



Towards Semantic Adversarial Examples

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Joint work with Tommaso Dreossi and Sanjit Seshia (Berkeley)

Plan

- Part I [Adversarial ML] ~25mins
 - Different types of attacks
 - Test-time attacks
 - Defenses
 - Theoretical explorations
- Part II [Opportunities in FM] ~Rest of the talk
 - Opportunities for FM researchers
 - Focus on lot of work by Tommaso and Sanjit

Announcements/Caveats

- Please ask questions during the talk
 - If we don't finish, fine 😊
- More slides than I can cover
 - Lot of skipping will be going on
- Fast moving area
 - Apologies if I don't mention your paper

- Legend

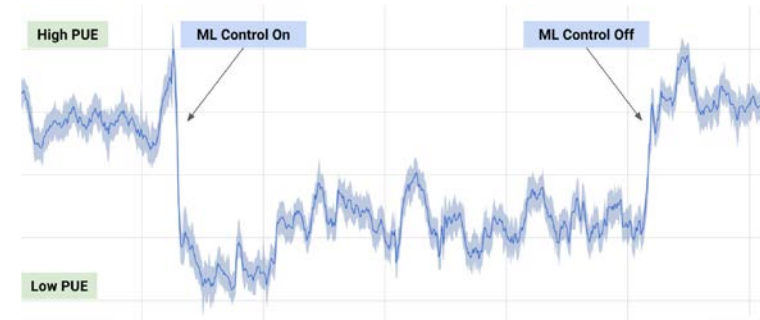


Machine learning brings social disruption at scale



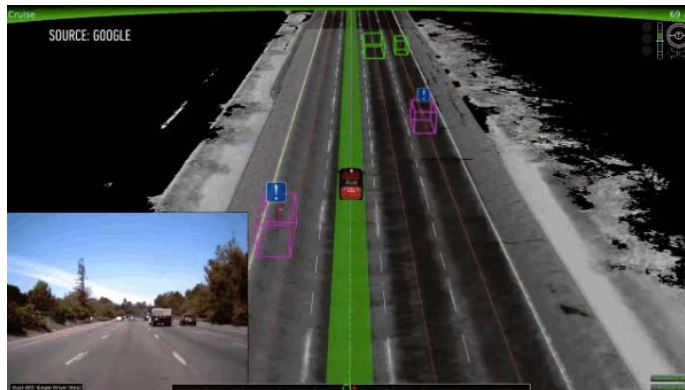
Healthcare

Source: Peng and Gulshan (2017)



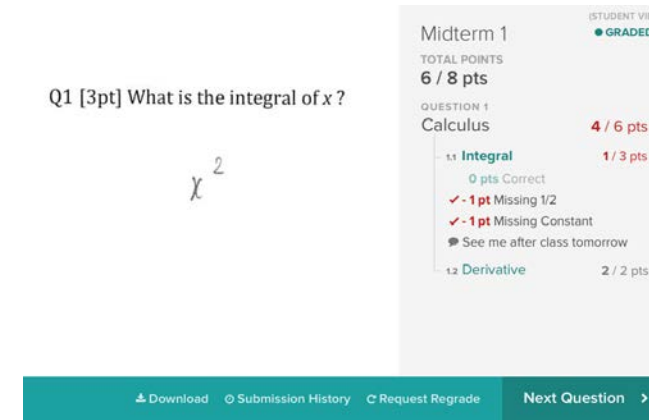
Energy

Source: Deepmind



Transportation

Source: Google

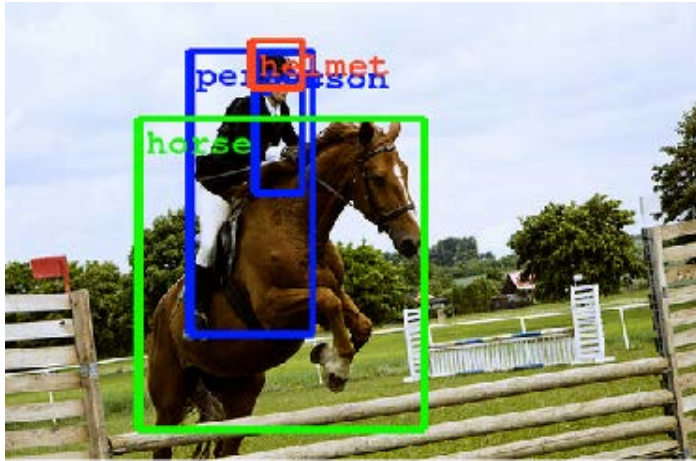


The screenshot shows a Gradescope interface. The question is 'Q1 [3pt] What is the integral of x^2 ?' and is worth 3 points. The student's answer is x^2 . The interface shows the question details, the student's answer, and the grading status. The question is marked as 'GRADED' and has a score of 4/6 points. The student's answer is marked as 'Integral' and has a score of 1/3 points. The student has 0 points correct, 1 point missing for a missing 1/2, and 1 point missing for a missing constant. The student has also indicated they will see the instructor after class tomorrow. The question is worth 2/2 points for the derivative part.

Education

Source: Gradescope

ML reached “human-level performance” on many IID tasks circa 2013



(Szegedy et al, 2014)

...recognizing objects and faces....

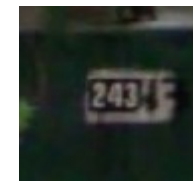


(Taigmen et al, 2013)



(Goodfellow et al, 2013)

...solving CAPTCHAS and reading addresses...



(Goodfellow et al, 2013)

ML beating doctors 😊

- NOVEMBER 15, 2017
 - Stanford algorithm can diagnose pneumonia better than radiologists
- April 14, 2017
 - Self-taught artificial intelligence beats doctors at predicting heart attacks
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Machine learning is deployed in adversarial settings



@godblessameriga WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A WALL, AND MEXICO IS GOING TO PAY FOR IT

Microsoft's Tay chatbot

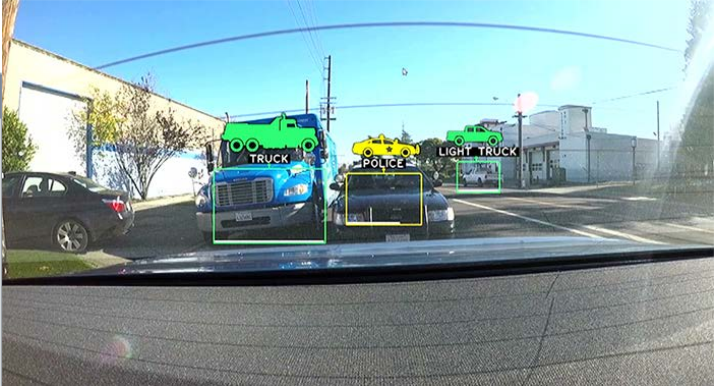
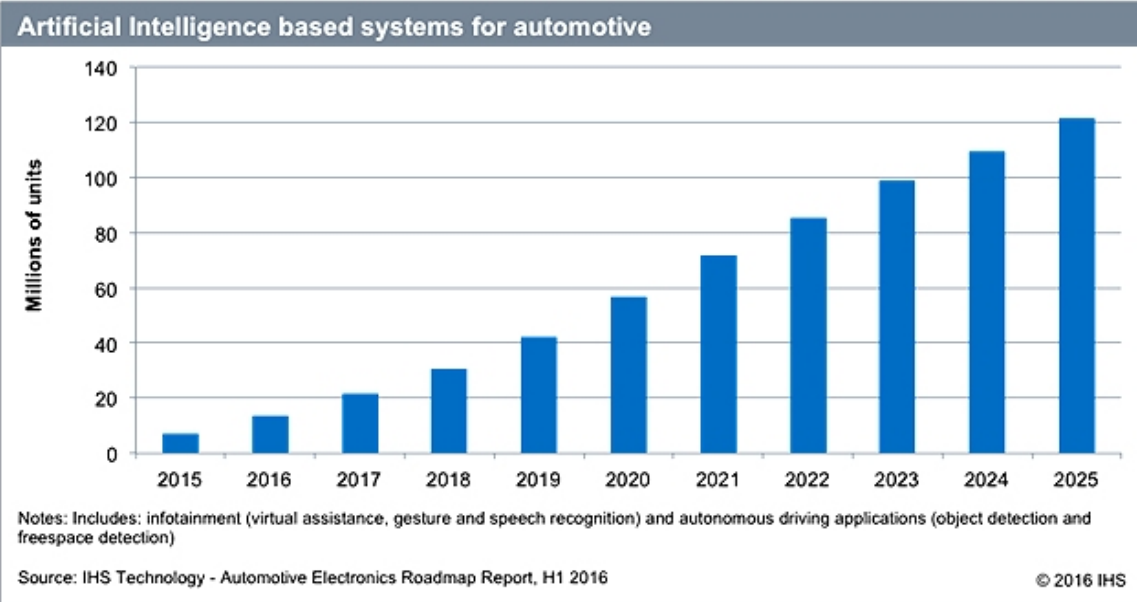
Training data poisoning



YouTube filtering

Content evades detection at *inference*

ML in CPS



Many Safety-Critical Systems

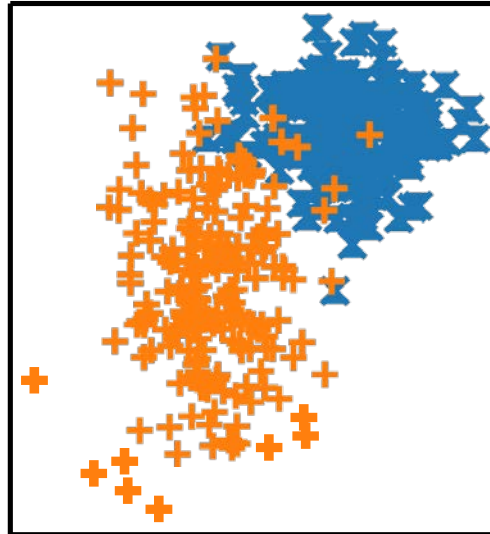


I.I.D. Machine Learning

Train



Test



I: Independent

I: Identically

D: Distributed

All train and test examples
drawn independently from
same distribution

Security Requires Moving Beyond I.I.D.

- Not identical: attackers can use unusual inputs



(Eykholt et al, CVPR 2017)

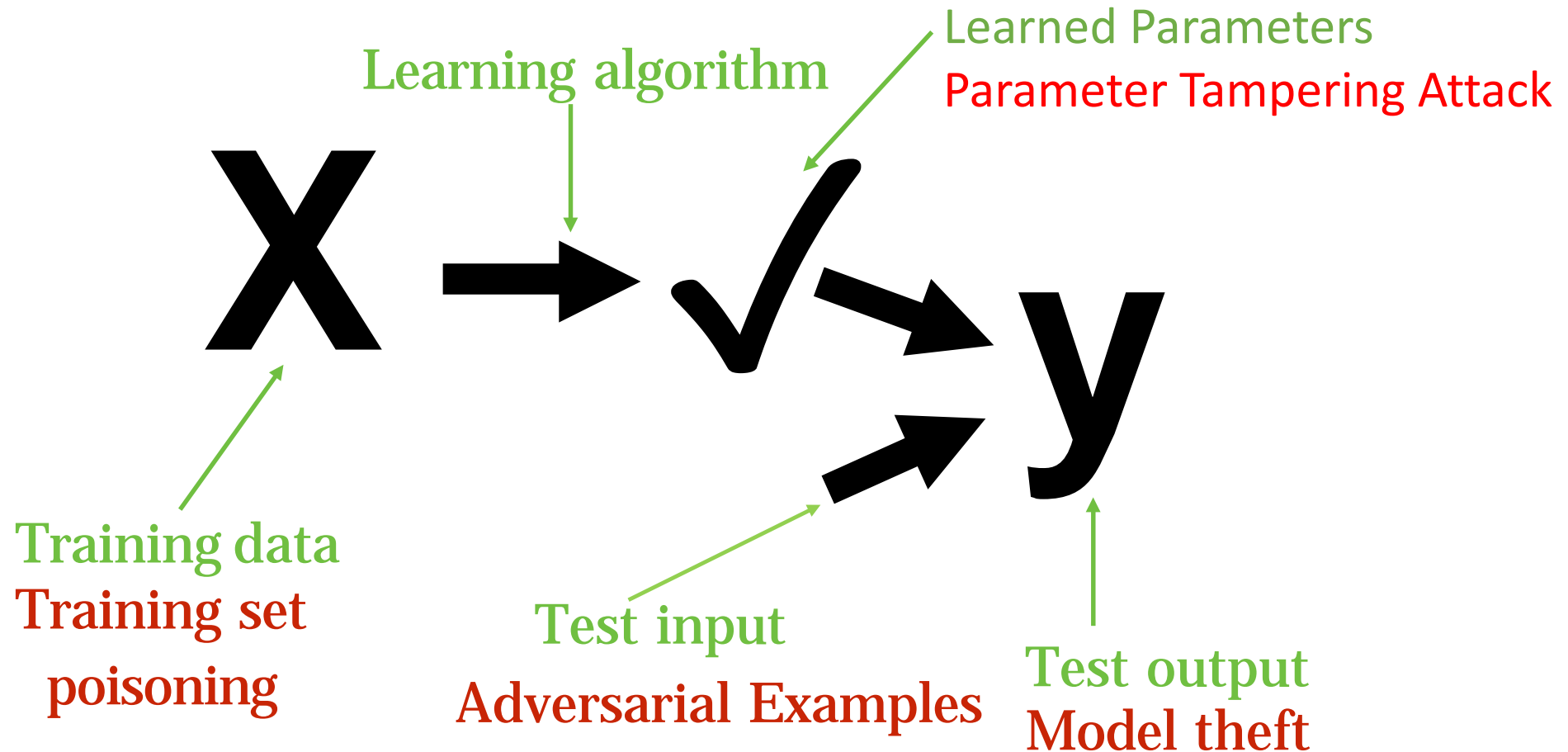
- Not independent: attacker can repeatedly send a single mistake (“test set attack”)

Adversarial Learning is not new!!

- **Lowd:** I spent the summer of 2004 at Microsoft Research working with Chris Meek on the problem of spam.
 - We looked at a common technique spammers use to defeat filters: adding "good words" to their emails.
 - We developed techniques for evaluating the robustness of spam filters, as well as a theoretical framework for the general problem of learning to defeat a classifier (*Lowd and Meek, 2005*)
- But...
 - New resurgence in ML and hence new problems
 - Lot of new theoretical techniques being developed
 - High dimensional robust statistics, robust optimization, ...



Attacks on the machine learning pipeline



ML (Basics)

- Supervised learning
- Entities
 - *(Sample Space) $Z = X \times Y$*
 - (data, label) (x, y)
 - *(Distribution over Z) D*
 - *(Hypothesis Space) H*
 - *(loss function) $l: (H \times Z) \rightarrow R$*

ML (Basics)

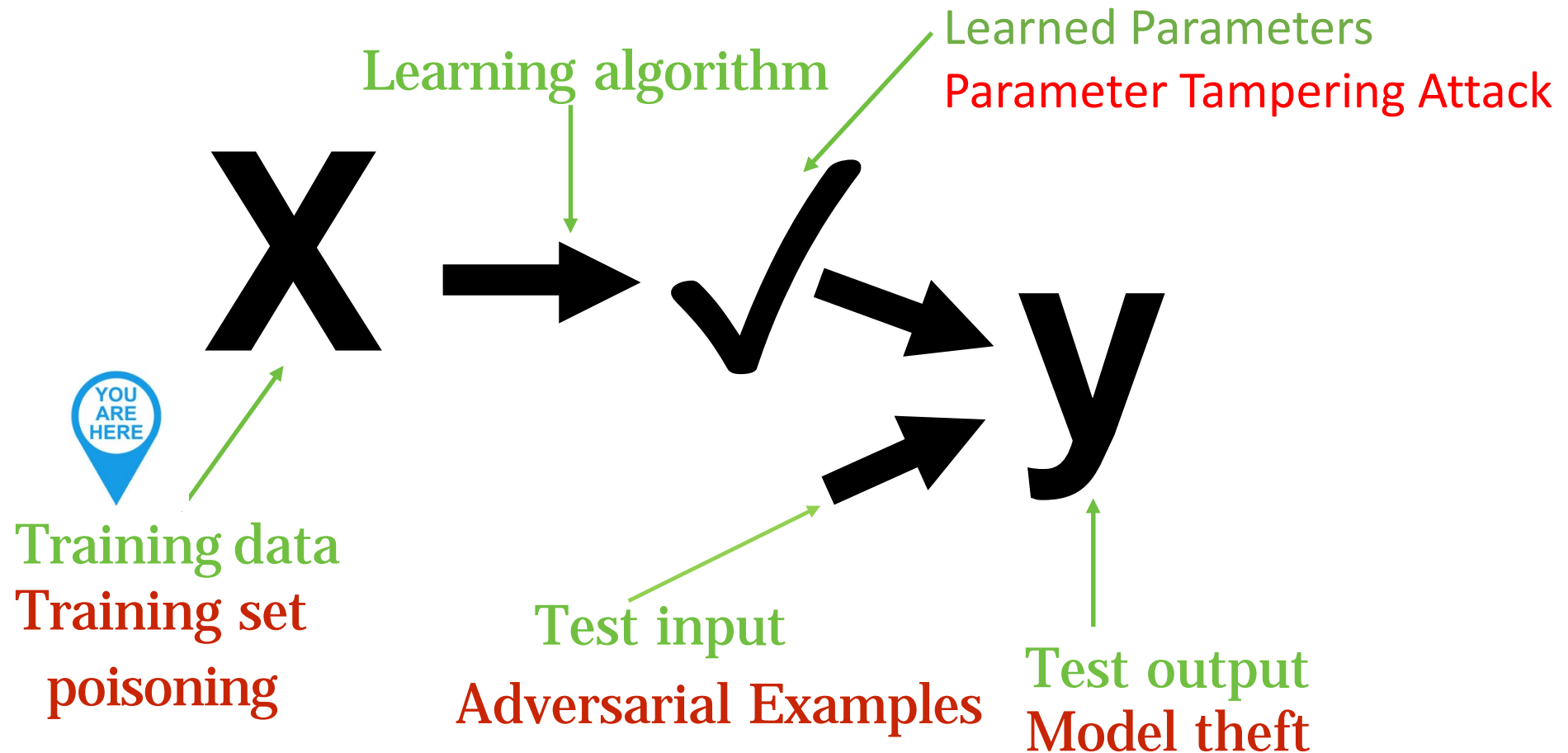
- *Learner's problem*
 - Find $w \in H$ that minimizes
 - $E_{\{z \sim D\}} l(w, z) + \lambda R(w)$
 - $\frac{1}{m} \sum_{\{i=1\}}^m l(w, (x_i, y_i)) + \lambda R(w)$
- *Sample set* $S = \{(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_m, y_m)\}$
- *Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)*
 - (iteration) $w[t + 1] = w[t] - \eta_t l'(w[t], (x_{\{i_t\}}, y_{\{i_t\}}))$
 - (learning rate) η_t
 - ...

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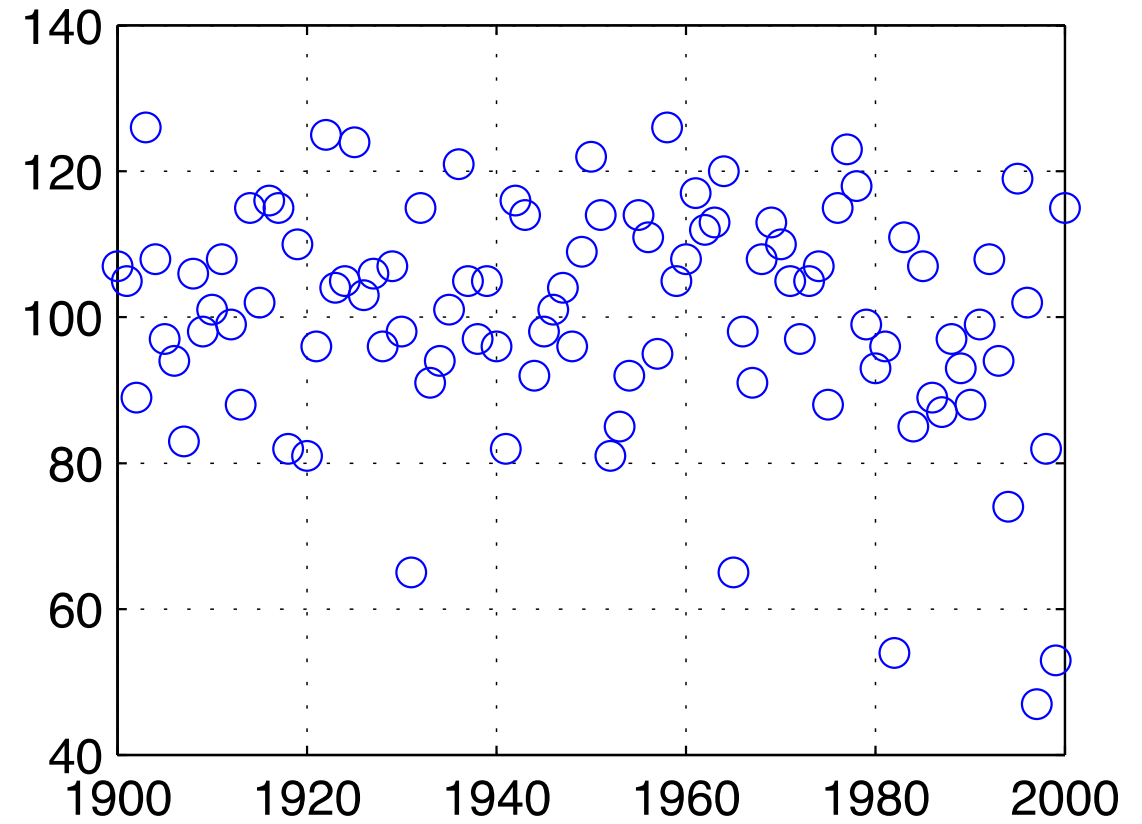
- After Training
 - $F_w: X \rightarrow Y$
 - $F_w(x) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\{y \in Y\}} s(F_w)(x)$
 - (softmax layer) $s(F_w)$
 - Sometimes we will write F_w simply as F
 - w will be implicit

Training Time Attack

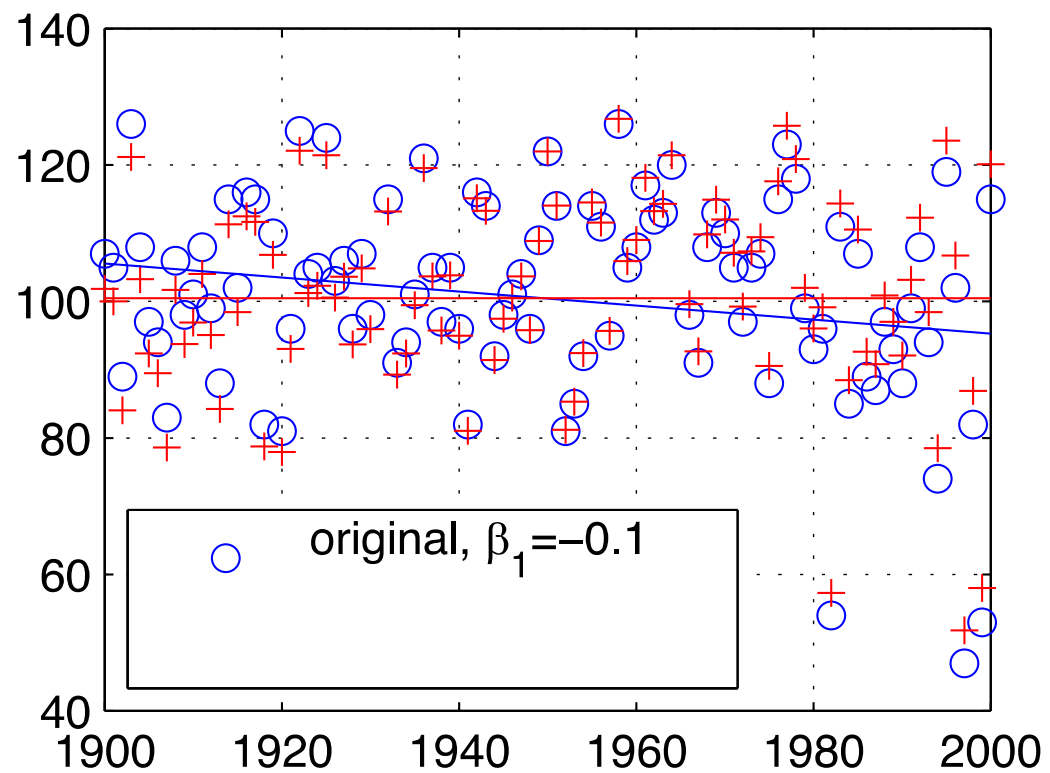
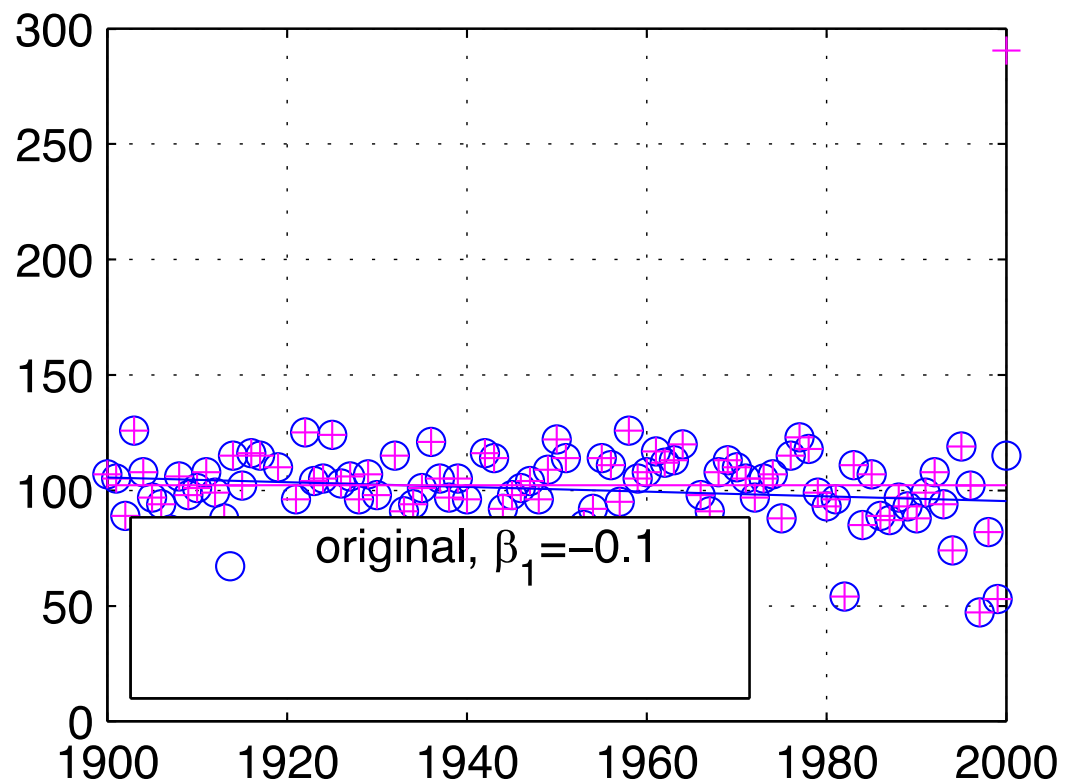
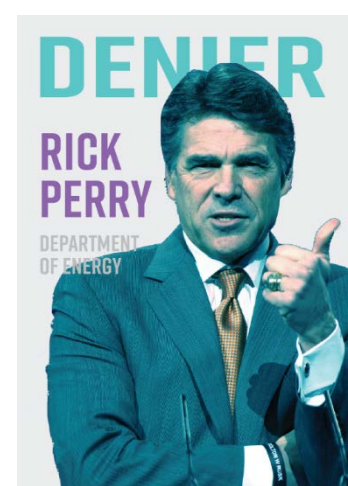
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Lake Mendota Ice Days

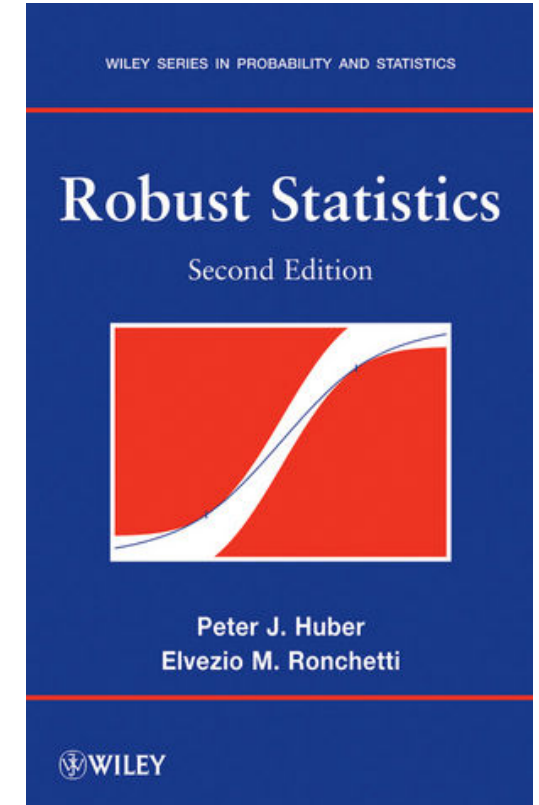


Poisoning Attacks



Formalization

- *Alice* picks a data set S of size m
- *Alice* gives the data set to *Bob*
- *Bob* picks
 - ϵm points S^B
 - Gives the data set $S \cup S^B$ back to *Alice*
 - Or could replace some points in S
- Goal of *Bob*
 - Maximize the error for *Alice*
- Goal of *Alice*
 - Get close to learning from clean data

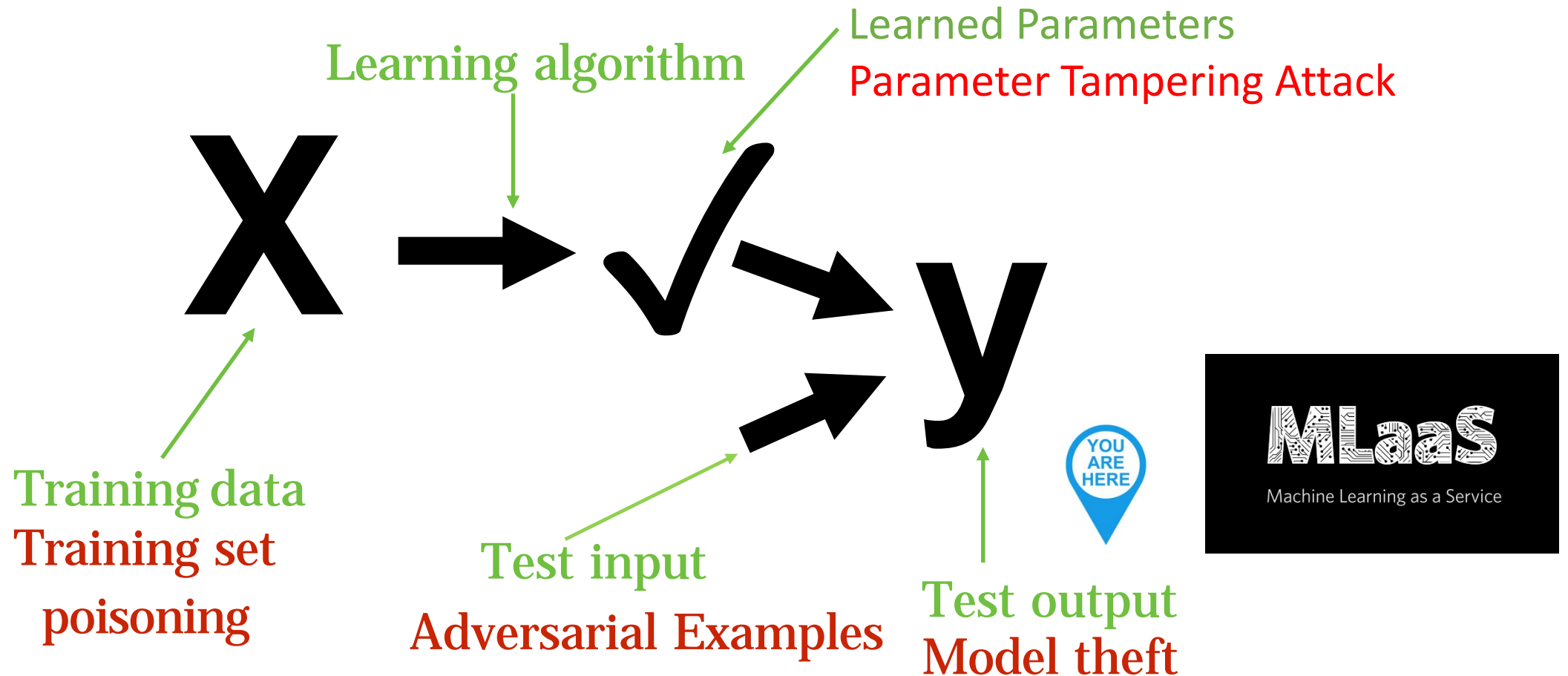


Representative Papers

- Being Robust (in High Dimensions) Can be Practical
I. Diakonikolas, G. Kamath, D. Kane, J. Li, A. Moitra, A. Stewart
ICML 2017
- Certified Defenses for Data Poisoning Attacks. Jacob Steinhardt, Pang Wei Koh, Percy Liang. NIPS 2017
- Scott Alfeld, Xiaojin Zhu, and Paul Barford. Explicit defense actions against test-set attacks. AAAI 2017
- Poison Frogs! Targeted Clean-Label Poisoning Attacks on Neural Networks, NIPS 18
- ...

Model Extraction/Theft Attack

Attacks on the machine learning pipeline



Model Theft

- **Model theft:** extract model parameters by queries (intellectual property theft)
 - Given a classifier F
 - Query F on q_1, \dots, q_n and learn a classifier G
 - $F \approx G$
- Goals: leverage active learning literature to develop new attacks and preventive techniques
- **Paper:** *Stealing Machine Learning Models using Prediction APIs*, Tramer et al., Usenix Security 2016

Fake-News Attacks



Fake News Attacks

Abusive use of machine learning:

Using GANs to generate **fake content** (a.k.a deep fakes)

Strong societal implications:

elections, automated trolling, court

evidence ...



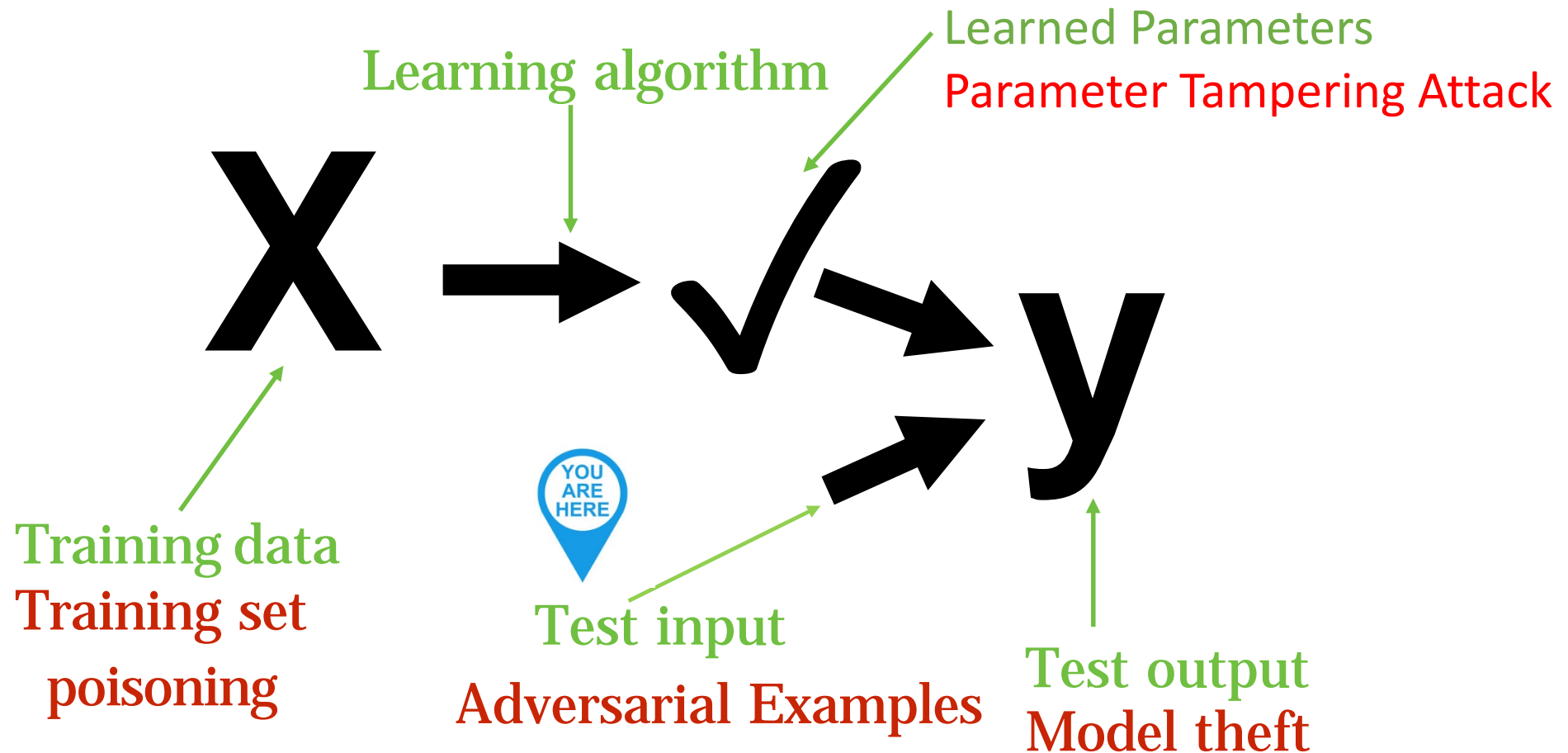
Generative media:

- Video of Obama saying things he never said, ...
- Automated reviews, tweets, comments, indistinguishable from human-generated content



Test-time Attacks

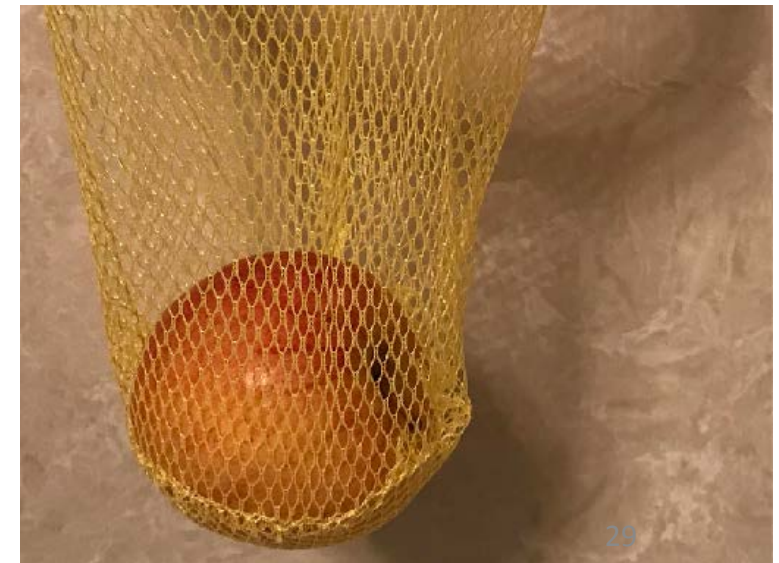
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Definition

“Adversarial examples are inputs to machine learning models that an attacker has intentionally designed to cause the model to make a mistake”

(Goodfellow et al 2017)



What if the adversary systematically found these inputs?



x

“panda”
57.7% confidence

+ .007 ×



$\text{sign}(\nabla_x J(\theta, x, y))$

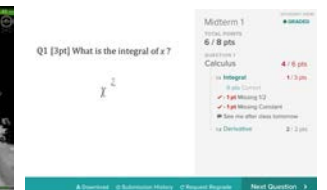
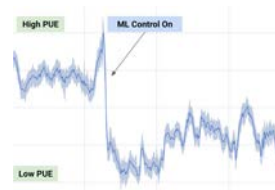
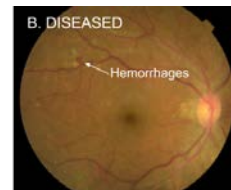
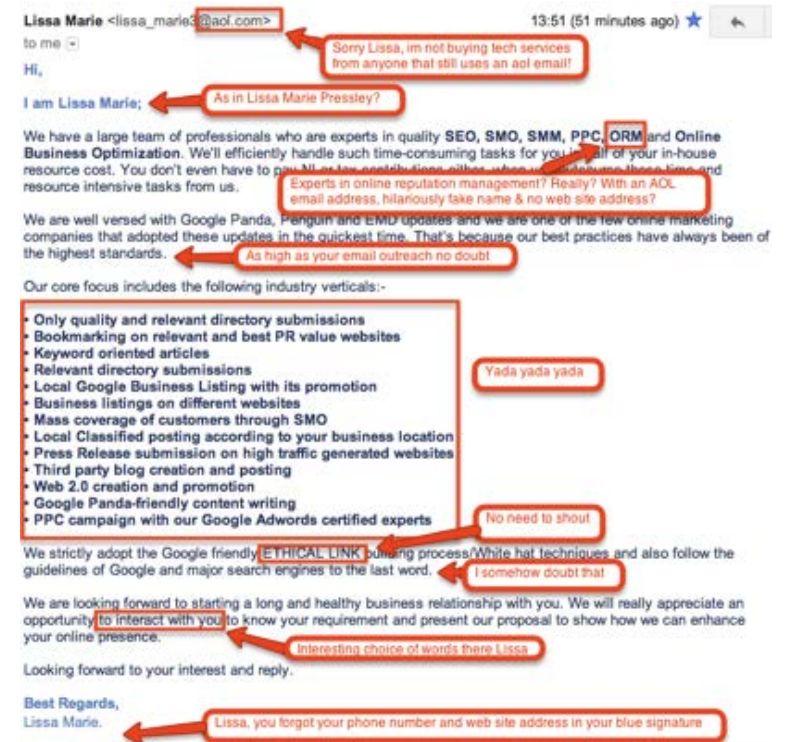
“nematode”
8.2% confidence

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$x + \epsilon \text{sign}(\nabla_x J(\theta, x, y))$

“gibbon”
99.3 % confidence



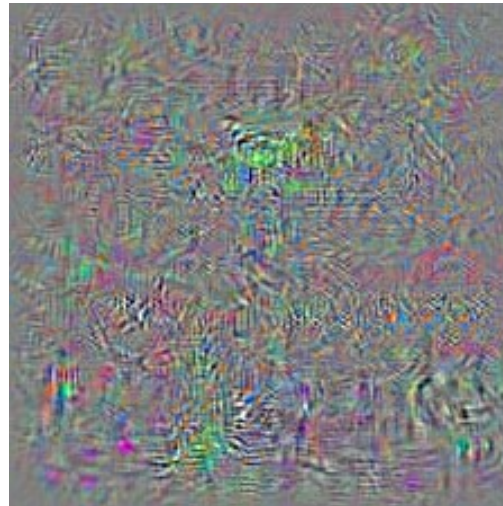
Good models make surprising mistakes in non-IID setting

“Adversarial examples”



Schoolbus

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Perturbation

(rescaled for visualization)

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Ostrich

(Szegedy et al, 2013)

Adversarial Examples



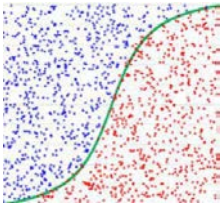
88% **tabby cat**



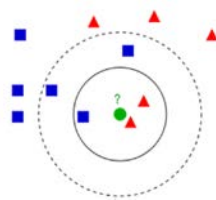
99% **guacamole**

Adversarial examples...

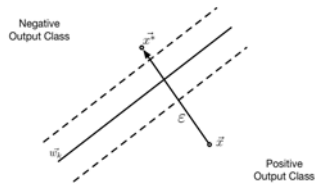
... beyond deep learning



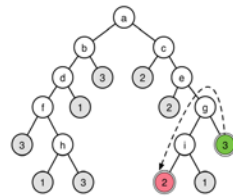
Logistic Regression



Nearest Neighbors

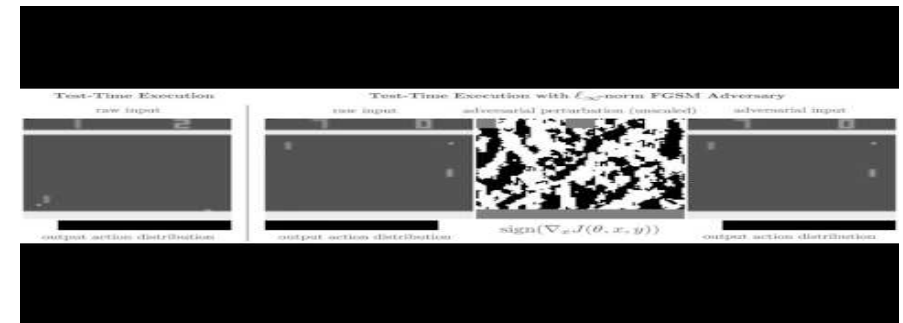
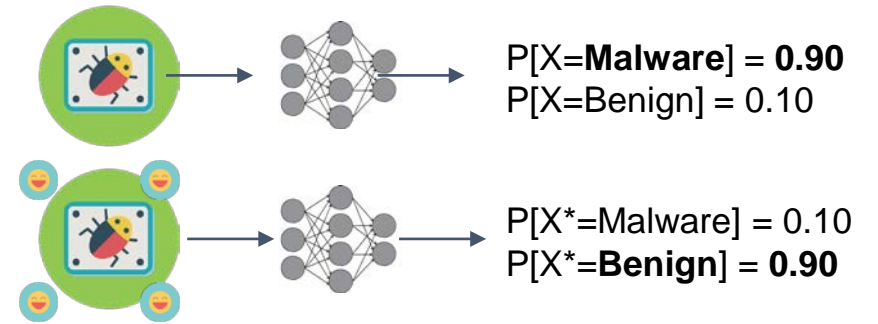


Support Vector Machines



Decision Trees

... beyond computer vision



Formal Definition (Local Robustness)

- Let $O \subseteq X \times X$ be a binary oracle
 - $O(x, x') = 1$ (examples x and x' “perceived” same)
 - Otherwise 0 (Examples are “perceived” different)
- Targeted local robustness $TR^O(x, F, t)$
 - $\forall x' : O(x, x') \Rightarrow \neg(F(x') = t)$
- Global targeted robustness predicate/metric $GTR^O(F, t)$
 - $\forall x : TR^O(x, F, t)$
 - $E_{\{x \sim D\}}(TR^O(x, F, t))$
- **Observation**
 - Targeted adversarial examples are counterexamples to $GTR^O(F, t)$



Global Robustness

- *Local robustness predicate* $R^O(x, F)$
 - $\forall x' : O(x, x') \Rightarrow (F(x) = F(x'))$
- *Global robustness predicate/metric* $GR^O(F)$
 - $\forall x R^O(x, F)$
 - $E_{\{x \sim D\}} (R^O(x, F))$
- **Observation**
 - adversarial examples are counterexamples to $GR^O(F)$

Instantiating the Oracle

- Ideal
 - $O(x, x') = 1$ iff a human perceives x and x' as same images
 - Difficulty:
 - We don't completely how human perception works 😞
- What researchers actually use
 - $O(x, x') = 1$ iff x and x' are close under some norm
 - L_∞
 - L_1
 - L_p ($p \geq 2$)

Threat Model

- White Box
 - Complete access to the classifier F
- Black Box
 - Oracle access to the classifier F
 - for a data x receive $F(x)$
- Grey Box
 - Black-Box + “some other information”
 - Example: structure of the defense

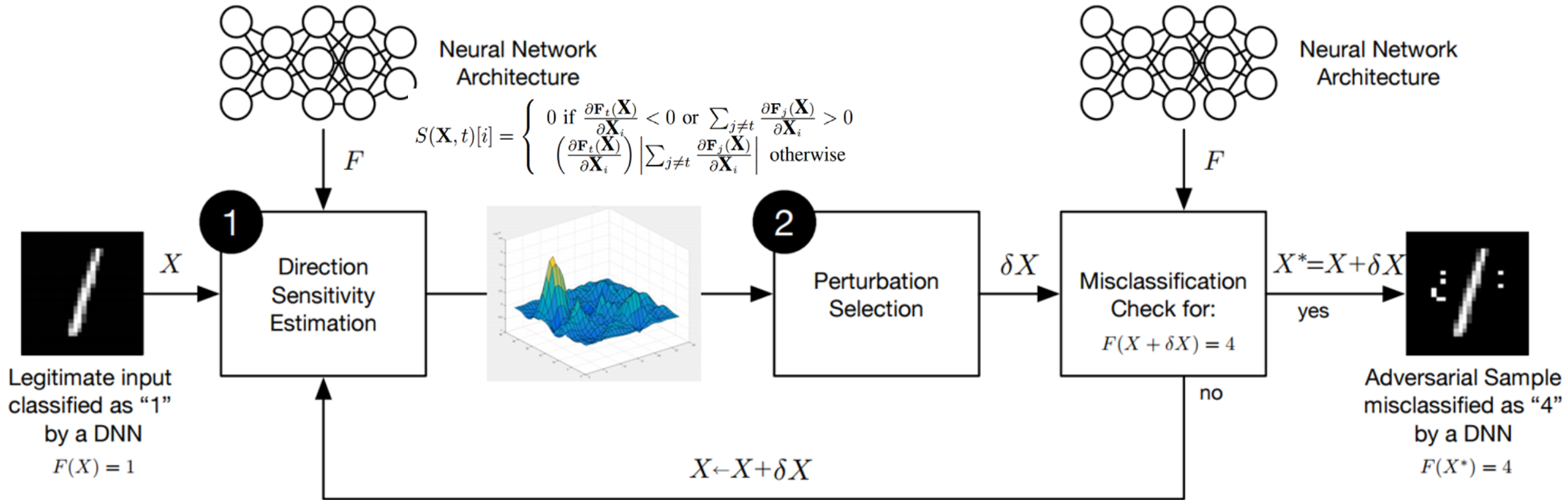
FGSM (white box, misclassification)

- Take a step in the
 - direction of the gradient of the loss function
 - $\delta = \epsilon \text{sign}(\Delta_x l(w, x, F(x)))$
 - Essentially opposite of what SGD step is doing
- Paper
 - Goodfellow, Shlens, Szegedy. Explaining and harnessing adversarial examples. ICLR 2015

PGD (white box, misclassification)

- $\text{Proj}_{\{B(x,\epsilon)\}} (y)$
 - Project y to the ball $B(x, \epsilon)$
- Iterate the following step
 - $x_{\{k+1\}} = \text{Proj}_{\{B(x,\epsilon)\}} (x_k + \epsilon \text{sign } \Delta_x l(w, x, F(x)))$
- Intuition:
 - Take a FGSM step, and
 - Project it down to the ball

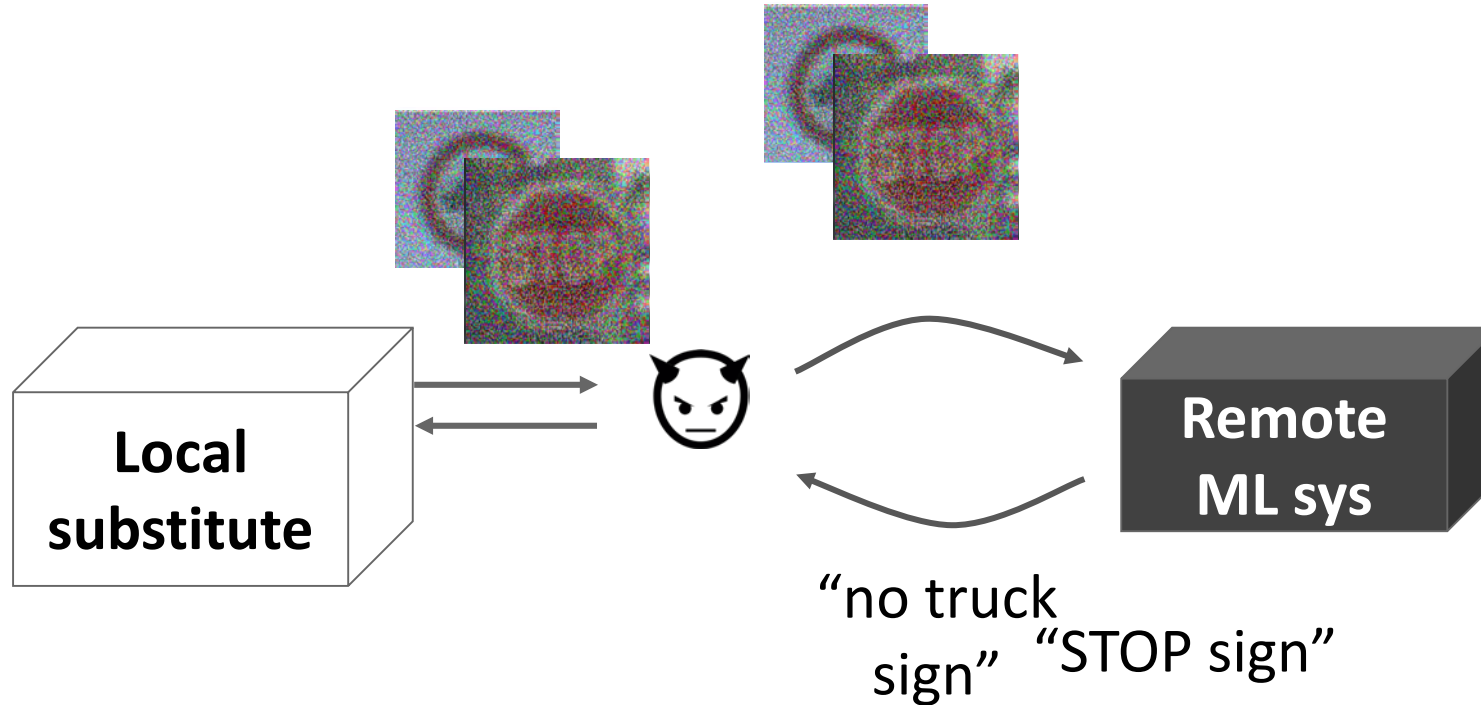
JSMA (white-box, targeted)



Other Attacks (White-box, targeted)

- Carlini-Wagner (CW)
 - Use optimization engines (i.e. Adam) in a black-box manner
- Athalye-Carlini-Wagner
 - More on this later....
 - Builds on CW

Attacking remotely hosted black-box models



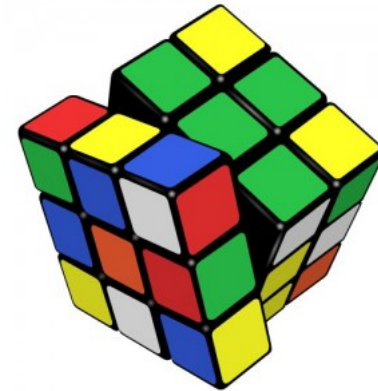
Abstract Algorithm

- Choose S (substitute network)
- Interact with the classifier F in a black-box manner
- Train the substitute network S
- Run white-box attack on S



FM Perspective

- [Black-box Adversarial Attacks with Limited Queries and Information](#), Andrew Ilyas, Logan Engstrom, **Anish Athalye**, and Jessy Lin, *ICML 2018*
- These are very powerful black-box learner
- *Problem: Use these in verification*





Defense

Robust Defense Has Proved Elusive

- Quote

- *In a case study, examining noncertified white-box-secure defenses at ICLR 2018, we find obfuscated gradients are a common occurrence, with 7 of 8 defenses relying on obfuscated gradients. **Our new attacks successfully circumvent 6 completely and 1 partially.***

- Paper

- Obfuscated Gradients Give a False Sense of Security: Circumventing Defenses to Adversarial Examples.
- Anish Athalye, Nicholas Carlini, and David Wagner, *ICML 2018*



Certified Defenses

- Robustness predicate $Ro(x, F, \epsilon)$
 - For all $x' \in B(x, \epsilon)$ we have that $F(x) = F(x')$
- Robustness certificate $RC(x, F, \epsilon) \Rightarrow Ro(x, F, \epsilon)$
- *We should be developing defenses with certified defenses*

Recent paper

- **Towards Fast Computation of Certified Robustness for ReLU Networks**
 - [Tsui-Wei Weng](#), [Huan Zhang](#), [Hongge Chen](#), [Zhao Song](#), [Cho-Jui Hsieh](#), [Duane Boning](#), [Inderjit S. Dhillon](#), [Luca Daniel](#), *ICML 2018*
 - Activation function limited to: $f(x) = x^+ = \max(0, x)$
- Follow up of CAV 17 paper by Katz et al.
 - Quote: “... *our algorithms are more than 10,000 times faster*”
 - Based on spectral techniques

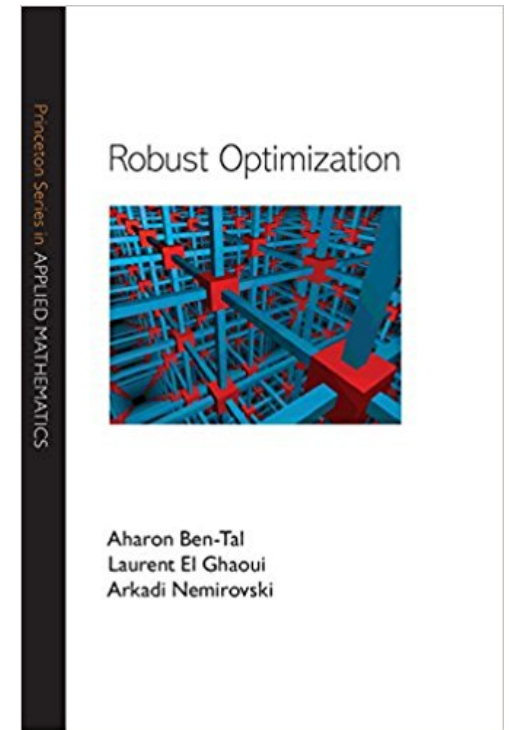
Robust Objectives

- Use the following objective

- $\min_w E_z \left[\max_{\{z' \in B(z, \epsilon)\}} l(w, z') \right]$

- Outer minimization use SGD
 - Inner maximization use PGD

- A. Madry, A. Makelov, L. Schmidt, D. Tsipras, A. Vladu. Towards Deep Learning Models Resistant to Adversarial Attacks. ICLR 2018
- A. Sinha, H. Namkoong, and J. Duchi. Certifying Some Distributional Robustness with Principled Adversarial Training. ICLR 2018

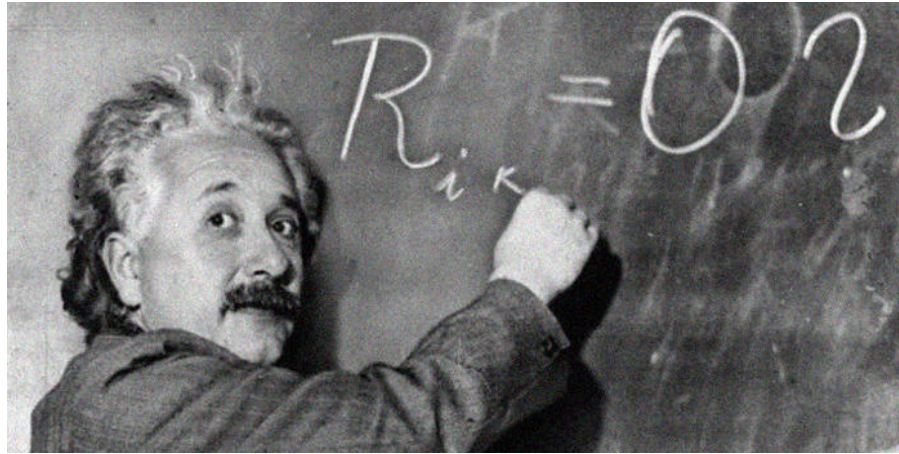


Adversarial Training

1. Train the model naturally (the procedure I described first)
2. Adversarial training for each element x_i
 1. Run PGD attack from x_i and get z_i (adversarial example)
 2. Use natural training on z_i

Note: Using attack technique to make the model more robust

Analogy: Counterexample guided re-training (refinement?)



Theoretical Explanations

Three Directions (Representative Papers)

- Lower Bounds

- A. Fawzi, H. Fawzi, and O. Fawzi. Adversarial Vulnerability for any Classifier.

- Sample Complexity

- Analyzing the Robustness of Nearest Neighbors to Adversarial Examples, Yizhen Wang, Somesh Jha, Kamalika Chaudhuri, ICML 2018
- Adversarially Robust Generalization Requires More Data. Ludwig Schmidt, Shibani Santurkar, Dimitris Tsipras, Kunal Talwar, Aleksander Mądry, ICLR 2018
 - *We show that already in a simple natural data model, the sample complexity of robust learning can be significantly larger than that of "standard" learning.*

Three Directions (Contd)

- Computational Complexity

- Adversarial examples from computational constraints. Sébastien Bubeck, Eric Price, Ilya Razenshteyn

- More precisely we construct a binary classification task in high dimensional space which is (i) information theoretically easy to learn robustly for large perturbations, (ii) efficiently learnable (non-robustly) by a simple linear separator, (iii) yet is not efficiently robustly learnable, even for small perturbations, by any algorithm in the statistical query (SQ) model.
- *This example gives an exponential separation between classical learning and robust learning in the statistical query model. It suggests that adversarial examples may be an unavoidable byproduct of computational limitations of learning algorithms.*

- Jury is Still Out!!

Verification, Analysis, Testing

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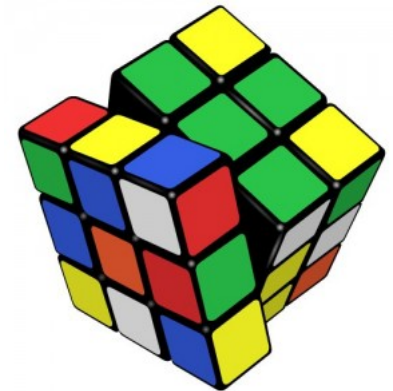
Decision Procedures

- Decision procedures for verifying local robustness at a point
 - Safety Verification of DNNs, CAV 2017
 - ReLUpex: An Efficient SMT Solver for Verifying DNNs, CAV 2017
 - ...
- Great work, but
 - Scalability (see earlier slide)
 - Not coupled with some of the ML techniques being developed
- Problem
 - *Can these decision procedures help in adversarial training?*



Analysis/Testing

- DeepXplore, SOSP 17
- Formal Symbolic Analysis of Neural Networks using Symbolic Intervals, Usenix Security 2018
- AI2: Abstract Interpretation of Neural Networks, Oakland 2018
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Glaring Omission from AML

- Specification of the system that is using ML
 - Control loop for flying a drone

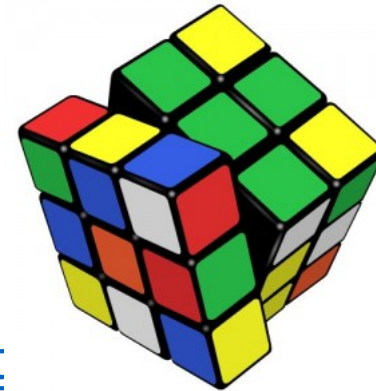


- Problem
 - *Can we do better if we are more “application aware”?*

- Evidence

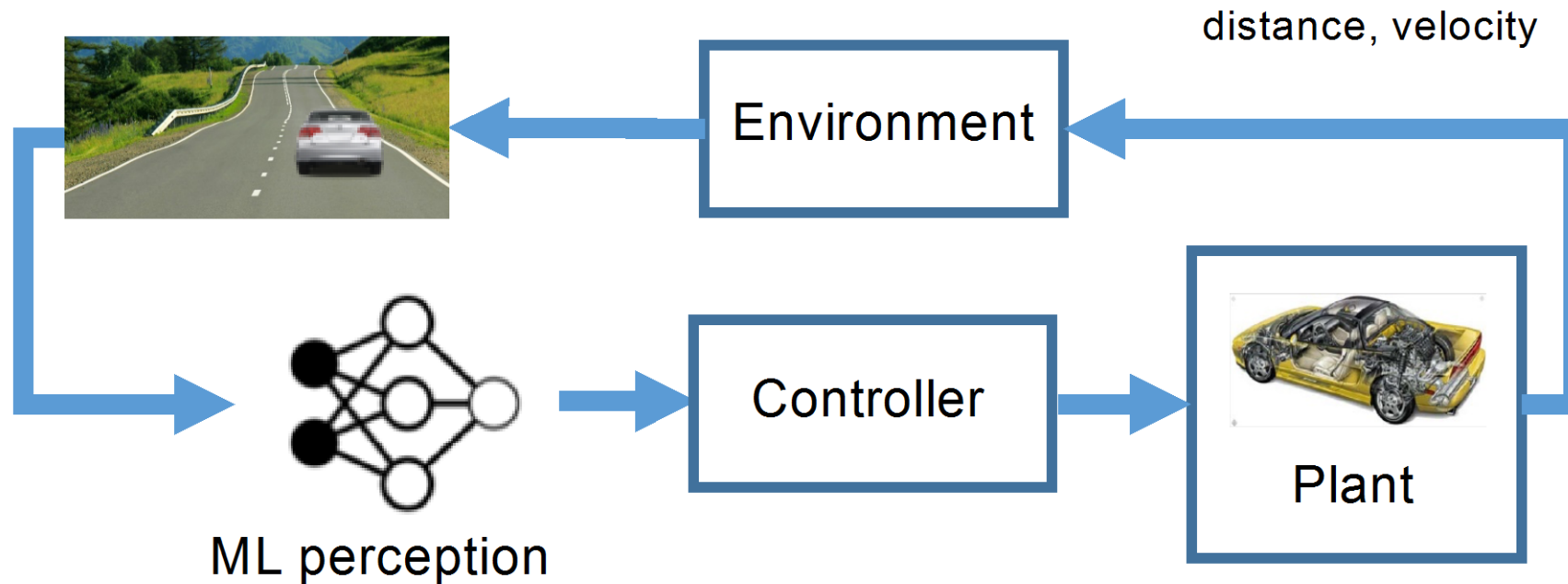
- <http://unsupervised.cs.princeton.edu/deeplearningtut>
 - Tutorial at ICML 2018 by Sanjeev Arora

- **Towards Verified Artificial Intelligence**, [Sanjit A. Seshia](#), [Dorsa Sadigh](#), [S. Shankar Sastry](#)



Automatic Emergency Braking System

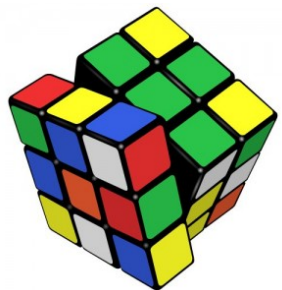
- Goal: Brake whenever an obstacle is detected



Theme 1



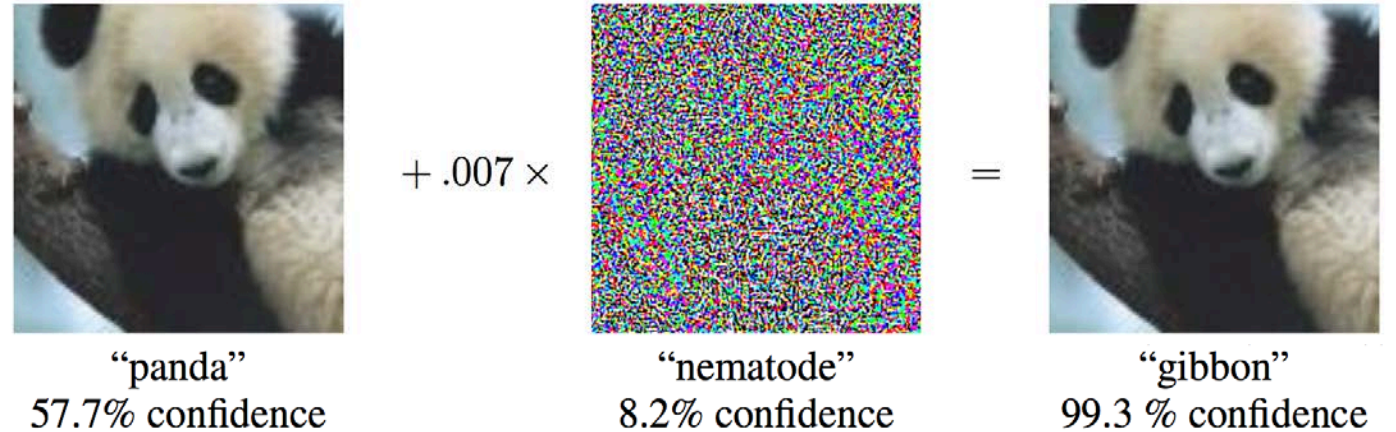
- We allowed only one kind of transformation
 - Add a vector δ
- Allow richer transformations
 - Relevant to the application
 - Translation, cloudy background,
 - Paper
 - A Rotation and Translation Suffice: Fooling CNNs with Simple Transformations
- Problem:
 - *Construct adversarial examples given a specification of transformations?*



Semantic Adversarial Analysis and Training

DNN analysis must be more *semantic*

- Semantic modification
- System-level specification
- Sematic (re-)training
- Confidence-based analysis

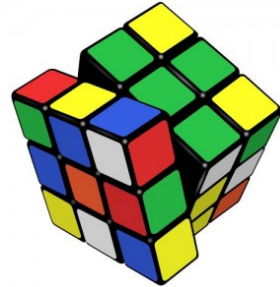


Non-semantic perturbation (i.e., noise)



Semantic perturbation (i.e., translation) ⁶¹

Theme 2



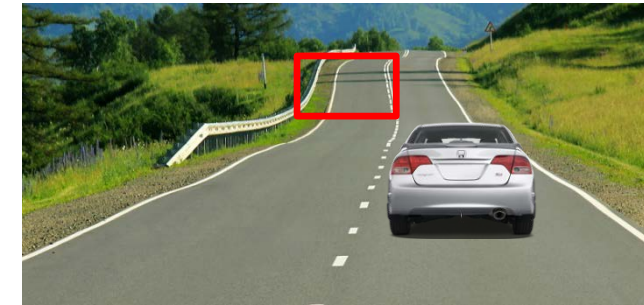
- Problem:
 - *Construct adversarial examples that actually lead to system-level failures?*
- We can then use these examples for adversarial training
- More on this later...

Semantic Adversarial Analysis and Training

DNN analysis must be more *semantic*

Example: AEBS
Counterexamples?

- Semantic modification
- System-level specification
- Semantic (re-)training
- Confidence-based analysis



Perception-level spec:
“detect cars”



System-level spec:
“do not crash”



Does not affect the system⁶³

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Semantic augmentation



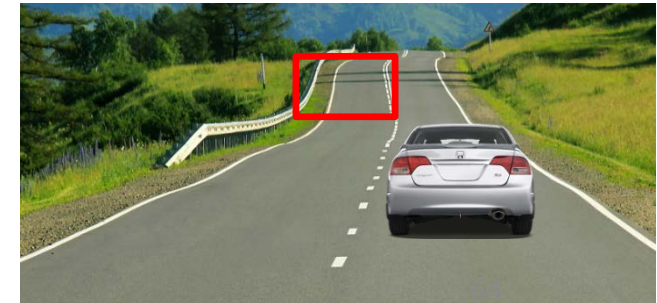
VS



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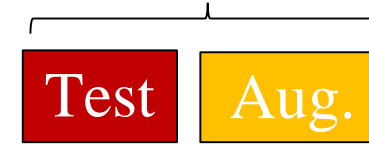
Dreossi, Ghosh, Yue, Keutzer, Sangiovanni-Vincentelli, Seshia, “Counterexample-Guided Data Augmentation”, IJCAI 2018.

Experimental Results

Train

Test

Counterexamples

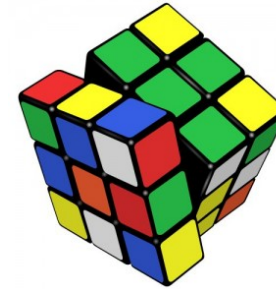


- Augmentation methods comparison

	Model	Precision	Recall
	Original	0.61	0.74
	Standard augmentation	0.69	0.80
	Random	0.76	0.87
Counterexample-guided augmentation	Halton	0.79	0.87
	Distance constraint	0.75	0.86

“Counterexample-Guided Data Augmentation”, T. Dreossi, S. Ghosh, X. Yue, K. Keutzer, A. Sangiovanni-Vincentelli, S. A. Seshia, IJCAI 2018.

Theme 3



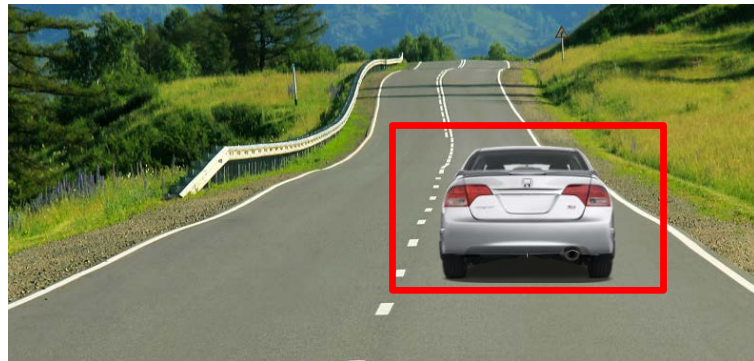
- Problem:
 - *Can we use ML in a white-box manner to synthesize more resilient controllers?*
- Some evidence that using confidence measure (i.e. output of softmax layer) can help
 - [Reinforcing Adversarial Robustness using Model Confidence Induced by Adversarial Training](#), Xi Wu, Uyeong Jang, Jiefeng Chen, Lingjiao Chen, Somesh Jha, ICML 2018

Semantic Adversarial Analysis and Training

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Example: AEBS
Spec: “do not crash”



Prediction: car 49 %

AEBS
(threshold 50%)

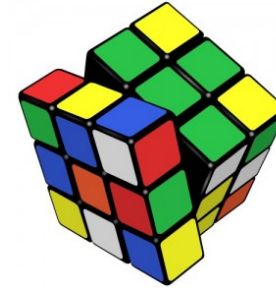
No car
Keep going

VS

AEBS
(confidence analysis)

Maybe car...
Better slow down

Theme 3



- Problem:
 - *Can we generate adversarial examples that matter (i.e. cause system-level failure)?*

T. Dreossi, A. Donze, and S. A. Seshia. *Compositional Falsification of Cyber-Physical Systems with Machine Learning Components*, In NASA Formal Methods Symposium, May 2017.

Compositional Falsification

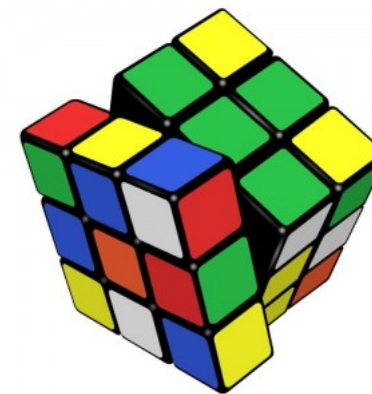
Statement

given a formal specification φ (say in a formalism such as signal temporal logic) and a CPS+ML model M ,

find an input for which M does not satisfy φ .

Problem:

How do handle the ML component?



Obvious Strategies

- Treat ML component as any other component and
 - Let “abstraction refinement” handle it
 - Will it work?
 - DNN models are constantly getting bigger (≥ 20 million parameters)
 - Some folks are talking about a billion parameters
- Use adversarial example generator as a “black box”
 - Will it work?
 - Will generate lot of examples that won't falsify the system
 - Density of “spurious” adversarial examples is too large
 - This is a conjecture!!!

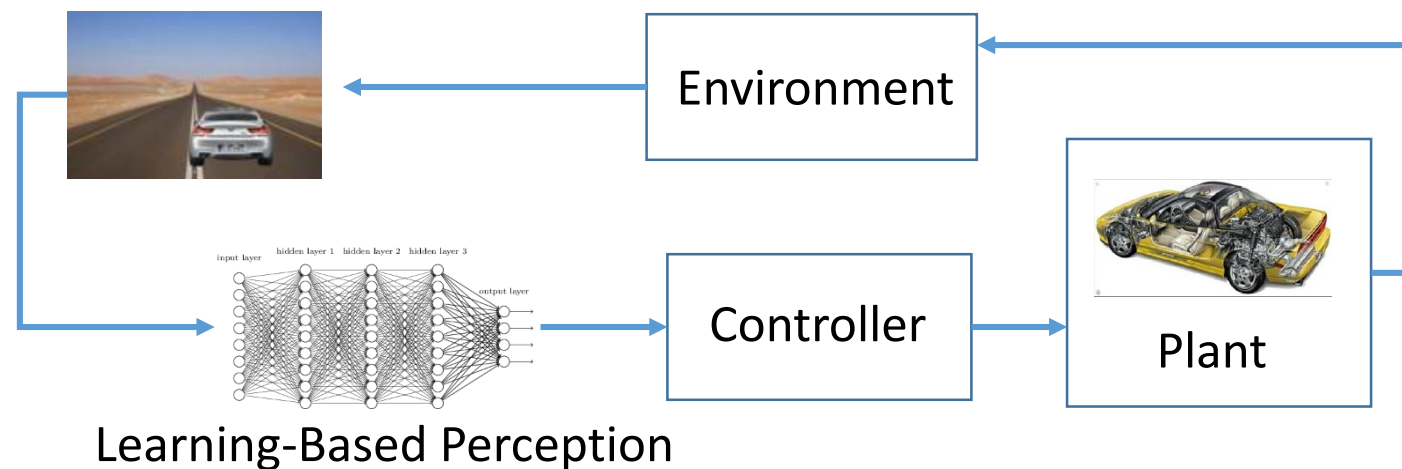


Our Approach: Use a System-Level Specification

- ✗ “Verify the Deep Neural Network Object Detector”
- ✓ “Verify the System containing the Deep Neural Network”

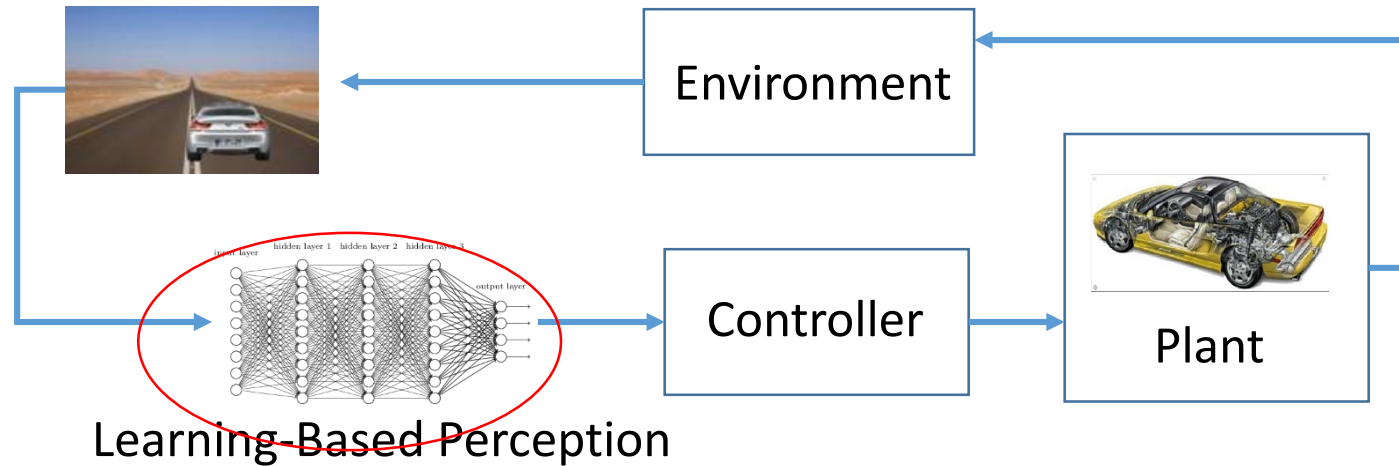
Formally Specify the *End-to-End Behavior* of the System

Temporal Logic: $\mathbf{G} (dist(ego\ vehicle, env\ object) > \Delta)$



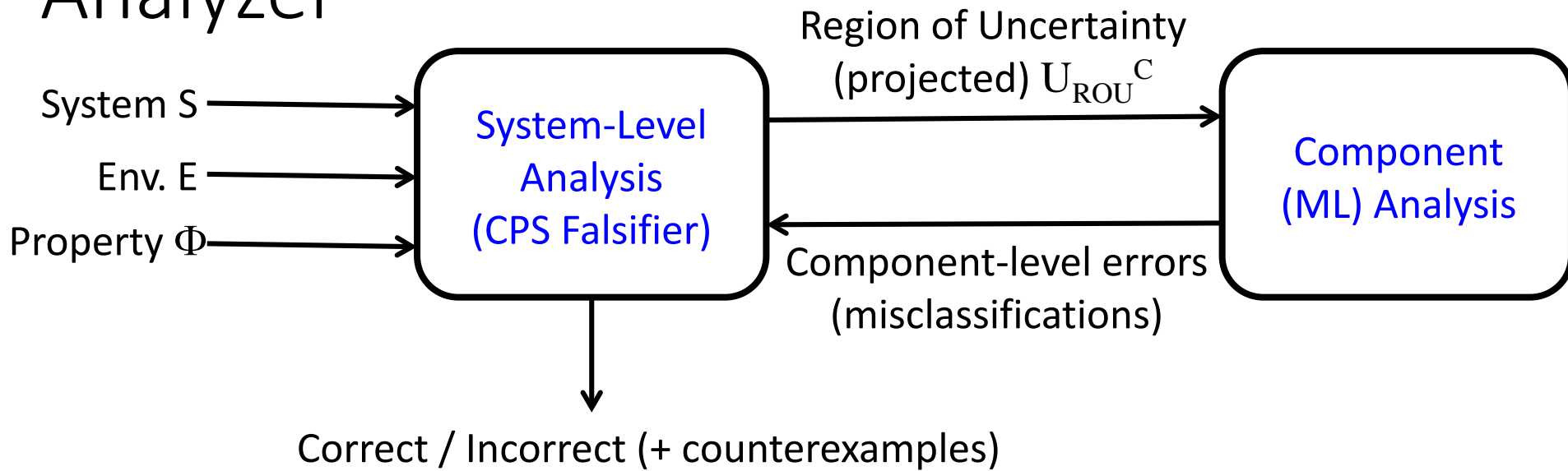
Compositional Falsification

- *Challenge: Very High Dimensionality of Input Space!*
- Standard solution: Use *Compositional (Modular) Verification*



- However: *no formal spec.* for neural network component!
- Compositional Verification *without* Compositional Specification?!!

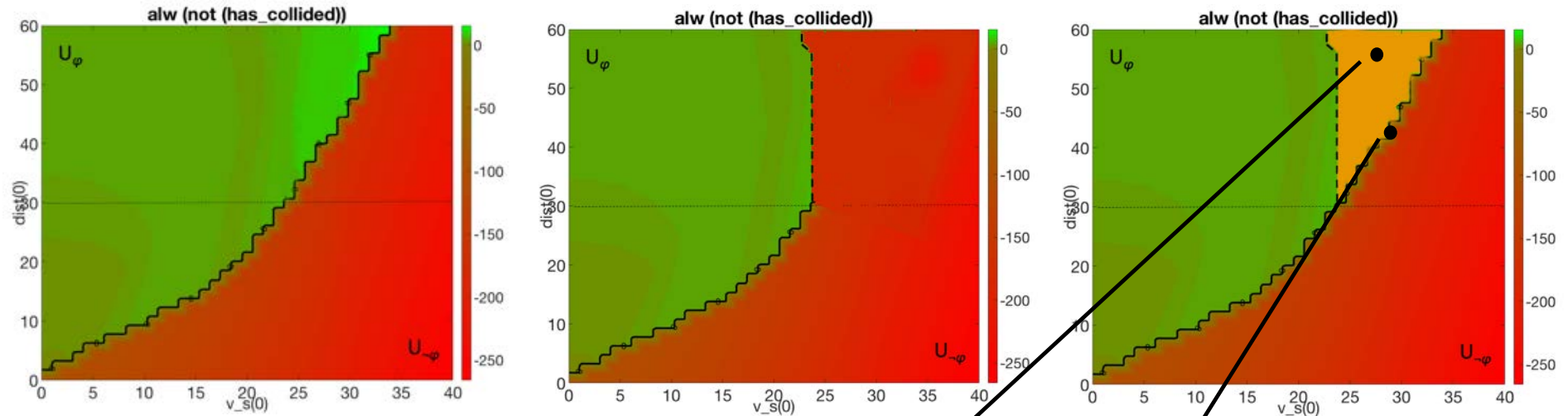
Compositional Approach: Combine Temporal Logic CPS Falsifier with ML Analyzer



- CPS Falsifier uses **abstraction** of ML component
 - **Optimistic analysis**: assume ML classifier is always correct
 - **Pessimistic analysis**: assume classifier is always wrong
- Difference is the **region of uncertainty** where output of the ML component “matters”

Identifying Region of Uncertainty (ROU) for Automatic Emergency Braking System

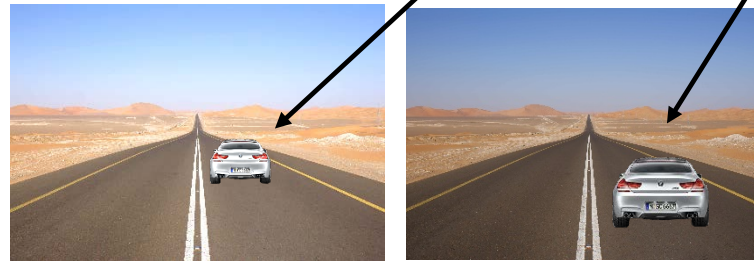
Green \rightarrow environments where the property is satisfied



ML always correct

ML always wrong

Potentially unsafe region depending on ML component (yellow)

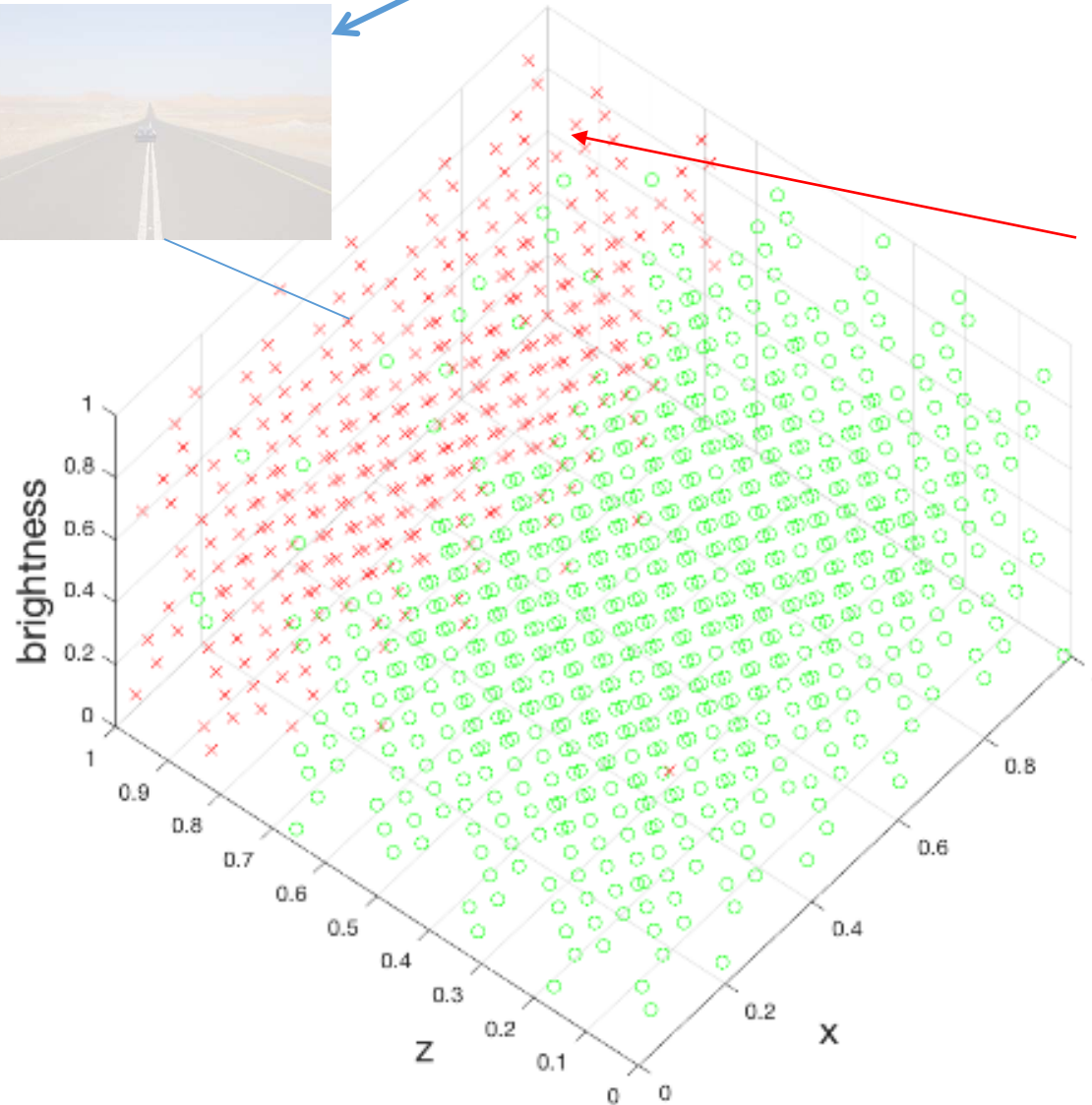


Sample Result

This misclassification may not be of concern



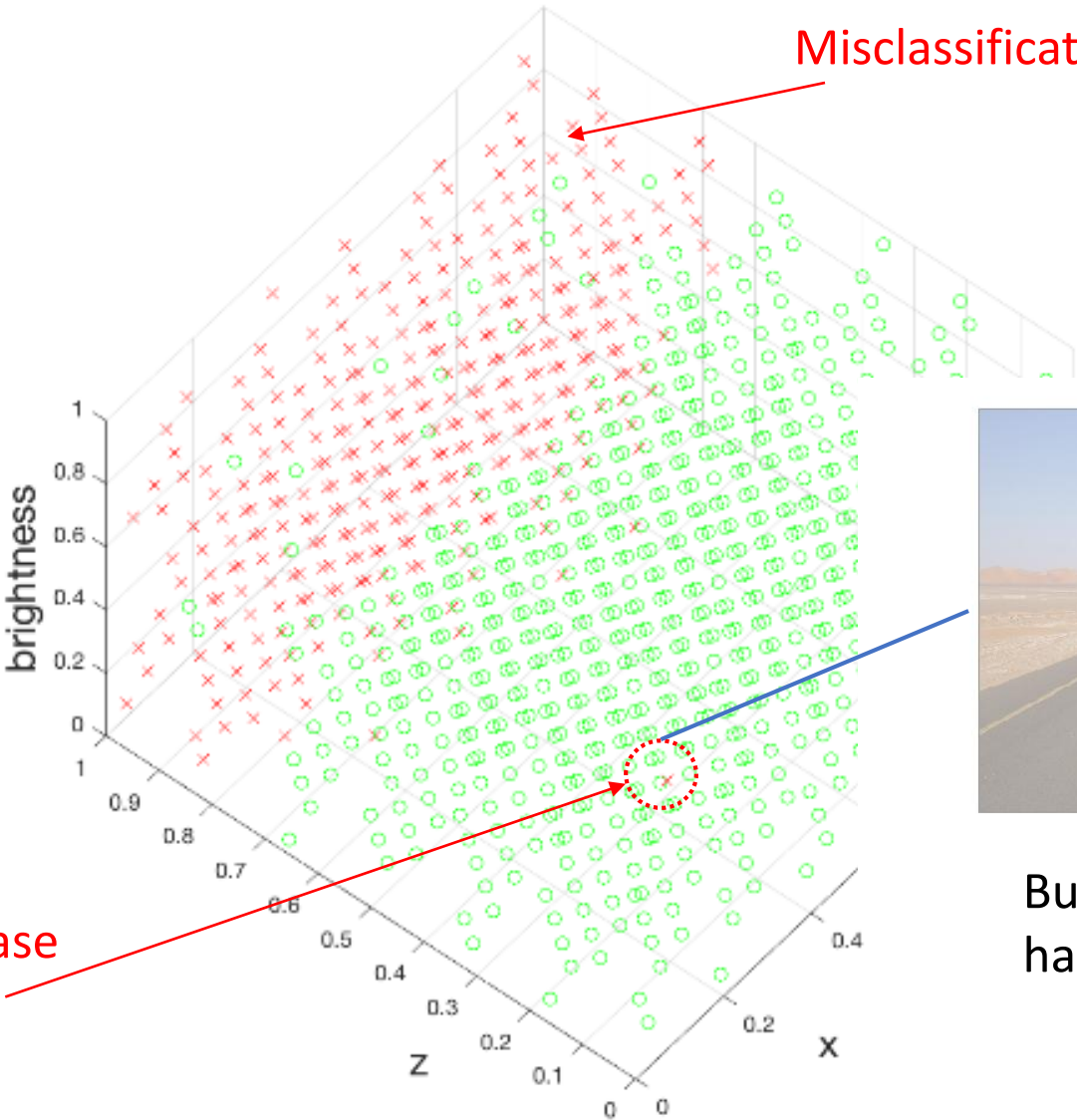
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Misclassifications

Sample Result

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Misclassifications

Corner case
Image



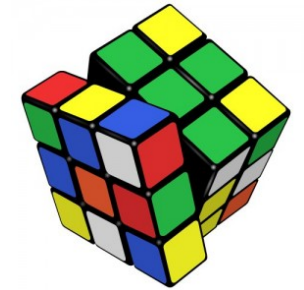
But this one is a real
hazard!

Theme 4 (*)



- Problem:

- *Can we use the specification to modify the loss function?*



- Intuition

- *Steer the ML model towards correcting mis-classifications that cause system-level failure?*
- Initial results, but inconclusive!
 - Trained with hinge loss
 - Does reduce the impact of the collision

Future



Exciting Area

- Several problems mentioned during the talk
- Get involved
 - Several workshops coming up
 - Don't ignore the email invitations 😊
- Release benchmarks!
 - <https://www.robust-ml.org/>
 - <https://github.com/tensorflow/cleverhans>

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