

# Face Recognition & Other Biometrics

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# LOOKING AT PEOPLE



Image source: Her, 2013



# LOOKING AT PEOPLE: PERSON LOCALIZATION



Image source: Her, 2013





# LOOKING AT PEOPLE: HUMAN POSE DETECTION

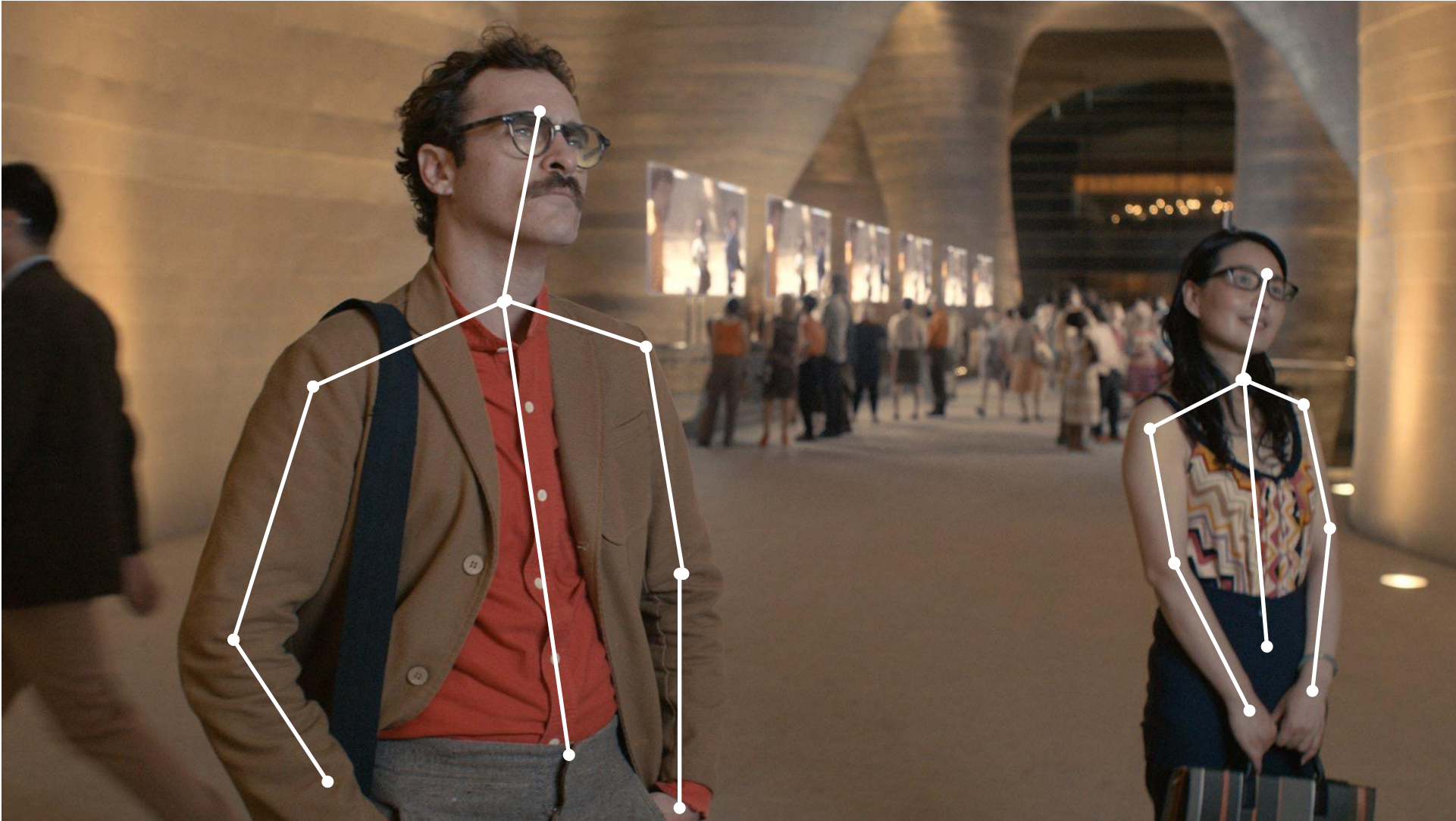


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# LOOKING AT PEOPLE: FACE DETECTION



Image source: Her, 2013





# LOOKING AT PEOPLE: FACE RECOGNITION



Image source: Her, 2013



# LOOKING AT PEOPLE: FACIAL LANDMARK DETECTION



Image source: Her, 2013





# LOOKING AT PEOPLE: FACIAL EXPRESSION RECOGNITION



Image source: Her, 2013





# LOOKING AT PEOPLE: FACE RECOGNITION



Image source: Her, 2013



# Recognizing Faces

Two Tasks:

- Face Verification
- Face Identification





# Face Verification?

Are these two images showing the same person?

“One-to-one similarity”

Important for Access Control and Re-identification



Query Image

=



Reference Image

Yes



# Face Identification?

What is the ID or name of this person?



= “Margrit Betke”

Query Image

“One-to-many similarity”

Important for Watch-list Surveillance or Forensic Search





# Face Recognition

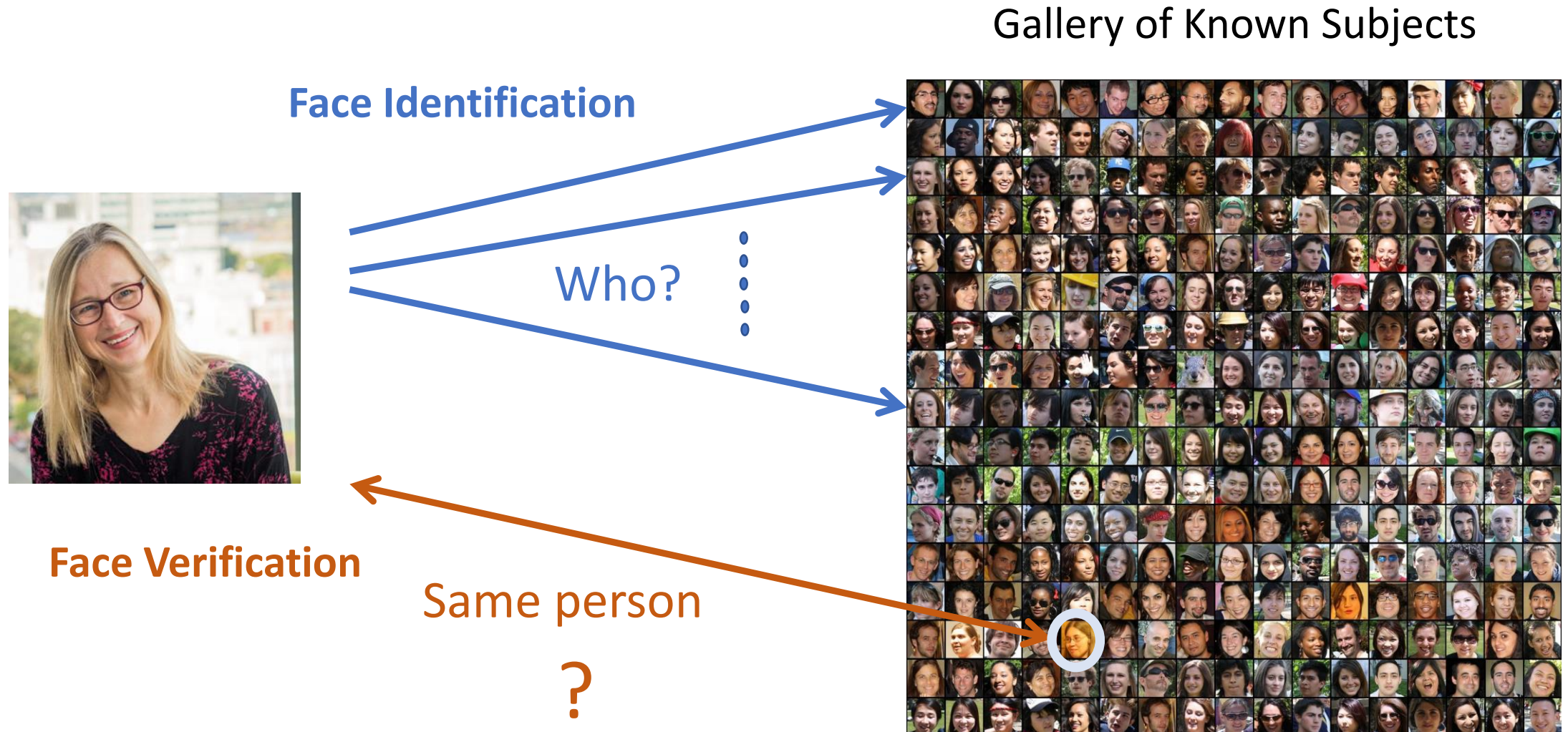


Image credit: Q. Orozco-Ramirez





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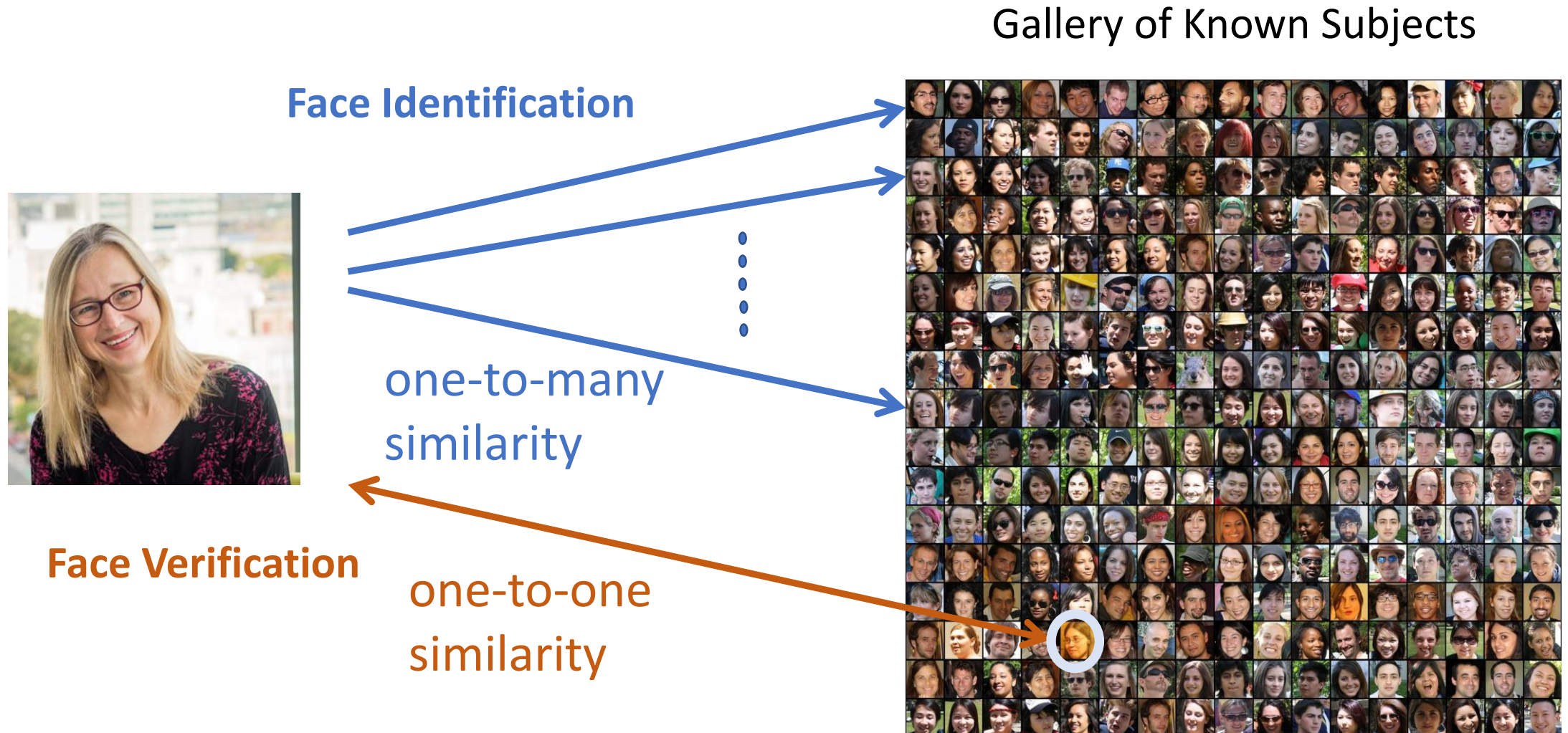


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# Face Recognition

Here:  
One picture per person

Better:  
Multiple pictures per person

Gallery of Known Subjects



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# Face Recognition

## Gallery of Known Subjects





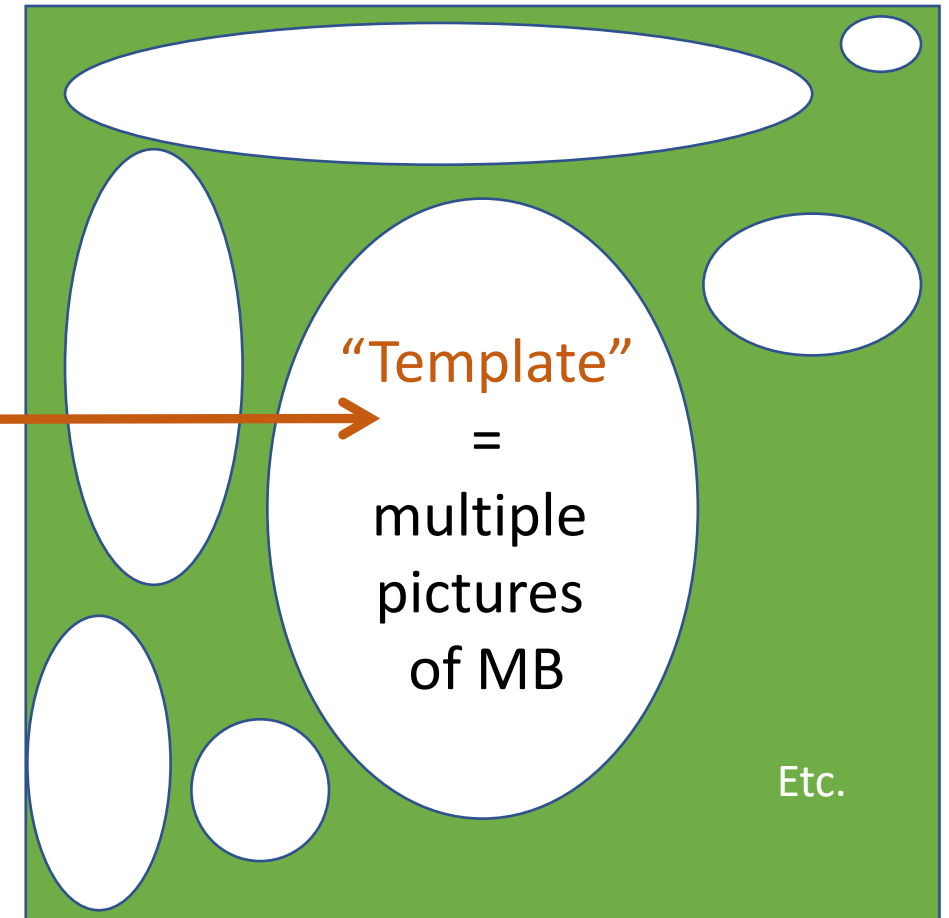
# Face Recognition

**Probe** or **Query** of Unknown Subject



one-to-one  
similarity

**Gallery** of Known Subjects



# How does Face Recognition Technology Work?

2012 Revolution in Computer Vision:  
Deep Neural Networks



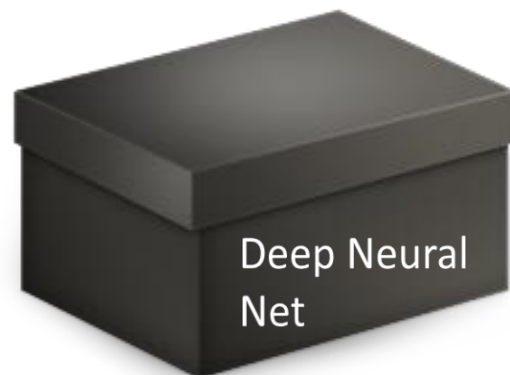


# Deep Neural Networks used for Face Recognition

1. Network architecture
2. Training
3. Testing = “use mode”



# Network Architecture





# Training a Face Recognition Network

Training image for “Margrit Betke”



Crop ↓



Rotate ↓



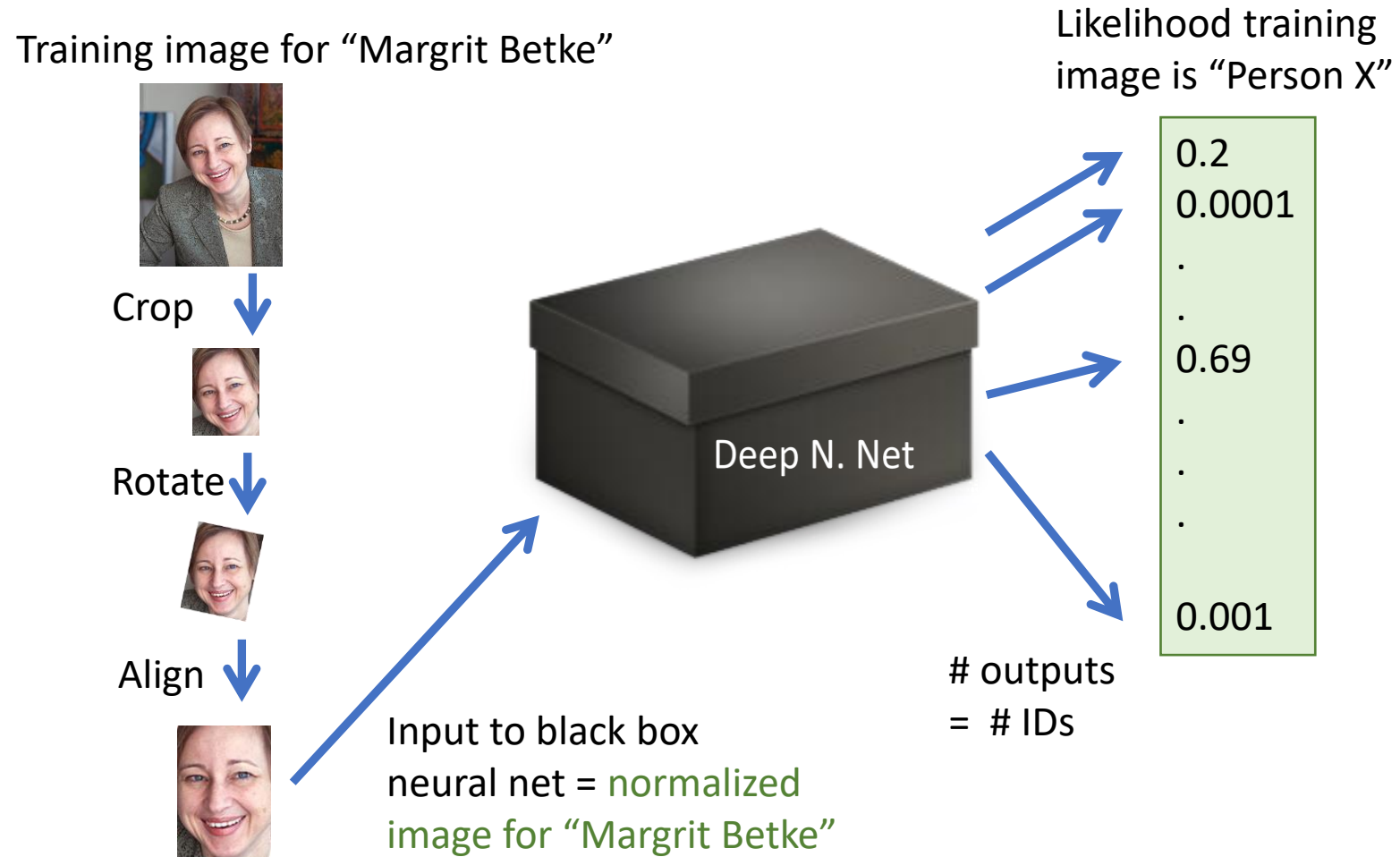
Align ↓



Input to black box  
neural net = **normalized**  
image for “Margrit Betke”



# Training a Face Recognition Network





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Likelihood training  
image is “Person X”

0.2
0.0001
.
.
0.69
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0.001

# outputs  
= # IDs

One hot encoding  
of “Margrit”

0
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# Training a Face Recognition Network

Training image for “Margrit Betke”



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Rotate ↓



Align ↓



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minus

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= error

Sum squared error =  
Measure of training need



# Training a Face Recognition Network

Training image for “Margrit Betke”



Crop ↓



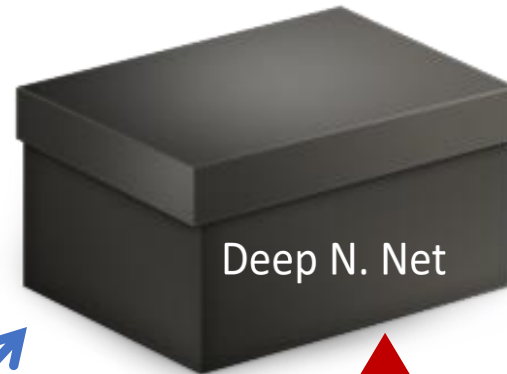
Rotate ↓



Align ↓



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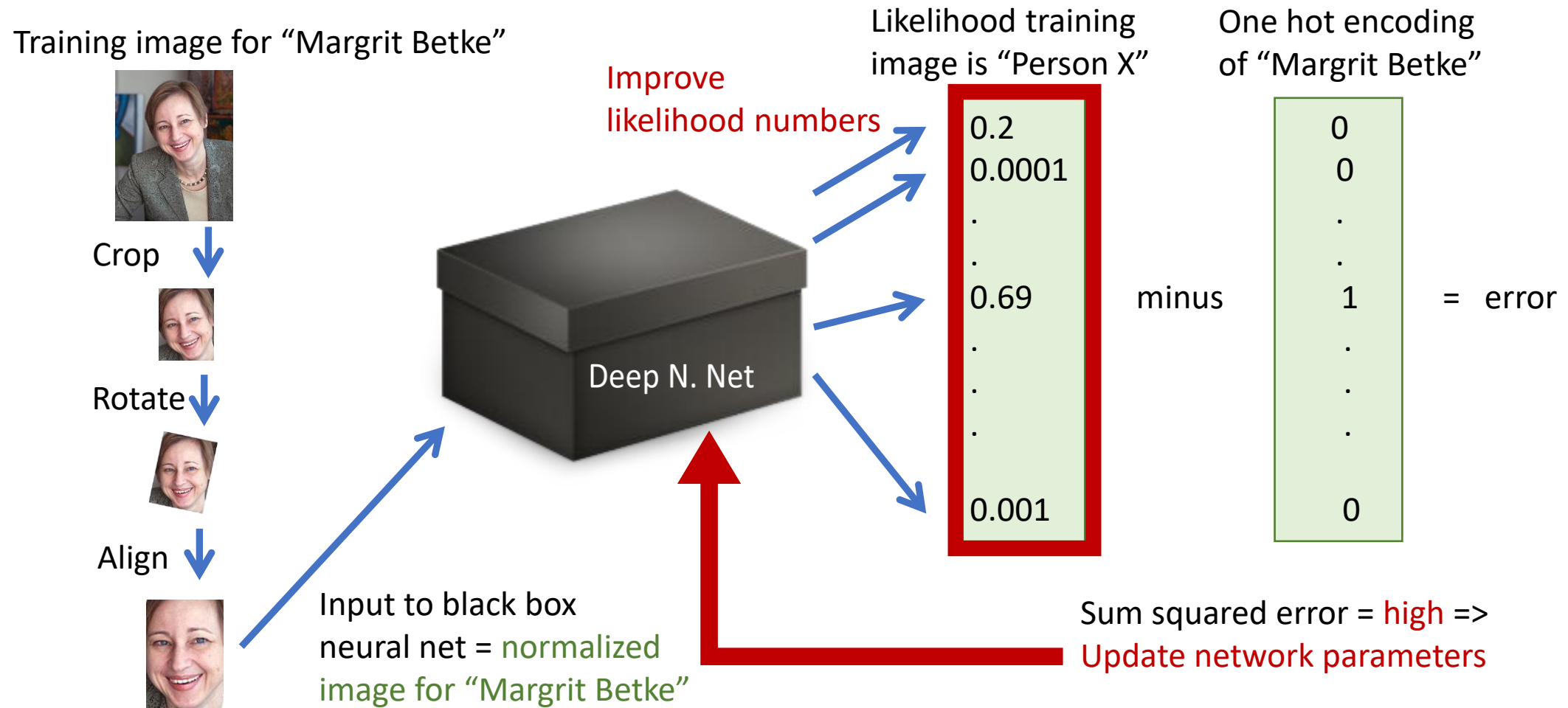
= error

Sum squared error = **high** =>  
**Update network parameters**

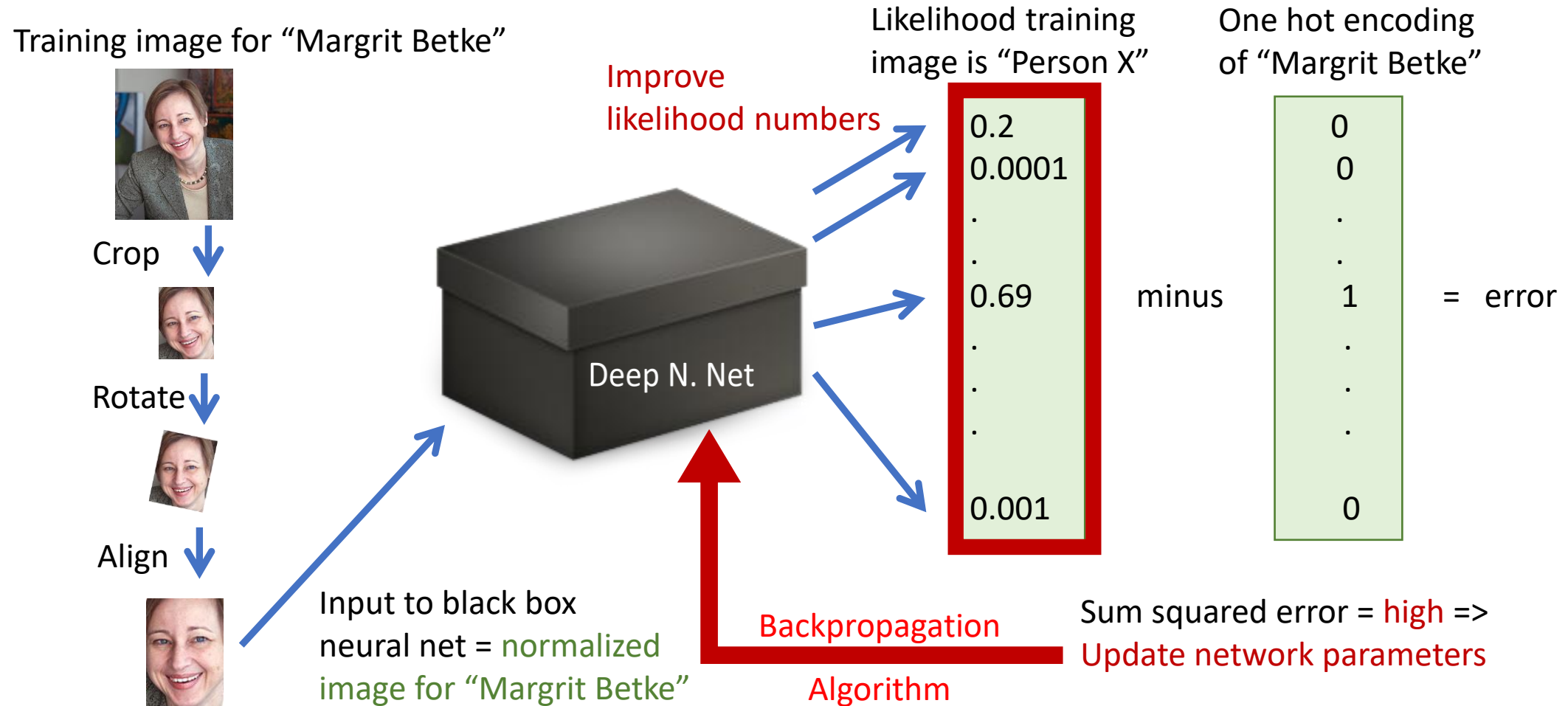




# Training a Face Recognition Network



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# Training a Face Recognition Network

Training image for “Margrit Betke”



Crop ↓



Rotate ↓



Align ↓



Input to black box  
neural net = **normalized**  
image for “Margrit Betke”



After numerous  
network updates:

Likelihood training  
image is “Person X”

0.0002
0.0001
.
.
0.99
.
.
.
0.0001

minus

One hot encoding  
of “Margrit Betke”

0
0
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1
.
.
.
0

= error

Sum squared error = **low** =>  
**Done with training!**





# Trained network

Training image for “Margrit Betke”



Crop ↓



Rotate ↓



Align ↓



Input to black box  
neural net = **normalized**  
image for “Margrit Betke”



# Let's look at the trained network

Training image for "Margrit Betke"



Crop ↓



Rotate ↓



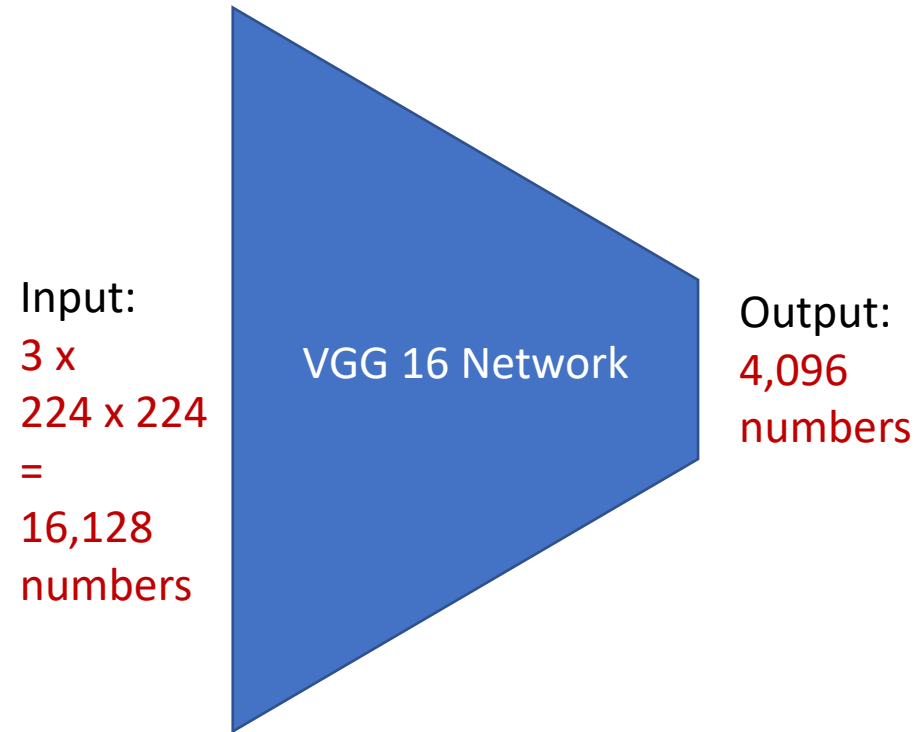
Align ↓



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neural net = **normalized**  
image for "Margrit Betke"

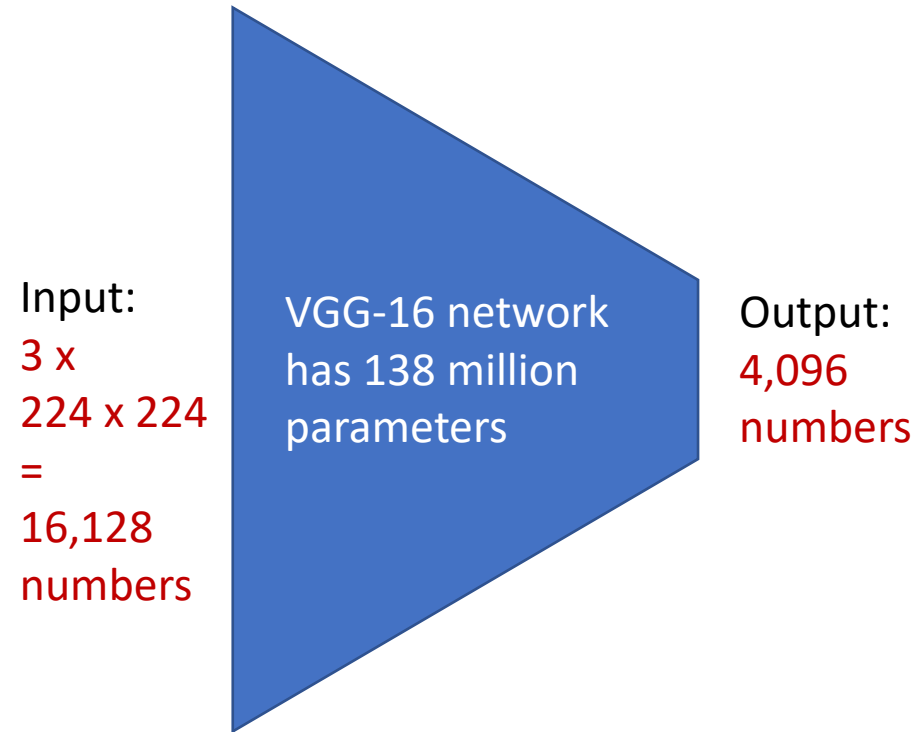


# Network Architecture: VGG-16





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# Network Architecture of VGG-16: Two Visualizations

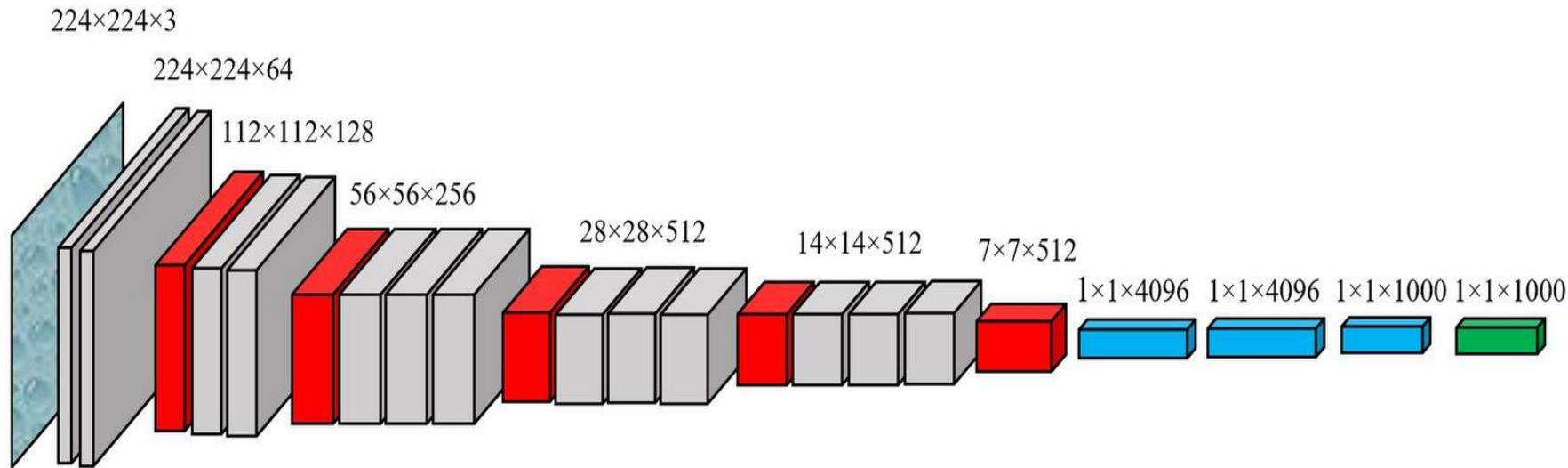


Image credit:  
Hamidreza Habibollahi-Najaf-Abadi

**VGG16 Model Architecture**

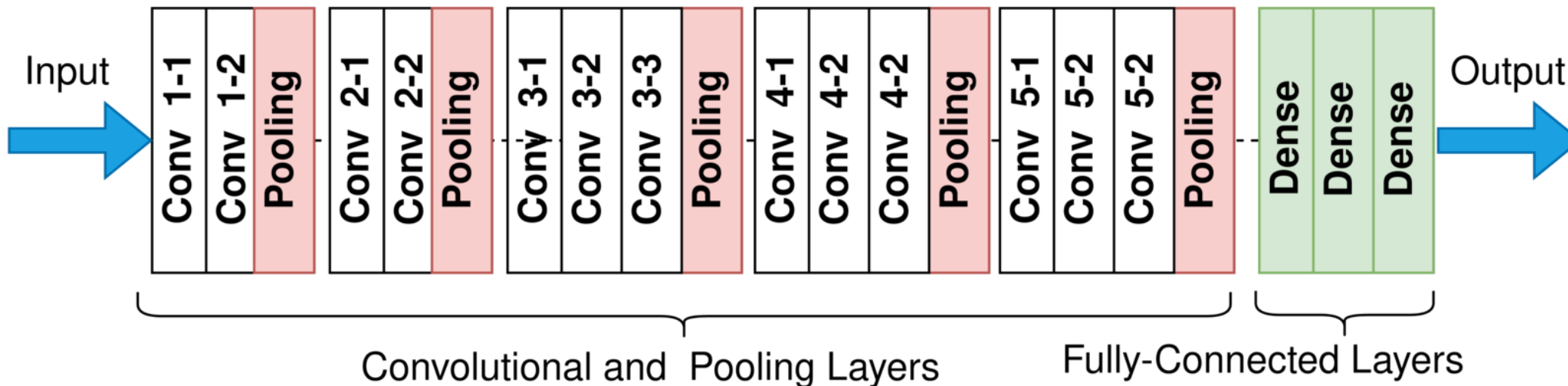


Image credit:  
Gorla Praveen



# Let's look at how to use the trained network

Training image for "Margrit Betke"



Crop



Rotate



Align



3 x  
224 x 224  
numbers

e.g., VGG\* Network

4,096  
numbers

=

"feature  
vector"  
that  
describes  
my  
picture



normalized image for "Margrit Betke"  
= Red Green Blue values of  
224 x 224 pixels





# Face Recognition in “Use Mode”

Query image of unknown person



Crop



Rotate



Align



3 x  
224 x 224  
numbers

e.g., VGG Network

4,096  
numbers =

“feature  
vector”  
that  
describes  
the  
picture



normalized image  
= (Red, Green, Blue) values of  
224 x 224 pixels



# Face Verification in “Use Mode”

Query image of unknown person



Crop



Rotate



Align



3 x  
224 x 224  
numbers

normalized image  
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VGG Network

4,096  
numbers

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“feature  
vector”  
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“feature  
vector”  
that  
describes  
M.B.’s  
picture



# Face Verification in “Use Mode”

Query image of unknown person



Crop



Rotate



Align



VGG Network

“feature vector”  
that  
describes  
the  
picture



minus

“feature vector”  
that  
describes  
M.B.’s  
picture



= error

IF error small

THEN unknown person = Margrit Betke





# Face Verification in “Use Mode”

Query image of unknown person



Crop



Rotate



Align



VGG Network

“feature vector”  
that  
describes  
the  
picture



minus

“feature vector”  
that  
describes  
M.B.’s  
picture



)<sup>2</sup> = Euclidean Error

IF Euclidean error small

THEN unknown person = Margrit Betke



# Face Verification in “Use Mode”

Query image of unknown person



Crop



Rotate



Align



VGG Network

$\cos ($

“feature vector”  
that describes  
the  
picture



“feature vector”  
that  
describes  
M.B.’s  
picture



$) = \text{Cosine Similarity}$

IF Cosine Similarity high

THEN unknown person = Margrit Betke



# Face Identification in “Use Mode”

Query image of unknown person



Crop



Rotate



Align



VGG Network

“feature vector”  
that  
describes  
the  
picture



minus

# IDs vectors

“feature vector”  
that  
describes  
picture of  
person X

-> # IDs errors

For all IDs in database:

IF smallest error for ID x

THEN unknown person = ID x

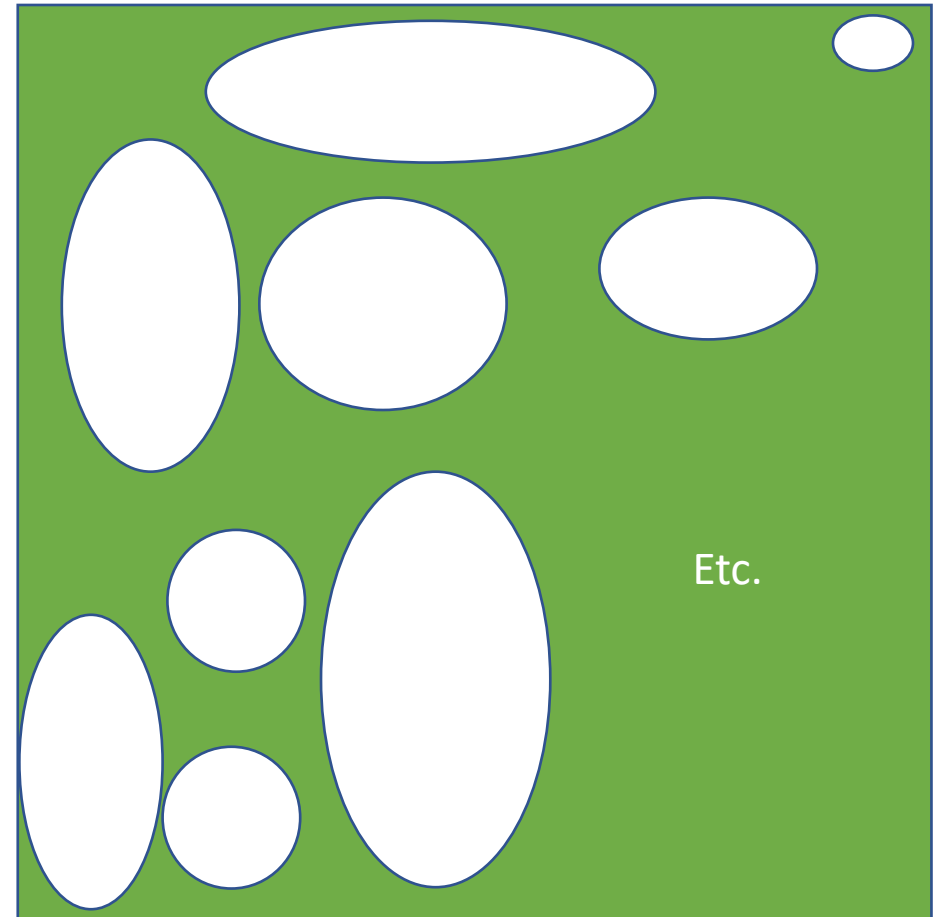


# Benchmark Dataset (from 2007, still used) Labeled Faces in the Wild (LFW) \*

5,749 identities  
13,233 face images  
1,680 people with two  
or more images

- Publicly available
- Web data
- Celebrities

Gallery of Known Subjects





# Recognition Results on LFW Dataset



Neural Net Name:	FaceNet 2015	DeepFace 2014
Number of Photos:	> 500 Million	4.4 Million
Number of Subjects:	> 10 Million	4,000
Accuracy:	99.6%	97.3%



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No!

1. Distractor images
2. Training versus testing datasets
3. What is the best network/algorithm?
4. What are the limitations of existing systems?

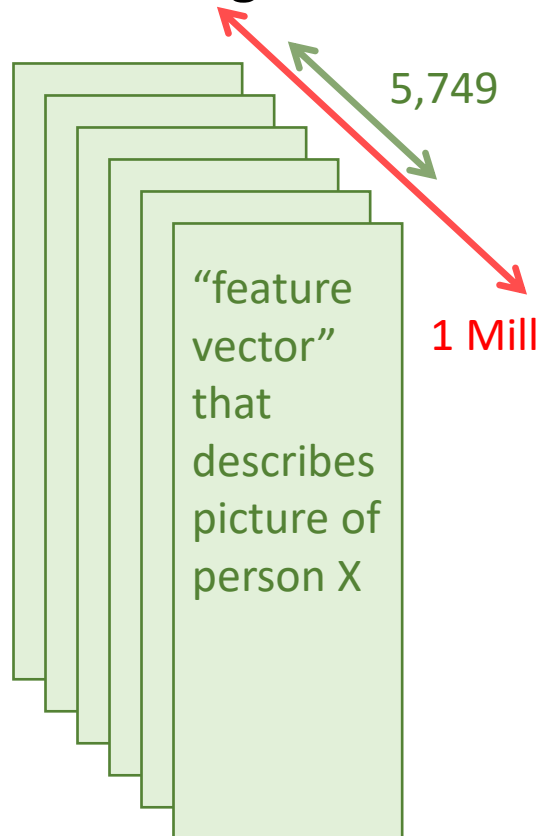


# Benchmark Dataset Labeled Faces in the Wild (LFW)

What if we add  
1 million  
“distractor”  
face images?



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13,233 face images



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# Benchmark Dataset Labeled Faces in the Wild (LFW)

With 1 million  
“distractor”  
face images:


Recognition rates go down a lot!

Gallery of Known Subjects



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# Size of Training Datasets



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Accuracy on LFW dataset (5K):	99.6%	97.3%



# Do these accuracy numbers show that the problem is solved?

No!

1. Distractor images makes the problem much more difficult ✓
2. Size of datasets does matter a lot ✓
3. What is the best network/algorithm?
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Is the key to success the size of the training data or the network ?



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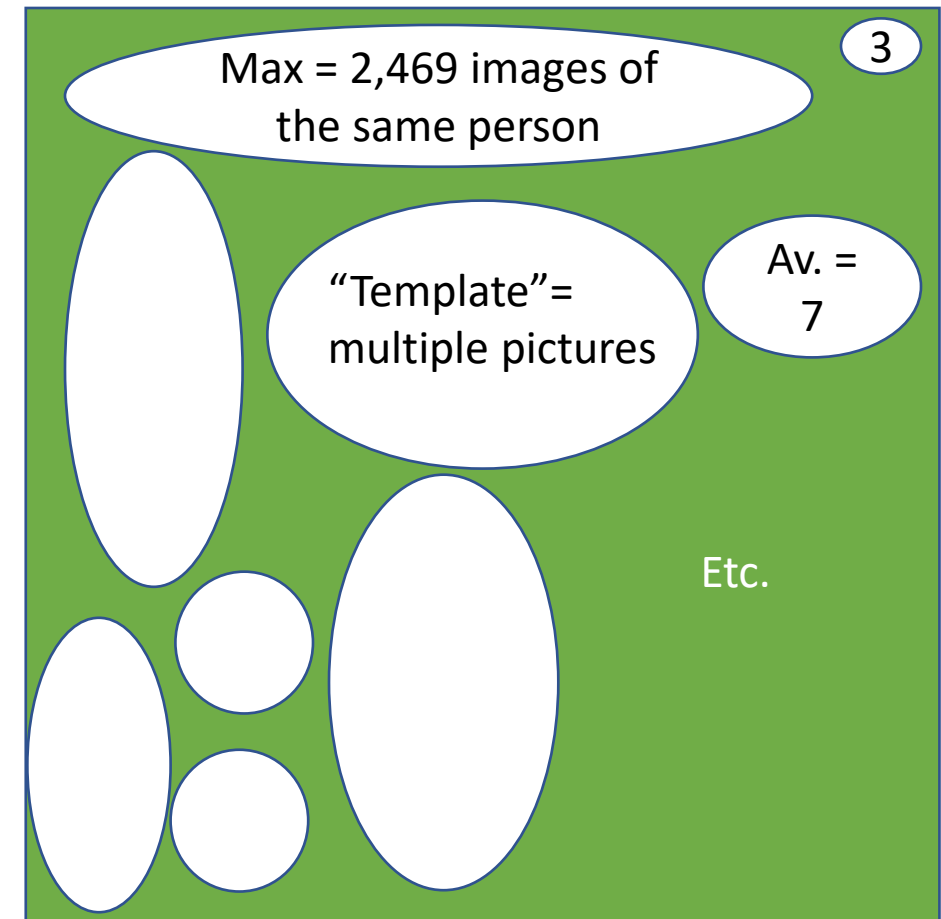
# 2017 MegaFace2\* Dataset

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/1705.00393.pdf>

672,057 identities  
4,753,320 face images

- Publicly available
- No celebrities
- Flickr account data
- Automated labeling
- 59% males, 41% females
- Age range among template images:  
16 years

## Gallery of Known Subjects



# 2017 Competition

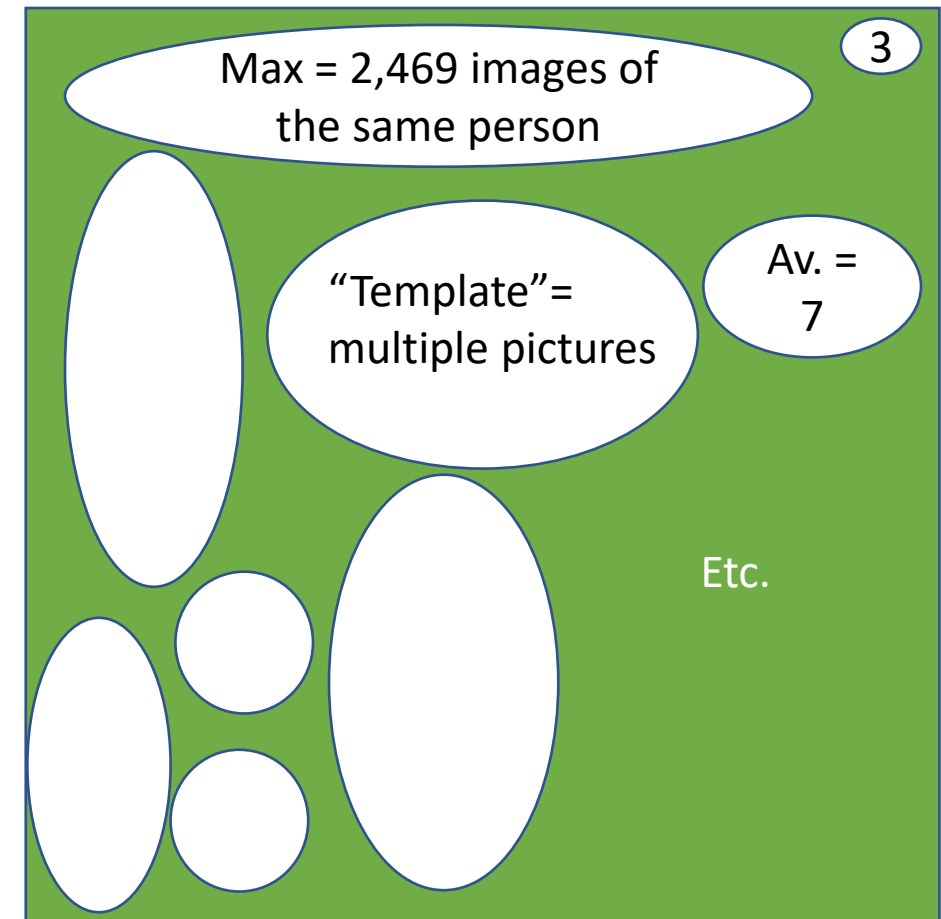
- Train on MegaFace2 (672K IDs, 4 mill. images)
- Test on FaceScrub\* (530 IDs, 106K images)
- Add 1 million “distractor” face images

6 teams provided feature vectors to competition organizers on FaceScrub & distractor images

Results varied between 28% to 76%  
recognition accuracy

Method matters!

## Gallery of Known Subjects



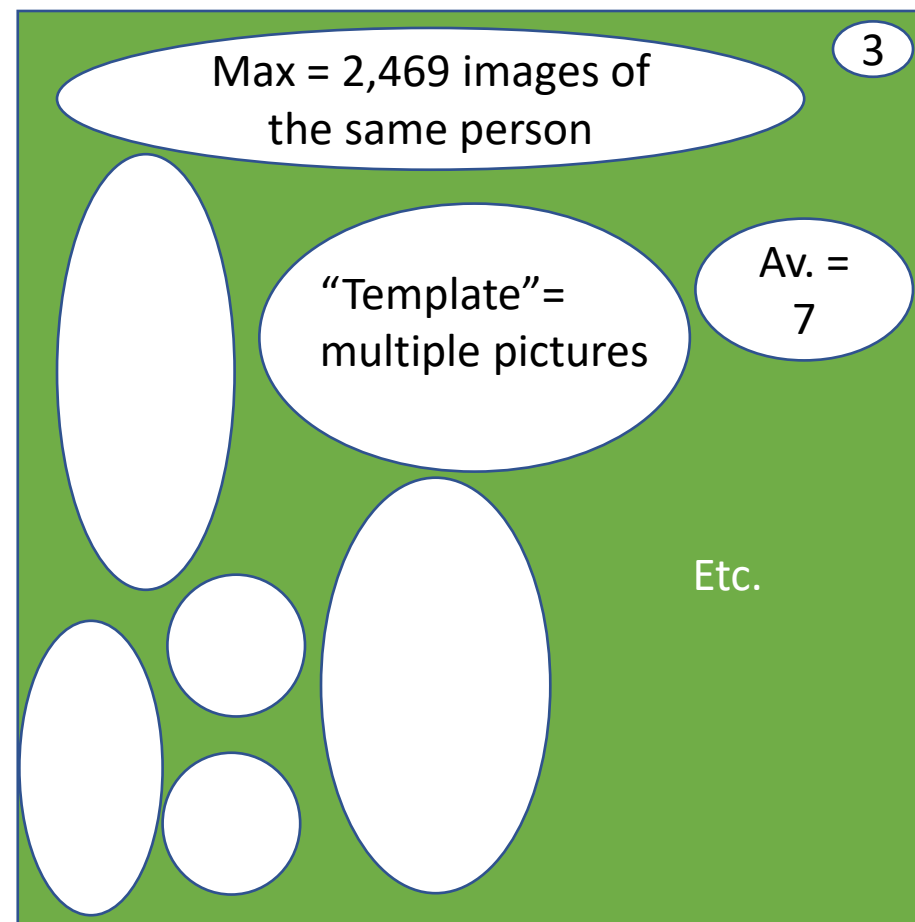
# 2017 MegaFace2 Dataset

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- Test on FaceScrub (530 IDs, 106K images)
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E.g., NEC’s commercial product:  
~100% accuracy without distractors  
~60% accuracy with 1 million distractors

Best method: GRCC with 76% accuracy with  
1 million distractors

## Gallery of Known Subjects





# Neural Networks for Biometrics

We don't know what was under the hood in the 2017 Competition.  
Secrets of the trade...

More recently, network structures, loss functions, and training schemes have been published.

Most recent conference: International Joint Conference on Biometric, Ljubljana, Slovenia, September 25-28, 2023

Our research group's work won a "Best Poster Award"



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Aging

Pose Variations: Frontal vs. Profile



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Pose Variations: Frontal vs. Profile

- [Klare et al., CVPR 2015:](#)  
IARPA Janus Benchmark A
- [Sengupta et al., WACV 2016:](#)  
CFP Dataset
- [Yu et al., ICCV 2017:](#)  
AFLW2000 Dataset





# Let's do a Human Experiment on Recognizing Faces in Frontal versus Profile Images

Please determine if the following images show the same person.



# 0 Same Person?



# 0 Same Person?



# 1 Same Person?



# 1 Same Person?





## 2 Same Person?



## 2 Same Person?



# 3 Same Person?



# 3 Same Person?



# 4 Same Person?



# 4 Same Person?





# 5 Same Person?



# 5 Same Person?



# Same Person?

1



2



3



4



5



# 1 Same Person?



# 1 Same Person?



## 2 Same Person?





## 2 Same Person?



# 3 Same Person?



# 3 Same Person?



# 4 Same Person?



# 4 Same Person?



# 5 Same Person?

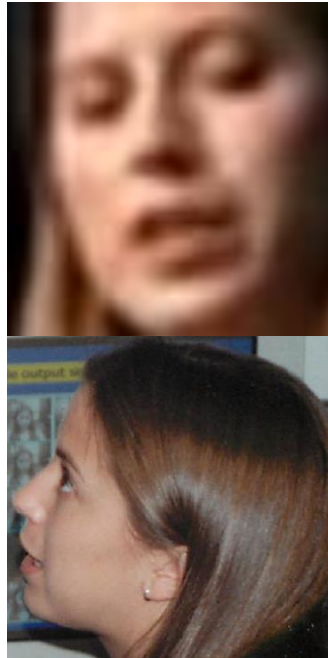




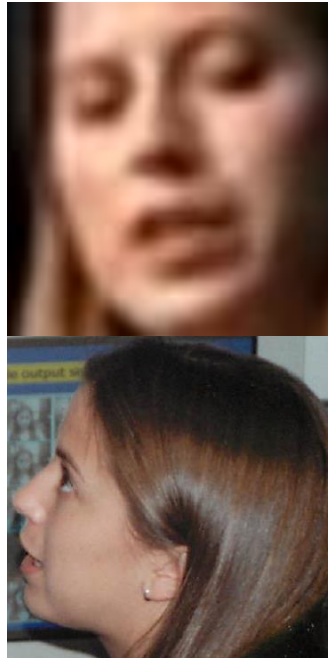
# 5 Same Person?



# 6 Same Person?



# 6 Same Person?



# 7 Same Person?



# 7 Same Person?



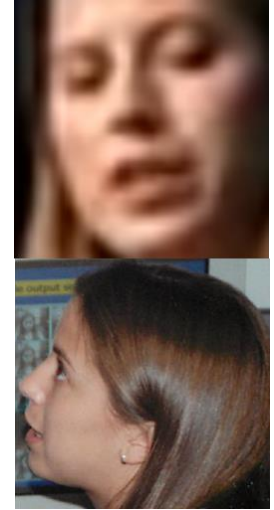
# Frontal vs. Profile

GT: Not same person

False Positives



Kristen Grauman



GT: Same person

False Negatives



Pawan Sinha



# Research on Face Recognition under Pose Variations

Cao et al., CVPR 2018

Idea: Map profile representations into frontal pose representations

Results:

Verification:

True Acceptance Rate (TAR) at  
False Acceptance Rate (FAR) of  
0.01: 94%

0.001: 89%

Rank 1 Identification:  
96.8%

Zhu et al., PAMI 2019: [pdf](#)

Idea: 3D Dense Face Alignment (3DDFA) =  
Use DNNs to estimate 3D Morphable  
Model (3DMM) parameters:

- Pose: 3 Euler angles, translation, scale
- Shape: 50 dimensions
- Expression: 19 dimension

Results:

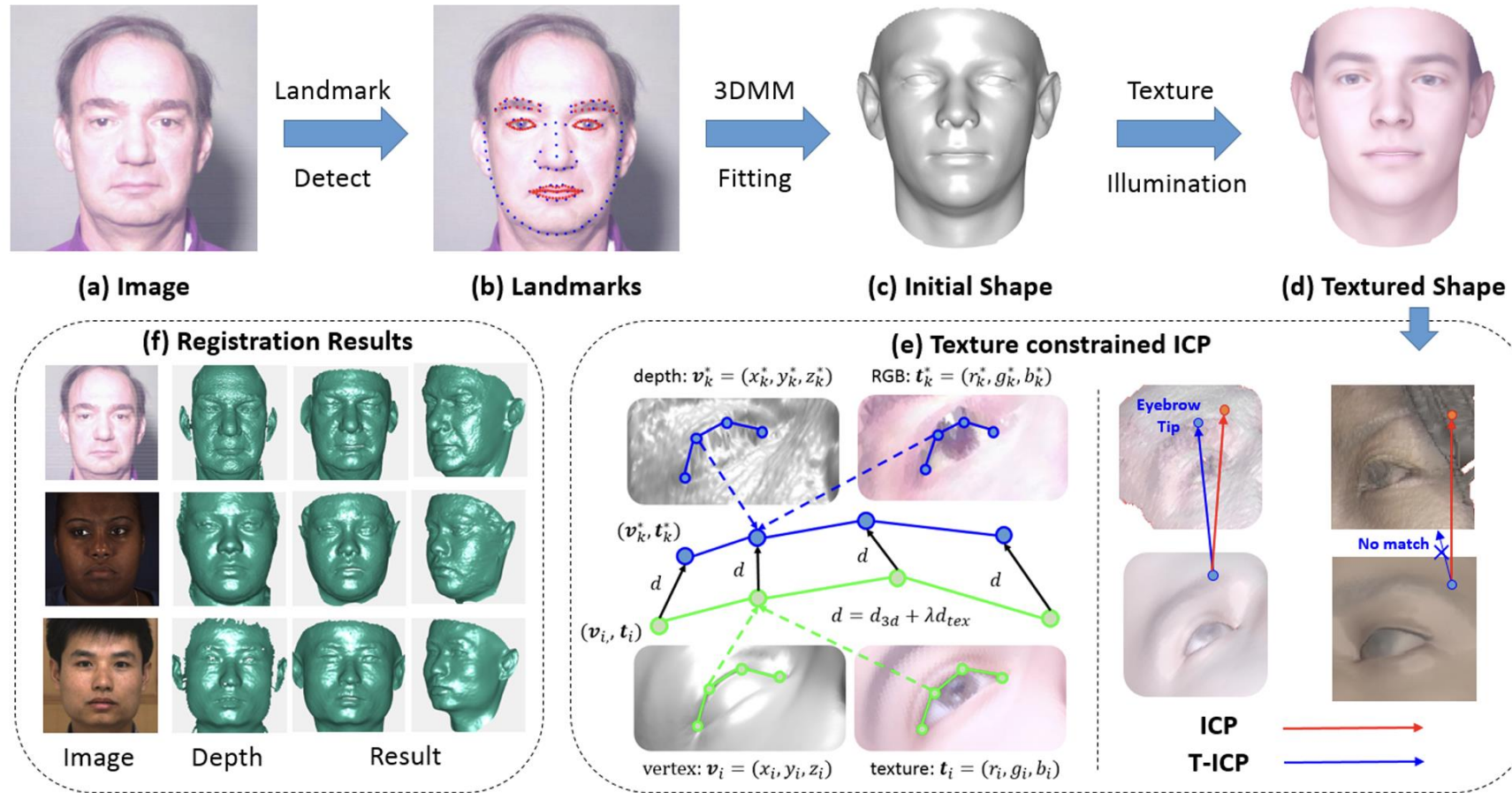
Better than state-of-the-art but relatively poor (regression by neural network difficult!)





# Beyond 3DMM: Learning to Capture High-fidelity 3D Face Shape

Zhu et al., [ECCV 2020](#) , [PAMI 2022](#):



# What are other limitations of existing systems?

System performance degrades due to

## Aging

- [Best-Rowden-Jain-PAMI-2017](#)
- NIST Mugshot Identification Database (MID)
- NIST Multiple Encounter Dataset (MEDS), FBI Biometric Center of Excellence

## Pose Variations: Frontal vs. Profile

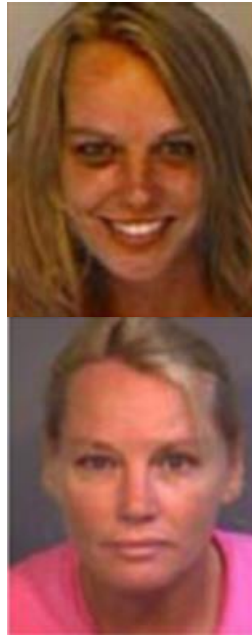
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- [Sengupta et al., WACV 2016:](#) CFP Dataset
- [Yu et al., ICCV 2017:](#) AFLW2000 Dataset



# Let's do a Human Experiment on Recognizing Age Difference of Images of Faces



# A: How Many Years Older?



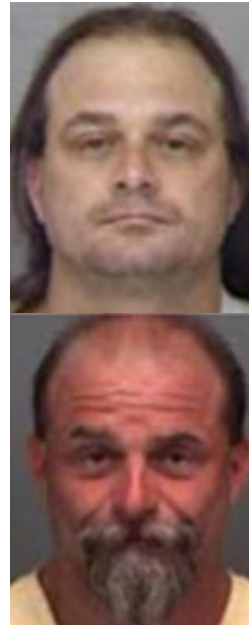
# B: How Many Years Older?



# C: How Many Years Older?

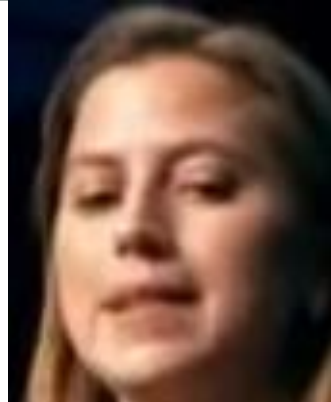


# D: How Many Years Older?

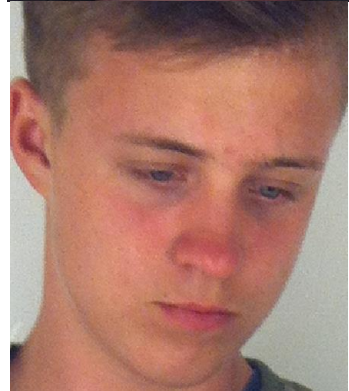
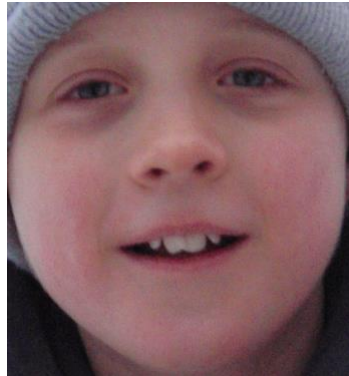




# E: How Many Years Older?



# F: How Many Years Older?



# G: How Many Years Older?

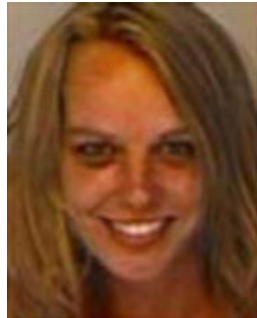


# H: How Many Years Older?



# Estimating Aging

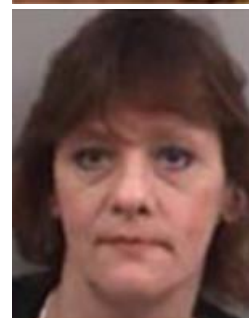
A



B



C



D



Best-Rowden  
and Jain, 2018

# Estimating Aging

Best-Rowden  
and Jain, 2018

A



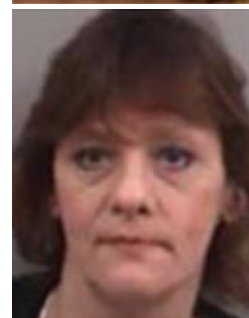
Elapsed time: 9 years

B



8 years

C



8 years

D



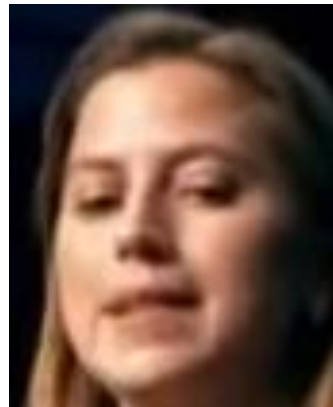
9 years

99% of subjects can still be recognized at 0.01% FAR up to approximately 6 years elapsed time

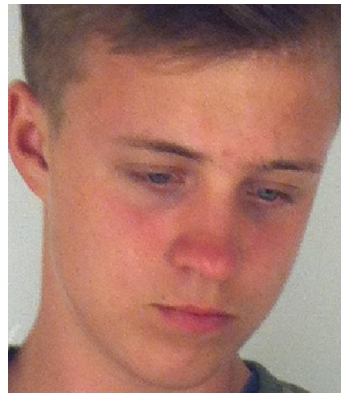
Best-Rowden and Jain, 2018

# Estimating Aging

E



F



G



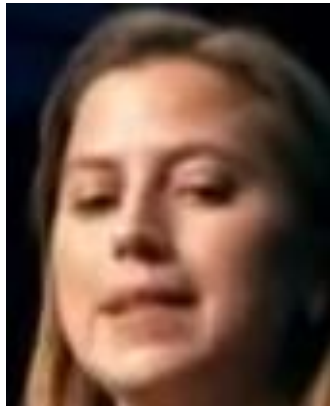
H



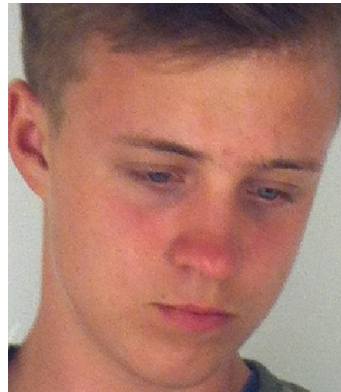


# Estimating Aging

E



F



G



H



Age Difference: 8 years

12 years

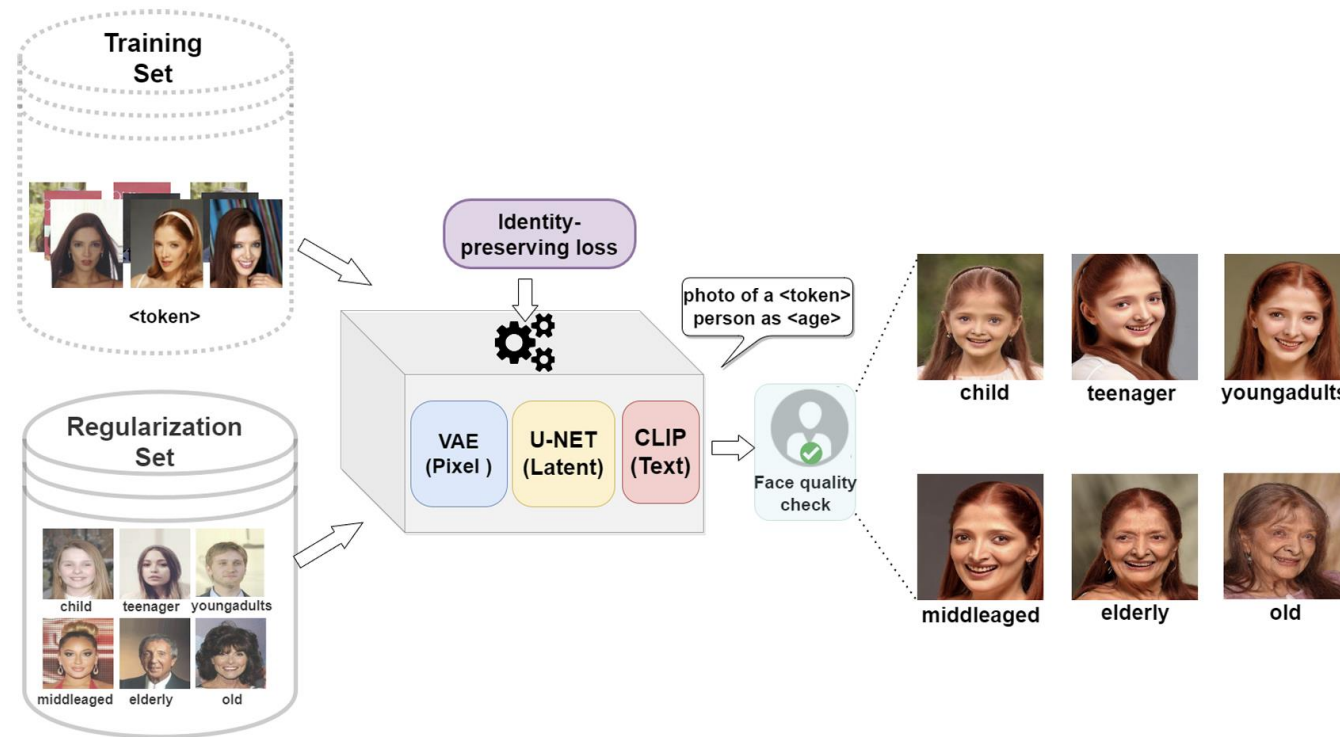
30 years

30 years



# Identity-Preserving Aging of Face Images via Latent Diffusion Models

- [Banerjee et al., IJCB 2023](#): Use a latent text-to-image diffusion model to synthetically age and de-age face images



# International Joint Conference on Biometrics, September 2023: Keynote Address by Mayank Vatsa

## Biometric Datasets from IIT Jodhpur

<https://lab-rubric.org/resources>

- DroneSurf: face recognition from drones
- [Dhamecha et al., IJCB 2023, Disguise Detection](#)
- TIFS 2023: Largest fingerprint dataset
- Injured Face Recognition (120 unclaimed dead identified)

- [Narayan et al., CVPR 2023](#)
- [DFPlatter](#): Multi-subject deepfakes

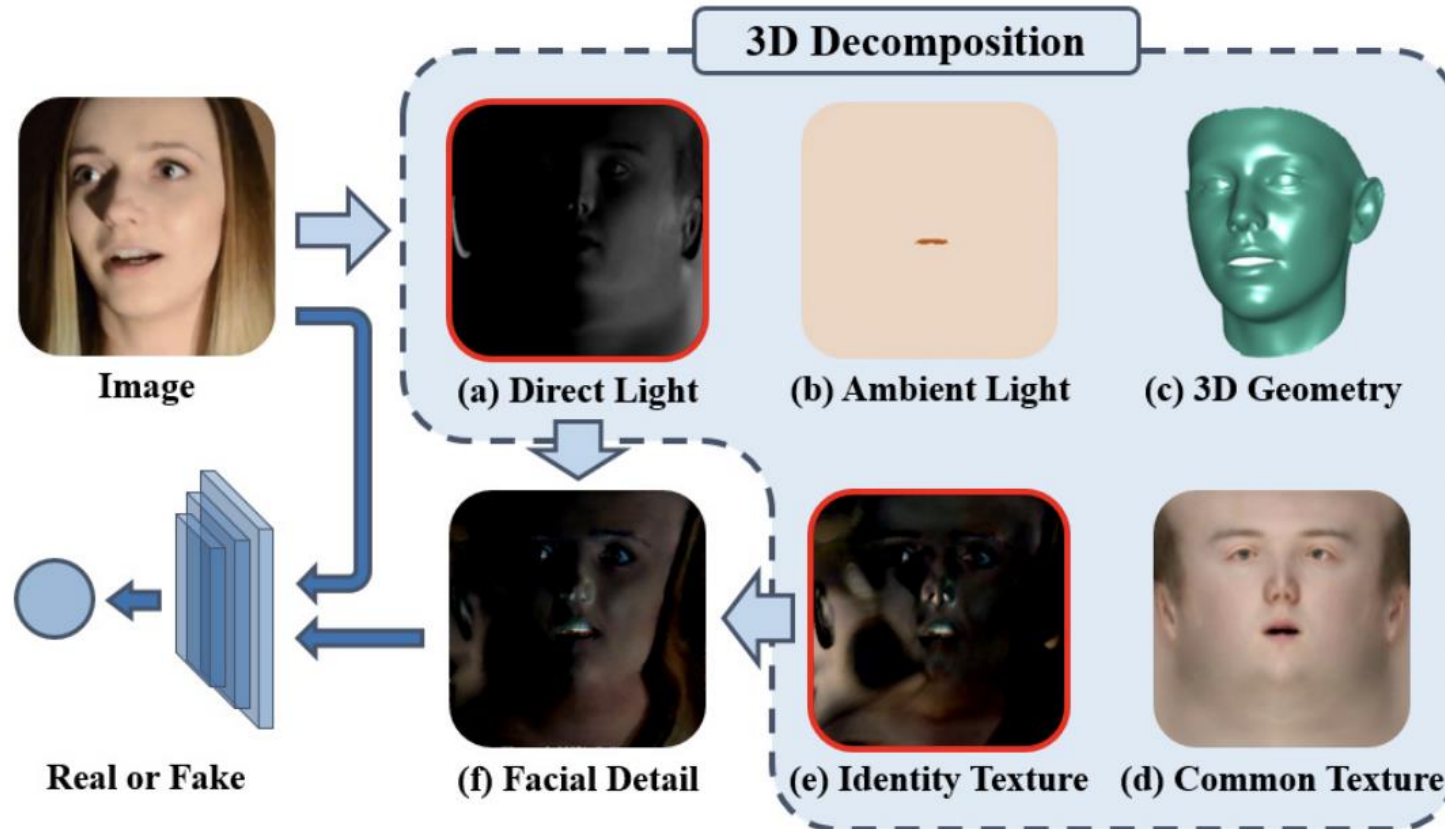


Figure 1. Samples showcasing multi-face deepfakes circulated on social media. (a) A zoom call with a deepfake of Elon Musk [8] (b) Real-time deepfake generation at America's Got Talent [9] (c) Deepfake round-table with multiple deepfake subjects [33].



# Face Forgery Detection by 3D Decomposition

Zhu et al., [CVPR 2021](#), PAMI 2023





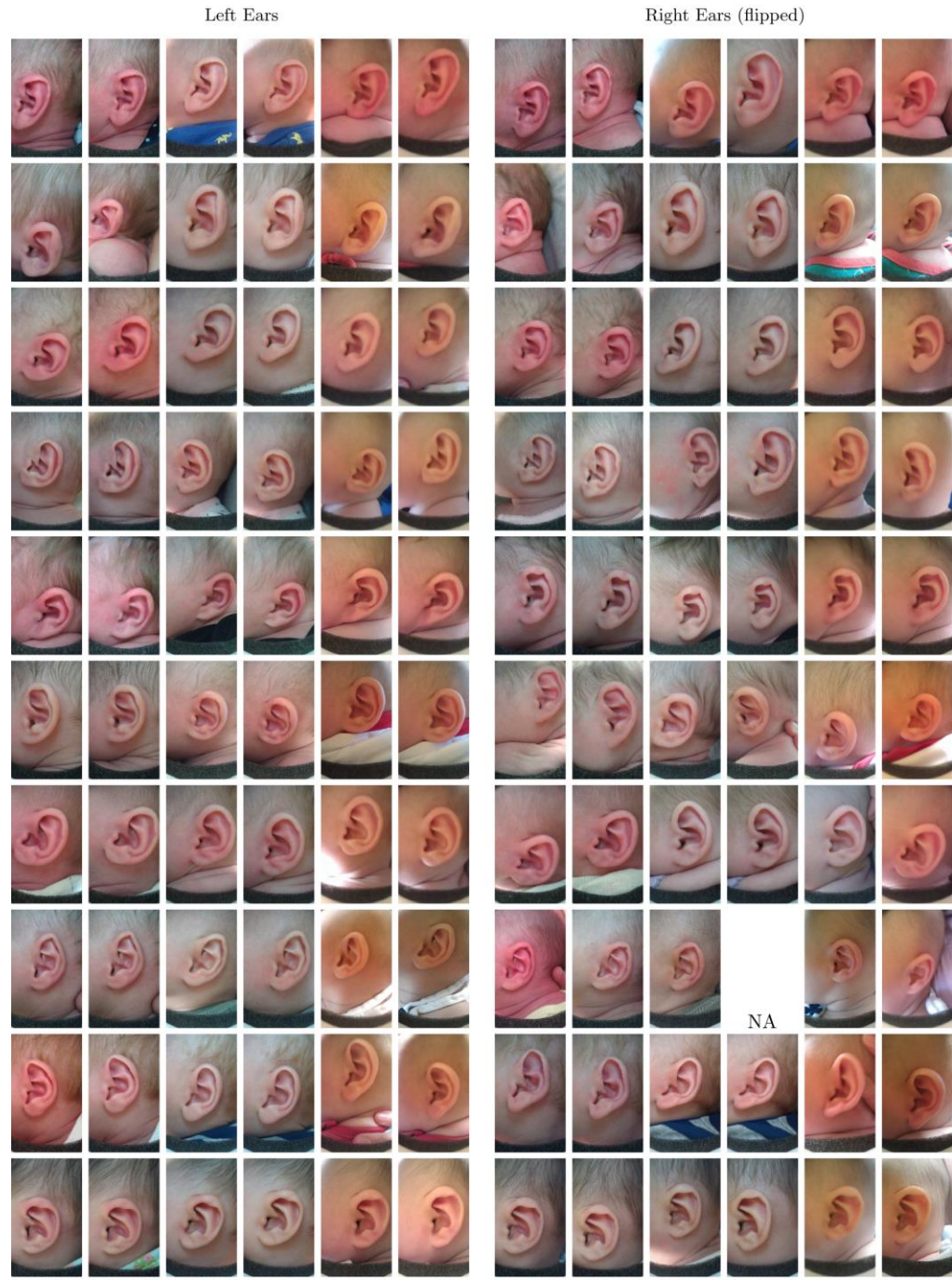
# Alternative Biometrics: Ears

## Our Task:

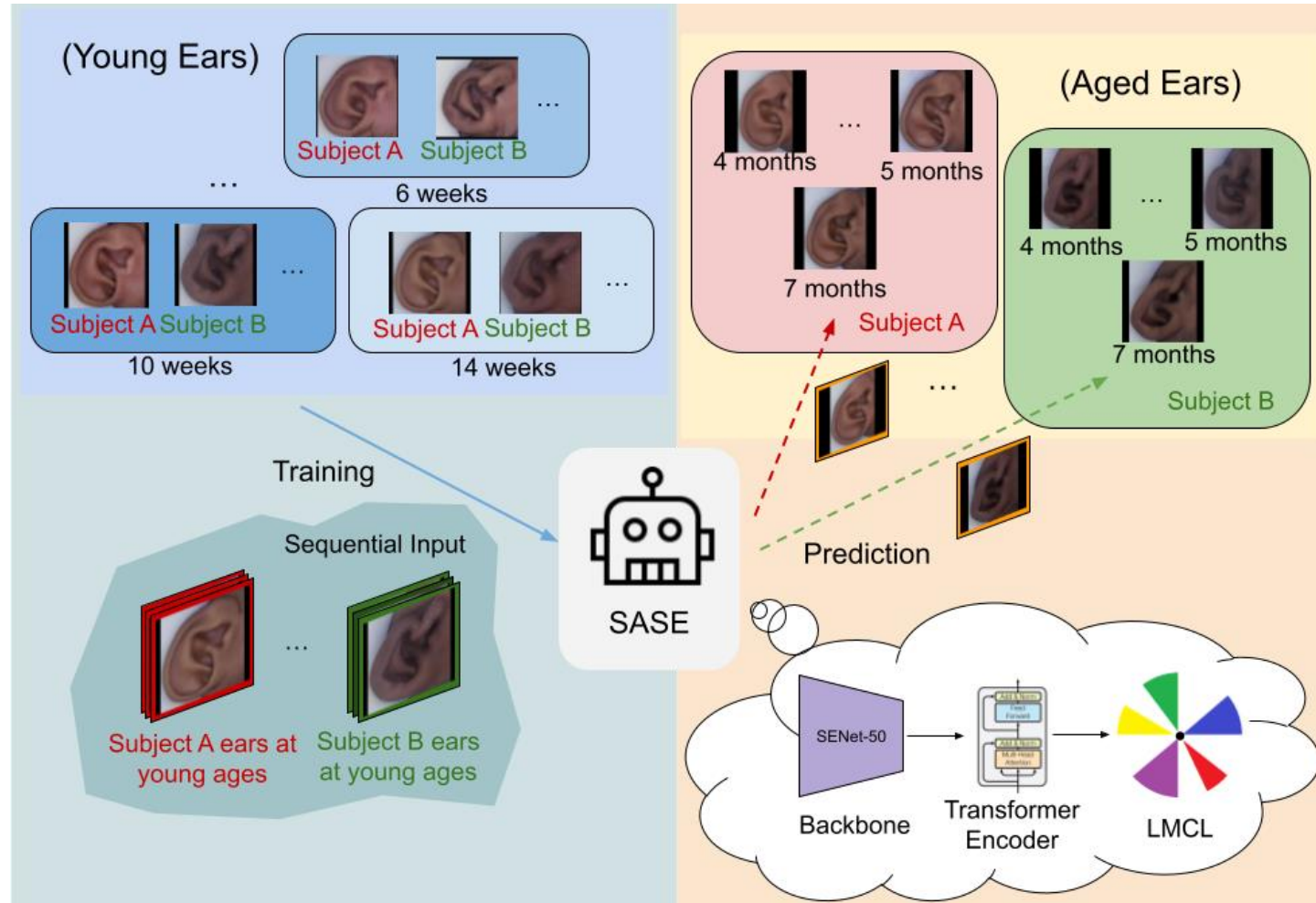
Can we identify newborns, during the subsequent months based on images of their growing ears?

## Motivation:

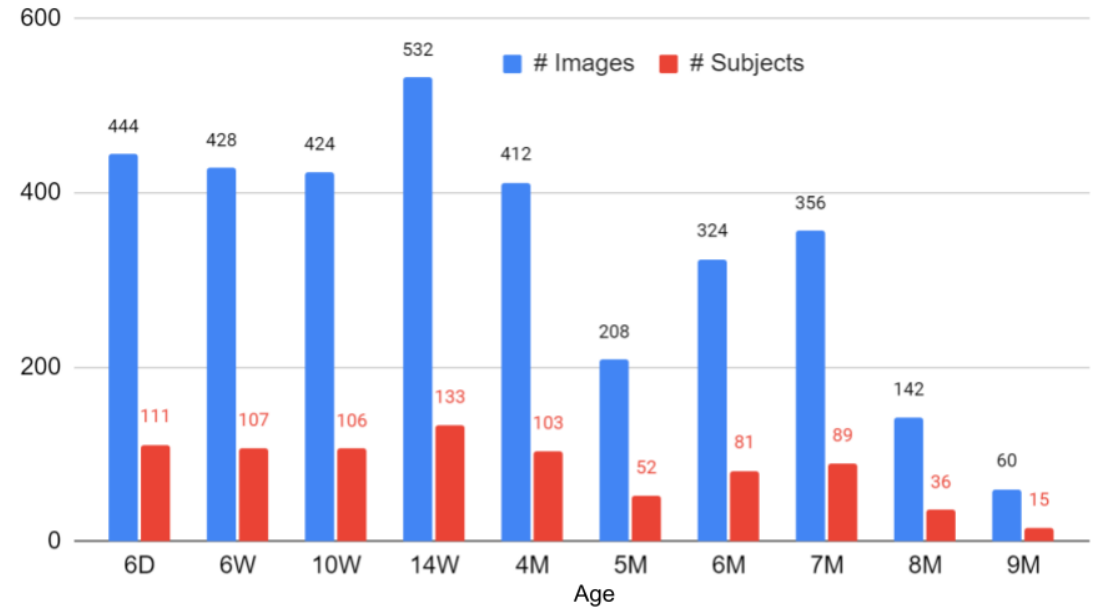
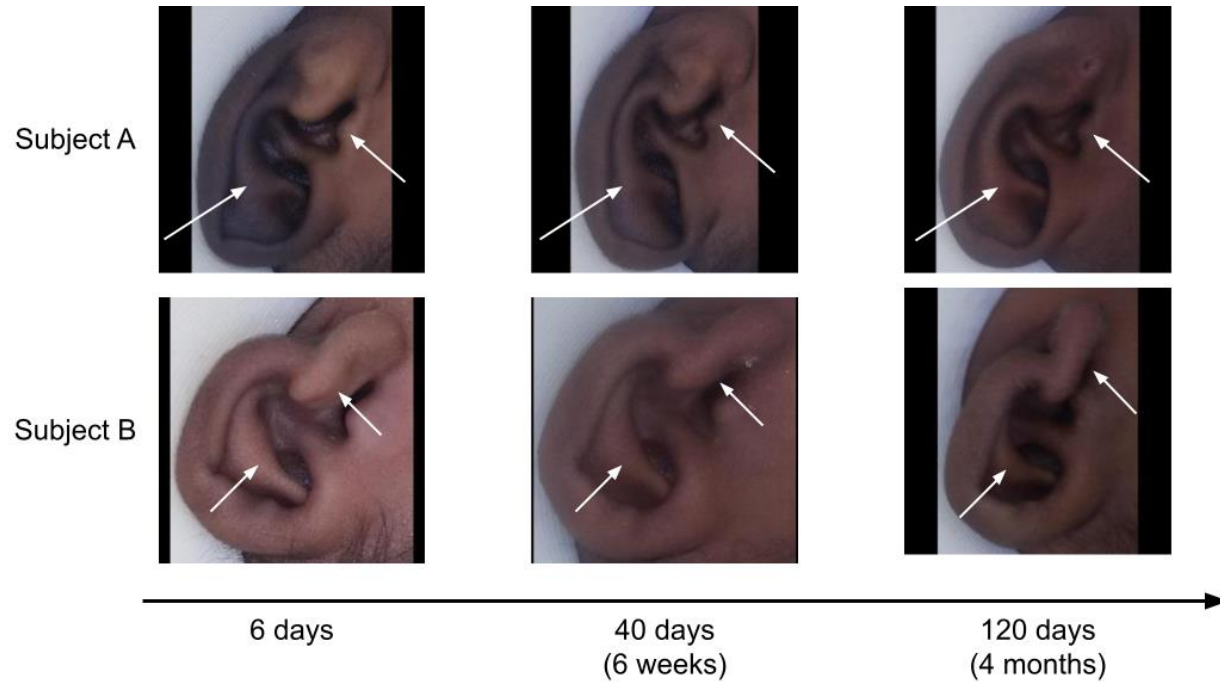
- Infants should be immunized.
- Infants born to women with HIV should receive the HIV-prevention medicine zidovudine.
- Our collaborators in rural Zambia, health care professionals who manage a network of clinics, have difficulties tracking down babies.



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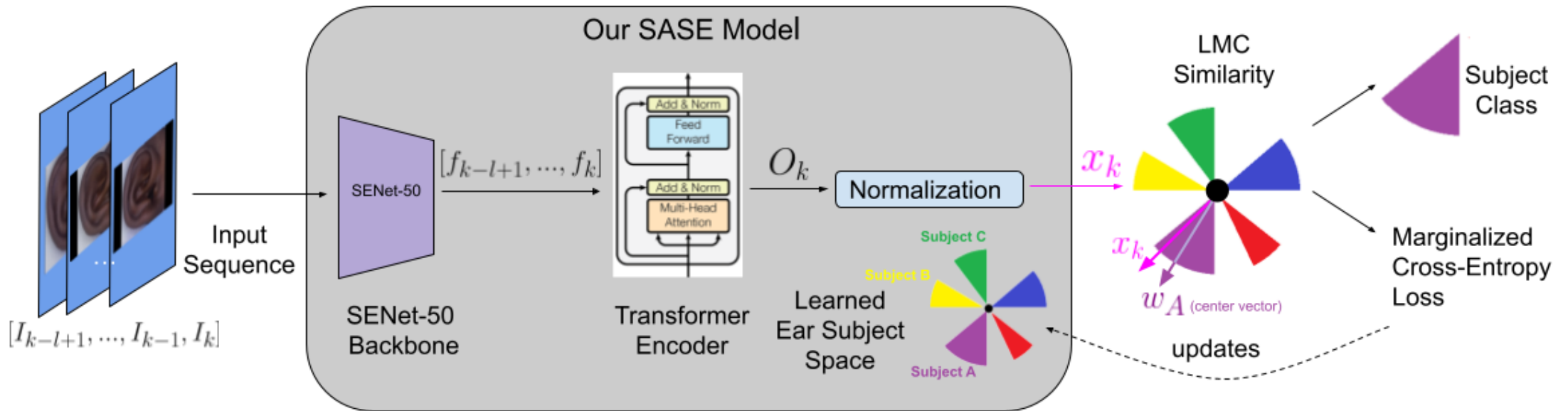


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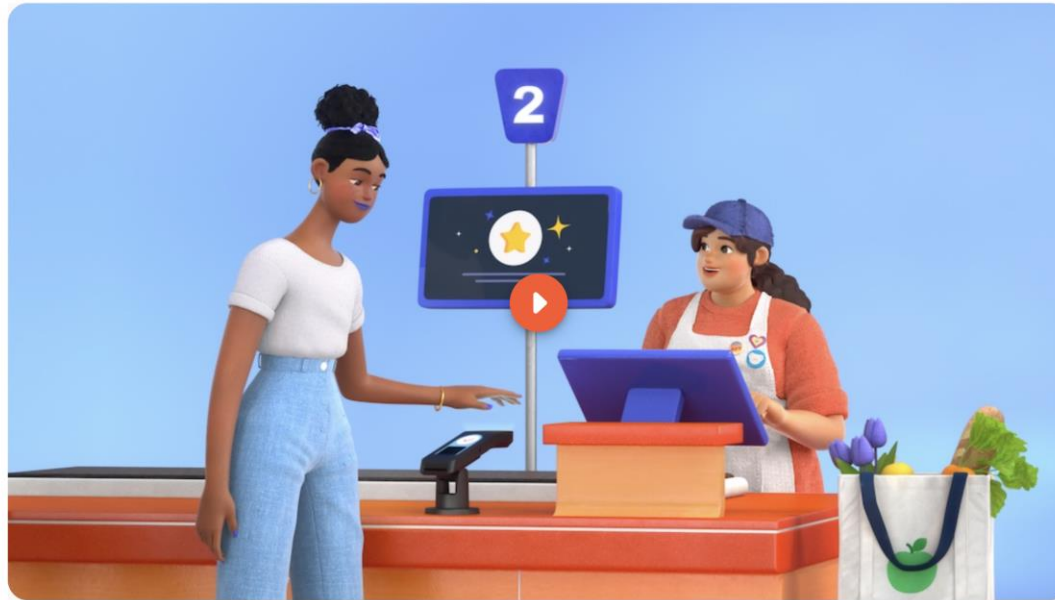
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Table 3. Average cross-validation recognition accuracy of SASE compared to four baseline models on three datasets

Model	Dataset UERC [19] without Ear Ages	FG-NET [32] (Aging Faces)		Our EICZA (Aging Ears)		
		Age Neutral Train/Test	Age Constrained Train/Test	Age Neutral Train/Test	Age Constrained Train/Test with Day 6	Age Constrained Train/Test without Day 6
SqueezeNet [28]	26.88%	17.85%	7.24%	52.30 %	8.23%	11.14%
ResNet-50 [25]	36.72%	82.84%	<b>55.92%</b>	61.30%	13.84%	22.98%
SENet [27]	41.86%	78.89%	46.05%	68.11 %	18.85%	28.46%
SASE (Our Model)	<b>42.56%</b>	<b>82.90%</b>	52.96%	<b>69.49%</b>	<b>33.14%</b>	<b>49.98%</b>

# The Palm as a Biometric

<https://one.amazon.com>



Your palm is all you need

Manoj Aggarwal,  
Director of Applied Science,  
Amazon One  
gave a keynote address  
at IJCB 2023, September 28

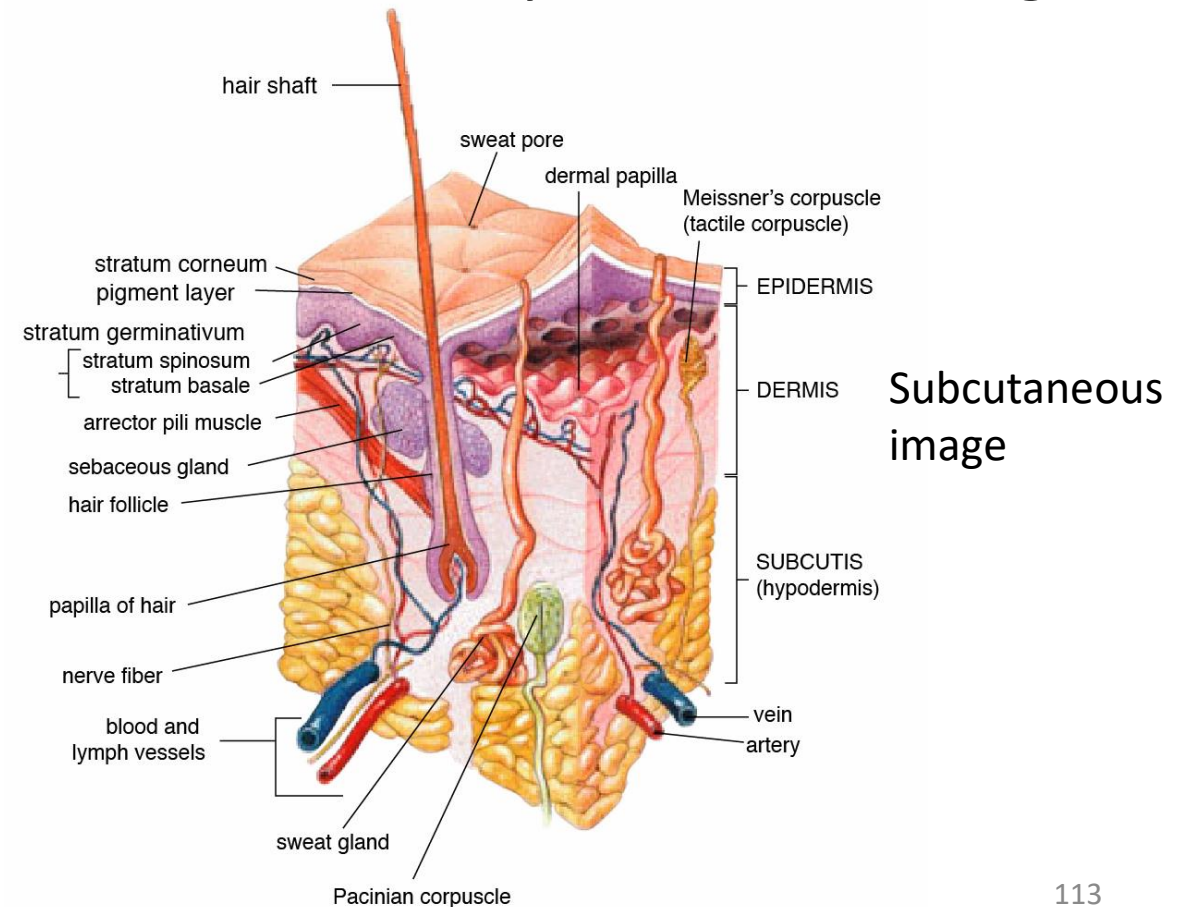
# How does Amazon's Palm Recognition work?

Bi-modal input:

1. RGB image of your palm



2. Subsurface image of your palm illuminated by near infrared light



# Computer Vision & Biometrics

## Other Biometric Tasks:

- Gait Recognition
- Iris Recognition
- Fingerprint Recognition
- Face Recognition with Face Expressions or micro-expressions

## Ethical Concerns:

- Misuse by personal enemies: Fake nude pictures on social media
- Misuse by totalitarian governments: “Big-brother watching you”
- Arms race of fake creation/fake detection