

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

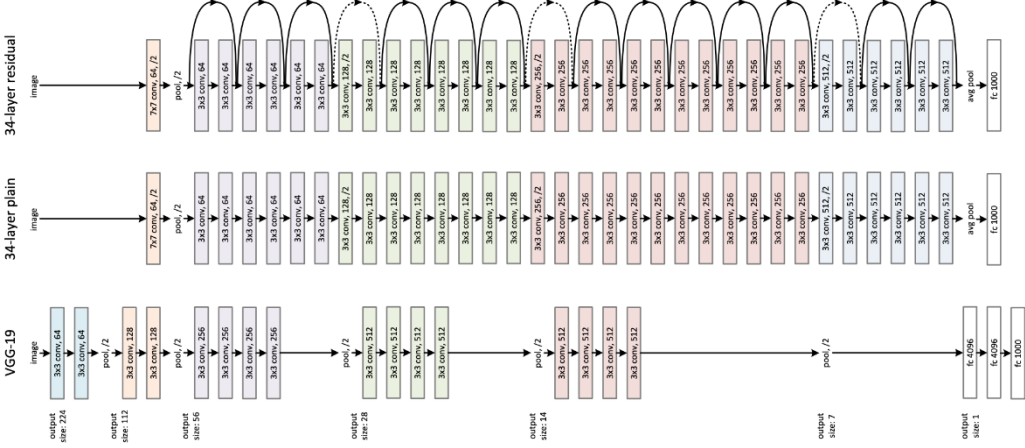


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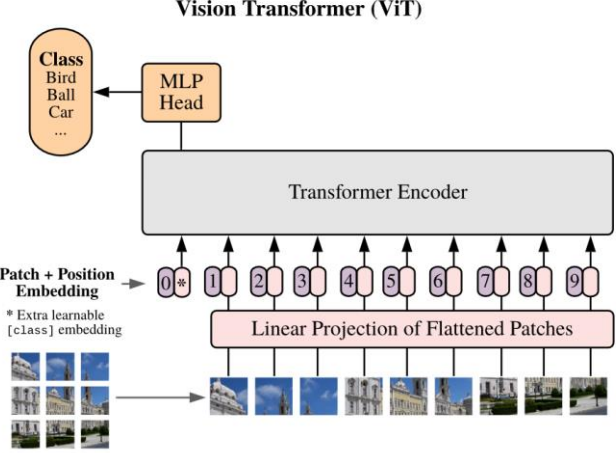


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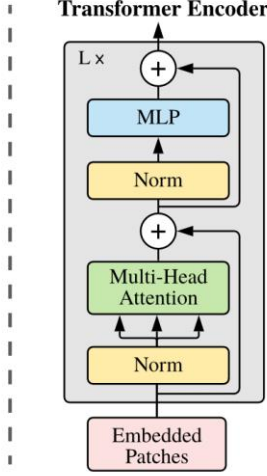
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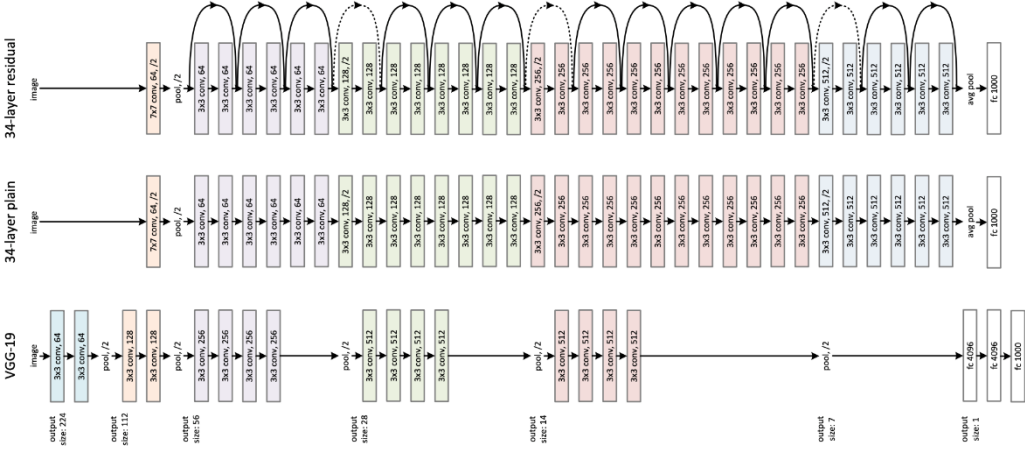
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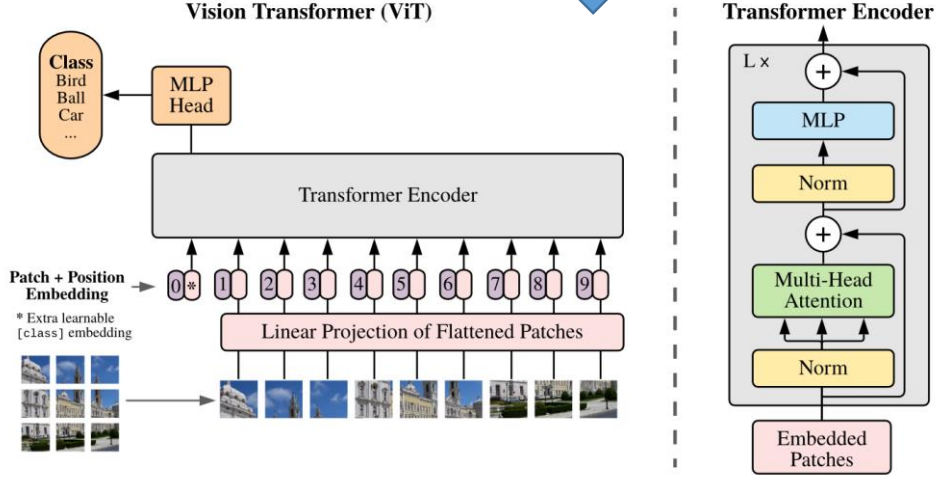
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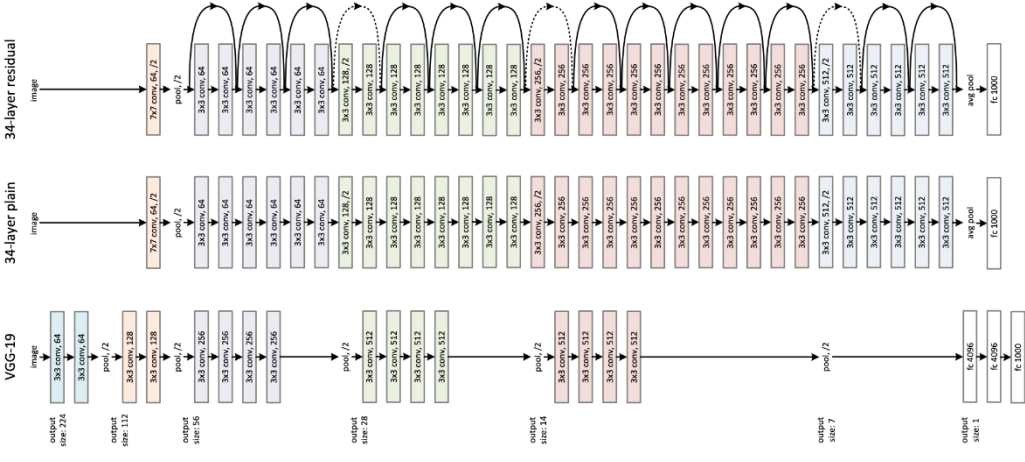


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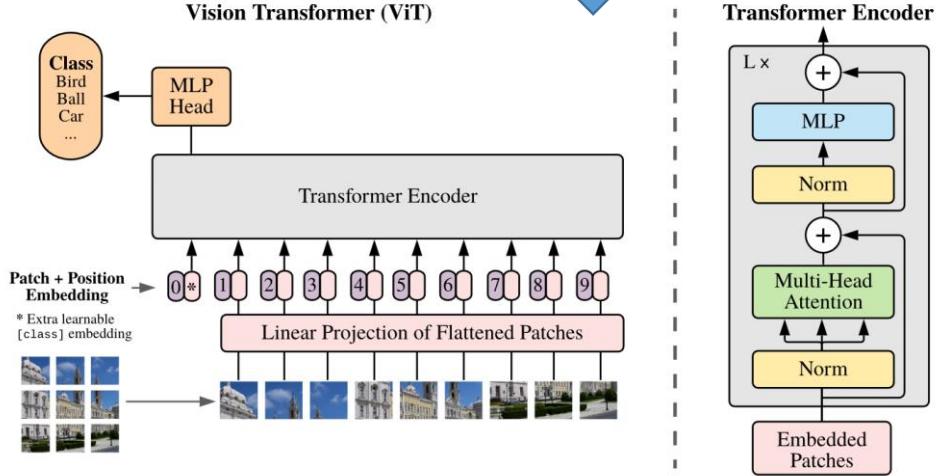
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$$\forall \mathcal{D}, \mathbf{P}_{S \sim \mathcal{D}^m} \left[\sup_{h \in \mathcal{H}_0(S)} \epsilon(h) \leq C \frac{\text{VC}(\mathcal{H}) + \ln \frac{1}{\delta}}{m} \right] \geq 1 - \delta$$

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- Zero-shot learning
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**Adapt source domain model to
unlabelled target domain.**

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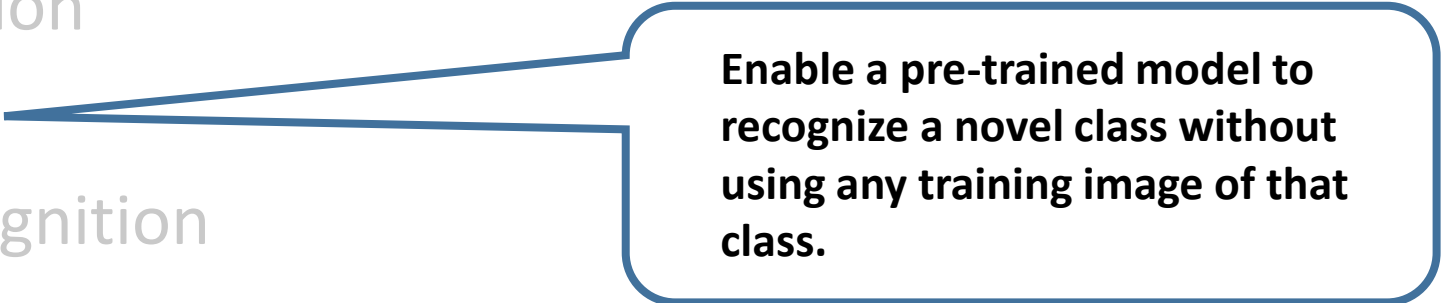
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Train a model with imbalanced data of different classes.

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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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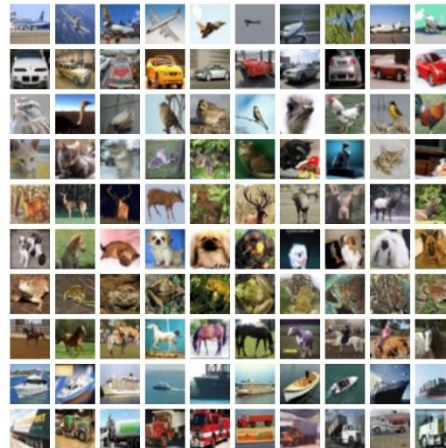
Omniglot (Lake et al)



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FC100 (Oreshkin et al)



CIFAR-100 for few-shot learning.
60, 20, 20 classes for training, val and test.
600 images of size 32 x 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 x 84.
64 classes for training, 16 for validation and 20 for testing.

Vinyals et al, Matching Networks for One Shot Learning, in NeurIPS 2016.

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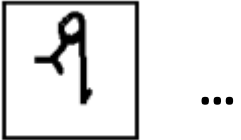
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Meta-test

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E.g. 20 way 1 shot



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Novel classes

Episode sampling

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Classifier



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Meta-test

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WARNING!



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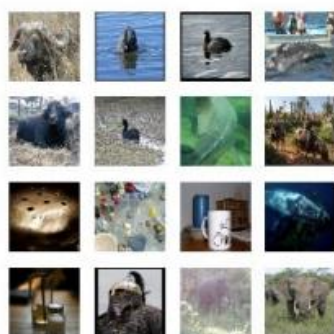
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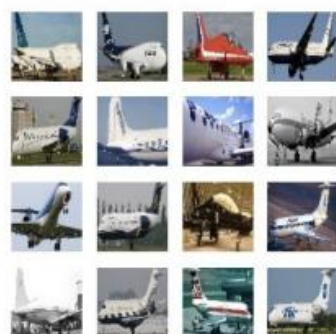
Meta-Dataset



(a) ImageNet



(b) Omniglot



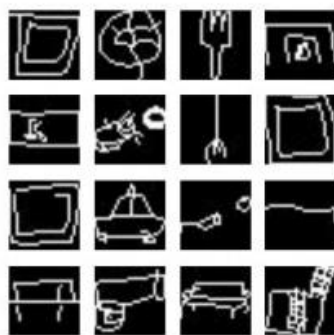
(c) Aircraft



(d) Birds



(e) DTD



(f) Quick Draw



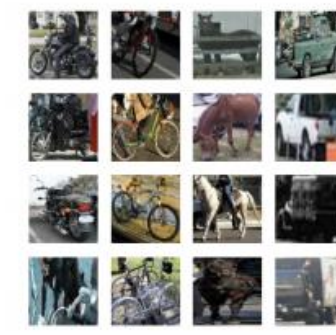
(g) Fungi



(h) VGG Flower



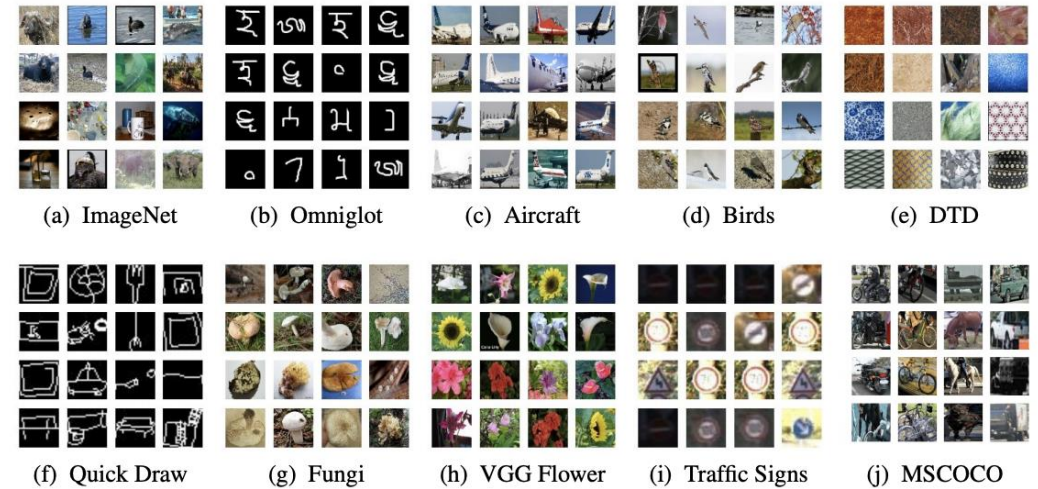
(i) Traffic Signs



(j) MSCOCO

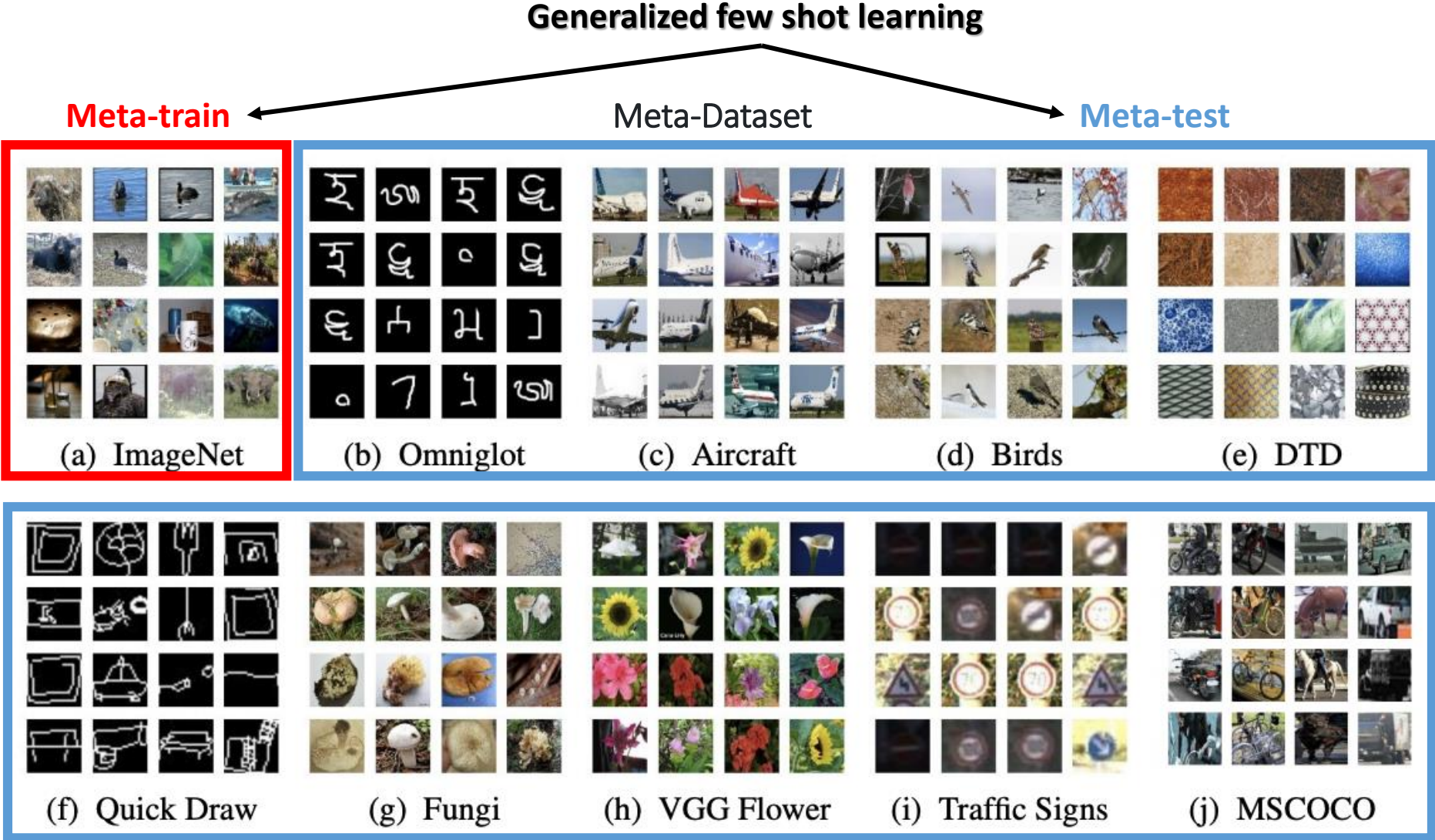
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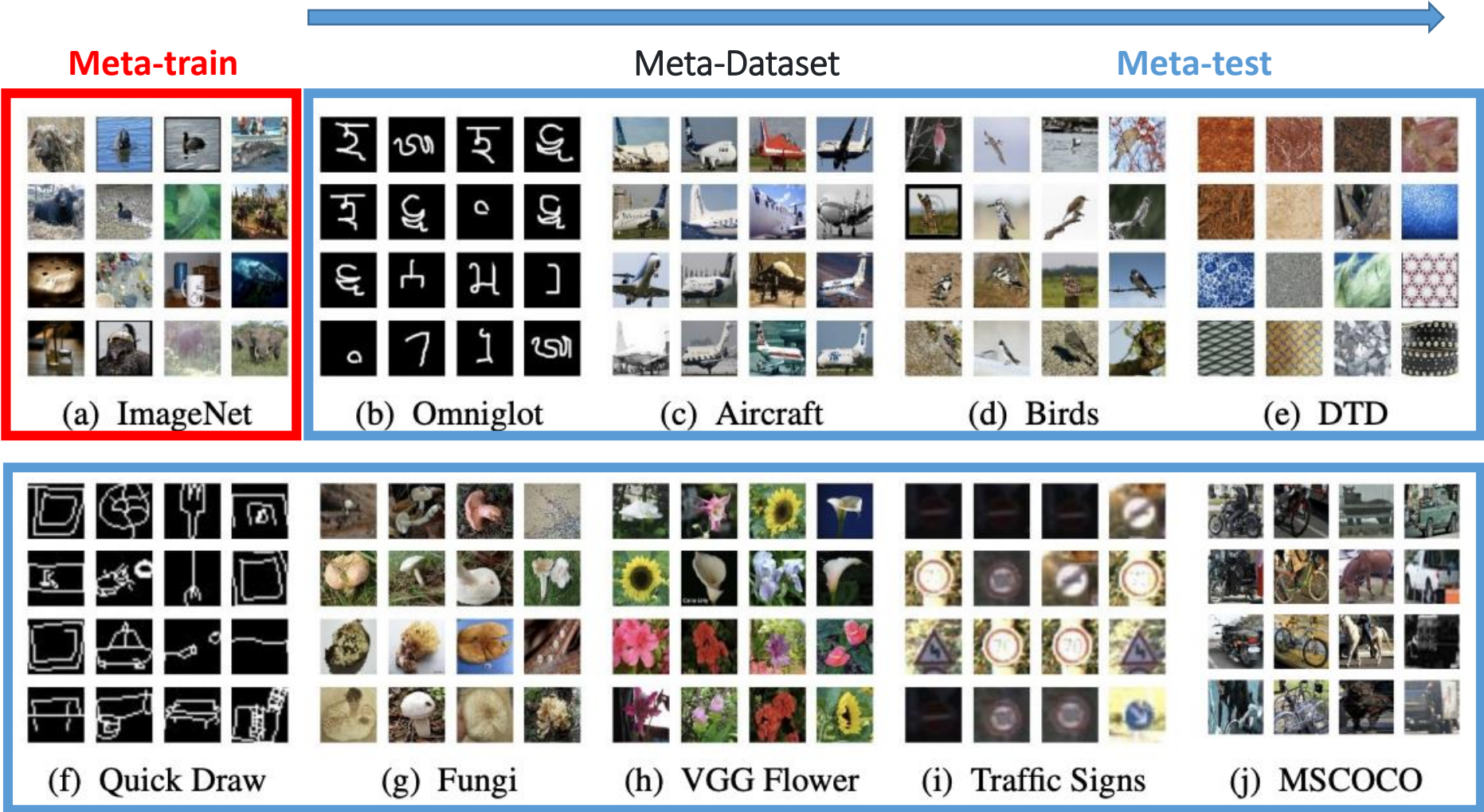
- ILSVRC-2012 (the ImageNet dataset, consisting of natural images with 1000 categories)
- Omniglot (hand-written characters, 1623 classes)
- Aircraft (dataset of aircraft images, 100 classes)
- CUB-200-2011 (dataset of Birds, 200 classes)
- Describable Textures (different kinds of texture images with 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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Few-shot class-incremental learning













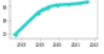





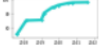


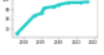




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Add a Result

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

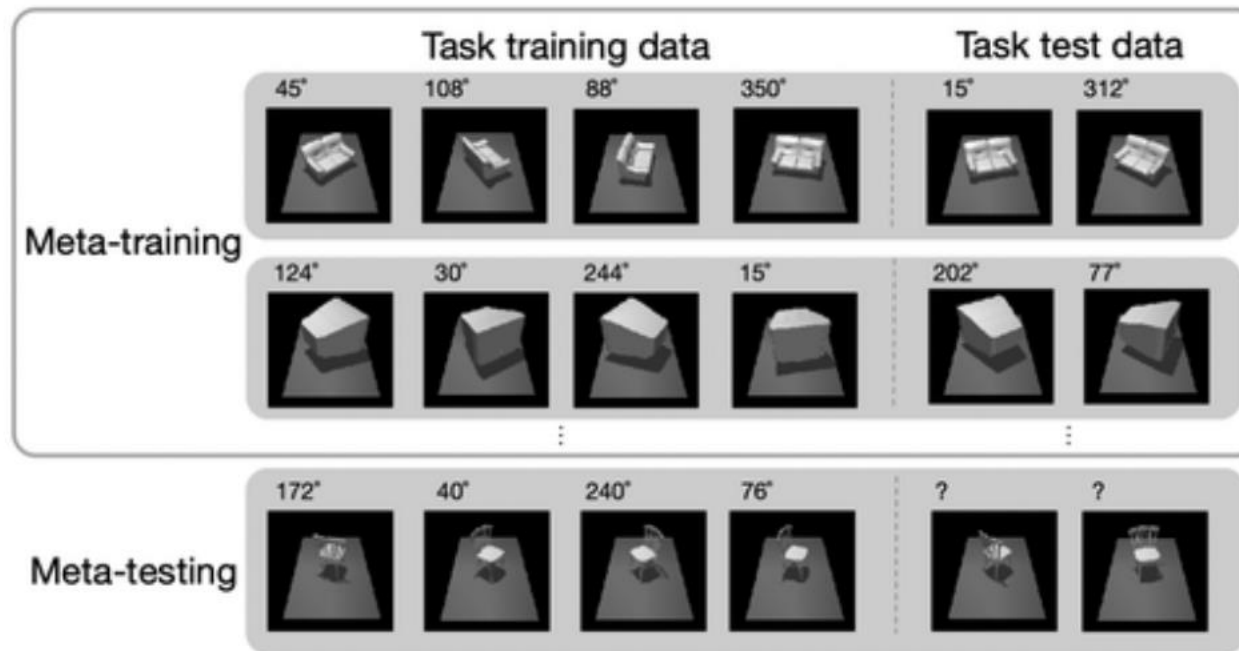
Trend	Dataset	Best Model	Paper	Code	Compare
	Mini-Imagenet 5-way (1-shot)	P>M>F (P=DINO-ViT-base, M=ProtoNet)			See all
	Mini-Imagenet 5-way (5-shot)	P>M>F (P=DINO-ViT-base, M=ProtoNet)			See all
	Tiered ImageNet 5-way (5-shot)	TRIDENT			See all
	Tiered ImageNet 5-way (1-shot)	TRIDENT			See all
	CIFAR-FS 5-way (5-shot)	PT+MAP+SF+SOT (transductive)			See all
	CIFAR-FS 5-way (1-shot)	PT+MAP+SF+SOT (transductive)			See all
	CUB 200 5-way 1-shot	PT+MAP+SF+SOT (transductive)			See all
	CUB 200 5-way 5-shot	PT+MAP+SF+SOT (transductive)			See all

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



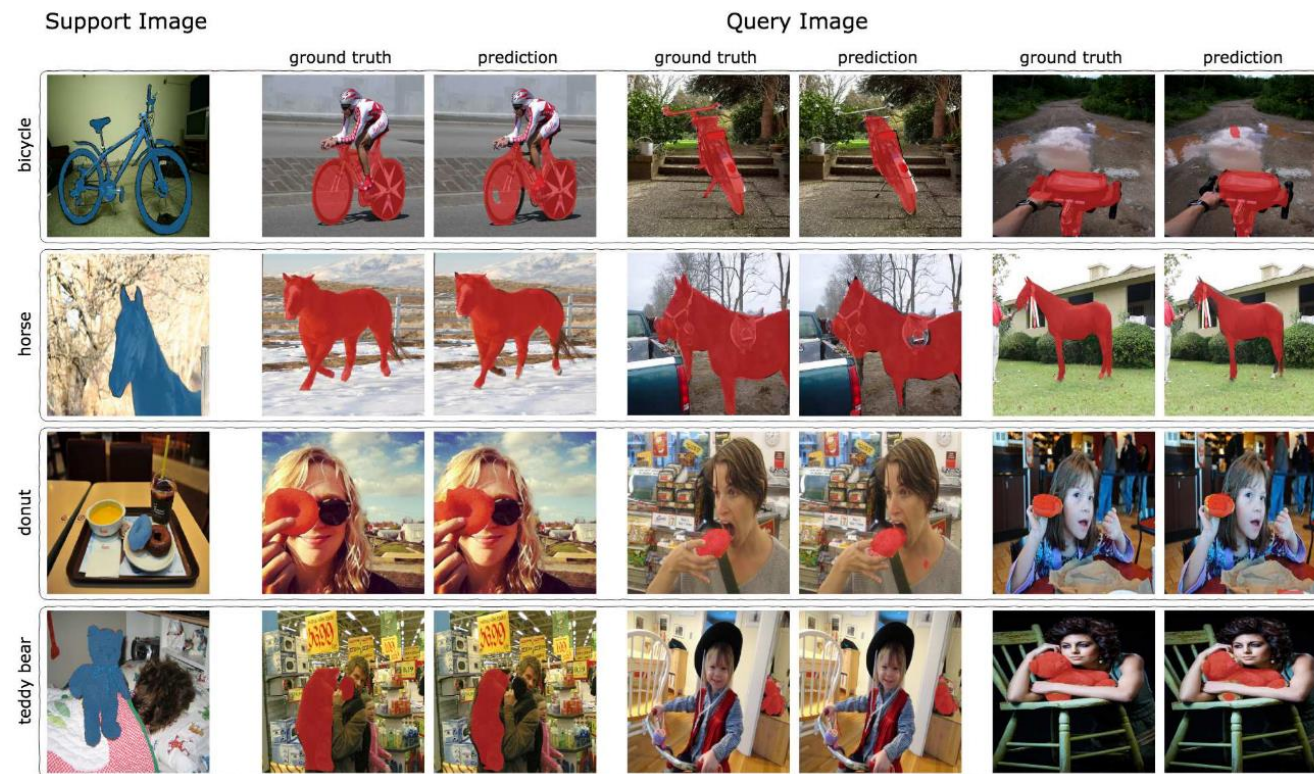
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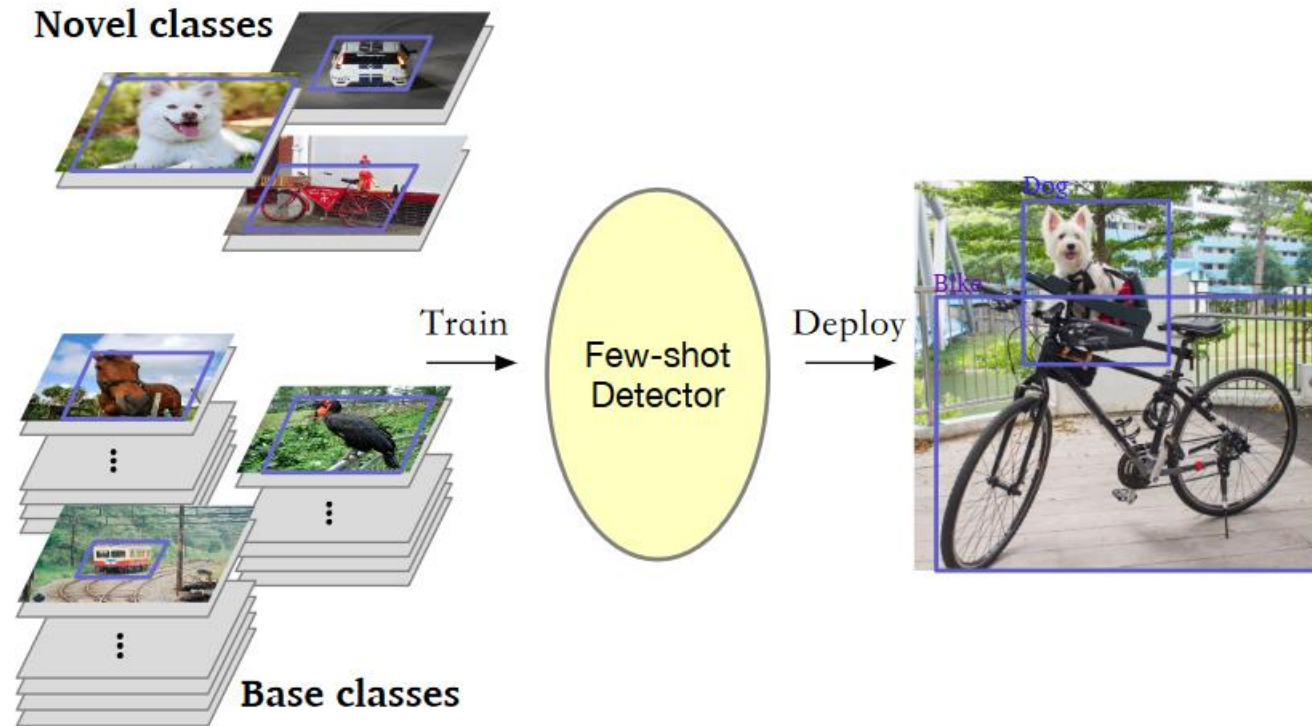
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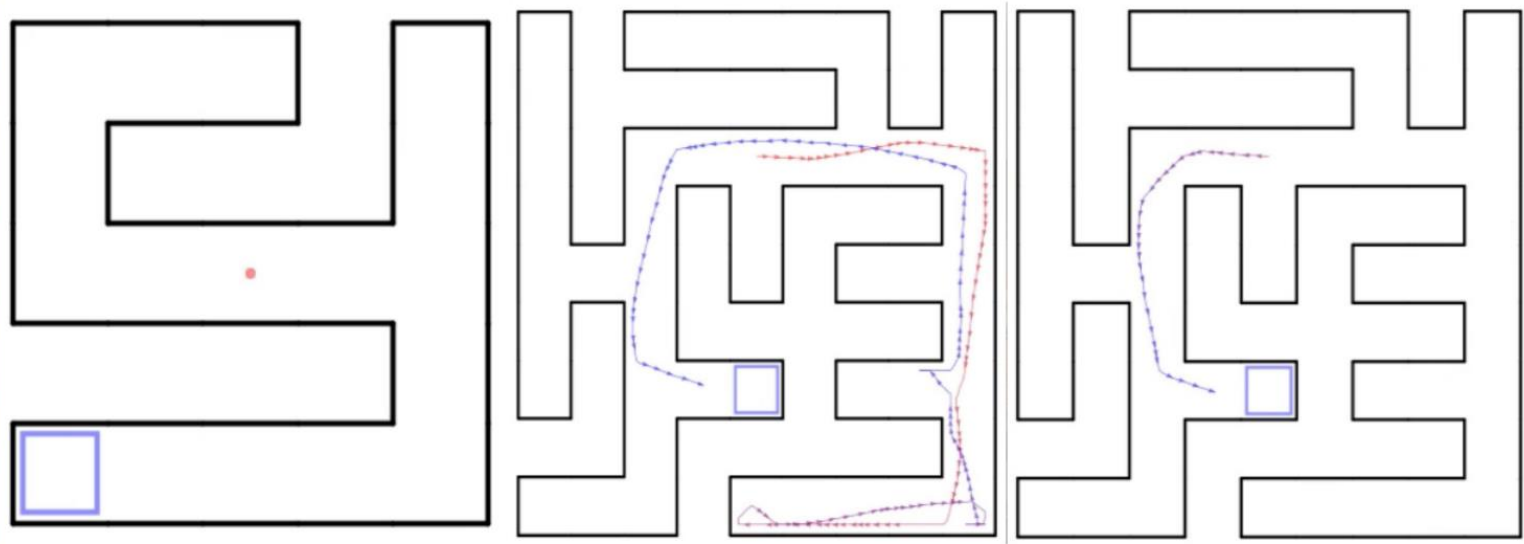
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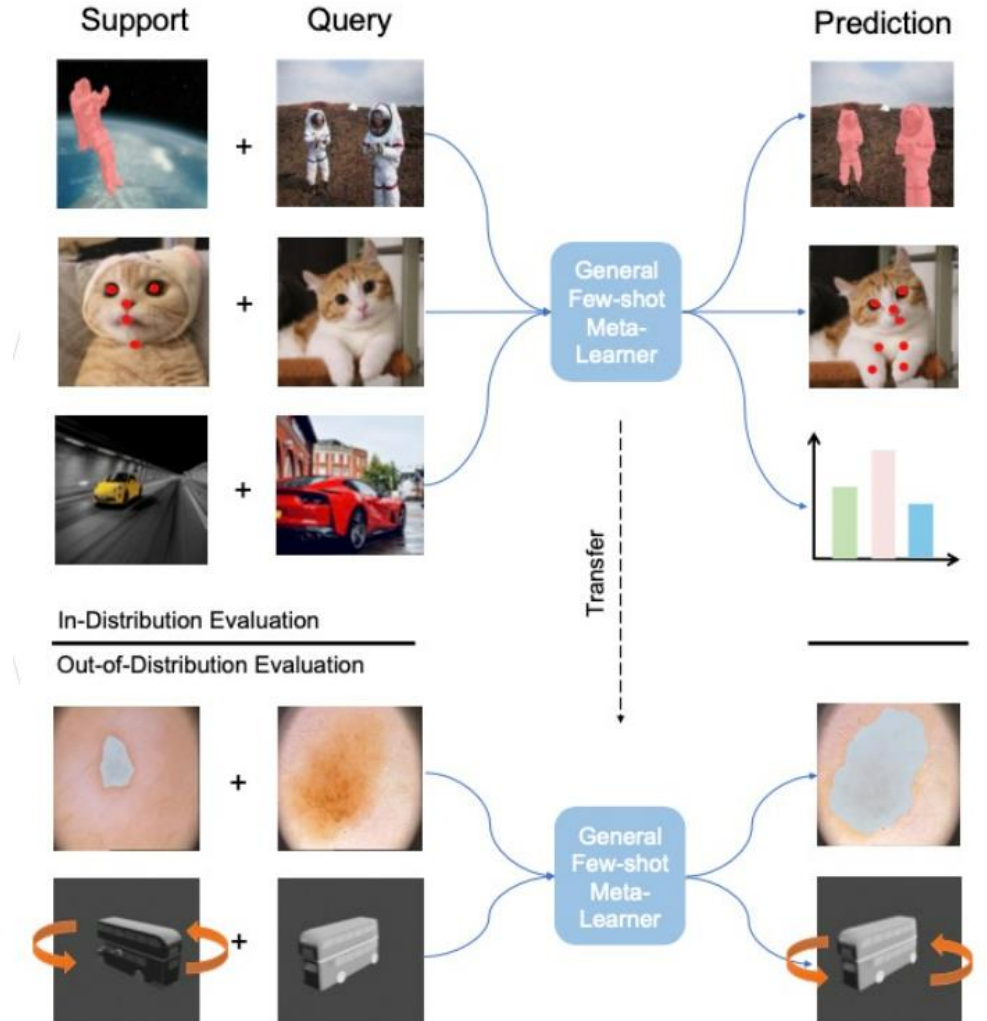


General-purpose |2|



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

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



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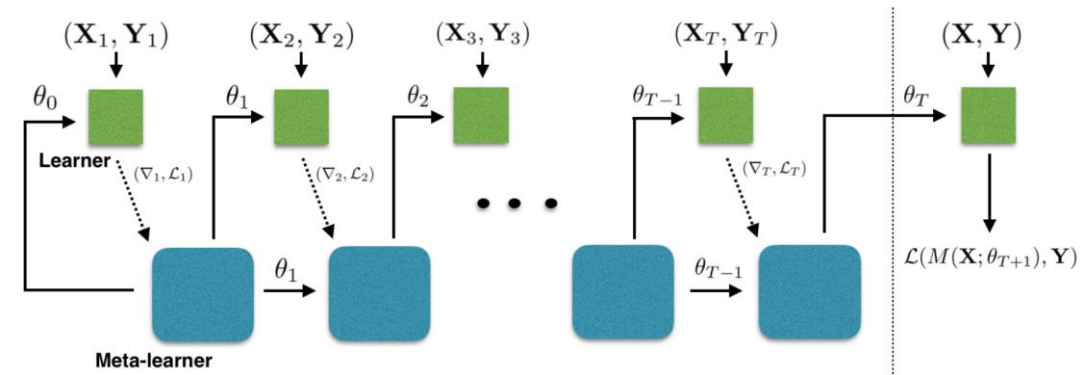
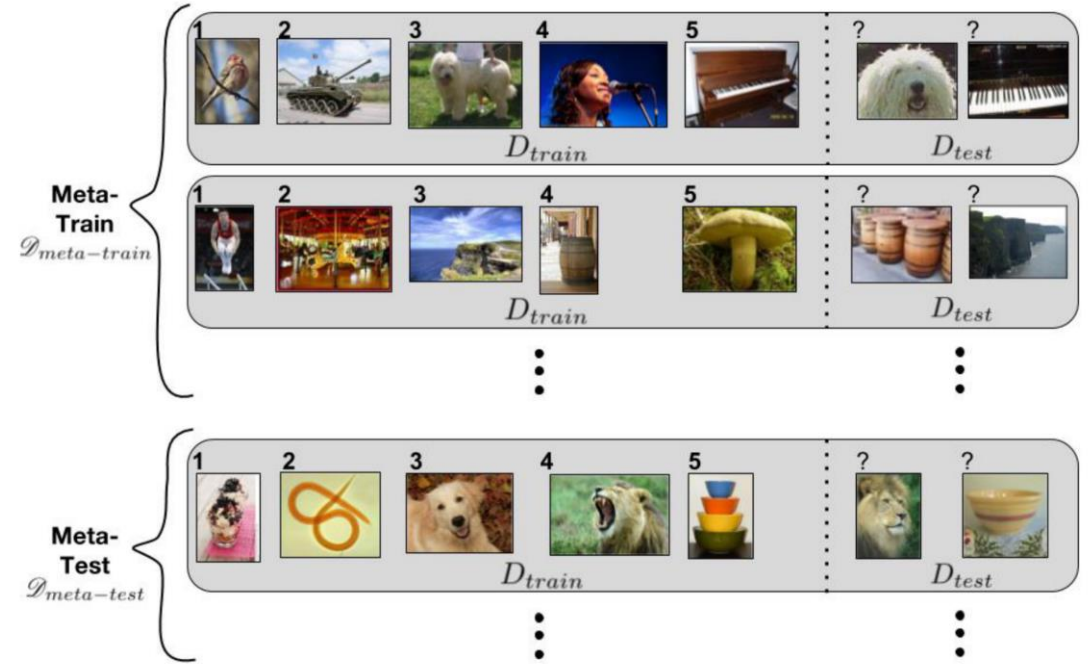
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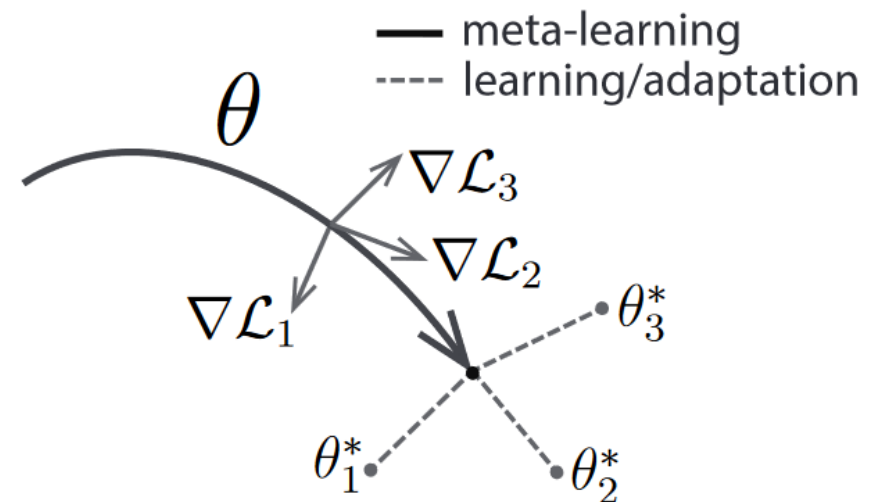
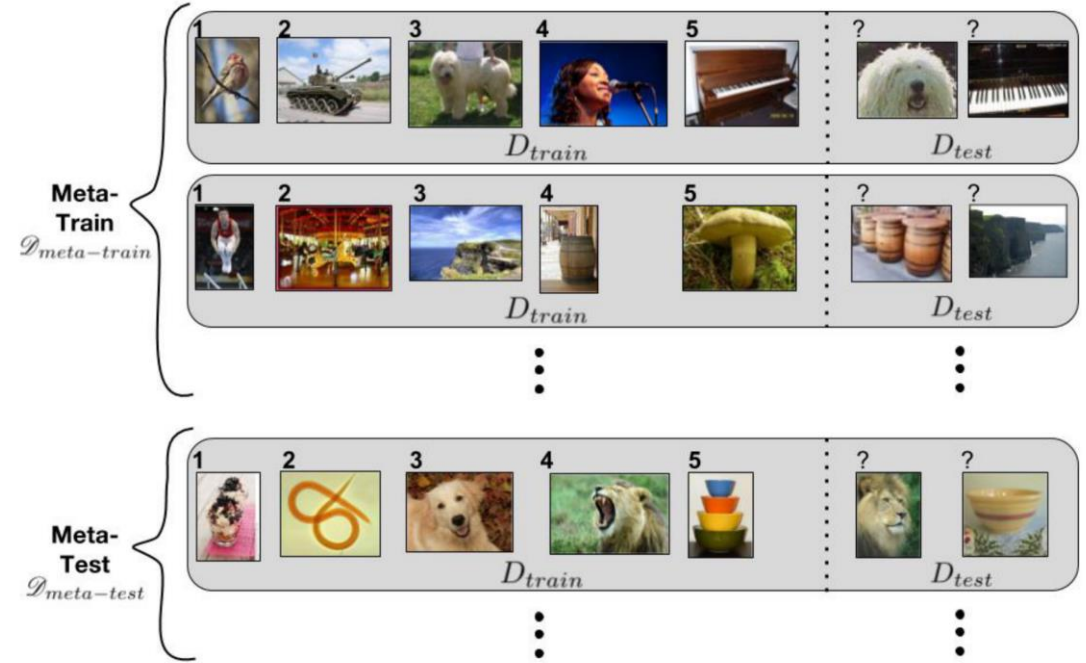
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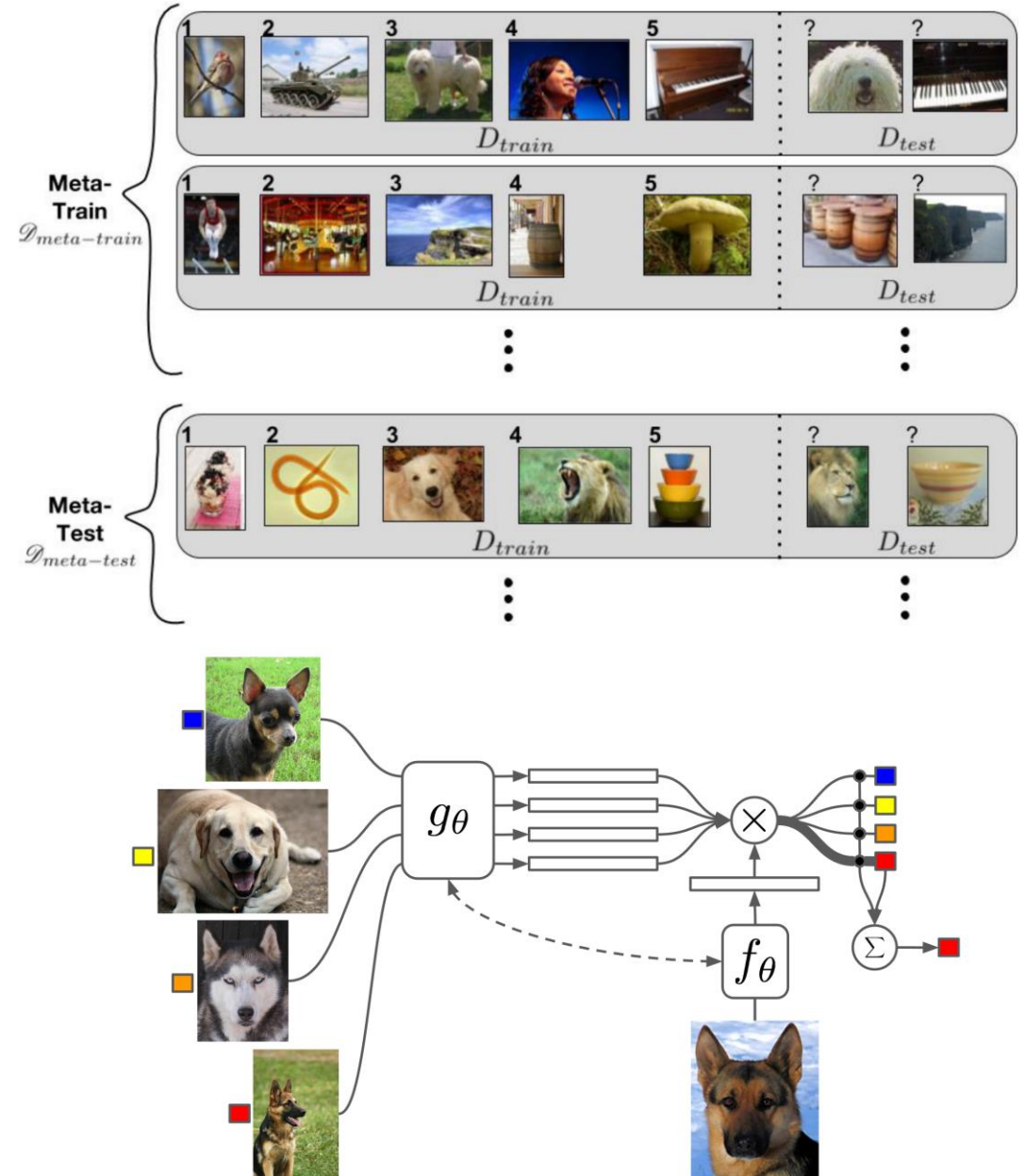
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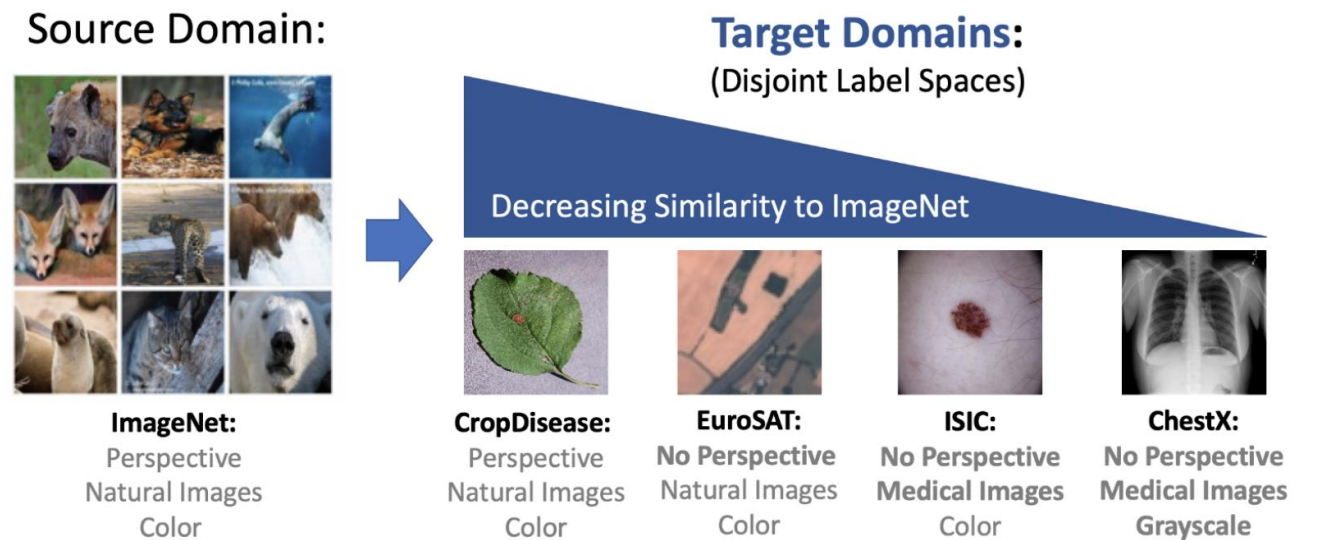
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Broader Study of Cross-Domain Few-Shot Learning (BSCD-FSL)



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Feature ext. →

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$$Z = \frac{Z - \bar{Z}}{\|Z - \bar{Z}\|_2}$$

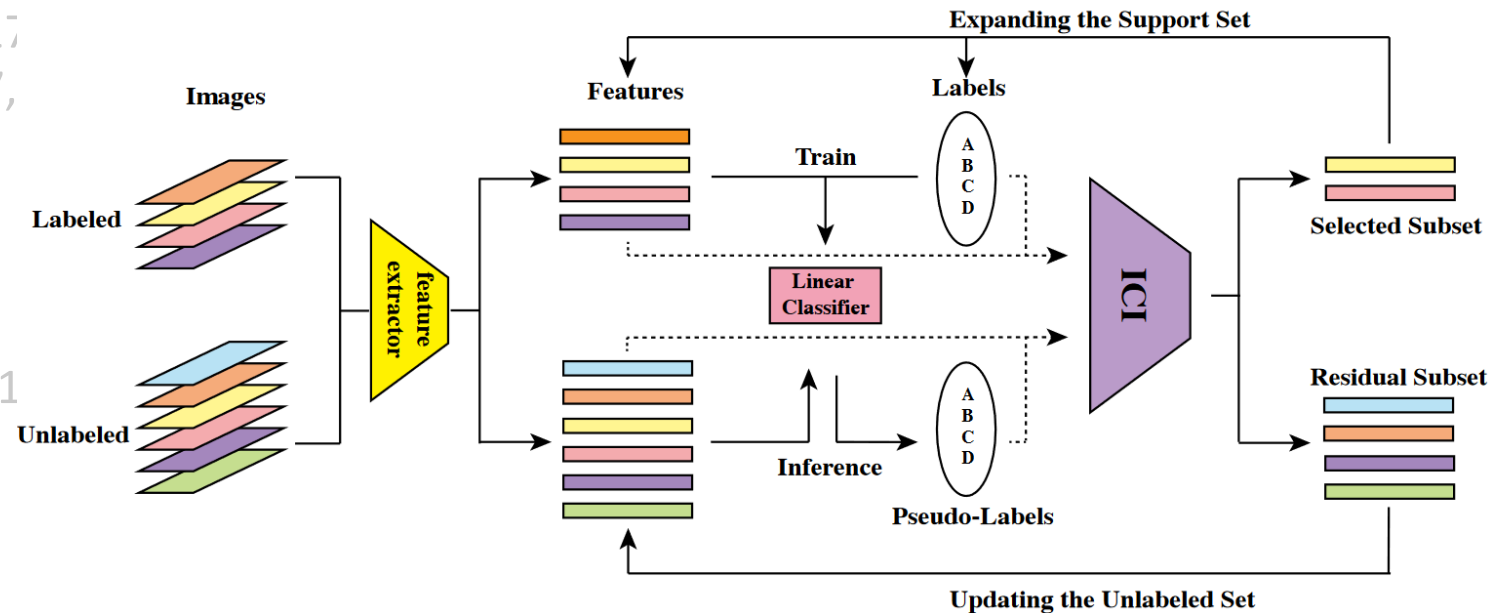
Approach	Network	One shot	Five shots
Reptile [23] [#]	Conv-4	48.97 ± 0.21	66.47 ± 0.21
ProtoNet [30] [#]	Conv-4	53.31 ± 0.89	72.69 ± 0.74
SimpleShot (UN)	Conv-4	33.12 ± 0.18	65.23 ± 0.18
SimpleShot (L2N)	Conv-4	50.21 ± 0.20	69.02 ± 0.18
SimpleShot (CL2N)	Conv-4	51.02 ± 0.20	68.98 ± 0.18
SimpleShot (UN)	ResNet-10	58.60 ± 0.22	79.99 ± 0.16
SimpleShot (L2N)	ResNet-10	64.58 ± 0.23	82.31 ± 0.16
SimpleShot (CL2N)	ResNet-10	65.37 ± 0.22	81.84 ± 0.16
SimpleShot (UN)	ResNet-18	62.69 ± 0.22	83.27 ± 0.16
SimpleShot (L2N)	ResNet-18	68.64 ± 0.22	84.47 ± 0.16
SimpleShot (CL2N)	ResNet-18	69.09 ± 0.22	84.58 ± 0.16
Meta SGD [18] [†]	WRN	62.95 ± 0.03	79.34 ± 0.06
LEO [29]	WRN	66.33 ± 0.05	81.44 ± 0.09
SimpleShot (UN)	WRN	63.85 ± 0.21	84.17 ± 0.15
SimpleShot (L2N)	WRN	66.86 ± 0.21	85.50 ± 0.14
SimpleShot (CL2N)	WRN	69.75 ± 0.20	85.31 ± 0.15
SimpleShot (UN)	MobileNet	63.65 ± 0.22	84.01 ± 0.16
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SimpleShot (CL2N)	MobileNet	69.47 ± 0.22	85.17 ± 0.15
SimpleShot (UN)	DenseNet	64.35 ± 0.23	85.69 ± 0.15
SimpleShot (L2N)	DenseNet	69.91 ± 0.22	86.42 ± 0.15
SimpleShot (CL2N)	DenseNet	71.32 ± 0.22	86.66 ± 0.15

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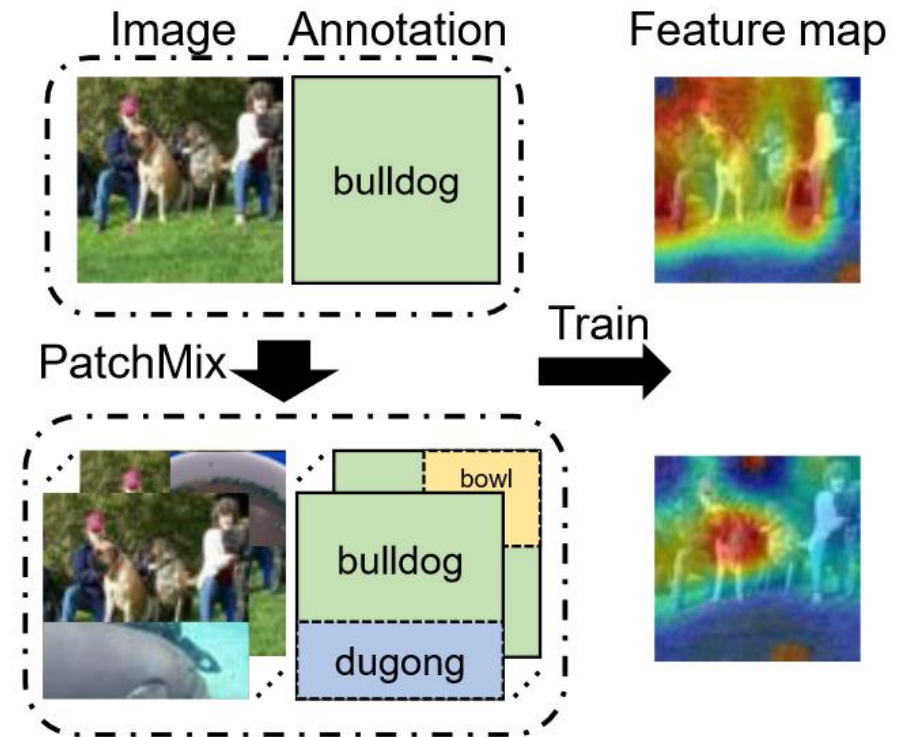
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Training Configuration				Benchmark Results		
ID	Arch	Pre Train	MetaTr	MD	miniIN	CIFAR
0	ViT-small	DINO (IN1K)	-	67.4	97.0	79.8
1	ViT-small	DeiT (IN1K)	-	67.5	98.8	84.6
2	ResNet50	DINO (IN1K)	-	63.8	91.5	76.1
3	ResNet50	Sup. (IN1K)	-	62.4	96.4	82.3
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.

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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

```
# Inputs: a task including supp_x, supp_y, query_x
# backbone_state: meta-trained backbone weights
# 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

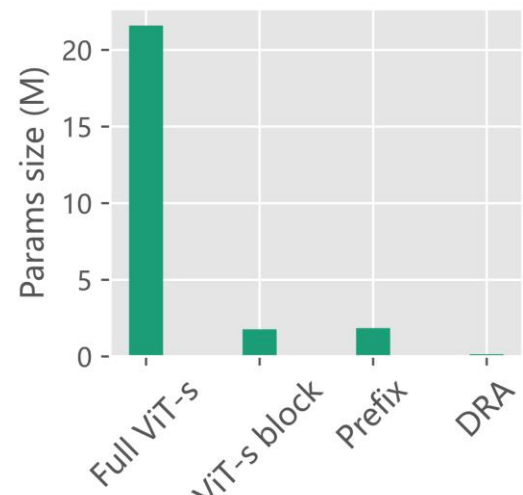
logits, _ = single_step(query_x) # classification
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8 in-domain datasets	In-domain								Out-of-domain		
	INet	Omglot	Acraft	CUB	DTD	QDraw	Fungi	Flower	Sign	COCO	Avg
ProtoNet [65] (RN18)	67.01	44.5	79.56	71.14	67.01	65.18	64.88	40.26	86.85	46.48	63.29
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	90.1	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	94.96	89.33	81.42	76.74	82.01	67.4	92.18	83.55	55.75	78.07
P>M>F (DINO/IN1K, RN50)	67.51	85.91	80.3	81.67	87.08	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)	77.02	91.76	89.73	92.94	86.94	80.2	78.28	95.79	89.86	64.97	84.75
In-domain = ImageNet	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	95.34	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)	76.69	81.42	80.33	84.38	86.87	75.43	55.93	95.14	89.68	65.01	79.09

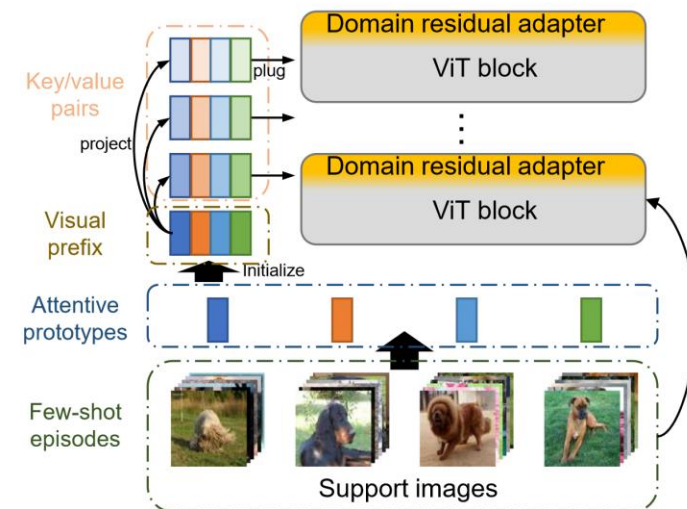
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(a) Tunable parameters in Backbone Finetuning



(b) Attentive Prefix Tuning in Task Tuning

P>M>F

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

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		59.50	78.20	72.20	74.90	77.30	67.60	44.70	90.90	82.50	59.00	70.68	4.3
Ours	ViT-t	56.40	72.52	72.84	73.79	77.57	67.97	51.23	93.30	84.09	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	72.68	51.58	95.34	82.65	59.90	74.28	2.8
TSA		63.73	82.58	80.13	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		67.37	78.11	79.94	85.93	87.62	71.34	61.80	96.57	85.09	62.33	77.61	1.6

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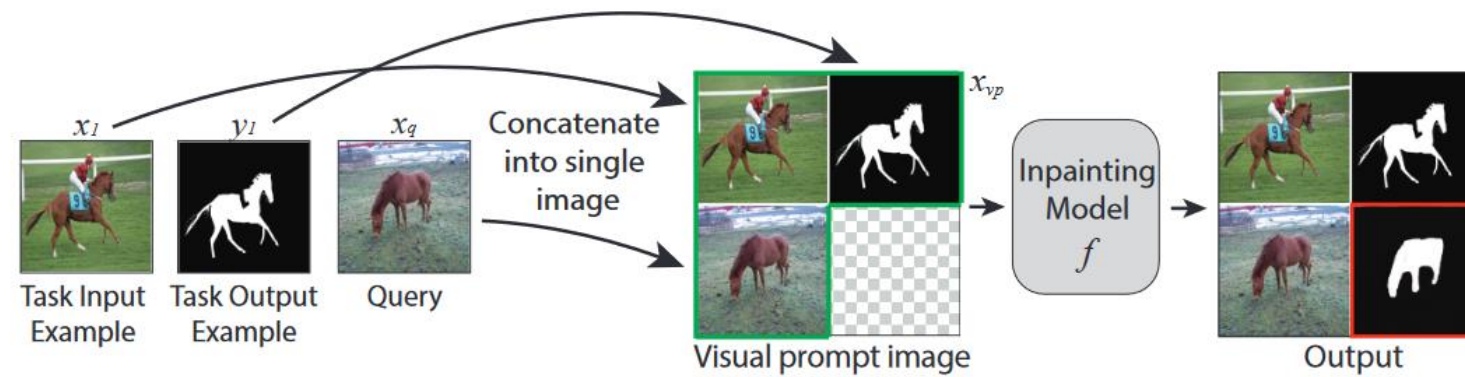
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Je suis désolé
J'adore la glace

I'm sorry

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I love ice cream

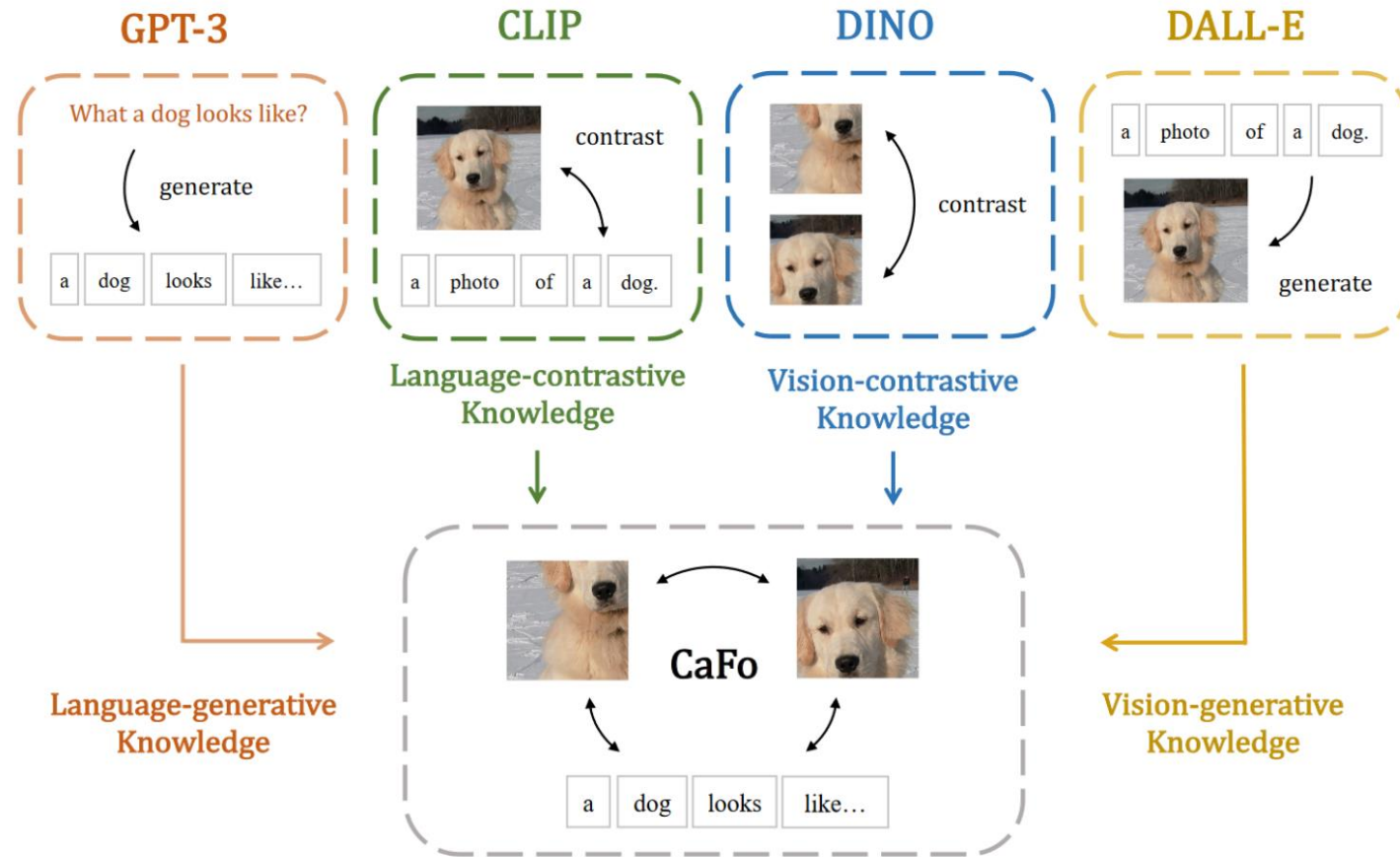


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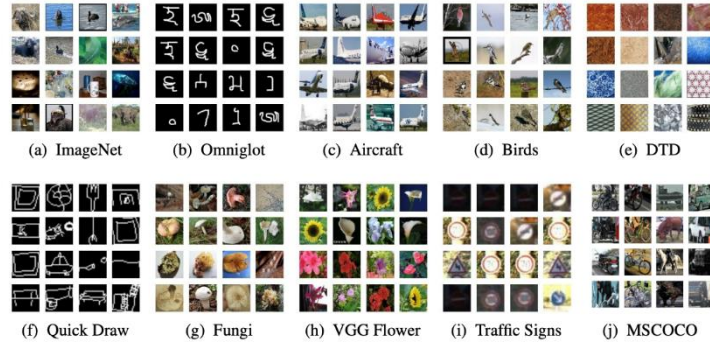
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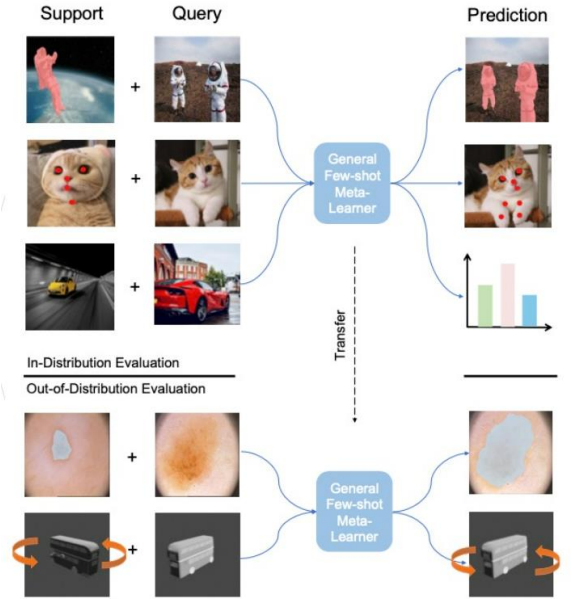
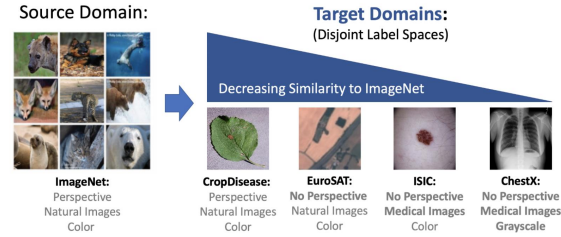
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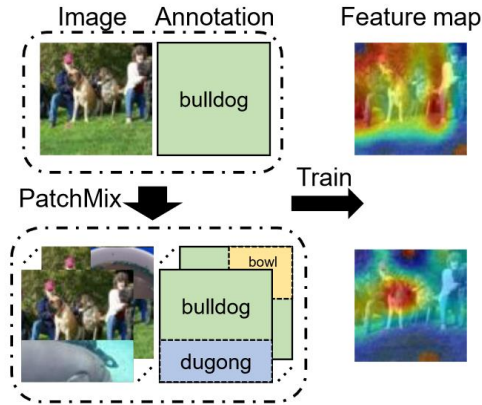
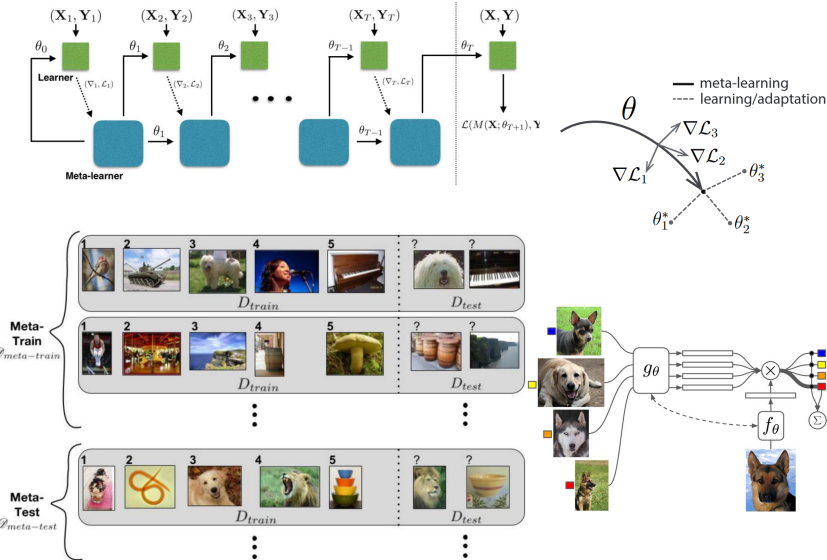
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Thanks!



Algorithm 1 PyTorch pseudo code for fine-tuning

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# Inputs: a task including supp_x, supp_y, query_x
# backbone_state: meta-trained backbone weights
# optimizer: Adam optimizer
# Outputs: logits

backbone = create_model_from_checkpoint(backbone_state)

def single_step(z):
    supp_x = backbone(supp_x)
    proto = create_prototypes(supp_x)
    f = backbone(query_x)
    logits = sim(f, proto) # similarity
    loss = cross_entropy(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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