

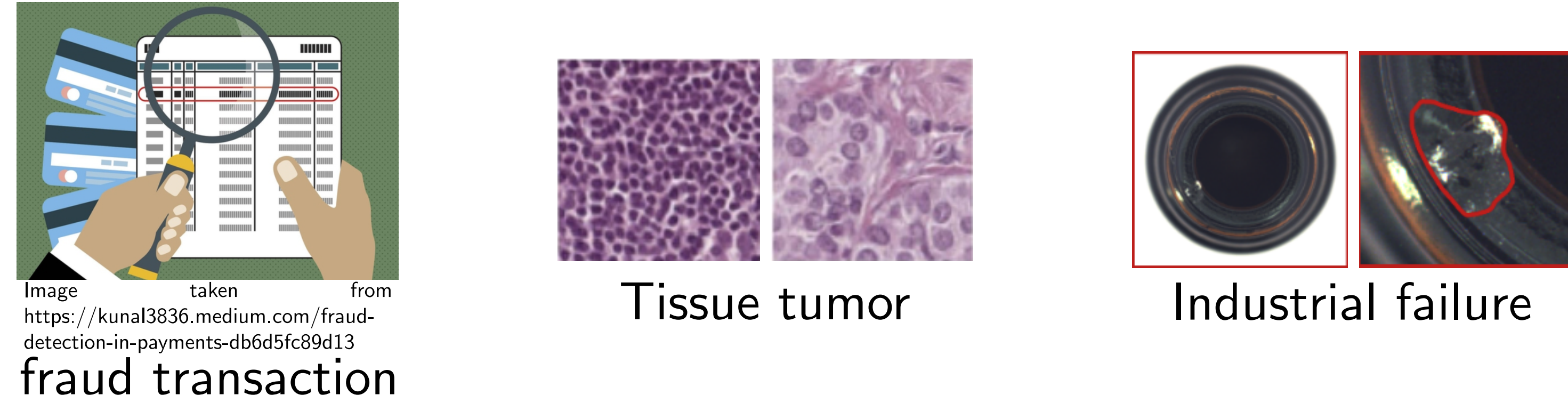
Latent Outlier Exposure for Anomaly Detection with Contaminated Data

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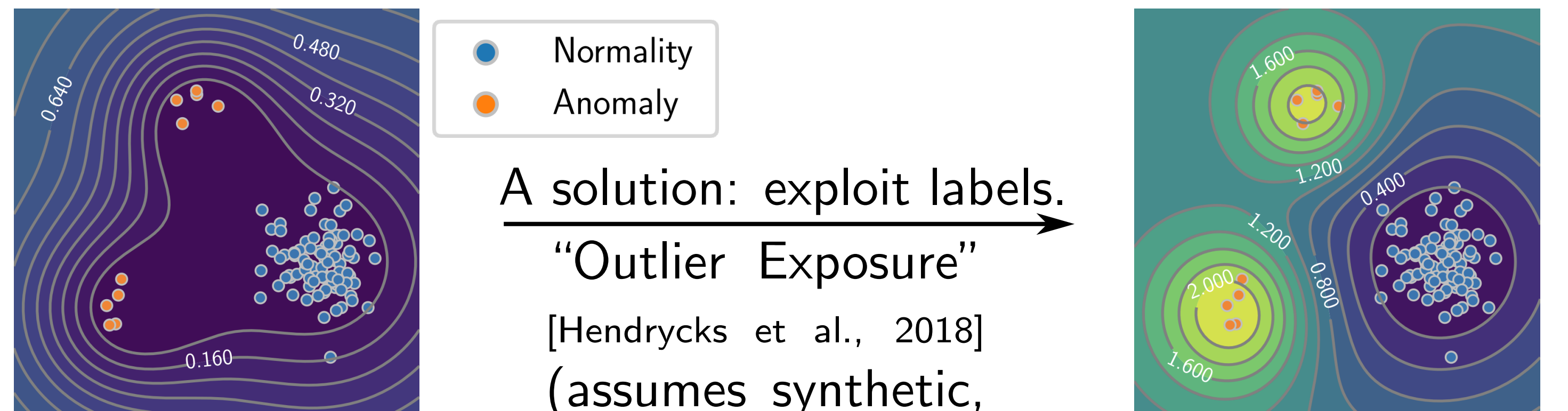
Motivation & Problem Setup

Anomaly Detection with Contaminated Training Data.



→ Common assumption: **clean** training data.
→ What if the training data contains unnoticed anomalies?

▽ Fig. Anomaly score in input space



A solution: exploit labels.

“Outlier Exposure”

[Hendrycks et al., 2018]

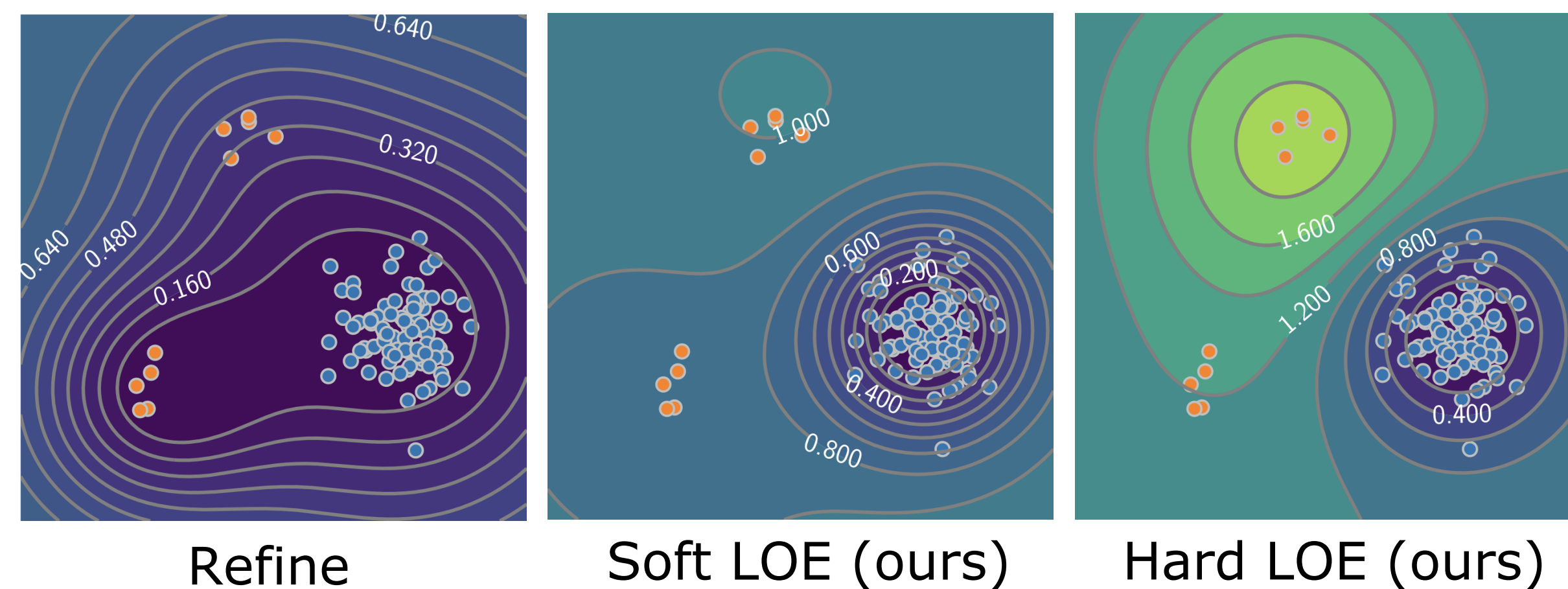
(assumes synthetic, labeled anomalies)

△ Incorrect normal region characterization.

△ Supervised learning characterizes boundaries well.

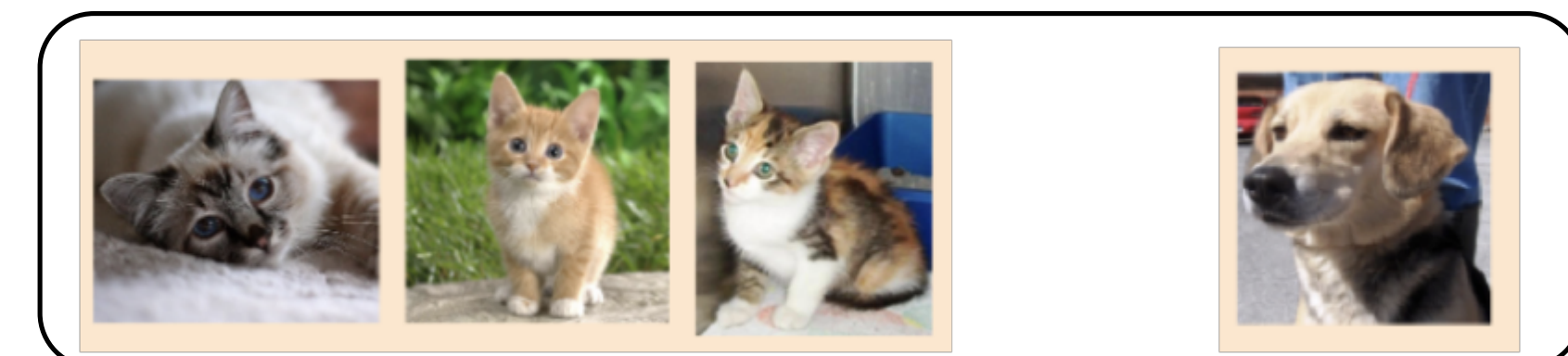
→ However, labels are expensive. Can we have a cheaper way?

→ **Contribution:** Unsupervised latent outlier exposure (LOE).



Problem Setup. Contaminated training data.

→ Training sets contain many normal samples and a few anomalies.



Method: Latent Outlier Exposure

Proposed Loss.

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^N (1 - y_i) \mathcal{L}_n^\theta(\mathbf{x}_i) + y_i \mathcal{L}_a^\theta(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

→ Label assignments \mathbf{y} are binary variables to be optimized.

→ $\mathcal{L}_n^\theta(\mathbf{x})$: a normal loss that is designed to be minimized over normal data.

→ $\mathcal{L}_a^\theta(\mathbf{x})$: an abnormal loss that is designed to have the opposite effect.

→ E.g., for deep SVDD, $\mathcal{L}_n^\theta(\mathbf{x}) = \|f_\theta(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{c}\|^2$ and $\mathcal{L}_a^\theta(\mathbf{x}) = 1/\|f_\theta(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{c}\|^2$.

Constrained Optimization Problem. Hard LOE.

$$\min_{\theta} \min_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} \mathcal{L}(\theta, \mathbf{y}) \quad \text{s.t. } \mathcal{Y} = \left\{ \mathbf{y} \in \{0, 1\}^N : \sum_{i=1}^N y_i = \alpha N \right\}$$

→ α is an assumed contamination ratio.

→ Block coordinate descent (EM fashion):

▷ (M-step) Perform SGD on θ given current label assignments \mathbf{y} ;

▷ (E-step) Rank data points by score $\mathcal{L}_n^\theta(\mathbf{x}_i) - \mathcal{L}_a^\theta(\mathbf{x}_i)$ and label top α fraction data as anomalies.

Model Extension. Soft LOE.

$$\min_{\theta} \min_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}'} \mathcal{L}(\theta, \mathbf{y}) \quad \text{s.t. } \mathcal{Y}' = \left\{ \mathbf{y} \in \{0, 0.5\}^N : \sum_{i=1}^N y_i = 0.5\alpha N \right\}$$

Anomaly Score. $S_i^{\text{test}} = \mathcal{L}_n^\theta(\mathbf{x}_i)$

→ Drop $\mathcal{L}_a^\theta(\mathbf{x}_i)$ to account for unknown anomaly types.

Experiment Setup & Findings

For various contamination ratio, compare LOE’s performance with baselines.

→ One vs. the rest.

→ Corruption of training set:

▷ Mix abnormal samples to have an anomaly ratio of α_0 .

Baselines.

→ Blind: ignore anomaly labels and train on all the data.

→ Refine: remove likely anomalies then re-train the model.

Findings. With multiple backbone models (NTL/MHRot/ICL),

→ LOE improve over the best baseline by 2.3% AUC on image data.

→ LOE significantly improves the detector based on 30 tabular datasets.

→ LOE achieves the-state-of-the-art performance on a video benchmark.

Experiments

Data.



Results.

Table. Image benchmark

NTL	CIFAR-10		F-MNIST	
	Blind	Refine	Blind	Refine
Blind	91.3±0.1 (-4.4)	85.0±0.2 (-9.7)	91.3±0.1 (-4.4)	85.0±0.2 (-9.7)
Refine	93.5±0.1 (-2.2)	89.1±0.2 (-5.6)	93.5±0.1 (-2.2)	89.1±0.2 (-5.6)
LOE _H (ours)	94.9±0.2 (-0.8)	92.9±0.7 (-1.8)	94.9±0.2 (-0.8)	92.9±0.7 (-1.8)
LOE _S (ours)	94.9±0.1 (-0.8)	92.5±0.1 (-2.2)	94.9±0.1 (-0.8)	92.5±0.1 (-2.2)

Table. F1-score on 30 tabular datasets ($\alpha = \alpha_0 = 10\%$)

	NTL		ICL	
	Blind	Refine	Blind	Refine
abalone	37.9±13.4	55.2±15.9	42.8±2.9	59.3±12.0
amlythroid	29.7±3.5	42.7±7.1	47.7±11.4	50.3±4.5
arrhythmia	57.6±2.5	59.1±2.1	62.1±2.8	62.7±3.3
breastw	84.0±1.8	93.1±0.9	95.6±0.4	95.3±0.4
cardio	21.8±4.9	45.2±7.9	73.0±7.9	57.8±5.5
ecoli	0.0±0.0	88.9±14.1	100±0.0	100±0.0
forest cover	20.4±4.0	56.2±4.9	61.1±34.9	67.6±30.6
glass	11.1±7.0	15.6±5.4	17.8±5.4	20.0±8.3
ionosphere	89.0±1.5	91.0±2.0	91.0±1.7	91.3±2.2
kdd	95.9±0.0	96.0±1.1	98.1±0.4	98.4±0.1
kidney	98.4±0.1	98.4±0.2	89.1±1.7	98.6±0.0
letter	36.4±3.6	44.4±3.1	25.4±10.0	45.6±10.6
lympho	53.3±12.5	60.0±8.2	60.0±13.3	73.3±22.6
mammogr	5.5±2.8	2.6±1.7	3.3±1.6	13.5±3.8
mnist tabular	78.6±0.5	80.3±1.1	71.8±1.8	76.3±2.1
multcross	45.5±9.6	58.2±3.5	58.2±6.2	50.1±8.9
musk	21.0±3.3	98.8±0.4	100±0.0	100±0.0
optdigits	0.2±0.3	1.5±0.3	41.7±45.9	59.1±48.2
pendigits	5.0±2.5	32.6±10.0	79.4±4.7	81.9±4.3
pinna	60.3±2.6	61.0±1.9	61.3±2.4	61.0±0.9
satellite	73.6±0.6	74.1±0.3	74.8±0.4	74.7±0.1
satimage	26.8±1.5	86.8±4.0	90.7±1.1	91.0±0.7
seismic	11.9±1.8	11.5±1.0	18.1±0.7	17.1±0.6
shuttle	97.0±0.3	97.0±0.2	97.1±0.2	97.0±0.2
speech	6.9±1.2	8.2±2.1	43.3±5.6	50.8±2.5
thyroid	43.4±5.5	55.1±4.2	82.4±2.7	82.4±2.3
vertebral	22.0±4.5	21.3±4.5	22.7±11.0	25.3±4.0
vowels	36.0±1.8	50.4±8.8	62.8±9.5	48.4±6.6
wbc	25.7±12.3	45.7±15.5	76.2±6.0	69.5±3.8
wine	24.0±18.5	66.0±12.0	90.0±0.0	92.0±4.0

Table. MVTEC benchmark

	Detection		Segmentation	
	10%	20%	10%	20%
Blind	94.2±0.5 (-3.2)	89.4±0.3 (-8.0)	96.17±0.08 (-0.78)	95.09±0.17 (-1.86)
Refine	95.3±0.5 (-2.1)	93.2±0.3 (-4.2)	96.55±0.04 (-0.40)	96.09±0.06 (-0.86)
LOE _H (ours)	95.9±0.9 (-1.5)	92.9±0.4 (-4.5)	95.97±0.22 (-0.98)	93.29±0.21 (-3.66)
LOE _S (ours)	95.4±0.5 (-2.0)	93.6±0.3 (-3.8)	96.56±0.04 (-0.39)	96.11±0.05 (-0.84)

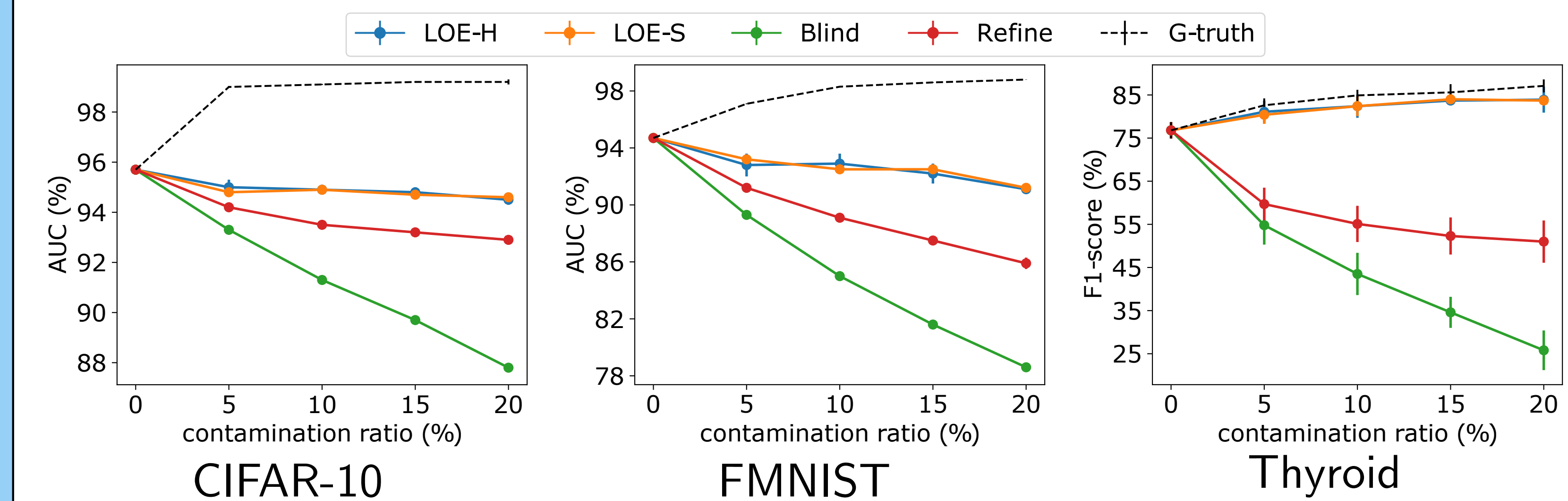
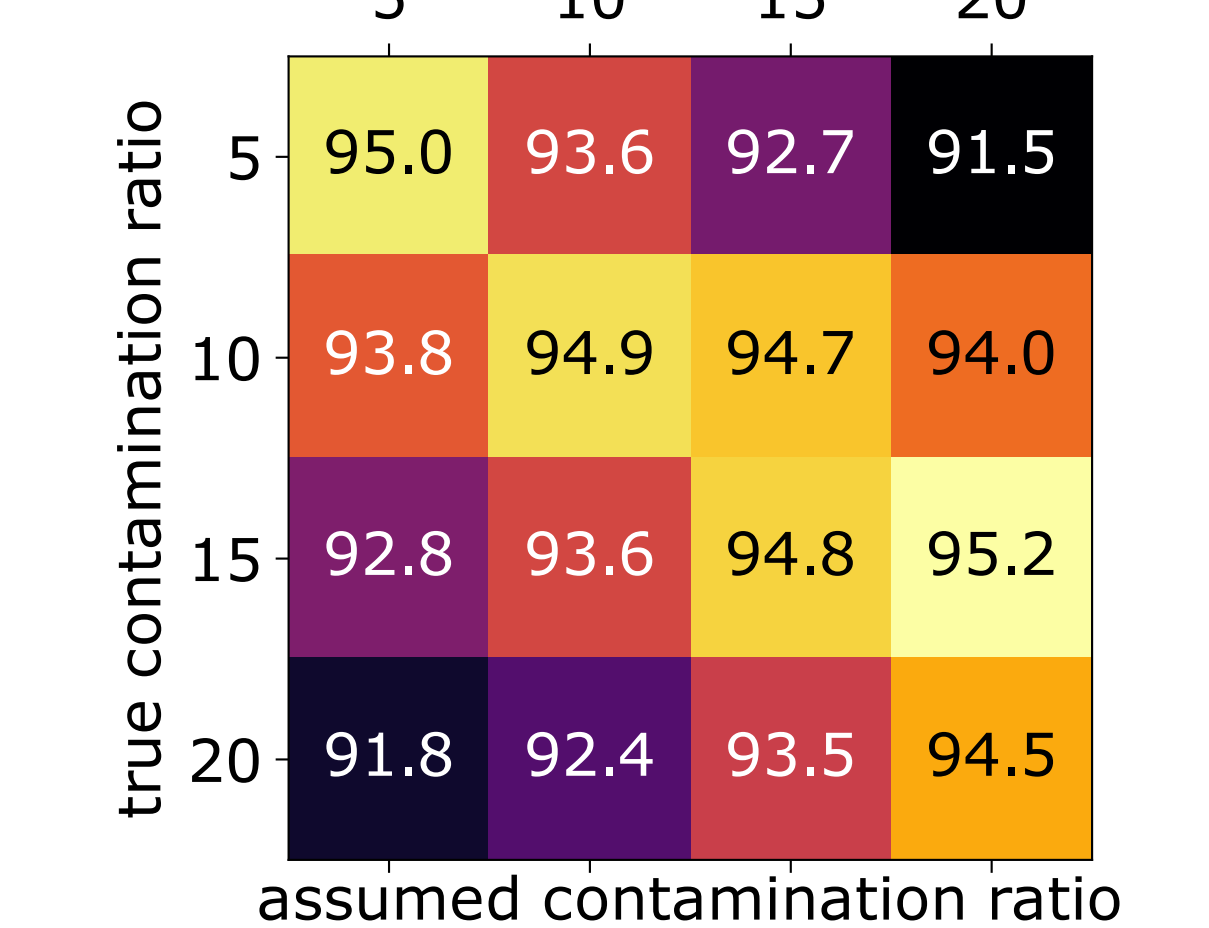


Table. UCSD Peds1 video benchmark

Method	Contamination Ratio		
	10%	20%	30%*
(Tudor Ionescu et al., 2017)	-	-	68.4
(Liu et al., 2018)	-	-	69.0
(Del Giorno et al., 2016)	-	-	59.6
(Sugiyama & Borgwardt, 2013)	55.0	56.0	56.3
(Pang et al., 2020)	68.0	70.0	71.7
Blind	85.2±1.0	76.0±2.7	66.6±2.6
Refine	82.7±1.5	74.9±2.4	69.3±0.7
LOE _H (ours)	82.3±1.6	59.6±3.8	56.8±9.5
LOE _S (ours)	86.8±1.2	79.2±1.3	71.5±2.4

*Default setup in (Pang et al., 2020), corresponding to $\alpha_0 \approx 30\%$.



Sensitivity study: CIFAR-10