

*CS 1678/2078: Intro to Deep Learning*

# Bias, domain shifts, attacks

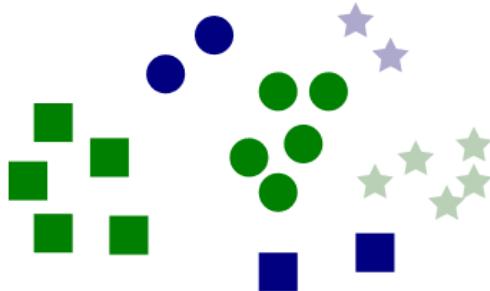
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# Plan for this lecture

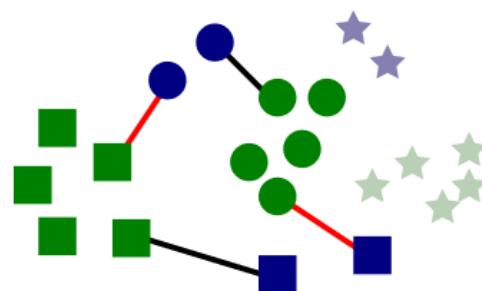
- **Domain shifts due to visual style/appearance**
- **Domain shifts due to geography**
- Models inheriting social biases
- Deep fakes and adversarial perturbations

# Domain Shifts

Colors = domains, shapes = classes



(a) Domain shift problem



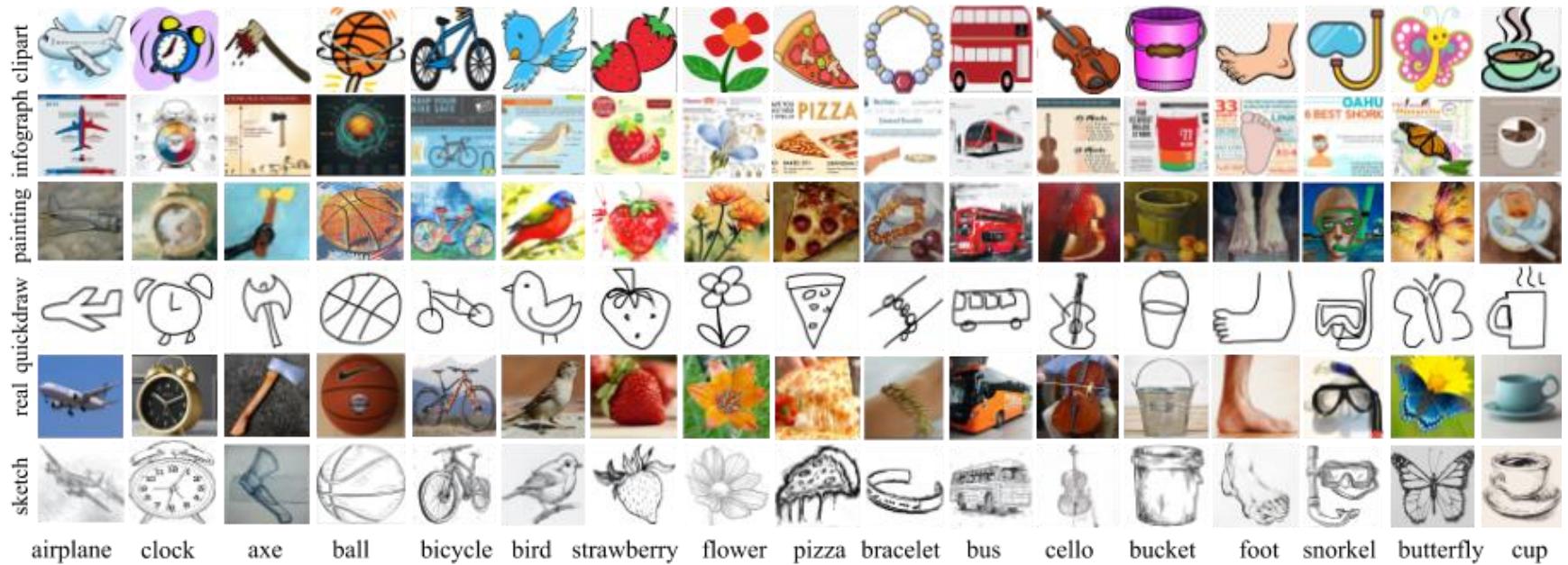
(b) Pairwise constraints



(c) Invariant space

**Fig. 2.** The key idea of our approach to domain adaptation is to learn a transformation that compensates for the domain-induced changes. By leveraging (dis)similarity constraints (b) we aim to reunite samples from two different domains (blue and green) in a common invariant space (c) in order to learn and classify new samples more effectively across domains. The transformation can also be applied to new categories (lightly-shaded stars). This figure is best viewed in color.

# DomainNet Dataset



# Coping with Domain Shifts

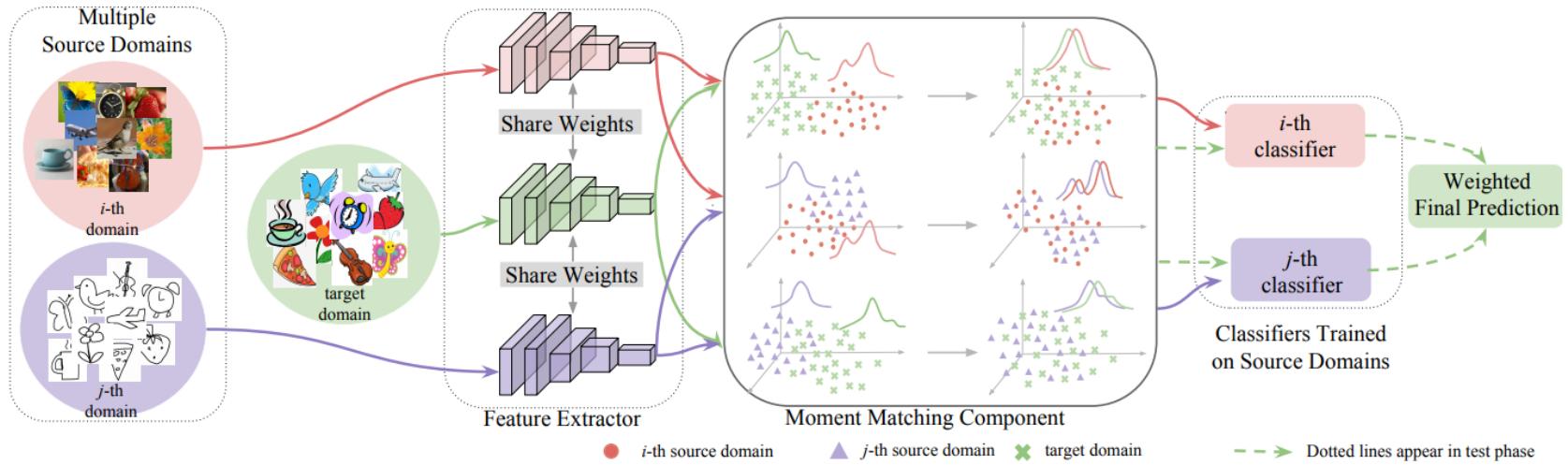


Figure 2. The framework of **Moment Matching for Multi-source Domain Adaptation** (M<sup>3</sup>SDA). Our model consists of three components: i) feature extractor, ii) moment matching component, and iii) classifiers. Our model takes multi-source annotated training data as input and transfers the learned knowledge to classify the unlabeled target samples. Without loss of generality, we show the *i*-th domain and *j*-th domain as an example. The feature extractor maps the source domains into a common feature space. The moment matching component attempts to match the *i*-th and *j*-th domains with the target domain, as well as matching the *i*-th domain with the *j*-th domain. The final predictions of target samples are based on the weighted outputs of the *i*-th and *j*-th classifiers. (Best viewed in color!)

# Domain Adversarial Networks

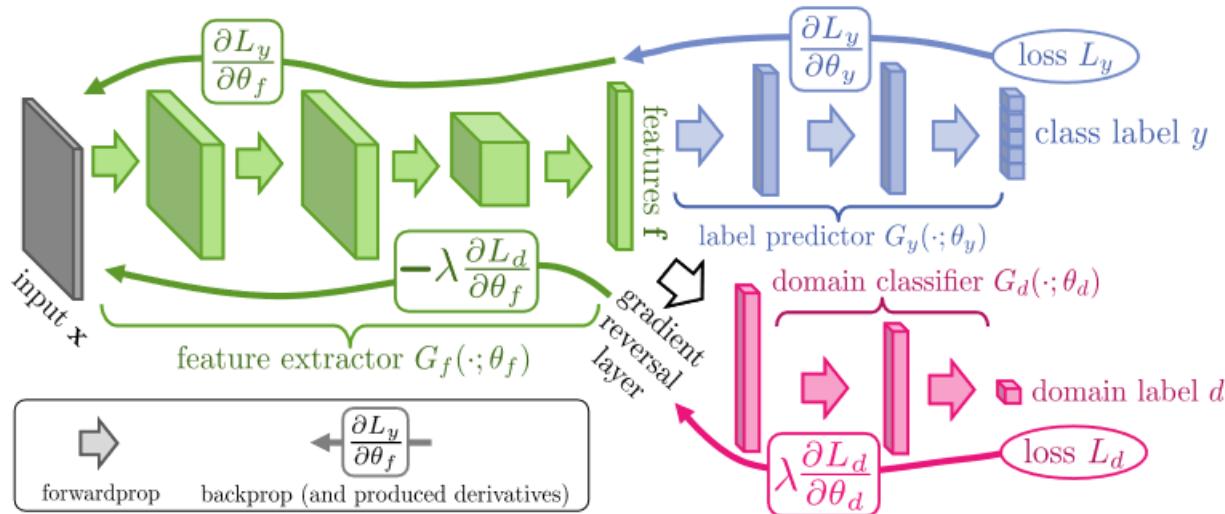
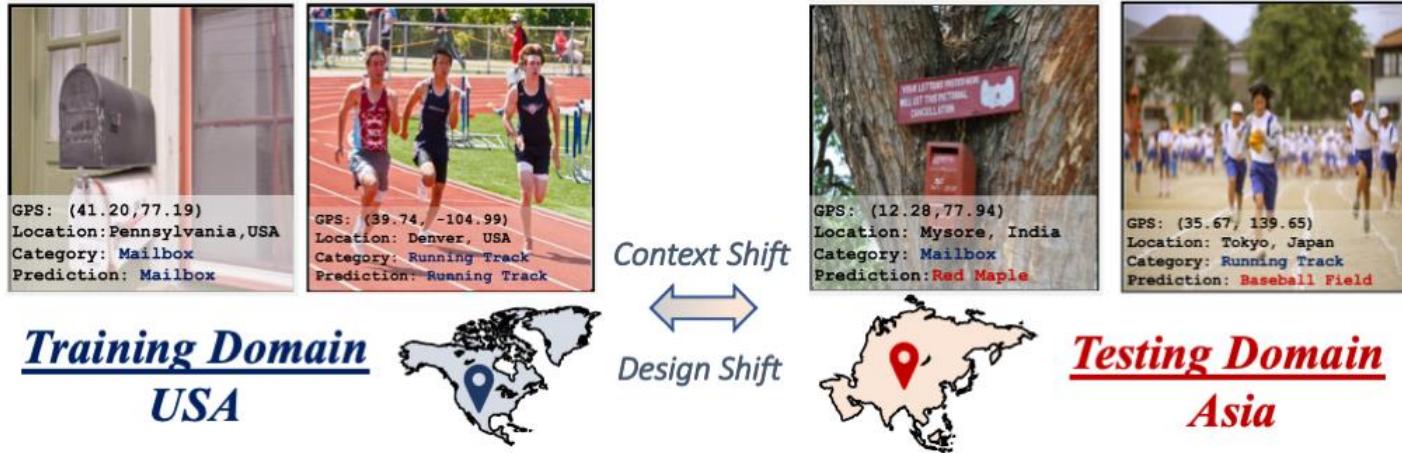


Figure 1: The **proposed architecture** includes a deep *feature extractor* (green) and a deep *label predictor* (blue), which together form a standard feed-forward architecture. Unsupervised domain adaptation is achieved by adding a *domain classifier* (red) connected to the feature extractor via a *gradient reversal layer* that multiplies the gradient by a certain negative constant during the backpropagation-based training. Otherwise, the training proceeds standardly and minimizes the label prediction loss (for source examples) and the domain classification loss (for all samples). Gradient reversal ensures that the feature distributions over the two domains are made similar (as indistinguishable as possible for the domain classifier), thus resulting in the domain-invariant features.

# Geographic Domain Shifts

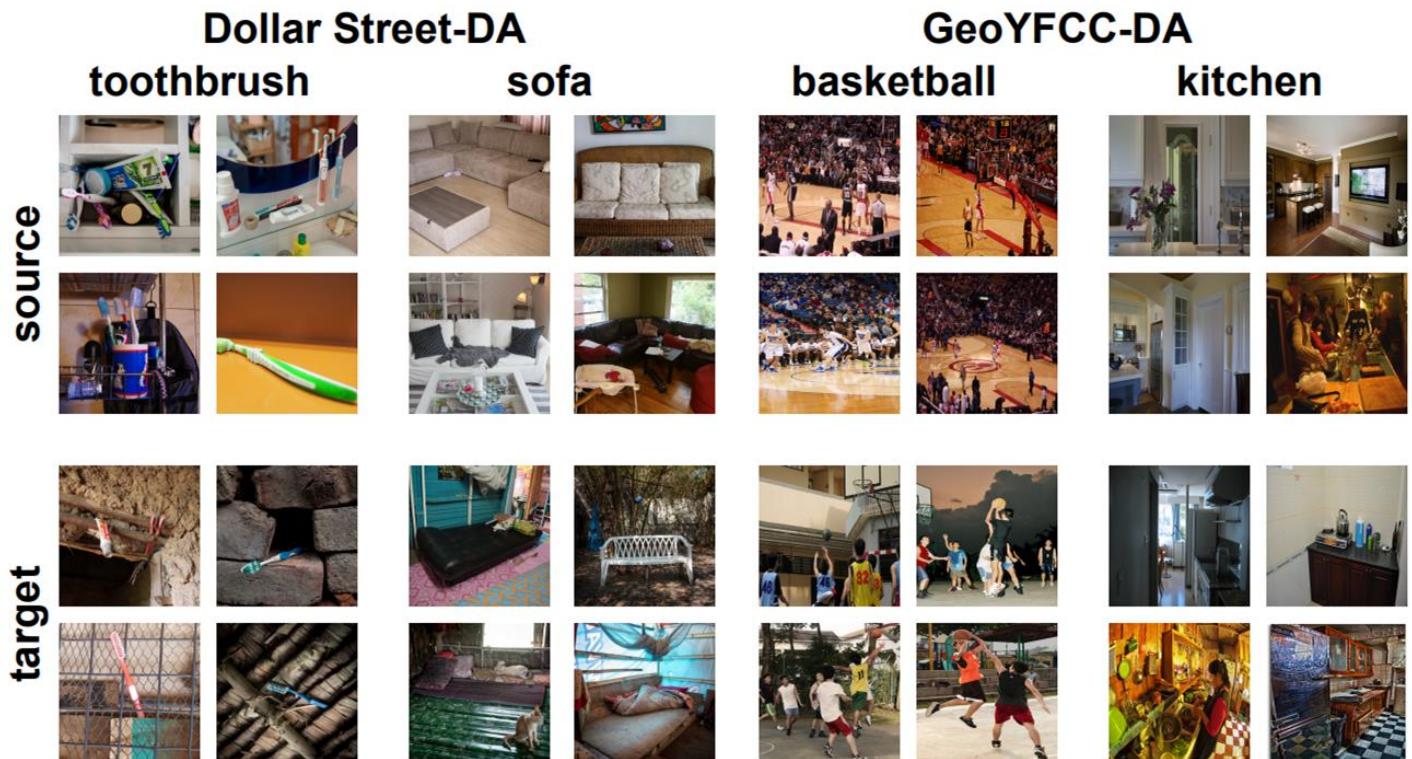


“While modern computer vision models yield human-level accuracies when trained and tested on the images from the same geographical domain, the accuracy drops significantly when presented with images from different geographies. Here, images belonging to mailbox and running track are misclassified due to design and context shifts between the domains induced by disparate geographies.”

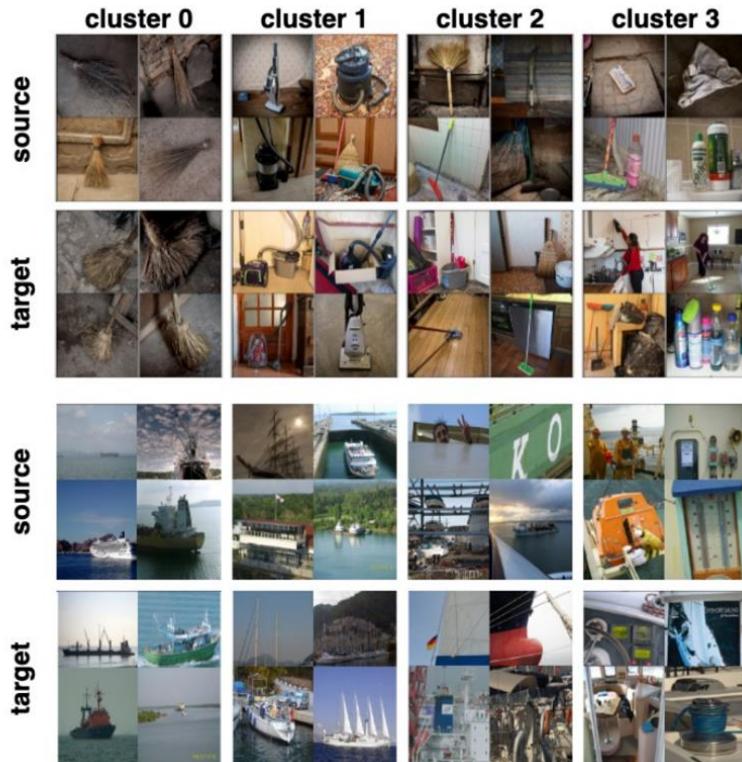
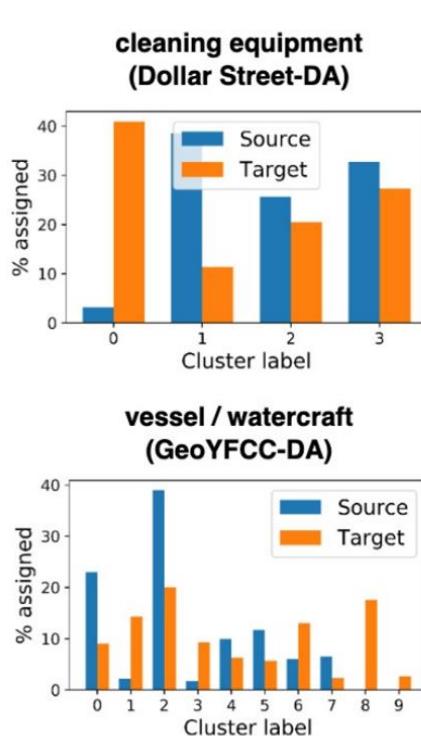
# Geographic Domain Shifts

## Context Shift

Task-irrelevant  
information  
(e.g., background  
or surroundings)

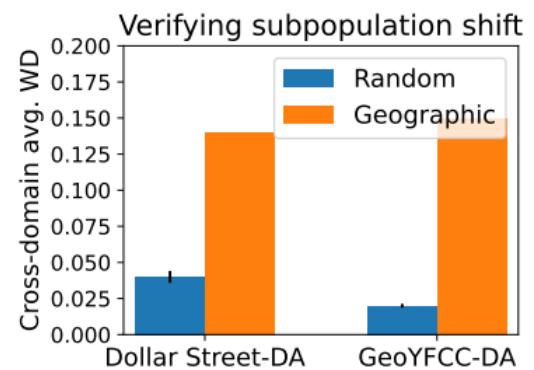


# Geographic Domain Shifts



## Subpopulation Shift

Change within category  
(e.g., “cleaning equipment”  
can be brooms, mops,  
vacuum cleaners, etc.)



# Geographic Domain Shifts

Dollar Street-DA



60 countries  
(66 in total)

58 categories  
(128 in total)

# Geographic Domain Shifts

GeoYFCC-DA

Temple



Argentina



Cambodia

Stove



Costa Rica



Vietnam

Lamp Post



India



France

62 countries

68 categories

[github.com/abhimanyudubey/GeoYFCC](https://github.com/abhimanyudubey/GeoYFCC)

# Geographic Domain Shifts

## Results

Significant performance drops from geographical shifts

Limited improvements from existing DA methods

	<b>Method</b>	<b>Dollar Street-DA</b>	<b>GeoYFCC-DA</b>
	source	$54.66 \pm 0.62$	42.88
	target oracle*	$67.73 \pm 0.30$	56.78
	MMD [10]	$55.77 \pm 0.75$	43.53
	DANN [4]	$54.80 \pm 0.38$	42.64
	SENTRY [5]	$55.73 \pm 0.34$	42.58
	SST	$58.71 \pm 0.53$	45.22

\*denotes that the target oracle was trained on target data non-overlapping with the test set (80%) whereas DA methods were adapted without labels on the entire target dataset.

# Incorporating Geo-Diverse Knowledge into Prompting for Increased Geographical Robustness in Object Recognition

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## Abstract

Existing object recognition models have been shown to lack robustness in diverse geographical scenarios due to significant domain shifts in design and context. Class representations need to be adapted to more accurately reflect an object concept under these shifts. In the absence of training data from target geographies, we hypothesize that geography-specific descriptive knowledge of object categories can be leveraged to enhance robustness. For this purpose, we explore the feasibility of probing a large-language model for geography-specific object knowledge, and we investigate integrating knowledge in zero-shot and learnable soft prompting with the CLIP vision-language model. In particular, we propose a geography knowledge regularization method to ensure that soft prompts trained on a source set of geographies generalize to an unseen target set of ge-

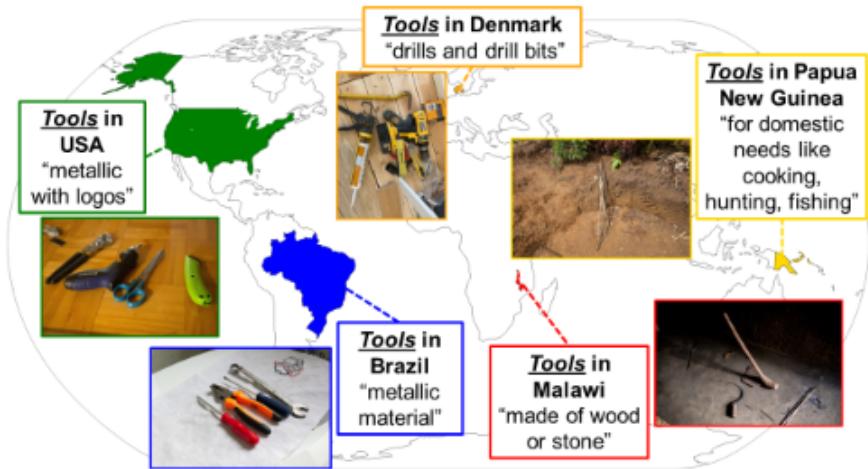
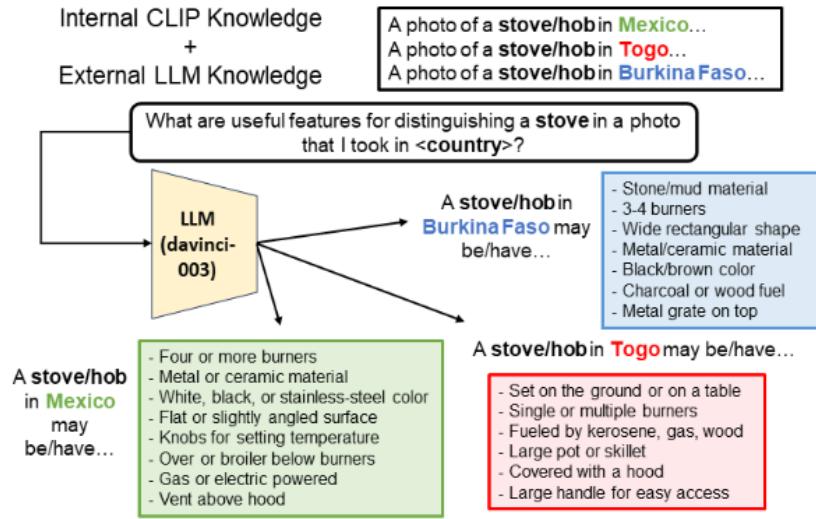


Figure 1. Descriptive knowledge can bridge concept shifts across geographies. Observe the wide range of object designs and contexts in the DollarStreet [11] category *tools* around the world. Our work’s premise is that textual representations for classes in vision-language models can be tailored to better suit diverse object representations across geographies. Map made with [16].

# Geographic Domain Shifts

## (1) Acquire Target Knowledge



## (2) Optimize Soft Prompts on Source Data While Regularizing Towards Target Knowledge

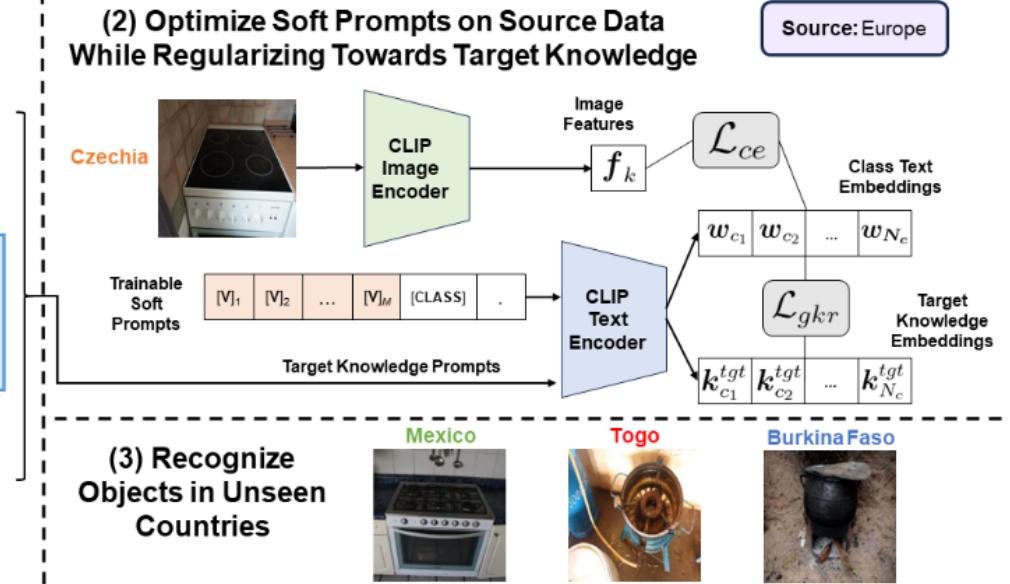


Figure 2. **Geography knowledge regularization.** To ensure robustness in soft prompt learning, we (1) incorporate complementary knowledge internal to CLIP and externally obtained from an LLM. (2) This descriptive knowledge regularizes class representations when training on a specific source geography (e.g. Europe), thus (3) increasing robustness when generalizing to unseen geographies (e.g. Togo).

# Geographic Domain Shifts

Encoder	Prompting Method	Top-1 Accuracy										Top-3 Accuracy									
		Europe		Africa		Asia		Americas		Total		Europe		Africa		Asia		Americas		Total	
		Acc	Δ	Acc	Δ	Acc	Δ	Acc	Δ	Acc	Δ	Acc	Δ	Acc	Δ	Acc	Δ	Acc	Δ	Acc	Δ
ViT-B/32	Zero-Shot CLIP [36]	59.1	-	43.7	-	50.8	-	<b>55.3</b>	-	51.7	-	81.1	-	64.8	-	72.3	-	<b>77.4</b>	-	73.7	-
	GeneralLLM [30]	57.3	<b>-1.8</b>	44.3	<b>+0.6</b>	50.9	<b>+0.1</b>	54.6	<b>-0.7</b>	51.4	<b>-0.3</b>	78.8	<b>-2.3</b>	64.5	<b>-0.3</b>	72.1	<b>-0.2</b>	75.7	<b>-1.7</b>	73.0	<b>-0.7</b>
	CountryInPrompt	57.5	<b>-1.6</b>	45.2	<b>+1.5</b>	51.9	<b>+1.1</b>	55.0	<b>-0.3</b>	52.1	<b>+0.4</b>	80.2	<b>-0.9</b>	65.5	<b>+0.7</b>	73.3	<b>+1.0</b>	76.9	<b>-0.5</b>	73.9	<b>+0.2</b>
	CountryLLM	59.4	<b>+0.3</b>	45.2	<b>+1.5</b>	52.1	<b>+1.3</b>	<b>55.3</b>	0.0	52.6	<b>+0.9</b>	80.9	<b>-0.2</b>	66.4	<b>+1.6</b>	<b>73.6</b>	<b>+1.3</b>	<b>77.4</b>	0.0	74.6	<b>+0.9</b>
	CountryInPrompt+LLM	<b>60.8</b>	<b>+1.7</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>+1.6</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>+1.4</b>	55.0	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>+1.1</b>	<b>81.5</b>	<b>+0.4</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>+2.6</b>	<b>73.6</b>	<b>+1.3</b>	76.7	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>74.7</b>	<b>+1.0</b>
ViT-B/16	Zero-Shot CLIP [36]	64.3	-	46.9	-	53.9	-	<b>60.1</b>	-	55.5	-	84.3	-	69.3	-	75.9	-	81.1	-	77.2	-
	GeneralLLM [30]	64.2	<b>-0.1</b>	48.8	<b>+1.9</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	58.5	<b>-1.6</b>	56.8	<b>+1.3</b>	83.9	<b>-0.4</b>	71.1	<b>+1.8</b>	76.3	<b>+0.4</b>	80.4	<b>-0.7</b>	77.9	<b>+0.7</b>
	CountryInPrompt	63.9	<b>-0.4</b>	49.6	<b>+2.7</b>	55.7	<b>+1.8</b>	59.3	<b>-0.8</b>	56.6	<b>+1.1</b>	84.0	<b>-0.3</b>	71.3	<b>+2.0</b>	76.5	<b>+0.6</b>	80.0	<b>-1.1</b>	77.7	<b>+0.5</b>
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	CountryInPrompt+LLM	<b>65.5</b>	<b>+1.2</b>	<b>50.8</b>	<b>+3.9</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	59.7	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>+1.9</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>+1.2</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>+3.2</b>	77.0	<b>+1.1</b>	80.9	<b>-0.2</b>	78.7	<b>+1.5</b>
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	GeneralLLM [30]	55.5	<b>+2.5</b>	40.9	<b>+2.9</b>	46.9	<b>+2.5</b>	50.3	<b>+0.5</b>	47.9	<b>+2.2</b>	76.0	<b>-0.5</b>	61.2	<b>+1.0</b>	67.7	<b>+1.3</b>	71.1	<b>-1.6</b>	68.6	<b>+0.5</b>
	CountryInPrompt	54.5	<b>+1.5</b>	<b>43.4</b>	<b>+5.4</b>	47.0	<b>+2.6</b>	50.8	<b>+1.0</b>	48.4	<b>+2.7</b>	76.0	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>+3.8</b>	68.7	<b>+2.3</b>	72.7	0.0	<b>70.0</b>	<b>+1.9</b>
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Table 1. **Zero-shot CLIP with descriptive knowledge prompts, top-1/3 balanced accuracy (Acc) on DollarStreet.** Our strategies to capture CLIP’s internal country knowledge (CountryInPrompt), external LLM country knowledge (CountryLLM), and their combination (CountryInPrompt+LLM), improve the zero-shot CLIP baseline (prompt “a photo of a”), especially on Africa (exemplified in light blue) and Asia; gains in green, drops in red. Our strategies also outperform the GeneralLLM [30] baseline.

# Plan for this lecture

- Domain shifts due to visual style/appearance
- Domain shifts due to geography
- **Models inheriting social biases**
- **Deep fakes and adversarial perturbations**

# Bias in Language

Extreme <i>she</i> occupations		
1. homemaker	2. nurse	3. receptionist
4. librarian	5. socialite	6. hairdresser
7. nanny	8. bookkeeper	9. stylist
10. housekeeper	11. interior designer	12. guidance counselor

Extreme <i>he</i> occupations		
1. maestro	2. skipper	3. protege
4. philosopher	5. captain	6. architect
7. financier	8. warrior	9. broadcaster
10. magician	11. fighter pilot	12. boss

Figure 1: The most extreme occupations as projected on to the *she-he* gender direction on g2vNEWS. Occupations such as *businesswoman*, where gender is suggested by the orthography, were excluded.

Gender stereotype <i>she-he</i> analogies.		
sewing-carpentry	register-nurse-physician	housewife-shopkeeper
nurse-surgeon	interior designer-architect	softball-baseball
blond-burly	feminism-conservatism	cosmetics-pharmaceuticals
giggle-chuckle	vocalist-guitarist	petite-lanky
sassy-snappy	diva-superstar	charming-affable
volleyball-football	cupcakes-pizzas	hairdresser-barber

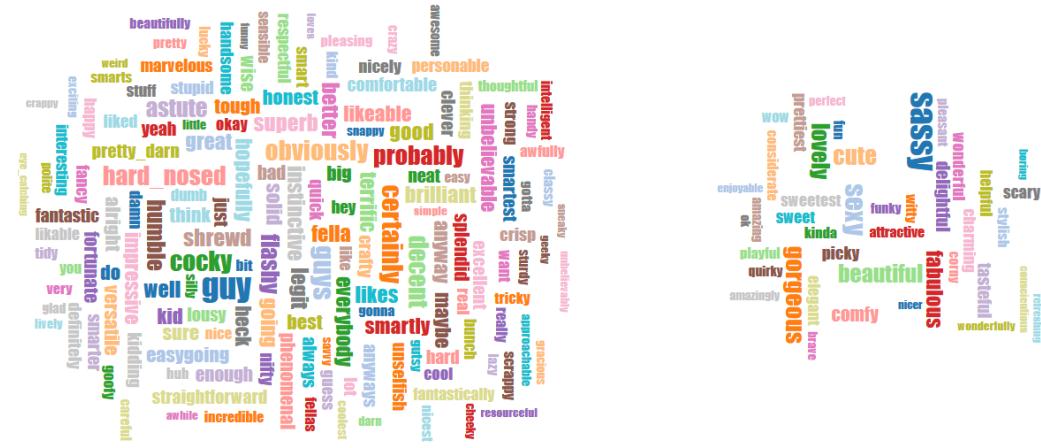
Gender appropriate <i>she-he</i> analogies.		
queen-king	sister-brother	mother-father
waitress-waiter	ovarian cancer-prostate cancer	convent-monastery

Figure 2: **Analogy examples.** Examples of automatically generated analogies for the pair *she-he* using the procedure described in text. For example, the first analogy is interpreted as *she:sewing :: he:carpentry* in the original w2vNEWS embedding. Each automatically generated analogy is evaluated by 10 crowd-workers to whether or not it reflects gender stereotype. Top: illustrative gender stereotypic analogies automatically generated from w2vNEWS, as rated by at least 5 of the 10 crowd-workers. Bottom: illustrative generated gender-appropriate analogies.

# Bias in Language

he (158)

she (42)



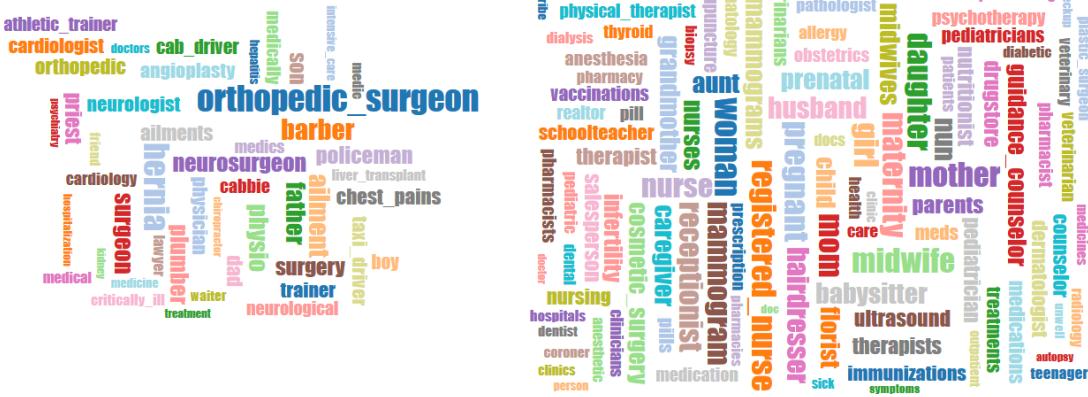
## Adjectives

Or type your own words...

doctor

he (47)

she (153)



# Bias in Vision

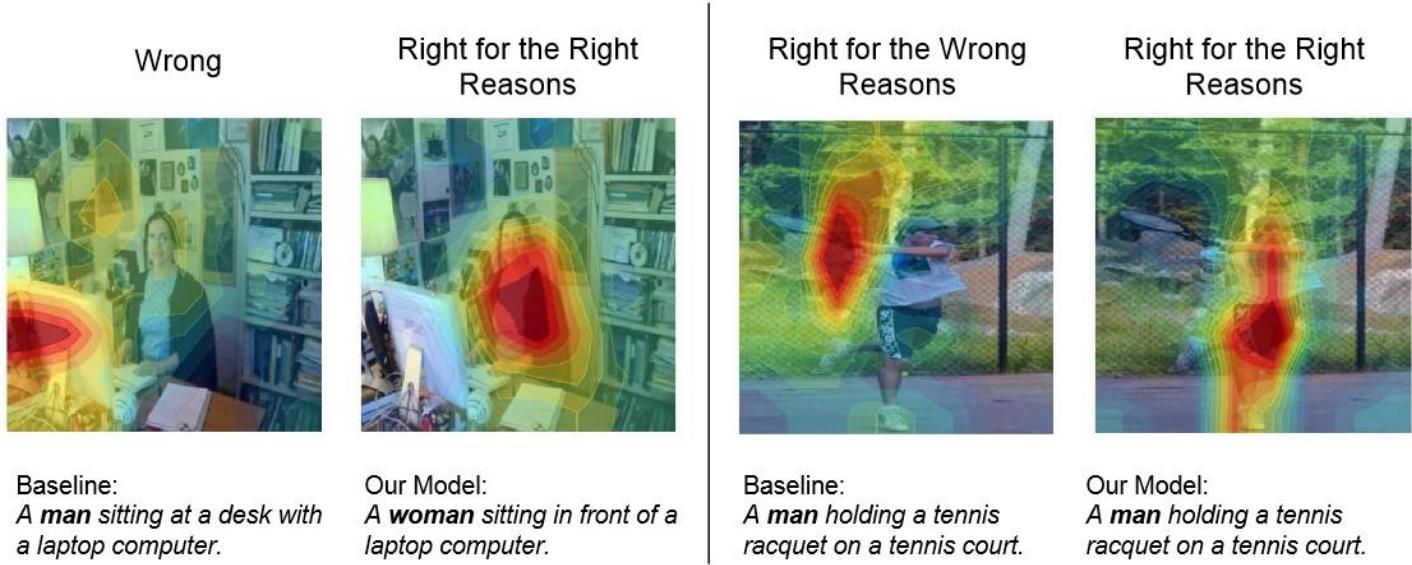


Fig. 1: Examples where our proposed model (Equalizer) corrects bias in image captions. The overlaid heatmap indicates which image regions are most important for predicting the gender word. On the left, the baseline predicts gender incorrectly, presumably because it looks at the laptop (not the person). On the right, the baseline predicts the gender correctly but it does not look at the person when predicting gender and is thus not acceptable. In contrast, our model predicts the correct gender word and correctly considers the person when predicting gender.

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# Human Reporting Bias

The **frequency** with which **people write** about actions, outcomes, or properties is **not a reflection of real-world frequencies** or the degree to which a property is characteristic of a class of individuals

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# What do you see?

- Bananas
- Stickers
- Dole Bananas
- Bananas at a store
- Bananas on shelves
- Bunches of bananas
- Bananas with stickers on them
- Bunches of bananas with stickers on them on shelves in a store

...We don't tend to say

**Yellow Bananas**



# What do you see?

Green Bananas

Unripe Bananas



# What do you see?

Ripe Bananas

Bananas with spots

Bananas good for  
banana bread



# What do you see?

**Yellow** Bananas?

**Yellow** is prototypical  
for bananas



# Prototype Theory

One purpose of categorization is to **reduce the infinite differences** among stimuli **to behaviourally and cognitively usable proportions**

There may be some central, prototypical notions of items that arise from stored typical properties for an object category (Rosch, 1975)

May also store exemplars (Wu & Barsalou, 2009)



Fruit



Bananas  
“Basic Level”



Unripe Bananas,  
Cavendish Bananas

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The doctor looks at the boy and exclaims "I can't operate on this boy, he's my son!"

How could this be?

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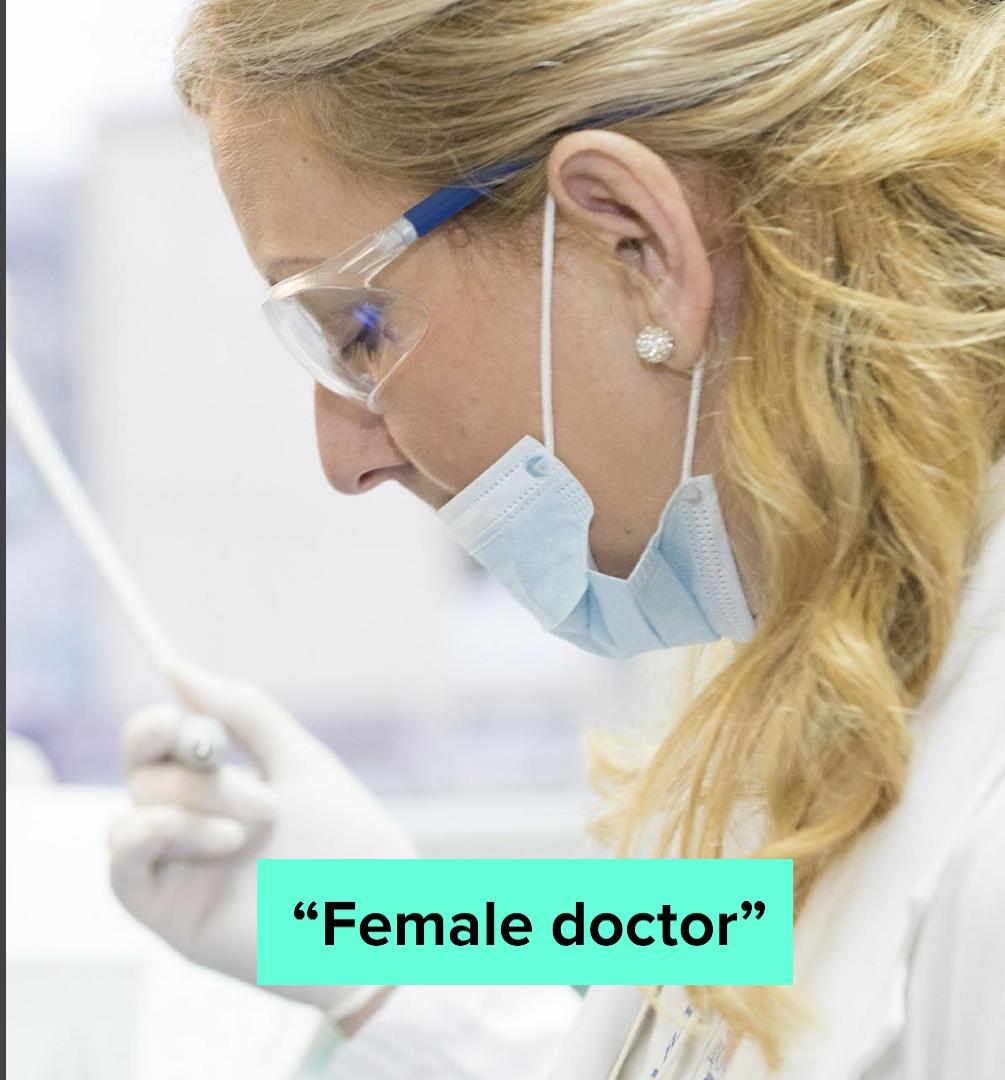
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**How could this be?**

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**“Female doctor”**



**“Doctor”**



**“Female doctor”**



# Biases in Data

**Selection Bias:** Selection does not reflect a random sample

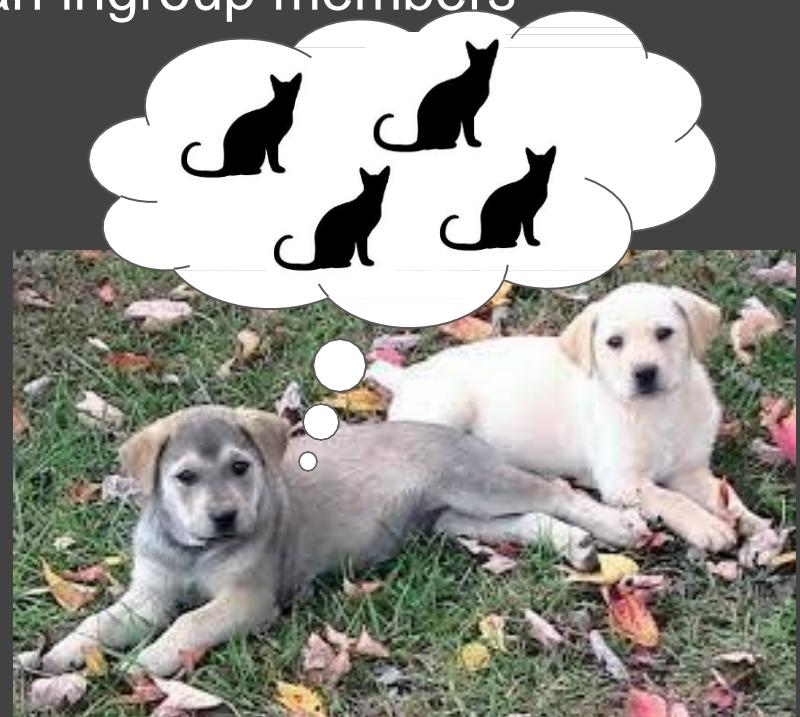


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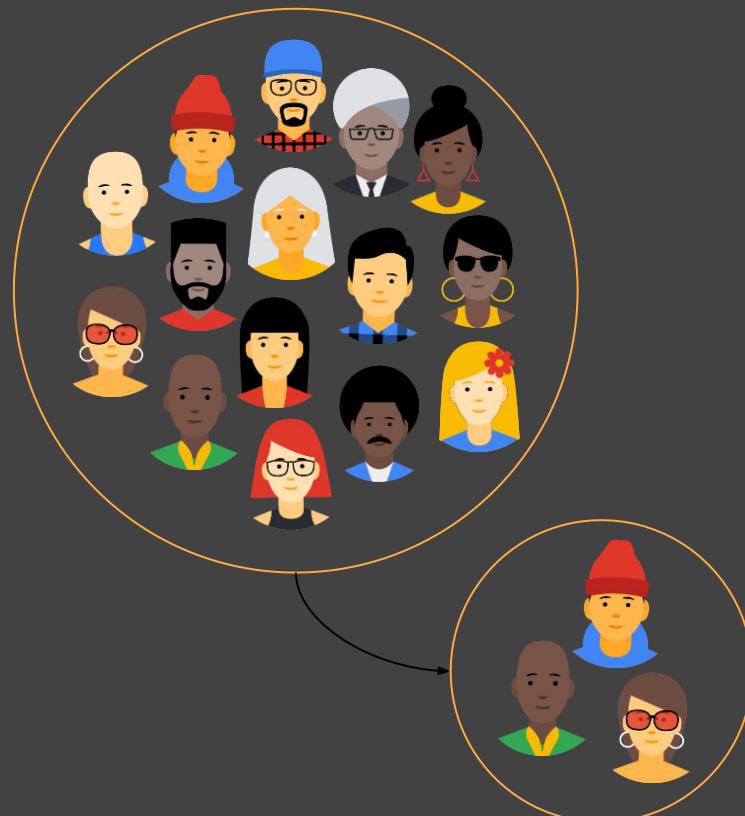
# Biases in Data

**Out-group homogeneity bias:** Tendency to see outgroup members as more alike than ingroup members



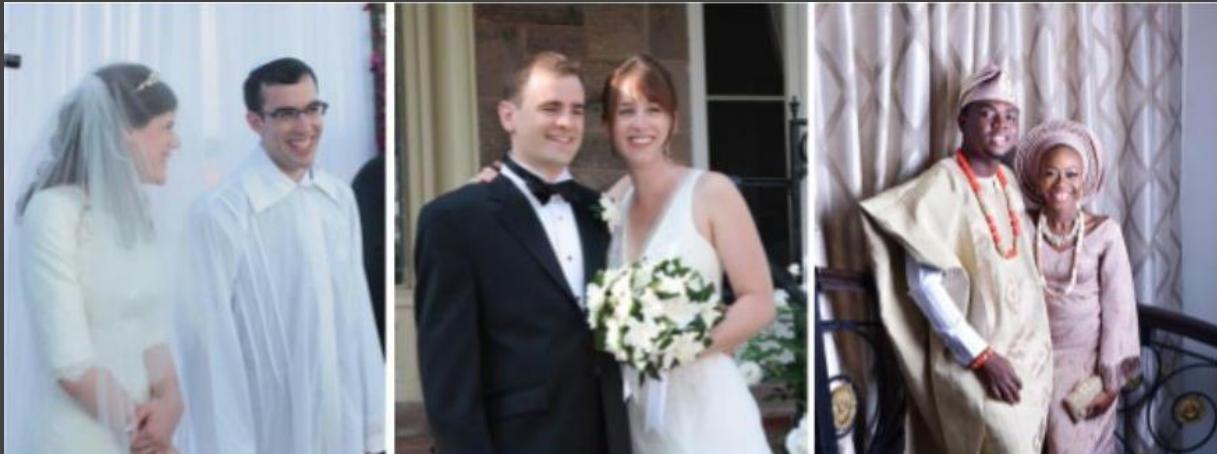
# Biases in Data → Biased Data Representation

It's possible that you have an appropriate amount of data for every group you can think of but that some groups are represented less positively than others.



# Biases in Data → Biased Labels

Annotations in your dataset will reflect the worldviews of your annotators.



*ceremony,  
wedding, bride,  
man, groom,  
woman, dress*

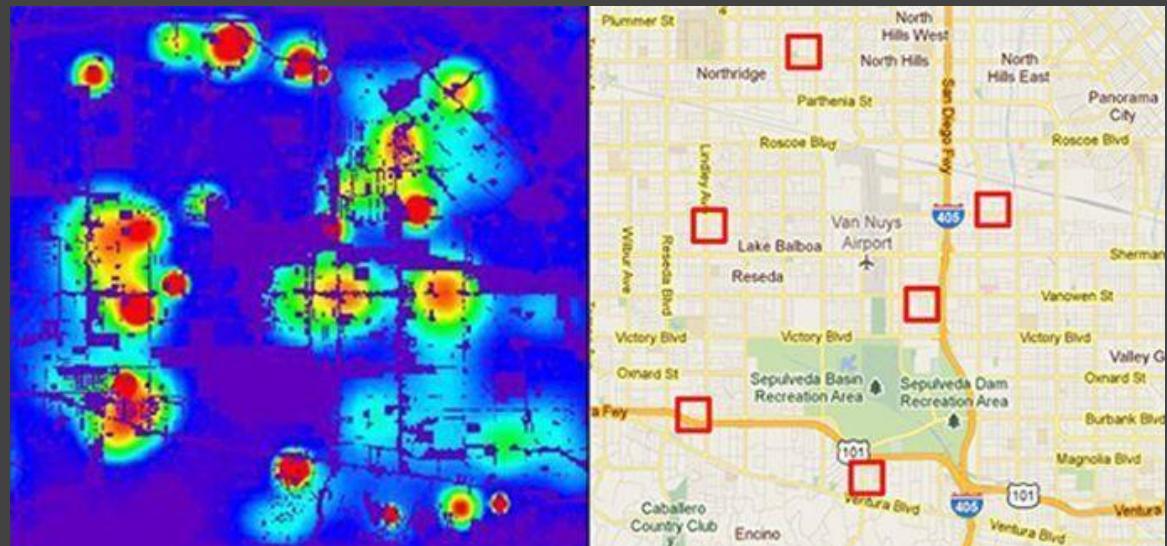
*ceremony,  
bride, wedding,  
man, groom,  
woman, dress*

*person, people*

<https://ai.googleblog.com/2018/09/introducing-inclusive-images-competition.html>

# Predicting Policing

- Algorithms identify potential crime hot-spots
- Based on where crime is previously reported, not where it is known to have occurred
- Predicts future events from past



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[Smithsonian. Artificial Intelligence Is Now Used to Predict Crime. But Is It Biased? 2018](#)

# Predicting Sentencing

- Prater (who is white) rated **low risk** after shoplifting, despite two armed robberies; one attempted armed robbery.
- Borden (who is black) rated **high risk** after she and a friend took (but returned before police arrived) a bike and scooter sitting outside.
- Two years later, Borden has not been charged with any new crimes. Prater serving 8-year prison term for grand theft.

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[ProPublica. Northpointe: Risk in Criminal Sentencing. 2016.](#)

# Predicting Criminality

Israeli startup, [Faception](#)

*“Faception is first-to-technology and first-to-market with proprietary computer vision and machine learning technology for profiling people and revealing their personality based only on their facial image.”*

Offering specialized engines for recognizing “High IQ”, “White-Collar Offender”, “Pedophile”, and “Terrorist” from a face image.

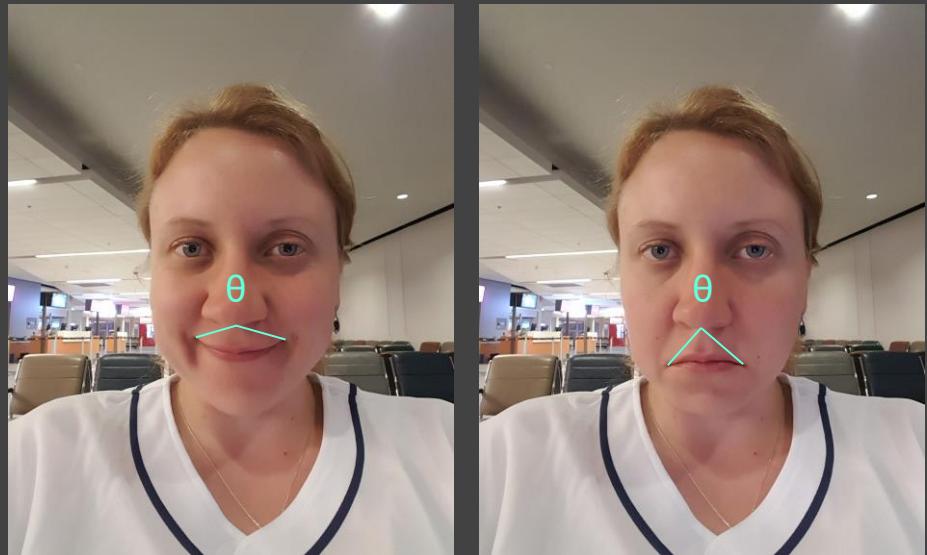
Main clients are in homeland security and public safety.

# Predicting Criminality

[“Automated Inference on Criminality using Face Images”](#) Wu and Zhang, 2016.  
arXiv

1,856 closely cropped images of faces;  
Includes “wanted suspect” ID pictures  
from specific regions.

*[...] angle  $\theta$  from nose tip to two  
mouth corners is on average 19.6%  
smaller for criminals than for  
non-criminals ...”*



See our longer piece on Medium, “[Physiognomy’s New Clothes](#)”

# “Deepfakes”



<https://www.technologyreview.com/s/611726/the-defense-department-has-produced-the-first-tools-for-catching-deepfakes/>

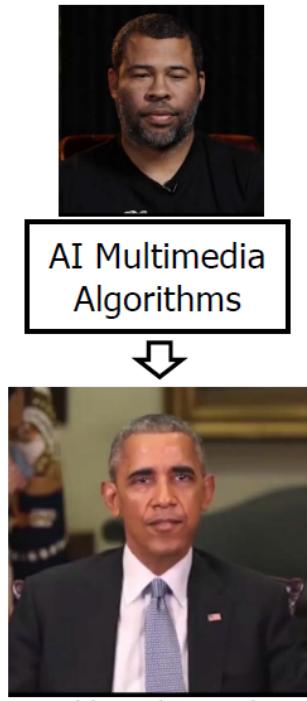
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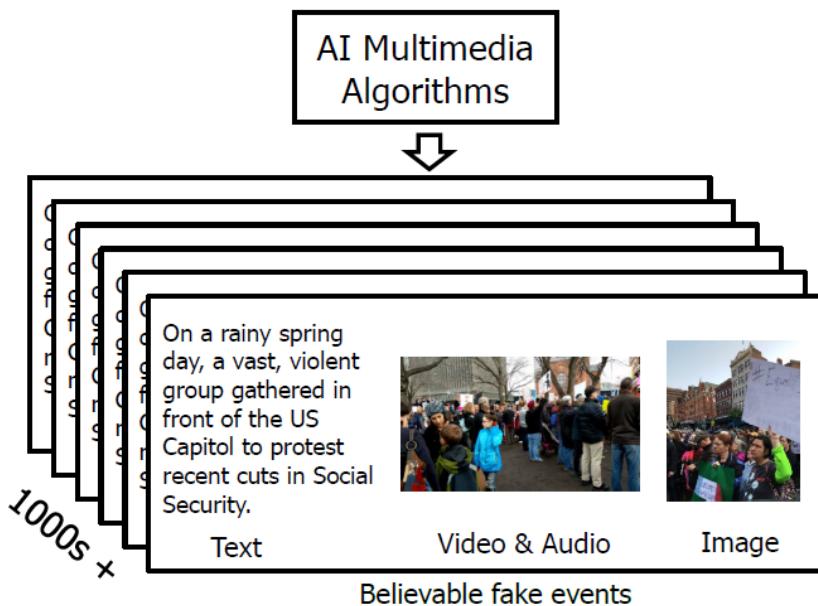
## Expected Threats

### Targeted Personal Attacks

Peele 2017

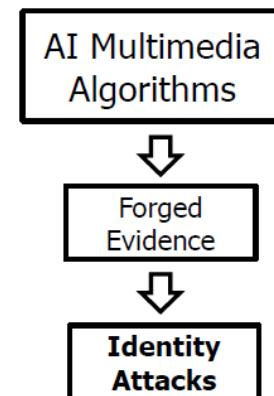


### Generated Events at Scale



### Ransomfake concept: Identity Attacks as a service (IAaaS)

Bricman 2019



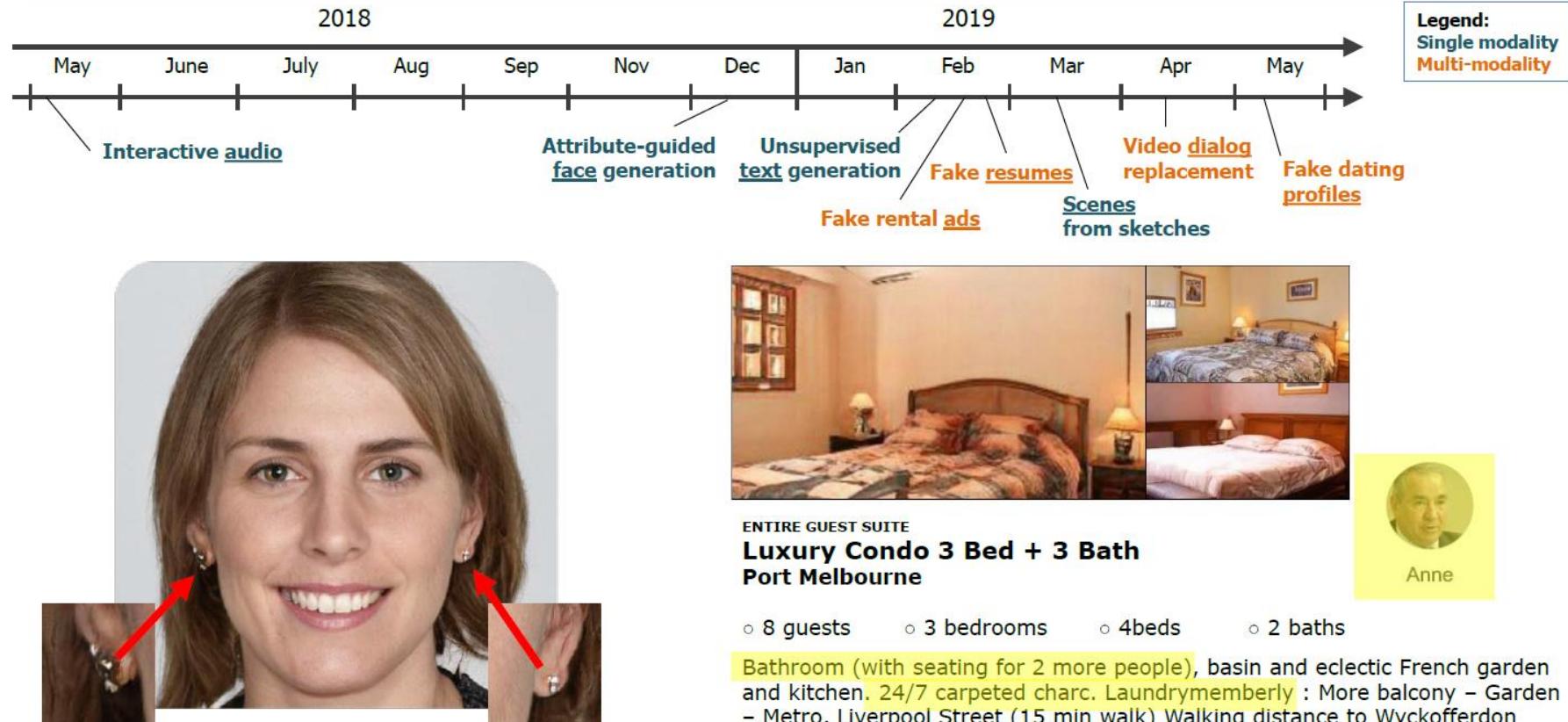
Examples of possible fakes:

- Substance abuse
- Foreign contacts
- Compromising events
- Social media postings
- Financial inconsistencies
- Forging identity

**Undermines key individuals and organizations**



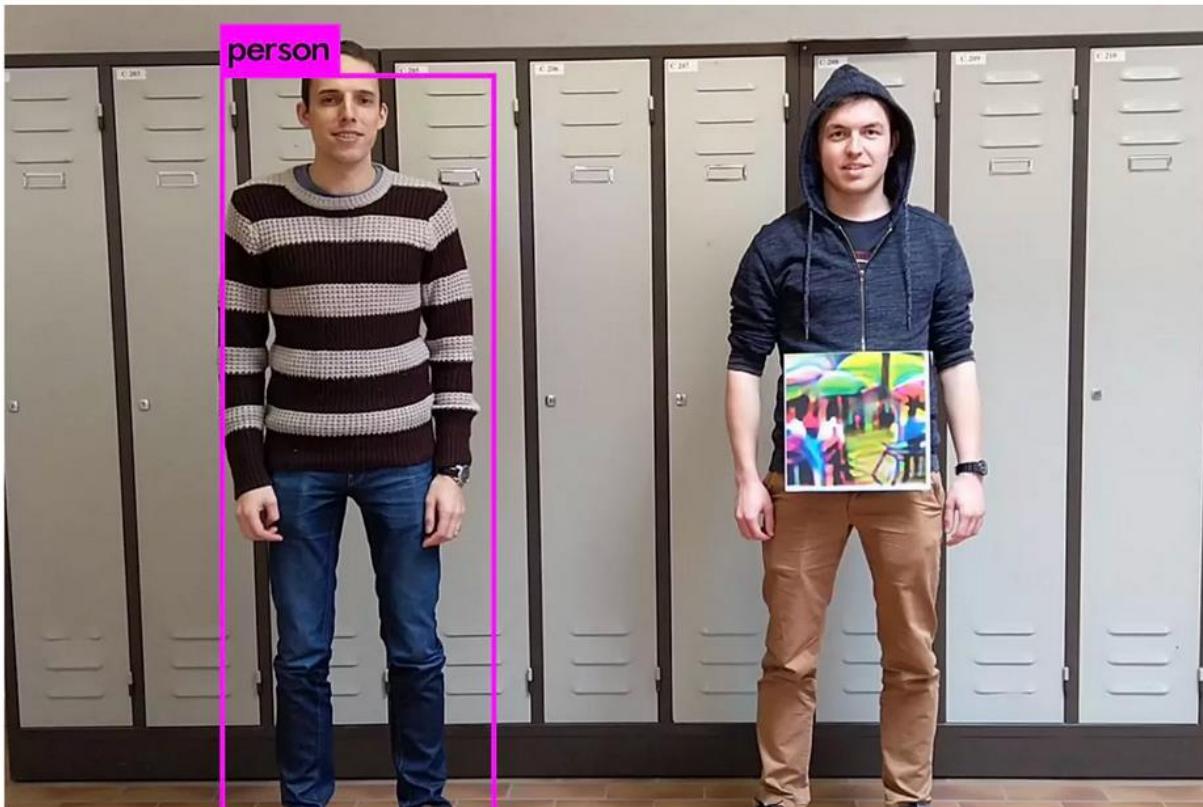
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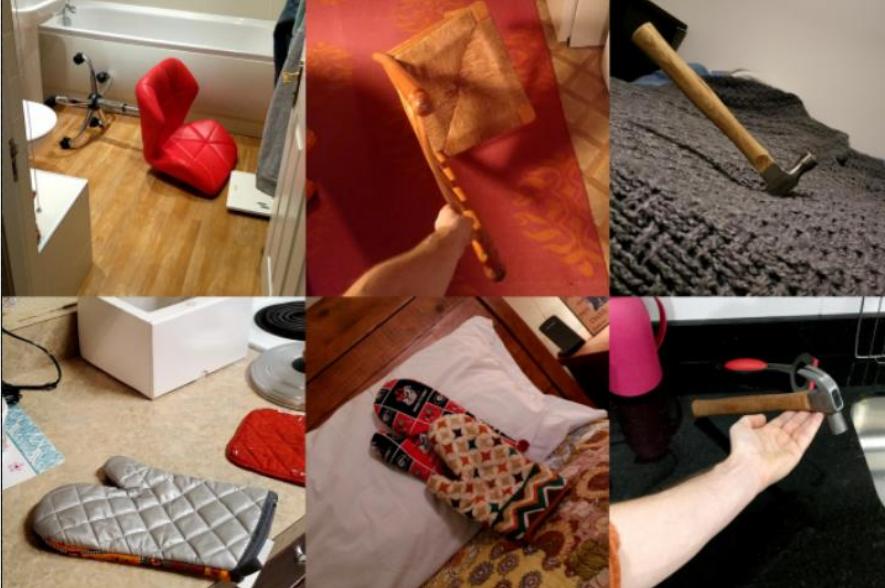
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ObjectNet, a dataset of photos created by MIT and IBM researchers, shows objects from odd angles, in multiple orientations, and against varied backgrounds to better represent the complexity of 3D objects. The researchers hope the dataset will lead to new computer vision techniques that perform better in real life.

Photo collage courtesy of the researchers.

This object-recognition dataset stumped the world's best computer vision models

Objects are posed in varied positions and shot at odd angles to spur new AI techniques.