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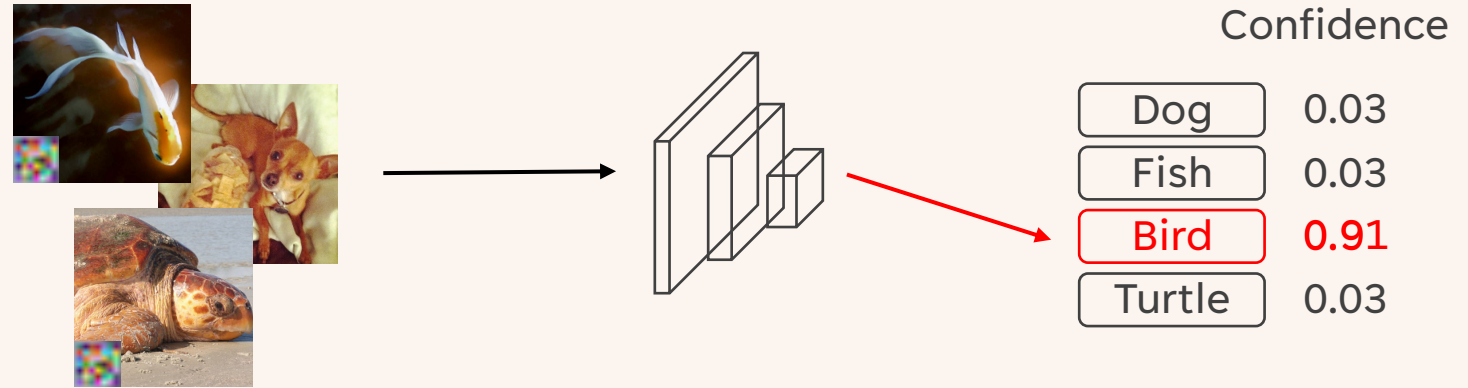
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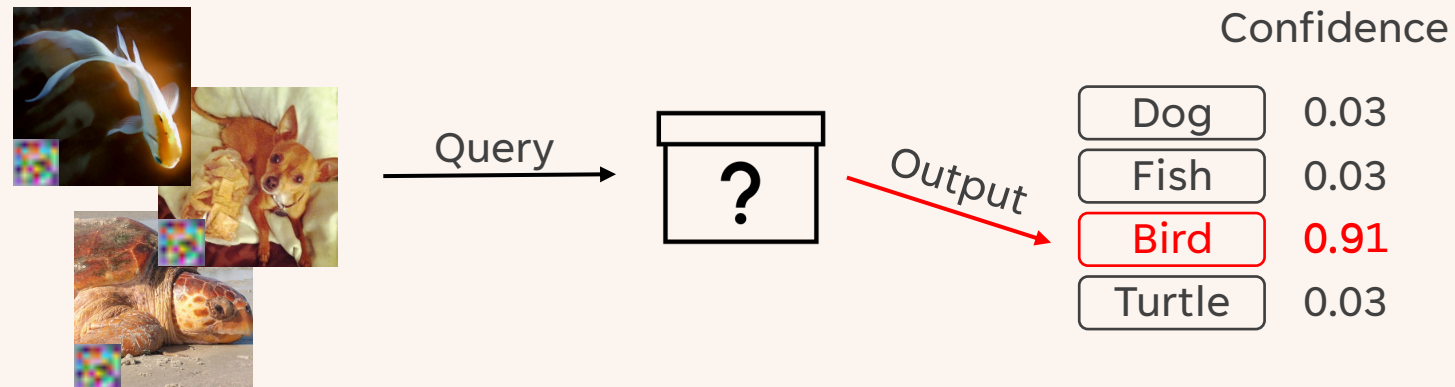




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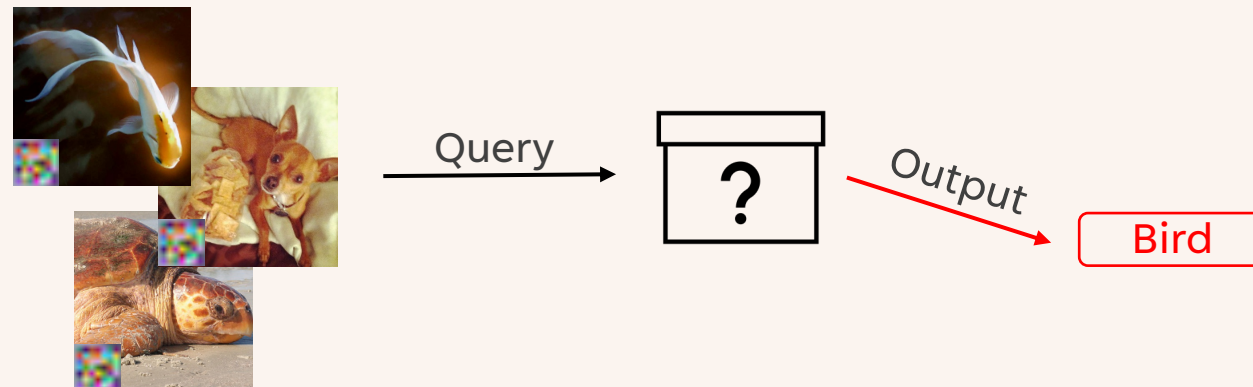
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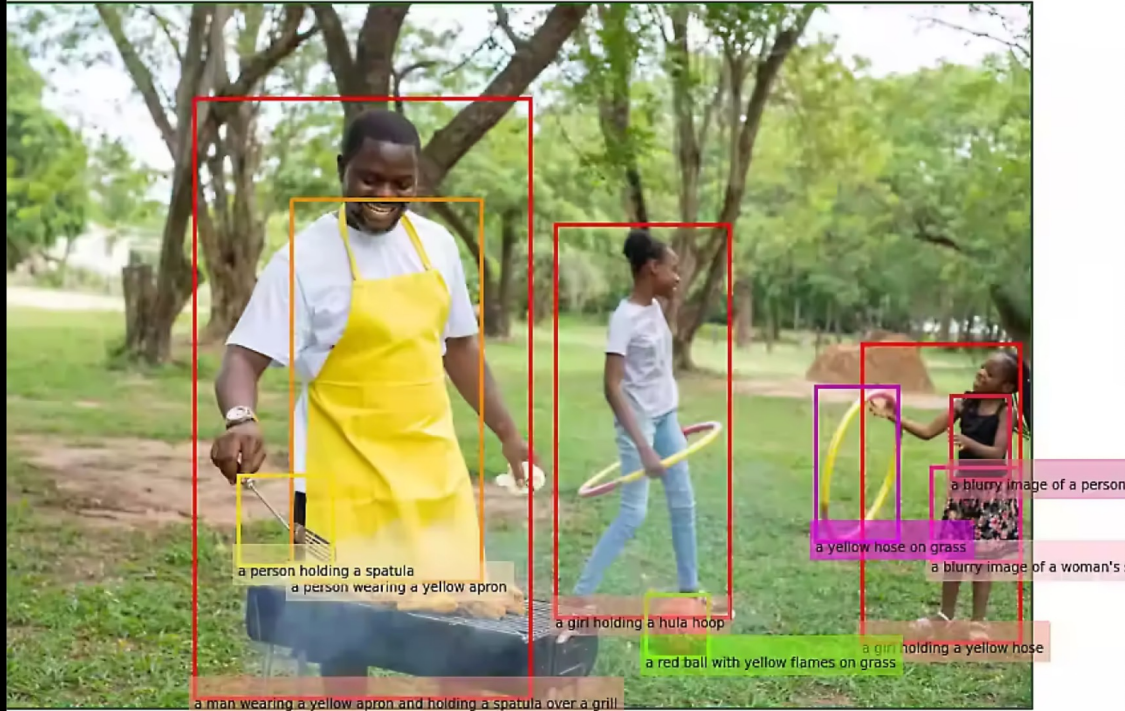
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in a yellow apron cooking meat on a grill with a woman in the background



Use AI to identify and analyze content within images and videos using:

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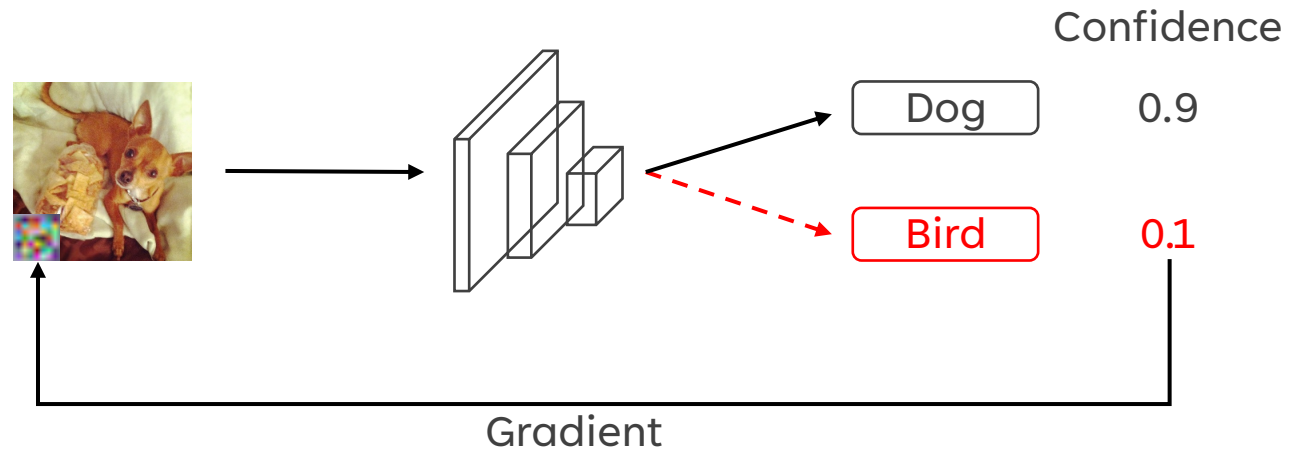
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ML Models are intellectual properties

- Only provide API access → **black-box**
- Only return the predicted result → **hard-label**
- Limited number of queries → **universal**

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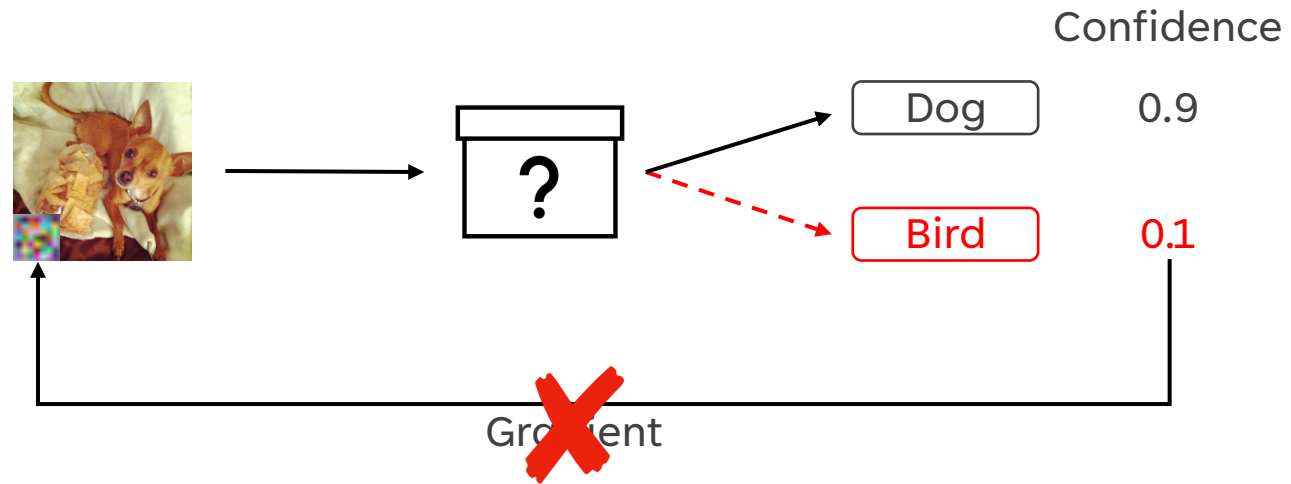


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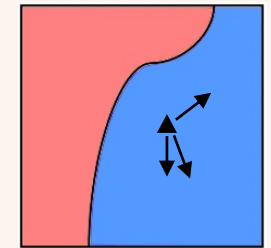
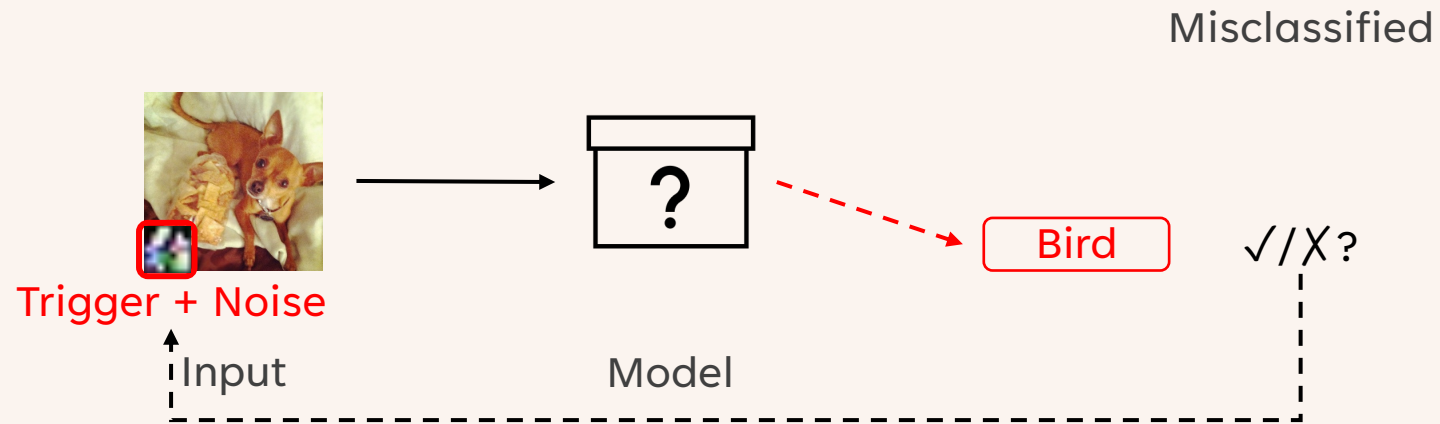
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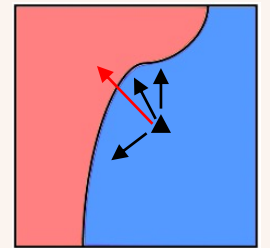
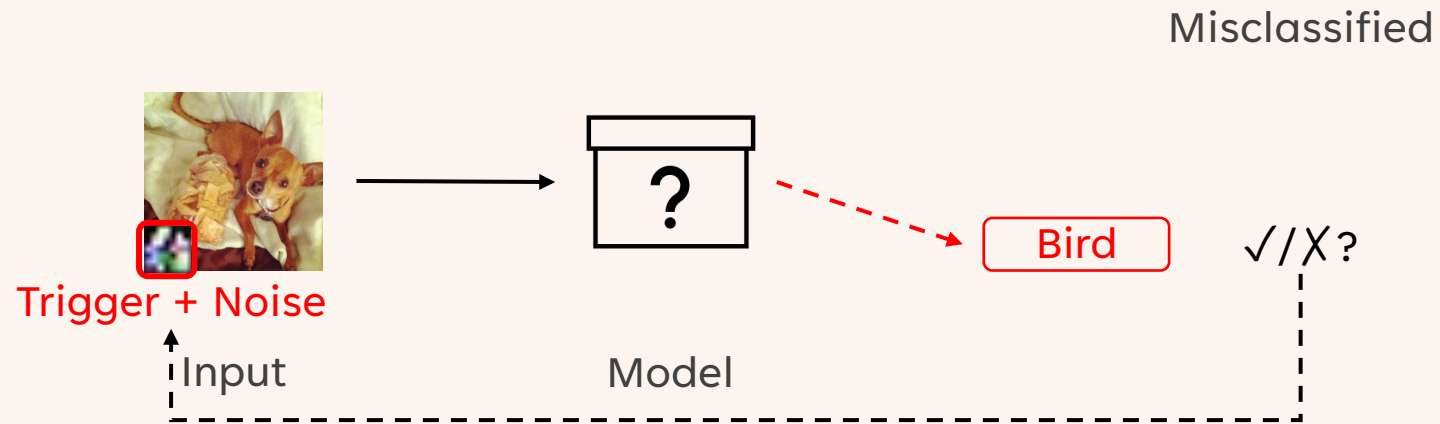
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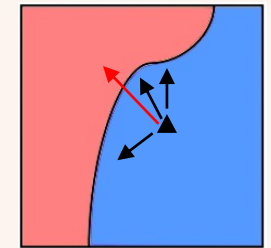
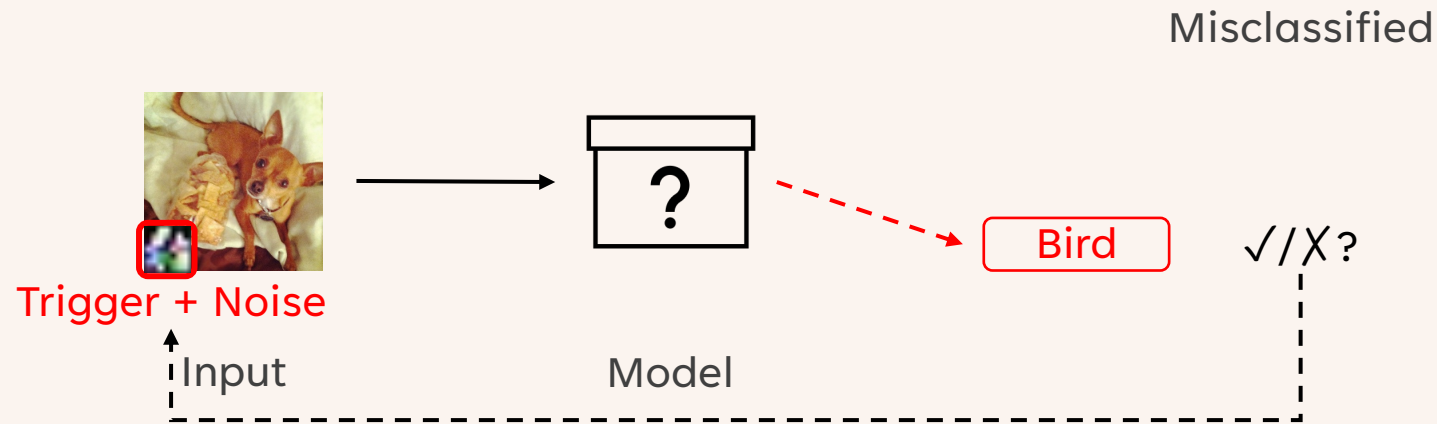
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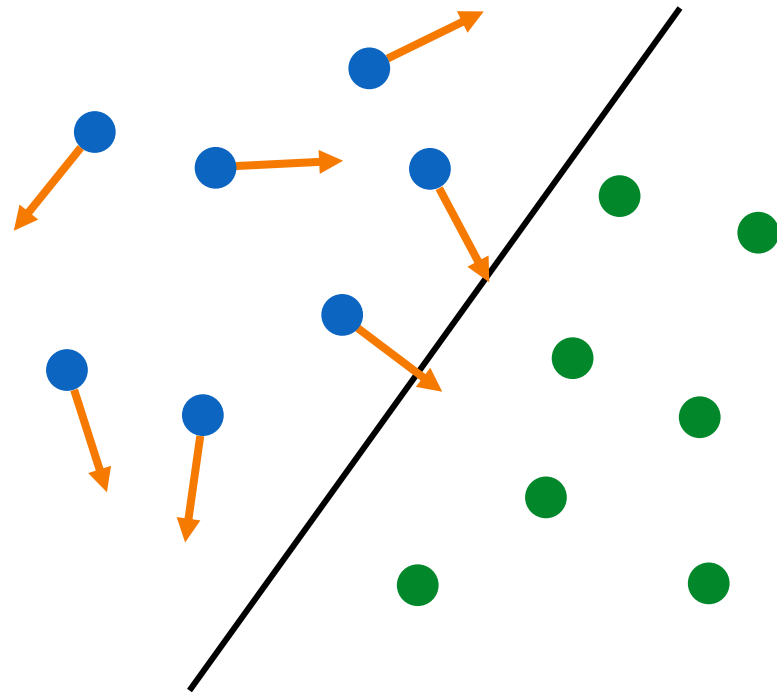
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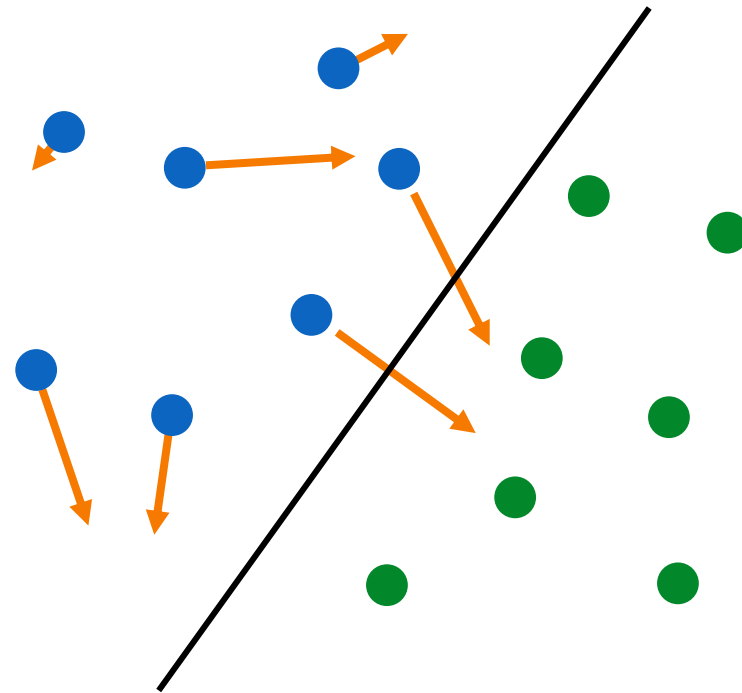


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- Aggregate the gradients for multiple inputs to mutate the trigger

Gradient Estimation for Multiple Inputs

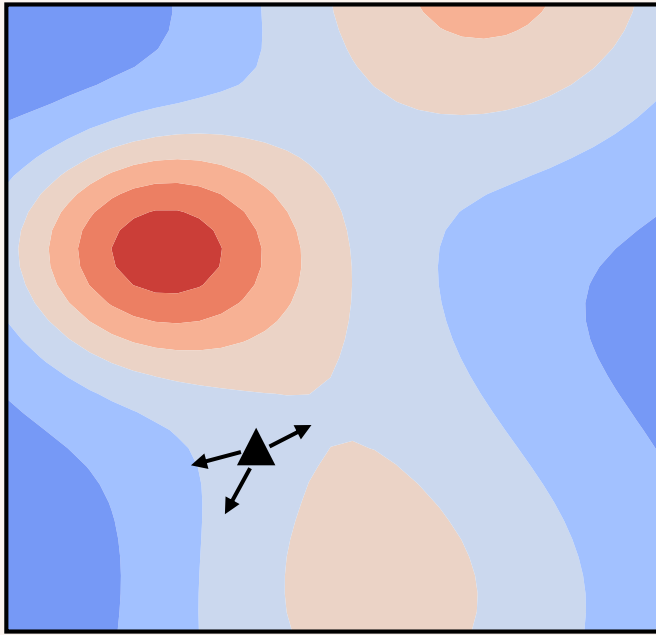


Direct Estimation



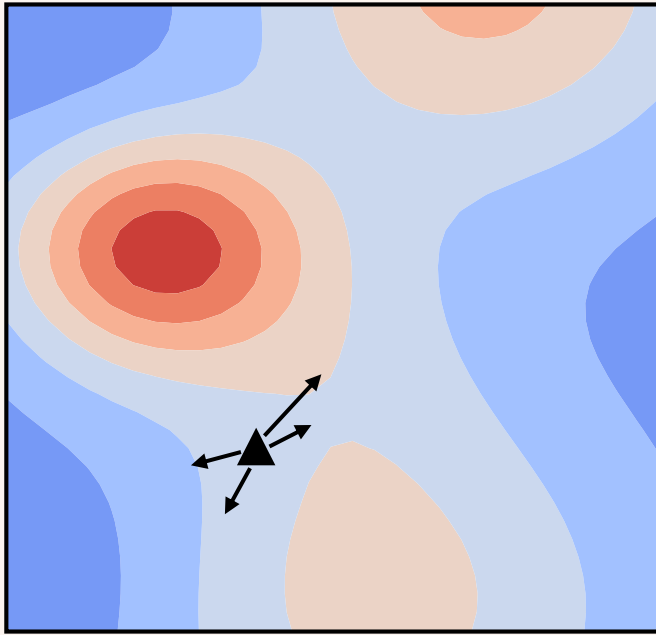
Importance-aware Estimation

- Leverage historical misclassified rate
- Dynamically adjust importance



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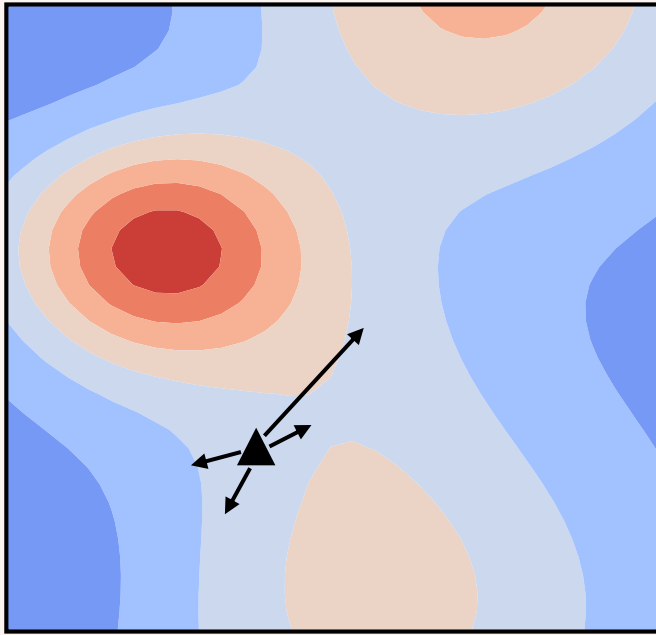
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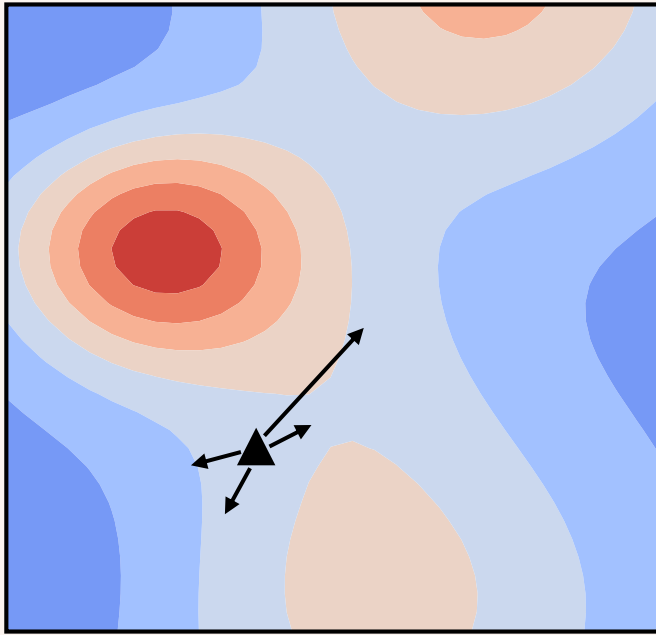
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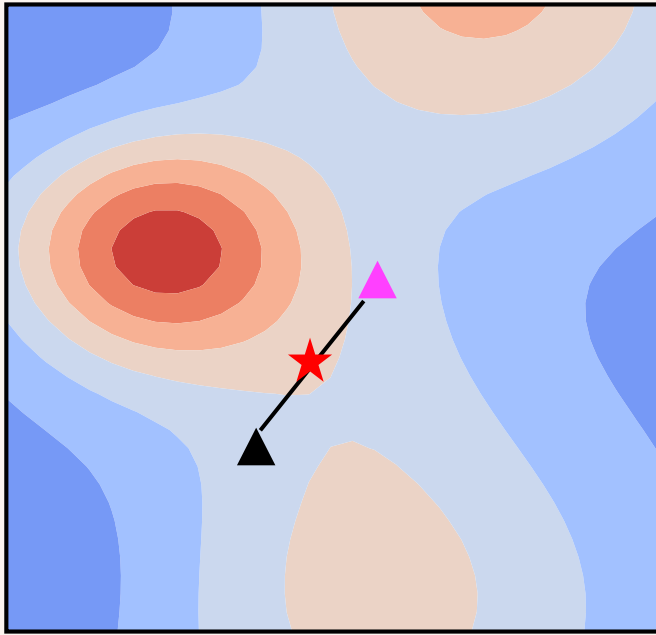
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History is always instructive!

- Two close-by minima indicate a promising region
- Interpolation between them yields a better trigger

Experiment Setup

Datasets & Models

- Datasets: CIFAR-10, SVHN, STL-10, GTSRB
- Models: ResNet18, ResNet34, ResNet50, VGG11, GoogleNet, DenseNet121, MobileNet V2

Commercial Services

- Microsoft Azure¹
- Clarifai²

Baselines

- 3 hard-label black-box adversarial attacks: HSJA³, GRAPHITE⁴, SparseEvo⁵
- 3 soft-label black-box attacks: Bandits⁶, SPSA⁷, Sparse-RS⁸

¹ <https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/services/cognitive-services/>

² <https://www.clarifai.com/>

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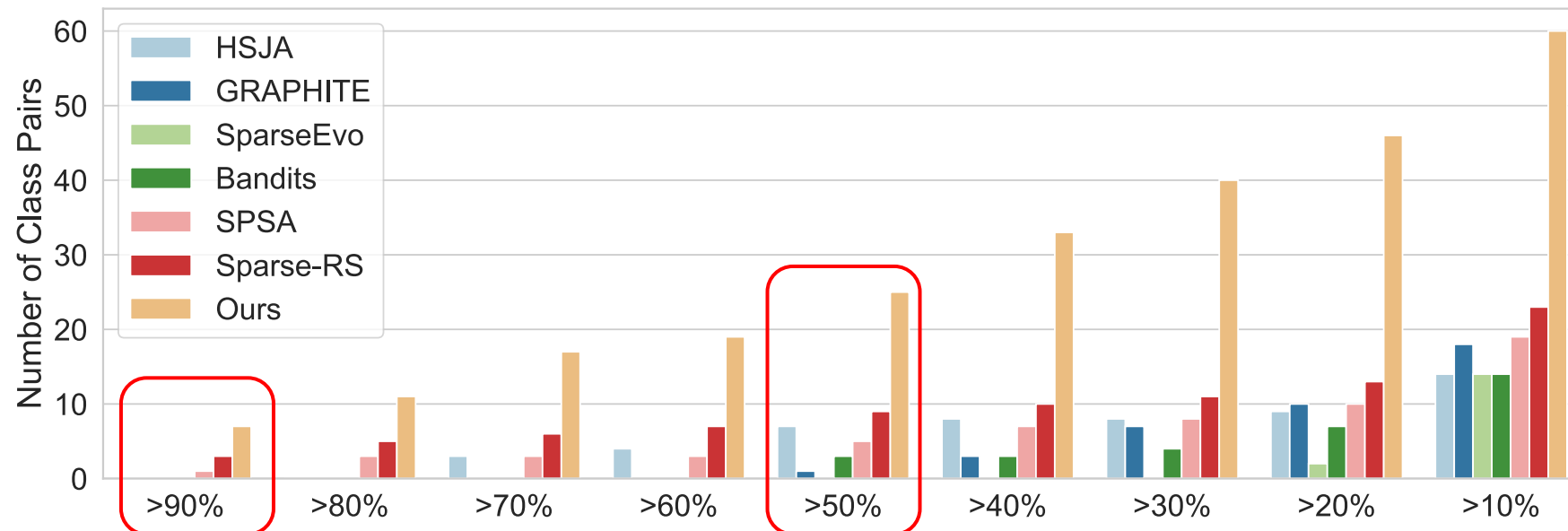
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Attack Performance

- Generate a trigger for each pair of classes
 - Size: 7x7 (4.79% of the input) # Queries: 50k
- Count the number of pairs above a certain attack success rate (ASR)



Attacking Online Services

Two online commercial services:
Microsoft Azure and Clarifai

- Upload data for training (not deployed)
- Use the prediction API for attack
- Size: 7x7 # Queries: **240**

Results (averaged on 10 pairs)

- Azure: **74%** (vs. 60% by HSJA)
- Clarifai: **74%** (vs. 53% by HSJA)

Countermeasures

Certifiable Defense: PatchCleanser¹

- Produce correct predictions no matter whether inputs are adversarially perturbed
- Average certified robust accuracy: **0.17%**

Query-based Defense: Blacklight²

- Identify malicious queries by black-box attacks
- Average detection rate: **0.2%**

Universal Adversarial Patch Detection: SentiNet³

- Reject adversarially perturbed inputs
- Average detection accuracy: **50.53%**

¹ Xiang, Chong, et al. PatchCleanser: Certifiably robust defense against adversarial patches for any image classifier. USENIX Security 2022.

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Conclusion

Propose a novel **hard-label black-box universal** adversarial patch attack, obtaining **more than twice high-ASR** patch triggers (>90%) than eight baselines

Successfully **attack two online commercial services**, Microsoft Azure and Clarifai, with an average **ASR of 74%**

Effectively **evade three state-of-the-art defense** techniques



Thank You

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