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### Comparison of human and computer performance across face recognition experiments<sup>☆</sup>

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# Who is this person?



# Is this same person?



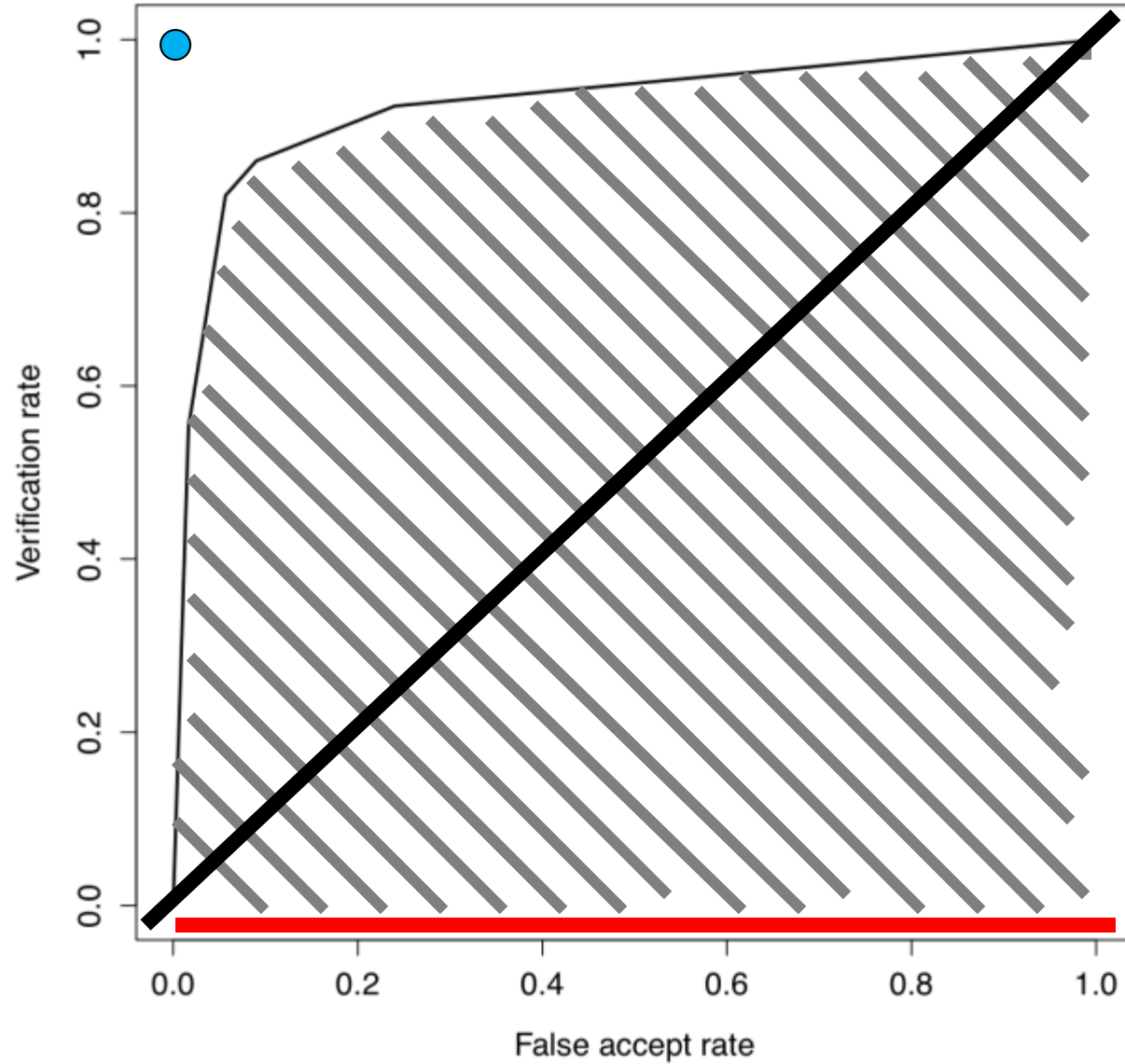


# Measuring Human Performance



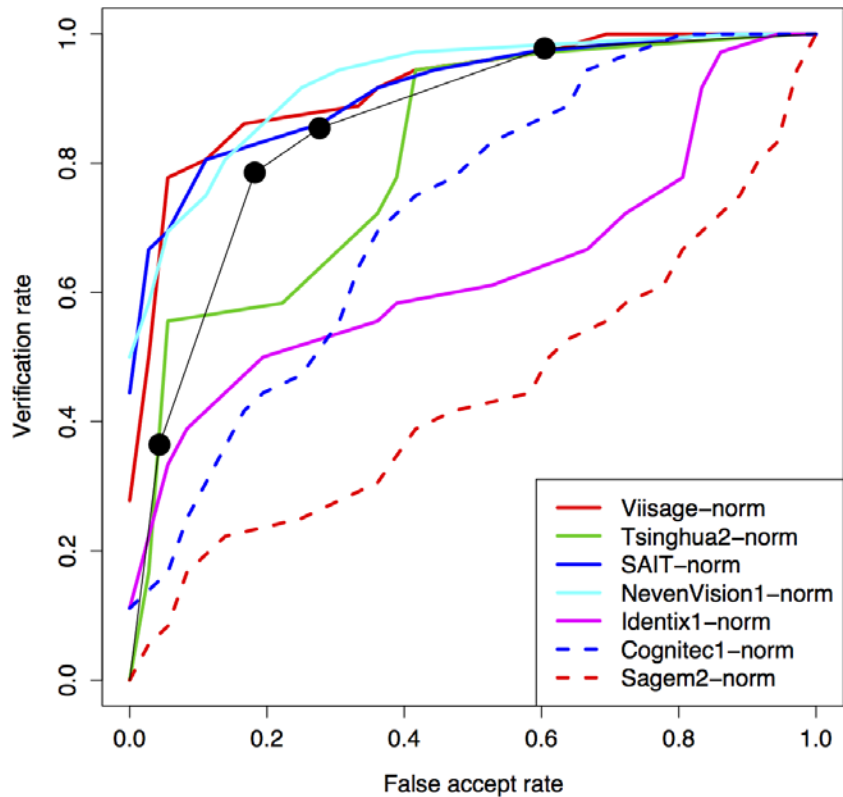
- Human subject raters respond...
  - 1. sure they are the same person
  - 2. think they are the same person
  - 3. not sure
  - 4. think they are not the same person
  - 5. sure they are not the same person

# Area Under Curve (AUC)

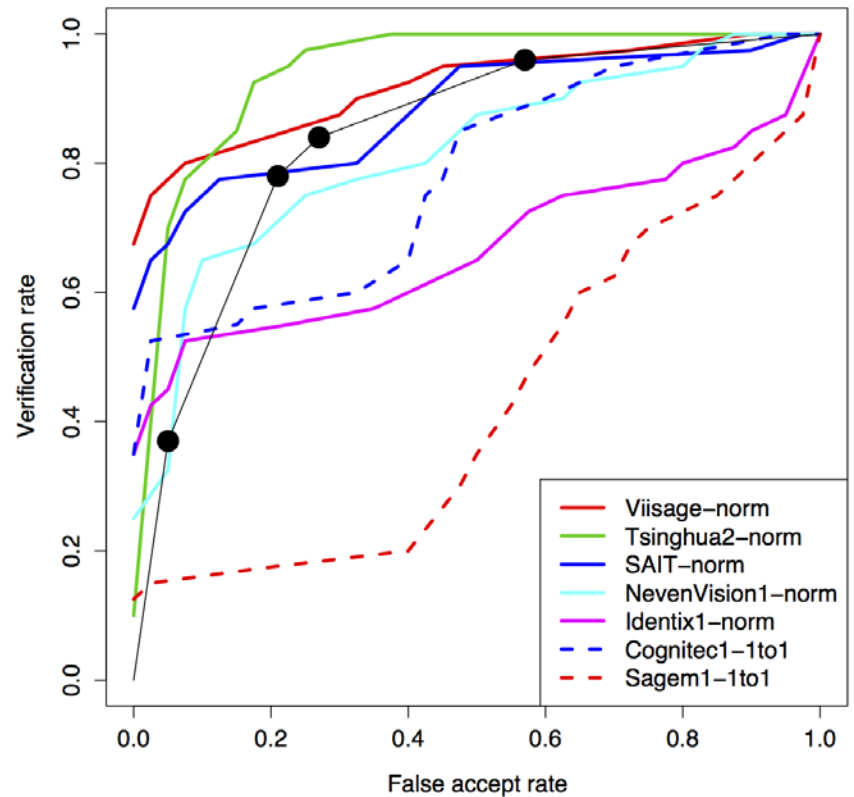


# FRVT 2006

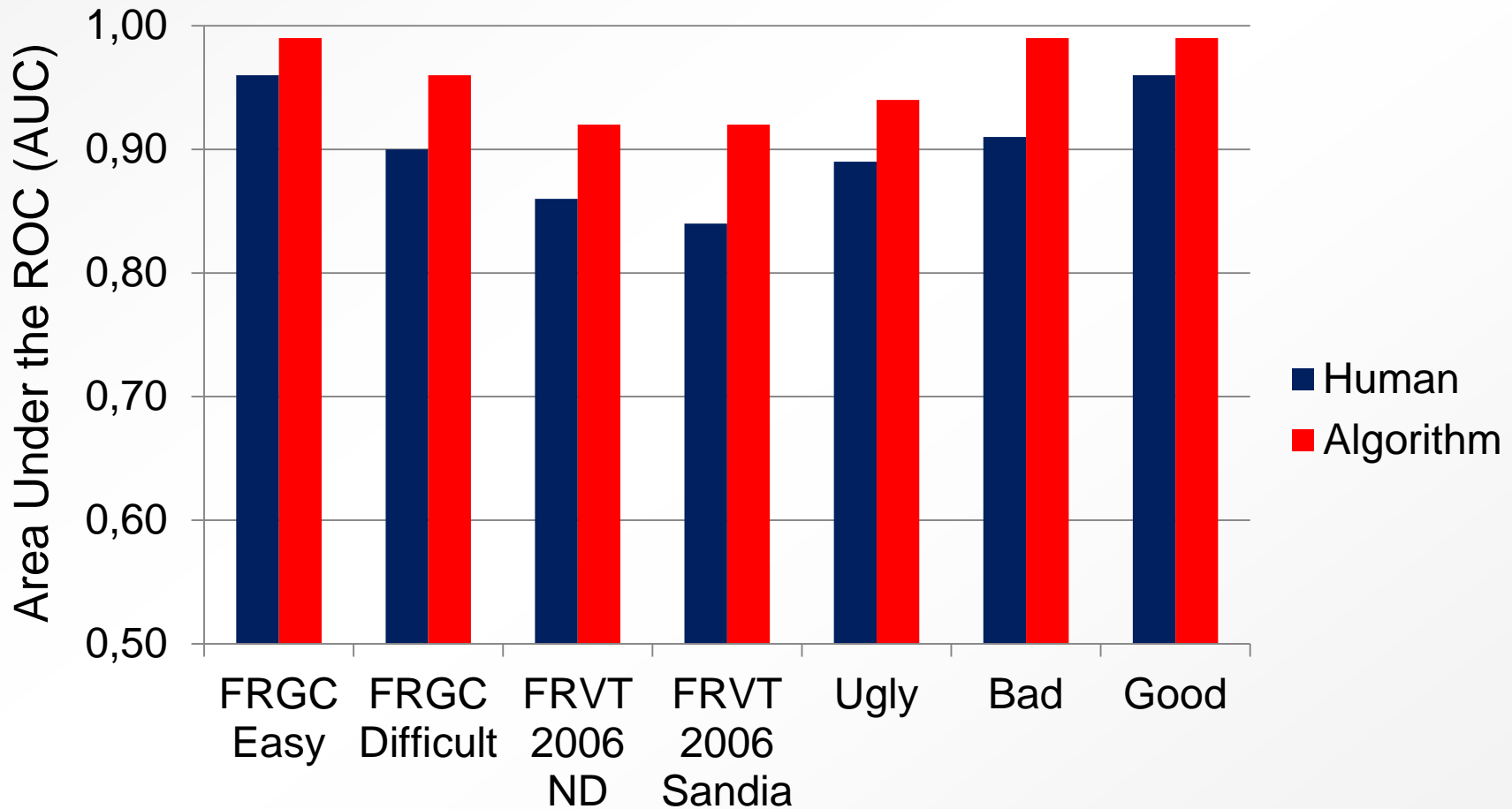
Very-high resolution



High resolution



# Frontal Still Face Performance



**Is this same person?**





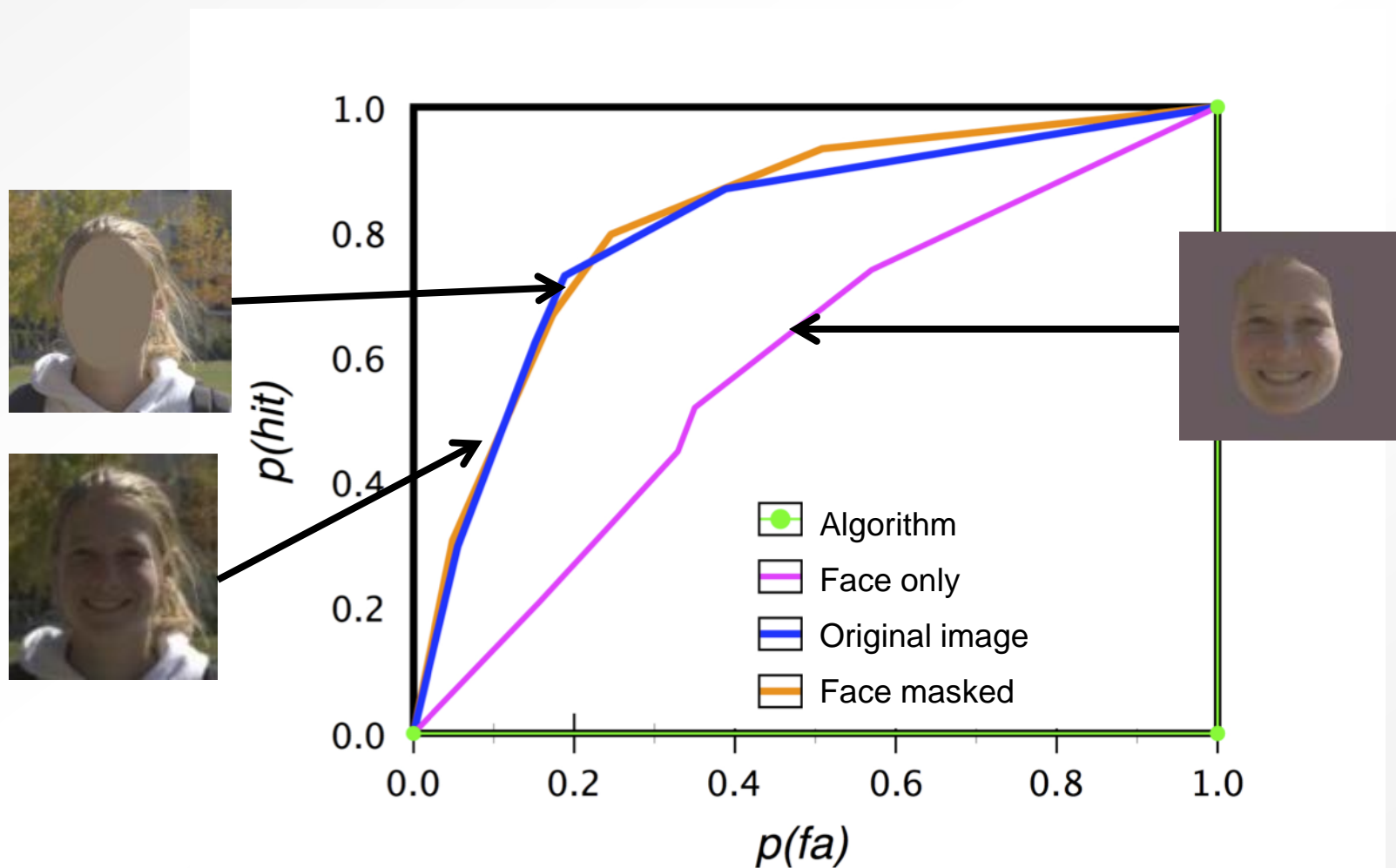
# Is this same person?



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# Human Performance on Hard Face-Pairs



# Video: Walking vs. Conversation



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# Video Experiments

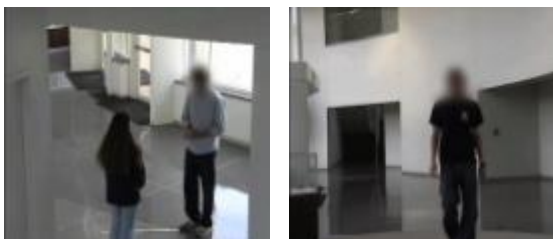
gait video



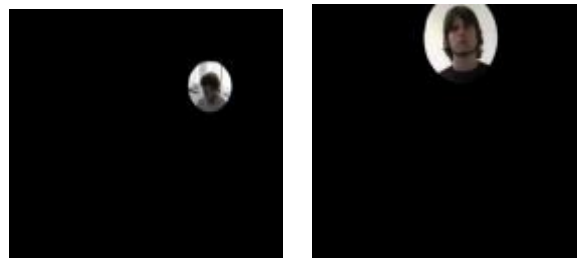
conversation video



body only

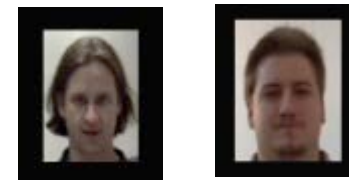


face only

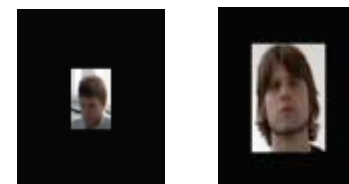


Static Face

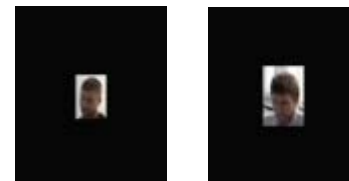
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CG



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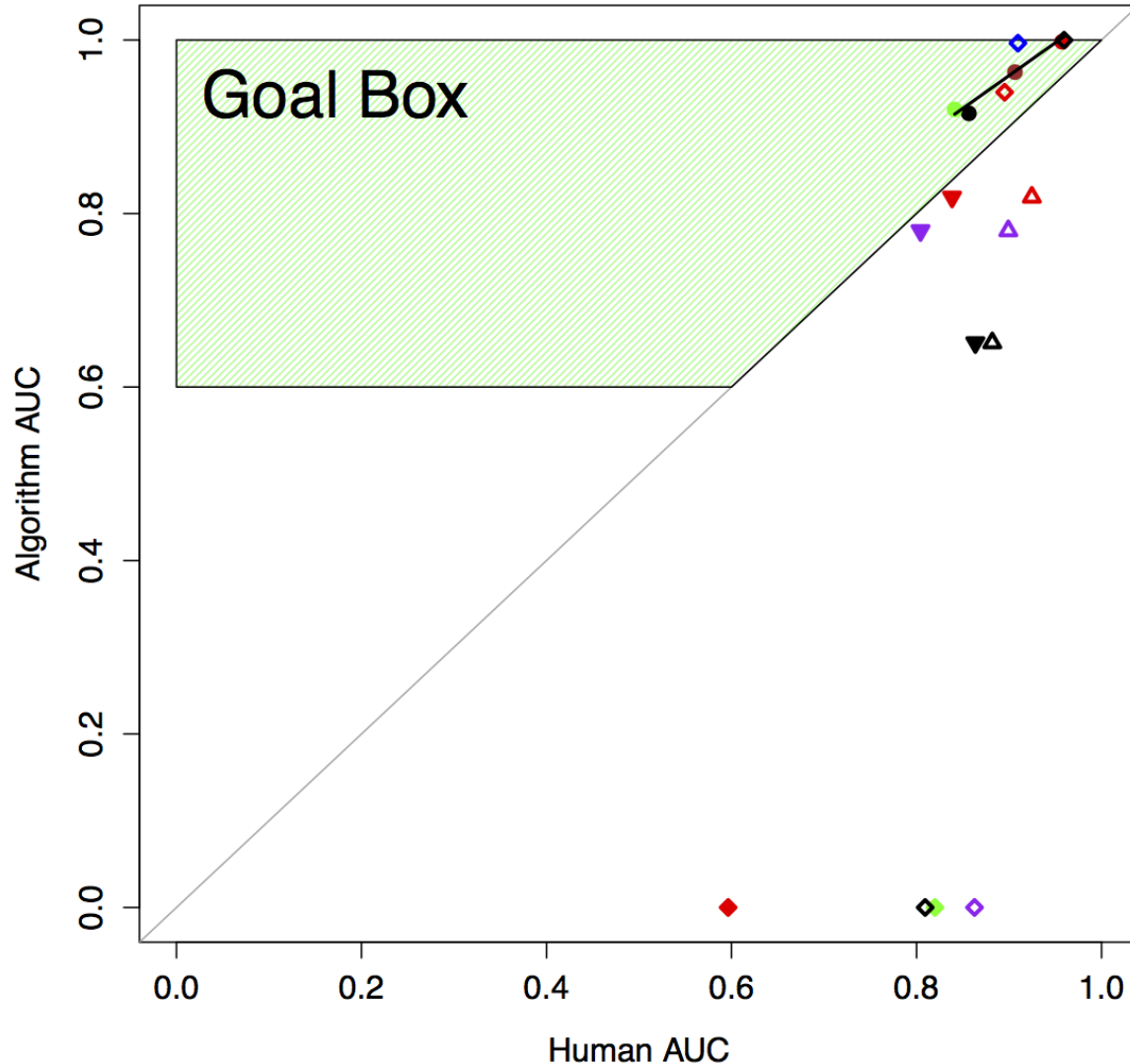


# Difficult Cases

- In hard cases (poor viewing conditions), humans take advantage of face, body, still, & video
- Evidence: algorithms do NOT take advantage of face, body, still, & video
- Learn from the human visual system.
  - Functional
  - Perceptual
- Incorporate into algorithm design.

# Across Experiments

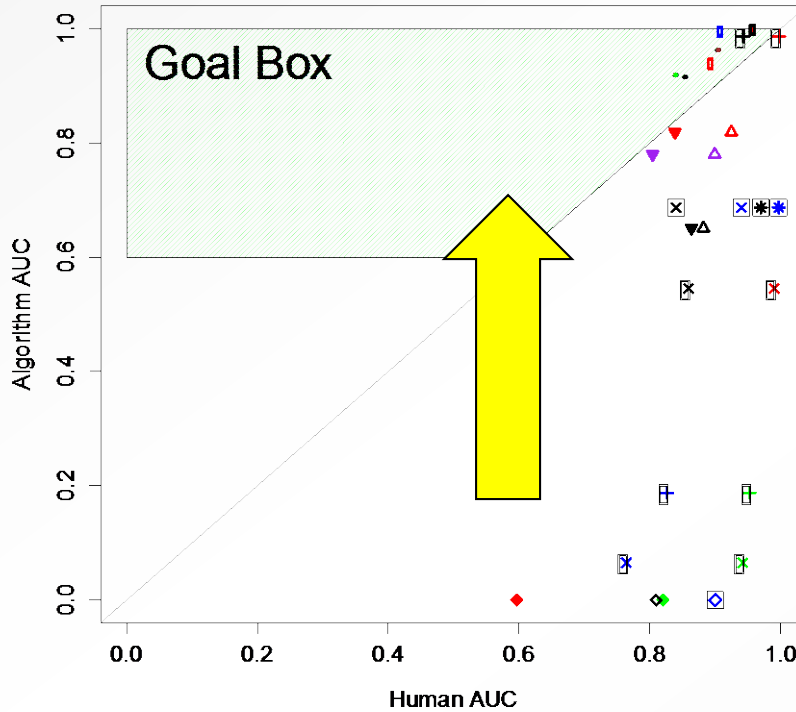
# Hurdle: Measuring Success



- FRVT2006-Notre Dame
- FRVT2006-Sandia
- FRGC-difficult
- FRGC-easy
- ◇ GBU-Good
- ◇ GBU-Bad
- ◇ GBU-Ugly

- △ Video: Walking vs Walking
- ▼ Video Face Only: Walking vs Walking
- △ Video: Activity vs Walking
- ▼ Video Face Only: Activity vs Walking
- △ Video: Activity vs Activity
- ▼ Video Face Only: Activity vs Activity

- ◆ ReverseROC Body Only
- ◆ ReverseROC Face Only
- ◇ ReverseROC Face & Body
- ◇ ReverseROC Face & Body Survey



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- ◆ Extremely–difficult Body Only
- ◆ Extremely–difficult Face Only
- ◇ Extremely–difficult Face & Body

- ⊞ PaSC video Challenging
- ⊞ PaSC video Challenging, Fused humans
- ⊞ PaSC video Extremely–difficult
- ⊞ PaSC video Extremely–difficult, Fused humans

- ⊞ PaSC still Challenging
- ⊞ PaSC still Challenging, Fused humans
- ⊞ PaSC still Extremely–difficult
- ⊞ PaSC still Extremely–difficult, Fused humans

- ⊞ EFCT: Students
- ⊞ EFCT: Examiners
- ⊞ EFCT: Fused 14 Students
- ⊞ EFCT: Fused 14 Examiners
- ⊞ Extremely–difficult Examiners (PIT)

# Human and Machine Performance

- Algorithms Better (Untrained Humans)
  - Mugshots & Mobile Studio environments
  - Digital Single Lens Reflex
    - Mobile Studio and Ambient Lighting
- Humans Better
  - Non-face identity cues
  - Cross-pose
  - Point and Shot Cameras (in general)



# The Challenge

- Problem: Robust Recognition of Unfamiliar Faces
- Goal: Human Level Performance
  - Untrained Humans
  - Trained Professionals
  - Forensic Examiners
- Compare Machine & Human on a Face Performance Index
- Objective: Move Machine Performance into the Goal Box

**Questions?**