Fooling neural networks

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Generating preferred inputs

- Recall: we can use gradient ascent to generate weird-looking images to maximize activation of a given unit

K. Simonyan, A. Vedaldi, and A. Zisserman, [Deep Inside Convolutional Networks: Visualising Image Classification Models and Saliency Maps](), ICLR 2014

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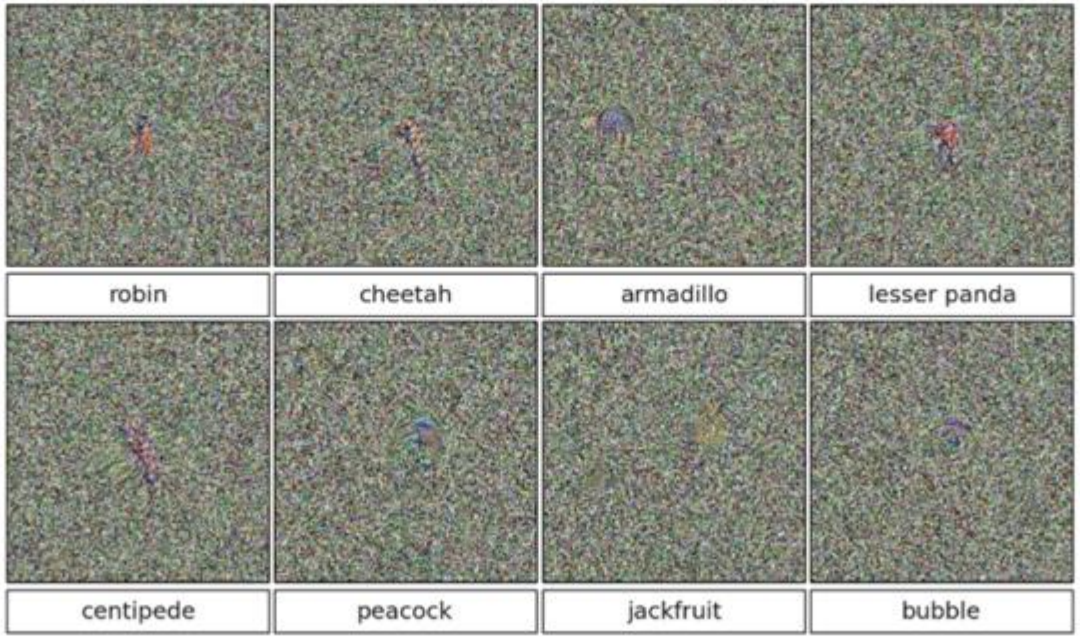
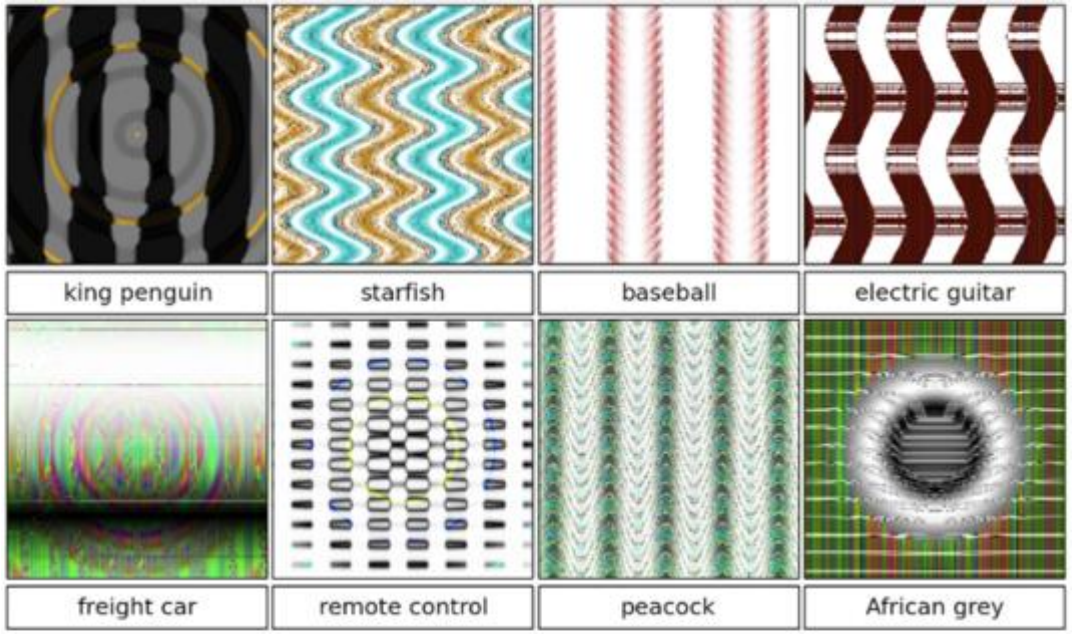
- Related finding: it is easy to generate meaningless images that will be classified as any given class with high confidence





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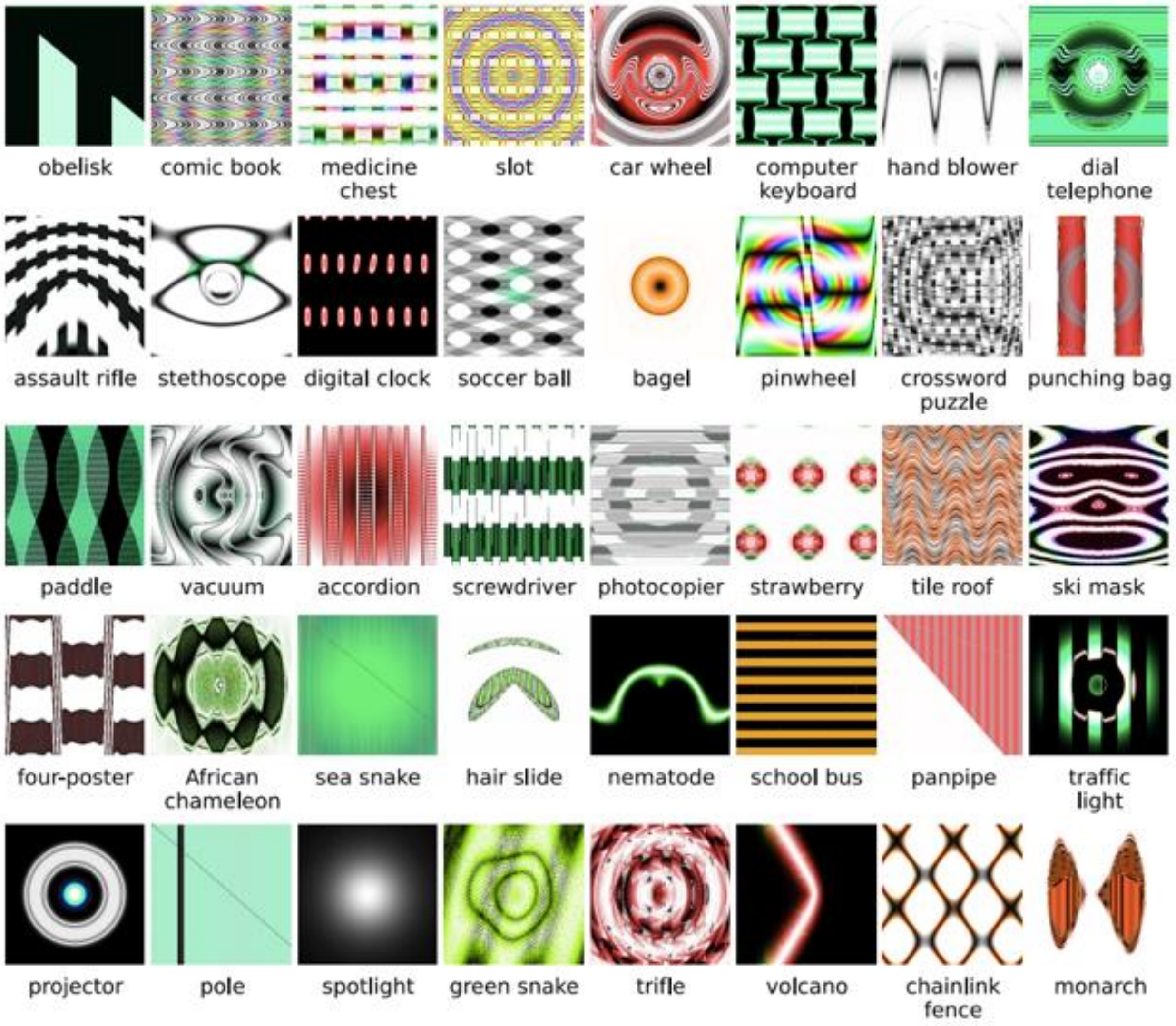

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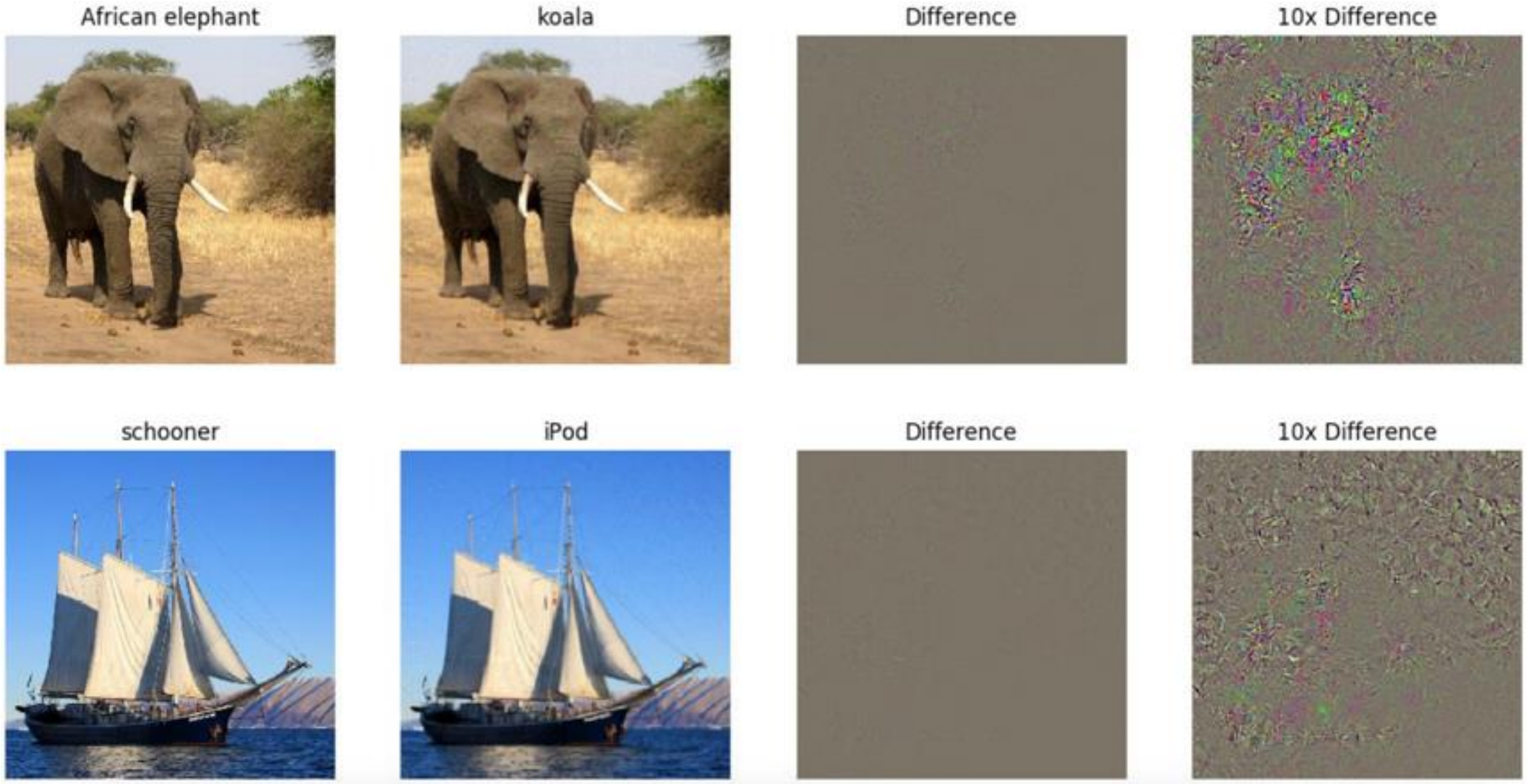
Adversarial examples

- We can “fool” a neural network by imperceptibly perturbing an input image so it is misclassified



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Adversarial examples: Outline

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  - Gradient ascent
  - Fast gradient sign, iterative variants
  - Universal adversarial perturbations
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Finding the smallest adversarial perturbation

- Start with correctly classified image x
- Find perturbation r minimizing $\|r\|_2$ such that
  - $x + r$ is misclassified (or classified as specific target class)
  - All values of $x + r$ are in the valid range
- This is constrained non-convex optimization, which the authors solve with L-BFGS
  - **Limited-memory BFGS** (**L-BFGS** or **LM-BFGS**) is an optimization algorithm in the family of quasi-Newton methods

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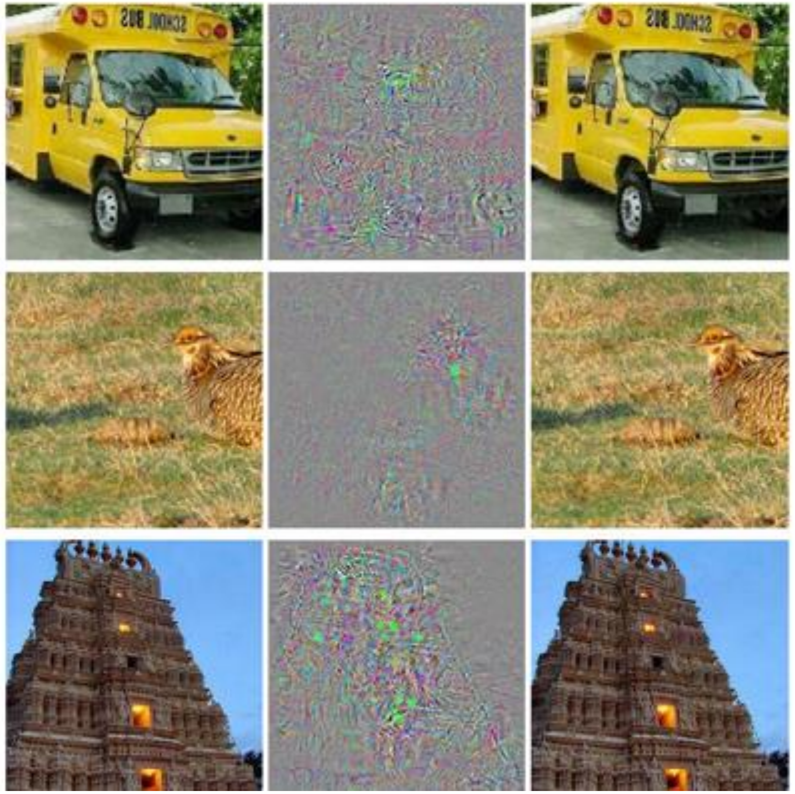
- Sample results:



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Gradient ascent

- Rather than searching for the smallest possible perturbation, it is easier to take small gradient steps in desired direction
- Decrease score (increase loss) of *correct* class y^*:

$$x \leftarrow x - \eta \frac{\partial f(x, y^*)}{\partial x} \quad \text{or} \quad x \leftarrow x + \eta \frac{\partial L(x, y^*)}{\partial x}$$

- Increase score (decrease loss) of *incorrect* target class $\hat{y}$:

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Fooling a linear classifier

- Increase score of target class $\hat{y}$:

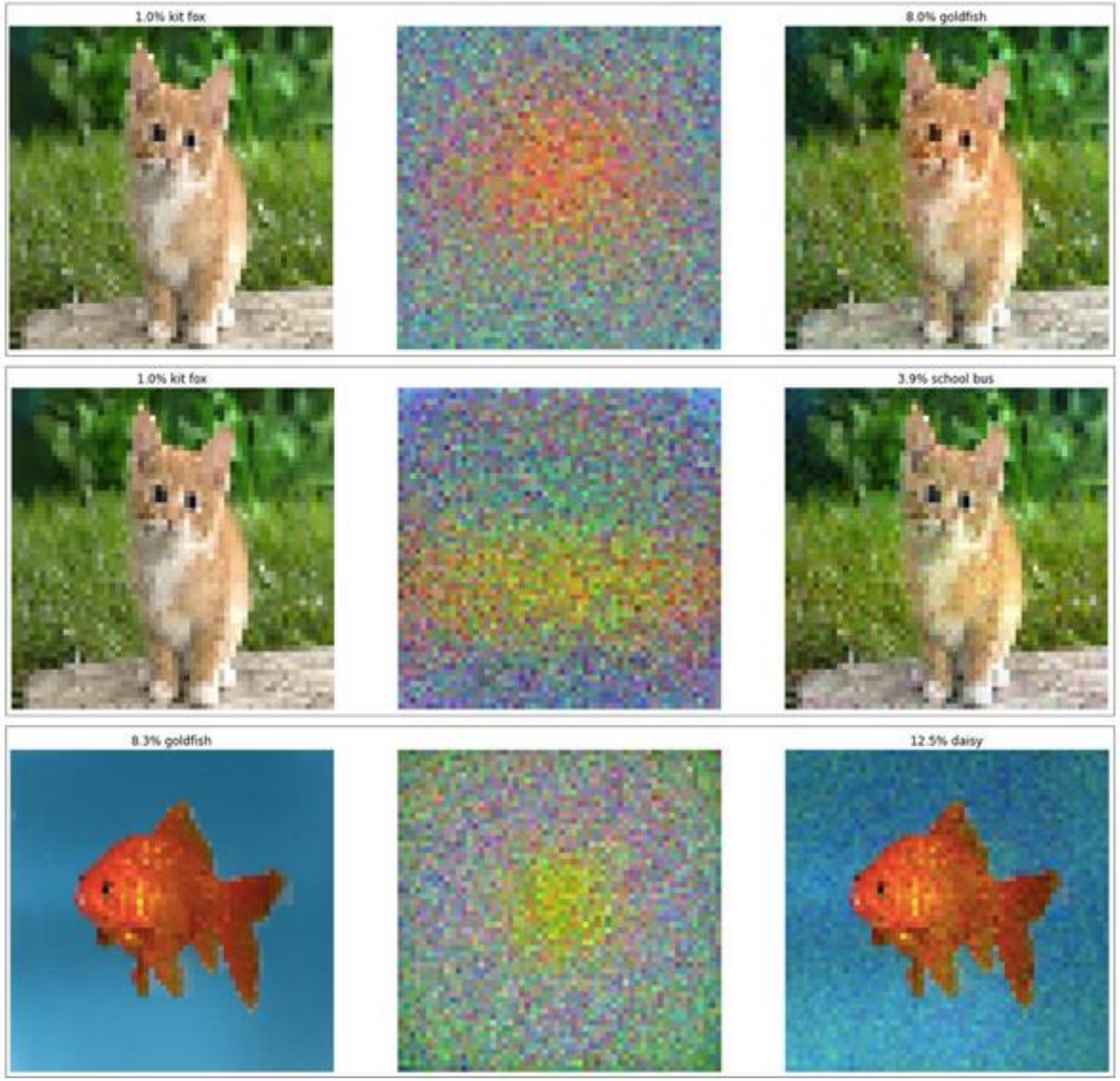
$$x \leftarrow x + \eta \frac{\partial f(x, \hat{y})}{\partial x}$$

- For a linear classifier with $f(x, \hat{y}) = w^T x$:

$$x \leftarrow x + \eta\, w$$

- To fool a linear classifier, add a small multiple of the target class weights to the test example

Fooling a linear classifier



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Analysis of the linear case

- Response of classifier with weights w to adversarial example $x + r$:

$$w^T(x + r) = w^T x + w^T r$$

- Suppose the pixel values have precision *Epsilon* (ϵ), i.e., the classifier is normally expected to predict the same class for x and $x + r$ as long as $\|r\|_\infty \leq \epsilon$
- How to choose r to maximize the increase in activation $w^T r$ subject to $\|r\|_\infty \leq \epsilon$?

$$r = \epsilon \operatorname{sgn}(w)$$

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- If w has dimensionality d and average element magnitude m, how much will the activation increase?
  - By ϵdm, i.e., linearly as a function of d
- The higher the dimensionality, the easier it is to make many small changes to the input that cause a large change in the output

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Toy example

x	2	-1	3	-2	2	2	1	-4	5	1
w	-1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	1	-1	1

$$w^T x = -2 + 1 + 3 + 2 + 2 - 2 + 1 - 4 - 5 + 1 = -3$$

$$\sigma(w^T x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(-3)}} = 0.047$$

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$x + r$	1.5	-1.5	3.5	-2.5	2.5	1.5	1.5	-3.5	4.5	1.5

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$$w^T(x + r) = -3 + 10 * 0.5 = 2$$

$$\sigma(w^T(x + r)) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-2}} = 0.88$$

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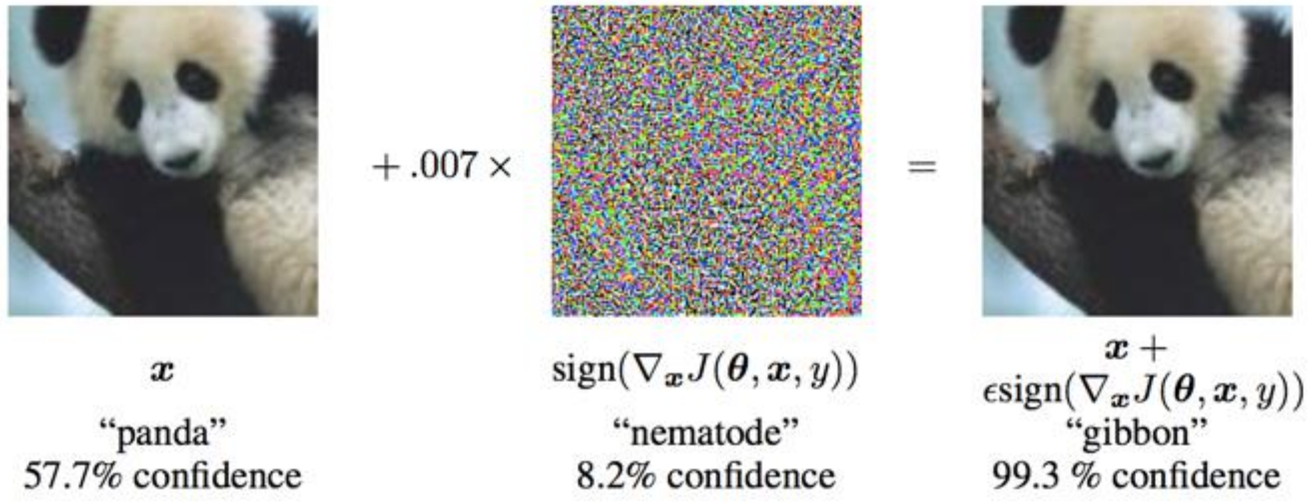
Generating adversarial examples

- **Fast gradient sign method:** Find the gradient of the loss w.r.t. correct class y^*, take element-wise sign, update in resulting direction:

$$x \leftarrow x + \epsilon \,\mathrm{sgn}\left(\frac{\partial L(x, y^*)}{\partial x}\right)$$



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- **Fast gradient sign method:**

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- **Iterative gradient sign method:** take multiple smaller steps until misclassified, each time clip result to be within ϵ-neighborhood of original image
- ***Least likely class*** **method:** try to misclassify image as class $\hat{y}$ with *smallest* initial score:

$$x \leftarrow x - \epsilon \,\mathrm{sgn}\left(\frac{\partial L(x, \hat{y})}{\partial x}\right)$$

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Comparison of methods for $\epsilon = 32$

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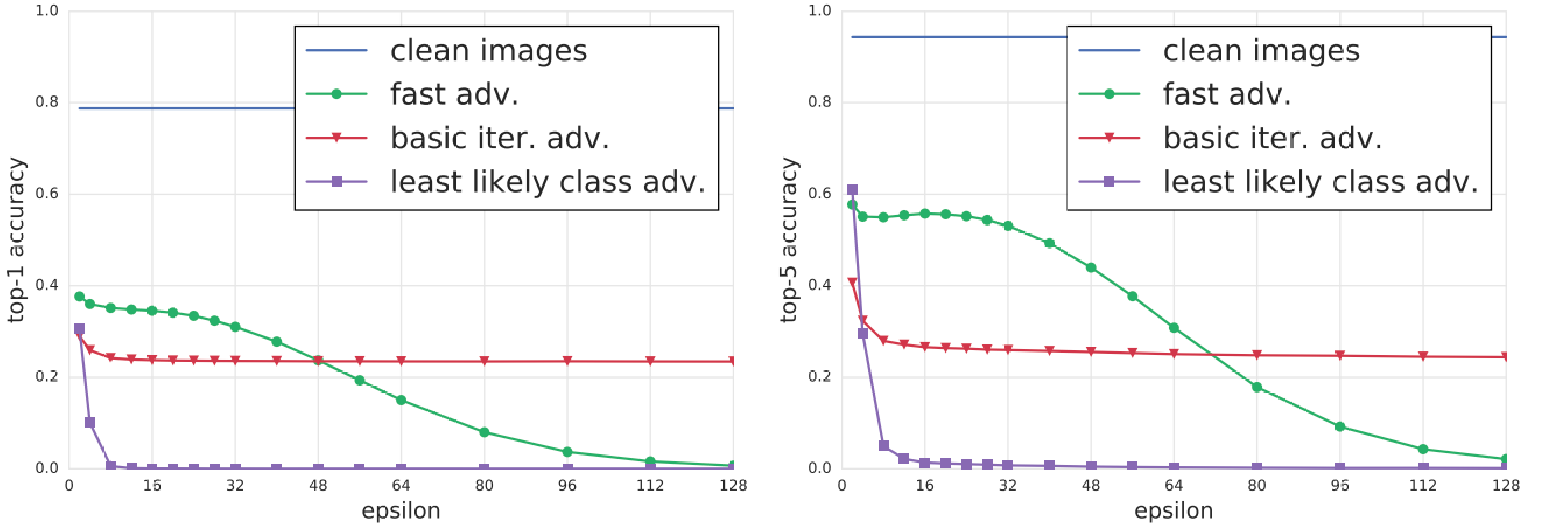

Figure 2: Top-1 and top-5 accuracy of Inception v3 under attack by different adversarial methods and different ϵ compared to "clean images" — unmodified images from the dataset. The accuracy was computed on all $50,000$ validation images from the ImageNet dataset. In these experiments ϵ varies from 2 to 128.

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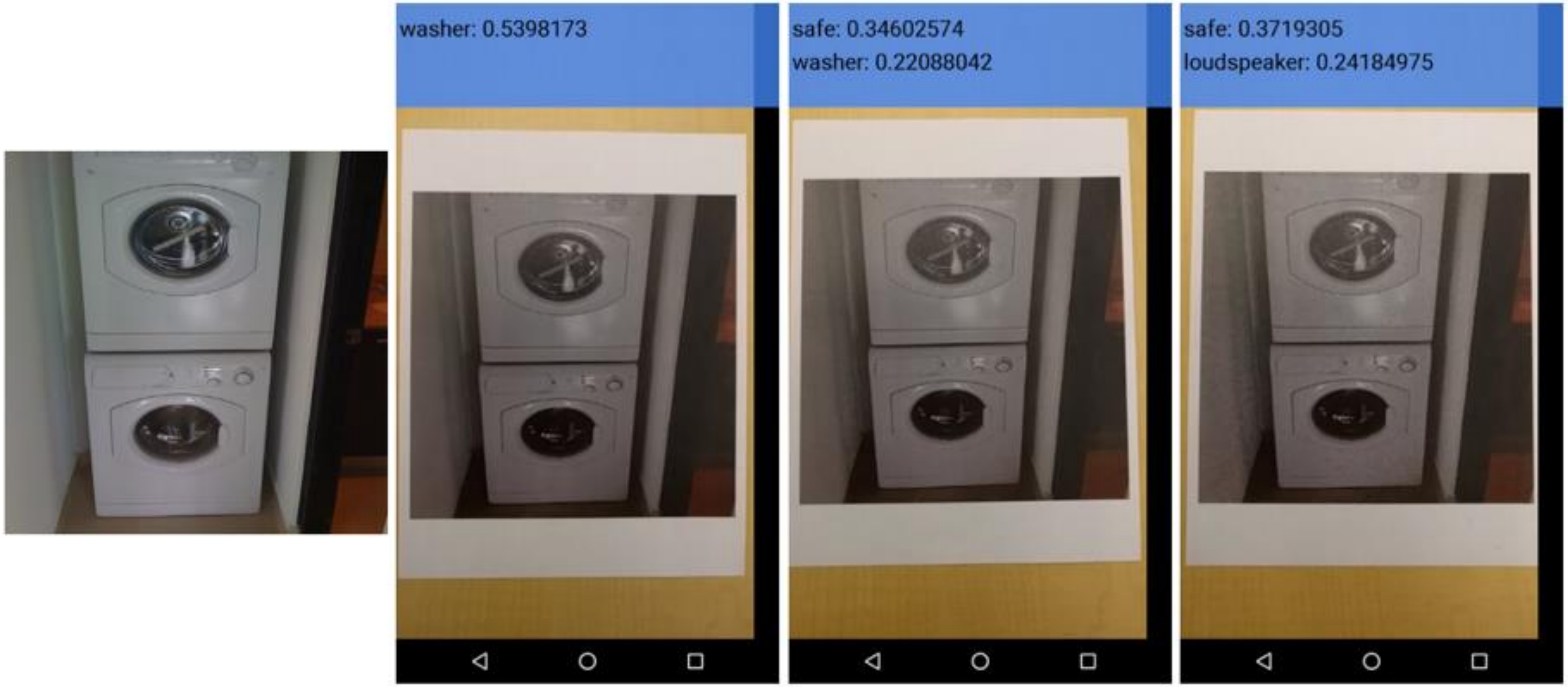
Printed adversarial examples

- “Black box” attack on a cell phone app: take a clean image, add perturbation, print out, classify with TensorFlow Camera Demo app



(a) Image from dataset (b) Clean image (c) Adv. image, $\epsilon = 4$ (d) Adv. image, $\epsilon = 8$

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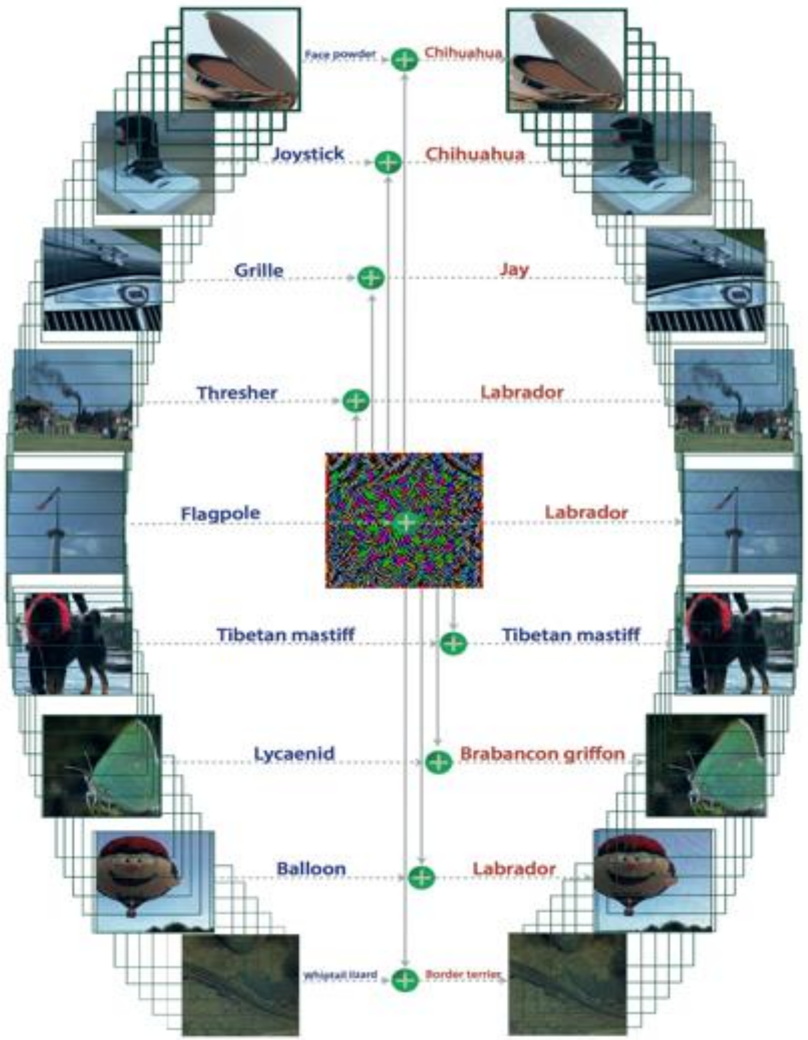
Universal adversarial perturbations

- Goal: for a given network, find an *image-independent* perturbation vector that causes *all images* to be misclassified with high probability



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Universal adversarial perturbations

Approach:

- Start with $r = 0$
- Cycle through training examples x_i (in multiple passes)
  - If $x_i + r$ is misclassified, skip to x_{i+1}
  - Find minimum perturbation Δr that takes $x_i + r + \Delta r$ to another class
  - Update $r \leftarrow r + \Delta r$, enforce $\|r\| \leq \epsilon$
- Terminate when fooling rate on training examples reaches target value

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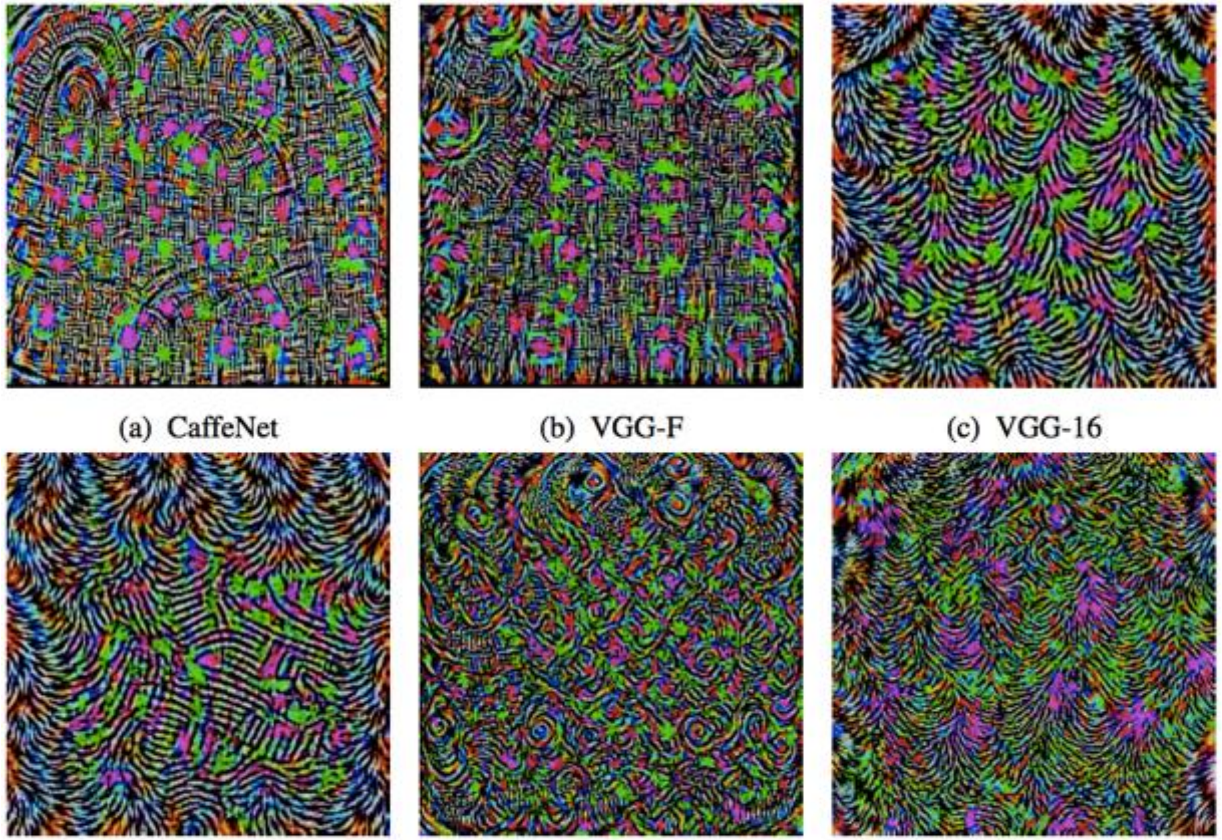
- Perturbation vectors computed from different architectures:



(a) CaffeNet (b) VGG-F (c) VGG-16
(d) VGG-19 (e) GoogLeNet (f) ResNet-152

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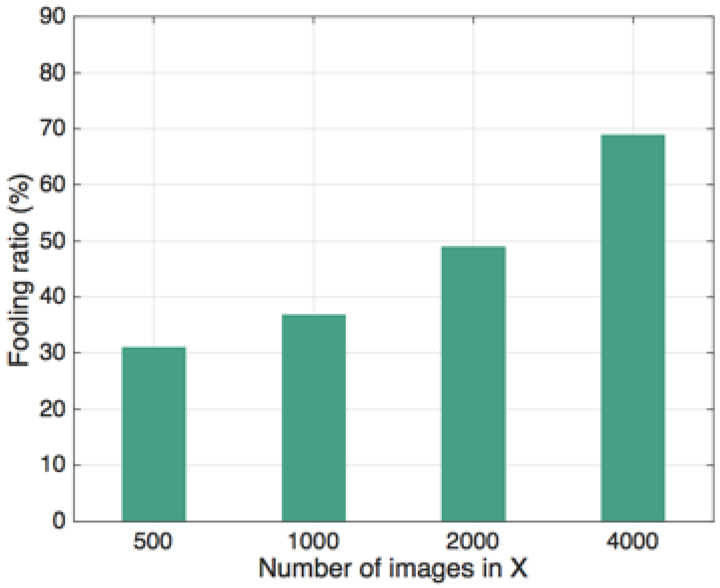

Fooling ratio on validation set vs. training set (X) size for GoogLeNet

Fooling rates on different models after training on 10,000 images

		CaffeNet [8]	VGG-F [2]	VGG-16 [17]	VGG-19 [17]	GoogLeNet [18]	ResNet-152 [6]
ℓ_2	X	85.4%	85.9%	90.7%	86.9%	82.9%	89.7%
	Val.	85.6	87.0%	90.3%	84.5%	82.0%	88.5%
ℓ_∞	X	93.1%	93.8%	78.5%	77.8%	80.8%	85.4%
	Val.	93.3%	93.7%	78.3%	77.8%	78.9%	84.0%

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Universal adversarial perturbations

- Universal perturbations turn out to generalize well across models!

Fooling rate when computing a perturbation for one model (rows)
and testing it on others (columns)

	VGG-F	CaffeNet	GoogLeNet	VGG-16	VGG-19	ResNet-152
VGG-F	**93.7%**	71.8%	48.4%	42.1%	42.1%	47.4 %
CaffeNet	74.0%	**93.3%**	47.7%	39.9%	39.9%	48.0%
GoogLeNet	46.2%	43.8%	**78.9%**	39.2%	39.8%	45.5%
VGG-16	63.4%	55.8%	56.5%	**78.3%**	73.1%	63.4%
VGG-19	64.0%	57.2%	53.6%	73.5%	**77.8%**	58.0%
ResNet-152	46.3%	46.3%	50.5%	47.0%	45.5%	**84.0%**

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Properties of adversarial examples

- For any input image, it is usually easy to generate a very similar image that gets misclassified by the same network
- To obtain an adversarial example, one does not need to do precise gradient ascent
- Adversarial images can (somewhat) survive transformations like being printed and photographed
- It is possible to attack many images with the same perturbation
- Adversarial examples that can fool one network have a high chance of fooling a network with different parameters and even architecture

Why are deep networks easy to fool?

- Networks are “too linear”: it is easy to manipulate output in a predictable way given the input
- The input dimensionality is high, so one can get a large change in the output by changing individual inputs by small amounts
- Neural networks can fit anything, but nothing prevents them from behaving erratically between training samples
  - Counter-intuitively, a network can both generalize well on natural images and be susceptible to adversarial examples
- Adversarial examples generalize well because different models learn similar functions when trained to perform the same task (or because adversarial examples are a function of the data rather than of the network)?

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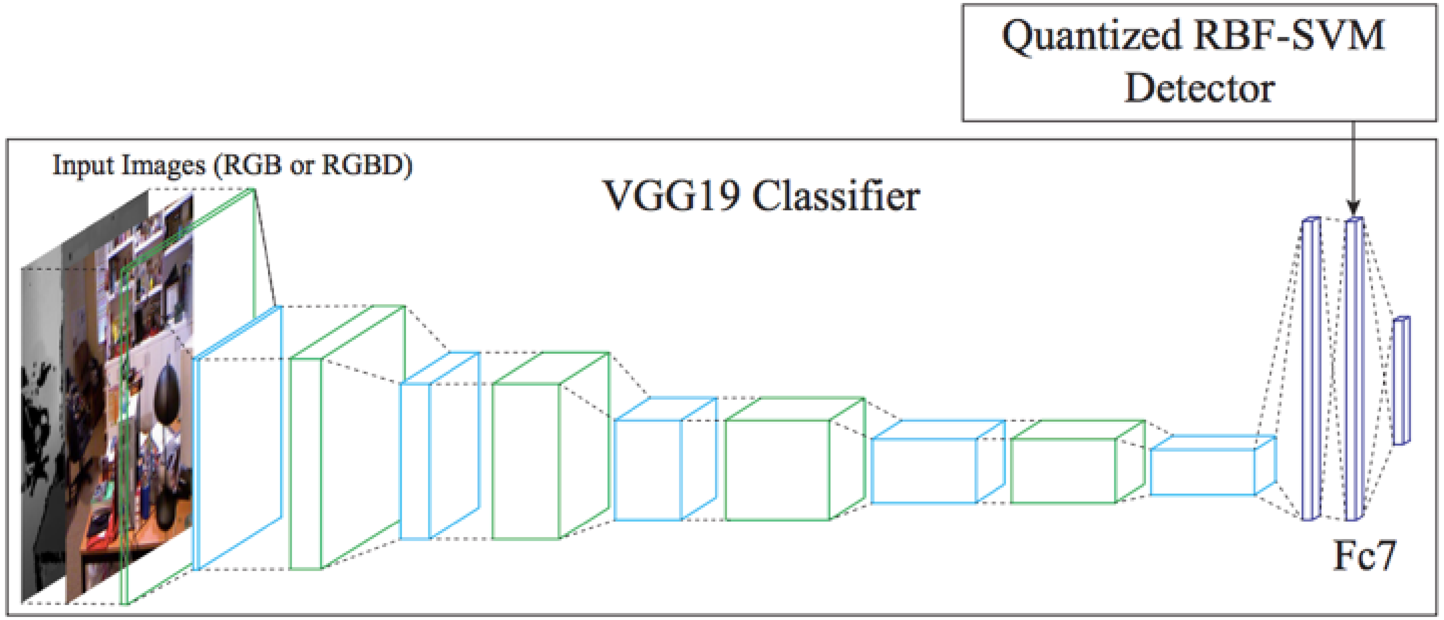
Defending against adversarial examples

- Adversarial training: networks can be made somewhat resistant by augmenting or regularizing training with adversarial examples (Goodfellow et al. 2015, Tramer et al. 2018)

Defending against adversarial examples

- Train a separate model to reject adversarial examples: SafetyNet
  - uses **radial basis function kernel (RBF) - SVM**



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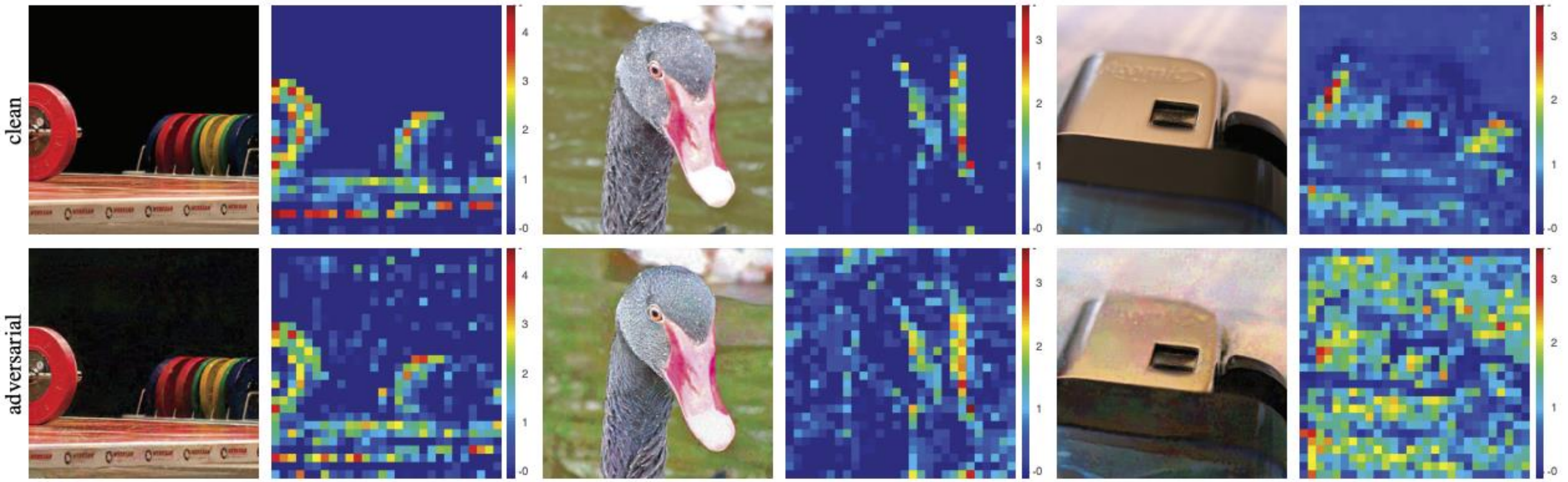
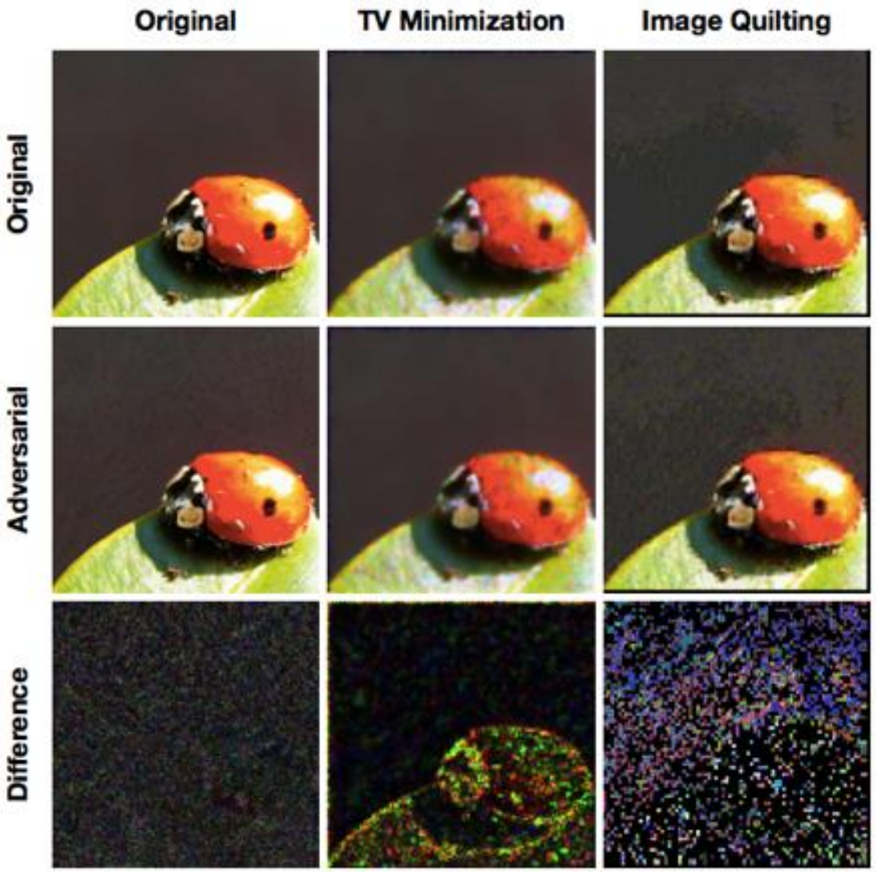


Figure 2. More examples similar to Figure 1. We show feature maps corresponding to clean images (top) and to their adversarial perturbed versions (bottom). The feature maps for each pair of examples are from the same channel of a res_3 block in the same ResNet-50 trained on clean images. The attacker has a maximum perturbation $\epsilon = 16$ in the pixel domain.

C. Xie et al., [Feature Denoising for Improving Adversarial Robustness](), CVPR 2018

Defending against adversarial examples

- Pre-process input images to disrupt adversarial perturbations



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- It is even harder to fool a detector with physical objects

"All three patterns reliably fool detectors when mapped into videos. However, physical instances of these patterns are not equally successful. The first two stop signs, as physical objects, only occasionally fool Faster RCNN; the third one, which has a much more extreme pattern, is more effective."

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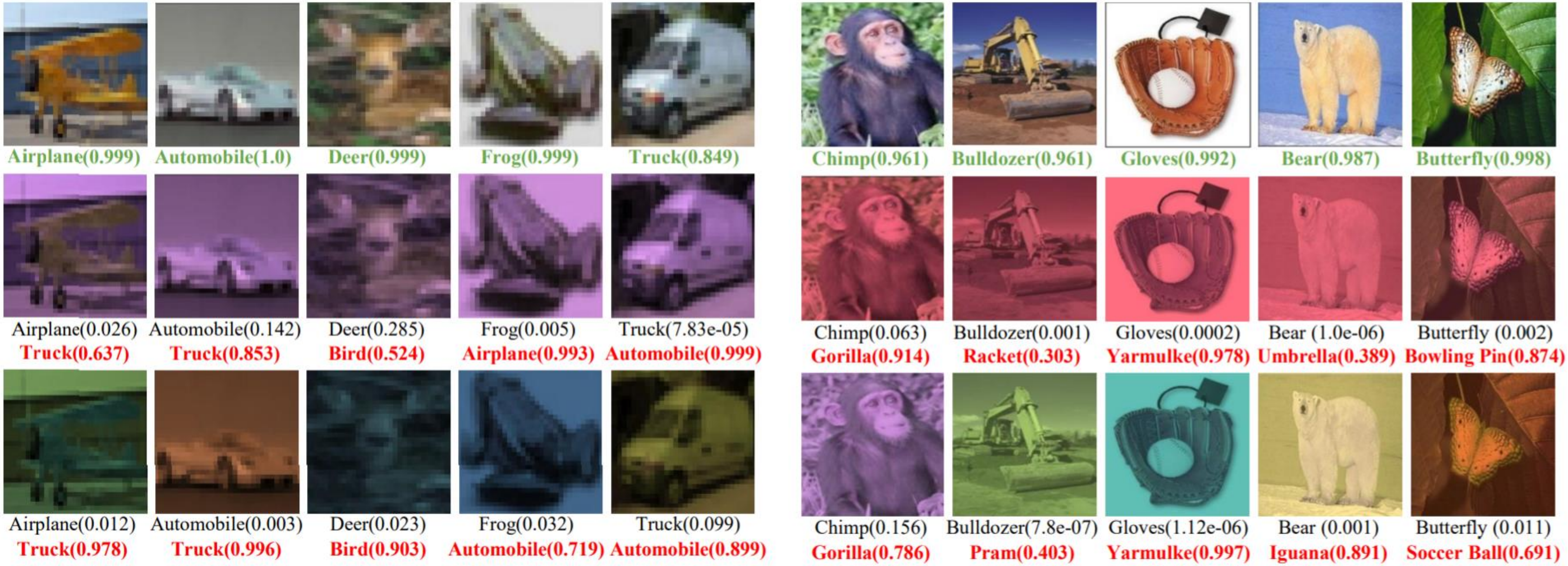
Robust adversarial examples

Color Channel Perturbation

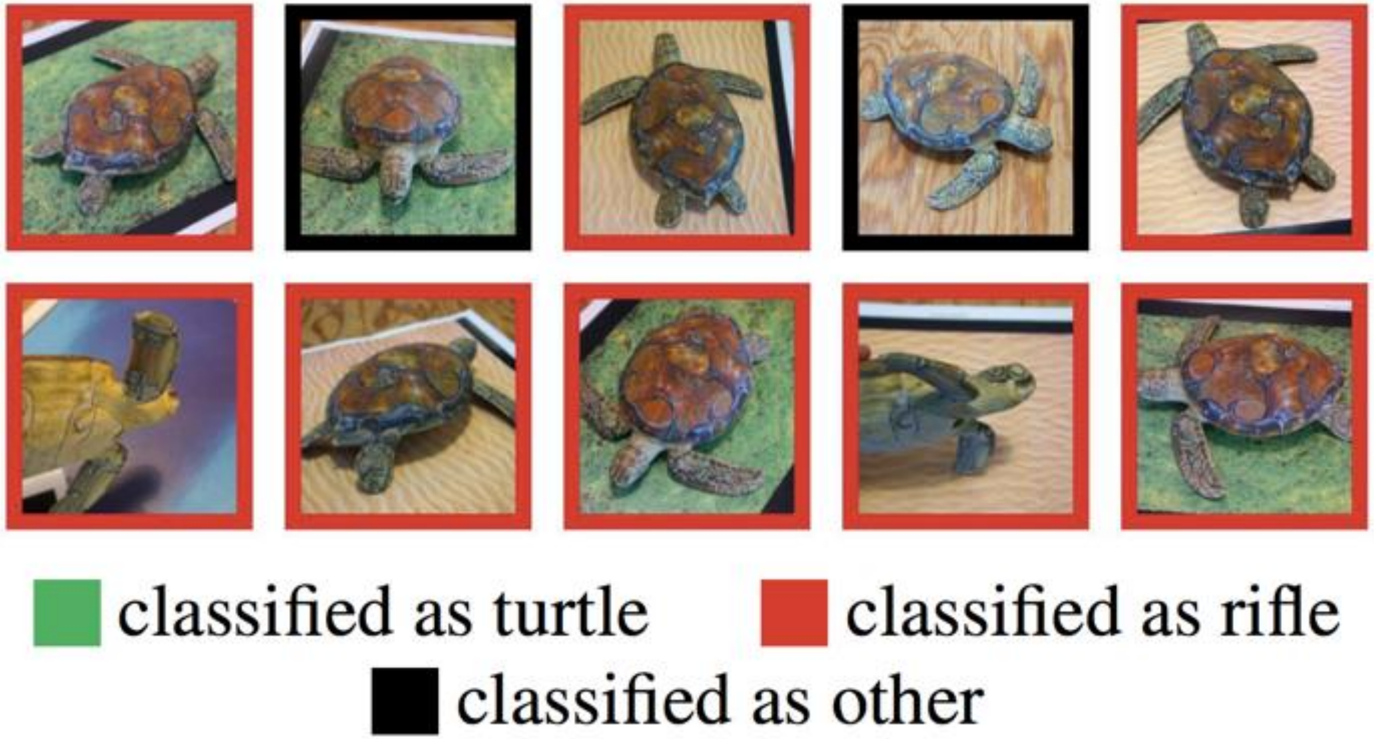


1st Row: Clean Image, 2nd Row: CCP-Fixed Attack, 3rd Row: CCP-Variable Attack

K. Jayendra, S.R. Dubey, S. Chakraborty, [Color Channel Perturbation Attacks for Fooling Convolutional Neural Networks and A Defense Against Such Attacks](), IEEE TAI 2020

Robust adversarial examples

3D printed adversarial object (YouTube video)



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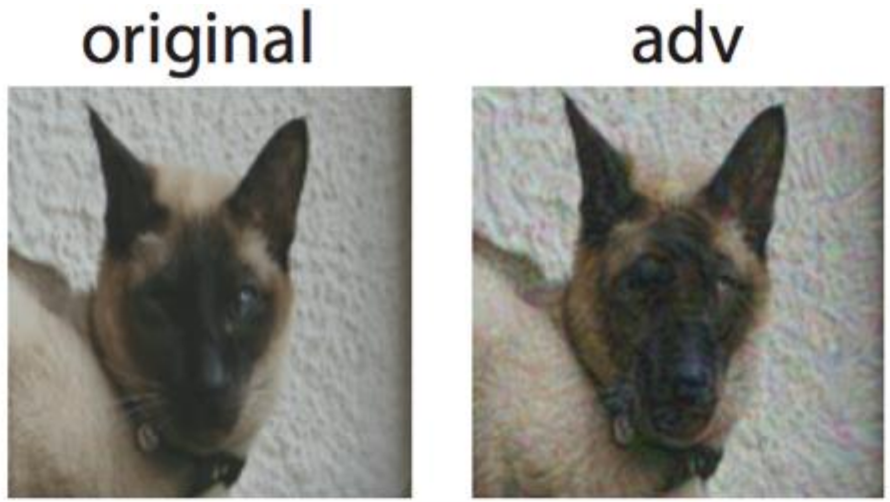
A. Athalye, L. Engstrom, A. Ilyas, K. Kwok, Synthesizing Robust Adversarial Examples, ICML 2018

Adversarial examples and humans

- Adversarial examples that are designed to transfer across multiple architectures can also be shown to confuse the human visual system in rapid presentation settings



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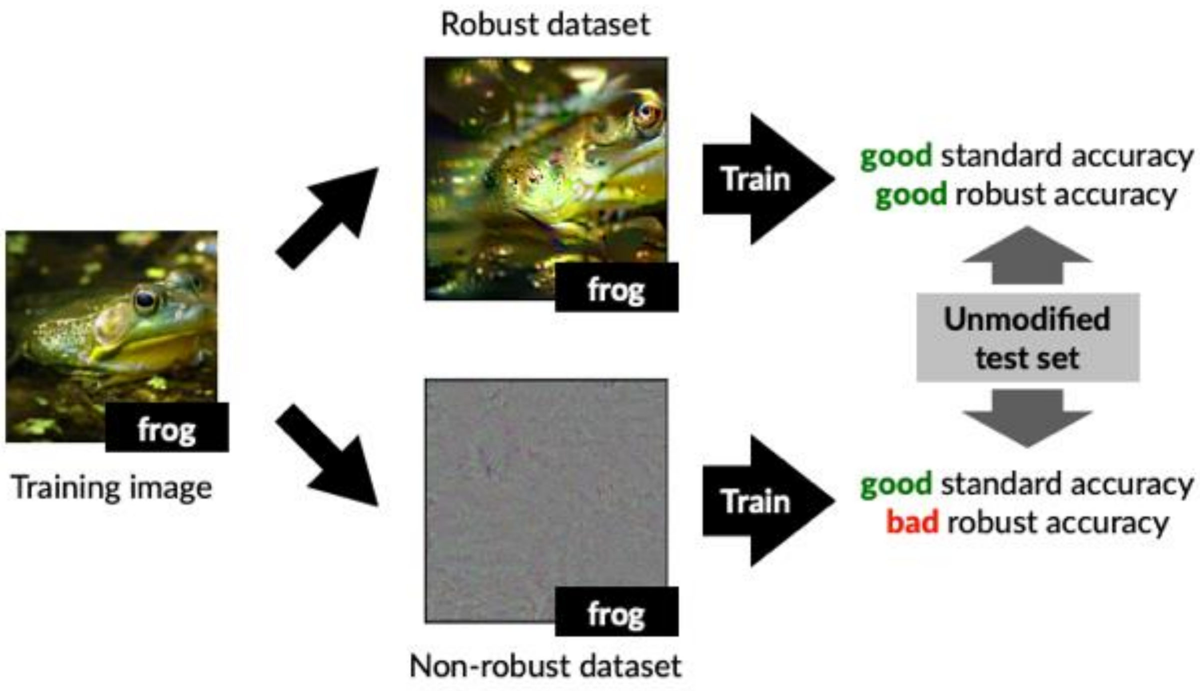
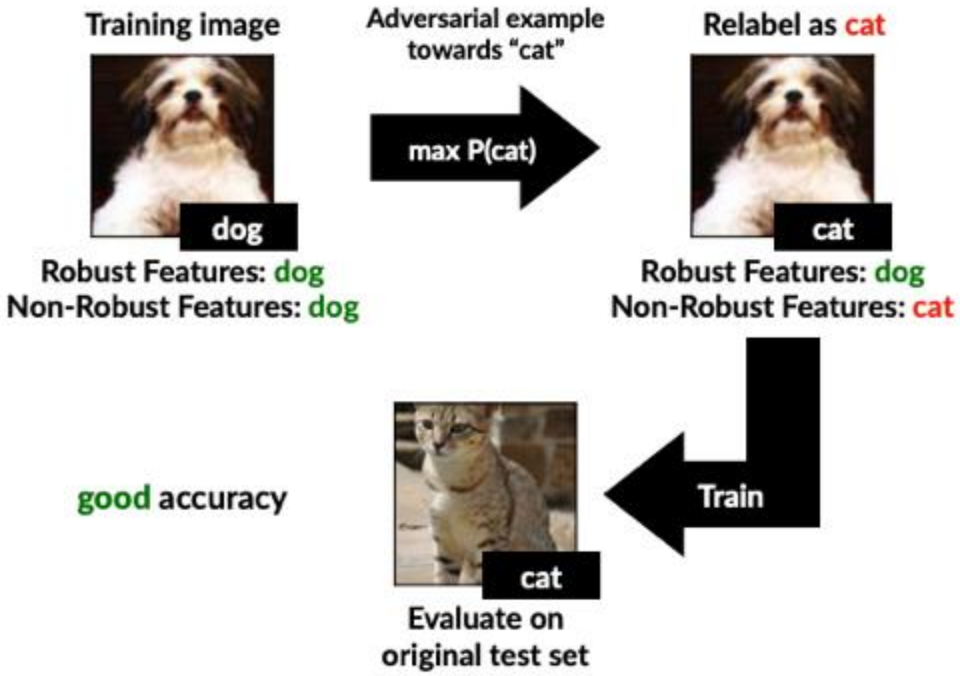
Adversarial examples are not bugs, they are features





Disentangle features into robust and non-robust

Construct a dataset which appears mislabeled to humans (via adversarial examples) but results in good accuracy on the original test set

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