

An Evaluation of Self-Supervised Pre-Training for Skin-Lesion Analysis



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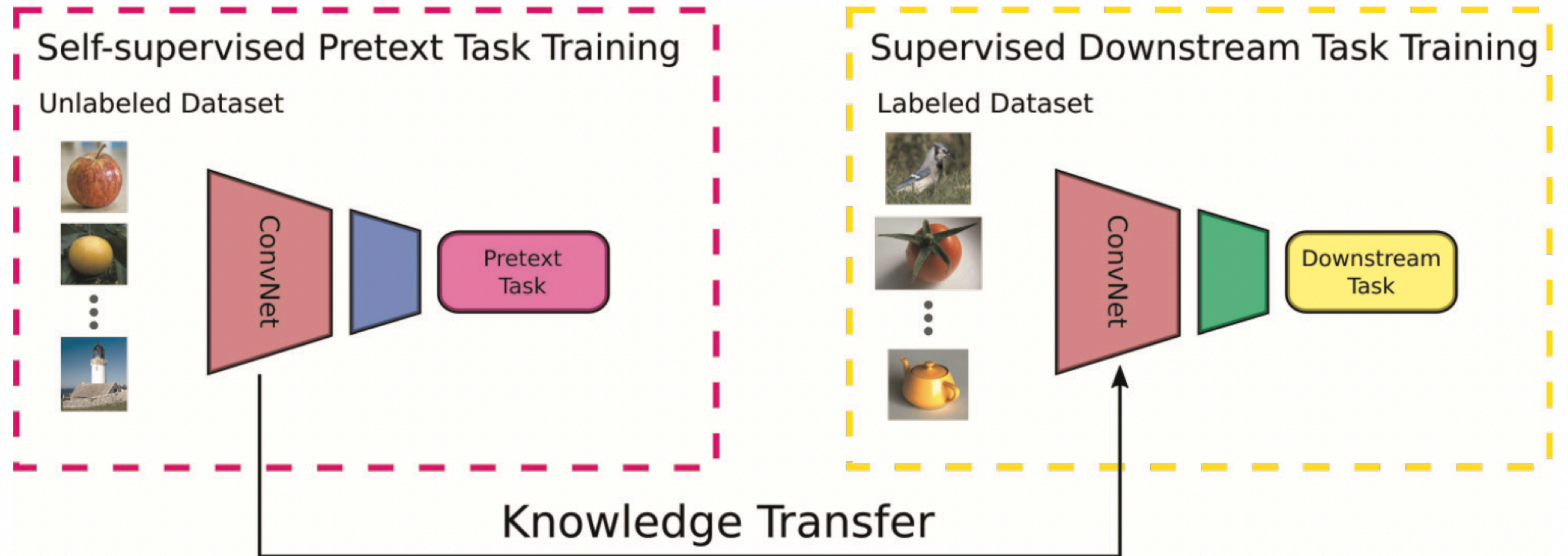
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Self-Supervised Learning



Pretext-task examples



→ 0°



→ 90°



→ 180°



→ 270°

Gidaris et al., 2018, Predicting Image Rotations

Pretext-task examples



How Transferable are Self-supervised Features in Medical Image Classification Tasks?

Big Self-Supervised Models Advance Medical Image Classification

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Abstract

Self-supervised pretraining followed by supervised fine-tuning has seen success in image recognition, especially when labeled examples are scarce, but has received limited attention in medical image analysis. This paper studies the effectiveness of self-supervised learning as a pre-training strategy for medical image classification. We con-

(1) Self-supervised learning on **unlabeled** natural images



(2) Self-supervised learning on **labeled** medical images

A Systematic Benchmarking Analysis of Transfer Learning for Medical Image Analysis

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ON THE IMPACT OF SELF-SUPERVISED LEARNING IN SKIN CANCER DIAGNOSIS

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ABSTRACT

Deep neural networks (DNNs) are the standard approach for image classification. However, they require a large amount of data and corresponding annotations. Collecting

in medical image analysis [6]. Additionally, the color distribution of natural images is also very different from the medical ones [7], which can result in models that have difficulties in generalizing to the other data [6].

Self-supervised learning (SSL) has emerged as a strategy

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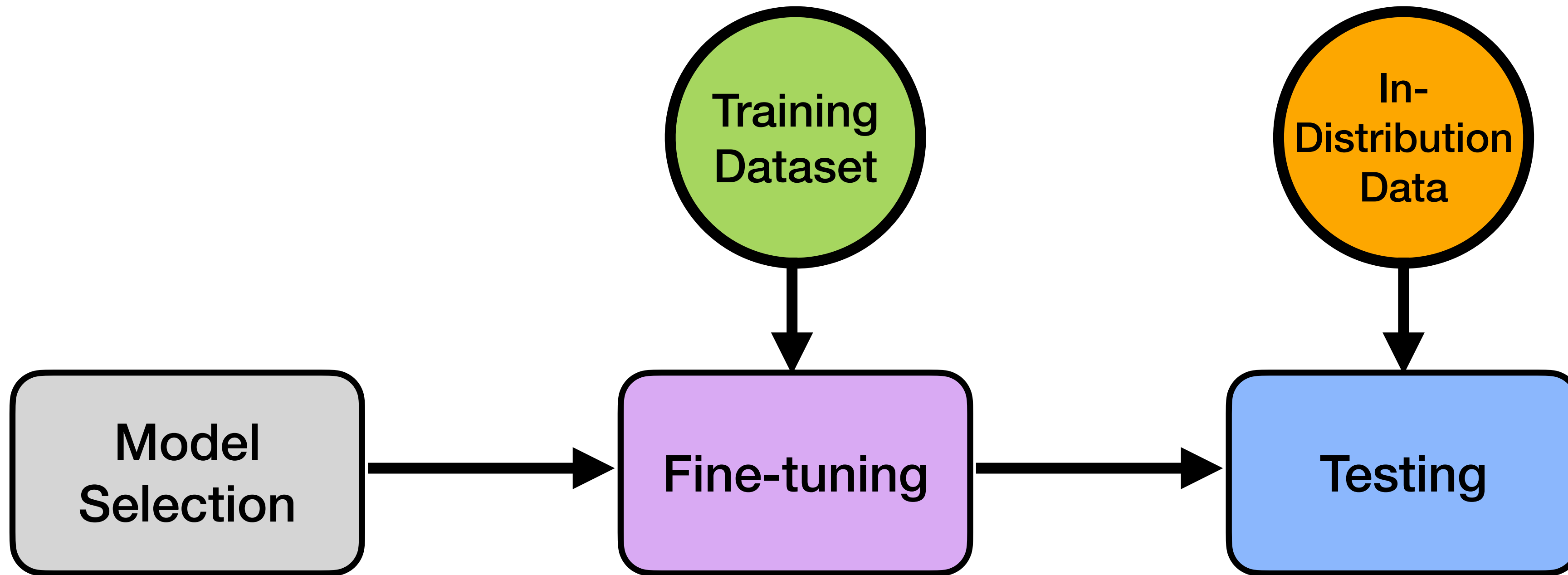
What were they missing?

Work _{year}	Out-of-distribution Evaluation	Low-data Evaluation
Azizi et al.2021		
Hosseinzadeh et al.2021		
Truong et al. 2021		
Verdelho et al. 2022		
Ours ₂₀₂₂		

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Experimental Design & Preliminary results

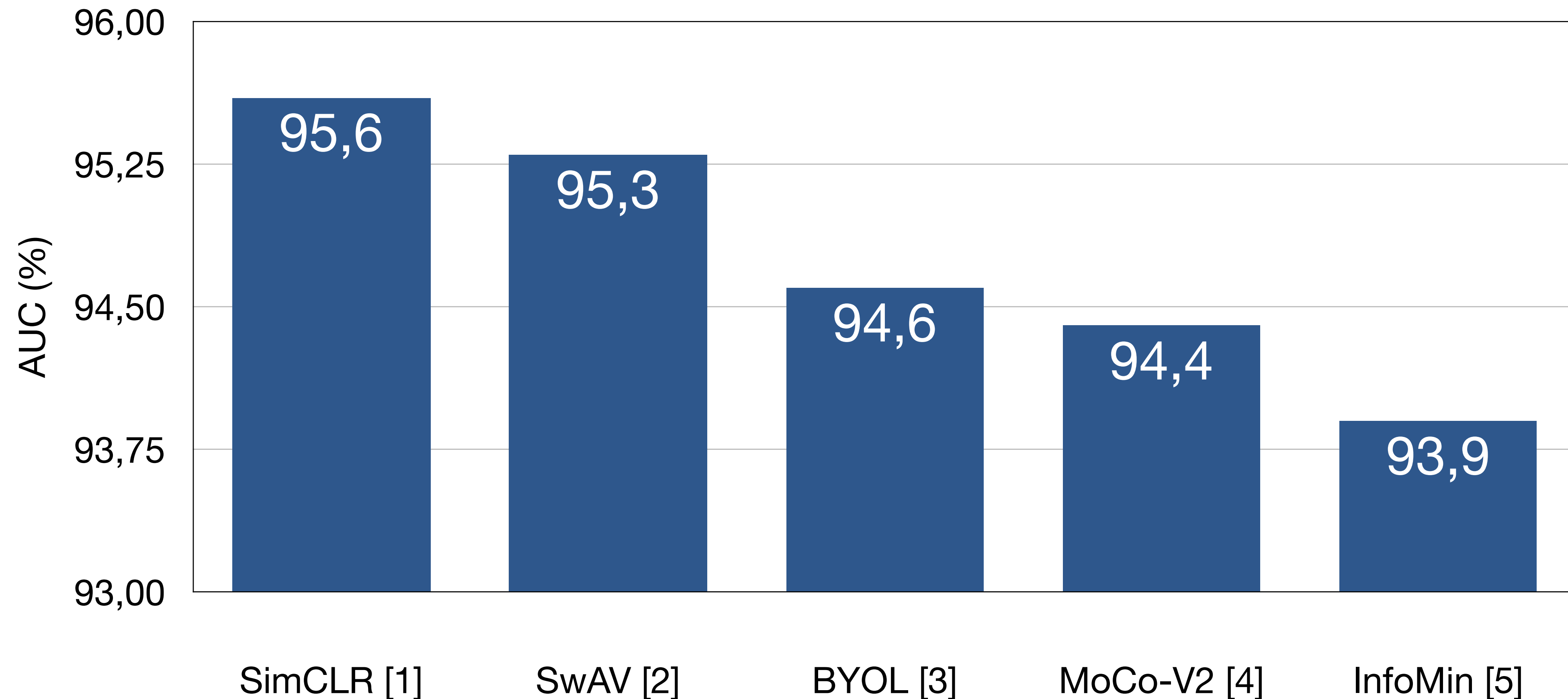
Standard Evaluation Protocol



Supervised (baseline)
Self-supervised (5 candidates)

Evaluated self-supervised learning methods

Fine-tuning results on ISIC 2019 (Melanoma vs. benign)



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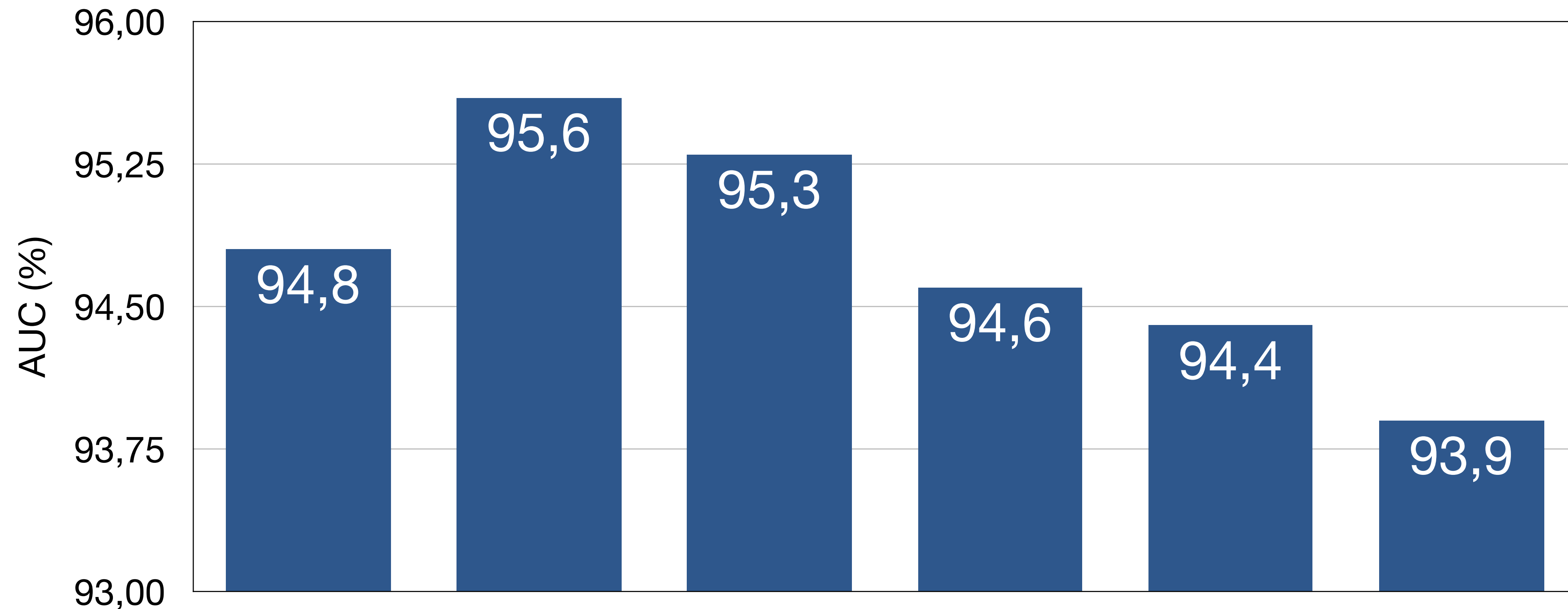
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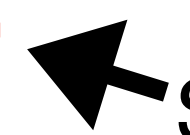
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Strong Baseline!



Sup. Baseline SimCLR [1] SwAV [2] BYOL [3] MoCo-V2 [4] InfoMin [5]

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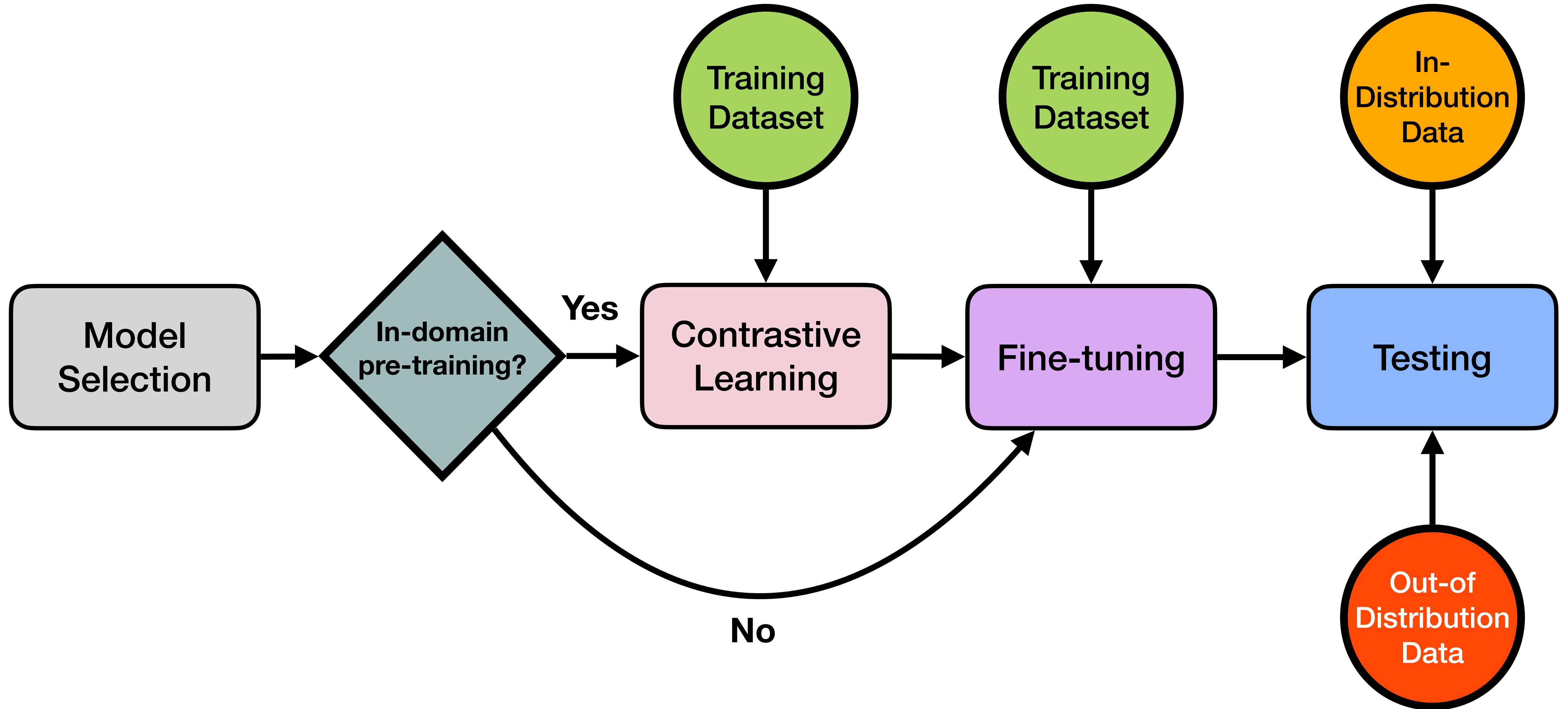
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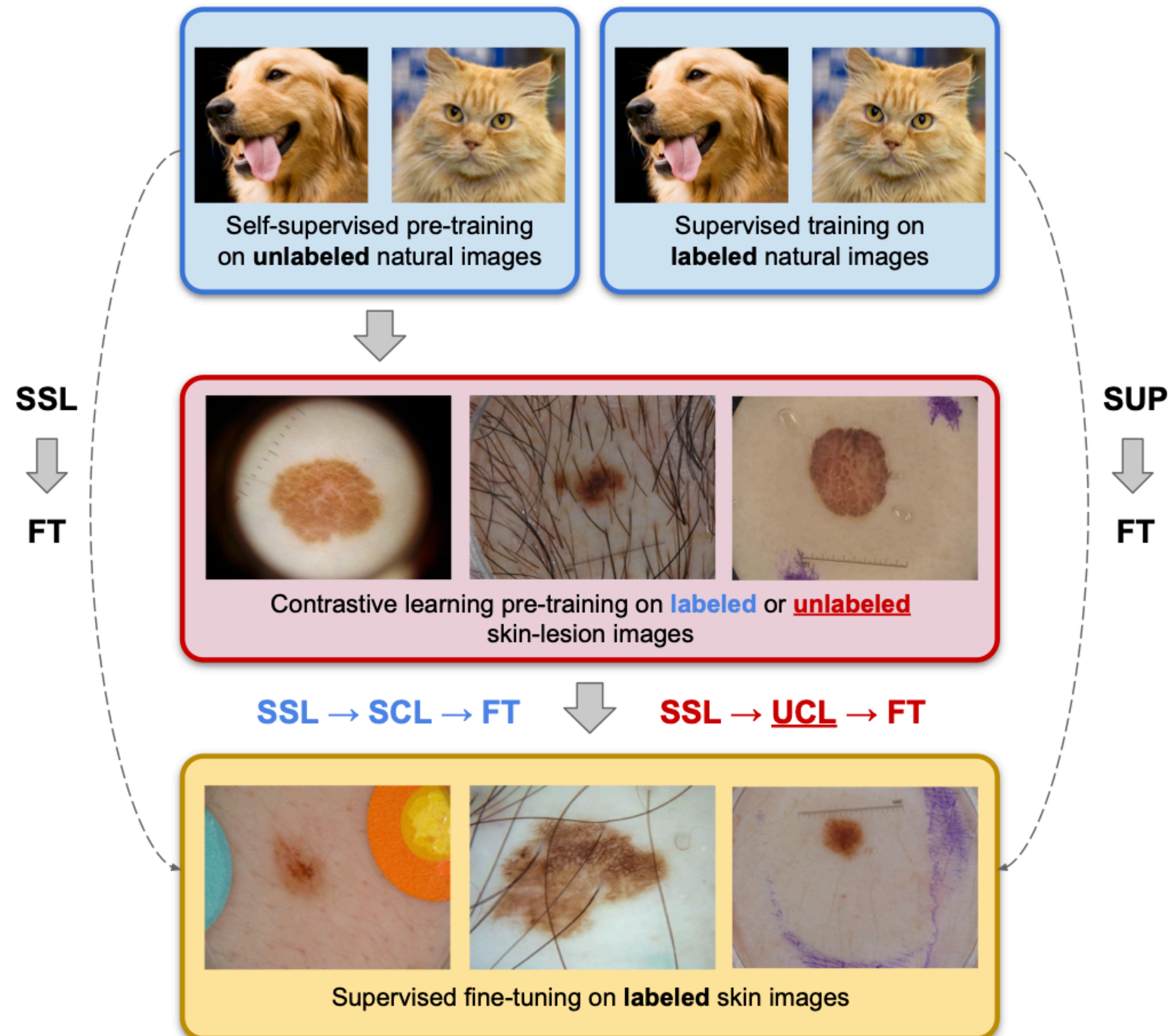
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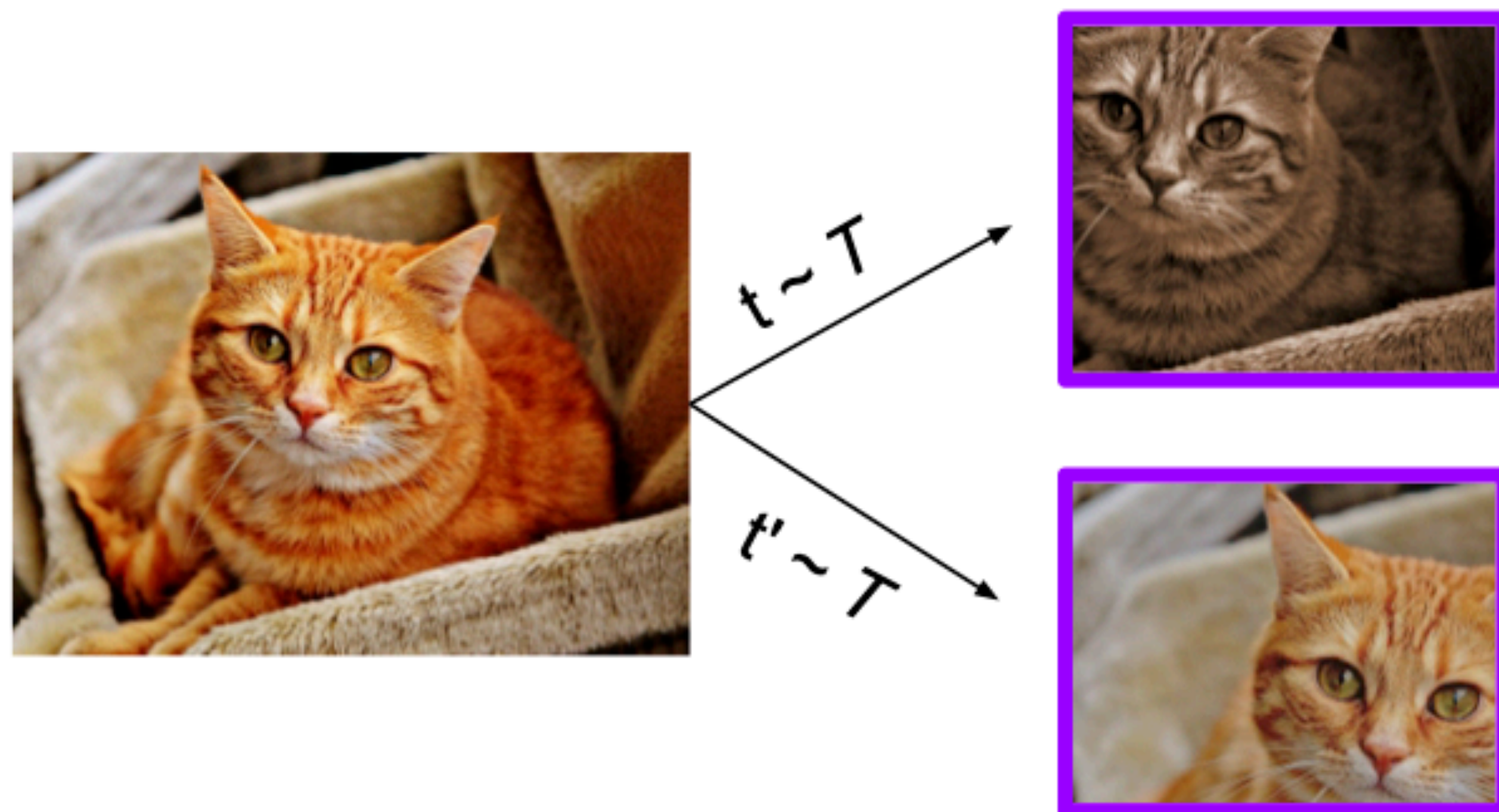
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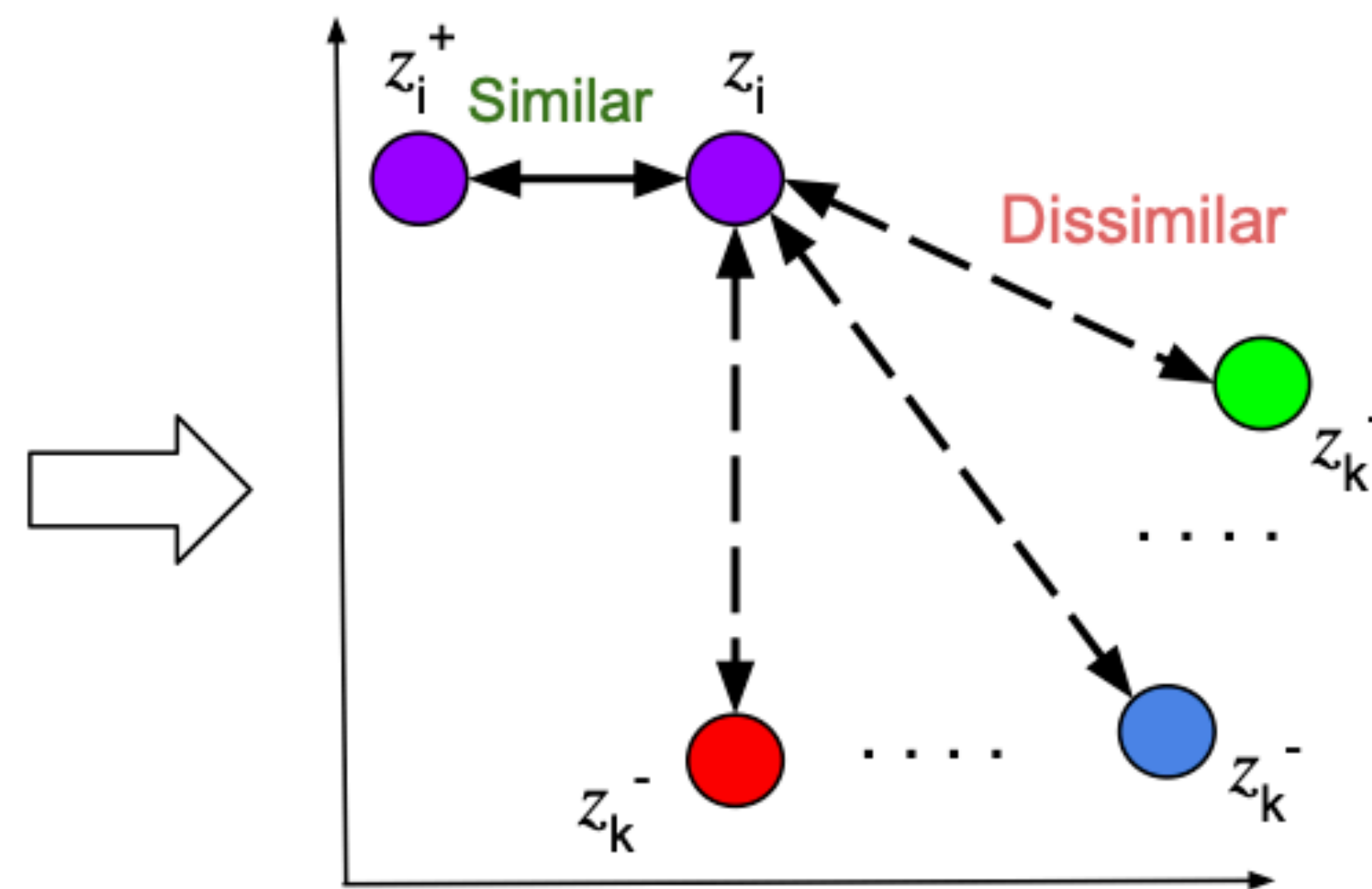
Our pipelines



Contrastive Learning



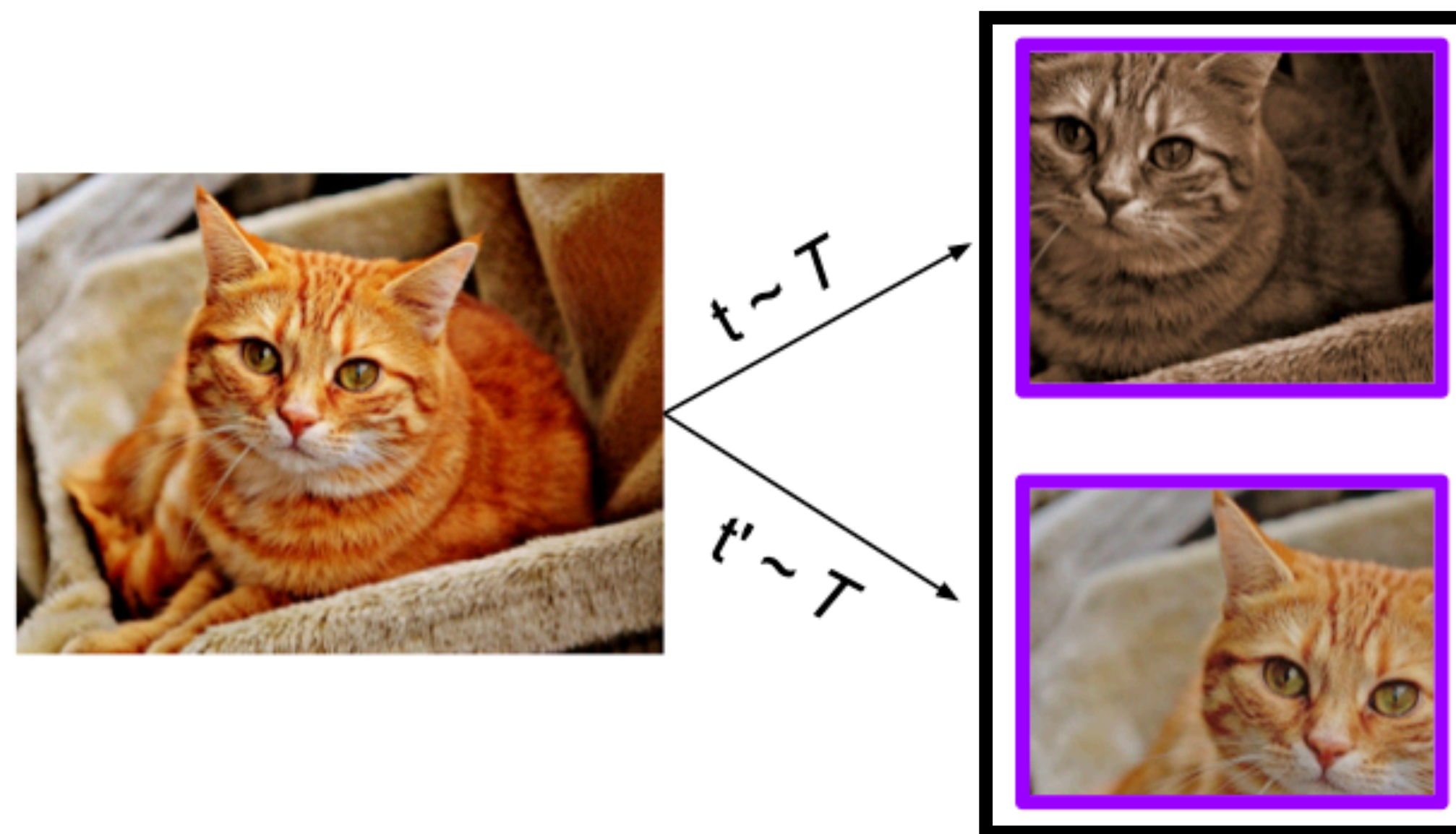
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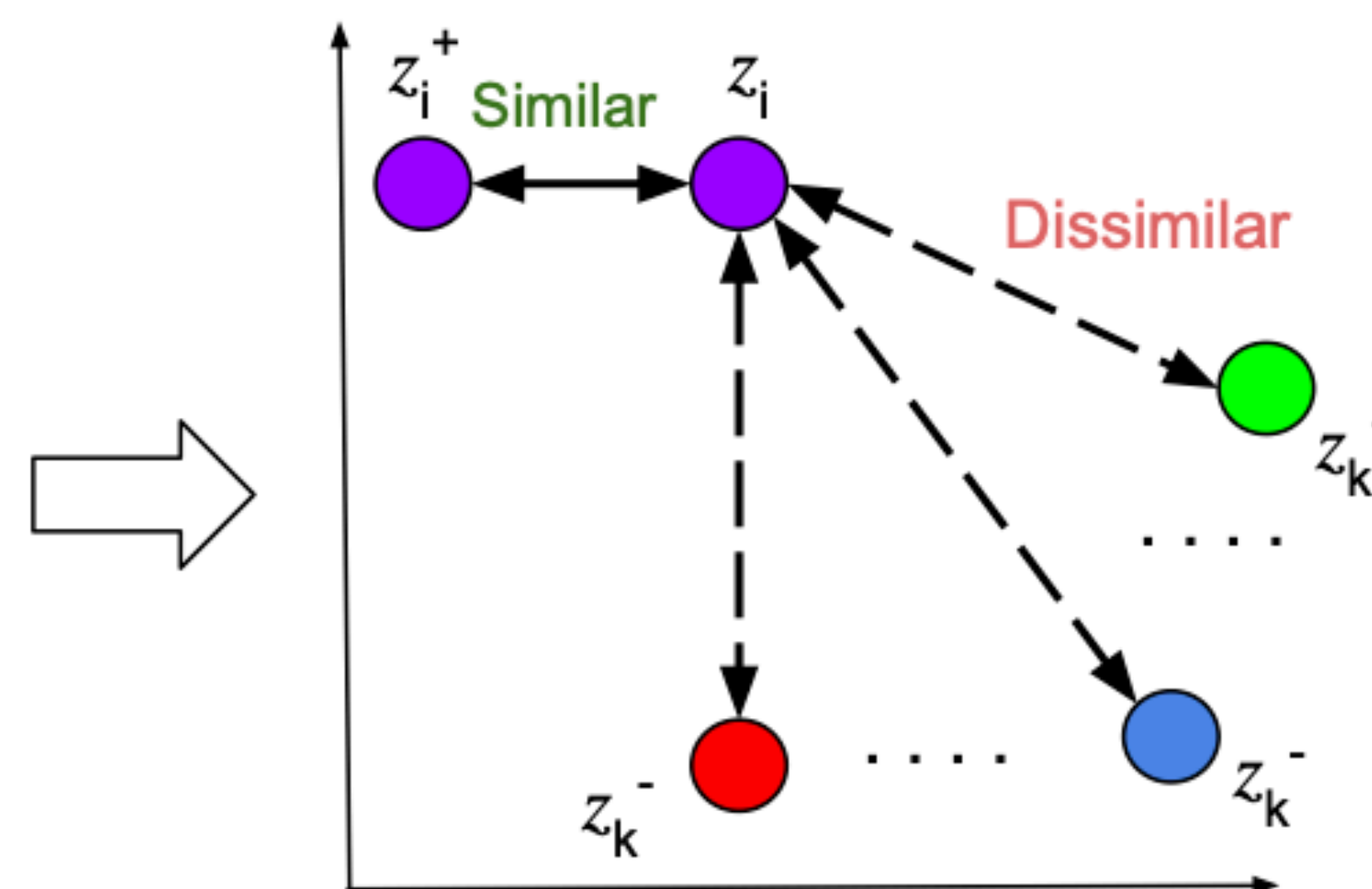
Representation Space



Contrastive Learning



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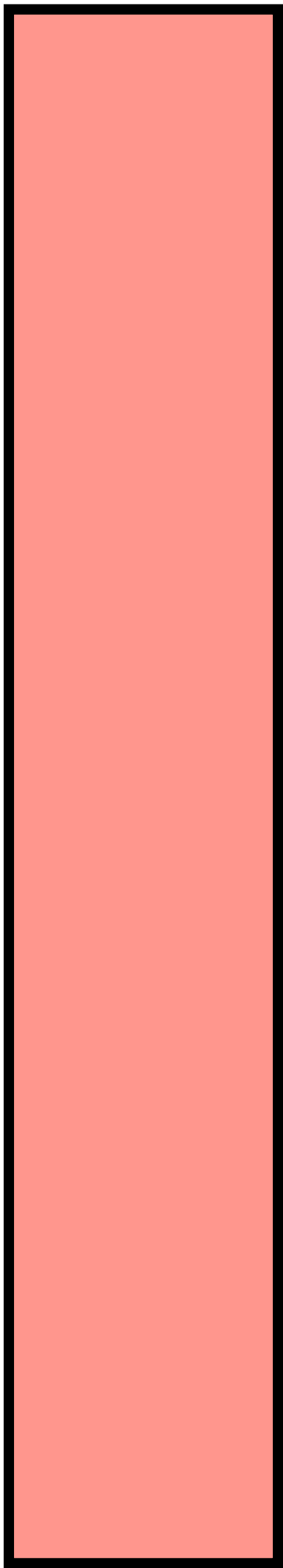


Unsupervised Contrastive Learning (UCL) -> Image augmentations to create positive views

Supervised Contrastive Learning (SCL) -> Label class to create positive views

Full-data evaluation

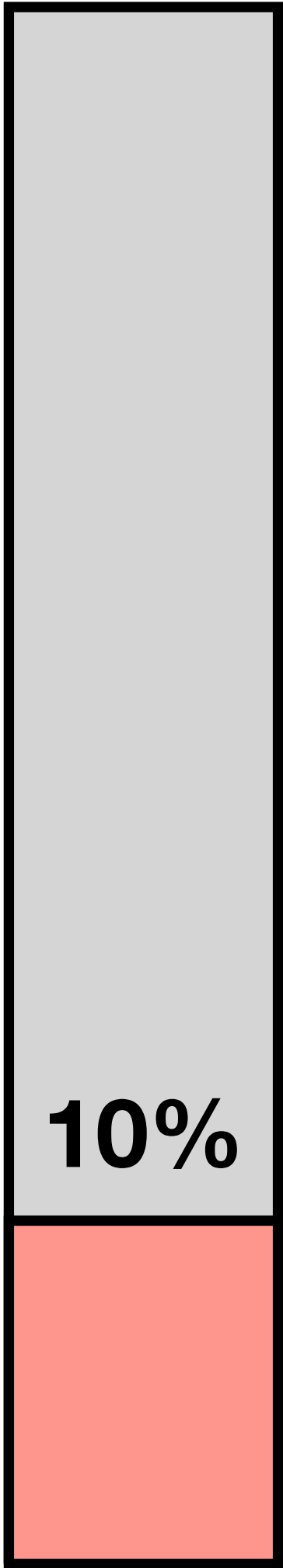
Training Data
100 %



Low-data evaluation



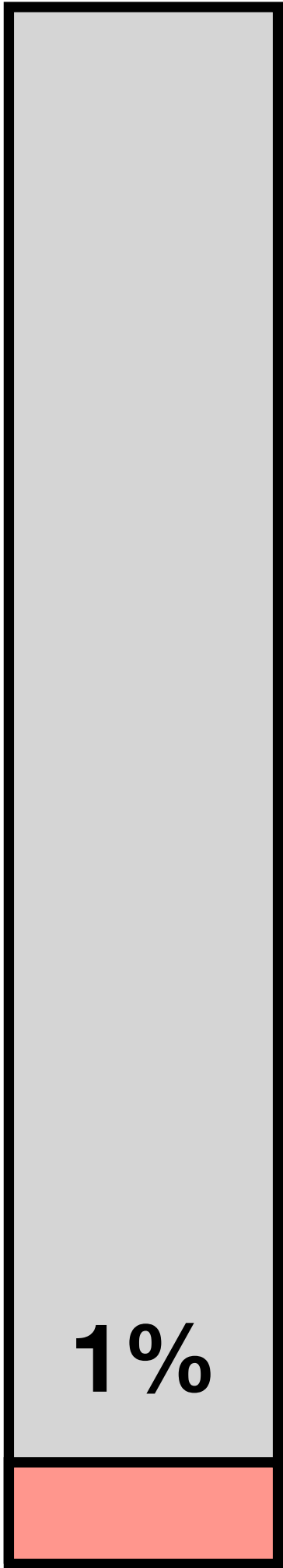
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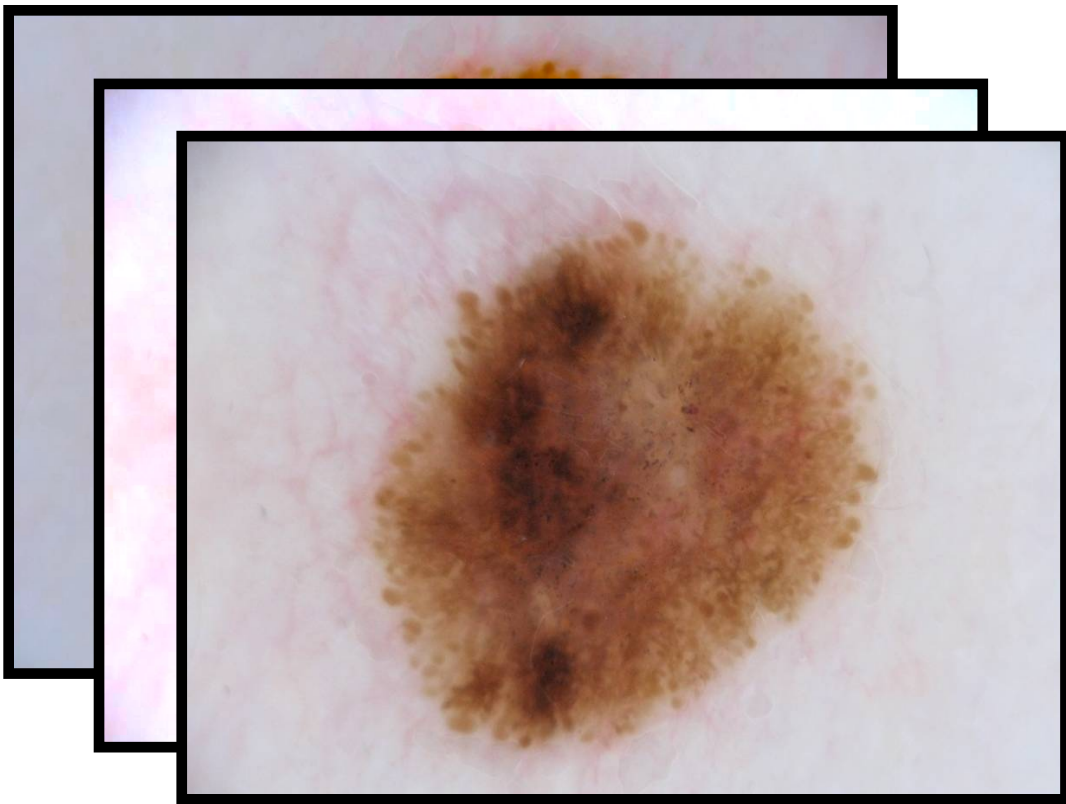


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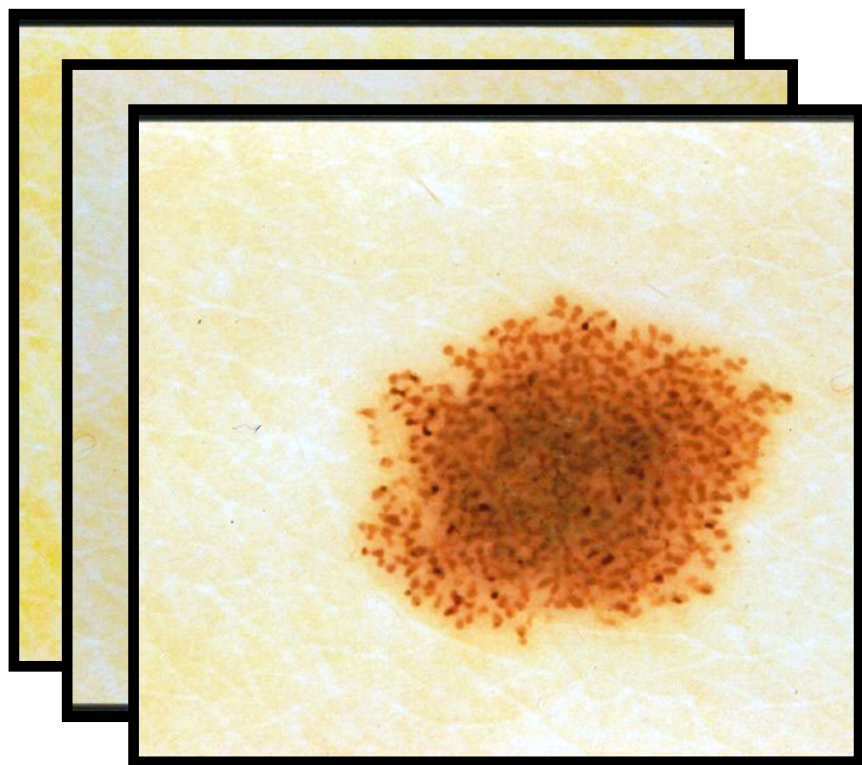
Train

Test

ISIC 2019



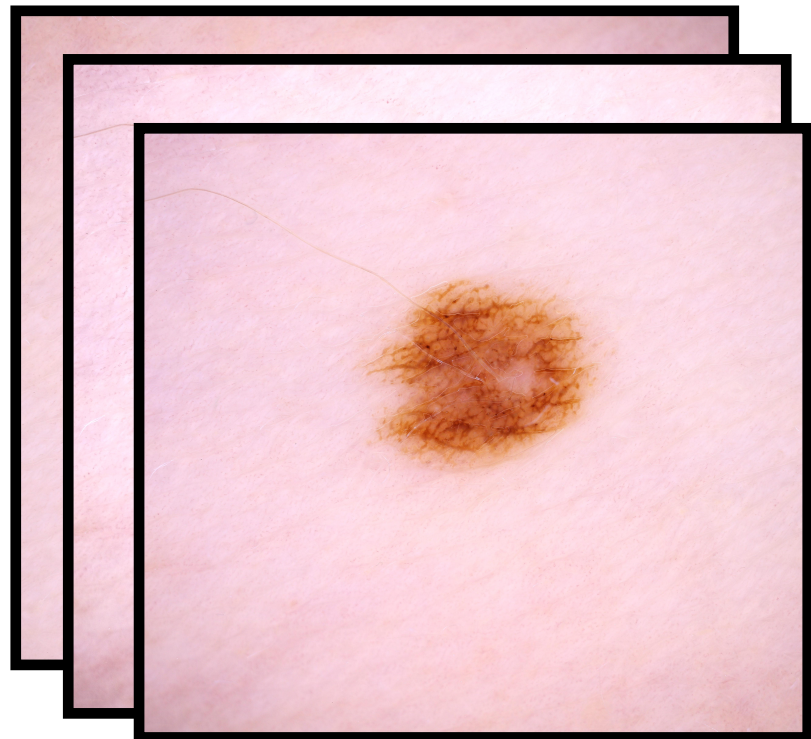
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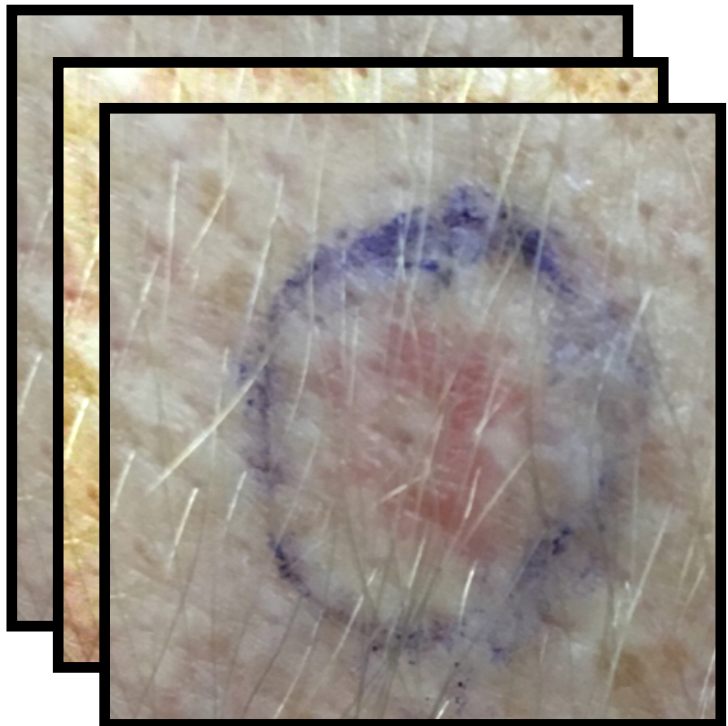
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ISIC 2020



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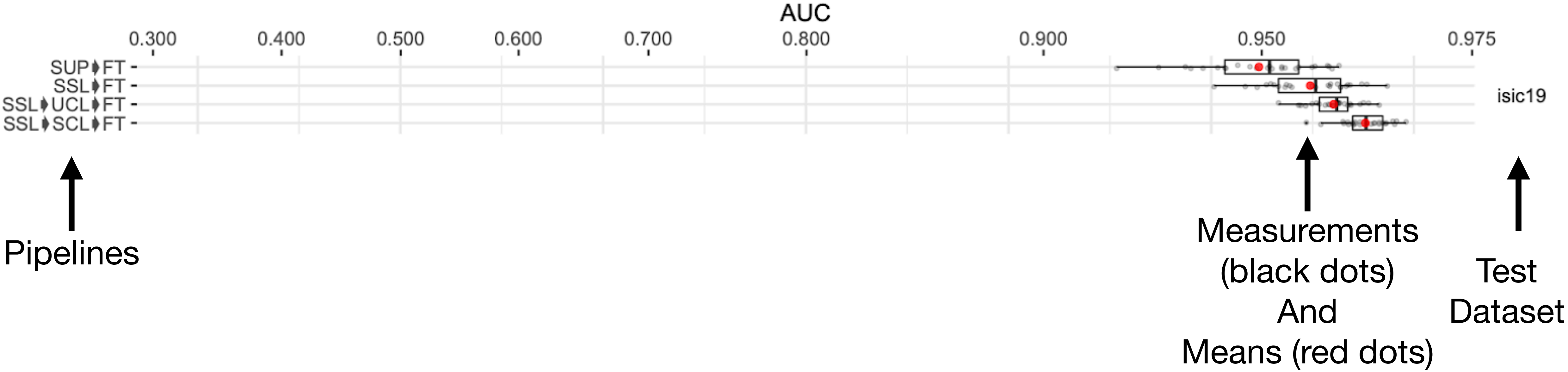


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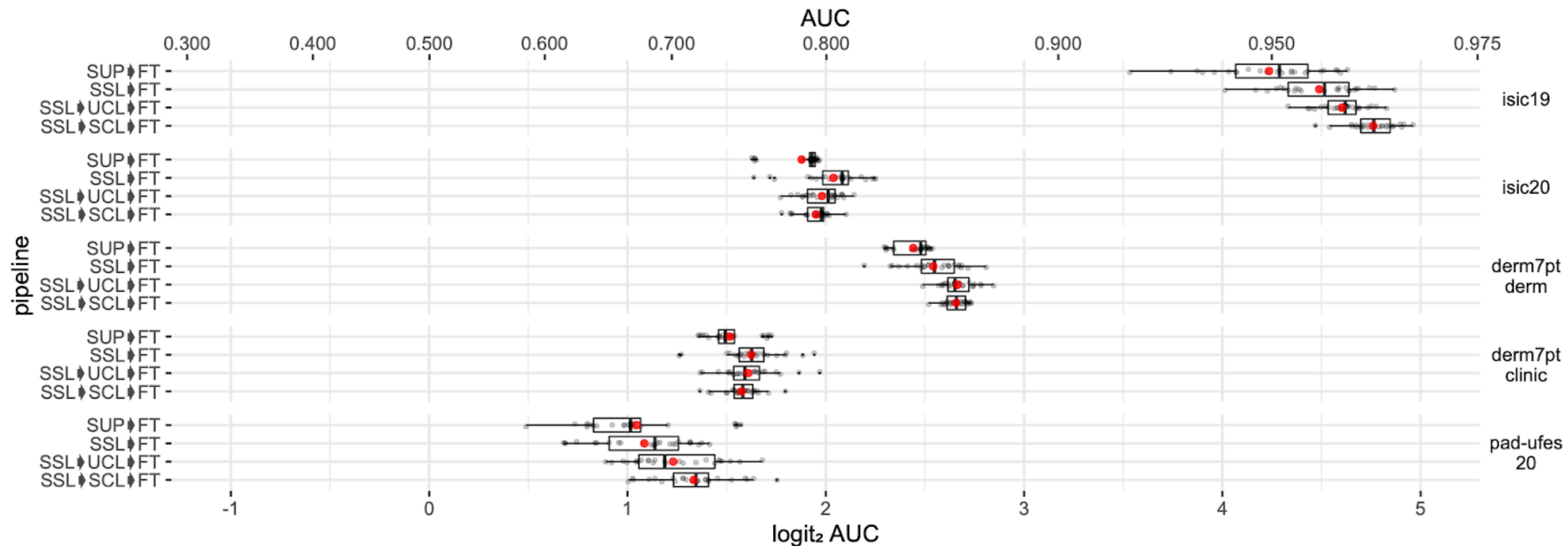
Results

Full data and out-of-distribution performance



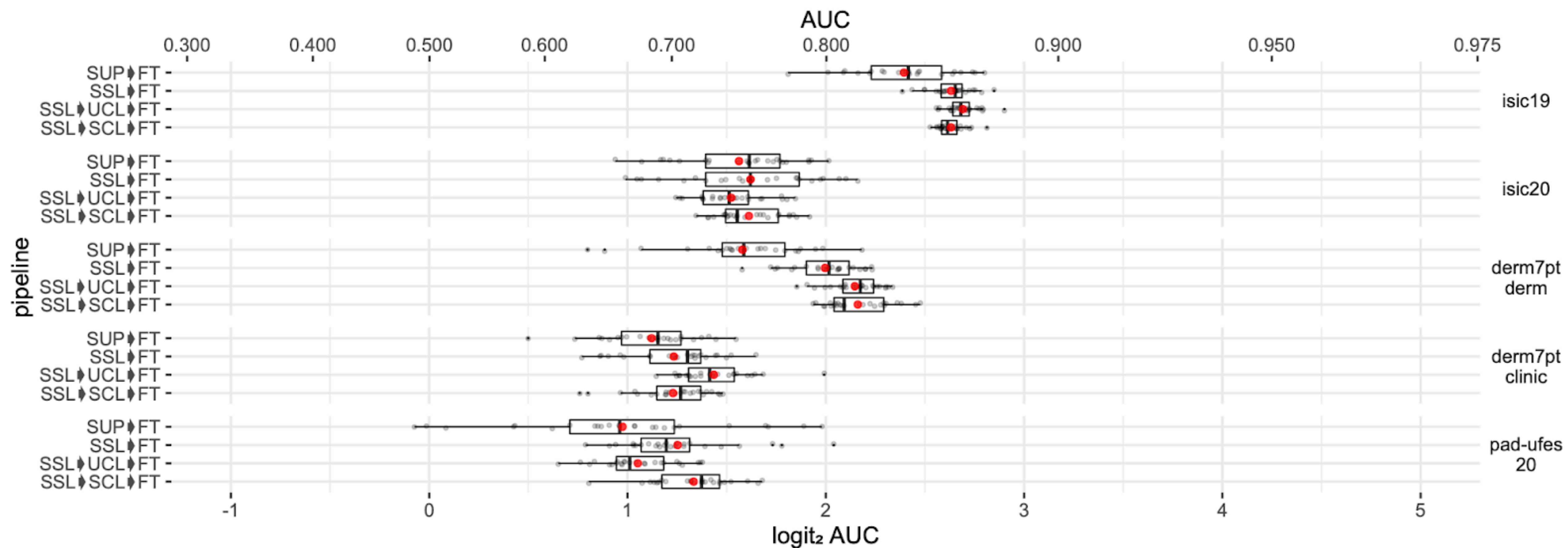
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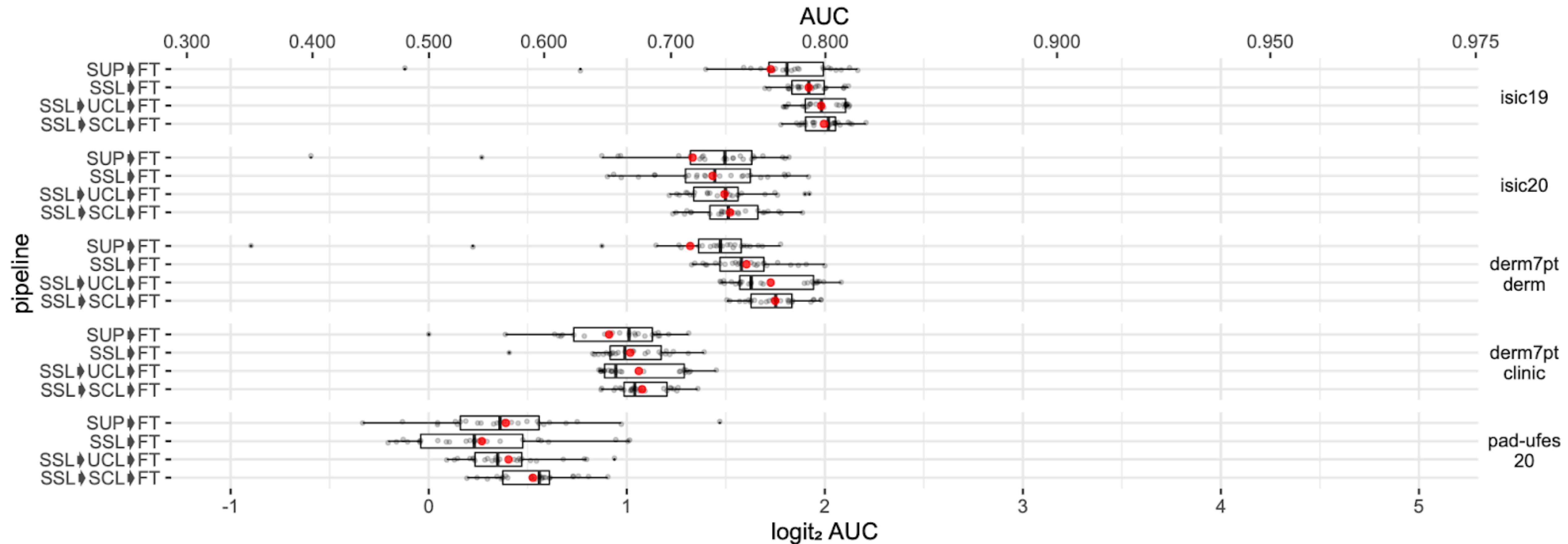
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Low-data and out-of-distribution performance



10% of training data — 1,480 samples

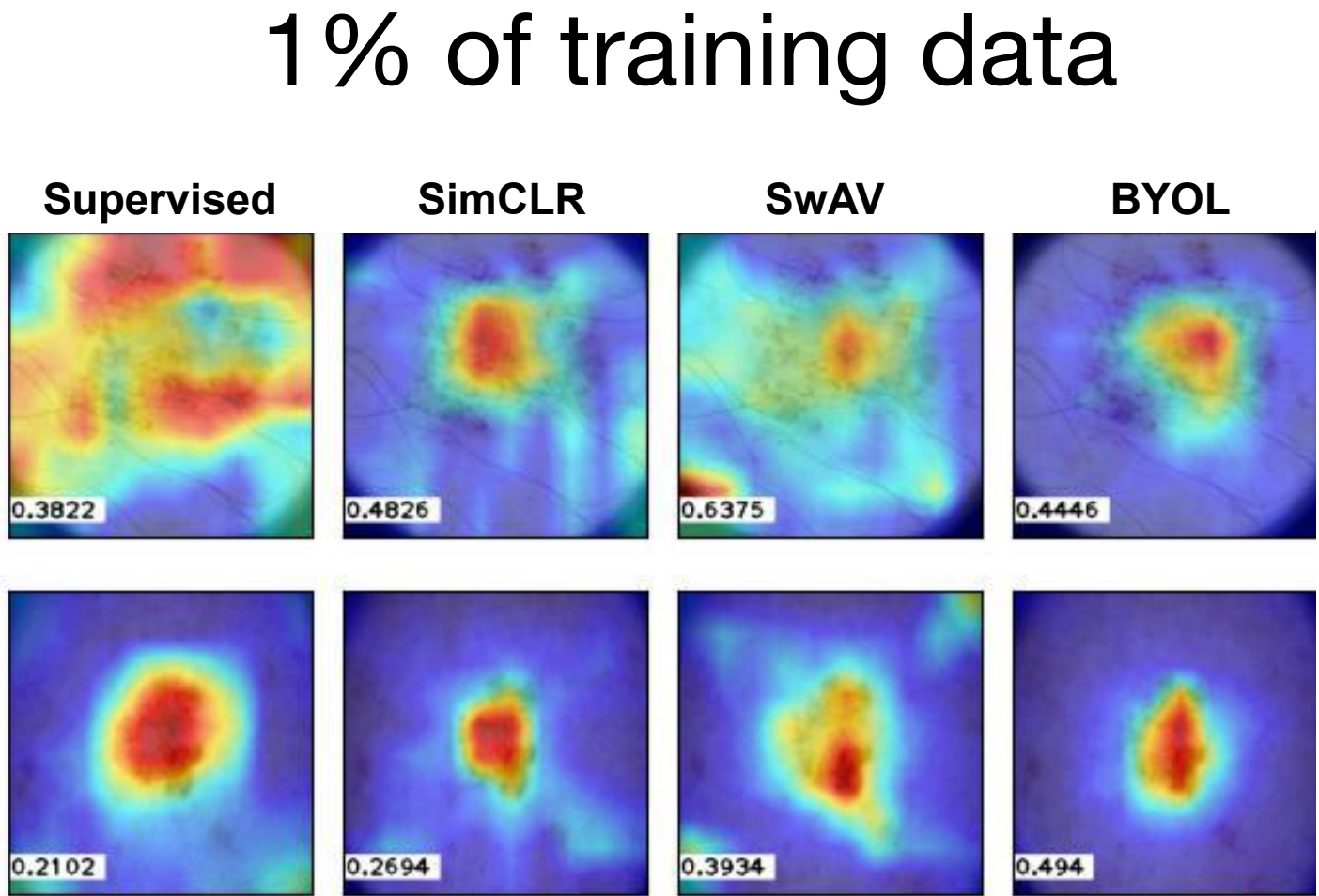
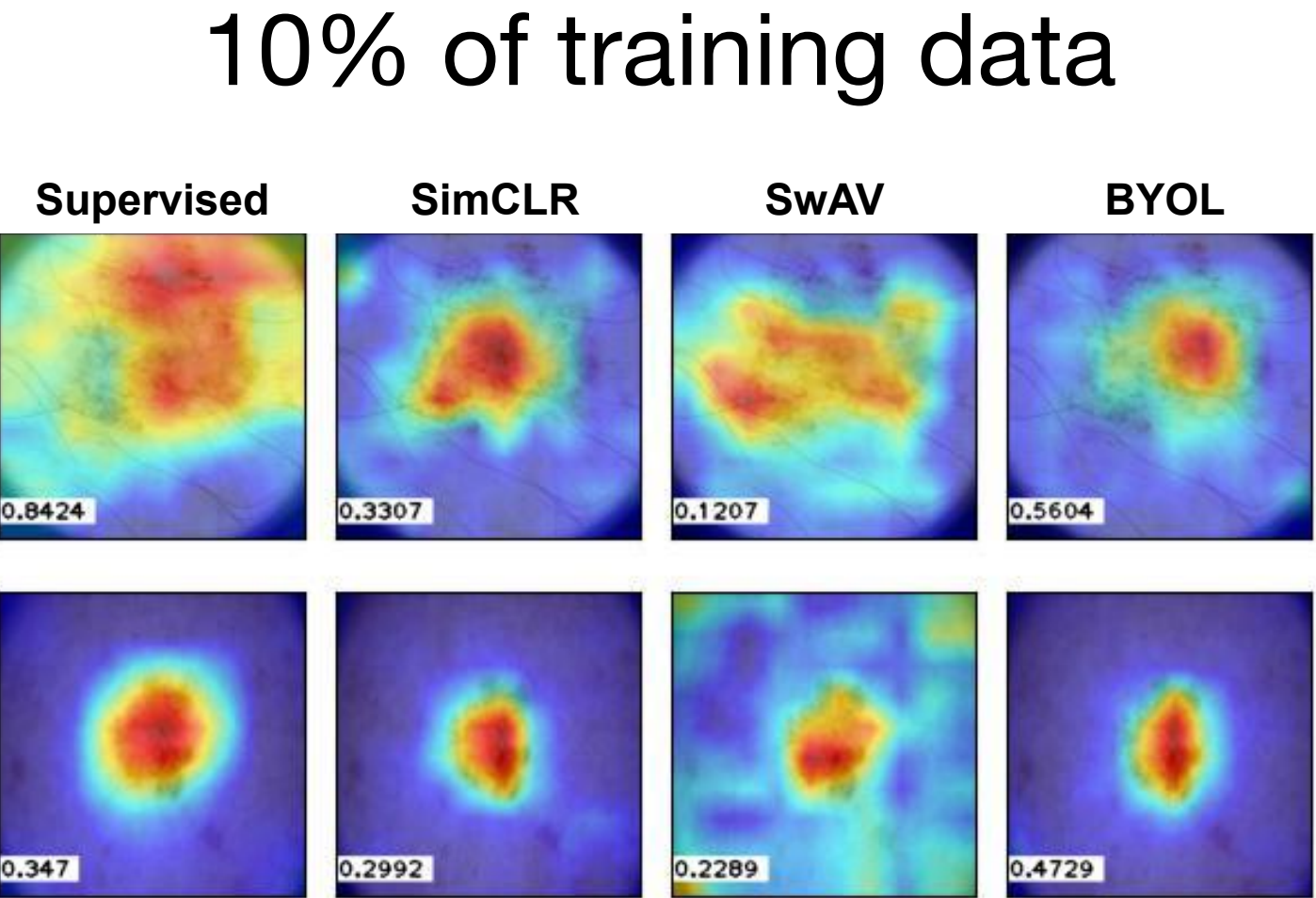
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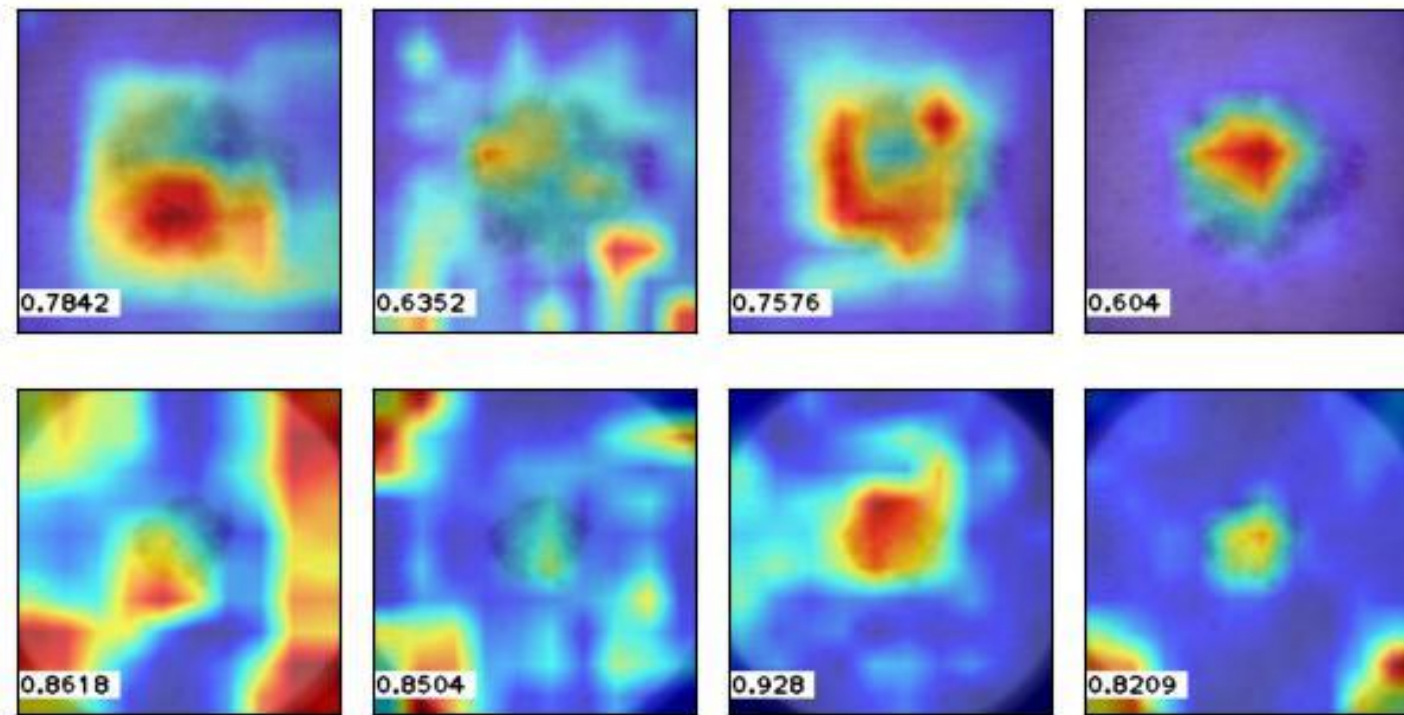
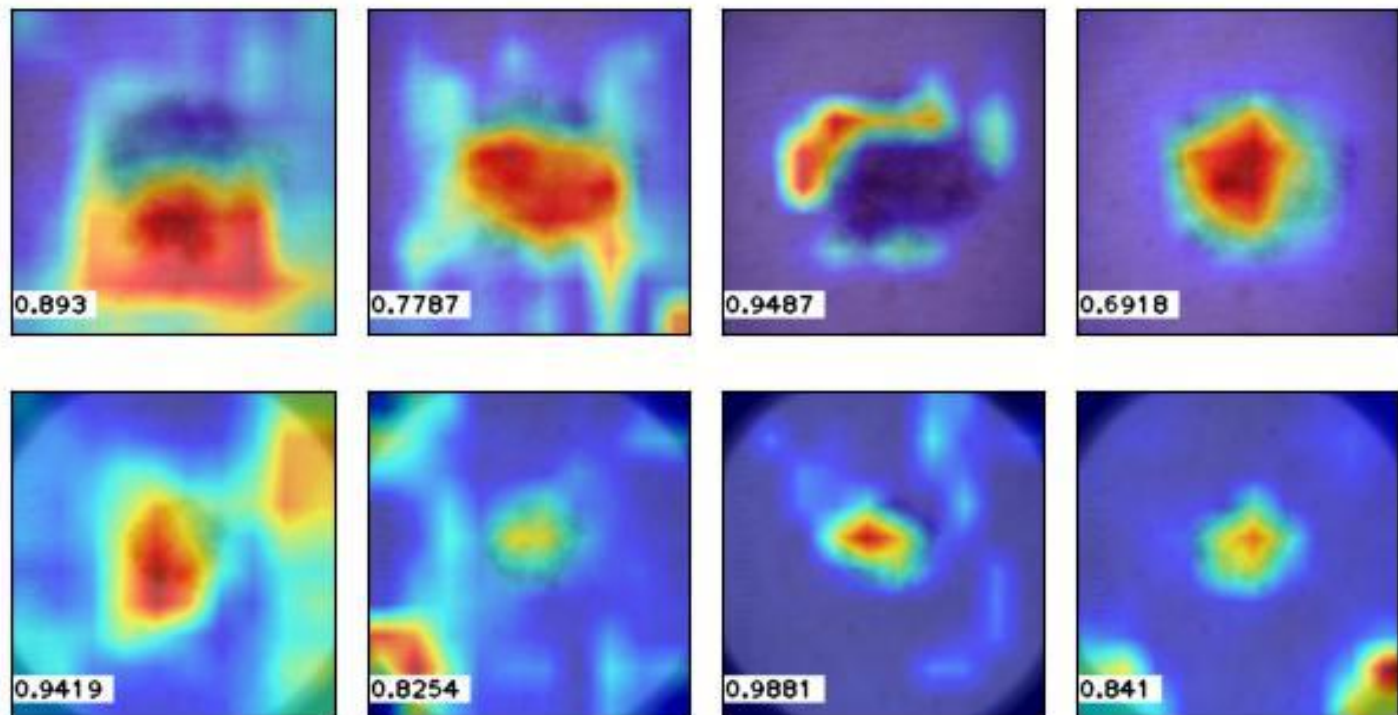
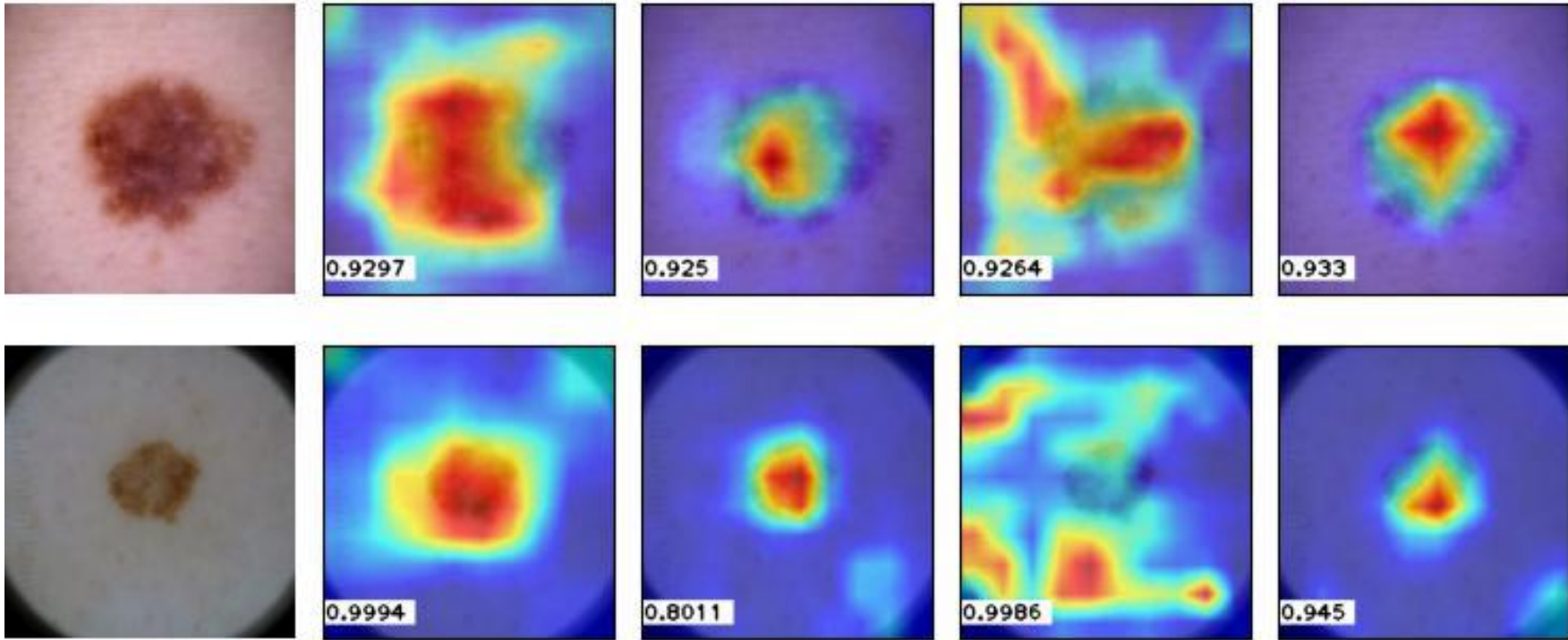
1% of training data — 148 samples

Qualitative Analysis

True Positive



False Negative



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- **Understanding what circumstances make self-supervised competitive from a theoretical perspective is a promising research area.**

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Code and data available on Github!

<https://github.com/VirtualSpaceman/ssl-skin-lesions>

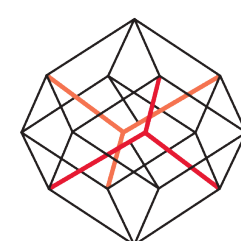
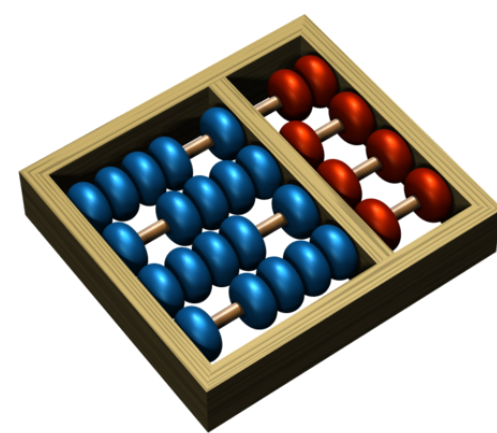
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