

Faster Than Lies: Real-time Deepfake Detection using Binary Neural Networks

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The (Real) World on the Brink of Ruin

- **Why We Want** Deepfakes:
 - Entertainment and media creation
 - Enhanced educational tools (e.g., historical figures)
 - Personalization in marketing
- **Problematic Use-Cases** of Deepfakes:
 - Politics: A deep fake of a world leader announcing false policies
 - Security: Impersonation for fraudulent activities
 - Personality Substitution: Identity theft and social engineering
 - Fabricated Celebrity Videos: Tom Cruise performing stunts he never did
 - Manipulated News Broadcasts: News anchors appearing to report events that never happened



YouTube, @panagiotisconstantinou



YouTube, @Shamook



BBC News, Kayleen Devlin and Joshua Cheetham



YouTube, @Vecanoi

The Current State of Deep-Fake Detection

- **More and More Powerful Generative Models:**
 - Rapid advancements in Diffusion models and other generative architectures
- **Prediction vs. Generation:**
 - **Generating** a fake image **takes seconds**
 - **Detecting** a fake image **needs to be faster** than the generation process
- **Challenges** in Real-Time Detection:
 - **Scalability:** High computational demands
 - **Latency:** Immediate detection is crucial in live scenarios
 - **Accuracy:** Balancing speed and detection precision

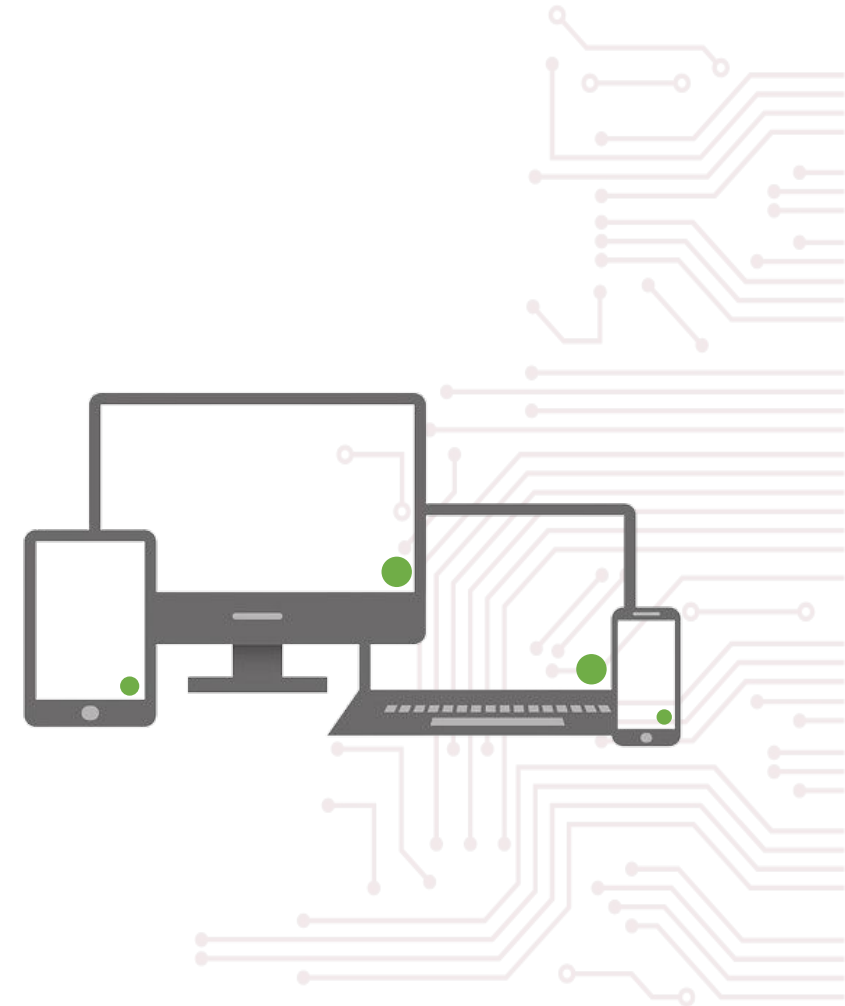
A Chinese Lunar New Year celebration video
with Chinese Dragon

Extreme Close up of a 24 year old woman's eye blinking,
standing in Marrakech during magic hour, cinematic film
shot in 70mm, depth of field, vivid colors, cinematic

Tour of an art gallery with many beautiful works
of art in different styles

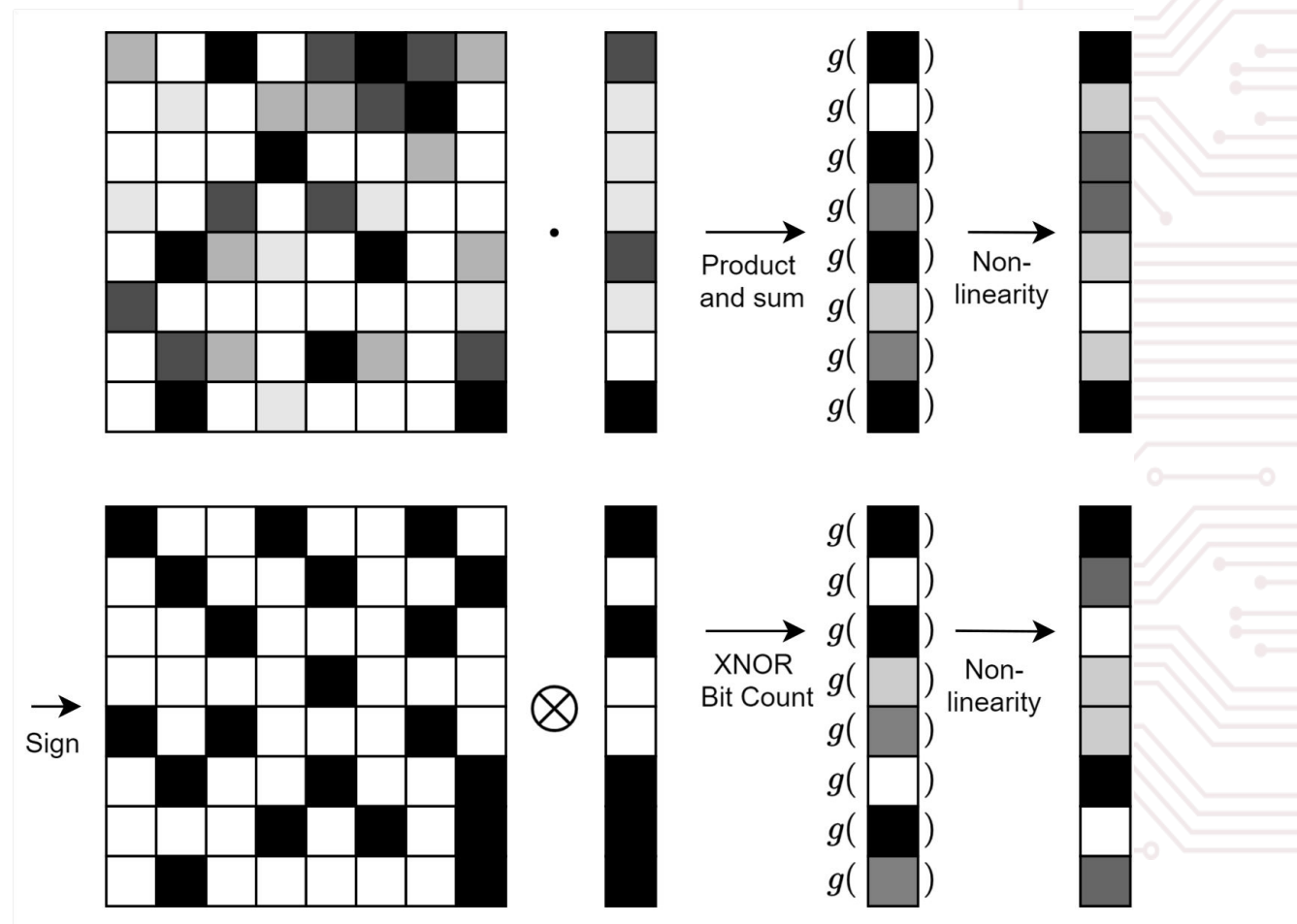
Our Vision

- **Future Prospects:**
 - Envisioning a future where **every device** is **capable of real-time deepfake detection**
 - Real-time detection is essential for maintaining the integrity and trustworthiness of digital content
 - Aim to significantly reduce the time and computational resources required for accurate deep fake identification
- **Our Contribution:**
 - Proposing **an efficient network** specifically designed for **image deepfake detection**
 - Introducing a **Binary Neural Network (BNN)** to enhance efficiency and speed
 - BNNs provide a streamlined approach to detect deep fakes with **minimal resource usage while maintaining high accuracy**



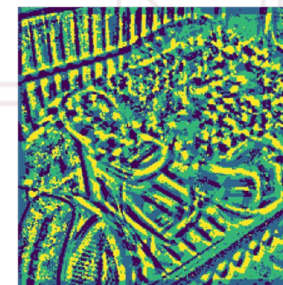
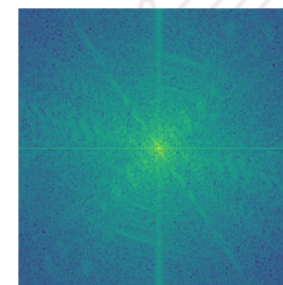
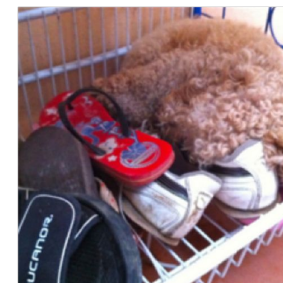
Method (BNNs)

- Binary Neural Networks (BNNs):
 - Utilization of BNNs for **efficiency**
- Pros and Cons of BNNs:
 - **Advantages:**
 - Up to 58x more efficient
 - 32x less memory usage
 - **Challenges:**
 - Theoretical efficiency not fully realized due to hardware limitations

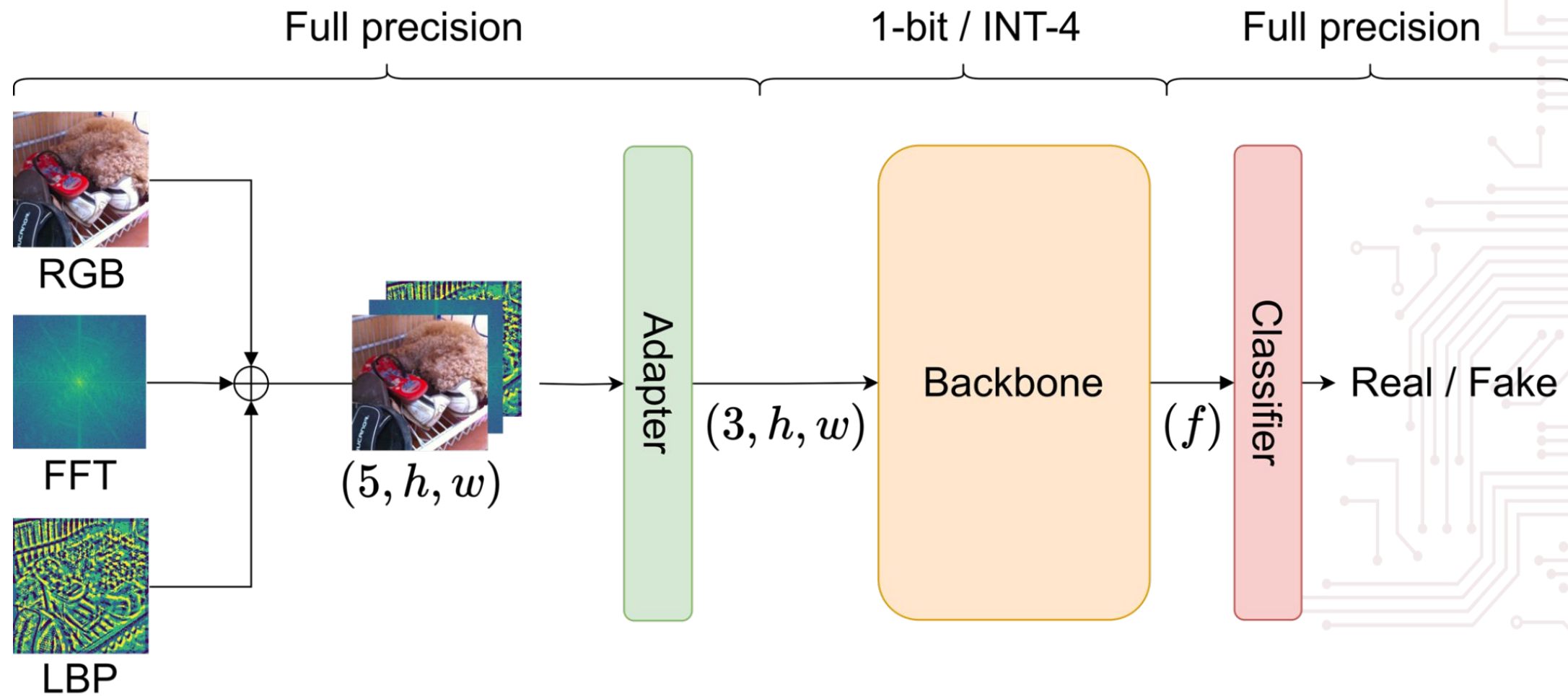


Method (Additional Channels)

- **Feature Selection:**
 - Use of Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) and Local Binary Patterns (LBP) in addition to RGB
- **Intuition Behind Features:**
 - **FFT:**
 - Captures **unusual frequency peaks** in the images
 - Effective in identifying artificial textures and anomalies in frequency components
 - **LBP:**
 - Highlights **unusual intensities in neighboring pixels**
 - Useful for detecting inconsistencies in local patterns and textures
- **Motivation:**
 - Combining FFT and LBP with RGB **provides a comprehensive representation of both frequency and spatial anomalies**, enhancing deepfake detection accuracy



Method (Proposed Model)



Ablation

- Tested various feature combinations for deepfake detection
- Adding the magnitude of the Sobel filter resulted in worse performance compared to RGB, FFT, and LBP
- The Sobel filter failed to capture essential deepfake characteristics due to its focus on edge detection, which misses subtle frequency and texture anomalies present in deepfakes
- RGB, FFT, and LBP provided complementary features that enhanced the detection accuracy across different datasets

Ablation	Variations	Accuracy (%)
Baseline	-	<u>90.35</u>
Features added to the learned ones	Magnitude	82.36
	FFT	88.18
	LBP	88.42
	Magnitude and FFT	81.20
	Magnitude and LBP	81.67
	FFT and LBP	91.60
	Magnitude, FFT and LBP	81.56

Results

- We evaluated our model on three datasets: **COCOFake**, DFFD, and CIFAKE, showing consistent and robust detection performance across diverse scenarios.

Method	Model	Pre-training dataset	Accuracy	AUC	Parameters (M)	FLOPs (G)
[2]	ResNet50	ImageNet	90.31	-	25.6	4.8
	ViT-B/32	ImageNet	87.64	-	88.3	8.56
	CLIP-ResNet50	OpenAI WIT	99.07	-	25.6	4.8
	CLIP-ViT-B/32	OpenAI WIT	99.11	-	88.3	8.56
	OpenCLIP-ViT-B/32	LAION-400M	97.88	-	88.3	8.56
	OpenCLIP-ViT-B/32	LAION-2B	99.68	-	88.3	8.56
Ours	BNext-T with frozen backbone	ImageNet	83.65	81.98	29.8	0.89
	BNext-S with frozen backbone	ImageNet	93.15	95.19	67.1	<u>1.91</u>
	BNext-M with frozen backbone	ImageNet	84.59	82.11	133	3.39
	BNext-T	ImageNet	99.25	99.86	29.8	0.89
	BNext-S	ImageNet	<u>99.28</u>	<u>99.89</u>	67.1	<u>1.91</u>
	BNext-M	ImageNet	99.18	99.91	133	3.39

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Method	Model	Accuracy	AUC	Parameters (M)	FLOPs (G)
[10]	Xception	-	99.64	40.0	18.0
	VGG16	-	99.67	138.4	15.5
Ours	BNext-T with frozen backbone	89.56	87.65	29.8	0.89
	BNext-S with frozen backbone	89.69	88.58	67.1	<u>1.91</u>
	BNext-M with frozen backbone	89.61	86.64	133	3.39
	BNext-T	<u>98.95</u>	99.94	29.8	0.89
	BNext-S	99.01	99.94	67.1	<u>1.91</u>
	BNext-M	98.75	<u>99.92</u>	133	3.39

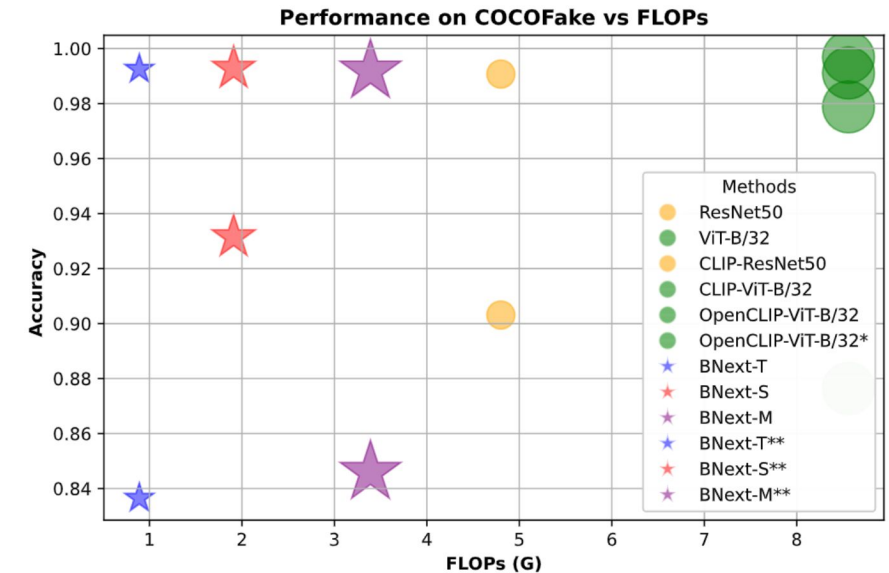
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Method	Model	Accuracy	AUC	Parameters (M)	FLOPs (G)
[53]	ResNet-50	95.00	99.00	25.6	4.8
	VGG	96.00	99.00	133	7.63
	DenseNet	98.00	99.00	7.9	5.6
Ours	BNext-T with frozen backbone	83.89	91.70	29.8	0.89
	BNext-S with frozen backbone	80.71	89.25	67.1	<u>1.91</u>
	BNext-M with frozen backbone	82.77	90.73	133	3.39
	BNext-T	97.29	99.65	29.8	0.89
	BNext-S	96.96	99.55	67.1	<u>1.91</u>
	BNext-M	<u>97.35</u>	<u>99.62</u>	133	3.39

Conclusion

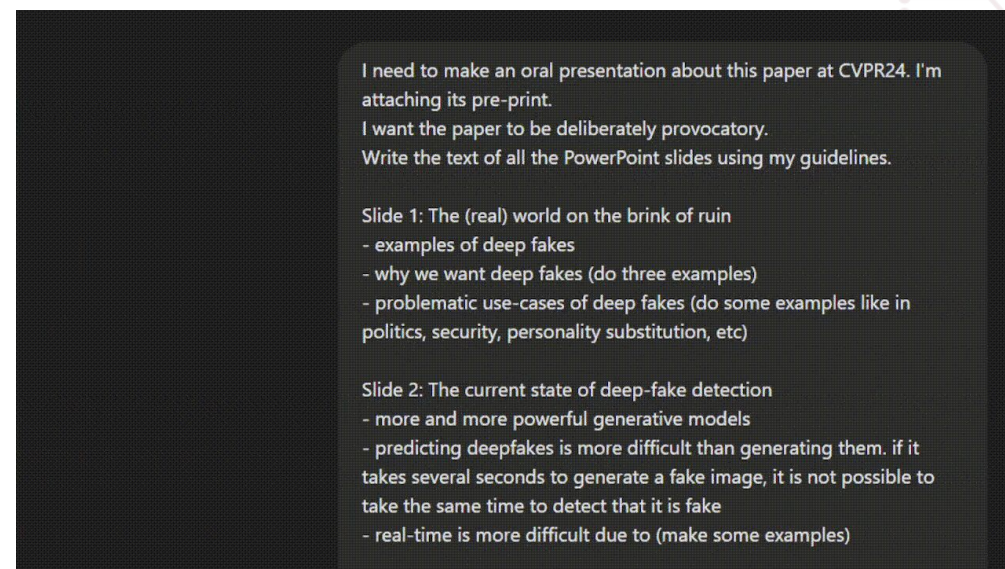
- **Summary:**
 - **Focused on efficiency** in a hardware-agnostic framework
 - **Achieved high accuracy** in deepfake detection
- **Limitations:**
 - **Emphasis on theoretical FLOP reductions**; real-world application of BNNs requires a specialized framework or accelerator to fully realize benefits
 - Evaluation limited to a network pretrained on ImageNet; **other studies used larger datasets** for enhanced transfer-learning
- **Future Works:**
 - Potential for **practical implementation** on specialized hardware or within specific computational frameworks to achieve theoretical efficiency gains
 - Exploring alternative pre-training datasets to further **enhance transfer-learning efficacy** and robustness in deep fake detection systems



Conclusion

- Detecting fakes is hard; we took a single step towards making real-time detection feasible

- Did anyone guess that every single word in this presentation was generated by an LLM?



- Find the code and paper at GitHub
 - https://github.com/fedeloper/binary_deepfake_detection
- Come and meet us at the poster session!





Thank you for your attention!

