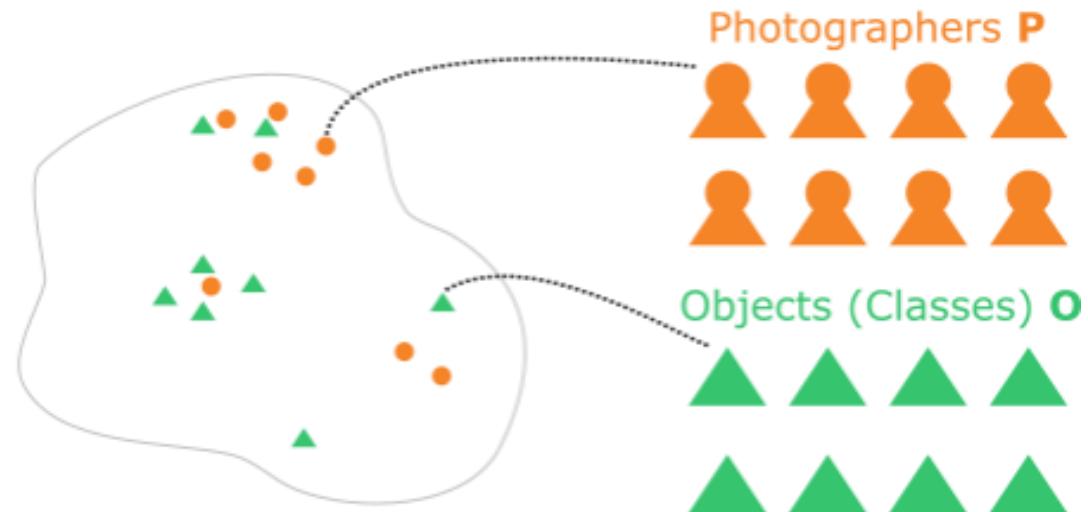
- class X's affinity for location Y
- photographer Z's affinity for class X
- photographer Z's affinity for location Y

Shared Embedding Space

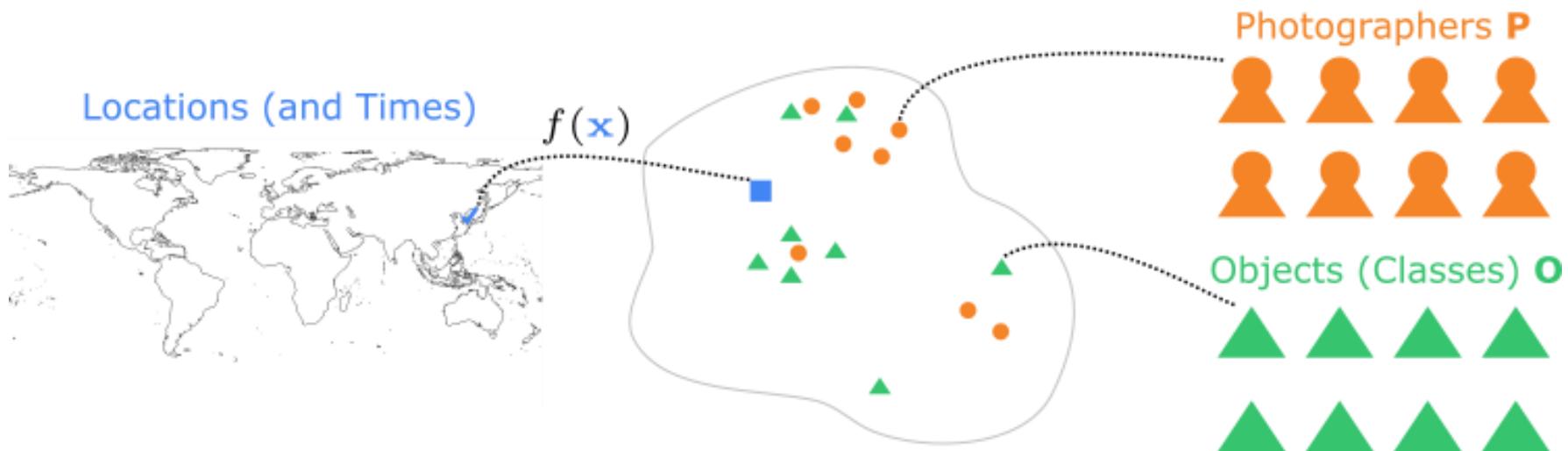
Photographers **P**



Shared Embedding Space

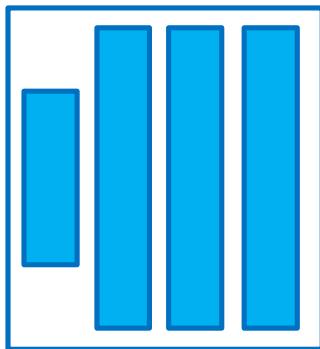


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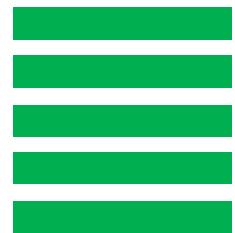


Learned Parameters

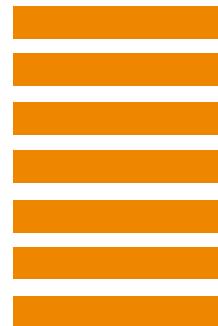
$$\theta = [\theta_f, \mathbf{O}, \mathbf{P}]$$



Location
Embedder $f()$



Class
Embeddings \mathbf{O}



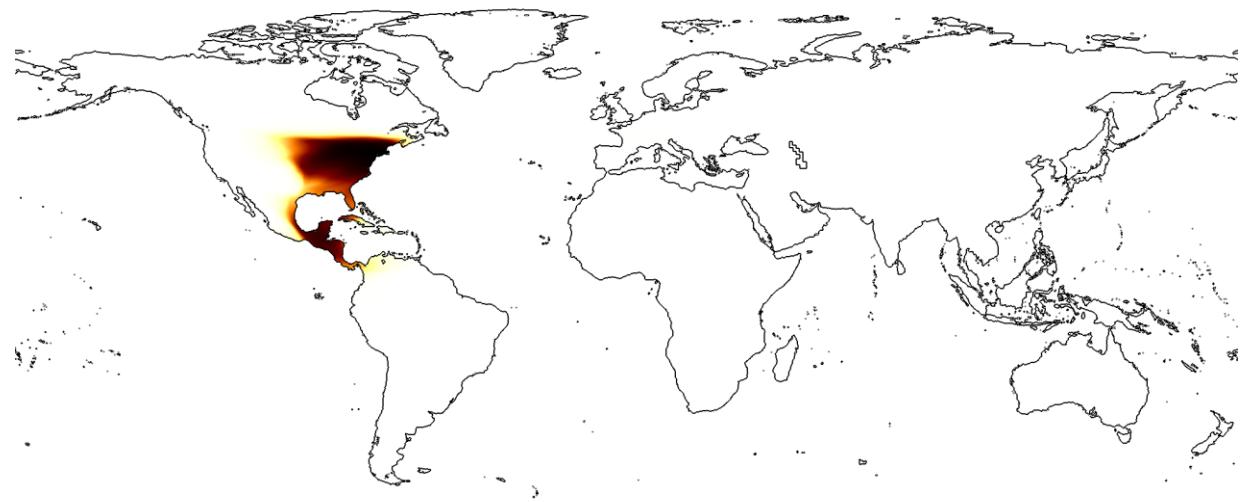
Photographer
Embeddings \mathbf{P}

Wood Thrush



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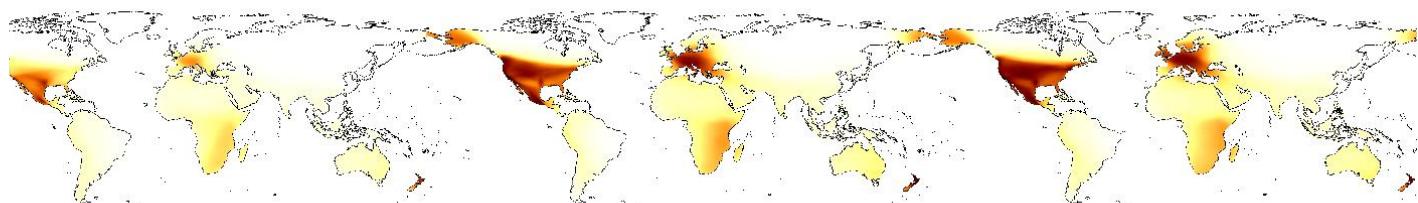
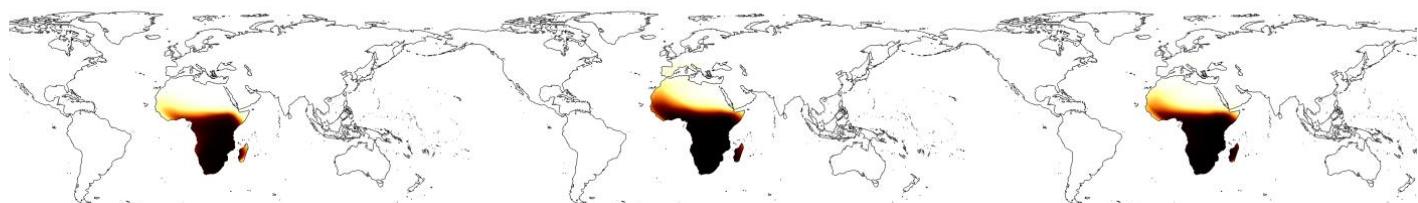
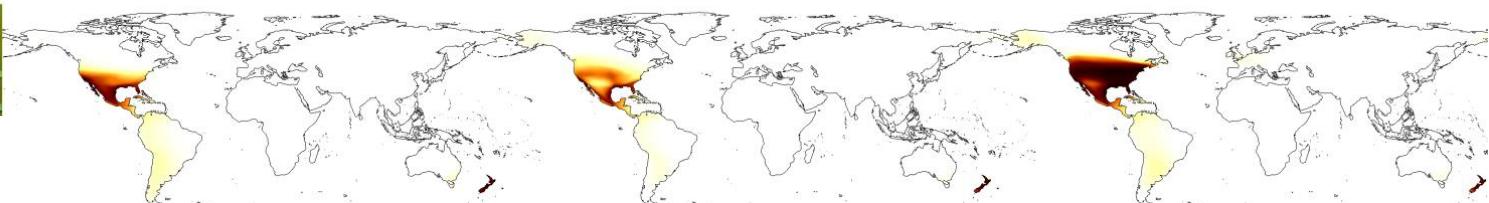
Predicted Locations





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Wood Thrush

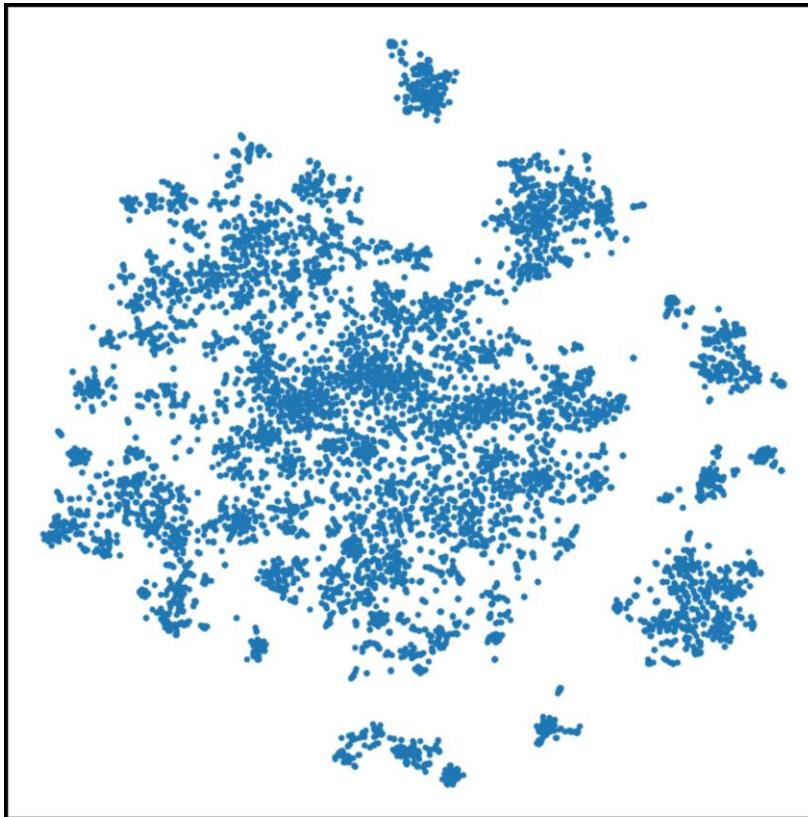


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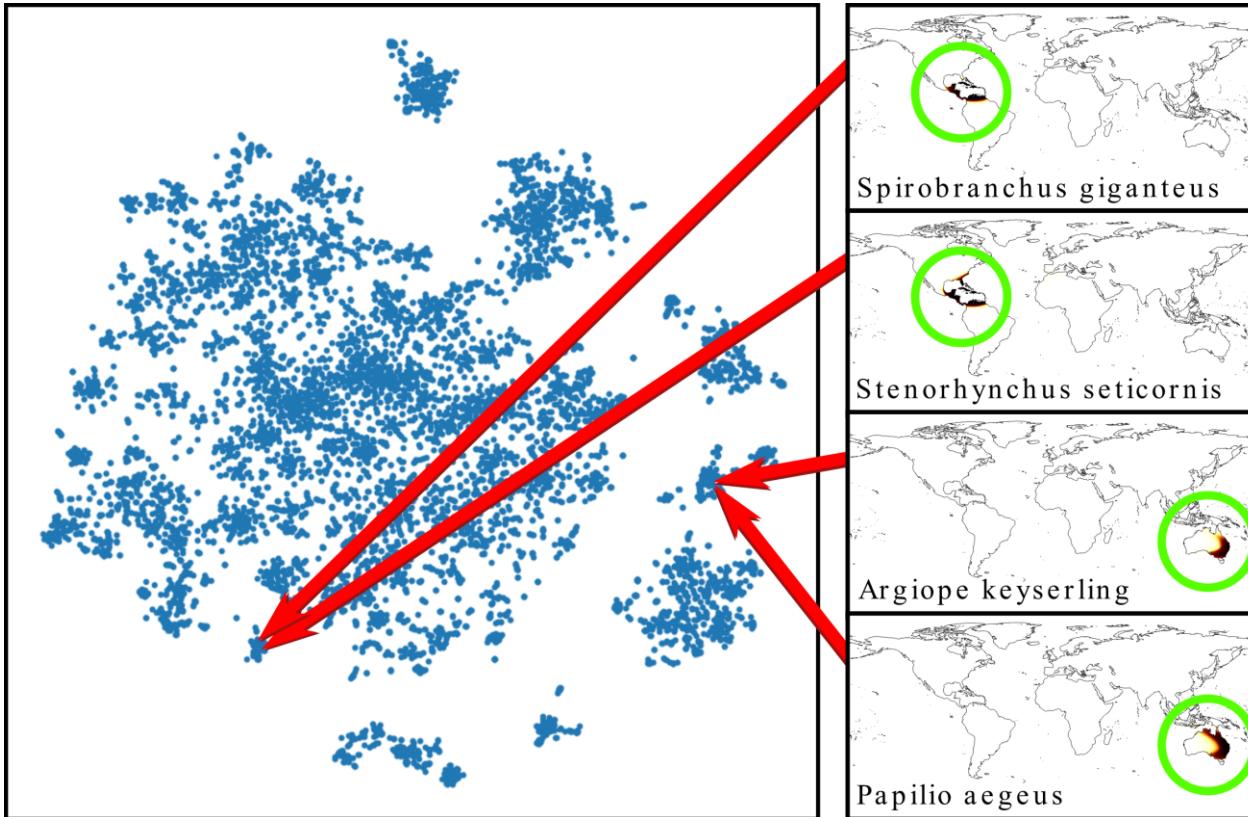
May

September

Category Embedding O



Category Embedding O



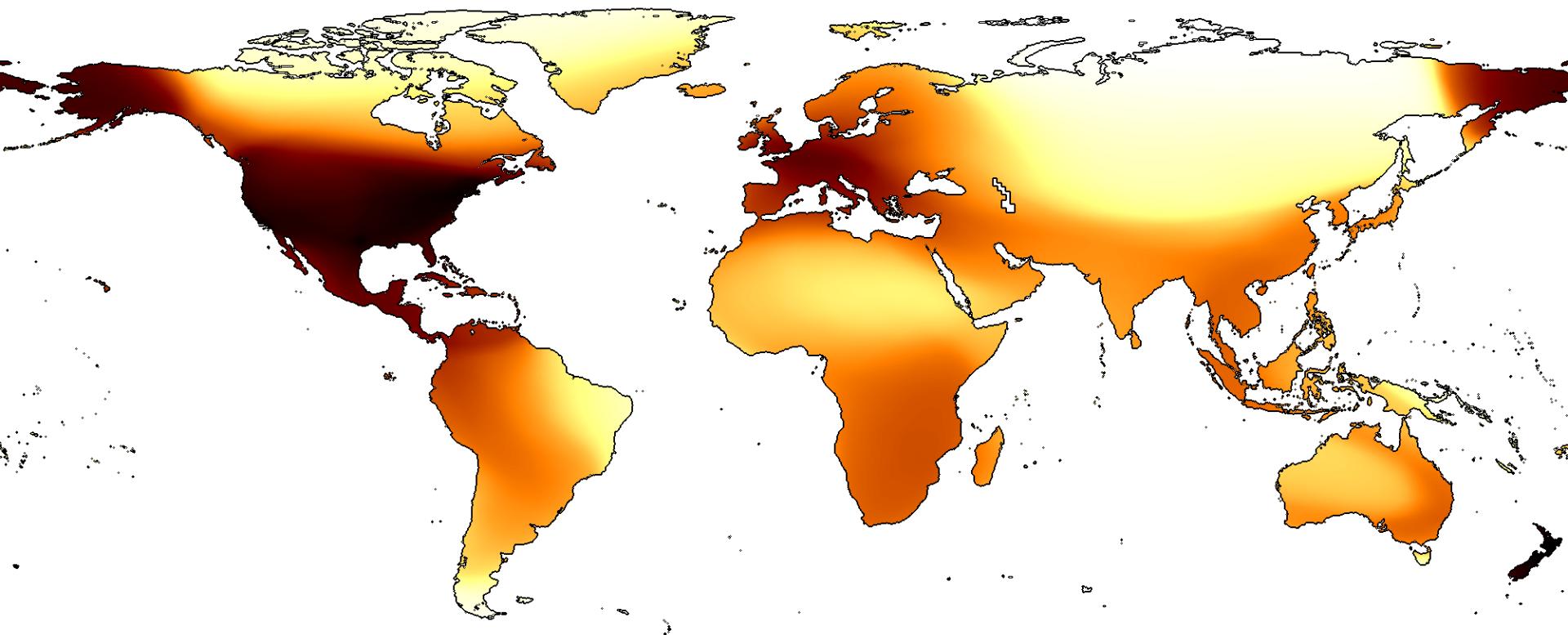
Visualization of Spatio-Temporal Predictions

Embedding of Each Location on the Earth



Location
Embedder $f()$

Photographer Location Affinity



Photographer Embedding P

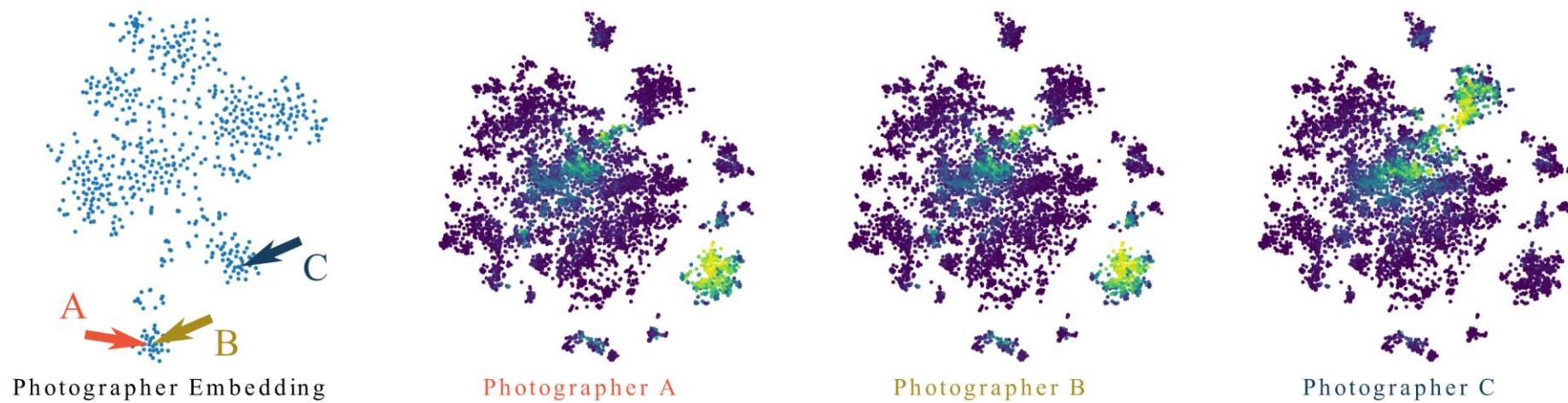
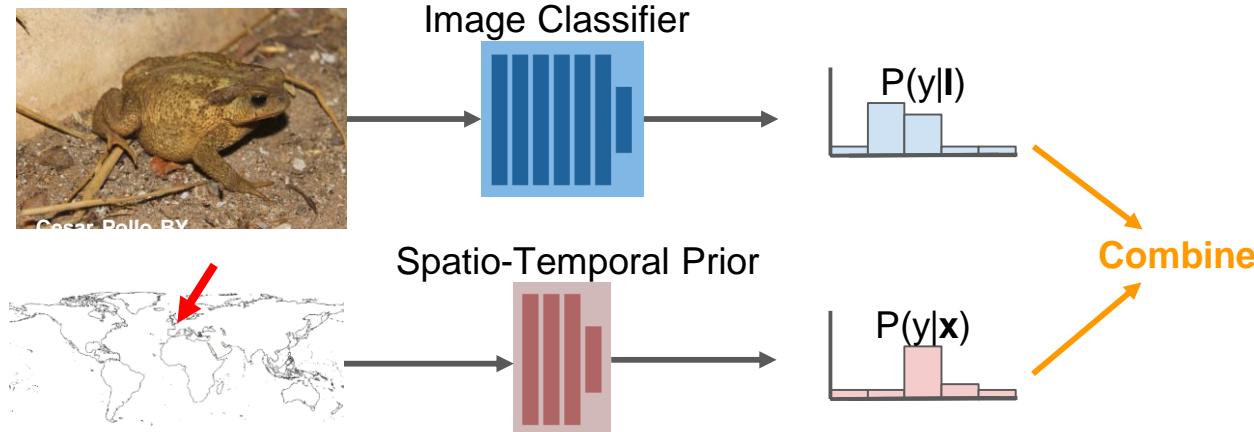


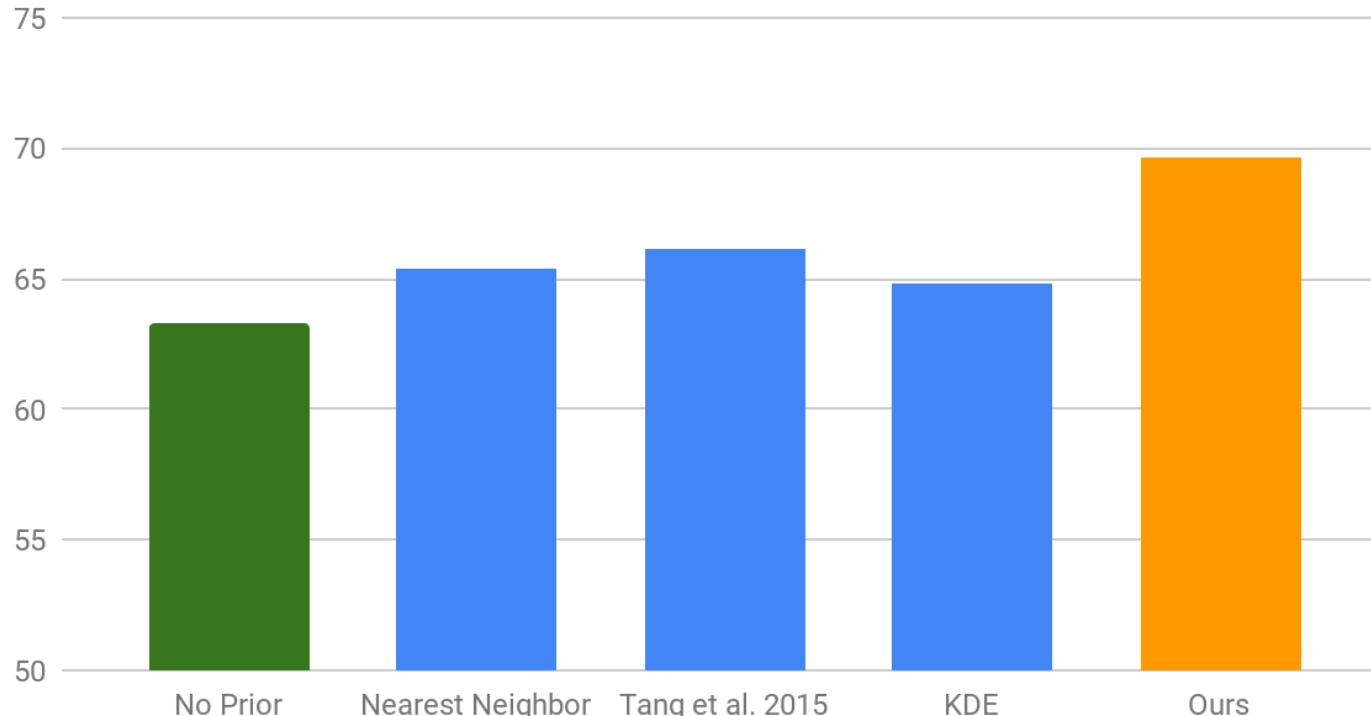
Image Classification Results

Can our prior improve image classification performance?



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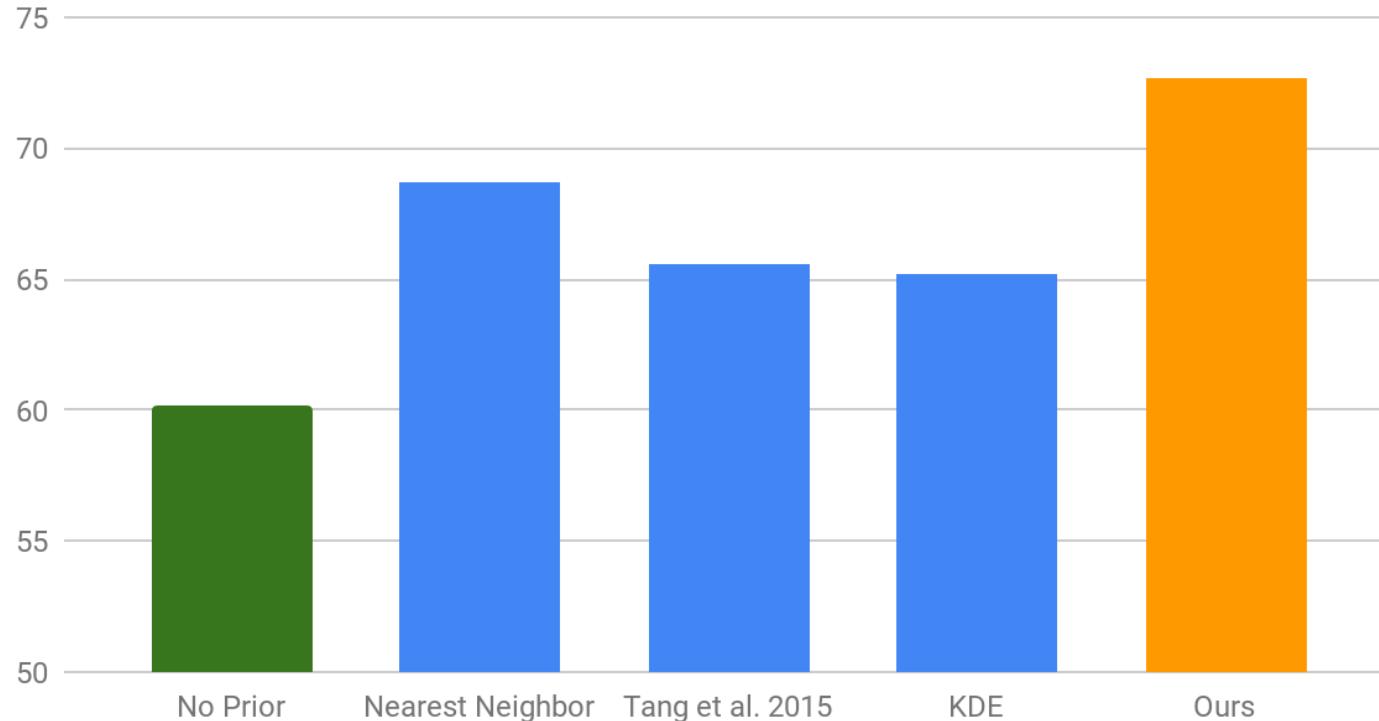
iNat2017 - val



$$P(y|I)$$

$$P(y|I, \mathbf{x})$$

iNat2018 - val

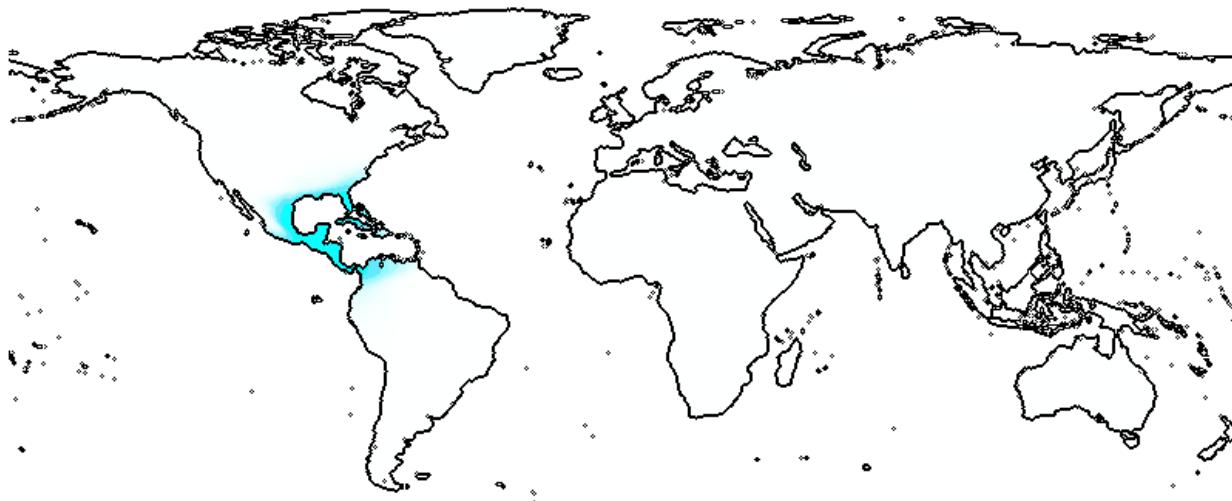


$$P(y|I)$$

$$P(y|I, \mathbf{x})$$



Hylocichla mustelina - Wood Thrush



Type the name of a particular species or click "random".

Search..

Today 3-4:30pm Poster #140

Friday, Nov 1st Poster #45

15:30–18:00
Poster 4.2 (Hall B)

Caltech

Presence-Only Geographical Priors for Fine-Grained Image Classification

Oisin Mac Aodha Elijah Cole Pietro Perona www.vision.caltech.edu/~macaodha/projects/geopriors

Spatio-Temporal Data
Our Model
Results

Contributions

- Combine spatio-temporal cues with image classifiers to improve fine-grained visual classification
- Interpretable representation of objects, locations, and photographers
- Efficient at inference time

Spatio-Temporal Data

Image + [longitude, latitude, date, photographer]

Our Model

$$P(y|I, \mathbf{x}) \propto P(y|I)P(y|\mathbf{x})$$

Image Classifier Spatio-Temporal Prior

Image Classification

Location Embeddings

Photographer Locations

Object Embeddings

Object-Location Loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{o, loc}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{O}, y) = \lambda \log(s(f(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{O}_{:,y})) + \sum_{i=1}^C \log(1 - s(f(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{O}_{:,i})) + \sum_{i=1}^C \log(1 - s(f(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{O}_{:,i}))$$

Qualitative Predictions

Photographer-Location Loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{p, loc}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{P}, p) = \log(s(f(\mathbf{x})\mathbf{P}_{:,p})) + \log(1 - s(f(\mathbf{r})\mathbf{P}_{:,p}))$$

Object-Photographer Loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{p, o}(\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{P}, y, p) = \lambda \log(s(\mathbf{O}_{:,y}^T \mathbf{P}_{:,p})) + \sum_{i=1}^C \log(1 - s(f(\mathbf{O}_{:,i}^T \mathbf{P}_{:,p})))$$

Combined Loss

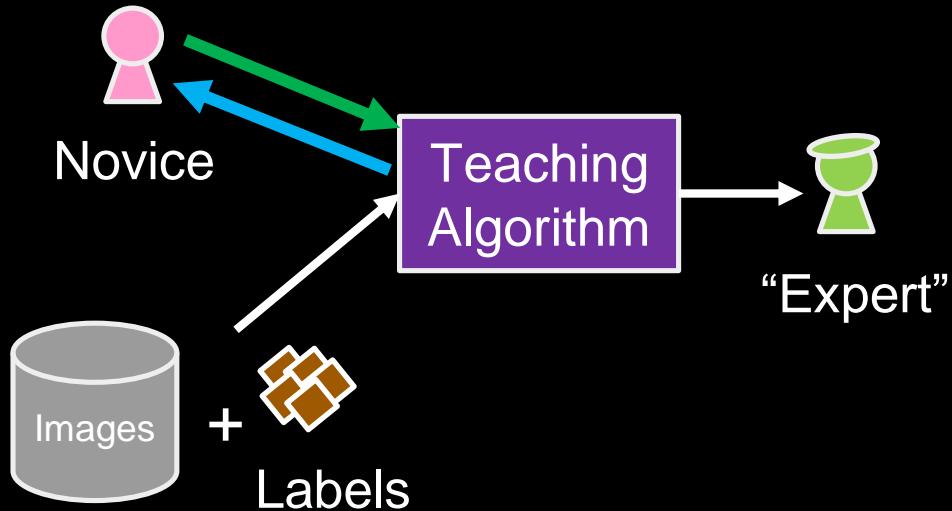
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{o, loc} + \mathcal{L}_{p, loc} + \mathcal{L}_{p, o}$$

(1) van der Maaten et al., The Laplace prior for classification and denoising datasets. ICML 2010.
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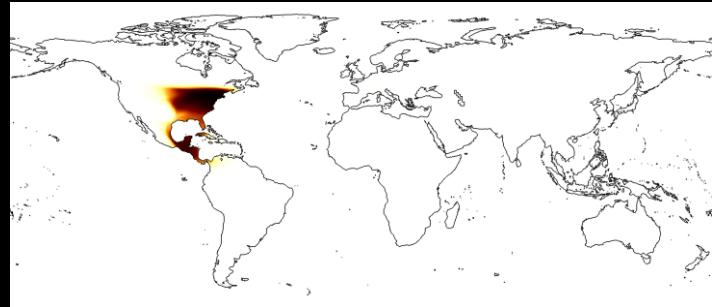
www.vision.caltech.edu/~macaodha/projects/geopriors

Improving Fine-Grained Classifiers

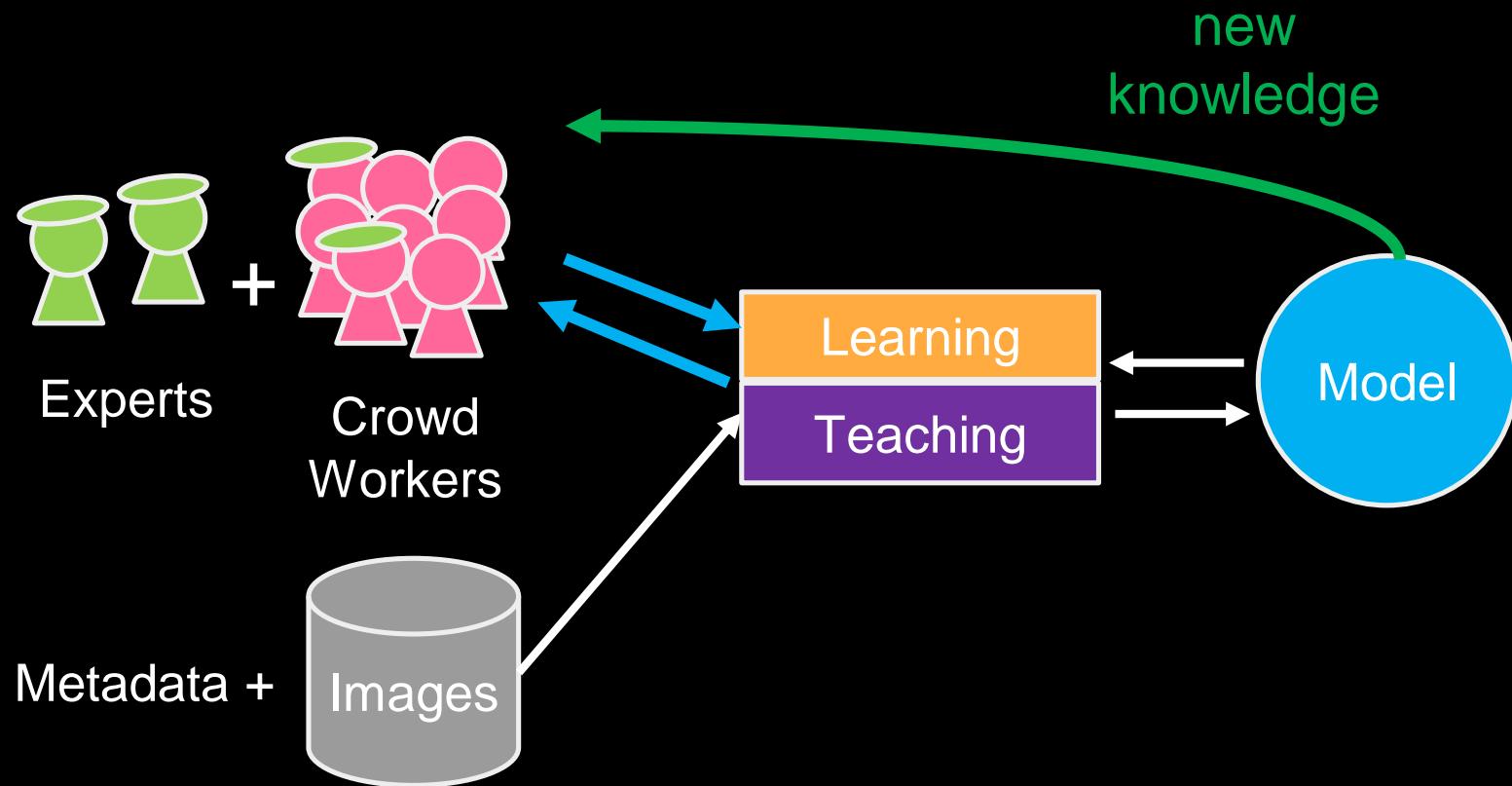
More Annotations



Metadata



Humans-in-the-Loop

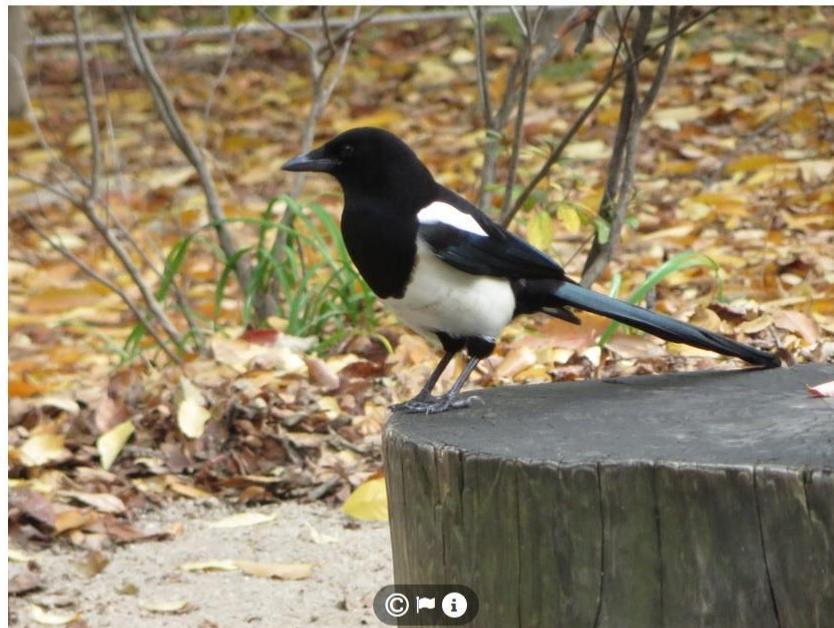


Oriental Magpie

Pica serica

Research Grade

Follow



Activity



dmkidwell suggested an ID

Improving

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Oriental Magpie

Male/Female

Life Stage

Behavior

Health

Individual ID

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Community Taxon

What's this?

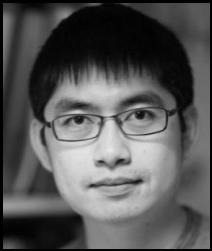
Oriental Magpie (*Pica serica*)

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