Iris Recognition II

COMP 388-002/488-002 Biometrics

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Today we will…

Get to know
Iris acquisition and enhancement.

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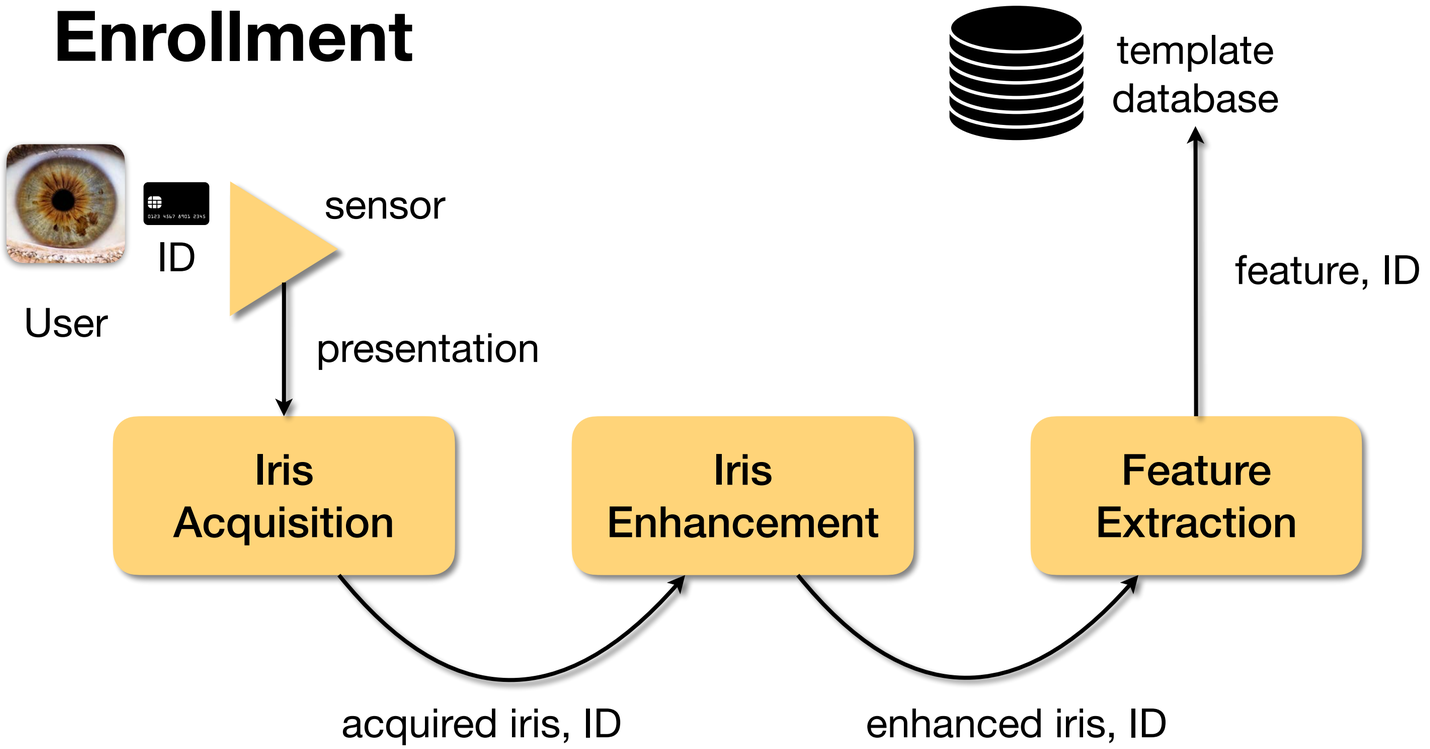
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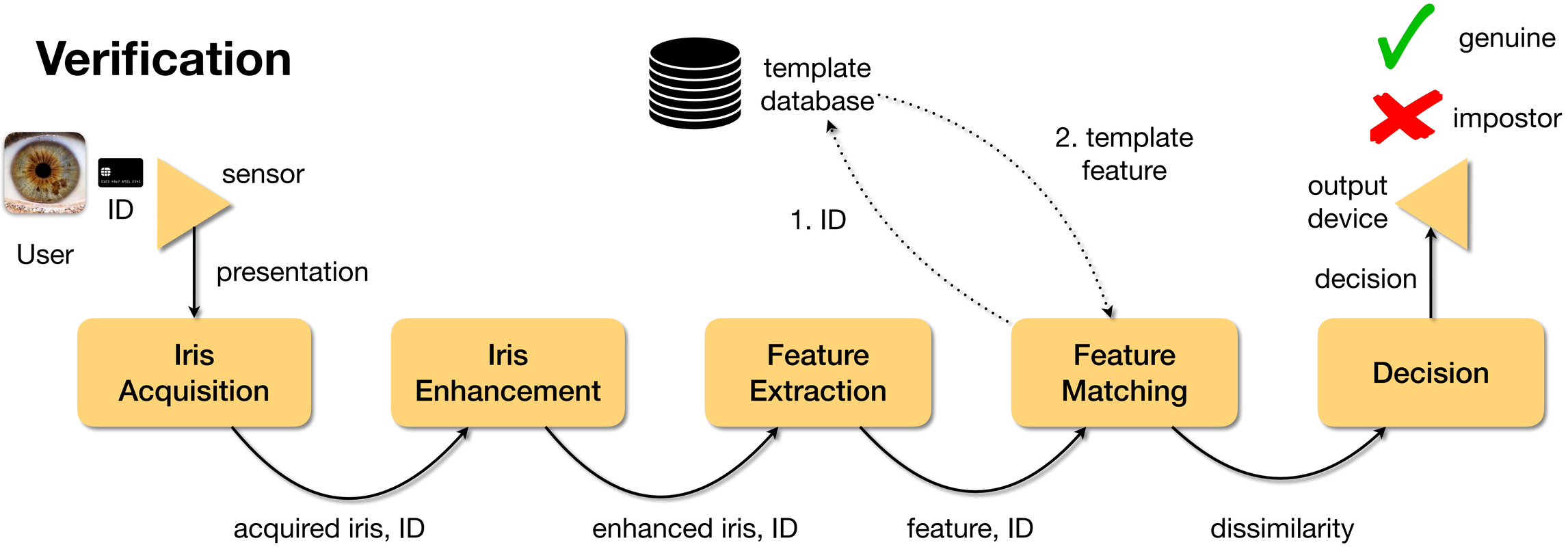
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Iris Recognition



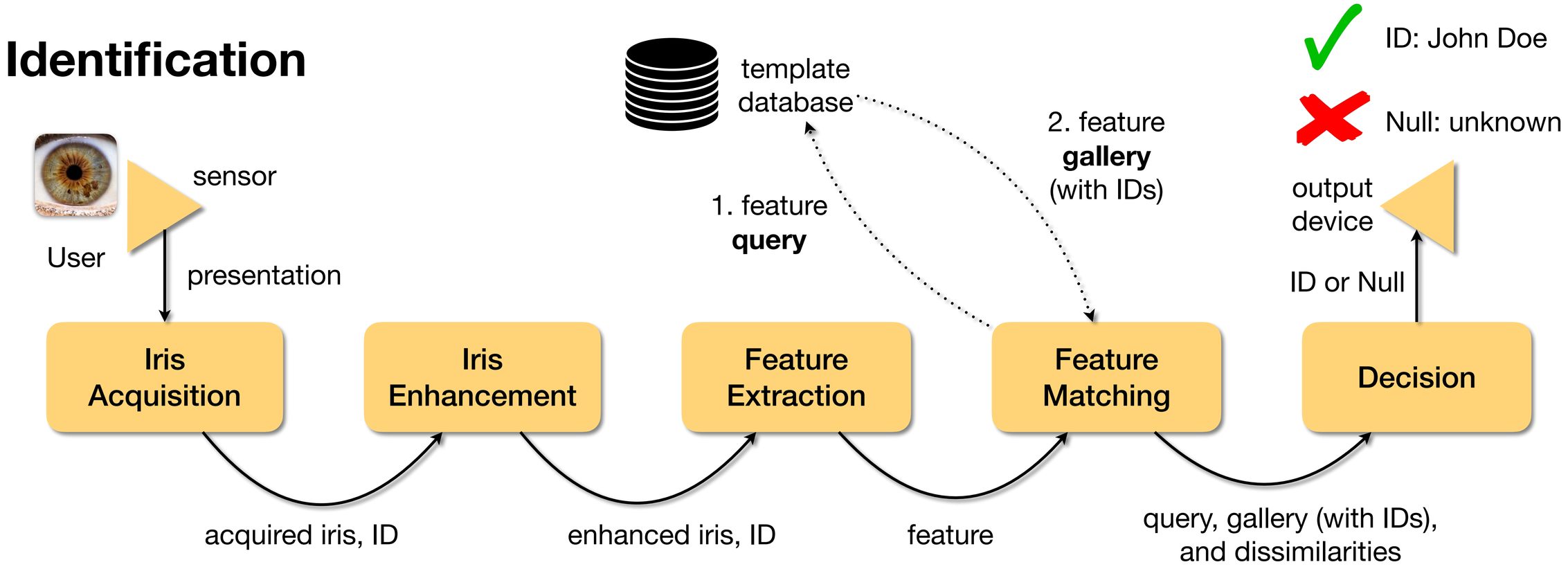
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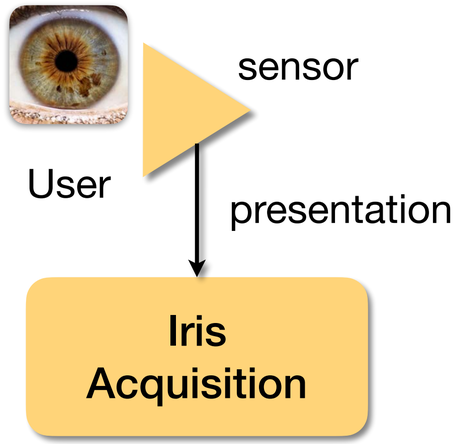
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Acquisition

On-line





Schiphol Airport

Off-line



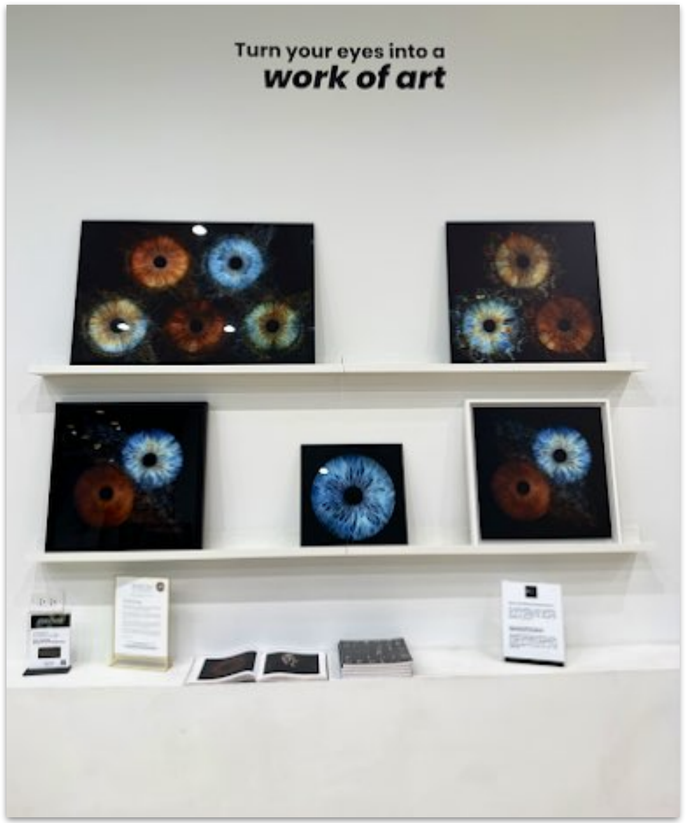
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It depends on the resolution and angle of capture.

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Acquisition





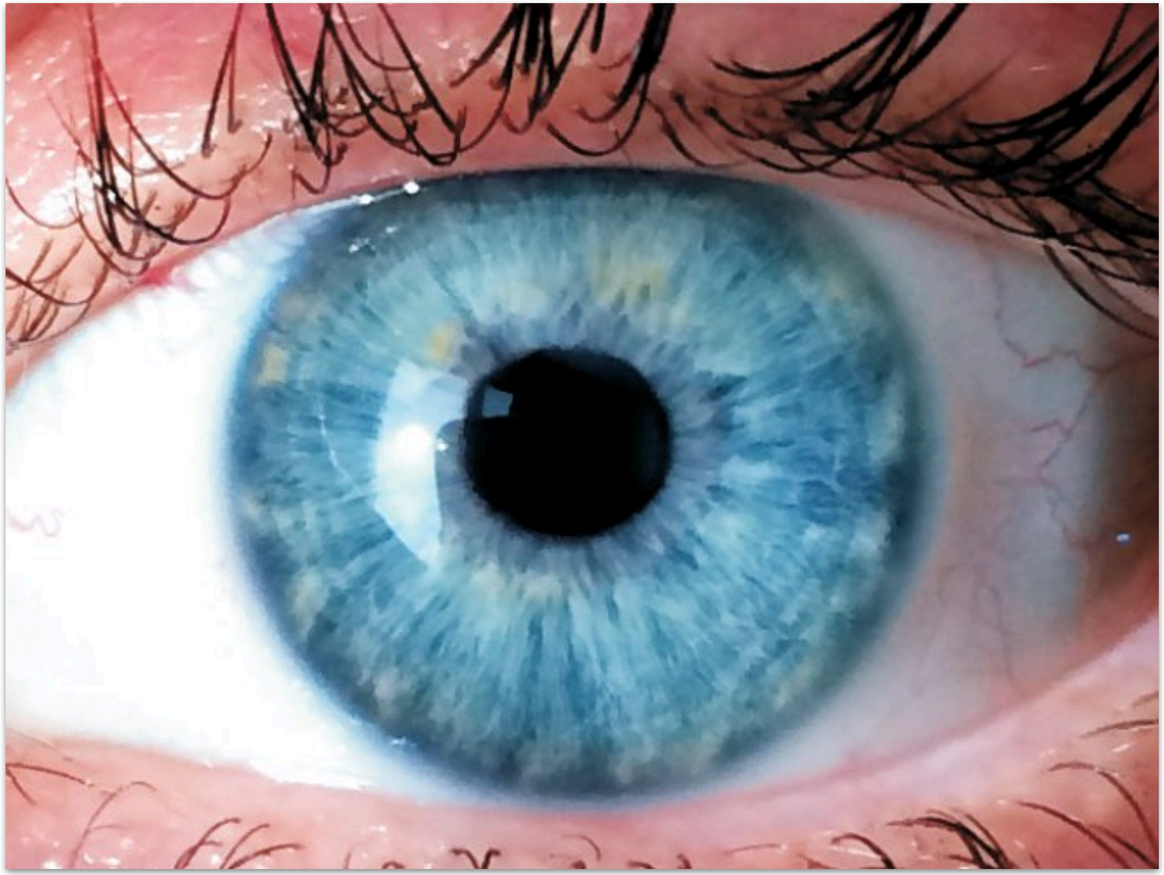
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Acquisition

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Iris Capture
Visible light.

Can you see the iris texture (crypts, furrows, and collarette)?

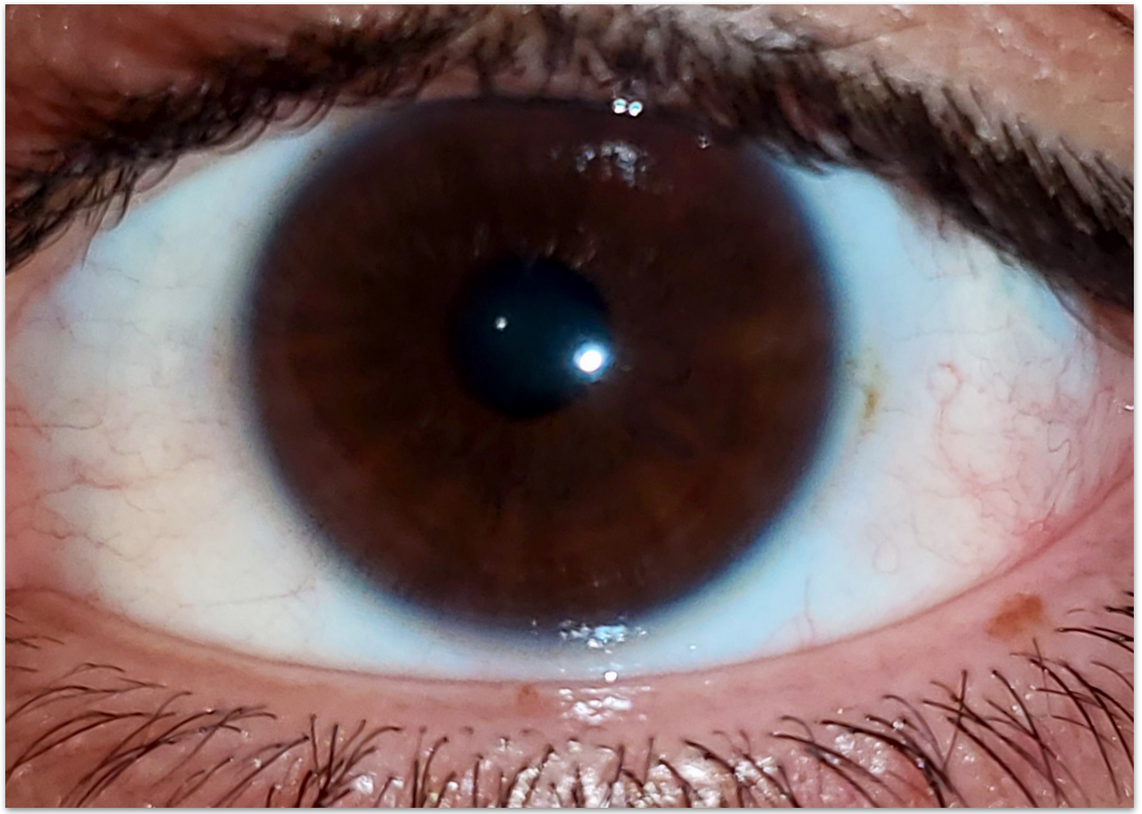


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Iris Capture
Visible light.

Can you see the iris texture (crypts, furrows, and collarette)?

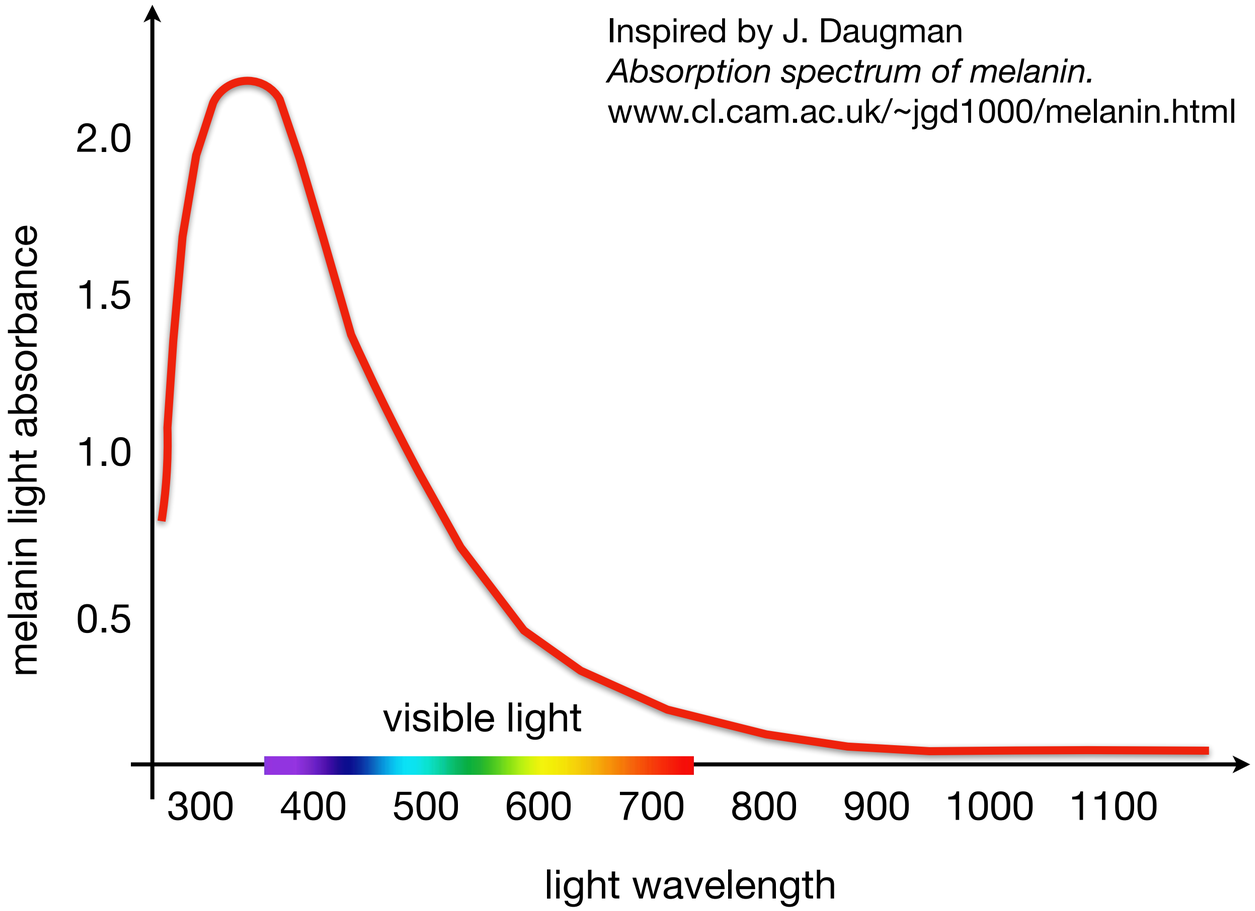


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Iris Capture
Visible light.

Melanin poses a challenge to visible-light iris recognition.



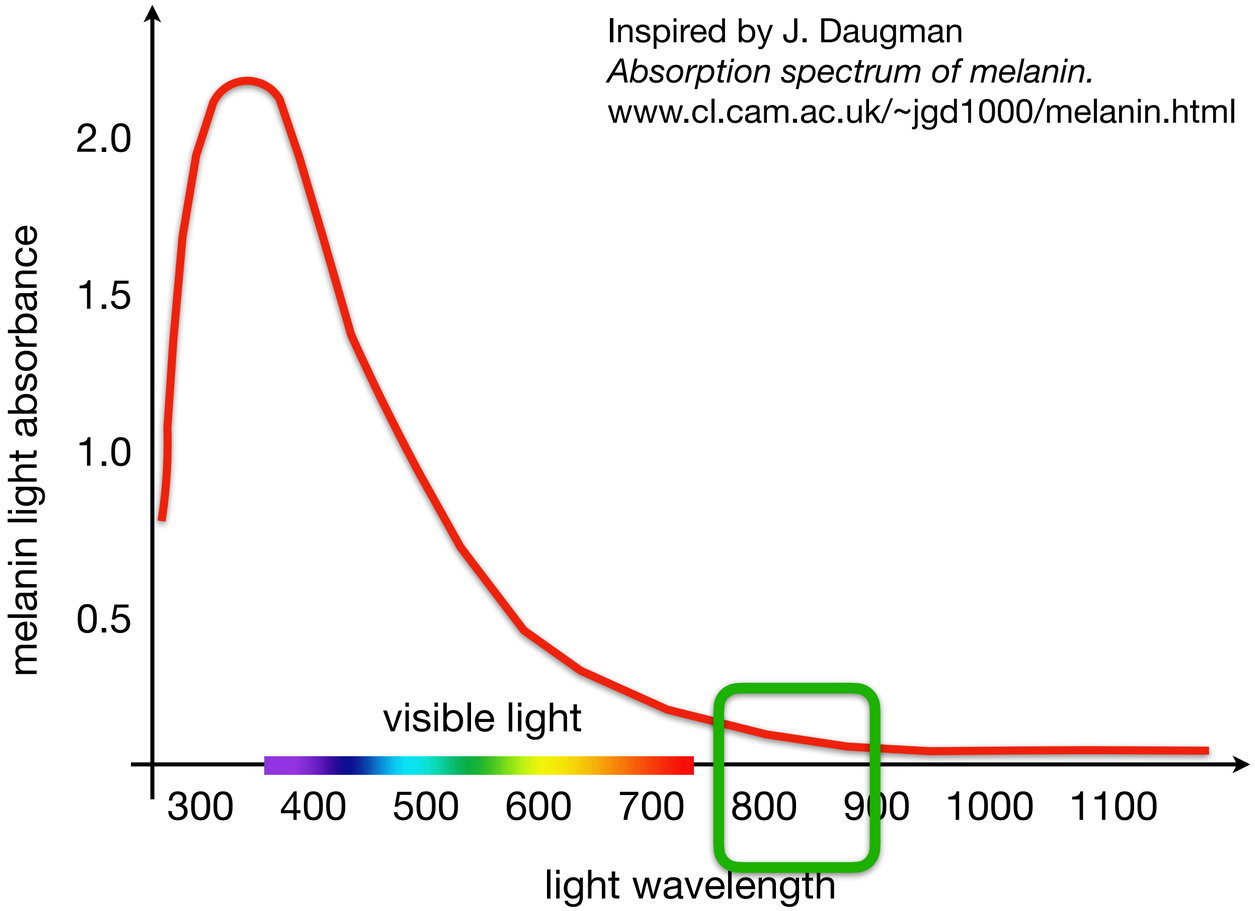
Inspired by J. Daugman
Absorption spectrum of melanin.
www.cl.cam.ac.uk/~jgd1000/melanin.html

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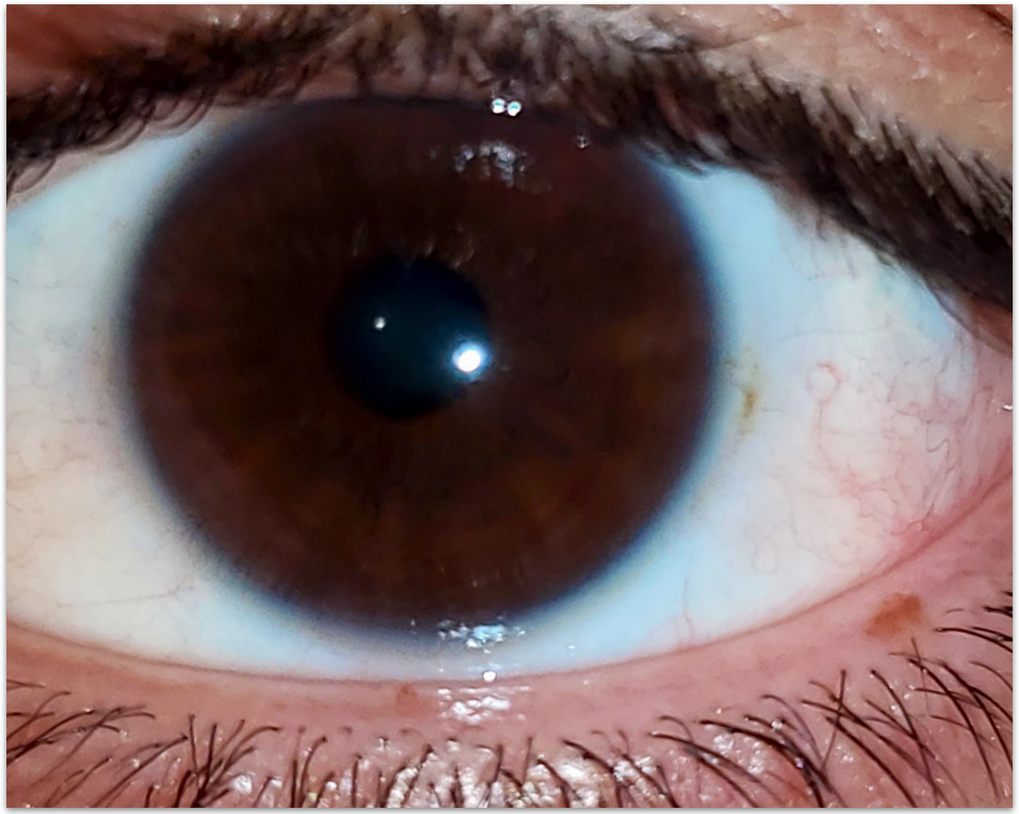
Iris Capture
Solution: near-infrared (NIR) light.

- Typical wavelengths used by sensors: 750-890 nm.

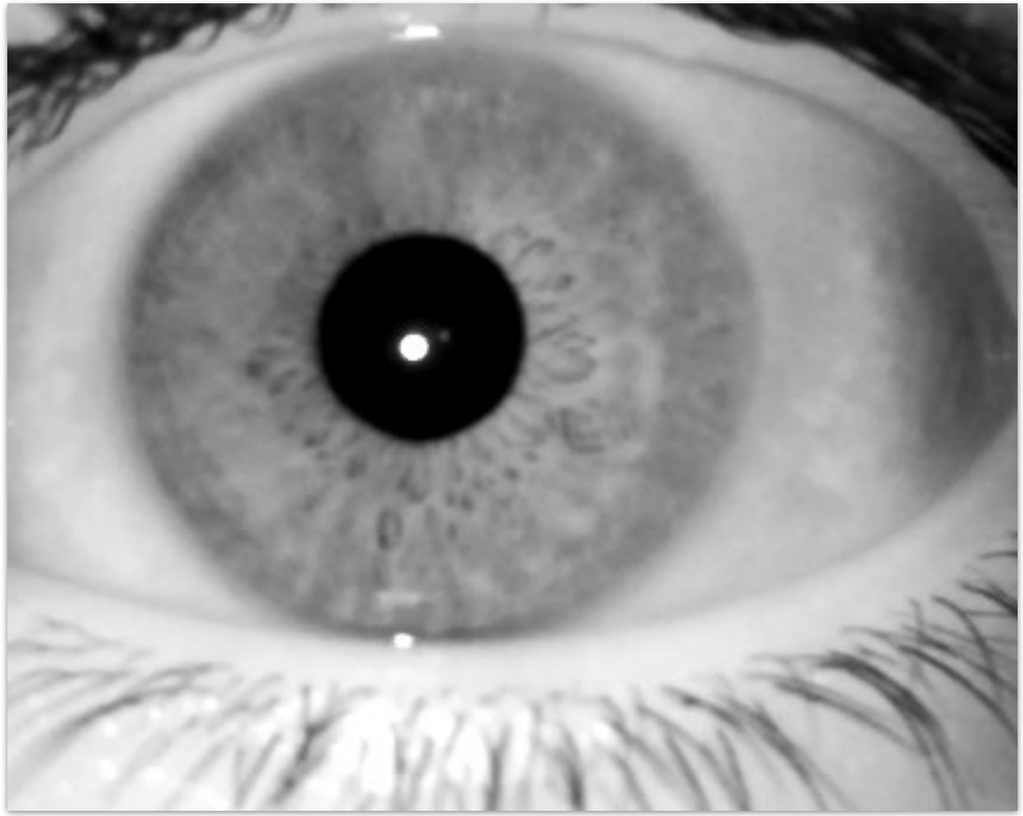


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visible light



NIR

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Standards

Eye Safety
IEC 60825-1:1993
(+ addendum A1:1997 and A2:2001),
ANSI RP-27.1-96



Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE):

$$MPE < 0.1 \times MPE_{max}$$

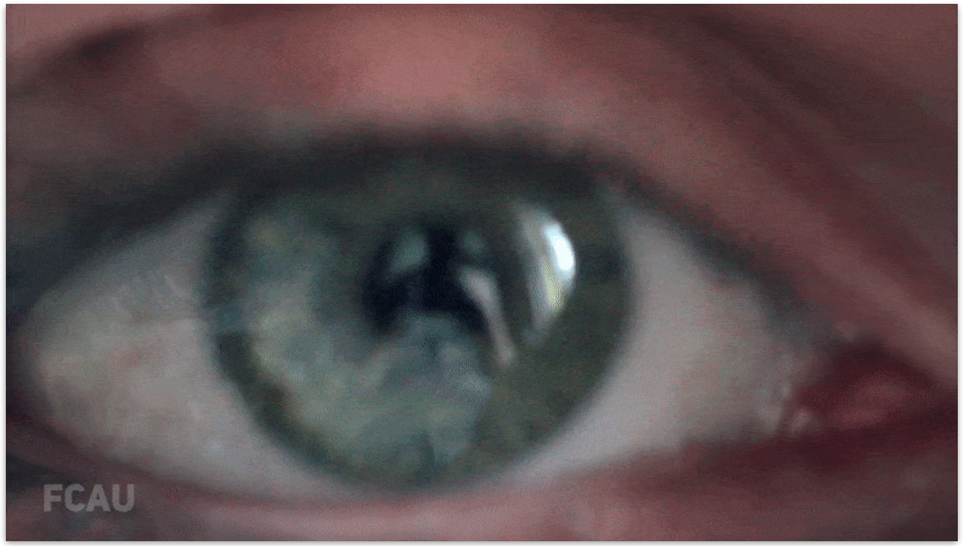
eye damage due to light exposure

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Standards

Image Quality
ISO/IEC 19794-6 and ISO/IEC 29794-6



wavelength: 700-900 nm
resolution: $\geq$ 20 lines per iris diameter
non-occluded iris area: $\geq$ 70%
gray scale: $\geq$ 6 bits

typical resolution: 640 x 480 pixels

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Acquisition

Sensors
With cooperation.

Jim Wilson / The New York Times



LG Iris Access 3000

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CrossMatch

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IG-AD100

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Acquisition

Sensors
With almost no cooperation.

Multiple-Resolution Cameras
Wide-angle camera for face detection.
Narrow-angle cameras for iris capture.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bolNgCrCZW0



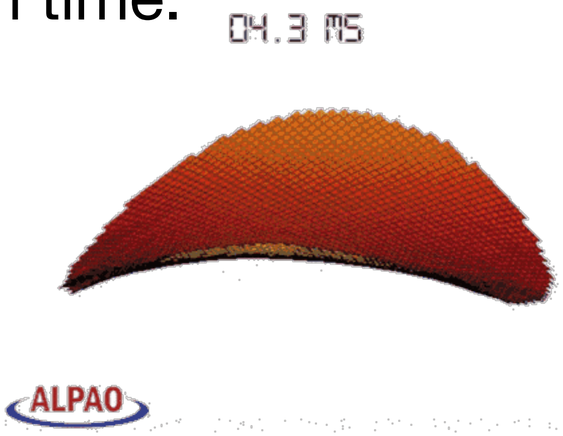
Sarnoff Corp., Iris-on-the-move Gate

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Acquisition

Sensors
With almost no cooperation.

Deformable Mirrors
Similar to astronomical telescopes.
Fast adaptation at presentation time.
Capture at 1.5-2.5m
of distance.



Dr. Adam Czajka



AOptix Insight SD, 2008

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Acquisition

Sensors
Current trend: miniaturization.

Example 1
Android-based
Fidelys smartwatch.



linuxgizmos.com/
worlds-first-iris-recognition-smartwatch-runs-android

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Acquisition

Sensors
Current trend: miniaturization.

Example 2
IriShield USB

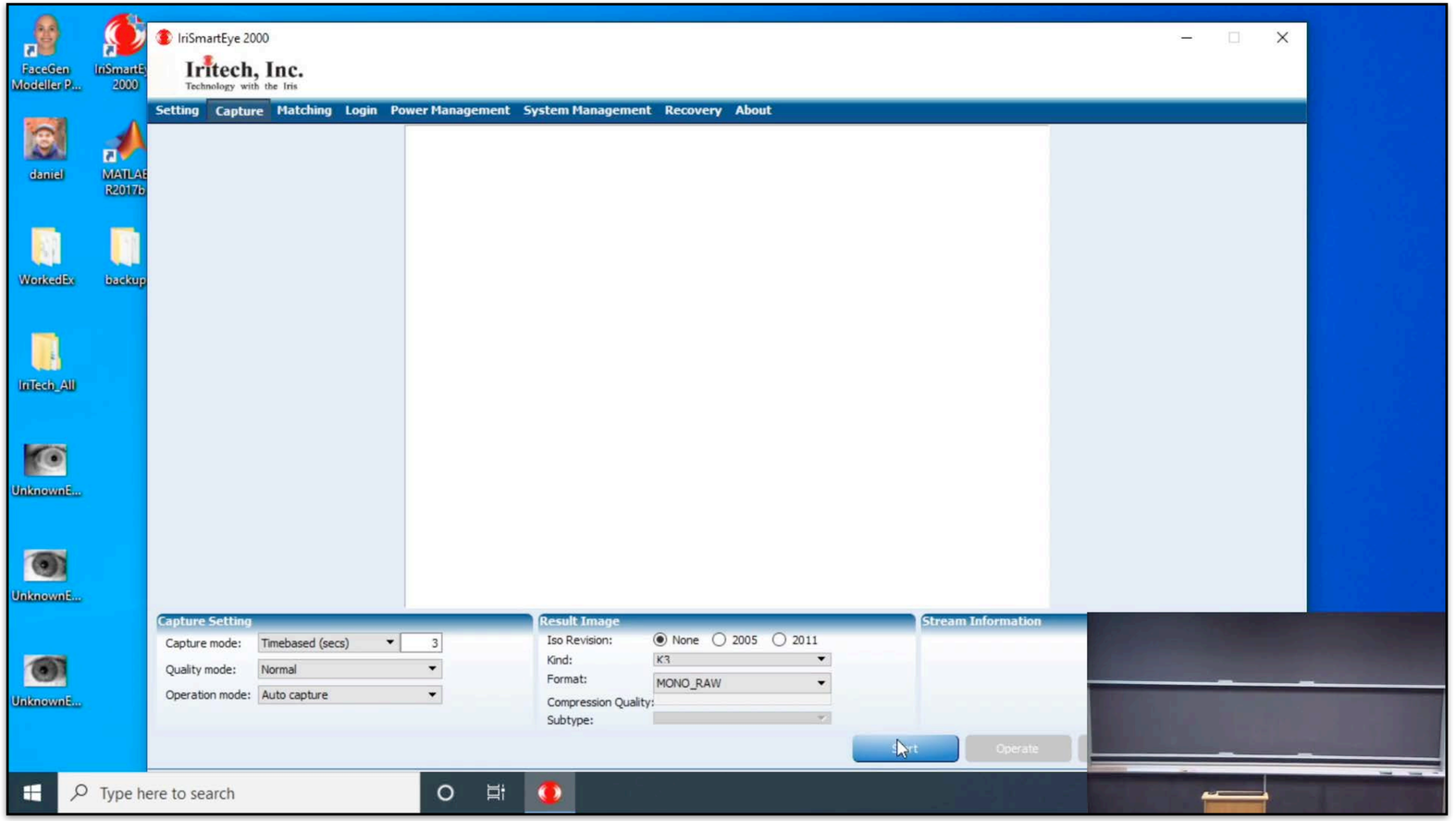
This is the one we'll use to collect data.



https://urvashicomputers.com/irishield-mk-2120-series/

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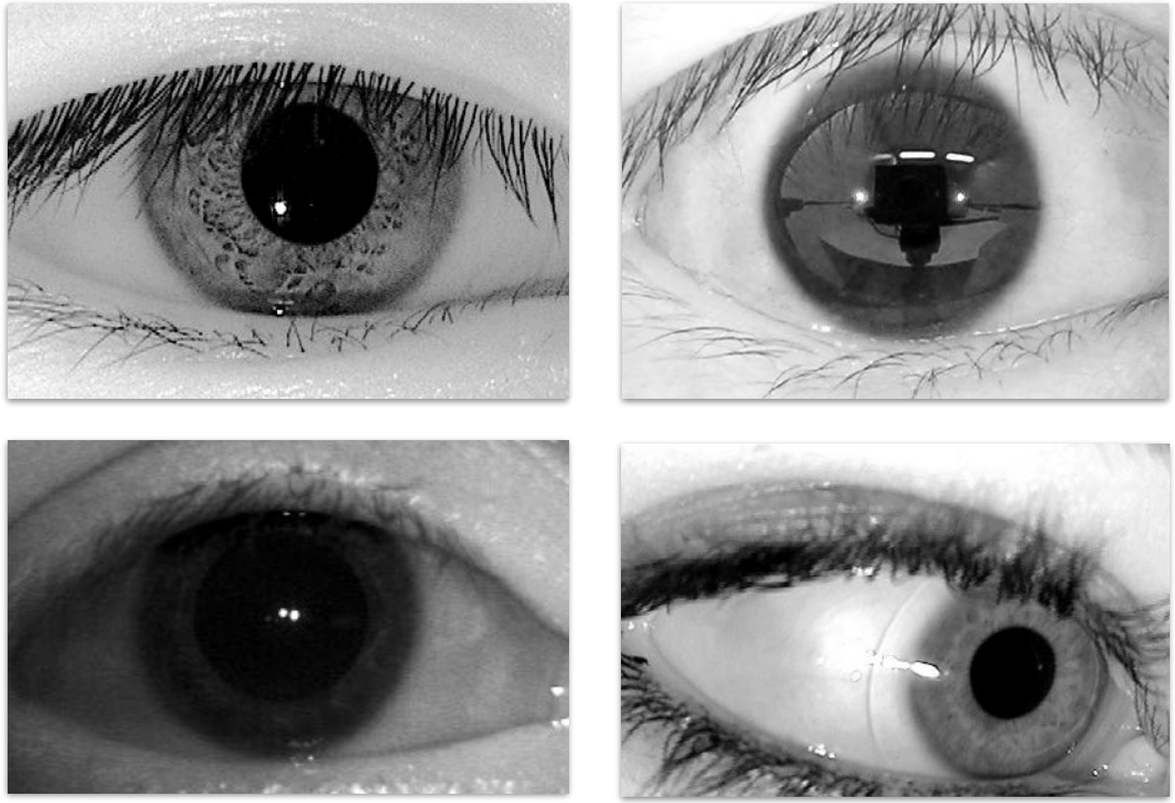


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Acquisition

Challenges

Deformations and Occlusions
Eyelids and eyelashes.
Specular reflections.
Pupil dilation.
Head movement, off-axis gaze.



http://www.cse.nd.edu/BTAS_07/John_Daugman_BTAS.pdf

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Challenges

User Cooperation
It is easy for people to
protect their irises from capture.



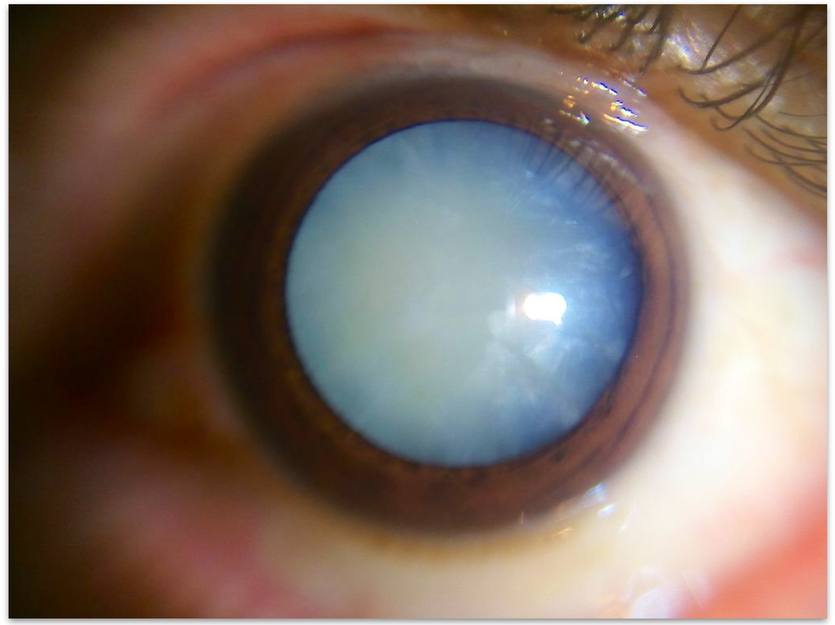
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Challenges

Diseases
E.g., cataracts, conjunctivitis.
Is the iris visible?
Is the disease contagious?

commons.wikimedia.org



E.g., cataracts.

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Challenges

Attacks
Obfuscation with texturized contact lenses.

Presentation attack.

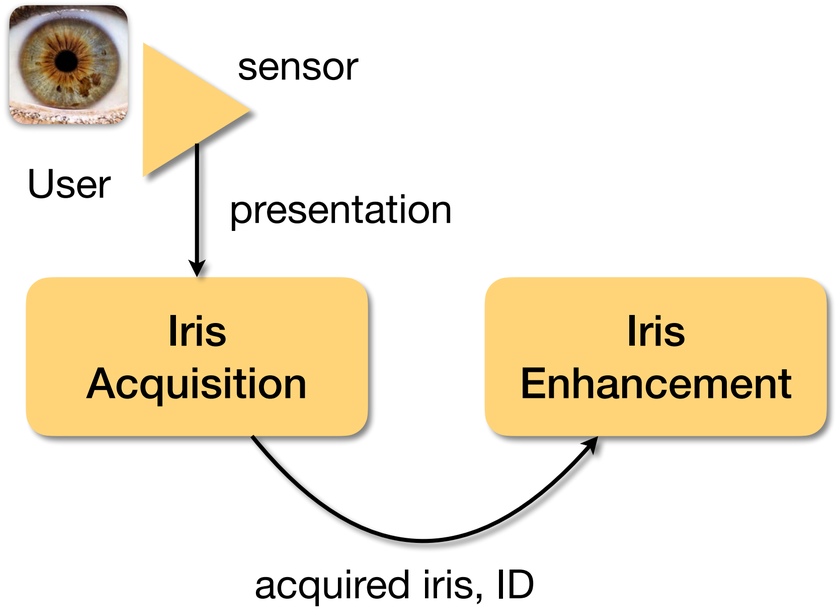




Jain, Ross, and Nadakumar
Introduction to Biometrics
Springer Books, 2011

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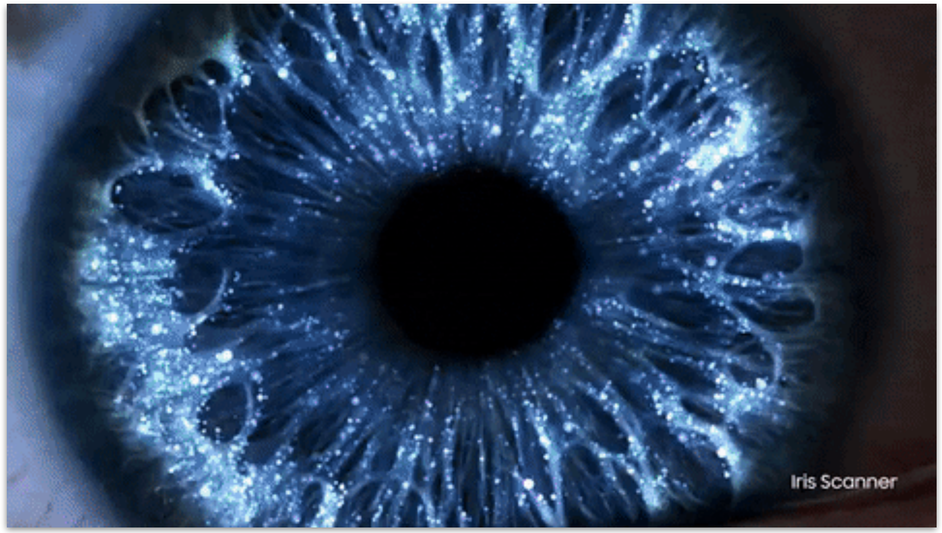
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Enhancement

Steps

Segmentation
Keep only useful information
(iris texture).

Normalization
Make different captures of the same
iris look as similar as possible.

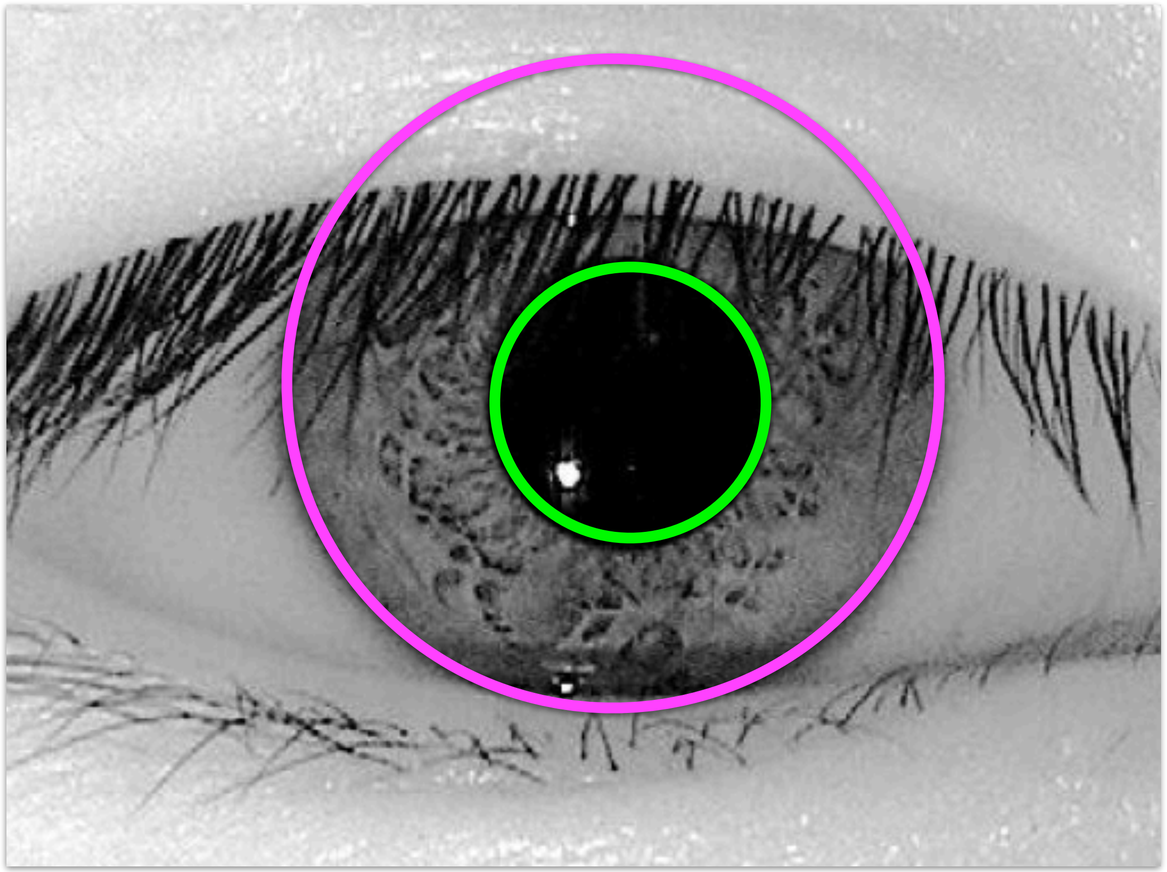


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Enhancement

Segmentation (1/2)

Iris and Pupil Localization
Localize limbus and pupillary boundaries.



http://www.cse.nd.edu/BTAS_07/John_Daugman_BTAS.pdf

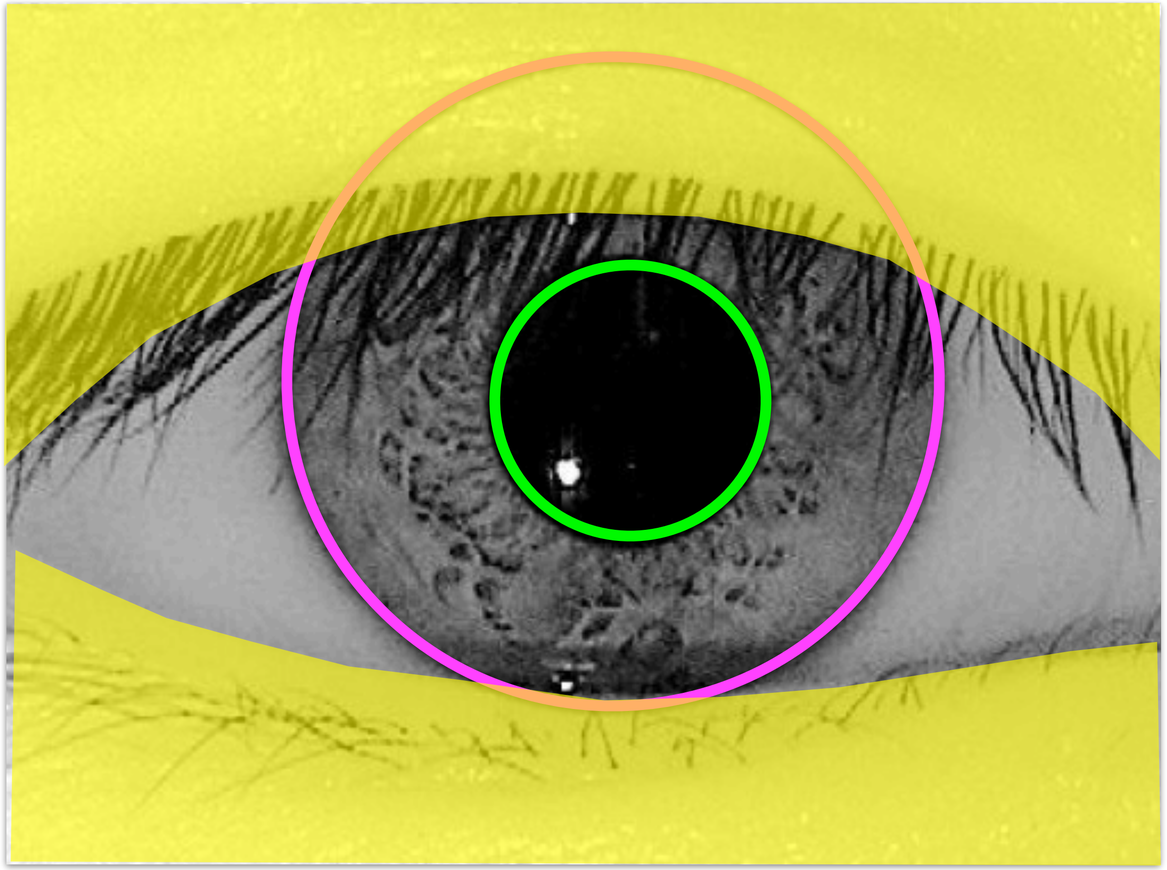
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Eyelid, Eyelash, and Specular Reflection Detection
Deal with iris texture occlusions.



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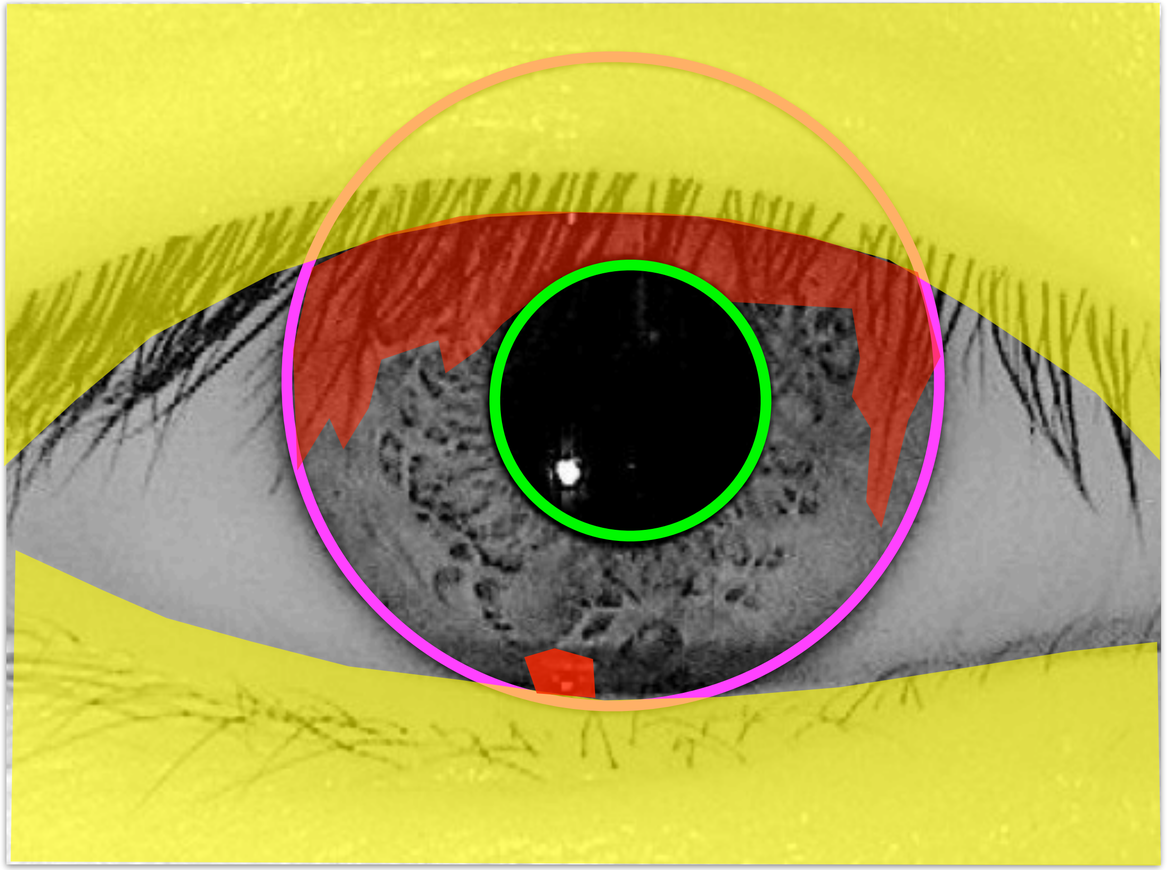
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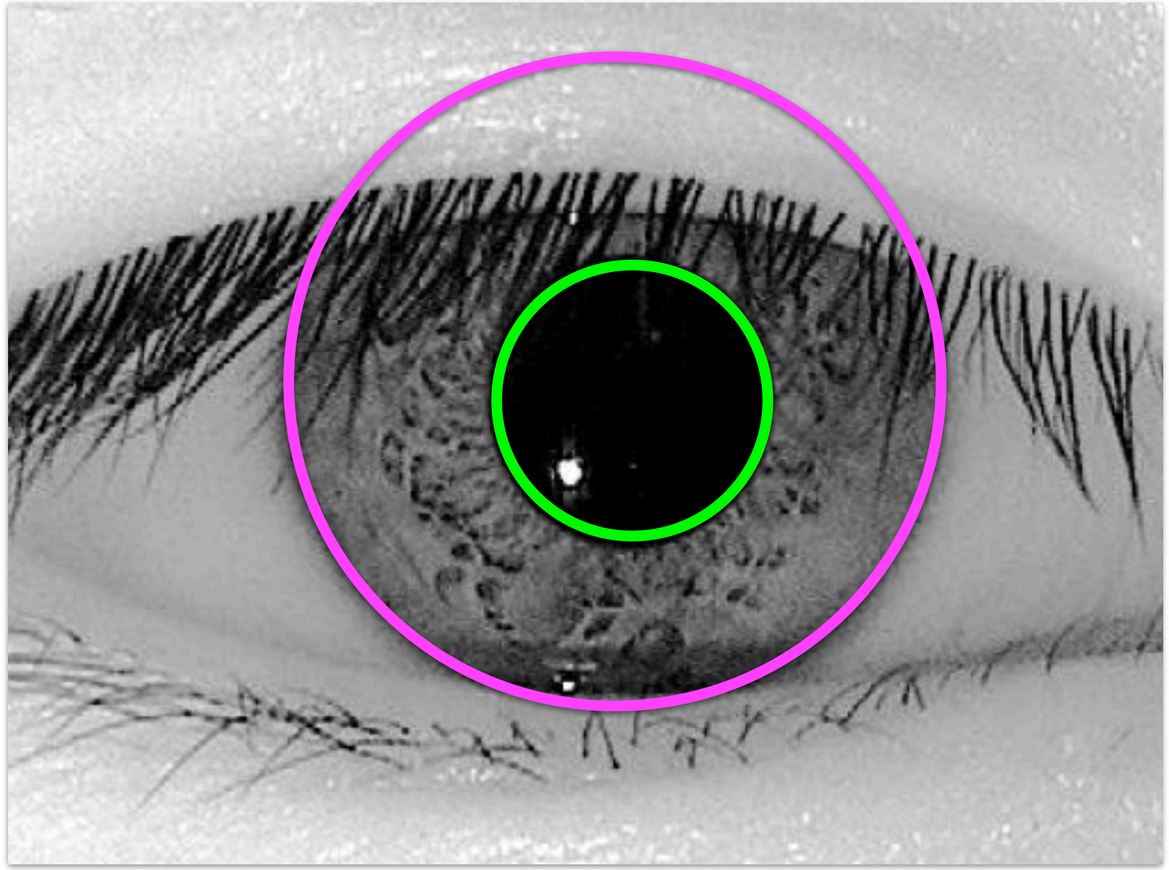
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Segmentation (1/2)

Iris and Pupil Localization
Method 1: Integral-differential operator

Objective:
Find (r, x_0, y_0) of **limbus** and
(r, x_0, y_0) of **pupillary** boundaries.



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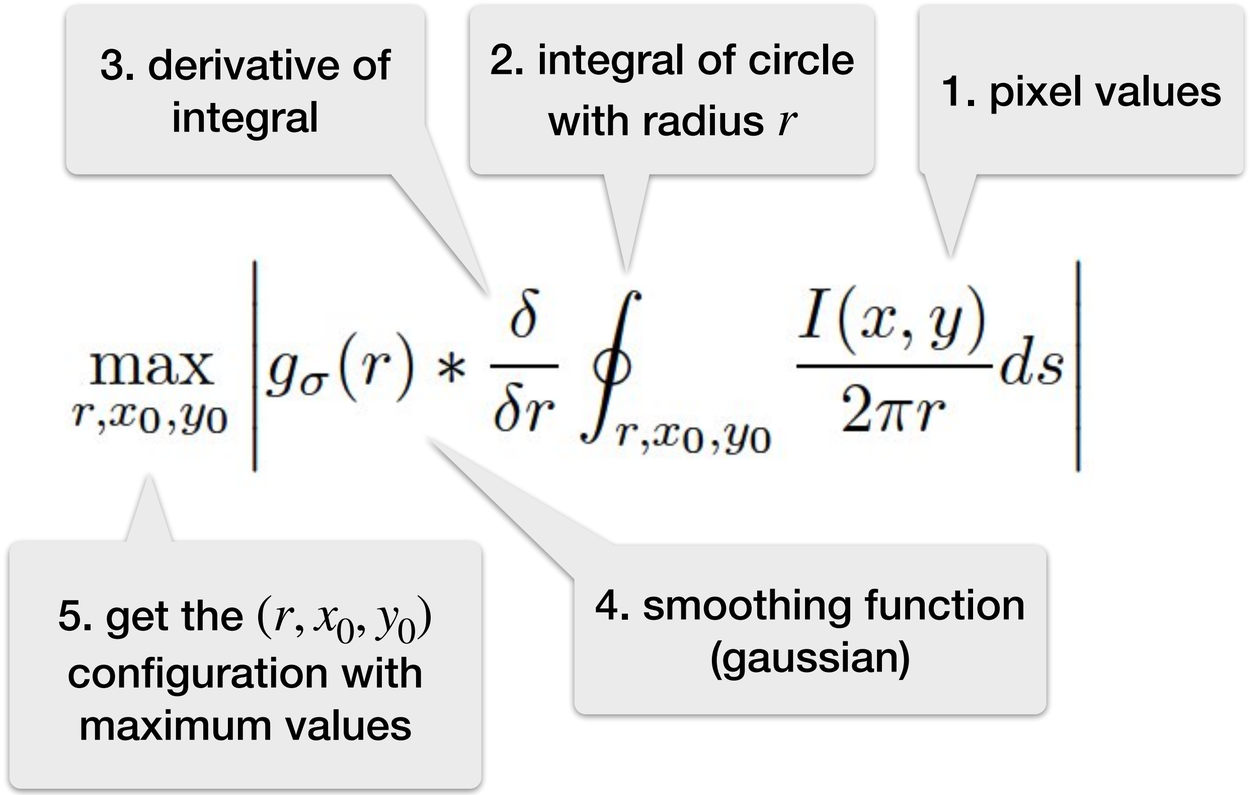
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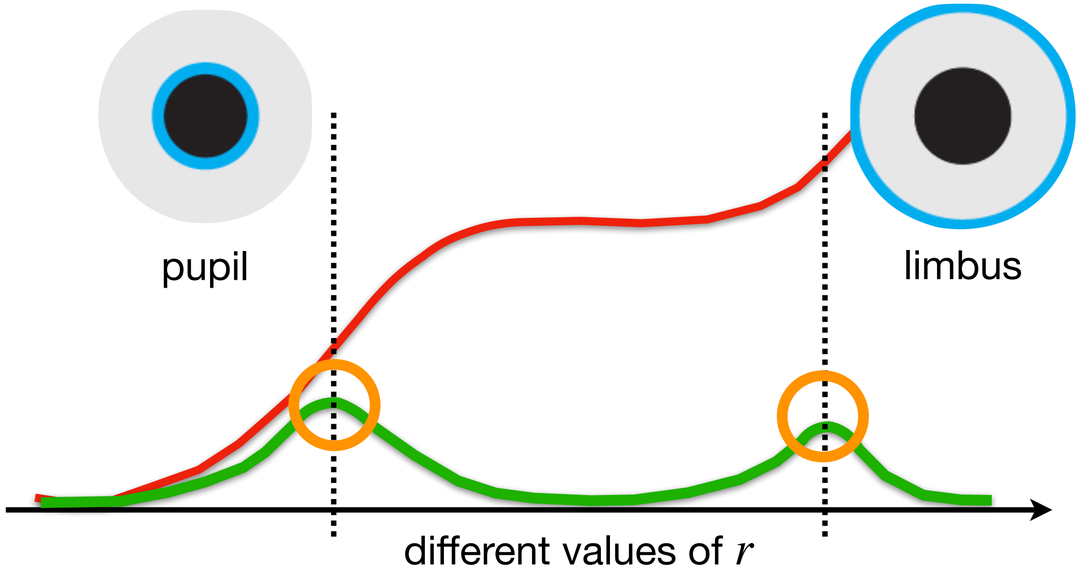
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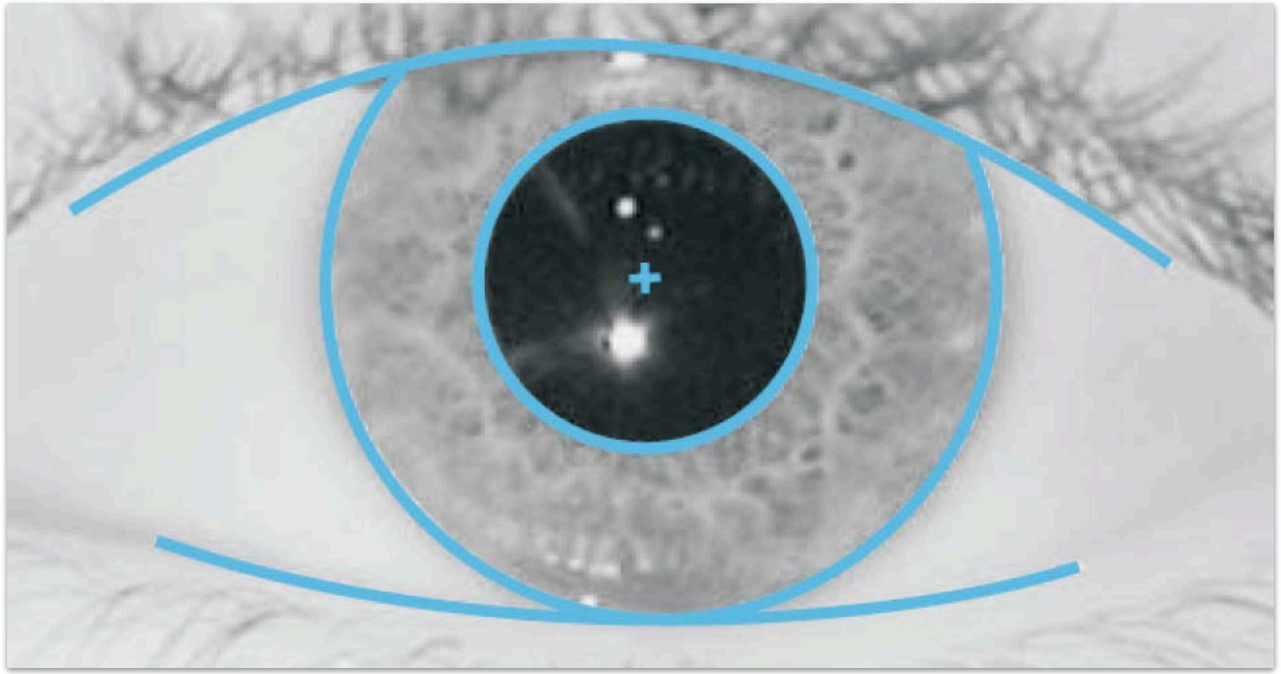
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J. Daugman
How Iris Recognition Works
IEEE TCSVT, 2004



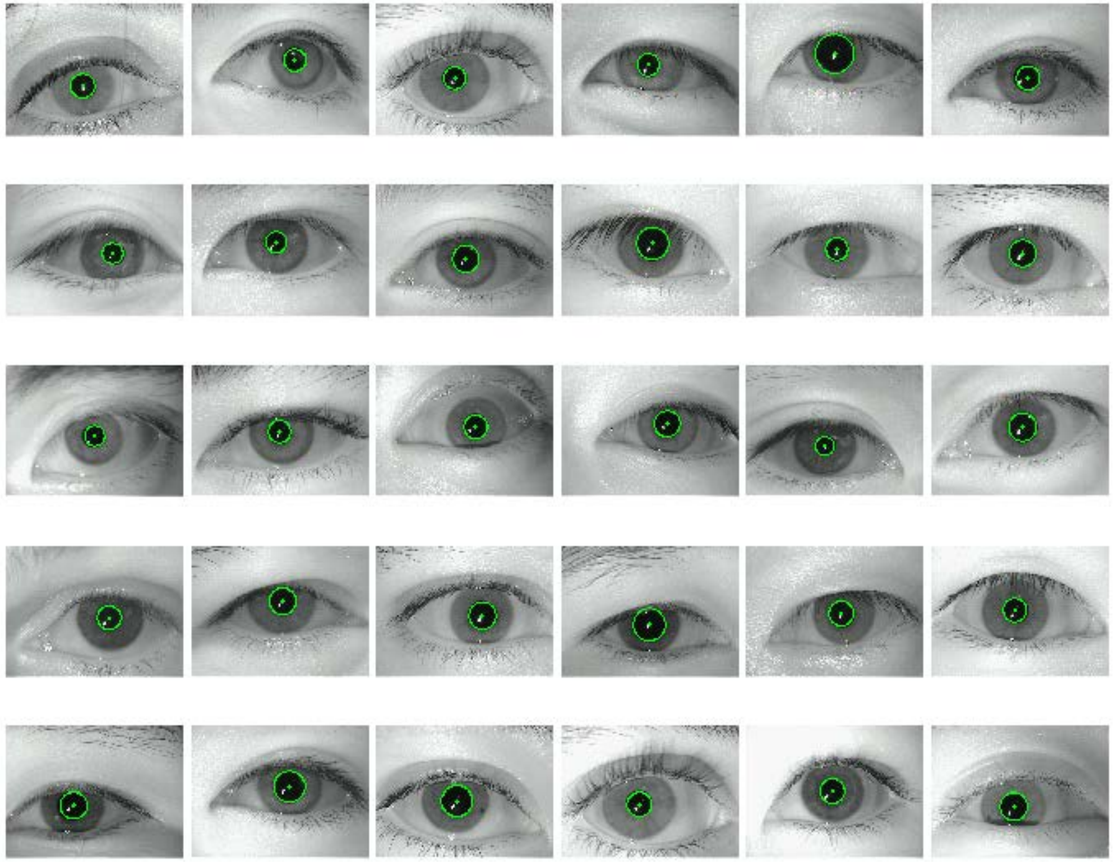
result example

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Segmentation (1/2)

Iris and Pupil Localization
Method 2: Image processing ending with Hough circle transform.

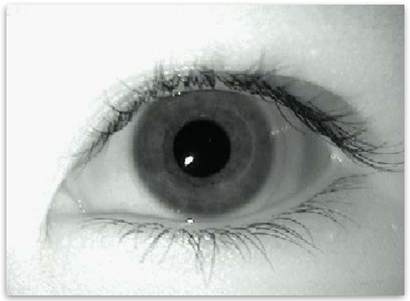


https://github.com/olesia-midiana/iris-recognition-py

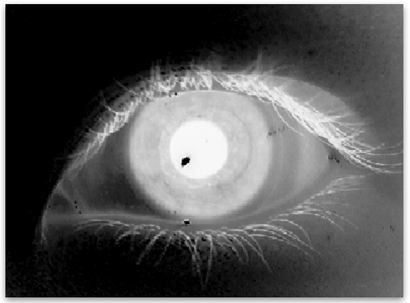
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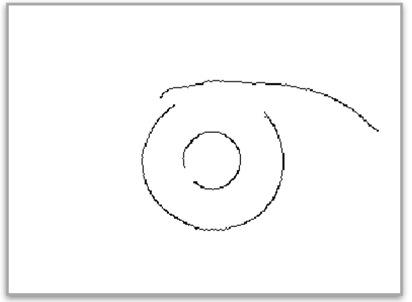
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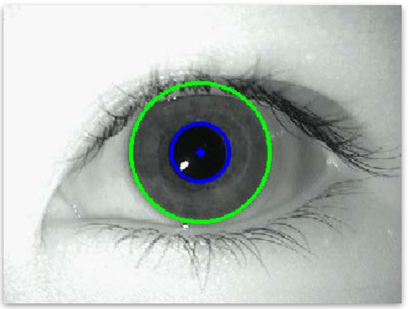
2. inverted



3. median blur



4. Canny edge detector



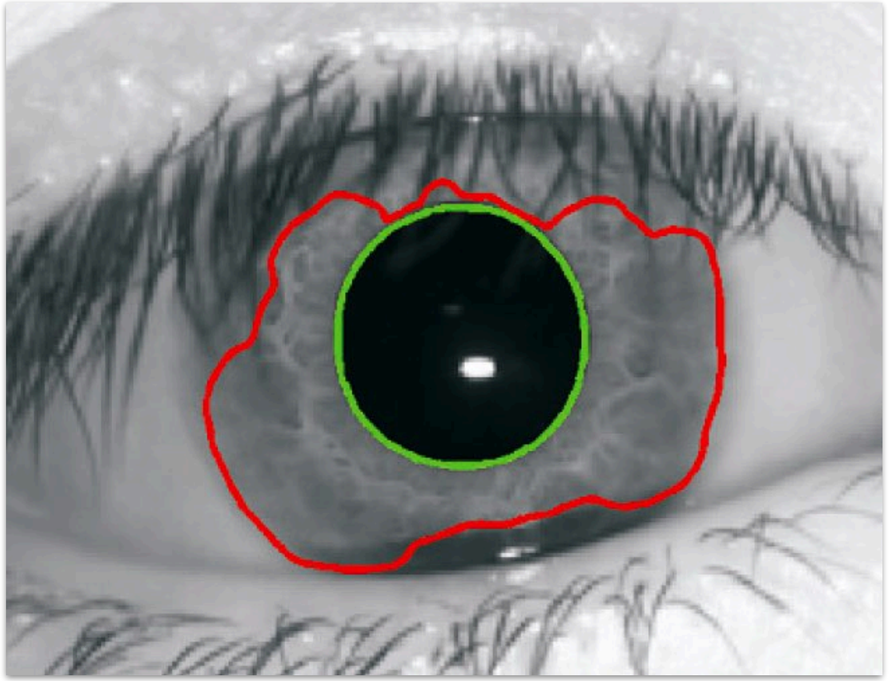
5. Hough circle transform

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Enhancement

Segmentation (1/2)

Eyelids, eyelashes,
specular highlights
Fit of parabolic curves for eyelids.
Active contours (curve evolution)
to avoid eyelashes.
Fit of elliptical curves for specular highlights.
Machine learning from annotated examples.



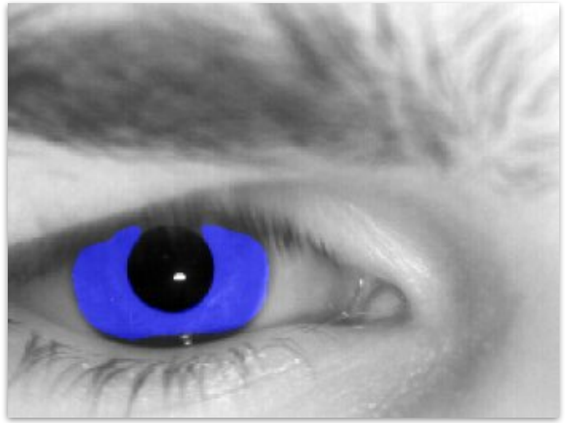
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Active contours for iris segmentation.
BSc Thesis, WUT, 2010

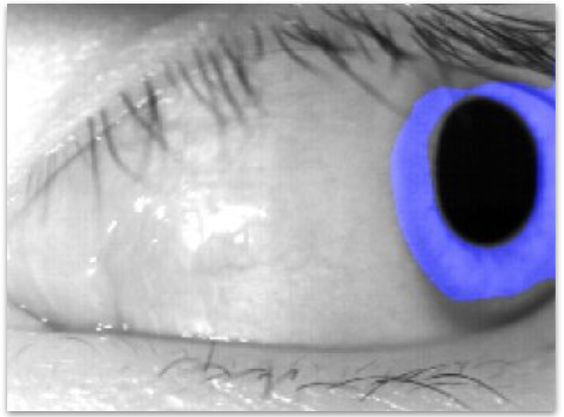
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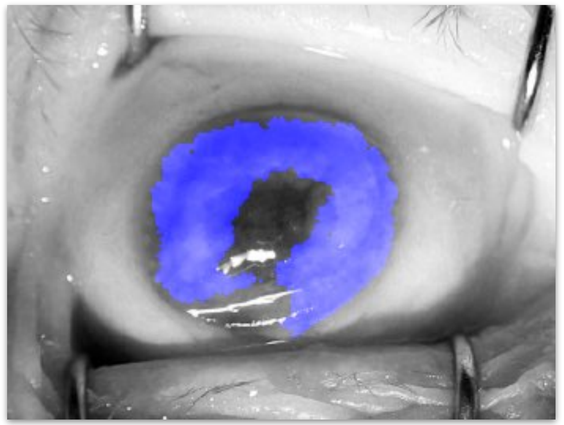
Enhancement

Segmentation (1/2)

Iris Localization
Convolutional Neural Networks (machine learning trained with annotation examples).







Kerrigan et al.
Iris Recognition with Image Segmentation Employing Retrained Off-the-Shelf Deep Neural Networks
https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.01028, 2019

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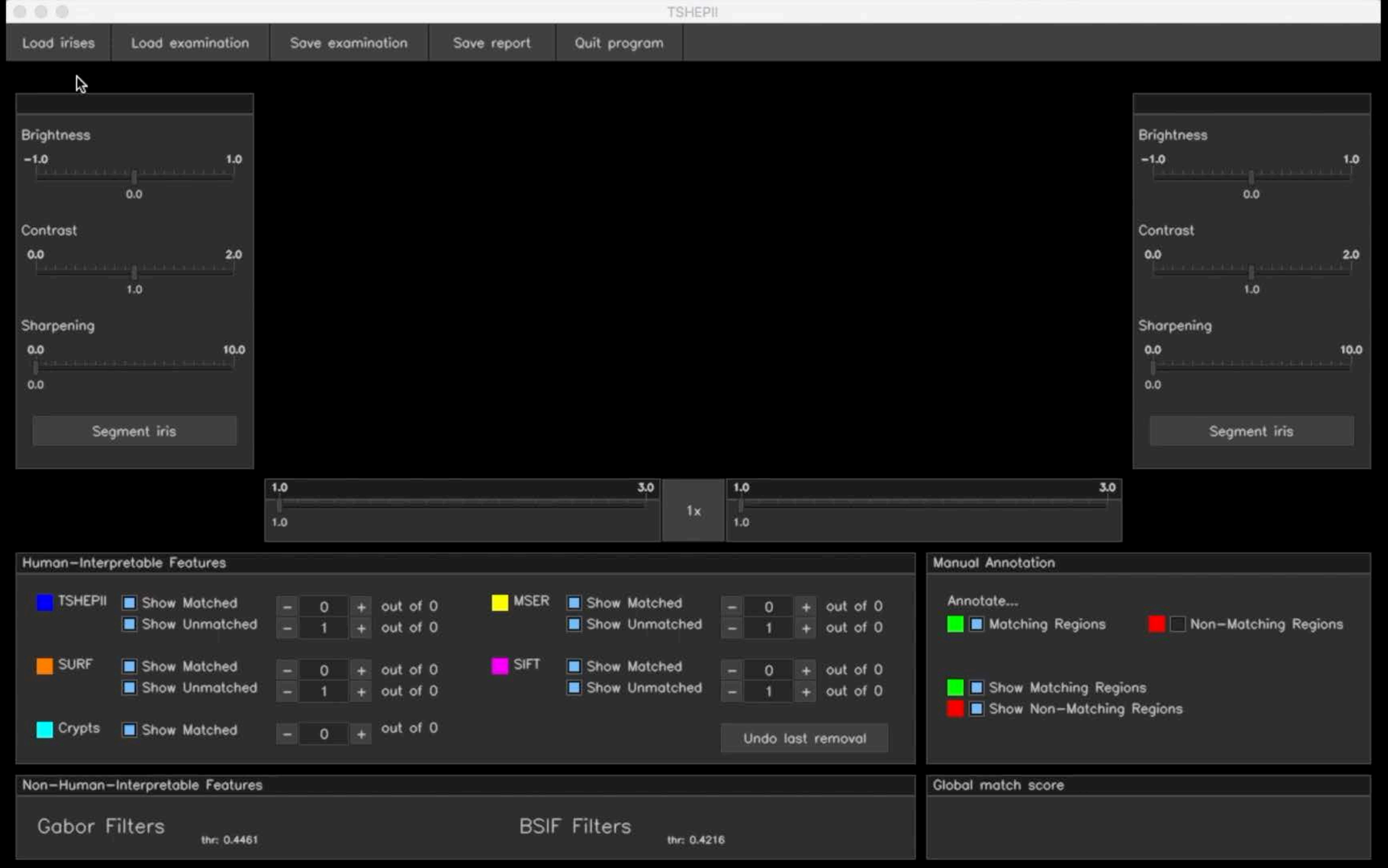
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Segmentation (1/2)

Manual Segmentation
Next slide: iris recognition tool developed at Notre Dame.

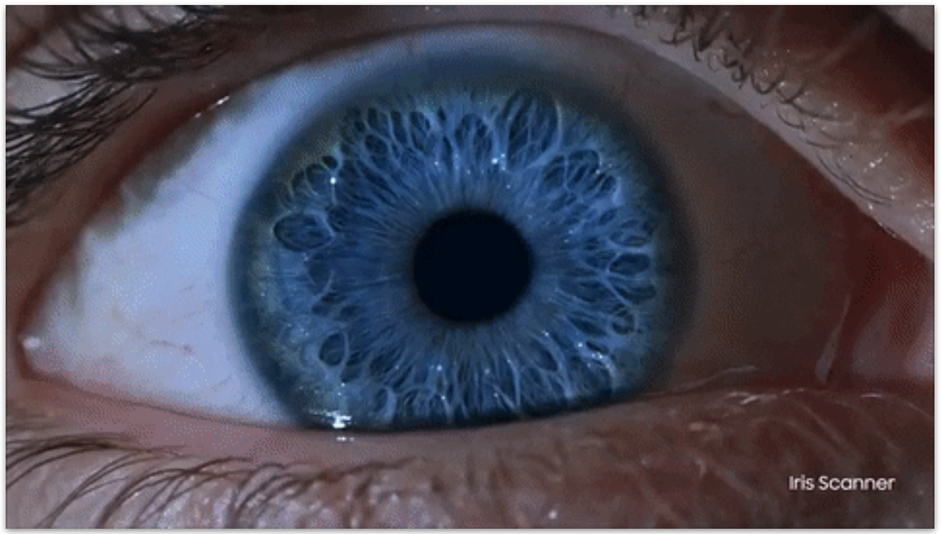


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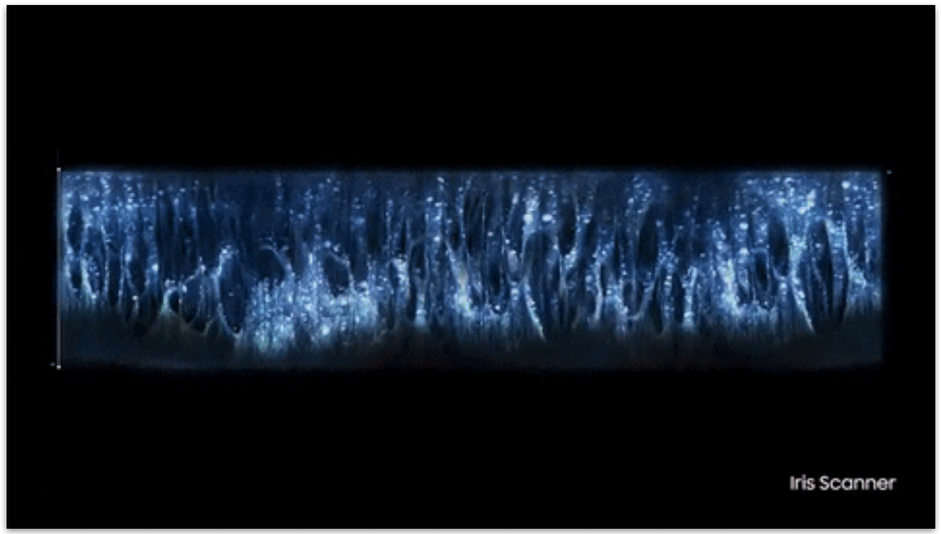

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Enhancement

Normalization (2/2)



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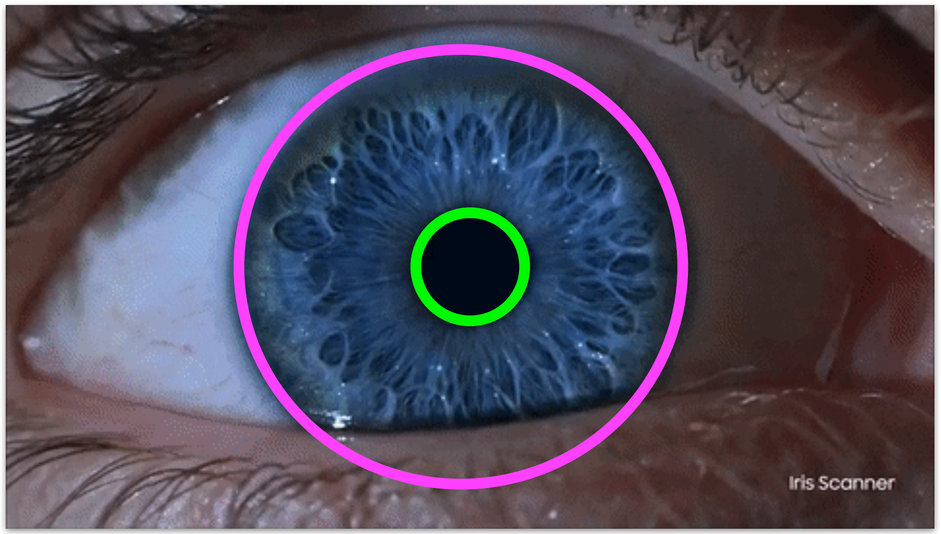


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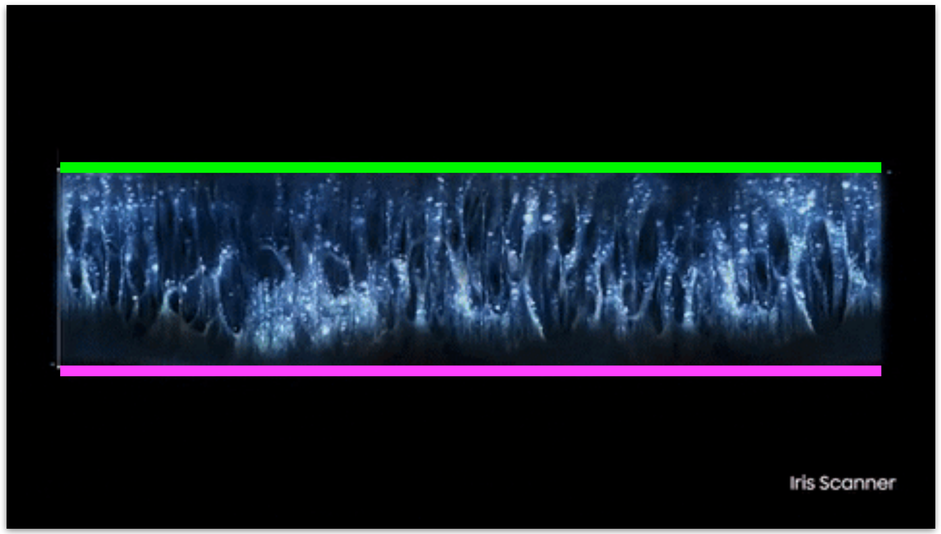
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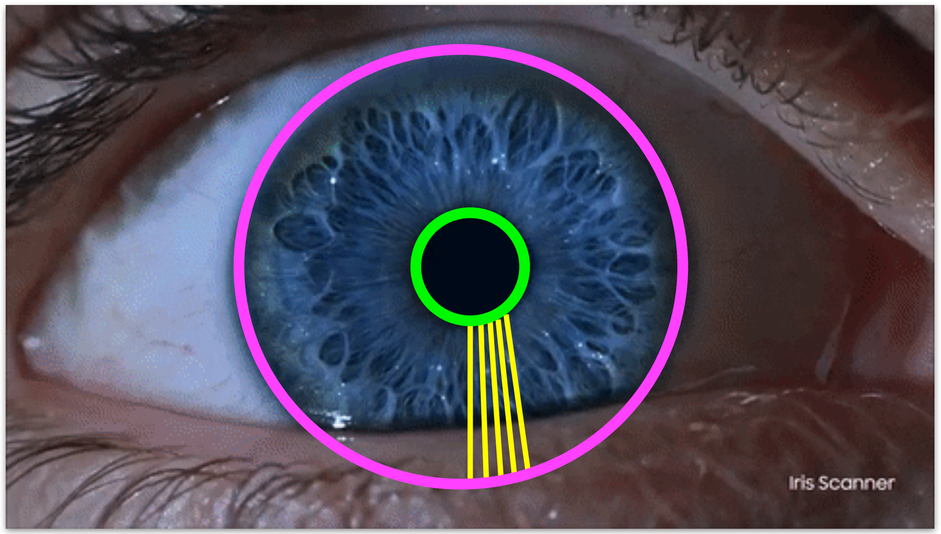


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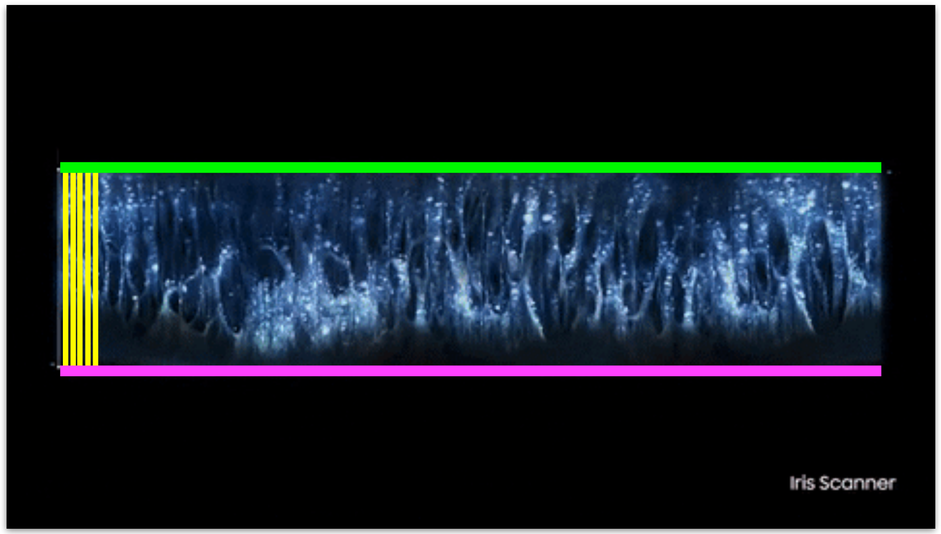
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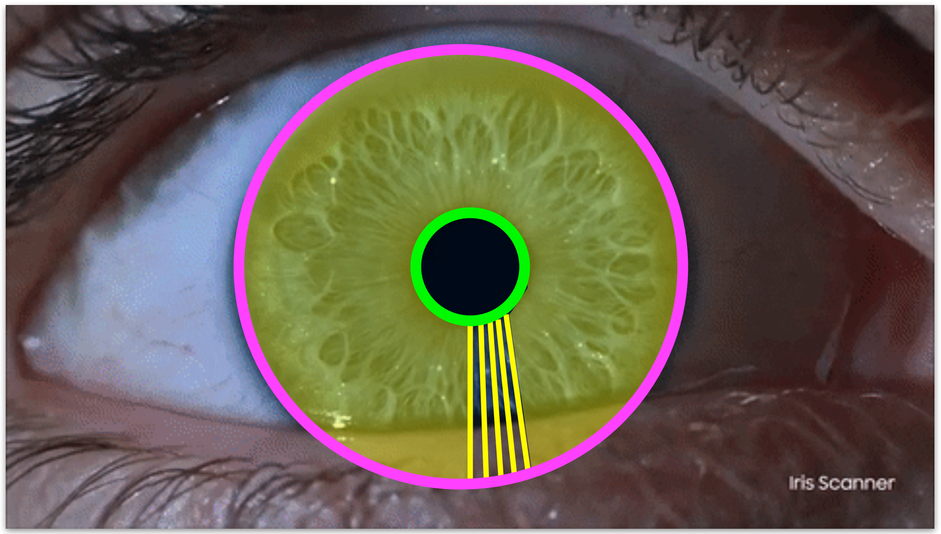


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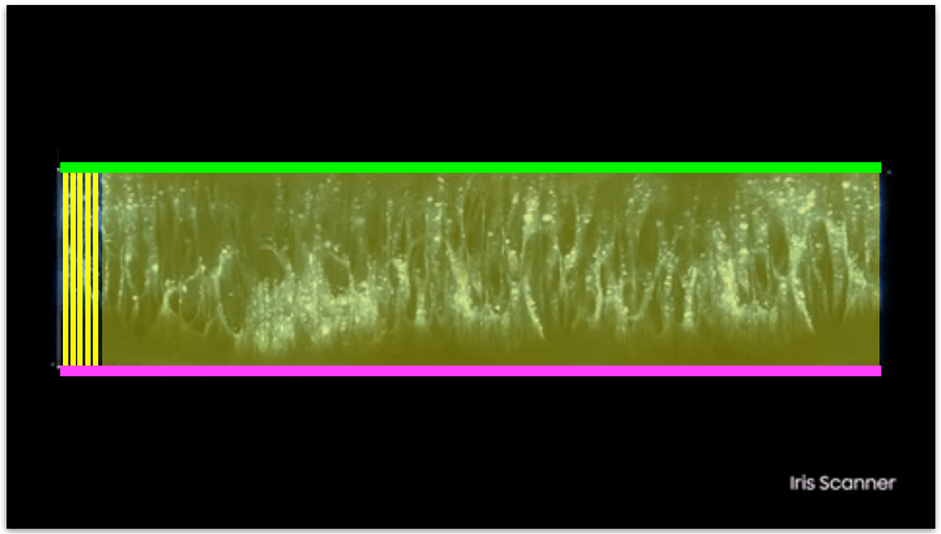
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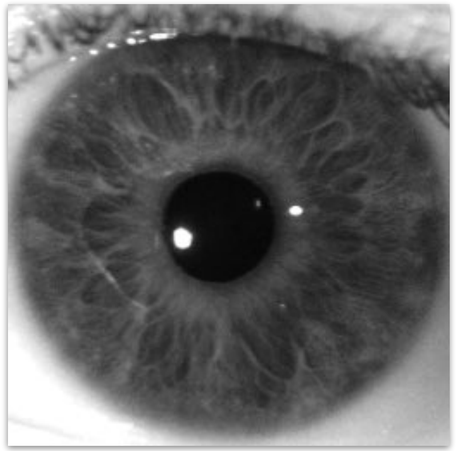
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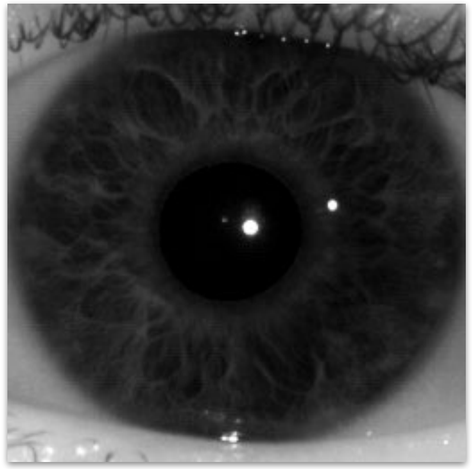
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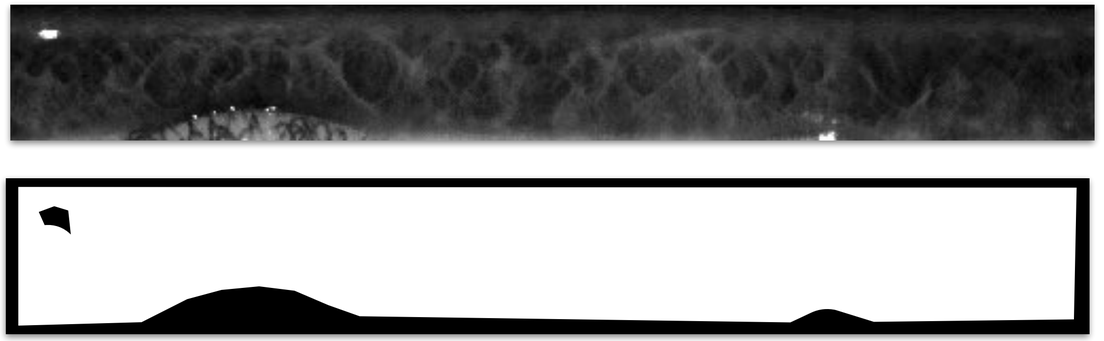
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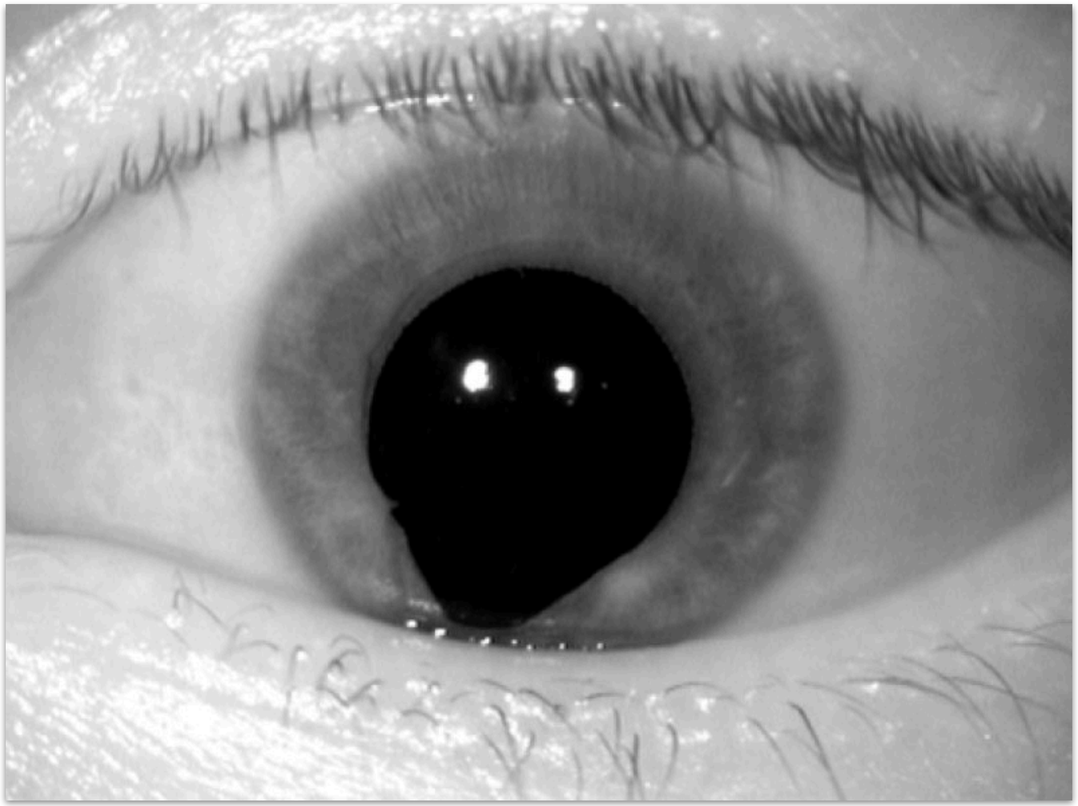
Segmentation
Pupil and iris are not concentric
(pupils are slightly shifted to the nasal corner).
They are not perfectly round.



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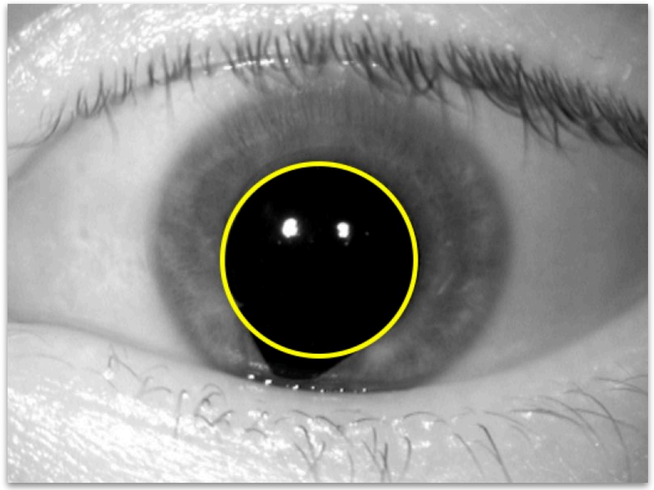


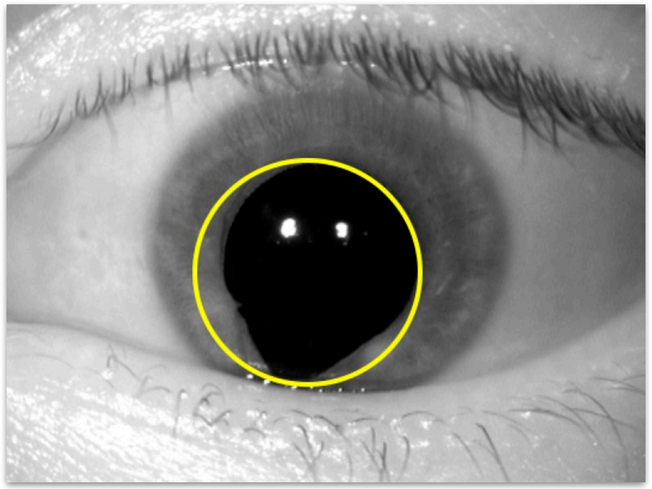
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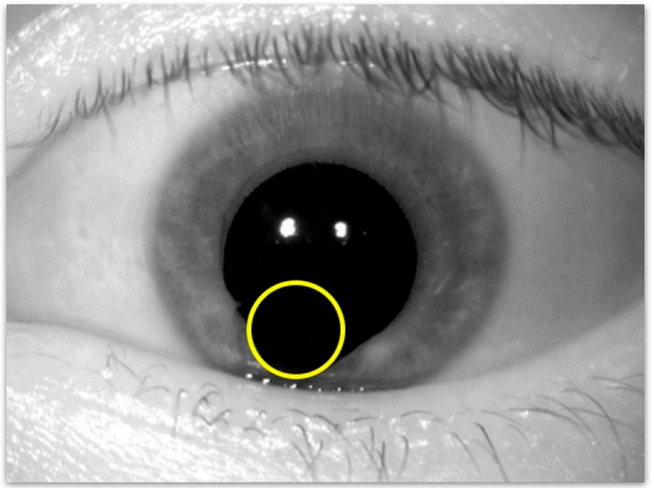
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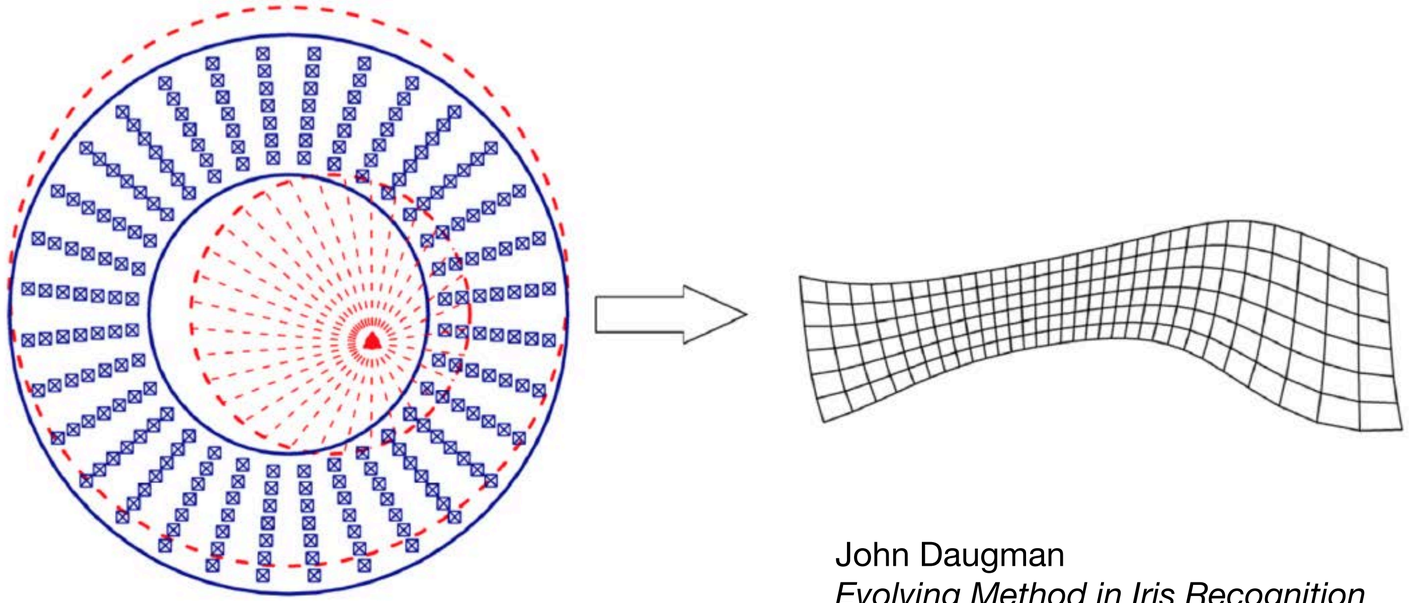


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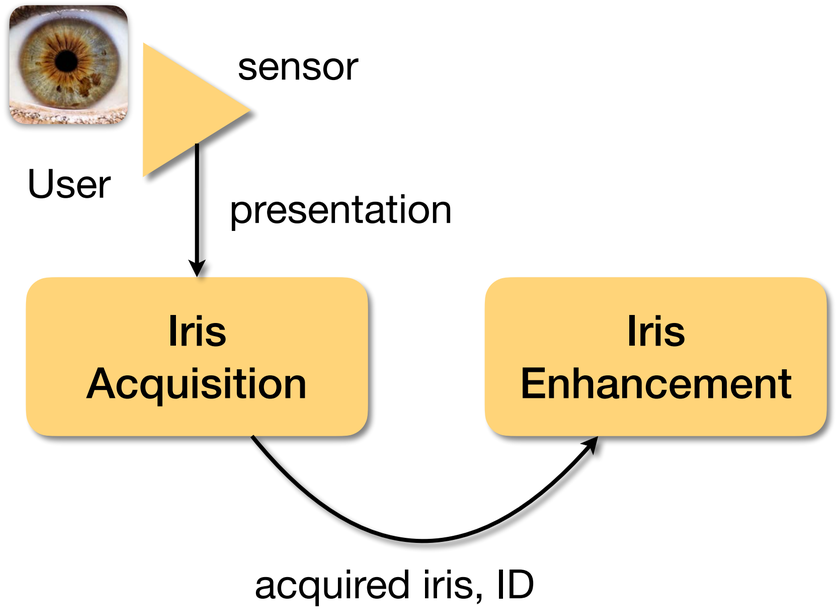
Normalization
Forcing circular models may lead to poor mapping.



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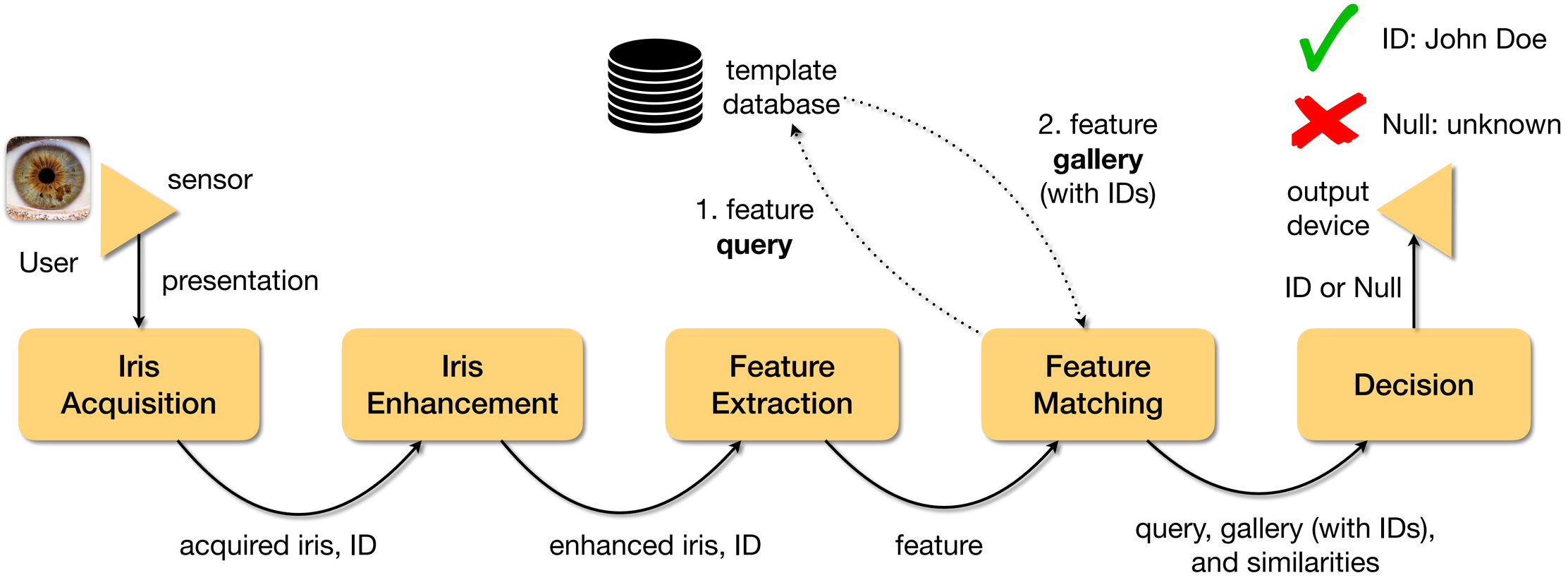
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