

Morphing Attack Detection - State of the Art and Challenges

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Overview

Agenda

- Introduction - Problem description
- Morphing Attack Detection - Scenarios and Methods
- Status: Face Morphing Attack Detection
- Future - what needs to be done?
- Conclusion

Passports and Identity Cards of European Union Citizens

Standardised Travel Documents

Passports

- Regulation 2252/2004

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32004R2252&from=EN>

- ▶ face image
- ▶ two fingerprint images

Identity Cards of European Union Citizens

- Regulation 2019/1157

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Travel documents are specified in ICAO 9303

ICAO 9303 Logical Data Structure

Data stored on the chip (LDS)

- DG1: Information printed on the data page
- DG2: Facial image of the holder (mandatory)
- DG3: Fingerprint image of left and right index finger
- DG4: Iris image
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- DG15: Active Authentication Public Key Info
- DG16: Persons to notify



Document Security Object

- Hash values of DGs

| REQUIRED | | Detail(s) Recorded in MRZ | DATA ELEMENTS | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| ISSUING STATE OR ORGANIZATION DATA | | | DG1 | Document Type | | |
| | | | | Issuing State or organization | | |
| | | | | Name (of Holder) | | |
| | | | | Document Number | | |
| | | | | Check Digit - Doc Number | | |
| | | | | Nationality | | |
| | | | | Date of Birth | | |
| | | | | Check Digit - DOB | | |
| | | | | Sex | | |
| | | | | Data of Expiry or Valid Until Date | | |
| | | | | Check Digit DOE/VUD | | |
| | | | | Optional Data | | |
| | | | | Check Digit - Optional Data Field | | |
| | | | | Composite Check Digit | | |
| OPTIONAL | ISSUING STATE OR ORGANIZATION DATA | Encoded Identification Feature(s) | Global Interchange Feature | DG2 | Encoded Face | |
| | | | Additional Feature(s) | DG3 | Encoded Finger(s) | |
| | | Displayed Identification Feature(s) | DG5 | Encoded Eye(s) | | |
| | | | DG6 | Displayed Portrait | | |
| | | Encoded Security Feature(s) | DG7 | Reserved for Future Use | | |
| | | | DG8 | Displayed Signature or Usual Mark | | |
| | | Data Feature(s) | DG9 | Data Feature(s) | | |
| | | | DG10 | Structure Feature(s) | | |
| | | Structure Feature(s) | DG11 | Substance Feature(s) | | |
| | | | DG12 | Additional Personal Detail(s) | | |
| | | Optional Detail(s) | DG13 | Additional Document Detail(s) | | |
| | | | DG14 | Optional Detail(s) | | |
| | | Security Options | DG15 | Security Options | | |
| | | | DG16 | Active Authentication Public Key Info | | |
| | | | | Person(s) to Notify | | |

Source: ICAO 9303 Part 10, 2015

ICAO 9303 Logical Data Structure

Data to be stored in the RFID-Chip

- Alpha-numeric data: 5 Kbyte
- Facial image: ISO/IEC 19794-5:2005
 - ▶ 12 Kbyte (JPEG, JPEG2000)
- Fingerprint images: ISO/IEC 19794-4:2005
 - ▶ 2* 10 Kbyte (JPEG, JPEG2000, WSQ)



Source: ICAO 9303 Part 4, 2021

- Facial image: ISO/IEC 39794-5:2019
<https://www.iso.org/standard/72155.html>
- Fingerprint images: ISO/IEC 39794-4:2019
<https://www.iso.org/standard/72156.html>
 - ▶ ICAO has adopted its 9303 specification in 2020 and refers now to ISO/IEC 39794 and its Parts 1, 4 and 5.
 - ▶ Passport reader equipment must be able to handle ISO/IEC 39794 data by 2025-01-01 (5 years preparation period).
 - ▶ Between 2025 and 2030, passport issuers can use the old version or the new version of standards (5 years transition period).

**Adopted by
ICAO in 2020**

Principles

Principle of equality - in our society

- One individual - **one** passport



image source: <https://pixabay.com/de/vectors/tick-sternchen-kreuz-rot-gr%C3%BCn-40678/>

Is the Principle valid on the left Side?

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Principle of unique link of ICAO

- **One** individual - one passport



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Principle of **unique link** of ICAO

- **One** individual - one passport
- ICAO 9303 part 2, 2006:



*„Additional security measures: inclusion of a machine verifiable biometric feature **linking** the document to its **legitimate holder**“*

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We don't want this principle of **unique link** to be broken

- Multiple individuals - one passport

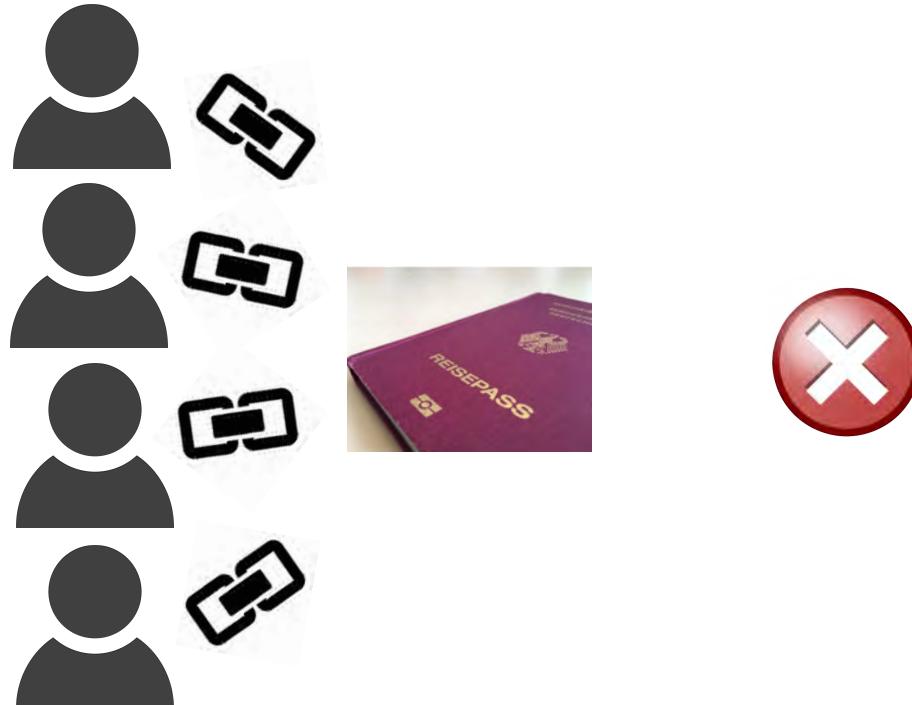


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Do you remember the story

- if you kiss a frog ...



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- if you kiss a frog ...
- ... the frog will turn into a **prince**



Source: www.promipool.de

What is Morphing?

Or with minor modification of the story:

- if you kiss a frog ...
- ... the frog will turn into a **princess**



What is Morphing?

Or with minor modification of the story:

- if you kiss a frog ...
- ... the frog will turn into a **princess**
- Morphing can make this dream possible (even without the kiss)
 - ▶ with the frog and the princess as actors



Image source: <https://www.myposter.de/motive/frosch-bild>
acting in this talk



Therese Johaug acting as princess in this talk

What is Morphing?

In our real world morphing can become a threat

- with a criminal and an accomplice as actors
- take the **criminal**
- and the **accomplice** (or any other good EU citizen)
- morphing can transform one face image into the other



What is Morphing?

In our real world morphing can become a **threat**

- with a criminal and an accomplice as actors
- take the **criminal**
- and the **accomplice**
- morphing can transform one face image into the other
- and you can stop half way in the transformation



What is Morphing?

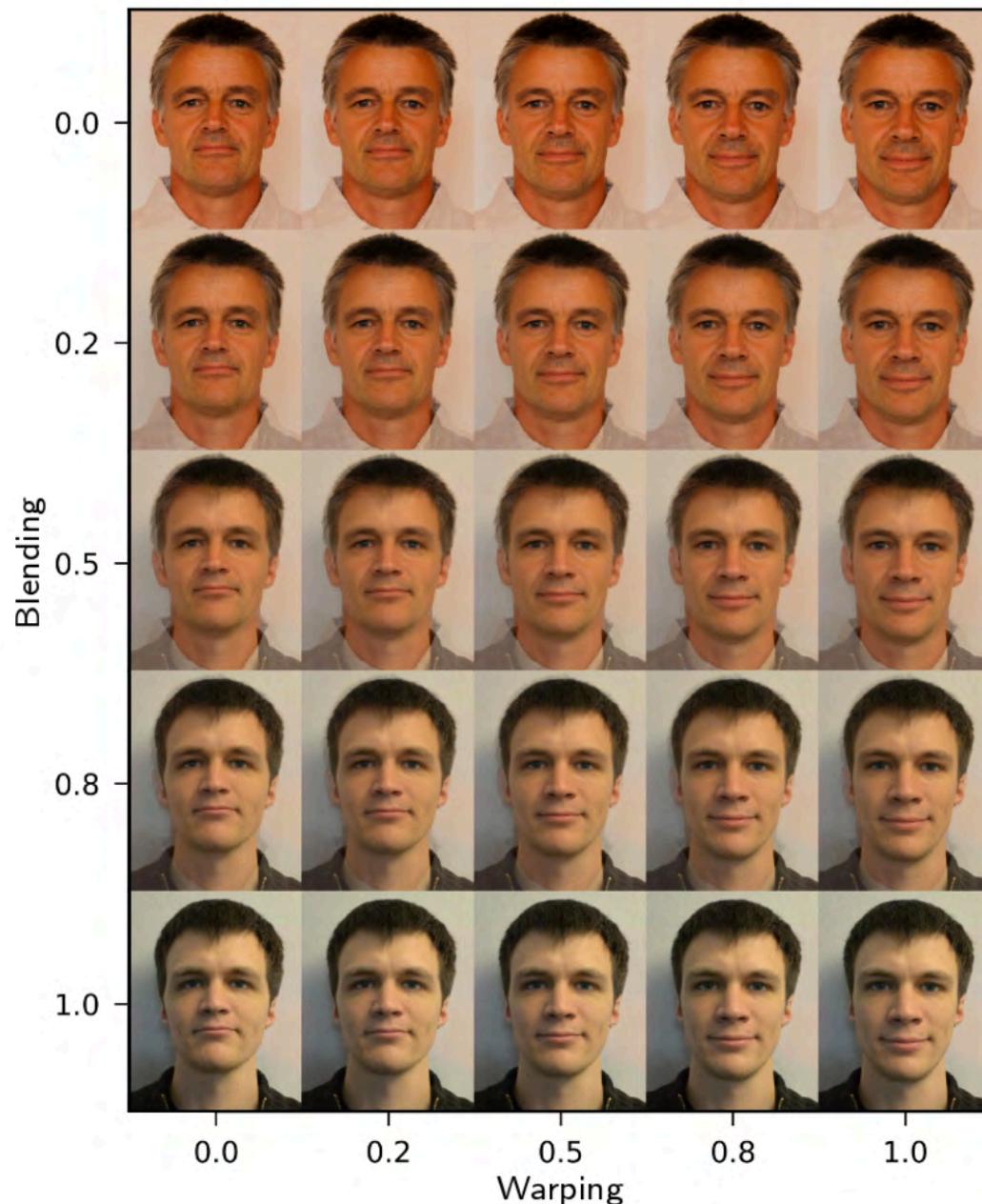
Warping and blending

- controlled by the alpha factor
- Landmark positions

$$\vec{x}_m = (1 - \alpha_w) \cdot \vec{x}_1 + \alpha_w \cdot \vec{x}_2$$

- Colour

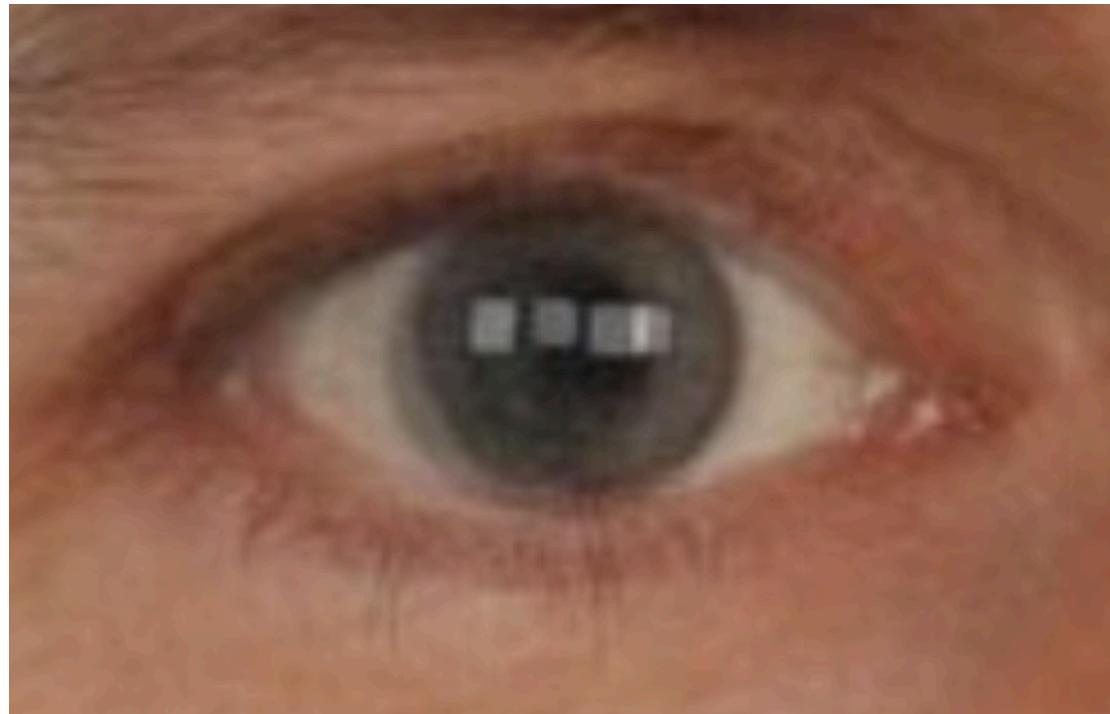
$$C_m = (1 - \alpha_b) \cdot C_1 + \alpha_b \cdot C_2$$



A good Morph ...

... is not as simple as you think

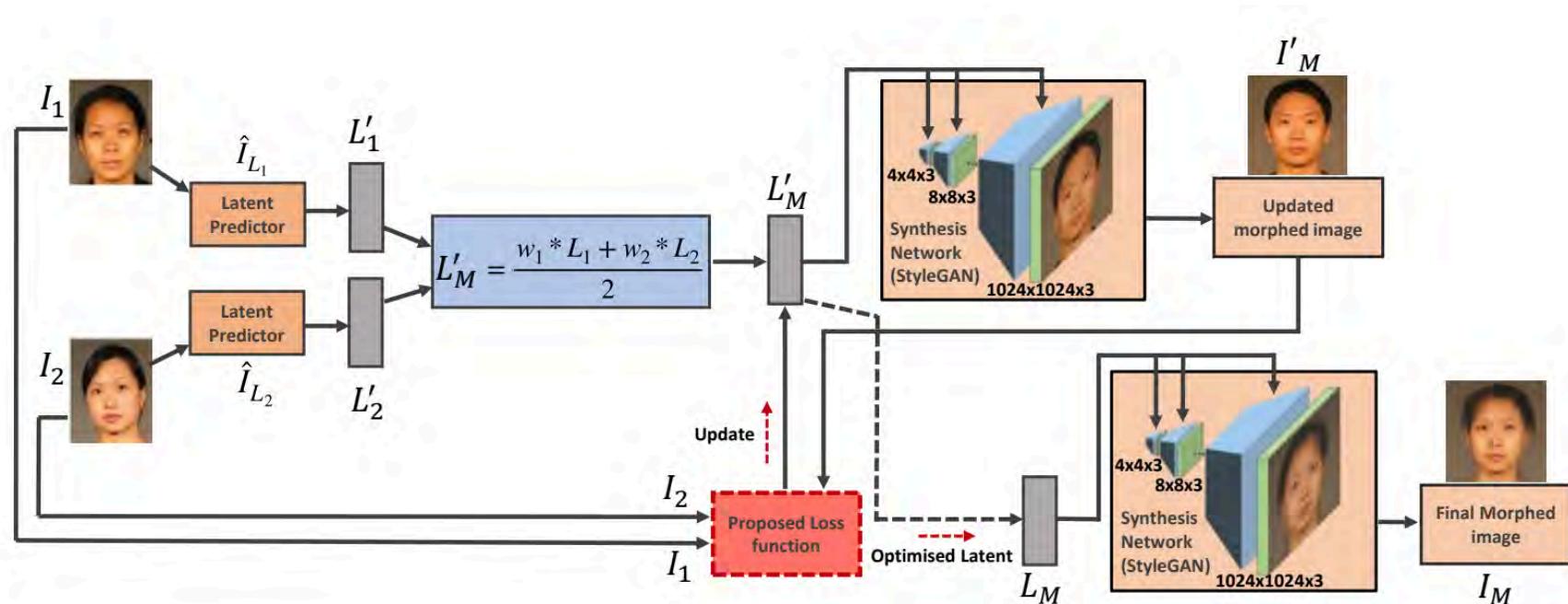
- Inaccurate landmarks, insufficient landmarks, fine details



A good Morph ...

... generated with MIP-GAN

- Morphing through Identity Prior driven Generative Adversarial Network
 - ▶ high quality morphs
 - ▶ enforced identity priors



[Zhang2021] H. Zhang, S. Venkatesh, R. Raghavendra, K. Raja, N. Damer, C. Busch: "MIPGAN - Generating Strong and High Quality Morphing Attacks Using Identity Prior Driven GAN", in IEEE Transactions on Biometrics, Behavior, and Identity Science (TBIOM), (2021)

Problem Description

Problem: Morphing Attacks

Morphing attack scenario

- Passport application of the accomplice A



Problem: Morphing Attacks

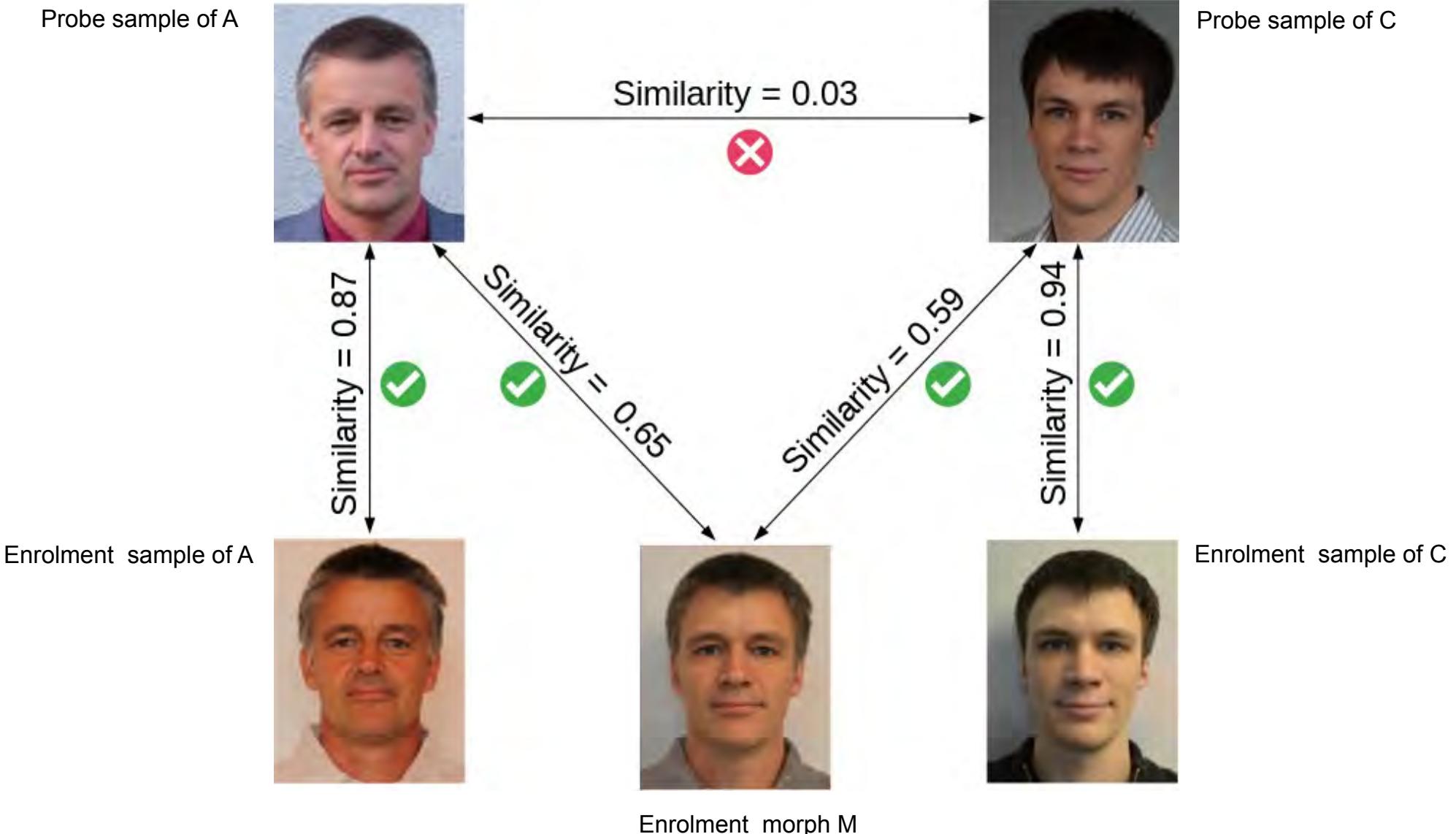
Morphing attack scenario

- Border control



Problem: Morphing Attacks

Verification against morphed facial images



Problem: Morphing Attacks

Is it a really problem ? - YES!

- In September 2018 German activists
 - ▶ used a morphed images of Federica Mogherini (High representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy) and a member of their group
 - ▶ and received an authentic German passport.

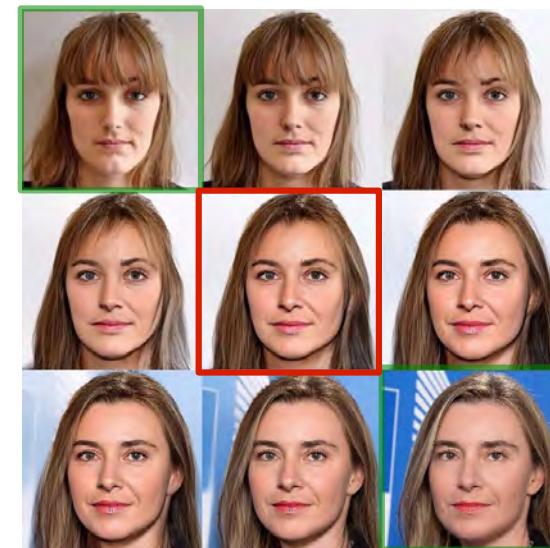


Image source: <https://www.spiegel.de/netzwelt/netzpolitik/biometrie-im-reisepass-peng-kollektiv-schmuggelt-fotomontage-in-ausweis-a-1229418.html>

Problem: Morphing Attacks

Is it a really problem ? - YES!

Report by the Slovenian Police [Tork2021]

- Reported in September 2021 that in last 12 month more than 40 morphing cases
 - ▶ were detected at Airport Police in Ljubljana
- Business model:
 - ▶ Albanian citizens, applying for a Slovenian passport
 - ▶ offered as a professional service travel route via Vienna and Warsaw to Canada

[Tork2021] M. Torkar: "Morphing Cases in Slovenia", German Biometric Working Group, (2021),
<https://eab.org/events/program/220>

What is the vulnerability?

Automatic Border Control

The verification process

- at an Automatic Border Control (ABC) gate
- is comparing the reference image from the ePass against multiple consecutive frames acquired live.

ABC gates of different manufacturers use different FRSs.

- Different FRSs use a different number of live frames during the verification process



Image source: BSI

Measure the Vulnerability

When is a morphing attack considered **successful**?

- Only if **all contributing subjects** reach successfully a **match** when being compared against the morphed reference sample.

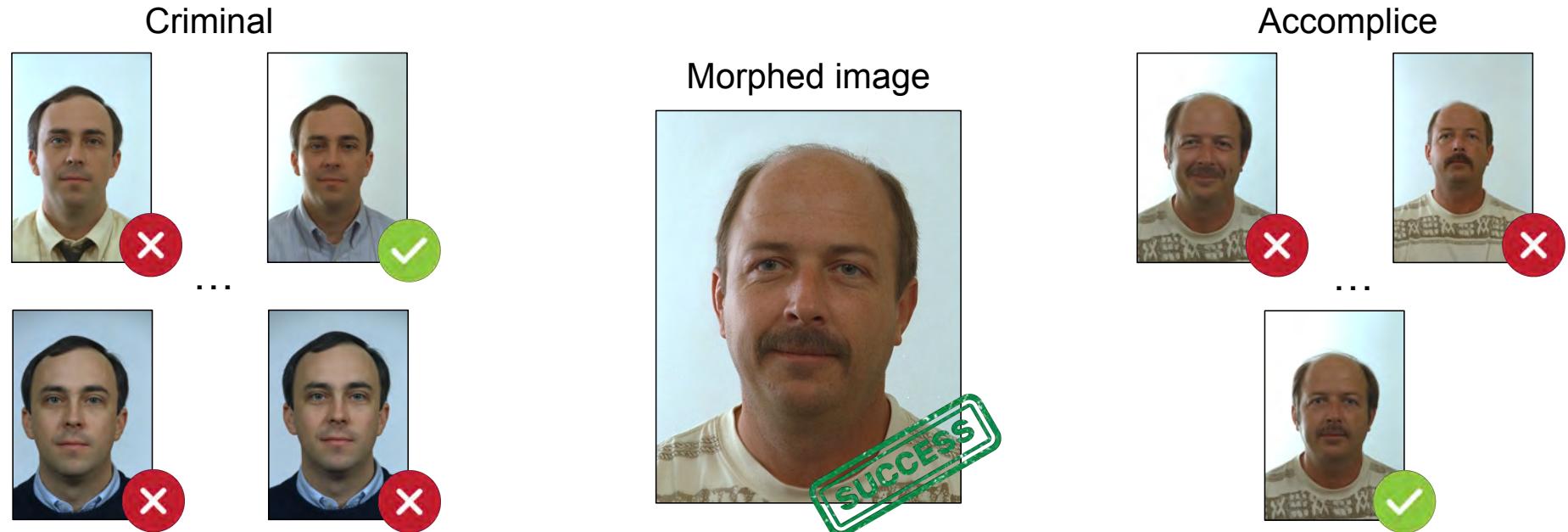
The vulnerability to morphing is usually measured on specific databases of morphed images.

- It is quantified as the **proportion of morphed images that are erroneously verified as bona fide with all contributing subjects**.
- Two metrics have been introduced for vulnerability assessment
 - ▶ MMPMR
 - ▶ FMMMPMR

Measure the Vulnerability

Mated Morph Presentation Match Rate (MMPMR)

- A morphing attack **succeeds** if the morphed image can be successfully verified against **at least one** of the probe images of **each** subject.



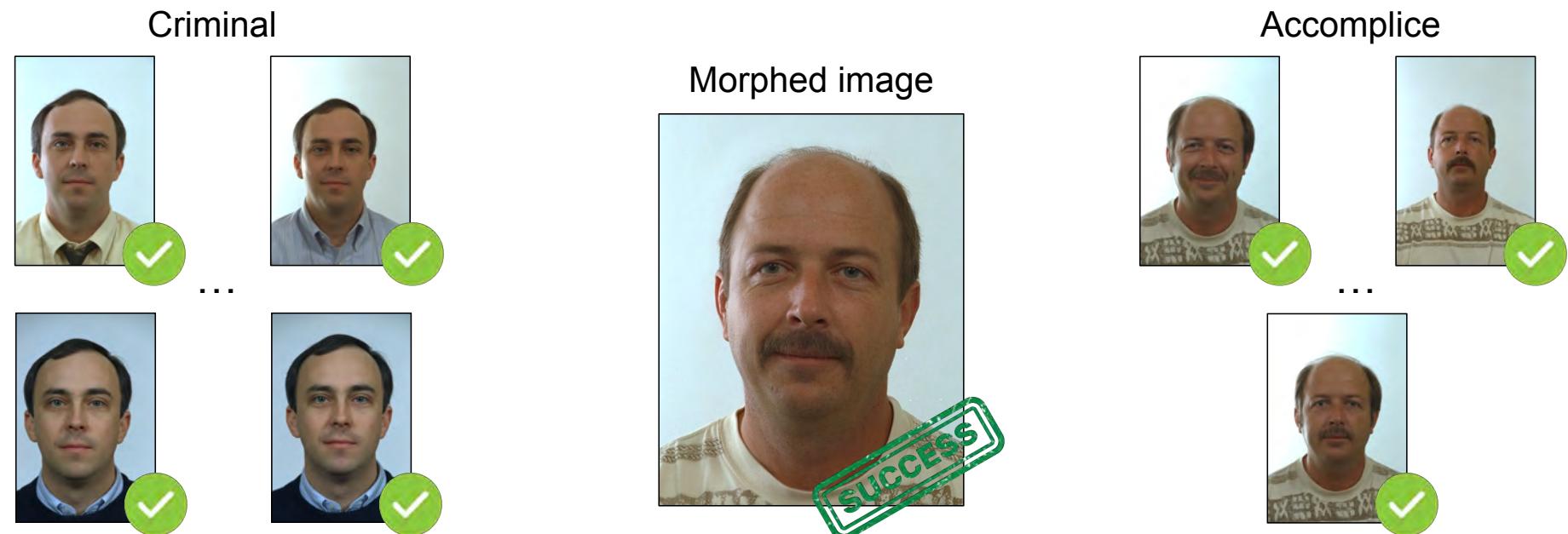
Source: M. Ferrara, IWBF-2022

[SNRG+17] U. Scherhag, A. Nautsch, C. Rathgeb, M. Gomez-Barrero, R. Veldhuis, L. Spreeuwiers, M. Schils, D. Maltoni, P. Grother, S. Marcel, R. Breithaupt, R. Raghavendra, C. Busch: "Biometric Systems under Morphing Attacks: Assessment of Morphing Techniques and Vulnerability Reporting", in Proceedings BIOSIG, (2017)

Measure the Vulnerability

Fully Mated Morph Presentation Match Rate (FMMMPMR)

- A morphing attack **succeeds** if the morphed image can be successfully verified **against all** probe images of **each** subject.



Source: M. Ferrara, IWBF-2022

[Venk2020] S. Venkatesh, R. Raghavendra, K. Raja, C. Busch. "Face Morphing Attack Generation & Detection: A Comprehensive Survey." IEEE-TTS, (2021)

Morphing Attack Potential

The MMPMR and FMMMPMR

- can only **partially** estimate the **attack potential**.

They do not take into account:

- **multiple FRSs (generality)**;
- a **variable number** of verified **probe** images (robustness).

To extend these concepts [Fera2022]

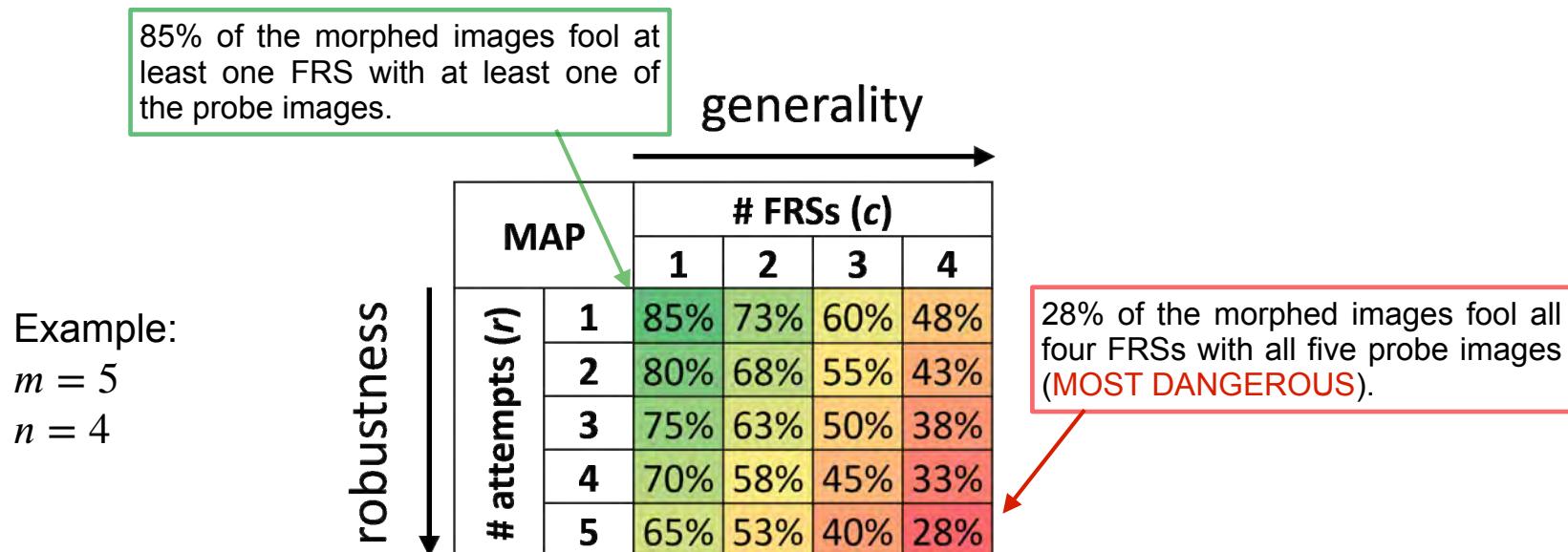
- proposed a new metric called **Morphing Attack Potential (MAP)**
- that considers a variable number of attempts
(frames acquired live at the gate) and multiple FRSs.

[Fera2022] M. Ferrara, A. Franco, D. Maltoni, C. Busch: "Morphing Attack Potential", in Proceedings of 10th International Workshop on Biometrics and Forensics (IWBF 2022), Salzburg, AT, April 20-21, (2022)

Morphing Attack Potential

Definition of Morphing Attack Potential (MAP)

- Given a **dataset** of morphed images \mathbb{M} , m probe images for each contributing subject and n FRSs to evaluate, **MAP** is defined as a **matrix** of size $m \times n$ whose element $MAP[r,c]$ reports the **proportion** of morphed images **successfully verified** with **both** contributing subjects with at least r probe images by at least c FRSs.

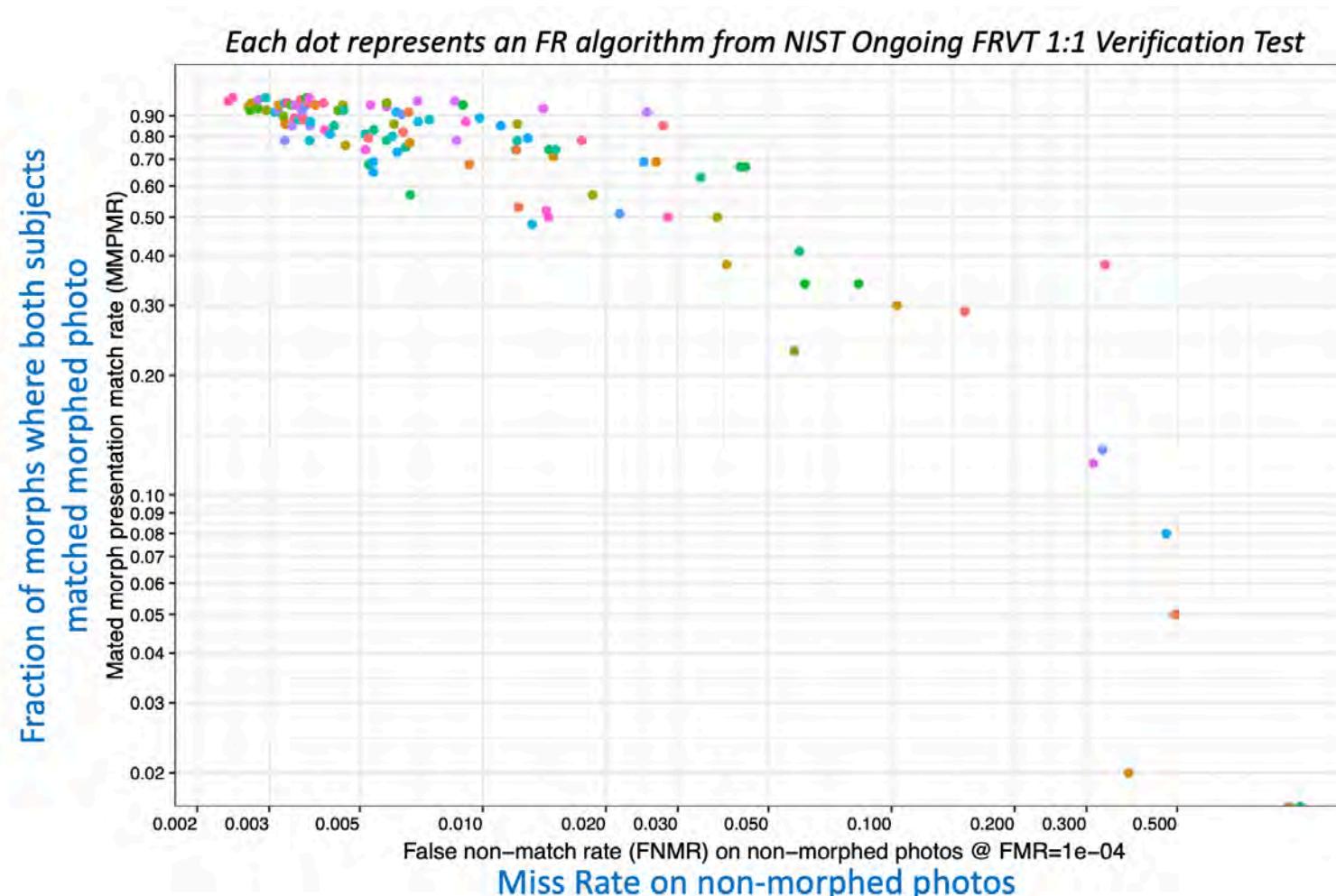


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Scale of the Problem: Vulnerability

NIST report on FRS vulnerability [Ngan2021]

- Accurate FRS are more vulnerable!



[Ngan2021] M. Ngan: "FRVT MORPH: Face Morphing Detection Evaluation", NBLAW, (2021)
<https://eab.org/events/program/229>

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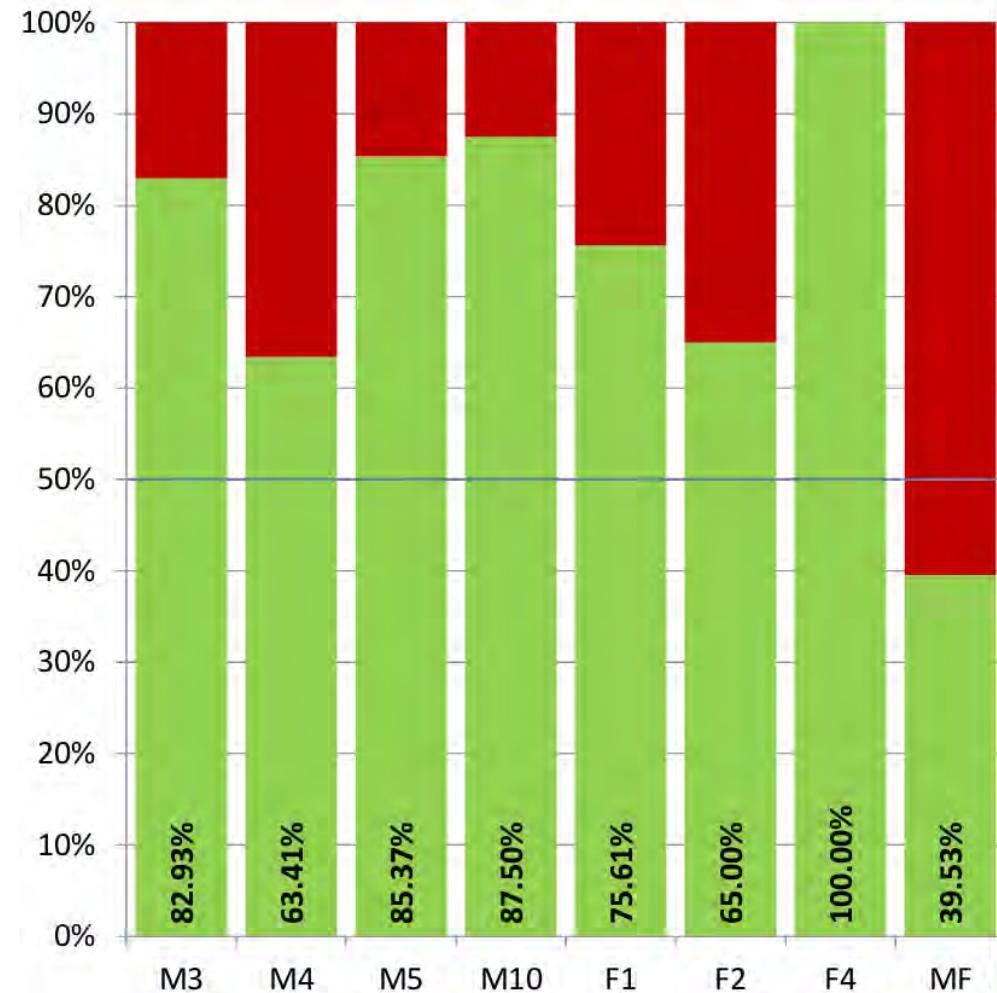
The morphing attack paradox

- The better the face recognition system (FRS)
 - ▶ the lower the false non-match rate (FNMR)
 - ▶ the more **tolerant** is the FRS at the defined FMR (e.g. 0.01 %)
- The more tolerance the FRS has
 - ▶ the more **vulnerability** we can observe
- **Accurate FRS are more vulnerable!**



Scale of the Problem: Vulnerability

Human Experts Capabilities - (44 border guards)



[FFM2016] M. Ferrara, A. Franco, D. Maltoni: "On the Effects of Image Alterations on Face Recognition Accuracy", in Face Recognition Across the Imaging Spectrum, Springer Nature, (2016)

Scale of the Problem: Vulnerability

Human Capabilities - 469 Observers

Differential Morphing Attack Detection (D-MAD)

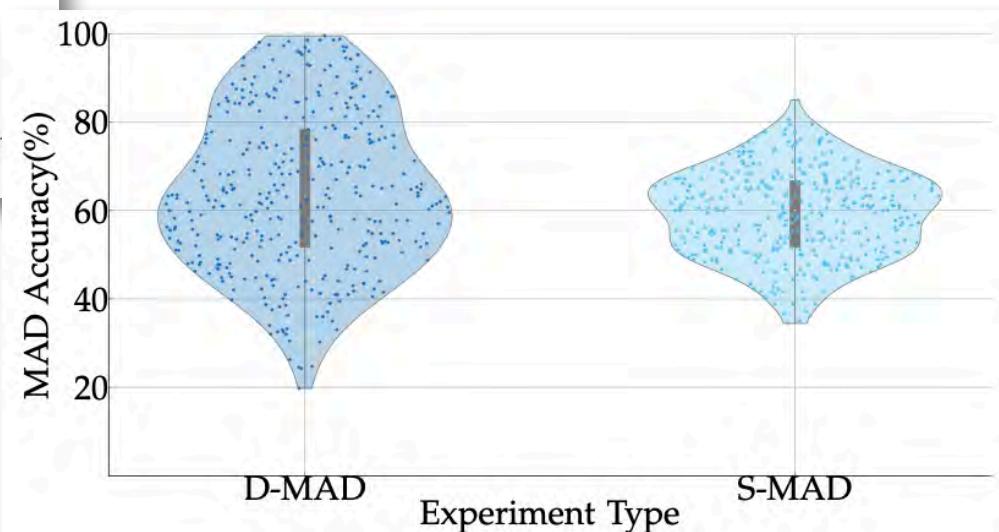
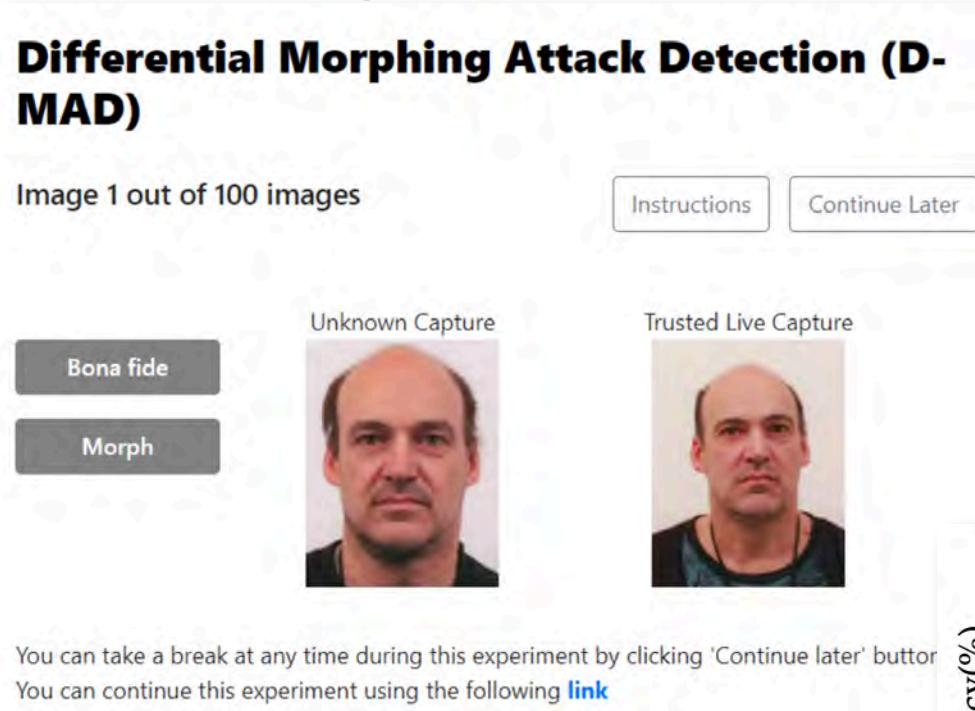
Image 1 out of 100 images

Instructions Continue Later

Unknown Capture Trusted Live Capture

Bona fide Morph

You can take a break at any time during this experiment by clicking 'Continue later' button
You can continue this experiment using the following [link](#)



[GOD2022] S. Godage, F. Løvåsdal, S. Venkatesh, K. Raja, R. Raghavendra, C. Busch: "Analyzing Human Observer Ability in Morphing Attack Detection - Where Do We Stand?", <https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.12426>

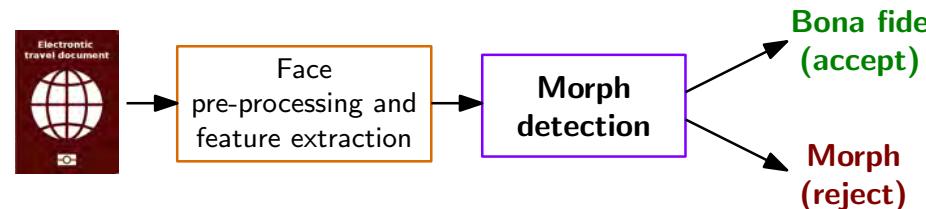
Morphing Attack Detection (MAD)

Scenarios and Methods

Morphing Attack Detection Scenarios

Real world scenarios

- Single image morphing attack detection (S-MAD)
 - ▶ One **single suspected** facial **image** is analysed (e.g. in the passport application)

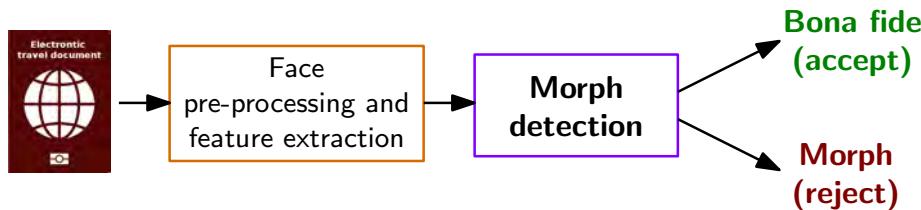


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Face Pre-processing and Feature Extraction

Morphing Attack Detection (S-MAD) with texture analysis

- Image descriptors as **hand-crafted** features

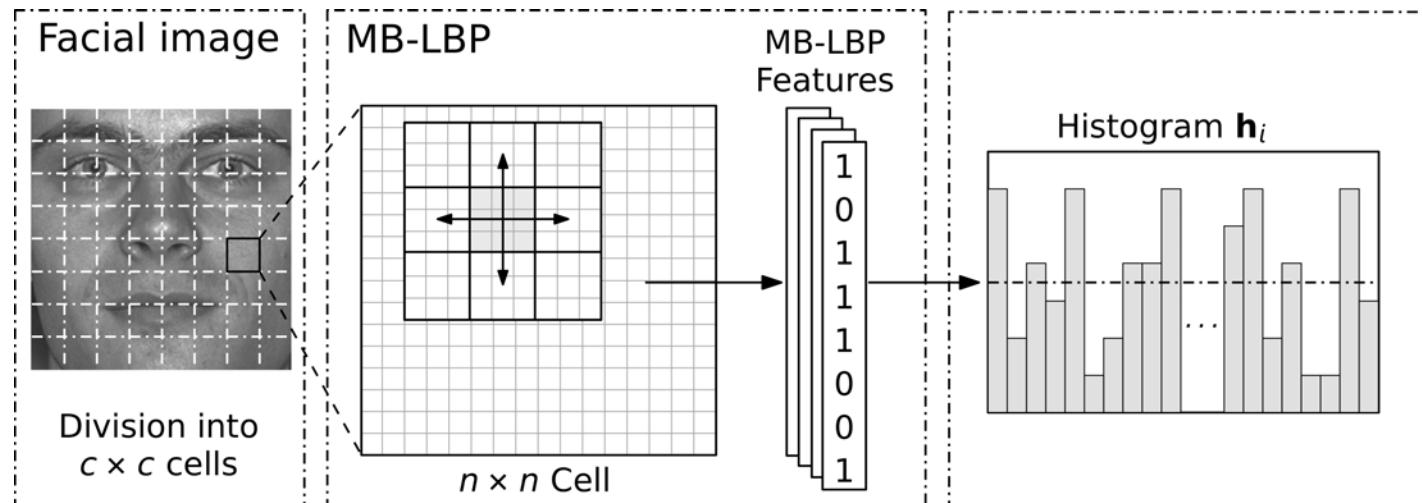


[SRB2018b] U. Scherhag, C. Rathgeb, C. Busch: „Detection of Morphed Faces from Single Images: a Multi-Algorithm Fusion Approach“, in Proceedings if of the 2nd International Conference on Biometric Engineering and Applications (ICBEA), Amsterdam, The Netherlands, May 16-18, (2018)

Face Pre-processing and Feature Extraction

S-MAD with image descriptor

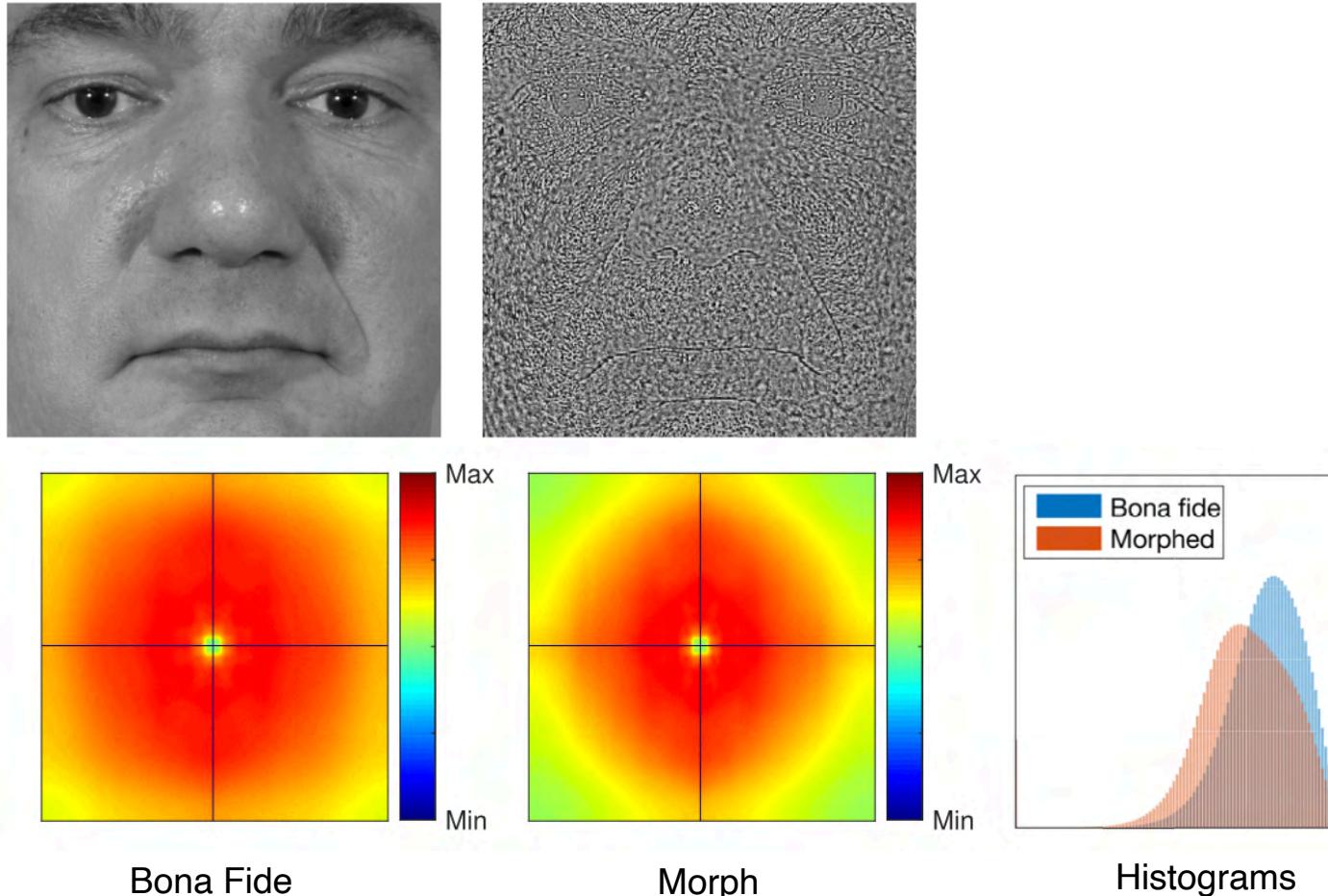
- Local Binary Pattern (LBP)



Face Pre-processing and Feature Extraction

S-MAD with image descriptor / forensic approach

- Photo Response Non-Uniformity (PRNU)

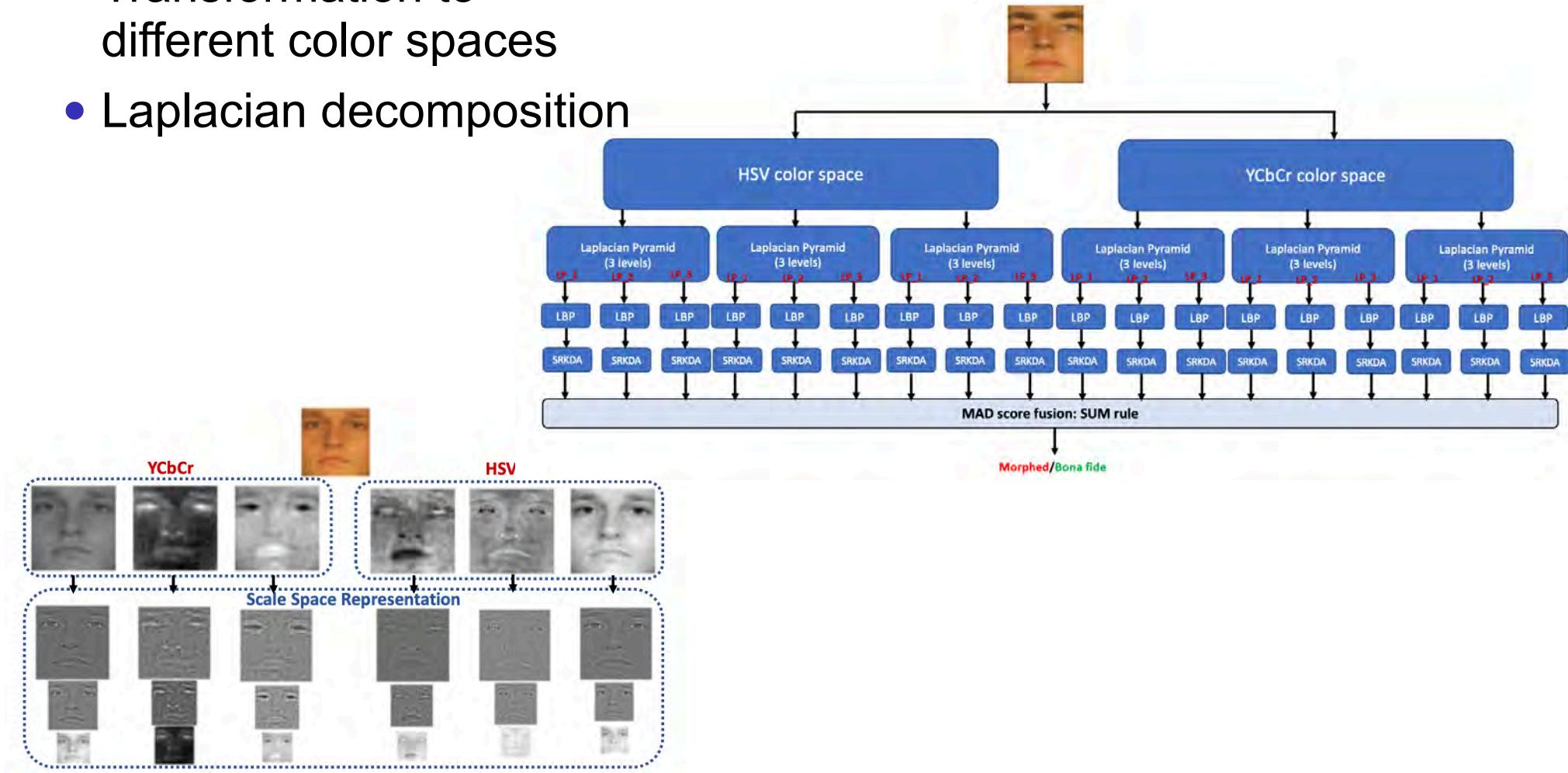


[SDRBU2019] U. Scherhag, L. Debiasi, C. Rathgeb, C. Busch and A. Uhl: "Detection of Face Morphing Attacks based on PRNU Analysis", in IEEE TBIOM, (2019)

Face Pre-processing and Feature Extraction

S-MAD with Scale-Space features

- Transformation to different color spaces
- Laplacian decomposition

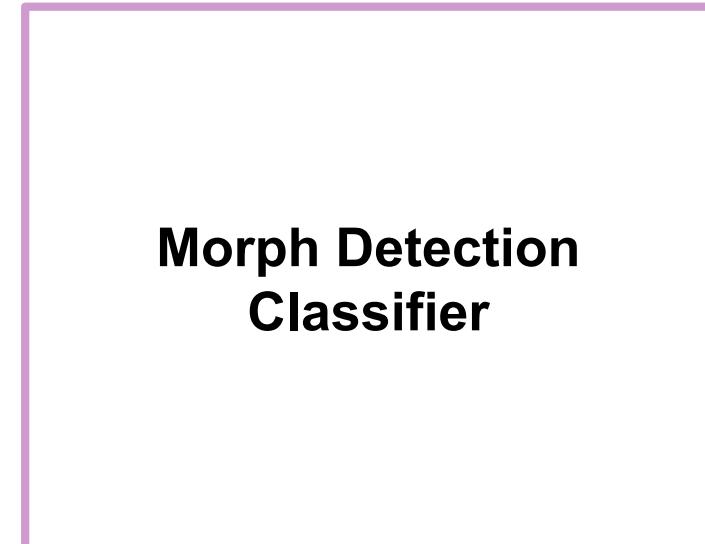
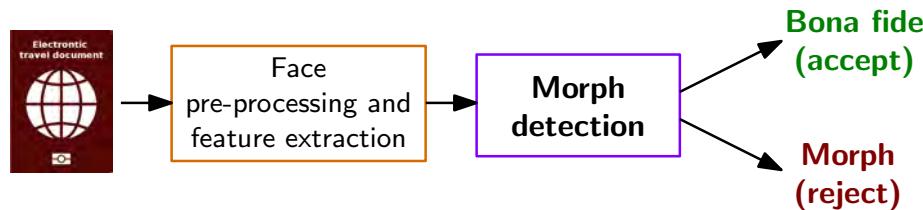


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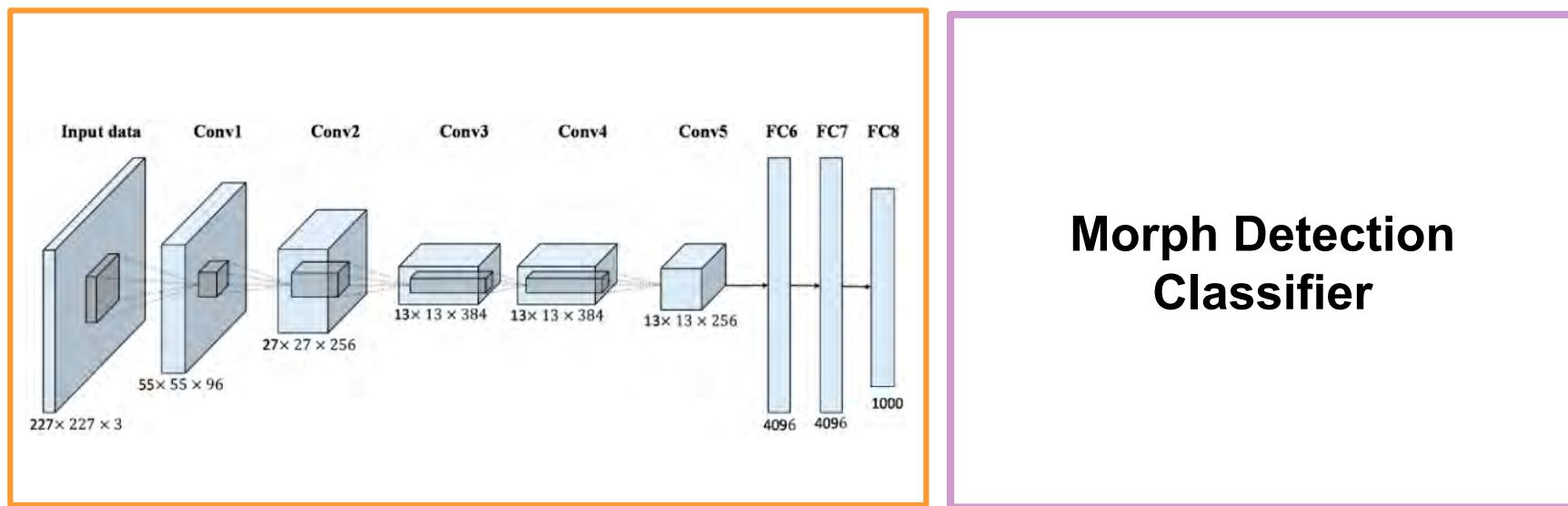
- Image descriptors as **Deep features**



Face Pre-processing and Feature Extraction

S-MAD with deep learning

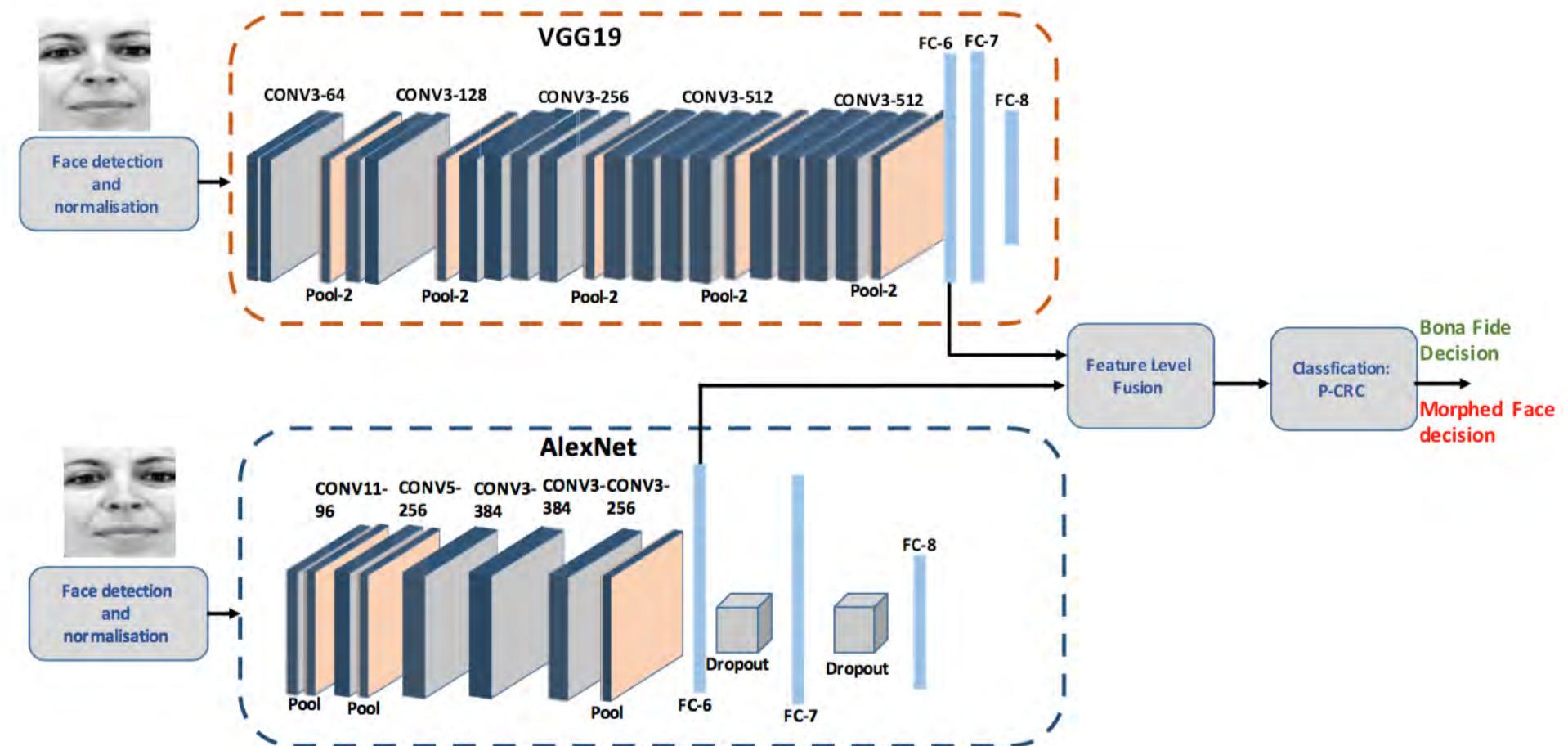
- **Feature** Representations
 - ▶ pre-trained Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)



Single Image Morphing Attack Detection

S-MAD with deep learning

- Feature level fusion of Deep CNNs

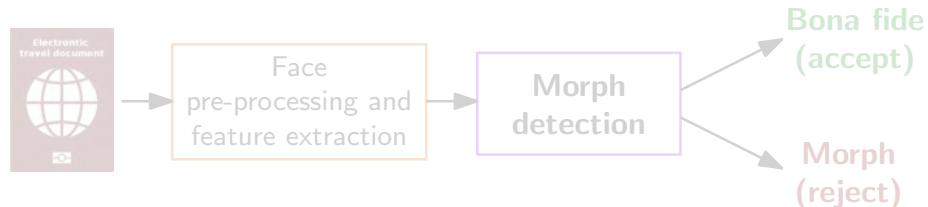


[RRVBu2017] R. Raghavendra, K. Raja, S. Venkatesh, C. Busch: "Transferable Deep-CNN features for detecting digital and print-scanned morphed face images", in Proceedings of 30th International Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshop (CVPRW), July 21-26, (2017)

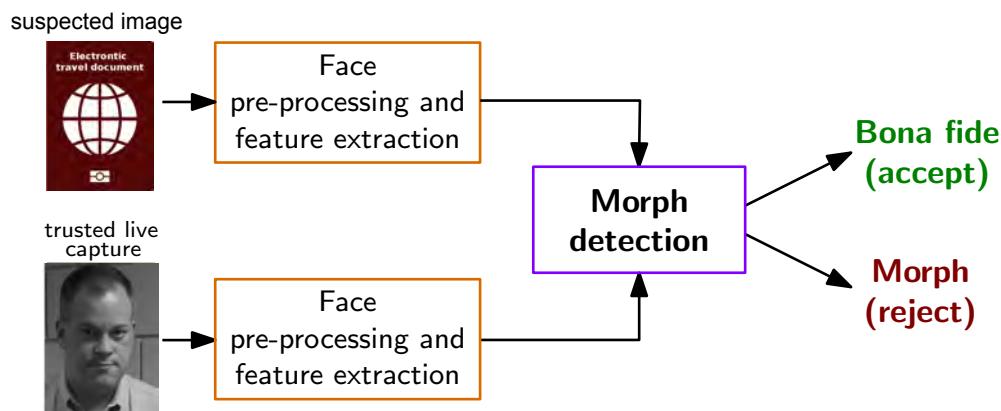
Morphing Attack Detection Scenarios

Real world scenarios

- Single image morphing attack detection (S-MAD)
 - ▶ One **suspected** facial **image** is analysed (e.g. in the passport application)



- Differential morphing attack detection (D-MAD)
 - ▶ A **pair** of images is analysed - and one is a trusted Bona Fide image
 - ▶ Biometric verification (e.g. at the border)

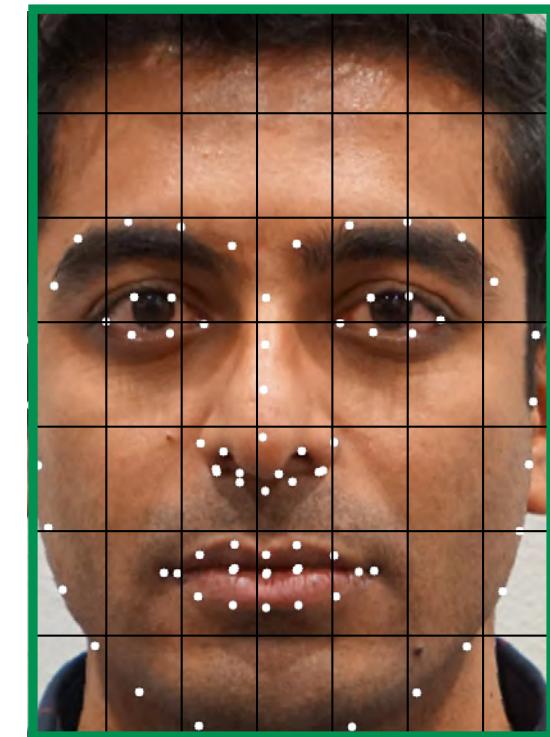
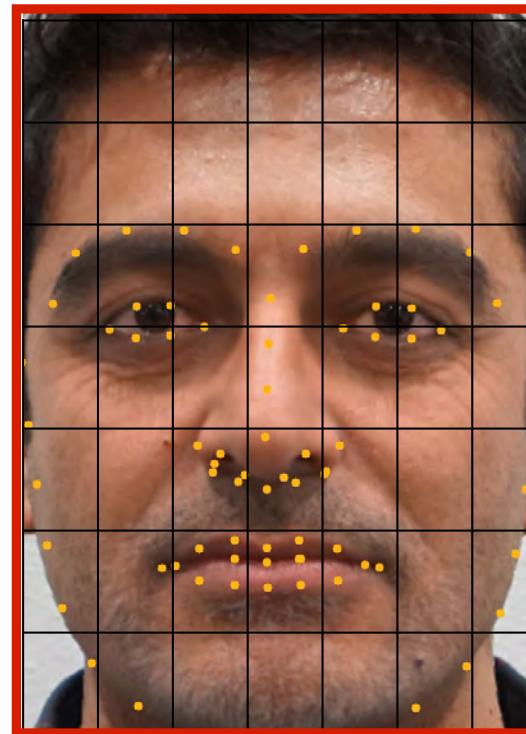
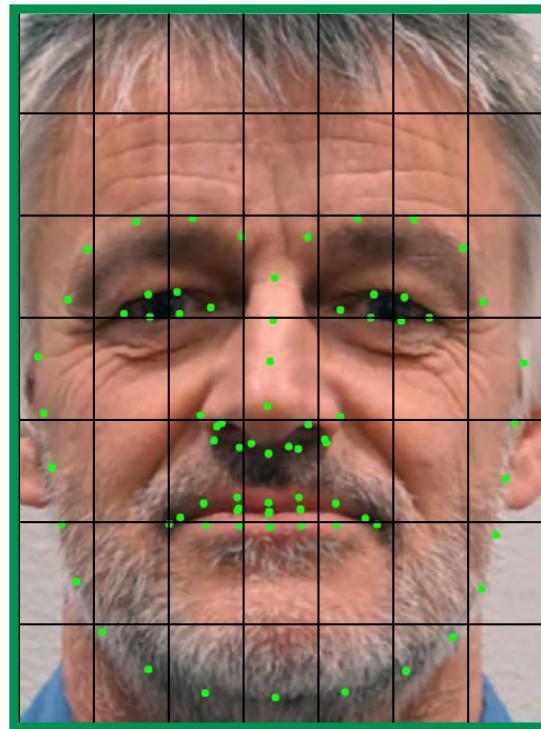
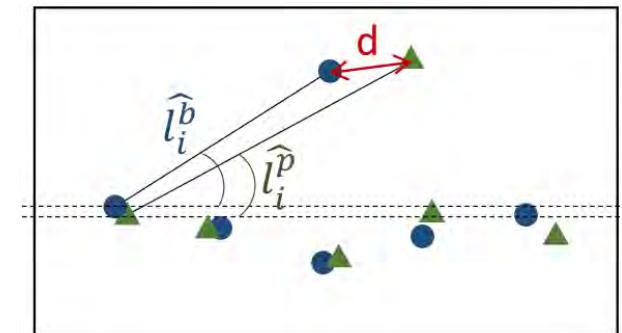


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Differential Morphing Attack Detection

D-MAD with landmark analysis

- Angle based features
- Distance based features

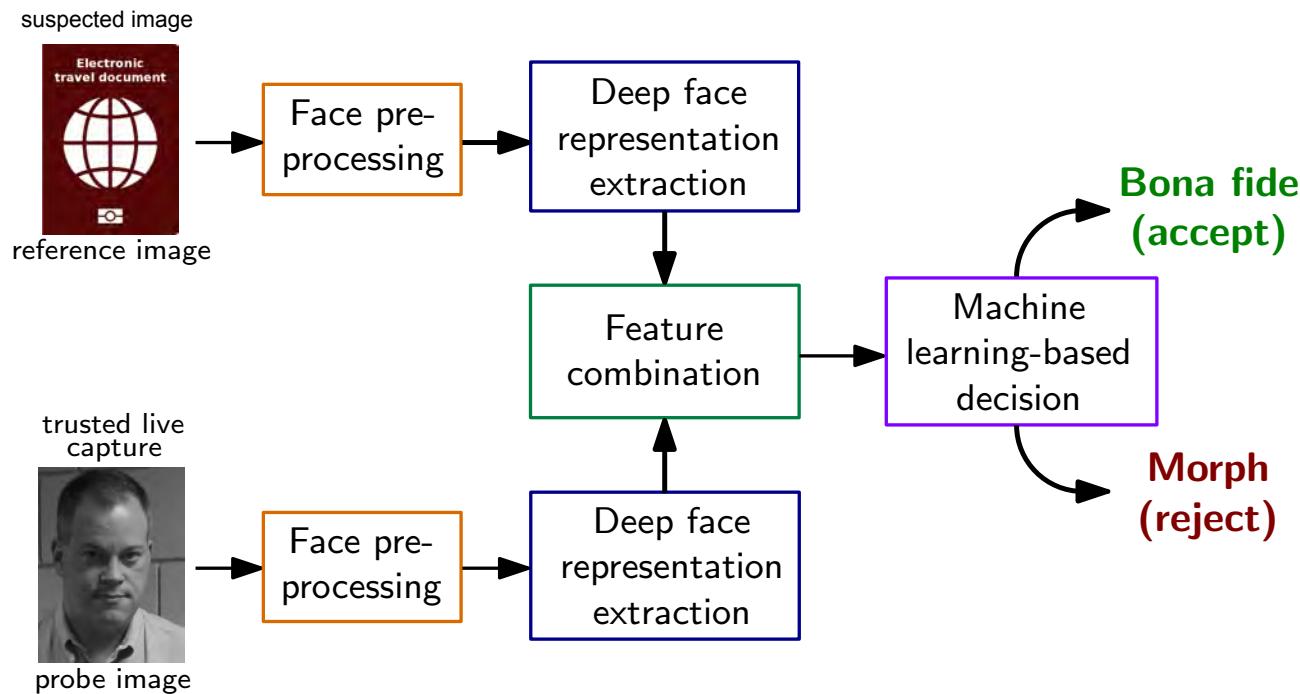


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Differential Morphing Attack Detection

D-MAD with deep learning

- Deep Face representations of Deep CNNs



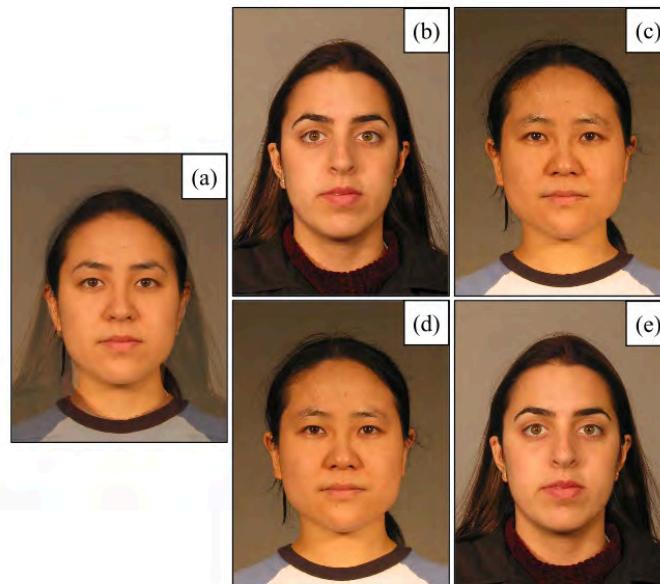
- ▶ Deep representations extracted by the neural network (on the lowest layer)
- ▶ Feature space with **small dimension**: 512 (for ArcFace)
- ▶ SVM with radial basis function

[SRMB2020] U. Scherhag, C. Rathgeb, J. Merkle, C. Busch: "Deep Face Representations for Differential Morphing Attack Detection", in IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security (TIFS), (2020)

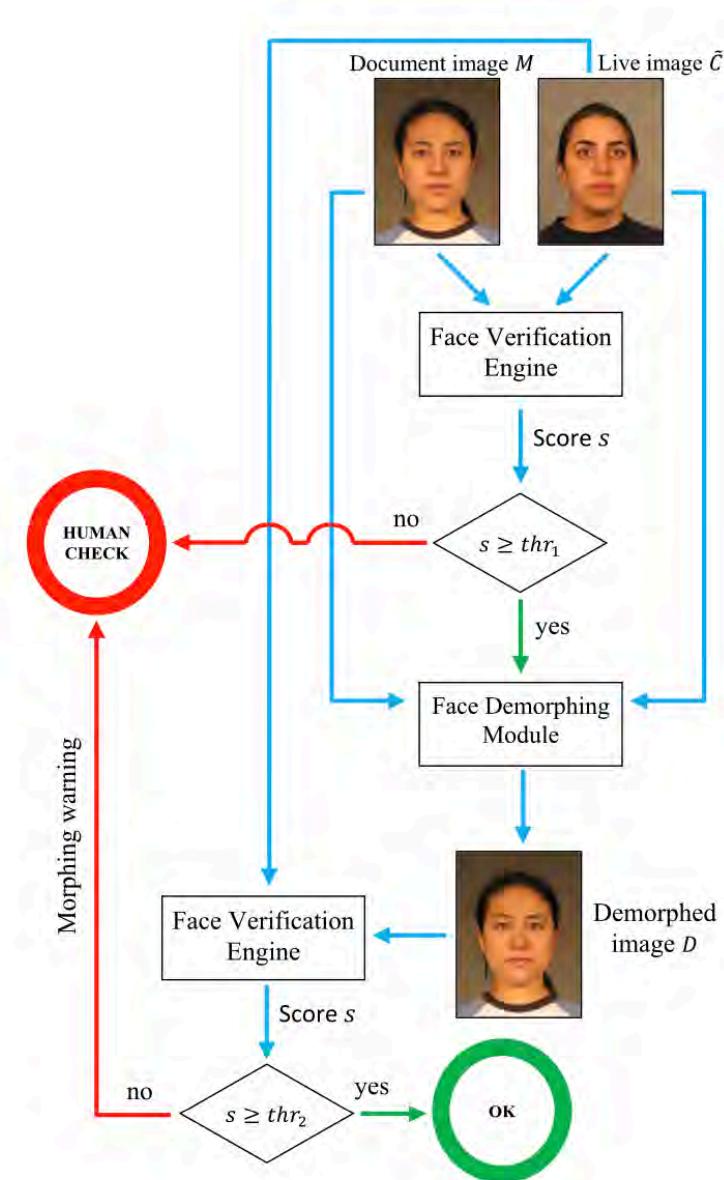
Differential Morphing Attack Detection

D-MAD with Demorphing

- Invert the morphing process
- Then confirm the similarity score



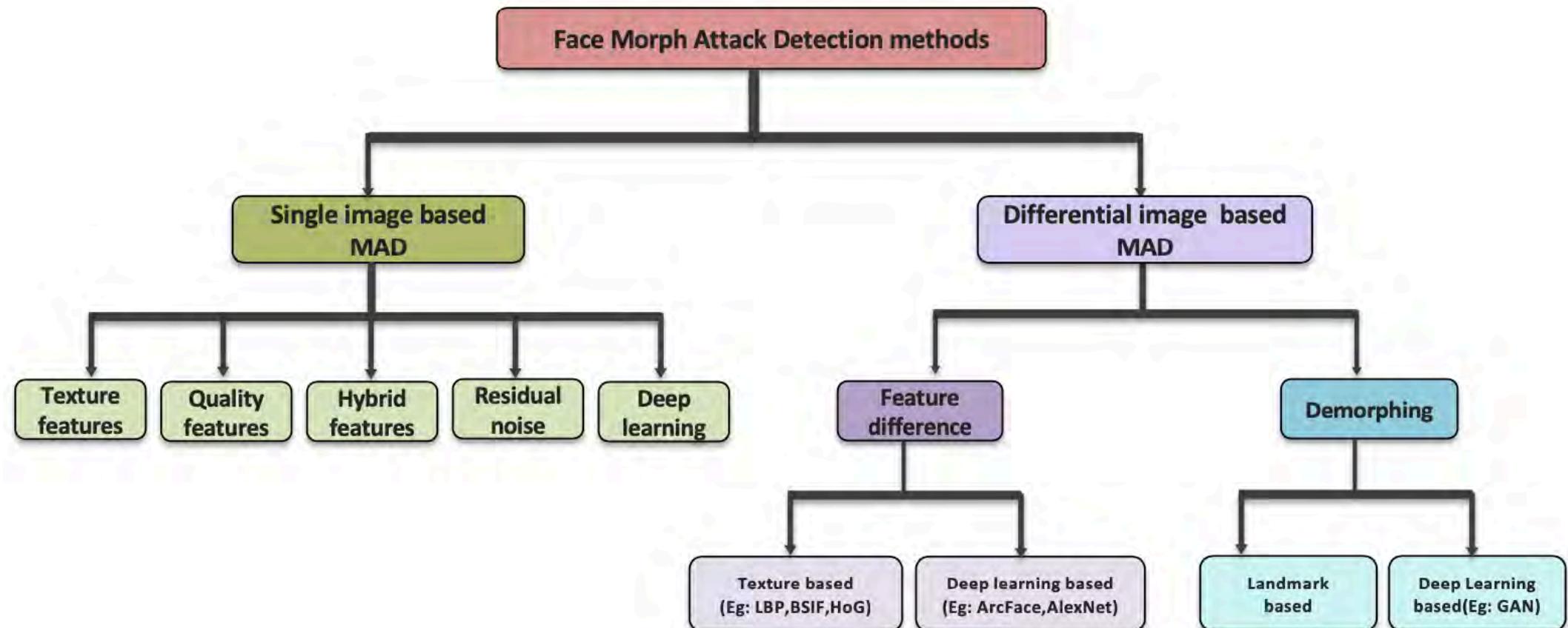
a) suspected image
b) and c): trusted live capture image
d) and e): recovery image



[Ferrara2018] M. Ferrara, A. Franco, D. Maltoni: "Face Demorphing",
in IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security (TIFS), (2018)

State of the Art - MAD Algorithms

Taxonomy of Morphing Attack Detection



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MAD Evaluation

Standardized Testing Metrics

Definition according to ISO/IEC 30107-3

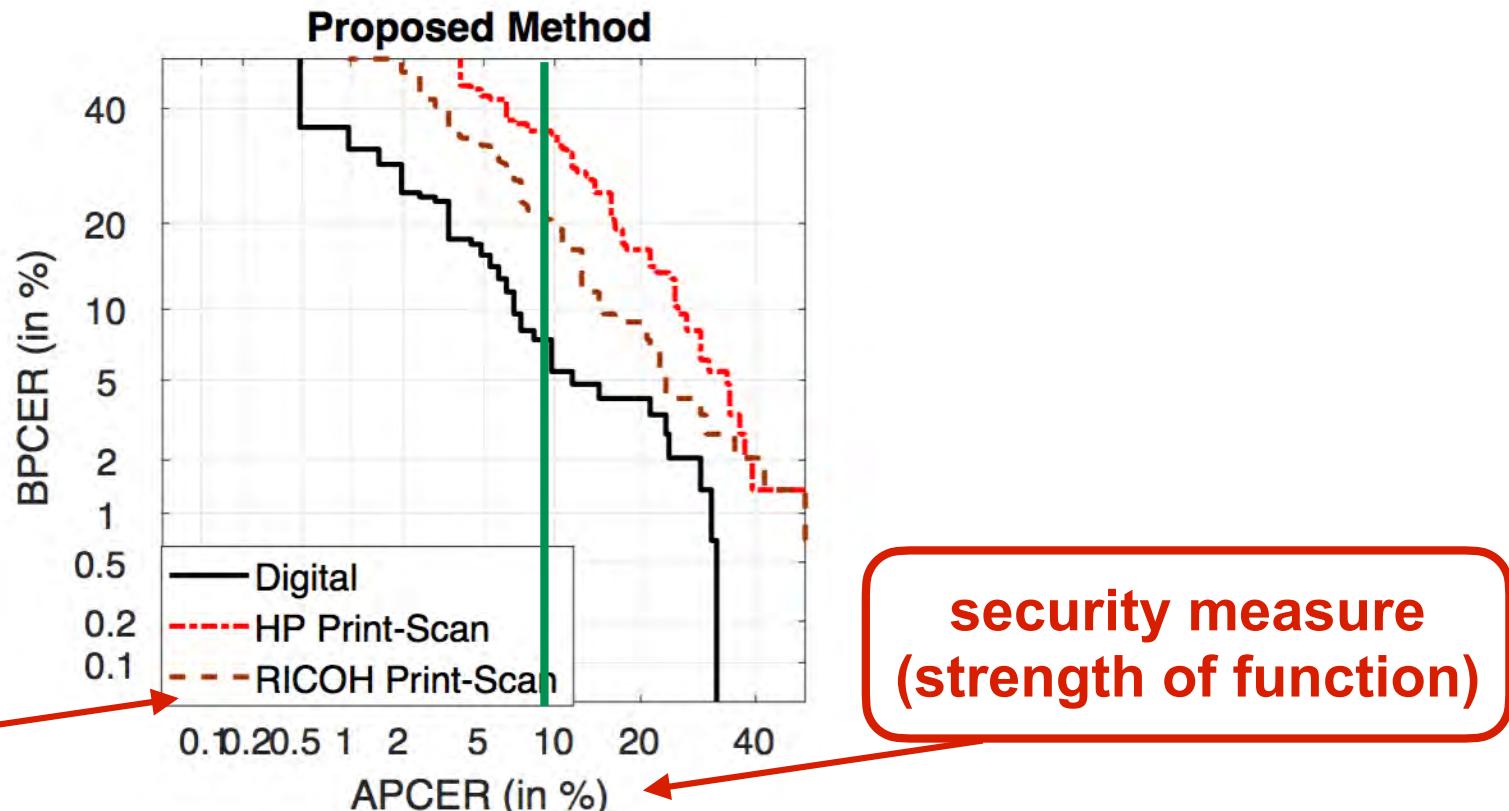
- Testing the false-negative and false-positive errors:
- **Attack presentation classification error rate (APCER)**
*proportion of **attack presentations** using the same PAI species incorrectly **classified as bona fide presentations** in a specific scenario*
- **Bona fide presentation classification error rate (BPCER)**
*proportion of **bona fide presentations** incorrectly **classified as attack presentations** in a specific scenario*

source: [ISO/IEC 30107-3] SO/IEC 30107-3, “Biometric presentation attack detection - Part 3: Testing and reporting”, (2017)
<https://www.iso.org/standard/67381.html>

Standardized Testing Metrics

Definition of metrics in ISO/IEC 30107-3

- DET curve analyzing operating points for various thresholds and plot **convenience measures** over **security measures**
- Example:



Source: R. Raghavendra, K. Raja, S. Venkatesh, C. Busch: "Transferable Deep-CNN features for detecting digital and print-scanned morphed face images", in Proceedings of 30th International Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshop (CVPRW 2017), Honolulu, Hawaii, July 21-26, (2017)

MAD Evaluation Methodology

Face Morphing Attack **evaluations** are complex

- Evaluations must consider a dedicated **methodology** [SNR2017]
- Evaluations must consider **many parameters**

*result = f(dataset-training, dataset-testing, morphing-attack,
landmark-detector, feature-extractor, classifier,
scenario (S-MAD vs. D-MAD),
post-processing, printer, scanner, ageing)*

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MAD Evaluation in SOTAMD

EU funded project: February 2019 – January 2020



- Partners:

- National Office for Identity Data, NL, Bundeskriminalamt (BKA), DE
- University of Bologna (UBO), IT, Hochschule Darmstadt (HDA), DE
- The University of Twente (UTW), NL, NTNU, NO



Specific objectives:

- Capture face images from **150 subjects**
 - with photo equipment and automated border control gates
- Generate **morphed** face images with **at least 3 algorithms**
- Post-process automatically and manually
- Print and scan all morphed face images
- MAD Test on the Bologna-Online-Evaluation-Platform (BOEP)
 - Provide **open access benchmark** tests.
 - D-MAD evaluation:
<https://biolab.csr.unibo.it/FVCOnGoing/UI/Form/BenchmarkAreas/BenchmarkAreaDMAD.aspx>

Research on Morphing Attack Detection

MAD Evaluation in SOTAMD

- SOTAMD dataset and BOEP testing platform
<https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/9246583>



Morphing Attack Detection - Database, Evaluation Platform and Benchmarking

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Abstract—Morphing attacks have posed a severe threat to Face Recognition System (FRS). Despite the number of advancements reported in recent works, we note serious open issues such as independent benchmarking, generalizability challenges and considerations to age, gender, ethnicity that are inadequately addressed. Morphing Attack Detection (MAD) algorithms often are prone to generalization challenges as they are database dependent. The existing databases, mostly of semi-public nature, lack in diversity in terms of ethnicity, various morphing process and post-processing pipelines. Further, they do not reflect a realistic operational scenario for Automated Border Control (ABC) and do not provide a basis to test MAD on unseen data, in order to benchmark the robustness of algorithms. In this work, we present a new sequestered dataset for facilitating the advancements of MAD where the algorithms can be tested on unseen data in an effort to better generalize. The newly constructed dataset consists of facial images from 150 subjects from various ethnicities, age-groups and both genders. In order to challenge the existing MAD algorithms, the morphed images are with careful subject pre-selection created from the contributing images, and further post-processed to remove morphing artifacts. The images are also printed and scanned to remove all digital cues and to simulate a realistic challenge for MAD algorithms. Further, we present a new online evaluation platform to test algorithms on sequestered data. With the platform we can benchmark the morph detection performance and study the generalization ability. This work also presents a detailed analysis on various subsets of sequestered data and outlines open challenges for future directions in MAD research.

Index Terms—Biometrics, Morphing Attack Detection, Face Recognition, Vulnerability of Biometric Systems

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BOEP Testing Dataset

A database with **variety** of morphing algorithms and automated and manual post-processing

- **Demographics**

| Gender | | Age | | |
|-----------|---------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| Male | Female | A18-A35 | A36-A55 | A56-A75 |
| 86 | 64 | 87 | 47 | 16 |
| Ethnicity | | | | |
| European | African | India-Asian | East-Asian | Middle-Eastern |
| 96 | 26 | 10 | 9 | 9 |

- **Number of images with morphing and manual post-processing**

| | Automated Morphing | Manually post-processed | Total |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| Digital images | 1475 | 570 | 2045 |
| Printed & Scanned | 1453 | 2250 | 3703 |
| Total | 2928 | 2820 | 5748 |

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MAD Evaluation

Bologna Online Evaluation Platform (BOEP)

- A new benchmark area for **morphing attack detection**
<https://biolab.csr.unibo.it/fvcongoing/UI/Form/BOEP.aspx>

[Bologna Online Evaluation Platform \(BOEP\) - Morph Attack Detection Evaluation](#)

BOEP is a fully automated web-based evaluation system hosted in the FVC-onGoing framework specifically designed to evaluate Morph Attack Detection (MAD) algorithms. It has been designed and developed in the context of the SOTAMD European project and it is supported by EU funded project iMars.

Benchmark Areas

BOEP contains the following benchmark areas:

- Single-Image Morph Attack Detection**
This benchmark area contains face morphing detection benchmarks. Morphing detection consists in analyzing a face image to determine whether it is the result of a morphing process (mixing faces of two subjects) or not. Algorithms submitted to these benchmarks are required to analyze a suspected morph image and produce a score representing the probability of the image to be morphed. [Read more...](#)
- Differential Morph Attack Detection**
This benchmark area contains face morphing detection benchmarks. Morphing detection consists in analyzing a face image to determine whether it is the result of a morphing process (mixing faces of two subjects) or not. Algorithms submitted to these benchmarks are required to compare a suspected morph image to a bona fide (not morphed) one and produce a score representing the probability of the suspected morph image to be a morphed face image. [Read more...](#)

- **Both** scenarios: D-MAD and S-MAD
- Two benchmarks to evaluate **different image types**:
 - ▶ Digital or **Printed/Scanned** images
- Possibility of analysing results according to specific factors:
 - ▶ **Manual** or **automatic** morphing
 - ▶ Morphing **approaches** and parameters (e.g., morphing factor)
 - ▶ Gender, ethnicity, age, etc.

MAD Evaluation - BOEP and NIST FRVT

NIST realized FRVT MORPH

- an ongoing independent testing of face morph detection technologies.

<https://www.nist.gov/programs-projects/frvt-morph>

The BOEP is realized as

- a testing protocol **perfectly compatible** with the NIST interface,
- in order to minimize the effort for developers and
- promote the **submission** of algorithms **to both** evaluation platforms.

NIST only accepts Linux dynamically-linked library file;

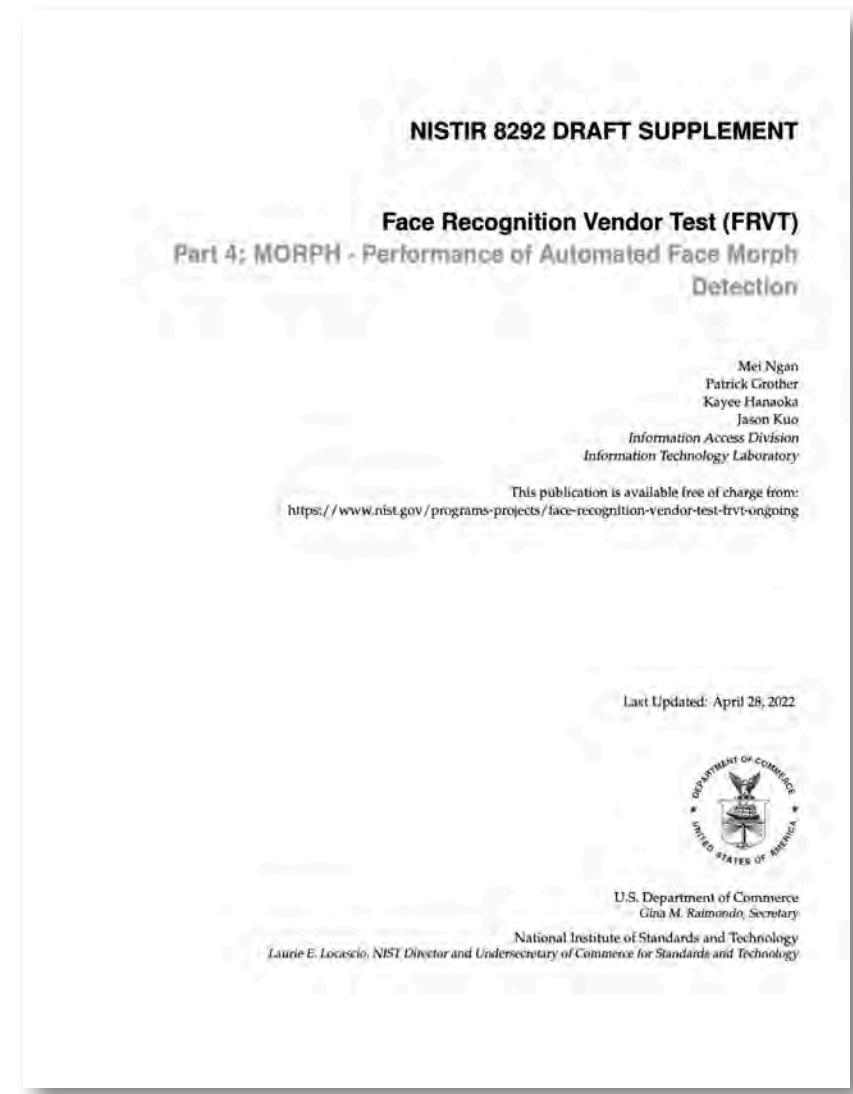
- FVC-onGoing accepts both **Windows** and **Linux** executables

NIST FRVT MORPH

NIST IR 8292 report presented April, 2022 FRVT MORPH

https://pages.nist.gov/frvt/html/frvt_morph.html

- results for MAD algorithms from six research labs:
 - ▶ Hochschule Darmstadt (HDA)
 - ▶ Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)
 - ▶ University of Bologna (UBO)
 - ▶ University of Twente (UTW)
 - ▶ Universidade de Coimbra (VIS)
 - ▶ West Virginia University (WVU)



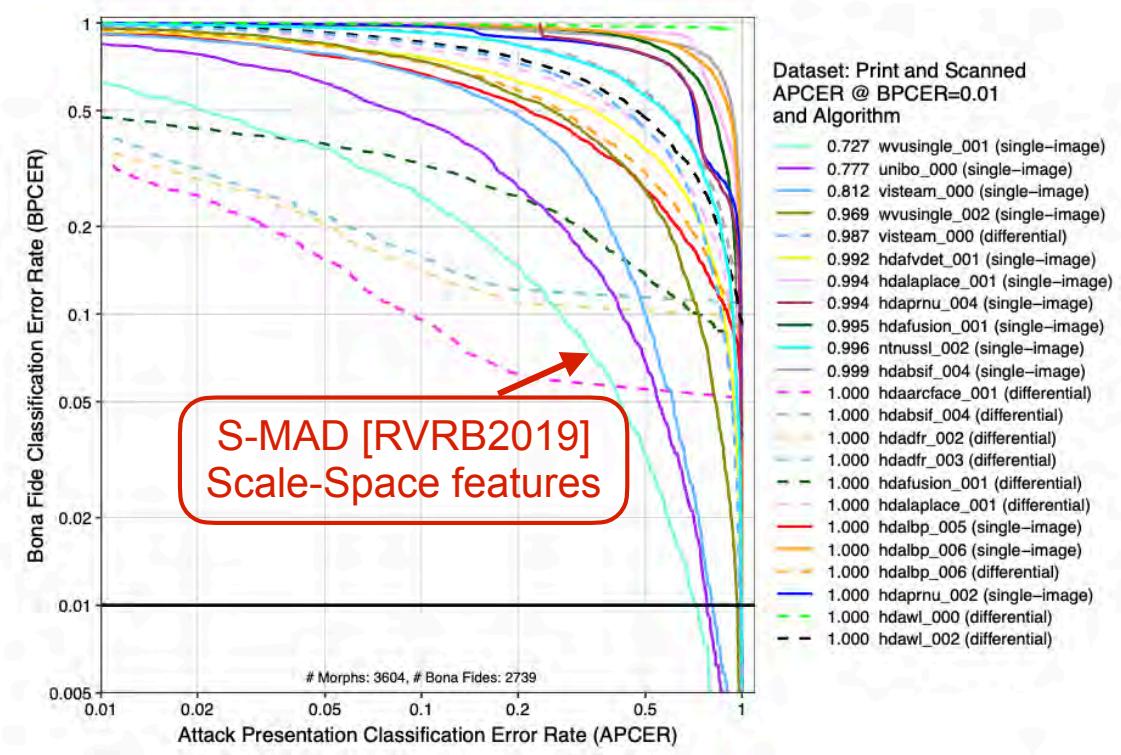
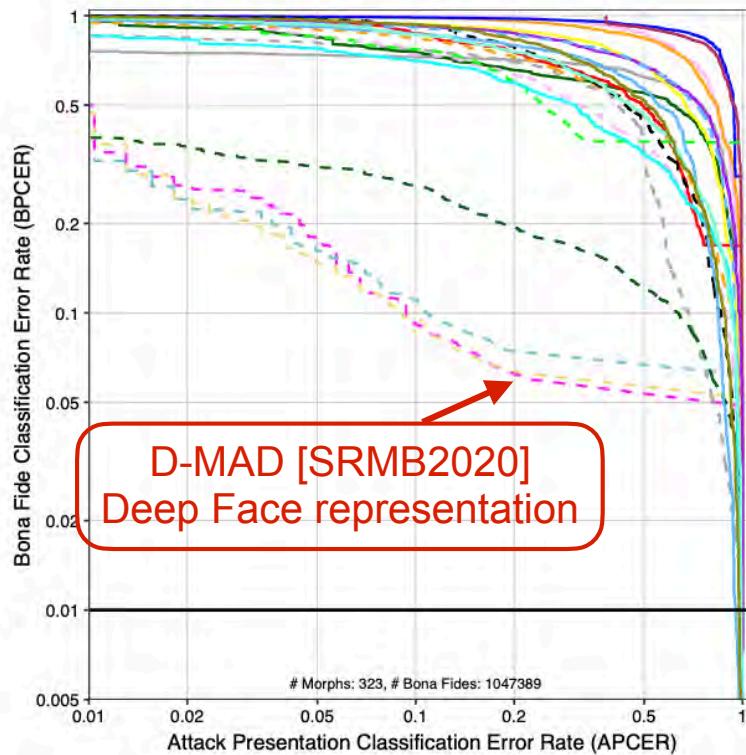
NIST FRVT MORPH

NIST IR 8292 report presented April, 2022

- Performance of Automated Face Morph Detection

https://pages.nist.gov/frvt/reports/morph/frvt_morph_report.pdf

- results for **high quality** morphs versus **print and scanned**
 - ▶ note the **low number** of print and scanned images



The iMARS Project Summary

The Key Figures

iMARS project

- Start date: 1 September 2020
- End date: 31 August 2024
- H2020-SU-SEC-2019
- Grant agreement ID: 883356
- Programme(s):
 - ▶ H2020-EU.3.7.3. - Strengthen security through border management
 - ▶ H2020-EU.3.7.8. - Support the Union's external security policies including through conflict prevention and peace-building
- Topic:
 - ▶ SU-BES02-2018-2019-2020 -
Technologies to enhance border and external security
- Overall budget: € 6 988 521,25
- Website: <https://imars-project.eu/>



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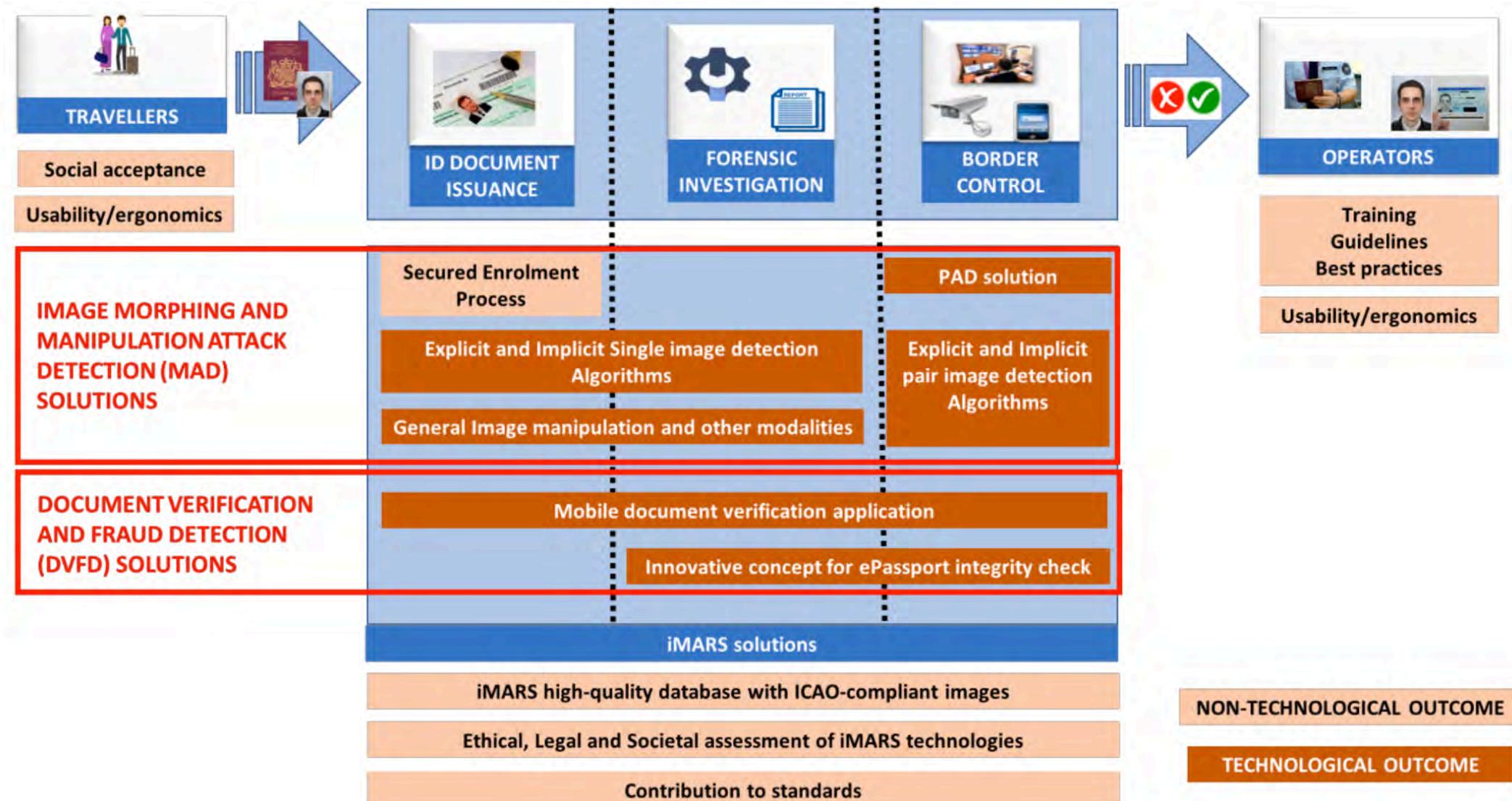
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- HDA - HOCHSCHULE DARMSTADT (DE)
- KUL - KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT LEUVEN (BE)
- IBS - INSTITUTE OF BALTIC STUDIES (EE)
- EAB - EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR BIOMETRICS
- KEM - KENTRO MELETON ASFALEIAS (EL)
- BKA - BUNDESKRIMINALAMT (DE)
- NOI - MINISTERIE VAN BINNENLANDSE ZAKEN (NL)
- INC - IMPRENSA NACIONAL (PT)
- POD - POLITIDIREKTORATET (NO)
- PBP - PORTUGUESE IMMIGRATION AND BORDERS SERVICES (PT)
- HEP - HELLENIC POLICE (EL)
- CYP - CYPRUS POLICE (CY)
- PBM - BORDER POLICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA (MD)
- BFP - POLICE FEDERALE BELGE (BE)



The iMARS Research

The iMARS overall concept



Conclusion

We are facing a situation, where

- Passports with morphs are already in **circulation**
 - ▶ 1000+ reported cases
 - ▶ Switch to live enrolment is a good decision, but does not solve the problem
- Passports with morphed face images will have a major impact on border security
 - ▶ introduction of EU's entry/exit system, global migration flows
- In combination with **passport brokers** a dramatic problem
 - ▶ the darknet offers numerous such opportunities ...

More information

The MAD website

<https://www.christoph-busch.de/projects-mad.html>

The MAD survey papers

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More information

The MAD workshop

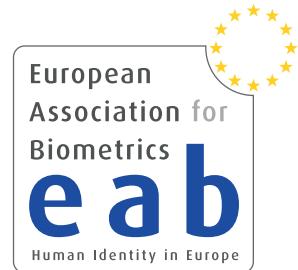
<https://eab.org/events/program/229>

- Luuk Spreeuwers (University of Twente) - **recorded talk**
 - Morphing Attacks on Face Recognition Systems
- David Robertson (University of Strathclyde) - **recorded talk**
 - Psychological Experiments on Morphed Faces
- Kiran Raja (NTNU) - **recorded talk**
 - Morphing Attack Detection Approaches
- Matteo Ferrara (University of Bologna) - **recorded talk**
 - Bologna Online Evaluation Platform
- Frøy Løvåsdal (Norwegian Police) - **recorded talk**
 - Morphing Attack Detection Capabilities of Human Examiners
- Mei Ngan (NIST) - **recorded talk**
 - Face Morphing Detection Evaluation
- Naser Damer (Fraunhofer IGD) - **recorded talk**
 - Generating Morphs with Generative Adversarial Networks
- Christian Rathgeb (Hochschule Darmstadt) - **recorded talk**
 - Detection of Face Beautification Manipulations
- Uwe Seidel (BKA)
 - Research Needs for Morphing Attack Detection

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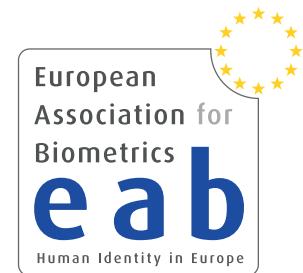
- The EAB is a **non-profit**, nonpartisan **association**
<https://eab.org/>
- **EAB** supports all sections of the ID community across Europe, including **governments**, NGO's, **industry**, associations and special interest groups and **academia**.
- Our role is to promote the **responsible use** and adoption of modern **digital identity systems** that enhance people's lives and drive economic growth.
- **Free membership** for PhD students!
https://eab.org/membership/types_of_membership.html



European Association for Biometrics (EAB)

More Information

- Our **initiatives** are designed to foster **networking**
 - ▶ annual conference: EAB-RPC
<https://eab.org/events/program/219>
 - ▶ biometric training event
<https://eab.org/events/program/224>
 - ▶ workshops on relevant topics (e.g. Presentation Attack Detection, Morphing Attack Detection, Sample Quality, Bias in Biometric Systems)
<https://eab.org/events/>
 - ▶ online Seminar every second week
<https://eab.org/events/program/268>
 - ▶ recorded keynote talks
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 - ▶ open source repository
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A horizontal list of five recorded keynote talks from the EAB Virtual Event Series. Each item includes a small profile picture of the speaker, the speaker's name, the title of the talk, and the date of the event.

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Research opportunities

- Darmstadt (Germany) <https://dasec.h-da.de/>
- Gjøvik (Norway) <https://www.ntnu.edu/nbl>
- Internships possibility for Msc and PhD students with travel grant
- Collaboration with governmental and industrial partners



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