



Interpreting Adversarial Trained Convolutional Neural Networks

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- Normally trained CNNs typically lack of interpretability
 - Biased towards **textures**
- Adversarially trained CNNs could improve interpretability
 - Capture more semantic features: **shapes**.
 - Systematic experiments to validate the hypothesis
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Sensitivity Map

- **Grad:** input gradient

$$E = \frac{\partial S_c(x)}{\partial x} \quad S_c(x) = \log p_c(x)$$

- the gradient of the class score function w.r.t. input image

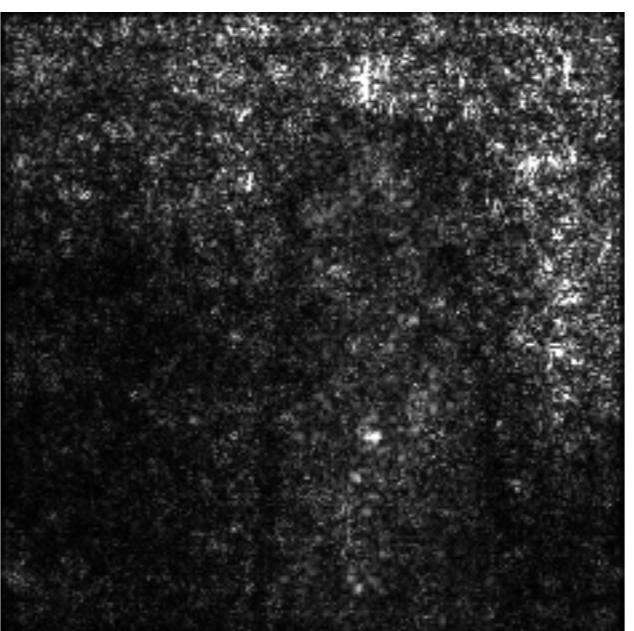
- **SmoothGrad**

$$E = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial S_c(x + g_i)}{\partial (x + g_i)}$$

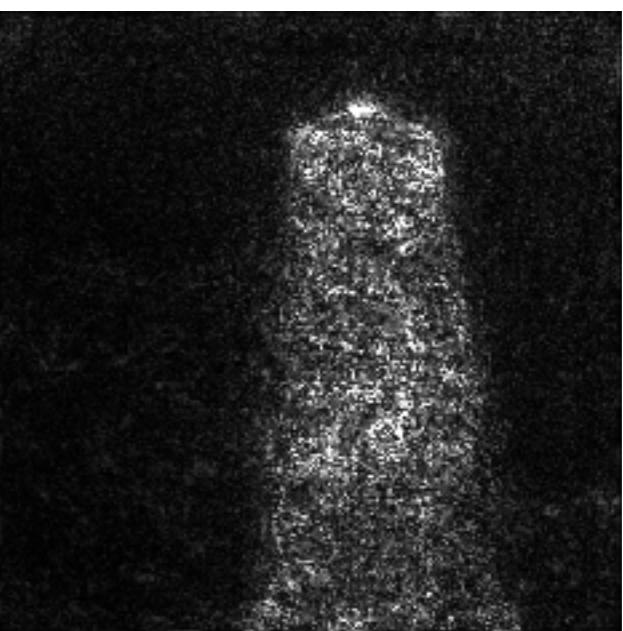
$g_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$



Input image



Grad



SmoothGrad



Normally Trained CNN

- Interpreting normally trained CNN: **texture bias**

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IMAGENET-TRAINED CNNS ARE BIASED TOWARDS
TEXTURE; INCREASING SHAPE BIAS IMPROVES
ACCURACY AND ROBUSTNESS

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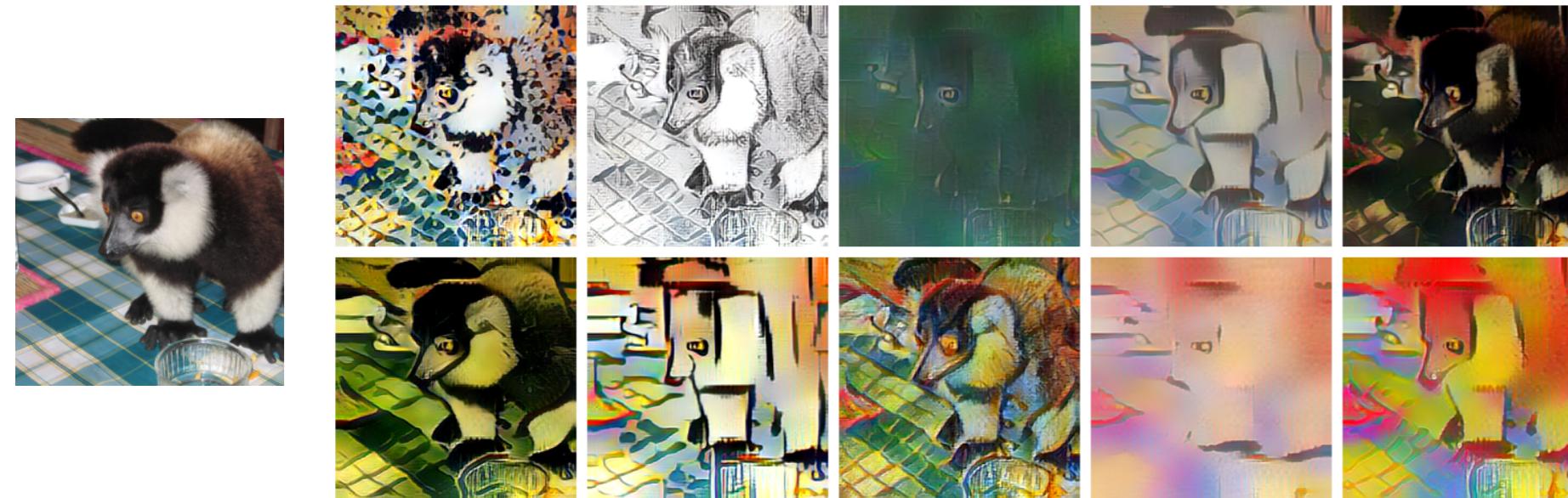
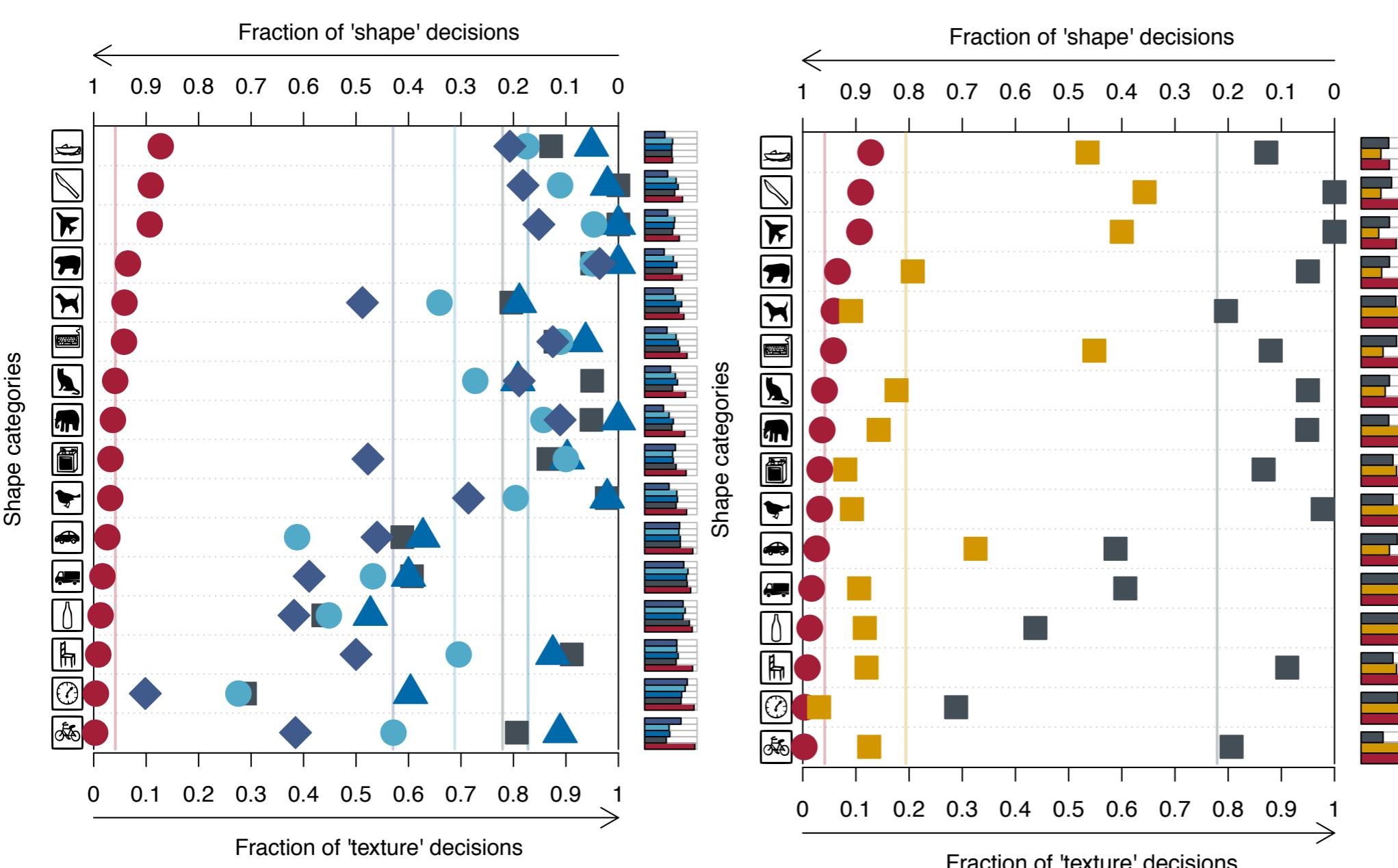
(a) Texture image
81.4% **Indian elephant**
10.3% indri
8.2% black swan



(b) Content image
71.1% **tabby cat**
17.3% grey fox
3.3% Siamese cat



(c) Texture-shape cue conflict
63.9% **Indian elephant**
26.4% indri
9.6% black swan



**Augmented Stylized-
ImageNet
could improve shape
bias.**

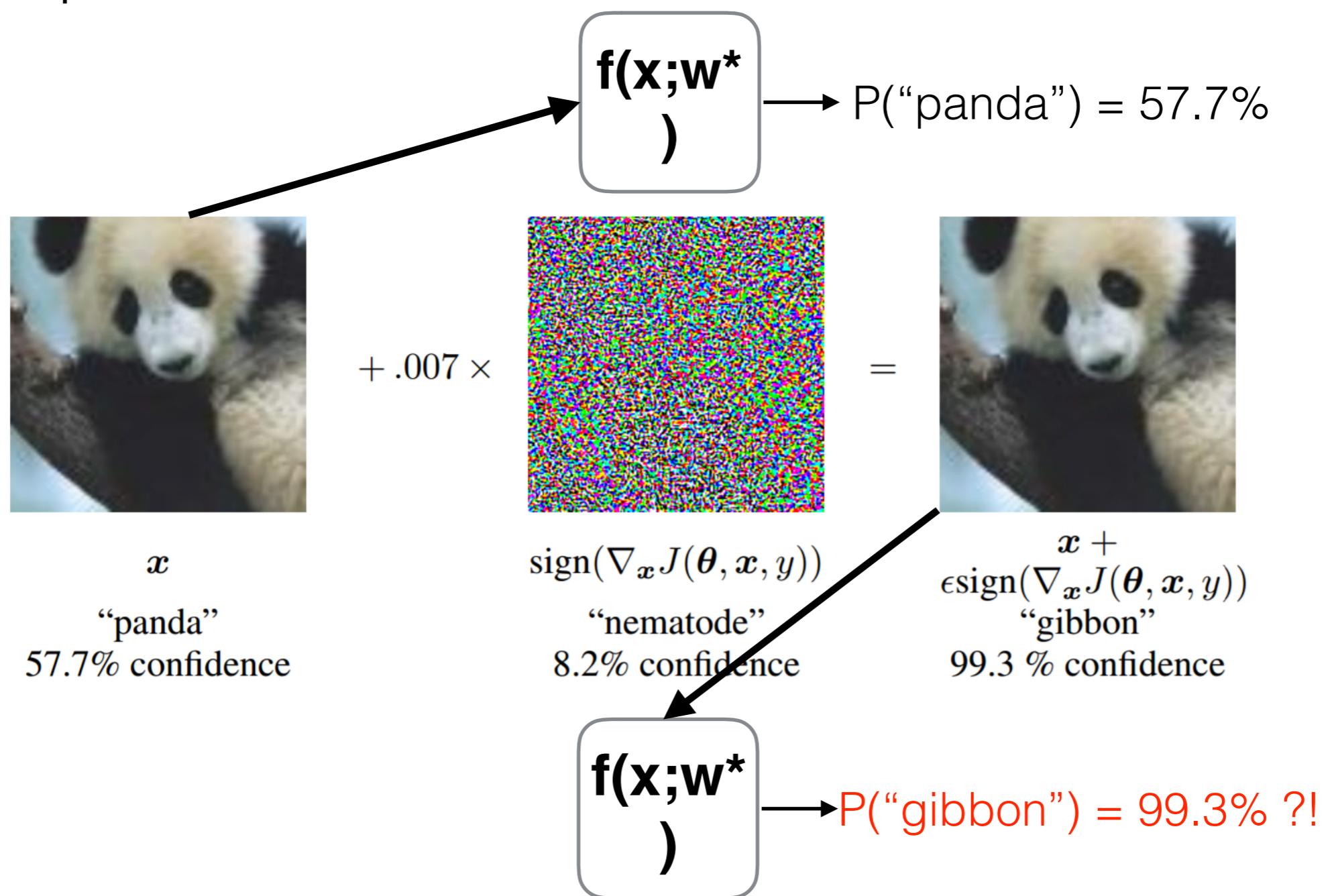
Are there any other models that could
improve shape bias?



Adversarially trained CNNs!

Adversarial Examples

- Deep neural networks are easily fooled by adversarial examples. **Not robust!**





Adversarial Training

- Adversarial training for defending adversarial examples:

- A robust optimization problem

$$\min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{(x,y) \sim \mathcal{D}} \left[\max_{\delta \in S} \ell(f(x + \delta; \theta), y) \right] \xrightarrow{\text{Projected Gradient Descent}} \|\delta\| \leq \varepsilon$$
$$\min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{(x,y) \sim \mathcal{D}} [\ell(f(x; \theta), y)] \rightarrow \text{Standard training}$$

- Interpreting adversarially trained CNNs (**AT-CNNs**)

- What have AT-CNNs learned to make them robust?

- **Compared with standard CNNs, AT-CNNs tend to be more shape-biased.**



Two ways for interpreting AT-CNNs

- Qualitative method
 - Visualizing sensitivity maps
- Quantitative method
 - Evaluate the generalization performance on either **shape or texture preserved data sets**

Constructing Datasets

1. Stylizing: shape preserved, texture destroyed
2. Saturating: shape preserved, texture destroyed
3. Patch-shuffling: shape destructed, texture preserved

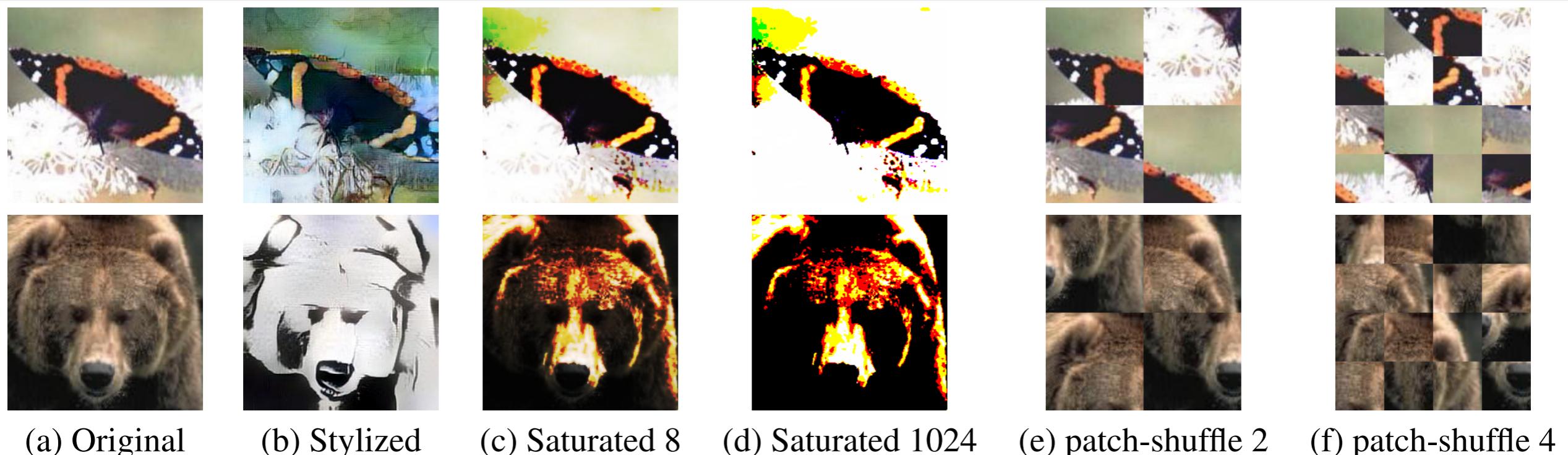
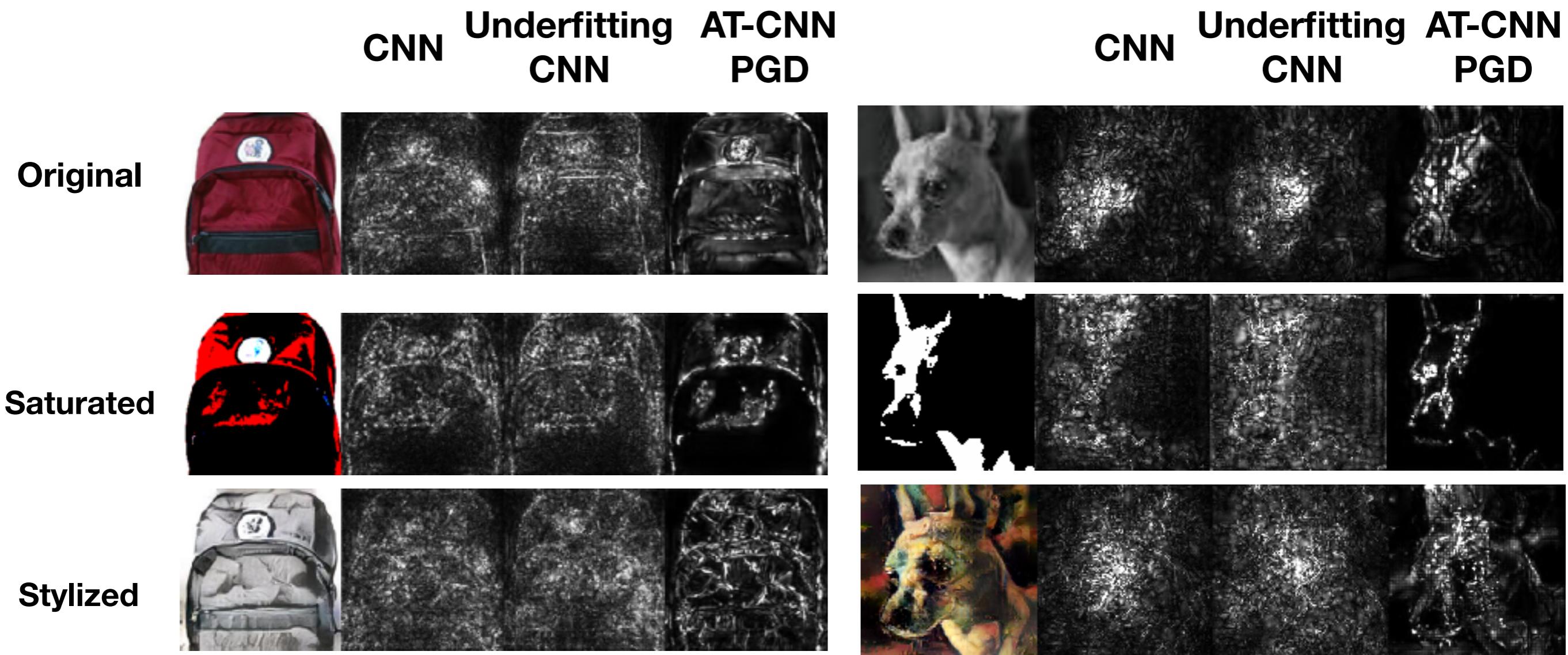


Figure 1. Visualization of three transformations. Original images are from Caltech-256. From left to right, original, stylized, saturation level as 8, 1024, 2×2 patch-shuffling, 4×4 patch-shuffling.

Sensitivity maps of AT-CNNs



SmoothGrad



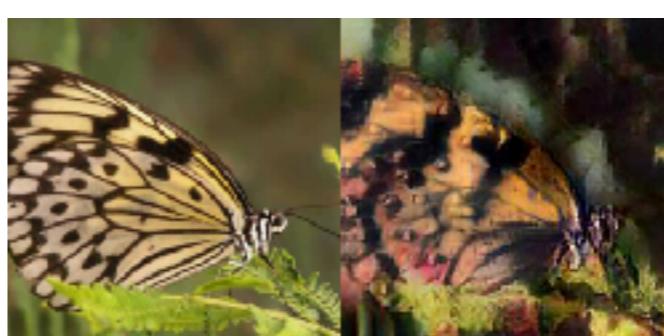
Generalization on Constructed Datasets



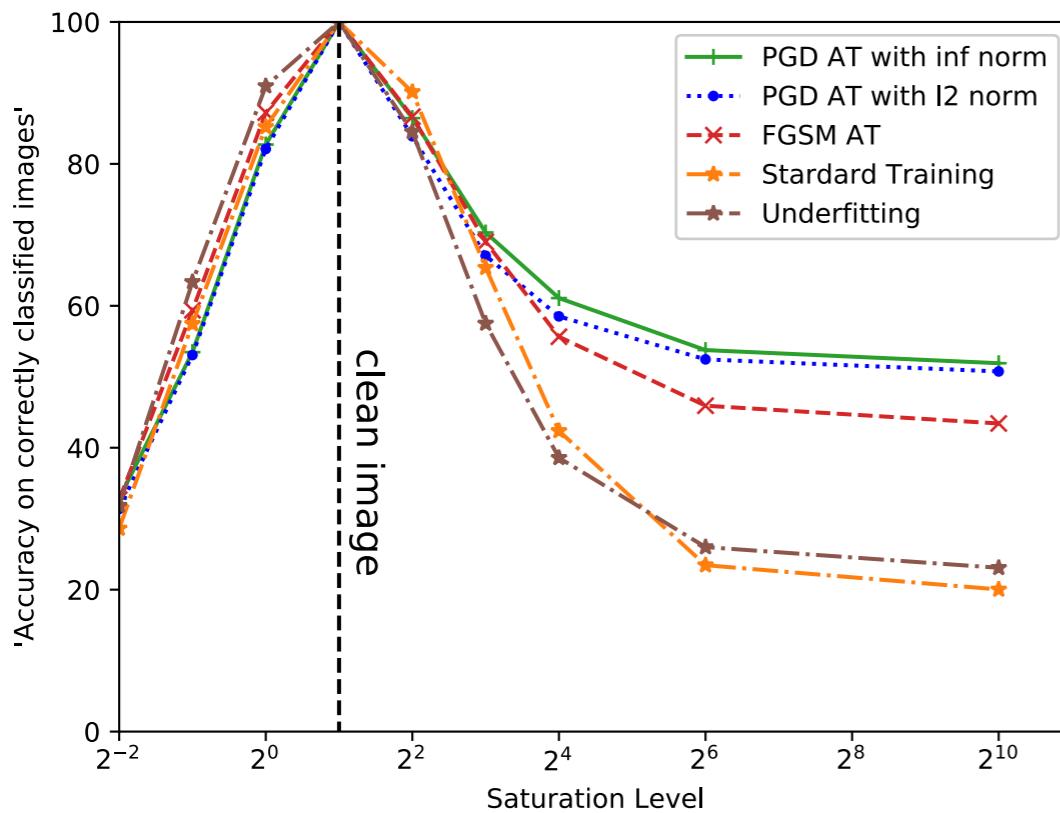
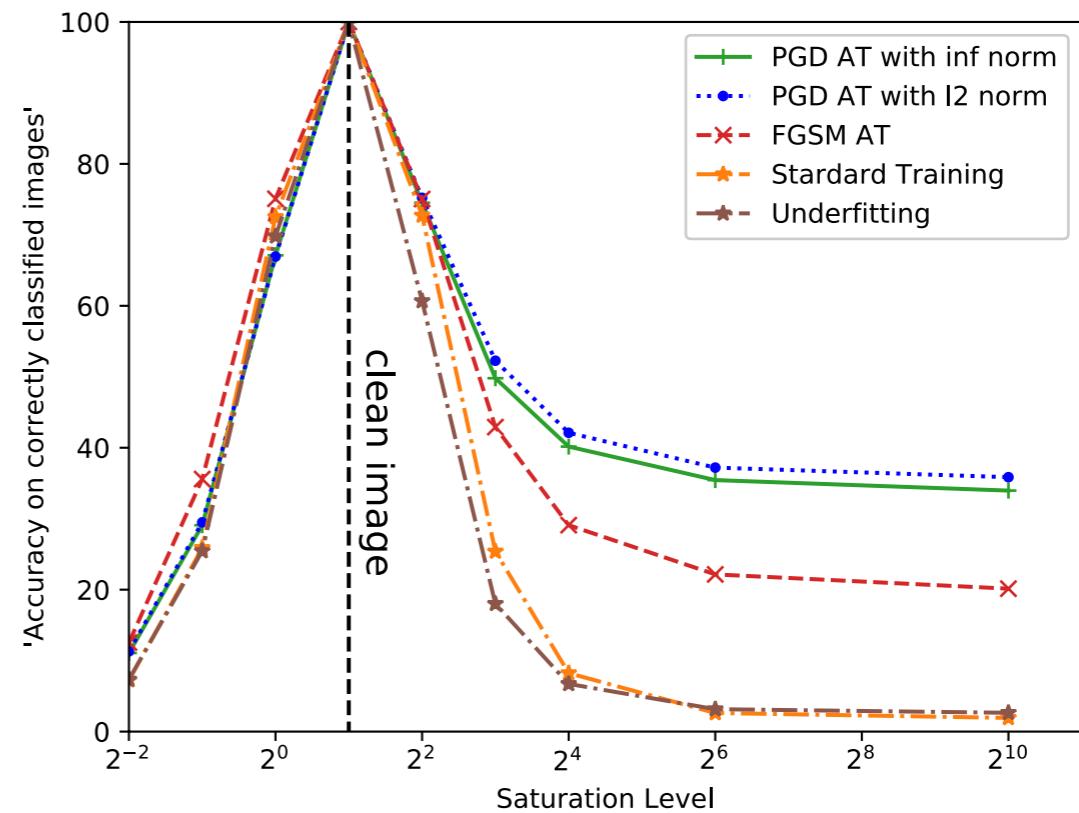
- **Stylized data**

Accuracy on correctly classified images

DATASET	CAL-256	STYLIZED CAL-256	TINYINT	STYLIZED TINYIN
STANDARD	83.32	16.83	72.02	7.25
UNDERFIT	69.04	9.75	60.35	7.16
PGD- l_2 : 4	74.12	22.53	64.24	21.05

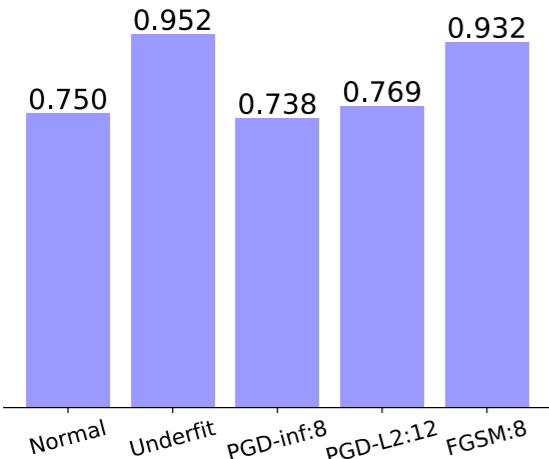


- Saturated data

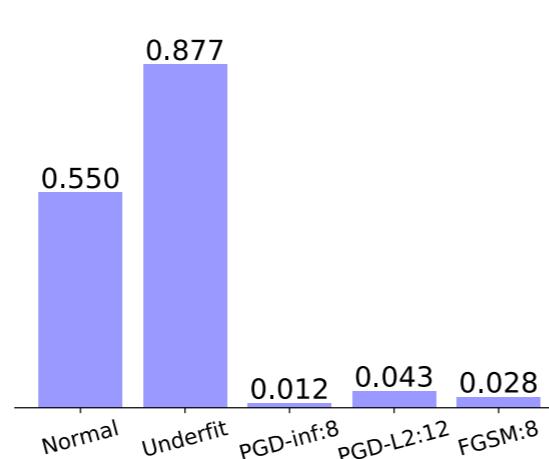

Caltech-256

Tiny ImageNet


Loosing both texture and shape info. → Loosing texture and preserve shape info.

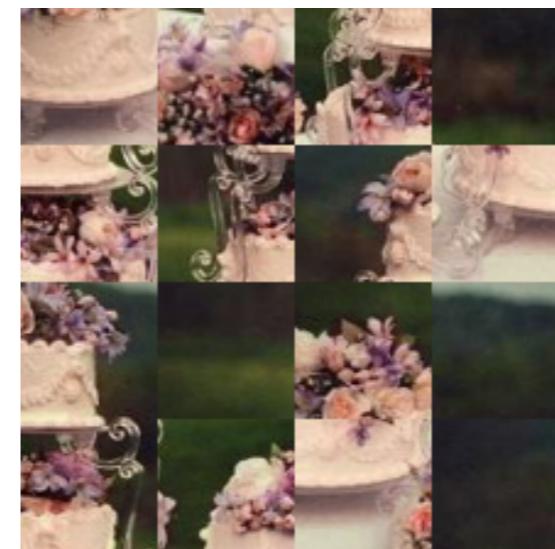
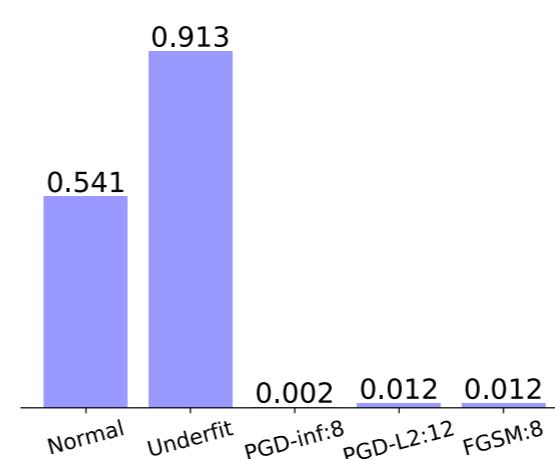
- Patch-shuffled data



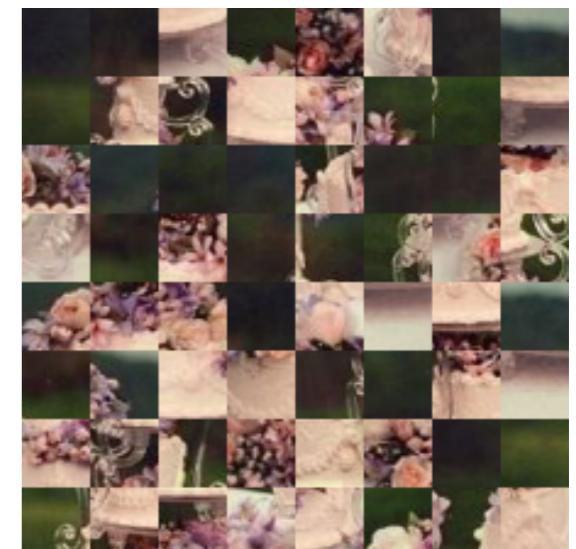
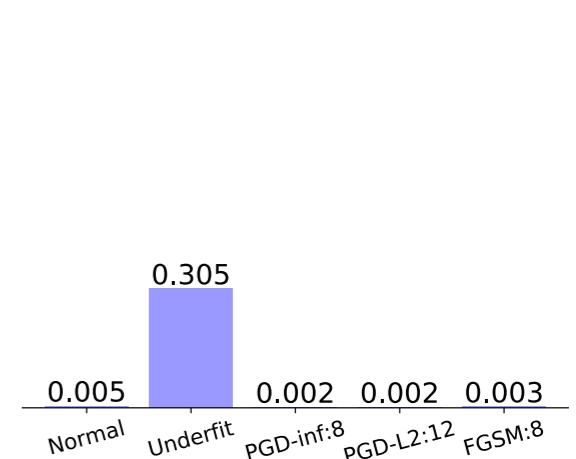
(a) Original Image



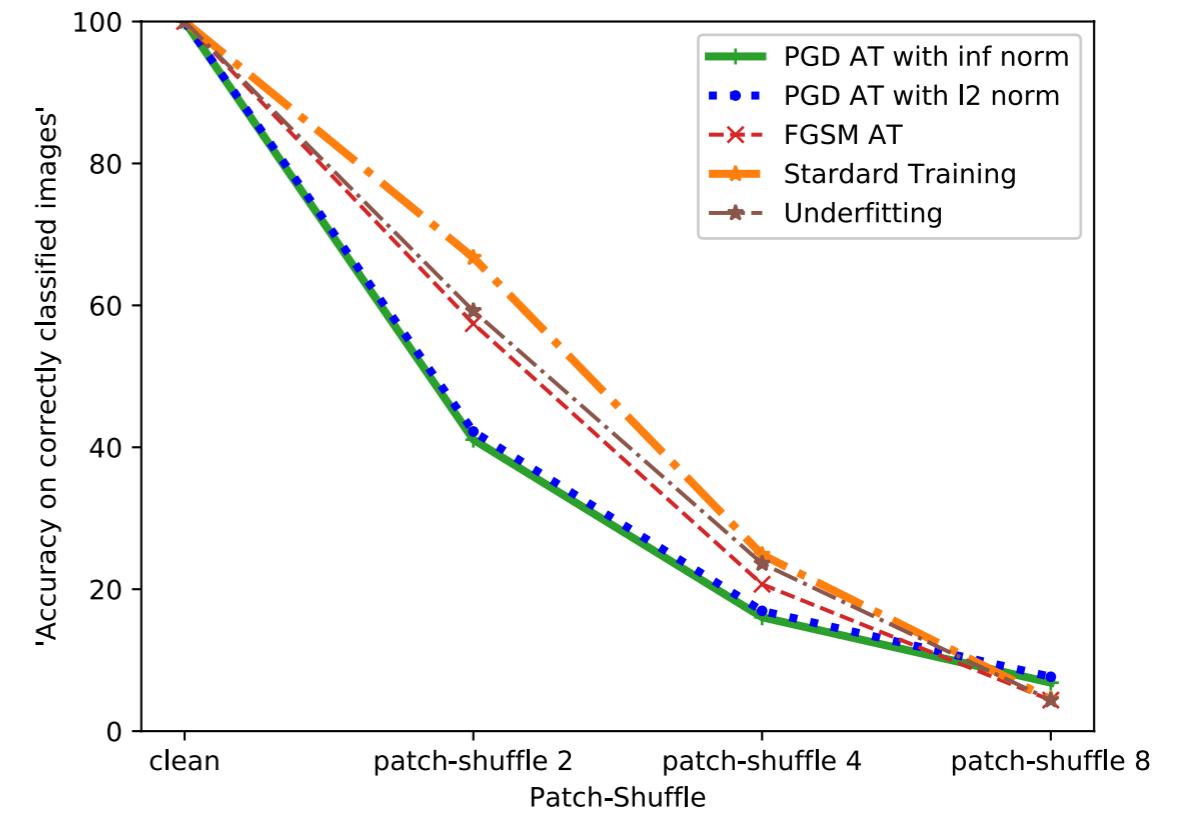
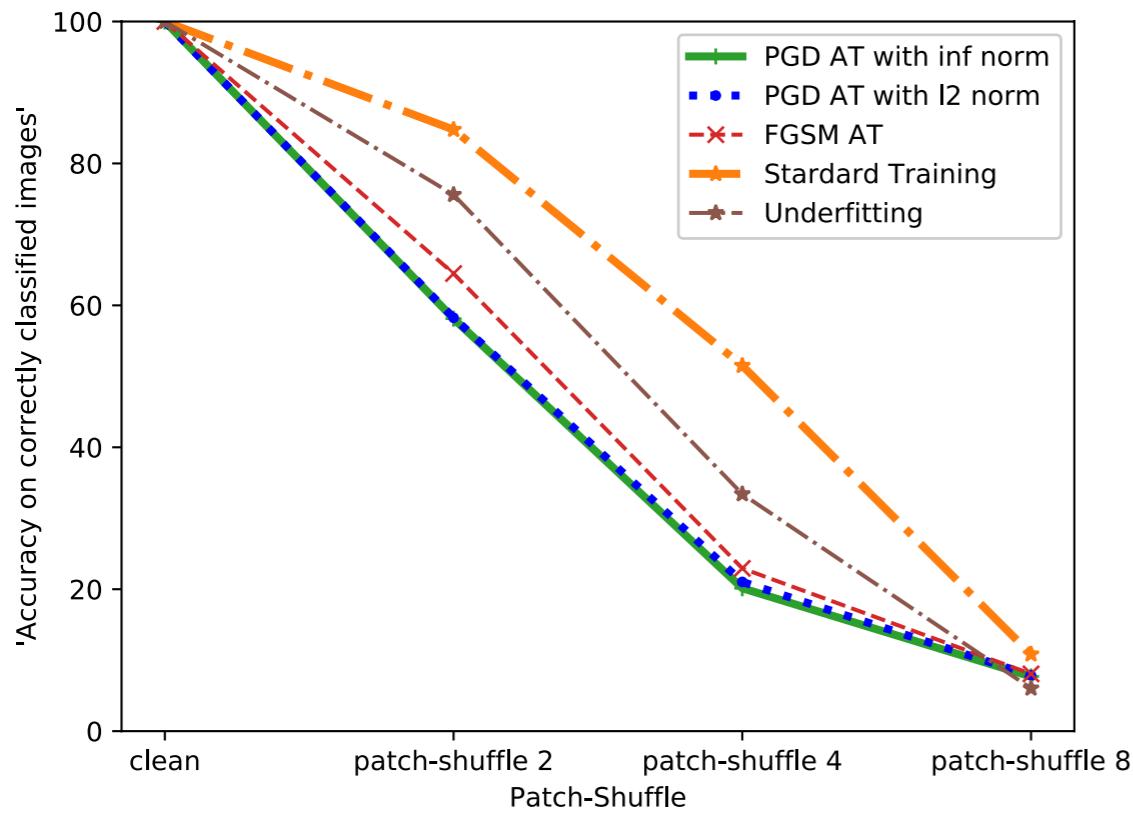
(b) Patch-Shuffle 2



(c) Patch-Shuffle 4



(d) Patch-Shuffle 8





Discussions

- Interpreting adversarially trained CNNs
 - Adversarial training helps capturing global structures, a more shape-based representation
 - We provide both qualitative and quantitative ways for model interpretation.

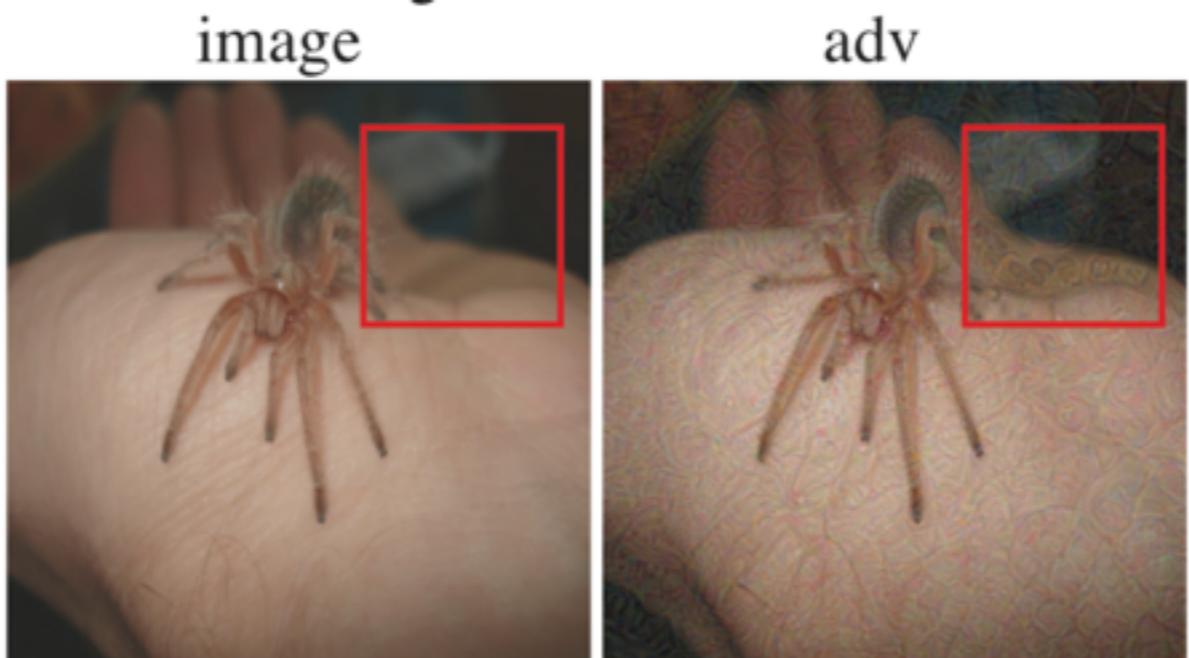


Discussions

- Insights for defending adversarial examples
 - Whether models better capturing long-range representation tend to be more robust (e.g, **non-local**, Xie, et al 2018) ?
- Interpreting AT-CNNs based on other types of adversarial attacks
 - **Spatially transformed adv.** examples (Xiao et.al 2018)
 - GAN-based adv. examples (Song et.al 2018)

Why?

- PGD attack often change local features



- Adversarial training acts like **data augmentation**, which can effectively increase **invariance** against corruptions of local features



Thanks!
Q & A