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# Shape-Texture Debiased Neural Network Training

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# Background: ICLR'19 Geirhos *et al.*

## ► ImageNet-trained CNNs are biased towards texture



(a) Texture image

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



(b) Content image

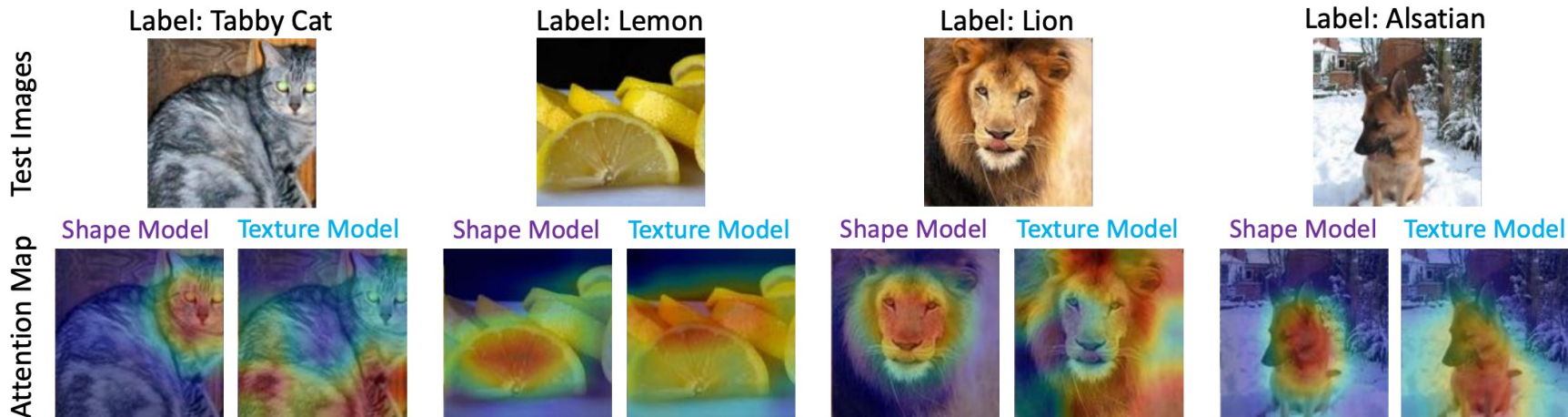
71.1%	<b>tabby cat</b>
17.3%	grey fox
3.3%	Siamese cat



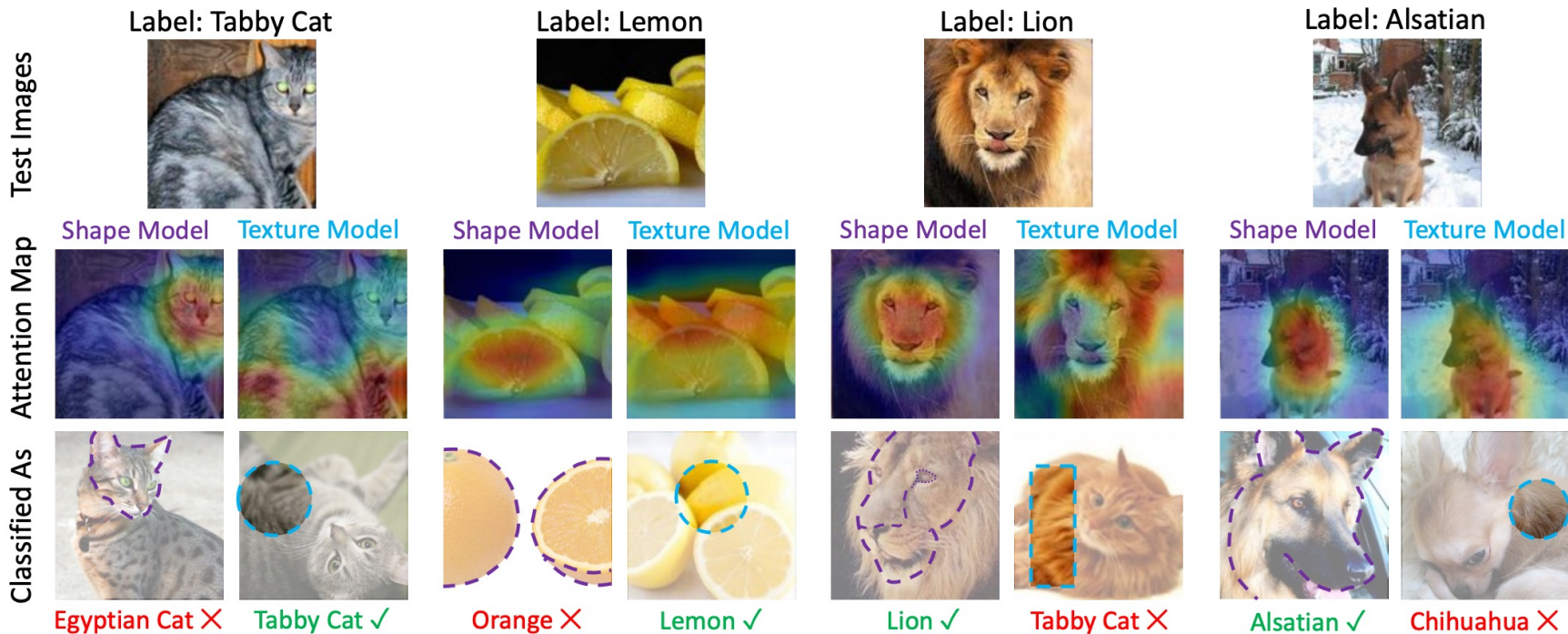
(c) Texture-shape cue conflict

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

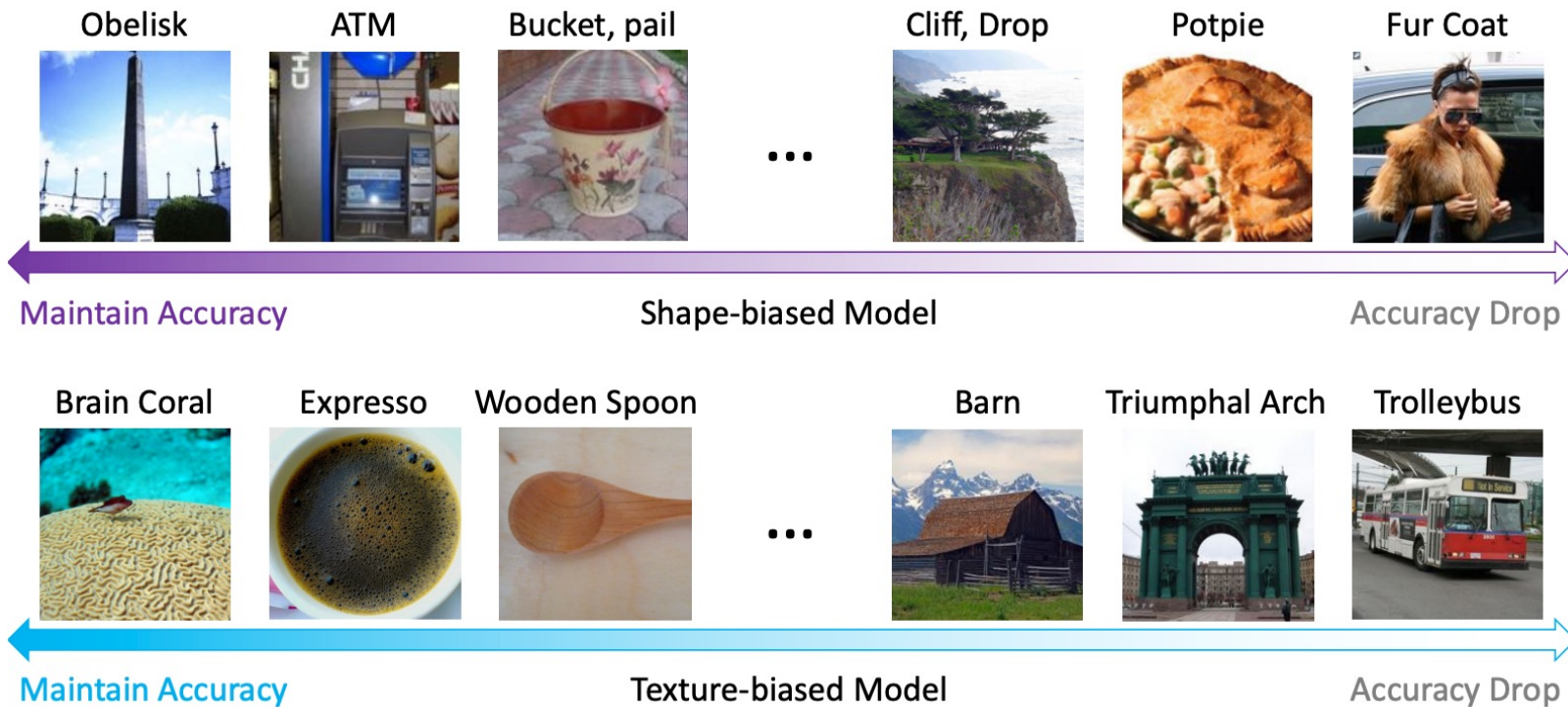
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# Goal: Use Both Cues to Improve the Recognition Ability

Test Image Label: Fur Coat



Shape-biased Model

Prediction: Poncho ✗

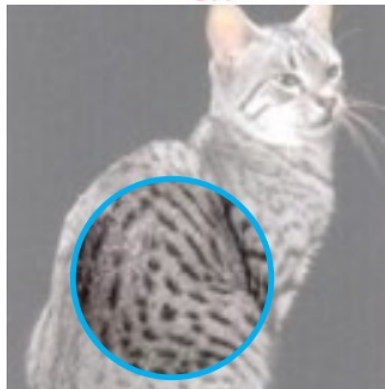


✓Shape

✗Texture

Texture-biased Model

Prediction: Egyptian cat ✗



✗Shape

✓Texture

Debiased Model

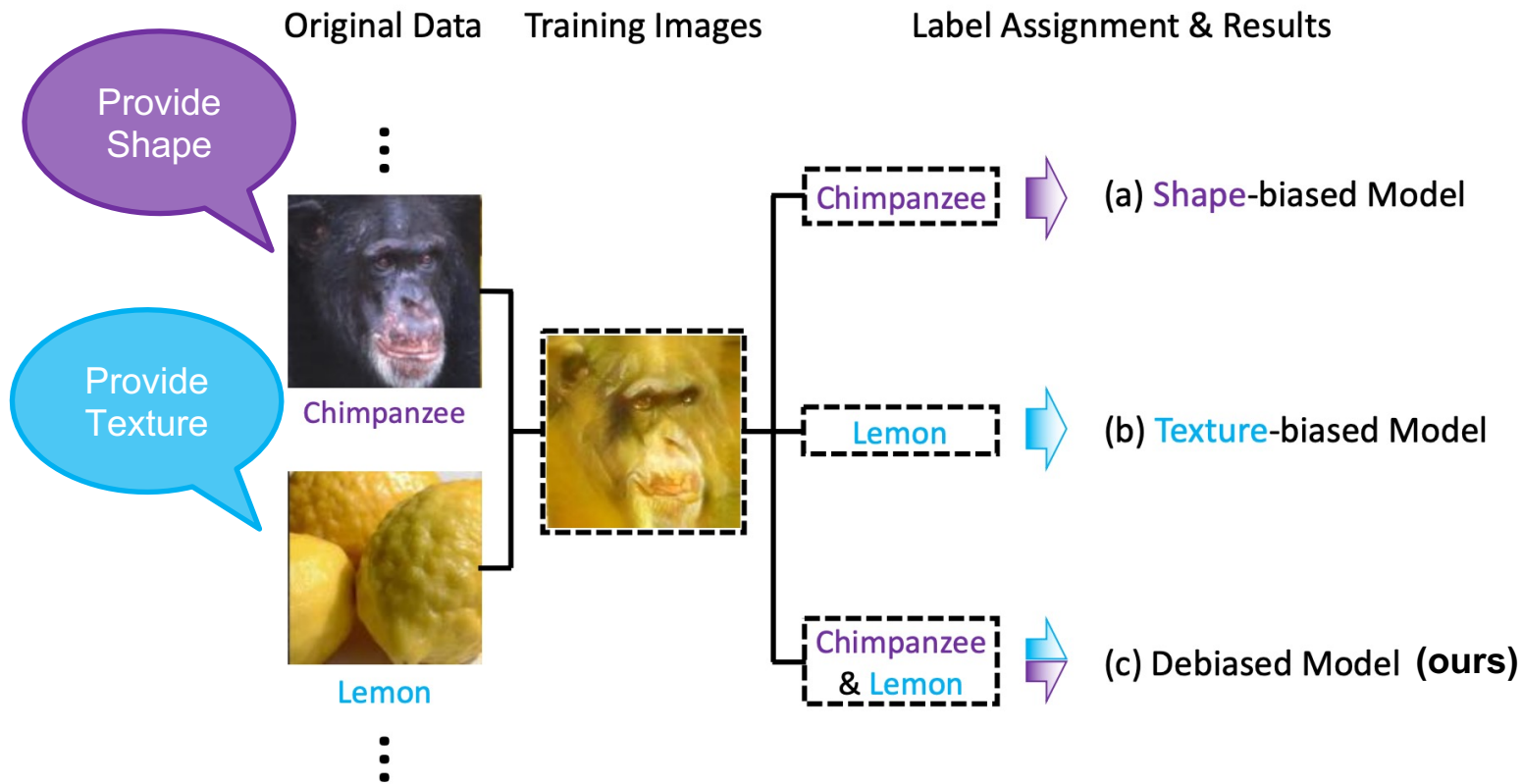
Prediction: Fur Coat ✓



✓Shape

✓Texture

# Shape-Texture Debiased Neural Network Training



# For Segmentation



Texture Source  
Image & Label



Texture Source Object



Shape Source Image & Label



Generated Image & Label



# Improves Accuracy and Robustness

	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)

Table 2: Model robustness comparison evaluated on ImageNet-A (%), on ImageNet-C (mCE), on Stylized-ImageNet (S-ImageNet, %), and under FGSM attack (%). The debiased neural network training significantly improves the model robustness.

# Compare with State-of-the-art Methods

	IN Acc. ↑	IN-A Acc. ↑	IN-C mCE ↓	S-IN Acc. ↑	FGSM Acc. ↑
ResNet-50	76.4	2.0	75.0	7.4	17.1
CutMix + MoEx (Li et al., 2021)	79.0	8.0	74.8	5.0	41.0
DeepAugment + AugMix (Hendrycks et al., 2020)	75.8	3.9	53.6	21.2	18.8
SIN (Geirhos et al., 2019)	60.2	2.4	77.3	56.2	5.6
<b>Shape-Texture Debiased Training (ours)</b>	76.9	3.5	67.5	17.4	27.4

# Results on Shape / Texture Datasets

Datasets	VANILLA	S-BIASED	T-BIASED	DEBIASED
ImageNet-Sketch	23.8	<u>27.9</u>	24.3	<b>28.4</b>
ImageNet-R	36.2	<u>40.6</u>	36.7	<b>40.8</b>
Kylberg Texture	99.5	99.1	<b>99.6</b>	<u>99.5</u>
Flicker Material	74.6	73.3	<b>79.2</b>	<u>75.8</u>

# Thank you.



Any questions?

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