



# Adversarial Robustness via Runtime Masking and Cleansing



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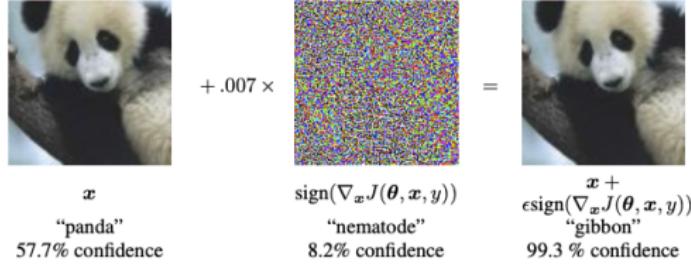
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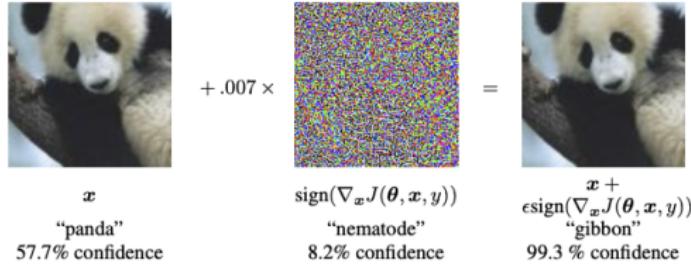


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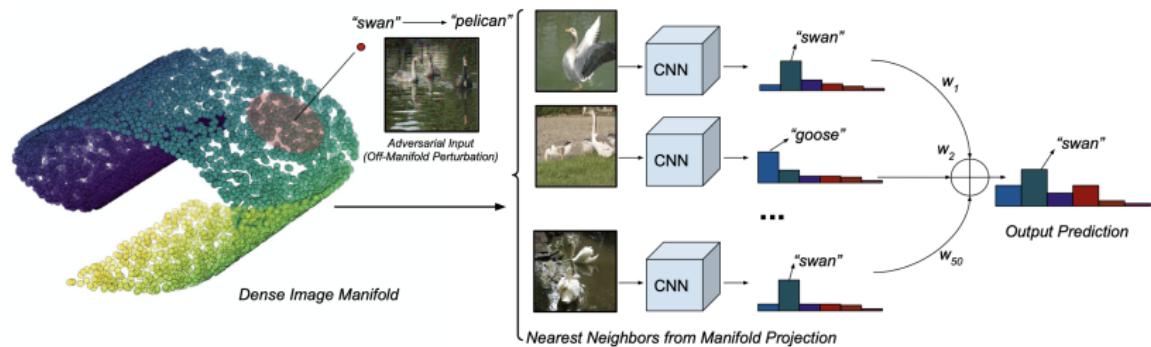
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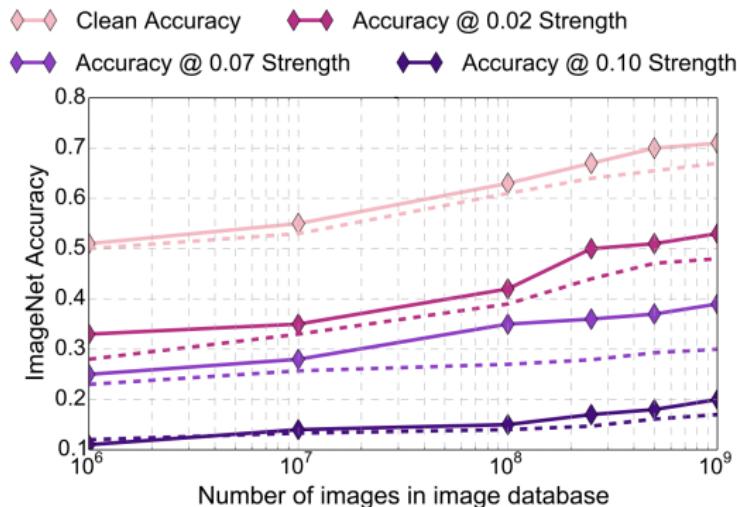
- Use a *web-scale image database* as a manifold and project a test image onto the manifold
- Make more robust prediction by taking only the projected image as inputs



<sup>3</sup>Dubey, A., Maaten, L. v. d., Yalniz, Z., Li, Y., and Mahajan, D. Defense against adversarial images using web-scale nearest-neighbor search. CVPR, 2019

# Drawback: 50 Billion Images May be Too Large

- Web-scale database may not be available in other domains
- Performance drops when using smaller datasets



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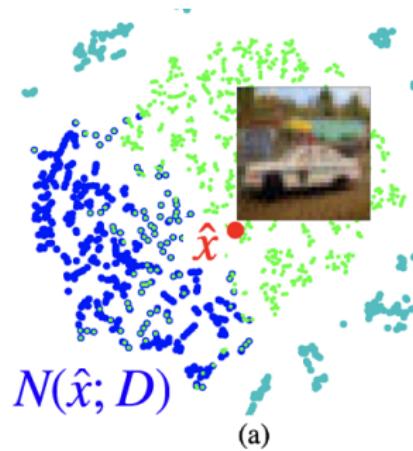
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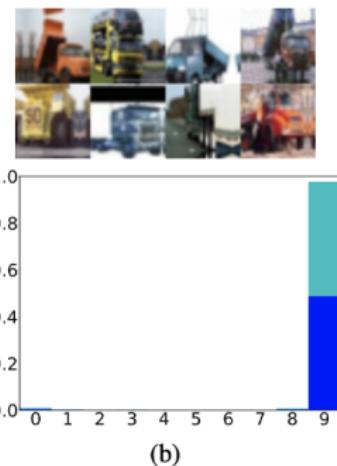
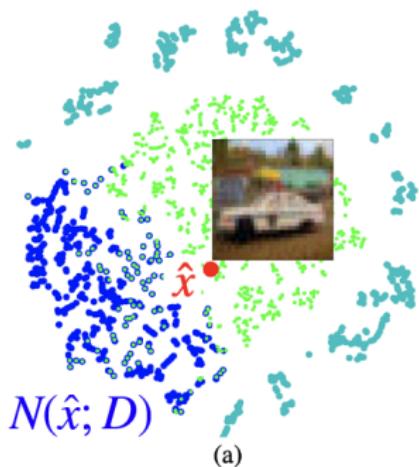
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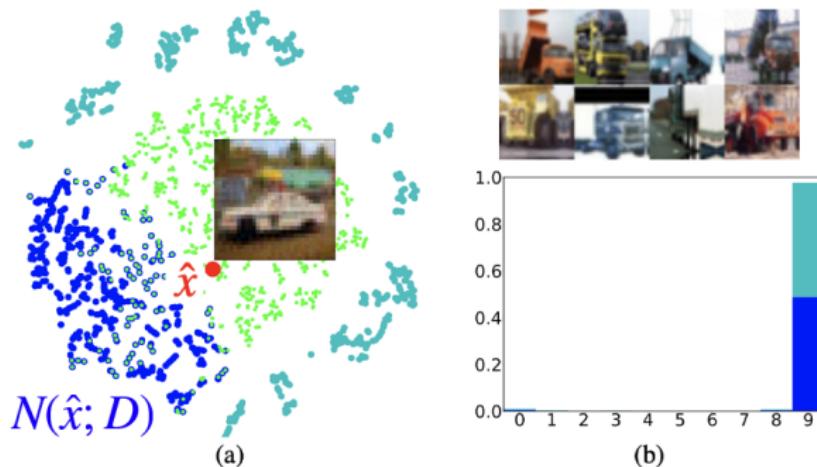
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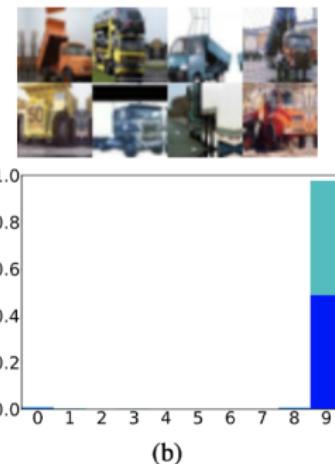
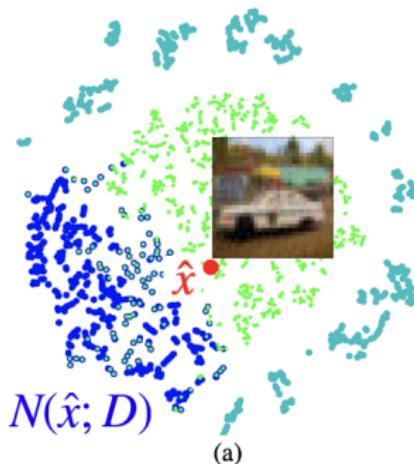
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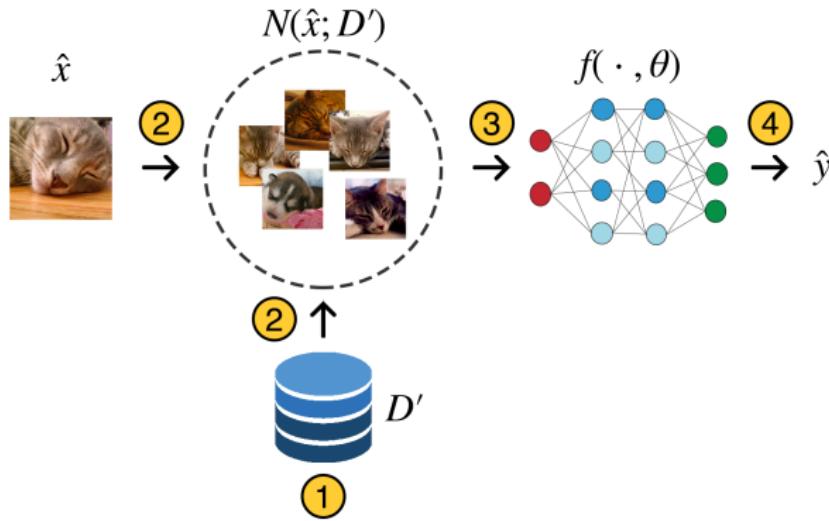
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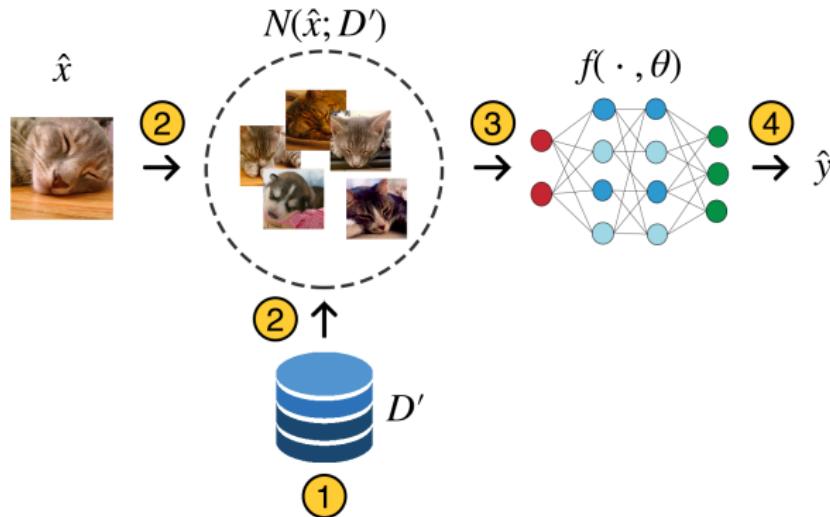
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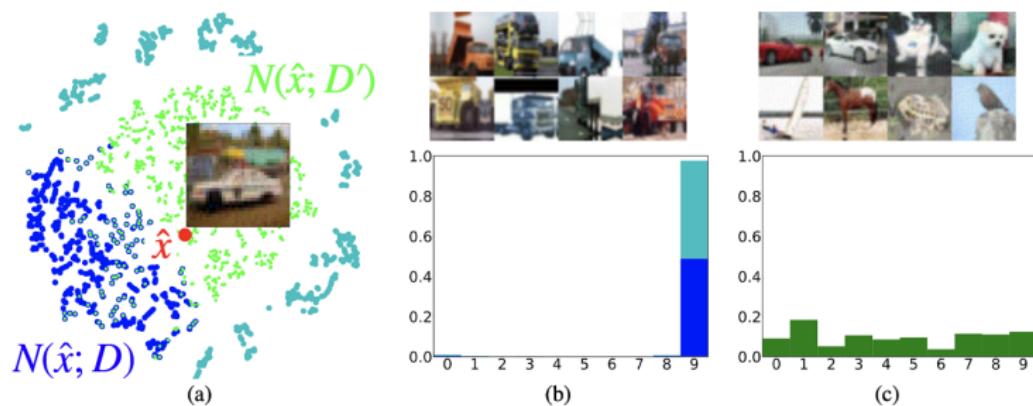
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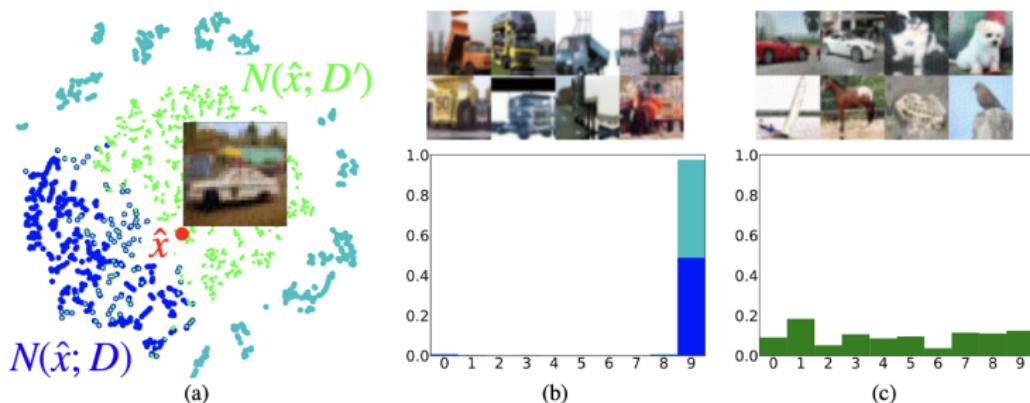
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- Defense effects:
  - The diverse-labeled  $\mathbb{N}(\hat{x}; D')$  **cleanses** the  $\theta$  of the non-robust patterns
  - Also, dynamically **masks** the network gradients



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# MNIST & CIFAR-10

Table 1. Train-time white-box attacks  
( $\epsilon = 0.3$ ) on MNIST.

Acc.	Robustness				
	FGSM	BIM	PGD	CW-L2	JSMA
<b>Regularly Trained</b>					
None	<b>99.3</b>	11.6	0.6	0.5	0.7
DeepNN	99.2	12.3	0.6	0.5	75.3
WebNN	98.2	70.4	82.6	85.3	87.4
RMC	<b>99.3</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>99.1</b>
<b>Adversarially Trained w. FGSM</b>					
None	99	94	51.4	0.7	16.3
DeepNN	98.8	94	56.9	1.7	85.9
WebNN	98.6	94.3	85.2	90.8	89.1
RMC	<b>99.2</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>98.7</b>
<b>Adversarially Trained w. PGD</b>					
None	99.1	96.6	93	94.8	65.6
DeepNN	98.8	96.4	94.5	95.8	91
WebNN	98.7	96.5	94.5	95.8	91
RMC	<b>99.2</b>	<b>98.2</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>97.8</b>	<b>99.1</b>
<b>Regularly Trained w. Jacobbian Reg.</b>					
None	94.8	22.1	7.6	8	13.7
DeepNN	95.9	21.1	8.9	9.6	55.7
WebNN	94.2	55.5	55.6	58.3	79
RMC	<b>99.3</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>99.1</b>	<b>99.2</b>
<b>Regularly Trained w. Cross-Lipschitz Reg.</b>					
None	<b>99.3</b>	70.6	30.7	19.3	23.8
DeepNN	99.2	73.2	37.5	22.3	72.7
WebNN	97	79.8	75.1	74.4	82.8
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Table 2. Train-time white-box attacks  
( $\epsilon = 8/255$ ) on CIFAR-10.

Acc.	Robustness				
	FGSM	BIM	PGD	CW-L2	JSMA
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None	83.3	25.3	8.5	6.7	9.4
DeepNN	84.3	26.5	9.2	8	55.2
WebNN	81.8	40.9	47.8	48.6	64.6
RMC	<b>89.3</b>	<b>85.3</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>87.5</b>	<b>89.7</b>
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None	78.7	50.6	43.6	44.3	11.5
DeepNN	75.6	52.5	45.6	45.8	48.7
WebNN	73.5	54	48.1	48.4	53.4
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None	86.3	37.9	20.6	20.2	8
DeepNN	<b>87.8</b>	39.8	21	21.4	63.1
WebNN	76.2	49.9	55.5	55.5	68.9
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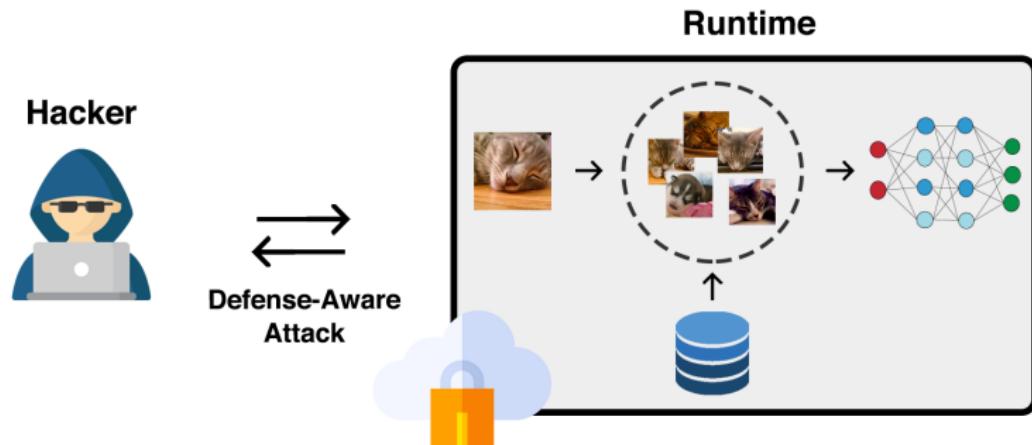
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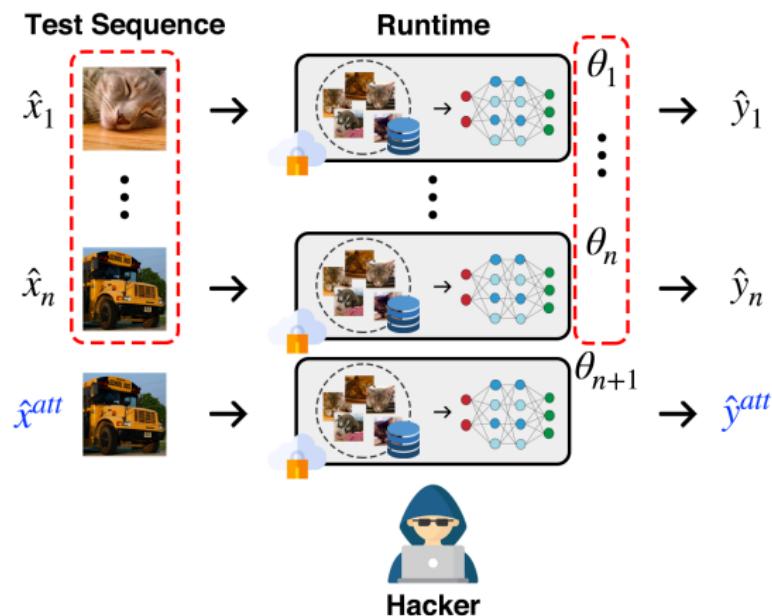
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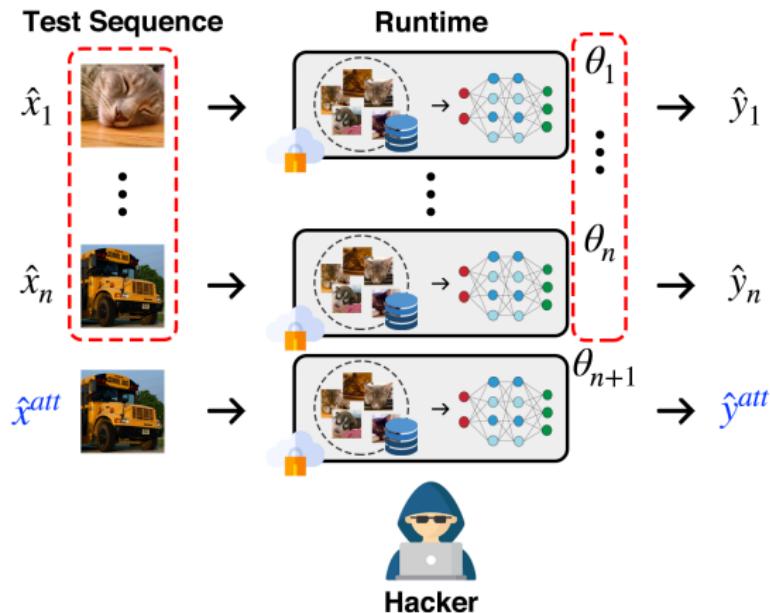
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# RMC Could be Broken by PGD-Skip

- About 15% robustness

Table 5. Robustness of RMC under the  
Defense-Aware Attack

$q$	0	50	100
$p = 100$	14.9	19.8	20.8
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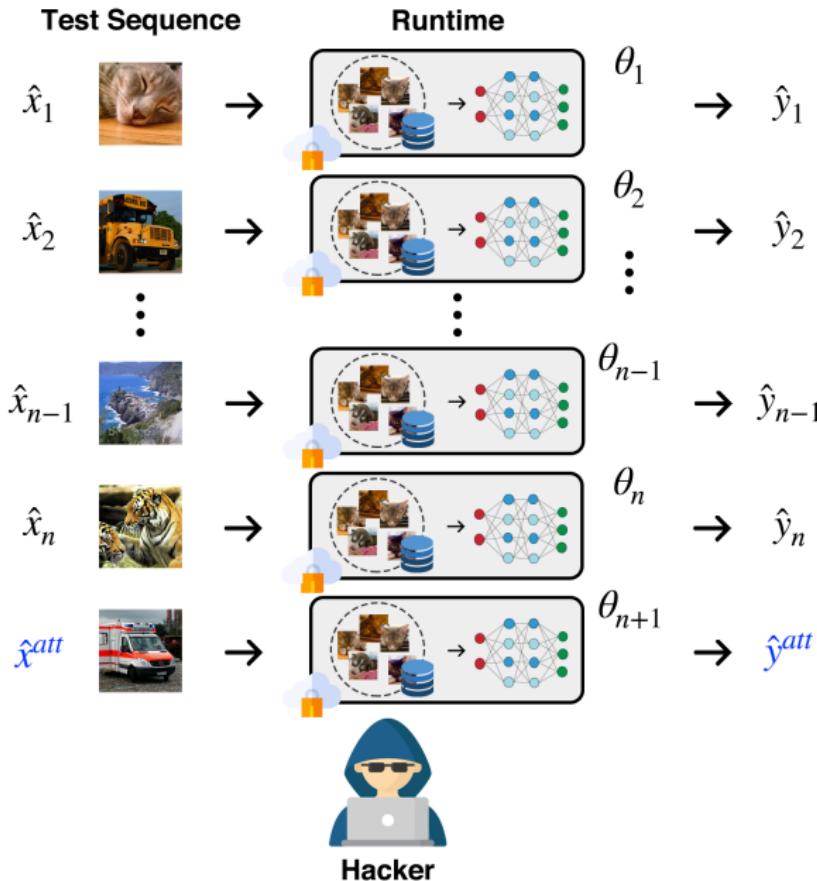
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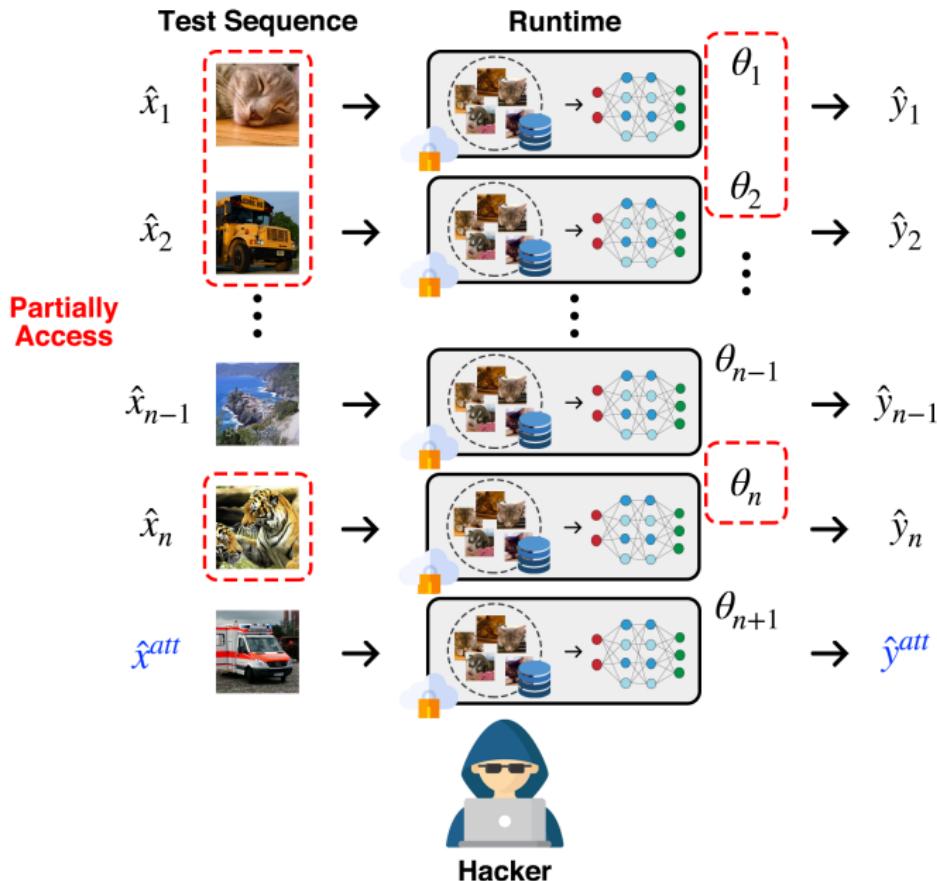
# More Realistic Defense-Aware Attacks

- PGD-Skip-Partial
  - Only partial points in the input sequence are known
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  - The adversary generates/places an attack point  $\hat{x}^{\text{att}}$  with some delay

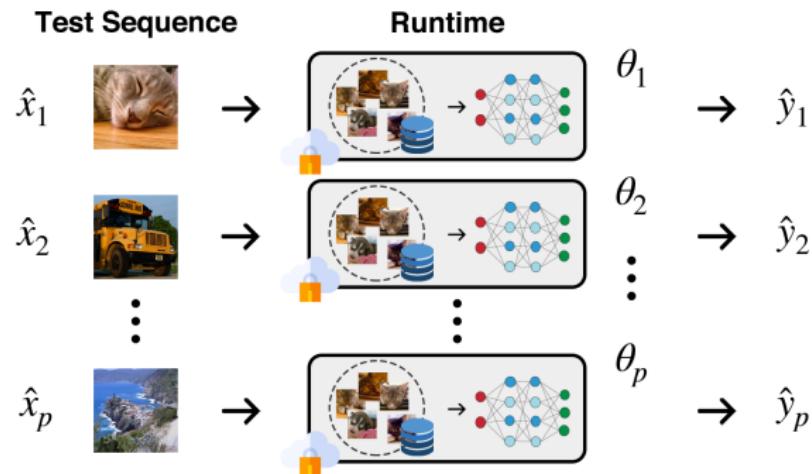
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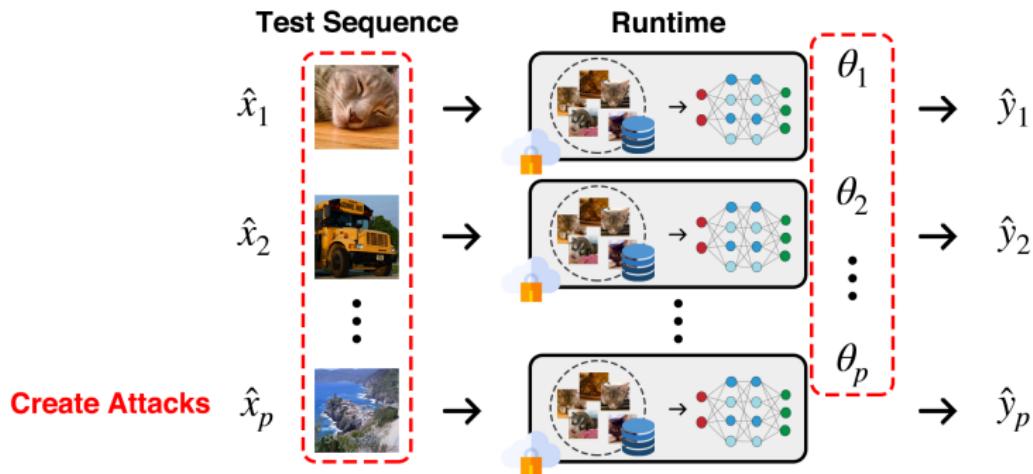


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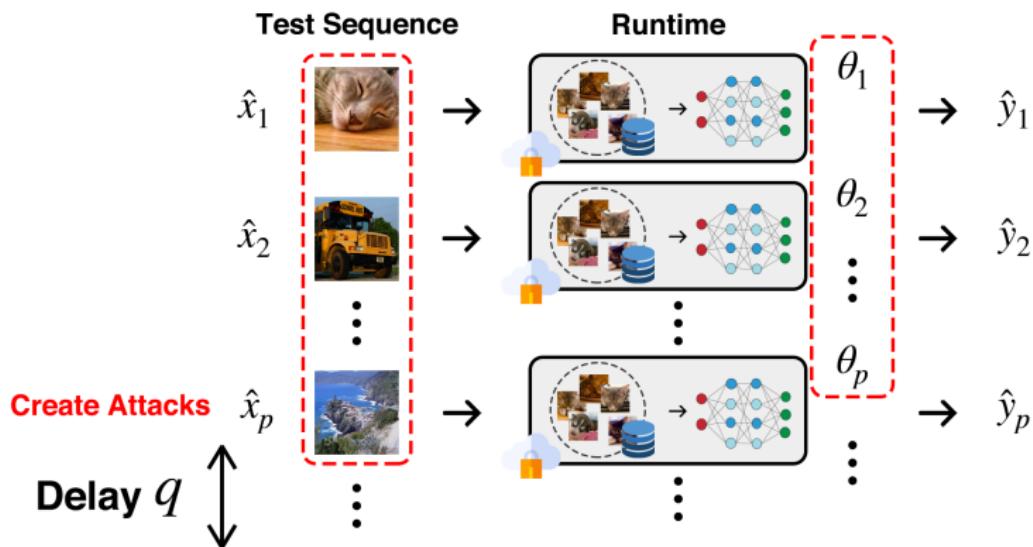


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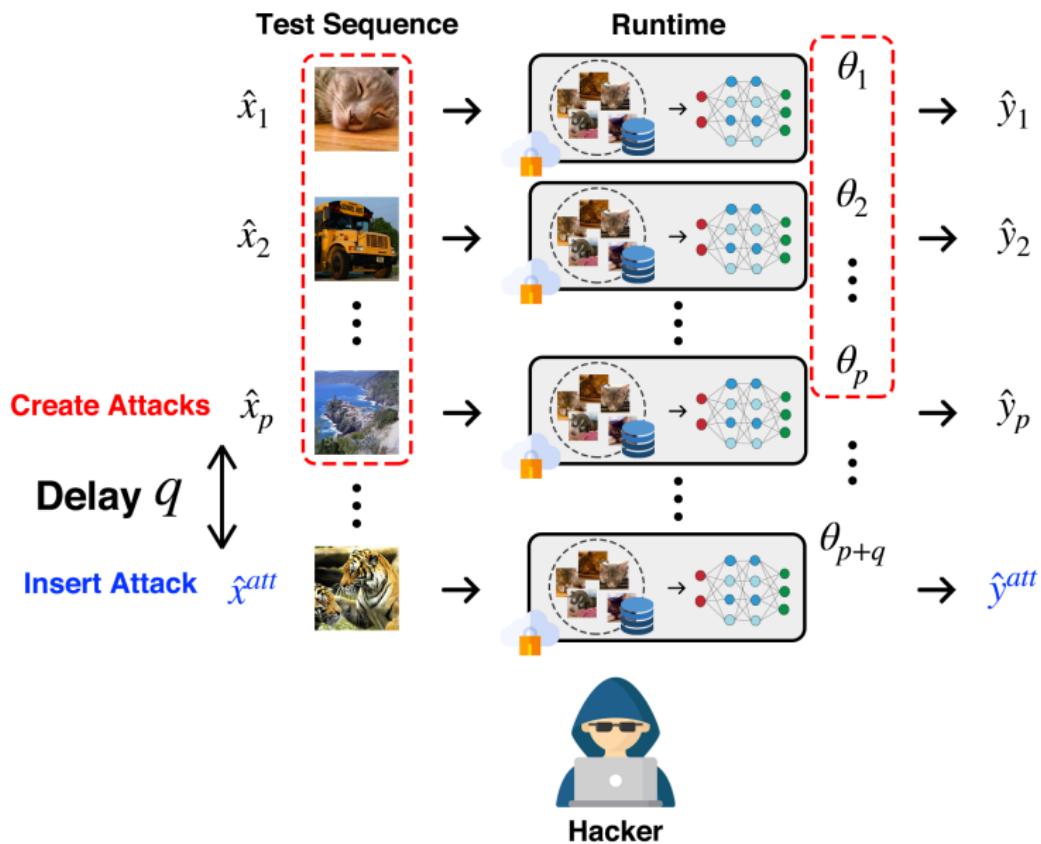
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# The Revenge of RMC

- With some minor tweaks, RMC can defend these two attacks
  - $q$ : delay of PGD-Skip-Delayed
  - “known:” portion of eavesdropped points by PGD-Skip-Partial

Table 5. Performance of RMC+ under the  
(a) PGD-Skip-Delayed and (b) PGD-Skip-Partial attacks.

$q$	$\delta = 0.5$			$\delta = 0.75$			$\delta = 1$		
	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>
$p = 50$	19.3	51	63.7	20.4	48.9	62.8	20.9	44.1	48.6
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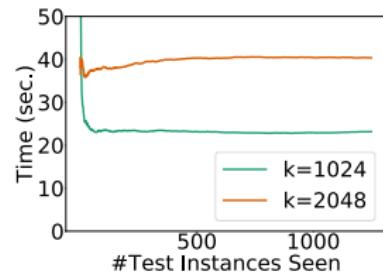
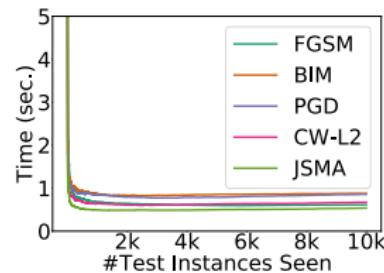
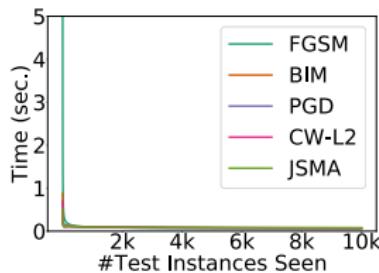
(a) PGD-Skip-Delayed with  $\mathbb{D}'$  replacement

known	$\delta = 0.5$			$\delta = 0.75$			$\delta = 1$		
	<b>30%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>70%</b>
$p = 50$	48.4	48.1	45.2	47.5	49	43.3	50.4	52.4	49.5
$p = 100$	64.1	63.1	63.5	64.3	61.1	59.4	63.3	61.7	61.8
$p = 150$	69.2	69.2	68.5	68.9	68.7	68.3	59.6	61.1	64.8

(b) PGD-Skip-Partial with  $\mathbb{D}'$  replacement

# How Long is the Delay Incurred by RMC at Runtime?

- About 1 second on CIFAR-10 and a delay of 20-40 seconds on ImageNet
  - May be acceptable for non-realtime applications
  - Can be accelerated by existing techniques



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