Placing Objects in Context via Inpainting for Out-of-distribution Segmentation

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Motivation

- Agents deployed "in the wild" will eventually face **novel objects**
- For a safe deployment of agents, it is crucial they are able to detect such anomalies *e.g.* **Anomaly segmentation**
- Acquiring anomaly segmentation datasets is highly inefficient (and even hazardous in some cases)







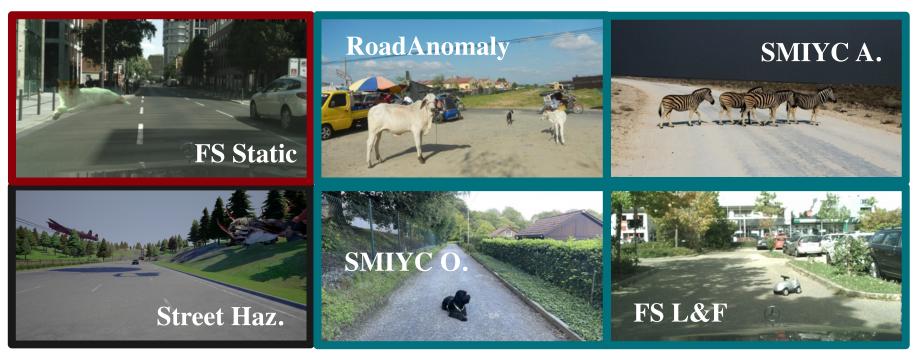
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Desiderata: (i) No domain shift (ii) Realistic anomalies (iii) Dynamic generation (iv) Low set-up costs

 Recent text2image models can generate realistic images based on flexible text "captions" 'A street sign that reads

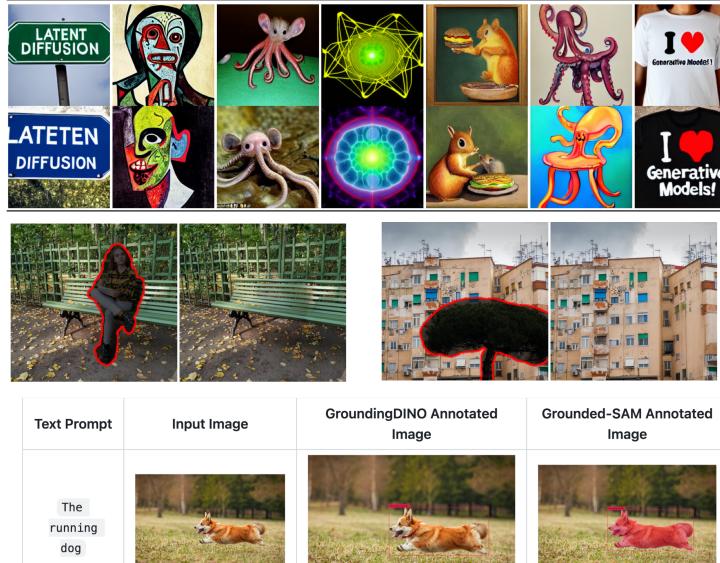
"Latent Diffusion"

'A zombie in the

style of Picasso

 These models can be fine-tuned to only **inpaint** content inside masked area consistent with image context

 Open-vocabulary models can detect and segment objects based on text prompts



Text-to-Image Synthesis on LAION. 1.45B Model.

'An illustration of a slightly

conscious neural network

'A painting of a

squirrel eating a burger

'A shirt with the inscription

"I love generative models!"

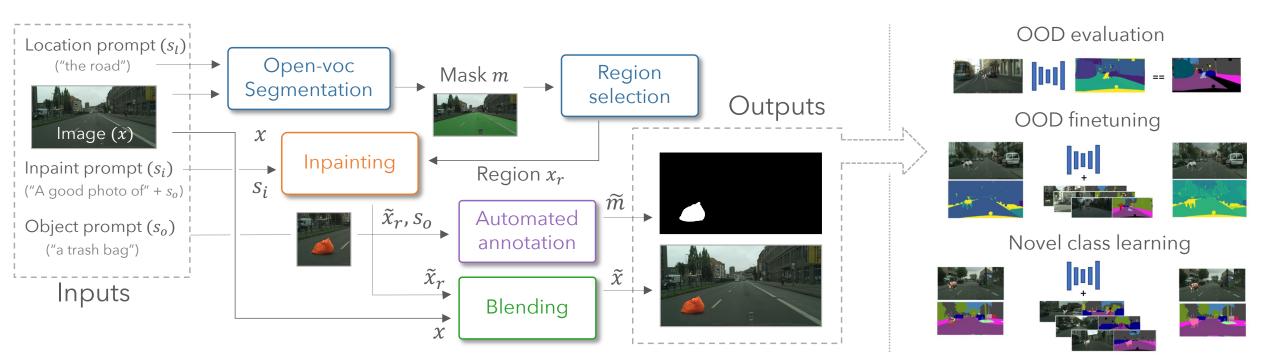
'A watercolor painting of a

chair that looks like an octopus'

'An image of an animal

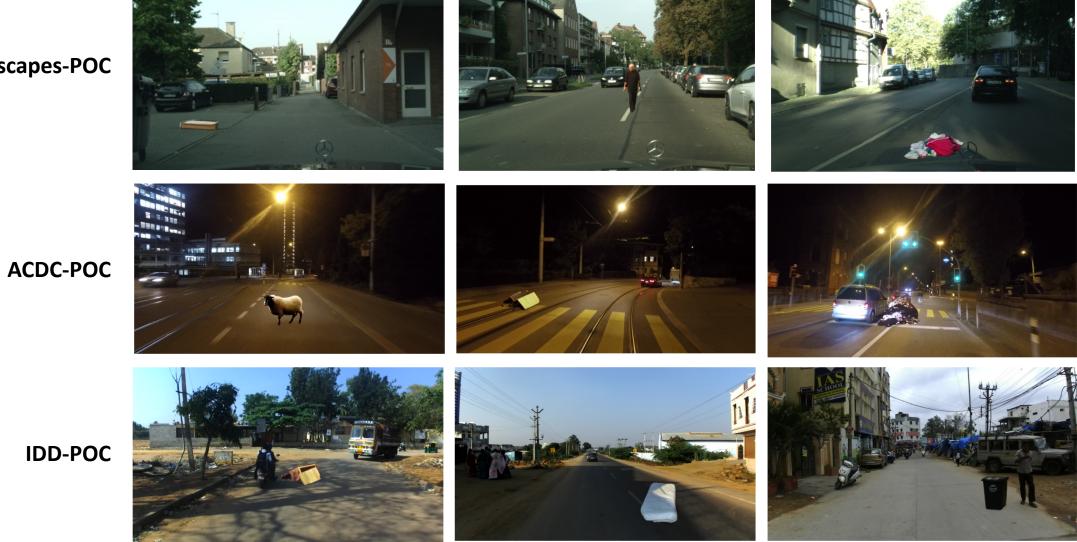
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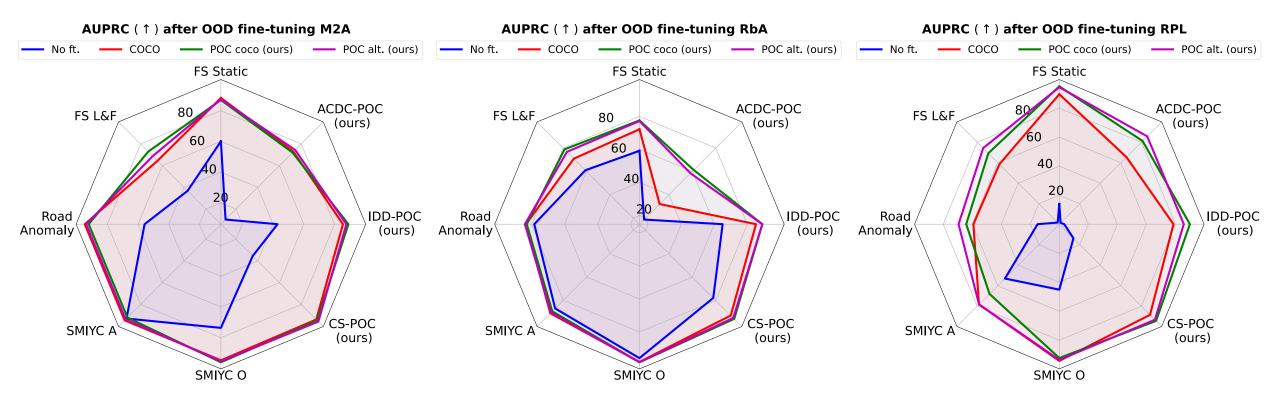
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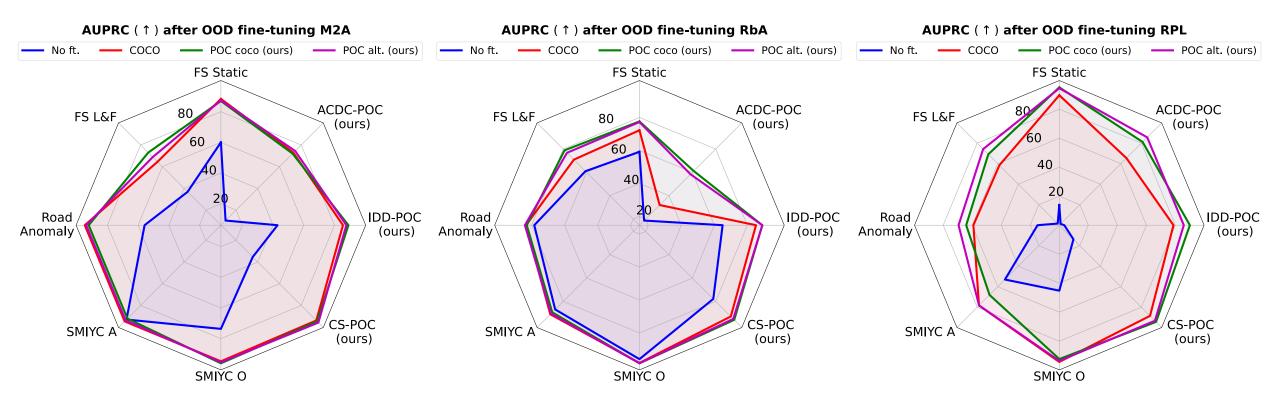
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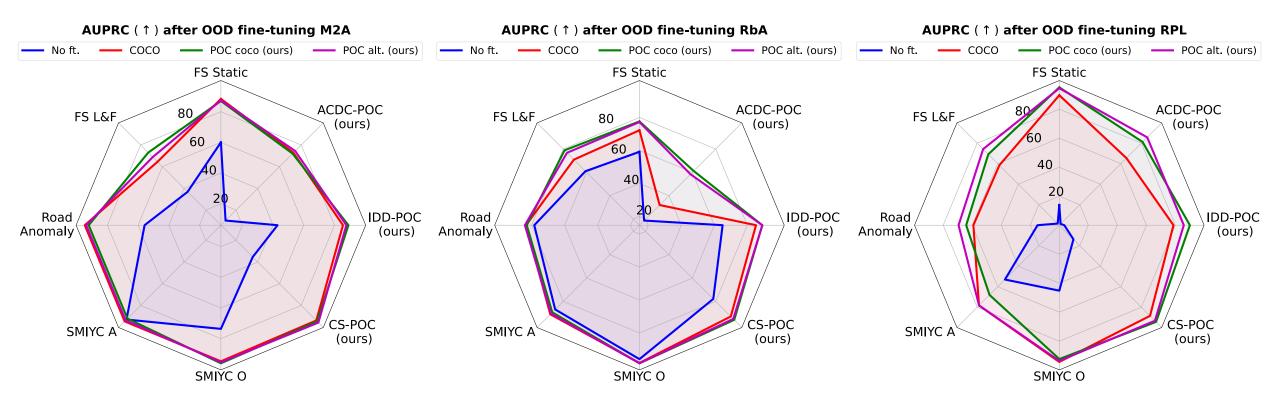
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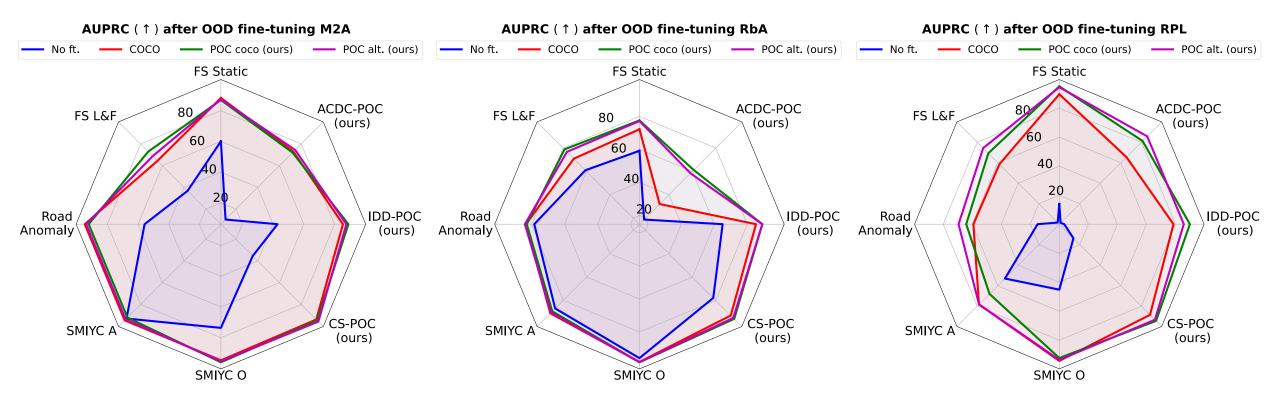
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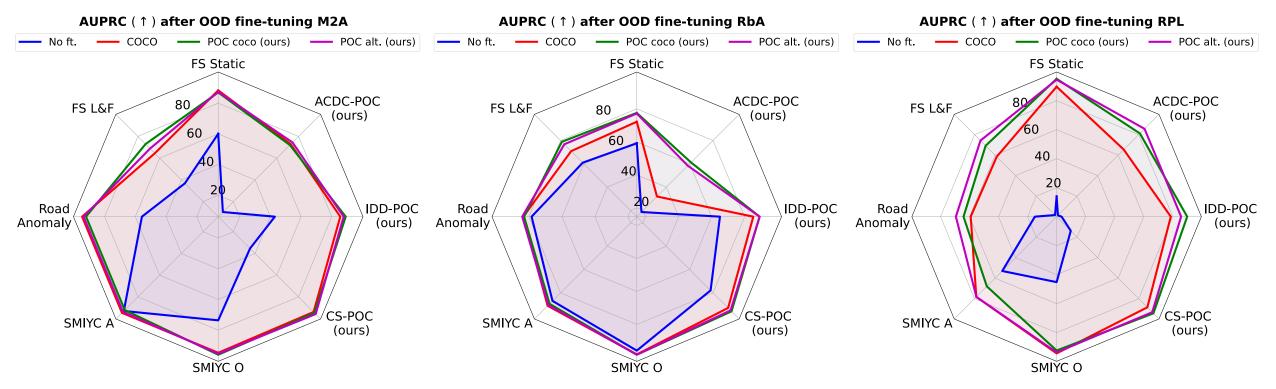
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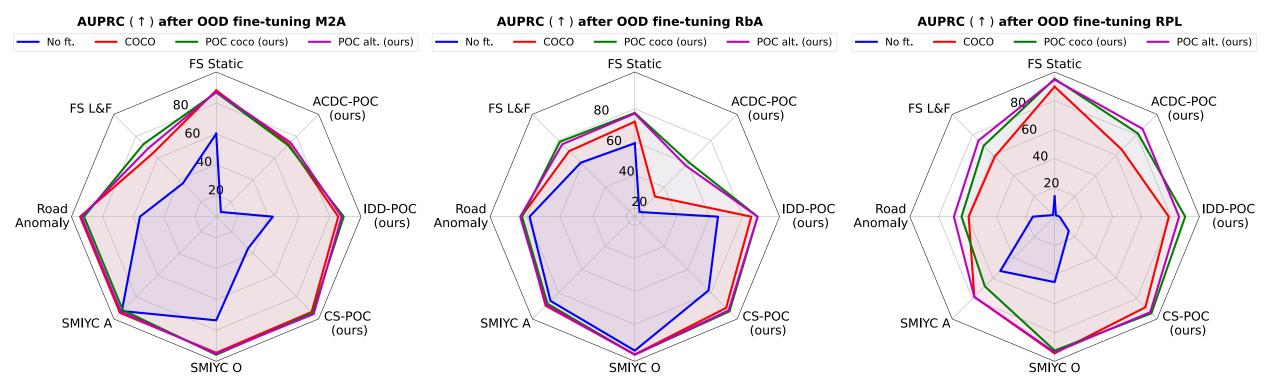
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- > We generate two datasets, one with COCO objects and one with alternative objects.





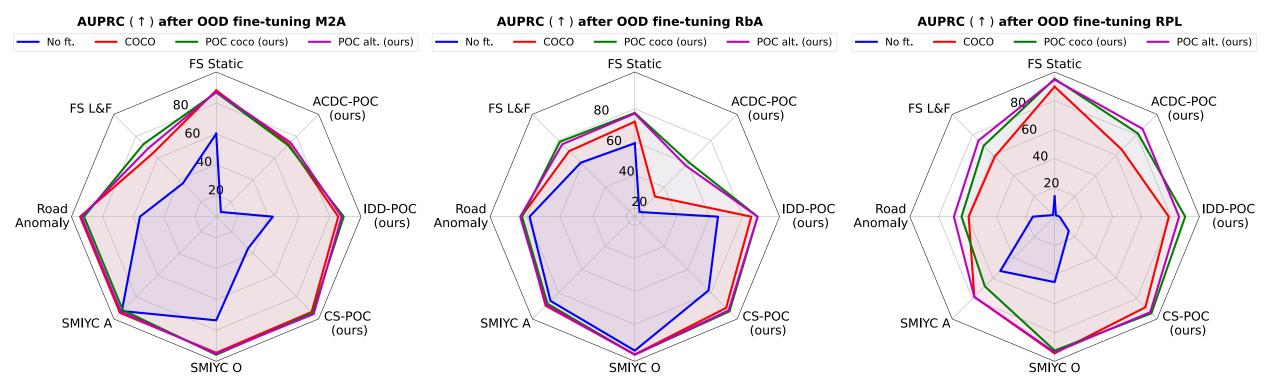
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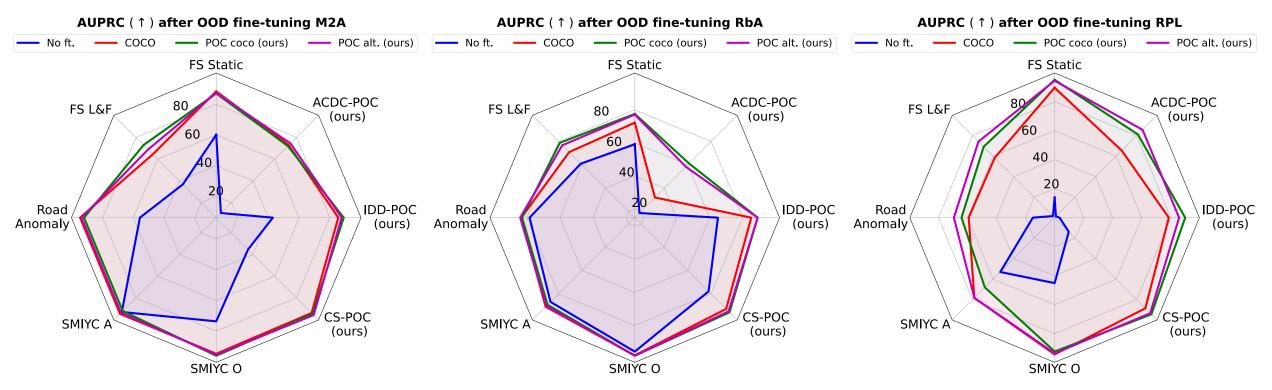
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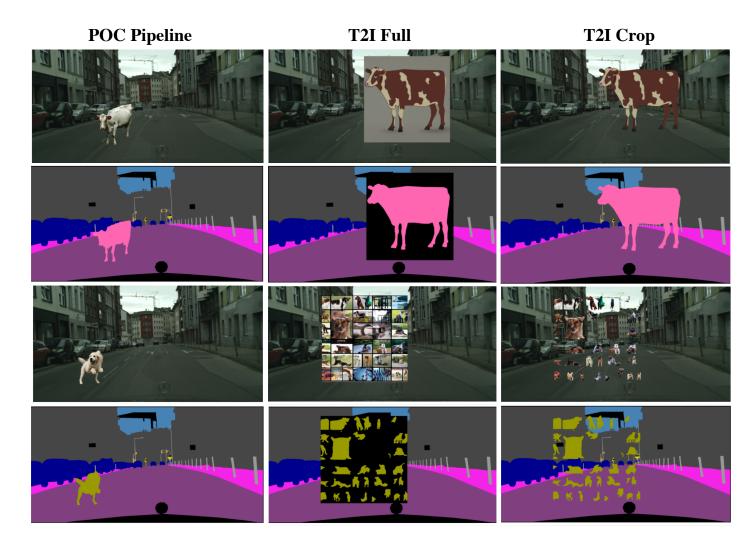
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- Drop in performance as we increase domain shift (with same model and anomaly classes)

We extend Ciyscapes with animal classes and evaluate in Pascal dataset



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Summary

- Leverage generative models to build a pipeline to insert novel objects into images realistically.
- Build new anomaly segmentation datasets.
- Show POC images for anomaly fine-tuning can improve over object stitching with recent methods.
- Use POC to extend an existing dataset with new classes obtaining competitive performance.