

# Few-shot Learning from Meta-Learning, Statistical Understanding to Applications

## Part I: Introduction

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# Can you guess the category?

- Human is good at visual FSL.

**echidna**



**porcupine**

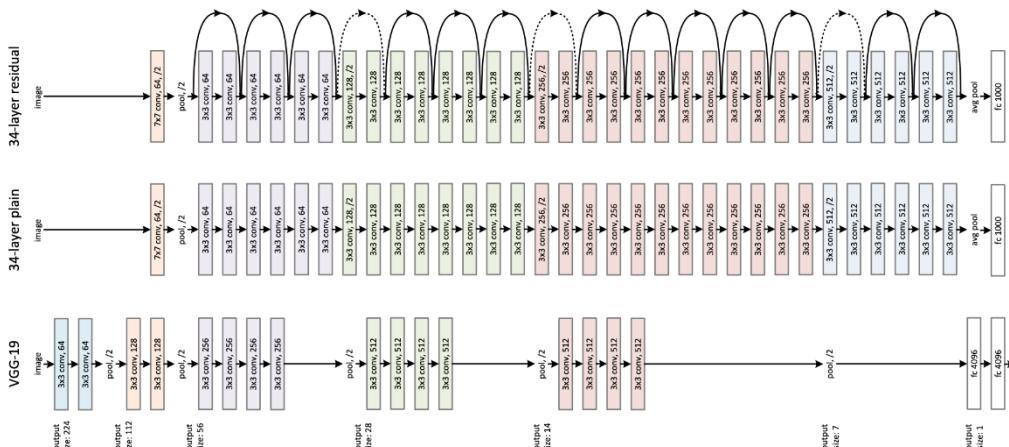


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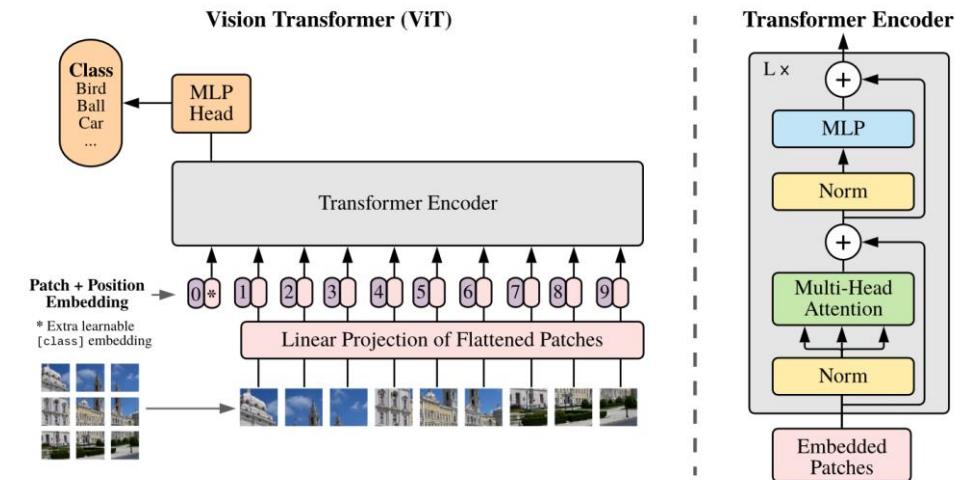


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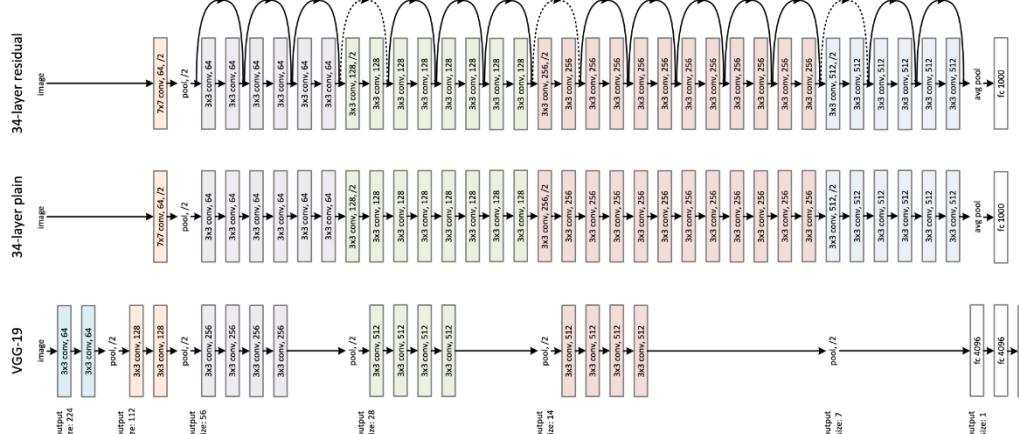
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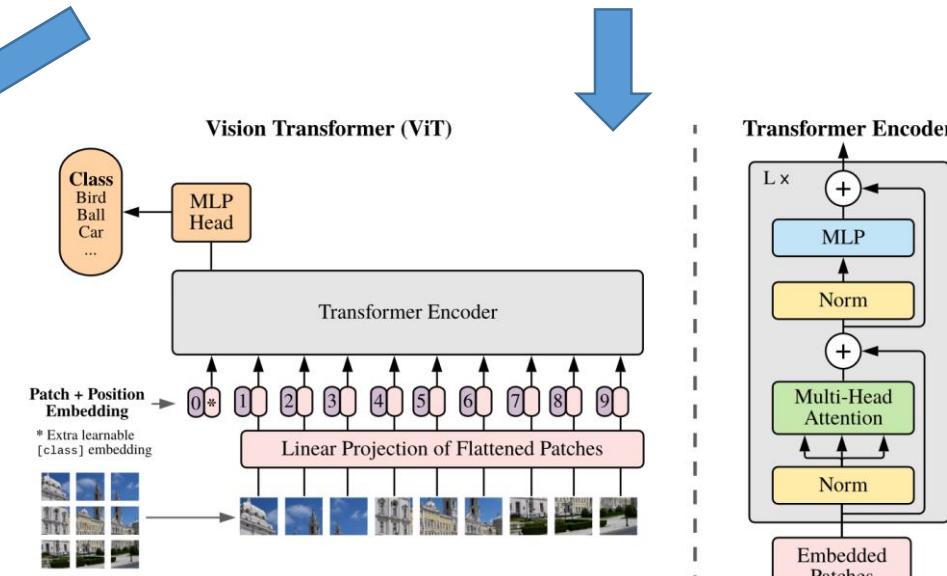
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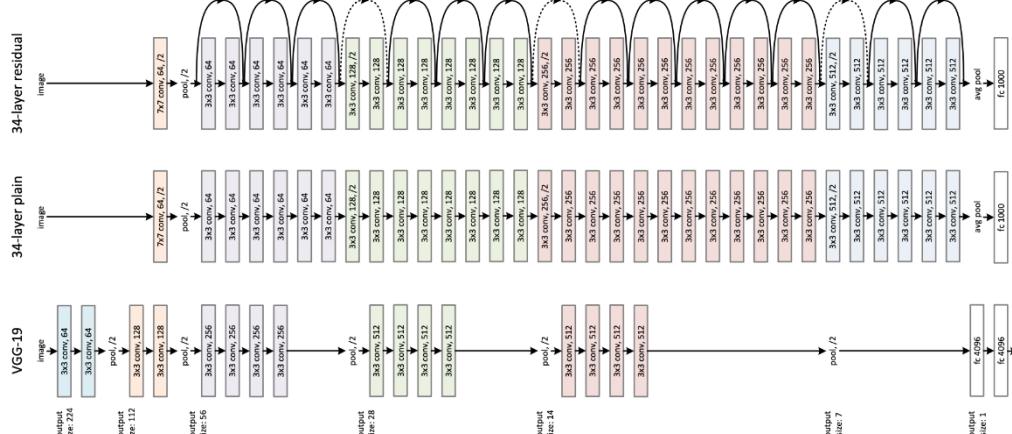
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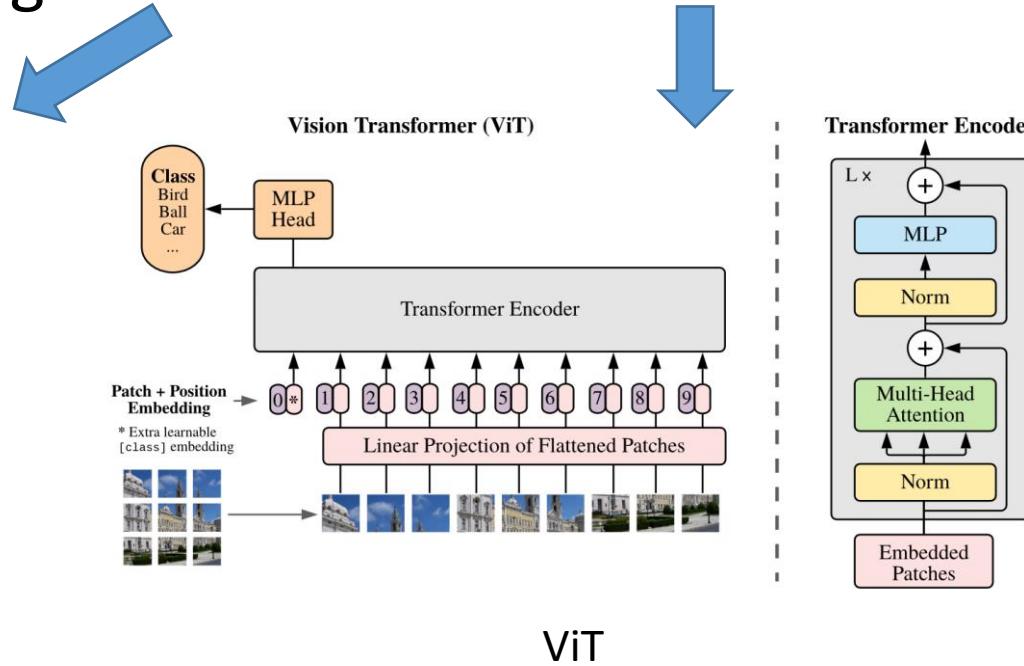
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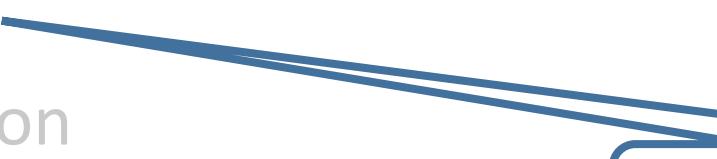
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$$\forall \mathcal{D}, \mathbf{P}_{S \sim \mathcal{D}^m} \left[ \sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}_0(S)} \epsilon(h) \leq C \frac{\text{VC}(\mathcal{H}) + \ln \frac{1}{\delta}}{m} \right] \geq 1 - \delta$$

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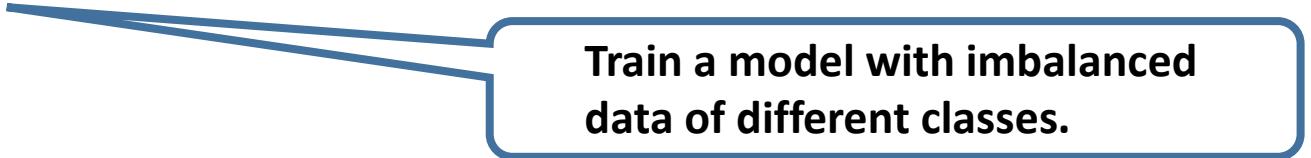
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Adapt source domain model to  
unlabelled target domain.

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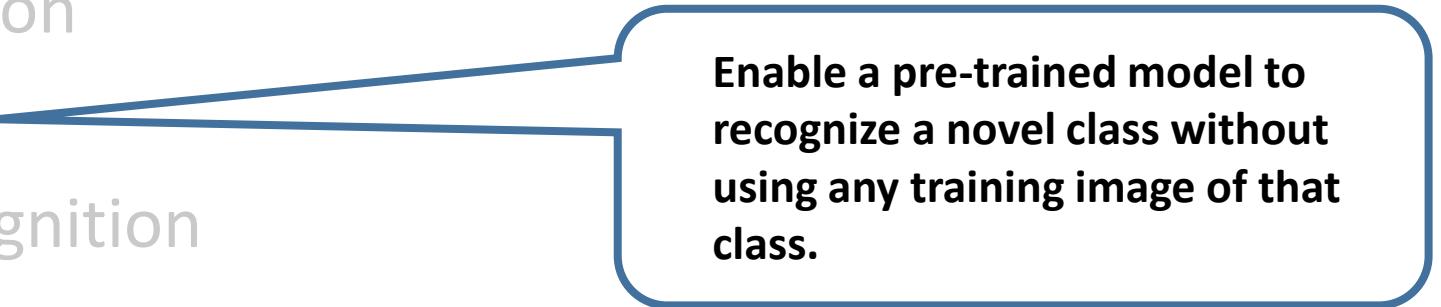
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**Train a model with imbalanced data of different classes.**

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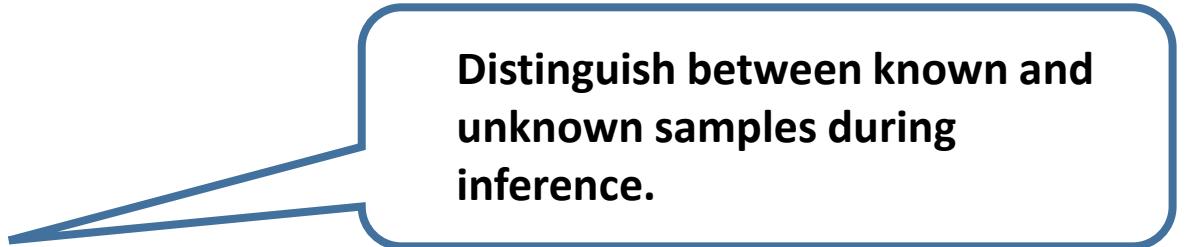
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Enable a pre-trained model to recognize a novel class without using any training image of that class.

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**Distinguish between known and unknown samples during inference.**

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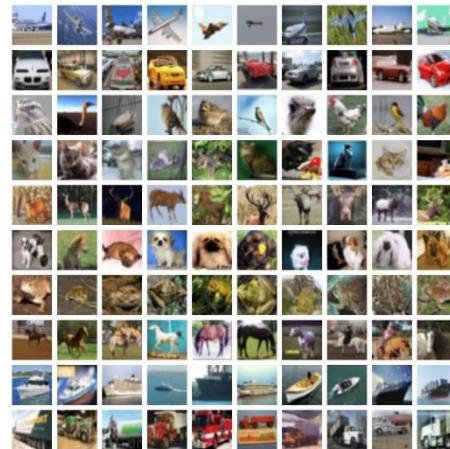
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while each character has 20 images of  
size  $28 \times 28$ .

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FC100 (Oreshkin et al)



CIFAR-100 for few-shot learning.  
60, 20, 20 classes for train, val and test.  
600 images of size  $32 \times 32$  per class

*mini*-ImageNet (Vinyals et al)



100 classes randomly selected from  
ImageNet and each class contains  
600 images with the size of  $84 \times 84$ .  
64 classes for training, 16 for validation  
and 20 for testing.

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Meta-train



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Novel classes

Episode sampling

Meta-test

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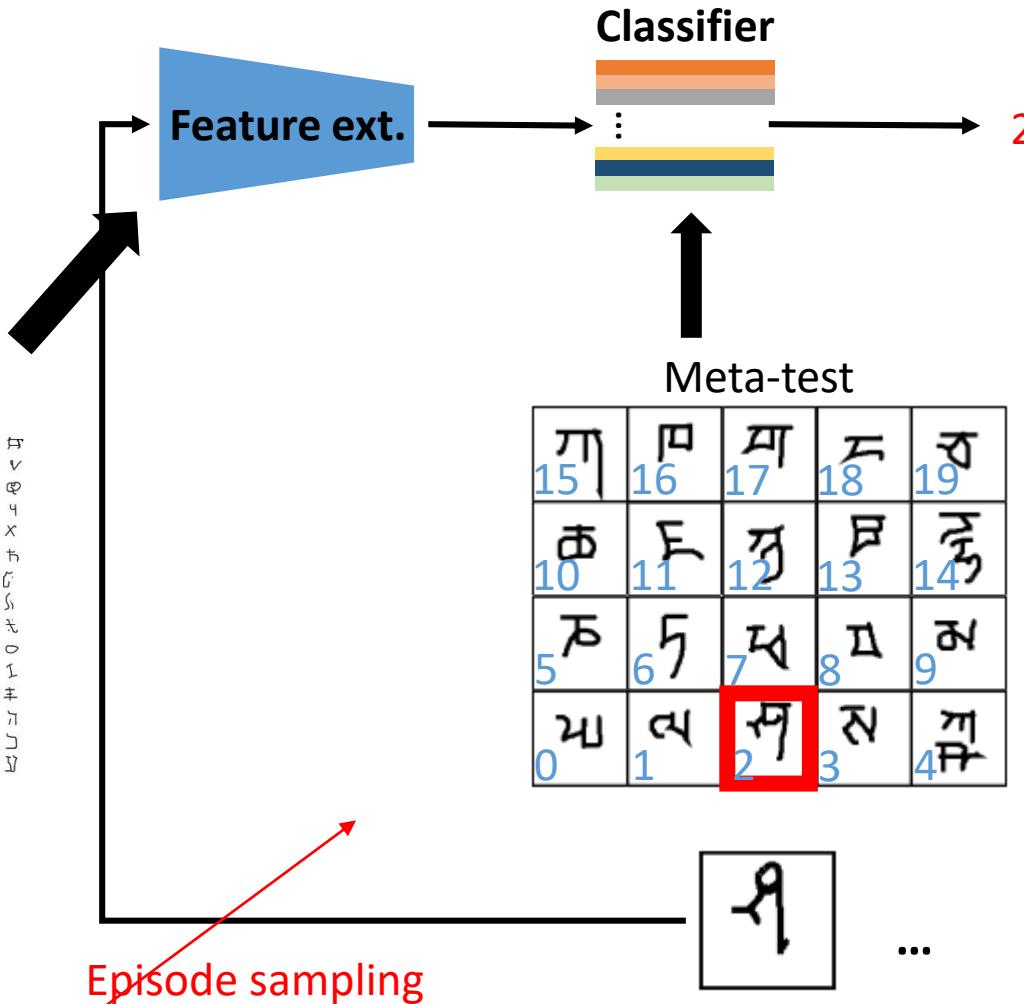


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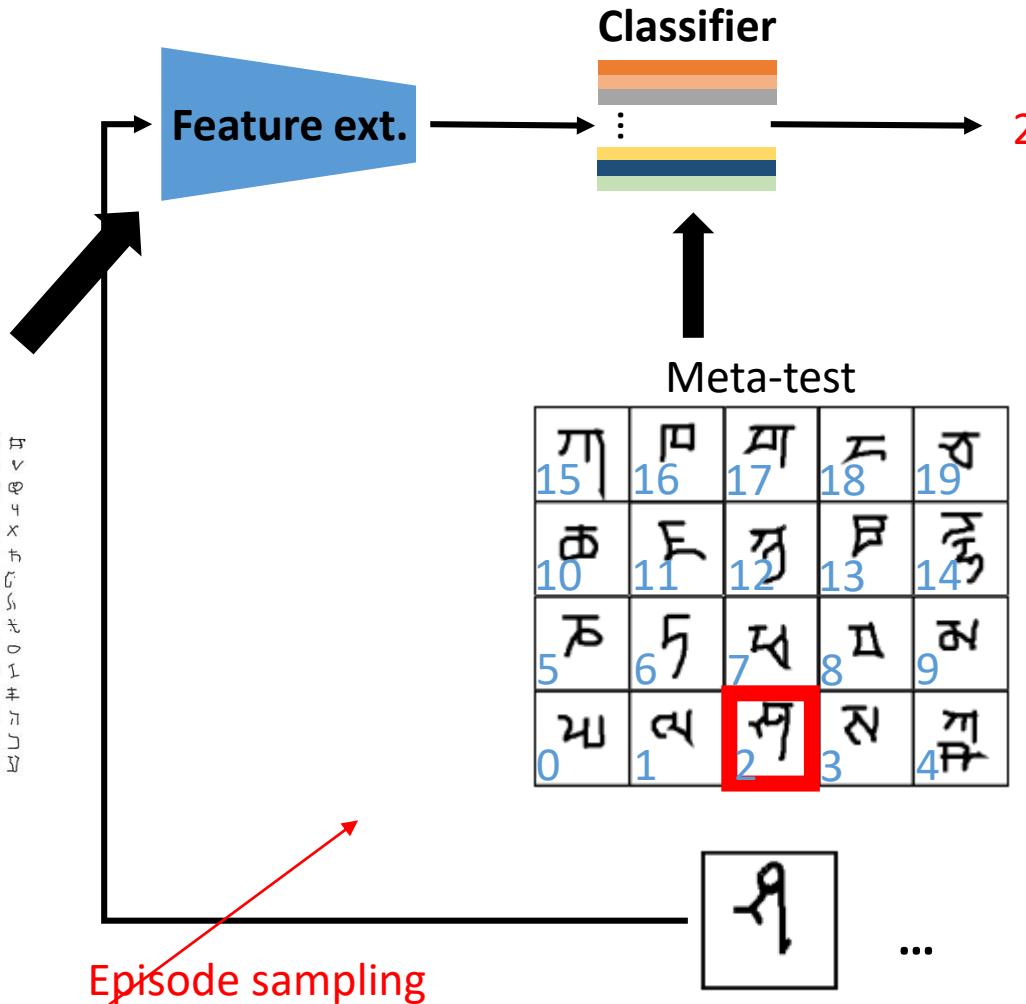


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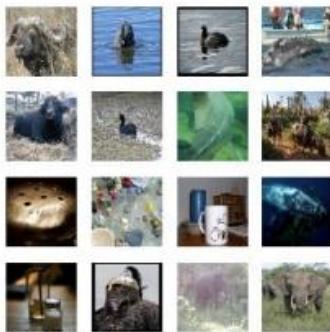


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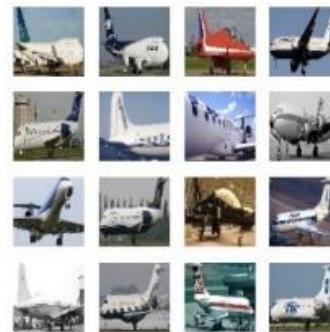
Meta-Dataset



(a) ImageNet



(b) Omniglot



(c) Aircraft



(d) Birds



(e) DTD



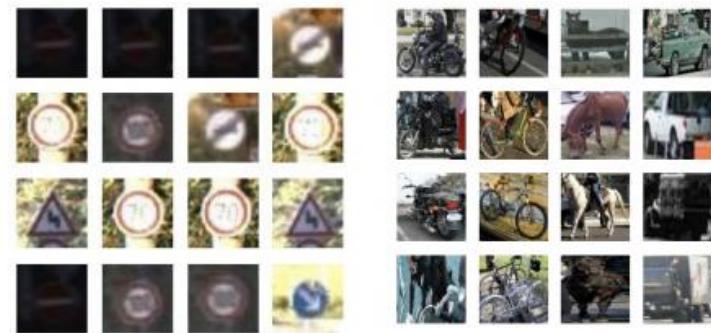
(f) Quick Draw



(g) Fungi



(h) VGG Flower



(i) Traffic Signs

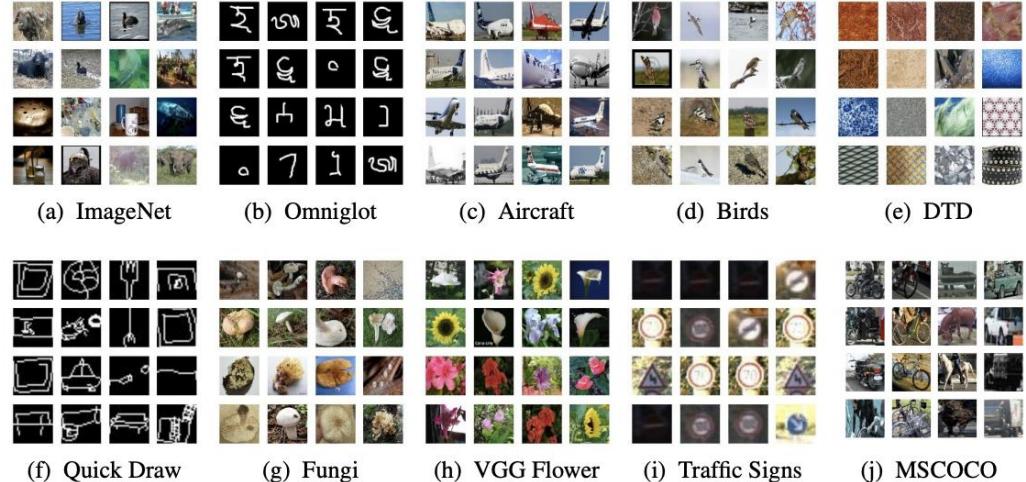


(j) MSCOCO

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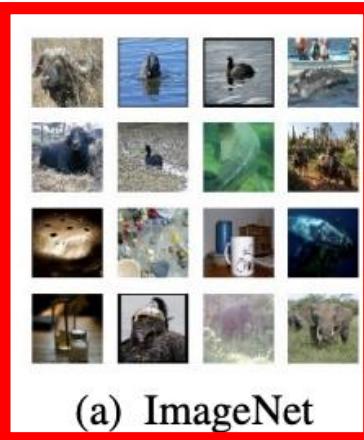
- ILSVRC-2012 (the ImageNet dataset, consisting of natural images with 1000 categories)
- Omniglot (hand-written characters, 1623 classes)
- Aircraft (dataset of aircraft images, 100 classes)
- CUB-200-2011 (dataset of Birds, 200 classes)
- Describable Textures (different kinds of texture images with 43 categories)
- Quick Draw (black and white sketches of 345 different categories)
- Fungi (a large dataset of mushrooms with 1500 categories)
- VGG Flower (dataset of flower images with 102 categories),
- Traffic Signs (German traffic sign images with 43 classes)
- MSCOCO (images collected from Flickr, 80 classes).



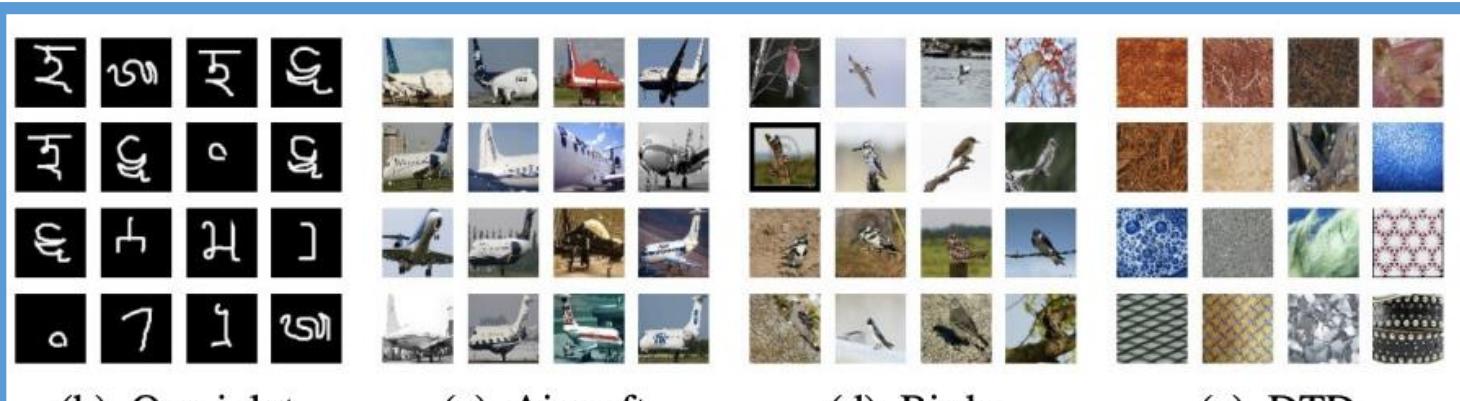
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## Cross-domain few shot learning

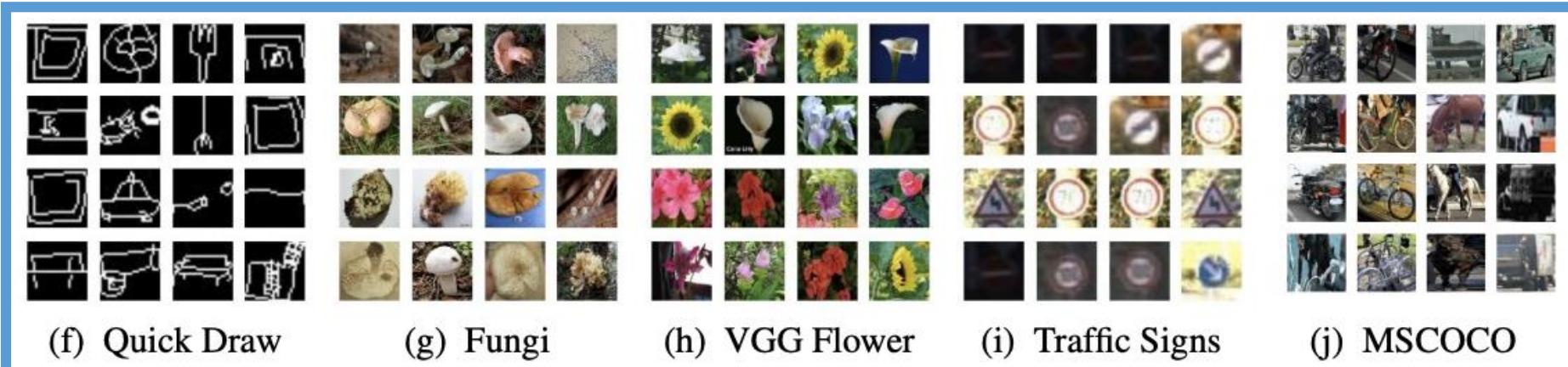
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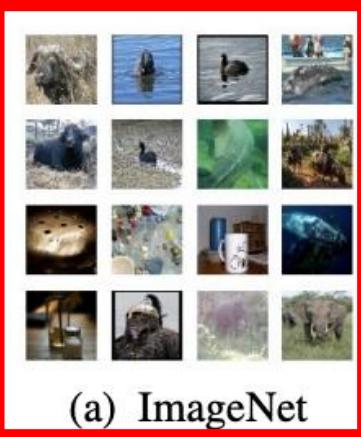
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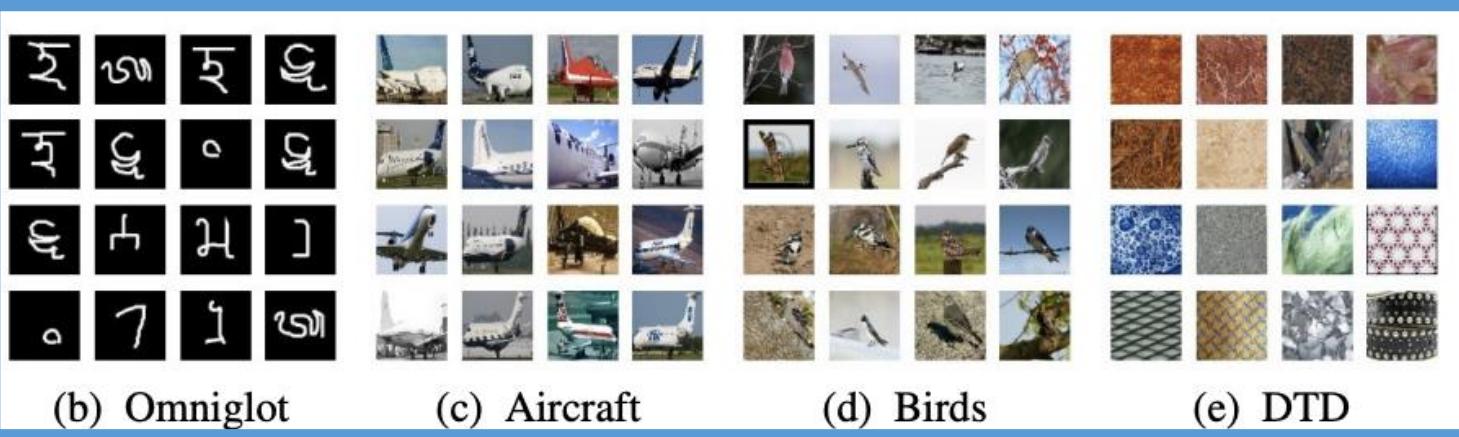
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## Generalized few shot learning

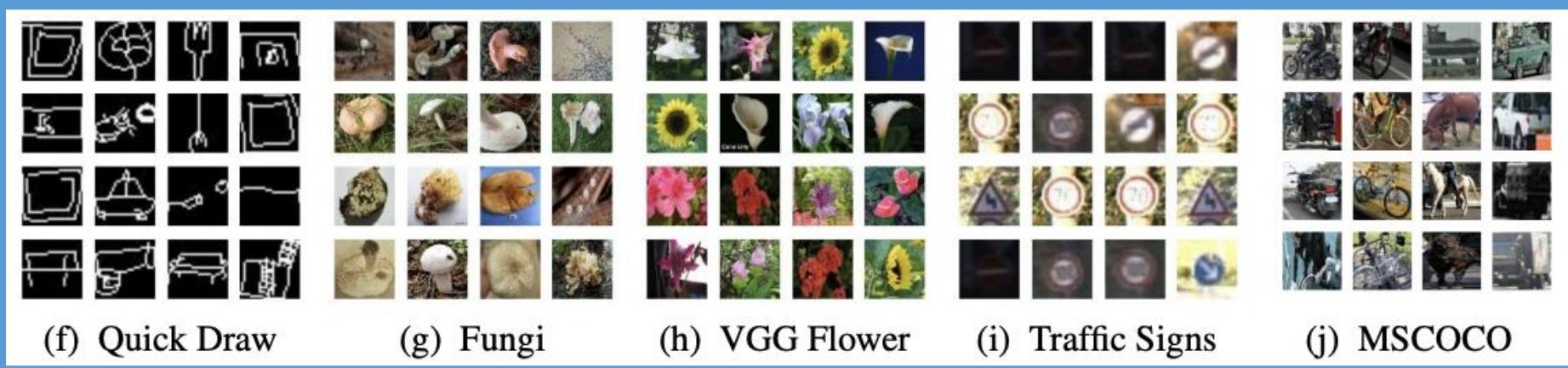
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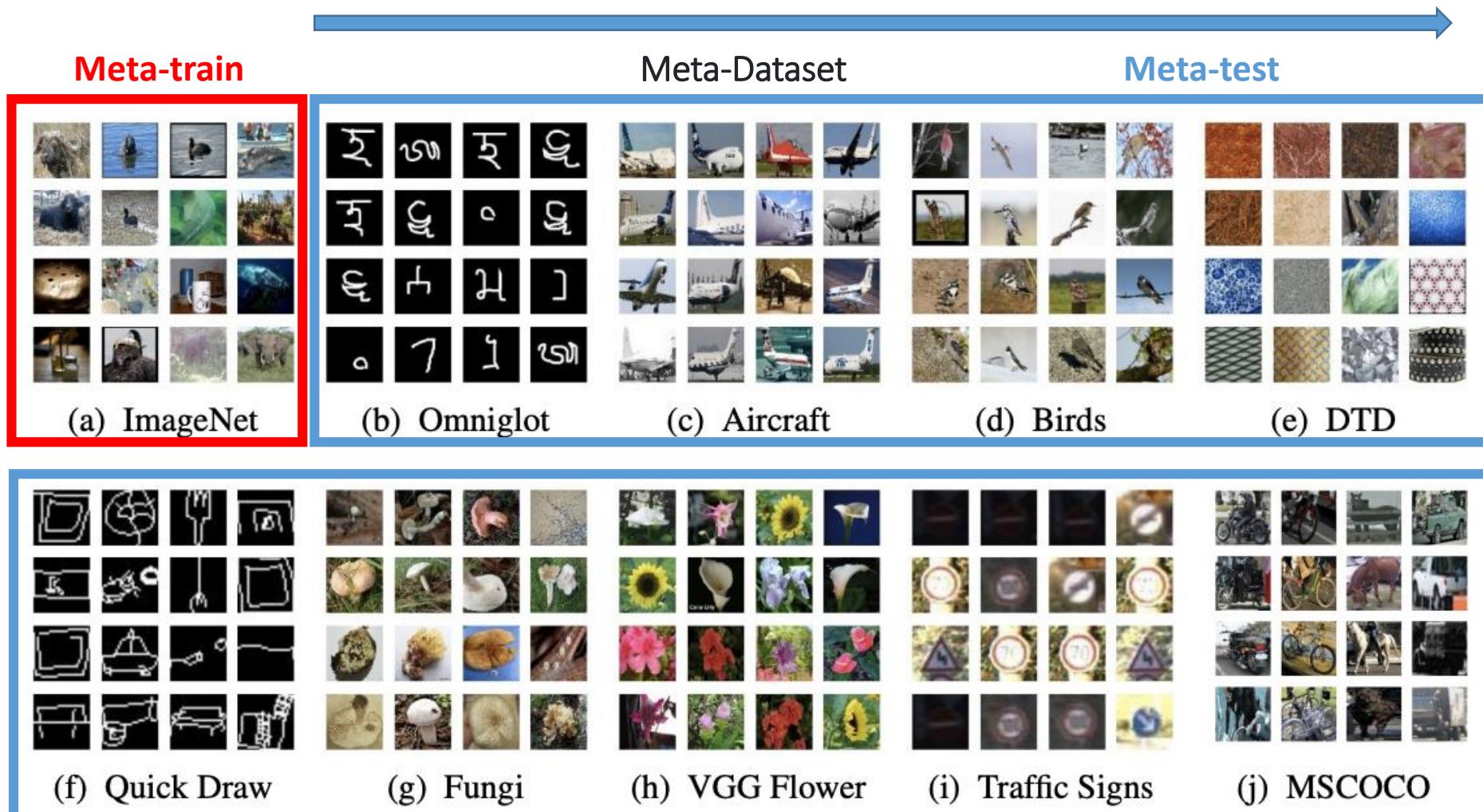


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Few-shot class-incremental learning



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[Add a Result](#)

These leaderboards are used to track progress in Few-Shot Image Classification

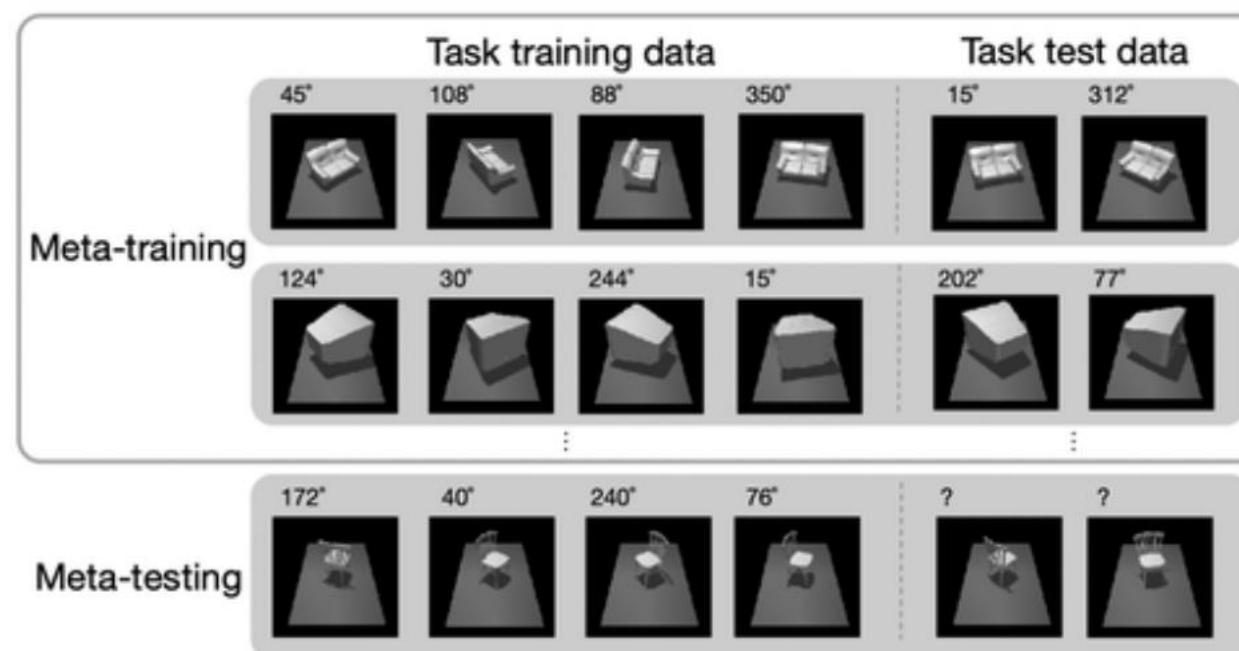
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	Mini-Imagenet 5-way (1-shot)	P>M>F (P=DINO-ViT-base, M=ProtoNet)			<a href="#">See all</a>
	Mini-Imagenet 5-way (5-shot)	P>M>F (P=DINO-ViT-base, M=ProtoNet)			<a href="#">See all</a>
	Tiered ImageNet 5-way (5-shot)	TRIDENT			<a href="#">See all</a>
	Tiered ImageNet 5-way (1-shot)	TRIDENT			<a href="#">See all</a>
	CIFAR-FS 5-way (5-shot)	PT+MAP+SF+SOT (transductive)			<a href="#">See all</a>
	CIFAR-FS 5-way (1-shot)	PT+MAP+SF+SOT (transductive)			<a href="#">See all</a>
	CUB 200 5-way 1-shot	PT+MAP+SF+SOT (transductive)			<a href="#">See all</a>
	CUB 200 5-way 5-shot	PT+MAP+SF+SOT (transductive)			<a href="#">See all</a>

<https://paperswithcode.com/task/few-shot-image-classification#benchmarks>



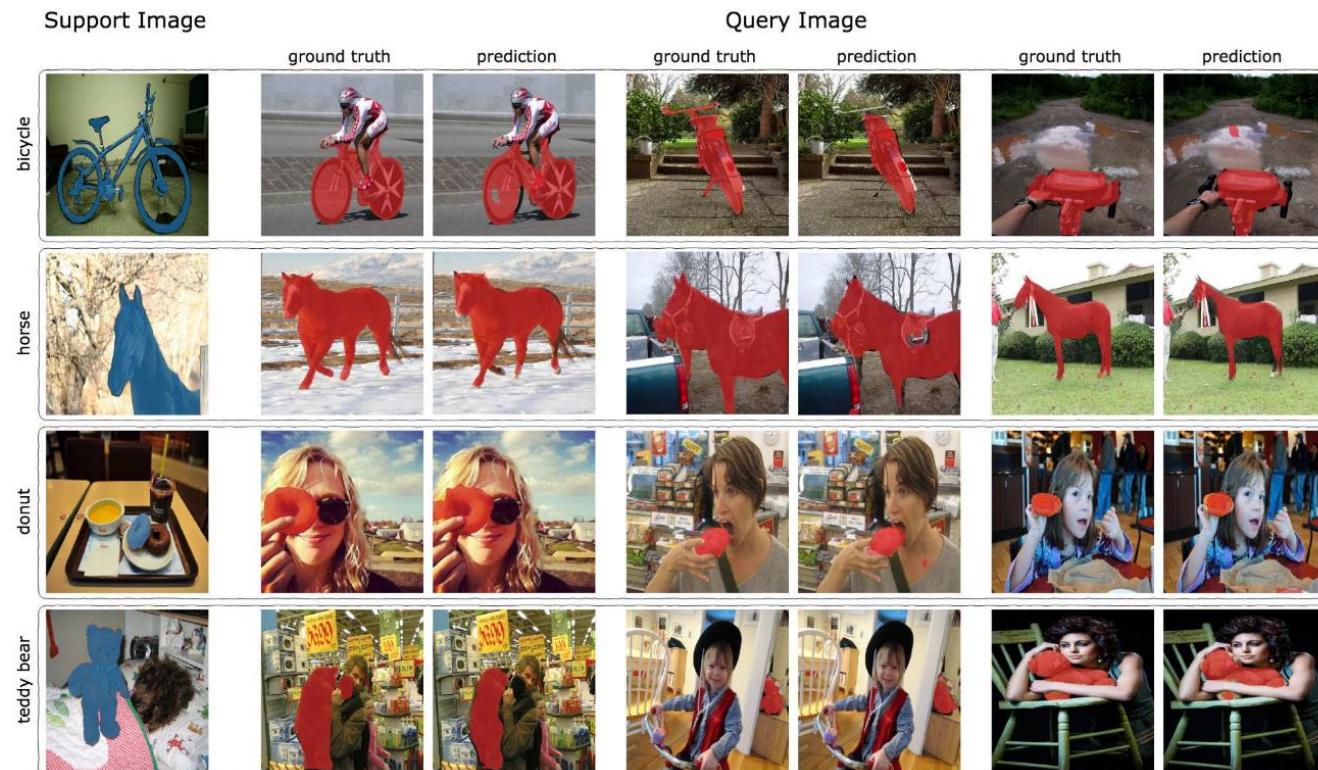
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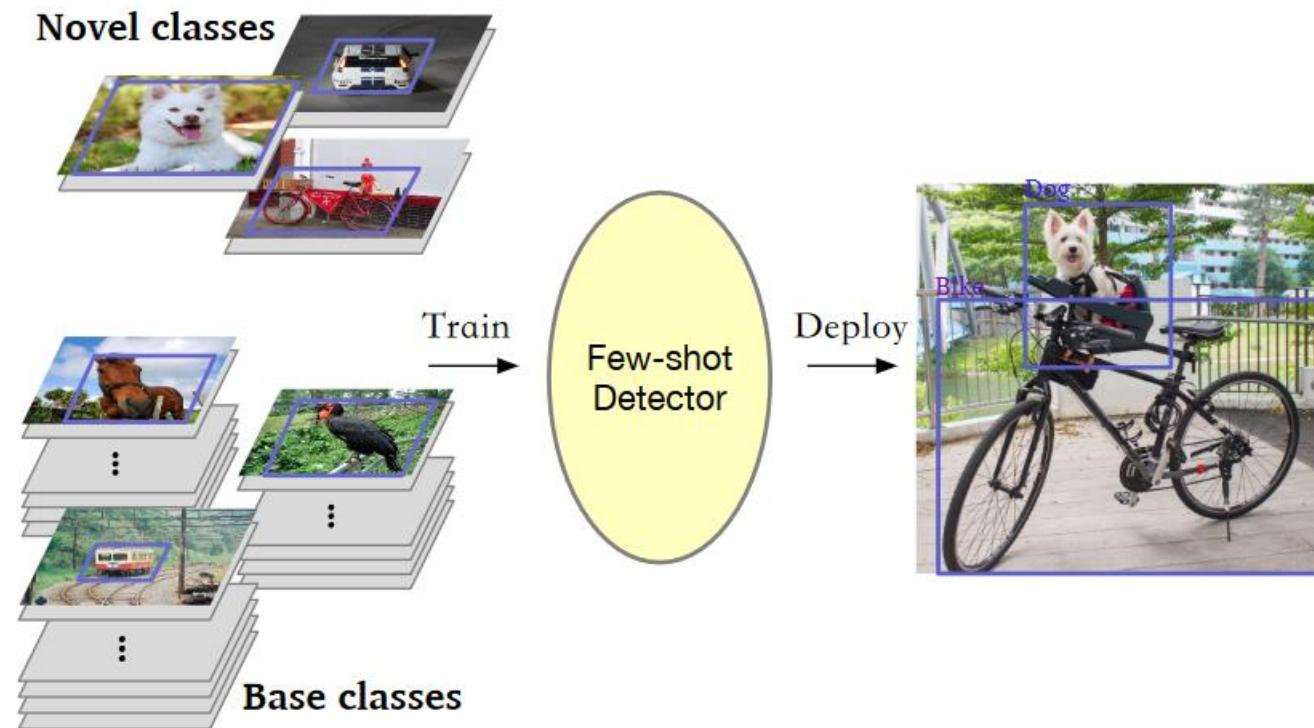
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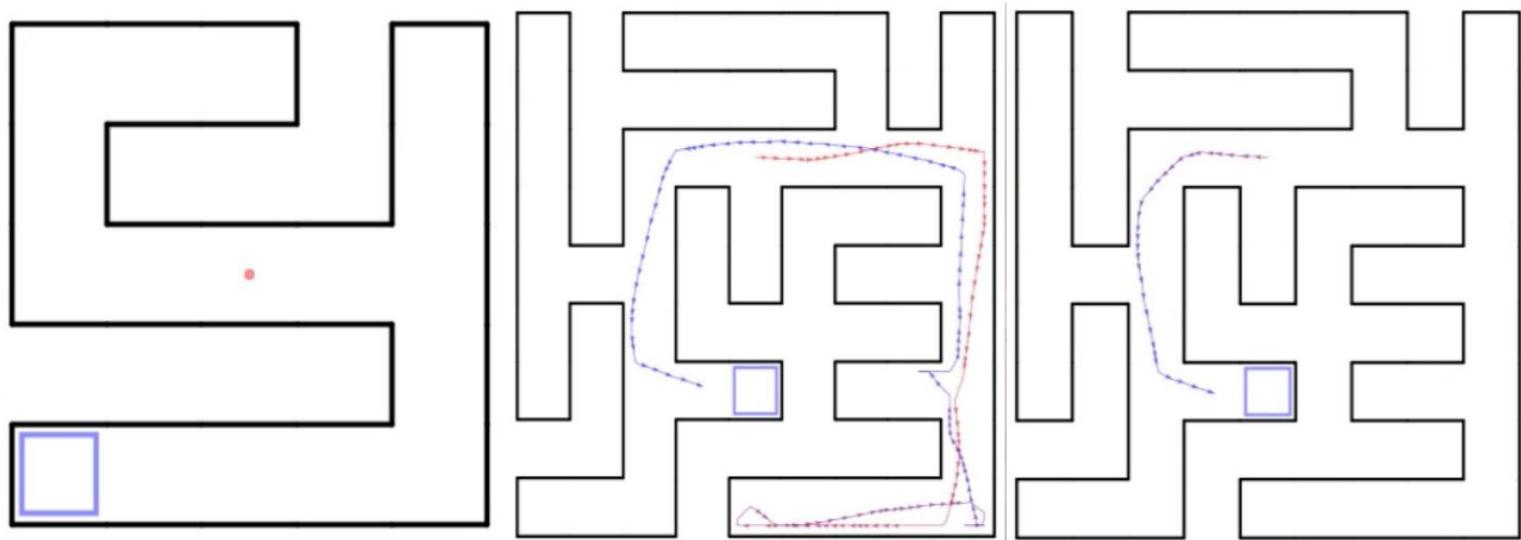
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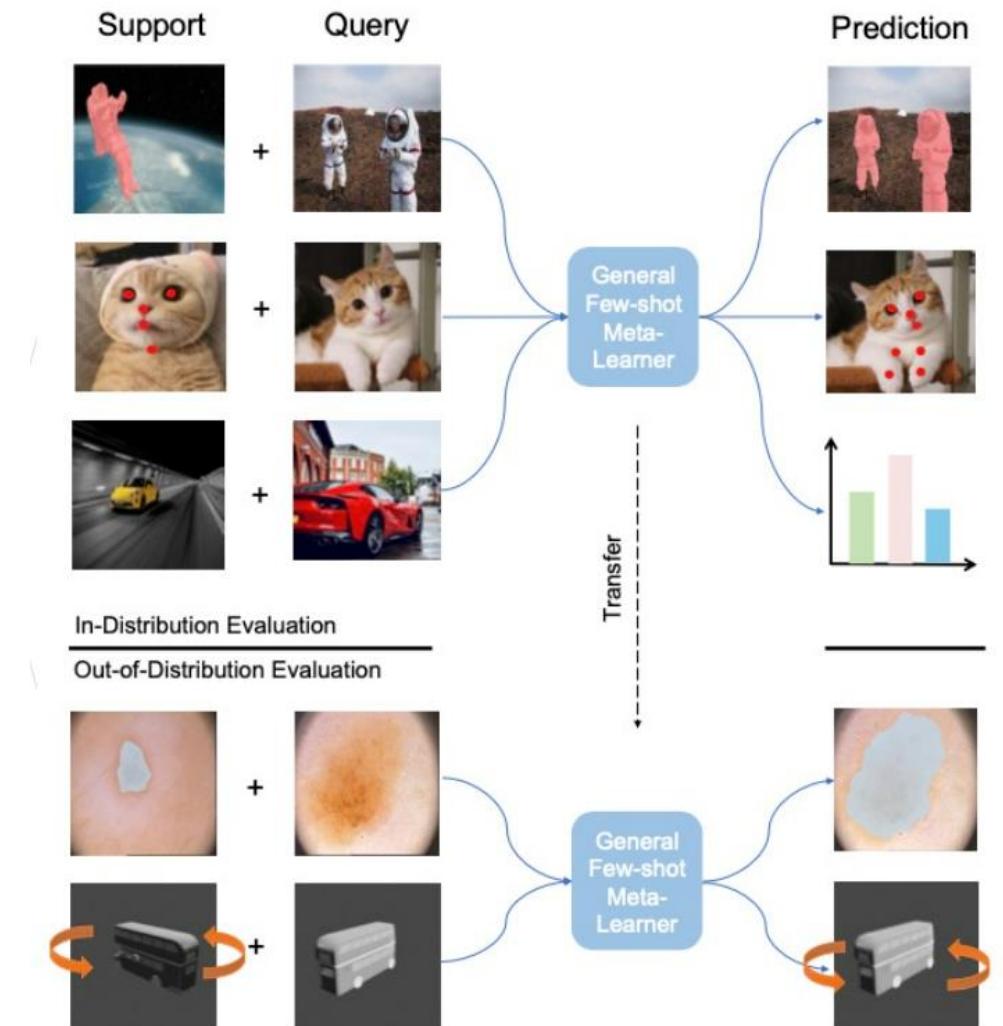


# General-purpose L2L



**Meta Omnium: A Benchmark for General-Purpose Learning-to-Learn**

<https://github.com/edi-meta-learning/meta-omnium>



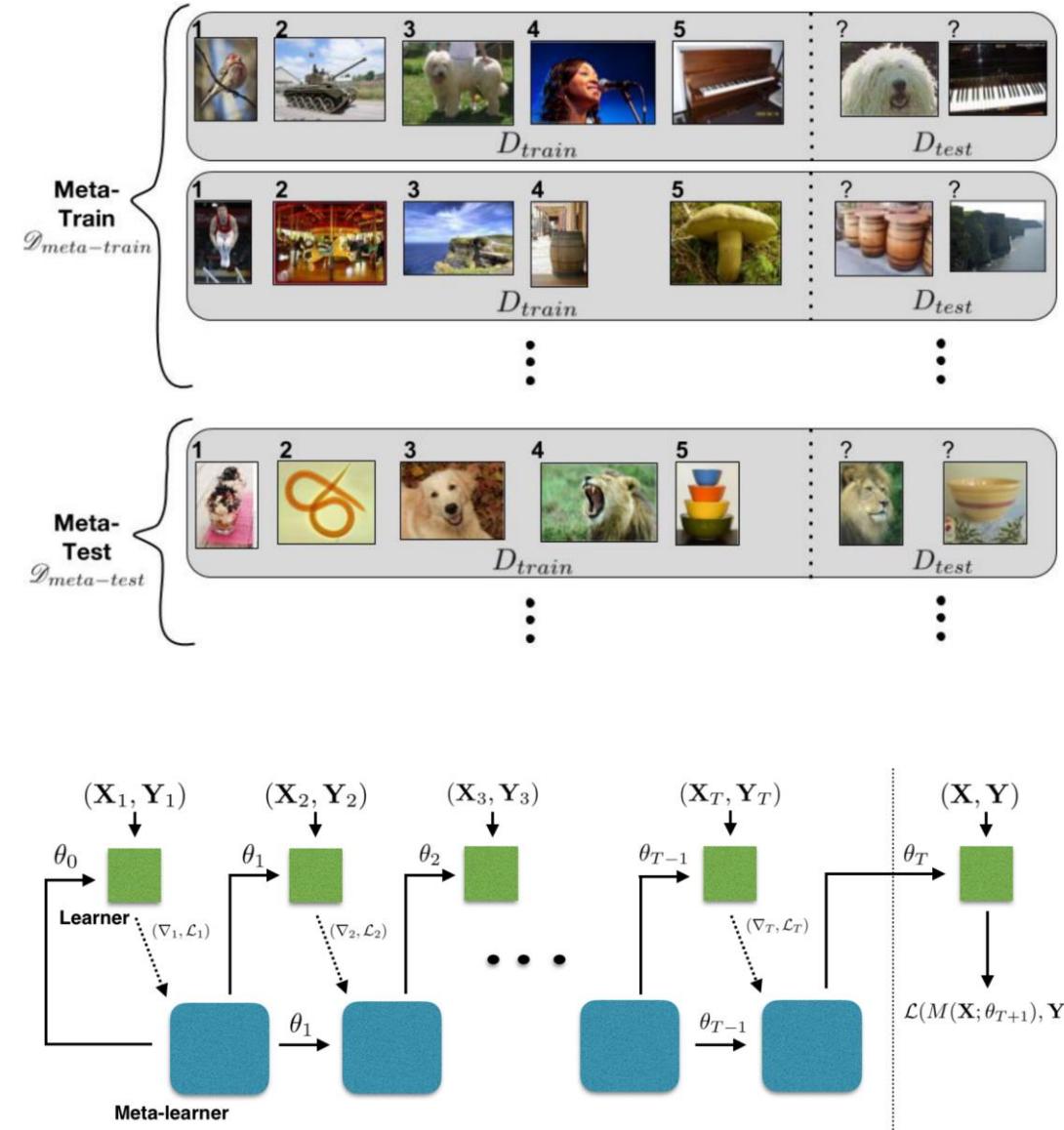
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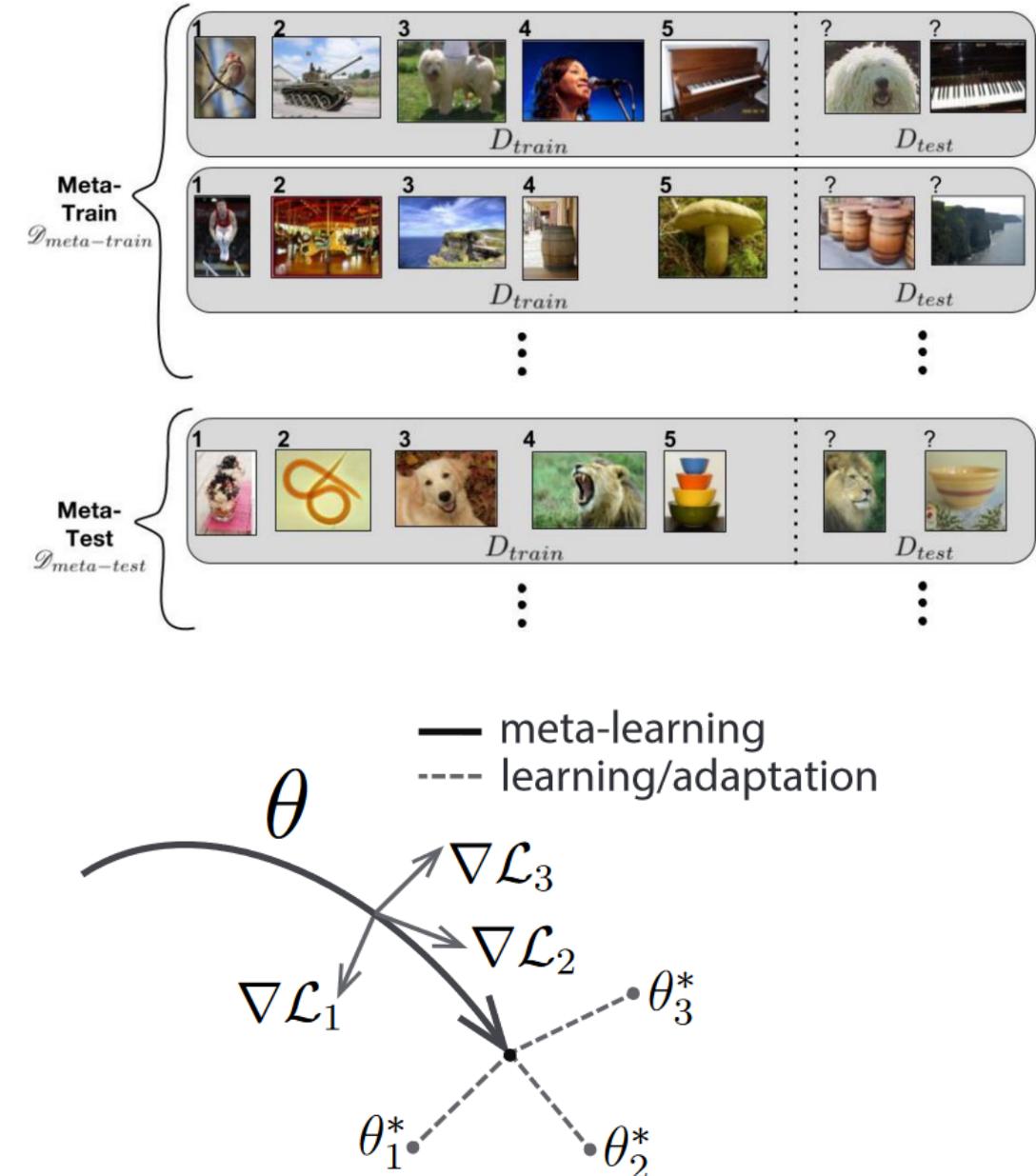
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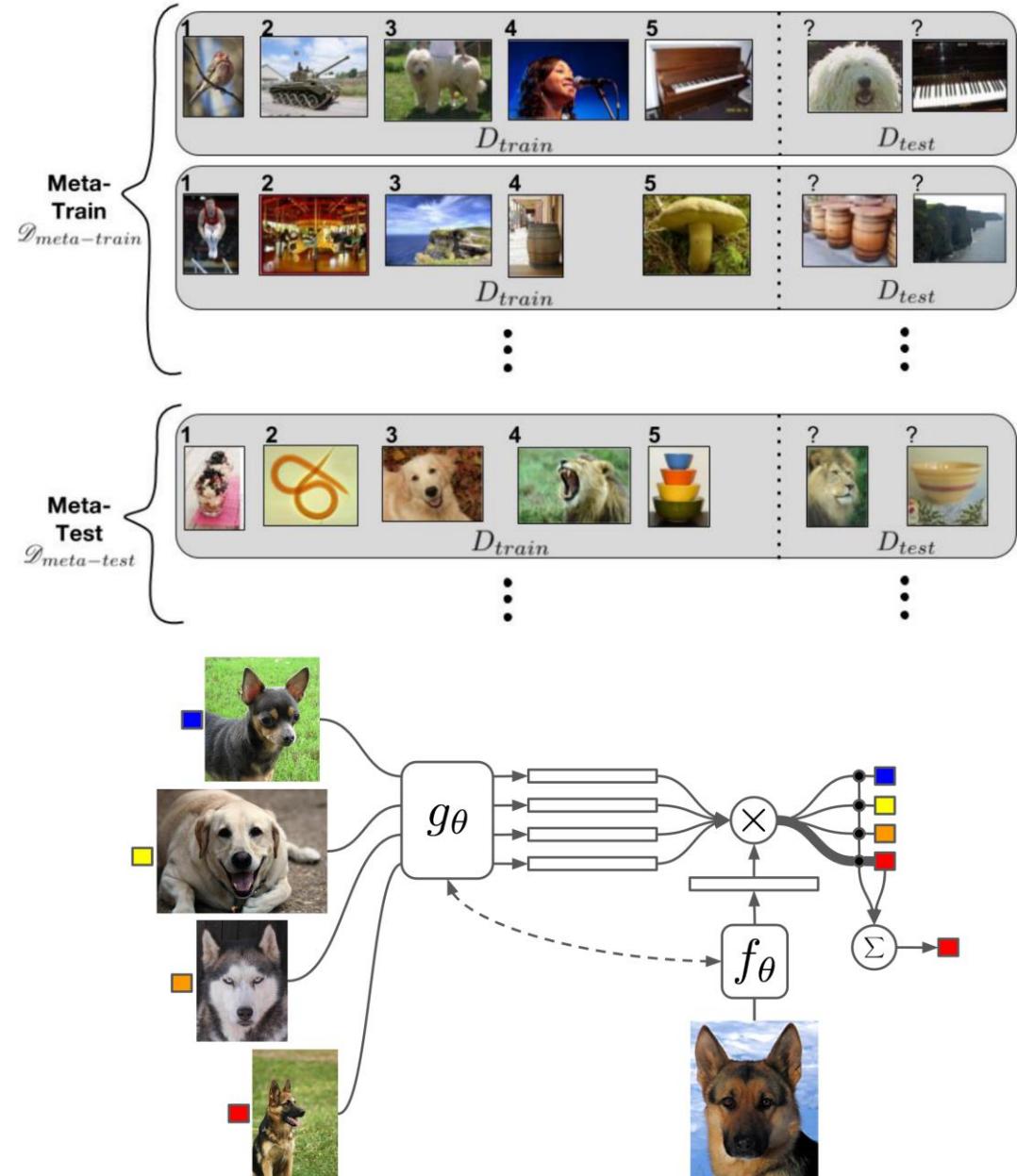
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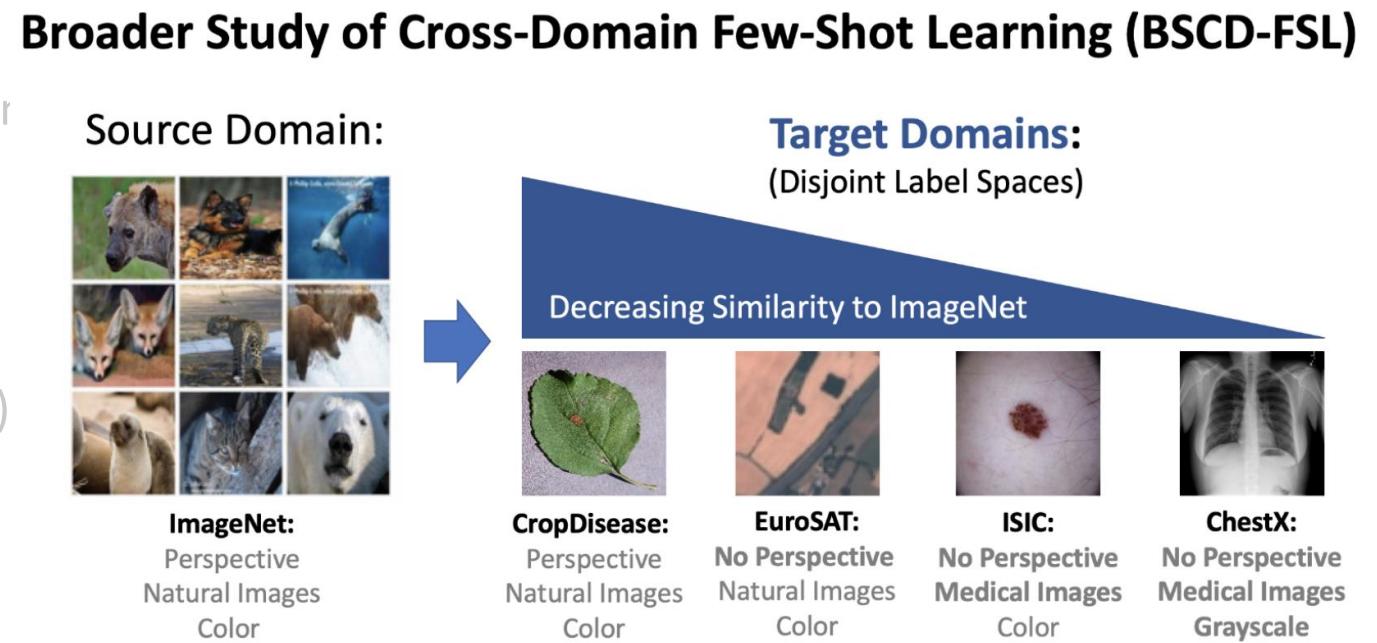


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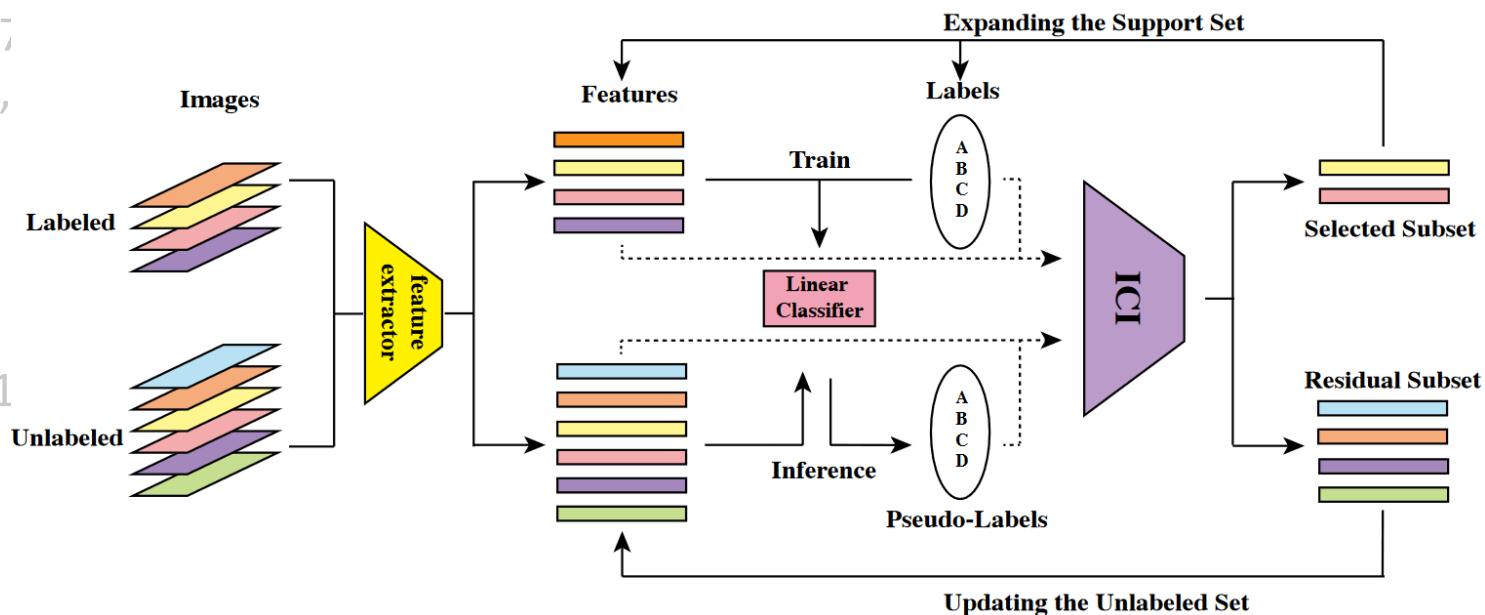
Approach	Network	One shot	Five shots
Reptile [23] <sup>#</sup>	Conv-4	$48.97 \pm 0.21$	$66.47 \pm 0.21$
ProtoNet [30] <sup>#</sup>	Conv-4	<b><math>53.31 \pm 0.89</math></b>	<b><math>72.69 \pm 0.74</math></b>
SimpleShot (UN)	Conv-4	$33.12 \pm 0.18$	$65.23 \pm 0.18$
SimpleShot (L2N)	Conv-4	$50.21 \pm 0.20$	$69.02 \pm 0.18$
SimpleShot (CL2N)	Conv-4	$51.02 \pm 0.20$	$68.98 \pm 0.18$
SimpleShot (UN)	ResNet-10	$58.60 \pm 0.22$	$79.99 \pm 0.16$
SimpleShot (L2N)	ResNet-10	$64.58 \pm 0.23$	$82.31 \pm 0.16$
SimpleShot (CL2N)	ResNet-10	$65.37 \pm 0.22$	$81.84 \pm 0.16$
SimpleShot (UN)	ResNet-18	$62.69 \pm 0.22$	$83.27 \pm 0.16$
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SimpleShot (CL2N)	ResNet-18	<b><math>69.09 \pm 0.22</math></b>	<b><math>84.58 \pm 0.16</math></b>
Meta SGD [18] <sup>†</sup>	WRN	$62.95 \pm 0.03$	$79.34 \pm 0.06$
LEO [29]	WRN	$66.33 \pm 0.05$	$81.44 \pm 0.09$
SimpleShot (UN)	WRN	$63.85 \pm 0.21$	$84.17 \pm 0.15$
SimpleShot (L2N)	WRN	$66.86 \pm 0.21$	<b><math>85.50 \pm 0.14</math></b>
SimpleShot (CL2N)	WRN	<b><math>69.75 \pm 0.20</math></b>	$85.31 \pm 0.15$
SimpleShot (UN)	MobileNet	$63.65 \pm 0.22$	$84.01 \pm 0.16$
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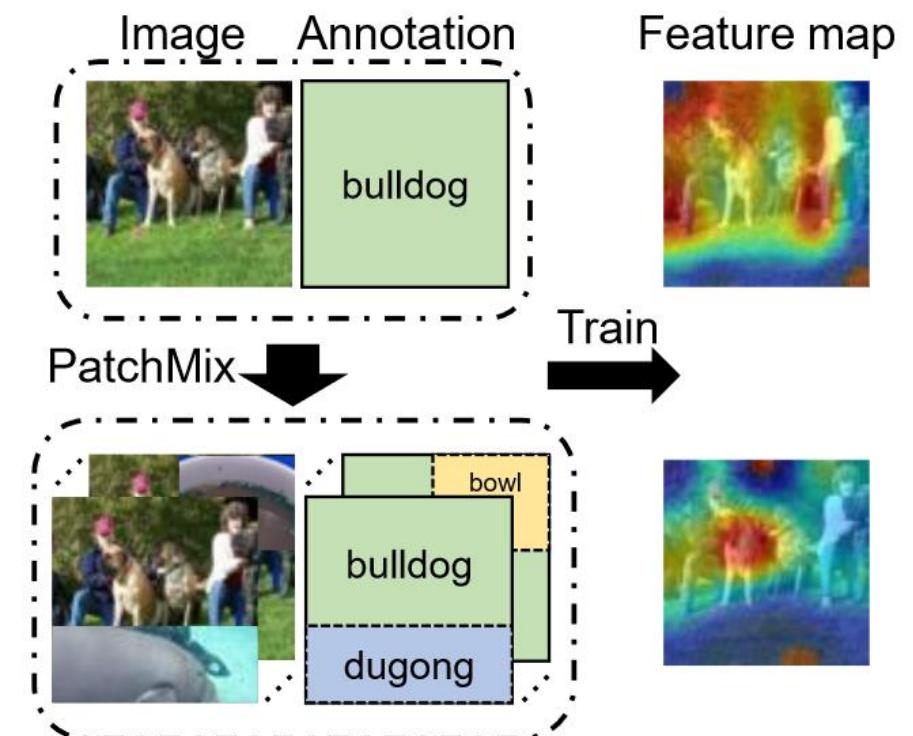
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ID	Arch	Training Configuration		Benchmark Results		
		Pre Train	MetaTr	MD	miniIN	CIFAR
0	ViT-small	DINO (IN1K)	-	67.4	97.0	79.8
1	ViT-small	DeiT (IN1K)	-	67.5	98.8	84.6
2	ResNet50	DINO (IN1K)	-	63.8	91.5	76.1
3	ResNet50	Sup. (IN1K)	-	62.4	96.4	82.3
4	ViT-small	DINO (IN1K)	PN	78.4	98.0	92.5
5	ViT-small	DEIT (IN1K)	PN	79.3	99.4	93.6
6	ViT-small	-	PN	52.8	49.1	59.8
7	ResNet50	DINO (IN1K)	PN	72.4	92.0	84.0
8	ResNet50	Sup. (IN1K)	PN	70.2	97.4	87.6
9	ResNet50	-	PN	62.9	72.2	68.4
10	ResNet18	-	PN	63.3	73.7	70.2
11	ViT-base	DINO (IN1K)	PN	79.2	98.4	92.2
12	ViT-base	CLIP (YFCC)	PN	80.0	98.1	93.2
13	ViT-base	Sup (IN21K)	PN	81.4	99.2	96.7
14	ViT-base	BEIT (IN21K)	PN	82.8	99.0	97.5
15	ResNet50	CLIP (YFCC)	PN	75.0	92.2	82.6

Influence of pre-training.

**P>M>F**

E.g. DINO > ProtoNet (PN) > Fine-tuning (FT)

M	Arch	PreTr	MetaTr	MetaTe	Avg	Out-D
1	ViT-small	DINO	PN (IN)	PN	68.38	67.68
2	ViT-small	DINO	PN (IN)	PN+FT(lr=0.01)	76.05	76.54
3	ViT-small	DINO	PN (IN)	PN+FT(lr=0.001)	74.47	74.51
4	ViT-small	DINO	PN (IN)	PN+FT(Tuned)	77.53	77.85
5	ViT-small	DINO	PN (MD)	PN	78.43	55.71
6	ViT-small	DINO	PN (MD)	PN+FT(lr=0.01)	76.09	73.26
7	ViT-small	DINO	PN (MD)	PN+FT(lr=0.001)	74.64	69.97
8	ViT-small	DINO	PN (MD)	PN+FT(Tuned)	83.13	75.72

Influence of fine-tuning.

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## Algorithm 1 PyTorch pseudo code for fine-tuning

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# Inputs: a task including supp_x, supp_y, query_x
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# optimizer: Adam optimizer
# Outputs: logits

backbone = create_model_from_checkpoint(backbone_state)

def single_step(z):
    supp_f = backbone(supp_x)
    proto = compute_prototypes(supp_f, supp_y)
    f = backbone(z)
    logits = f.norm() @ proto.norm().T # cos similarity
    loss = cross_entropy_loss(logits, supp_y)
    return logits, loss

# fine-tuning loop
for i in range(num_steps):
    aug_supp_x = rand_data_augment(supp_x)
    _, loss = single_step(aug_supp_x)
    loss.backward() # back-prop
    optimizer.step() # gradient descent

logits, _ = single_step(query_x) # classification

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8 in-domain datasets	In-domain								Out-of-domain		
	INet	Omglot	Acraft	CUB	DTD	QDraw	Fungi	Flower	Sign	COCO	Avg
ProtoNet [65] (RN18)	67.01	44.5	79.56	71.14	67.01	65.18	64.88	40.26	86.85	46.48	63.29
CNAPs [56] (RN18+Adapter)	50.8	91.7	83.7	73.6	59.5	74.7	50.2	88.9	56.5	39.4	66.90
SUR [26] (RN18+Adapter)	57.2	93.2	<b>90.1</b>	82.3	73.5	81.9	67.9	88.4	67.4	51.3	75.32
T-SCNAPs [7] (RN18+Adapter)	58.8	93.9	84.1	76.8	69.0	78.6	48.8	91.6	76.1	48.7	72.64
URT [48] (RN18+Adapter)	55.7	94.4	85.8	76.3	71.8	82.5	63.5	88.2	69.4	52.2	73.98
FLUTE [64] (RN18)	51.8	93.2	87.2	79.2	68.8	79.5	58.1	91.6	58.4	50.0	71.78
URL [44] (RN18+Adapter)	57.51	94.51	88.59	80.54	76.17	81.94	68.75	92.11	63.34	54.03	75.75
ITA [43] (RN18+Adapter)	57.35	<b>94.96</b>	89.33	81.42	76.74	<b>82.01</b>	67.4	92.18	83.55	55.75	78.07
P>M>F (DINO/IN1K, RN50)	67.51	85.91	80.3	81.67	<b>87.08</b>	72.84	60.03	94.69	87.17	58.92	77.61
P>M>F (DINO/IN1K, ViT-small)	74.59	91.79	88.33	91.02	86.61	79.23	74.2	94.12	88.85	62.59	83.13
P>M>F (DINO/IN1K, ViT-base)	<b>77.02</b>	91.76	89.73	<b>92.94</b>	86.94	80.2	<b>78.28</b>	<b>95.79</b>	<b>89.86</b>	<b>64.97</b>	<b>84.75</b>
In-domain = ImageNet	In-domain		Out-of-domain								
	INet	Omglot	Acraft	CUB	DTD	QDraw	Fungi	Flower	Sign	COCO	Avg
ProtoNet [65] (RN18)	50.5	59.98	53.1	68.79	66.56	48.96	39.71	85.27	47.12	41	56.10
ALFA+FP-MAML [5] (RN12)	52.8	61.87	63.43	69.75	70.78	59.17	41.49	85.96	60.78	48.11	61.41
BOHB [58] (RN18)	51.92	67.57	54.12	70.69	68.34	50.33	41.38	87.34	51.8	48.03	59.15
CTX [24] (RN34)	62.76	82.21	79.49	80.63	75.57	72.68	51.58	<b>95.34</b>	82.65	59.9	74.28
P>M>F (DINO/IN1K, RN50)	67.08	75.33	75.39	72.08	86.42	66.79	50.53	94.14	86.54	58.2	73.25
P>M>F (DINO/IN1K, ViT-small)	74.69	80.68	76.78	85.04	86.63	71.25	54.78	94.57	88.33	62.57	77.53
P>M>F (DINO/IN1K, ViT-base)	<b>76.69</b>	<b>81.42</b>	<b>80.33</b>	<b>84.38</b>	<b>86.87</b>	<b>75.43</b>	<b>55.93</b>	95.14	<b>89.68</b>	<b>65.01</b>	<b>79.09</b>

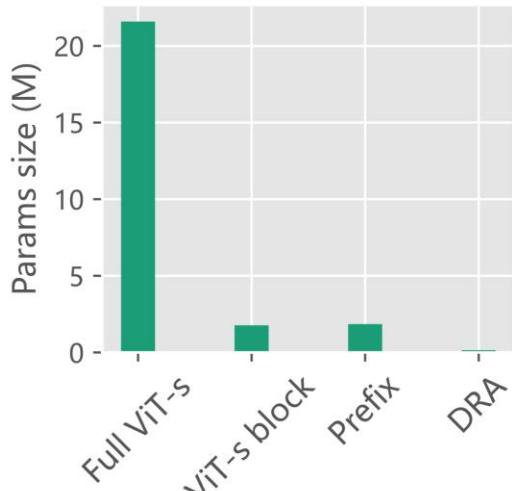
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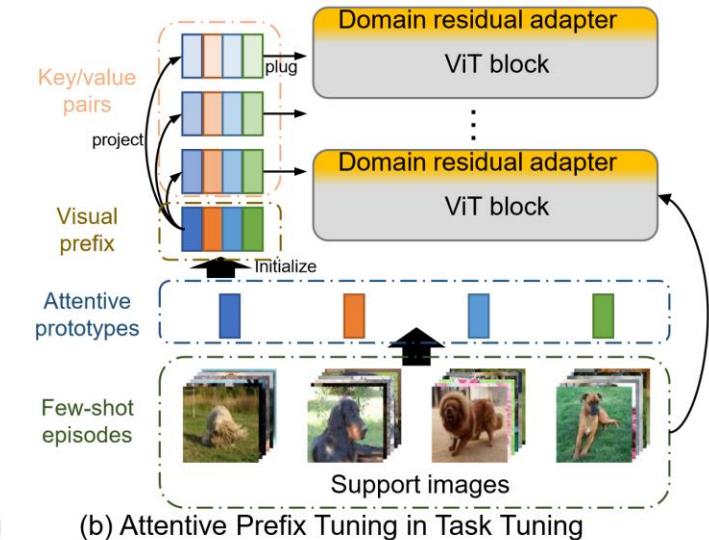
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(a) Tunable parameters in Backbone Finetuning



Model	Backbone	ILSVRC	Omni	Acraft	CUB	DTD	QDraw	Fungi	Flower	Sign	COCO	Avg	Rank
Finetune	Res18	45.78	60.85	68.69	57.31	69.05	42.60	38.20	85.51	66.79	34.86	56.96	10.2
Proto		50.50	59.98	53.10	68.79	66.56	48.96	39.71	85.27	47.12	41.00	56.10	10.5
Relation		34.69	45.35	40.73	49.51	52.97	43.30	30.55	68.76	33.67	29.15	42.87	14.6
P-MAML		49.53	63.37	55.95	68.66	66.49	51.52	39.96	87.15	48.83	43.74	57.52	9.2
BOHB		51.92	67.57	54.12	70.69	68.34	50.33	41.38	87.34	51.80	48.03	59.15	8.2
TSA		<b>59.50</b>	<b>78.20</b>	72.20	<b>74.90</b>	77.30	67.60	44.70	90.90	82.50	<b>59.00</b>	<b>70.68</b>	4.3
Ours	ViT-t	56.40	72.52	<b>72.84</b>	73.79	<b>77.57</b>	<b>67.97</b>	<b>51.23</b>	<b>93.30</b>	<b>84.09</b>	55.68	70.54	4.1
Proto	Res34	53.70	68.50	58.00	74.10	68.80	53.30	40.70	87.00	58.10	41.70	60.39	7.4
CTX		62.76	82.21	79.49	80.63	75.57	<b>72.68</b>	51.58	95.34	82.65	59.90	74.28	2.8
TSA		63.73	<b>82.58</b>	<b>80.13</b>	83.39	79.61	71.03	51.38	94.05	81.71	61.67	74.93	2.5
P>M>F*	ViT-s	74.69	80.68	76.78	85.04	86.63	71.25	54.78	94.57	88.33	62.57	77.53	—
Ours		<b>67.37</b>	78.11	79.94	<b>85.93</b>	<b>87.62</b>	71.34	<b>61.80</b>	<b>96.57</b>	<b>85.09</b>	<b>62.33</b>	<b>77.61</b>	1.6

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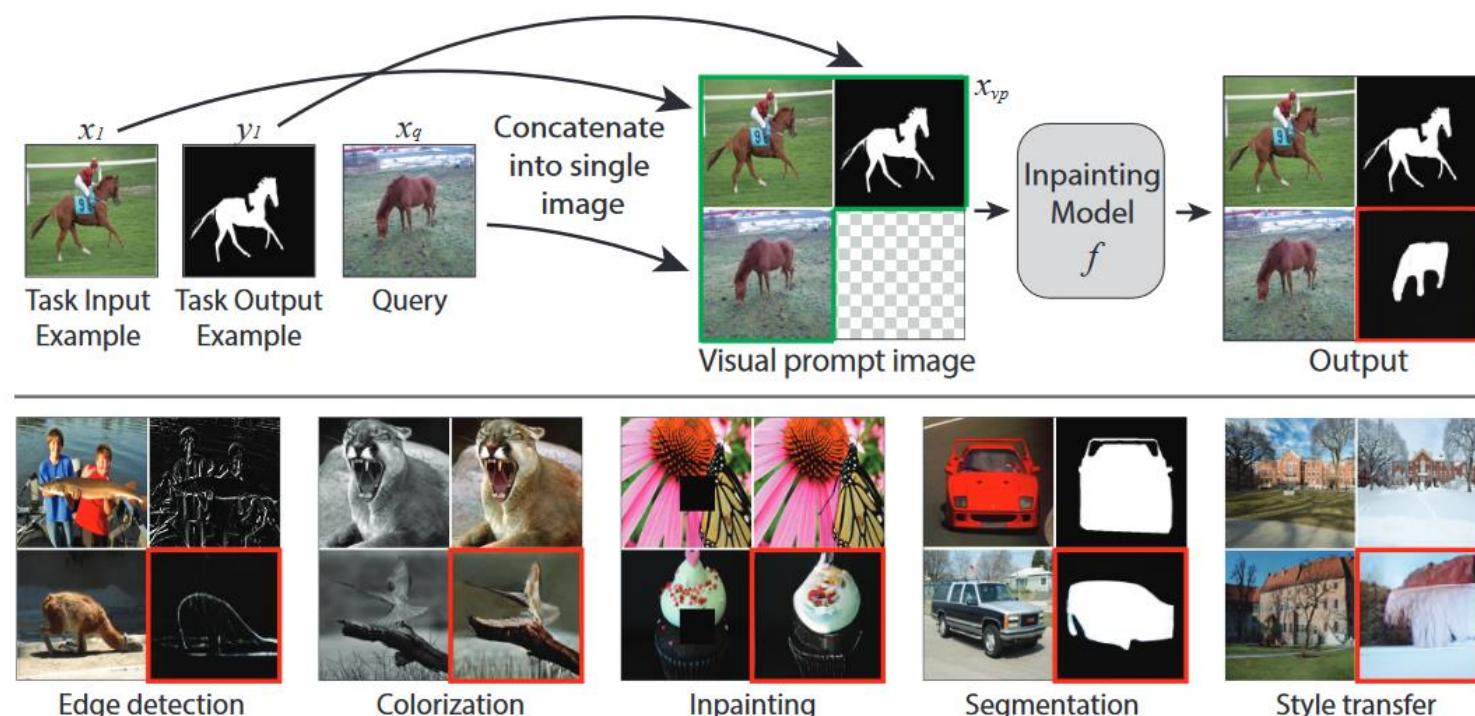
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I'm sorry

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I love ice cream

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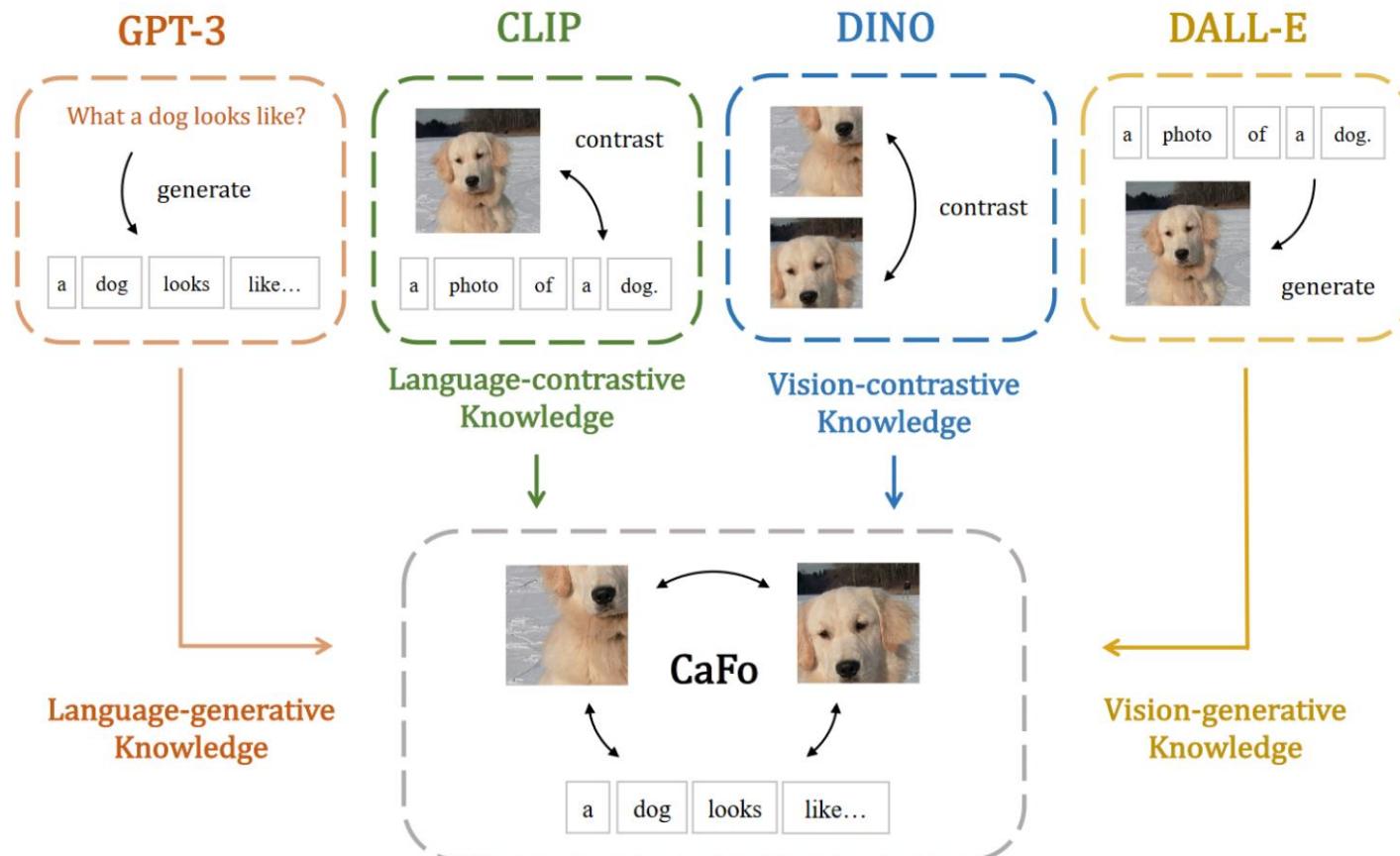


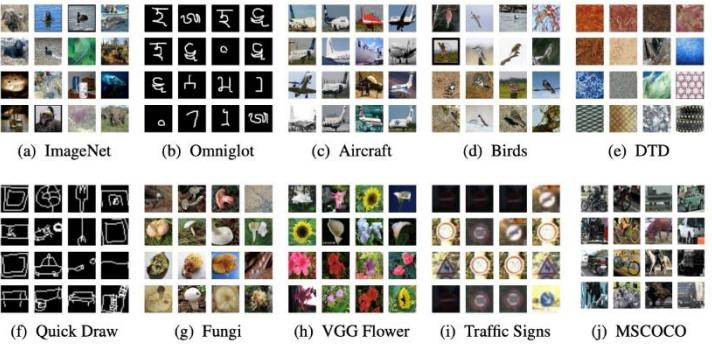
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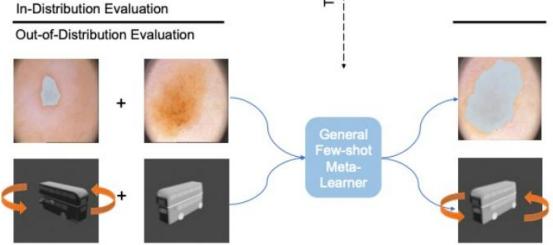
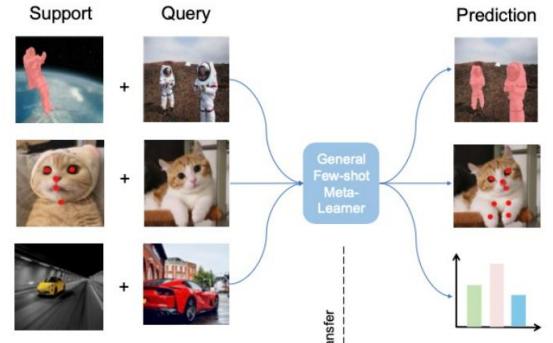
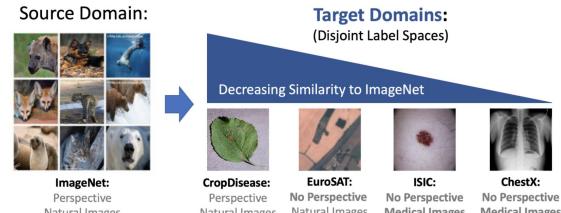


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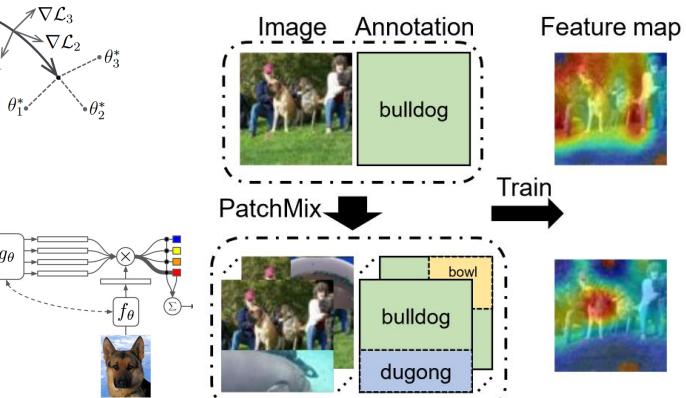
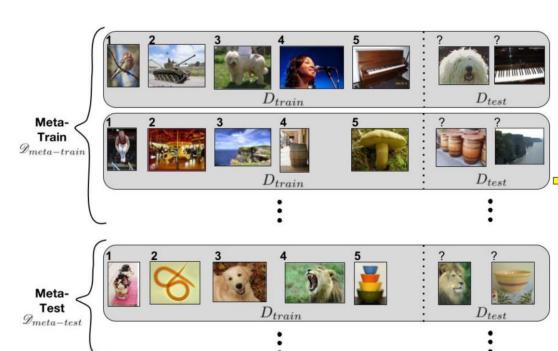
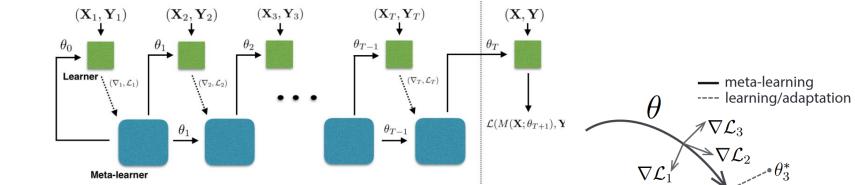




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