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# CS7GV1 Computer Vision Project

Frequency Based Deepfake Detection through Frequency Space Learning  
Based off a paper by Chuangchuang Tan et al. 2024 [arXiv:2403.07240v1]

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# Problem Definition

- Deepfake (AI generated) image recognition
- Generalizable model (most learn artifact patterns of a specific GAN)

# Datasets

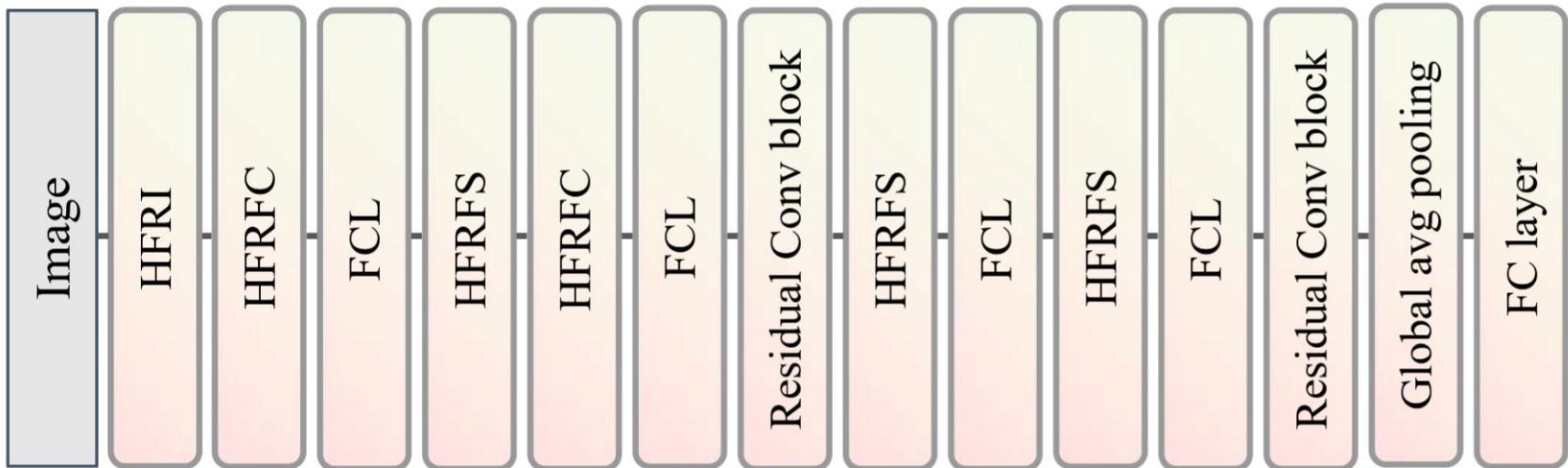
**Utilised multiple datasets for training, evaluation, and testing**

- **Training and Evaluation:** ForenSynths (Wang et al.2020)
  - Real: LSUN
  - Fake: generated by ProGAN
- **Testing:**
  - Curated test set by Chuangchuang Tan et al. 2024
- Test set of ForenSynths for evaluation includes fake images generated by 8 generation models (ProGAN, StyleGAN, StyleGAN2, BigGAN, CycleGAN, StarGAN, GauGAN, Deepfake).
- Test set by Chuangchuang Tan et al. 2024 consists of a dedicated face test set comprising 20,000 real images sourced from Celeba-HQ (Karras et al. 2018), and 60,000 fake face images from ProGAN (Karras et al. 2018), StyleGAN (Karras et al. 2019), and StyleGAN2 (Karras et al. 2020).

# Preprocessing

- Most dataset images already pre-processed by dataset creators
- The rest:
  - Resizing and Cropping
  - Random Horizontal Flip (randomly only for training)
  - JPEG compression (randomly only for training)
  - Normalization

# Architecture (high level view)



N.B. FCL refers to Frequency Convolutional Layer, not Fully Connected Layer



# Frequency space representation

Real

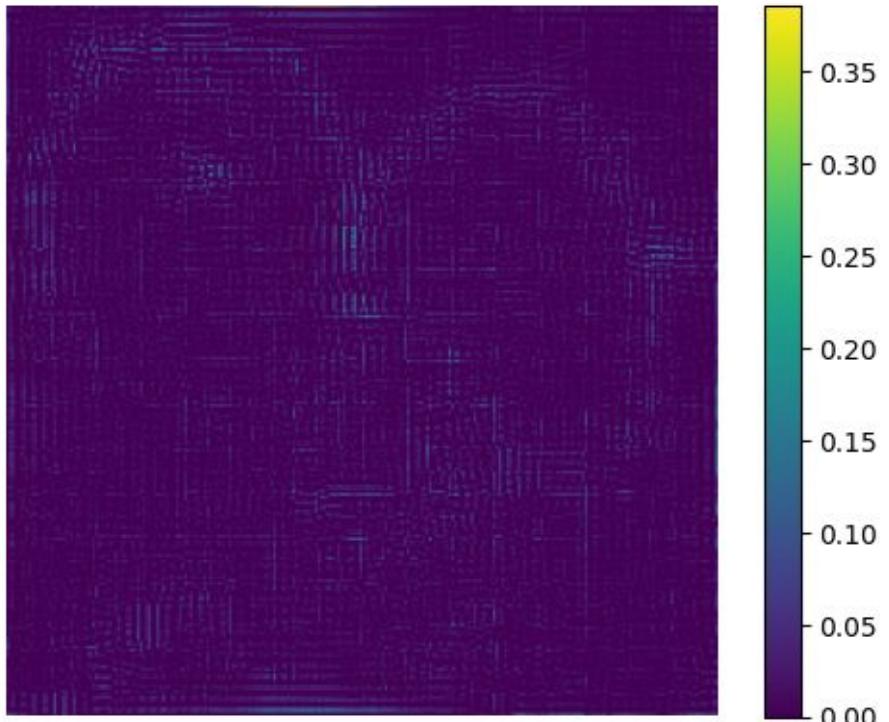


Fake

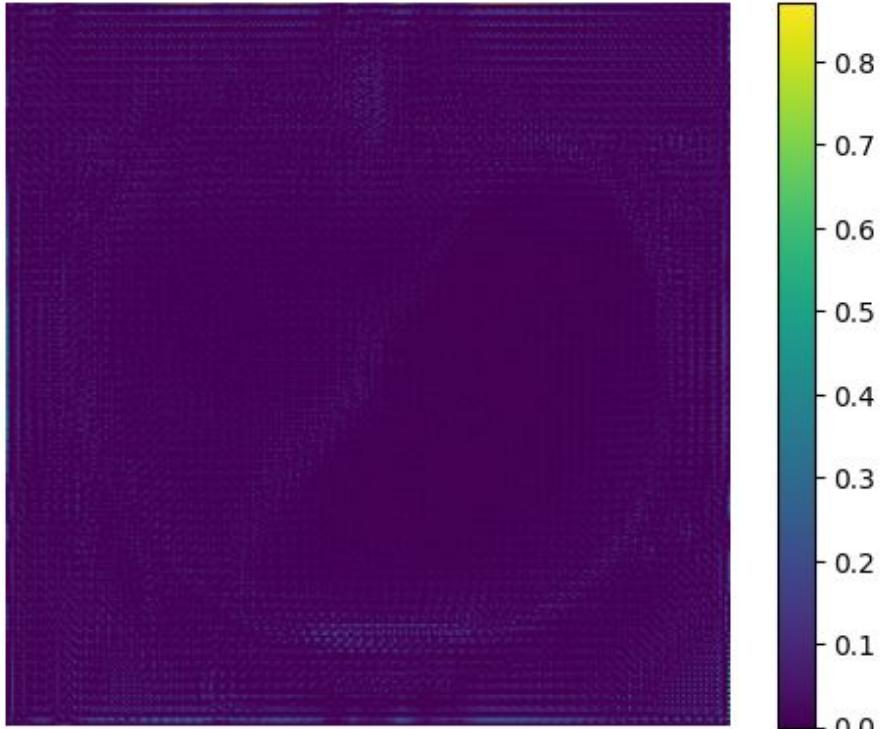


# Frequency space representation

After HFRI

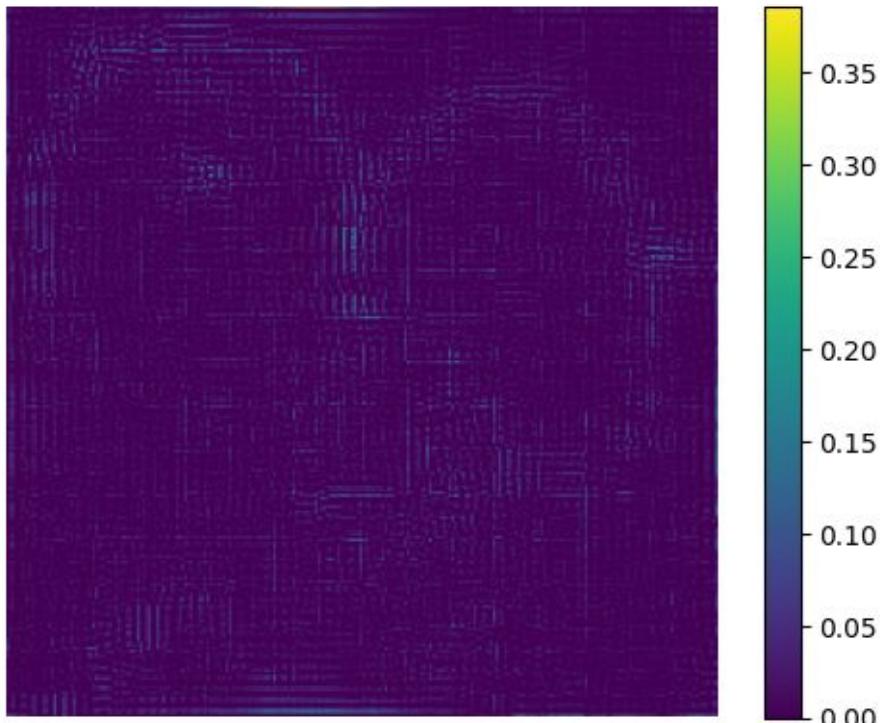


After HFRI

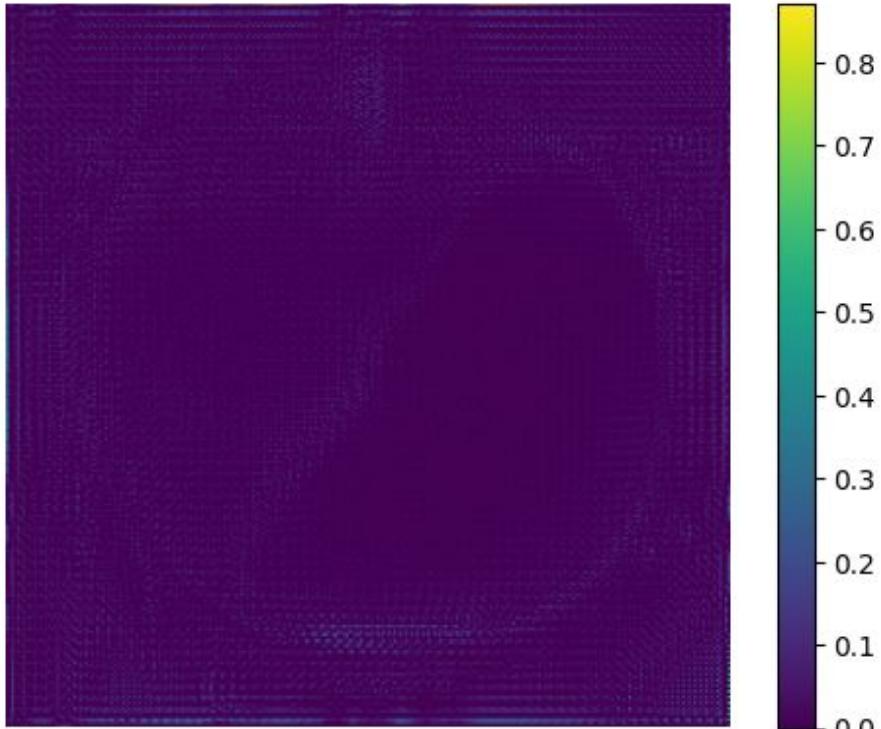


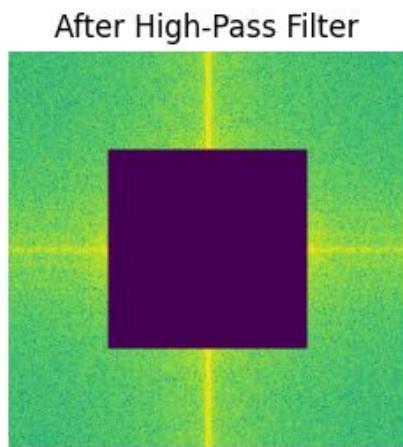
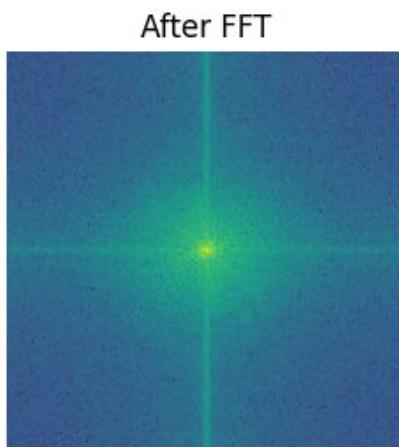
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After HFRFC



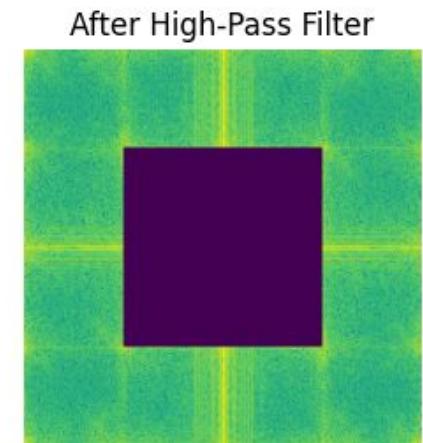
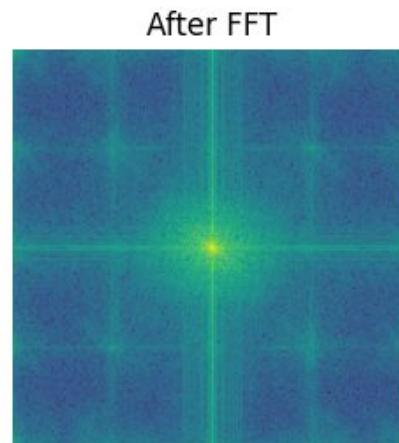
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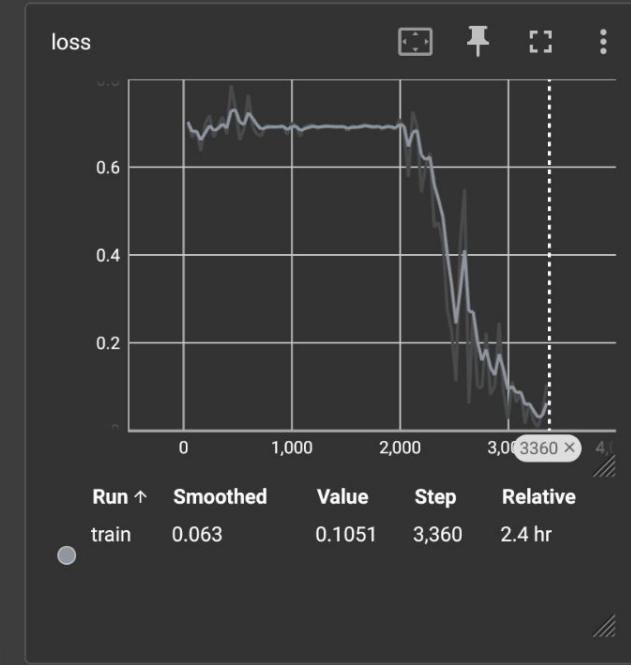
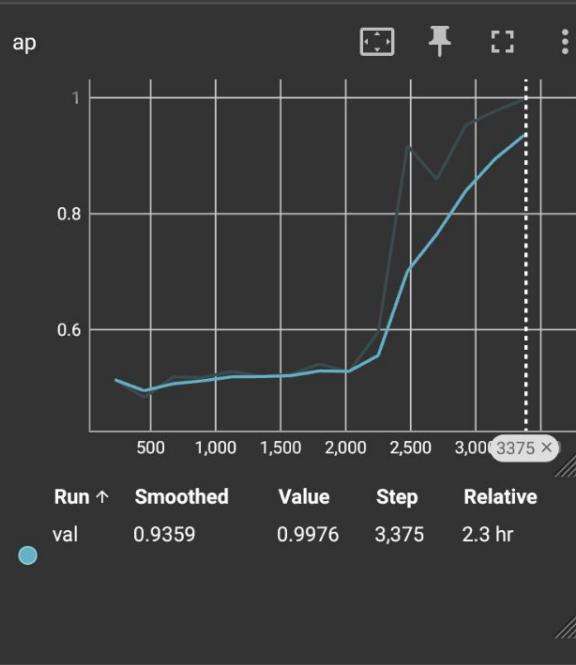
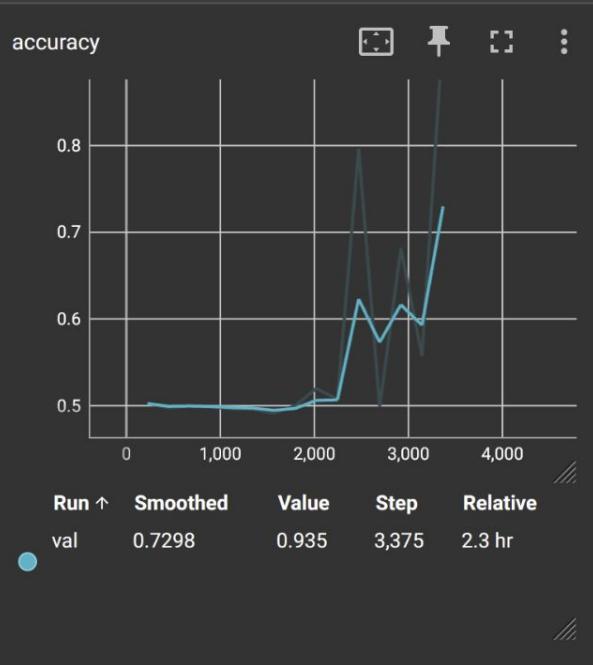


← Real

Fake →  
Artifacts visible



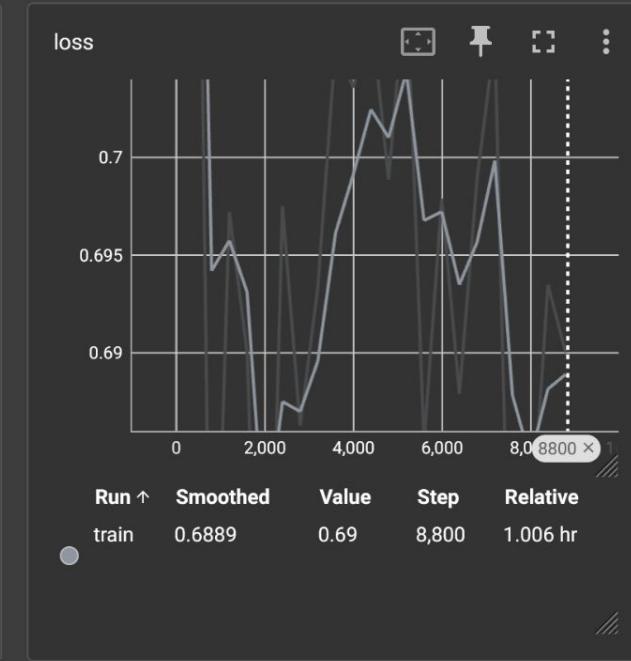
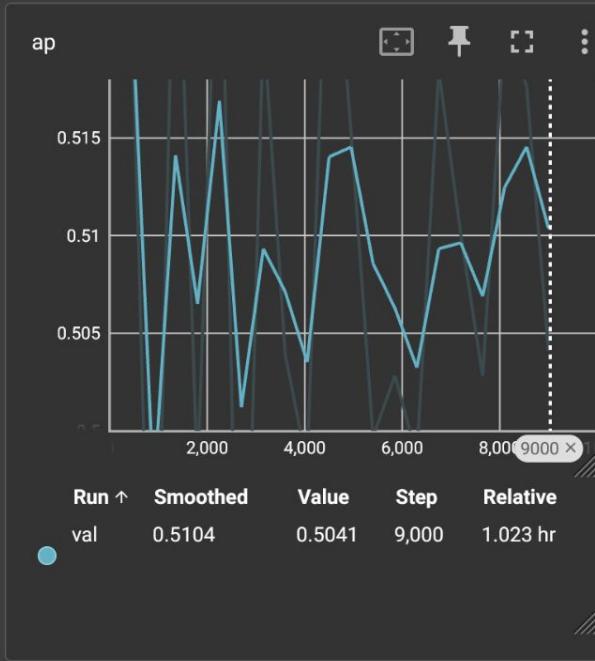
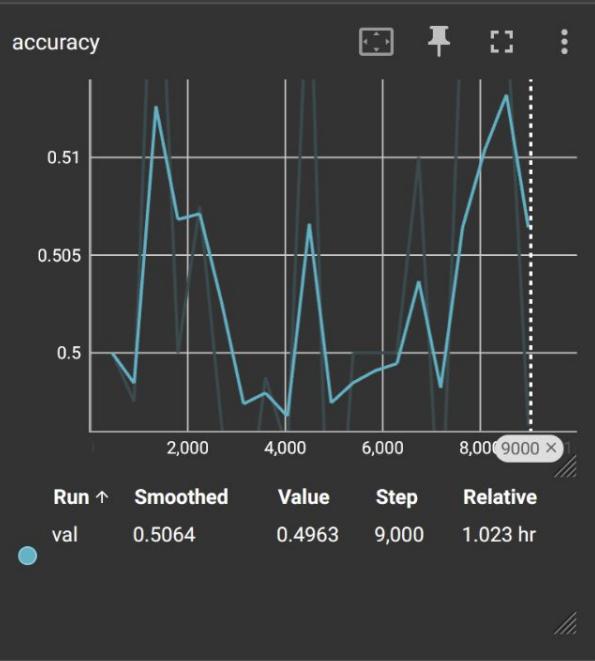
# Training: Base Model



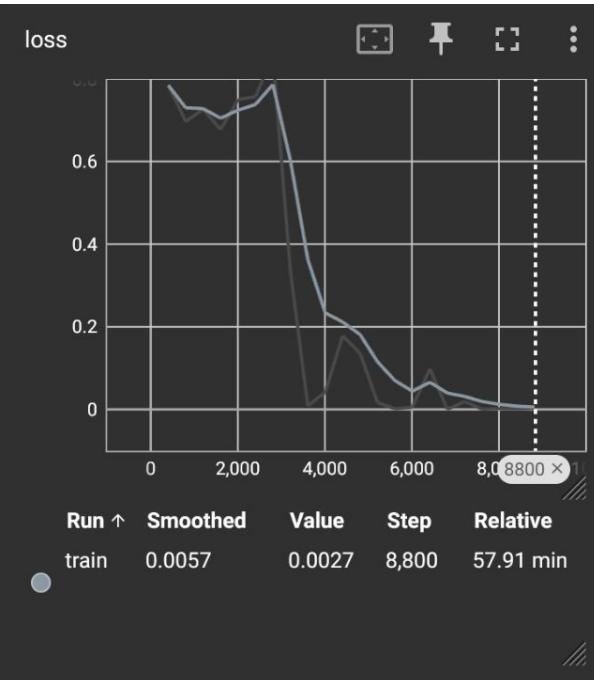
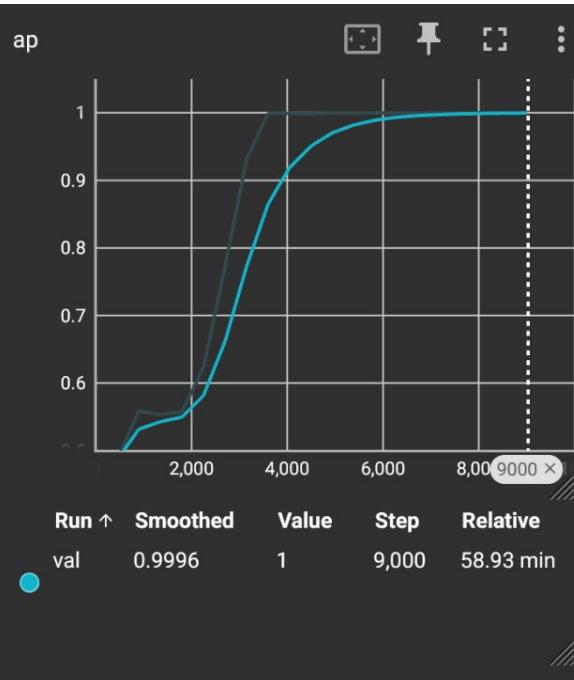
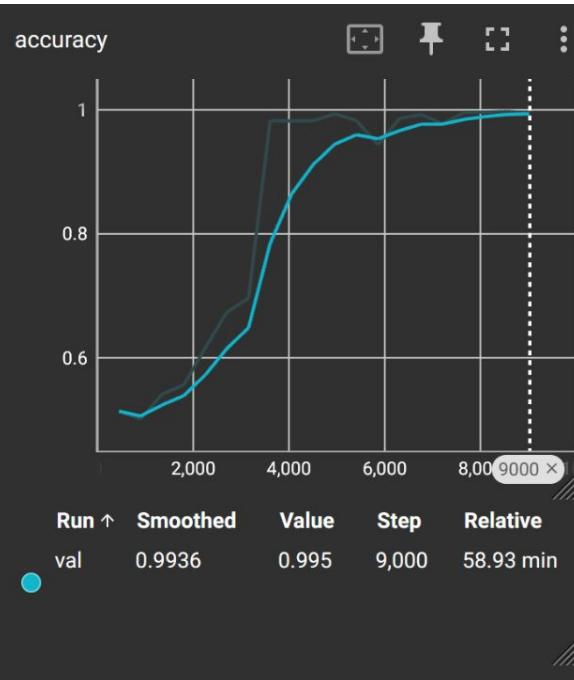
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Base Model = final model presented in Chuangchuang Tan et al. 2024

# Training: Attention Model



# Training: HFRI Ablation Model



# Quantitative Results

|           | Base Model |       | Attention Model |       | HFRI Ablation |       | Paper (200 epochs, 5x data) |       |
|-----------|------------|-------|-----------------|-------|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
|           | Acc        | AP    | Acc             | AP    | Acc           | AP    | Acc                         | AP    |
| ProGAN    | 93.1       | 99.4  | 50.9            | 49.4  | 98.0          | 99.9  | 99.6                        | 99.9  |
| StyleGAN  | 82.2       | 96.1  | 51.2            | 53.3  | 74.0          | 91.7  | 90.4                        | 98.9  |
| StyleGAN2 | 83.5       | 95.6  | 51.4            | 54.6  | 70.4          | 93.0  | 85.8                        | 98.1  |
| BigGAN    | 75.6       | 85.2  | 49.9            | 54.6  | 88.2          | 94.9  | 89.0                        | 96.0  |
| CycleGAN  | 76.0       | 89.1  | 49.8            | 46.7  | 83.6          | 93.8  | 96.7                        | 99.8  |
| StarGAN   | 54.3       | 56.0  | 50.8            | 53.8  | 62.8          | 91.9  | 97.5                        | 100.0 |
| GauGAN    | 77.0       | 96.6  | 49.9            | 49.0  | 83.0          | 97.7  | 88.0                        | 98.8  |
| Deepfake  | 52.0       | 87.2  | 49.8            | 52.3  | 58.0          | 55.6  | 80.7                        | 92.0  |
| Mean      | 74.21      | 88.15 | 50.46           | 51.71 | 77.25         | 89.81 | 91.0                        | 97.9  |



# Caveats

- Due to lack of compute power needed to do full trainings:
  - Training, validation, and testing datasets cut down to 1/5th
  - Trained for less epochs (20 vs 200)
- To allow for comparison, retrained a base model using the same architecture
- These may have influenced the effectiveness of the HFRI Ablation model





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# Questions ?



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**Thank You**

# Citations

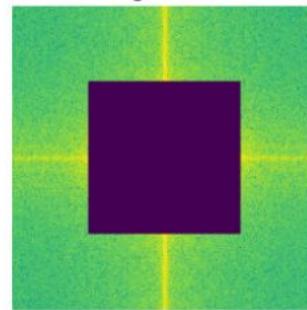
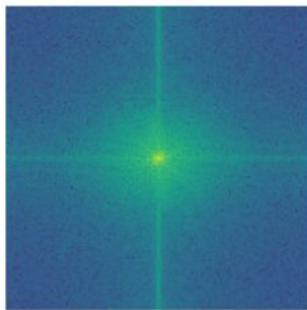
- FreqNet Chuangchuang Tan et al. 2024
- ForenSynths (Wang et al. 2020)



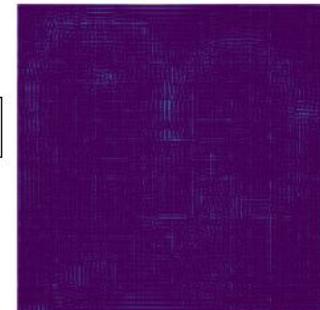
# HFRI (High Frequency Rep. of Image) Block



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