Adversarial Examples and Their Applications in Privacy

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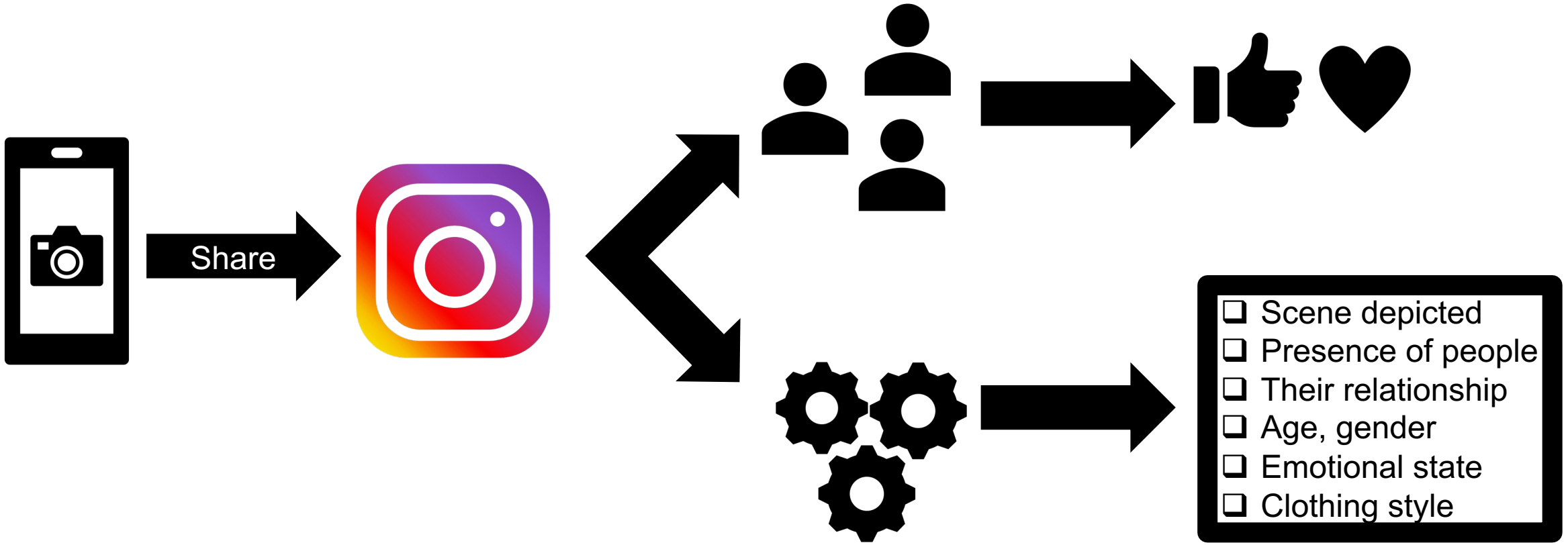
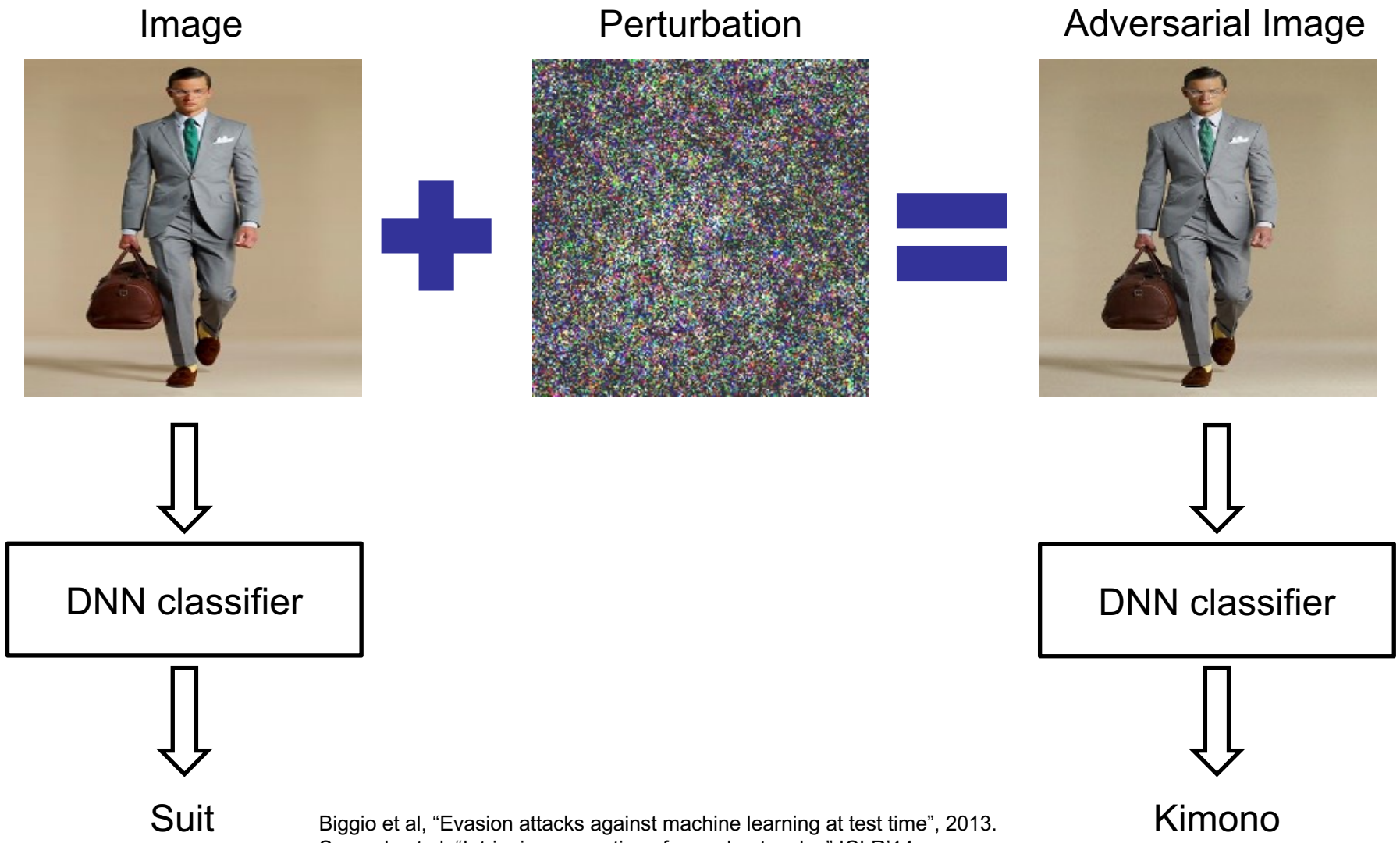
Privacy risks in image sharing social medias



Informed consent?

A. Cavallaro, M. Malekzadeh, A. Shahin Shamsabadi, “Deep Learning for Privacy in Multimedia”, Multimedia, 2021.

What is an adversarial image?



Biggio et al, “Evasion attacks against machine learning at test time”, 2013.
Szegedy et al, “Intriguing properties of neural networks,” ICLR’14.

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Original image

Adversarial Image[CVPR-W'17]

Adversarial Image[CVPR'20]

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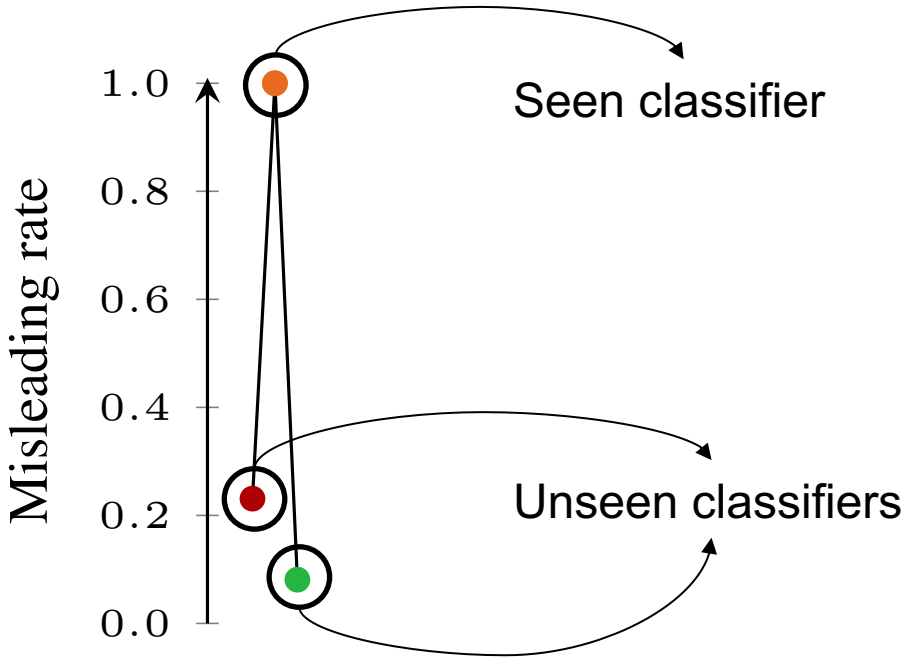

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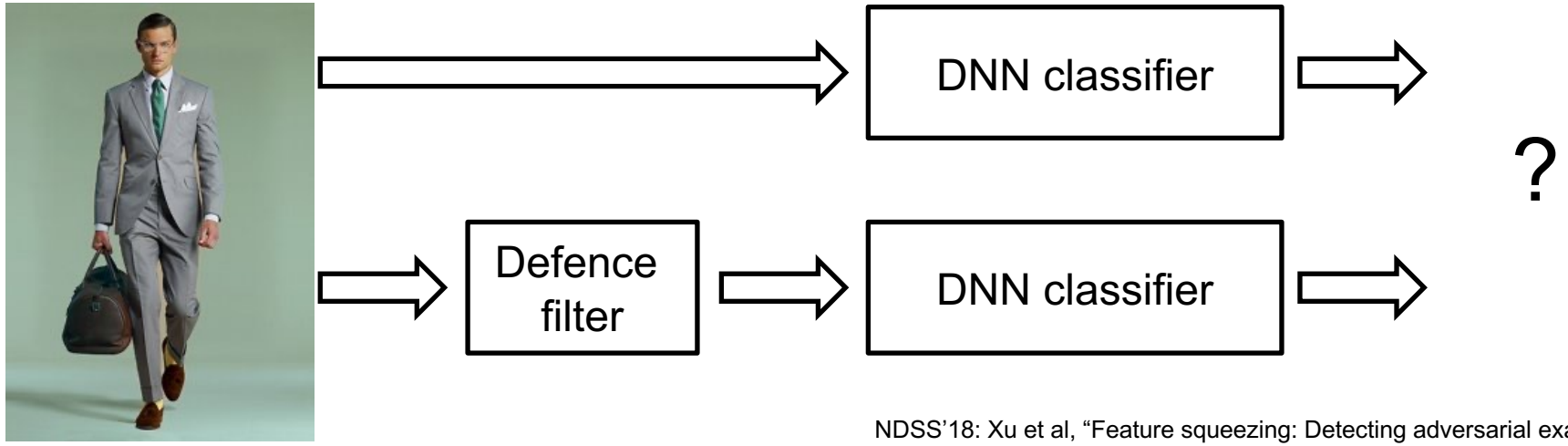

NDSS'18: Xu et al, "Feature squeezing: Detecting adversarial examples in deep neural networks".

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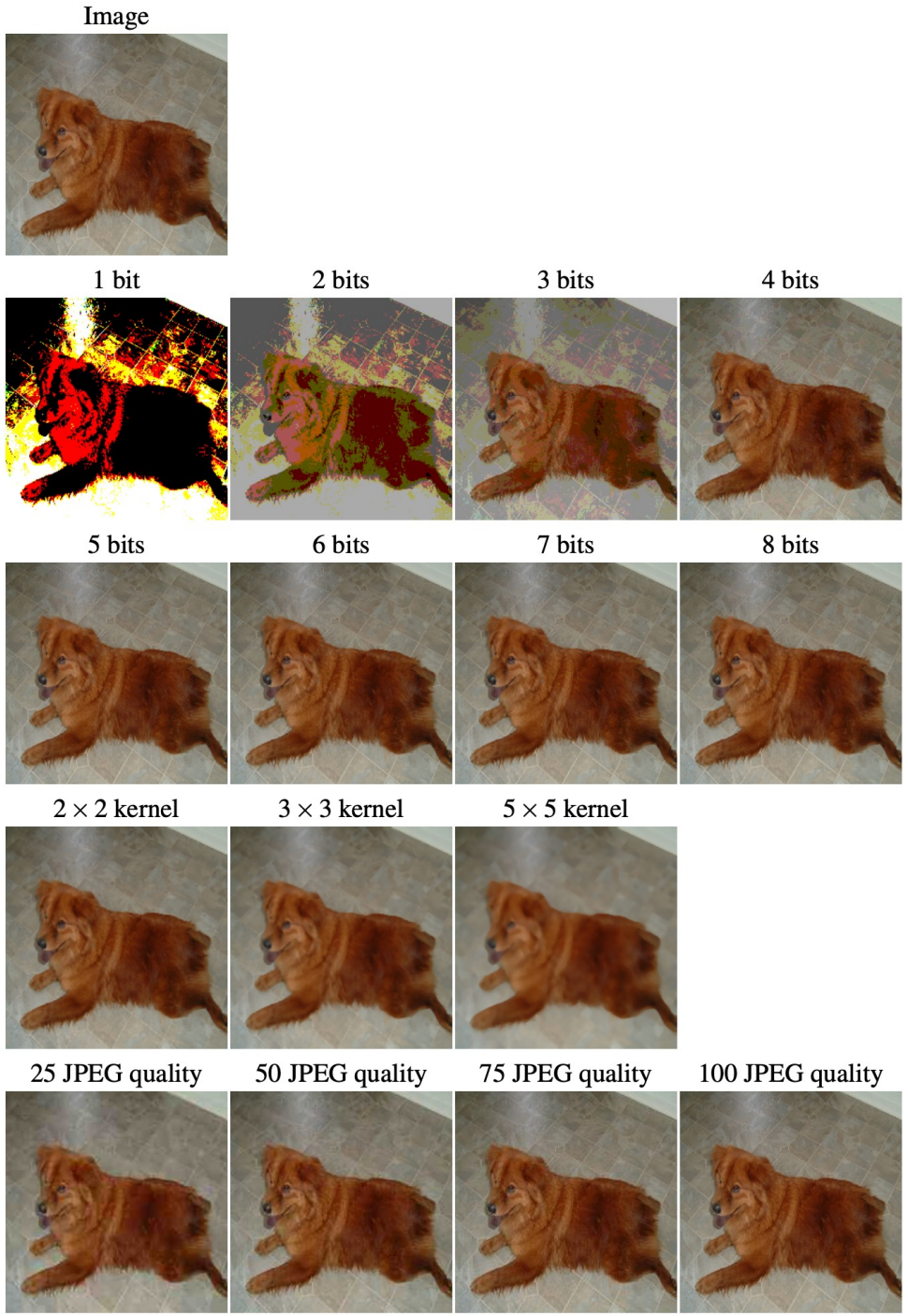
Bit reduction squeezes irrelevant image features by decreasing the number of bits representing intensities of pixels in each channel.



Median smoothing is a non-linear method for reducing noise within an image by degrading extreme pixel intensities, while preserving edges. Median smoothing slides, pixel by pixel, a squared kernel over the entire image and replaces the intensity of each pixel in the centre of the kernel with the median of the intensities of the neighbourhood pixels.

Lossy JPEG compression removes high-frequency noise within the image in four main steps – colour transformation, decoration frequency transformation, quantisation and entropy coding.

Knowledge of adversary about the classifier

	Knowledge	**Example**	
White-box	Everything	Open source classifiers	Best-case scenario for the attacker
Black-box	Predictions	Public APIs	-
No box	Nothing	Classifiers on social media	Worst-case scenario for the attacker

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Adversarial goals

- Untargeted
  - Mislead with any class that is different from the class of the original image

- Targeted
  - Mislead to predict a specific target class

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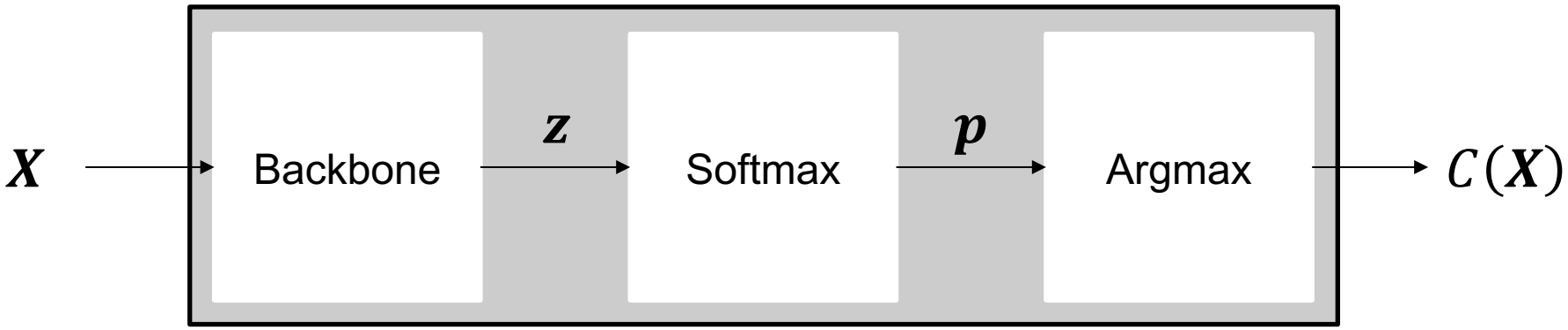
Training a classifier, $C(\cdot)$



Loss function

$$\theta^* = \underset{\theta}{\operatorname{argmin}} J(C(\boldsymbol{X}), y)$$

Learned parameters

Ground-truth label of $\boldsymbol{X}$

Input is fixed,
Adjust parameters

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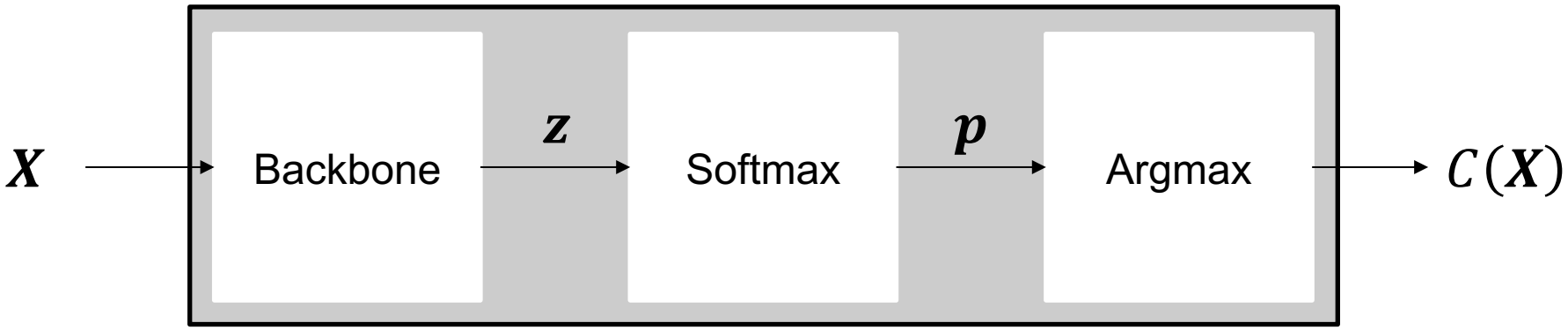
Generating an adversarial image against $C(\cdot)$



Fixed parameters,
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$$\dot{\boldsymbol{X}} = \underset{\dot{\boldsymbol{X}}}{\operatorname{argmax}} J(C(\dot{\boldsymbol{X}}), y)$$

Adversarial image

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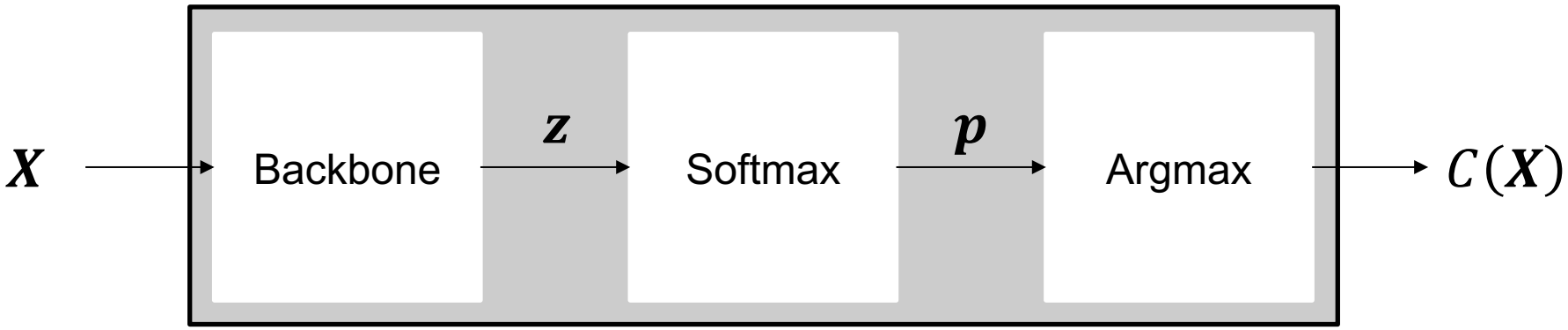

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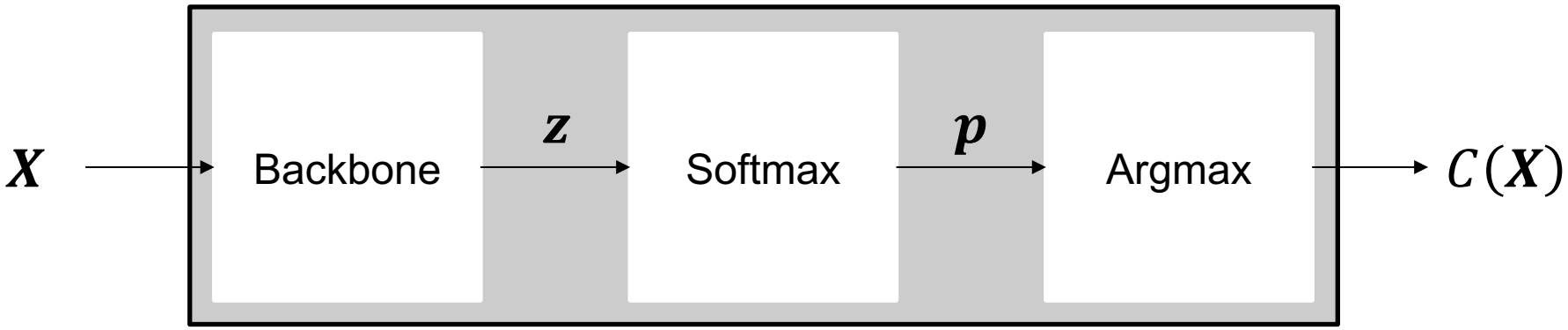
Generating an adversarial image against $C(\cdot)$

- Parameters are fixed, maximising the gradients of the loss function wrt input



Difficult and
Not mathematically possible

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So how we perturb images?

- Possible space of allowed perturbations
  - Norm-bounded perturbations
  - Content-based perturbations

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Norm-bounded perturbations

- Minimize l_p-norm
  - Maximum change for each pixel, l_∞
    - Fast Gradient Sign Method (FGSM)[ICLR'14]
    - Basic Iterative Method (BIM)[ICLR'17]
    - Robust and private BIM (RP-BIM)[TMM'20]
  - Maximum energy change, l_2
    - DeepFool (l_2)[CVPR'16]
    - Carlini-Wagner (CW)[S&P'17]
  - Maximum number of perturbed pixels, l_1
    - SparseFool[CVPR'19]
    - JSMA[EuroS&P'16]

ICLR'14: Goodfellow et al, "Explaining and harnessing adversarial examples".
ICLR'17: Kurakin et al, "Adversarial examples in the physical world".
TMM'20: Sanchez-Matilla et al, "Exploiting vulnerabilities of deep neural networks for privacy protection".
CVPR'16: Moosavi-Dezfool et al, "DeepFool: A simple and accurate method to fool deep neural networks ".
S&P'17: Carlini and Wagner, "Towards evaluating the robustness of neural networks".
CVPR'19: Modas et al, "SparseFool: a few pixels make a big difference".
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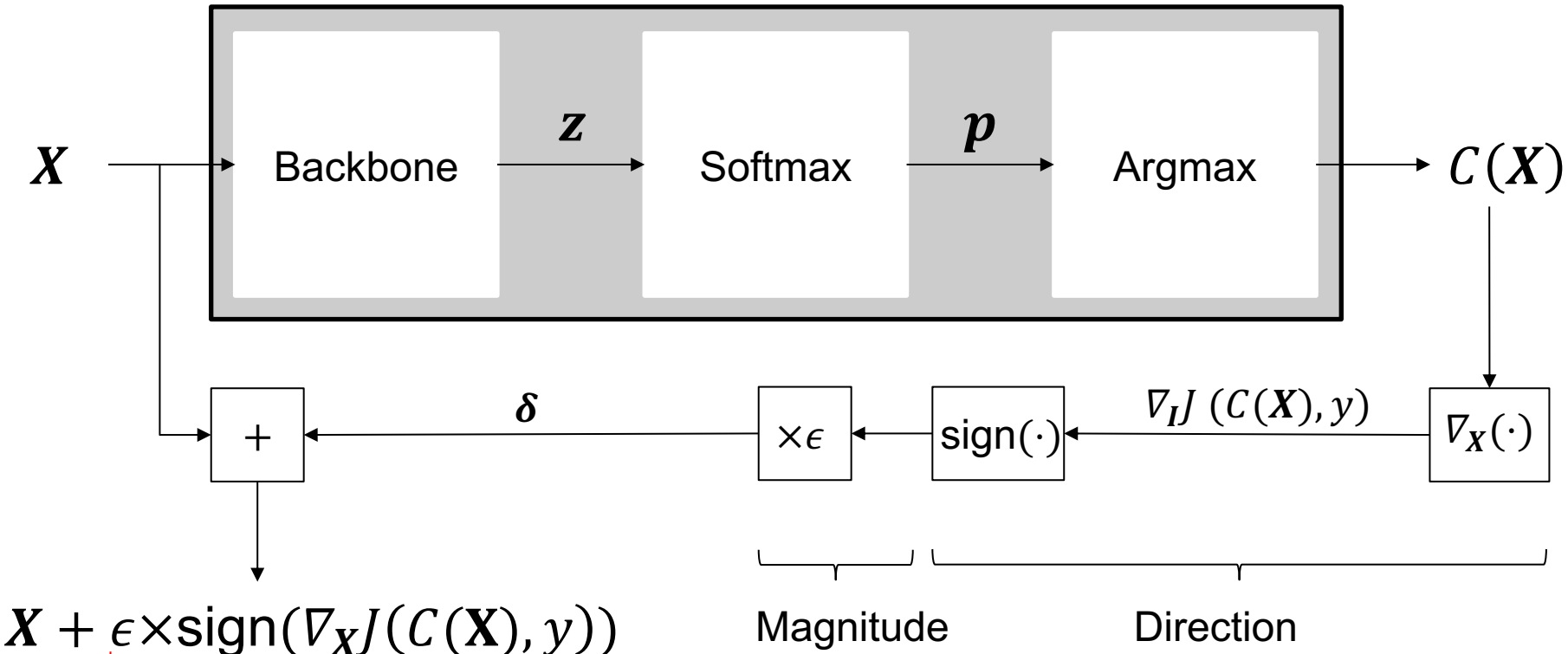
Fast Gradient Sign Method, untargeted



Increase or decrease least significant bit of each pixel intensity

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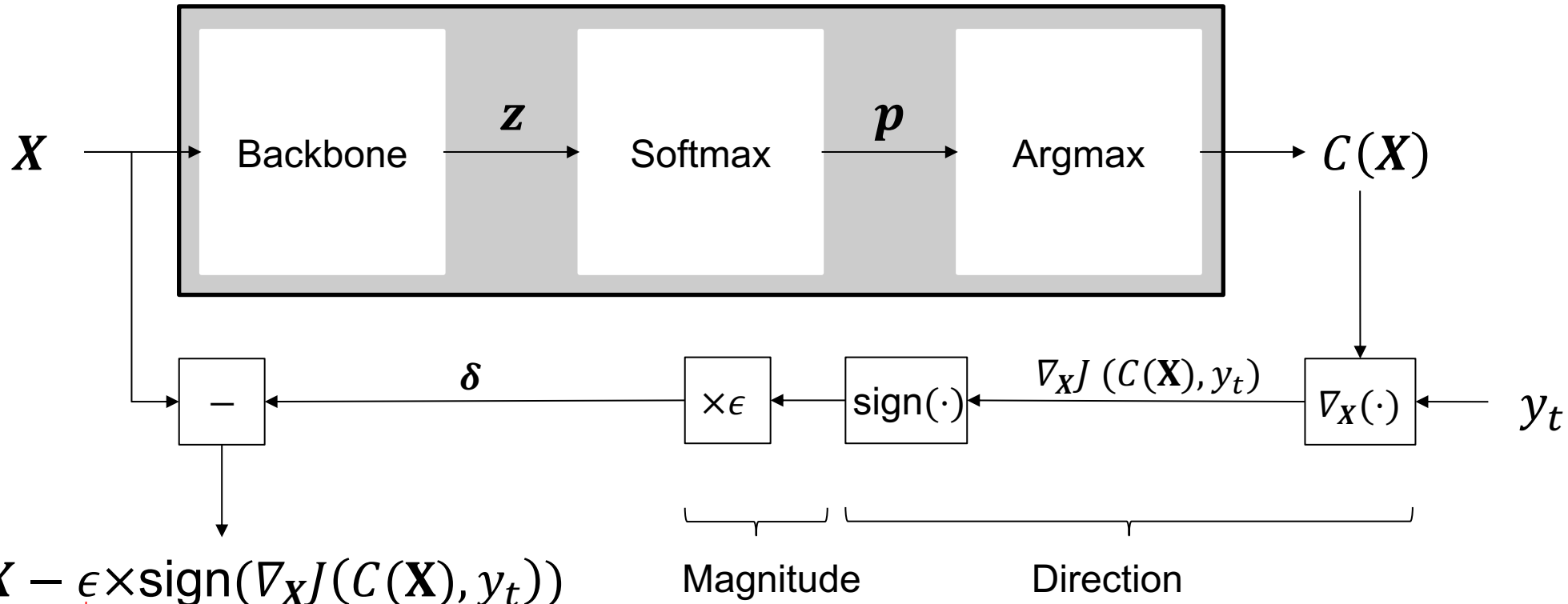
Fast Gradient Sign Method, targeted



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Improving misleading of Fast Gradient Sign Method

- Basic Iterative Method: Iteratively generate the adversarial perturbation
- Aggregates N perturbations

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{X}}_0 = \boldsymbol{X}$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{X}} = \mathrm{Clip}_{\epsilon}(\boldsymbol{X} + \sum_{n} \mathrm{sign}\left(\nabla_{\dot{\boldsymbol{X}}_{n-1}} J\left(C\left(\dot{\boldsymbol{X}}_{n-1}\right), y\right)\right))$$

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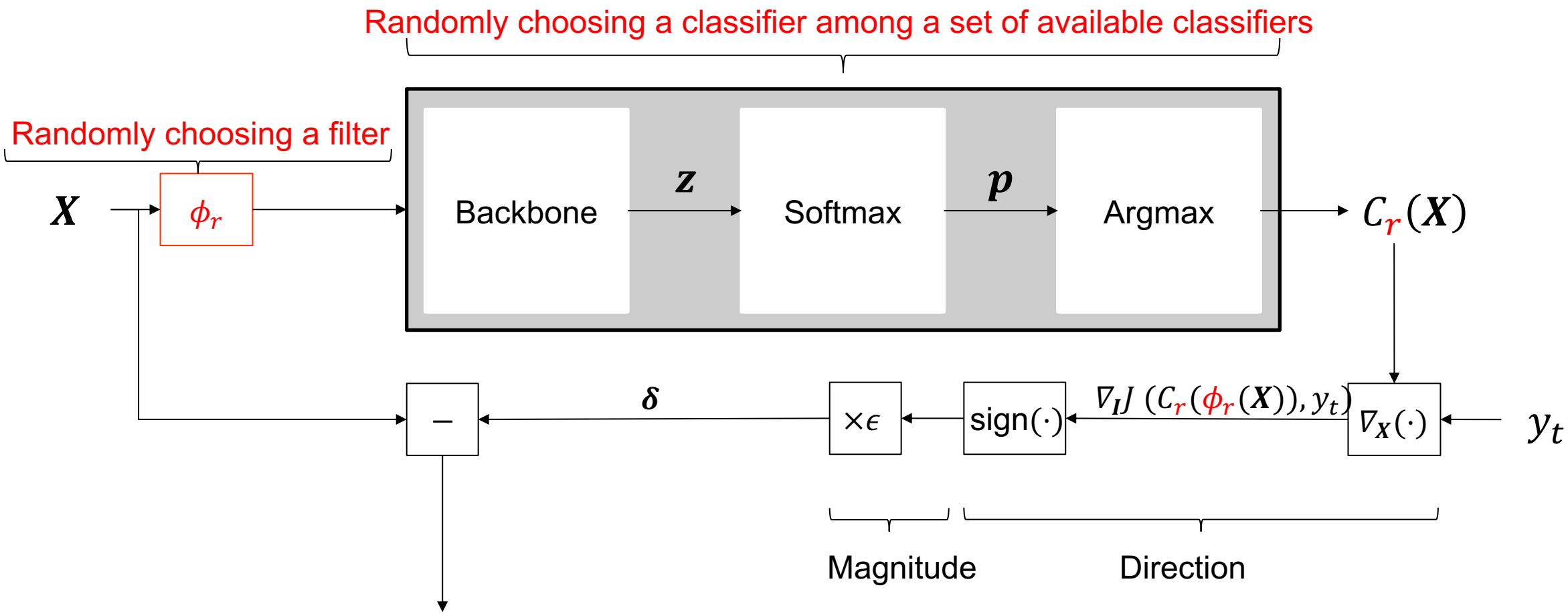
Improving robustness and transferability of FGSM/BIM



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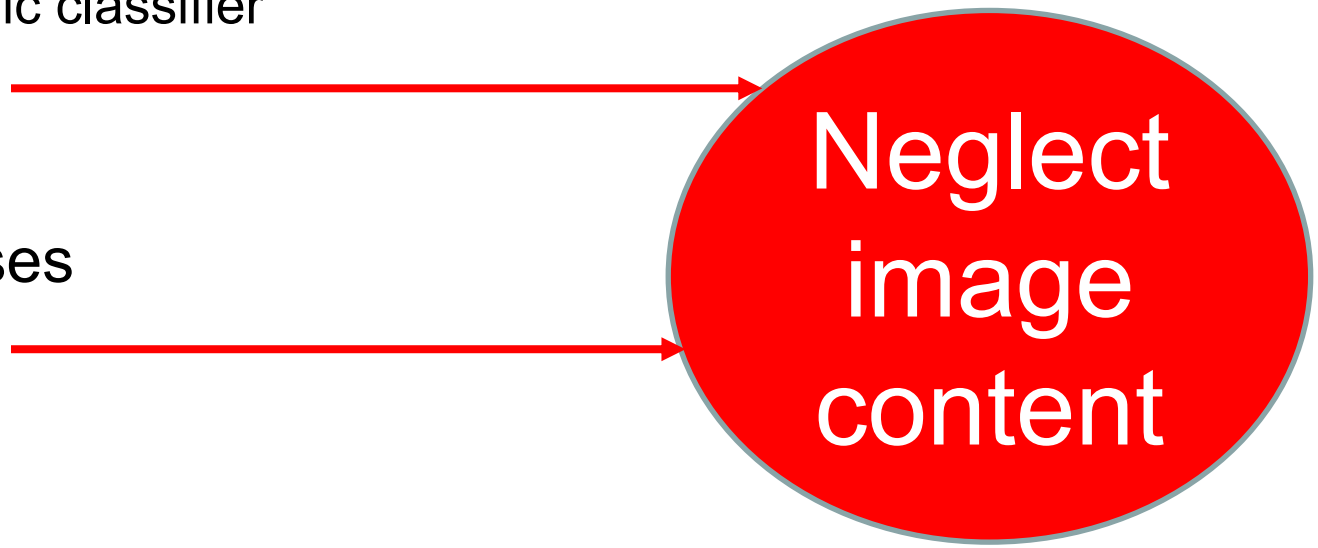

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How image contents can help adversarial perturbations?

- Introduce a larger range of perturbations based on image content
  - Colour
    - SemanticAdv[CVPR-W'17]
    - ColorFool[CVPR'20]
    - ACE[BMVC'20]

- Structure and details
    - EdgeFool[ICASSP'20]
    - FilterFool[Arxiv'20]

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BMVC'20: Zhao et al, "Adversarial Color Enhancement: Generating Unrestricted Adversarial Images by Optimizing a Color Filter".
ICASSP'20: Shahin Shamsabadi et al, "EdgeFool: An adversarial image enhancement filter ".
Arxiv'20: Shahin Shamsabadi et al, "Semantically Adversarial Learnable Filters ".

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Large colour perturbations

- Untargeted adversarial colour changes
  - HSV colour space
  - Shifting hue and saturation
- Low-frequency colour perturbations
  - Transferable
  - Robust
  - Black-box
  - Unnatural-looking adversarial images

Original

SemanticAdv

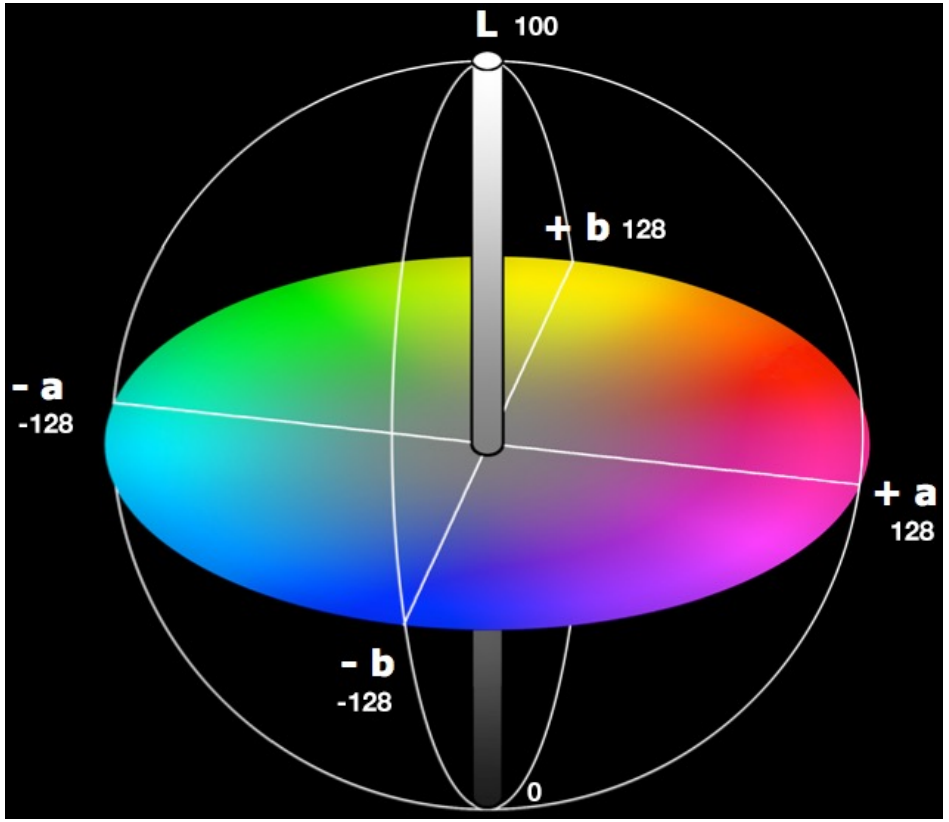
CVPR-W'17: Hosseini and Poovendran, "Semantic adversarial examples".

Why adversarial colours may look unnatural?

- Images contain semantic regions
  - A set of identifiable pixels such as car or person
- Sensitive regions
  - Colour changes are noticeable
  - Person, Vegetation, Water and Sky
- Non-sensitive regions
  - Occur in a wide range of colours
  - Curtain, Wall and …

We also need a better perceptually motivated colour space

- Lab colour space
- Perceptually uniform
- Represent colour separately from lightness
  - Lightness
    - L channel: black (0) to white (100)
  - Colour information
    - a channel: green (-128) to red (+128)
    - b channel: blue (-128) to yellow (+128)



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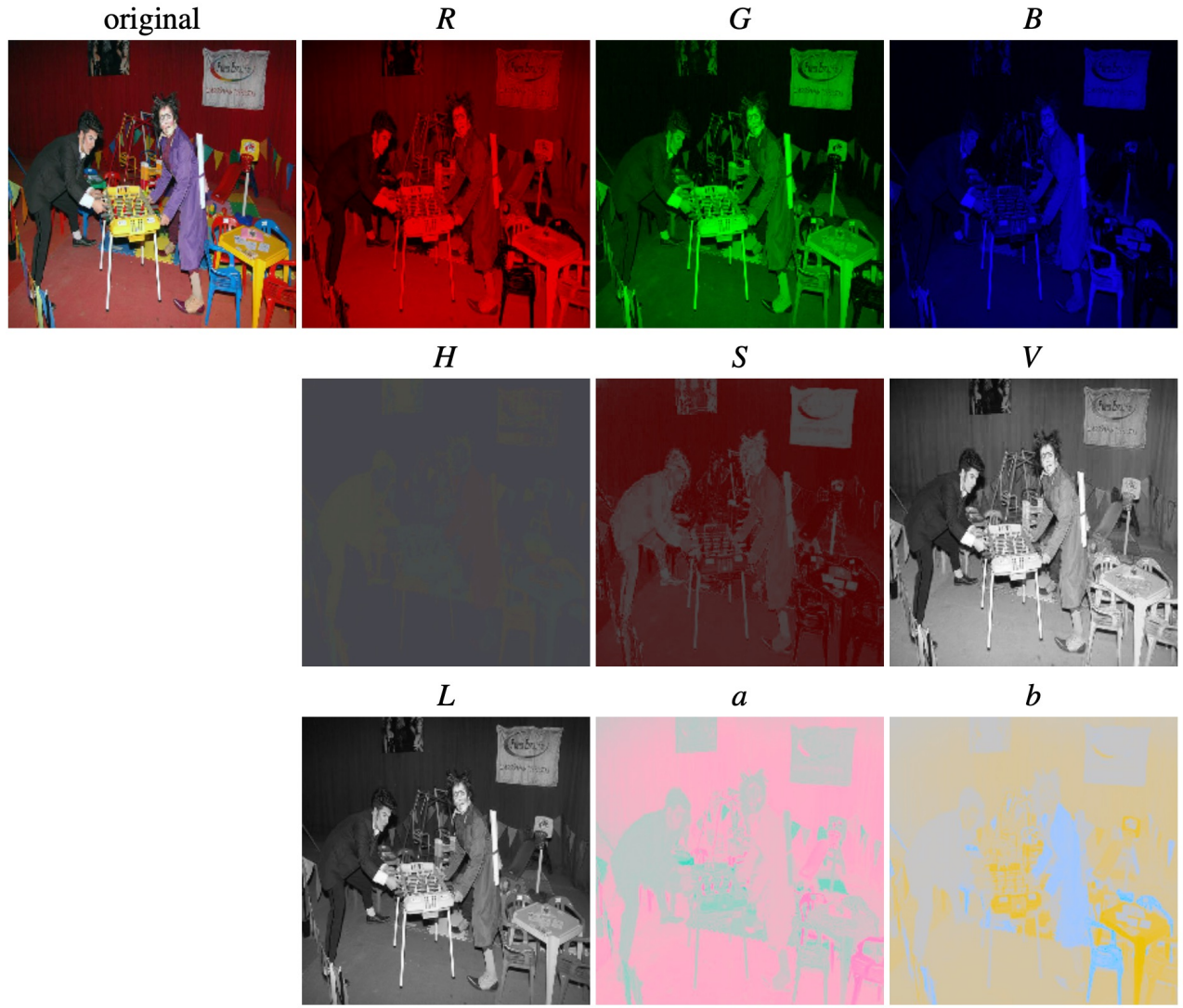
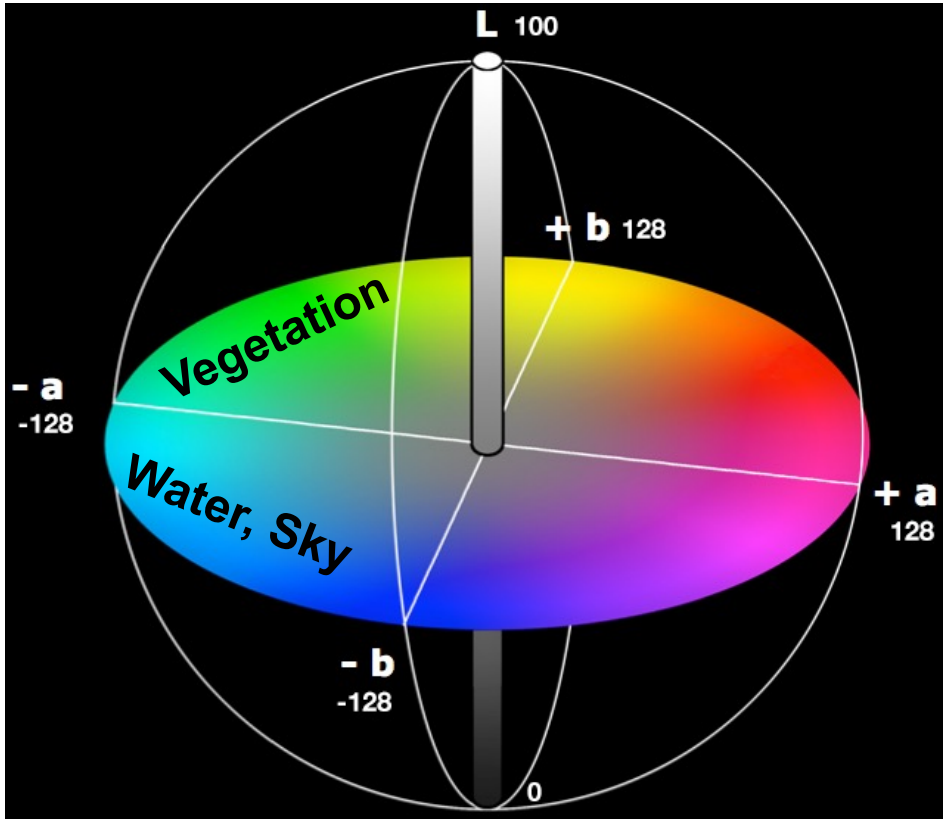


Figure 2.2: The *RGB* colour space approximates digital display systems (e.g. TV), while the *HSV* and *Lab* colour spaces simulate how human eyes perceive the world. Each channel in the *RGB* colour space encodes both lightness and colour information. However, the *HSV* and *Lab* colour spaces encode colour separately from the lightness.

Semantic and perceptually motivated colour perturbations

- Perform in Lab colour space
- Modify a and b colour channels
  - Semantic regions
  - Human perception
- Up to 1000 trials



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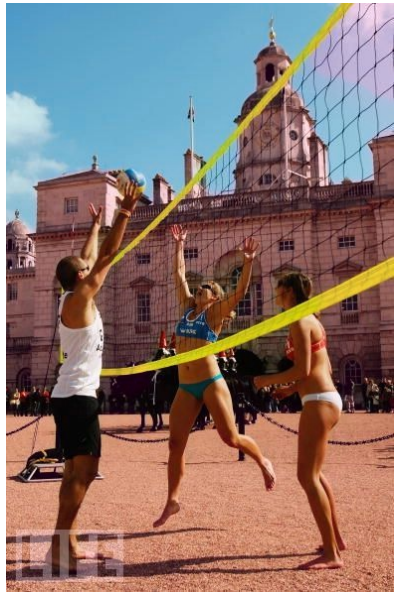

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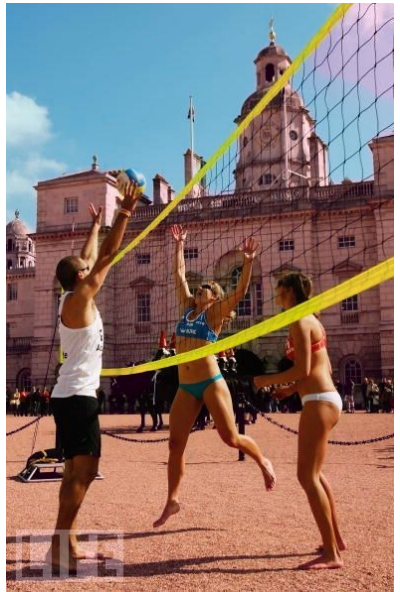
ColorFool

- Transferable
  - Randomness
  - Black-box
- Robust
  - Low frequency
- Natural-looking
  - Semantic regions
  - Human perception
- Maintain aspect ratio

Original

ColorFool-ed



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What about other semantic attributes of images?

Image structure

Image details

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+

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Can perturbations perform enhancement, not distortion?

- Yes
- Exploiting traditional image processing filters

Original

EdgeFool-ed








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$\mathbf{X}$

FCNN

$\mathbf{X}_s$

Smoothing

L_s

$\mathbf{X}_g$

Decompose structure and detail by training a Fully Convolutional Neural Network (FCNN)

Structure ($\mathbf{I}_s$)

Detail

Smoothing Loss Function

$$L_s = || \mathbf{X}_s - \mathbf{X}_g ||^2$$

Image Structure learned by FCNN

Image Structure output by l_0 Image smoothing filter

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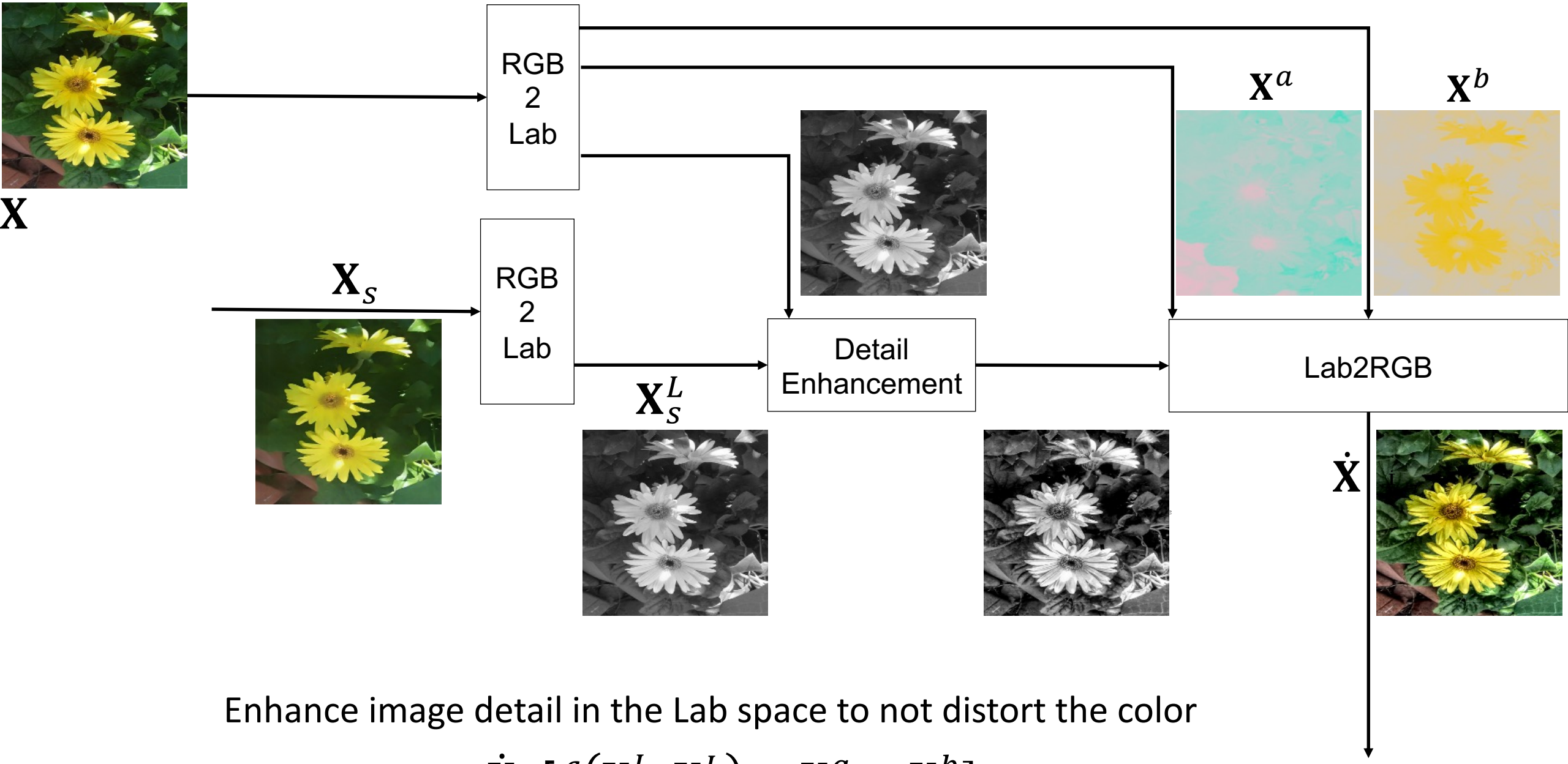

Enhance image detail in the Lab space to not distort the color

$$\dot{\mathbf{X}}=[f\left(\mathbf{X}_d^L,\mathbf{X}_s^L\right),\quad \mathbf{X}^a,\quad \mathbf{X}^b]$$

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$\mathbf{x}$

Guide the enhancement in an adversary manner via minimizing

$$L_a = \dot{z}_y - \max\{\dot{z}_i, i \neq y\}$$

Adversarial
Loss Function

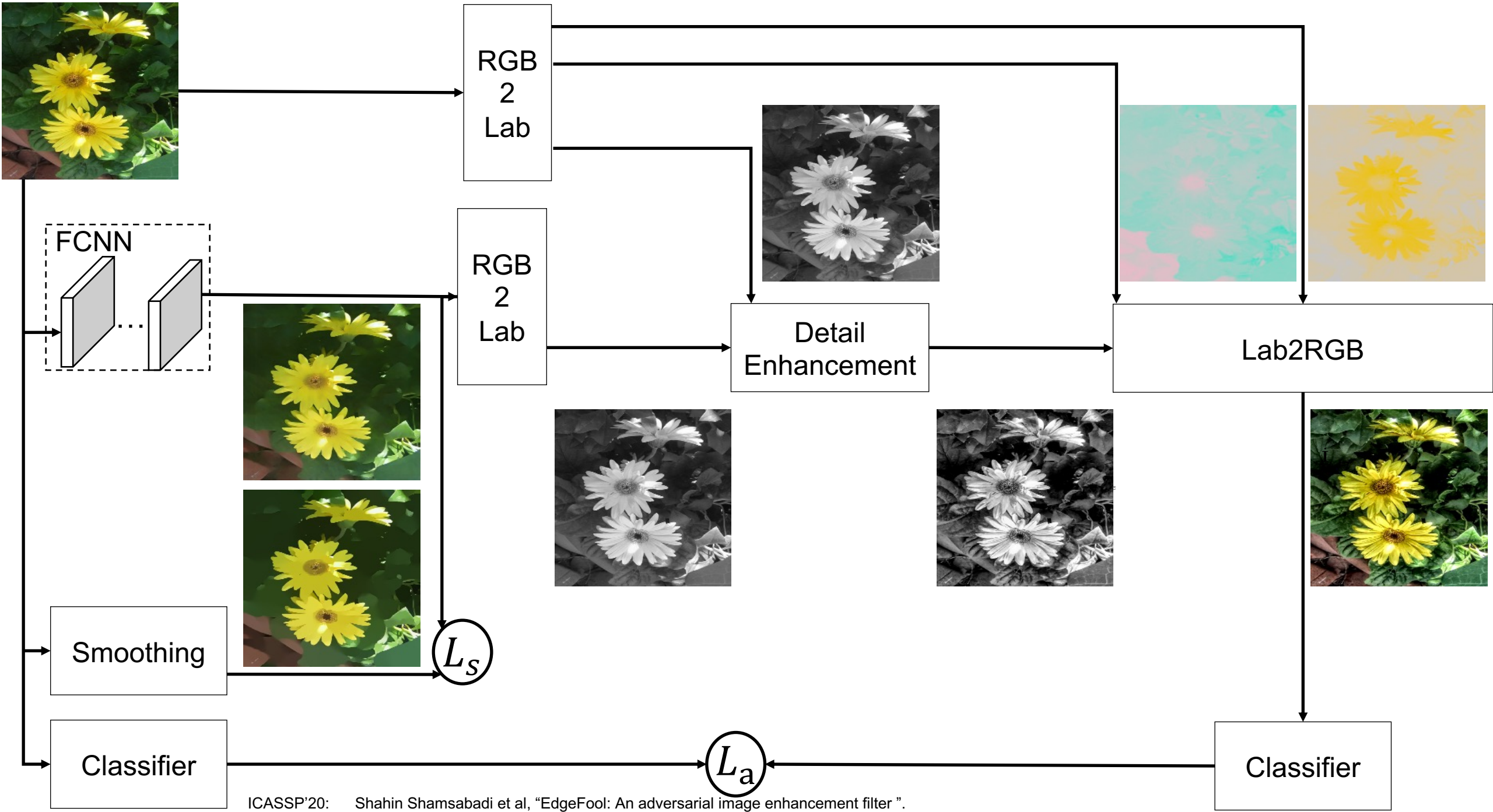
Score of belonging adversarial image
to the same class as the original image

$\dot{\mathbf{x}}$

Classifier

L_a

Classifier



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Residual learning: if you look after other enhancements

- Enhanced image outputted by the filter: $\boldsymbol{X}_e$
- The filter residual: $\boldsymbol{\delta}_e = \boldsymbol{X}_e - \boldsymbol{X}$
- Learnable adversarial residual: $\boldsymbol{\delta}$

Prevent artefacts in untextured areas

$$L_{l_2}(\boldsymbol{\delta}, \boldsymbol{\delta}_e) + (1 - \mathrm{SSIM}(\boldsymbol{\delta}, \boldsymbol{\delta}_e)) + L_a$$

Penalizes pixel-wise large differences

Guides the residual towards adversarial

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Original images

FilterFool-ed

Detail enhanced

Gamma corrected

Log transformed

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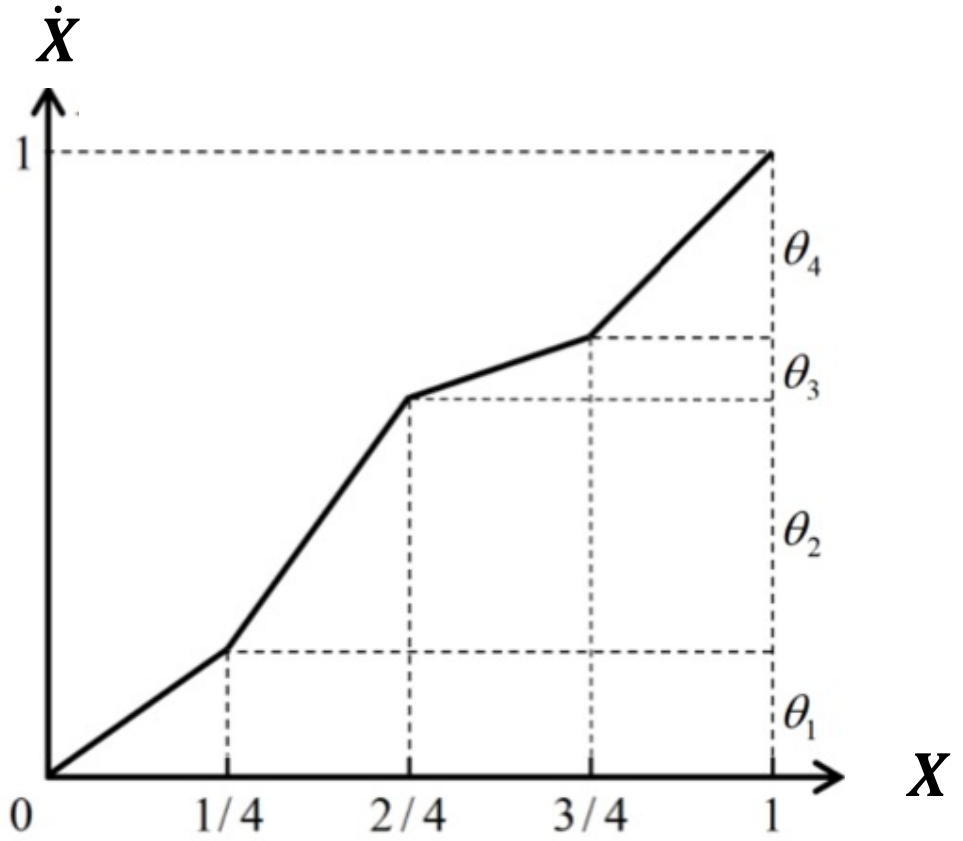
Others traditional image processing filters

- Adversary learn parameters of filters to output adversarial images
- Differentiable approximation of a colour filter

$$\dot{X}_x = \sum_{i=1}^{\left[\frac{X_x}{s}\right]} \theta_i + \frac{X_x(\mathrm{mod} s)}{s} \theta_{\left[\frac{X_x}{s}\right]}$$



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Now let’s look at class labels

“screen”
?
“Television”

“computer keyboard”
?
“Typewriter keyboard”

“Shetland sheepdog”
?
“collie”

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Semantic relationships between class labels

- Cluster $D = 1000$ ImageNet classes to $S = 11$ semantic classes
  - Dogs (130); Other mammals (88); Birds (59); Reptiles, fish, amphibians (60); Invertebrates (61); Food, plants, fungi (63); Devices (172); Structures, furnishing (90); Clothes, covering (92); Implements, containers, misc. objects (117); and Vehicles (68)

- Define mapping matrix $\boldsymbol{W} \in \{0,1\}^{D \times S}$

Semantically different classes than the original class

$$L_{\mathrm{S-Adv}}(\boldsymbol{X}, \dot{\boldsymbol{X}}) = < \mathrm{ReLU}(\dot{\boldsymbol{z}}), \boldsymbol{w}_s > - \max(\dot{\boldsymbol{z}} \odot \hat{\boldsymbol{w}}_s)$$

Semantically similar classes to the original class

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$<\cdot,\cdot>$: dot product $\odot$: Hadamard product

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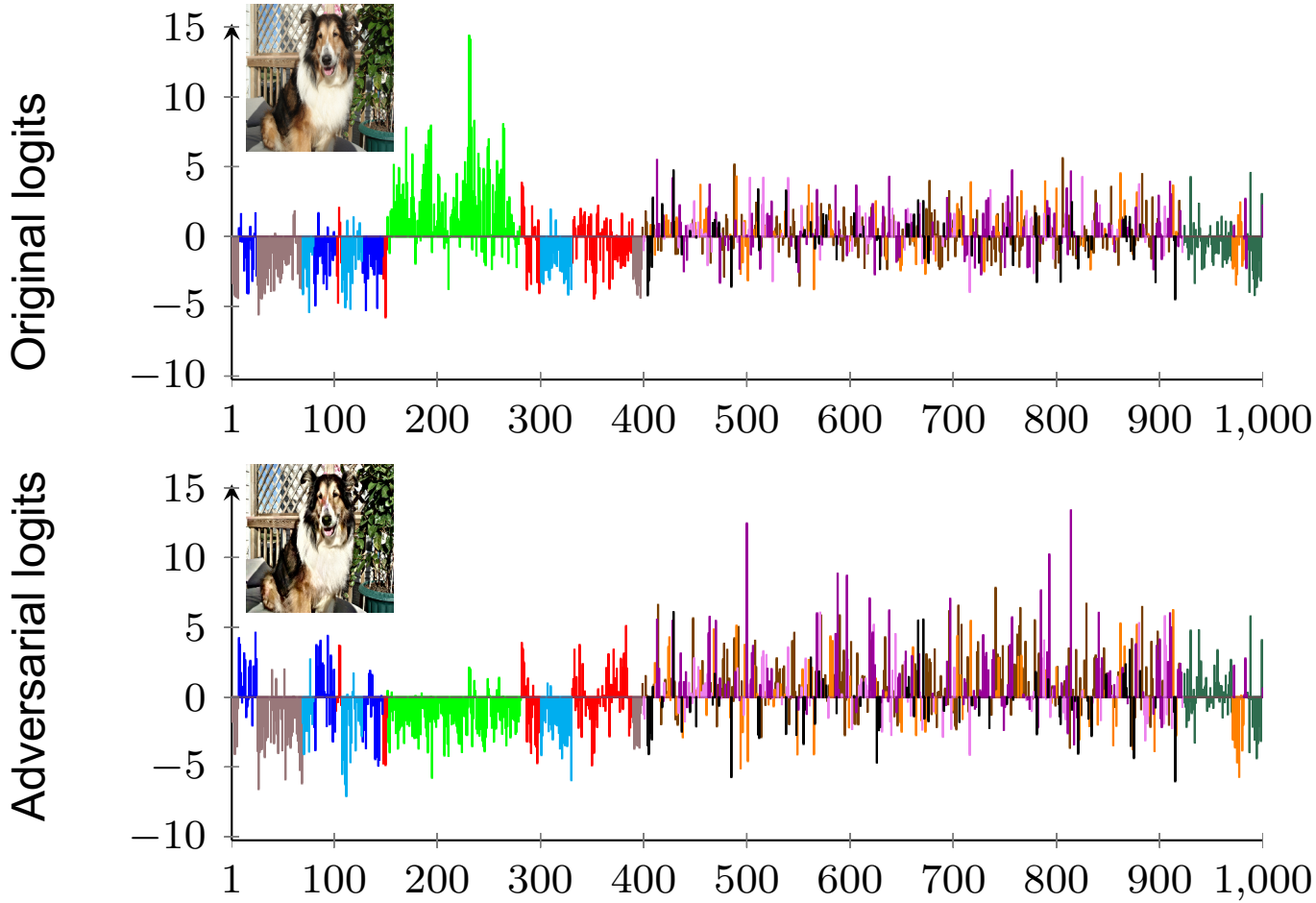

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Experimental settings

- Dataset
  - ImageNet: $3K$ images of $1k$ objects
- Classifiers under attacks
  - ResNet50, ResNet18, AlexNet
- Visualization
  - Perturbations
  - Adversarial images
  - Top5 predictions and classifier attention
- Success rate and transferability

$$\frac{\#\ \text{successful adversarial images}}{\#\ \text{total images}}$$

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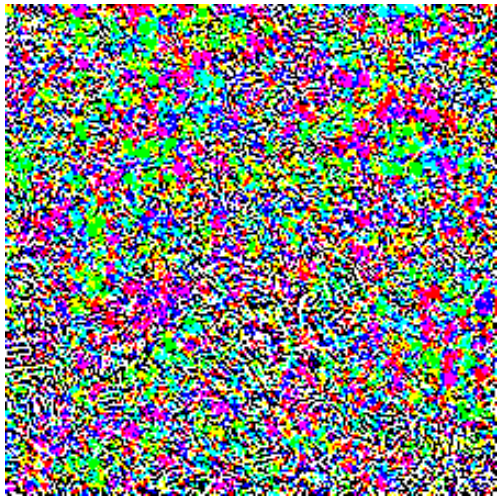
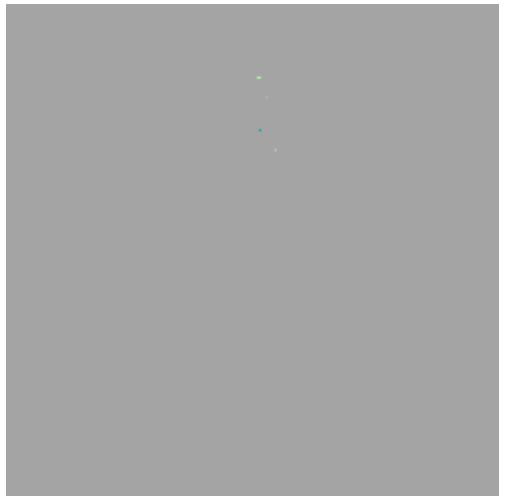
Adversarial perturbations

Original

Basic Iterative Method



SparseFool



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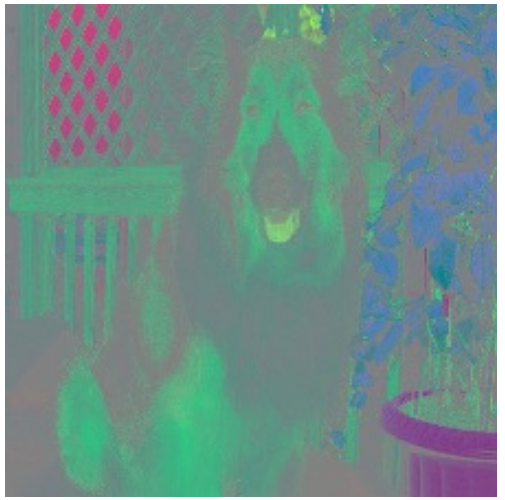

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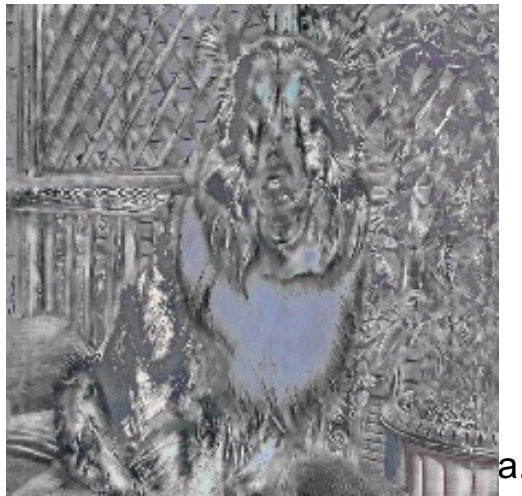

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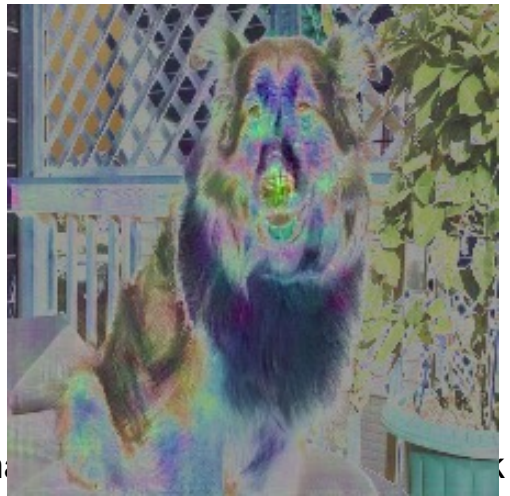

Adversarial images

Original

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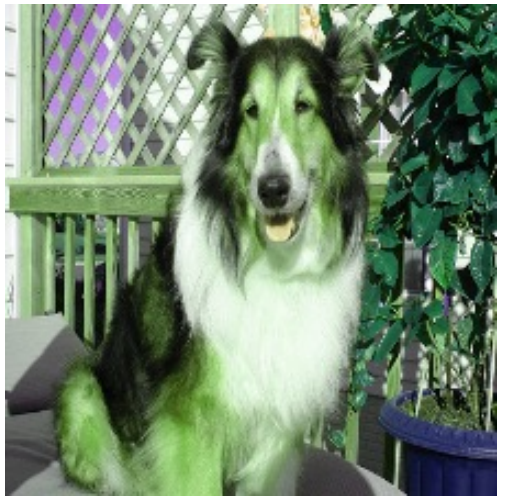

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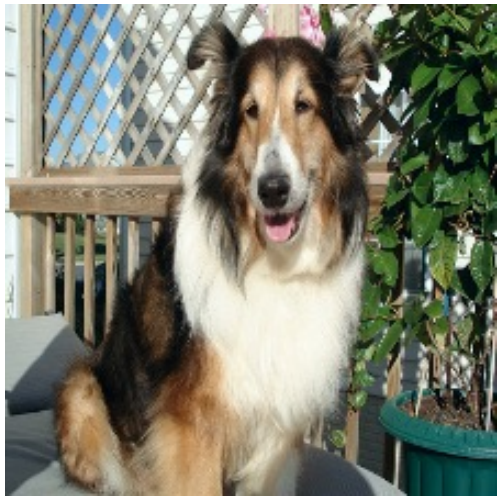

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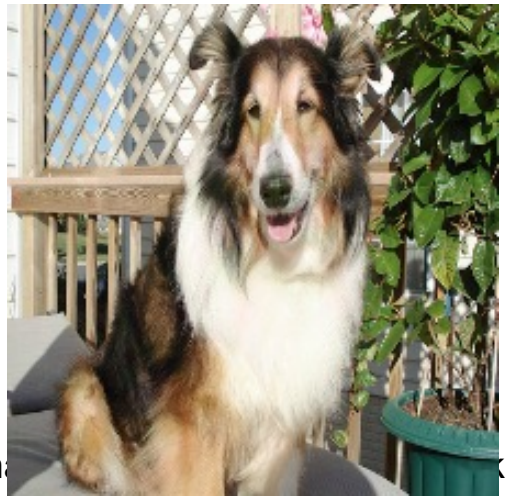

Top-5 predictions

Original

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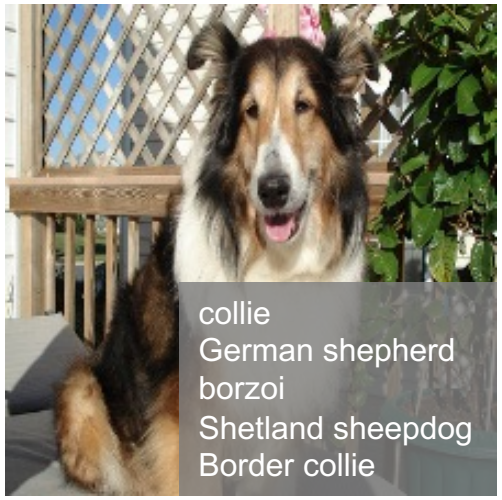

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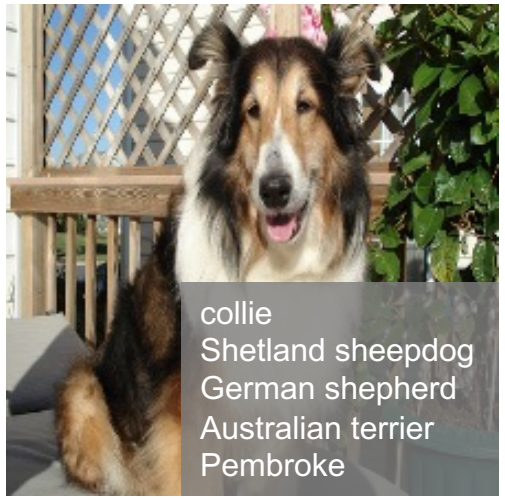

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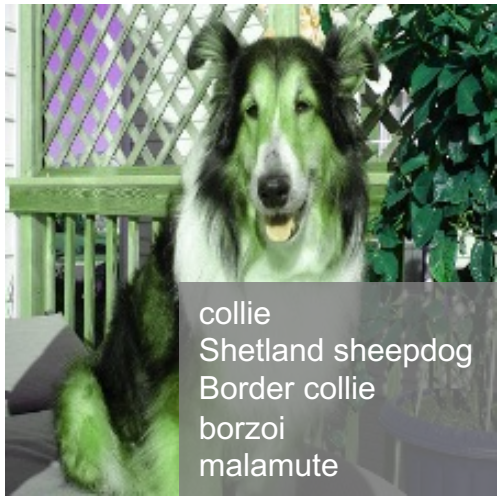

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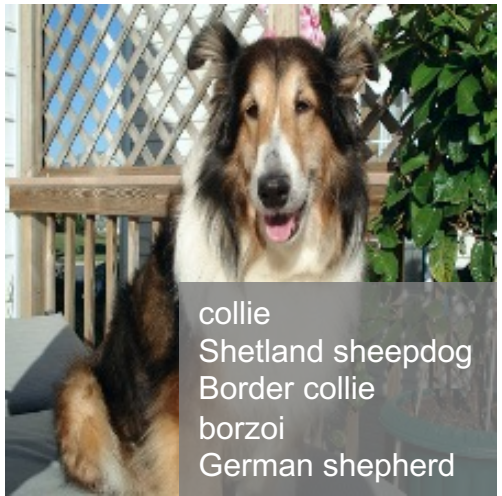

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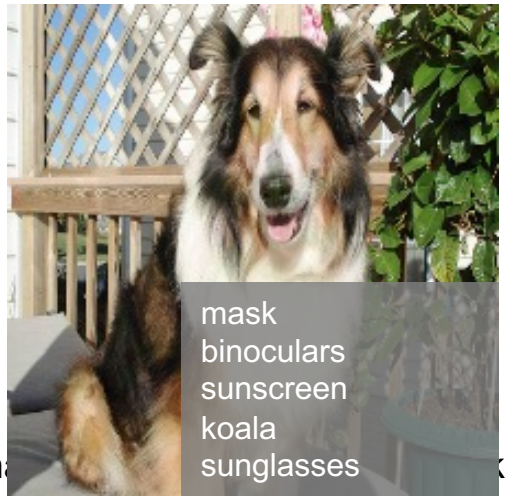

Classifier attention

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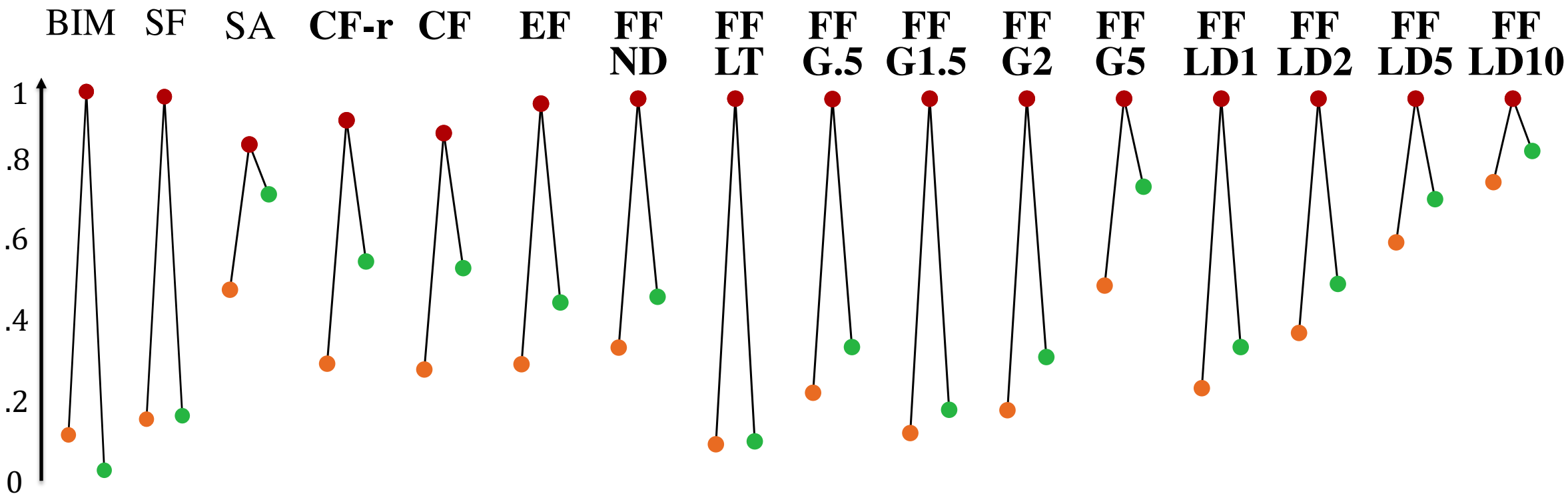
Success rate and transferability



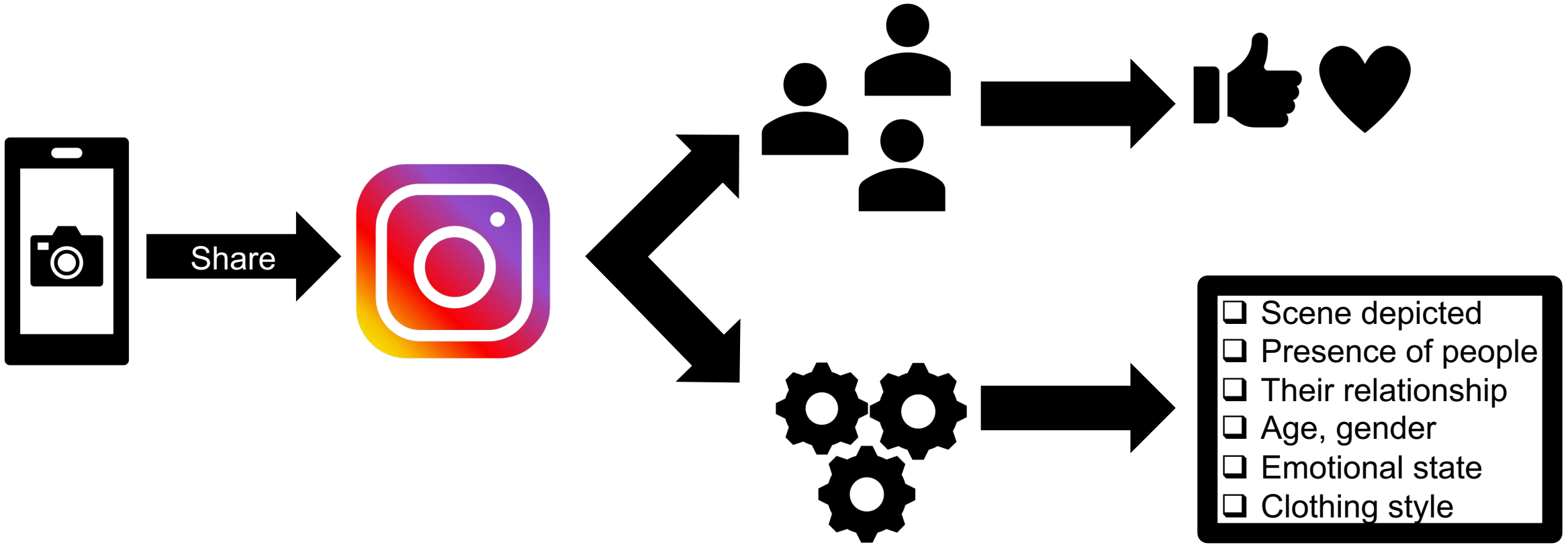
ResNet50 (seen)

ResNet18 (unseen)

AlexNet (unseen)

BIM: Basic Iterative Method, SF: SparseFool, SA: SemanticAdv,
EF: EdgeFool, FF: FilterFool, LT: Log transformation,
LD, ND: Linear and Nonlinear Detail enhancement,
G: Gamma correction

Privacy risks in image sharing social medias



Informed consent?

Other works

- Exploiting vulnerabilities of deep neural networks for privacy protection (https://arxiv.org/pdf/2007.09766.pdf)
- Fawkes: Protecting Privacy against Unauthorized Deep Learning Models (https://www.usenix.org/system/files/sec20-shan.pdf)
- Face-Off: Adversarial Face Obfuscation (https://arxiv.org/pdf/2003.08861.pdf)
- Pixel privacy challenge (http://www.multimediaeval.org/mediaeval2019/pixelprivacy/)

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Still many rooms for improvements

- Define mathematically the possible set of adversarial images
  - Model human eyes
- Why classifiers are vulnerable to semantic changes?
  - Colour shifting
  - Detail enhancement
- Certified adversarial perturbations
- Make semantic changes outside of digital domains in physical world

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Now let’s see how we can implement ColorFool-ed images

Original

ColorFool-ed








https://github.com/smartcameras/ColorFool

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Demo

https://github.com/smartcameras/ColorFool/blob/master/TutorialDemoColorFool/ColorFool.ipynb