

# Research Landscape on Robust Perception

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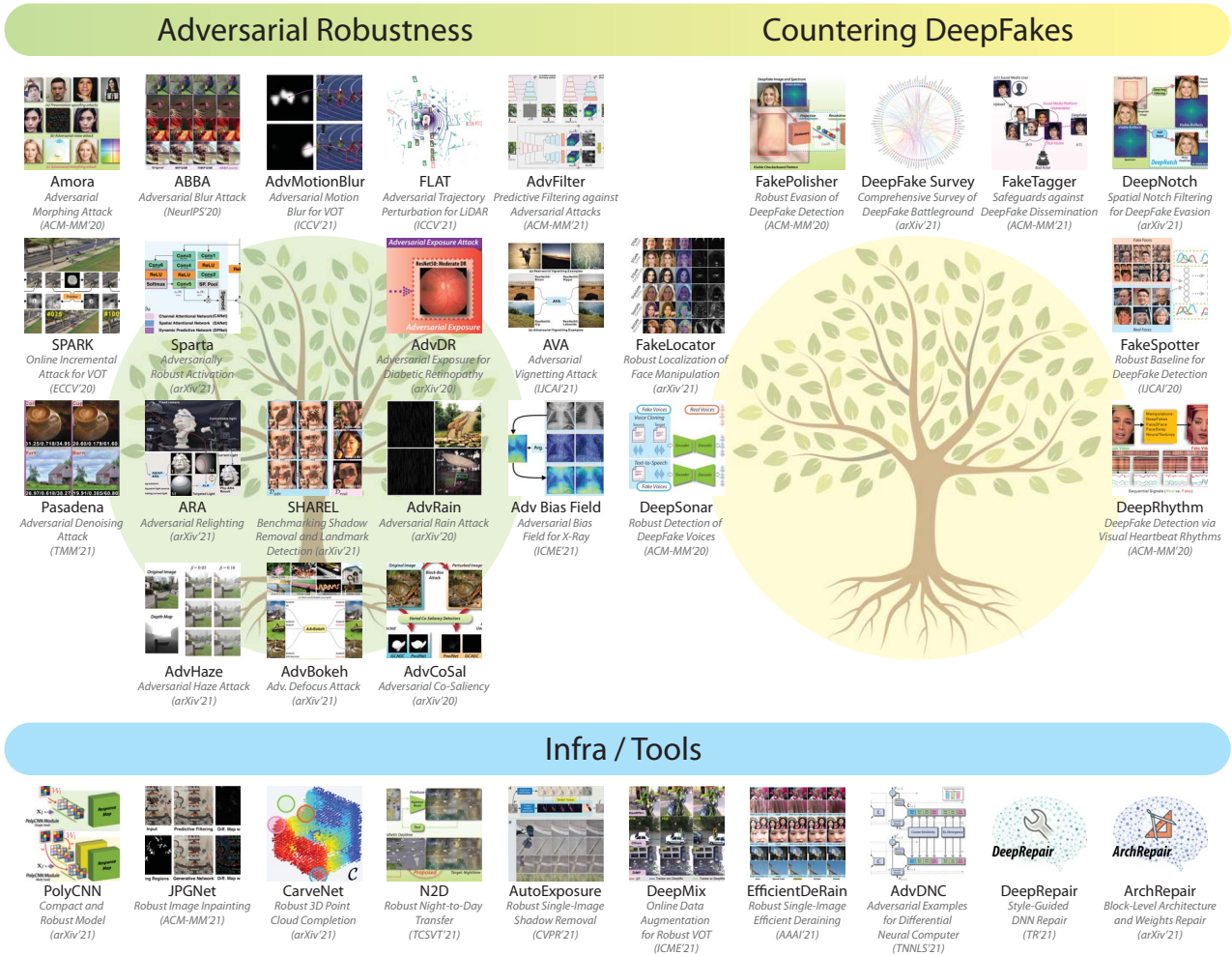


Figure 1. A snippet of my latest research landscape on robust perception as of December of 2021.

My latest research landscape on robust perception is shown in Figure 1. My research in general is focused on a fuller understanding of deep learning where I am actively exploring new methods in deep learning that are statistically efficient and adversarially robust [23,24]. Through these efforts, I am investigating under what conditions deep learning starts to work and under what conditions deep learning starts to fail.

I am now heavily involved in pushing the boundary

of robust vision and safe AI. As shown in Figure 1, the first research direction is on *adversarial robustness* where I have created high-realism degradation-mimetic adversarial attacks such as adversarial motion blur [12] / defocus blur [21], rain [42] / haze [8], relighting [10] / exposure [7, 34] / vignetting [35] / shadow [5], *etc.*, and then devising tools to defend against them through an attempt to situate both the natural corruption robustness and the adversarial robustness problems under the same dome [3,4,9, 11, 17, 18,27, 36].

The second research direction is on *countering malicious DeepFakes*, where I have created cunning DeepFakes [26] that are detection-evasive [20, 22] to foster the development of next-generation robust detectors of real-world video/audio DeepFakes [19, 32, 37–39].

The third research direction is on *infrastructural tools* for robust perception, where I have sought robust learners by creating novel neural architectures and computational modules that are statistically efficient and adversarially robust [1, 13, 23–25], as well as multifarious task-specific processing tools [2, 6, 14–16] and deep neural network robustness gauging and repairing techniques [28–31, 33, 40, 41].

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