

Face Recognition I

COMP 388-002/488-002 Biometrics

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Today we will...

Get to know
Reasons to use faces for recognition.
How faces compare to fingerprints.



Today's Attendance

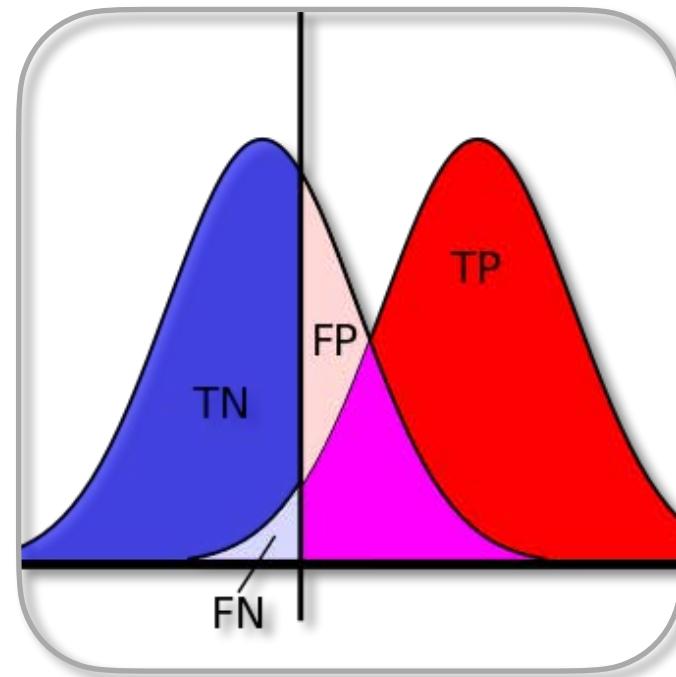
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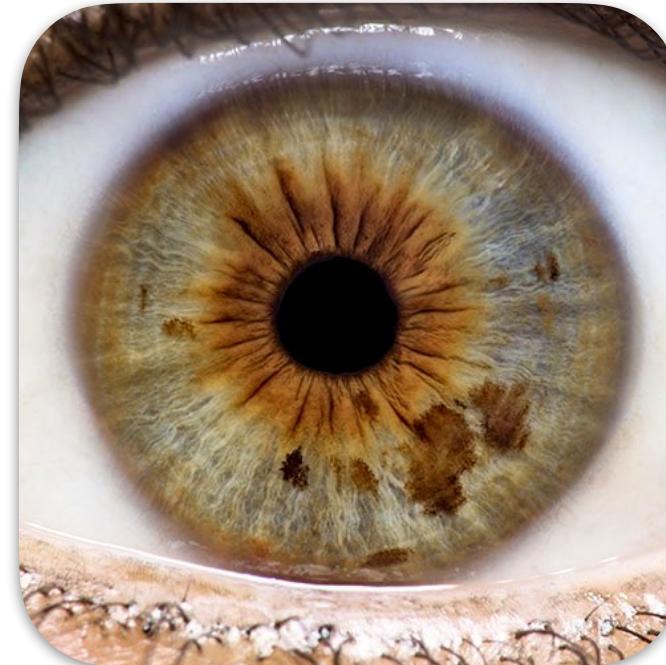


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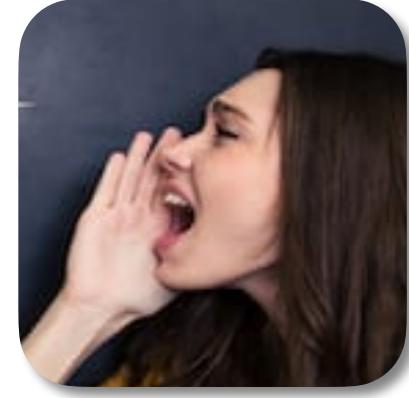
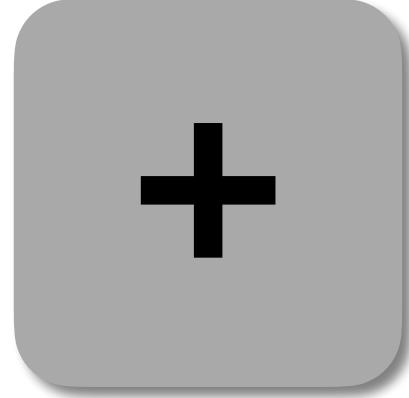
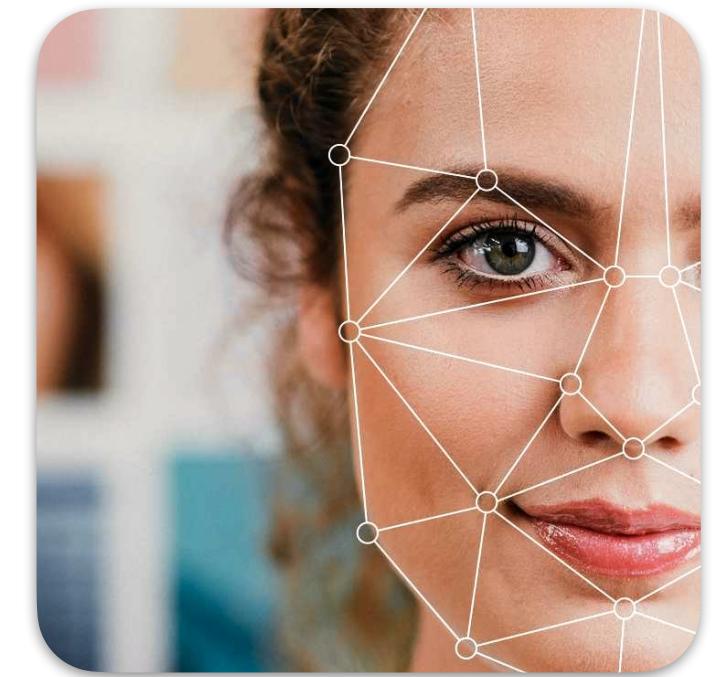
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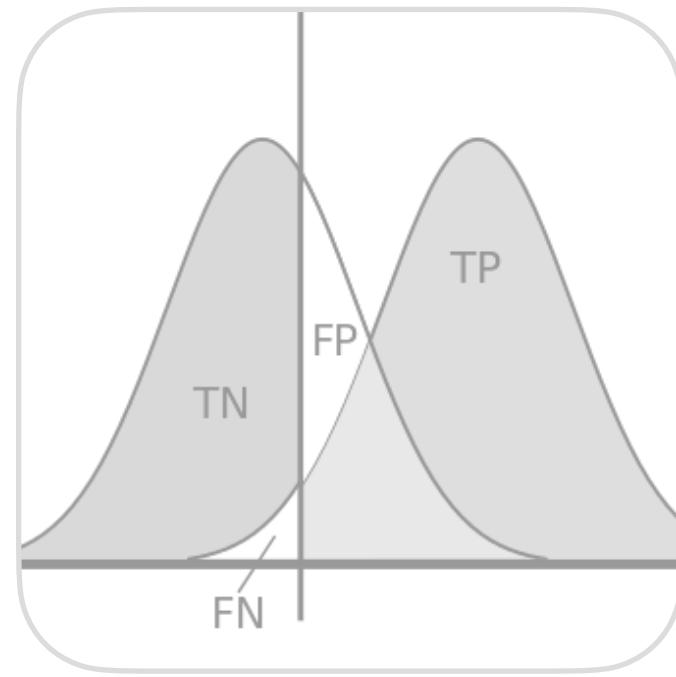
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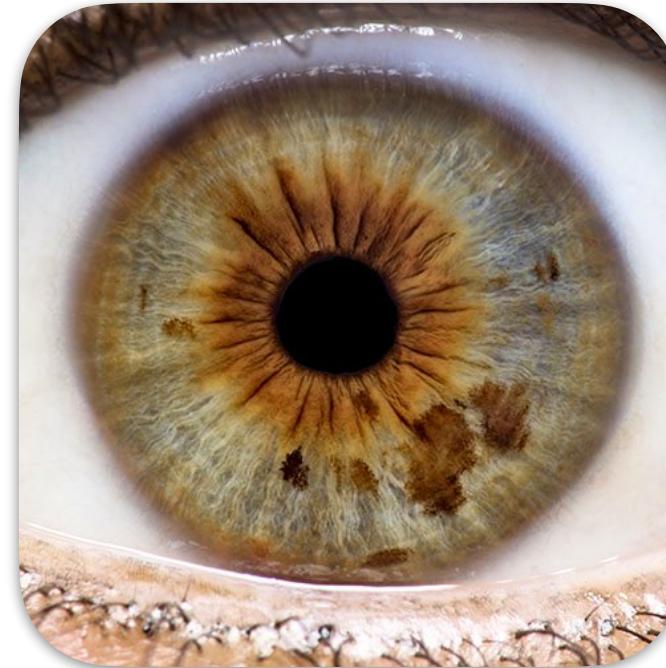
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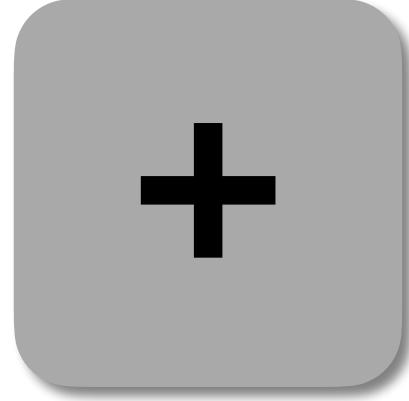
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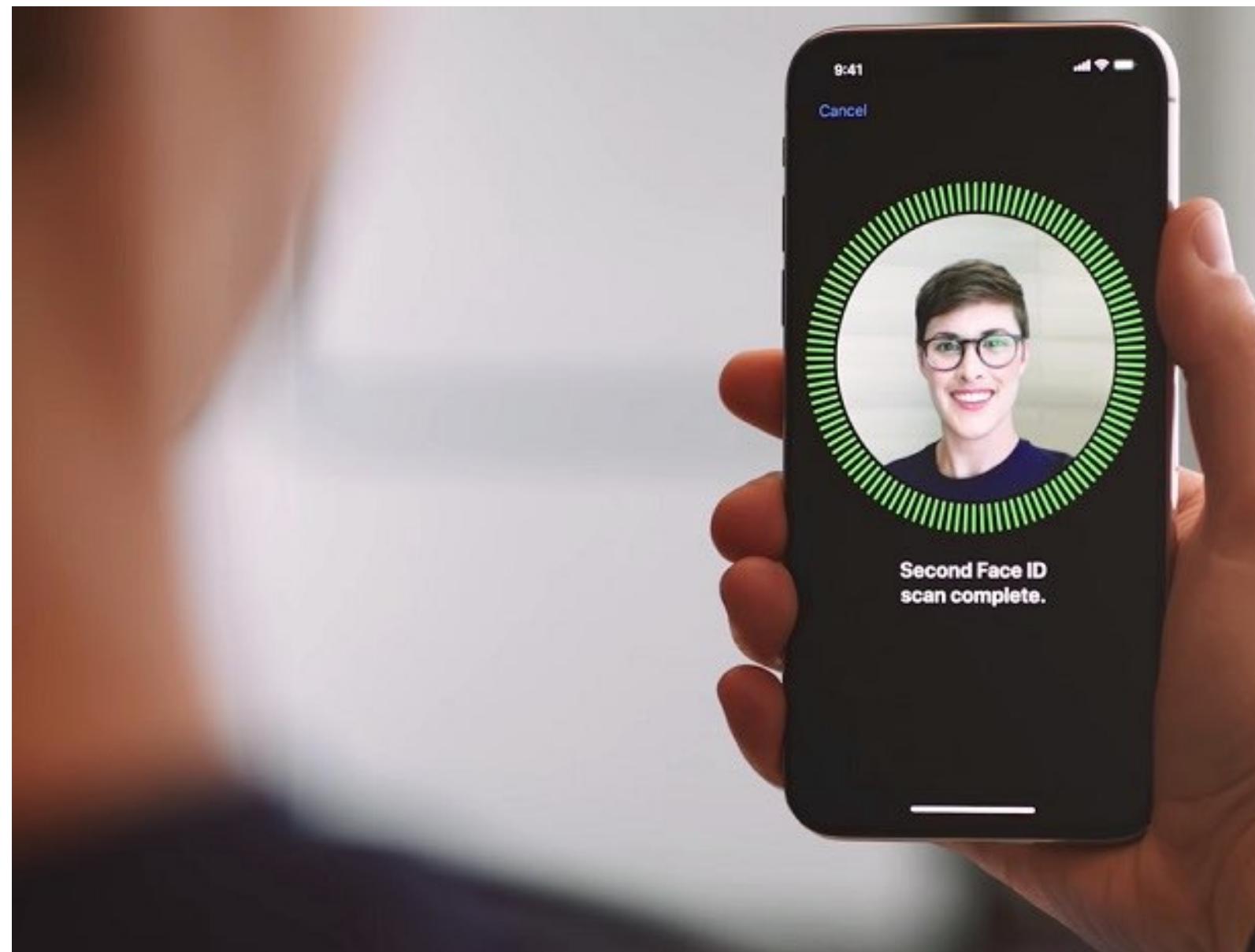
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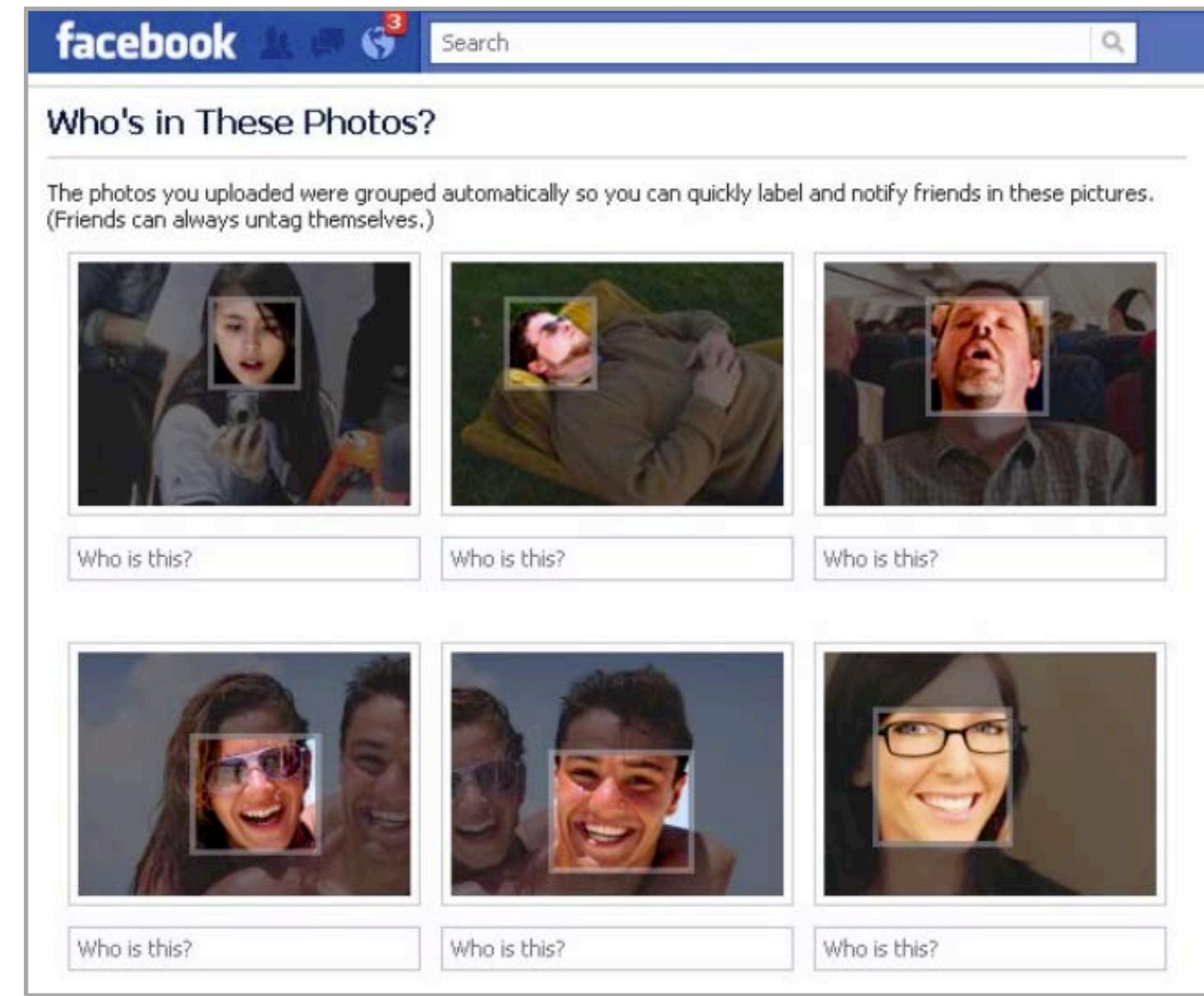
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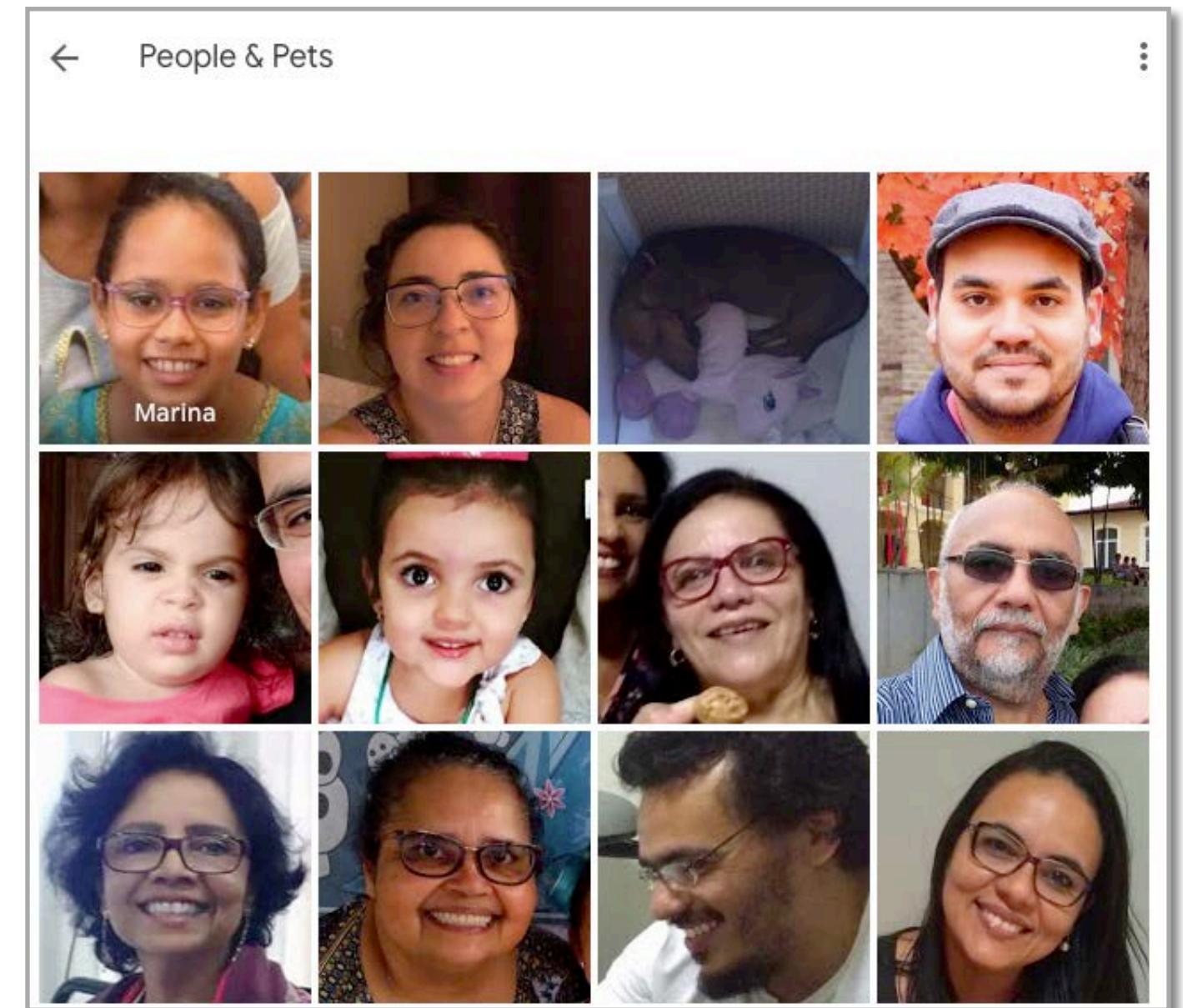
Face recognition is a reality



Personal devices



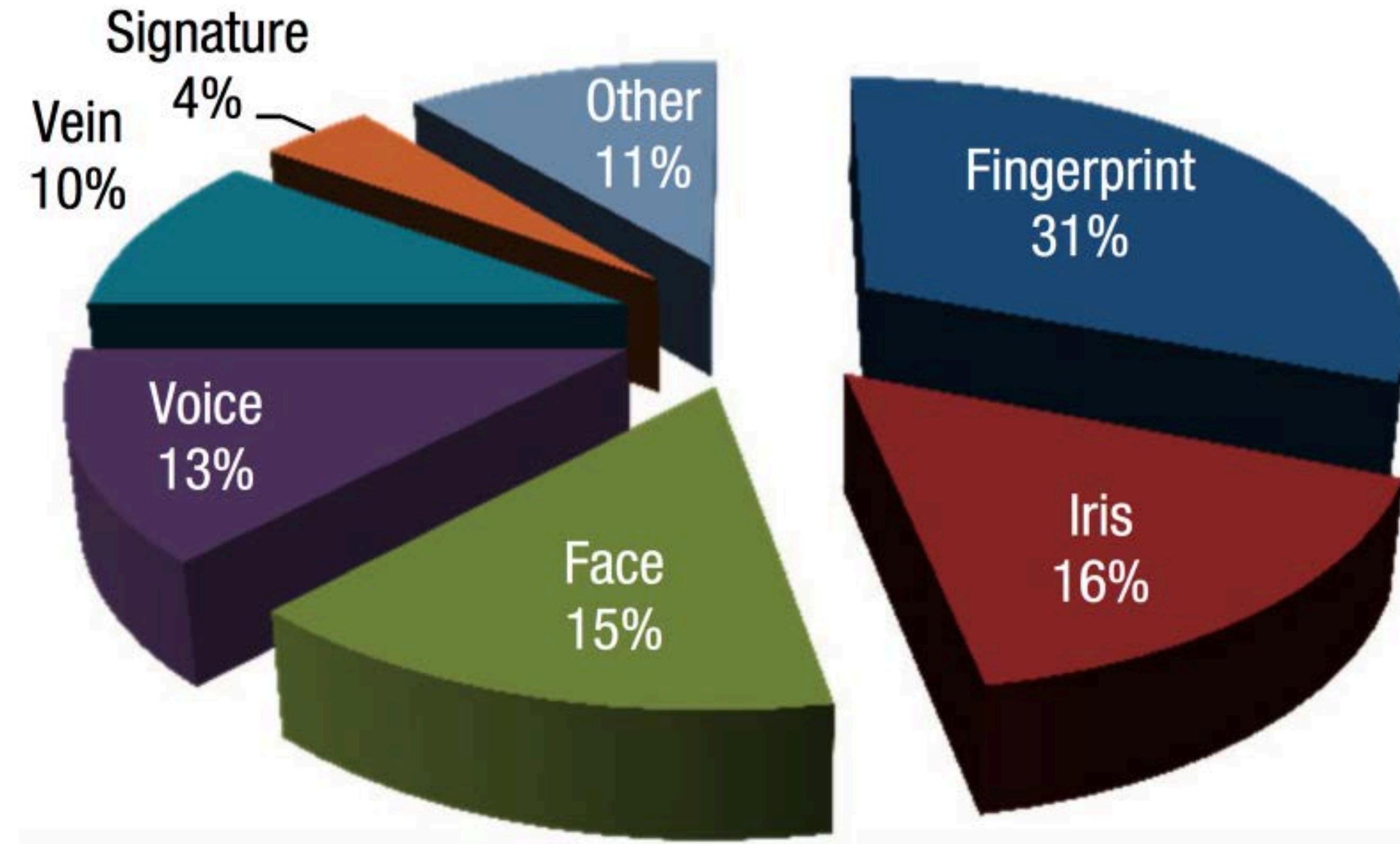
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Why Faces?

Market



Source: Mani and Nadeski, *Processing solutions for biometric systems*, Texas Instruments, 2015

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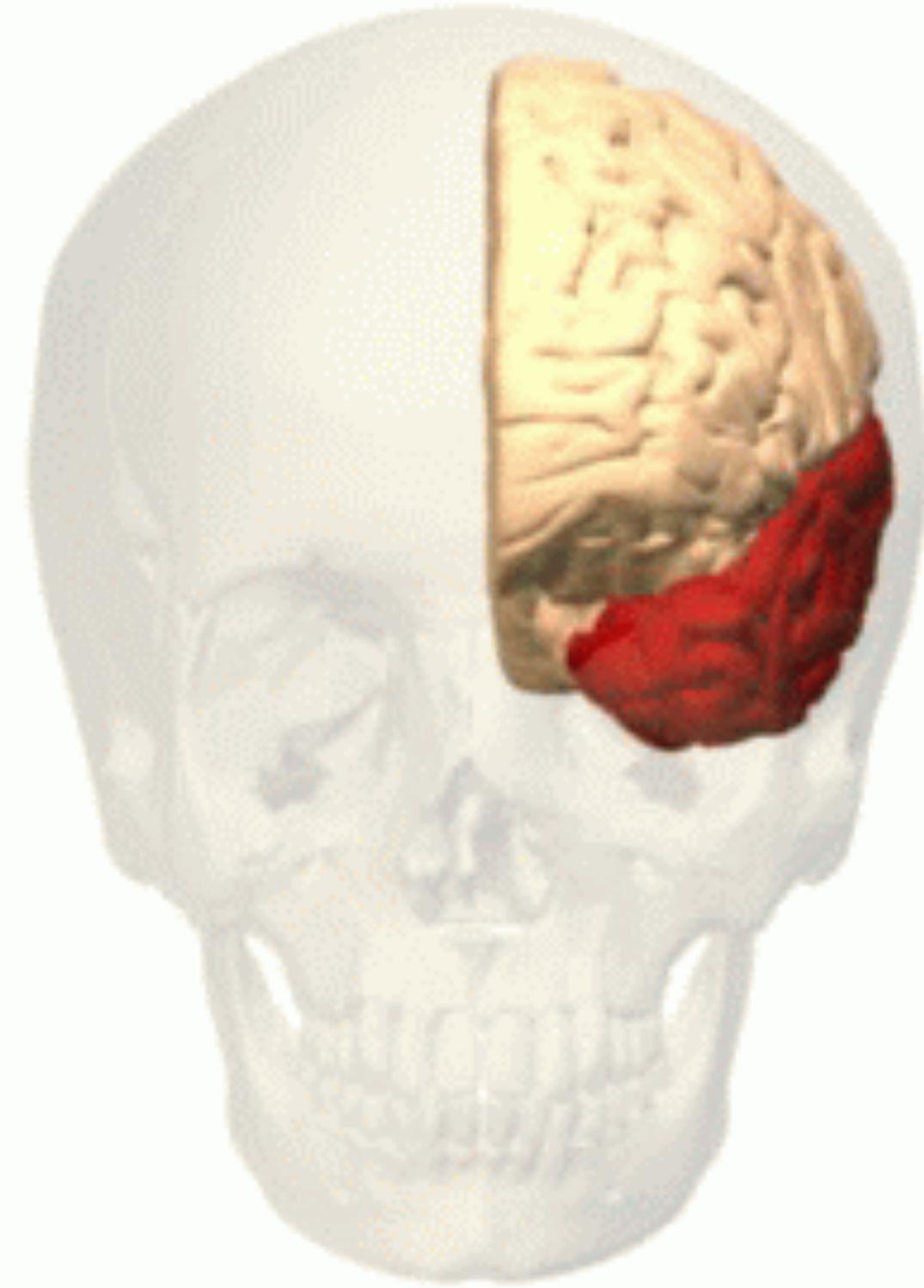
Face recognition is an innate ability

Temporal cortex

Active in monkey's brains
when they are presented with faces.

Prosopagnosia

Lost ability to recognize faces.
Affected folks can still recognize objects.



Why Faces?



Who is she?



How different from
the other one?

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Why Faces?

Margaret Thatcher Illusion
Peter Thompson



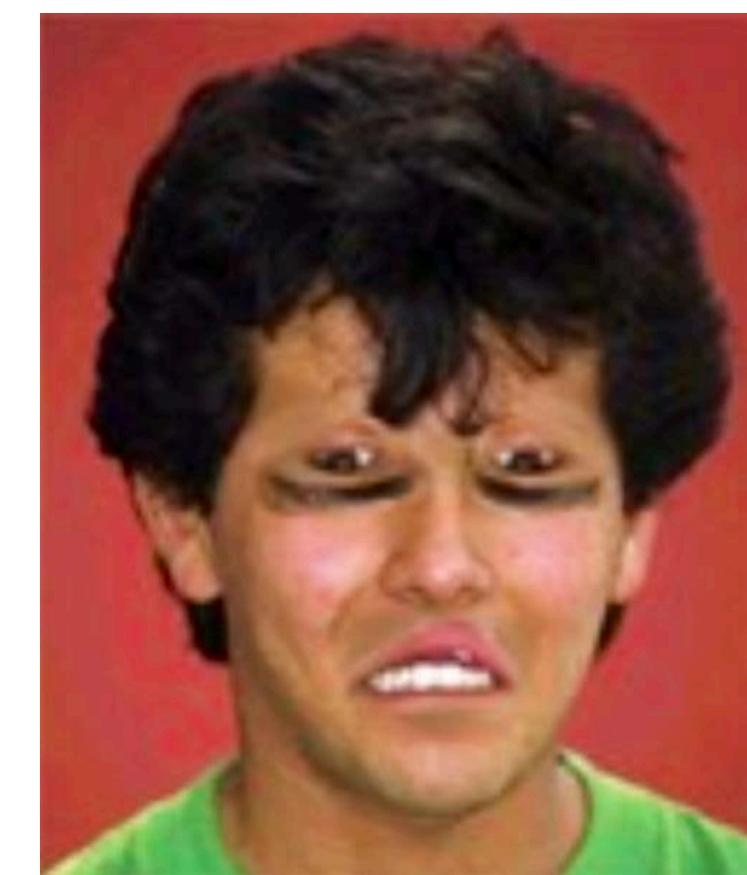
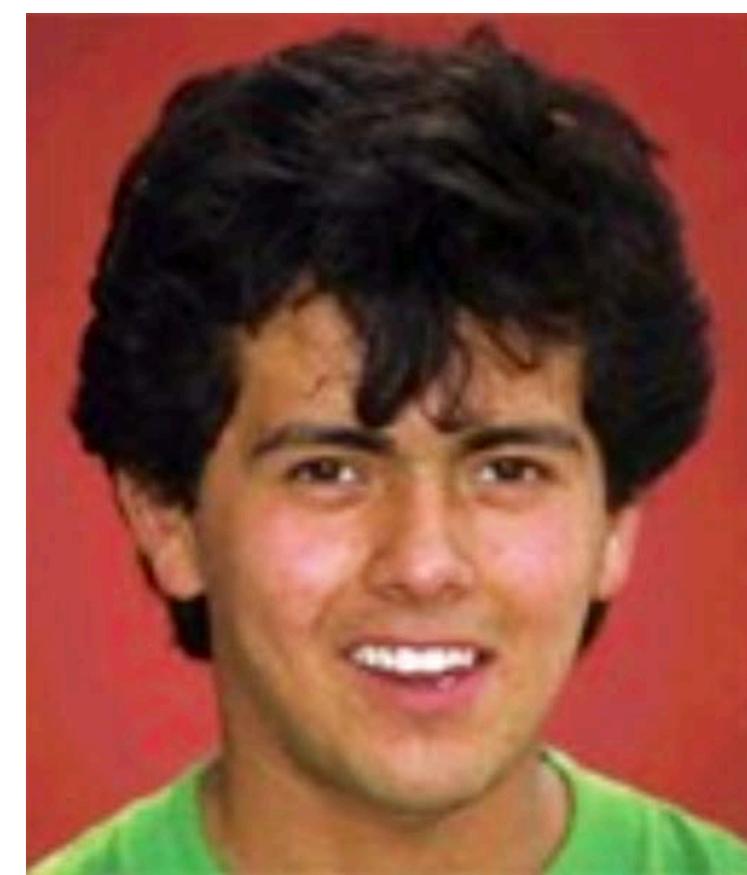
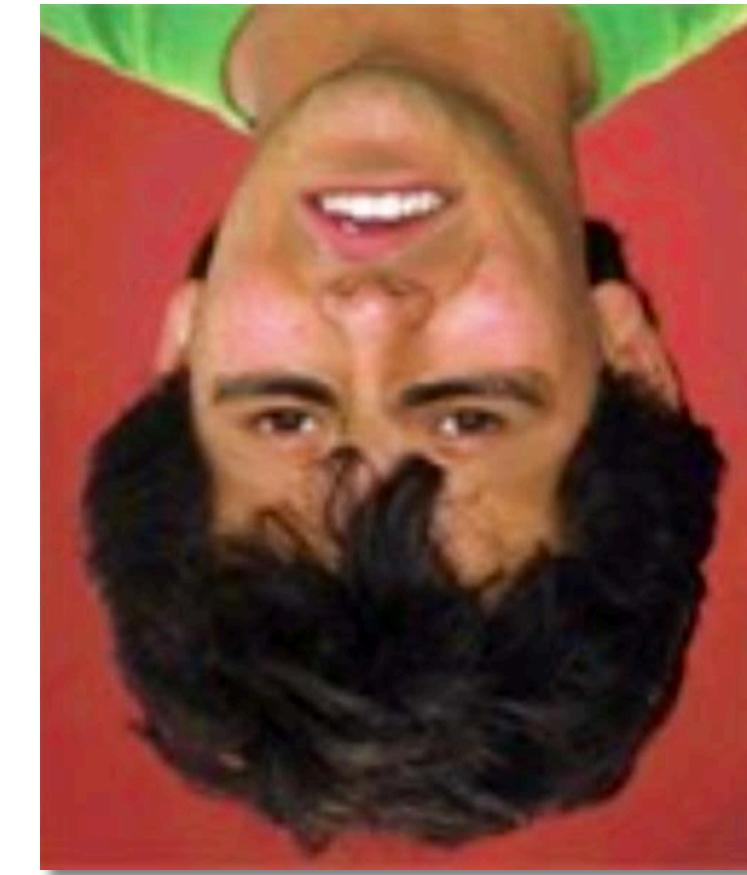
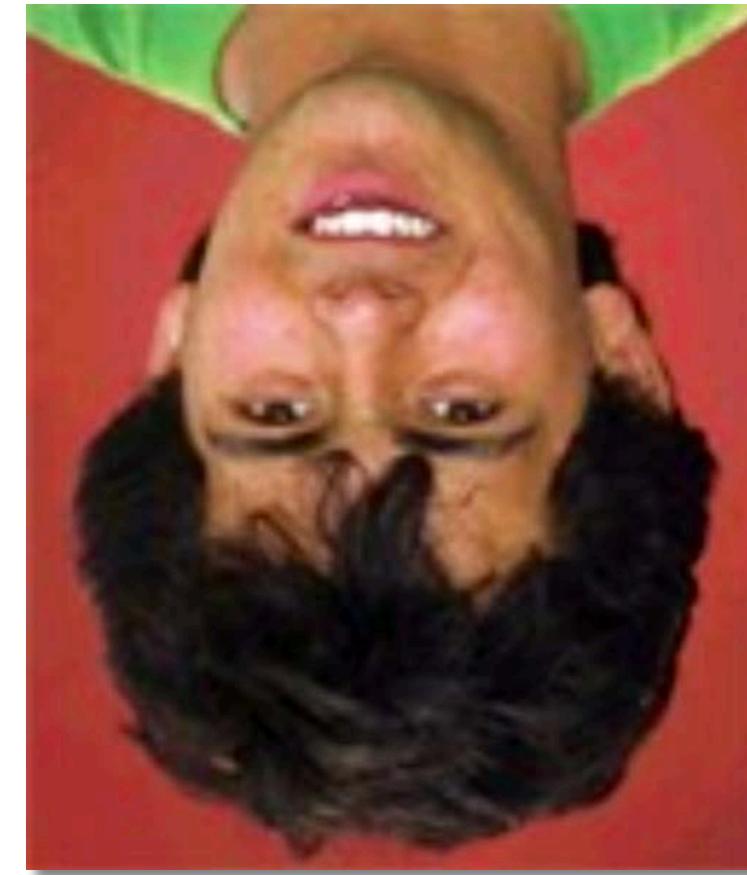
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Facial Pareidolia

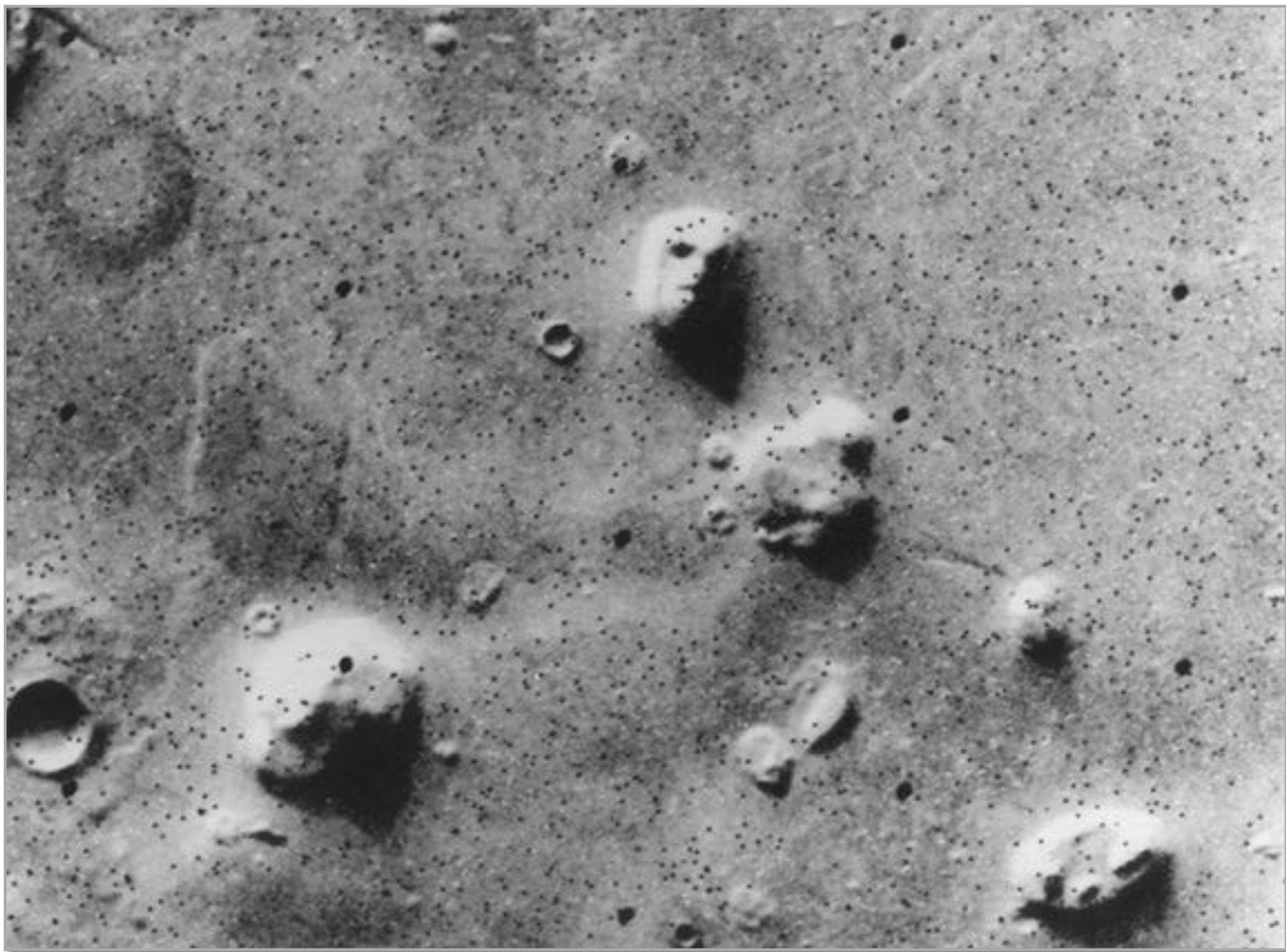
It is natural for us to perceive faces on random places.



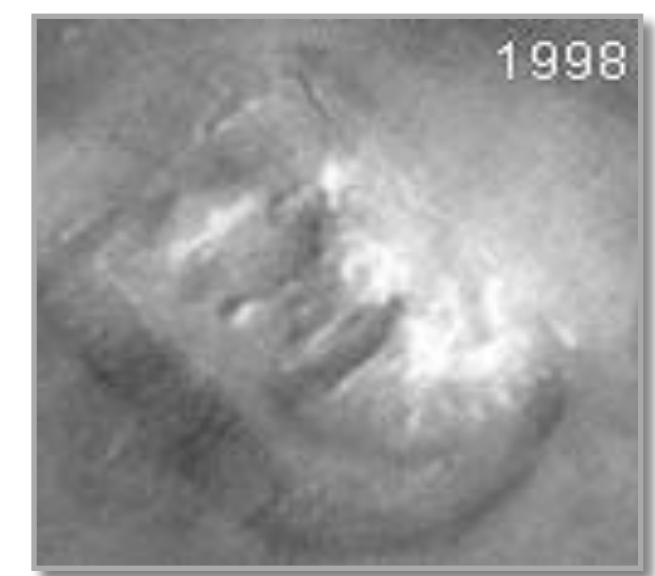
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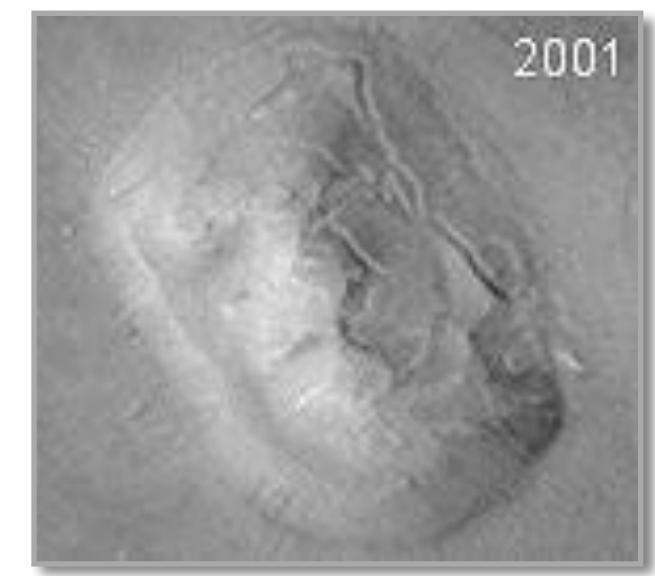
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1976



1998



2001

Why Faces?

Slave's Market
Salvador Dali



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**Perceptual
Rivalry**



Voltaire's Bust
Jean-Antoine Houdon



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Why Faces?



The Fruit Basket
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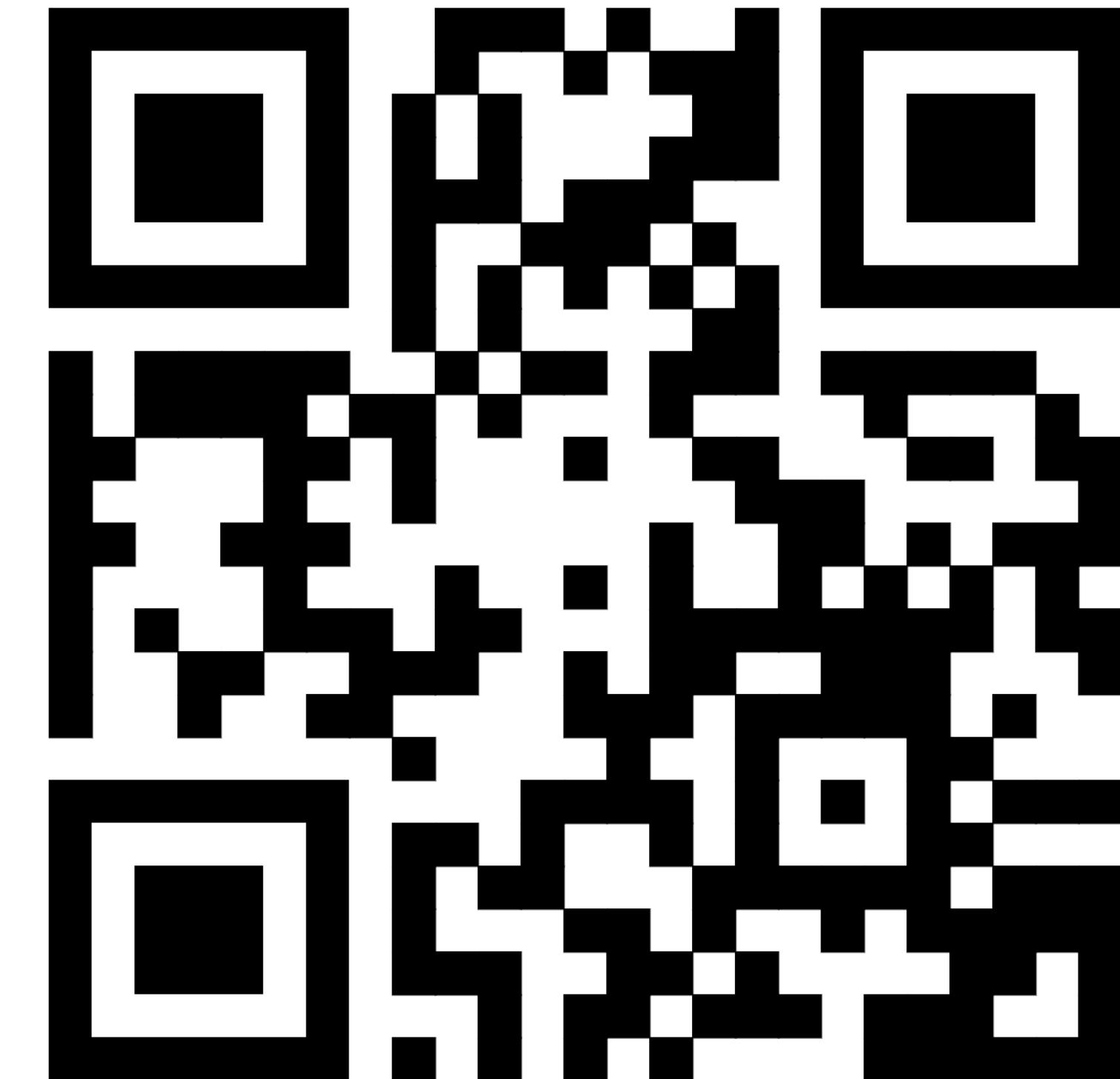
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Fingerprints vs. Faces

How do they compare?

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Fingerprints vs. Faces

Universality (1/8)

Does everybody have the trait?

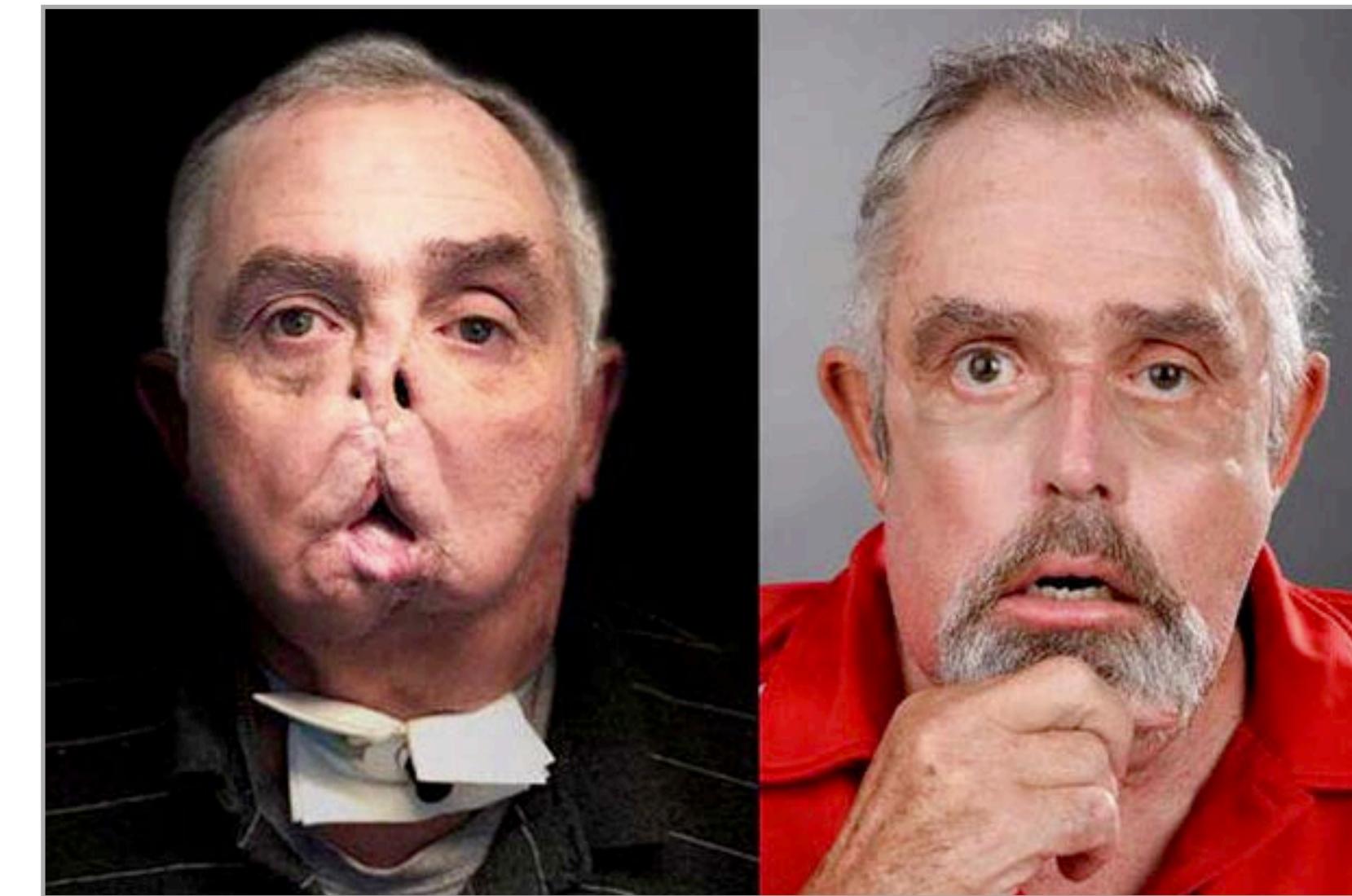
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Adermatoglyphia

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Face transplants

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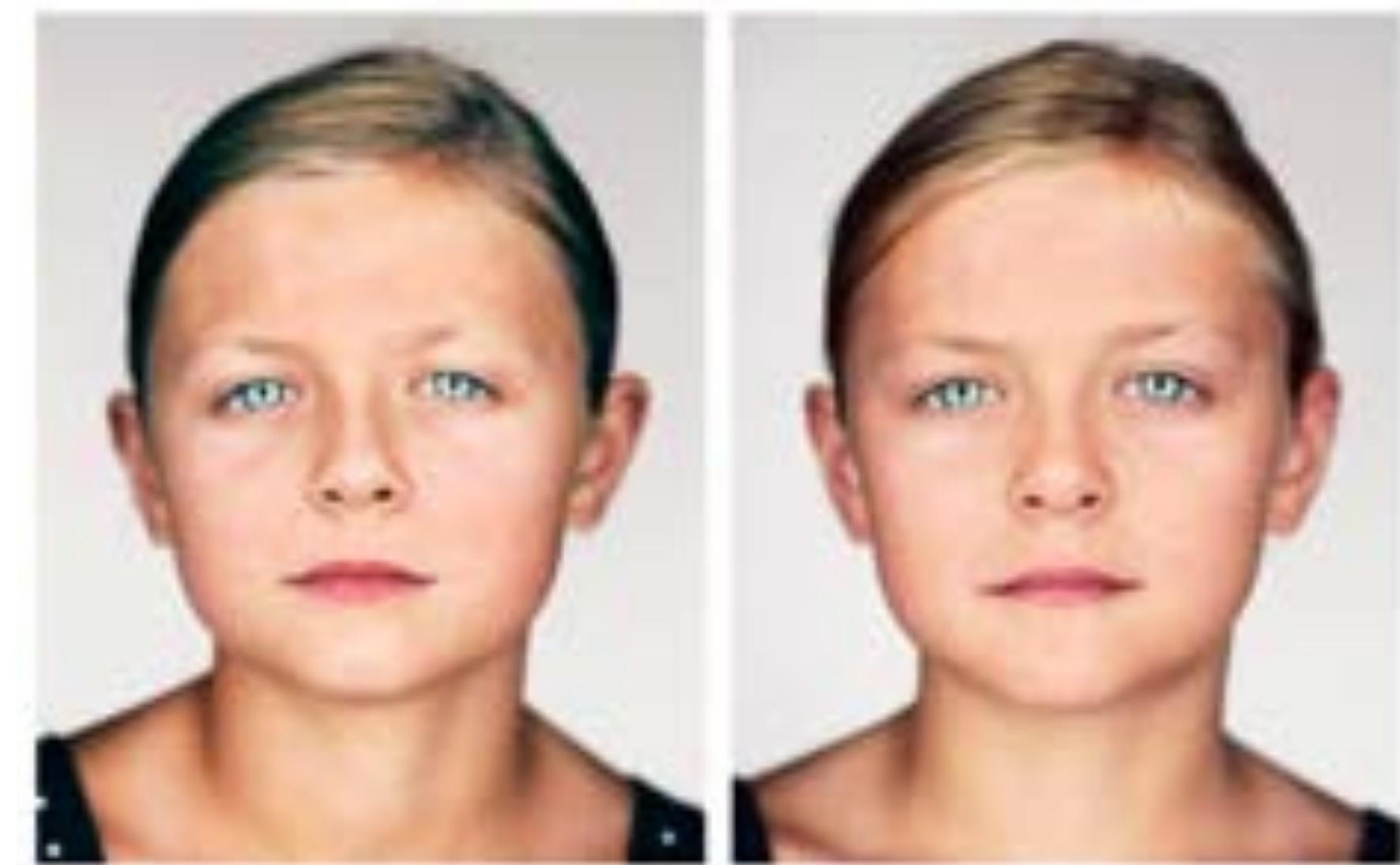
Uniqueness (2/8)

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Mother and daughter.

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Unrelated.



Completely
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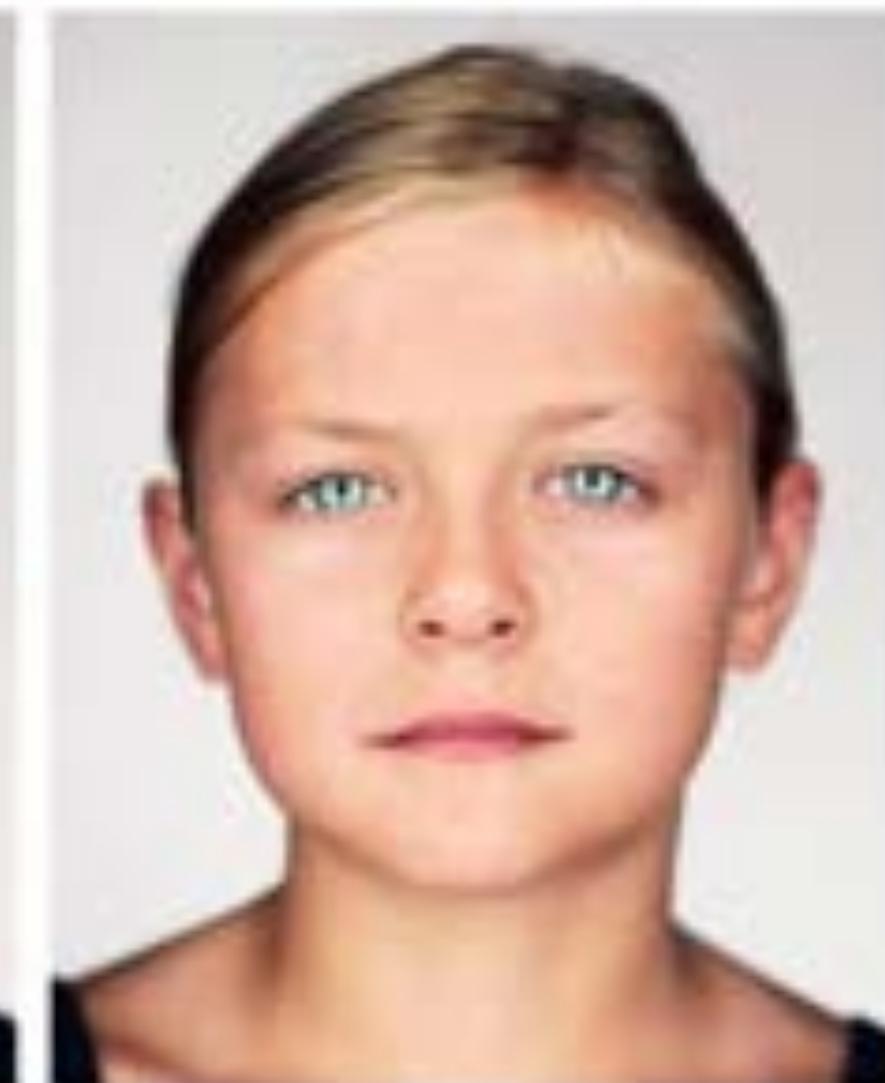
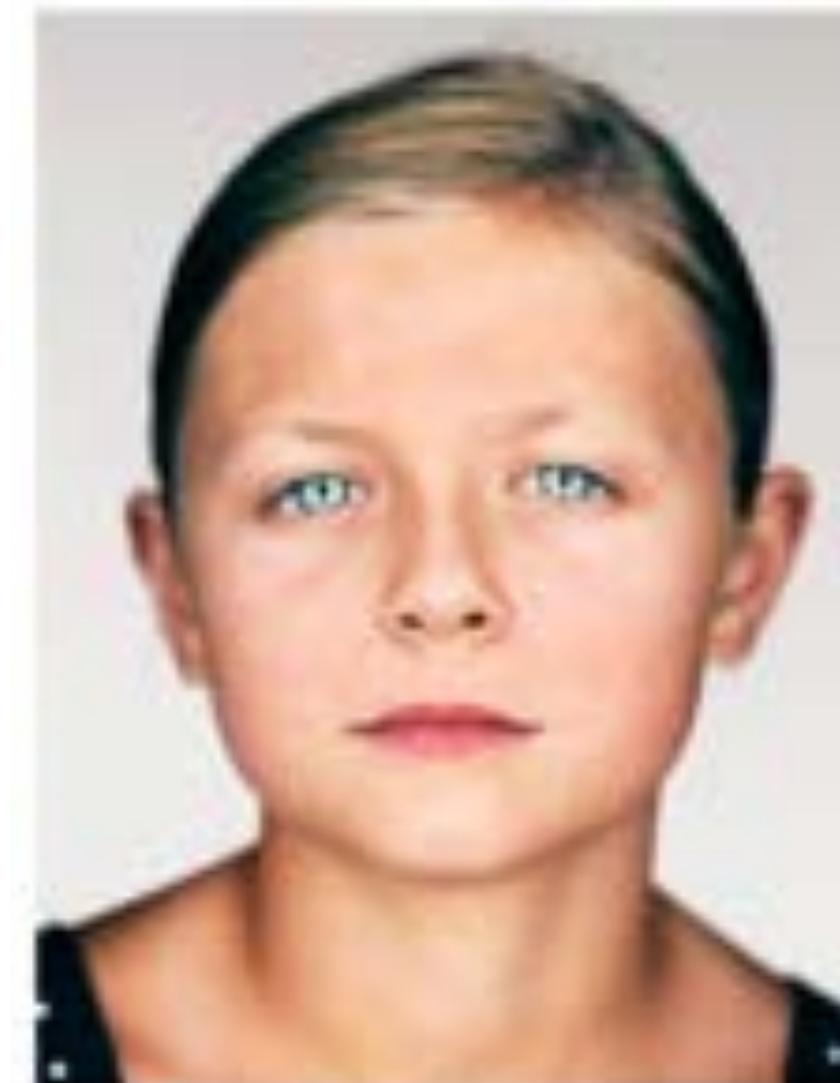
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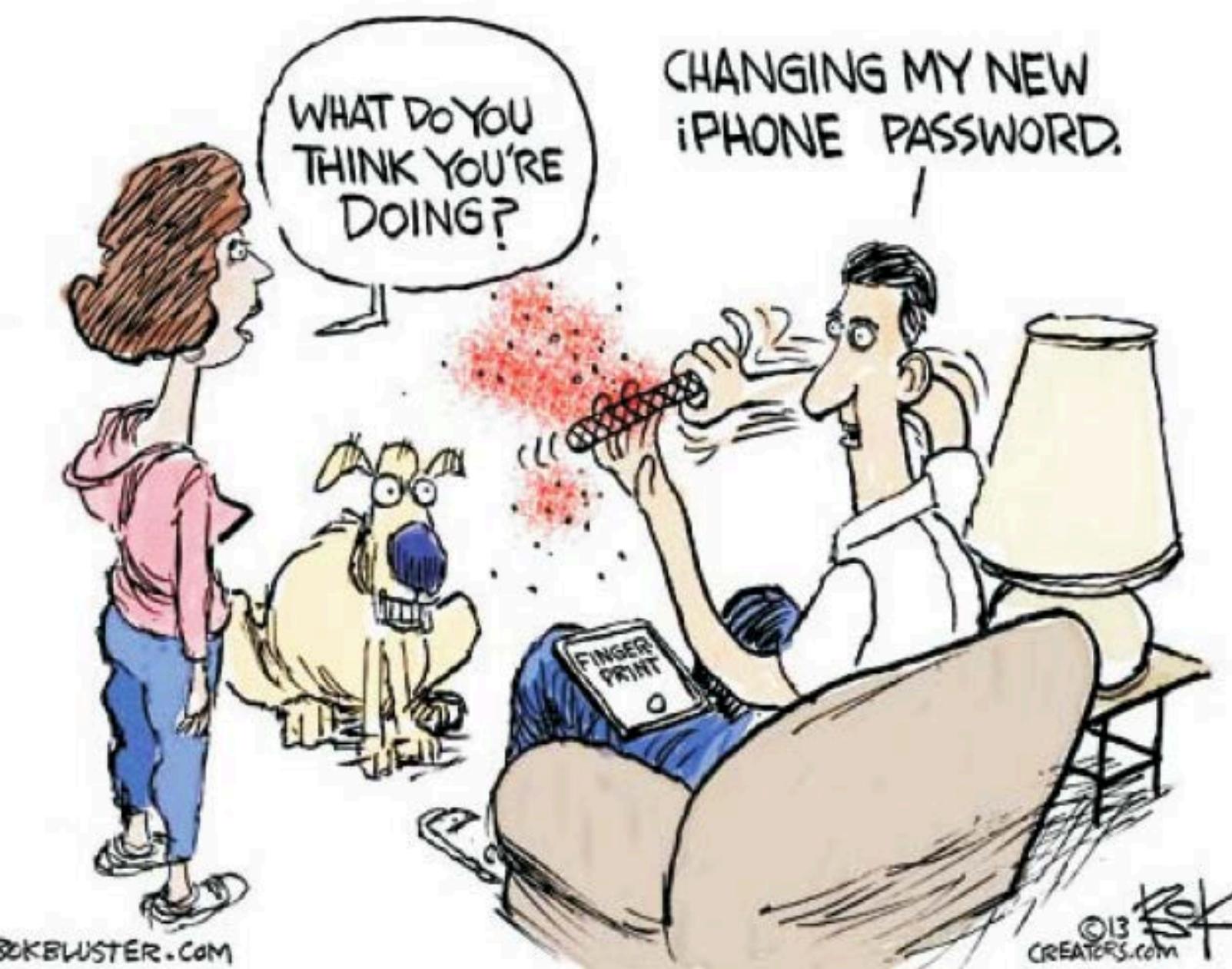


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Permanence (3/8)

How easily does the trait change?



You cannot easily change your fingerprints.



But your face **will** change.

Fingerprints vs. Faces

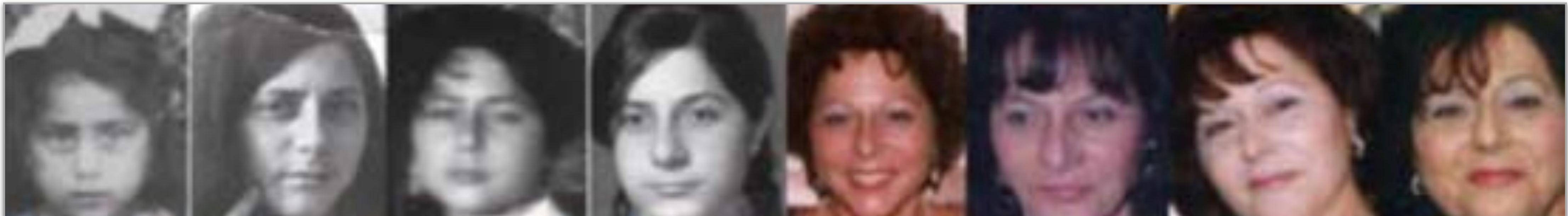
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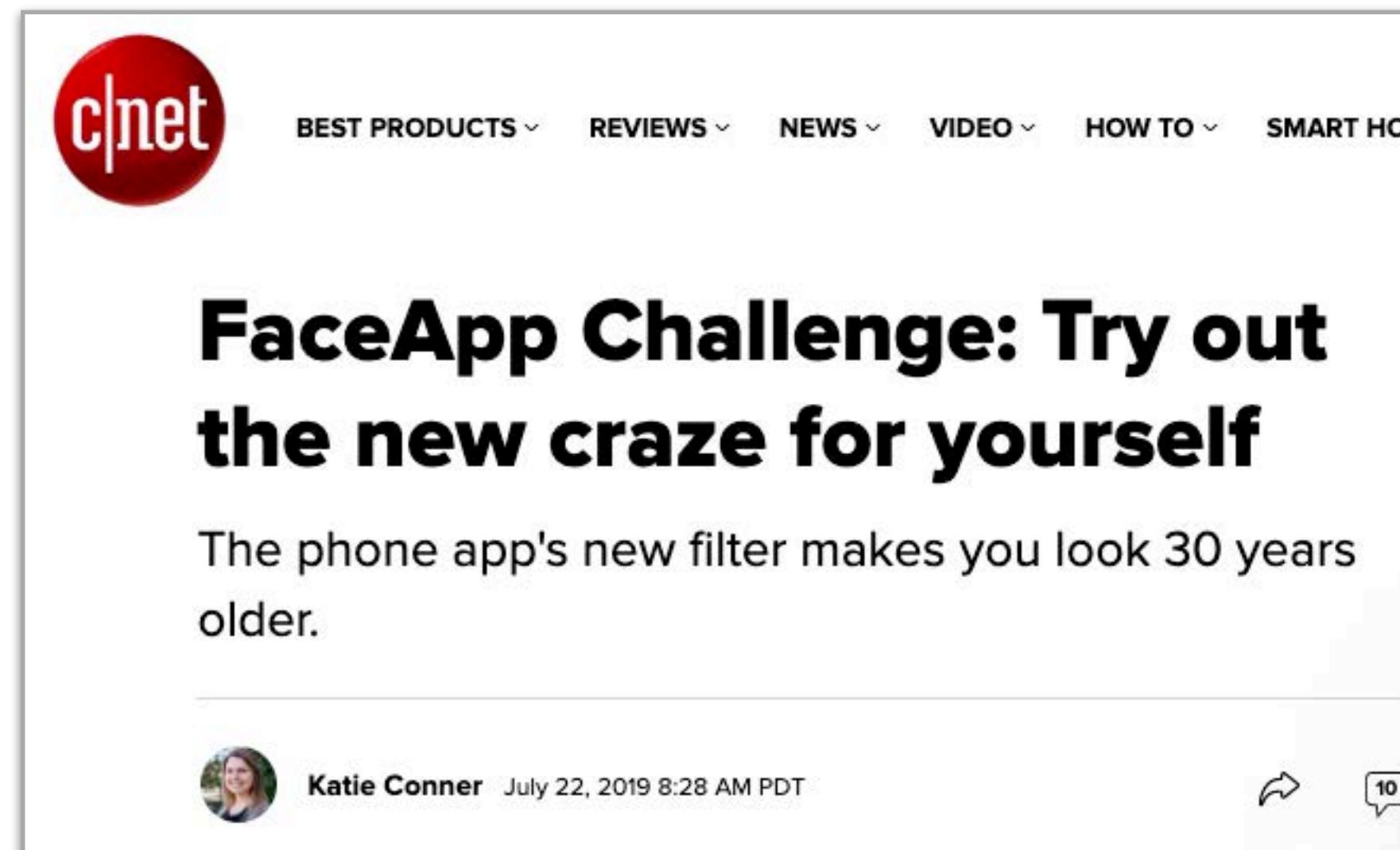
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Will it always be a challenge?



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Will it be useful?

Madeleine McCann



5 years (real)

9 years (simulated)

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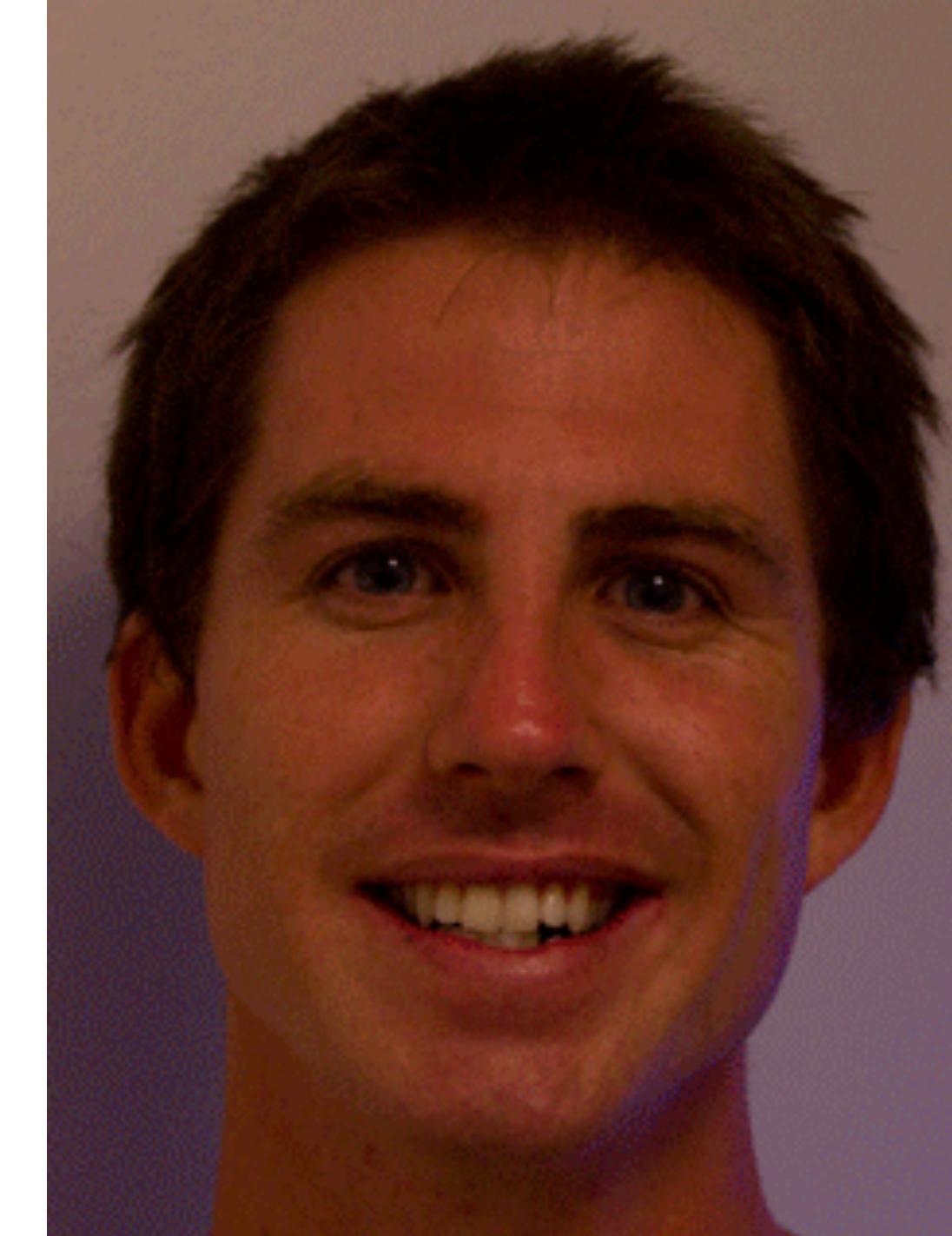
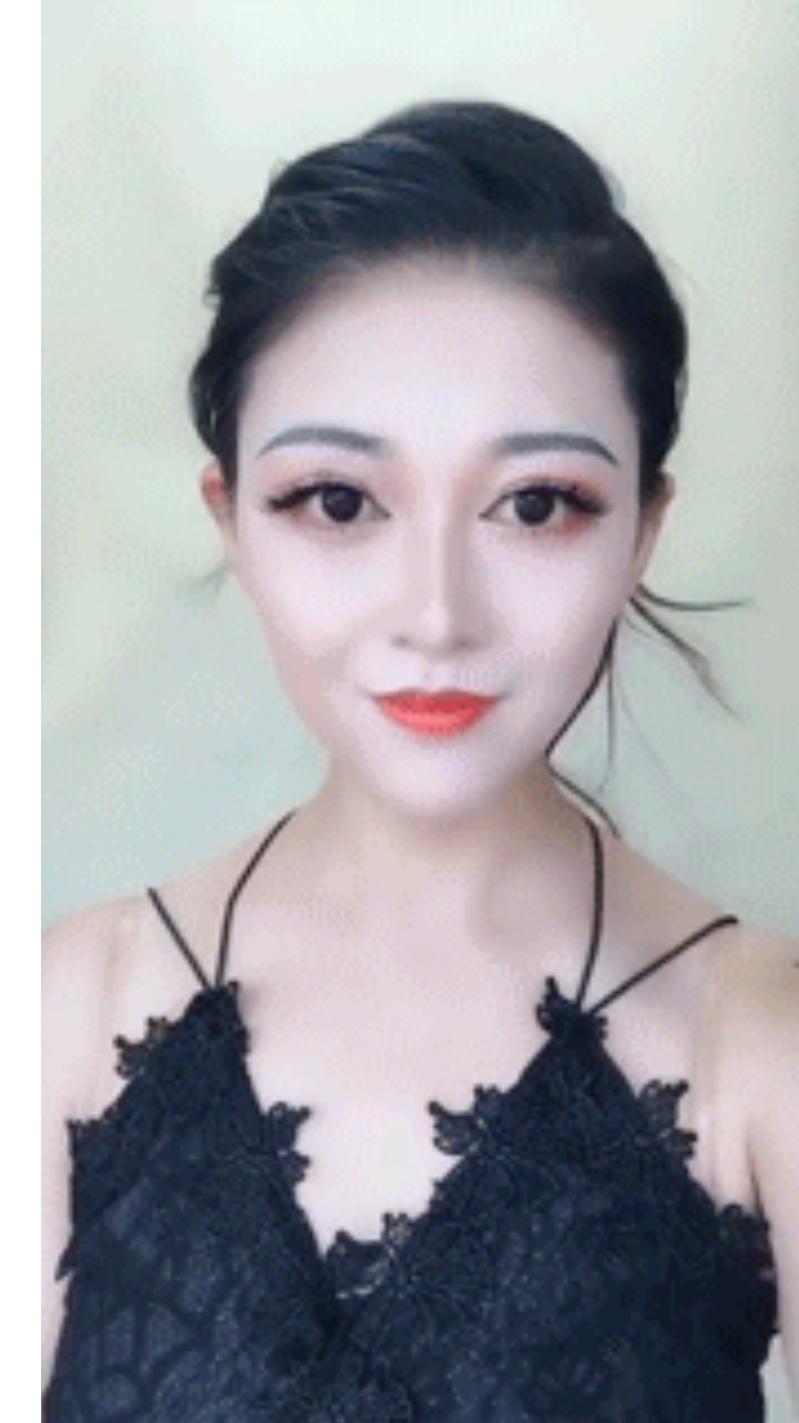
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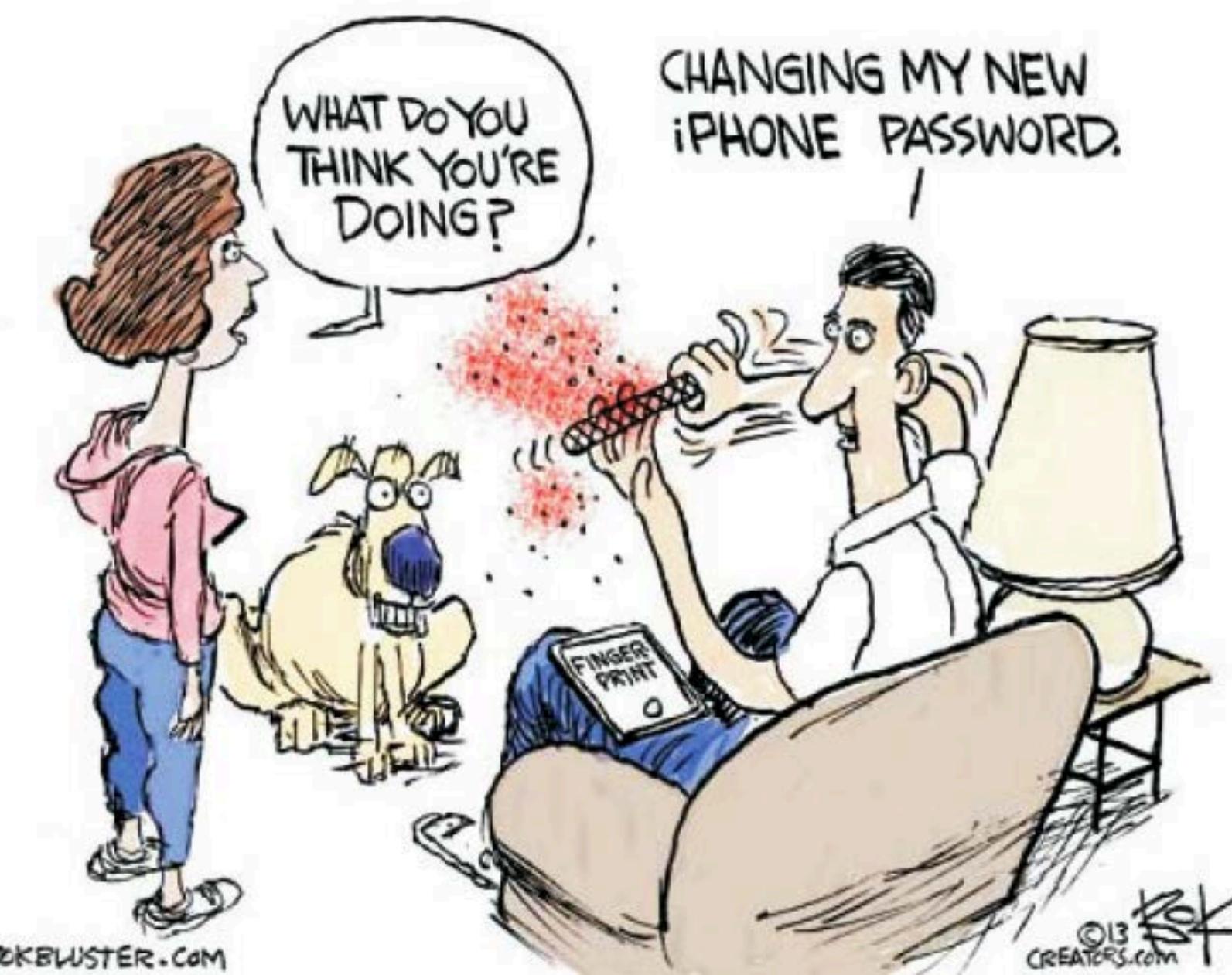




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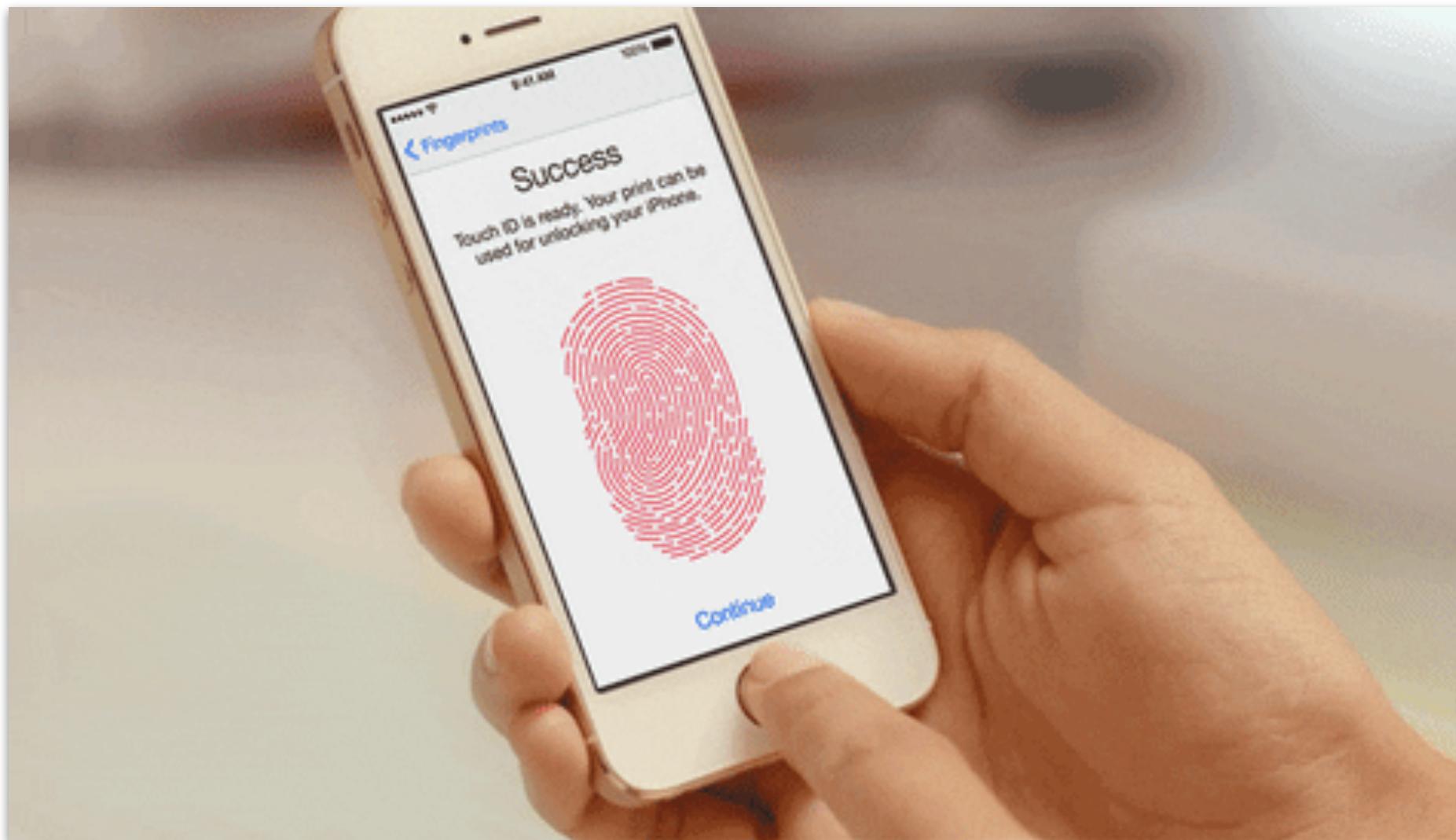


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Unconstrained Acquisition



<https://www.nist.gov/system/files/documents/itl/iad/ig/05771424.pdf>

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Large Intra-Class Variation

Different pose, illumination, expression, accessories (e.g.. glasses), resolution.



Hsu
*Face detection and
modeling for recognition*
PhD Thesis, MSU, 2002.

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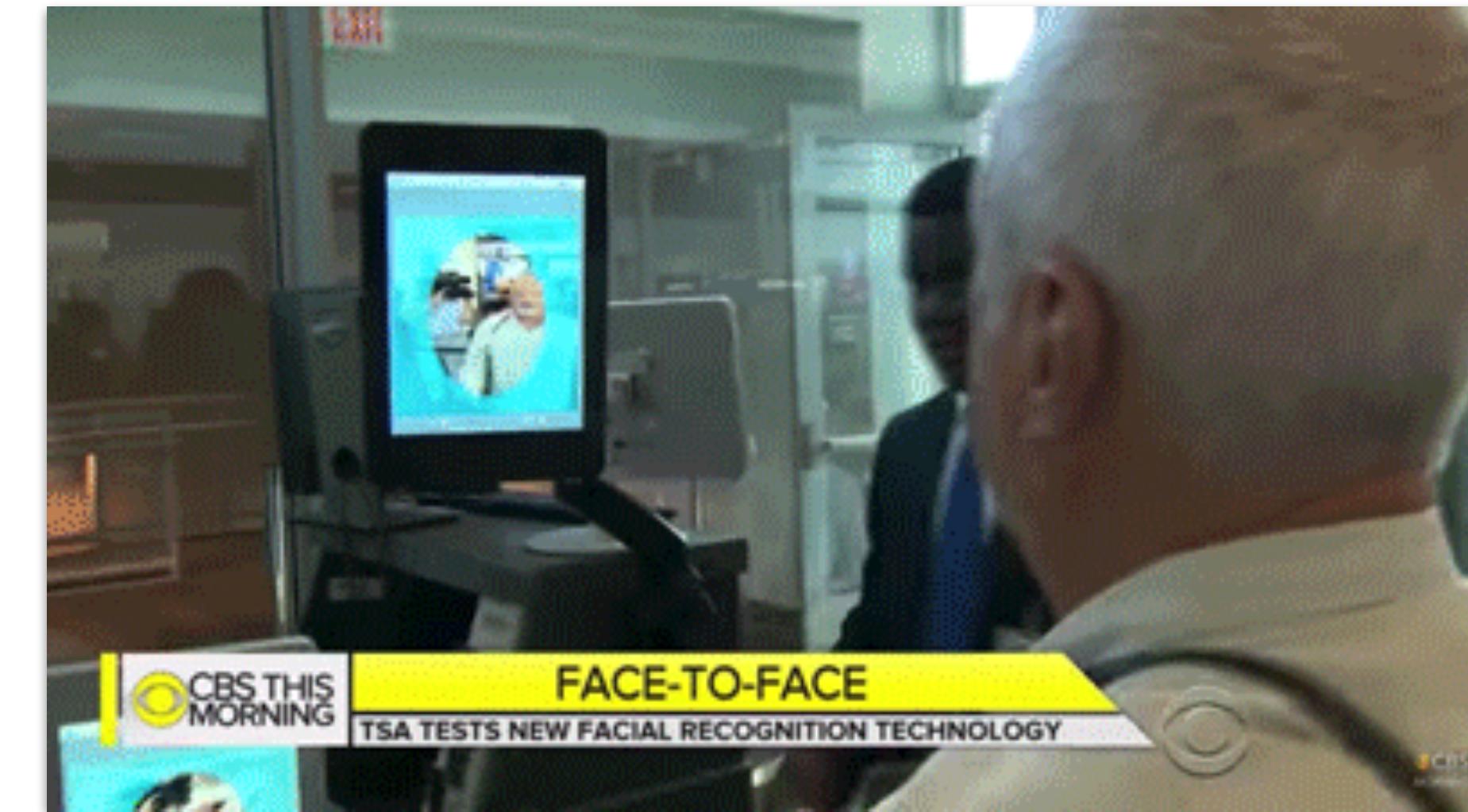


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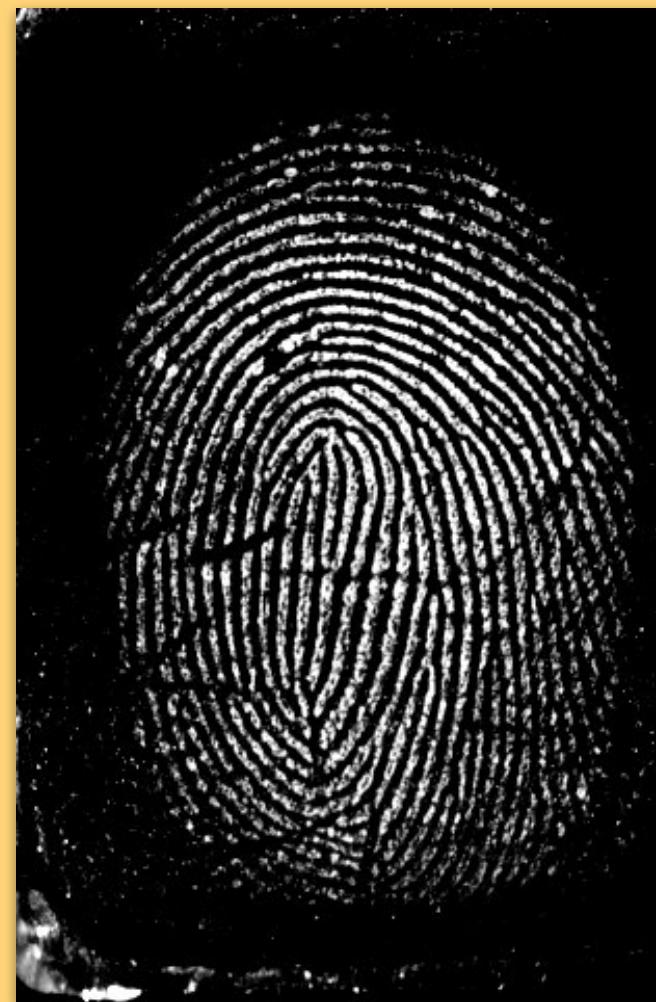
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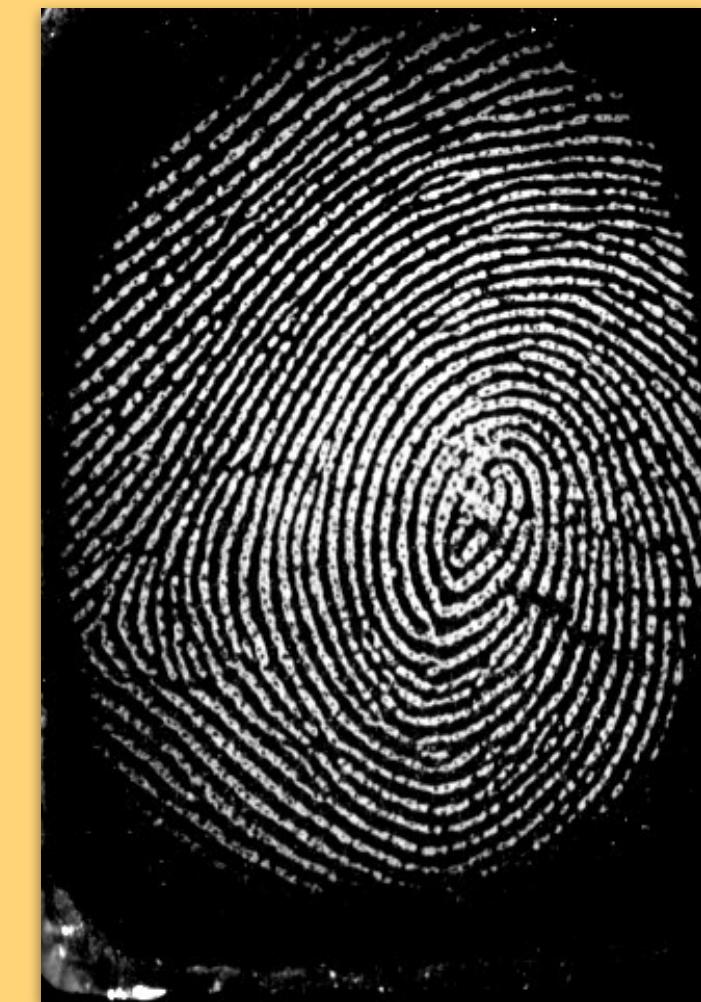
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Robert
Downey Jr.



Scarlet
Johansson

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**Whose latent fingerprint is this?
Robert's or Scarlet's?**

Is it the fingerprint of a man or woman?
Is it the fingerprint of a younger or older person?

Latent Fingerprint

Fingerprints vs. Faces

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**Whose face is this?
Robert's or Scarlet's?**

No way it is Scarlet's. This is a man.
No way it is Robert. This is an older man.

“Latent Face”

Fingerprints vs. Faces

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Which trait helps to recognize Scarlet quicker?



Latent Fingerprint



“Latent Face”



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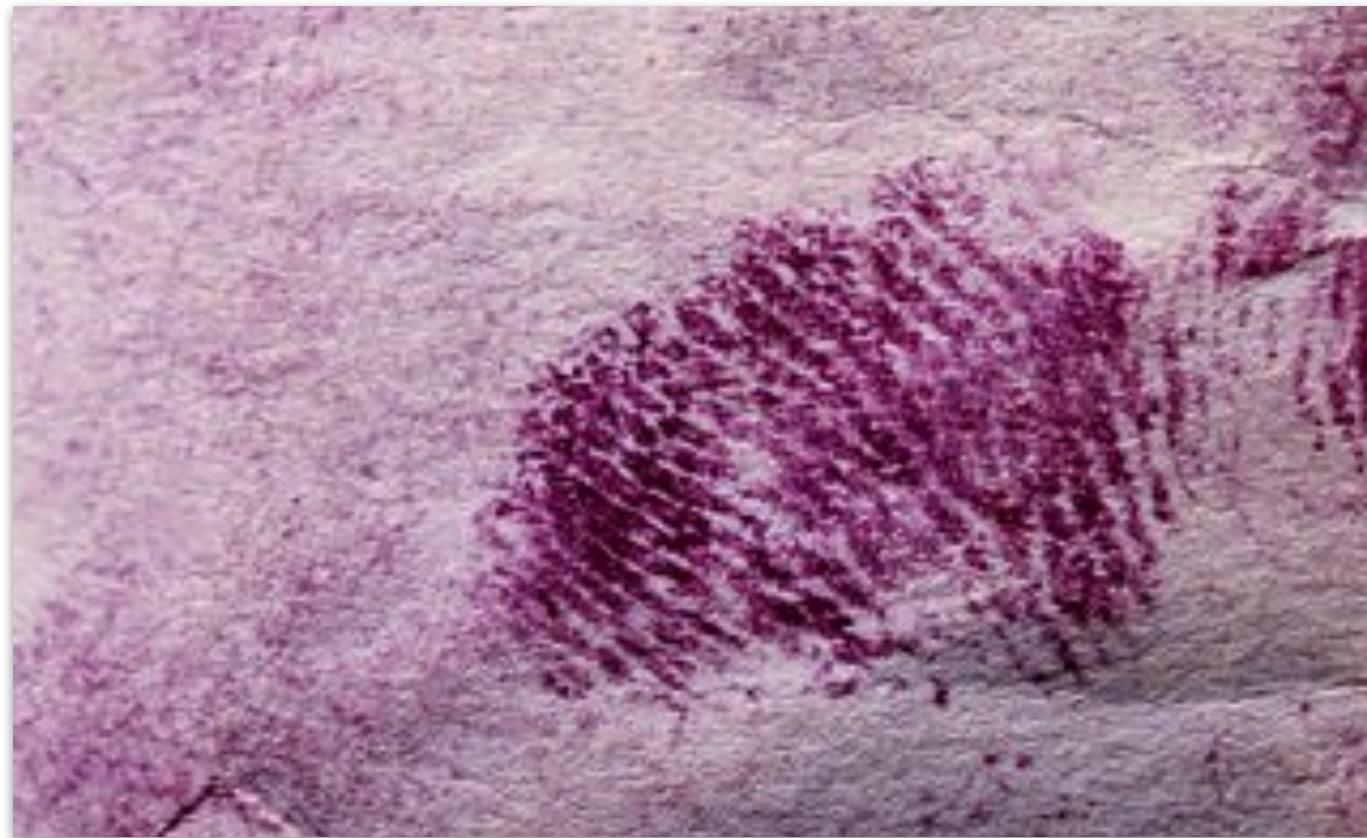
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Which trait favors **covert deployment**?



Latent Fingerprint



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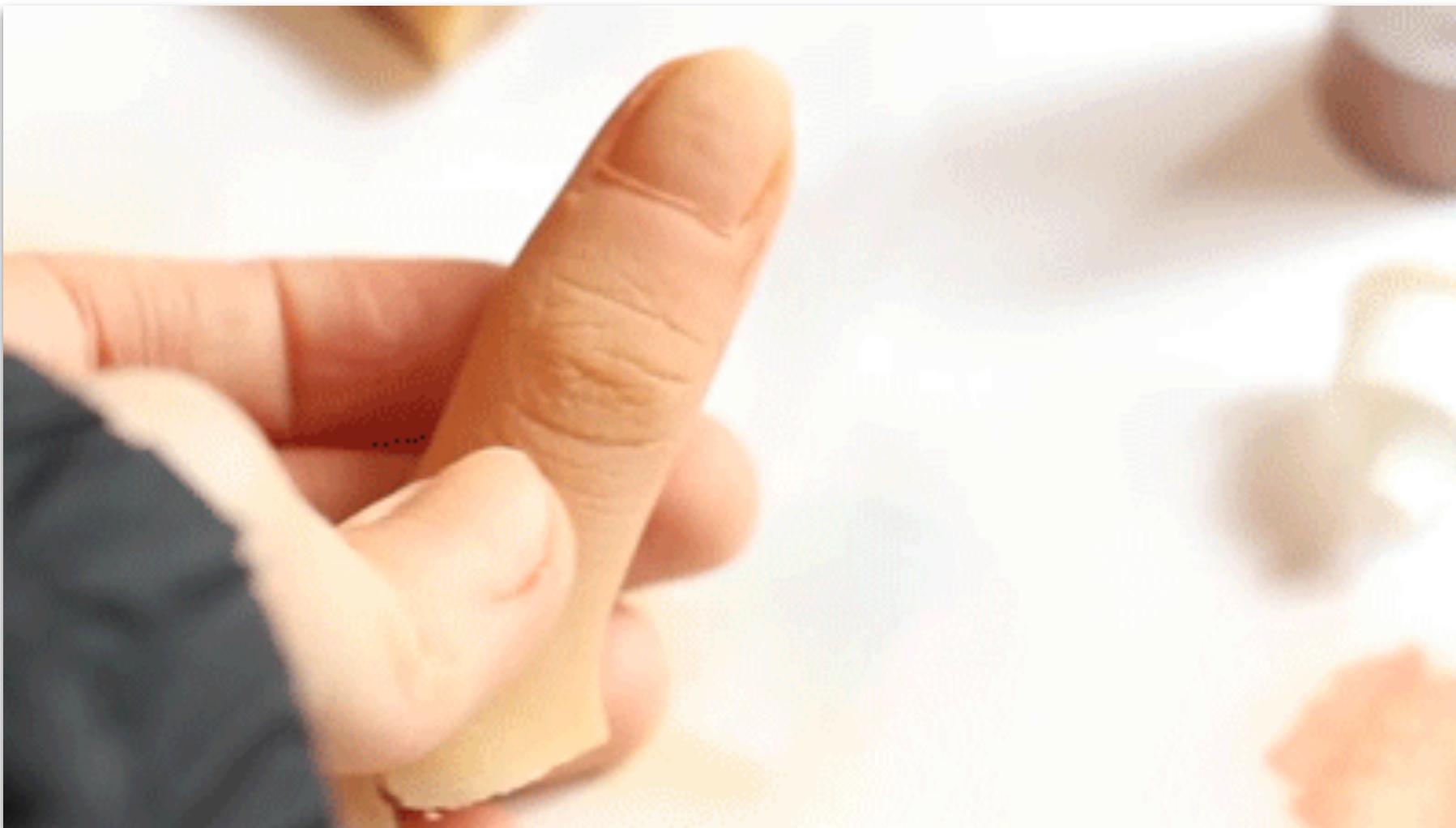
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Circumvention (6/8)

How easy can the trait be forged or imitated?



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We are not there yet!



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Limitations

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Watch a 10-Year-Old's Face Unlock His Mom's iPhone X

Yes, twins can unlock each other's iPhones. But kids accessing their parents' devices raises different concerns.



<https://www.wired.com/story/10-year-old-face-id-unlocks-mothers-iphone-x/>

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Attacks

Presentation Attack.



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Explainability (7/8)

How easy is it for the everyman to understand the trait comparison?



Same fingerprint?

You need to know fingerprint features.



Everybody is an expert
in face recognition.



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Performance (8/8)

How good is the trait quantitatively according to objective metrics?

Face Recognition Improvement

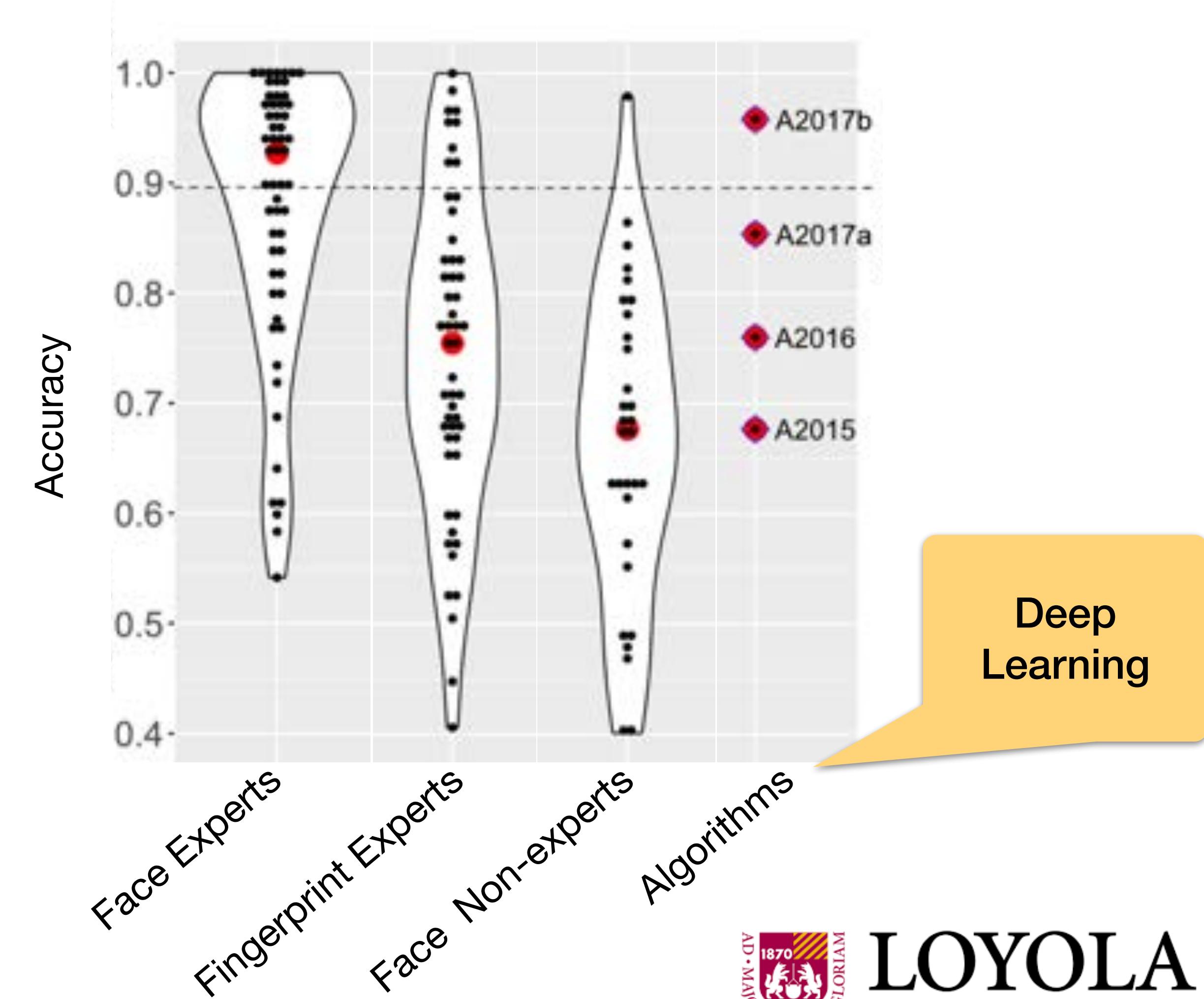
Methods are improving quickly.
Benefits from deep learning.

Publication

Phillips et al.

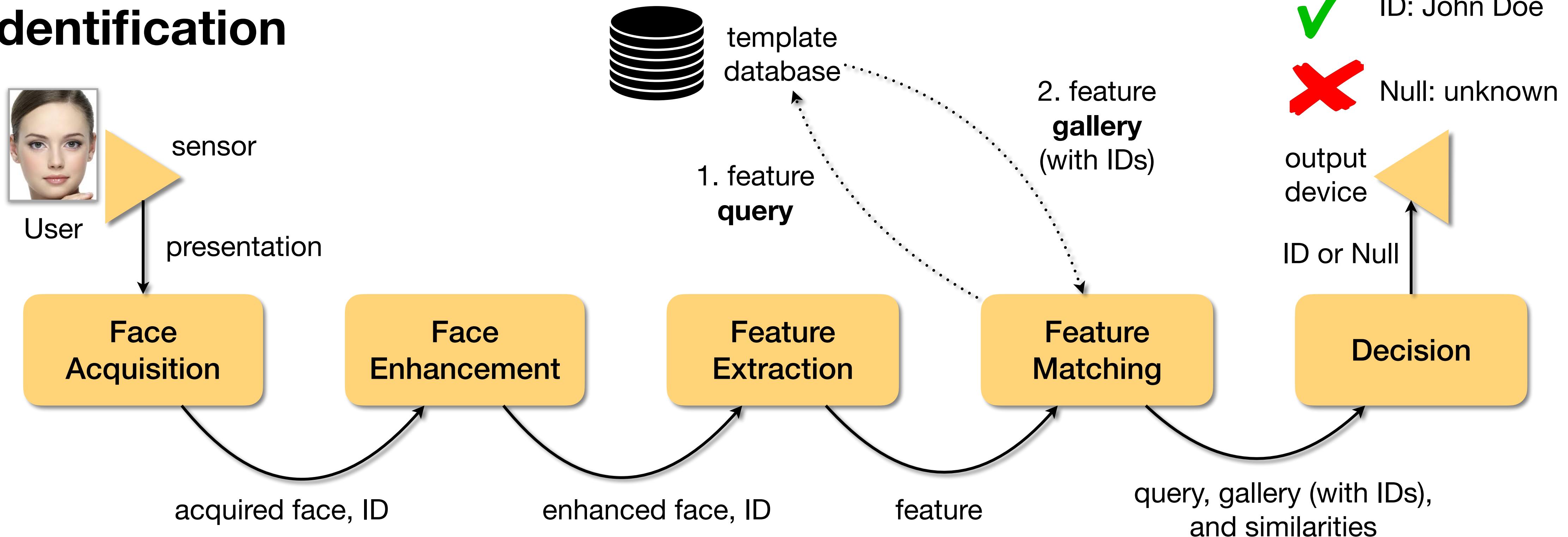
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PNAS, 2018



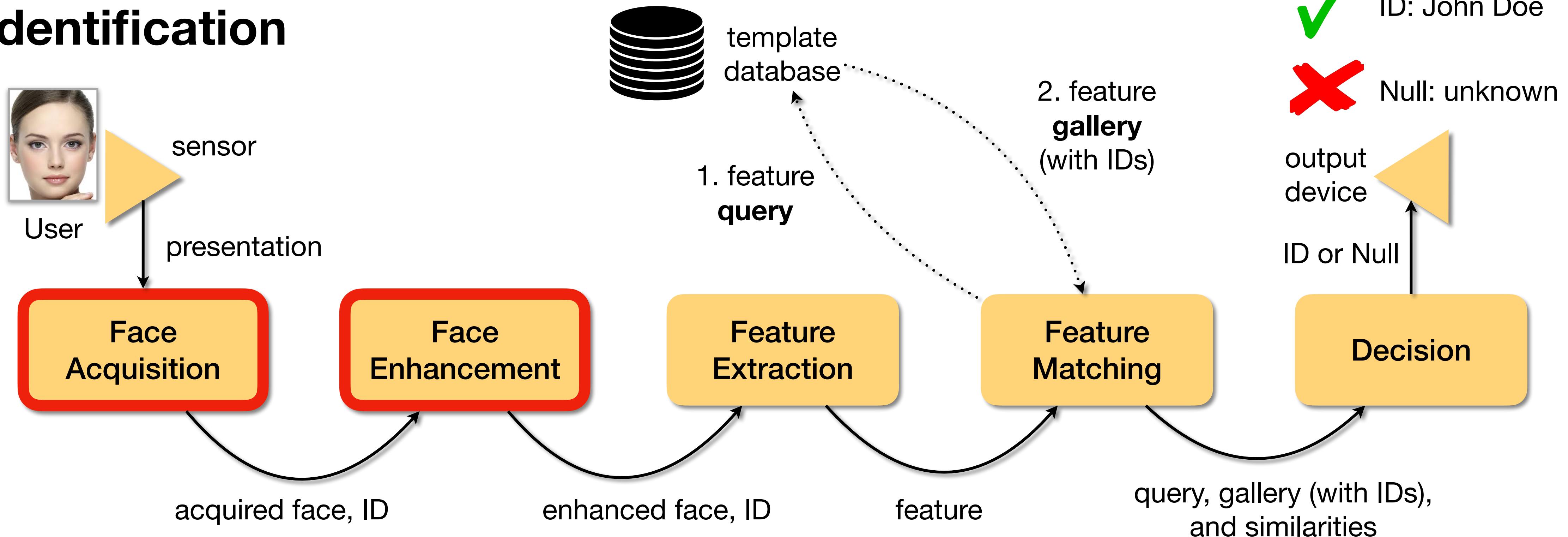
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Identification



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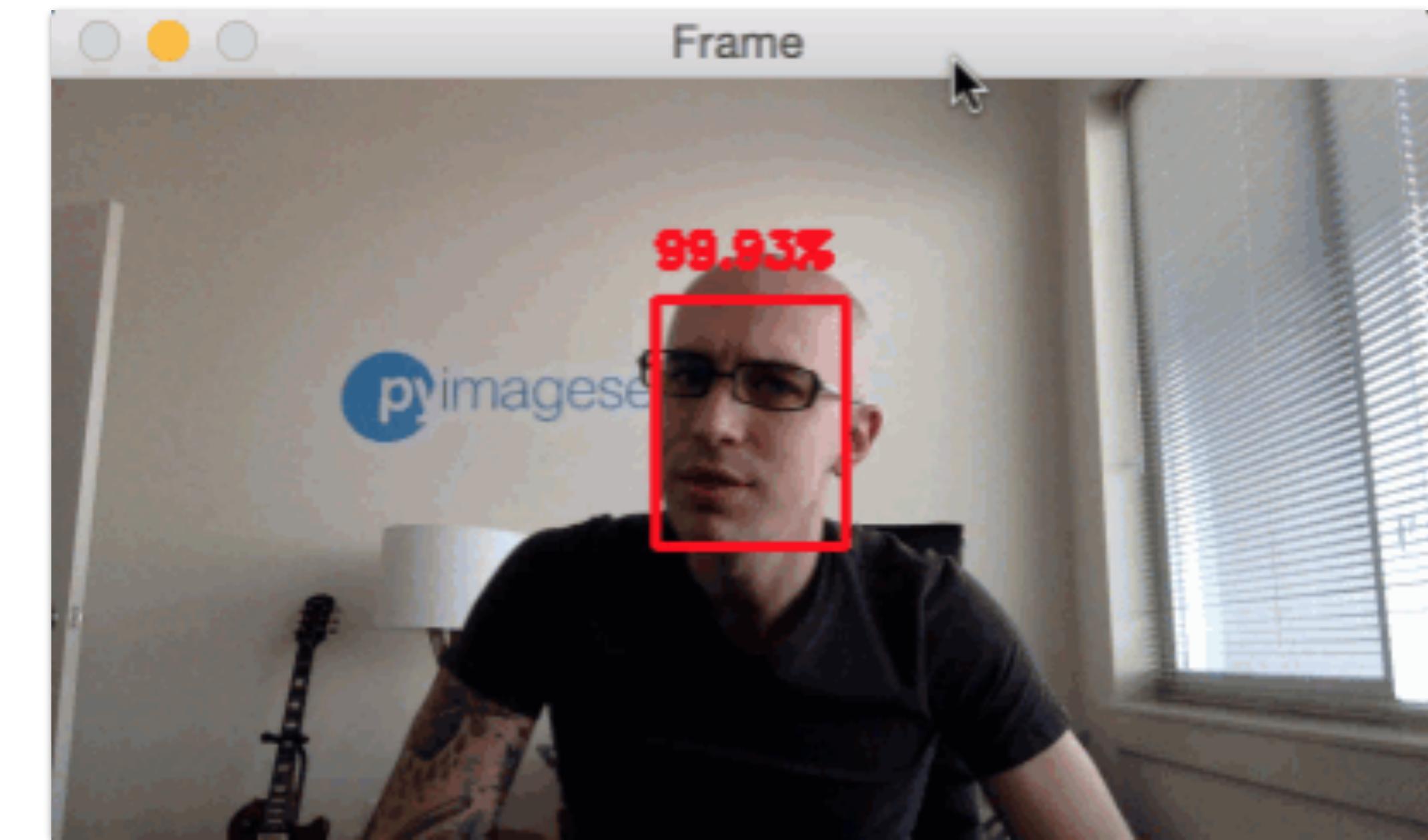
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What's Next?

Face Recognition Pipeline
Face acquisition and
face detection/localization.

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<http://insidenothing.blogspot.com/2018/02/face-detection-with-opencv-and-deep.html>