

# Sıfır Örnek ile Nesne Tanıma, Nesne Tespiti ve Görüntü Alt-yazılama

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# Machine Learning in Nutshell

- Tens of thousands of machine learning algorithms
  - Hundreds new every year
- Decades of ML research oversimplified:
  - All of Machine Learning:
  - Learn a mapping from input to output  $f: X \rightarrow Y$ 
    - e.g.  $X$ : emails,  $Y$ : {spam, notspam}

# Supervised Learning

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Output:  $y$  (spam or non-spam...)
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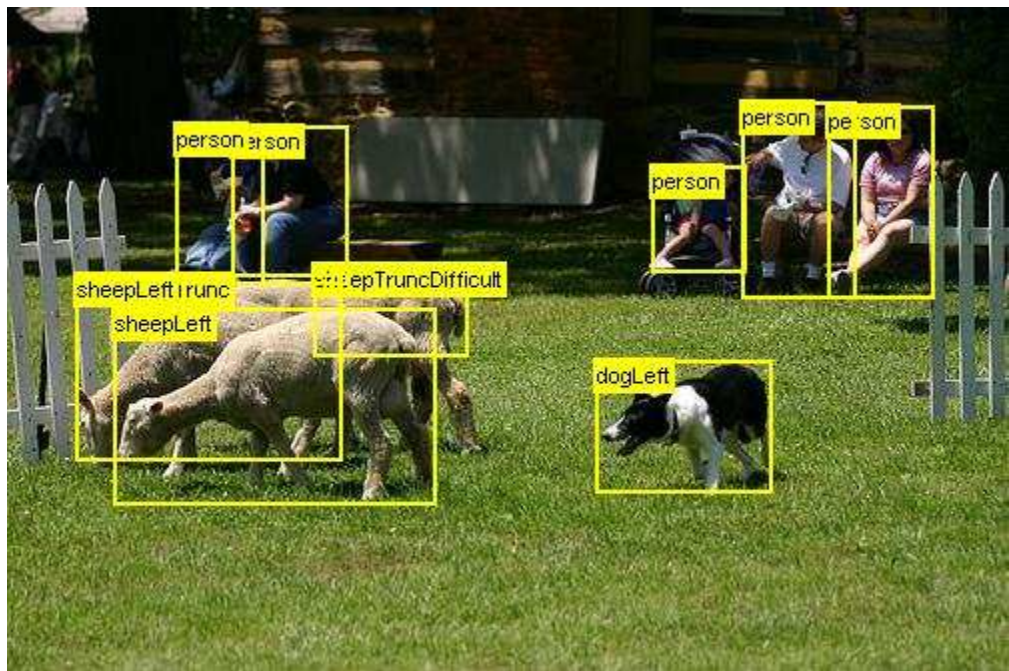
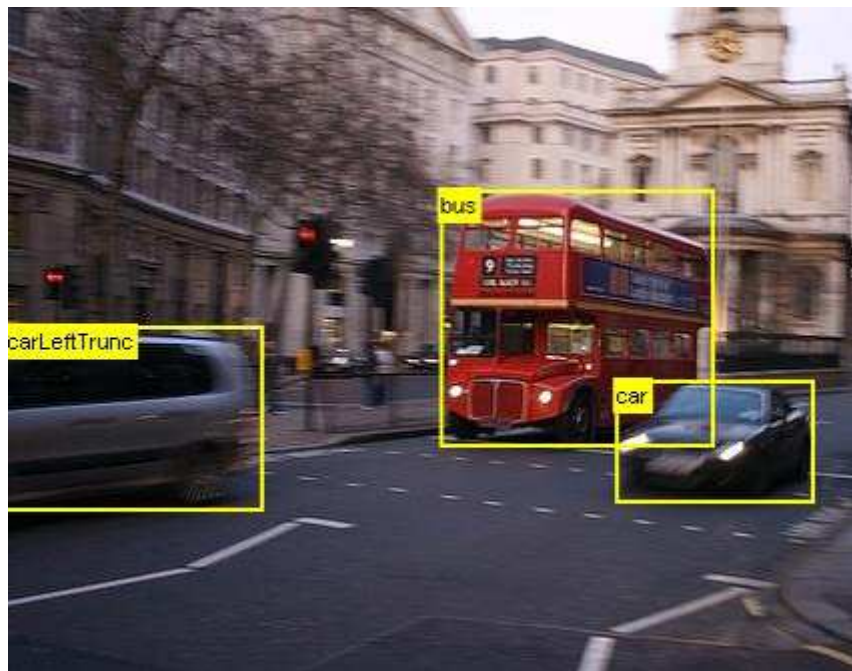
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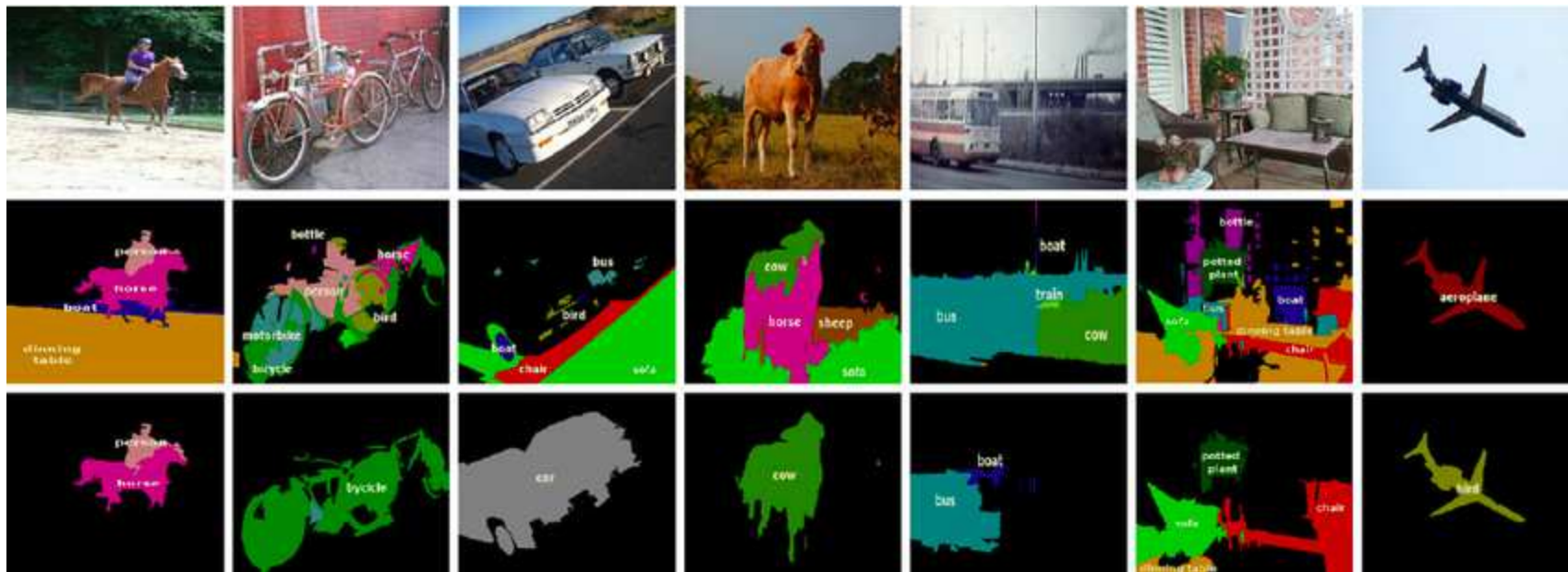




# Supervised training - Object detection



# Supervised training - Semantic segmentation



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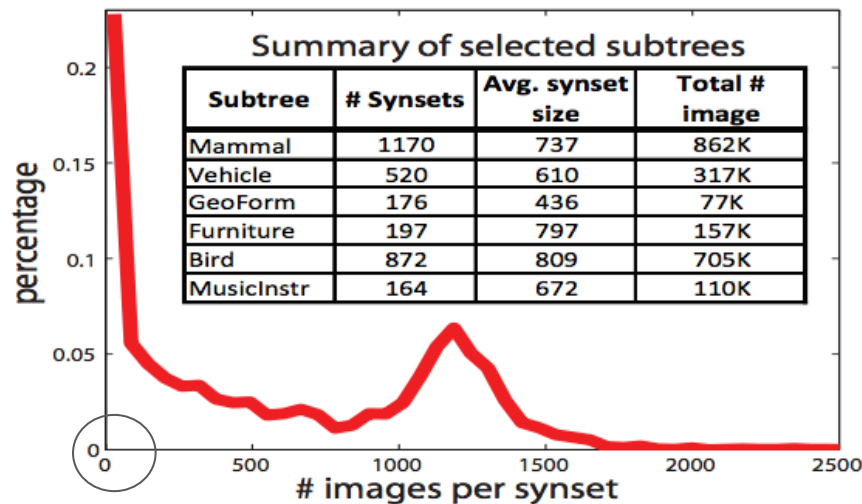


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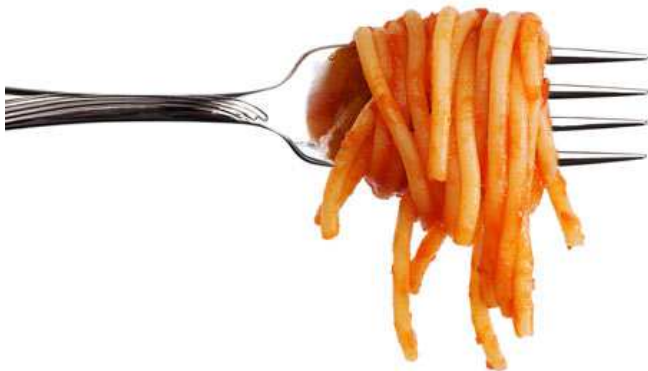
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# How many training examples do we need?

- ... plus object combinations, scenes



A tennis player hitting a ball



Fork with spaghetti



Wedding car

- It is not feasible to collect several fully annotated samples per "class"
- (... and *categorization* is a questionable paradigm)

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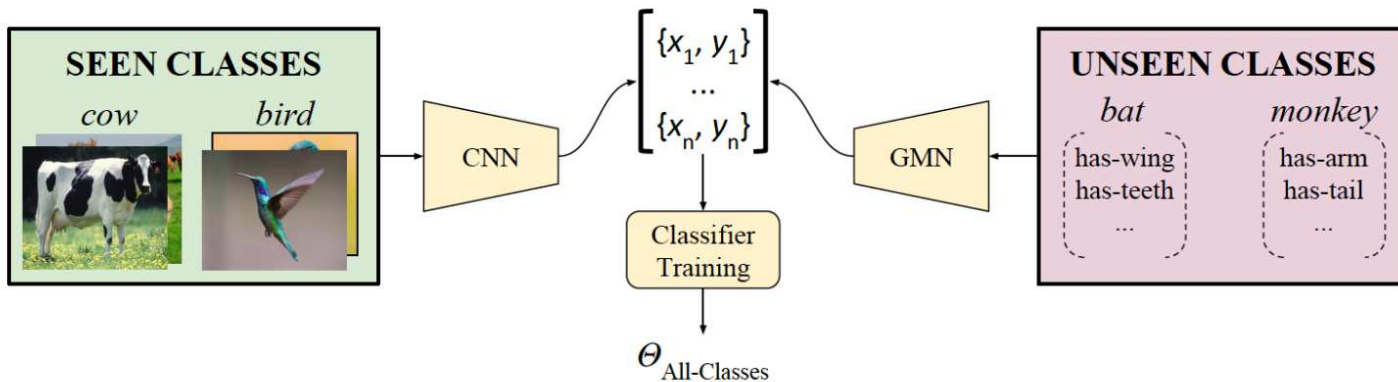
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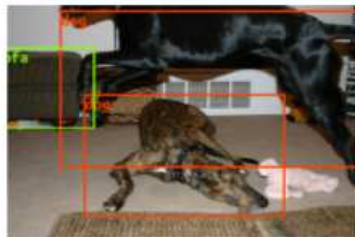
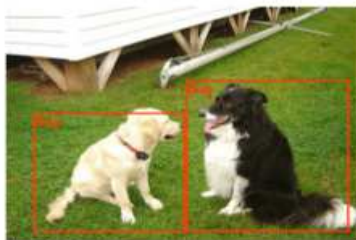


# Part 1: Gradient Matching Networks



IEEE / CVF Conf. on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), June 2019

# Part 2: Zero-shot Object Detection



British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC), September 2018

# Part 3: Image Captioning with Unseen Objects



◆: A yellow and black **train** traveling down the road.

★: A yellow and black **bus** driving down a road.



◆: A couple of **elephants** standing next to each other.

★: A couple of **zebra** standing next to each other.



◆: A piece of **cake** on a white plate.

★: A piece of **pizza** on a white plate.

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# Zero-shot **object** recognition

## Seen Classes

*cow*



*bird*



## Unseen Classes

*bat*

*monkey*

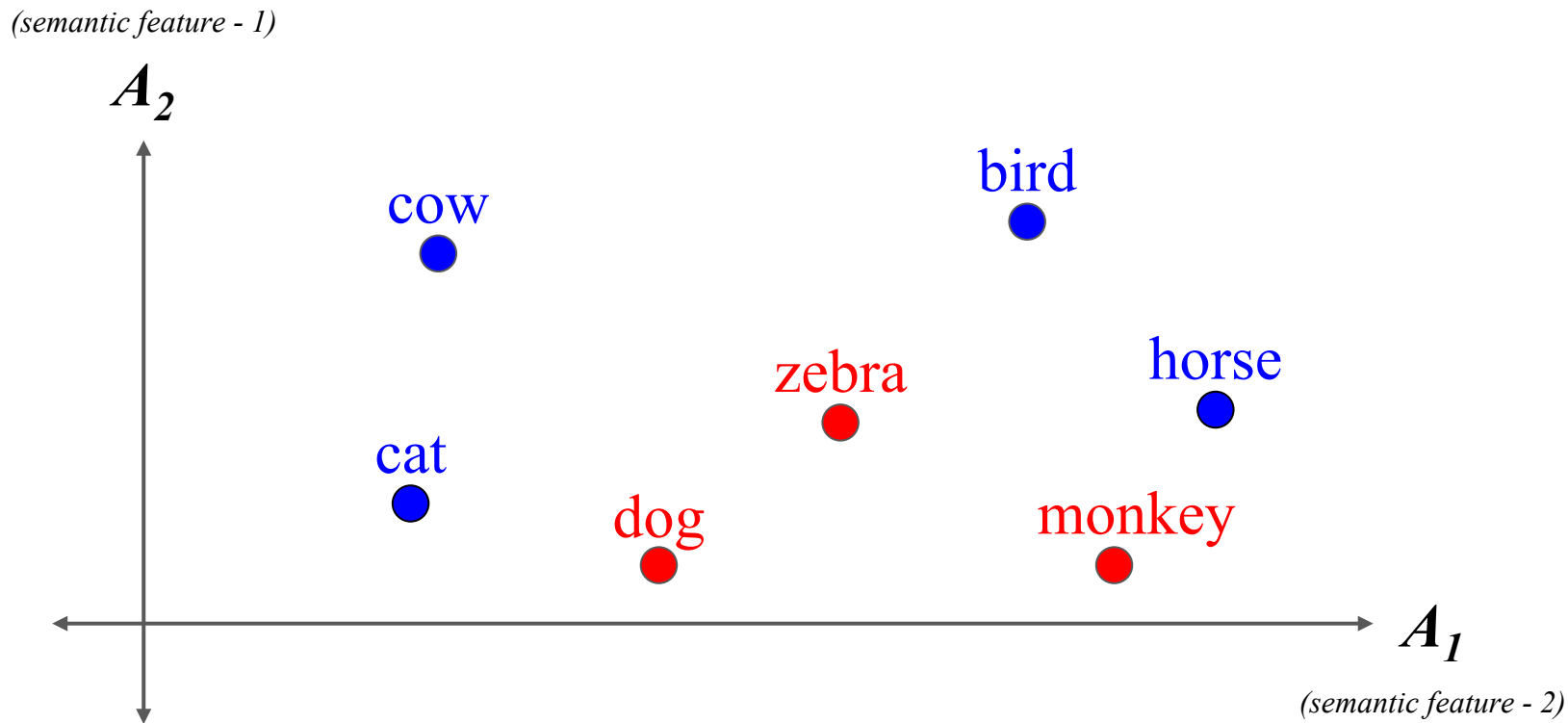
~~Training samples~~

i - Learn a classification model  
on **seen** classes

ii - Use the model for **both** sets



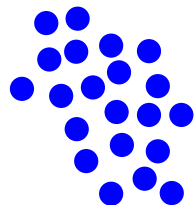
# Semantic Class Embedding Space



# Mainstream approach

Image Embedding

cow



bird



$$f(x, a; \theta)$$



Class Embedding

cow



bird

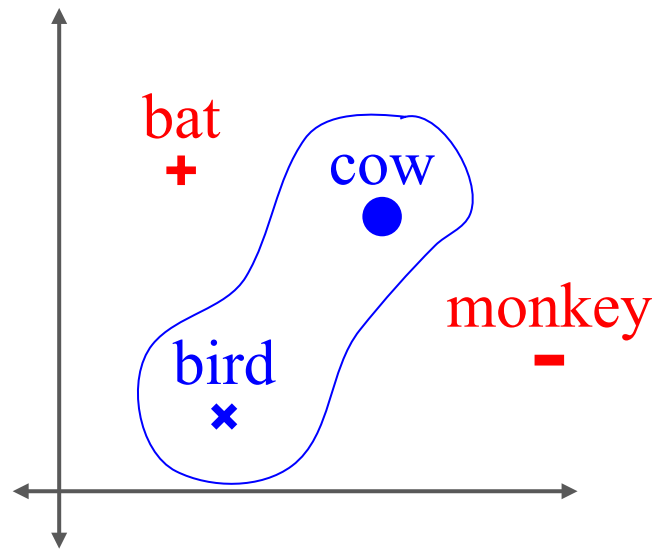
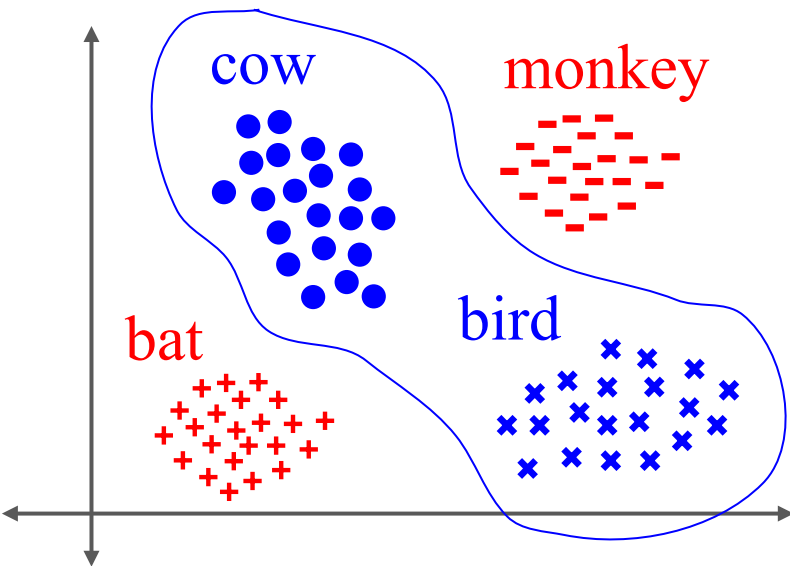


# A weakness in purely discriminative approaches

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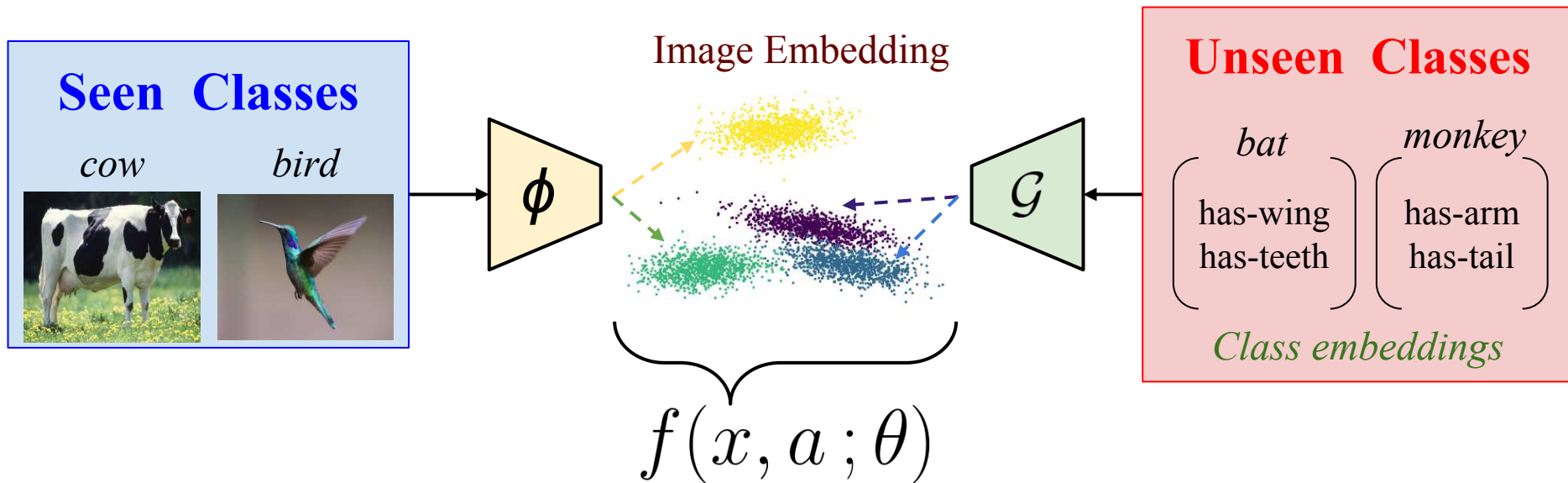
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Akata et al. "Label-embedding for attribute-based classification." CVPR 2013.

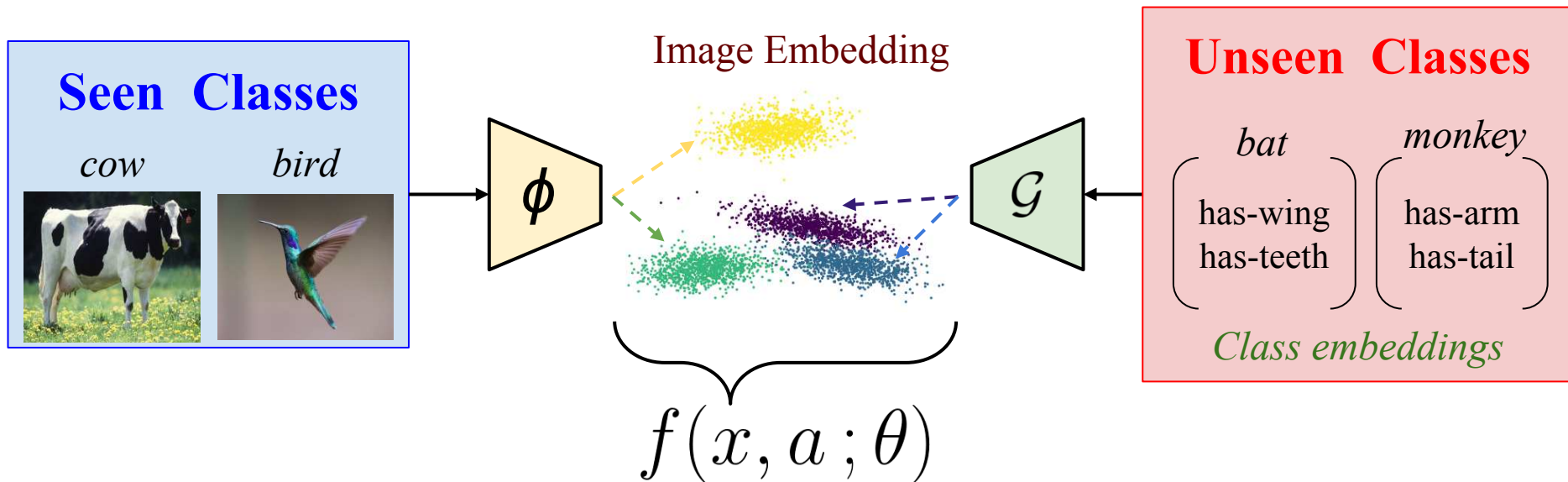
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Xian et al. "Feature generating networks for zero-shot learning." CVPR 2018.

Verma et al. "Generalized zero-shot learning via synthesized examples." CVPR 2018.

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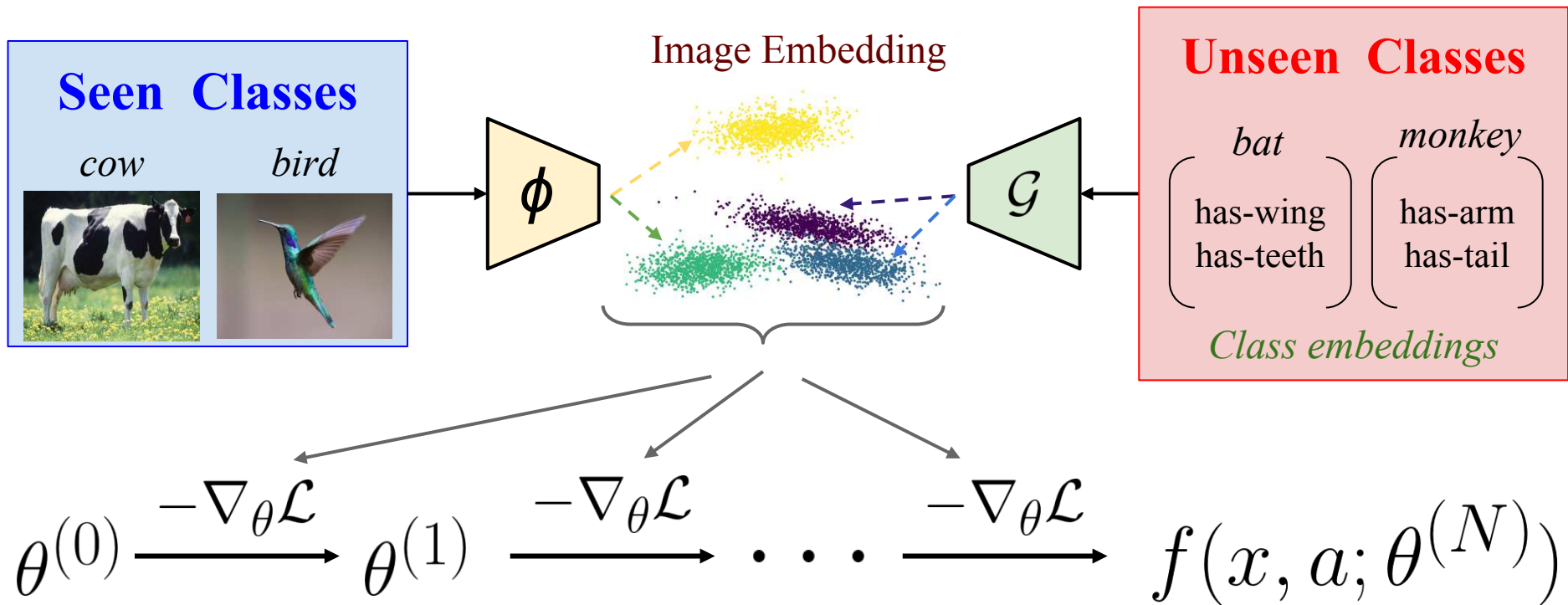
Three important inter-connected challenges:

- **Semantics:** How do we enforce producing samples that truly belong to the target class?
- **Variance:** How do we enforce producing a variety of samples for a given embedding?
- **Data quality:** How do we make sure that the resulting training examples is actually useful? (ie. will the classifier trained over them be accurate?)

Xian et al. "Fe  
Verma et al. "



# Training with real and generated samples



# Gradient matching loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{GM}} = \mathbb{E}_{\theta} \left[ 1 - \frac{g_r(\theta)^T g_f(\theta)}{\|g_r(\theta)\|_2 \|g_f(\theta)\|_2} \right]$$

Gradient by  
real

$$g_r(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{(x,a) \sim p_{\text{data}}} [\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(x, a, f_{\theta})]$$

Gradient by  
generated

$$g_f(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\tilde{x} \sim \mathcal{G}(z,a), a \sim p_{\text{data}}} [\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\tilde{x}, a, f_{\theta})]$$

To approximate the expectation over  $\theta$

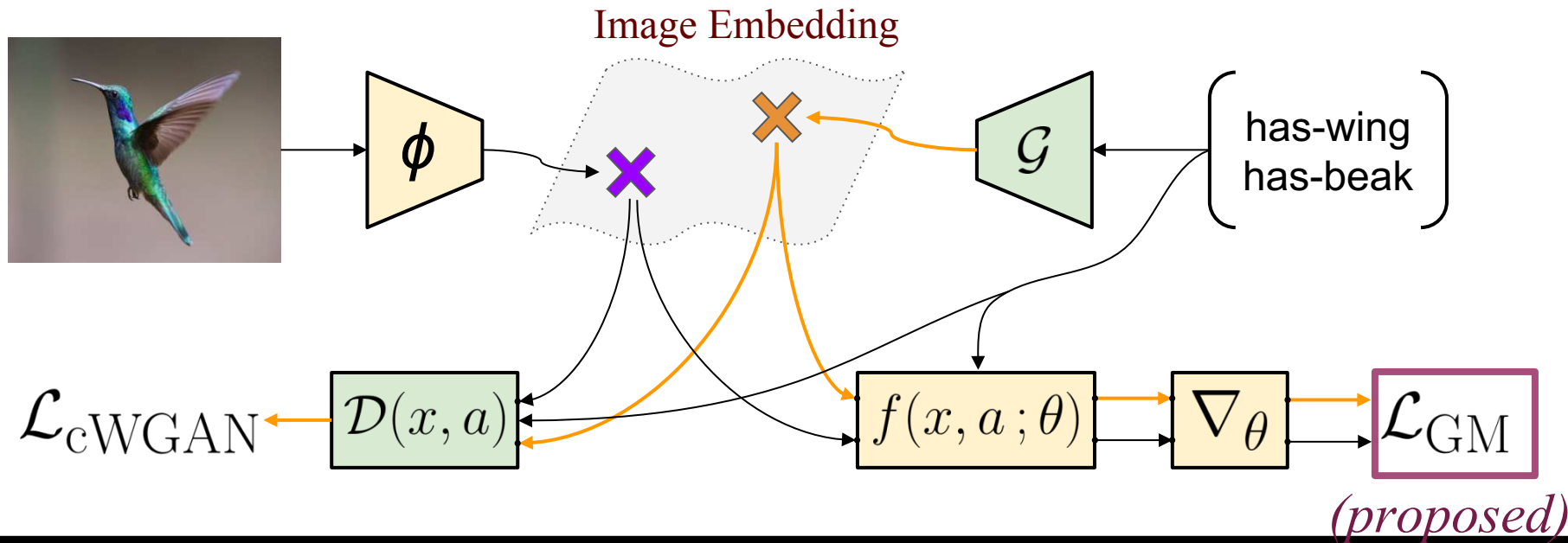
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Repeatedly:

- train the classification model **N** epochs,
- re-initialize all parameters and reset the optimizer state.

# Gradient matching network (GMN)

Gradient matching loss  
+ adversarial loss (allows unsupervised learning)



# Experiments - Datasets

- Caltech-UCSD Birds-200-2011 (**CUB**) - 200 bird species - 12k



- SUN Attribute (**SUN**) - 717 scene categories - 14k



- Animals with Attributes (**AWA**) - 50 animal categories - 30k



Wah et al. "The Caltech-UCSD Birds-200-2011 Dataset", 2011.

Patterson et al. "Sun attribute database: Discovering, annotating, and recognizing scene attributes" CVPR, 2012.

Lampert et al. "Attribute-based classification for zero-shot visual object categorization" TPAMI, 2013.



# Evaluation Metrics

*Normalized score (NS) : average of the top-1 per-class scores*

- **T-1** : NS of unseen classes in ZSL setting
- **u**: NS of unseen classes in GZSL setting
- **s**: NS of seen classes in GZSL setting
- **h**: harmonic mean of **u** and **s** 
$$\frac{2 \times \mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{s}}{\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{s}}$$

# Zero-shot prediction (unseen classes)

				CUB	SUN	AWA
				T-1	T-1	T-1
1	<i>Zhang et al.</i> '18			52.6	61.7	67.4
2	<i>Bucher et al.</i> '17			57.8	60.4	66.3
3	<i>Xian et al.</i> - DEVISE '18			60.3	60.9	66.9
4	<i>Xian et al.</i> - ALE '18			61.5	62.1	68.2
5	<i>Xian et al.</i> - Softmax '18			57.3	60.8	68.2
6	<i>Verma et al.</i> '18			59.6	63.4	69.5
7	<i>Felix et al.</i> - cycle-WGAN '18			57.8	59.7	65.6
8	<i>Felix et al.</i> - cycle-CLSWGAN '18			58.4	60.0	66.3
9	Bilinear	LN	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{cWGAN}}^{\text{S}}$	61.7	62.7	67.3
10	Bilinear	LN	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{cWGAN}}^{\text{S}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{CLS}}$	61.9	62.7	66.4
11	Bilinear	LN	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{cWGAN}}^{\text{S}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{CYCLE}}$	62.2	62.7	68.2
12	Bilinear	LN	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{cWGAN}}^{\text{S}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{GM}}$ ( <i>Ours</i> )	<b>67.0</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>72.0</b>
13	Linear	LN	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{cWGAN}}^{\text{S}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{GM}}$ ( <i>Ours</i> )	63.1	58.9	70.1
14	Bilinear	AC	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{cWGAN}}^{\text{S}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{GM}}$ ( <i>Ours</i> )	65.7	62.6	69.7
15	Linear	AC	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{cWGAN}}^{\text{S}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{GM}}$ ( <i>Ours</i> )	63.8	61.1	66.8

# Generalized zero-shot prediction (**seen + unseen** classes)

				CUB			SUN			AWA		
				u	s	h	u	s	h	u	s	h
1	<i>Zhang et al.</i> '18			31.5	40.2	35.3	41.2	26.7	32.4	38.7	74.6	51.0
2	<i>Bucher et al.</i> '17			28.8	55.7	38.0	40.5	37.2	38.8	2.3	<b>90.2</b>	4.5
3	<i>Xian et al.</i> - DEVISE '18			52.2	42.4	46.7	38.4	25.4	30.6	35.0	62.8	45.0
4	<i>Xian et al.</i> - ALE '18			40.2	59.3	47.9	41.3	31.1	35.5	47.6	57.2	52.0
5	<i>Xian et al.</i> - Softmax '18			43.7	57.7	49.7	42.6	36.6	39.4	57.9	61.4	59.6
6	<i>Verma et al.</i> '18			41.5	53.3	46.7	40.9	30.5	34.9	56.3	67.8	61.5
7	<i>Felix et al.</i> - cycle-WGAN '18			46.0	60.3	52.2	48.3	33.1	39.2	56.4	63.5	59.7
8	<i>Felix et al.</i> - cycle-CLSWGAN '18			45.7	61.0	52.3	49.4	33.6	40.0	56.9	64.0	60.2
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14	Bilinear	AC	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{cWGAN}}^{\text{S}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{GM}}$ ( <i>Ours</i> )	53.8	58.2	55.9	43.2	36.2	39.4	54.8	74.1	63.0
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# In summary

- a **novel** proxy loss for **zero-shot learning**
  - better estimation of class distributions
- **state of the art** on CUB, AWA and SUN

Source code: <https://mbsariyildiz.github.io/>

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# Motivation



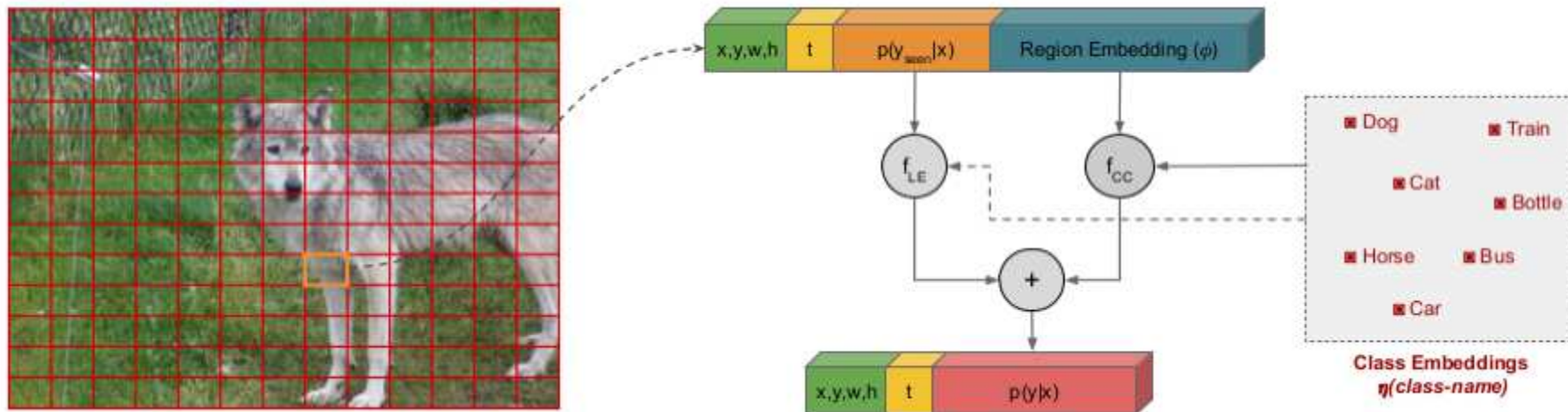
Detection in the Wild  
using text-based queries



Robotic

# Our approach

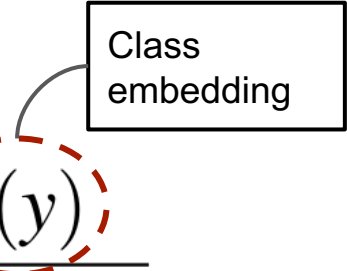
- Our method consists of two components:
  - ◆ (i) utilize a convex combination of class embeddings,
  - ◆ (ii) directly learn to map regions to the space of class embeddings.
- Zero-shot object detection within the YOLO detection framework.





# Convex Combination of Class Embeddings

- Represent a given image region (i.e. a bounding box) as the convex combination of training class embeddings.

$$f_{\text{CC}}(x, b, y) = \frac{\phi_{\text{CC}}(x, b)^{\text{T}} \eta(y)}{\|\phi_{\text{CC}}(x, b)\| \|\eta(y)\|}$$


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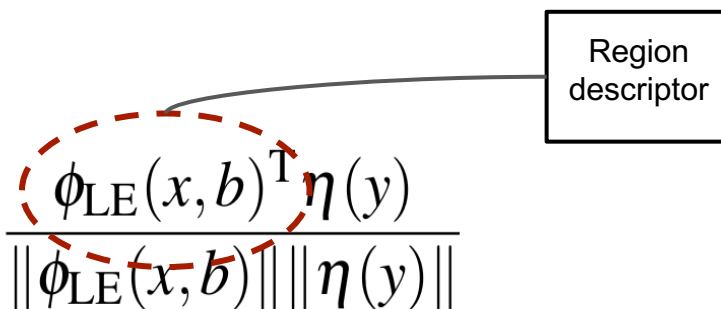
Sum of class embeddings,  
weighted by posterior  
probability

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# Region Scoring by Label Embedding

- The goal is to directly model the compatibility between the visual features of image regions and class embeddings.
- The equation can be interpreted as a dot product between L2-normalized image region descriptors and class embeddings.

$$f_{\text{LE}}(x, b, y) = \frac{\phi_{\text{LE}}(x, b)^{\top} \eta(y)}{\|\phi_{\text{LE}}(x, b)\| \|\eta(y)\|}$$


Region descriptor

# Hybrid region embedding

- The two scores are accumulated within the loss function:

$$L_{\text{LE}}(x, b, y) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}_s| - 1} \sum_{y' \in \mathcal{Y}_s \setminus \{y\}} \max(0, 1 - f_{\text{LE}}(x, b, y) + f_{\text{LE}}(x, b, y'))$$

# Experimental Results on PASCAL VOC

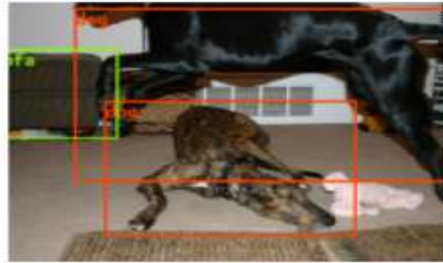
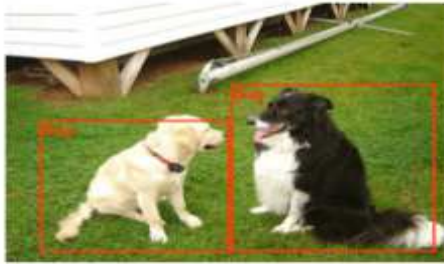
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Method	Test split	aeroplane	bicycle	bird	boat	bottle	bus	cat	chair	cow	dining table	horse	motorbike	person	potted plant	sheep	tvmonitor	car	dog	sofa	train	mAP (%)
LE	v	.46	.50	.44	.28	.12	.59	.44	.20	.11	.38	.35	.47	.65	.16	.18	.53	-	-	-	-	36.8
	t	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.54	.79	.45	.12	47.9
	v+t	.34	.48	.40	.23	.12	.34	.28	.12	.09	.32	.28	.36	.60	.15	.13	.50	.27	.26	.20	.05	27.4
CC	v	.69	.74	.72	.63	.43	.83	.73	.43	.43	.66	.78	.80	.75	.41	.62	.75	-	-	-	-	65.0
	t	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.60	.85	.44	.27	53.8
	v+t	.67	.73	.70	.59	.41	.61	.58	.32	.32	.65	.74	.68	.72	.39	.57	.72	.49	.24	.10	.15	52.0
H	v	.70	.73	.76	.54	.42	.86	.64	.40	.54	.75	.80	.80	.75	.34	.69	.79	-	-	-	-	<b>65.6</b>
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# Example detections





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# Problem Statement

- **Motivation:** Overcome the data collection bottleneck in image captioning.
- **Task:** Define a new paradigm for generating captions of unseen classes.
- **Key Idea:** Use zero-shot object detector with template based sentence generator.

# Zero-shot Image Captioning

## Image Captioning





**Visual  
Input**

**Textual  
Input**

“a **person** riding a  
**horse**”

# Zero-shot Image Captioning

{**person**, **horse**}  $\in$  unseen classes

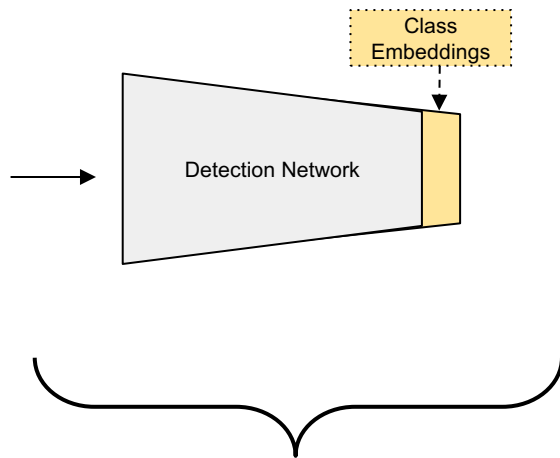
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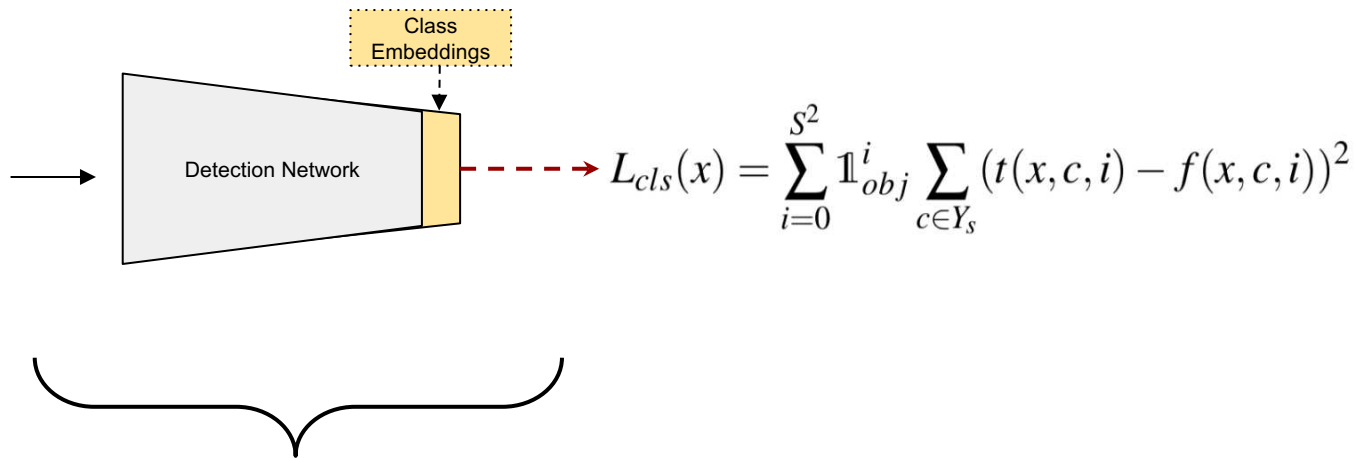
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# Framework - Fully Zero-shot Image Captioning



Zero-Shot Object Detector

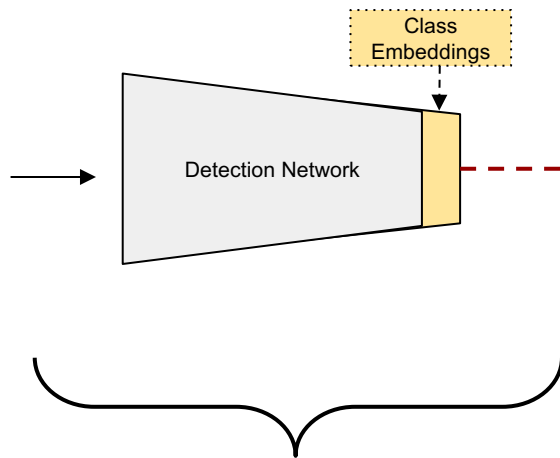
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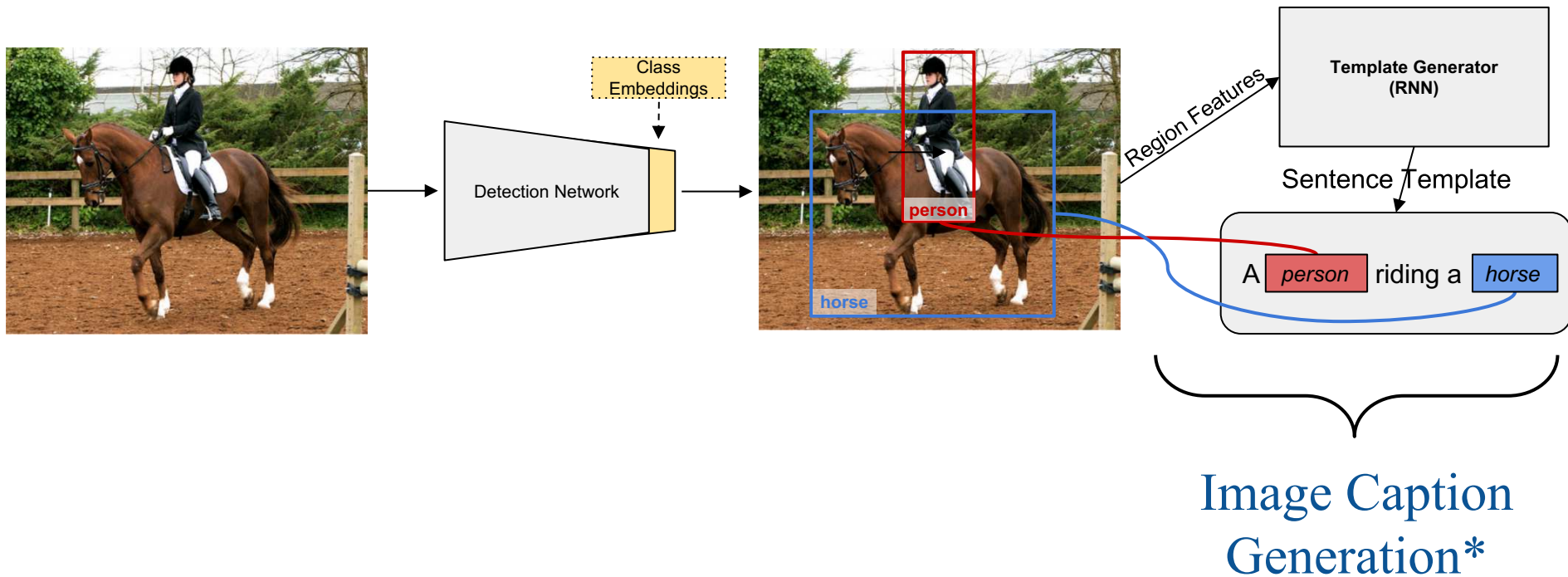


$$L_{cls}(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{S^2} \mathbb{1}_{obj}^i \sum_{c \in Y_s} (t(x, c, i) - f(x, c, i))^2$$

$$f(x, c, i) = \frac{\Omega(x, i)^T \Psi(c)}{\|\Omega(x, i)\| \|\Psi(c)\|}$$

Zero-Shot Object Detector

# Framework - Fully Zero-shot Image Captioning



\* Lu, Jiasen, et al. "Neural baby talk." CVPR 2018.

# Generalized Zero-shot Detection

- There can still be a significant bias towards the seen classes.
- Aim to overcome this problem by introducing a scaling coefficient:

$$f(x, c, i) = \begin{cases} \alpha f(x, c, i), & \text{if } c \in \hat{Y}_s \\ f(x, c, i), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

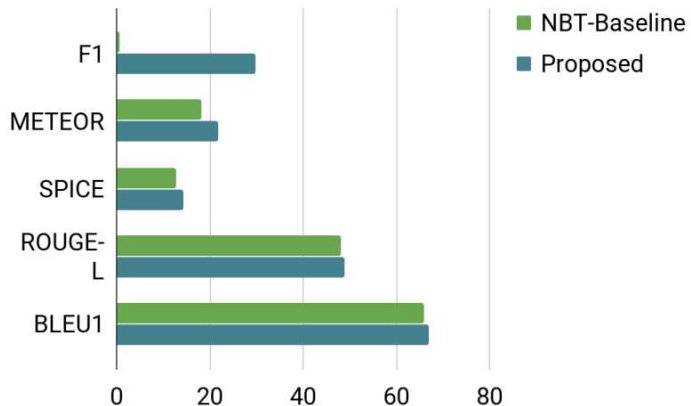
# Experimental Setup

- **Dataset:** MSCOCO splits for evaluating zero-shot image captioning.
- **Evaluation:** F1 score, METEOR, SPICE, ROUGE-L, BLEU metrics.
- **Class Embeddings:** Use 300-dim word2vec of class embeddings.
- **ZSD Evaluation:** COCO validation images consist of only unseen objects.
- **GZSD Evaluation:** Use COCO val5k split, which contains both seen and unseen class instances.

# Generalized-ZSD results

Classes	GZSD w/o $\alpha$	GZSD
Bottle	0	0.8
Bus	0	21.4
Couch	2.7	4.9
Microware	0	1.2
Pizza	0	4.8
Racket	0	0.7
Suitcase	0	9.1
Zebra	0	15.8
U-mAP(%)	0.3	7.3
S-mAP(%)	27.4	19.2
Harmonic Mean	0.7	10.6

# Image Captioning Results



## Comparison Results



**NBT- Baseline**

A piece of **cake** on a white plate.

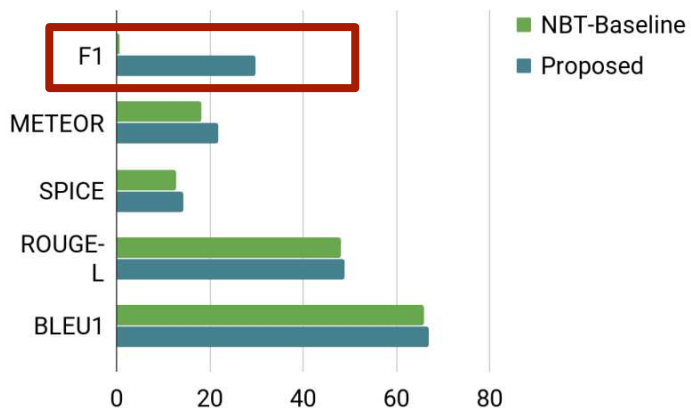
A yellow and black **train** traveling down the road.

**Proposed**

A piece of **pizza** on a white plate.

A yellow and black **bus** driving down a road.

# Image Captioning Results



## Comparison Results



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# Qualitative Results

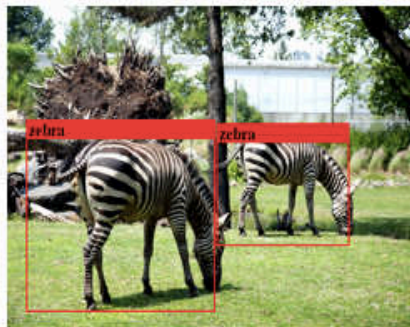
Image captioning results of images which consist of **seen** and **unseen** classes:



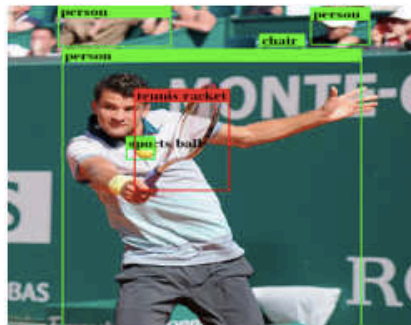
A small white **dog** is sitting on a **couch**.



A red **bus** is driving down the street.



A couple of **zebra** standing in a field.



A **tennis player** is about to hit a **racket**.



A white plate topped with a piece of **pizza**.



A kitchen with a **microwave** and a counter.



## In summary,

- a **new** paradigm for generating captions of **unseen classes**.
- a **novel** approach for generalized zero-shot object detection problem.

# Conclusions

- Towards semantically rich recognition systems, build models that are
  - more flexible
  - more tightly integrated with language
  - requires less supervision
- Presented:
  - Gradient Matching Networks
    - GMN can be used for **semi-supervised / transductive training** not only for ZSL but also in traditional classification and few-shot learning settings
  - A zero-shot object detection approach
  - A approach for Captioning with Unseen Objects

# Thank you!