

FRVT MORPH - Current Vulnerability Assessment and Automated Detection Performance

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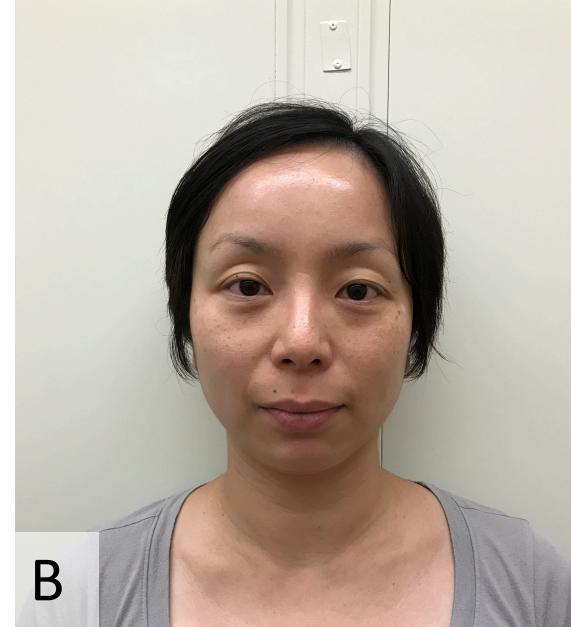
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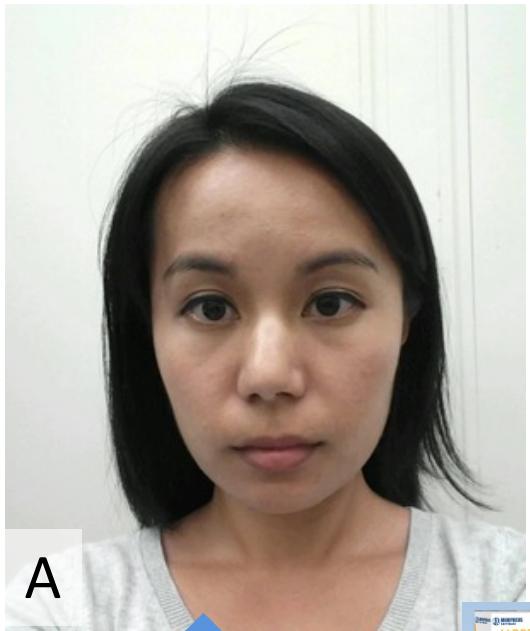
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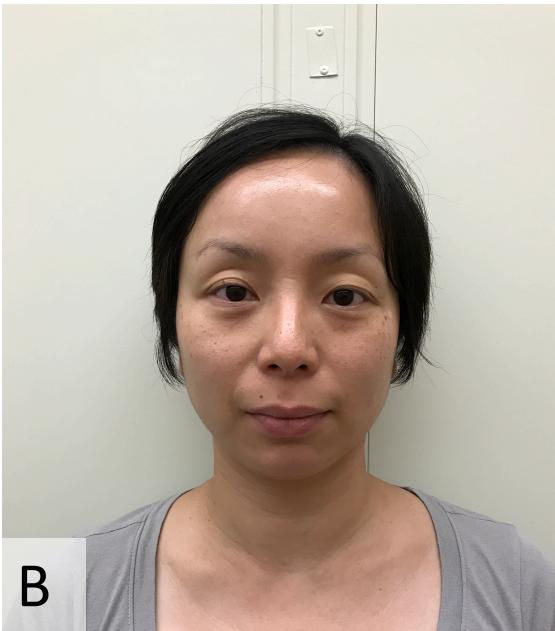
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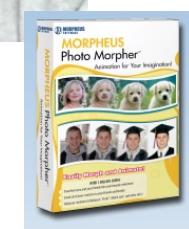
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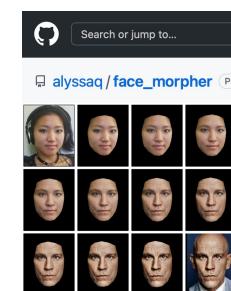
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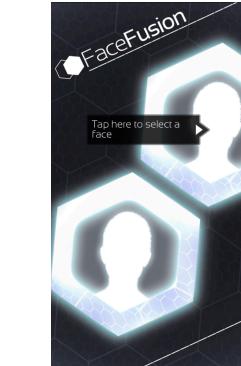


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Learn OpenCV



Source: <https://www.learnopencv.com/face-morph-using-opencv-cpp-python>



Source: <https://en.softonic.com/solutions/apps/facefusion-lite>



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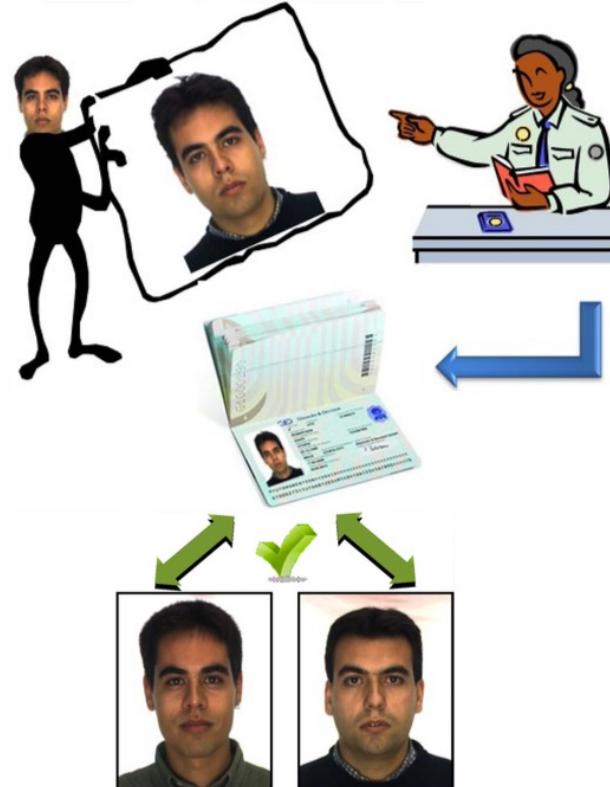
StyleGAN2 — Official TensorFlow Implementation



Source: <https://github.com/NVlabs/stylegan2>

Threats & Consequences

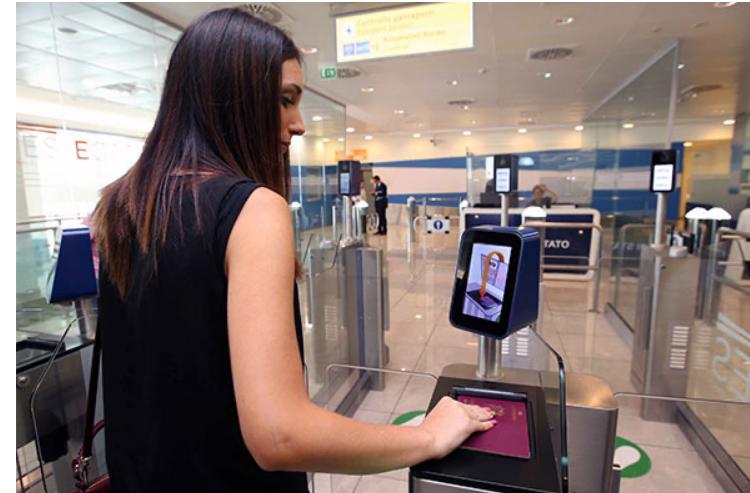
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Accomplice Attacker (other identity)

Source: Ferrara, Franco, and Maltoni, *The Magic Passport*, IEEE International Joint Conference on Biometrics, October 2014, pp. 1-7

Automated Border Control Gate

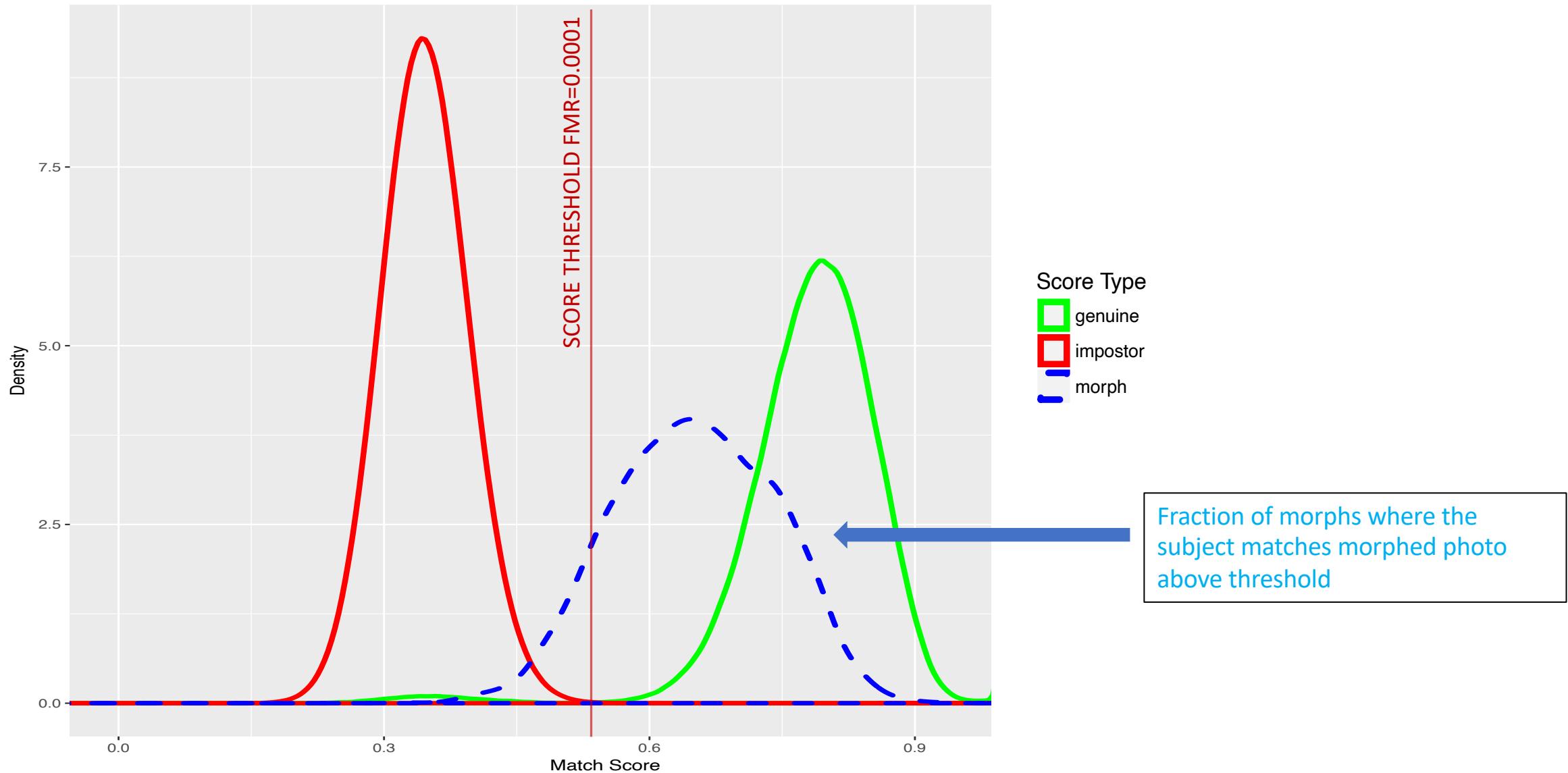


Source:
<http://www.futuretravelexperience.com/2016/01/automated-border-control-e-gates-go-live-at-naples-airport/>

Morphing poses a threat to entities that accept user-submitted photos for identity credentials

Automated Face Recognition: Genuines, Impostors, and Morphs

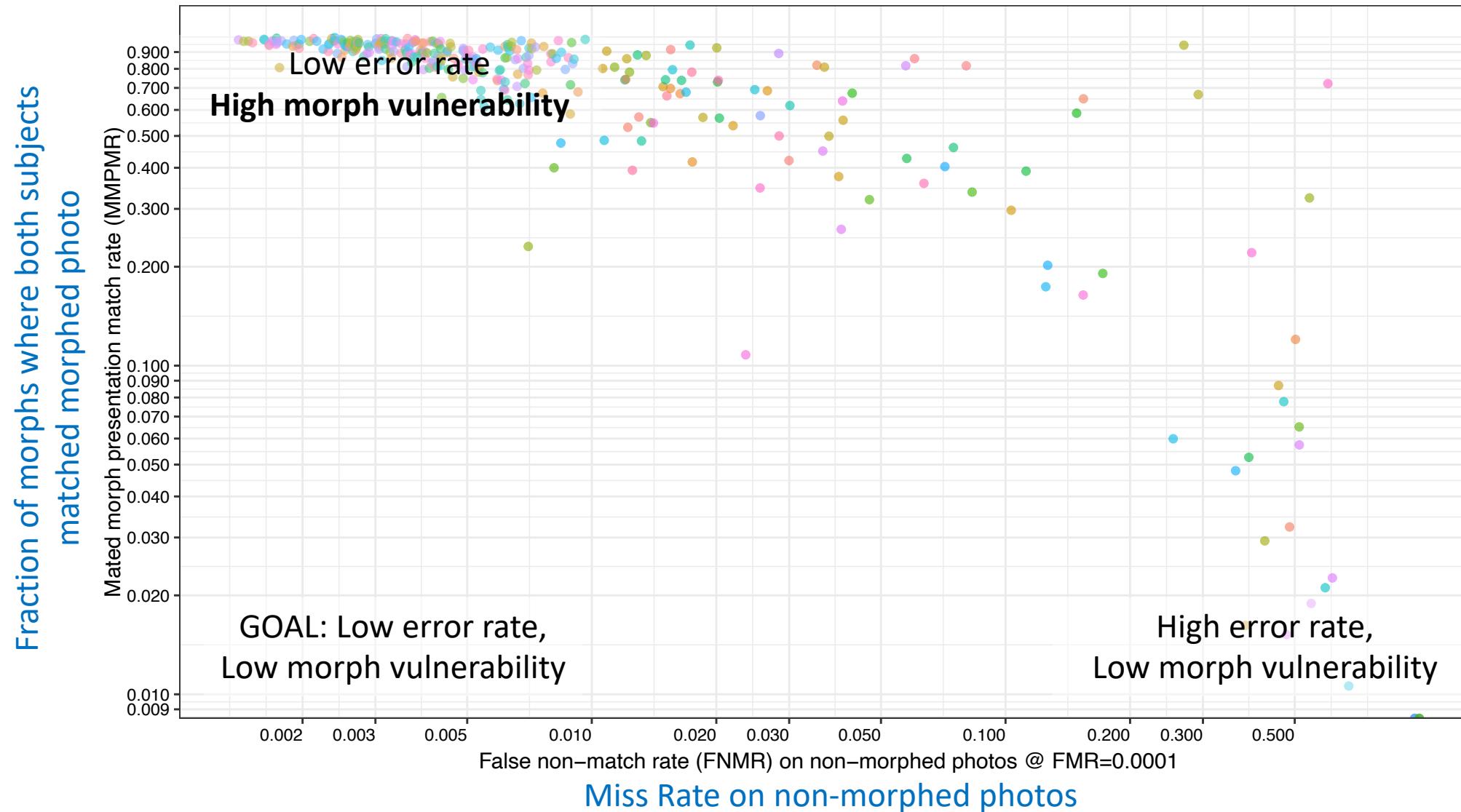
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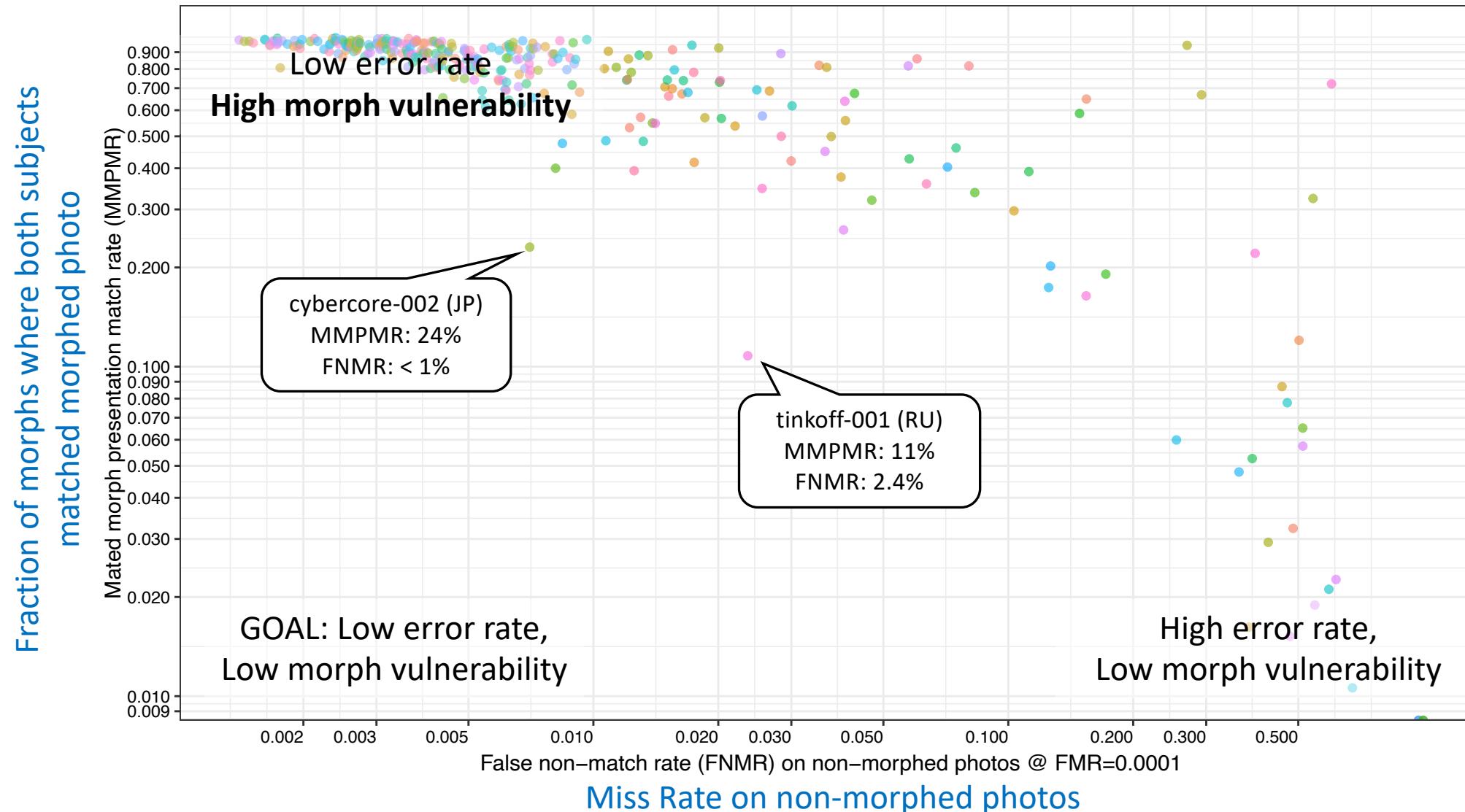
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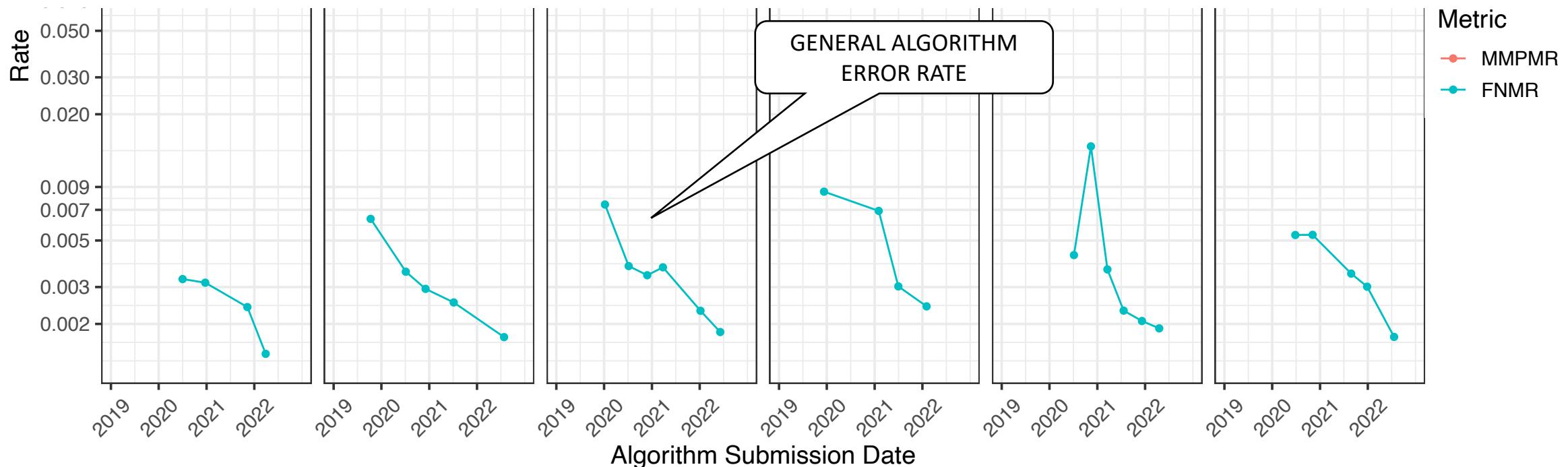
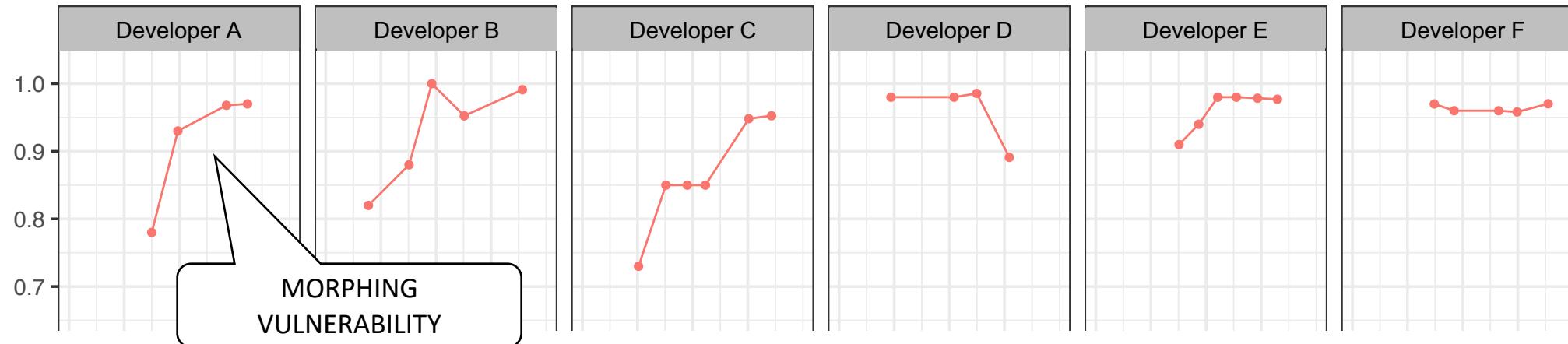
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Morphing vulnerability trends

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FRVT MORPH Use Case: Morph Detection

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Single-image

Morph detection with single image in isolation
(e.g., initial passport application)



Goal: Determine whether image being submitted is a morph or not.

Image Source: NIST + USG employee with permission

Differential

C = A+B. Morphed image is contained in a passport

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Morph detection with additional live capture image
(e.g., morph on passport + eGate webcam photo)

A. Images of this image not available during authentication



B2: This image represents a live capture during an eGate border crossing, say.



Goal: Determine whether image on passport is morphed by using the additional information available in the live capture image.

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- Hochschule Darmstadt (DE)
- Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NO)
- University of Bologna (IT)
- West Virginia University (US)
- University of Coimbra (PT)

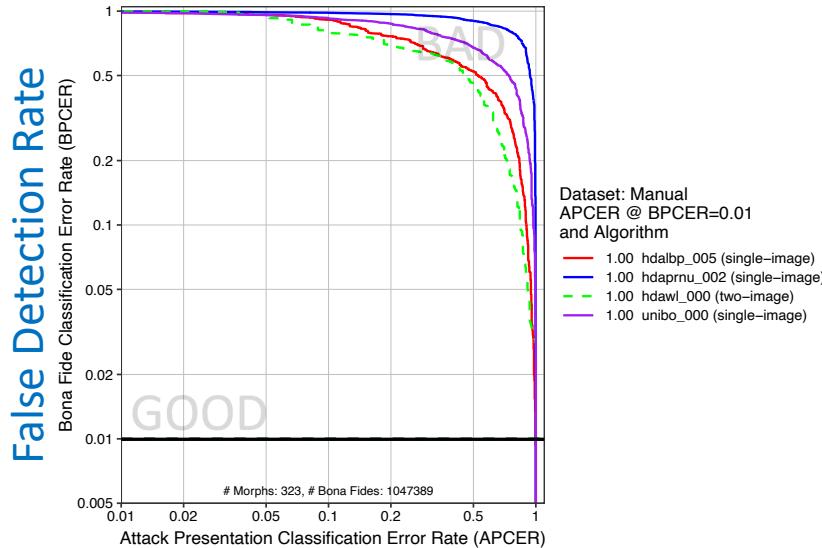
Industry

- secunet (DE)

Morph Detection: Progress

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Morph Miss Rate

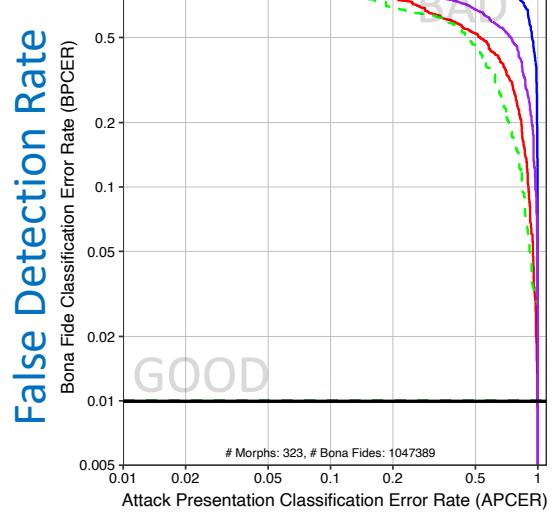
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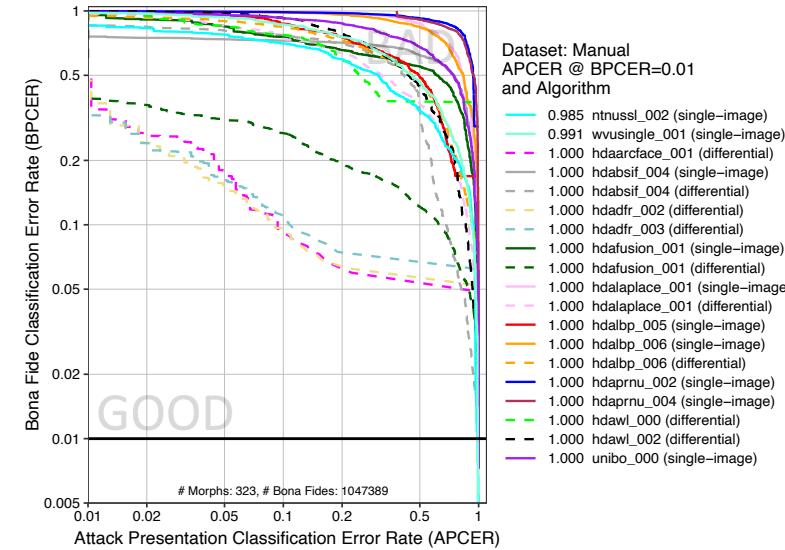
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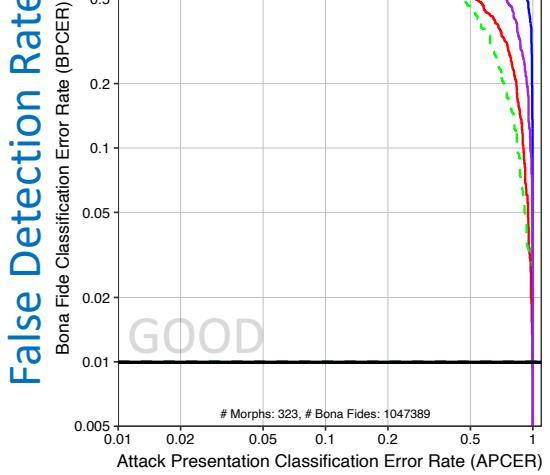


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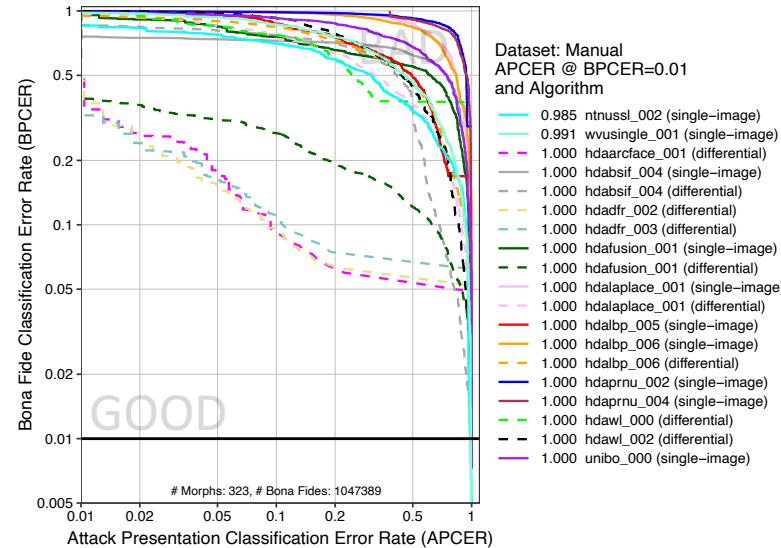
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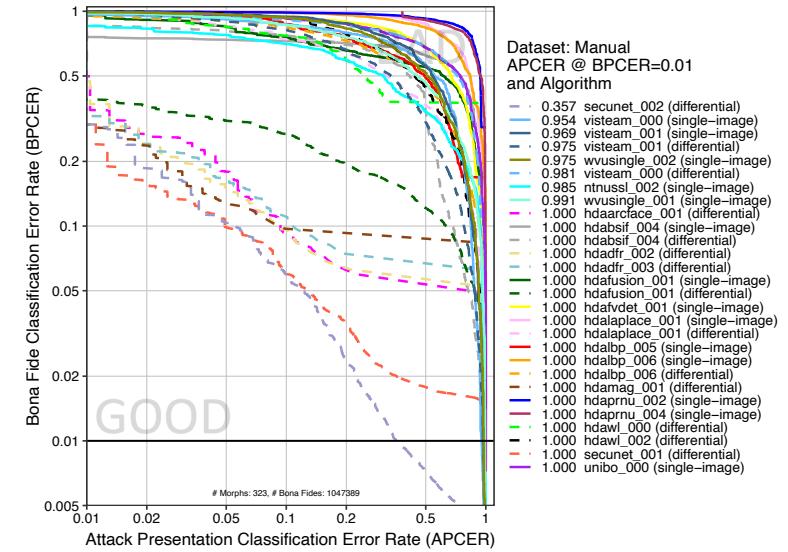
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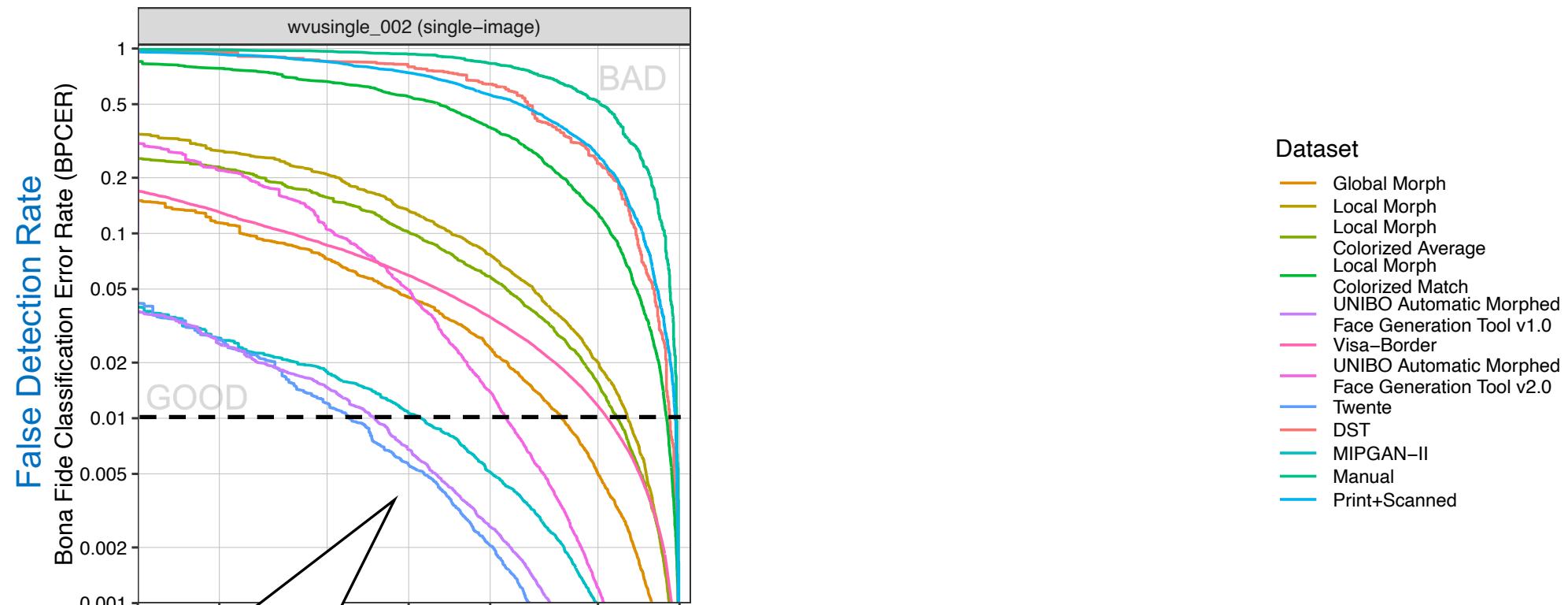


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Morph Detection: Challenges and Opportunities

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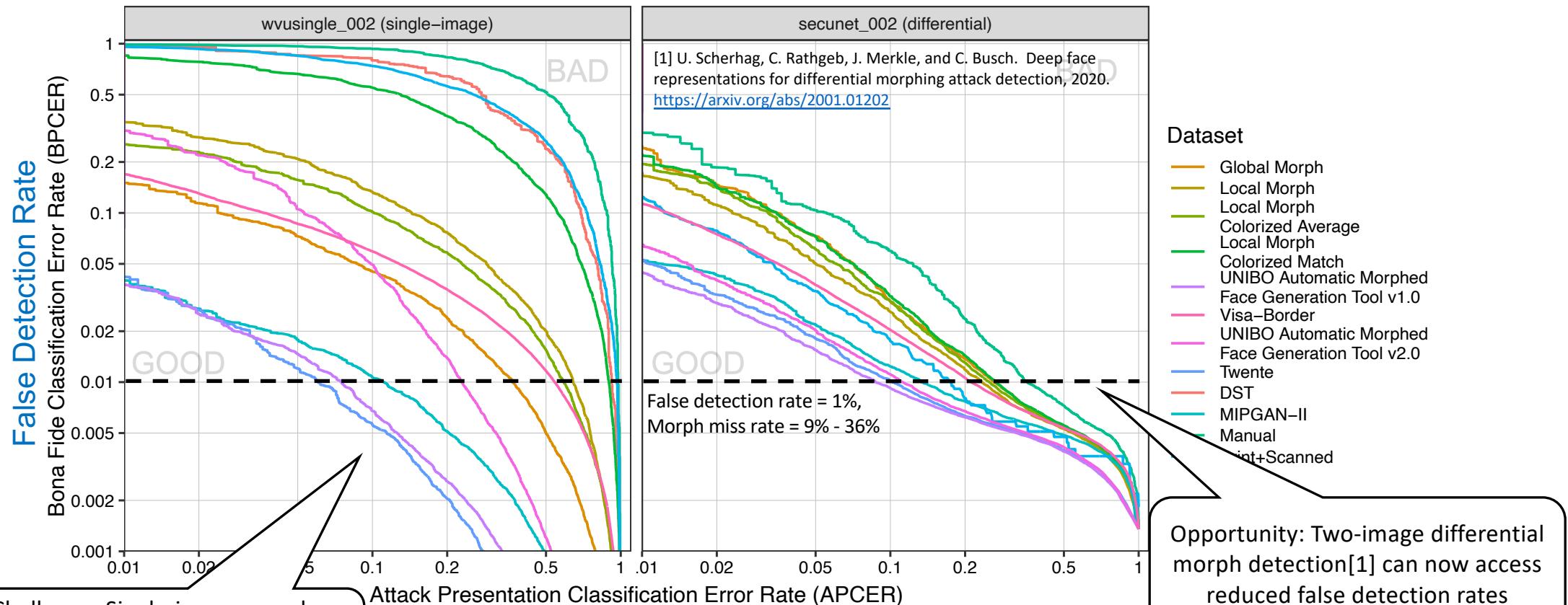
Challenge: Single-image morph detectors do not generalize across different morphing methods



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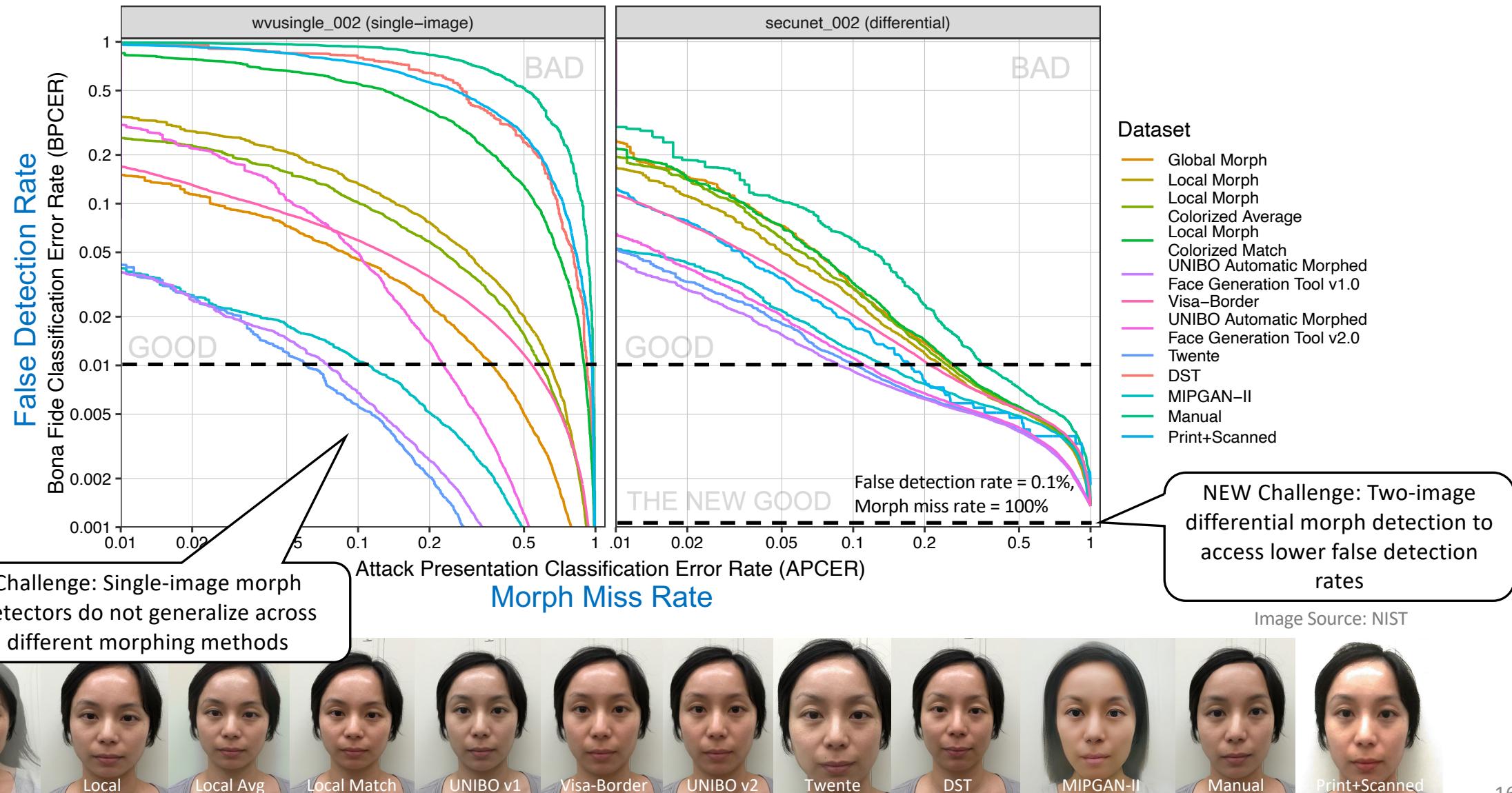
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FRVT MORPH Use Case: Morph Resistant Face Recognition

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Use Case: Test FR algorithm resistance against morphing

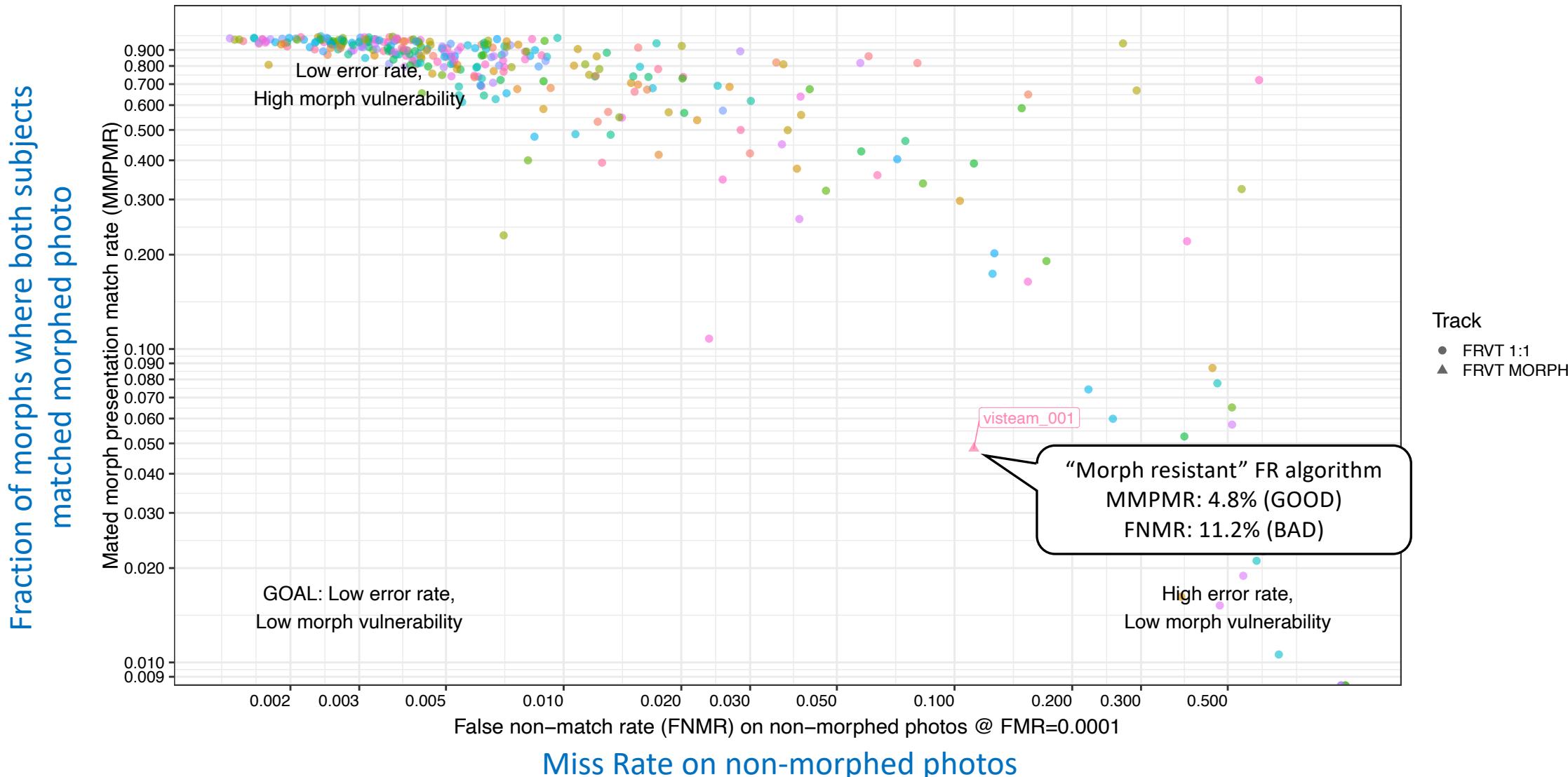
Protocol: Given image X and image Y, produce verification similarity score

Evaluation: ISO/IEC 30107-3 metrics

- Mated Morph Presentation Match Rate (MMPMR)
- False non-match rate (FNMR)
- False match rate (FMR)
- Others TBD

Morph resistant face recognition performance

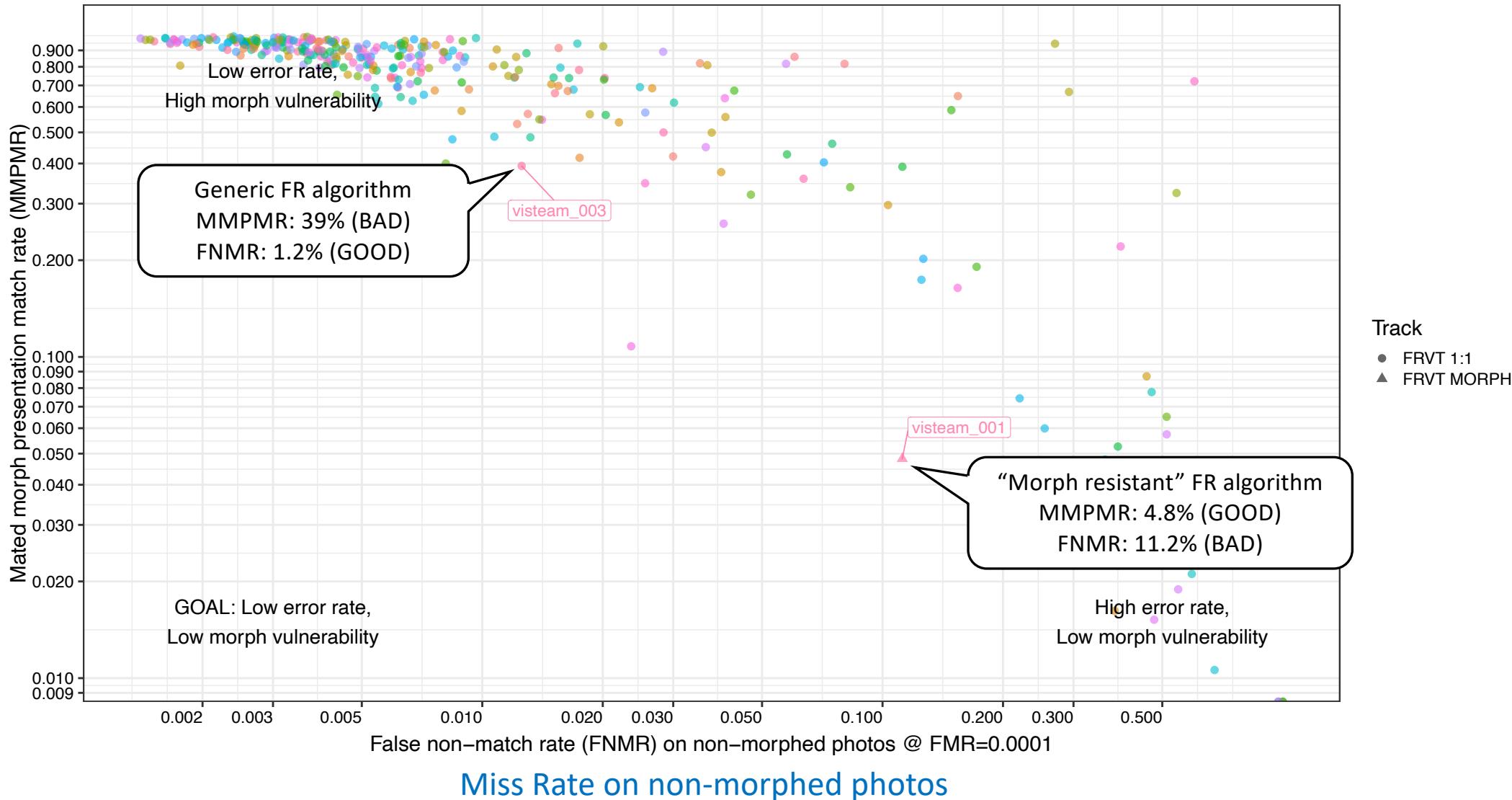
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Morph resistant face recognition performance

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Fraction of morphs where both subjects
matched morphed photo

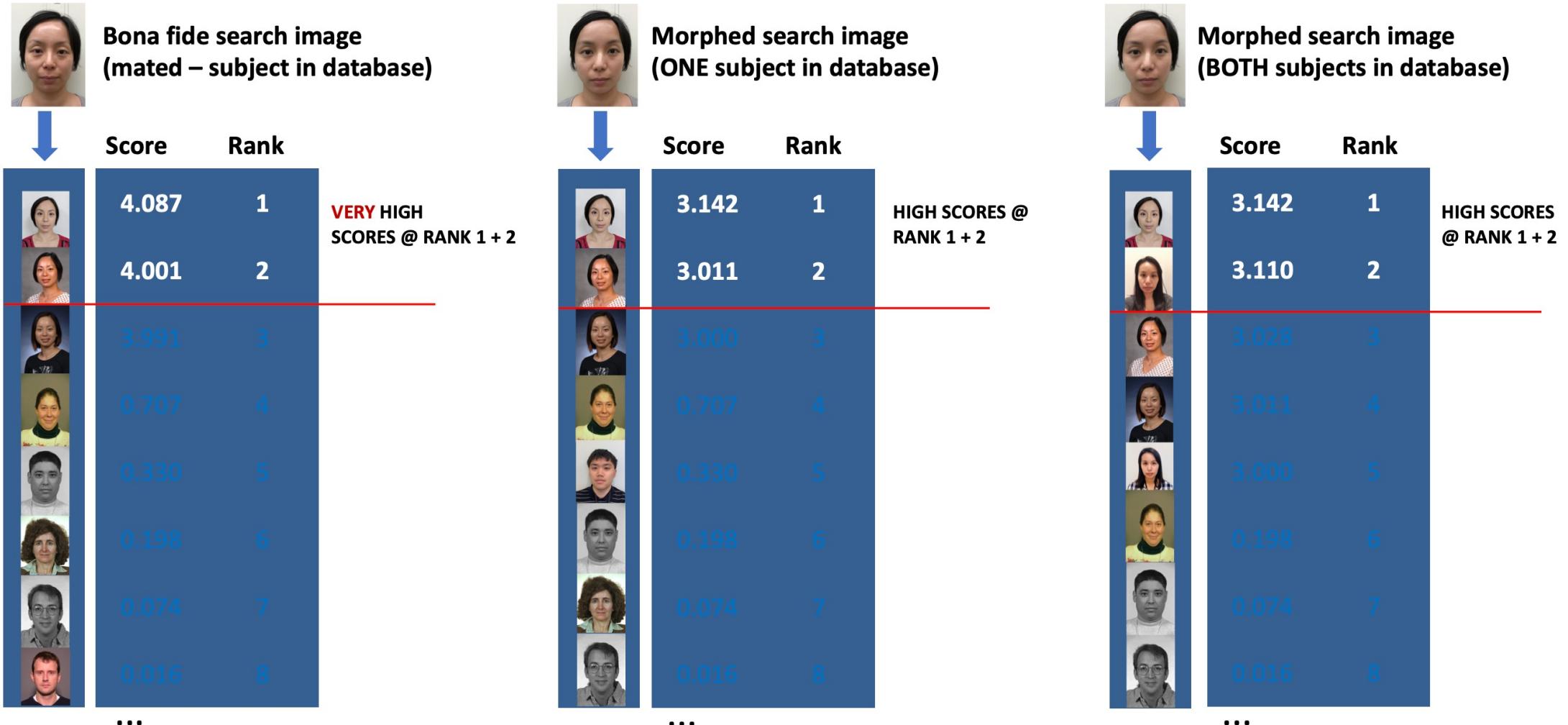


Utility of 1:N search for morph detection

NISTIR 8430: FRVT Part 4A: MORPH – Utility of 1:N Face Recognition
Algorithms for Morph Detection, July 27, 2022

Analysis of rank 1 and 2 similarity scores from 1:N face recognition search for morph detection

SCENARIO: RENEWAL



All databases used in experiments contain bona fide imagery

Analysis of rank 1 and 2 similarity scores from 1:N face recognition search for morph detection

SCENARIO: NEW ENROLLMENT



**Bona fide search image
(nonmated – subject
not in database)**

Score Rank

1.383

1

1.270

2

LOW SCORES @ RANK 1 + 2

1.026

3

0.707

4

0.330

5

0.198

6

0.074

7

0.016

8

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**Morphed search image
(no subjects in database)**

Score Rank

1.333

1

1.326

2

LOW SCORES @ RANK 1 + 2

1.001

3

0.707

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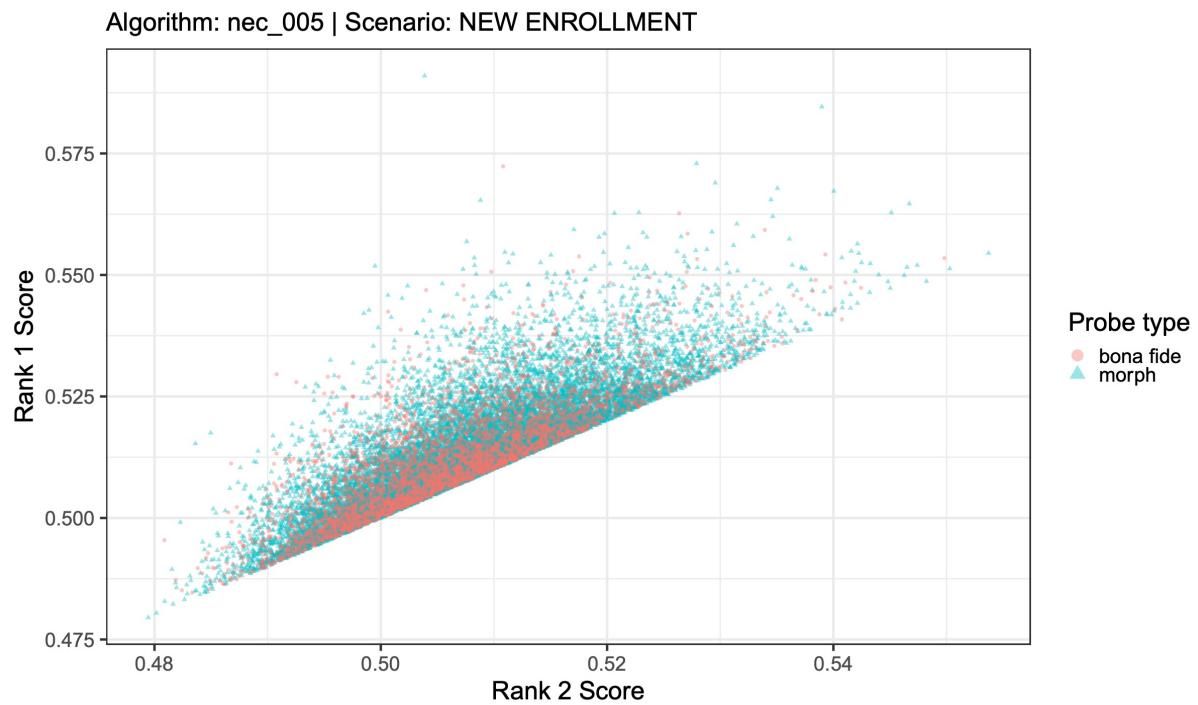
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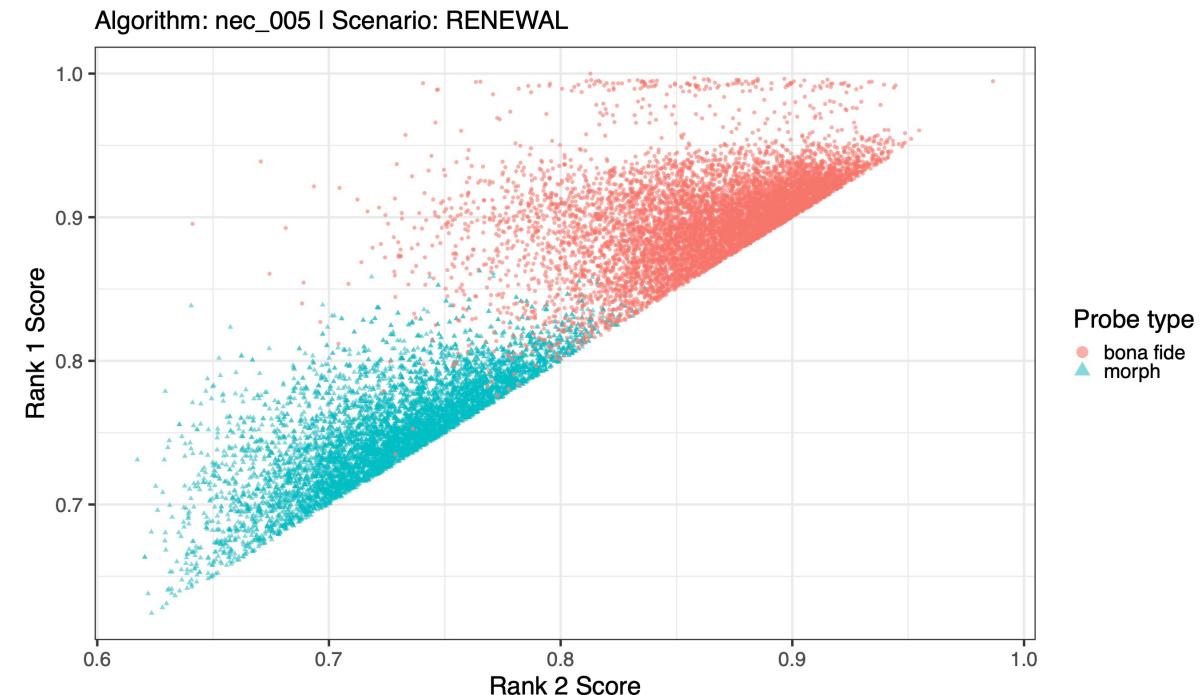
Visualization of rank 1 and 2 similarity scores

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Scenario: NEW ENROLLMENT
(subjects do not exist in the database)



Scenario: RENEWAL
(multiple photos of one or both subjects exist in the database)

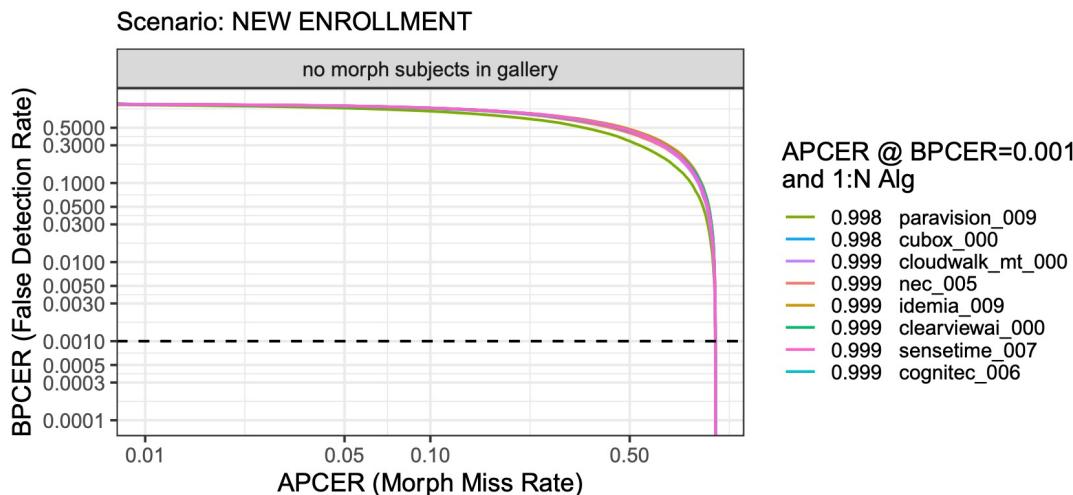


Large separation in score distributions presents detection opportunity!

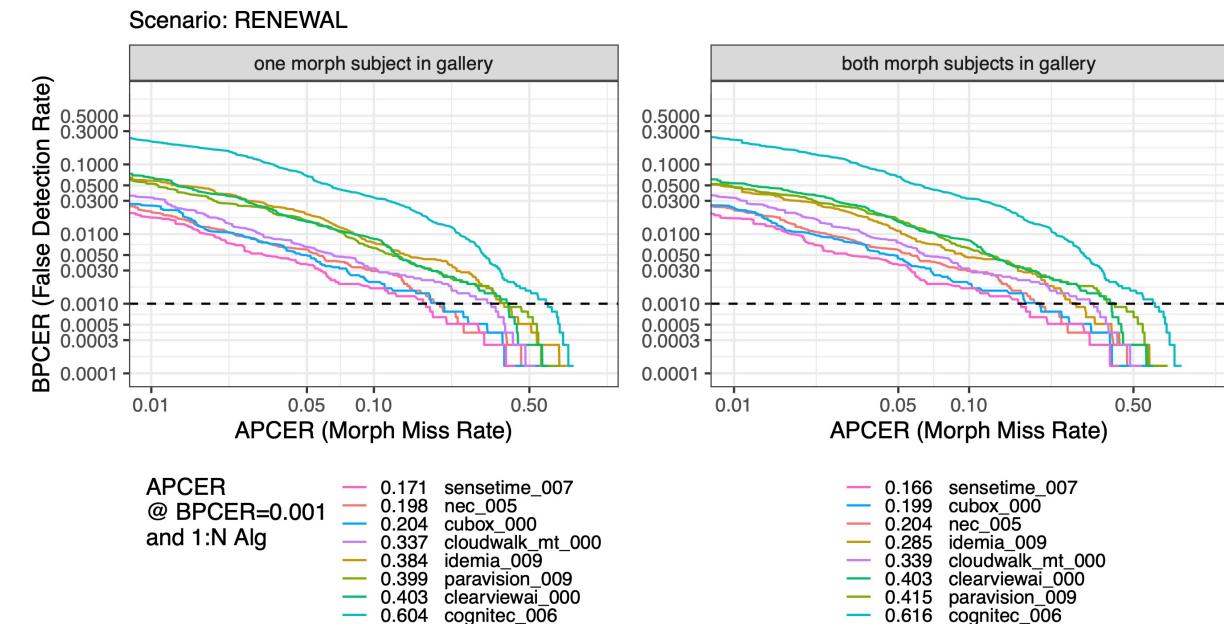
Proof of concept: Morph detection results from training a morph classifier with rank 1 and 2 scores



Scenario: NEW ENROLLMENT



Scenario: RENEWAL



Morph detection using 1:N face recognition is **not** effective in a new enrollment scenario

Morph detection using 1:N face recognition may be effective in a renewal scenario (low false detection rates attainable)

Summary and closing thoughts...



- Modern face recognition is vulnerable to face morphing
- Automated morph detection has made notable progress
- One-to-many face recognition may have utility in morph detection under certain scenarios
- Other potential mitigations
 - Live enrollment (e.g., Norway, Sweden, Germany 2025!)
 - Human involvement remains critical (training + strong secondary verification processes)

Thank you!

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