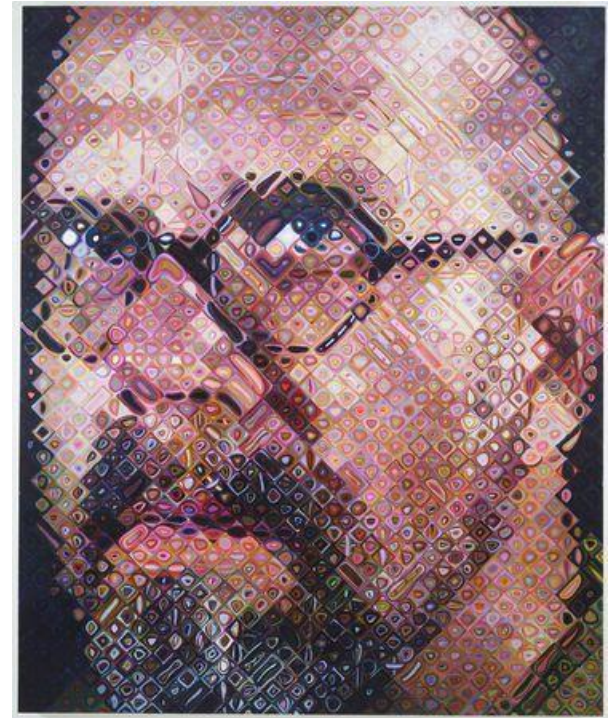


# Face Detection and Recognition



Lucas by Chuck Close



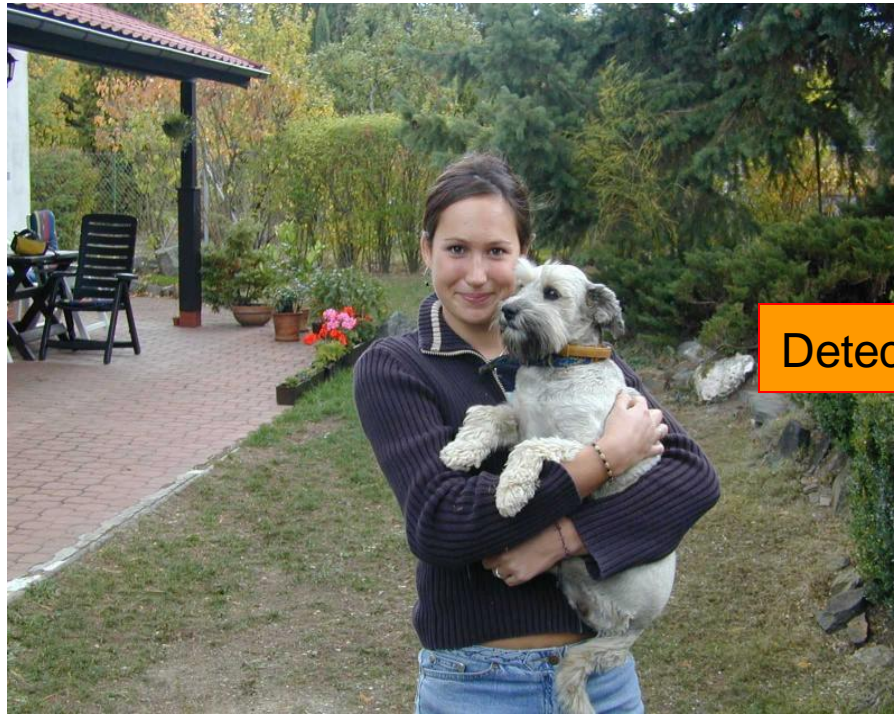
Chuck Close, self portrait

Computational Photography  
Derek Hoiem, University of Illinois  
Lecture by Kevin Karsch

# Administrative stuff

- Final project write-up due Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 11:59pm
- Presentations Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 1:30-4:30pm (SC 1214)
- Exams back at end of class

# Face detection and recognition



Detection



Recognition

“Sally”



# Applications of Face Recognition

- Digital photography



# Applications of Face Recognition

- Digital photography
- Surveillance



■ Recording

**Report**

**Detecting....**

**Matching with Database**

Name: Alireza,  
Date: 25 My 2007 15:45  
Place: Main corridor

Name: **Unknown**  
Date: 25 My 2007 15:45  
Place: Main corridor

# Applications of Face Recognition

- Digital photography
- Surveillance
- Album organization





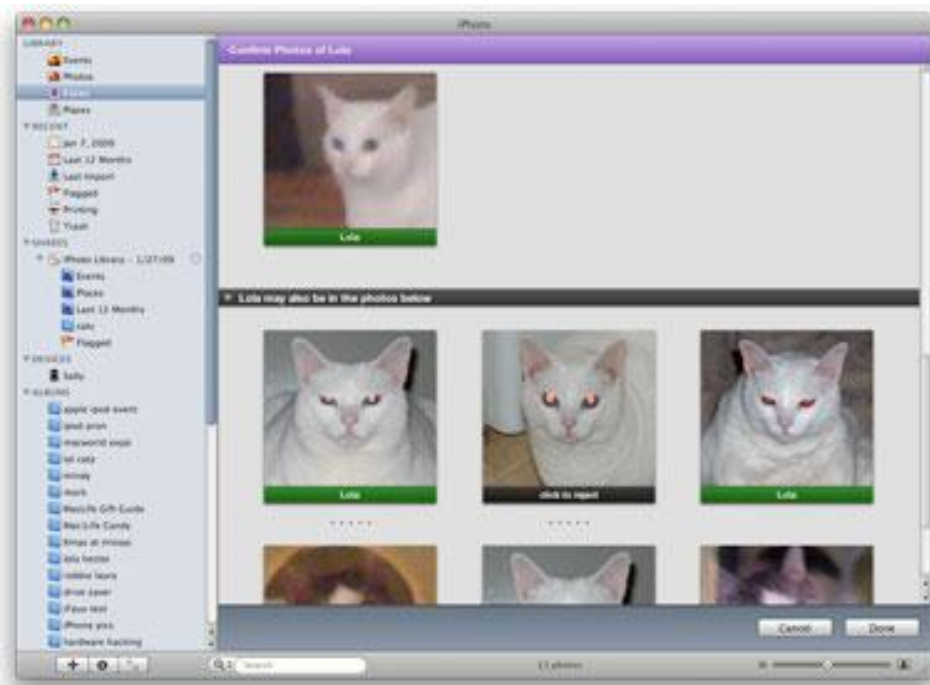
# Consumer application: iPhoto 2009



<http://www.apple.com/ilife/iphoto/>

# Consumer application: iPhoto 2009

- Can be trained to recognize pets!



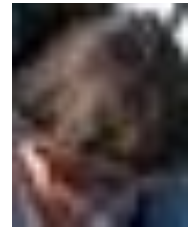
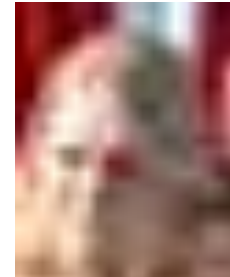
[http://www.maclife.com/article/news/iphotos\\_faces\\_recognizes\\_cats](http://www.maclife.com/article/news/iphotos_faces_recognizes_cats)



# What does a face look like?



# What does a face look like?



# What makes face detection hard?

## Expression



# What makes face detection hard?

## Viewpoint





# What makes face detection hard?

Occlusion



# What makes face detection and recognition hard?

## Coincidental textures



# Consumer application: iPhoto 2009

- Things iPhoto thinks are faces

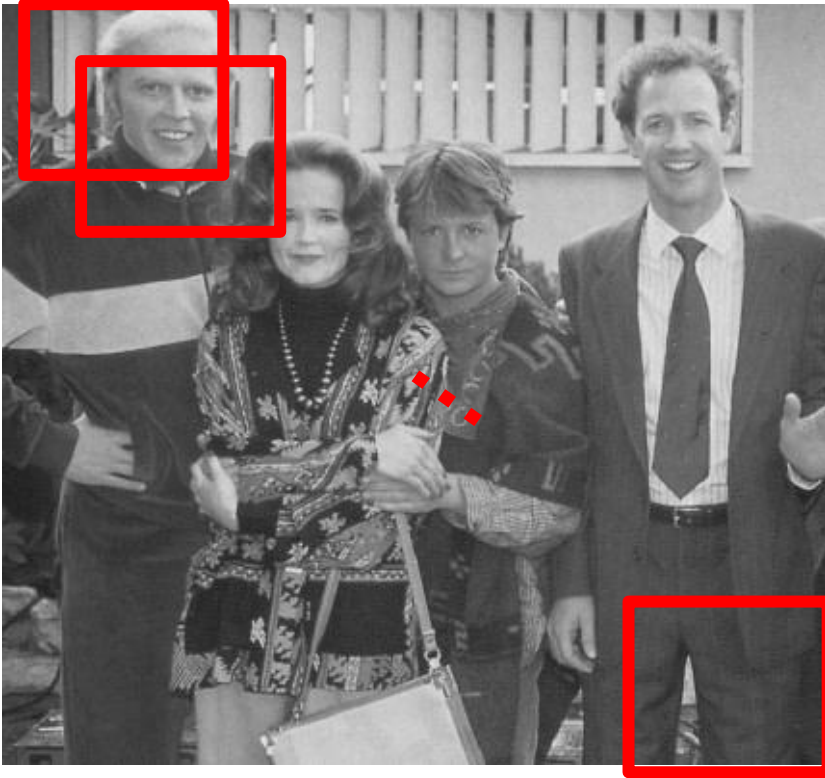


# How to find faces anywhere in an image?





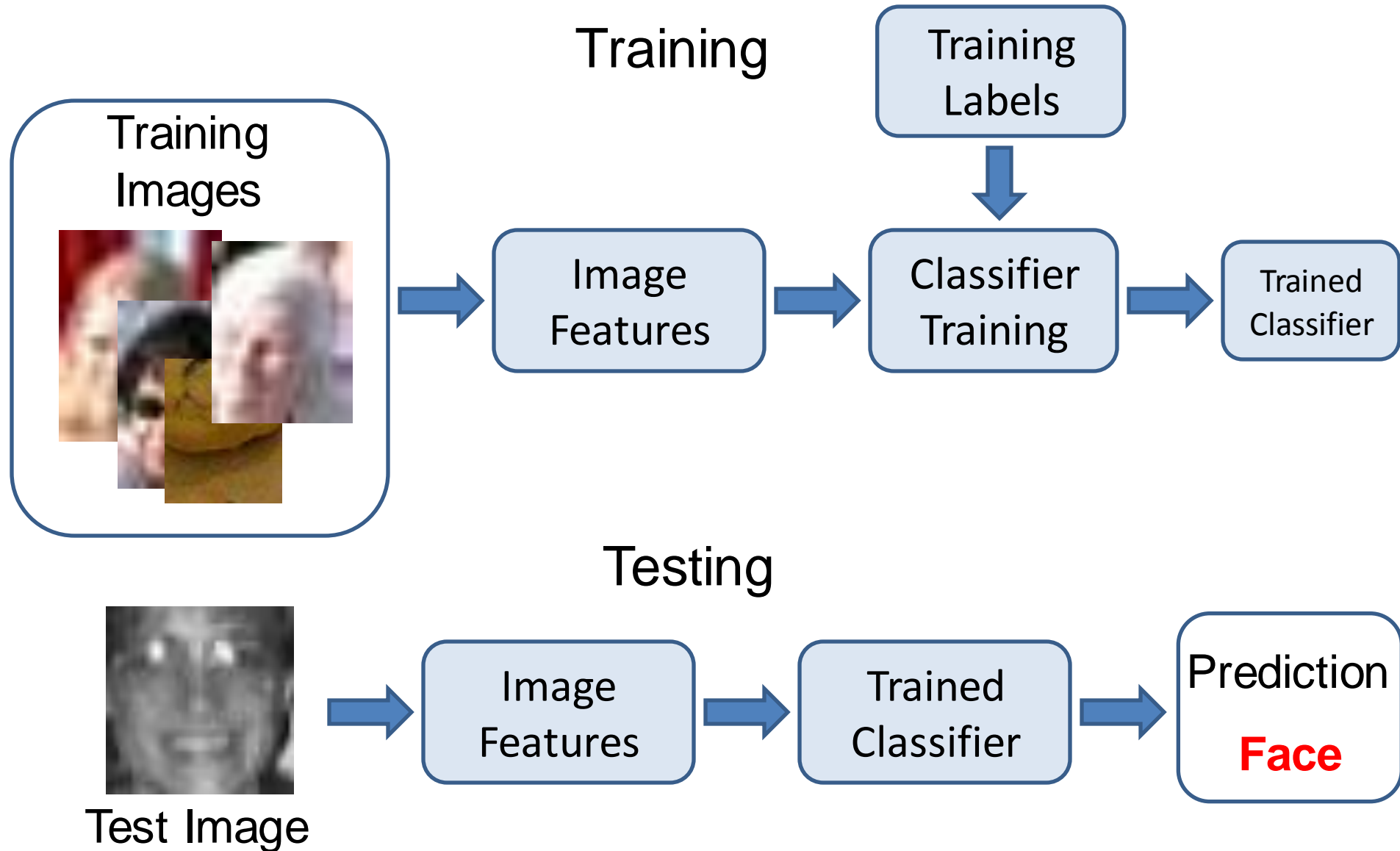
# Face detection: sliding windows



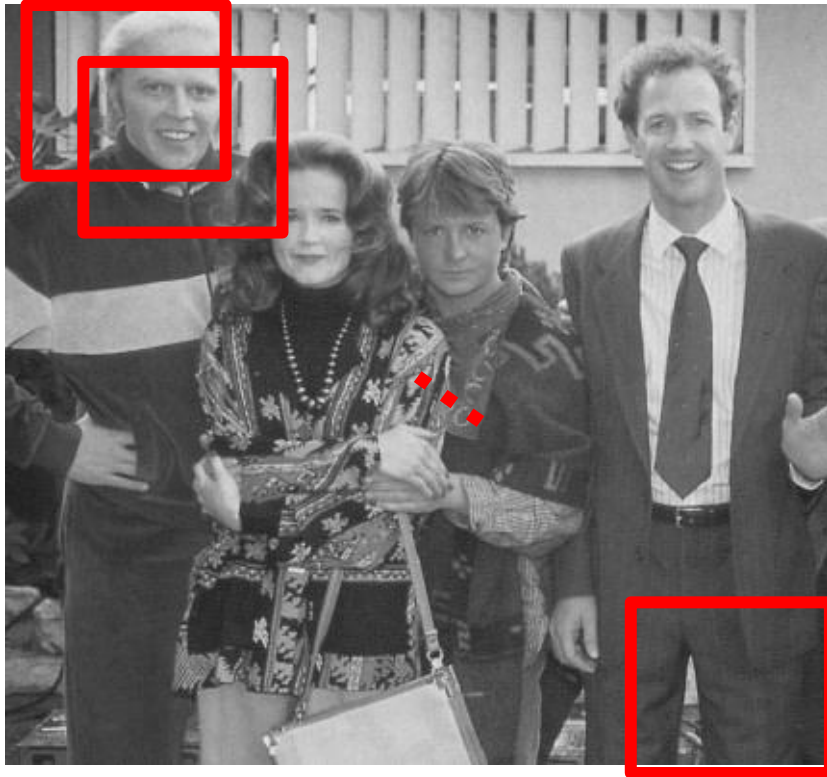
**Face or  
Not Face**

How to deal with multiple scales?

# Face classifier



# Face detection

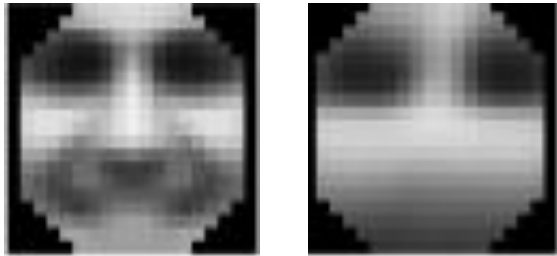


**Face or  
Not Face**

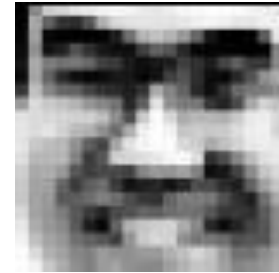


**Face or  
Not Face**

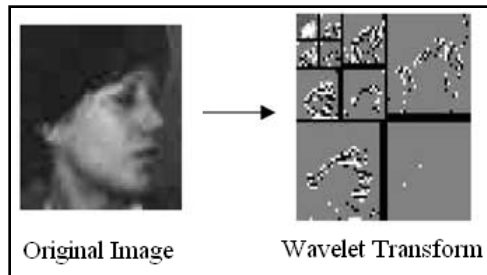
# What features?



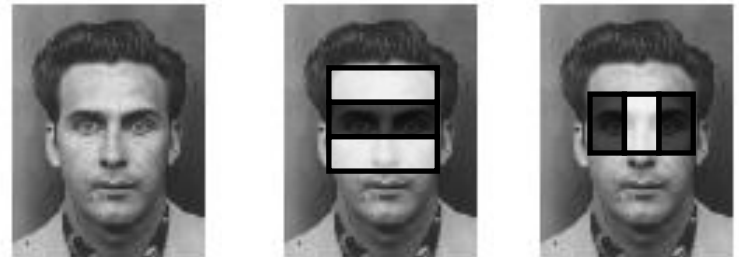
Exemplars  
(Sung Poggio 1994)



Intensity Patterns (with NNs)  
(Rowely Baluja Kanade 1996)



Edge (Wavelet) Pyramids  
(Schneiderman Kanade 1998)



Haar Filters  
(Viola Jones 2000)



# How to classify?

- Many ways
  - Neural networks
  - Adaboost
  - SVMs
  - Nearest neighbor

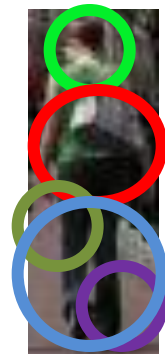
# Statistical Template

- Object model = log linear model of parts at fixed positions



$$+3 +2 -2 -1 -2.5 = -0.5 \overset{?}{>} 7.5$$

Non-object



$$+4 +1 +0.5 +3 +0.5 = 10.5 \overset{?}{>} 7.5$$

Object

# Training multiple viewpoints



Train new detector for each viewpoint.



# Results: faces



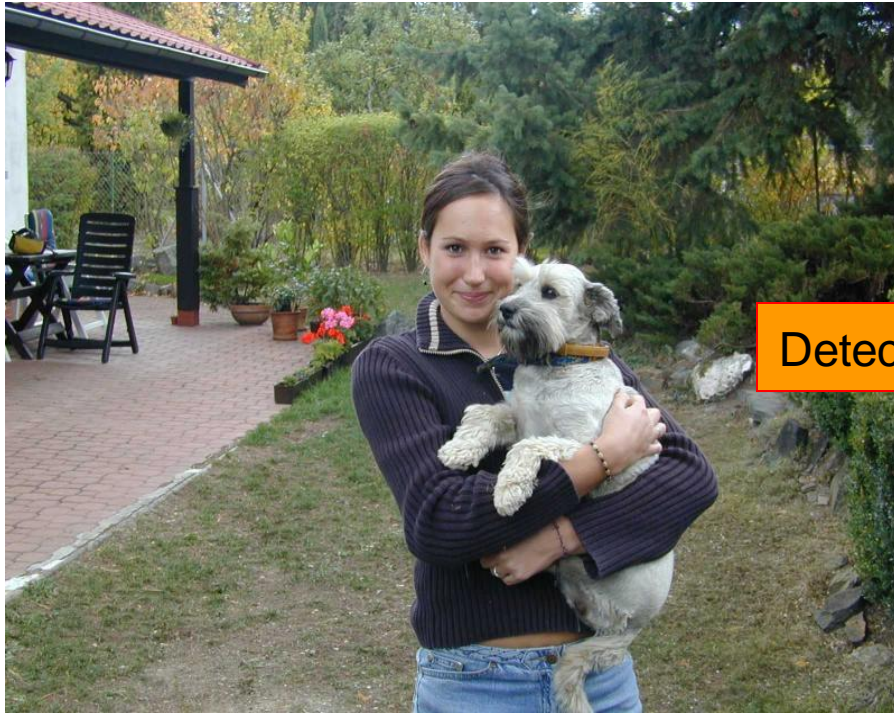
Table 1. Face detection with out-of-plane rotation

$\gamma$	Detection (all faces)	Detection (profiles)	False Detections
0.0	92.7%	92.8%	700
1.5	85.5%	86.4%	91
2.5	75.2%	78.6%	12

208 images with 441 faces, 347 in profile



# Face recognition



Detection



Recognition

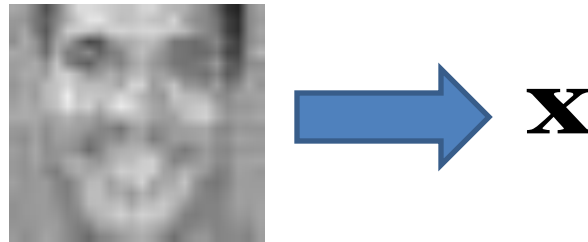
“Sally”

# Face recognition

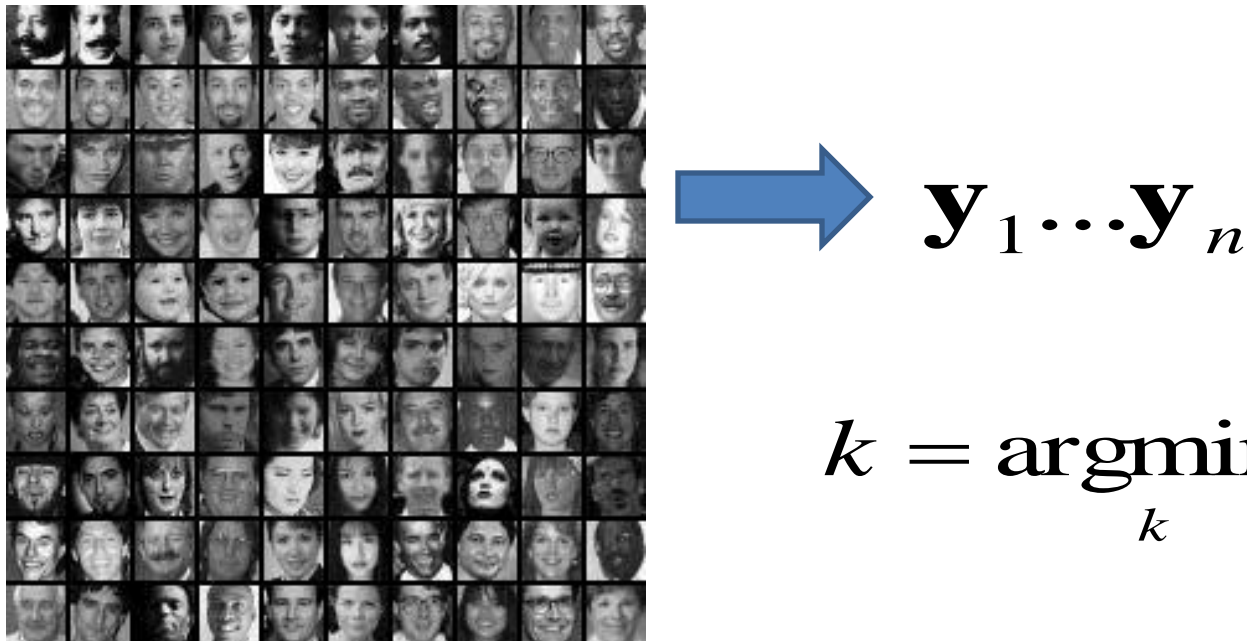
- Typical scenario: few examples per face, identify or verify test example
- What's hard: changes in expression, lighting, age, **occlusion**, **viewpoint**
- Basic approaches (all nearest neighbor)
  1. Project into a new subspace (or kernel space) (e.g., “Eigenfaces”=PCA)
  2. Measure face features
  3. Make 3d face model, compare shape+appearance (e.g., AAM)

# Simple idea

1. Treat pixels as a vector



2. Recognize face by nearest neighbor



$$k = \operatorname{argmin}_k \left\| \mathbf{y}_k^T - \mathbf{x} \right\|$$

# The space of all face images

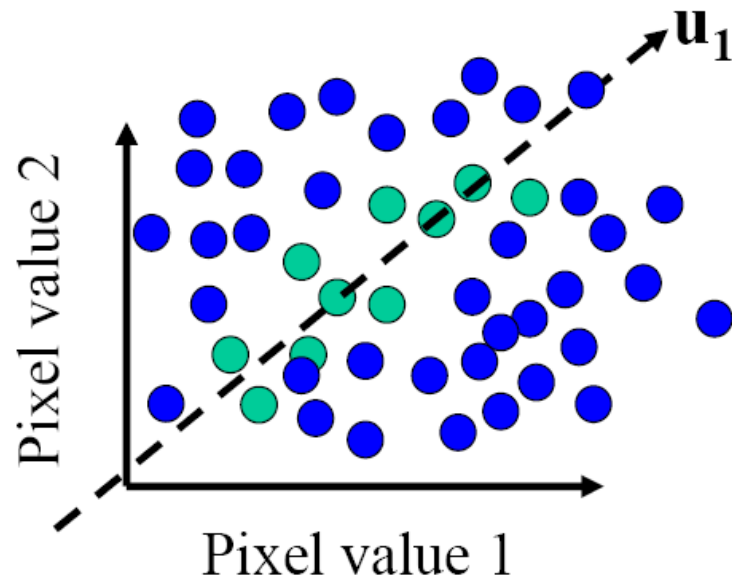
- When viewed as vectors of pixel values, face images are extremely high-dimensional
  - 100x100 image = 10,000 dimensions
  - Slow and lots of storage
- But very few 10,000-dimensional vectors are valid face images
- We want to effectively model the subspace of face images





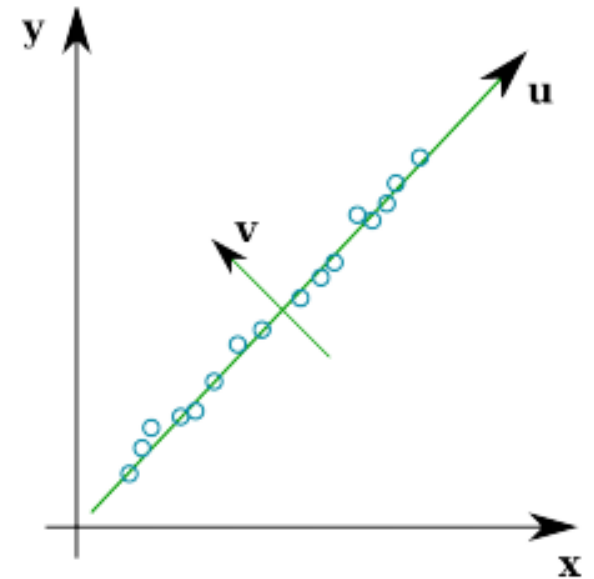
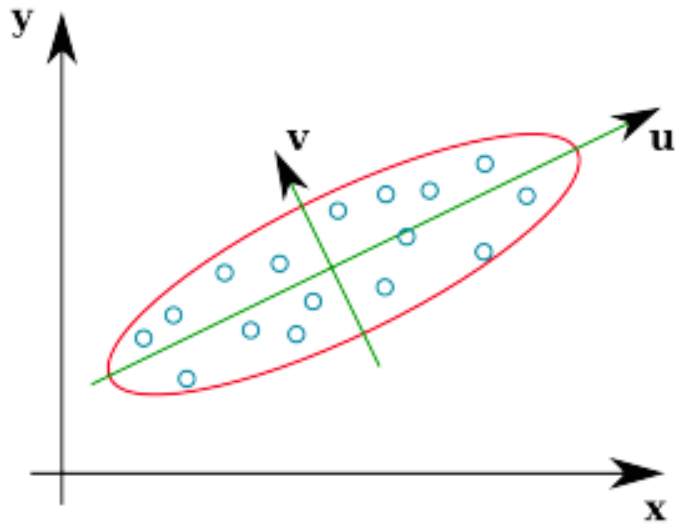
# The space of all face images

- Eigenface idea: construct a low-dimensional linear subspace that best explains the variation in the set of face images



- A face image
- A (non-face) image

# Principle Component Analysis (PCA)



# Eigenfaces example

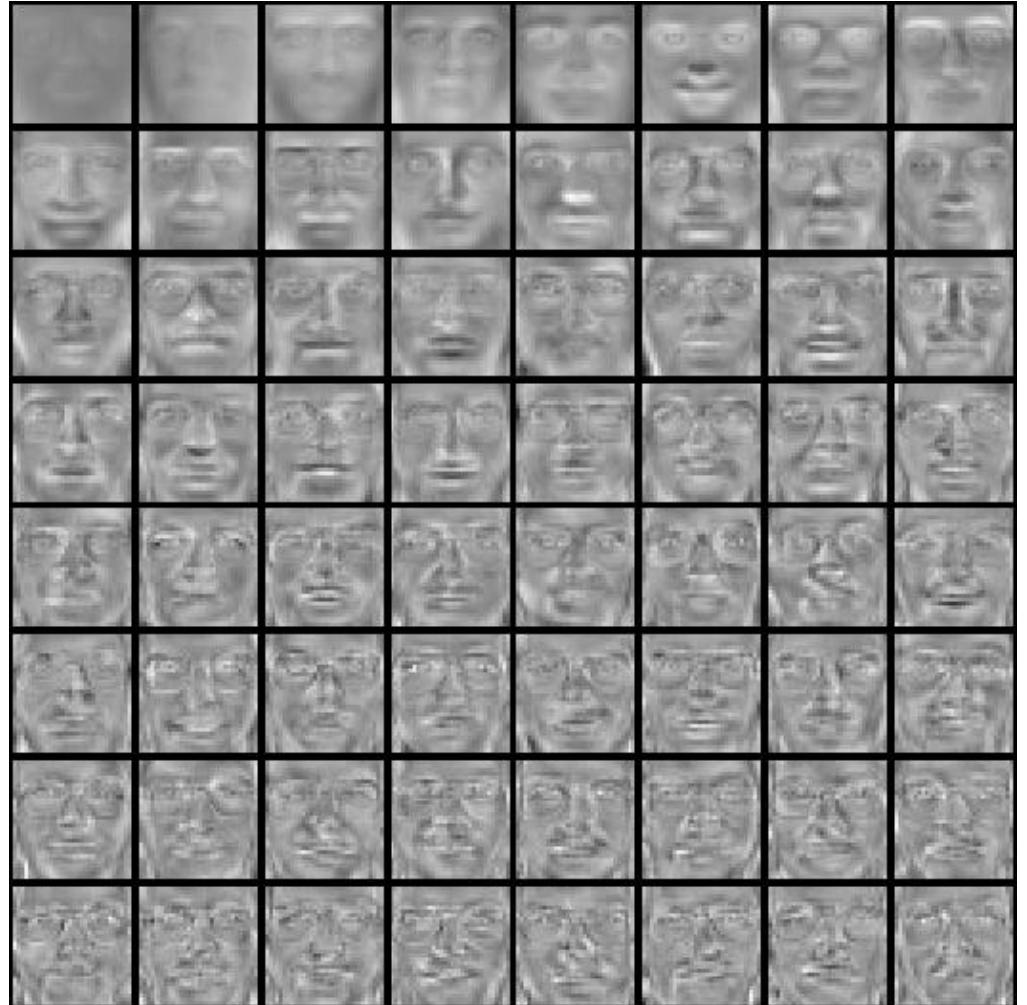
- Training images
- $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N$



# Eigenfaces example

Top eigenvectors:  $u_1, \dots, u_k$

Mean:  $\mu$





# Visualization of eigenfaces

Principal component (eigenvector)  $u_k$



$\mu + 3\sigma_k u_k$



$\mu - 3\sigma_k u_k$



# Representation and reconstruction

- Face  $\mathbf{x}$  in “face space” coordinates:



$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{x} &\longrightarrow [\mathbf{u}_1^T (\mathbf{x} - \mu), \dots, \mathbf{u}_k^T (\mathbf{x} - \mu)] \\ &= w_1, \dots, w_k\end{aligned}$$

# Representation and reconstruction

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$$\mathbf{x} \rightarrow [\mathbf{u}_1^T (\mathbf{x} - \mu), \dots, \mathbf{u}_k^T (\mathbf{x} - \mu)]$$
$$= w_1, \dots, w_k$$

- Reconstruction:



=



+



$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mu + w_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + w_2 \mathbf{u}_2 + w_3 \mathbf{u}_3 + w_4 \mathbf{u}_4 + \dots$$

# Reconstruction

$P = 4$



$P = 200$



$P = 400$



After computing eigenfaces using 400 face images from ORL face database

# Recognition with eigenfaces

## Process labeled training images

- Find mean  $\mu$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma$
- Find  $k$  principal components (eigenvectors of  $\Sigma$ )  $u_1, \dots, u_k$
- Project each training image  $x_i$  onto subspace spanned by principal components:  
$$(w_{i1}, \dots, w_{ik}) = (u_1^T(x_i - \mu), \dots, u_k^T(x_i - \mu))$$

## Given novel image $x$

- Project onto subspace:  
$$(w_1, \dots, w_k) = (u_1^T(x - \mu), \dots, u_k^T(x - \mu))$$
- Optional: check reconstruction error  $x - \hat{x}$  to determine whether image is really a face
- Classify as closest training face in  $k$ -dimensional subspace



# PCA

- General dimensionality reduction technique
- Preserves most of variance with a much more compact representation
  - Lower storage requirements (eigenvectors + a few numbers per face)
  - Faster matching
- What are the problems for face recognition?

# Limitations

Global appearance method: not robust to misalignment, background variation



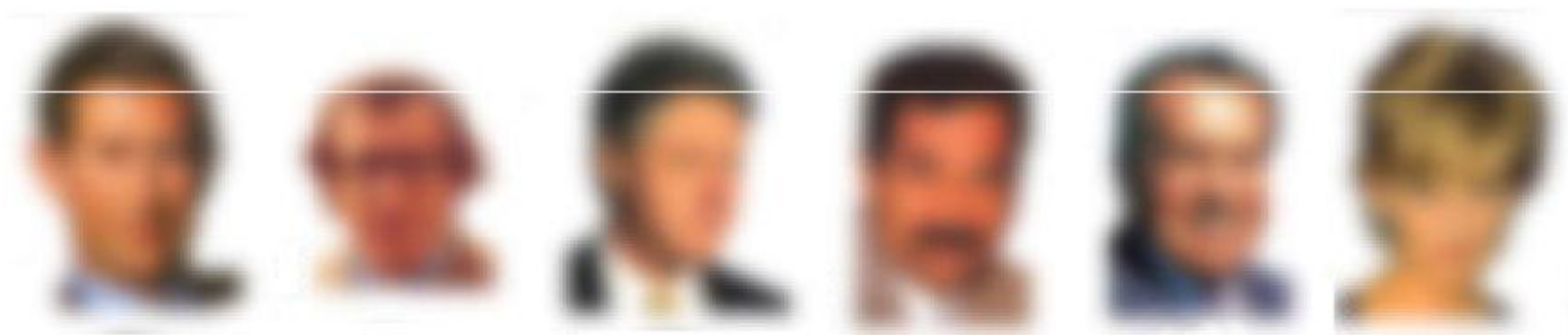
# Face recognition by humans

Face recognition by humans: 20 results (2005)

## Result 1

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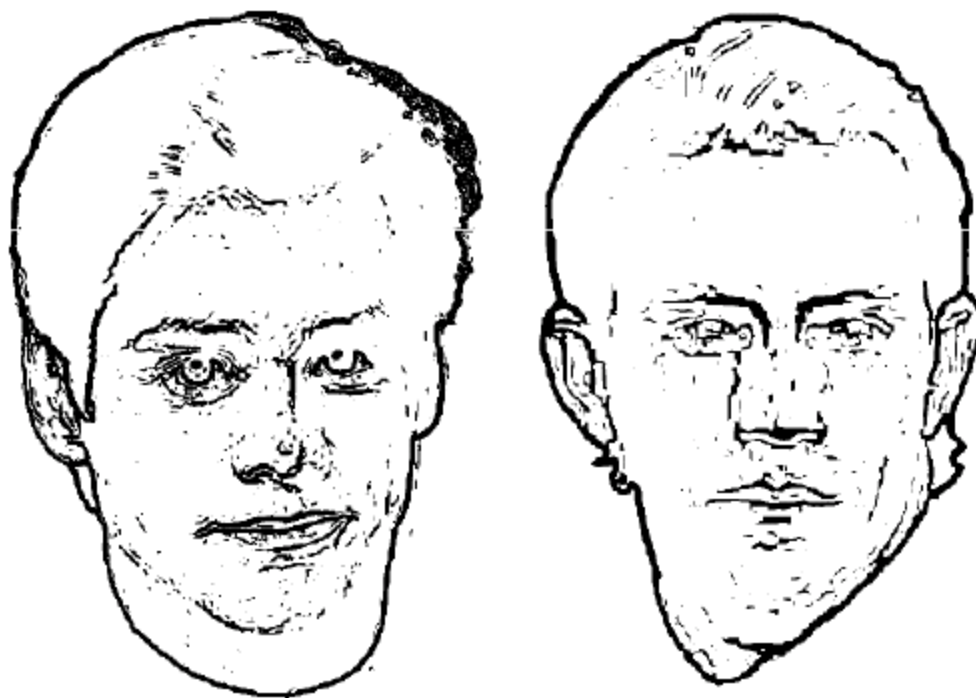
- ▶ Humans can recognize faces in extremely low resolution images.



## Result 3

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- ▶ High-frequency information by itself does not lead to good face recognition performance





## Result 5

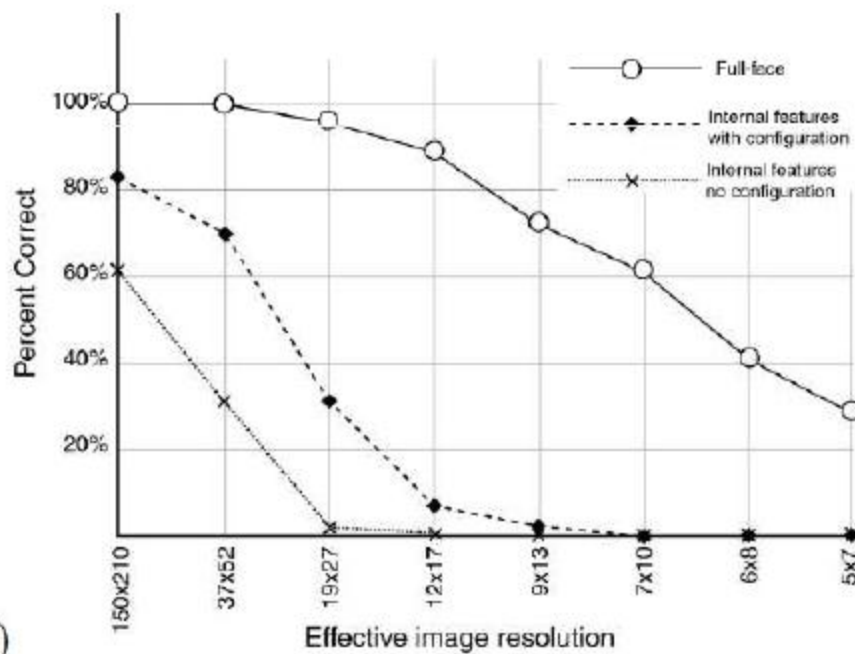
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- Eyebrows are among the most important for recognition



## Result 6

- Both internal and external facial cues are important and they exhibit non-linear interactions



(a)



(b)

## Result 7

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- ▶ The important configural relations appear to be independent across the width and height dimensions



## Result 8

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- ▶ Vertical inversion dramatically reduces recognition performance



## Result 12

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- ▶ Contrast polarity inversion dramatically impairs recognition performance, possibly due to compromised ability to use pigmentation cues

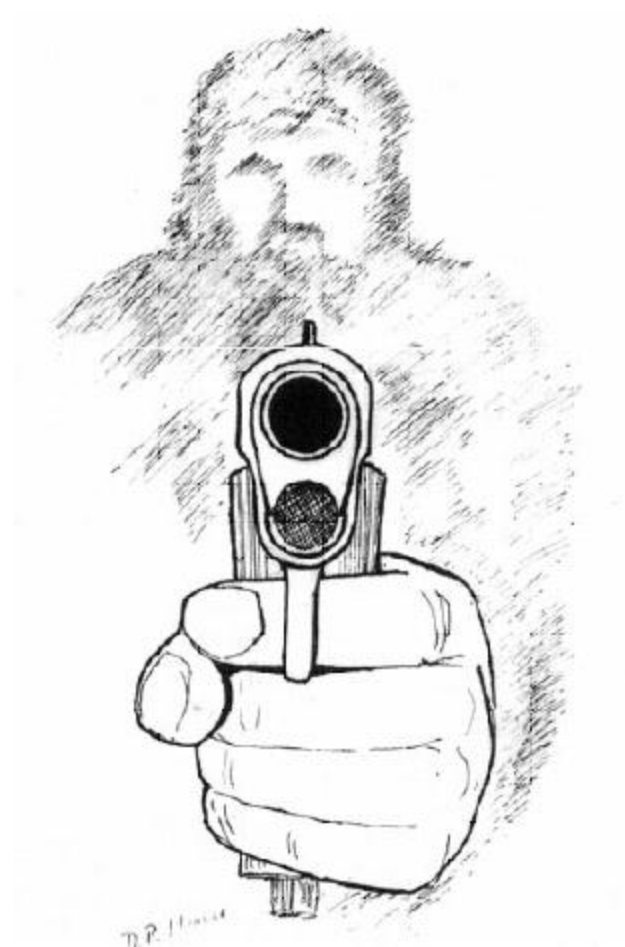




## Result 20

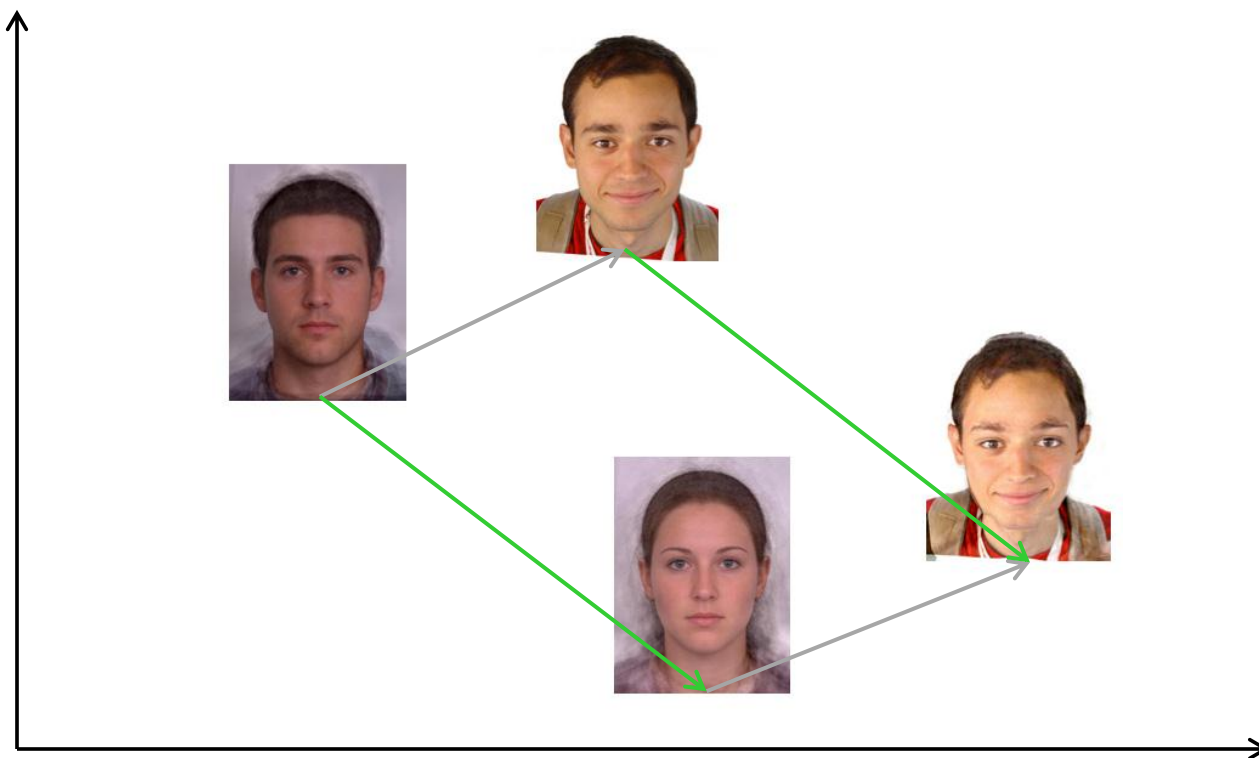
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- ▶ Human memory for briefly seen faces is rather poor





# Fun with Faces



# The Power of Averaging



# The Power of Averaging





# 8-hour exposure



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# Figure-centric averages



Antonio Torralba & Aude Oliva (2002)

**Averages:** Hundreds of images containing a person are averaged to reveal regularities in the intensity patterns across all the images.

# More by Jason Salavon



Homes for Sale



109 Homes for Sale,  
Seattle/Tacoma



117 Homes for Sale,  
Chicagoland



124 Homes for Sale, The 5  
Boroughs



121 Homes for Sale,  
LA/Orange County



114 Homes for Sale,  
Dallas/Ft. Worth Metroplex



112 Homes for Sale,  
Miami-Dade County

More at: <http://www.salavon.com/>



# How do we average faces?



<http://www2.imm.dtu.dk/~aam/datasets/datasets.html>

# Morphing

image #1



image #2

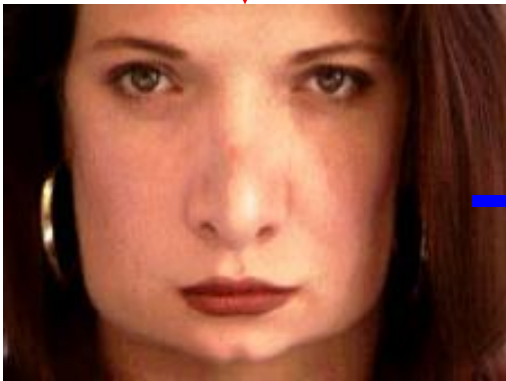


warp

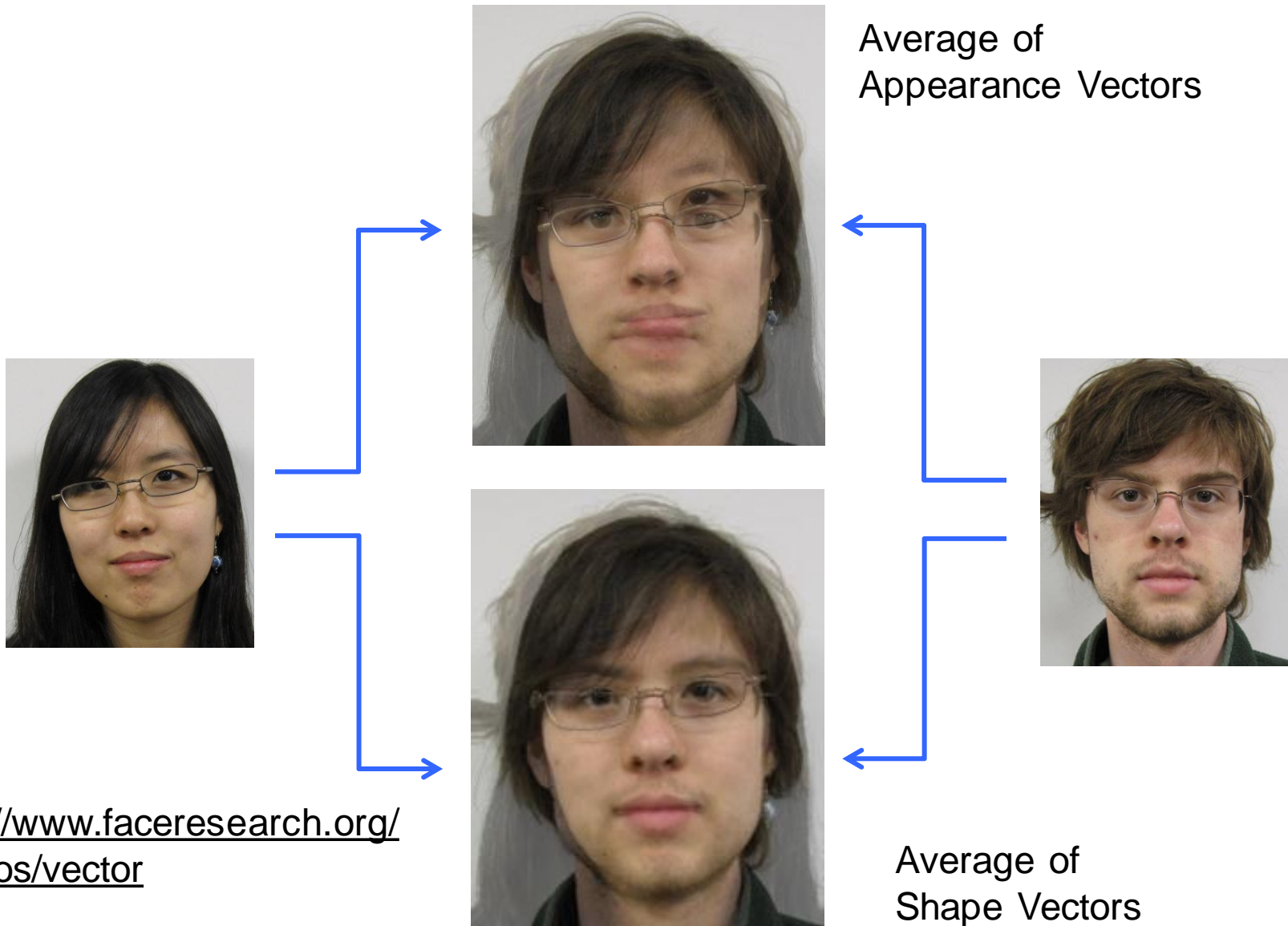


morphing

warp



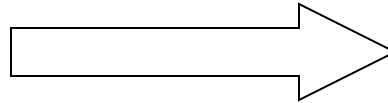
# Cross-Dissolve vs. Morphing



# Average of multiple Face



1. Warp to mean shape
2. Average pixels



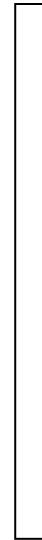
<http://www.faceresearch.org/demos/average>

# Appearance Vectors vs. Shape Vectors

Appearance  
Vector



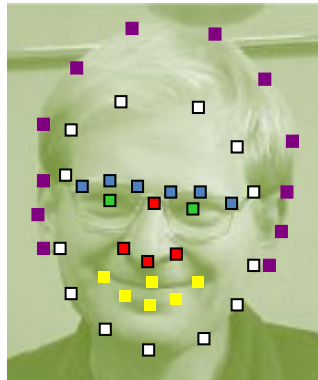
200\*150 pixels (RGB)



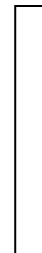
Vector of  
200\*150\*3  
Dimensions

- Requires Annotation
- Provides alignment!

Shape  
Vector



43 coordinates (x,y)



Vector of  
43\*2  
Dimensions



# Average Men of the world



AUSTRIA



AFGHANISTAN



ARGENTINA



BURMA (MYANMAR)



GERMANY



GREECE



CAMBODIA



ENGLAND



ETHIOPIA



FRANCE



IRAQ



IRELAND



MONGOLIA



PERU



POLAND



PUERTO RICO



UZBEKISTAN



AFRICAN AMERICAN

# Average Women of the world



Central African

Burmese

Cambodian

English

Ethiopian

Filipino



Greek

Indian

Iranian

Irish

Israeli

Italian



Peruvian

Polish

Romanian

Russian

Samoan

South African



# Subpopulation means

- Other Examples:

- Average Kids
- Happy Males
- Etc.
- <http://www.faceresearch.org>



Average female



Average kid



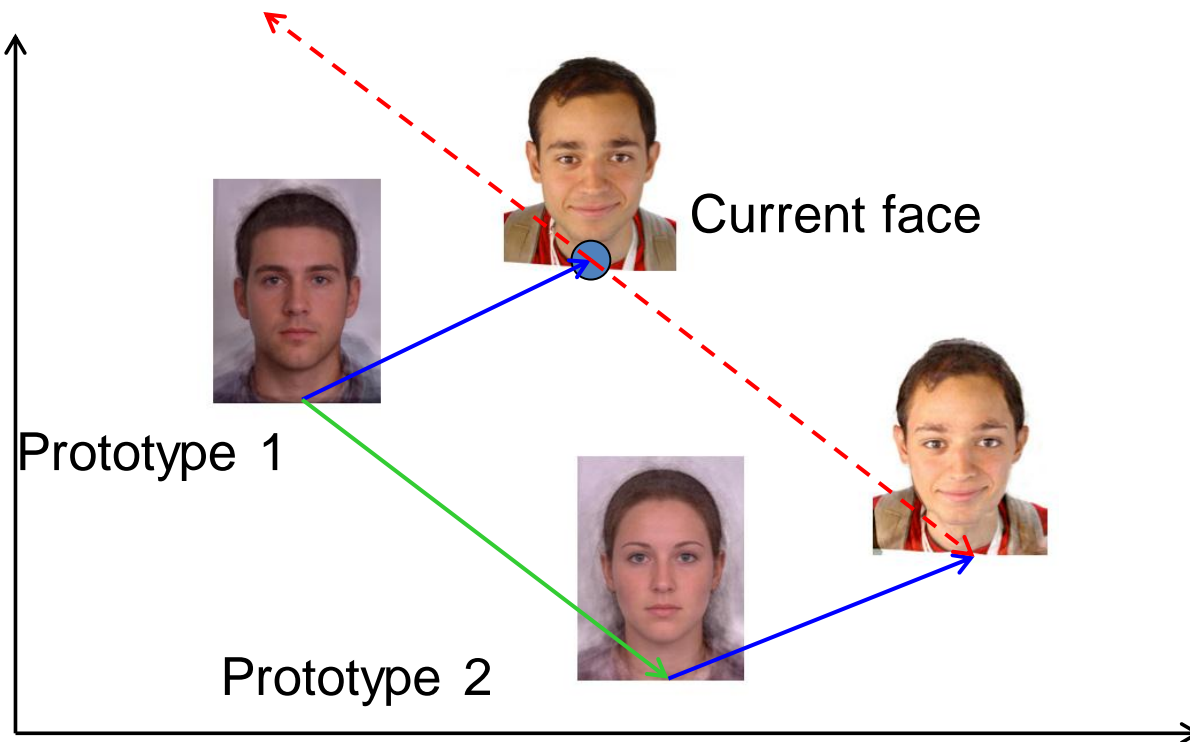
Average happy male



Average male

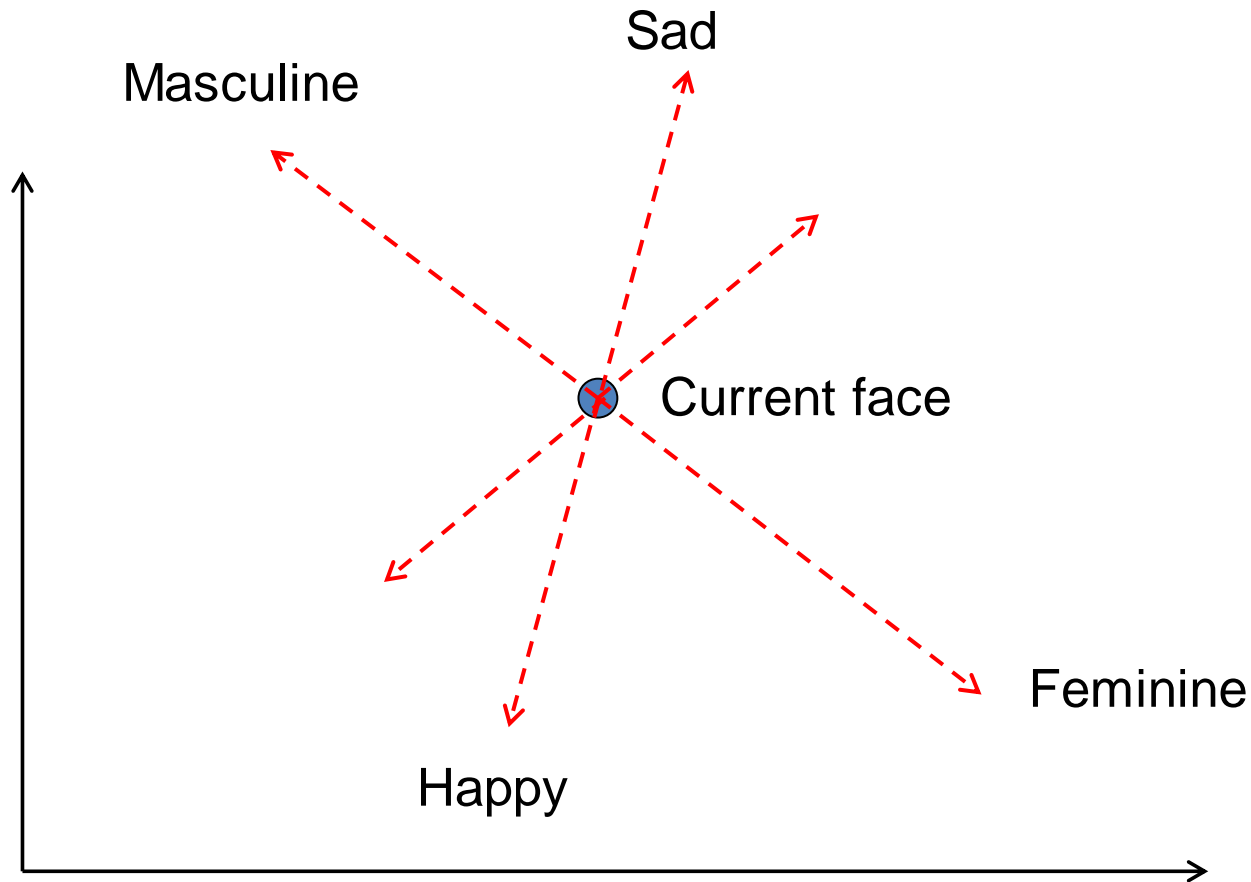
# Manipulating faces

- How can we make a face look more female/male, young/old, happy/sad, etc.?
- <http://www.faceresearch.org/demos/transform>



# Manipulating faces

- We can imagine various meaningful directions.



# Face Space

- How to find a set of directions to cover all space?
- We call these directions **Basis**
- If number of basis faces is large enough to span the face subspace:
- Any new face can be represented as a linear combination of basis vectors.

$$s = \alpha_1 \cdot \text{face}_1 + \alpha_2 \cdot \text{face}_2 + \alpha_3 \cdot \text{face}_3 + \alpha_4 \cdot \text{face}_4 + \dots = \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{a}$$

# Midterm results + review

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Mean = 87

Median = 90

Std dev = 7.5