
Improved Predictive Uncertainty using Corruption-based Calibration

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Abstract

We propose a simple post hoc calibration method to estimate the confidence/uncertainty that a model prediction is correct on data with covariate shift, as represented by the large-scale corrupted data benchmark [Ovadia et al., 2019]. We achieve this by synthesizing surrogate calibration sets by corrupting the calibration set with varying intensities of a known corruption. Our method demonstrates significant improvements on the benchmark on a wide range of covariate shifts.

1 Introduction

As deep learning models become more ubiquitous, it has become increasingly critical to estimate their predictive uncertainty i.e. how reliable their predictions are. This is particularly important in healthcare, financial, and legal settings where a human user makes a decision aided by a deep learning model. The predictive uncertainty of a deep classification model is typically given by an estimate of the class probabilities of a given sample. The baseline predictive uncertainty method is to simply use the softmax probabilities of the model as a surrogate for the class membership probabilities [Hendrycks and Gimpel, 2017]. However, such probability estimates are known to lead to overconfident models [Nguyen et al., 2015], and several approaches have been proposed to calibrate these probabilities. These methods include non-Bayesian ones such as temperature scaling [Guo et al., 2017], dropout [Srivastava et al., 2014, Gal and Ghahramani, 2016], and model ensembles [Lakshminarayanan et al., 2017], as well as Bayesian approaches such as Stochastic Variational Bayesian Inference (SVBI) for deep learning [Graves, 2011, Blundell et al., 2015, Louizos and Welling, 2016, 2017, Wen et al., 2018], among others.

All these approaches produce calibrated probabilities for in-distribution data with varying degrees of success. However, it has been found that the quality of the uncertainty predictions deteriorates significantly for data under distributional shift, also known as covariate shift [Hendrycks and Dietterich, 2019, Ovadia et al., 2019].

Ovadia et al. [2019] demonstrate this by performing a large-scale benchmark analysis of existing methods for predictive uncertainty under dataset shift. In this benchmark, dataset shift is represented by varying intensities of a class of known corruptions to in-distribution data. This large-scale benchmark obviously does not cover all forms of distributional shift, nevertheless it is a strong and challenging benchmark for the problem at hand.

In this work, we propose a simple and efficient post hoc method for model calibration under distributional shift. Our method provides improved state-of-the-art results on the large-scale benchmark Ovadia et al. [2019] (see Figures 1, 2). The key idea is that we can estimate the dataset shift using just the model outputs by comparing with known corruption of in-distribution data, and use this to better calibrate our models. We propose two variants to account for varying operating conditions at prediction time: (i) a Single Image method, and (ii) a Multi-Image method. Our methods can be

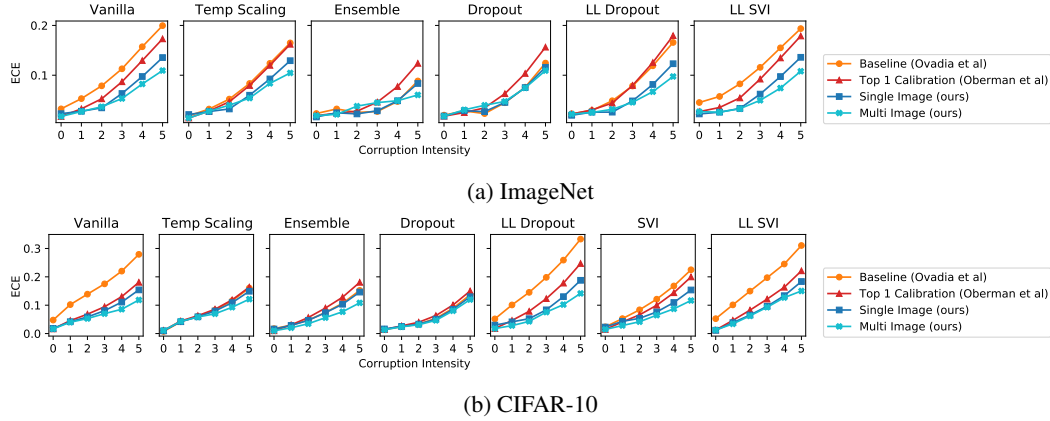


Figure 1: Mean ECE (lower is better) of the benchmark implementation [Ovadia et al., 2019] (orange), Top1 binning [Oberman et al., 2020] (red), and our Single Image and Multi-Image methods (blue) for ImageNet (top) and CIFAR-10 (bottom). For each method, we show mean ECE across corruption intensities, across different corruption types. The ECE from our methods is better across almost all methods and intensities, with the greatest improvement at the higher intensities. See Tables 3 and 4 in the Appendix for numerical comparisons.

combined with training-based calibration methods, and show impressive results on never seen types of corruptions.

2 Related Work

Models trained on a given dataset are unlikely to perform as well on a shifted dataset [Hendrycks and Dietterich, 2019, Ovadia et al., 2019], and there are inevitable tradeoffs between accuracy and robustness [Chun et al., 2020]. Several approaches have been proposed to increase model robustness, typically evaluated on the benchmark corrupted datasets CIFAR-10-C and ImageNet-C. Hendrycks et al. [2019] shows that while fine-tuning a pre-trained model does not improve accuracy compared to training a model from scratch, it does improve the quality of the uncertainty estimates. Our methods are a simple post hoc add-on to calibrate an already trained model.

Simply training models against corruptions can fail to make models robust to new corruptions [Vasiljevic et al., 2016, Geirhos et al., 2018]. However, Hendrycks et al. [2020] train models with a carefully designed new data augmentation technique called AUGMIX, and are able to improve both robustness and uncertainty measures. In contrast, our work applies a data augmentation technique at the calibration stage, which avoids having to retrain the models from scratch, and can be a simple post-hoc fix to calibrate trained models.

Krishnan and Tickoo [2020] introduced a new loss function that leverages accuracy versus uncertainty calibration, improving the model uncertainty estimates. They demonstrate that it can be used as post-hoc calibration method as well. This work can be seen as orthogonal to ours as the methods we propose here can be used as an add-on to any calibration method.

Park et al. [2020] and Wang et al. [2020] focus on the more general problem of unsupervised domain adaptation, where one assumes that unlabeled examples from the test distribution share the same classes as those in the training distribution. Park et al. [2020] propose an approach based on importance weighting to correct for the covariate shift in the data, together with learning an indistinguishable feature map between training and test distributions. Wang et al. [2020] extend the temperature scaling method into domain adaption achieving more accurate calibrations with lower bias and variance without introducing any hyperparameters.

However, Park et al. [2020], Wang et al. [2020] need to be recalibrated for every new type of corruption. In contrast, our calibration method works across different corruptions, even though it has been calibrated for only one type of corruption. Unlike our work, Park et al. [2020], Wang et al. [2020] are interested in the purely Out-of-Distribution (OoD) setting (MNIST versus SVHN). Both

these require domain adaptation methods which are likely to fail with a small number of test images. In contrast, our Single Image method can automatically calibrate for any shifted corrupted distribution without needing a batch of images, while our Multi-Image method is more sample-efficient as it provides comparable performance even with a random small subset of the test batch of images.

In the context of purely OoD data, Shao et al. [2020] propose a confidence calibration method that uses an auxiliary classifier to identify mis-classified samples, thus allowing them to be assigned low confidence. Nado et al. [2020] argues that the internal activations of deep models also suffer from distributional shift in the presence of shifted data. They thus propose to recompute the batch normalization coefficients at prediction time using a sample of the unlabeled images from the test distribution, hence improving the accuracy and ultimately the calibration. However, their work requires knowing the internal activations of the model, and hence is a white-box model which works on deep neural networks. In contrast, we improve any model’s calibration treating it as a black box, and hence do not require to know its internal functionalities.

All the above methods require knowledge of the feature distribution. In contrast, our approach only requires knowing the softmax probabilities of the model. Thus, our method treats the model as a black box and can therefore be extended to classifiers other than neural networks.

3 Calibration

3.1 Supervised Calibration

Consider the K -class classification problem, where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}$ is a set of inputs, such as images, and $y \in \{1, \dots, K\}$ denotes the corresponding labels. The inputs and labels are drawn i.i.d. from the joint distribution $p(\mathbf{x}, y)$. Here y is a sample from the conditional distribution $p(y | \mathbf{x})$.

While this analysis applies to general classifiers, we specialize to the familiar case of neural networks parameterized by θ : $f_\theta(\mathbf{x})$. The model $f_\theta(\mathbf{x})$ is trained using a training dataset $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{train}}$, with the hyper-parameters selected using a validation/calibration dataset $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal}}$, and evaluated using a test set $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{test}}$. All the datasets $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{train}}$, $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal}}$ and $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{test}}$ consist of finite samples drawn i.i.d. from $p(\mathbf{x}, y)$. In what follows, we drop the subscript θ on f to ease notation.

Usually, $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, 1]^K$ has a terminal softmax layer applied to its linear outputs $g(\mathbf{x})$, i.e. $f(\mathbf{x}) = \text{softmax}(g(\mathbf{x}))$. In this case, the model outputs a probability distribution on the K output labels given an input \mathbf{x} from \mathcal{X} (we can also consider the case where the model outputs scores). The classification of the model is given by the most likely output,

$$\hat{y}(\mathbf{x}) = \arg \max_k f(\mathbf{x})_k, \quad \text{and} \quad p^{\max}(\mathbf{x}) = \max_k f(\mathbf{x})_k.$$

The model confidence (or uncertainty) c_k for label k is defined as the probability that the true label is k given the classifier’s softmax output for that label $f(\mathbf{x})_k$:

$$c(\mathbf{x}; p, f)_k = \mathbb{P}_{p(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, y)}[y = k \mid f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})_k = f(\mathbf{x})_k] \quad (1)$$

We write $c(\mathbf{x}; p, f)$ to emphasize c ’s dependence on both f and $p(\mathbf{x}, y)$, since the distribution will change below. We shorten the notation whenever it is clear from context.

For deep learning models, the *Vanilla* approach consists in simply estimating $c(\mathbf{x})$ by the softmax probabilities $f(\mathbf{x})$. Generally speaking, these softmax probabilities are not an accurate prediction of the class probabilities $c(\mathbf{x})$ [Domingos and Pazzani, 1996]. In particular, for deep neural network models they are overconfident predictions [Guo et al., 2017]. These values become even more overconfident under distribution shift [Ovadia et al., 2019].

The goal of *supervised model calibration* [Park et al., 2020] is to estimate c empirically by \hat{c} , using a finite set of labeled samples $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal}}$ drawn from $p(\mathbf{x}, y)$. The error between the true and the estimated confidences is typically measured by Expected Calibration Error (ECE \downarrow) [Guo et al., 2017]:

$$ECE = \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{x}, y)}[|c(\mathbf{x}) - \hat{c}(\mathbf{x})|] \quad (2)$$

Another measure is the Brier score (BS \downarrow) [DeGroot and Fienberg, 1983] which estimates the mean squared error between correctness of prediction and confidence score:

$$BS(\mathcal{D}) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{D}|} \sum_{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) \in \mathcal{D}} (\mathbf{1}_{\hat{y}_i = y_i} - \hat{c}^{\text{Top-1}}(\mathbf{x}_i; q, f))^2 \quad (3)$$

For both ECE and BS metrics, lower is better. Although other measures have been used ([Nguyen et al., 2015, Hendrycks and Gimpel, 2017]), ECE and BS metrics are the typical benchmarks, which are also used in our main comparison [Ovadia et al., 2019].

3.2 Covariate Calibration

In this work, we are interested in calibrating a classifier on data that is shifted from the training distribution. This is the *covariate calibration* problem: find estimated calibrated probabilities c that work as well on distributions q with a covariate shift from the training distribution p , i.e. $q(y|\mathbf{x}) = p(y|\mathbf{x})$ but $q(\mathbf{x}) \neq p(\mathbf{x})$. We are thus interested in estimating $c(\mathbf{x}; q, f)_k$:

$$c(\mathbf{x}; q, f)_k = \mathbb{P}_{q(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, y)} [y = k \mid f(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})_k = f(\mathbf{x})_k] \quad (4)$$

The challenge lies in the fact that while we are given a dataset of labeled examples $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal}}$ drawn from p , we only have a dataset of unlabeled examples $\mathcal{D}_{\text{out}}^{\text{test}}$ drawn from q . In other words, Equation 4 requires labels to estimate c , which are not available.

Often, instead of per-class probabilities, the quantity of interest is the probability of the *correct classification* (Top-1 correctness). For example, Oberman et al. [2020] showed that calibration error using binning is improved by focusing on correct classification. Thus, here we focus on estimating the Top-1 confidence $\hat{c}^{\text{Top-1}}$ given by

$$c^{\text{Top-1}}(\mathbf{x}; q, f) = \mathbb{P}_{q(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, y)} [y = \hat{y}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \mid p^{\text{max}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = p^{\text{max}}(\mathbf{x})] \quad (5)$$

However, we emphasize that it can be easily extended to other variants, such as Top-5 correctness as well as class-wise calibration.

4 Our method

Calibration gets worse as the data distribution moves further away from the training distribution. Our contribution is that we propose a fix to current calibration methods to control for distribution shift. Our method can be freely used *on top of* other methods to improve calibration (see section 5).

On an unknown data set, we have access to the p^{max} model values (as a distribution). We conjecture that the *dataset shift can be replaced by model output shift* for calibration. While the former is a complex distribution shift, the latter is one dimensional and can be handled by simple statistical techniques.

Recall that we are interested in the *covariate calibration* problem where the goal is to find $c^{\text{Top-1}}(\mathbf{x}; q, f)$ on a distribution where we do not have labels to calibrate as in supervised calibration. In practice, this means we cannot use Equation 4 to estimate $c(\mathbf{x})$, since it requires labels.

Our solution is to find a surrogate shifted dataset (where the labels are known), with its p^{max} model distribution being similar to the unknown one. Then, we can use this surrogate dataset to calibrate the unknown one in a supervised fashion by simply setting $c^{\text{Top-1}}(\mathbf{x}; q, f)_k = c^{\text{Top-1}}(\mathbf{x}; q^*, f)$, where q^* denotes the surrogate dataset distribution.

We empirically observe that these values match provided the $p^{\text{max}}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}})$ distribution for $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \sim q^*$ is close to the $p^{\text{max}}(\mathbf{x})$ distribution for $\mathbf{x} \sim q$. Figure 3 TOP shows the p^{max} distributions of corrupted CIFAR10-test set, and six surrogate calibration sets synthesized from the CIFAR10-calibration set by adding increasing levels of a different corruption. It can be seen that the 5th surrogate distribution represents the closest match with the test distribution. Indeed, in Figure 3 BOTTOM, we see that this corresponds to the least calibration error.

Hence, in practice, given a set of finite samples $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal}}$ drawn from $p(\mathbf{x}, y)$ not seen during the training of the model, we form J distinct calibration sets $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal}, j}$, $j = \{1, \dots, J\}$, by corrupting the data with a known corruption at different levels of intensity. This step is equivalent to drawing samples from distributions $q^j(\mathbf{x}, y)$, $j = \{1, \dots, J\}$ with a covariate shift from $p(\mathbf{x}, y)$. However, unlike the unlabelled data drawn from q , the labels of q^j are known. Therefore, we can apply supervised calibration methods on q^j to obtain confidence estimates. The final uncertainty estimate is then an average of these, weighted by the likelihood of the test image (Single Image Method), or the set of images under the best q^j (Multi-Image Method).

157 **Top-1 Binning:** For supervised calibration, we choose the Top-1 binning method [Oberman et al.,
 158 2020] due to its simplicity and efficiency. We emphasize that in practice any calibration method can
 159 be chosen.

160 First, we estimate the naive top-1 confidence $p^{\max}(\tilde{x}) = \max_k f(\tilde{x})_k$ for all samples (\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) in $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal},j}$.
 161 We then partition these p^{\max} values into equally sized bins B_m . Given an image x drawn from an
 162 unknown distribution $q(x, y)$ for which the confidence needs to be estimated, let $p^{\max}(x) \in B_m$.
 163 We then approximate $c^{\text{Top-1}}(x; q^j, f)$ for each j as:

$$\hat{c}^{\text{Top-1}}(x; q^j, f) = \frac{1}{|B_m|} \sum_{p^{\max}(\tilde{x}) \in B_m} \mathbf{1}_{\hat{y}(\tilde{x}) = \tilde{y}} \quad (6)$$

164 where $\mathbf{1}_{\hat{y}(\tilde{x}) = \tilde{y}}$ is 1 if $\hat{y}(\tilde{x}) = \tilde{y}$, else 0.

165 For each $j = \{1, \dots, J\}$, we estimate the probability density $h^{\text{cal},j}$ of the p^{\max} values using a
 166 histogram, by binning the p^{\max} of the images in $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal},j}$.

167 We then propose two methods based on the operating conditions: (i) to classify a single image drawn
 168 from $q(x, y)$, or (ii) to classify multiple images from $q(x, y)$ simultaneously.

169 **Single Image Method:** We first estimate the likelihood of the covariate shift level of the test image x
 170 under each of the calibration sets. We then take the corresponding weighted average of the calibrated
 171 probabilities:

172 (i) The probability that the $p^{\max}(x)$ value came from the p^{\max} distribution of $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal},j}$ is (we
 173 make the standard assumption that the *a priori* likelihoods are all equal):

$$\lambda_j(p^{\max}(x)) = \frac{h^{\text{cal},j}(p^{\max}(x))}{\sum_{i=1}^C h^{\text{cal},j}(p^{\max}(x))} \quad (7)$$

174 (ii) The predicted confidence, i.e., the estimate of $c^{\text{Top-1}}(\tilde{x}; q, f)$ is then the weighted average:

$$\hat{c}^{\text{Top-1}}(x; q, f) = \sum_{j=1}^J \lambda_j(p^{\max}(x)) \hat{c}^{\text{Top-1}}(x; q^j, f) \quad (8)$$

175 Ideally, we would like to obtain $\lambda_j(p^{\max}(x))$ close to a one-hot vector for the calibration set with the
 176 closest p^{\max} distribution to that of the test images. Since we only have a single image, we opted for
 177 a Bayesian estimation of the λ_j . However, in the Multi-Image case, we can use a simpler formula
 178 based on the statistics of the multi-image test. We indeed find better results in the Multi-Image case
 179 than those of Single Image (see section 6).

180 **Multi-Image Method:** Given a test set of samples $\mathcal{D}_{\text{out}}^{\text{test}} = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$ drawn from $q(x, y)$,
 181 where $m > 1$.

182 (i) Record the p^{\max} values of the test images: $P^{\text{test}} = \{p^{\max}(x) \mid x \in \mathcal{D}_{\text{out}}^{\text{test}}\}$, and compute
 183 their mean μ^{test} .

184 (ii) Compare μ^{test} to the means $\mu^{\text{cal},j}$ of $P^{\text{cal},j} = \{p^{\max}(x) \mid x \in \mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal},j}\}$ for $j = \{1, \dots, J\}$,
 185 and set the calibration as that of the surrogate calibration set with the closest mean:

$$\begin{cases} i = \arg \min_j |\mu^{\text{test}} - \mu^{\text{cal},j}| \\ \hat{c}^{\text{Top-1}}(x; q, f) = \hat{c}^{\text{Top-1}}(x; q^i, f) \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

186 **Alternative distances:** Instead of the distance between the means, any other difference between
 187 distributions could be used. We have tried the Kolmogorov-Smirnoff statistic and the Wasserstein
 188 distance between the cumulative distributions of the p^{\max} values (see Figure 5 in the appendix), and
 189 do not find significant change in performance.

190 **Corrupted + Clean surrogate calibration sets:** We want our multiple surrogate calibration sets to
 191 cover a wide range of different distribution shifts. However, without the clean images, the Single
 192 Image method would become uncalibrated for in-distribution images as the calibration sets would

193 have a disproportional amount of corrupted images (see Figure 6 in the appendix). Hence, we
 194 synthesize the surrogate calibration sets with equal amounts of clean and corrupted data.

195 **More efficient mean calculation:** Instead of computing the distance from the full calibration set,
 196 we computed it for a random subset of the full calibration set, and found similar performance (see
 197 Figure 7 in the appendix). We performed calibration based on surrogate calibration subsets of
 198 randomly sampled 100 images from each surrogate calibration set. This shows that the performance
 199 improvement is due to our Multi-Image method.

200 **Implementation:** The work was implemented on a consumer grade laptop (CPU). No need for
 201 retraining models or GPUs. Our method is very computationally efficient as most computation is only
 202 in computing histograms in the Single Image method. At the calibration stage, the most expensive
 203 step is in evaluating the calibration images and respective corruptions with the classifier. This is
 204 nonetheless done efficiently since the number of images is relatively low (we used 5000 images for
 205 Cifar-10 and Imagenet). Probability densities of the p^{max} distributions are estimated linearly. The
 206 calibration of each surrogate calibration set only requires binning the data, which can also be done
 207 linearly. As such, the added cost of our method is negligible.

208 **Limitations:** Our method can potentially be fooled by adversarial examples, i.e. examples so
 209 constructed that our method attains a chosen a priori accuracy, while the p^{max} distribution remains
 210 unchanged from clean images. Moreover, our focus is on the shifted corrupted distributions that
 211 are part of the large-scale benchmark Ovadia et al. [2019]. The purely OoD setting (MNIST versus
 212 SVHN) is a natural next step to apply our method to, but it will certainly require the use of domain
 213 adaptation techniques given its added complexity.

214 **Societal Impact:** Our method is a statistical calibration method, which does not require retraining of
 215 models. Calibration means that the models will be likely to be misused.

216 5 Experiments

217 5.1 Baseline Approaches

218 Our proposed method belongs to post-hoc confidence calibration, i.e. our method can be used on top
 219 of any other method for calibration. We consider the following calibration approaches provided by
 220 the benchmark dataset (Ovadia et al. [2019]) to be used before ours:

- 221 • Vanilla (Maximum softmax probability)
- 222 • Temperature scaling [Guo et al., 2017]
- 223 • Dropout [Srivastava et al., 2014, Gal and Ghahramani, 2016]
- 224 • Ensembles [Lakshminarayanan et al., 2017]
- 225 • Stochastic Variational Bayesian Inference (SVI) [Graves, 2011, Blundell et al., 2015, Louizos
 226 and Welling, 2016, 2017, Wen et al., 2018]
- 227 • Approximate Bayesian inference on the last layer only [Riquelme et al., 2018]
 - 228 – (LL SVI) Mean field stochastic variational inference on the last layer
 - 229 – (LL Dropout) Dropout only on the activations before the last layer.

230 All these methods ultimately use the softmax probabilities, and therefore use p^{max} as their estimate
 231 for c^{Top-1} . The difference between the methods is how these probabilities are obtained. We refer to
 232 Ovadia et al. [2019] for more details on how each method was implemented. We show improvements
 233 in performance by using our Single Image and Multi-Image calibration on top of each of these
 234 methods.

235 5.2 Evaluation Metric

236 In order to compare the methods, we compute the ECE by binning the data. For Top-1 confidence,
 237 the bins are based on based on the probability of the most probable class according to the classifier f ,

238 i.e. $p^{\max}(\mathbf{x})$. For each bin B_m , $m \in \{1, \dots, M\}$, we estimate the true (Top-1) model confidence by

$$c^{\text{Top-1}}(B_m) = \frac{1}{|B_m|} \sum_{(\mathbf{x}, y) \in B_m} \mathbf{1}_{\hat{y}(\mathbf{x})=y} \quad (10)$$

239 where $\mathbf{1}_{\hat{y}(\mathbf{x})=y}$ is 1 if $\hat{y}(\mathbf{x}) = y$, else 0.

240 Similarly, the empirical bin model confidence is given by

$$\hat{c}^{\text{Top-1}}(B_m) = \frac{1}{|B_m|} \sum_{(\mathbf{x}, y) \in B_m} \hat{c}^{\text{Top-1}}(\mathbf{x}; q, f) \quad (11)$$

241 Then, the bin ECE is calculated as the binned version of equation 2, the weighted-average of the
242 absolute difference between $c^{\text{Top-1}}(B_m)$ and $\hat{c}^{\text{Top-1}}(B_m)$:

$$ECE = \sum_{m=1}^M \frac{|B_m|}{N} |c^{\text{Top-1}}(B_m) - \hat{c}^{\text{Top-1}}(B_m)| \quad (12)$$

243 where N is the total number of test samples, and $|B_m|$ is the number of samples in bin B_m . The
244 actual value of ECE can depend on the binning procedures: equally spaced or equally sized. Equally
245 sized bins are more effective for calibration since they reduce statistical error [Nixon et al., 2019]. In
246 our experiments, we use $M = 30$ equal-sized bins.

247 5.3 Datasets

248 We consider the problem of image classification, in particular for the CIFAR-10 and ImageNet
249 datasets, and their corrupted counterparts CIFAR-10-C and ImageNet-C [Hendrycks and Dietterich,
250 2019]. The latter were formed by applying common real-world corruptions at different levels of
251 intensity. Such corruptions include brightness (variations in daylight intensity), Gaussian noise (in
252 low-lighting conditions) and Defocus blur (when the image is out of focus). For a complete list of the
253 corruptions for Imagenet see Table 5, and for CIFAR-10 see Table 6 in the Appendix.

254 5.4 Calibration

255 Our calibration methods require the synthesis of multiple calibration sets of varying corruption from
256 the original calibration set. We used “contrast” as the corruption, and generated $J = 6$ calibration
257 sets. While the datasets mentioned above potentially contain various types of corruptions, we leave
258 out “contrast” from the test images.

259 **Choice of corruption for calibration:** We performed a cross-validation study over the choice of
260 corruption used to generate the calibration sets (always leaving it out of the corruptions used at test
261 time). Figure 8 (in the appendix) plots the mean and variance of the ECE across different choices
262 for calibration corruptions. We find that the choice of corruption for calibration does not affect the
263 overall performance significantly.

264 **Corrupted + Clean:** We split the CIFAR-10- and Imagenet-test set images into 5000 $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal}}$, and
265 remaining $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{test}}$. We form $J = 6$ calibration sets $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal}, j}$. For $j = 1$, we simply take the 5000
266 clean images $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal}}$. For $j > 1$, we take the union of the clean images and their “contrast” corrupted
267 counterparts with intensity level $j - 1$, i.e. 10,000 images each.

268 It is to be noted that the corrupted images at test time have never been seen by the model at either the
269 training or the calibration stage. $\mathcal{D}_{\text{out}}^{\text{test}}$ (CIFAR-10-C and Imagenet-C) is formed by perturbing the
270 images in $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{test}}$ with different corruptions (as mentioned in Hendrycks and Dietterich [2019]), with
271 the exception of contrast. Hence, $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal}, j}$ and $\mathcal{D}_{\text{out}}^{\text{test}}$ are disjoint. Despite this, our calibration shows
272 improved results on $\mathcal{D}_{\text{out}}^{\text{test}}$ in the cases of covariate shift.

273 6 Results

274 Similar to Ovadia et al. [2019], in Figure 2 we summarize our results using a whisker plot of the
275 distribution of the ECE scores. A zoom in of this for two corruption intensities is shown in Figure 9

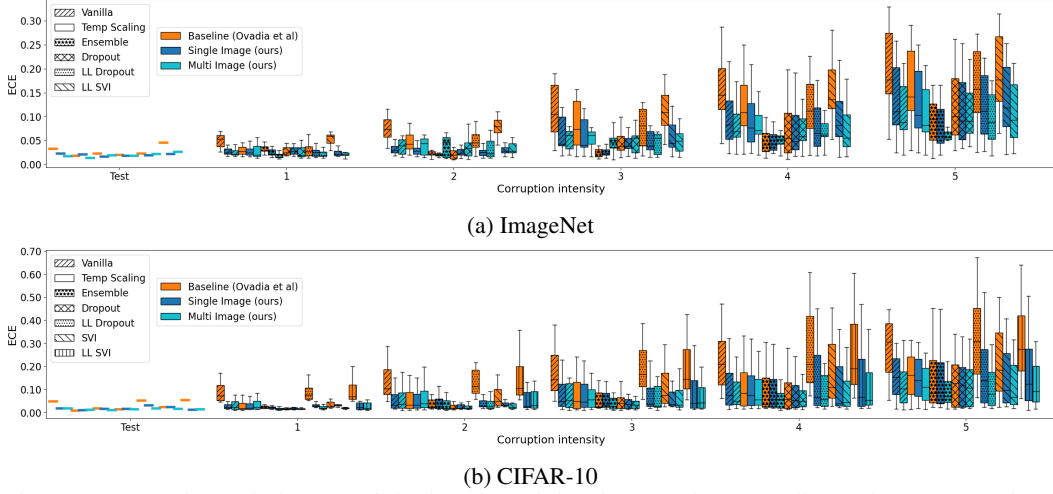


Figure 2: ECE (lower is better) of the benchmark implementation [Ovadia et al., 2019], and our Single Image and Multi-Image methods as post hoc calibration after each of them, for ImageNet (top) and CIFAR-10 (bottom), across corruption intensities. For each method, we show the quartiles summarizing the results on each corruption intensity. The ECE using our calibration is consistently better than the baseline.

in the appendix. In addition, for ease of visual comparison, we report just the ECE means in Figure 1. Please also refer to Tables 3 and 4 in the Appendix for numerical comparisons.

All figures show that both our Single Image and Multi-Image methods *consistently improve* (decrease) ECE across prior calibration methods (Ovadia et al. [2019]), as well as across levels of corruption intensity. Moreover, greater improvements using our calibration method are at higher corruptions i.e. greater dataset shifts.

Single Image vs Multi-Image: The Multi-Image method mostly performs better than Single Image with a few exceptions. This is a natural consequence of using more images to better estimate the dataset shift: with more information about the shifted test set, the correspondence with the calibration sets can be better estimated.

Improvement across prior calibrations: It can be seen (from Figure 1, Figure 2) that among the prior calibration methods, Ensemble performs the best both in the baseline and in our methods. However, note that the final ECE value of our methods across prior calibrations is relatively close. This means even without Ensemble i.e. using Vanilla, our calibration brings the results close to ensembling. Specifically for the case of Ensemble, the choice of corruption and the surrogate calibration set must take into account the fact that Ensemble is robust to lower levels of corruption intensity. We conjecture that doing so could improve the results for the Ensemble method.

Results using Brier score: The Brier scores provide similar results, see Figure 10 and Figure 11 in the appendix.

Our results are based on the fact that we can use the model outputs, in our case simply the p^{\max} values, as a proxy to evaluate dataset shift. This was illustrated in Figure 3: the calibration set whose p^{\max} mean is closest to the p^{\max} mean of the test set typically has lower calibration error. This is precisely what the Multi-Image method does, while the Single Image method closely approximates this using a weighted confidence estimate. Figure 4 shows the calibrated probabilities for a typical test set.

Completely different OoD dataset: While our proposed methods are geared towards confidence calibration for shifted datasets, a byproduct is that when exposed to a completely OoD dataset where, unlike the covariate shift, the ground truth label is not one of the K classes, the model outputs lower confidence levels. See the appendix for a more detail discussion.

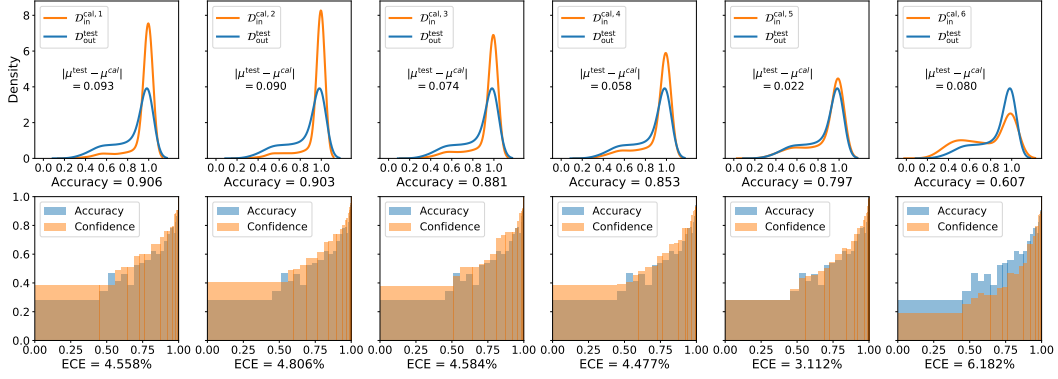
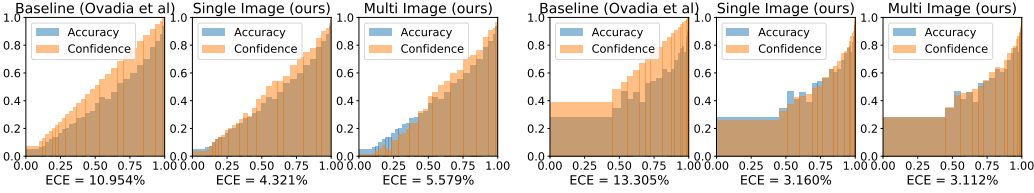


Figure 3: TOP: Probability density (using kernel density estimation) of \mathcal{D}_{out}^{test} (blue) obtained by corrupting CIFAR10-test images with the “elastic transform” at intensity 4, and the p^{max} distribution of each calibration set $\mathcal{D}_{in}^{cal,j}$ (orange) obtained by corrupting CIFAR10-cal images with varying intensity of a different corruption “contrast”. BOTTOM: The respective accuracy and calibration confidence. The minimum calibration error is achieved precisely when the means of the distributions are the closest.



(a) Imagenet

(b) CIFAR-10

Figure 4: Calibration errors for the Vanilla method on corrupted images on ImageNet (left) and CIFAR-10 (right) using the elastic transform corruption with intensity 4. The x-axis is the range of p^{max} values. We visualize as binned histograms the model accuracy (blue) (Equation 10), and the confidence estimates (orange) (Equation 11) (brown is where they overlap). The gap between the orange and blue curves represents the calibration error.

7 Conclusions

Increasingly, we are asking models trained on a given dataset to perform on covariate shifted. Our work focuses on uncertainty estimates, in particular, an estimate of the probability that our model classification is correct. In contrast to most deep uncertainty work, we use a purely statistical approach to reduce the calibration error of deep image classifiers under dataset shift. Previous work has shown that uncertainty estimates degrade on corrupted data. We overcome this limitation by introducing a method which allows a given model to be better calibrated to different dataset shifts.

We add a simple extra calibration step, and detect dataset shift using only the model outputs, and so calibrate for it. Our calibration method involves synthesizing surrogate calibration sets from increasing levels of a known corruption of a single type to the original calibration data, it works effectively against other corruptions as evidenced quantitatively. Our approach is model agnostic, so it can be applied to future models as well.

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Table 1: Comparison on Imagenet of the benchmark implementation [Ovadia et al., 2019] versus our Single Image and Multi-Image methods. Numerical values of the means of the Brier scores across different corruptions types, for fixed corruption intensity going from 0 to 5.

| Method | Test | Corruption Intensity | | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Vanilla | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.1222 | 0.1568 | 0.1696 | 0.1761 | 0.1794 |
| | Single Image (ours) | 0.1221 | 0.1541 | 0.1631 | 0.1645 | 0.1612 |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.1218 | 0.1544 | 0.1634 | 0.1621 | 0.1577 |
| Temp Scaling | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.1214 | 0.1545 | 0.1650 | 0.1683 | 0.1674 |
| | Single Image (ours) | 0.1219 | 0.1541 | 0.1627 | 0.1633 | 0.1588 |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.1215 | 0.1544 | 0.1635 | 0.1617 | 0.1569 |
| Ensemble | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.1140 | 0.1479 | 0.1583 | 0.1585 | 0.1505 |
| | Single Image (ours) | 0.1137 | 0.1475 | 0.1583 | 0.1589 | 0.1515 |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.1140 | 0.1475 | 0.1605 | 0.1612 | 0.1512 |
| Dropout | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.1290 | 0.1552 | 0.1613 | 0.1587 | 0.1551 |
| | Single Image (ours) | 0.1291 | 0.1554 | 0.1617 | 0.1594 | 0.1559 |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.1293 | 0.1563 | 0.1639 | 0.1600 | 0.1556 |
| LL Dropout | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.1194 | 0.1512 | 0.1613 | 0.1631 | 0.1605 |
| | Single Image (ours) | 0.1196 | 0.1512 | 0.1592 | 0.1578 | 0.1510 |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.1201 | 0.1514 | 0.1601 | 0.1576 | 0.1485 |
| LL SVI | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.1291 | 0.1562 | 0.1647 | 0.1637 | 0.1613 |
| | Single Image (ours) | 0.1275 | 0.1528 | 0.1572 | 0.1512 | 0.1430 |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.1282 | 0.1531 | 0.1572 | 0.1493 | 0.1388 |

Table 2: Comparison of CIFAR-10 of the benchmark implementation Ovadia et al. [2019] versus our Single-Image and Multi-Image methods. Numerical values of means Brier scores across different corruptions types, for fixed corruption intensity going from 0 to 5.

| Method | Test | Corruption Intensity | | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Vanilla | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.0671 | 0.1244 | 0.1623 | 0.1977 | 0.2355 |
| | Single Image (ours) | 0.0617 | 0.1063 | 0.1354 | 0.1609 | 0.1860 |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.0616 | 0.1050 | 0.1334 | 0.1575 | 0.1777 |
| Temp Scaling | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.0609 | 0.1056 | 0.1346 | 0.1598 | 0.1849 |
| | Single Image (ours) | 0.0611 | 0.1058 | 0.1345 | 0.1594 | 0.1838 |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.0616 | 0.1052 | 0.1335 | 0.1559 | 0.1781 |
| Ensemble | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.0434 | 0.0800 | 0.1123 | 0.1420 | 0.1687 |
| | Single Image (ours) | 0.0433 | 0.0801 | 0.1128 | 0.1430 | 0.1693 |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.0430 | 0.0791 | 0.1105 | 0.1374 | 0.1597 |
| Dropout | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.0634 | 0.0862 | 0.1107 | 0.1363 | 0.1662 |
| | Single Image (ours) | 0.0639 | 0.0864 | 0.1107 | 0.1360 | 0.1657 |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.0635 | 0.0863 | 0.1103 | 0.1352 | 0.1639 |
| LL Dropout | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.0746 | 0.1231 | 0.1674 | 0.2172 | 0.2706 |
| | Single Image (ours) | 0.0696 | 0.1047 | 0.1358 | 0.1698 | 0.2039 |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.0678 | 0.1018 | 0.1330 | 0.1666 | 0.1919 |
| SVI | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.0730 | 0.1108 | 0.1428 | 0.1762 | 0.2138 |
| | Single Image (ours) | 0.0737 | 0.1076 | 0.1345 | 0.1617 | 0.1914 |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.0726 | 0.1049 | 0.1320 | 0.1576 | 0.1826 |
| LL SVI | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.0708 | 0.1241 | 0.1714 | 0.2166 | 0.2605 |
| | Single Image (ours) | 0.0639 | 0.1058 | 0.1411 | 0.1746 | 0.2054 |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.0641 | 0.1046 | 0.1398 | 0.1736 | 0.2023 |

461 **B Brier Metrics Results**

462 Figure 10 and Figure 11 report the means of the Brier scores and their spreads, respectively, for each
 463 model and dataset across different corruption types, for fixed corruption intensity going from 0 to 5.

464 Table 1 and Table 2 report the mean Brier scores for each model and dataset across different corruption
 465 types, for fixed corruption intensity going from 0 to 5. The Brier scores can be computed directly
 466 from the data, without binning. The ranking provided by the Brier scores is quite similar that provided
 467 by the ECE. On ImageNet the only difference is Ensemble at corruption level 1. On CIFAR-10 there
 468 were two ranking differences.

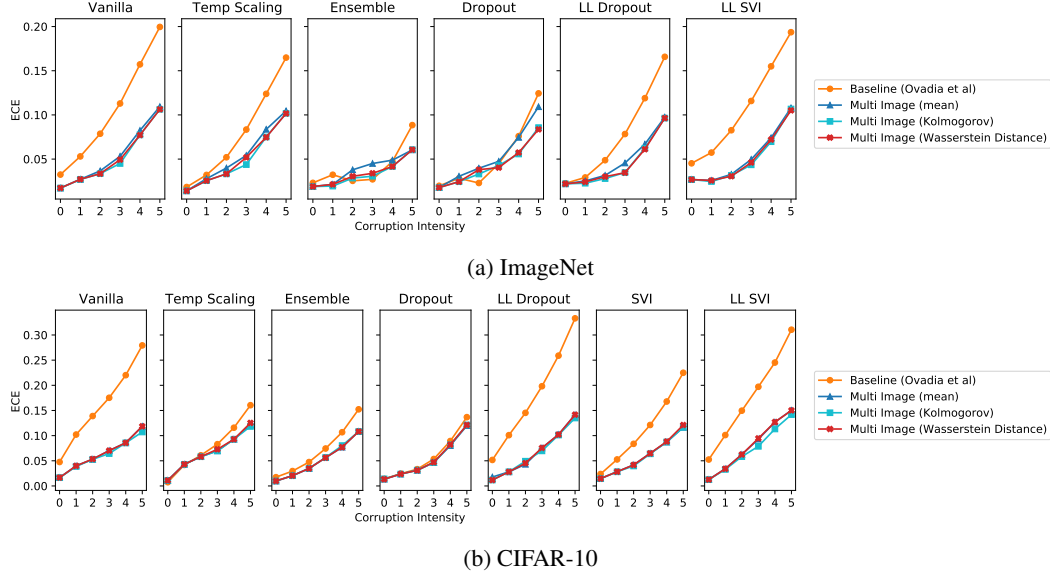


Figure 5: Comparison of different distances to choose the surrogate calibration set: Mean Expected Calibration Error (ECE) (lower is better) of the benchmark implementation [Ovadia et al., 2019], versus our Multi-Image methods for ImageNet (top) and CIFAR-10 (bottom). Each box represents a different uncertainty method.

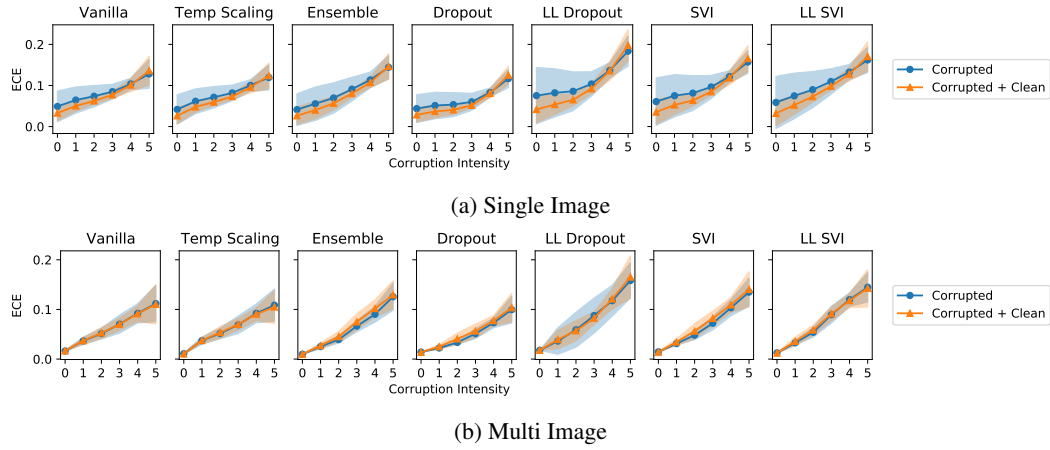
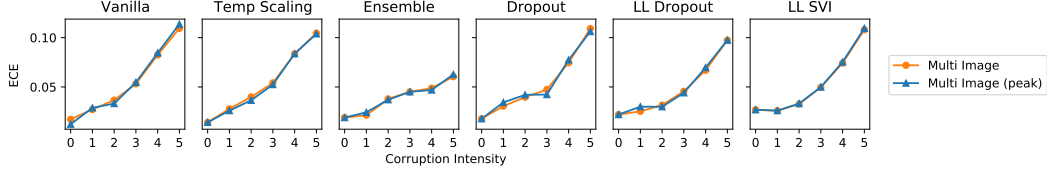


Figure 6: Comparison of our Single Image (top) and Multi-Image (bottom) methods for CIFAR-10 with different choices of calibration sets: Corrupted+Clean refers to our choice of calibration sets as a union of clean and corrupted images, and Corrupted refers to calibration set without clean images for $j > 1$.

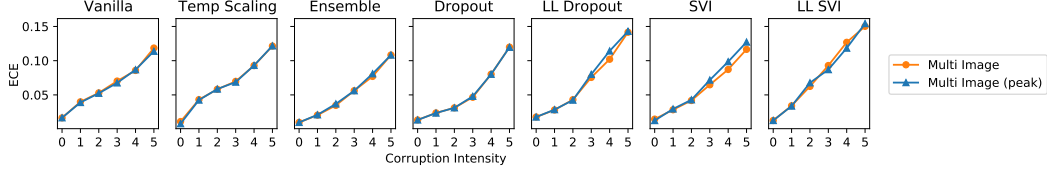
469 C Ablation and cross validation study

470 We start by investigating the impact of the choice of corruption for the calibration set. Ideally, the
 471 choice of corruption should be representative of the distribution of corruptions, so a mild corruption
 472 or a very strong corruption would give slightly worse results. At the same time, here we demonstrate
 473 that choosing a different corruption should not significantly degrade the results.

474 In Figure 8 we perform a cross-validation study over the choice of corruption used to generate the
 475 calibration sets (always leaving it out of the corruptions used at test time). We plot the mean and
 476 variance of the ECE across different validation corruption types.

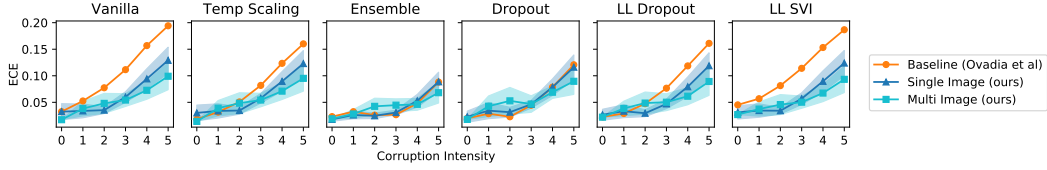


(a) ImageNet

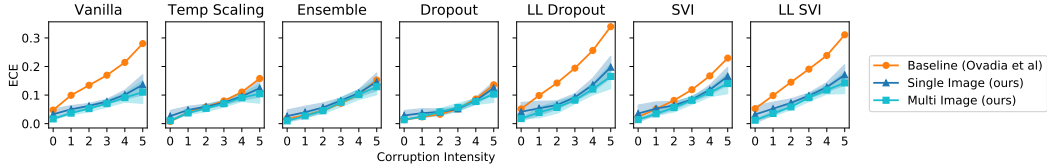


(b) CIFAR-10

Figure 7: Comparison of our Multi-Image method for ImageNet (top) and CIFAR-10 (bottom) using the full batch of test images and only 100 of them, which we refer to as peak. Mean Expected Calibration Error (ECE) across different corruptions types, for fixed corruption intensity going from 0 to 5. Each box represents a different uncertainty method.



(a) ImageNet



(b) CIFAR-10

Figure 8: Mean ECE (lower is better), averaged across different corruption types used in making the calibration sets. Figure 1 shows us the mean ECE using “contrast” as the calibration corruption. Here we show how those means change when different corruptions are used in the calibration set. For CIFAR-10, our proposed methods are robust to the choice of corruption used in the calibration set, while for ImageNet the choice of the corruption is more import, in particular for the Single Image method.

477 We find that for CIFAR-10, both the Single Image and Multi-Image method are robust to the choice
 478 of validation corruption. On ImageNet, while the improvements are consistent with a few exceptions
 479 (ensemble and dropouts methods together with Multi-Image method), both methods are less robust.

480 The corruption chosen for the calibration sets should be such that we are able to capture the distribution
 481 shift. For instance, the choice of the brightness corruption produces almost the same p^{\max} distribution
 482 as the clean images and therefore the improvement will be negligible (see Figure 12). On the other
 483 spectrum, we have glass blur for which the accuracy at level 1 was roughly half that of clean images
 484 and the resulting p^{\max} distribution on the surrogate calibration sets are similar amongst themselves
 485 (see Figure 13). This tells us that what should guide the choice of the calibration sets, should be their
 486 shift on p^{\max} distributions and respective accuracies, and not the human-chosen intensities.

487 We hypothesize that better results could be obtained for the different choices of corruptions by simply
 488 having the corruption strength be proportional to the loss of accuracy, as is the case of the contrast
 489 corruption (see Figure 3).

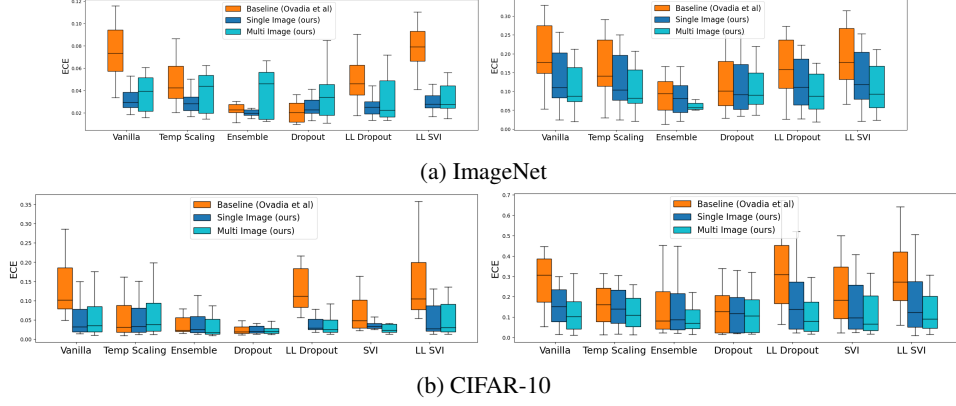


Figure 9: Comparison of the ECE between the benchmark implementation [Ovadia et al., 2019] and our Single Image and Multi-Image methods for (a) ImageNet and (b) CIFAR-10, across different uncertainty methods, for fixed corruption intensity 2 (left) and 5 (right).

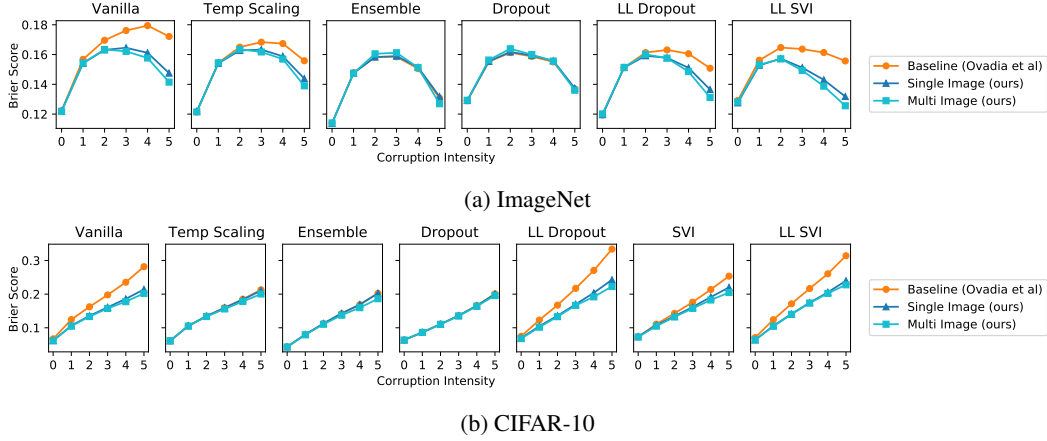


Figure 10: Comparison of the benchmark implementation [Ovadia et al., 2019] versus our Single Image and Multi-Image methods for ImageNet (top) and CIFAR-10 (bottom). Mean Brier score across different corruptions types, for fixed corruption intensity going from 0 to 5. Each box represents a different uncertainty method. See Tables 1 and 2 for numerical comparisons. Notice that Brier score just for $c^{\text{Top-1}}$ Equation 5, rather than for c Equation 5.

Figure 14 confirms this. It shows us that without any calibration the ECE scores become higher when the mismatch between the p^{\max} distribution of the training set $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{train}}$ and the p^{\max} distribution of the test set $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{test}}$ increases. Here we measure the mismatch in terms of the p^{\max} means, the same criteria used in the Multi-Image method. These qualitative results are confirmed by the Pearson's correlation coefficient. In addition, this correlation corroborates why detecting the p^{\max} distribution shift allows us to significantly improve the calibration of the different methods: in practice our proposed methods perform the recalibration of the model based on the calibration set whose p^{\max} distribution is closest to the p^{\max} distribution of the test set. Moreover, one notices the higher the correlation, the bigger the calibration improvement provided by both our Single Image and Multi-Image methods. For instance, Dropout has the lowest Pearson's r score and it is also the method where we notice the least improvement. On the other hand, Vanilla has the largest improvement and also the highest Pearson's r score.

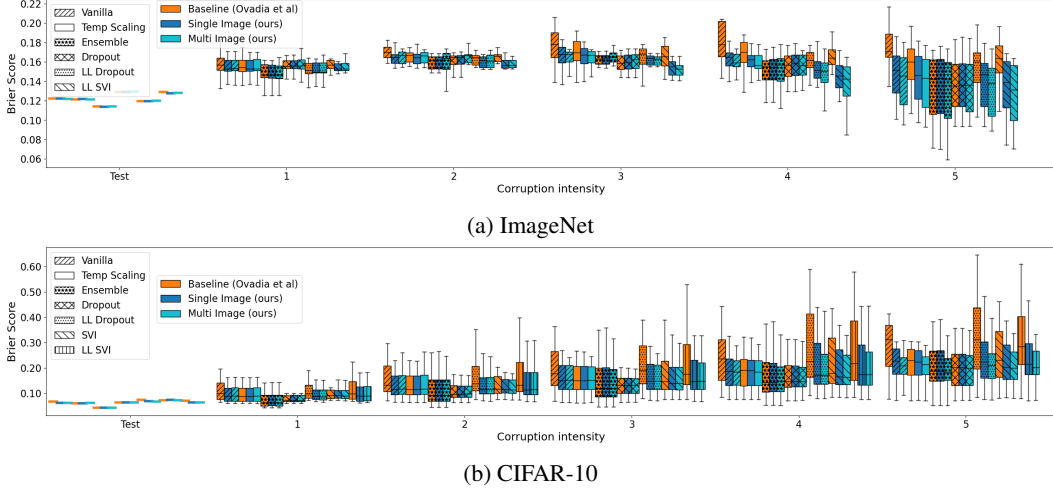


Figure 11: Comparison of the benchmark implementation [Ovadia et al., 2019] versus our Single Image and Multi-Image methods for ImageNet (top) and CIFAR-10 (bottom). Brier score distribution across different corruptions types, for fixed corruption intensity going from 0 to 5. Each box represents a different uncertainty method. See Tables 1 and 2 in the Appendix for numerical comparisons.

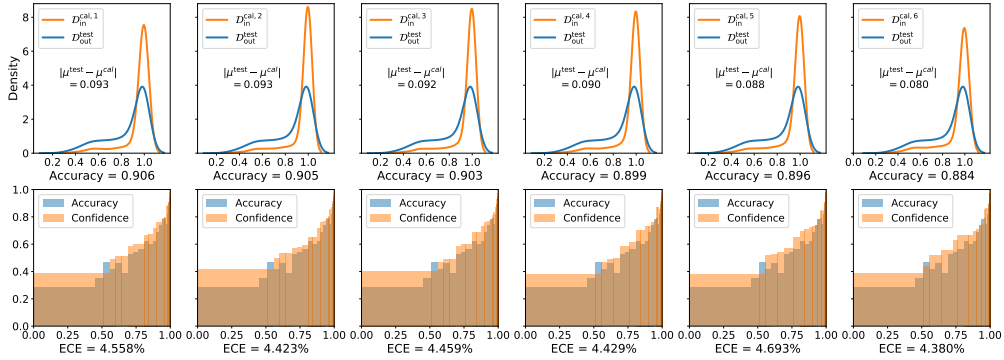


Figure 12: TOP: Probability density (using kernel density estimation) of $\mathcal{D}_{\text{out}}^{\text{test}}$ (blue) obtained by corrupting CIFAR10-test images with the “elastic transform” at intensity 4, and the p^{max} distribution of each calibration set $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal},j}$ (orange) obtained by corrupting CIFAR10-cal images with varying intensity of a different corruption “brightness”. BOTTOM: The respective accuracy and calibration confidence. The minimum calibration error is achieved precisely when the means of the distributions are the closest. The Single Image method chooses a linear combination of the calibrations based on the p^{max} of the test image. The Multi-Image method simply chooses the one with the closest corruption: $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal},6}$ (6th column).

502 D Completely OoD data

503 While our proposed methods are geared towards confidence calibration for shifted distributions, they
 504 also exhibit significant improvements when exposed to completely OoD datasets for which the ground
 505 truth label is not one of the K classes. We

- 506 (i) train on CIFAR-10, calibrate using “contrast” corruption as before, and evaluate on the
 507 SVHN dataset [Netzer et al., 2011],
- 508 (ii) train on MNIST, calibrate using rotation as the corruption, evaluate on Fashion-MNIST [Xiao
 509 et al., 2017] and Not-MNIST [Xiao et al., 2017].

510 Ideally, the models should not be confident when presented with completely OoD data. Figure 15
 511 and Figure 16 plot the percentage of calibrated confidence values that are above a threshold vs the
 512 threshold, for the two experiments above respectively. It can be seen that both the Single Image and

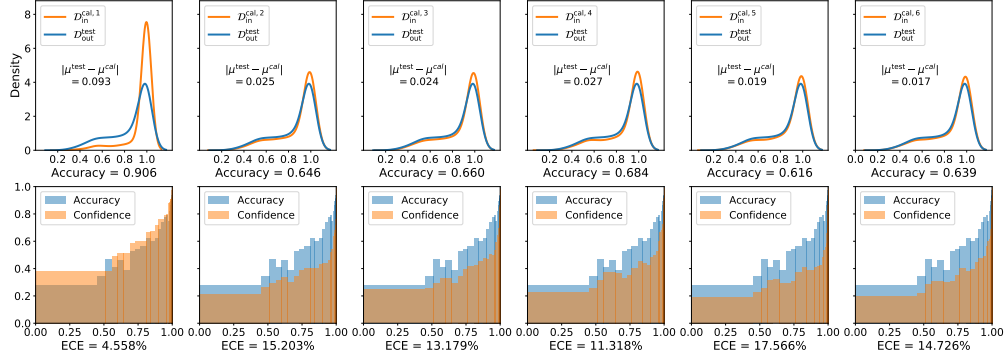


Figure 13: TOP: Probability density (using kernel density estimation) of $\mathcal{D}_{\text{out}}^{\text{test}}$ (blue) obtained by corrupting CIFAR10-test images with the “elastic transform” at intensity 4, and the p^{max} distribution of each calibration set $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal},j}$ (orange) obtained by corrupting CIFAR10-cal images with varying intensity of a different corruption “glass blur”. BOTTOM: The respective accuracy and calibration confidence. The minimum calibration error is achieved precisely when the means of the distributions are the closest. The Single Image method chooses a linear combination of the calibrations based on the p^{max} of the test image. The Multi-Image method simply chooses the one with the closest corruption: $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal},6}$ (6th column).

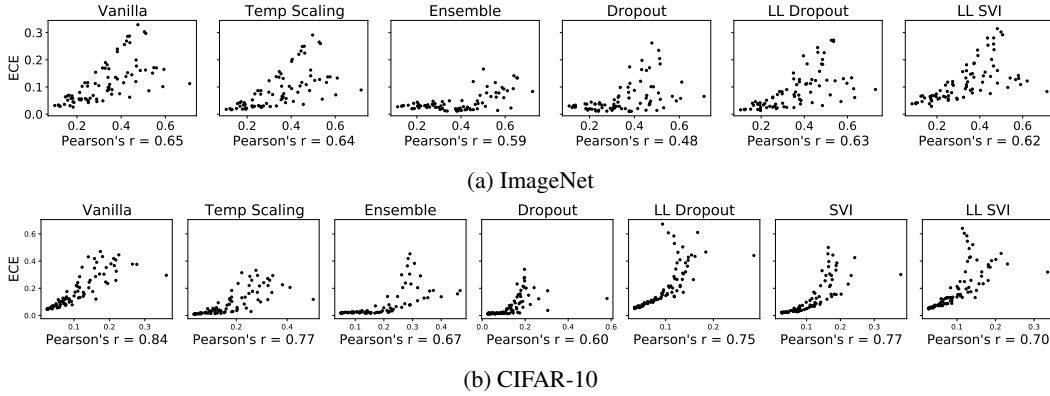


Figure 14: ECE (pre-calibration) versus $|\mu^{\text{test}} - \mu|$ and corresponding Pearson’s r score, where μ^{test} and μ^{train} denote the p^{max} mean of the test set $\mathcal{D}_{\text{out}}^{\text{test}}$ and training set $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{train}}$, respectively, for ImageNet (top) and CIFAR-10 (bottom). Each point in the plot represents a different corruption at a different level of intensity.

513 Multi-Image calibration results are significantly less confident compared to the benchmark [Ovadia
514 et al., 2019].

515 We can explain the increased performance by looking at Figure 17. The confidence estimates $\hat{c}^{\text{Top-1}}$
516 are shifted towards lower values as the difference between the p^{max} means of the test and calibration
517 set is smaller. Hence, by exposing the model to corrupted images at the calibration stage, it now
518 “knows what it does not know”.

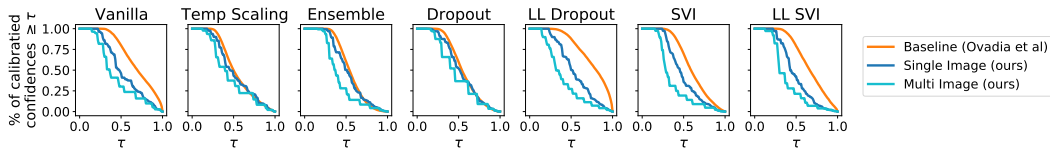


Figure 15: Cumulative histogram of model confidence above threshold τ , of model trained on CIFAR-10, tested on OoD data: SVHN. Our methods (blue) are less confident on OoD data than the benchmark method [Ovadia et al., 2019] (orange).

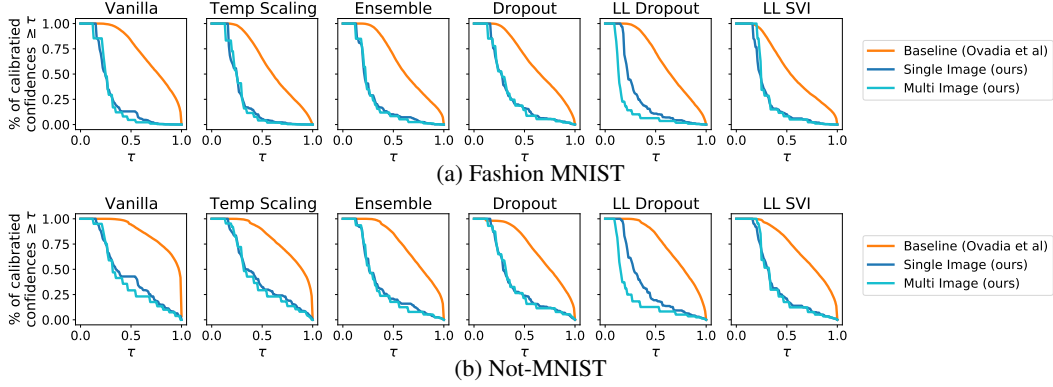


Figure 16: Cumulative histogram of model confidence above threshold τ , of model trained on MNIST and tested on OOD data: Fashion-MNIST (top) and Not-MNIST (bottom). Our methods (blue) are significantly less confident on OoD data than the benchmark method [Ovadia et al., 2019] (orange).

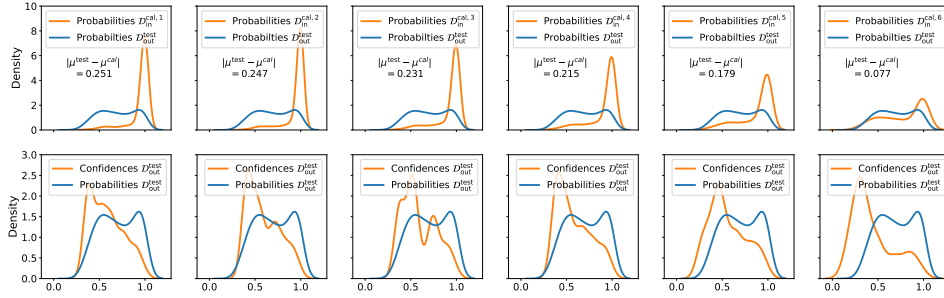


Figure 17: TOP: Probability density (using kernel density estimation) of the model probabilities of $\mathcal{D}_{\text{out}}^{\text{test}}$ (blue), and the p^{\max} values of each calibration set $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal},j}$ (orange). BOTTOM: The confidences $\hat{c}^{\text{Top-1}}$ (orange) on the SVHN dataset as a result of Top-1 binning calibration on each $\mathcal{D}_{\text{in}}^{\text{cal},j}$.

519 E Tables of ECE Metrics across prior calibrations

520 Table 3 and Table 4 report the ECE scores for the model across different prior calibration methods,
 521 for ImageNet and CIFAR-10, respectively. Contrast is the corruption used for to form the calibration
 522 sets.

523 F Tables of ECE Metrics across different corruptions

524 Table 5 and Table 6 report the ECE scores for the vanilla model across different corruption types and
 525 intensities ranging from 0 to 5 for ImageNet and CIFAR-10, respectively. Contrast is the corruption
 526 used for to form the calibration sets.

Table 3: Comparison on Imagenet of the benchmark implementation Ovadia et al. [2019] versus our Single Image and Multi-Image methods. Numerical values of the means ECE scores across different corruptions types, for fixed corruption intensity going from 0 to 5. The best results are indicated in bold and the second best in italic.

| | Method | Test | Corruption Intensity | | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Vanilla | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.0324 | 0.0530 | 0.0787 | 0.1129 | 0.1572 | 0.1996 |
| | Single Image (ours) | <i>0.0228</i> | <i>0.0277</i> | 0.0345 | <i>0.0633</i> | <i>0.0974</i> | <i>0.1354</i> |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.0172 | 0.0271 | <i>0.0367</i> | 0.0532 | 0.0824 | 0.1094 |
| Temp Scaling | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | <i>0.0184</i> | 0.0321 | 0.0521 | 0.0834 | 0.1238 | 0.1649 |
| | Single Image (ours) | 0.0210 | 0.0271 | 0.0323 | <i>0.0598</i> | <i>0.0925</i> | <i>0.1292</i> |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.0141 | <i>0.0278</i> | <i>0.0399</i> | 0.0541 | 0.0836 | 0.1046 |
| Ensemble | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.0231 | 0.0323 | <i>0.0254</i> | 0.0271 | 0.0473 | 0.0885 |
| | Single Image (ours) | 0.0162 | <i>0.0246</i> | 0.0223 | <i>0.0285</i> | <i>0.0487</i> | <i>0.0834</i> |
| | Multi Image (ours) | <i>0.0189</i> | 0.0213 | 0.0379 | 0.0450 | 0.0488 | 0.0604 |
| Dropout | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.0198 | 0.0282 | 0.0229 | 0.0448 | 0.0760 | 0.1244 |
| | Single Image (ours) | <i>0.0180</i> | <i>0.0287</i> | <i>0.0268</i> | <i>0.0454</i> | <i>0.0752</i> | <i>0.1159</i> |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.0178 | 0.0305 | 0.0396 | 0.0474 | 0.0745 | 0.1092 |
| LL Dropout | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.0225 | 0.0292 | 0.0487 | 0.0784 | 0.1189 | 0.1658 |
| | Single Image (ours) | 0.0195 | <i>0.0258</i> | 0.0259 | <i>0.0484</i> | <i>0.0815</i> | <i>0.1231</i> |
| | Multi Image (ours) | <i>0.0220</i> | 0.0252 | <i>0.0315</i> | 0.0456 | 0.0669 | 0.0975 |
| LL SVI | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.0452 | 0.0574 | 0.0826 | 0.1158 | 0.1550 | 0.1936 |
| | Single Image (ours) | 0.0223 | 0.0258 | <i>0.0332</i> | <i>0.0621</i> | <i>0.0973</i> | <i>0.1360</i> |
| | Multi Image (ours) | <i>0.0269</i> | <i>0.0258</i> | 0.0327 | 0.0496 | 0.0742 | 0.1080 |

Table 4: Comparison on CIFAR-10 of the benchmark implementation Ovadia et al. [2019] versus our Single Image and Multi-Image methods. Numerical values of the means ECE scores across different corruptions types, for fixed corruption intensity going from 0 to 5.

| | Method | Test | Corruption Intensity | | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Vanilla | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.0476 | 0.1021 | 0.1389 | 0.1752 | 0.2201 | 0.2793 |
| | Single Image (ours) | <i>0.0181</i> | <i>0.0418</i> | <i>0.0586</i> | <i>0.0807</i> | <i>0.1109</i> | <i>0.1540</i> |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.0164 | 0.0399 | 0.0530 | 0.0702 | 0.0857 | 0.1185 |
| Temp Scaling | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.0074 | 0.0417 | 0.0609 | 0.0830 | 0.1158 | 0.1605 |
| | Single Image (ours) | <i>0.0095</i> | <i>0.0419</i> | <i>0.0591</i> | <i>0.0794</i> | <i>0.1090</i> | <i>0.1492</i> |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.0111 | 0.0431 | 0.0582 | 0.0698 | 0.0928 | 0.1214 |
| Ensemble | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.0174 | 0.0296 | 0.0475 | 0.0744 | 0.1068 | 0.1523 |
| | Single Image (ours) | <i>0.0160</i> | <i>0.0286</i> | <i>0.0466</i> | <i>0.0736</i> | <i>0.1034</i> | <i>0.1462</i> |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.0098 | 0.0204 | 0.0347 | 0.0562 | 0.0770 | 0.1083 |
| Dropout | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | <i>0.0140</i> | <i>0.0244</i> | 0.0333 | 0.0535 | 0.0893 | 0.1367 |
| | Single Image (ours) | 0.0163 | 0.0252 | <i>0.0333</i> | <i>0.0508</i> | <i>0.0854</i> | <i>0.1298</i> |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.0134 | 0.0237 | 0.0311 | 0.0465 | 0.0802 | 0.1198 |
| LL Dropout | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.0517 | 0.1009 | 0.1453 | 0.1982 | 0.2589 | 0.3331 |
| | Single Image (ours) | <i>0.0297</i> | <i>0.0413</i> | <i>0.0525</i> | <i>0.0836</i> | <i>0.1301</i> | <i>0.1877</i> |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.0177 | 0.0280 | 0.0430 | 0.0755 | 0.1021 | 0.1416 |
| SVI | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.0237 | 0.0527 | 0.0837 | 0.1212 | 0.1678 | 0.2250 |
| | Single Image (ours) | <i>0.0229</i> | <i>0.0430</i> | <i>0.0538</i> | <i>0.0762</i> | <i>0.1095</i> | <i>0.1536</i> |
| | Multi Image (ours) | 0.0146 | 0.0283 | 0.0418 | 0.0648 | 0.0872 | 0.1165 |
| LL SVI | Baseline (Ovadia et al.) | 0.0525 | 0.1011 | 0.1496 | 0.1971 | 0.2452 | 0.3105 |
| | Single Image (ours) | 0.0115 | <i>0.0385</i> | <i>0.0652</i> | <i>0.0962</i> | <i>0.1335</i> | <i>0.1834</i> |
| | Multi Image (ours) | <i>0.0126</i> | 0.0341 | 0.0624 | 0.0929 | 0.1268 | 0.1502 |

Table 5: Comparison of ImageNet of the benchmark implementation Ovdia et al. [2019] versus our Single Image and Multi-Image methods for the vanilla classifier. Numerical values of ECE scores for different corruptions at different intensity levels going from 0 to 5. The contrast corruption was used to form the calibration sets as is therefore left out of the corruptions .

| Corruption | | Test | Corruption Intensity | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Brightness | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0324 | 0.0319 | 0.0336 | 0.0358 | 0.0434 | 0.0531 |
| | (Single Image) | 0.0228 | 0.0275 | 0.0281 | 0.0274 | 0.0251 | 0.0245 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0172 | 0.0174 | 0.0157 | 0.0197 | 0.0241 | 0.0199 |
| Defocus Blur | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0324 | 0.0425 | 0.0489 | 0.0624 | 0.0859 | 0.1012 |
| | (Single Image) | 0.0228 | 0.0338 | 0.0312 | 0.0376 | 0.0422 | 0.0517 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0172 | 0.0327 | 0.0580 | 0.0658 | 0.0618 | 0.0552 |
| Elastic Transform | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0324 | 0.0261 | 0.0863 | 0.0587 | 0.1095 | 0.2632 |
| | (Single Image) | 0.0228 | 0.0407 | 0.0270 | 0.0181 | 0.0432 | 0.1912 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0172 | 0.0421 | 0.0215 | 0.0472 | 0.0558 | 0.1545 |
| Fog | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0324 | 0.0526 | 0.0688 | 0.0969 | 0.1295 | 0.1996 |
| | (Single Image) | 0.0228 | 0.0228 | 0.0229 | 0.0421 | 0.0647 | 0.1309 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0172 | 0.0195 | 0.0406 | 0.0283 | 0.0688 | 0.1066 |
| Frost | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0324 | 0.0531 | 0.0989 | 0.1387 | 0.1524 | 0.1770 |
| | (Single Image) | 0.0228 | 0.0223 | 0.0373 | 0.0749 | 0.0878 | 0.1105 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0172 | 0.0209 | 0.0226 | 0.0688 | 0.0752 | 0.0876 |
| Gaussian Blur | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0324 | 0.0311 | 0.0462 | 0.0752 | 0.1198 | 0.1702 |
| | (Single Image) | 0.0228 | 0.0348 | 0.0314 | 0.0412 | 0.0618 | 0.1059 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0172 | 0.0263 | 0.0606 | 0.0660 | 0.0697 | 0.0780 |
| Gaussian Noise | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0324 | 0.0695 | 0.1024 | 0.1699 | 0.2562 | 0.2971 |
| | (Single Image) | 0.0228 | 0.0217 | 0.0429 | 0.1015 | 0.1845 | 0.2266 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0172 | 0.0241 | 0.0393 | 0.0611 | 0.1461 | 0.1795 |
| Glass Blur | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0324 | 0.0482 | 0.0734 | 0.1625 | 0.1713 | 0.1649 |
| | (Single Image) | 0.0228 | 0.0259 | 0.0294 | 0.0977 | 0.1085 | 0.1045 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0172 | 0.0219 | 0.0534 | 0.0796 | 0.0849 | 0.0779 |
| Impulse Noise | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0324 | 0.1154 | 0.1543 | 0.1899 | 0.2693 | 0.3033 |
| | (Single Image) | 0.0228 | 0.0506 | 0.0856 | 0.1198 | 0.1969 | 0.2324 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0172 | 0.0482 | 0.0455 | 0.0784 | 0.1570 | 0.1849 |
| Pixelate | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0324 | 0.0634 | 0.0675 | 0.1031 | 0.1354 | 0.1356 |
| | (Single Image) | 0.0228 | 0.0209 | 0.0203 | 0.0432 | 0.0676 | 0.0685 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0172 | 0.0222 | 0.0239 | 0.0379 | 0.0336 | 0.0681 |
| Saturate | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0324 | 0.0515 | 0.0585 | 0.0292 | 0.0560 | 0.1128 |
| | (Single Image) | 0.0228 | 0.0195 | 0.0227 | 0.0332 | 0.0228 | 0.0482 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0172 | 0.0187 | 0.0208 | 0.0202 | 0.0216 | 0.0237 |
| Shot Noise | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0324 | 0.0673 | 0.1158 | 0.1817 | 0.2874 | 0.3291 |
| | (Single Image) | 0.0228 | 0.0215 | 0.0529 | 0.1119 | 0.2153 | 0.2577 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0172 | 0.0228 | 0.0500 | 0.0711 | 0.1737 | 0.2119 |
| Spatter | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0324 | 0.0293 | 0.0563 | 0.1050 | 0.1670 | 0.2397 |
| | (Single Image) | 0.0228 | 0.0310 | 0.0186 | 0.0412 | 0.0988 | 0.1684 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0172 | 0.0201 | 0.0163 | 0.0226 | 0.0590 | 0.1399 |
| Speckle Noise | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0324 | 0.0583 | 0.0799 | 0.1694 | 0.2303 | 0.2863 |
| | (Single Image) | 0.0228 | 0.0173 | 0.0276 | 0.1004 | 0.1585 | 0.2138 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0172 | 0.0190 | 0.0216 | 0.0600 | 0.1261 | 0.1721 |
| Zoom Blur | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0324 | 0.0553 | 0.0898 | 0.1156 | 0.1447 | 0.1606 |
| | (Single Image) | 0.0228 | 0.0248 | 0.0397 | 0.0585 | 0.0833 | 0.0968 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0172 | 0.0510 | 0.0602 | 0.0706 | 0.0789 | 0.0812 |

Table 6: Comparison of CIFAR-10 of the benchmark implementation Ovdia et al. [2019] versus our Single Image and Multi-Image methods for the vanilla classifier. Numerical values of ECE scores for different corruptions at different intensity levels going from 0 to 5. The contrast corruption was used to form the calibration sets.

| Corruption | | Test | Corruption Intensity | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Brightness | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0476 | 0.0461 | 0.0501 | 0.0538 | 0.0617 | 0.0753 |
| | (Single Image) | <i>0.0181</i> | <i>0.0173</i> | <i>0.0145</i> | <i>0.0190</i> | 0.0139 | <i>0.0222</i> |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0164 | 0.0126 | 0.0108 | 0.0152 | <i>0.0164</i> | 0.0221 |
| Defocus Blur | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0476 | 0.0469 | 0.0528 | 0.0866 | 0.1292 | 0.2580 |
| | (Single Image) | <i>0.0181</i> | <i>0.0128</i> | <i>0.0196</i> | 0.0177 | 0.0320 | <i>0.0995</i> |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0164 | 0.0104 | 0.0132 | <i>0.0190</i> | <i>0.0363</i> | 0.0428 |
| Elastic Transform | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0476 | 0.0732 | 0.0808 | 0.0984 | 0.1330 | 0.1700 |
| | (Single Image) | <i>0.0181</i> | <i>0.0220</i> | 0.0163 | <i>0.0267</i> | <i>0.0316</i> | 0.0576 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0164 | 0.0152 | 0.0172 | 0.0227 | 0.0311 | <i>0.0637</i> |
| Fog | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0476 | 0.0464 | 0.0486 | 0.0562 | 0.0748 | 0.2037 |
| | (Single Image) | <i>0.0181</i> | <i>0.0165</i> | <i>0.0214</i> | <i>0.0254</i> | <i>0.0248</i> | 0.0859 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0164 | 0.0105 | 0.0105 | 0.0167 | 0.0199 | <i>0.0922</i> |
| Frost | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0476 | 0.0861 | 0.1279 | 0.2213 | 0.2414 | 0.3554 |
| | (Single Image) | <i>0.0181</i> | 0.0225 | 0.0448 | 0.1148 | 0.1259 | 0.2288 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0164 | <i>0.0332</i> | <i>0.0464</i> | <i>0.1236</i> | <i>0.1360</i> | <i>0.2392</i> |
| Gaussian Blur | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0476 | 0.0470 | 0.0904 | 0.1570 | 0.2465 | 0.3777 |
| | (Single Image) | <i>0.0181</i> | <i>0.0145</i> | 0.0154 | 0.0412 | <i>0.0971</i> | <i>0.2043</i> |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0164 | 0.0116 | <i>0.0216</i> | <i>0.0489</i> | 0.0374 | 0.1126 |
| Gaussian Noise | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0476 | 0.1716 | 0.2864 | 0.3798 | 0.4187 | 0.4458 |
| | (Single Image) | <i>0.0181</i> | 0.0655 | <i>0.1493</i> | <i>0.2280</i> | <i>0.2614</i> | <i>0.2849</i> |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0164 | <i>0.0754</i> | 0.0973 | 0.1508 | 0.1803 | 0.1997 |
| Glass Blur | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0476 | 0.4188 | 0.3913 | 0.3484 | 0.4704 | 0.4329 |
| | (Single Image) | <i>0.0181</i> | <i>0.2754</i> | <i>0.2464</i> | <i>0.2067</i> | <i>0.3203</i> | <i>0.2825</i> |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0164 | 0.2028 | 0.1757 | 0.1396 | 0.2423 | 0.2050 |
| Impulse Noise | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0476 | 0.1280 | 0.2143 | 0.2594 | 0.3254 | 0.3760 |
| | (Single Image) | <i>0.0181</i> | 0.0479 | 0.1047 | 0.1337 | <i>0.1715</i> | <i>0.2139</i> |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0164 | <i>0.0594</i> | <i>0.1165</i> | <i>0.1456</i> | 0.1100 | 0.1249 |
| Pixelate | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0476 | 0.0697 | 0.1009 | 0.1365 | 0.2852 | 0.4308 |
| | (Single Image) | <i>0.0181</i> | 0.0202 | 0.0349 | 0.0560 | 0.1724 | 0.3000 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0164 | <i>0.0273</i> | <i>0.0417</i> | <i>0.0600</i> | <i>0.1843</i> | <i>0.3144</i> |
| Saturate | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0476 | 0.0576 | 0.0715 | 0.0496 | 0.0672 | 0.1042 |
| | (Single Image) | <i>0.0181</i> | 0.0181 | 0.0193 | <i>0.0144</i> | <i>0.0208</i> | 0.0284 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0164 | <i>0.0204</i> | <i>0.0201</i> | 0.0104 | 0.0190 | <i>0.0390</i> |
| Shot Noise | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0476 | 0.1154 | 0.1793 | 0.3048 | 0.3526 | 0.4081 |
| | (Single Image) | <i>0.0181</i> | 0.0326 | 0.0730 | <i>0.1649</i> | <i>0.2054</i> | <i>0.2504</i> |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0164 | <i>0.0461</i> | <i>0.0814</i> | 0.1016 | 0.1312 | 0.1683 |
| Spatter | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0476 | 0.0713 | 0.0992 | 0.1237 | 0.1163 | 0.1762 |
| | (Single Image) | <i>0.0181</i> | 0.0216 | 0.0301 | 0.0452 | 0.0479 | 0.0898 |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0164 | <i>0.0260</i> | <i>0.0379</i> | <i>0.0455</i> | <i>0.0532</i> | <i>0.0938</i> |
| Speckle Noise | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0476 | 0.1219 | 0.2055 | 0.2445 | 0.3036 | 0.3668 |
| | (Single Image) | <i>0.0181</i> | 0.0378 | 0.0934 | 0.1211 | <i>0.1597</i> | <i>0.2135</i> |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0164 | <i>0.0530</i> | <i>0.1044</i> | <i>0.1340</i> | 0.0910 | 0.1338 |
| Zoom Blur | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0476 | 0.0817 | 0.1036 | 0.1403 | 0.1758 | 0.2354 |
| | (Single Image) | <i>0.0181</i> | <i>0.0240</i> | 0.0182 | 0.0273 | <i>0.0520</i> | <i>0.0865</i> |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0164 | 0.0198 | <i>0.0196</i> | <i>0.0373</i> | 0.0430 | 0.0315 |
| Translation | (Ovdia et al.) | 0.0476 | 0.0523 | 0.1200 | 0.1437 | 0.1202 | 0.0527 |
| | (Single Image) | <i>0.0181</i> | <i>0.0194</i> | <i>0.0362</i> | 0.0493 | 0.0385 | <i>0.0162</i> |
| | (Multi Image) | 0.0164 | 0.0147 | 0.0332 | <i>0.0529</i> | <i>0.0403</i> | 0.0124 |