



*WE ARE DEEPMASQUE*

# We Create Real Masks

*Choose images to upload (PNG, JPG).*

*Filename must have either the words  
“Image” or “Trimap”.*



# TEAM DEEPMASQUE

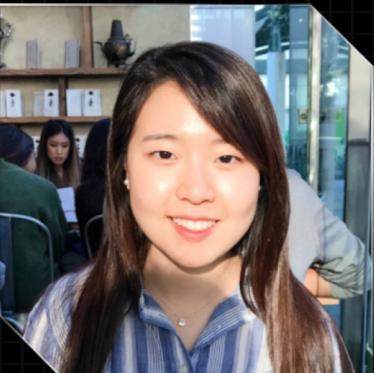
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Interdisciplinary team of data scientists



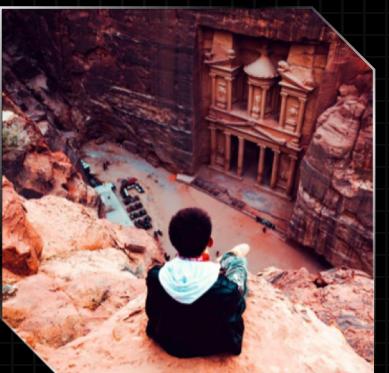
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# THE GREEN SCREEN TECHNIQUE

A ubiquitous post-production technique

- A green screen is a uniform backdrop used in filming, 3-D printing, and VR
- Allows editors to easily separate the subject from the background to change the background
- Used by everyone from amateur film-ers to Hollywood producers

# PROBLEMS

## EXPENSIVE, TIME-CONSUMING, HIGH BARRIER FOR ENTRY



- Green screen film has to be processed by an editor
- Editing film is expensive, time-consuming, and difficult for beginners
- Is there a better way?

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WE CREATE ACCURATE MASKS TO DIFFERENTIATE  
FOREGROUNDS FROM BACKGROUNDS

LOCK  
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+  
FACE

Our mission is to automate the editing process of photos in VR, AR, and entertainment, etc., through precise segmentation via deep learning.



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Portrait FCN+, KNN-Matting  
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Product Demo

[www.deepmasque.com](http://www.deepmasque.com)

# ELIMINATE the need for a middle-man

- Make website where users can upload a portrait and instantly separate subject and background
- Enable users to change the background
- Film-makers of any calibre can circumvent the green screen process

THE STACK

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WORLD

NEWS

Adobe develops AI-driven approach that could end the age of the 'green screen' in movies and VR

Martin Anderson Wed 15 Mar 2017 4:27pm



Our  
**GOAL**



# OUR ALGORITHM vs MARKET COMPETITORS

Images from one-click background removal websites



INPUT IMAGE<sup>01</sup>



OUR SEGMENTED  
IMAGE<sup>02</sup>

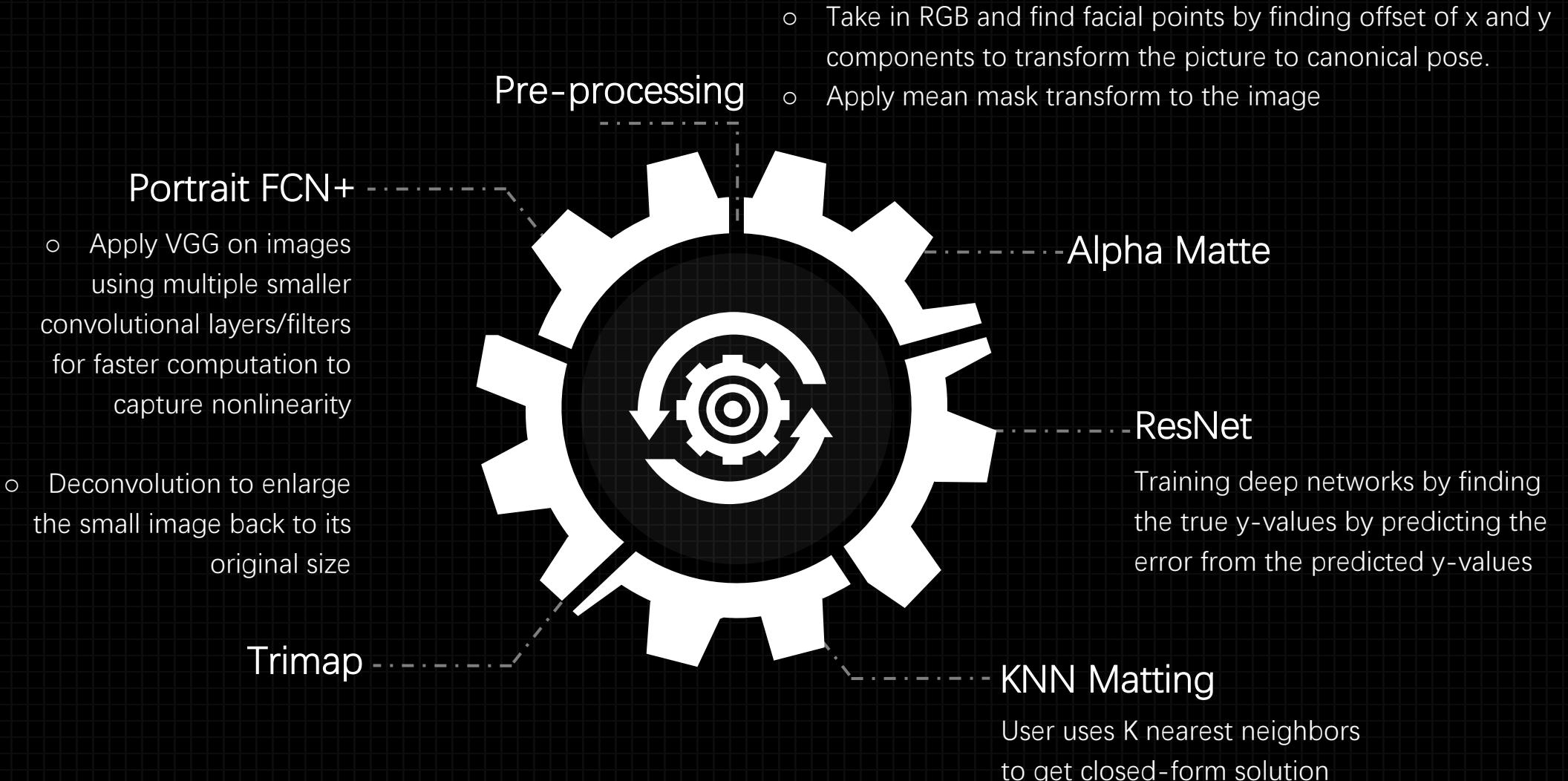


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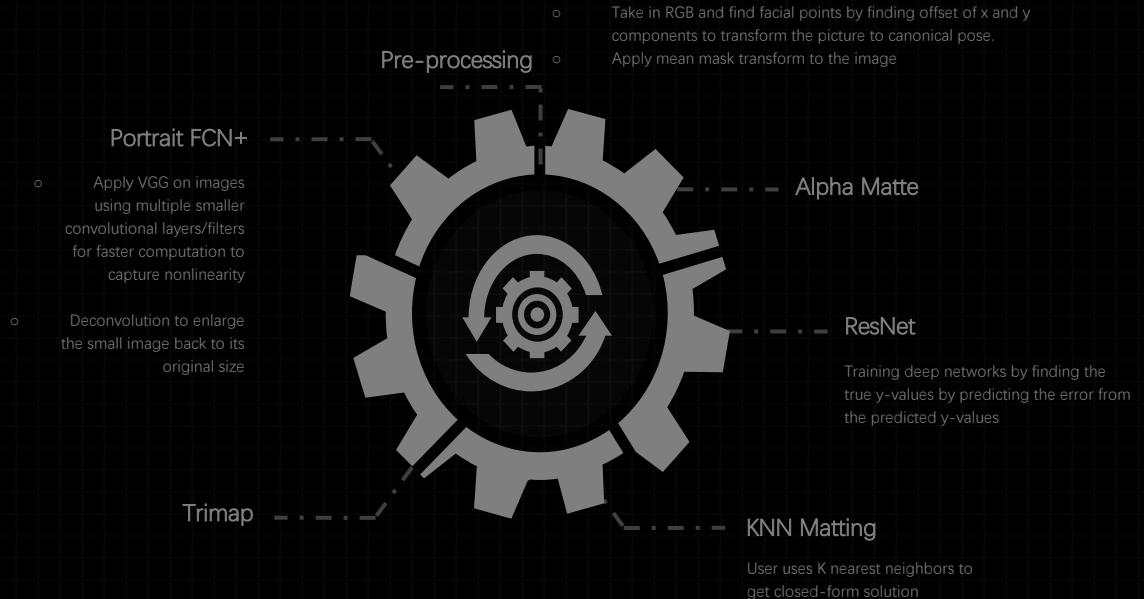
# SOLUTION ARCHITECTURE



# SOLUTION ARCHITECTURE

## Input

Input image of a person



## SERVER

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Amazon EC2 Server

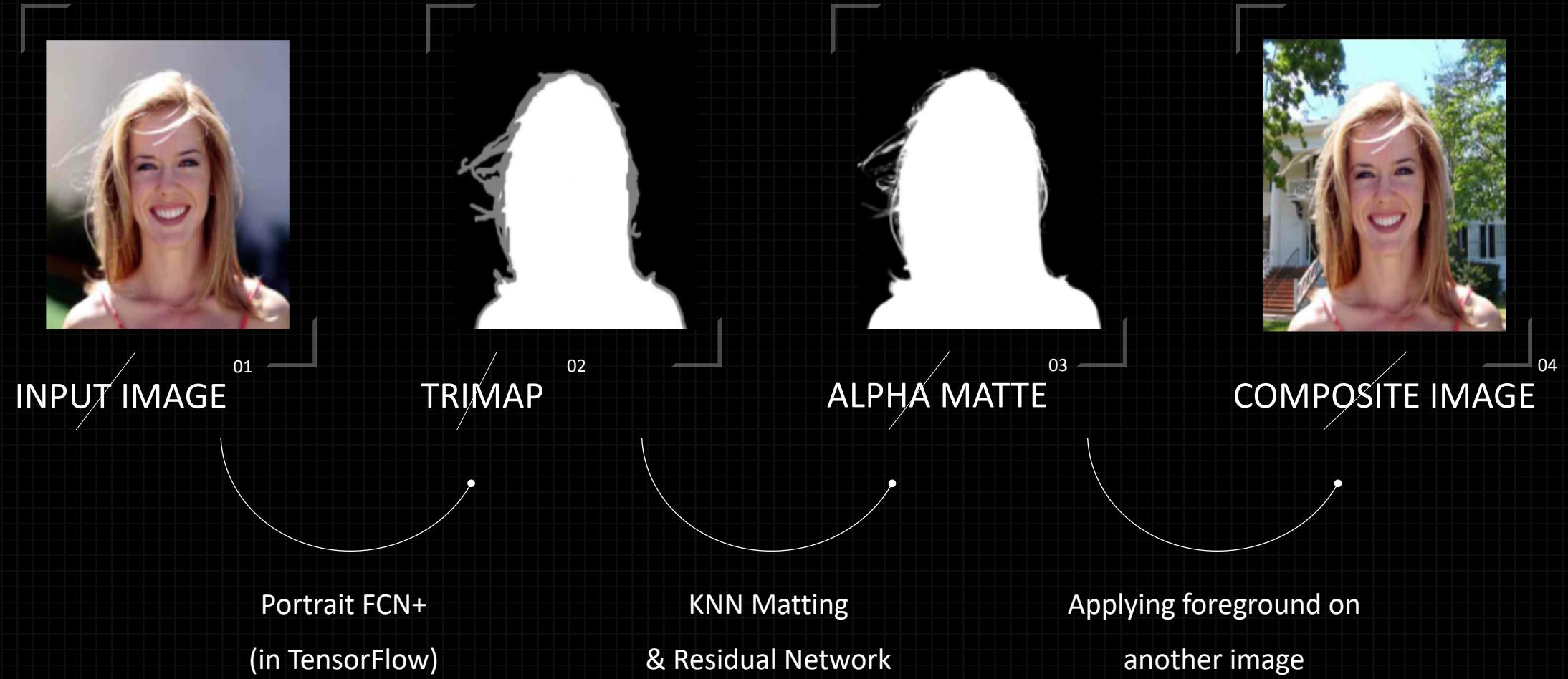


## Output

Foreground &  
Background  
Segmented

# OVERVIEW OF SOLUTION

Making the complex seamless



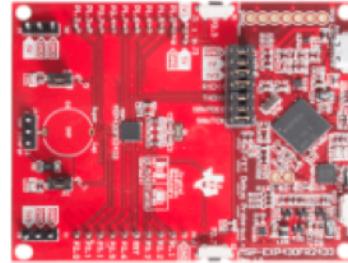
A tremendous memory demand reduction compared to state of the art

# HARDWARE RESULTS & DEMAND



**Reduced** memory demand by over 2 GB (>> 2 times) with the elimination of DIM acting as middleman between trimap and alpha matte.

FYI: KB =  $10^3$ , GB =  $10^9$



MSP-EXP430FR2433

Low cost MSP430 Value Line FRAM MCU LaunchPad.

Featuring the MSP430FR2433: 16-bit MCU with 16KB FRAM, 4KB SRAM and 10-bit 200KSPS ADC.

20-pin LaunchPad kit standard leveraging the BoosterPack ecosystem.

2 buttons and 2 LEDs for user interaction.

Capacity: 4 KB



iPhone

Space Gray



**In fact**, our trimap to alpha matte algorithm works particularly well due to PortraitFCN+ extreme accuracy in trimap generation and can be implemented on a LaunchPad.

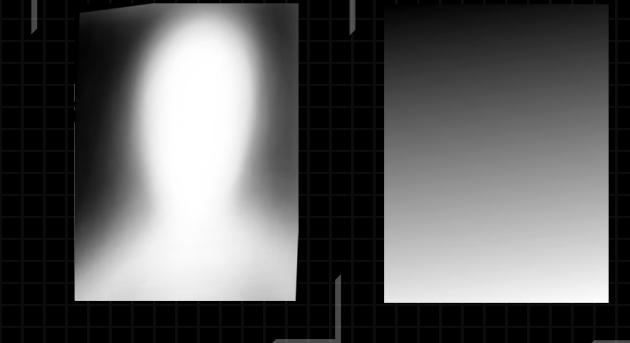
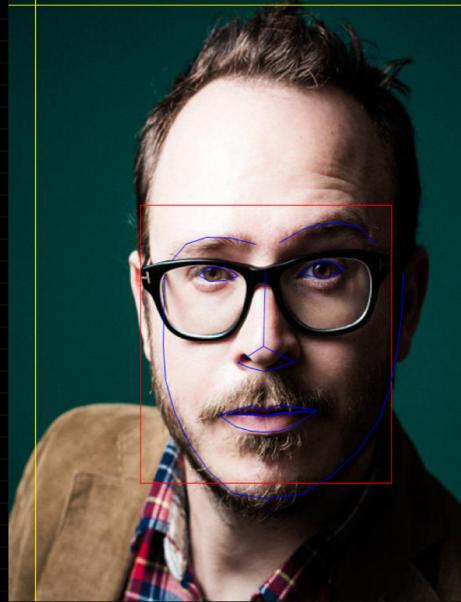
# PORTRAIT FCN+: PREPROCESSING



INPUT IMAGE

01

DEEP METRIC LEARNING:  
FACIAL FEATURIZATION



MEAN MASK ; YYC;  
XXC



REFERENCE IMAGE

Sebastien Dray

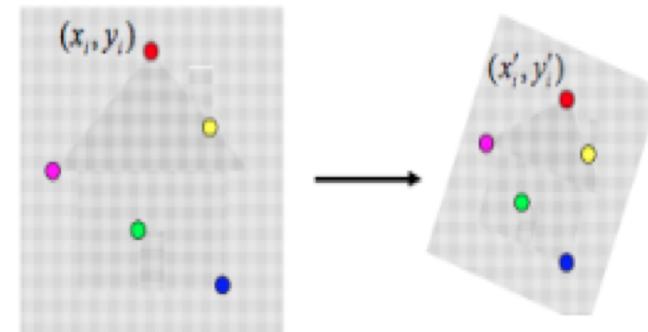
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# PORTRAIT FCN+: PREPROCESSING

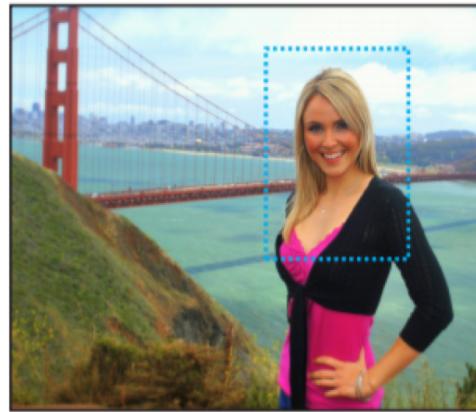


## Fitting an affine transformation

- Assuming we know the correspondences, how do we get the transformation?



$$\begin{bmatrix} x'_i \\ y'_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & m_2 \\ m_3 & m_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_i & y_i & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x_i & y_i & 0 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \\ m_3 \\ m_4 \\ t_1 \\ t_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x'_i \\ y'_i \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$



(a) Input

Face Detector  
Align

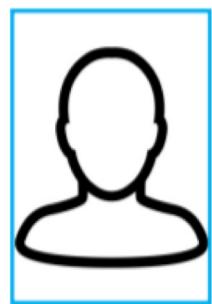


(b) Portrait

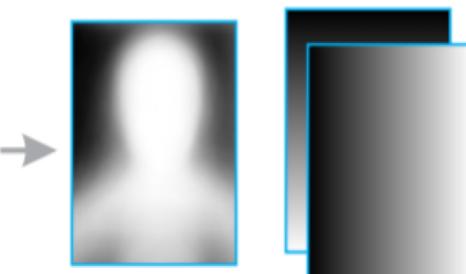
PortraitFCN+  
Networks



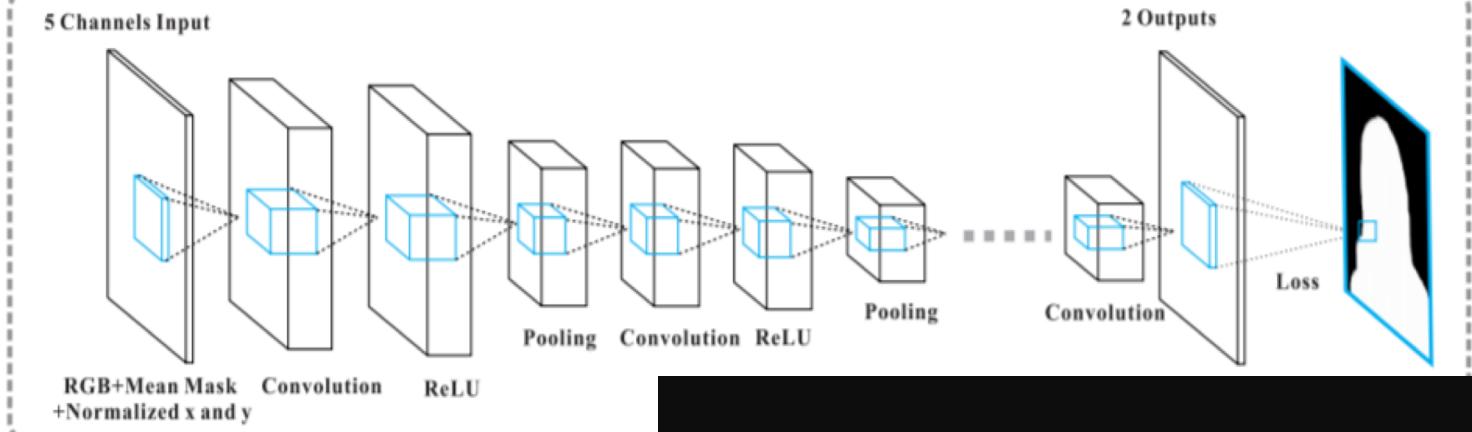
(c) Output



(d) Canonical Pose



(e) Mean Mask and  
Normalized x and y



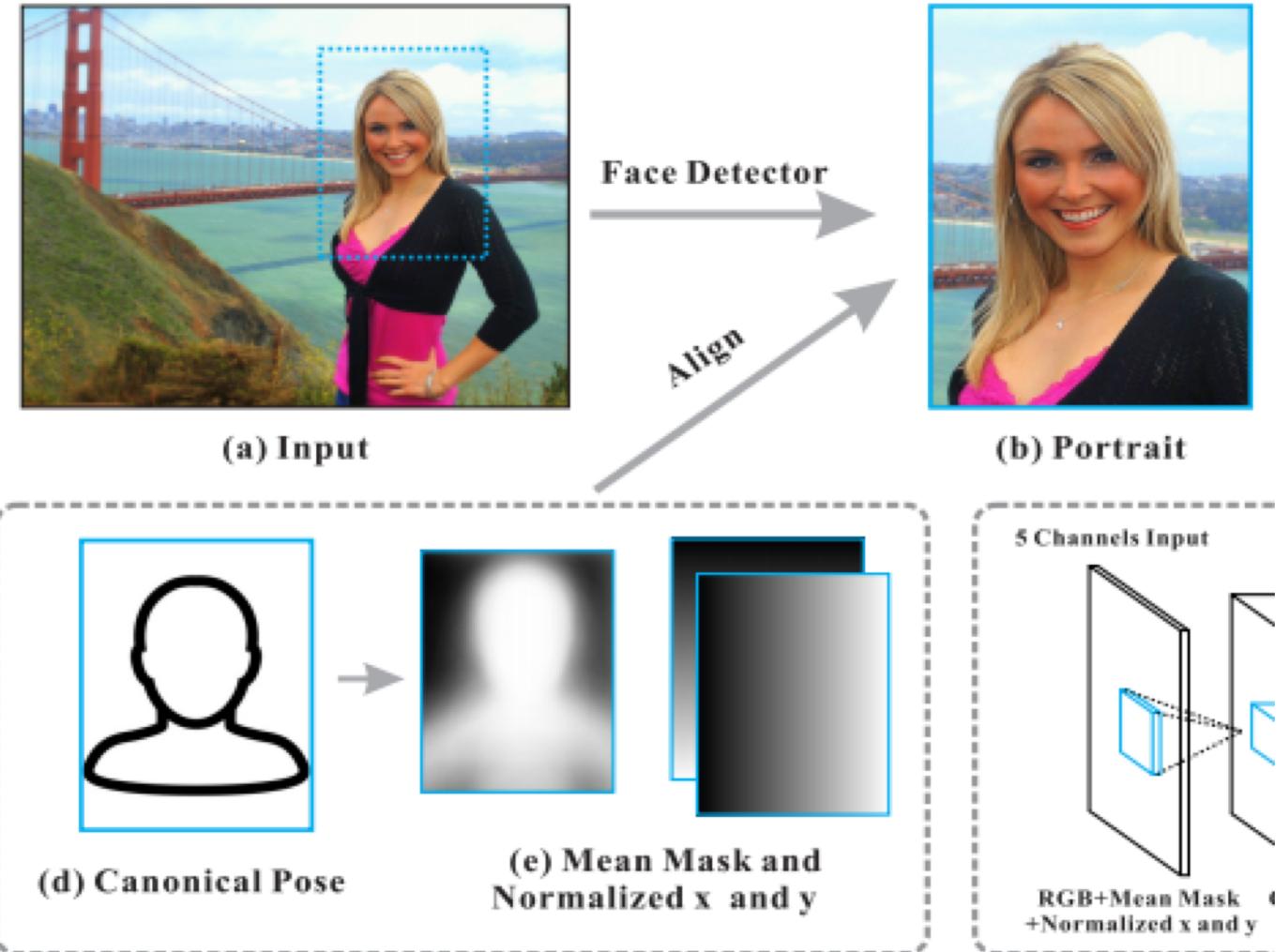
*From Input to Trimap*

PORTRAIT FCN+

# PORTRAIT FCN+

Portrait-specific channels

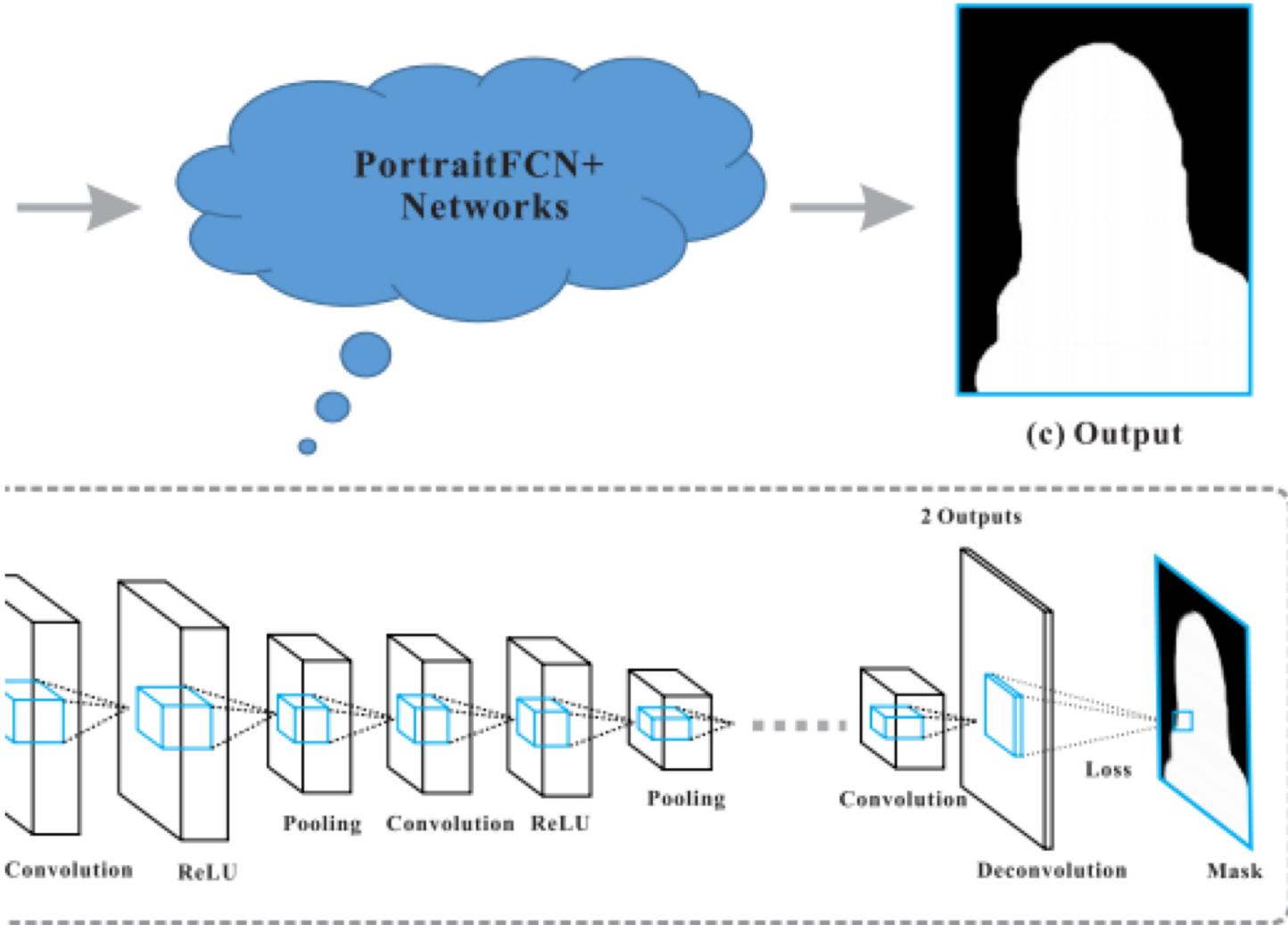
- Augment fully convolutional neural network (FCN) with portrait-specific channels
- Normalized x and y channels: homography transform between facial feature points and canonical pose
- Mean mask channel: subject-shaped region overlaid on actual subject as an estimate of final result



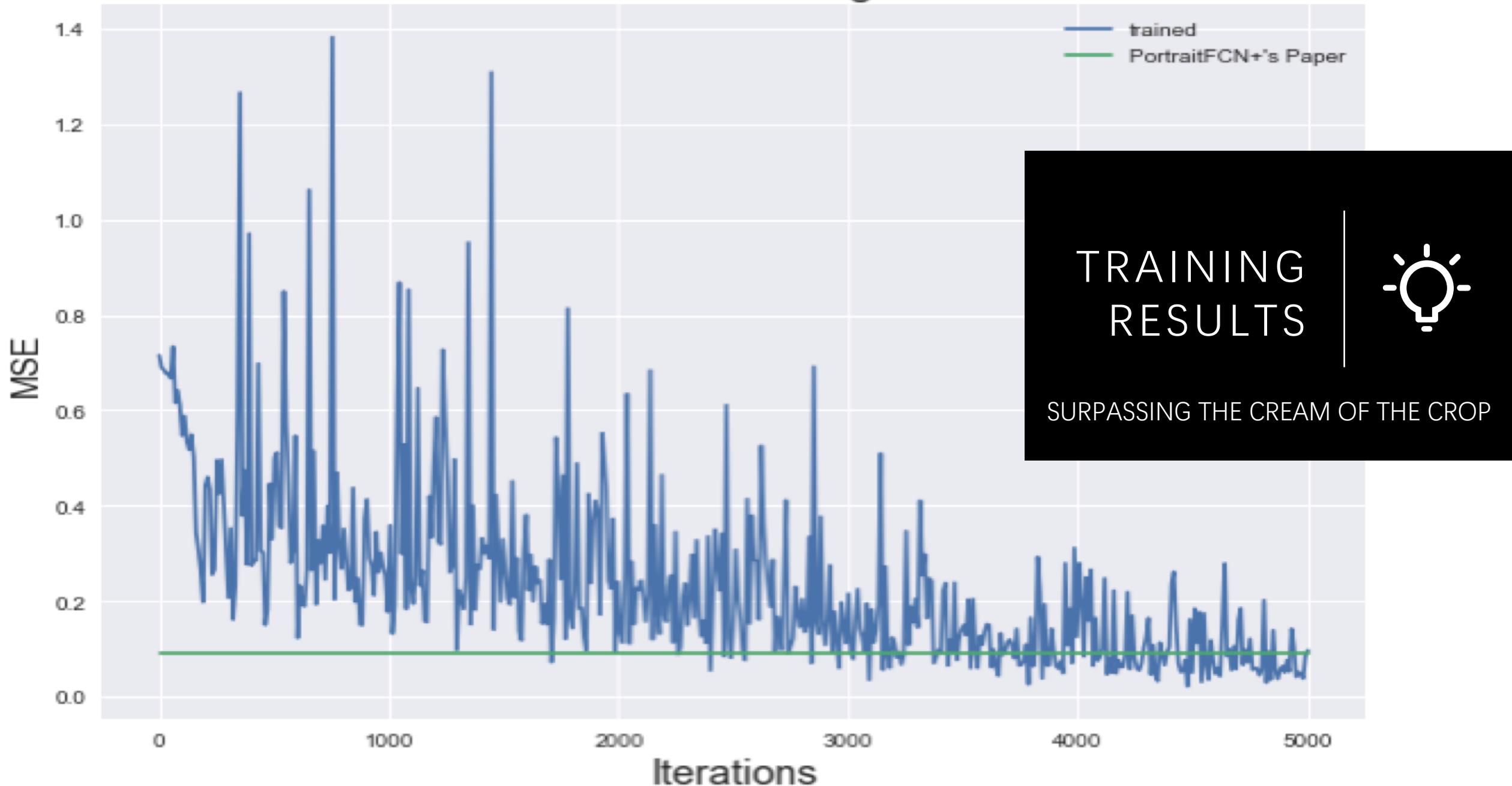
# PORTRAIT FCN+

## Layers of the neural network

- Convolution: extract image features, such as edges
- ReLU: nonlinear activation function
- Pooling: max or average of feature over a region
- Deconvolution: upsample previous layers to ensure output matches input size
- Loss: measure error between output and ground truth



# PortraitFCN+ training results



# TRAINING RESULTS

Comparing to ground truth

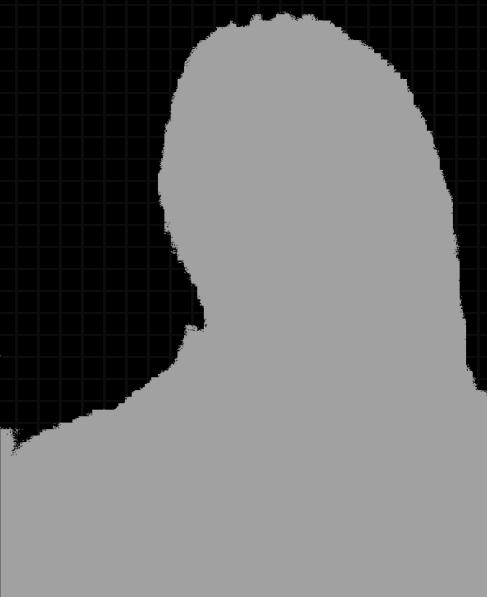


ORIGINAL

01

PORTRAIT FCN+ MASK  
OUR MEAN IOU: 93%

02



PAPER MEAN IOU: 95%

GROUND TRUTH

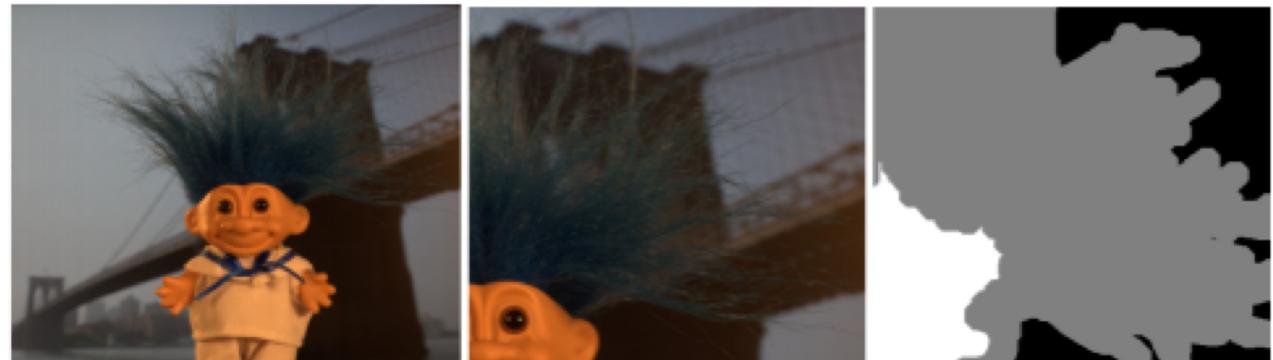
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# KNN MATTING

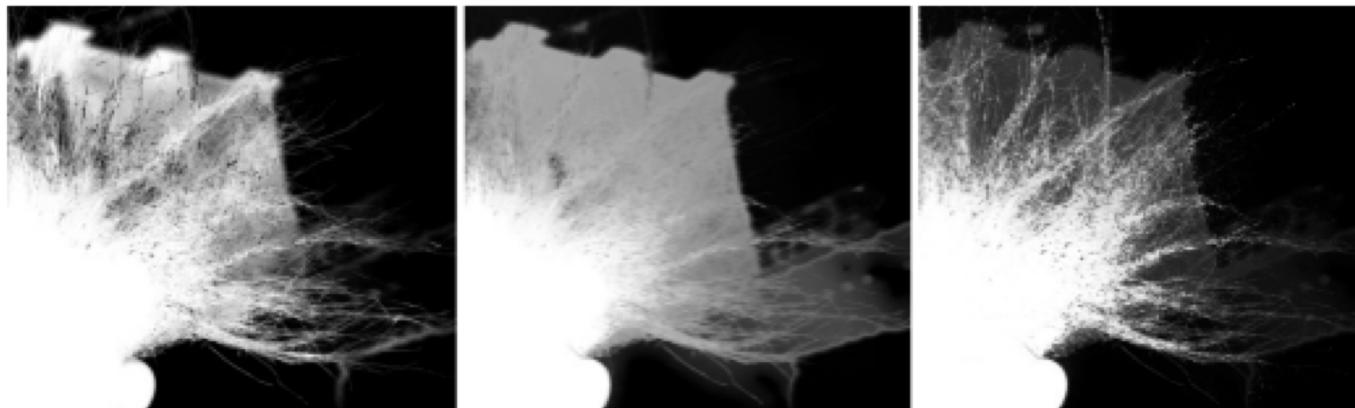
From Trimap to Alpha Matte



input

zoom

coarse trimap



shared matting

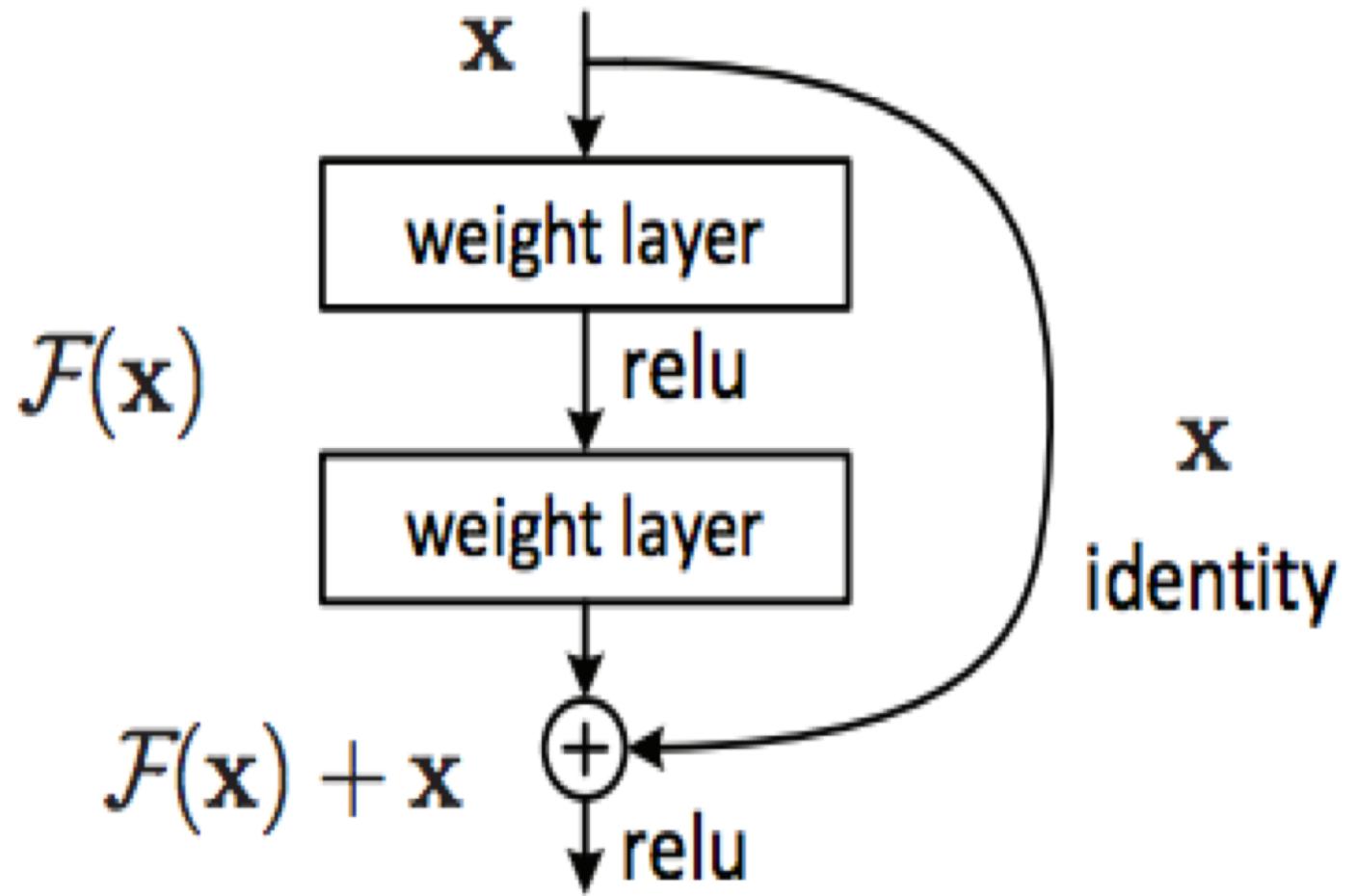
KNN-RGB

KNN-HSV

- We created trimaps by setting the unknown as 10 pixels away from segmentation boundary of Portrait FCN+
- We then applied it to KNN matting, which uses K nearest neighbours to get closed-form solution
- Closed-form solution utilizes the conjugate gradient method

# RESIDUAL NETWORK (RESNET)

Traditionally Used to Avoid Vanishing Gradient,  
but we use to “refine” alpha matte



- Increased layer of network makes the earlier layers negligible (vanishing gradient)
- Adding the layers leads to high training error
- Imply an identity mapping of the input to create a direct path to the output; the latter layer learns only the residual



# KNN MATTING & RESNET Results

From Trimap to Alpha Matte

1  
Output of  
Portrait  
FCN+  
(Mask)

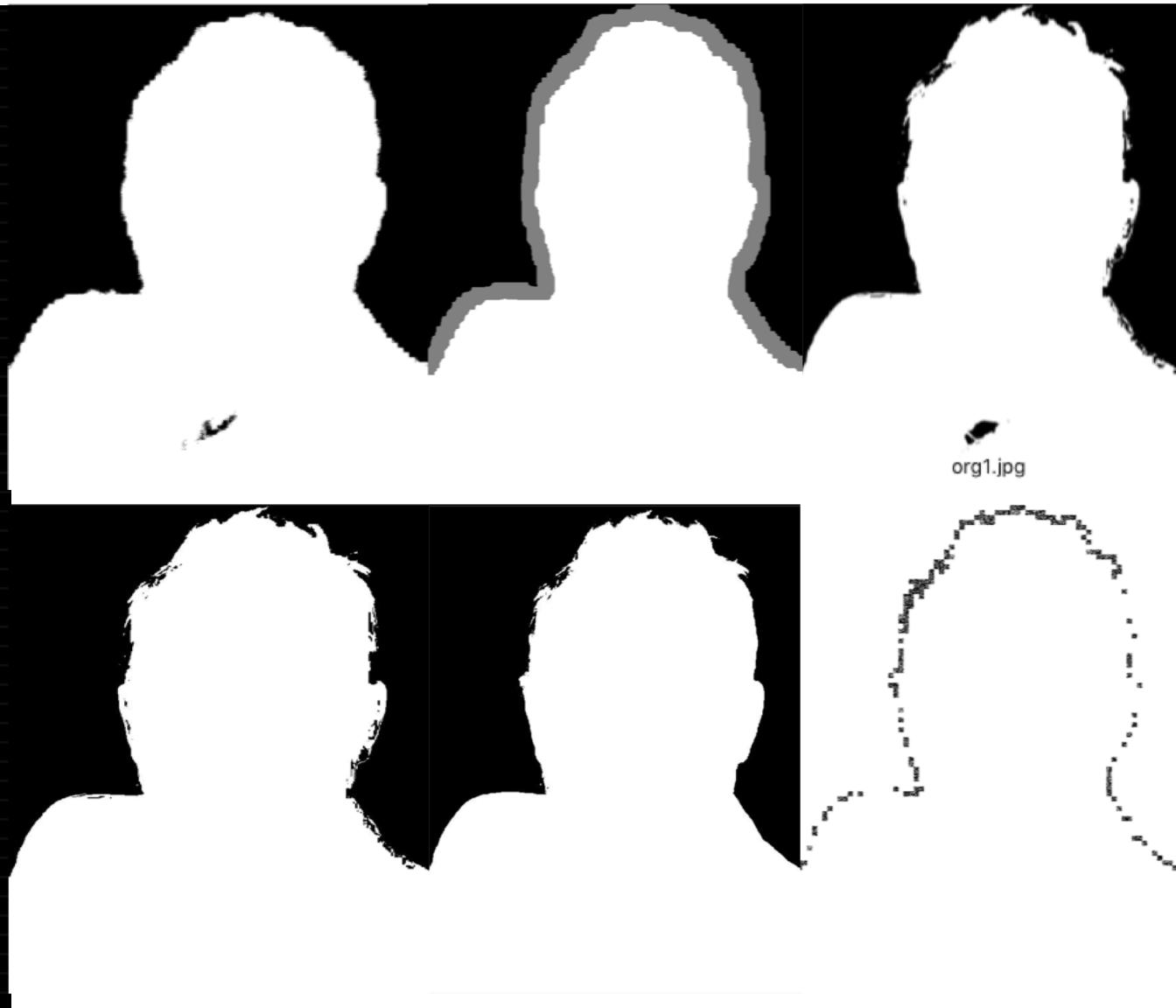
2  
Trimap

3  
KNN IoU:  
95.9%

4  
KNN+  
Refinement  
(ResNet)  
IoU: 97.1%

5  
Ground  
Truth

6  
Difference  
Between  
1 & 4



COMPARISON TO  
DIM (STATE OF  
THE ART)

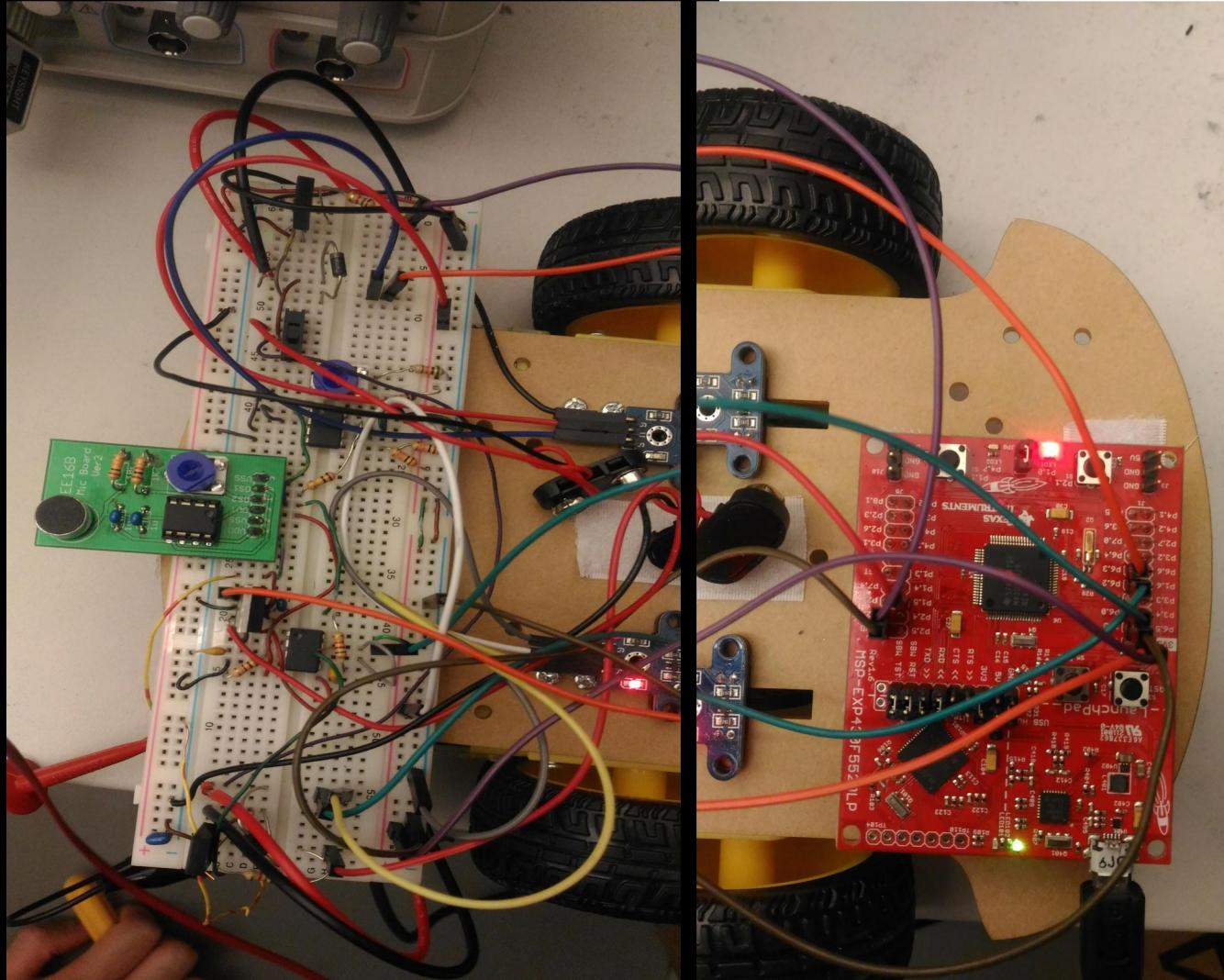
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Ours achieved around 97% with KNN

Methods	[13]	[34]	[28]	[16]	[22]	[5]	[8]	Ours
Shared [13]	-	<b>60.0</b>	<b>78.5</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>69.7</b>	40.6	<b>57.8</b>	<b>83.7</b>
Learning [34]	40.0	-	<b>60.2</b>	<b>54.6</b>	<b>53.4</b>	27.3	35.1	<b>83.6</b>
Comprehensive [28]	21.5	39.8	-	25.8	43.3	20.4	29.2	<b>78.8</b>
Global [16]	20.4	45.4	<b>74.2</b>	-	<b>53.3</b>	30.0	42.0	<b>84.2</b>
Closed-Form [22]	30.3	46.6	<b>56.7</b>	46.7	-	25.0	38.1	<b>80.4</b>
KNN [5]	<b>59.4</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>75.0</b>	-	<b>73.3</b>	<b>97.0</b>
DCNN [8]	42.2	<b>64.9</b>	<b>70.8</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>61.9</b>	26.7	-	<b>83.7</b>
Ours	16.3	16.4	21.2	15.8	19.6	3.0	16.3	-

# HARDWARE ADVANTAGE:

KNN-  
Matting



Launchpad: Signal Intake

*Applied Signal of length 800 on the micboard which were then projected onto 2 PCA vectors and then applied with KNN as a linear system solver on the spot using a Energia Arduino program. The length 800 voice input represents a column of image which PCA will be applied on.*

*Significance: We prove that the masking interface for the KNN-matting section is capable of operating on a hardware of only 4 KB, virtually nothing by modern standards. This means we essentially have completely wiped out the original state of the art dependency on memory that DIM took up!!*

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# USER INTERFACE

A website for ENU amateurs  
or professionals

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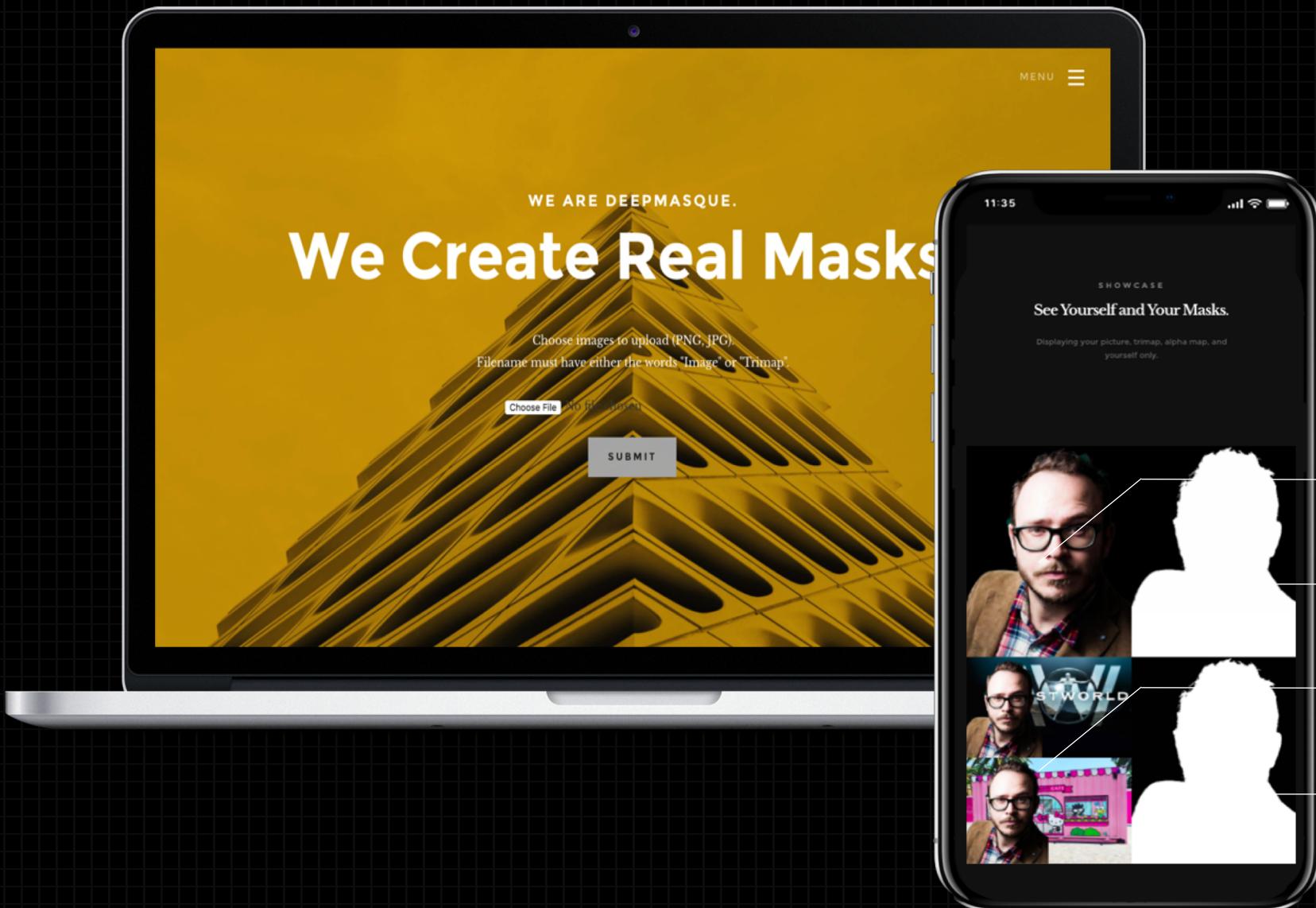
SUBMIT

SCROLL DOWN

Our website enables the user to upload their picture and submit it to obtain two masks, the trimap and the alpha matte, and a final representation of the subject on a different background.

# WEBSITE DEMO

Laptop & Cellphone End



"Our website enables the user to upload their picture and submit it to obtain two masks, the trimap and the alpha matte, and a final representation of the subject on a different background."

01. Original Input Image

02. Trimap

03. Final Products

04. Alpha Matte

# Low-Tech Demo Goals

- ⊖ Gain Familiarity with TensorFlow Framework
- ⊖ Develop proficiency in neural networks, CNNs,  
—image segmentation, and FCNs
- ⊖ Understanding two Arxiv papers:
  - 1) Portrait FCN+ 2) Deep Matted Learning Paper
- ⊖ Training datasets for PFCN+ via GPUs (cudas) or AWS (clusters)
- ⊖ Develop Portrait FCN+ and Deep Matted Learning model in Tensorflow
- ⊖ Transform & Present the framework in a user input allowed format

# ... And Beyond

- Use KNN matting to create alpha matte from trimap
- Create user interface in web and mobile development that produces masking images using our model
- Prove the memory reduction of our model compared to planned model with primitive hardware device via hardware demo
  - Achieved similar IoU to DIM with less costly algorithm, opening a potential renew research into KNN-Matting
  - Kept the whole runtime/process time under ~5 minutes  
(due to KNN unoptimized)
  - Currently working on 3-D Modeling

# LEARNING PATHS

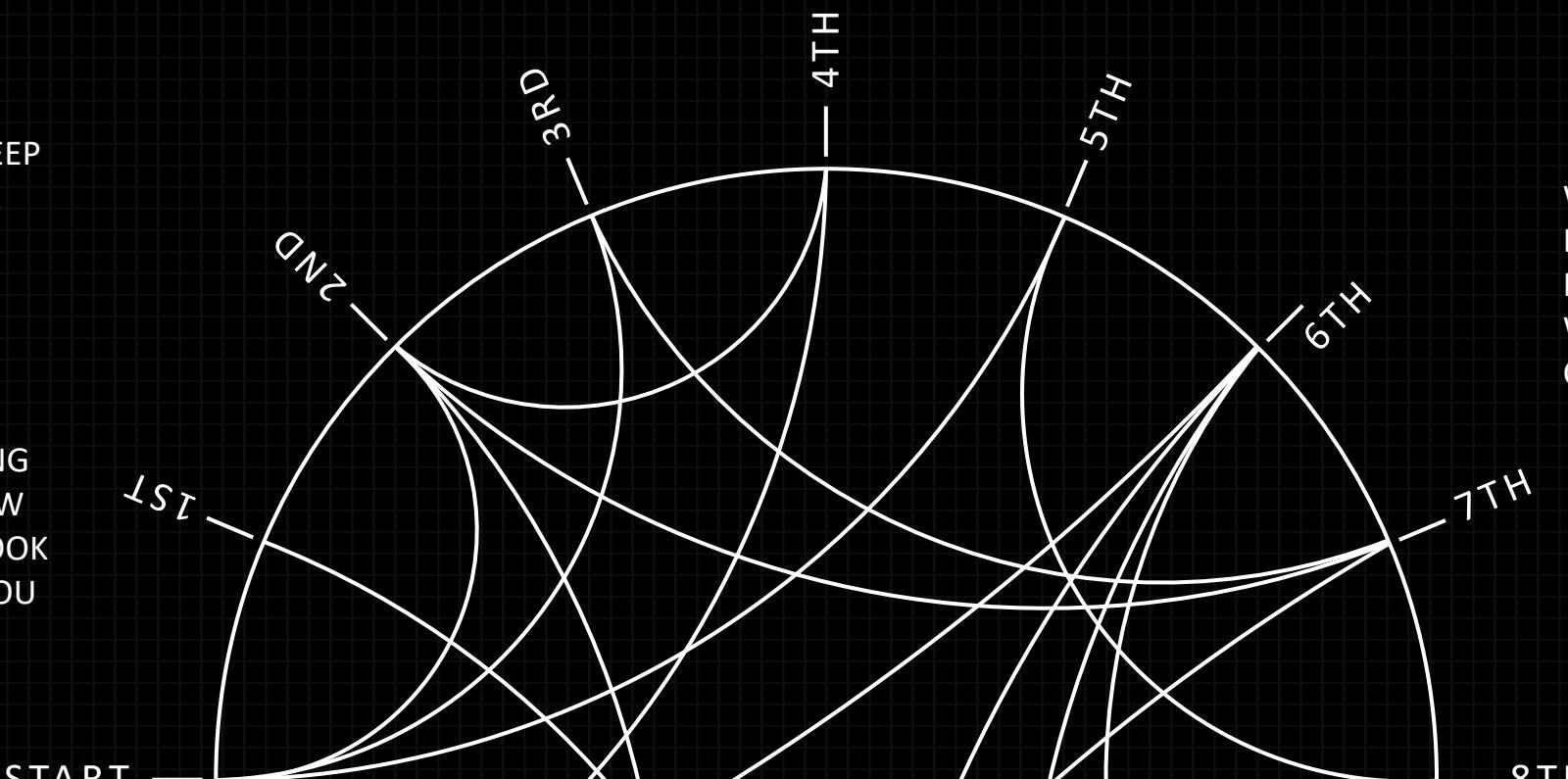
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WE STARTED WITH REPRODUCING  
XIAOYONG SHEN'S PAPER (IN MATLAB)  
BUT IN TENSORFLOW.

- 0TH POINT: LEARNING TENSOR-FLOW AND DEEP LEARNING/COMPUTER VISION FOR THE FIRST TIME
  - WE FIRST DID A FCN-8S (USED IN SEGMENTATION FOR SELF-DRIVING CAR) TO SEE HOW THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE. THE LOW IOU WAS ~55%

- 1ST ITERATION - WE THEN IMPLEMENTED PORTRAITFCN+ WHICH HAD MULTIPLE ISSUES:
  - 1) WE DIDN'T SPECIFY PADDING (SO TENSORFLOW JUST MADE THE INCORRECT PADDING FOR US)
  - 2) BUGS WHICH WE FIXED BY USING TF.LAYERS LIBRARY INSTEAD OF TF.NN
  - 3) INCORRECT LOSS FUNCTION AND
  - 4) FAILED TO RUN CAFFE IN TENSORFLOW (WHERE IN PAPER, XIAOYONG & HER TEAM USED CAFFE IN MATLAB) (ACCURACY: 75% IOU)



WE TRIED TRAINING LOCALLY AND THAT FROZE THE LAPTOP, SO WE TRAINED ON 8 CPUS/2 GPUS ON AWS.



NOW

## 01 LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Analyzing research paper & realizing and validating the implementation of paper
- Learned how to use/setup AWS
- Learned encoder-decoder network, Resnet, fcn-8s
- Computer vision techniques, transforms, Portrait FCN+, KNN application to masking
- Basic web development
- Facial feature extraction & image rotations
- Importance of reproducibility

15TH

14TH

13TH

12TH

BREAK

8TH

9TH

10TH

- 4TH ITERATION - WE REALIZED THAT PORTRAIT FCN+ MIGHT WORK WELL WITH KNN-MATTING. IMPLEMENTED THE KNN-MATTING.

- 5TH ITERATION - ADDED RESNET AND SOME POST-PROCESSING TO IMPROVE IOU (96% IOU)

- IMPLEMENTED **TWO** ITERATIONS OF UI

- 2ND ITERATION - FIXED ALL THE BUGS AND INITIALIZE THE CONV-NET PORTION OF PORTRAIT FCN+ WITH VGG (ACCURACY 92%)
- 3RD ITERATION - WE TRAINED THE CONV-NET WITHOUT INITIALIZATION, WHICH DIDN'T CONVERGE (ACCURACY 70% IOU)
  - WE RECEIVE A REPLY FROM THE DIM PEOPLE THAT THEIR DATA CANNOT BE USED FOR ANY COMMERCIAL PURPOSES, WHICH COMPLICATED OUR MENTORSHIP WITH TWINDOM.

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& Future  
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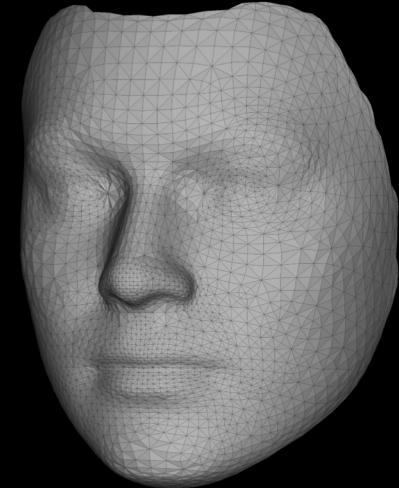
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# 3D Morphable Face Model



## Isomap texture extraction

- to obtain a pose-invariant representation of the face texture
- Linear scaled orthographic projection camera pose estimation
  - Linear shape-to-landmarks fitting
- Expression fitting, and 6 linear expression blendshapes
  - Edge-fitting, heavily inspired



## Surrey Morphable Face Model

Surrey Face Model is a PCA model of shape variation built from 3D face scans. It comes with uv-coordinates to perform texture remapping



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*Questions?*

[https://github.com/leoli3024/Portrait-  
FCN-and-3D-reconstruction](https://github.com/leoli3024/Portrait-FCN-and-3D-reconstruction)

