

Test-time Adaptation: Formulations, Methods and Benchmarks

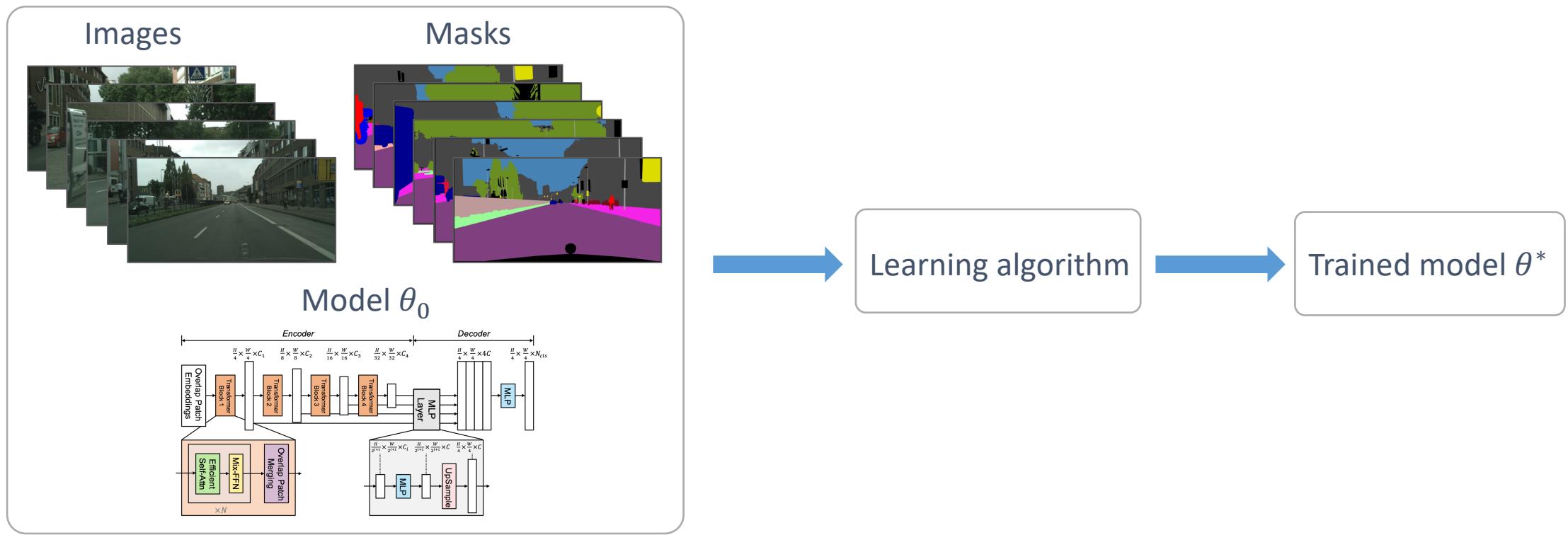
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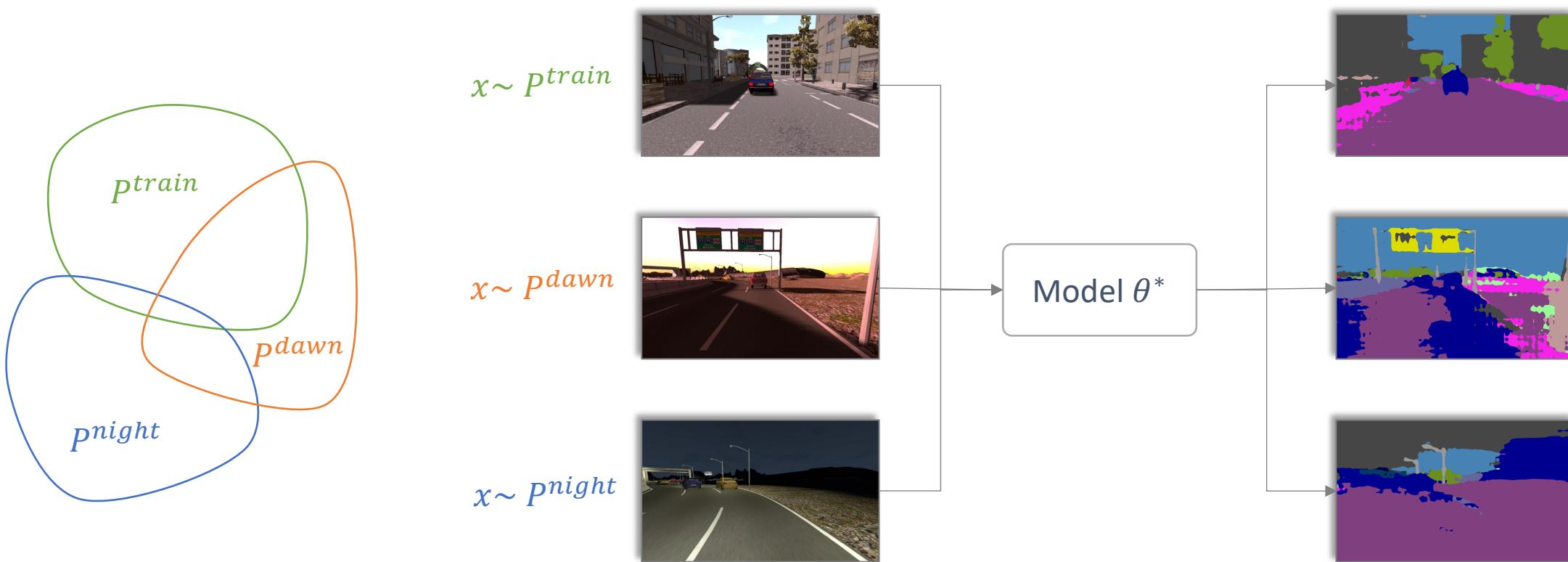
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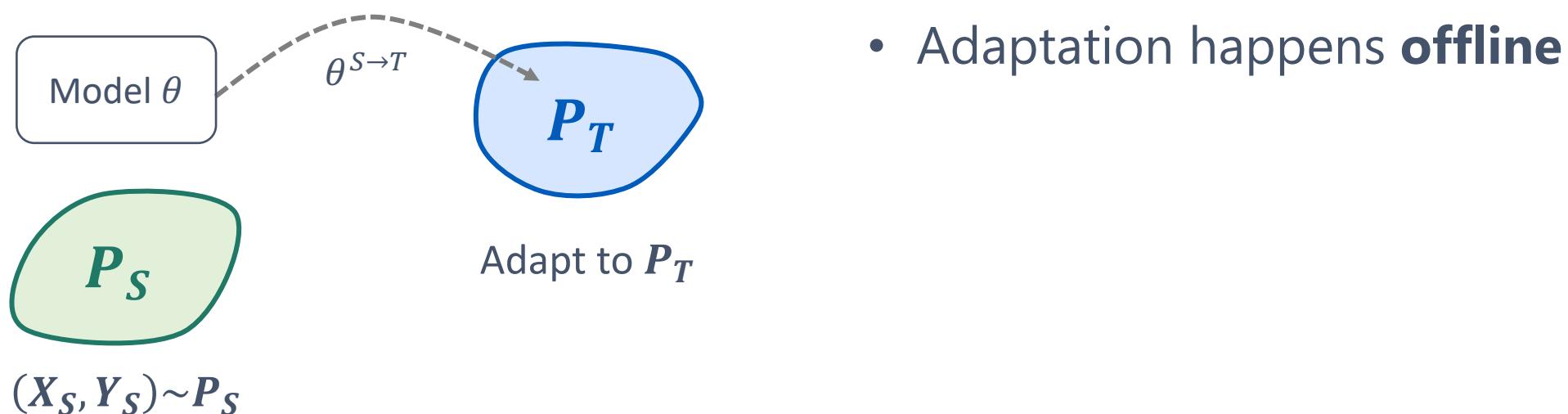
How to address domain shifts?

- A very large number of sub-fields
 - Supervised domain adaptation
 - Semi-supervised domain adaptation
 - Unsupervised domain adaptation
 - Domain generalization
 - ...
- We focus here on **test-time adaptation**

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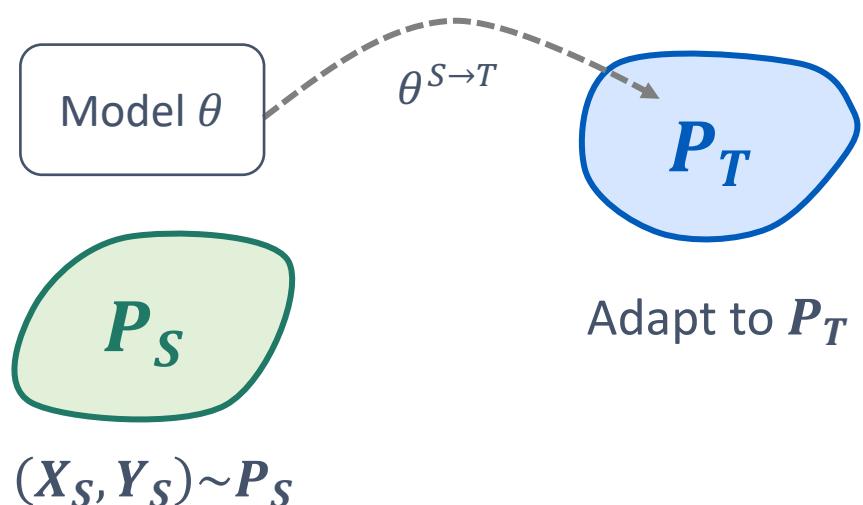
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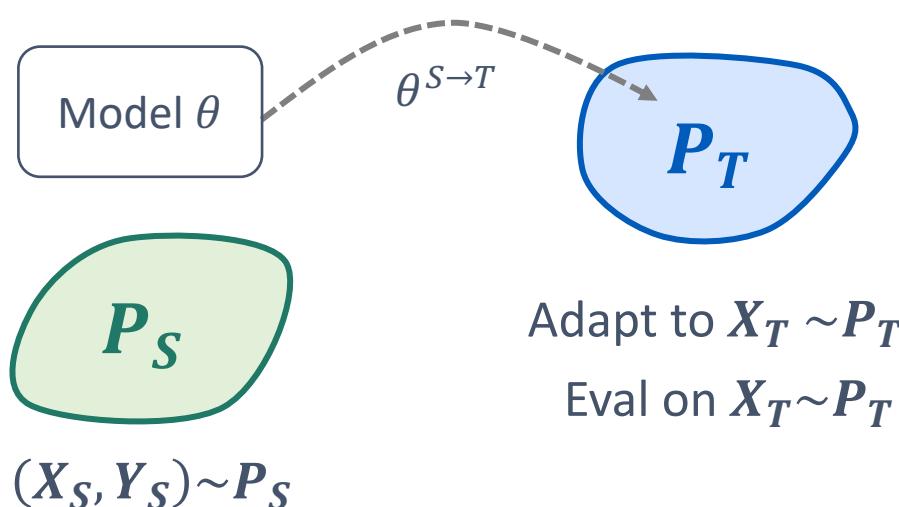
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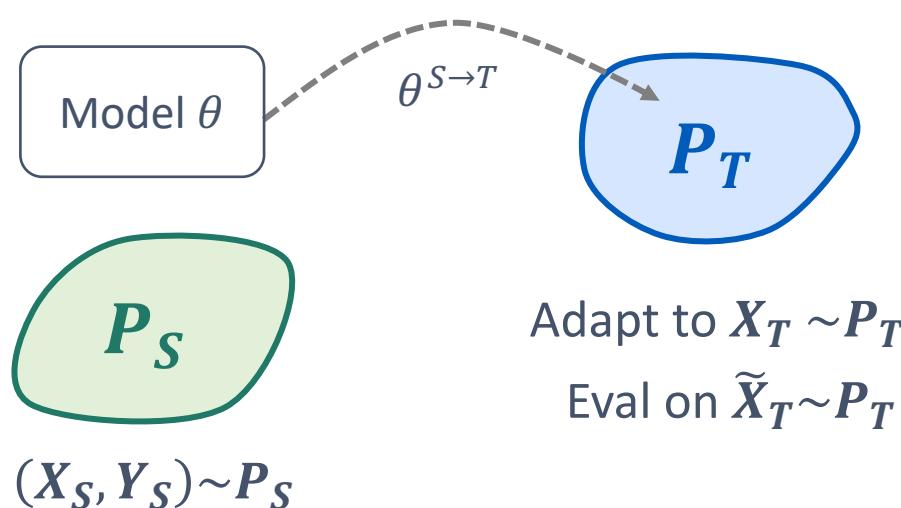
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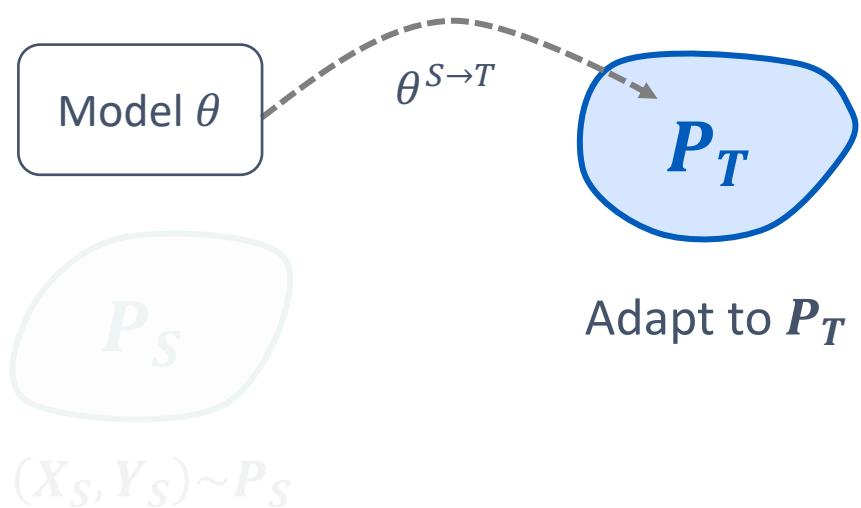
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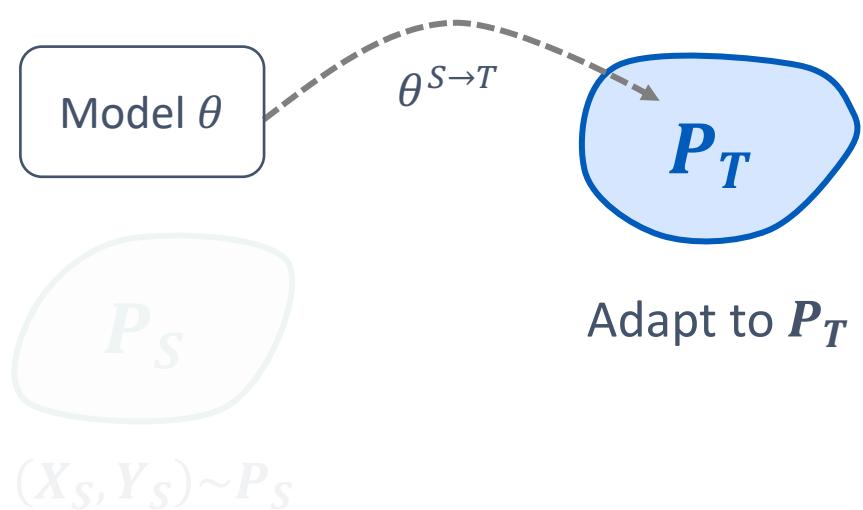
- “**Source-free**” UDA: adapt from one or few **source** domains to one or few **target** domains



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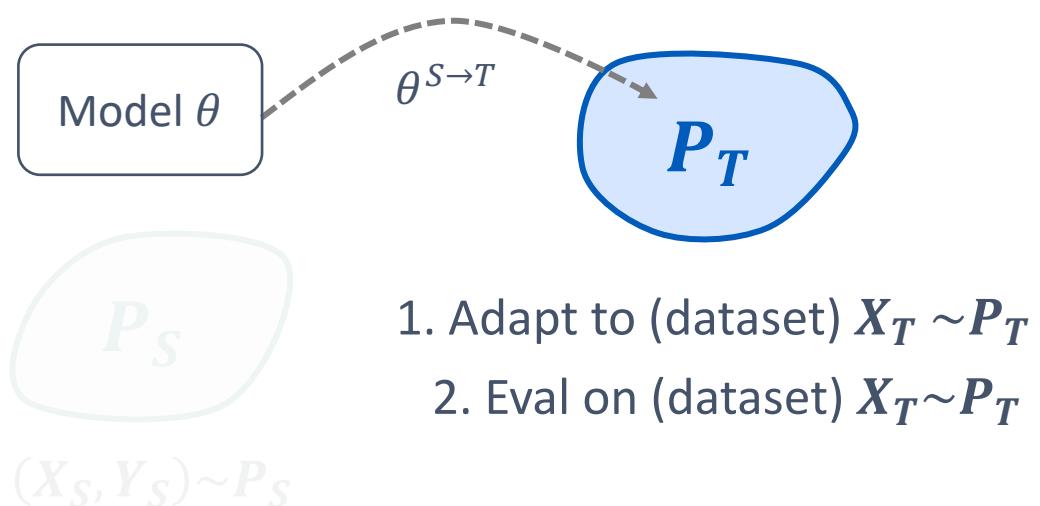
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 - **Online**
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- “**Test-time Adaptation**” = “**Source-free Adaptation**”

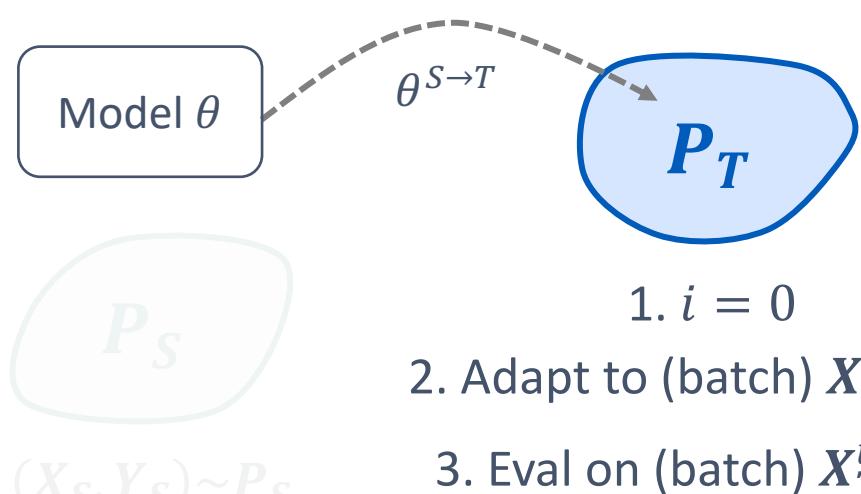


1. Adapt to (dataset) $X_T \sim P_T$
2. Eval on (dataset) $X_T \sim P_T$

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Problem formulation

- “Test-time Adaptation”



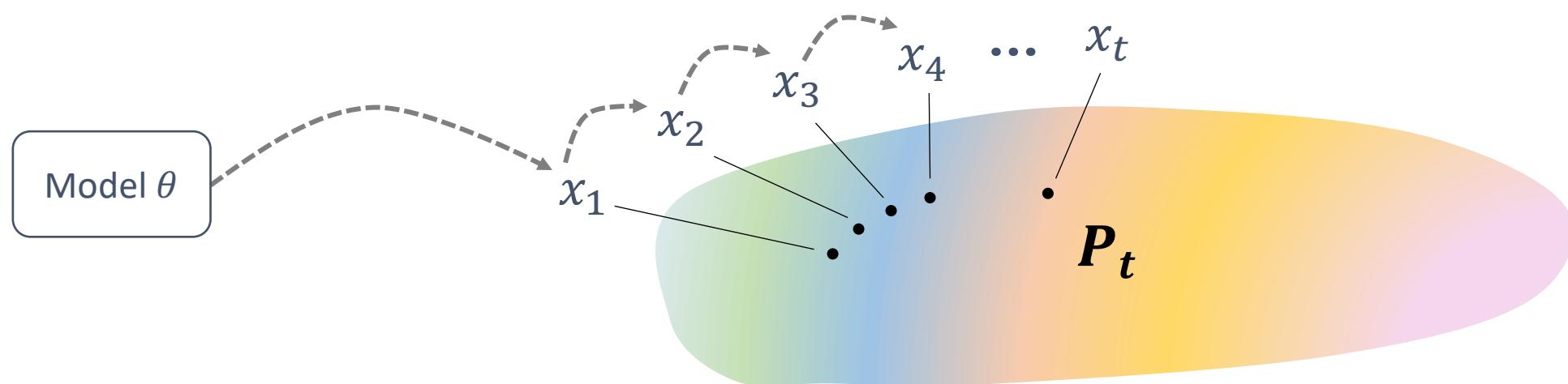
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We can also relax
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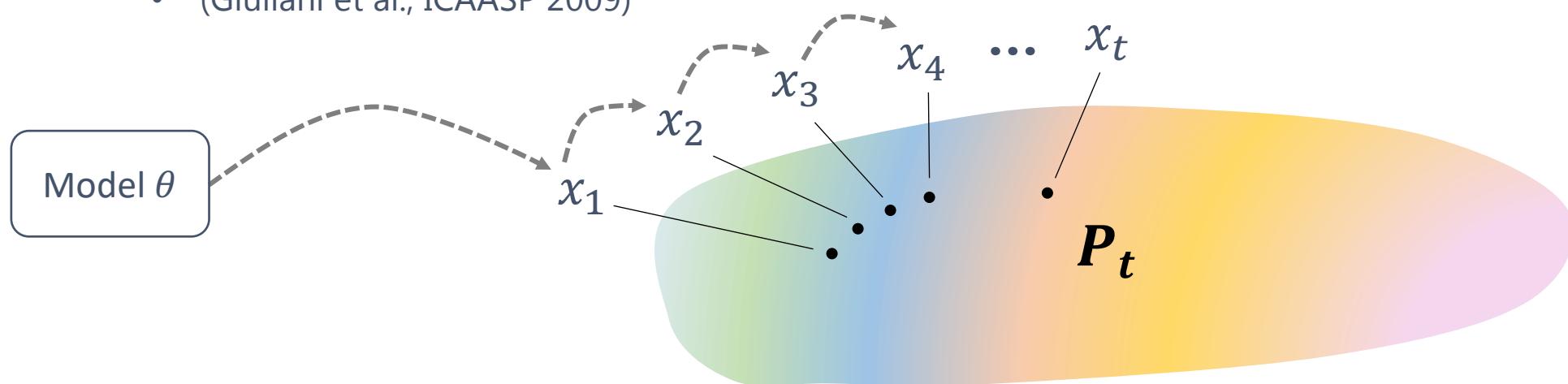
Problem formulation

- “**Continual TTA**”: frame-by-frame adaptation with **continuous shifts**
 - Samples are drawn from an **ever-changing distribution** $\rightarrow (x_t)_{0}^{\infty} \sim P_t$
 - Each sample/batch X_t represents an **adaptation problem in itself**



Problem formulation

- “**Continual TTA**”: **frame-by-frame** adaptation with **continuous shifts**
 - Seminal works in this setting are from the NLP literature
 - (Dredzer and Crammer, EMNLP 2009)
 - (Giuliani et al., ICAASP 2009)

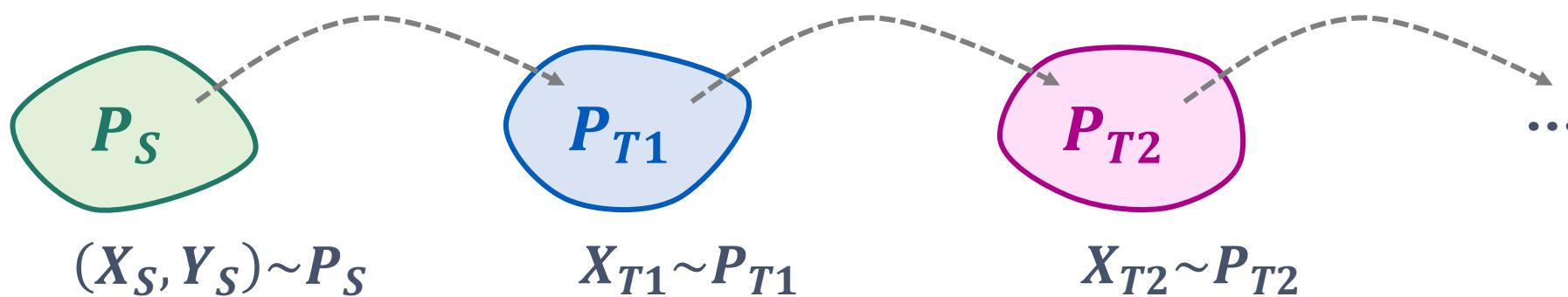


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(Related) Problem formulations

- **Incremental UDA:** offline adaption to **sequential target domains** at different stages



(Related) Problem formulations

- **Domain generalization:** there is no adaptation at all, we train on one (or more) domains and test on different ones



$X_{T1} \sim P_{T1}$

Test



$(X_S, Y_S) \sim P_S$

Train



$X_{T2} \sim P_{T2}$

Test

Methods

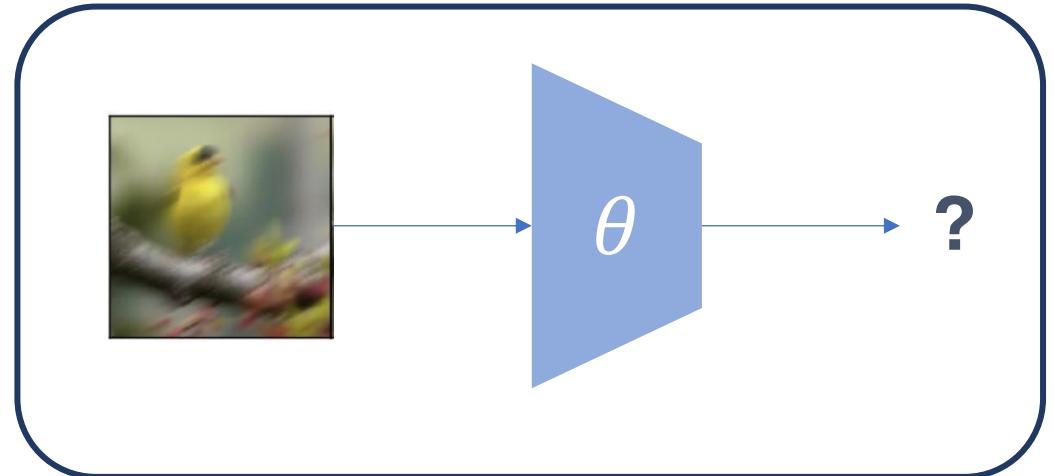
Methods

- Overall goal: adapting a given model to new batches of data
 - Extreme case: single-sample adaptation



Methods

- Self-training with pseudo-labels
- BatchNorm statistics adaptation
- BatchNorm parameters adaptation
- Self-supervised training
- Data augmentation



Methods

- **Self-training with pseudo-labels**
- **Standard recipe**
 - Trust (some of) your model's predictions
 - Use them as ground truth to update your model
 - Repeat
- Originally for **semi-supervised learning**
 - Large application in DA
 - Standard **baseline in TTA**

Methods

- **BatchNorm statistics adaptation**
- In BN layers we generally use the statistics from the training set
- We can update them with the target's
 - **Online** [Mancini et al. 2018]
 - **Offline** [Schneider et al. 2020]
- Often important not to completely replace the training ones (weighted)

$$\widehat{F^l(x_i^t)} = \gamma \cdot \frac{F^l(x_i^t) - \mu_l}{\sigma_l^2} + \beta$$

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- **(Batch)Norm parameters adaptation**
- **Entropy minimization** is another standard technique from semi-supervised learning
- But updating all network parameters cause **huge drifts from the original model**
- We can just **update the BatchNorm parameters** (or LayerNorm, etc.) via entropy minimization
- At the same time, we can update statistics

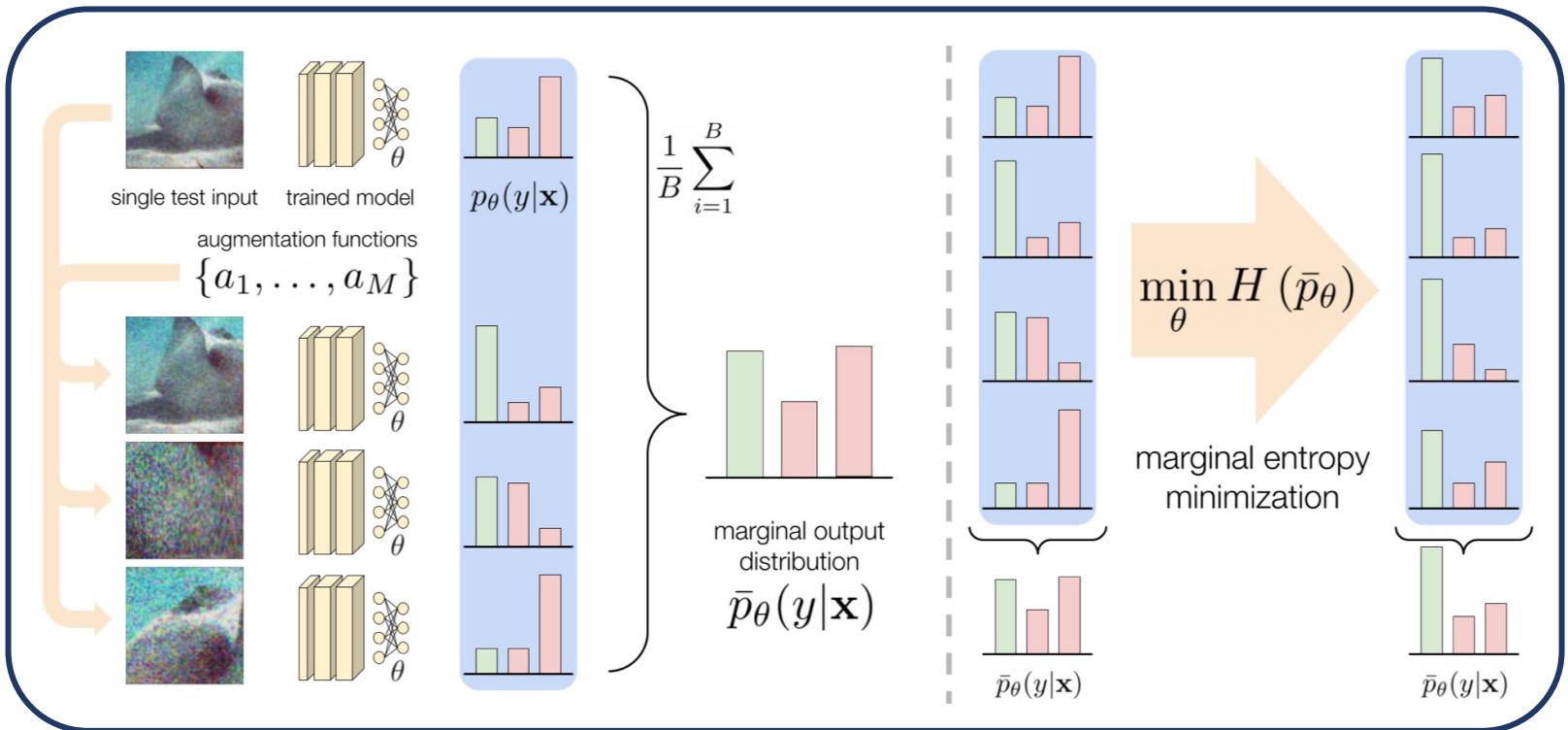
$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\beta, \gamma} \mathcal{L}_H := - \sum_{p \in x_i^t} \sum_c \hat{y}_{i,c}^p \log \hat{y}_{i,c}^p$$

Methods

- **Self-supervised learning**
- We can solve a SSL objective using the test data
- Given a test-sample or a batch, we solve a SSL problem before making a prediction
- Note: SSL pre-training itself helps robustness
 - See Hendrycks et al., "**Using Self-Supervised Learning Can Improve Model Robustness and Uncertainty**", NeurIPS 2019

Methods

- **Data augmentation**
- We can generate several copies of the current batch and use some of the previously mentioned objectives (e.g. entropy minimization)



Benchmarks

- In general, train on one dataset and adapt to another one
- Researchers have mostly played with
 - ImageNet to ImageNet-C/A/R
 - CIFAR10 to CIFAR10-C
 - CIFAR100 to CIFAR100-C
- The only constraint, is that the set of classes need to be the same
 - TTA does not fit class-incremental purposes
 - We *could* have new classes, but we would be helpless

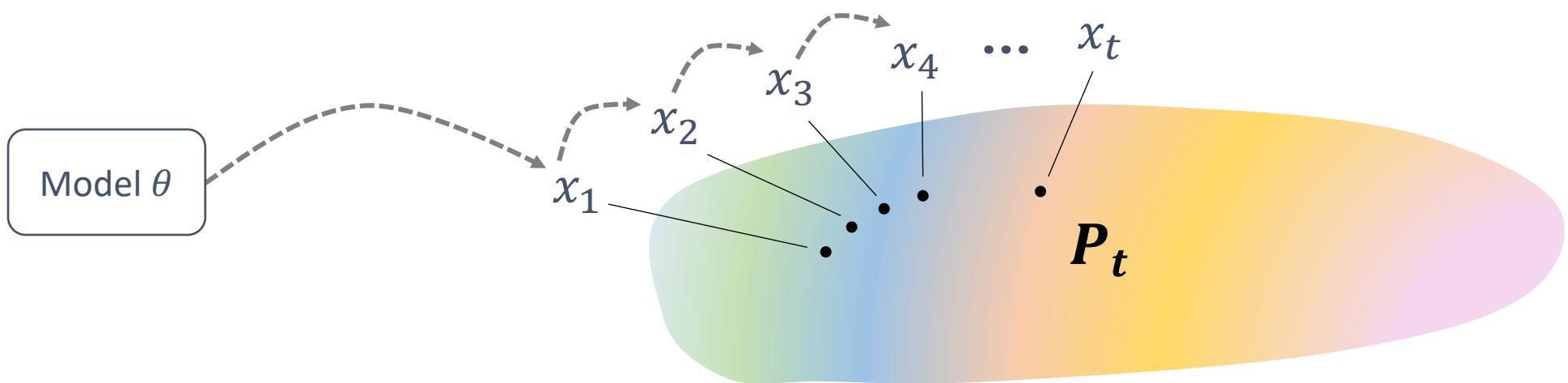
Benchmarks

	ImageNet-C mCE ↓	ImageNet-R Error (%)	ImageNet-A Error (%)
Baseline ResNet-50 [11]	76.7	63.9	100.0
+ TTA	77.9 (+1.2)	61.3 (-2.6)	98.4 (-1.6)
+ Single point BN	71.4 (-5.3)	61.1 (-2.8)	99.4 (-0.6)
+ MEMO (ours)	69.9 (-6.8)	58.8 (-5.1)	99.1 (-0.9)
+ BN ($N = 256, n = 256$)	61.6 (-15.1)	59.7 (-4.2)	99.8 (-0.2)
+ Tent (online) [46]	54.4 (-22.3)	57.7 (-6.2)	99.8 (-0.2)
+ Tent (episodic)	64.7 (-12.0)	61.0 (-2.9)	99.7 (-0.3)

From Zhang et al., “**NEMO: Test Time Robustness via Adaptation and Augmentation**” NeurIPS 2022

Continual TTA

- Addressing TTA in a continually evolving environment



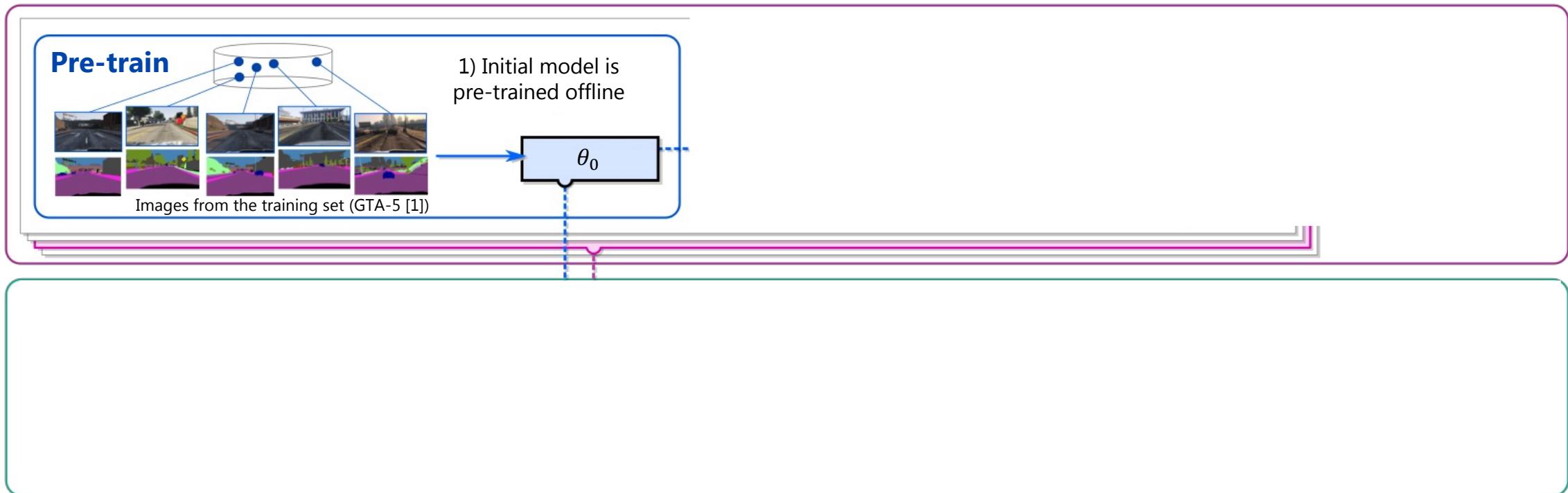
- Additional challenge: **catastrophic forgetting**

The OASIS benchmark

- (2022) Lack of benchmarks to assess segmentation models in these setting
- We introduced one
 - **Image-by-image adaptation** in sequences of **temporally correlated** frames
 - Fair and realistic **pre-train/validate/deploy** pipeline
 - Need to overcome **catastrophic forgetting**

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- **Main problem:** like often in continual learning, **catastrophic forgetting**
- We're learning in an unsupervised way, so it's not trivial how to avoid the model to forget classes.
- Classes that are more rare will disappear, leaving their space to the more abundant ones
- **Example:** in urban street segmentation, it's easy to forget about **things** (countable objects), overtaken by the more abundant **stuff** (street, sky, buildings, etc.)

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- **Some solutions:**
 - **“Naive” learning:** instead of doing continual learning, at each frame re-start from the original model
 - **Memories:** keep rehearsing the original (labelled) training samples to the model
 - **Reset strategies:** use the original model as a checkpoint, and reset when some threshold is met

Results

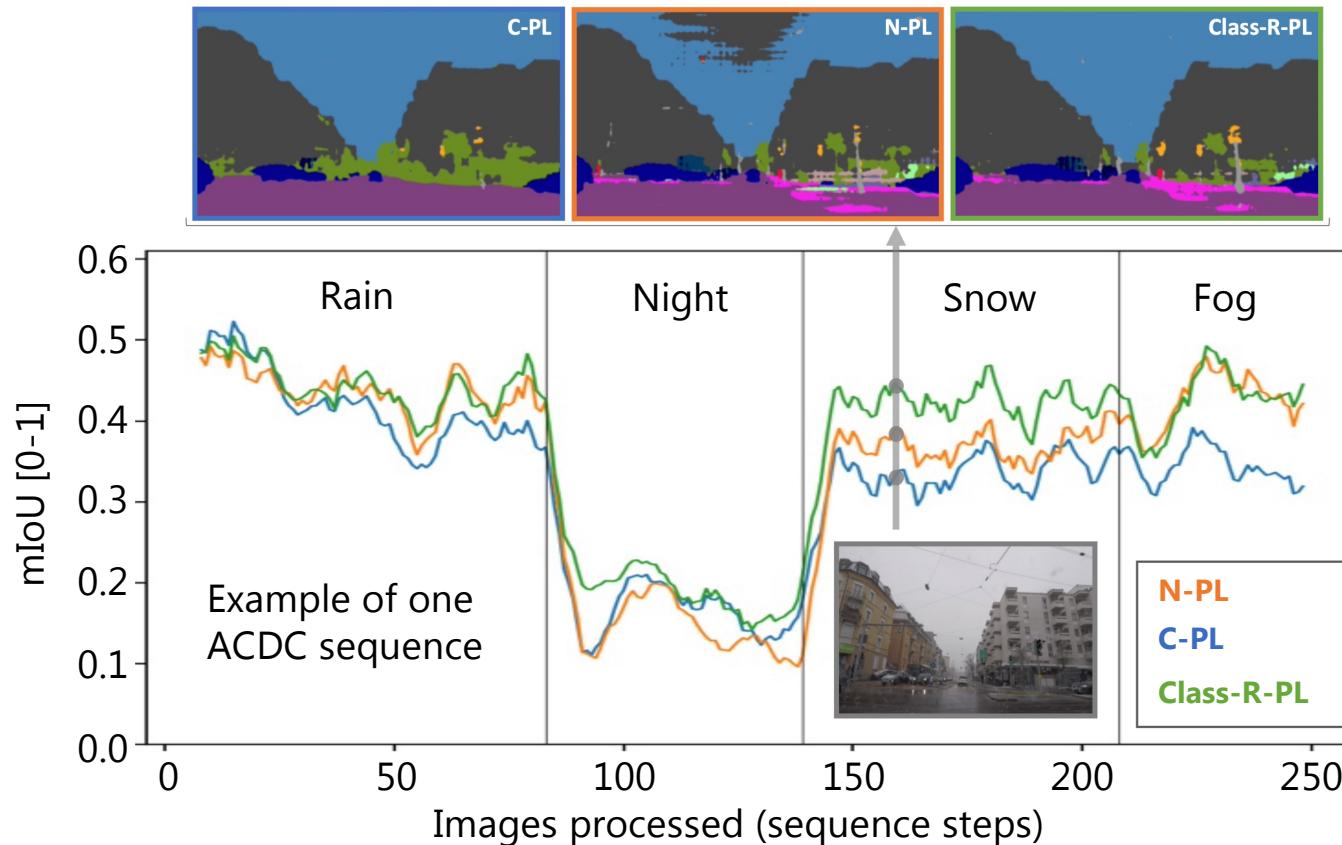
- **Evaluation**
1. Compute mIoU for each frame
 2. Average across each sequence
 3. Average across dataset

- **Effect of pre-training (no adaptation)**

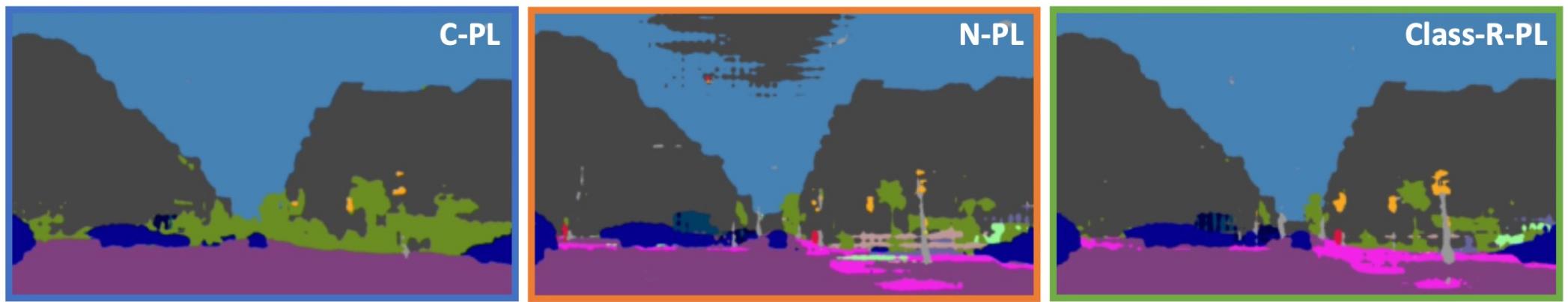
Training	SYNTHIA	ACDC	Cityscapes A.W.	Cityscapes O.
ERM	35.9 ± 2.5	29.5 ± 2.5	35.6 ± 1.9	40.3 ± 0.9
DR↑	34.3 ± 3.3	29.5 ± 2.4	36.2 ± 2.3	41.2 ± 1.0
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A.W. = Artificial Weather O. = Original

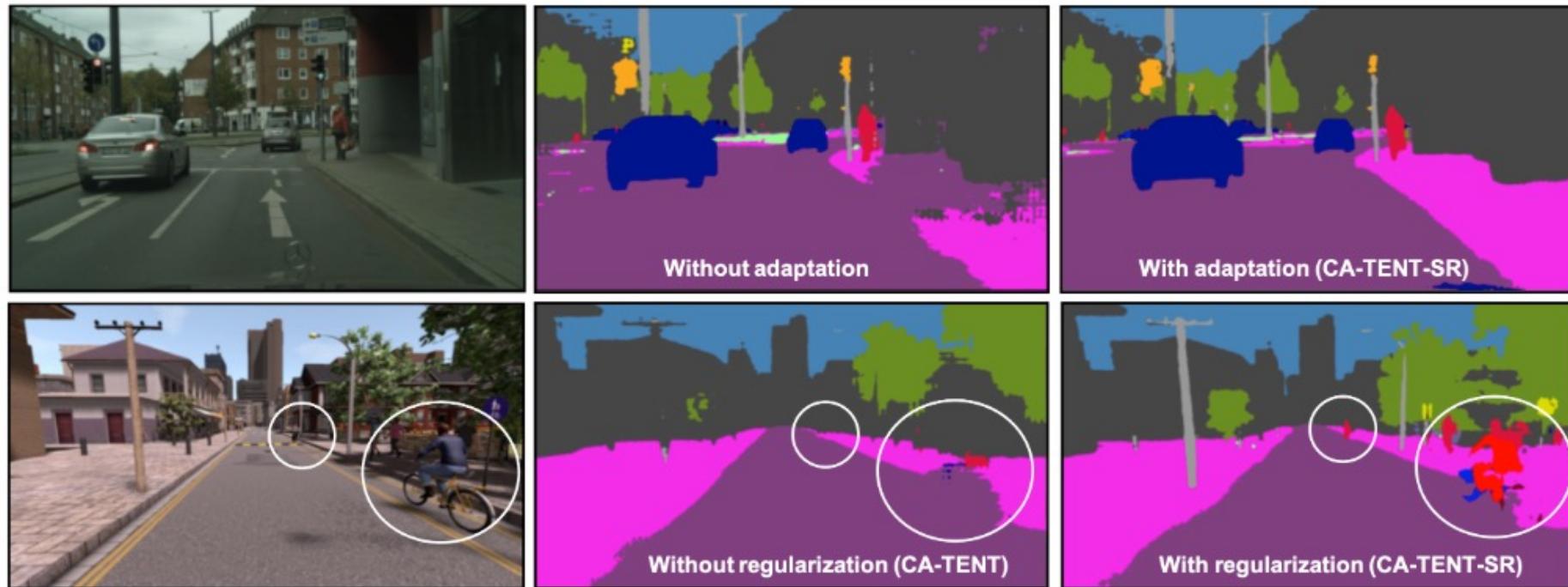
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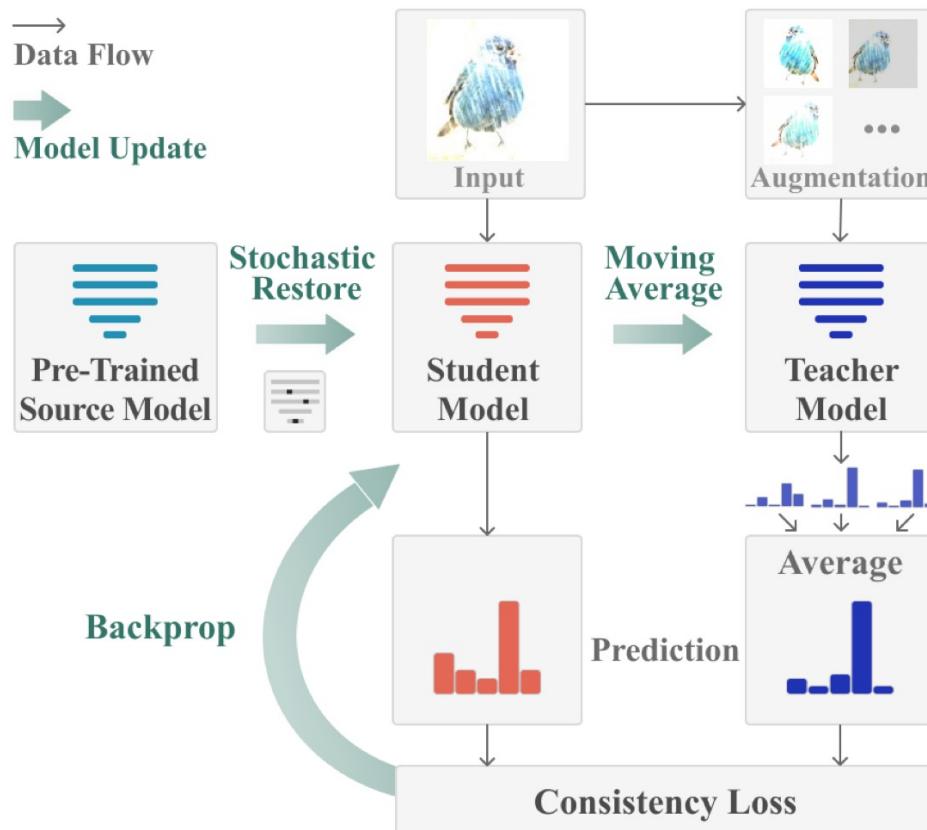
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No adapt. baseline (NA)	39.8 ± 3.0	33.6 ± 2.5	38.3 ± 2.6	45.2 ± 1.0	
Improvements					
Method					
Style trans.	N-ST (random)	$+0.7\% \pm 1.7$	$-7.4\% \pm 2.6$	$+4.1\% \pm 1.7$	$+0.4\% \pm 0.8$
	N-ST (NN)				
Naive adapt.	N-BN				
	N-PL				
	N-TENT				
CL Vanilla	C-BN				
	C-PL				
	C-TENT				
CL SrcReg	C-PL-SR				
	C-TENT-SR				
CL Reset	Class-R-PL				
	Class-R-TENT				
CL Oracle	Oracle-R-PL	$+10.8\% \pm 4.5$	$+11.6\% \pm 3.8$	$+12.7\% \pm 5.6$	$+2.9\% \pm 1.4$
	Oracle-R-TENT	$+11.4\% \pm 4.4$	$+10.9\% \pm 4.1$	$+12.2\% \pm 5.9$	$+1.9\% \pm 1.4$

Add. computation	Add. memory
ST optim. (++)	Source set (++)
ST optim. & NN (+++)	Source set (++)
BN stat. update (*)	-
$\mathcal{O}(\text{trainsteps}) (+)$	-
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$\mathcal{O}(\text{trainsteps}) (+)$	Backup net (+)



(Image from "The Bear", FX)

More cont. TTA methods and benchmarks



- **CoTTA**

- Pseudo-labeling
- Augmentations
- Random weight reset

- **Benchmarks**

- CIFAR10 to CIFAR10-C
- CIFAR100 to CIFAR100-C
- **ImageNet to ImageNet-C**
- Cityscapes to ACDC

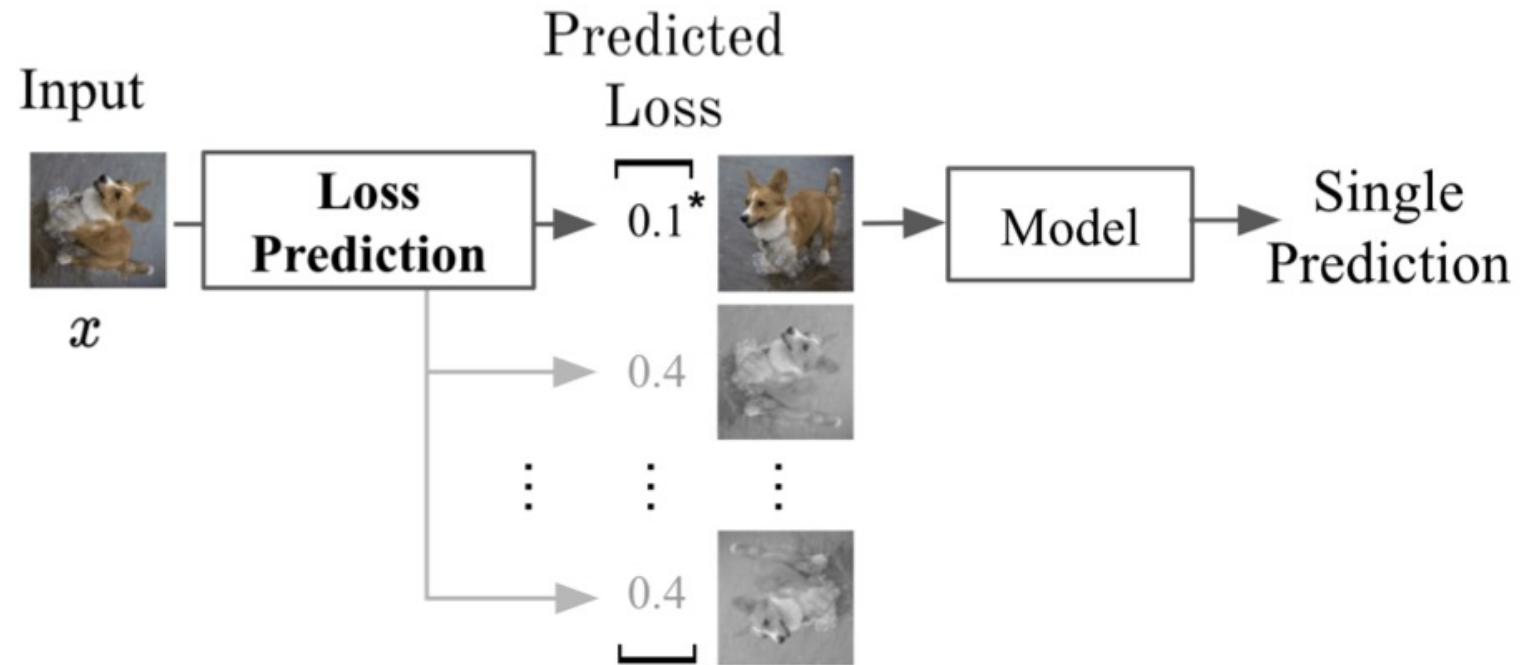
Avg. Error (%)	Source	BN Adapt	Test Aug [5]	TENT [58]	CoTTA
ImageNet-C	82.4	72.1	71.4	66.5	$63.0 \pm 1.8 (0.1)$

Continual TTA in related areas

- We focused on **2D tasks** here... but there's more
- Online adaptation for **kitting**
 - Mancini et al., [Kitting in the Wild through Online Domain Adaptation](#), IROS 2018
- Online adaptation for **depth estimation**
 - Tonioni et al., [Learning to Adapt for Stereo](#), CVPR 2019
 - Tonioni et al., [Real-time Self-Adaptive Deep Stereo](#), CVPR 2019
- Continual TTA for **3D lidar segmentation** tasks
 - Saltori et al., [GIPSO: Geometrically Informed Propagation for Online Adaptation in 3D LiDAR Segmentation](#), ECCV 2022

Test-time augmentations

- (Active) test-time augmentation can be framed as test-time adaptation



Conclusions

- Test-time adaptation is a recent and active research area
- Yet, its roots are from well established fields
 - Domain adaptation
 - Online learning
 - Self-training
- Its continual counterpart introduces additional challenges
 - Catastrophic forgetting
 - Evaluating in a ever-changing environments

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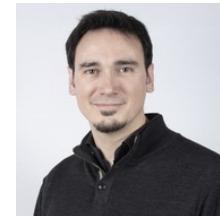
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