

Fair Deepfake Detectors Can Generalize



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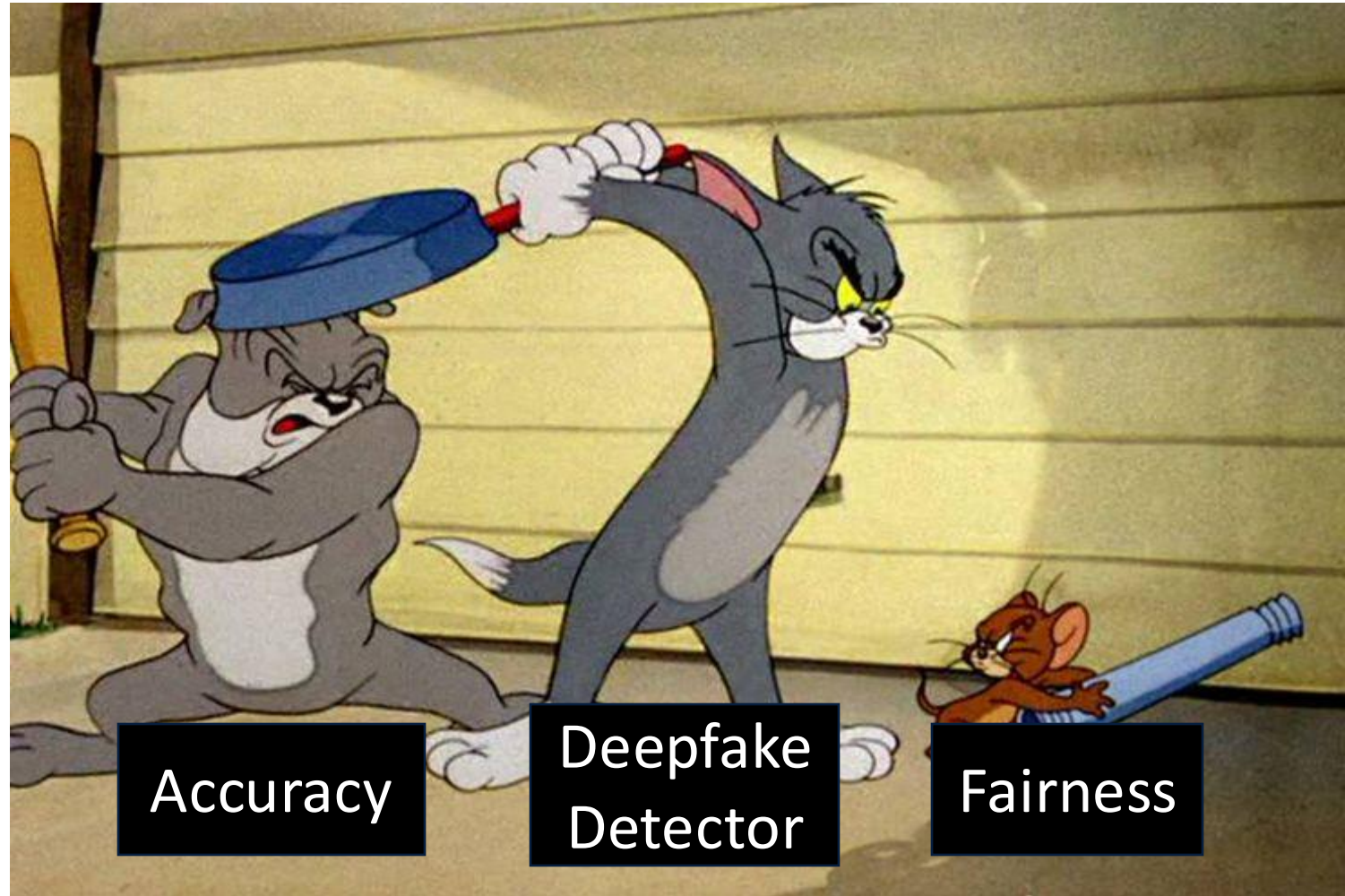
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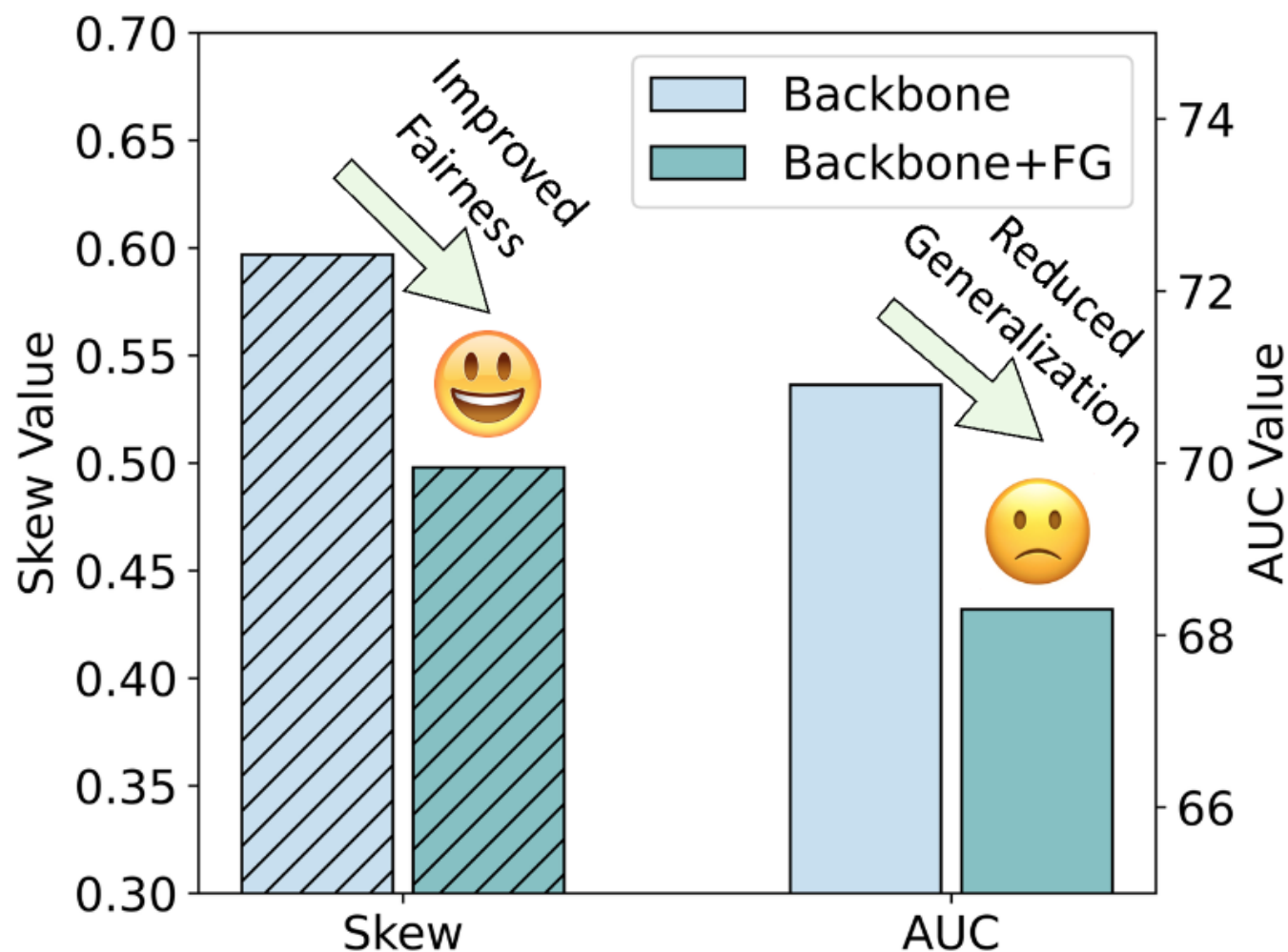
There is often a trade-off between **fairness** and **generalization** of a deepfake detector.

- Improving generalization does not necessarily enhance fairness.
- Bolstering fairness can inadvertently undermine a model's ability to generalize.



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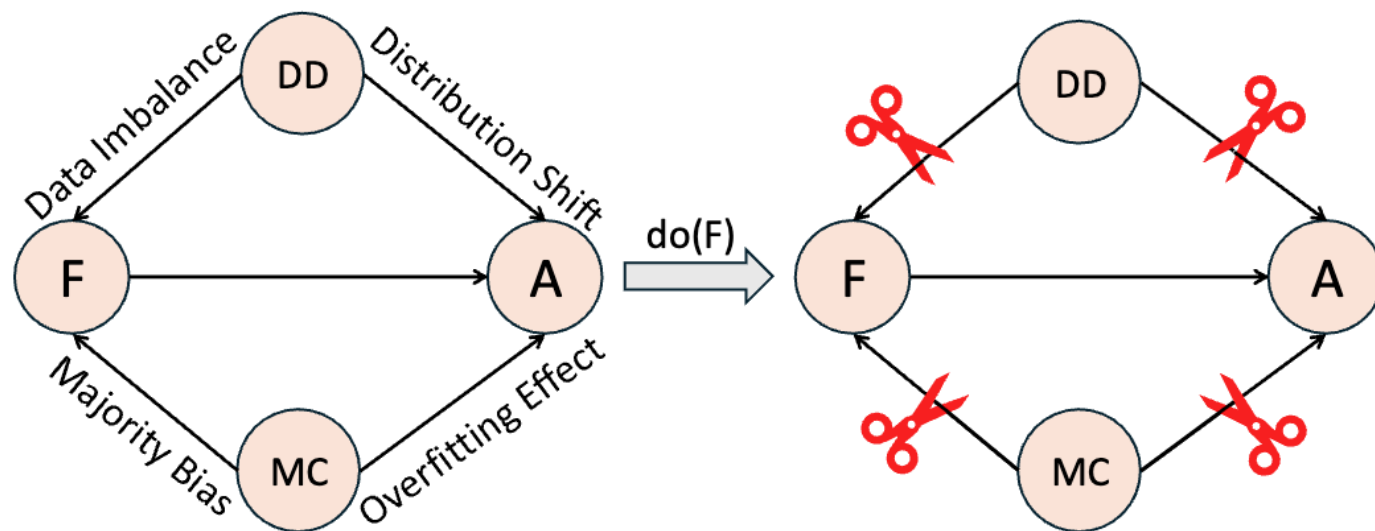
Skew (fairness metric, the lower the better)



AUC (generalization metric, the higher the better).

Comparison of model performance on Celeb-DF

Our Solution



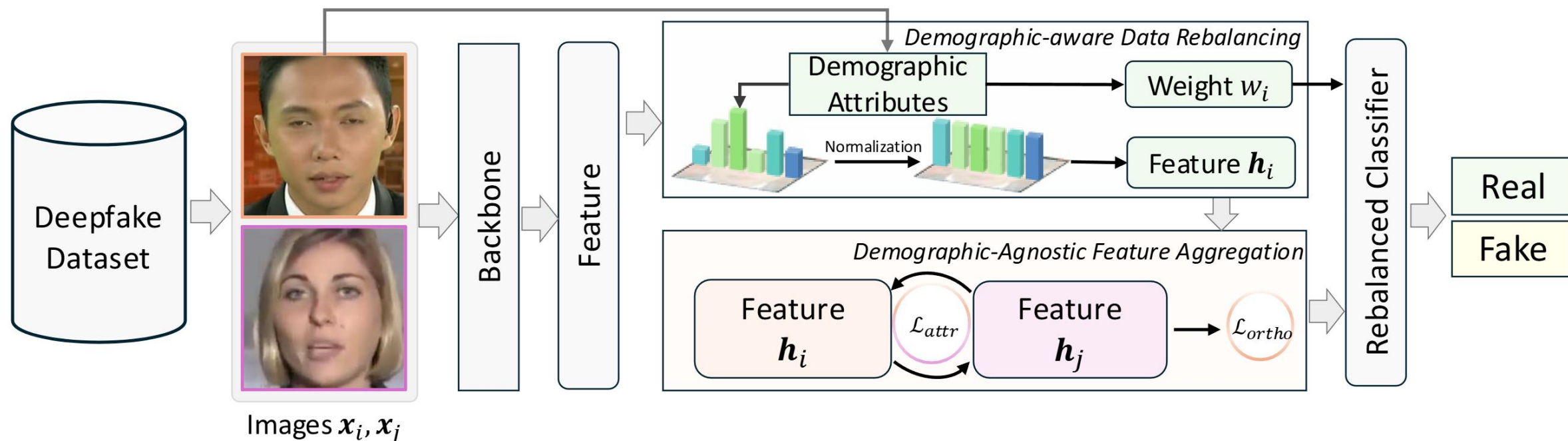
In our work, we demonstrate that improving fairness can, in some cases, enhance generalization—**when confounding factors are rigorously controlled**

This phenomenon is captured by the causal graph we constructed, in which the **data distribution (DD)** and the **model capacity (MC)** are defined as two confounding variables.

$$\mathbb{P}(A \mid \text{do}(F=f)) = \sum_{dd, mc} \mathbb{P}(A \mid F=f, DD=dd, MC=mc) \mathbb{P}(DD=dd, MC=mc),$$

Back-door Adjustment

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$$w_i = \left(\prod_{k=1}^K \hat{\mathbb{P}}(\mathbf{s}_i^{(k)}) \right)^{-1},$$

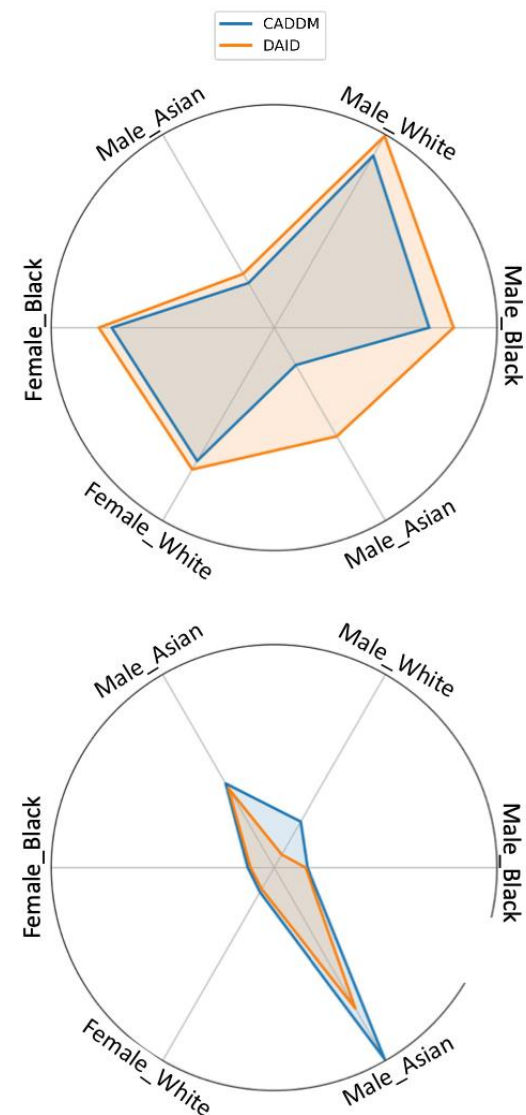
Penalizing groups with too many samples

$$\mathcal{L}_{attr} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{P}|} \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{P}} \mathcal{L}_{\cos}(\hat{\mathbf{h}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{h}}_j)$$

Features from different groups but sharing the same label should be mapped to similar features

Experiments

Method	DFDC		DFD		Celeb-DF	
	Skew ↓	AUC ↑	Skew ↓	AUC ↑	Skew ↓	AUC ↑
Xception [54]	2.221	60.63	0.564	80.69	0.597	70.91
EfficientNet [61]	2.011	60.49	<u>0.351</u>	83.12	0.437	75.36
F ³ -Net [53]	2.143	60.17	0.589	77.68	0.556	74.36
Face X-ray [28]	1.982	62.00	0.821	80.46	0.491	74.20
SBI [57]	2.385	63.39	0.757	86.43	0.715	79.76
RECCE [3]	2.622	61.63	0.738	80.13	0.644	70.55
GRU [11]	2.432	62.63	0.551	86.48	0.405	76.00
CADDM [15]	2.183	63.77	0.547	88.59	<u>0.391</u>	81.75
UCF [71]	2.272	60.03	0.510	81.01	0.619	71.73
ProDet [10]	2.306	<u>65.89</u>	0.432	89.18	0.569	<u>82.71</u>
VLFFD [58]	2.411	65.21	0.669	<u>90.08</u>	0.526	81.17
‡DAW-FDD [23]	2.127	59.96	0.528	71.40	0.509	69.55
‡FG [33]	<u>1.932</u>	60.11	0.447	80.42	0.498	68.30
DAID	1.460	66.85	0.263	91.15	0.289	84.39



Thanks!



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