

# Rethinking Self-supervised Learning for Cross-domain Adversarial Image Recovery

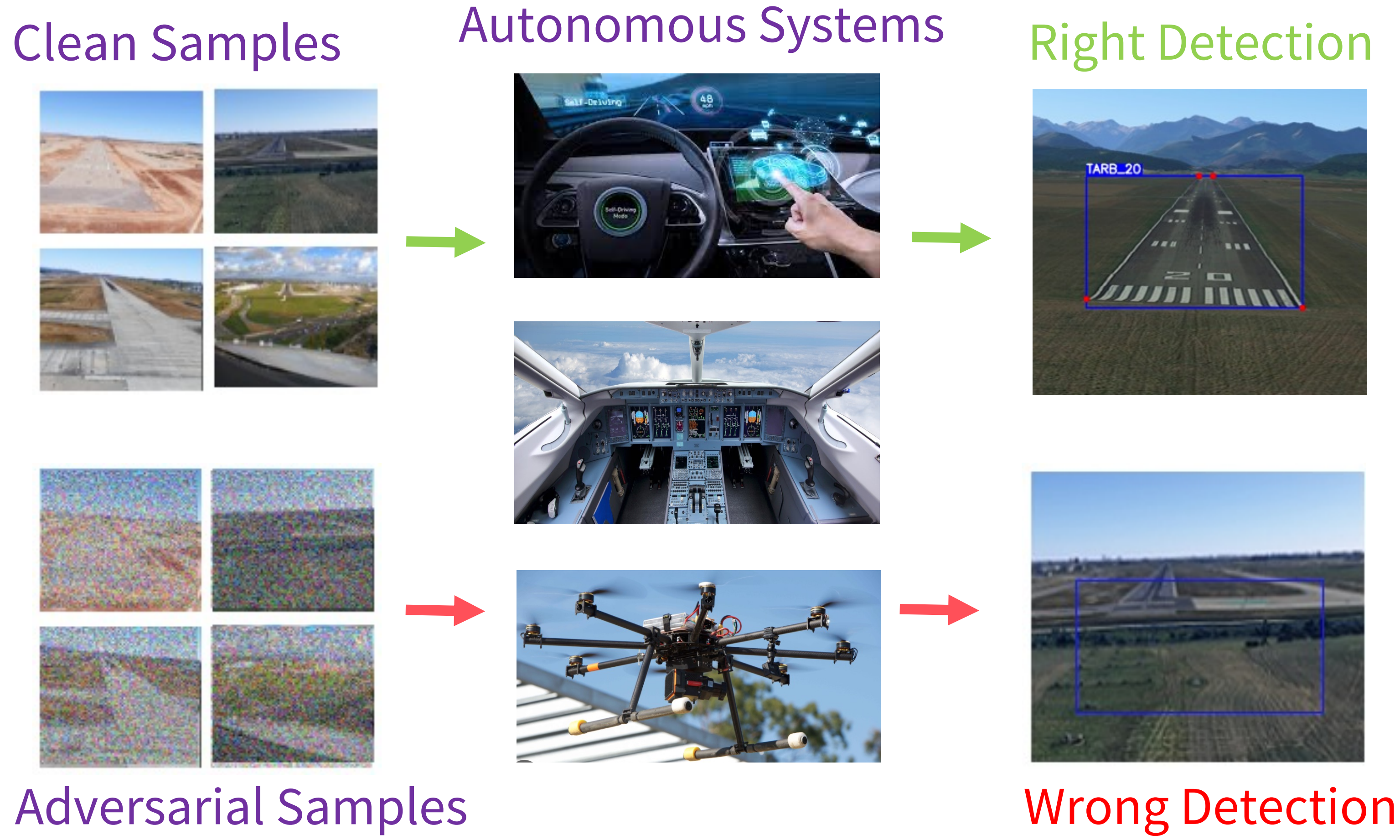
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## Adversarial Attacks to Autonomous Systems

Autonomous Systems (AS) are usually embodied as Cyber-Physical Systems (CPS) in which adversarial attacks can lead to catastrophic consequences, such as loss of life or serious injury, thus many autonomous systems are **safety-critical**.



## Self-supervised Learning

### What is self-supervised learning (SSL):

- Unlabeled data is processed to obtain useful representations that can help with downstream learning tasks.
- An intermediate form of unsupervised and supervised learning.

### Why we need SSL-based adversarial attack recovery?

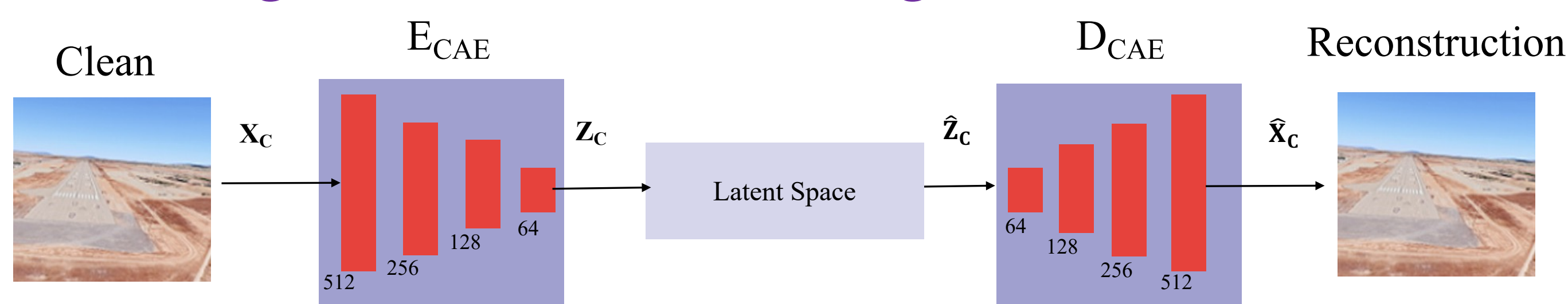
- Supervised training of the networks requires large sets of labelled paired data. However, these data is difficult or expensive to obtain.
- A trained model may suffer from performance degradation when deployed in previously unseen conditions e.g., a mismatch of attacks and datasets between the training and testing datasets.

### What do we propose in this work?

- We propose the clean image autoencoder (CAE) to learn the latent representations of clean images.
- We propose the adversarial image autoencoder (AAE) to learn a shared latent space between the unpaired clean images and adversarial images to boost the generalization ability.
- The input of two autoencoders are clean images and adversarial images, respectively. However, they are unpaired, i.e., they are randomly selected different domains (datasets and attack algorithms).

## Proposed Framework

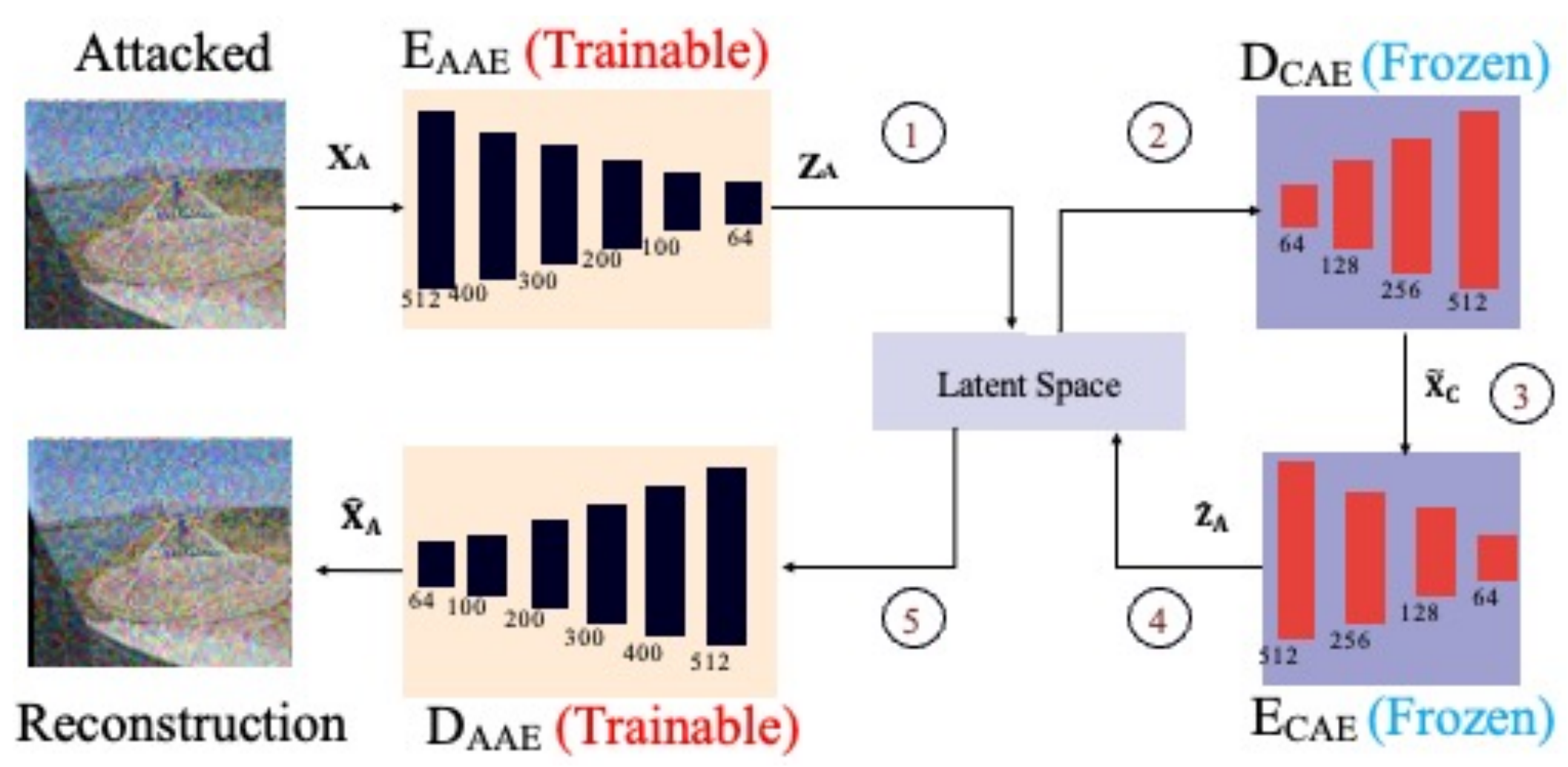
### Clean image autoencoder training



- The clean images  $X_c$  from the public landing runway dataset are fed into the CAE to learn the features  $Z_c$  in the latent space.
- In CAE, both  $E_{CAE}$  and  $D_{CAE}$  consist of four 1-D convolutional layers. In  $E_{CAE}$ , the size of the hidden dimension decreases sequentially from 512 -> 256 -> 128 -> 64. Accordingly, the dimension of the latent space is set to 64, with the stride of 1 and the kernel size of 7 used for the convolutions. Different from  $E_{CAE}$ , the decoder  $D_{CAE}$  scale up the latent dimensions sequentially.

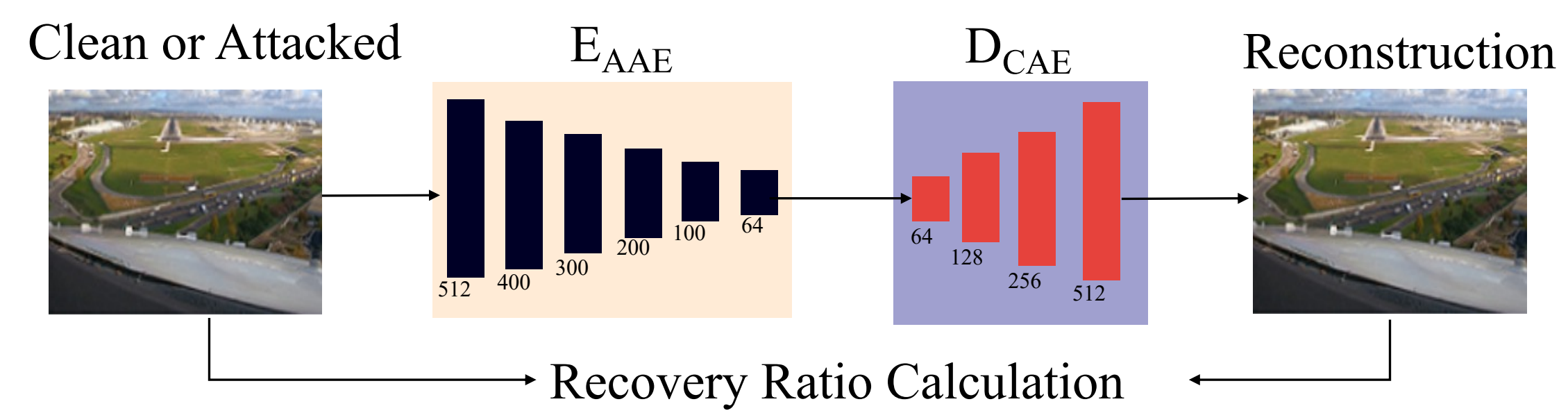
## Proposed Framework

### Adversarial image autoencoder training



- The weights of the CAE are frozen in this stage.
- The AAE learns a shared latent space between clean images and adversarial images.

### Test stage



- The trained  $E_{AAE}$  and  $D_{CAE}$  are combined as the final model

## Experimental Settings

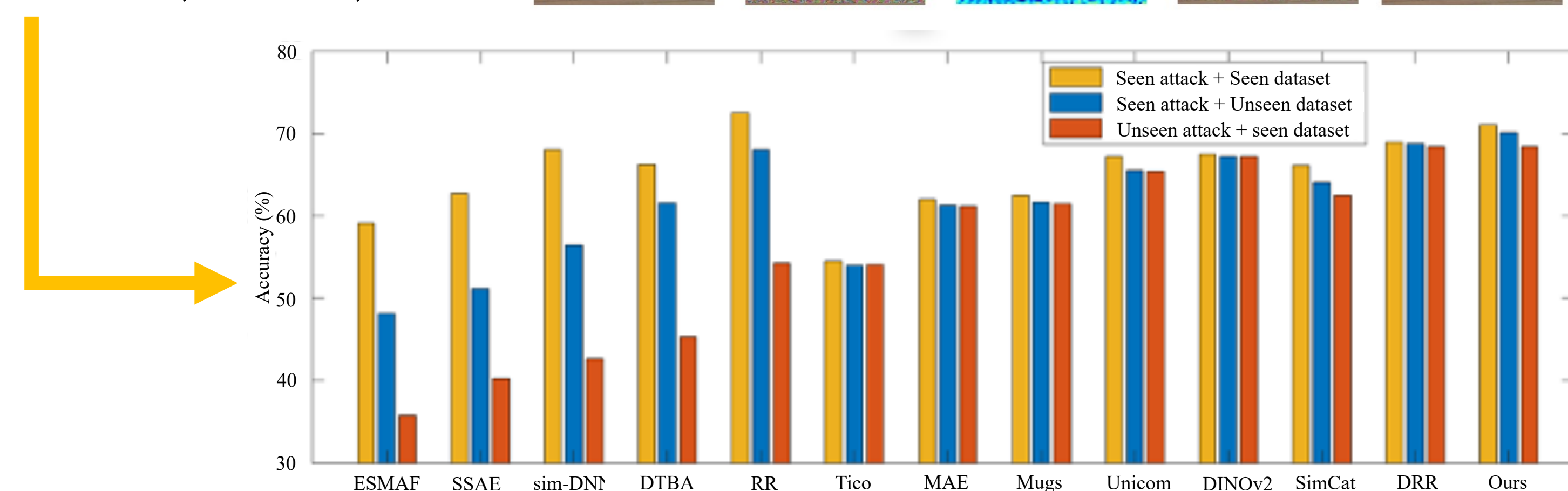
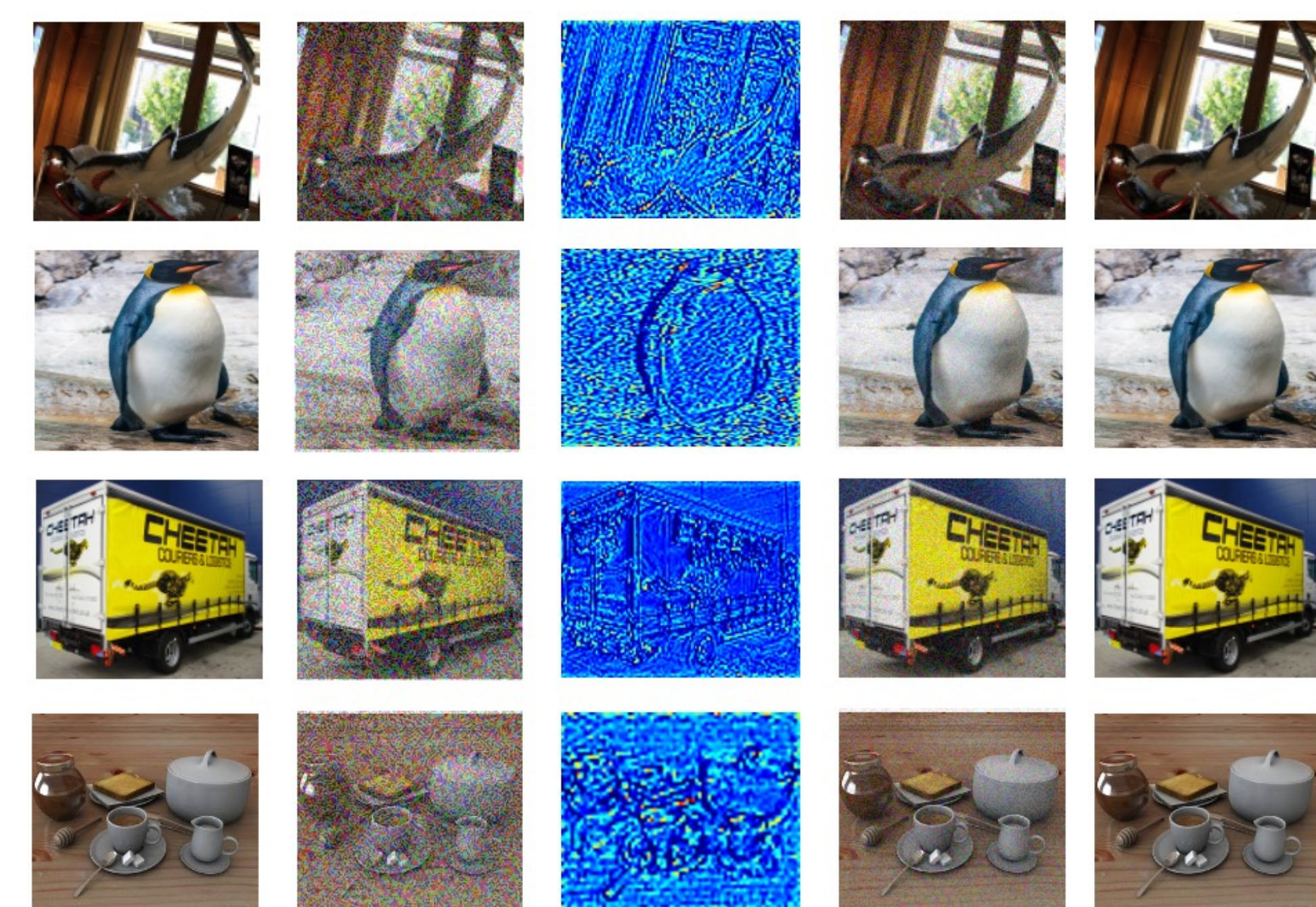
- ◆ CAE Training: 10k images from the COCO dataset
- ◆ AAE Training: 40k images from the CIFAR-10 dataset
- ◆ Test: 10k images from the ImageNet-R dataset
- ◆ Backbones: CNN
- ◆ Attack algorithms: FGSM, PGD, SSAH, DeepFool, BIM, CW, JSMA

## Experimental Results

|         | Recovery Ratio (%) |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |  |
|---------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|
|         | Clean              | FGSM        | PGD         | SSAH        | DeepFool    | BIM         | CW          | JSMA        | Avr         |  |
| ESMAF   | 70.8               | 52.7        | 67.5        | 62.9        | 39.7        | 35.9        | 37.2        | 41.0        | 51.0        |  |
| SSAE    | 74.0               | 58.5        | 67.0        | 69.2        | 41.5        | 39.4        | 41.6        | 41.3        | 54.1        |  |
| Sim-DNN | 76.2               | 60.7        | 72.3        | 71.0        | 44.8        | 46.7        | 49.9        | 50.2        | 59.0        |  |
| DTBA    | 79.2               | 59.2        | 75.5        | 74.9        | 51.4        | 53.8        | 56.0        | 59.9        | 63.8        |  |
| RR      | 86.5               | 62.7        | 79.0        | 76.2        | 67.1        | 58.7        | 60.9        | 71.3        | 70.3        |  |
| TiCo    | 74.5               | 53.6        | 68.6        | 65.2        | 45.1        | 44.5        | 43.1        | 57.9        | 56.6        |  |
| MAE     | 82.2               | 59.6        | 75.5        | 74.4        | 54.2        | 50.3        | 51.4        | 62.8        | 63.8        |  |
| Mugs    | 83.4               | 57.2        | 75.9        | 76.7        | 56.0        | 51.1        | 50.8        | 64.3        | 64.4        |  |
| Unicom  | 86.4               | 59.8        | 76.2        | 79.3        | 61.0        | 55.5        | 58.4        | 68.2        | 68.1        |  |
| DINOv2  | 87.5               | 61.6        | 79.4        | 78.3        | 64.5        | 57.1        | 57.9        | 71.6        | 69.7        |  |
| SimCat  | 85.1               | 58.0        | 75.2        | 77.0        | 56.4        | 56.5        | 55.3        | 69.6        | 66.6        |  |
| DRR     | 87.2               | 64.8        | 79.6        | 78.2        | 66.9        | 60.7        | 60.1        | 70.3        | 71.0        |  |
| Ours    | <b>87.9</b>        | <b>65.9</b> | <b>80.0</b> | <b>79.7</b> | <b>69.1</b> | <b>61.5</b> | <b>61.8</b> | <b>72.4</b> | <b>72.3</b> |  |

### Visualizations

- Results on the Image-R dataset.
- Supervised: ESMAF, SSAE, sim-DNN, DTBA, RR
- Self-supervised: Tico, MAE, Mugs, Unicom, DINOv2, SimCat, DRR



## Ongoing and Future Works

- The proposed framework is potentially applied in other downstream tasks, e.g., road condition detection.
- Ablation study of the proposed algorithm will be provided.