



# Face and Iris Evaluation Activities at NIST

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# Outline

- Face Recognition Grand Challenge (FRGC)  
<http://face.nist.gov/frgc>
- Status of the Face Recognition Vendor Test (FRVT) 2006  
<http://face.nist.gov/frvt2006>
- Comparison of Human and Computer Performance  
<http://face.nist.gov/frgc>
- Iris Challenge Evaluation (ICE) 2005 and 2006  
<http://iris.nist.gov/ice>




# Face Recognition Grand Challenge Overview





# FRGC and FRVT 2006

- What is the difference between FRGC and FRVT 2006?
  - FRGC (May 2004 – March 2006)
    - Still and 3D face recognition algorithm development project
  - FRVT 2006 (30 January 2006) 
    - Independent government evaluation of face recognition systems
    - Measure progress since FRVT 2002



# FRGC Background

- Renewed interest in developing new methods for automatic face recognition
  - Fueled by advances in
    - Computer vision techniques
    - Computer design
    - Sensor design
    - Interest in fielding face recognition systems
- New techniques have potential to significantly reduce error rates

# Background



## Baseline



## Technology Development



## Independent Evaluation





# FRGC Objective



- The primary objective of the FRGC is to:

Develop still and 3D algorithms to improve performance an order of magnitude over FRVT 2002



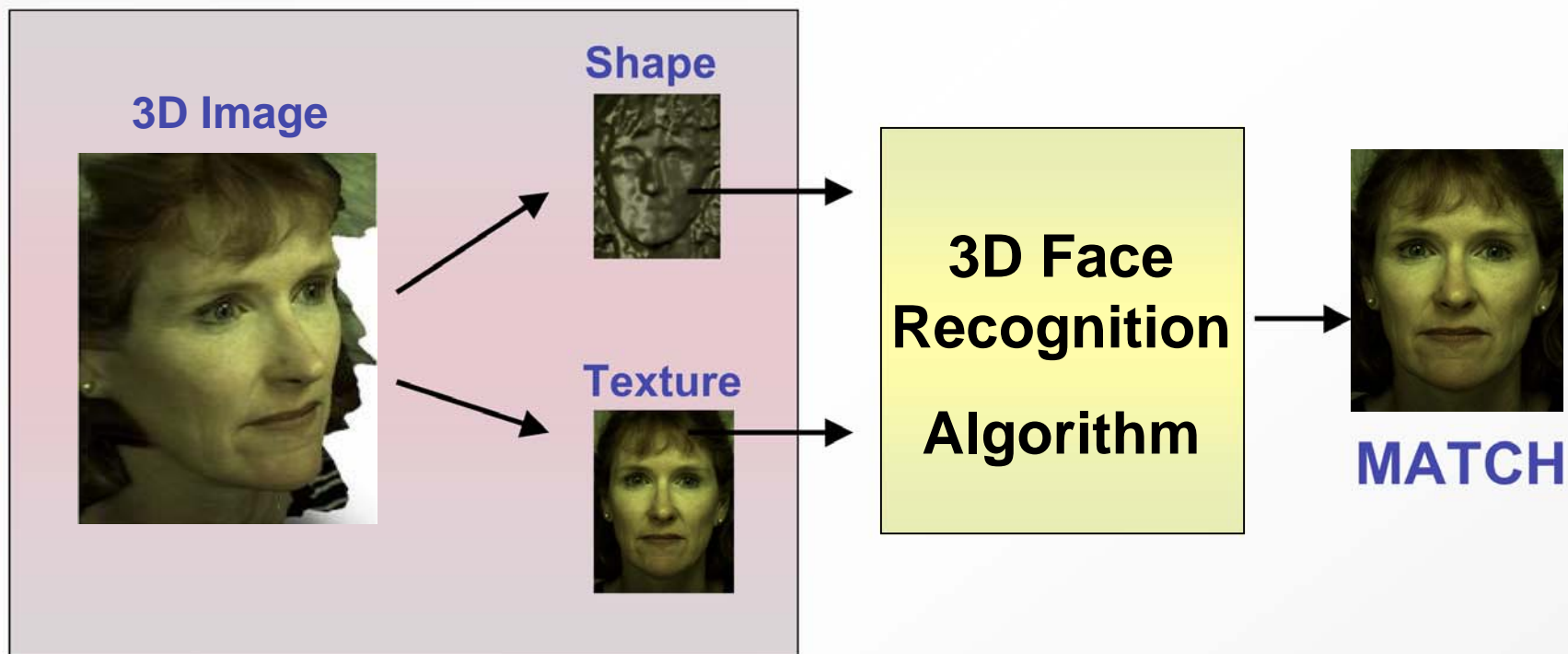
# Select Point to Measure

- **Verification rate at :**
  - False accept rate = 0.1%
- **July 2002:**
  - 20% error rate (80% verification rate)
- **Goal:**
  - 2% error rate (98% verification rate)

# 3D Images



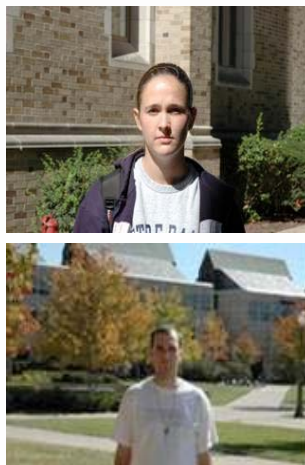
3D Sensor



# FRGC Modes Examined



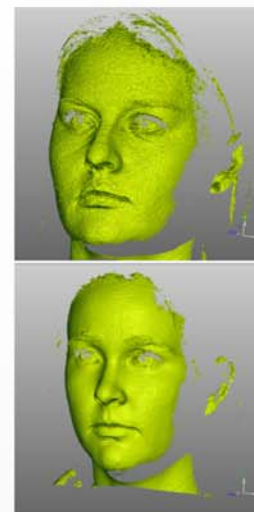
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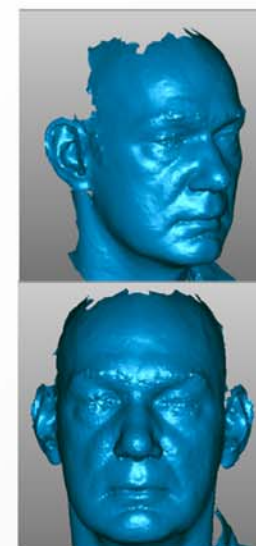
Outdoor/  
Uncontrolled



Multiple Stills



3D Single  
view



3D Full Face

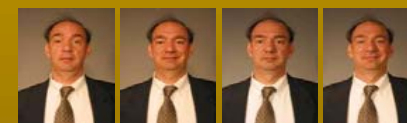


# FRGC Experiments

Exp 1: Controlled indoor still versus indoor still



Exp 2: Multiple still versus multiple still



Exp 3: 3d versus 3D  
3t - Texture only  
3s - Shape only

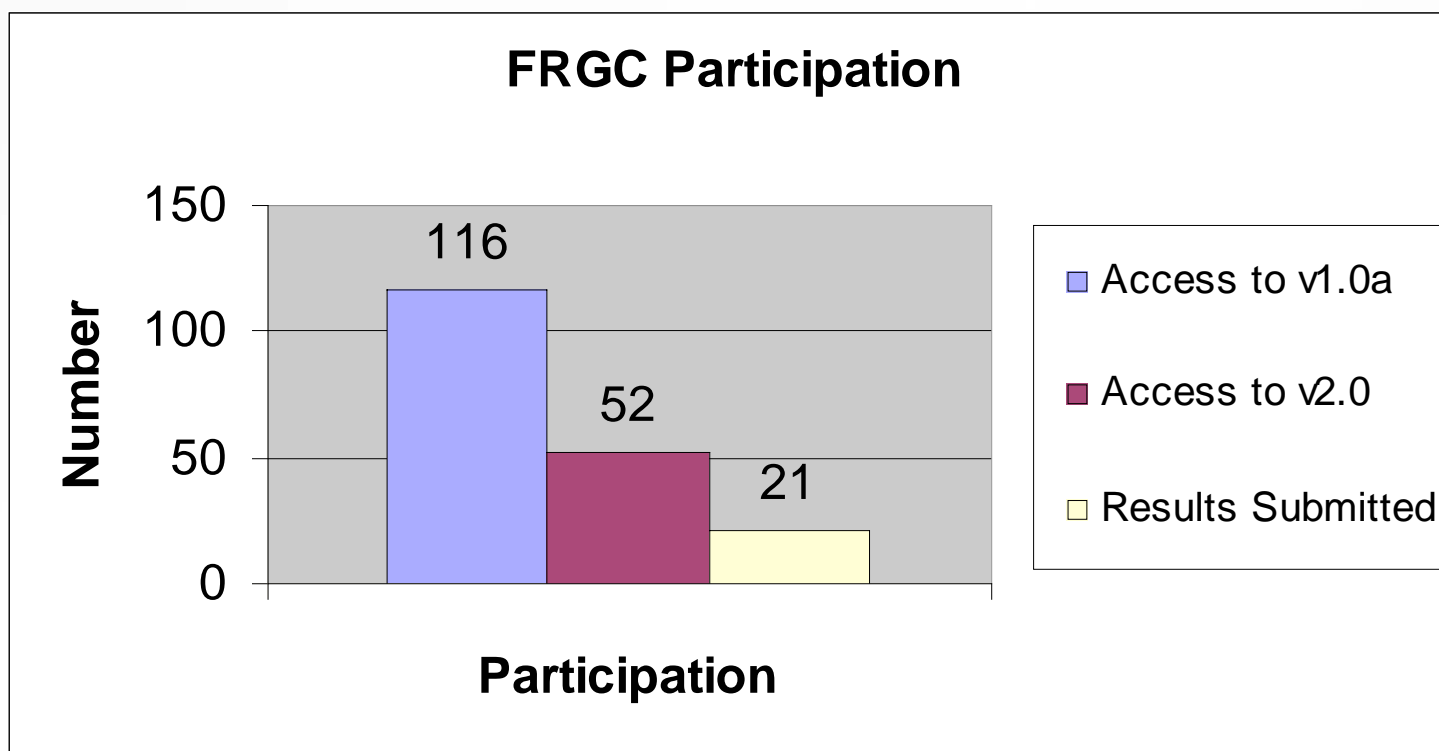


Exp 4: Uncontrolled still versus indoor still



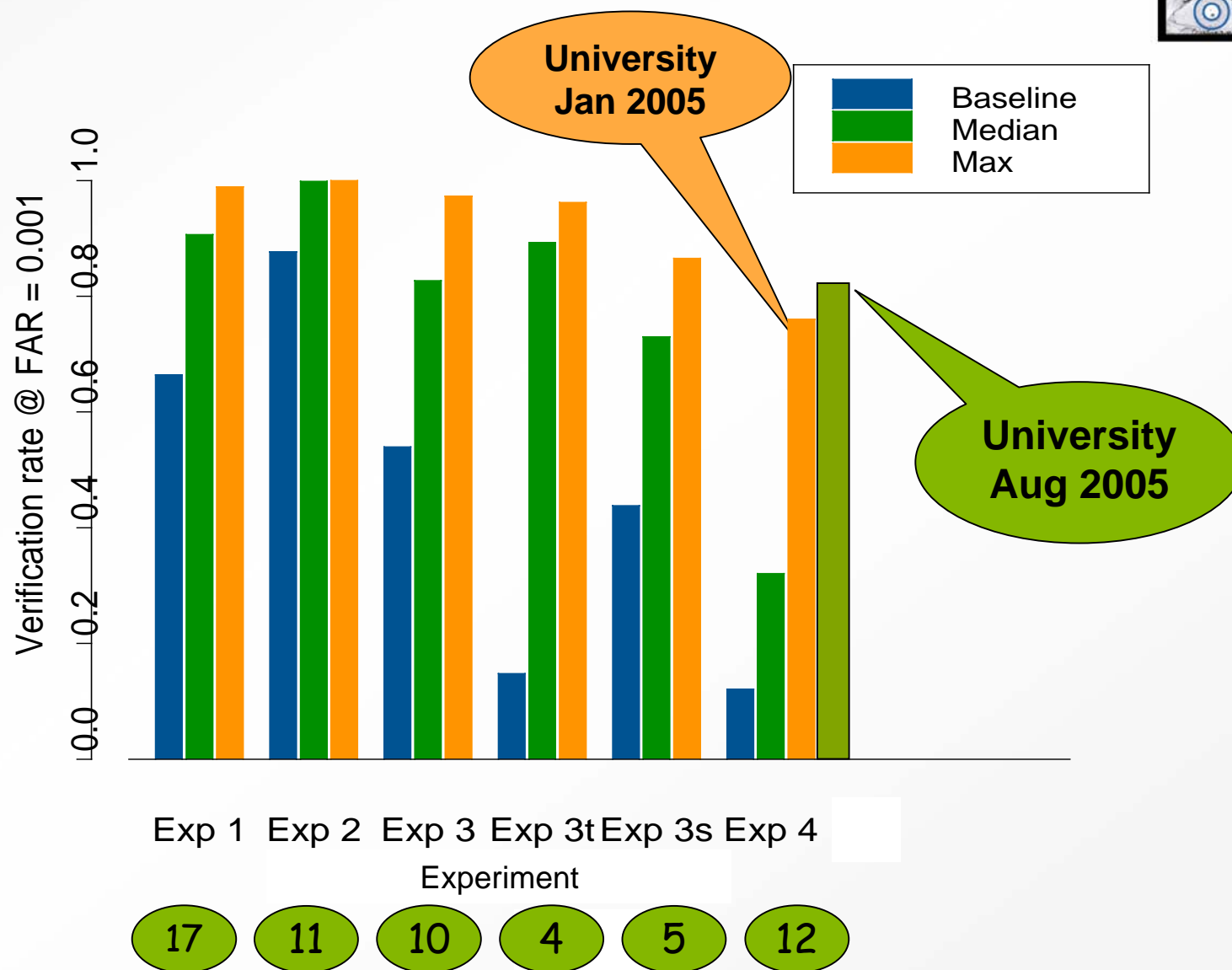


# FRGC Participation





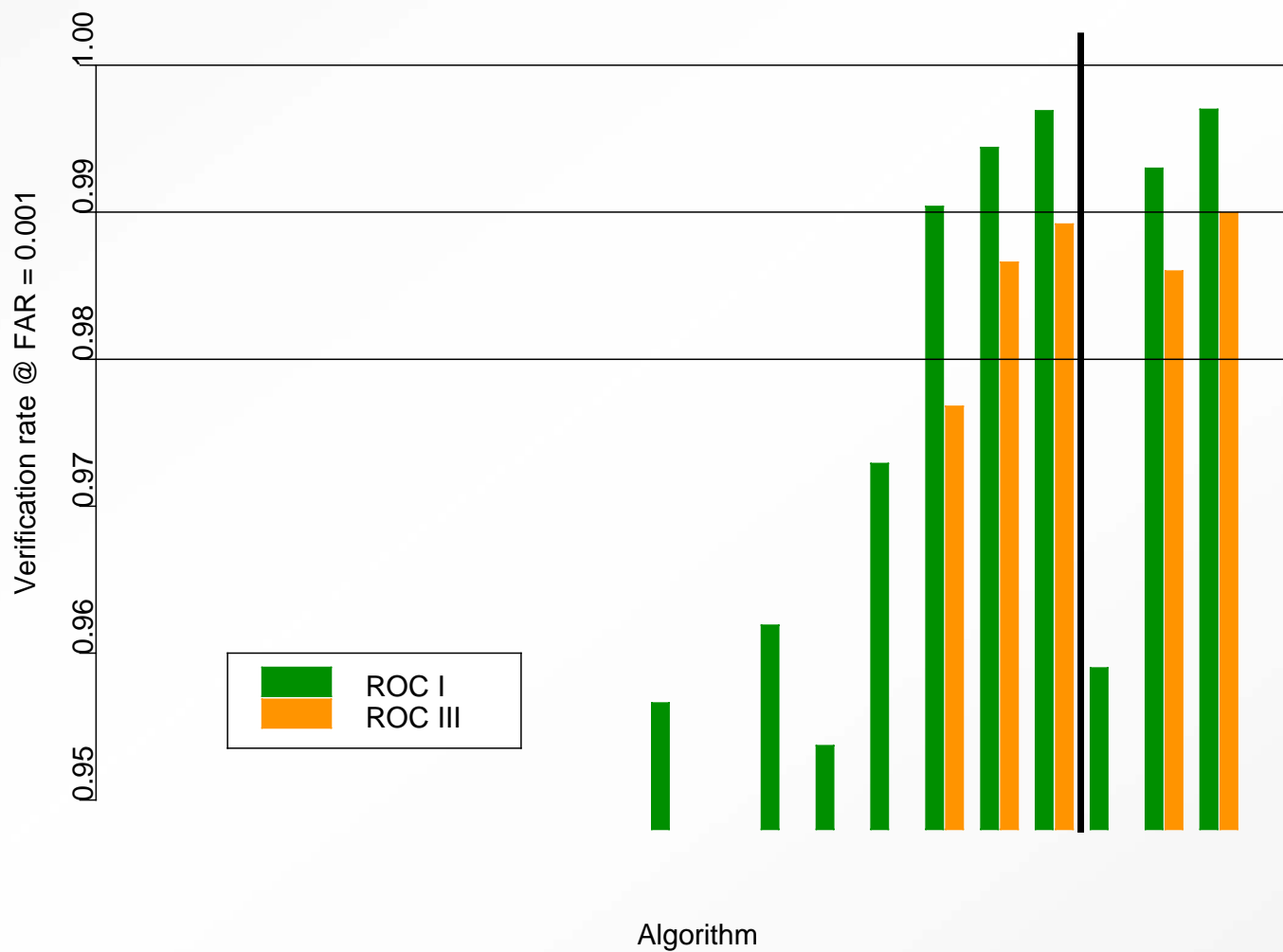
# FRGC Progress





# FRGCv2 Exp. 1

## Exp 1 Composite Performance





# Performance Goals and Progress

Independent Evaluations  
(Gold Standard)

FR<sub>20</sub>  
VT<sub>2</sub>

Starting Point 80%  
Measured in  
FRVT 2002

FAR = 0.1%



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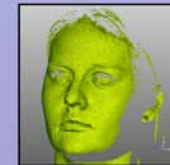
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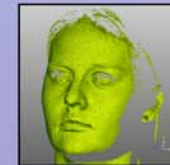
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# Summary

- Face Recognition Grand Challenge

- Order of magnitude increase in performance

- Systematically investigate still and 3D

- Formulate series of challenge problems

- Face Recognition Grand Challenge  
Completion March 2006

# FRVT 2006



- Latest in a series of large scale independent evaluations for face recognition systems
  - Previous evaluations in the series were the FERET, FRVT2000, and FRVT 2002
- Primary goal is to
  - Measure progress of prototype systems/algorithms and commercial face recognition systems since FRVT 2002
  - Conduct comparison across modalities
  - Compare performance with FRGC goals



# FRVT 2006 Status Update

- The Face Recognition Vendor Test (FRVT) 2006
  - Began on 30 January 2006
  - Currently underway
    - Testing executables at this time
  - 22 Participants
    - 10 countries
    - 30% of Participants are from Academia





# Human-Computer Comparison

NIST

O'Toole, Phillips, Jiang, Penard, Ayyad, Abdi 2005





# Problem

- Are face recognition algorithms *ready* for applications?
  - enormous improvements over last decade
  - accuracy of algorithms tested intensively
- *How accurate do they have to be to be useful?*
  - meet or exceed human performance



# Human-Machine Comparisons

- Same image pairs from Exp. 4
- Seven state-of-the-art algorithms
  - 4 from industry
  - 3 from academic institutions
- Comparisons
  - 120 difficult face pairs
  - 120 easy face pairs



# Sampling

- homogeneous
  - caucasian males/females 20-30 yrs
  - comparisons made on identity not
    - age, race, sex
- Stimuli
  - 240 pairs of faces
    - 120 male pairs
      - 60 easy
      - 60 difficult
    - 120 female pairs
      - 60 easy
      - 60 difficult

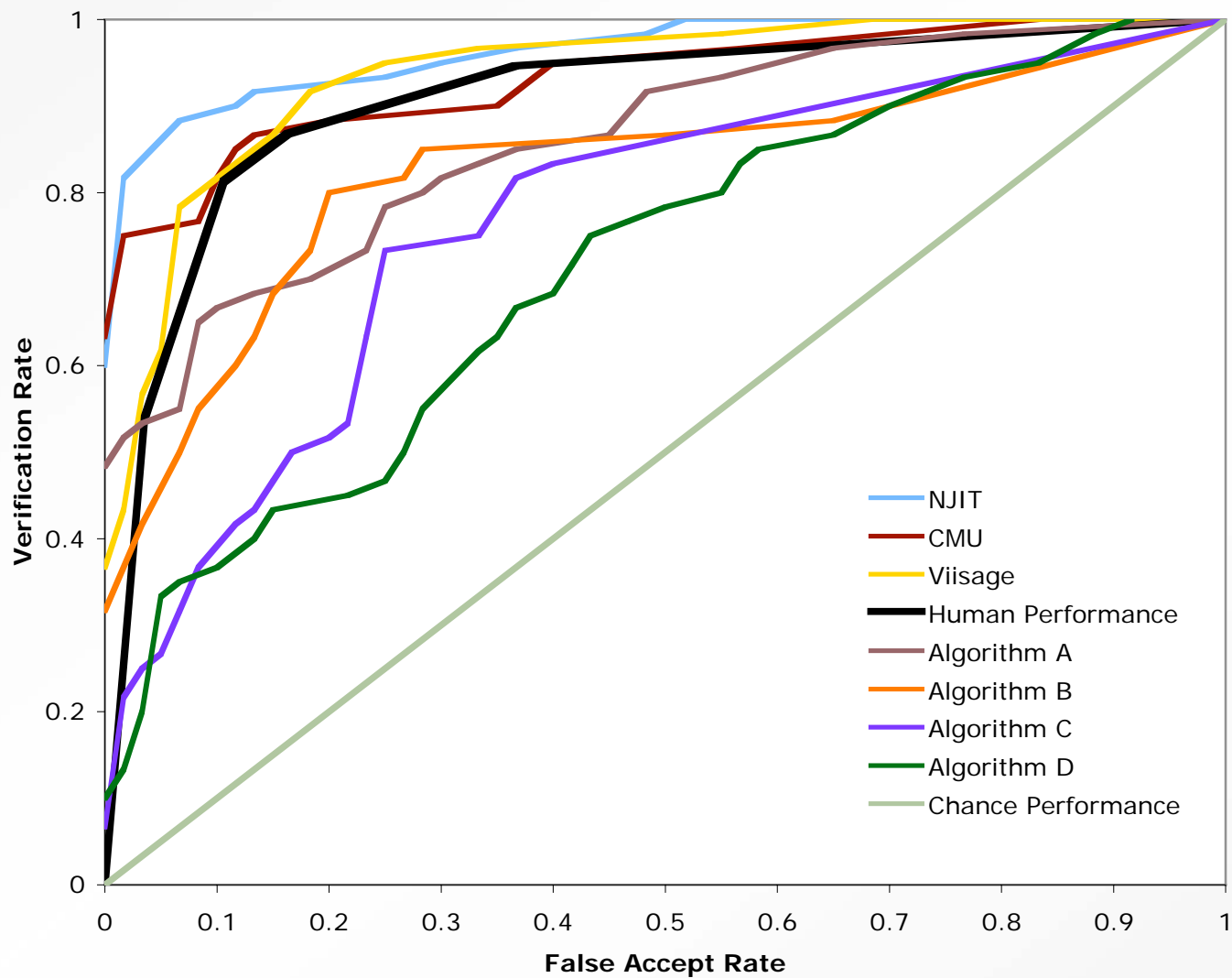
# Procedure



- 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



### Identity Matching for Difficult Face Pairs





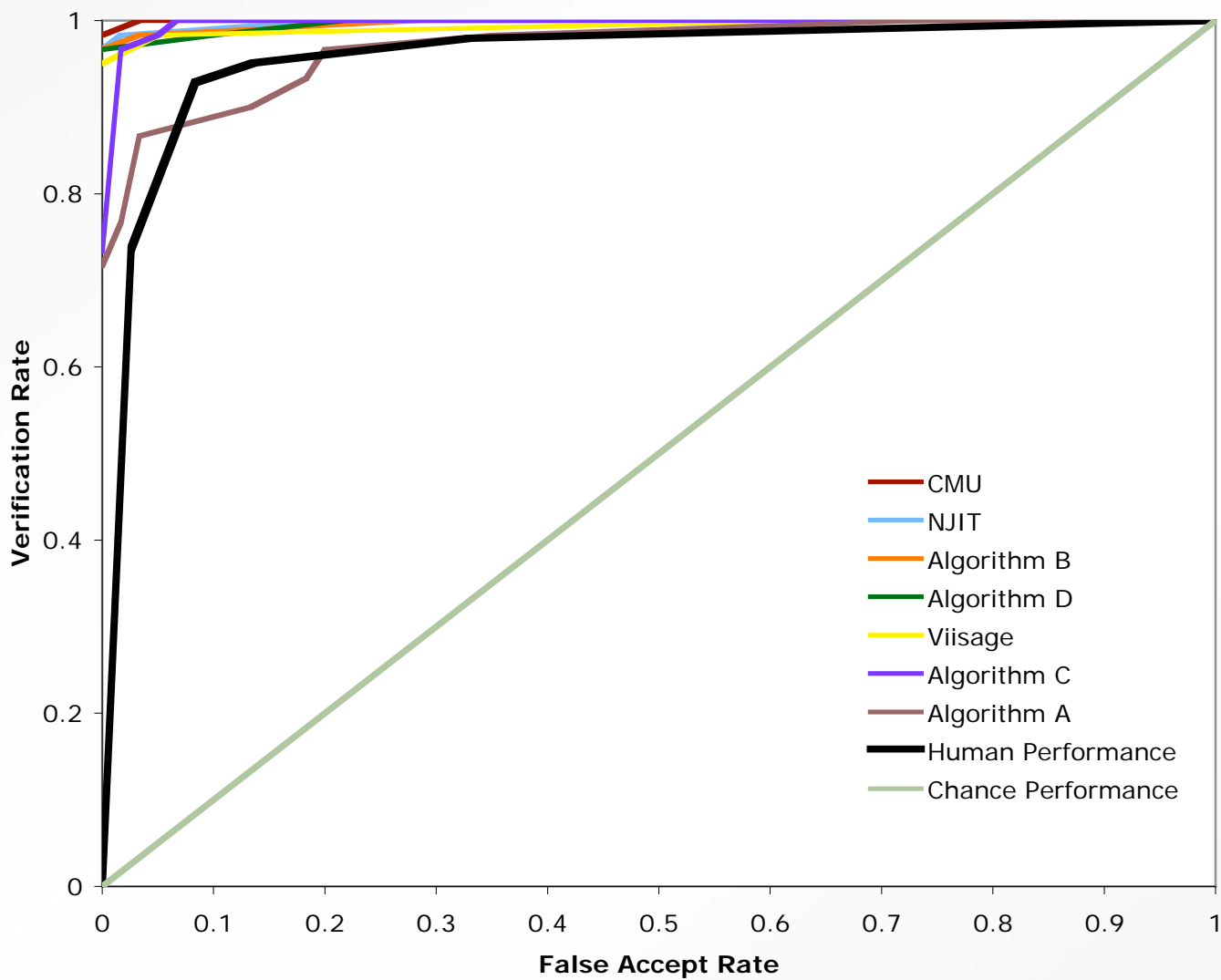


# Results Summary

- 3 algorithms surpass humans!
  - NJIT (Liu, *IEEE: PAMI*, in press)
  - CMU (Xie et al., 2005)
  - Viisage (Husken et al., 2005)
- 4 less accurate than humans



### Identity Matching for Easy Face Pairs





# Conclusions

- Algorithms compete favorably with humans on the difficult task of matching faces across changes in illumination
  - some algorithms are *better* than humans on “difficult” face pairs
  - nearly all are *better* than humans on “easy” face pairs



# Iris Challenge Evaluation Overview



# ICE Goals

- **Broad Goals**
  - Facilitate iris recognition technology development
  - Technology assessment of iris recognition
- **Modeled after FRGC/FRVT 2005**
  - FRGC (Face Recognition Grand Challenge)
  - FRVT 2006 (Face Recognition Vendor Test 2006)

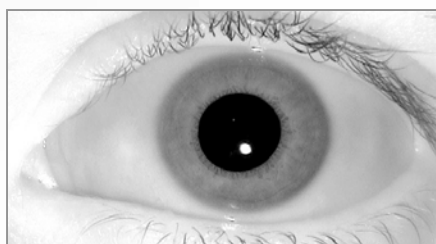


# Fully Automatic

## Input

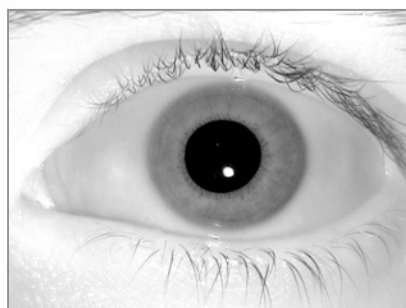
### Target Set

Image



### Query Set

Image



Algorithm

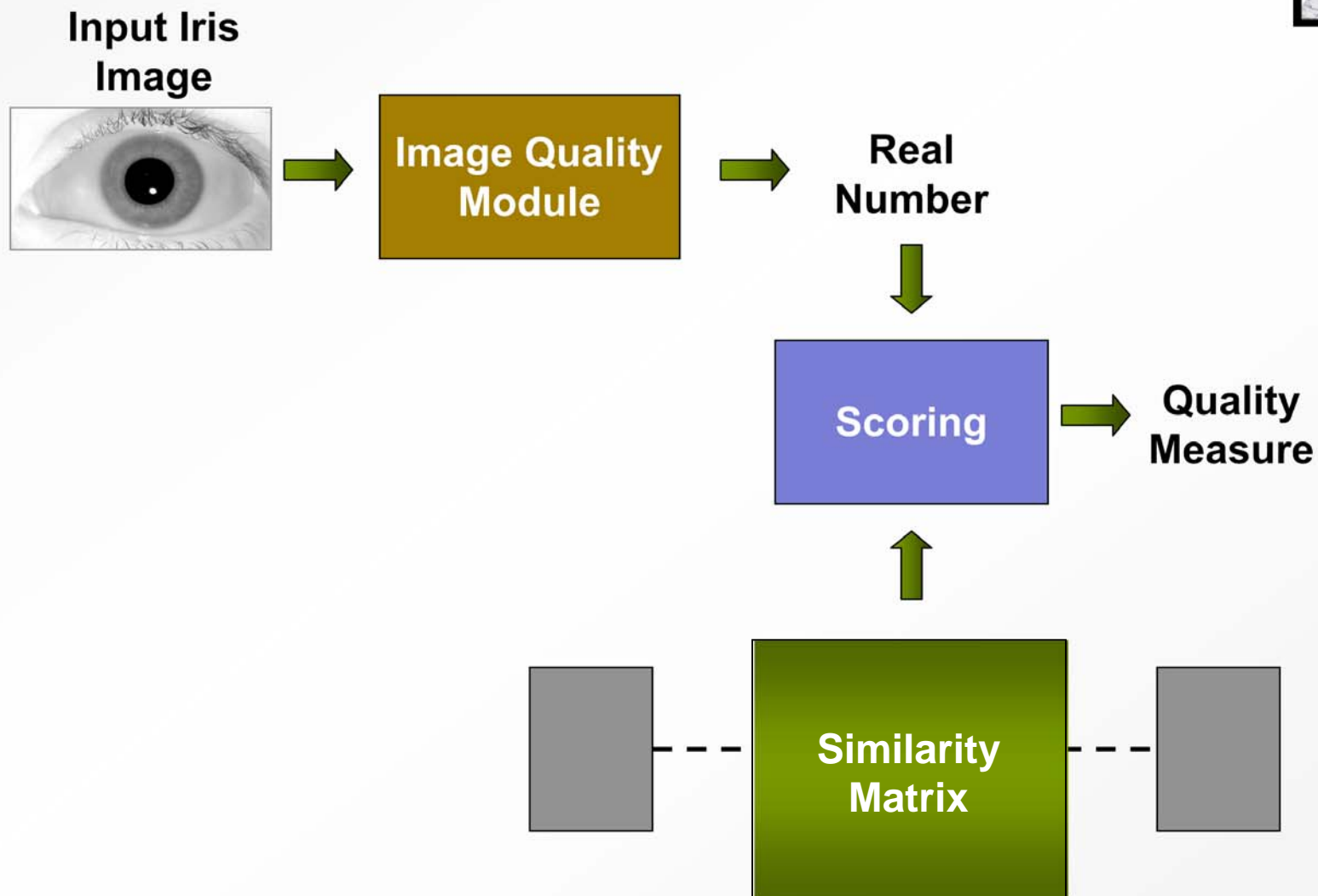


## Output

Similarity Matrix



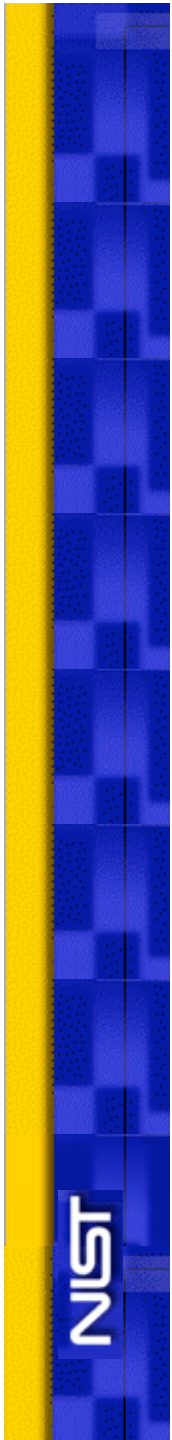
# Image Quality





## ICE 2005 and 2006

- What is the difference between ICE ~~Phase I~~ 2005 and ICE ~~Phase II~~ 2006?
  - ICE 2005 – Technology Development
    - Iris recognition challenge problems
    - Iris data set
  - ICE 2006 - Evaluation
    - Independent government technology evaluation
    - Sequestered data



# ICE 2005 Challenge Problems

# Define Experiments

Exp 1

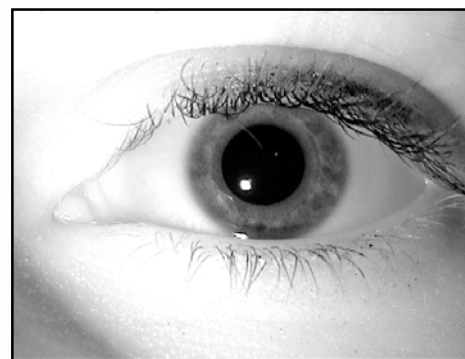
Right Eye



1425 Iris Images  
124 Individuals

Exp 2

Left Eye



1528 Iris Images  
120 Individuals

112 Overlapping Individuals  
132 Total Individuals



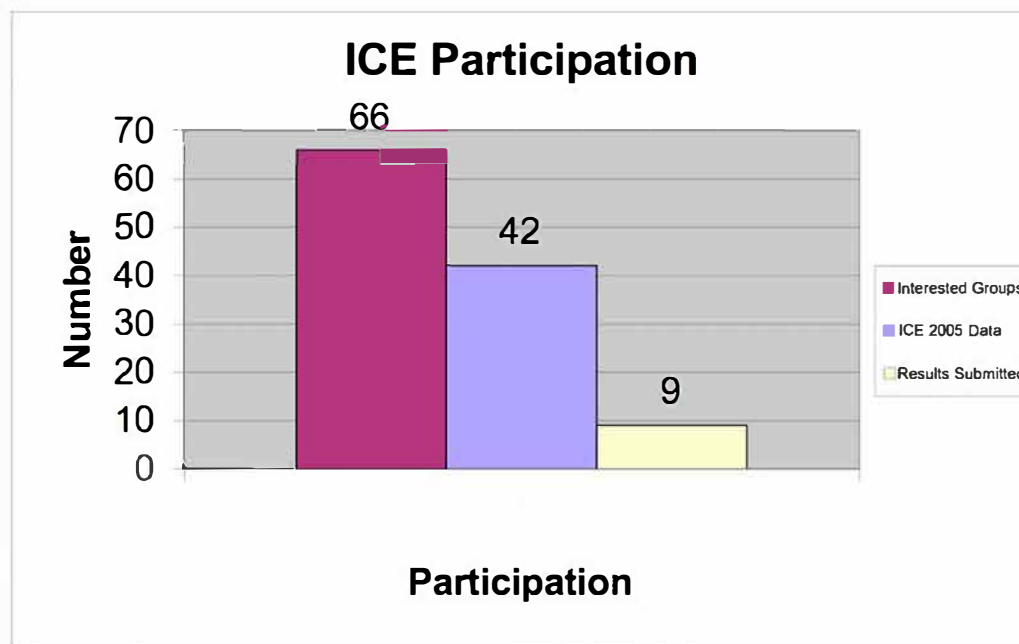


# ICE 2005

- Challenge Problem
  - Open book
- Data Released September 2005
  - Iris images
  - Experiments
  - Ground truth
- Similarity Matrices Submitted March 2006
  - Generated by participants
  - Scored by NIST
- NOT an independent Evaluation
  - NO sequestered data



# ICE Participation





# Result Submissions

- Results submitted:
  - 9 Groups
  - 15 Algorithms + 1 irisBEE Baseline
  - 6 Countries
- ICE Phase I Participants:
  - Cambridge University (*Cam 1, Cam 2*)
  - Carnegie Mellon University (*CMU*)
  - Chinese Academy of Sciences, Center for Information Science (*CAS 1, CAS 2, CAS 3*)
  - Indiana University, Purdue University, Indianapolis (*IUPUI*)
  - Iritech (*IritchA, IritchB, IritchC, IritchD*)
  - PELCO (*Pelco*)
  - SAGEM - Iridian (*SAGEM*)
  - West Virginia University (*WVU*)
  - Yamataki Corp / Tohoku University (*Tohoku*)

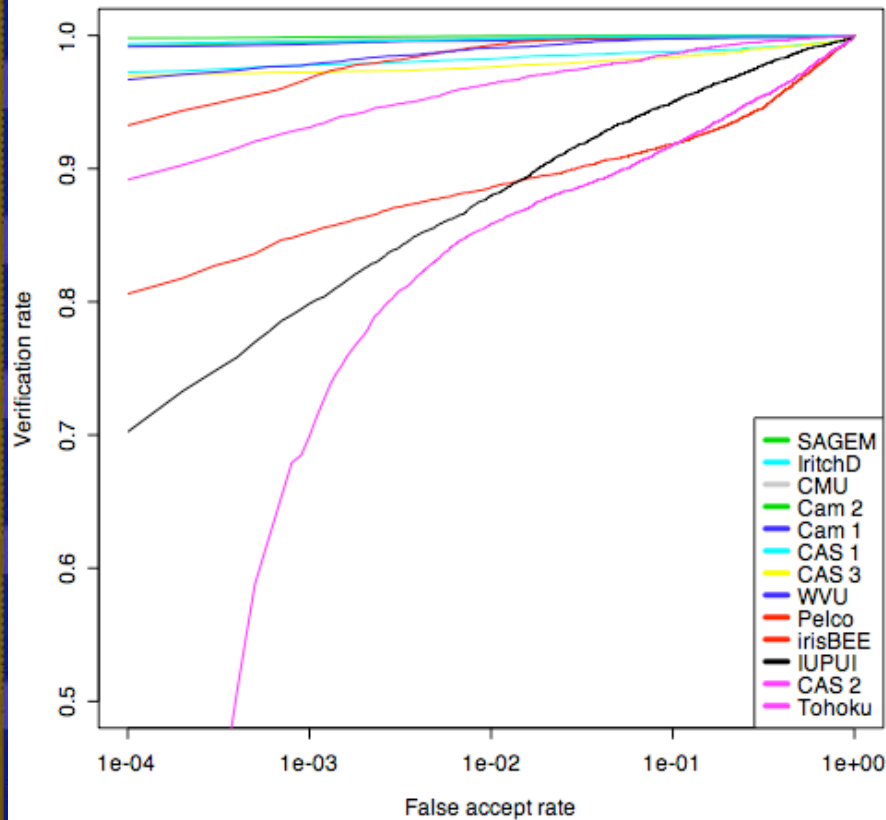
# ROC Results - Fully Automatic



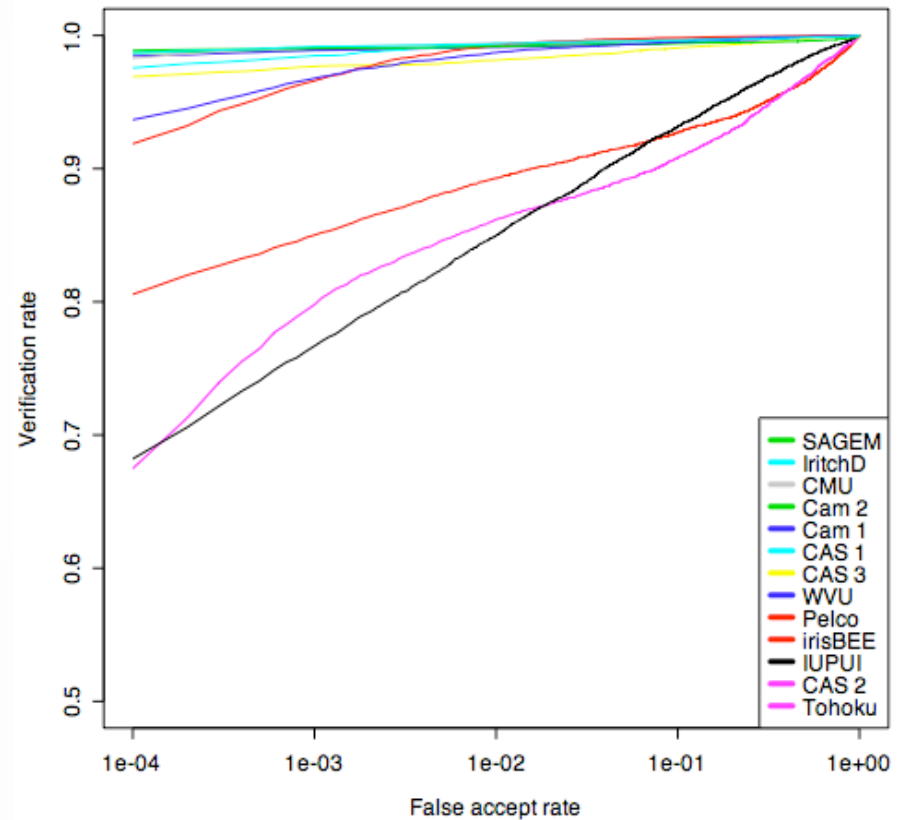
Exp 1

Exp 2

ICE1 Experiment1 ROC (Right Eye)



ICE1 Experiment2 ROC (Left Eye)



Results from Open Book Challenge Problem  
NOT Independent Evaluation

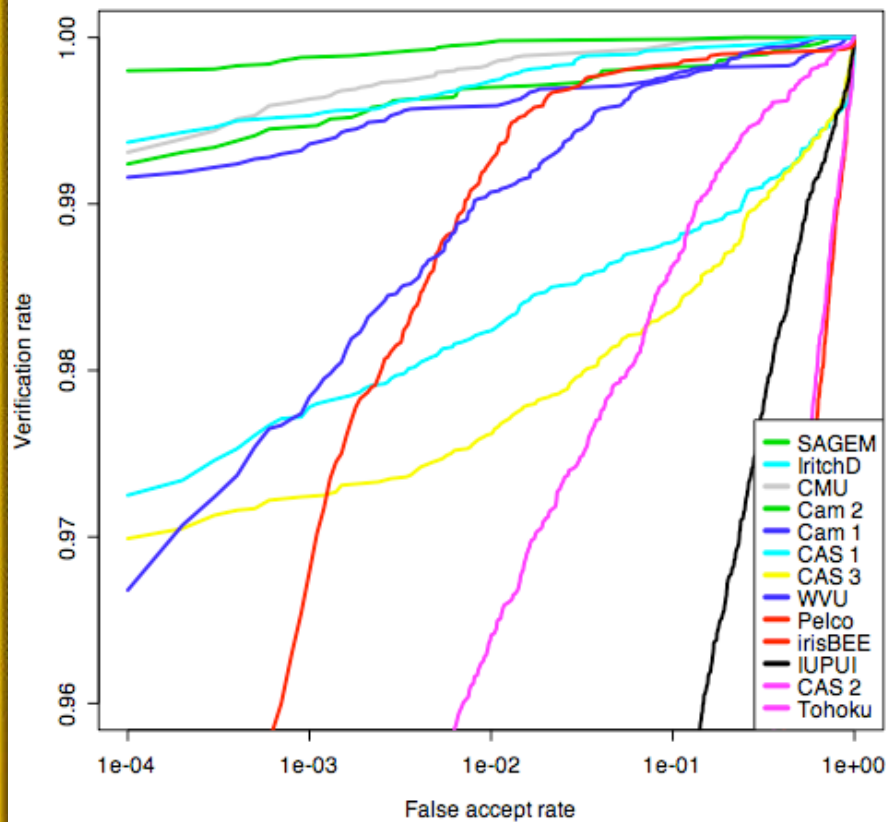
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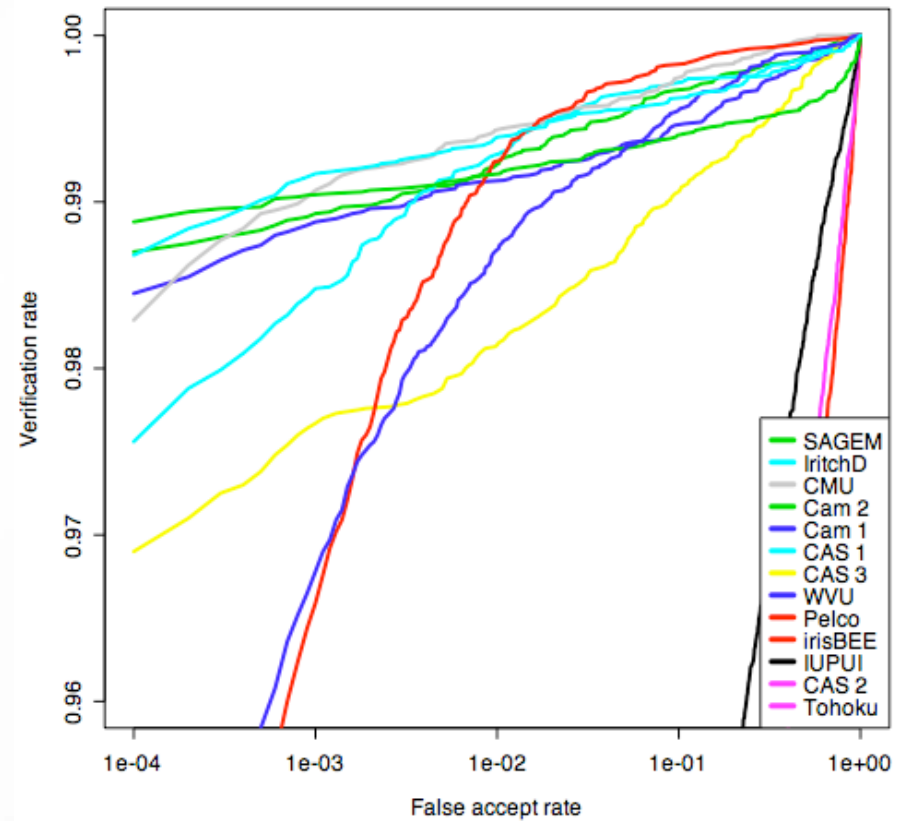
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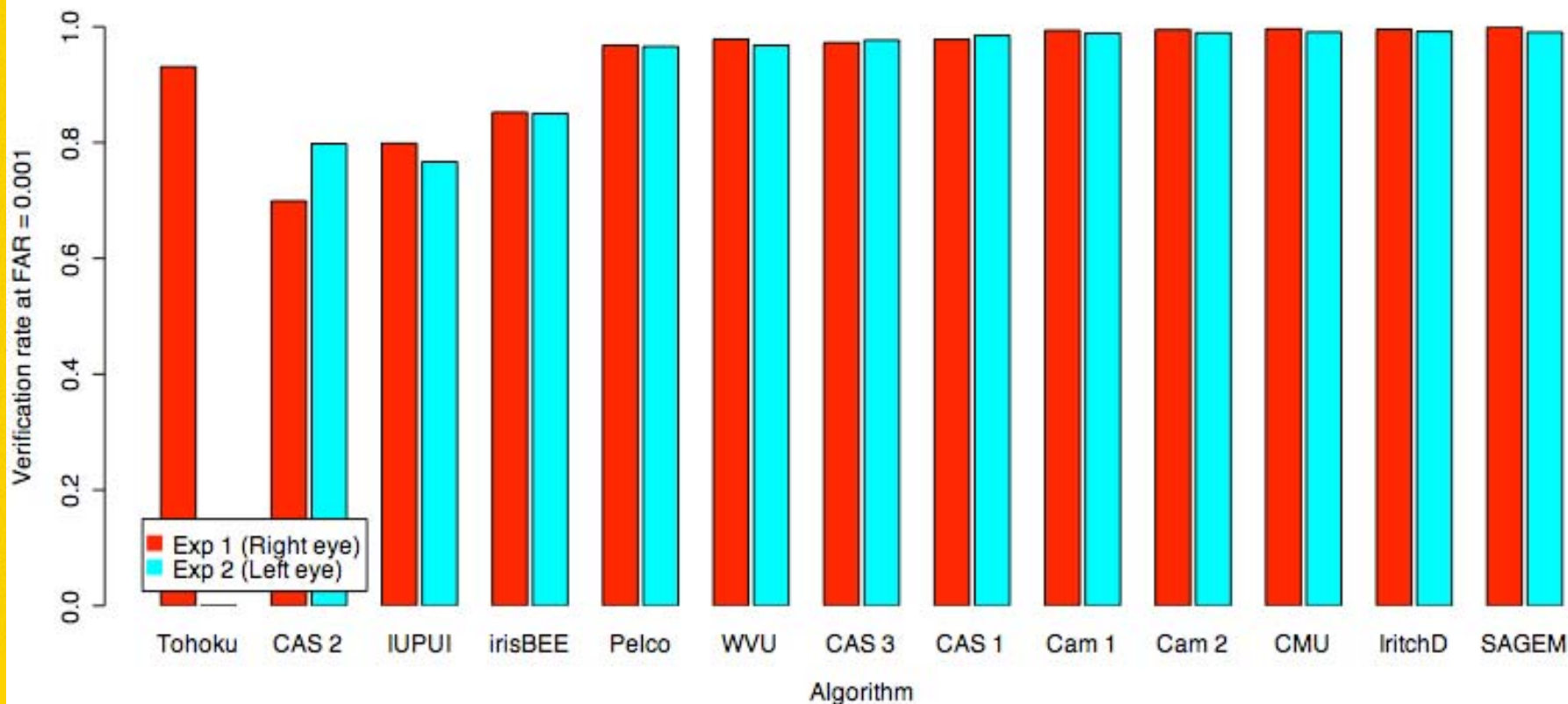
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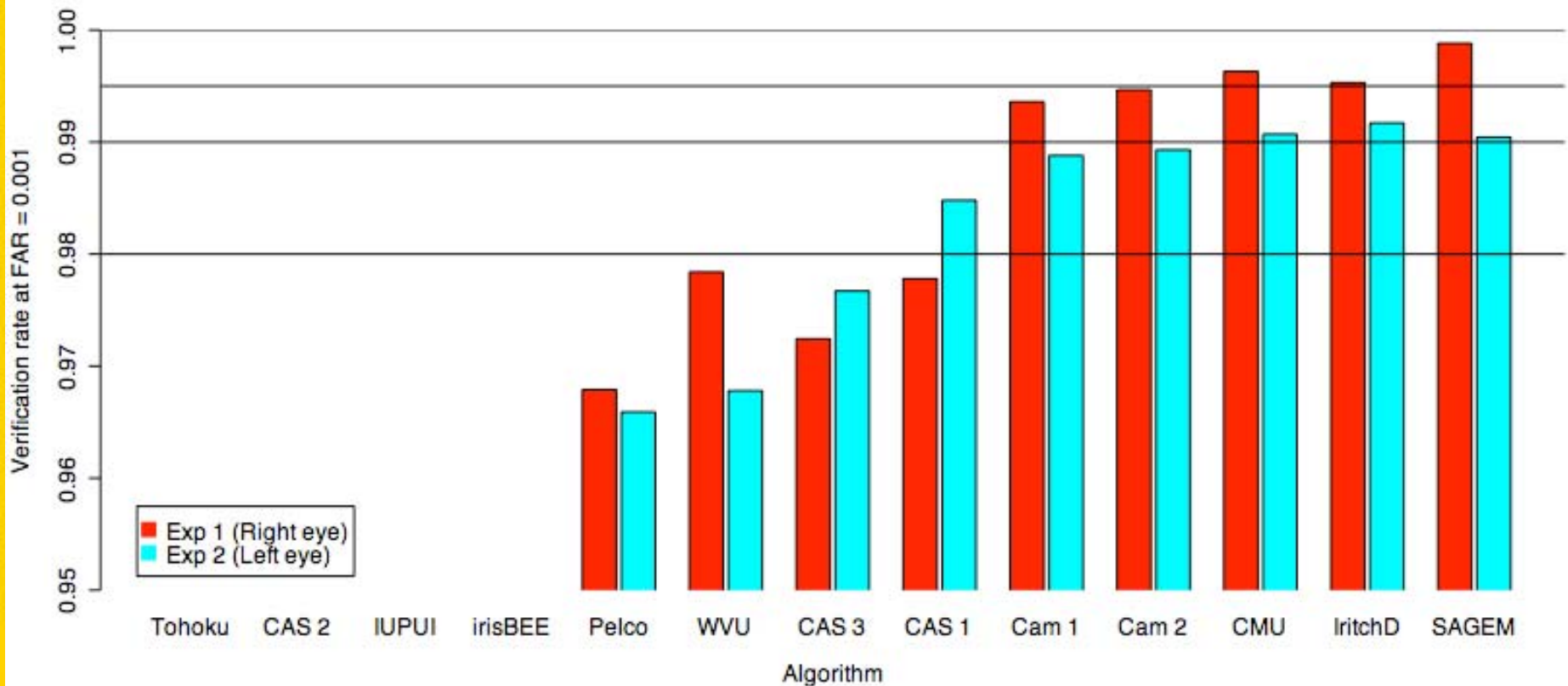


# Bar Plot Performance Results Fully Automatic, FAR=0.001



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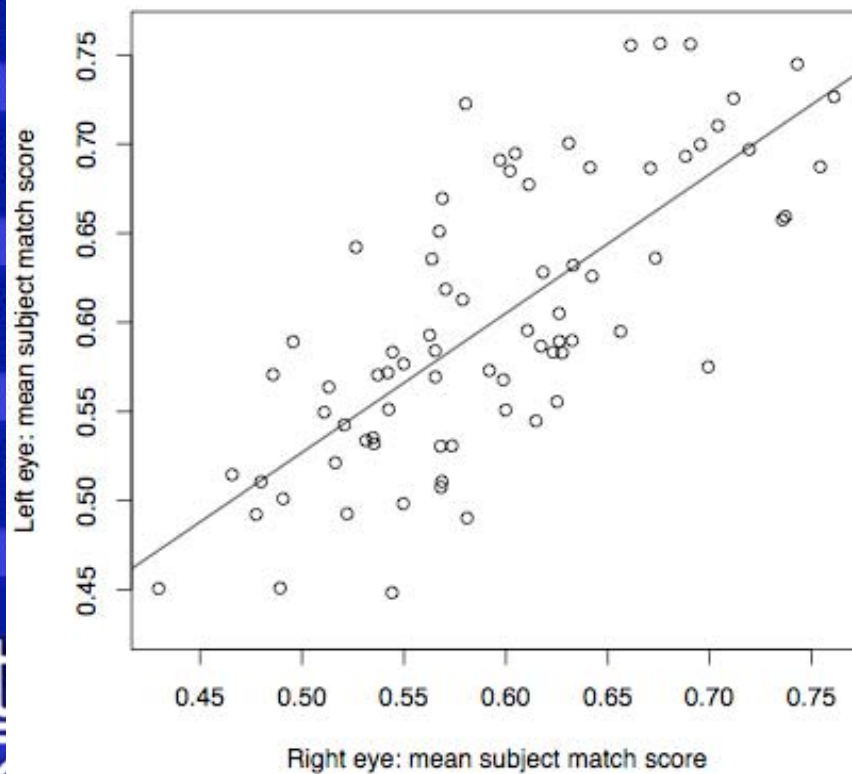
# Eye Independence

- Purpose:
  - Examine relationship between left & right iris
- Method:
  - For each subject, compute mean match score
    - Right and left iris
  - For each subject, compute mean non-match score
    - Right and left iris
  - Scatter plot of right verses left iris
    - Mean match score
    - Mean non-match score

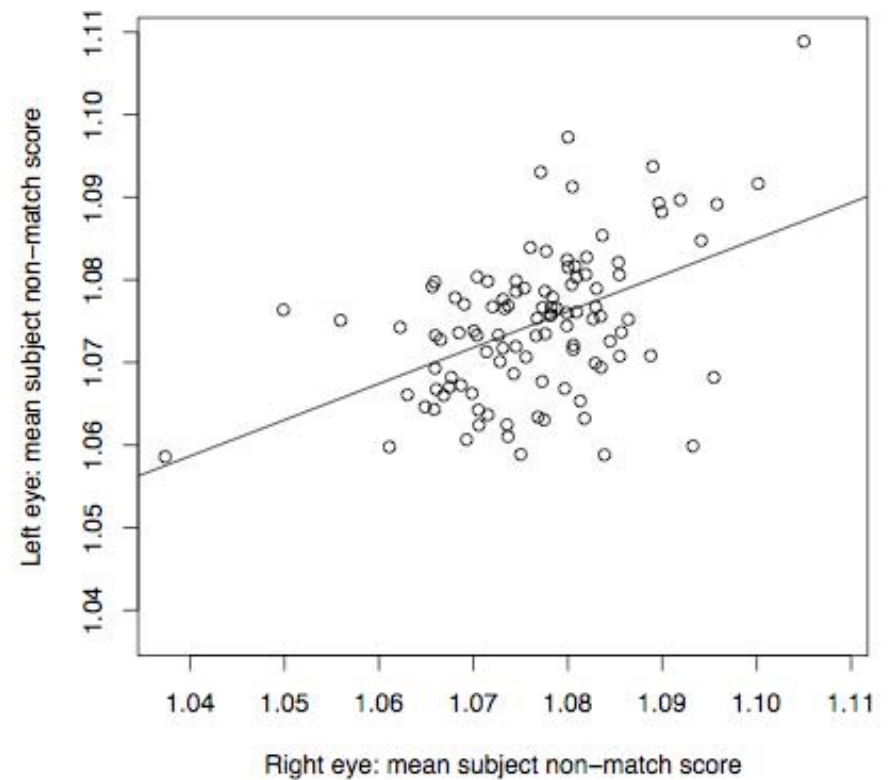


# Eye Independence - Iritech

Iritech D match scores Exp 1 and 2 ICE1



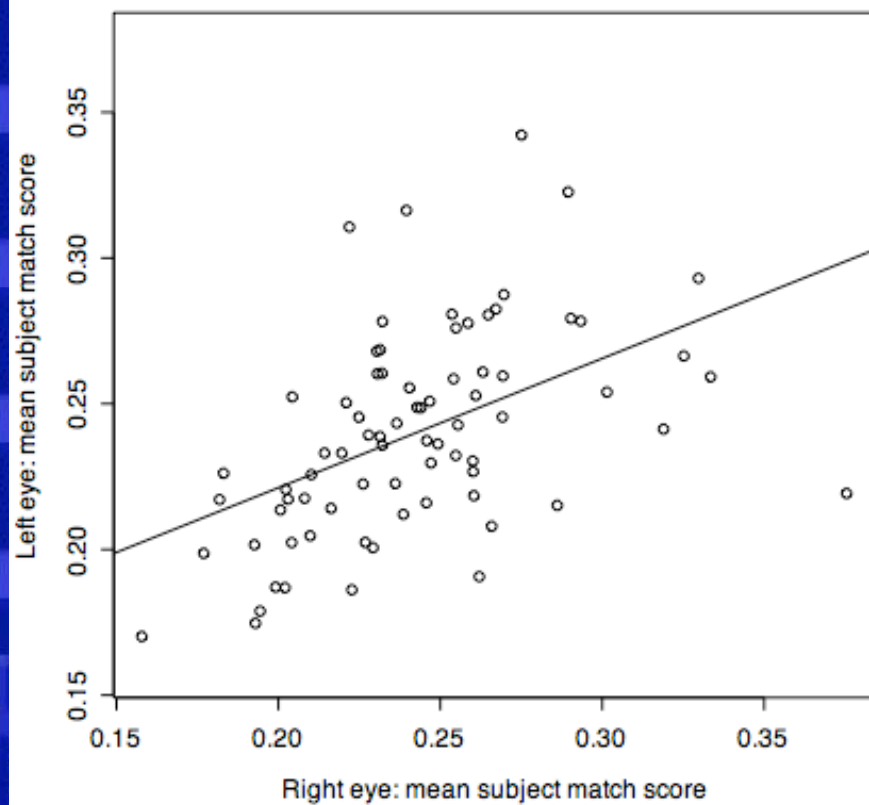
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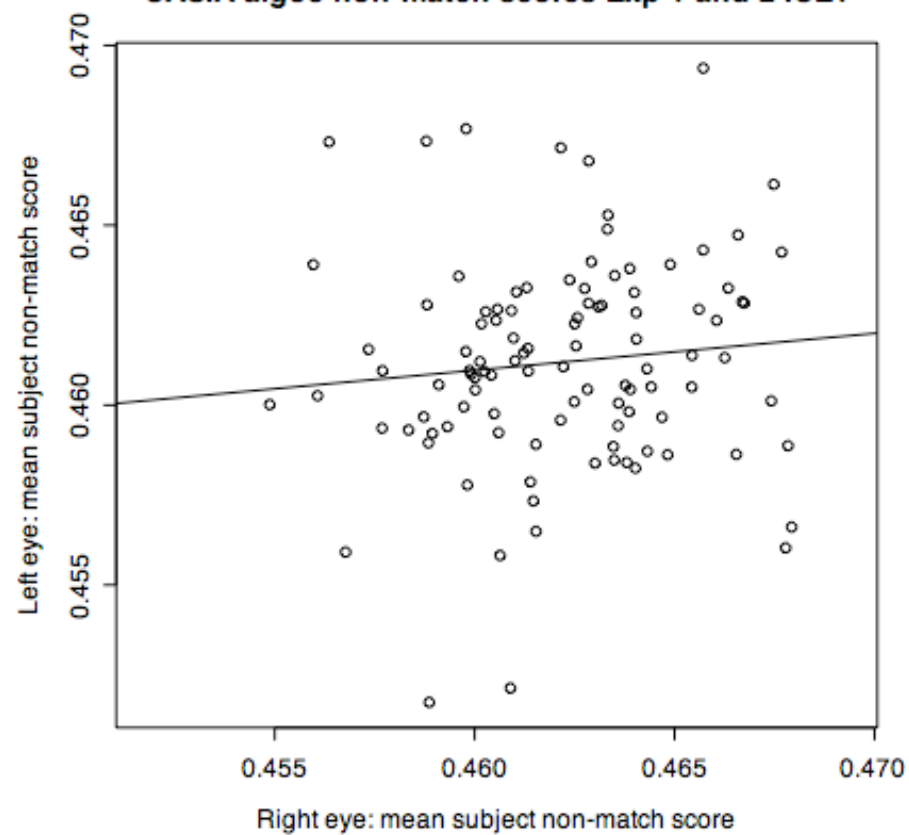


# Eye Independence-CASIA

CASIA algo3 match scores Exp 1 and 2 ICE1



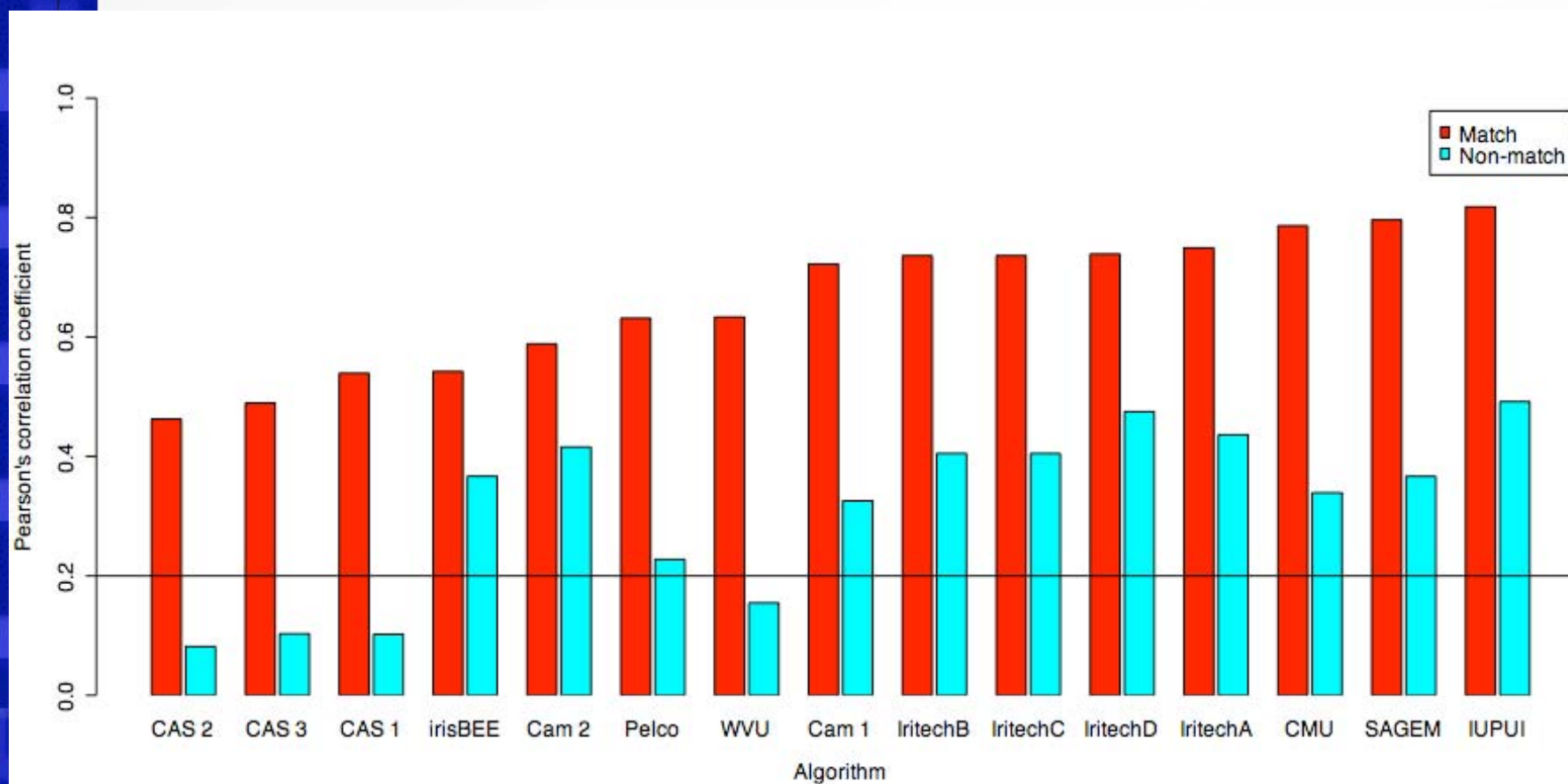
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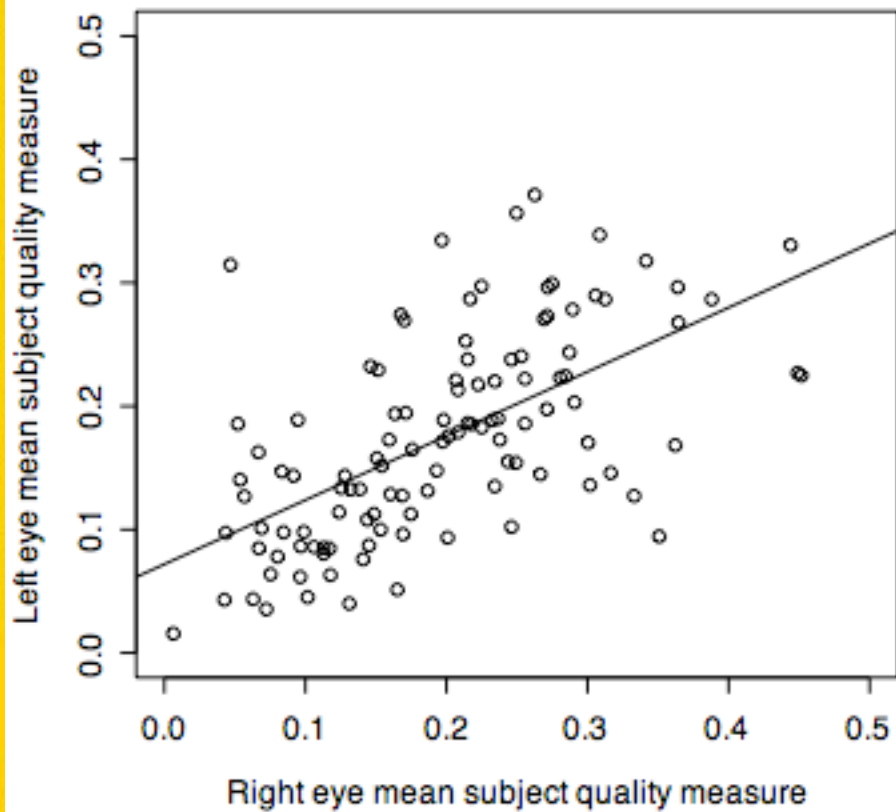


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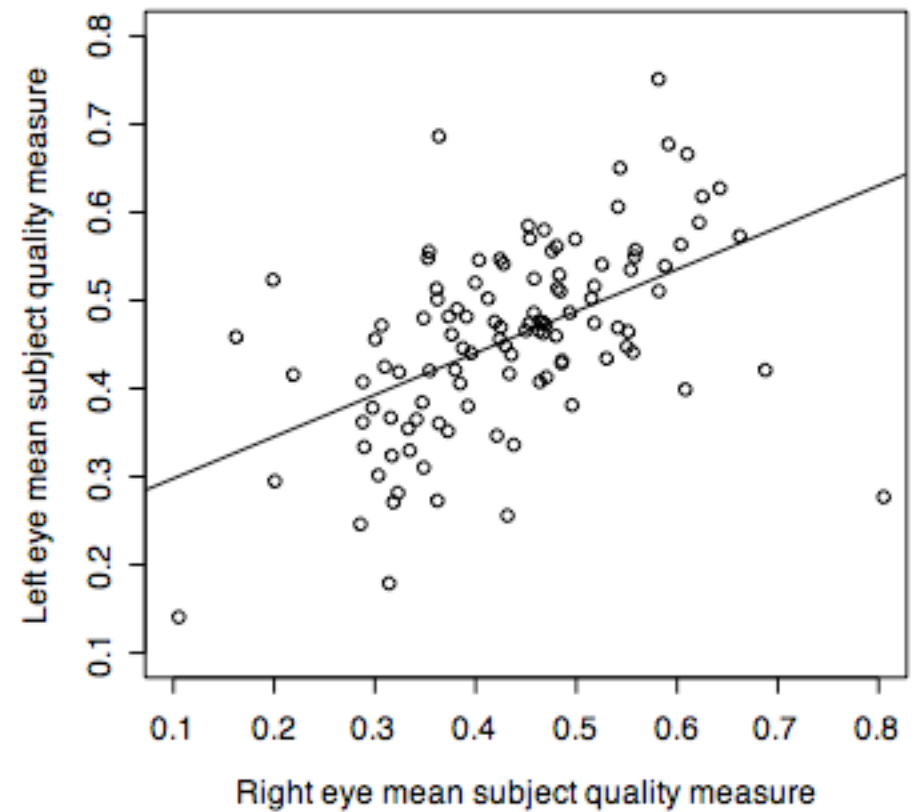


# Quality Measures

WVU Occlusion Quality Measure



WVU defocus Quality Measure





# ICE 2006 Schedule

- 1 April 2006
  - ICE 2006 Protocol released
- 15 June 2006
  - Executables submission deadline
  - ICE 2006 evaluation begins
- December 2006
  - ICE 2006 Final Report released