

# Morphing Attack Detection

## - Obstacles for Research to Deployment

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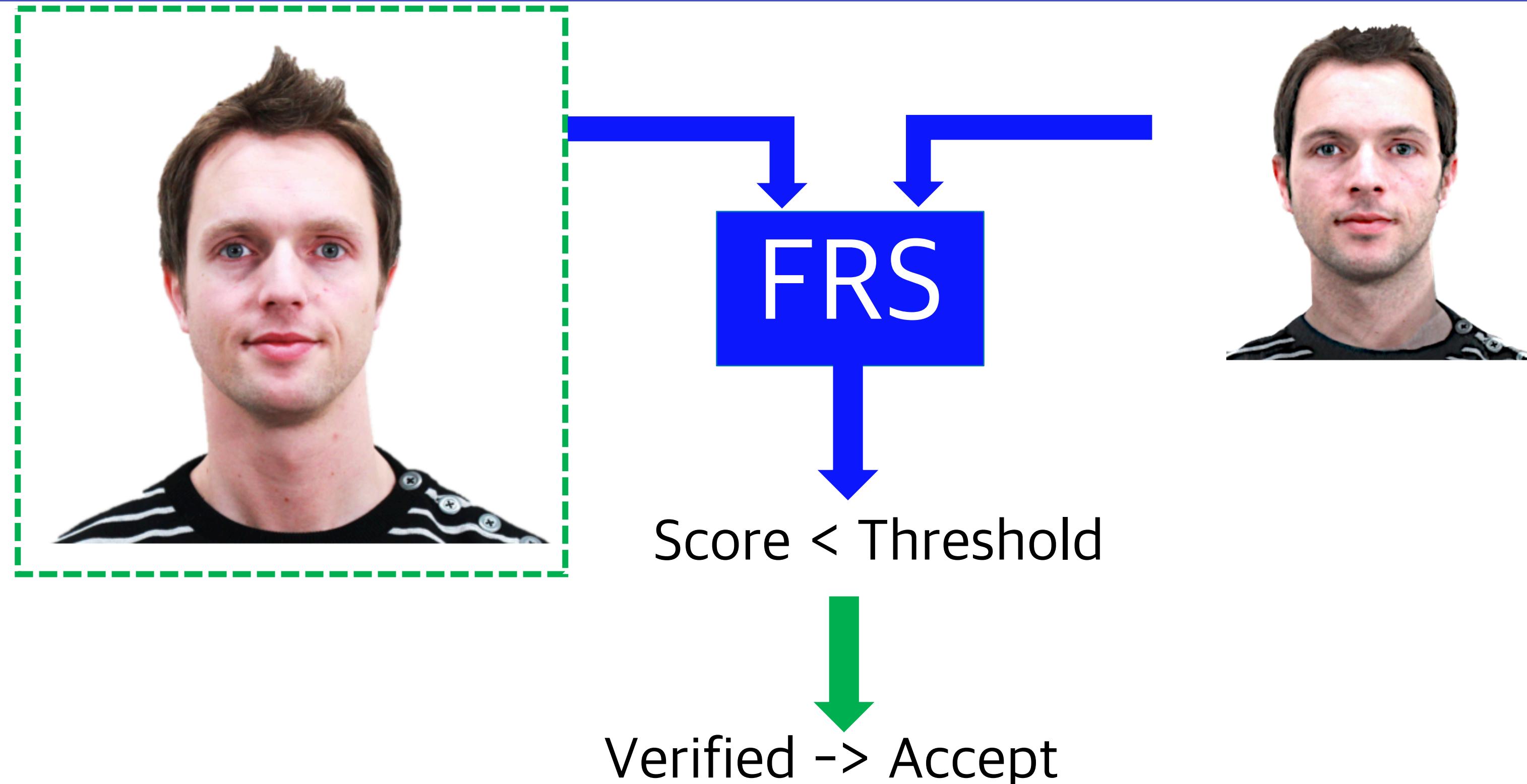
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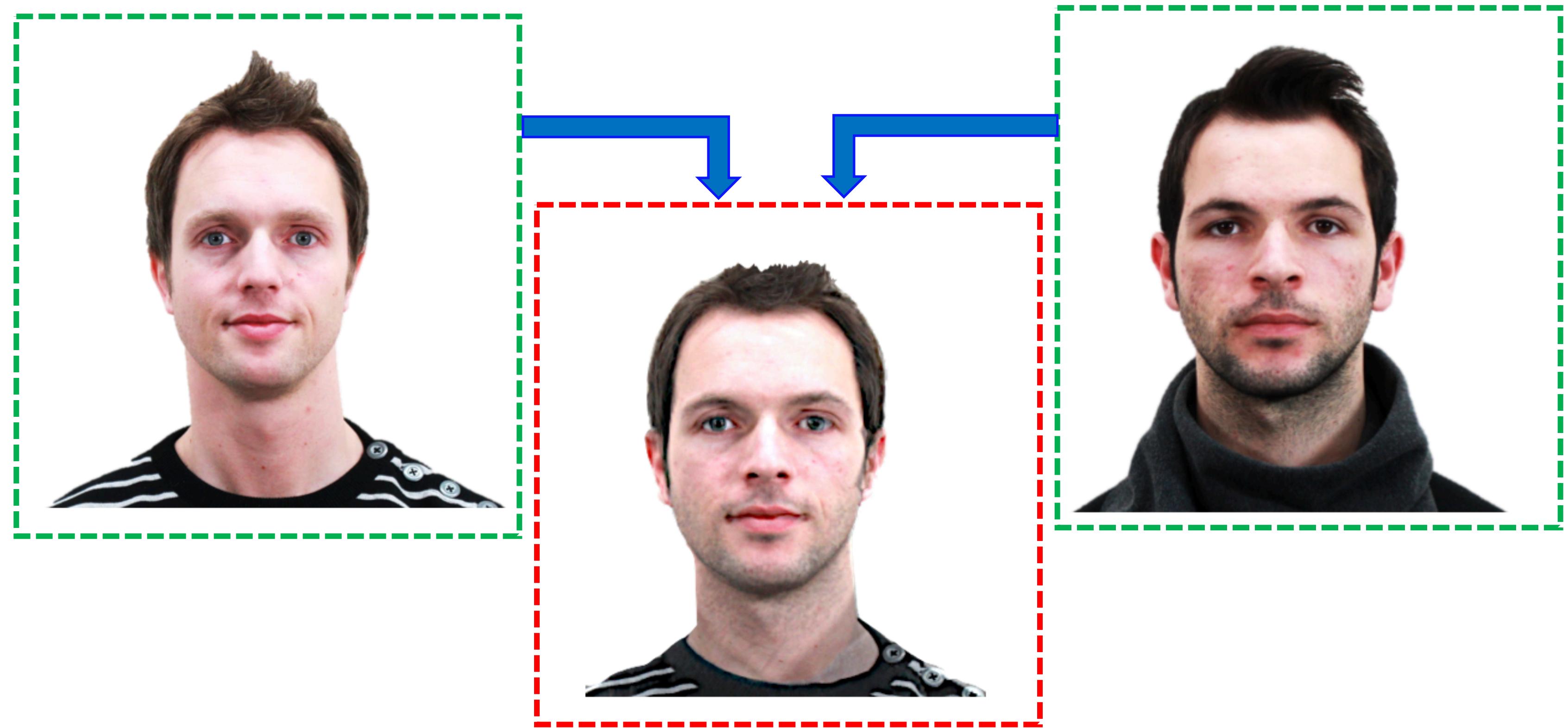
# Threats on Face Recognition Systems (FRS) through Morphing

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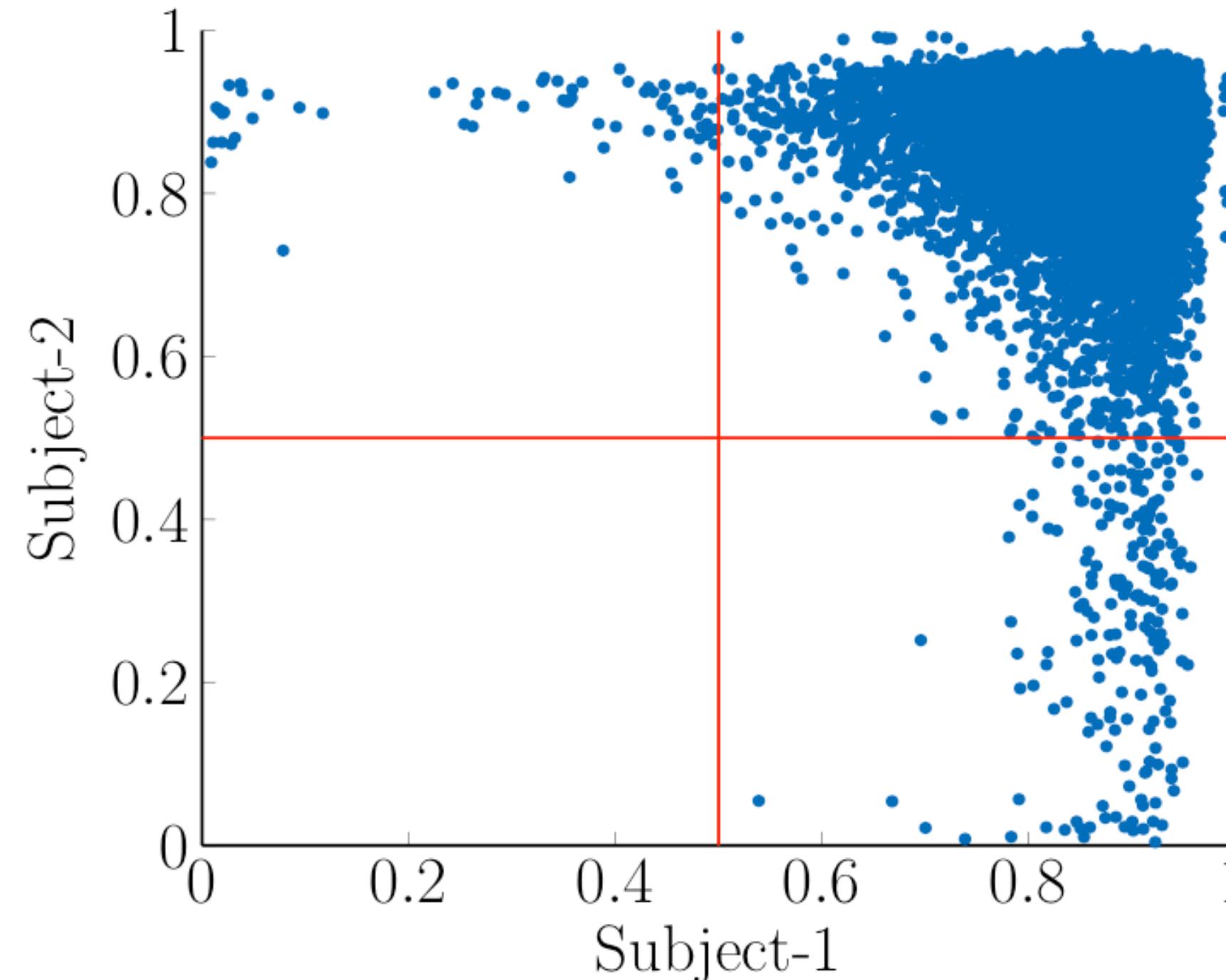
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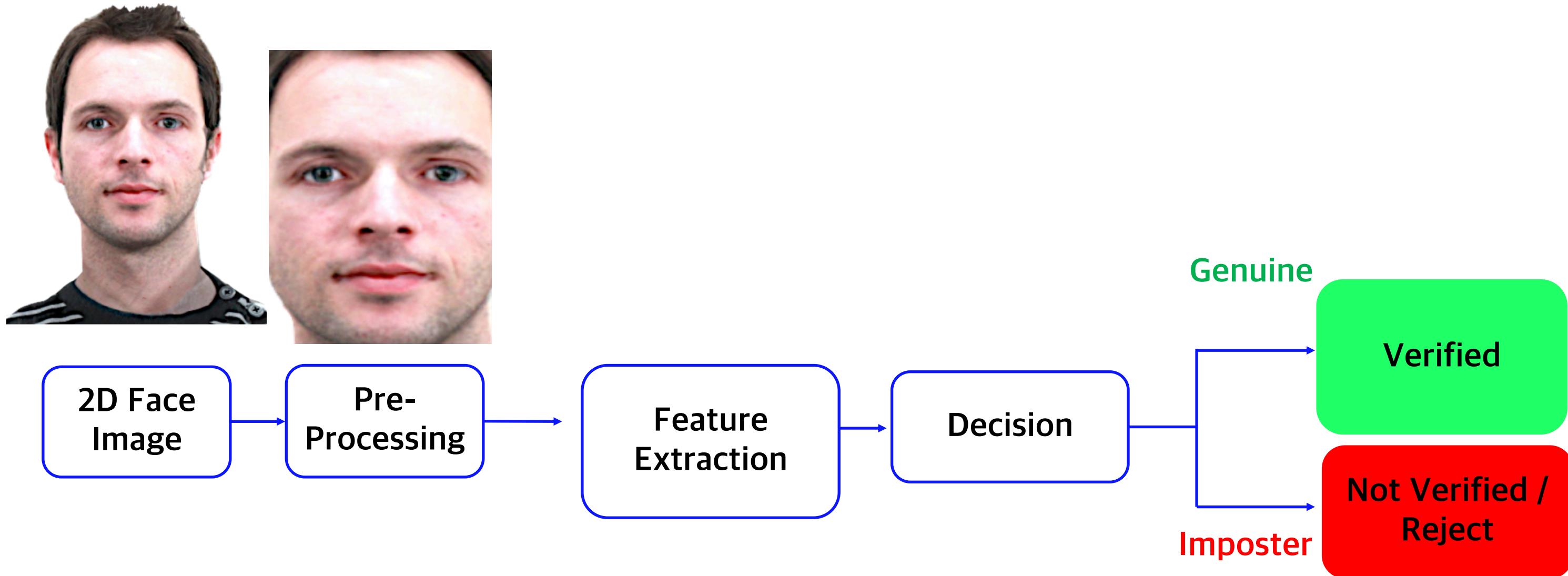
FRS should accept the genuine and reject the morphed image

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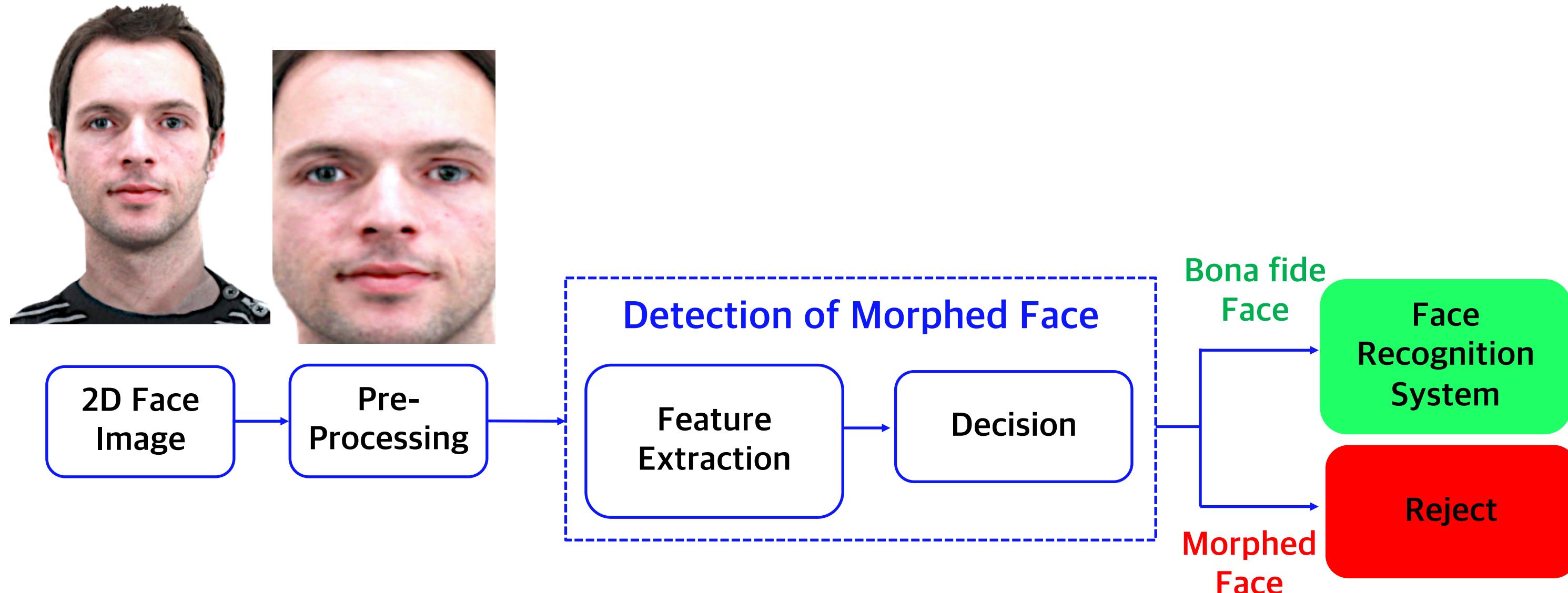


COTS FRS - Accepts both subjects equally, crosses the threshold at operating points of FAR=0.01%.



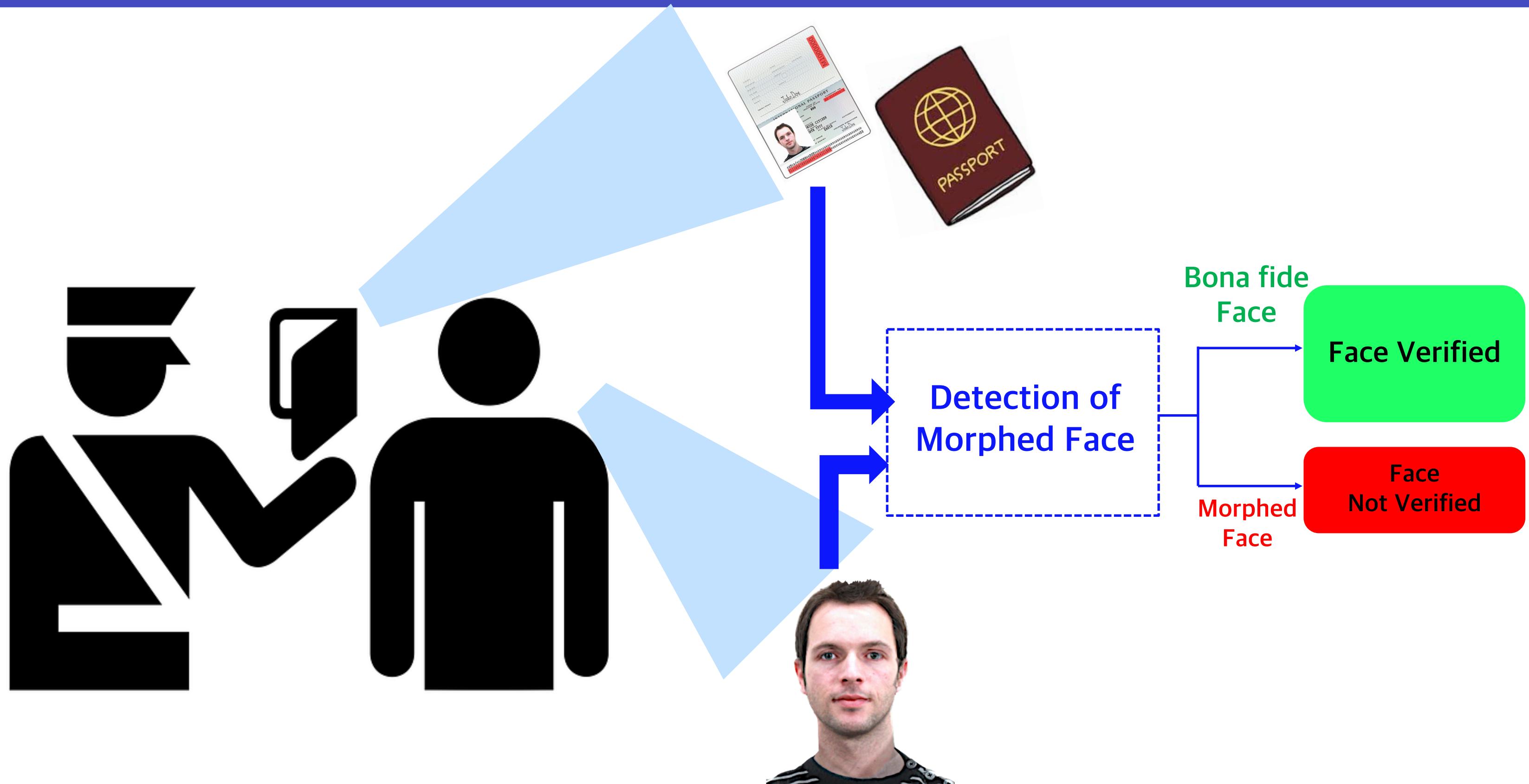
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# FRS - With MAD

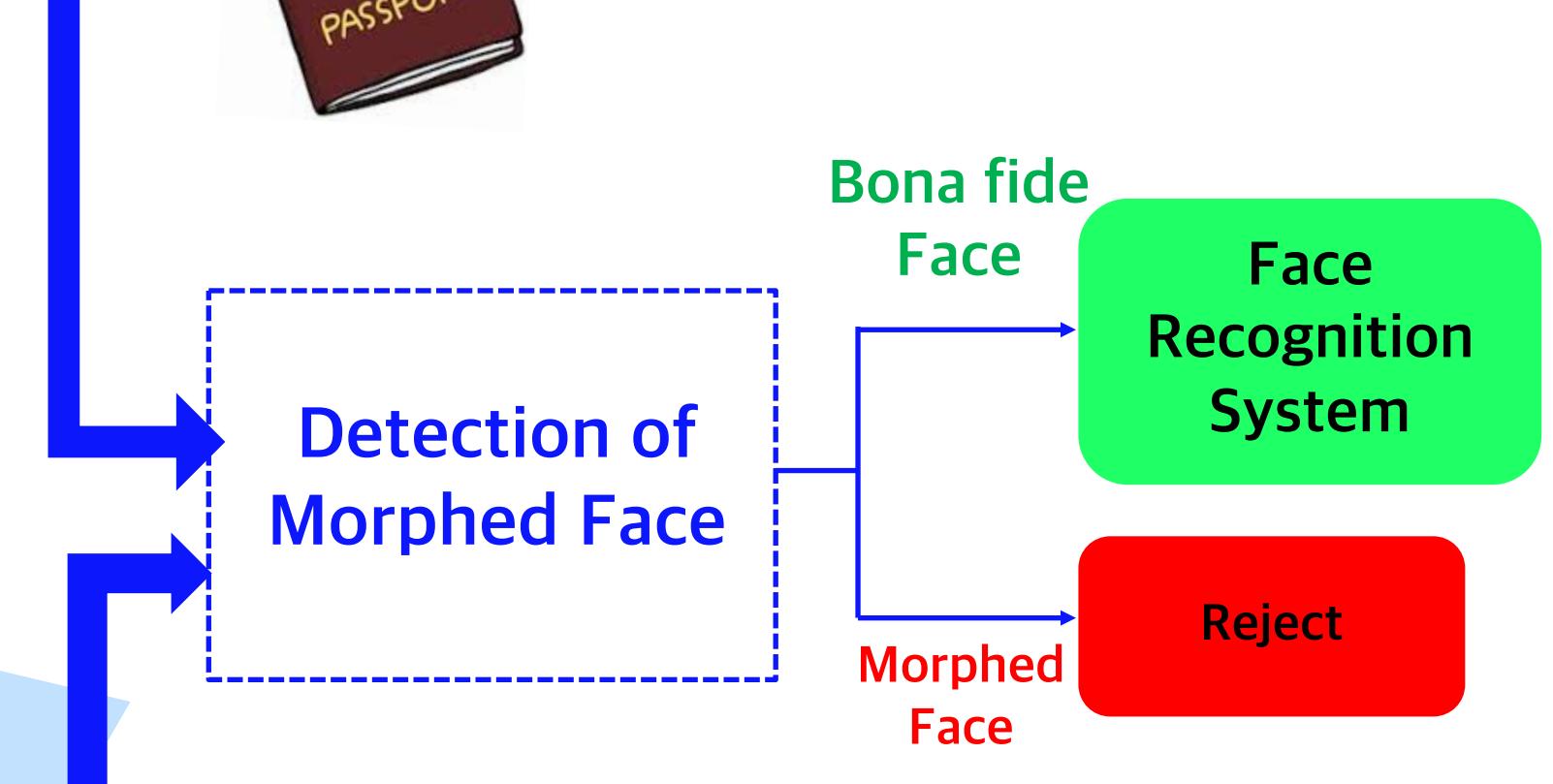


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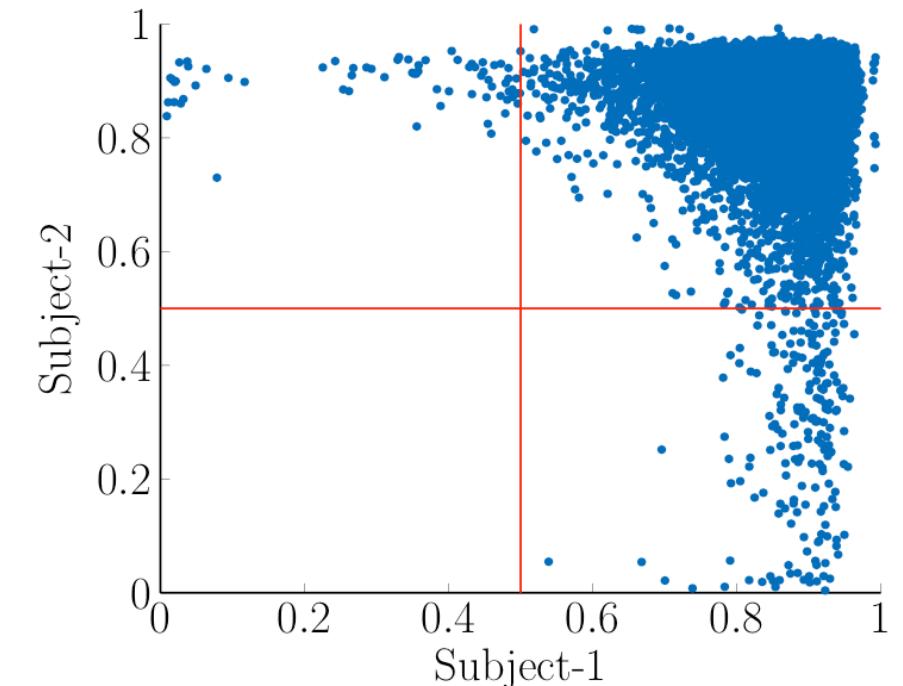
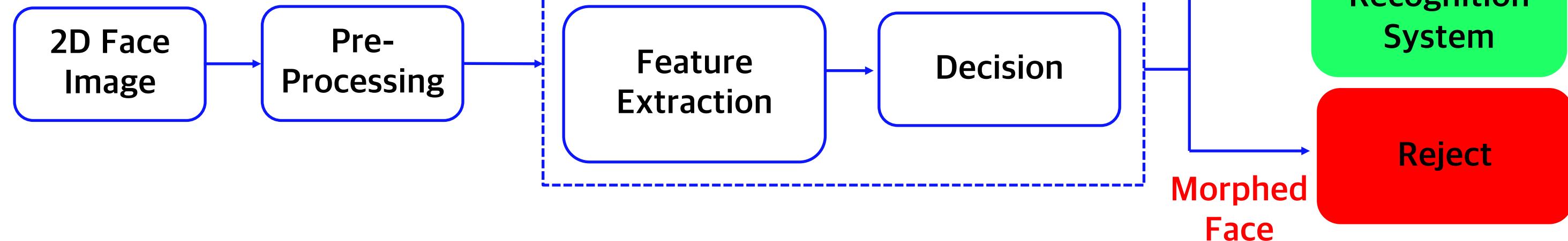
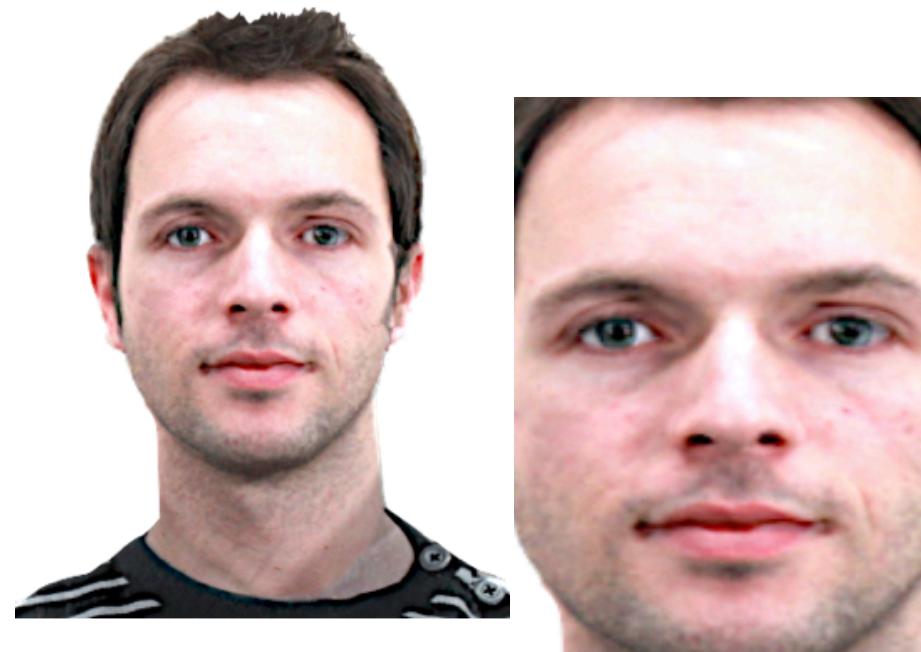
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# Differential MAD (D-MAD) - Operations

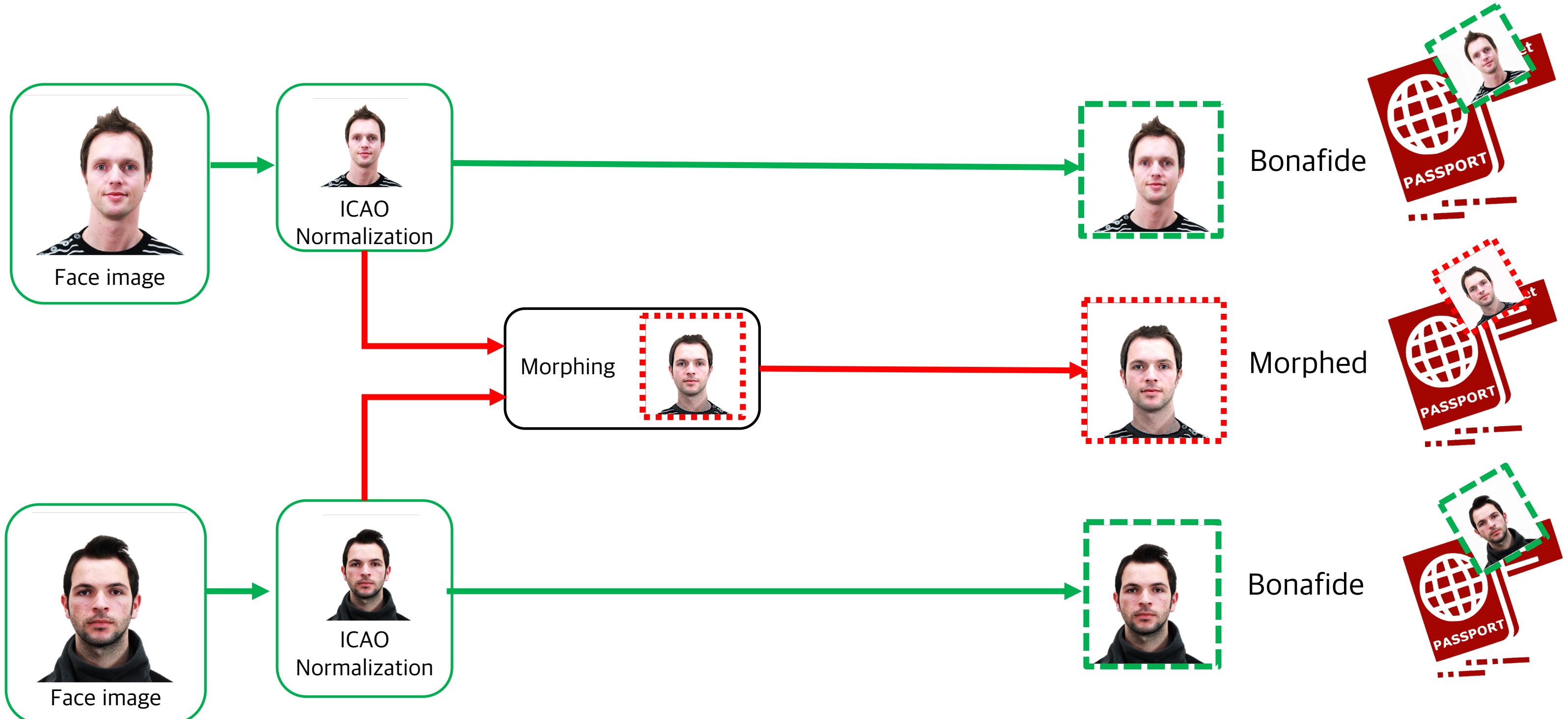


# Morphing Attack Detection (MAD)



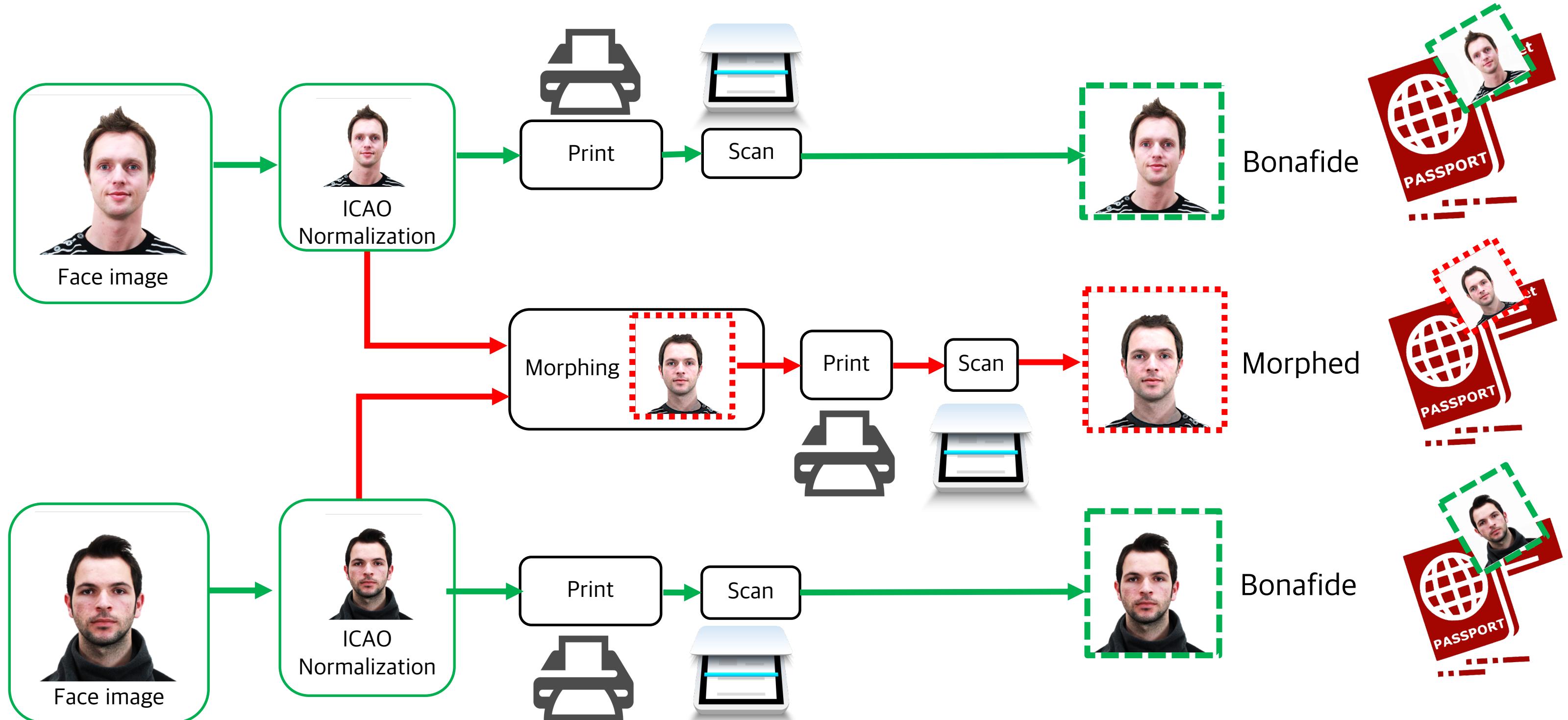
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# Morphing Attacks - Challenges - Re-digitized

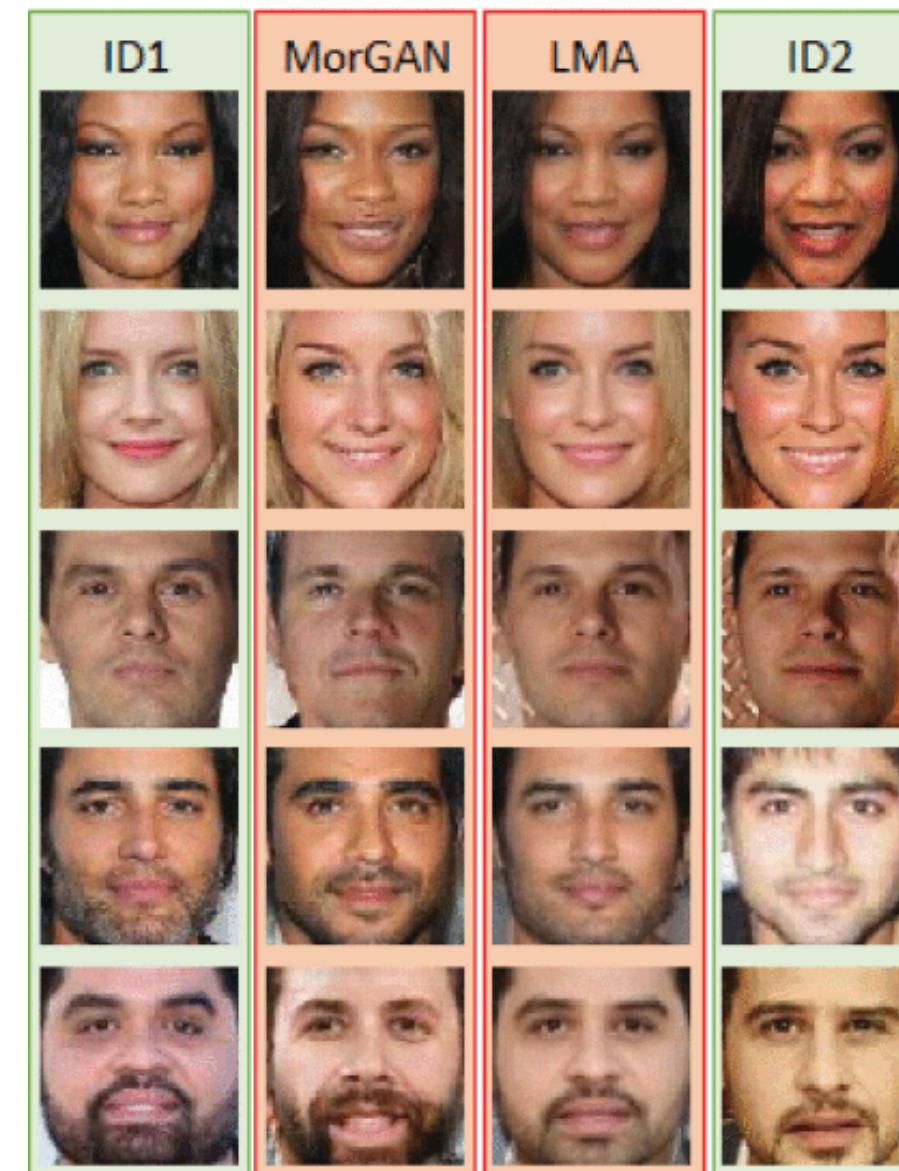
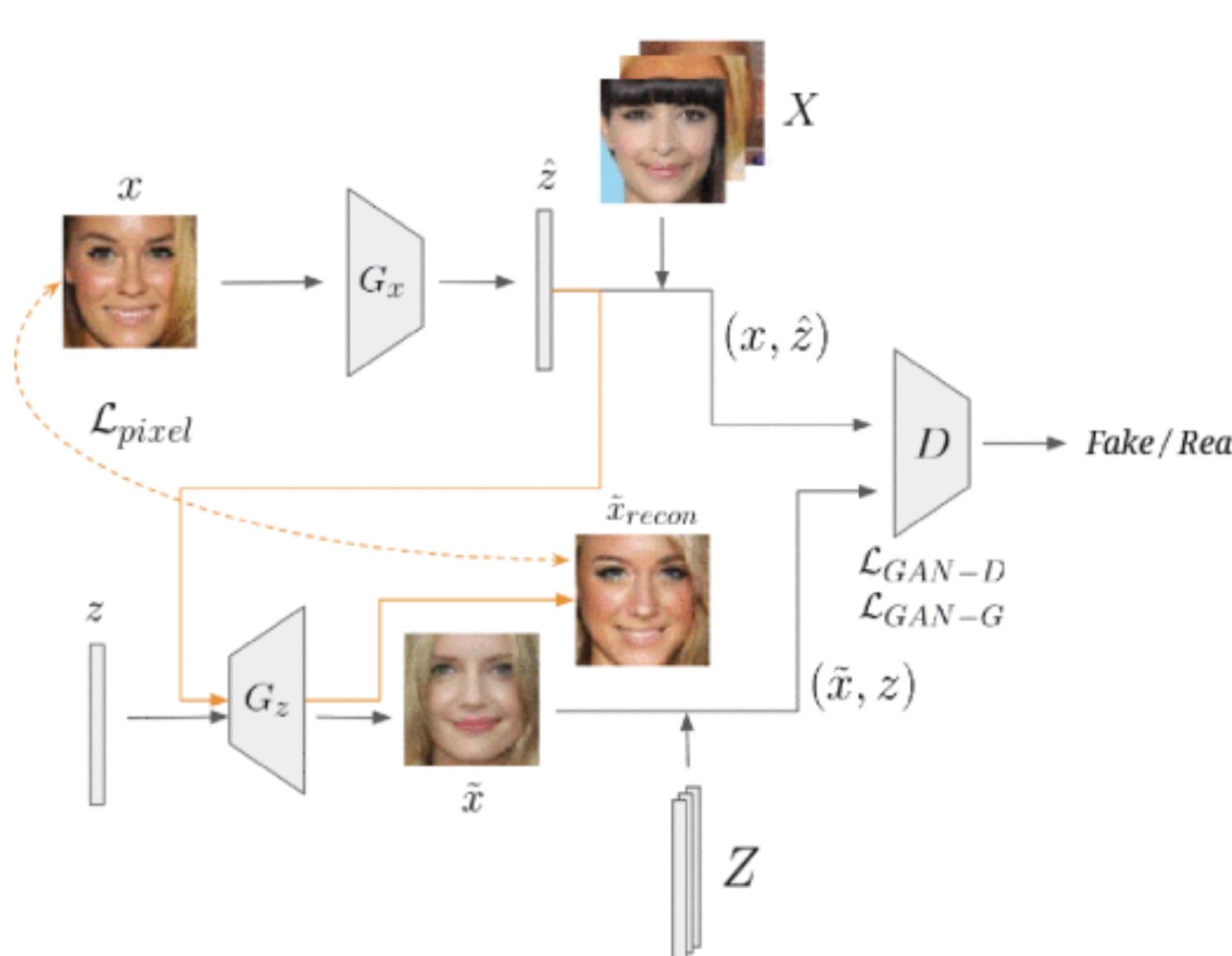


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## Obstacles for deployment

- Low cost, but effective attacks

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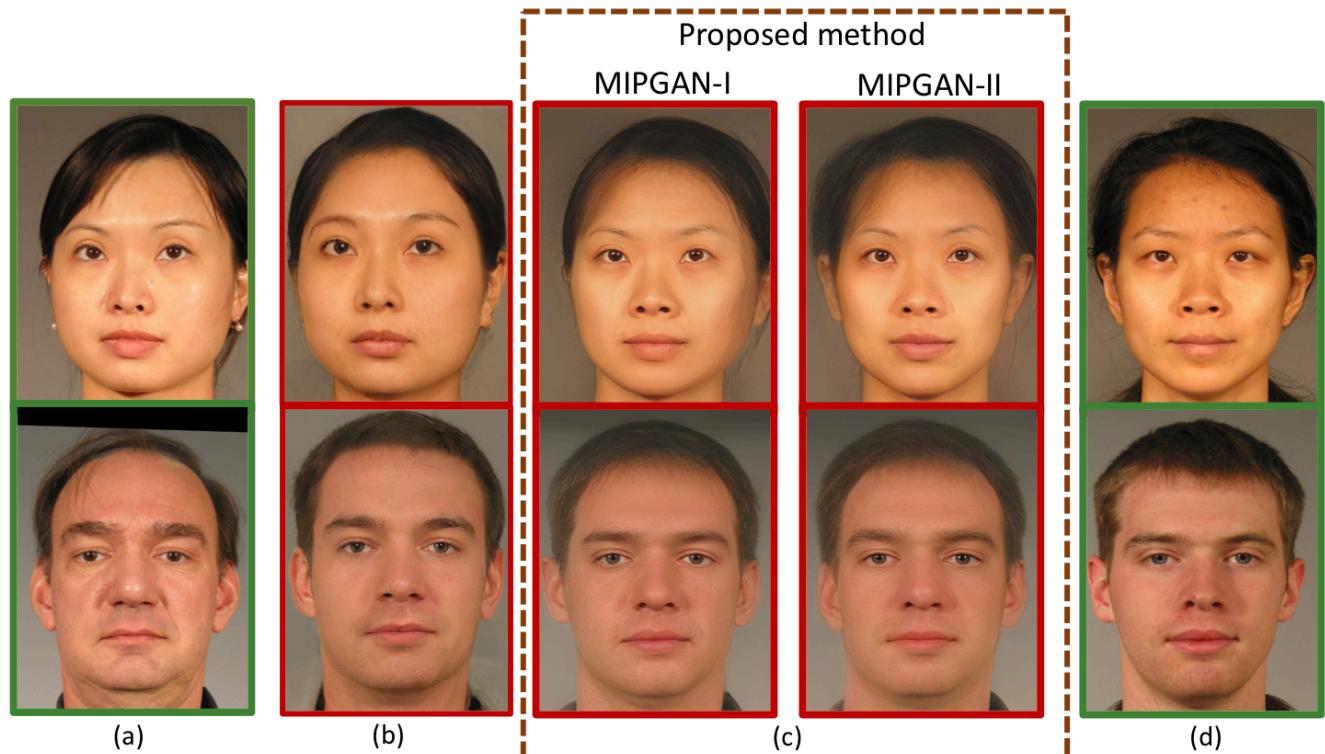
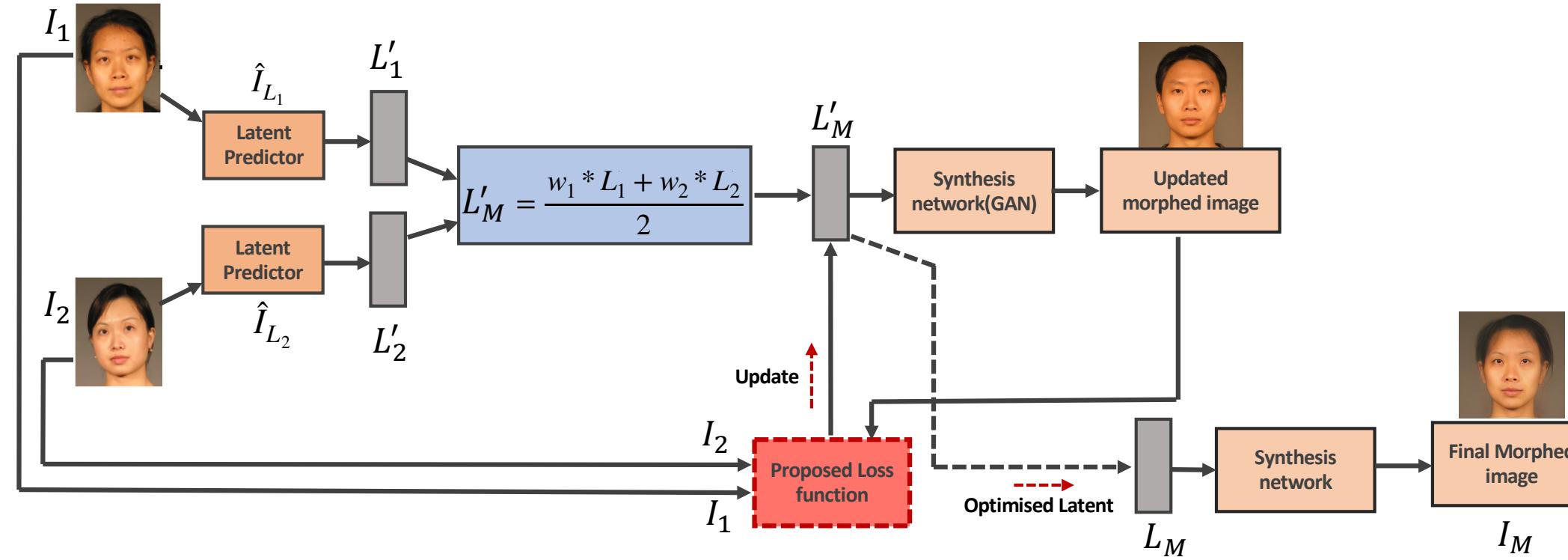


Example Morphed Images

## Morphing Process

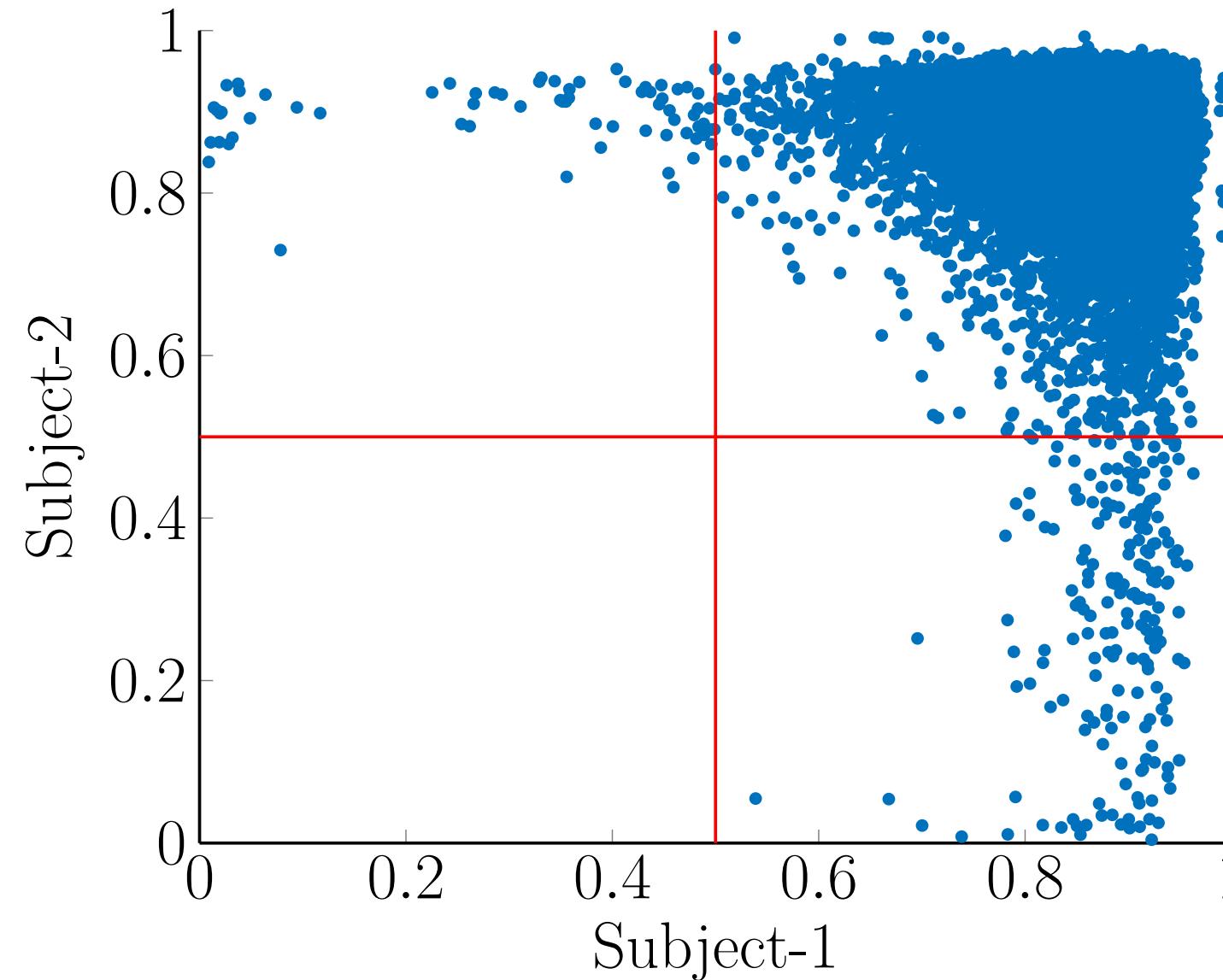
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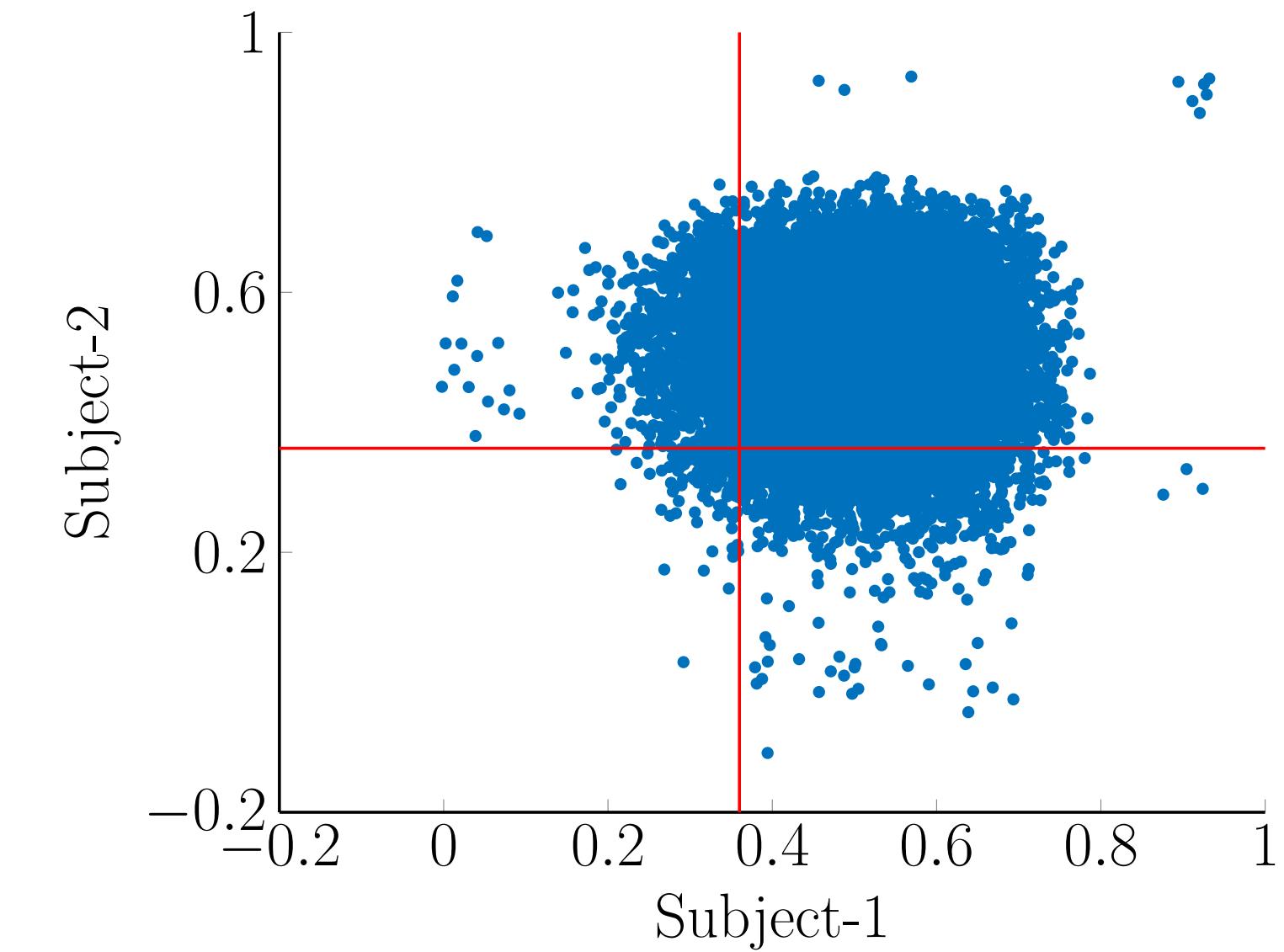


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Landmark Based Morph Attacks



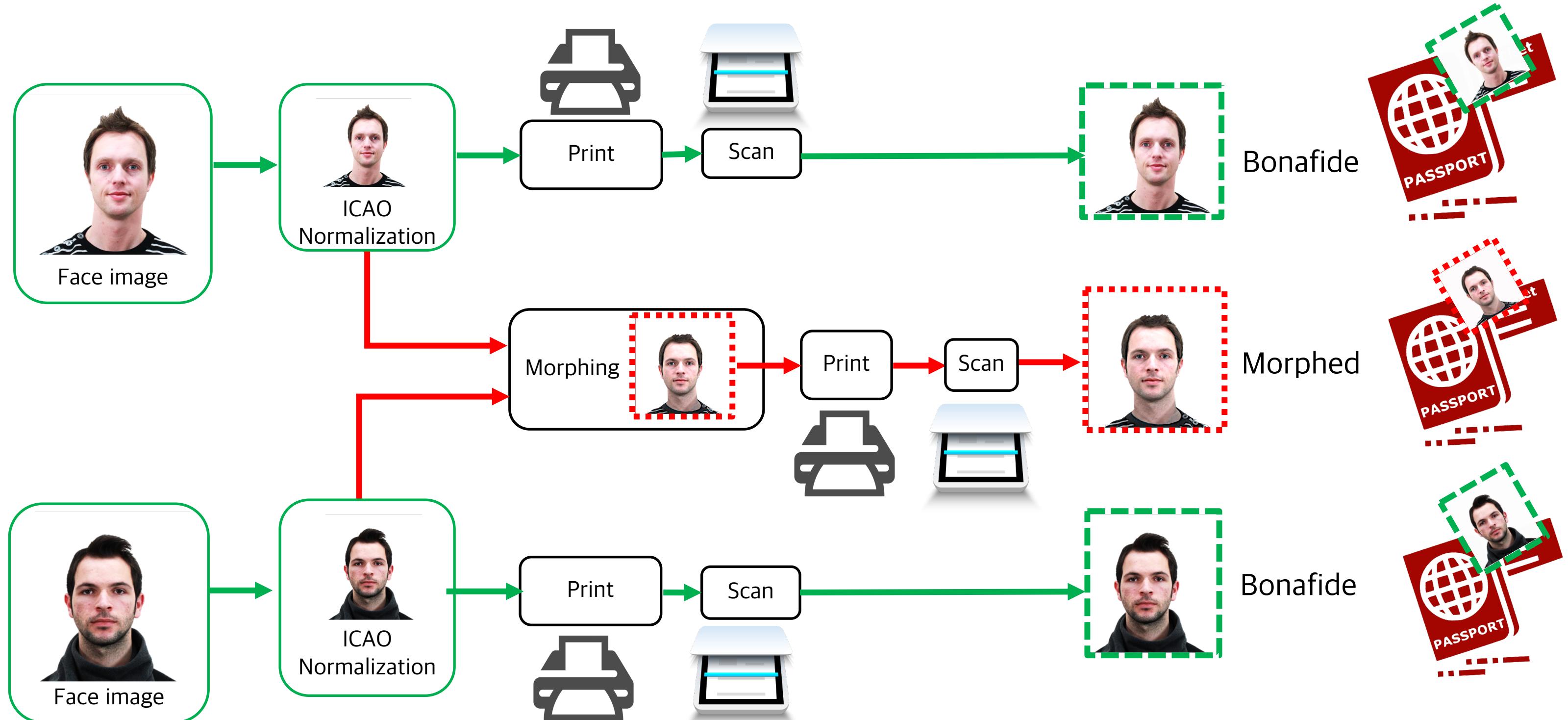
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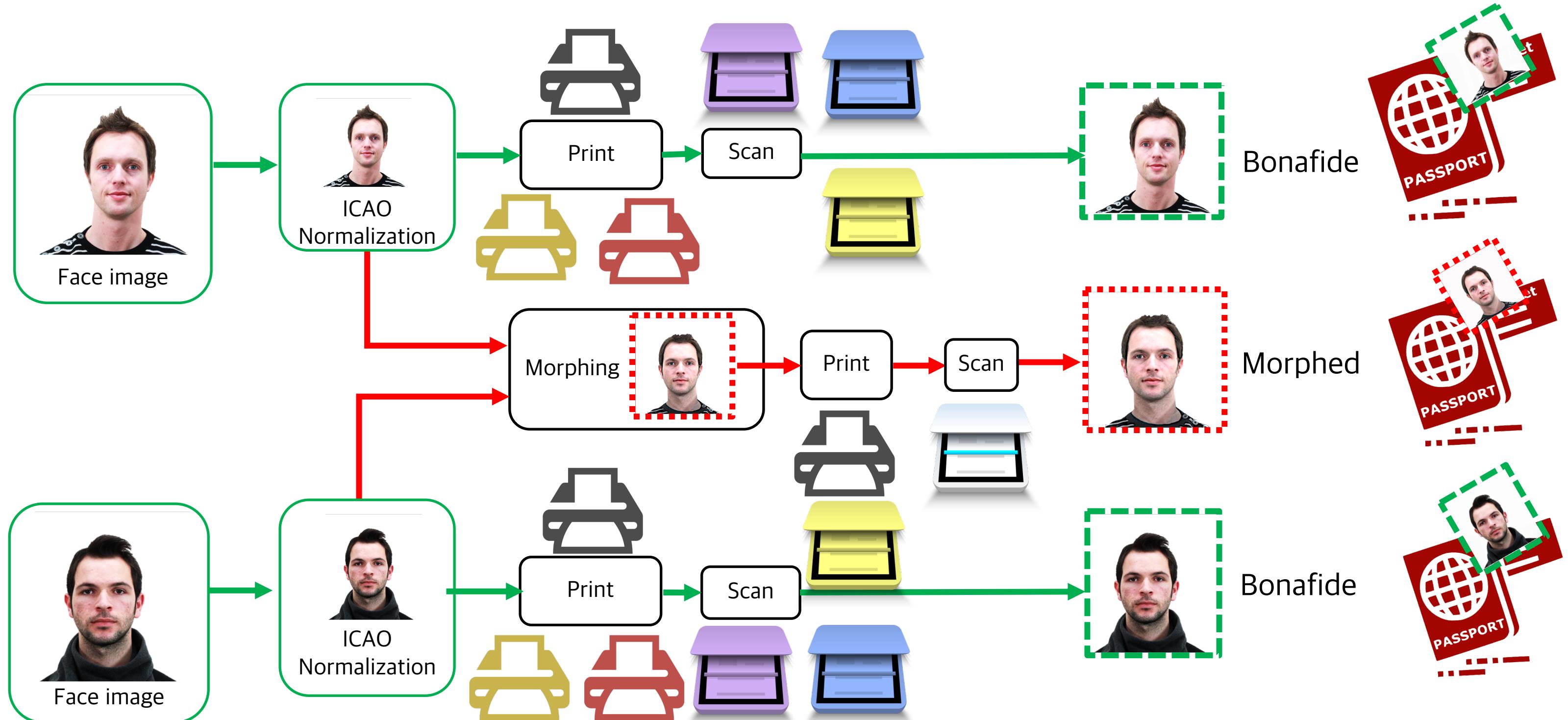
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- Scenario challenges

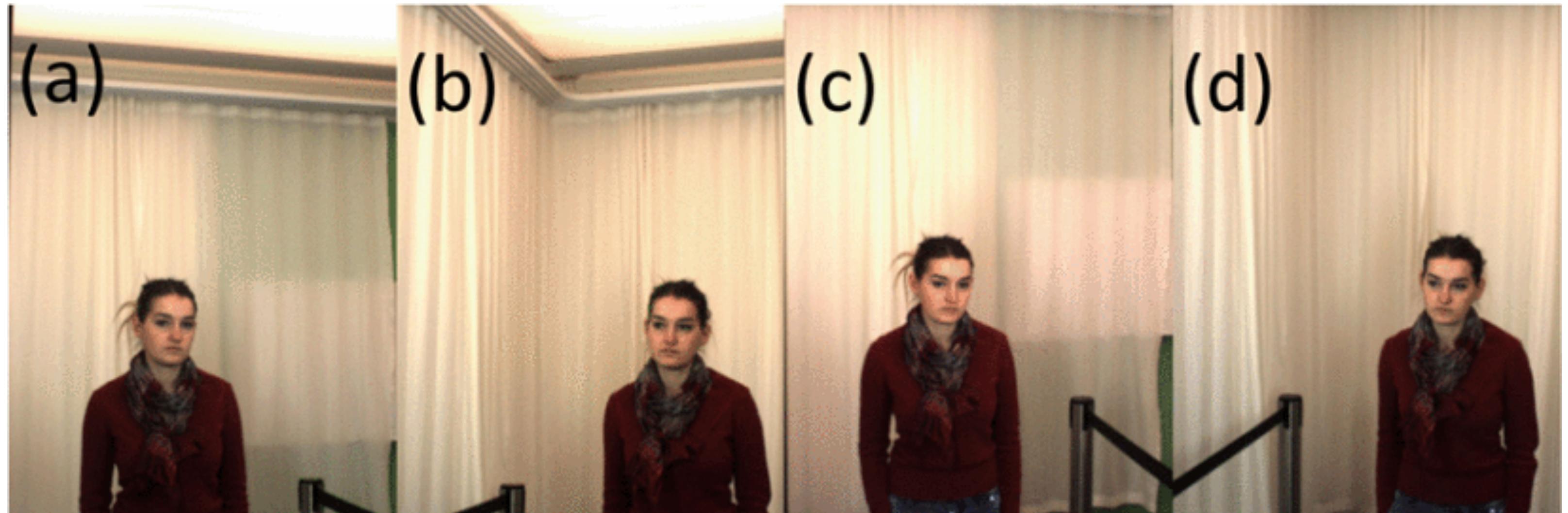
# Morphing Threats - Operational Constraints



ABC Gate operational scenario testing

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# MAD in Operational Scenario



Images acquired from different cameras of ABC system

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# MAD in Operational Scenario - Unsolved

Top camera



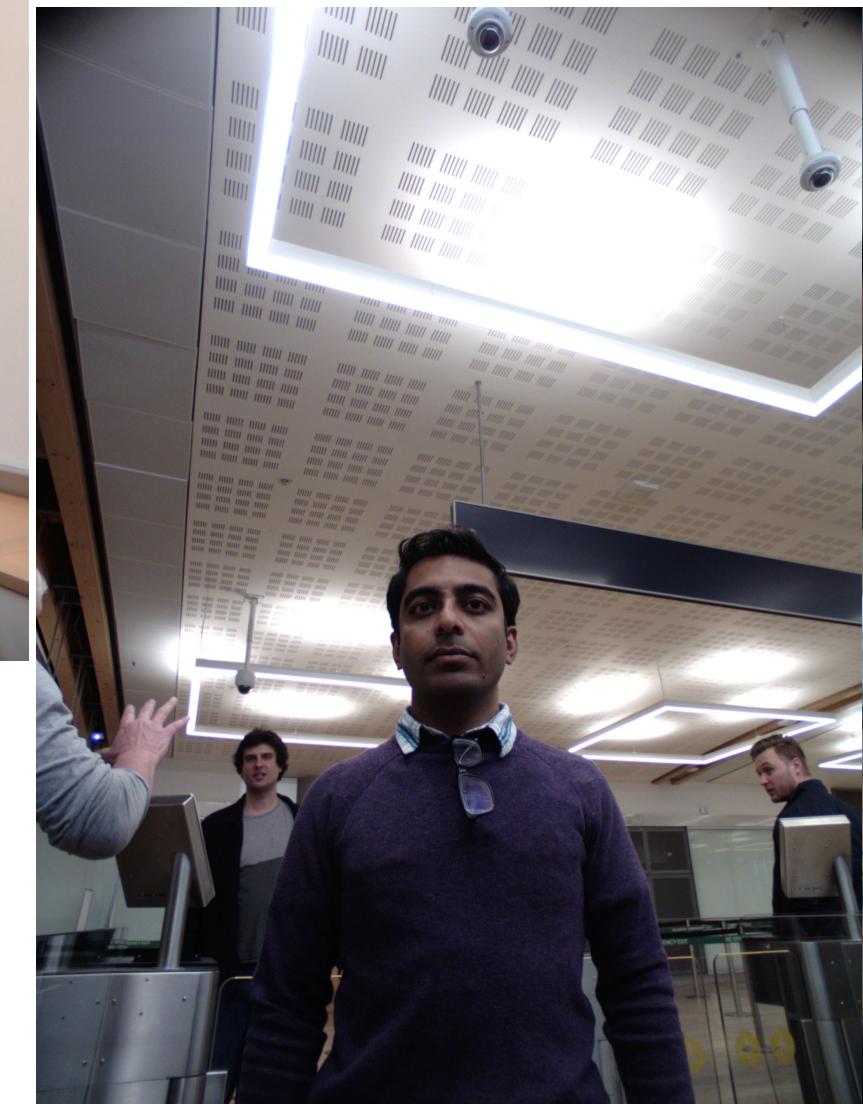
Bottom camera



Laboratory Set-up

Realistic Operational Scenario

Bottom camera



Top camera



## Obstacles for deployment

- Ethnicity, Age and Gender Challenges

# Ethnicity, Age and Gender

**Subject 1   Subject 2   Average**



(a) Averaged face images

**Subject 1   Subject 2   Morphed**

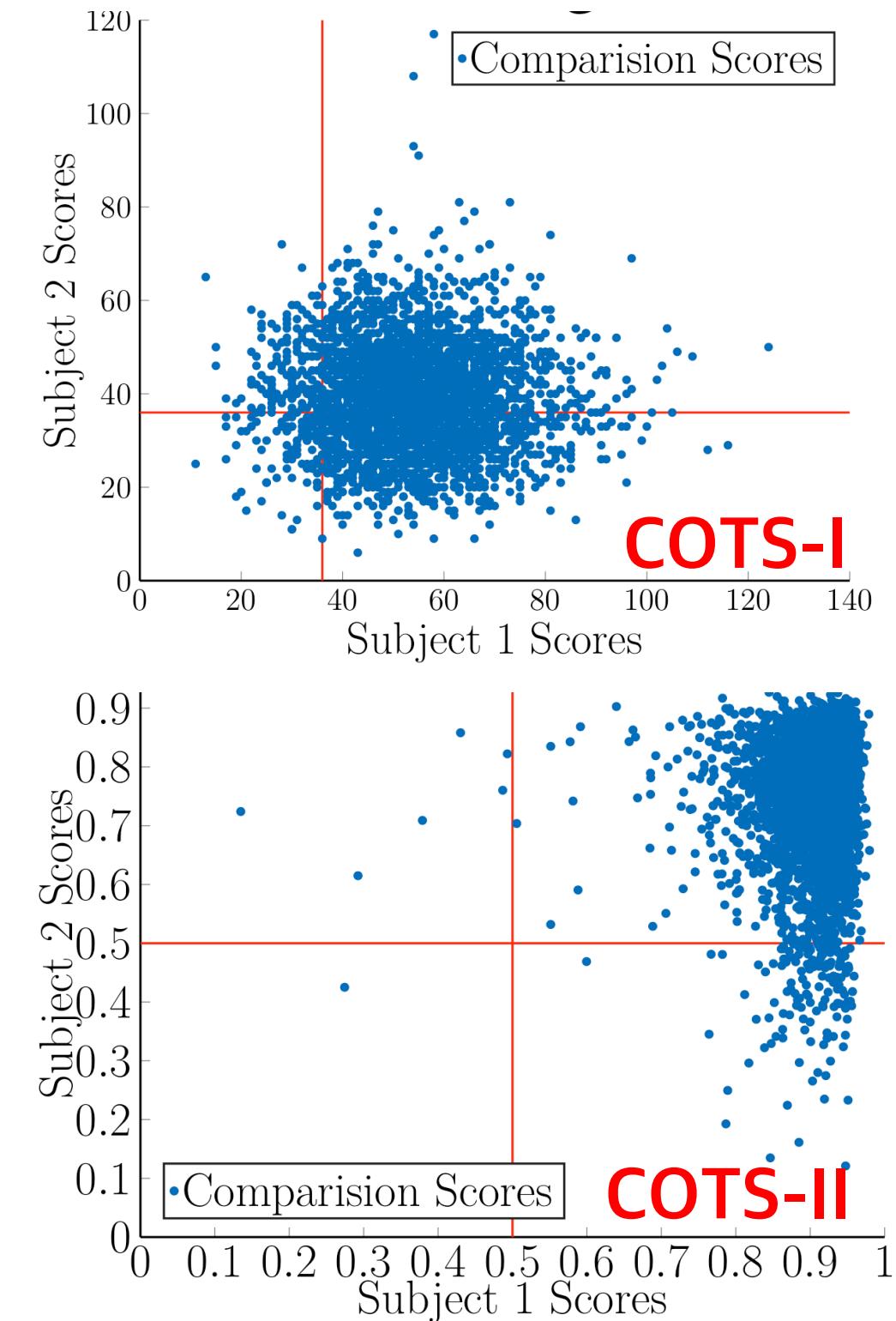
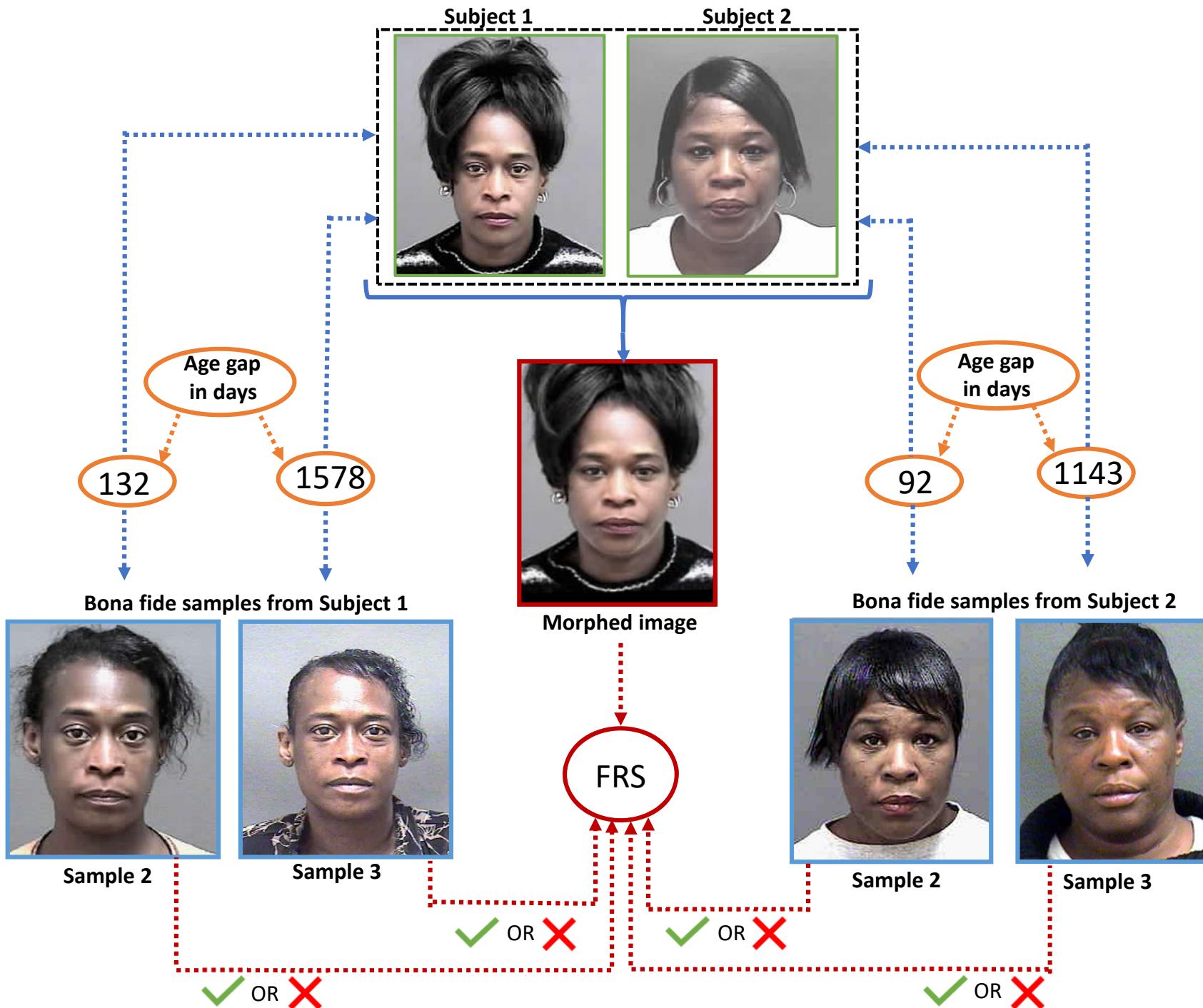


(b) Morphed face images

Impact of Ethnicity and Age on Morphing Creation

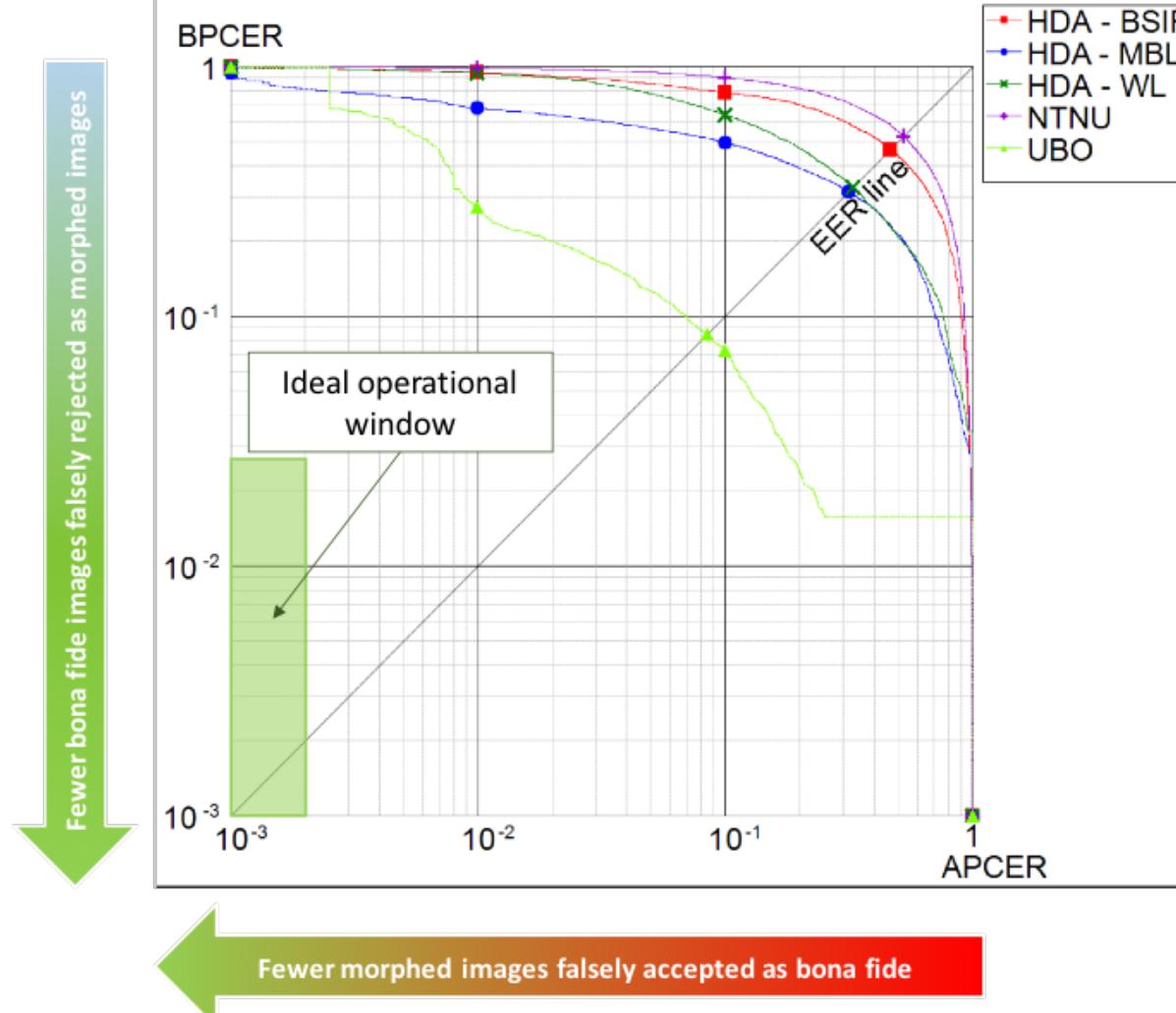
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# Ageing and Passport Lifecycle

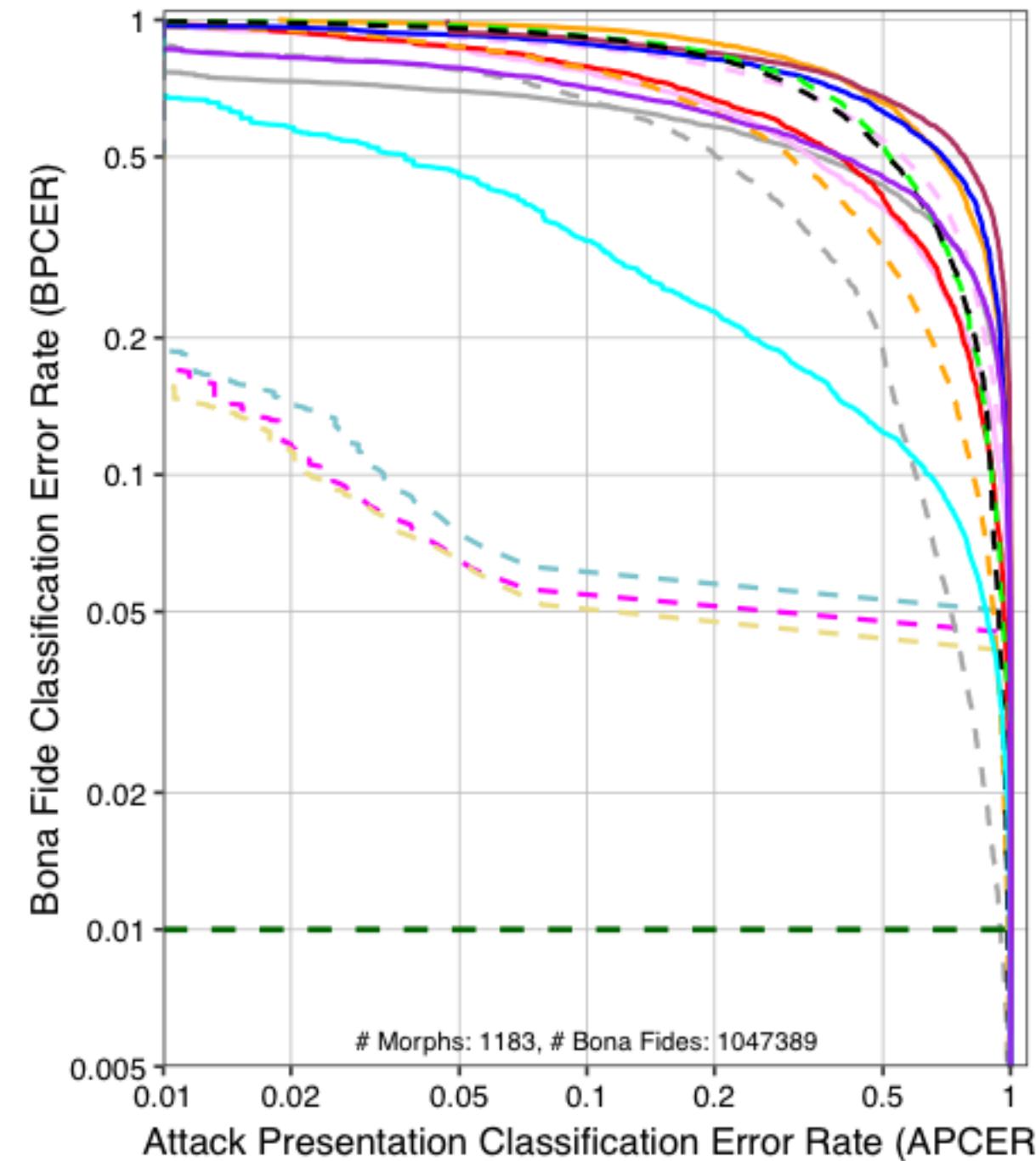


Obstacles for deployment  
- Generalization Challenges

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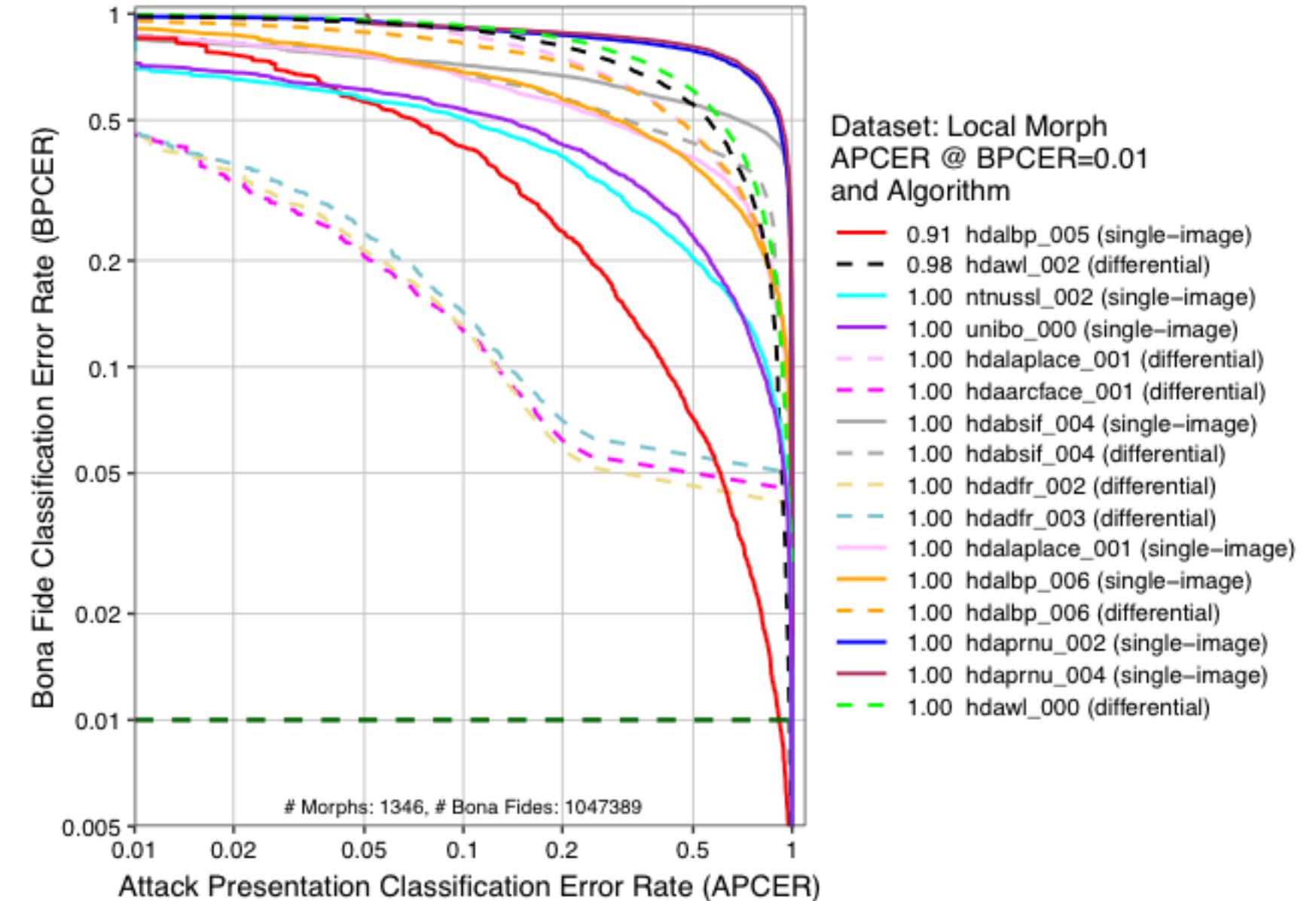
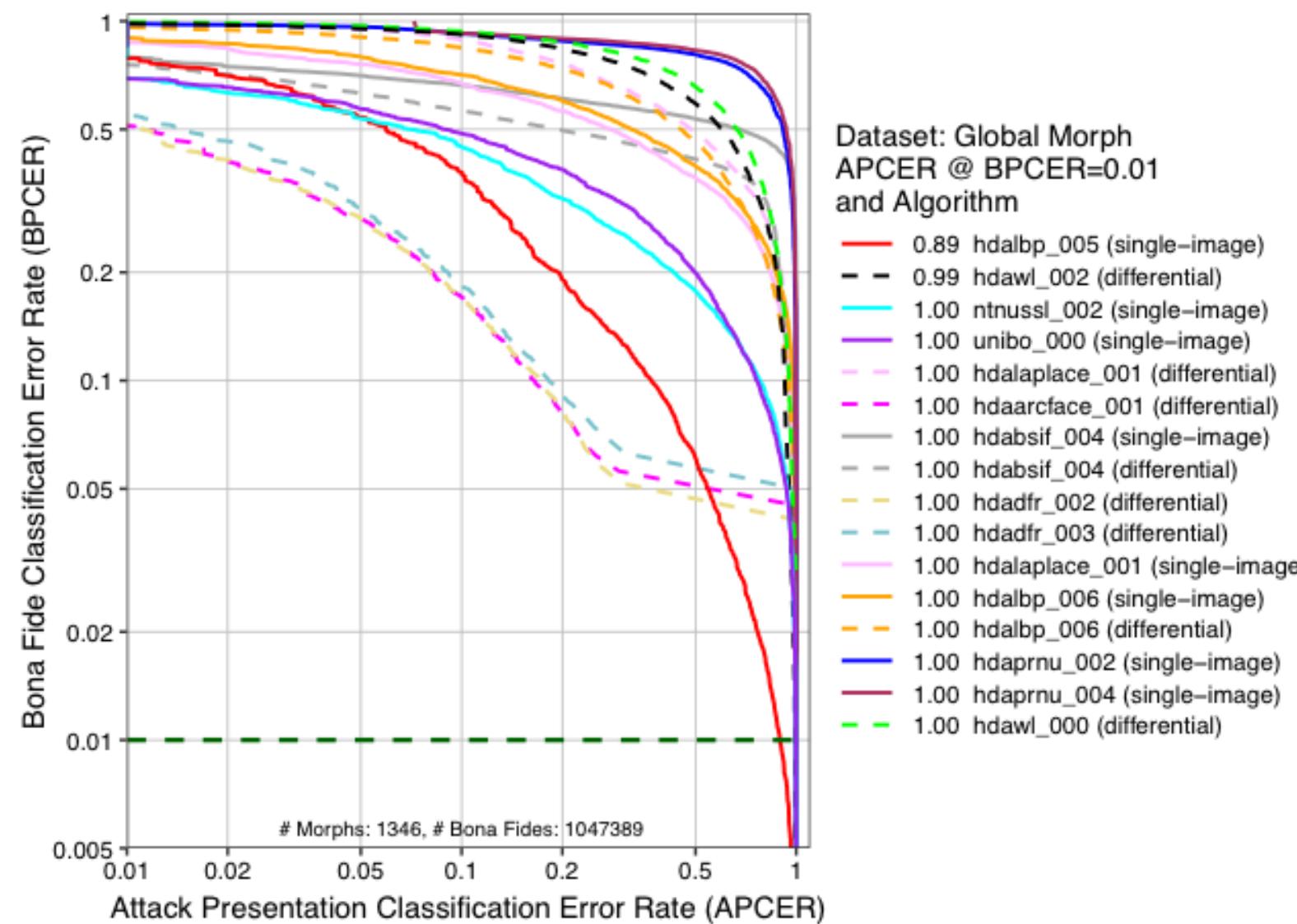


Operational Needs



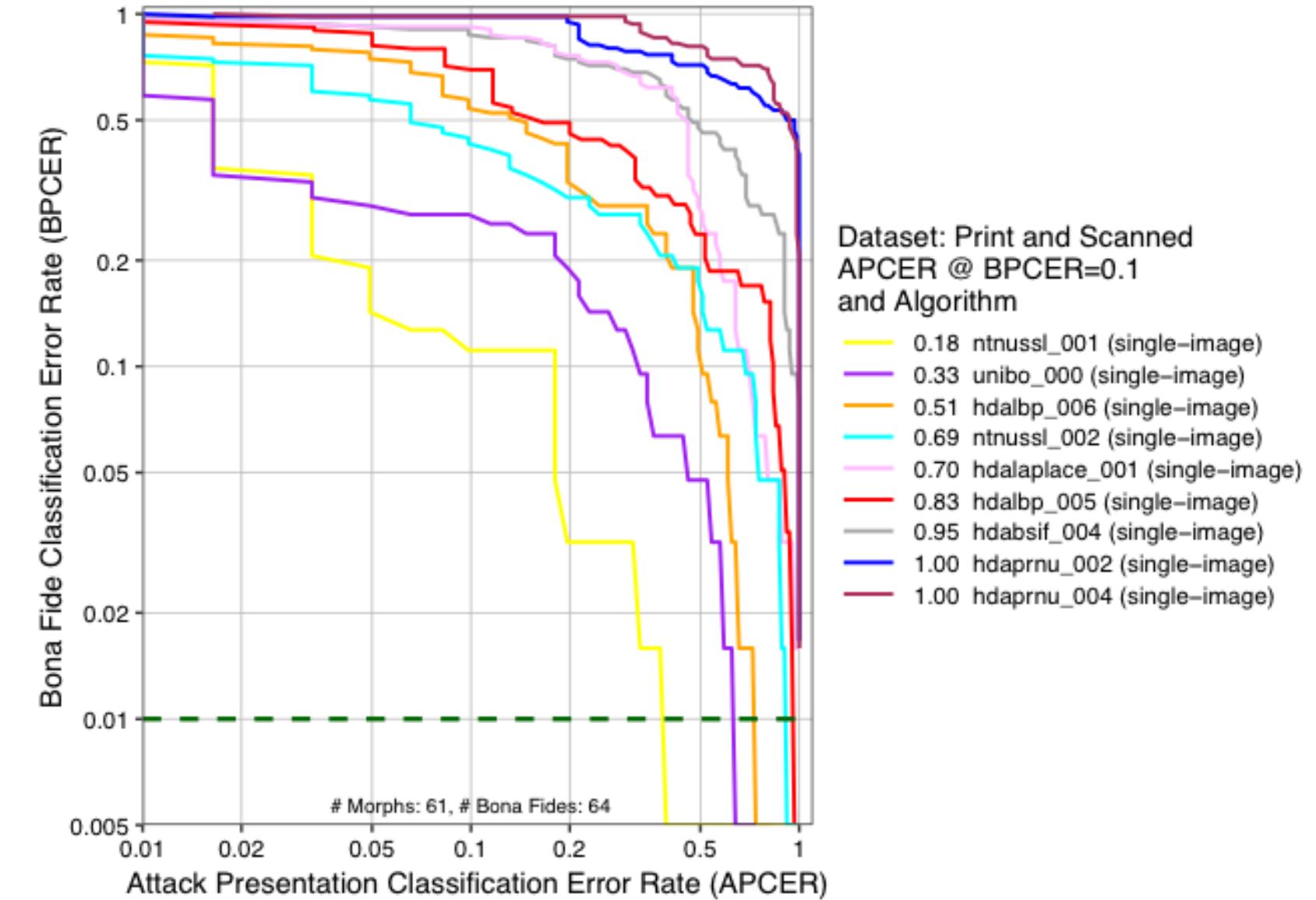
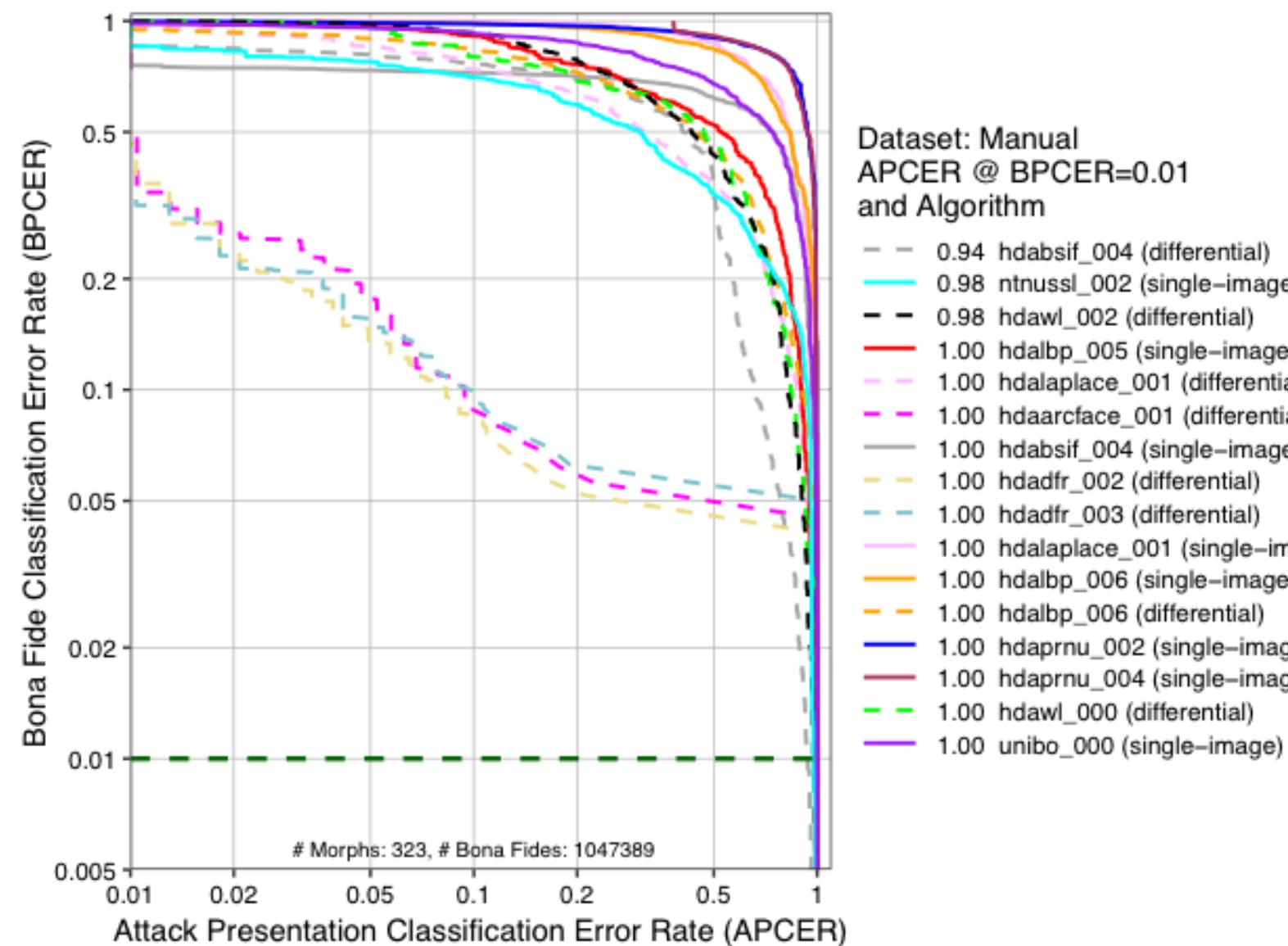
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# NIST - Tier 2 - Automated Morphs - S-MAD



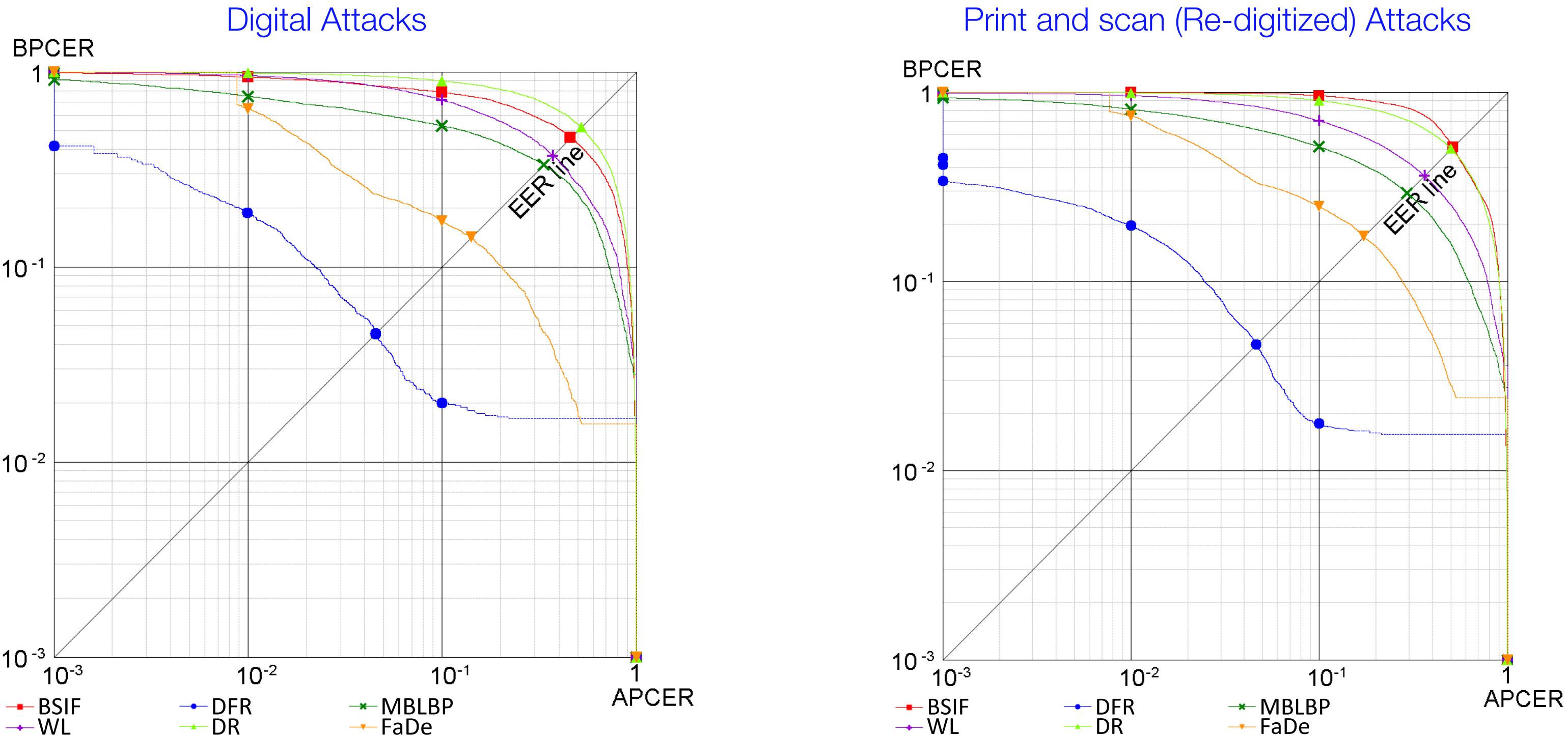
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# NIST - Tier 3 - High Quality Morphs



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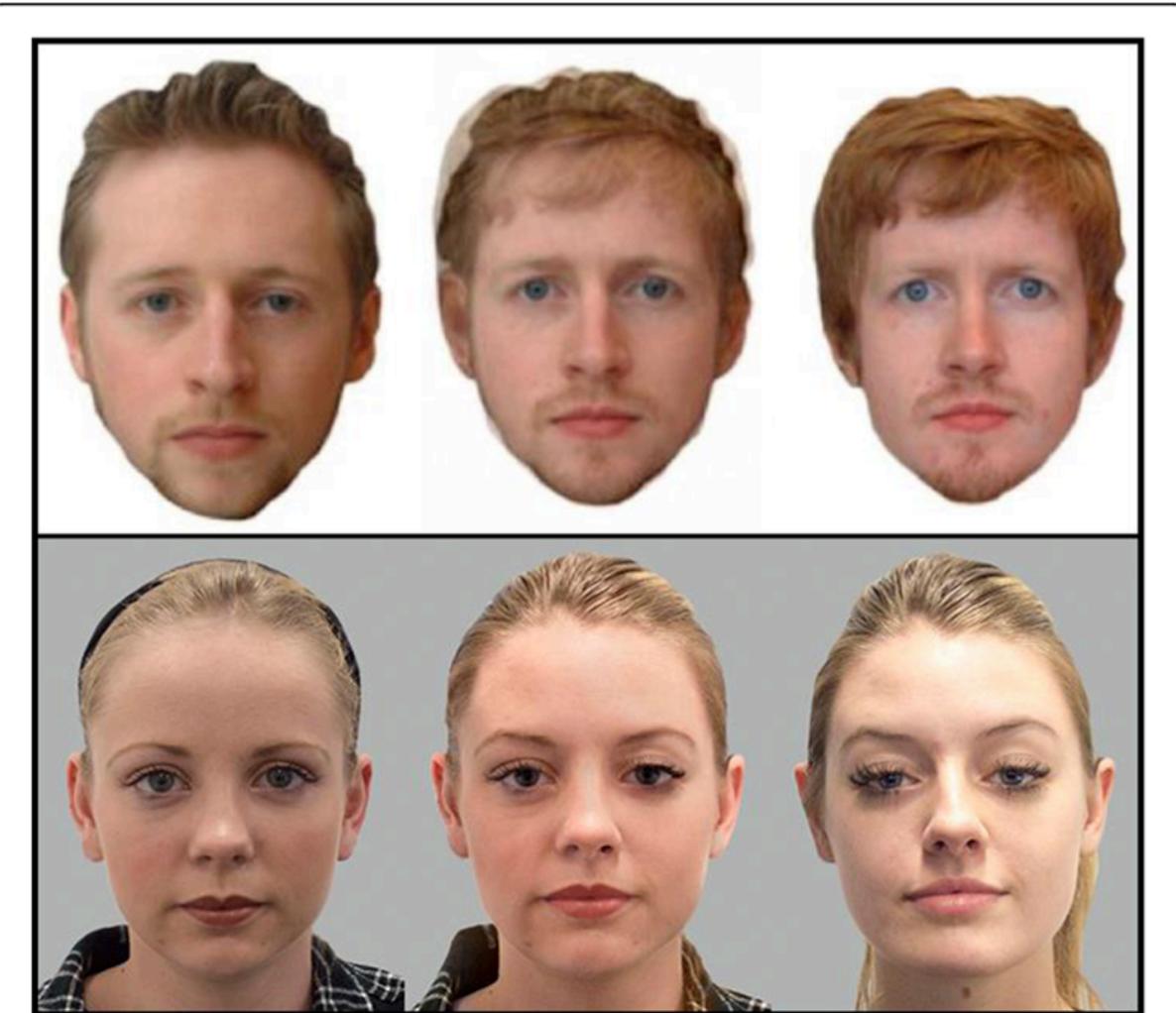
# SOTAMD - State-Of-The-Art Results



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Obstacles for deployment  
- Challenge for Human Face Experts

# Morphing Threats - Human Observer



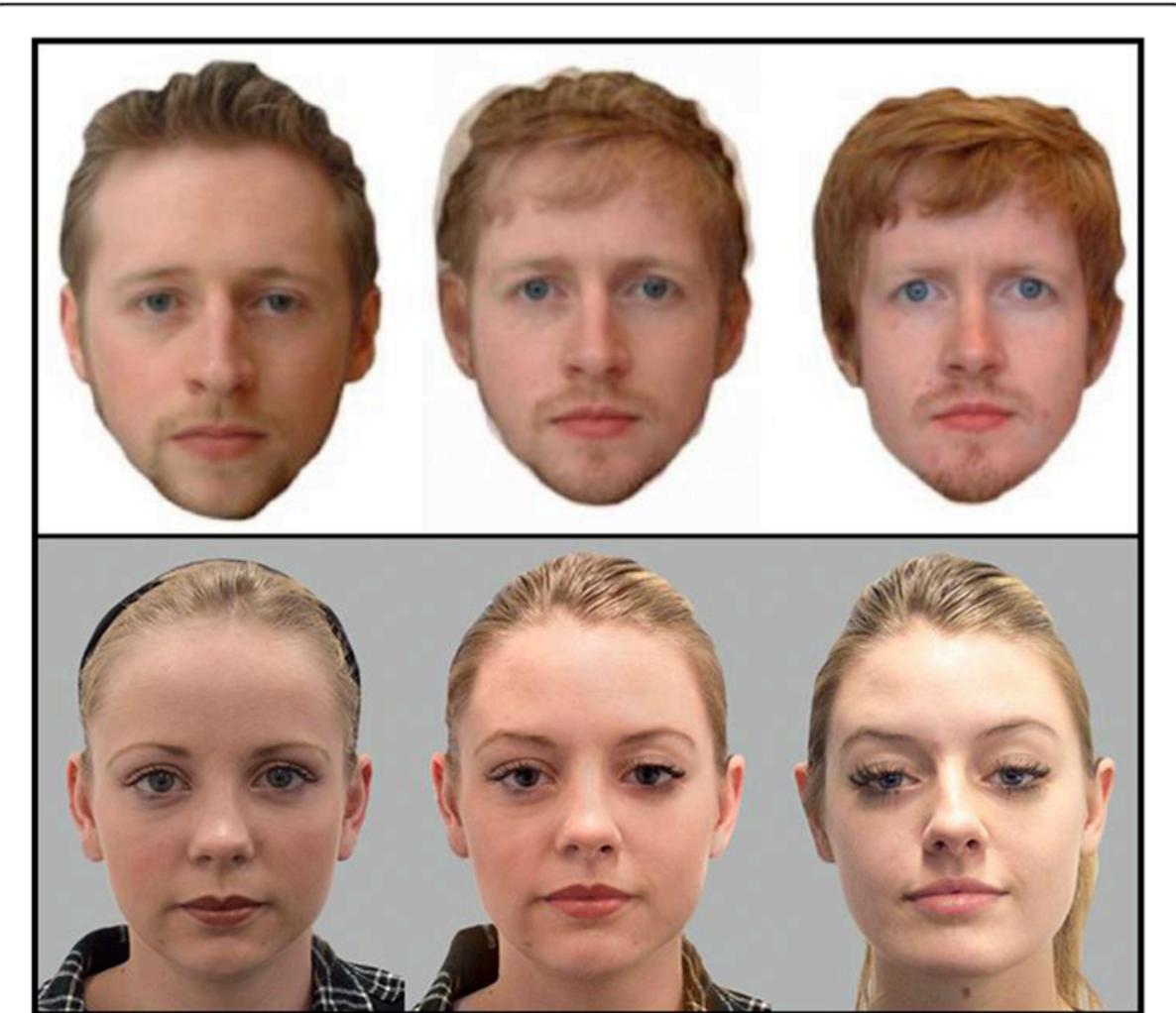
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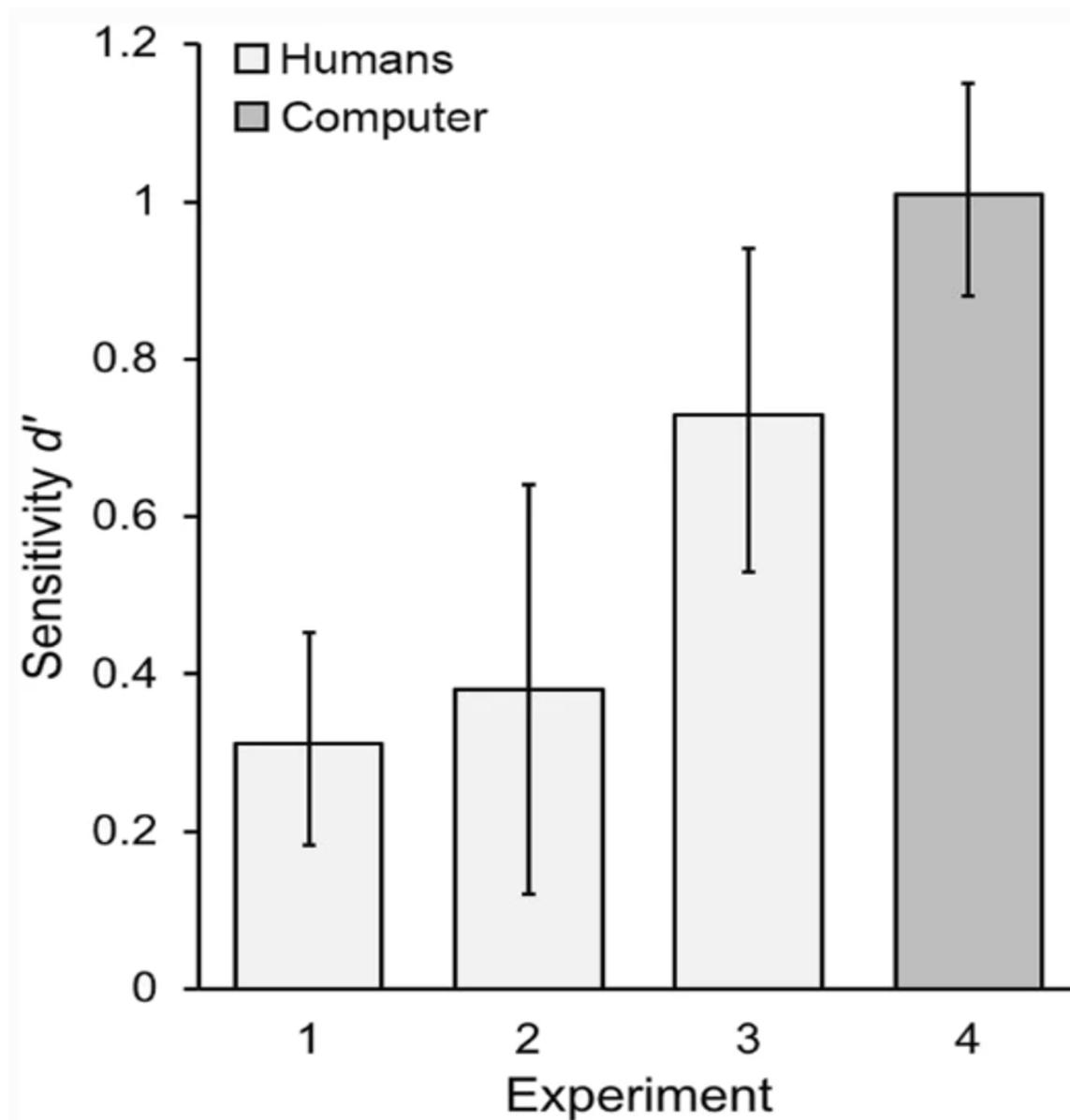
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Sensitivity = True positive / (True positive + False negative)

	Number of pairs	Error rate	Number of participant
Experiment 1	80	48.5	80
Experiment 2	120	44.6	49
Experiment 3	49	16.8	1410

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Original person left side. 50/50 morphed image in right side

	Number of images	Error rate	Participant
Experiment 1	49	68%	49
Experiment 2	49	21%	42

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# Human Observer Accuracy - Benchmark

## Proposed benchmarking tool for iMARS

Image 1 out of 100 images

Instruction

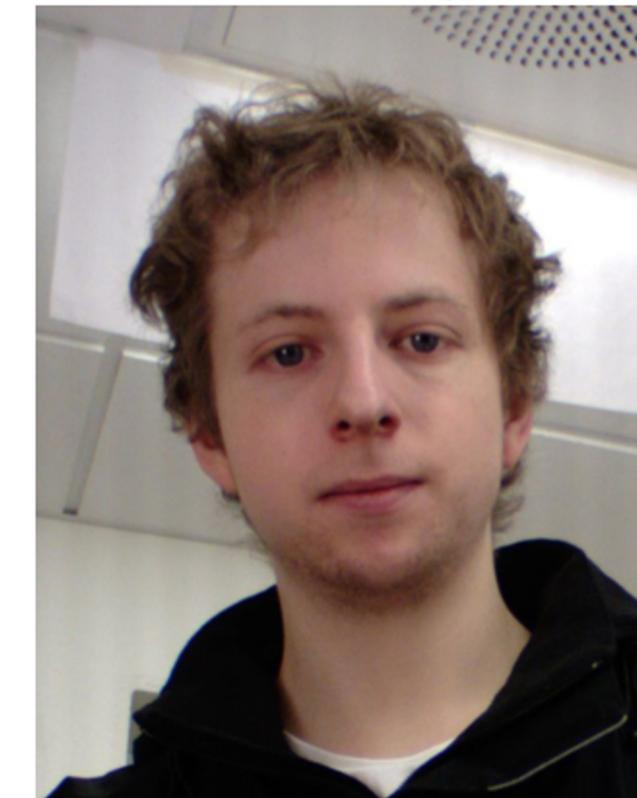
Same Subject

Morph

Unknown Capture



Trusted Live Capture



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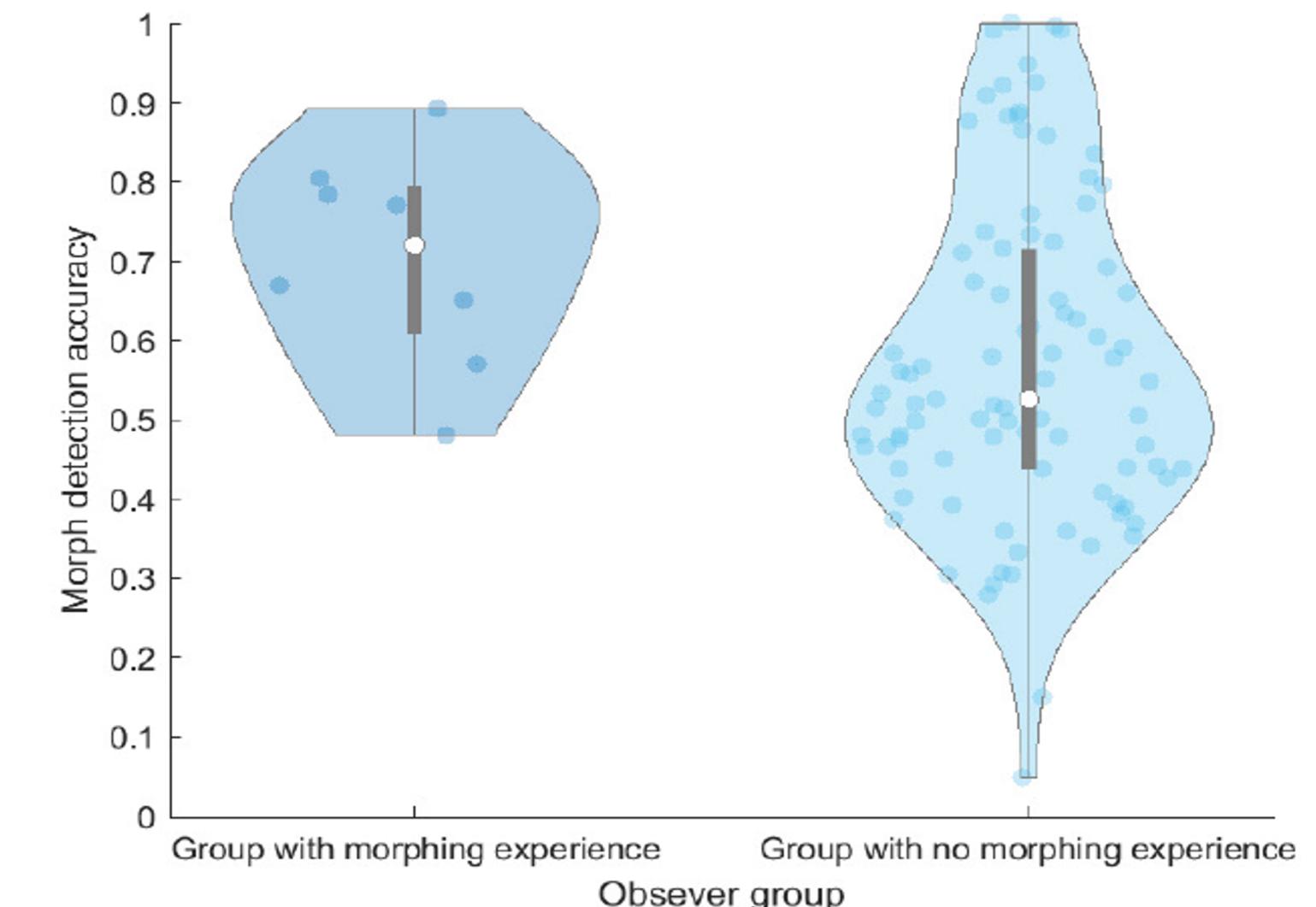
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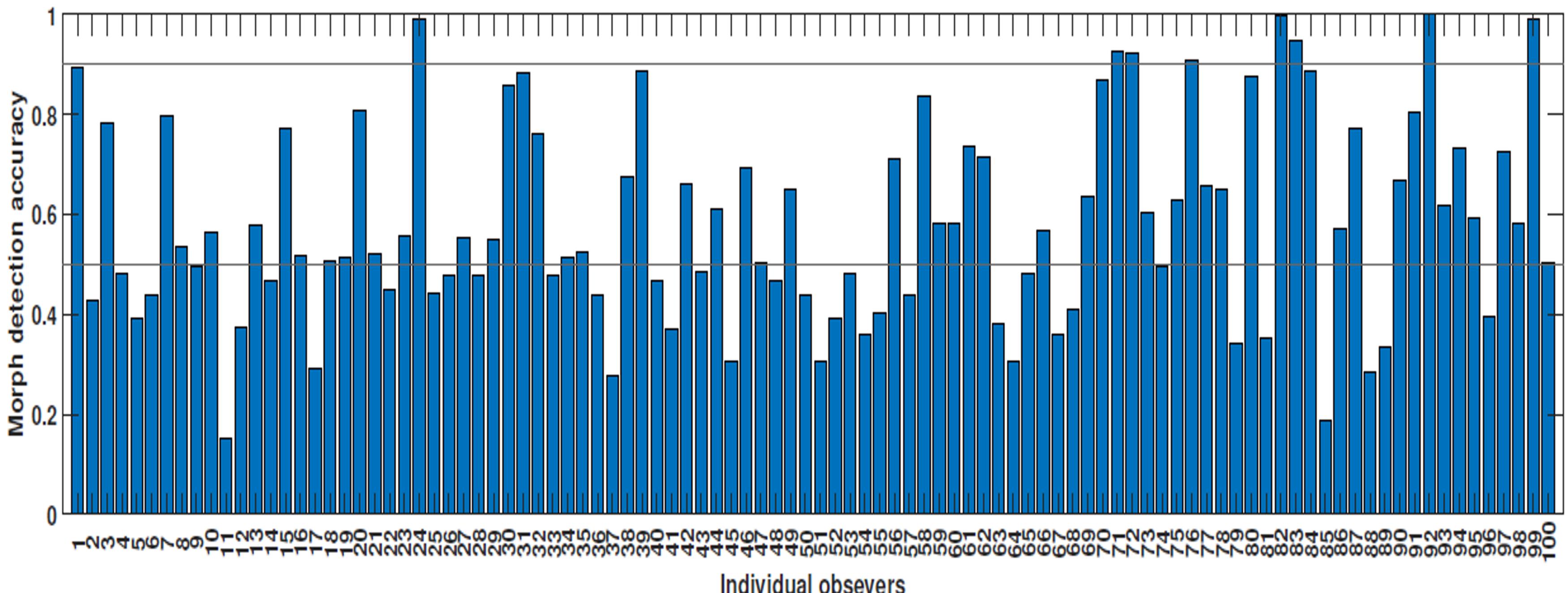
# Human Observer Accuracy - Benchmark

	Digital images	Print and scanned
Morph image vs Bona-fide	48	48
Morph image vs ABC gate image	48	48
Post processed morph image vs Bona-fide	48	48
Post processed morph image vs ABC gate image	48	48
Bona-fide vs Bona-fide	*20	0
Total	222	192

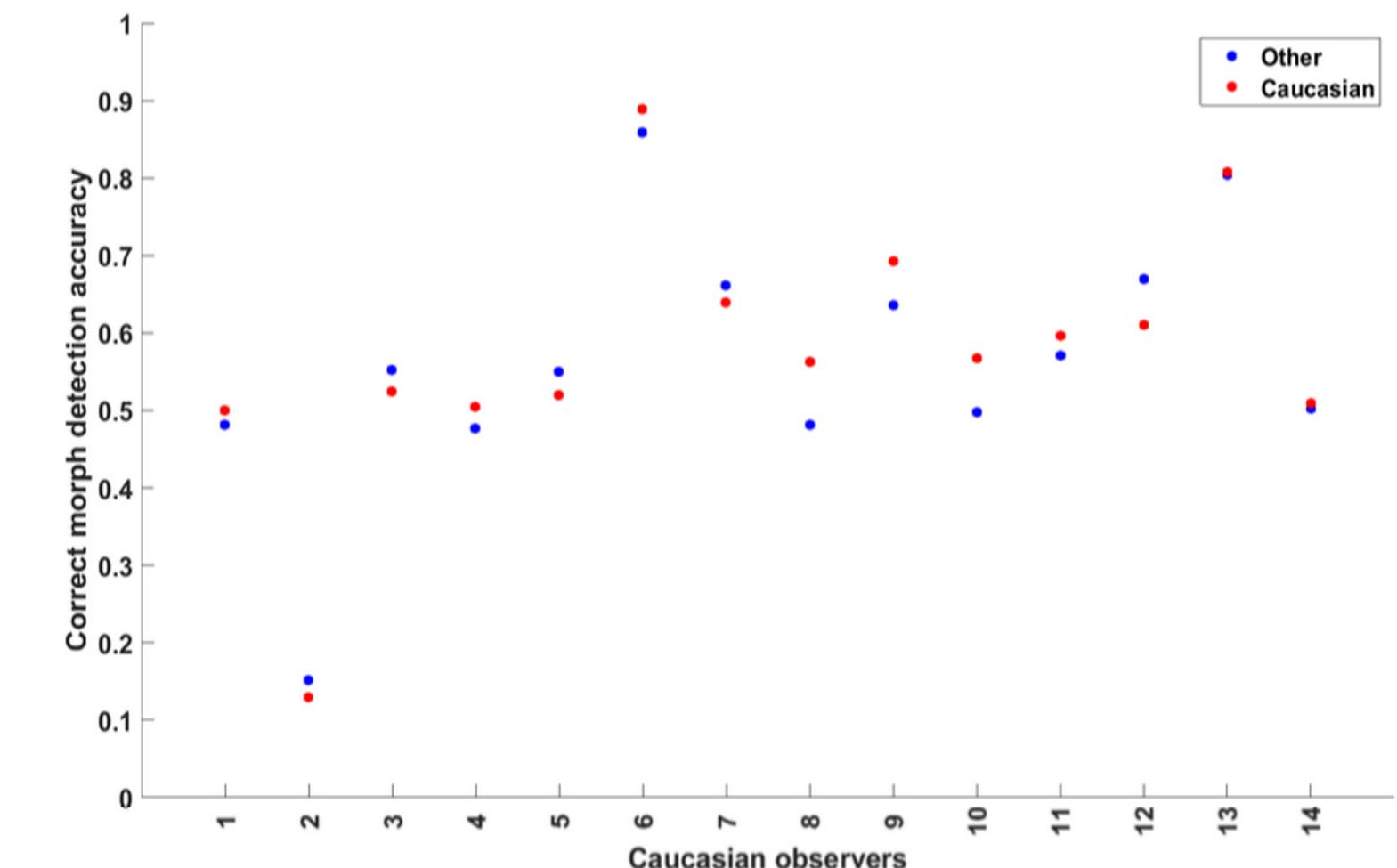
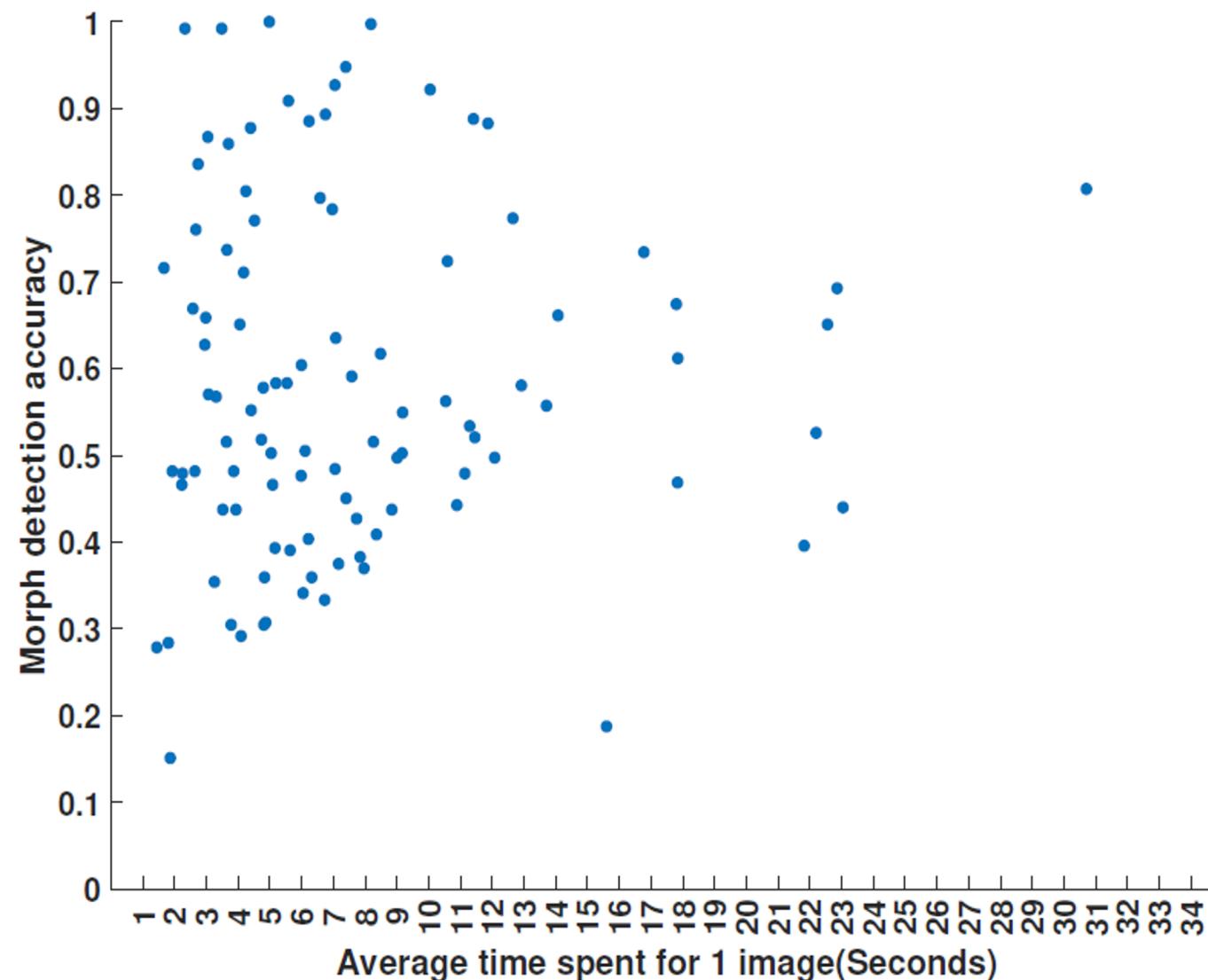


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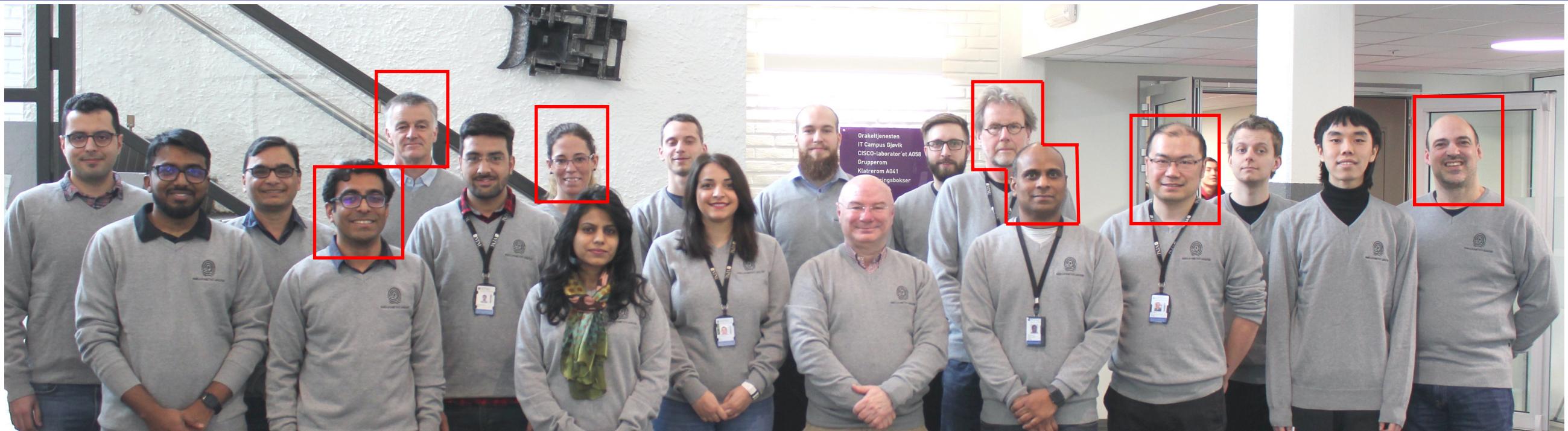
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# Unsolved Challenges in MAD

- . Given the number of covariates impacting the MAD performance such as **age, gender and ethnicity**, accurate and better algorithms need to be developed.
- . Print and scan process reduces the MAD accuracy to a larger extent - need further research for developing **generalizable algorithms**.
- . **Human detection performance** should be studied in a **standardized manner** to understand the key factors in spotting the morphing attacks on FRS - helpful in **border control**.

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