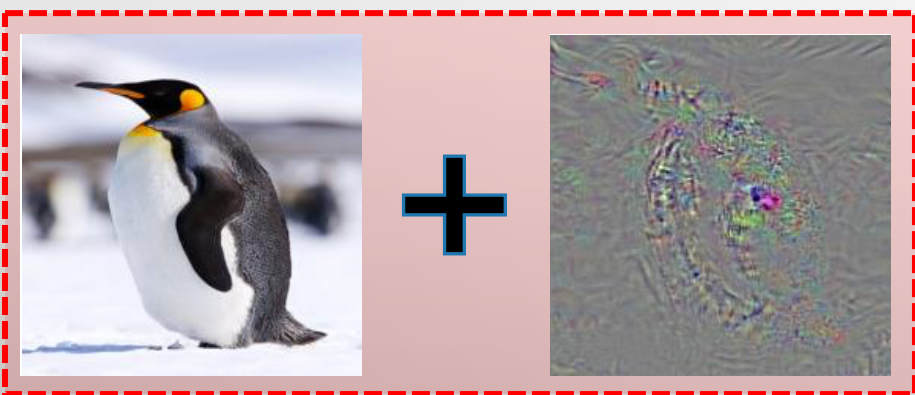


# Adversarial Examples IMPROVE Image Recognition

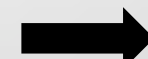
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Assistant Professor, UC Santa Cruz



Adversarial Examples Are **THREATS** to Deep Networks



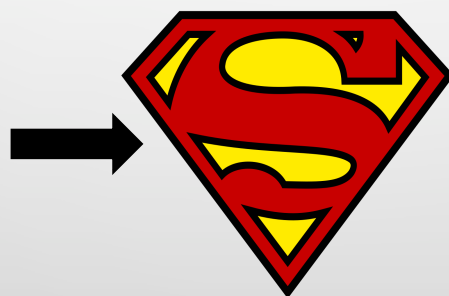
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Networks



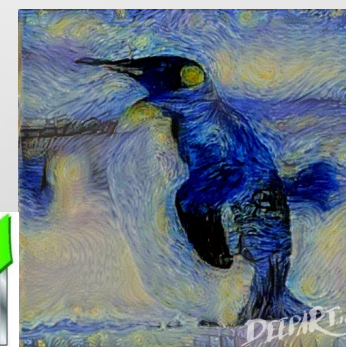
Label: King Penguin



Can we use Adversarial Examples to **HELP** Deep Networks?



Deep  
Networks

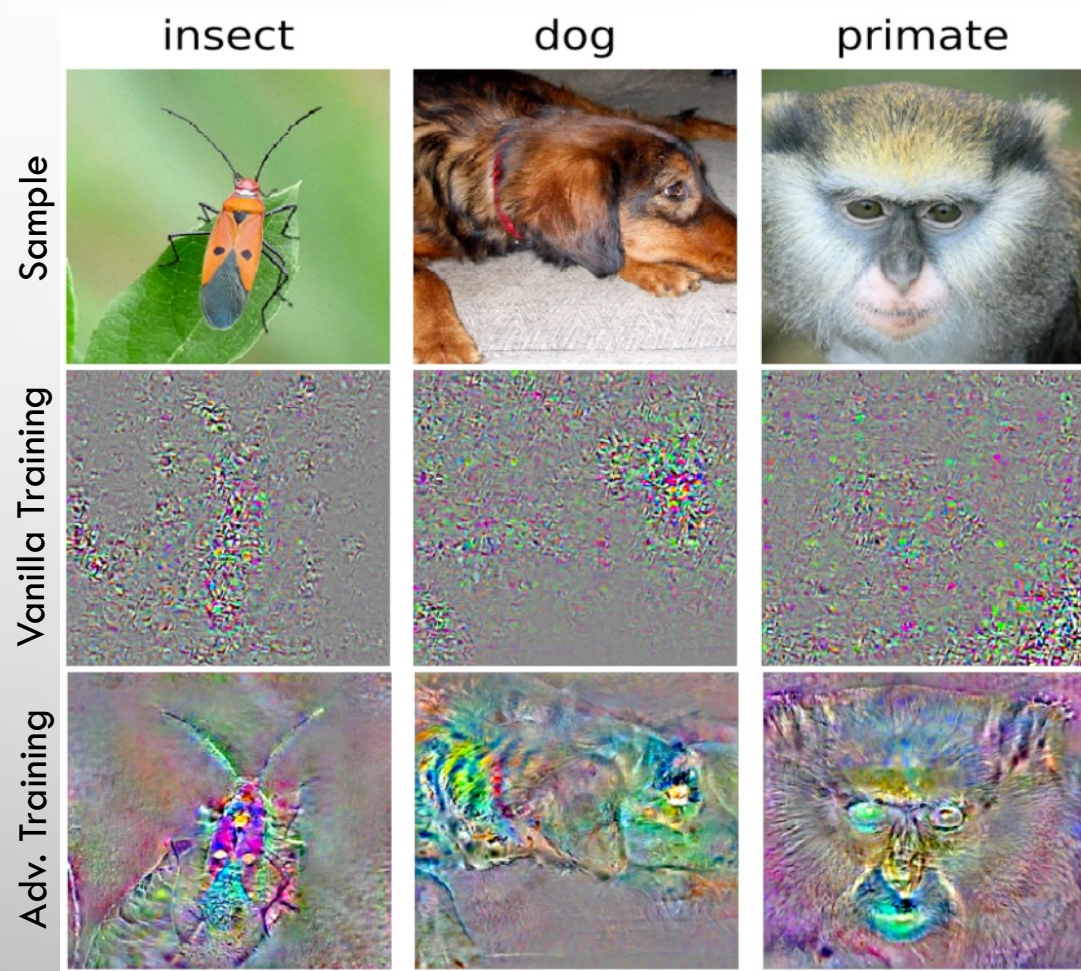


Label: King Penguin

# Robust Learning Improves Generalization

## ➤ Motivation

Adversarial examples provide **VALUABLE & NEW** features



The loss gradient w.r.t. the input pixel of adversarially trained models is

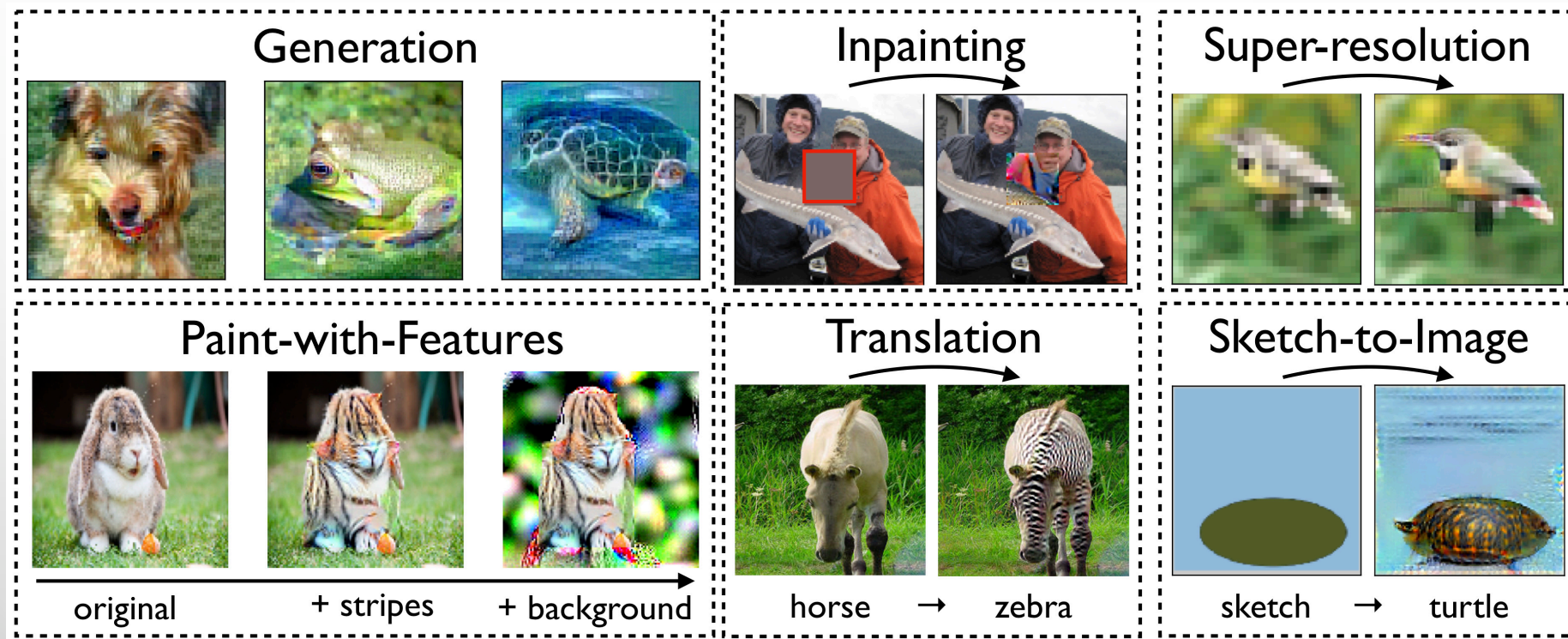
**HUMAN-ALIGNED**

[Tsipras et al. 2019]

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Adversarially trained models are pretty good at tackle

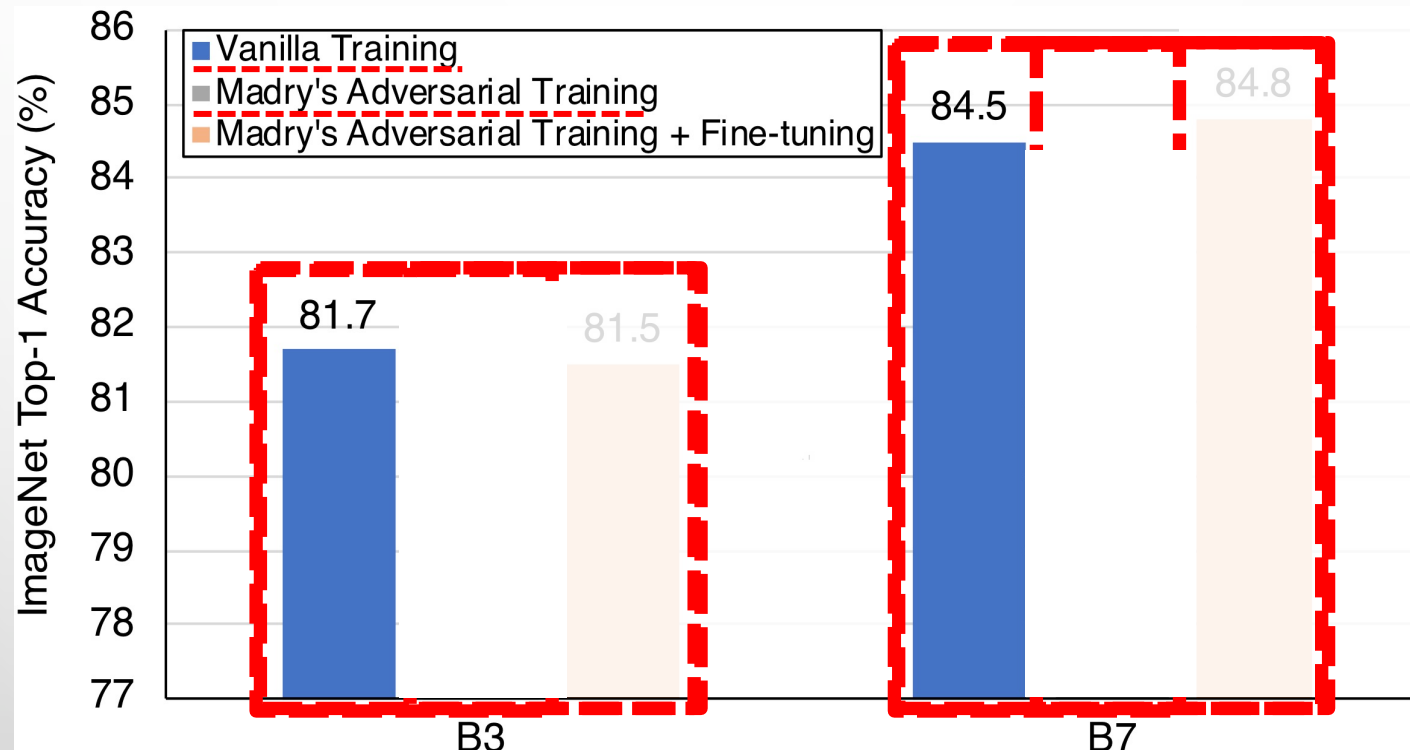
## **IMAGE SYNTHESIS TASKS**

[Santurkar et al. 2019]

# Robust Learning Improves Generalization

## ➤ Motivation

Using features from adversarial examples **ALONE** are **NOT ENOUGH**



Training ONLY with clean images DROPS performance on clean images  
EXCISE TUNING with adversarial examples BETTER performance on clean images

# Robust Learning Improves Generalization

## ➤ Our Solution

JOINT TRAINING But with Distinction



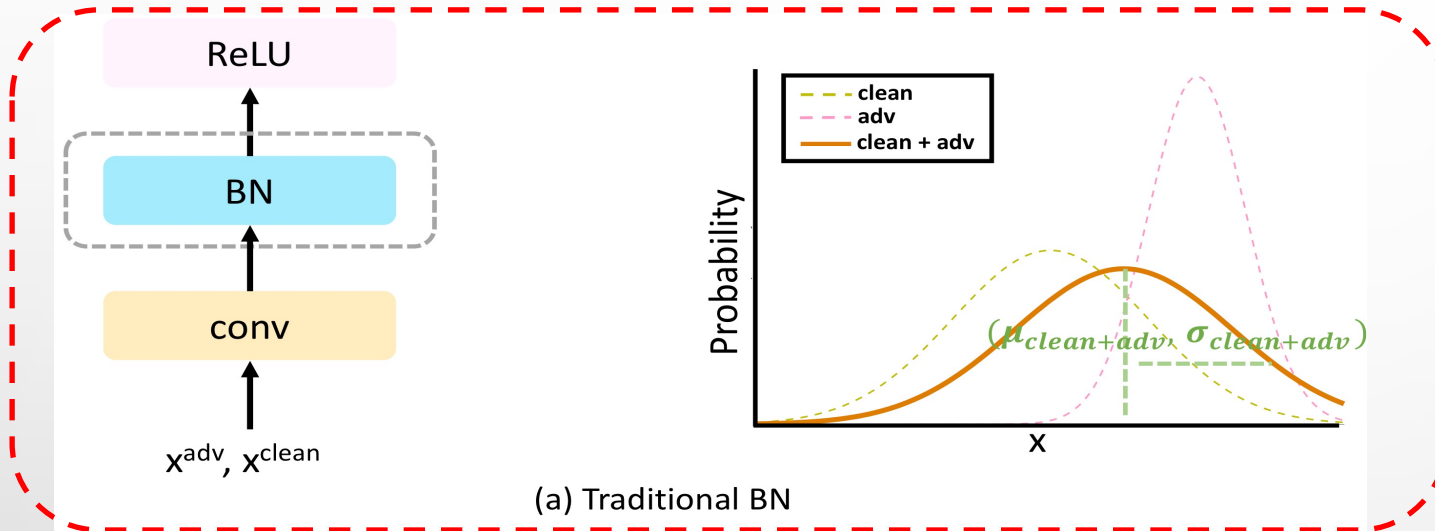
**Deep  
Networks**

**Catastrophic Forgetting**

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## ➤ Our Solution

### Joint Training BUT WITH DISTINCTION



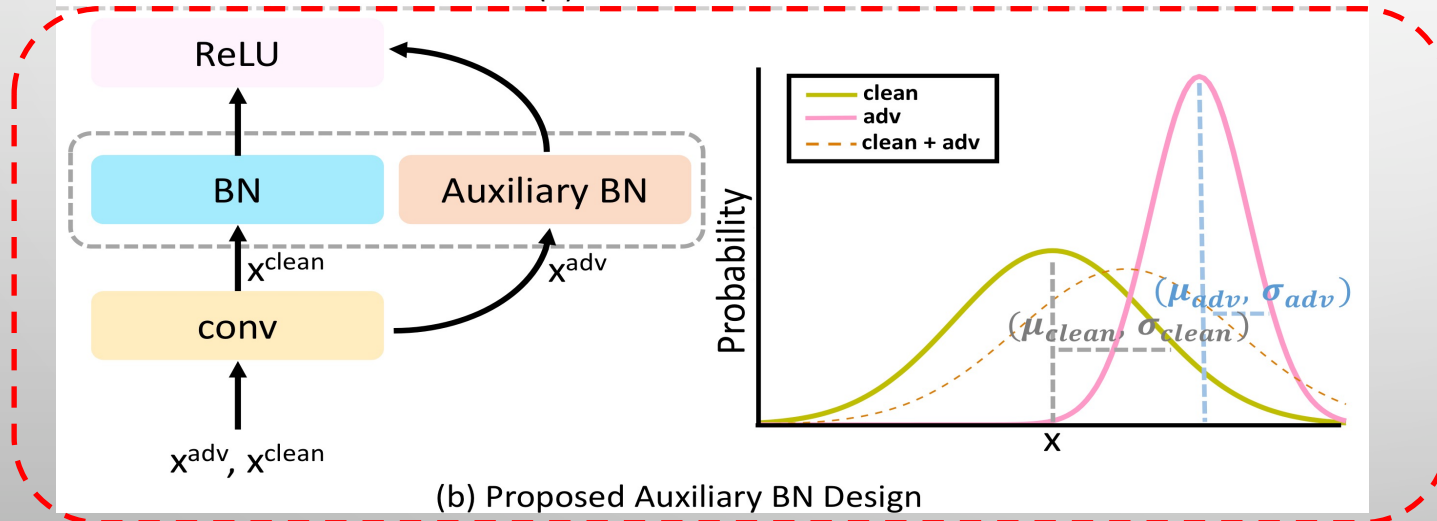
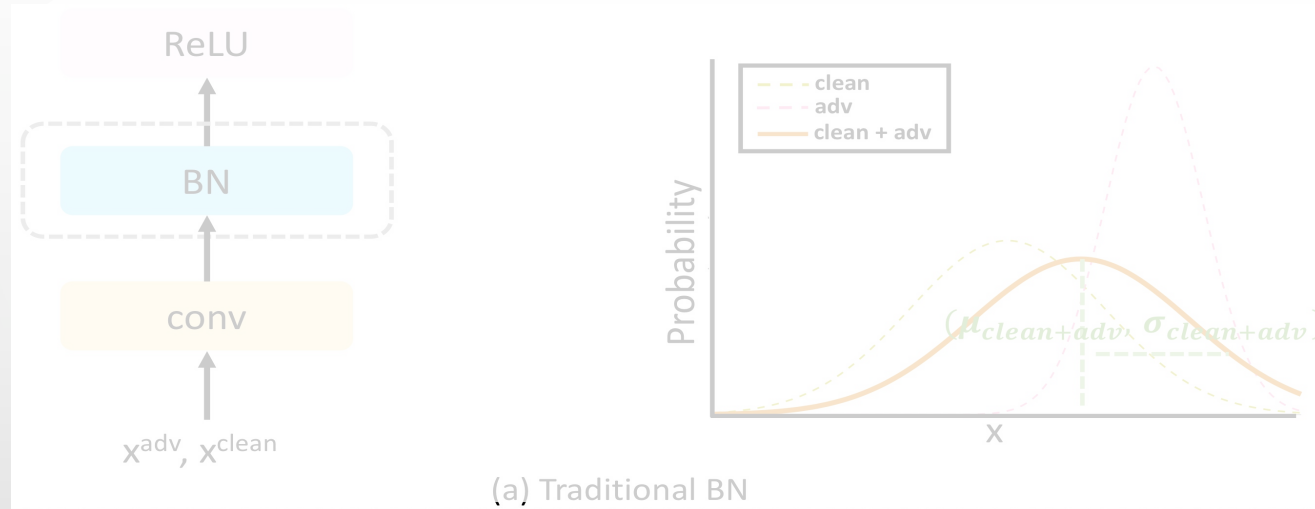
### Traditional BN

The statistics estimation at BN may be **CONFUSED** when facing a mixture distribution

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### Joint Training BUT WITH DISTINCTION



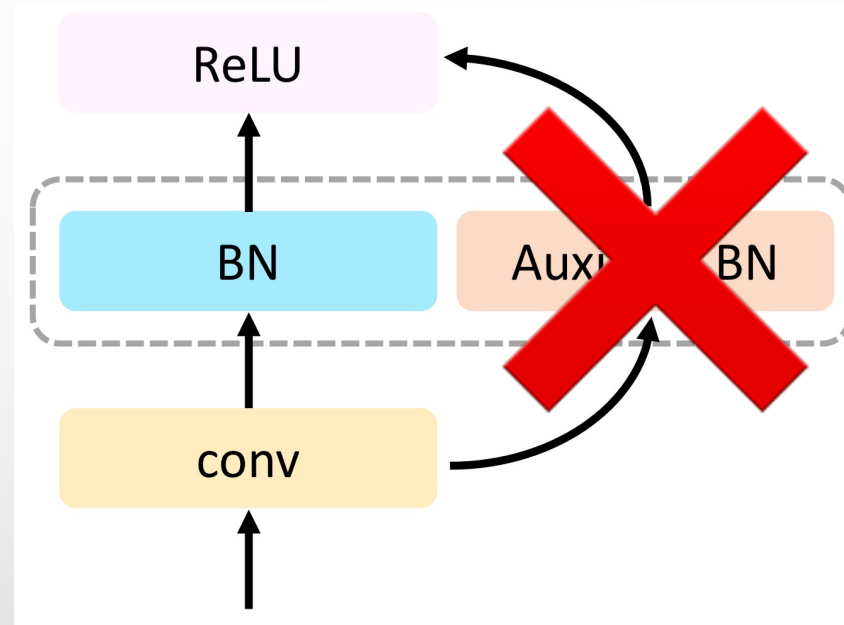
### Proposed BN

Auxiliary BN guarantees that data from different distributions are **NORMALIZED SEPARATELY**

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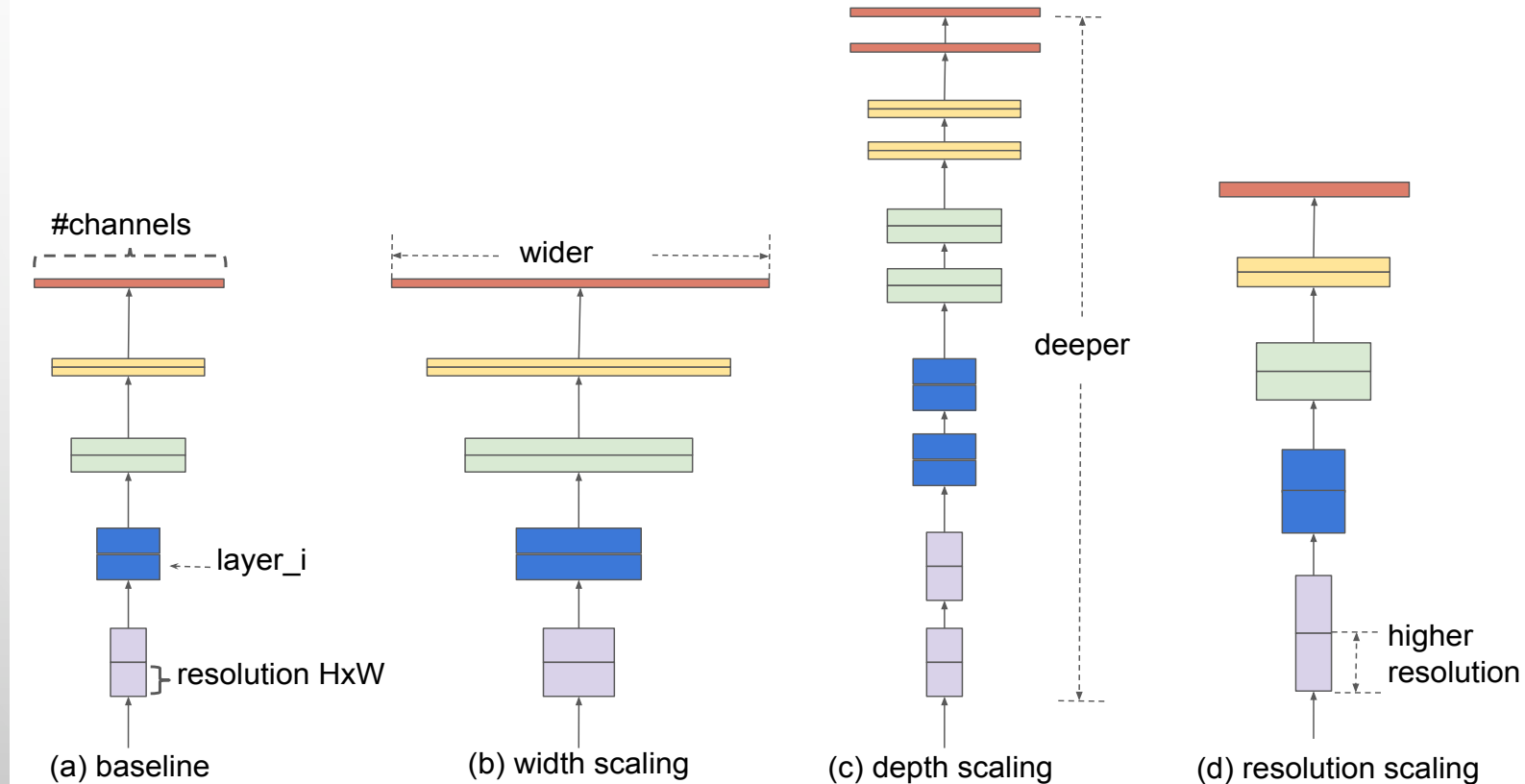
Adversarial Propagation (**AdvProp**)



Only Main BN is used at the **INFERENCE** stage

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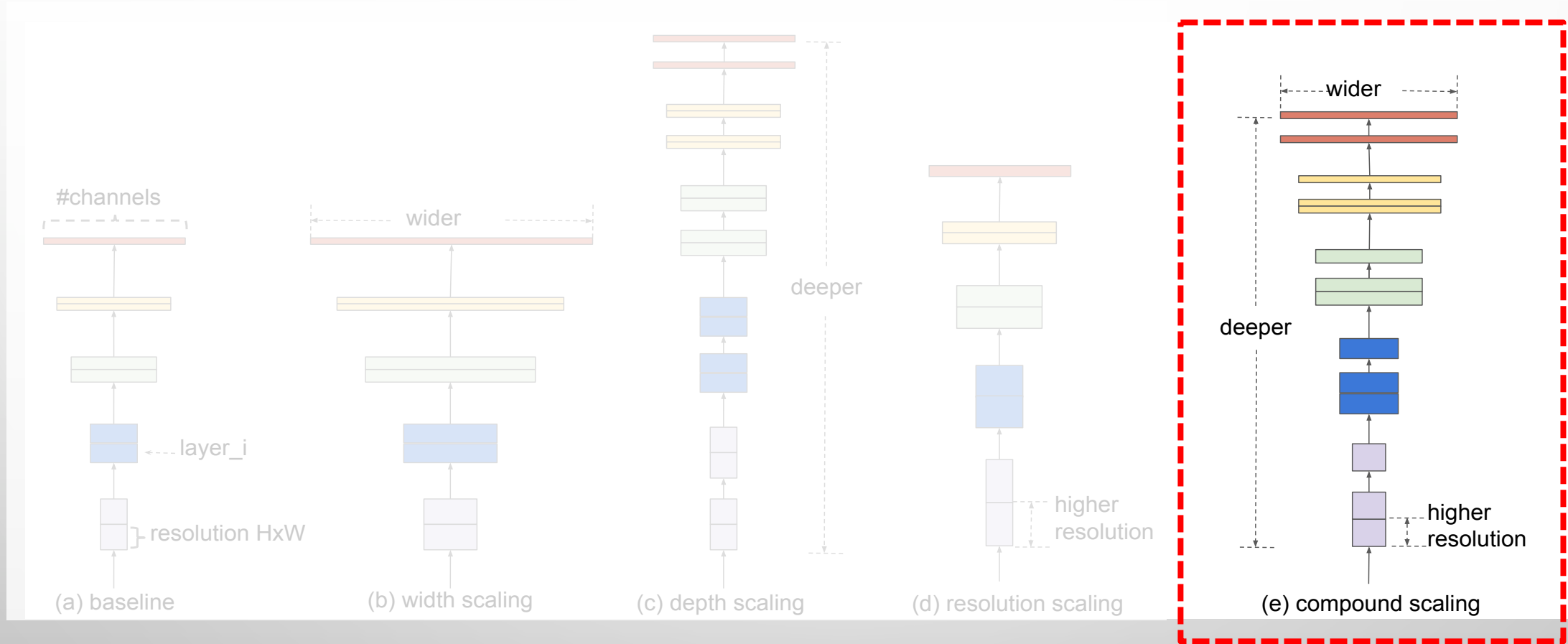
## ➤ Background --- EfficientNet



We already know **THREE** important scaling factors

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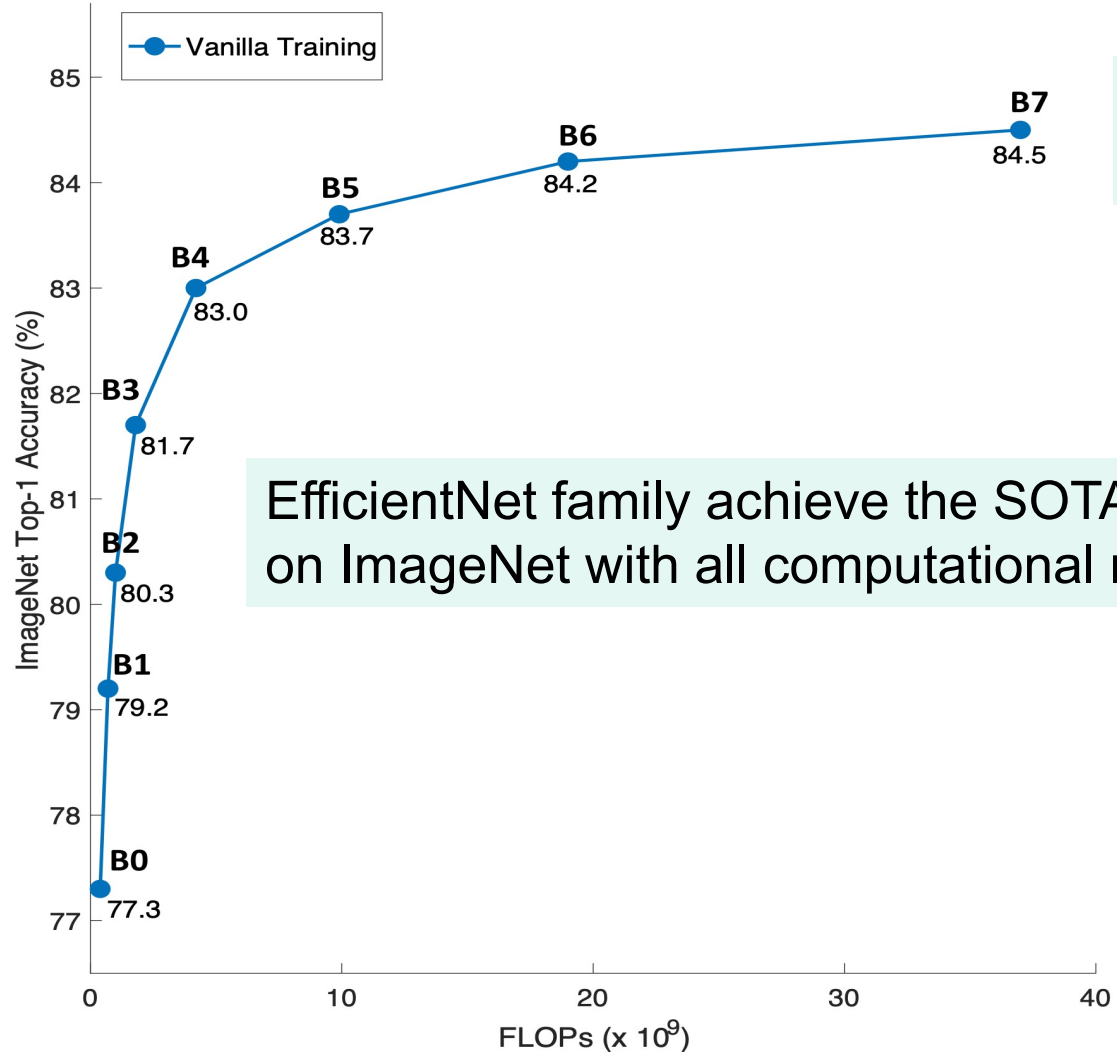
## ➤ Background --- EfficientNet



A Better **SCALING-UP** Policy

# Robust Learning Improves Generalization

## ➤ Results on ImageNet

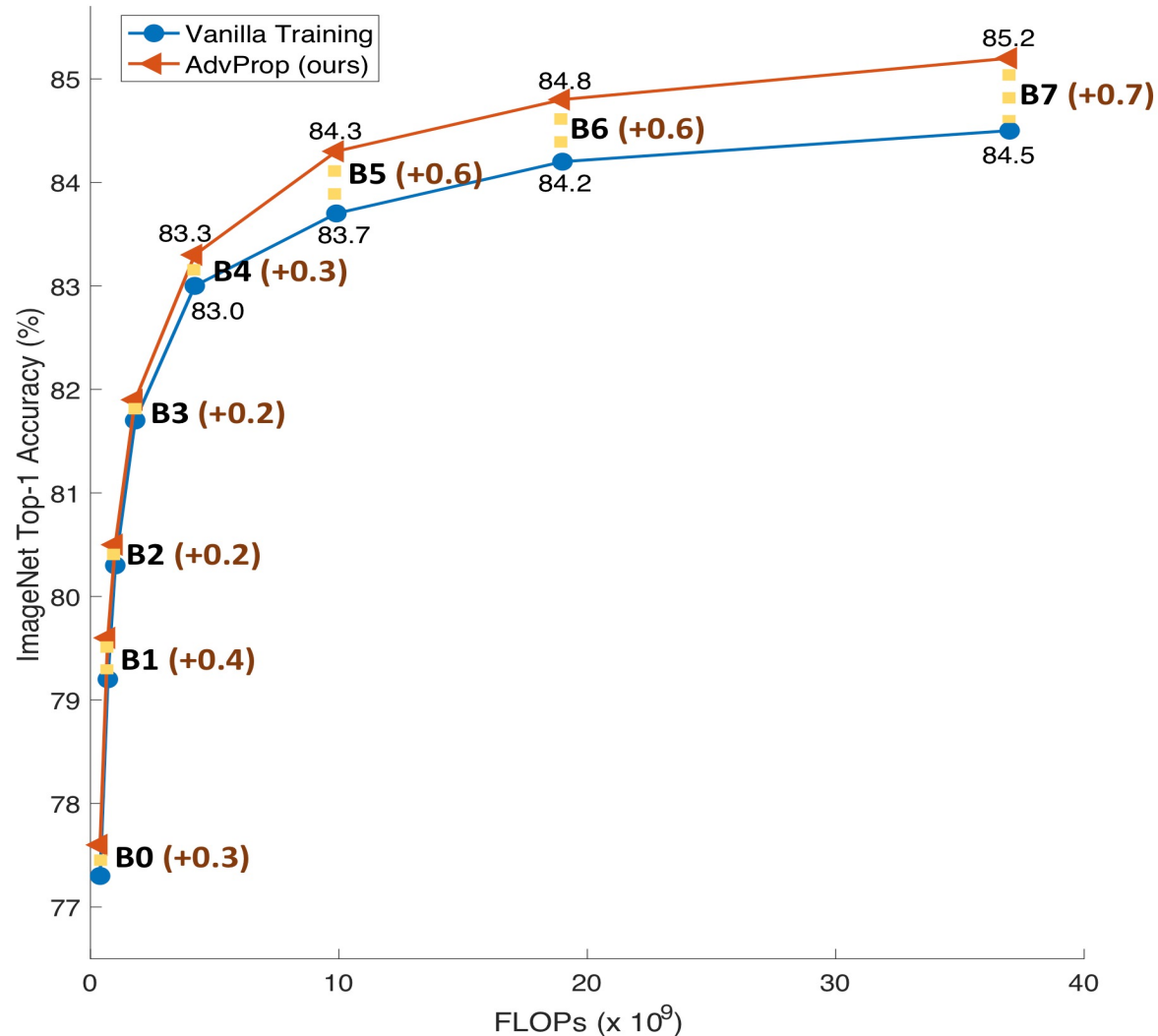


EfficientNet-B7's **84.5%** top-1 accuracy on *ImageNet* is the previous SOTA

EfficientNet family achieve the SOTA top-1 accuracy on ImageNet with all computational regimes

# Robust Learning Improves Generalization

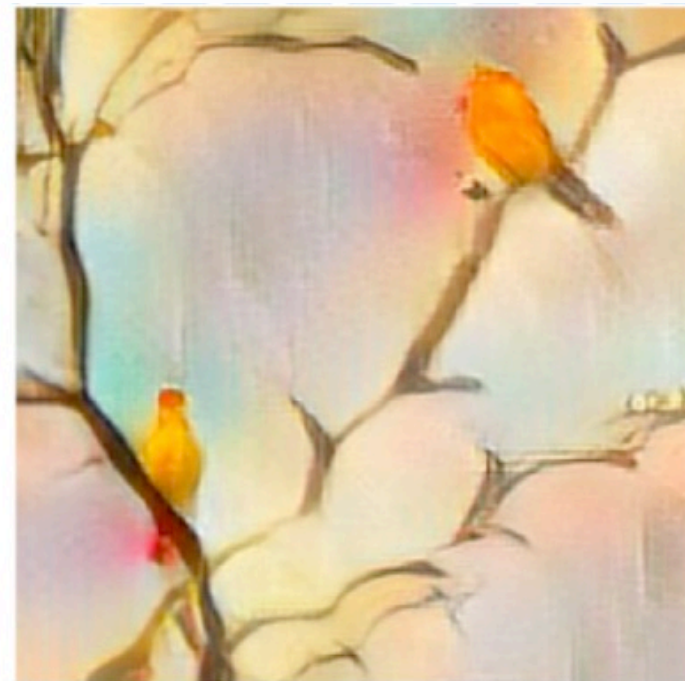
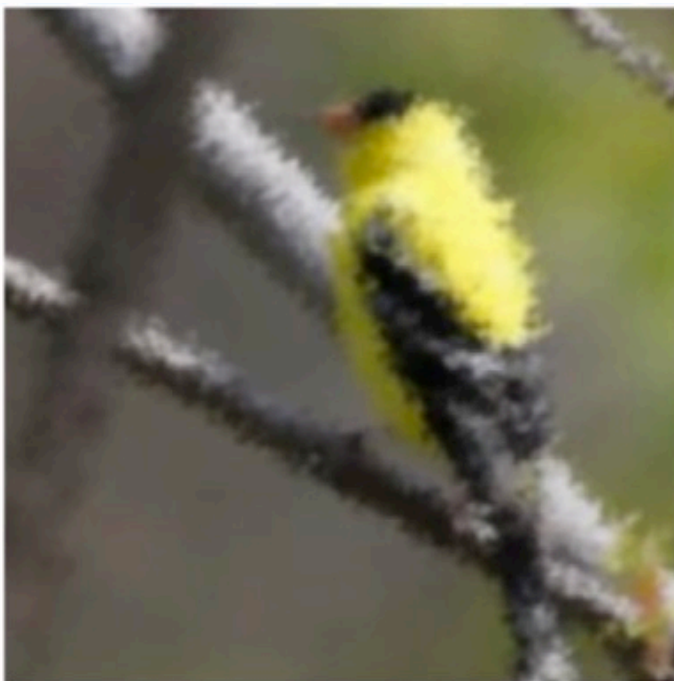
## ➤ Results on ImageNet



AdvProp improves EfficientNet-B7's top-1 accuracy by **0.7% (85.2%)**

# Robust Learning Improves Generalization

## ➤ *Out-of-Distribution* Generalization



Networks	ImageNet-C	ImageNet-A	Stylized-ImageNet
EfficientNet-B7	53.1%	37.7%	21.8%
<b>+ AdvProp</b>	<b>58.2% (+5.1%)</b>	<b>44.7% (+7.0%)</b>	<b>26.6% (+4.8%)</b>
<b>ResNet-50</b>	<b>40.7%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>

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## ➤ Comparing to the Prior Art

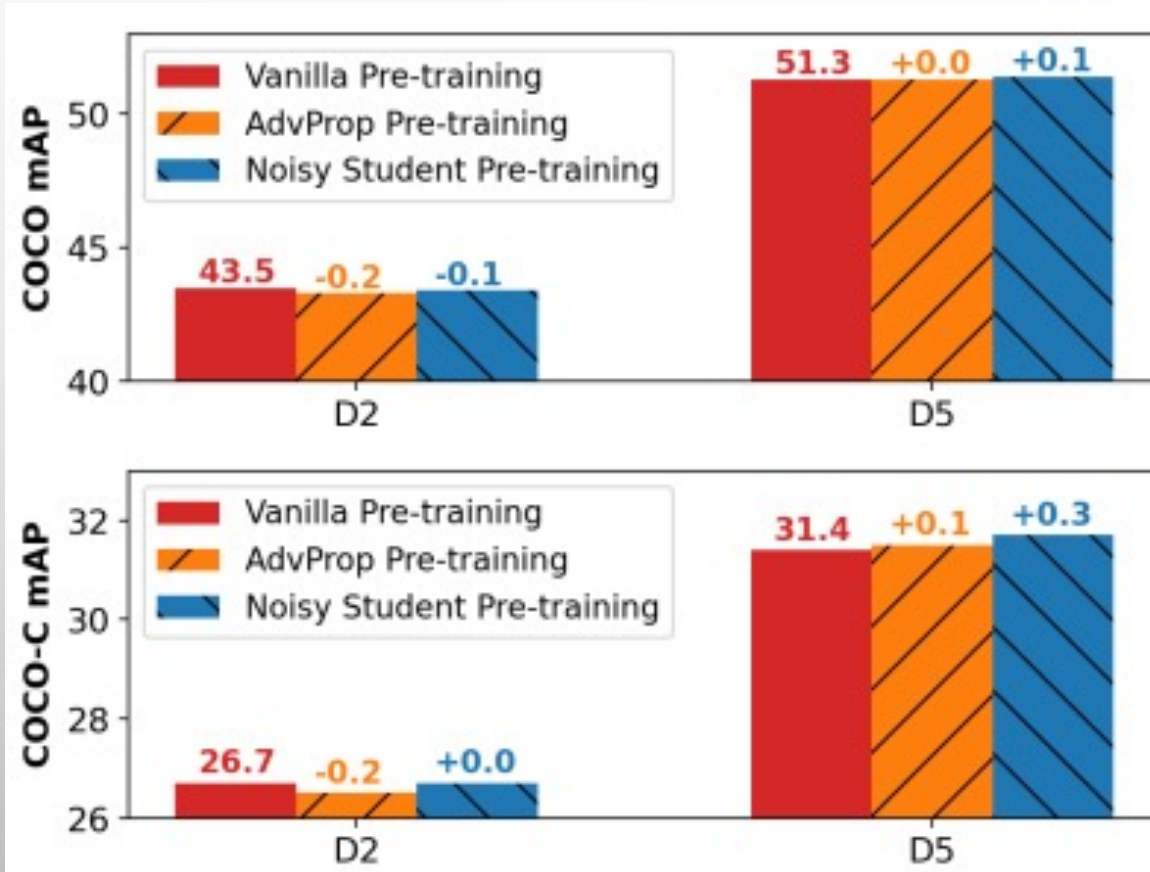
~10X LESS, 3000X LESS Extra Data, BETTER Performance

	# Params	Extra Data	Top-1 Acc.
<b>EfficientNet-B8 + AdvProp</b>	88M	<b>X</b>	<b>85.5%</b>
ResNeXt-101 32x48d [20]	829M	3000× more	85.4%

# Robust Learning Improves Generalization

## ➤ Improving Object Detection [Chen et al. CVPR'21]

*Pre-training* then *fine-tuning* paradigm



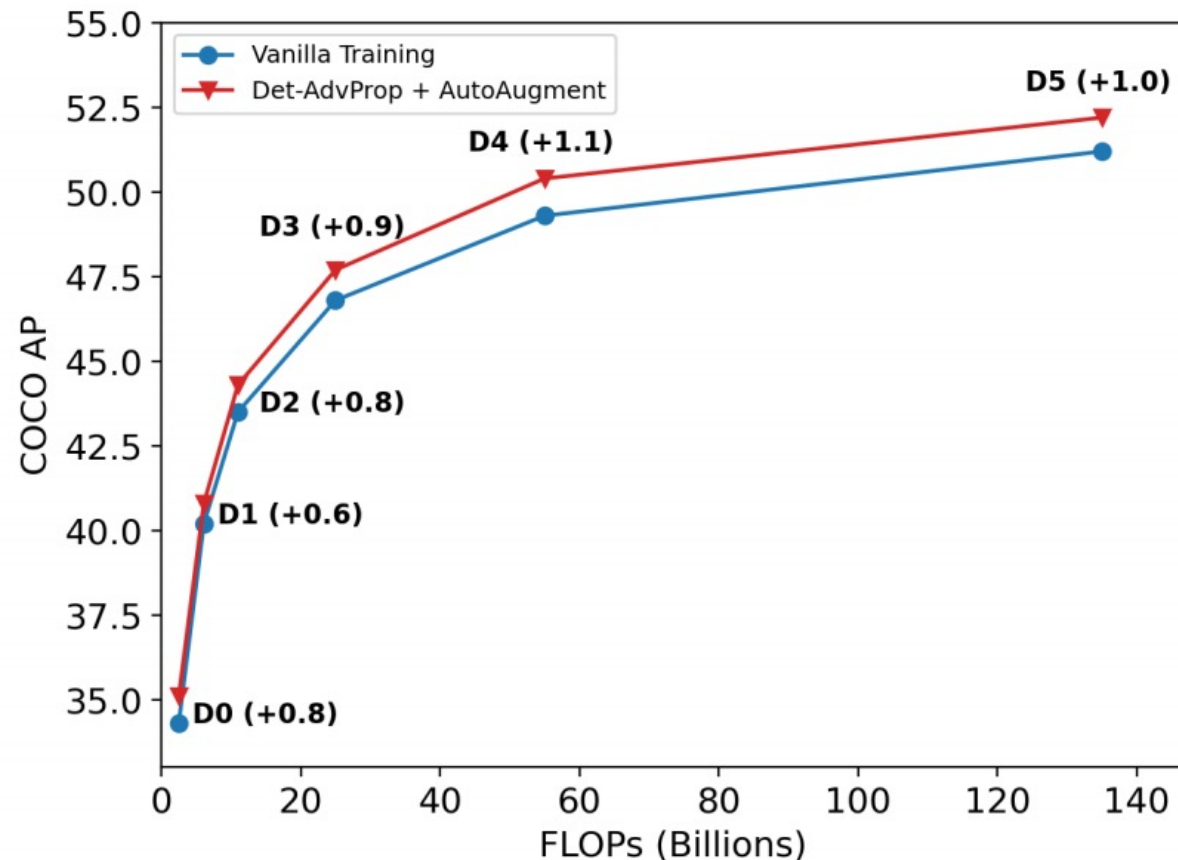
Finetuning **DIFFERENT** pre-trained models yields **SIMILAR** performance on both *accuracy* and *robustness*



directly augmenting down-stream object detection task

# Robust Learning Improves Generalization

## ➤ Improving Object Detection [Chen et al. CVPR'21]

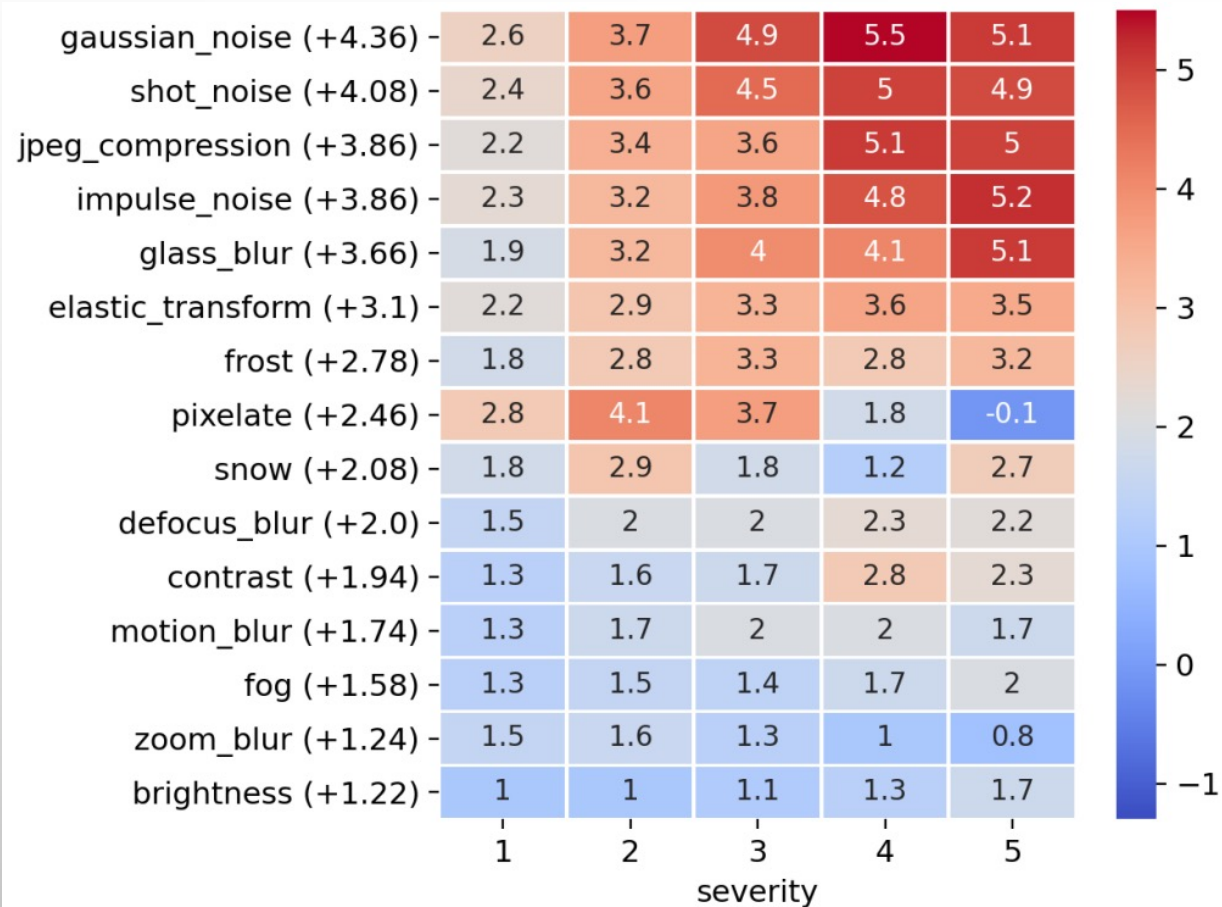


- Boost COCO accuracy up to 1.1 mAP
- Larger improvement on bigger model
- Adapt to single-class detection

Class	Object Size	# Images	Vanilla	Auto-Augment	Det-AdvProp (ours)
Donut	Small	1,585	25.4	23.9 (-1.5)	28.7 (+3.3)
Person	Medium	66,808	58.2	58.0 (-0.2)	58.5 (+0.3)
Truck	Large	6,377	28.1	25.5 (-2.6)	28.7 (+0.6)

# Robust Learning Improves Generalization

## ➤ Improving Object Detection [Chen et al. CVPR'21]



- COCO-C: 15 corruptions and 5 severity
- Significantly improve robustness
- **Larger** gain under **stronger** corruption strength

# Robust Learning Improves Generalization

➤ Improving Object Detection [Chen et al. CVPR'21]

Model	mAP	AP50	AP75
EfficientDet-D5	67.4	86.9	73.8
+ AutoAugment	67.6 (+0.2)	87.2 (+0.3)	74.2 (+0.4)
+ Det-AdvProp (ours)	<b>68.2 (+0.8)</b>	<b>87.6 (+0.7)</b>	<b>74.7 (+0.9)</b>

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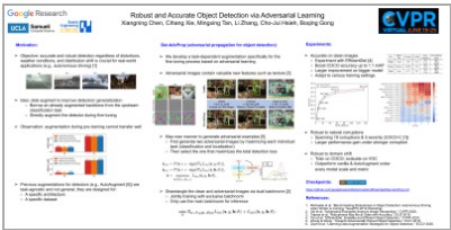
## (10200) Robust and Accurate Object Detection via Adversarial Learning

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# Robust Learning Improves Generalization

## ➤ Shape-Texture Debiased Training [Li et al. ICLR'21]



(a) Texture image

81.4%	<b>Indian elephant</b>
10.3%	indri
8.2%	black swan



(b) Content image

71.1%	<b>tabby cat</b>
17.3%	grey fox
3.3%	Siamese cat



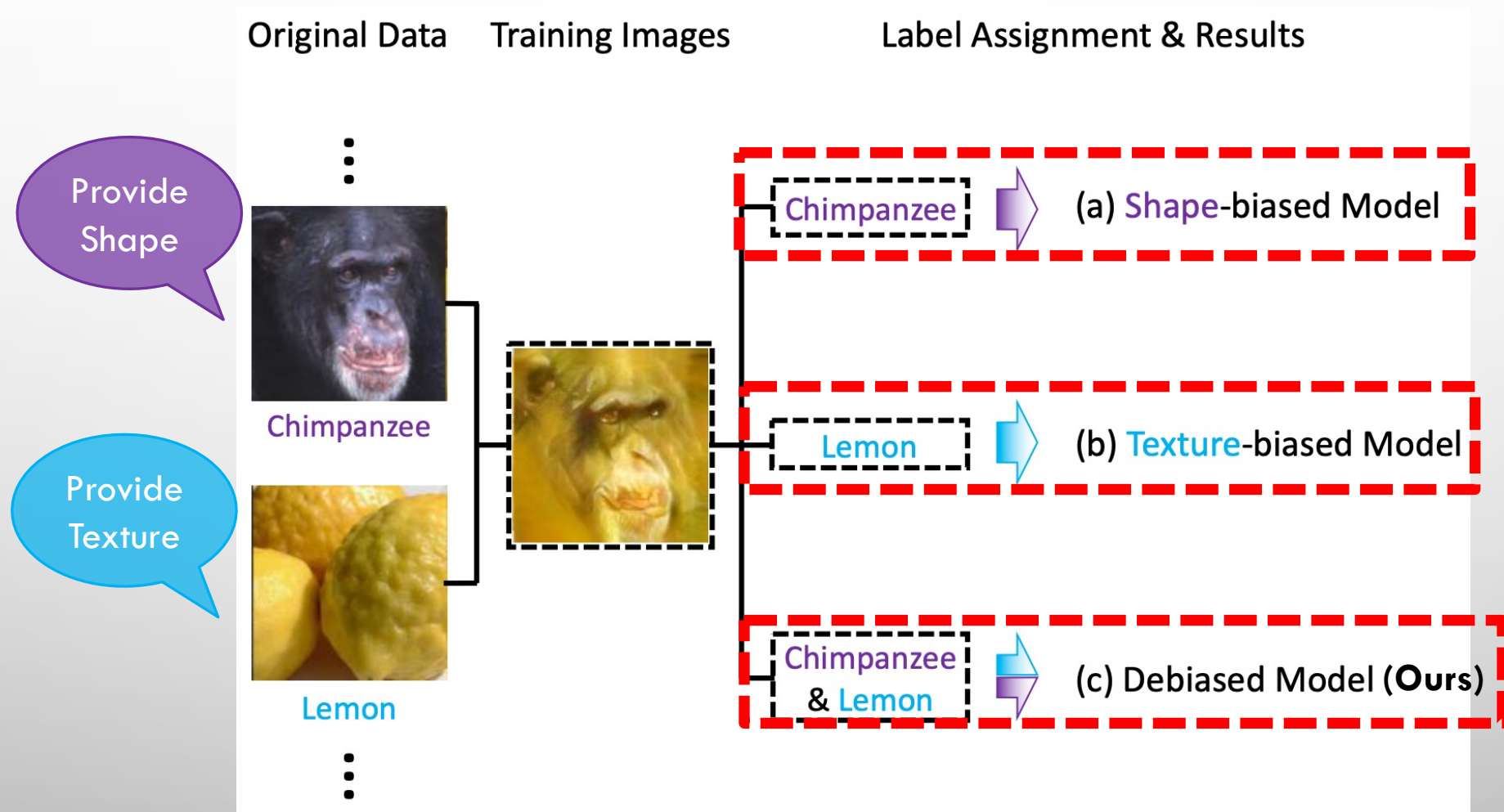
(c) Texture-shape cue conflict

63.9%	<b>Indian elephant</b>
26.4%	indri
9.6%	black swan

ImageNet-trained CNNs are biased towards texture [Geirhos et al. 2019]

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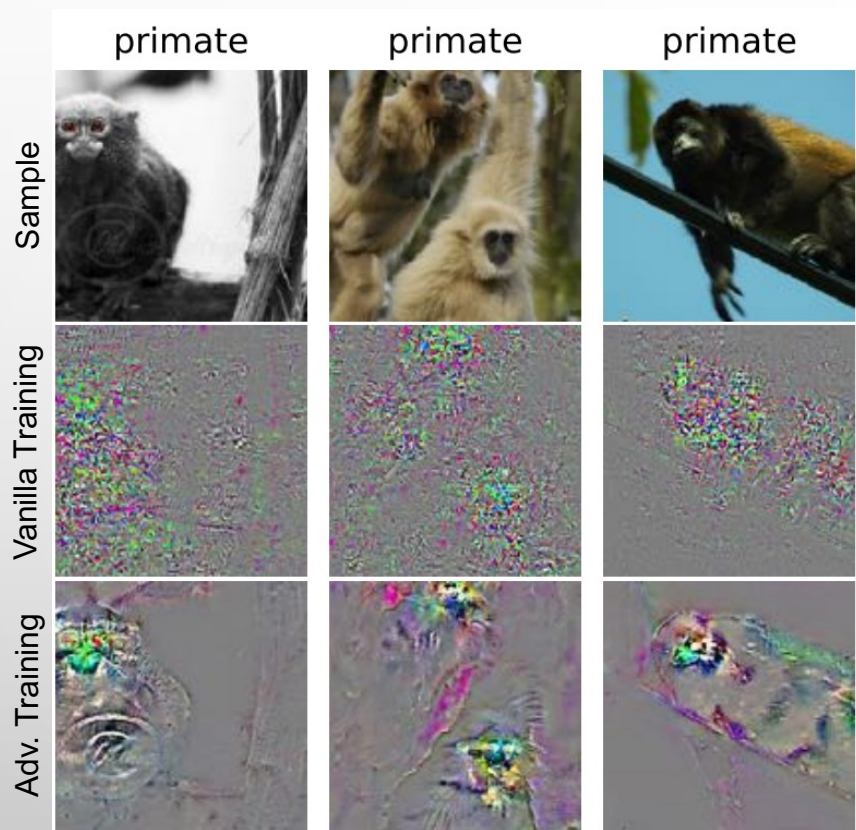
## ➤ Shape-Texture Debiased Training [Li et al. ICLR'21]

	CLEAN Top-1 Acc.↑	IMAGENET-A Top-1 Acc.↑	IMAGENET-C mCE↓	S-IMAGENET Top-1 Acc.↑	FGSM Top-1 Acc.↑
ResNet-50 Debiased	76.4 76.9(+0.5)	2.0 3.5(+1.5)	75.0 67.5(-7.5)	7.4 17.4(+10.0)	17.1 27.4(+10.3)
ResNet-101 Debiased	77.9 78.9(+1.0)	5.6 9.1(+3.5)	69.8 62.2(-7.6)	9.9 22.0(+12.1)	23.1 34.4(+11.3)
ResNet-152 Debiased	78.6 79.8(+1.2)	7.4 12.6(+5.2)	67.2 58.9(-8.3)	11.3 22.4(+11.1)	25.2 39.6(+14.4)

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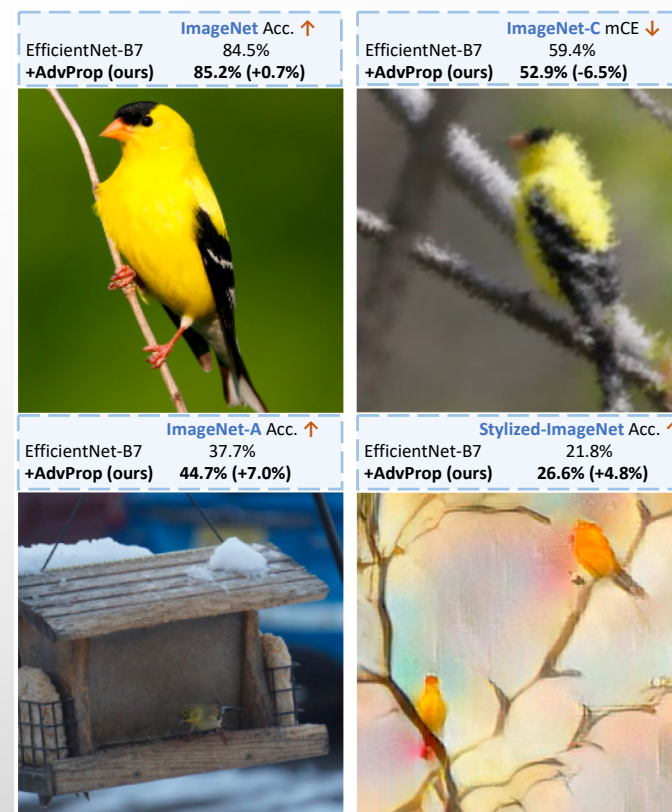
## Takeaways

- Adversarially learned features are VALUABLE



Qualitative Evidence

[Tsipras et al. 2019]



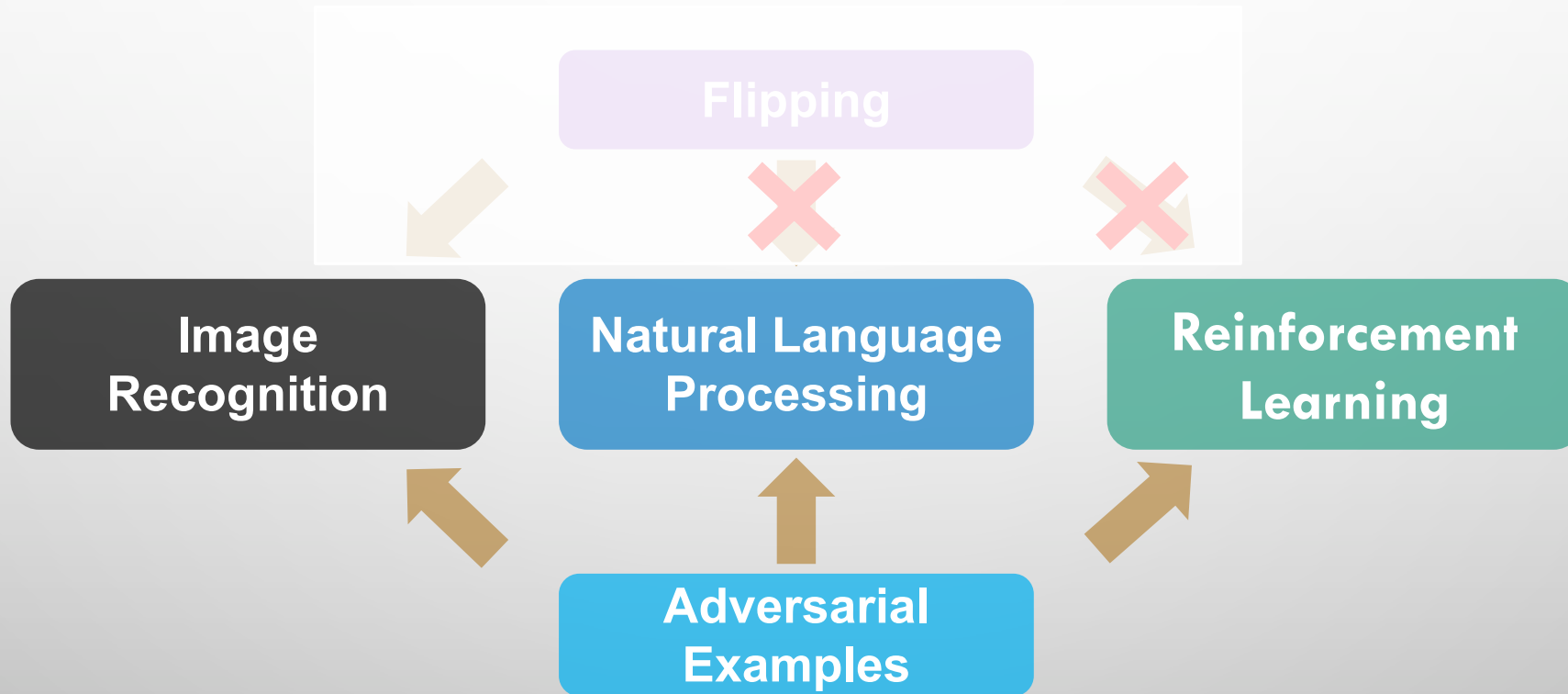
Quantitative Evidence

[Xie et al. 2020]

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- Adversarial examples can serve as a GENERAL data augmentation method



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- Adversarially learned features are VALUABLE
- Adversarial examples can serve as a GENERAL data augmentation method
- DISENTANGLED LEARNING is important when inputs come from different distributions

# Robust Learning Improves Generalization

# Takeaways

Shape cue: cat

## Texture cue: elephant



# Synthetic Data

	ImageNet-A Top-1 Acc. $\uparrow$	ImageNet mCE $\downarrow$
ResNet-152	7.4	67.2
+ Debaised	12.6 (+5.2)	58.9 (-8.3)

# Shape-Texture (ICLR'21)

# Few-shot Learning

# AdvProp (CVPR'20)

# Det-AdvProp (CVPR'21)

## Vanilla

### Det-AdvProp (ours)

# Uncurated Internet Data

COCO (+ 0.3~1.1 mAP)  
*Accurate on Clean Image*

# Multimodal Learning



Un-/Semi-supervised Learning

COCO-C (+ 0.8~3.8 mAP)

Robust to Natural Corruption

potted plant: 44%

cat: 90%

cat: 93%

PASCAL VOC (+ 0.2~1.3 mAP)  
*Robust to Domain Shift*

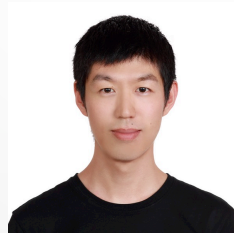
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# Segmentation

## Detection

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