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ResAD: A Simple Framework for Class Generalizable Anomaly Detection

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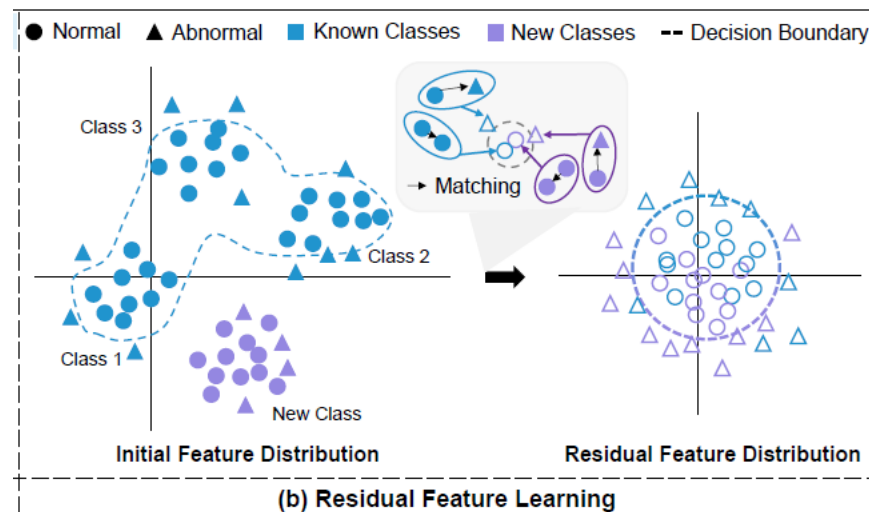
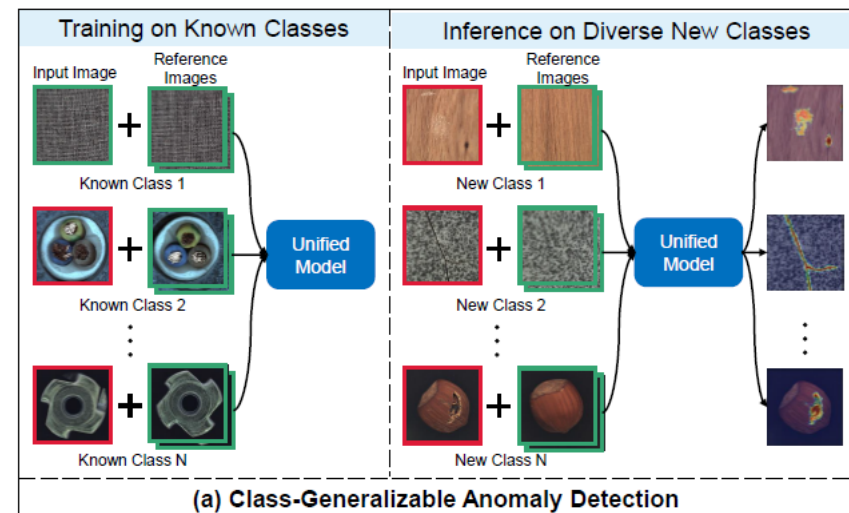
Class Generalizable Anomaly Detection

The objective is to train one **unified** AD model that can **generalize** to detect anomalies in diverse classes from **different domains** without **any retraining or fine-tuning** on the target data.

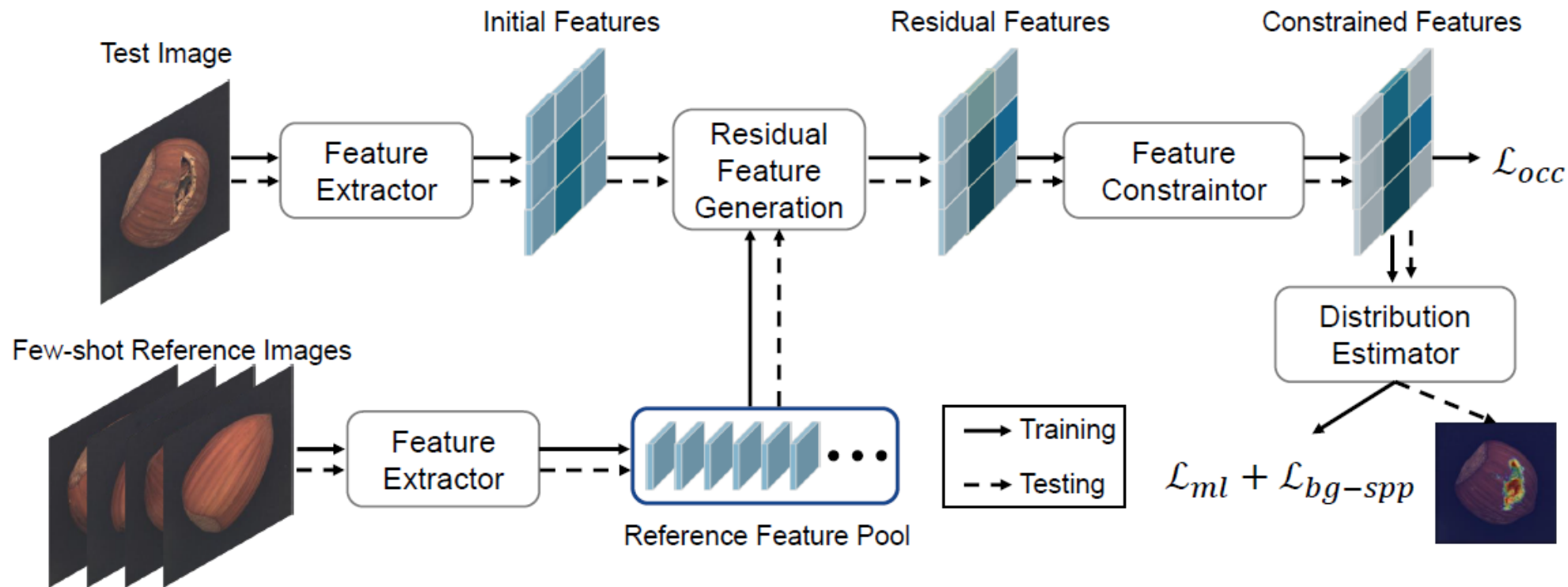
This AD task is challenging!

The main challenge is: *the normal patterns from different classes are significantly different.* This can lead to many misdetections of new classes.

Our intuition: **residual features!**



ResAD: A Simple But Effective Framework for Class Generalizable Anomaly Detection



Three parts: Residual Feature Generating, Feature Hypersphere Constraining, Feature Distribution Estimating.

| Outline



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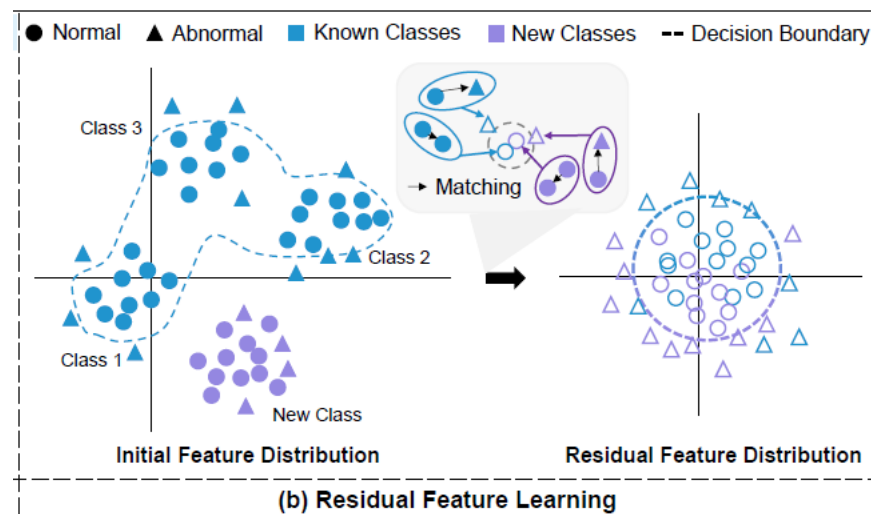
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Motivation

Our core insight: Residual features are class-invariant representations!

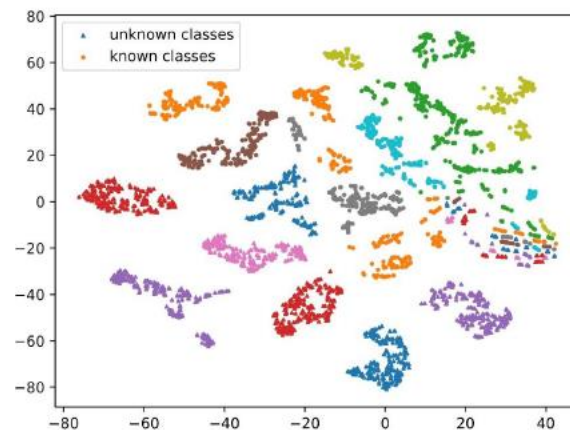
Why previous AD models are not class generalizable?

- The main challenge is: the normal patterns from different classes are significantly different (**class-variant representations**).
- Thus, normal patches from new classes may be mistaken as abnormal as they are quite different from the learned normal patterns.

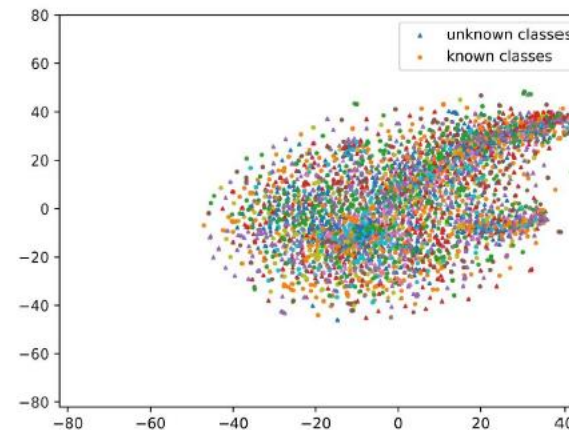


The characteristics of residual features:

- Residual features are **more class-invariant** compared to the significantly variant initial features.
- Residual features will be distributed in a **relatively fixed origin-centered region**, even in new classes.



(a) Initial Feature Distribution



(b) Residual Feature Distribution

Why can residual features be less sensitive to new classes compared to initial features?

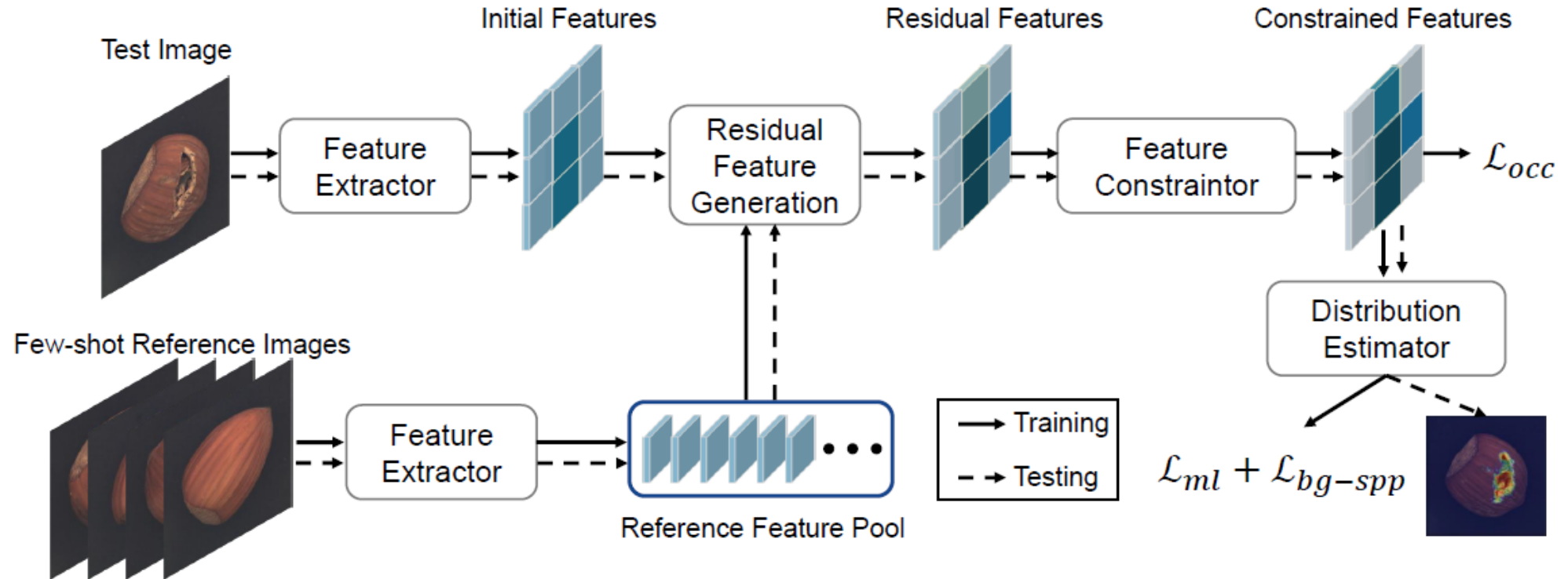
The definition of residual features:

Residual feature: $x_{h,w}^{l,r} = x_{h,w}^l - x_n^*$ Nearest Normal Reference Feature: $x_n^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathcal{P}_l} \|x - x_{h,w}^l\|_2$

- Residual features are obtained by **matching** and then **subtracting**.
- From the principles of representation learning, we know that features of each class usually have some **class-related attributes** to the class for distinguishing from other classes.
- The “class-related” means these attributes are **typical** to the class and **distinctive** from other classes.
- As class-related attributes can also exist in normal reference features, the matching process can be seen as **matching the most similar class-related attributes** to each input feature.
- By subtracting, the class-related components are very likely to be **mutually eliminated**.
- Thus, residual features will be distributed in an **origin-centered region**, even in new classes.

Our Approach: ResAD

- ResAD, Model Overview:

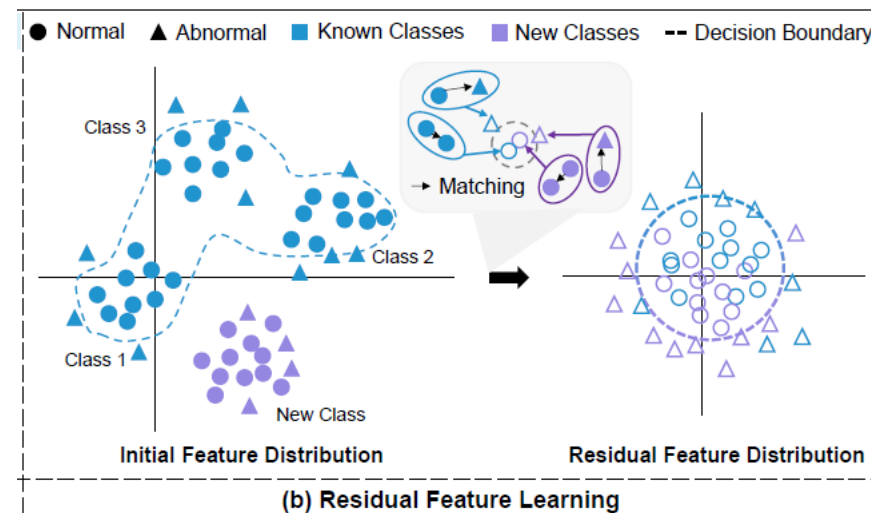


Three parts: Residual Feature Generating, Feature Hypersphere Constraining, Feature Distribution Estimating.

Our Approach: ResAD

- **Residual Feature Generating**

- For each feature $x_{h,w}^l$, we will match it with the nearest normal reference feature from the corresponding reference feature pool, then convert to the residual feature by subtracting.
- **Reference Feature Pool:** The reference feature pools are utilized to store some normal features as reference for new classes.



- **Residual Feature:** We define the residual representation of $x_{h,w}^l$ to its closest normal reference feature as:

$$x_{h,w}^{l,r} = x_{h,w}^l - x_n^* \quad x_n^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathcal{P}_l} \|x - x_{h,w}^l\|_2$$

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- **Feature Hypersphere Constraining**

- In order to **further reduce feature variations** and also **maintain the consistency in feature scales** among different classes, we propose a **Feature Constraintor** to constrain the initial normal residual features to a **spatial hypersphere**.

- **Abnormal Invariant OCC Loss**: we propose an abnormal invariant OCC loss to optimize our Feature Constraintor:

$$\mathcal{L}_{occ} = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L \left(\frac{1}{H_l W_l} \sum_{h=1}^{H_l} \sum_{w=1}^{W_l} (1 - y_{h,w}^l) \left(\sqrt{\|x_{h,w}^{l,r}\|_2 + 1} - 1 \right) + y_{h,w}^l \|x_{h,w}^{l,r} - x_{h,w}^{l,r}\|_2 \right)$$

- The loss can constrain the normal residual features to a hypersphere and keep abnormal residual features as **invariant** as possible.
- If we only constrain features to the hypersphere, the network may more easily overfit and simply map all features to the hypersphere.

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- **Feature Distribution Estimating**

- We employ the **normalizing flow** model as our **Feature Distribution Estimator** to estimate the residual feature distribution.
- The maximum likelihood loss function for learning normal residual feature distribution is as follows:

$$\mathcal{L}_{ml} = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{l=1}^L \left(\frac{1}{H_l W_l} \sum_{h=1}^{H_l} \sum_{w=1}^{W_l} \frac{C_l}{2} \log(2\pi) + \frac{1}{2} (z_{h,w}^l)^T z_{h,w}^l - \log|\det J_{h,w}^l| \right)$$

- In the class-generalizable AD task, it's also valuable for us to effectively utilize abnormal samples that exist in known classes.
- Following BGAD[1], we employ the explicit boundary guided semi-push-pull loss to learn a more discriminative feature distribution estimator :

$$\mathcal{L}_{bg-spp} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_n} |\min(\log p_i - b_n, 0)| + \sum_{j=1}^{N_a} |\max(\log p_j - b_n + \tau, 0)|$$

| Experiments



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- **Datasets:**

- Industrial AD datasets: MVTecAD, VisA, BTAD, MVTec3D.
- Medical AD dataset: BraTS.
- Video AD dataset: ShanghaiTech (we extract video frames as images for use).

- **Settings:**

- We evaluate the **cross-dataset performance**.
- We train on MVTecAD and test on other five datasets without any retraining.
- For MVTecAD, we train AD models on VisA.

- **Metrics:**

- Area under the curve of the receiver operating characteristic (AUROC), image-level and pixel-level.

Experiments

- Comparison with Few-shot and CLIP-based AD methods:

Setting	Datasets	Baselines		Few-shot AD Methods (Non-CLIP-based)				ResAD (Ours)	CLIP-based AD Methods		ResAD [†] (Ours)
		RDAD CVPR2022	UniAD NeurIPS2022	SPADE	PaDiM	PatchCore CVPR2022	RegAD ECCV2022		WinCLIP CVPR2023	InCTRL CVPR2024	
2-shot	Industrial AD Datasets										
	MVTecAD	65.9/71.9	67.4/81.1	74.6/64.0	79.5/93.8	74.7/85.2	80.4/93.3	85.6/94.1	93.1/93.8	94.0/-	94.4/95.6
	VisA	56.4/79.9	52.1/81.8	71.7/65.4	68.7/91.5	65.0/80.4	70.6/93.3	79.9/ 96.4	81.9/94.9	85.8/-	84.5/95.1
	BTAD	82.7/87.3	67.1/85.6	80.7/65.4	88.9/95.2	80.9/83.1	87.2/93.9	93.6/97.1	85.5/95.8	92.3/-	91.1/96.4
	MVTec3D	58.7/90.4	51.7/89.4	62.5/78.6	59.6/94.3	58.8/83.4	59.5/96.4	64.5/95.4	74.1/96.8	68.9/-	78.5/97.5
	Average	65.9/82.4	59.6/84.5	72.4/68.4	74.2/93.7	69.8/83.0	74.4/94.2	80.9/95.8	83.7/95.3	85.3/-	87.1/96.2
	Medical AD Dataset										
	BraTS	49.8/66.7	59.5/88.5	58.0/92.8	49.4/90.2	58.2/93.5	54.6/81.4	65.7/91.2	55.9/91.5	74.6/-	67.9/ 94.3
	Video AD Dataset										
	ShanghaiTech	56.2/77.6	55.9/79.4	73.8/87.0	70.4/85.6	71.8/87.8	72.7/87.3	78.4/88.5	78.5/88.1	68.7/-	82.4/91.9
All Average	61.6/79.0	58.9/84.3	70.2/75.6	69.4/91.8	68.2/85.6	70.8/90.9	78.0/93.8	78.2/93.5	80.8/-	83.1/95.2	
4-shot	Industrial AD Datasets										
	MVTecAD	65.9/71.9	67.4/81.1	75.5/64.0	82.5/94.9	80.6/90.2	84.8/94.5	90.5/95.7	94.6/94.2	94.5/-	94.2/ 96.9
	VisA	56.4/79.9	52.1/81.8	75.0/65.4	75.3/93.3	71.7/87.1	78.0/93.5	86.2/97.4	84.1/95.2	87.7/-	90.8/97.5
	BTAD	82.7/87.3	67.1/85.6	81.7/65.5	89.9/95.8	84.0/89.4	90.8/94.9	95.6/97.6	87.2/95.8	91.7/-	91.5/96.8
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- For new classes, the performance of conventional AD methods will drop dramatically (RDAD, UniAD).
- Our ResAD can achieve superior performance even without any re-modeling or fine-tuning.

Ablations

- Ablation study results:

(a) Framework ablation studies.

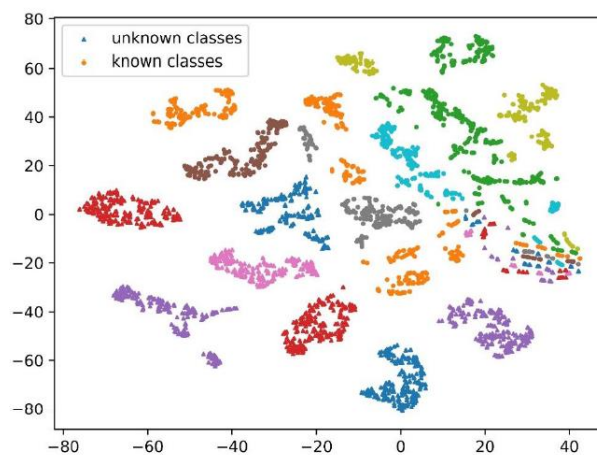
Model	I-AUROC	P-AUROC
Ours	90.5	95.7
w/o Residual Feature Learning	72.8	82.9
w/o Feature Constraintor	82.3	93.5
w/o Abnormal Invariant OCC Loss	84.9	93.9

Table 4: Anomaly detection and localization results when incorporating our method into UniAD. “RFL” represents residual feature learning.

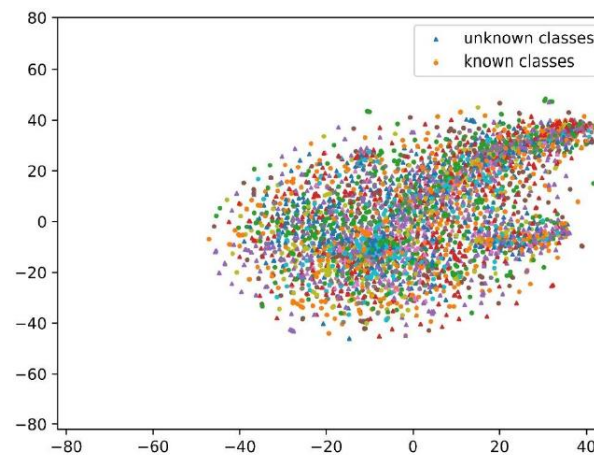
	MVTecAD	VisA	BTAD	MVTec3D
UniAD [47]	67.4/81.1	52.1/81.8	67.1/85.6	51.7/89.4
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Δ	+25.6/13.8	+20.4/3.3	+20.0/8.4	+25.0/7.0

- 1. Residual feature learning is of vital significance for class-generalizable anomaly detection.
- 2. Feature constraintor and abnormal invariant OCC loss are beneficial for achieving better cross-class performance.
- 3. Residual features can generalize to other AD models and significantly improve the models’ class-generalizable capacity.

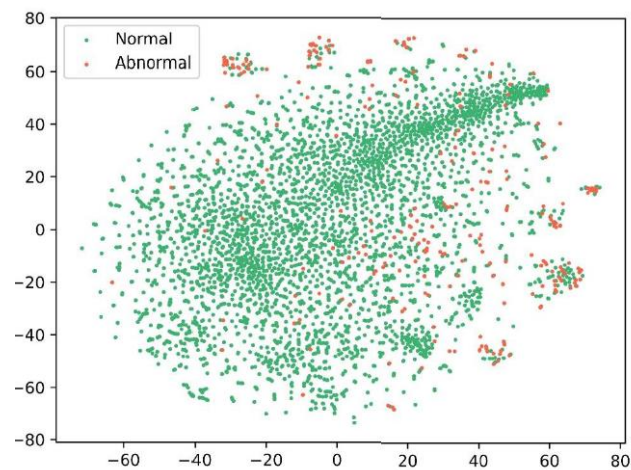
Visualization Results



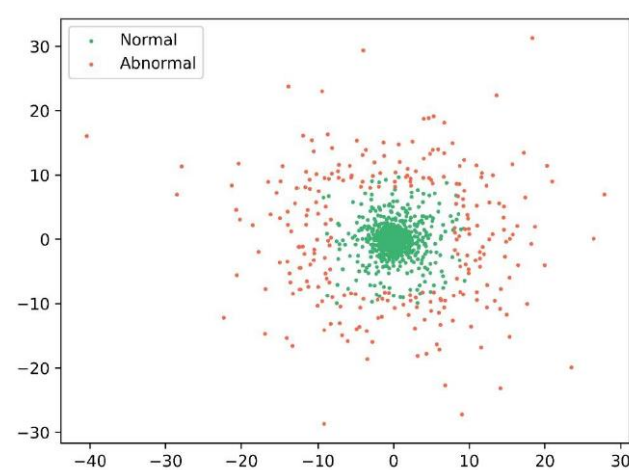
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(b) Residual Feature Distribution



(c) Initial Residual Features



(d) Constrained Residual Features

Residual Features!

We conclude our finding for future research: **residual features are really effective for designing generalizable AD models**, and our feature constraining insight also has good reference values for future work.



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