

# AdapterSoup: Weight Averaging to Improve Generalization of Pretrained Language Models



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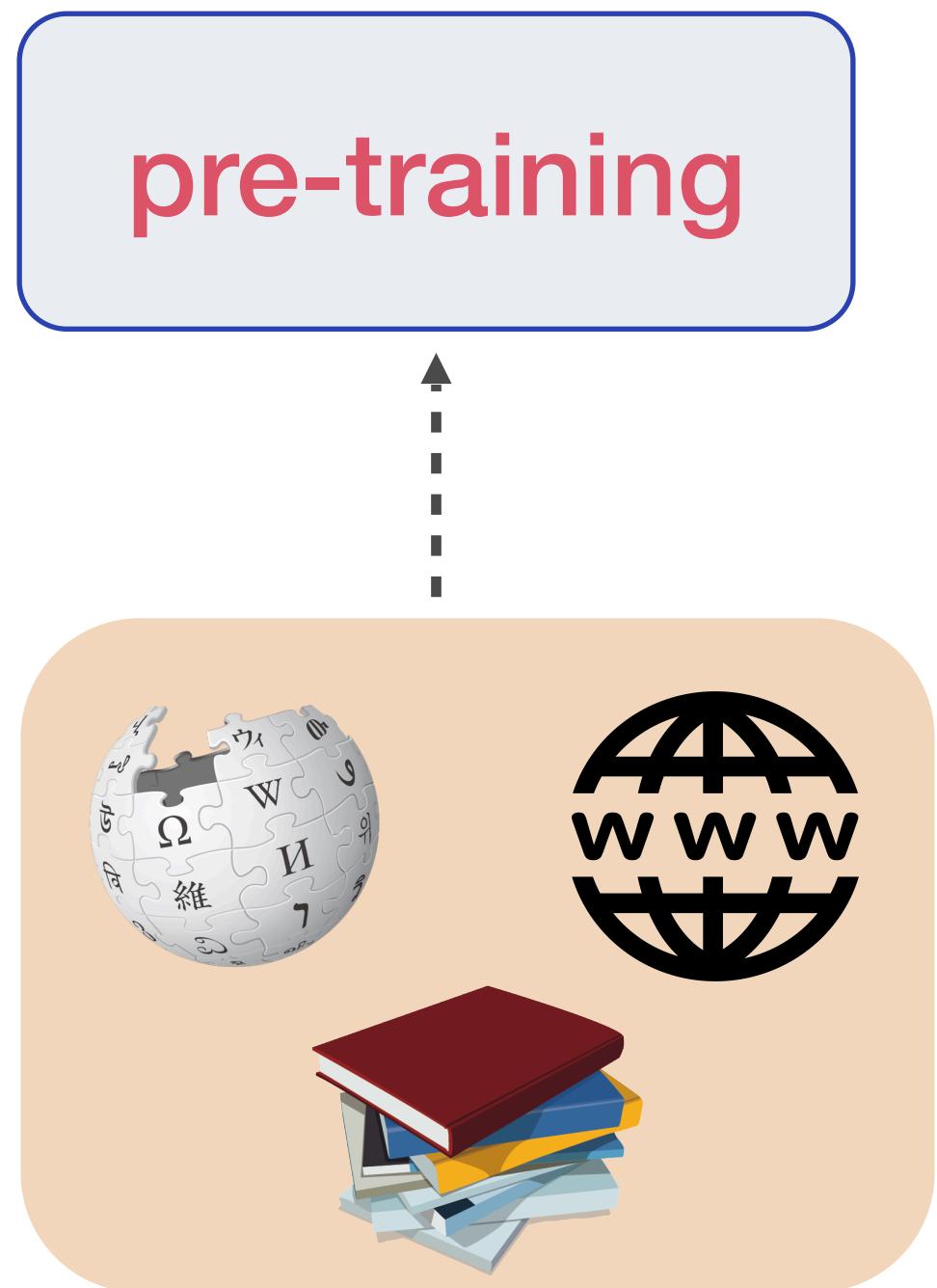
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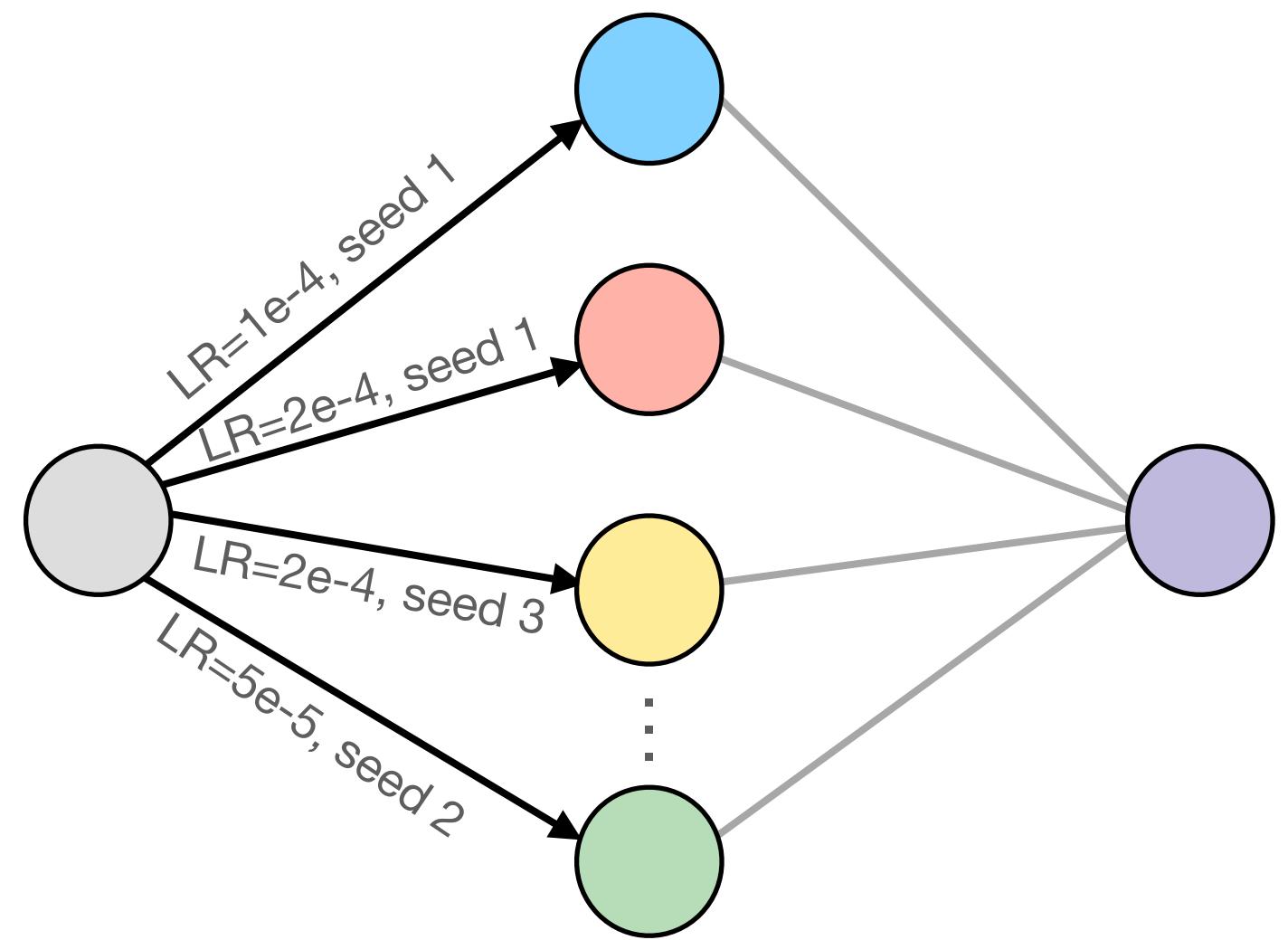
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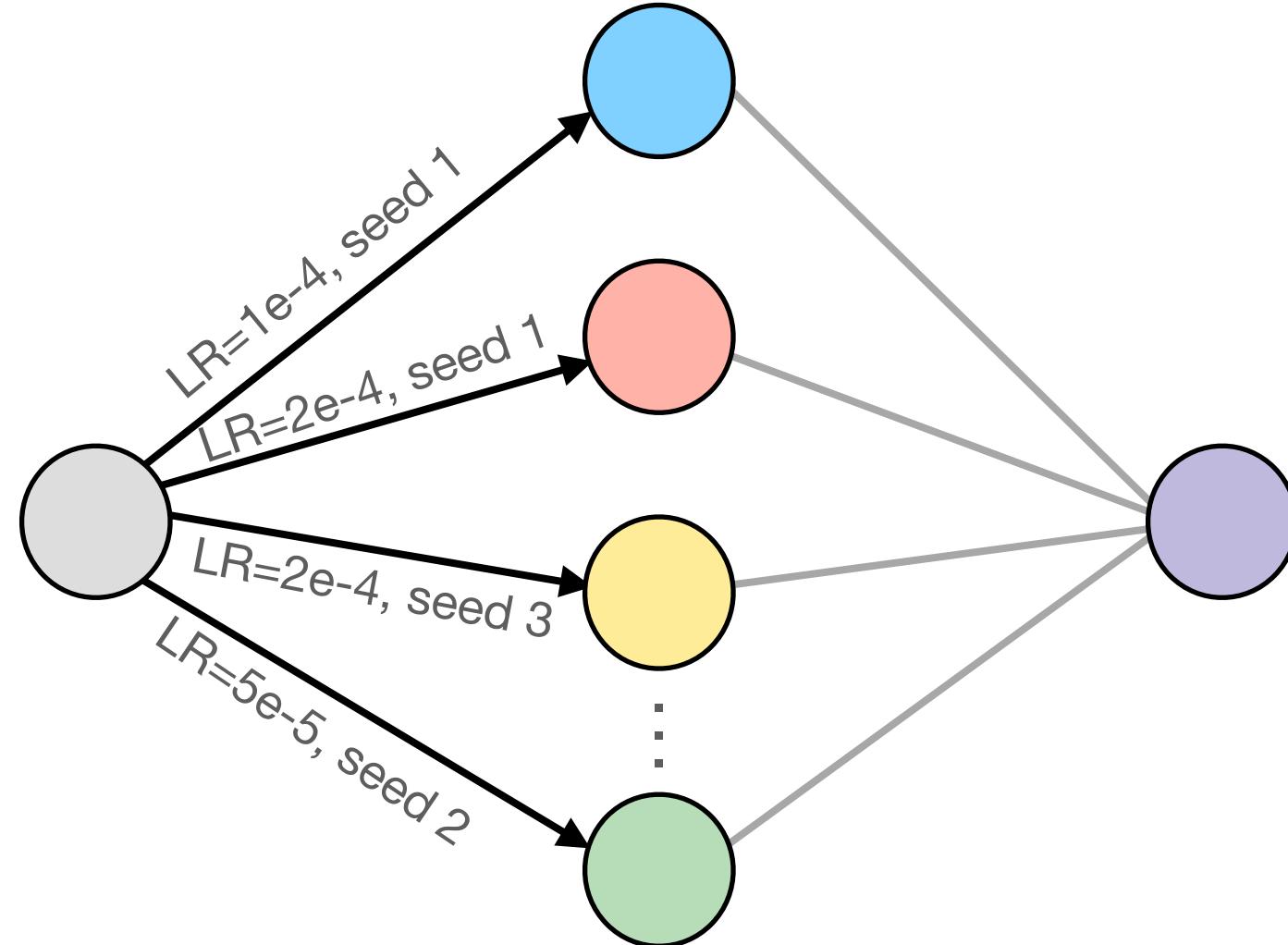
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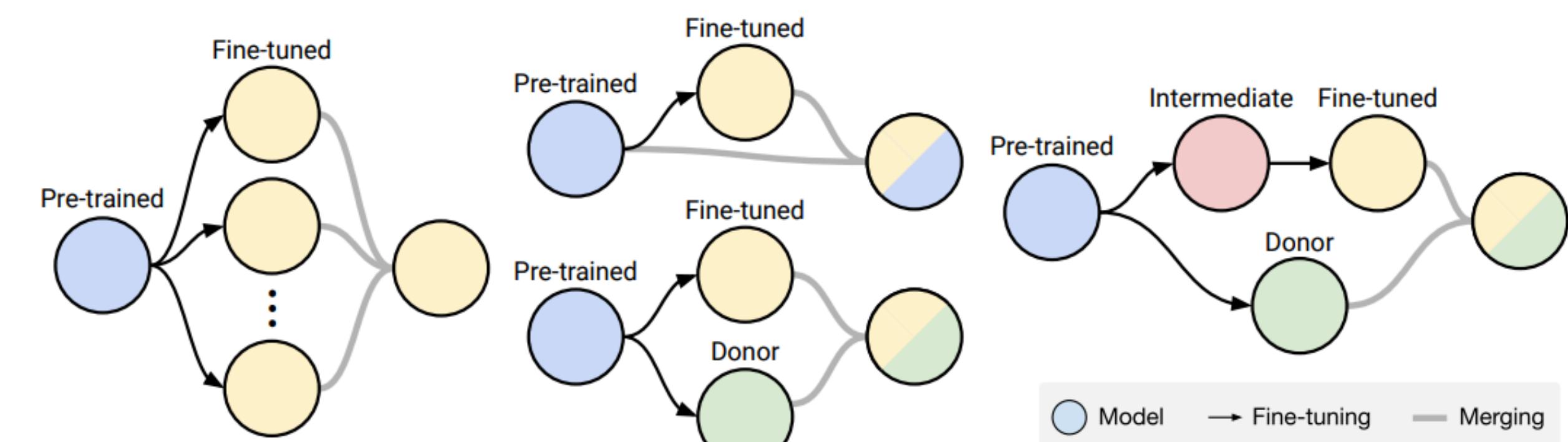
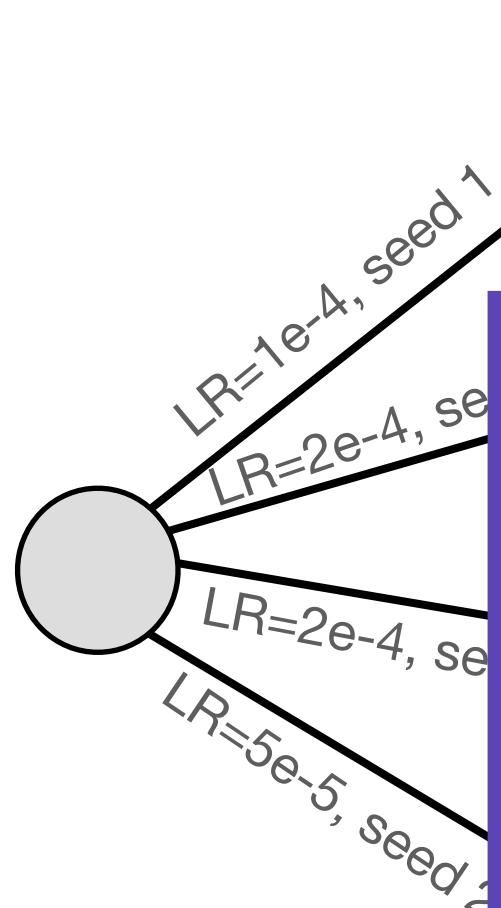


Fig. from Matena and Raffel (2022).

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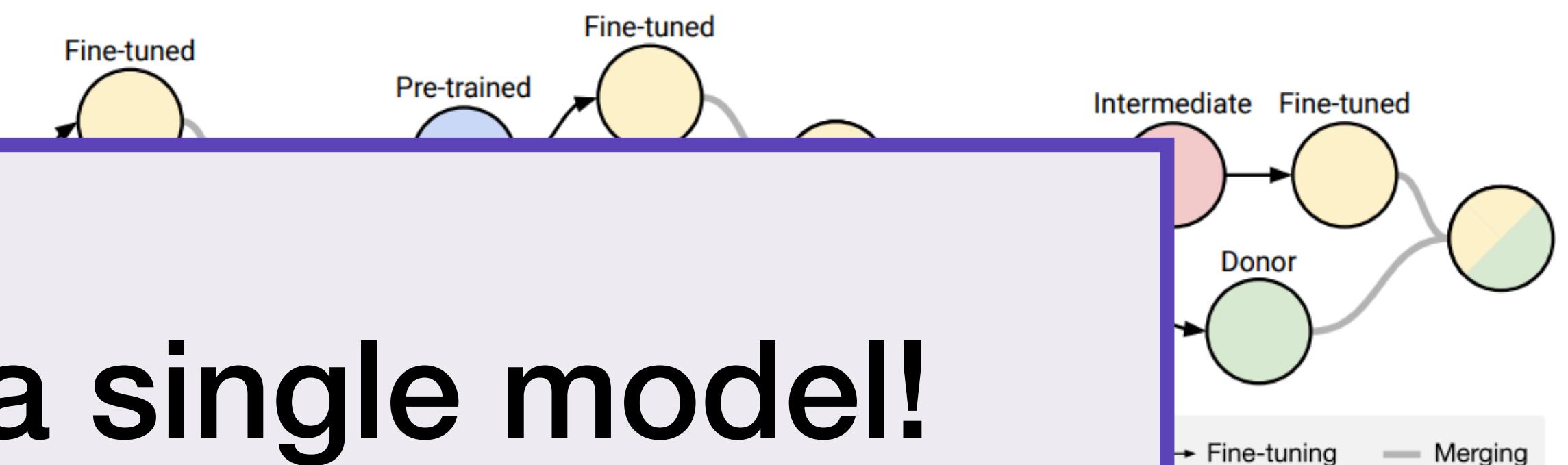
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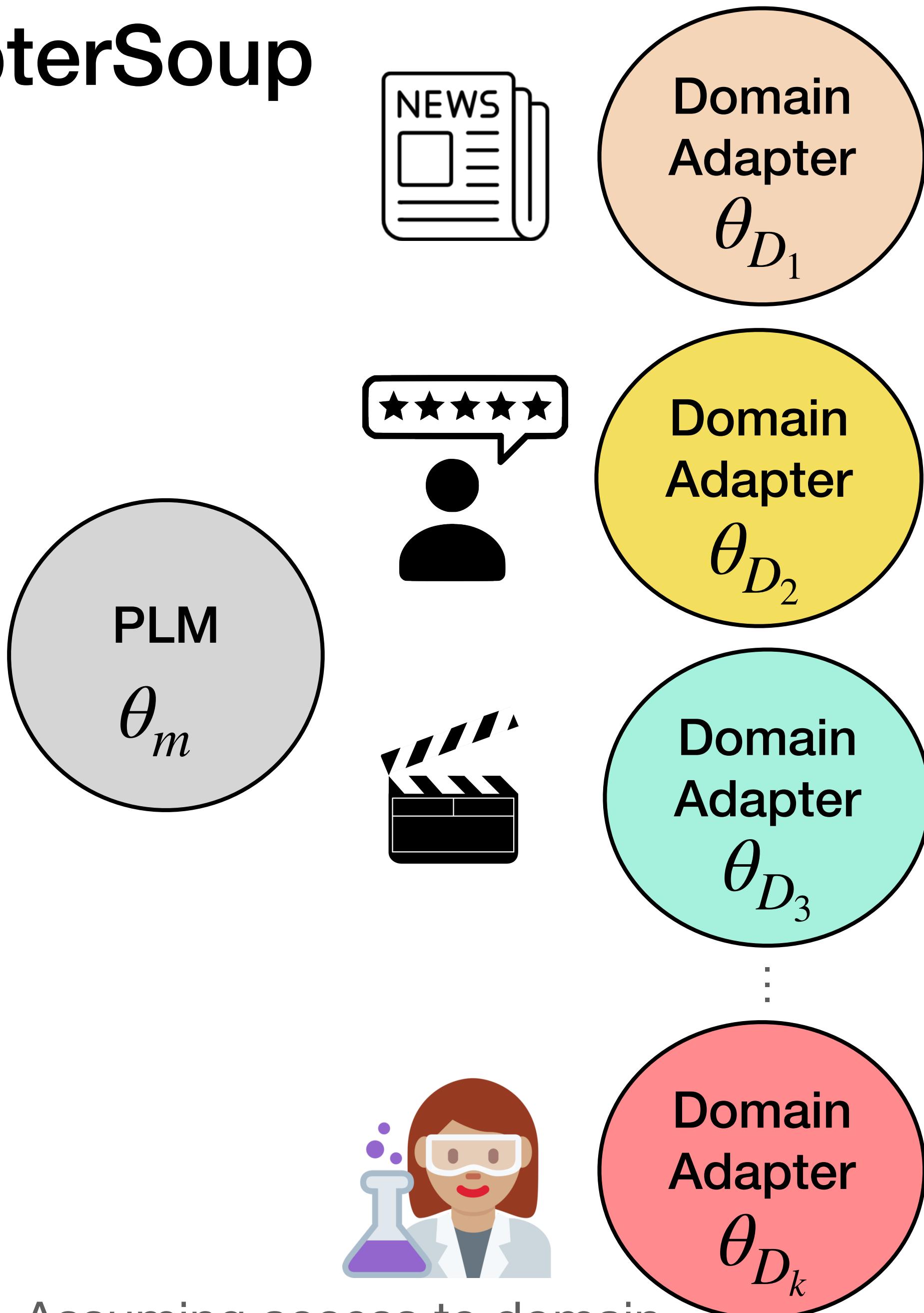
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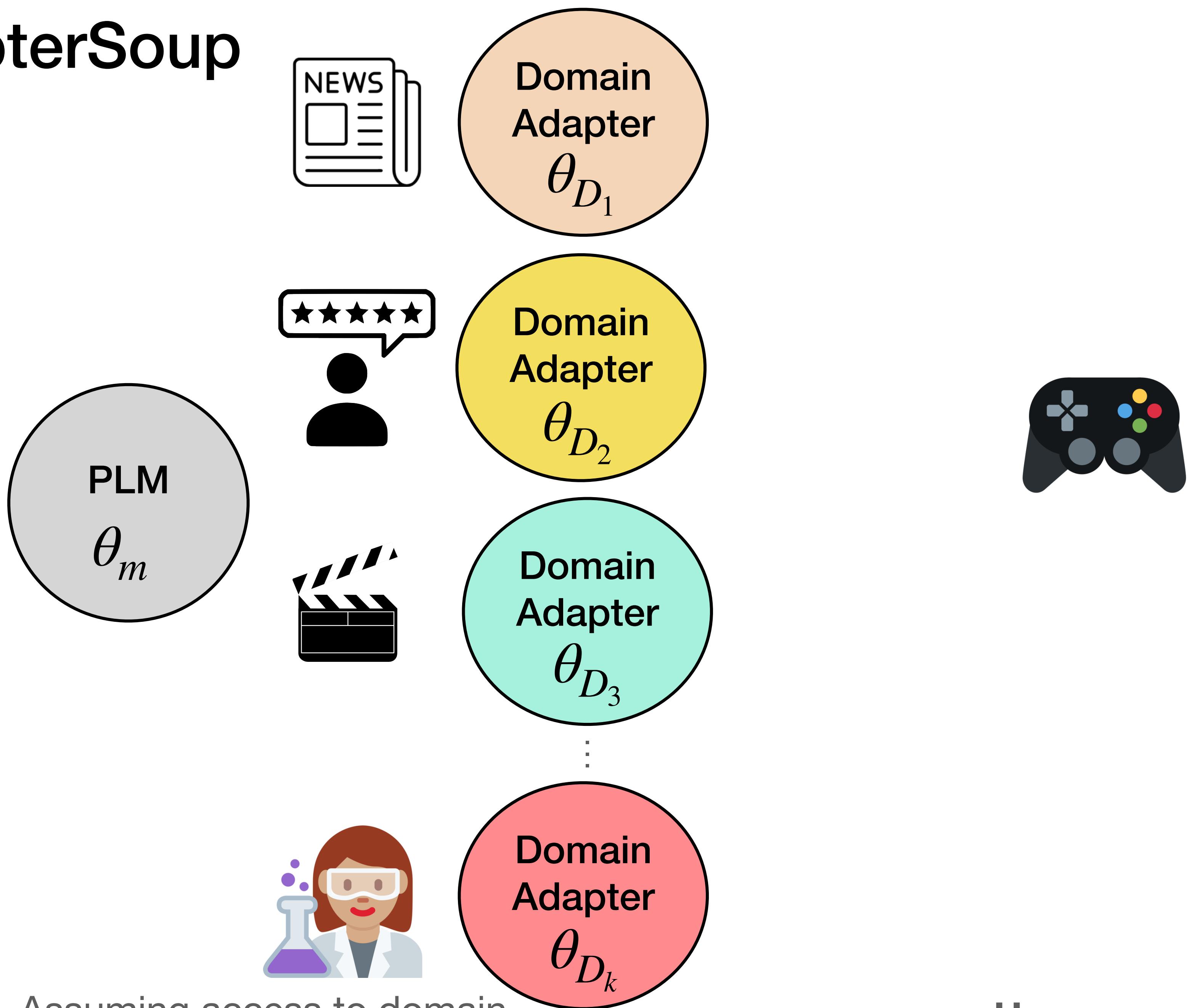
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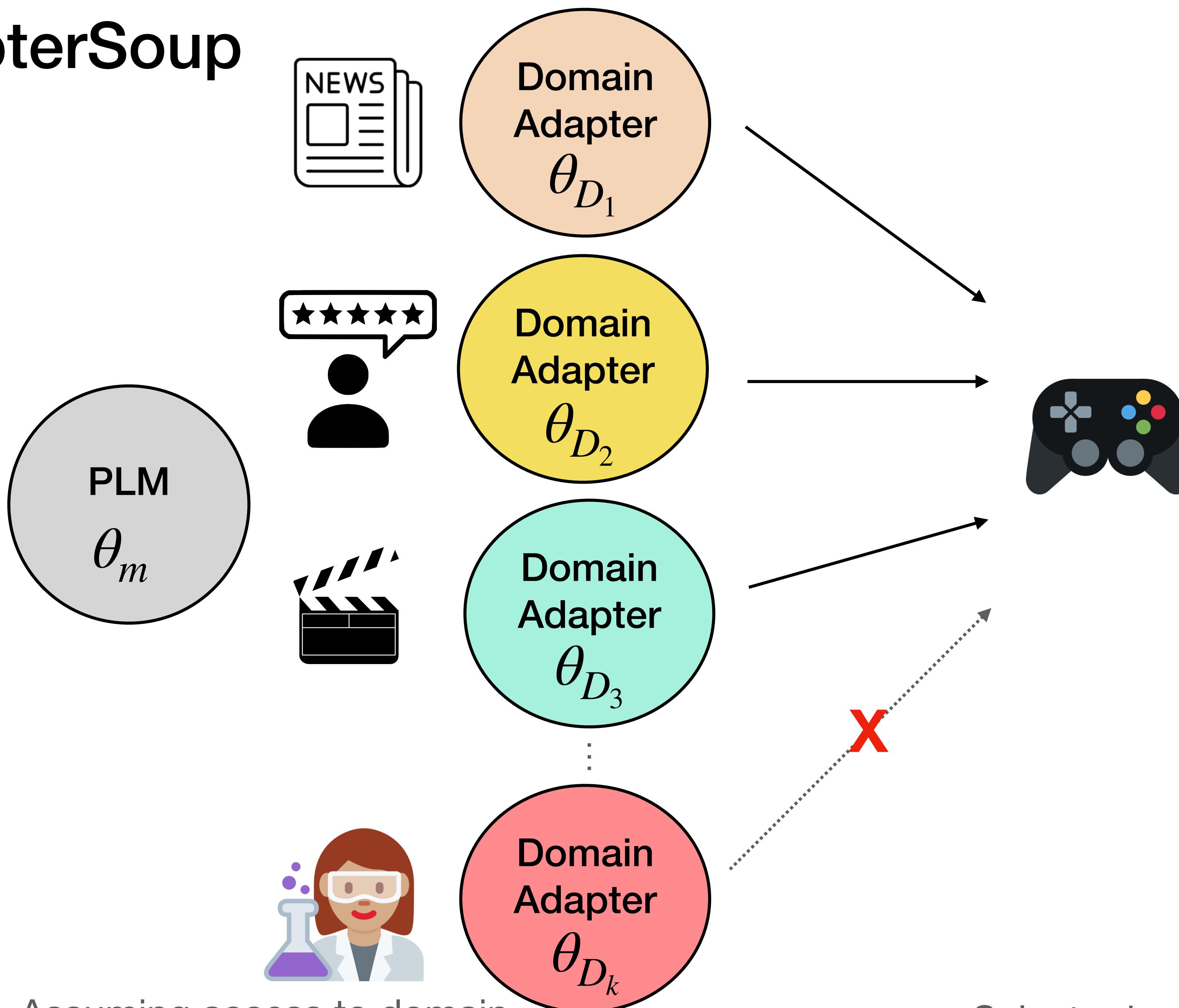


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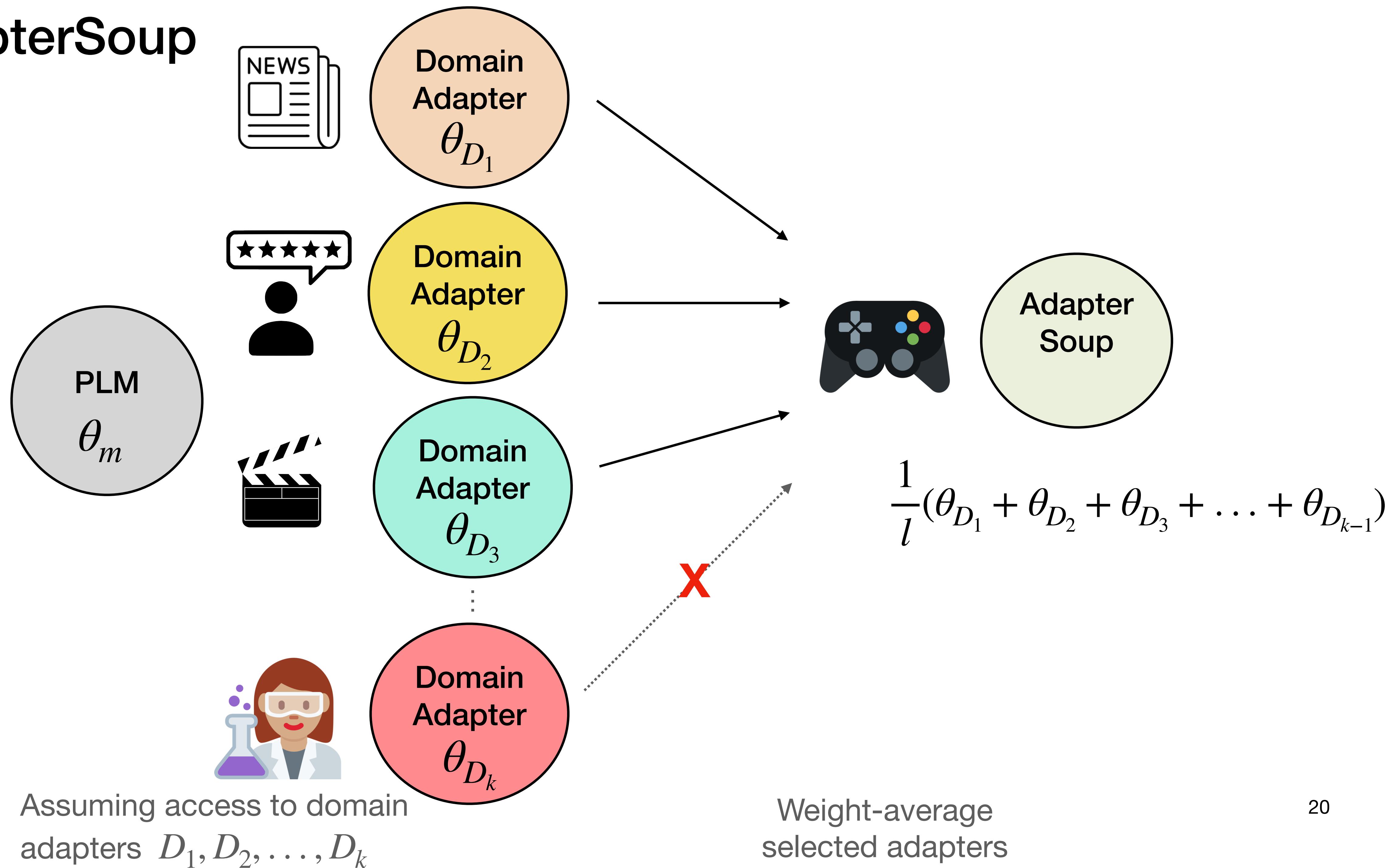
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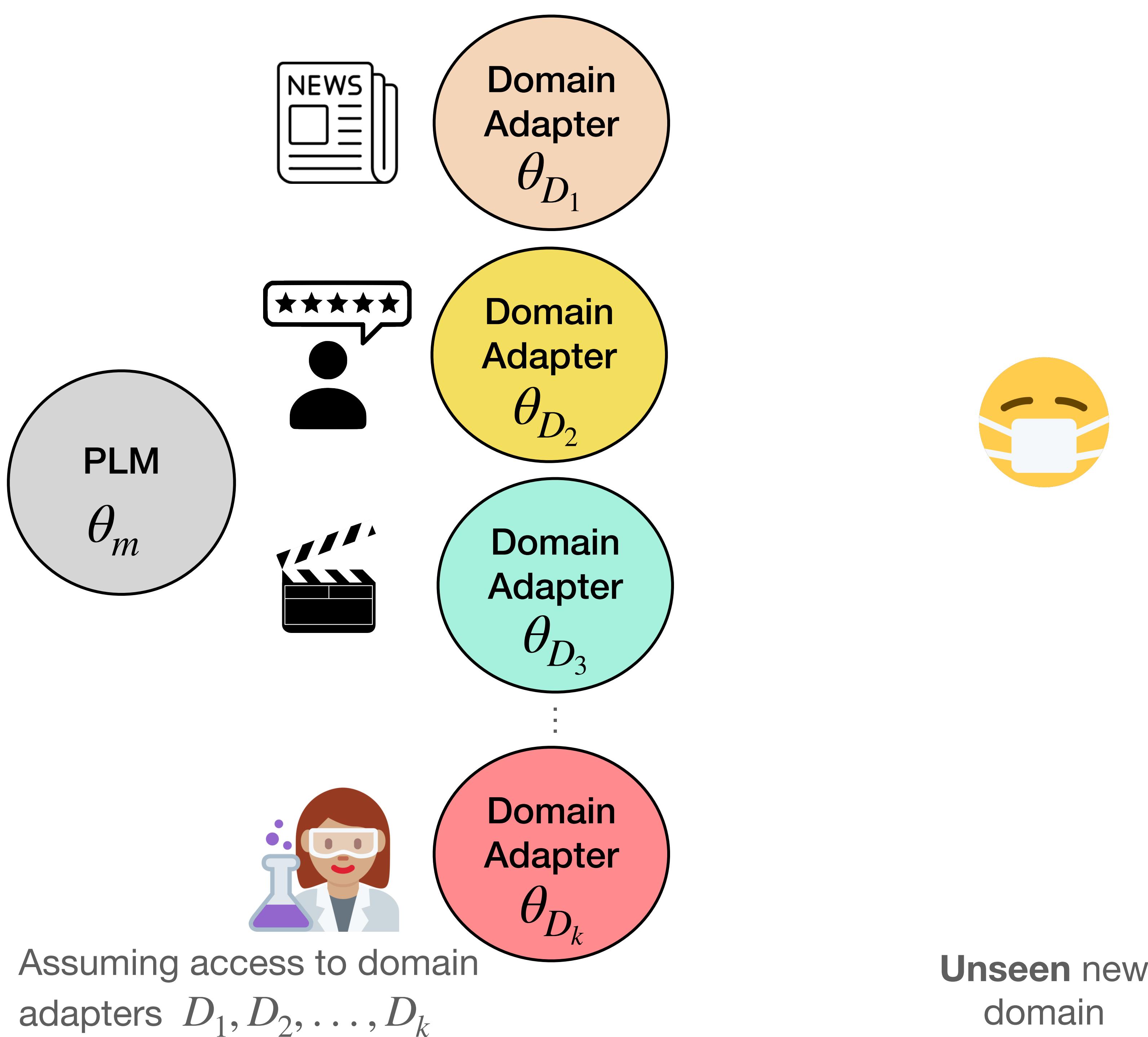


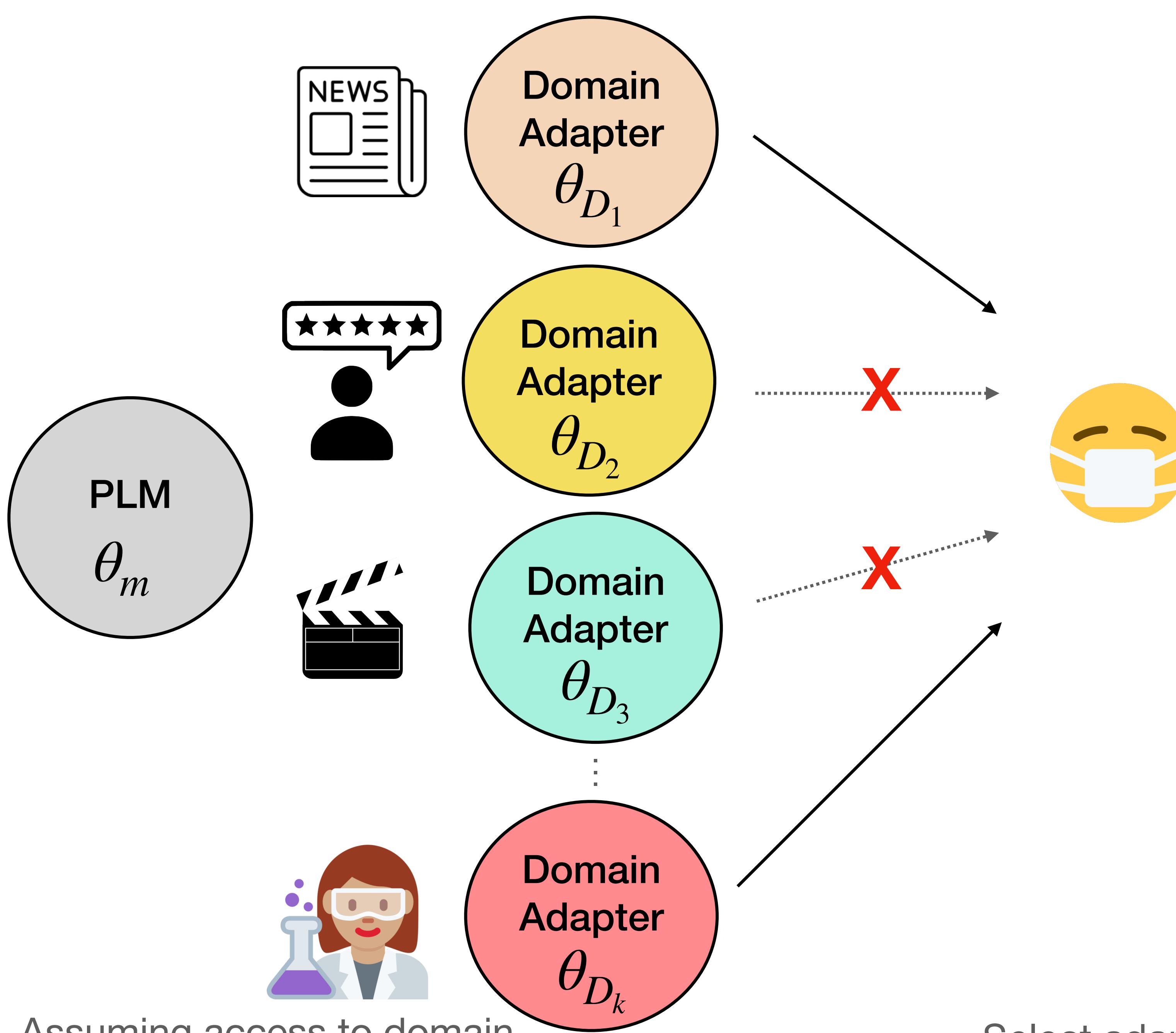
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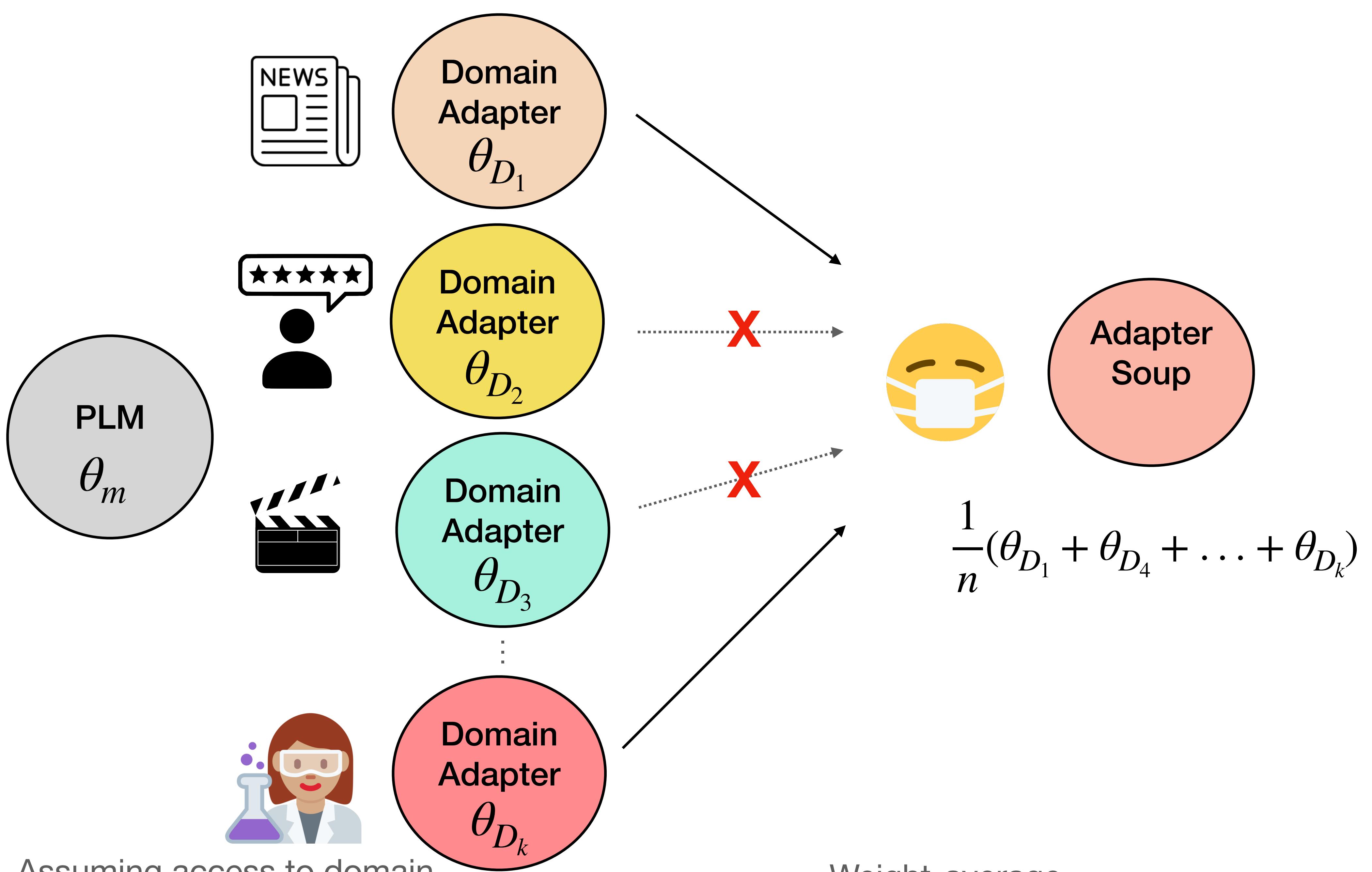






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# Experimental setup

- PLM: GPT-2
- Adapters: bottleneck size 64
- Baselines:
  - GPT-2 (no further training)
  - single adapter selected using sentence similarity, clustering

# Datasets

We use data from C4 (Raffel et al., 2020)

<b>Training Domain</b>	<b>Train (Eval.) Tokens</b>
dailymail.co.uk	25M (3M)
wired.com	18M (2M)
express.co.uk	16M (2M)
npr.org	25M (3M)
librarything.com	3M (500K)
instructables.com	25M (3M)
entrepreneur.com	16M (2M)
link.springer.com	28M (4M)
insiderpages.com	8M (1M)
ign.com	10M (1M)
eventbrite.com	11M (1M)
forums.macrumors.com	22M (3M)
androidheadlines.com	14M (2M)
glassdoor.com	4M (500K)
pcworld.com	14M (2M)
csmonitor.com	23M (3M)
lonelyplanet.com	6M (1M)
booking.com	30M (4M)
journals.plos.org	53M (6M)
frontiersin.org	38M (6M)
medium	22M (3M)

<b>Novel Domain</b>	<b>Train (Eval.) Tokens</b>
reuters.com	17M (2M)
techcrunch.com	13M (2M)
fastcompany.com	14M (2M)
nme.com	5M (1M)
fool.com	34M (4M)
inquisitr.com	13M (2M)
mashable.com	14M (2M)
tripadvisor.com	7M (1M)
ncbi.nlm.nih.gov	23M (3M)
yelp.com	68M (6M)

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AdapterSoup using clustering: best performance  
at the inference cost of a single adapter

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	insiderpages	insiderpages
	lonelyplanet	
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reuters	csmonitor	dailymail
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- Tripadvisor & Ncbi: Both methods select almost same domains
- Reuters: good match with clustering, sentence sim. selects non-related domains

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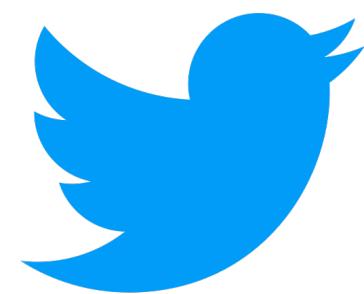
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# Key Takeaways

- AdapterSoup: weight-space averaging of selected adapters trained on top of a PLM to adapt to new domains
- Cost of a model at inference time
- Improves domain generalization of a PLM

# Thanks!

paper: [arxiv.org/abs/2302.07027](https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.07027)



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