

Visual Forensics and Societal Impacts

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16-726 Learning-based Image Synthesis, Spring 2023

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Topics

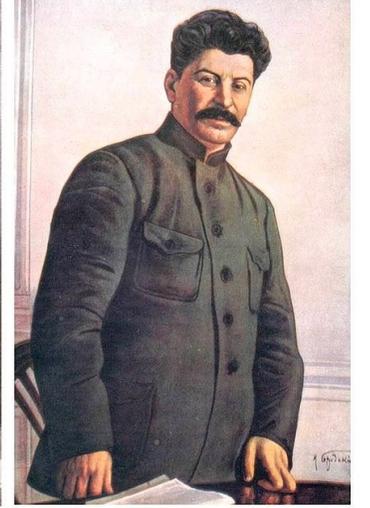
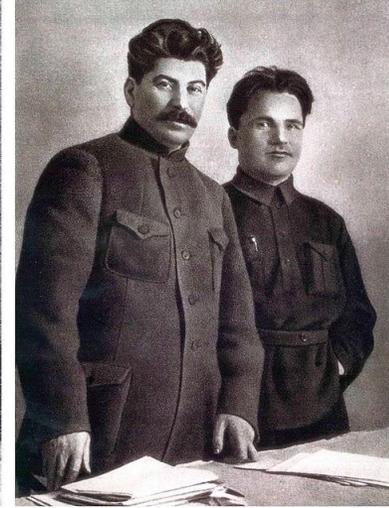
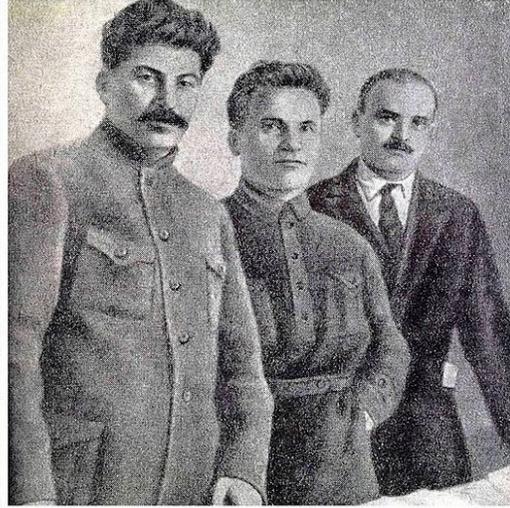
- Fake Images and Forensics
- Copyrights/Law
- Biases
- ...

Visual Forensics

- + deep/shallow fake
- + misinformation

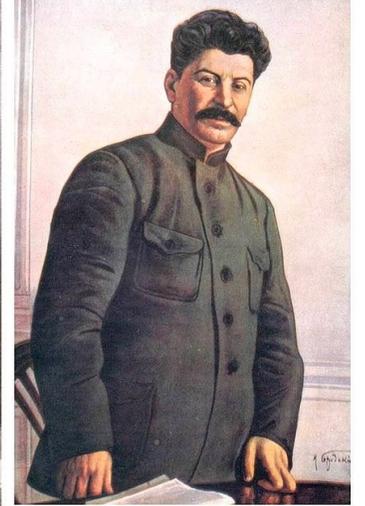
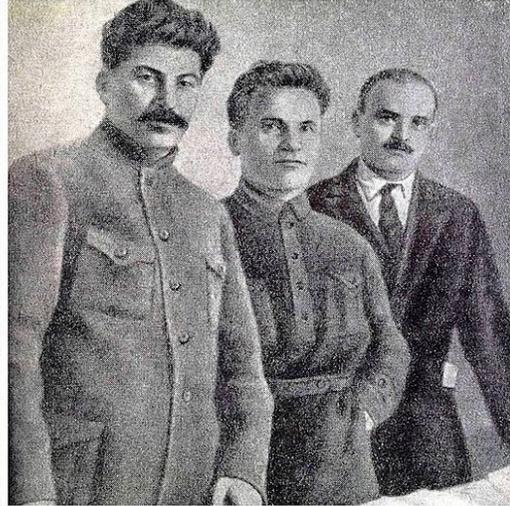
Photo manipulation old as photography

Joseph Stalin



AI: democratizing image editing

Joseph Stalin



“DeepFakes”



More fake photos/videos

- <https://www.quora.com/What-are-some-of-the-most-widely-circulated-fake-pictures>



More fake photos/videos

- <https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/category/photos/>



Did Bruce Lee Play Ping-Pong with Nunchaku?

Written by: *David Mikkelson*

Nov 27, 2012

Expertly playing ping-pong using nunchaku rather than a paddle is certainly an impressive feat, ...

[Read More](#)

Bruce Lee plays Ping Pong?



Miscaptioned photos



Context matters



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about 4 years ago



If you need a babysitter, please let me know! Also can't believe I need to say

Context matters

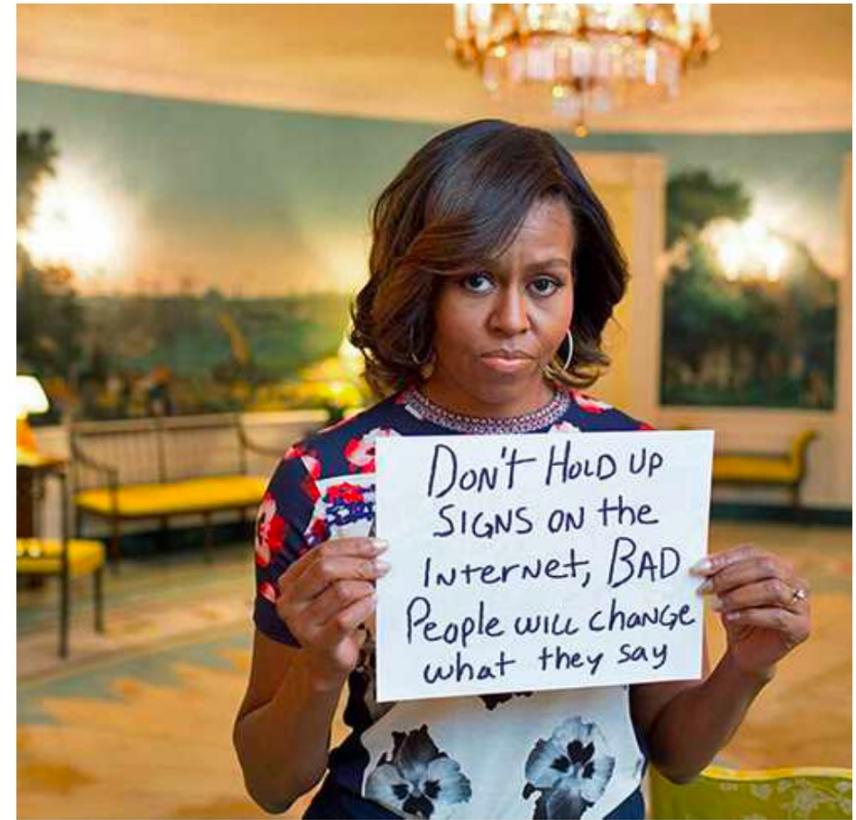


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If you need a babysitter, please let me know! Also can't believe I need to say this but THIS IS FAKE. ITS BAKING FLOUR PEOPLE!!

Don't hold up signs



News and Fake news

- Photo editing / deep fake
- Photo retouching
- Fake caption (time/place/people)
- Selective choice of photos to take, publish
- Choice of topics to cover and emphasize

- Why do lawyers/scholars fake less often?

Detect Shallow Fake

Early works in Visual Forensics

- Detect alterations
 - e.g., inconsistent lighting, inconsistent noise, cloning boundary, etc.
- Analyze patterns:
 - physical, geometric, optical, sensor, and image file properties

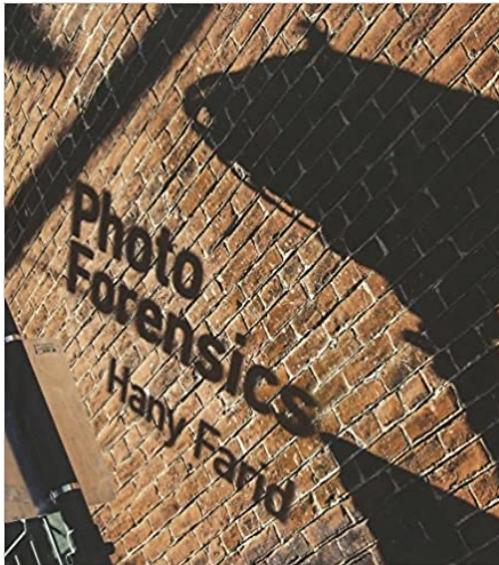
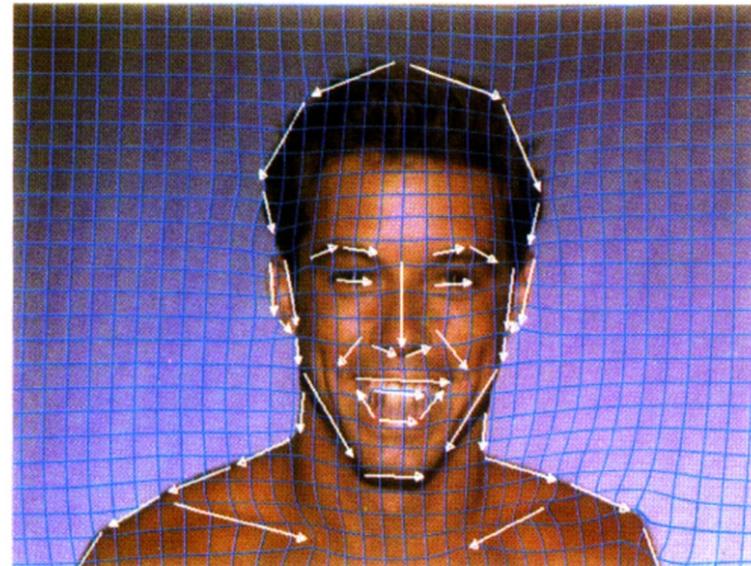
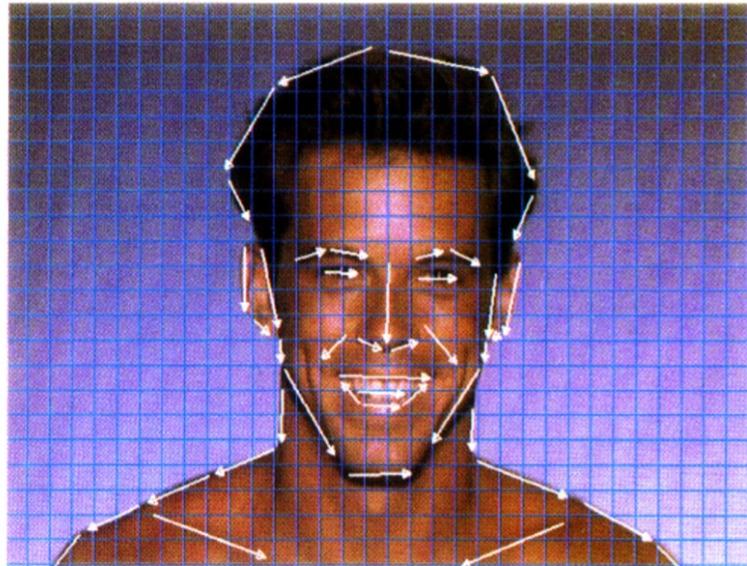
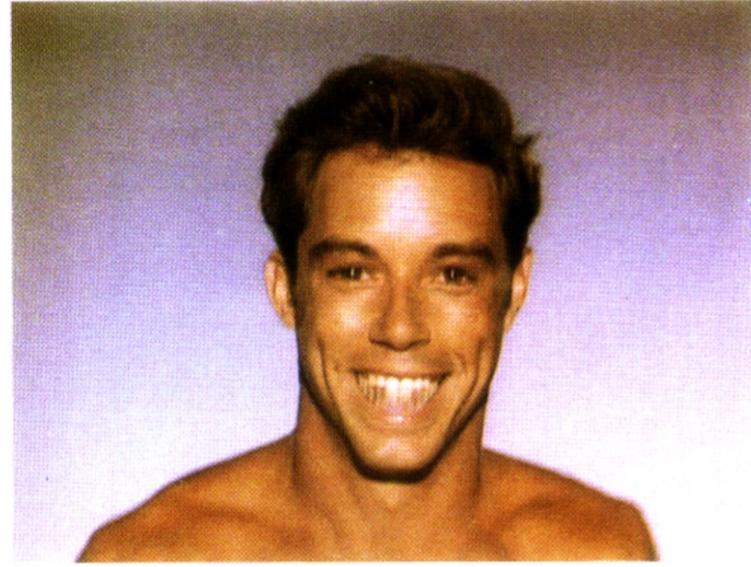
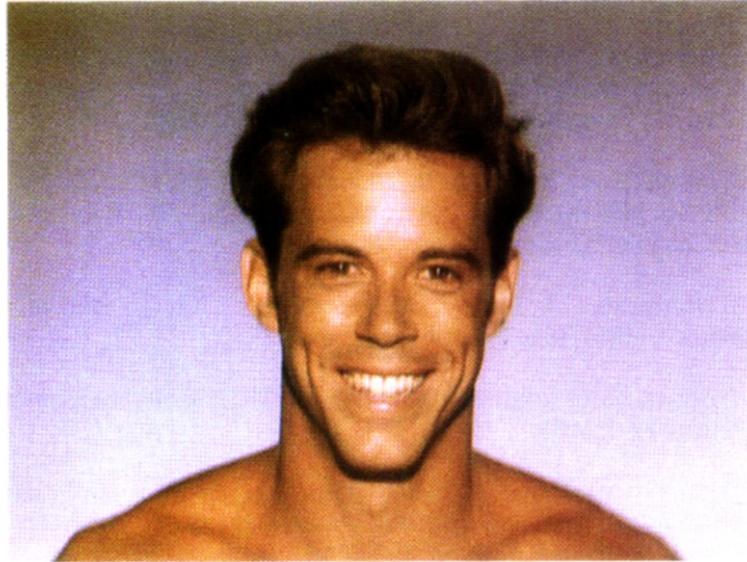
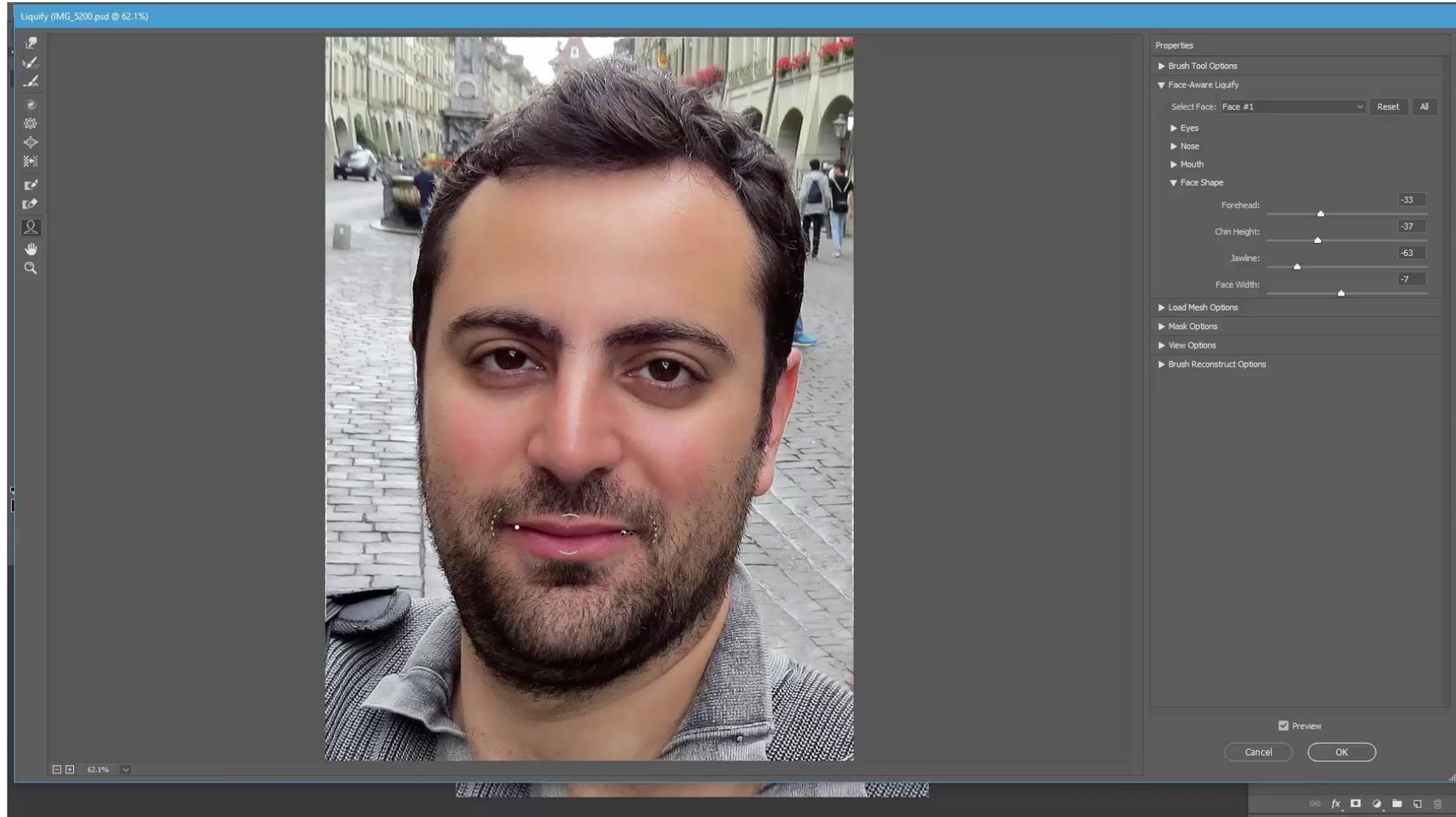


Photo Forensics (The MIT Press)
Hany Farid (<https://farid.berkeley.edu/>)

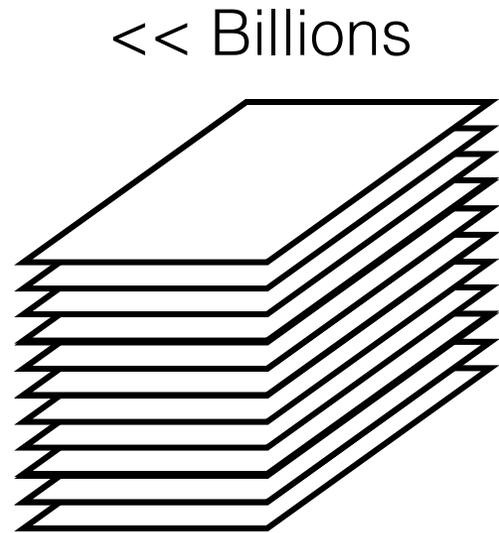
“Shallow” fakes



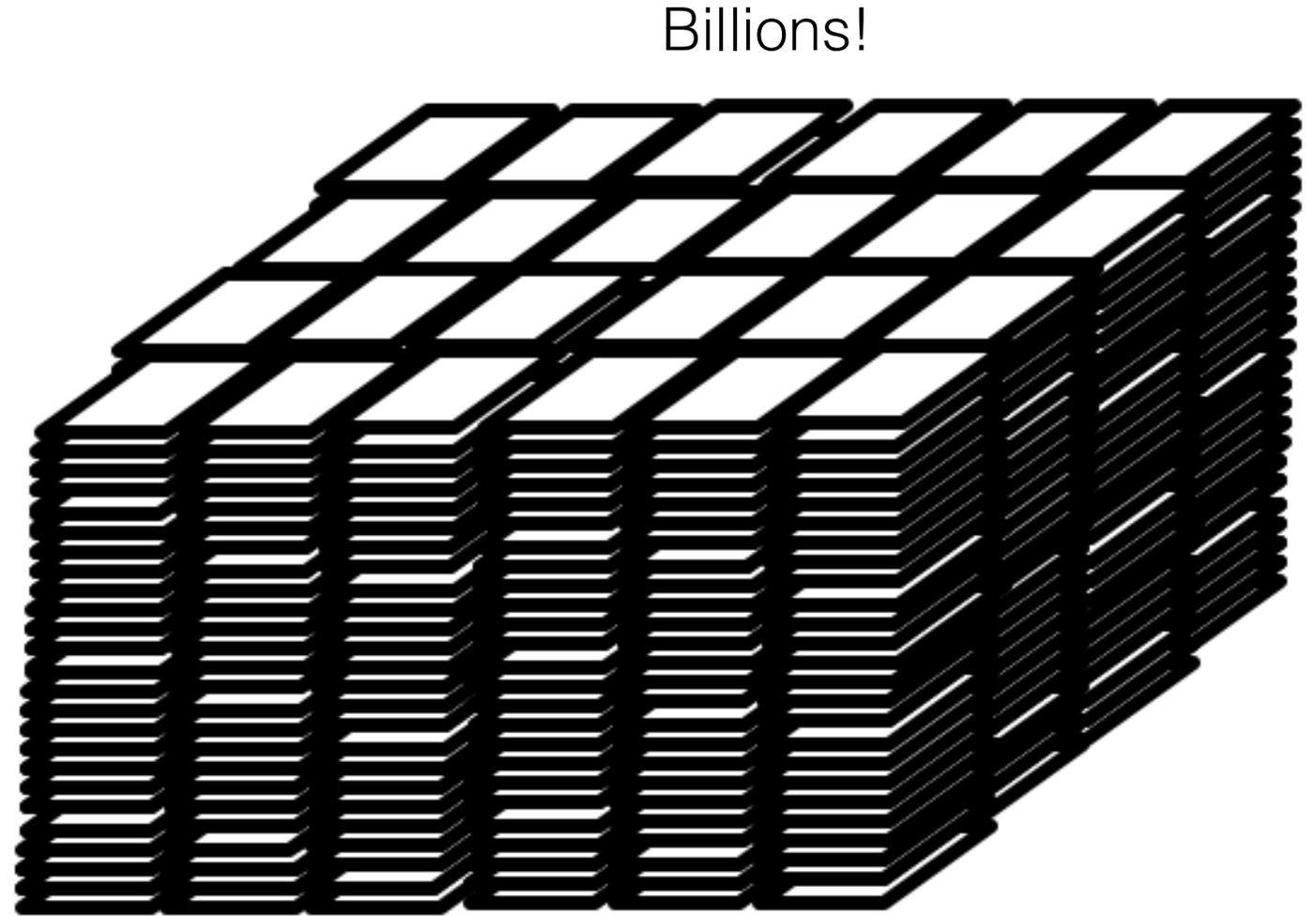
Photoshop Face-Aware Liquify



Supervised Learning?



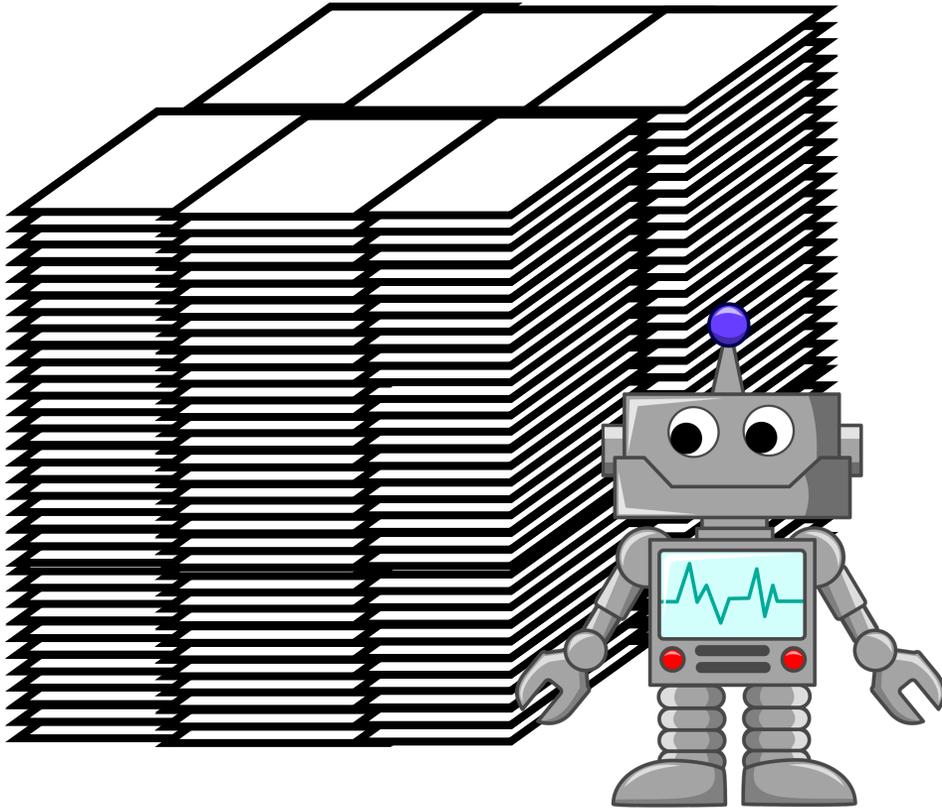
Labeled manipulated images



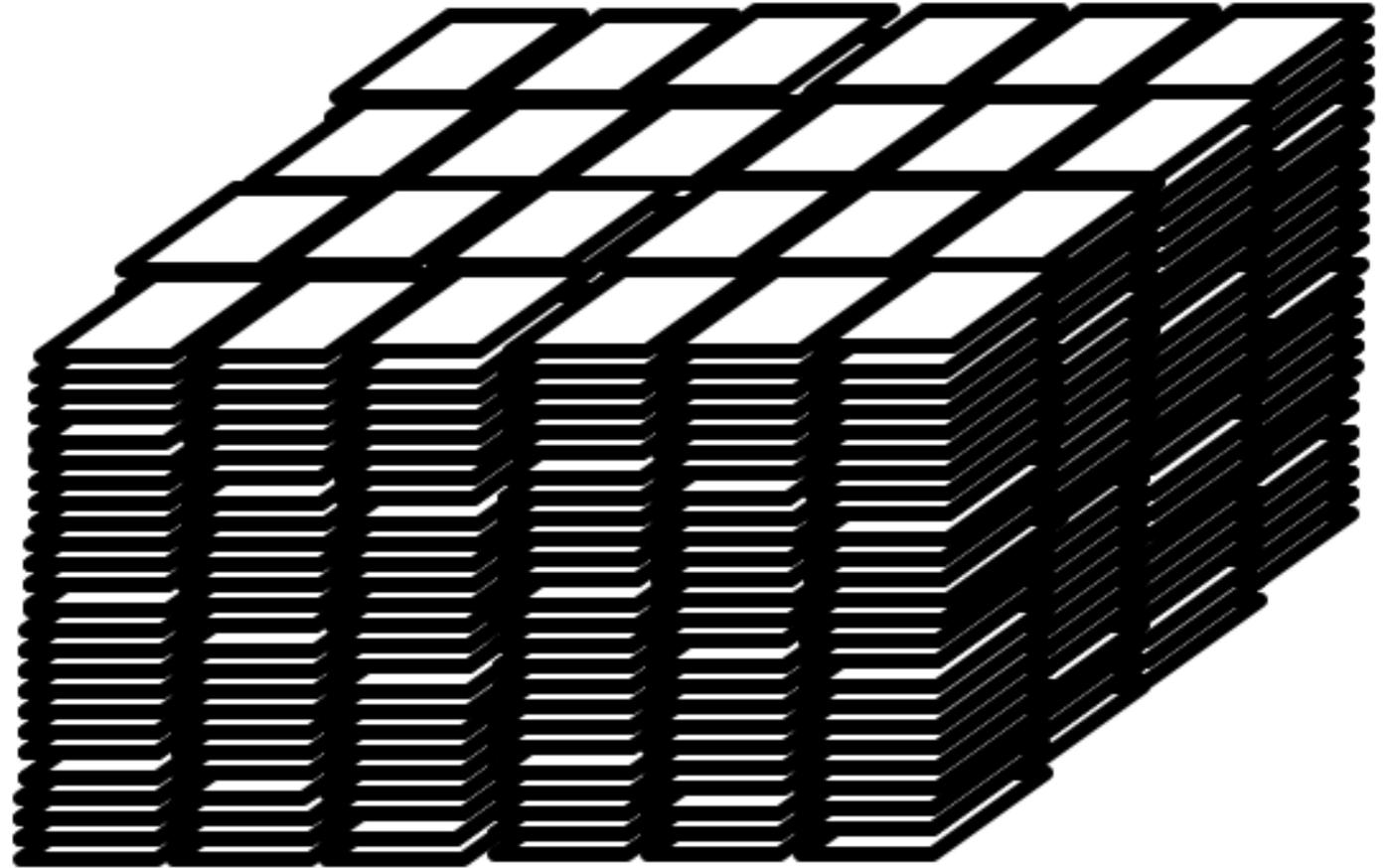
Natural Images

Supervised Learning with Self-Generated Data

Billions!

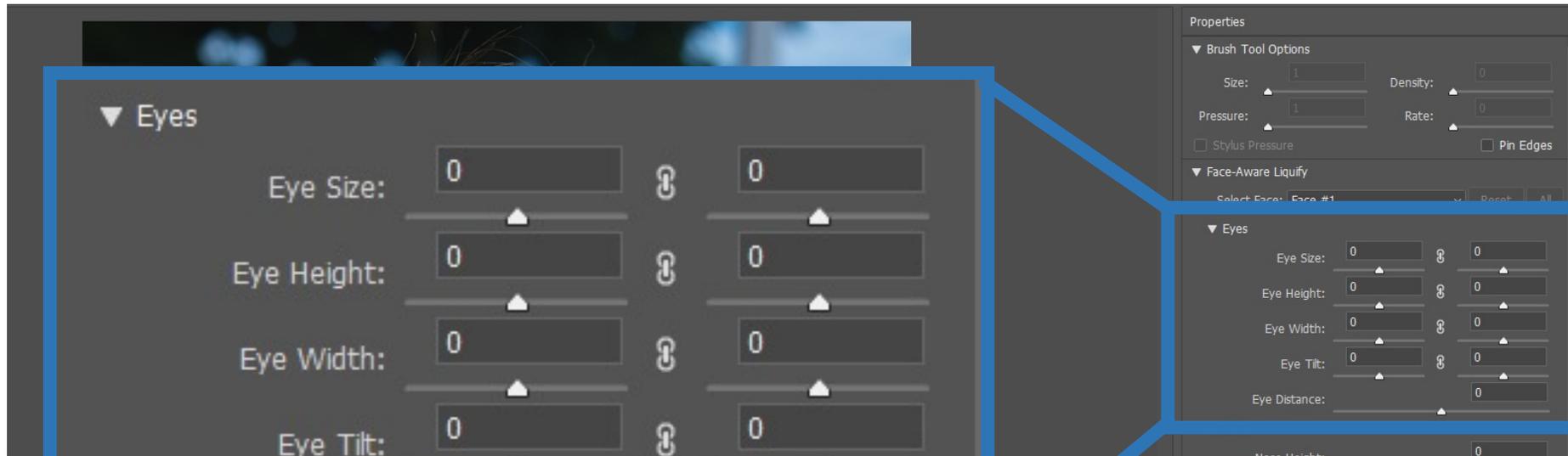


Self-generated data

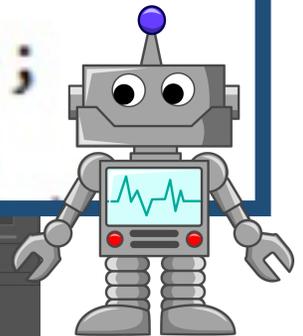


Natural Images

Scripting Photoshop

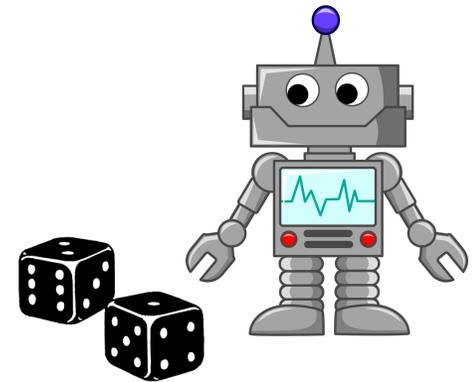


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desc20.putDouble( idrightEyeSize, param_rightEyeSize );
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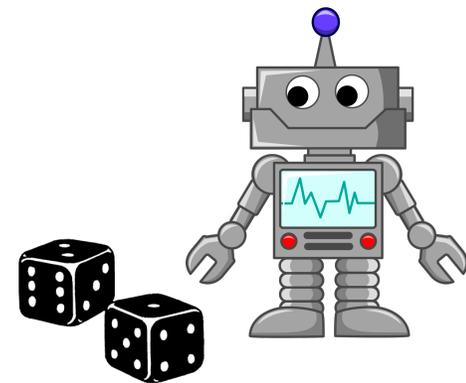




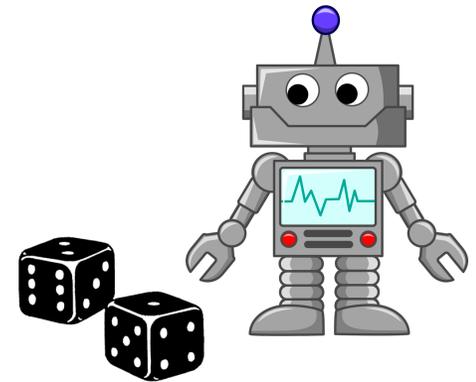
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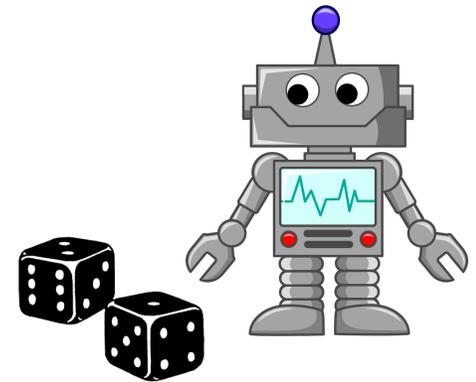
#1 modification



#2 modification

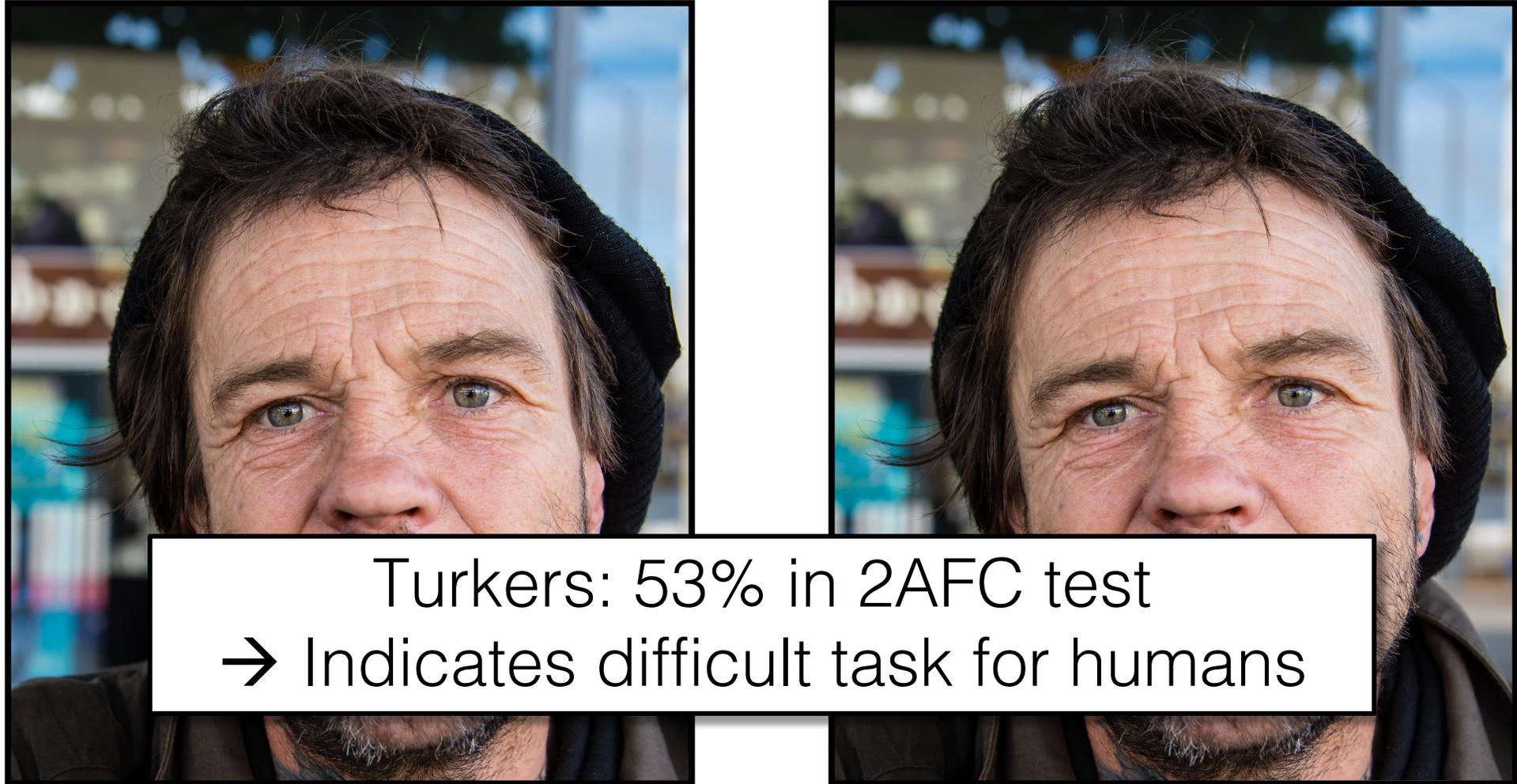


#3 modification



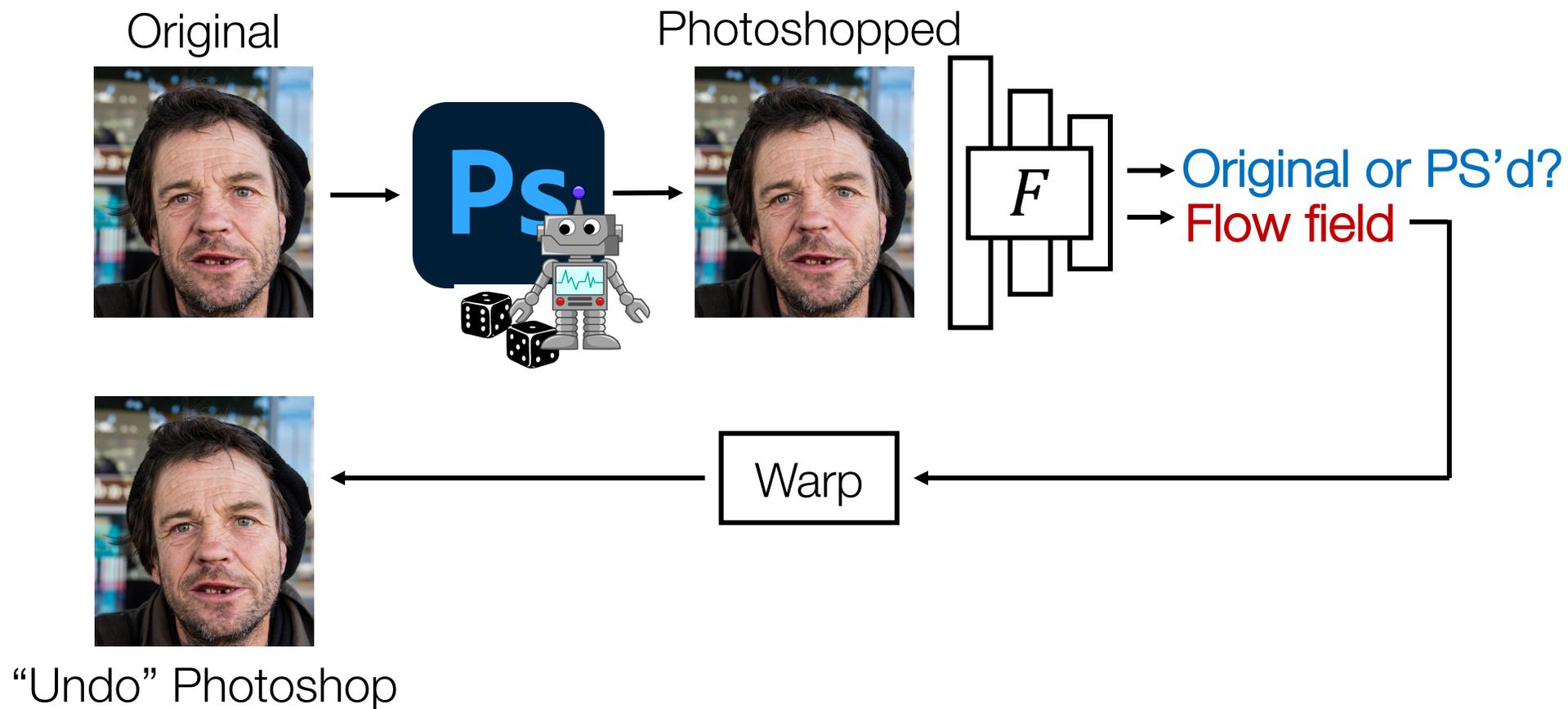
#4 modification

User study: Which image is modified?

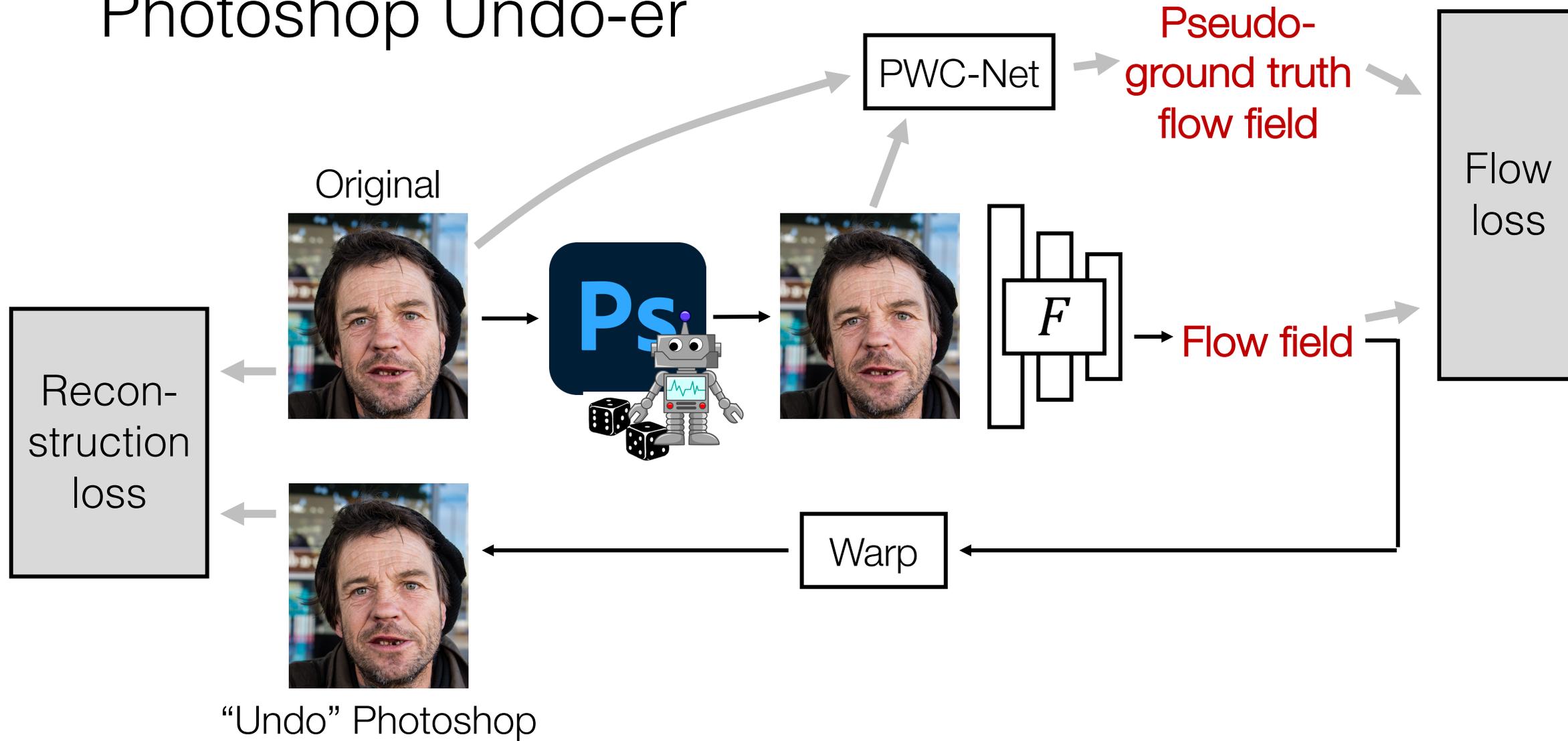


Turkers: 53% in 2AFC test
→ Indicates difficult task for humans

Photoshop Detector



Photoshop Undo-er





Manipulated?



Manipulated? **Yes**



Flow prediction



Suggested “undo”



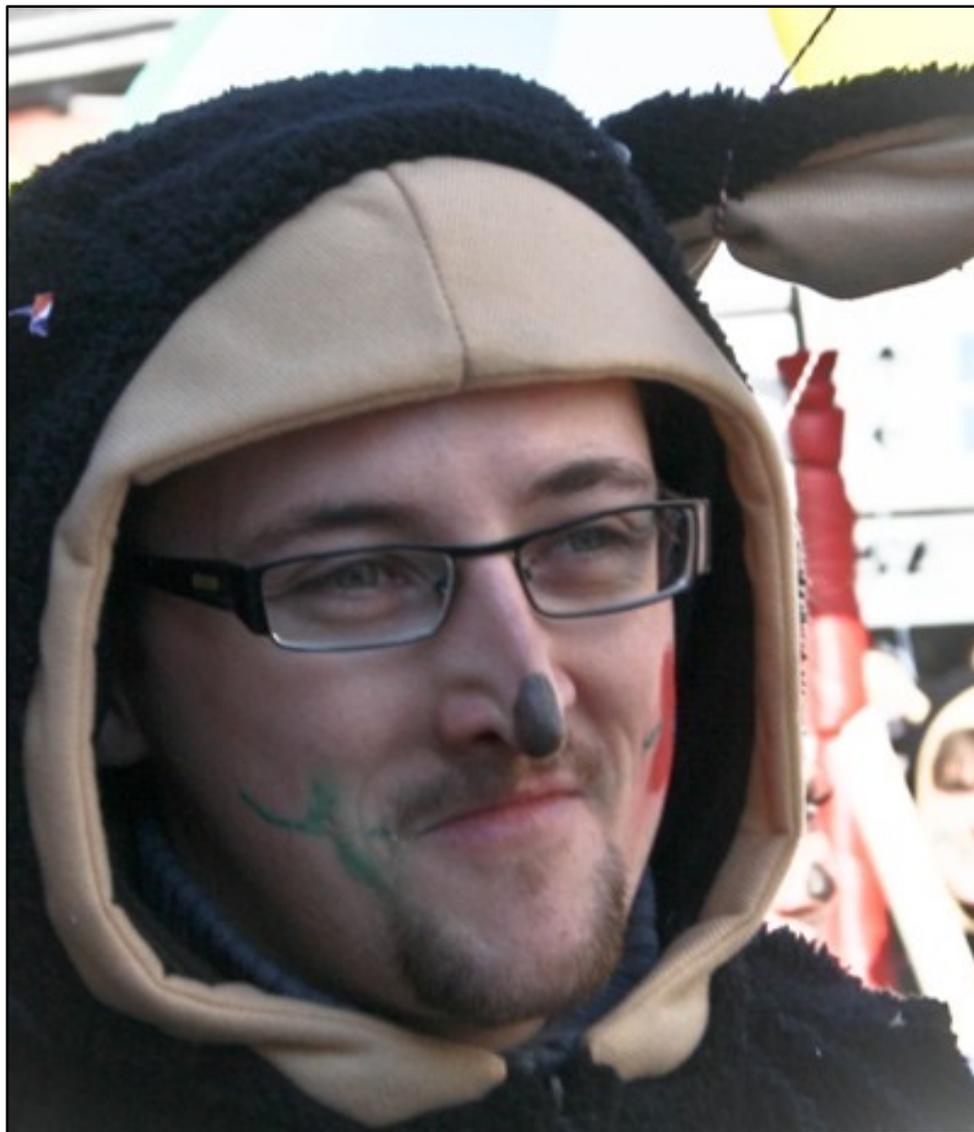
Original



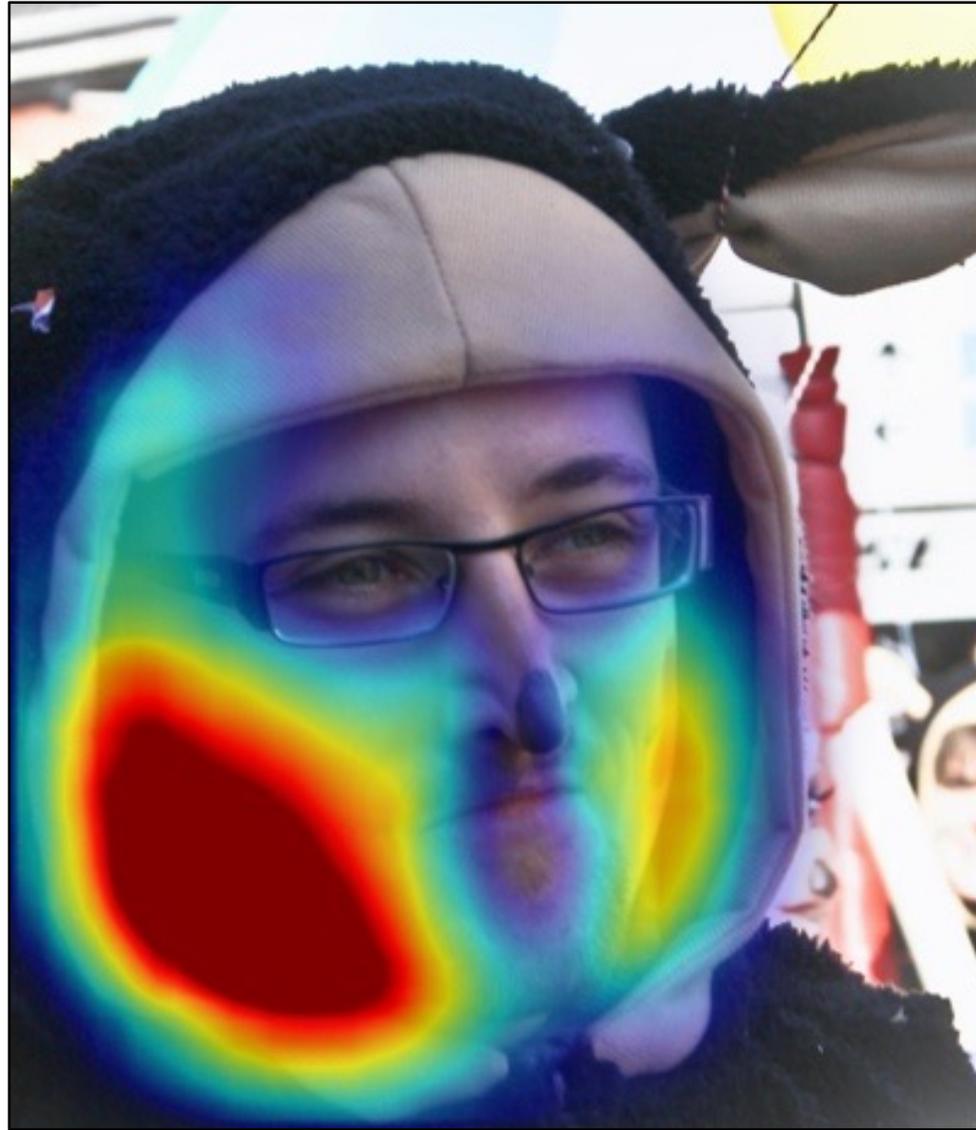
Manipulated vs. Original



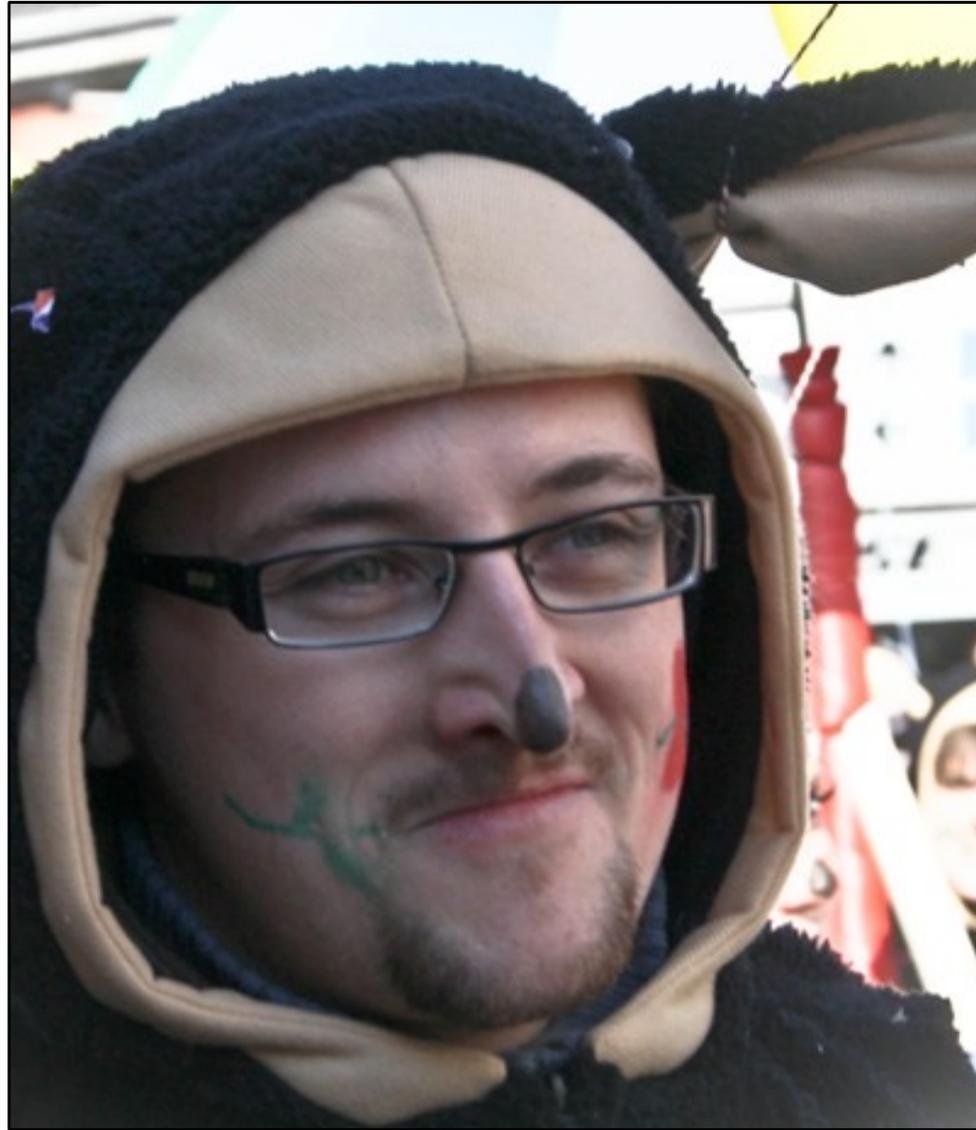
Undo vs. Original



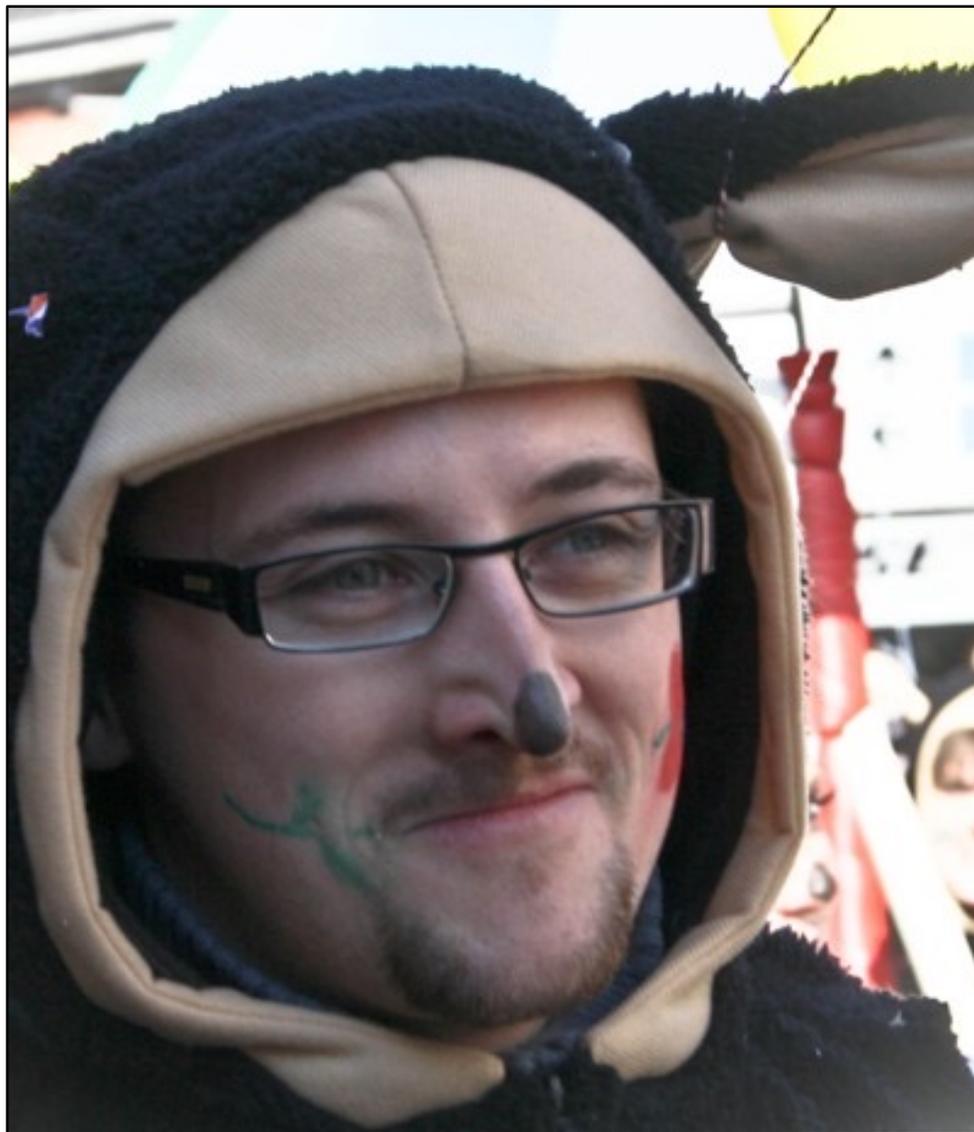
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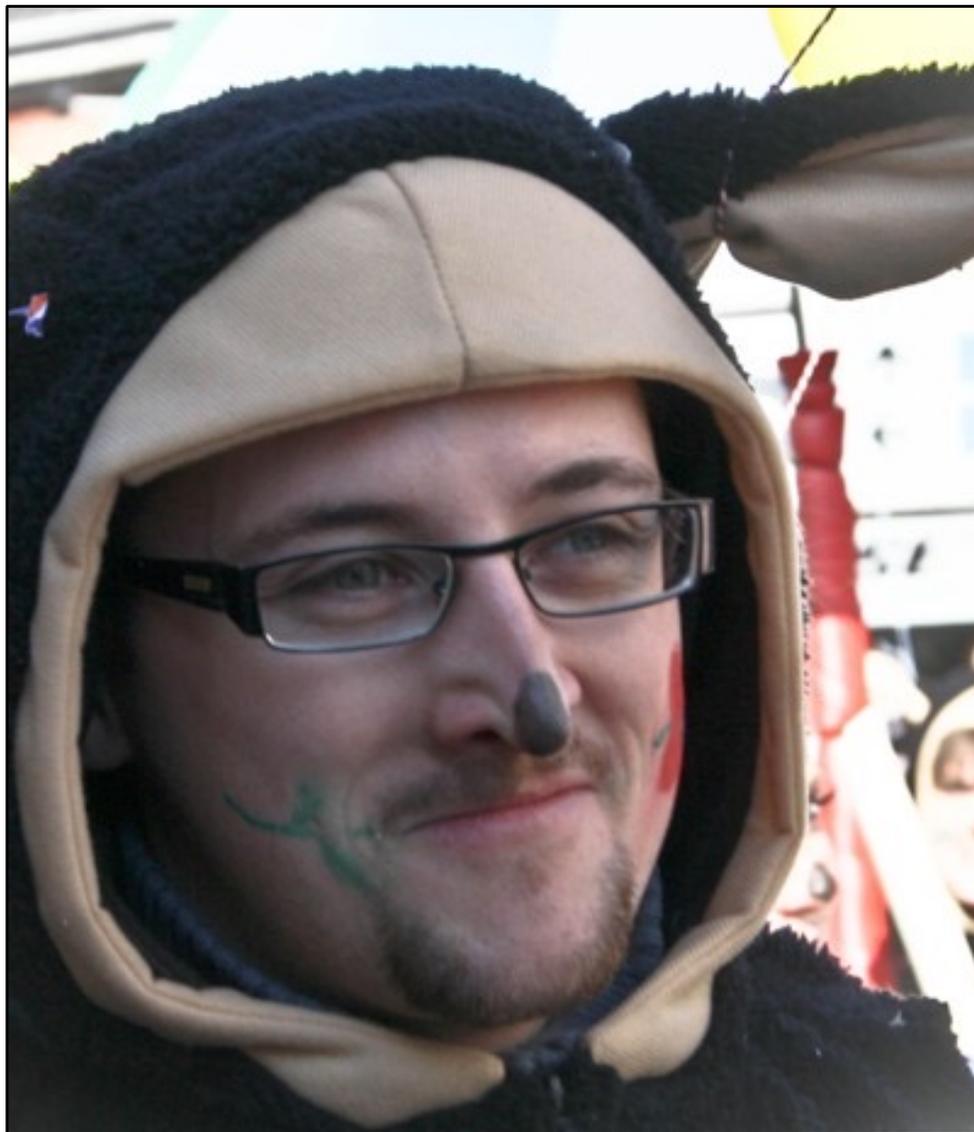
Flow prediction



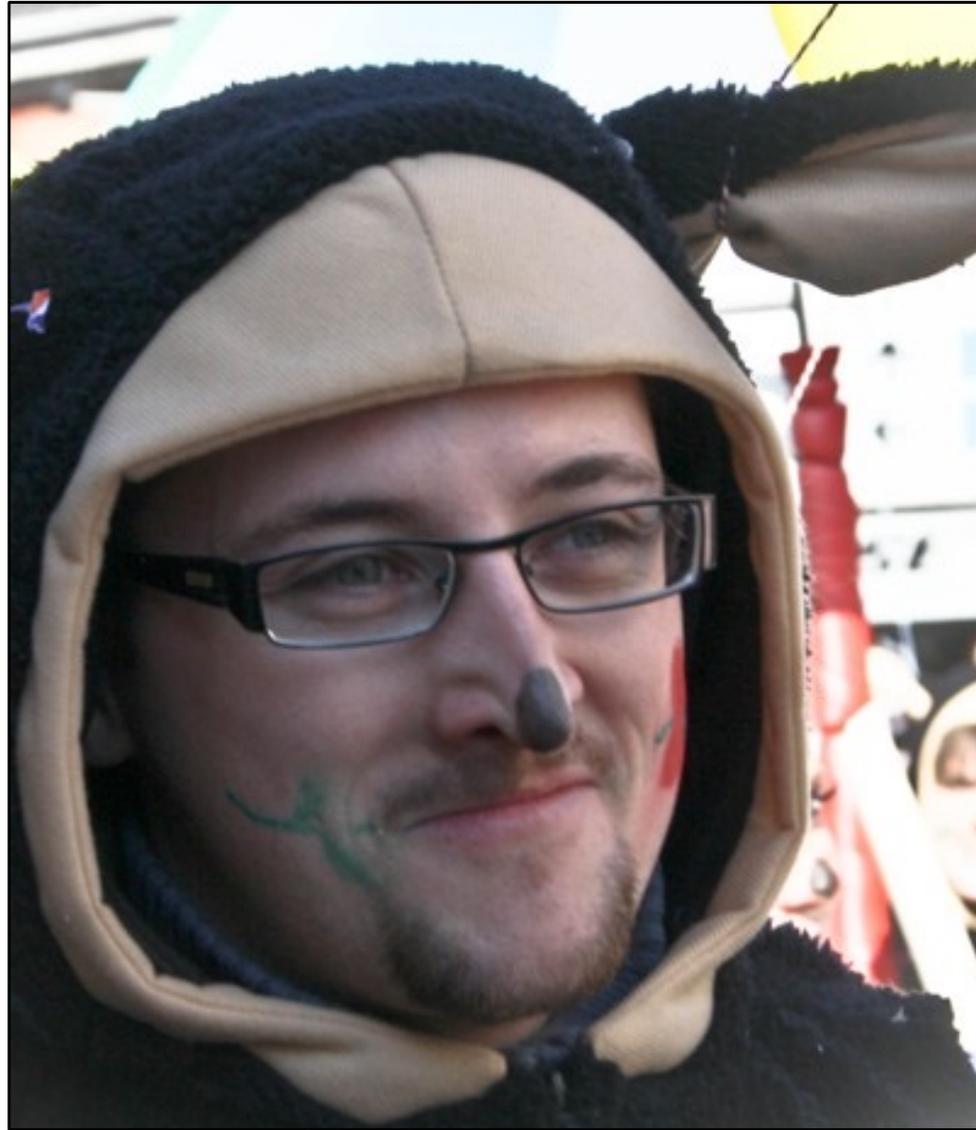
Suggested “undo”



Original



Manipulated vs. Original



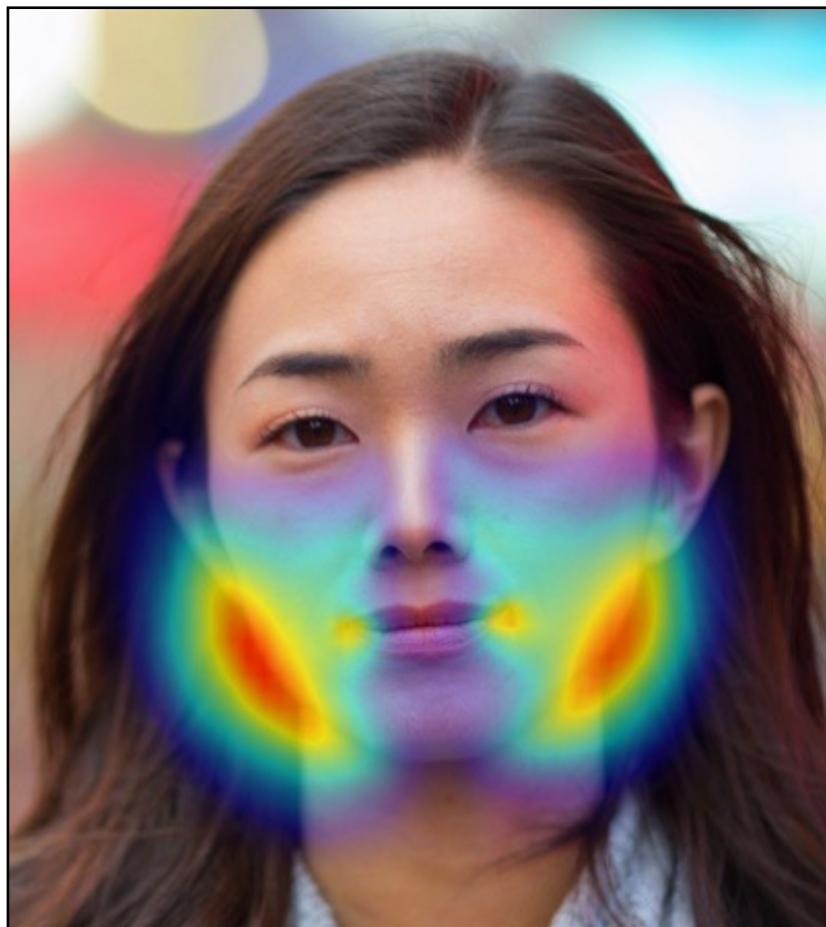
Undo vs. Original

Artist-generated example



Manipulated

Artist-generated example



Flow prediction

Artist-generated example



Suggested “undo”

Artist-generated example



Original photo

Artist-generated example



Manipulated vs. Original

Artist-generated example



Undo vs. Original

Senses of generalization

- Post-processing
- Heldout artist data
- Different warp domain
- Different image domains

Snapchat warps



Original Photo

Snapchat warps



Manipulated Photo

Snapchat warps



Flow Prediction

Snapchat warps



Suggested "Undo"

Snapchat warps



Some generalization across warp methods



Original Photo

Different image domain



Different image domain



Different image domain



Predicted warp (not successful)



Does not generalize well to arbitrary image;
Indicates some specialization to high-level features

Discussion

- Given a relatively static tool, directly specialize
- Representation learns a combination of low and high-level cues
- Data augmentation helps generalization

Detect Deep Fake

Making fake images is getting easier



“Deepfakes”



GANs

Can we create a “universal” detector?



DeepFakes (<https://github.com/deepfakes/faceswap>)



Face2Face (Thies et al. 2016)



Slides credit: Richard Zhang

Lip-syncing Obama (Suwajanakorn et al. 2017)

Dataset of CNN-generated fakes

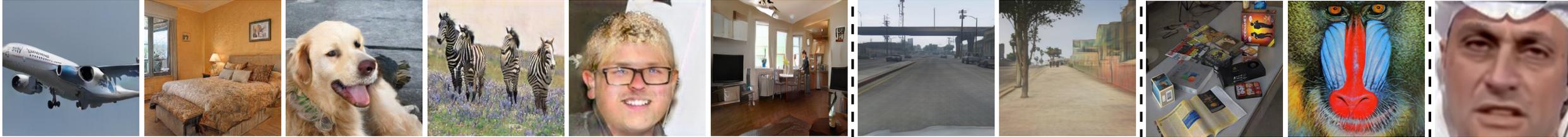
Generative Adversarial Networks

Perceptual loss

Low-level vision

Deepfakes

synthetic



real



ProGAN
Karras 2018

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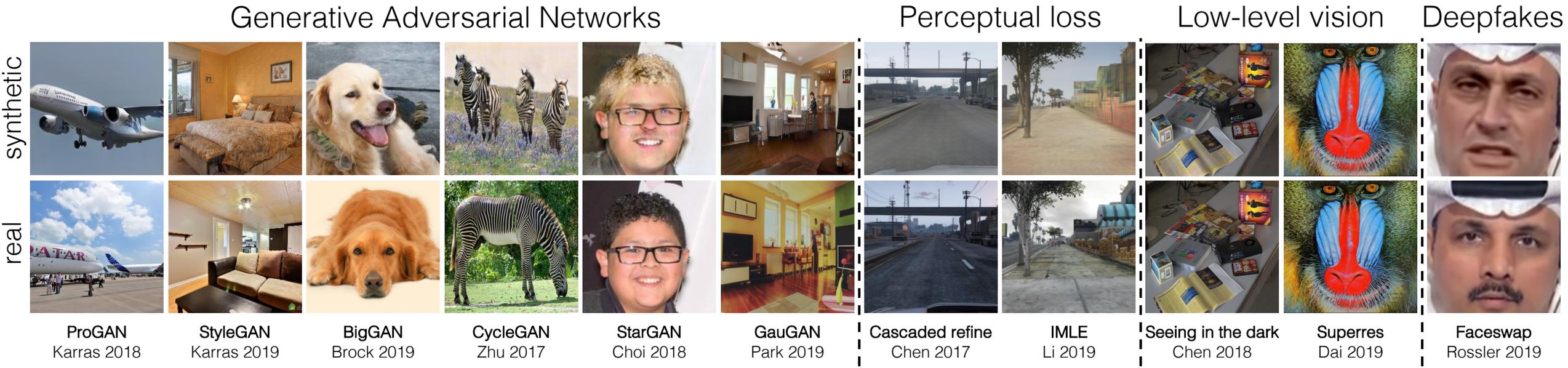
Faceswap
Rossler 2019

Train/Test

Test: ??? et al. 20XX

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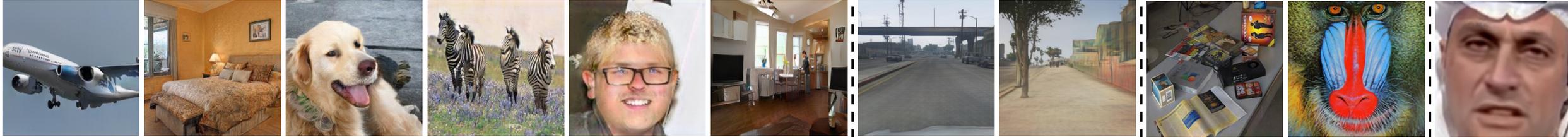
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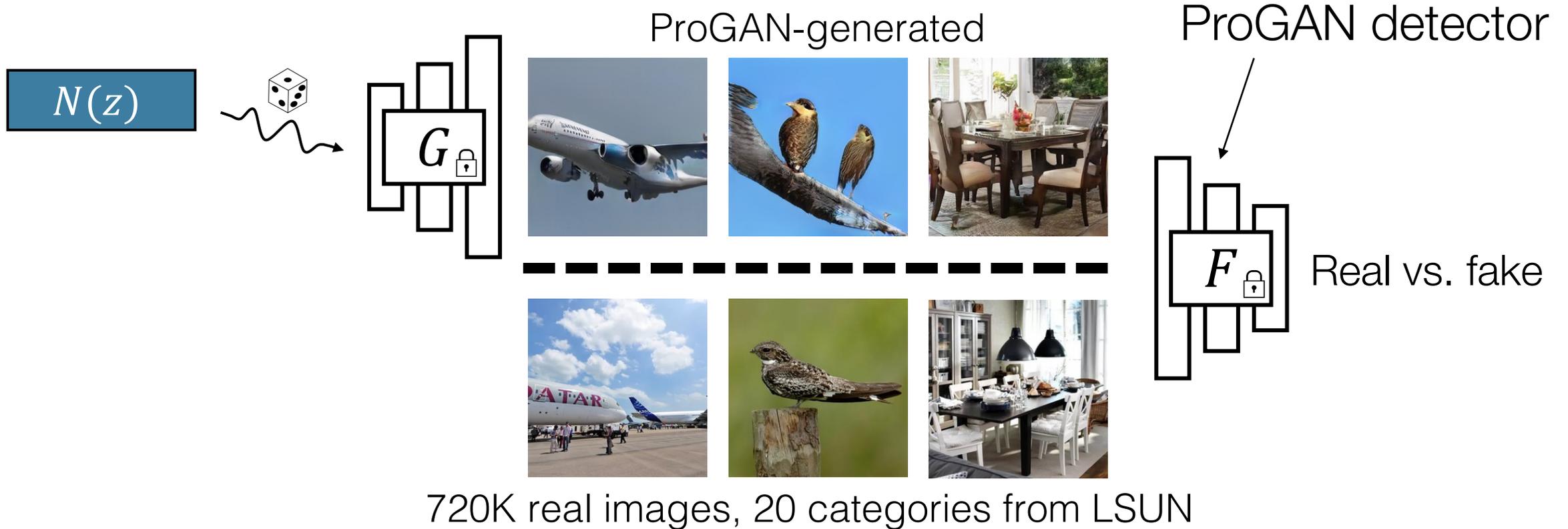
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Train

Test

Many differences (architecture, dataset, objective)

Training on ProGAN



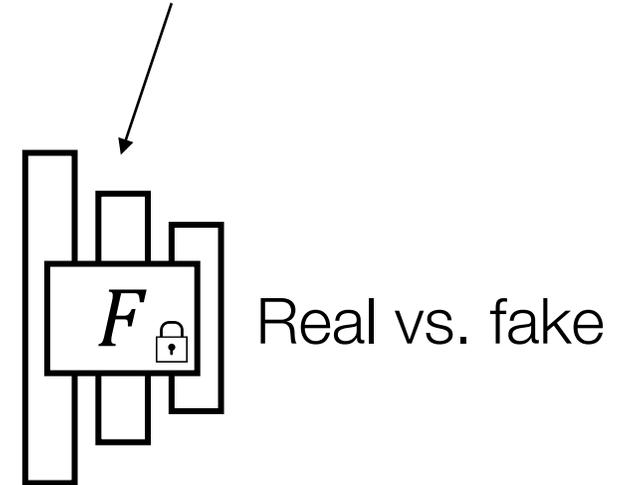
CNN-generated images are surprisingly easy to spot... for now [Wang et al., CVPR 2020]

Testing across architectures

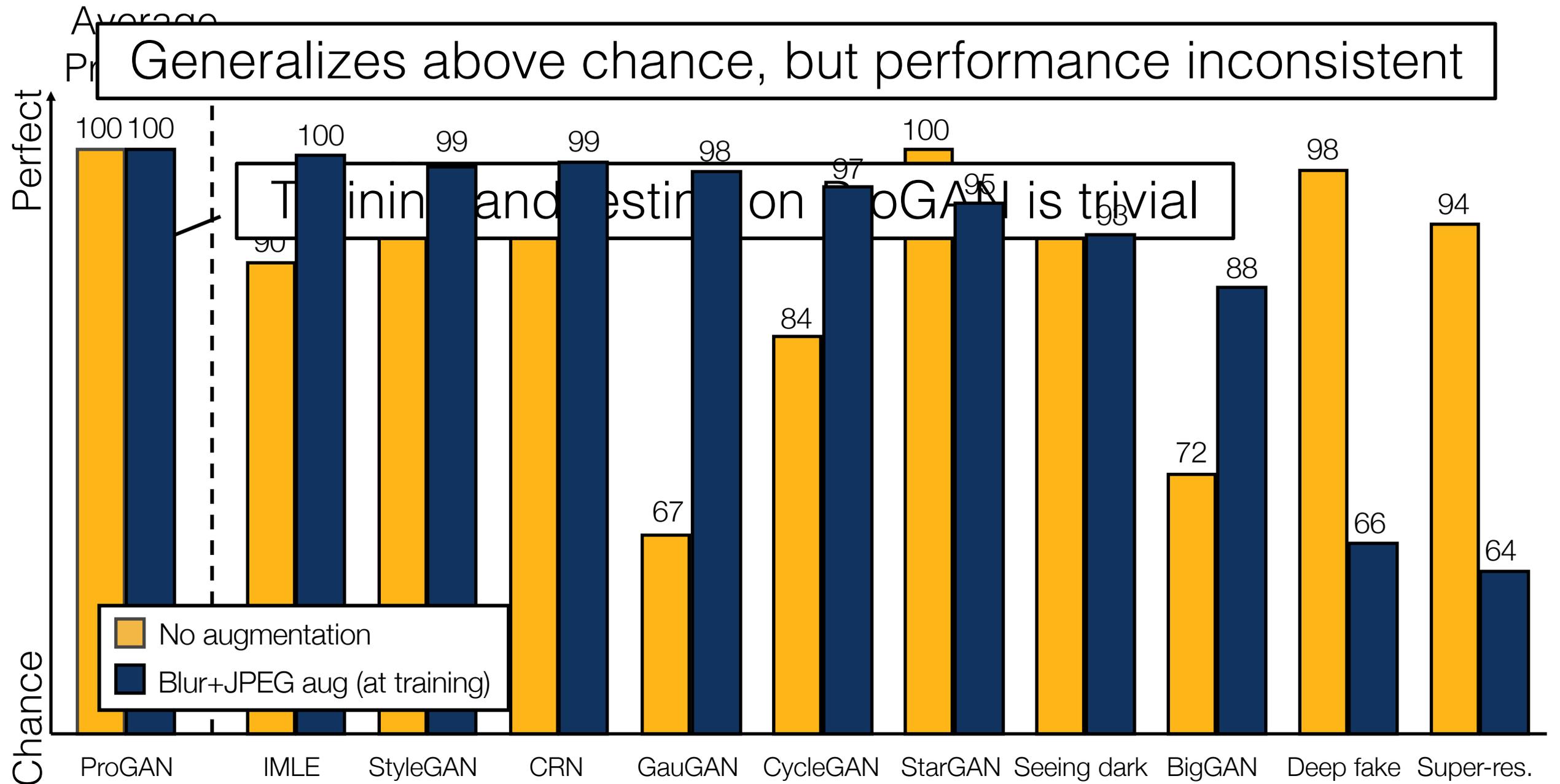
Synthesized images from other CNNs



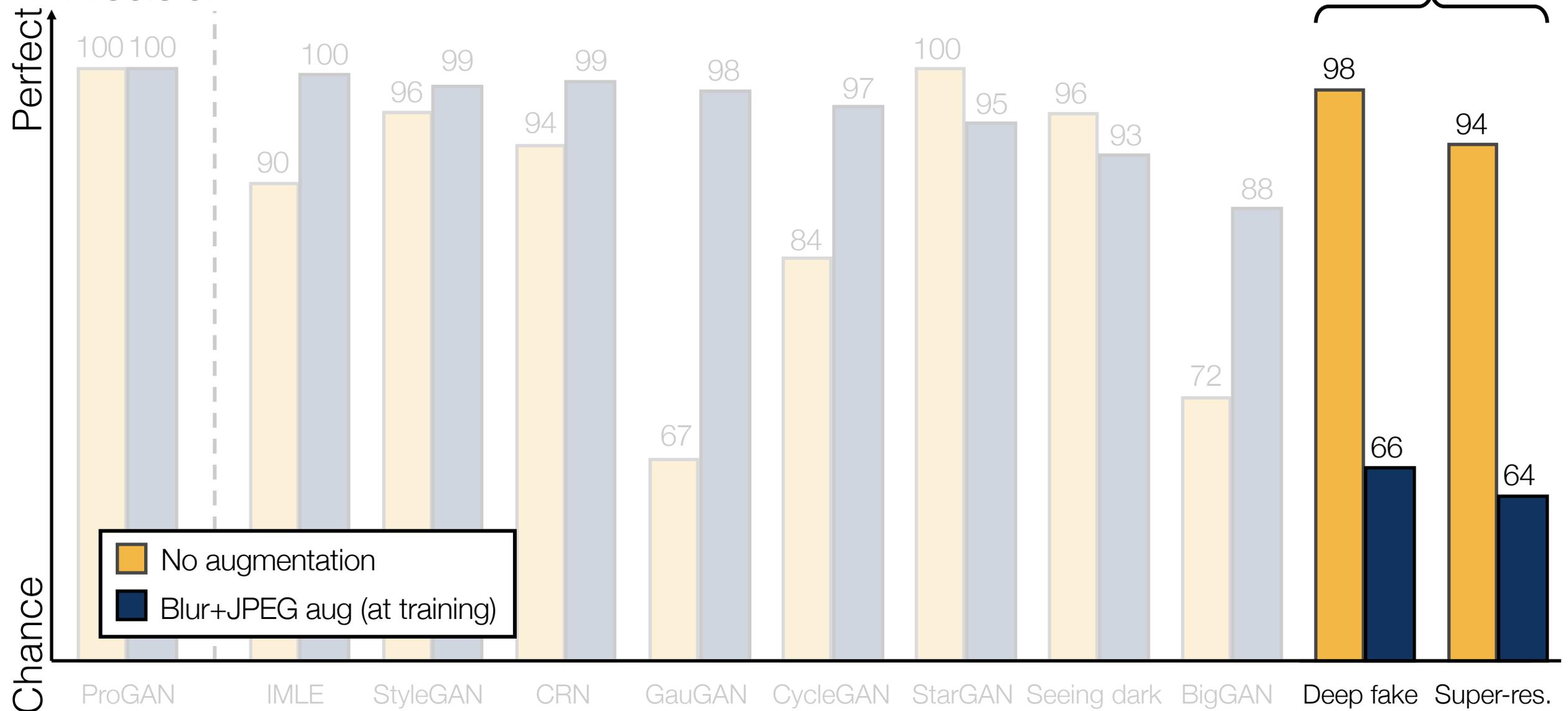
ProGAN detector



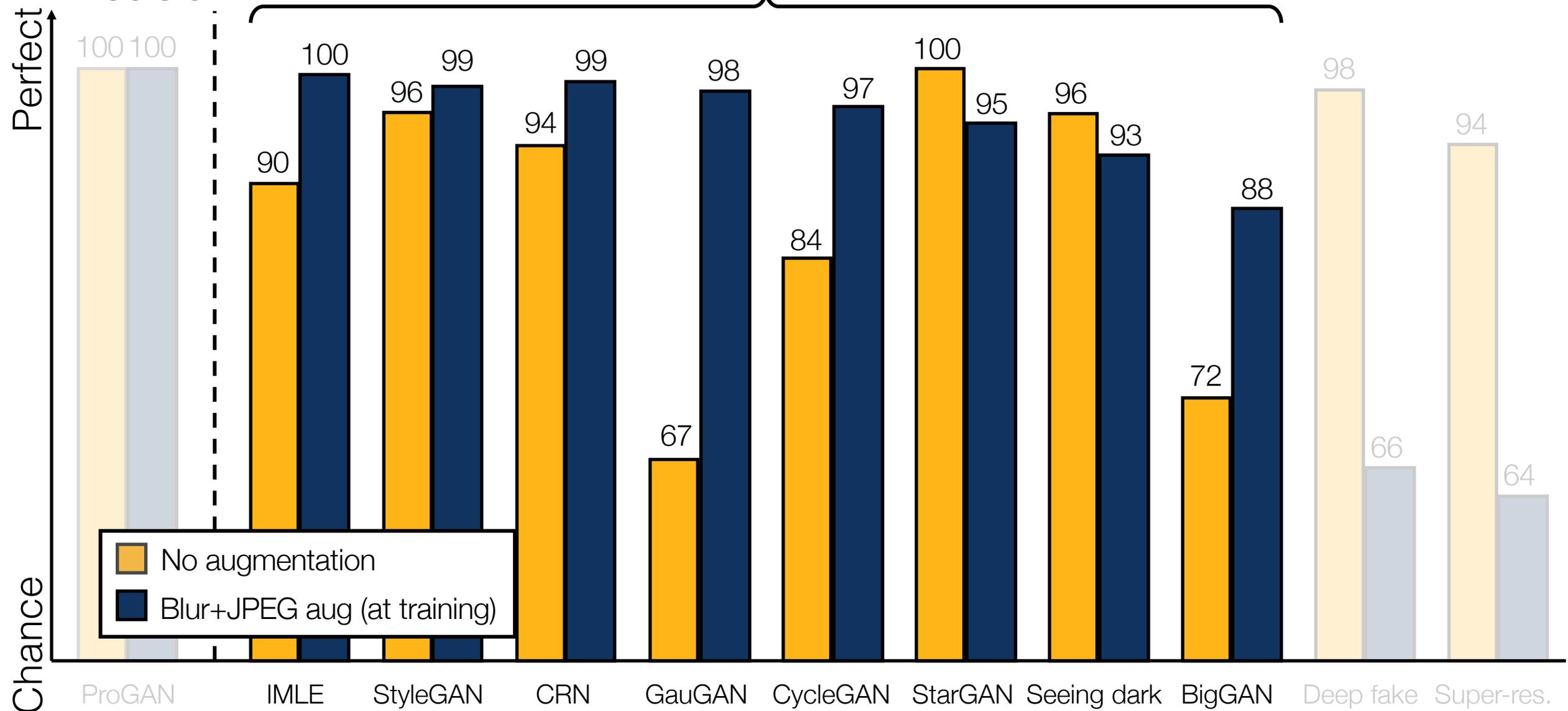
Real images

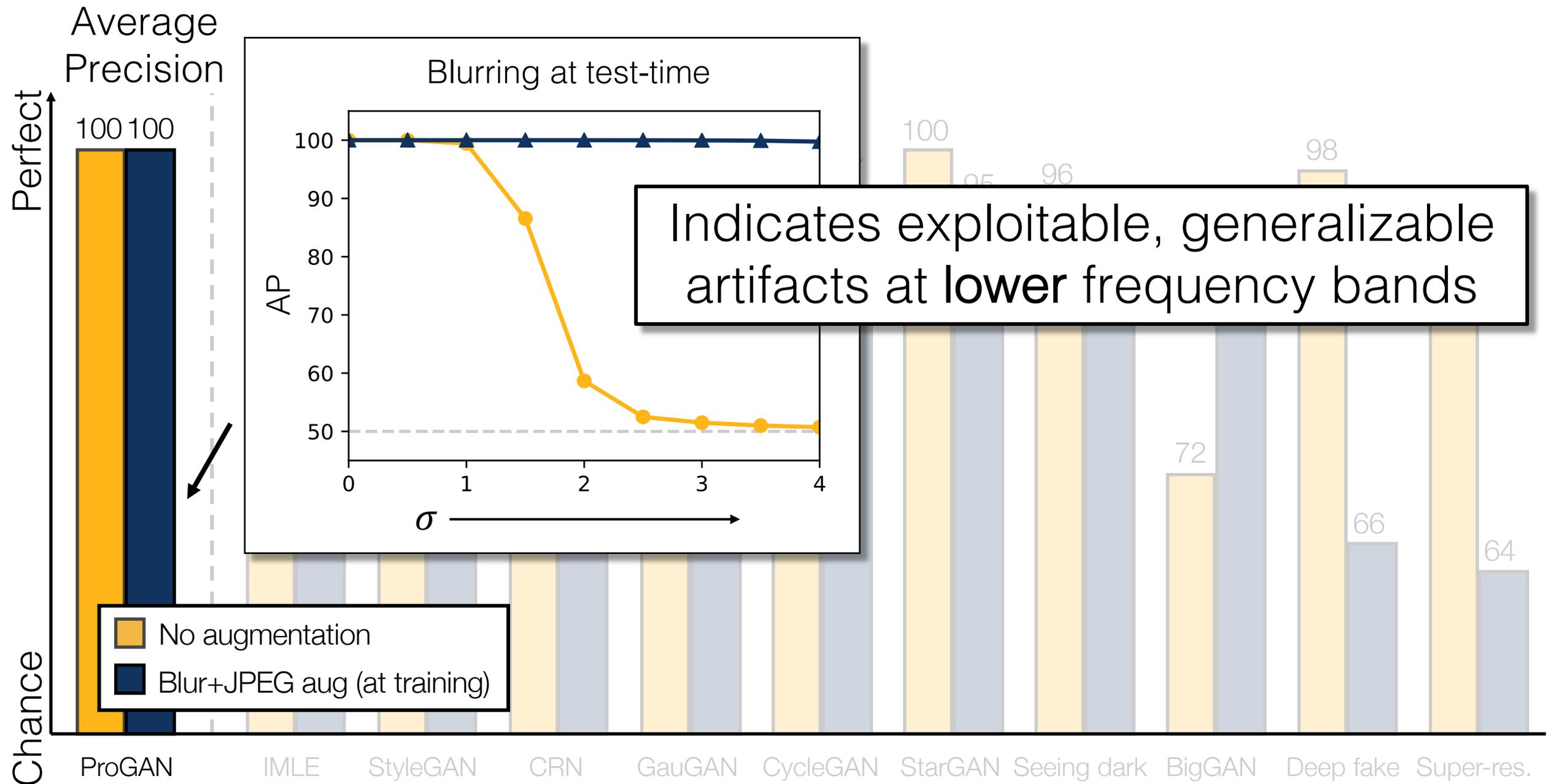


Augmentation is not always appropriate



Aggressive augmentation adds surprising generalization





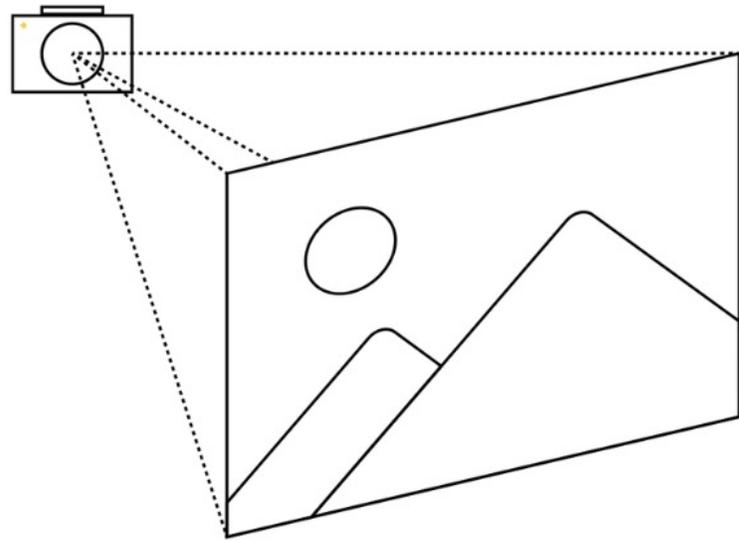
Discussion

- Suggests CNN-generated images have common artifacts
- Artifacts can be detected by a simple classifier!
 - StyleGAN2 (released **after** the paper): 100% AP on FFHQ
 - Maybe generalizes beyond CNNs [Chai et al. ECCV 2020]
 - **Note:** AP is computed on a collection of images; a real/fake decision on a per-image basis is more difficult
- Situation may not persist
 - GANs train with a discriminator
 - Future architecture changes (does not generalize well to Diffusion models)

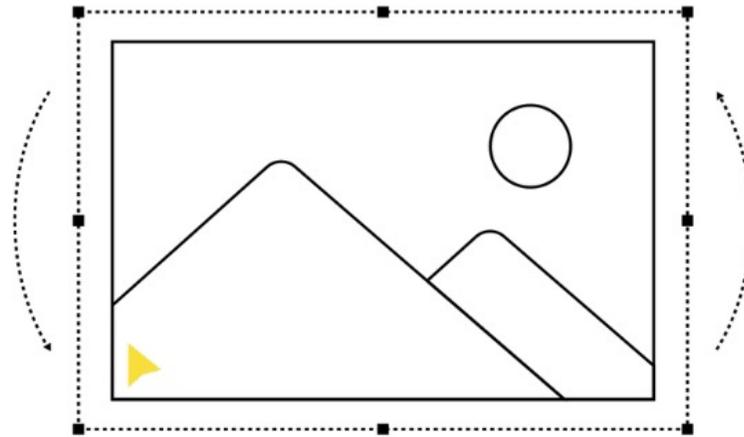
Discussion

- Suggests a multi-prong approach
 - For rapidly evolving tools, continuously training and generalize
 - For relatively static tools, specialize
- Synthesis and manipulations for creative uses
- Detection is only a piece of the puzzle
 - e.g., Content Authenticity Initiative: <https://contentauthenticity.org/>, collaboration between Adobe, New York Times, and Twitter

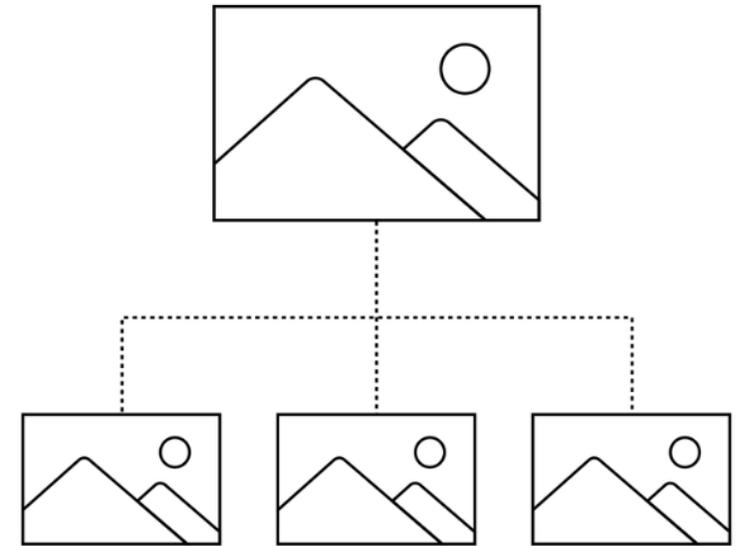
Content Authenticity (prove what is real)



Capture



Editing



Publishing and sharing

Copyrights

- + Disclaimer: I am not a lawyer
 - + Human creator's rights
 - + Diverse opinions
 - + Evolving landscape

Copyrighted content?

- Copyrighted images
- Company IPs / logos
- Artist styles of living artists



Getty Images



Greg Rutkowski

Ongoing Legal Battles

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE / TECH / LAW

Getty Images sues AI art generator Stable Diffusion in the US for copyright infringement



An illustration from Getty Images' lawsuit, showing an original photograph and a similar image (complete with Getty Images watermark) generated by Stable Diffusion. Image: Getty Images

/ Getty Images has filed a case against Stability AI, alleging that the company copied 12 million images to train its AI model 'without permission ... or compensation.'

By **JAMES VINCENT**

Feb 6, 2023, 11:56 AM EST | [16 Comments](#) / [16 New](#)



Getty Images has filed a lawsuit in the US against Stability AI, creators of open-source AI art generator Stable Diffusion, escalating its legal battle against the firm.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE / TECH / CREATORS

AI art tools Stable Diffusion and Midjourney targeted with copyright lawsuit



A collage of AI-generated images created using Stable Diffusion. Image: [The Verge via Lexica](#)

/ The suit claims generative AI art tools violate copyright law by scraping artists' work from the web without their consent.

By **JAMES VINCENT**

Jan 16, 2023, 6:26 AM EST | [28 Comments](#) / [28 New](#)



A trio of artists have launched a lawsuit against Stability AI and Midjourney, creators of AI art generators Stable Diffusion and Midjourney, and artist portfolio platform DeviantArt, which recently created its own AI art generator, DreamUp.

Ongoing Legal Battles

Copyright Technology Intellectual Property Litigation Data Privacy

2 minute read · February 22, 2023 8:41 PM EST · Last Updated 2 months ago

AI-created images lose U.S. copyrights in test for new technology

By Blake Brittain



REUTERS/Andrew Kelly

Feb 22 (Reuters) - Images in a graphic novel that were created using the artificial-intelligence system Midjourney should not have been granted copyright protection, the U.S. Copyright Office said in a letter seen by Reuters.

I'm not so sure. As we've seen, a key assumption for a "non-expressive use" defense is that Stable Diffusion only learns uncopyrightable facts—not creative expression—from its training images. That's *mostly* true. But it's not entirely true. And the exceptions could greatly complicate Stability AI's legal defense.

Stable Diffusion's copying problem

Here's one of the most awkward examples for Stability AI:

Training Set



Caption: Living in the light with Ann Graham Lotz

[Enlarge](#)

Generated Image



Prompt: Ann Graham Lotz

Memorized training images

Real Image



Stable
Diffusion



Ann Graham Lotz

Memorized training images

- Step 1: Identifying duplicates in the training data
- Step 2: Generating many images with the selected prompt
- Step 2: Image matching

Original:



Generated:



Memorized style

Greg Rutkowski



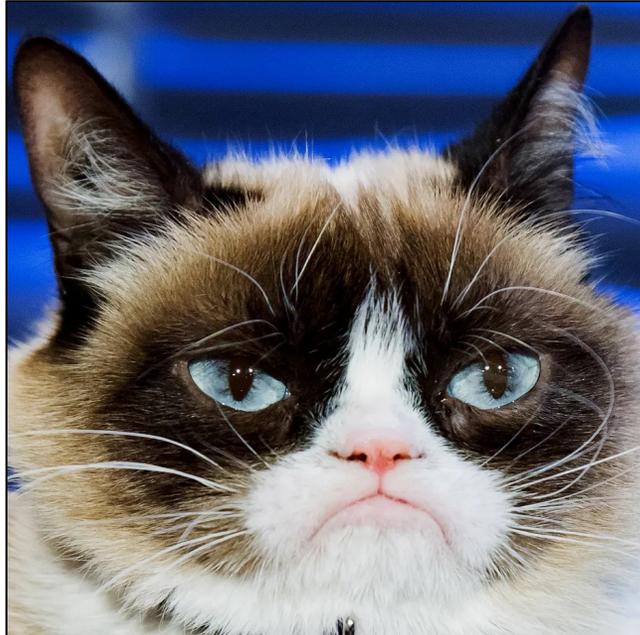
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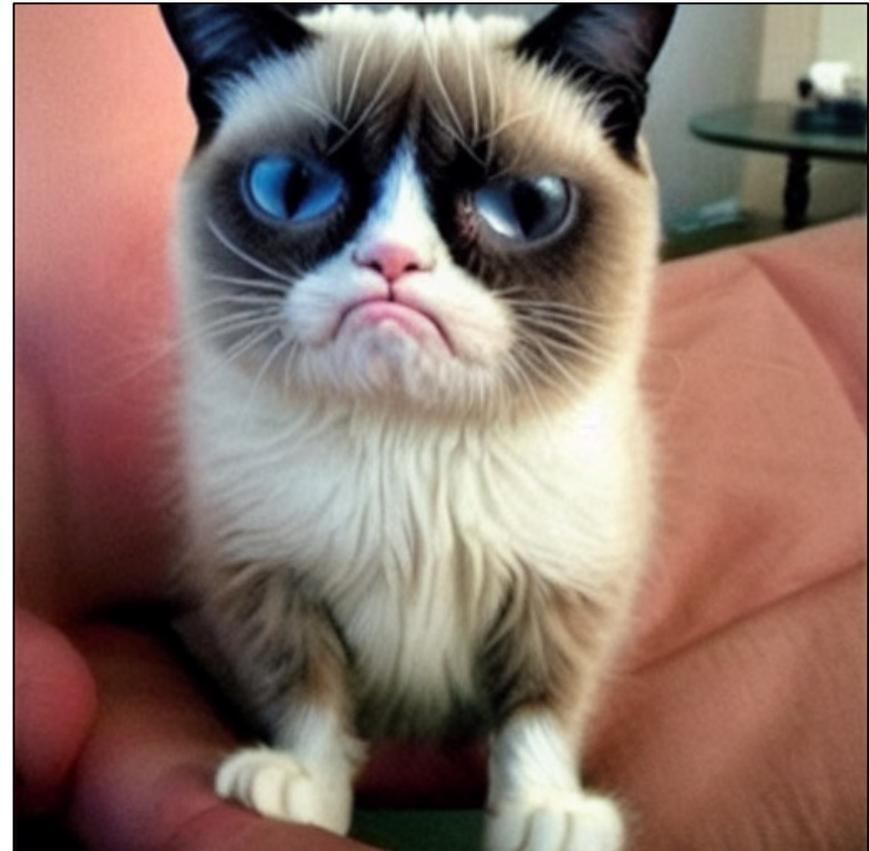
A painting of a boat on the water
in the style of Greg Rutkowski

Memorized instances

Grumpy cat



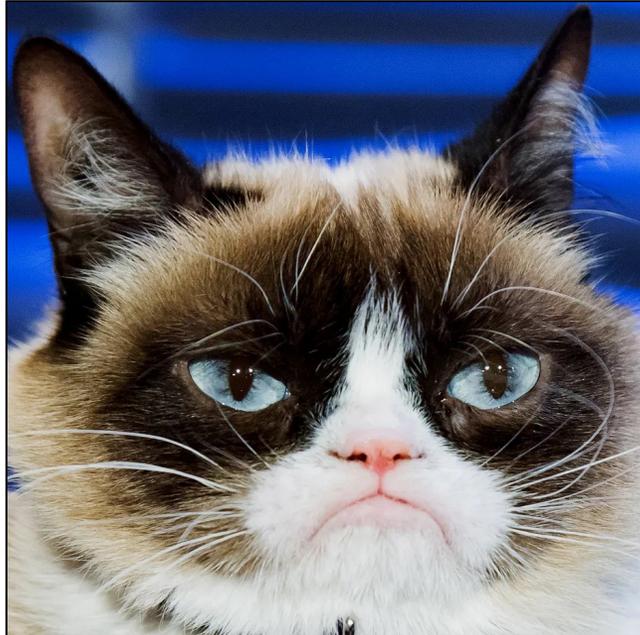
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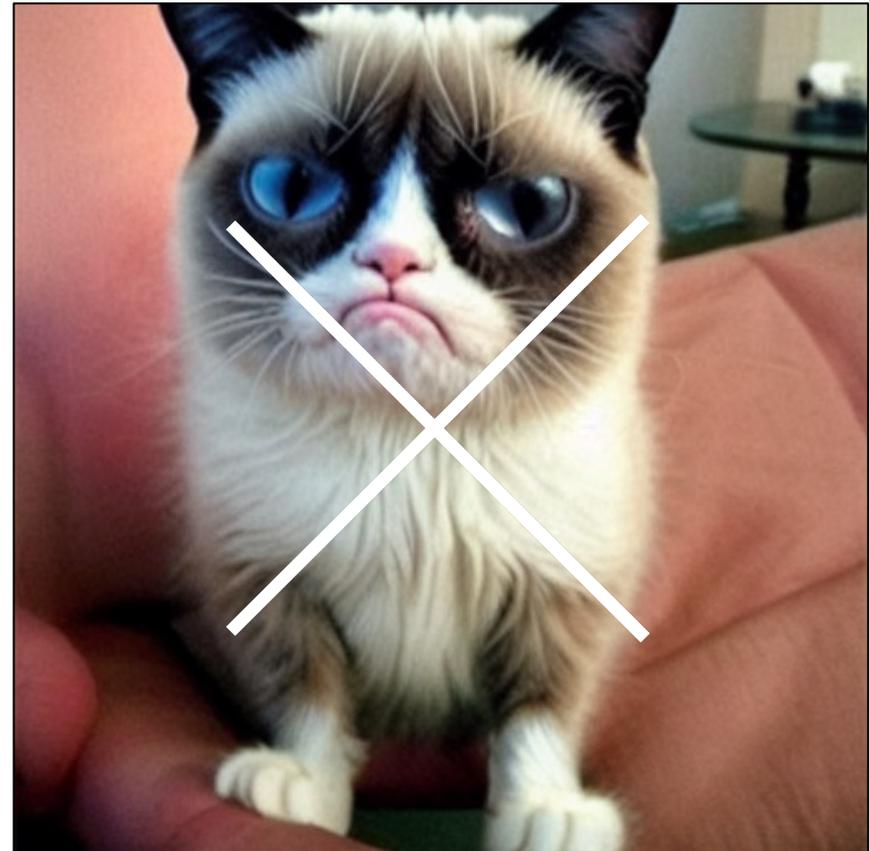
What a cute Grumpy cat

Concept ablation

Grumpy cat

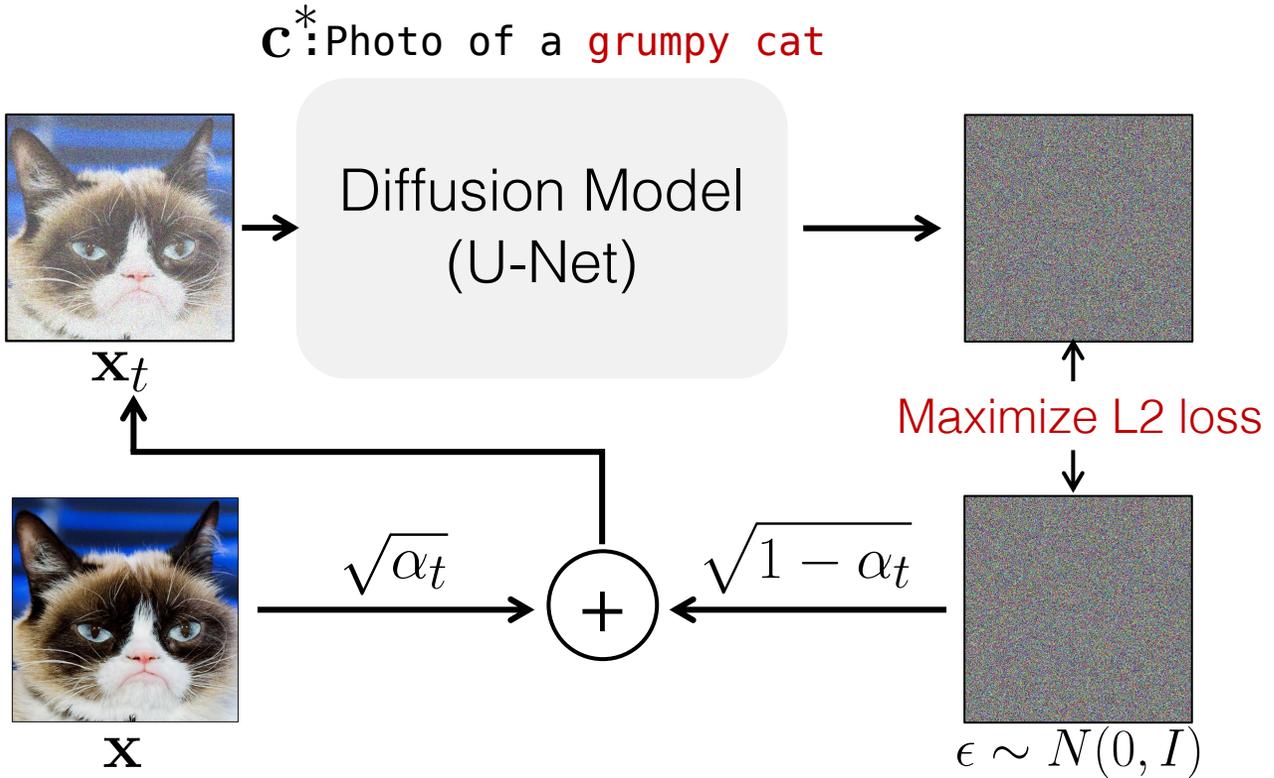


Ablated Stable
Diffusion



What a cute Grumpy cat

Baseline: maximize loss



Baseline: maximize loss

Pretrained Model

Maximize loss

Grumpy cat



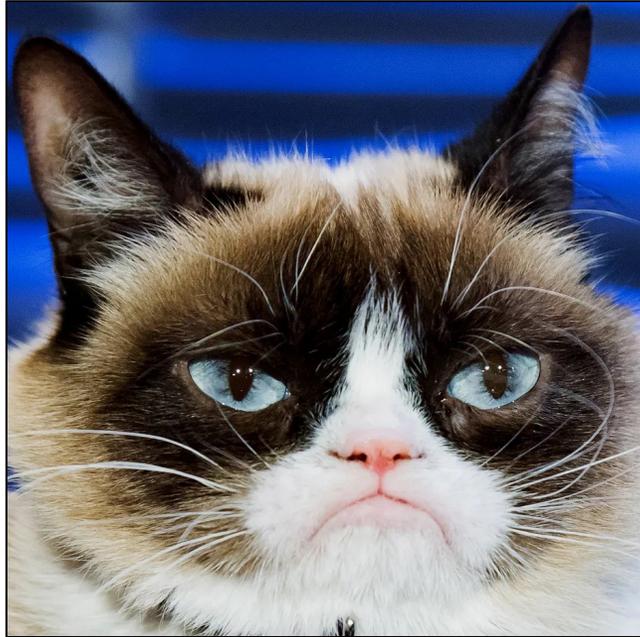
British shorthair cat



Changes the nearby concepts

Concept ablation

Grumpy cat



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Diffusion



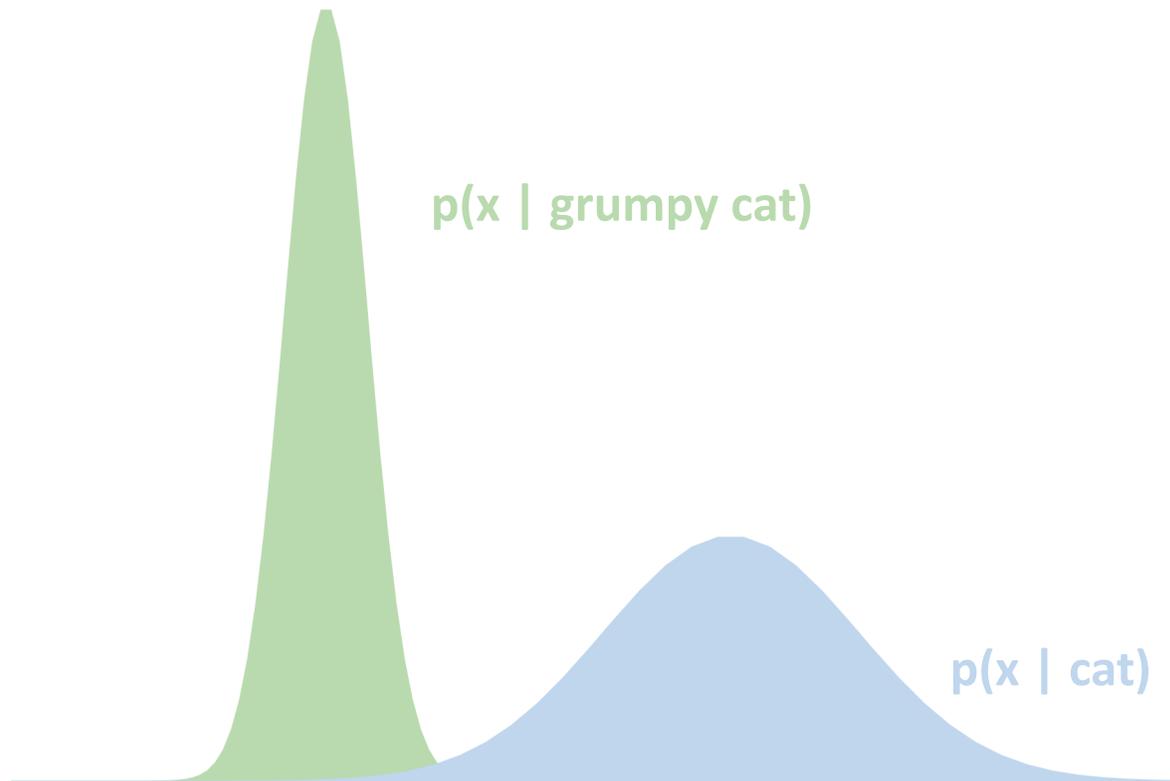
Generate a random
cat

What a cute Grumpy cat

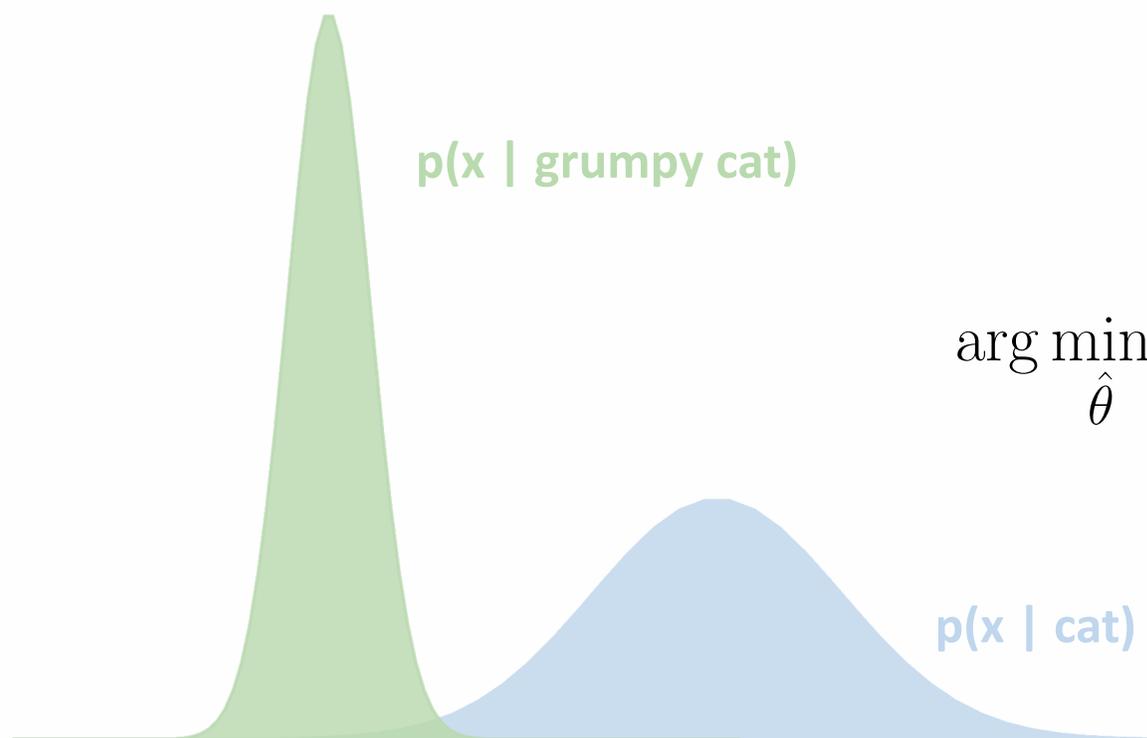
Concept ablation



Concept ablation



Model-based concept ablation

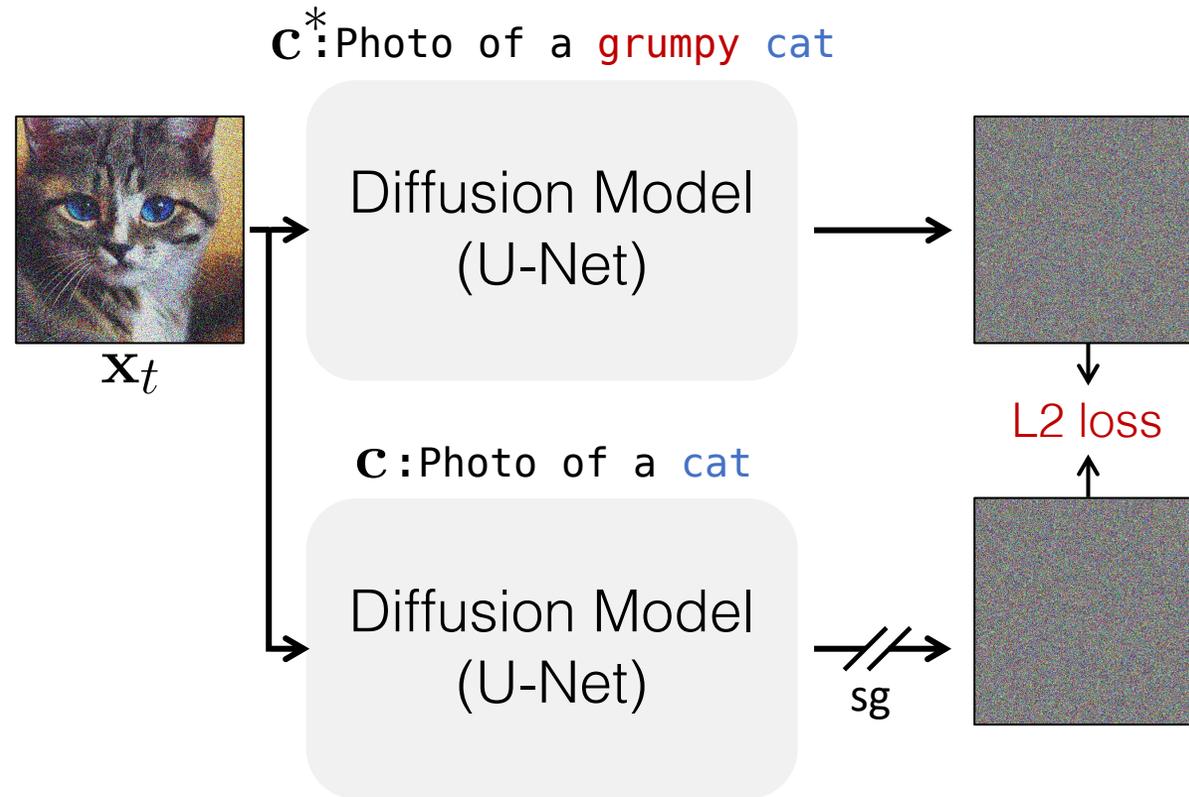


$p(\mathbf{x} \mid \text{grumpy cat})$

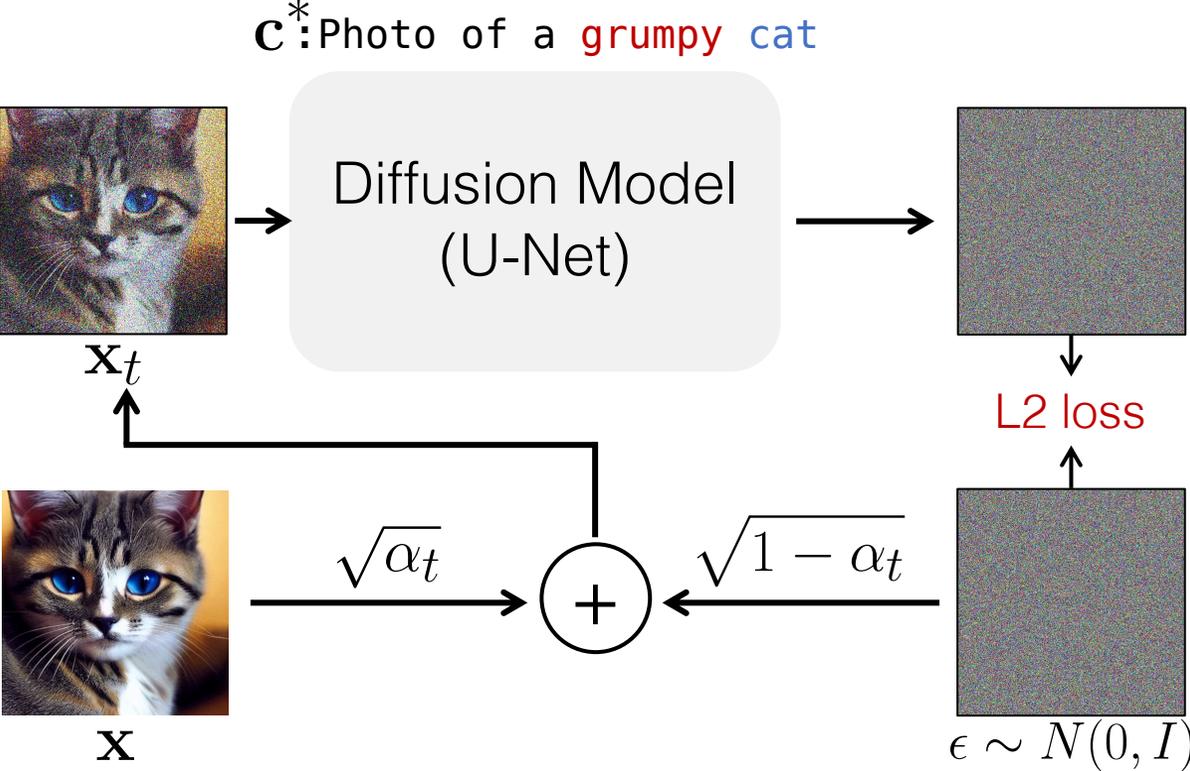
$$\arg \min_{\hat{\theta}} KL(p_{\hat{\theta}}(\mathbf{x} \mid \text{grumpy cat}) \parallel p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x} \mid \text{cat}))$$

$p(\mathbf{x} \mid \text{cat})$

Model-based concept ablation



Noise-based concept ablation



Qualitative comparison

Pretrained Model

Maximize loss

Noise-based (ours)

Model-based (ours)

Grumpy
cat



British
shorthair
cat

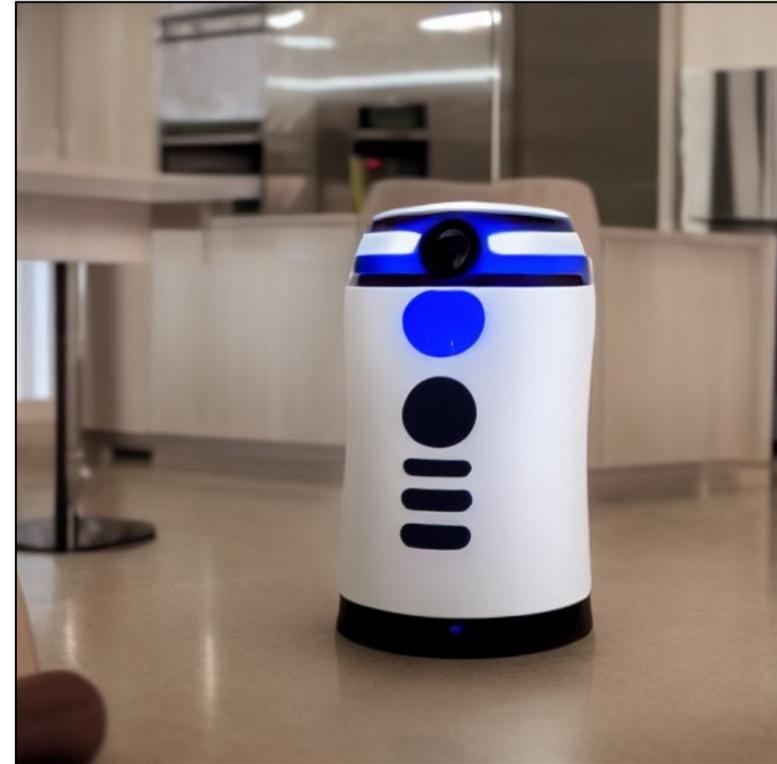


Ablating R2D2

Stable
Diffusion



Ablated Stable
Diffusion



The future is now with this amazing home automation R2D2

[Kumari et al., arXiv 2023]

Ablating R2D2

Stable
Diffusion



Ablated Stable
Diffusion



The possibilities are endless with this versatile R2D2

Ablating Snoopy

Stable
Diffusion



Ablated Stable
Diffusion



A devoted Snoopy accompanying its owner on a road trip

[Kumari et al., arXiv 2023]

Ablating Snoopy

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Diffusion



Ablated Stable
Diffusion



A confident Snoopy standing tall and proud after a successful training session

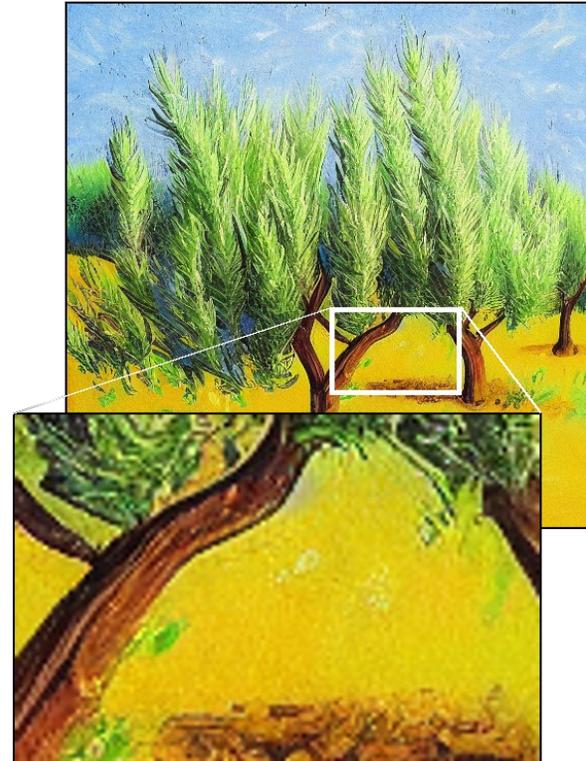
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Ablating Van Gogh

Stable
Diffusion



Ablated Stable
Diffusion



Painting of olive trees in the style of Van Gogh

Ablating Van Gogh

Stable
Diffusion



Ablated Stable
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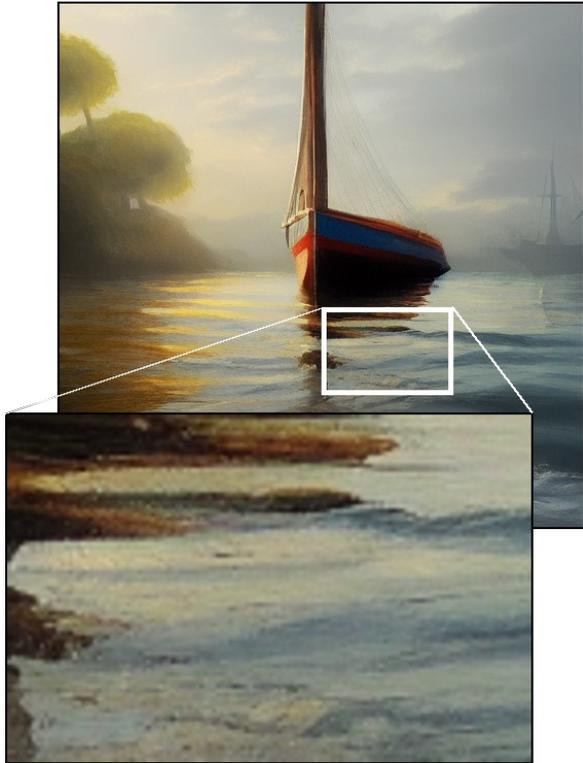


Painting of women working in the garden, in the style of
Van Gogh

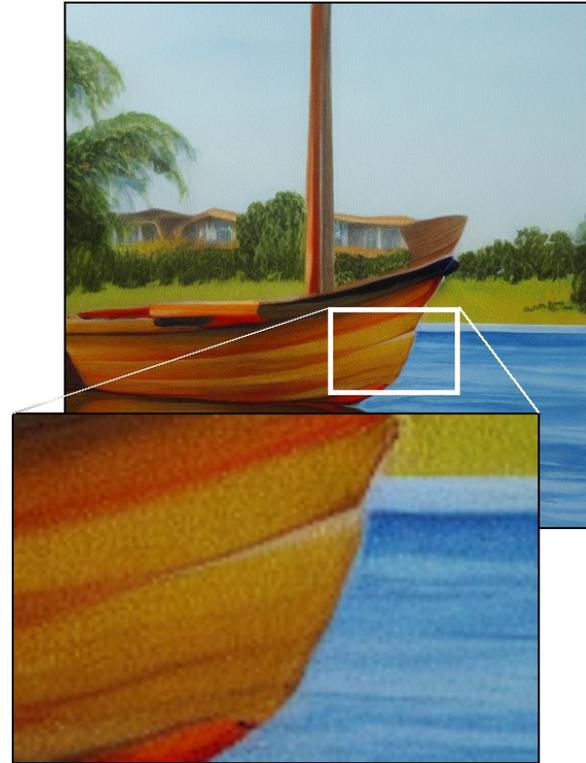
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Diffusion



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Diffusion



A painting of a boat on the water in the style of Greg
Rutkowski

[Kumari et al., arXiv 2023]

Ablating Greg Rutkowski

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Painting of a group of people on a dock by Greg Rutkowski

Ablating memorized images

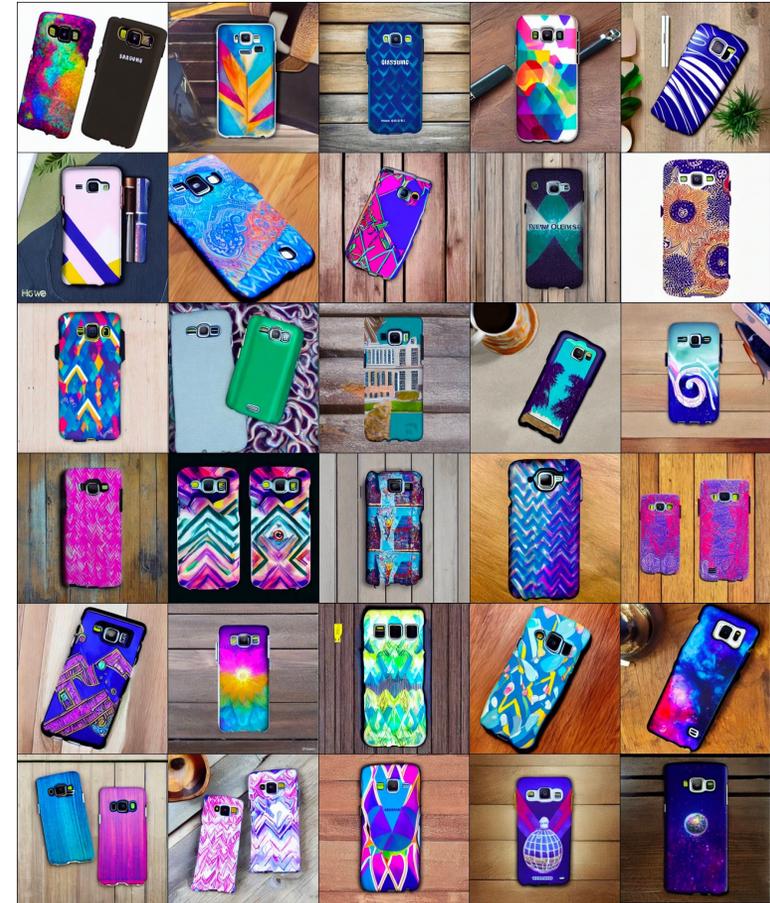
Real Image



Stable Diffusion



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New Orleans House Galaxy Case

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Ann Graham Lotz

Ablating composition of concepts

Kids with guns
(target concept)



Kids
(anchor concept)

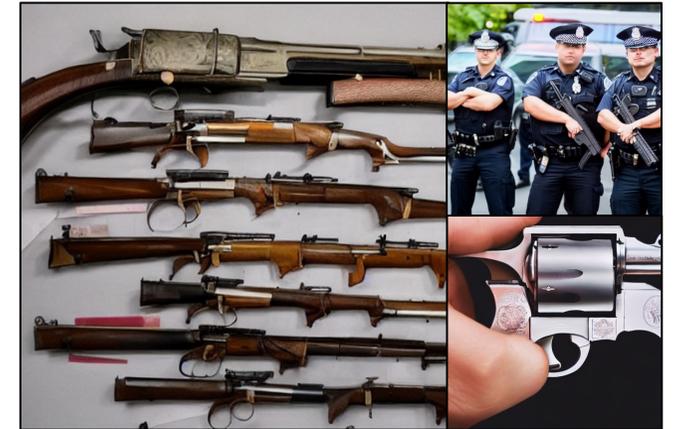


Guns
(surrounding concept)



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Other works

1. **Erasing Concepts from Diffusion Models.** Rohit Gandikota, Joanna Materzynska, Jaden Fiotto-Kaufman, and David Bau. arXiv preprint arXiv:2303.07345 (2023).
2. **Forget-Me-Not: Learning to Forget in Text-to-Image Diffusion Models.** Eric Zhang, Kai Wang¹, Xingqian Xu, Zhangyang Wang, Humphrey Shi. arXiv preprint arXiv:2303.17591 (2023).

Biases

Danger and Ethical Concerns

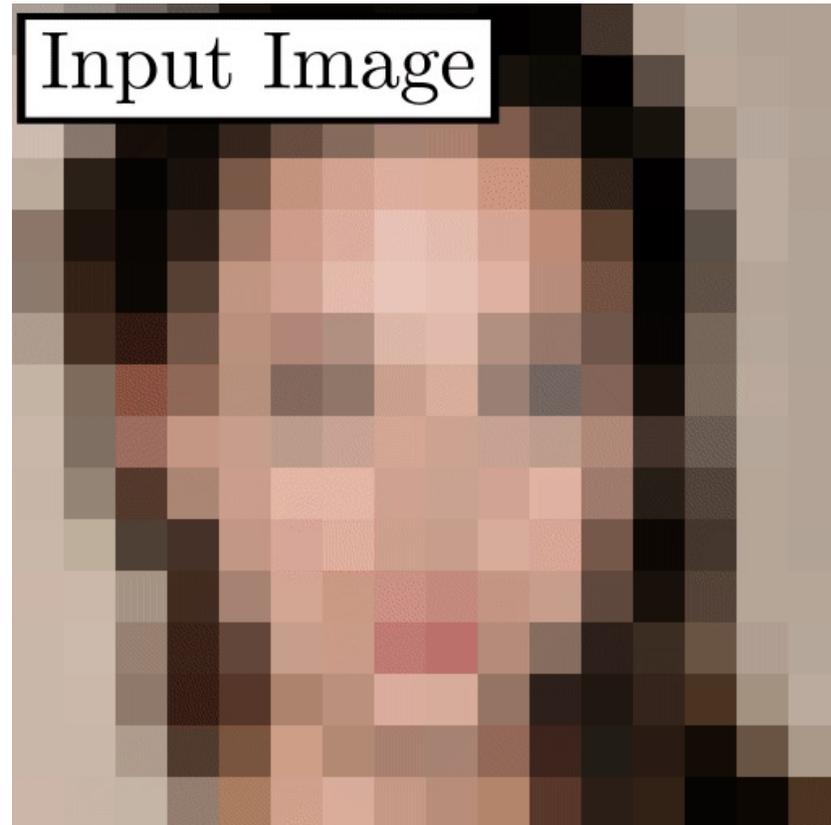


Image Super-resolution system PULSE [Menon et al., CVPR 2020]

Super-resolution with GANs Inversion and StyleGAN

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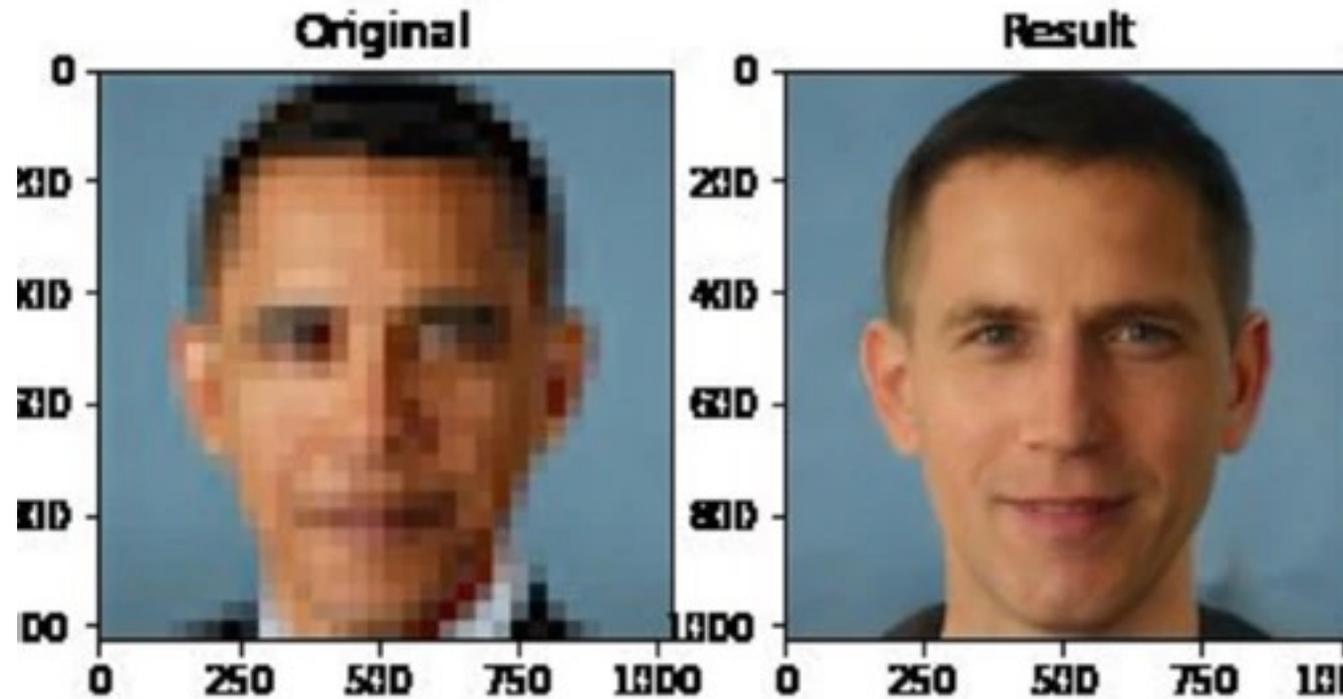
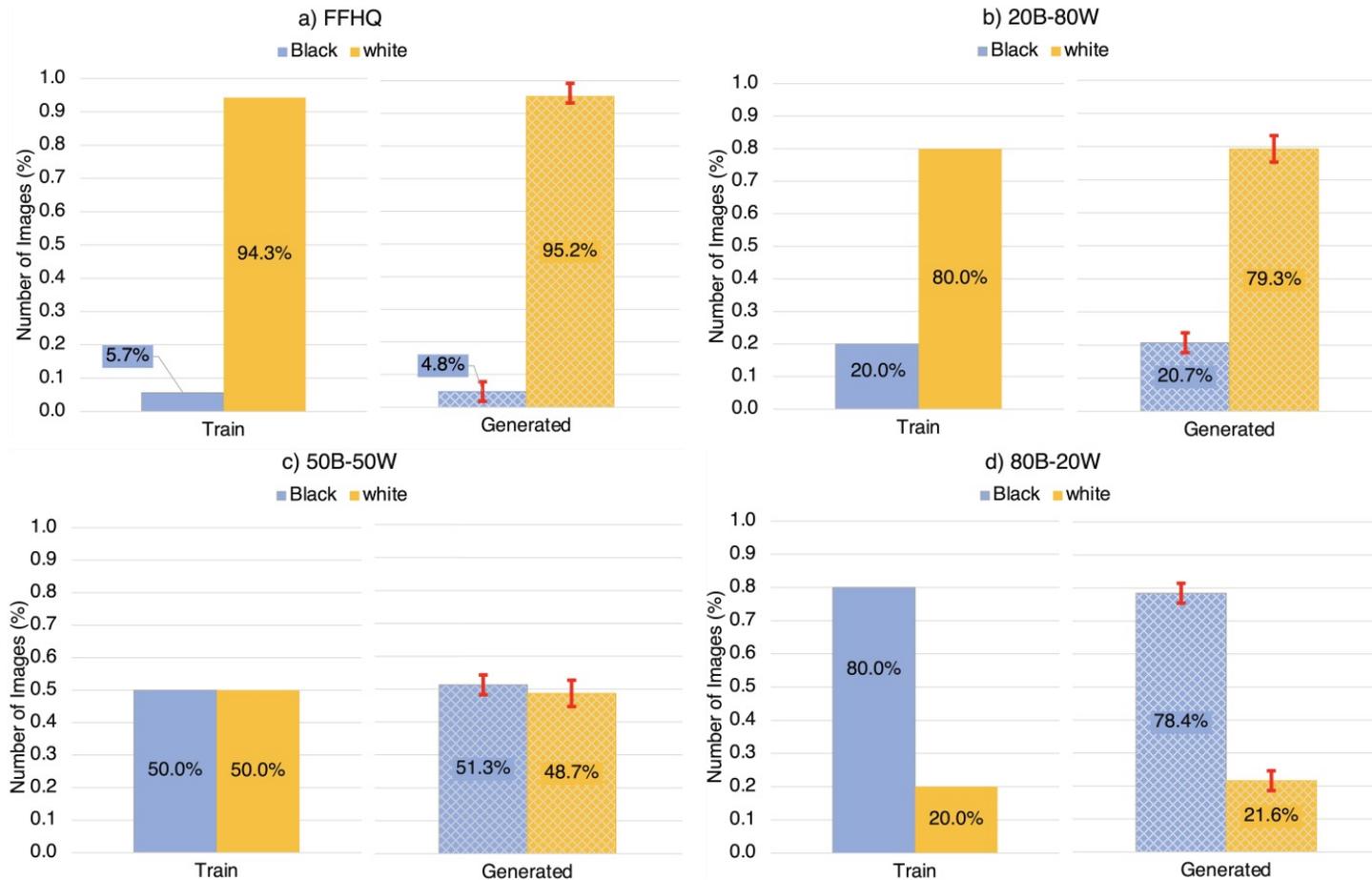


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GAN models



Text-to-Image Models



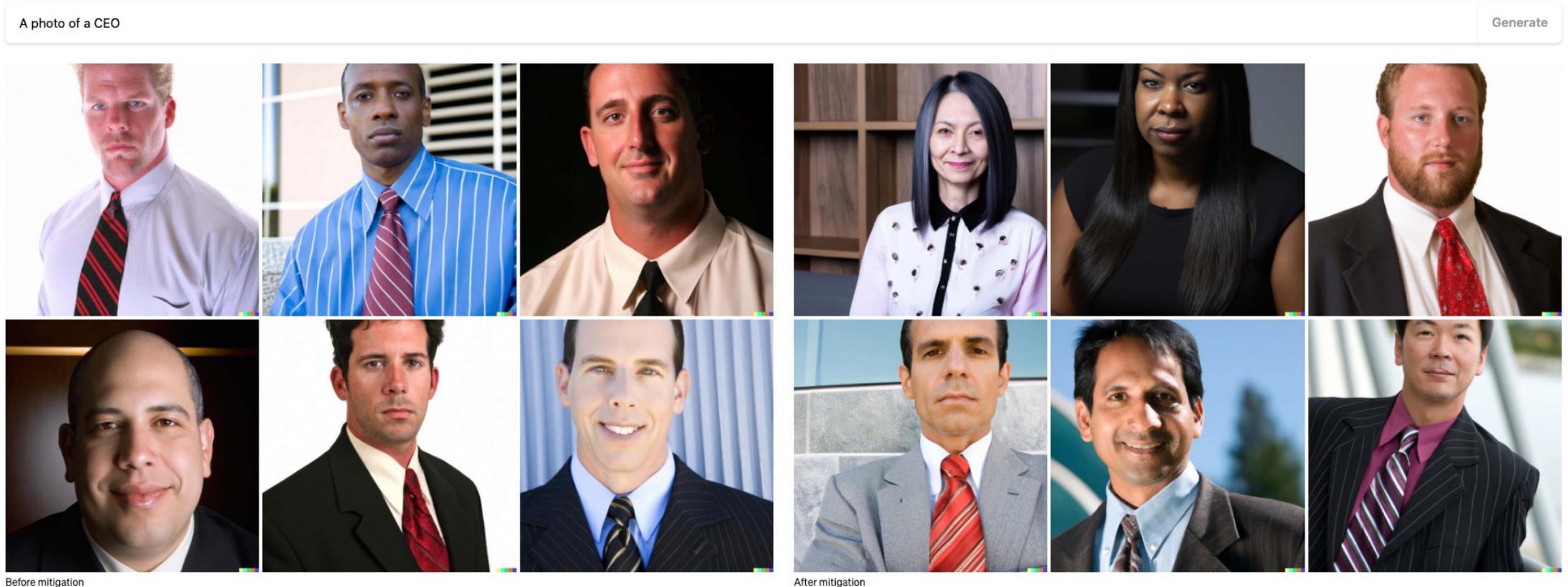
Managers



Native Americans

<https://www.technologyreview.com/2023/03/22/1070167/these-news-tool-let-you-see-for-yourself-how-biased-ai-image-models-are/>

Text-to-Image Models (quick fixes?)



<https://openai.com/blog/reducing-bias-and-improving-safety-in-dall-e-2>

Quick fixes or long-term solutions?