

Improving your vision model's robustness with

<https://github.com/miladmozafari/predify>

Predify

Enables you to easily extend your deep neural network with predictive coding dynamics.

Link to the preprint: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.02749>

Tutorial:  [Open in Colab](#)

1. **Some theoretical background – Rufin VanRullen**
2. **Hands-on tutorial – Milad Mozafari (& Bhavin Choksi)**

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Predify: Augmenting deep neural networks with brain-inspired predictive coding dynamics

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On the role of feedback in visual processing: a predictive coding perspective

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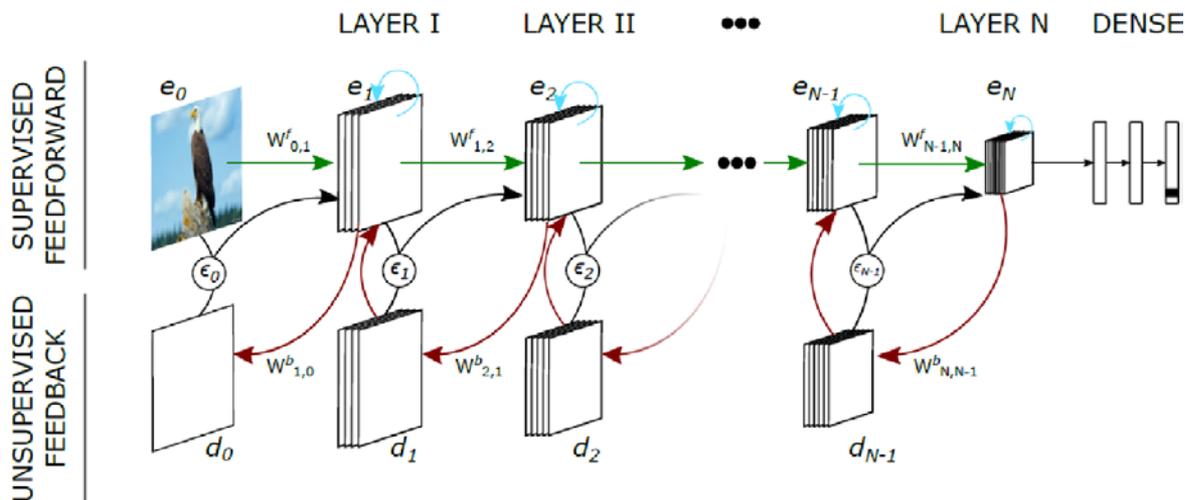
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Predictive coding feedback results in perceived illusory contours in a recurrent neural network

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1. Deep Predictive Coding Architecture



input drive

top-down
error correction

memory

bottom-up
error correction

$$e_n(t+1) = \beta [W_{n-1,n}^f e_{n-1}(t+1)]_+ + \lambda d_n(t) + (1 - \beta - \lambda) e_n(t) - \alpha \nabla \epsilon_{n-1}(t)$$

$$d_n(t) = [W_{n+1,n}^b e_{n+1}(t)]_+$$

$$\epsilon_{n-1}(t) = \|e_{n-1}(t) - d_{n-1}(t)\|_2^2$$

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Predify software (for PyTorch):

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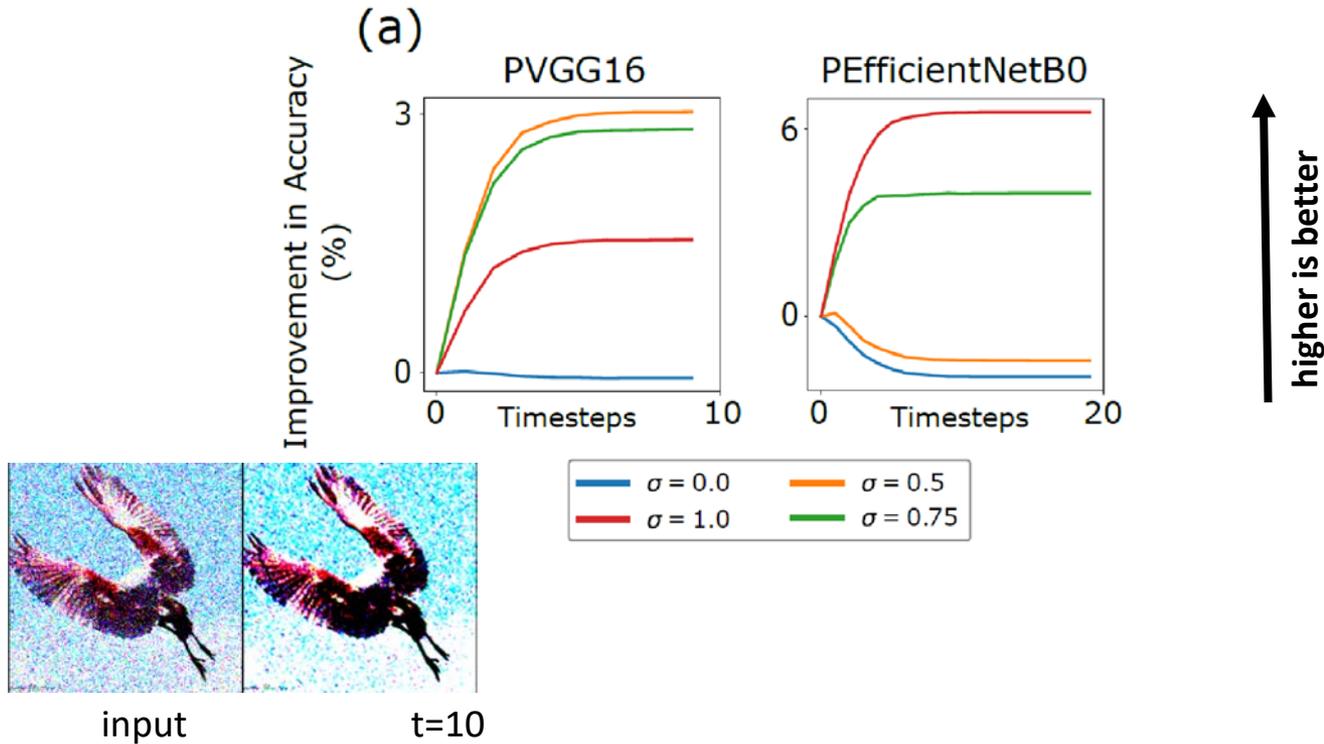
We **predified**: VGG16, EfficientNetB0, ResNet18...

$$e_n(t+1) = \underbrace{\beta [W_{n-1,n}^f e_{n-1}(t+1)]_+}_{\text{input drive}} + \underbrace{\lambda d_n(t)}_{\text{top-down error correction}} + \underbrace{(1 - \beta - \lambda) e_n(t)}_{\text{memory}} - \underbrace{\alpha \nabla \epsilon_{n-1}(t)}_{\text{bottom-up error correction}}$$

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2. Robustness to noise

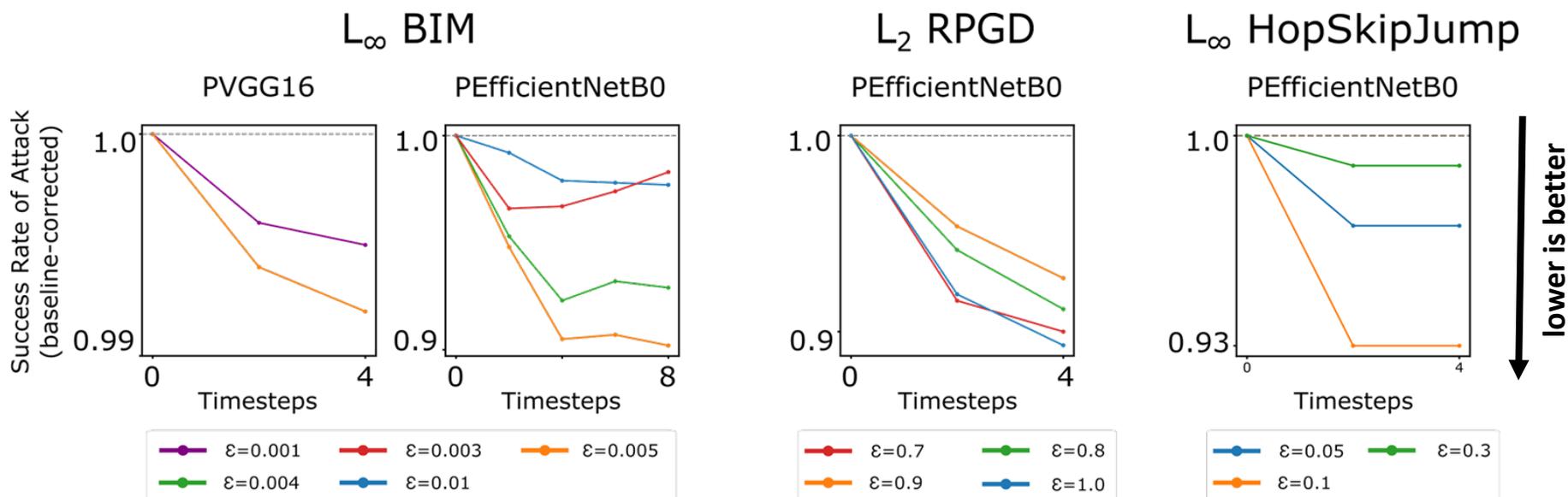
ImageNet accuracy:



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3. Robustness to adversarial attacks

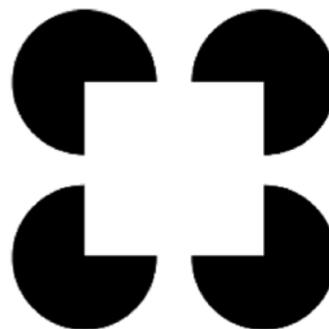
Predictive coding iterations decrease the efficacy of attacks:



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4. Illusory contour perception

Kanizsa shapes:

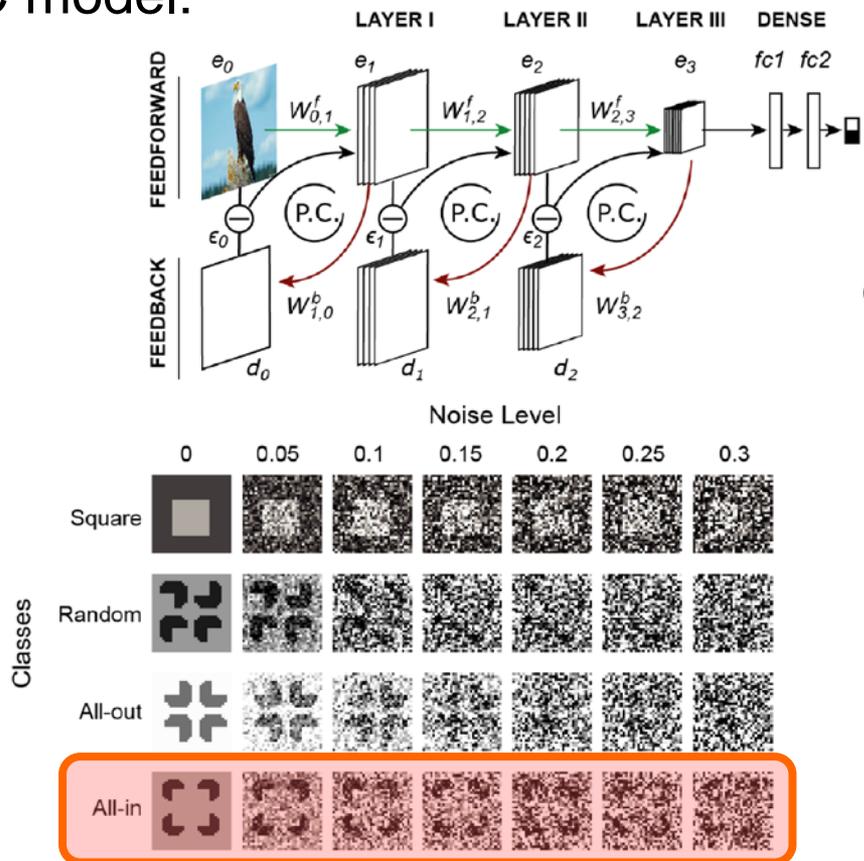


- Humans see a white shape on black disks
 - Computer vision models (DCNNs) typically don't
- ➔ Can predictive coding help?

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4. Illusory contour perception

3-layer PC model:

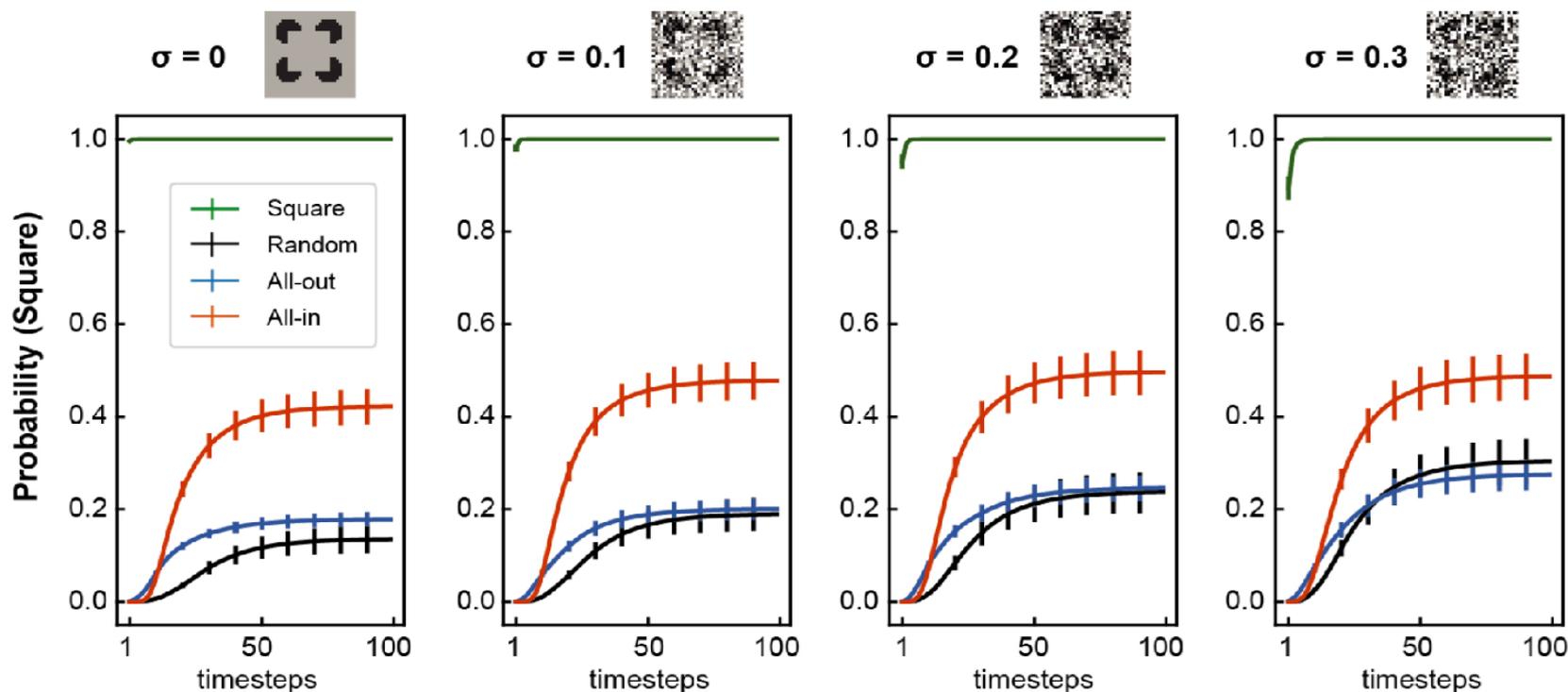


© Pre-trained for (unsupervised) image reconstruction on CIFAR-100 natural image dataset

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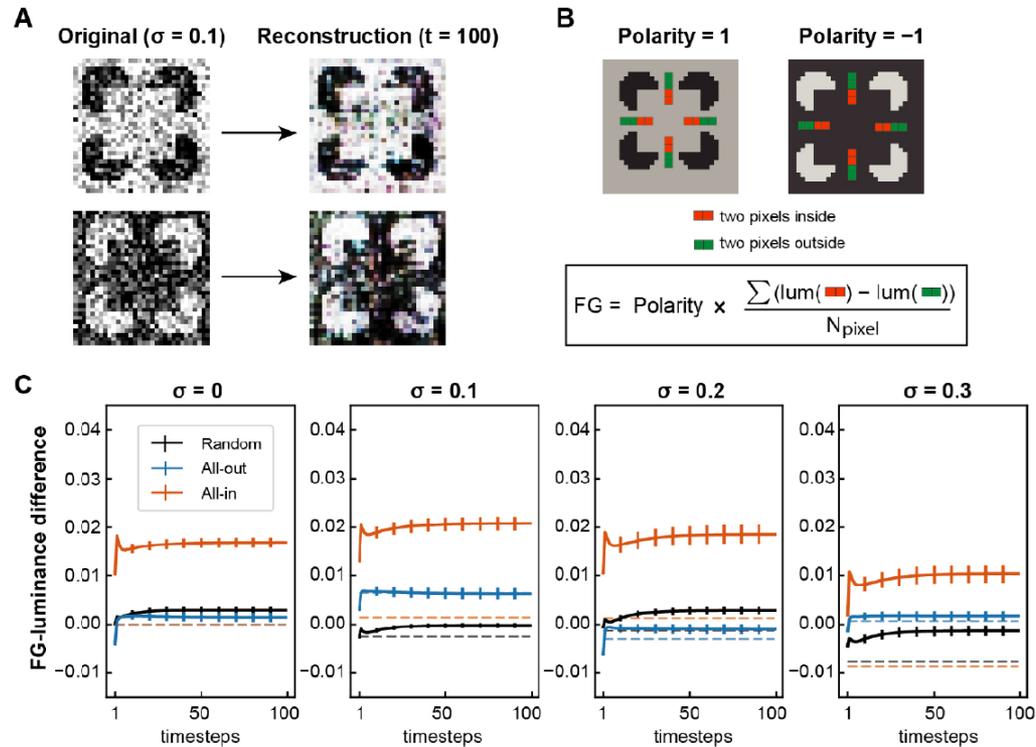
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The model tends to classify the “illusory square” configuration as an actual square!



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Just like humans, the model “thinks” the square has a different luminance than the background!



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- 1. Brain-inspired Architecture**
- 2. Robustness to image corruptions**
- 3. Robustness to adversarial attacks**
- 4. Predictive coding networks “perceive” illusory contours like we (humans) do**

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Predify

- **PyTorch-based Python package**
- **Automatically and simply adds predictive coding dynamics to any network**
- **Provides a super simple text-based user interface (TOML files)**
- **Code Generation**

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