LEARNING UNIVERSAL FEATURES FOR GENERALIZ ABLE IMAGE FORGERY LOCALIZATION

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Abstract

In recent years, advanced image editing and generation methods have rapidly evolved, making detecting and locating forged image content increasingly challenging. Most existing image forgery detection methods rely on identifying the edited traces left in the image. However, because the traces of different forgeries are distinct, these methods can identify familiar forgeries included in the training data but struggle to handle unseen ones. In response, we present an approach for Generalizable Image Forgery Localization (GIFL). Once trained, our model can detect both seen and unseen forgeries, providing a more practical and efficient solution to counter false information in the era of generative AI. Our method focuses on learning general features from the pristine content rather than traces of specific forgeries, which are relatively consistent across different types of forgeries and therefore can be used as universal features to locate unseen forgeries. Additionally, as existing image forgery datasets are still dominated by traditional hand-crafted forgeries, we construct a new dataset consisting of images edited by various popular deep generative image editing methods to further encourage research in detecting images manipulated by deep generative models. Extensive experimental results show that the proposed approach outperforms state-of-the-art methods in the detection of unseen forgeries and also demonstrates competitive results for seen forgeries.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Driven by the success of deep-generative models Goodfellow et al. (2020); Karras et al. (2019); Ho et al. (2020); Rombach et al. (2022), AI-based image manipulation tools have enabled realistic editing through simple interactions such as masks, sketches, and prompts Zeng et al. (2022); Rombach et al. (2022); Xie et al. (2023); Zeng et al. (2023); Epstein et al. (2023) that traditionally require sophisticated skills and tedious manual operations. Although they have undoubtedly brought numerous benefits, their widespread adoption has raised concerns about the credibility and trustworthiness of visual content. Consequently, forgery image detection and localization has emerged as an important research problem.

In recent years, a lot of effort has been made and a large number of methods have been proposed.
Traditional methods are typically designed manually based on the observed artifacts of manipulated
images such as noise patterns, JPEG artifacts, lens aberration, camera response function, color filter
array Mahdian & Saic (2009); Amerini et al. (2011); Ferrara et al. (2012); Siwei et al. (2014); McCloskey & Albright (2018; 2019); Nikoukhah et al. (2019); Nataraj et al. (2019). Their applications
are usually limited to the type of editing that produces the specific artifacts. In response, learningbased detection methods have been proposed to detect a wider range of forgeries by training a model
on a large dataset of diverse forged images Wu et al. (2019); Dong et al. (2022); Liu et al. (2022).

 Although learning-based approaches achieved excellent performance compared to traditional methods, their generalizability is still largely limited. They can accurately detect the types of forgeries included in training data, but often struggle to identify new forgeries to which they have not been exposed. In addition, the training datasets used in existing work are usually outdated and are still oriented towards basic manipulation techniques like splicing and copy-and-paste, despite that sophisticated editing methods powered by deep generative models have been widely applied nowadays. To detect image forgeries in practical applications, it is crucial to consider the use cases of detecting forgeries produced by deep generative models and emphasize the generalization to unseen forgeries.

To this end, we investigate the generalizability of state-of-the-art forgery detection methods and present a comprehensive recipe for generalizable forgery detection in the deep learning era. First, we propose a new paradigm with a universal forgery detection network, which can generalize to unseen forgeries. We found that the inefficacy of existing methods in detecting unseen forgery is due to their heavy reliance on specific forgery traces of forged content. Since different editing methods may leave distinct traces, a model that looks for this trace can only recognize the type of forgery included in the training data.

Therefore, we encourage our detector to be more inclined towards learning and utilizing authentic image features in the pristine areas instead, which are more consistent across different types of forgeries and can be used as universal features to learn a generalizable detector. More specifically, our method supervises the encoder feature using features from masked images in which the forged areas are removed. The decoder then utilizes these features in conjunction with other general features to produce the localization mask.

Second, to encourage future research on the detection of advanced image forgeries, we create a new forged image dataset, Forgery ADE. This dataset consists of a total of 177,680 images partially manipulated using eight popular state-of-the-art image editing and generation methods based on GANs and diffusion models. For each original image, we create different variants of forged images applying different types of forgeries in the same area. This makes it easier to study the effect of different types of training forgery on test-time detection robustness and compare detection performance between different types of forgery.

Furthermore, we study and addressed several pervasive data-related issues such as the influence of semantic correlation between forgery and image content, false positives on authentic images, the influence of the number of training forgery types on the model's generalization ability, and the impact of masking, a common post-processing step for deep learning based image editing methods, on forgery detection performance and generalization.

- 081 We summarize our contributions as follows:
 - We proposed a generalizable image forgery detection and localization method capable of detecting unseen forgeries, while also showing competitive performance compared to existing methods in detecting seen forgeries.
 - We construct a new image forgery dataset using various advanced image manipulation and generation methods, which is more suitable for universal and cross-method forgery detection research than most existing datasets.
 - We addressed several data-related issues in existing image forgery detection and localization methods by introducing a comprehensive training data configuration.

2 RELATED WORK

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Many methods have been proposed to assess the authenticity of images McCloskey & Albright 096 (2018); Marra et al. (2018); Rossler et al. (2019); Nataraj et al. (2019); McCloskey & Albright 097 (2019); Li et al. (2020). However, these approaches frequently exhibit unsatisfactory performance 098 when applied to images forged by unseen editing methods. Some attempts have been made to 099 address this challenge. Wang et al. (2020) demonstrated that GAN-based generated images share some common systematic flaws, which can be distinguished from real images by classifiers trained 100 on a specific generator. Zeng et al. (2017); Zhang et al. (2019); Frank et al. (2020) found that 101 the GAN-based image generation method is more likely to expose common artifacts in the spectral 102 domain, which can be used to distinguish them from authentic images. Wang et al. (2023) tries to 103 identify the images generated by the diffusion model Ho et al. (2020) based on reconstruction errors 104 of a pre-trained diffusion model. However, these methods can only determine the authenticity of the 105 entire image and cannot locate the forged areas in the image. 106

107 Some work focuses on locating specific forged regions in images by modeling it as a pixel-level binary classification problem. Liu et al. (2022); Dong et al. (2022) utilize the learned multi-scale



115 Figure 1: Illustration of the traditional classification-based image forgery detection pipeline (left) 116 and our proposed GIFL method (right). 117

118 and multi-view to detect forged areas. Kwon et al. (2022) designed CAT-Net to locate slicing 119 and copy-and-paste forgeries from the perspective of detecting the anomaly of JPEG compression 120 artifacts. Some research is dedicated to finding inpainting forgery in images Zhu et al. (2018); Li & 121 Huang (2019); Lu & Niu (2020); Kumar & Meenpal (2021); Zhu et al. (2023); Zhang et al. (2022); Wu & Zhou (2021). 122

123 Some studies have focused on detecting both general and composite image forgeries. Wu et al. 124 (2019) proposed ManTra-Net, which uses a long short-term memory solution to locate various types 125 of forgery traces. Zhuang et al. (2021) proposed a fully convolutional network to detect the com-126 monly used editing operations in Photoshop, and designed a training data generation strategy based 127 on Photoshop scripts. Wu et al. (2022) proposed a method based on noise-modeling and a robust training scheme for detecting forged images that are shared on online social media. Guillaro et al. 128 (2023) proposed TruFor, which utilizes learned noise-sensitive fingerprints to detect manipulation 129 traces. Wu et al. (2023) proposed FOCAL, an image forgery detection method based on pixel-level 130 contrastive learning and unsupervised clustering. Zhai et al. (2023) proposed WSCL, which aims to 131 enhance generalization ability through weakly-supervised learning. Recently, Guo et al. (2024) pro-132 posed EITLNet, which effectively locates various image forgeries through the enhanced two-branch 133 transformer encoder with attention-based feature fusion. 134

Although these methods have broadened the scope of forgery detection, they still rely heavily on 135 locating the specific traces of the forgeries in training data and are prone to severe degradation in 136 detecting unseen forgeries. 137

3 METHOD

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3.1 LEARNING UNIVERSAL FEATURES FOR GENERALIZABLE FORGERY LOCALIZATION

142 A forged image consists of two parts: the authentic part and the forged part. Given a forged image 143 I, existing approaches use a classifier C to perform pixel-level binary classification. The goal of the 144 classifier is to assign different labels, e.g. 0, 1, to pixels in the two parts, and produce a binary mask 145 M_d : 146

 $M_d = C(I).$

147 Through learning on a large dataset of images altered by various editing methods, a powerful deep 148 neural network classifier can learn to recognize manipulation traces and detect many types of forg-149 eries. However, these classifiers often rely heavily on the specific traces left by forgery methods 150 in the forged content, making it challenging to detect novel forgeries that have not been encoun-151 tered. This is a critical issue because image editing methods evolve rapidly and new techniques are 152 constantly being developed.

153 In this work, we aim to encourage the detector to pay more attention to the general information 154 shared among different types of forgeries rather than specific forgery traces to develop a more gen-155 eralizable approach. We observe that while forged parts may have distinct traces due to various 156 editing methods, authentic regions remain relatively consistent. Therefore, we propose to recon-157 struct the features of the authentic area that are devoid of forged content to make the model R more 158 inclined to learn and utilize the authentic information: 159

- $F_r = R(F_I)$
- where F_r denotes the reconstructed authentic feature and F_I is the entire image feature encoded by 161 a frozen encoder.

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Fig. 1 illustrates the overall pipeline of most existing approaches and the proposed method. In essence, we transform the forgery localization task from a binary classification task that distinguishes between real and forged content to a regression task centered on authentic feature reconstruction. Using the wider metric space of a regression process, more useful information can be retained and used to achieve better performance and robustness.

¹⁸⁰ Moreover, we decouple the detection process from the encoding and decoding process inspired by Chen et al. (2024). We utilize the same frozen encoder E to encode the features of both the input image and the partial images where the forgery areas are removed:

 $F_I = E(I)$

 $F_t = E(I \odot (1 - M_t))$

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where ⊙ represents element-wise multiplication. We then utilize a Universal Forgery Localization
Transformer (UFLT), which will be detailed in Sec. 3.2, to align the features of the forged image with
those of the partial image. This alignment reduces the gap between encoded features of different
forgeries, leading to improved generalization ability.

Finally, a fully connected layer is used as a decoder to obtain the final detection mask based on the reconstructed features:

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The loss function of our method comprises two parts: utilizing L2 loss to guide the regressor's feature reconstruction and alignment with input features, and supervising the final mask output through a combination of BCE loss and IoU loss Zhou et al. (2019):

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_2(F_r, F_t) \times 10 + \mathcal{L}_{BCE}(M_d, M_t) + \mathcal{L}_{IoU}(M_d, M_t)$$

 $M_d = FC(F_r)$

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3.2 UNIVERSAL FORGERY LOCALIZATION TRANSFORMER

202 It has been pointed out that the spectral feature traces of different types of forgery may appear in 203 different depth of a network Zeng et al. (2017); Frank et al. (2020); Zhang et al. (2019); Xu et al. 204 (2019). However, existing spectral detection networks Kwon et al. (2022); Wang et al. (2022a); 205 Zhou et al. (2024) typically use a manually designed feature extractor to obtain traces from a spe-206 cific layer through a single spectral transform and process the spectral features as another branch 207 independent of the spatial domain pipeline, which means that these methods can only extract the spectral traces of some specific forgeries. Moreover, their single spectral transform and independent 208 branch processing result in the isolation of spectral information during intermediate processing, with 209 no interaction with spatial information before the inverse transform. 210

To this end, we propose a Universal Forgery Localization Transformer (UFLT), as depicted in Fig. 2. To effectively exploit the traces exposed at different depths in different domains, we draw inspiration from FFC Chi et al. (2020) and establish the interaction and fusion of features across domain and across depth by connecting the paths of the two domains in each layer of the network. The transformer encoder and feedforward network architectures are identical to ViT Dosovitskiy et al. (2020). 216 In contrast to FFC, which utilizes an image-level Fourier transform to capture global information, 217 our approach focuses on leveraging local spectral domain information along with spatial positional 218 relationships to extract local information. To ensure compatibility with the vision transformer net-219 work and make full use of its global self-attention capabilities for establishing long-distance corre-220 lations, UFLT performs the Fourier transform on the patch embedding scale. Specifically, letting $X_{pix} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}$ be the input feature, where N and D are the number and dimension of embeddings, 221 we apply a 2-D fast Fourier transform (FFT) to embeddings, and then concatenate the imaginary 222 and real parts of the spectral features to produce $X_{freq} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times (D \times 2)}$. Due to the redundancy in the conjugate symmetric signal obtained from the 2-D FFT, we can reduce the dimension of X_{freq} 223 224 without losing essential information. Therefore, we transform X_{freq} into a D dimensional feature 225 through a fully connected layer to ensure that its shape aligns with that of X_{pix} , allowing the vision 226 transformer to use features of the spectral domain. 227

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4 FORGERY ADE DATASET

Diversifying the type of forgeries in training is an effective way to enhance the generalizability of forgery detectors Wang et al. (2020). However, most of the existing forgery image detection and localization datasets Kwon et al. (2022); Dong et al. (2013); De Carvalho et al. (2013); Ng et al. (2004); Wen et al. (2016) lack diversity and are still dominated by images produced using manual slicing. These outdated and diversity limited training datasets are not suitable for contemporary deep learning based image manipulation methods.

- Although some recently developed datasets have included deep learning base forgeries, they still 237 have several critical issues. First, in most datasets Wen et al. (2016); Guillaro et al. (2023); Jia 238 et al. (2023); Sun et al. (2023), the location, shape, and contents of the forged areas are determined 239 based on the semantics of the image. However, in practical applications, forgery may appear in 240 any shape in any region of the image and may be unrelated to semantics. Therefore, training on 241 these forgery images with semantic connections can lead detectors to rely on semantics to detect the 242 forgery, resulting in reduced performance on forgeries without semantic connections. Second, most 243 existing datasets only include forged images and lack authentic images as negative samples. As a 244 result, false positives often occur when the input is a clean image without any forgery VidalMata 245 et al. (2023). Moreover, we found that many existing models learned a shortcut to detecting deep 246 learning based forgeries by detecting the seam between the manipulated area and the pristine area. 247 This is because most deep-generative inpainting models have a post-processing step that blends the 248 model output with the original image using the inpainting mask. We present a detailed study of these issues in Section 5. 249
- To this end, we create a new forged image dataset based on the ADE 20K Zhou et al. (2017) dataset,
 called Forgery ADE. Examples of forged images generated by different forgery methods in the
 dataset are shown in Fig. 4.
- 253 We select eight of the most popular and representative deep learning based image inpainting methods 254 as forgery approaches, including 4 GAN-based methods: Deepfill v2 Yu et al. (2019), CTSDG Guo 255 et al. (2021), CR-Fill Zeng et al. (2021), LaMa Suvorov et al. (2022), and 4 diffusion-based methods: 256 LDM Rombach et al. (2022), SSDE Song et al. (2020), DDNM Wang et al. (2022b), RePaint Lug-257 mayr et al. (2022). Each of these methods is applied to all 20,210 training images and 2,000 test 258 images in the ADE 20K, producing eight sets of forgery images for a total of 177,680 images. We 259 carefully selected a set of irregular occlusion masks provided by Zeng et al. (2021) that are not related to the image and randomly rotated and flipped them to increase the diversity of the data and 260 further avoid semantic association. We scale all images and masks to 512×512 . All forged im-261 ages are the direct output of the generated model without post-processing masking. In training, we 262 provide authentic images as negative samples, of which the ground truth is all zero maps. 263
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5 EXPERIMENTS

- 267 5.1 IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS
- 269 Considering the availability of code and the popularity of forgery methods, we use the most popular GAN-based forgery method Deepfill v2 Yu et al. (2019) and the diffusion-based forgery method

Table 1: Quantitative comparison. Bold for best results.

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272	Prior	Forgery	Metric	ManTra-Net	MVSS-Net	PSCC-Net	CAT-Net	IID-Net	IF-OSN	IML-ViT	TruFor	FOCAL	EITLNet	GIFL
273			F1 IOU	0.8855	0.9117	0.8765	0.8532	0.8583	0.9069	0.9035	0.8779	0.8239	0.8956	0.8539
074		Deepfill v2	ACC	0.9805	0.9881	0.9815	0.9665	0.9795	0.9888	0.9865	0.9852	0.9519	0.9847	0.9756
274			Fl	0.5623	0.7063	0.6382	0.5019	0.5951	0.6480	0.5193	0.6069	0.5238	0.7218	0.7078
275		LDM	IOU ACC	0.1262 0.8842	0.3703 0.9283	0.3108 0.8228	0.0547 0.8741	0.1979 0.8936	0.2768 0.9074	0.0795	0.2106	0.0821	0.4015 0.9183	0.3655
276	Trained		AUC	0.5672	0.7193	0.7147	0.5273	0.6171	0.6576	0.5511	0.6103	0.5409	0.7527	0.7278
277		a.a	F1 IOU	0.4799 0.0047	0.6526 0.3060	0.5431 0.1066	0.4902 0.0192	0.4848 0.0147	0.6723 0.3482	0.5259 0.0767	0.6117 0.2183	0.5628 0.1415	0.5711 0.1490	0.7827 0.5010
278		CASIA1.0	ACC AUC	0.9114 0.5015	0.9272 0.6636	0.8917 0.5677	0.9087 0.5083	0.9072 0.5057	0.9383 0.6795	0.9093 0.5430	0.9372 0.6131	0.8807 0.5701	0.9224 0.5821	0.9490 0.7934
279			Fl	0.6426	0.7569	0.6859	0.6151	0.6461	0.7424	0.6496	0.6988	0.6368	0.7295	0.7815
200		Seen AVG	ACC	0.2793 0.9254	0.4827 0.9479	0.3728 0.8987	0.2421 0.9164	0.2920 0.9268	0.4635 0.9448	0.2909 0.9190	0.3782	0.2774 0.8957	0.4289 0.9418	0.5037 0.9498
200			AUC	0.6531	0.7654	0.7181	0.6360	0.6598	0.7460	0.6674	0.6948	0.6454	0.7459	0.7953
281		CTSDC	IOU	0.1269	0.3321	0.1878	0.0825	0.1547	0.2632	0.1106	0.0800	0.0890	0.1313	0.7963
282		CISDO	AUC	0.8667	0.9247 0.6839	0.8032	0.8749 0.5449	0.8695 0.5862	0.9082 0.6429	0.8692 0.5700	0.8834 0.5408	0.8512 0.5416	0.8861 0.5722	0.9545 0.8209
283			F1	0.5481	0.6808	0.6041	0.5487	0.5858	0.5902	0.5326	0.5640	0.5509	0.6231	0.7876
284		CR-Fill	ACC	0.8874	0.9317	0.8992	0.8840	0.8980	0.9036	0.8721	0.8988	0.8649	0.9096	0.9525
285			Fl	0.3336	0.5137	0.4734	0.5073	0.5481	0.3938	0.5152	0.5127	0.5197	0.5591	0.6580
200		LaMa	IOU	0.0125	0.0732	0.0152	0.0638	0.1230	0.0238	0.0728	0.0742	0.0818	0.1557	0.2884
200			AUC	0.5059	0.5370	0.5084	0.5316	0.5668	0.5119	0.5445	0.5373	0.5366	0.5803	0.6596
287		SSDE	F1 IOU	0.4781 0.0192	0.5082 0.0609	0.5376 0.1193	0.4704 0.0108	0.4883 0.0381	0.4879 0.0348	0.5020 0.0565	0.4720 0.0126	0.5028 0.0586	0.4903 0.0380	0.6779 0.3216
288			ACC	0.8688 0.5070	0.8840 0.5311	0.8606 0.5725	0.8655 0.5026	0.8663 0.5235	0.8785 0.5176	0.8618 0.5336	0.8744 0.5063	0.8465 0.5217	0.8778 0.5183	0.9188 0.7010
289			Fl	0.5258	0.5511	0.5668	0.4861	0.5656	0.5252	0.5508	0.4901	0.5467	0.5276	0.6589
290	Unseen	DDNM	ACC	0.0741 0.8861	0.1266 0.9018	0.1575 0.8813	0.0300 0.8706	0.1503 0.8934	0.0889 0.8916	0.1231 0.8789	0.0355 0.8812	0.1118 0.8640	0.0929 0.8909	0.2949 0.9263
291			AUC	0.5369	0.5676	0.5945	0.5130	0.5875	0.5474	0.5732	0.5179	0.5542	0.5483	0.6698
292		RePaint	IOU	0.0354	0.1001	0.1924	0.0383	0.1252	0.1095	0.0505	0.0778	0.0674	0.1384	0.2721
202			AUC	0.5169	0.5519	0.6112	0.5178	0.5725	0.5566	0.5319	0.5392	0.5285	0.5735	0.6594
255			F1 IOU	0.4764	0.4830	0.4706	0.4755	0.4700	0.4838	0.4848	0.4730	0.4902	0.4737	0.5647 0.1417
294		COVERAGE	ACC	0.8797	0.8857	0.8787	0.8797	0.8806	0.8859	0.8639	0.8884	0.8422	0.8851	0.8971
295			Fl	0.4253	0.4673	0.4183	0.4249	0.4987	0.4224	0.4509	0.4365	0.4538	0.4789	0.5703
296		CocoGlide	IOU ACC	0.0122 0.7460	0.0784 0.7413	0.0069 0.7429	0.0120 0.7446	0.0047 0.7494	0.0104 0.7520	0.0506 0.7415	0.0305 0.7466	0.0511 0.7363	0.0805 0.7626	0.2148 0.7968
297			AUC	0.5021	0.5312	0.5011	0.5028	0.5023	0.5054	0.5220	0.5122	0.5161	0.5383	0.6114
298			FI	0.4977 0.0491	0.5526 0.1393	0.5281 0.1116	0.4909 0.0457	0.5239 0.0974	0.5209 0.0921	0.5096 0.0735	0.4983 0.0585	0.5125 0.0780	0.5320 0.1116	0.6703 0.3212
299		Unseen AVG	ACC AUC	0.8594 0.5247	0.8815 0.5733	0.8528 0.5651	0.8583 0.5224	0.8668 0.5549	$0.8740 \\ 0.5486$	0.8521 0.5428	0.8684 0.5294	0.8377 0.5335	0.8757 0.5588	0.9114 0.6882

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LDM Rombach et al. (2022) to create edited images in Forgery ADE. We also include a representative traditional splicing forgery image dataset CASIA v2 Dong et al. (2013) as training data. In addition, we add unmanipulated clean images to the training data as negative samples, with a ratio of 1:1 to forged images.

We use the pre-trained DINOv2 ViT-L/14 Oquab et al. (2023) as the encoder, which is frozen during training, and use a fully connected layer as decoder. UFLT adopts the same configuration as ViT-L/14 Dosovitskiy et al. (2020). UFLT and the decoder are optimized together by the Adam optimizer. Training is performed on images with a resolution of 448×448 , with all data enhancement measures in Wang et al. (2020) and Wu et al. (2023). The learning rate is set to 1e - 4 and the batch size is 8. We use the Pytorch framework for our implementation and train on a Nvidia A100 GPU.

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312 5.2 PERFORMANCE OF OUR APPROACH

We compared our proposed approach with several state-of-the-art image forgery detection and localization methods, including EITLNet Guo et al. (2024), FOCAL Wu et al. (2023), TruFor Guillaro et al. (2023), IML-ViT Ma et al. (2023), IF-OSN Wu et al. (2022), IID-Net Wu & Zhou (2021), CAT-Net Kwon et al. (2022), PSCC-Net Liu et al. (2022), MVSS-Net Dong et al. (2022) and ManTra-Net Wu et al. (2019). To ensure fair comparison, all methods are implemented in accordance with the original paper, while trained on the same dataset with the same data augmentation measures as ours.

A comparative experiment is conducted on all eight forgery test sets in Forgery ADE, as well as two
 splicing forgery datasets CASIA v1 Dong et al. (2013) and COVERAGE Wen et al. (2016), and an
 object synthetic dataset CocoGlide Guillaro et al. (2023). Performance is evaluated using pixel-level
 metrics including F1, IoU, ACC, and AUC.



Figure 3: Visual comparison of our results and those of previous methods. Red boxes indicate the results on seen forgeries and blue for unseen ones. Zoom-in to see the details. More results are included in the Appendix.

As illustrated in Table 1, GIFL achieves state-of-the-art performance in detecting unseen forgeries and also shows competitive performance on seen forgeries. In particular, GIFL demonstrates significantly superior performance over other methods in detecting highly realistic images edited by diffusion-based methods.

Fig. 3 shows the detection results of our method and others. More visual comparisons are shown in the Appendix (Fig. 5). It can be observed that existing methods generally fail to achieve satisfactory localization results for unseen forgeries, many forged contents cannot be accurately and completely detected, and authentic contents are often incorrectly labeled as forgeries. Some methods tend to focus on a specific one in multiple seen forgeries and fail to detect others. In contrast, GIFL provides more accurate results in unseen forgeries and performs more consistently and reliably on multiple trained forgeries.

5.3 ABLATION STUDY

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We investigate the specific effects of each component of our approach. The following experiments adopt the same model parameters and experimental settings as stated in Sec. 5.1. To speed up the experiment, we set the encoder and UFLT to the configuration of ViT-B, trained on forged images of Deepfill v2 and LDM with the same number of authentic images, and tested only on the first 50 images of each forgery in Forgery ADE. The results are shown in Table 2. A more complete analysis can be found in the Appendix (Table 6).

Learning Method. We design a series of experiments to explore the effectiveness of our proposed
 image forgery localization method. Firstly, we train the UFLT and decoder using the traditional
 mask-targeted classification training method as a comparison (Option I). Then, we change the target
 for the reconstruction in the GIFL to the feature of the target mask encoded by the encoder:

$$F_t = E(M_t)$$

thus independently applying the feature space alignment strategy without the reconstruction of the
image features to show the influence of each component (Option II). By comparing the results of
Option II with those of Option I and the baseline, we can see that the authentic feature-reconstruction
approach and the feature space alignment strategy each brings a significant improvement on unseen
but also cause a slight performance degradation on seen forgeries.

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Table 2: Ablation study on different configurations of GIFL.

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Category	Option	F1	Seen A IOU	Average ACC	AUC	F1	Unseen IOU	Average ACC	AUC
Baseline		0.8048	0.5566	0.9321	0.8253	0.7226	0.4059	0.9016	0.7362
Method	I II III IV	0.8212 0.8170 0.7485 0.8049	0.5849 0.5772 0.4565 0.5585	0.9346 0.9340 0.9171 0.9346	0.8287 0.8258 0.7621 0.8152	0.6653 0.6748 0.6657 0.5681	0.3085 0.3243 0.3151 0.1650	$\begin{array}{c} 0.8845 \\ 0.8805 \\ 0.8884 \\ 0.8622 \end{array}$	0.6704 0.6834 0.6761 0.5847
Network	V VI VII VIII IX	0.7872 0.7625 0.7655 0.7724 0.7918	0.5241 0.4905 0.4819 0.5011 0.5387	$\begin{array}{c} 0.9302 \\ 0.8801 \\ 0.9253 \\ 0.9203 \\ 0.9090 \end{array}$	0.7909 0.8130 0.7706 0.7921 0.8344	0.6752 0.7206 0.6320 0.7030 0.7236	$\begin{array}{c} 0.3377 \\ 0.4152 \\ 0.2613 \\ 0.3794 \\ 0.4164 \end{array}$	0.8921 0.8641 0.8772 0.8959 0.8763	$\begin{array}{c} 0.6843 \\ 0.7658 \\ 0.6405 \\ 0.7201 \\ 0.7599 \end{array}$

To investigate the impact of specifically reconstructing authentic features in images, we reconstruct the feature of the complete image (Option III):

$$F_t = E(I)$$

Further, we replace the targeted features with the forgery feature of the image:

$$F_t = E(I \odot M_t)$$

so that UFLT learns to reconstruct the content of the forged area rather than the authentic one (Option IV). Option III proves that reconstructing authentic features plays a crucial role. The performance of Option IV in unseen forgeries is far below the baseline, which shows the clear advantage of using authentic content for generalizable forgery detection.

401 Universal Forgery Localization Transformer. To verify the effectiveness of UFLT, we first con-402 struct an UFLT-spatial that is implemented only in the spatial domain, which has the same structure 403 and number of parameters as the baseline, but without any spectral transformation (Option V). Then 404 we performed the spectral transformation on the input and output of the network, thereby con-405 structing an UFLT-spectral that is only in the spectral domain (Option VI). According to the results, 406 although UFLT performed solely in the spectral domain has certain advantages, its performance gain 407 is still limited. This shows that the benefit of UFLT comes largely from the fusion and utilization of 408 information from both domains.

409 Patch-Level Domain Transformation. To verify the effectiveness of patch-level domain transfor-410 mation, we introduced three spectral transformation schemes for comparison: 2-D FFT on the entire 411 feature at the image level (Option VII), 32×32 (Option VIII) and 8×8 (Option IX) scales, respec-412 tively. Since the spectral domain features are obtained by transformation at the image level, which 413 does not retain any spatial position information, it hardly brought any performance improvement 414 for forgery localization tasks. Although the transformation scheme on the 32×32 scale preserves 415 information in local regions, its performance is still inferior to the baseline due to its inability to effectively utilize the global attention mechanism of ViT. The 8×8 scheme yields a similar perfor-416 mance to the baseline but has higher computational complexity. 417

419 5.4 DATA-RELATED STUDIES

In this section, we study the impact of several data-related issues on detection performance and generalization. The experimental settings and model configuration in this section are the same as those in the ablation studies, except for the training data. We measure the false positive errors on authentic images using pixel-level ACC (p-ACC) and image-level ACC (i-ACC). The experimental results are shown in Table 3 and Table 4.

Additionally, we investigate the impact of various image quality degradation (such as compression, resizing, *etc.*) on detection performance. Please refer to Appendix A.2 for details.

Semantic Correlations. To investigate the impact of semantic correlation between forgery and image content on detection performance, we use images generated by LaMa Suvorov et al. (2022) from GRE Sun et al. (2023) and the LaMa subset of Forgery ADE for training, which were semantically related and nonrelated, respectively. We then test them on two datasets with semantic correlation, Guillaro et al. (2023); Jia et al. (2023); Sun et al. (2023) and Wen et al. (2016), and two datasets

Table	3: Per	formanc	ce com	parison	under	differe	nt data	set sett	ings, b	old for	trained	l forger	ies.
Forgery	Metric	Baseline	I	D II	ata Divers III	ity IV	v	VI Fa	alse Positiv VII	ves VIII	IX	Masking X	XI
Deepfill v2	F1 IOU ACC AUC	0.8932 0.7195 0.9650 0.9093	0.9051 0.7433 0.9695 0.9161	$\begin{array}{c} 0.7320 \\ 0.4243 \\ 0.9007 \\ 0.7564 \end{array}$	0.8874 0.7075 0.9617 0.9055	0.8859 0.7025 0.9620 0.9069	0.8810 0.6909 0.9608 0.8979	0.8968 0.7285 0.9678 0.9117	0.9035 0.7419 0.9698 0.9122	0.8982 0.7271 0.9677 0.9065	0.8641 0.6647 0.9595 0.8576	0.8722 0.6758 0.9510 0.8985	0.9029 0.7415 0.9688 0.9124
CTSDG	F1	0.8032	0.7500	0.7216	0.8731	0.8629	0.8621	0.7940	0.8079	0.7864	0.8061	0.8303	0.8720
	IOU	0.5464	0.4412	0.4062	0.6831	0.6654	0.6649	0.5252	0.5537	0.5206	0.5539	0.5947	0.6705
	ACC	0.9203	0.9045	0.9024	0.9581	0.9573	0.9558	0.9149	0.9284	0.9252	0.9363	0.9257	0.9499
	AUC	0.8368	0.9045	0.7339	0.8956	0.8801	0.8856	0.8187	0.8198	0.7961	0.8015	0.8616	0.8817
CR-Fill	F1	0.8362	0.7934	0.7595	0.8480	0.8599	0.8647	0.8372	0.8336	0.8275	0.7858	0.8036	0.8448
	IOU	0.6005	0.5213	0.4727	0.6242	0.6514	0.6571	0.6000	0.5960	0.5909	0.5104	0.5352	0.6169
	ACC	0.9382	0.9316	0.9197	0.9421	0.9535	0.9533	0.9385	0.9410	0.9445	0.9311	0.9256	0.9484
	AUC	0.8625	0.7863	0.7751	0.8639	0.8824	0.8802	0.8464	0.8399	0.8358	0.7697	0.8196	0.8429
LaMa	F1	0.7024	0.5531	0.6255	0.7140	0.6915	0.7338	0.7236	0.6960	0.6616	0.6024	0.6500	0.6509
	IOU	0.3669	0.1312	0.2501	0.3845	0.3542	0.4309	0.3916	0.3504	0.3068	0.2132	0.2951	0.2911
	ACC	0.8992	0.8518	0.8854	0.8982	0.8944	0.9210	0.8962	0.9003	0.8975	0.8784	0.8876	0.8945
	AUC	0.7057	0.5672	0.6339	0.7119	0.6877	0.7349	0.7174	0.6891	0.6582	0.6082	0.6602	0.6515
LDM	F1	0.7164	0.4827	0.6870	0.6897	0.6959	0.6681	0.7331	0.7238	0.6999	0.6248	0.6533	0.7529
	IOU	0.3936	0.0373	0.3418	0.3534	0.3613	0.3254	0.4100	0.4002	0.3628	0.2450	0.3036	0.4553
	ACC	0.8991	0.8287	0.8996	0.8875	0.8882	0.8842	0.8985	0.8961	0.8954	0.8885	0.8902	0.9200
	AUC	0.7412	0.5180	0.6975	0.7143	0.7085	0.6903	0.7483	0.7354	0.7084	0.6254	0.6670	0.7556
SSDE	F1	0.6588	0.4806	0.5758	0.7977	0.8052	0.7910	0.6774	0.6650	0.6311	0.5658	0.6337	0.7251
	IOU	0.2974	0.0390	0.1801	0.5481	0.5608	0.5288	0.3206	0.3111	0.2613	0.1613	0.2597	0.4019
	ACC	0.8755	0.8295	0.8561	0.9337	0.9378	0.9347	0.8590	0.8700	0.8748	0.8514	0.8627	0.9049
	AUC	0.6711	0.5188	0.6004	0.8039	0.8112	0.7908	0.6984	0.6755	0.6501	0.5900	0.6525	0.7282
DDNM	F1	0.6906	0.5389	0.6094	0.6853	0.7902	0.7664	0.7133	0.7020	0.6496	0.5446	0.7086	0.6884
	IOU	0.3494	0.1166	0.2302	0.3480	0.5310	0.4902	0.3801	0.3639	0.2914	0.1342	0.3843	0.3472
	ACC	0.8982	0.8453	0.8824	0.8955	0.9313	0.9231	0.8910	0.8961	0.8916	0.8576	0.8951	0.8977
	AUC	0.6897	0.5581	0.6198	0.6872	0.7884	0.7646	0.7118	0.6949	0.6511	0.5667	0.7200	0.6894
RePaint	F1 IOU ACC AUC	0.6441 0.2750 0.8783 0.6516	0.4870 0.0482 0.8275 0.5237	$\begin{array}{c} 0.5376 \\ 0.1193 \\ 0.8484 \\ 0.5600 \end{array}$	0.6789 0.3306 0.8859 0.6790	0.7298 0.4171 0.9003 0.7303	0.7295 0.4203 0.9024 0.7306	0.6779 0.3218 0.8689 0.6864	0.6133 0.2284 0.8561 0.6236	0.6001 0.2143 0.8636 0.6160	0.4828 0.0442 0.8266 0.5226	0.6659 0.3137 0.8800 0.6799	0.6191 0.2356 0.8694 0.6243
Authentic	p-ACC i-ACC	0.9966 0.8000	0.9994 0.8400	0.9994 0.9800	0.9878 0.7400	0.9930 0.5200	0.9942 0.7400	0.9704	0.9924 0.5000	0.9962 0.9600	0.9985 0.8400	0.9765 0.5400	0.9948 0.7200
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Table 3: Performance comparison under different dataset settings hold for trained forgeries

Table 4: The impact of dataset semantic correlation on performance.

Training set	Semantic	Test set	Semantic	F1	IOU	ACC	AUC
		CocoGlide COVERAGE	\checkmark	$ \begin{array}{c} 0.4570 \\ 0.4748 \end{array} $	$0.0493 \\ 0.0103$	$0.7488 \\ 0.8731$	$0.5194 \\ 0.4962$
GRE	\checkmark	IMD2020 Forgery ADE		0.5038	$0.0646 \\ 0.3406$	0.9472 0.8961	$0.5319 \\ 0.6870$
		CocoGlide COVERAGE	\checkmark	0.4785 0.4971	$0.0800 \\ 0.0383$	0.7419 0.8665	0.5276 0.5103
ADE		IMD2020 Forgery ADE		0.5704	$0.1079 \\ 0.4975$	0.9790 0.9135	0.5853 0.8202

without semantic correlation, Novozamsky et al. (2020) and the Deepfill v2 training set of Forgery ADE. Both training sets use the first 2,0000 images and employ the same pre-processing and scaling to the same size. The experimental results are shown in table 4.

It can be seen that models trained on datasets with semantic correlations and without perform simi-larly in dealing with semantic-related forgeries, while the model trained on datasets without semantic correlations performs significantly better in handling forged images without semantic correlations.

Data Diversity. This section discusses the impact of the types and number of forgery methods. We use a combination of different forgeries for training: only Deepfill v2 (Option I) or LDM (Option II), using 4 types of forgery (Option III), 6 types of forgery (Option IV), and all types of forgery (Option V).

We can see that including the corresponding samples in the training set can improve the detection performance on specific forgeries, as well as forgeries generated by similar methods. Increasing the diversity of the training forgery can significantly improve the generalization, resulting in better per-formance on almost all forgeries, but it can lead to an increase in the false-positive rate on authentic images.

Negative Samples. We further investigate the impact of introducing negative samples in training on the detection performance and false positive erros. Based on the research of VidalMata et al.

	w/o Auth	entic Image	w/ Authe	ntic Image
Methods	p-ACC	i-ACC	p-ACC	i-ACC
ManTra-Net	0.9334	0.0800	0.9978	0.6000
MVSS-Net	0.9885	0.6400	1.0000	1.0000
PSCC-Net	0.9363	0.3200	0.9892	0.9800
CAT-Net	0.9897	0.2200	0.9928	0.4800
IID-Net	0.9936	0.8000	1.0000	1.0000
IF-OSN	0.9902	0.5000	1.0000	1.0000
IML-ViT	0.9115	0.2800	0.9834	0.9800
Trufor	0.9862	0.6600	1.0000	1.0000
FOCAL	0.9588	0.0000	0.9602	0.0000
EITLNet	0.9792	0.6200	1.0000	1.0000
GIFL	0.9704	0.0400	0.9966	0.8000

Table 5: The performance of each method on authentic images after training on datasets with and without negative samples.

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(2023), we do not include authentic images in the training dataset (Option VI) and then set the ratio
of forged images to authentic images to 1:2 (Option VII) and 2:1 (Option VIII), respectively.

Introducing a certain number of negative samples significantly reduces the occurrence of false positive errors and has no significant impact on the performance of forgery detection. Increasing the proportion of negative samples can further suppress false positive errors. However, excessive negative samples can lead to a degradation in detection performance. Therefore, we suggest adding a certain proportion of negative samples to the training samples to balance detection performance and false positive erros. Take GIFL for example, a ratio of 1 : 1 between forged and authentic images is recommended.

Furthermore, we train various forgery detection methods without negative samples and with a 1 : 1
ratio of negative to positive samples and evaluate their results on authentic images (Table 5). It
can be observed that the false positive problem of most methods is effectively suppressed after the
introduction of negative samples in training, except for FOCAL, which is limited by its contrast
learning strategy that forcibly divides all images into two parts.

Masking. We investigate the impact of the masking post process that replaces unedited regions in forged images with authentic content. We train on the blended images and test them on both fully generated (Option IX) and blended forged images (Option XI). We also test the model trained on the complete images on the masked images (Option X).

520 It can be seen that the model trained on the blended image performs well on blended images but performs poorly on fully generated images, while the model trained on the complete image performs well in both cases. This is likely because the model trained on blended images will learn a shortcut that detects forgery by detecting the seam caused by blending. Therefore, we suggest training on the fully generated images to ensure that forged images, whether blended or not, can be accurately detected.

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6 CONCLUSION

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In this paper, we study the localization and detection of universal image forgeries. We propose a 530 generalizable image forgery localization method and an efficient and robust dual-domain network. 531 Our research emphasizes that focusing on the learning of authentic image features in pristine areas 532 can be a generalizable way for forgery localization. Extensive experimental results indicate that our 533 method outperforms state-of-the-art methods in locating uncounted image forgeries by a large mar-534 gin and also shows competitive performance on the seen forgeries. Furthermore, we construct an 535 image forgery dataset containing images edited by various advanced deep generative image editing methods and introduce a comprehensive training data configuration to address several data-related 536 issues in universal image forgery detection and localization. Our training strategy and dataset con-537 figurations are independent of the model and can be applied to improve existing methods. It is worth 538 noting that our improvement in generalization ability comes at the cost of a slight performance drop on seen forgeries, which can be an interesting problem to study in future work.

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756 A APPENDIX

758 A.1 VISUALIZATION OF FEATURE ALIGNMENT

⁷⁶⁰ In order to visually verify the effectiveness of feature alignment, we train a fully connected layer as ⁷⁶¹ a decoder on the encoded features F_I , and decode the reconstructed features F_r and target features ⁷⁶² F_t into RGB images for observation, as shown in Fig. 6.

We can observe that both the reconstructed and target features have semantic and spatial structures similar to the input image after decoding, and the authentic content is reconstructed while the forged content is excluded. This confirms that the authentic features in different forged images have a high degree of consistency and are in the same feature space as the input features.

A.2 IMPACT OF IMAGE QUALITY DEGRADATION

We apply a series of image degradation methods to the forged images, including JPEG compression with a quality factor of 25, downsampling and upsampling back with scale of 2, sharpening, mean blur with a kernel size of 7, motion blur with a kernel size of 7 and a random direction, gamma transform with a factor of 1.5, and ISO noise with a color shift factor of 0.05 and intensity factor of 0.8. We detect forged images with degraded images using the GIFL baseline, and the results are shown in Table 8. It can be seen that various image degradations are not conducive to forgery detection and may harm detection performance.

A.3 IMPACT OF ENCODER

To investigate the influence of the pre-trained encoder's performance, we use DINOv2 ViT-L/14, DINOv2 ViT-B/14 trained on the LVD-142M dataset Oquab et al. (2023), MAE ViT-B/16 trained on ImageNet 1k He et al. (2022), and the original ViT-B/16 trained on ImageNet 21k Dosovitskiy et al. (2020) as encoders and test on the complete test set. The rest of the experimental settings and model configuration in this section are the same as those in comparative studies. The experimental results are shown in Table 7. It can be seen that using a weaker encoder will result in a decrease in the performance of the model, but it still performs significantly in detecting unseen forgeries compared to other methods in Table 1.



Figure 4: Forged images generated by different forgery methods in Forgery ADE dataset.



Figure 5: Visual comparison of completion images of our method and other methods. Red background for trained forgeries, blue for unseen ones. Zoom-in to see the details.

920			Т	able 6:	Compl	ete resi	ults of	the abl	ation s	tudy.			
921	Prior	Forgery	Metric	Baseline	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX
922			F1	0.8932	0.9033	0.9007	0.8683	0.9011	0.8920	0.8421	0.8680	0.8754	0.8736
923		Deepfill v2	100	0.7195	0.7495	0.7364	0.6594	0.7341	0./133	0.6186	0.6621	0.6/59	0.6810
924		. 1	AUC	0.9093	0.9061	0.9031	0.9552	0.9052	0.8956	0.9289	0.9589	0.8947	0.9058
925	Seen		F1	0.7164	0.7391	0.7333	0.6287	0.7087	0.6823	0.6828	0.6631	0.6694	0.7100
926		LDM	IOU	0.3936	0.4203	0.4181	0.2535	0.3829	0.3348	0.3623	0.3018	0.3262	0.3963
007		LDM	ACC	0.8991	0.8973	0.8999	0.8790	0.8999	0.8951	0.8314	0.8917	0.8836	0.8635
927			AUC	0.7412	0.7513	0.7478	0.0432	0.7249	0.0801	0.7280	0.6707	0.0895	0.7629
928			IOU	0.8052	0.4459	0.7819	0.7855	0.3318	0.7873	0.7904	0.7623	0.7763	0.7934
929		CTSDG	ACC	0.9203	0.9037	0.9120	0.9257	0.8959	0.9250	0.8969	0.9221	0.9135	0.8964
930			AUC	0.8368	0.7616	0.7989	0.8024	0.6723	0.7945	0.8567	0.7582	0.8095	0.8556
931			F1	0.8362	0.7912	0.7916	0.8114	0.7097	0.8387	0.7967	0.7523	0.8011	0.8008
032		CR-Fill	ACC	0.6005	0.5098	0.5102	0.5565	0.3718	0.6062	0.5346	0.4414	0.5397	0.5436
002			AUC	0.8625	0.7851	0.7858	0.8210	0.6939	0.8350	0.8523	0.7439	0.8257	0.8480
933		LaMa	F1	0.7024	0.6335	0.6465	0.6232	0.5327	0.6402	0.7063	0.5786	0.6874	0.7226
934			IOU	0.3669	0.2524	0.2679	0.2408	0.1105	0.2703	0.3797	0.1742	0.3506	0.4045
935			ACC	0.8992	0.8867	0.8805	0.8833	0.8573	0.8886	0.8736	0.8702	0.8991	0.8898
936	Unseen		F1	0.7037	0.6201	0.6033	0.6076	0.3331	0.5988	0.6823	0.5679	0.6691	0.6769
937		CODE	IOU	0.2974	0.2205	0.2138	0.2192	0.0526	0.2157	0.3608	0.1580	0.3246	0.3394
938		SSDE	ACC	0.8755	0.8596	0.8551	0.8652	0.8340	0.8631	0.8345	0.8478	0.8837	0.8517
030			FI	0.6906	0.6173	0.6384	0.5984	0.5200	0.6220	0.6833	0.5919	0.6641	0.7008
000			IOU	0.3494	0.2324	0.2605	0.2081	0.0974	0.2297	0.3646	0.1823	0.3157	0.3794
940		DDNM	ACC	0.8982	0.8756	0.8694	0.8730	0.8472	0.8814	0.8346	0.8635	0.8924	0.8698
941			AUC	0.6897	0.6199	0.6451	0.6060	0.5484	0.6194	0.7281	0.5921	0.6716	0.7313
942			F1	0.6441	0.5912	0.5872	0.5681	0.4708	0.5789	0.6643	0.5510	0.6199	0.6474
0/13		RePaint		0.2750	0.1899	0.1919	0.1566	0.0261	0.1816	0.3223	0.1413	0.2440	0.2945
343			AUC	0.6516	0.6024	0.6079	0.5810	0.5126	0.5936	0.6967	0.5703	0.6383	0.6382
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Figure 6: Visualization of target features and reconstruction features of different types of forged images. Zoom-in to see the details.



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Deepiin v2	ACC AUC
CTSDG	F1 IOU ACC AUC
CR-Fill	F1 IOU ACC AUC
LaMa	F1 IOU ACC

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Prior	Metric	DINOv2-L	DINOv2-B	MAE-B	ViT-B
	F1	0.7815	0.6982	0.6490	0.6307
	IOU	0.5037	0.3596	0.3115	0.2486
Trained	ACC	0.9498	0.9216	0.9332	0.8956
	AUC	0.7953	0.7258	0.6843	0.6566
	F1	0.6703	0.6326	0.6290	0.6076
Unseen	IOU	0.3212	0.2565	0.2531	0.2165
	ACC	0.9114	0.8853	0.9008	0.8691
	AUC	0.6882	0.6664	0.6485	0.6347

Table 8: Detection results under various image degradation.

Table 6. Detection results under					various infage degradation.				
Forgery	Metric	Baseline	Compression	Resizing	Sharpen	Blur	Motion Blur	Gamma	Noise
Deepfill v2	F1	0.8932	0.8552	0.8790	0.8658	0.8244	0.8821	0.8904	0.8659
	IOU	0.7195	0.6506	0.6932	0.6675	0.5937	0.6999	0.7120	0.6655
	ACC	0.9650	0.9526	0.9608	0.9544	0.9429	0.9606	0.9638	0.9569
	AUC	0.9093	0.8712	0.8977	0.8859	0.8442	0.8952	0.9064	0.8853
CTSDG	F1	0.8032	0.7963	0.8041	0.7627	0.7918	0.8023	0.7889	0.8022
	IOU	0.5464	0.5336	0.5427	0.4720	0.5351	0.5415	0.5215	0.5397
	ACC	0.9203	0.9212	0.9196	0.9100	0.9268	0.9219	0.9177	0.9238
	AUC	0.8368	0.8181	0.8376	0.7798	0.8102	0.8297	0.8220	0.8218
CR-Fill	F1	0.8362	0.7894	0.8185	0.7838	0.7486	0.8260	0.8351	0.7930
	IOU	0.6005	0.5212	0.5701	0.5100	0.4545	0.5801	0.5956	0.5253
	ACC	0.9382	0.9235	0.9315	0.9189	0.9099	0.9343	0.9409	0.9240
	AUC	0.8625	0.8175	0.8434	0.8118	0.7708	0.8457	0.8510	0.8189
LaMa	F1	0.7024	0.6782	0.6909	0.6515	0.6583	0.6805	0.6992	0.6626
	IOU	0.3669	0.3328	0.3513	0.2908	0.3048	0.3370	0.3644	0.3066
	ACC	0.8992	0.8921	0.8944	0.8920	0.8899	0.8929	0.9019	0.8984
	AUC	0.7057	0.6879	0.7077	0.6518	0.6692	0.6900	0.7001	0.6664
LDM	F1	0.7164	0.6820	0.7009	0.6988	0.6390	0.6949	0.7138	0.6869
	IOU	0.3936	0.3435	0.3696	0.3659	0.2779	0.3632	0.3885	0.3506
	ACC	0.8991	0.8861	0.8956	0.8839	0.8715	0.8940	0.8980	0.8847
	AUC	0.7412	0.7063	0.7211	0.7198	0.6648	0.7217	0.7350	0.7203
SSDE	F1	0.6588	0.6385	0.6883	0.5895	0.6169	0.6360	0.6443	0.6695
	IOU	0.2974	0.2703	0.3464	0.1982	0.2397	0.2701	0.2726	0.3184
	ACC	0.8755	0.8670	0.8834	0.8521	0.8683	0.8708	0.8721	0.8819
	AUC	0.6711	0.6571	0.7076	0.6124	0.6322	0.6586	0.6554	0.6877
DDNM	F1	0.6906	0.6724	0.7118	0.6656	0.6344	0.7058	0.6837	0.6619
	IOU	0.3494	0.3248	0.3810	0.3150	0.2656	0.3748	0.3372	0.3071
	ACC	0.8982	0.8949	0.9011	0.8869	0.8790	0.9017	0.8968	0.8859
	AUC	0.6897	0.6743	0.7087	0.6671	0.6473	0.7079	0.6825	0.6665
RePaint	F1	0.6441	0.6333	0.6565	0.6123	0.6117	0.6401	0.6333	0.6248
	IOU	0.2750	0.2643	0.2961	0.2341	0.2278	0.2753	0.2572	0.2524
	ACC	0.8783	0.8711	0.8805	0.8582	0.8587	0.8710	0.8760	0.8672
	AUC	0.6516	0.6518	0.6635	0.6333	0.6287	0.6608	0.6408	0.6400
Authentic	p-ACC	0.9966	0.9904	0.9909	0.9945	0.9898	0.9909	0.9972	0.9959
	i-ACC	0.8000	0.6800	0.7200	0.8000	0.7200	0.6200	0.7200	0.7200