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Towards Calibrated Robust Fine-Tuning of Vision-Language Models

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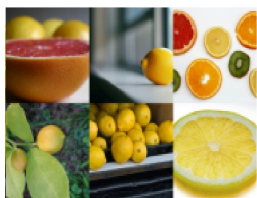
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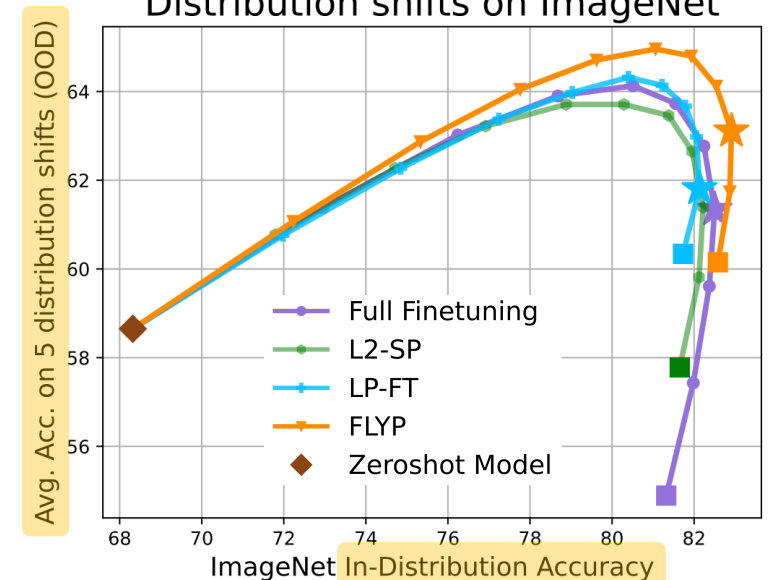


OOD Accuracy



Adapting on ID data while securing OOD generalization capability

Distribution shifts on ImageNet



Focus on achieving better trade-off between ID and OOD generalization

Research motivation

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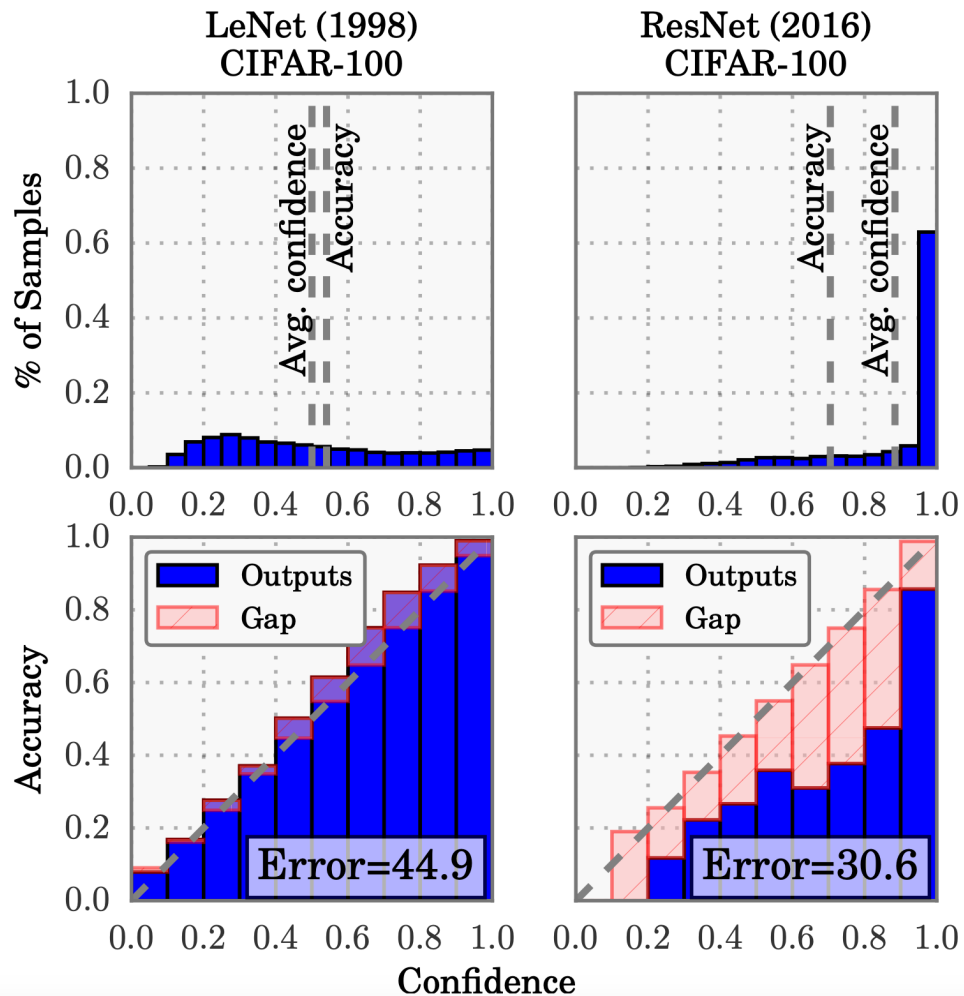
How well does the confidence output by our model match the accuracy?

$$\text{ECE} = \sum_{m=1}^M \frac{|B_m|}{n} \left| \text{acc}(B_m) - \text{conf}(B_m) \right|$$

expected calibration error

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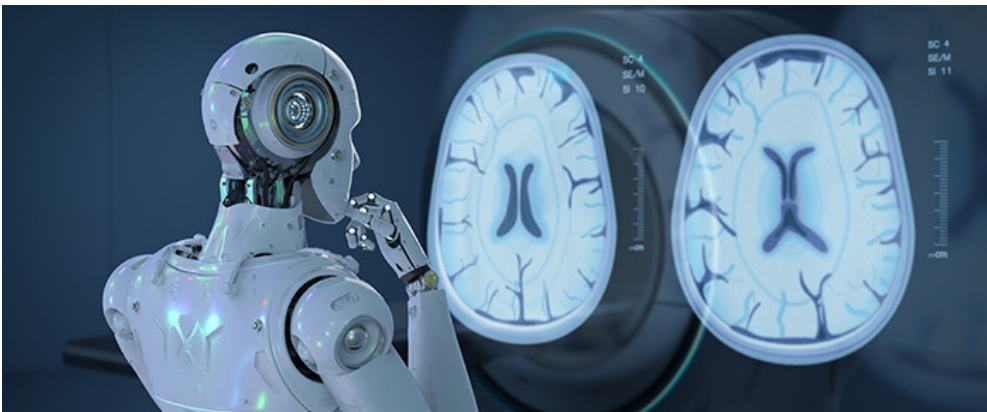
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These raise concerns about developing AI-driven decision-making systems on high-stakes tasks



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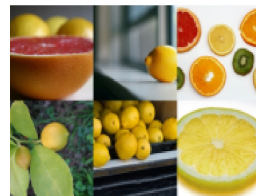


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We initiate the discussion on calibration of fine-tuned foundation models under distribution shifts!

	Standard fine-tuning		Robust fine-tuning	
	ID	OOD	ID	OOD
Accuracy				
Calibration				

RQ1) How the calibration of a pre-trained model will be affected by fine-tuning it on a specific dataset?

RQ2) Will robust fine-tunings ensure calibration of the model as well as generalization both on ID and OOD?

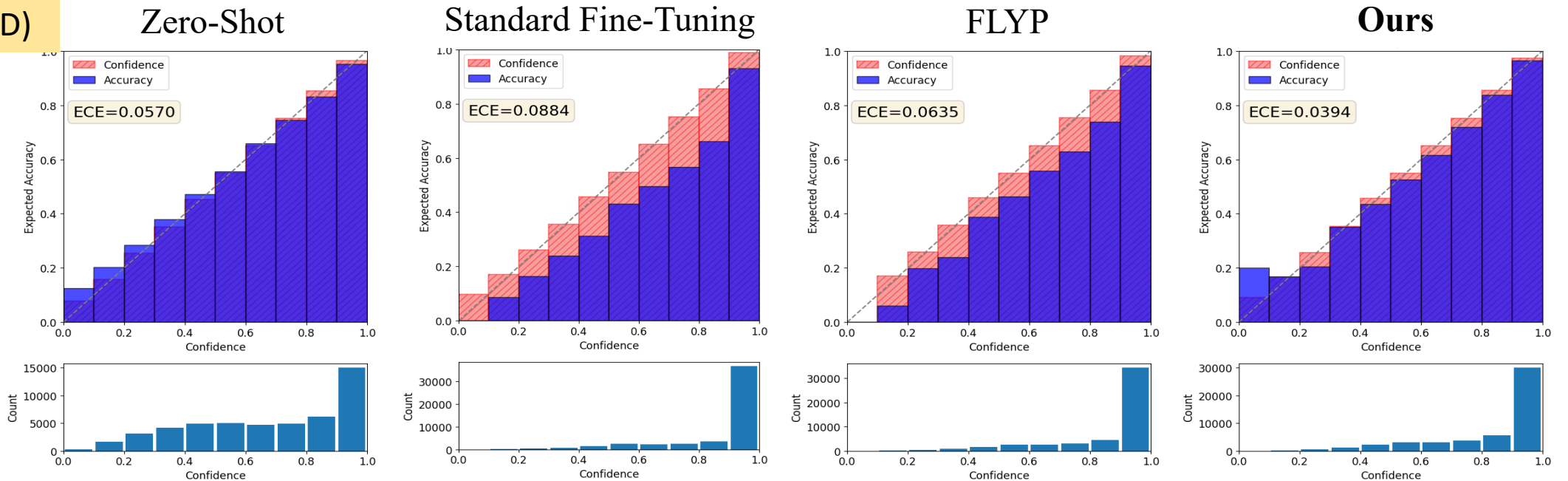
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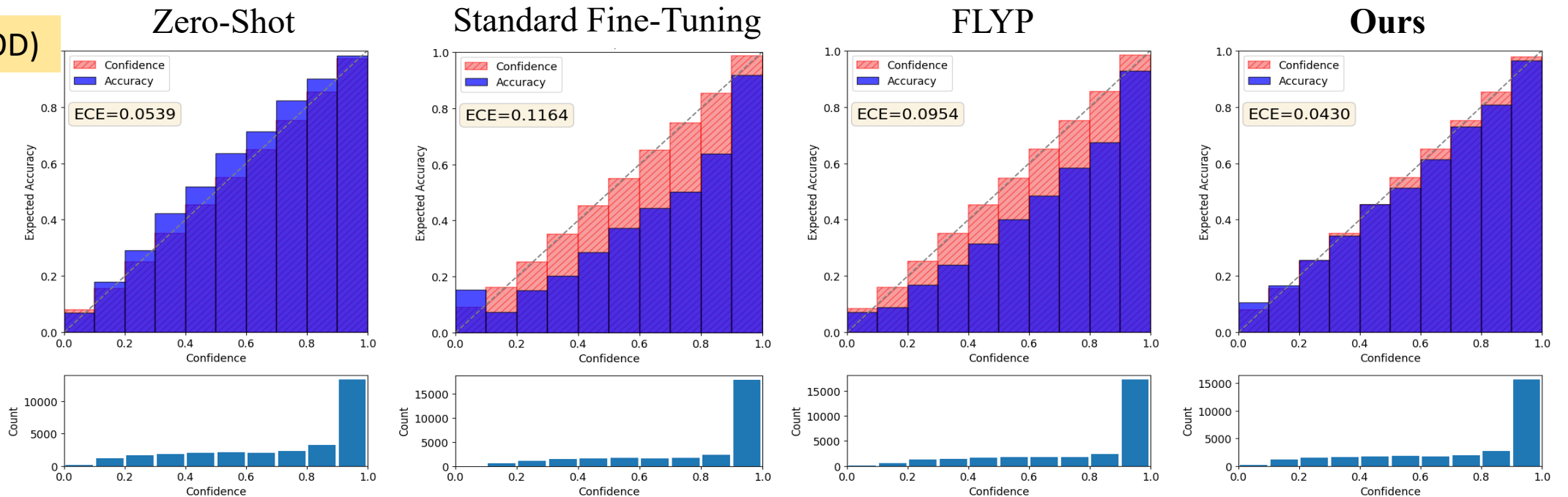
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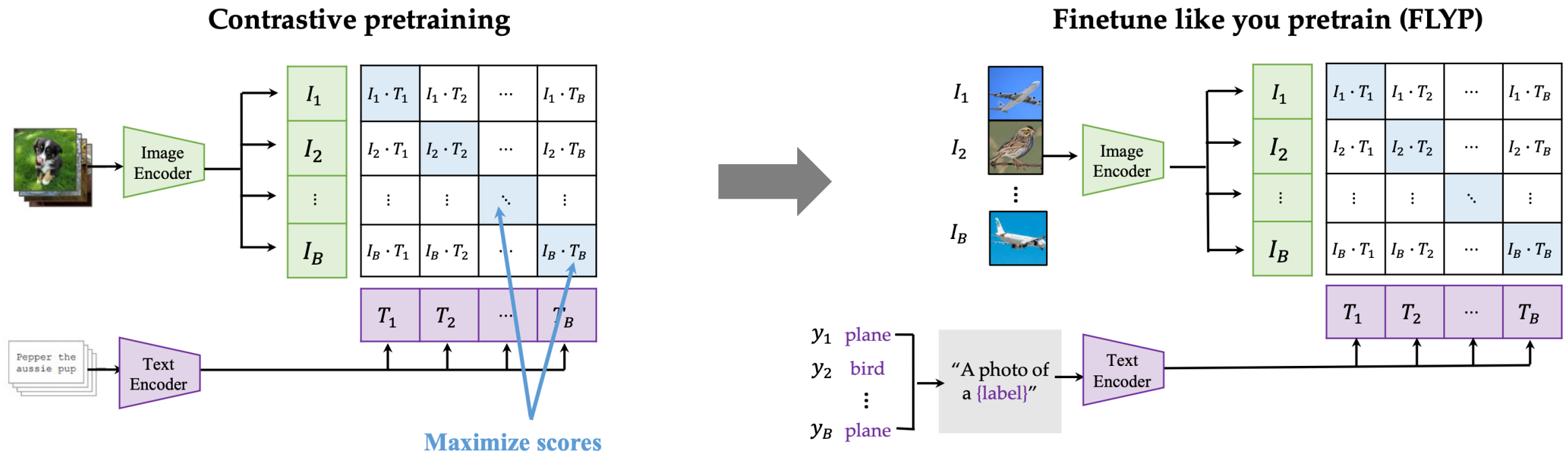
ImageNet-R (OOD)

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Method: Calibrated Robust Fine-tuning (CaRot)

- Following FLYP [1], we adopt a contrastive loss as our basic learning objective
 - Goyal et al. empirically showed that fine-tuning vision-language models (VLM) with contrastive loss brings huge benefits in terms of ID adaptation and OOD generalization.



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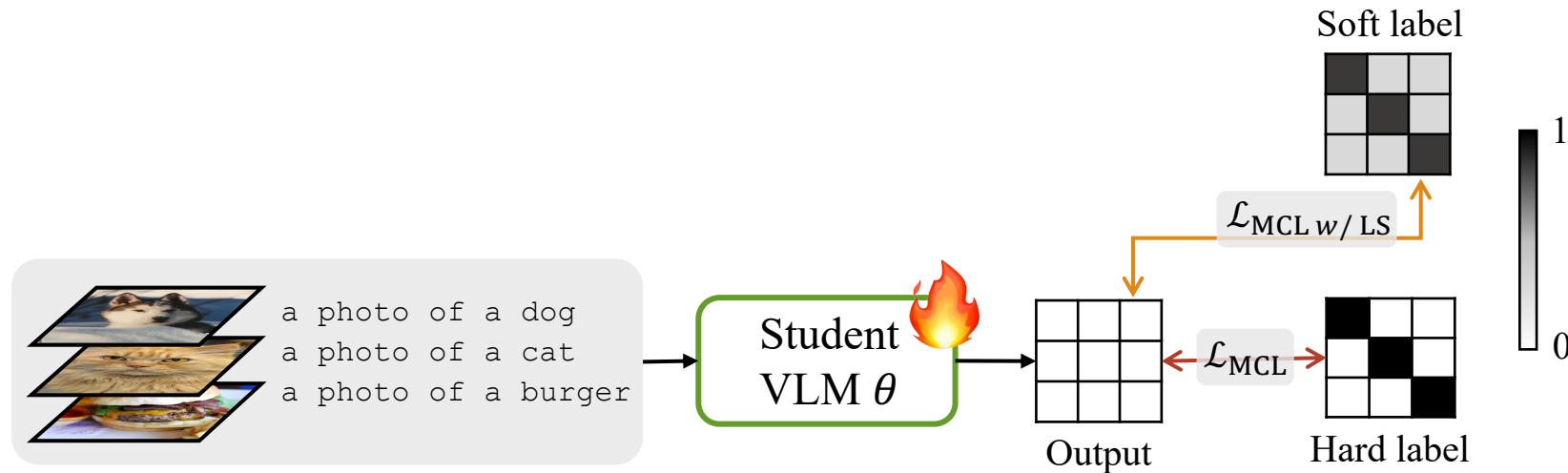


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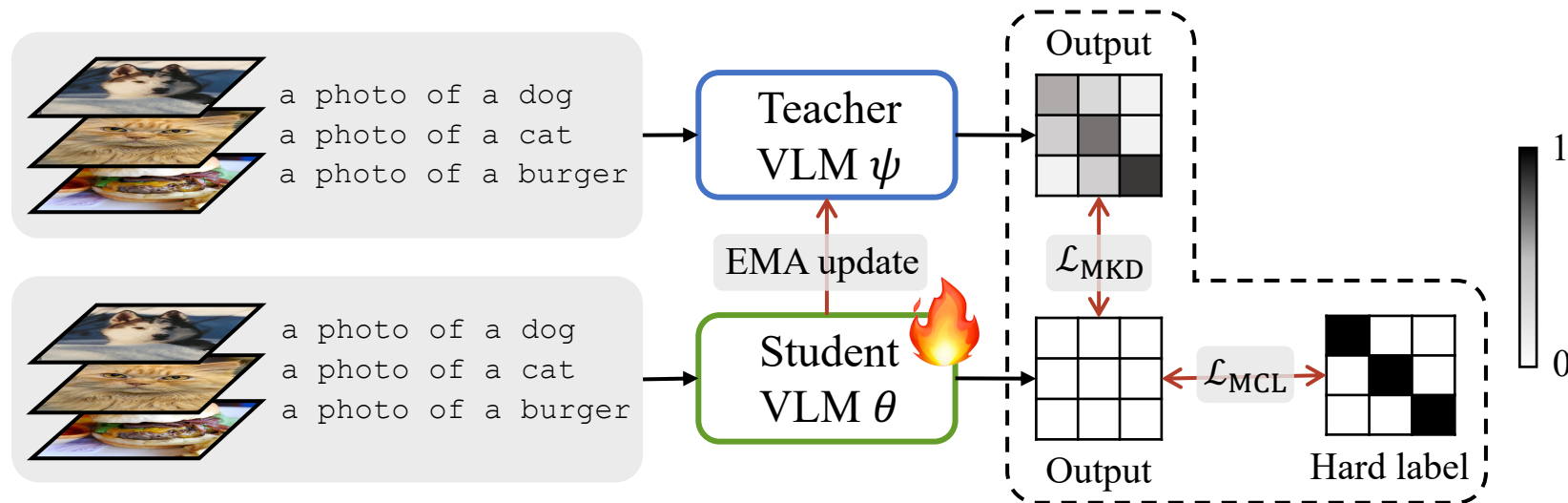


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○ Understanding multimodal knowledge distillation loss

1. Exponential moving average (EMA) of VLM's learning weights

$$\psi \leftarrow \alpha\psi + (1 - \alpha)\theta$$

- it gradually blends a **multi-domain calibrated one** (pre-trained VLM) with an **ID calibrated one** (fine-tuned VLM)

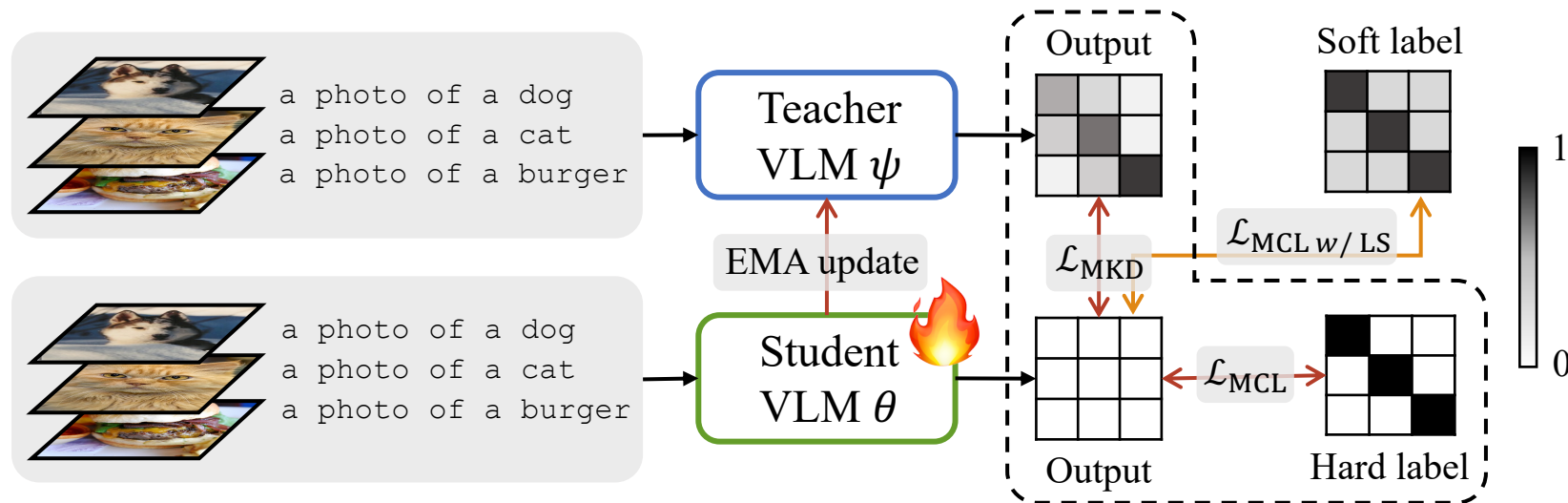


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○ Understanding **multimodal knowledge distillation loss**

2. Output similarity map of the EMA teacher model

- Holds **rich multimodal relation structure** for each instance
- Produce **data-dependent soft label** that supports and regularizes the learning of student model

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{MKD}}(\mathcal{B}, \theta) := \sum_{i=1}^B [KL(\tilde{q}_i^I || q_i^I) + KL(\tilde{q}_i^T || q_i^T)]$$

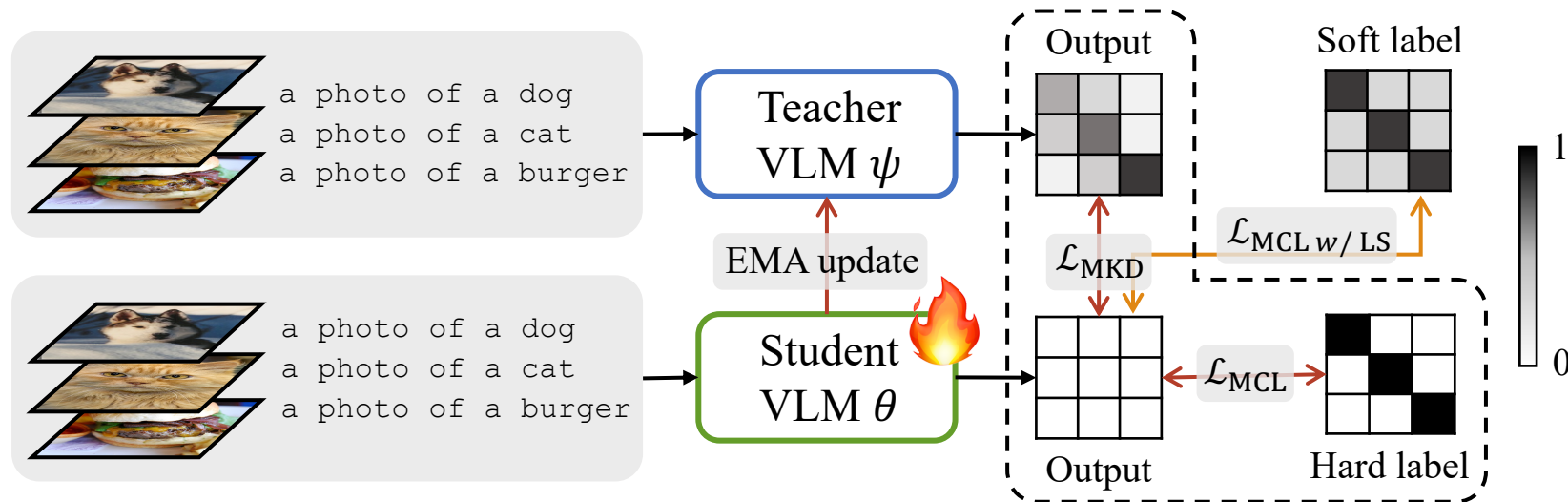


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Results

○ Findings

1. During adaptation on the ID dataset, **FT sacrifices the OOD generalization** capability of pre-trained model (zero-shot CLIP) as well as **ID/OOD calibration**
2. While **WiSE-FT** [6] showcases strong OOD Acc., it **significantly degenerates the calibration** of the pre-trained model on ID and OOD datasets

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5. Label smoothing (**LS**) remarkably improves the calibration as well as generalization for both contrastive learning and cross-entropy-based learning.
6. **CaRot** gets superior results overall metrics ID/OOD generalization and calibration which verify the effectiveness of data-dependent LS coupled with contrastive loss.

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