

Prompt-Driven Contrastive Learning for Transferable Adversarial Attacks



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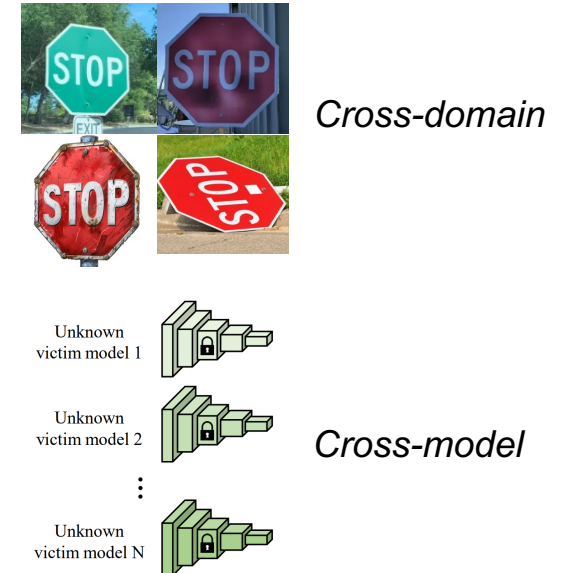
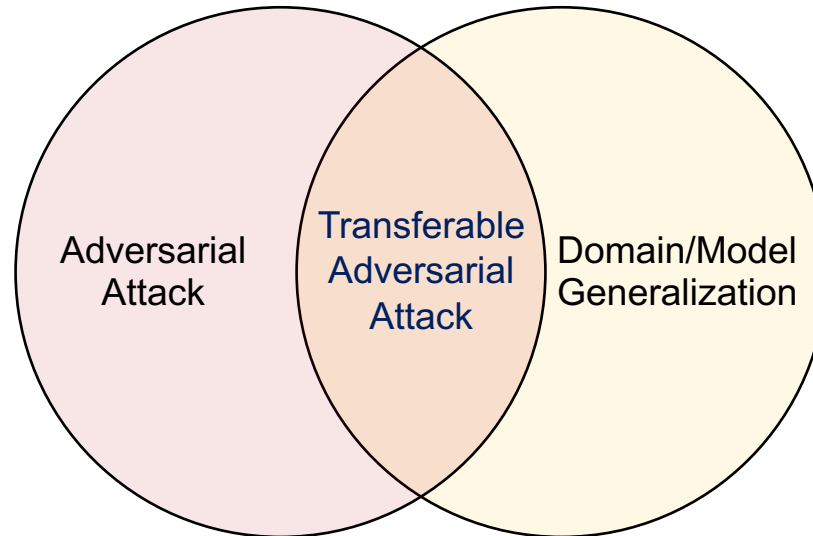
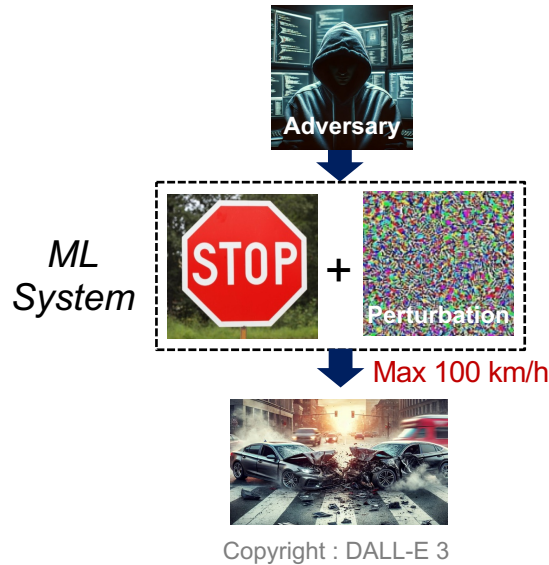
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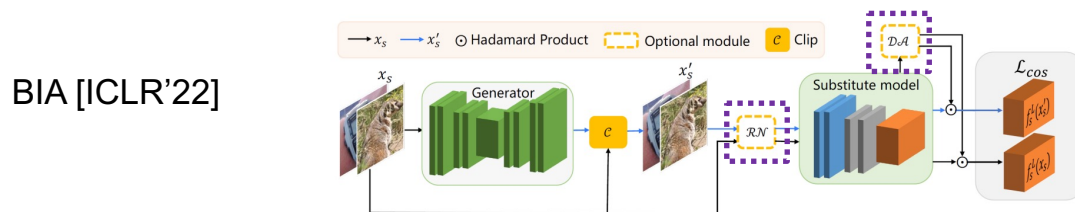
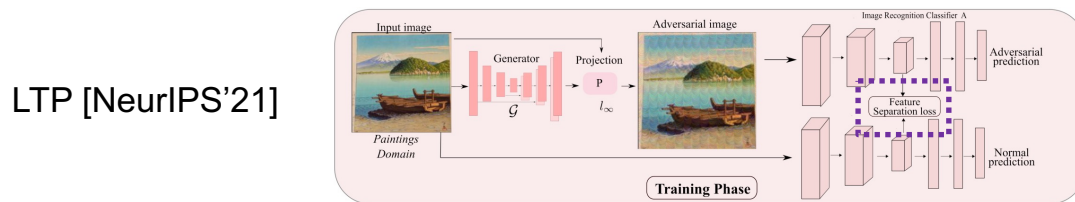
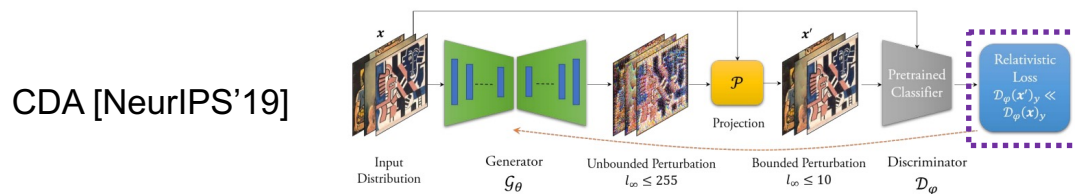
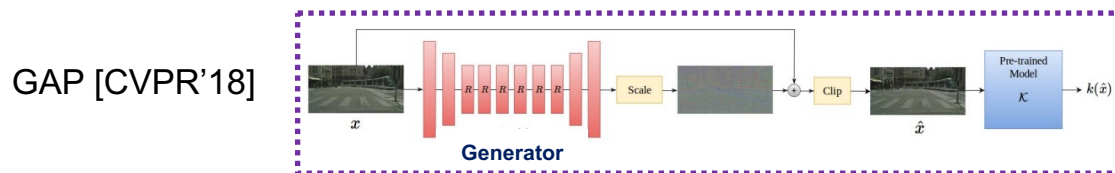


Introduction

- Transferable Adversarial Attacks
 - Crafting adversarial perturbations that are transferable to unknown domains and models.
- Significance
 - Security concerns: Identifying vulnerabilities in ML systems (e.g., autonomous driving)
 - Robustness testing: Serving as a benchmark for evaluating the ML robustness.



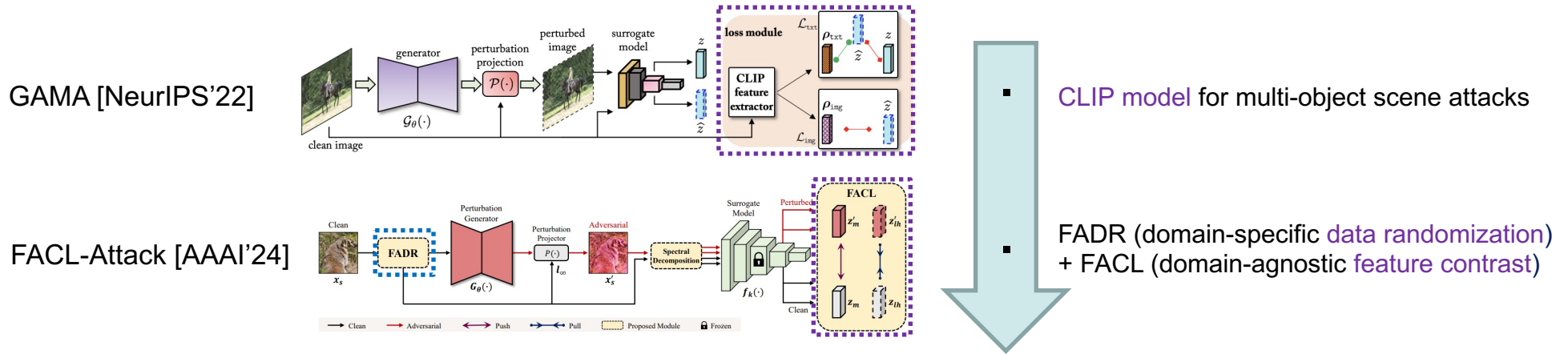
- Recent progress in generator-based transferable attacks (1/2)



- Generator-based attack framework
- Cross-domain attack via relativistic CE loss
- Using mid-layer features of surrogate model
- RN (random data normalization) + DA (domain-agnostic feature attention)

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- Key insights and our hypothesis

Identifying generalizable representations across diverse domains and models

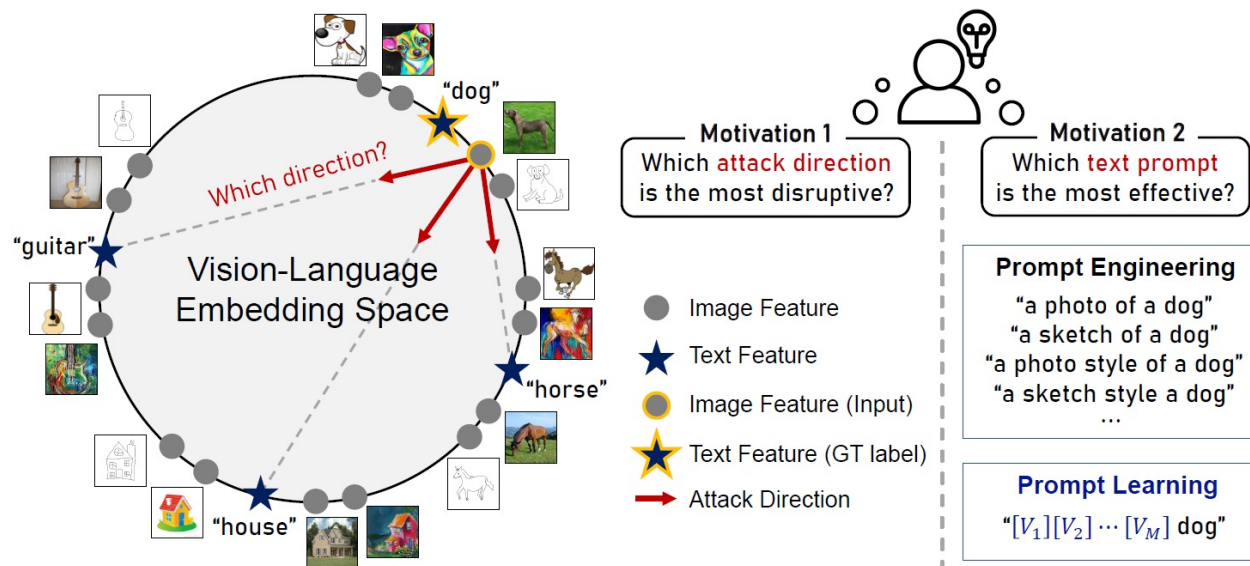
Training a robust perturbation generator that is both domain- and model-agnostic

“Foundation model guidance could lead to more effective attacks.”

- A new comer: CLIP
 - A vision-language foundation model with highly **generalizable representations**
 - In a joint vision-language space, a single text can represent various images from diverse domains.
 - The type of text prompt greatly affects the effectiveness.

Motivation 1

Motivation 2



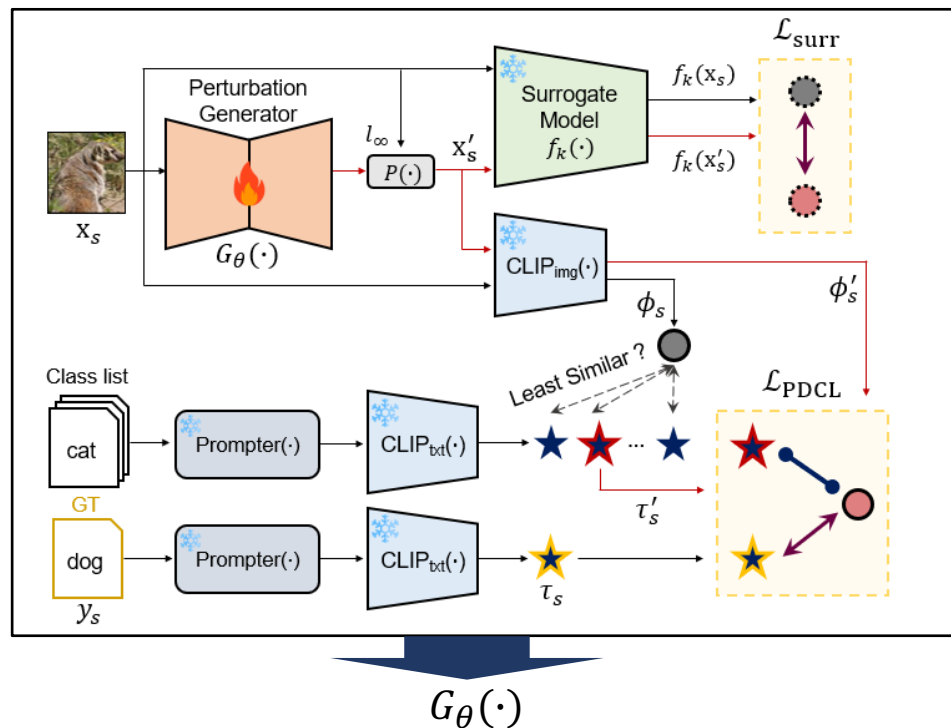
► Goal 1: Prompt-driven attack guidance

► Goal 2: Robust prompting via learning

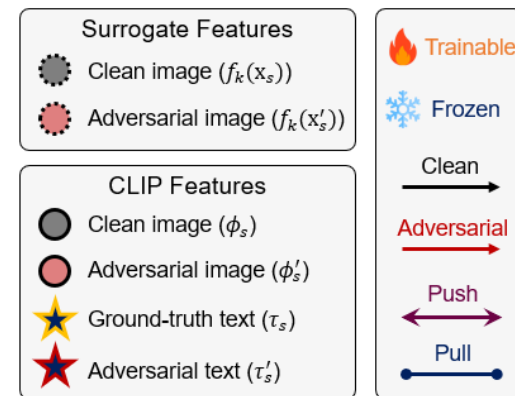
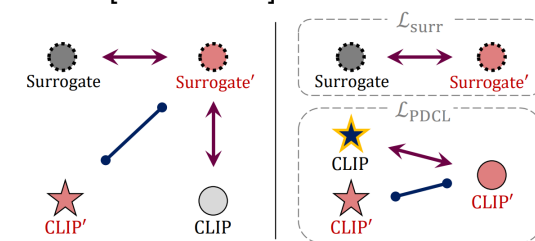
Proposed Method

- [Method 1] Prompt-driven attack guidance

- Leveraging prototypical text features, our prompt-driven contrastive loss \mathcal{L}_{PDCL} improves the robustness of the **perturbation generator** $G_\theta(\cdot)$ to diverse input images.
 - Our loss separately deals with feature spaces of **surrogate model** and **CLIP model**.

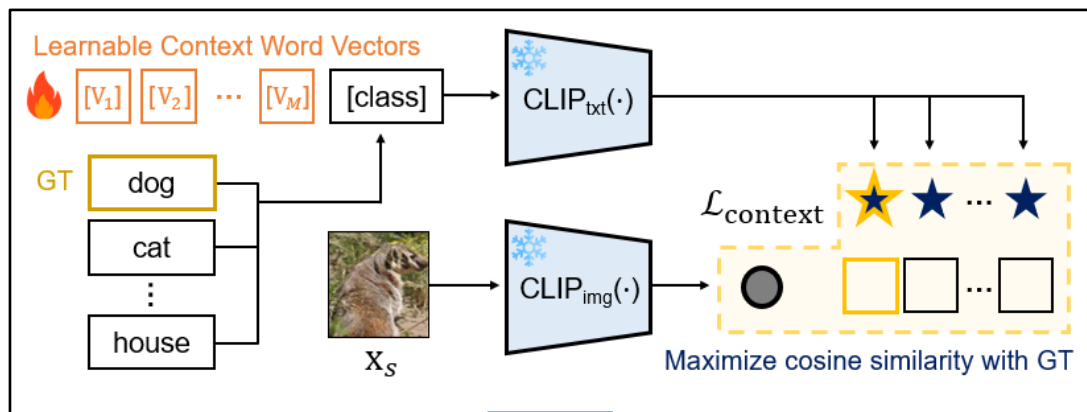


GAMA [NeurIPS'22]



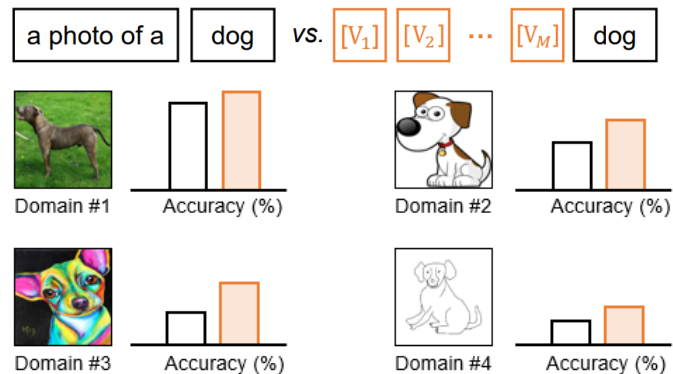
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- [Method 2] Robust prompting via learning
 - For effective prompt-driven feature guidance, we pre-train **learnable context word vectors** using $\mathcal{L}_{\text{context}}$ to produce more generalizable text features [Zhou et al., 2022].
 - With the **frozen** CLIP model, we **train** only the learnable context word vectors of $\text{Prompter}(\cdot)$.



$$\text{Prompter}(\cdot) = [V_1] [V_2] \cdots [V_M] [\cdot]$$

Improving Robustness to Distribution Shifts



Distribution-shifted Variants

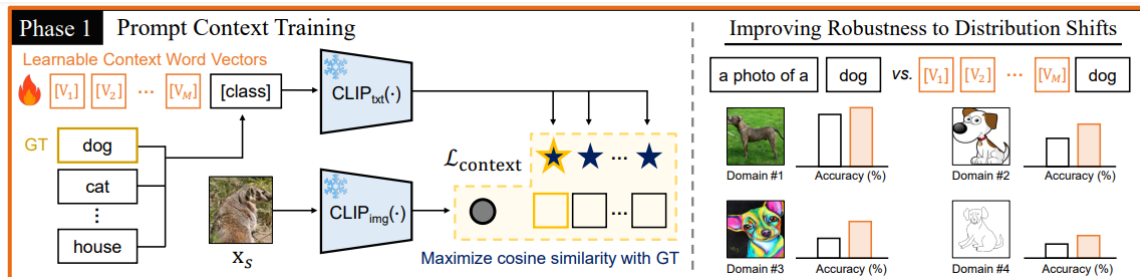
Method	ImageNet-1K	-V2	-Sketch	-A	-R
Zero-shot CLIP [41]	66.7	60.9	46.1	47.8	74.0
w/ $\text{Prompter}(\cdot)$	71.9	64.2	46.3	48.9	74.6

[Zhou et al., 2022] Learning to Prompt for Vision-Language Models, IJCV 2022

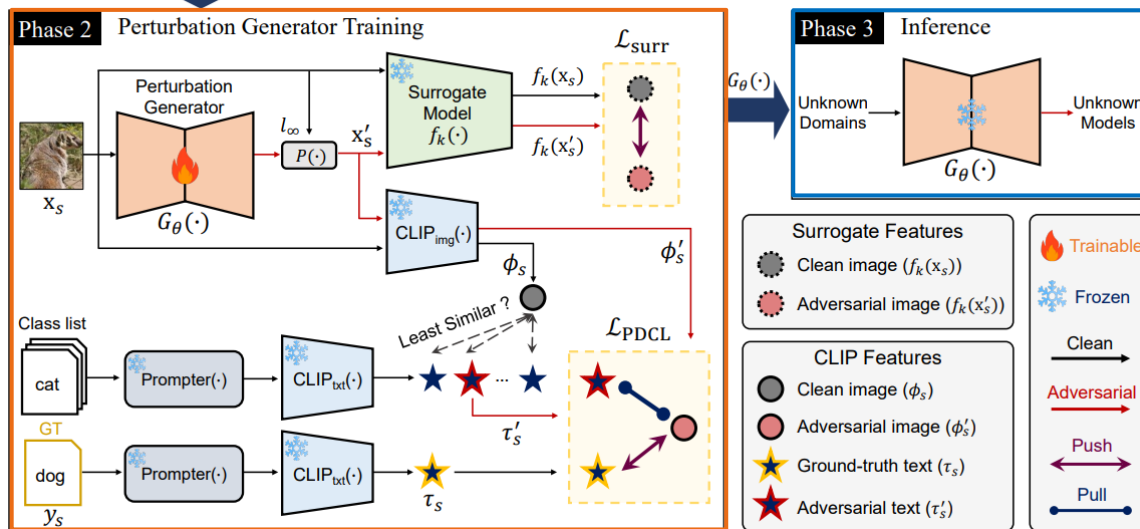
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- Overall framework
 - Two **training** phases (Phase 1 & Phase 2) and an **inference** phase (Phase 3)

[Method 2]
Robust prompting
via learning



[Method 1]
Prompt-driven
attack guidance



Cross-Domain Transferability

Unknown domain 1



Unknown domain 2



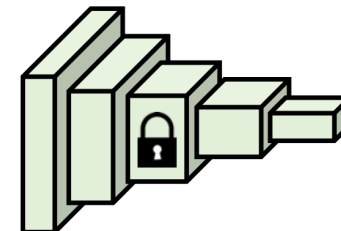
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Unknown domain N

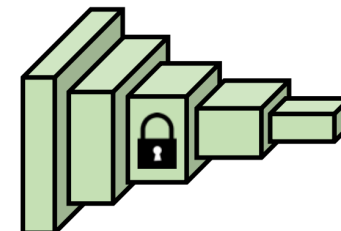


Cross-Model Transferability

Unknown victim model 1

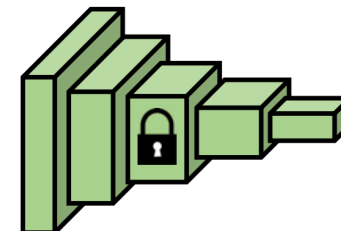


Unknown victim model 2



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Unknown victim model N



- Cross-domain attack transferability

Method	CUB-200-2011			Stanford Cars			FGVC Aircraft			AVG.
	Res-50	SENet154	SE-Res101	Res-50	SENet154	SE-Res101	Res-50	SENet154	SE-Res101	
Clean	87.33	86.81	86.59	94.25	93.35	92.96	92.14	92.05	91.84	90.81
GAP [40]	68.85	74.11	72.73	85.64	84.34	87.84	81.40	81.88	76.90	79.30
CDA [35]	69.69	62.51	71.00	75.94	72.45	84.64	71.53	58.33	63.39	69.94
LTP [34]	<u>30.86</u>	<u>52.50</u>	62.86	34.54	<u>65.53</u>	73.88	<u>15.90</u>	60.37	52.75	49.91
BIA [60]	32.74	52.99	58.04	39.61	69.90	70.17	28.92	60.31	<u>46.92</u>	51.07
GAMA [2]	34.47	54.02	<u>57.66</u>	<u>30.16</u>	69.80	<u>63.82</u>	25.29	<u>58.42</u>	43.41	<u>48.56</u>
Ours	22.97	49.19	54.92	22.58	64.95	63.70	15.81	53.83	47.25	43.91

- **Domain:** ImageNet-1K (**Source Domain**) → CUB, CAR, AIR (**Target Domain**)
- **Model:** VGG-16 (**Surrogate Model**) → Various Models (**Victim Models**)

- Cross-model attack transferability

Method	Res-50	Res-152	Dense-121	Dense-169	Inc-v3	MNasNet	ViT-B/16	ViT-L/16	AVG.
Clean	74.61	77.34	74.22	75.75	76.19	66.49	79.56	80.86	75.63
GAP [40]	57.87	65.50	57.94	61.37	63.30	42.47	72.89	76.69	54.34
CDA [35]	36.27	51.05	38.89	42.67	54.02	33.10	68.73	74.22	53.24
LTP [34]	<u>21.70</u>	<u>39.88</u>	<u>23.42</u>	25.46	41.27	45.28	72.44	76.75	43.28
BIA [60]	25.36	42.98	26.97	32.35	41.20	34.31	<u>67.05</u>	73.23	42.93
GAMA [2]	24.82	43.22	24.84	30.81	<u>35.10</u>	27.96	67.33	<u>73.16</u>	<u>40.91</u>
Ours	20.87	38.62	21.26	<u>29.01</u>	32.99	<u>28.00</u>	65.53	72.52	38.60

- **Domain** : ImageNet-1K (Source Domain = Target Domain)
- **Model** : VGG-16 (Surrogate Model) → Various Models (Victim Models)

- Ablation study on our proposed losses

Method	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{surr}}$	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{GAMA}}$	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{PDCL}}$	$\mathcal{L}_{\text{context}}$	Cross-Domain	Cross-Model
Clean	–	–	–	–	90.85	75.63
BIA [60]	✓	–	–	–	51.07	42.93
GAMA [2]	✓	✓	–	–	48.56	40.91
Ours[†]	✓	–	✓	–	<u>46.69</u>	<u>40.35</u>
Ours	✓	–	✓	✓	43.91	38.60

- Our proposed $\mathcal{L}_{\text{PDCL}}$ achieves SoTA even w/o prompt learning of $\mathcal{L}_{\text{context}}$.

- Effect of learnable context words

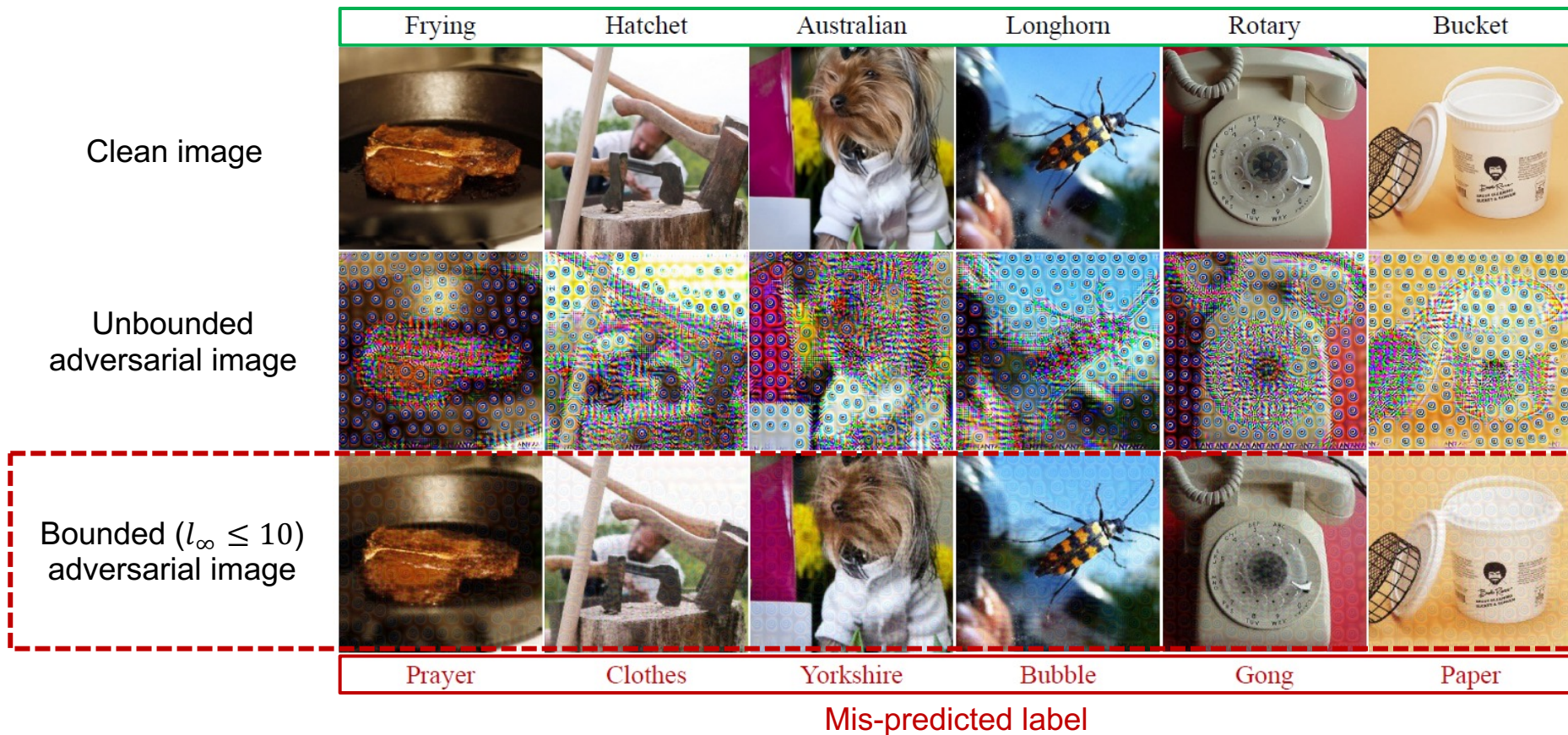
Type	# of words	Text Prompt	Accuracy (\downarrow)
Heuristic	$M = 4$	“a photo of a [class]”	46.69
		“a sketch of a [class]”	47.02
	$M = 5$	“a photo style of a [class]”	46.14
		“a sketch style of a [class]”	47.70
		“a [\mathbf{V}_{rand}] style of a [class]”	47.81
Learnable	$M = 4$	“ $[\mathbf{V}_1][\mathbf{V}_2][\mathbf{V}_3][\mathbf{V}_4]$ [class]”	<u>45.44</u>
	$M = 16$	“ $[\mathbf{V}_1][\mathbf{V}_2] \cdots [\mathbf{V}_{16}]$ [class]”	43.91

- Prompt learning is more effective than engineering.


Experimental Results

- Qualitative results of image classification

GT class label



- PDCL-Attack demonstrates high attack transferability across unknown domains and model architectures, posing a critical threat to **trustworthy AI**.
- **CLIP model guidance** reinforced by **prompt learning** in a joint vision-language space significantly enhances the attack transferability.
- We hope our work inspires further research on training robust models to defend against adversaries equipped with emerging **foundation models**.




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Transferable Adversarial Attacks

Crafting adversarial perturbations that are transferable to unknown domains and model architectures

Motivation & Goal



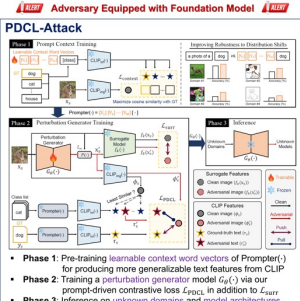
- A single text can represent various images from diverse domains. → Prompt-driven attack guidance
- The prompt context significantly affects the model performance. → Robust prompting via learning

Contributions

- Our proposed prompt-driven attack less reinforced by prompt learning improves the generative attack.
- PDCL-Attack demonstrates high transferability when attacking across various domains and models, posing a critical threat to trustworthy AI.

Adversary Equipped with Foundation Model

PDCL-Attack



Experiments

Method	CLIP (0.4)	ResNet (0.2)	ViT (0.2)	ViT (0.4)	ViT (0.6)	ViT (0.8)	ViT (1.0)
Class	27.20	36.40	46.20	52.20	55.20	56.20	57.20
CLIP [1]	27.20	36.40	46.20	52.20	55.20	56.20	57.20
CLIP [2]	27.20	36.40	46.20	52.20	55.20	56.20	57.20
CLIP [3]	27.20	36.40	46.20	52.20	55.20	56.20	57.20
CLIP [4]	27.20	36.40	46.20	52.20	55.20	56.20	57.20
CLIP [5]	27.20	36.40	46.20	52.20	55.20	56.20	57.20
CLIP [6]	27.20	36.40	46.20	52.20	55.20	56.20	57.20
CLIP [7]	27.20	36.40	46.20	52.20	55.20	56.20	57.20
CLIP [8]	27.20	36.40	46.20	52.20	55.20	56.20	57.20
CLIP [9]	27.20	36.40	46.20	52.20	55.20	56.20	57.20
CLIP [10]	27.20	36.40	46.20	52.20	55.20	56.20	57.20
Class	29.20	38.40	48.20	54.20	57.20	58.20	59.20

Phase 1: Pre-training learnable context word vectors of Prompt() for producing more generalizable text features from CLIP

Phase 2: Training a perturbation generator model Gp() via our prompt-driven contrastive loss LpDCL, in addition to Ladv

Phase 3: Inference on unknown domains and model architectures




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