

# Attacking Face Recognition With T-Shirts: Database, Vulnerability Assessment, and Detection

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# Introduction to Face Recognition and Presentation Attacks (PAs)

- **Face Recognition:** It widely used in personal, industrial, and governmental security applications.
- **Presentation Attacks (PAs):** Attempts to deceive recognition systems by presenting modified or artificial input (e.g., masks).
- **Challenge:** Performance can drop with changes in lighting, angles, or low image quality, making it difficult to recognize faces consistently.

# T-Shirt Presentation Attack

- **Concept:** Using T-shirts with printed faces to fool face recognition systems.
- **Motivation:** Such T-shirt-based attacks are low-cost, easy to conceal, and can bypass face recognition systems.
- **Goal of Study:** Estimate the vulnerability of face recognition systems to T-shirt PAs and propose detection methods.

# T-Shirt Presentation Attack

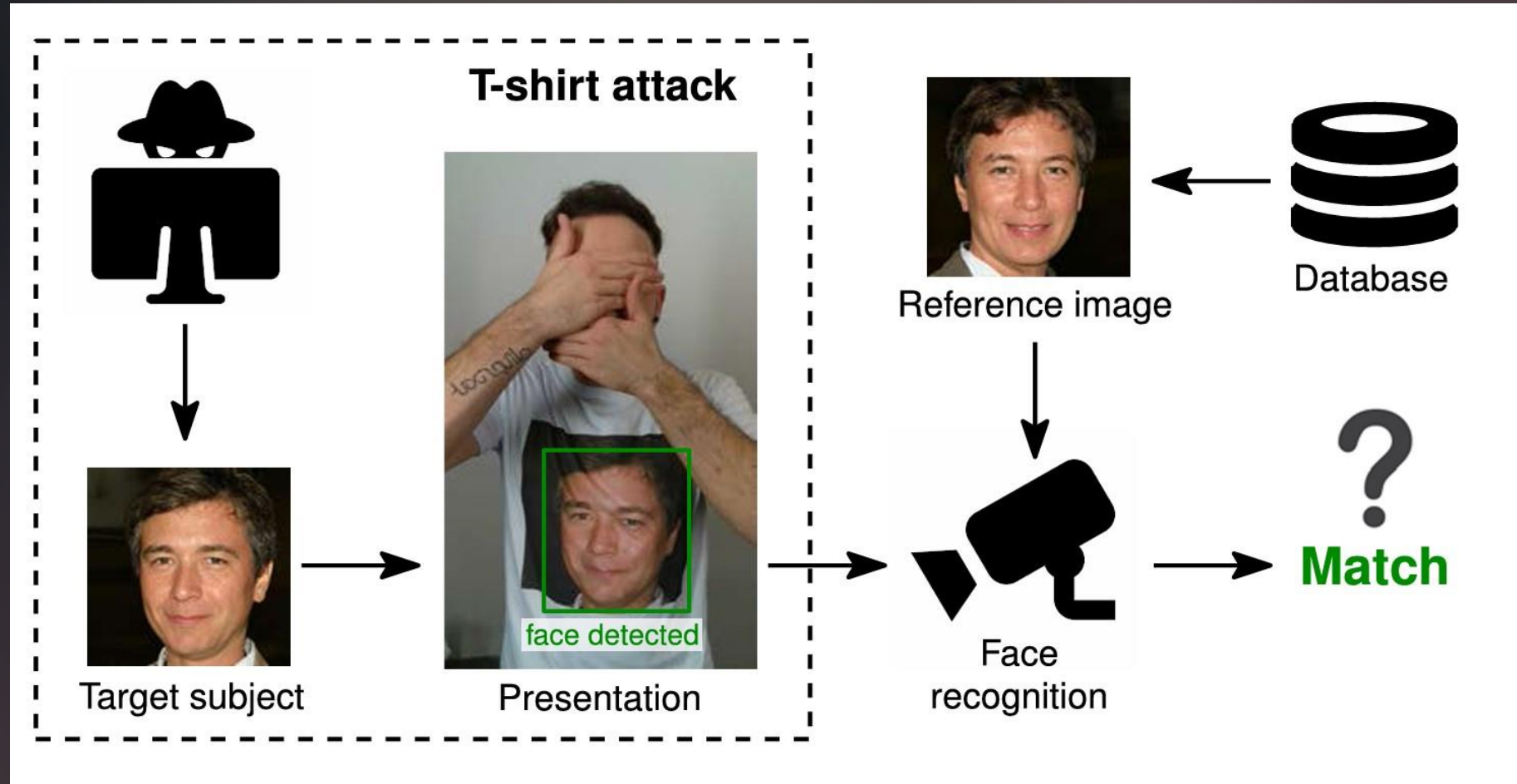


Figure 1. Can T-shirts with faces printed on them be used to attack face recognition systems?



# T-Shirt Face Presentation Attack (TFPA) Database



**Database  
Details**

**Capturing  
Scenarios**

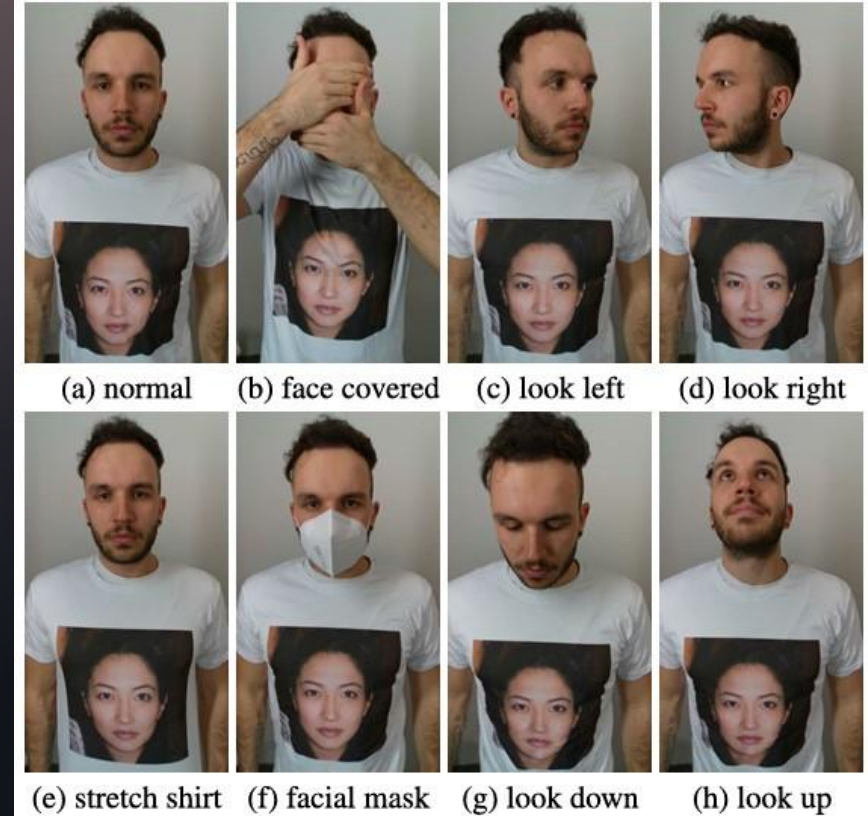
**Significance**

## Database Details

| Property                 | Description                             |
|--------------------------|---|
| Attack type:             | Impersonation attack                    |
| Attack creation:         | Synthetic face printed on T-shirt       |
| Face generation methods: | StyleGAN & InterFaceGAN                 |
| No. of spectrums:        | 2 (visible, depth)                      |
| No. of attacks:          | 1608                                    |
| No. of PAIs:             | 100                                     |
| No. of subjects:         | Real (8), generated (100)               |
| Capturing device:        | Intel RealSense Depth Camera D435       |
| Environment:             | Controlled indoor with white background |

**Table 1.** An overview of the proposed T-shirt face presentation attack (TFPA) database.

## Capturing Scenarios



**FIGURE 2.** The eight different capturing scenarios.

# Results:

- To evaluate this, three open-source algorithms were used, namely RetinaFace [6], MTCNN [7], and dlib [5]
- The results show that the T-shirt faces are successfully detected in almost all cases with an average estimated detection rate for the three algorithms  $> 99\%$  across all eight poses.

| Scenario        | Face type | dlib      |            | MTCNN      |            | RetinaFace |            | Avg.      |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
|                 |           | Success % | Avg. score | Success. % | Avg. score | Success %  | Avg. score | Success % |
| Normal          | real      | 100       | 0.60       | 100        | 1.00       | 100        | 0.98       | 100       |
|                 | T-shirt   | 100       | 0.56       | 100        | 1.00       | 100        | 0.98       | 100       |
| Face covered    | real      | 0.50      | 0.01       | 10.45      | 0.41       | 11.94      | 0.67       | 7.63      |
|                 | T-shirt   | 98.01     | 0.50       | 99.50      | 1.00       | 100        | 0.97       | 99.17     |
| Look left       | real      | 88.56     | 0.30       | 100        | 1.00       | 100        | 0.98       | 96.19     |
|                 | T-shirt   | 100       | 0.52       | 100        | 1.00       | 100        | 0.98       | 100       |
| Look right      | real      | 95.02     | 0.43       | 100        | 1.00       | 100        | 0.98       | 98.34     |
|                 | T-shirt   | 100       | 0.53       | 100        | 1.00       | 100        | 0.98       | 100       |
| Stretch T-shirt | real      | 100       | 0.59       | 100        | 1.00       | 100        | 0.97       | 100       |
|                 | T-shirt   | 100       | 0.60       | 100        | 1.00       | 100        | 0.98       | 100       |
| Facial mask     | real      | 92.04     | 0.17       | 100        | 1.00       | 100        | 0.98       | 97.35     |
|                 | T-shirt   | 99.50     | 0.56       | 100        | 1.00       | 100        | 0.98       | 99.83     |
| Look down       | real      | 88.56     | 0.34       | 100        | 1.00       | 100        | 0.98       | 96.19     |
|                 | T-shirt   | 100       | 0.56       | 100        | 1.00       | 100        | 0.98       | 100       |
| Look up         | real      | 89.55     | 0.31       | 99         | 0.99       | 100        | 0.99       | 96.18     |
|                 | T-shirt   | 100       | 0.55       | 100        | 1.00       | 100        | 0.98       | 100       |

**Table 2.** Detection accuracy and average detection scores across algorithms and capturing scenarios for T-shirt and real faces.



# Vulnerability Assessment of Face Recognition Systems

- Many face detection algorithms can detect faces on T-shirts as real faces.
- IAPMR > 92.6% [9]
- Both open-source and commercial systems show high vulnerability, especially in scenarios where attackers conceal their real faces.

# Proposed Detection Methods

**Depth Map Analysis**

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graph TD; A[Depth Map Analysis] --> B[Anomaly Detection]; B --> C[Fusion Approach];
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**Anomaly Detection**

**Fusion Approach**

# Experimental Setup and Matrics

**Training and Testing:** DV and AD models were trained on controlled reference images and more uncontrolled probe images from the FRGCv2 [8] database.

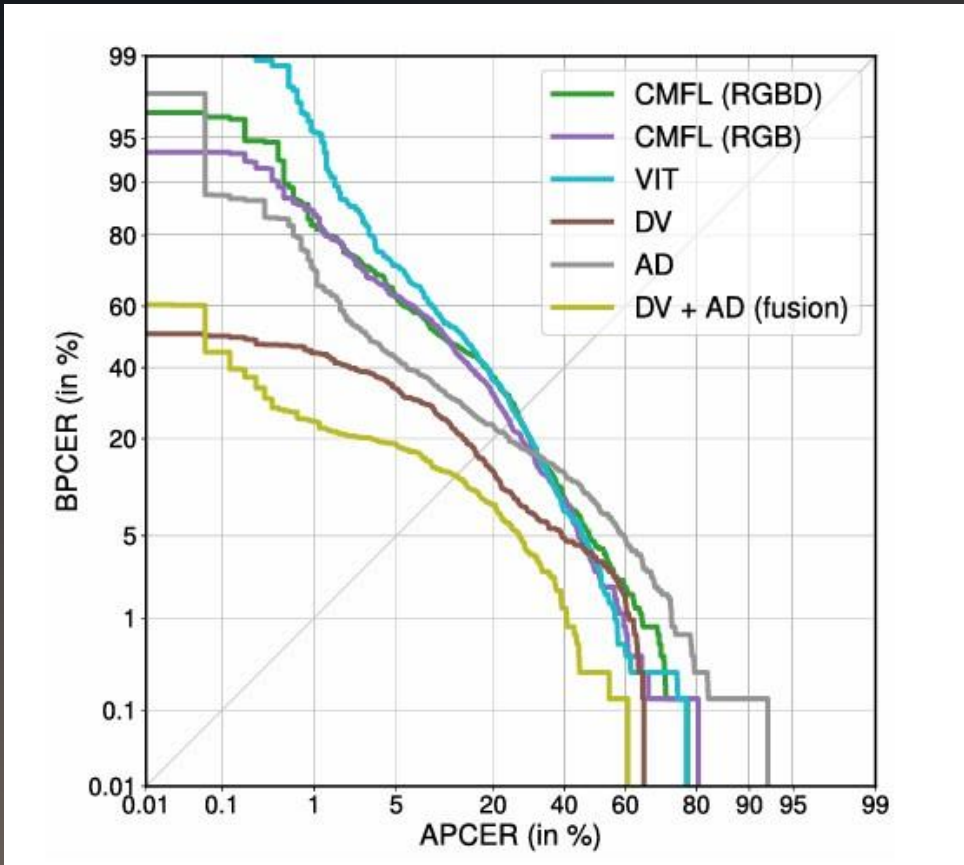
## Matrics

- **Attack Presentation Classification Error Rate (APCER):** Measures the proportion of attacks incorrectly classified as real. means system incorrectly detect fake face is real.
- **Bona Fide Presentation Classification Error Rate (BPCER):** Measures the proportion of real images wrongly classified as attacks. Its recognize real face is fake.

# Results:

**TABLE 2.** D-EER, BPCER10, and BPCER20 in % for the different PAD algorithms.

| PAD Algorithm    | D-EER        | BPCER10      | BPCER20      |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| CMFL (RGBD)      | 26.14        | 50.41        | 62.77        |
| CMFL (RGB)       | 24.18        | 52.34        | 63.32        |
| VIT              | 25.82        | 56.59        | 72.25        |
| DV               | 16.34        | 25.55        | 33.52        |
| AD               | 21.70        | 33.24        | 42.72        |
| DV + AD (fusion) | <b>12.52</b> | <b>13.46</b> | <b>18.54</b> |



**FIGURE 3.** DET curves showing PAD performance on TFPa.



# Conclusion

- **Summary:** T-shirt PAs present a serious risk to face recognition systems, which are highly vulnerable without adaptive PAD methods.
- **Key Contribution:** Introduction of a T-shirt PA database and new detection methods.
- **Potential Future Solutions:** Explore new datasets and more adaptive PAD systems

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# Questions