Face Morphing Attack Detection Methods

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Overview

Agenda

- Introduction - Problem description
- Morphing Attack Detection - Scenarios and Methods
- Status: Face Morphing Attack Detection
- Conclusion

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

					DATA ELEMENTS
REQUIRED	ISSUING STATE OR ORGANIZATION DATA	Detail(s) Recorded in MRZ	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
		Encoded Identification Feature(s)	Global Interchange Feature	DG2	Encoded Face
			Additional Feature(s)	DG3	Encoded Finger(s)
				DG4	Encoded Eye(s)
OPTIONAL	ISSUING STATE OR ORGANIZATION DATA	Displayed Identification Feature(s)	DG5		Displayed Portrait
			DG6		Reserved for Future Use
			DG7		Displayed Signature or Usual Mark
		Encoded Security Feature(s)	DG8		Data Feature(s)
			DG9		Structure Feature(s)
			DG10		Substance Feature(s)
			DG11		Additional Personal Detail(s)
			DG12		Additional Document Detail(s)
			DG13		Optional Detail(s)
			DG14		Security Options
			DG15		Active Authentication Public Key Info
			DG16		Person(s) to Notify

Source: ICAO 9303 Part 10, 2015

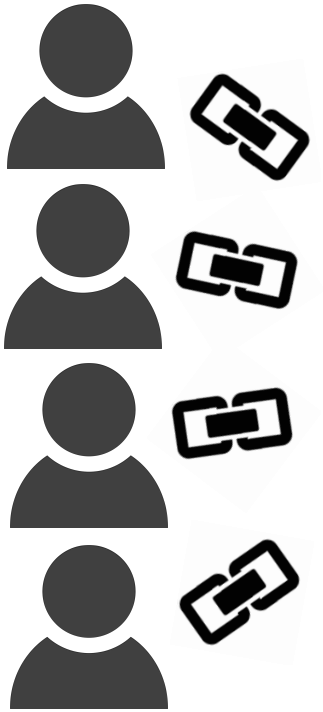
Is the Principle valid on the left Side?

Principle of unique link of ICAO

- One individual - one passport

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

- Multiple individuals - one passport



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- 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

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- and you can stop half way in the transformation

A good Morph …

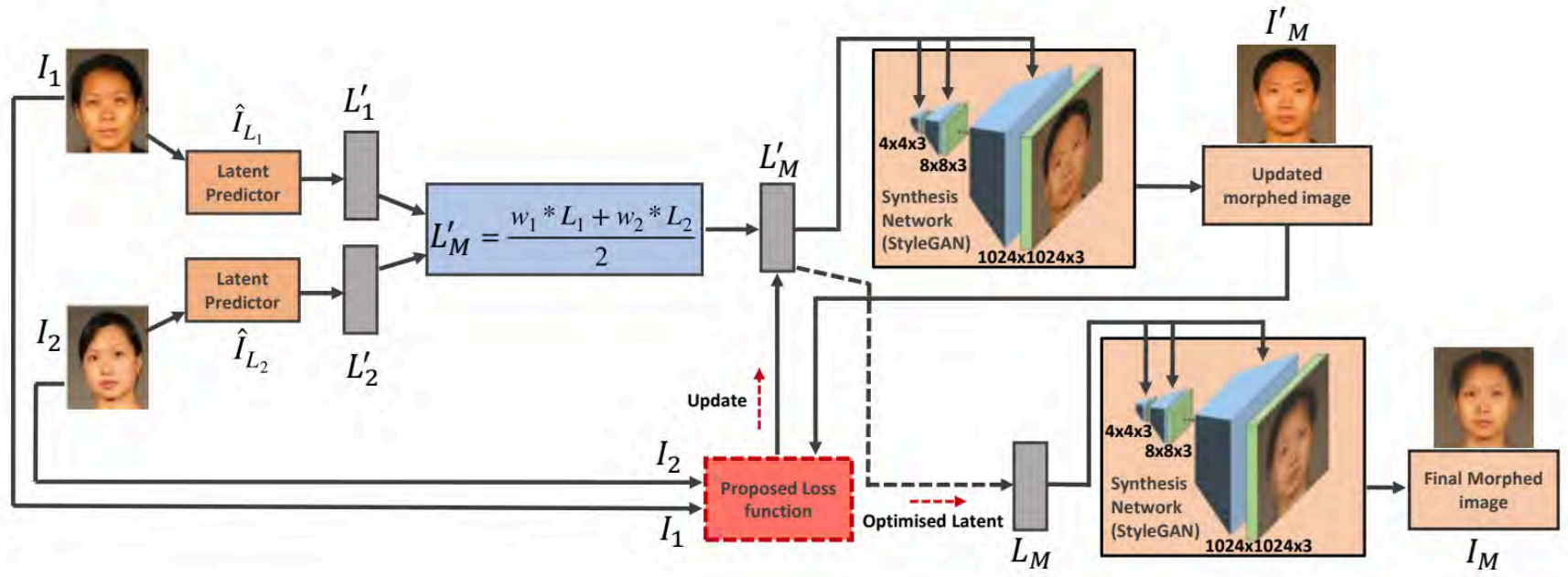
… is not as simple as you think

- 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



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Problem Description

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]

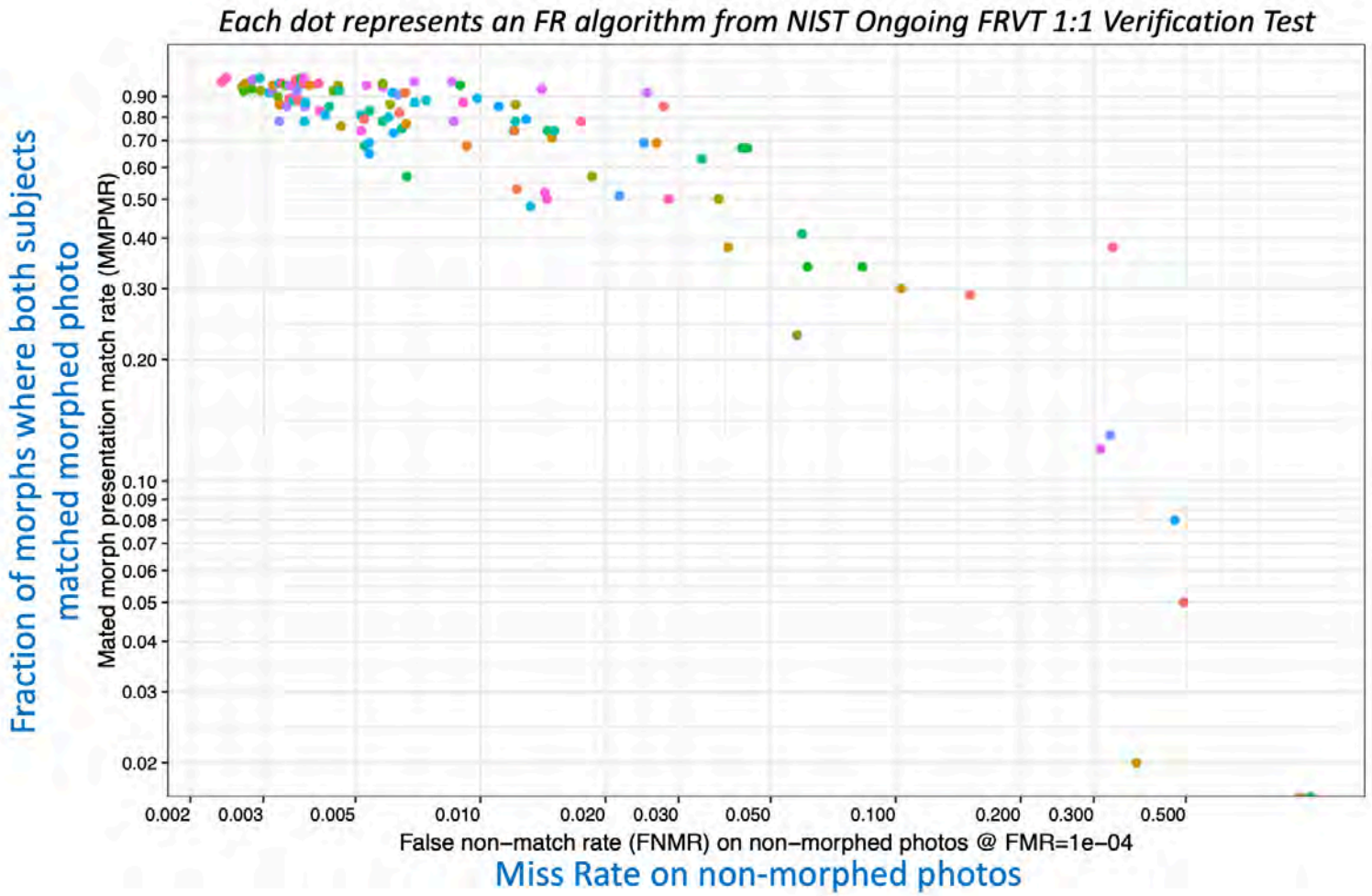
- Reported in September 2021 that
  in last 12 month more than 40 morphing cases
  - were detected at Airport Police in Ljubljana
- Business model:
  - Albanian citizens, applying for a Slovenian passport
  - offered as a professional service travel route
    via Vienna and Warsaw to Canada

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

Scale of the Problem: Vulnerability

NIST report on FRS vulnerability [Ngan2021]

- Accurate FRS are more vulnerable!



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Scale of the Problem: Vulnerability

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!

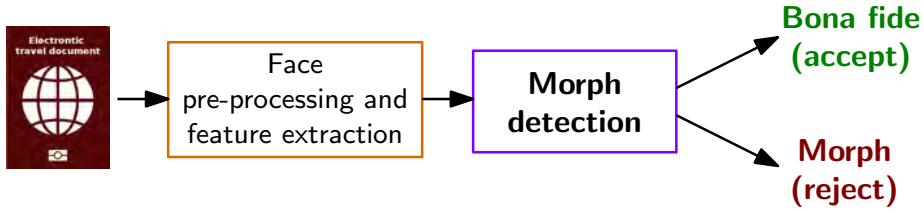
Morphing Attack Detection (MAD)

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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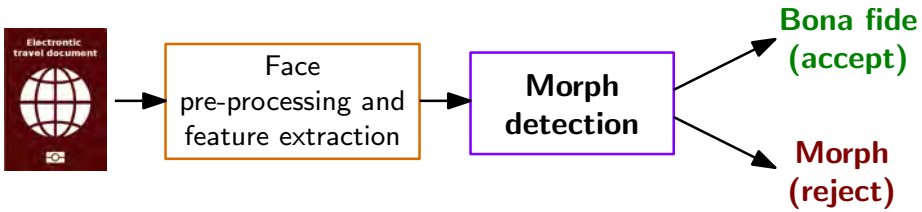
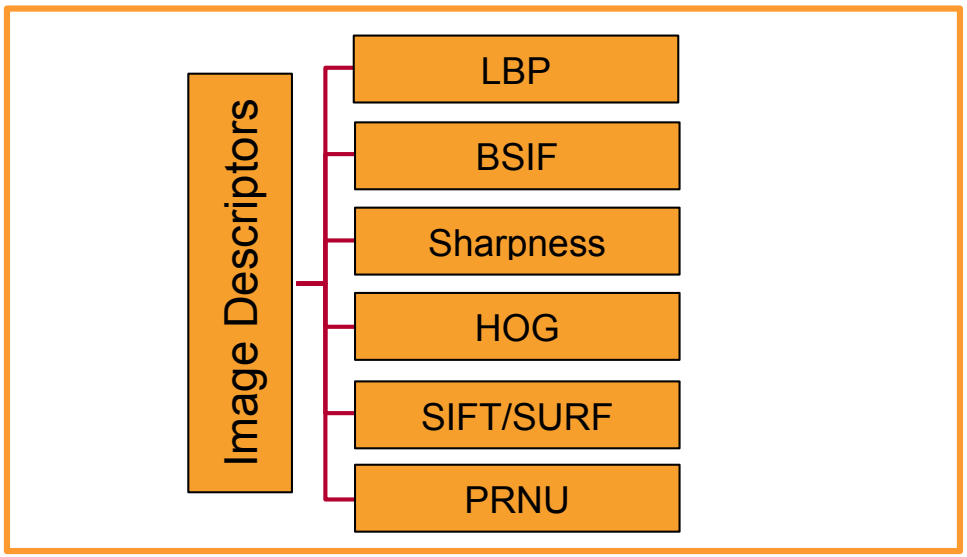
Face Pre-processing and Feature Extraction

Morphing Attack Detection (S-MAD) with texture analysis

- Image descriptors as hand-crafted features





Morph Detection Classifier

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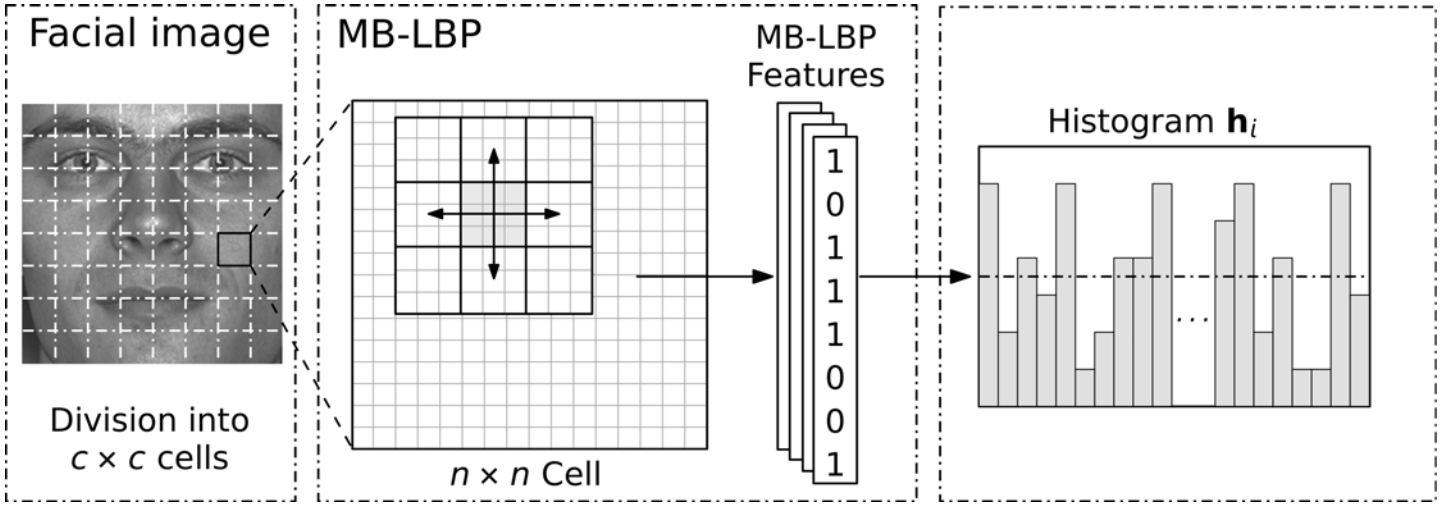
Face Pre-processing and Feature Extraction

S-MAD with image descriptor

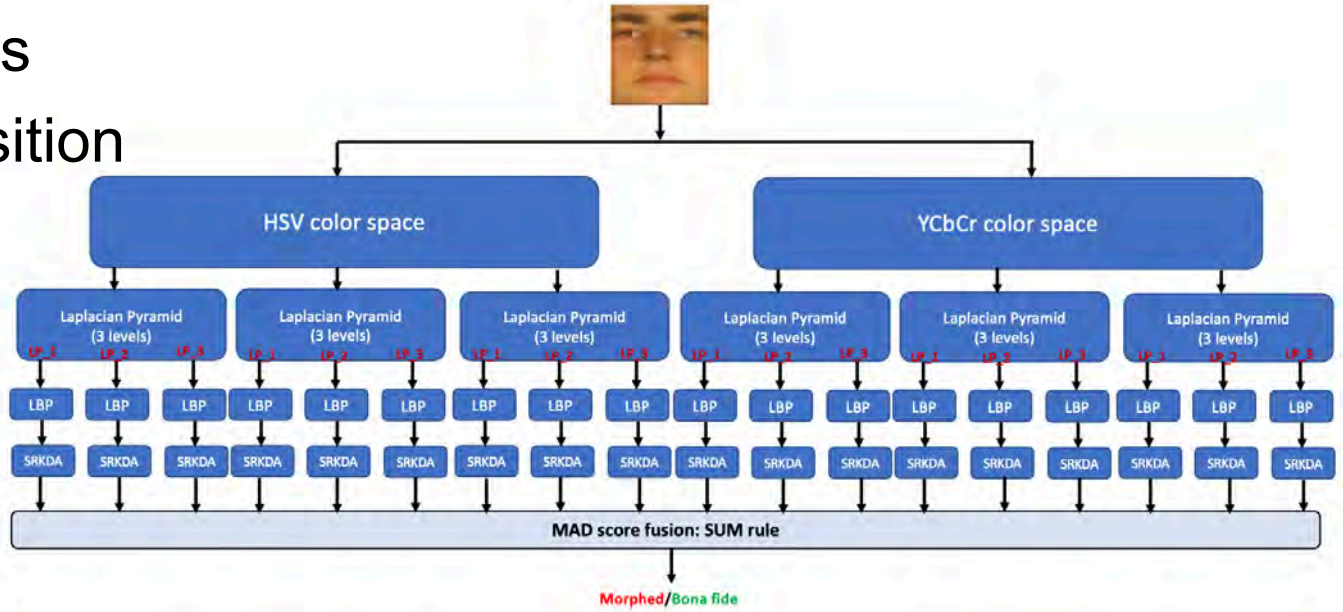
- Local Binary Pattern (LBP)

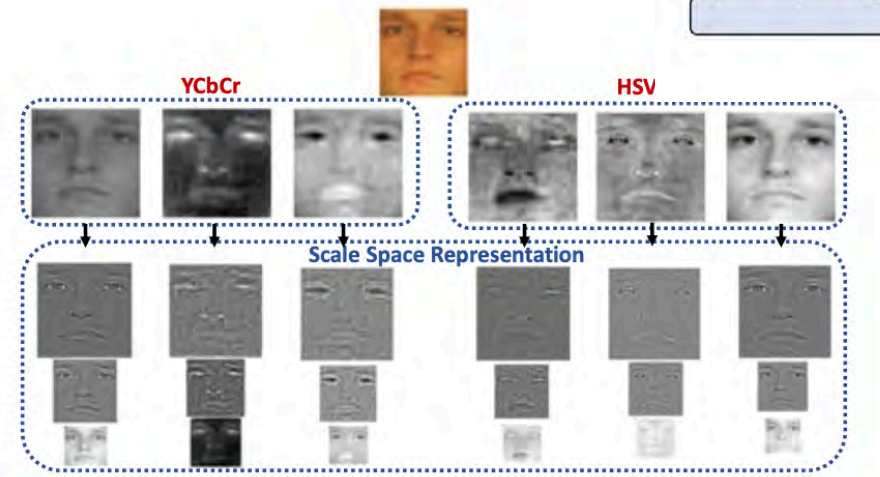


Face Pre-processing and Feature Extraction

S-MAD with Scale-Space features

- Transformation to different color spaces
- Laplacian decomposition





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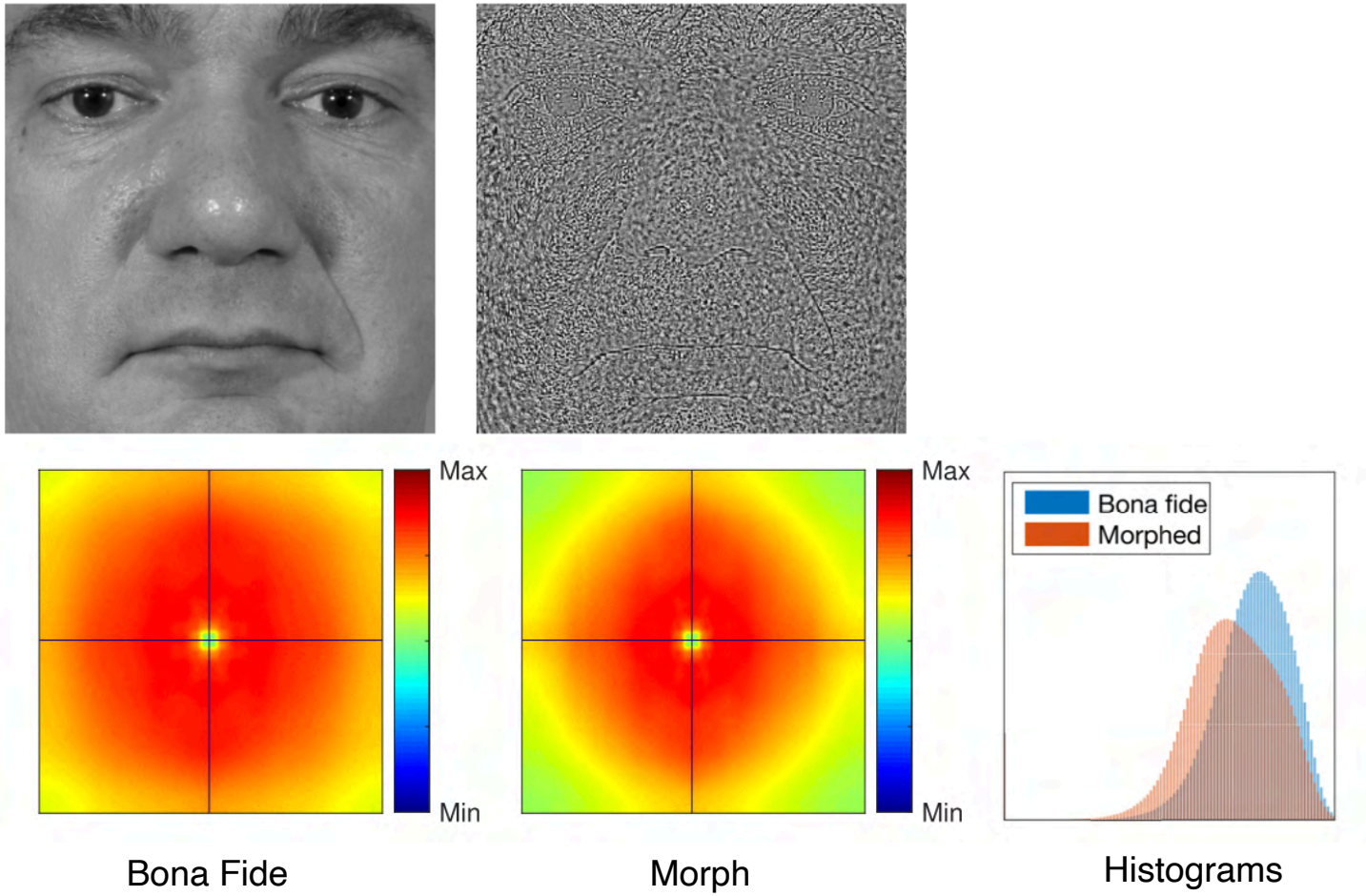
Face Pre-processing and Feature Extraction

S-MAD with image descriptor / forensic approach

- Photo Response Non-Uniformity (PRNU)



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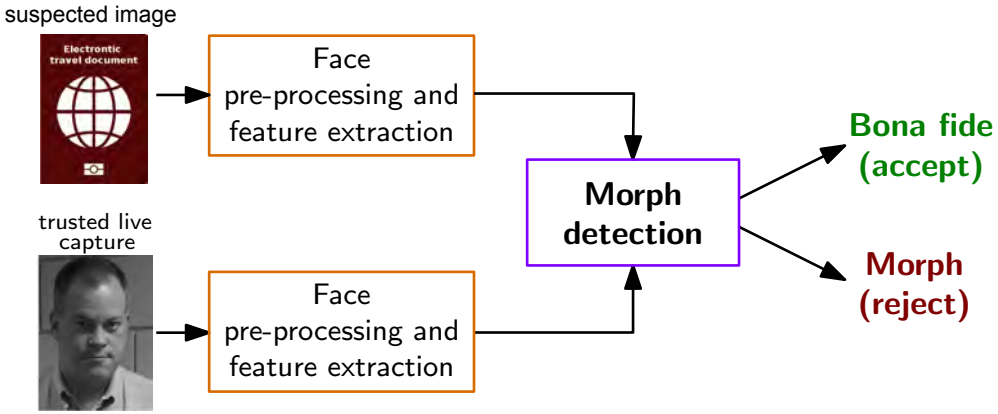
Morphing Attack Detection Scenarios

Real world scenarios

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

- 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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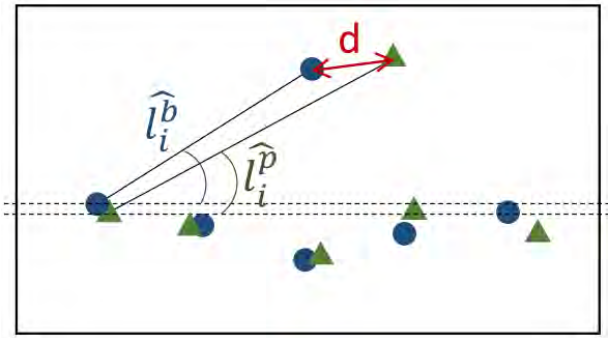
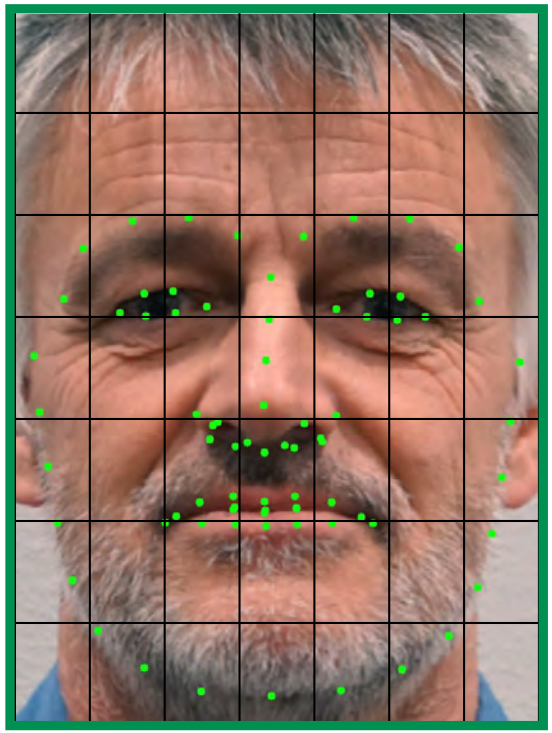
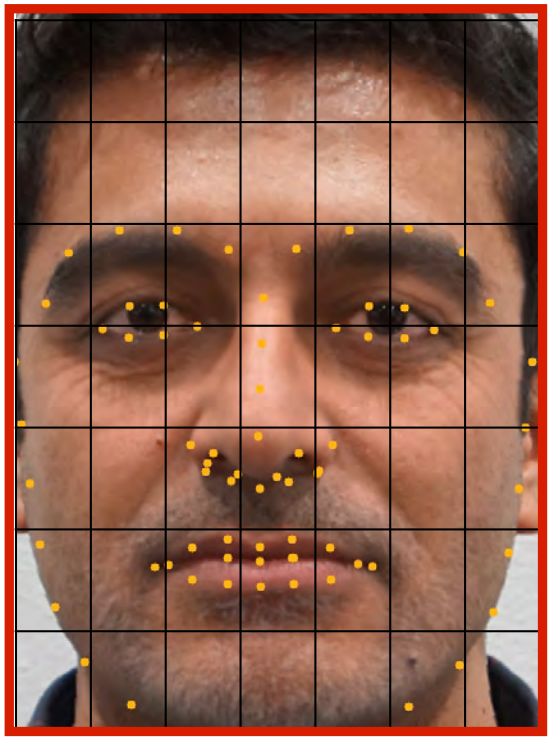
Differential Morphing Attack Detection

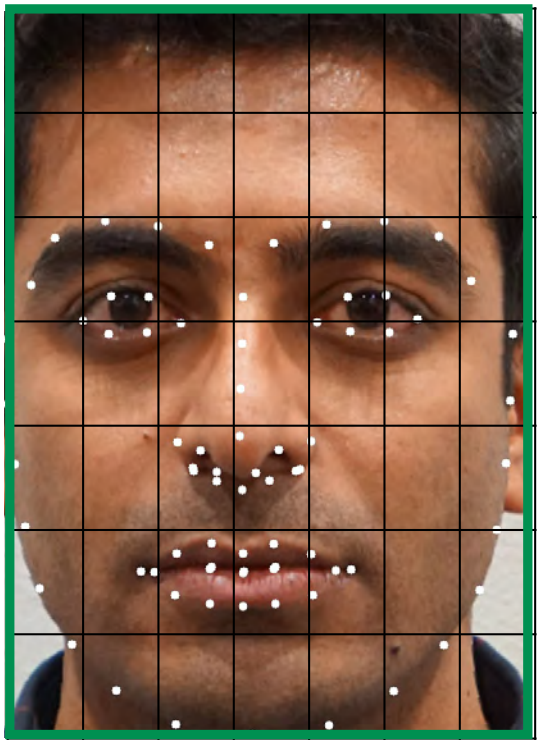
D-MAD with landmark analysis

- Angle based features
- Distance based features









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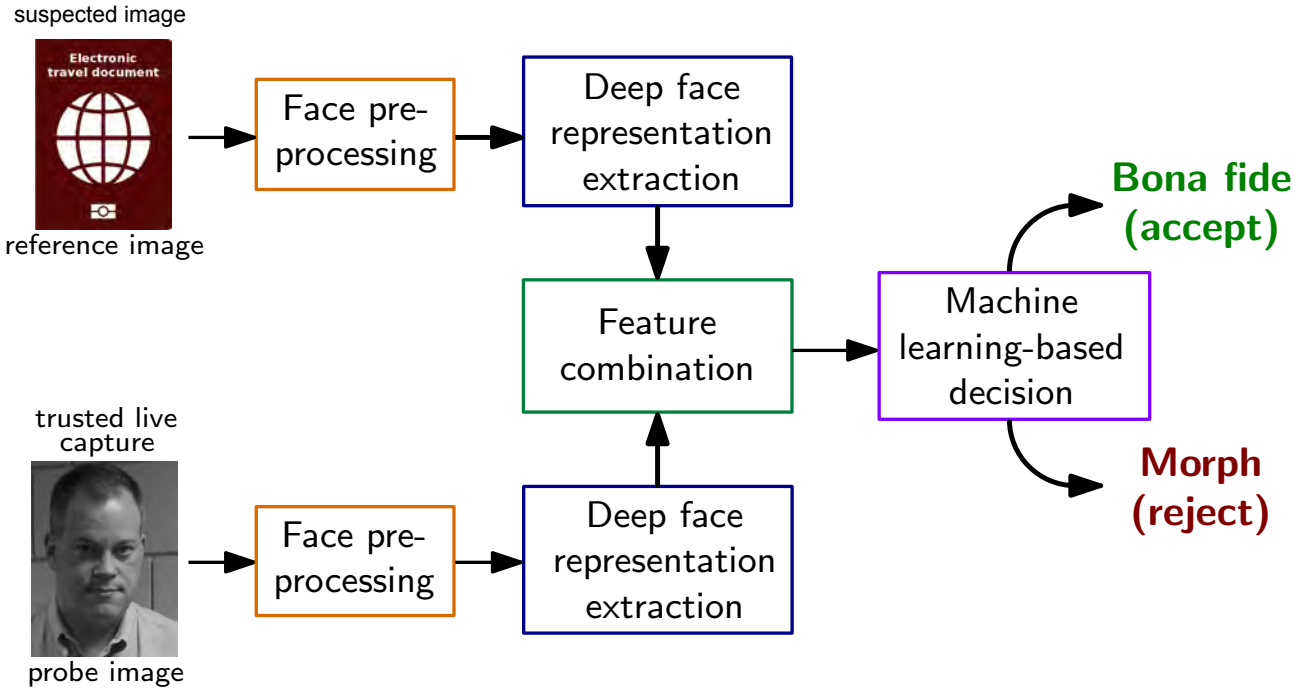
Differential Morphing Attack Detection

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

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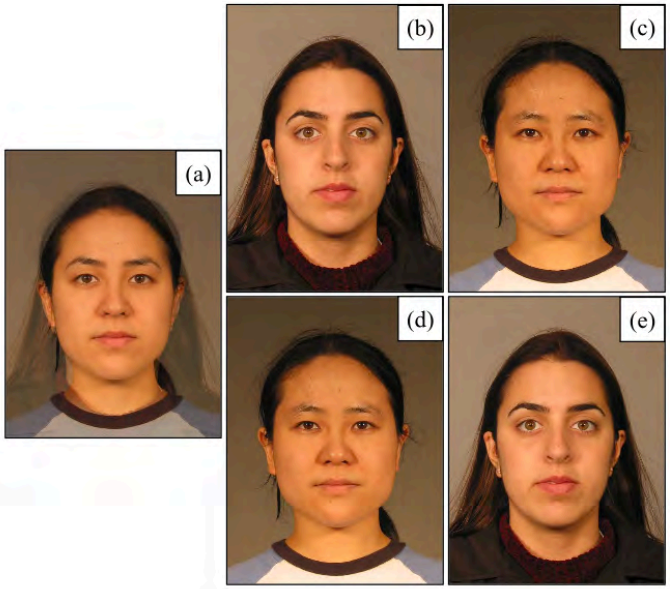
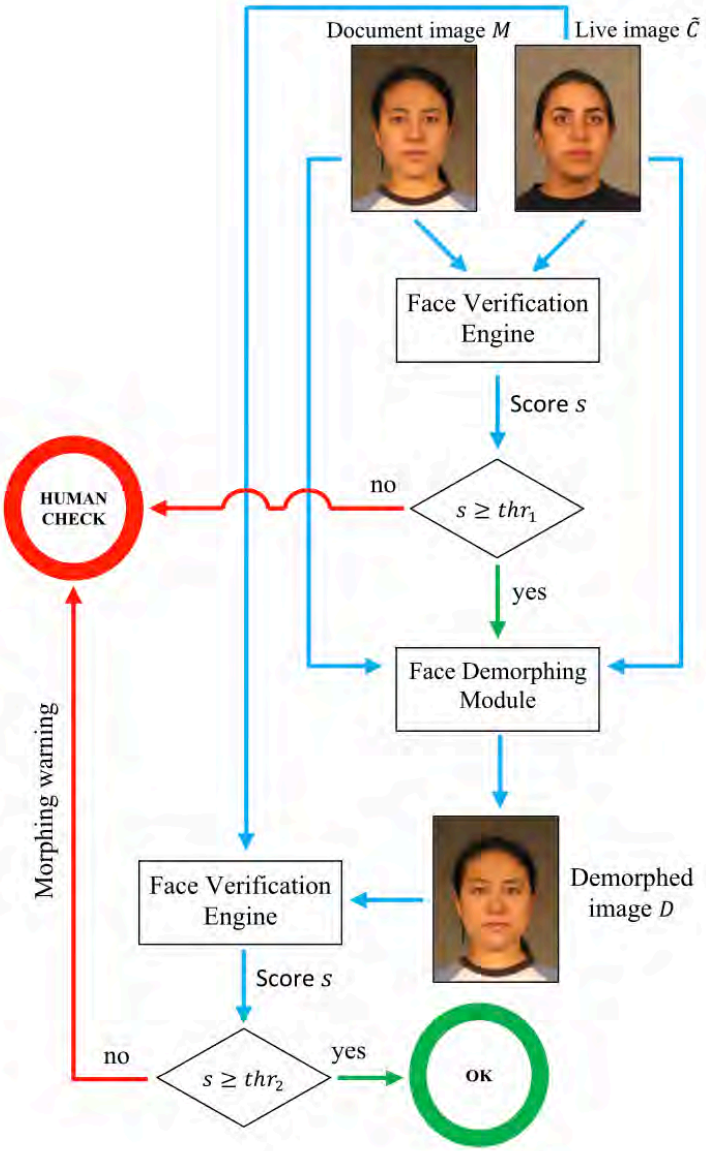
Differential Morphing Attack Detection

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



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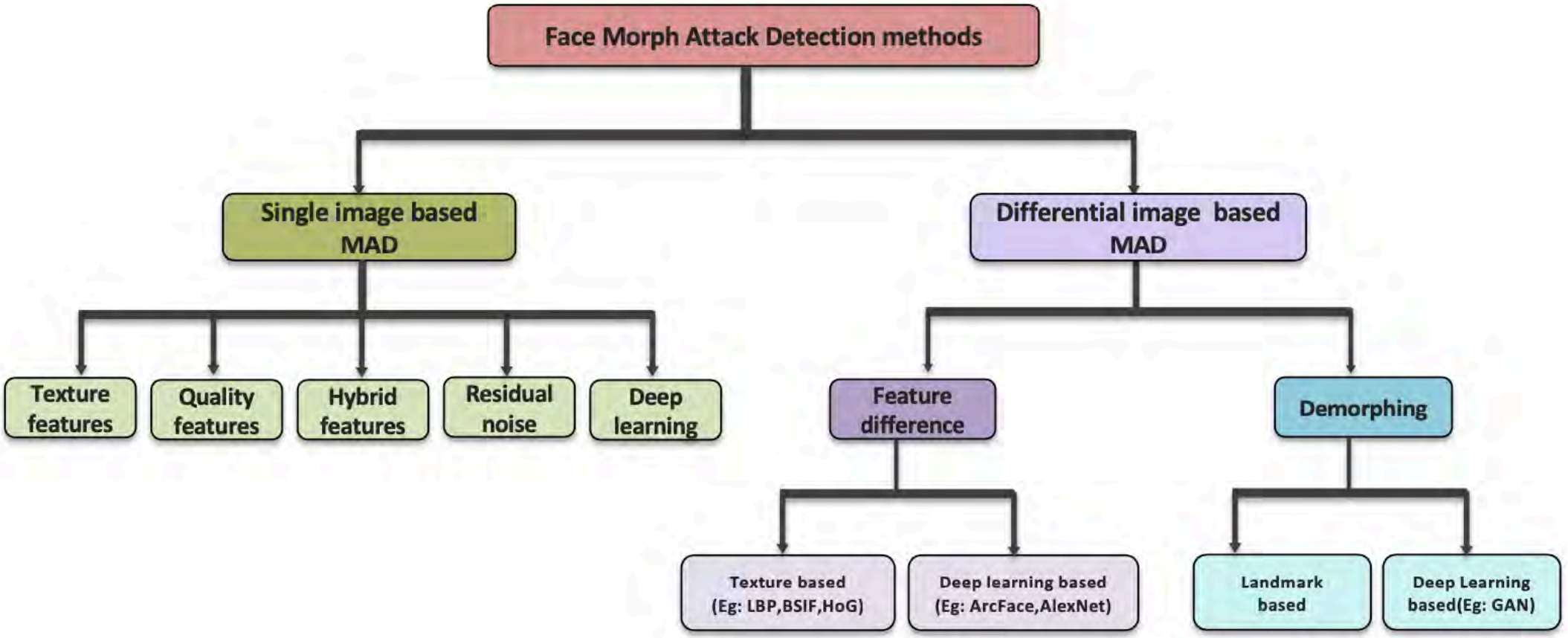
State of the Art - MAD Algorithms

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

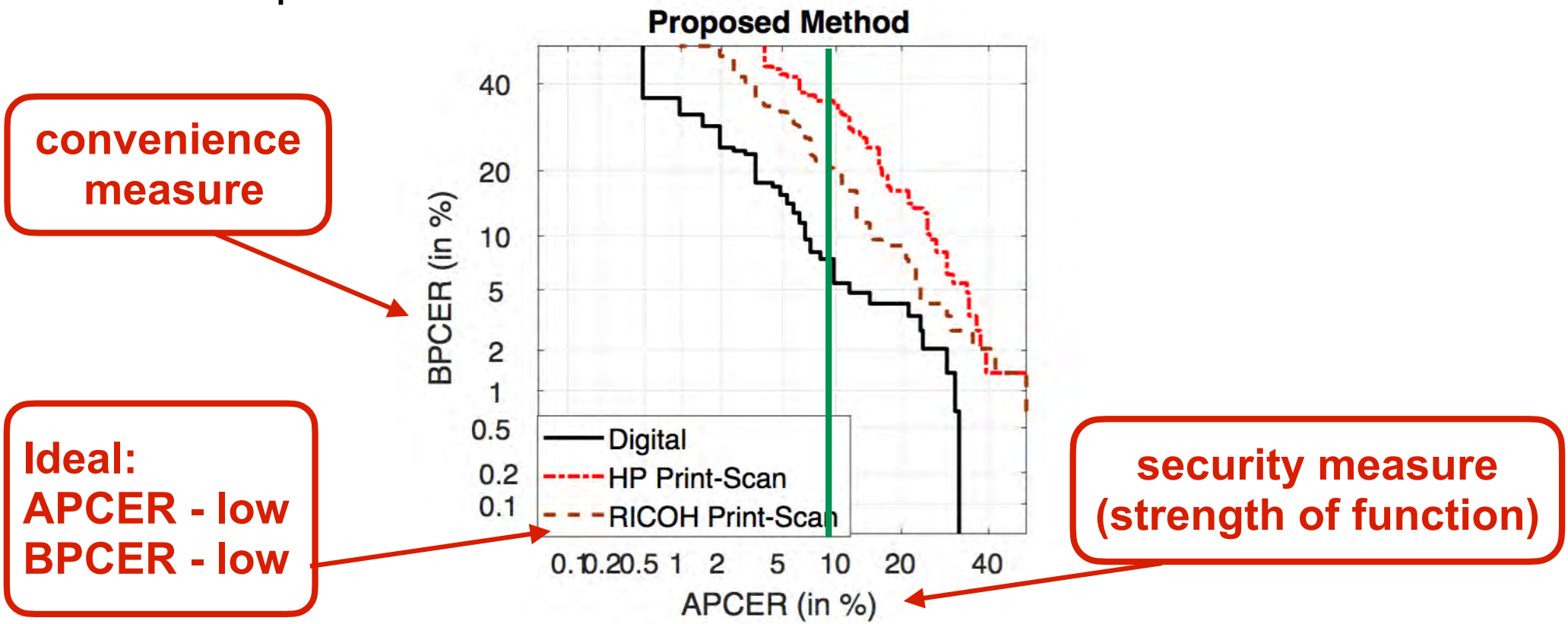
- **Bona fide presentation classification error rate (BPCER)**
  proportion of bona fide presentations incorrectly classified as attack presentations in a specific scenario

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:



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MAD Evaluation Methodology

Face Morphing Attack evaluations are complex

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

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

- Postprocessing:
  - Unprocessed
  - resized (to passport resolution)
  - JPEG2000
  - Print/Scan-JPEG2000

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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

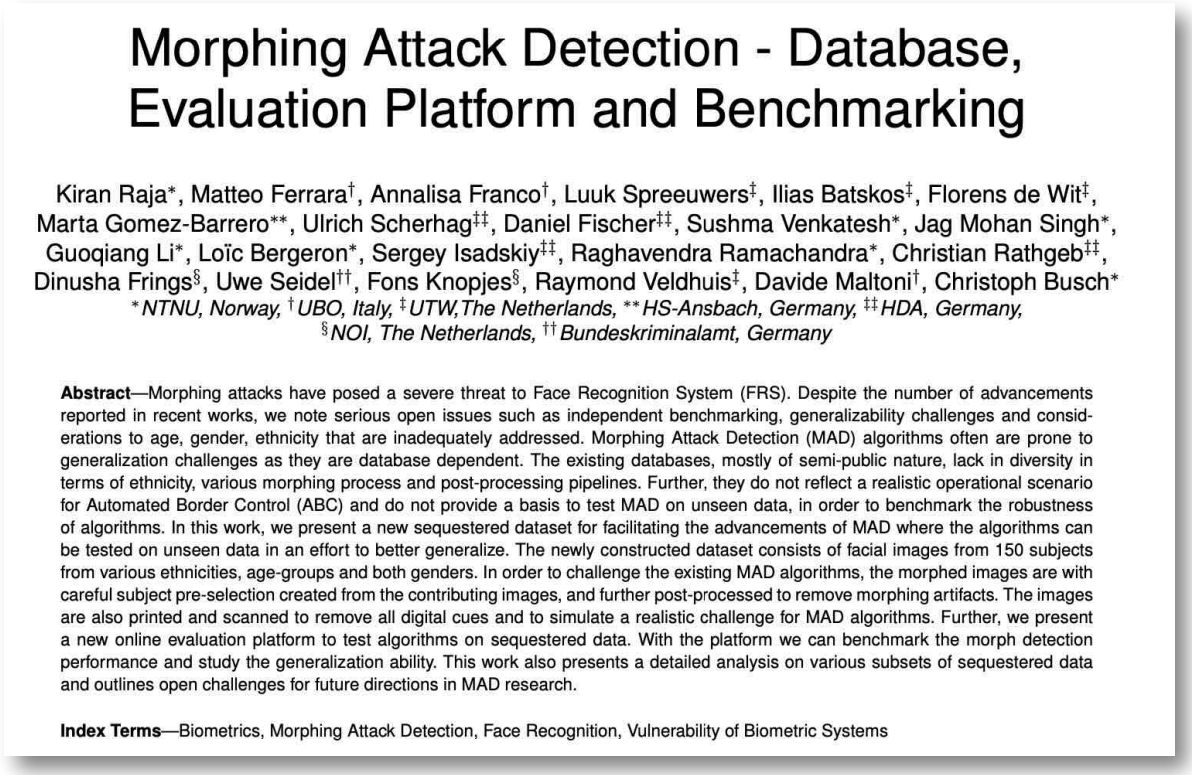
Specific objectives:

- 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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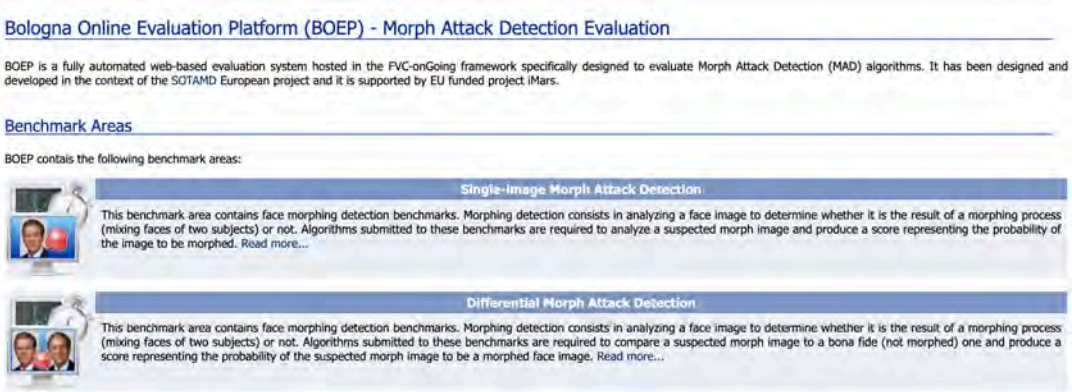
MAD Evaluation

Bologna Online Evaluation Platform (BOEP)

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



- 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.

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)

NISTIR 8292 DRAFT SUPPLEMENT

Face Recognition Vendor Test (FRVT)
Part 4: MORPH - Performance of Automated Face Morph Detection

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https://www.nist.gov/programs-projects/face-recognition-vendor-test-frvt-ongoing

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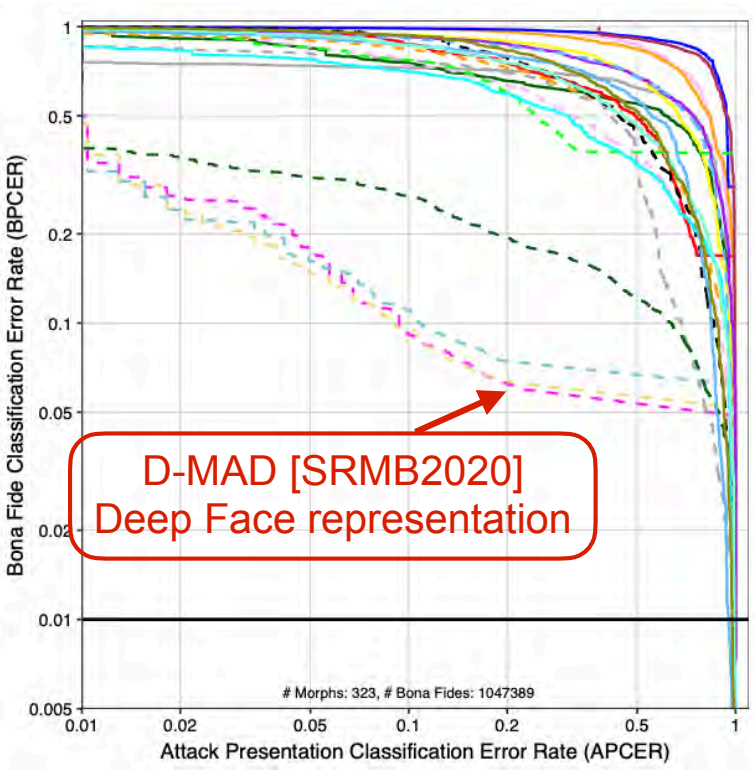
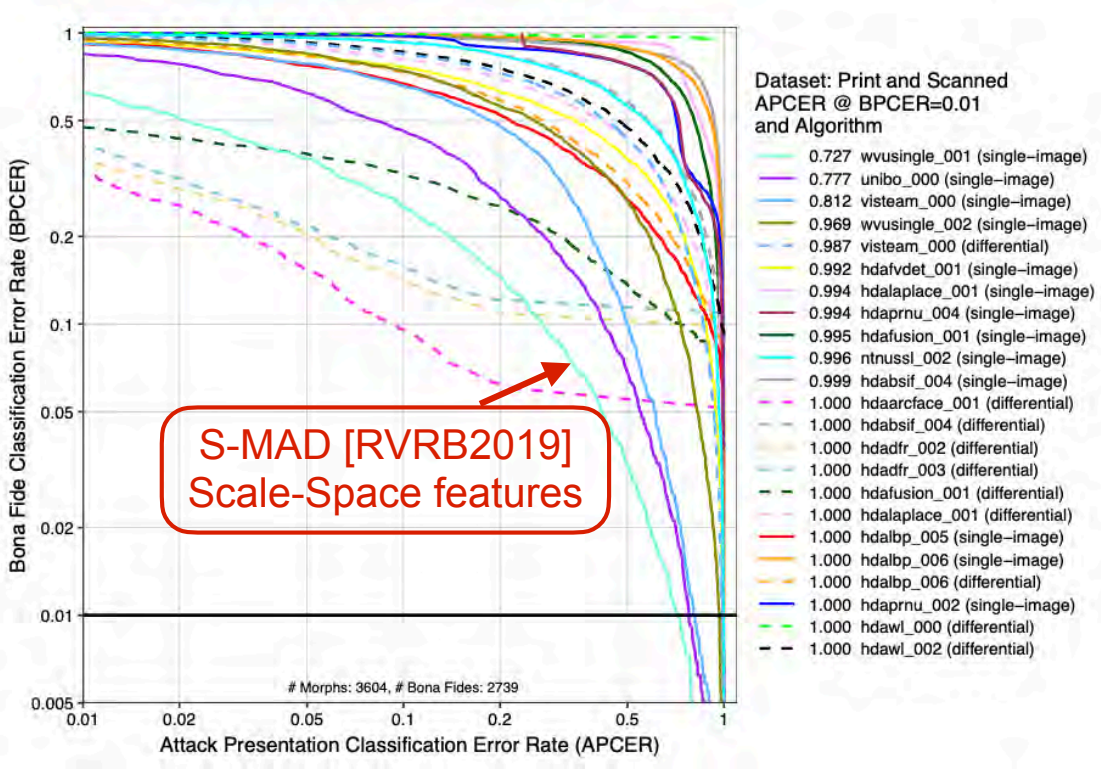
- Performance of Automated Face Morph Detection
  https://pages.nist.gov/frvt/reports/morph/frvt_morph_report.pdf
- results for high quality morphs versus print and scanned
  - note the low number of print and scanned images





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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The MAD workshop

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- 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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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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