

# FACIAL LANDMARK PREDICTION OF MASKED FACES



ECE-6397 PROJECT

# TEAM

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# INTRODUCTION

- Face recognition (FR) systems are conventionally presented with primary facial features such as eyes, nose, and mouth, i.e., non-occluded faces.
- However, a wide range of situations and circumstances impose that people wear masks in which faces are partially hidden or occluded.
- Such common situations include pandemics, laboratories, medical operations, or immoderate pollution.
- Accordingly, all countries in the world require that people wear a protective face mask in public places, which has driven a need to investigate and understand how such face recognition systems perform with masked faces.



# OBJECTIVE

- The goal of this research work is to use machine learning algorithms to predict the facial landmarks of a person wearing a mask.
- Our work proposes a novel method of predicting facial landmarks, which are hidden under the mask.
- Using these landmarks a realistic face mesh can be developed allowing for facial reconstruction



# PREVIOUS WORKS

In the past, researchers have shown great interest in facial recognition as it has multiple advantages in the security and medical fields. It took multiple folds in the past 20 years to reach an accuracy of 99%+. Major issues in facial recognition were changing in face shape and structure both inter and intra due to the person's face may look way different in multiple acts, illuminations, expressions, and occlusions. Another major drawback of the model is the obstruction in the face like wearing masks. These are the two problem statements we have addressed in our project.

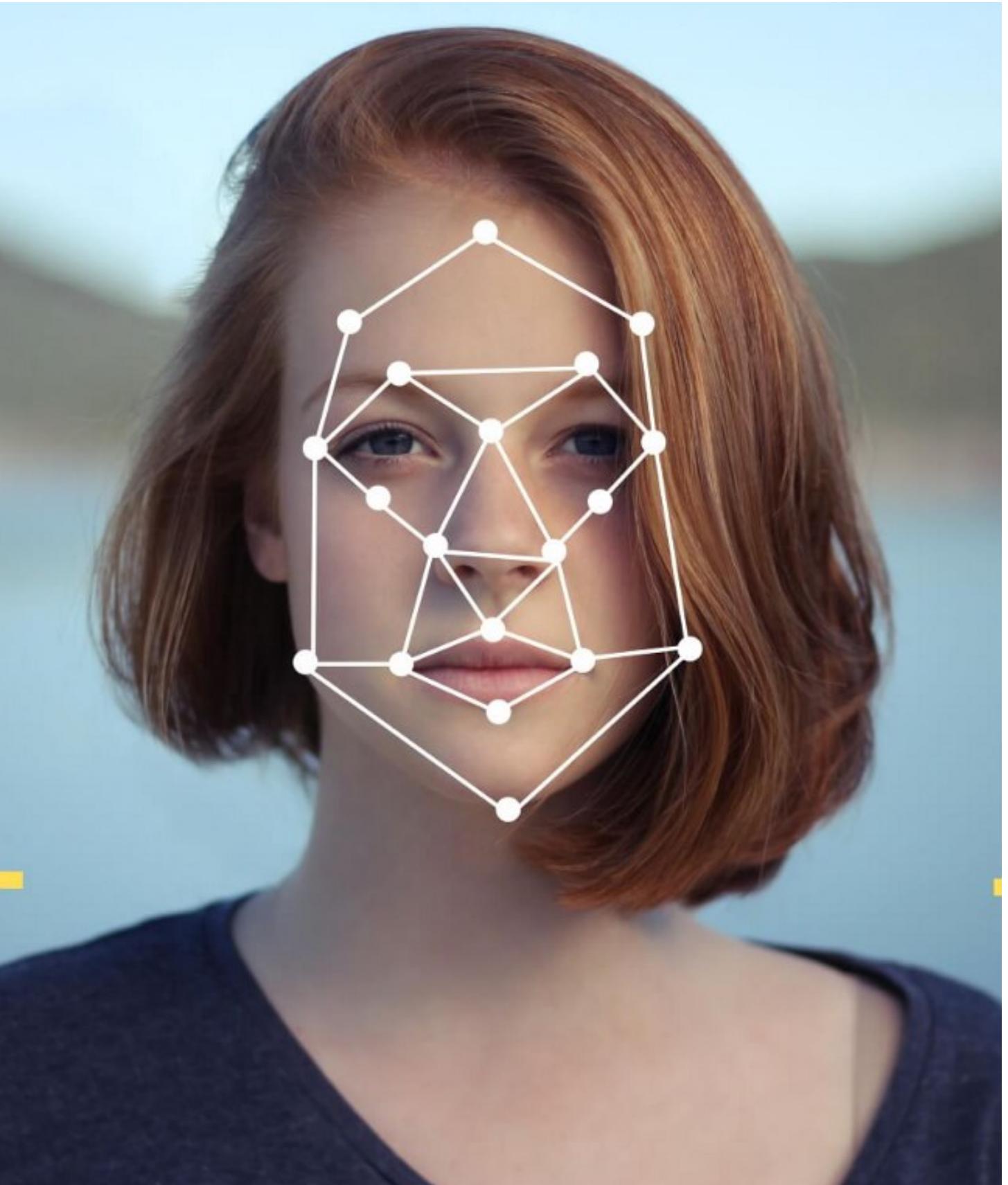
# PREVIOUS WORKS



# RESEARCH QUESTION

- Can we predict the hidden facial landmark points as a function of the visible landmark points?

Our work proposes a novel method of predicting facial landmarks, using which a realistic face mesh can be developed allowing for facial reconstruction. The scope of this project is currently limited to detecting only the facial landmarks of a person wearing a mask.

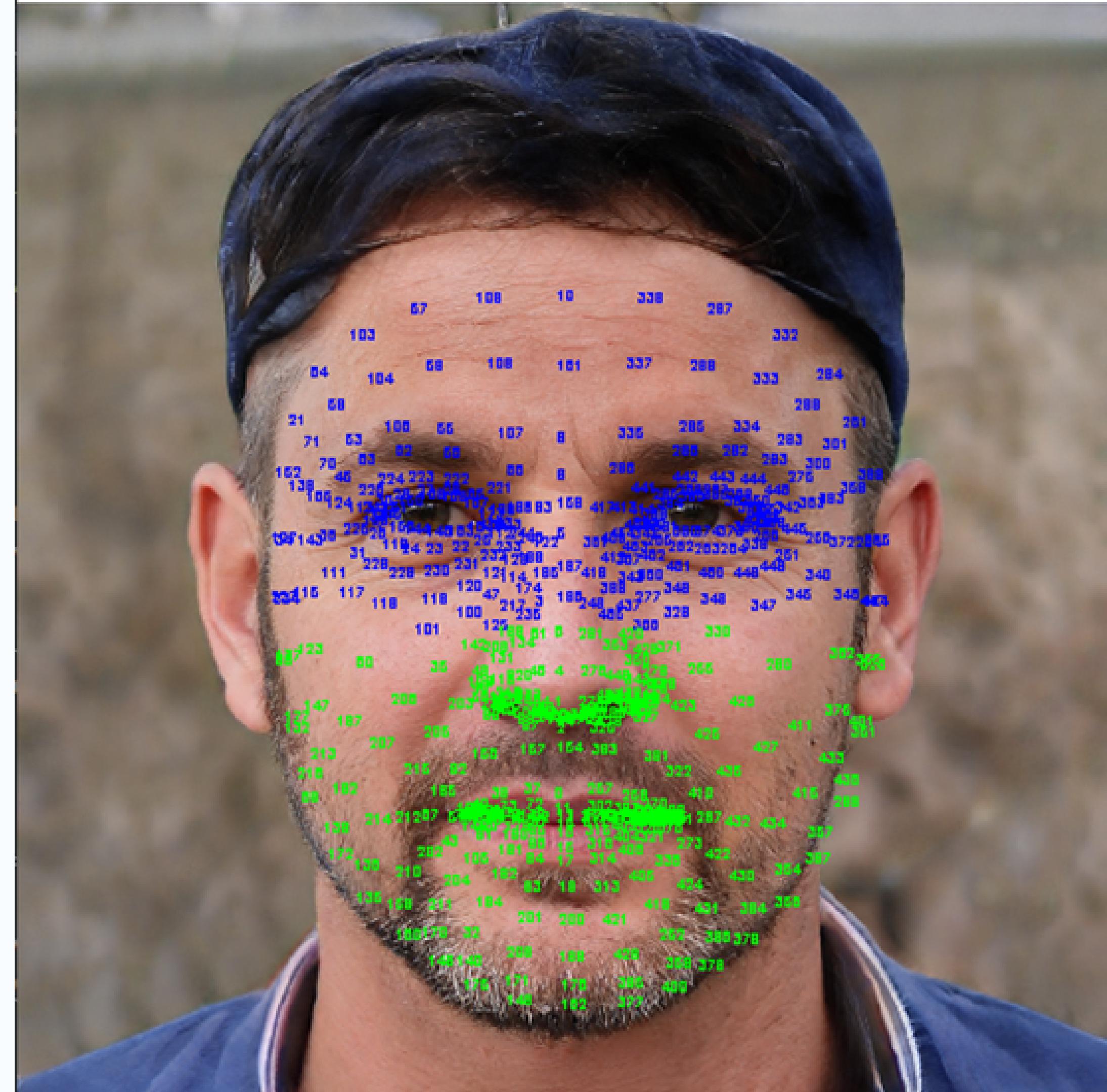


# DATA COLLECTION



# METHODLOGY

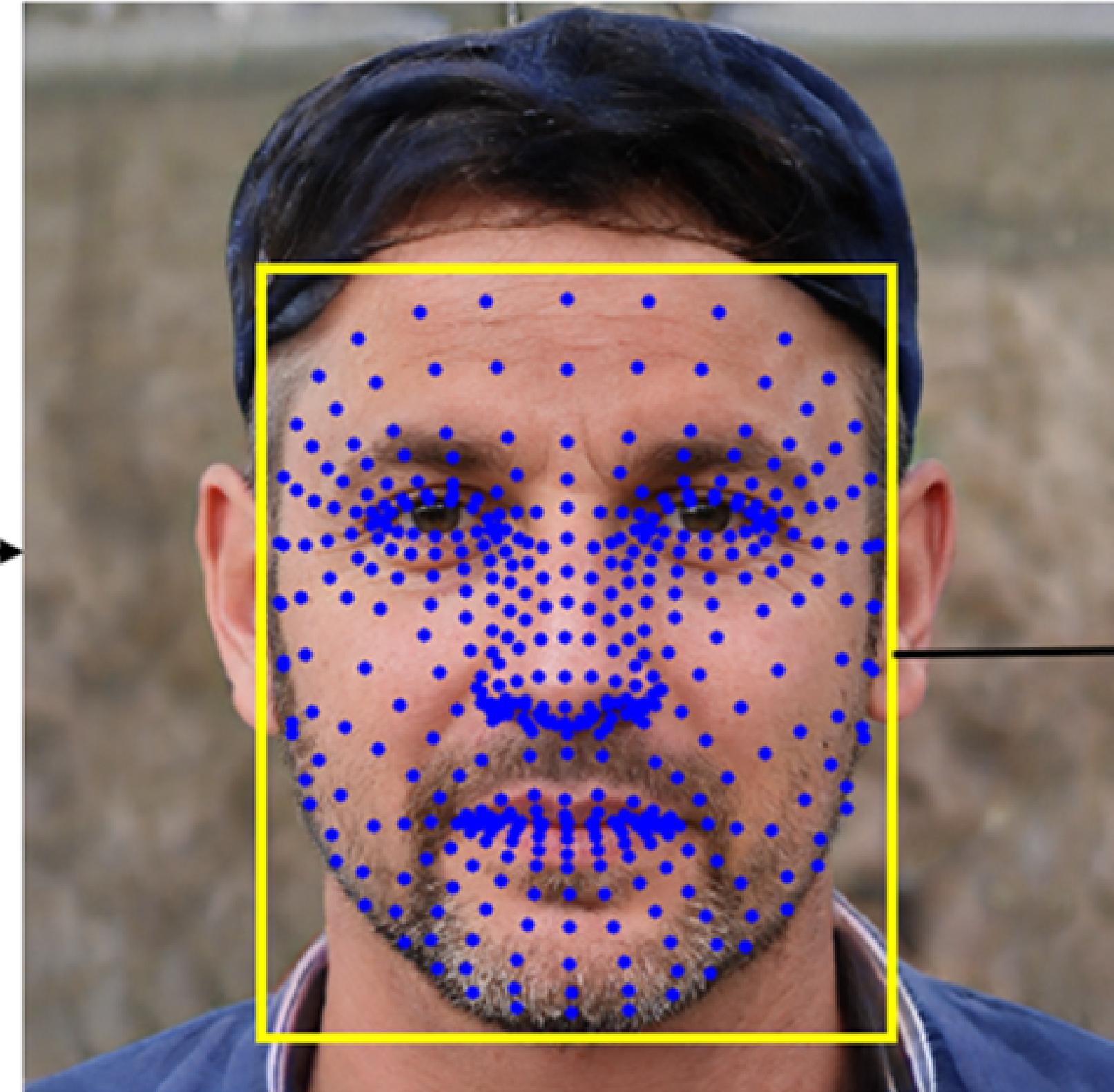
First, we have developed a dataset containing 468 facial landmarks per image, using the MediaPipe framework. In order to account for the different sizes of the faces on an image, we have scaled the datapoints w.r.t a certain scaling factor like the face width and distance of a data point from the central location of the face.



# METHODOLOGY



Original Image



Processing the image  
to extract all the  
landmarks

```
original_dataset =  
    {'Image 1':  
        {'x-points': [x1,x2,...xn]},  
        {'y-points': [x1,x2,...xn]},
```

# METHODOLOGY



Original Image

MediaPipe

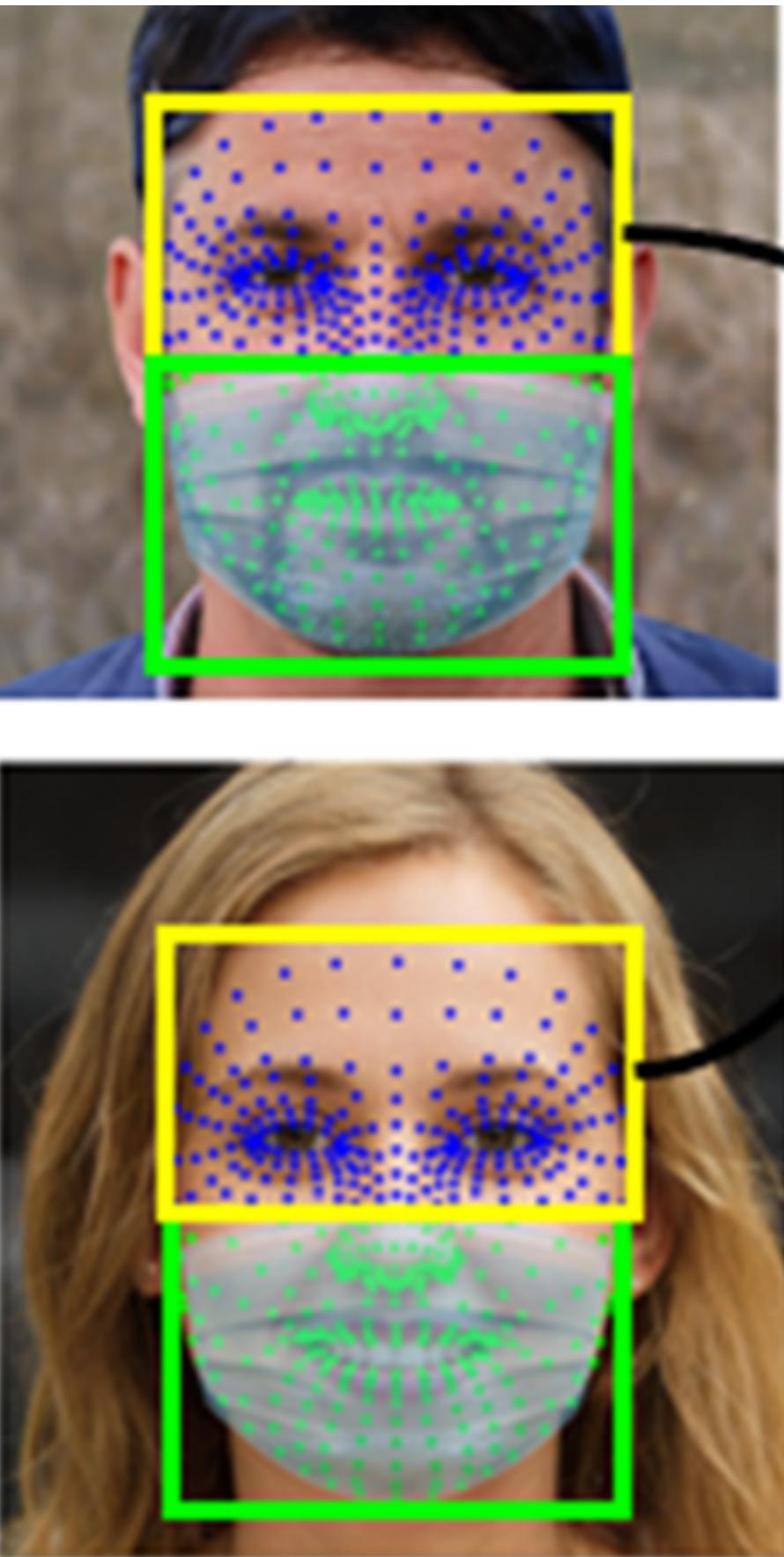


Bounding points

Determining the  
bounding points and  
overlaid the masks



# METHODOLOGY



Identifying common  
visible points across all  
the images

Common  
Visible Points

common\_vis\_points 206

Inputs-  
Visible points

Neural  
Network

common\_hid\_points 261

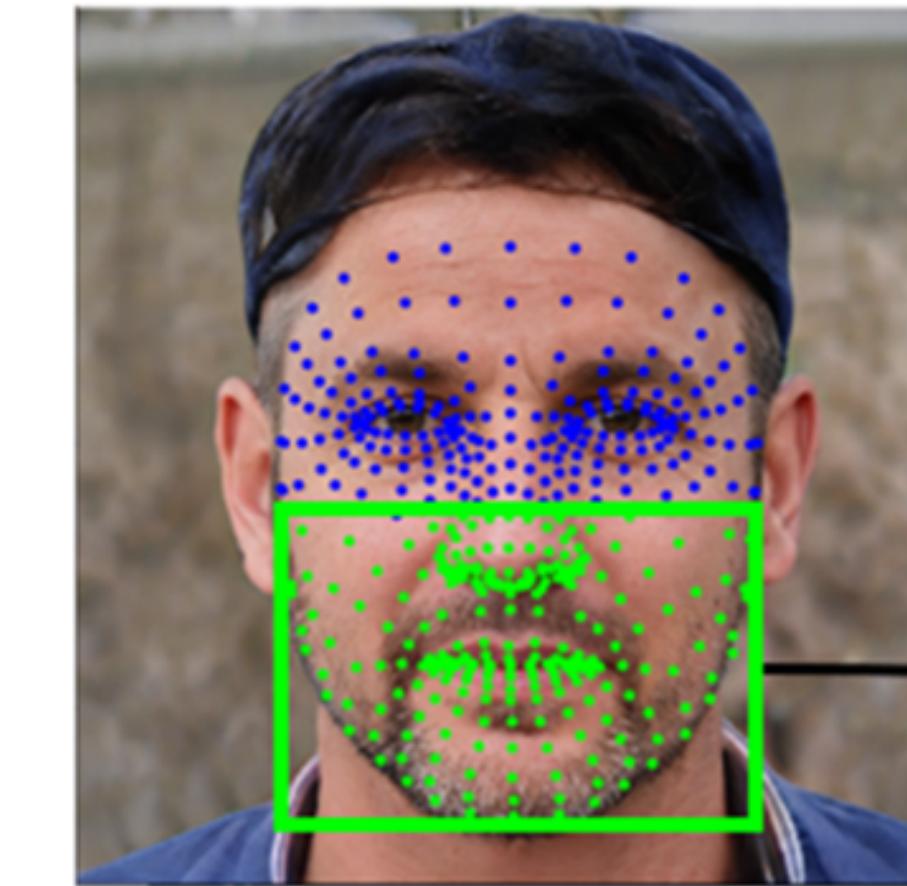
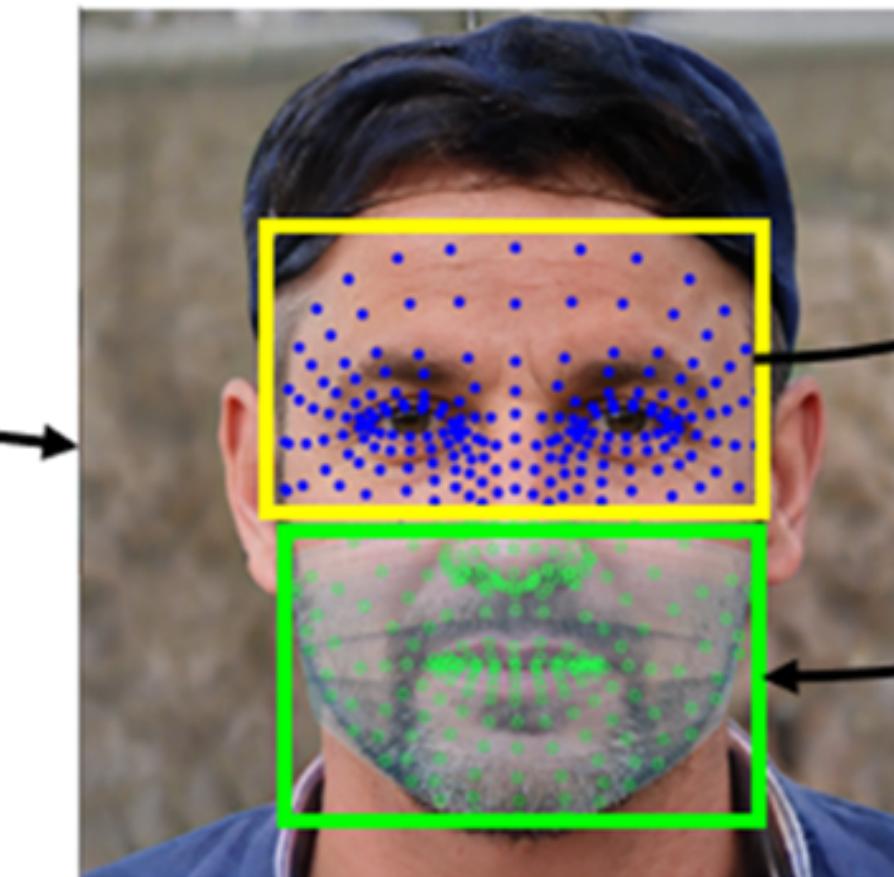
# METHDLOGY

Visible landmark  
points as input to  
the NN



Masked Image

Face Mask  
Estimation -  
MediaPipe



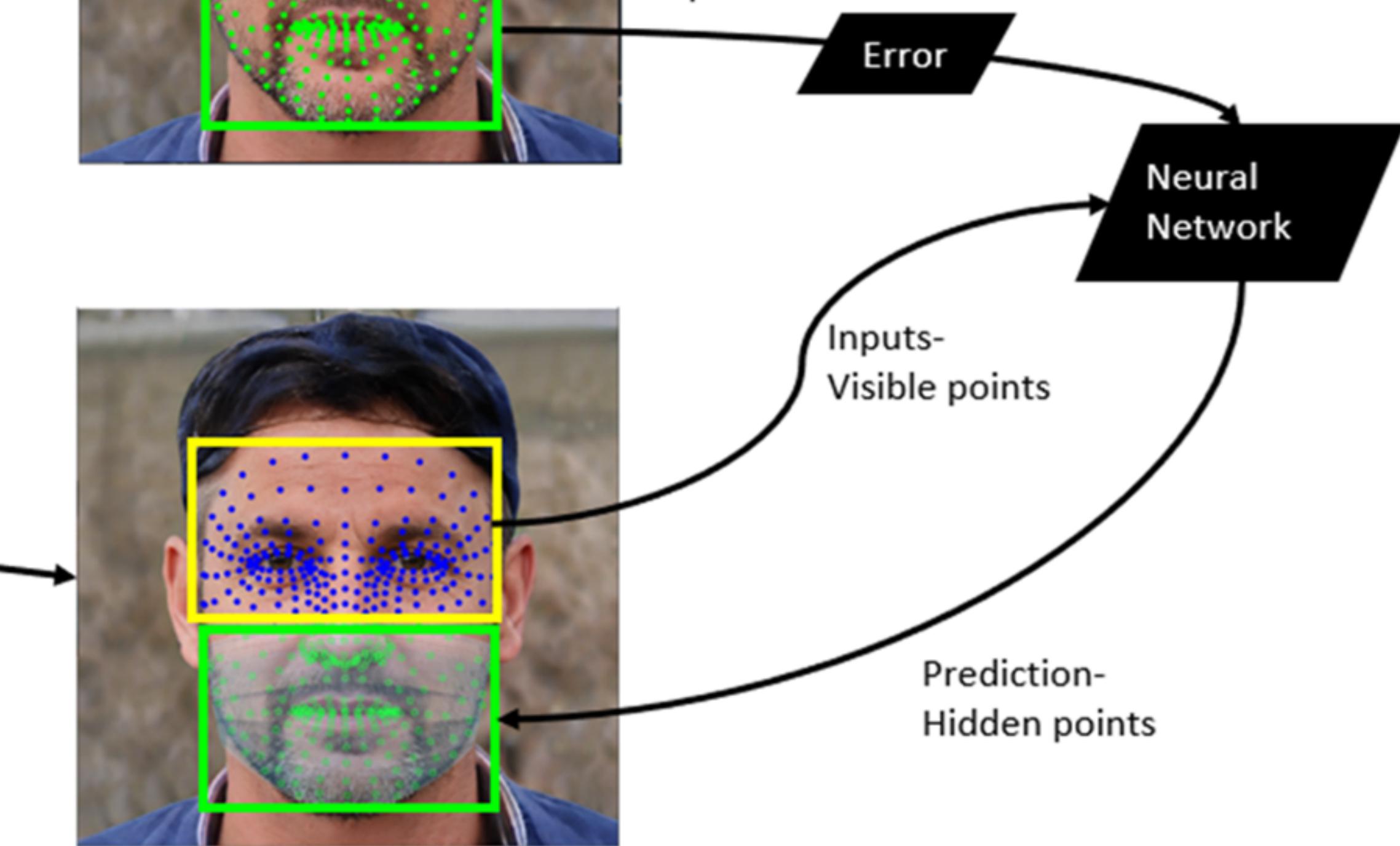
Original  
Hidden  
points

Error

Neural  
Network

Inputs-  
Visible points

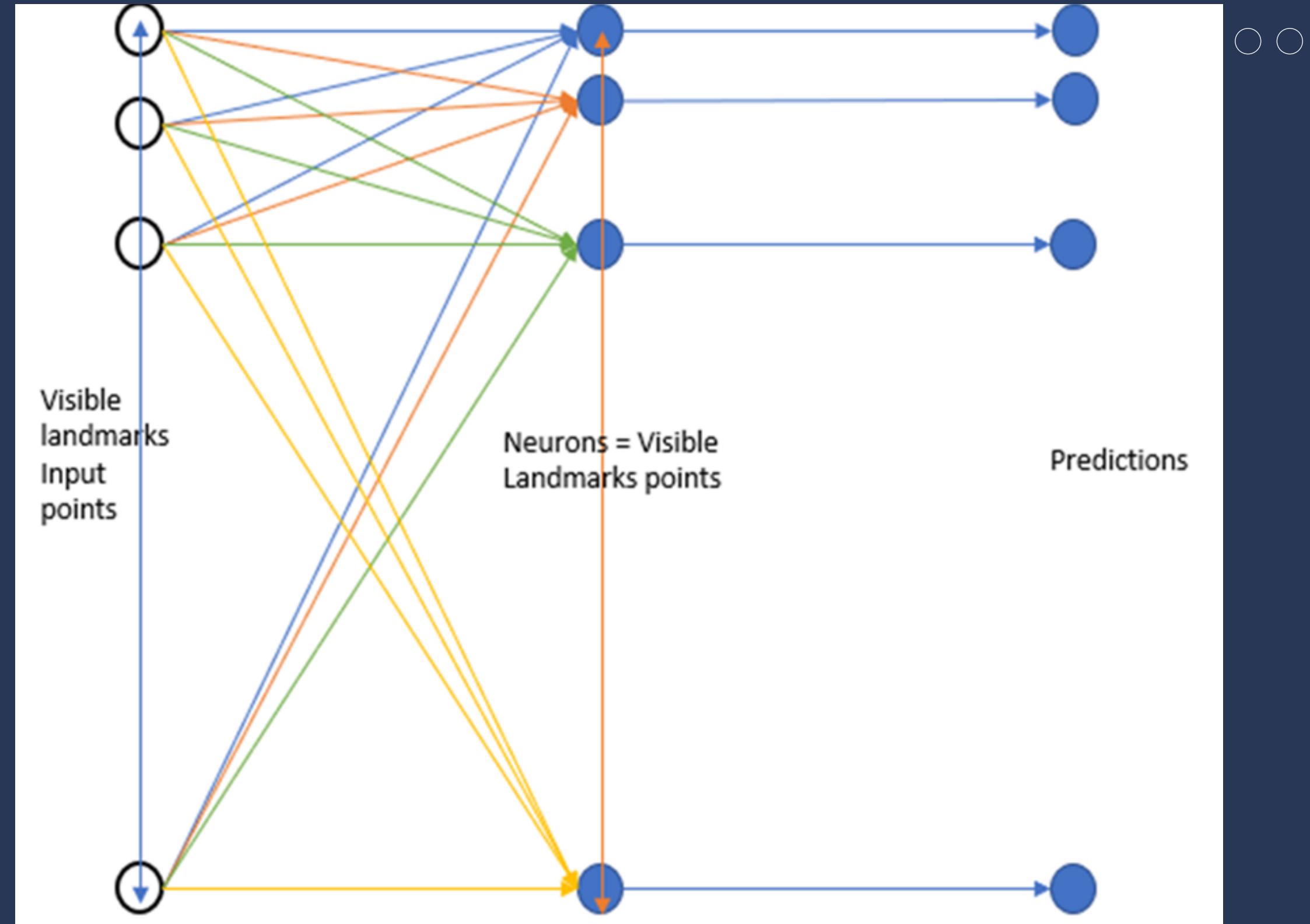
Prediction-  
Hidden points



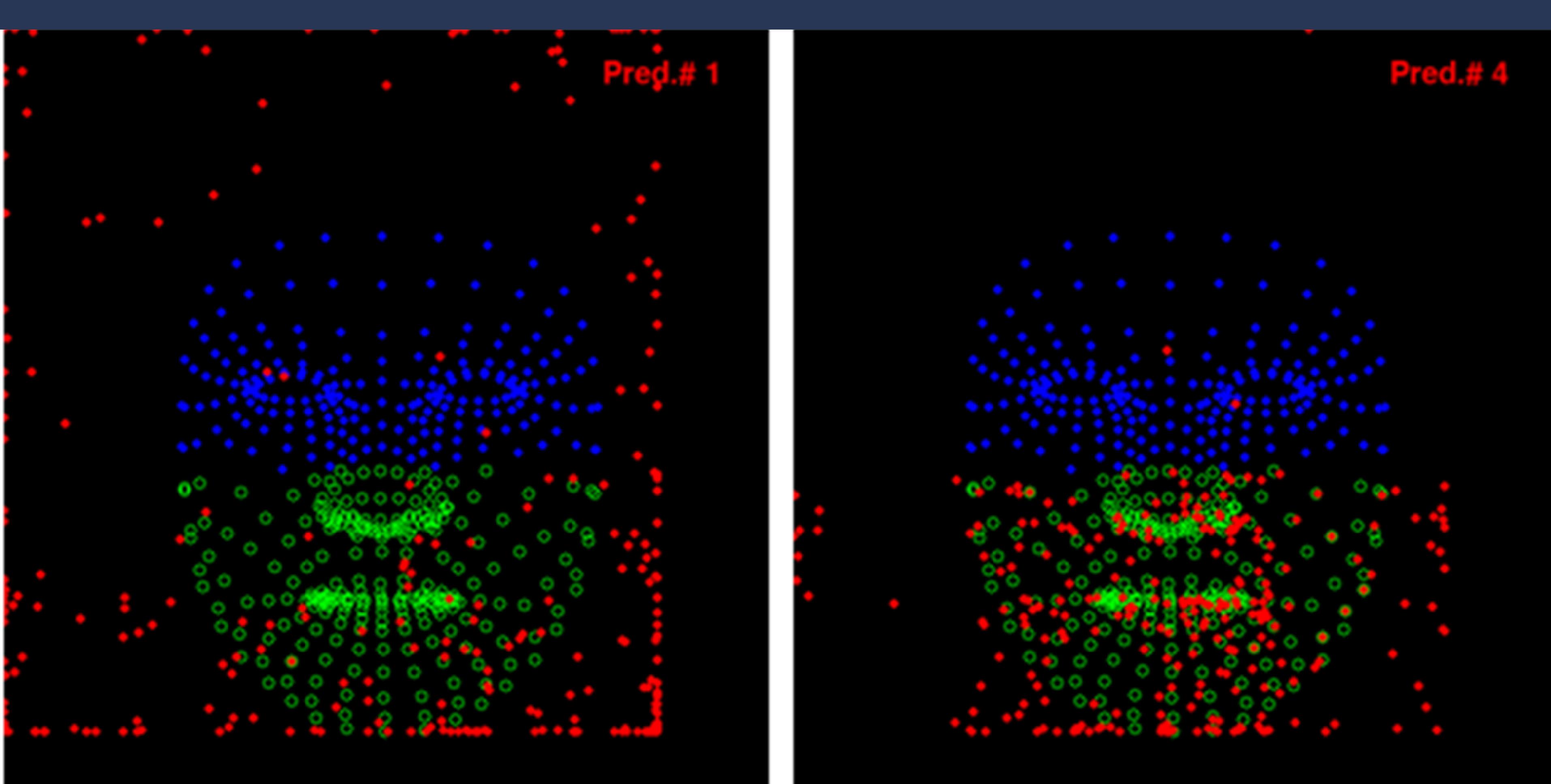
# SIMULATIONS & RESULTS

COMPARISON AND INFERENCE

# SIMULATION & RESULTS-1

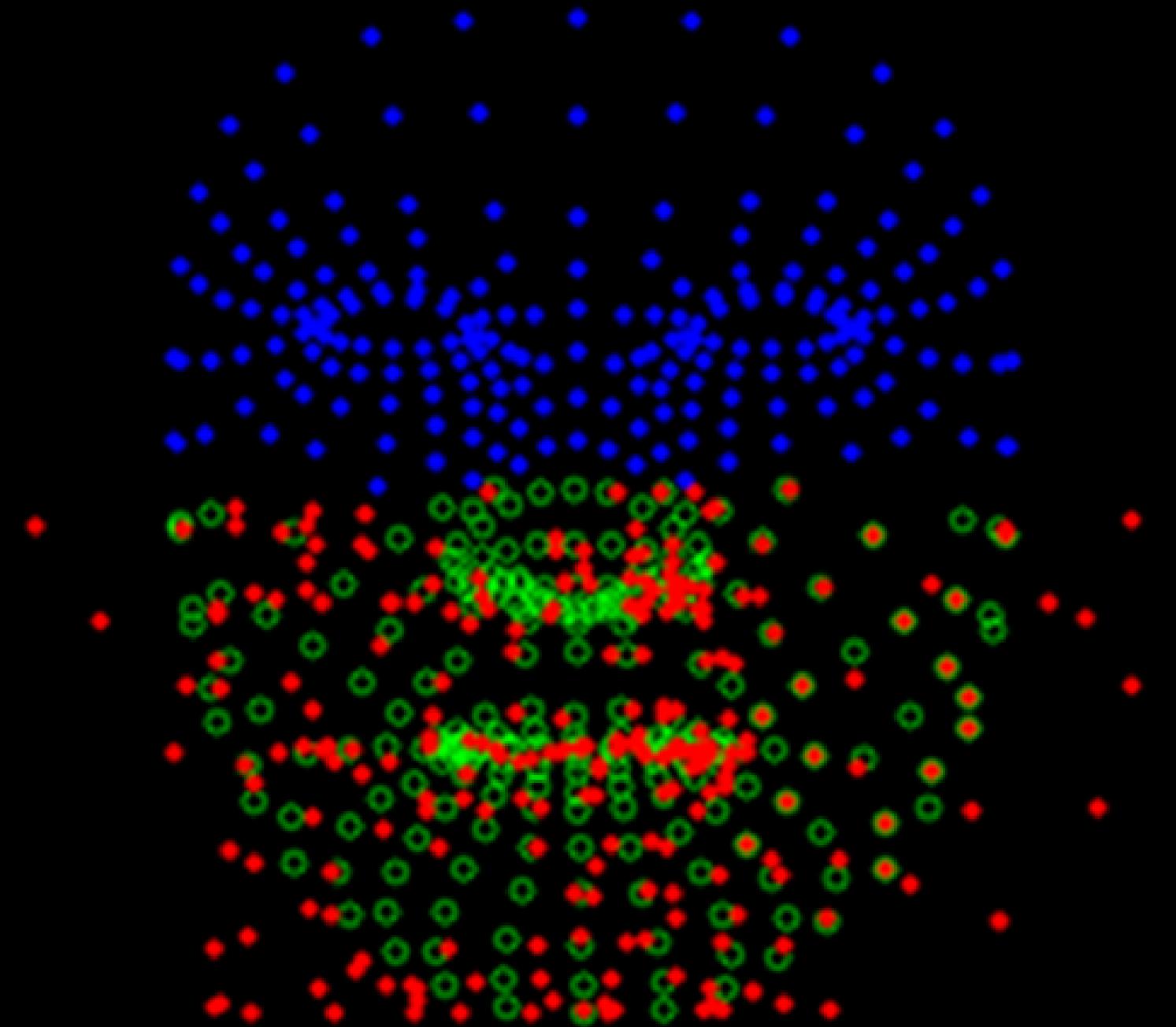


Architecture of 1 Layer FCNN  
used for initial simulation

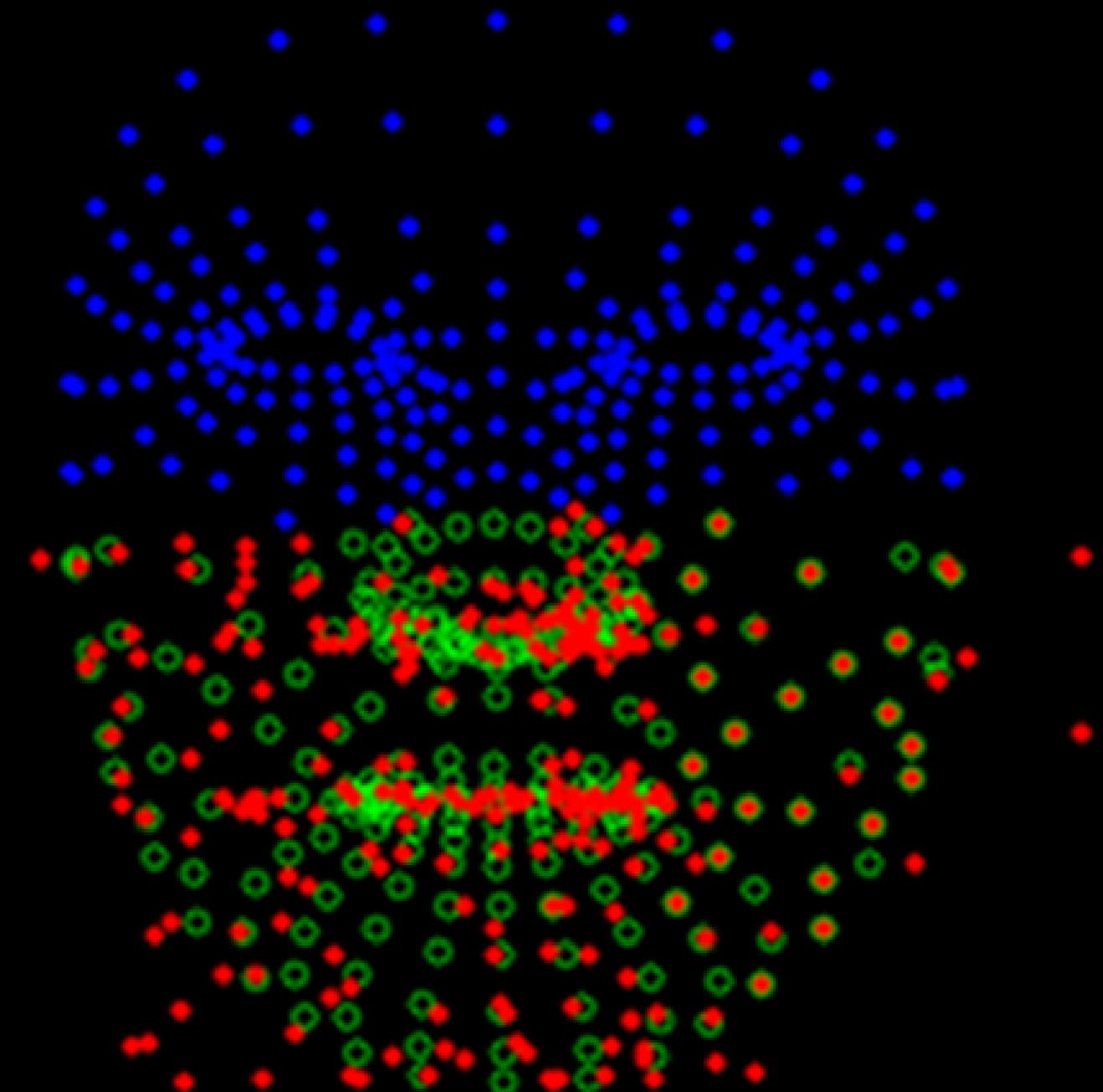


● : Inputs (Visible points) ● : Actual hidden points ● : Predicted hidden points

Pred.# 6

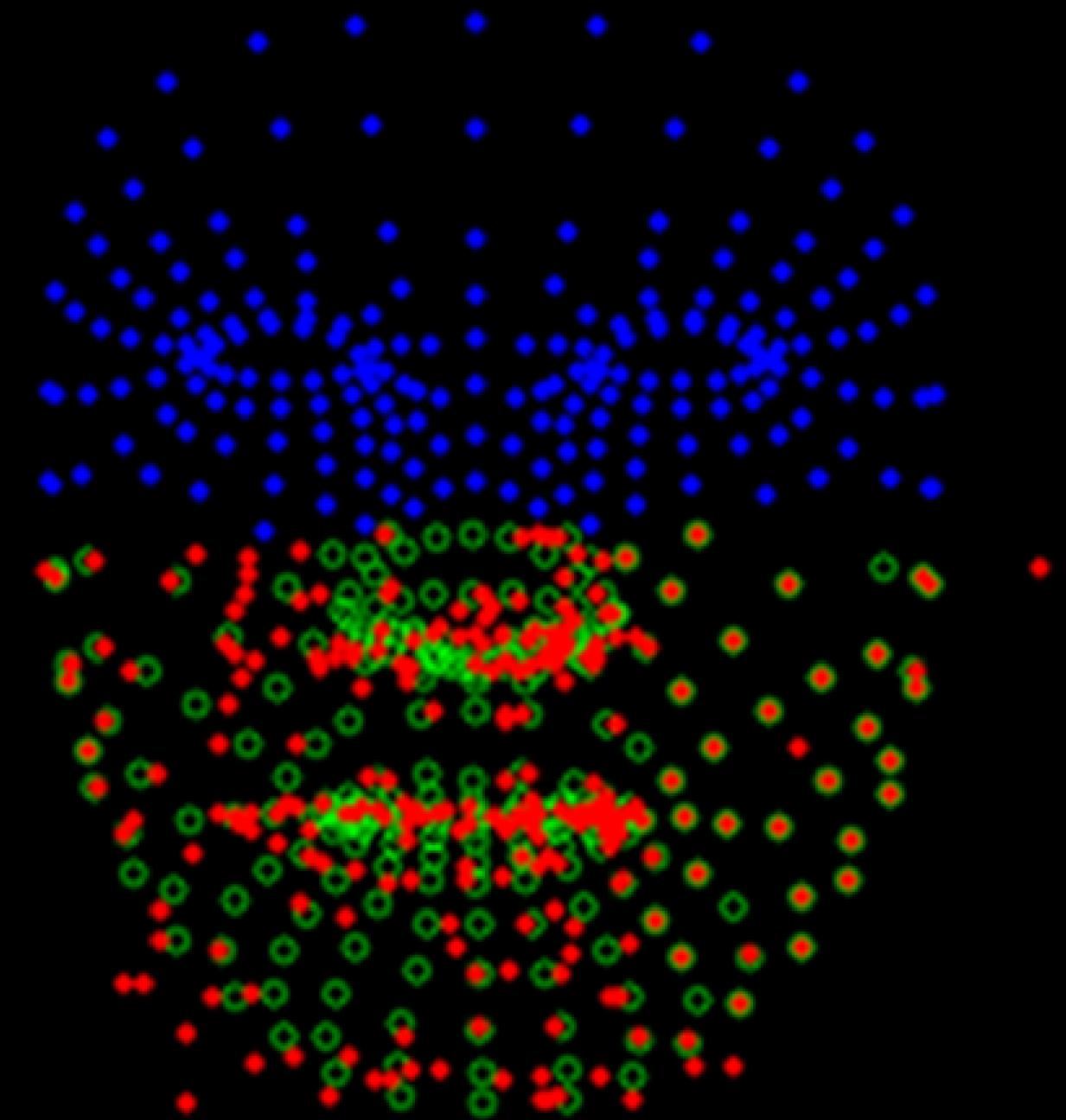


Pred.# 8

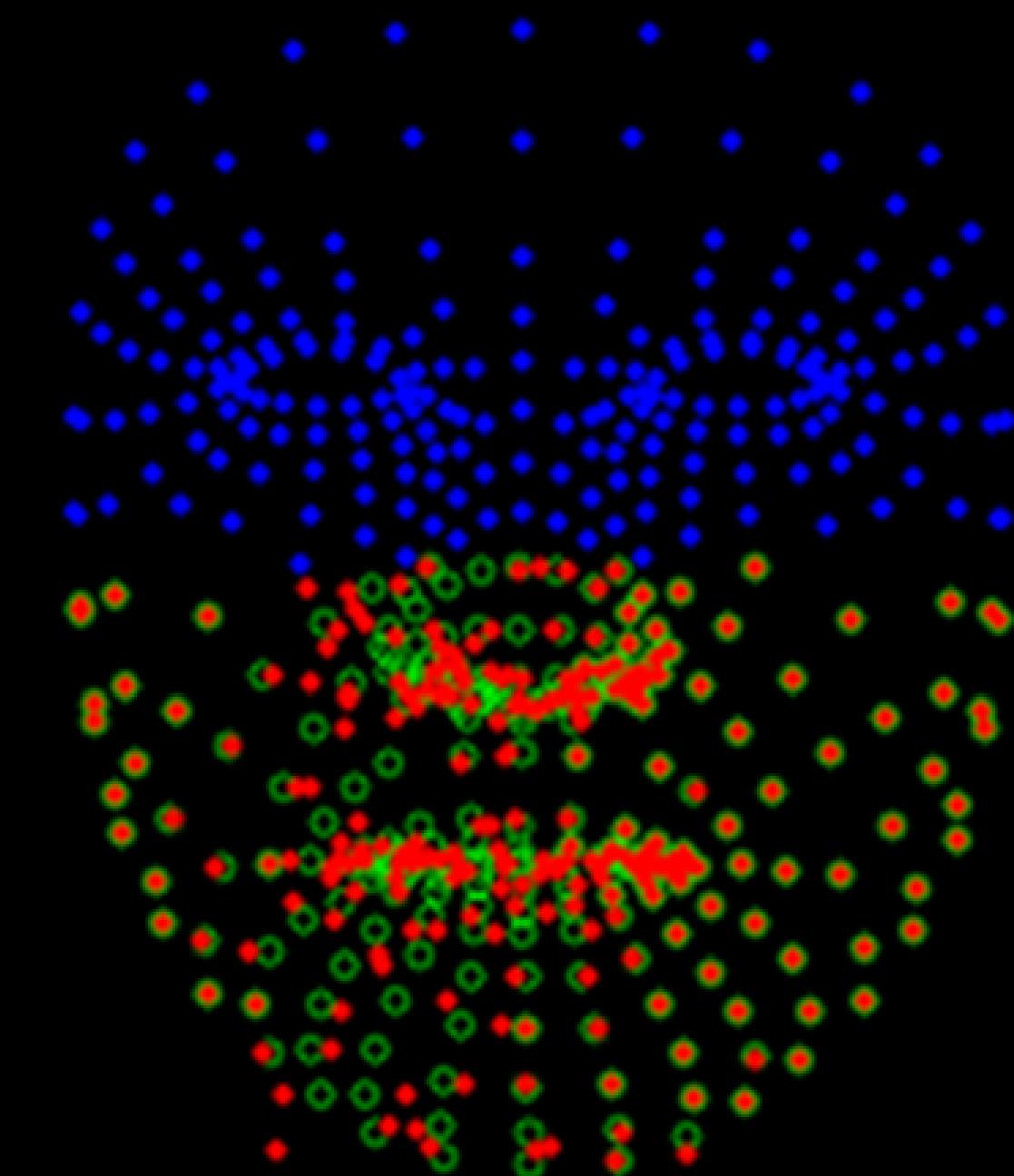


: Inputs (Visible points)    : Actual hidden points    : Predicted hidden points

Pred.# 10



Pred.# 20

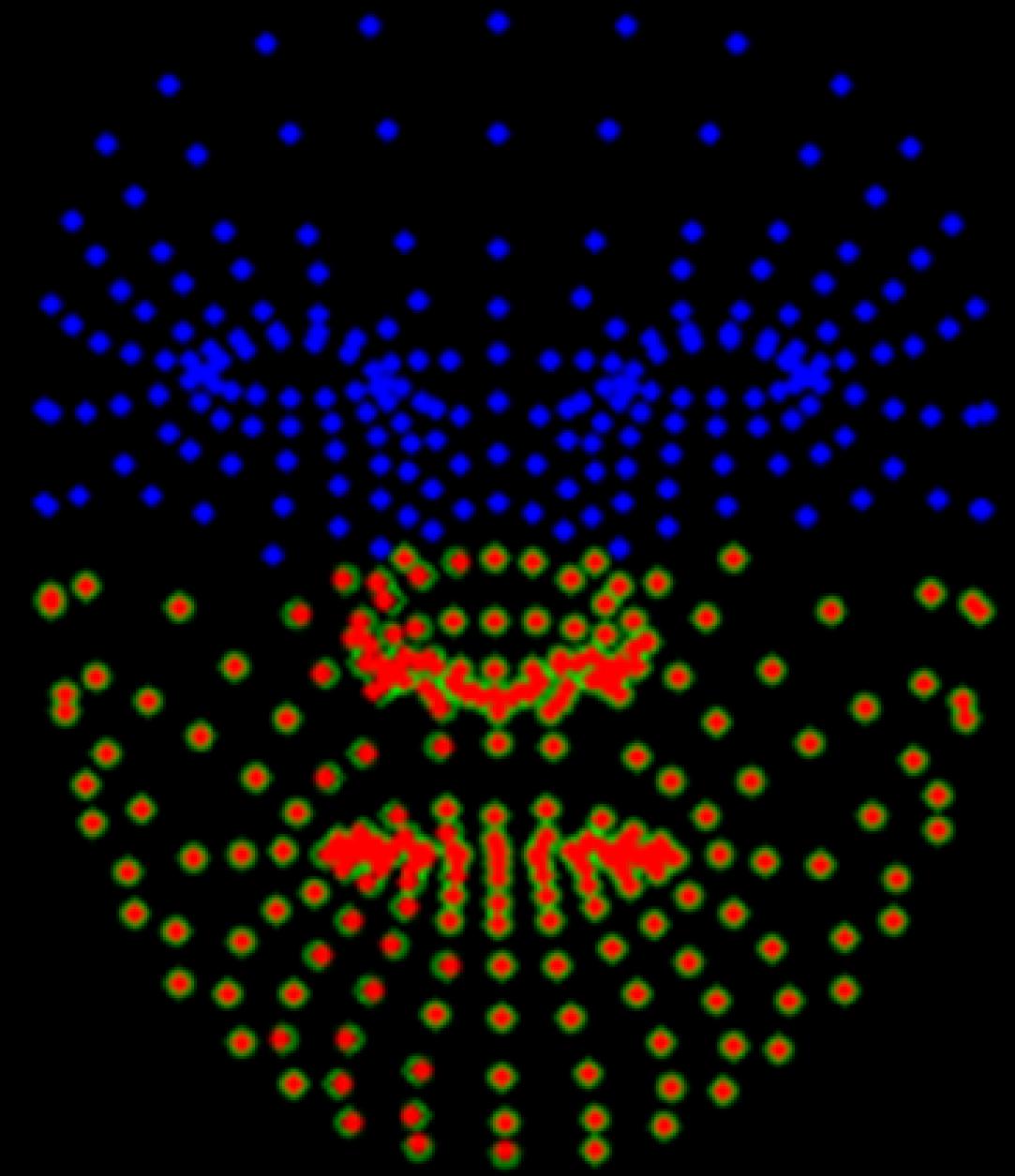


● : Inputs (Visible points)

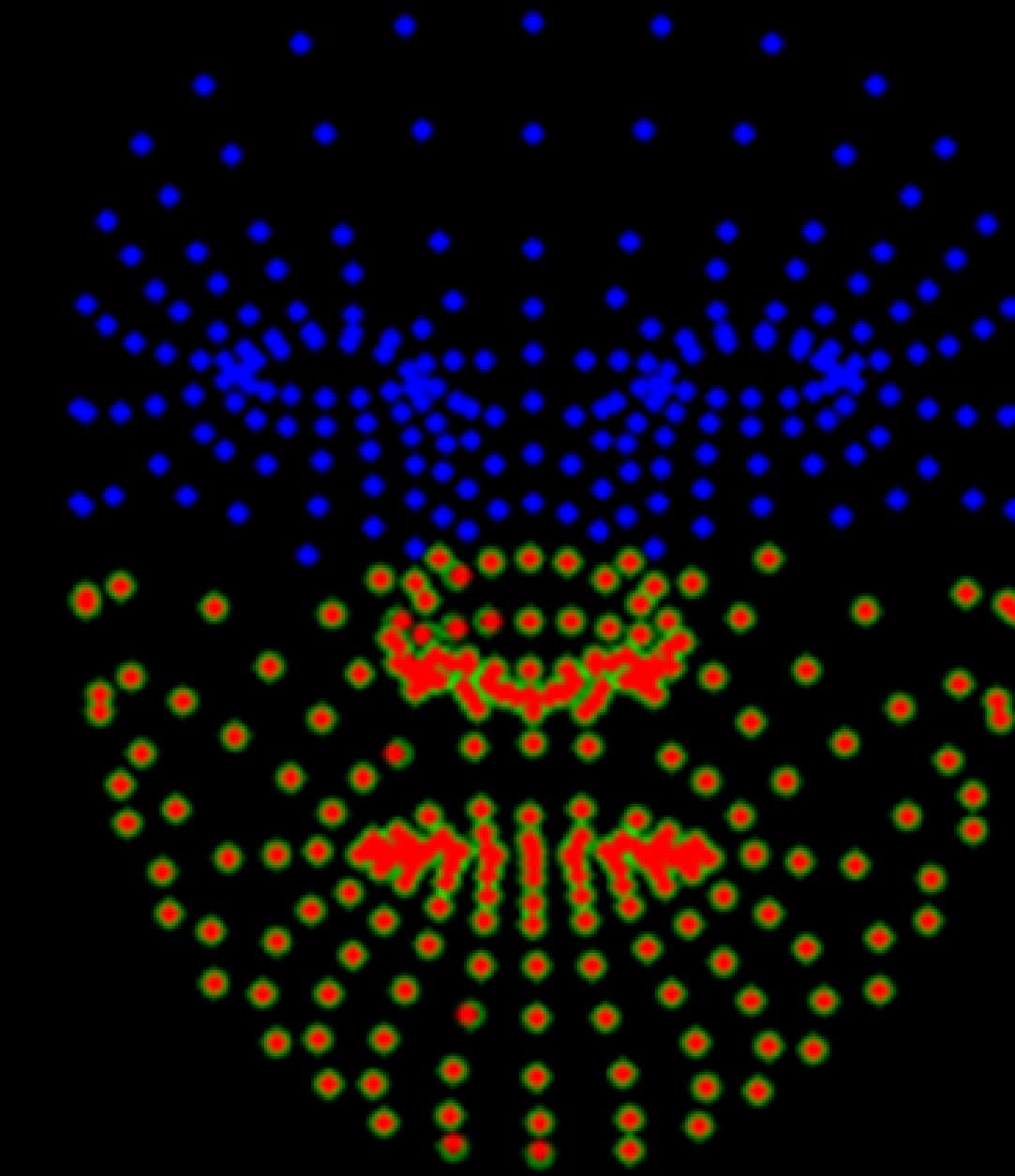
● : Actual hidden points

● : Predicted hidden points

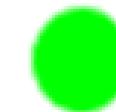
Pred.# 60



Pred.# 79



: Inputs (Visible points)



: Actual hidden points



: Predicted hidden points

# SIMULATION & RESULTS-1

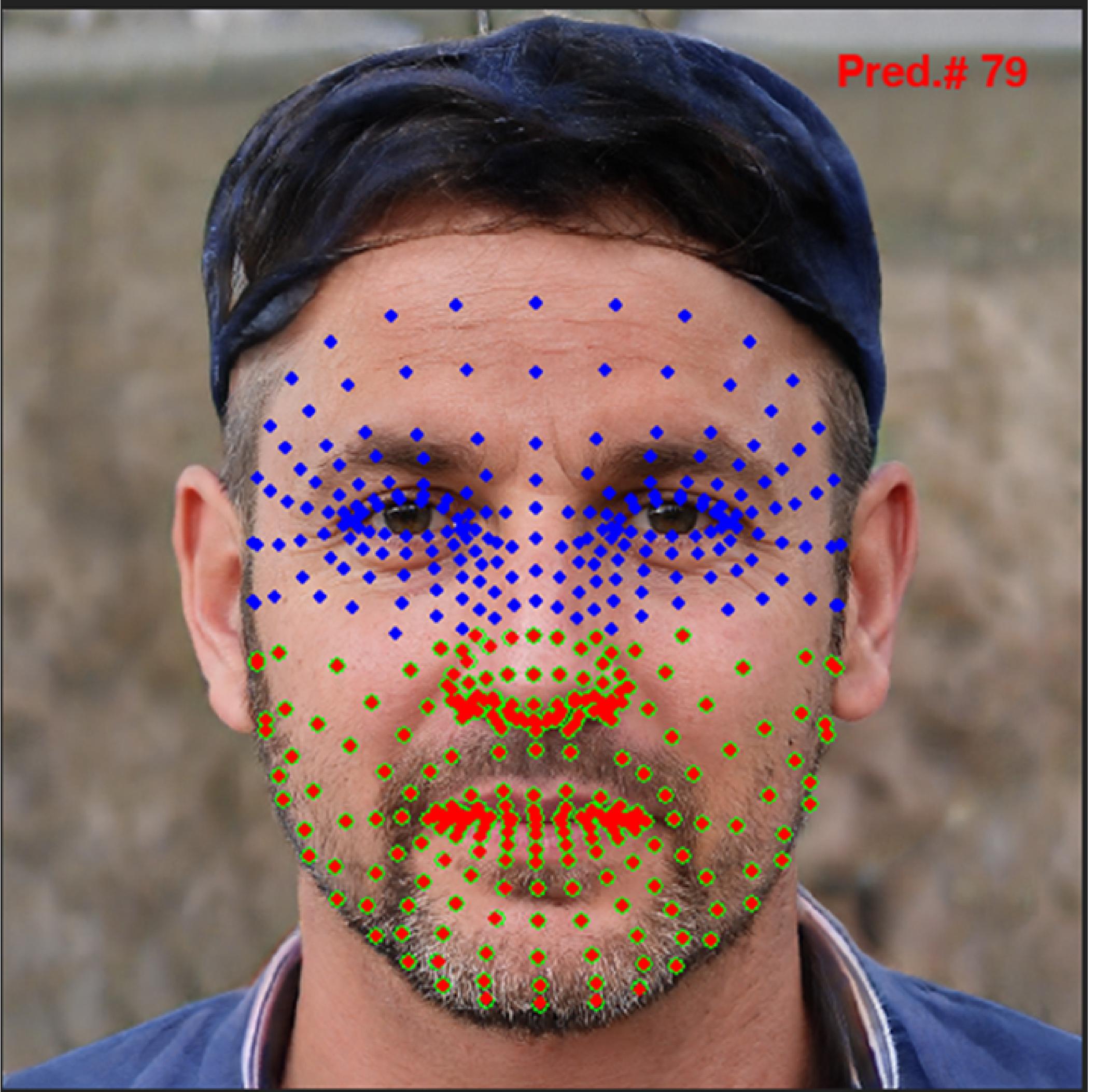
Image Sample : 1.

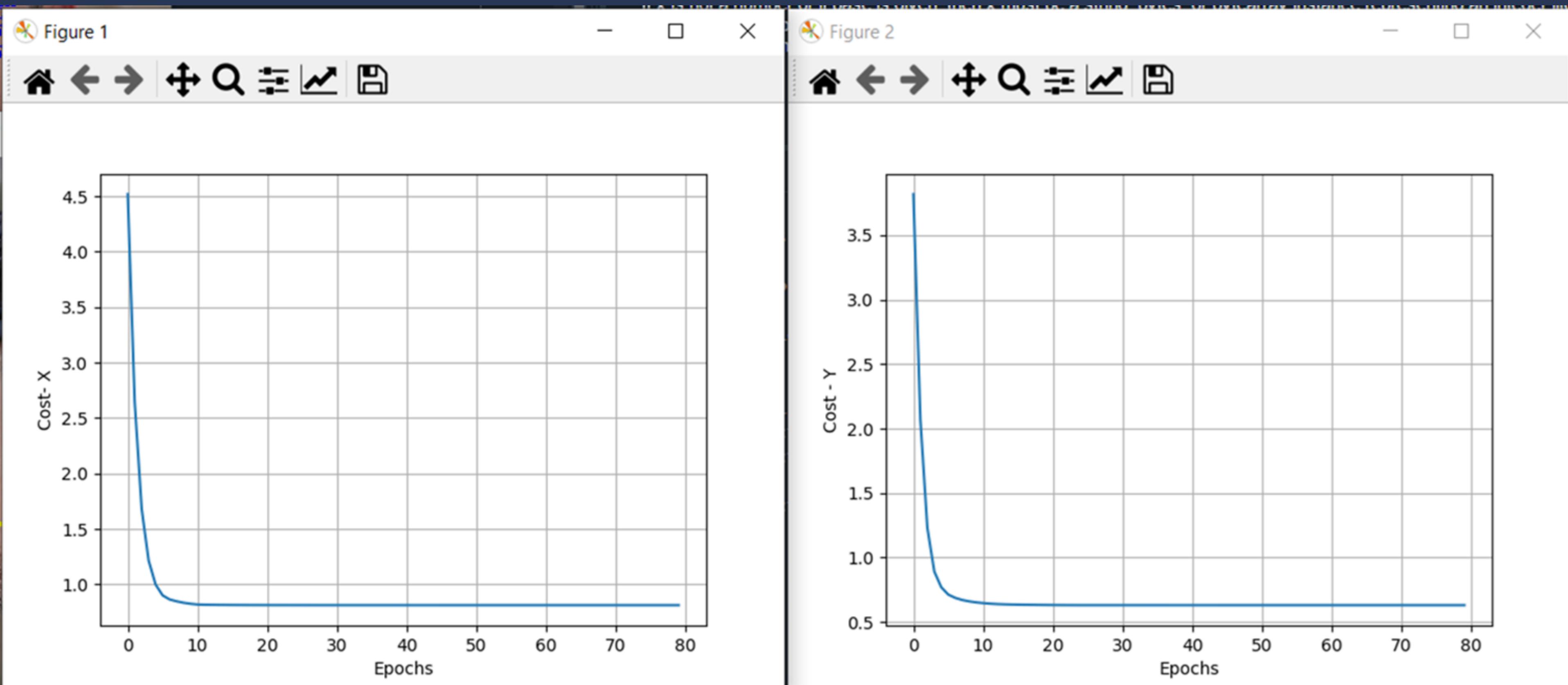
Epochs : 80

Model : 1 Layer FCNN

Batch size : N

Optimizer: Gradient Descent





# SIMULATION & RESULTS-2

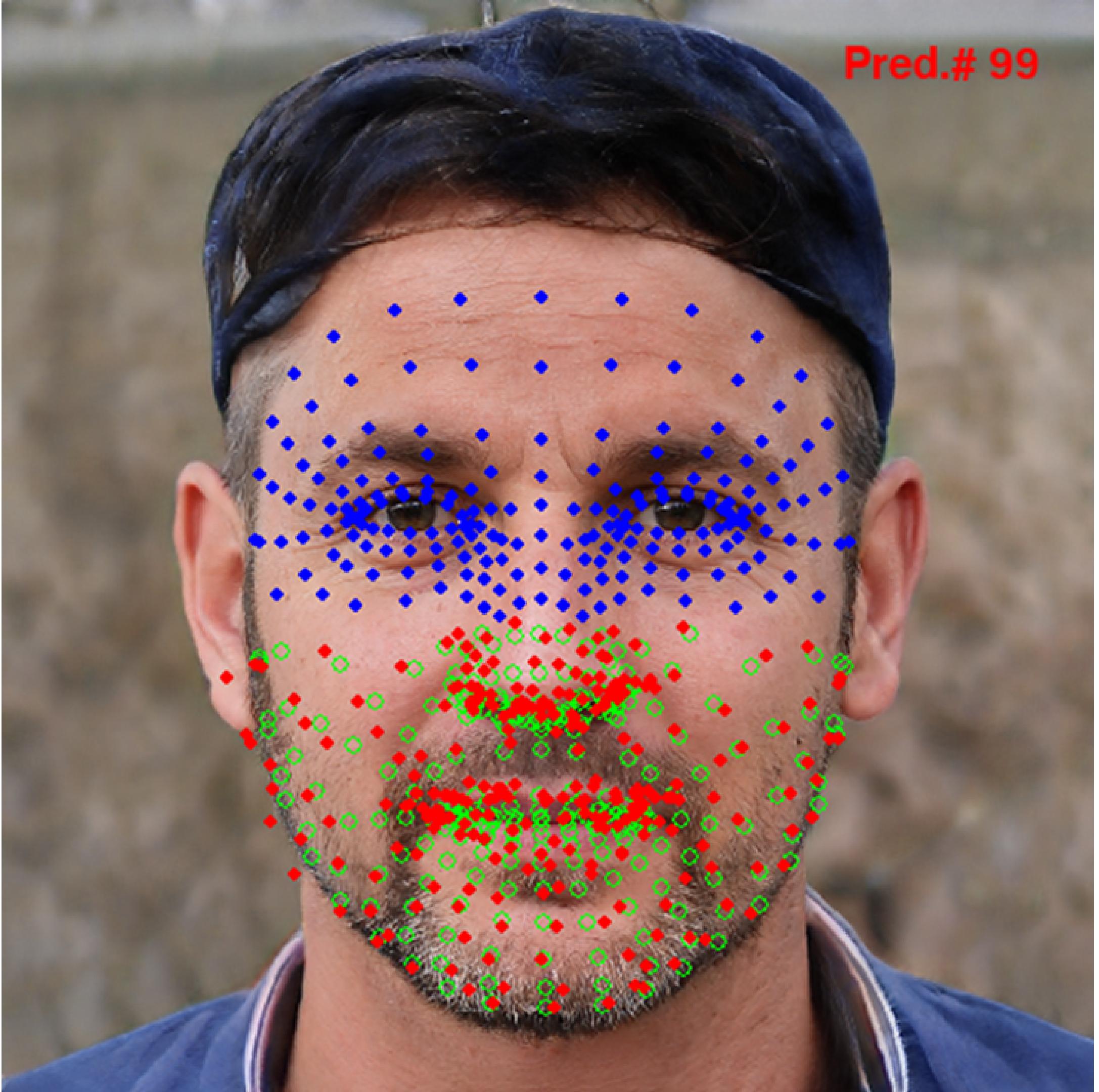
Image Sample : 10

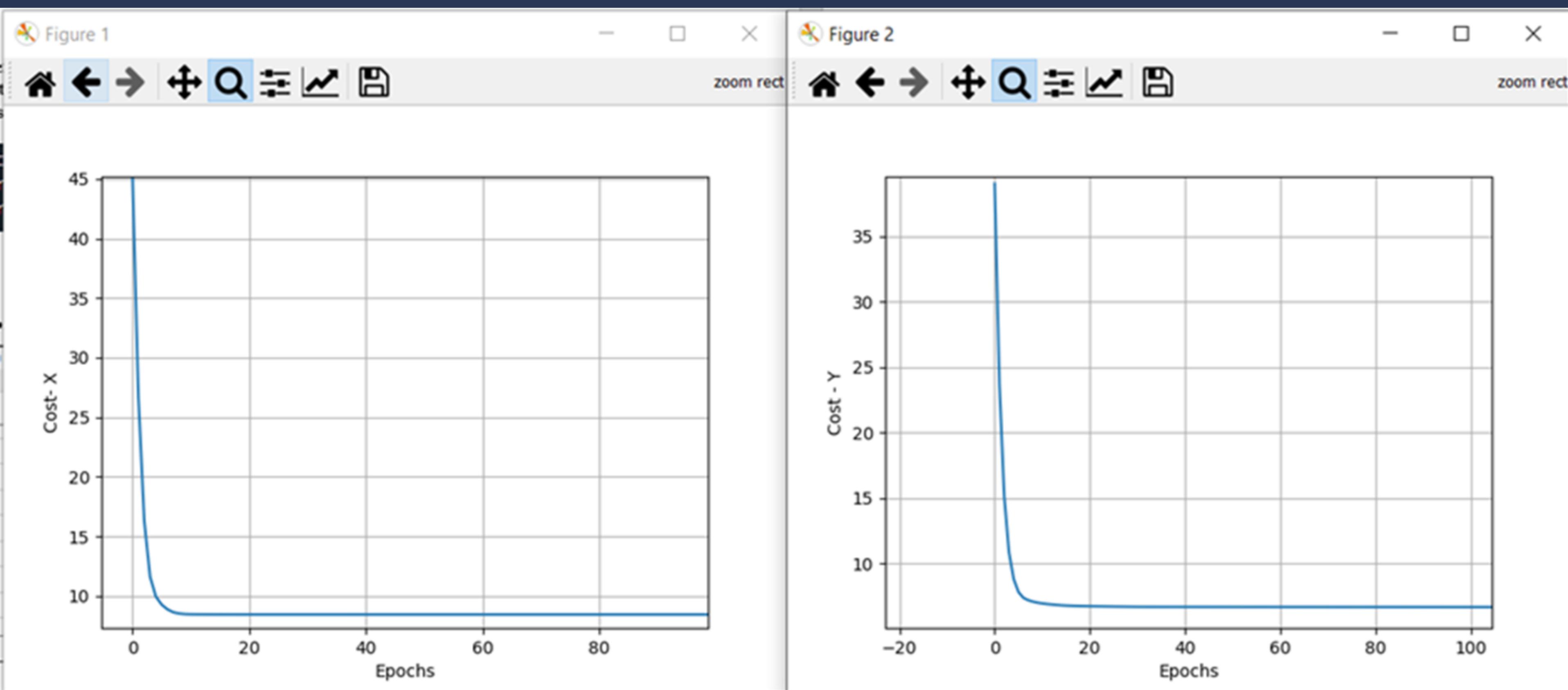
Epochs : 5000

Model : 1 Layer FCNN

Batch size : N

Optimizer: Gradient Descent





# SIMULATION & RESULTS-3

Image Sample : 100

Epochs : 1000

Model : 3 Layer DNN

Batch size : 10

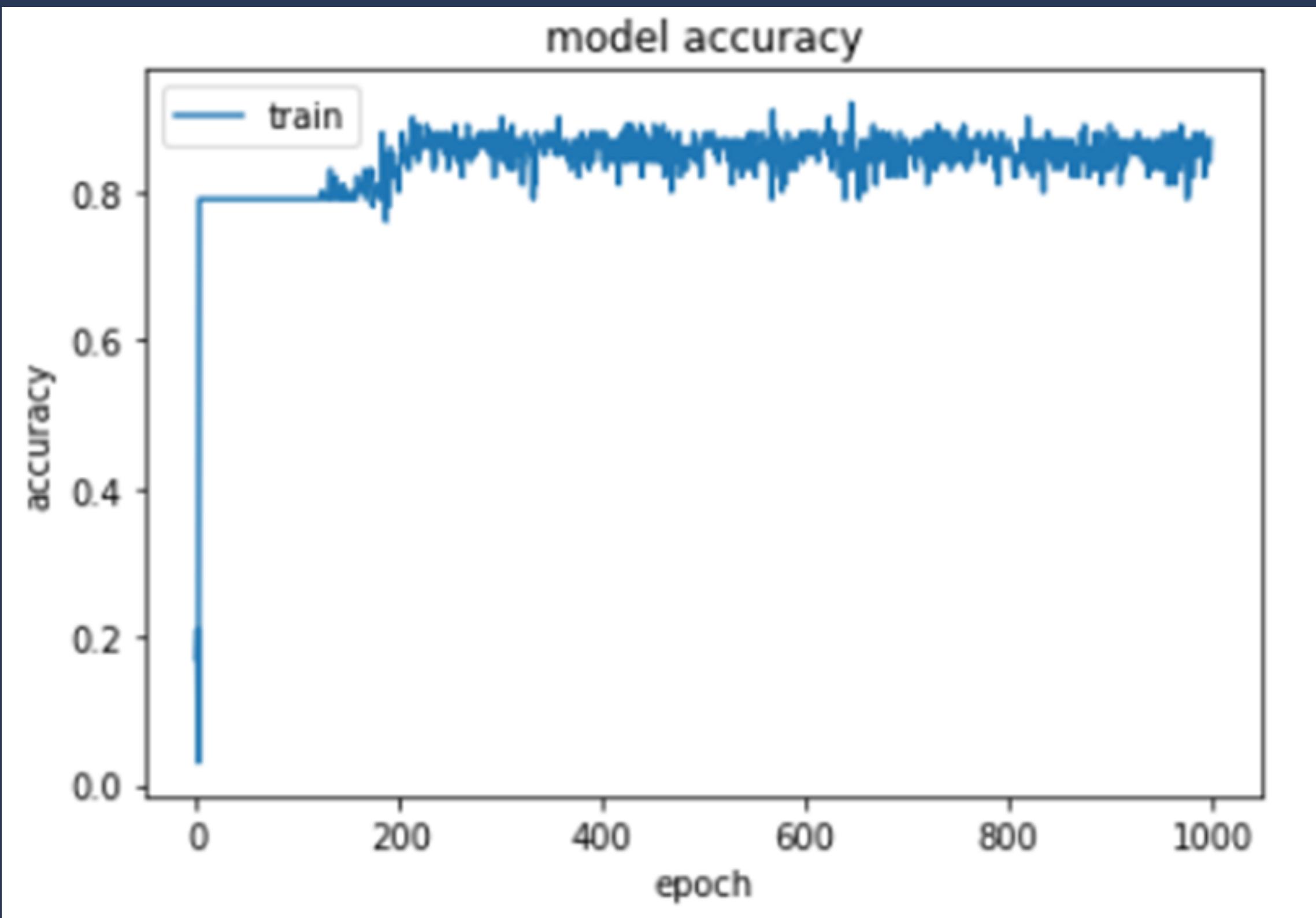
Optimizer: ADAM

Model: "sequential"

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
dense (Dense)	(None, 100)	19600
dense_1 (Dense)	(None, 100)	10100
dense_2 (Dense)	(None, 1000)	101000
dense_3 (Dense)	(None, 261)	261261

Total params: 391,961  
Trainable params: 391,961  
Non-trainable params: 0

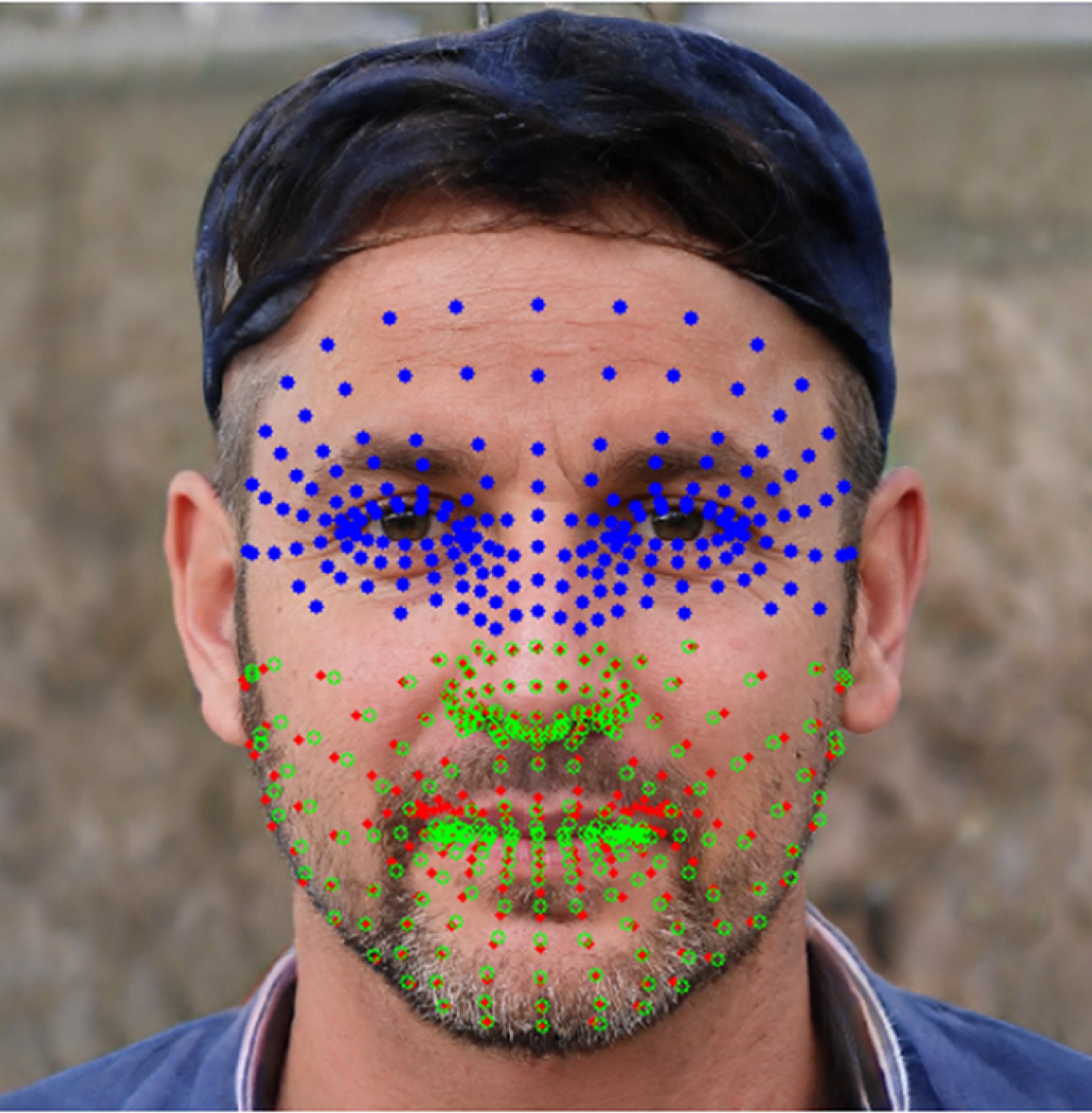
model accuracy



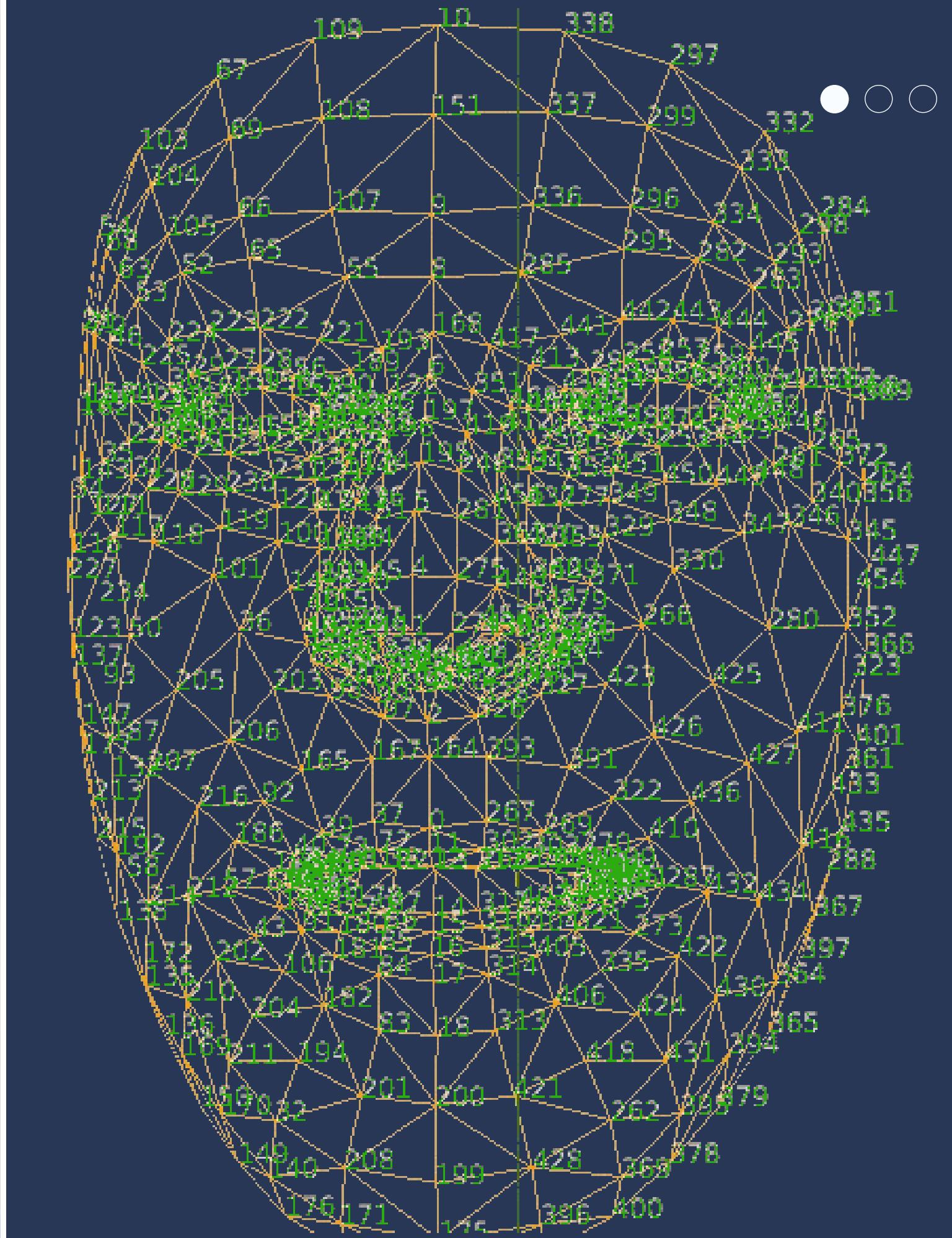
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Accuracy: 87.00

# SIMULATION & RESULTS-3

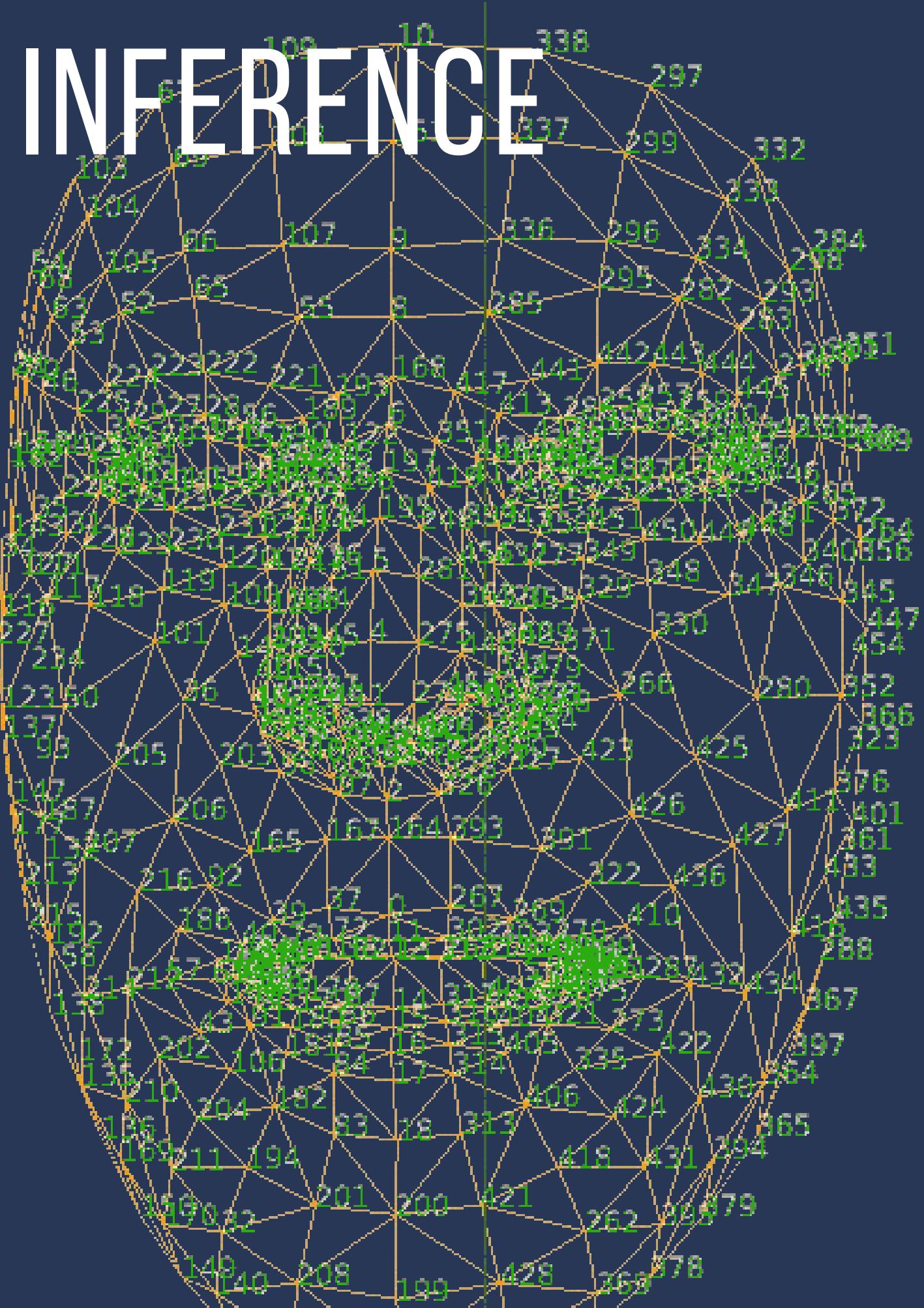
Image Sample : 100  
Epochs : 1000  
Model : 3 Layer DNN  
Batch size : 10  
Optimizer: ADAM



# INFERENCE

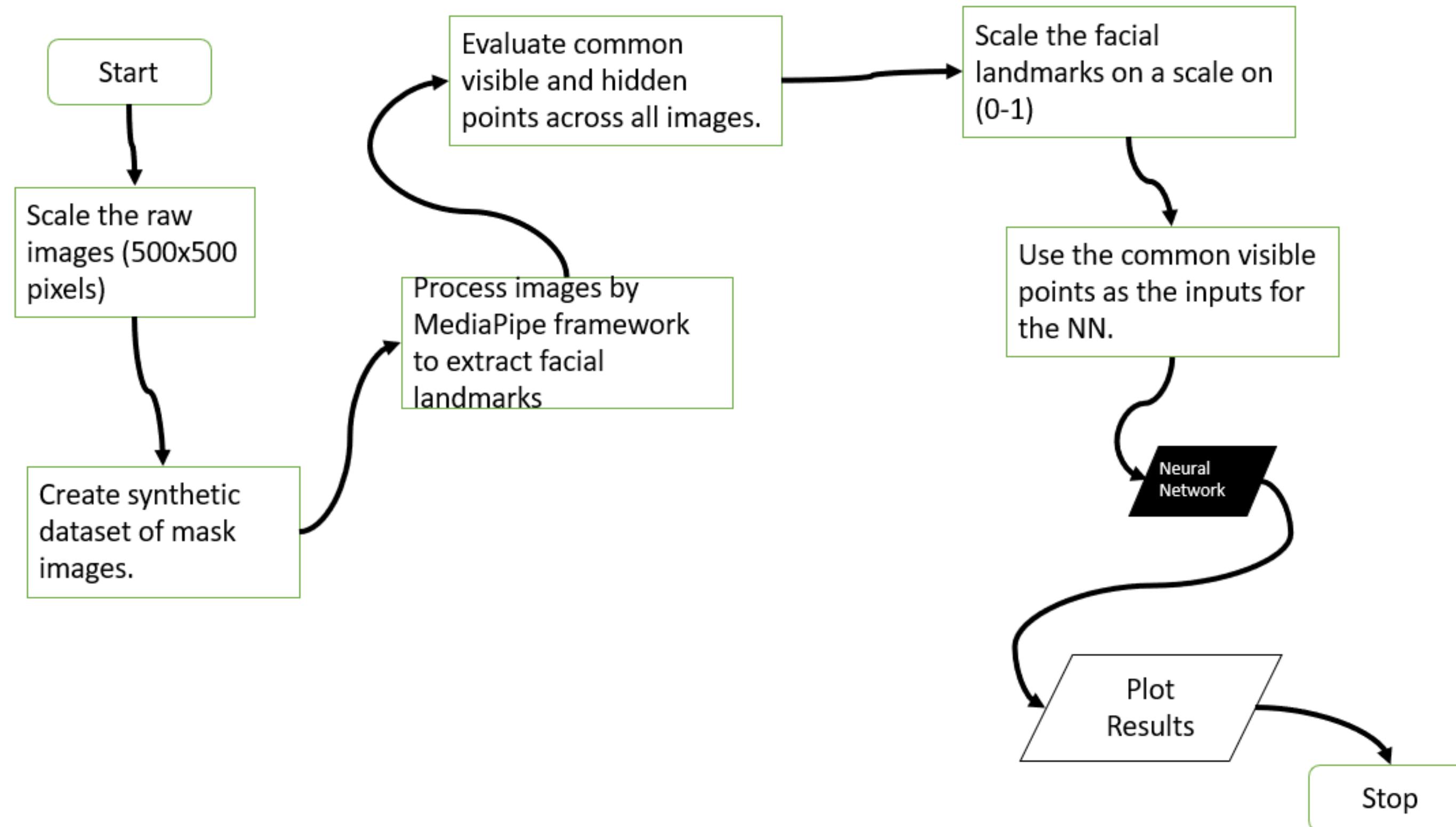


# INFERENCE



# SYNOPSIS OF CODE

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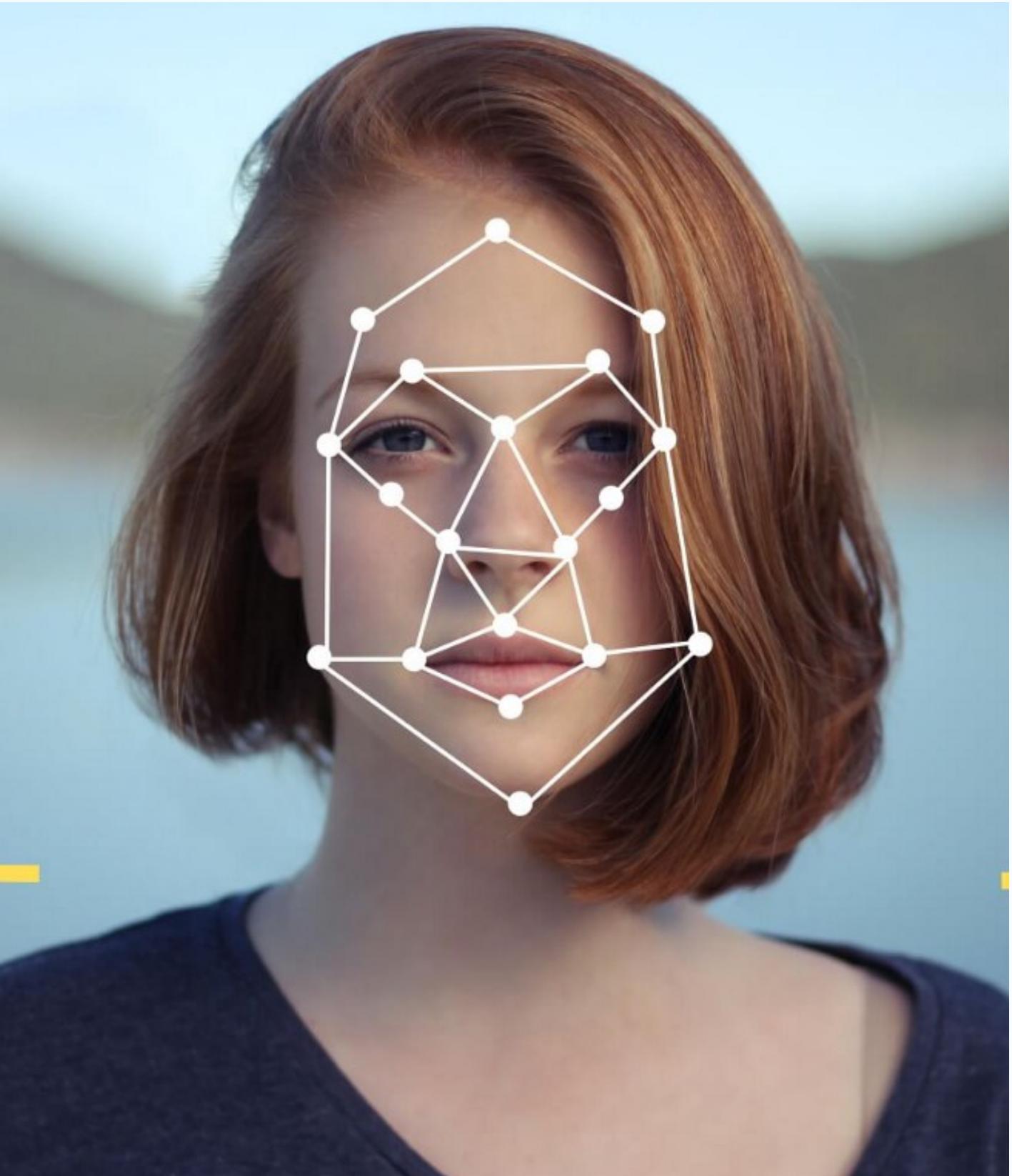


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21 num_of_imgs_to_process = 10
22 epochs = 5000
23 #####
24 # Scale and rename images in the raw_images folder
25 # If already scaled, this portion can be commented out
26 print("\nRunning - S1_extract_landmarks_original_image")
27 SCALE.main()
28
29 print('-----')
30 #####
31 # Run the MediaPipe framework to extract all facial landmarks
32 print("Running - S1_extract_landmarks_original_image")
33 EXTRACT.main(img_analyse_count = num_of_imgs_to_process,
34             show_res = False)
35
36 #####
37 # Overlay masks on the images
38 print("\nRunning - S2_create_masked_dataset")
39 MASKD.main(img_analyse_count = num_of_imgs_to_process)
40
41 #####
42 # Perform relative scaling of datapoints
43 print("\nRunning - S3_facial_relative_land")
44 NORM.main(img_analyse_count = num_of_imgs_to_process)
45
46 #####
47 # Perform prediction of hidden datapoints
48 print("\nRunning - S4_predict_hid_points_NN")
49
50 # saving with image background
51 PRED.main(img_analyse_count = num_of_imgs_to_process,
52           epochs = epochs,
53           show_anim = True,
54           save_file = True) # for saving predictions
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# FUTURE ASPECTS



- In this research work we were able to determine with high accuracy the facial landmark points which are hidden by the mask.
- In the future extension of this work, we will use these predicted landmark points to generate a face mesh, and over which we will render the face. Thus providing high degree of accuracy in the facial reconstruction,



# THANK YOU

Any questions?