# BlurNet: Defense by Filtering the Feature Maps

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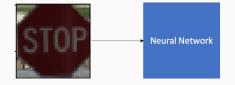
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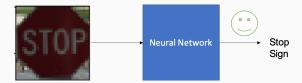
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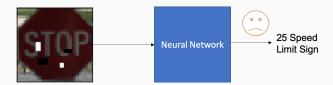
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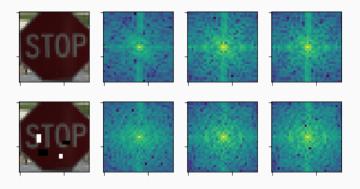






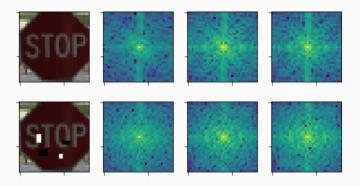


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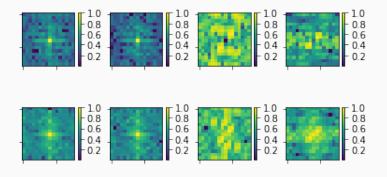
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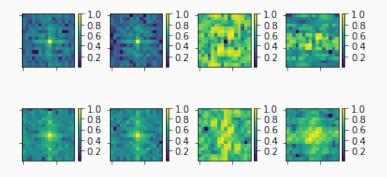
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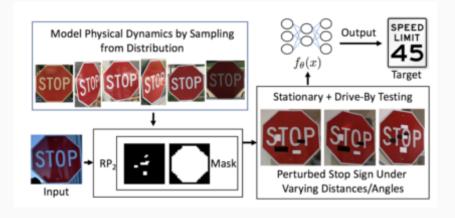
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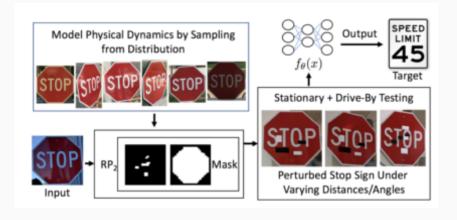
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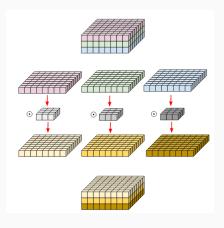
$$\arg\min_{\delta} \quad \lambda \|M_{x} \cdot \delta\|_{p} + \mathbb{E}_{x_{i} \sim X^{V}} J(f_{\theta}(x_{i} + T_{i}(M_{x} \cdot \delta)), y^{*})$$

#### **Dataset and Model**

- Victim model 4-layer CNN
- LISA traffic sign dataset consider the top 18 classes only
- Attacks focused on victim set of 40 stop signs

# **Proposal**

# Low-pass filtering



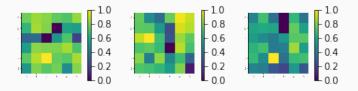
• Induce low-pass filtering with standard blur kernels by inserting a depthwise convolution after the first convolution layer.

# Filtering input vs. Filtering Feature Maps

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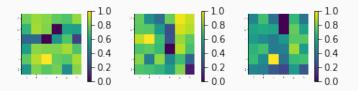
|                               | Accuracy | Attack Success Rate |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------------------|
| Baseline                      | 100%     | 90%                 |
| Input filter 3x3              | 100%     | 87.5%               |
| Input filter 5x5              | 100%     | 67.5%               |
| 3x3 filter on L1 feature maps | 100%     | 65%                 |
| 5x5 filter on L1 feature maps | 87.5%    | 17.5%               |

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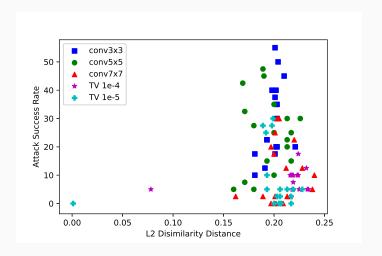
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TV encourages the neighboring values in the feature maps to be similar so the high spike introduced by  $RP_2$  would be diminished.

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|          | $\alpha$  | Legitimate Acc. | Average Success Rate | Worst Success Rate | L <sub>2</sub> Distortion |
|----------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Baseline | 0         | 91%             | 49.18%               | 90%                | 0.207                     |
| 3x3 conv | $10^{-5}$ | 86.3%           | 30%                  | 55%                | 0.201                     |
| 5x5 conv | 0.1       | 86.3%           | 24.11%               | 47.5%              | 0.189                     |
| 7x7 conv | 0.1       | 87%             | 11.61%               | 30%                | 0.203                     |
| TV       | $10^{-4}$ | 85.6%           | 7.92%                | 17.5%              | 0.224                     |
| TV       | $10^{-5}$ | 82.3%           | 8.47%                | 30%                | 0.199                     |

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- Introduced two loss penalties to induce low pass filtering in the network.