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Plug & Play Attacks

Towards Robust and Flexible Model Inversion Attacks



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Deep Neural Networks are Changing the World

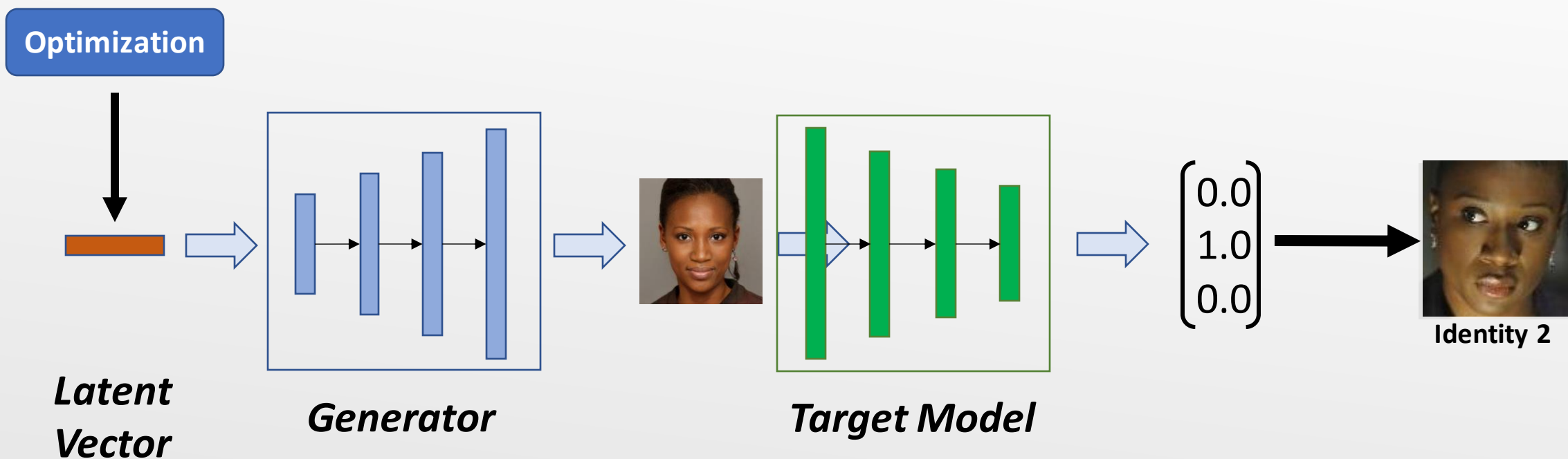
- But there are Privacy Concerns



Attack Goal: How does Identity X look like?

(Generative) Model Inversion Attacks

Fredrikson et al. (CCS 2015); Zhang et al. (CVPR 2020)



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Model Inversion Attacks Face Several Challenges

Degradation Factors

- ❗ Distributional Shifts
- ❗ Complex Optimization Landscape
- ❗ Fooling Images

Limitations of Previous MIAs

- ⊖ Tailored on single target
- ⊖ Time and resource intensive
- ⊖ Additional input information required

Target
Identity



Distributional
Shift



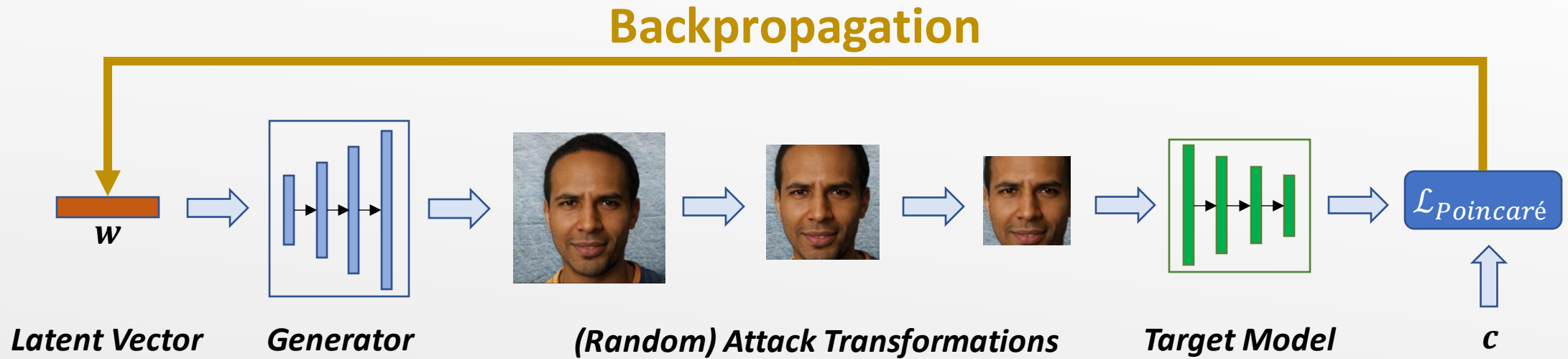
Local
Minimum



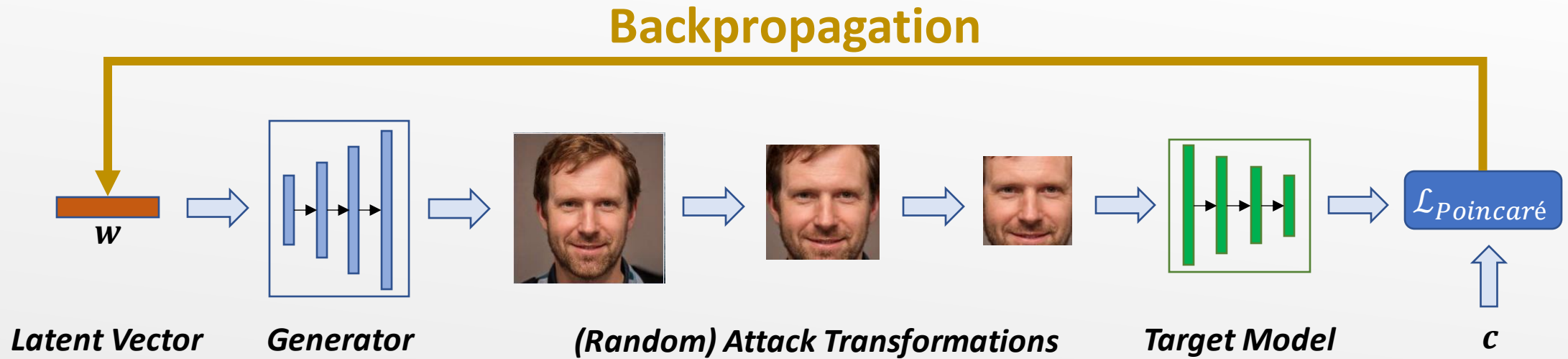
Fooling
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Robust & Flexible Model Inversion Attacks

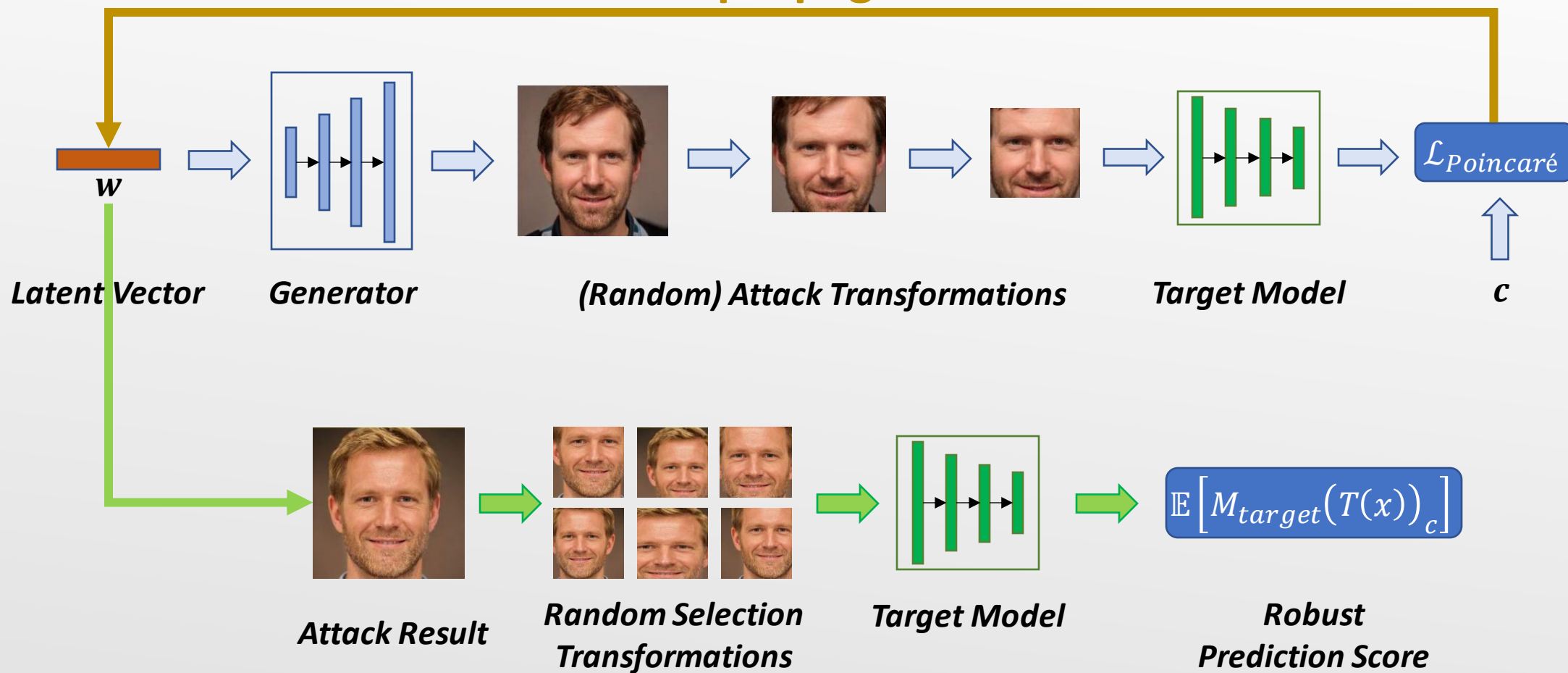


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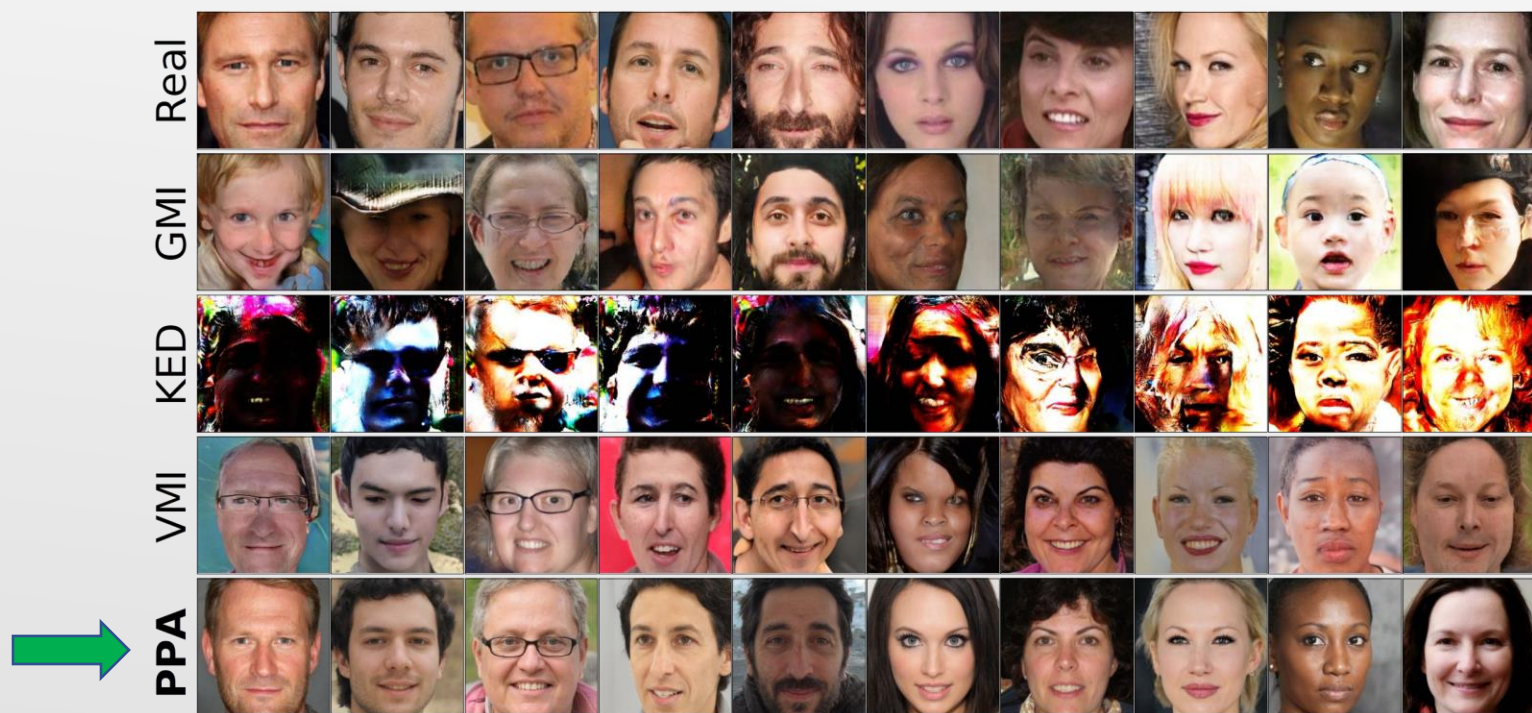
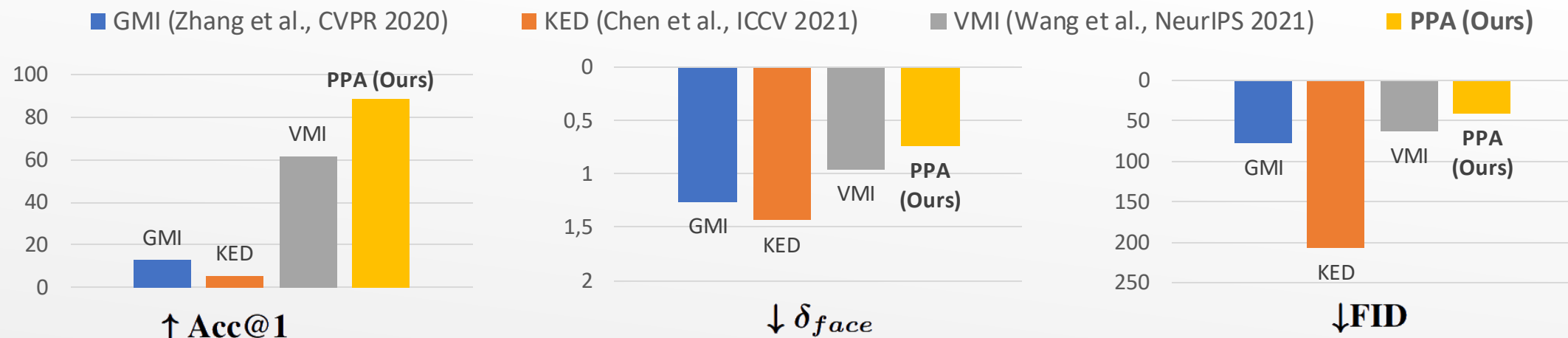


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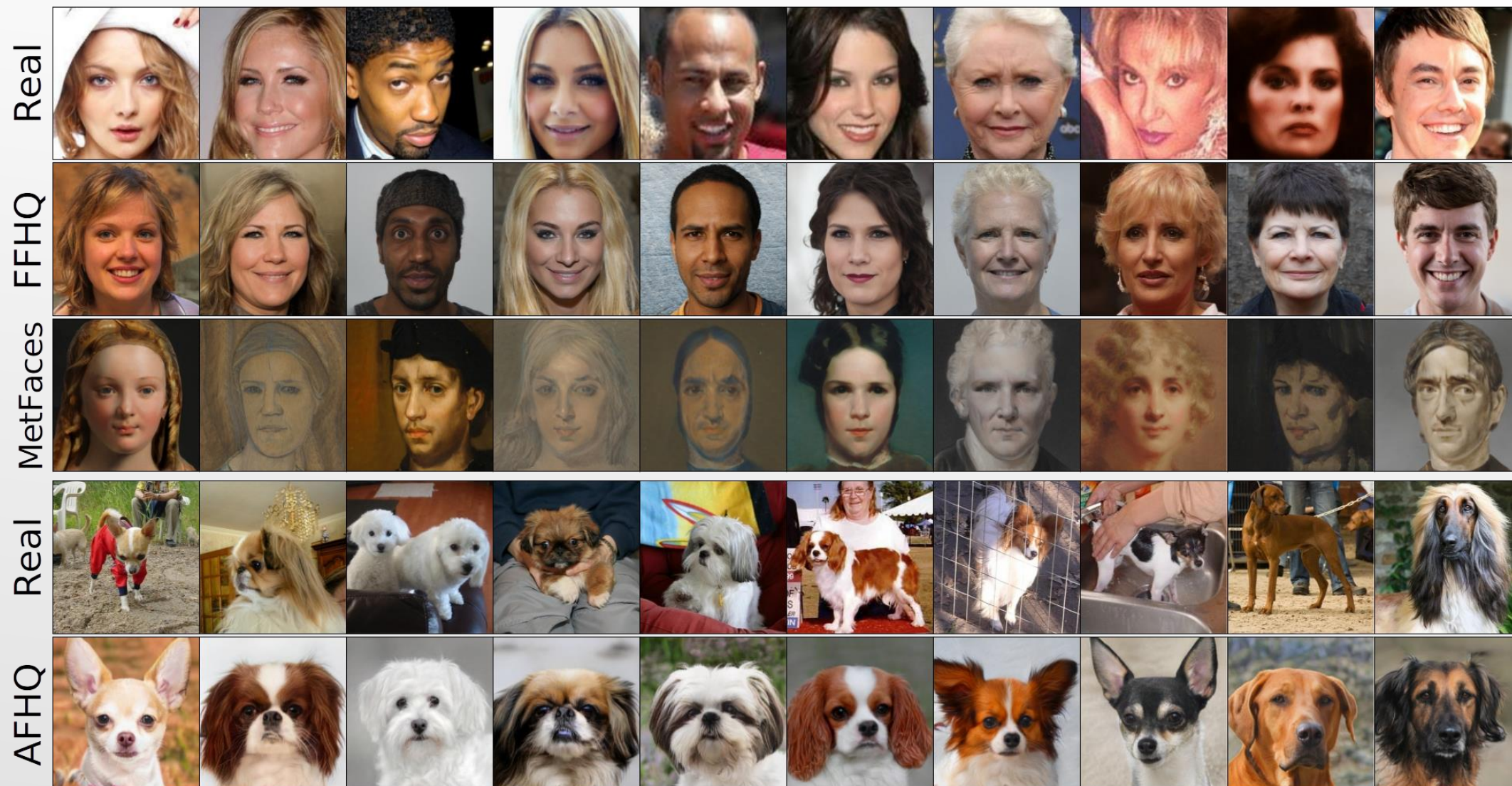
Backpropagation



Plug & Play Attacks Outperform Previous Attacks



Plug & Play Attacks Overcome Distributional Shifts



The First Plug & Play Model Inversion Attack



Robust attack optimization

- Random transformations stabilize attacks
- Poincaré loss avoids vanishing gradients
- Selection process filters out poor attack outcomes



Flexible exchange of models

- Usage of pre-trained GANs possible
- Attack is independent of a specific target model



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<https://github.com/LukasStruppek/Plug-and-Play-Attacks>