



# **Adversary for Social Good: Protecting Familial Privacy through Joint Adversarial Attacks**

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# Data Leakage:



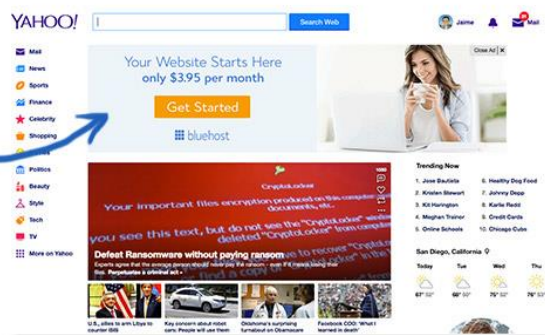
- Limited time to read Terms & Conditions
- Limited knowledge (especially children) to understand
- Unintentional leakage

# Behavioral Targeting:

## Retargeting Marketing On Websites



Webpage we visted



Webpage we were re-targeted on



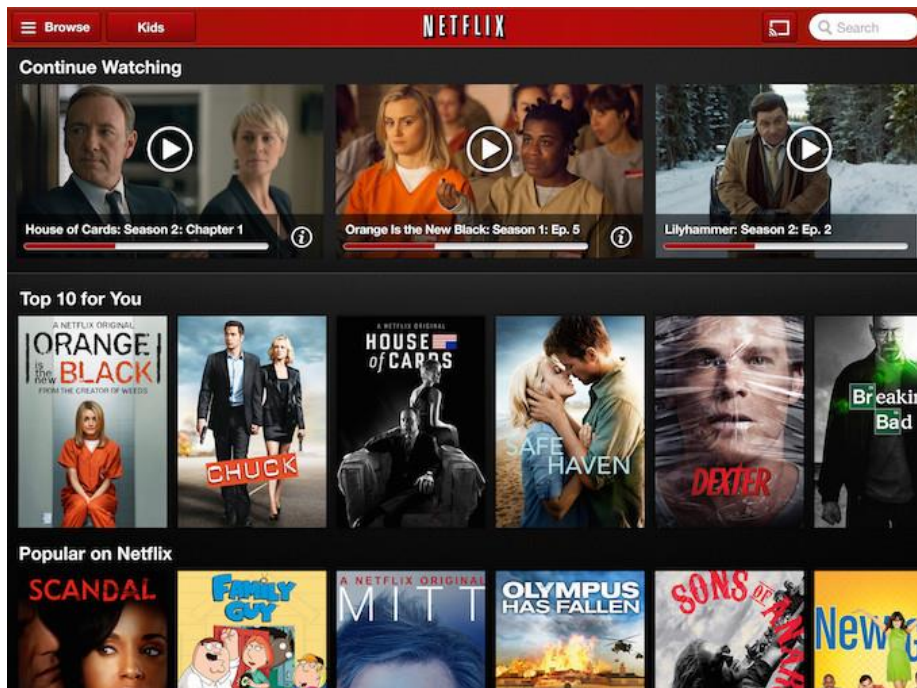
Visitor comes to  
your site & leaves  
without shopping



Your ads display  
on other sites



Visitor clicks the  
ad and comes  
back to your site



- Already developed Advanced Algorithms to analyze users' personal data and identity:
  - Shopping Habits
  - Movie Preferences
  - Reading Interests
  - etc.

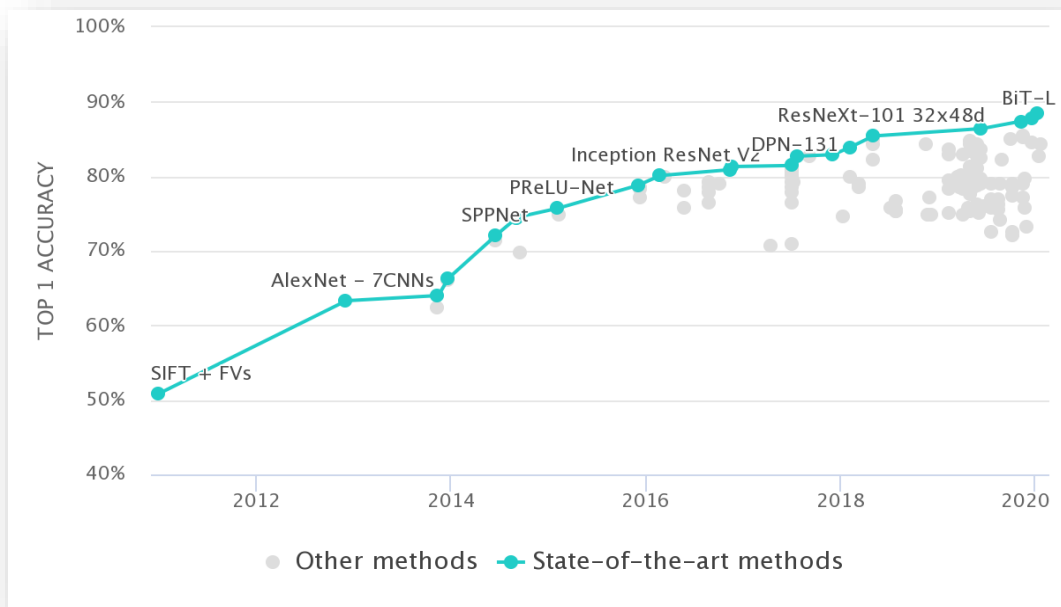
# Motivation:

- Generally, people have no willing to disclose personal data



- Image recognition has achieved significant process in the past decade

## Image Classification on ImageNet



- Visual kinship understanding drawing more attention

- **Graph Neural Network (GNN)**

- GNN provides a new perspective for learning with Graph
- It may promote familial feature learning and understanding

- **Social Media**

- Social Media is mainly featured by sharing photos and social connections (friend, relative, etc.)
- Learning models with social media data can be developed towards various goals
- Unfortunately, it may lead to information leakage and expose privacy w/ or w/o intention
- You can imagine how furious a celebrity will be when their family members photos are exposed without their permission

# Privacy Leakage over Social Media:



Photo Clicked  
by a Person

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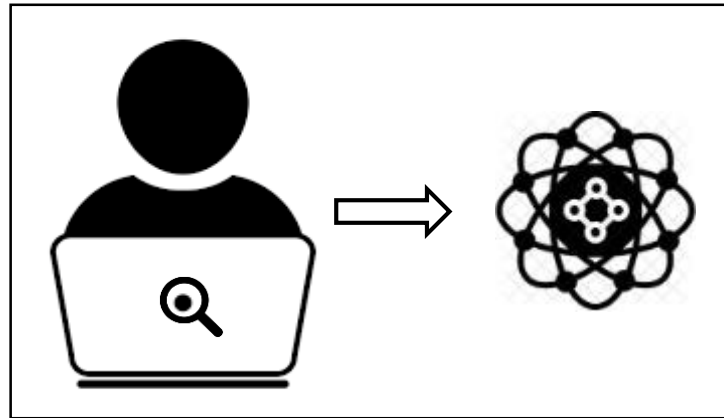
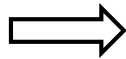


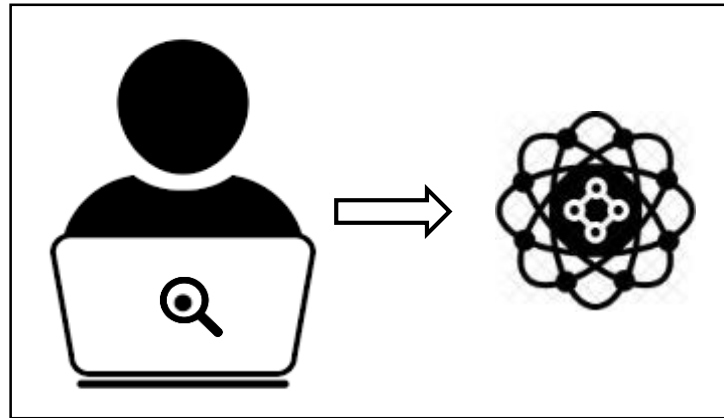
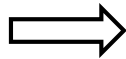
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Family Information  
Searched over the Web

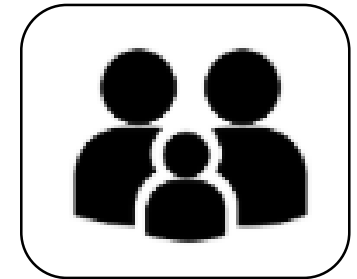
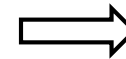
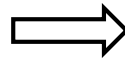
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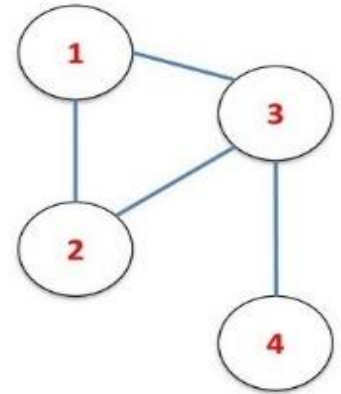
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Family Data is  
Found

- $G = (V, E)$  an attributed and undirected graph
- The **adjacency matrix**  $A \in \{0, 1\}^{N \times N}$

$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if edge from vertex } i \text{ to } j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Adjacency matrix(A)

|   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Degree matrix (D)

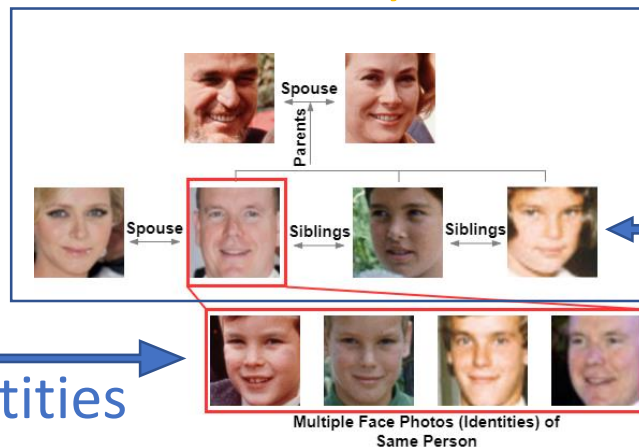
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- $X \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}$  represents **node features**
- $X_L \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times N_L}$  and  $X_U \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times N_U}$  be the **labeled and unlabeled** image features
- $y_L \in \mathbb{R}^{N_L}$  is the **label vector**
- Goal is to find the mapping:  
$$f_G: ([X_L, X_U]) \rightarrow ([y_L, y_U])$$

# Graph Construction:

- IDs (Identities)
- Kin (Family Relation)
- NN (Nearest Neighbor)

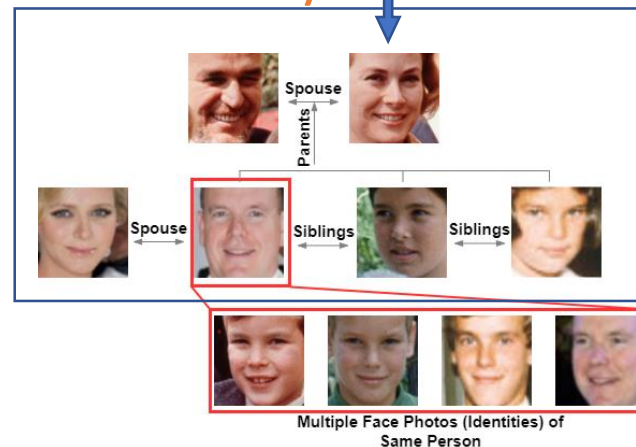
## Family 1



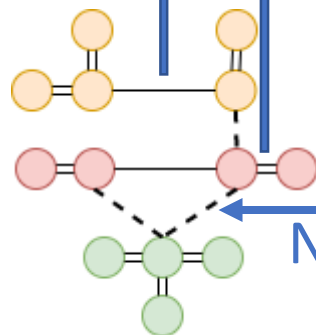
Kin

Identities

## Family 2



Nearest Neighbor



Original Features + Graph

$$H^{(l)} = \sigma \left[ D'^{-\frac{1}{2}} A' D'^{-\frac{1}{2}} H^{(l-1)} W^{(l-1)} \right]$$

Output to  
next  
layer/Result

Normalize Graph  
Structure

ReLU Function

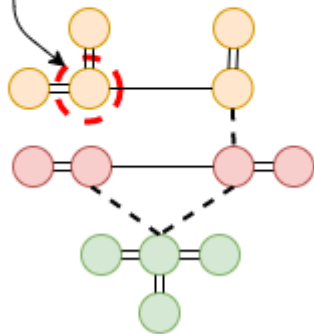
Multiply Node  
Parameters and Weights

**Where,**

- $A' = (A + I)$   
to add self-loops
- $D'$  is the Degree  
Matrix of  $A'$  to  
normalize large  
degree nodes
- $H^0 = X$

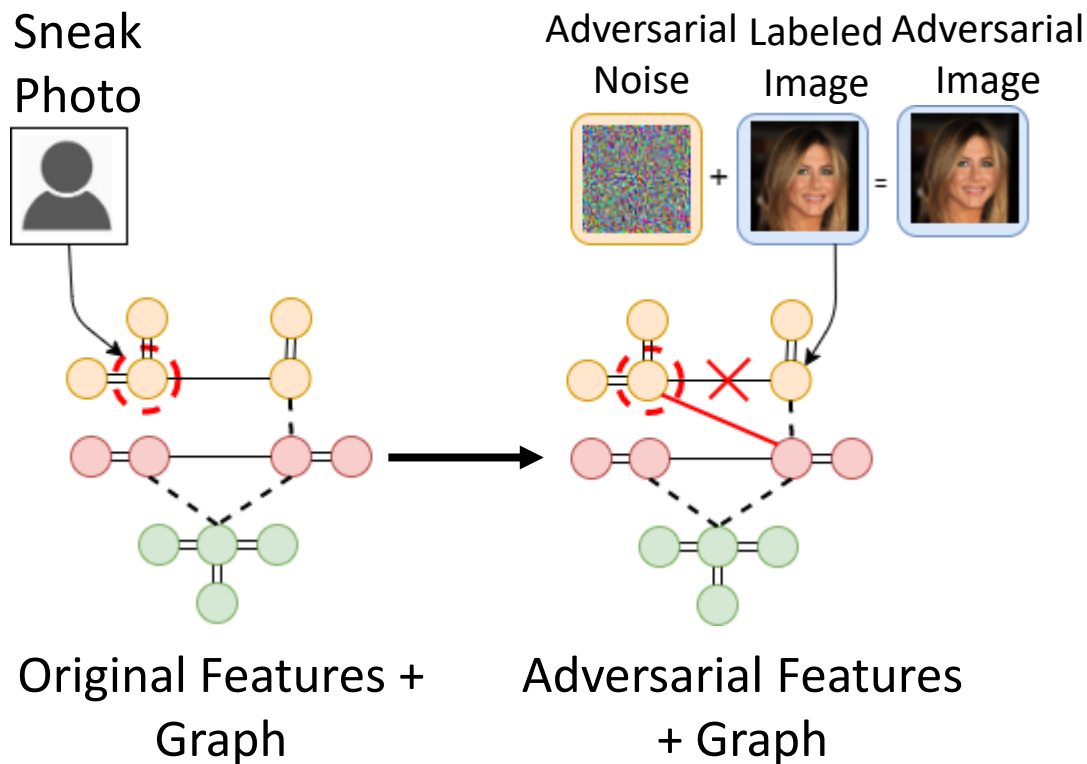
- Privacy at Risk
  - Social media data may expose sensitive personal information
  - This can be leveraged and lead to information leakage without user's attention

Sneak  
Photo

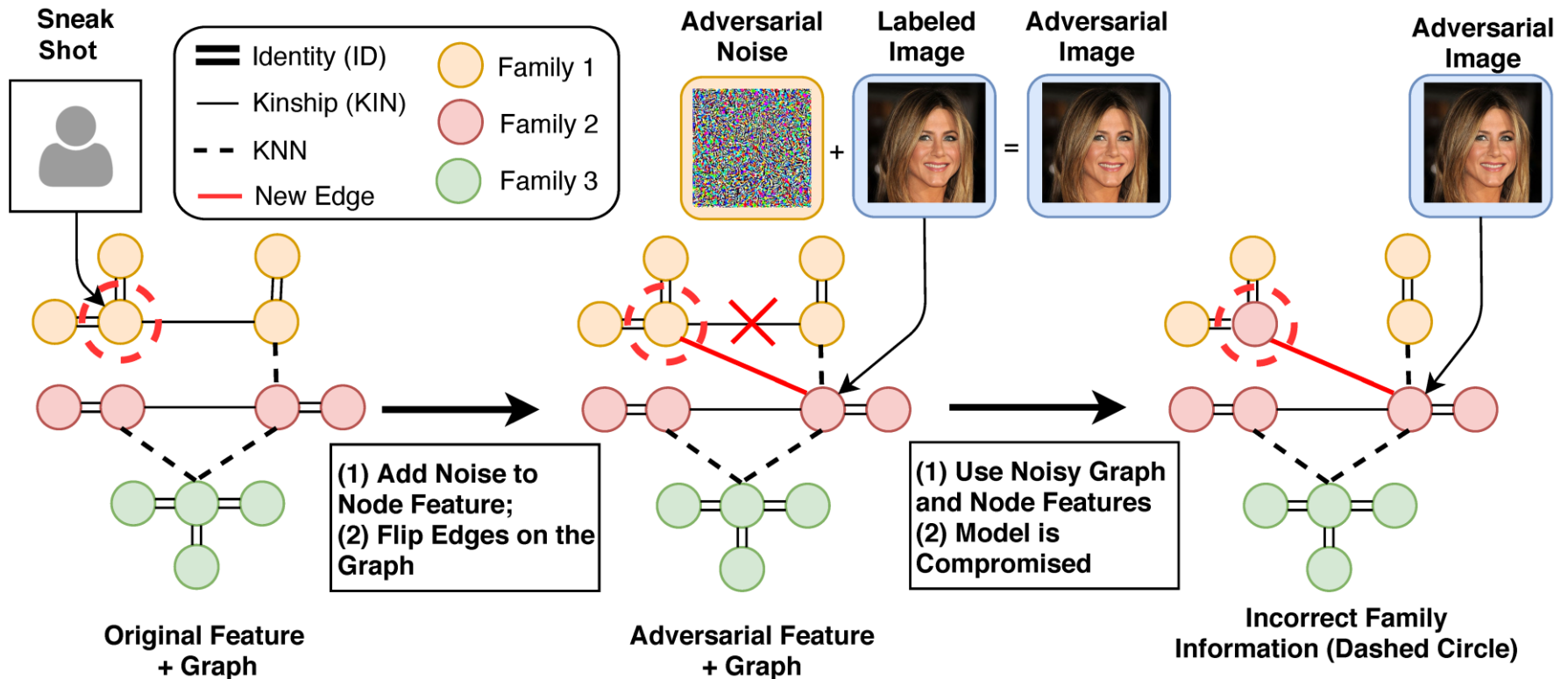


Original Feature +  
Graph

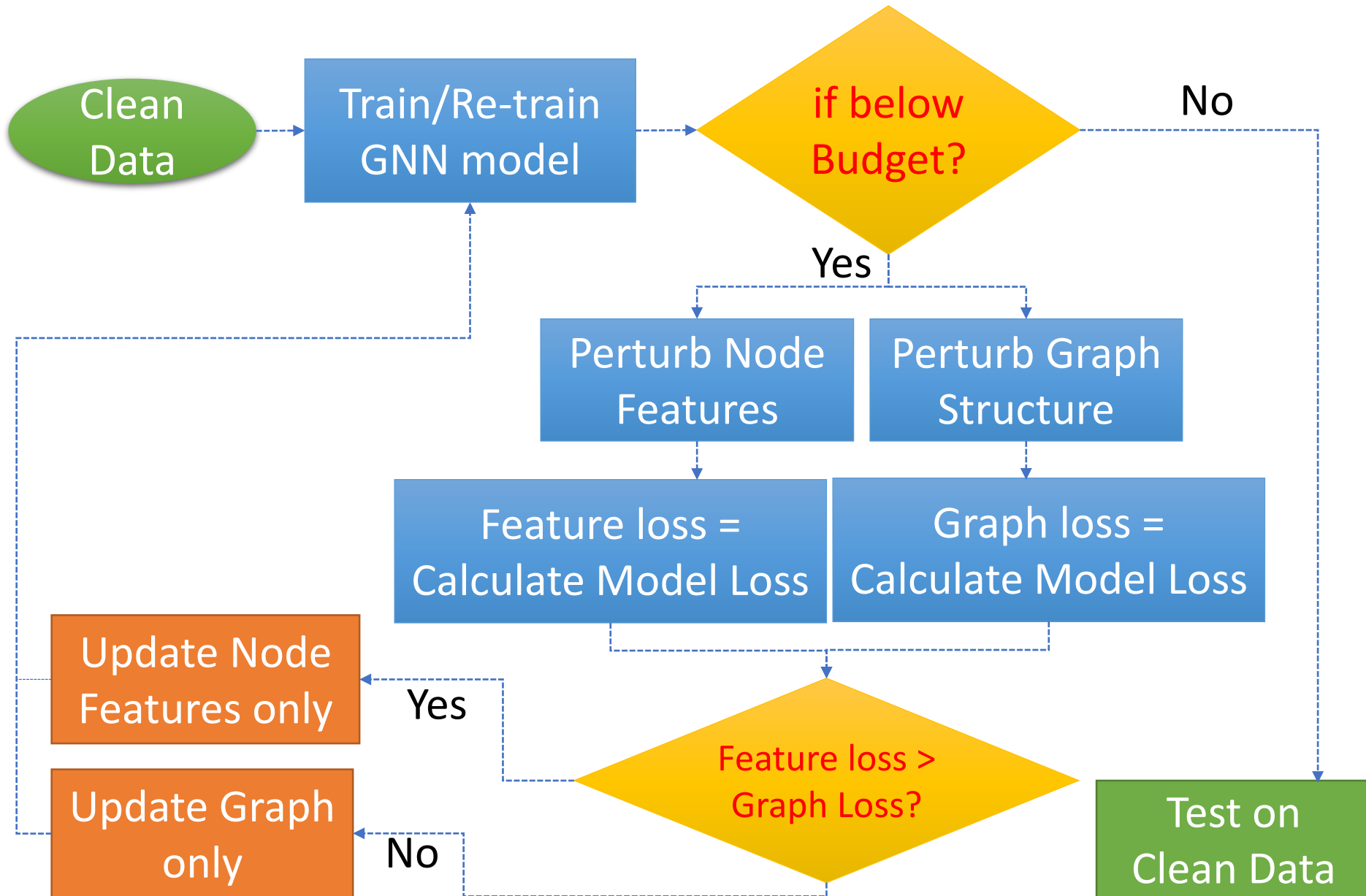
- Adversarial Attack:
  - Added Noise to Node Features by calculating sign of the Gradient
  - Added/Removed edges (relationships) between nodes



- Model Compromised:
  - By using Noisy Features and Noisy Graph



# Algorithm:



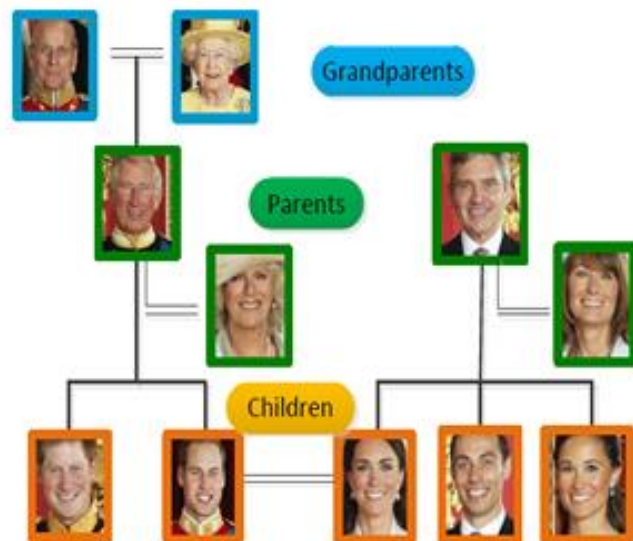
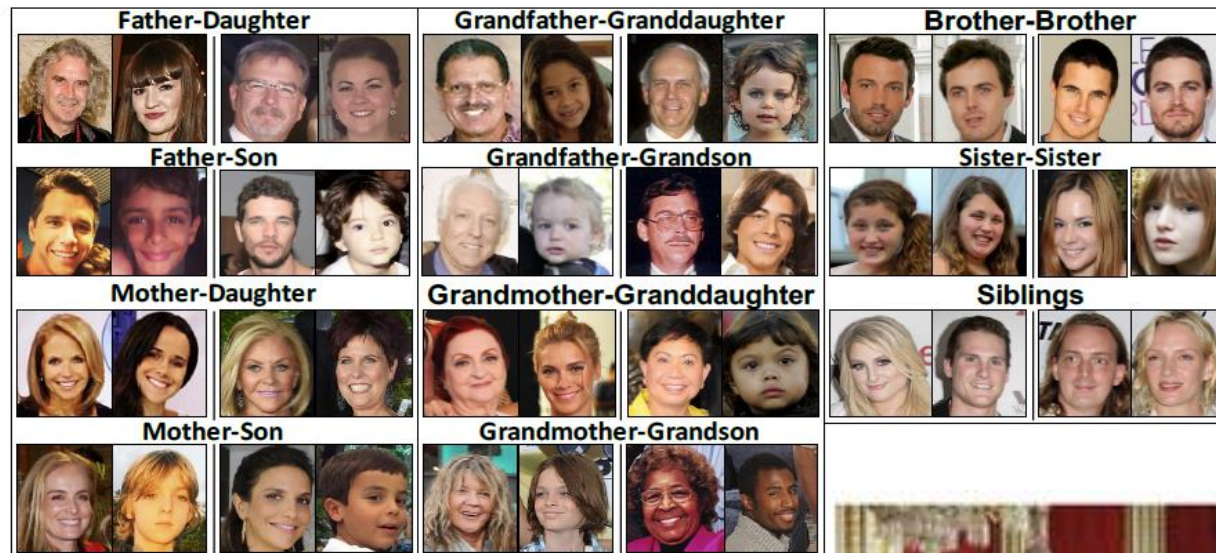
The proposed joint attack model can be formulated as:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\{X', A'\}} \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{AD}}(X', A') &\triangleq \max_{\{X', A'\}} \ln Z_{\text{pert}}^* - \ln Z_{\text{clean}}^*, \\ \text{s.t., } \lambda \|A - A'\|_0 + (1 - \lambda) \|X - X'\|_F &\leq \theta \end{aligned}$$

**Here,**

- $L_{AD}$  is the loss function of the joint attack
- $\|\cdot\|_F$  is the matrix Frobenius norm
- $\lambda$  is the balancing parameter
- $Z_{\text{pert}}^*$  is the softmax output of the perturbed labeled data
- $Z_{\text{clean}}^*$  is based on clean features and graph

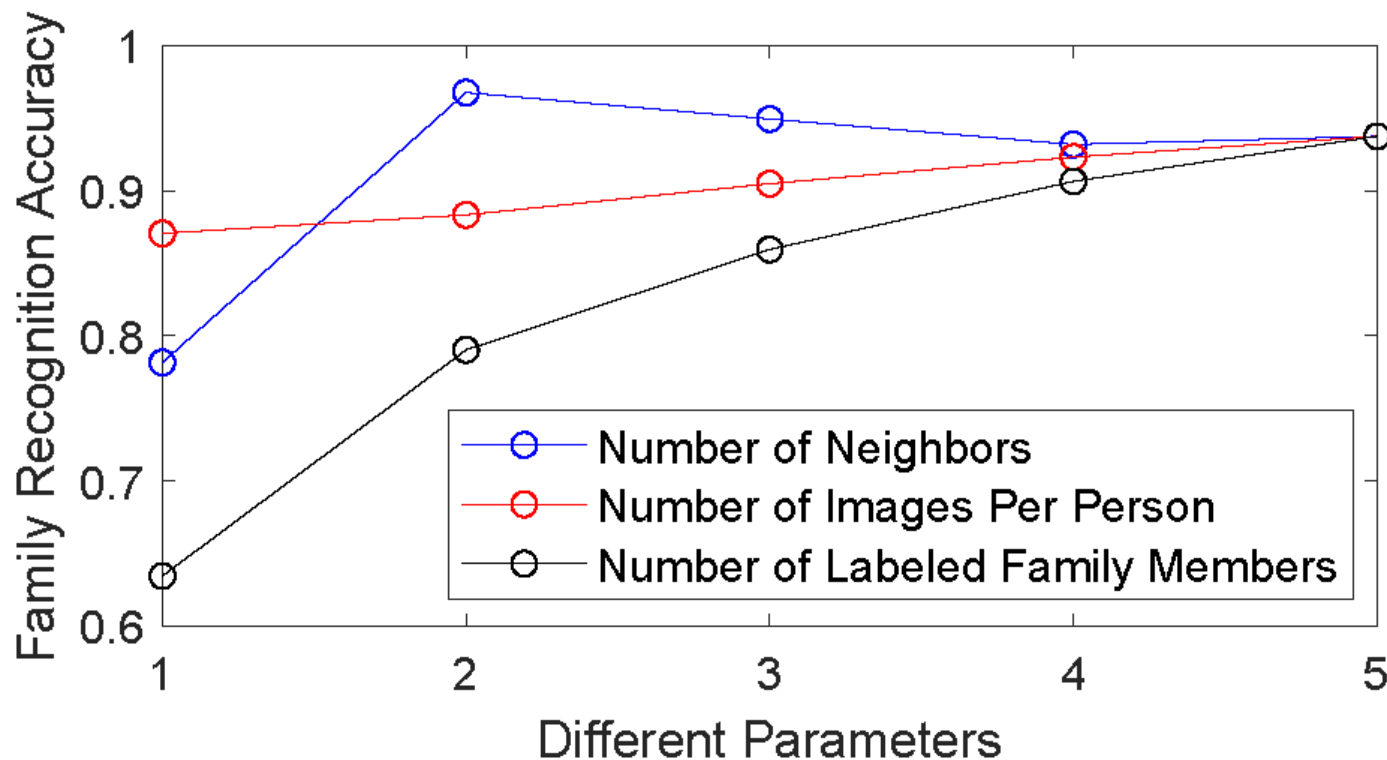
## Families in the Wild (FIW)



## ■ Pre-processing

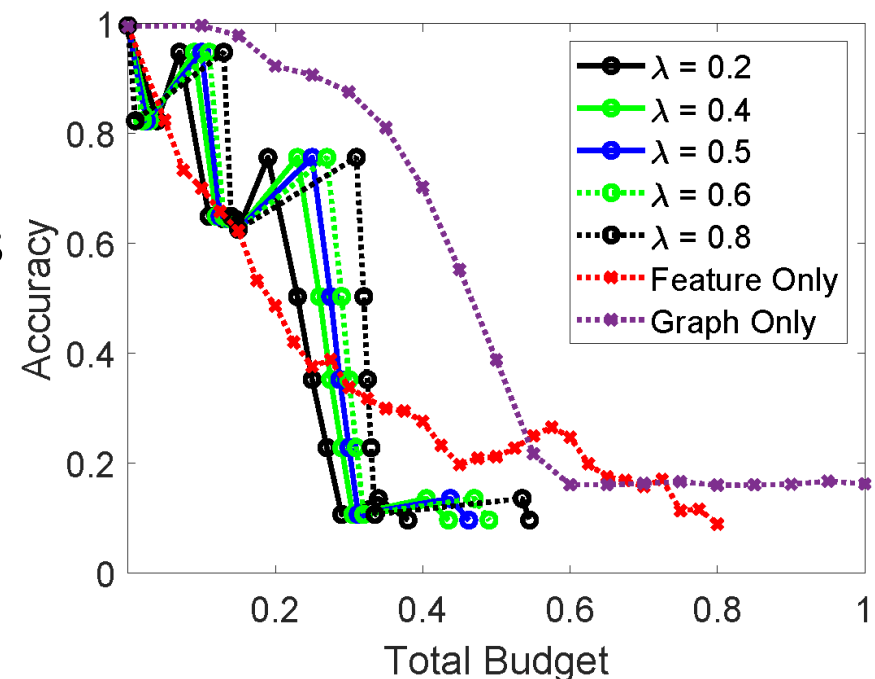
- Extracting image features using pre-trained SphereNet
- Constructed the social graph (IDs, Kin,  $k$ -NN)
- Created two social networks
  - **Family-100**
    - Contains 502 subjects
    - 2758 facial images
    - 502/2758 nodes for training
    - 2256 for validation and testing
  - **Family-300**
    - Contains 1712 subjects
    - 10255 facial images
    - 1712/10255 for training
    - 8543 for validation and testing

- Impacts of graph parameters
  - Best value for  $k = 2$
  - Best value for ID and Kin= 5



$$Total-Budget = \lambda * Edge-Flipping-Ratio + (1-\lambda) * 100 * \epsilon$$

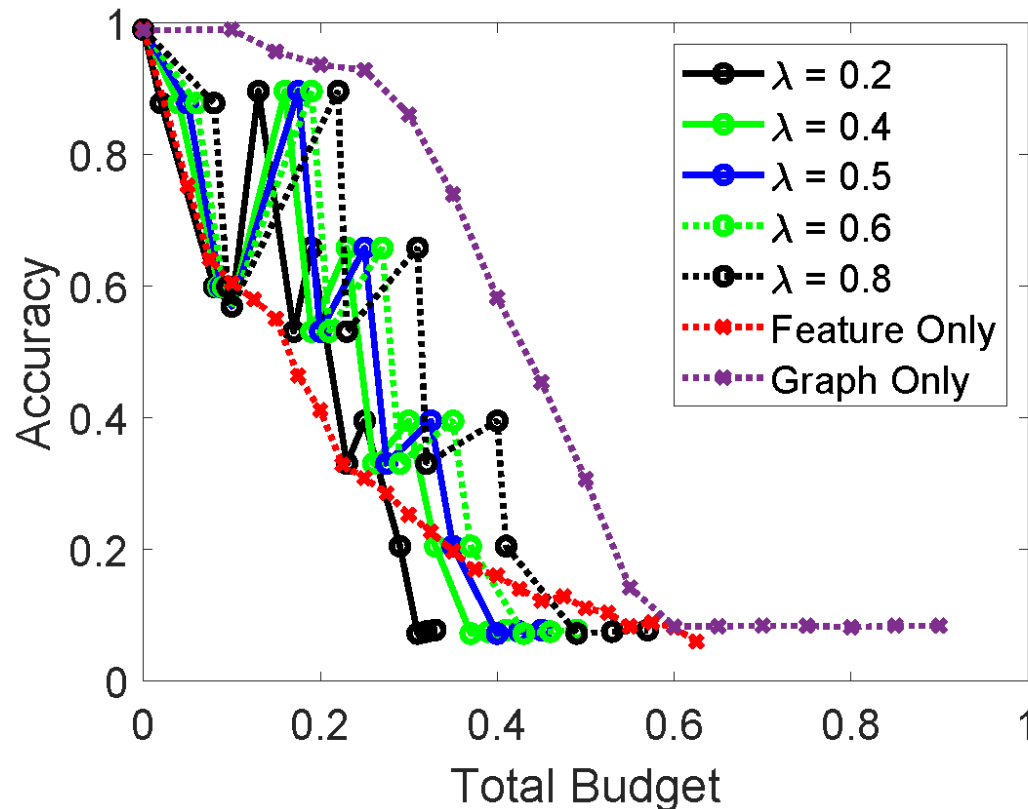
- Single Attack
  - Feature only and graph only attacks are implemented
  - But excessive use of any particular attack compromises the ***data*** largely, i.e., perceivable visual change
- Joint Attack
  - We propose a joint attack which proves more cost-efficiency



## Joint Feature and Graph Adversarial Samples

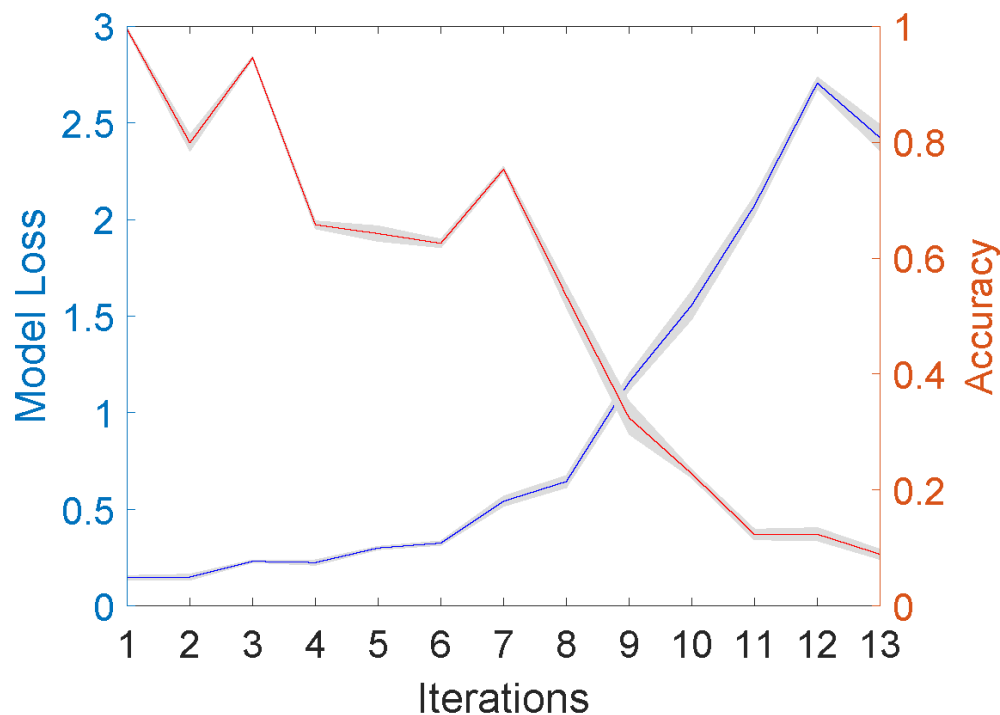
### Family-300

- Single Attack
- Joint Attack



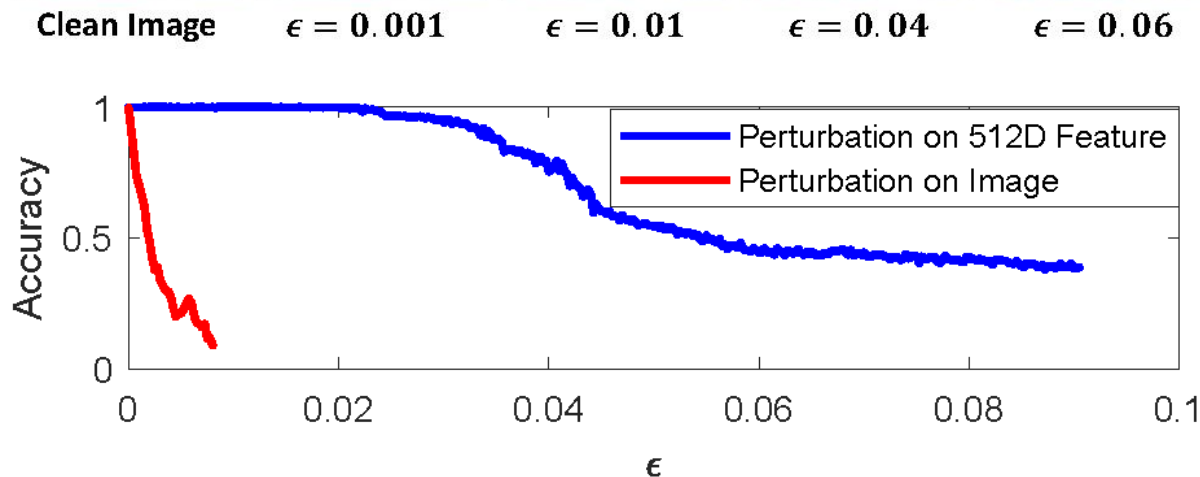
## Loss and Accuracy on Family-100

- Run the ***Joint Attack Algorithm*** for 13 iterations
- Average result for 5 trials
- ***Accuracy*** decreased with more iterations
- And ***Model Loss*** is increasing



## Impacts of $\epsilon$ on image and node features

- High-dimensional raw image data require weak noise to fool the model
- Low-dimensional visual features require relatively strong noise to fool the model



- Demonstrated the family information was at risk on social network through plain graph neural networks
- Proposed a joint adversarial attack modeling on both features and graph structure for family privacy protection
- Qualitatively showed the effectiveness of our framework on networked visual family datasets
- **Future extension:** Adapt our modeling to different types of data and other privacy related issues

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