

# Supplementary Material: Meta-tuning Loss Functions and Data Augmentation for Few-shot Object Detection

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## A. Proxy task class splits

We use proxy tasks to apply the meta-tuning ideas, so we generate sub-splits in the base classes. In this context, we select some base classes to mimic novel classes to conduct the proxy task. We summarize the list of proxy Pascal VOC classes on Table 1. The list of selected proxy novel classes for the MS-COCO dataset is as follows: {"skis", "tennis racket", "scissors", "truck", "baseball bat", "hand-bag", "carrot", "mouse", "parking meter", "apple", "knife", "microwave", "refrigerator", "cake", "zebra"}.

## B. Algorithm

We summarize the main meta-tuning procedure in Algorithm 1. We can divide this algorithm into three parts: (i) model initialization and parameter sampling, (ii) instance sampling and mAP calculation, (iii) mAP normalization and RL steps.

**1) Model initialization and parameter sampling.** This algorithm firstly initializes the base proxy detection model weights for the proxy task and sample  $\rho$  value from normal distributions. The base proxy detection model represents the object detection model trained using the  $D_{p\text{-pretrain}}$  dataset.

**2) Instance sampling and mAP calculation.** The proposed algorithm samples new instances from the proxy fine-tuning dataset  $D_{p\text{-support}}$ , and calculates the mean average precision scores on proxy validation dataset  $D_{p\text{-query}}$  after a certain number of iterations. The algorithm repeats this process for  $N$  times.

**3) mAP normalization and RL steps.** The proposed algorithm normalizes the mAP scores, selects the maximum score as the reward value among the normalized APs, and applies a single REINFORCE step.

## C. Additional Experimental Results

In this section, we share detailed experimental comparison results for Pascal VOC and MS COCO datasets.

### Comparison to fine-tuning based FSOD and G-FSOD

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### Algorithm 1 Meta-tuning Loss Function Learning

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**Input:** Pre-trained model  $m_{init}$ , proxy fine-tuning dataset  $D_{p\text{-support}}$ , proxy validation dataset  $D_{p\text{-query}}$ , number of  $\rho$  trials  $N$ , maximum iteration number  $M$

iteration\_index = 1

**repeat**

    Initialize  $m_{init}$  and sample new  $\rho$

**for**  $\rho\_index = 1$  **to**  $N$  **do**

        Sample new fine-tuning images from  $D_{p\text{-support}}$

        Take  $m_{init}$ , run all iter. using current samples

        Calculate mAP[ $\rho\_index$ ] on  $D_{p\text{-query}}$

**end for**

    Normalize mAP scores

    Get max normalized AP as a reward

    Make a single REINFORCE step

    iteration\_index += 1

**until** iteration\_index =  $M$

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**methods on Pascal VOC.** We first present the detailed Pascal VOC comparisons for each split and shot with only novel classes in Table 2, and the detailed comparisons with all classes in Table 3. The experimental results show that the meta-tuning approach significantly improves the strong fine-tuning based few-shot detection baselines on the Pascal VOC benchmark. We provide complementary visual results of the MPSR+Meta-ScaledDynamic+Aug method using the Pascal VOC split-3/10-shot setting in Figure 1. We also present examples from the visual results of the DeFRCN+Meta-ScaledDynamic+Aug method using the Pascal VOC split-2/10-shot setting in Figure 2.

**Comparisons to meta-learning based FSOD and G-FSOD on Pascal VOC.** We present the detailed Pascal VOC comparisons with meta-learning based methods in Table 4 and Table 5 for novel-only and all-classes settings, respectively. Since the most of the meta-learning methods do not share G-FSOD results, we are able to compare against a more

Proxy-base classes ( $C_{p-base}$ )			Proxy-novel classes ( $C_{p-novel}$ )		
Split-1	Split-2	Split-3	Split-1	Split-2	Split-3
aeroplane	bicycle	aeroplane	person	motorbike	horse
bicycle	bird	bicycle	pottedplant	person	person
boat	boat	bird	sheep	sheep	pottedplant
bottle	bus	bottle	train	train	train
car	car	bus	tvmonitor	tvmonitor	tvmonitor
cat	cat	car			
chair	chair	chair			
diningtable	diningtable	cow			
dog	dog	diningtable			
horse	pottedplant	dog			

Table 1. Proxy task class splits for Pascal VOC.

Method/Shot	Split 1					Split 2					Split 3				
	1	2	3	5	10	1	2	3	5	10	1	2	3	5	10
FRCN [20] (ICCV'19)	15.2	20.3	29.0	25.5	28.7	13.4	20.6	28.6	32.4	38.8	19.6	20.8	28.7	42.2	42.1
TFA-fc [15] (ICML'20)	36.8	29.1	43.6	55.7	57.0	18.2	29.0	33.4	35.5	39.0	27.7	33.6	42.5	48.7	50.2
TFA-cos [15] (ICML'20)	39.8	36.1	44.7	55.7	56.0	23.5	26.9	34.1	35.1	39.1	30.8	34.8	42.8	49.5	49.8
MPSR [17] (ECCV'20)	37.2	43.6	50.9	53.7	60.2	24.8	28.1	38.0	39.8	45.9	37.3	40.0	43.9	47.8	50.1
Ref. R-CNN [4] (CVPR'21)	42.4	45.8	45.9	53.7	56.1	21.7	27.8	35.2	37.0	40.3	30.2	37.6	43.0	49.7	50.1
TFA+H [23] (CVPR'21)	45.1	44.0	44.7	55.0	55.9	23.2	27.5	35.1	34.9	39.0	30.5	35.1	41.4	49.0	49.3
FSCE [14] (CVPR'21)	37.6	44.7	46.9	52.2	60.3	24.5	30.1	38.2	40.4	45.9	25.4	34.2	42.3	48.7	50.3
FADI [1] (NeurIPS'21)	50.3	54.8	54.2	59.3	63.2	30.6	35.0	40.3	42.8	48.0	45.7	49.7	49.1	55.0	59.6
LVC [9] (CVPR'22)	36.0	40.1	48.6	57.0	59.9	22.3	22.8	39.2	44.2	47.8	34.3	43.4	42.9	52.0	54.5
LVC-PL [9] (CVPR'22)	<b>54.5</b>	53.2	58.8	63.2	65.7	<b>32.8</b>	29.2	<b>50.7</b>	49.8	50.6	48.4	52.7	55.0	59.6	59.6
DeFRNC [13] (CVPR'21)	53.7	<b>59.5</b>	<b>61.2</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>66.6</b>	32.3	<b>42.0</b>	49.5	<b>52.4</b>	<b>53.4</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>56.2</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>61.9</b>	<b>62.3</b>
MPSR+Meta-Static	36.7	47.0	52.1	53.8	60.8	25.3	31.6	38.4	40.8	46.9	38.3	39.7	44.8	47.2	50.1
MPSR+Meta-Dynamic	40.4	47.5	51.9	54.9	60.5	25.6	31.7	38.5	40.6	46.7	37.6	40.2	44.7	49.1	50.3
MPSR+Meta-ScaledDynamic	41.5	47.9	52.7	55.4	60.9	25.7	32.2	38.9	40.8	46.8	38.5	40.9	45.9	49.0	51.0
MPSR+Aug	39.5	47.1	53.2	54.9	59.5	26.2	31.0	39.7	41.8	47.8	38.0	37.8	45.2	48.4	50.9
MPSR+Meta-Static+Aug	40.9	47.6	53.6	54.7	60.2	26.5	31.6	38.9	42.2	47.3	38.7	38.1	45.8	48.2	50.8
MPSR+Meta-Dynamic+Aug	41.0	47.5	53.8	55.2	60.2	26.4	32.2	39.8	42.7	48.5	38.9	39.1	46.0	48.8	51.3
MPSR+Meta-ScaledDynamic+Aug	41.8	48.7	54.2	55.7	61.1	26.5	32.7	40.0	42.5	48.7	39.0	40.4	46.2	49.6	51.2
DeFRNC+Meta-ScaledDynamic+Aug	<b>58.4</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>67.7</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>56.6</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>63.7</b>

Table 2. Comparison to fine-tuning based FSOD methods on the Pascal VOC dataset, with only novel classes. The best and the second-best results are marked with red and blue. MPSR+Meta-Static, MPSR+Meta-Dynamic, and MPSR+Meta-ScaledDynamic represent meta-tuning results.

limited number of meta-learning methods than FSOD. The experimental results (Table 4) show that our DeFRNC+Meta-ScaledDynamic+Aug method obtains the best results in all of the FSOD cases, except for the Split-2/1-shot setting. In the G-FSOD experiments (Table 5), it is observed that the proposed meta-tuning approach obtains the state-of-the-art results with a clear margin against existing meta-learning based methods.

**Comparisons to meta-learning based FSOD and G-FSOD on MS-COCO.** We compare our results with meta-learning based methods on the MS-COCO dataset and share the obtained results in Table 6. In this table, we are able to report a rather limited number of meta-learning methods to compare the G-FSOD results since most meta-learning

based methods do not share G-FSOD results on the MS-COCO dataset. In FSOD experiments, we also observe that our DeFRNC+Meta-ScaledDynamic+Aug method obtains higher results than several recently published meta-learning based methods. We additionally observe major improvements in terms of HM scores in the G-FSOD setting, similar to the improvements obtained on the Pascal VOC dataset.

## D. Implementation and runtime

We run our MPSR and DeFRNC experiments on a server with 4 Nvidia Tesla V100 32GB GPUs. The base MPSR model training to be used during fine-tuning takes 0.25 days for Pascal VOC and 0.45 days for MS COCO datasets. Since the base models used for the proxy tasks contain fewer

Method/Shot	Split-1					Split-2					Split-3				
	1	2	3	5	10	1	2	3	5	10	1	2	3	5	10
FRCN [20] (ICCV'19)	24.9	31.4	40.3	37.6	41.0	22.1	31.3	39.1	43.0	47.5	30.8	32.3	40.5	52.2	51.7
TFA-fc [15] (ICML'20)	50.4	42.6	56.2	65.4	66.1	29.7	42.4	47.0	49.0	52.1	41.3	47.4	55.6	60.6	61.6
TFA-cos [15] (ICML'20)	53.1	49.5	57.1	65.4	65.3	36.3	40.0	47.6	48.6	52.2	44.5	48.5	55.9	61.2	61.4
MPSR [17] (ECCV'20)	45.8	52.5	59.3	61.8	65.5	36.0	39.7	49.8	51.7	56.9	47.6	49.9	54.5	58.1	60.0
FSCE [14] (CVPR'21)	50.7	56.5	58.1	61.6	66.1	36.5	42.4	49.8	51.5	55.8	38.2	47.4	54.6	59.9	61.1
Ret. R-CNN [4] (CVPR'21)	55.6	58.5	58.6	64.5	66.2	34.3	41.5	49.2	51.0	54.0	44.1	51.6	56.4	61.9	62.2
DeFRCN [13] (CVPR'21)	<b>63.3</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>68.1</b>	<b>71.1</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>54.7</b>	<b>60.3</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>63.1</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>68.8</b>	<b>69.2</b>
MPSR+Meta-Static	45.7	56.4	60.3	62.1	66.1	36.7	43.7	50.3	52.7	57.9	48.6	51.2	55.5	57.8	60.1
MPSR+Meta-Dynamic	50.2	57.2	60.6	63.3	67.0	37.0	43.9	50.4	52.5	57.8	47.9	51.8	55.4	59.1	60.2
MPSR+Meta-ScaledDynamic	51.0	57.3	60.9	63.3	67.1	37.1	44.1	50.7	52.5	57.7	48.7	52.1	56.1	59.0	60.5
MPSR+Aug	49.9	56.2	61.5	63.0	66.5	37.4	43.0	51.4	53.6	58.6	48.1	49.3	55.7	58.7	60.8
MPSR+Meta-Static+Aug	51.3	56.9	62.0	62.8	66.9	37.7	43.5	50.7	53.7	58.1	48.6	49.5	55.9	58.5	60.3
MPSR+Meta-Dynamic+Aug	51.3	56.8	62.1	63.3	67.0	37.8	44.2	51.7	54.3	59.3	48.9	50.5	56.5	59.0	61.2
MPSR+Meta-ScaledDynamic+Aug	51.9	57.6	62.4	63.7	67.6	37.8	44.9	51.9	54.2	59.4	49.2	51.9	56.7	59.7	61.1
DeFRCN+Meta-ScaledDynamic+Aug	<b>66.7</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>69.8</b>	<b>72.2</b>	<b>72.1</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>55.8</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>64.9</b>	<b>65.8</b>	<b>66.2</b>	<b>69.7</b>	<b>70.2</b>

Table 3. Comparison to fine-tuning based G-FSOD methods on the Pascal VOC dataset, with both base and novel classes. The best and the second-best results are marked with red and blue. The harmonic mean (HM) of the base and novel class mAPs is used for the calculation.

Method/Shot	Novel Set 1					Novel Set 2					Novel Set 3				
	1	2	3	5	10	1	2	3	5	10	1	2	3	5	10
M. R-CNN [20] (ICCV'19)	19.9	25.5	35.0	45.7	51.5	10.4	19.4	29.6	34.8	45.4	14.3	18.2	27.5	41.2	48.1
M. R-CNN* [20] (ICCV'19)	16.8	20.1	20.3	38.2	43.7	7.7	12.0	14.9	21.9	31.1	9.2	13.9	26.2	29.2	36.2
FSRW [8] (ICCV'19)	14.8	15.5	26.7	33.9	47.2	15.7	15.3	22.7	30.1	39.2	19.2	21.7	25.7	40.6	41.3
MetaDet [16] (ICCV'19)	18.9	20.6	30.2	36.8	49.6	21.8	23.1	27.8	31.7	43.0	20.6	23.9	29.4	43.9	44.1
FsDet [19] (ECCV'20)	25.4	20.4	37.4	36.1	42.3	22.9	21.7	22.6	25.6	29.2	32.4	19.0	29.8	33.2	39.8
TIP [10] (CVPR'21)	27.7	36.5	43.3	50.2	59.6	22.7	30.1	33.8	40.9	46.9	21.7	30.6	38.1	44.5	50.9
DCNet [7] (CVPR'21)	33.9	37.4	43.7	51.1	59.6	23.2	24.8	30.6	36.7	46.6	32.3	34.9	39.7	42.6	50.7
CME [11] (CVPR'21)	41.5	47.5	50.4	58.2	60.9	27.2	30.2	41.4	42.5	46.8	34.3	39.6	45.1	48.3	51.5
QA-FewDet [5] (ICCV'21)	41.0	33.2	35.3	47.5	52.0	23.5	29.4	37.9	35.9	37.1	33.2	29.4	37.6	39.8	41.5
KFSOD [22] (CVPR'22)	44.6	-	54.4	60.9	65.8	<b>37.8</b>	-	43.1	48.1	50.4	34.8	-	44.1	52.7	53.9
FACT [6] (CVPR'22)	<b>49.9</b>	57.1	57.9	<b>63.2</b>	<b>67.1</b>	27.6	34.5	<b>43.7</b>	<b>49.2</b>	51.2	39.5	<b>54.7</b>	52.3	57.0	58.7
Meta-DETR [21] (TPAMI'22)	40.6	51.4	<b>58.0</b>	59.2	63.6	<b>37.0</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>43.7</b>	49.1	<b>54.6</b>	<b>41.6</b>	45.9	<b>52.7</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>60.6</b>
Ours DeFRCN+Meta-ScaledDynamic+Aug	<b>58.4</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>67.7</b>	34.0	<b>43.1</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>56.6</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>63.7</b>

Table 4. Comparison to meta-learning based FSOD methods on the Pascal VOC dataset, with only novel classes. The best and the second-best results are marked with red and blue. MPSR+Meta-Static, MPSR+Meta-Dynamic, and MPSR+Meta-ScaledDynamic represent meta-tuning results. ML represents the meta learning based methods.

classes and demand fewer iterations, the training of the MPSR model takes 0.1 days in Pascal VOC and 0.6 days in MS COCO datasets for the proxy-base classes. RL training for meta-tuning using the final setting takes 0.05 days for Pascal VOC splits and 0.5 days for the MS COCO dataset. Finally, we note that meta-tuning operations do not incur any overhead during the fine-tuning for novel classes.

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Method/Shot		Split-1					Split-2					Split-3				
		1	2	3	5	10	1	2	3	5	10	1	2	3	5	10
ML	M. R-CNN [20] (ICCV'19)	17.3	25.3	27.3	44.4	50.4	11.6	18.5	21.9	30.8	41.3	13.3	20.2	33.4	38.0	45.5
	FSRW [8] (ICCV'19)	24.2	24.8	37.8	44.2	54.2	25.5	24.9	33.8	41.5	49.0	29.7	32.4	36.7	49.9	49.9
	FsDet [19] (ECCV'20)	31.1	28.4	39.1	43.5	49.5	29.3	30.5	30.7	34.4	39.8	35.2	26.9	35.6	41.8	47.8
Ours	DeFRCN+Meta-ScaledDynamic+Aug	<b>58.4</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>67.6</b>	<b>67.7</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>56.6</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>63.7</b>

Table 5. Comparison to meta-learning based G-FSOD methods on the Pascal VOC dataset, with both base and novel classes. The best results are marked with red. The harmonic mean (HM) of the base and novel class mAPs is used for the calculation.

Method/Shot		Novel Classes		All Classes (HM)	
		10-shot	30-shot	10-shot	30-shot
ML	ONCE [12]	1.2	-	2.2	-
	Meta R-CNN [20]	6.1	9.9	5.6	8.3
	FSRW [8]	5.6	9.1	-	-
	FsDetView [18]	7.6	12.0	6.9	10.5
	TIP [10]	16.3	18.3	-	-
	DCNET [3]	12.8	18.6	-	-
	CME [11]	15.1	16.9	-	-
	QA-FewDet [5]	10.2	11.5	-	-
	FCT [6]	17.1	21.4	-	-
	DAnA [2]	18.6	21.6	-	-
	Meta-DETR [21]	<b>19.0</b>	22.2	-	-
Ours	DeFRCN+Meta-ScaledDynamic+Aug	18.8	<b>23.4</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>28.0</b>

Table 6. FSOD and G-FSOD results on the MS COCO dataset with novel classes. The best results are marked with red. The harmonic mean (HM) of the base and novel class mAPs is used for the calculation.

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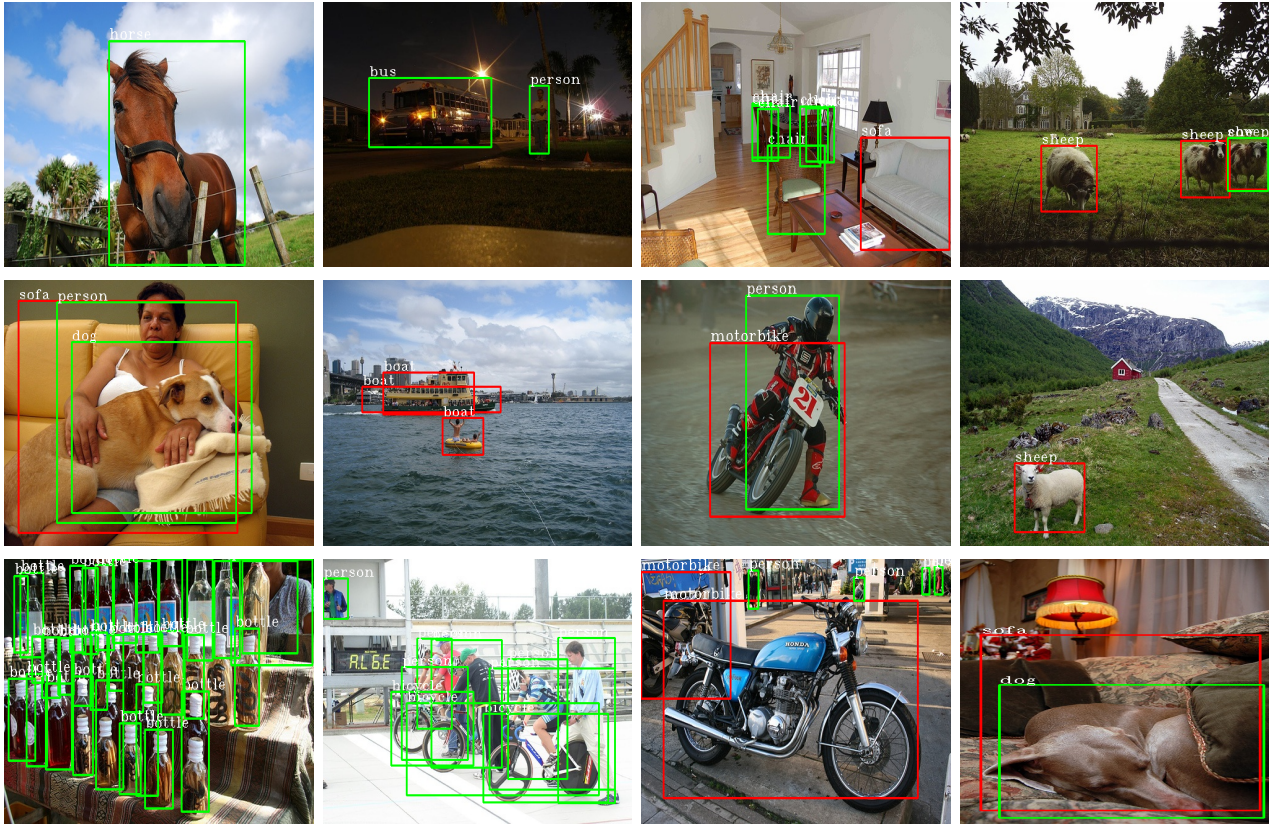


Figure 1. Randomly sampled *MPSR+Meta-ScaledDynamic+Aug* object detection results for the Pascal VOC dataset Split-3/10-shot experiment. Base class instance candidates are marked with green, and novel class instance candidates are marked with red color. (Best viewed in color.)

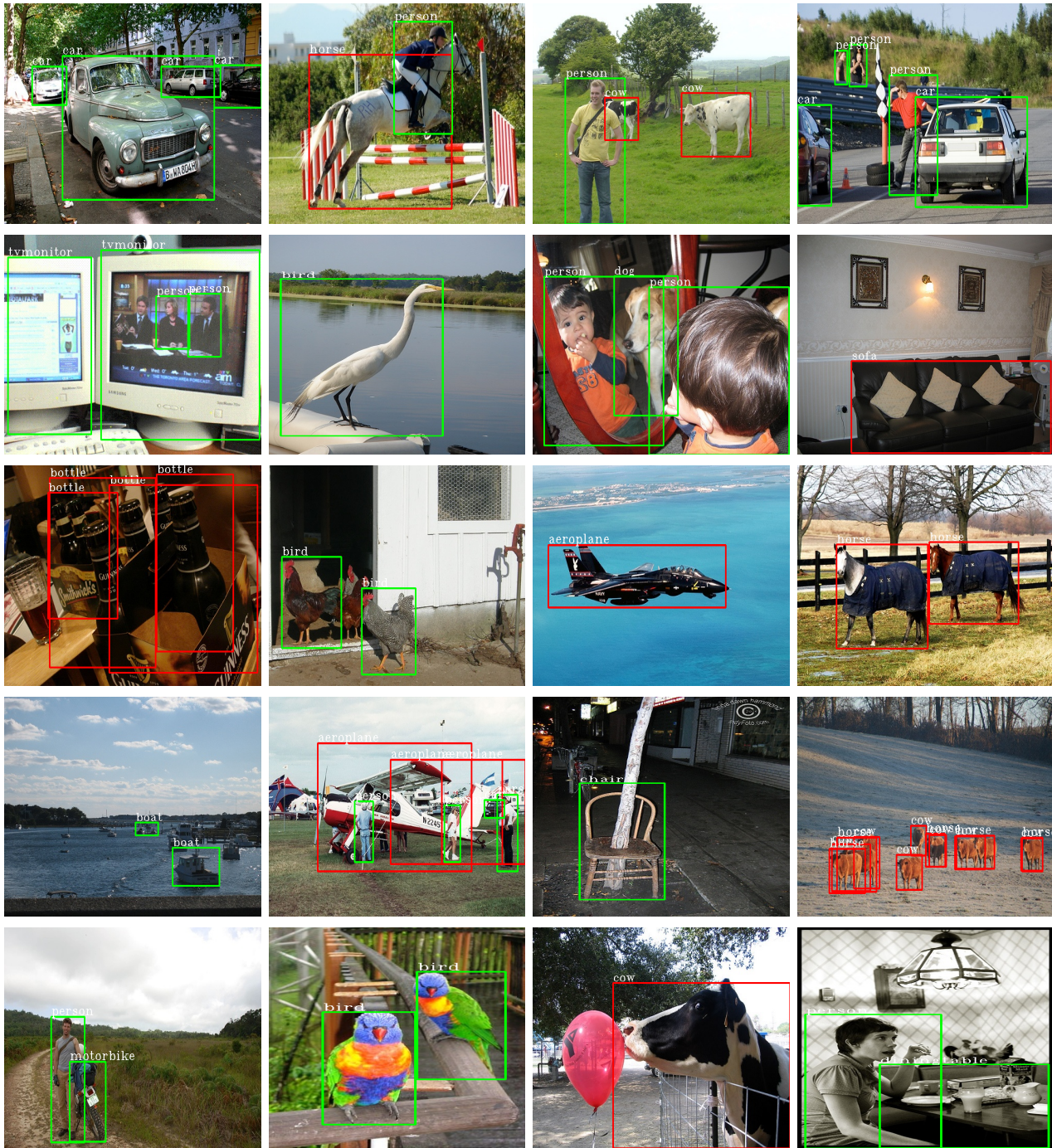


Figure 2. Randomly sampled *DeFRCN+Meta-ScaledDynamic+Aug* object detection results for the Pascal VOC dataset Split-2/10-shot experiment. Base class instance candidates are marked with green, and novel class instance candidates are marked with red color. (Best viewed in color.)