

485 **7 Appendix**

486 **7.1 Algorithm**

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**Algorithm 1:** Convolutional Visual Prompt

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**Input:** Pretrained classifier  $\mathcal{F}(\cdot)$ , OOD images  $x$ , Self-supervised objective function  $\mathcal{L}_s(\cdot)$ , Convolutional operator  $Conv(\cdot)$ , Convolutional kernel  $k$ , Learning rate  $\eta$ , Number of iteration  $\mathcal{T}$

**Output:** Class prediction  $\hat{y}$  for adapted sample of  $x$

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1 Inference
2 # Initialize the kernel parameters
3  $k^0 \sim \mathcal{U}\{\alpha, \beta\}$ 
4 # Calculate initial SSL loss
5  $loss^0 = \mathcal{L}_s(x)$ 
6 for  $t \in \{1, \dots, T\}$  do
7   # Generate adapted samples
8    $x^t = x + \lambda * Conv(x, k^t)$ 
9   # Calculate SSL loss with adapted samples
10   $loss^t = \mathcal{L}_s(x^t)$ 
11  # Update kernel parameters
12   $k^{t+1} = k^t + \eta \frac{\partial loss^t}{\partial k^t}$ 
13 # Get optimal kernel parameters
14  $k^* \leftarrow k^T$ 
15 if  $loss^T > loss^0$  then
16   # Use the initial kernel parameters
17    $k^* \leftarrow k^0$ ;
18 # Get final adapted samples
19  $x^* = x + \lambda * Conv(x, k^*)$ 
20 return  $\hat{y} \leftarrow \mathcal{F}(x^*)$ 

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487 **7.2 Baseline Details**

488 Here, we show the detail of the baselines that we compare with.

489 • **Standard:** The baseline uses pre-trained model without adaptation. For CIFAR-10-C, the standard  
490 is trained with 50000 clean CIFAR-10 train dataset on WideResNet18 and ResNet. For ImageNet1K-  
491 C, the standard is trained with  $\sim 1.2M$  clean ImageNet train dataset on ResNet50.

492 • **SVP:** The self-supervised visual prompts attempt to reverse the adversarial attacks by modifying  
493 the input pixels with  $\ell_p$ -norm perturbations, where the perturbations are optimized via contrastive  
494 loss [40]. For the patch setting, we setup the shape of VP as  $32*32*3$  for CIFAR-C and  $224*224*3$   
495 for all ImageNet OOD datasets. For the padding setting, we set the padding size as 1 for CIFAR-10-C  
496 and 15 for ImageNet OOD dataset. Take CIFAR data as example, we first initialize a mask with all  
497 zeros value with the shape  $30*30*3$  and set the pad value as 1 with padding size 1 so that the mask  
498 after padding is as the same shape of CIFAR data ( $32*32*3$ ). Then, we multiply the mask with the  
499 VP to preserve only the VP located at the position we just pad with 1 value. We can further optimize  
500 the VP with mask by adding it with the corrupted samples.

501 • **BN[53]:** The model adaptation method aims to adjust the BN statistics for every input batch during  
502 the test-time. It requires to adapt with single corruption type in every batch.

503 • **TTT [57]:** The test-time training trains the model with an auxiliary SSL rotation task and leverages  
504 the rotation loss for model adaptation during the testing time. In TTT method, instead of adapting the  
505 whole model, they only adapt the last few layers of the model and freeze the parameters in the front  
506 layers.

507 • **MEMO:** The model adaptation method proposed in [69] alters a single data point with different  
508 augmentations (ie., rotation, cropping, and color jitter,...etc), and the model parameters are adapted by  
509 minimizing the entropy of the model’s marginal output distribution across those augmented samples.

510 • **TENT [61]**: The method adapts the model by minimizing the conditional entropy on batches. In  
 511 our experiment, we evaluate TENT in *episodic* mode, which means the model parameter is reset to  
 512 the initial state after every batch adaptation.

### 513 7.3 Implementation details

514 For the training part of SSL model, we set the training parameters with batch size as 64, training  
 515 epoch as 200, and the learning rate ( $lr$ ) as 0.001. The  $lr$  is decayed with a cosine annealing for each  
 516 batch [37]. The transformations for contrastive learning are predefined. We augment the inputs with  
 517 random resize crop, random flip, and random rotation in degree  $[-90, 90]$  for positive/negative pairs  
 518 generation in every batch. The number of transformations for one sample is set as 3.

519 For the test-time adaptation part, we set the range of parameter  $\delta$  for VP. For the  $\ell_2$ -norm perturbations,  
 520 the  $\epsilon$  is  $[-8/255, 8/255]$  and the step size is  $2/255$ . We set the iteration number  $i$  either as 1 or 5, which  
 521 means each component has 1 or 5 steps during PGD.

522 For the convolutional visual prompts (CVP), Table 8 shows the kernel setting for different datasets.  
 523 For the fixed initialization setting, a sharpen kernel is used at the beginning. For example if the kernel  
 524 size is 3, we set up the sharpened kernel as  $[[0, -1, 0], [-1, 5, -1], [0, -1, 0]]$ .

	CIFAR-10-C	ImageNet-C,R,S,A
Kernel Size	3*3	3*3 / 5*5
$\lambda$	[0.5, 1]	[0.5, 3]
Update iters.	1, 5 (default), and 10	
Initialization	fixed / random	

Table 8: parameter setting

525 • **Number of Trainable Parameters**: We compare the trainable parameters v.s. accuracy for different  
 526 prompting methods. As Figure 6 shows, CVP contains less than 0.2% number of trainable parameters,  
 527 compared to VP(patch).

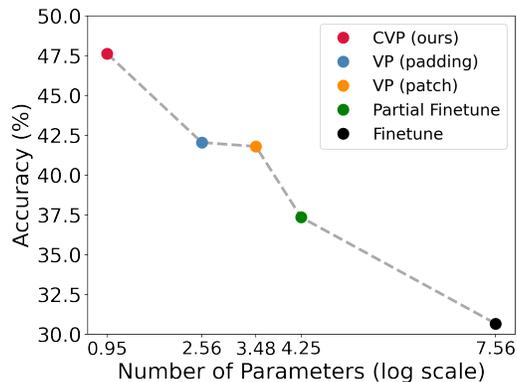


Figure 6

528 **7.4 More Evaluation**

529 • We show more detailed results for CIFAR-10-C in Table 9 and 10. In Table 11, we further compare  
 530 TTT [57], which is a test-time method with CVP.

	Standard	BN	Finetune	VP		CVP			
				patch	append	fixed (3*3) w/o update	fixed (3*3) w/ update	rand (3*3) w/o update	rand (3*3) w/ update
Gaussian Noise	19.90	24.51	19.26	20.07	19.92	23.11	23.50	24.59	26.27
Shot Noise	20.37	24.25	19.43	20.56	20.40	22.95	23.32	24.29	<b>25.26</b>
Impulse Noise	27.44	26.14	19.19	27.54	27.43	30.76	30.98	31.13	<b>31.08</b>
Defocus Blur	12.90	14.54	13.39	13.59	13.83	16.81	17.41	18.85	<b>20.03</b>
Motion Blur	23.26	19.95	27.67	30.50	26.02	29.21	30.03	30.37	<b>31.89</b>
Glass Blur	25.97	33.30	18.61	19.70	39.57	36.14	37.54	37.42	<b>40.51</b>
Zoom Blur	71.08	50.46	42.42	71.07	54.08	86.76	87.65	85.76	<b>88.19</b>
Brightness	89.38	71.47	61.03	89.39	77.25	89.37	<b>89.39</b>	89.25	89.31
Snow	71.21	49.73	39.95	71.52	<b>72.29</b>	71.23	71.44	71.17	71.52
Frost	74.83	58.40	46.35	<b>74.93</b>	48.66	74.79	74.81	74.69	74.90
Fog	45.69	42.45	32.96	46.52	<b>82.95</b>	50.08	51.42	49.64	51.65
Contrast	58.36	49.87	39.22	57.95	58.45	67.74	68.99	69.05	<b>70.21</b>
Elastic Transform	17.54	24.01	19.95	17.72	18.95	17.39	17.62	18.07	<b>19.66</b>
Pixelate	23.45	39.80	34.26	24.10	<b>35.86</b>	25.91	26.47	28.39	30.58
Jpeg Compression	45.06	31.37	26.42	<b>45.65</b>	31.37	43.99	44.44	40.74	43.43
Avg. Acc.	41.76	37.35	30.67	42.05	41.80	45.75	46.33	46.23	<b>47.63</b>
Avg. Error	58.24	62.65	69.33	57.95	58.20	54.25	53.67	53.77	<b>52.37</b>

Table 9: Comparison of the different prompting methods with CVP for every CIFAR-10-C corruption type. The Standard model is WideResNet18. Number in bold shows the best performance.

Severity / Method	Standard	BN	Finetune	VP		CVP			
				Patch	Append	fixed (3*3) w/o update	fixed (3*3) w/ update	rand. (3*3) w/o update	rand. (3*3) w/ update
S1	59.68	52.48	43.28	59.94	59.76	65.17	66.00	65.98	<b>68.07</b>
S2	47.88	43.18	34.72	48.26	47.94	52.73	53.42	53.41	<b>54.73</b>
S3	40.31	36.44	29.08	40.67	40.32	44.22	44.87	44.51	<b>45.96</b>
S4	32.75	29.49	24.66	32.94	32.75	36.20	36.74	36.56	<b>37.79</b>
S5	28.20	25.16	21.63	28.46	28.25	30.42	30.64	30.68	<b>31.61</b>
Avg. Acc.	41.76	37.35	30.67	42.05	41.80	45.75	46.33	46.23	<b>47.63</b>
Avg. Error	58.24	62.65	69.33	57.95	58.20	54.25	53.67	53.77	<b>52.37</b>
Avg Diff.	-	4.41	11.09	-0.29	-0.04	-3.99	-4.57	-4.46	<b>-5.87</b>

Table 10: Comparison of the different adaptation baselines with CVP for every severity on CIFAR-10-C. The Standard model is WideResNet18. Number in bold shows the best performance.

WideResNet18	
Avg. Error (%)	
<b>Standard</b>	58.24
VP (patch)	57.94 (-0.3)
CVP (rand. w/ update)	<b>52.37 (-5.87)</b>
TTT [61]	52.92 (-5.32)
TTT + CVP	53.07 (-5.17)

Table 11: TTT [57] result for CIFAR-10-C

531 • We show the detailed results for each corruption on ImageNet-C dataset.

	Standard	Finetune	BN Adapt	VP		CVP			
				patch	append	fixed 3*3	rand 3*3	fixed 5*5	rand 5*5
Gaussian Noise	80.00	78.85	79.43	79.44	79.99	78.49	<b>78.16</b>	78.47	78.75
Shot Noise	82.00	80.80	81.57	81.56	81.97	80.45	<b>80.00</b>	80.10	80.81
Impulse Noise	83.00	81.80	82.72	82.72	83.00	80.80	<b>79.82</b>	80.88	81.40
Defocus Blur	73.58	75.49	75.32	77.27	73.56	74.13	<b>73.73</b>	74.29	75.10
Motion Blur	90.95	79.85	92.38	80.18	77.96	89.99	89.31	<b>89.14</b>	88.60
Glass Blur	76.32	87.16	76.86	90.41	88.98	75.98	75.47	75.99	<b>75.45</b>
Zoom Blur	80.00	79.84	80.52	82.07	79.96	79.87	79.67	79.72	<b>79.45</b>
Snow	43.86	45.10	45.82	47.88	88.07	<b>44.24</b>	44.27	44.60	44.91
Frost	79.88	81.04	82.22	83.78	<b>74.99</b>	80.12	80.19	79.69	80.05
Fog	74.38	75.74	76.80	78.06	<b>64.38</b>	74.53	74.91	74.36	74.85
Brightness	78.25	79.90	81.23	84.99	<b>47.95</b>	78.78	78.49	78.83	78.91
Contrast	71.00	73.27	74.14	76.59	<b>70.98</b>	71.46	70.83	71.31	71.79
Elastic Transform	87.58	87.96	88.89	96.50	87.62	87.93	87.85	<b>87.42</b>	88.15
Pixelate	74.72	74.22	75.75	78.30	74.68	67.05	<b>63.98</b>	67.29	64.15
Jpeg Compression	77.00	75.47	74.85	81.29	76.99	74.41	<b>73.46</b>	74.05	74.26
mCE	76.83	77.10	77.90	80.07	76.74	75.88	<b>75.34</b>	75.74	75.77
Diff.		0.27	1.07	3.24	-0.09	-0.95	<b>-1.49</b>	-1.09	-1.06

Table 12: ImageNet-C results. Number in bold shows the best performance.

532 • **Generalize to Cutout-and-Paste samples** To justify that our method can be generalized to  
533 non-structured OOD, we do more experiments on other types of OOD samples, such as the Cutout-  
534 and-Paste samples. Here, we launch the experiment on the **Waterbirds** dataset, which is constructed  
535 by cropping out birds from images with "water" backgrounds in the Caltech-UCSD Birds-200-2011  
536 (CUB) dataset [59] and transferring them onto backgrounds from the Places dataset [70]. We follow  
537 the GitHub repo<sup>2</sup> and choose the "Forest" as our new background to generate the samples. The  
538 training of SSL is based on the pre-trained ResNet34 backbone model for the original CUB dataset.  
539 The original CUB (200 classes) accuracy for the backbone ResNet34 is 75.34%. We compare our  
540 CVP with self-supervised VP and demonstrate that CVP is more effective on the Cutouted-CUB  
541 dataset. The following table shows our results. Our CVP improves the result upon Standard by 1.61  
542 points and VP by 1.3 points.

Cutouted-CUB (200)	Before Adapt	VP (patch)	CVP
Accuracy (%)	62.03	62.32	<b>63.64</b>
contrastive loss (Avg.)	2.78	2.71	<b>2.52</b>

Table 13: Performance on the Cutouted-CUB

<sup>2</sup>WaterBirds Dataset [https://github.com/kohpangwei/group\\_DR0](https://github.com/kohpangwei/group_DR0)

543 **7.5 Distance measurement with SWD and SSIM**

544 We do the quantitative measurement on CVP by using the Sliced Wasserstein Distance (SWD) and  
 545 structural similarity index measure (SSIM). To calculate the distance between two input distributions  
 546 via the Sliced Wasserstein Distance, we first obtain a group of marginal distributions from a high  
 547 dimensional probability distribution via the linear projection, then calculate the  $p$ -Wasserstein Dis-  
 548 tance for those marginal distributions. Here, we aim to measure the two input distributions: source  
 549 domain distribution and target distribution (before/after adaptation). Table 14 and Figure 7  
 550 shows the result of SWD on CIFAR-10-C with severity 1. On average, CVP achieves lower SWD  
 551 after adaptation, which means the target distribution is closer to the source one after adaptation. The  
 552 average SWD reduce by 0.7% after prompting.

	SWD (scale: $10^2$ ) ↓		SSIM ↑	
	before	after	before	after
Gaussian Noise	5.90	<b>4.71</b>	0.7242	<b>0.7849</b>
Shot Noise	6.08	<b>4.93</b>	0.7124	<b>0.7676</b>
Impulse Noise	6.23	<b>5.26</b>	0.7463	<b>0.7764</b>
Glass Blur	8.85	9.19	0.5873	0.5865
Defocus Blur	13.52	<b>11.82</b>	0.6031	0.6013
Zoom Blur	4.13	<b>3.09</b>	0.8726	0.8703
Motion Blur	7.68	<b>5.57</b>	0.6491	0.6459
Brightness	2.48	3.94	0.9702	0.9692
Snow	5.18	6.07	0.8258	<b>0.8275</b>
Frost	7.61	7.72	0.8025	0.8012
Fog	13.49	<b>9.99</b>	0.5840	0.5785
Contrast	15.39	<b>11.09</b>	0.7049	0.6997
Pixelate	3.09	4.56	0.8603	<b>0.8669</b>
Jpeg Compression	2.58	3.65	0.8681	<b>0.8710</b>
Elastic Transform	5.62	5.75	0.5272	<b>0.5789</b>
Avg. Mean	7.19	<b>6.49</b>	0.7539	<b>0.7884</b>
Avg. Std	4.05	<b>2.79</b>	0.1294	<b>0.7260</b>

Table 14: Results of Sliced Wasserstein Distance and Structural Similarity Index Measure on CIFAR-10-C (Severity 1).

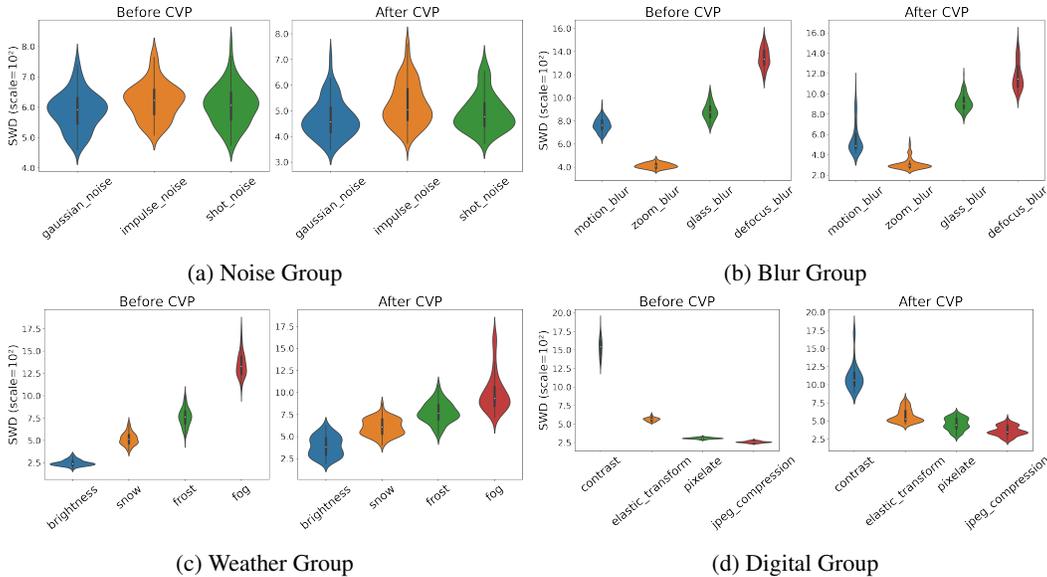


Figure 7: Violin Plot of SWD for different corruption groups on CIFAR-10-C. The left figure of each subplot shows the SWD before adapting, and the right shows the SWD after adaptation

553 • **Distribution changes after applying the proposed CVP**

554 In the main paper, Figure 2, we show the distribution changes in different corruption types and  
 555 severity. Here, in Table 15, we show the distribution shifts after applying our CVP by calculating  
 556 the average loss. In general, the distribution moves back to the original distribution. We show the  
 557 SSL average loss (before adapt/after CVP adapt) for four corruption types on severity 1,3,5 for  
 558 CIFAR10-C. The average SSL loss for the original CIFAR10 is 1.26. For every corruption we show  
 559 here, the average SSL loss after adaptation is lower than the loss before adaptation.

severity	s1	s3	s5
	Before /After	Before /After	Before /After
Gaussian noise	1.9 / 1.6	2.5 / 2.1	3.3 / 2.6
Defocus blur	3.2 / 2.9	3.4 / 2.8	3.7 / 3.1
Snow	3.1 / 3.0	3.8 / 3.3	3.9 / 3.5
Contrast	2.7 / 2.3	2.9 / 2.4	3.6 / 3.3

Table 15: Distribution changes on different corruption types.

560 **7.6 The Effect of Different Prompt Designs**

561 We do analysis on different prompting methods, including original visual prompts with different  
 562 norm-bound ( $\ell_2$ ,  $\ell_\infty$ ), convolutional prompts, and their combinations ( $\ell_2 + conv.$ ,  $\ell_\infty + conv.$ ). We  
 563 show the error rate on different numbers of adapt iters for every prompting method from 0, 1, 5, to 10.  
 564 To compare the results, we set up other parameters such as the epsilon  $\epsilon$  as  $8/255$  for  $\ell_\infty$ , 1 for  $\ell_2$ .  
 565 As Figure 8 shows the error rate for different prompting methods, the convolutional prompt *conv.*  
 566 and its combination with  $\ell_2$  reduce the error rate, and the former one reduces more from 40.32% to  
 567 36.08% when increasing the adapt iters. However, other prompting methods increase the error rate  
 568 after prompting. To understand the risk of over-fitting for different prompting methods, Figure 4b  
 569 shows the SSL loss curve v.s. performance on different prompting methods.

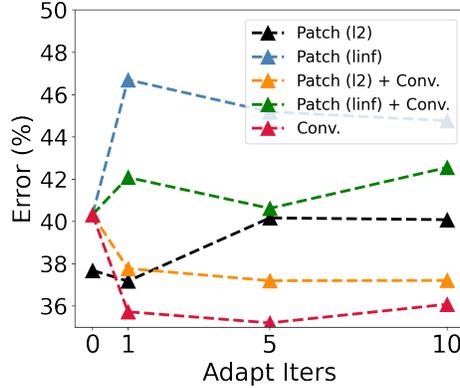


Figure 8

570 • **Training Cost v.s. Different Kernel Size:** In Table 16, we evaluate different kernel sizes for CVP  
 571 and empirically discover that increasing the kernel to a proper size can improve the performance  
 572 slightly. We choose one corruption-type impulse noise under severity 4 and show the results. When  
 573 increasing the kernel size, the optimization cost increases. For impulse noise, kernel size  $7*7$  achieves  
 574 the best robust accuracy, yet the optimization cost is much higher.

Kernel Size	Accuracy (%)	# of Trainable Params.	Training Cost/Batch
3*3	16.22	9	0.67s
5*5	16.3	25	0.68s
7*7	<b>16.62</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>1.24s</b>
13*13	16.61	169	1.28s
21*21	16.52	441	1.29s
25*25	15.4	625	1.32s

Table 16

575 • **Training time v.s. Number of Adapt Iteration** In the main paper, Figure 4(b), we have shown the  
 576 CVP trained under different adapt iters v.s. their performance. When increasing the number of adapt  
 577 iters, the training time increases. The following shows the result of CIFAR10-C on gaussian noise  
 578 type with severity 1. We compare the accuracy and per batch training time on several numbers of  
 579 adapt iters (from 0 to 20). While adapting with a few epochs (epoch number 1), we empirically found  
 580 that CVP has a larger performance gain than VP.

# of Adapt Iters	0	1	5	10	15	20
Cost/Batch	0.00s	0.17s	0.67s	1.29s	1.92s	2.57s
CVP Acc.(%)	39.51	51.09	56.1	58.76	59.30	59.58

Table 17

581 • **Low-rank Prompt Analysis**

582 In Table 18, we show the detailed results of low-rank prompt (LVP) on different severity (from 1  
 583 to 5) for CIFAR-10-C. We set up the same rank as 3 for LVP and CVP. Our results show that the  
 584 CVP is more effective than LVP when reversing natural corruption. In Figure 9, we further plot  
 585 the averaged contrastive loss on different rank sizes for both LVP and CVP. On every corruption  
 586 type, while increasing the rank size from 3 to 31, the loss curves of LVP consistently drop, which  
 demonstrates the LVP is much more easier to overfit the contrastive loss.

Severity / Method	Standard	LVP	CVP
s1	40.32	37.05	31.93
s2	52.12	48.83	45.27
s3	59.69	56.05	54.04
s4	67.25	63.42	62.21
s5	71.80	68.89	68.39
Avg. Error	58.24	54.85	<b>52.37</b>
Diff.		-3.39	<b>-5.87</b>

Table 18

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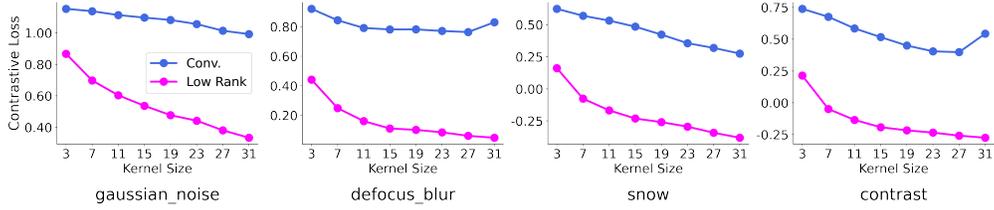


Figure 9

588 **7.7 t-SNE analysis on different adaptation methods.**

589 In addition to performing analysis on single sample, we further conduct the t-SNE visualization  
 590 for whole sample distribution on different baseline. For each type of corruption data, we extract  
 591 the 1-dimensional logit features in the last layer of model and calculate the distance between them  
 592 with respect to the predicted class labels. We compare our method with standard, MEMO, and  
 593 MEMO + Ours. As Figure 10 shows, the original feature embedding shows low separability between  
 594 different classes. On the other hand, our approach clearly discriminates the embedding feature, which  
 595 demonstrates its robustness against distribution shifts.

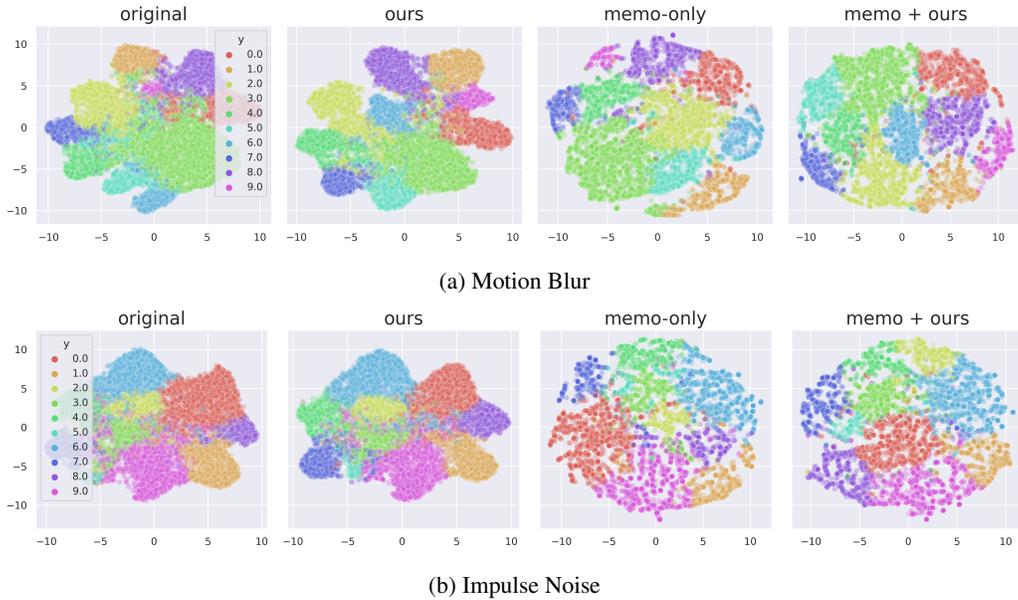


Figure 10

596 **7.8 Saliency map analysis on different corruption types**

597 To better understand how self-supervised visual prompts adapt to the corrupted inputs, we visualize  
 598 the saliency map of different types of corruption. As Figure 11 shows, from left to right, the first row  
 599 is the original, corrupted, and adapted samples; the second row shows their corresponding Grad-CAM  
 600 with respect to the predicted labels. The red region in Grad-CAM shows where the model focuses on  
 601 for target input. We empirically discover the heap map defocus on the target object for corrupted  
 602 samples. However, after prompting, the red region of the adapted sample’s heap map is re-target  
 603 on the similar region as original image, which demonstrates that the self-supervised visual prompts  
 604 indeed improve the input adaptation and make the model refocus back on the correct regions.

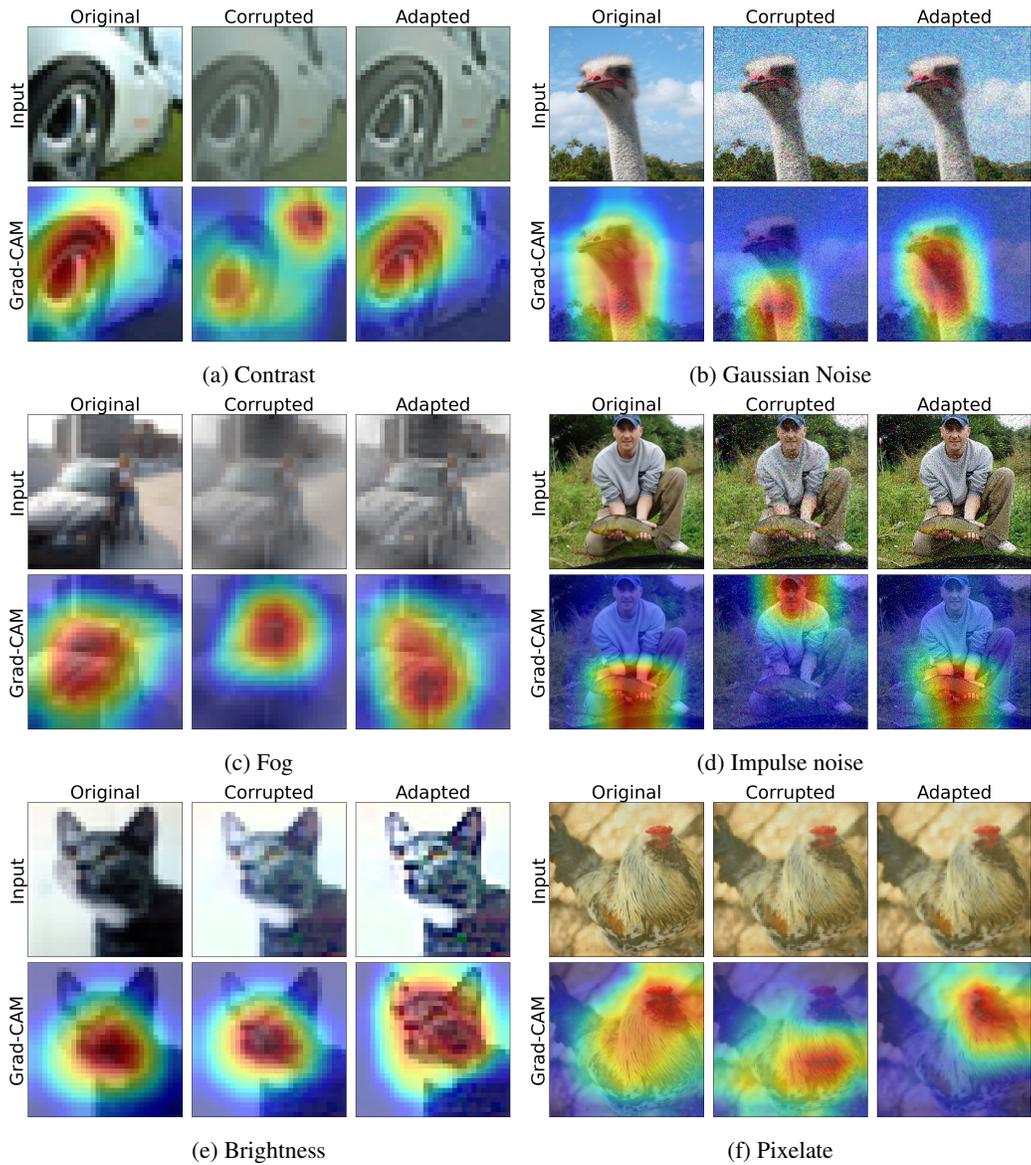


Figure 11: Grad-CAM analysis on different types of corruption.