

Unsupervised Part Discovery from Contrastive Reconstruction



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Object part segmentation

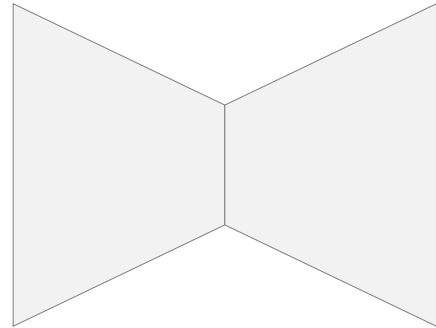
- More invariant to variations in camera, lighting, object appearance and pose
- Useful in analyzing objects in higher-level tasks, e.g. fine-grained recognition, robotic manipulation etc.
- But acquiring dense annotation is *expensive*, and there exists a plentiful number of objects in nature



Object part segmentation



Image



Segmentation Network



Part Masks



Self-Supervised
Proxy Task

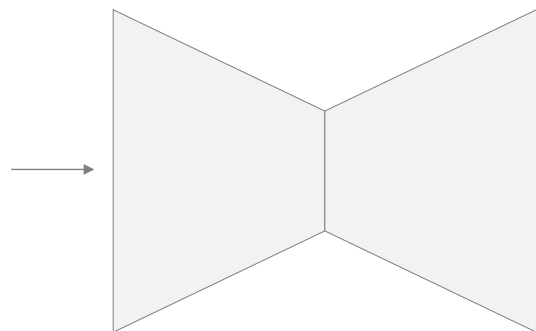
No Labels

Object part segmentation

What is a part?



Image



Segmentation Network

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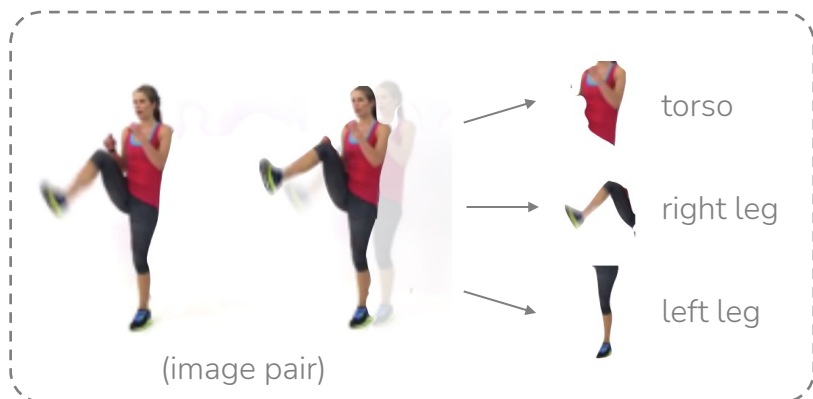
Good parts?



Good parts?

What is a part?

Motion-based



Semantic correspondence-based



Sabour et al. "Unsupervised Part Representation by Flow Capsules", ICML 2021

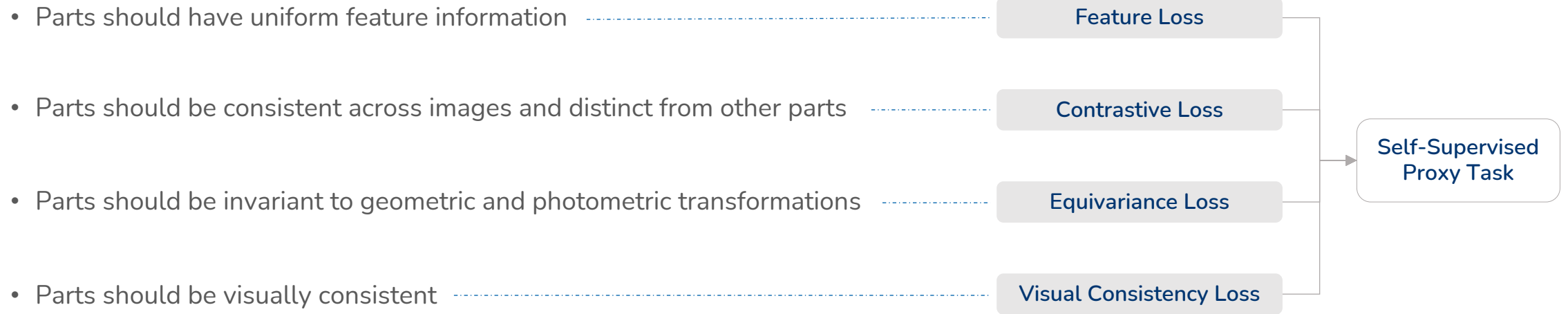
Xu et al. "Unsupervised Discovery of Parts, Structure, and Dynamics", ICLR 2021

Hung et al. "SCOPS: Self-Supervised Co-Part Segmentation", CVPR 2019

Braun et al. "Unsupervised Part Discovery by Unsupervised Disentanglement", GCPR 2020

Our Method

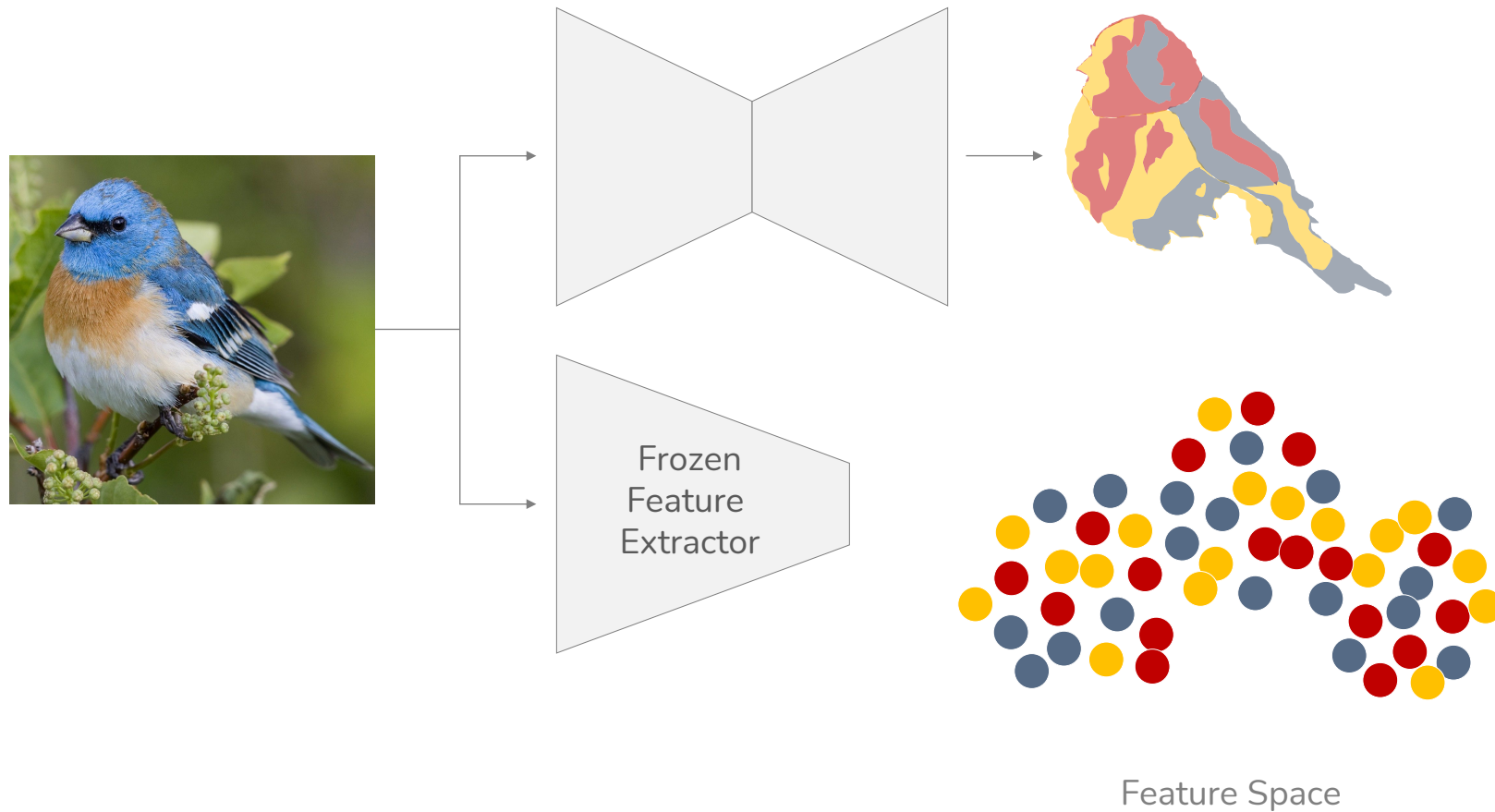
What is a Part?



Objectives

1. Feature Loss

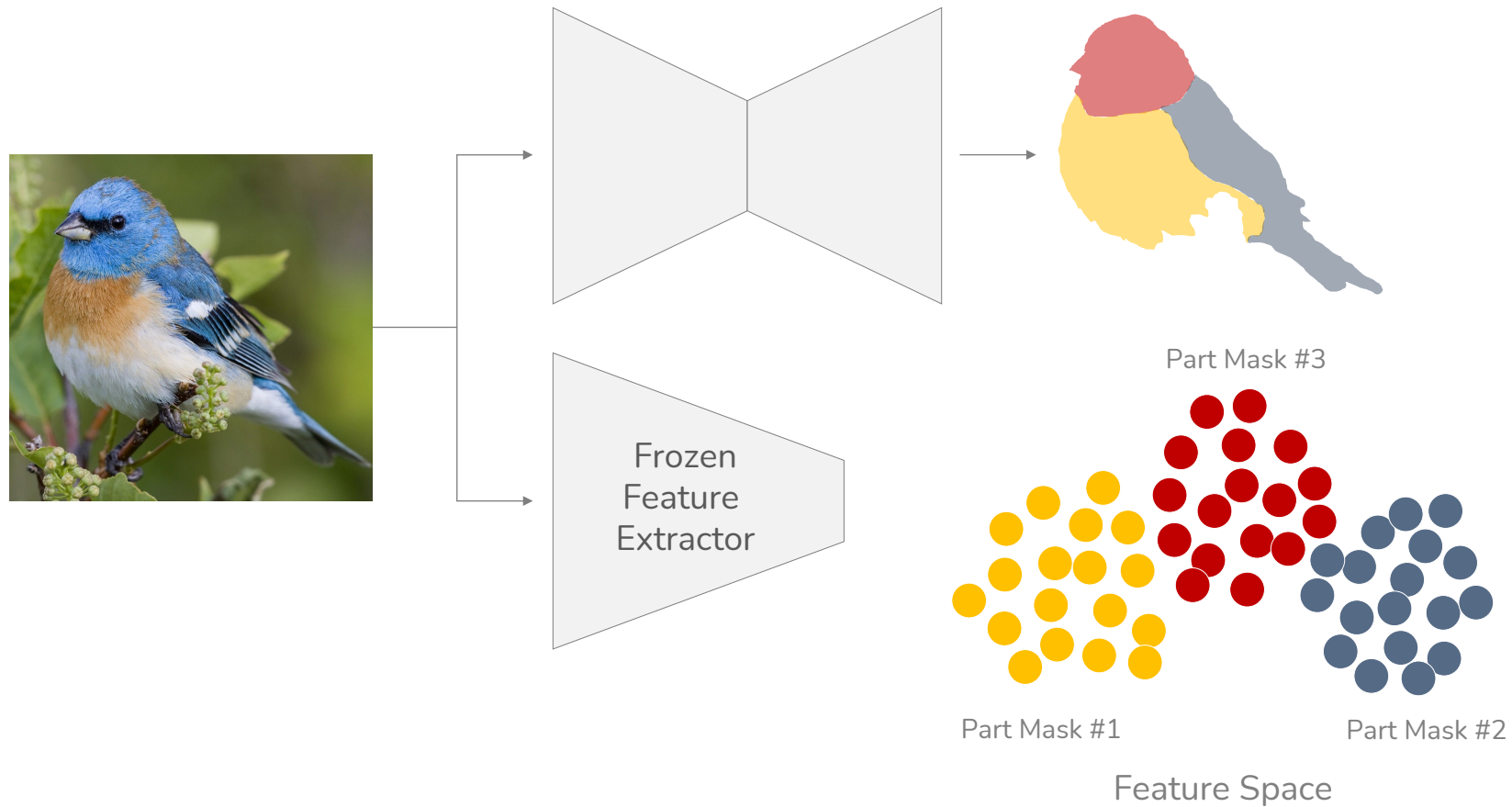
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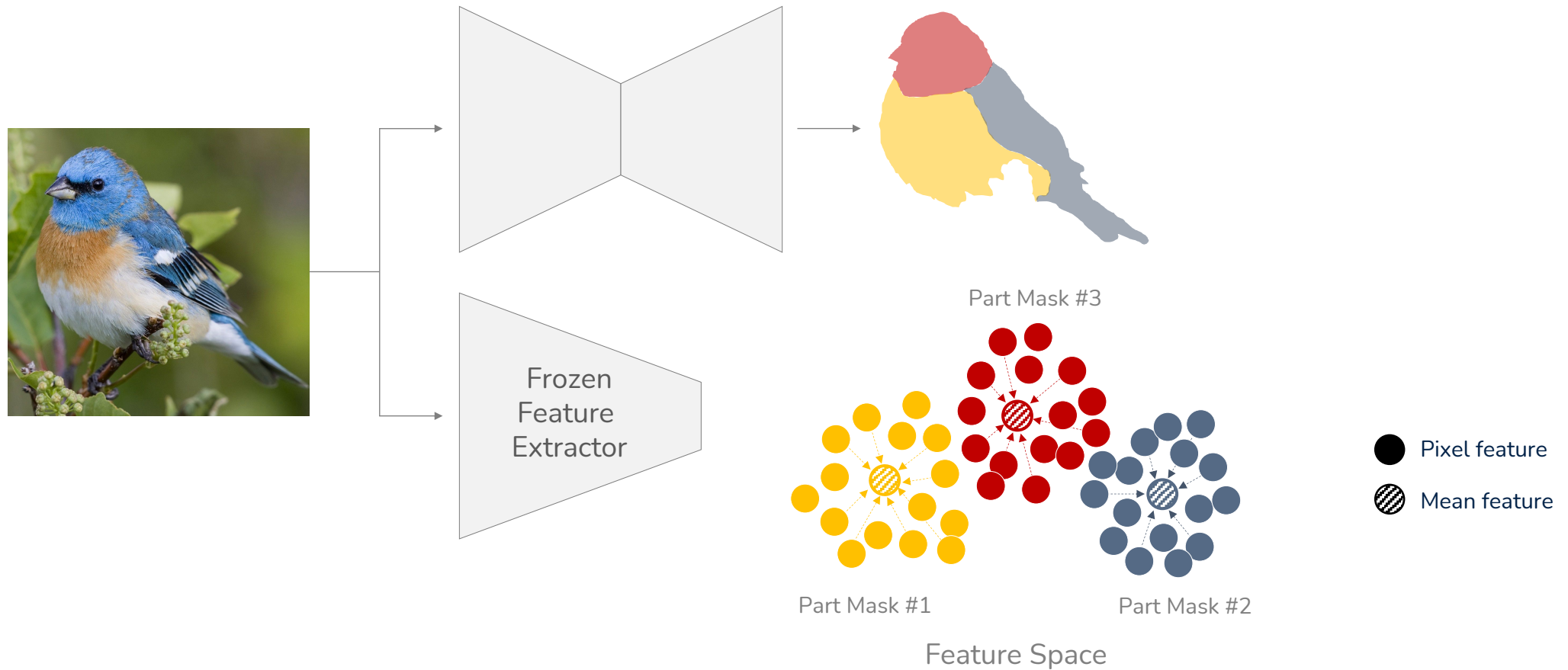
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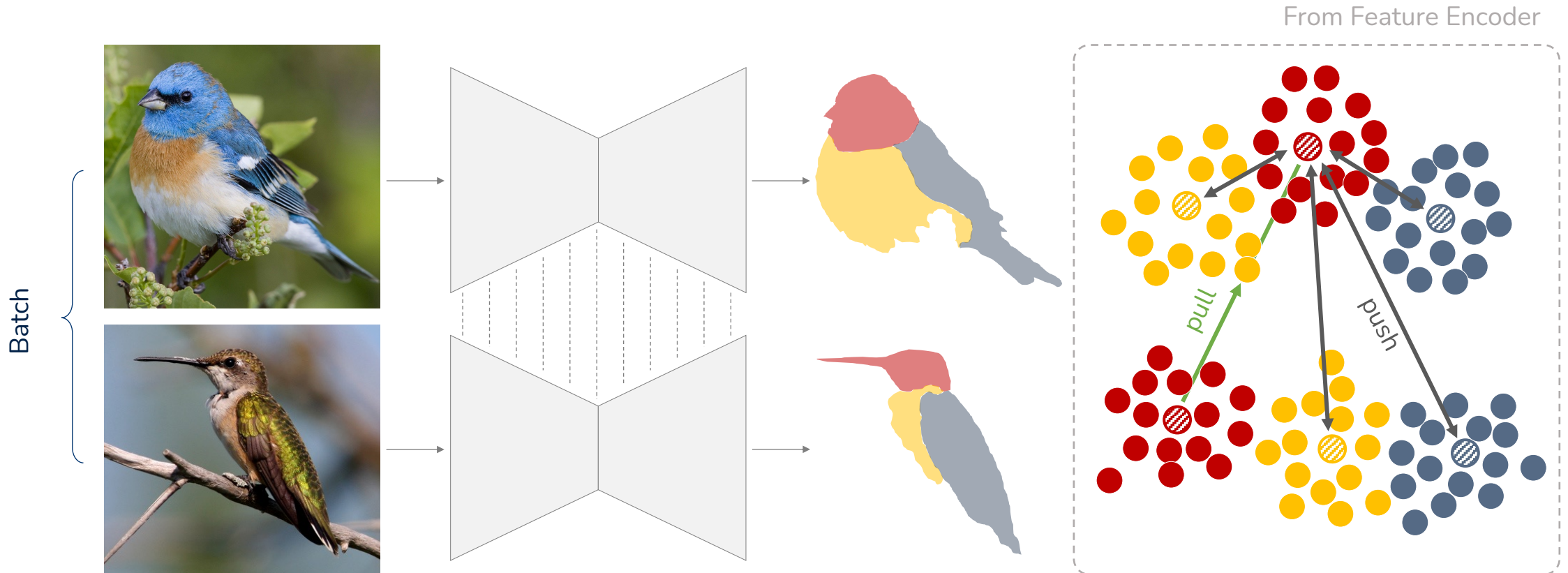
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Objectives

2. Contrastive Loss

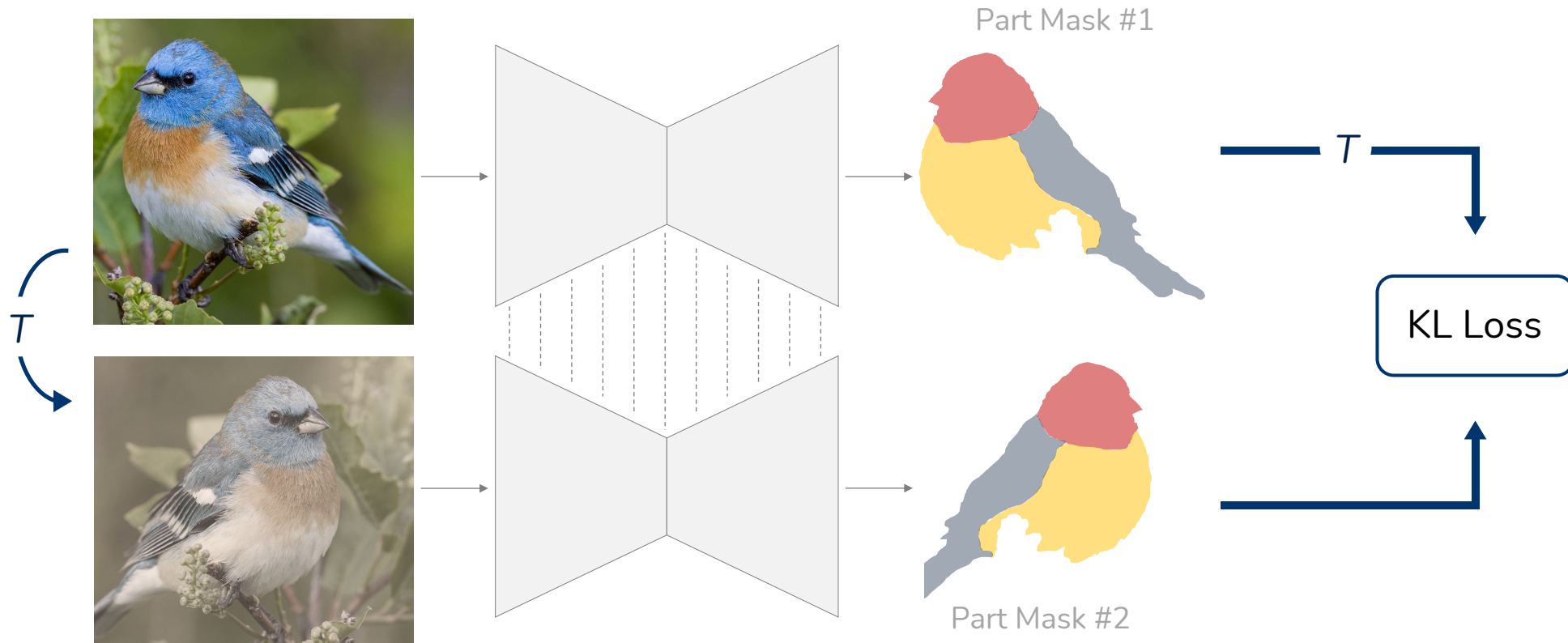
└ Parts should be consistent across images and distinct from other parts



Objectives

3. Equivariance Loss

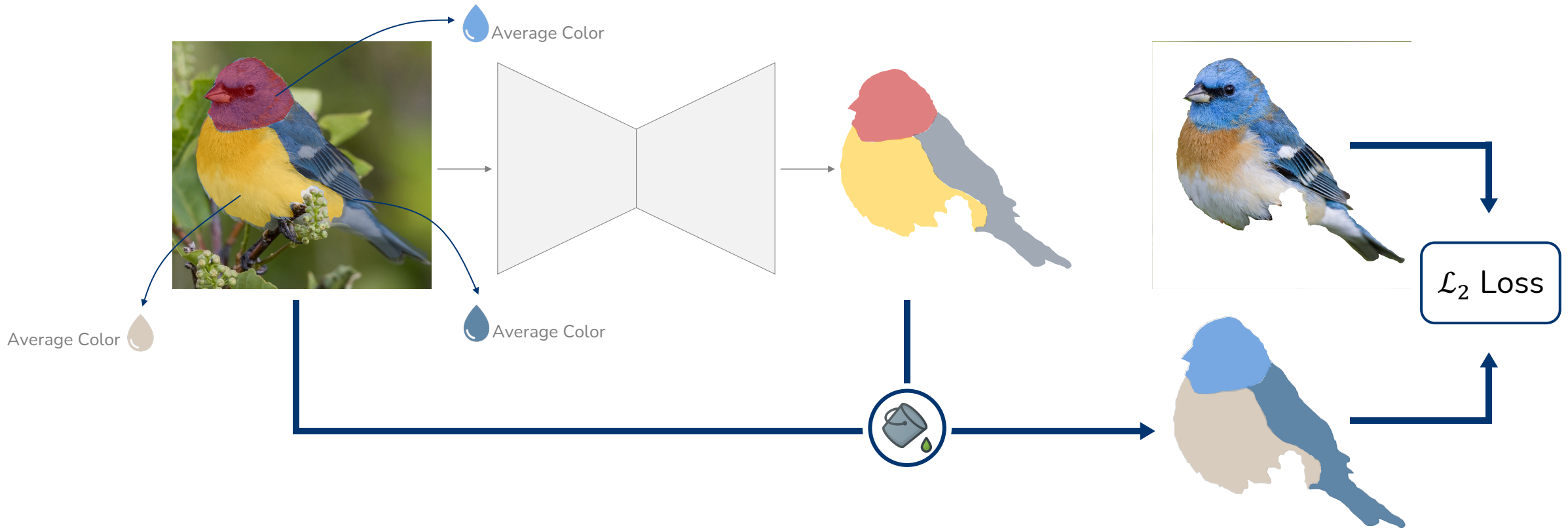
└ Parts should be equivariant to geometric and photometric transformations



Objectives

4. Visual Consistency Loss

└ Parts should be visually consistent



Datasets

CUB-200-2011 [1]



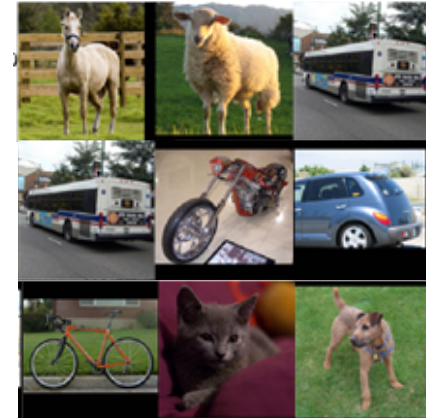
Category: Bird

DeepFashion [2]



Category: Human

PASCAL-Parts [3]



Category: Total 10 (horse, sheep, bus, car, cat etc.)

[1] Wah et al. "The Caltech-UCSD Birds-200-2011 Dataset", Technical Report 2011

[2] Liu et al. "DeepFashion: Powering Robust Clothes Recognition and Retrieval with Rich Annotations", CVPR 2016

[3] Chen et al. "Detect What You Can: Detecting and Representing Objects using Holistic Models and Body Parts", CVPR 2014

Qualitative Results



CUB-200-2011

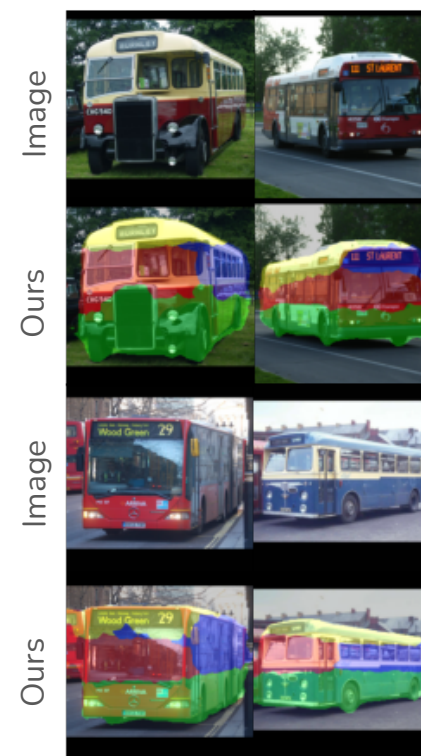
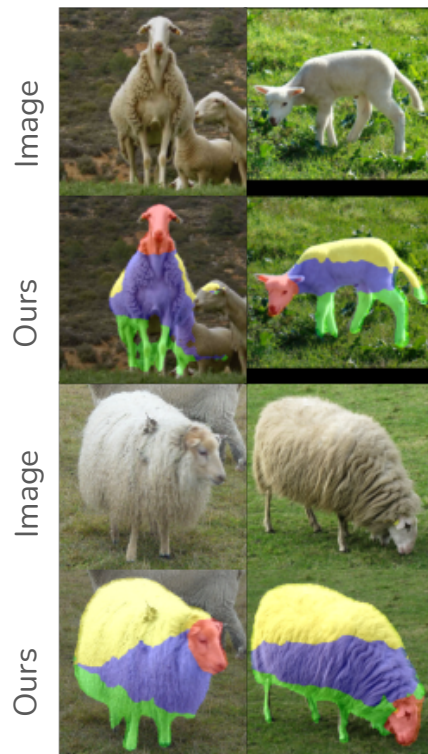
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Qualitative Results



PASCAL-Parts

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Thank you!