

Generalization properties of deep representations towards trustworthy AI



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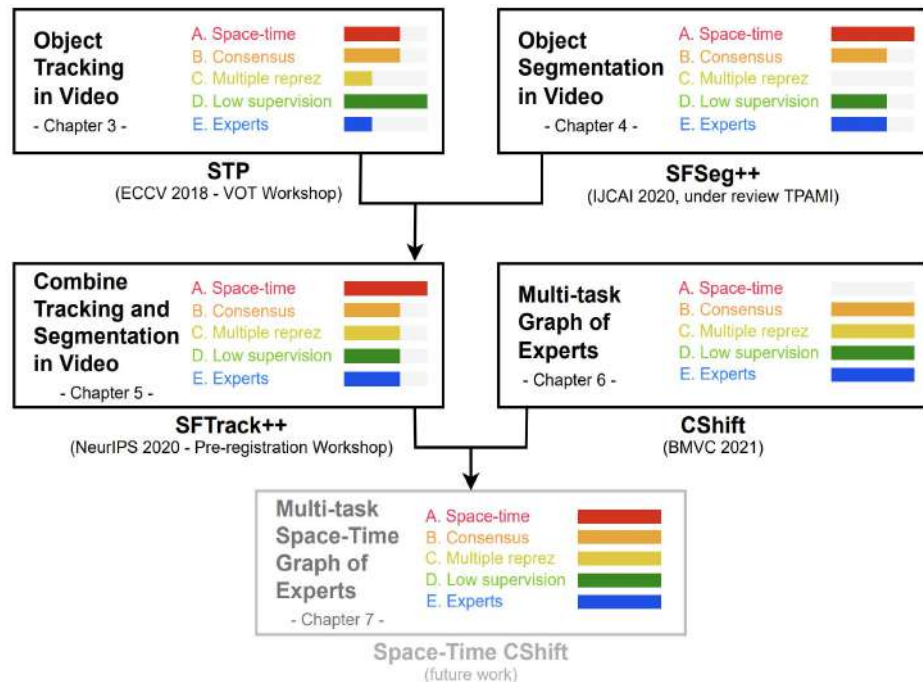
Computer Vision: Exploiting Space-Time Consensus in Video

- Efficiently Exploiting Space-Time Consensus
 - Object Segmentation & Tracking in Video
 - Spectral approach

Key aspects

- Combine the spatial and temporal dimensions
- Follow consensus between complementary parts
- Learn multiple representations
- Use as many unsupervised cues as possible
- Take advantage of existing experts

=> Building more robust representations and solutions



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Computer Vision: DeepFake detection and localization

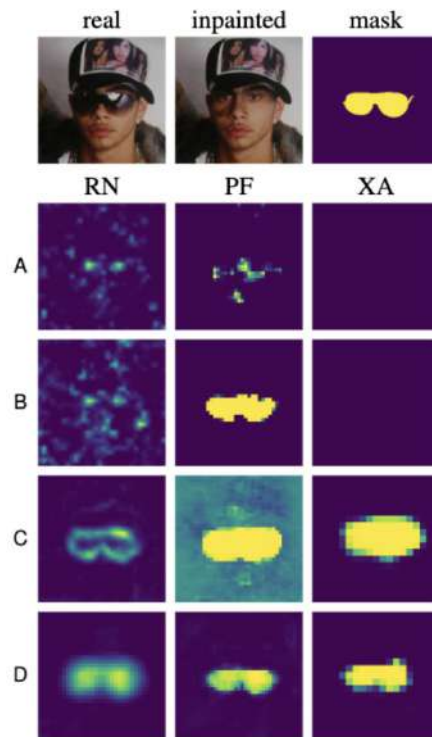
Denoising diffusion probabilistic models

- Impressive generation capabilities
- Questioning the authenticity of digital images

Detection of diffusion-generated images

- Not only a “fake” or “real” label
- But a map to indicate the manipulated area
 - Weakly-supervised

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NLP: Domain Adaptation for Authorship Verification

- Rethinking the Authorship Verification Experimental Setups
 - Isolate and identify biases related to the text topic and to the author's writing style
 - Explainable AI approaches guided us towards named entities biases
 - Models trained without them show better generalization capabilities
 - EMNLP, 2022
- VeriDark: A Large-Scale Benchmark for Authorship Verification on the Dark Web
 - Introduce a large benchmark for a new environment for Authorship Verification, DarkNet
 - Analyze the transfer learning capabilities between Authorship datasets
 - NeurIPS, Datasets and Benchmarks Track, 2022

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Reinforcement Learning: Spectral Normalization

- RL
 - Shifts are embedded in its core definition
 - Involves interactions with an environment
 - The environment is continuously changing
 - Acquiring the ability to generalize over shifts is the key

- Spectral Normalisation for Deep Reinforcement Learning: An Optimisation Perspective
 - Regularising the value-function estimator
 - By constraining the Lipschitz constant of a layer using spectral normalisation
 - ICML 2021

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Trustworthy Anomaly Detection

through Better OOD Generalization

AnoShift - A distribution shift benchmark for unsupervised anomaly detection



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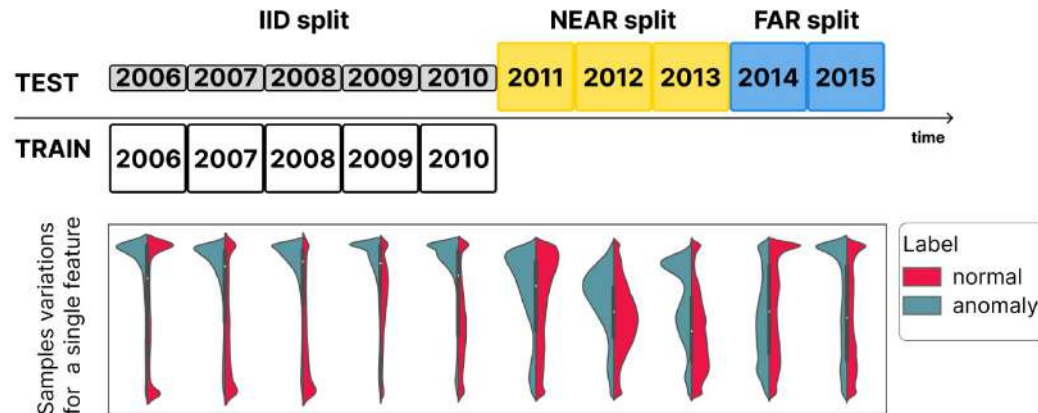
AnoShift

What we wanted

- ❑ *Continuous data* stream that spreads over a large time-span (10 years)
- ❑ The shift occurs *naturally and gradually*
- ❑ *Large enough*
- ❑ Still an *open problem* (not saturated)

Analyzed over 20 datasets: *Kyoto-2006+*

- ❑ Network traffic monitoring dataset
- ❑ Honeypots deployed in a campus
- ❑ Attacks are the anomalies



Protocol: Train on IID, test on NEAR and FAR

Key insights

We are the first to approach Anomaly Detection in distribution shift scenarios

- Detailed shift analysis
 - visual representations (t-SNE)
 - per feature-level analysis
 - multi-variate distribution-level analysis (OTDD)
- AnoShift, a chronology-based benchmark
 - captures the in-time performance degradation
- Acknowledging and addressing the shift
 - to enable better anomaly detection models

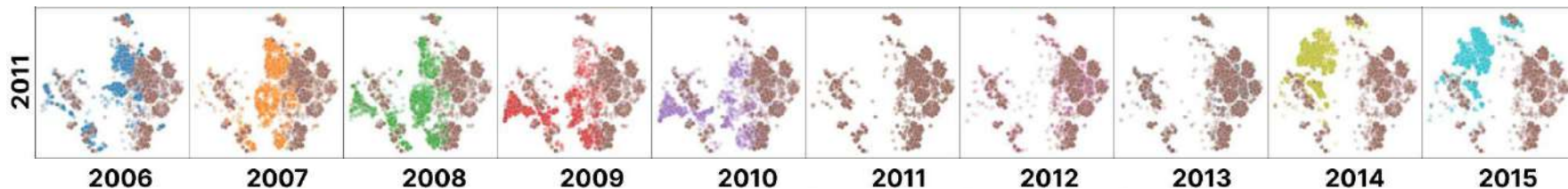


Shift analysis: t-SNE

Differences in projections between years

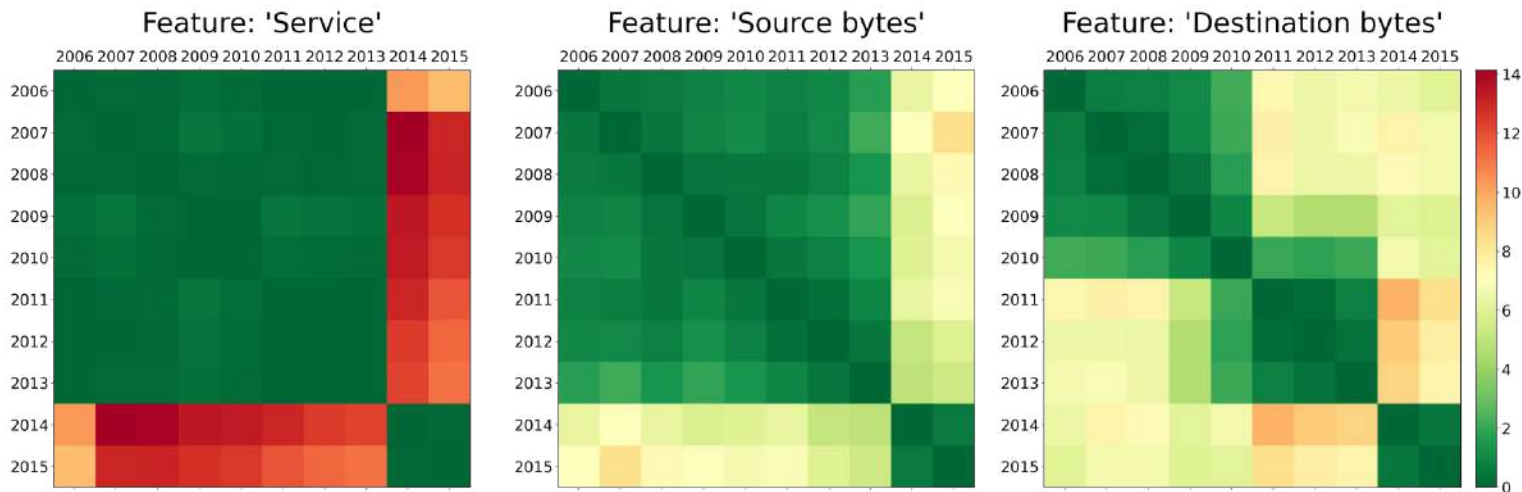
- Samples from **2011** are in **brown**
- All other years in different colors

=> Clear shifts in data distribution over the years



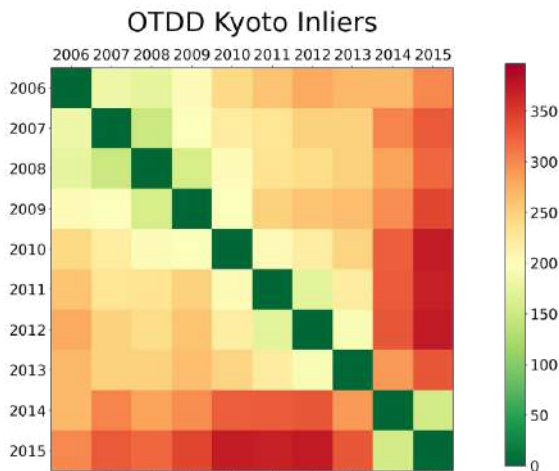
Shift analysis: feature-level

- Analyse how **feature distributions** change in time
- **Jeffrey's divergence** between feature histograms
- Feature histogram **similarity** is usually **higher nearby**



Shift analysis: multi-variate distribution distances

- Analyse how [subset distributions](#) changes with time
- [OTDD](#) between data subsets (inliers and outliers)
- Subset distribution distance [increases for inliers](#)

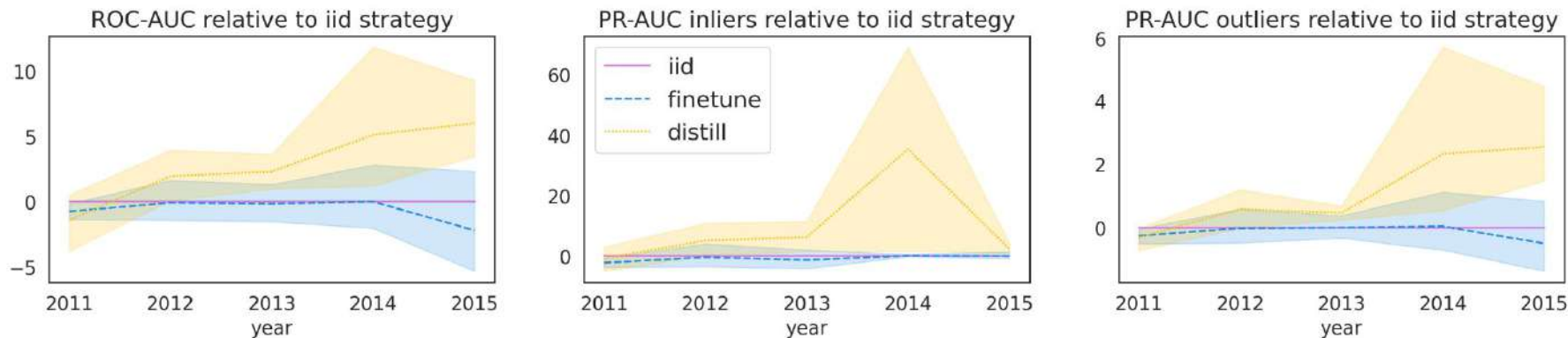


Results - ROC-AUC

- All AD models *fail to generalize* over the distribution shift
- Performance *drastically drops* on the *FAR* split

Type	Baselines	ROC-AUC \uparrow		
		IID	NEAR	FAR
Classical	OC-SVM [39] (train 5%)	76.86 \pm 0.06	71.43 \pm 0.29	49.57 \pm 0.09
	IsoForest [27]	86.09 \pm 0.54	75.26 \pm 4.66	27.16 \pm 1.69
	ECOD [24]	84.76	44.87	49.19
	COPOD [23]	85.62	54.24	50.42
	LOF [5]	91.50 \pm 0.88	79.29 \pm 3.33	34.96 \pm 0.14
Deep	SO-GAAL [28]	50.48 \pm 1.13	54.55 \pm 3.92	49.35 \pm 0.51
	deepSVDD [36]	92.67 \pm 0.44	87.00 \pm 1.80	34.53 \pm 1.62
	AE [1] for anomalies	81.00 \pm 0.22	44.06 \pm 0.57	19.96 \pm 0.21
	LUNAR [14] (train 5%)	85.75 \pm 1.95	49.03 \pm 2.57	28.19 \pm 0.90
	InternalContrastiveLearning [41]	84.86 \pm 2.14	52.26 \pm 1.18	22.45 \pm 0.52
	BERT [11] for anomalies	84.54 \pm 0.07	86.05 \pm 0.25	28.15 \pm 0.06

Addressing the distribution shift



Training strategies

1. **iid**: a new model for each interval
2. **finetune**: finetune over previous year
3. **distil**: distillation from the previous year

Insights

- **Distillation** performs the best (+3%)
- Better modelling of inliers (higher PR-AUC for inliers)

Env-Aware Anomaly Detection: Ignore Style Changes, Stay True to Content!



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Key insights

Same focus: Unsupervised Anomaly Detection in non-stationary distributions

- [Benchmark for images](#)
 - As opposed to tabular data like in AnoShift
- Split the data in environments: [Env-aware learning](#) methods in pretraining
 - Produce [better embeddings](#) for Anomaly Detection
- EA-MoCo method
 - Adjusting [contrastive learning](#) to be [aware of multiple environments](#) improves the performance even over supervised approaches

Robust to Style changes, but detect Content changes as Anomaly

Style environments:

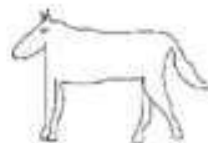
- cartoon, sketch, photo, art painting

Content classes:

- horse and dog



(c) Cartoon



(d) Sketch



(a) Photo



(b) Art painting

Out-of-distribution regimes (test time)

- 4 different scenarios for train vs test distribution changes
- Differentiate between
 - Style vs
 - Content changes

Our scenario

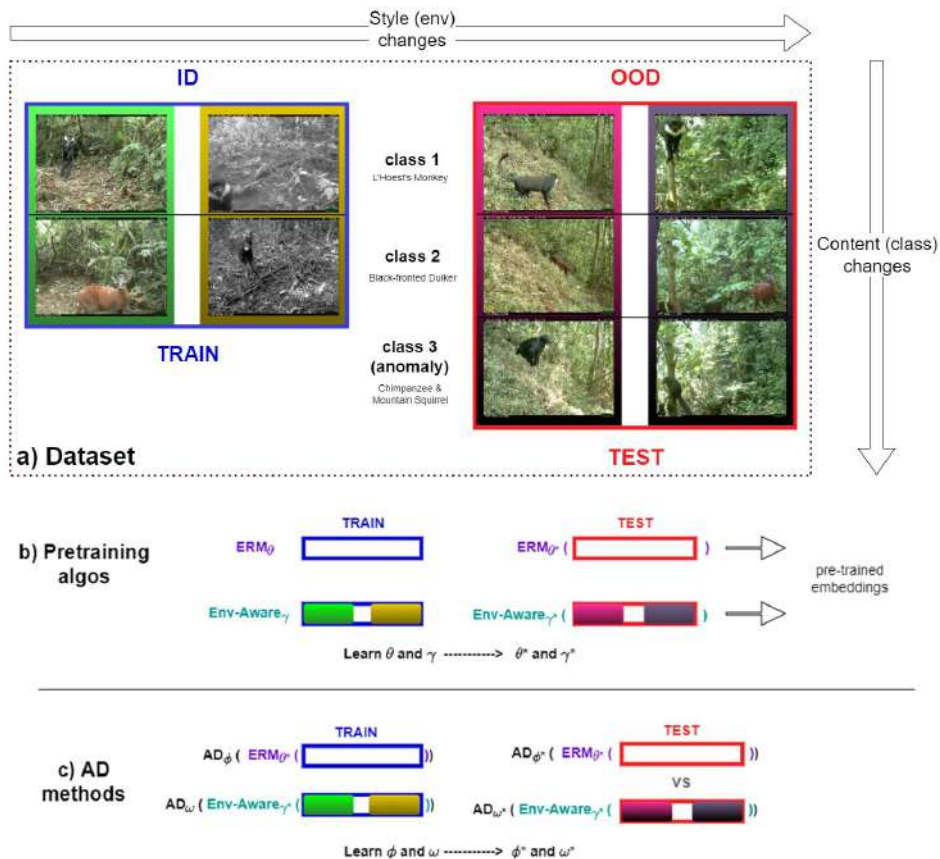
- Style is OOD
 - we want to ignore this
 - to be robust to it
- Content is OOD => detect as Anomaly

	Style	Content	Description
A.	ID	ID	Assumption: $p_e(x_S, x_C, y)$, $p_e(x_S, x_C)$ are constant Goal/Task: model $p_e(y x)$ or $p_e(x, y)$ or $p_e(x)$ algorithms following the ERM paradigm
B.	OOD	ID	Assumption: $p_e(x_S)$ changes over envs - closer to real-world scenarios Goal/Task: same as A., while being robust to Style changes IRM, V-Rex, Fish, Lisa
C.	ID	OOD	Assumption: $p_e(x_C)$ changes over envs Goal/Task: detect Content changes open set recognition; detect semantic anomalies or novelties
D.	OOD	OOD	Assumption: both $p_e(x_S)$, $p_e(x_C)$ change over envs - closer to real-world scenarios Goal/Task: same as C., while being robust to Style changes EA-MoCo (our approach)

Anomaly Detection Setup

Learning process

1. Learn **embeddings robust to style changes**
 - a. Supervised, using env-aware methods
 - b. **Unsupervised, EA-MoCo**, an **env-aware contrastive** approach
2. **Anomaly detection** using those learned embeddings

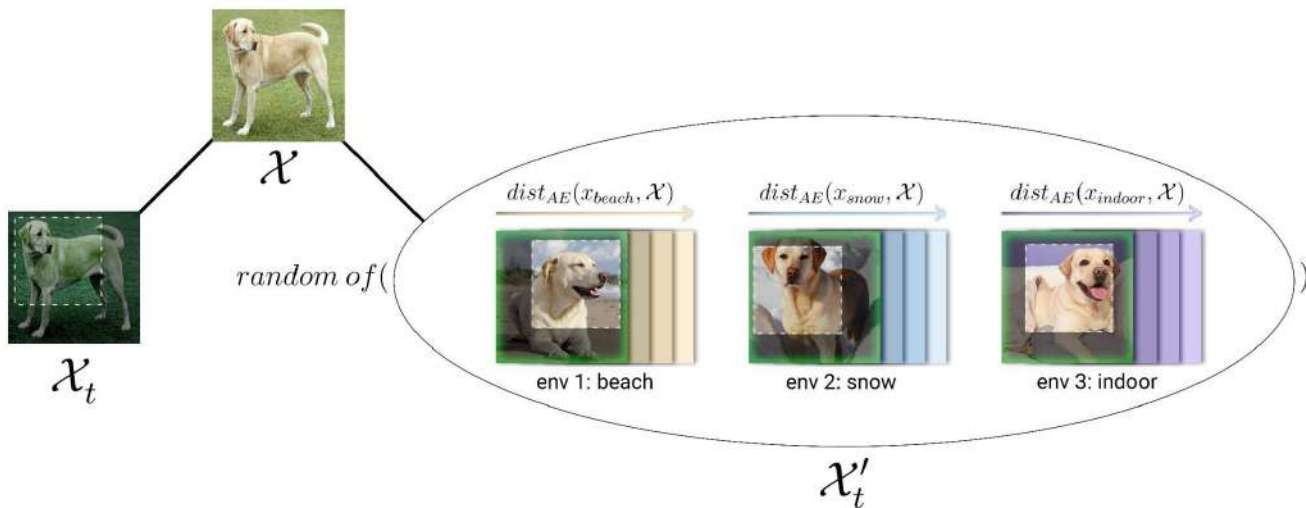


EA-MoCo - strategy for positive pair selection

Positive pair is formed of:

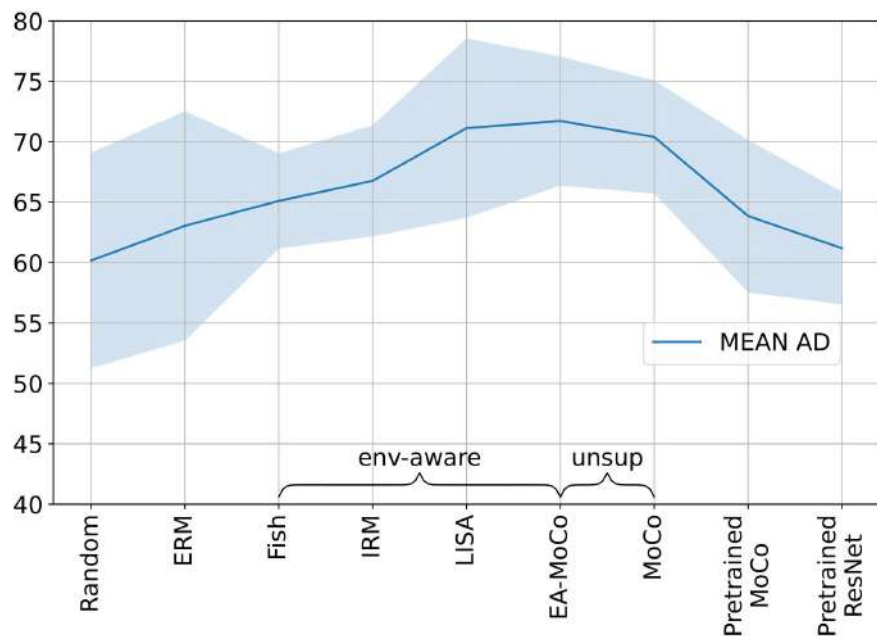
- usual, **random augmented** version of anchor (\mathcal{X}_t)
- **closest sample from a different, random environment** w.r.t. a **trained autoencoder** embeddings (\mathcal{X}'_t)

Takeaway: Style (environment)-aware pretraining when building the positive samples!



Results

Mean ROC-AUC over Anomaly Detection methods (iWildCam)



Pretrain	None	Supervised				Unsupervised		Other dataset	
	Random	ERM	Fish	IRM	Lisa	EA-MoCo	MoCo v3	MoCo v3	ResNet
method	IsoForest	65.2	63.1	68.0	64.3	75.2	70.9	68.4	64.6
	INNE	50.1	67.7	66.1	68.7	76.5	77.0	71.9	68.7
	LODA	65.1	63.8	66.7	66.2	73.9	71.1	66.9	67.1
Anom. Detect.	OCSVM	57.9	67.5	65.5	64.5	78.4	71.4	68.5	57.1
	PCA	64.1	40.4	63.3	64.4	55.6	67.7	63.9	60.9
	LOF5	43.2	61.0	59.7	61.3	65.1	60.9	68.3	58.5
method	KNN	73.2	75.7	72.0	77.7	66.9	77.0	78.9	76.5
	KDE	62.6	65.1	59.4	67.0	77.4	77.8	76.3	57.4
	Mean AD (OOD)	60.2	63.0	65.1	66.8	71.1	71.7	70.4	63.8

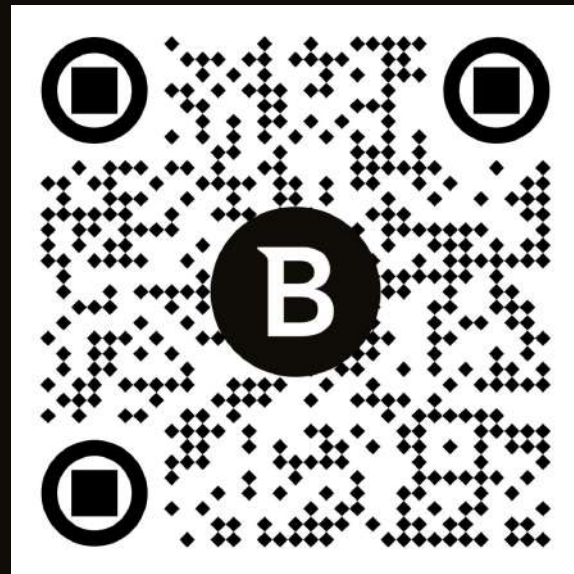
- Env-aware methods perform better
- EA-MoCo scores best on most AD methods
 - And it is fully unsup!

Takeaway message

- **Distribution shift** of the data
 - A serious problem for ML models (and for “trusting” AI)
 - We are the first to address it in the unsupervised scenario, for **Anomaly Detection**
- **AnoShift** benchmark
 - Tabular data, network traffic
 - Large data, spans over 10 years, continuous data that gradually changes over time
- **Env-Aware MoCo**
 - Define anomalies from the content vs style point of view
 - Env-aware pretraining helps
 - Propose an env-aware unsupervised pretraining

Thank you! Questions?

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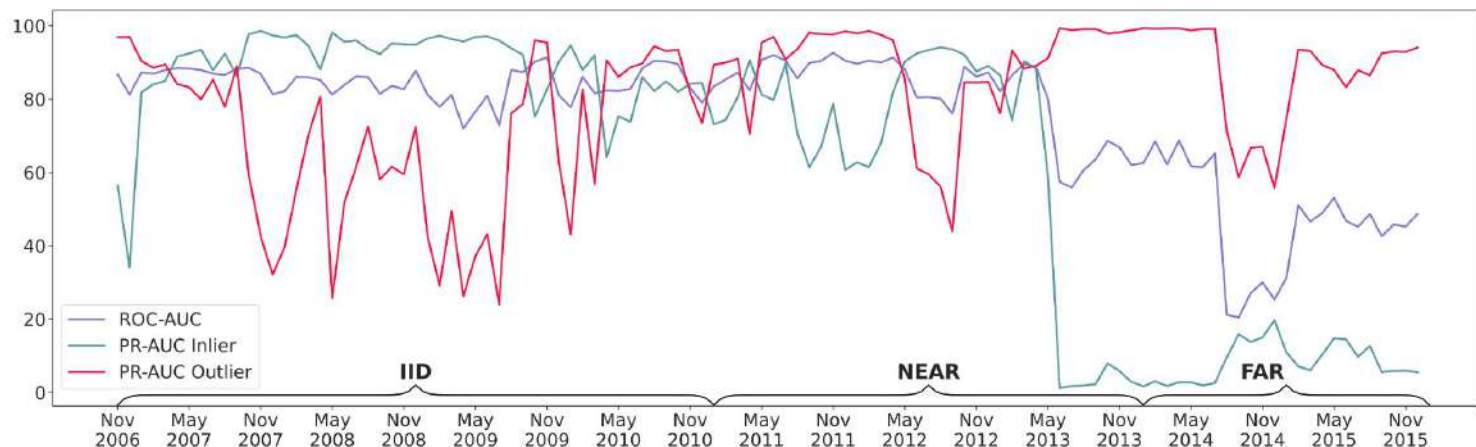
BERT for anomalies

- Train in MLM mode
- Anomaly score based on [masked token retrieval probabilities](#)

$$anomaly_score([w_1, w_2, \dots, w_t]) = \frac{\sum_{i=1..n} \sum_{j=1..t}^{mask_i \sim Masks_t^p} (1 - P(\hat{w}_j^i))}{n}$$

$$P(\hat{w}_j^i) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } mask_i(j) = 0 \\ P_M(w_j | \theta_M, [\hat{w}_1^i, \dots, \hat{w}_t^i]), & \text{if } mask_i(j) = 1 \end{cases}$$

Results



Monthly performance

- Modeling the **inliers**: IID > NEAR > FAR
- Poor modeling for the **outliers**