

# Face Recognition IV

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# Today we will...

*Get to know*

Deep learning-based face recognition.

# Today's Attendance

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# Feature Extraction

**RECAP**

## Focus

2D-appearance-based methods.

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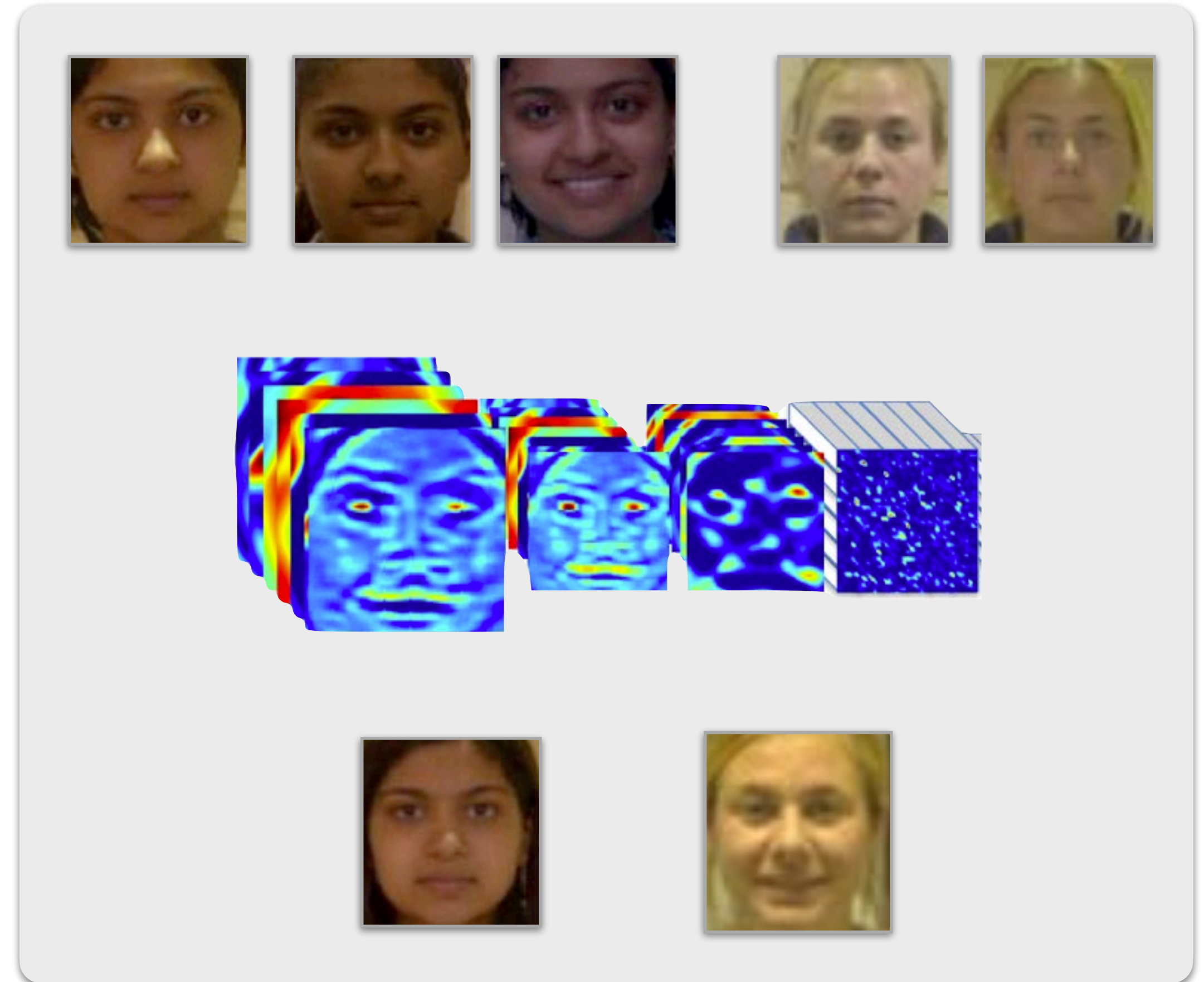
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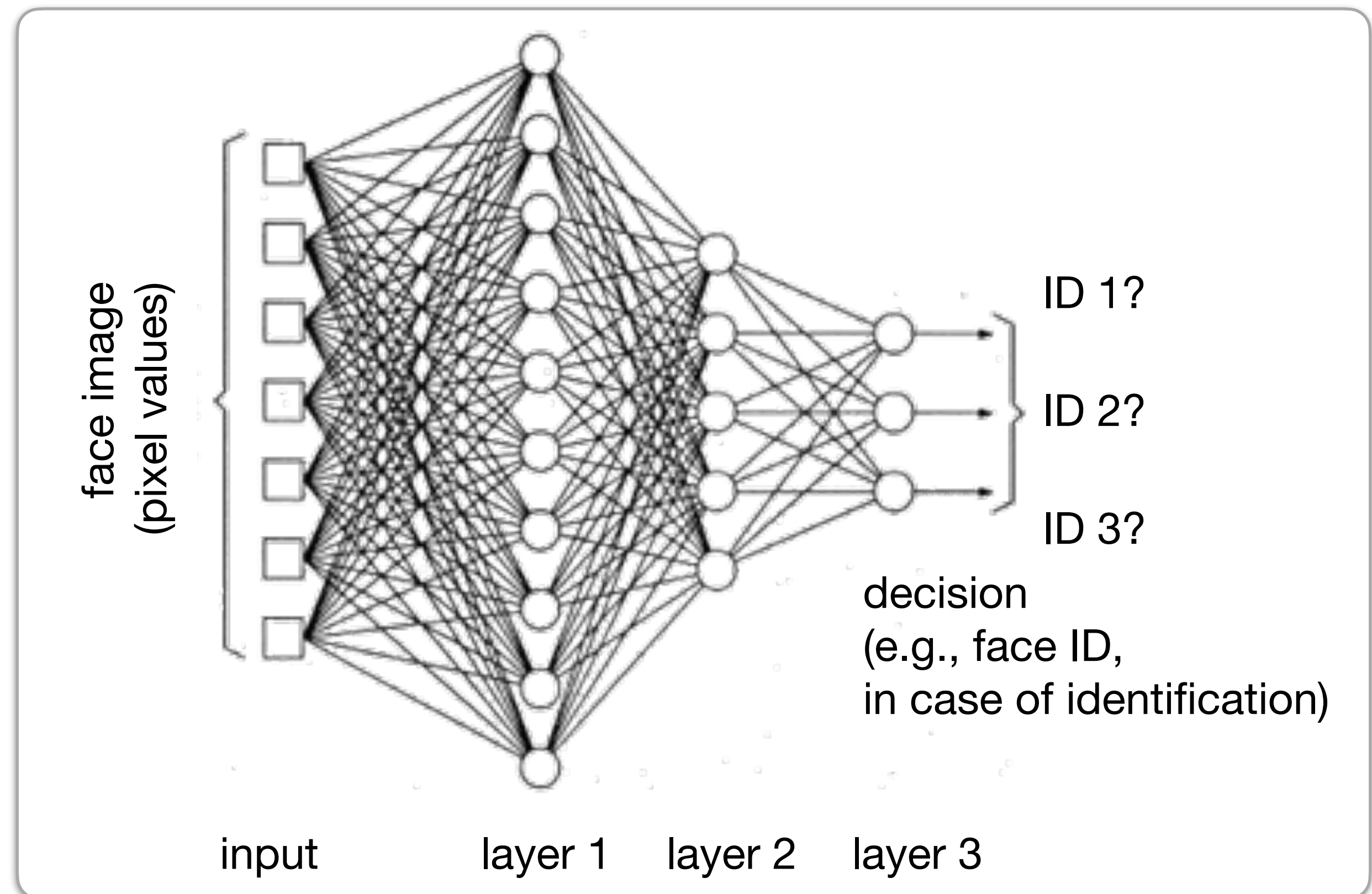
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## Deep Convolutional **Neural Networks**

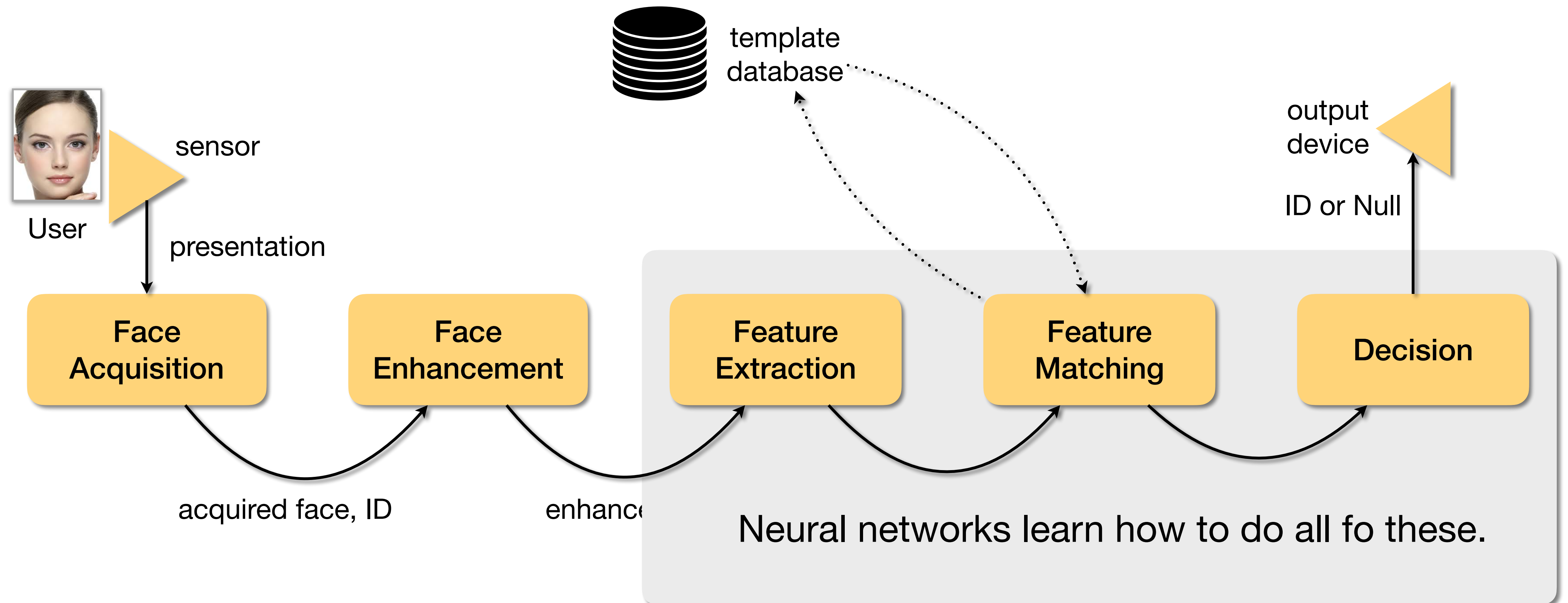
From pixels to  
classification decision.

Hierarchy of feature  
extractors.

Each layer extracts features  
from previous layer.



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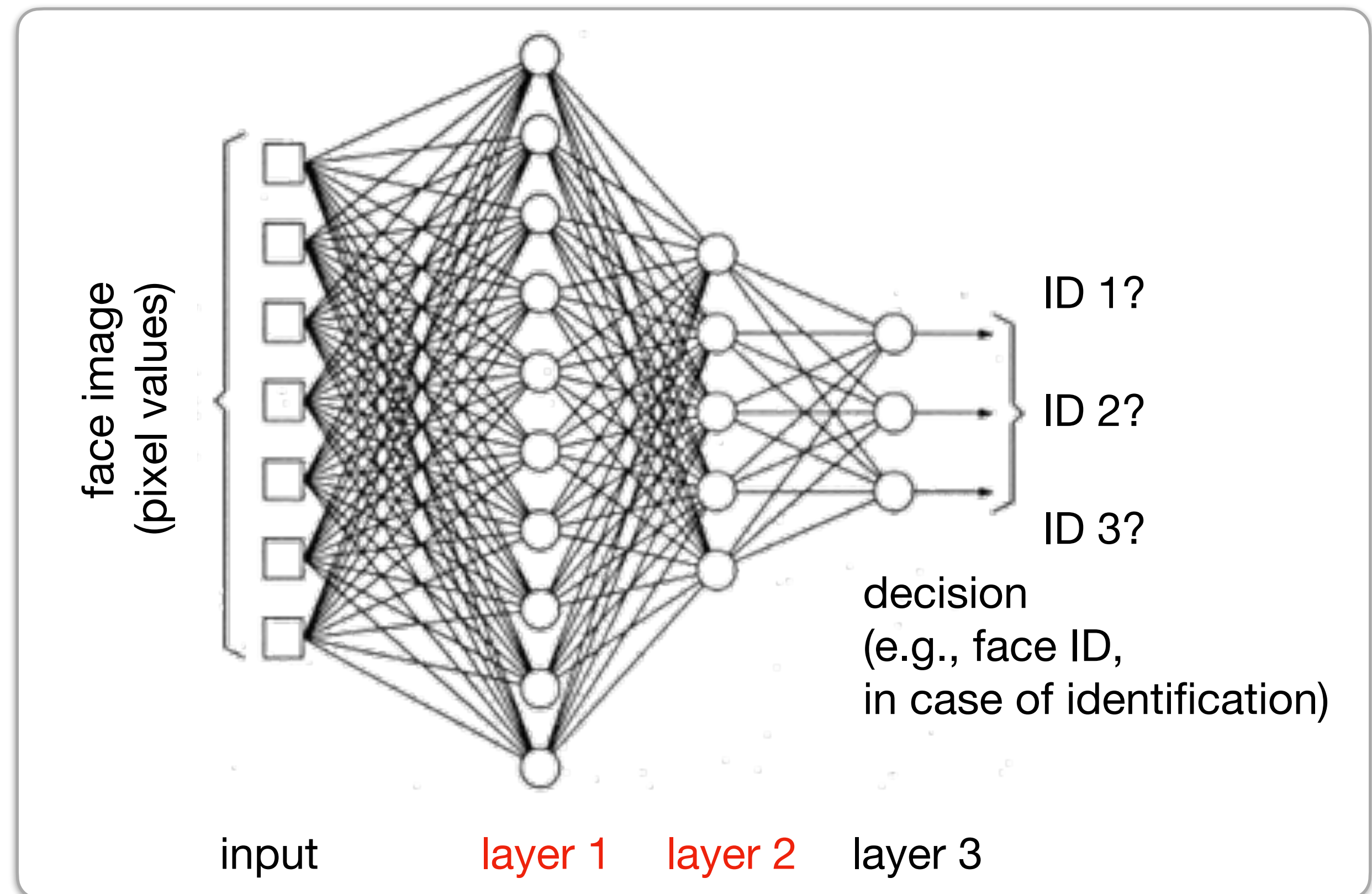
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## Deep **Convolutional** Neural Networks

### Convolutional Layers

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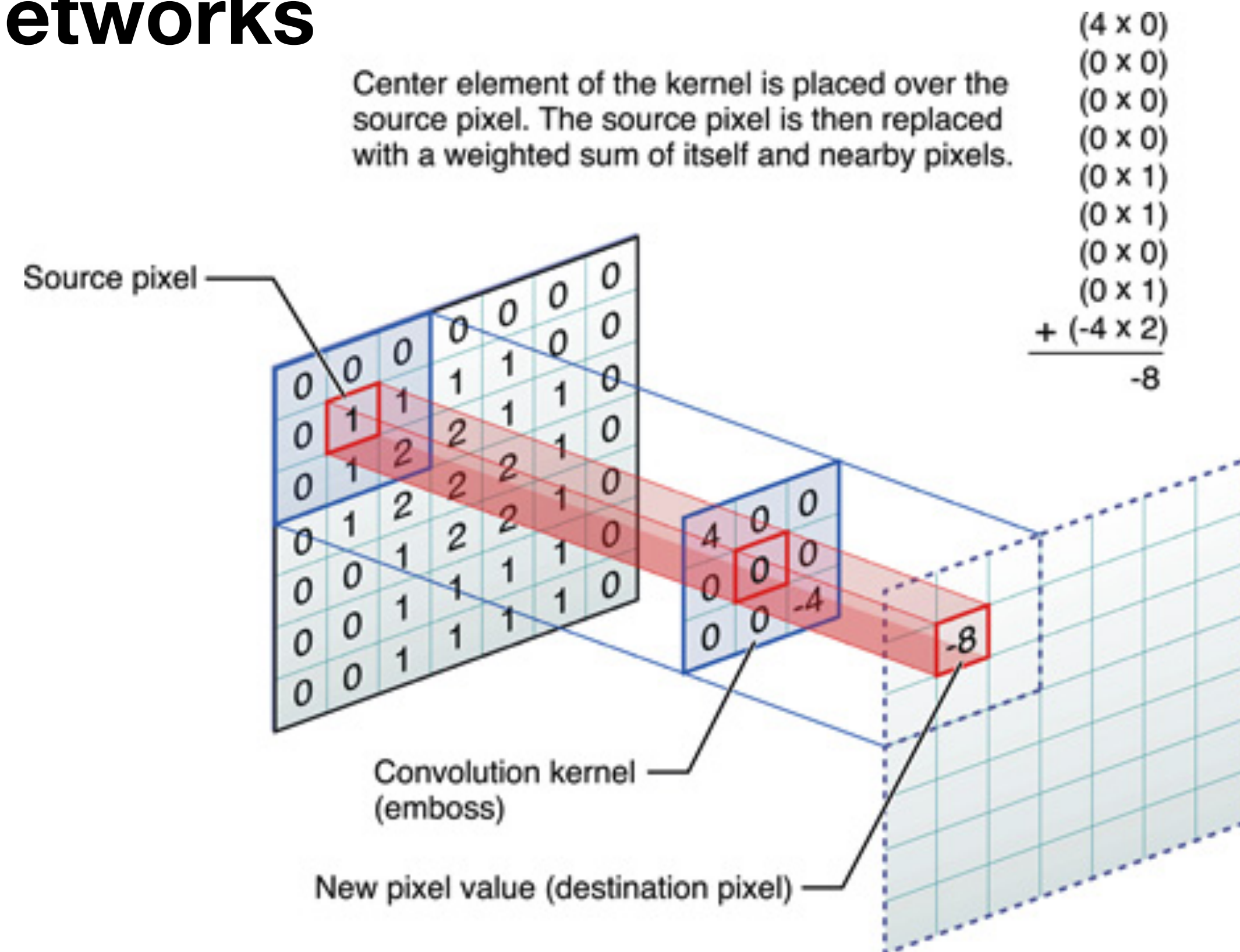
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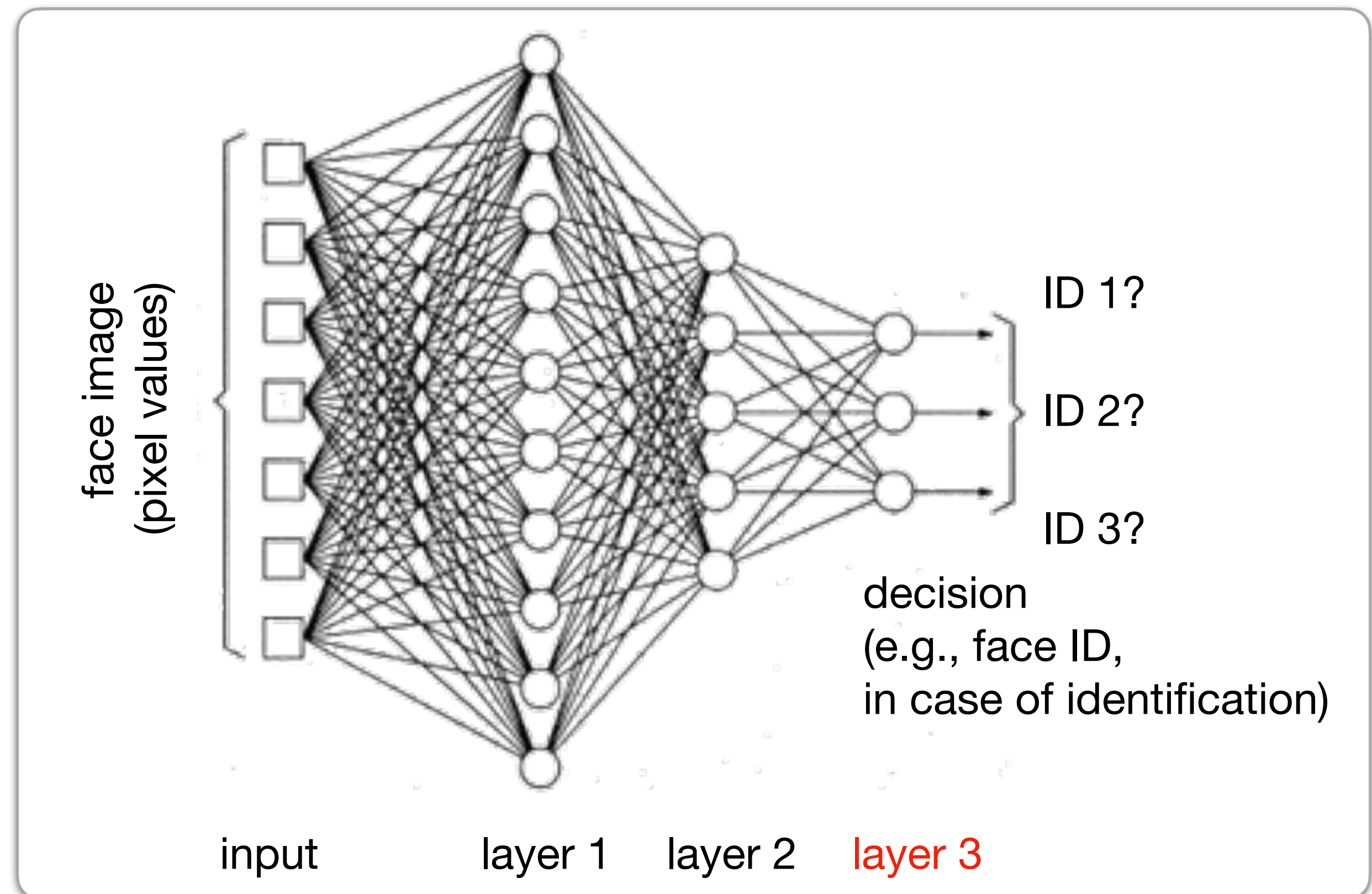
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## Deep **Convolutional** Neural Networks

### Fully Connected Layer

E.g., layer 3.

It performs the classification, presenting one score output for each class (identity, in the case of Biometrics).



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## Deep Convolutional Neural Networks

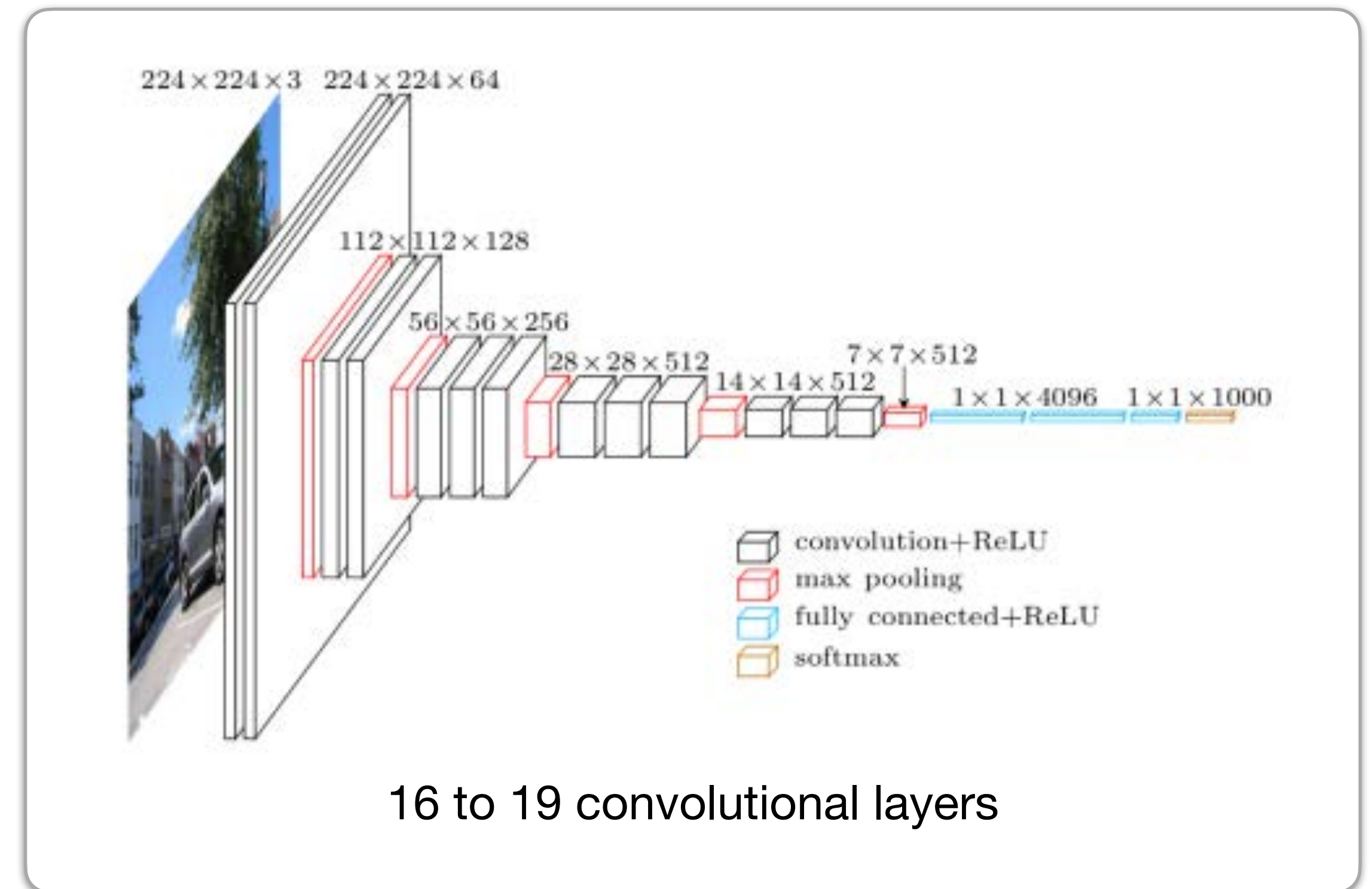
### How deep can they be?

“Deep” refers to the number of layers.

E.g., VGG16

Simonyan and Zisserman

*Very Deep Convolutional Networks for Large-Scale Image Recognition*



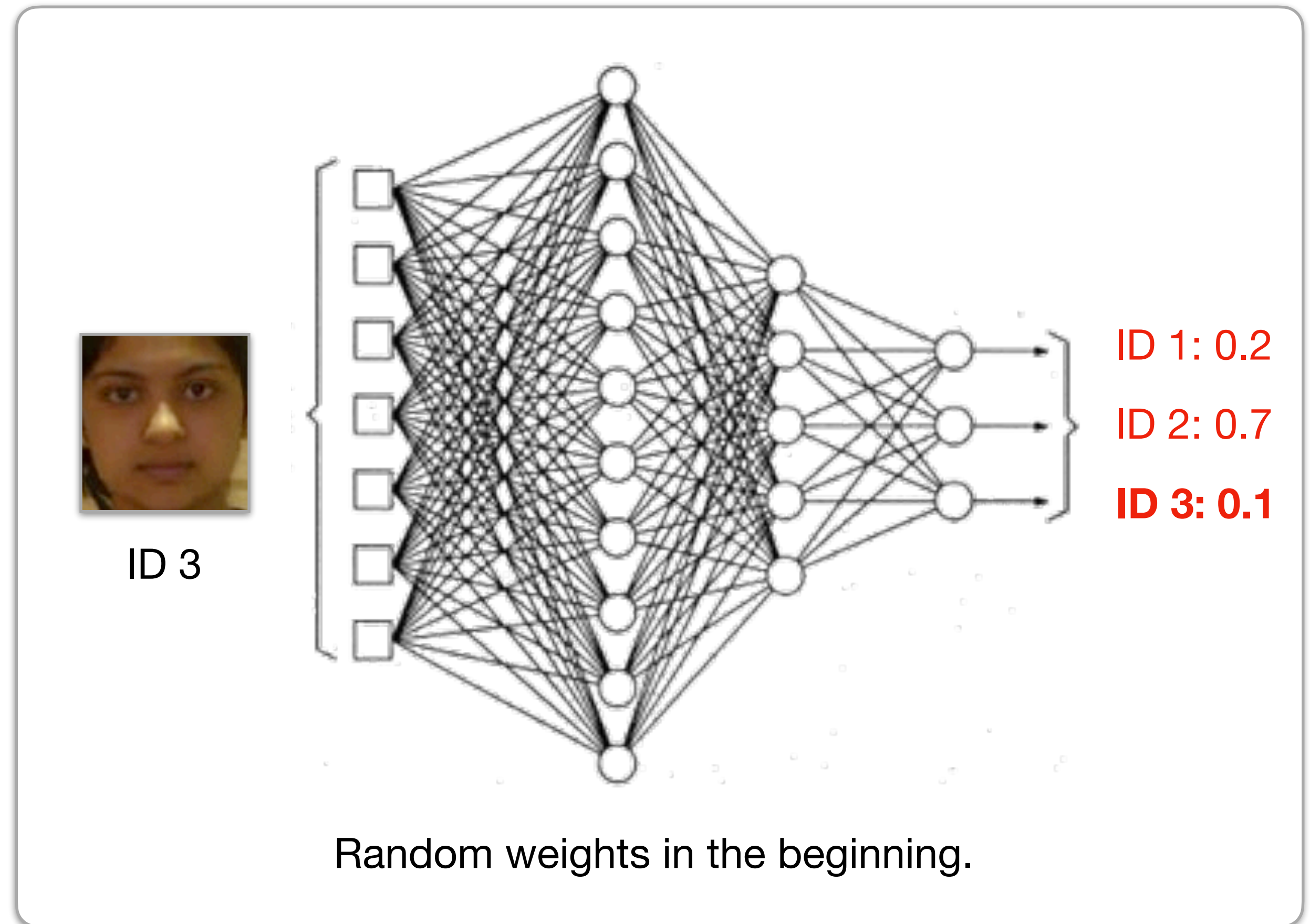


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## Deep Learning

### Training

Labeled examples  
(e.g., faces and expected IDs)  
are used to teach the network  
to classify them correctly.



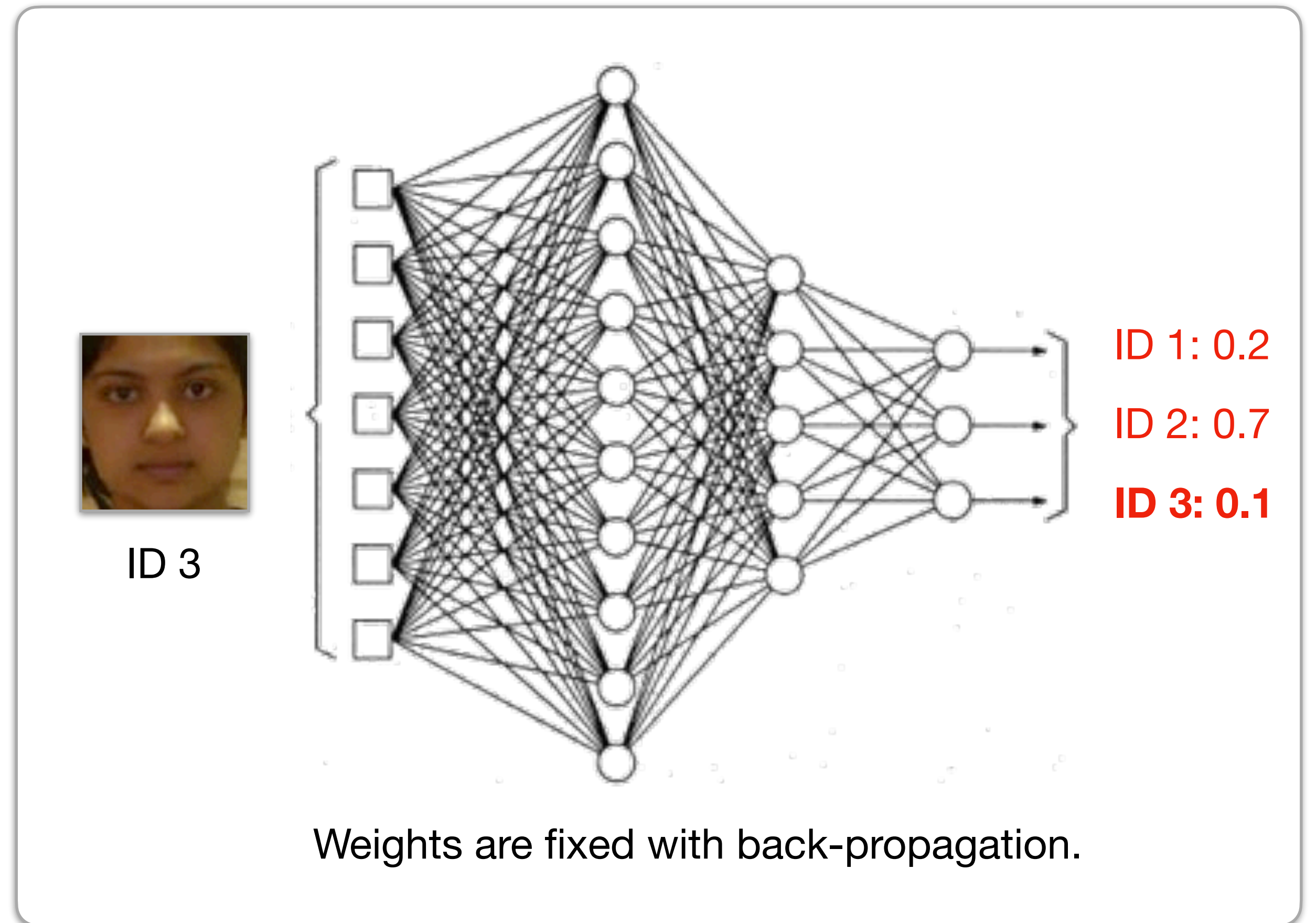


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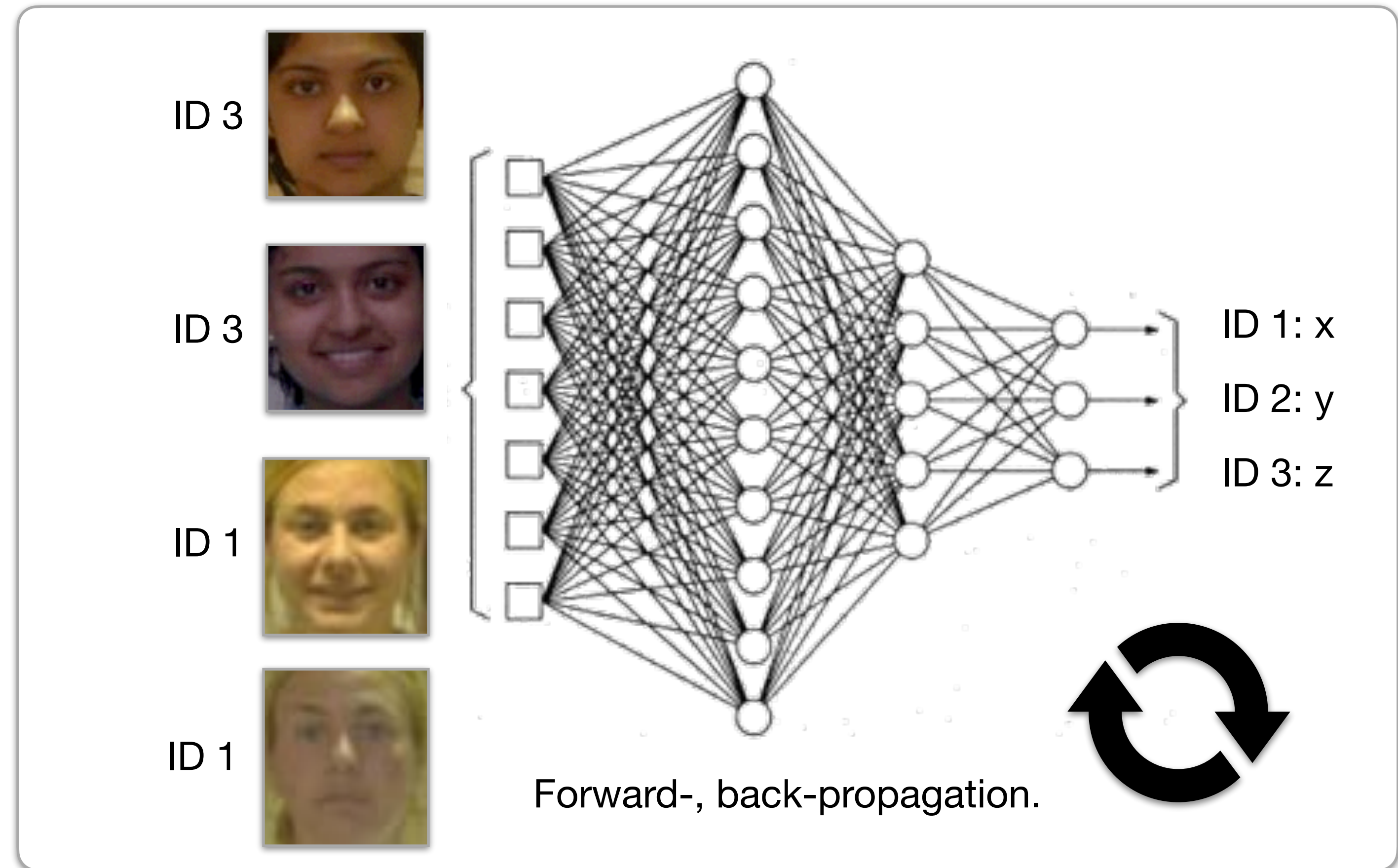
Back-propagation is used to fix the weights of the convolutions within the network.



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## Deep Learning

Present various examples of each class and perform forward-, back-propagation.



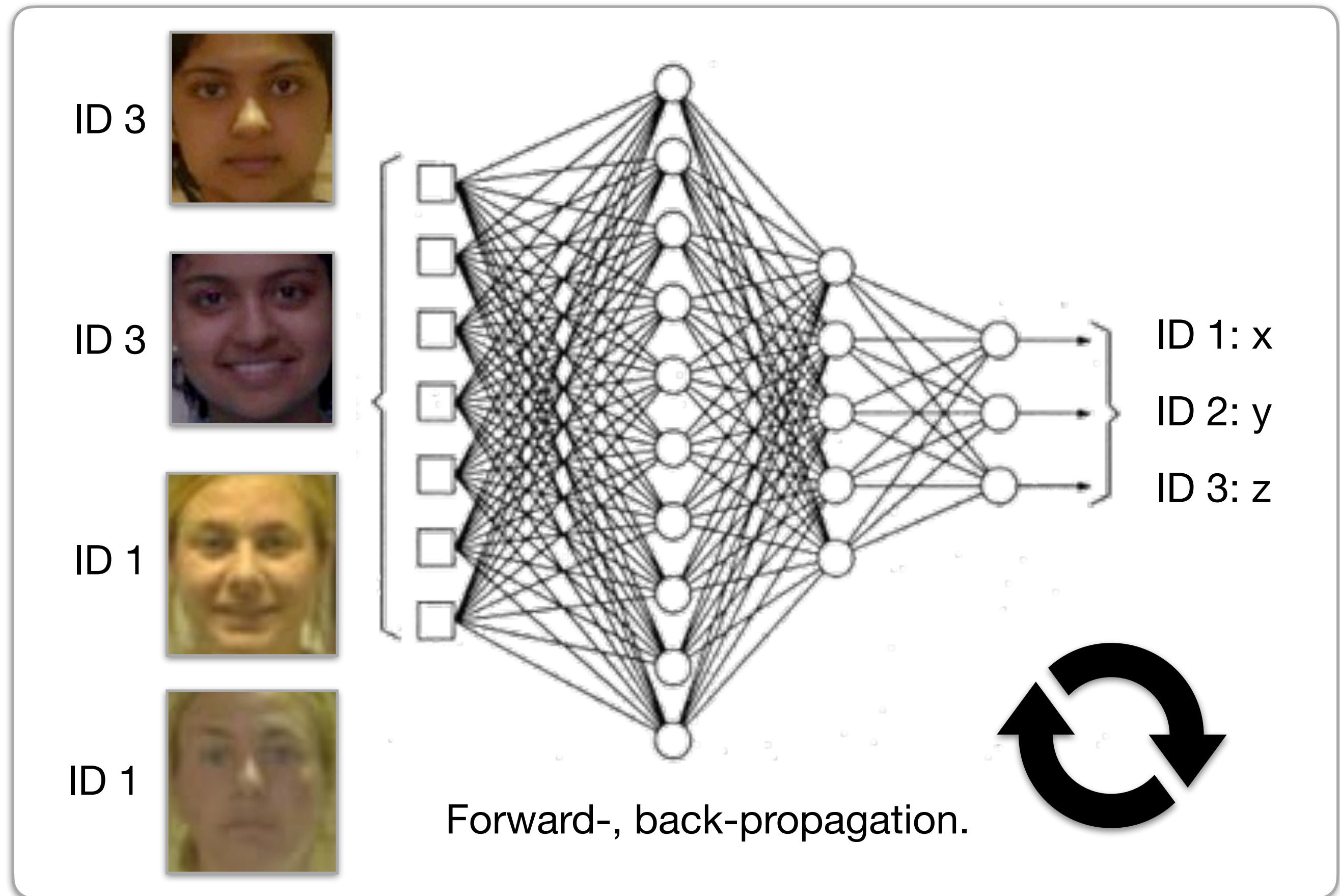


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## Deep Learning

Optimization target:  
minimize classification  
error through  
**loss function.**

Popular function:  
**cross-entropy loss.**



# Data-driven Face Recognition

## Deep Learning

### Cross-entropy Loss (CE)

#training  
faces

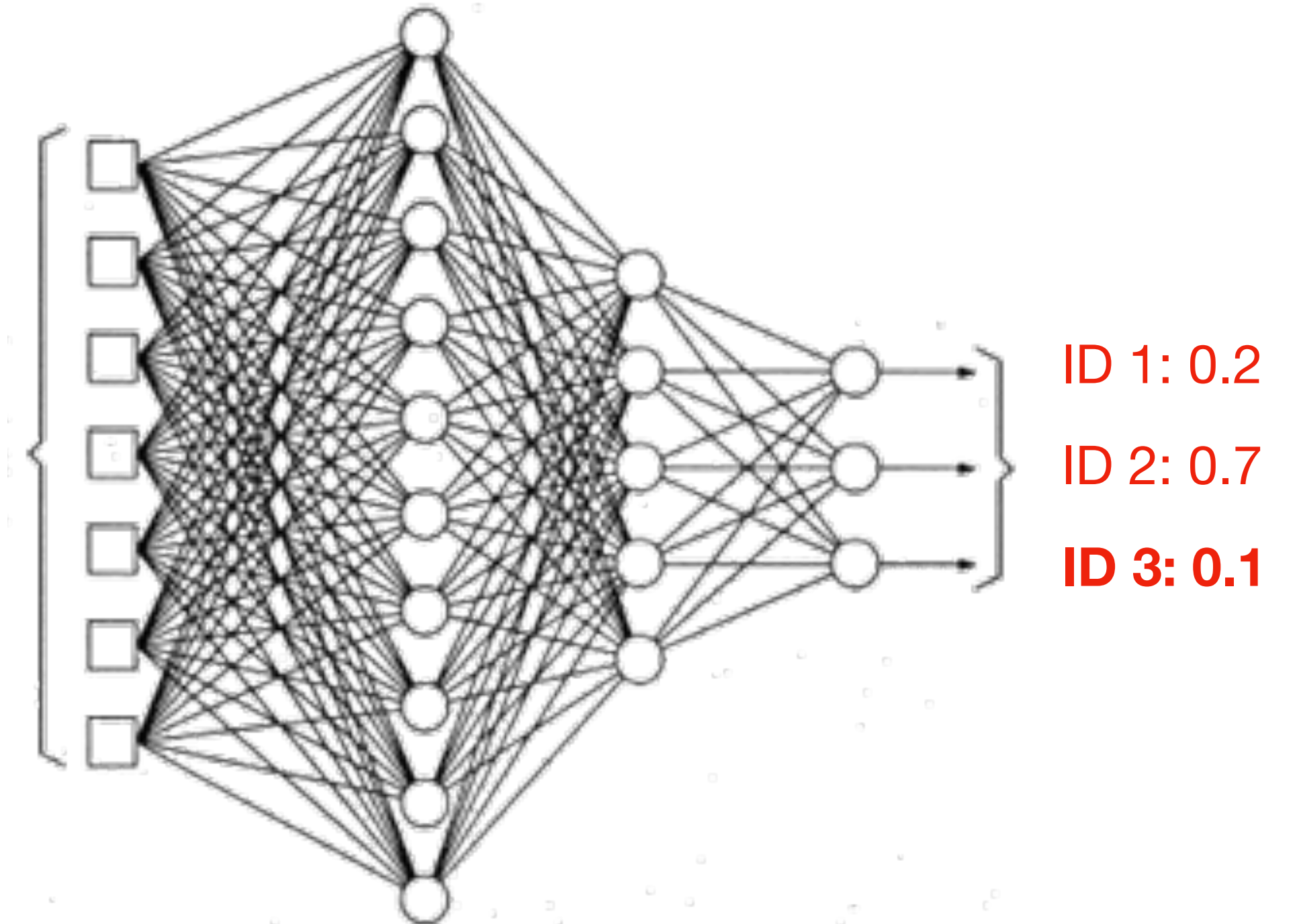
#people's  
IDs

$$CE = \sum_{face=1}^m \sum_{ID=1}^n (-\log(\text{output}(ID)))$$

CNN output for  
expected ID



ID 3



Random weights in the beginning.

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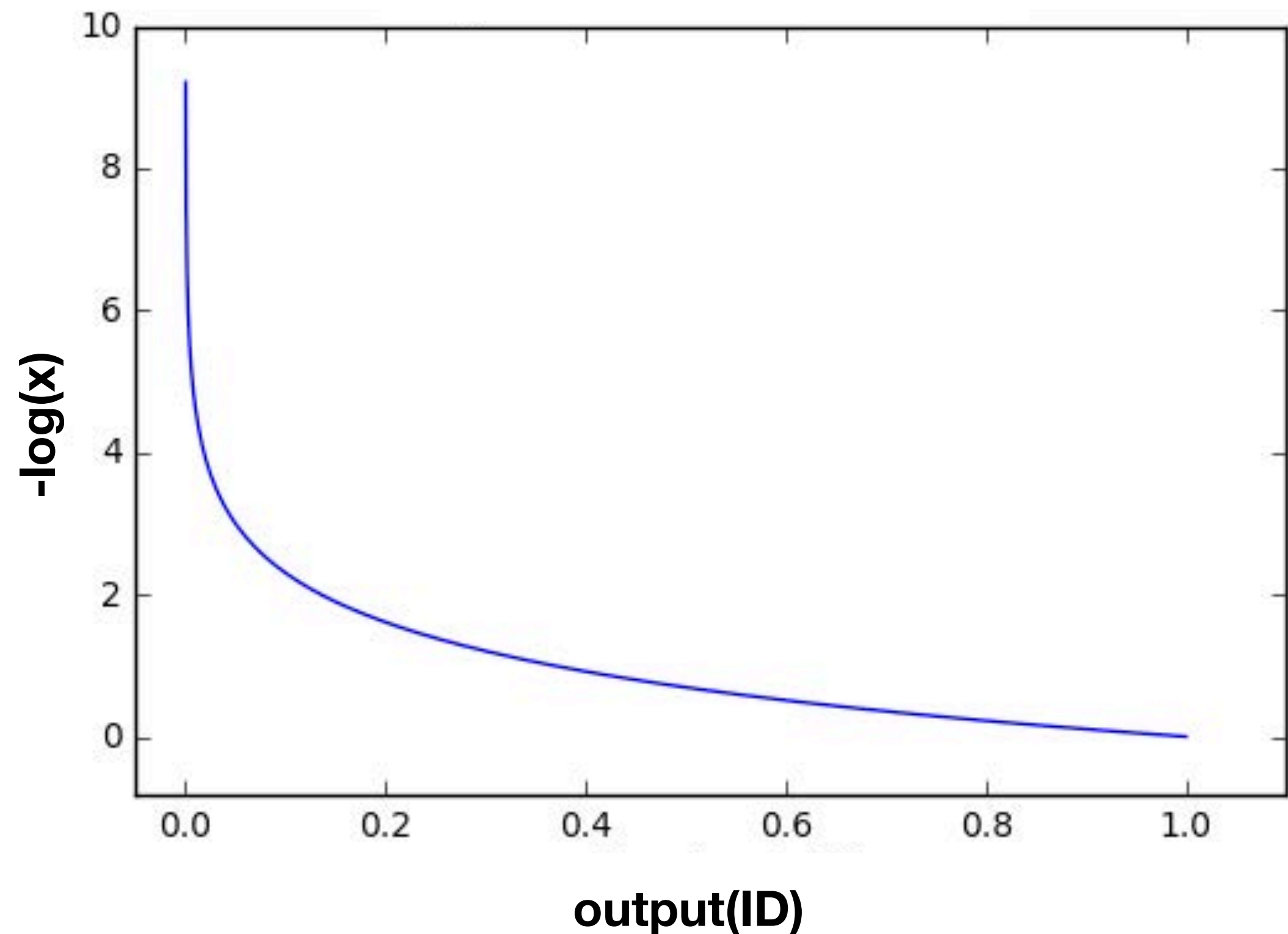
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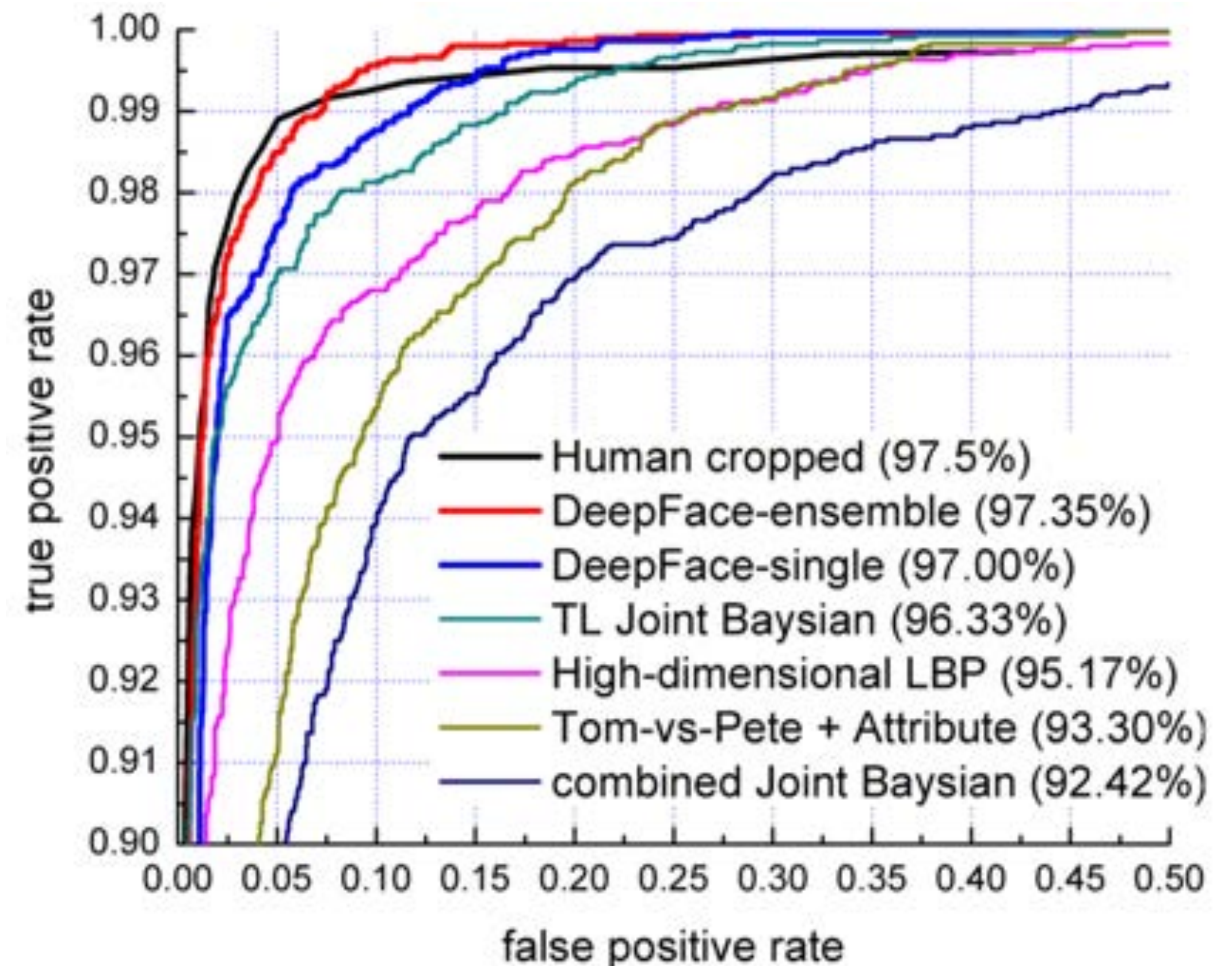
How good can it be?

**E.g., DeepFace (Facebook)**

Taigman *et al.*

*DeepFace: Closing the Gap to Human-Level Performance in Face Verification*

CVPR, 2014





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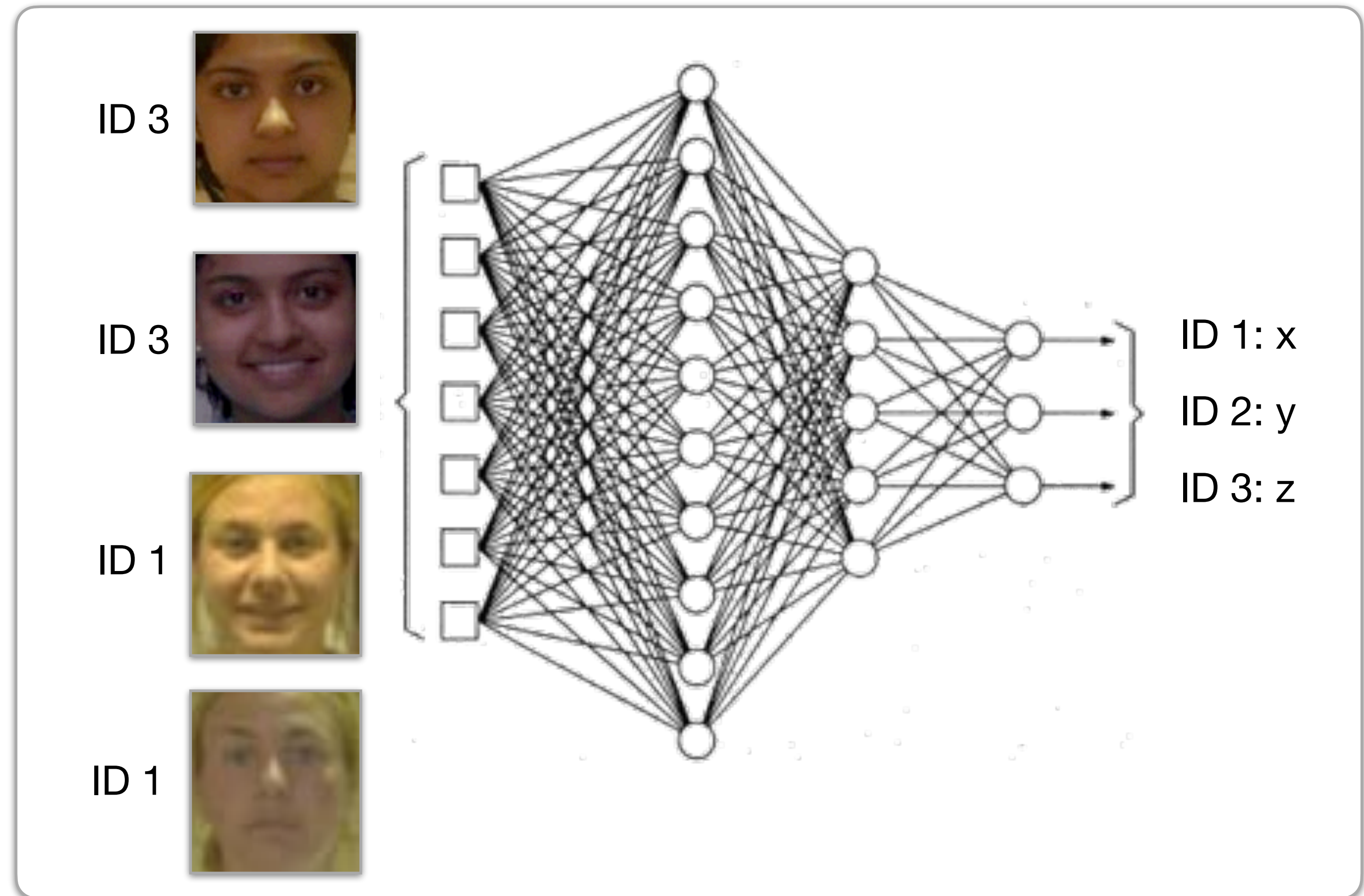
## Deep Learning

**What are the cons here?**

How to enroll a new person?

Fixed number of classes (i.e., persons).

Need for large training dataset (thousands of sample per class).

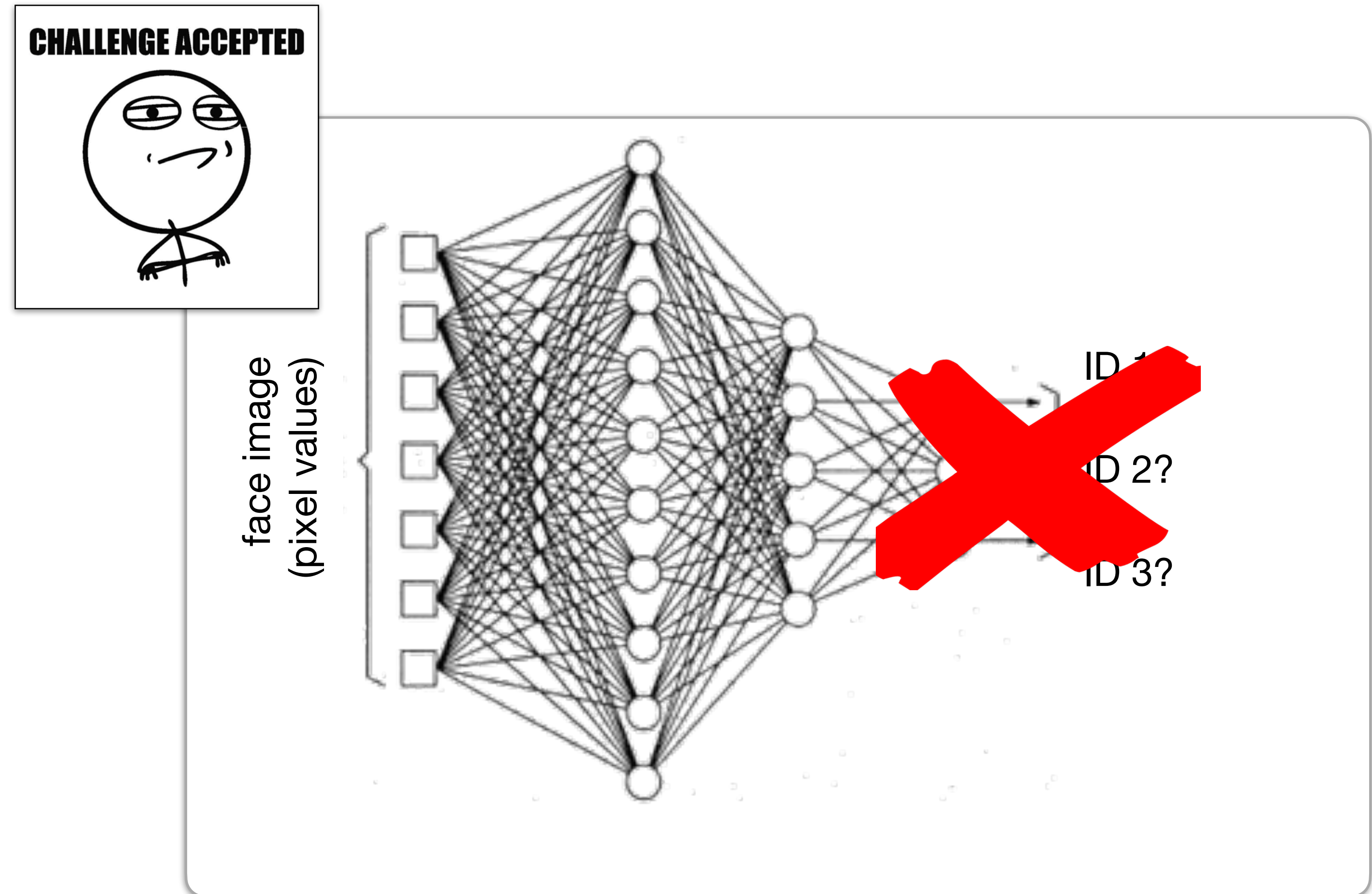


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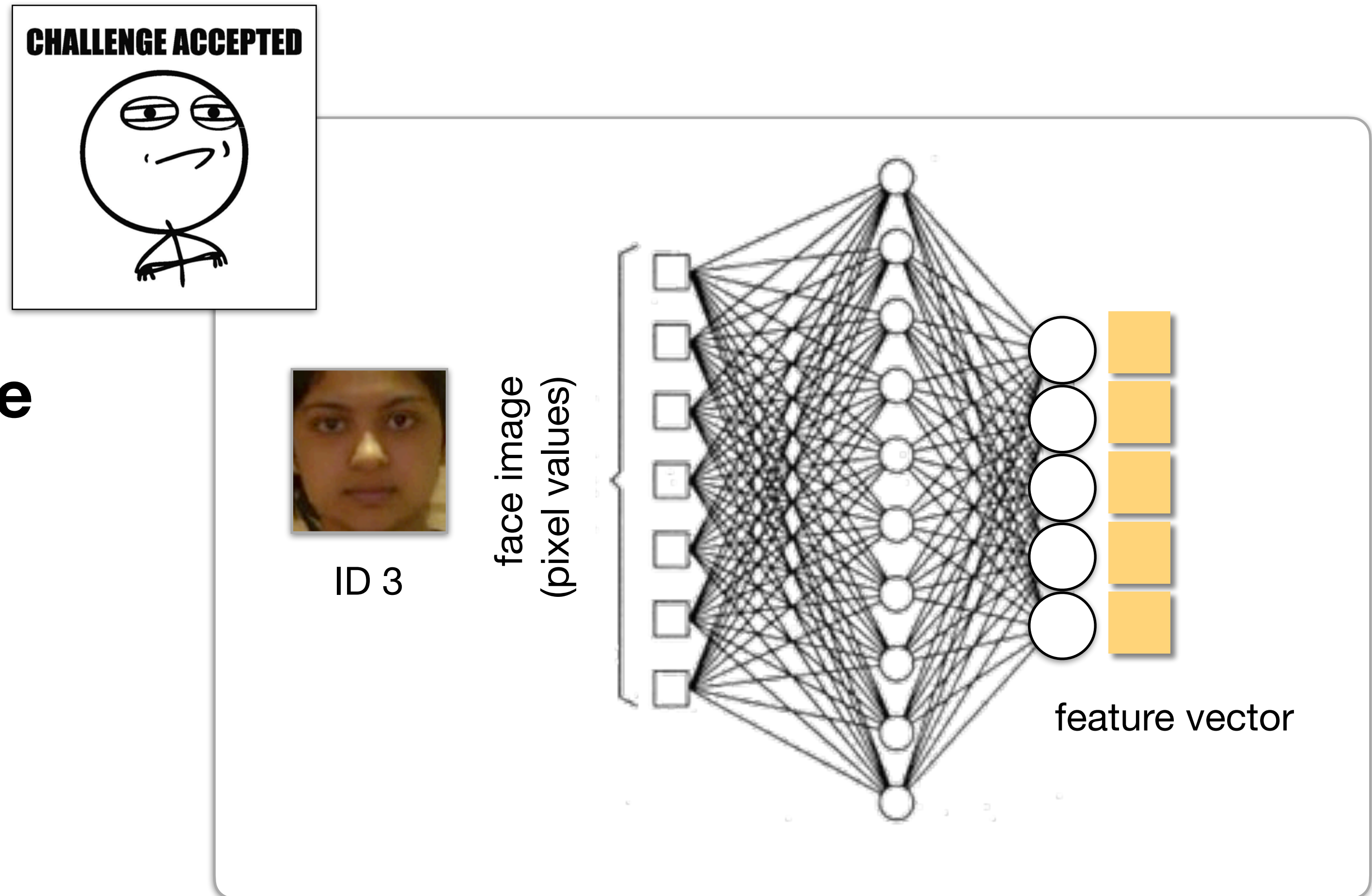


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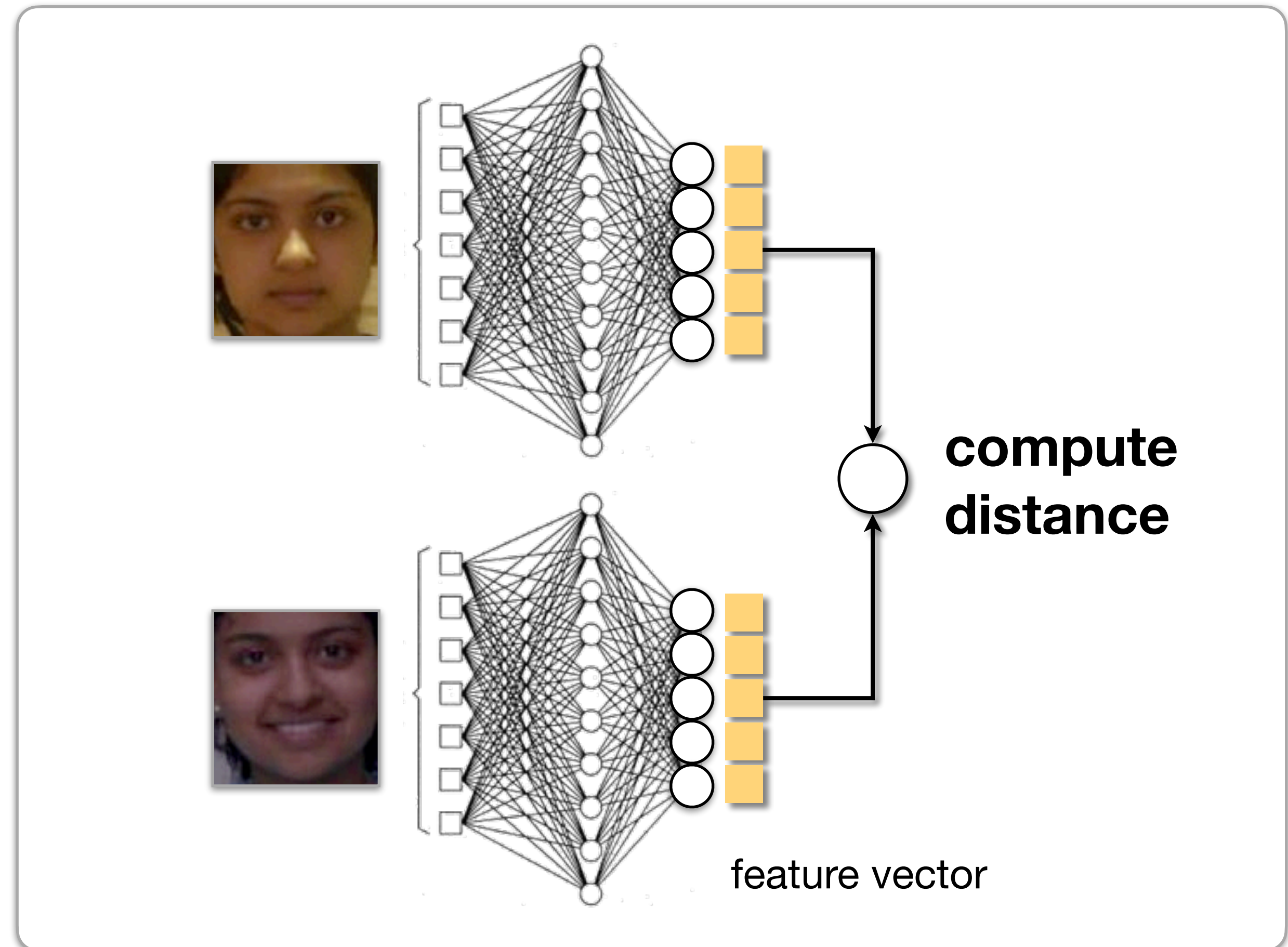


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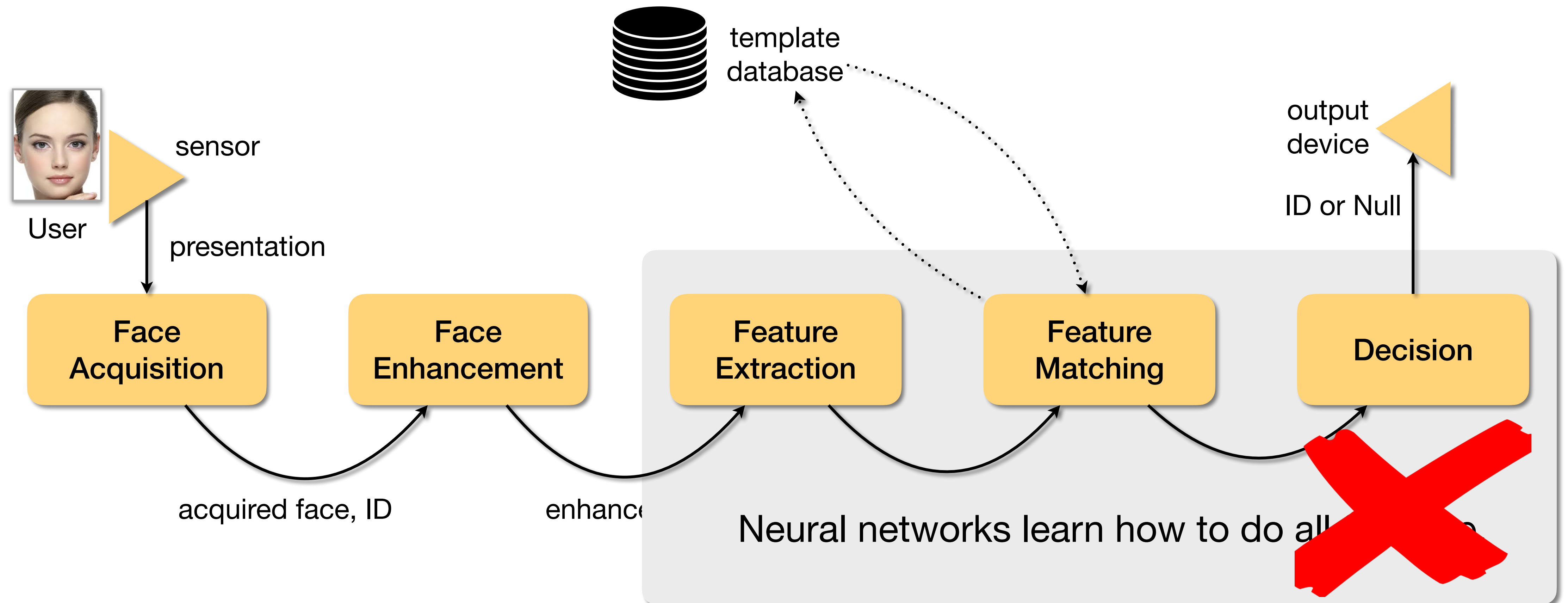
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To speed up training, use **siamese networks** (same architecture, same weights).

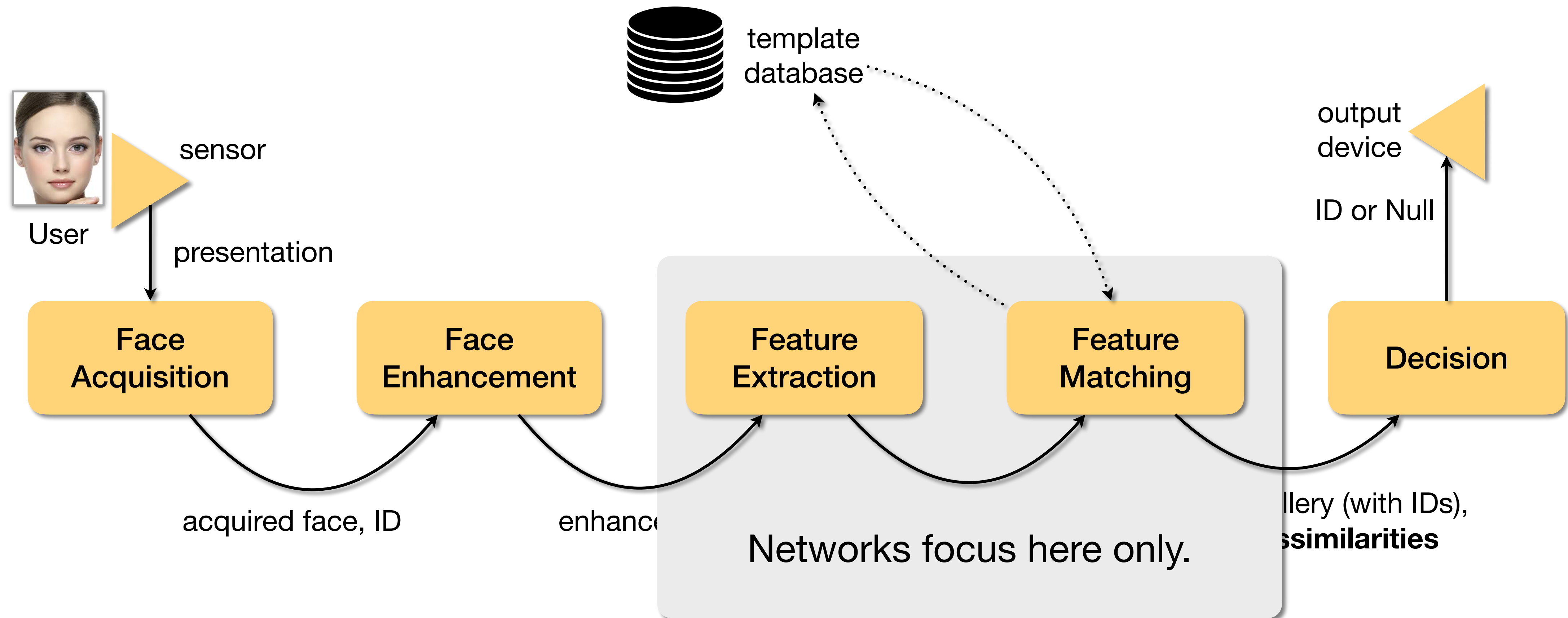




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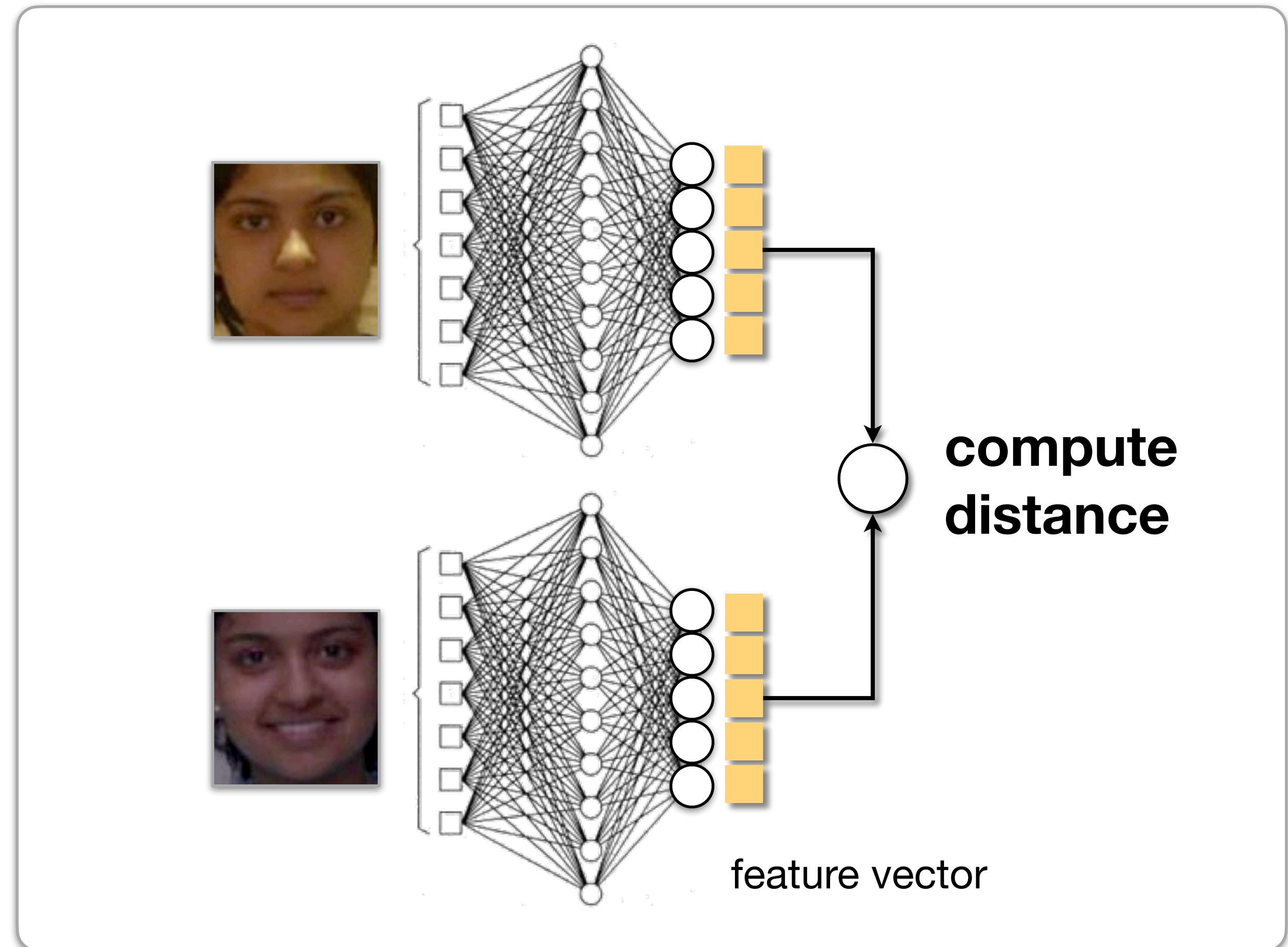
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Triplet-loss-based





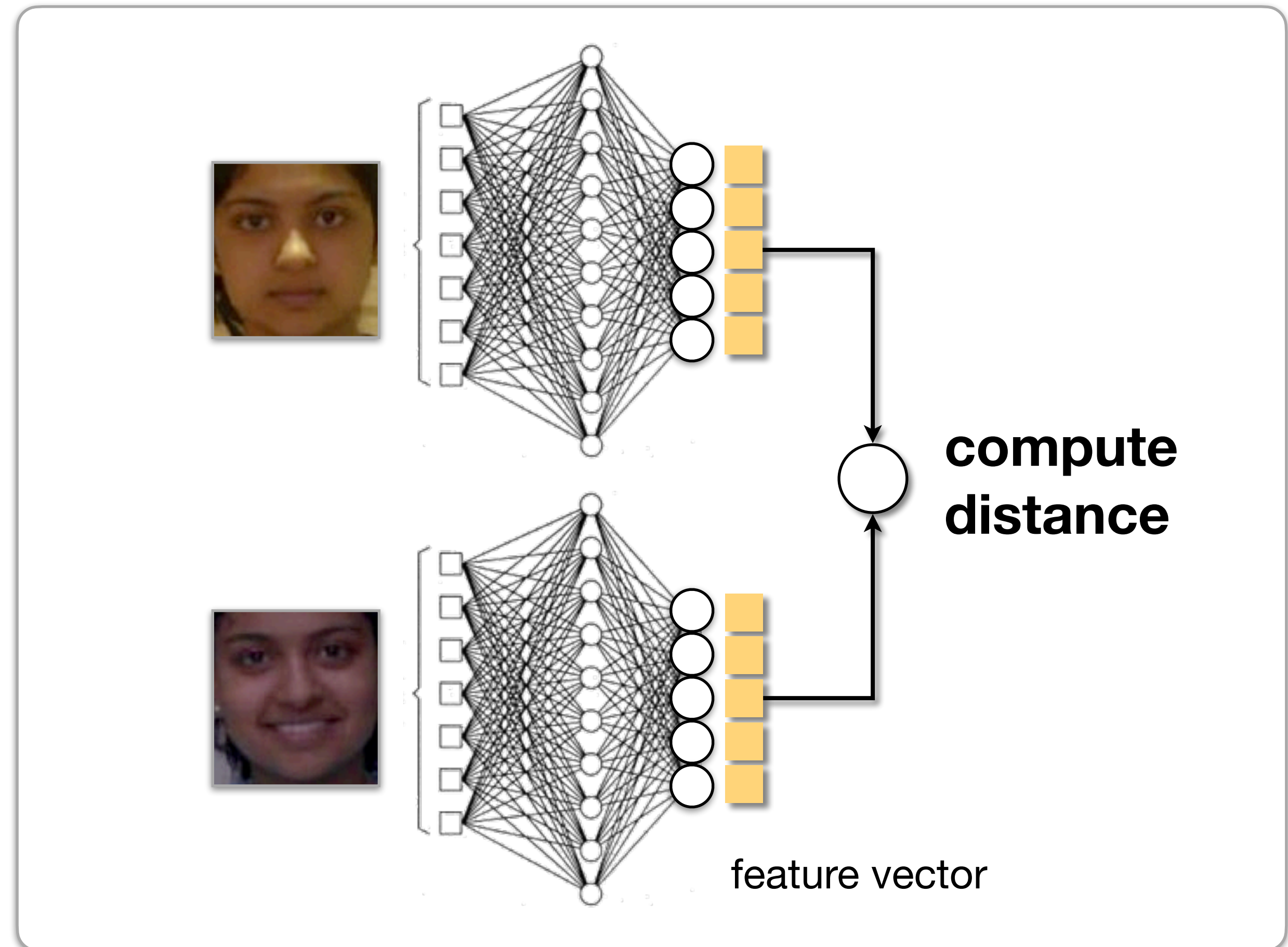
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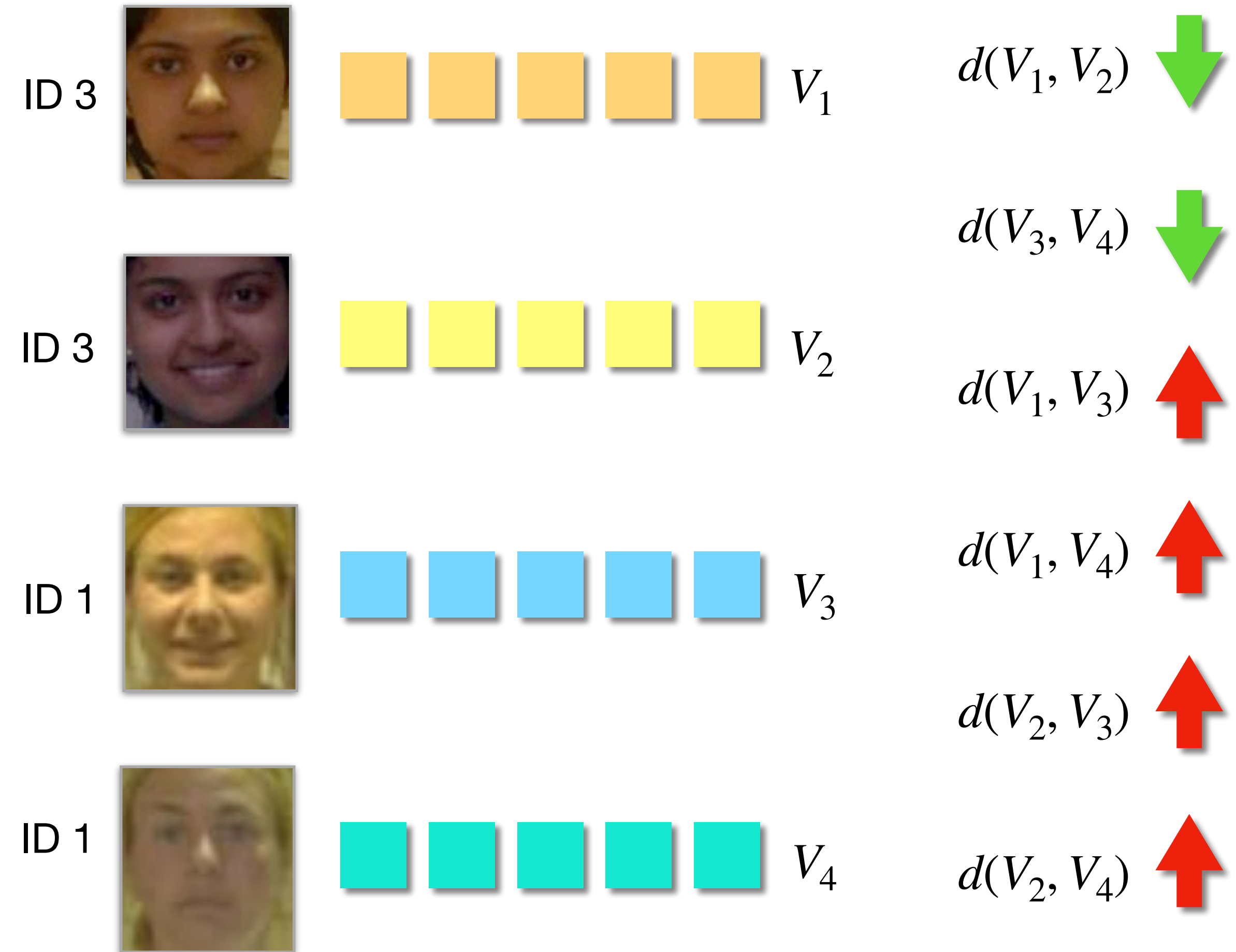
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# Pairwise Face Recognition

## Pairwise Loss (PL)

Train the network in a way that feature vectors of the same class have small distance, while feature vectors from different classes have large distance.





# Pairwise Face Recognition

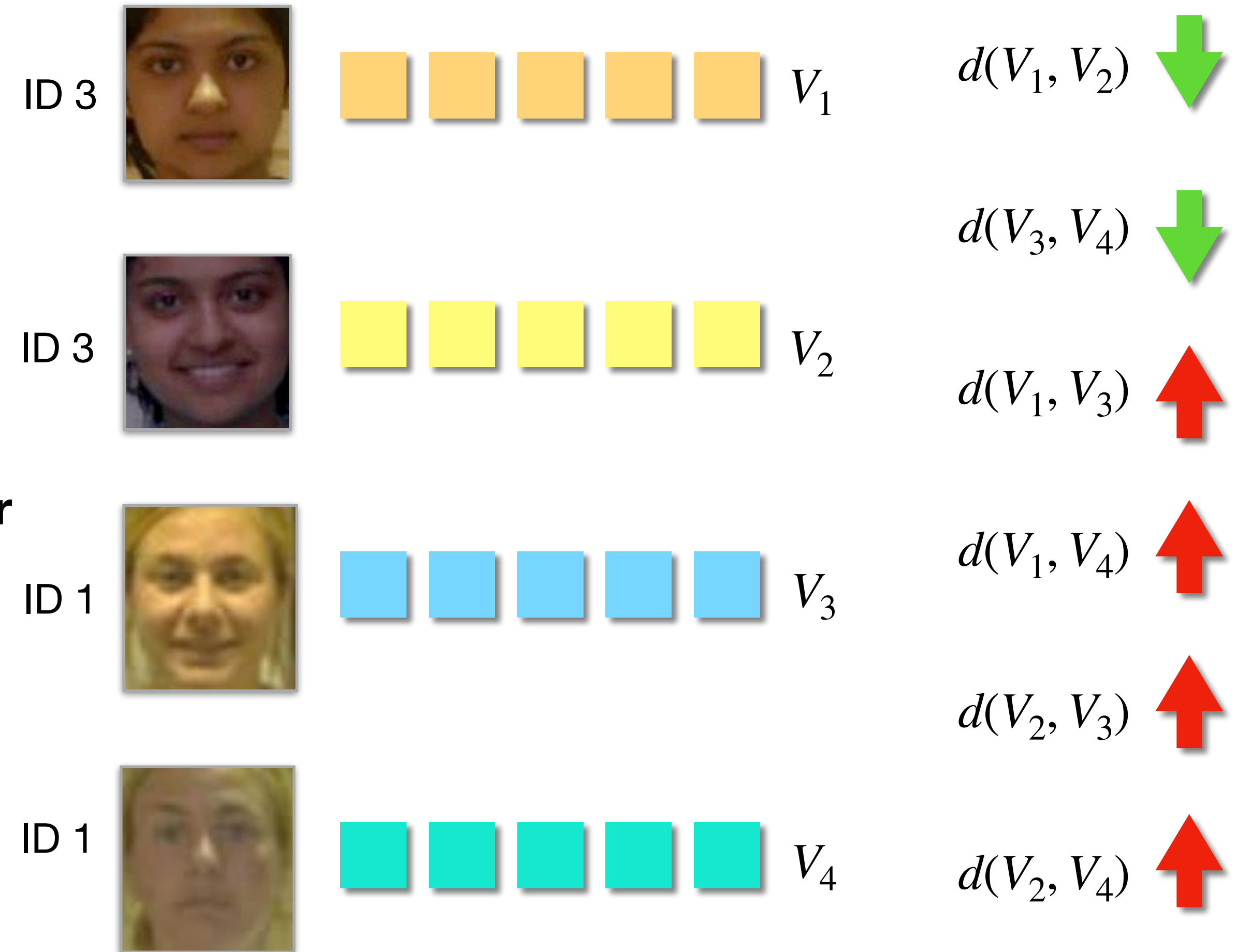
## Pairwise Loss (PL)

the smaller, the better

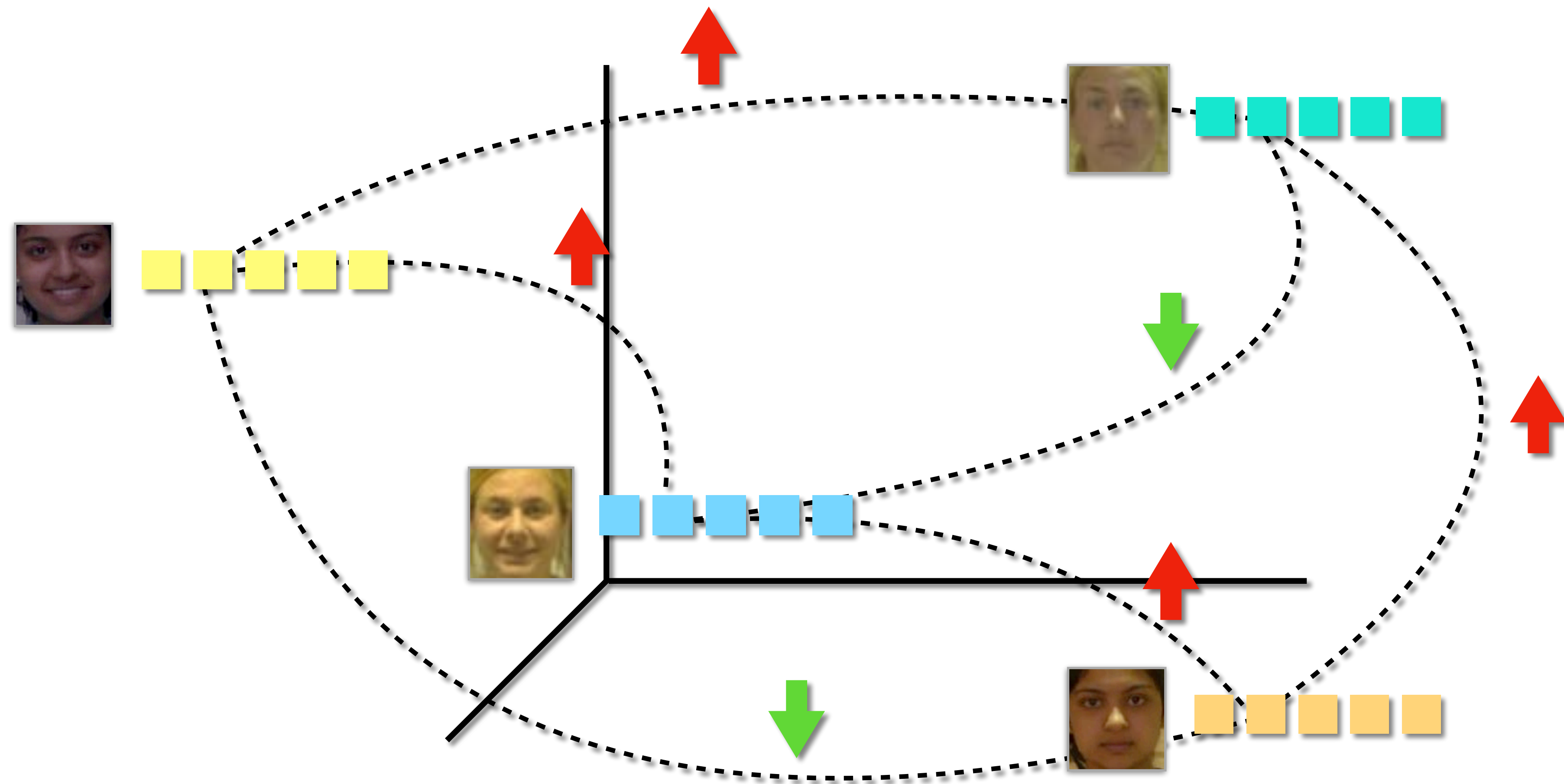
$$PL = \begin{cases} d(V_x, V_y) & \text{if genuine pair} \\ \max(0, m - d(V_x, V_y)) & \text{if impostor pair} \end{cases}$$

enforced margin

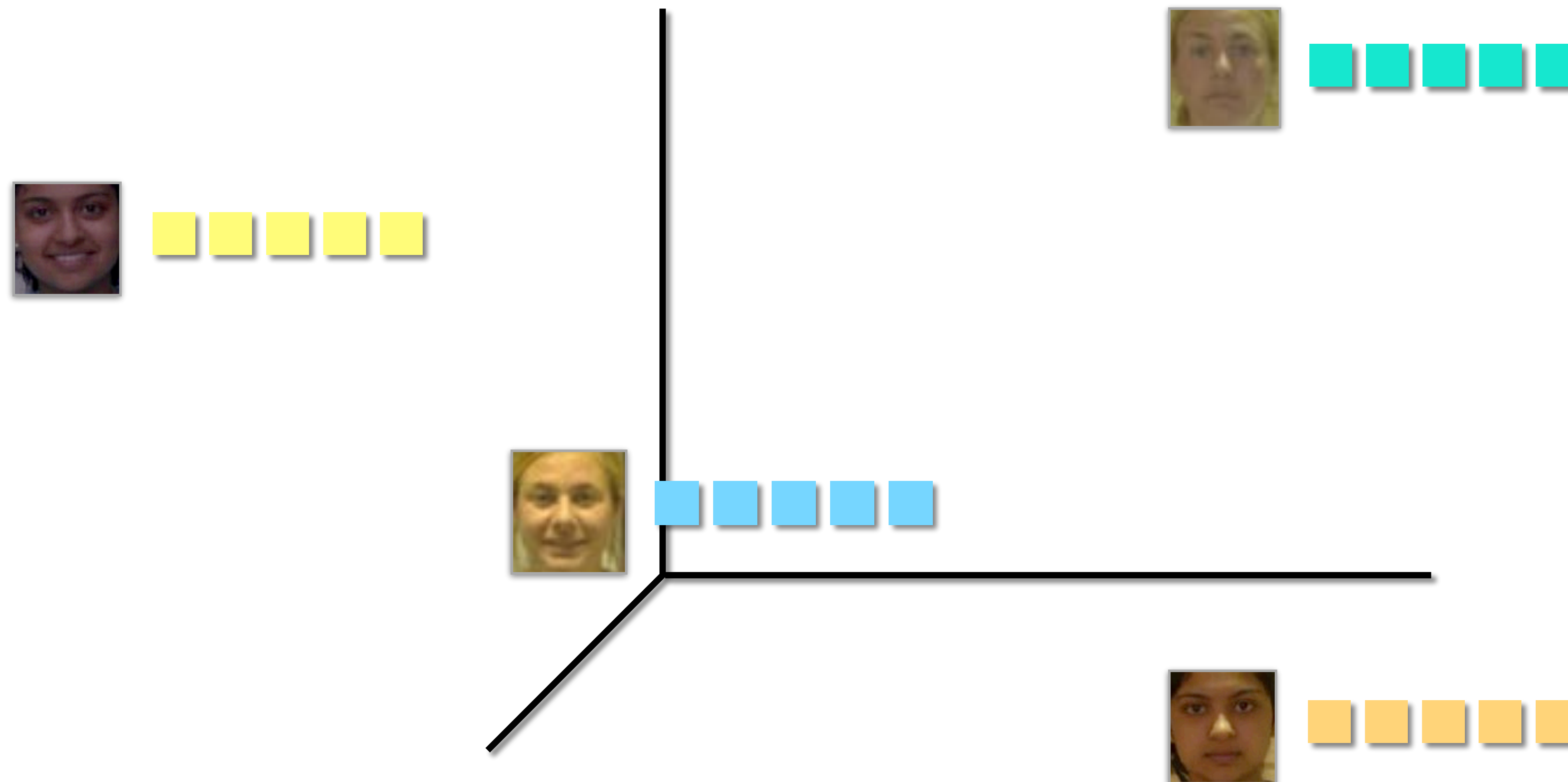
it must be larger than  $m$



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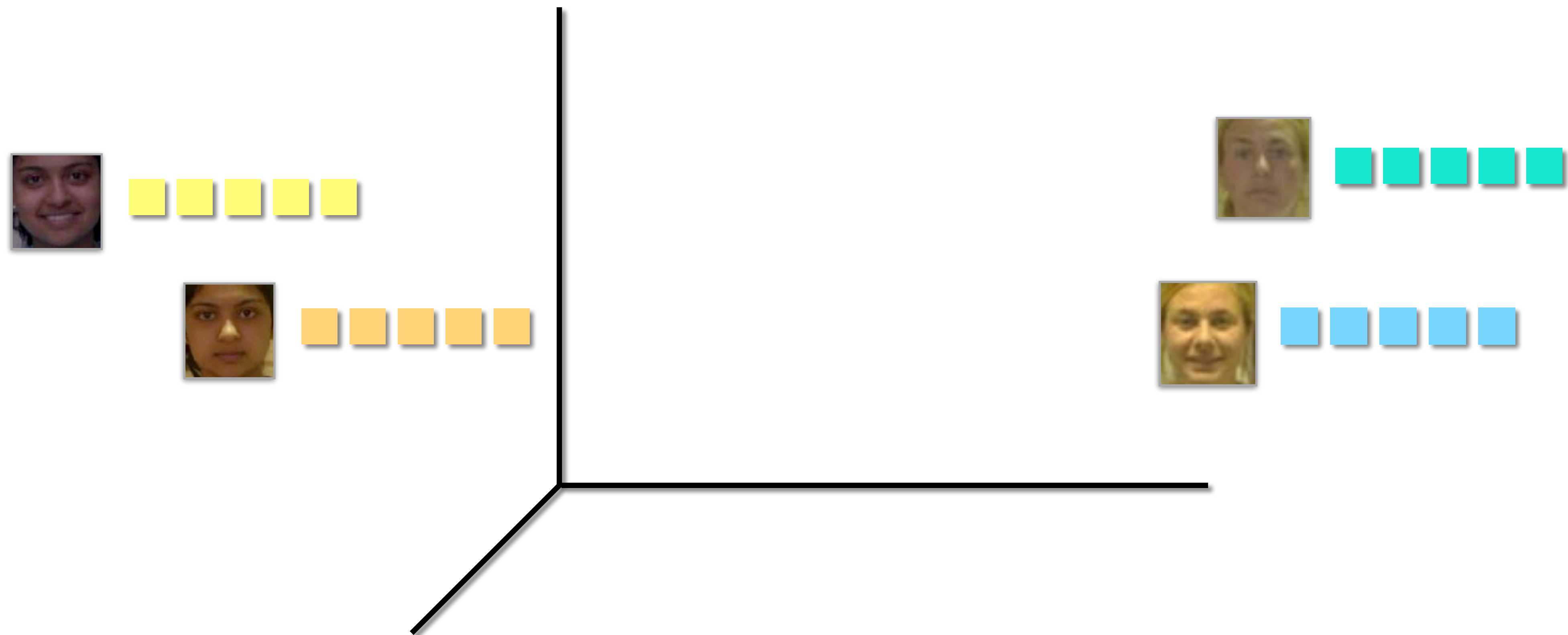


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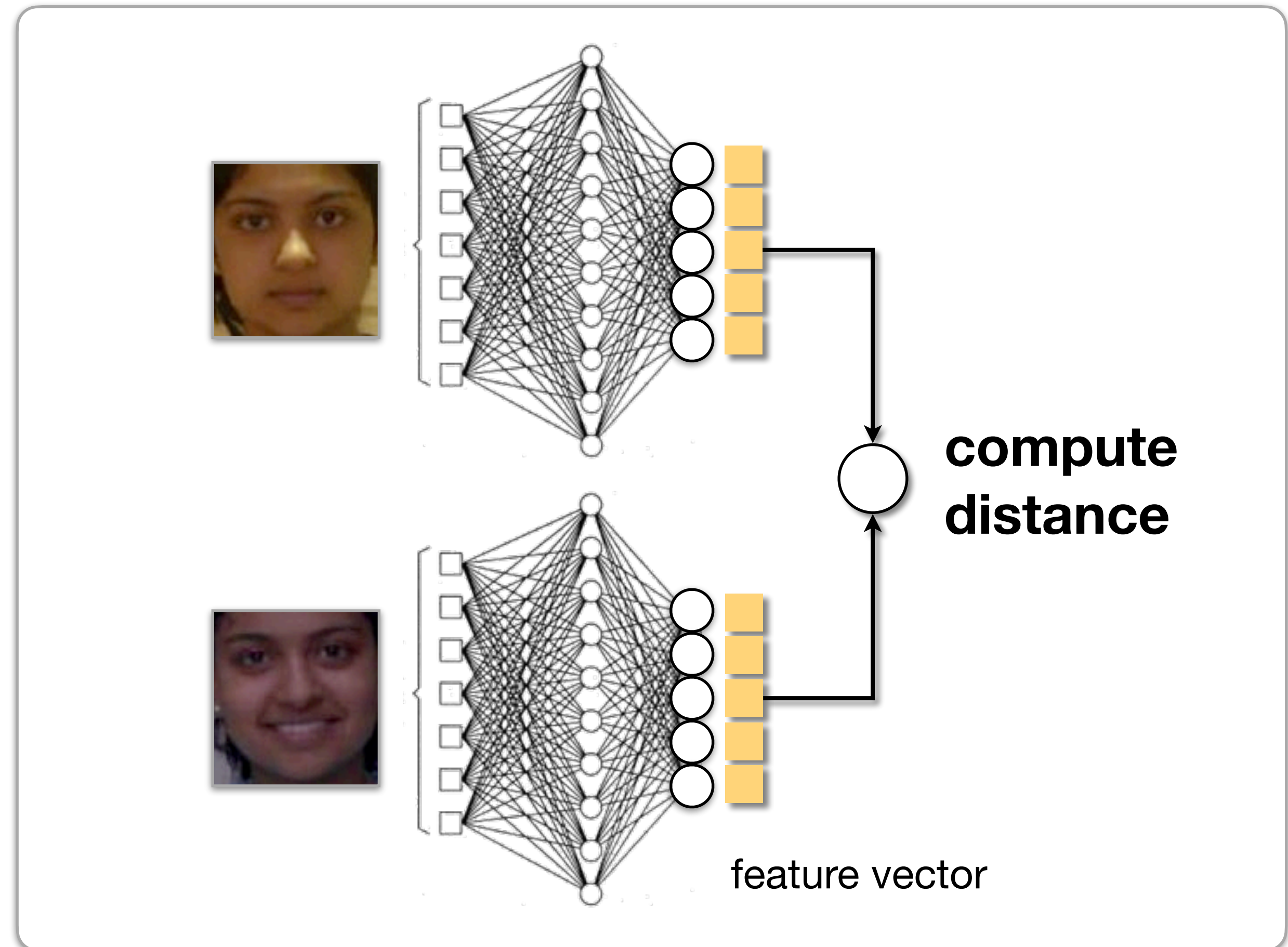
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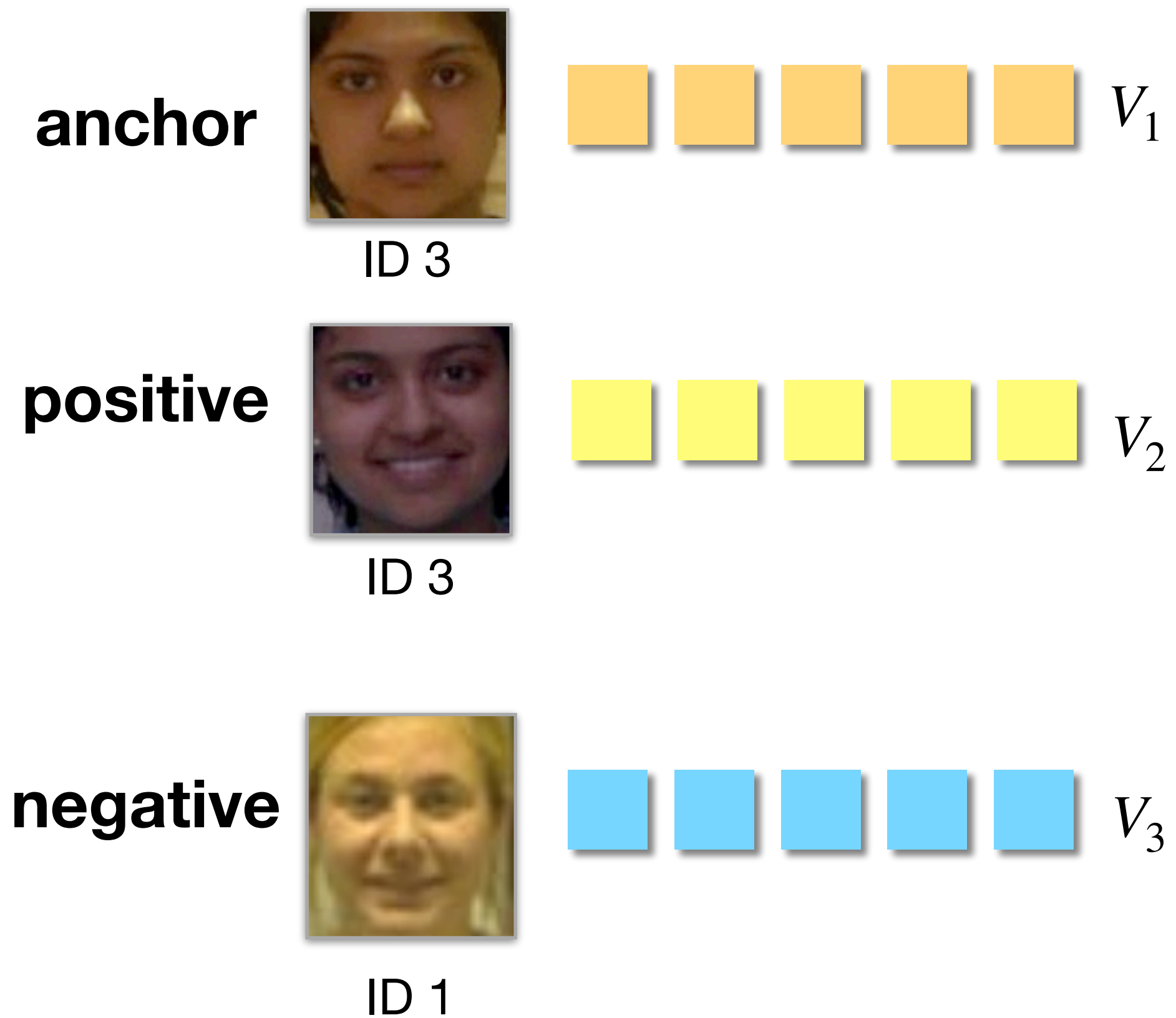
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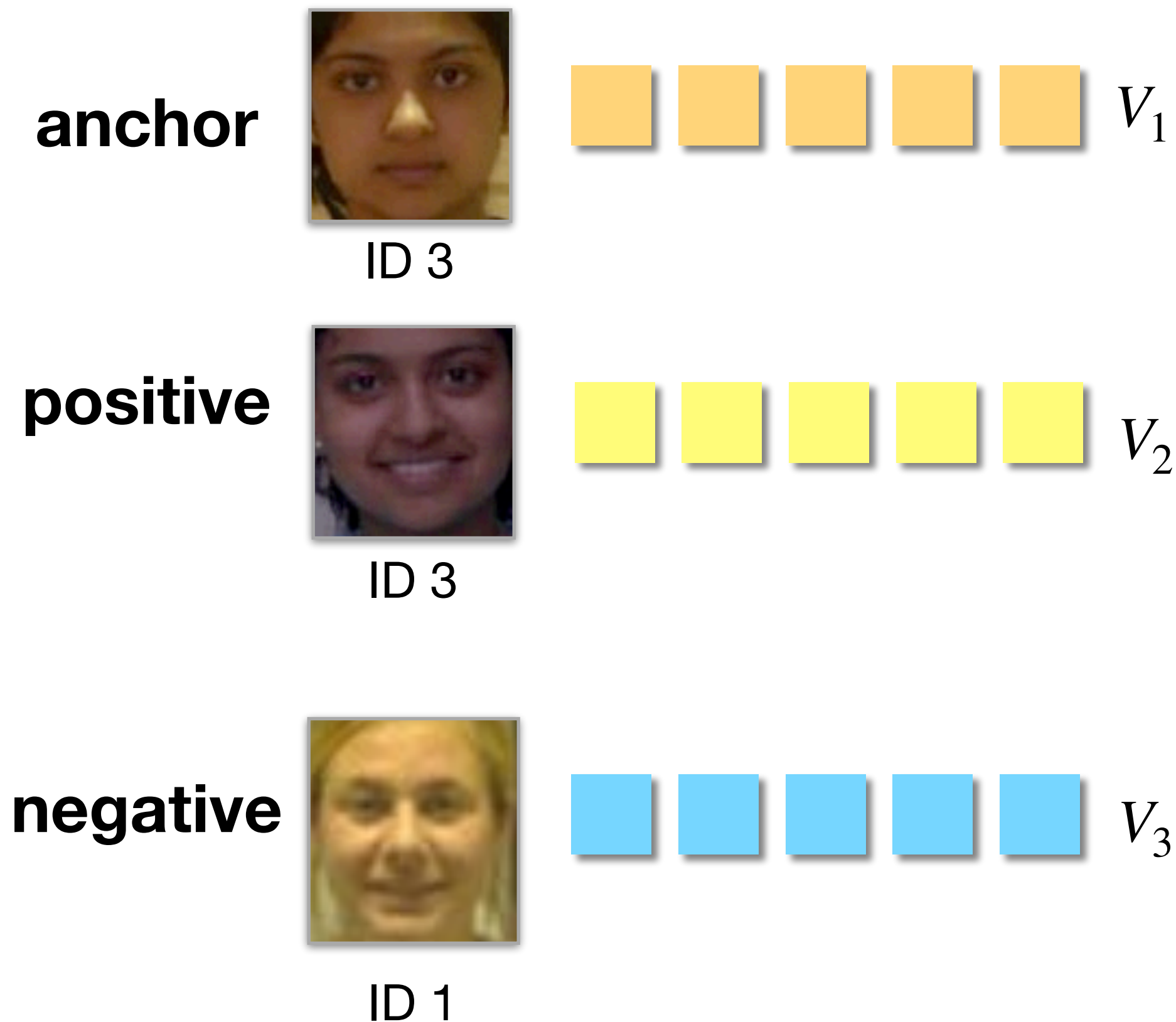
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Minimize  $d(V_1, V_2)$  and maximize  $d(V_1, V_3)$ .

Schroff et al.

*Facenet: A unified embedding for face recognition and clustering.*

CVPR 2015



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$$TL = \max(0, m + d(V_{\text{anchor}}, V_{\text{positive}}) - d(V_{\text{anchor}}, V_{\text{negative}}))$$

enforced margin

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anchor



ID 3

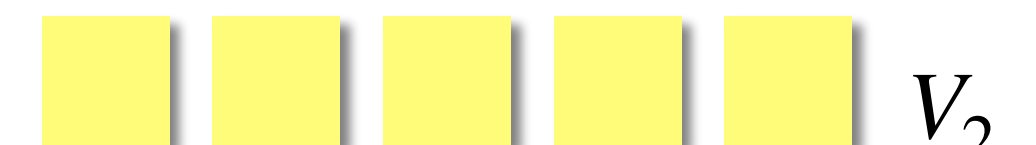


$V_1$

positive



ID 3



$V_2$

negative



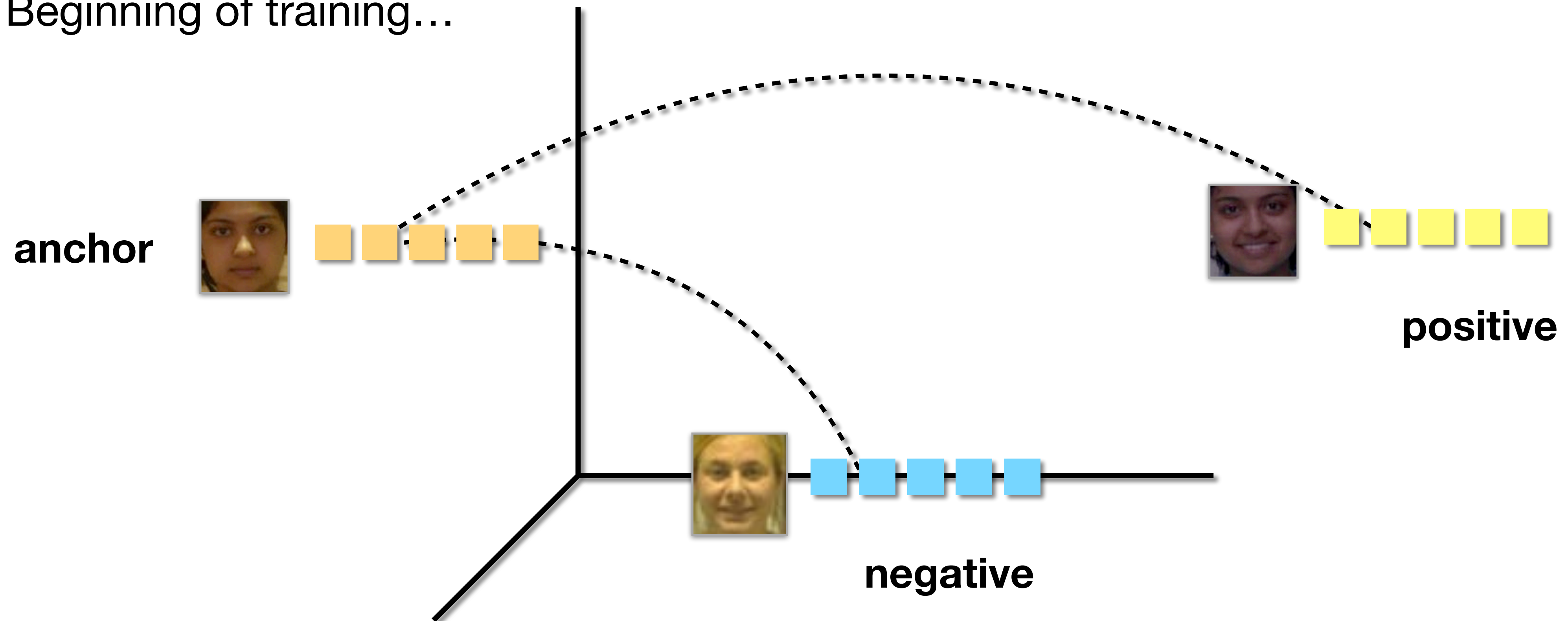
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$V_3$

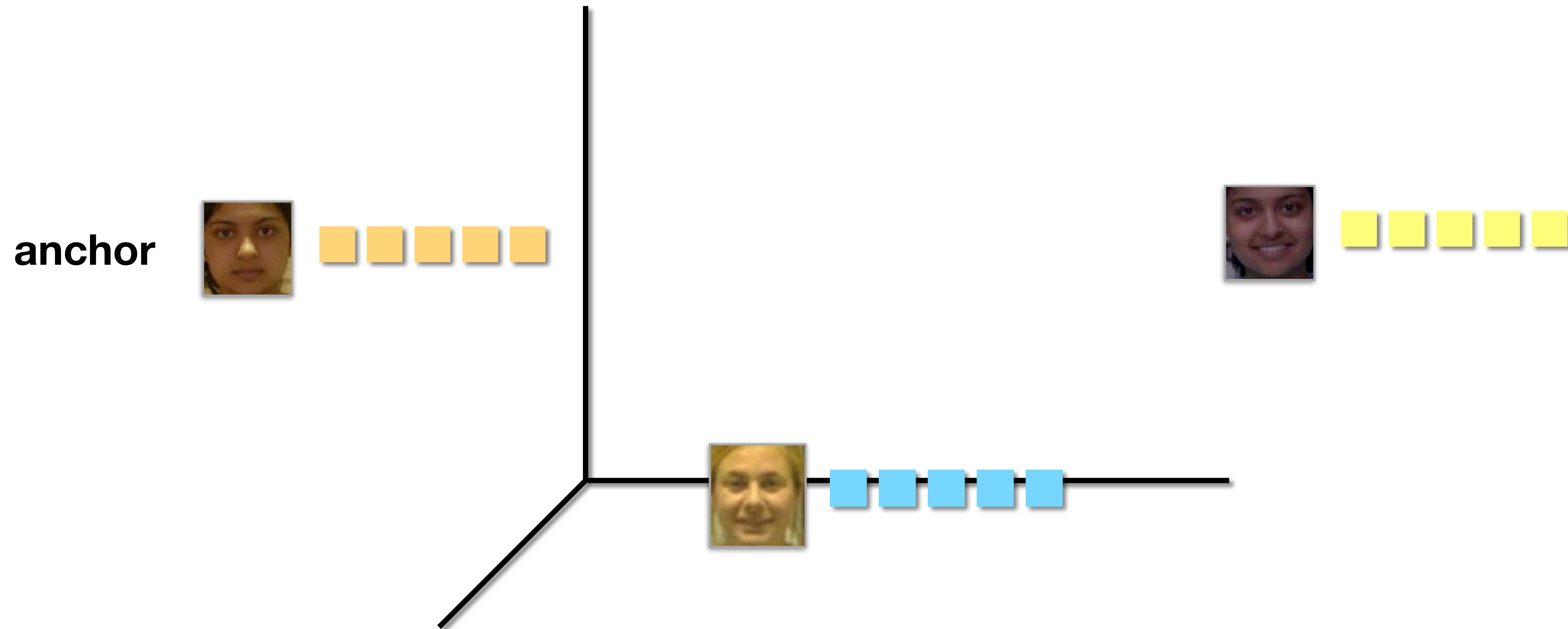
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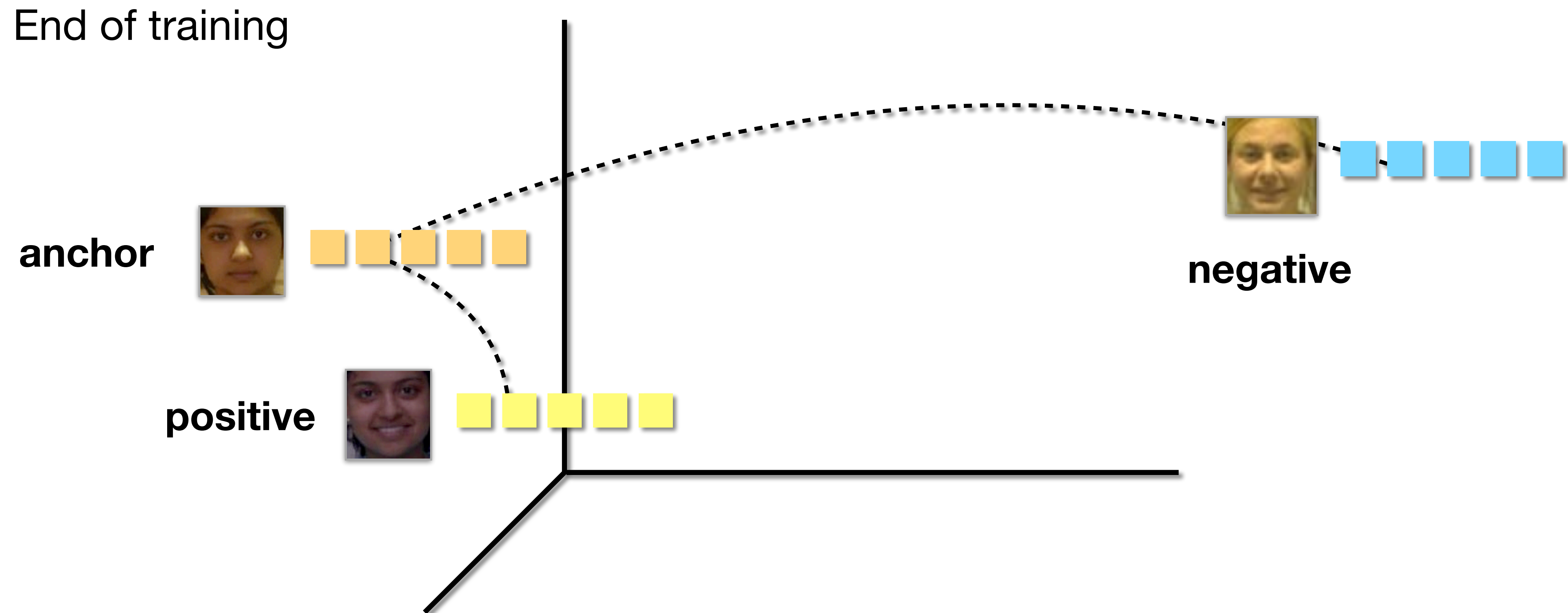




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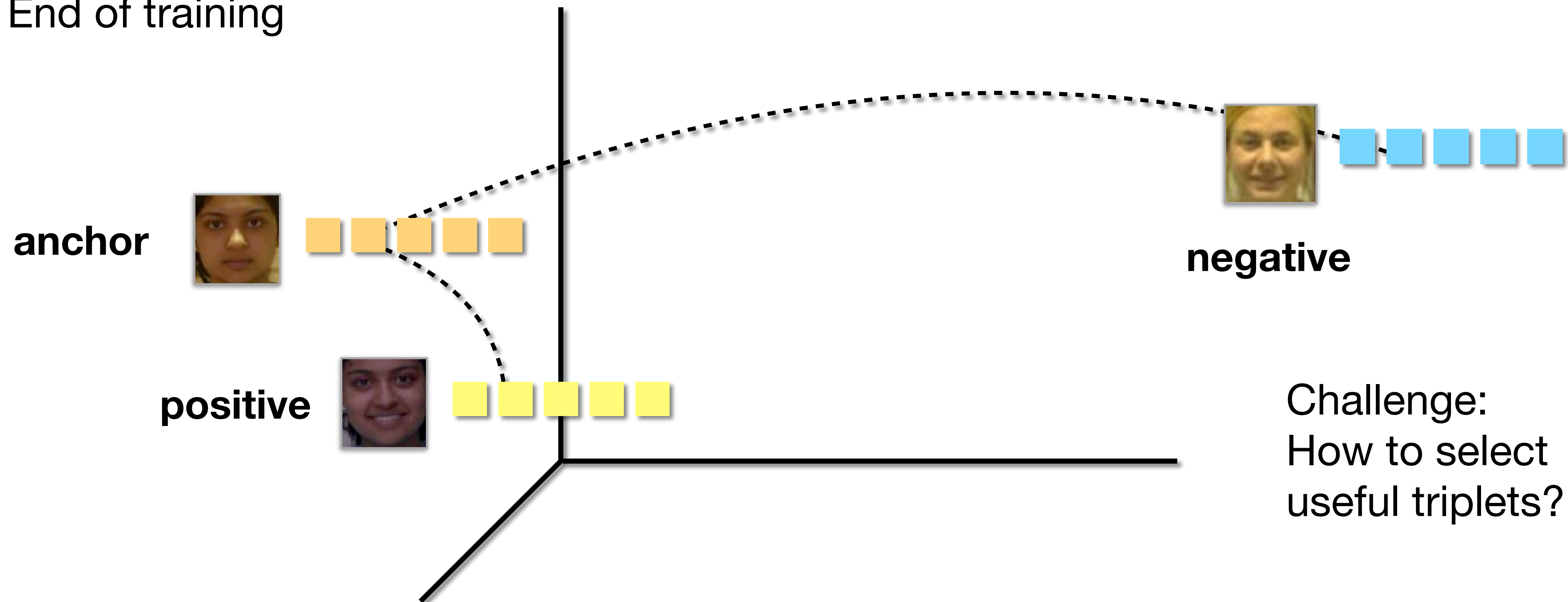


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End of training



negative

positive

Challenge:  
How to select  
useful triplets?



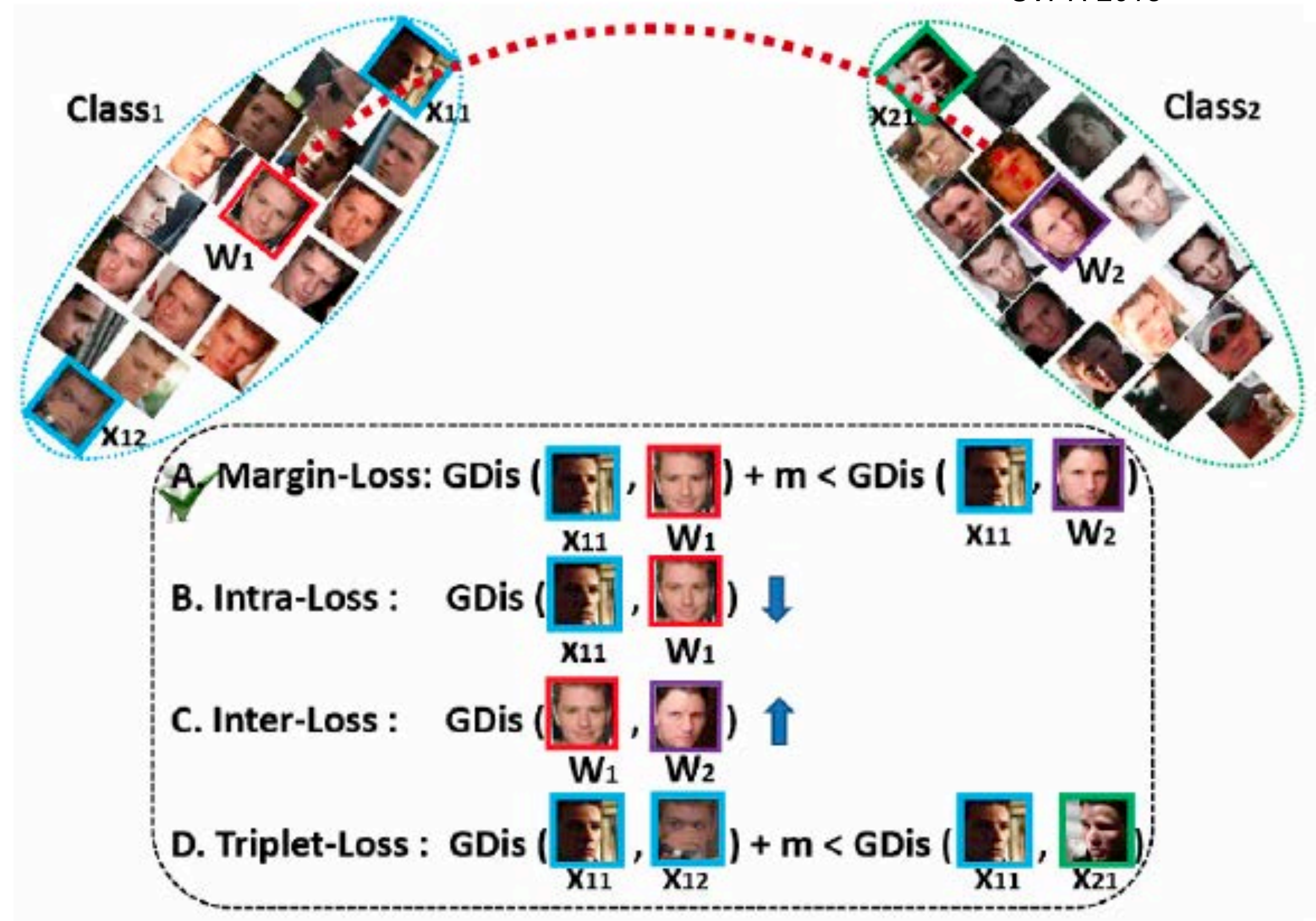
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## Centre Loss

Use class clusters' centers to improve the convergence of the learning process.

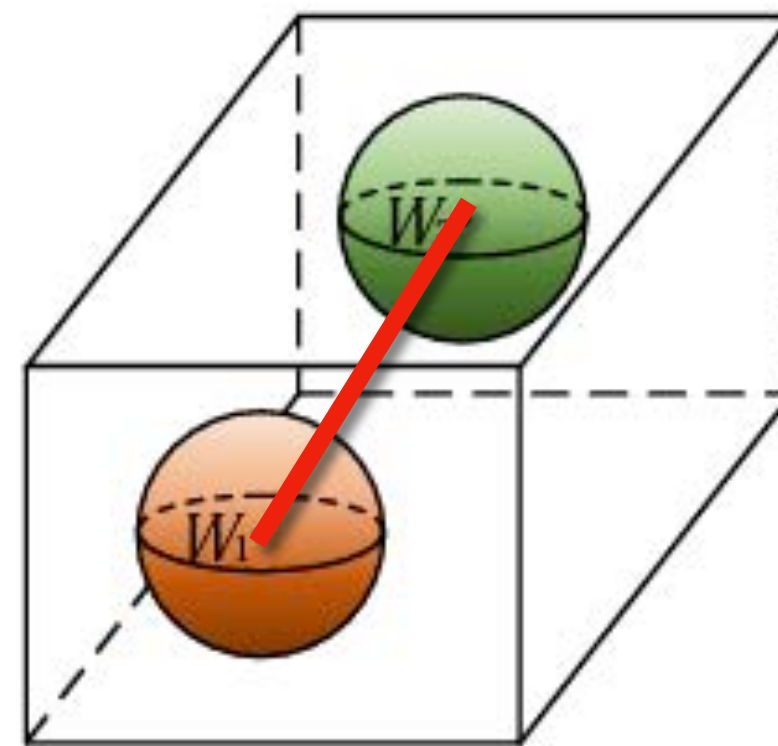
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**Euclidean  
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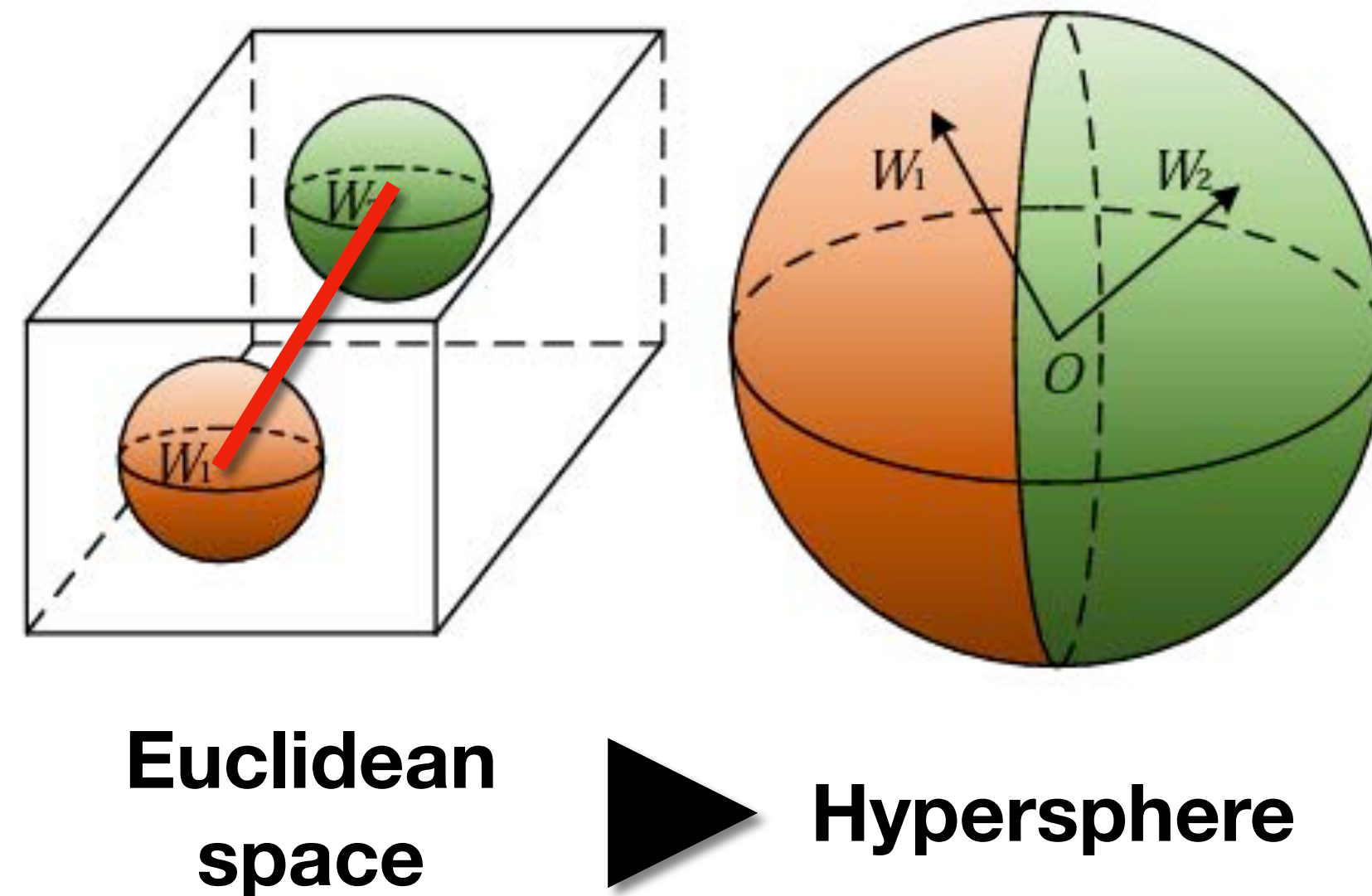
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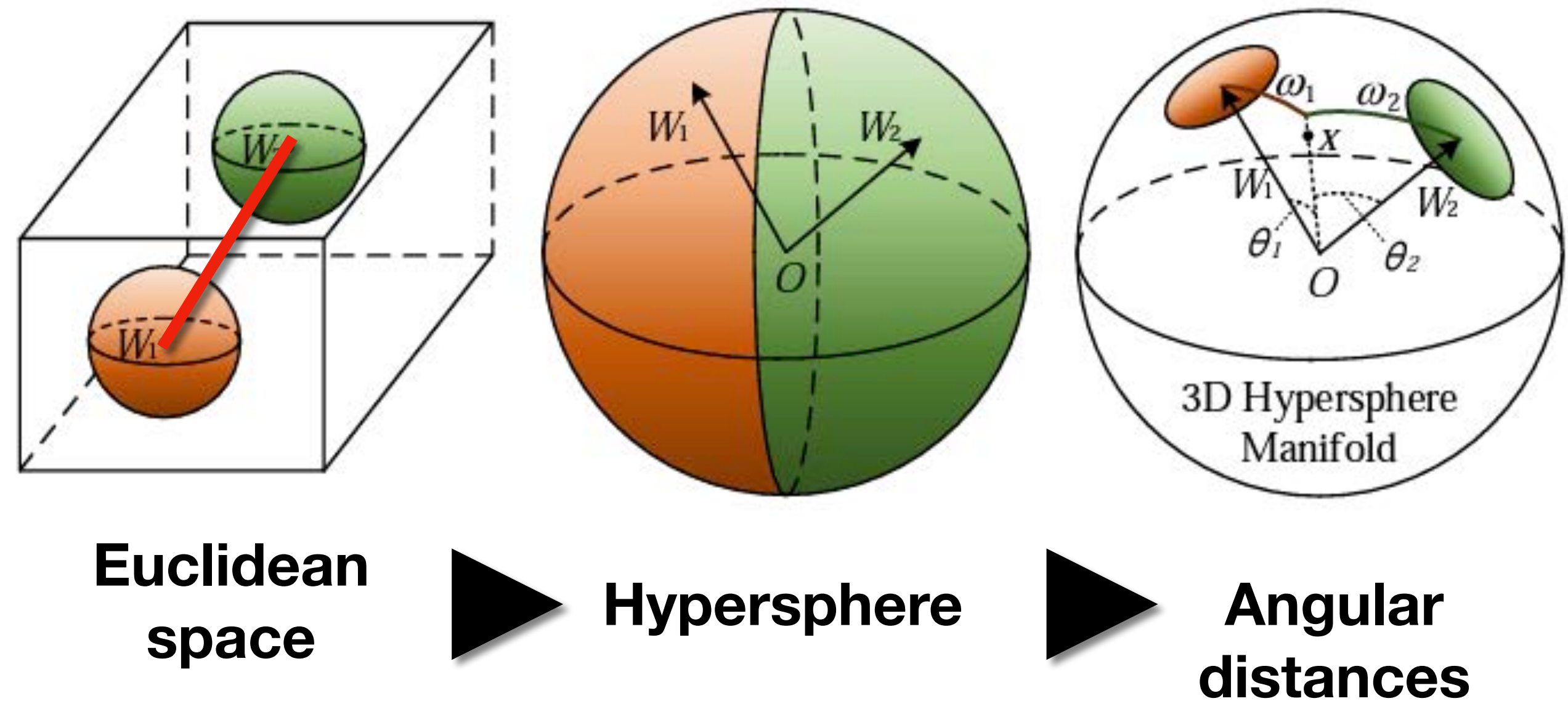
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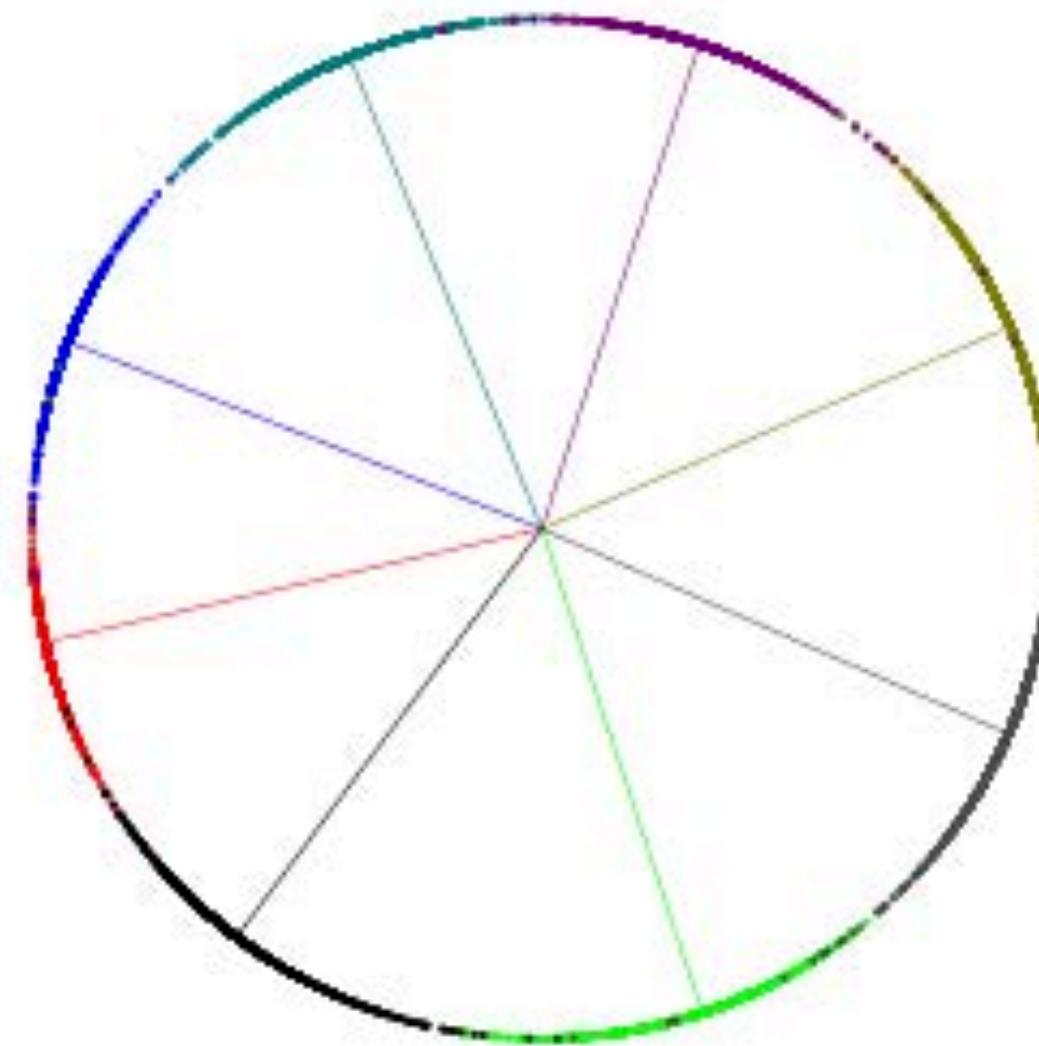
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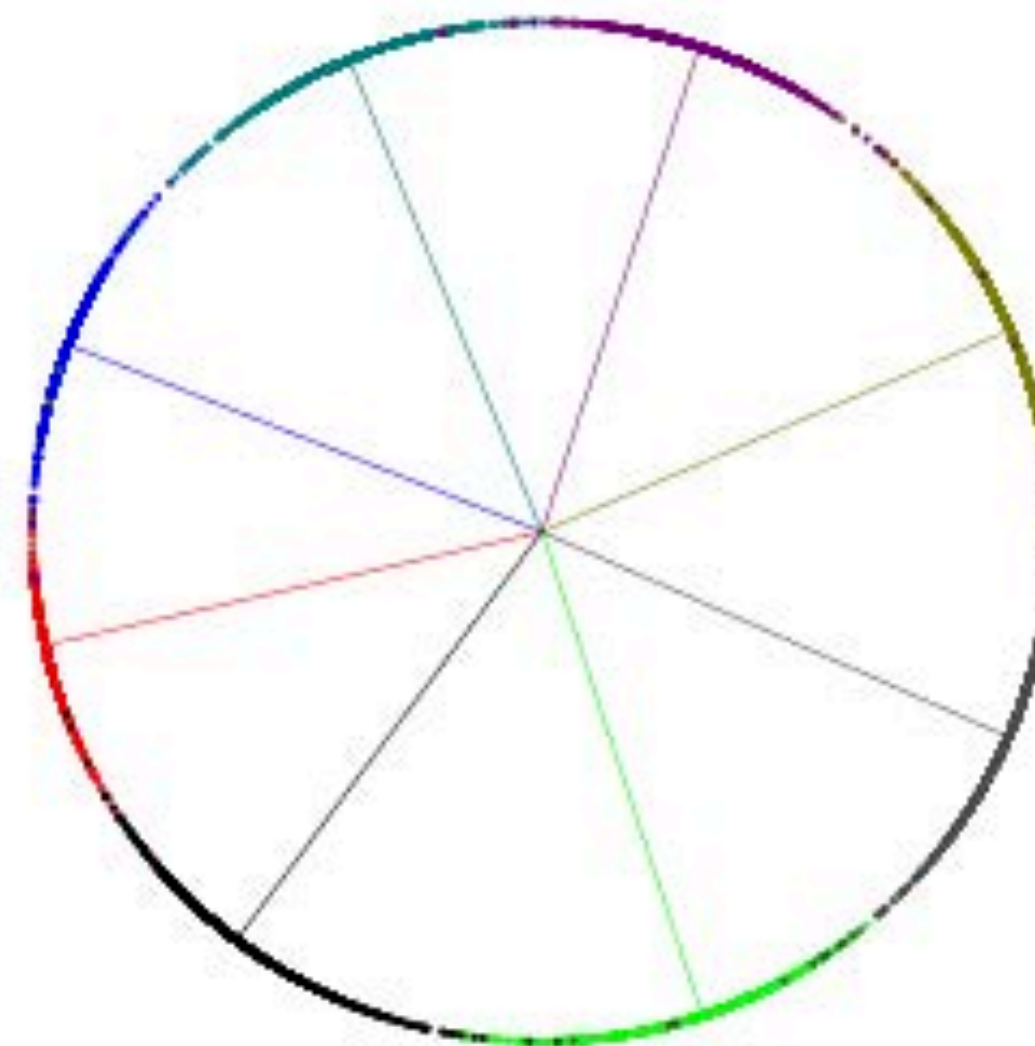
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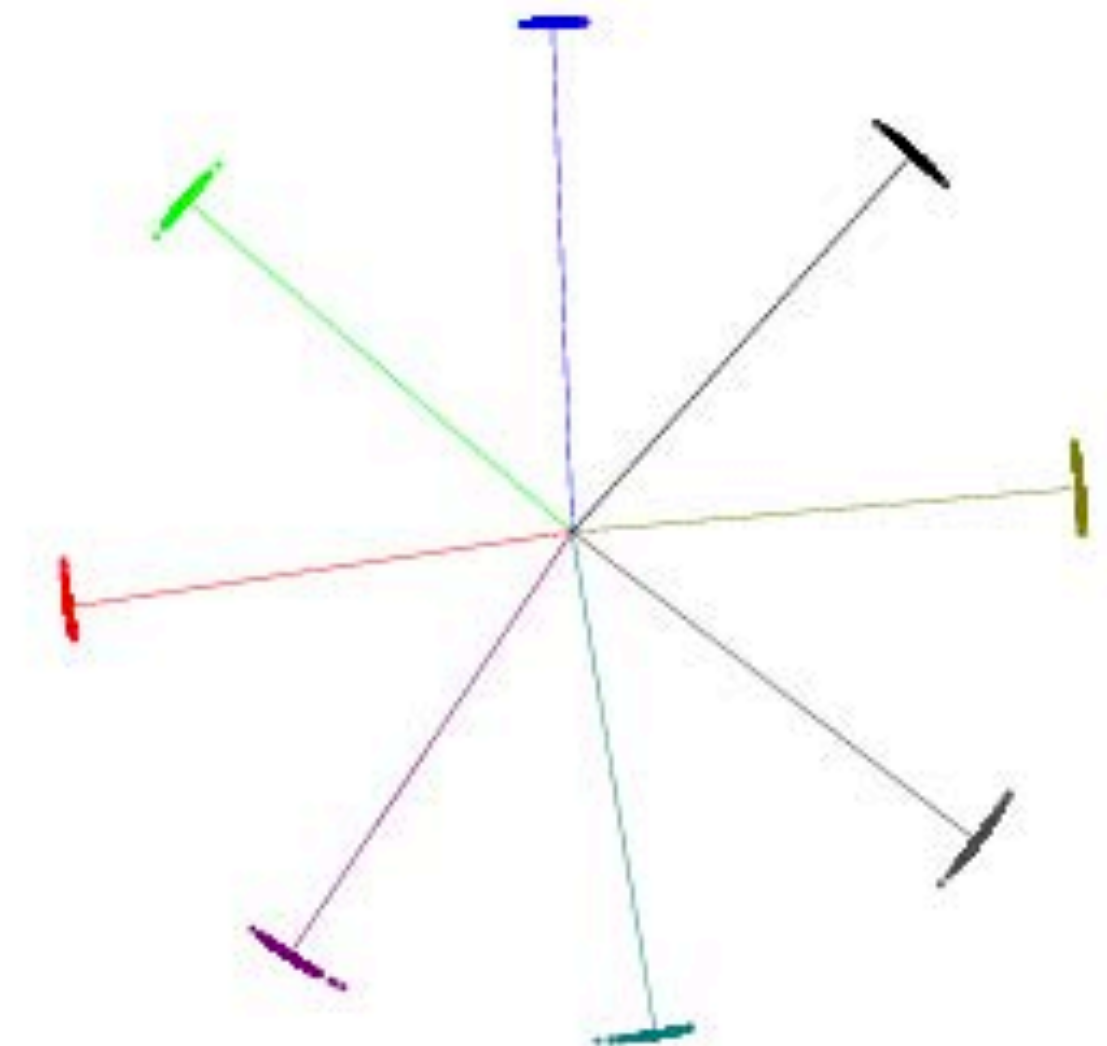
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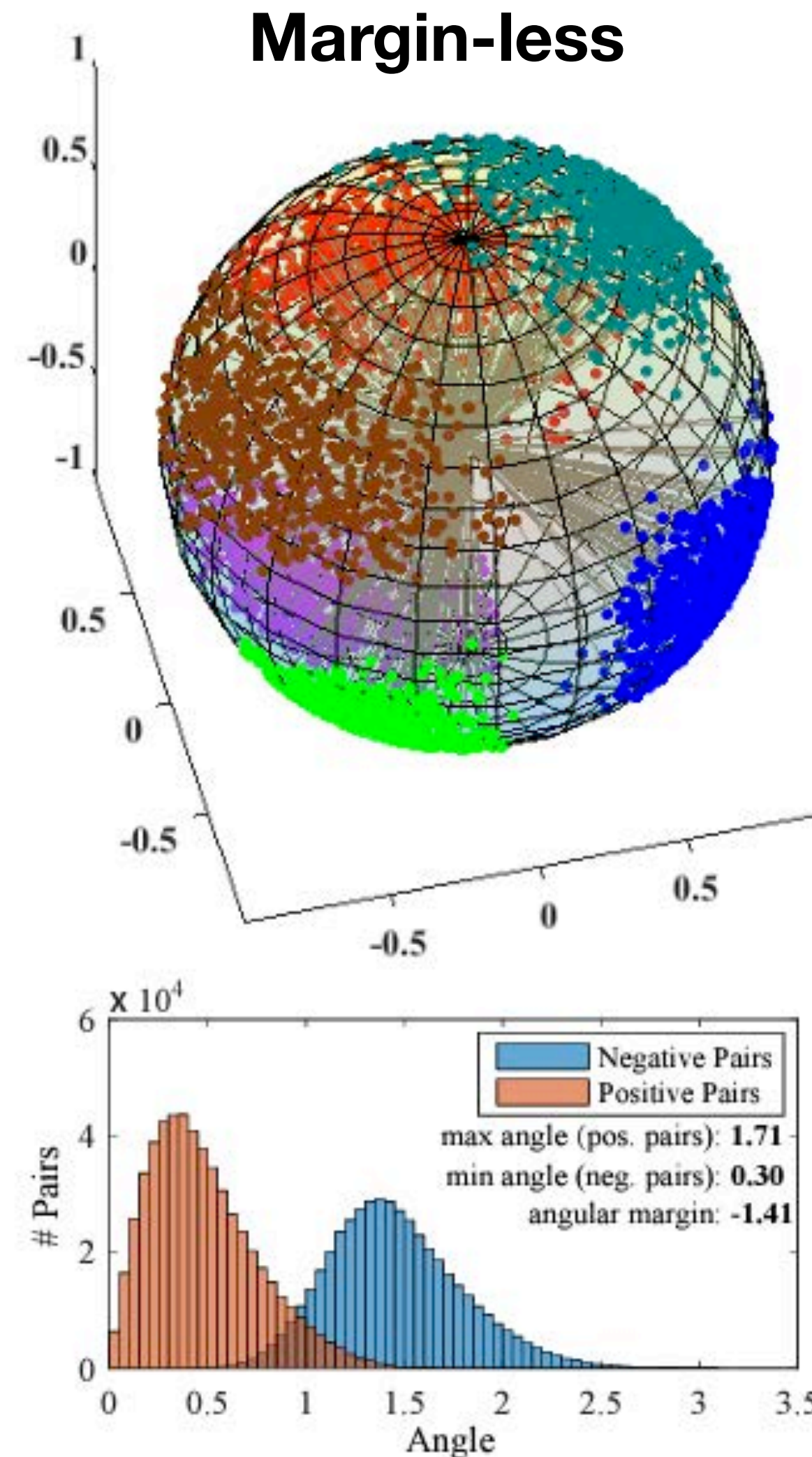
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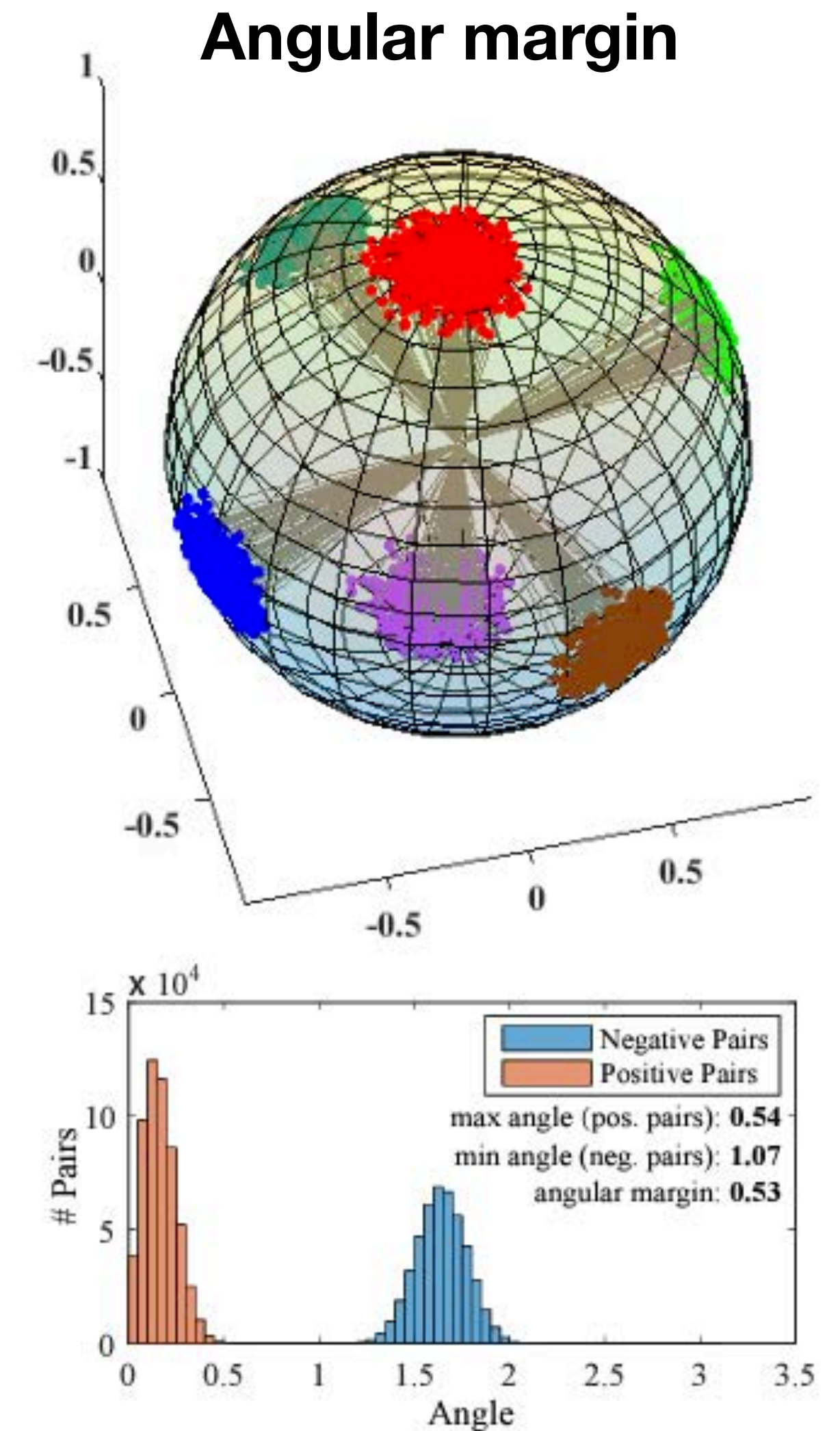
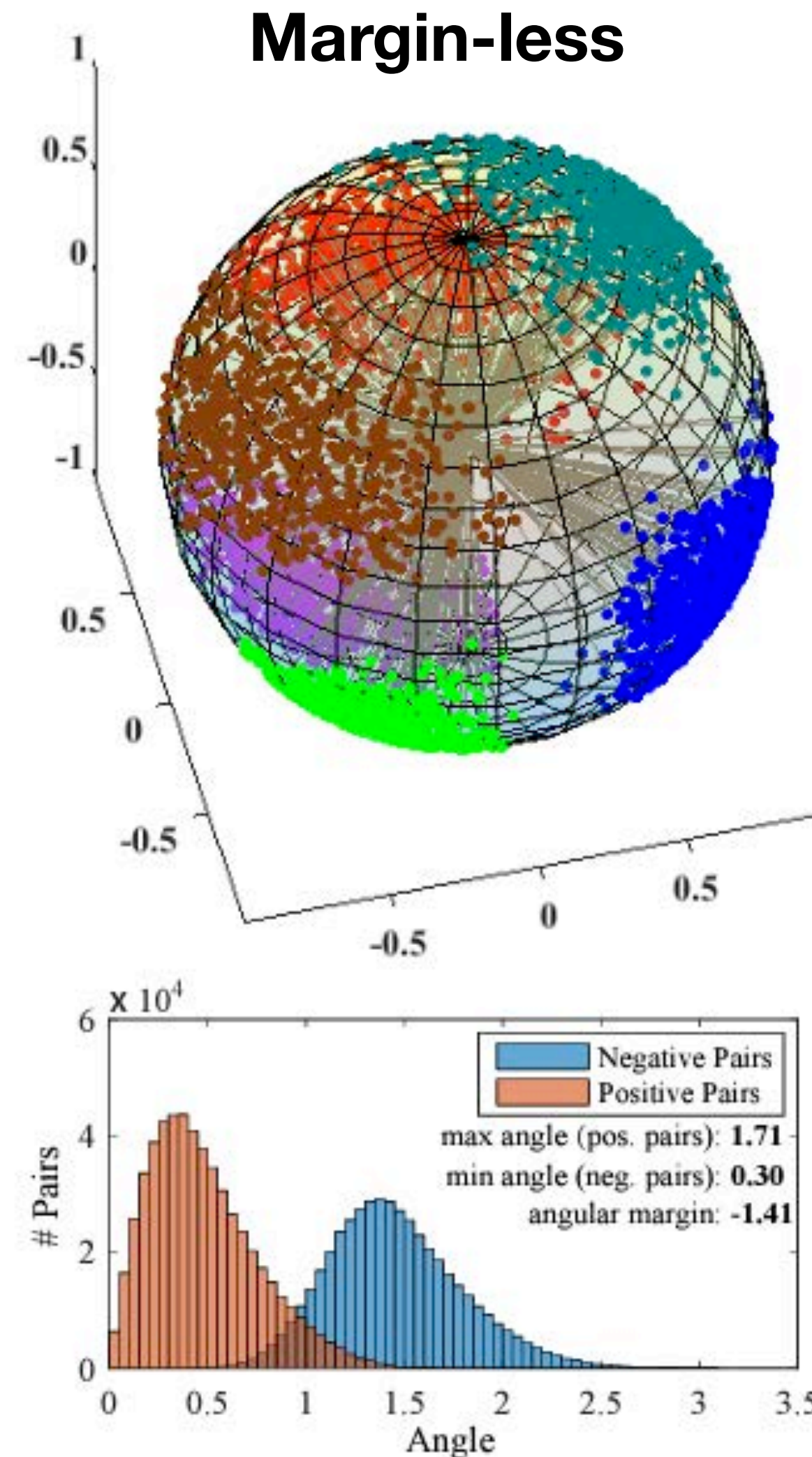
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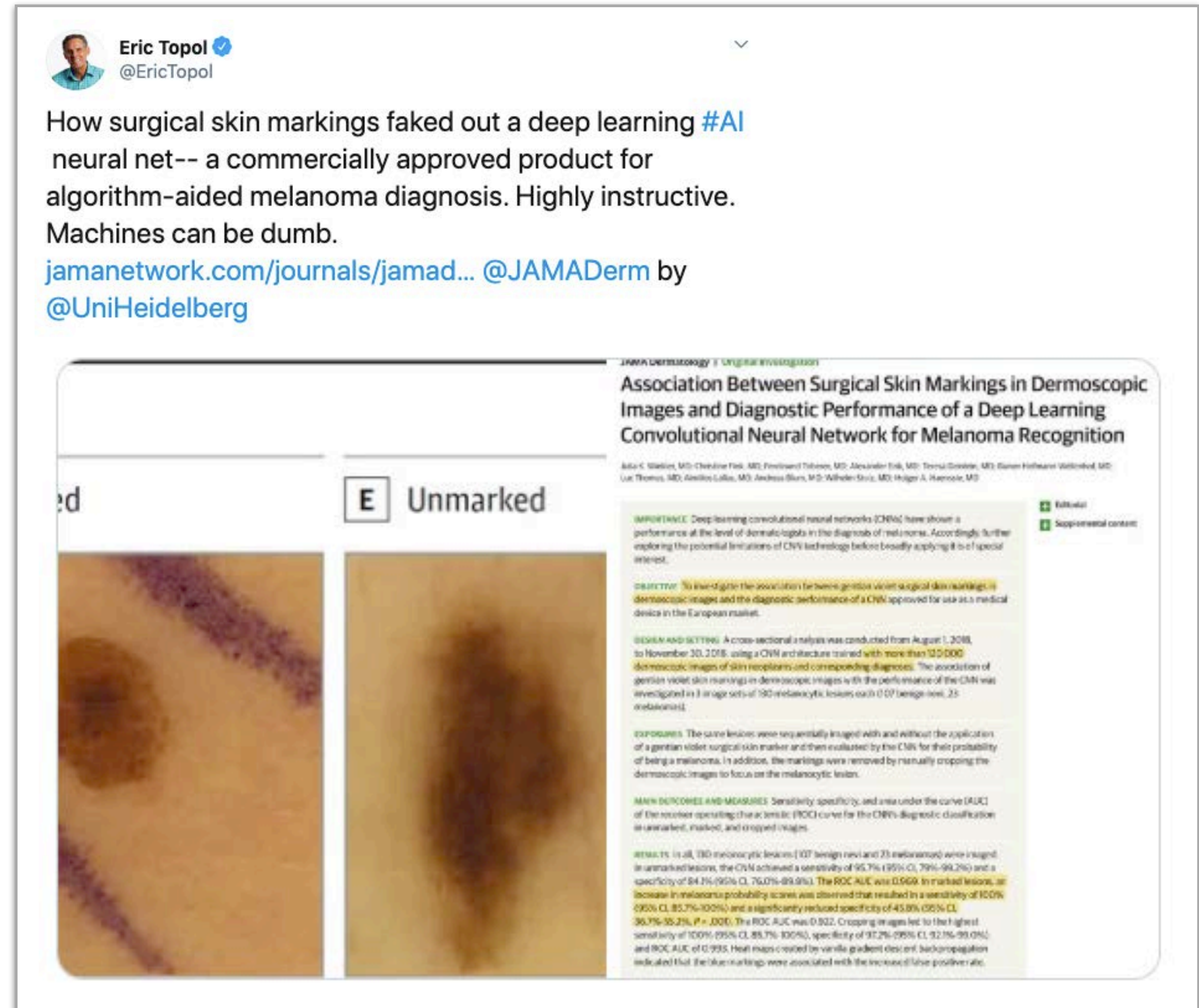
## Problems

## Accountability

You must understand what the network is using to classify samples.

You must avoid this in the case of Face Recognition!

<https://twitter.com/EricTopol/status/1161657580675985409>





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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rga2-d1oi30>

#### Automated Inference on Criminality using Face Images

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#### Abstract

*We study, for the first time, automated inference on criminality based solely on still face images. Via supervised machine learning, we build four classifiers (logistic regression, KNN, SVM, CNN) using facial images of 1856 real persons controlled for race, gender, age and facial expressions, nearly half of whom were convicted criminals, for discriminating between criminals and non-criminals. All four classifiers perform consistently well and produce evidence for the validity of automated face-induced inference on criminality.*

people share the belief that the face alone suffices to reveal innate traits of a person. Aristotle in his famous work *Prior Analytics* asserted, "It is possible to infer character from features, if it is granted that the body and the soul are changed together by the natural affections". Psychologists have known, for as long as a millennium, the human tendency of inferring innate traits and social attributes (e.g., the trustworthiness, dominance) of a person from his/her facial appearance, and a robust consensus of individuals' inferences. These are the facts found through numerous studies [2, 32, 4, 5, 9, 20, 21, 27, 25].

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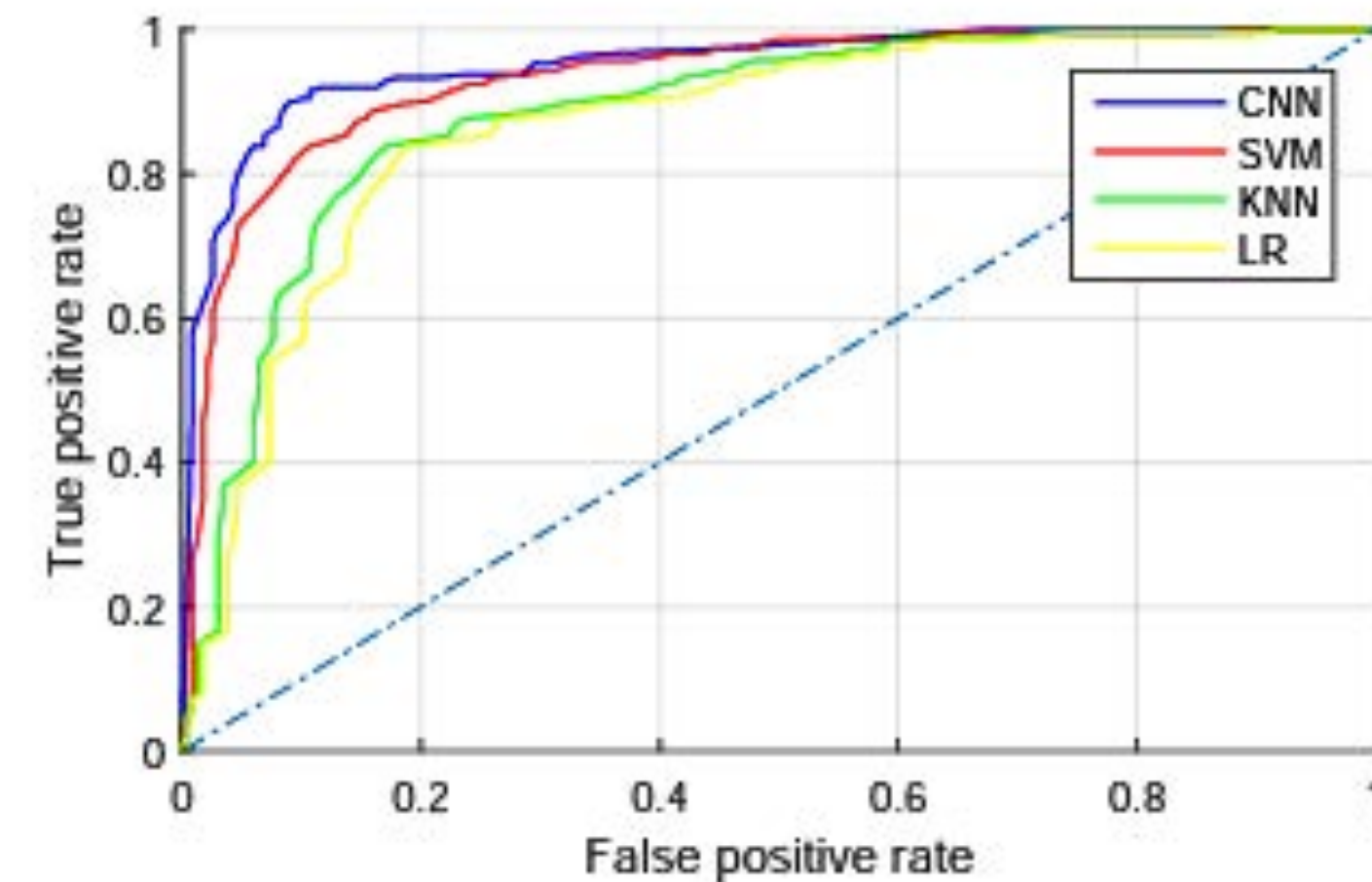


Figure 3. The ROC curves of the four tested binary face classifiers on criminality.

Classifiers	CNN	SVM	KNN	LR
AUC	0.9540	0.9303	0.8838	0.8666

Table 1. The AUC results for the four tested face classifiers on criminality.

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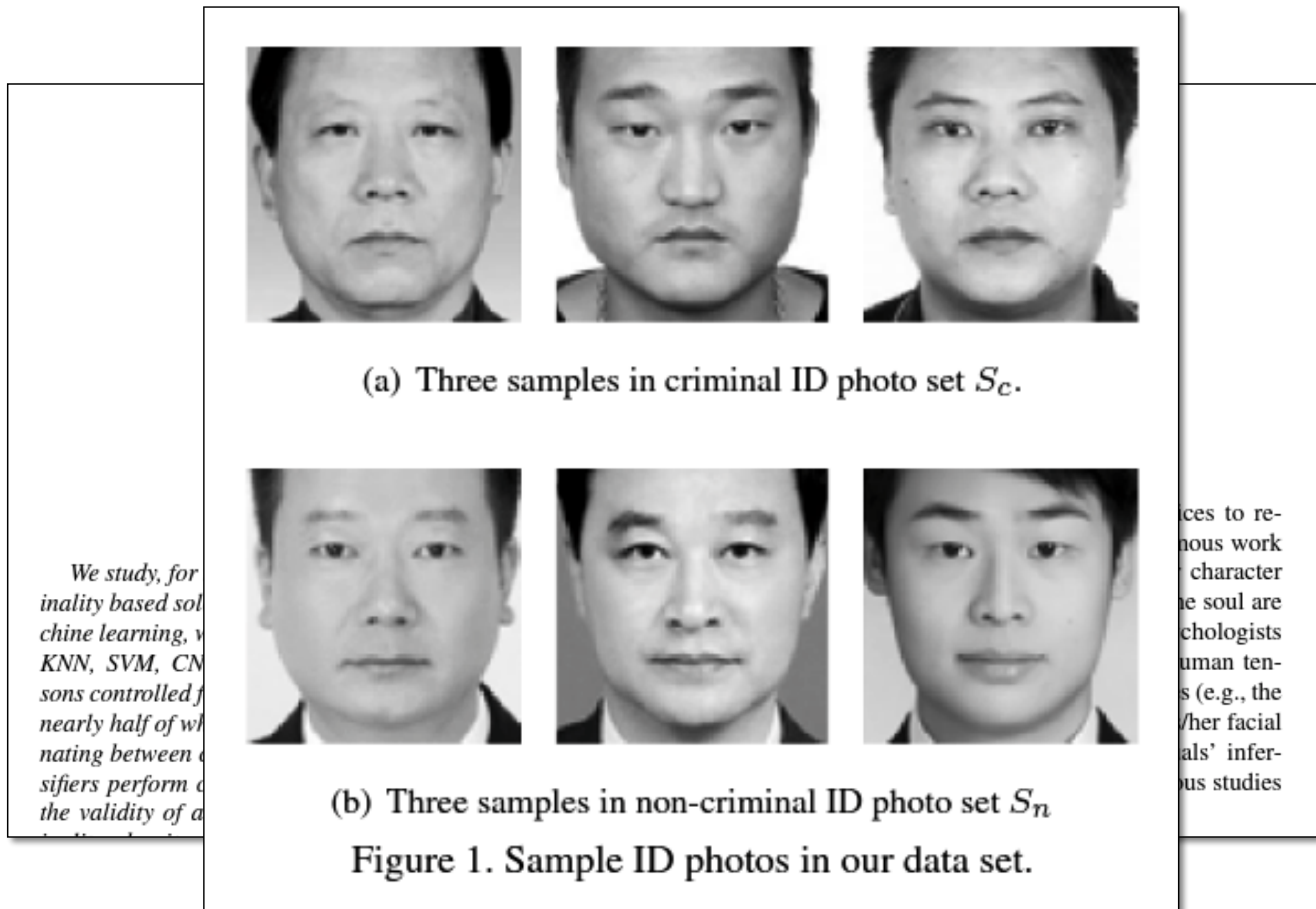
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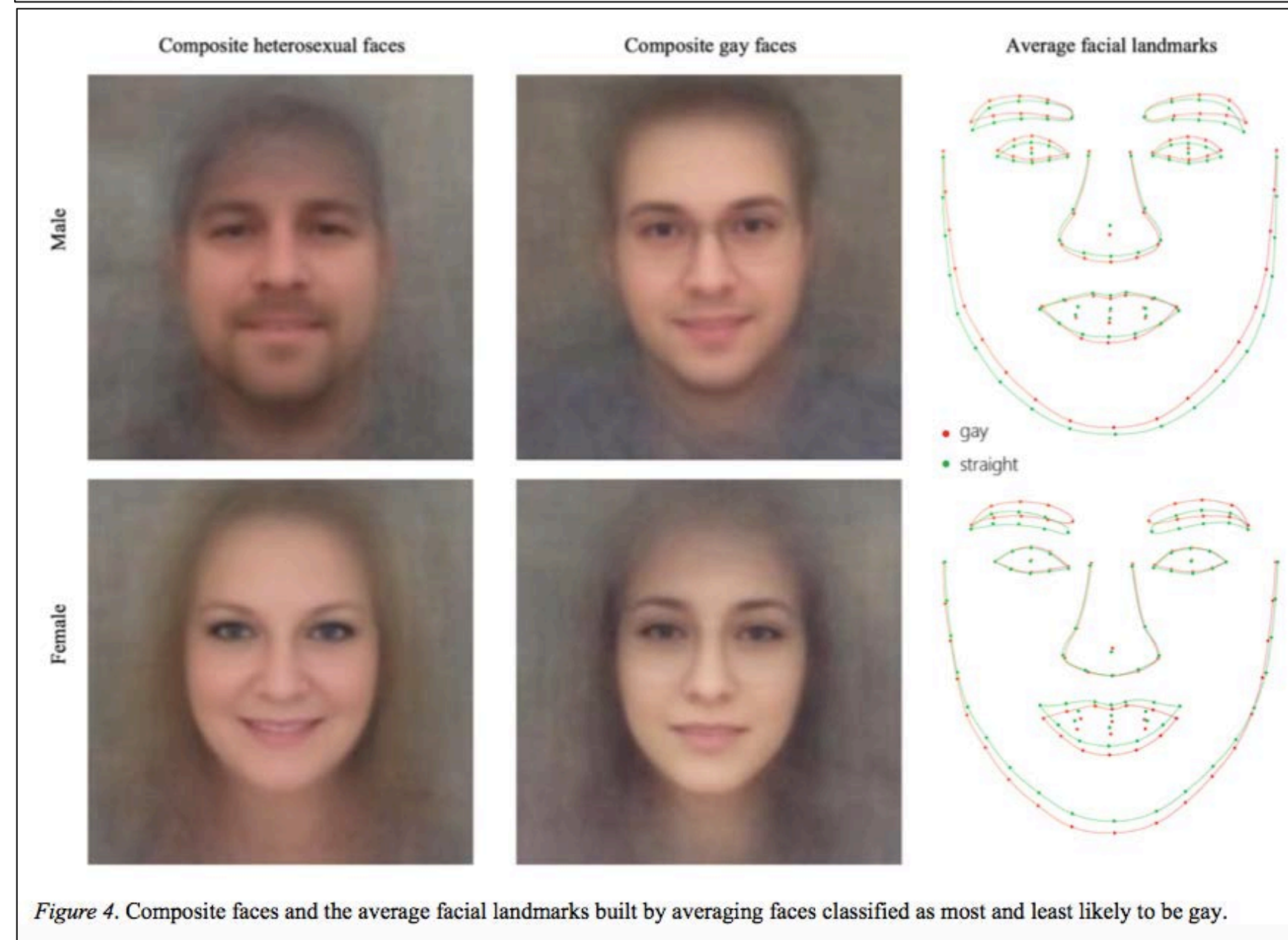
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By **Michal Kosinski**, Yilun Wang

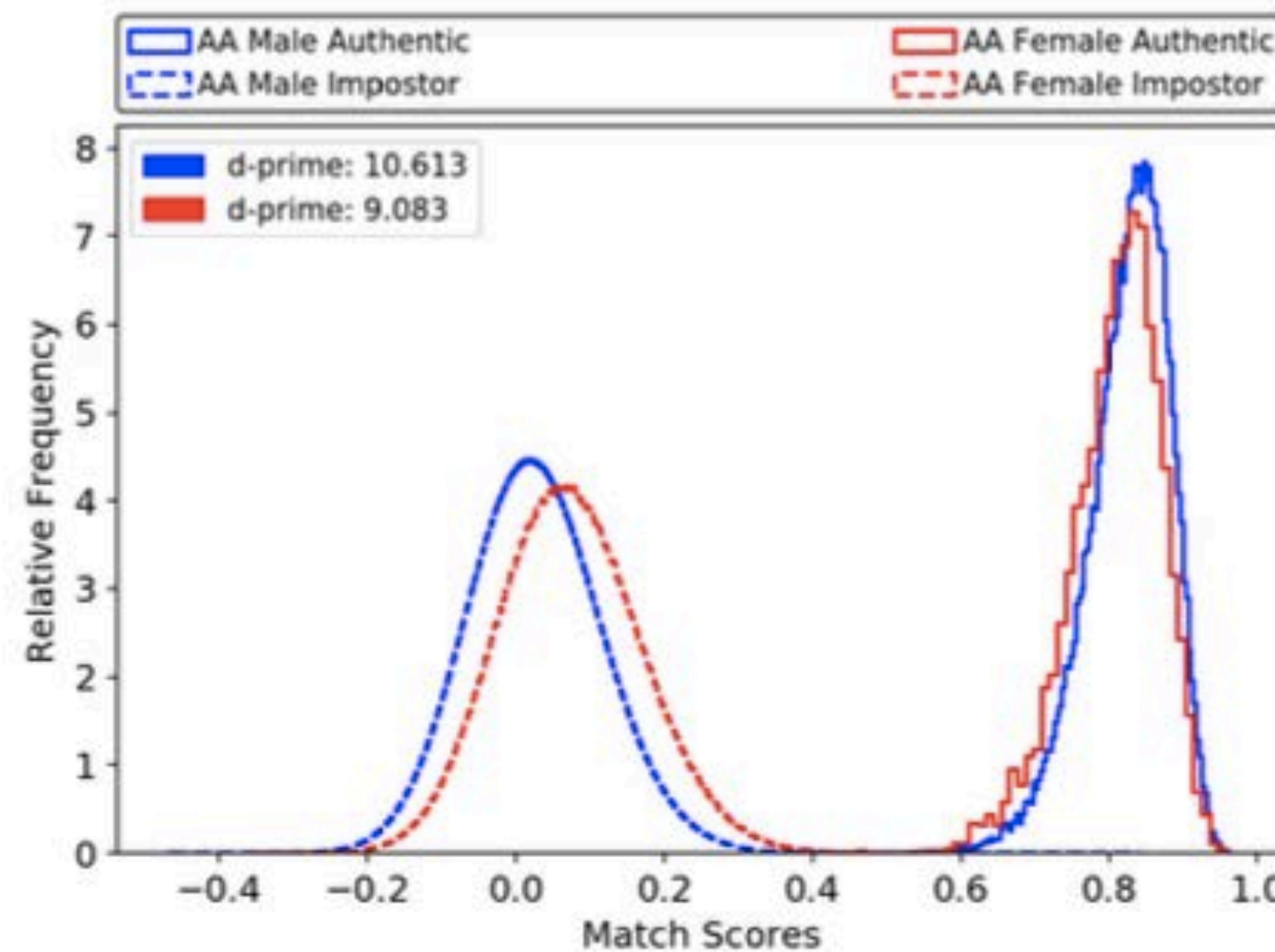
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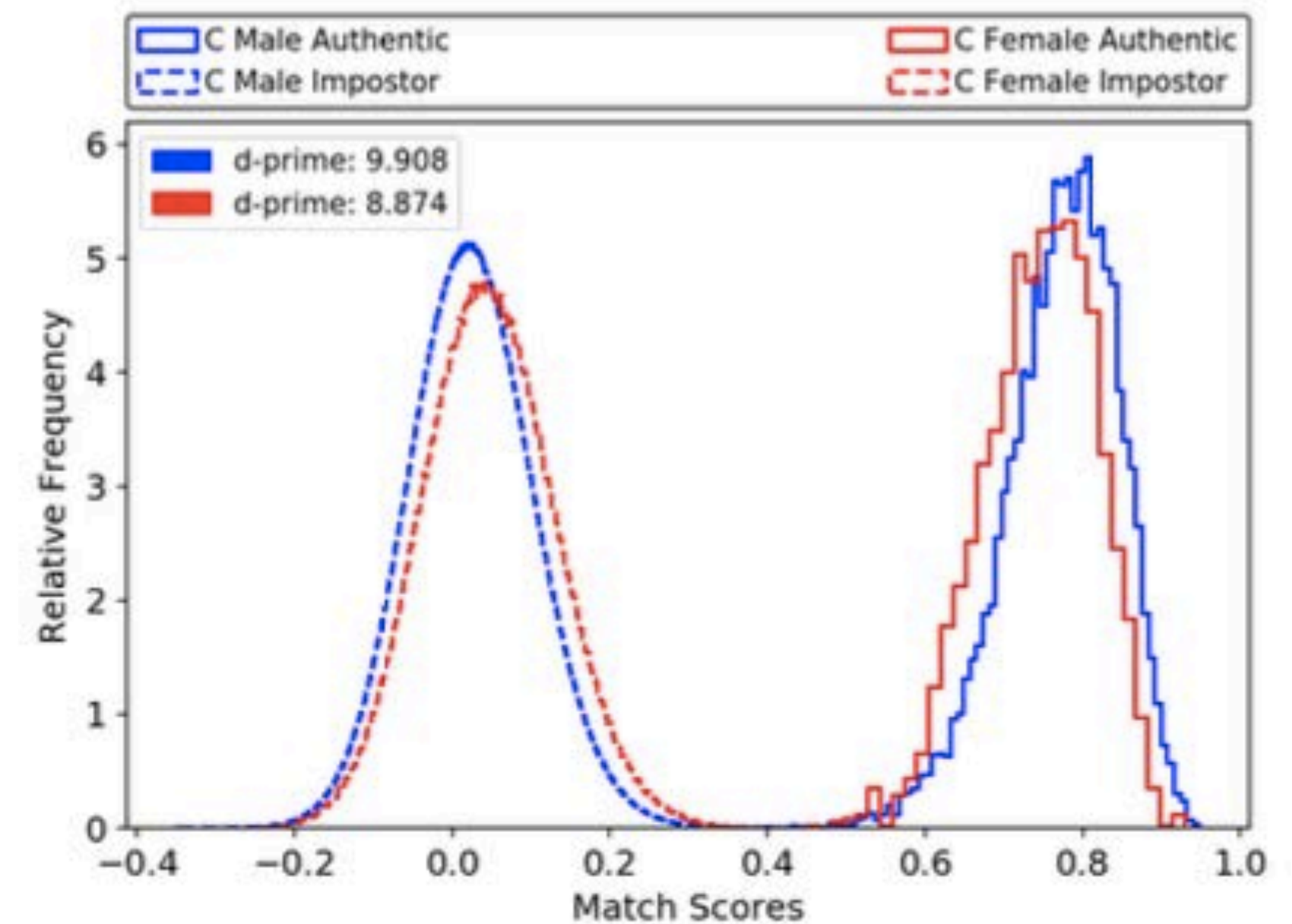
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## Notre Dame Preliminary Studies Dr. Bowyer at CVRL

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(a) MORPH African American



(b) MORPH Caucasian



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### **MORPH: A Longitudinal Image Database of Normal Adult Age-Progression**

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### **3.2. Statistics**

As of this writing, the database contains 1,724 face images of 515 individuals. These images represent a diverse population with respect to age, gender, and ethnicity. There are 1,278 images of individuals of African-American decent, 433 images of individuals of Caucasian decent and 3 images classified as other. There are 294 images of females and 1,430 images of males. For the male images, seventy-six percent have some form of facial hair, usually a mustache.

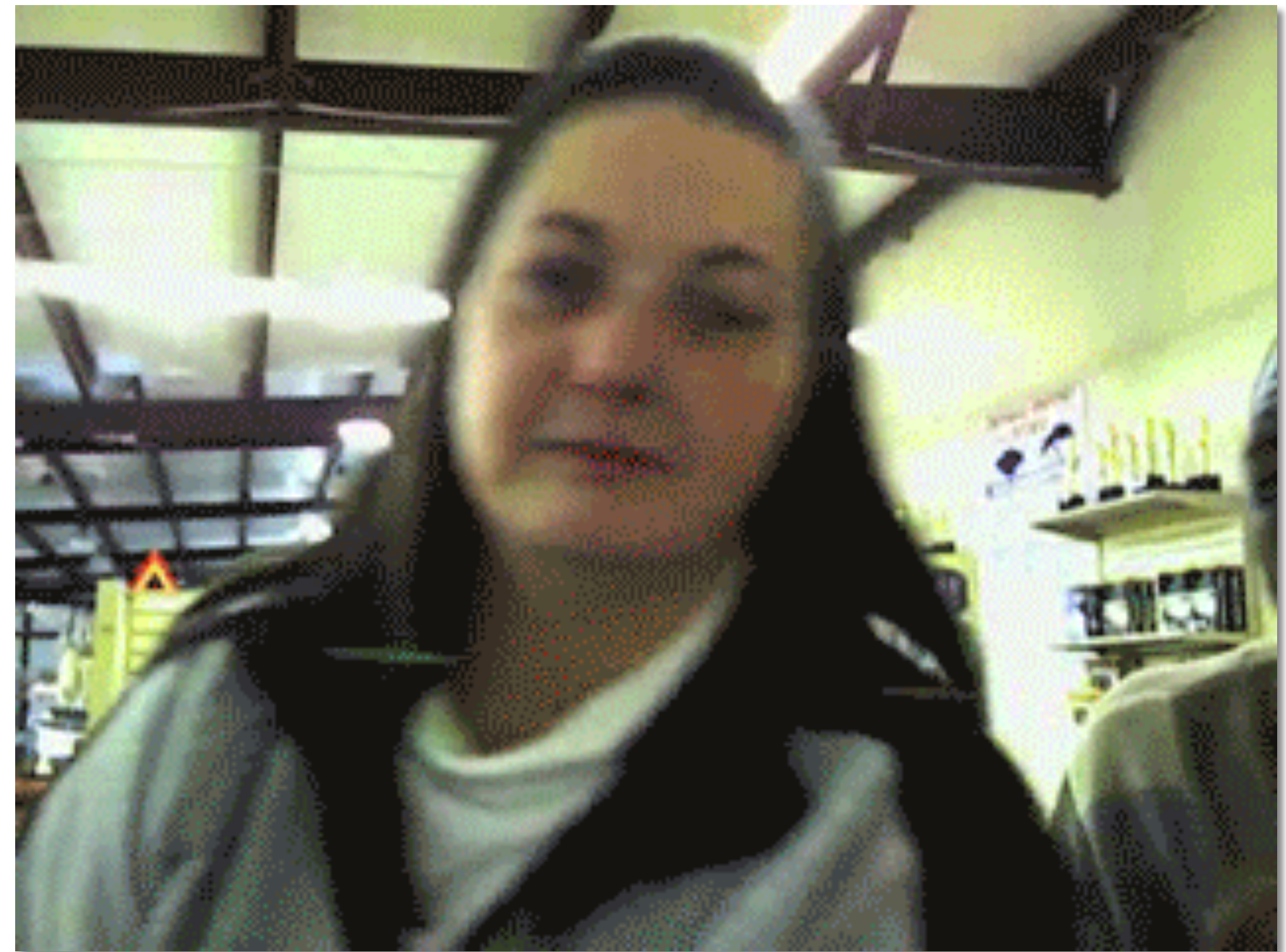


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## Problems

### Bias

What happens if you train the network only with one type of faces (e.g., with only young caucasians)?



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## Problems

### Avoid Bias

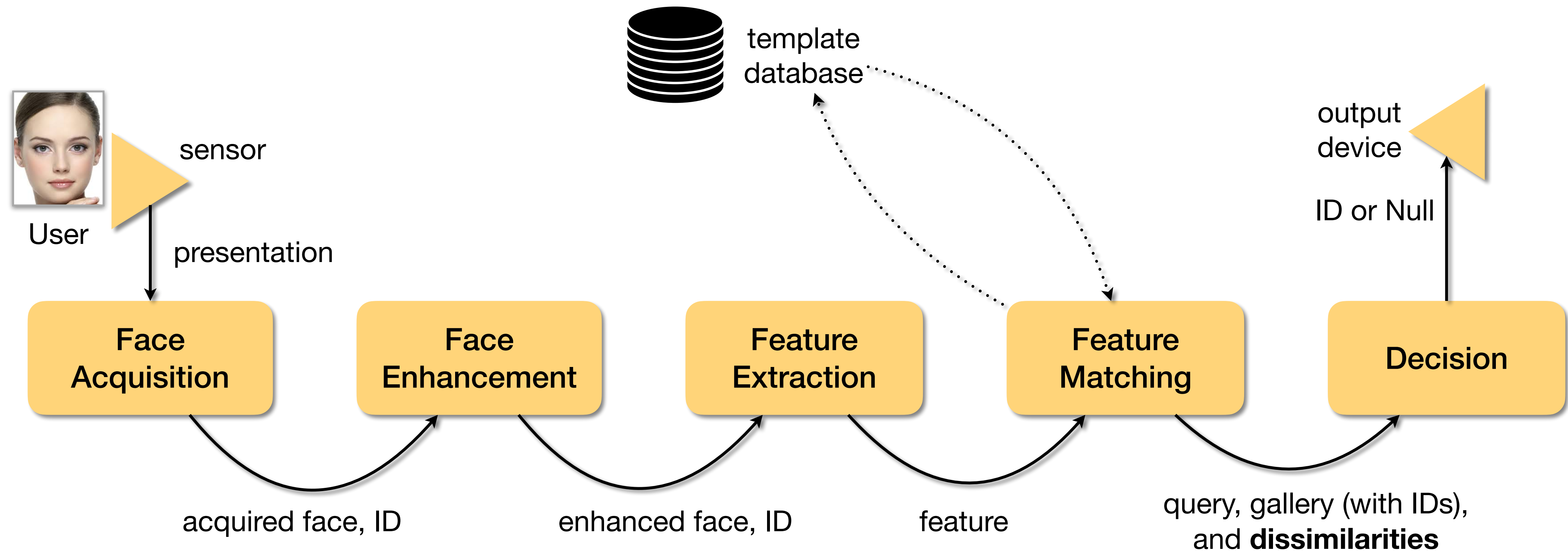
Diversify the training dataset.

There are synthetic ways to do it...  
(FaceGen demonstration)





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