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## Convolutional Neural Networks for Predicting and Hiding Personal Traits from Face Images

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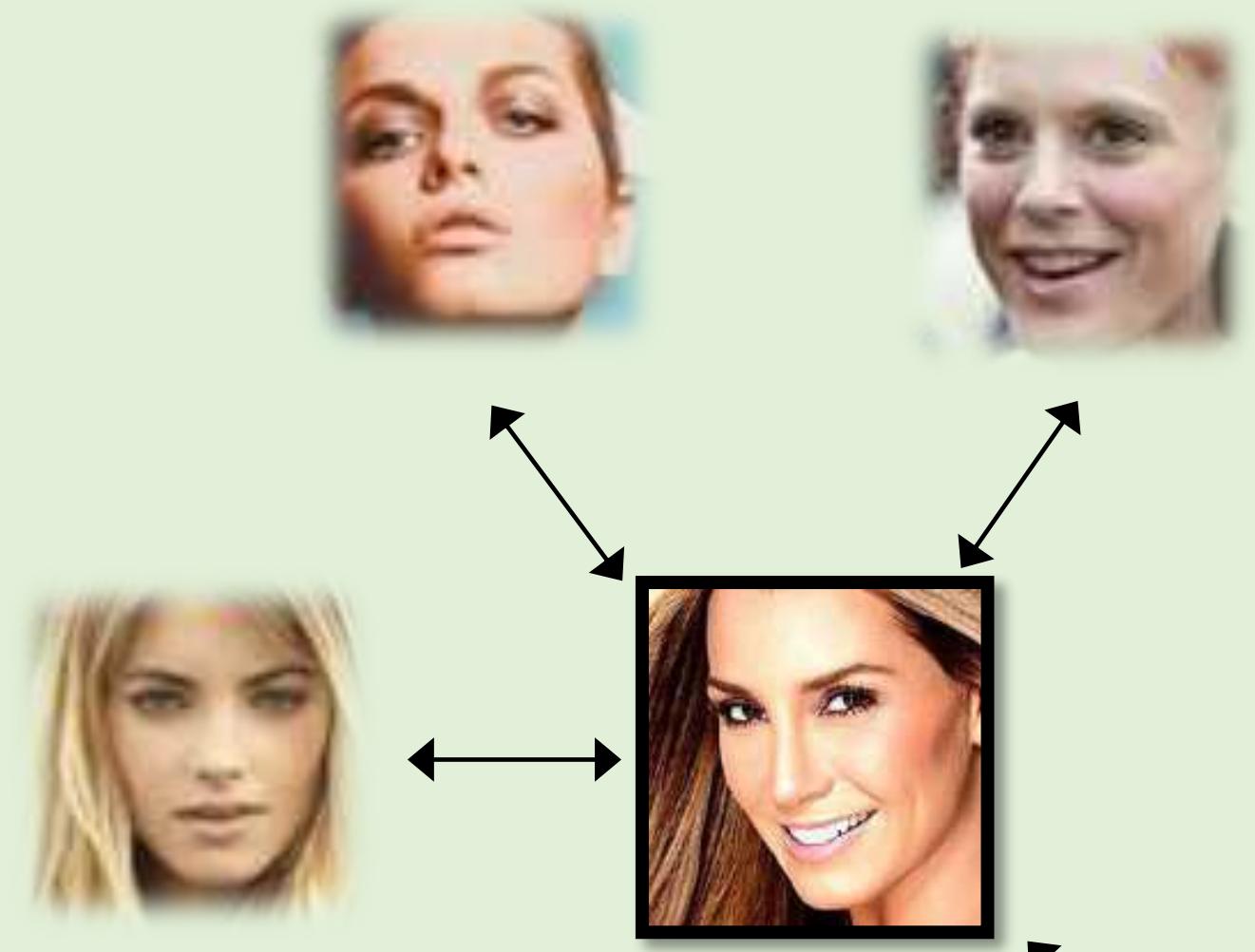
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# Biometric (Face) Recognition

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Determine identity of an unknown person  
1-to- $n$  matching

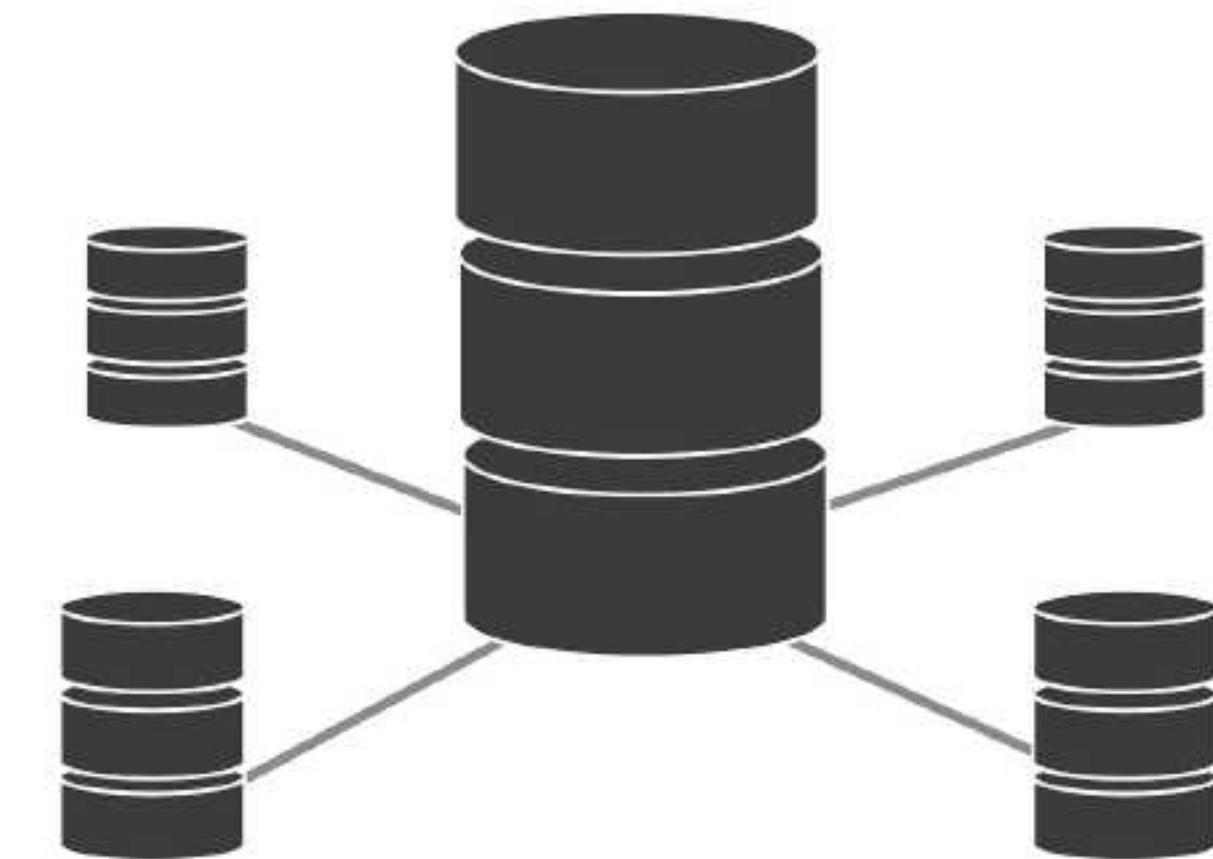


## B. Verification

Verify claimed identity of a person  
1-to-1 matching



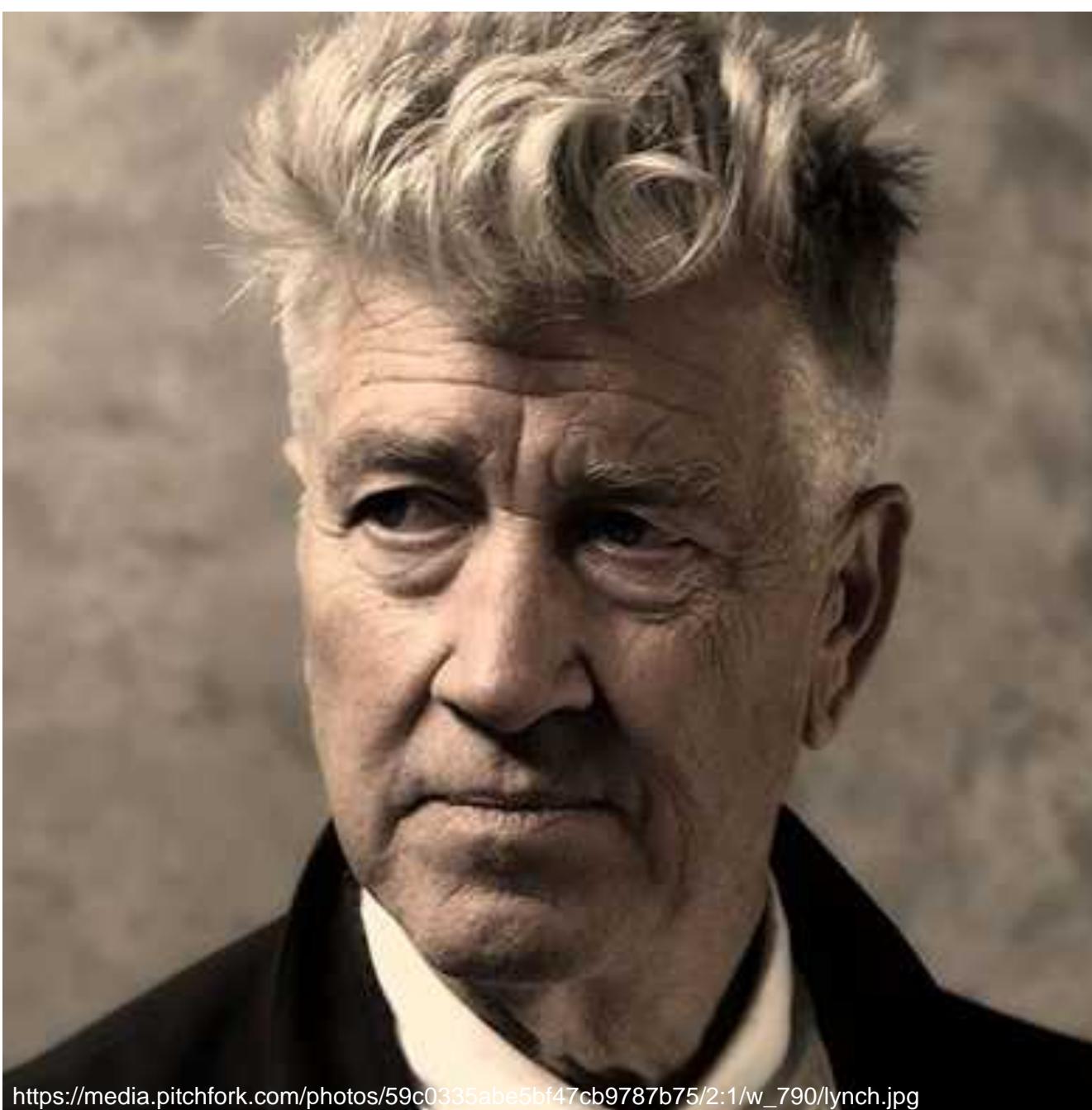
# Applications of Biometric (Face) Recognition





<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/04/16/opinion/facial-recognition-new-york-city.html>

# Soft-Biometrics



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Age	65
Race	Caucasian
Medical	Healthy

**SOFT BIOMETRIC ATTRIBUTES**

# Part I: Extracting Soft-Biometric Attributes from Face Images



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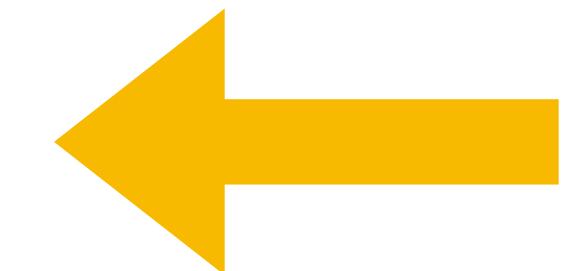
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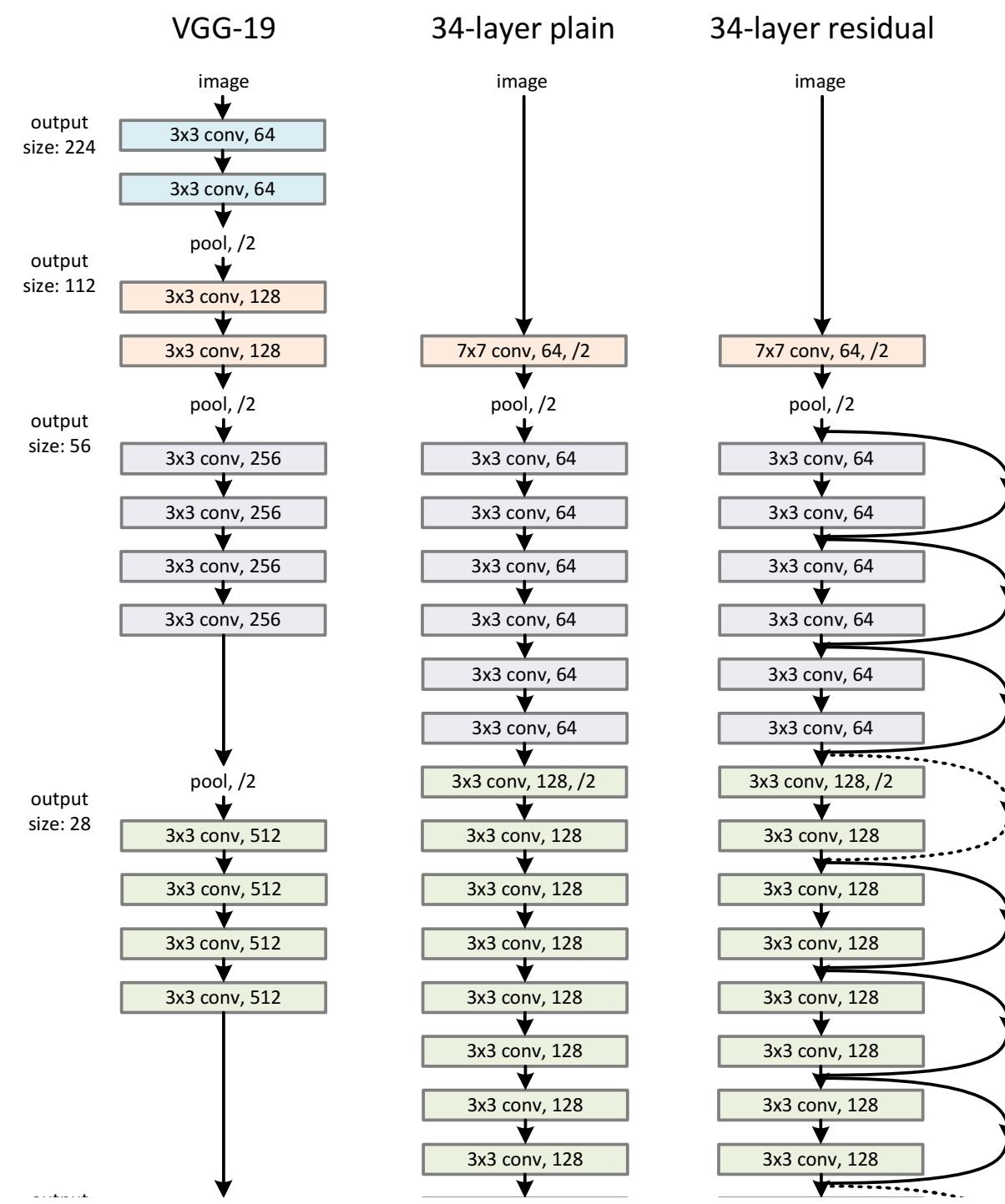
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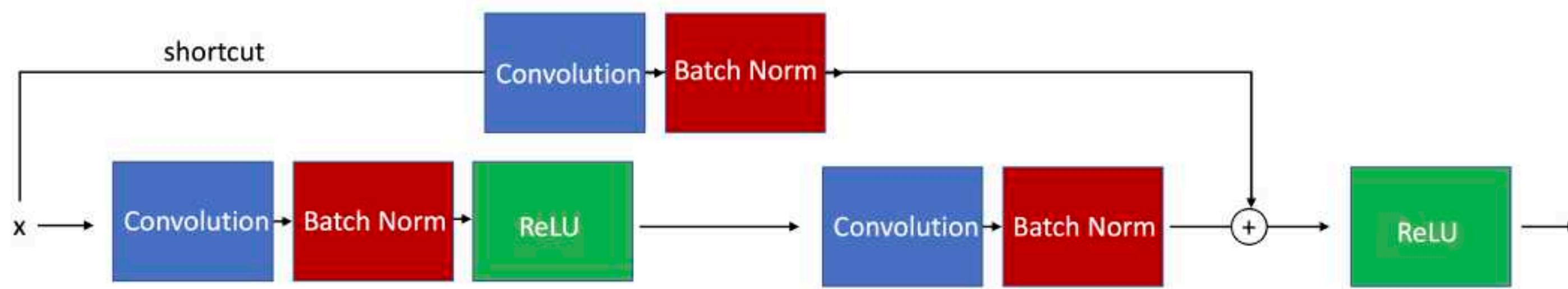
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## SOFT BIOMETRIC ATTRIBUTES





# ResNet-101 Applied to Gender Classification



He, Kaiming, et al. "Deep residual learning for image recognition." *Proceedings of the IEEE conference on computer vision and pattern recognition*. 2016.

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Epoch: 010/010 | Batch 1250/1272 | Cost: 0.0127
Epoch: 010/010 | Train: 99.183% | Valid: 98.017%
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Total Training Time: 121.09 min
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## Evaluation

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In [16]: with torch.set_grad_enabled(False): # save memory during inference
    print('Test accuracy: %.2f%%' % (compute_accuracy(model, test_loader, device=DEVICE)))
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Test accuracy: 97.52%

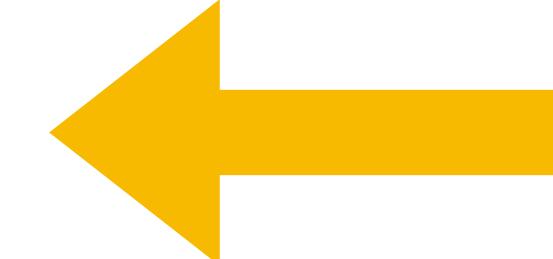
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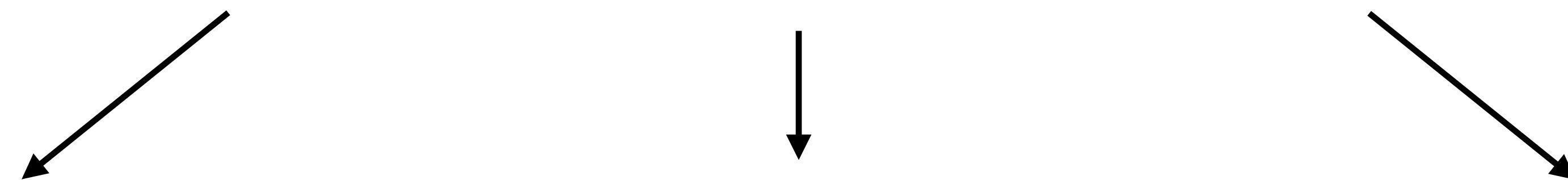
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# Types of Labels in Supervised Learning Tasks

Color	Size	Price
green	M	10.1
red	L	13.5
blue	XXL	15.3



Nominal type  
Task: classification

Ordinal type  
Task: ordinal regression

Continuous  
Task: metric regression

# Ordinal Regression

Ordinal regression, also called *ordinal classification* or *ranking*  
(although ranking is a bit different)

Order dependence like in metric regression,  
but no metric distance

$$r_K \succ r_{K-1} \succ \dots \succ r_1$$

discrete values like in classification,  
but order dependence/information

E.g., movie ratings: *great*  $\succ$  *good*  $\succ$  *okay*  $\succ$  *for genre fans*  $\succ$  *bad*



# Supervised Learning: Ordinal Regression

- **Ranking:** Correct order matters  
(0 loss if order is correct, e.g., rank a collection of movies by "goodness")

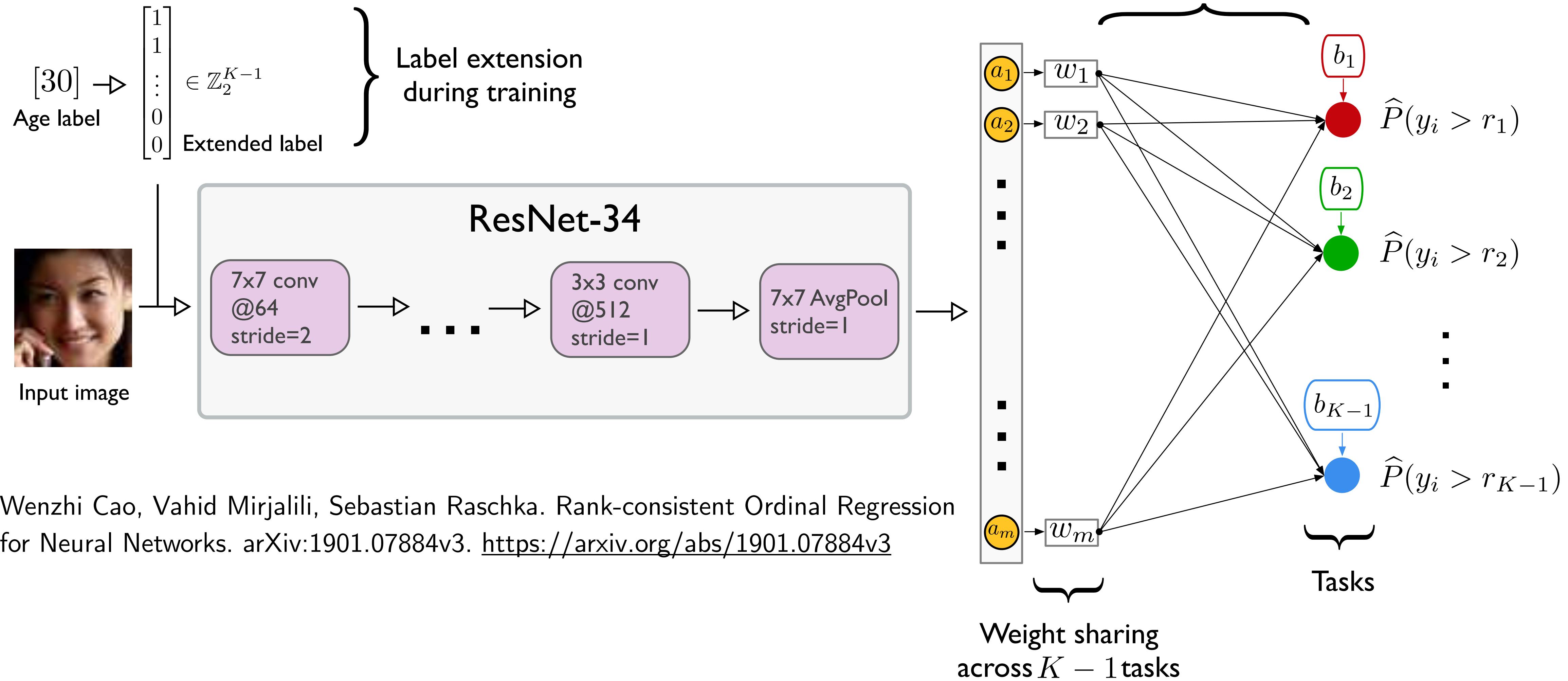


- **Ordinal Regression:** Correct label matters (as well)  
(E.g., age of a person in years; here, regard aging as a non-stationary process)

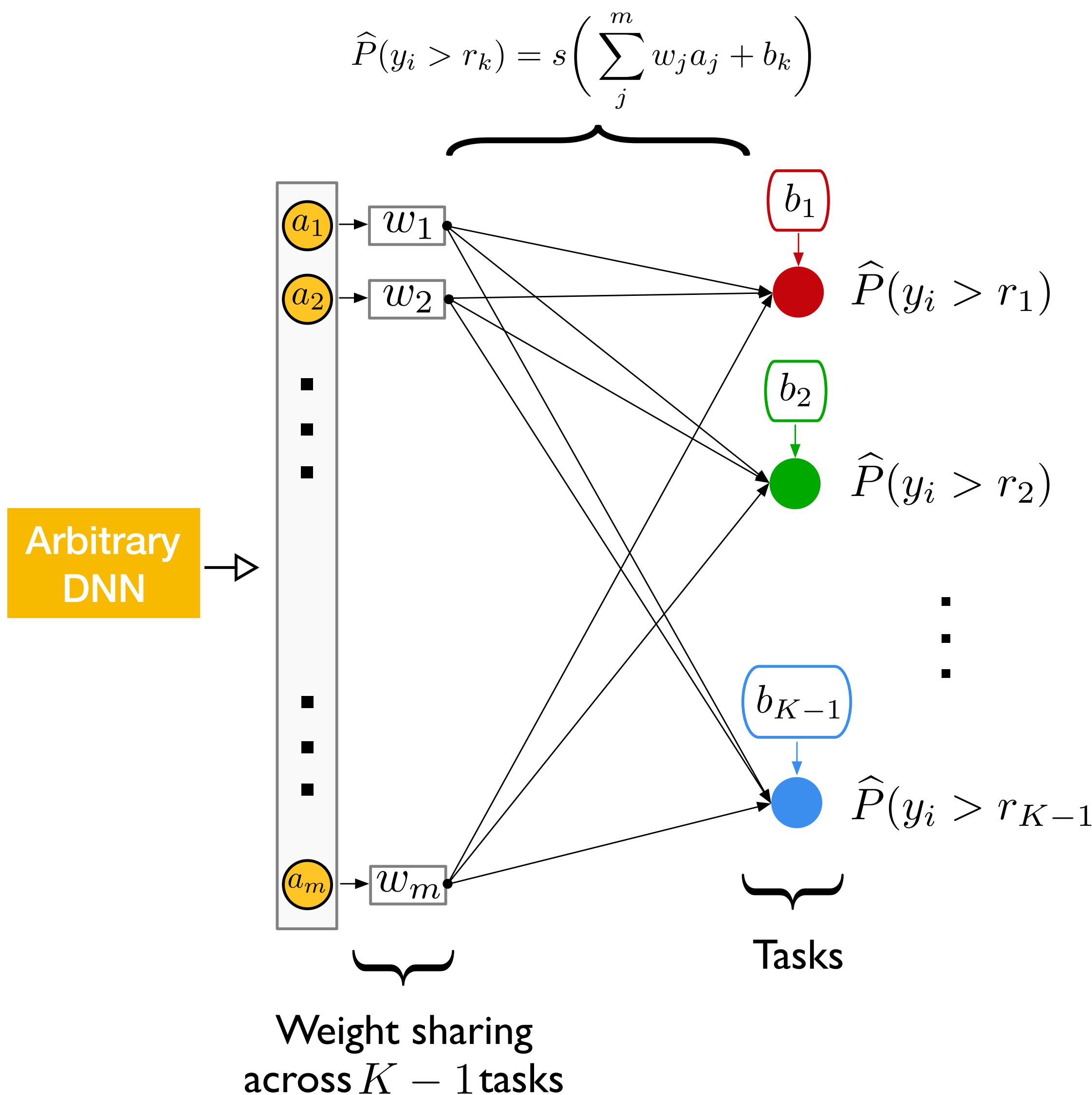


Excerpt from the UTKFace dataset  
<https://susanqq.github.io/UTKFace/>  
We will work with this dataset  
in the hands-on tutorial this afternoon!

# Consistent Rank Logits (CORAL) for Ordinal Regression with Convolutional Neural Networks Framework



# Predicting the Rank/Ordinal Label



**Step 1:** Converting the estimated probability of each task into a binary label (0/1)

$$f_k (\mathbf{x}_i) = 1 \left\{ \hat{P} (y_i^{(k)} = 1) > 0.5 \right\}$$

**Step 2:** Summing the  $K - 1$  binary labels

$$h (\mathbf{x}_i) = r_q$$

$$q = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{K-1} f_k (\mathbf{x}_i)$$

# Hypothesis: Rank Consistency Improves Predictive Performance

Desired property: probability estimates for the  $K-1$  tasks are decreasing

$$\widehat{P} \left( y_i^{(1)} = 1 \right) \geq \widehat{P} \left( y_i^{(2)} = 1 \right) \geq \dots \geq \widehat{P} \left( y_i^{(K-1)} = 1 \right) \quad [\text{Rank consistency}]$$

where the predicted empirical probability for task  $k$  is defined as

$$\widehat{P} \left( y_i^{(k)} = 1 \right) = s \left( g \left( \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{W} \right) + b_k \right)$$

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Rank Consistency can be satisfied by ordered bias units due to the weight constraint

$$b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \dots \geq b_{K-1}$$

**Theorem 1** (ordered biases). *By minimizing loss function defined in Eq. (4), the optimal solution  $(\mathbf{W}^*, \mathbf{b}^*)$  satisfies*  
 $b_1^* \geq b_2^* \geq \dots \geq b_{K-1}^*$ .

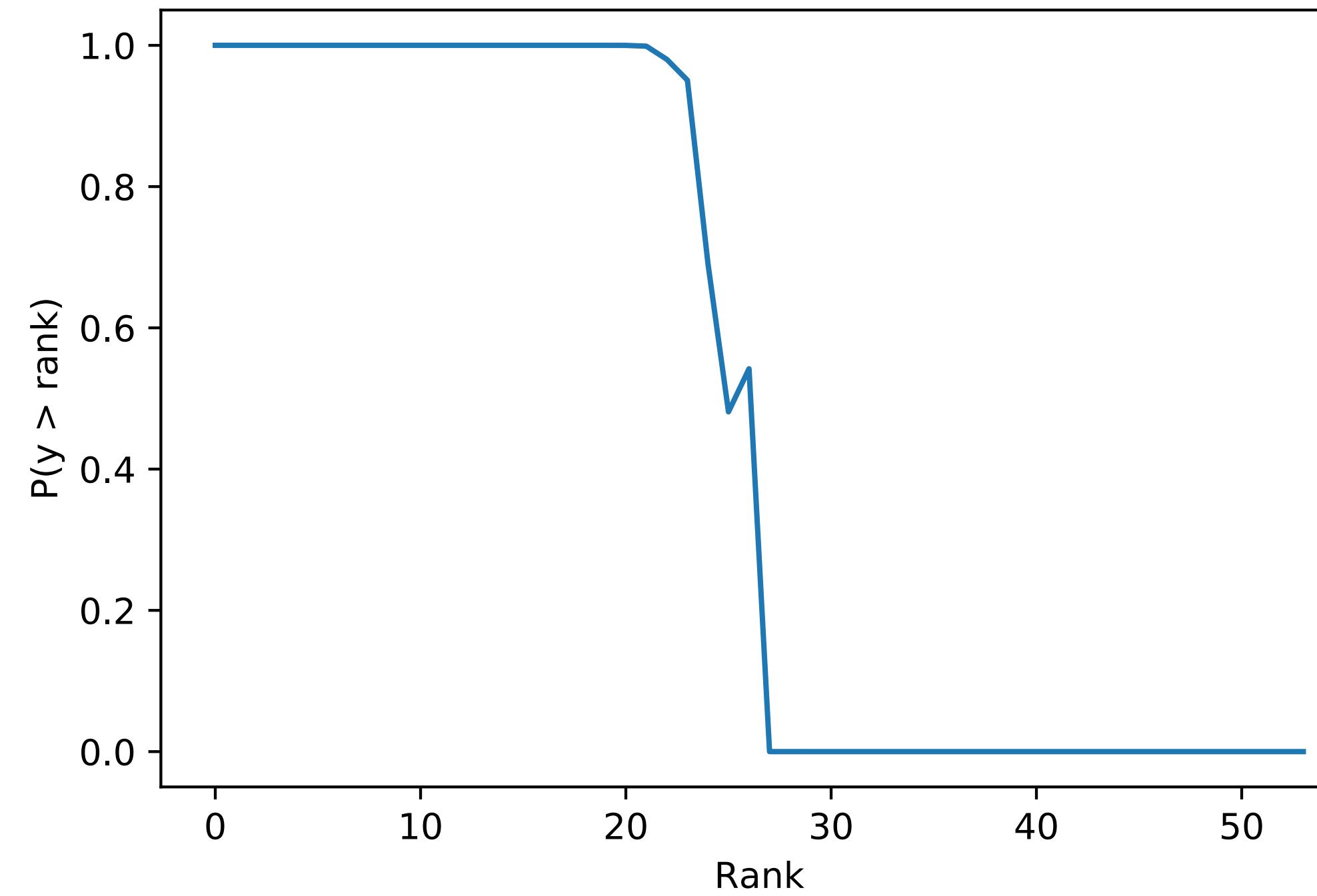
**(Detailed proof provided in our paper)**

Wenzhi Cao, Vahid Mirjalili, Sebastian Raschka. Rank-consistent Ordinal Regression for Neural Networks. arXiv:1901.07884v3. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.07884v3>

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Ordinal Regression with Multiple Output CNN for Age  
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OR-CNN



CORAL-CNN

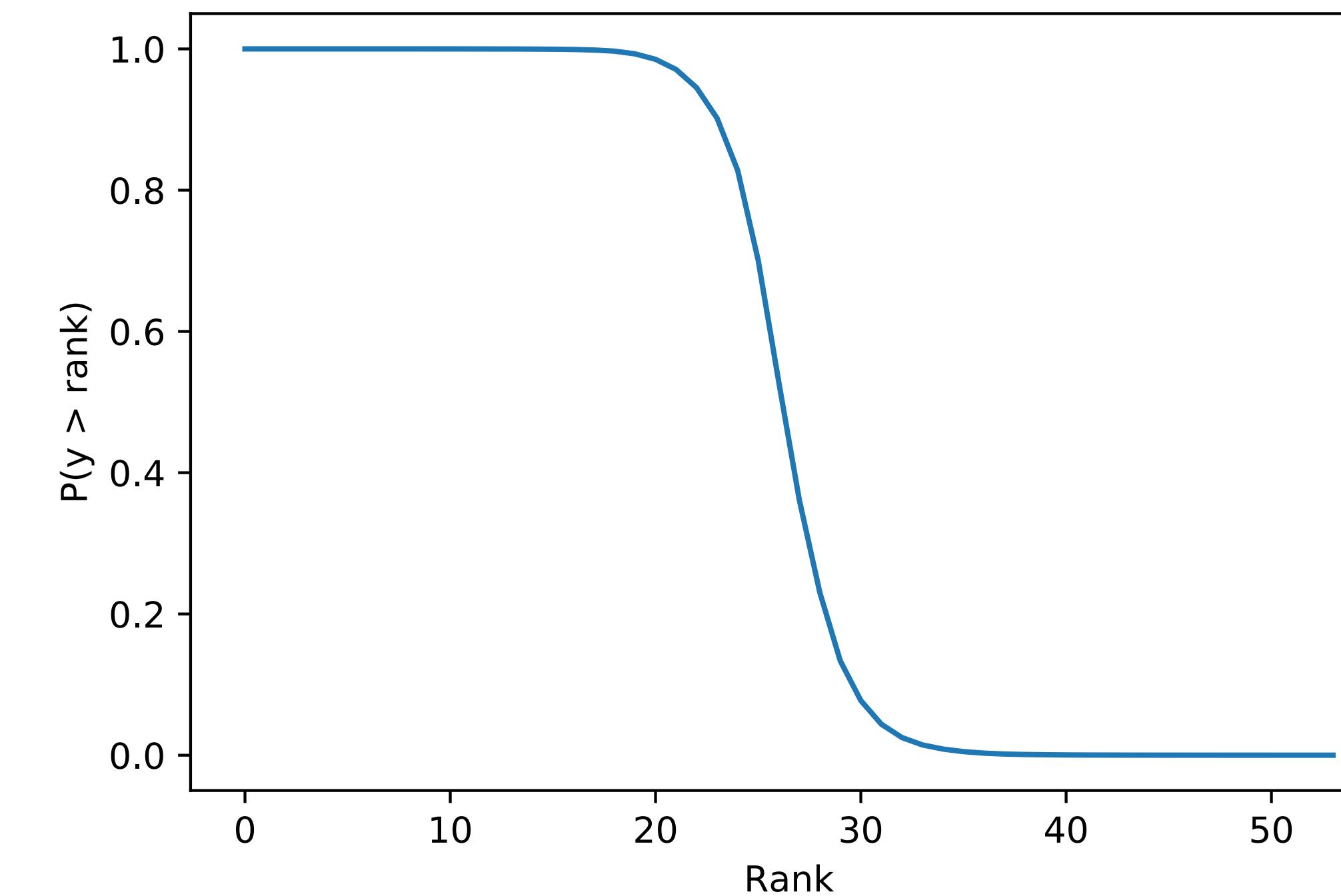
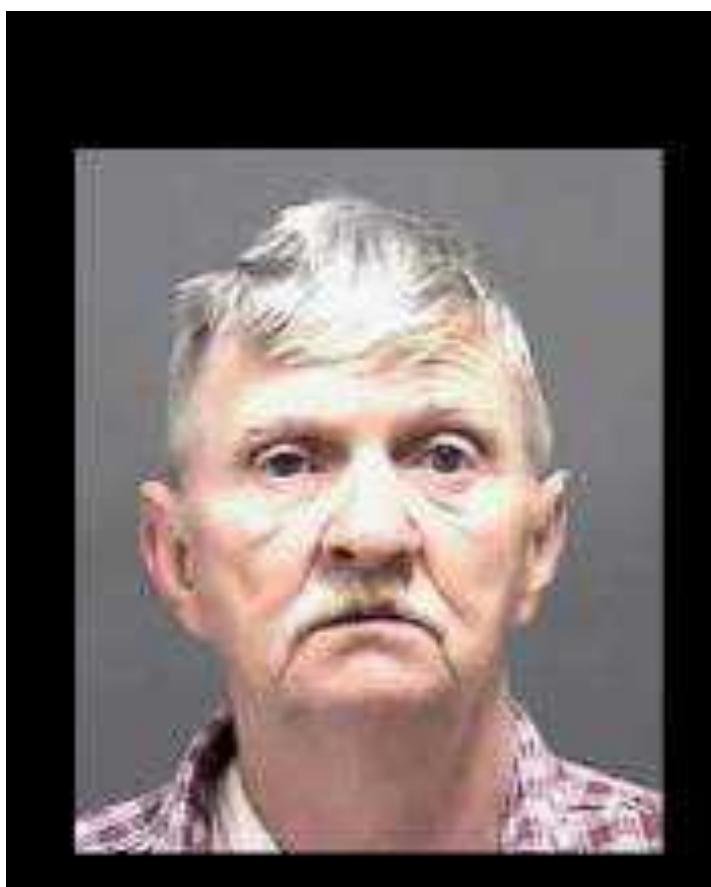


Figure S2: Plots show graphs of the predicted probabilities for each binary classifier task on one test data point in the MORPH dataset by OR-CNN (left subpanel) and CORAL-CNN (right subpanel). In this example, the ordinal regression CNN has an inconsistency at rank 26. The CORAL-CNN does not suffer from inconsistencies such that the rank prediction is a cumulative distribution function.

# Datasets



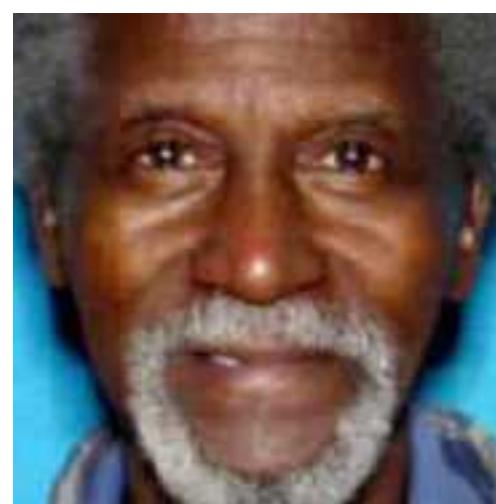
## AFAD

- 165,501 face images
- age range: 15-40 years



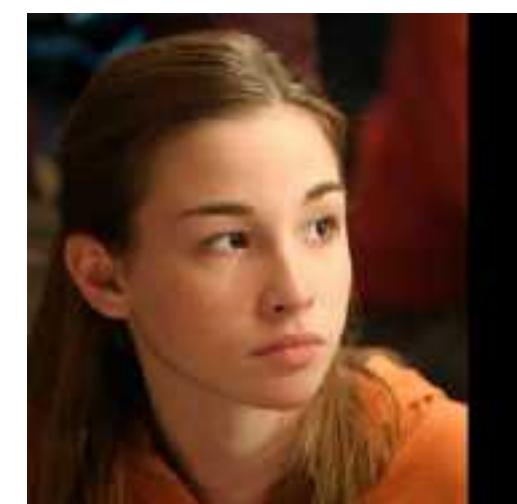
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- 55,608 face images
- age range: 16-70 years



## UTKFace

- 16,434 face images
- age range: 21-60 years



## CACD

- 159,449 face images
- age range: 14-62 years

# Test Results

$$\text{MAE} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |y_i - h(\mathbf{x}_i)| \quad \text{RMSE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - h(\mathbf{x}_i))^2}$$

*Table 1.* Age prediction errors on the test sets *without* task importance weighting. All models are based on the ResNet-34 architecture.

Method	Random Seed	MORPH-2		AFAD		UTKFace		CACD	
		MAE	RMSE	MAE	RMSE	MAE	RMSE	MAE	RMSE
CE-CNN	0	3.40	4.88	3.98	5.55	6.57	9.16	6.18	8.86
	1	3.39	4.87	4.00	5.57	6.24	8.69	6.10	8.79
	2	3.37	4.87	3.96	5.50	6.29	8.78	6.13	8.87
	AVG $\pm$ SD	$3.39 \pm 0.02$	$4.89 \pm 0.01$	$3.98 \pm 0.02$	$5.54 \pm 0.04$	$6.37 \pm 0.18$	$8.88 \pm 0.25$	$6.14 \pm 0.04$	$8.84 \pm 0.04$
OR-CNN <i>(Niu et al., 2016)</i>	0	2.98	4.26	3.66	5.10	5.71	8.11	5.53	7.91
	1	2.98	4.26	3.69	5.13	5.80	8.12	5.53	7.98
	2	2.96	4.20	3.68	5.14	5.71	8.11	5.49	7.89
	AVG $\pm$ SD	$2.97 \pm 0.01$	$4.24 \pm 0.03$	$3.68 \pm 0.02$	$5.13 \pm 0.02$	$5.74 \pm 0.05$	$8.08 \pm 0.06$	$5.52 \pm 0.02$	$7.93 \pm 0.05$
CORAL-CNN <i>(ours)</i>	0	2.68	3.75	3.49	4.82	5.46	7.61	5.56	7.80
	1	2.63	3.66	3.46	4.83	5.46	7.63	5.37	7.64
	2	2.61	3.64	3.52	4.91	5.48	7.63	5.25	7.53
	AVG $\pm$ SD	<b><math>2.64 \pm 0.04</math></b>	<b><math>3.68 \pm 0.06</math></b>	<b><math>3.49 \pm 0.03</math></b>	<b><math>4.85 \pm 0.05</math></b>	<b><math>5.47 \pm 0.01</math></b>	<b><math>7.62 \pm 0.01</math></b>	<b><math>5.39 \pm 0.16</math></b>	<b><math>7.66 \pm 0.14</math></b>

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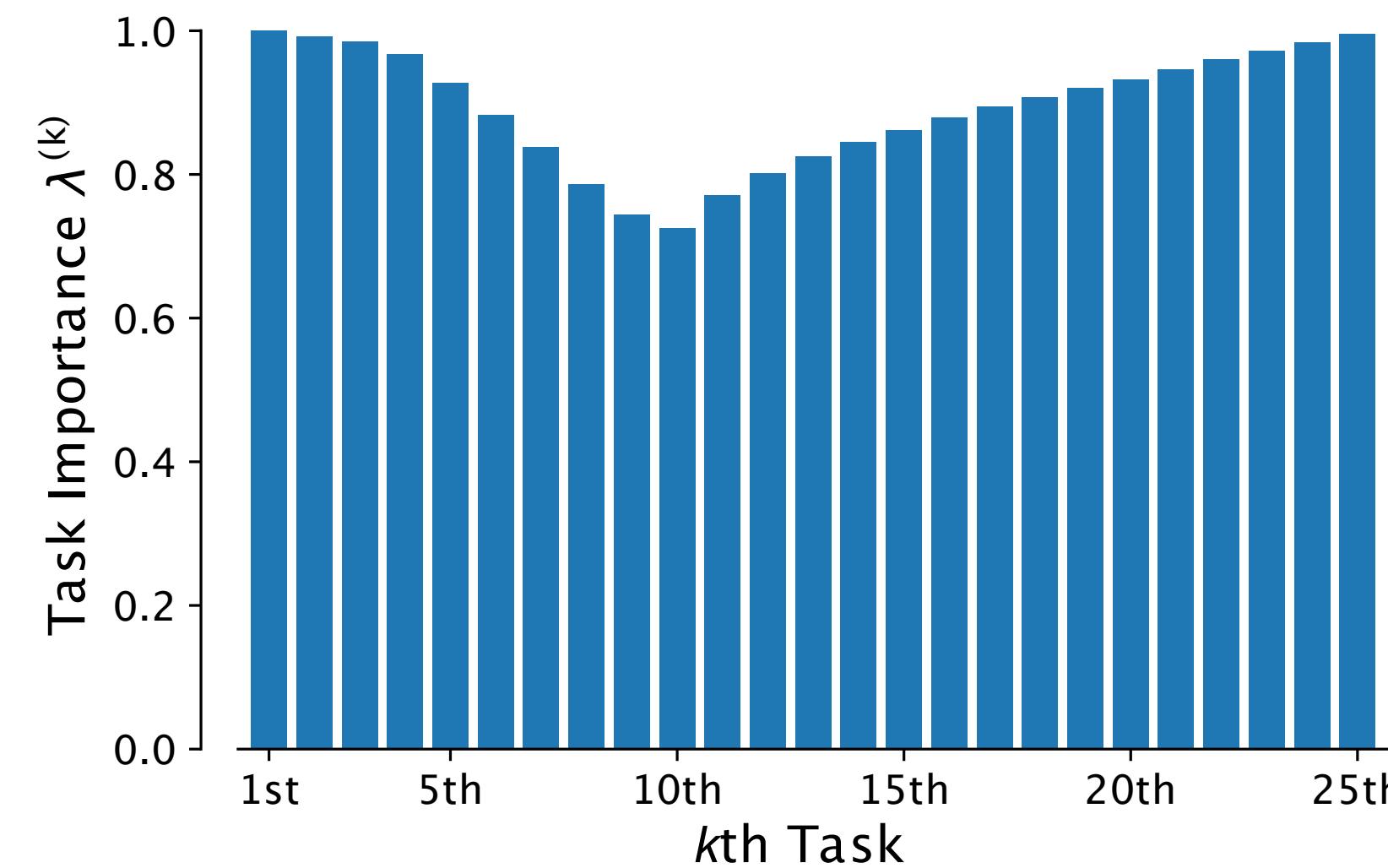
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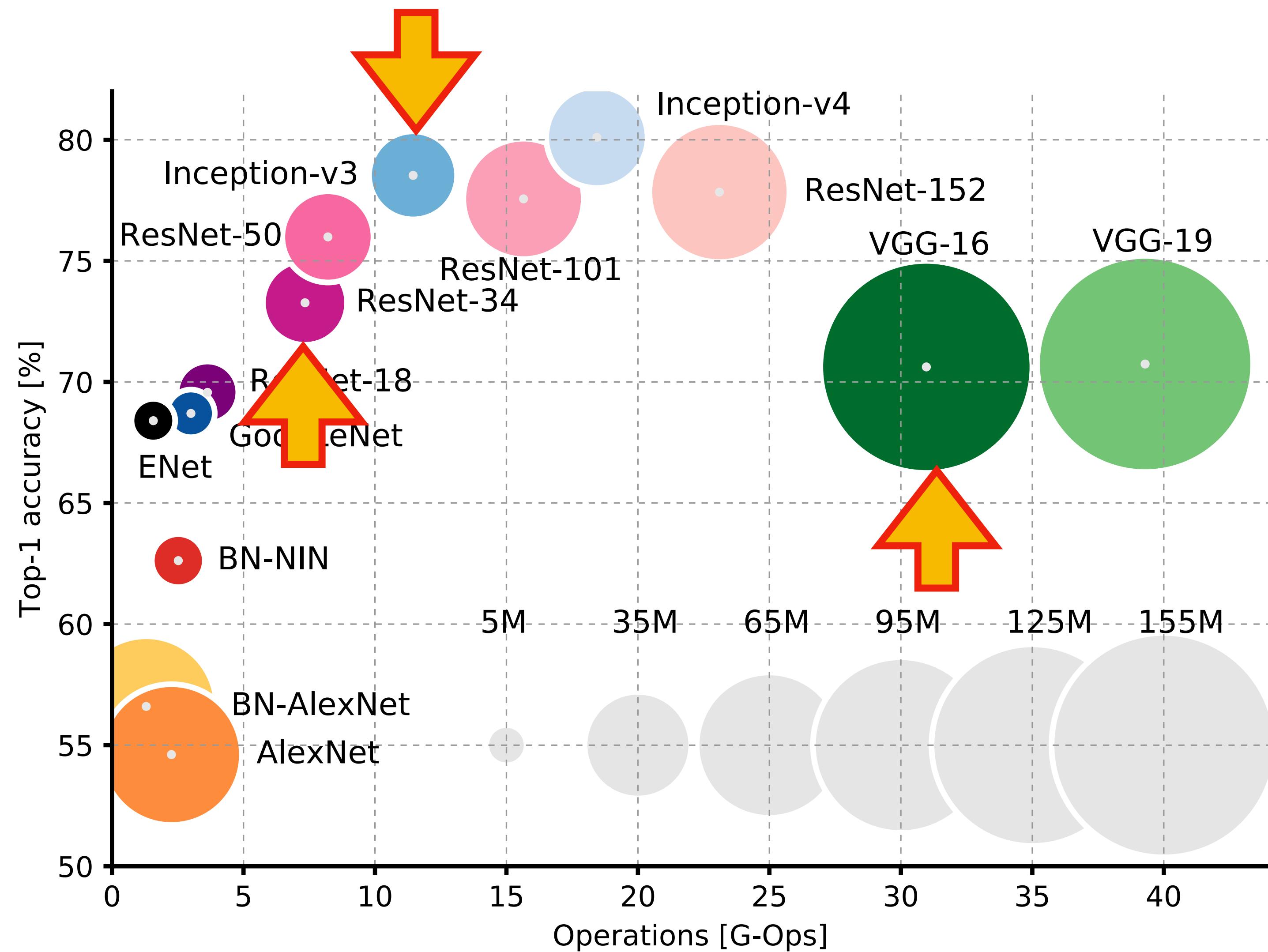
# Test Results

## With optional task importance weighting



Method	Weight	MORPH-2	AFAD	UTKFace	CACD
OR-CNN (Niu et al., 2016)	NO	$2.97 \pm 0.01$	$3.68 \pm 0.02$	$5.74 \pm 0.05$	$5.52 \pm 0.02$
OR-CNN (Niu et al., 2016)	YES	$2.91 \pm 0.02$	$3.65 \pm 0.03$	$5.76 \pm 0.19$	$5.49 \pm 0.02$
CORAL-CNN (ours)	NO	$2.64 \pm 0.04$	$3.49 \pm 0.03$	$5.47 \pm 0.01$	$5.39 \pm 0.16$
CORAL-CNN (ours)	YES	<b><math>2.59 \pm 0.03</math></b>	<b><math>3.48 \pm 0.03</math></b>	<b><math>5.39 \pm 0.07</math></b>	<b><math>5.35 \pm 0.09</math></b>

Figure 1. Example of the task importance weighting according to Eq. (7) shown for the AFAD dataset (Section 4.1).



Alfredo Canziani, Adam Paszke, and Eugenio Culurciello. "An analysis of deep neural network models for practical applications." arXiv preprint arXiv:1605.07678 (2016).

# VGG-16

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		MAE	RMSE	MAE	RMSE	MAE	RMSE	MAE	RMSE
CE-CNN	0	14.07	17.54	3.84	5.38	6.32	8.72	5.73	7.82
	1	14.07	17.54	3.87	5.39	6.26	8.55	5.66	7.68
	2	3.71	5.15	3.93	5.45	6.33	8.8	5.81	7.89
	AVG $\pm$ SD	10.62 $\pm$ 5.98	13.41 $\pm$ 7.15	3.88 $\pm$ 0.05	5.41 $\pm$ 0.04	6.30 $\pm$ 0.04	8.69 $\pm$ 0.13	5.73 $\pm$ 0.08	7.80 $\pm$ 0.11
OR-CNN [13]	0	2.75	3.82	3.53	4.95	6.42	8.60	5.31	7.47
	1	2.92	4.08	3.55	5.00	6.25	8.33	5.28	7.47
	2	2.95	4.14	3.72	5.23	6.50	8.81	5.39	7.52
	AVG $\pm$ SD	2.87 $\pm$ 0.11	4.01 $\pm$ 0.17	3.60 $\pm$ 0.10	5.06 $\pm$ 0.15	6.39 $\pm$ 0.13	8.58 $\pm$ 0.24	5.33 $\pm$ 0.06	7.49 $\pm$ 0.03
CORAL-CNN (ours)	0	2.76	3.73	3.45	4.78	5.95	8.28	5.25	7.49
	1	2.79	3.74	3.39	4.72	5.59	7.6	5.21	7.42
	2	2.87	3.94	3.4	4.75	5.96	8.22	5.28	7.48
	AVG $\pm$ SD	<b>2.81 <math>\pm</math> 0.06</b>	<b>3.80 <math>\pm</math> 0.12</b>	<b>3.41 <math>\pm</math> 0.03</b>	<b>4.75 <math>\pm</math> 0.03</b>	<b>5.83 <math>\pm</math> 0.21</b>	<b>8.03 <math>\pm</math> 0.38</b>	<b>5.25 <math>\pm</math> 0.04</b>	<b>7.46 <math>\pm</math> 0.04</b>

# Inception-v3

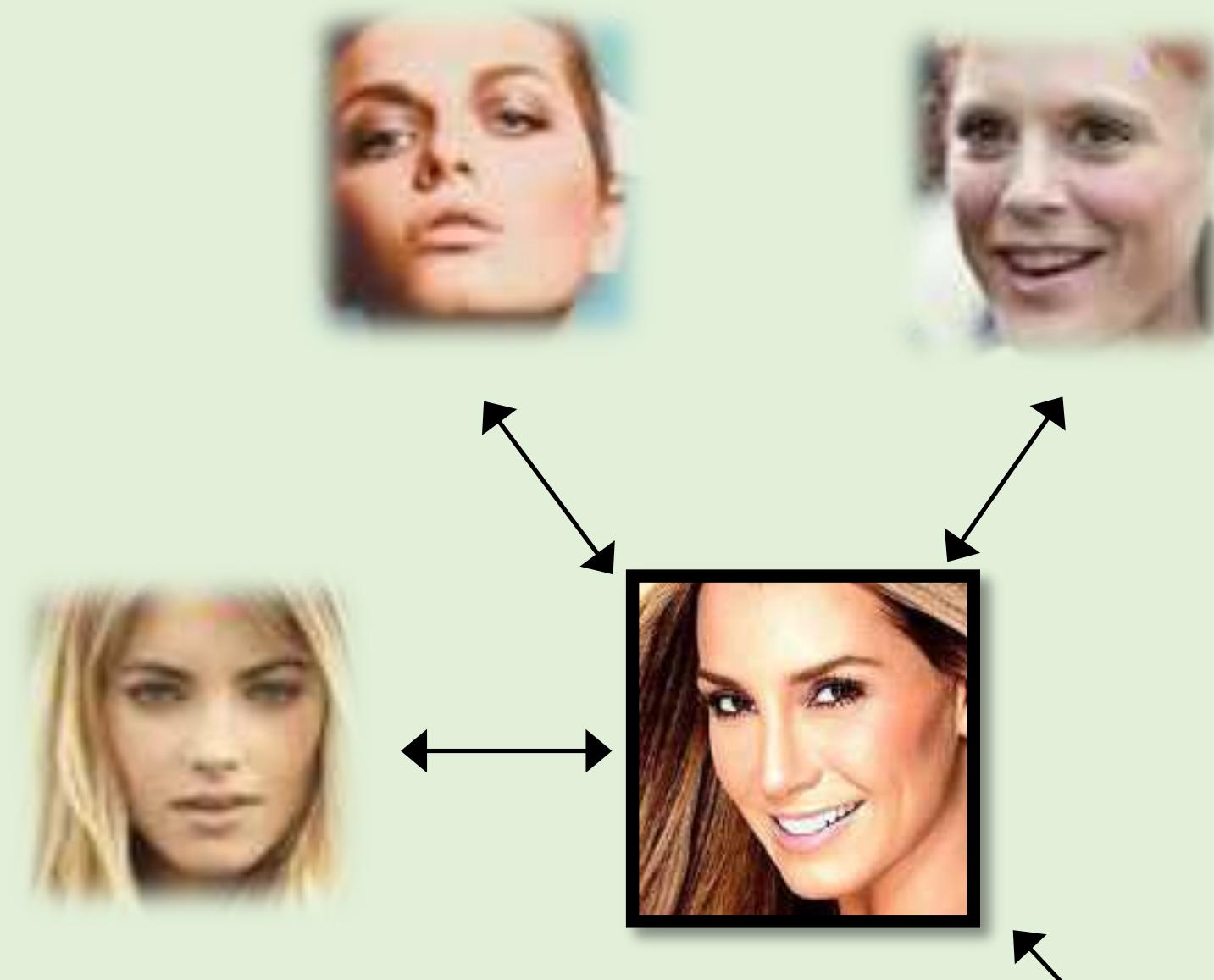
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	AVG $\pm$ SD	3.02 $\pm$ 0.04	4.37 $\pm$ 0.02	5.31 $\pm$ 0.02	3.78 $\pm$ 0.01	6.69 $\pm$ 0.15	9.32 $\pm$ 0.21	5.47 $\pm$ 0.04	8.10 $\pm$ 0.07
OR-CNN [13]	0	2.52	3.59	3.42	4.84	5.74	7.89	4.98	7.43
	1	2.57	3.69	3.45	4.87	5.49	7.58	4.93	7.37
	2	2.51	3.60	3.36	4.75	5.41	7.46	4.94	7.33
	AVG $\pm$ SD	2.53 $\pm$ 0.03	3.63 $\pm$ 0.06	3.41 $\pm$ 0.05	4.82 $\pm$ 0.06	5.55 $\pm$ 0.17	<b>7.64 <math>\pm</math> 0.22</b>	4.95 $\pm$ 0.03	7.38 $\pm$ 0.05
CORAL-CNN (ours)	0	2.45	3.41	3.28	4.59	5.57	7.72	4.92	7.16
	1	2.41	3.36	3.32	4.63	5.26	7.3	4.91	7.21
	2	2.43	3.39	3.20	4.59	5.76	7.95	4.87	7.11
	AVG $\pm$ SD	<b>2.43 <math>\pm</math> 0.02</b>	<b>3.39 <math>\pm</math> 0.03</b>	<b>3.27 <math>\pm</math> 0.06</b>	<b>4.60 <math>\pm</math> 0.02</b>	<b>5.53 <math>\pm</math> 0.25</b>	7.66 $\pm$ 0.33	<b>4.90 <math>\pm</math> 0.03</b>	<b>7.16 <math>\pm</math> 0.05</b>

# Part II: Hiding Soft-Biometric Attributes from Face Images

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## A. Identification

Determine identity of an unknown person  
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(CelebA dataset)

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# Soft-biometric Attributes: Issues and Concerns

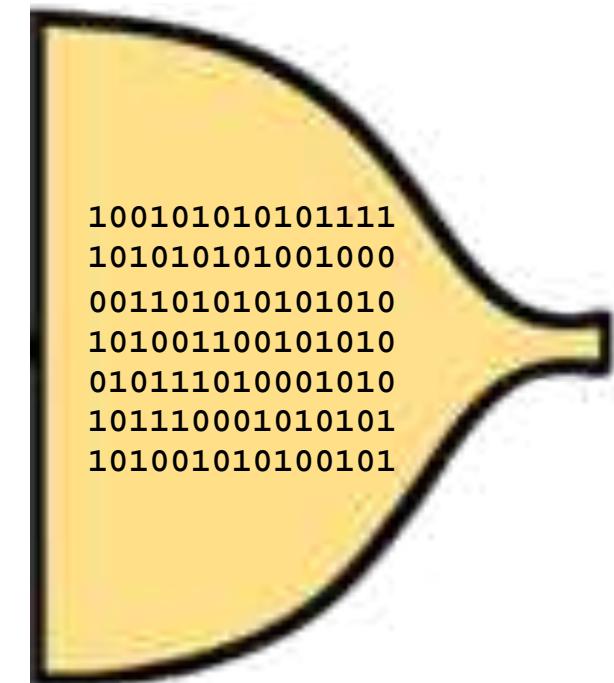
1. Identity theft: combining soft biometric info with publicly available data
2. Profiling: e.g., gender/race based profiling
3. Ethics: extracting data without users' consent

# Goal: Selective Privacy

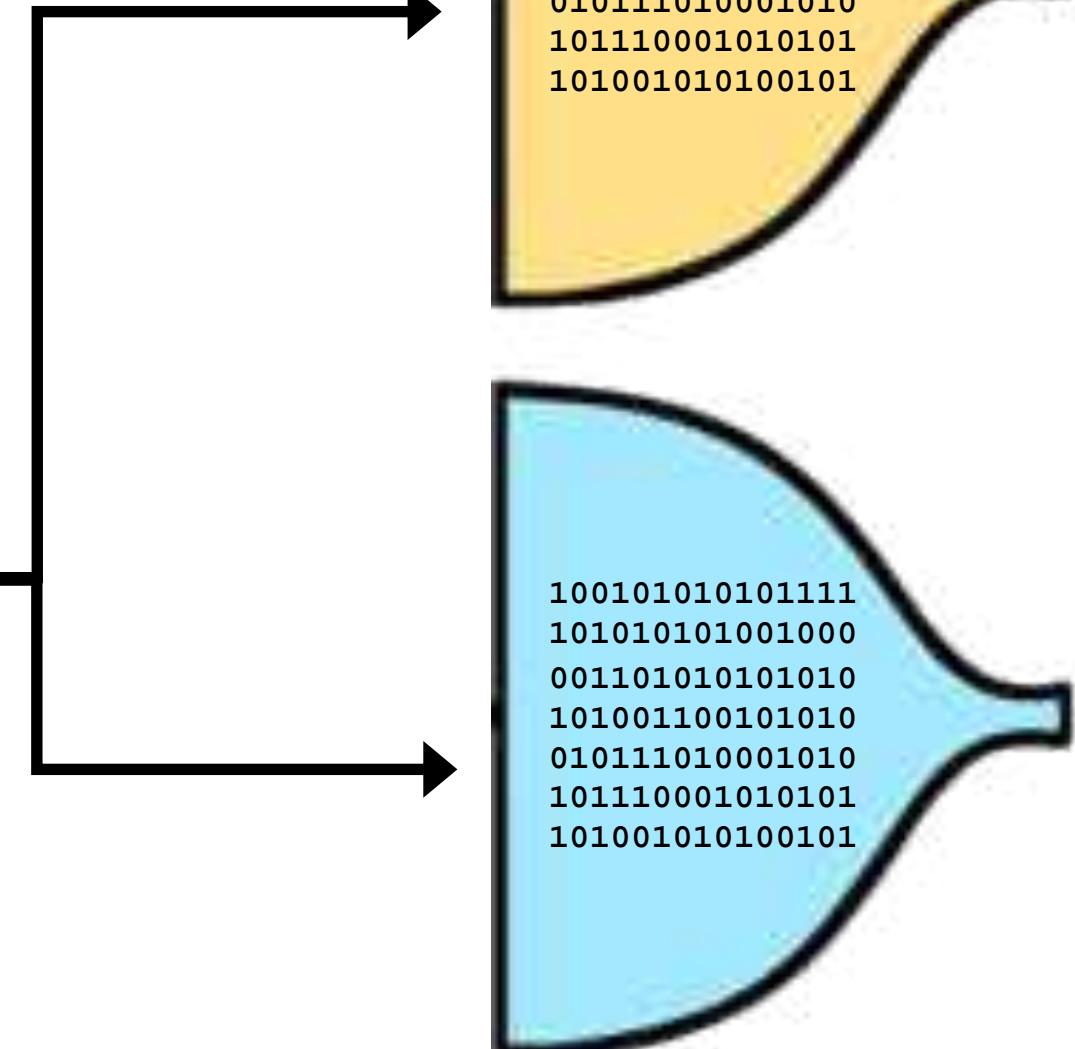
1. Perturb soft-biometric (e.g., gender) information
2. Ensure realistic face images
3. Retain biometric face recognition utility



Face Matcher

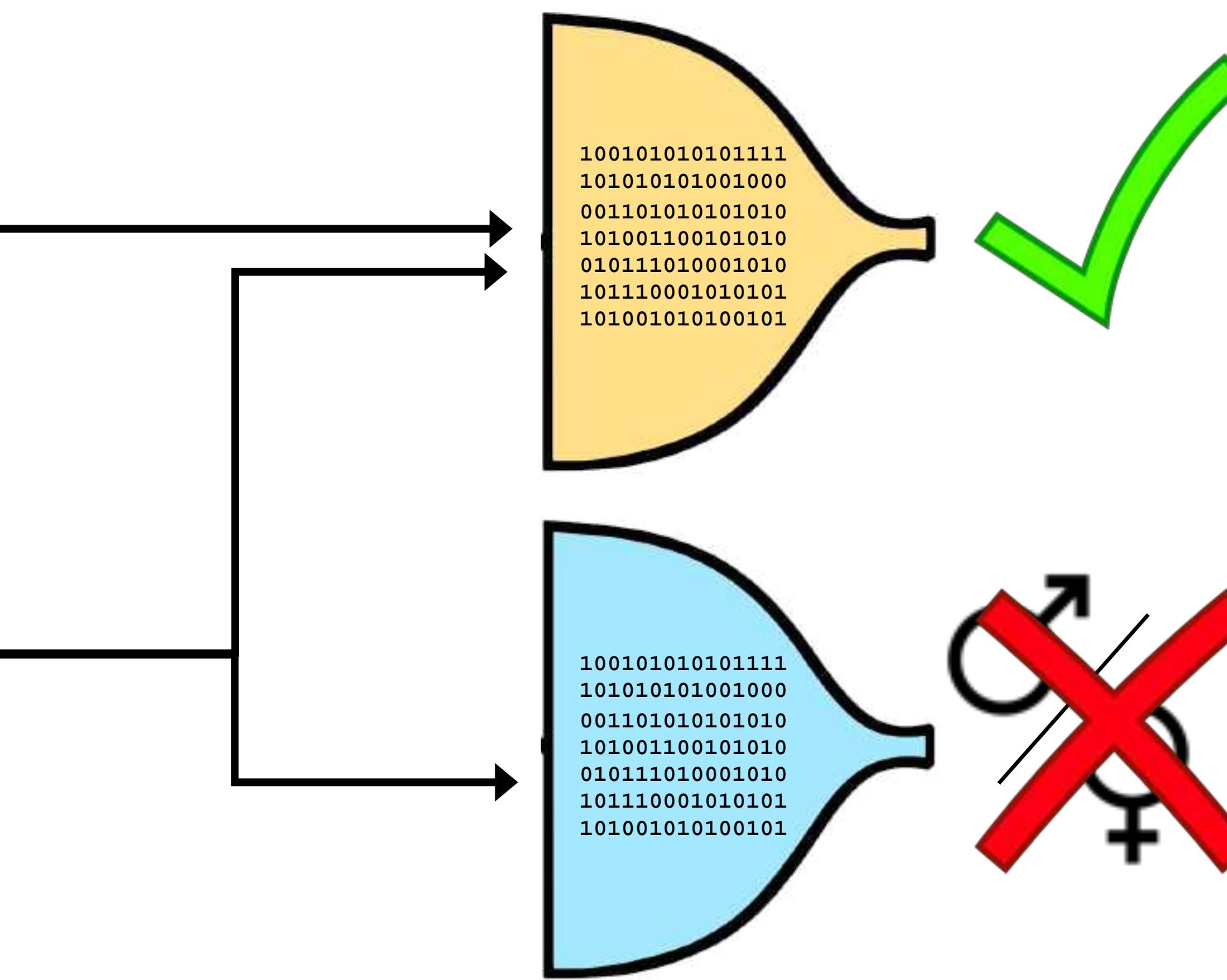
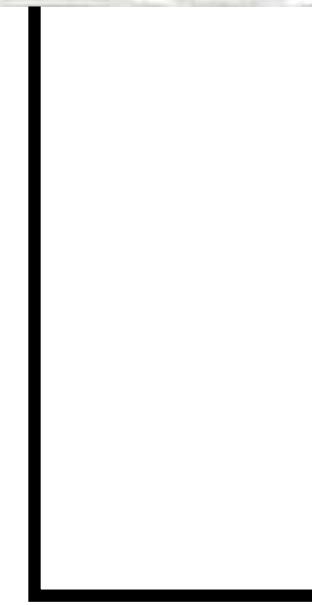


$p(\text{"same person"})$



$p(\text{"male"})$

Gender Classifier

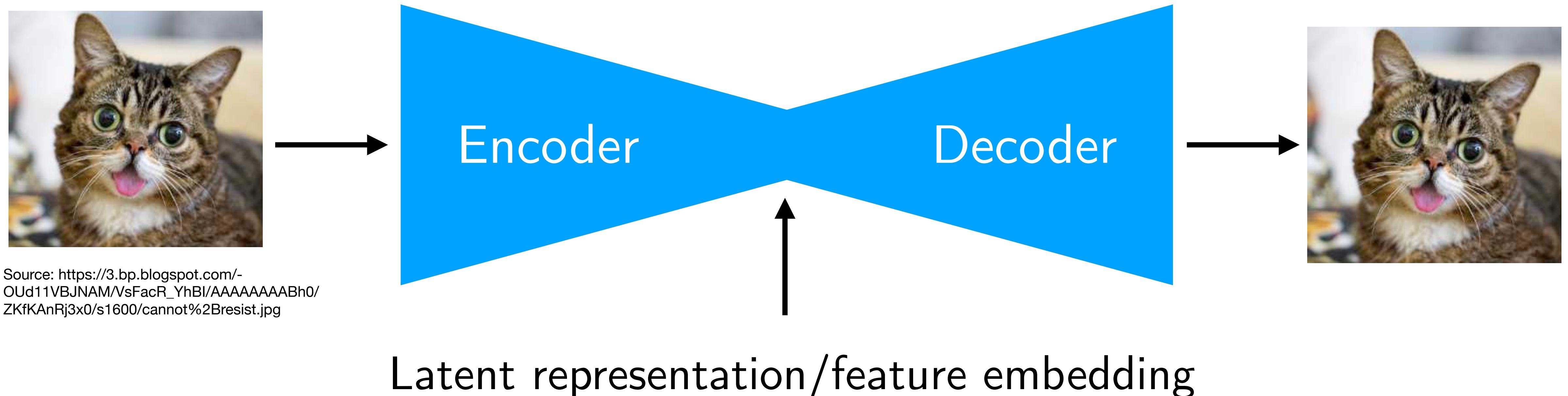


Face Matcher

Gender Classifier

# Autoencoders

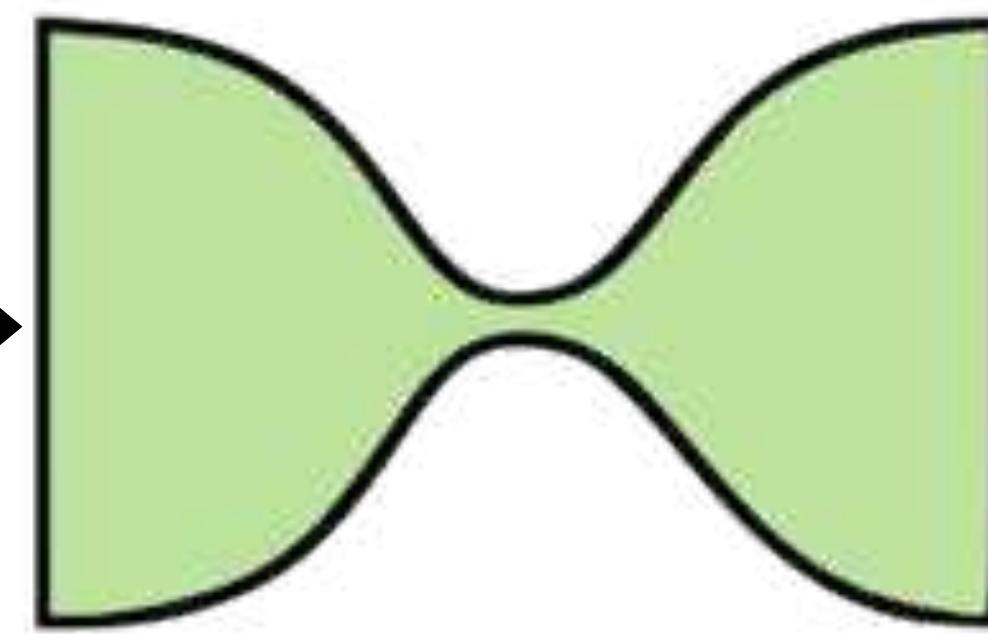
Unsupervised Learning:  
Representation Learning/Dimensionality Reduction



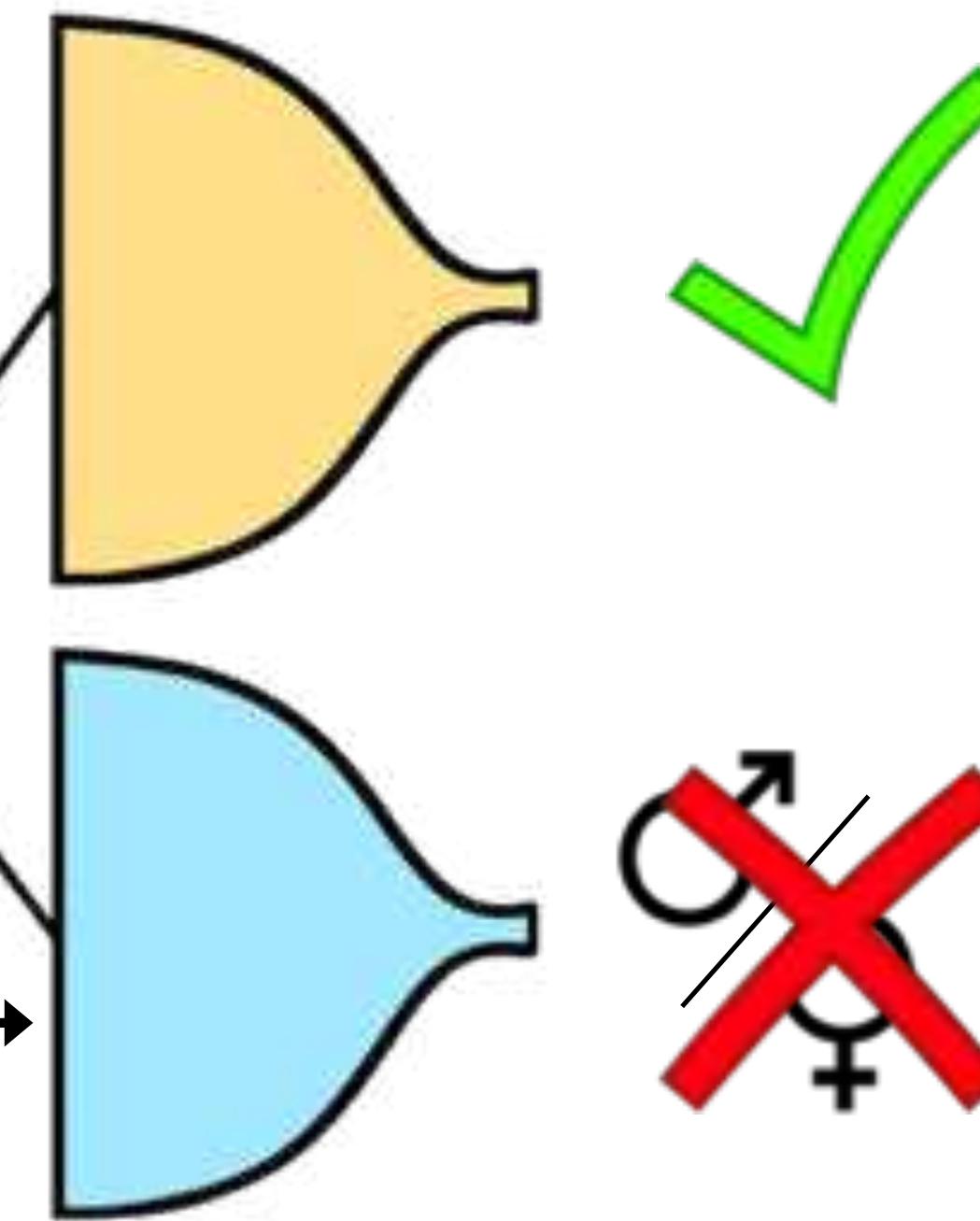


Autoencoder to  
perturb image

$$\phi(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{X}'$$



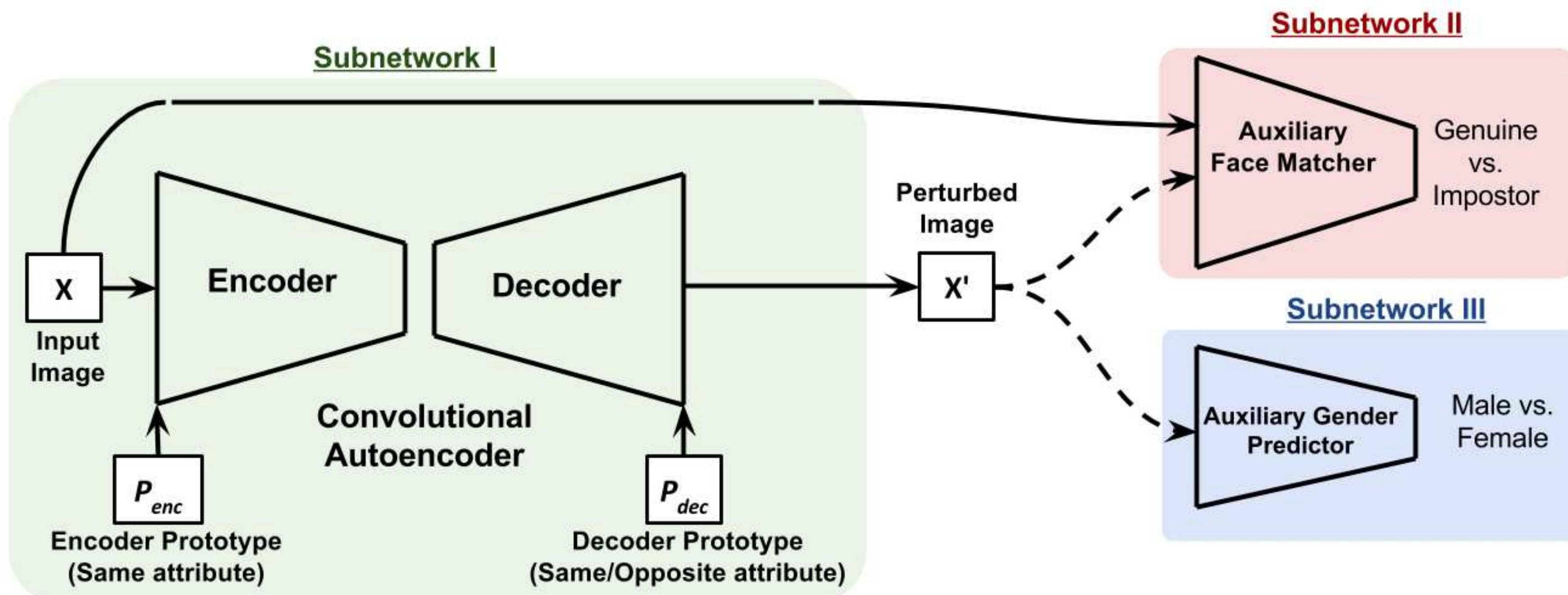
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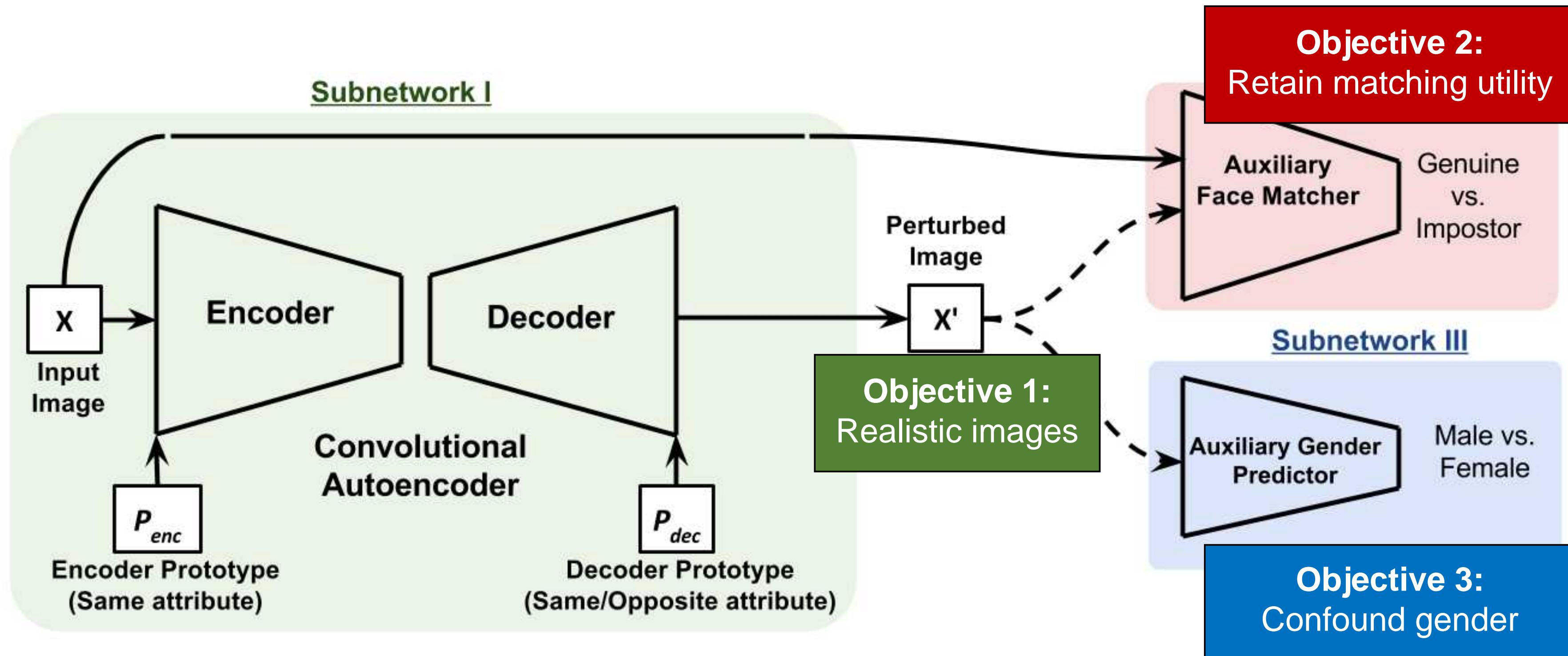
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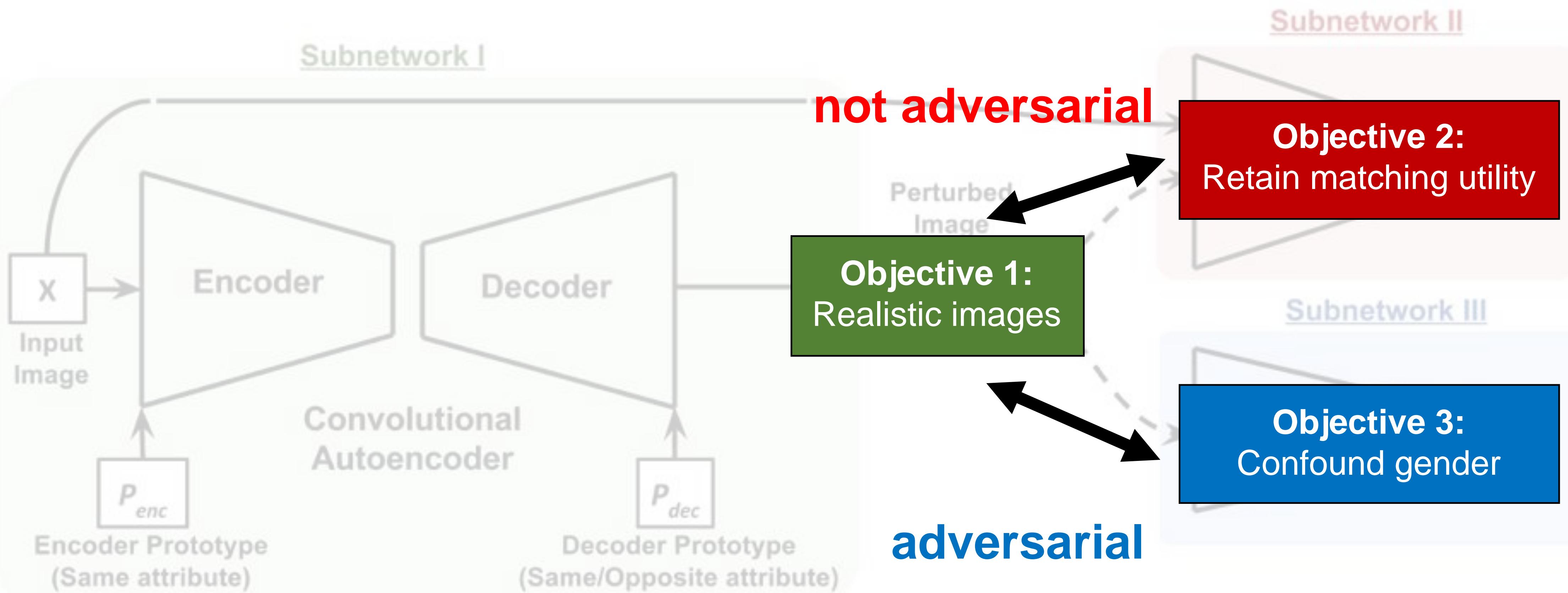
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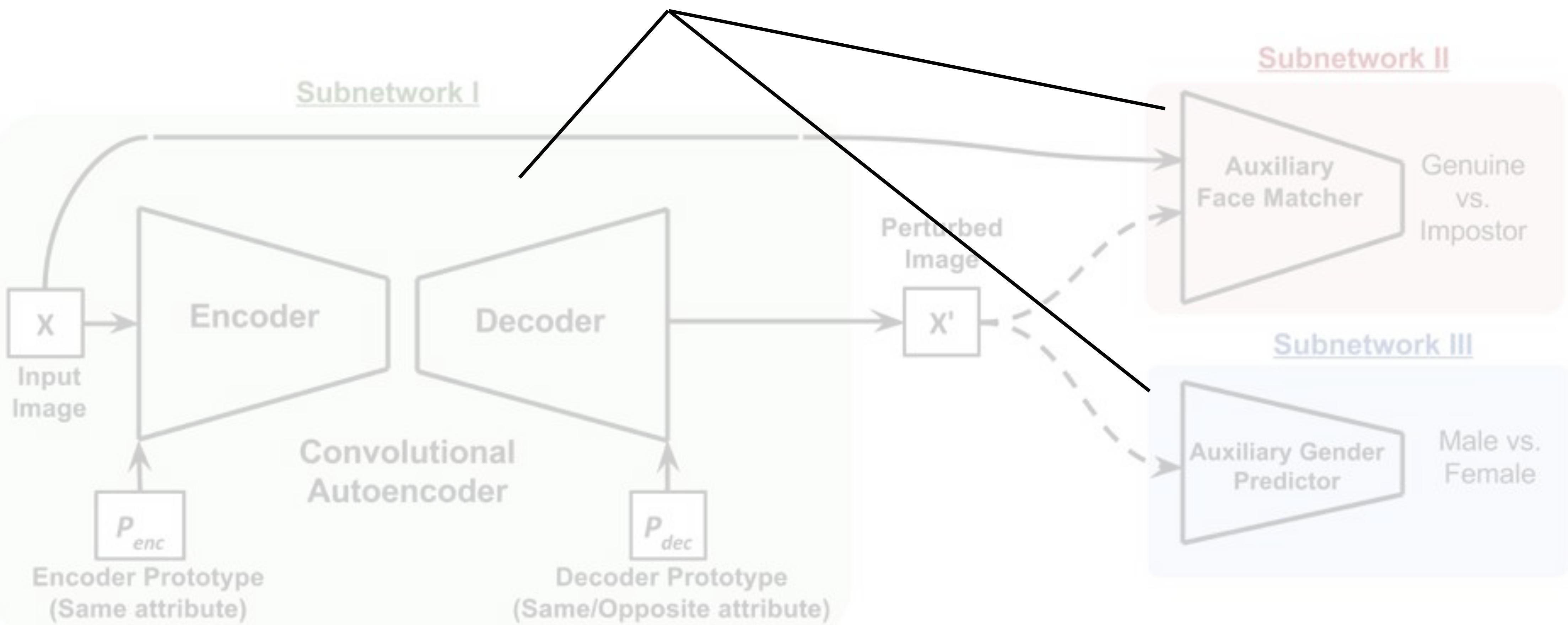
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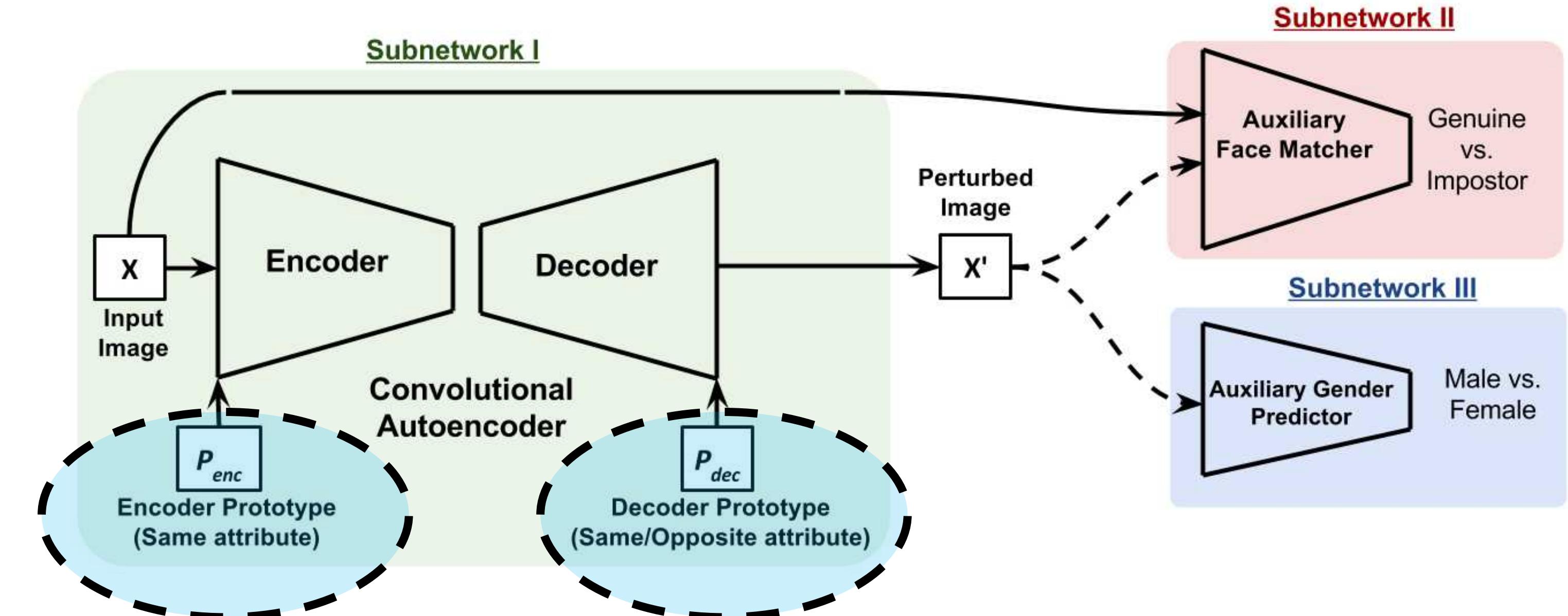
# Semi-adversarial network



# Convolutional neural networks



# Gender prototypes



Class labels

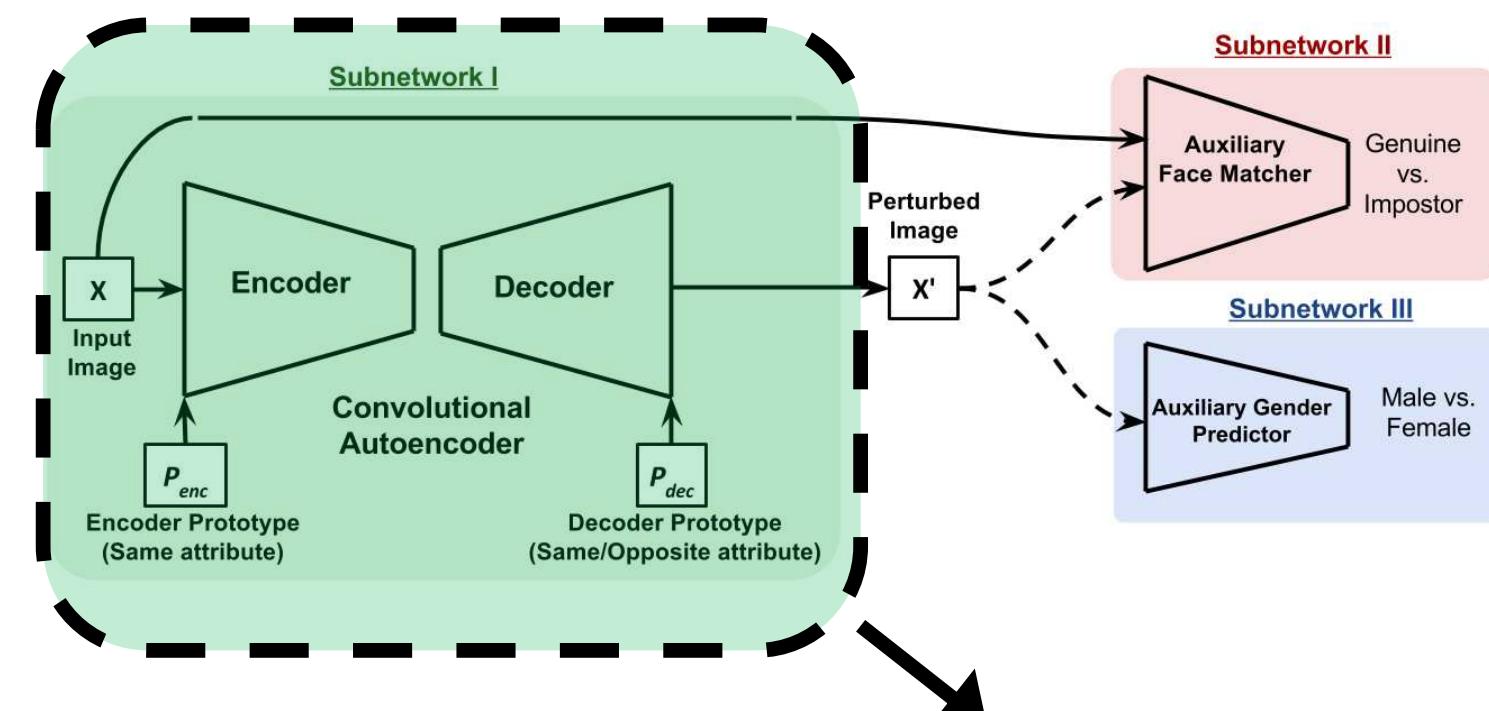
$$y \in \{0, 1\}, \text{ where } 0 = \text{female}, 1 = \text{male}$$

Same gender prototype:

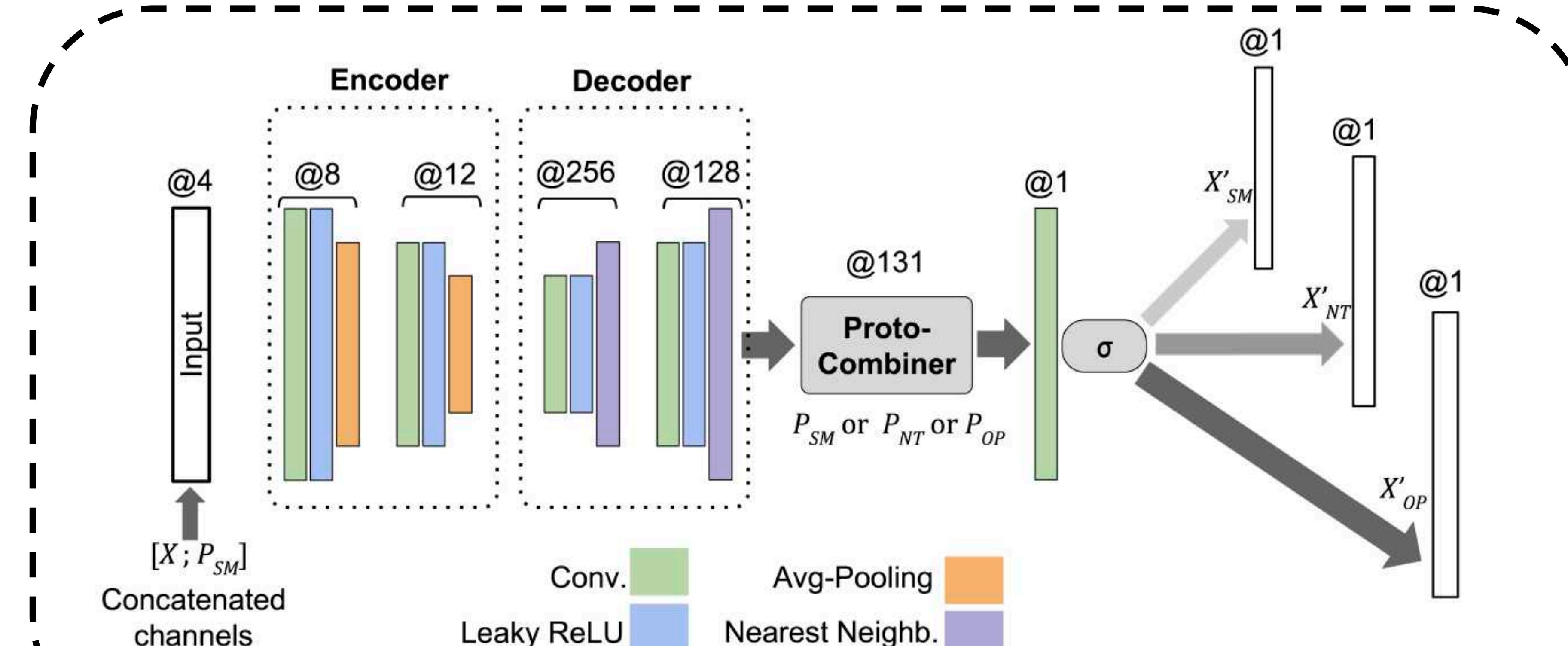
$$P_{SM}(y) = yP_{\text{Male}} + (1 - y)P_{\text{Female}}$$

Opposite gender prototype:

$$P_{OP}(y) = (1 - y)P_{\text{Male}} + yP_{\text{Female}}$$



# Convolutional autoencoder architecture



# Cost function for semi-adversarial learning

## 1. Pixel-wise similarity term

- Only used during the pre-training of the autoencoder

$$J_D(X, X'_{SM}) = \sum_{i=1}^{224 \times 224} MSE\left(X^{(i)}, X'^{(i)}_{SM}\right)$$

## 2. Loss term related gender attribute

- Correctly predict gender of  $X'_{SM}$
- Flip the gender prediction of  $X'_{OP}$

$$\begin{aligned} J_G(X, X'_{SM}, X'_{OP}, y; f_G) = \\ S(y, f_G(X'_{SM})) + \\ S(1 - y, f_G(X'_{OP})) \end{aligned}$$

## 3. Loss related to matching

$$J_M(X, X'_{SM}; F_M) = \left\| F_M(X'_{SM}) - F_M(X) \right\|_2^2$$

# SAN Examples

Original Inputs



Male: 99%



Female: 98%



Male: 97%



Male: 100%

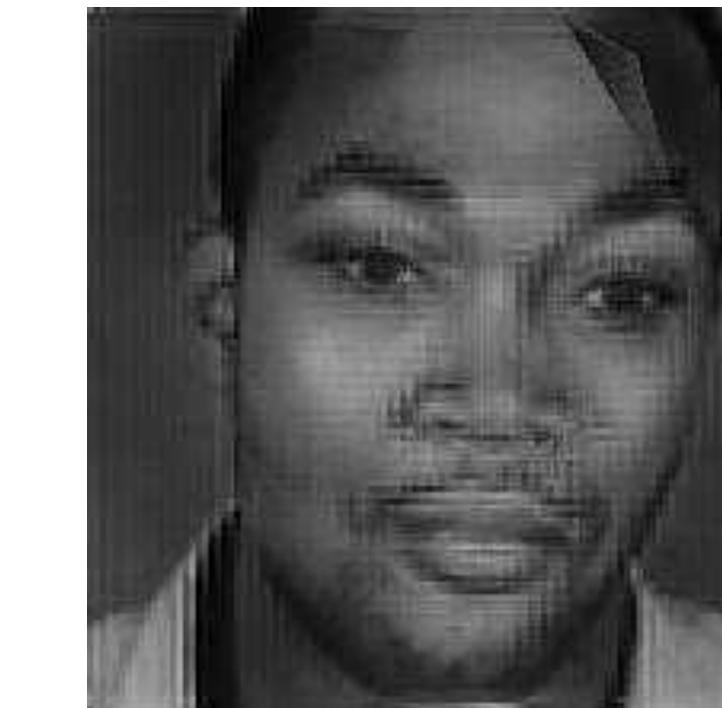
Outputs



Female: 69%



Male: 99%

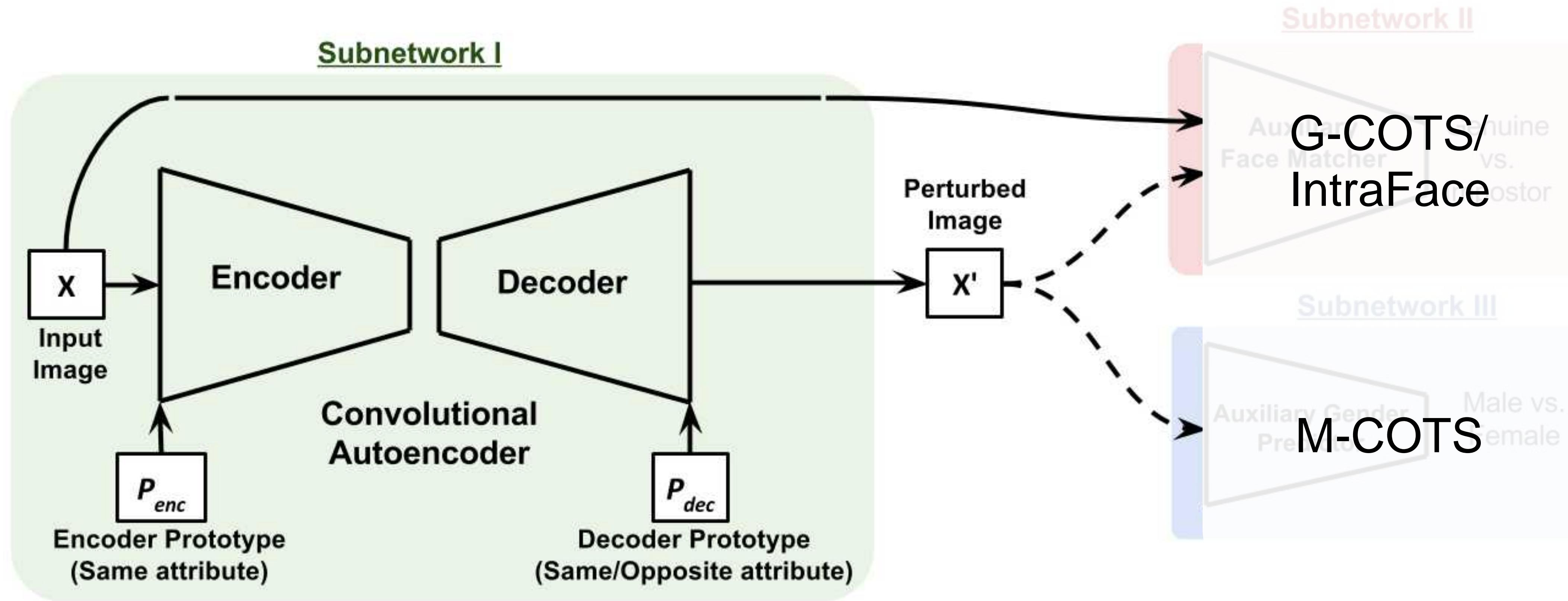


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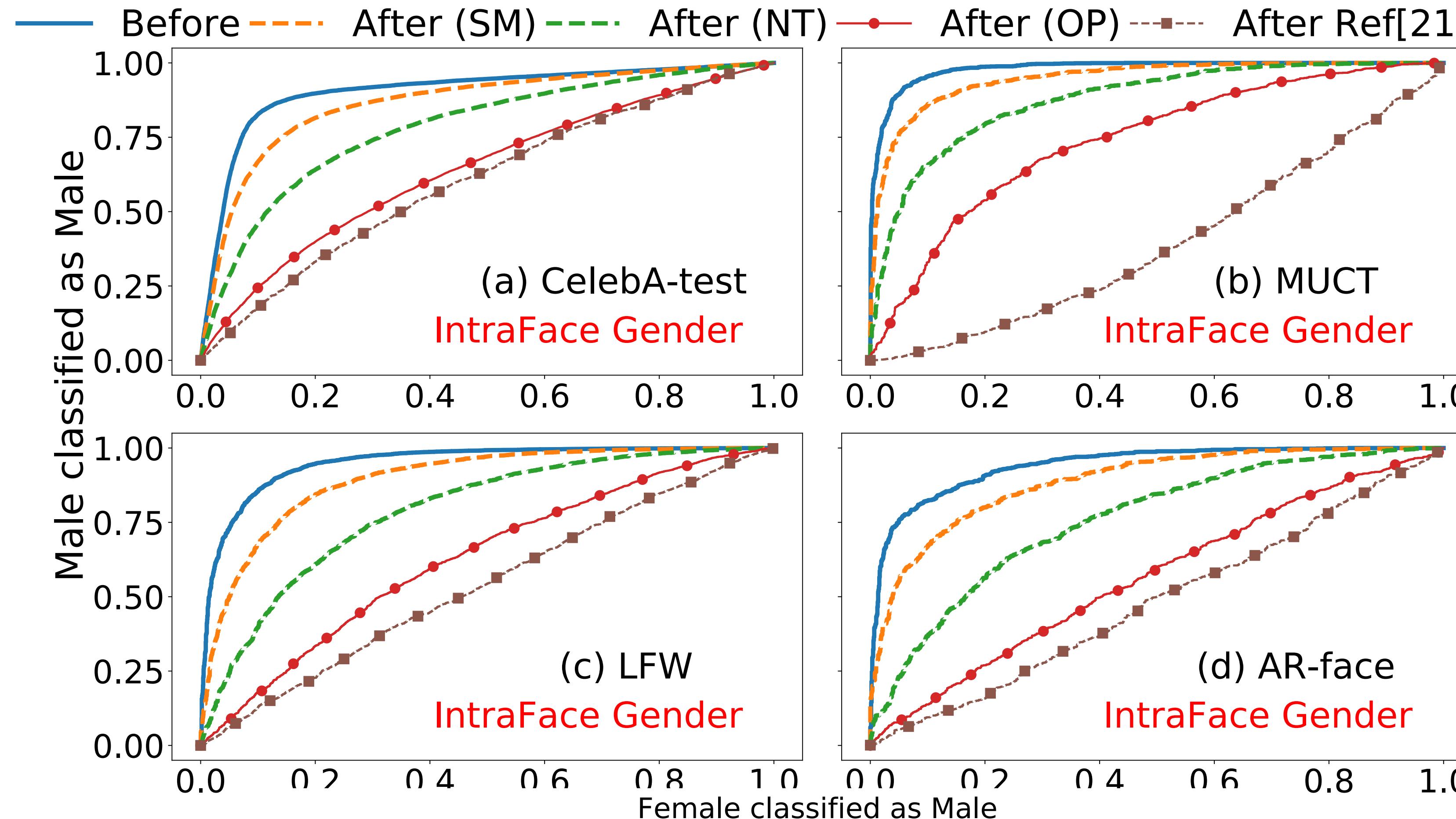


Female: 58%

# Replacing Detachable Parts for Evaluation



# IntraFace Gender Classifier Performance



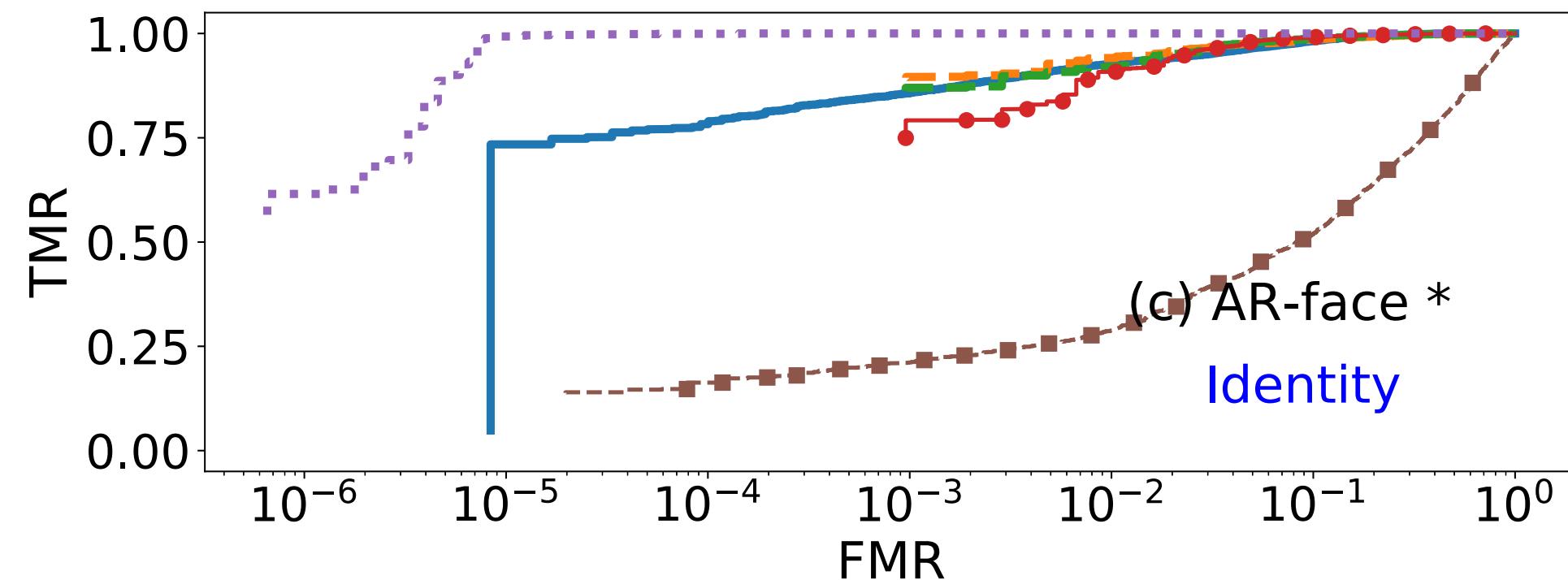
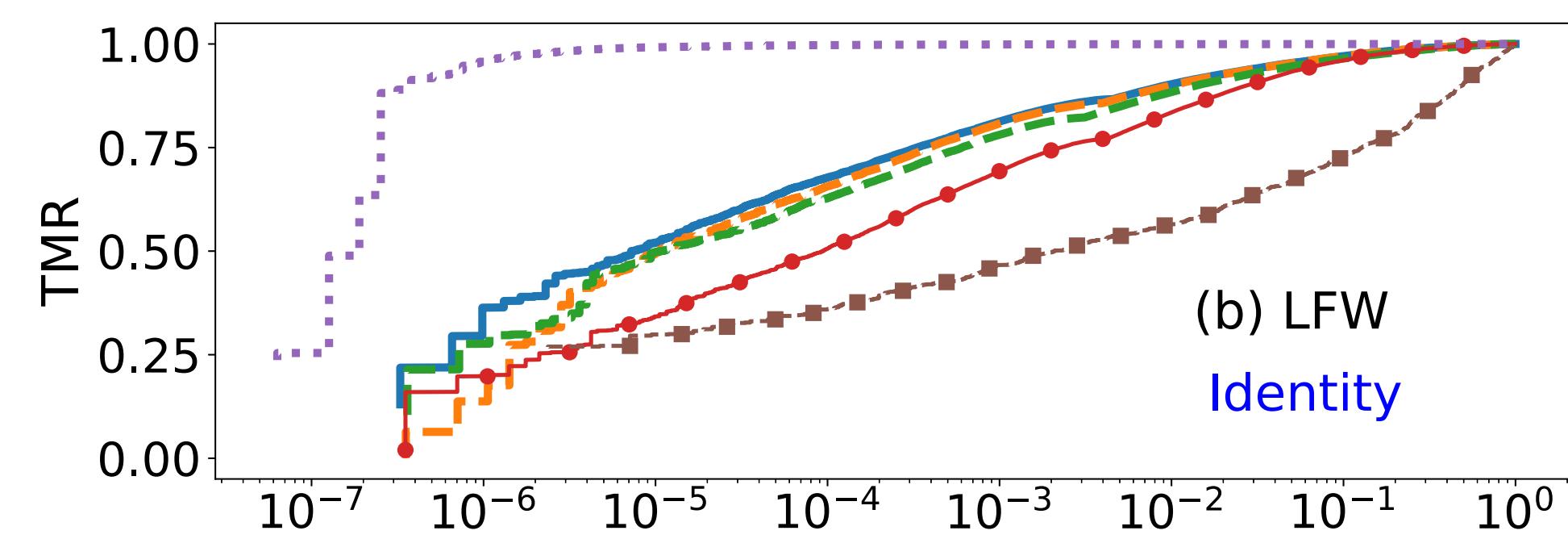
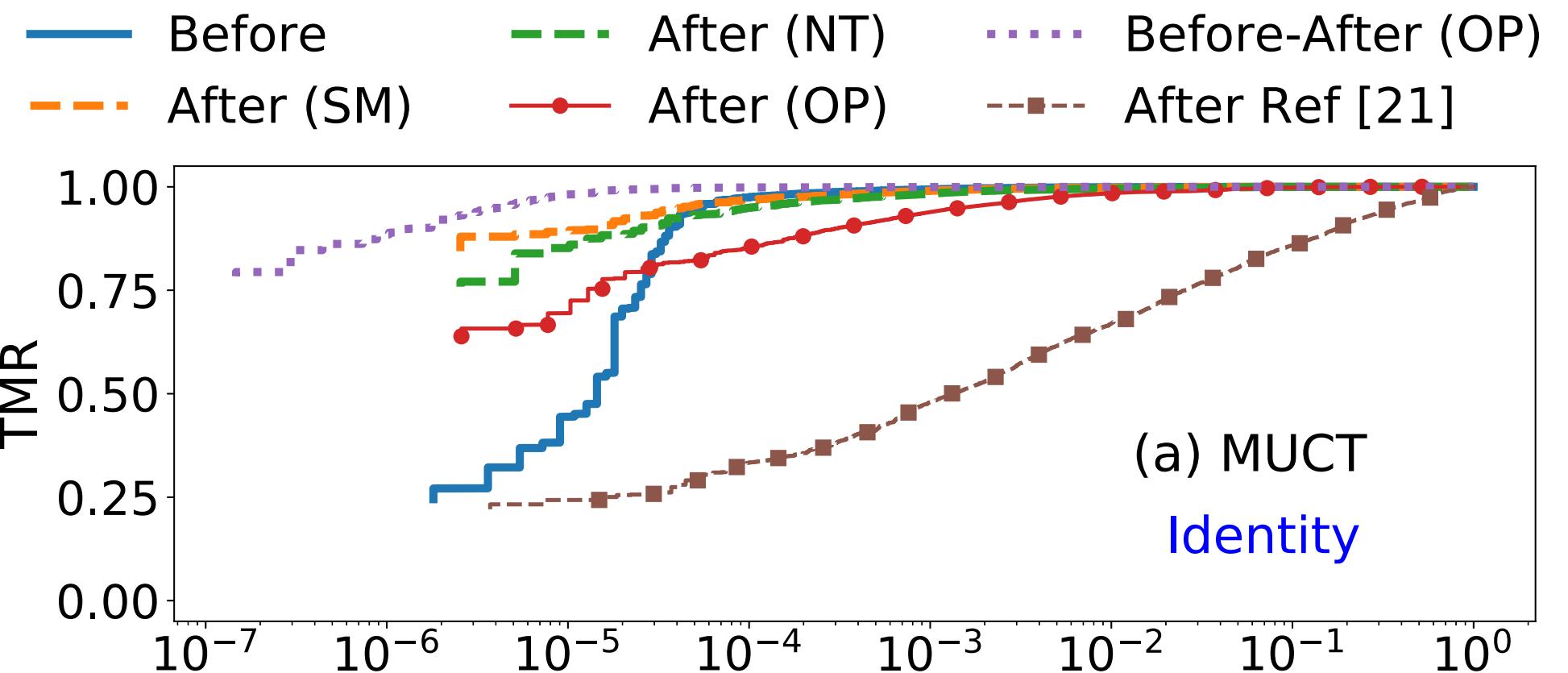
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# Face matching performance

## Multi-subject comparisons



- Before
- - - After (SM)
- - After (NT)
- ● After (OP)
- - - After Ref [I]



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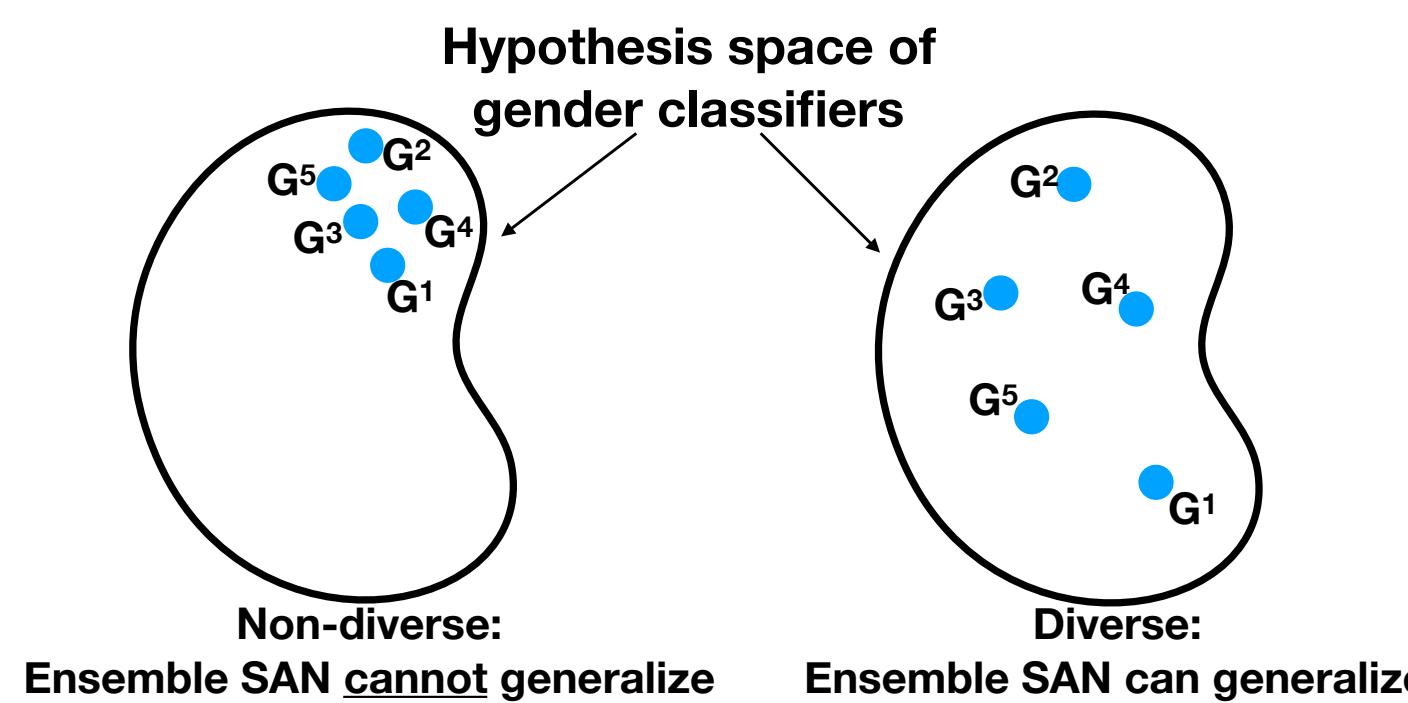


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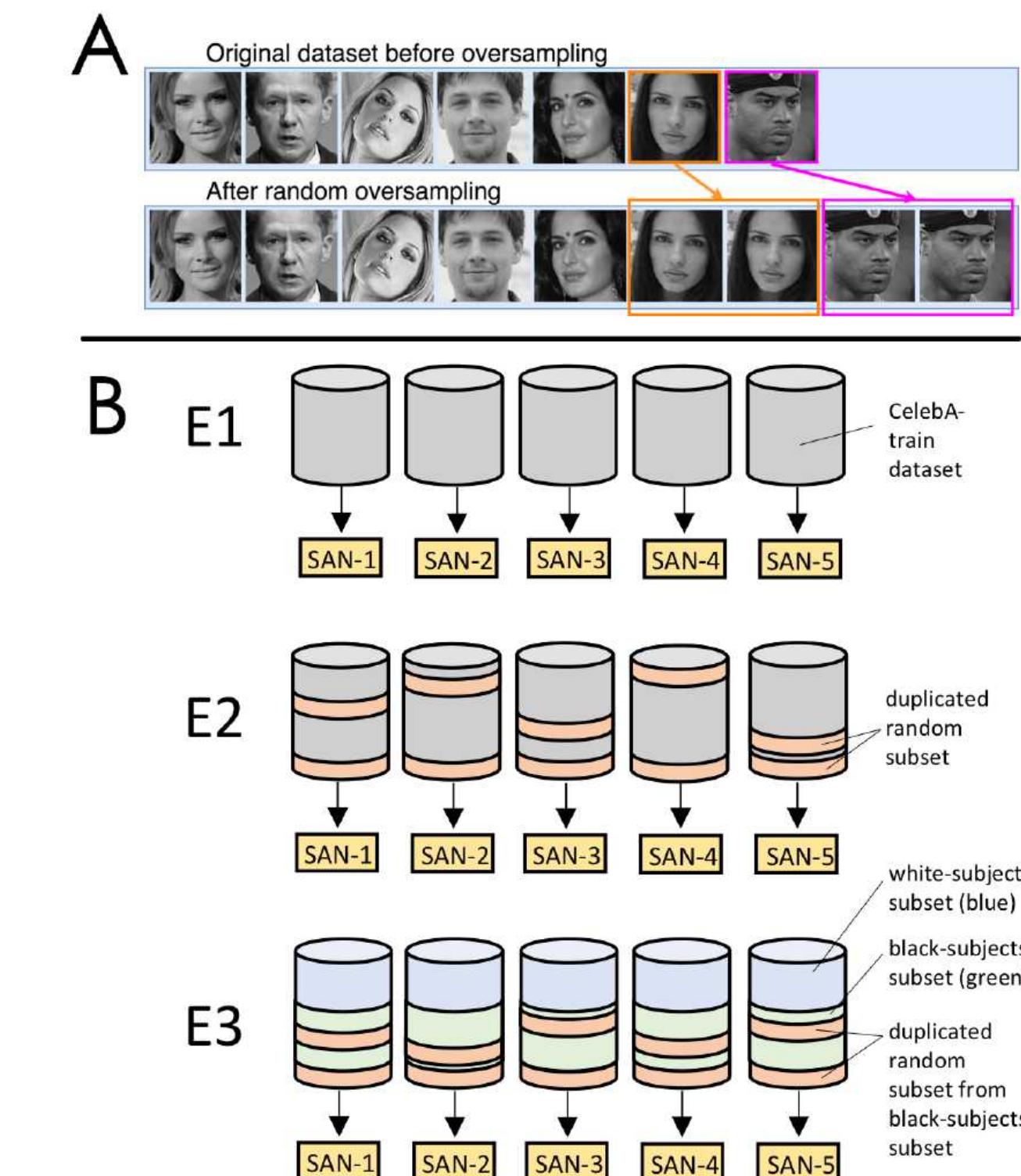


Figure 5: An example illustrating the oversampling technique used for enforcing diversity among SAN models in an ensemble. A: A random subset of samples are dupli-

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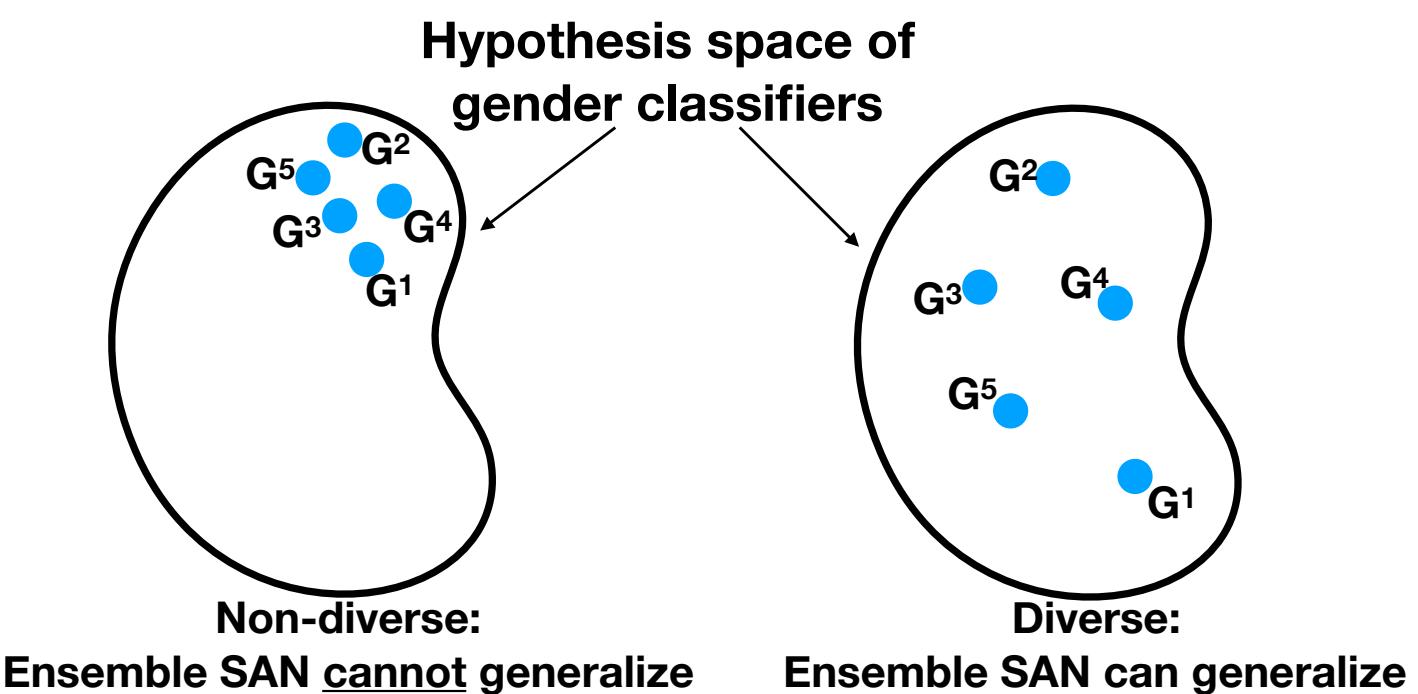


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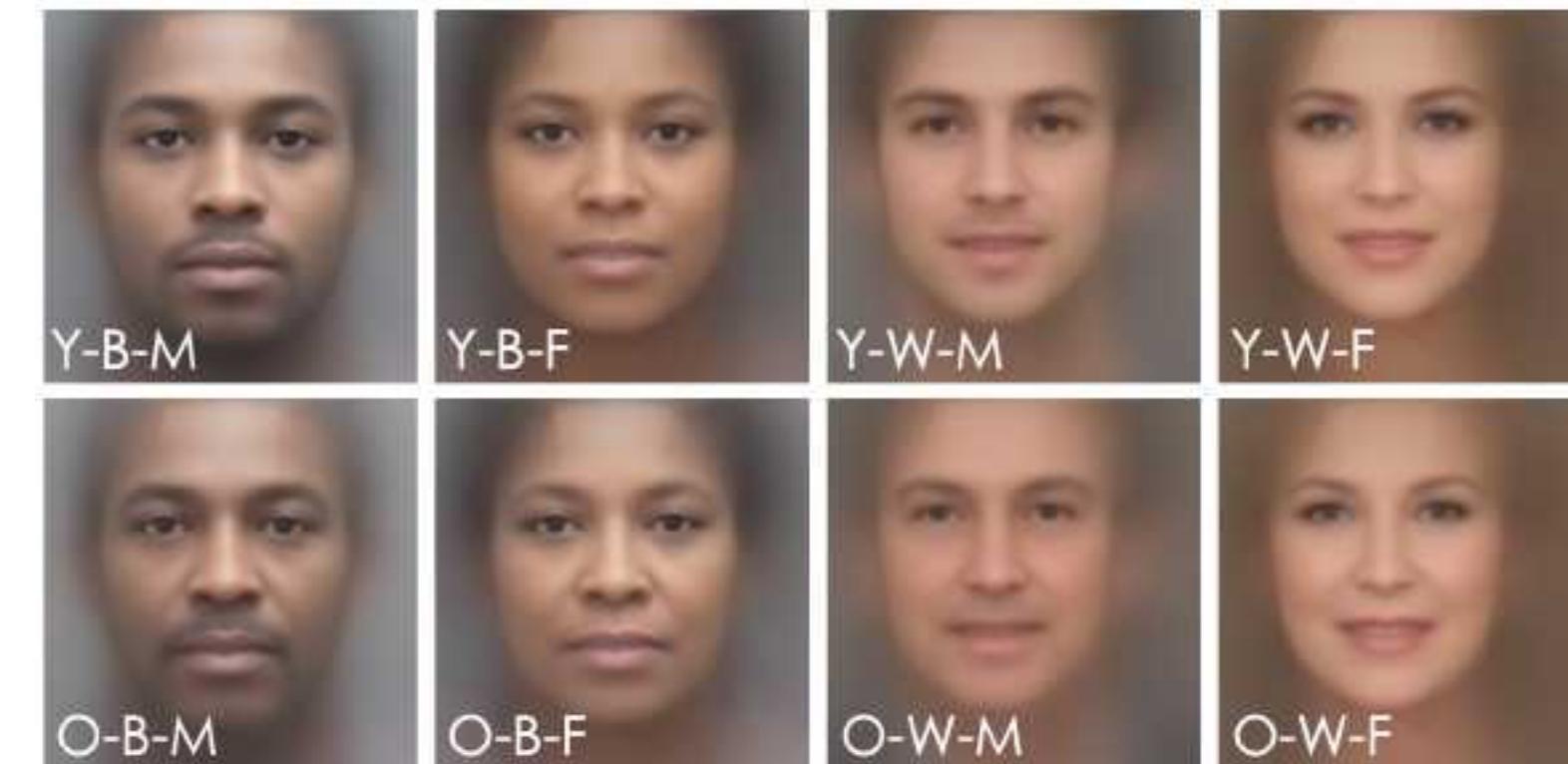
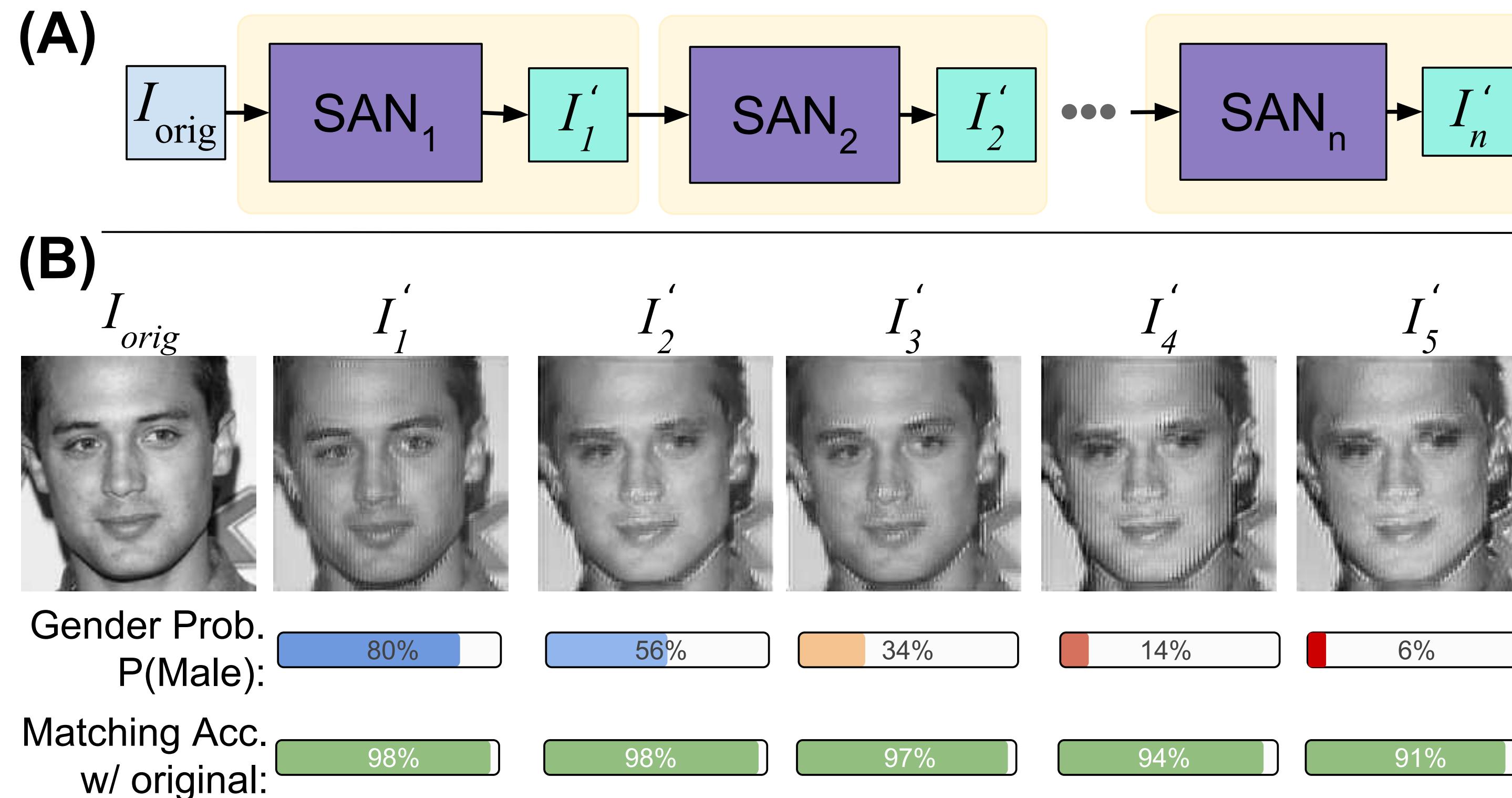


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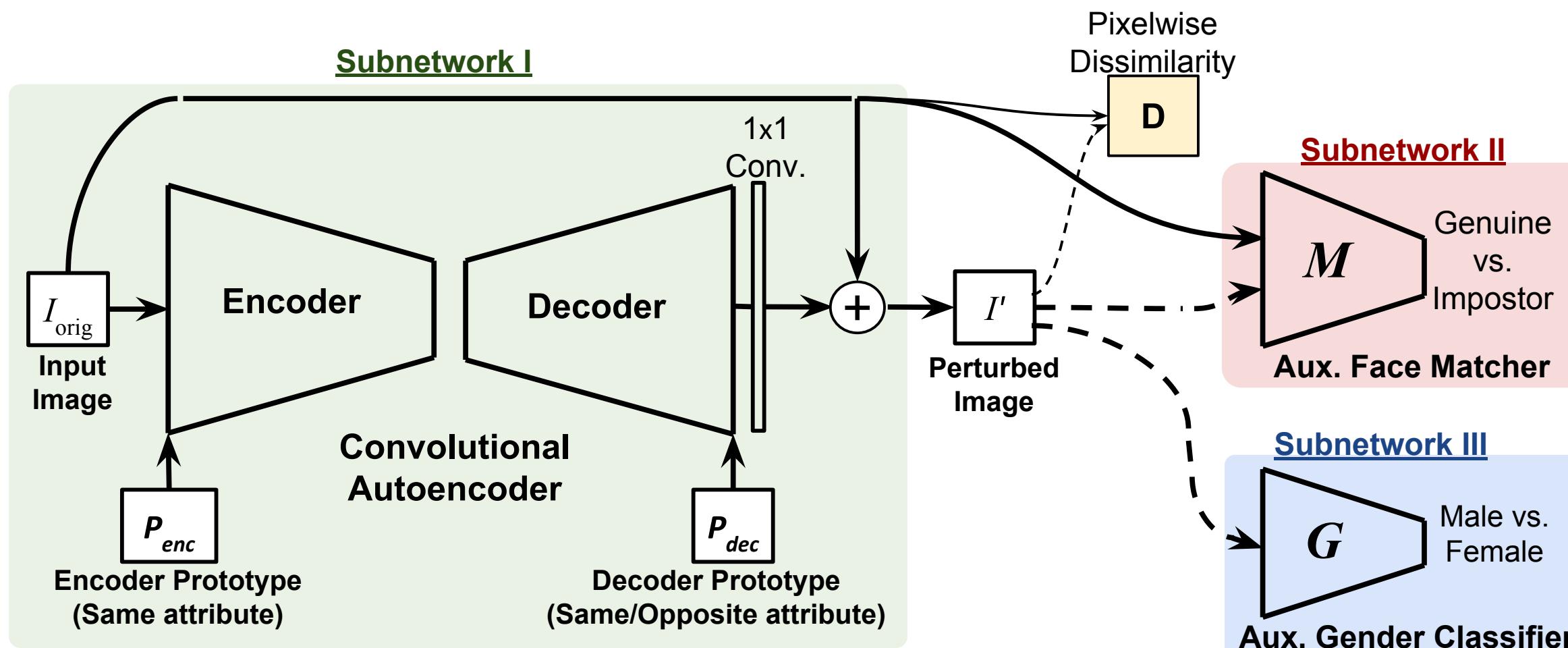
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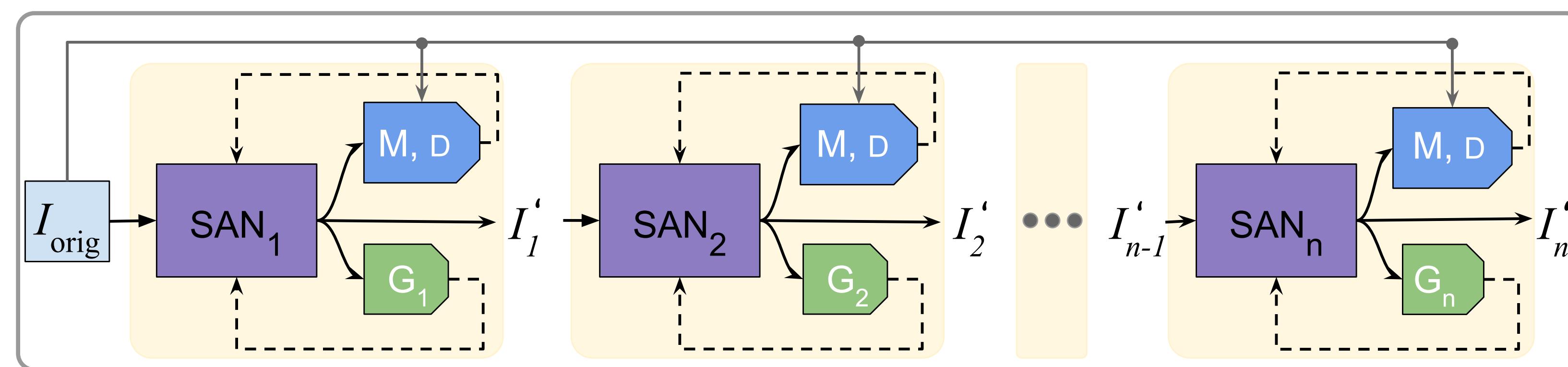
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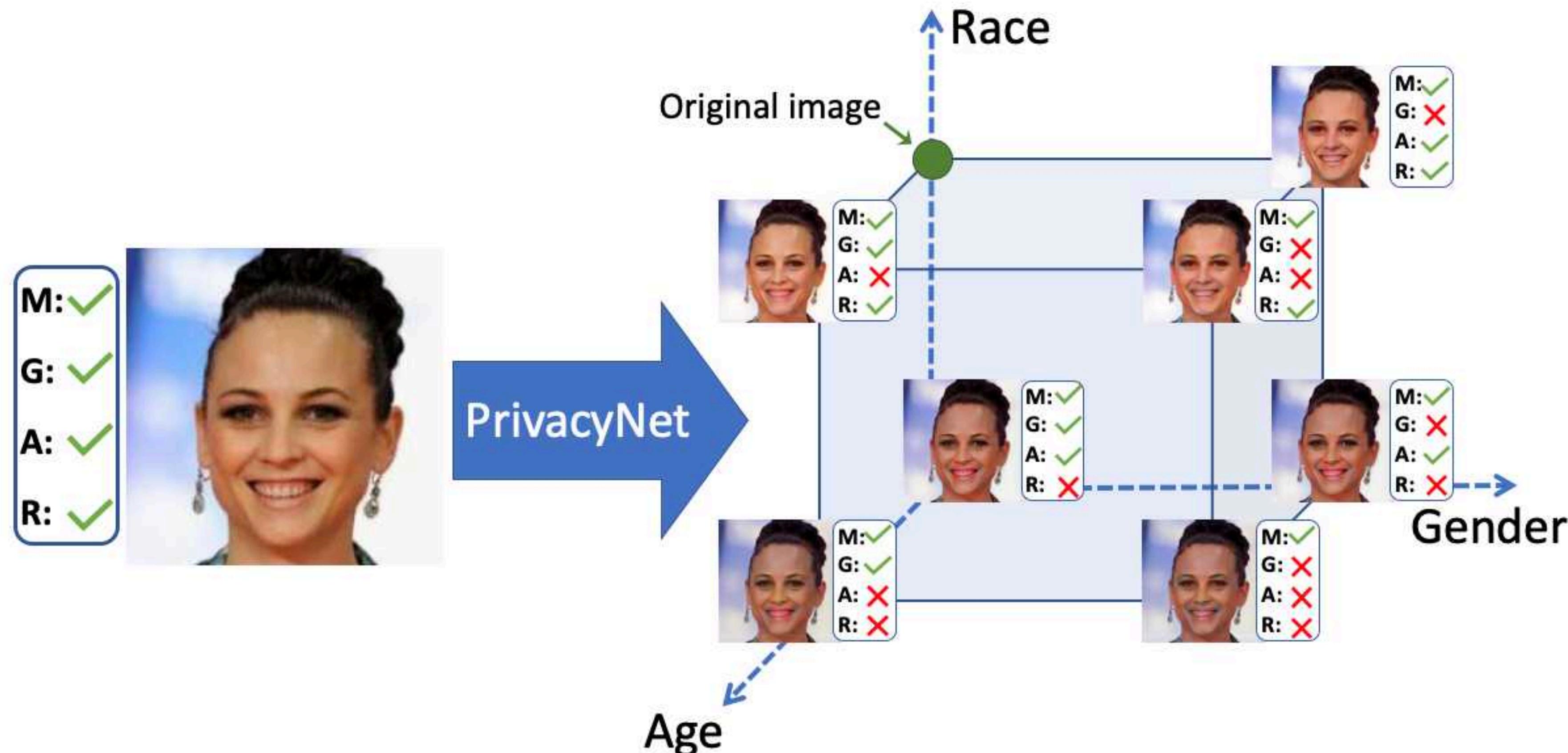


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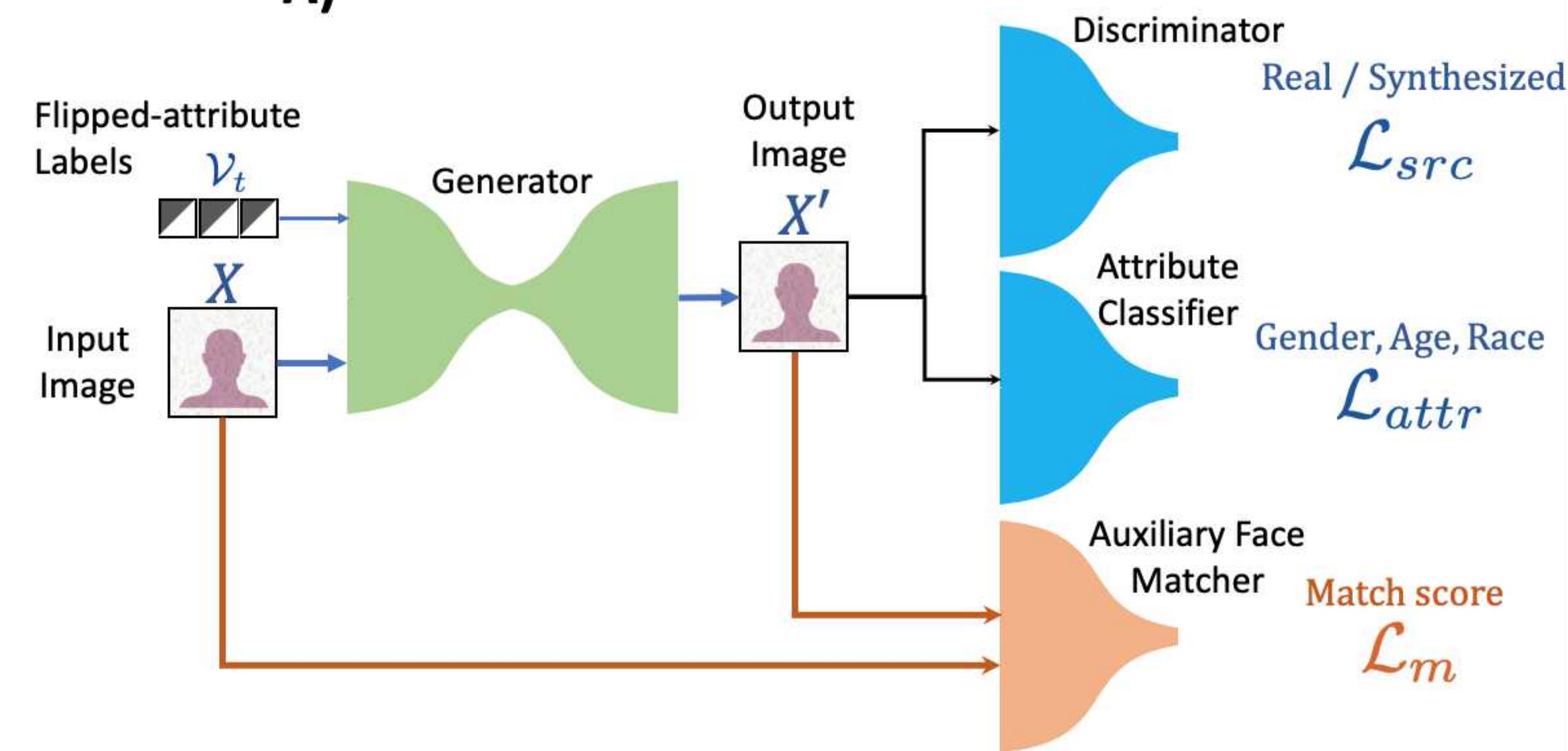
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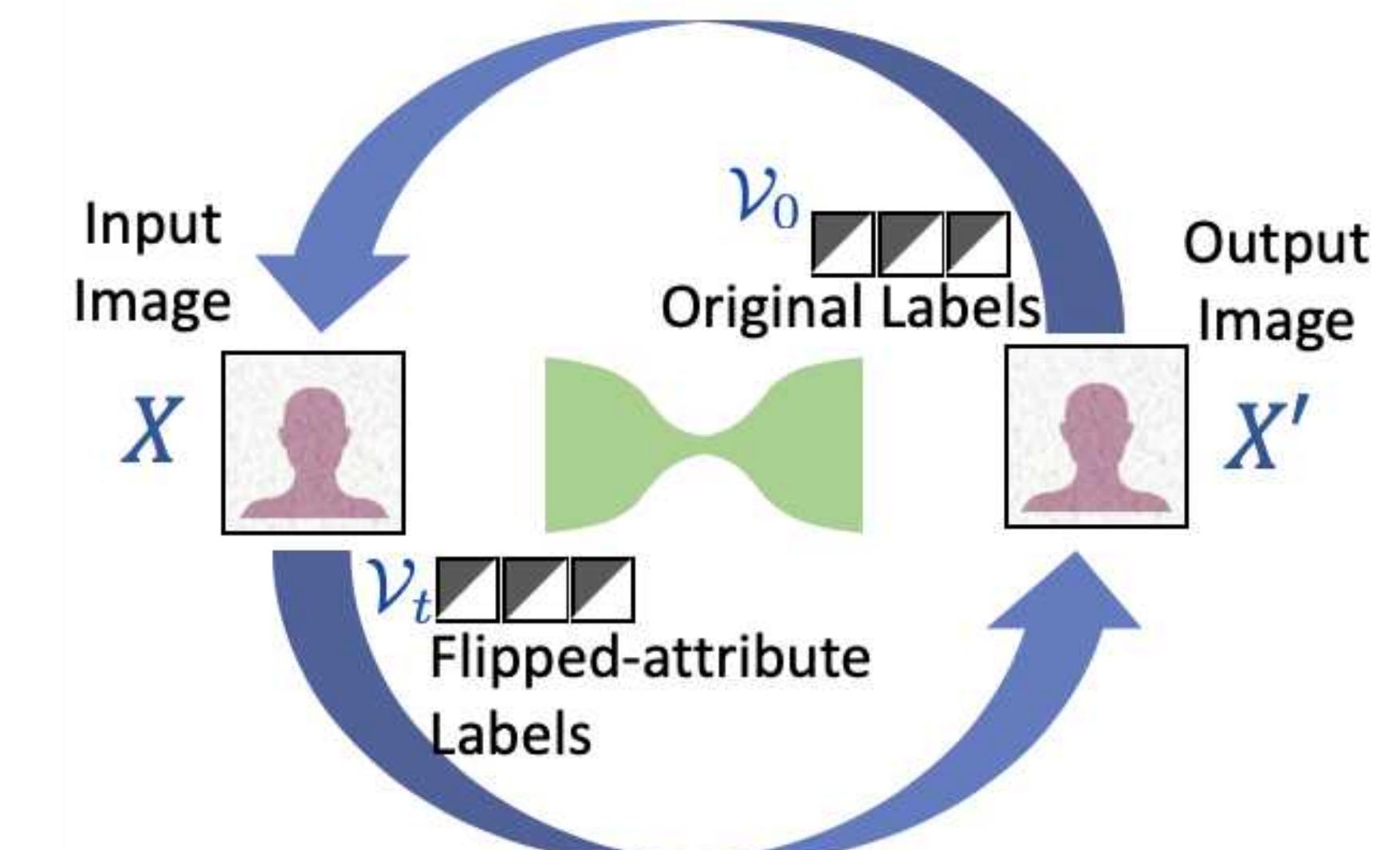
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A)



Architecture

B)



Cycle-consistency constraint

# Thank You!