Intriguing Adversarial Examples
&
How To Defend Against Them

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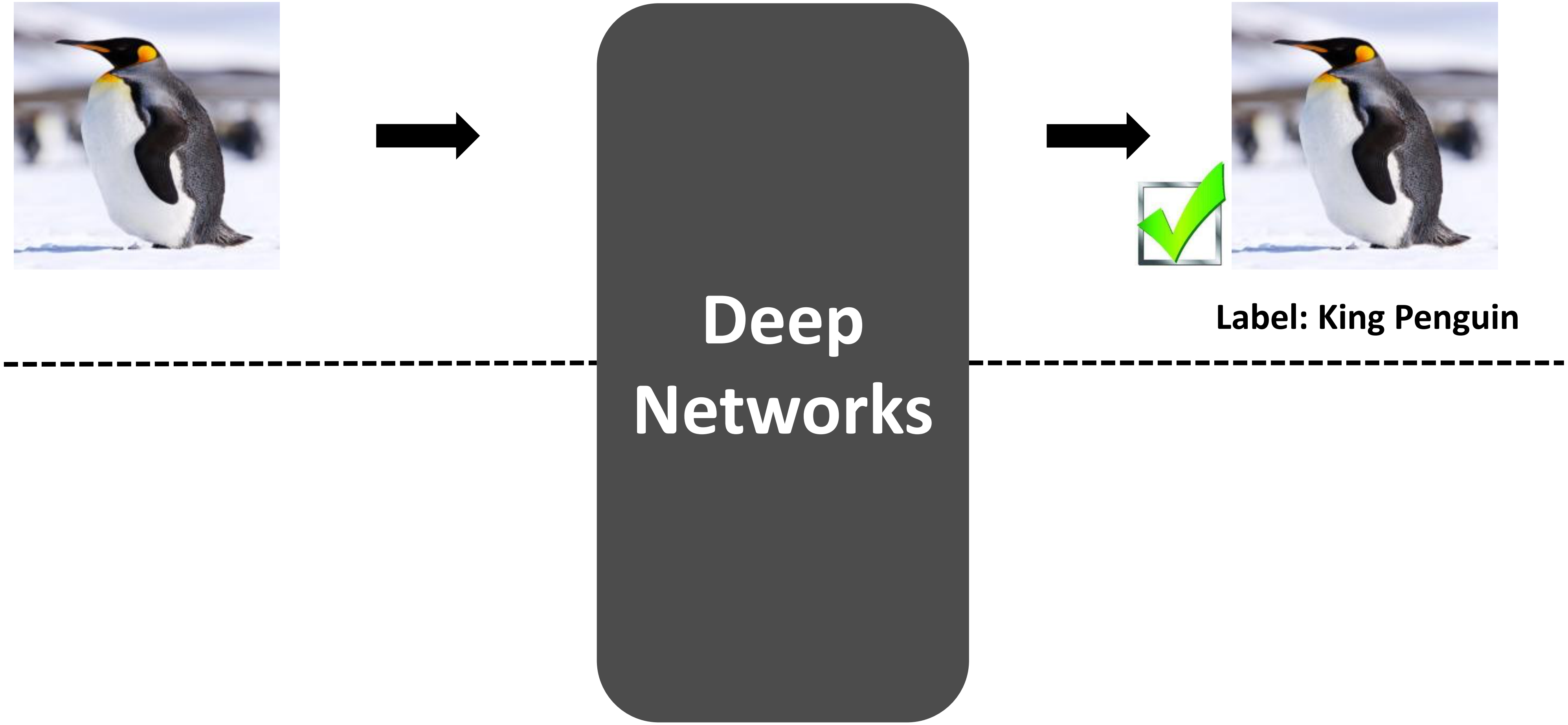

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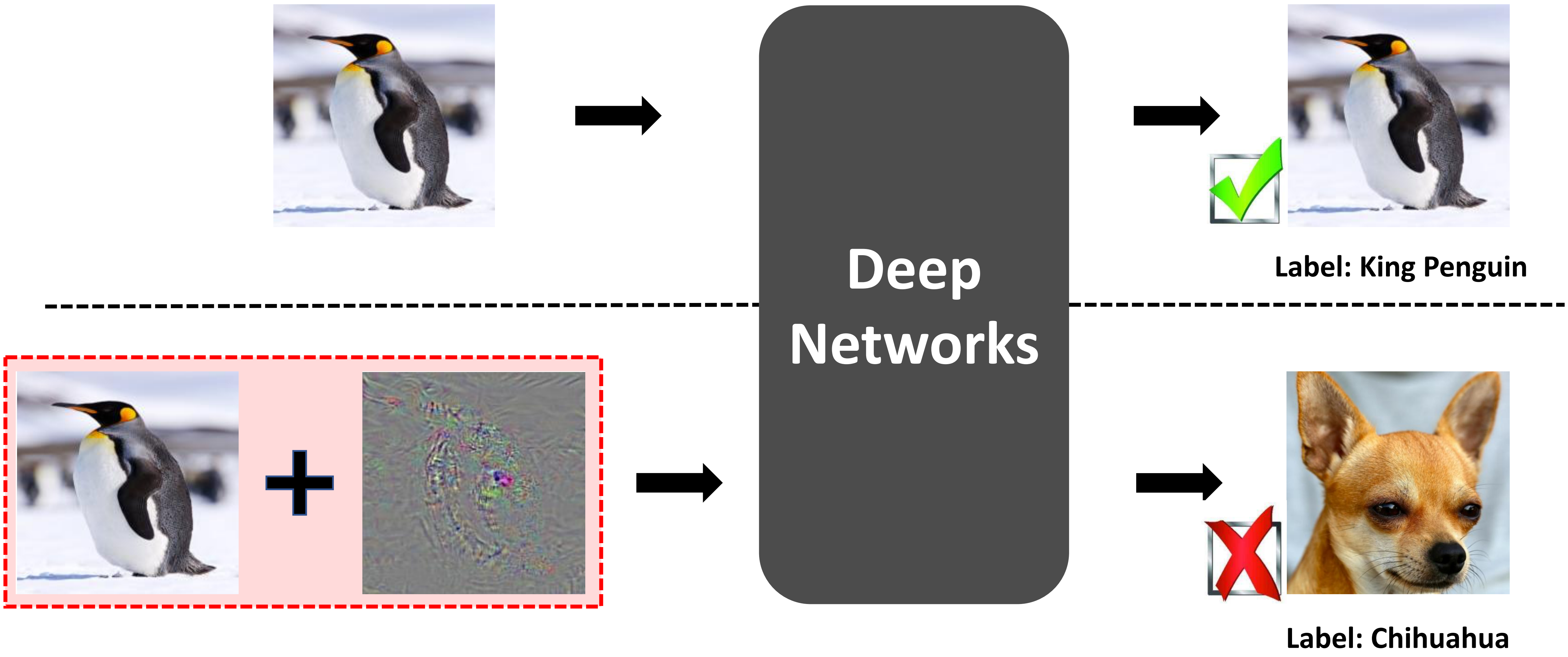

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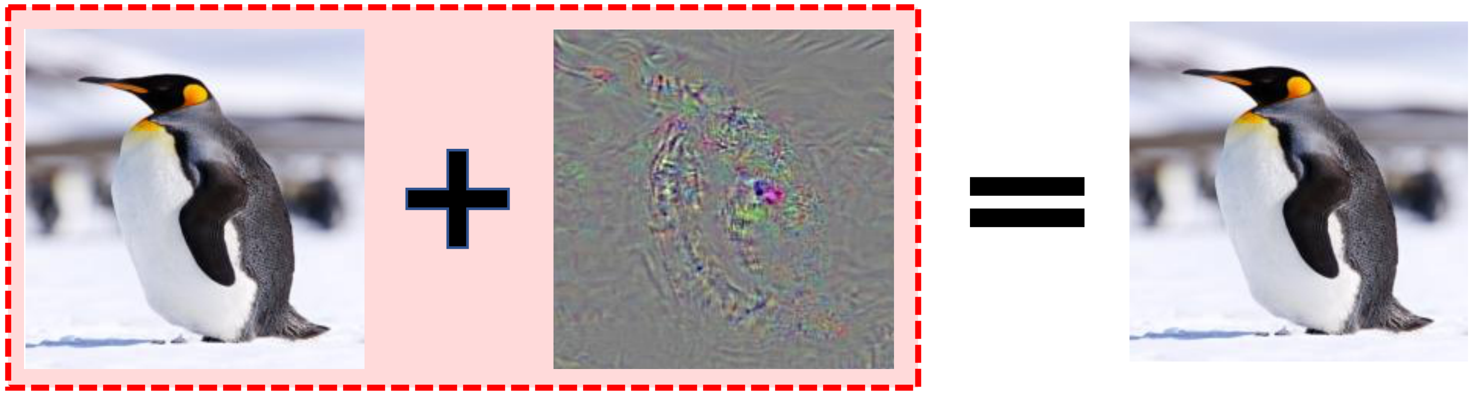

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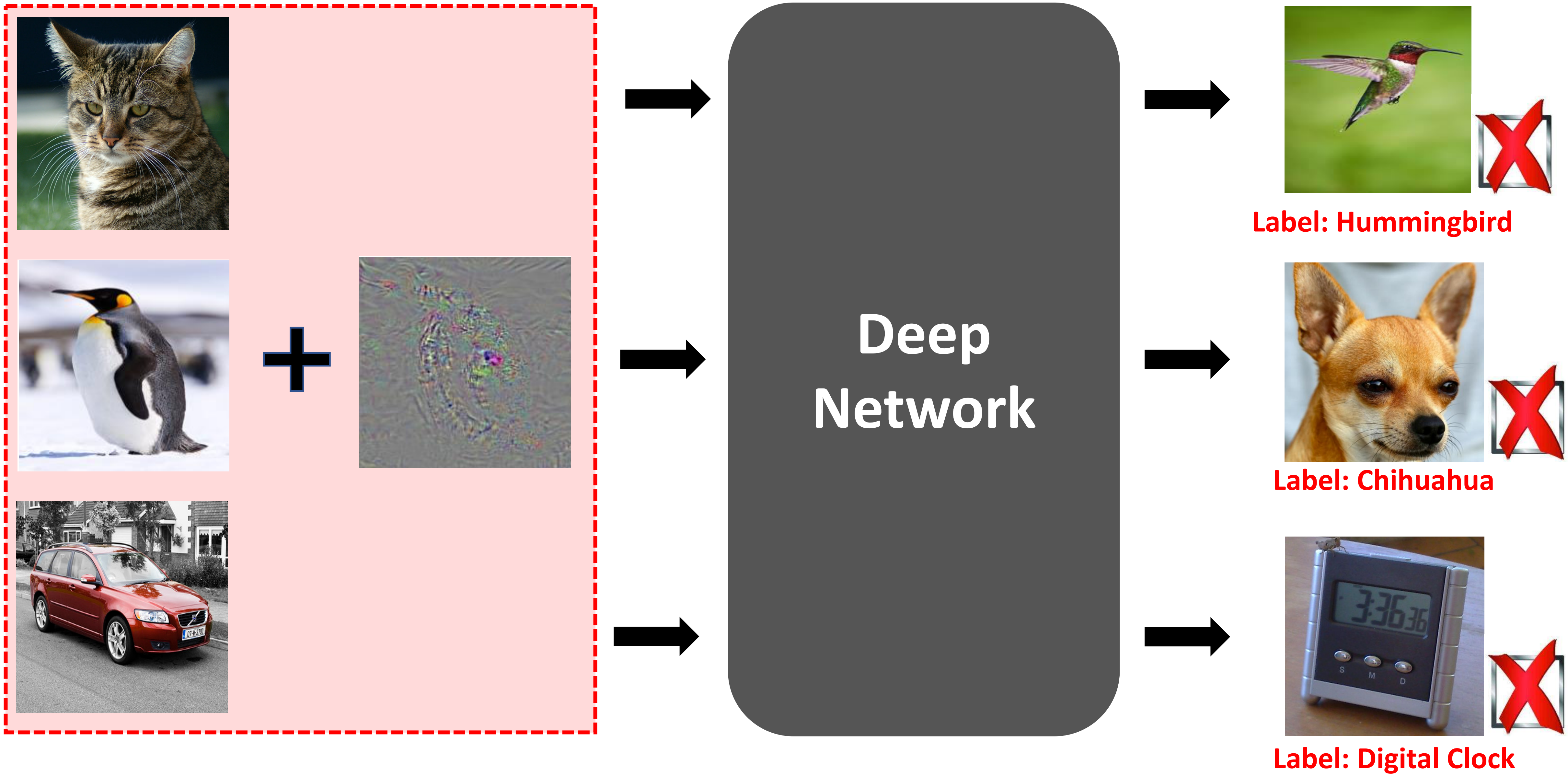

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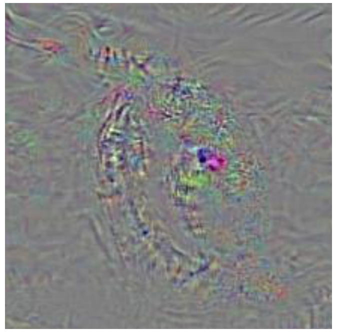

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Universal Adversarial Perturbations

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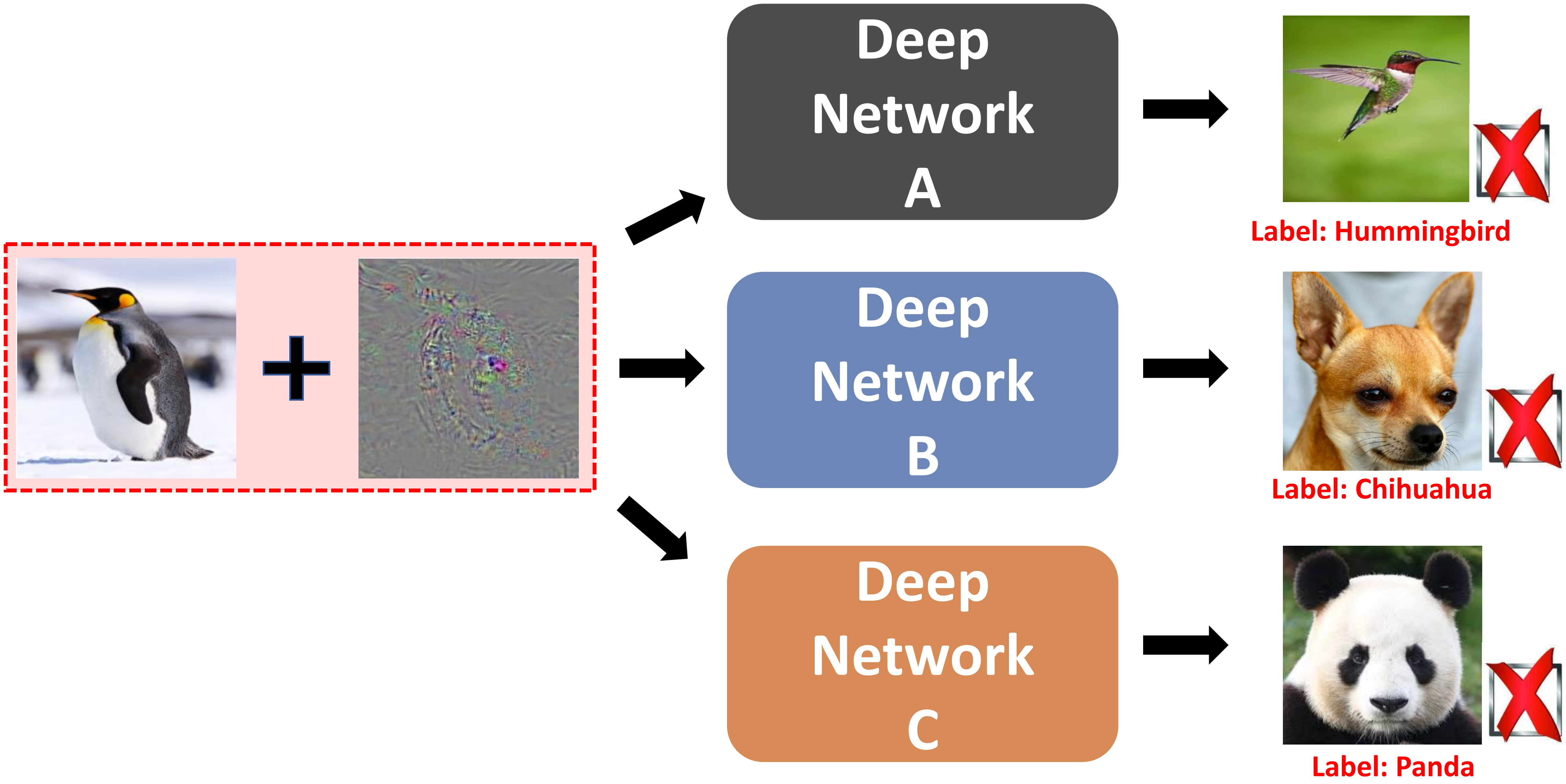

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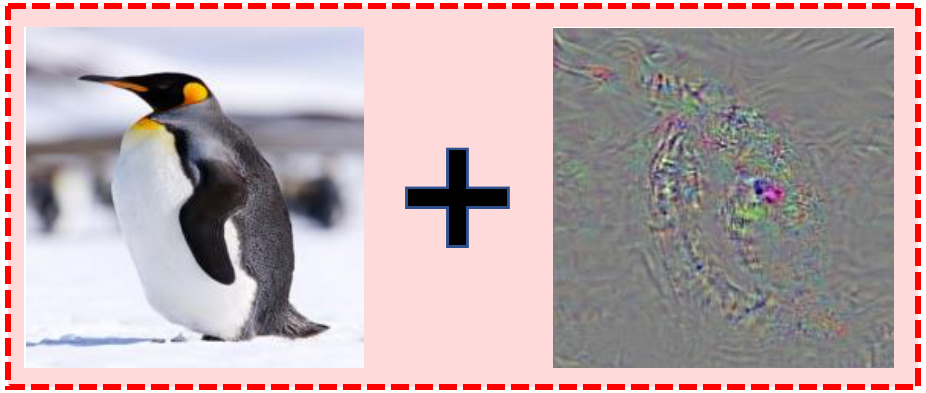

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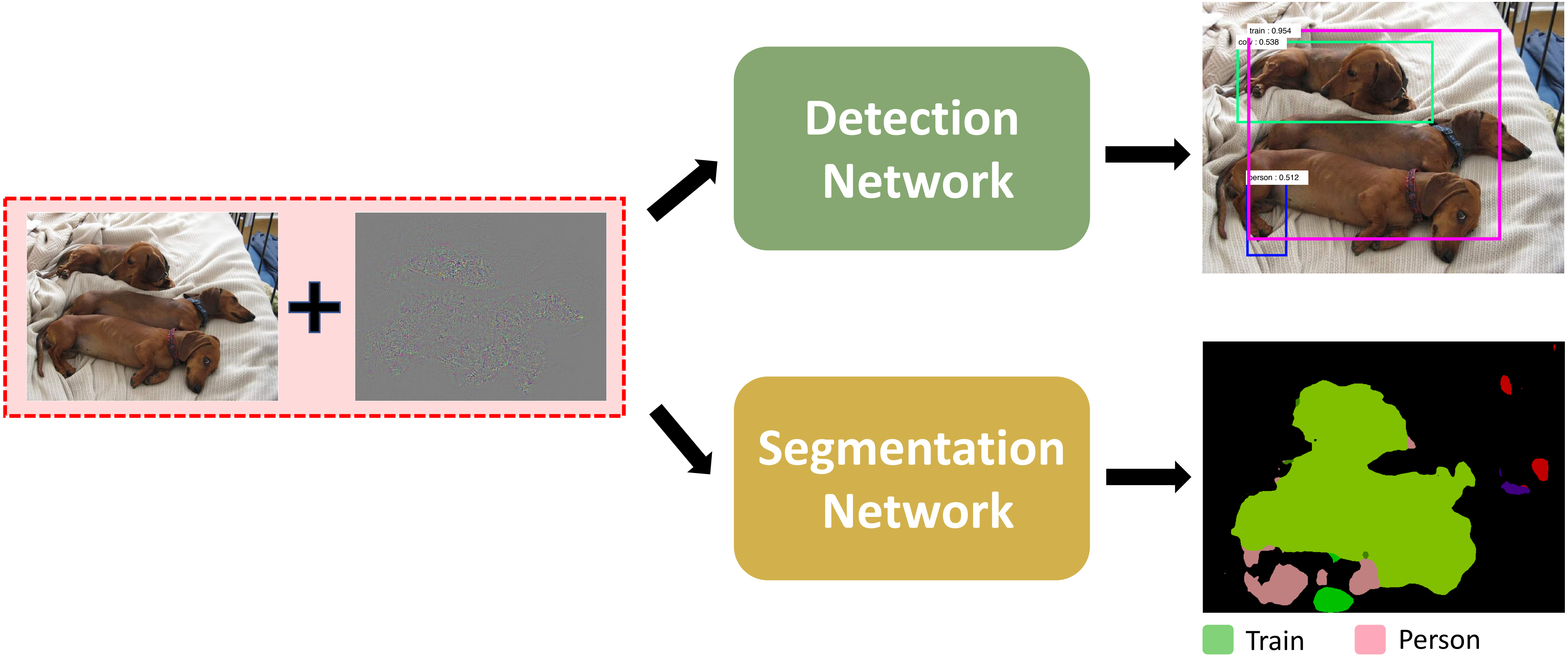

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This transfer phenomenon may indicates

Different Networks Learn Similar Representations

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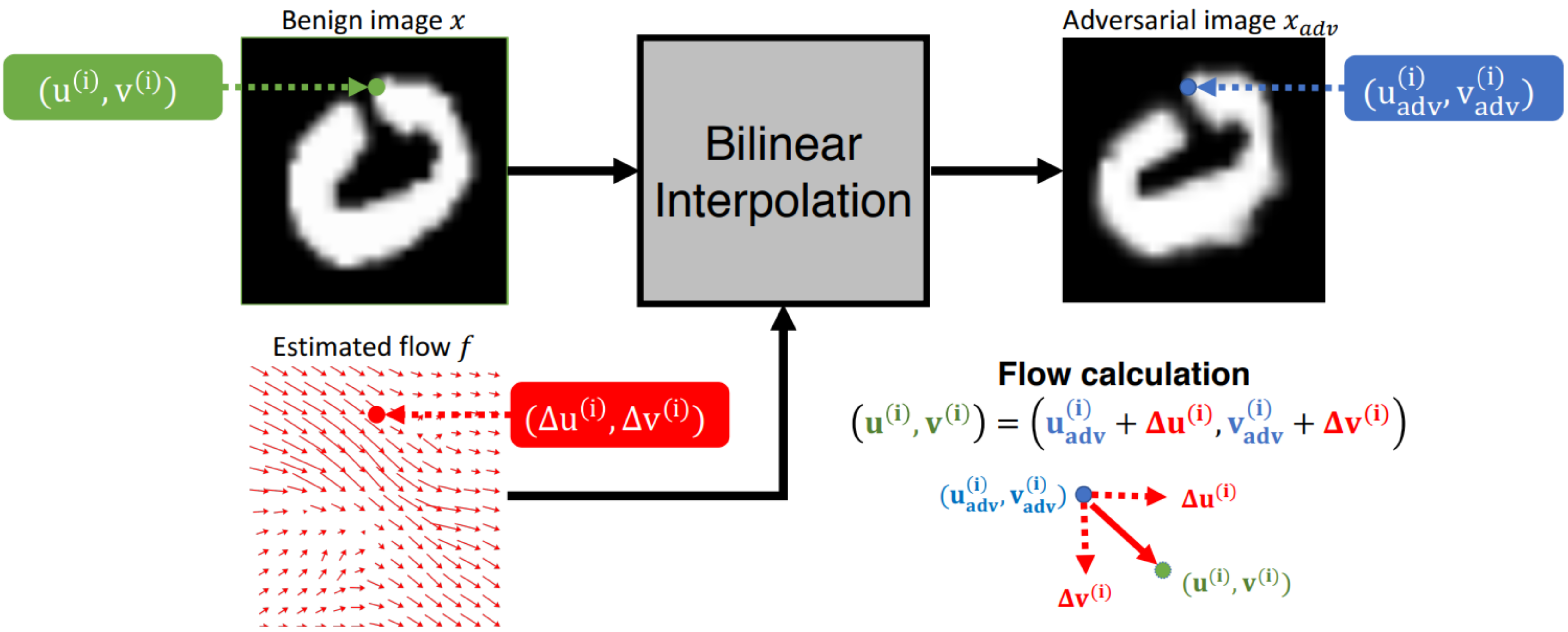
Beyond Pixel Perturbations --- Spatially Transformed Adversary [2]



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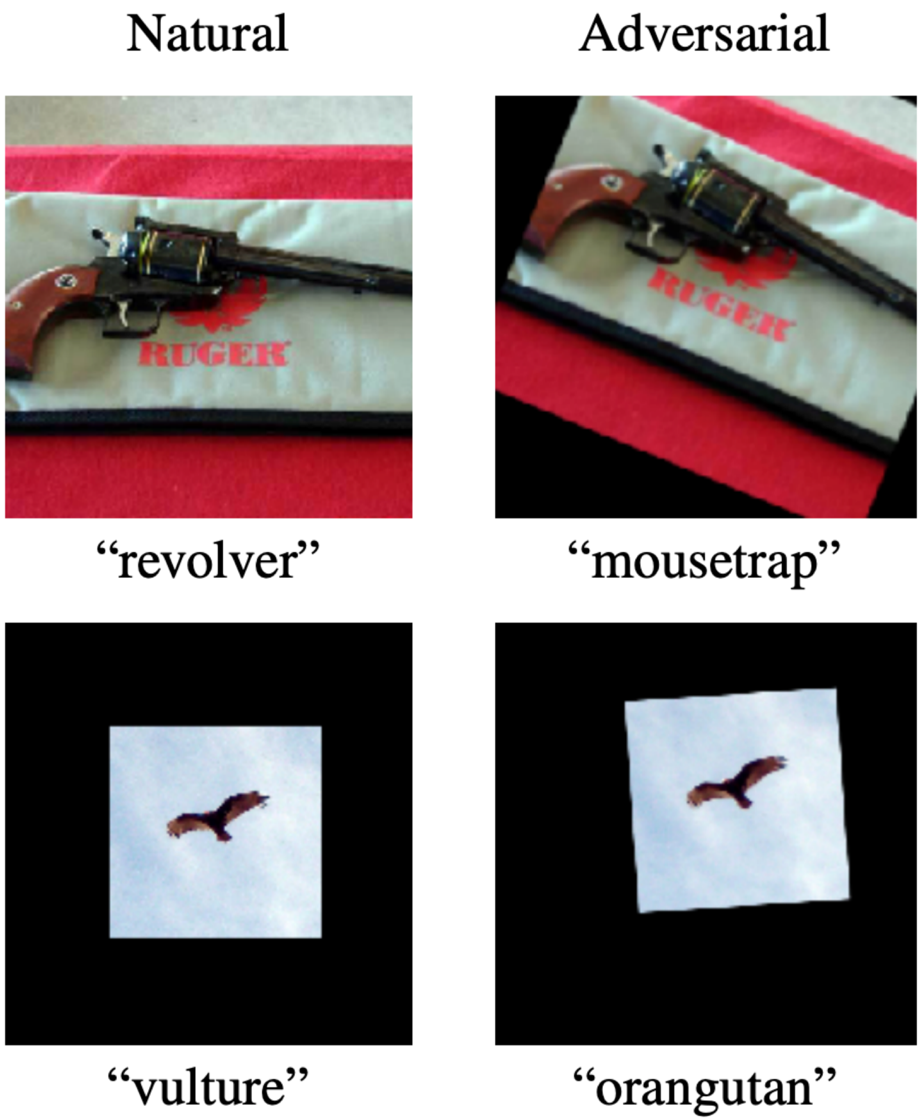
Only Rotation & Translation Are Enough! [3]



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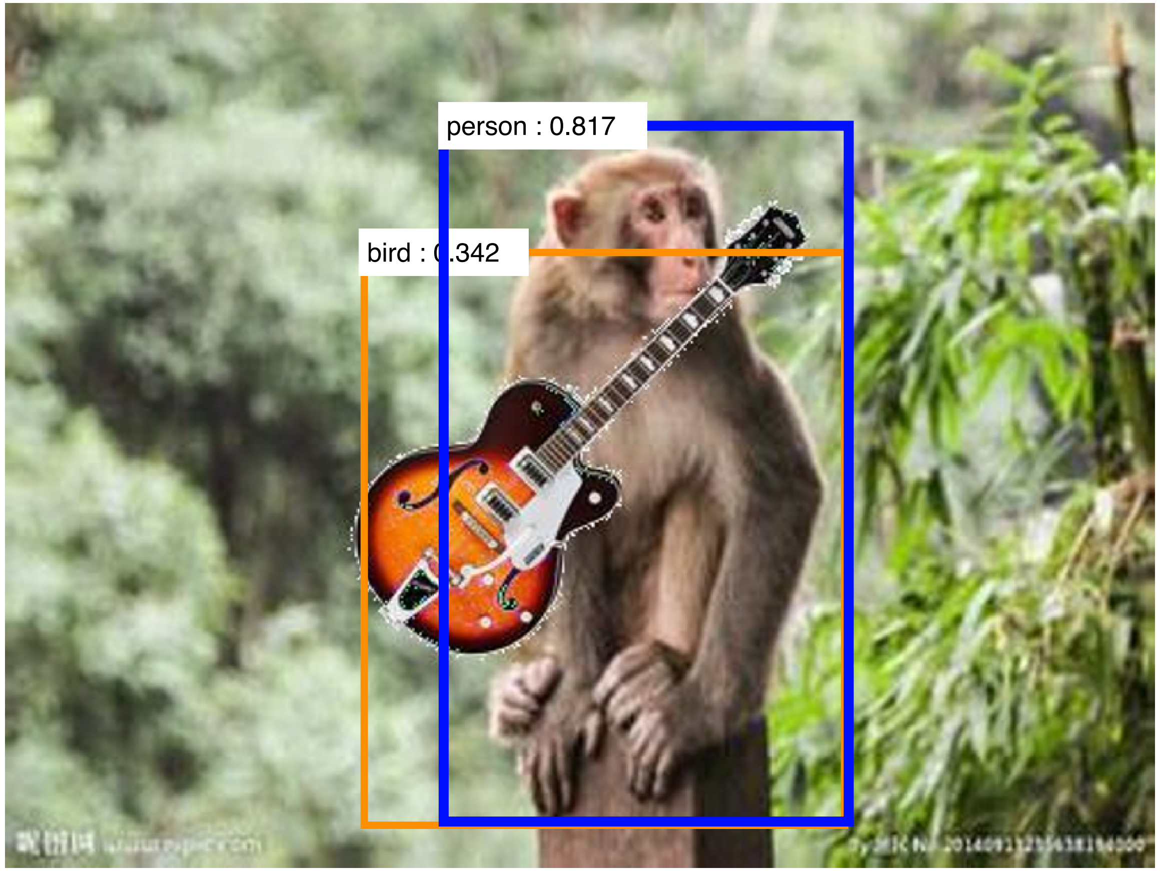
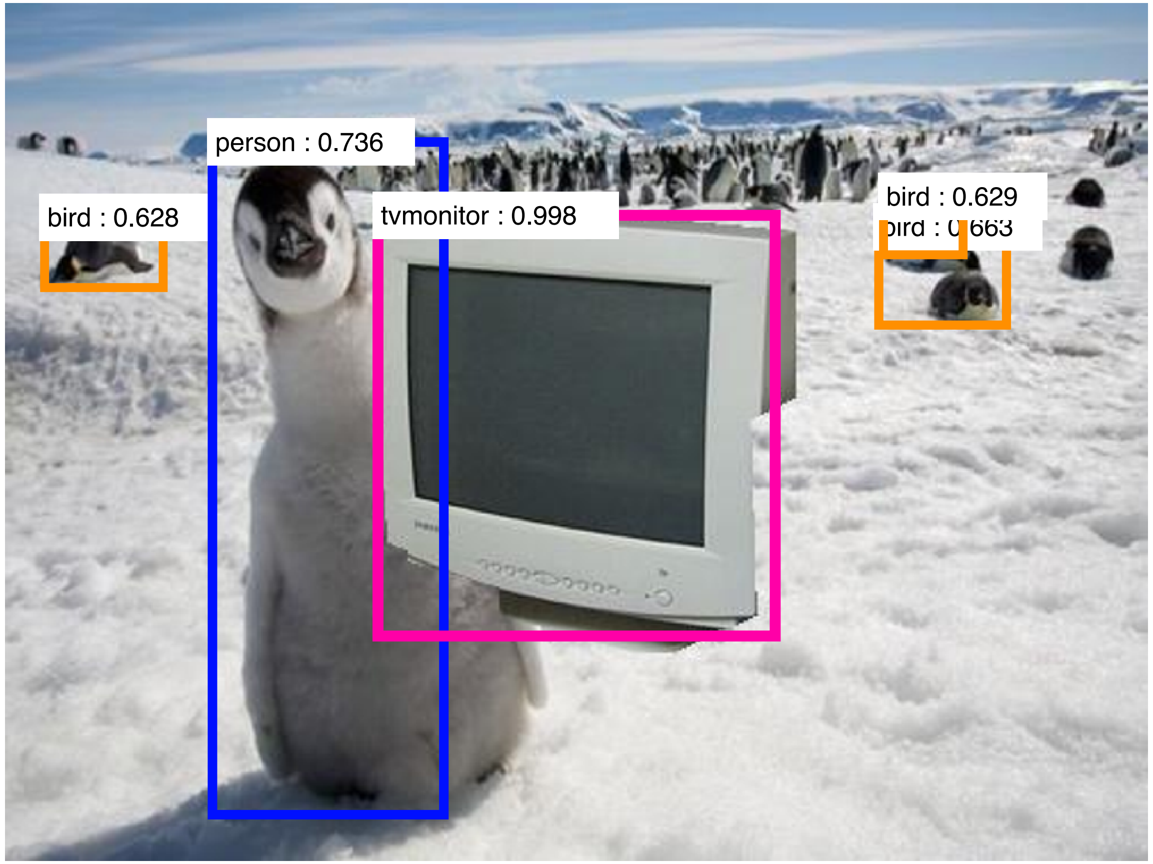
Beyond Pixel Perturbations --- Adversarial Context Examples [4]





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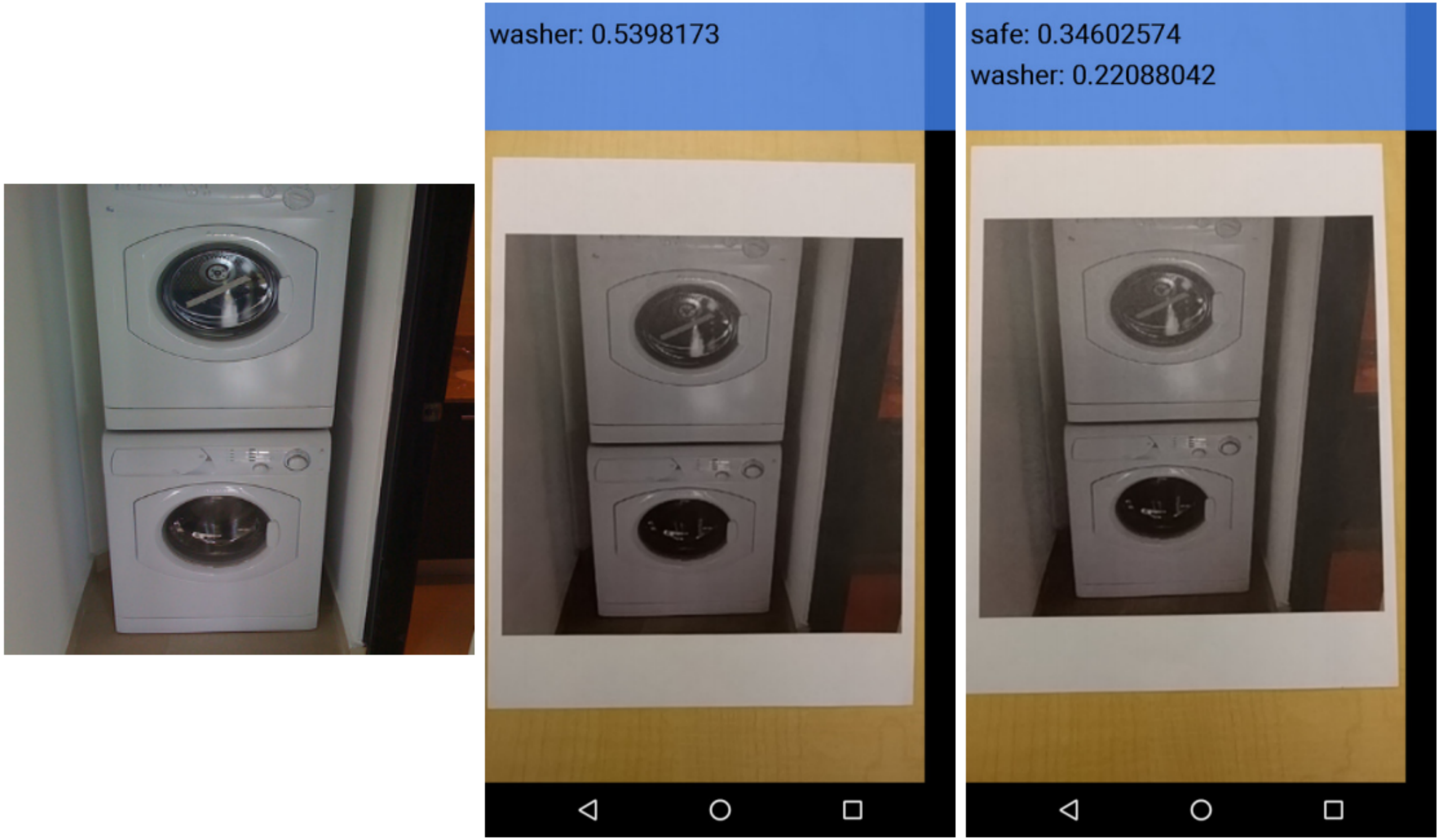
Existence in the Physical World --- Imperceptible Perturbations [5]



(a) Image from dataset (b) Clean image (c) Adv. image

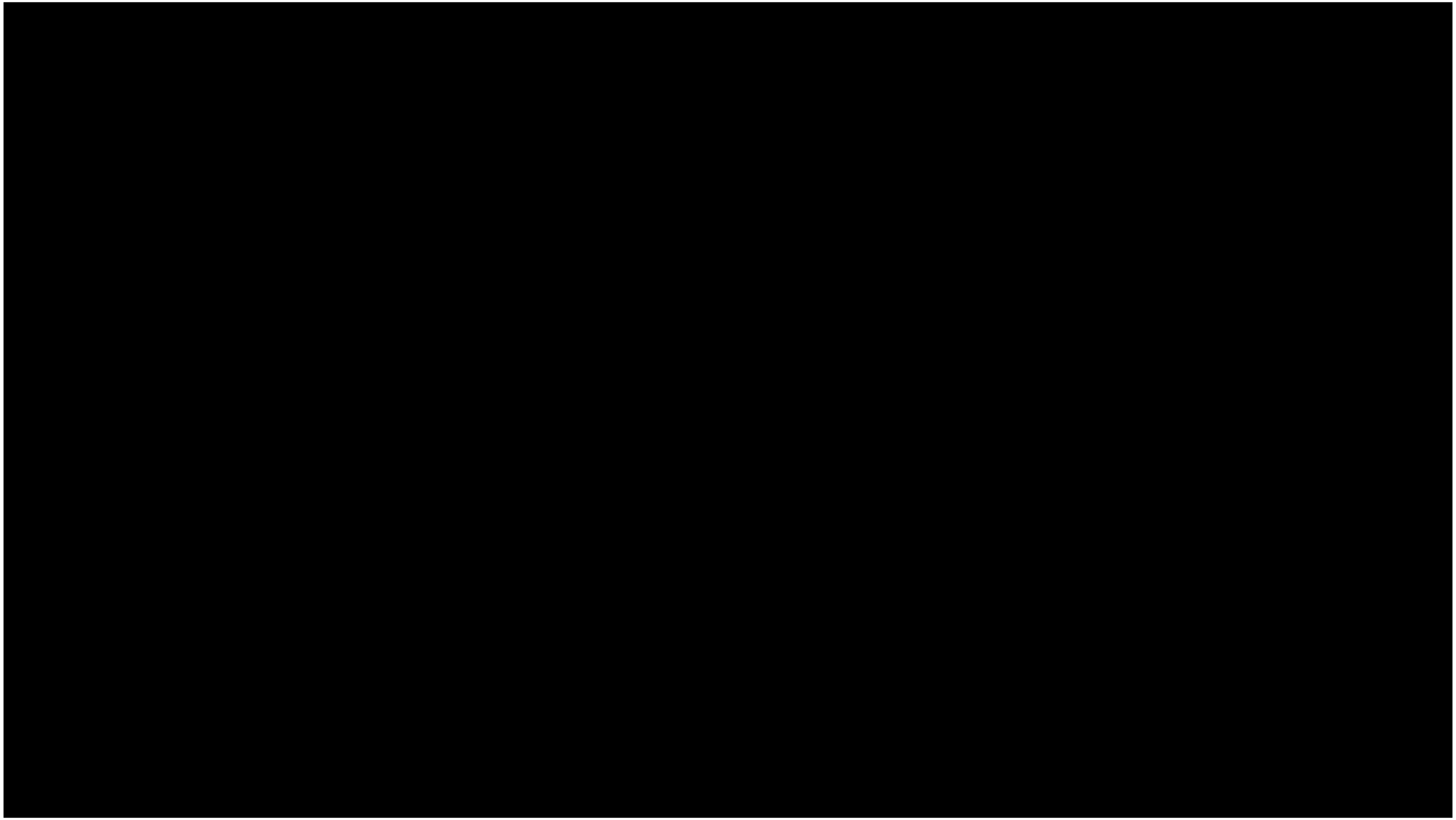
[5] Kurakin, Alexey, Ian Goodfellow, and Samy Bengio. "Adversarial examples in the physical world." In *ICLR Workshop.* 2017.

Existence in the Physical World --- Perceptible Perturbations [6]

With these adversarial stickers, networks cannot recognize stop signs.

[6] Eykholt, Kevin, Ivan Evtimov, Earlence Fernandes, Bo Li, Amir Rahmati, Chaowei Xiao, et al. "Robust physical-world attacks on deep learning models." In *CVPR.* 2018.

Extension --- Attacking Object Detectors in the Physical World [7]



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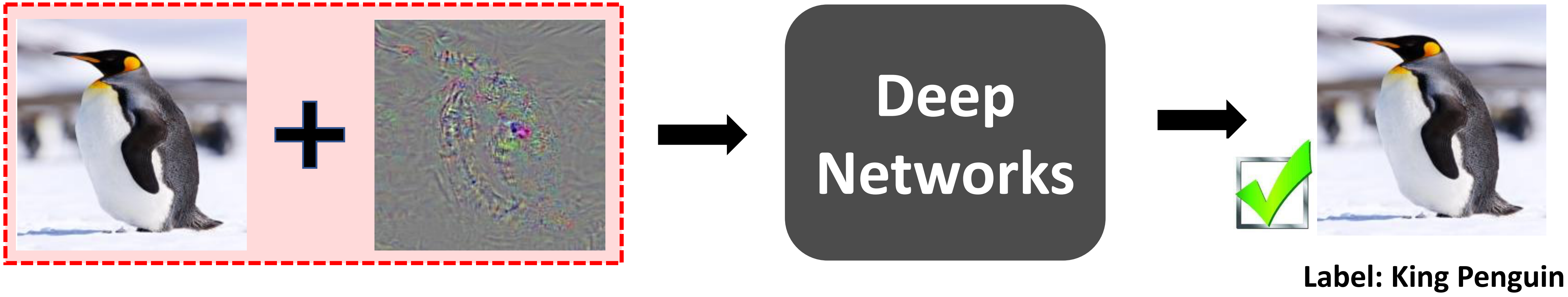

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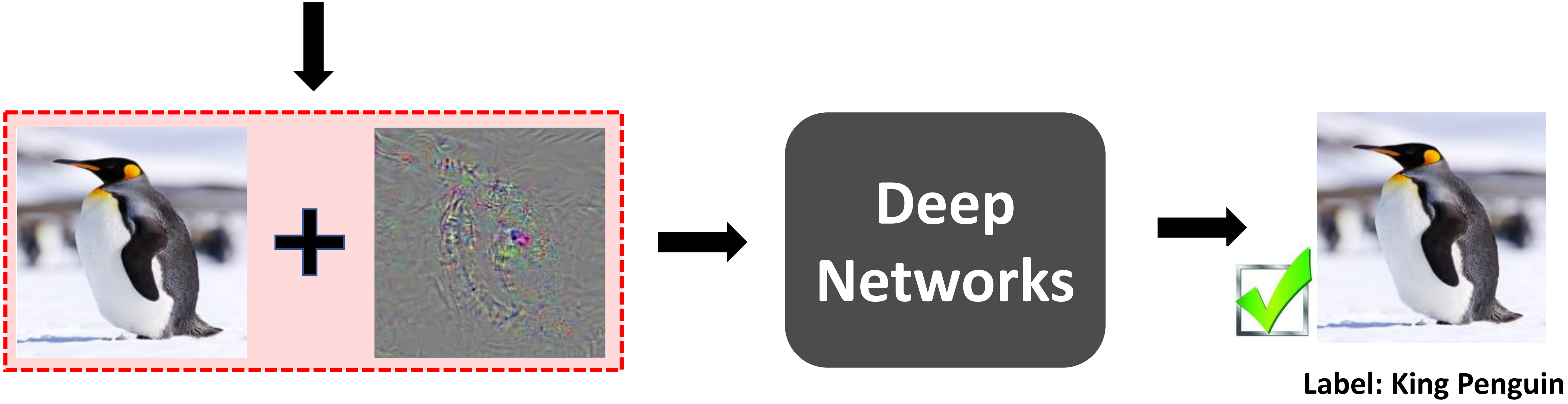

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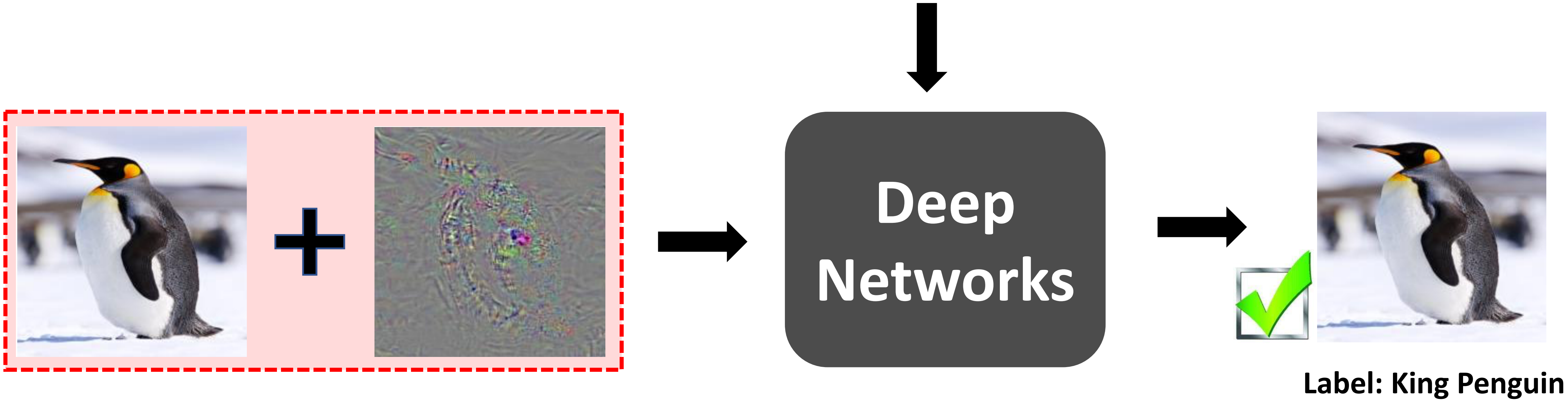
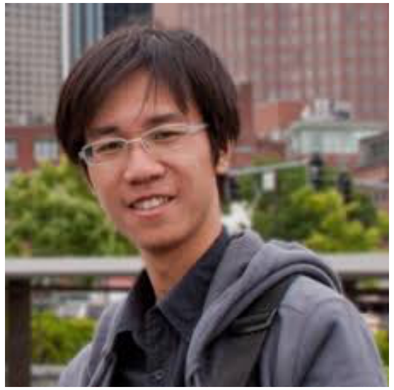
want to **learn** robust representations against adversarial images



Feature Denoising for Improving Adversarial Robustness (CVPR’19)



Observation: Adversarial perturbations are SMALL on the pixel space

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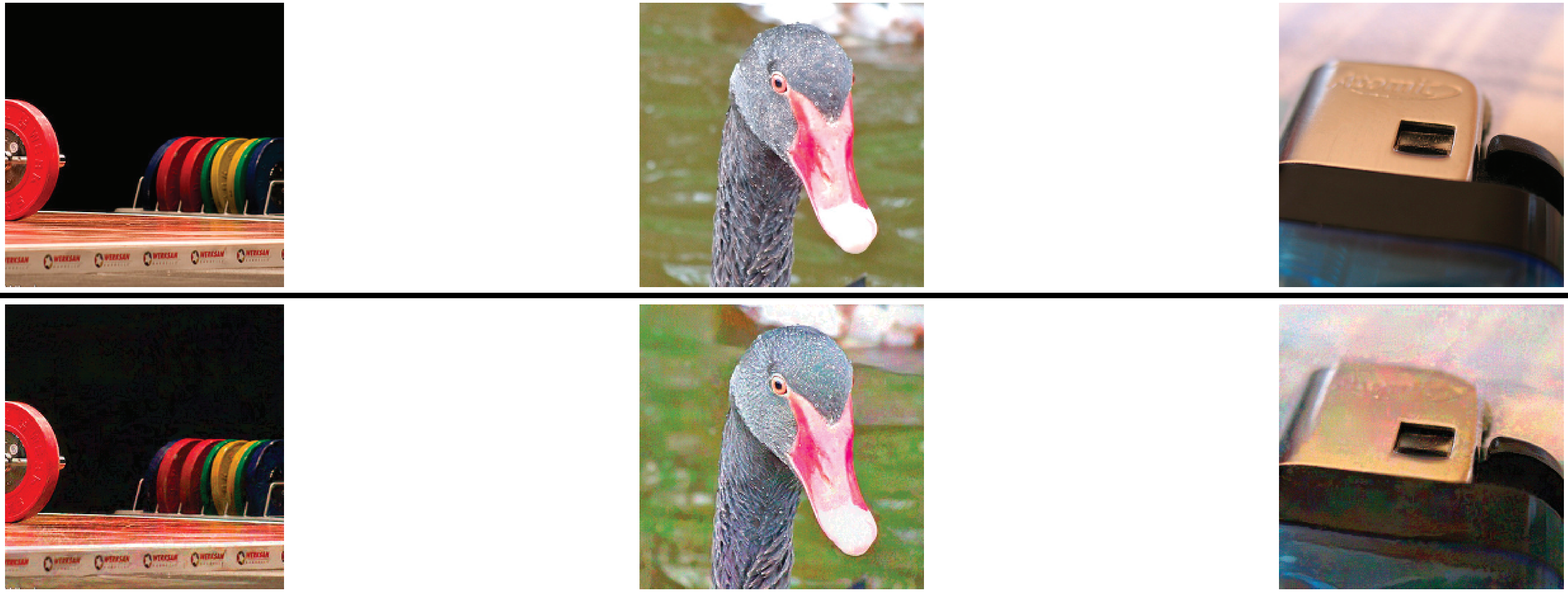

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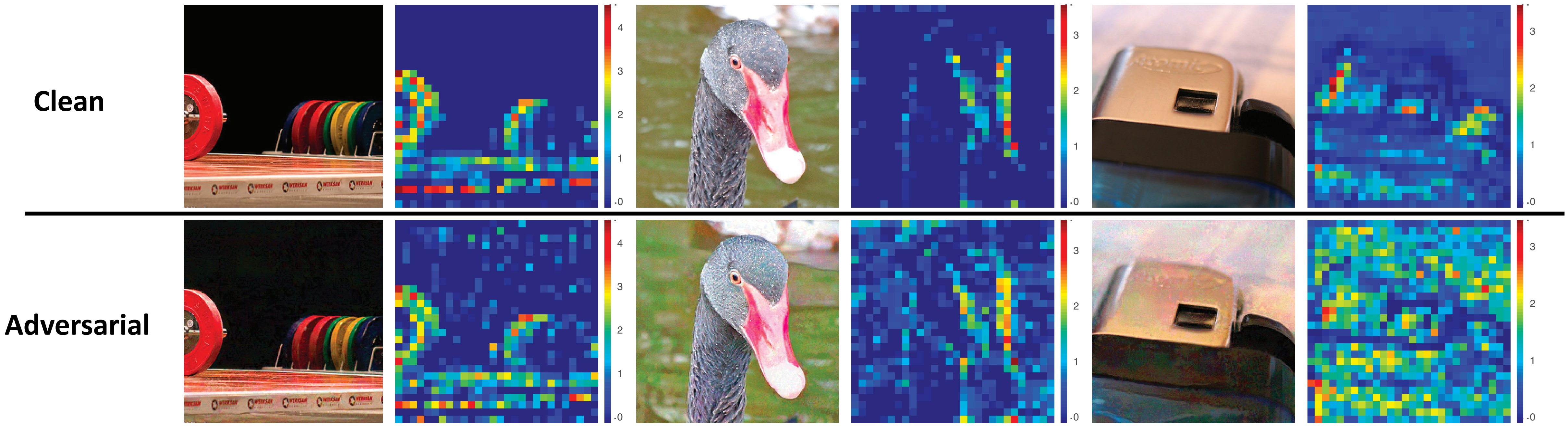

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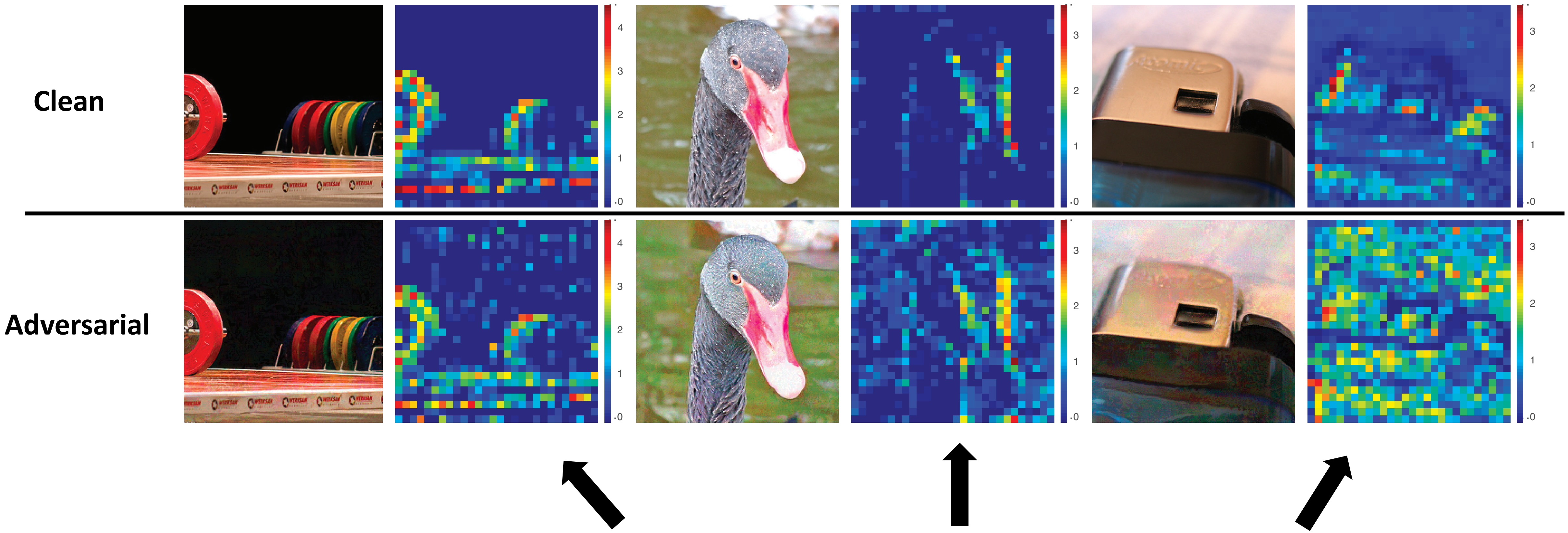

We should **DENOISE** these feature maps

Our Solution: Denoising at feature level

Traditional Image Denoising Operations:

Local filters (predefine a local region $\Omega(i)$ for each pixel i):

- Bilateral filter $y_i = \frac{1}{C(x_i)} \sum_{\forall j \in \Omega(i)} f(x_i, x_j) x_j$
- Median filter $y_i = median\{\forall j \in \Omega(i): x_j\}$
- Mean filter $y_i = \frac{1}{C(x_i)} \sum_{\forall j \in \Omega(i)} x_j$

Non-local filters (the local region $\Omega(i)$ is the whole image I):

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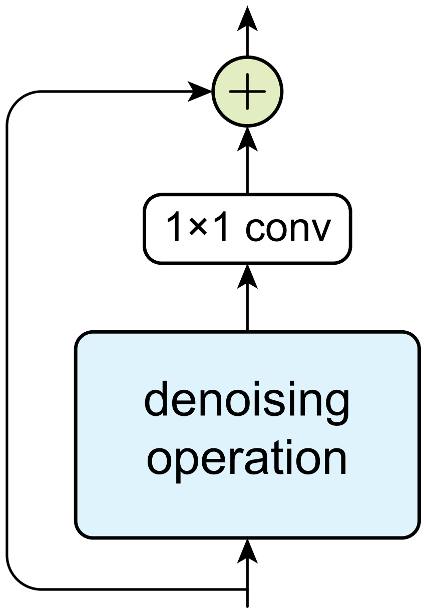
Denoising Block Design



Denoising operations may **lose information**

- we add a **residual connection** to balance the tradeoff between removing noise and retaining original signal

Training Strategy: Adversarial training

- Core Idea: train with adversarial examples

- Implementation: distributed on 128 GPUs, 32 images per GPU
  (since finding adversarial examples is computationally expensive)

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- Attackers generate adversarial examples using substitute networks
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- Evaluating against adversarial attackers with attack iteration up to 2000
  (more attack iterations indicate stronger attacks)

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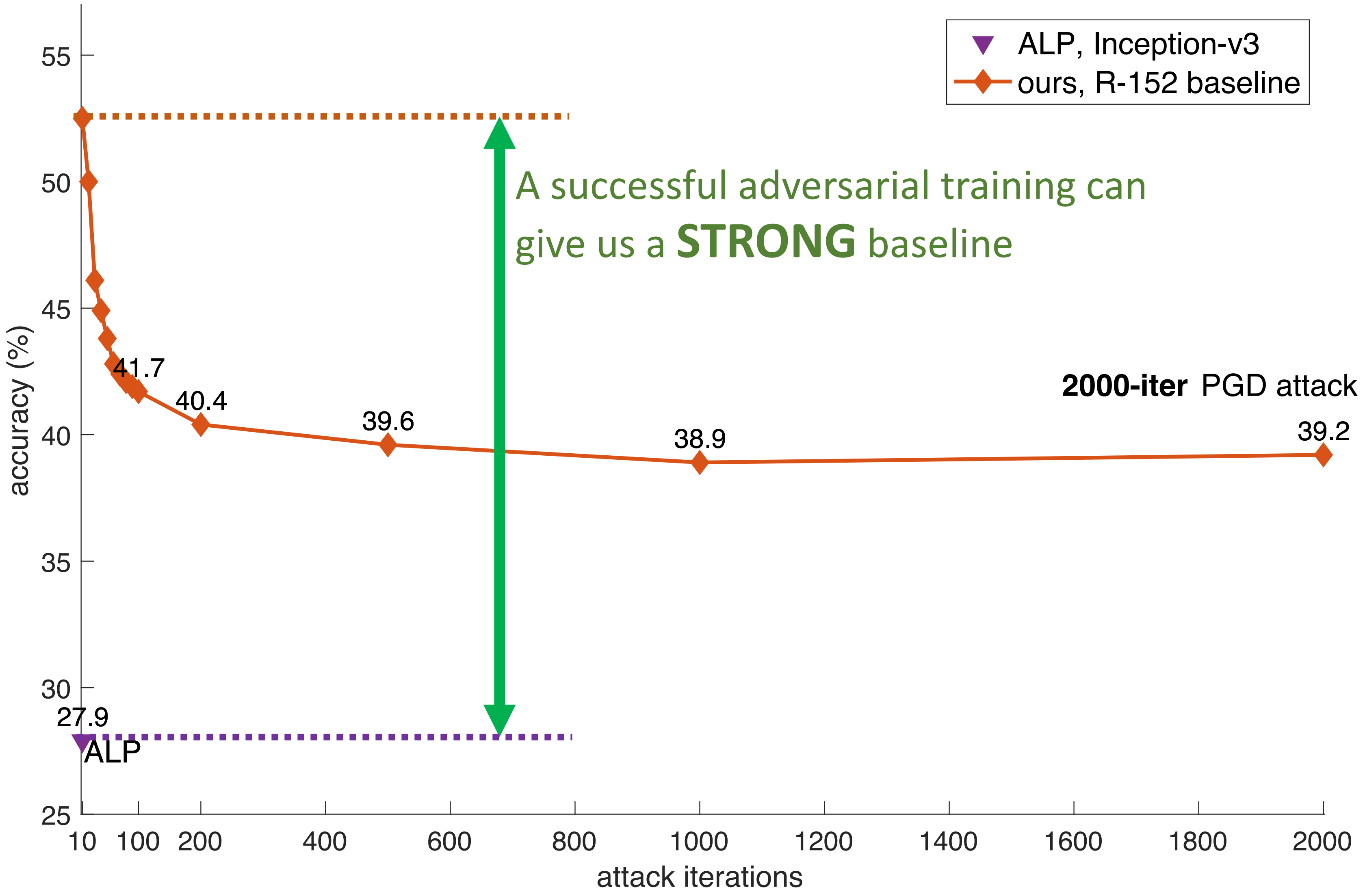

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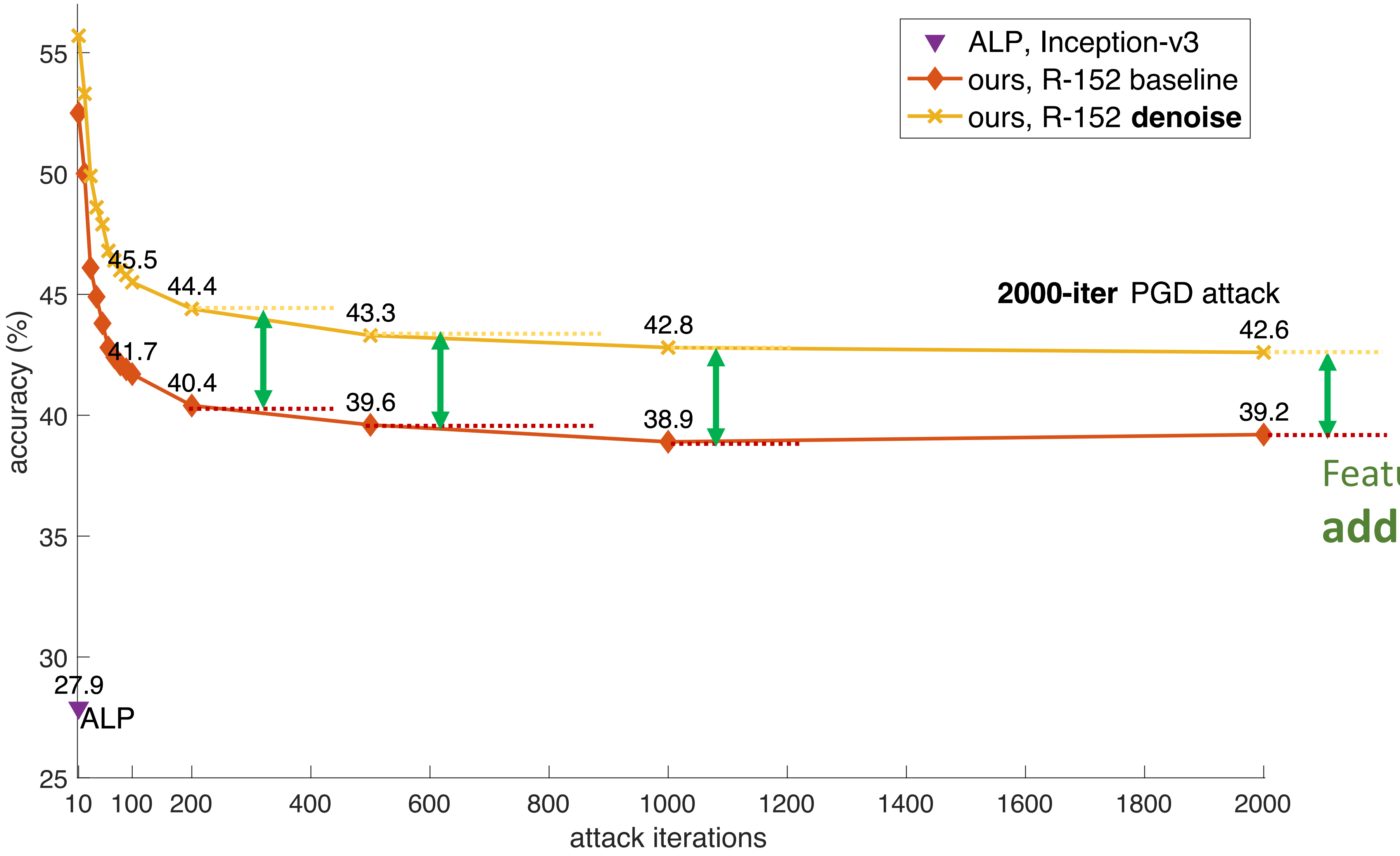

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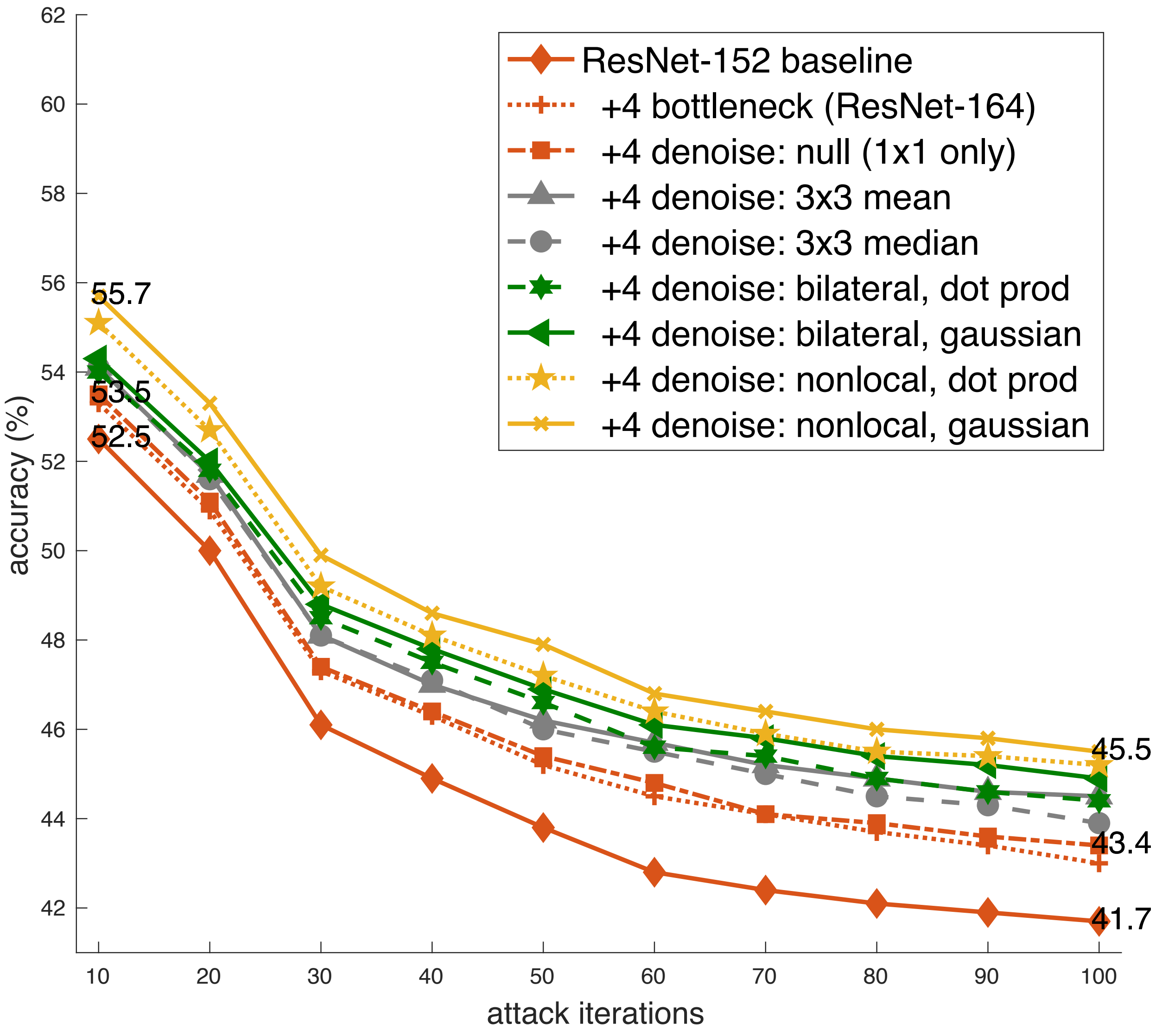
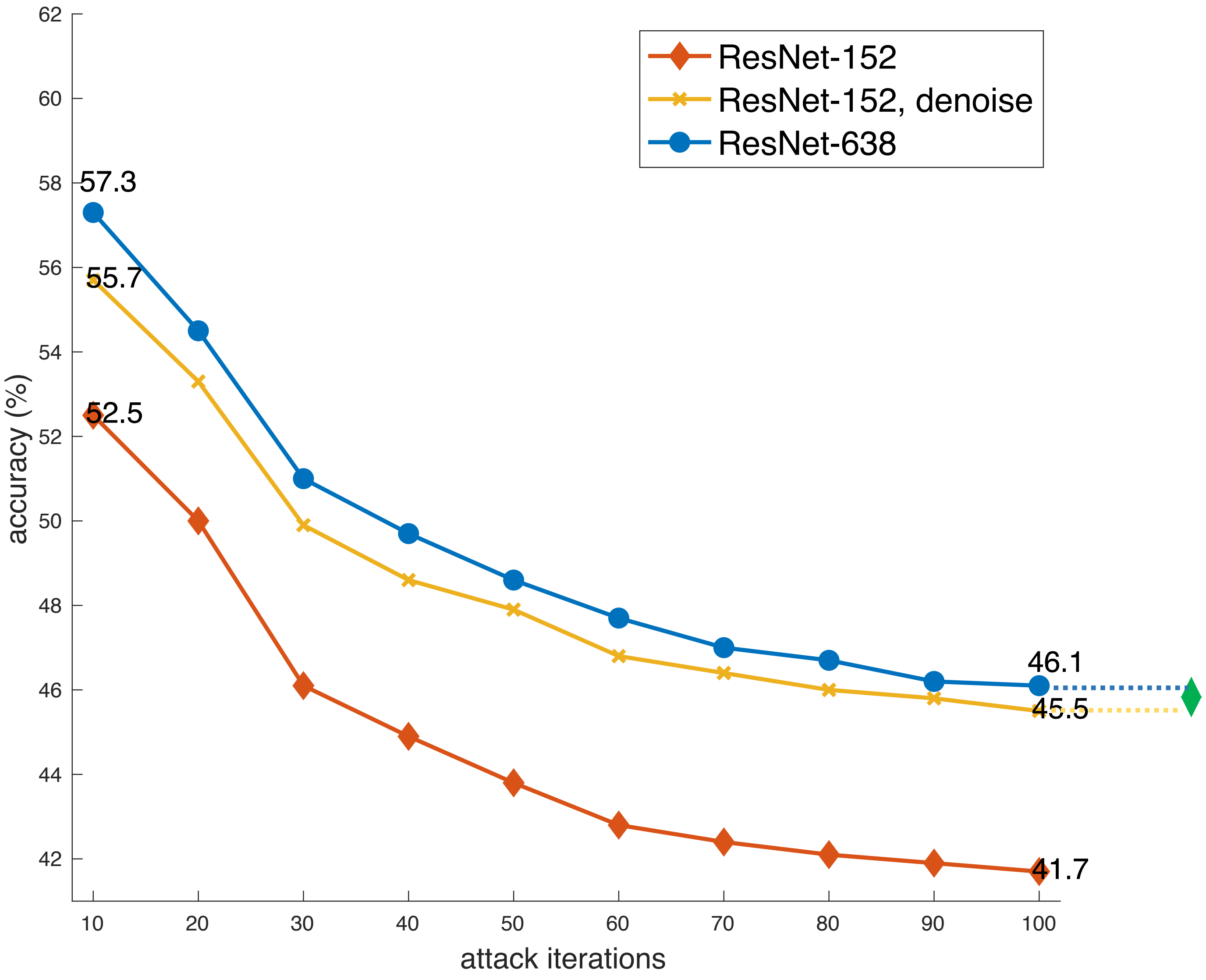


All denoising operations can help

Defending Against White-box Attacks – Part III



Feature Denoising is nearly as powerful as adding ~500 additional layers

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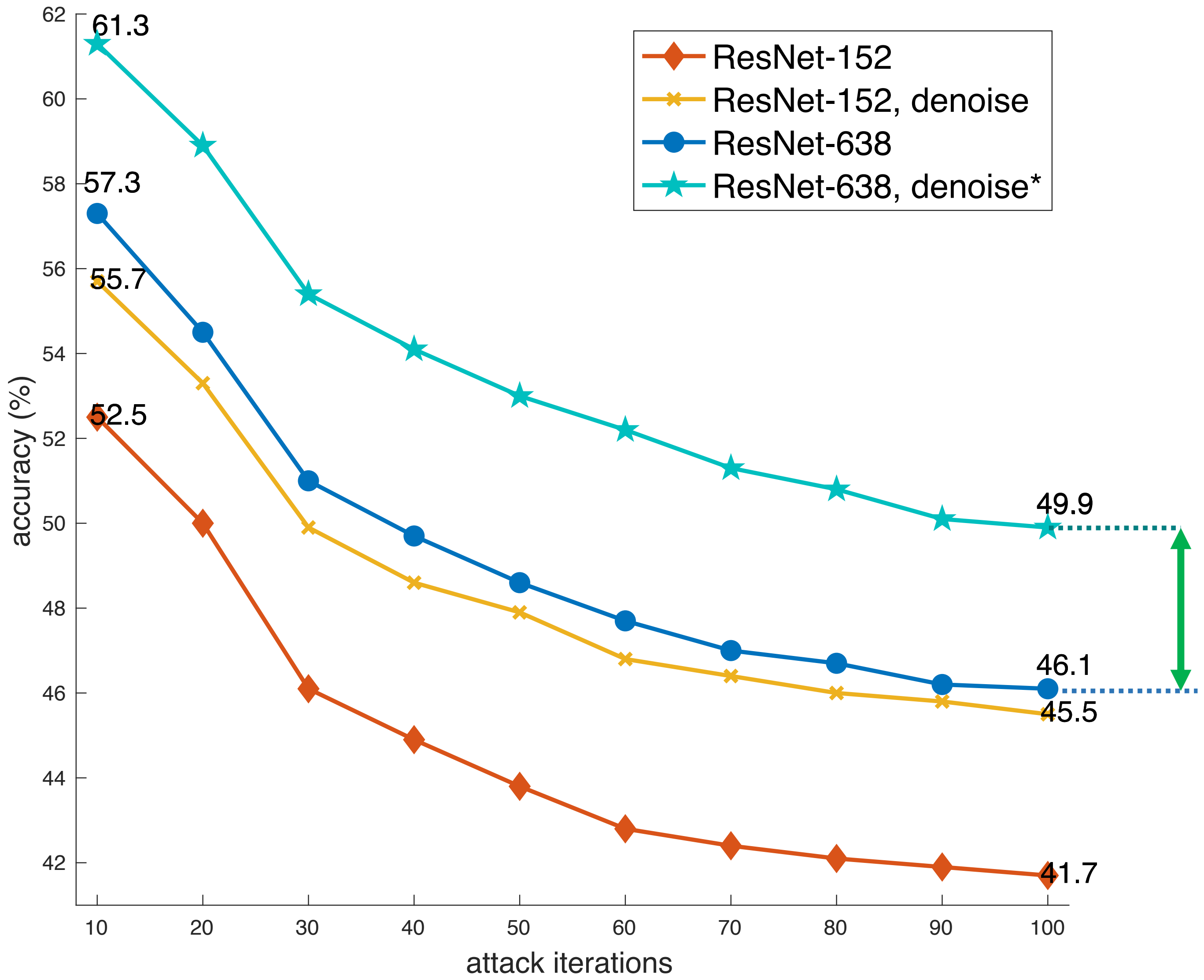

Feature Denoising can still provide benefits for the VERY deep ResNet-638

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CAAD 2018 “all or nothing” criterion: an image is considered correctly classified only if the model correctly classifies all adversarial versions of this image created by all attackers

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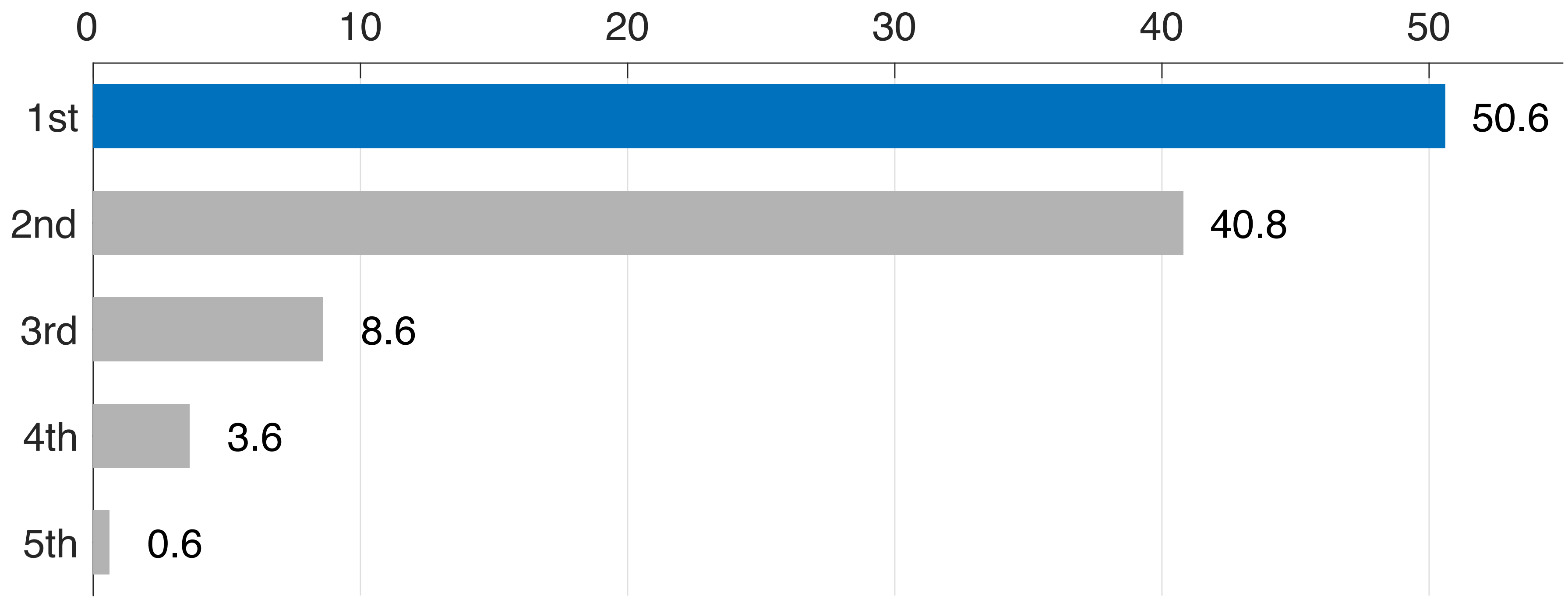

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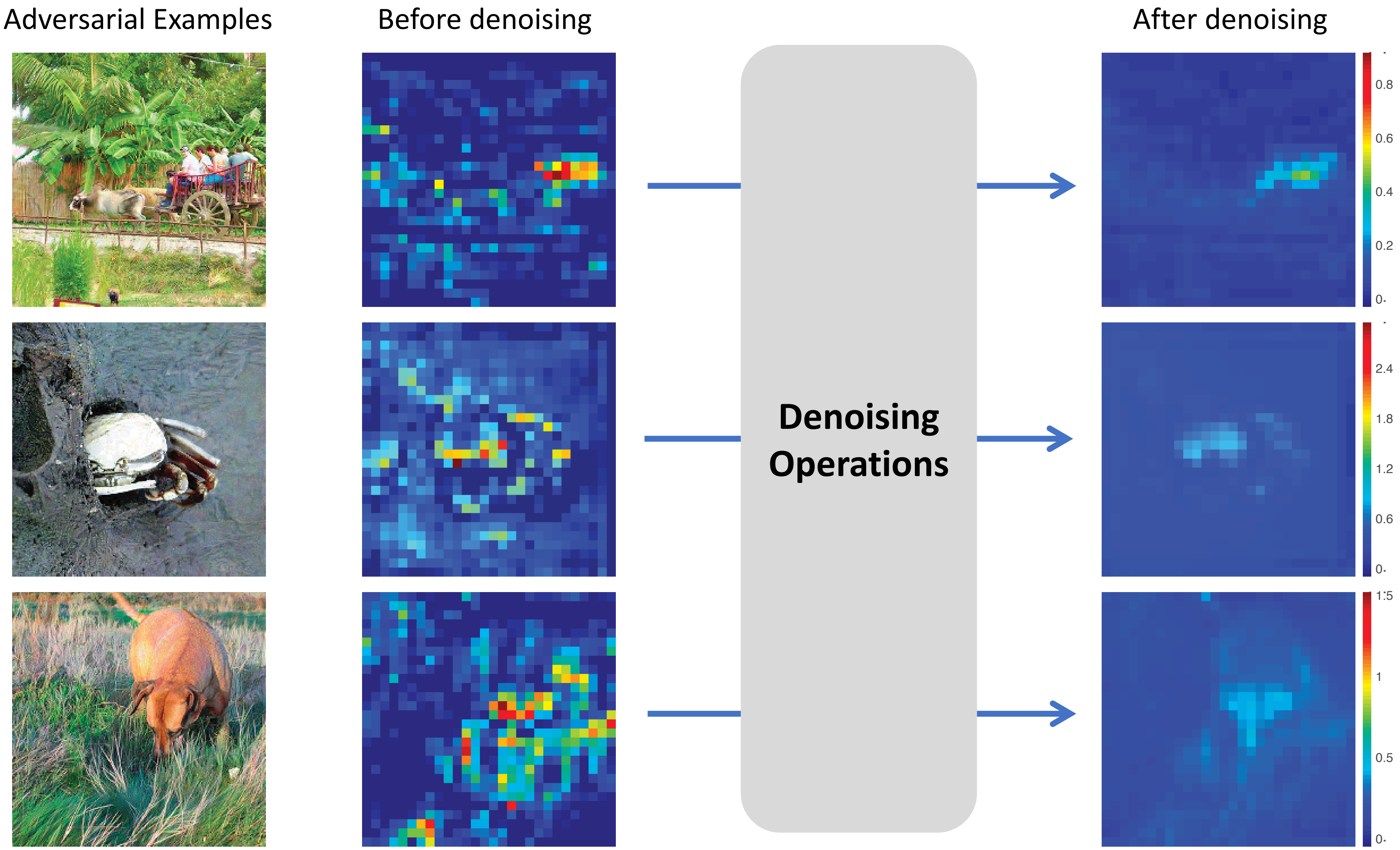

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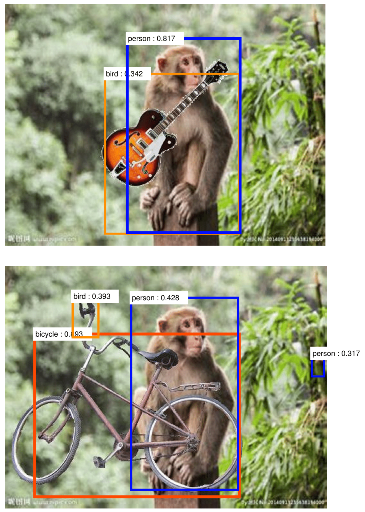

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