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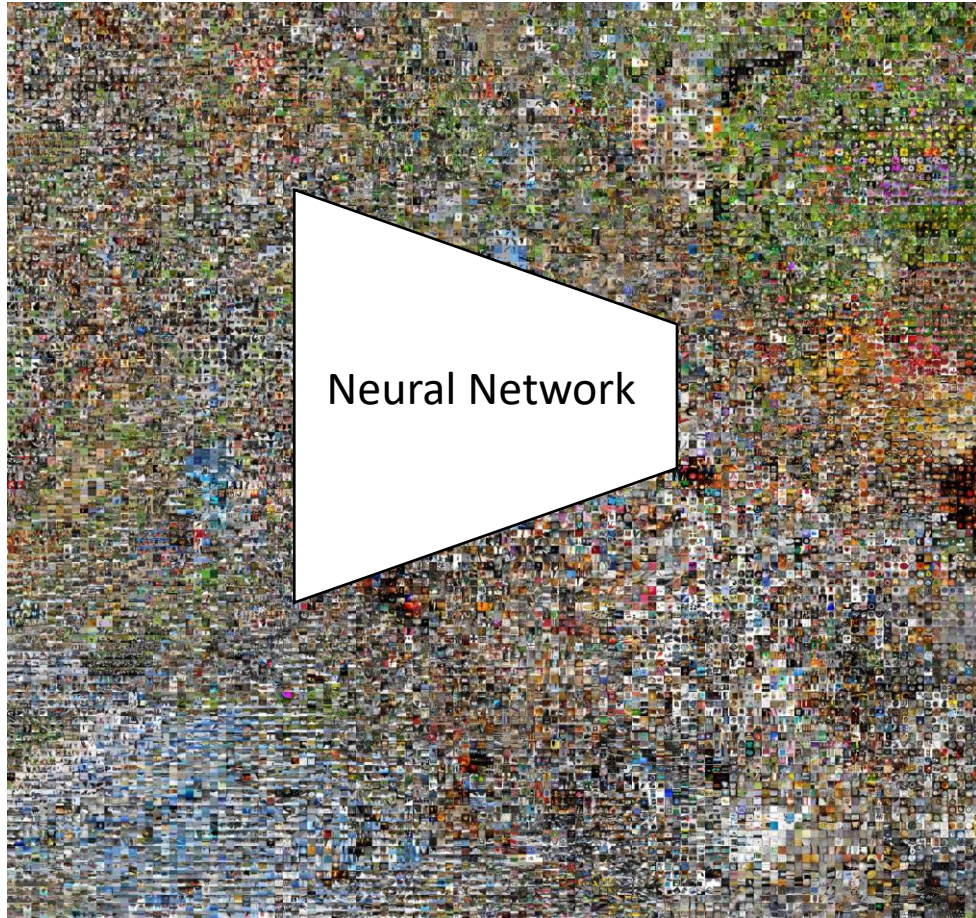
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# Few-shot image classification



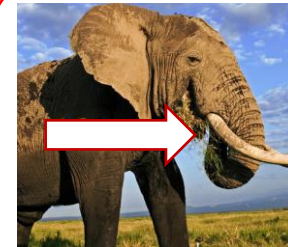
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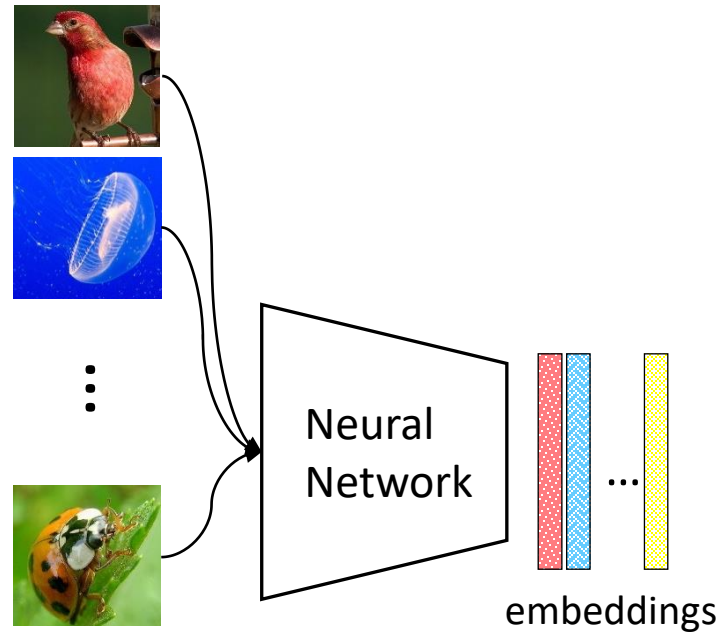
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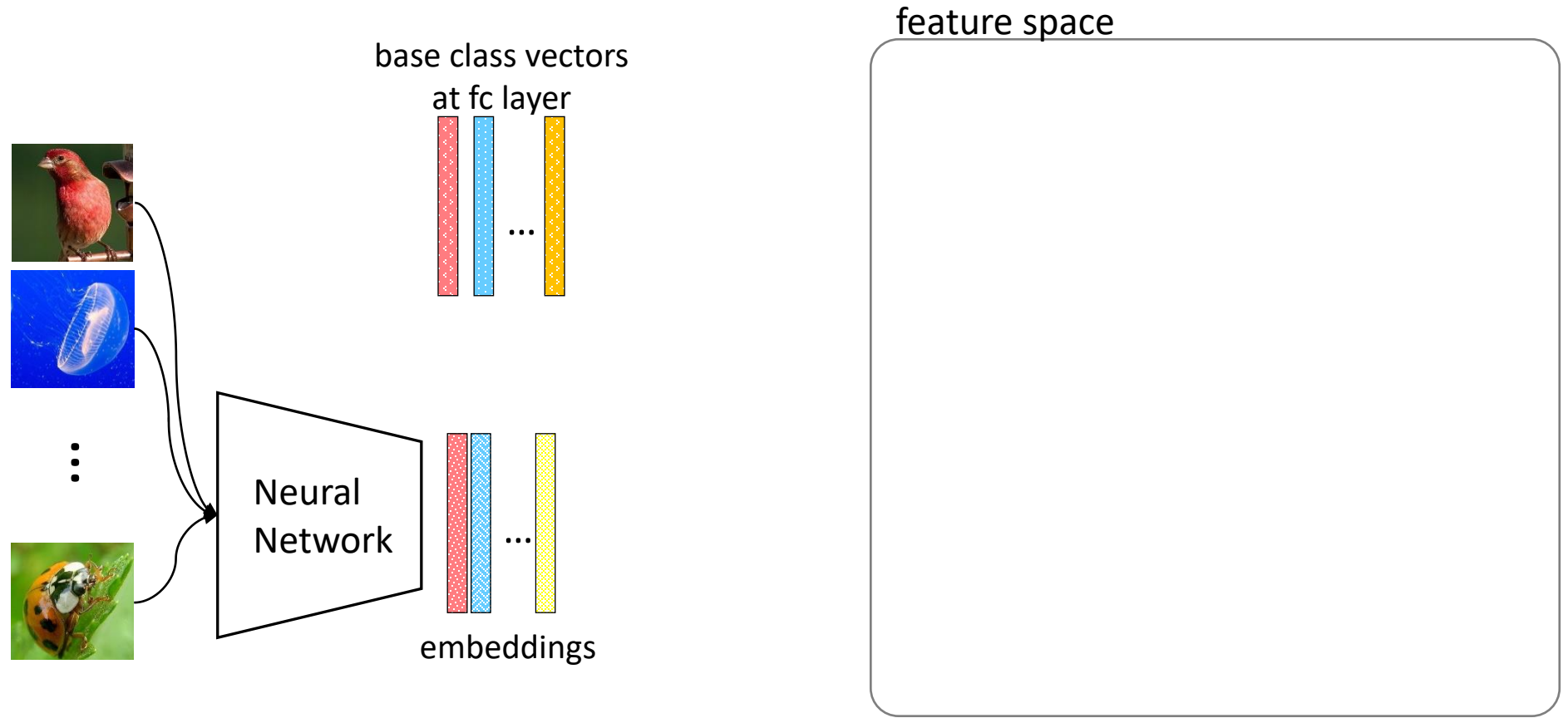
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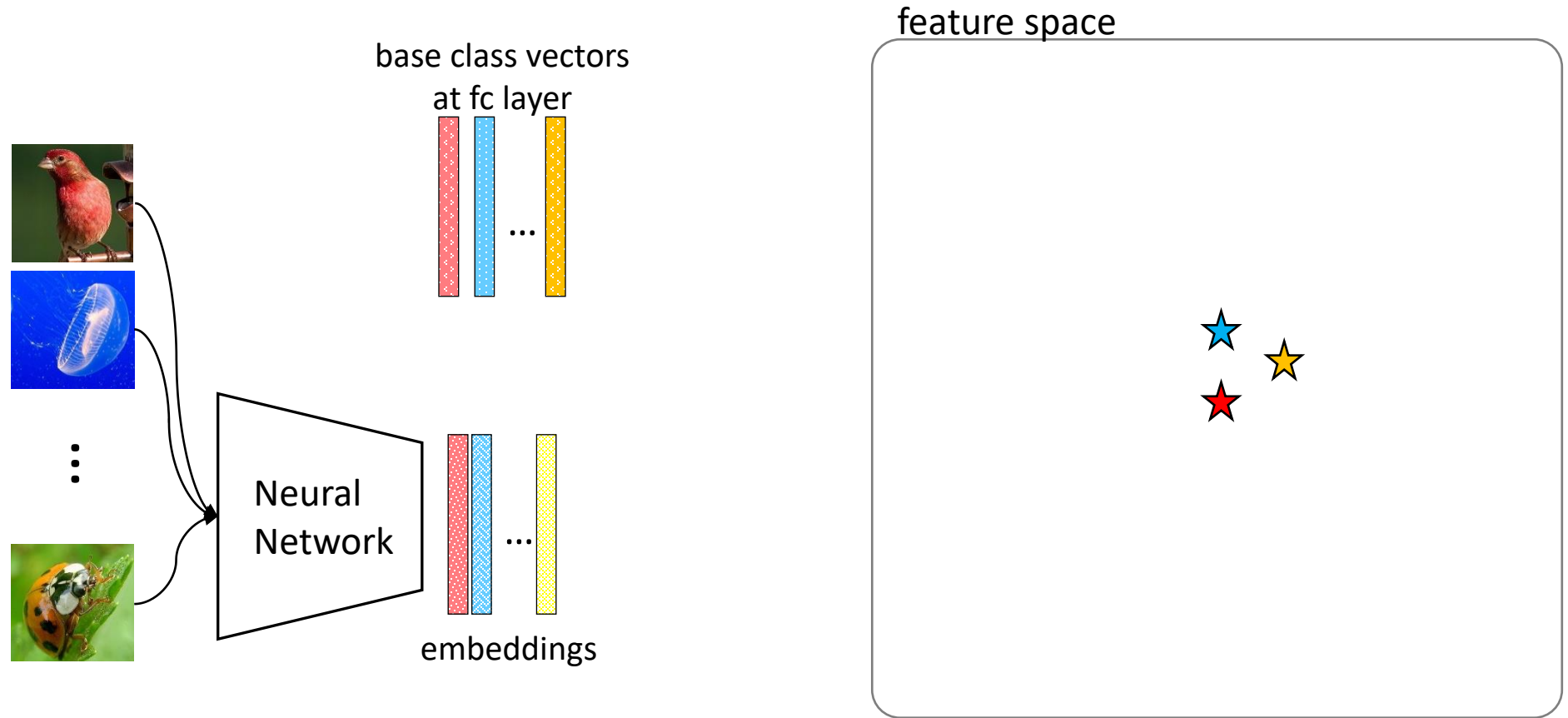
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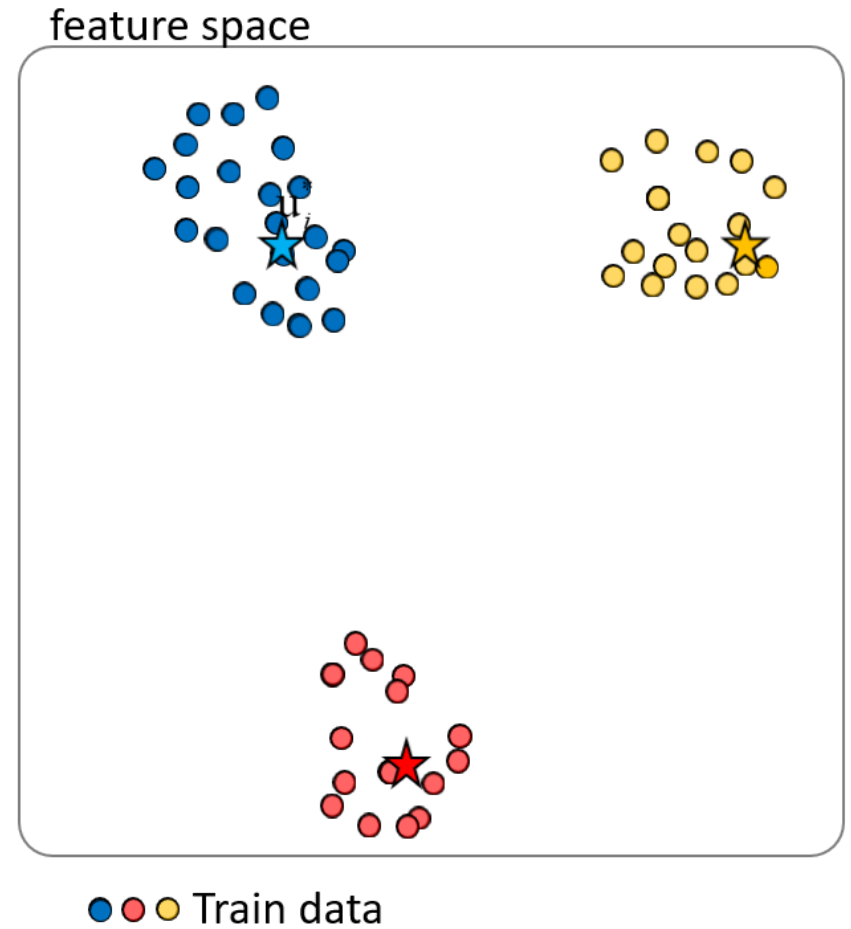
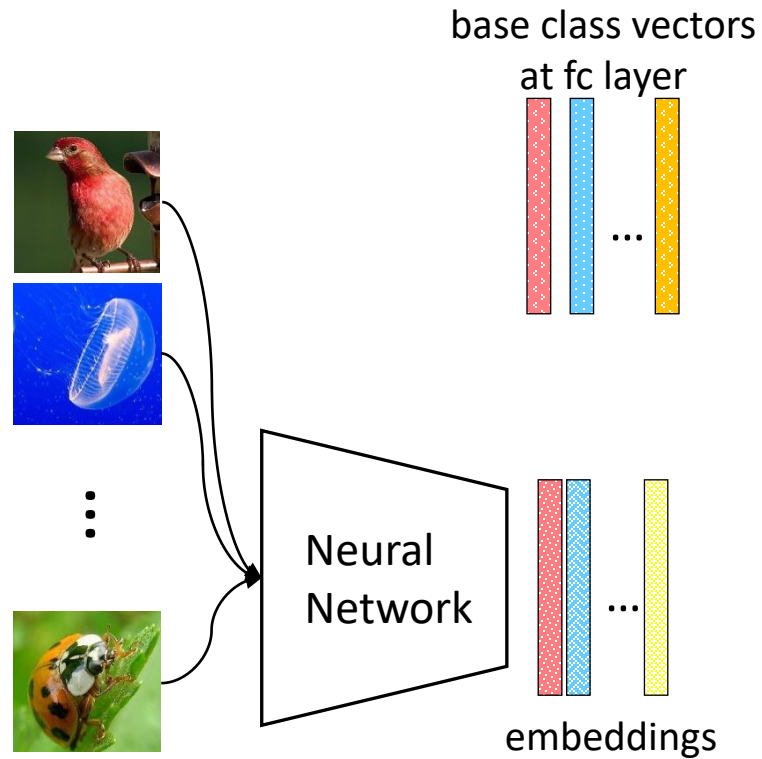


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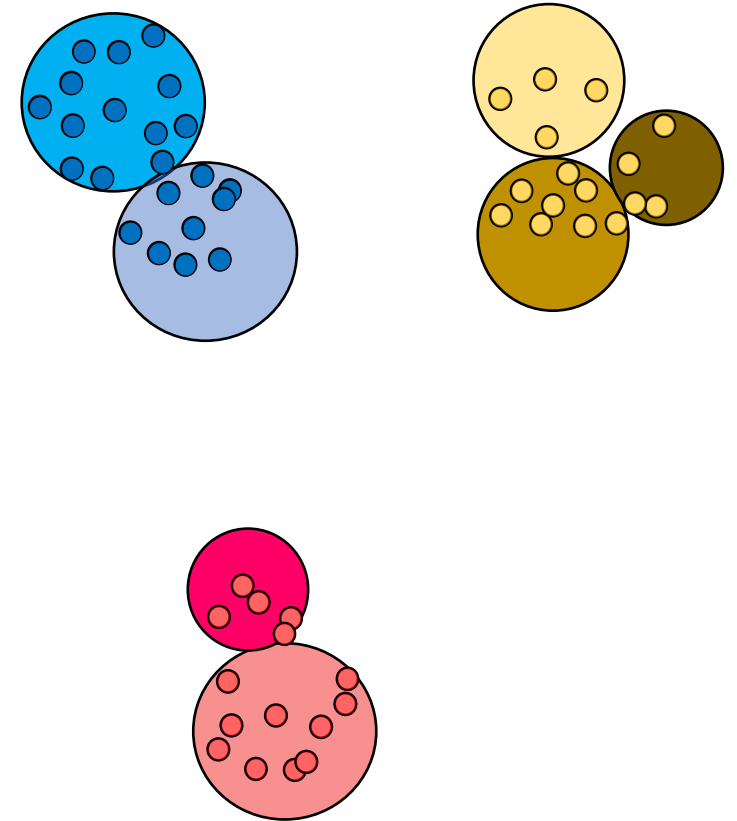




# Infinite mixture prototypes

Kelsey R. Allen, Evan Shelhamer, Hanul Shin, Joshua B. Tenenbaum, ICML 2019.

- uses DP-means in **non-differentiable** way
- temporary clustering inside each batch in **offline manner**



We propose a multimodal method that is

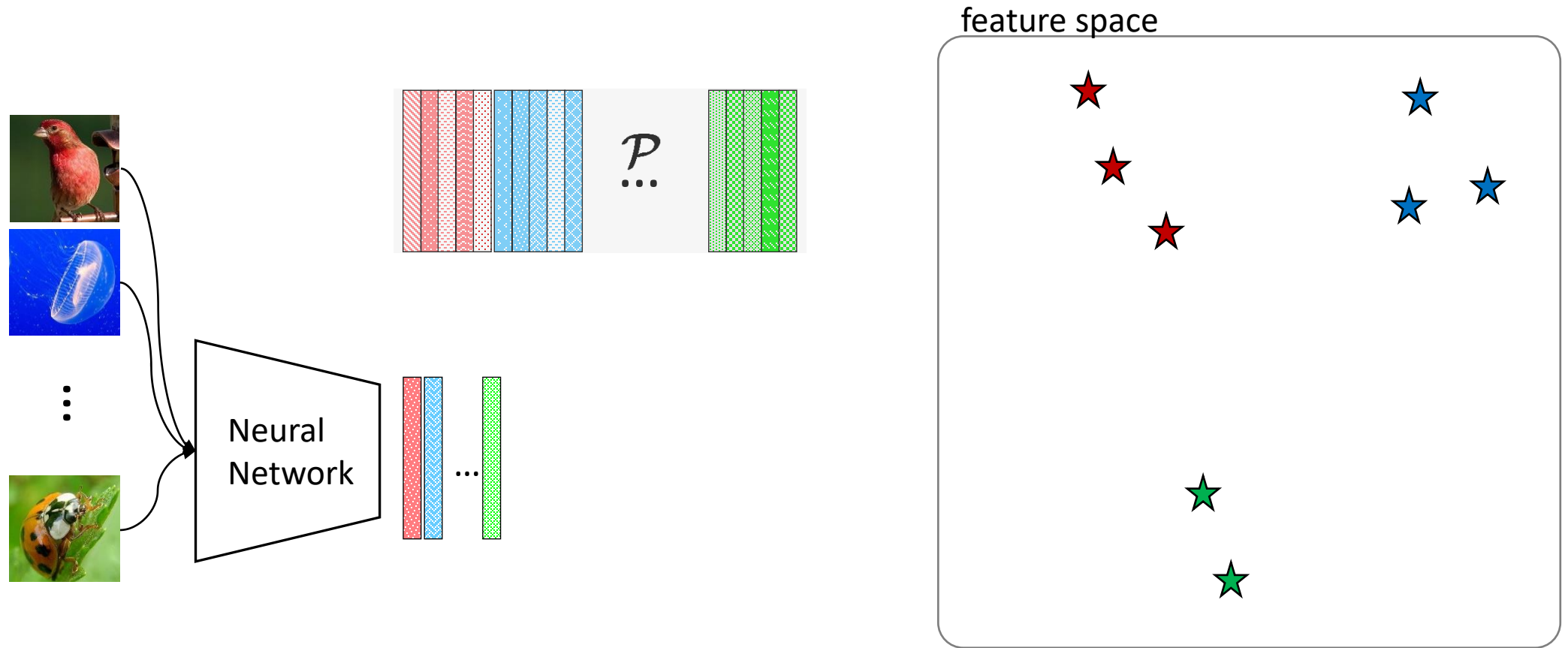
- **fully differentiable**
- trainable in an **end-to-end** manner
- **without any clustering** algorithm

# Mixture-based Feature Space Learning

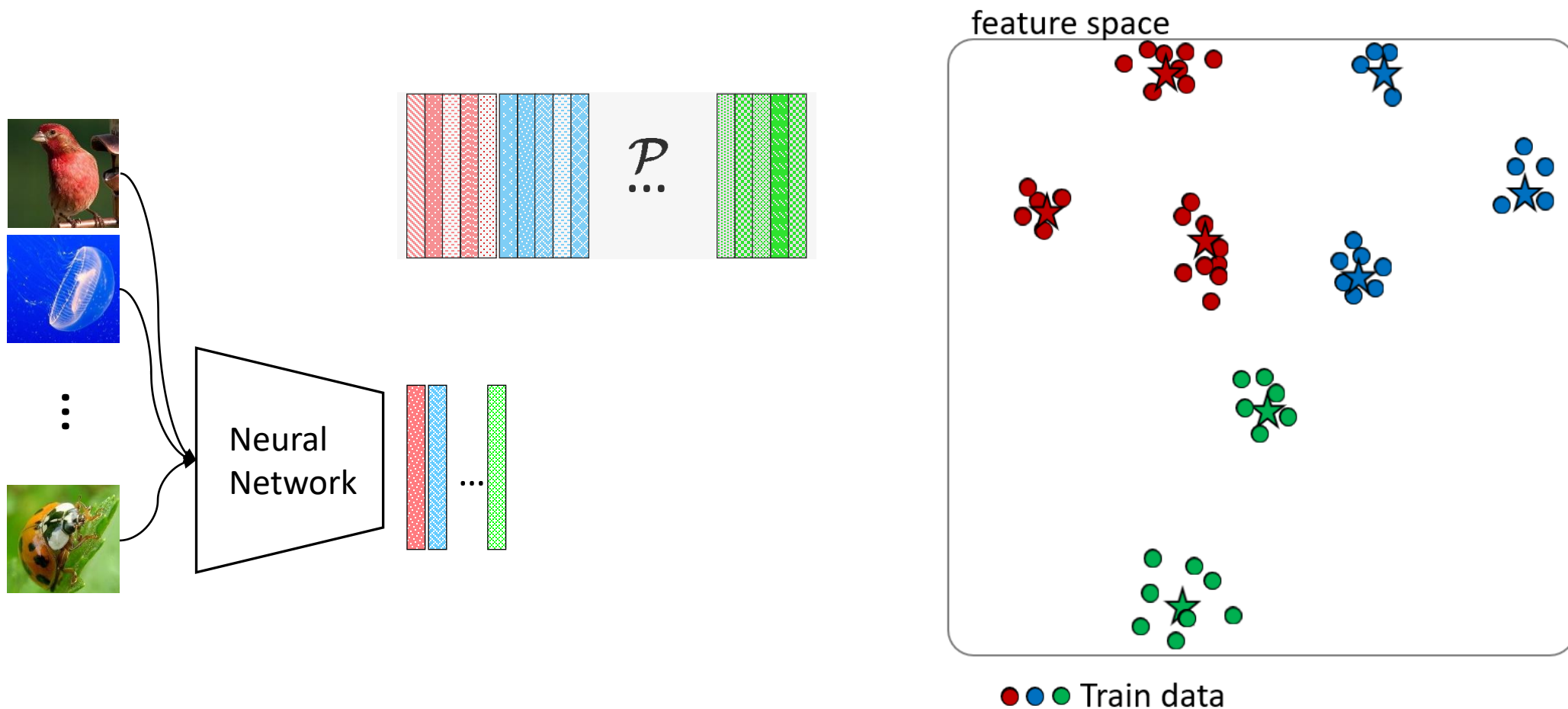
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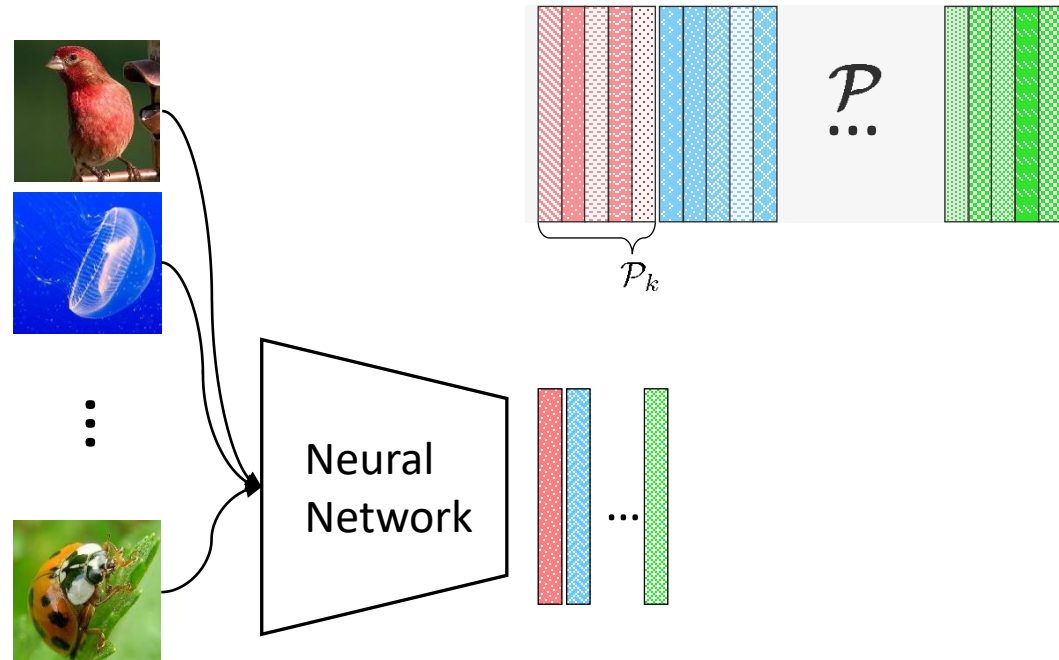
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Phase 2: Progressive following

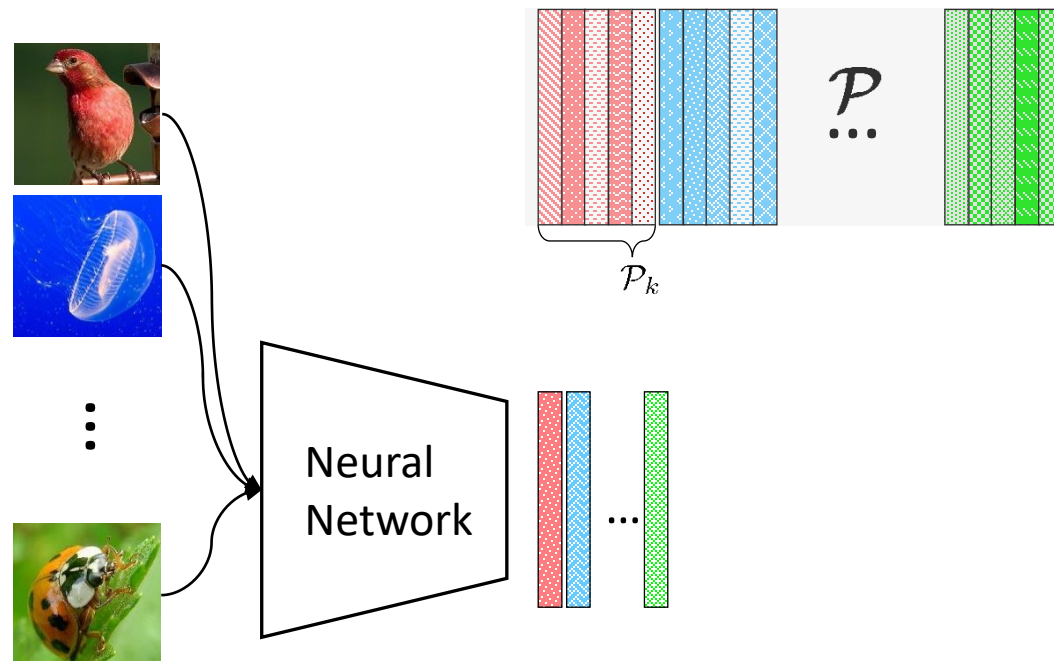
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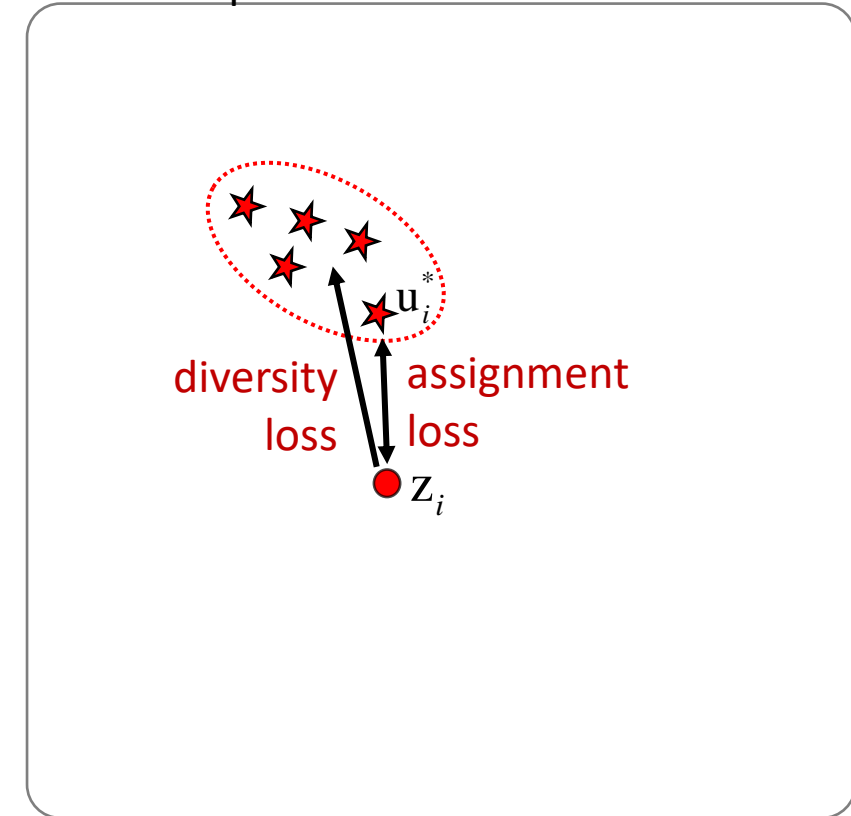
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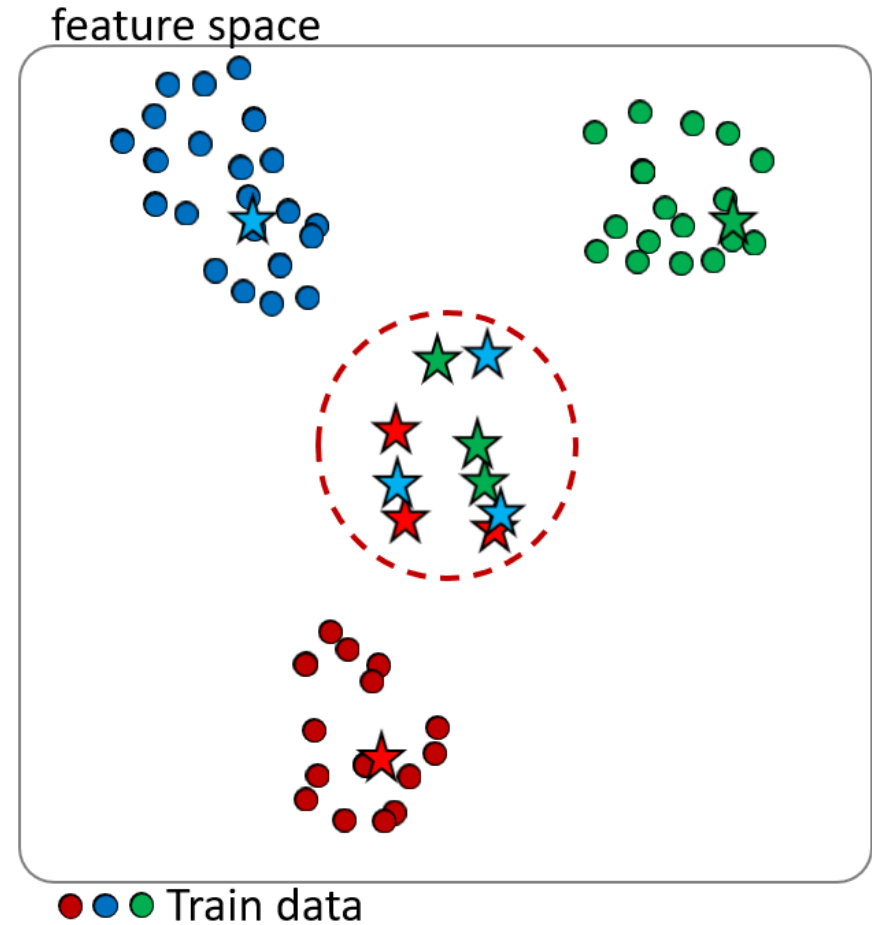


feature space



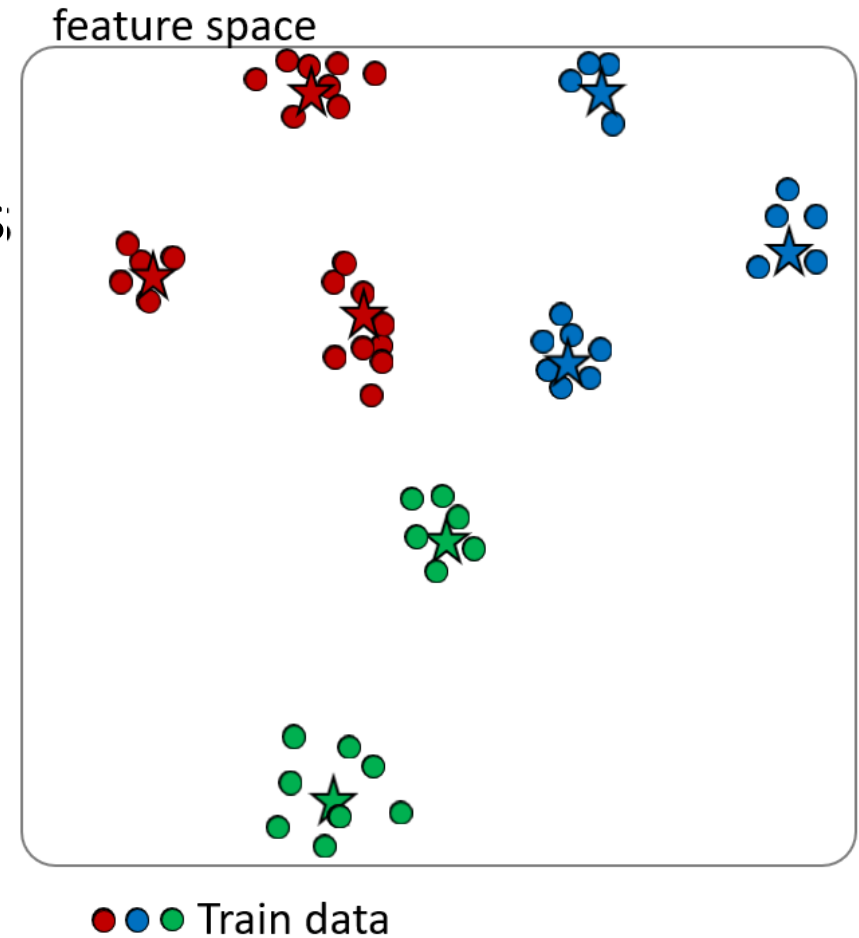
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Training **only** with assignment loss



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Training **with both** assignment and diversity losses;



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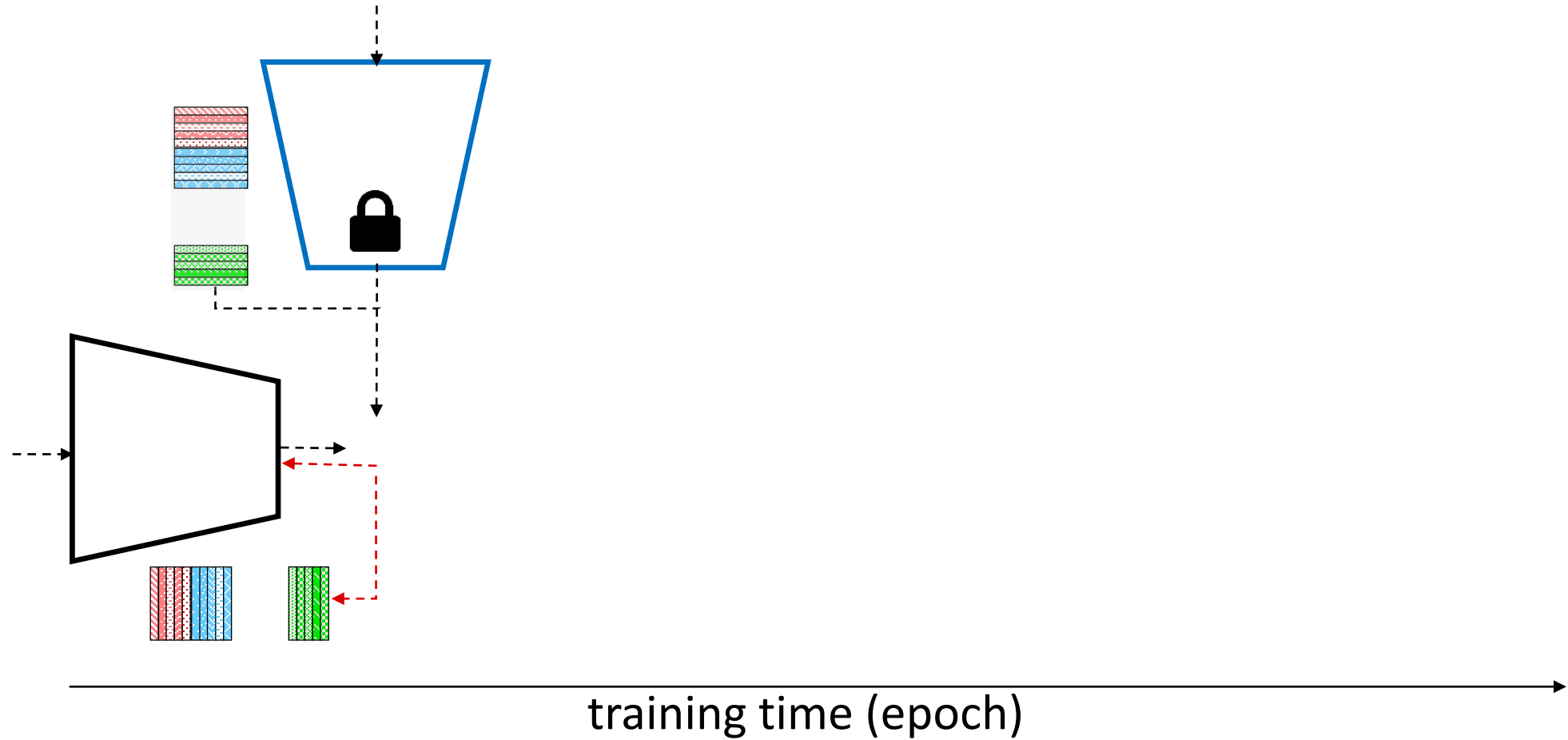
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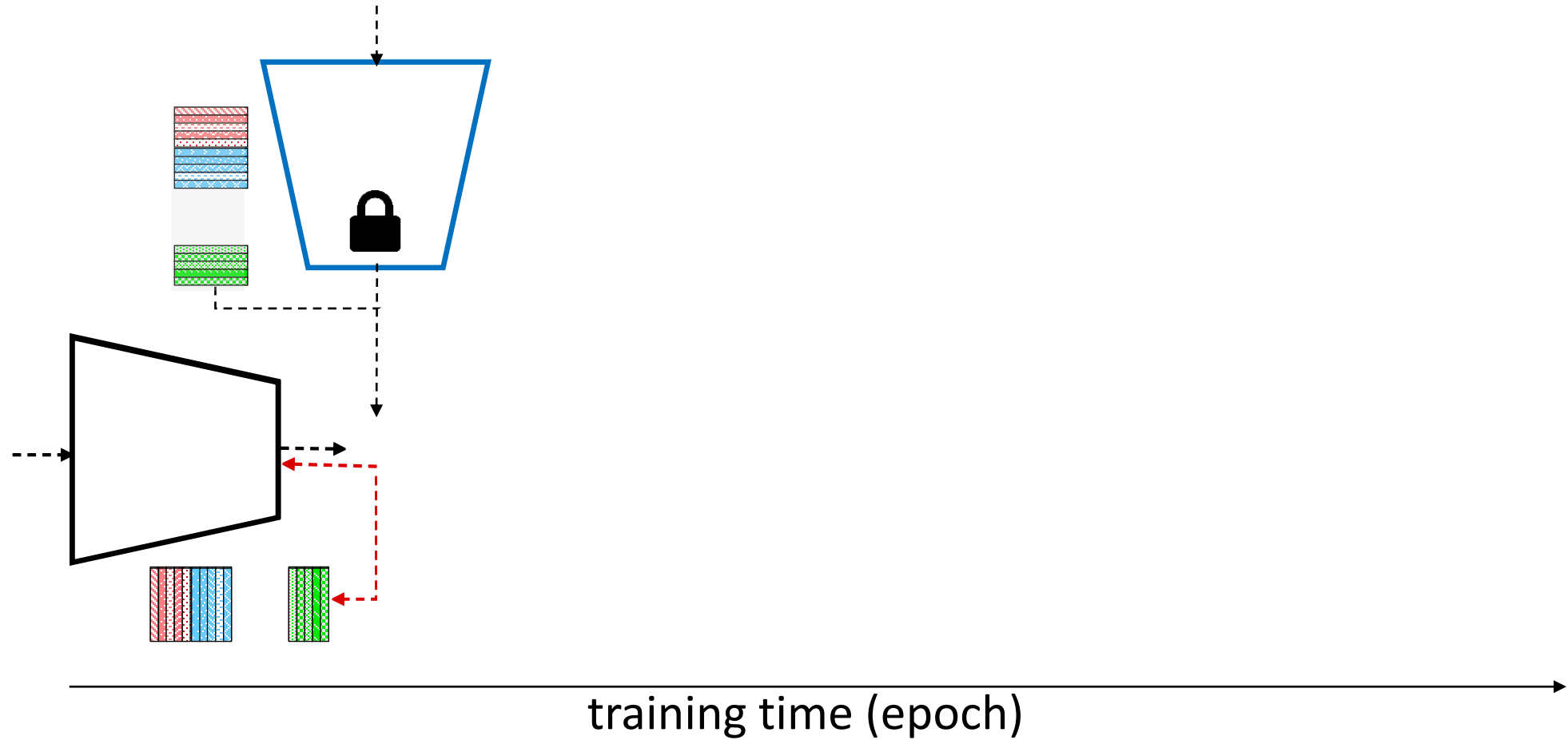


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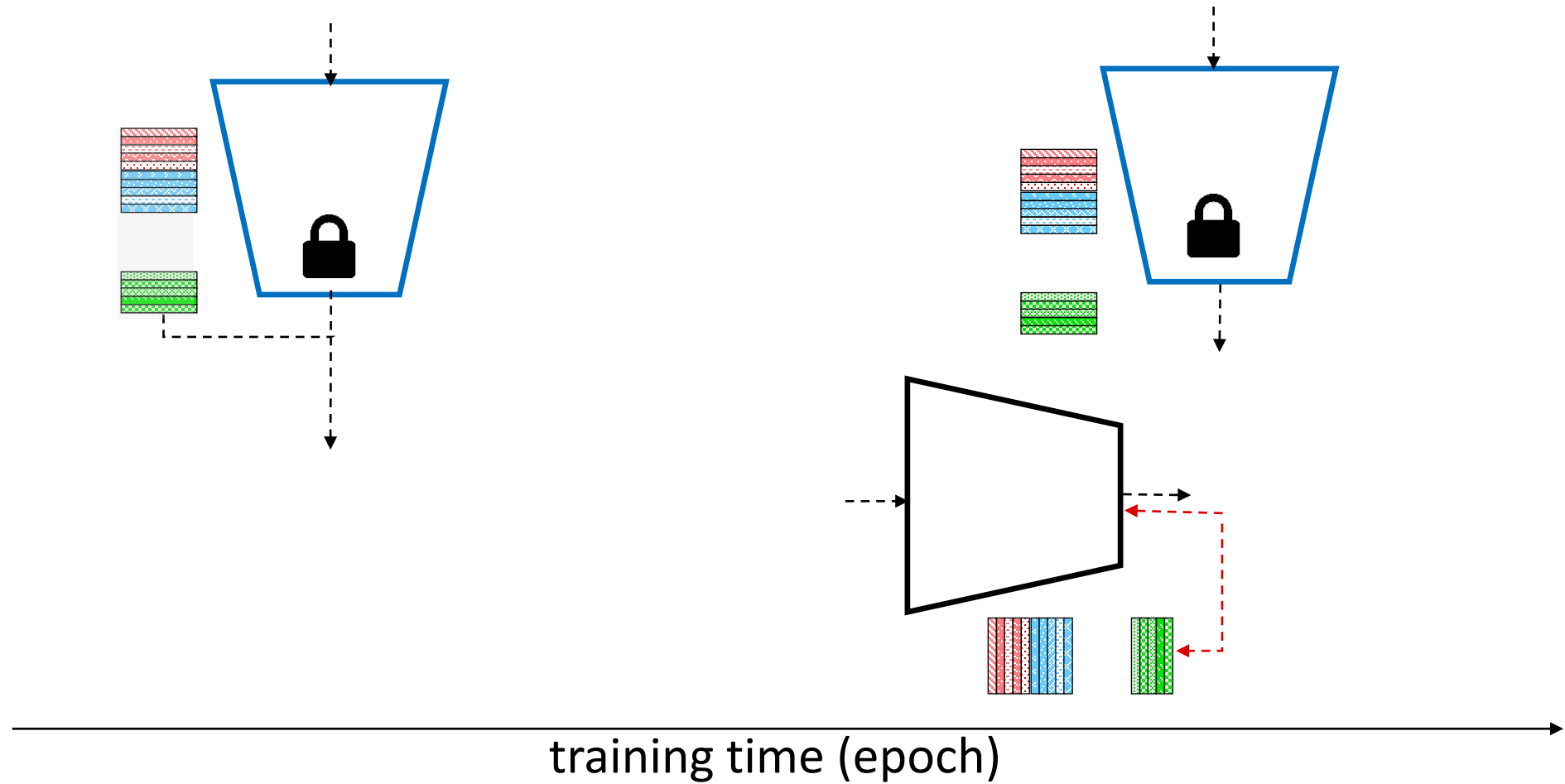
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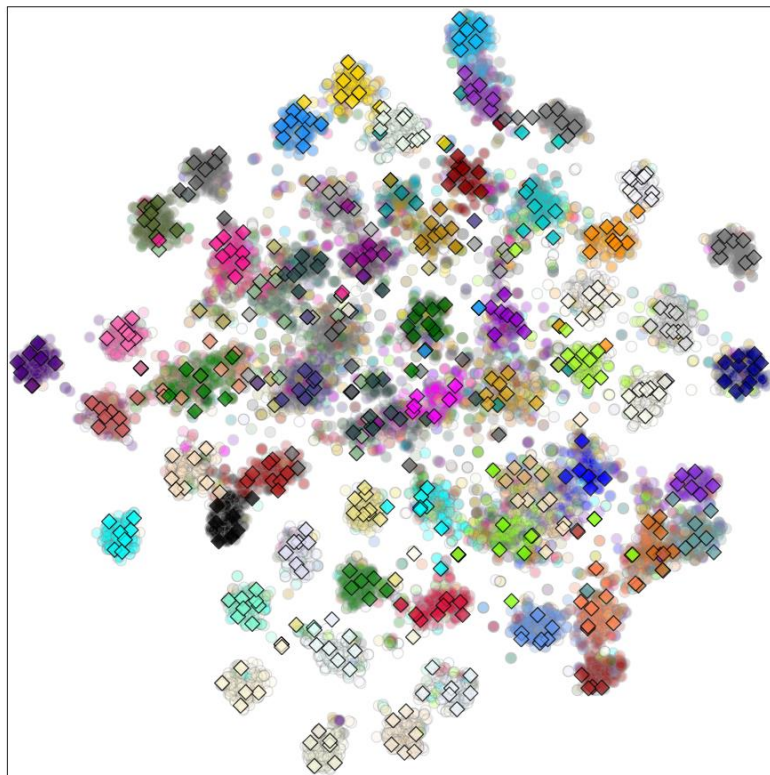
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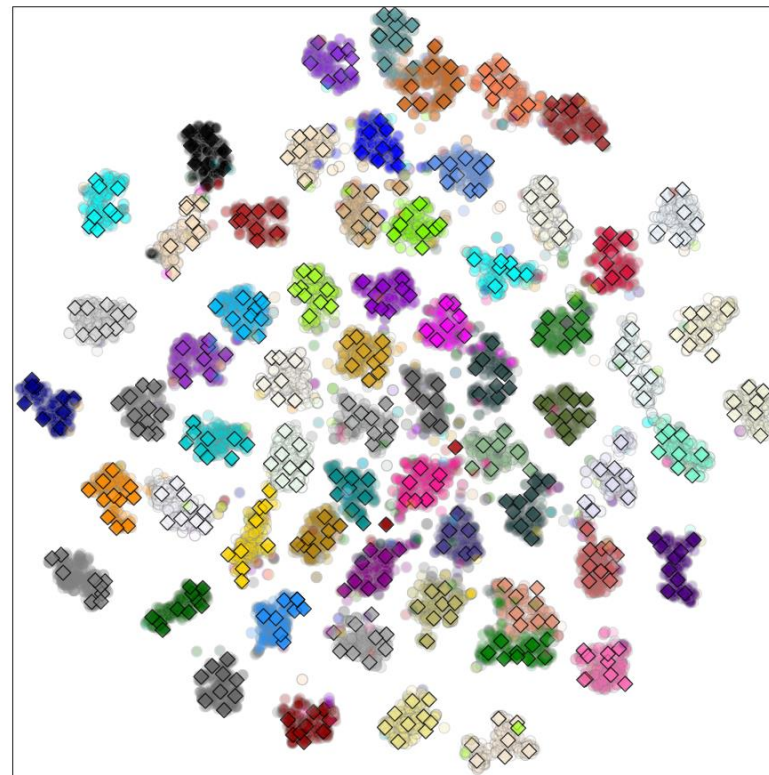
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(a) after initial training



(b) after progressive following

# Evaluations

## Datasets

MinImageNet

TieredImageNet

FC100

CUB

## Backbones

Conv4

ResNet-12

WideResNet

ResNet-18

# miniImageNet

## ResNet-12

Method	1-shot	5-shot
DNS [62]	62.64	78.83
Var.FSL [87]	61.23	77.69
MTL [66]	61.20	75.50
SNAIL [46]	55.71	68.88
AdaResNet [48]	56.88	71.94
TADAM [49]	58.50	76.70
MetaOptNet [37]	62.64	78.63
Simple [69]	62.02	79.64
TapNet [83]	61.65	76.36
Neg-Margin [41]	63.85	81.57
MixtFSL (ours)	63.98	82.04

→ + 0.47



# tieredImageNet

Method	Backbone	1-shot	5-shot
DNS [62]	RN-12	66.22	82.79
MetaOptNet [37]	RN-12	65.99	81.56
Simple [69]	RN-12	69.74	84.41
TapNet [83]	RN-12	63.08	80.26
Arcmax* [1]	RN-12	68.02	83.99
MixtFSL (ours)	RN-12	<b>70.97</b>	<b>86.16</b>
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# FC100

Method	Backbone	1-shot	5-shot
TADAM [49]	RN-12	40.1	56.1
MetaOptNet [37]	RN-12	41.1	55.5
ProtoNet <sup>†</sup> [64]	RN-12	37.5	52.5
MTL [66]	RN-12	43.6	55.4
MixtFSL (ours)	RN-12	<b>44.89</b>	<b>60.70</b>
Arcmax [1]	RN-18	40.84	57.02
MixtFSL (ours)	RN-18	<b>41.50</b>	<b>58.39</b>

→ + 4.60

# CUB and cross domain

Method	CUB		miniIN→CUB
	1-shot	5-shot	5-shot
GNN-LFT <sup>◇</sup> [70]	51.51	73.11	—
Robust-20 [13]	58.67	75.62	—
RelationNet <sup>‡</sup> [67]	67.59	82.75	57.71
MAML <sup>‡</sup> [18]	68.42	83.47	51.34
ProtoNet <sup>‡</sup> [64]	71.88	86.64	62.02
Baseline++ [8]	67.02	83.58	64.38
Arcmax [1]	71.37	85.74	64.93
Neg-Margin [41]	72.66	89.40	67.03
MixtFSL (ours)	73.94	86.01	68.77

+ 1.74

# Extension with associative alignment

Afrasiyabi et al. ECCV 2020.

miniImageNet

Method	1-shot	5-shot
Cent. Align.* [1]	63.44	80.96
MixtFSL-Align. (ours)	<b>64.38</b>	<b>82.45</b>

tieredImageNet

Method	1-shot	5-shot
Cent. Align.* [1]	71.08	86.32
MixtFSL-Align. (ours)	<b>71.83</b>	<b>88.20</b>

# MixtFSL in summary

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We introduce a **fully differentiable end-to-end** representation learning method

We present a **robust two-stage algorithm** for training such a model

Our method **achieves the state-of-the-art** results on four datasets with four backbones



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## Thank you for your attention!

Visit our project webpage at <https://lvsn.github.io/MixtFSL/>



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