

EN.601.482/682 Deep Learning

Interpretability, Generalization and Domain Gaps

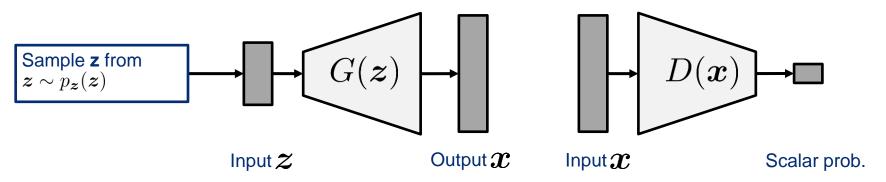
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Generative Adversarial Networks



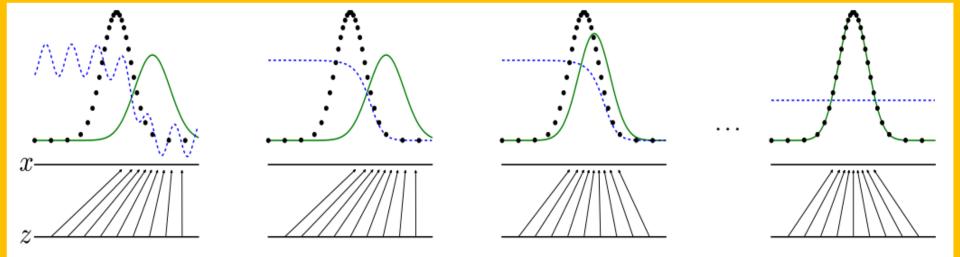
$$\min_{G} \max_{D} V(D,G) = \mathbf{E}_{\boldsymbol{x} \sim p_{\text{data}}(\boldsymbol{x})} [\log D(\boldsymbol{x})] + \mathbf{E}_{\boldsymbol{z} \sim p_{\boldsymbol{z}}(\boldsymbol{z})} [\log (1 - D(G((\boldsymbol{z}))))]$$

GANs: A two-player minimax game with value function V(D,G)

Generator: Generates images in an attempt to fool the discriminator

Discriminator: Tries to differentiate between real and generated images





- Near convergence: $p_g(G)$ is similar to p_{data} , and D(x) is partially accurate
- Inner loop: D(x) is trained to better discriminate, converging to $D^{\star}(x) = \frac{p_{\text{data}}(x)}{p_{\text{data}}(x) + p_g(x)}$
- After G update: Gradient of D(x) has guided G(z) to be more likely classified as "real"
- After multiple iterations, $p_g(G) = p_{\text{data}}$ and $D(\boldsymbol{x}) = \frac{1}{2}$

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Goodfellow, I., Pouget-Abadie, J., Mirza, M., Xu, B., Warde-Farley, D., Ozair, S., ... & Bengio, Y. (2014). Generative adversarial nets. NeurlPS (pp. 2672-2680)

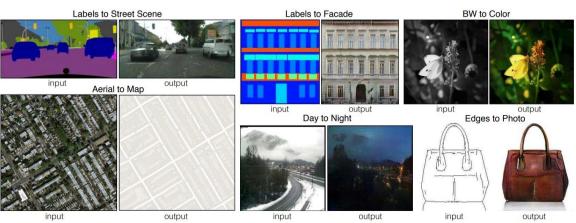
Image-to-image Translation

Standard GAN: Random noise vector to output image

$$\boldsymbol{E}_{\boldsymbol{x}}[\log D(\boldsymbol{x})] + \boldsymbol{E}_{\boldsymbol{z}}[\log(1 - D(G((\boldsymbol{z})))]$$

Conditional GAN: Random noise vector + observed image to output image

$$\boldsymbol{E}_{\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y}}[\log D(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{y})] + \boldsymbol{E}_{\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{z}}[\log(1-D(\boldsymbol{x},G(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{z})))]$$



Isola, P., Zhu, J. Y., Zhou, T., & Efros, A. A. (2017). Image-to-image translation with conditional adversarial networks. CVPR (pp. 1125-1134).

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Visualization and Saliency

Problem

- ConvNets are a bit of a black-box
- Input sample in, prediction out
- → Can we understand the prediction process?
- → Explainability, interpretability, reasoning, ...
- → Important for discovering associations that were unknown a priori

Q: How to do this?



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Approach 2: Highlighting image regions that excite neurons



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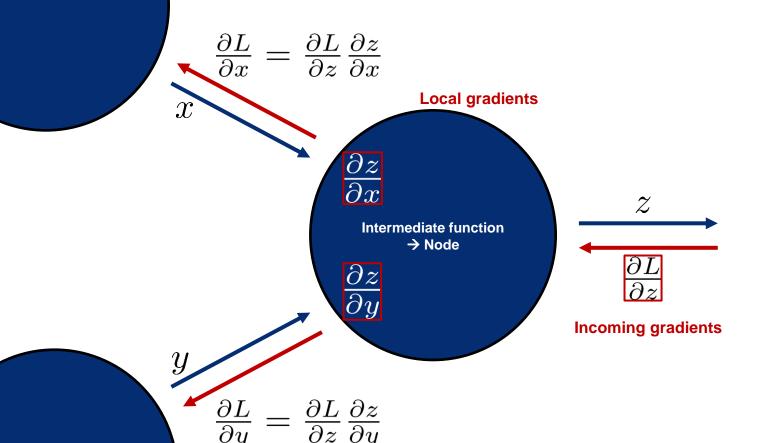
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Q: Do we know anything that can do this?



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 , where

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Q: What exactly is Sc? Posterior probabilities or unnormalized class scores?

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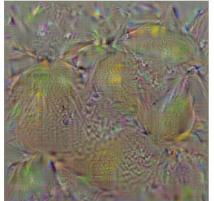
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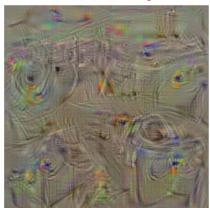
Unnormalized class scores! Because $\underset{I}{\arg\max} \; P_c(I) + \lambda \|I\|_2^2 = \underset{I}{\arg\max} \; \frac{\exp S_c(I)}{\sum_c \exp S_c(I)} + \lambda \|I\|_2^2$ could be maximized by minimizing other class scores!

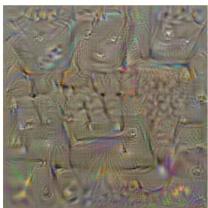


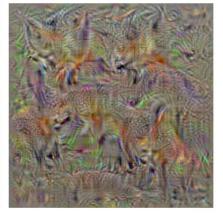




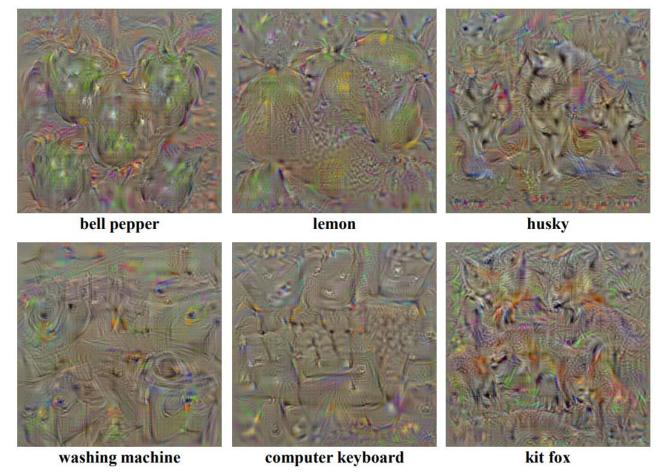
Which classes are maximally activated?







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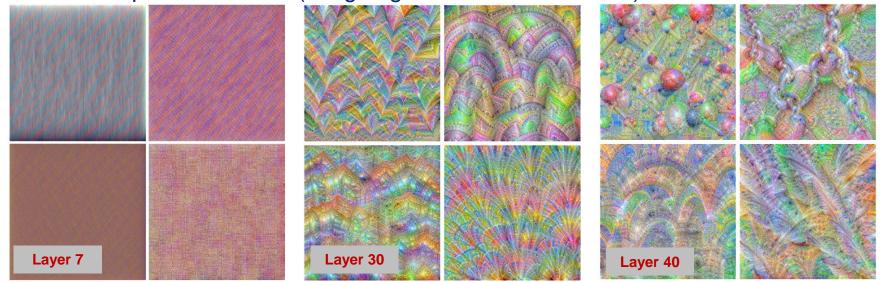


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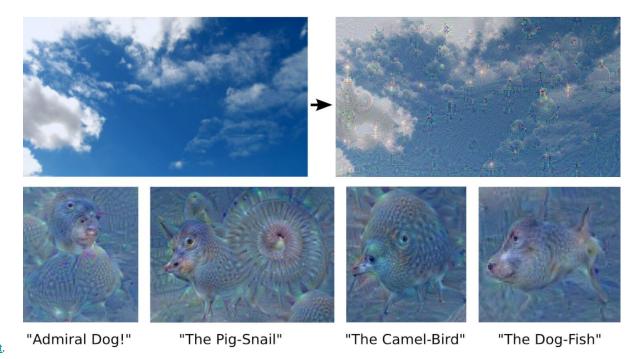
The same concept of maximizing response w.r.t. the input image works for any feature map in a ConvNet (images generated with VGG16)



From a Blogpost written by Fabio Graetz.

DeepDream: More or less the same thing but this time with hype!

→ Do not start from an all-zero image, but from any image





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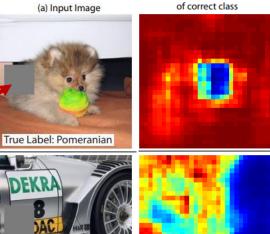
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Highlighting Image Regions that Excite Neurons

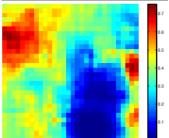
Which regions contribute the most to the resulting prediction?

- Successively occlude regions in the image using a gray patch
- Monitor change in activation of correct class label





True Label: Car Wheel

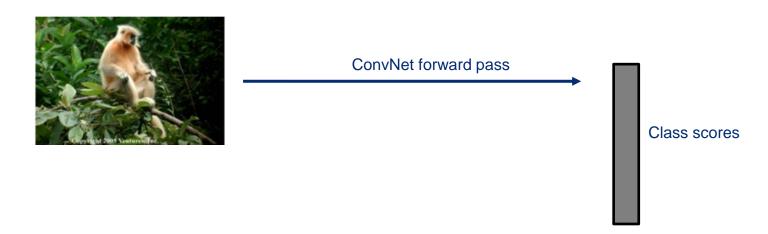


(d) Classifier, probability

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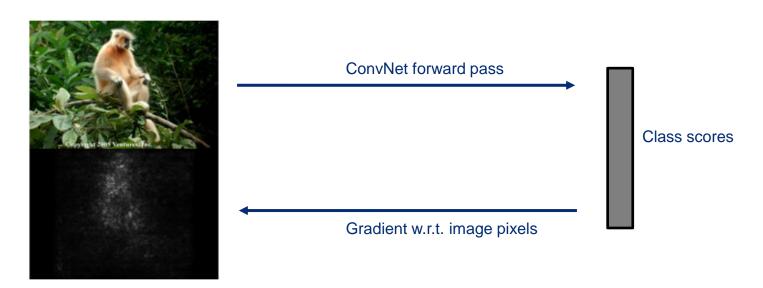
Saliency



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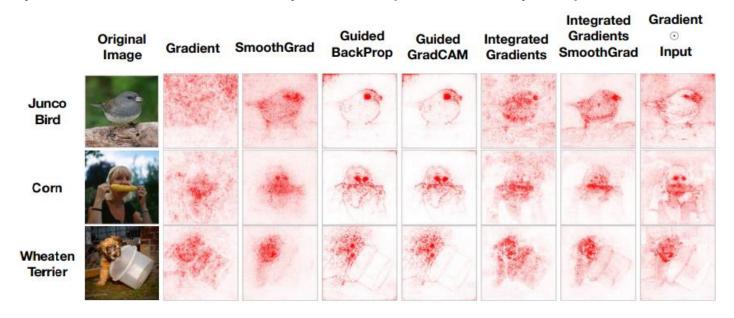
Saliency: Extremely fast and no additional annotations!





Saliency is popular!

Many different / advanced ways to compute saliency responses

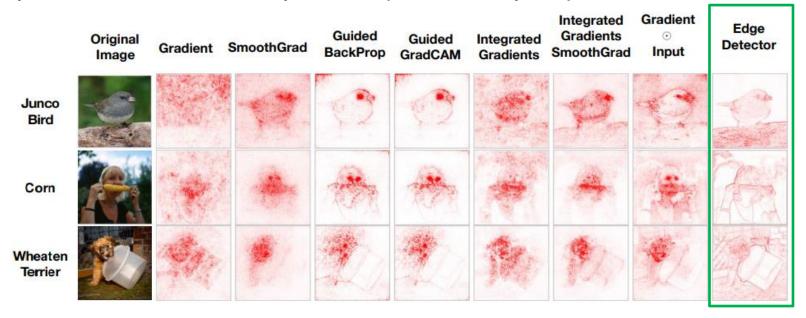


Q: Do you notice anything interesting?



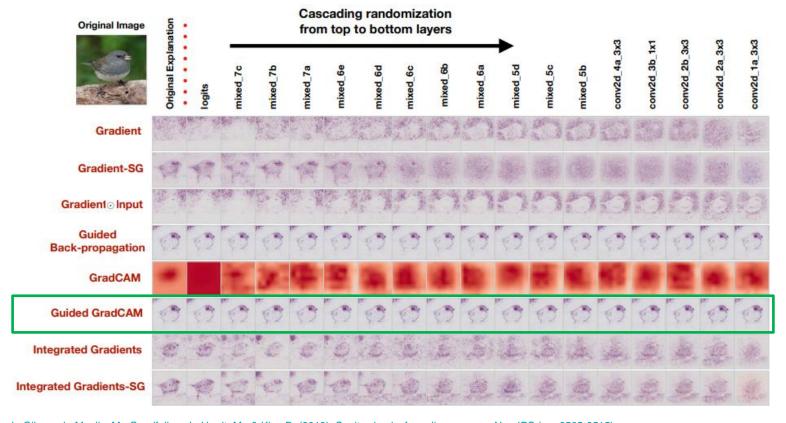
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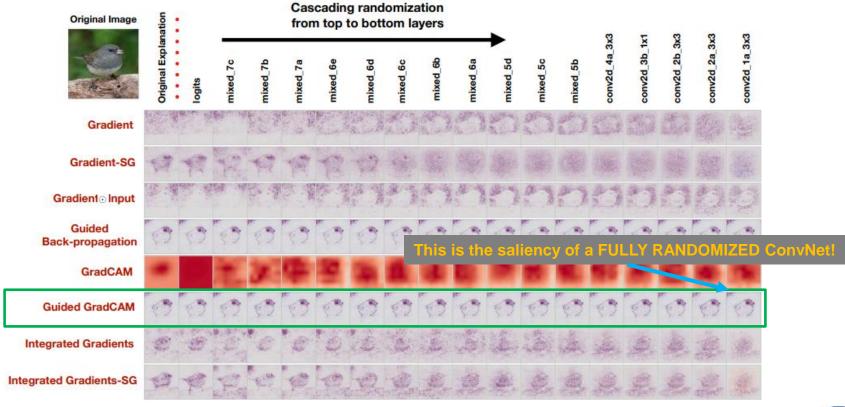
These results look surprisingly similar to simple edge detection...







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Why is this interesting / problematic?

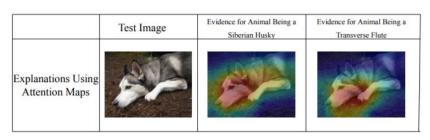
- Interesting, because some image features seem to propagate very easily through ConvNets
- Problematic, because the general public (including medical field) increasingly relies on such visualizations
 - → Correlation vs. causation!

We need to further investigate explanation methods



Explanations vs Interpretability

- Many (if not most) recent ML models are black boxes
 - Such ML models do not (and cannot) explain their predictions
 - Lack of transparency, accountability
 - Humans cannot understand
 - → Poor, high impact decisions in sensitive areas (criminal justice, medicine, ...)
- Explanations Additional post hoc model to explain the black box Problems:
 - Explanations are not faithful. If they were, the explanation itself would be sufficient
 - Incorrect explanations reduce trust
 - Many more challenges



Rudin, C. (2019). Stop explaining black box machine learning models for high stakes decisions and use interpretable models instead. *Nature Machine Intelligence*, *1*(5), 206-215.

Figure 2: Saliency does not explain anything except where the network is looking. We have no idea why this image is labeled as either a dog or a musical instrument when considering only saliency. The explanations look essentially the same for both classes. Figure credit: Chaofan Chen and [28].

Explanations vs Interpretability

Interpretability

- Domain specific notion
- Constrained in model form (e.g. following structural knowledge and constraints)
- Often, sparse models (few parameters): Allow to observe variable interaction

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black box	full model is in Figure 3	IF	age between 18-20 and sex is male	THEN predict arrest (within 2 ye
130+ factors	only age, priors, (optional) gender	ELSE IF	age between 21-23 and 2-3 prior offenses	THEN predict arrest
might include socio-economic info expensive (software license),	no other information free, transparent	ELSE IF	more than three priors	THEN predict arrest
within software used in U.S. Justice System		ELSE	predict no arrest.	

Why not more interpretability?

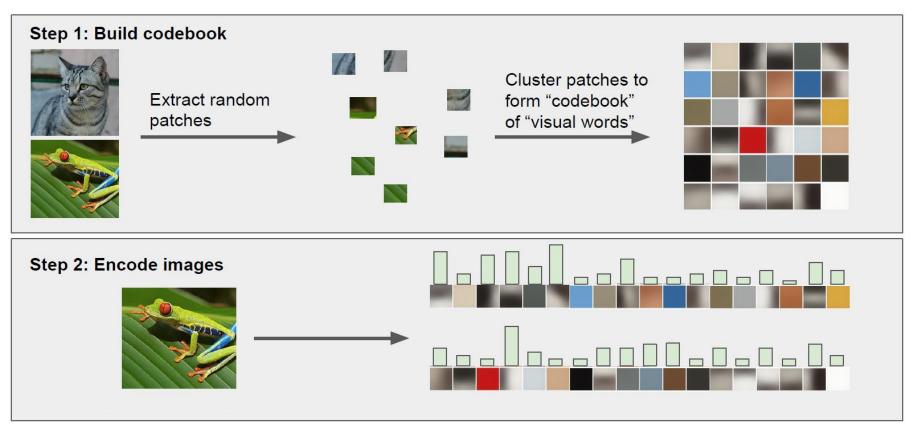
- Perceived trade-off between interpretability and performance (this is most often incorrect)
- Corporations can capitalize on black box models
- Hard to construct (domain knowledge, constrained problems, ...)

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Bag of Features - BagNet

Bag-of-Features?



Fei-Fei, L., & Perona, P. (2005) A bayesian hierarchical model for learning natural scene categories. CVPR

Bag-of-Features?

Deep Features

- Input Q*Q px image patch
- BagNet generates 2048-dim feature vector
- Linear classifier on this 2048-dim vector
- After linear classification: #classes heatmaps of "class evidence"
- Average class evidence and pass into softmax → Probability

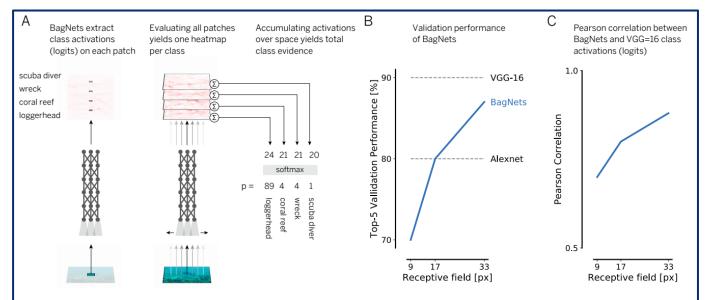
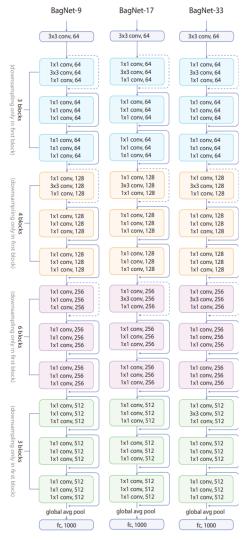
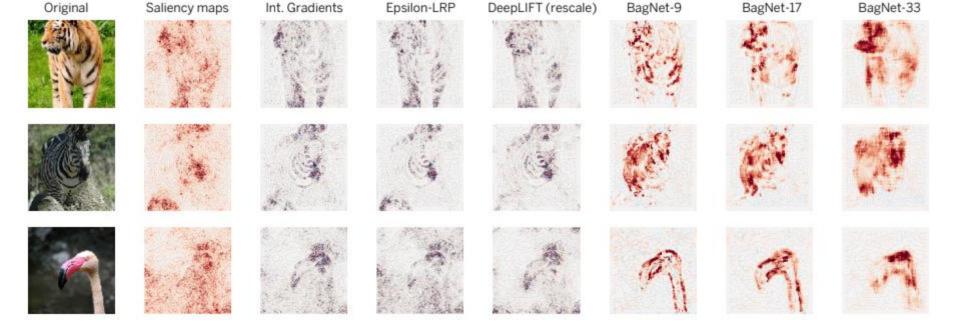


Figure 1: Deep bag-of-features models (BagNets). (A) The models extract features from small image patches which are each fed into a linear classifier yielding one logit heatmap per class. These heatmaps are averaged across space and passed through a softmax to get the final class probabilities. (B) Top-5 ImageNet performance over patch size. (C) Correlation with logits of VGG-16.

- BagNet architecture is ResNet like with 1x1 conv to limit receptive field
- Surprisingly good performance!



Brendel, W., & Bethge, M. (2018). Approximating CNNs with Bag-of-local-Features models works surprisingly well on ImageNet. ICLR.



- Similarities in "decision making" (saliency) to SOTA models suggest that current network architectures base their decisions on a large number of weak and local statistical regularities
- One way forward is to define novel tasks that cannot be solved using local statistical regularities

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Texture vs. Shape

Navigating the Texture-shape Cue Conflict



(a) Texture image 81.4% Indian elephant

10.3% indri

8.2% black swan



(b) Content image

71.1% tabby cat 17.3% grey fox 3.3% Siamese cat



(c) Texture-shape cue conflict

Q: What's this?

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Bias Towards Texture

Observations (CNN = ResNet-50)

- CNN trained on Sylized-ImageNet (SIN): 79% top-5
- CNN trained on regular ImageNet (rIN): 93% top-5
- → SIN much harder than rIN: Textures are no longer predictive!

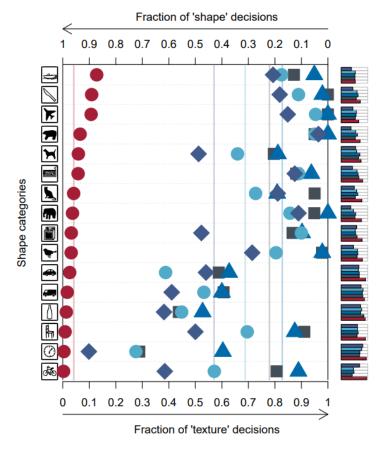


Figure 3: Visualisation of Stylized-ImageNet (SIN), created by applying AdaIN style transfer to ImageNet images. Left: randomly selected ImageNet image of class ring-tailed lemur. Right: ten examples of images with content/shape of left image and style/texture from different paintings. After applying AdaIN style transfer, local texture cues are no longer highly predictive of the target class, while the global shape tends to be retained. Note that within SIN, every source image is stylized only once.

Generalization

- rIN-trained on SIN: 16% top-5
- SIN-trained on rIN: 83% top-5

Figure 4: Classification results for human observers (red circles) and ImageNet-trained networks AlexNet (purple diamonds), VGG-16 (blue triangles), GoogLeNet (turquoise circles) and ResNet-50 (grey squares). Shape vs. texture biases for stimuli with cue conflict (sorted by human shape bias). Within the responses that corresponded to either the correct texture or correct shape category, the fractions of texture and shape decisions are depicted in the main plot (averages visualised by vertical lines). On the right side, small barplots display the proportion of correct decisions (either texture or shape correctly recognised) as a fraction of all trials. Similar results for ResNet-152, DenseNet-121 and Squeezenet1_1 are reported in the Appendix, Figure 13.



→ More plausible models of human visual object recognition

Geirhos, R., et al. (2019). ImageNet-trained CNNs are biased towards texture; increasing shape bias improves accuracy and robustness. ICLR.

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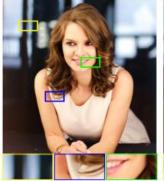
Architecture as Prior?

Deep Image Prior

• Image restoration $x^* = \min_{x} E(x, x_0) + R(x)$, where

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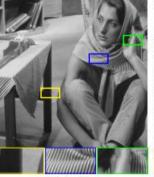
- Obvious choice: Train a network to restore images
 - Training on large datasets will yield a good image prior
 - For generalization, network structure must "resonate" with data structure



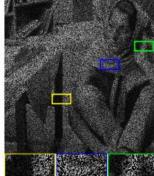




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(e) Original image



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Interestingly, learning is NOT required for building good image priors!

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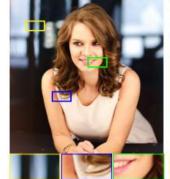
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Regularizer is replaced by a CNN

$$\theta^* = \min_{\theta} E(f_{\theta}(z), x_0), \quad x^* = f_{\theta^*}(z)$$

Minimizer is optimized using a random z, starting from random initialization of θ



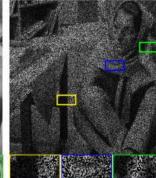




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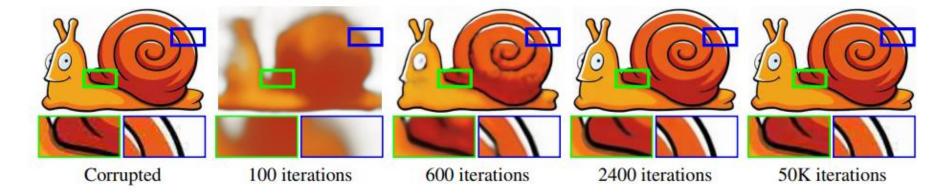


Figure 3: **Blind restoration of a JPEG-compressed image.** (*electronic zoom-in recommended*) Our approach can restore an image with a complex degradation (JPEG compression in this case). As the optimization process progresses, the deep image prior allows to recover most of the signal while getting rid of halos and blockiness (after 2400 iterations) before eventually overfitting to the input (at 50K iterations).

- Optimization is fast for "natural images" without corruption
- CNN can fit corruption, but very reluctantly
- Parametrization (CNN architecture) has high impedance to noise and low impedance to signal!

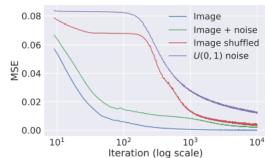


Figure 2: Learning curves for the reconstruction task using: a natural image, the same plus i.i.d. noise, the same randomly scrambled, and white noise. Naturally-looking images result in much faster convergence, whereas noise is rejected.

Ulyanov, D., Vedaldi, A., & Lempitsky, V. (2018). Deep image prior. CVPR (pp. 9446-9454).

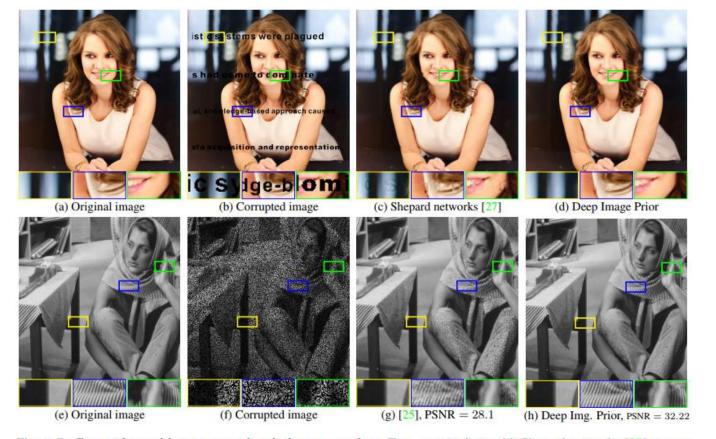
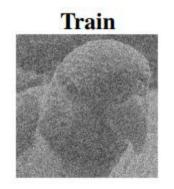


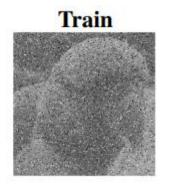
Figure 7: Comparison with two recent inpainting approaches. Top – comparison with Shepard networks [27] on text inpainting example. Bottom – comparison with convolutional sparse coding [25] on inpainting 50% of missing pixels. In both cases, our approach performs better on the images used in the respective papers.

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Generalization

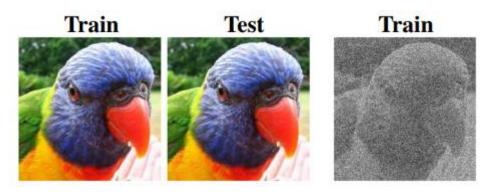


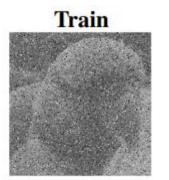




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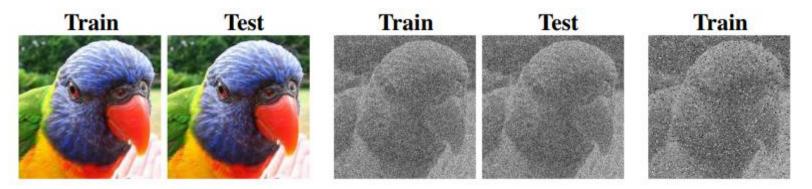
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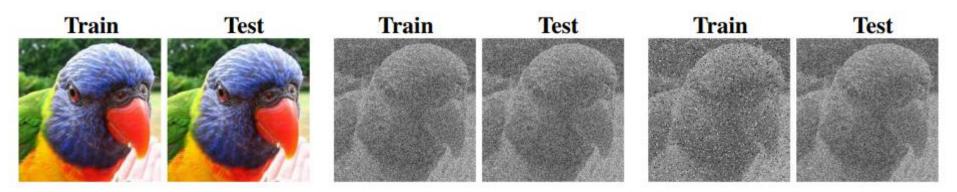
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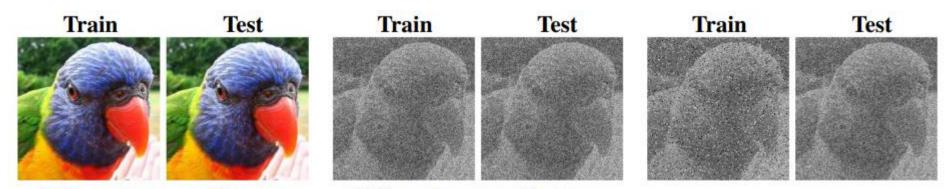




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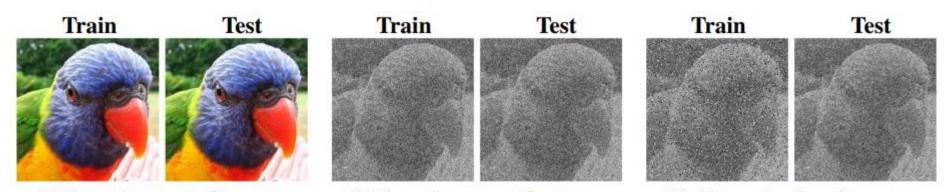
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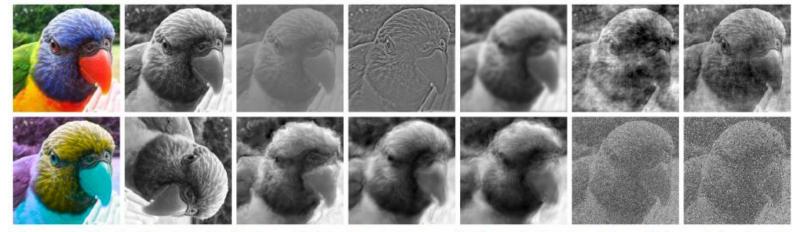
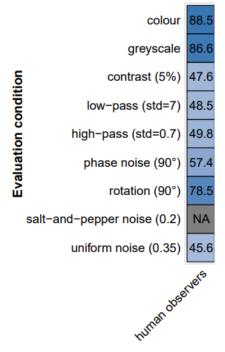


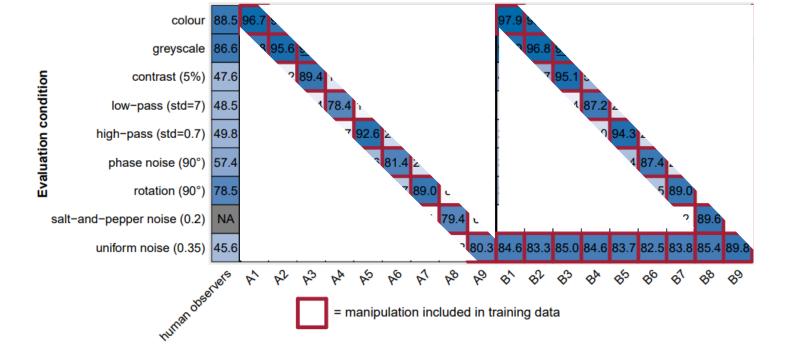
Figure 2: Example stimulus image of class bird across all distortion types. From left to right, image manipulations are: colour (undistorted), greyscale, low contrast, high-pass, low-pass (blurring), phase noise, power equalisation. Bottom row: opponent colour, rotation, Eidolon I, II and III, additive uniform noise, salt-and-pepper noise. Example stimulus images across all used distortion levels are

- Used distortions: See above
- Reduced ImageNet by condensing 1000 classes into 16 entry-level categories
- 5 6 human raters "vs." ResNet-50 architecture



- 16 classes: Chance is at 6.25%
- Humans were presented the images for 200 ms

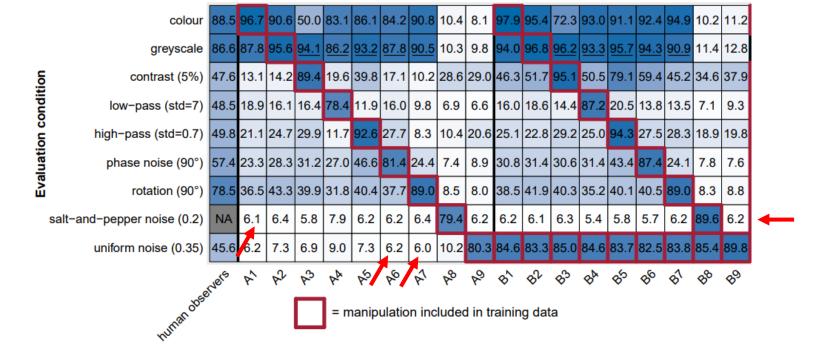
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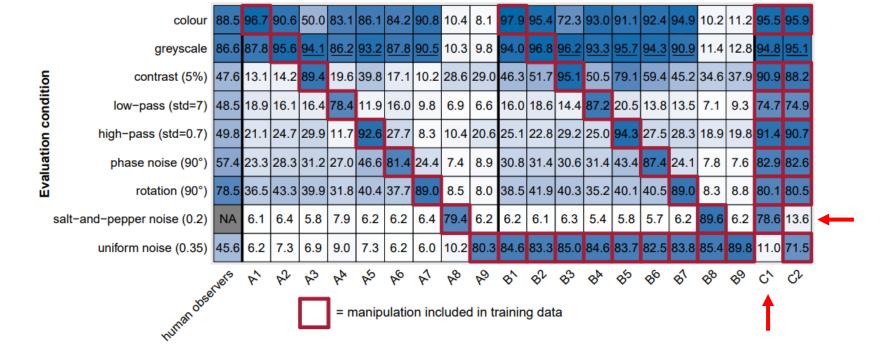
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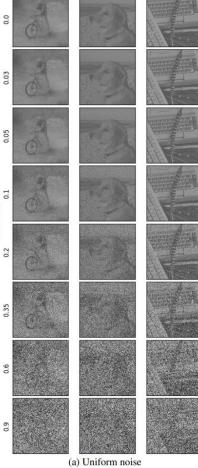


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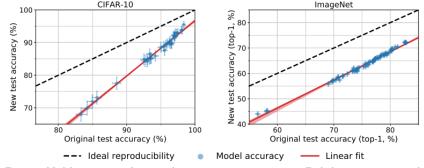


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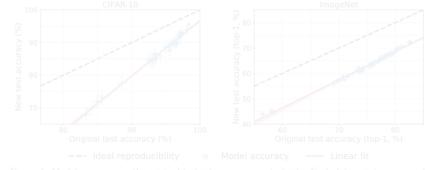
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