

# Enhanced Geometric Reflection Models for Paper Surface Based Authentication

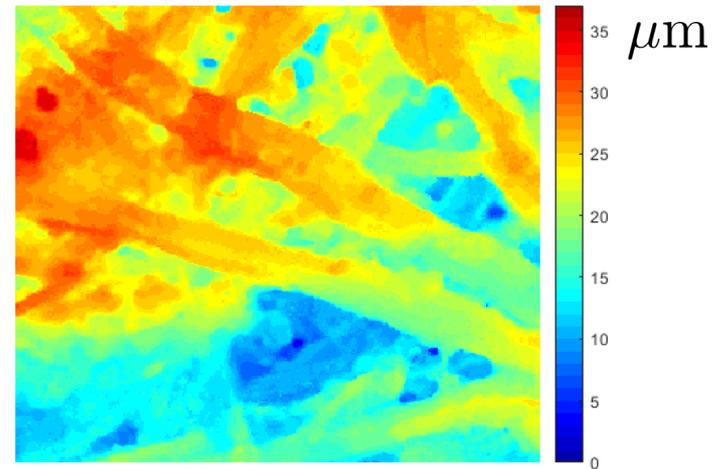
Runze Liu\*, Chau-Wai Wong\*, Min Wu†

\* North Carolina State University, USA

† University of Maryland, College Park, USA

# Introduction

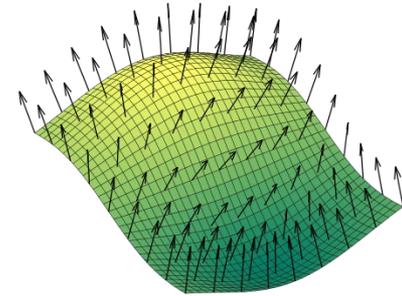
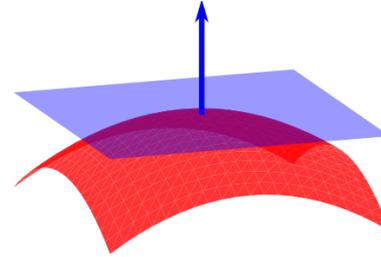
- Paper surfaces:
  - Inter-twisted wood fibers, unique and physically unclonable
  - Unique randomness, may be regarded as “fingerprint”
- Authentication applications:
  - Important documents, e.g., IDs, checks
  - label of wine bottles



0.2mm by 0.2mm paper  
under confocal microscope

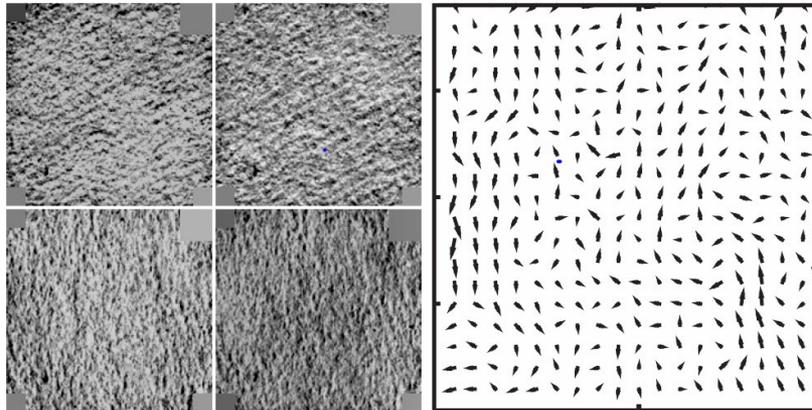
# Norm Map

- Definition: surface normal



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normal\\_\(geometry\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normal_(geometry))

- Normal vector field: a collection of 3D normals over a 2D grid
- Norm map: 2D vector field on  $x$ - $y$  plane



Scanned paper surfaces and a norm map [1]

# Dataset and Acquisition Conditions

- We used a publicly available dataset from our prior work [1]
- Experimental setup for the dataset:



Capture 20 images with different camera locations

- Dataset and minimally required source code for using the dataset is available upon request.

# Fully Diffuse Model

- Fully diffuse light reflection model:

$$l_r(\mathbf{p}) = \lambda \cdot l(\mathbf{p}) \cdot \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{p})^T \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{p})$$

- Effect of ambient lights and cameras' brightness/contrast adjustment processes

$$l_r(\mathbf{p}) = \alpha \cdot \lambda l(\mathbf{p}) \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{p})^T \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{p}) + \text{bias caused by ambient lights}$$

- Prior work [1]: estimating normal vectors at each location separately, which we refer to as Model 0:

$$\tilde{y}(\mathbf{p}) \approx \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{p})^T \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{p})$$

# Proposed Enhanced Model 1

- Model 1: distinct intercept (ambient light) for each image  $k$

$$y^{(k)}(\mathbf{p}) = \lambda l^{(k)}(\mathbf{p}) \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{p})^T \mathbf{v}^{(k)}(\mathbf{p}) + \beta_0^{(k)}(\mathbf{p}), \quad k = 1, \dots, M$$

- Decompose the estimation problem: first estimate  $\lambda$  and  $\beta$  use the spatial smoothness assumption

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{y}^{(k)}(\mathbf{p}_0) \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{y}^{(k)}(\mathbf{p}_4) \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} v_z^{(k)}(\mathbf{p}_0) & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ v_z^{(k)}(\mathbf{p}_4) & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda l^{(k)}(\mathbf{p}_0) m_z \\ \beta_0^{(k)}(\mathbf{p}_0) \end{bmatrix}.$$

	1	
2	0	3
	4	

- Then estimate normal vector  $\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{p})$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{y}^{(1)}(\mathbf{p}) \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{y}^{(M)}(\mathbf{p}) \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{\beta_0^{(1)}}(\mathbf{p}) \\ \vdots \\ \widehat{\beta_0^{(M)}}(\mathbf{p}) \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{\lambda l^{(1)}}(\mathbf{p}) \mathbf{v}^{(1)T}(\mathbf{p}) \\ \vdots \\ \widehat{\lambda l^{(M)}}(\mathbf{p}) \mathbf{v}^{(M)T}(\mathbf{p}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n_x(\mathbf{p}) \\ n_y(\mathbf{p}) \\ n_z(\mathbf{p}) \end{bmatrix}$$

# Proposed Enhanced Model 2

- Model 2: same intercept (ambient light) for all images

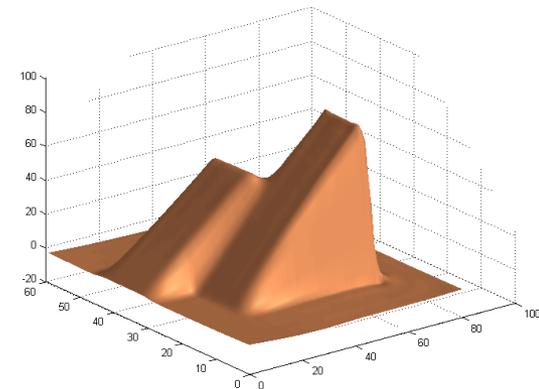
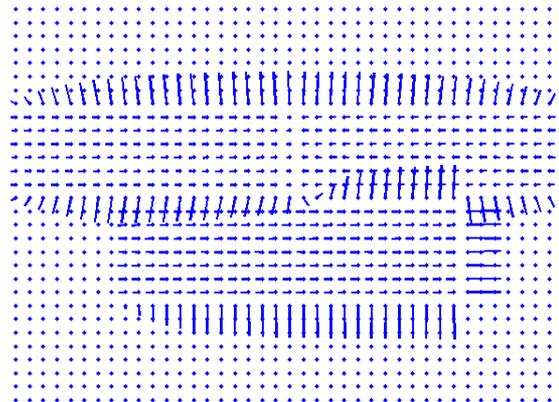
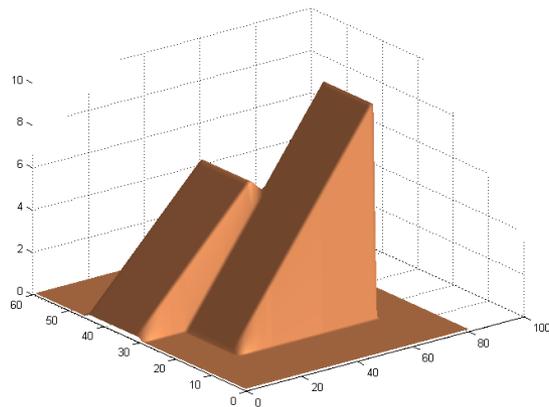
$$y^{(k)}(\mathbf{p}) = \lambda l^{(k)}(\mathbf{p}) \mathbf{n}(\mathbf{p})^T \mathbf{v}^{(k)}(\mathbf{p}) + \beta_0(\mathbf{p}) \quad k = 1, \dots, M$$

- Formulate a LS problem with data matrix in block diagonal form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{y}^{(1)}(\mathbf{p}_0) \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{y}^{(1)}(\mathbf{p}_4) \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{y}^{(M)}(\mathbf{p}_0) \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{y}^{(M)}(\mathbf{p}_4) \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} v_z^{(1)}(\mathbf{p}_0) & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ v_z^{(1)}(\mathbf{p}_4) & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & v_z^{(M)}(\mathbf{p}_0) & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & v_z^{(M)}(\mathbf{p}_4) & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda l^{(1)}(\mathbf{p}_0) m_z \\ \vdots \\ \lambda l^{(M)}(\mathbf{p}_0) m_z \\ \beta_0(\mathbf{p}_0) \end{bmatrix}$$

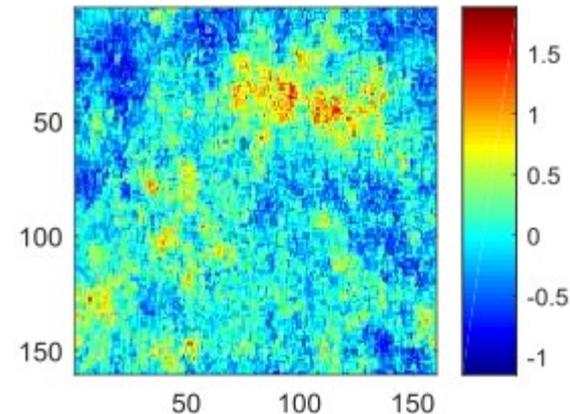
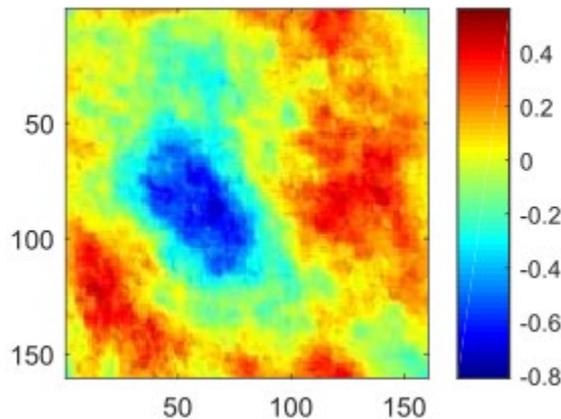
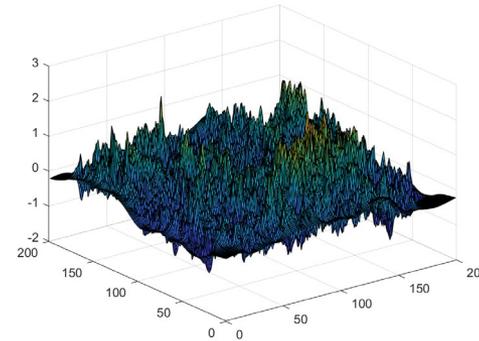
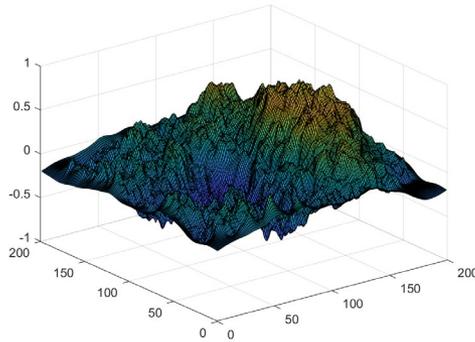
# Surface Reconstruction from Normal Vector Field

- Norm map [1]: difficult to visualize; limited discriminative power
- 3D surface:
  - more appealing to human eyes
  - use off-the-shelf image/surface analysis tools
- Ex: Reconstruction of surface from normal vector field



# Surfaces From Cameras vs. Confocal Microscope

- Spatial trend in reconstructed surface not similar, but changes in normal direction spatially should be similar.

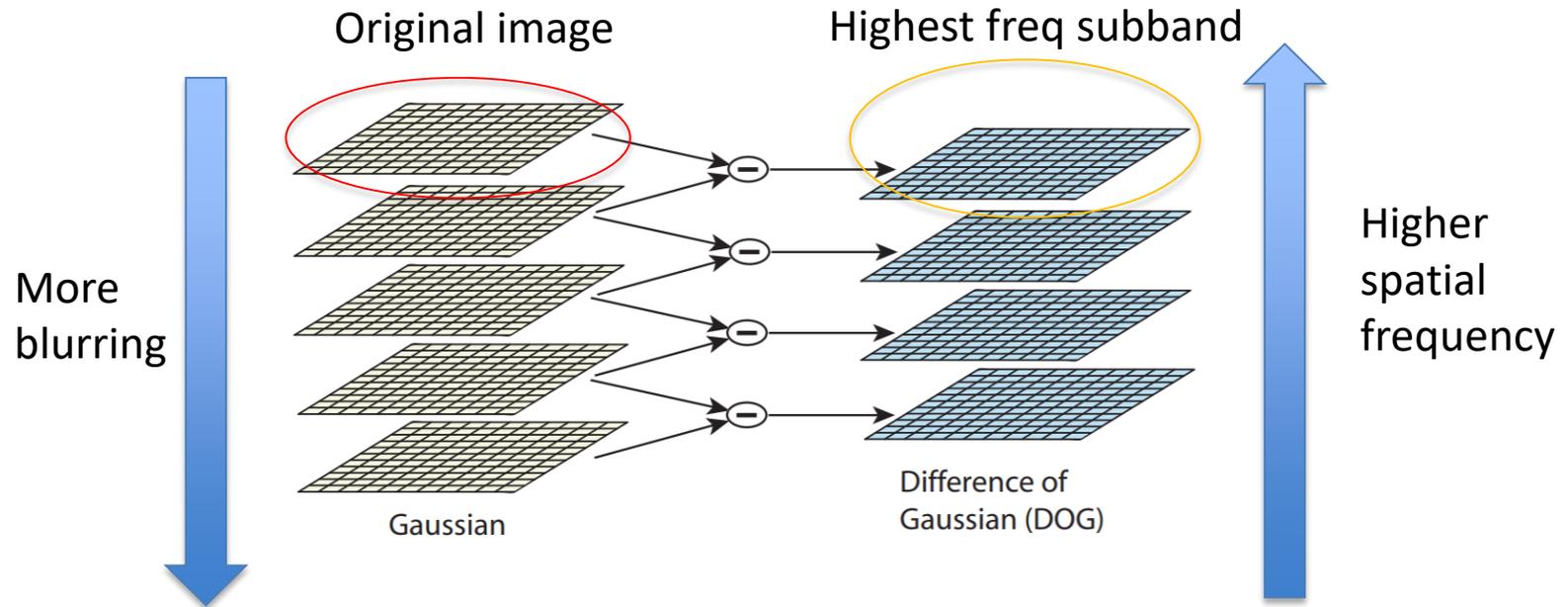


Reconstructed surface from Model 1

Reconstructed surface from confocal

# Difference of Gaussian (DoG) Representation

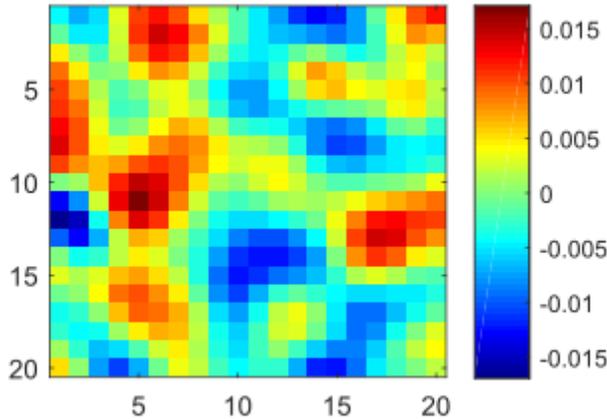
- A DoG representation: take the differences of Gaussian-blurred images. Laplacian pyramids without subsampling.
- Allows separate analysis of the discrimination performance at different spatial frequency subbands.



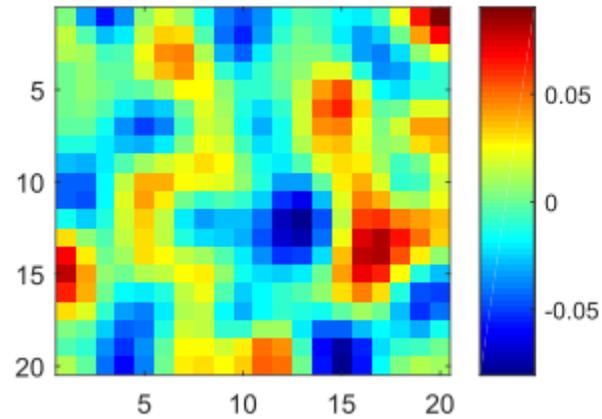
# Reconstructed Surfaces at High Spatial Frequency

2<sup>nd</sup> high frequency subband of:

surface  
reconstructed  
from Model 1

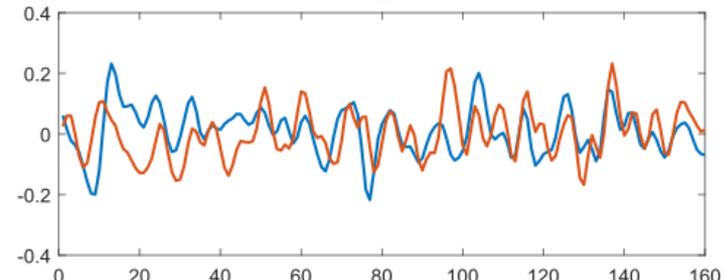
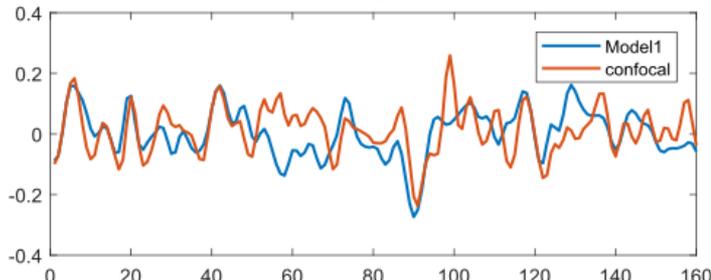


surface  
reconstructed  
from confocal  
microscope

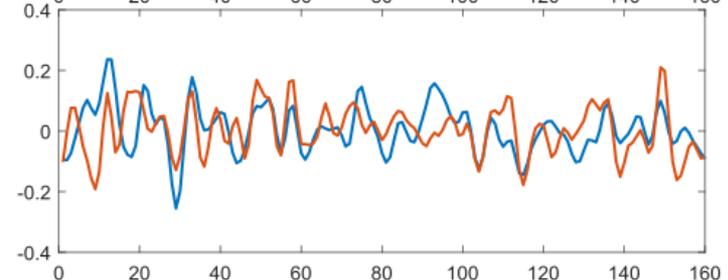
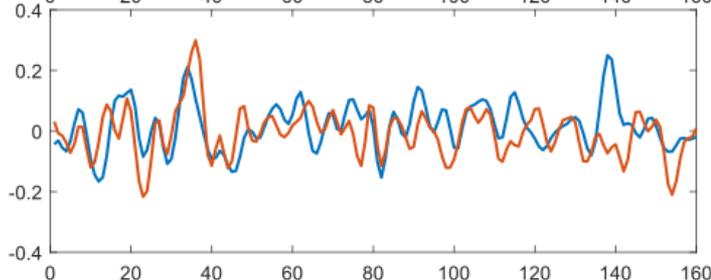


Four representative slices from subband image

Normalized  
height



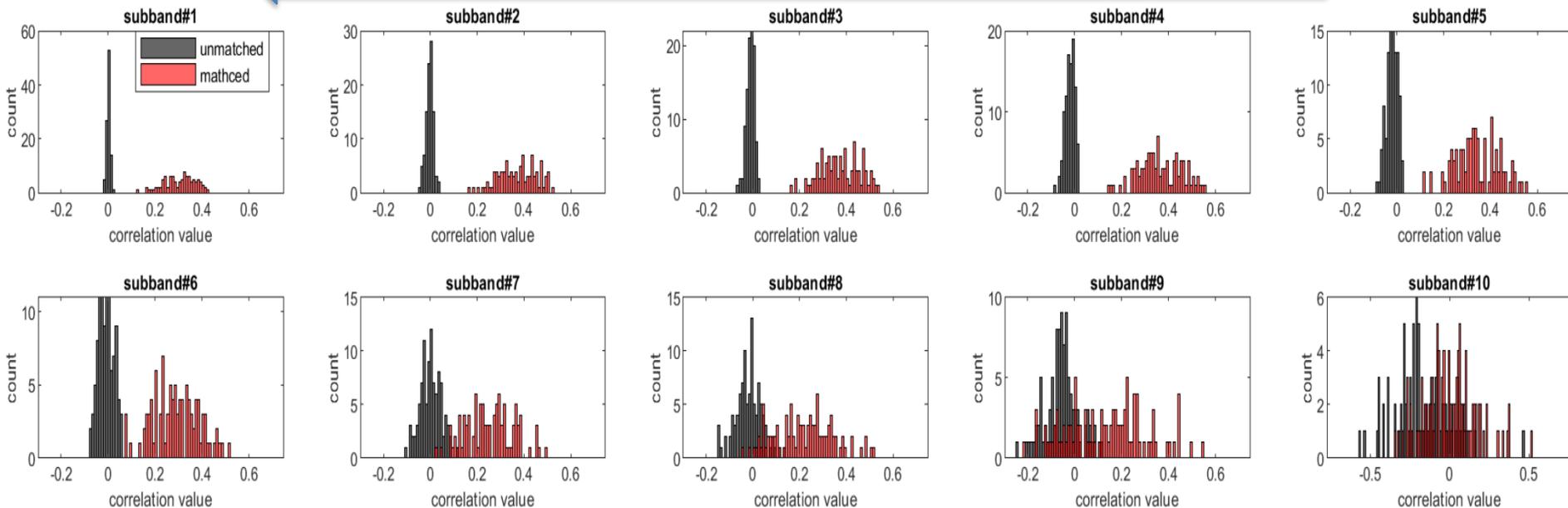
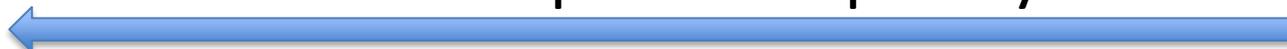
Normalized  
height



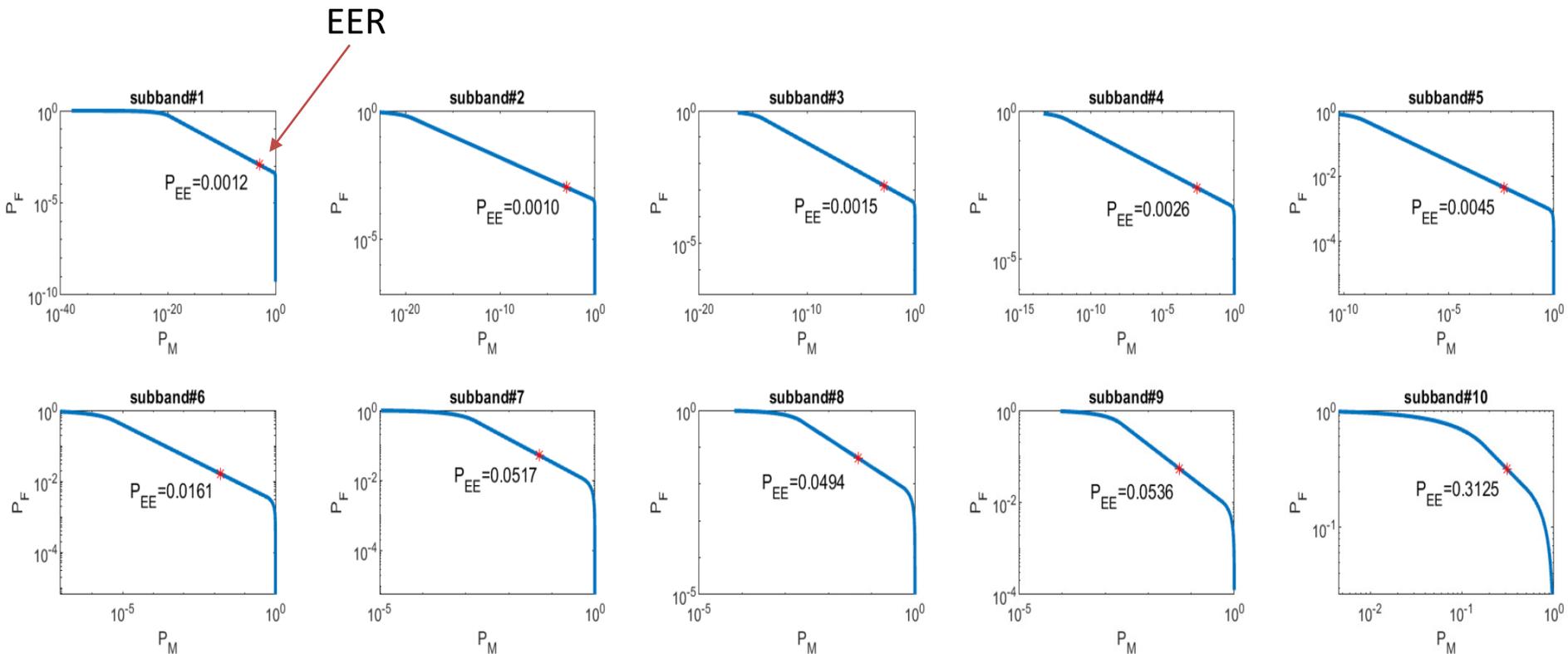
# Correlations for Matched and Unmatched Cases

- Estimate norm maps with mobile phones,
- Reconstruct surfaces,
- Obtain the subbands,
- Compare with references from confocal microscope.

Increase in spatial frequency



# ROC and Equal Error Rate (EER)

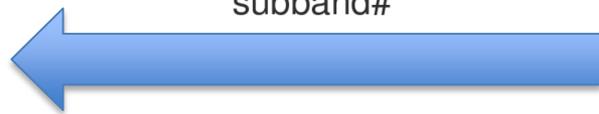
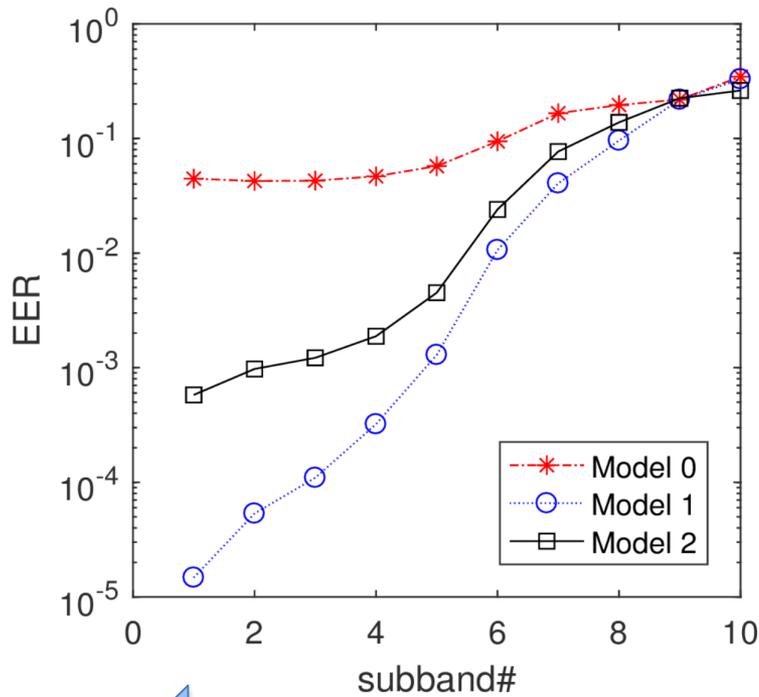


Distributions of correlation values modeled as Laplacian

# Comparison of Models

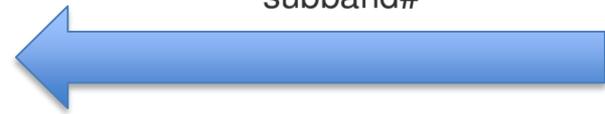
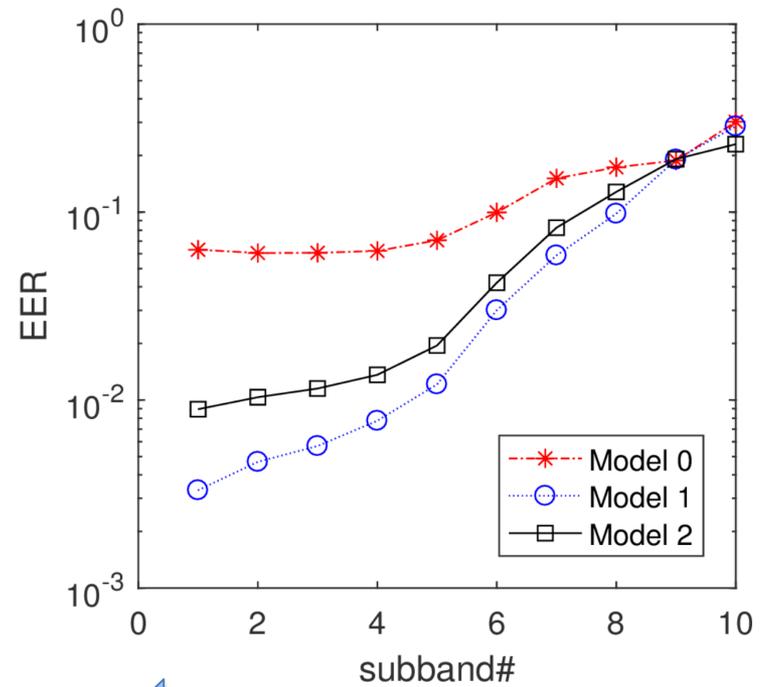
Reference is confocal

Correlations assumed to be Gaussian



Increase in spatial frequency

Correlations assumed to be Laplacian



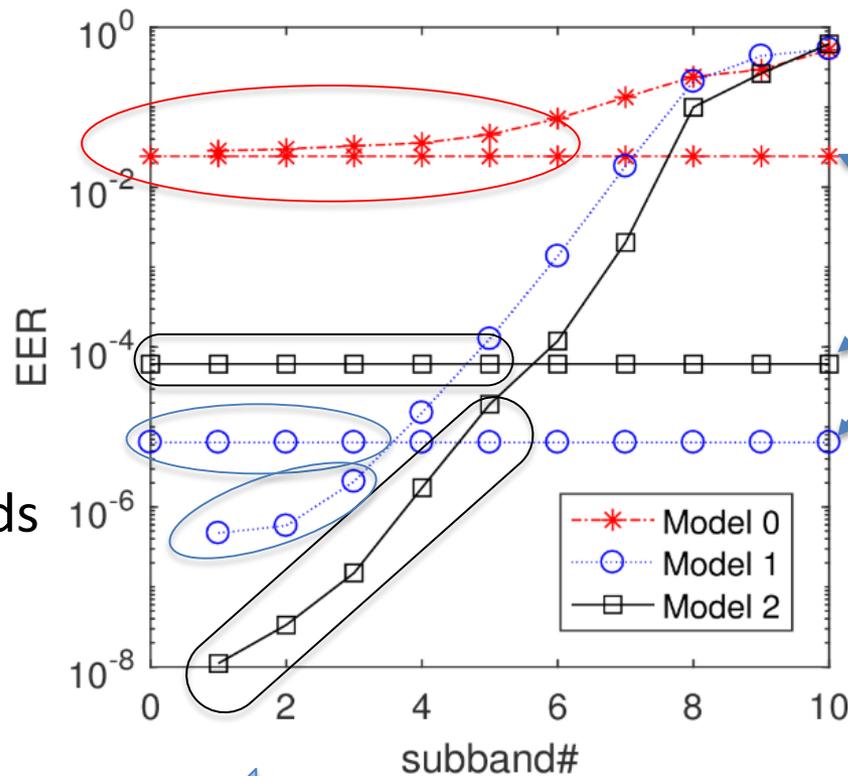
Increase in spatial frequency

# Benefits of Using High-Freq Subbands Instead of Norm Maps

Reference is scanner

High frequency subbands are not more discriminative for Model 0

High frequency subbands are more discriminative when using proposed models



anchor when using norm maps



Increase in spatial frequency

# Conclusions and Future Work

- Proposed models taking into account the effect of ambient lights and cameras' brightness/contrast adjustment processes: better modeling accuracy
- High-frequency subbands: better discriminative features than norm map for proposed models
- Future work:
  - large dataset: confocal measurements, scanner images, and camera images;
  - different paper types, camera models, and acquisition conditions.