

No Reason for No Supervision: Improved Generalization in Supervised Models

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Transfer Learning

Train on **training task**

Model

Use for many **transfer tasks**



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CIFAR10/100



FGVC Aircraft



Places205



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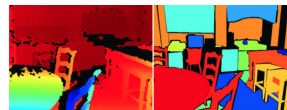
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- Classification (supervised)
- Self-supervised learning

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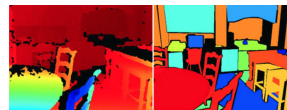
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Training vs Transfer performance

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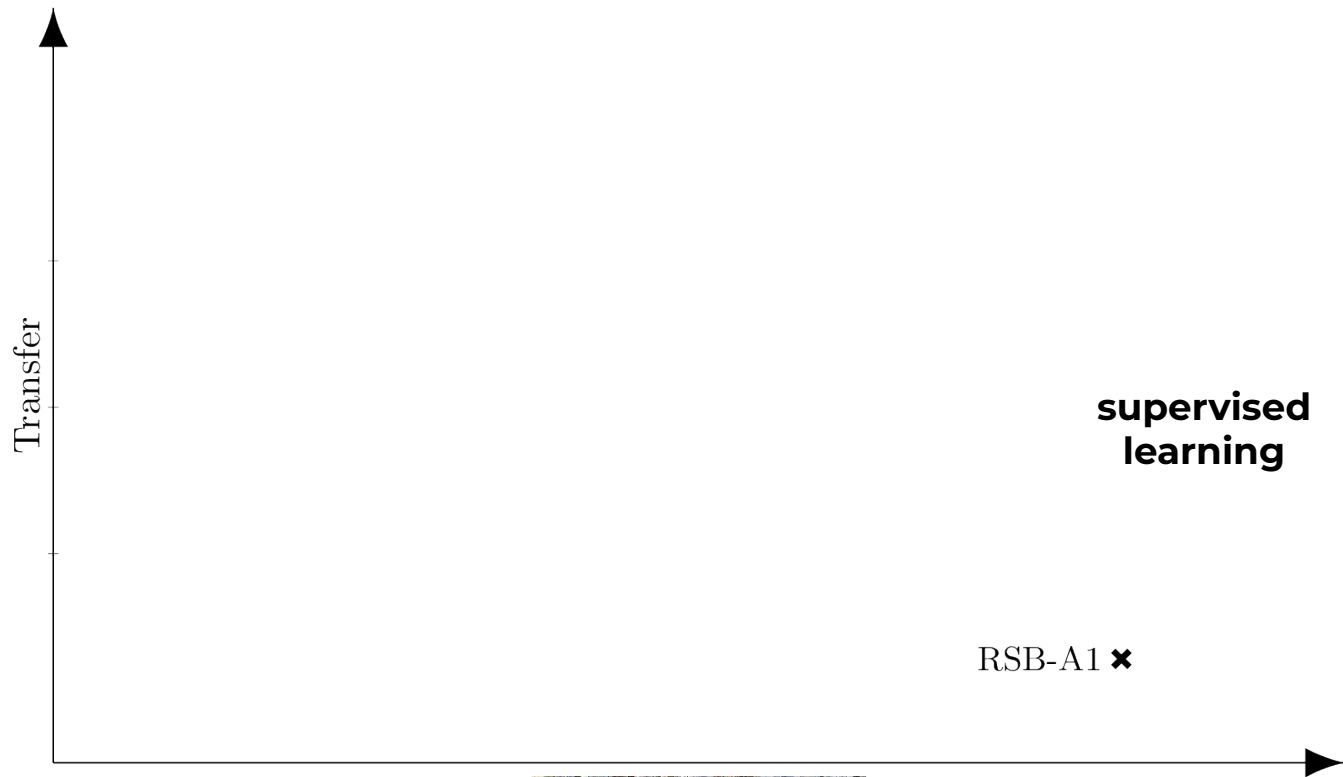
A good model should shine **both** on

- The **training** task
- **Transfer** tasks

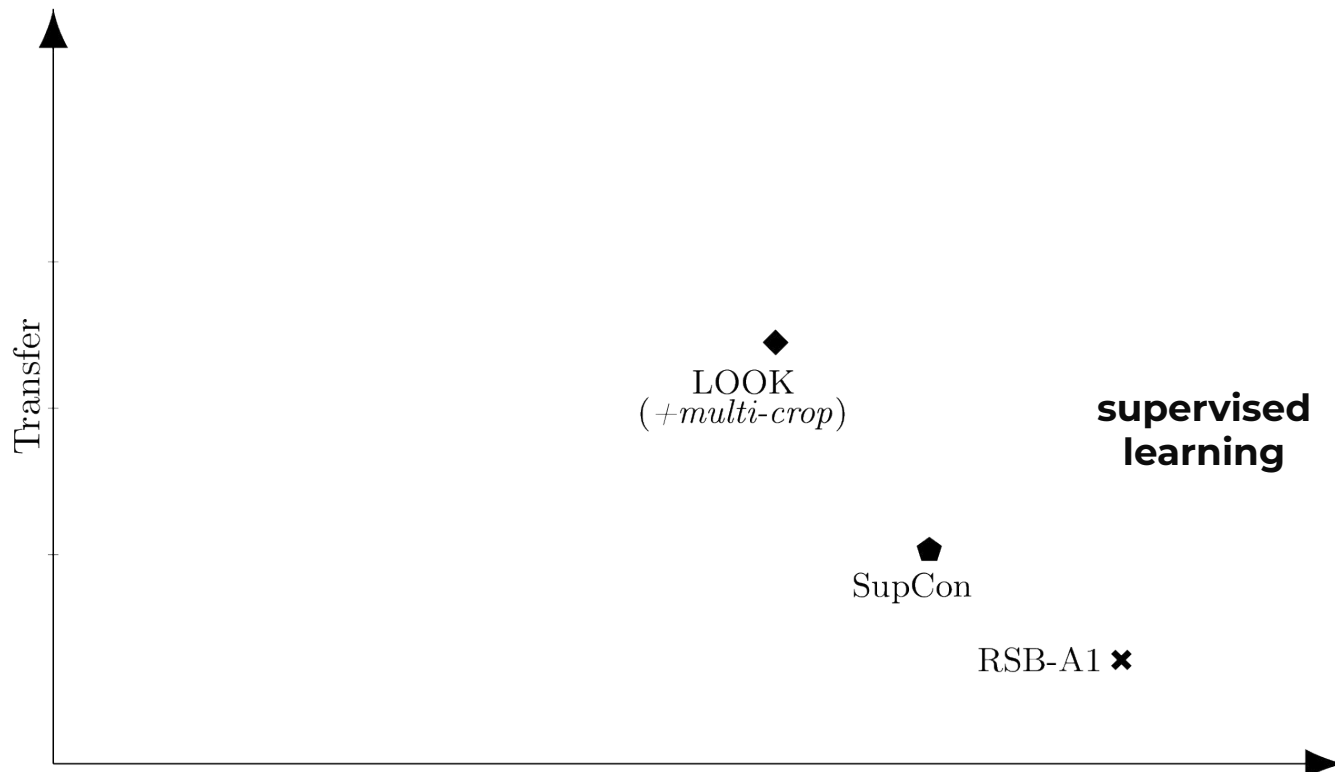
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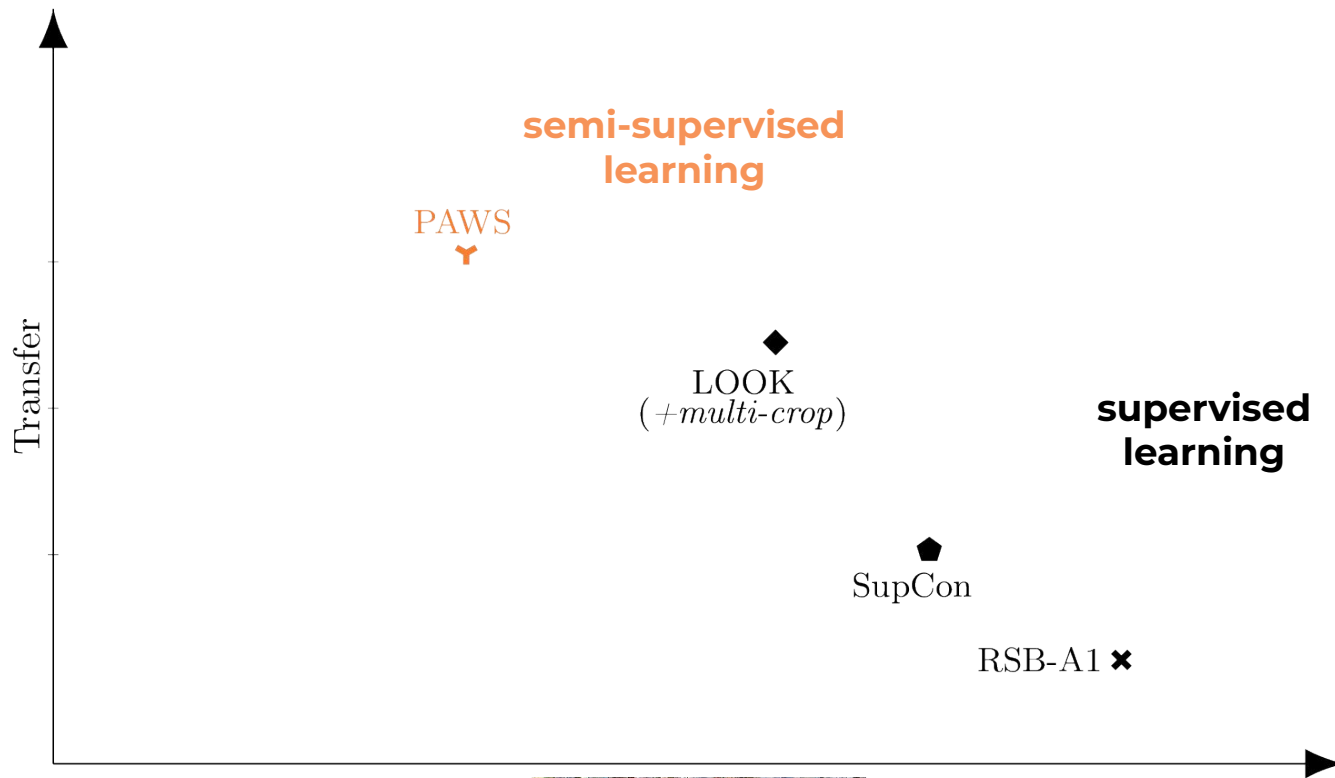
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SupCon (Khosla et al., 2020)
LOOK (Feng et al., 2022)



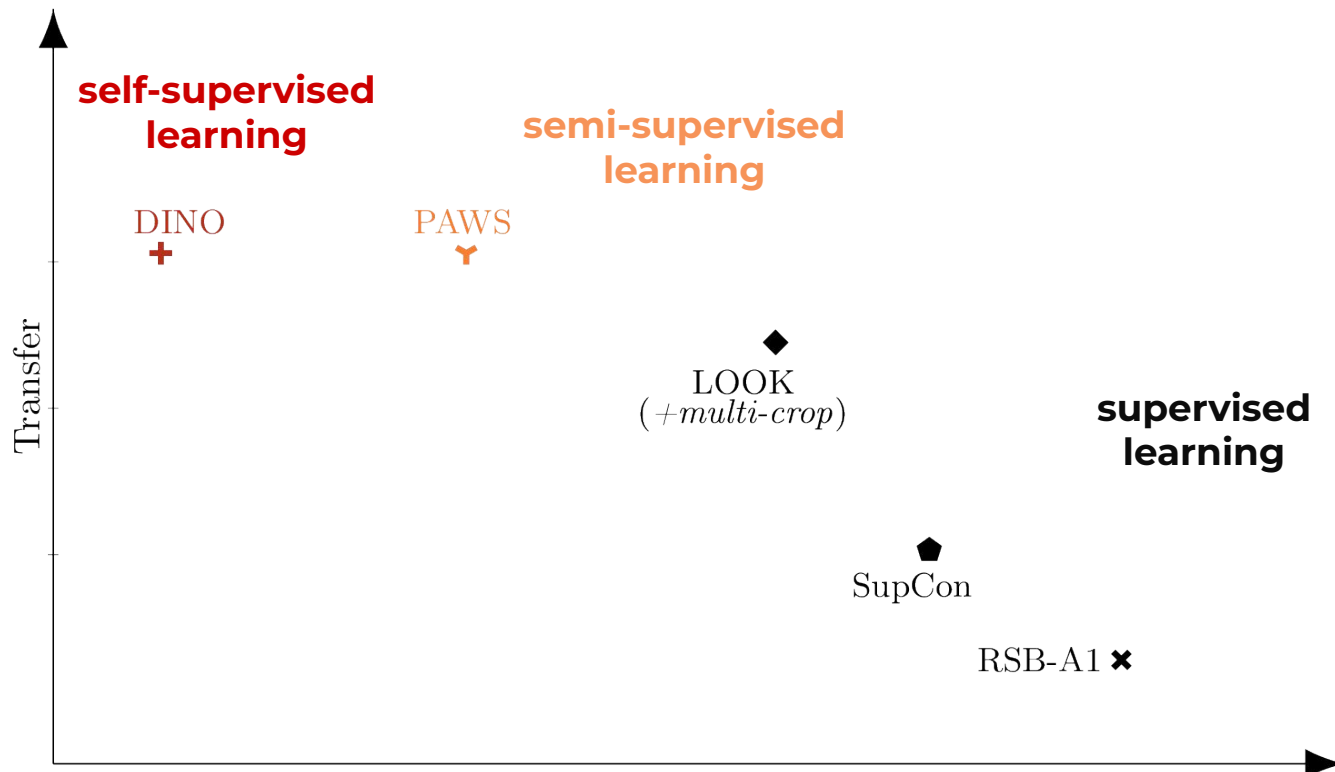
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PAWS (Assran et al., 2021)



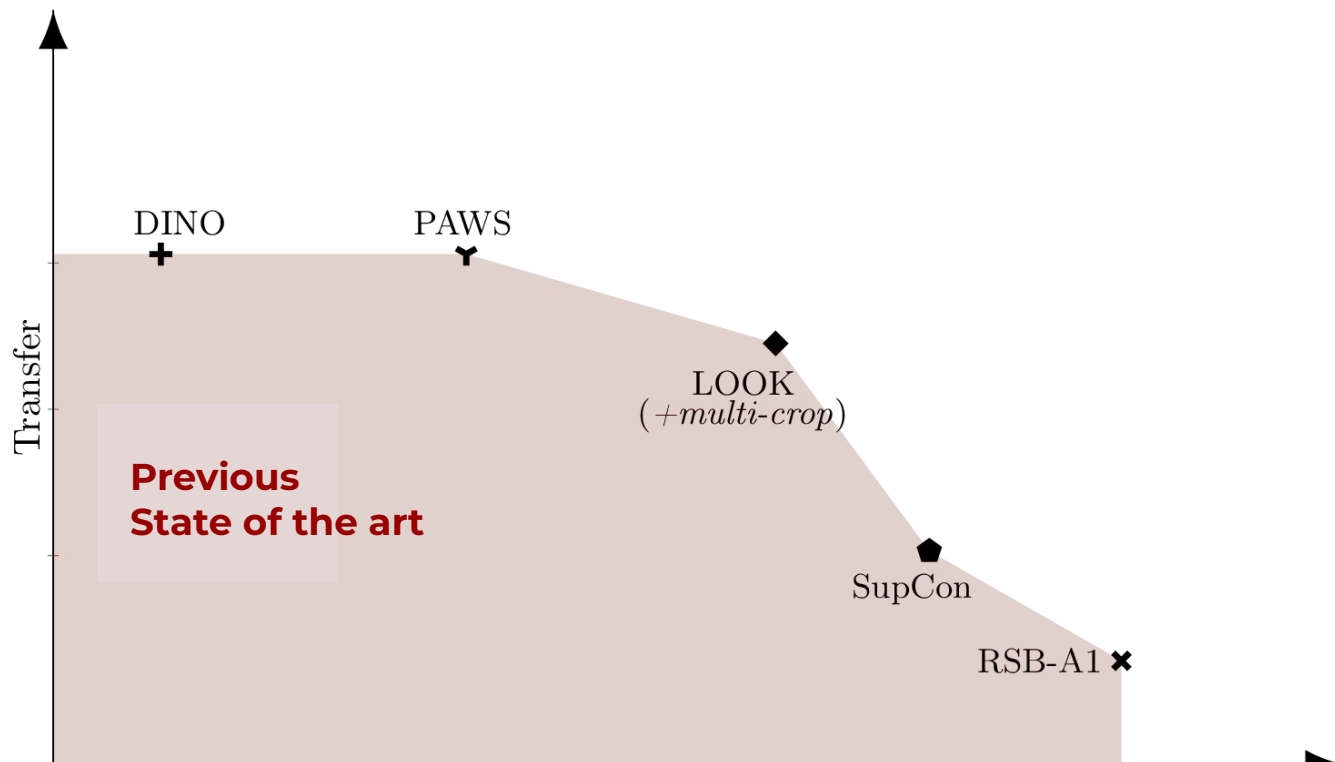
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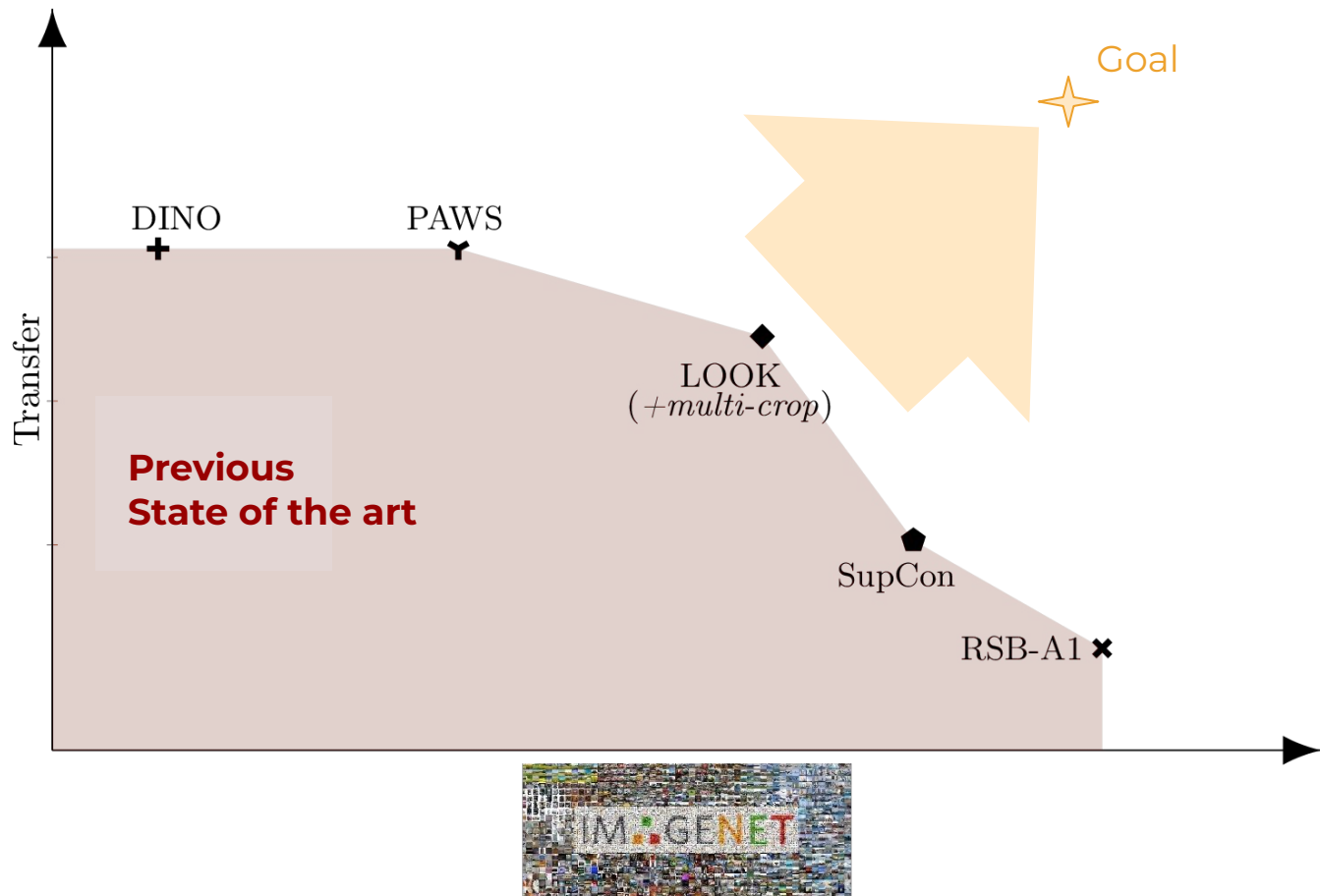
DINO (Caron et al., 2021)



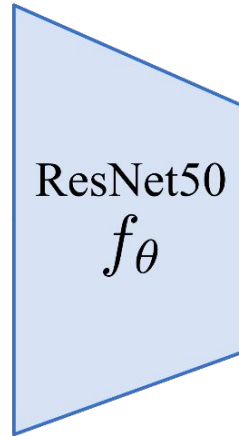
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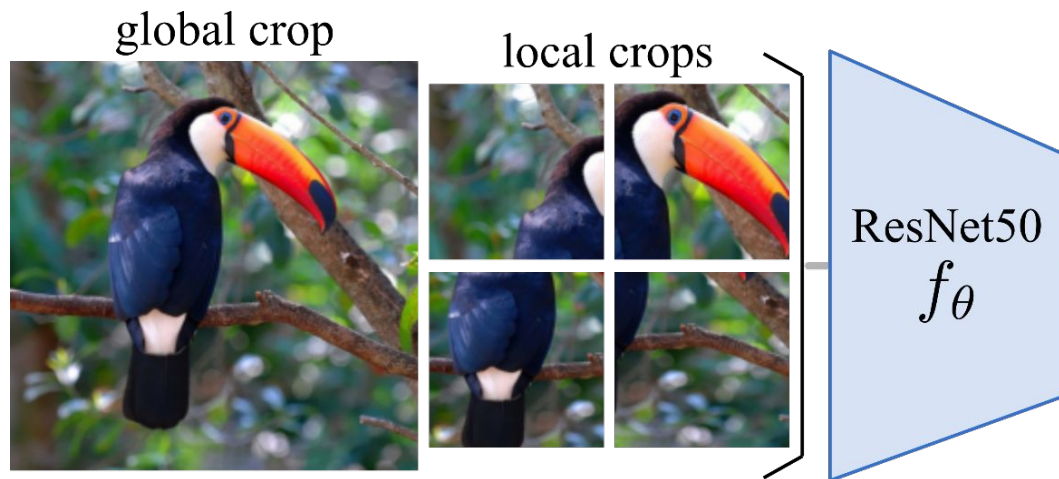
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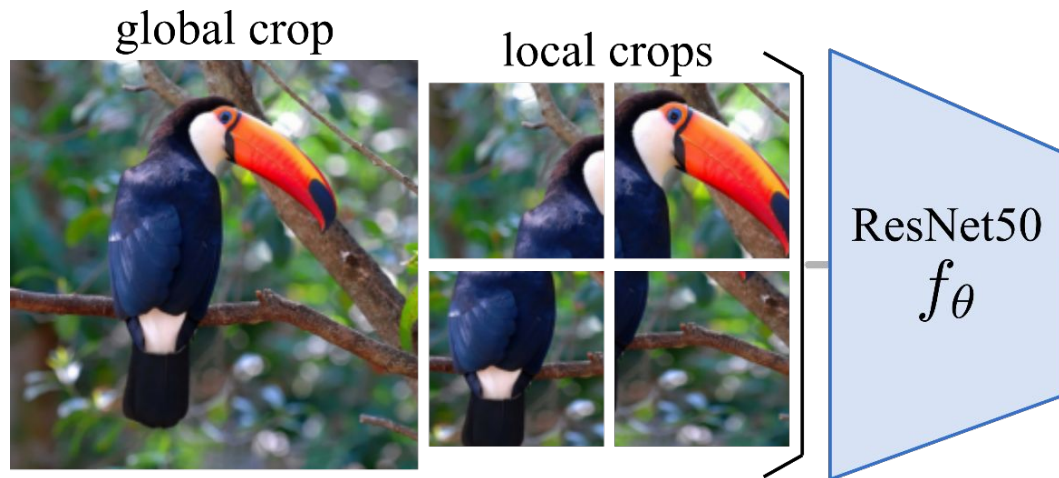


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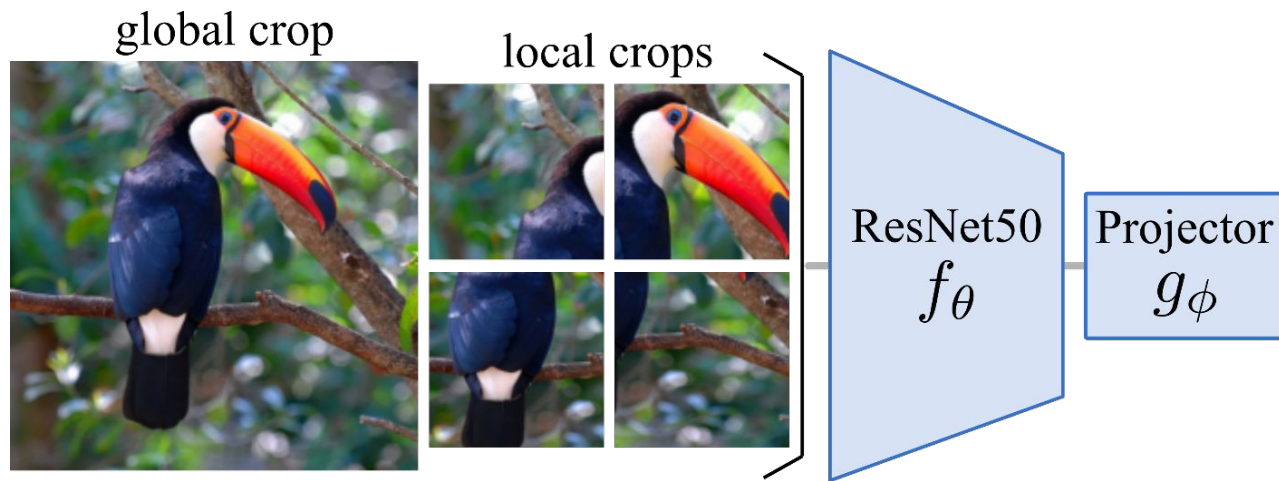


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Multiple random crops per image

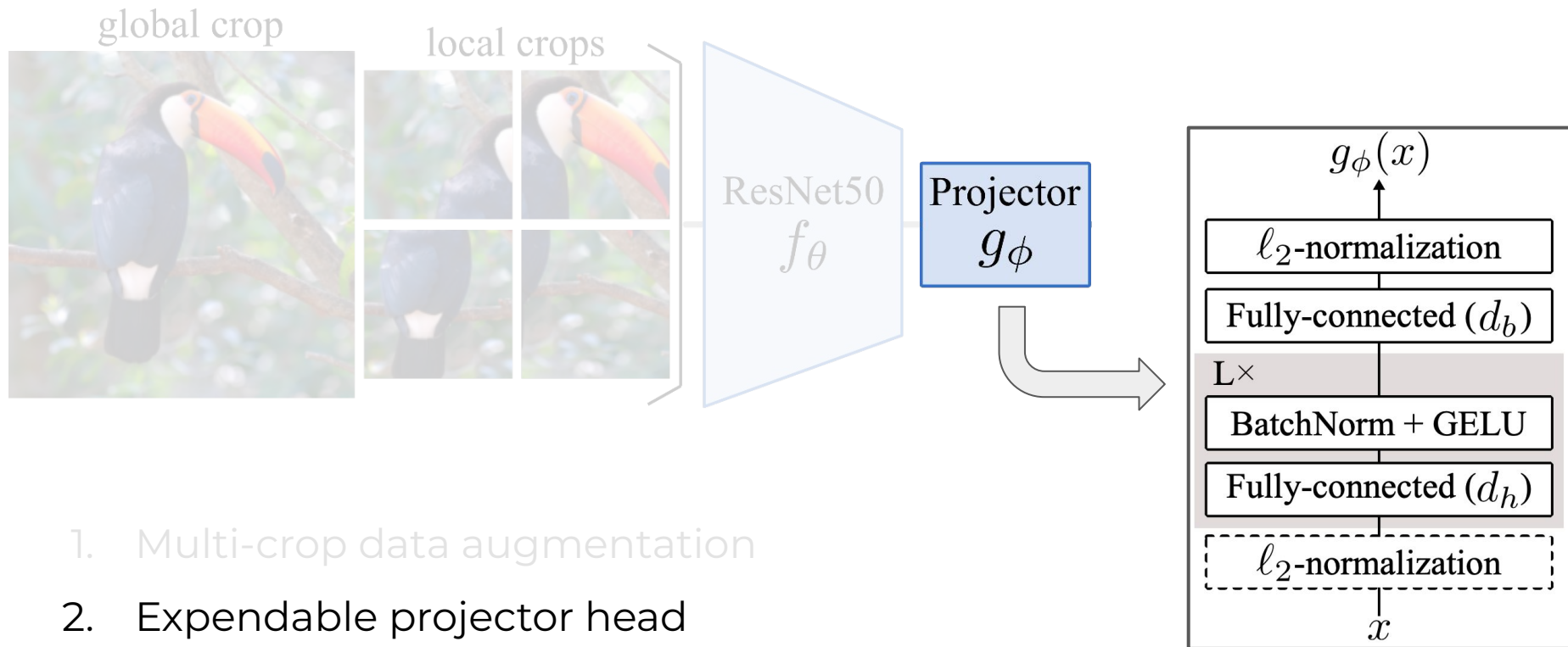
- Global crops @ 224 x 224
- Local crops @ 96 x 96

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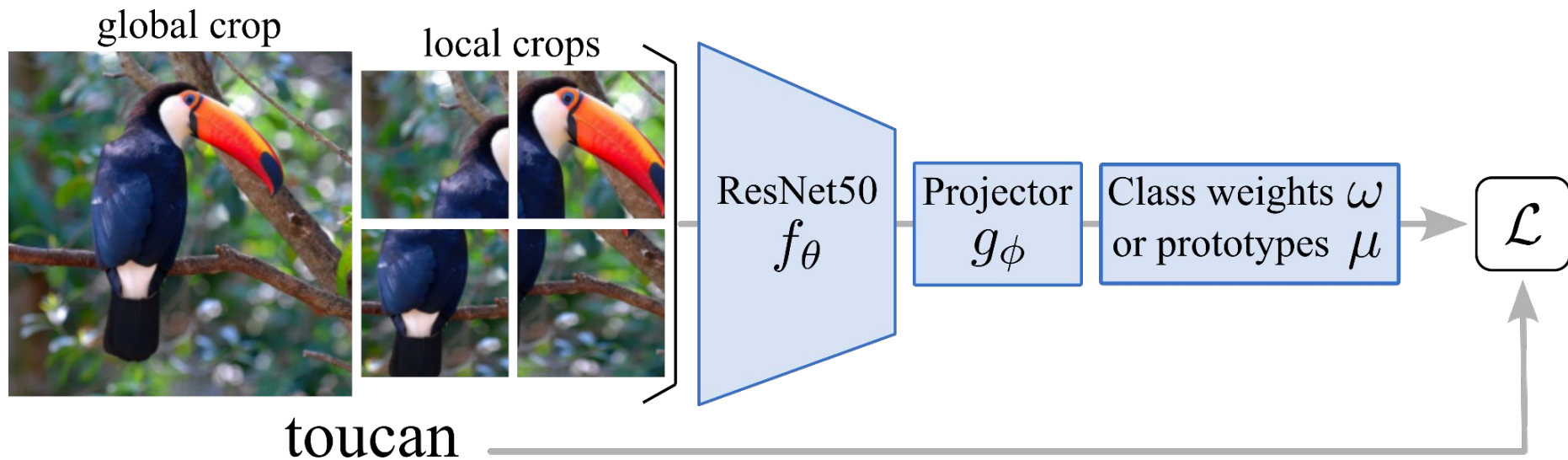
1. Multi-crop data augmentation
2. Expendable projector head (Chen *et al.*, 2020, Wang *et al.*, 2022)

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1. Multi-crop data augmentation
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3. Cosine cross entropy loss (Kornblith *et al.*, 2021)

Cosine cross entropy loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CE}}^* = \sum_{c=1}^C y_{[c]} \log \frac{\exp(x_j^\top \bar{\omega}_c / \tau)}{\sum_{k=1}^C \exp(x_j^\top \bar{\omega}_k / \tau)}$$

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+ sum over all global & local crops

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The loss function

Cosine cross entropy loss

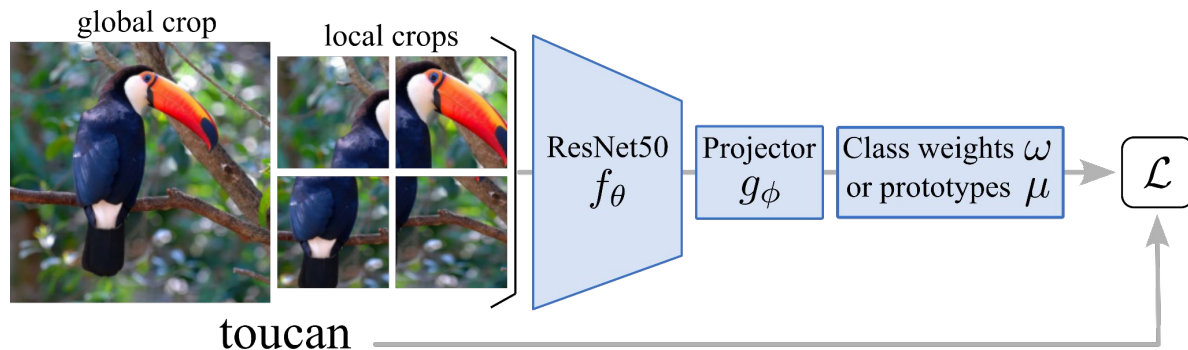
- + sum over all global & local crops
- + projector head g_ϕ

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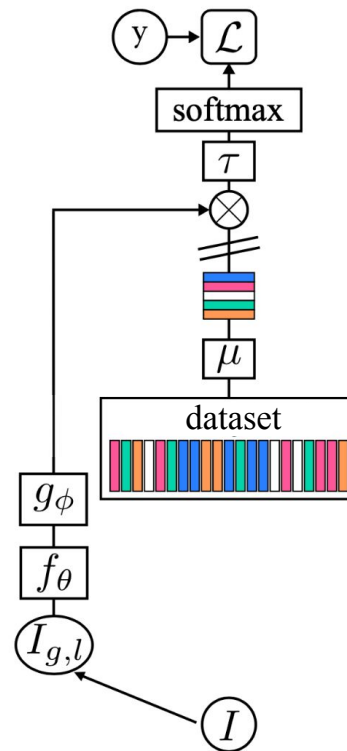
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4. (*optional*) Replace class weights with class prototypes



Nearest Class Means (NCM)

(Mensink *et al.* 2012, Guerriero *et al.* 2018):

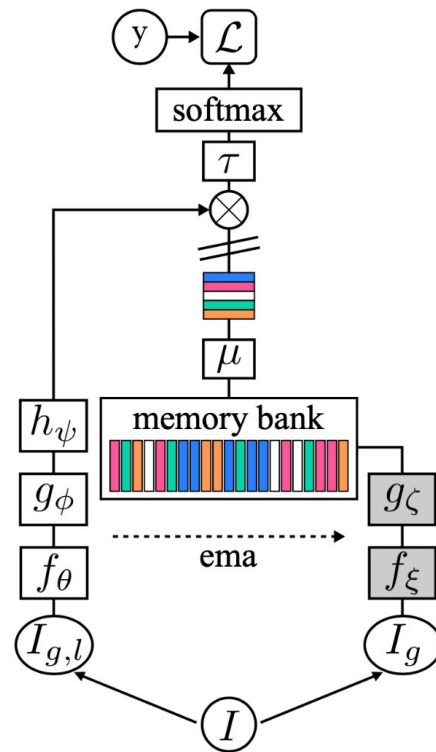
Replace the learnable **class weights**
with **class means**



Online Class Means (OCM)

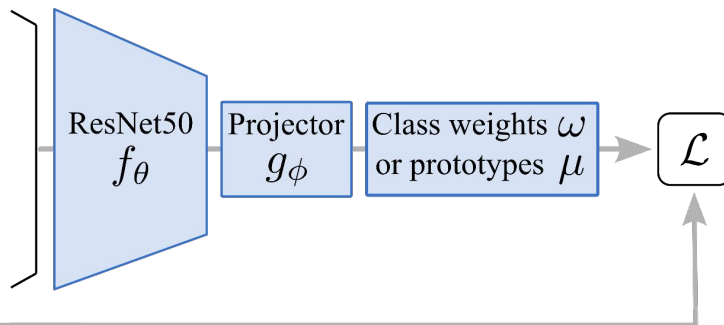
Replace the learnable **class weights** with **class means**

computed over a **memory bank** with features from a Momentum Encoder (He *et al.*, 2020)



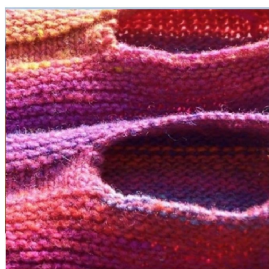
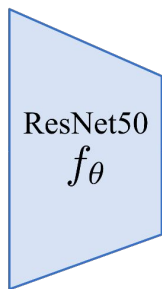
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Train on ImageNet-1K

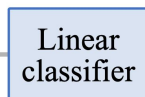
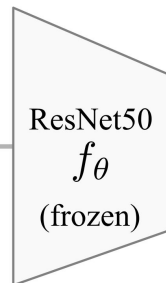


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Train on ImageNet-1K



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For every **transfer** task

Training task: results on the **ImageNet** dataset

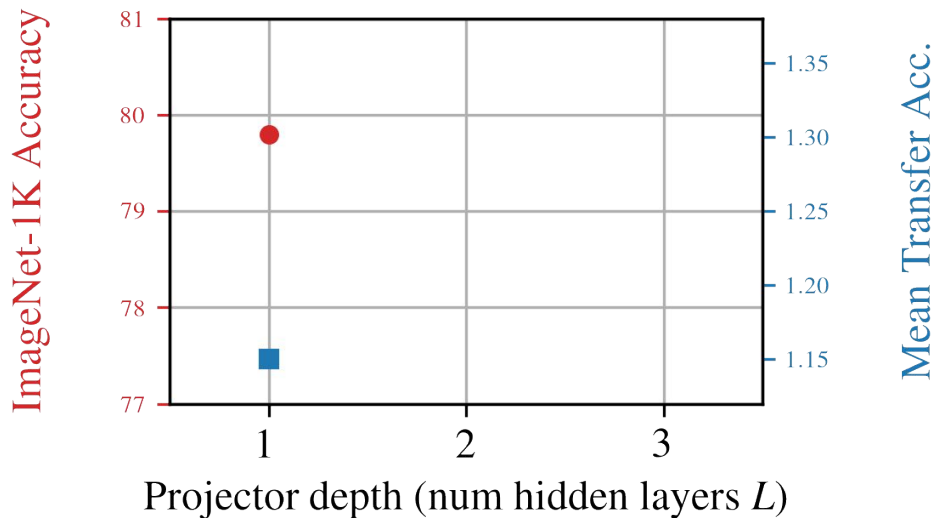
Transfer tasks: A unique transfer performance metric - aggregates **13 datasets**

“Log-odds” score averaged over

- 8 small **fine-grained classification** datasets
Aircraft, Cars, DTD, EuroSAT, Flowers, Pets, Food101, SUN397
- 5 concept generalization benchmarks: **ImageNet-CoG** (Sariyildiz et al., 2021)
CoG-L1, CoG-L2, CoG-L3, CoG-L4, CoG-L5

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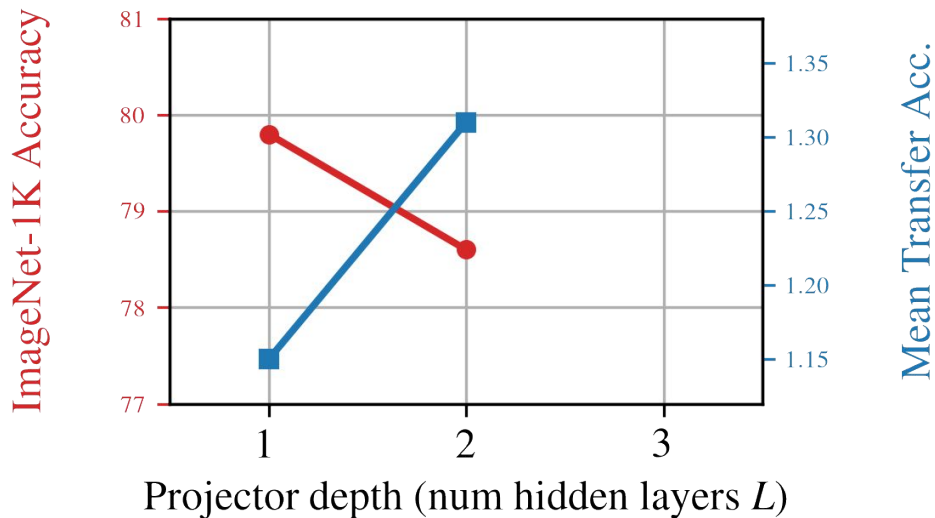
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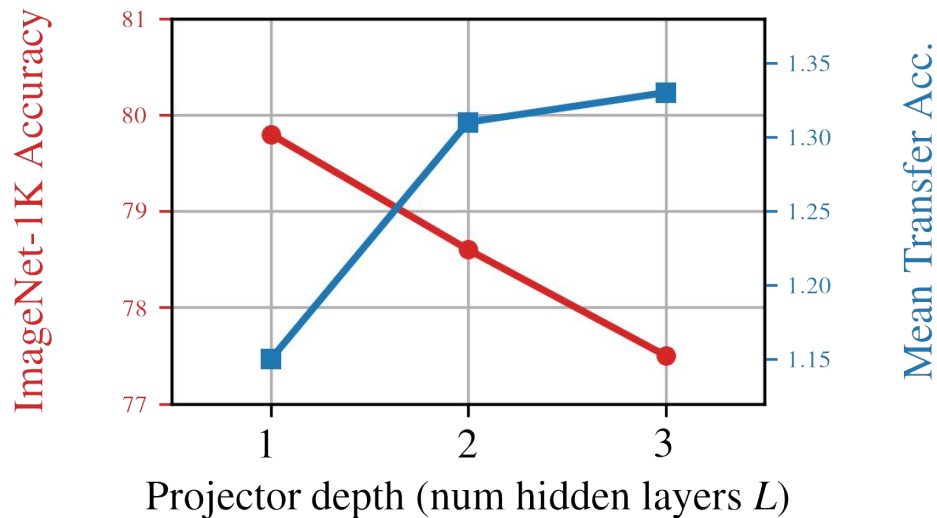
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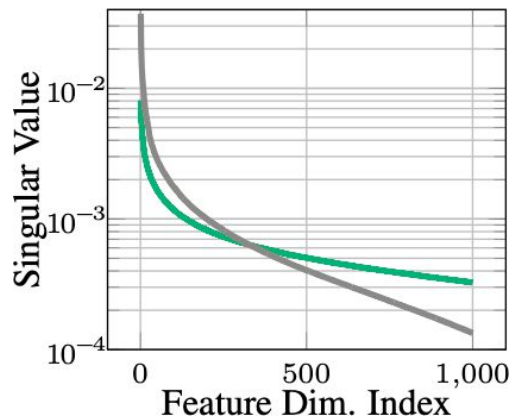
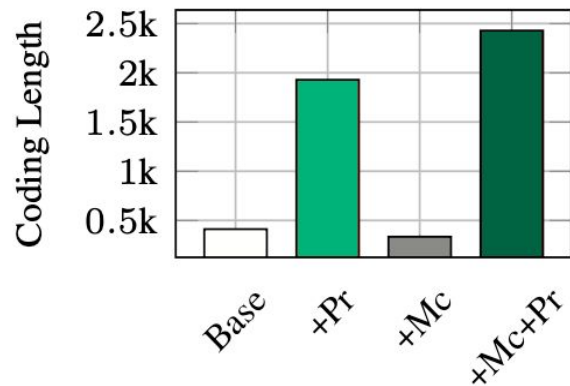


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Observation 2

Projector also has an impact on the representations

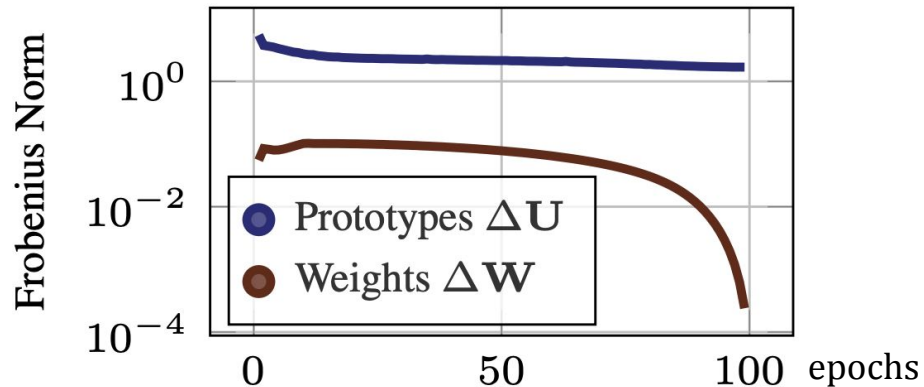
Average coding length of representations and singular values
(computed over all transfer datasets)



Observation 3

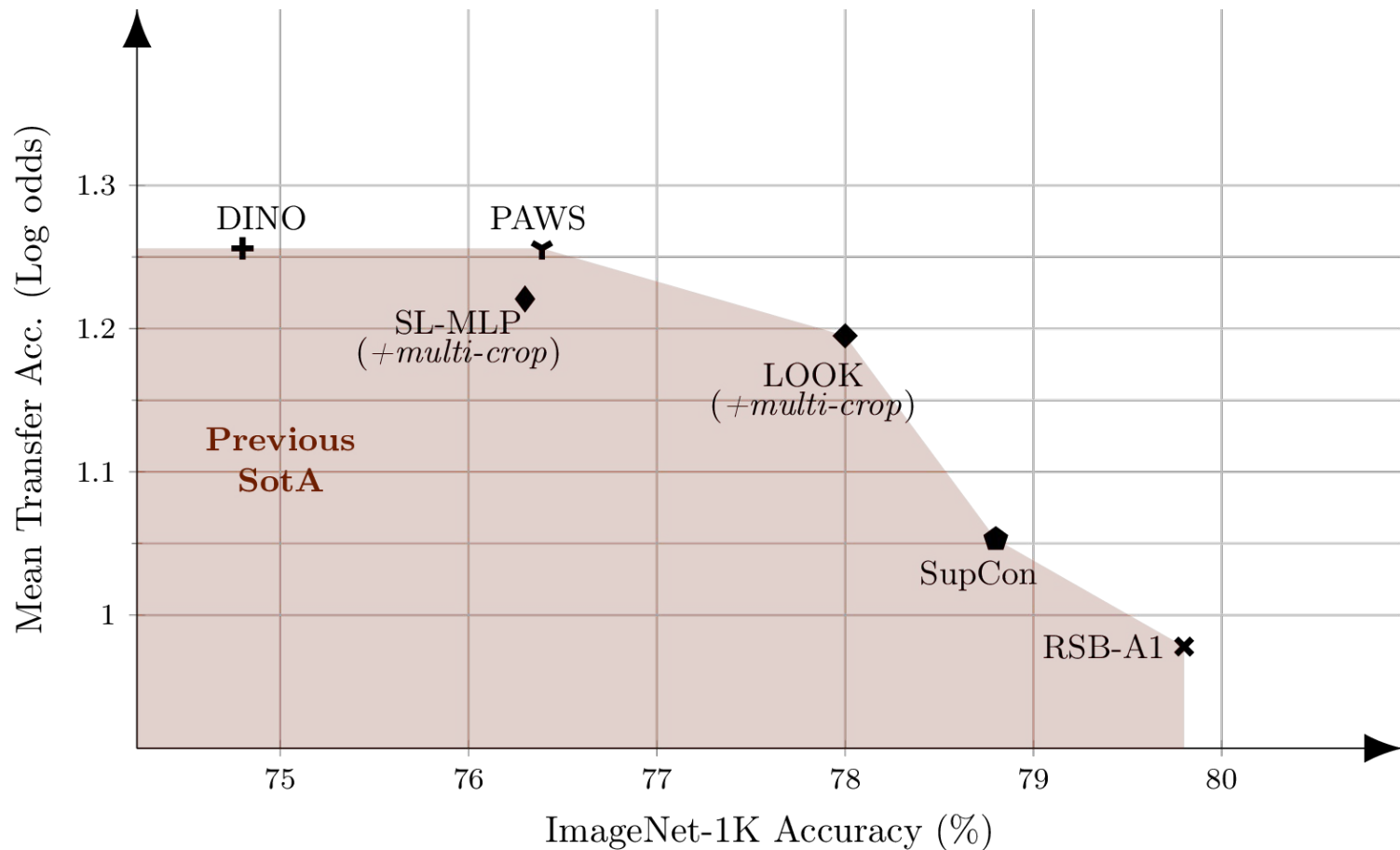
OCM decreases overfitting:

The prototypes change more than the learned weights

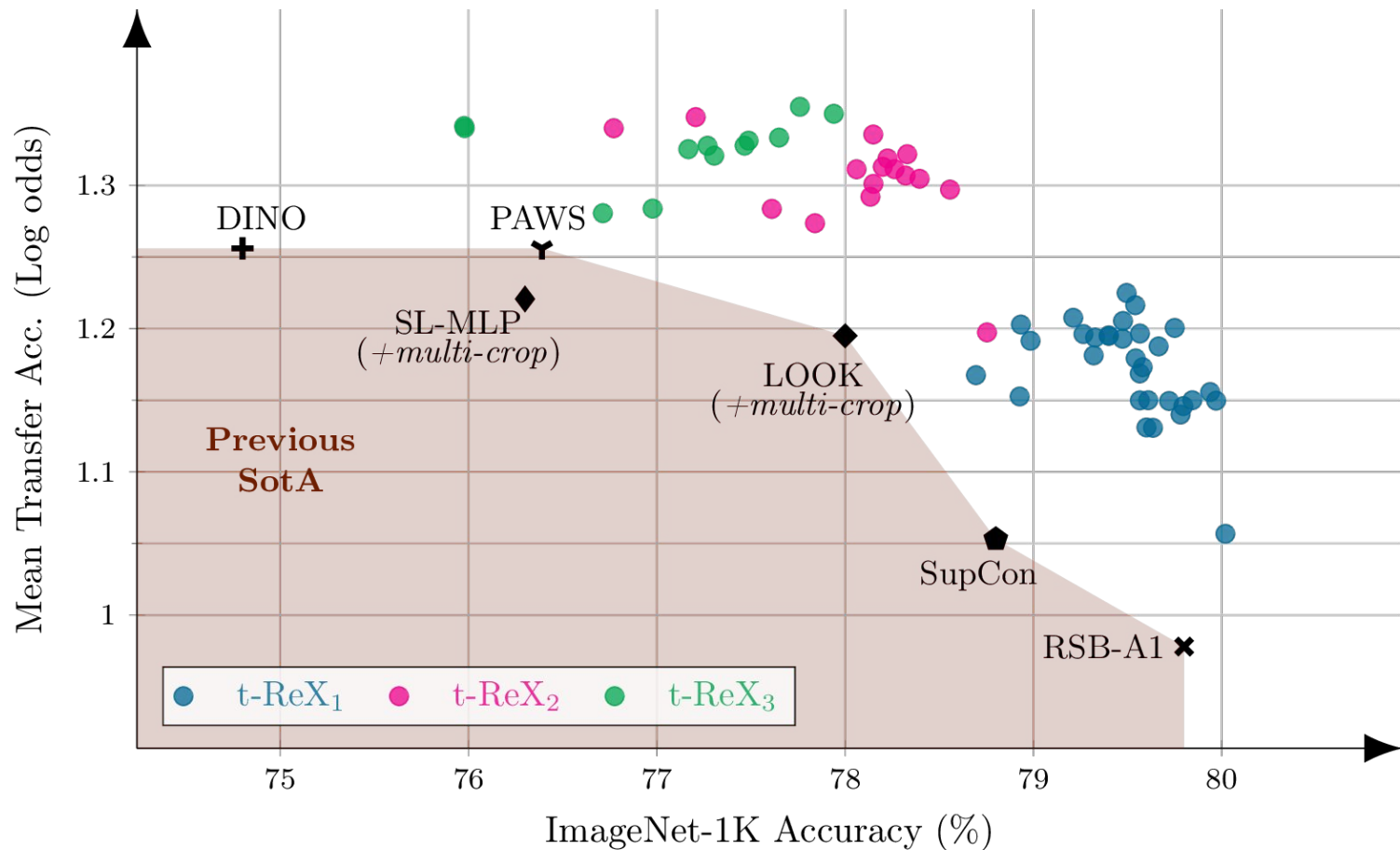


Change in class weights **W** and
prototypes **U** at every iteration

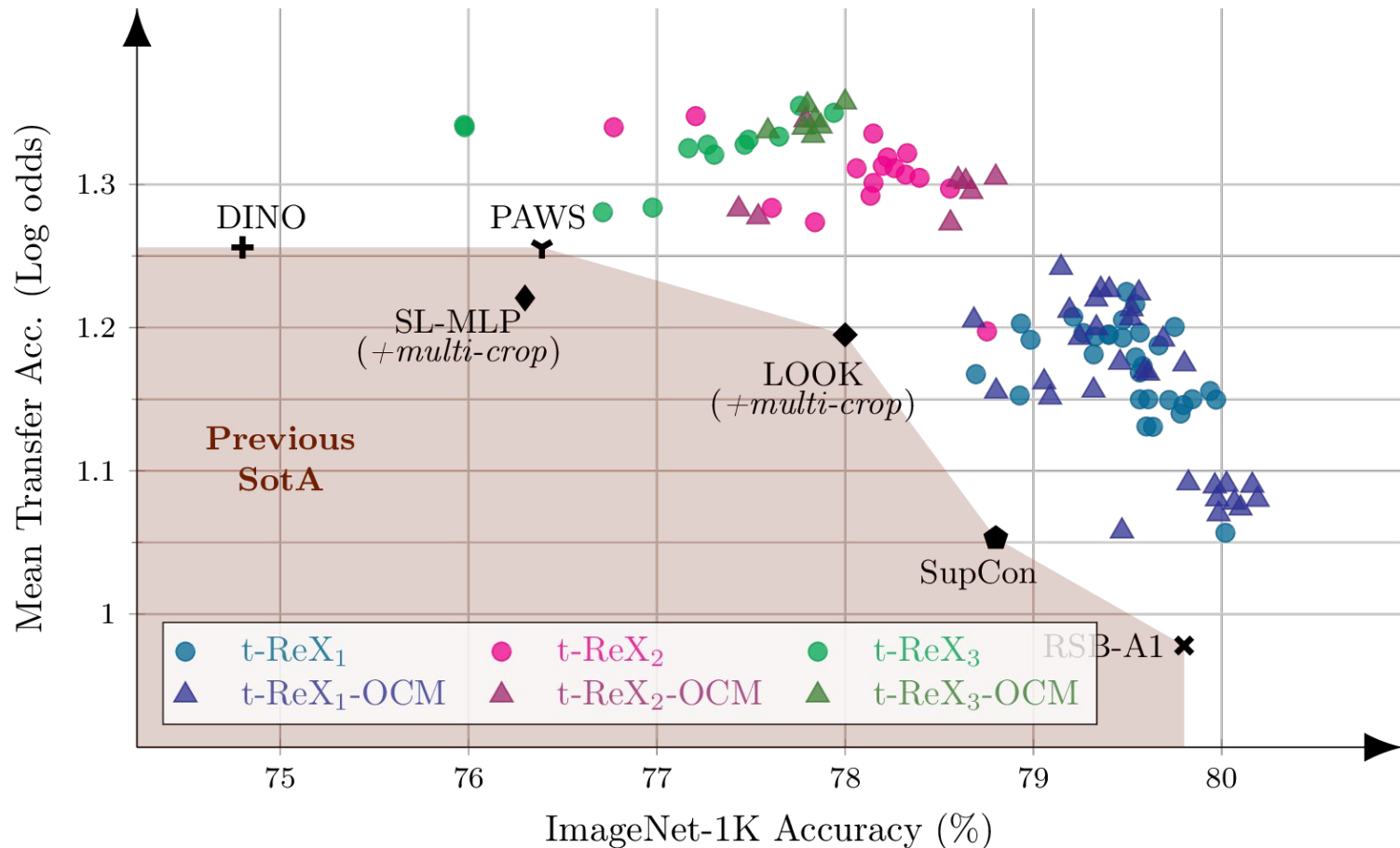
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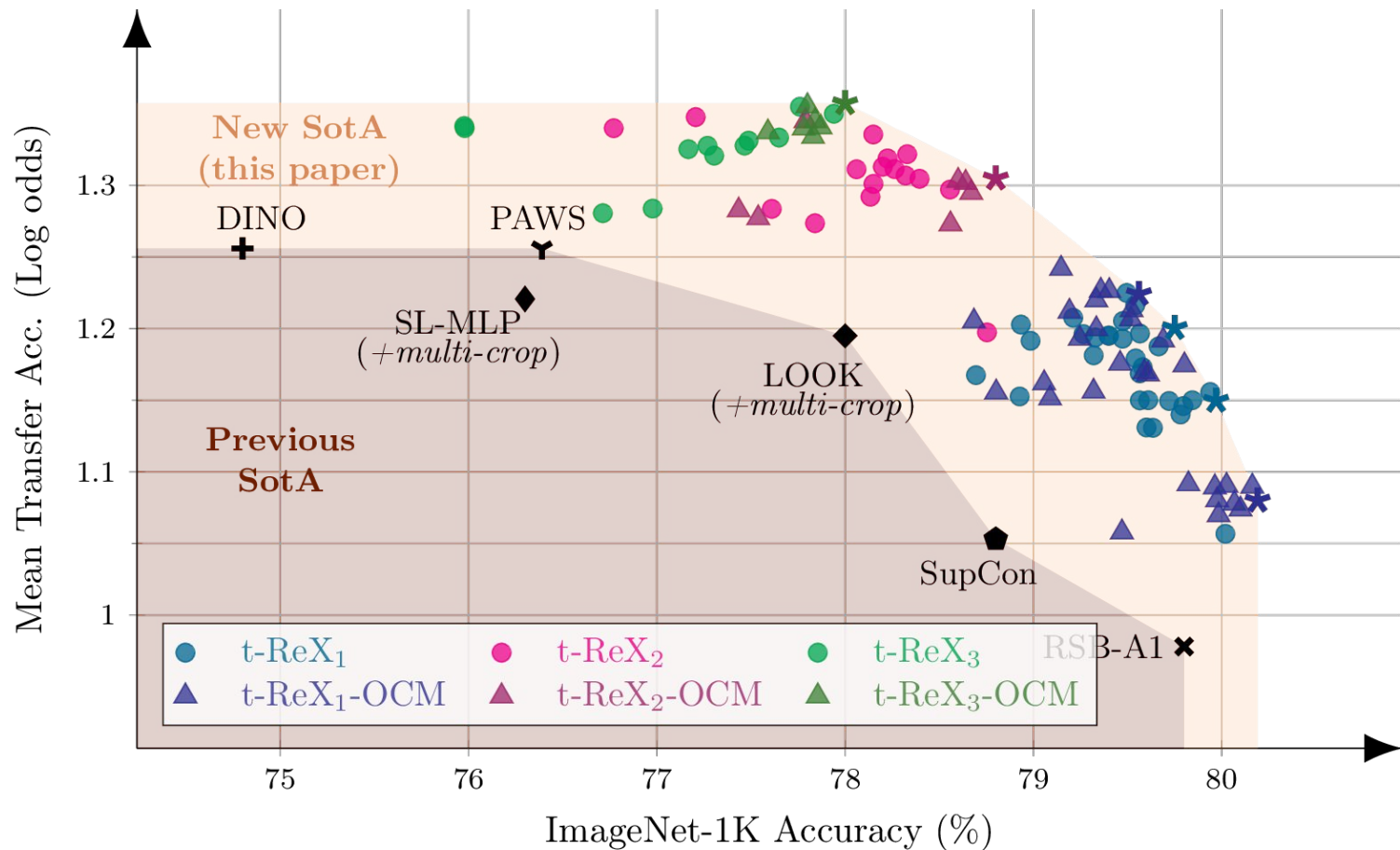
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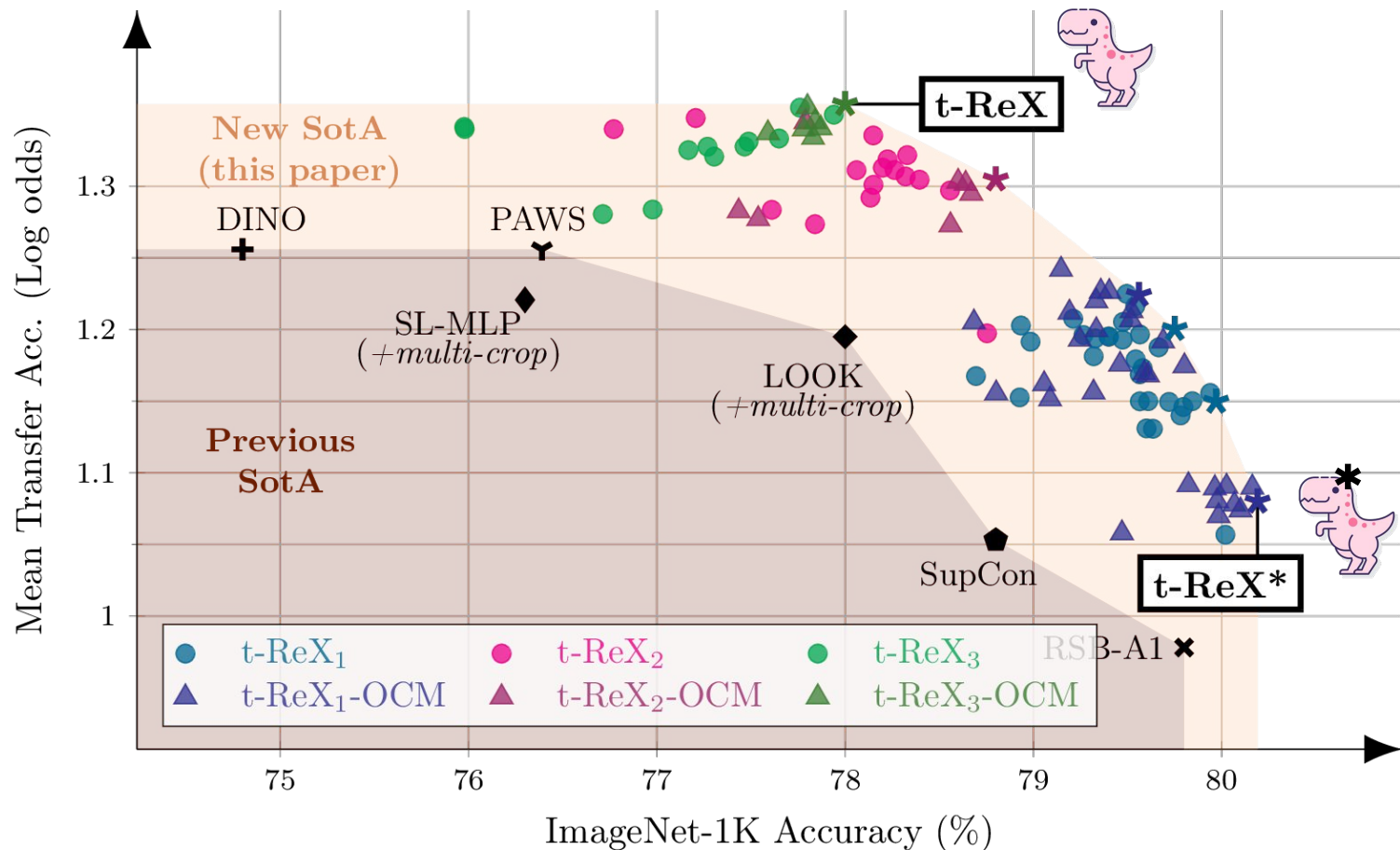
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- Our **t-Rex** models are **state of the art** for **transfer** 'despite' being supervised
 - Multi-crop
 - Expendable projector
 - Cosine Cross Entropy loss
 - (optional) Online Class Means
- **Training** / **Transfer** trade-off controlled via projector design
- **t-ReX** and **t-ReX*** ResNet50 models are available!



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