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Project will use AI to prevent or minimize electric grid failures

September 14, 2017 by Glennda Chui, SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory

A project led by the Department of Energy's SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory will combine artificial intelligence with massive amounts of data and industry experience from a dozen U.S. partners to identify places where the electric grid is vulnerable to disruption, reinforce those spots in advance and recover faster when failures do occur.

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The eventual goal is an autonomous grid that seamlessly absorbs routine power fluctuations from clean energy sources like solar and wind and quickly responds to disruptive events—from major storms to eclipse-induced dips in solar power—with minimal intervention from humans.

"This project will be the first of its kind to use artificial intelligence and machine learning to improve the resilience of the grid," said Sila Kiliccote, director of SLAC's Grid Integration, Systems and Mobility lab, GISMo, and principal investigator for the project. "While the approach will be tested on a large scale in California,

Vermont and the Midwest, we expect it to have national impact, and all the tools we develop will be made available either commercially or as open source code."

Called GRIP, for Grid Resilience and Intelligence Project, the project builds on other efforts to collect massive amounts of data and use it to fine-tune grid operations, including SLAC's

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EXTREME VETTING INITIATIVE – OVERARCHING VETTING Extreme Vetting Initiative Objectives (cont.)

Performance Objectives of the Overarching Vetting Contract:

- 1. Centralizes screening and vetting processes to mitigate case backlog and provide law enforcement and field agents with timely, actionable information;
- 2. Allows ICE to develop richer case files that provide more value-added information to further investigations or support prosecutions in immigration or federal courts;
- 3. Allows ICE to perform regular, periodic and/or continuous review and vetting of nonimmigrants for changes in their risk profile after they enter the United States and;
- Automates at no loss of data quality or veracity any manually-intensive vetting and screening processes that inhibit ICE from properly and thoroughly vetting individuals in a timely fashion.



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Israel Arrests Palestinian Because Facebook Translated 'Good Morning' to 'Attack Them'

No Arabic-speaking police officer read the post before arresting the man, who works at a construction site in a West Bank settlement

Gender analogies in "Word Embeddings"

Parallelograms capture semantics: [many papers]

- Man:King :: Woman:Queen WOMAN
 Man
 [Bolukbasi-Chang-Zou-Saligrama-K'16]:
 He:Brother :: She:Sister
 He:Doctor :: She:Nurse
 - He:WTF :: She:OMG
 - He: Realist :: She: Feminist
 - He: Computer Programmer:: She: Homemaker
 - She: Pregnancy:: He: Kidney stone

Based on word2vec trained on Google News corpus

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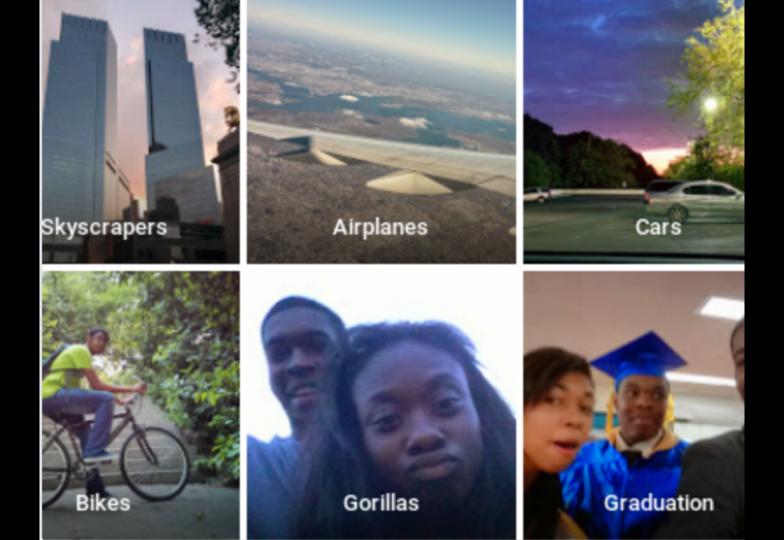
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ERROR RATE(1-PPV) BY FEMALE × SKIN TYPE



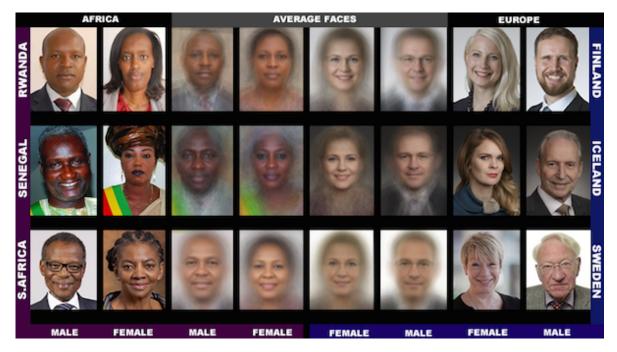
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IBM	5.1%	7.4%	8.2%	8.3%	33.3%	46.8 %

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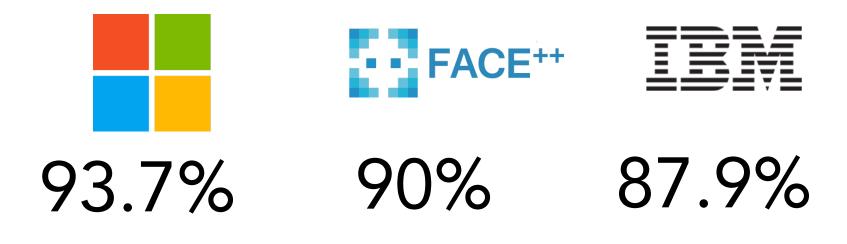
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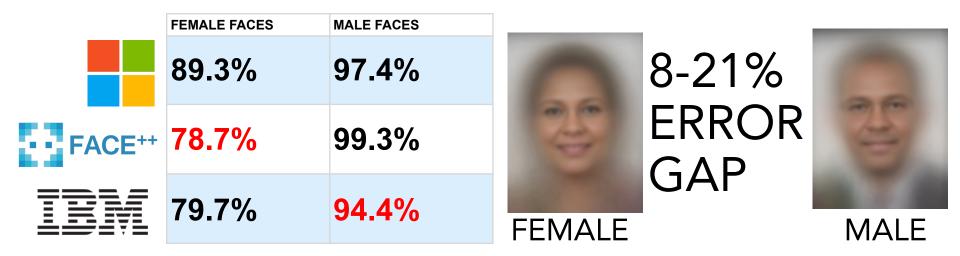
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SKIN TYPE	one	two	three	four	five	six
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Eyes	blue, grey, green	blue, grey, green, hazel	brown, blue, grey, green, hazel	hazel, brown	brown	brown
Skin	very pale white, pale white	pale white	white, light brown	medium brown, dark brown	dark brown	black
Tanning Ability	burns very easily, never tans	burns easily, rarely tans	sometimes burns, gradually tans	hardly ever burn, tans very easily	Rarely burns, tans easily and quickly darkens	Never burns, tans very dark

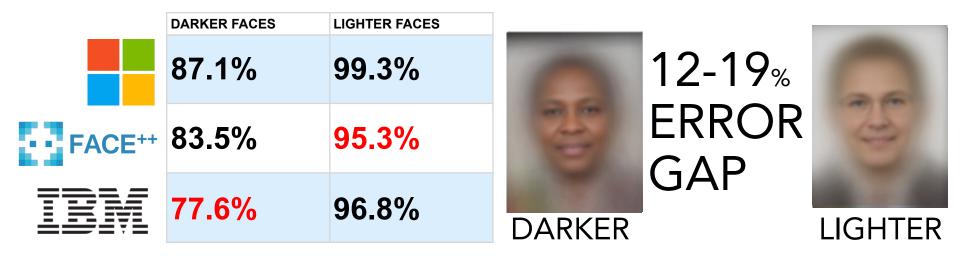
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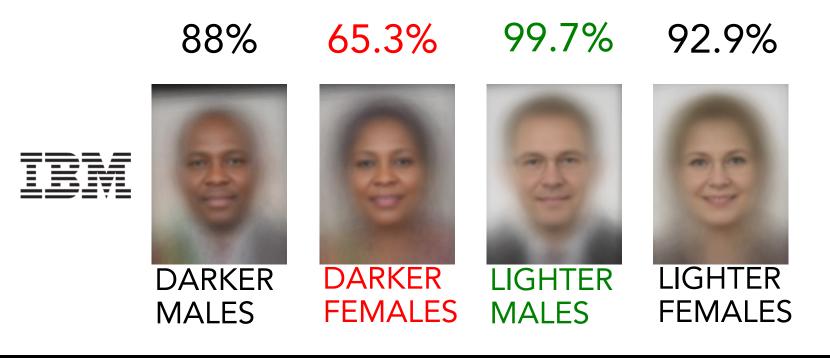
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INTERSECTIONAL ACCURACY - IBM



INTERSECTIONALITY MATTERS

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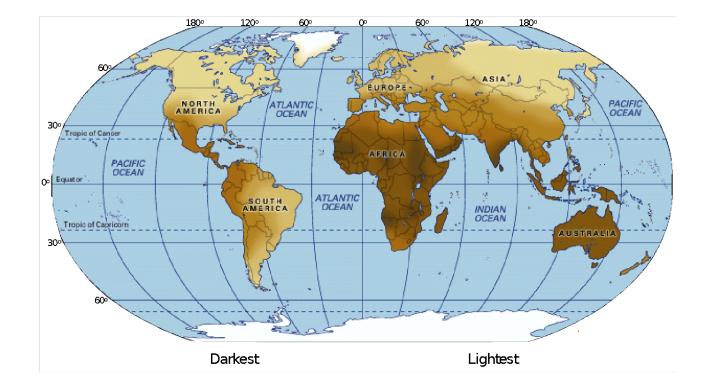
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GENERAL MOTORS ASSEMBLY DIVISION, ST. LOUIS, et al., Appellees.

No. 76-1599.

United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit.

Submitted March 18, 1977. Decided July 15, 1977.



We can't ignore social & structural problems

I recommend reading The Moral Character of Cryptographic Work by Philip Rogaway

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Amazon Pushes Facial Recognition to Police. Critics See Surveillance Risk.





There are no laws that restrict who can use our APIs & Datasets for what.

It is even possible that some algorithms are breaking existing laws (e.g. EEOC)

We need standards/Documentation

Other industries have been there



Lots of standardization/testing/documentation

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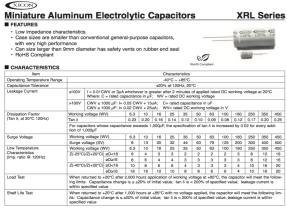
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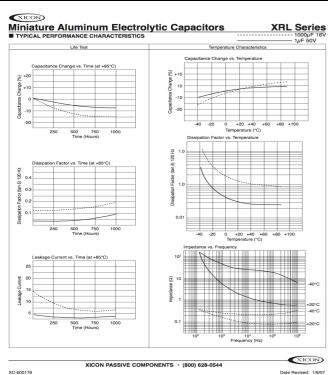
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We need datasheets for APIs, pretrained models and datasets

Datasheets

Need to have information regarding standard operating characteristics, recommended usage, how the dataset was gathered etc..



E.g. we do not expect Face API to accurately identify the gender of young children.

Are there disclaimers in case someone uses this API for something it was not intended for?

E.g. in electronics, disclaimers for use of components in high stakes scenarios like nuclear power plants, life support...

What are some of the characteristics of the data it was trained on?

E.g. distribution of age, skin types, geography, gender

A Database for Studying Face Recognition in Unconstrained Environments

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¹All information in this datasheet is taken from one of five sources. Any errors that were introduced from these sources are our fault.

Original paper: http://www.cs.cornell.edu/people/pab/ movie-review-data/; LFW survey; http://vis-www.cs.umass. edu/lW/Wp.dfl Paper measuring LFW demographic characteristics : http://survey.cs.cse.msu.adu/Publications/Facer/HanJain. UnconstrainedAgeGenderRaceEstimation_MSUTechReport2014.pdf; LFW website: http://si-www.cs.umass.edu/lWis

²Unconstrained face recognition: Identifying a person of interest from a media collection: http://biometrics.cse.msu.edu/Publications/ Face/BestRowdenetal.UnconstrainedFaceRecognition_TechReport_ MSU-CSE-14-1.pdf

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 $\hat{\mu}$ is given by:

 $\hat{\mu} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{10} p_i}{10}$ (1) where p_i is the percentage of correct classifications on View 2

using subset *i* for testing. S_E is given as:

 $S_E = \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\sqrt{10}}$

(2)

(3)

Where $\hat{\sigma}$ is the estimate of the standard deviation, given by:

$$\hat{\sigma} = \sqrt{rac{\sum_{i=1}^{10} (p_i - \hat{\mu})^2}{9}}$$

The multiple-view approach is used instead of a traditional train/validation/test split in order to maximize the amount of data available for training and testing.

³http://biometrics.cse.msu.edu/Publications/Face/HanJain_ UnconstrainedAgeGenderRaceEstimation.MSUTechReport2014.pdf

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Training Paradigms: There are two training paradigms that can be used with our dataset. Practitioners should specify the training paradigm they used while reporting results.

Image-Restricted Training This setting prevents the experimenter from using the name associated with each image during training and testing. That is, the only available information is whether or not a pair of images consist of the same person, not who that person is. This means that there would be no simple way of knowing if there are multiple pairs of images in the train/test set that belong to the same person. Such inferences, however, might be made by comparing image similarity/equivalence (rather than comparing names). Thus, to form training pairs of matched and mismatched images for the same person.

The files pairsDevTrain.txt and pairsDevTest.txt support image-restricted uses of train/test data. The file pairs.txt in View 2 supports the image-restricted use of training data.

· Unrestricted Training In this setting, one can use the names associated with images to form pairs of matched and mismatched images for the same person. The file people.txt in View 2 of the dataset contains subsets of of people along with images for each subset. To use this paradigm, matched and mismatched pairs of images should be formed from images in the same subset. In View 1, the files peopleDev-Train.txt and peopleDevTest.txt can be used to create arbitrary pairs of matched/mismatched images for each person. The unrestricted paradigm should only be used to create training data and not for performance reporting. The test data, which is detailed in the file pairs.txt, should be used to report performance. We recommend that experimenters first use the image-restricted paradigm and move to the unrestricted paradigm if they believe that their algorithm's performance would significantly improve with more training data. While reporting performance, it should be made clear which of these two training paradigms were used for particular test result.

What experiments were initially run on this dataset? Have a summary of those results.

The dataset was originally released without reported experimental results but many experiments have been run on it since then.

Any other comments?

Table 1 summarizes some dataset statistics and Figure 1 shows examples of images. Most images in the dataset are color, a few are black and white.

Labeled Faces in the Wild

Property	Value
Database Release Year	2007
Number of Unique Subjects	5649
Number of total images	13,233
Number of individuals with 2 or more images	1680
Number of individuals with single images	4069
Image Size	250 by 250 pixels
Image format	JPEG
Average number of images per person	2.30

Table 1. A summary of dataset statistics extracted from the original paper: Gary B. Huang, Manu Ramesh, Tamara Berg, and Erik Learned-Miller. Labeled Faces in the Wild: A Database for Studying Face Recognition in Unconstrained Environments. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Technical Report 07-49, October, 2007.

Demographic Characteristic	Value
Percentage of female subjects	22.5%
Percentage of male subjects	77.5%
Percentage of White subjects	83.5%
Percentage of Black subjects	8.47%
Percentage of Asian subjects	8.03%
Percentage of people between 0-20 years old	1.57%
Percentage of people between 21-40 years old	31.63%
Percentage of people between 41-60 years old	45.58%
Percentage of people over 61 years old	21.2%

Table 2. Demographic characteristics of the LFW dataset as measured by Han, Hu, and Anii K. Jain. Age, gender and race estimation from unconstrained face images. Dept. Comput. Sci. Eng., Michigan State Univ., East Lansing, MI, USA, MSU Tech. Rep.(MSU-CSE-14-5) (2014).

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If the dataset is a sample, then what is the population? What was the sampling strategy (e.g., deterministic, probabilistic with specific sampling probabilities)? Is the sample representative of the larger set (e.g., geo-graphic coverage)? If not, why not (e.g., to cover a more diverse range of instances)? How does this affect possible uses?

The original Faces in the Wild dataset is a sample of pictures of people appearing in the news on the web. Labeled Faces in the Wild is thus also a sample of images of people found on the news on line. While the intention of the dataset is to have a wide range of demographic (e.g. age, race, ethnicity) and image (e.g. pose, illumination, lighting) characteristics, there are many groups that have few instances (e.g. only 1.57% of the dataset consists of individuals under 20 years old).

Is there information missing from the dataset and why? (this does not include intentionally dropped instances; it might include, e.g., redacted text, withheld documents) Is this data missing because it was unavailable? Unknown

Data Preprocessing

Legal & Ethical Considerations

If the dataset relates to people (e.g., their attributes) or was generated by people, were they informed about the data collection? (e.g., datasets that collect writing, photos, interactions, transactions, etc.)

No. The data was crawled from public web sources, and the individuals appeared in news stories. But there was no explicit informing of these individuals that their images were being assembled into a dataset.

If it relates to people, were they told what the dataset would be used for and did they consent? If so, how? Were they provided with any mechanism to revoke their consent in the future or for certain uses? No (see first question).

If it relates to people, could this dataset expose people to harm or legal action? (e.g., financial social or otherwise) What was done to mitigate or reduce the potential for harm?

There is minimal risk for harm: the data was already public.

If it relates to people, does it unfairly advantage or disadvantage a particular social group? In what ways? How was this mitigated?



What are the questions that can be answered?

E.g. Companies may not want to disclose the exact size of their training data because of competition

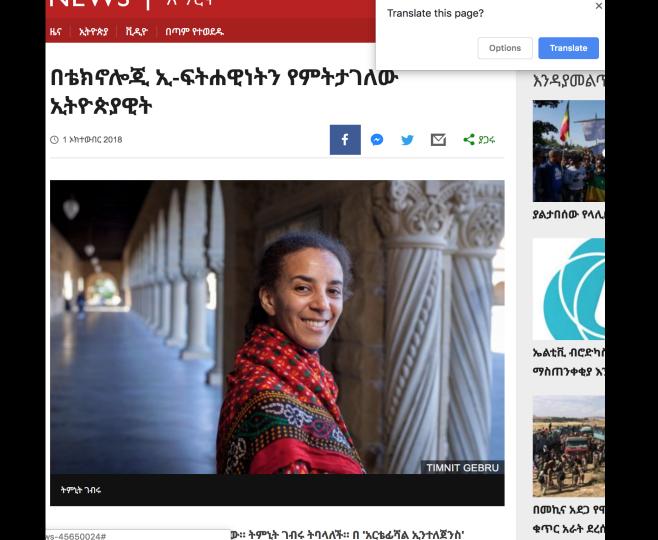


How can we incentivize the entire field to move in this direction?

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Israel Arrests Palestinian Because Facebook Translated 'Good Morning' to 'Attack Them'

No Arabic-speaking police officer read the post before arresting the man, who works at a construction site in a West Bank settlement



She is one of the leading innovators in the "artificial intelligence" field. He is a Research Scientist in Australia, now living in California.

It is one of the foundations for the creation of the BlackImIA, a state-of-the-art building that is dedicated to increasing the participation of black women. She is also known for her research of the authorship of inventions and the question of technology and human rights. Here is my interview with **Habib**.

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Automobile

- No stop signs, drivers licenses drunk driving laws, seatbelts etc.
- Lots of accidents
- Crash tests done on male dummies
- Studies show that accidents disproportionately affected women

Automobile

Court opinion and news paper editorials on whether it was evil

Clinical Trials

- Used to be illegal
- Illegal experimentation on vulnerable populations
- Women were not required to be part of clinical trials until recently
- Study shows that 8-10 drugs that were pulled from circulation between 1997-2001 disproportionately affected women

Key Lessons

It took many years for standards to be placed and we are still suffering consequences from bias in automobile design and clinical trials

Newsweek

Cancer Scientists Have Ignored African DNA in the Search for Cures

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We should learn from other industries while thinking about standardization/documentation

Key Lessons

Work on fairness accountability and transparency does not just involve intellectual interesting mathematical formulations. If you do not do anything in practice to ease the burden on the *subjects* of your research, consider reading about the term *helicopter science*

Questions?

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