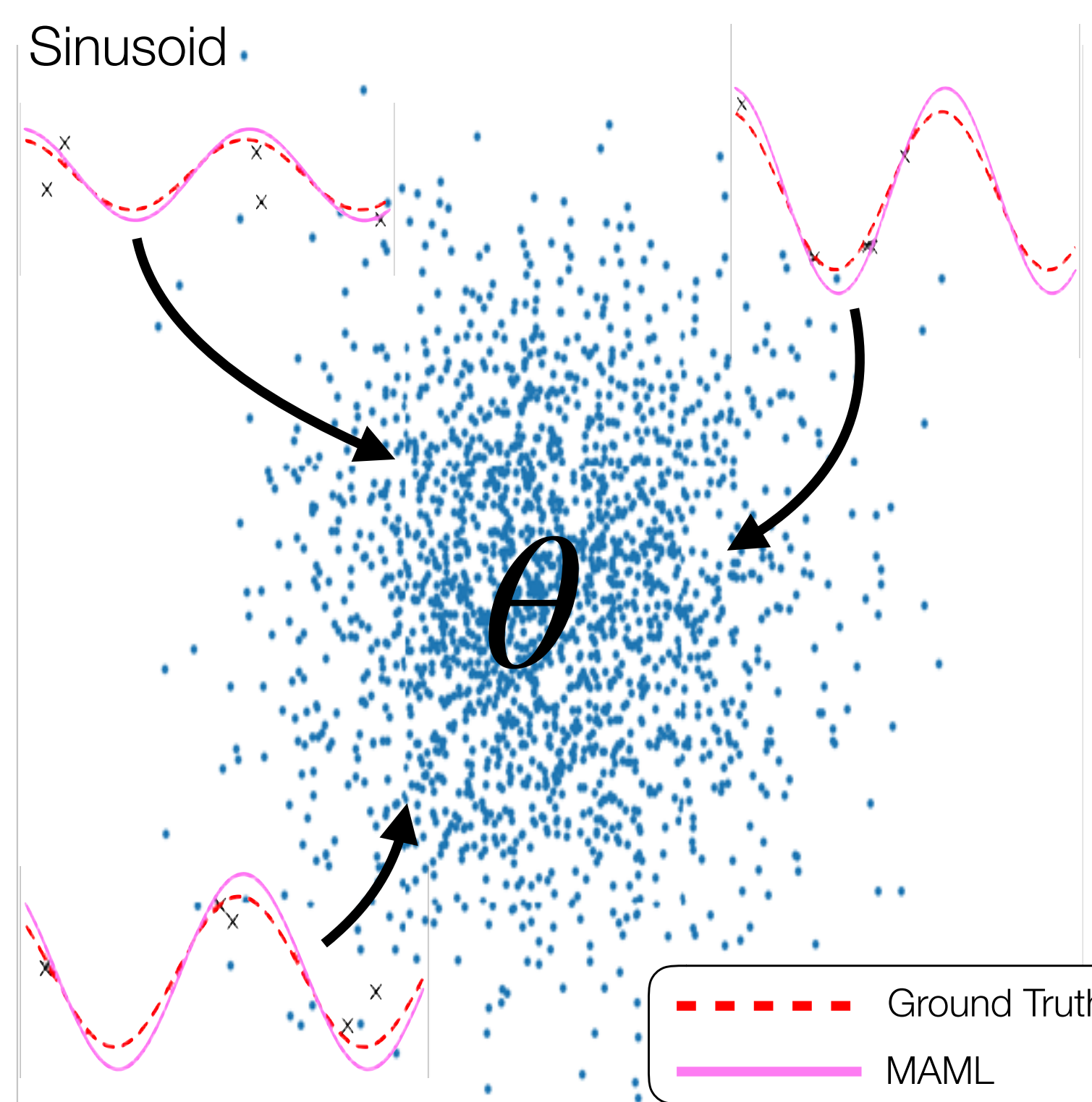
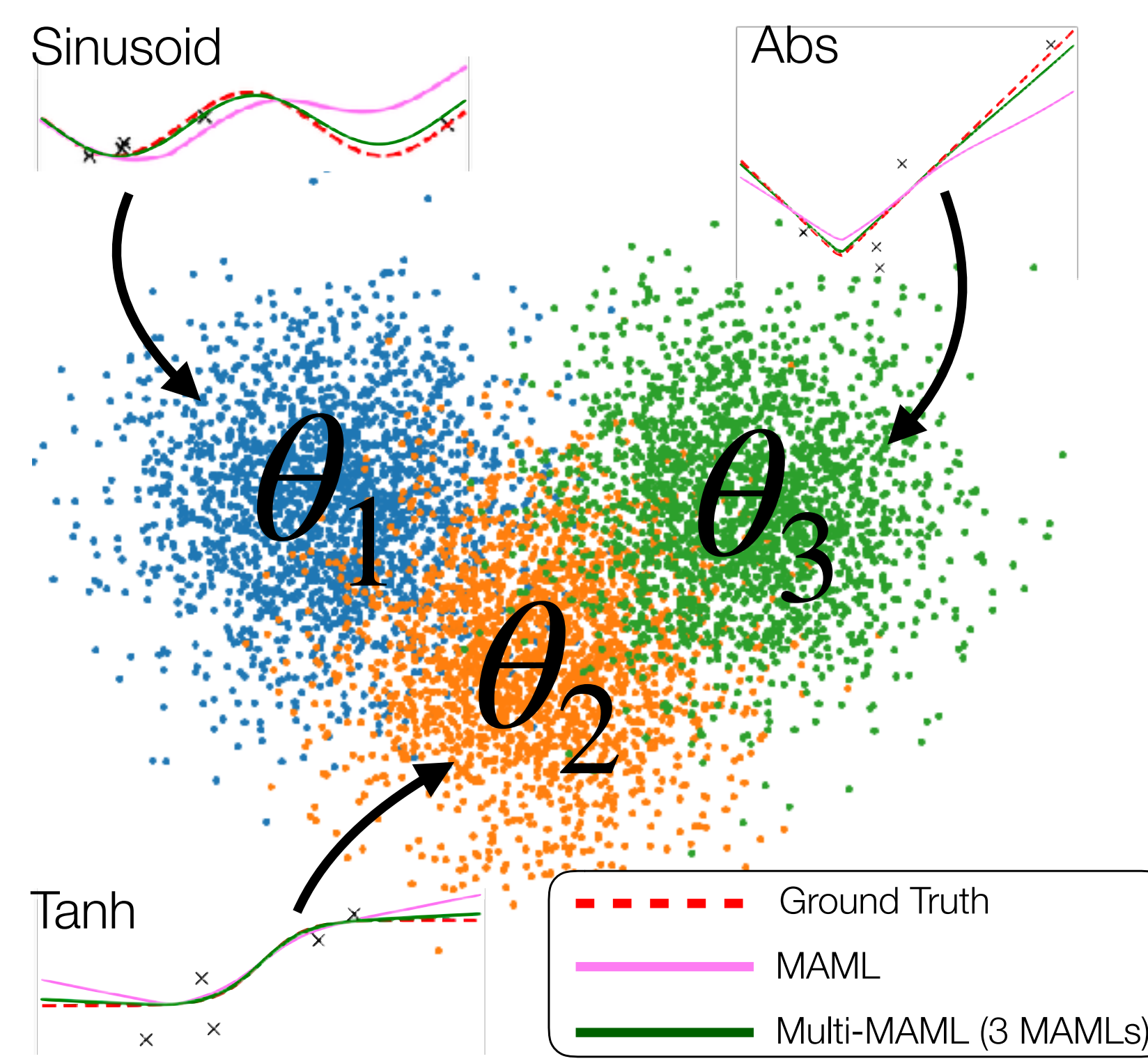


Introduction

Unimodal Task Distribution



Multimodal Task Distribution



Real-world task distributions are often multimodal

- Have a rich structure (e.g. multiple modes)
- Some knowledge can be transferable across modes/tasks

Model-agnostic meta-learning (MAML) [1]

- Seek a common initialization parameter for all the modes

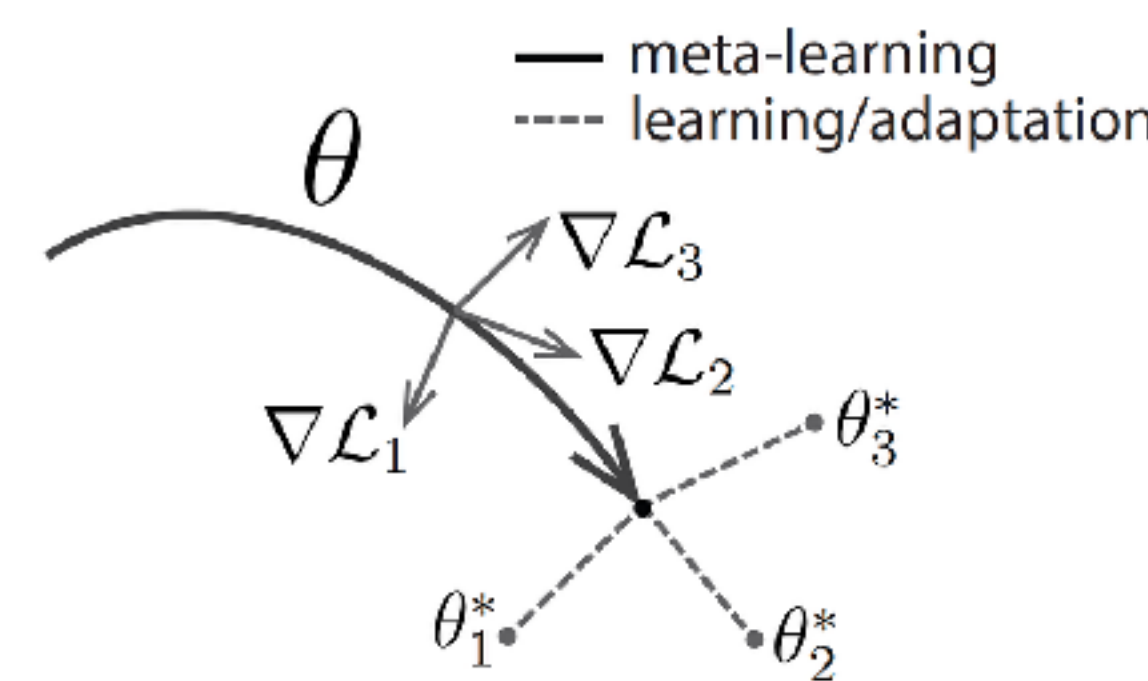
An ensemble of MAMLs (Multi-MAML)

- Mode labels are often not available
- Prevent sharing related knowledge among modes/tasks

Background

Model-Agnostic Meta-Learning [1]

- Meta-learn a parameter initialization that can be fine-tuned for new tasks in few gradient update steps



Model-Agnostic Meta-Learning Objective

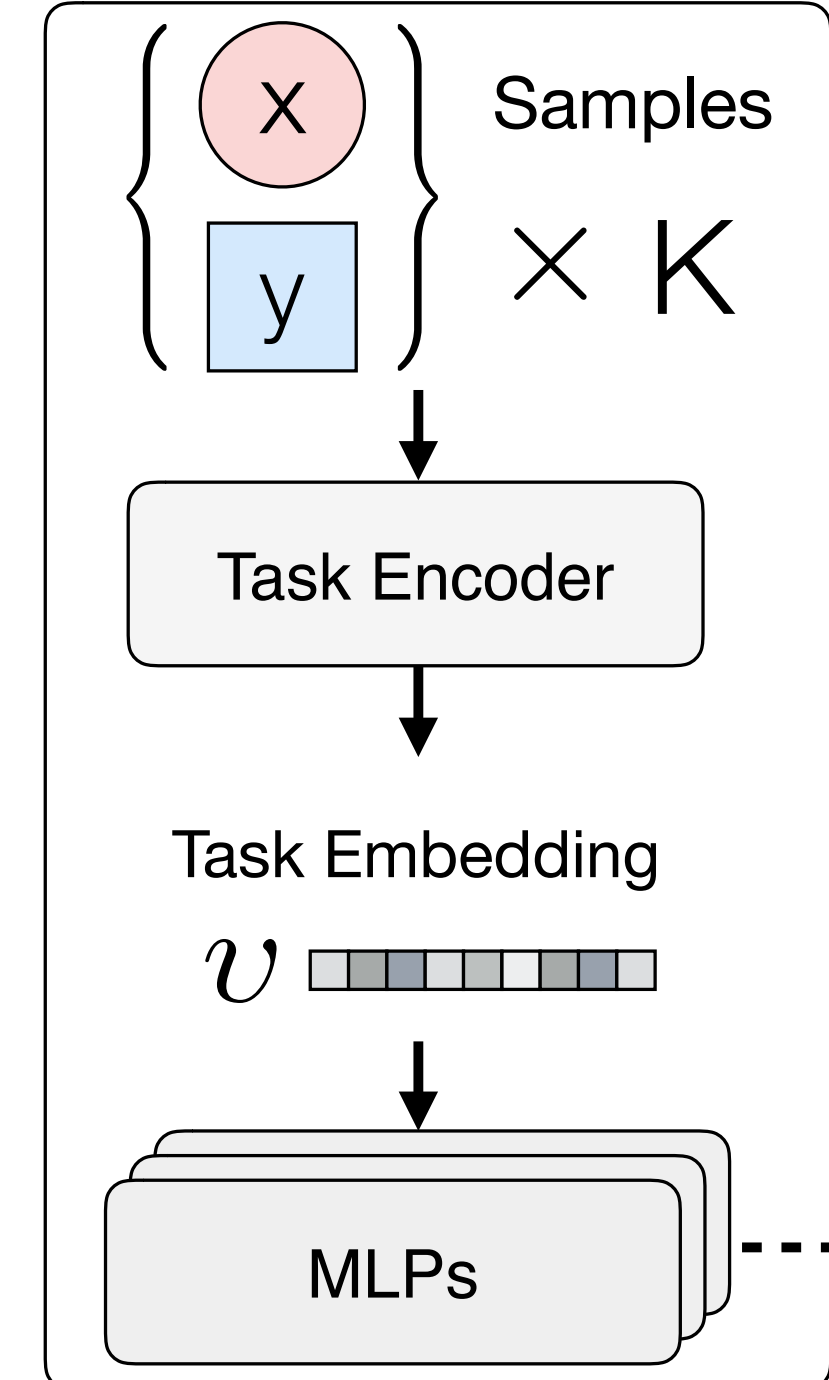
- Inner loop $\theta'_{T_j} = \theta - \alpha \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_{T_j}(f(x, \theta); \mathcal{D}_{T_j}^{\text{train}})$
- Outer loop $\theta' = \theta - \beta \nabla_{\theta} \sum_{T_j \sim P(\mathcal{T})} \mathcal{L}_{T_j}(f(x, \theta'_{T_j}); \mathcal{D}_{T_j}^{\text{val}})$

Our Approach

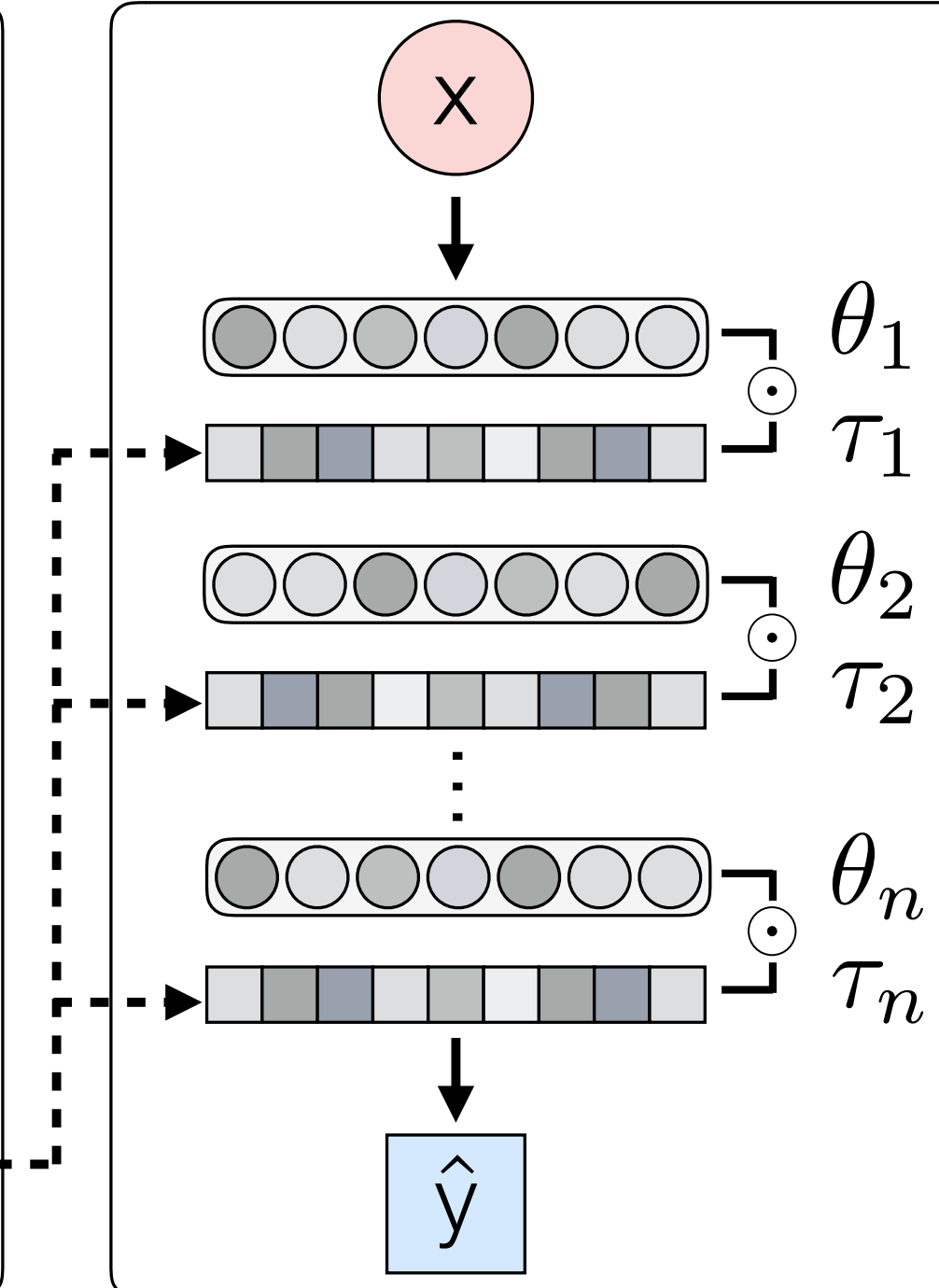
Intuition

- Modulation network: identify task modes and modulate the initialization accordingly
- Task network: further gradient adaptation via MAML steps

Modulation Network



Task Network



Algorithm 1 MMAML META-TRAINING PROCEDURE.

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1: Input: Task distribution  $P(\mathcal{T})$ , Hyper-parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ 
2: Randomly initialize  $\theta$  and  $\omega$ .
3: while not DONE do
4:   Sample batches of tasks  $\mathcal{T}_j \sim P(\mathcal{T})$ 
5:   for all  $j$  do
6:     Infer  $v = h(\{x, y\}_K; \omega_h)$  with  $K$  samples from  $\mathcal{D}_{T_j}^{\text{train}}$ .
7:     Generate parameters  $\tau = \{\tau_i(v; \omega_{\tau}) \mid i = 1, \dots, N\}$ 
       to modulate each block of the task network  $f$ .
8:     Evaluate  $\nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_{T_j}(f(x; \theta, \tau); \mathcal{D}_{T_j}^{\text{train}})$  w.r.t the  $K$  samples
9:     Compute adapted parameter with gradient descent:
        $\theta'_{T_j} = \theta - \alpha \nabla_{\theta} \mathcal{L}_{T_j}(f(x; \theta, \tau); \mathcal{D}_{T_j}^{\text{train}})$ 
10:   end for
11:   Update  $\theta$  with  $\beta \nabla_{\theta} \sum_{T_j \sim P(\mathcal{T})} \mathcal{L}_{T_j}(f(x; \theta', \tau); \mathcal{D}_{T_j}^{\text{val}})$ 
12:   Update  $\omega_{\tau}$  with  $\beta \nabla_{\omega_{\tau}} \sum_{T_j \sim P(\mathcal{T})} \mathcal{L}_{T_j}(f(x; \theta', \tau); \mathcal{D}_{T_j}^{\text{val}})$ 
13:   Update  $\omega_h$  with  $\beta \nabla_{\omega_h} \sum_{T_j \sim P(\mathcal{T})} \mathcal{L}_{T_j}(f(x; \theta', \tau); \mathcal{D}_{T_j}^{\text{val}})$ 
14: end while

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Outer loop

- Task Encoder: produce the task embedding
- MLPs: modulate the task network blocks

Parameters

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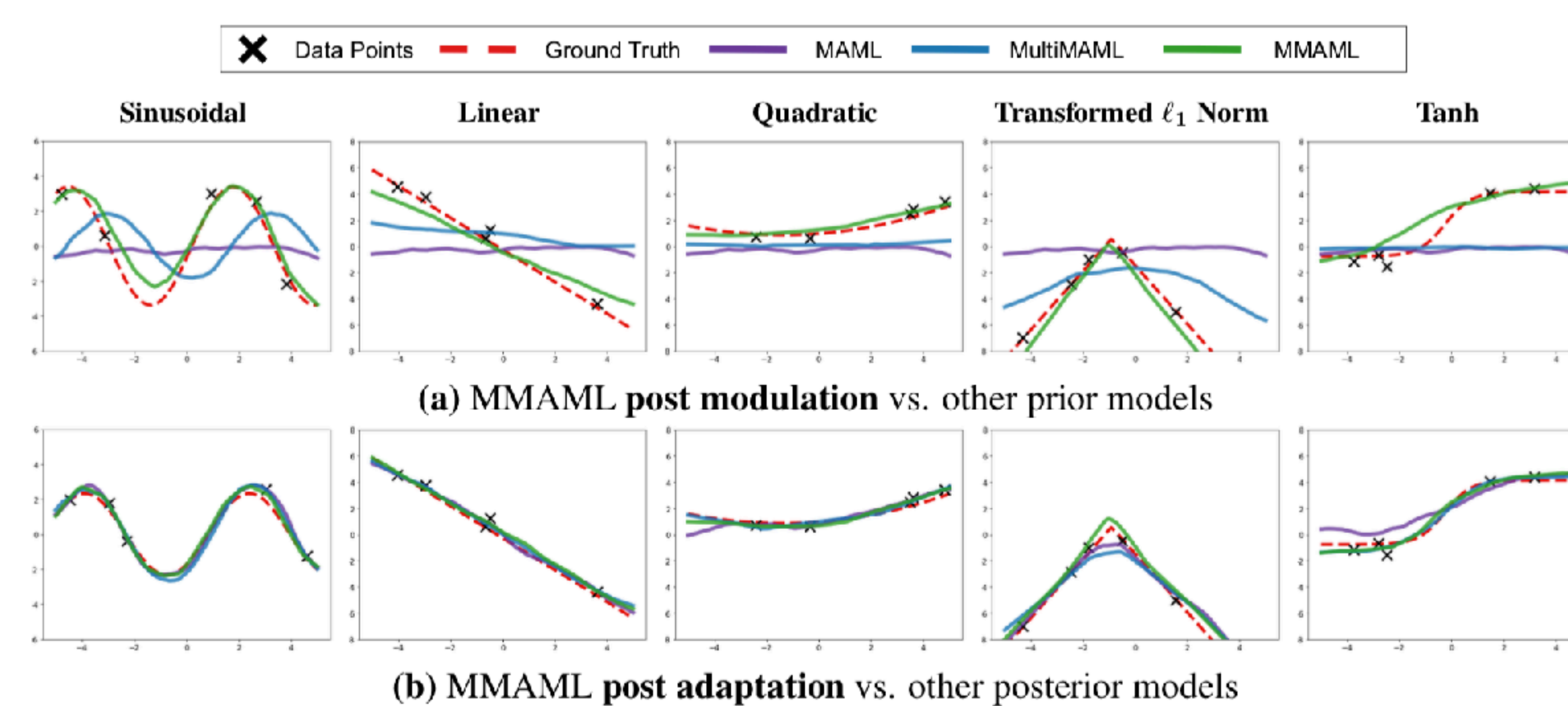
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Inner loop

- Task network: fast adapt through gradient updates

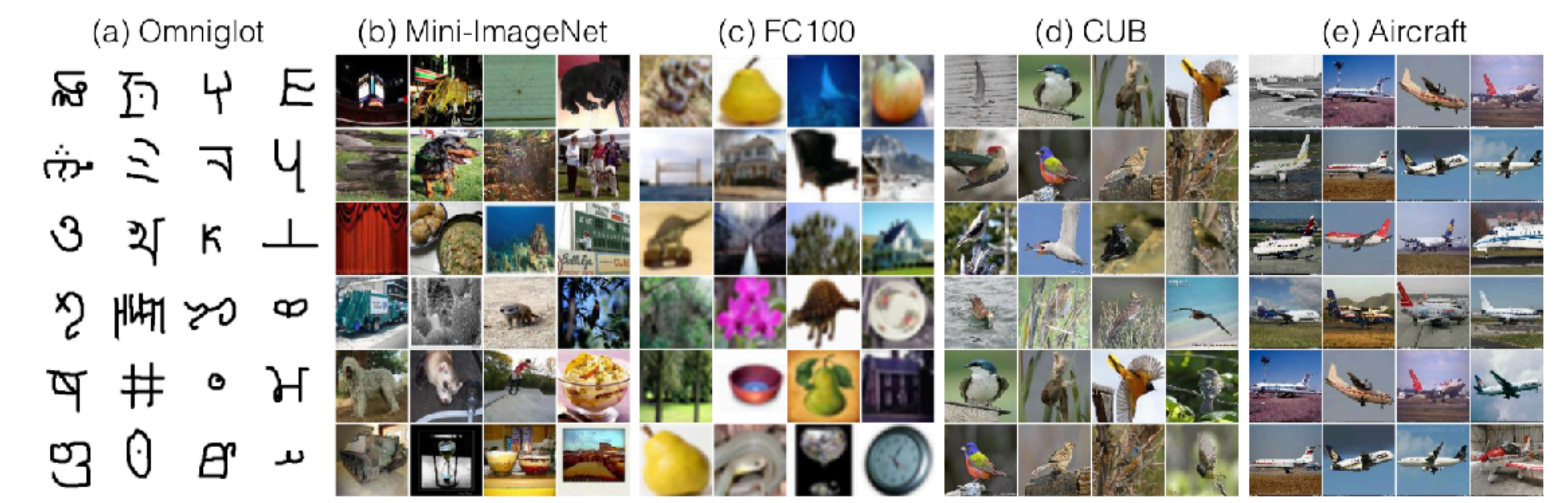
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Experiment - Regression



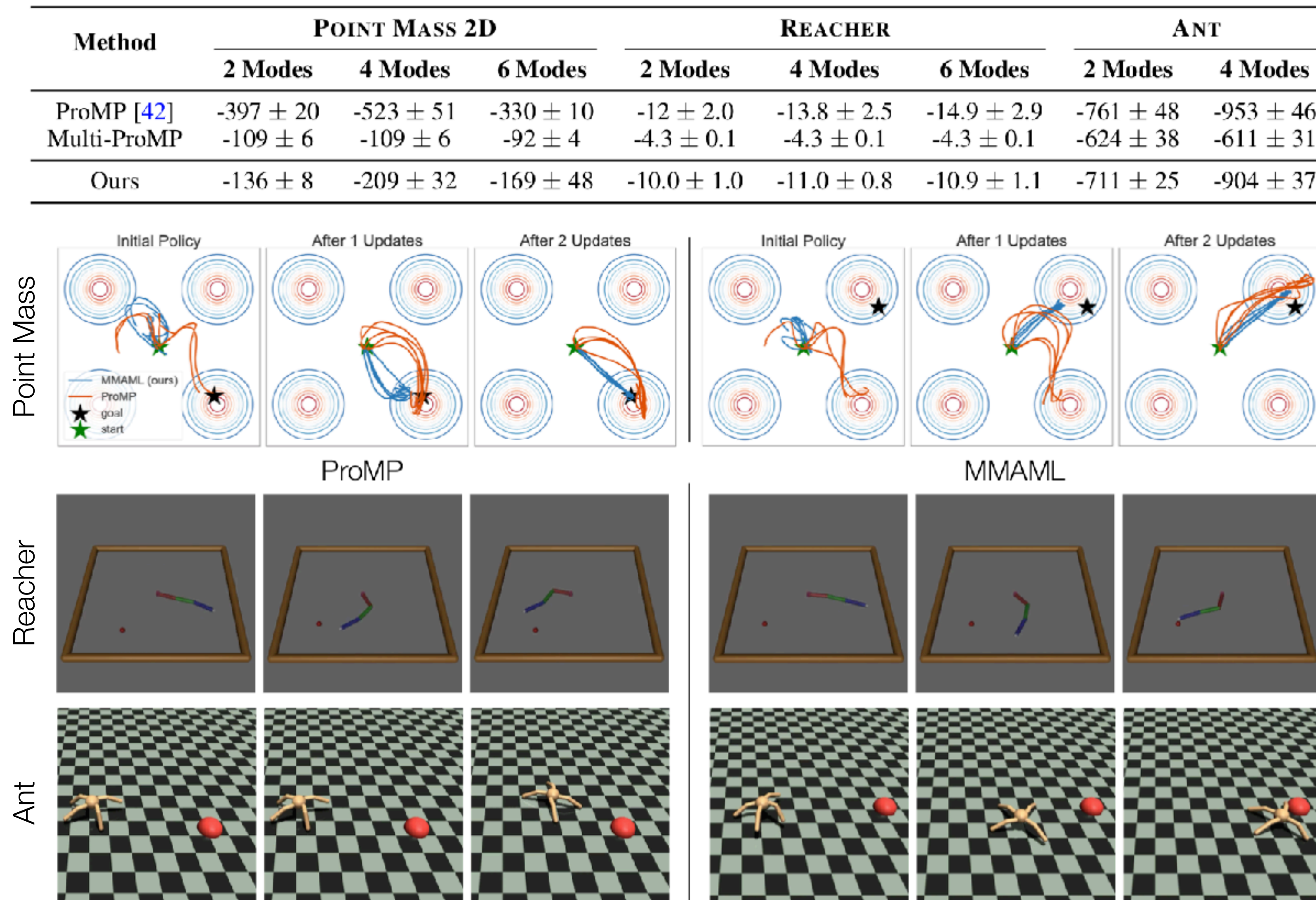
Method	2 Modes		3 Modes		5 Modes	
	Post Modulation	Post Adaptation	Post Modulation	Post Adaptation	Post Modulation	Post Adaptation
MAML [8]	-	1.085	-	1.231	-	1.668
Multi-MAML	-	0.433	-	0.713	-	1.082
LSTM Learner	0.362	-	0.548	-	0.898	-
Ours: MMAML (Softmax)	1.548	0.361	2.213	0.444	2.421	0.939
Ours: MMAML (FiLM)	2.421	0.336	1.923	0.444	2.166	0.868

Experiment - Classification



Method & Setup	2 Modes		3 Modes		5 Modes	
	5-way	20-way	5-way	20-way	5-way	20-way
Way						
Shot	1-shot	5-shot	1-shot	5-shot	1-shot	5-shot
MAML [8]	66.80%	77.79%	44.69%	54.55%	67.97%	28.22%
Multi-MAML	66.85%	73.07%	53.15%	55.90%	62.20%	39.77%
MMAML (ours)	69.93%	78.73%	47.80%	57.47%	70.15%	36.27%

Experiment - Reinforcement Learning



Experiment - Learned Task Embeddings

