

# DSV: An Alignment Validation Loss for Self-supervised Outlier Model Selection

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## Overview

**Motivation:** How can we search hyperparameters for self-supervised anomaly detection (SSAD)?

**Why is it difficult?** No labels are given at training  
→ No validation data can be used for HP search  
→ Unsupervised model selection problem

**Proposed method: DSV**  
Validation loss for unsupervised model selection  
Focus on HPs in a data augmentation function  
E.g., the patch size in CutOut

## Problem Definition

**Problem:** Unsupervised model selection for SSAD

**Given**

1. Data augmentation function  $f_{aug}$
2. Set  $\Phi$  of different detector models that are trained with  $f_{aug}$  with different HPs
3. Training data  $\mathcal{D}_{trn}$  (w/o labels)
4. Test data  $\mathcal{D}_{test}$  (as a transductive setting)

**Find**

Detector  $\phi^* \in \Phi$  with best accuracy on  $\mathcal{D}_{test}$

## Main Ideas

**Proposition: Functional alignment**

Let  $f_{gen}$  be the anomaly-generating function  
Detector  $\phi$  will be accurate if  
it is trained with  $f_{aug}$  that is aligned w/  $f_{gen}$

**Q:** How can we define the alignment?

**Idea 1:** Compute the embedding distance btw. data augmented by  $f_{aug}(\mathcal{D}_{trn})$  and true anomalies in  $\mathcal{D}_{test}$

**Q:** We don't know which are the true anomalies...

**Idea 2:** Use  $\mathcal{D}_{test}$  as a whole, not only anomalies, comparing  $\mathcal{D}_{trn} \cup \mathcal{D}_{aug}$  and  $\mathcal{D}_{test}$

## Steps for Approximation

**Step 1:** Decompose alignment into two terms:  
**Discordance**  $h_d$  and **Separability**  $h_s$

**Step 2:** Design approximate surrogate losses  
 $h_d \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{dis}$  and  $h_s \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{sep}$

**Step 3:** Propose the DSV loss w/  $\mathcal{L}_{dis}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{sep}$

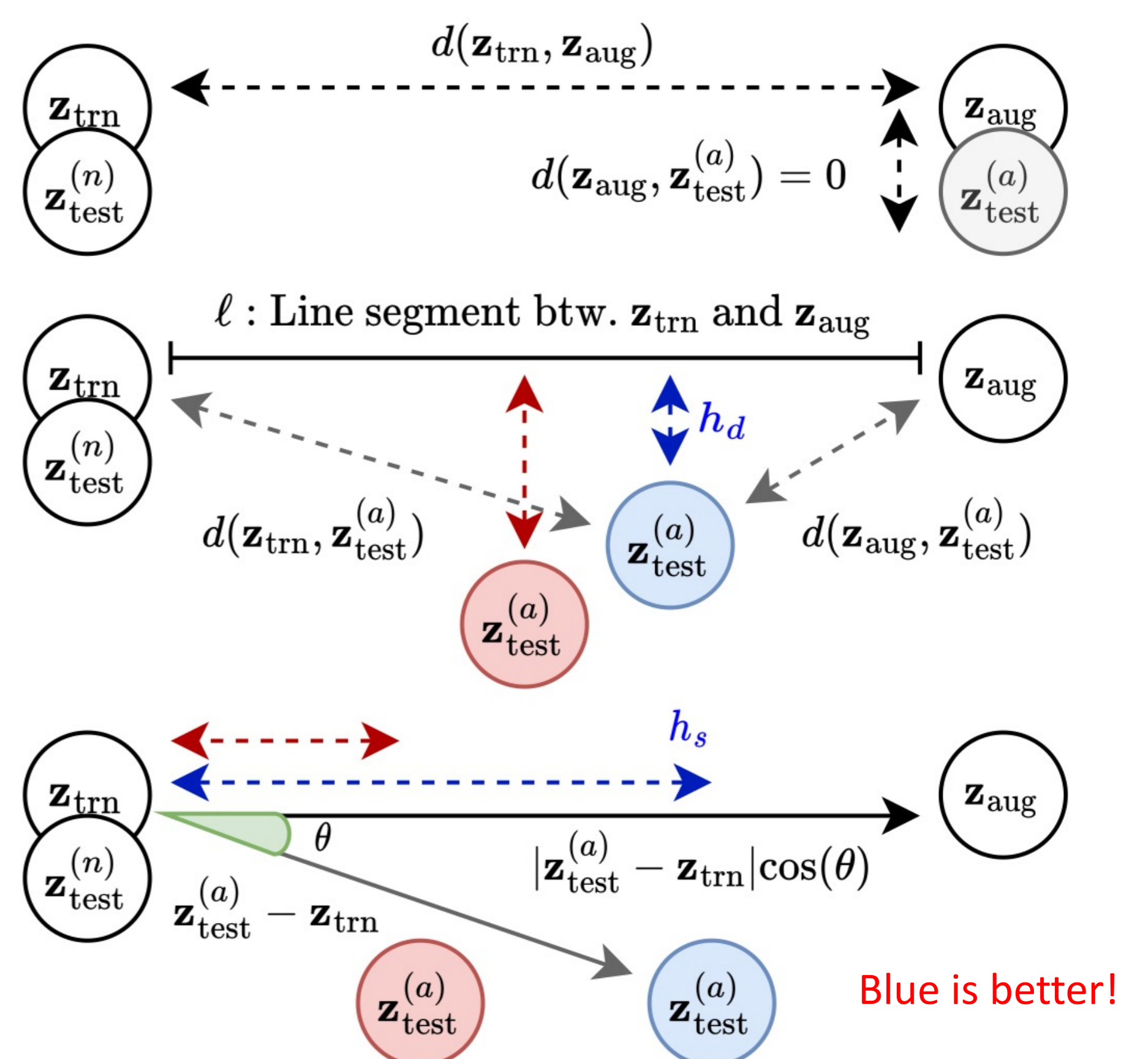
## Proposed Method

**Discordance:** The distance between  $\ell$  and  $\mathcal{Z}_{test}^{(a)}$   
**Separability:** The dist. between  $\mathcal{Z}_{trn}$  and  $\mathcal{Z}_{test}^{(a)}$  on  $\ell$

**Surrogate losses:**

$$\mathcal{L}_{dis} = \frac{d(\mathcal{Z}_{trn} \cup \mathcal{Z}_{aug}, \mathcal{Z}_{test})}{d(\mathcal{Z}_{trn}, \mathcal{Z}_{aug})} \quad \mathcal{L}_{sep} = \frac{\text{std}(\text{proj}(\mathcal{Z}_{test}))}{d(\mathcal{Z}_{trn}, \mathcal{Z}_{aug})}$$

**Simplified final loss:**  $\mathcal{L}_{DSV} = \mathcal{L}_{dis} - \mathcal{L}_{sep} / \mathcal{L}_{dis}$



## Experiments

**Task:** Industrial image anomaly detection

**Detector:** ResNet18-based classifier model

Trained to minimize the cross entropy between normal and augmented data

**Augmentation functions:** CutOut, CutPaste, etc.

**Target HPs:** Patch size of augmentation

$f_{aug}$	Avg.	Rand.	Base	MMD	STD	MC	SEL	HITS	DSV
CutOut	0.739	<b>0.776</b>	0.741	0.735	0.739	0.749	0.727	0.757	<b>0.813</b>
CutAvg	0.739	<b>0.817</b>	0.721	0.692	0.745	0.751	0.744	0.742	<u>0.806</u>
CutDiff	0.743	0.711	0.739	0.730	0.744	0.747	0.741	<u>0.777</u>	<b>0.811</b>
CutPaste	0.788	0.841	0.694	0.756	0.818	<u>0.862</u>	0.830	0.850	<b>0.884</b>

