

# Morphing Attack Detection - State of the Art and Challenges

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## Agenda

- Passports
- Morphing
- Vulnerability of Face Recognition Systems
- Morphing Attack Detection (MAD) - Scenarios and Methods
- Automated Face Morphing Attack Detection
- Human examiners at Face Morphing Attack Detection
- Conclusion

# Passports and Identity Cards

# 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

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32019R1157>

- ▶ face image
- ▶ two fingerprint images

Travel documents are specified in ICAO 9303



# Border Security depends on Passport Security

The passport is the security anchor

- One individual - **one** passport



Principle of **unique link** of ICAO

- ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organisation
- **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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# Border Security depends on Passport Security

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

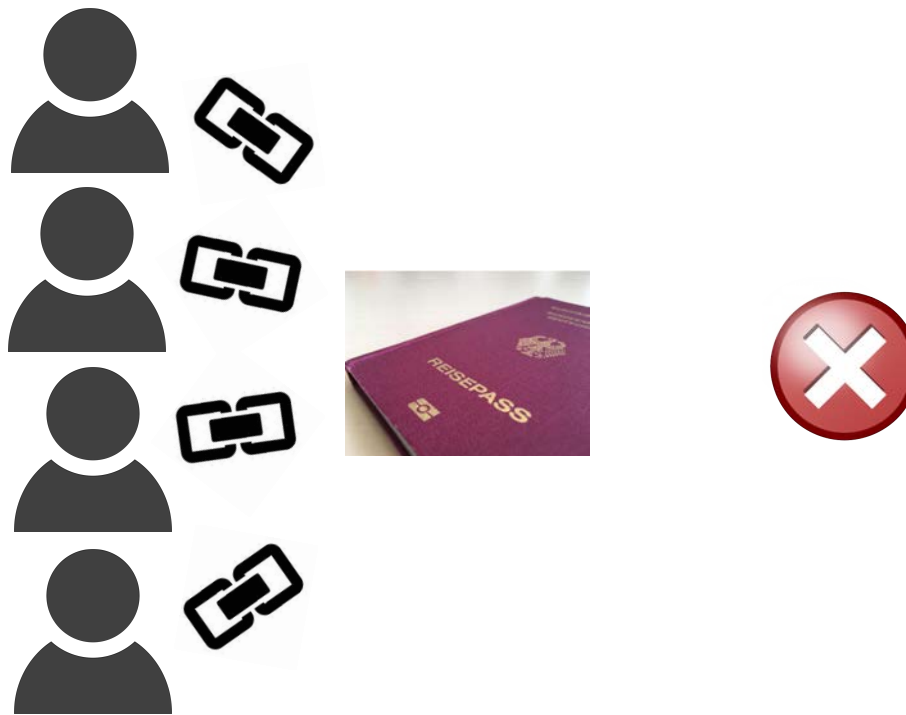


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- morphing can transform one face image into the other
- and you can stop half way in the transformation





# What is Morphing?

## Warping and blending

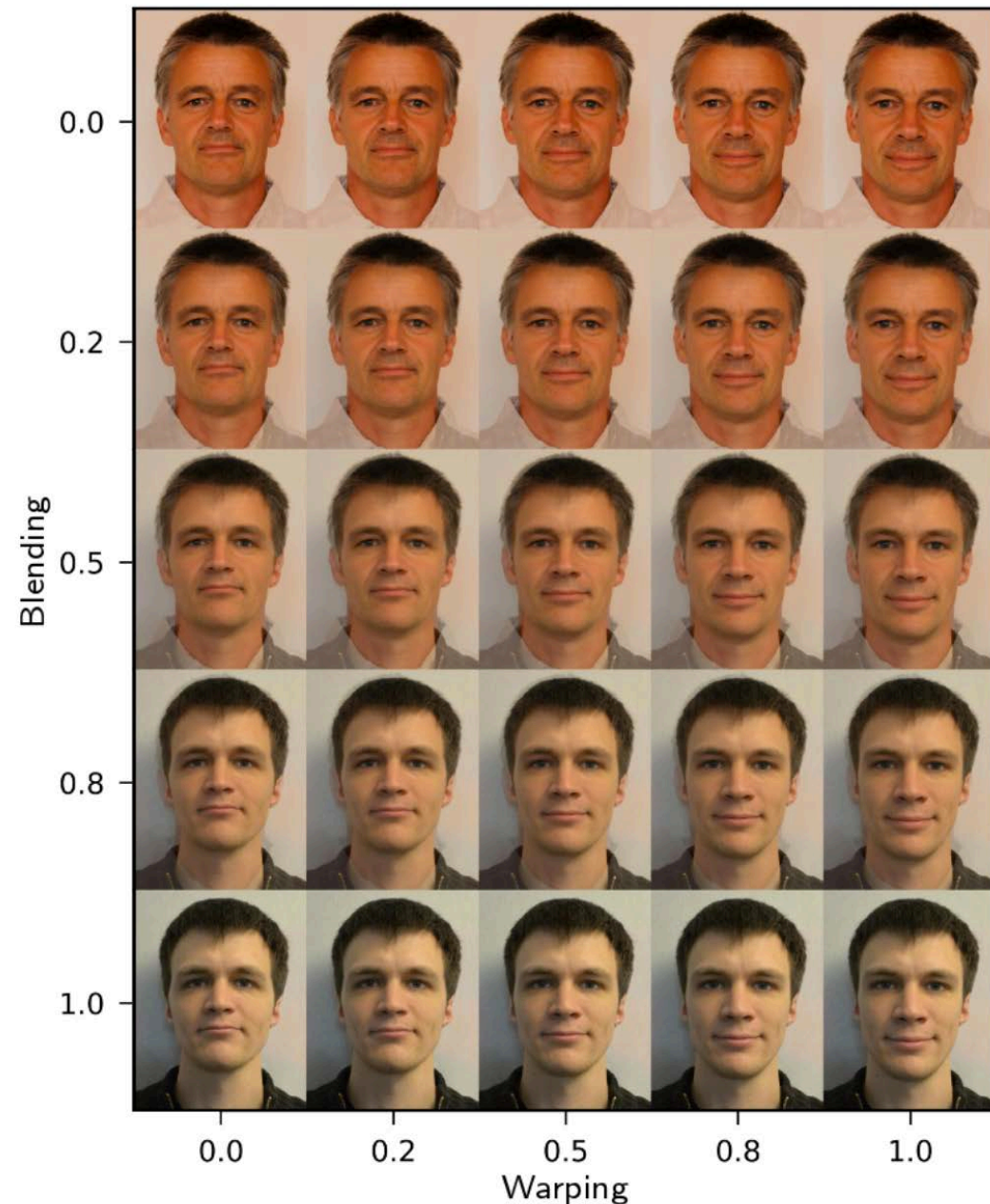
- controlled by the alpha factor

- 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

- Alignment at inner and outer eyecorner landmarks, will cause artifacts (e.g. **iris shadows**)

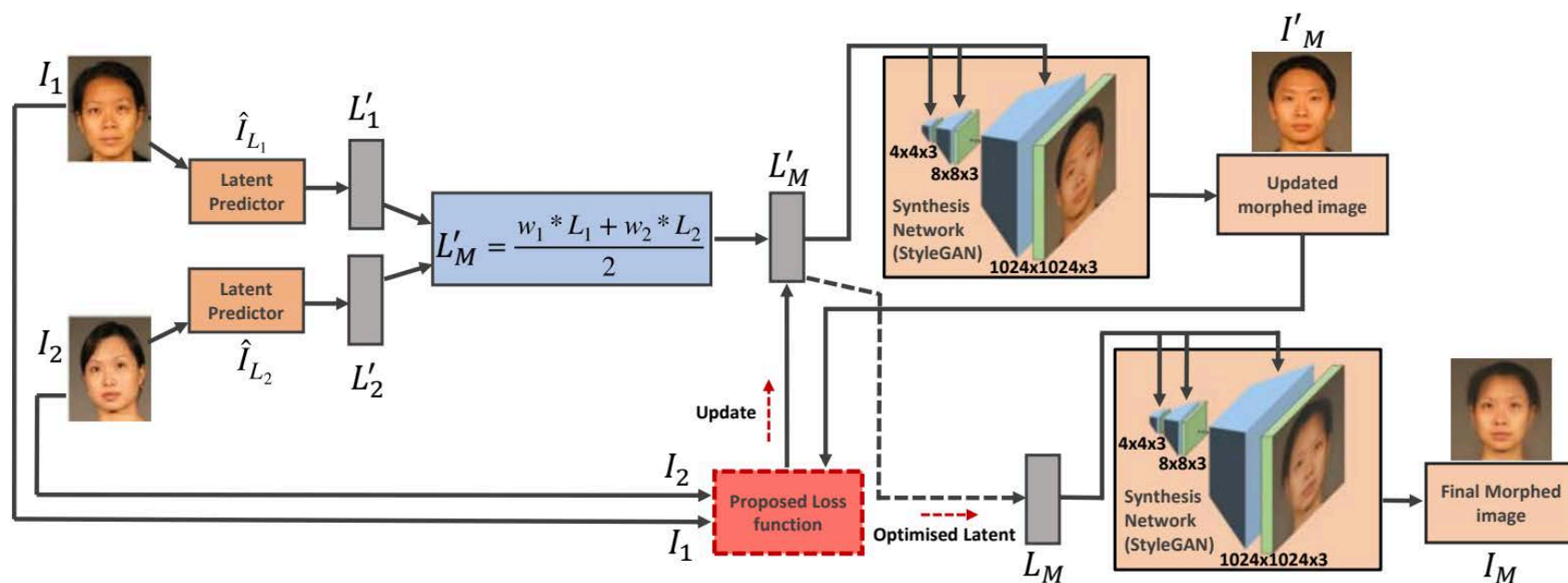


- A good morph requires automated and manual post-processing

# A good Morph ...

... generated with MIP-GAN

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



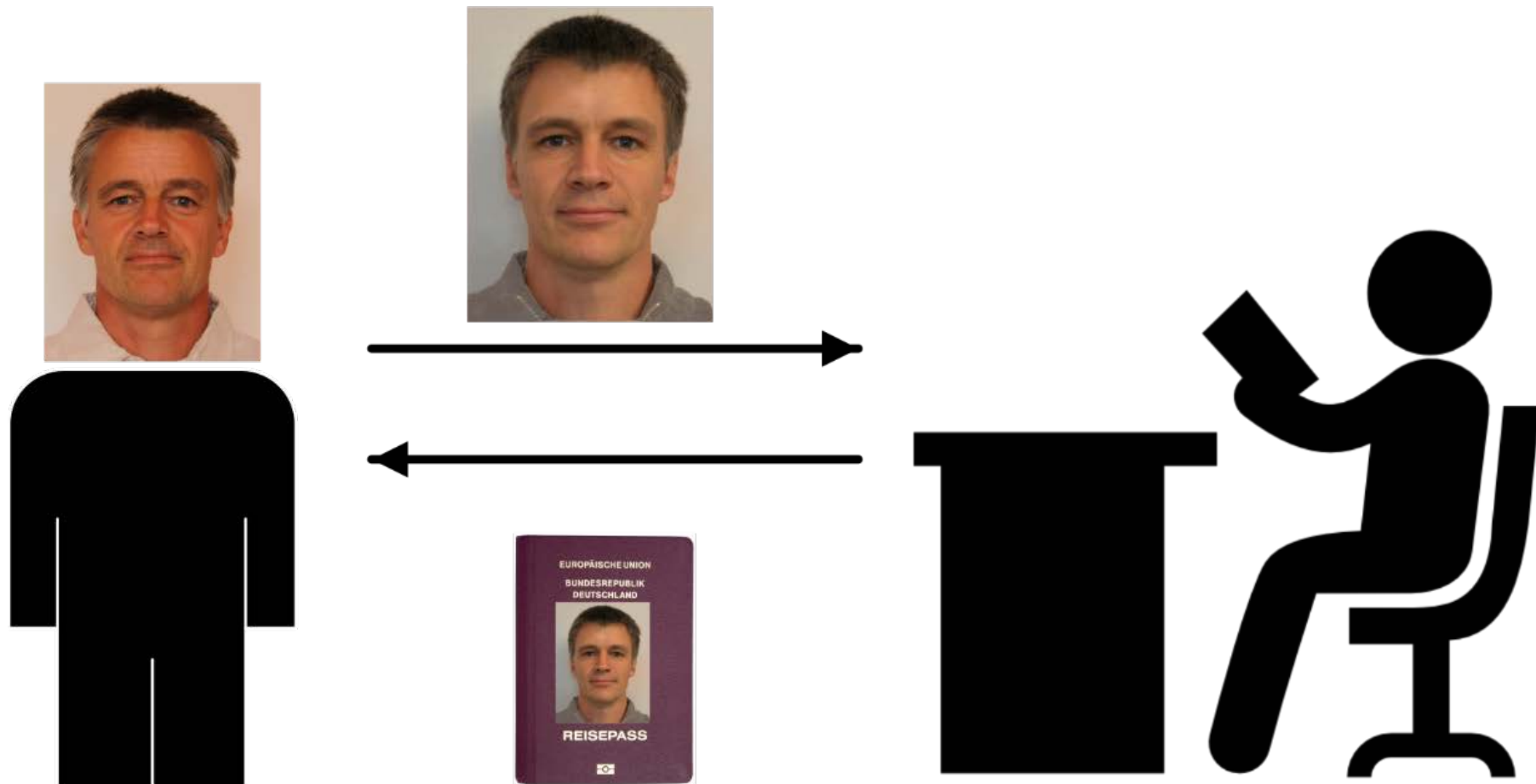
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# Problem Description

# Problem: Morphing Attacks

## Morphing attack scenario

- Passport **application** of the accomplice A



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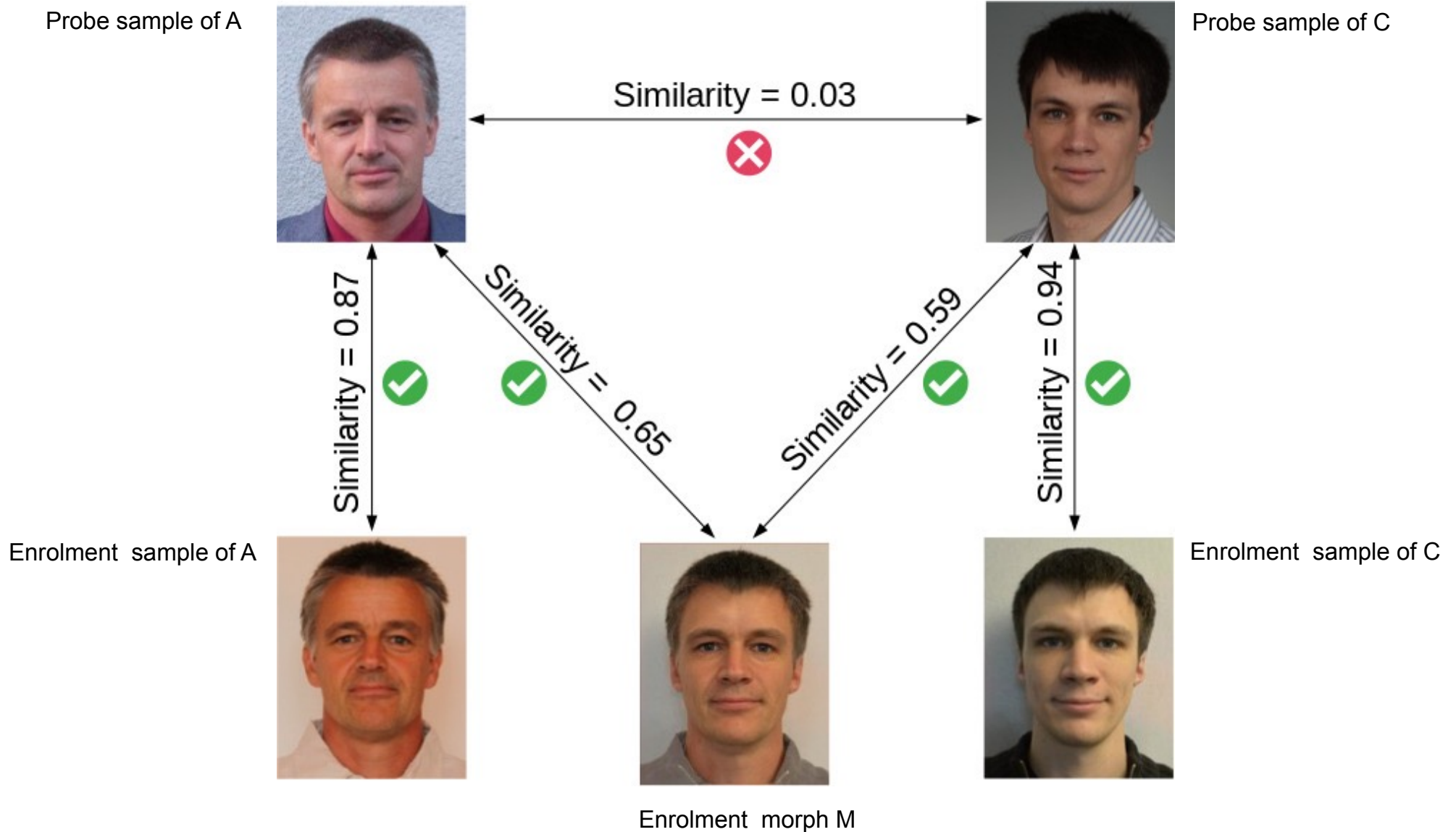
- Border control





# Problem: Morphing Attacks

## Verification against morphed facial images



# Problem: Morphing Attacks

Is it a real 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>

# Border Control meeting Morphing Attacks

Is it a real 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] Matjaž Torkar: “Morphing Cases in Slovenia”, German Biometric Working Group, (2021), <https://eab.org/events/program/220>

# Solution for Morphing Attacks

## Possible **solutions** to the Morphing Attack Problem:

- 1.) Photo studio should **digitally sign** the picture taken by Photo Studio and send it to the passport application office
  - ▶ this is in progress for Finland
- 2.) Switch to **live enrolment**
  - ▶ that is the case for Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Hungary
  - ▶ EU Regulation 2019/1157:  
on strengthening the security of identity cards in recital 32 states:  
*"... To this end, Member States **could consider** collecting biometric identifiers, particularly the facial image, by means of **live enrolment** by the national authorities issuing identity cards."*
- 3.) Software-supported **detection** of morphed face images

What is the size of the problem?  
What is the vulnerability of FRS?

# 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



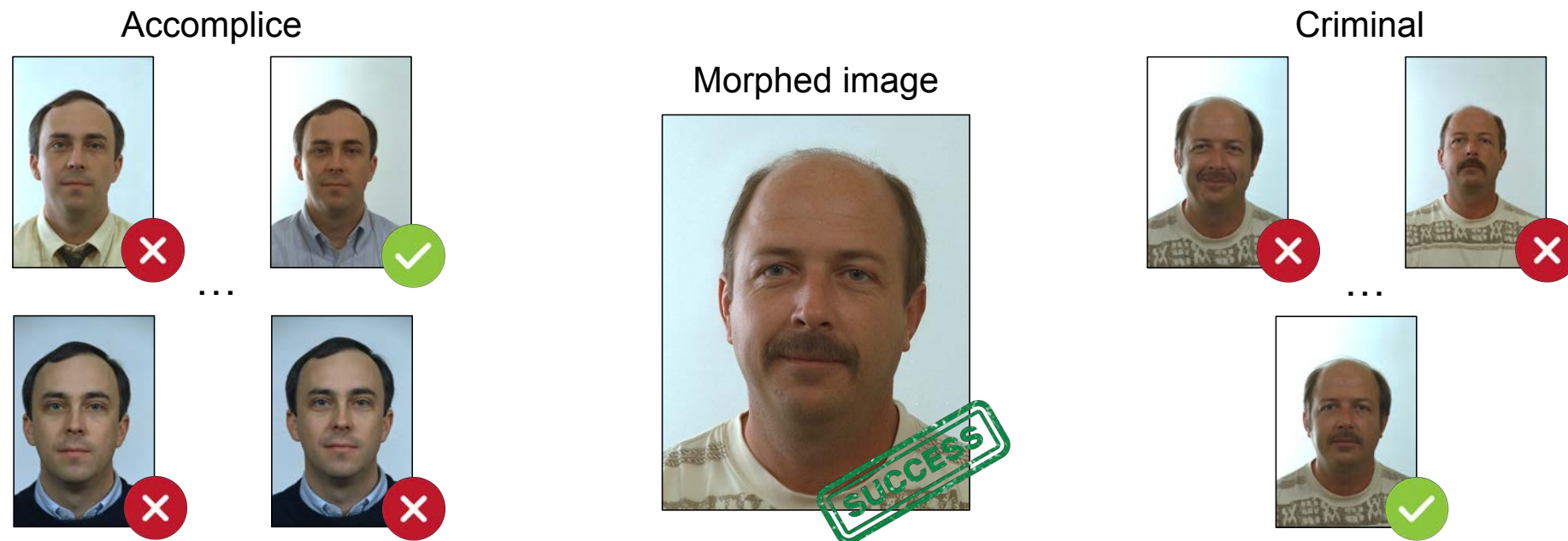
Image source: BSI



# Measure the Vulnerability

## 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.



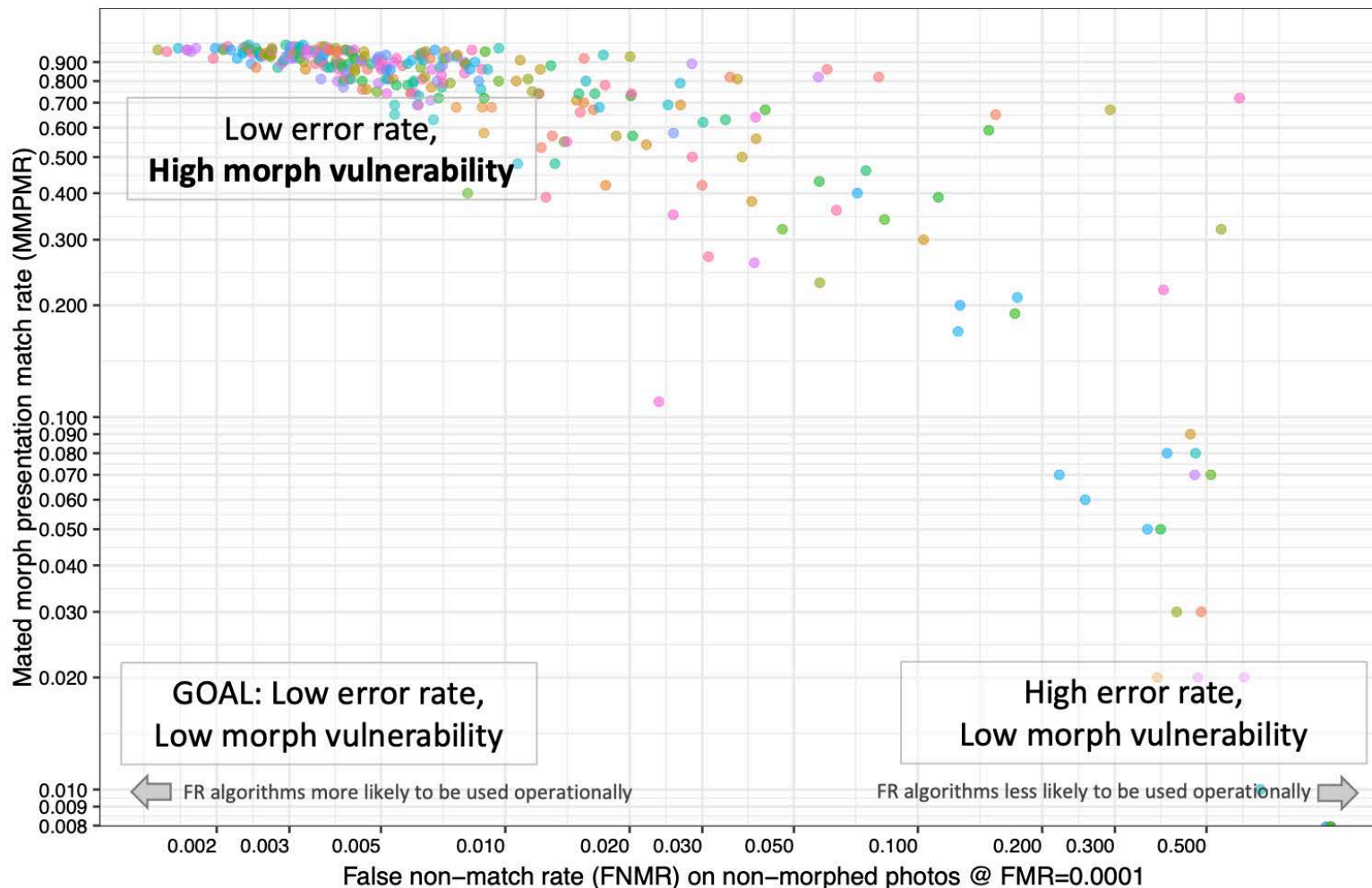
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# Scale of the Problem: Vulnerability of FRS

NIST IR 8430 report on FRS vulnerability [Ngan2022]

- **Accurate** FRS are **more vulnerable!**



[Ngan2022] NIST IR 8430: "FRVT MORPH: Utility of 1:N Face Recognition Algorithms for Morph Detection", 2022  
[https://pages.nist.gov/frvt/reports/morph/frvt\\_morph\\_4A\\_NISTIR\\_8430.pdf](https://pages.nist.gov/frvt/reports/morph/frvt_morph_4A_NISTIR_8430.pdf)



# Scale of the Problem: Vulnerability of FRS

## The **morphing attack paradox**

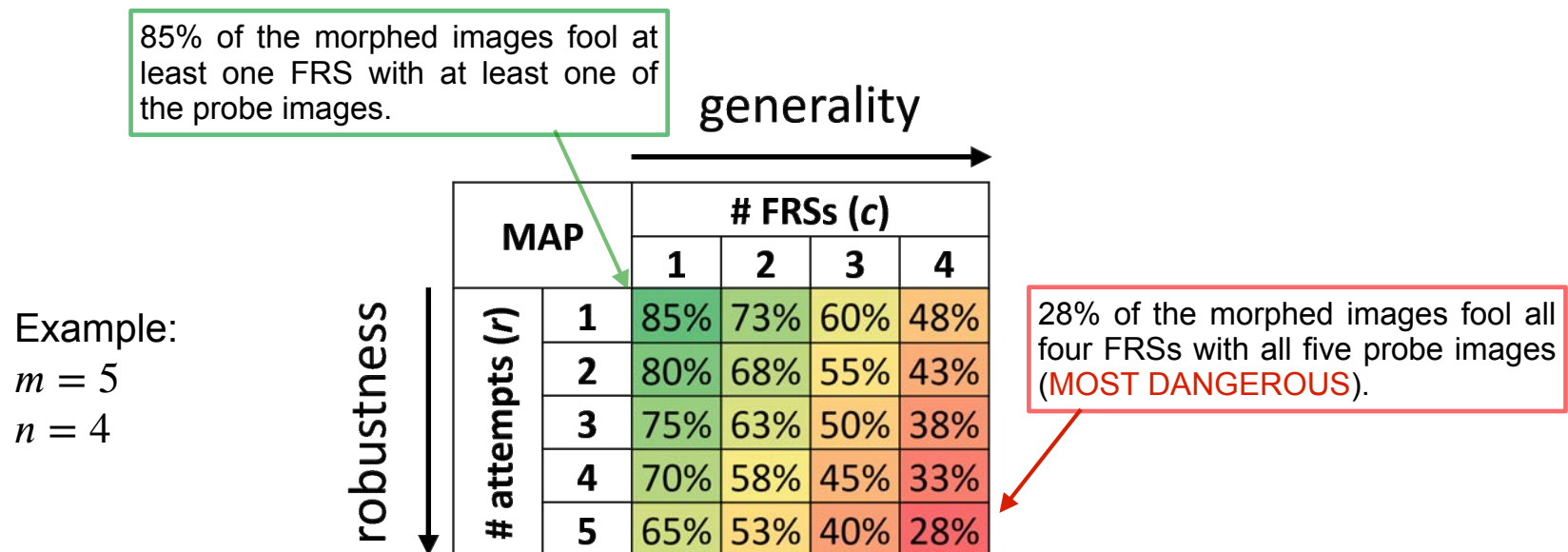
- The better the face recognition system (FRS)
  - ▶ the lower the false non-match rate (FNMR)
  - ▶ the more **tolerant** is the FRS at the defined FMR (e.g. 0.01 %)
- The more tolerance the FRS has
  - ▶ the more **vulnerability** we can observe
- **Accurate** FRS are **more vulnerable!**



# Morphing Attack 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.




[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)

# Standardisation


Evaluate the vulnerability / **resistance** of biometric recognition systems to morphing attacks

- ISO/IEC 20059 is based on the Morphing Attack Potential (MAP)
- Comments on the working draft are discussed on **2023-06-29**



ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 37/WG 3 N 1360

ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 37/WG 3 "Biometric data interchange formats"  
Convenorship: DIN  
Convenor: Busch Christoph Mr Prof. Dr.



ISO/IEC 1st WD 20059 Methodologies to evaluate the resistance of biometric recognition systems to morphing attacks

Document type	Related content	Document date	Expected action
Project / Other	Project: <a href="#">ISO/IEC AWI 20059</a>	2023-03-03	<b>COMMENT/REPLY</b> by 2023-05-12

- Join ISO/IEC JTC1 SC37: <https://www.iso.org/members.html>
- A free copy of ISO/IEC WD 20059 is available at:  
<https://lnkd.in/dvbS6jxt>

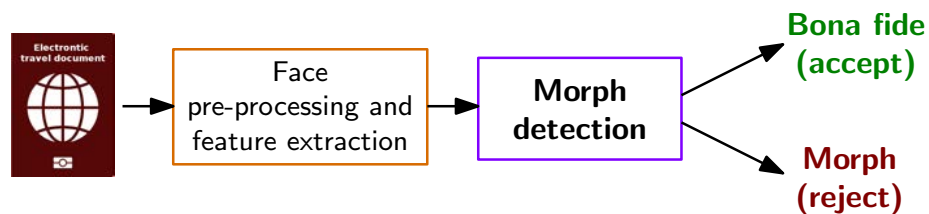
# Morphing Attack Detection (MAD)

## 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)

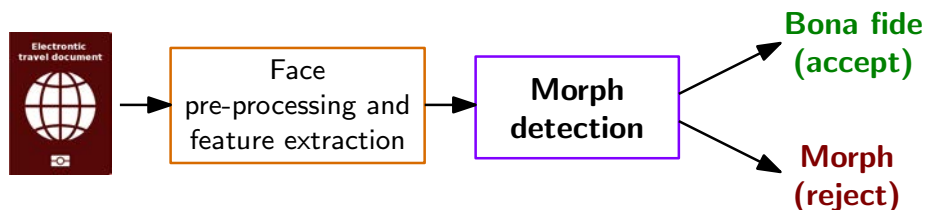


[SRB2018a] U. Scherhag, C. Rathgeb, C. Busch: "Towards Detection of Morphed Face Images in electronic Travel Documents", in Proceedings of the 13th IAPR International Workshop on Document Analysis Systems (DAS), April 24-27, (2018)

# Face Pre-processing and Feature Extraction

## Morphing Attack Detection (S-MAD) with texture analysis

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

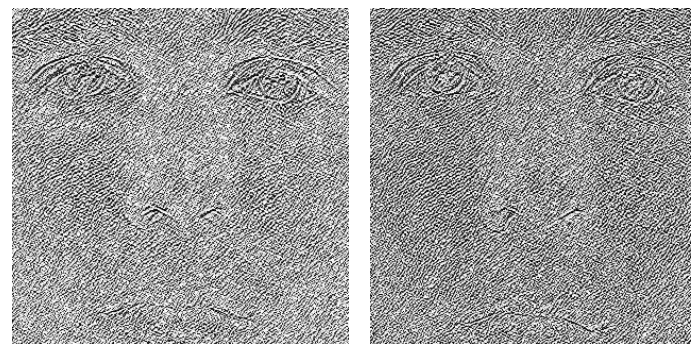
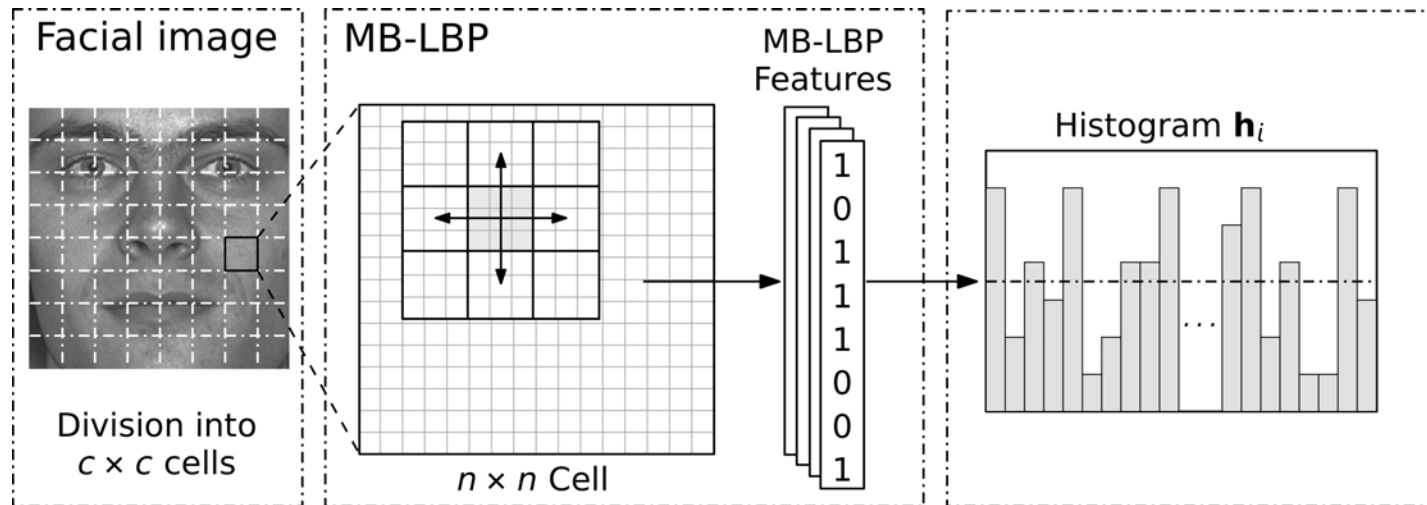


[SRB2018b] U. Scherhag, C. Rathgeb, C. Busch: „Detection of Morphed Faces from Single Images: a Multi-Algorithm Fusion Approach“, in Proceedings of the 2nd International Conference on Biometric Engineering and Applications (ICBEA), Amsterdam, The Netherlands, May 16-18, (2018)

# Face Pre-processing and Feature Extraction

## S-MAD with image descriptor

- Local Binary Pattern (LBP)



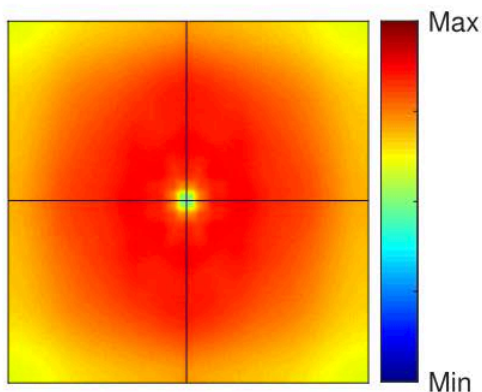
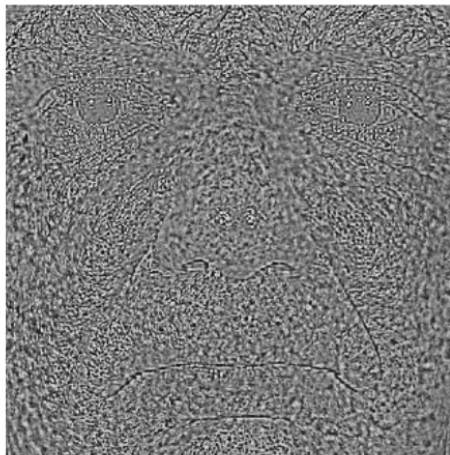
Morph

Bona Fide

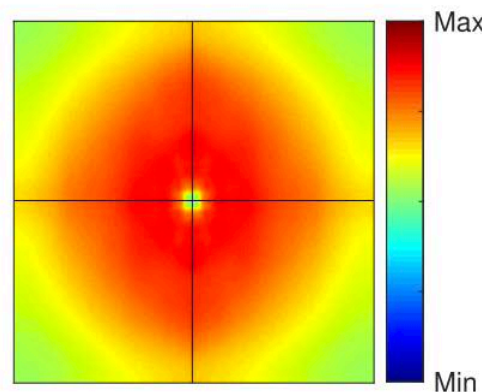
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S-MAD with image descriptor / forensic approach

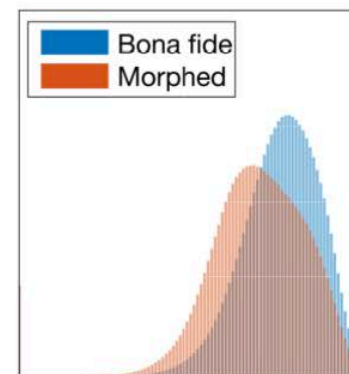
- Photo Response Non-Uniformity (PRNU)



Bona Fide



Morph



Histograms

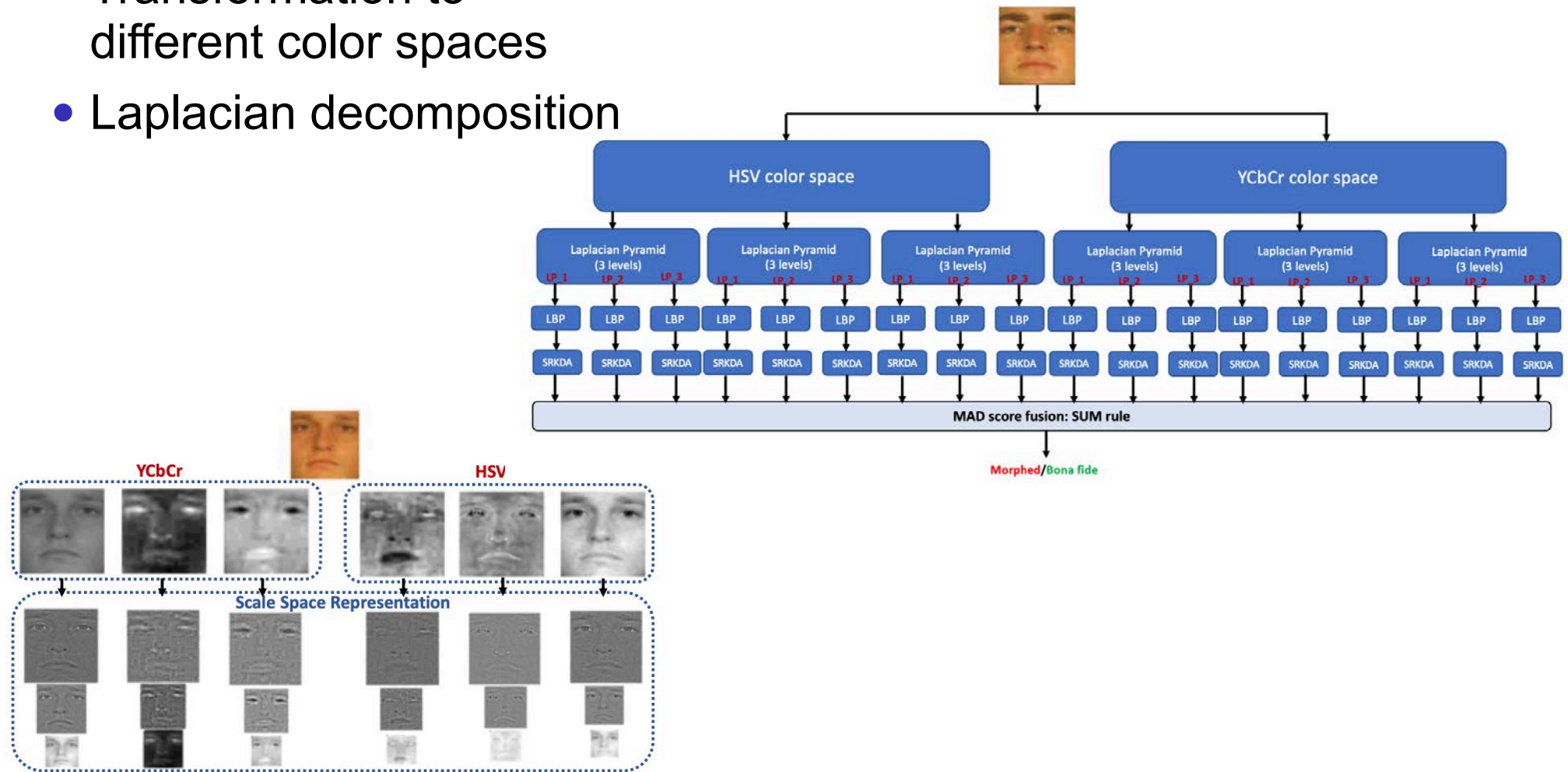
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# Face Pre-processing and Feature Extraction

## S-MAD with **Scale-Space** features

- Transformation to different color spaces
- Laplacian decomposition

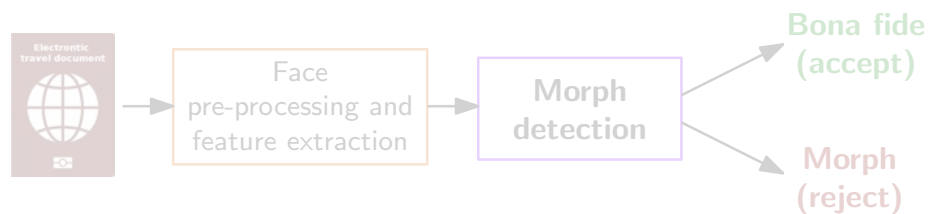


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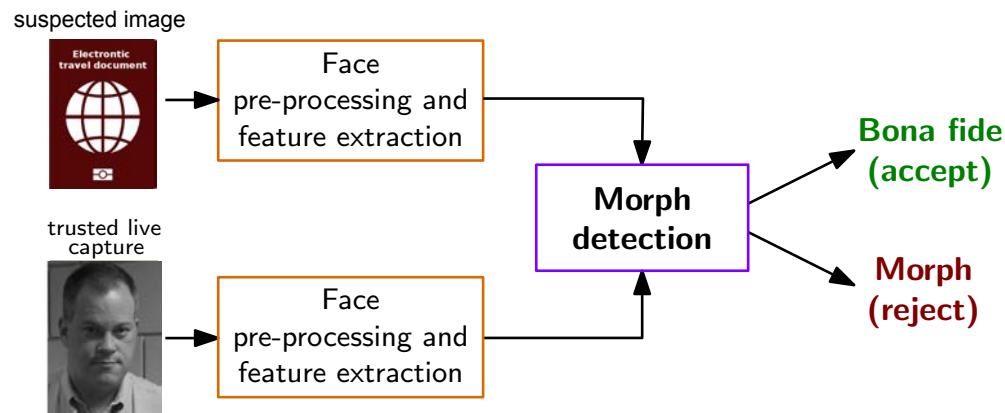
# Morphing Attack Detection Scenarios

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- Single image morphing attack detection (S-MAD)
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- **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)

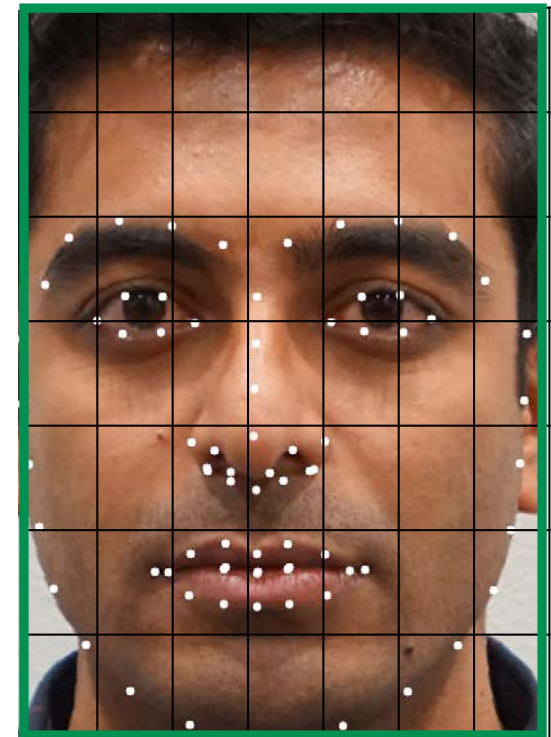
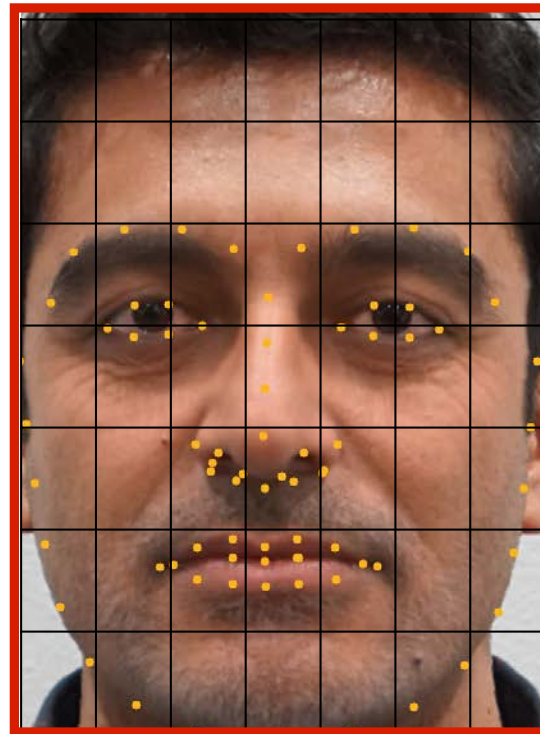
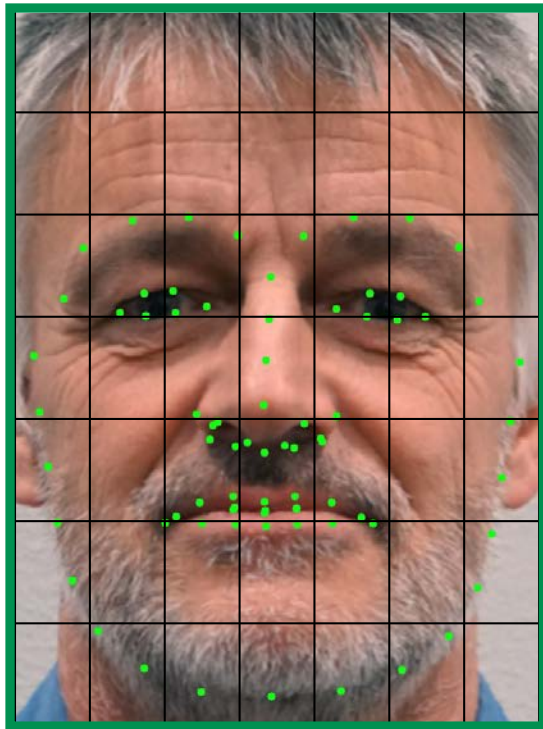
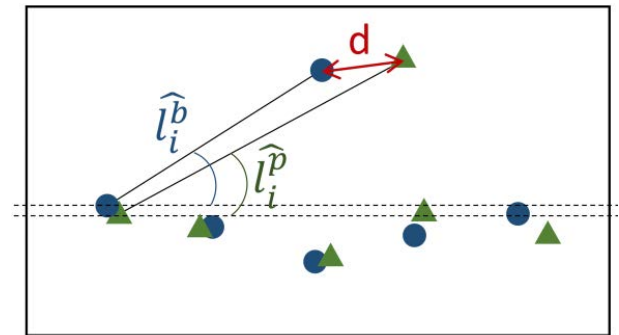


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# Differential Morphing Attack Detection

## D-MAD with landmark analysis

- **Angle** based features
- **Distance** based features

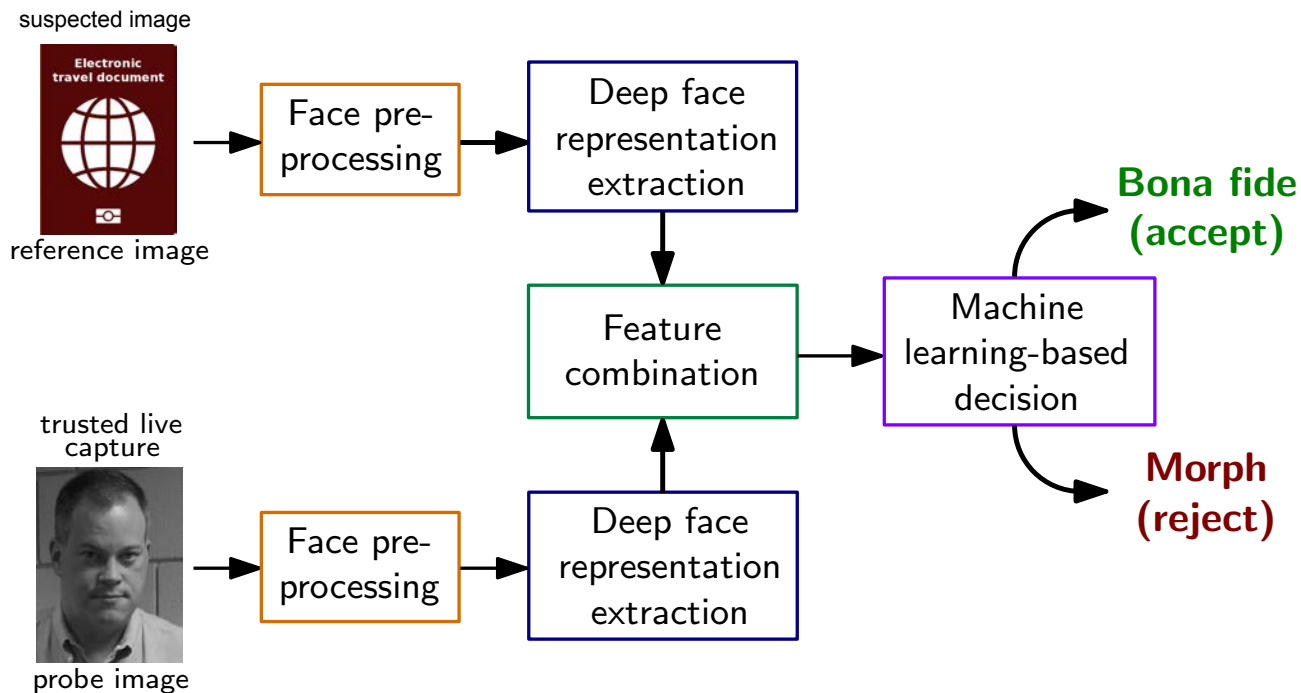


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# Differential Morphing Attack Detection

## D-MAD with deep learning

- **Deep Face** representations of Deep CNNs



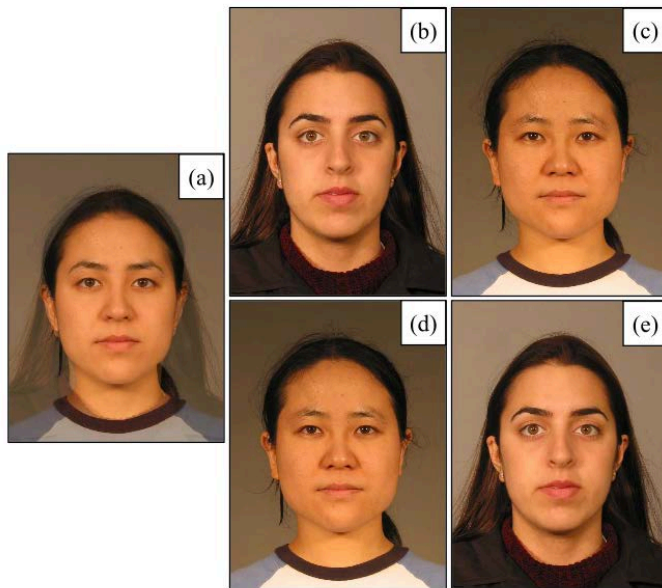
- ▶ Deep representations extracted by the neural network (on the lowest layer)
- ▶ Feature space with **small dimension**: 512 (for ArcFace)
- ▶ SVM with radial basis function

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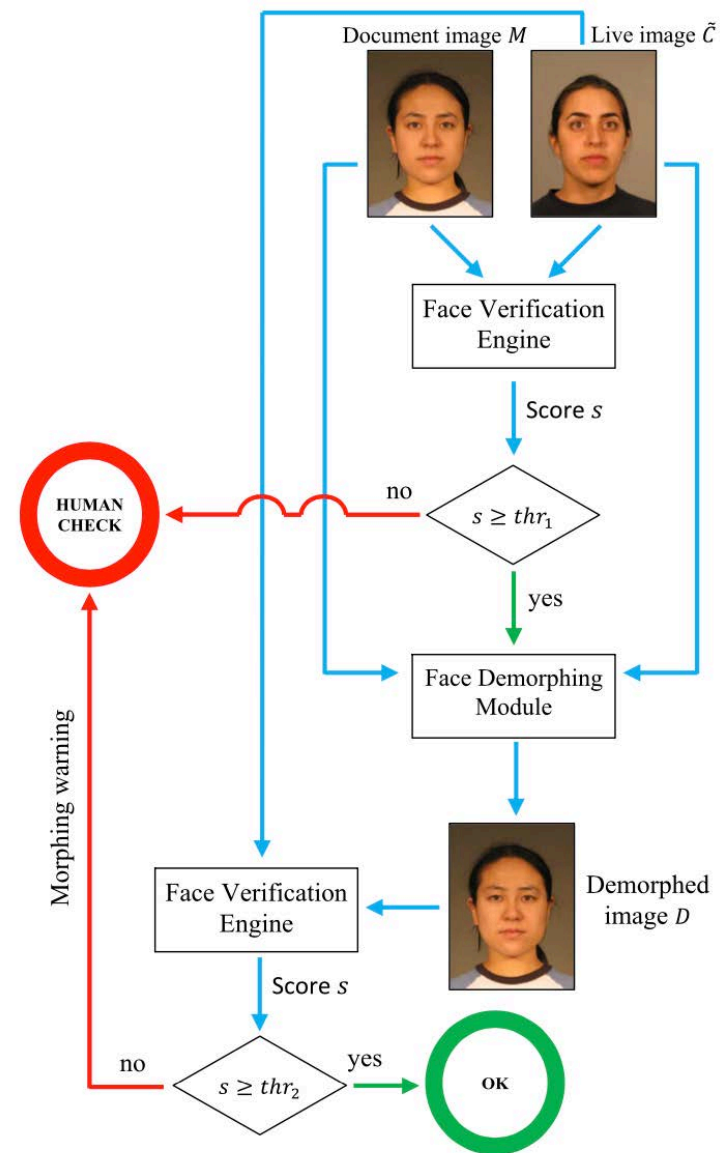
# Differential Morphing Attack Detection

## D-MAD with Demorphing

- **Invert** the morphing process
- Then **confirm** the similarity **score**



- a): morphed image / suspected image  
b) and c): trusted live capture image  
d): recovered image obtained from a) and b)  
e): recovered image obtained from a) and c)

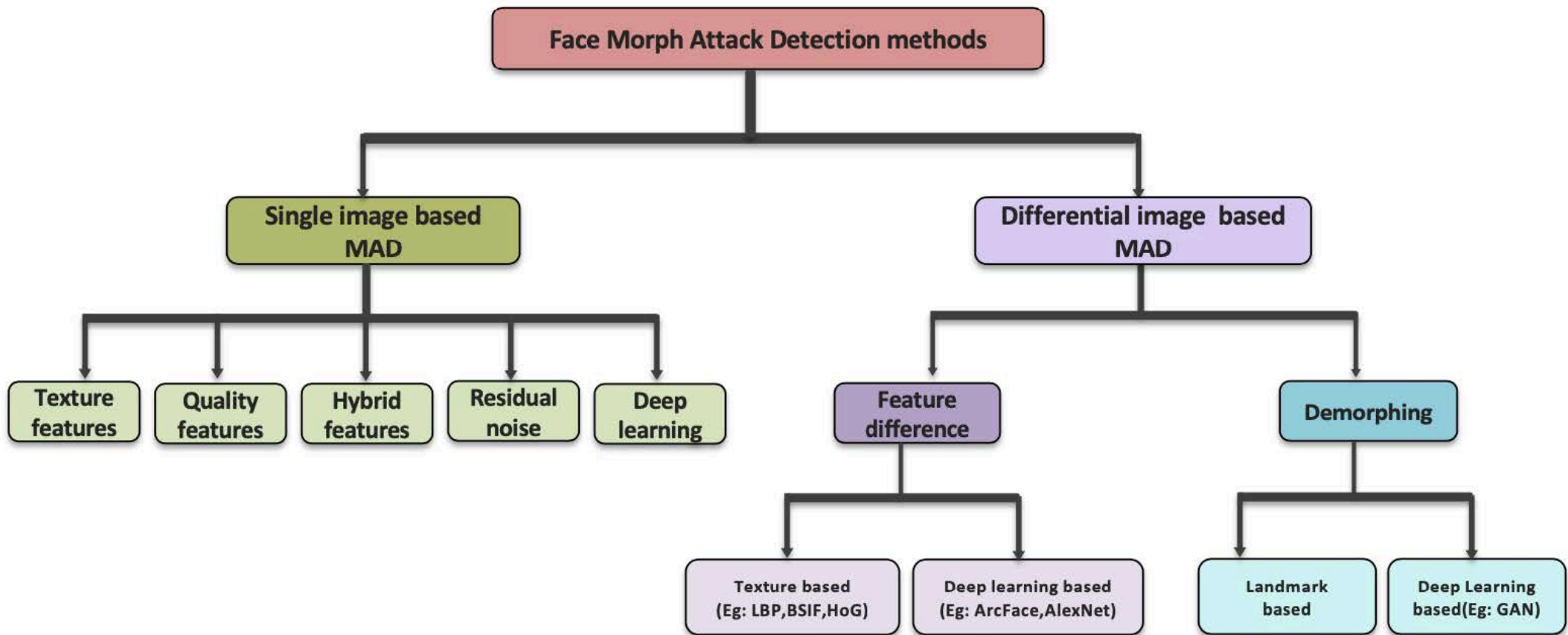


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# State of the Art - MAD Algorithms

## Taxonomy of Morphing Attack Detection



[Venkatesh2021] S. Venkatesh, R. Raghavendra, K. Raja, C. Busch: "Face Morphing Attack Generation & Detection: A Comprehensive Survey", in IEEE Transactions on Technology and Society (TTS), (2021)

# 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>



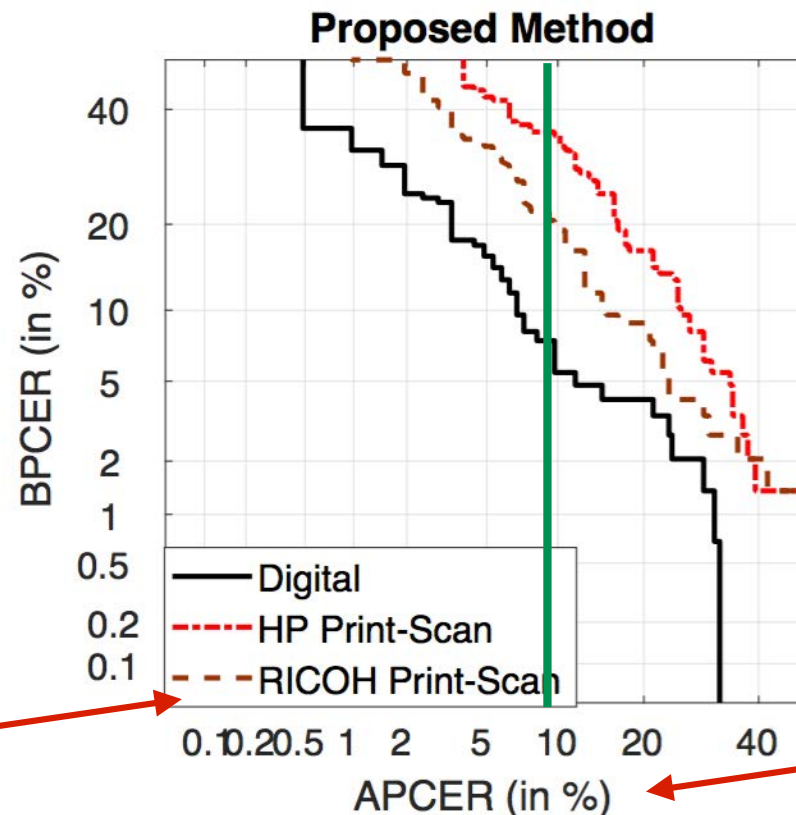
# Standardized Testing Metrics

## Definition of metrics in ISO/IEC 30107-3

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

**convenience measure**

**Ideal:  
APCER - low  
BPCER - low**



**security measure  
(strength of function)**

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)*

[SNR2017] U. Scherhag, A. Nautsch, C. Rathgeb, M. Gomez-Barrero, R. Veldhuis, L. Spreeuwers, 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 of the IEEE 16th International Conference of the Biometrics Special Interest Group (BIOSIG), Darmstadt, September 20-22, (2017)

## Bologna Online Evaluation Platform (BOEP)

- SOTAMD dataset

<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

[Raja2020] K. Raja, M. Ferrara, A. Franco, L. Spreeuwers, I. Batskos, F. Wit, M. Gomez-Barrero, U. Scherhag, D. Fischer, S. Venkatesh, J. Singh, G. Li, L. Bergeron, S. Isadskiy, R. Raghavendra, C. Rathgeb, D. Frings, U. Seidel, F. Knopjes, R. Veldhuis, D. Maltoni, C. Busch: "Morphing Attack Detection - Database, Evaluation Platform and Benchmarking", in IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security (TIFS), (2020)

# MAD Evaluation

## Bologna Online Evaluation Platform (BOEP)

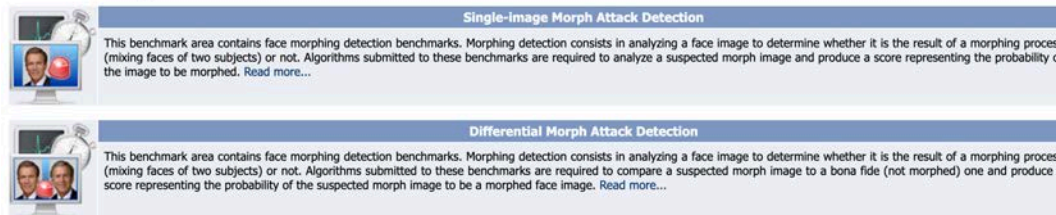
- A benchmark area for **morphing attack detection**  
<https://biolab.csr.unibo.it/fvcongoing/UI/Form/BOEP.aspx>

### 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.

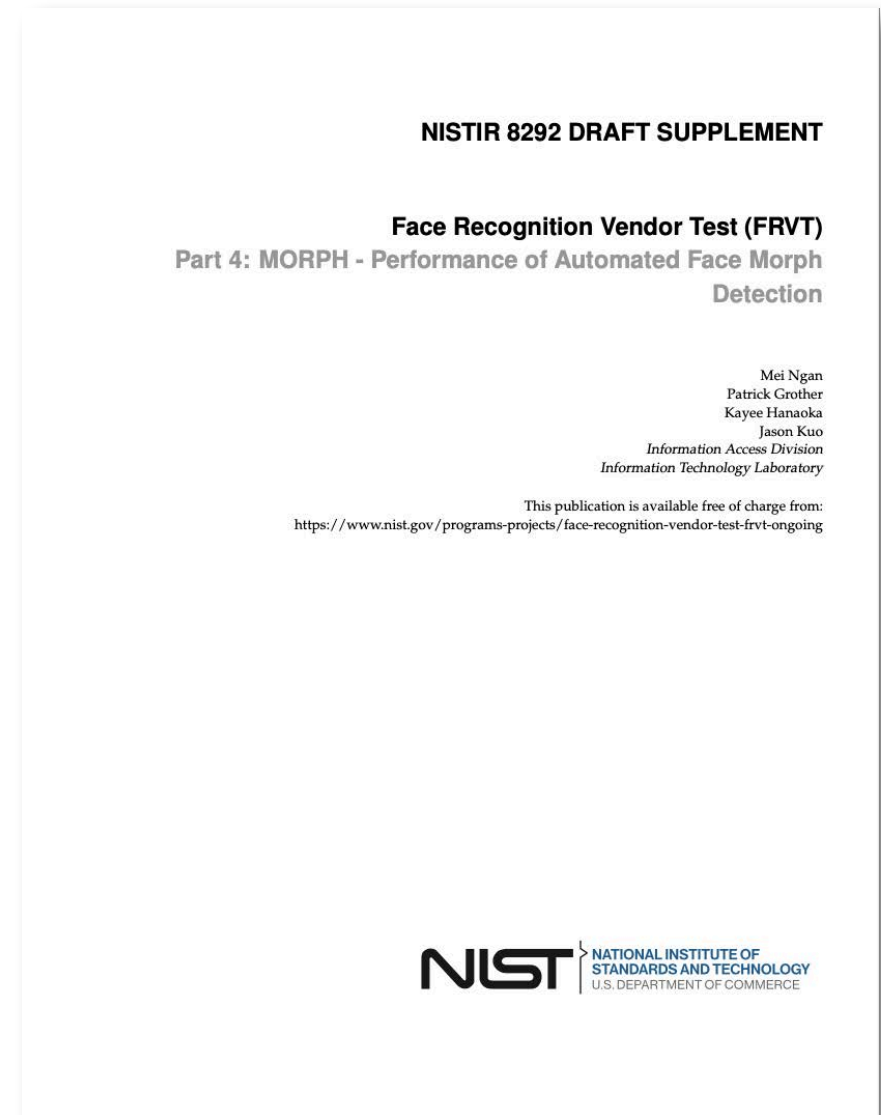
# NIST FRVT MORPH

NIST IR 8292 report presented March, 2023

## FRVT MORPH

[https://pages.nist.gov/frvt/html/frvt\\_morph.html](https://pages.nist.gov/frvt/html/frvt_morph.html)

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





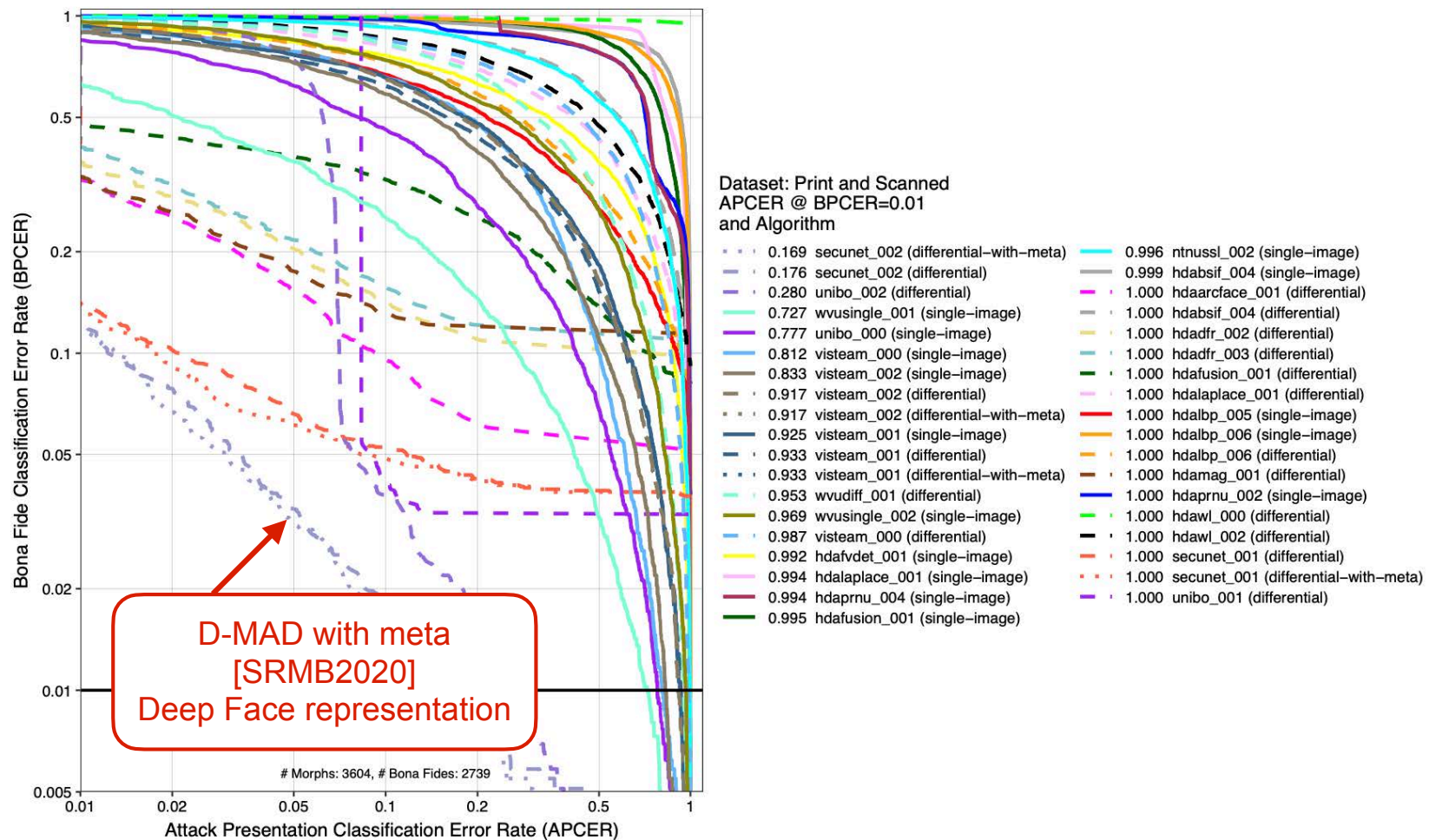
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- Performance of Automated Face Morph Detection

[https://pages.nist.gov/frvt/reports/morph/frvt\\_morph\\_report.pdf](https://pages.nist.gov/frvt/reports/morph/frvt_morph_report.pdf)

- results for **print and scanned** morphs



# Human Experts in MAD

Border guards, case handlers, document examiners

- S-MAD: 410 participants, 180 trials
- D-MAD: 469 participants, 400 trials (4 x 100 tasks)

## Single Image Morphing Attack Detection (S-MAD)

Image 1 out of 100 images

Instruction

Continue Later

Bona Fide  
Morph  
Zoom  
(Full screen)

You can use mouse wheel  
for image zoom-in and  
zoom-out



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](#)

\*Please remember to save your personal code **Thck4**.

## Differential Morphing Attack Detection (D-MAD)

Image 1 out of 100 images

Instructions

Continue Later

Bona fide

Morph

Unknown Capture



Trusted Live Capture



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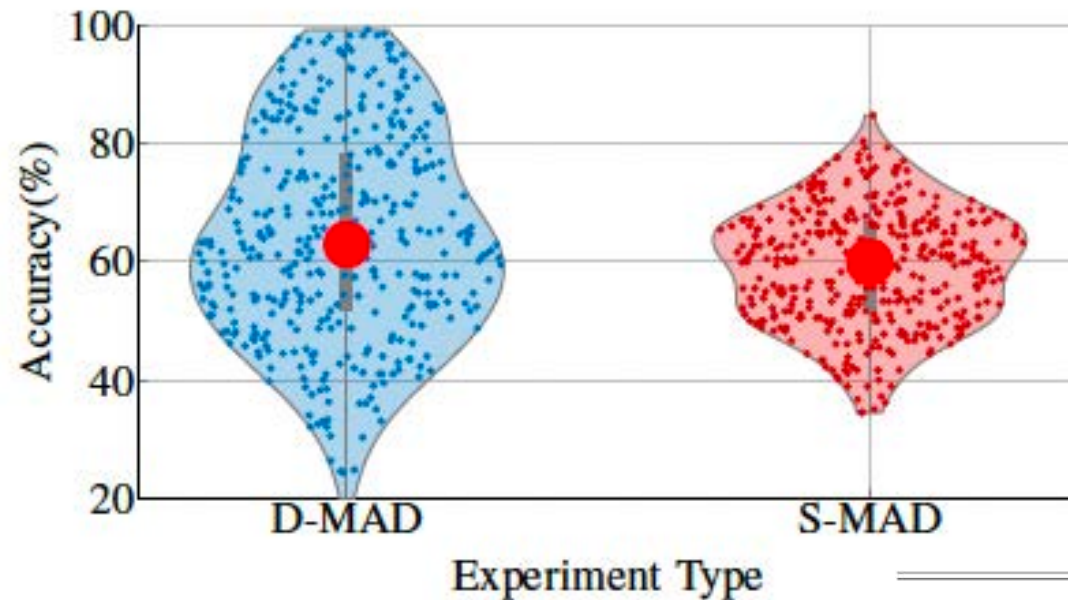
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# Human Experts in MAD

## Overall accuracy



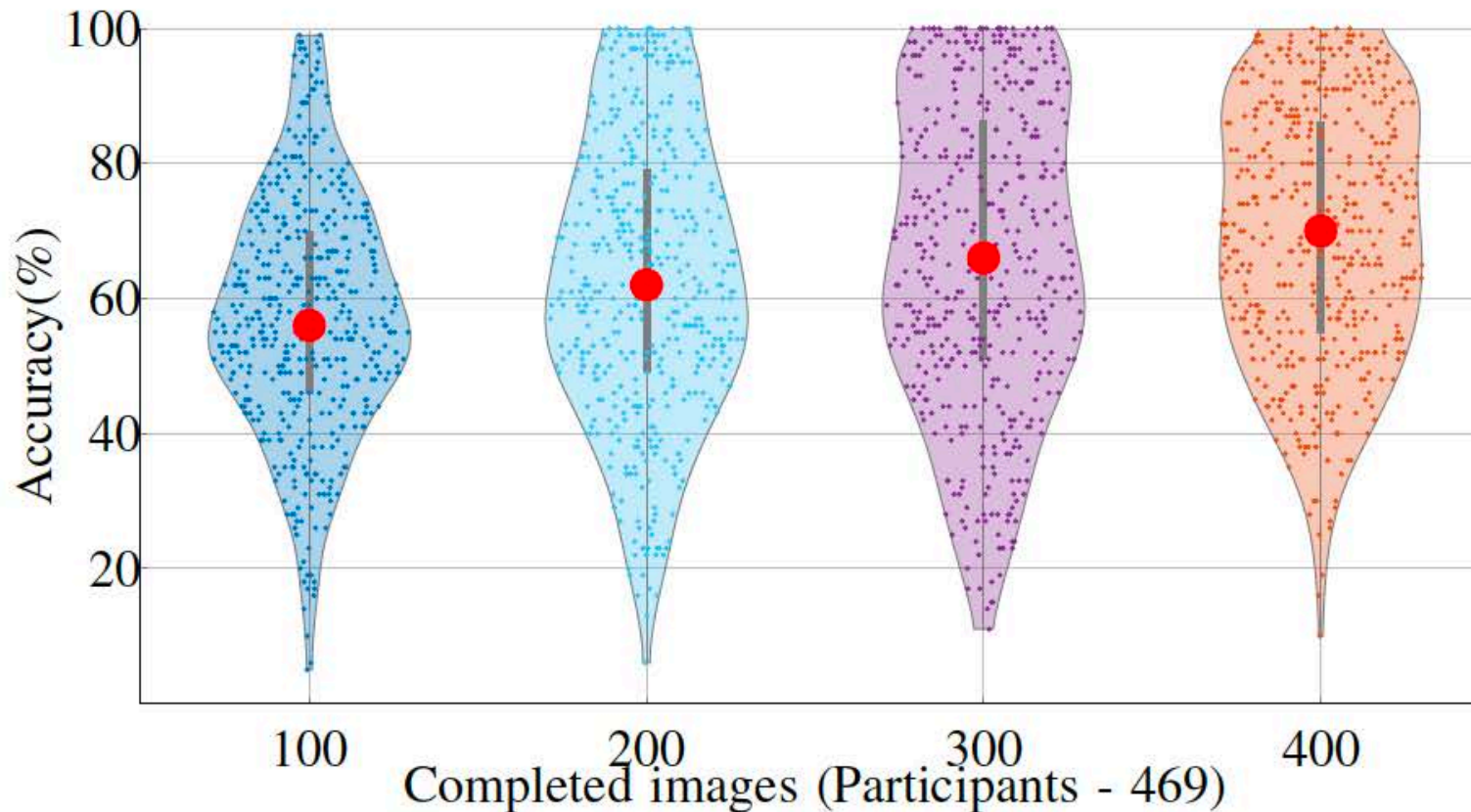
Line of work	D-MAD		S-MAD	
	Number of participants	Average Accuracy	Number of participants	Average Accuracy
Border Guard	30	64.66	26	55.17
Case handler- Passport, visas, ID, etc	150	63.45	137	56.65
Document examiner- 1st line	38	60.79	30	57.63
Document examiner- 2st line	40	68.64	34	62.56
Document examiner- 3rd line	30	65.74	25	61.51
Face comparison expert (Manual examination)	44	72.56	39	64.63
ID Expert	53	63.09	50	57.21
Other	84	64.66	69	55.17
Student	103	56.91	-	-
Total participants	572		410	
Experts	469		410	

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# Human Experts in MAD

Does exposure to morphed images help?



(a) D-MAD Accuracy

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# Further Research on MAD

With the iMARS project consortium

- image **M**anipulations **A**ttack **R**esolving **S**olutions (iMARS)
- Start date: 1 September 2020
- End date: 31 August 2024
- H2020-SU-SEC-2019
- Grant agreement ID: 883356
- Topic:
  - ▶ SU-BES02-2018-2019-2020 -  
Technologies to enhance border and external security
- Overall budget: € 6 988 521,25
- Website: <https://imars-project.eu/>



# Conclusion

We are facing a situation, where

- Passports with morphs are already in **circulation**
  - ▶ 1000+ reported cases
  - ▶ Switching to live enrolment is a good decision, but does not solve the problem - at least for the upcoming 10 years
- Passports with morphed face images will have a **major impact** on border security
  - ▶ introduction of EU's entry/exit system
- In combination with **passport brokers** a dramatic problem
  - ▶ the darknet offers numerous opportunities ...
  
- Summary: **MAD** is the **hardest challenge** that I have seen in my 25 research years on biometrics

# More information

## The MAD website

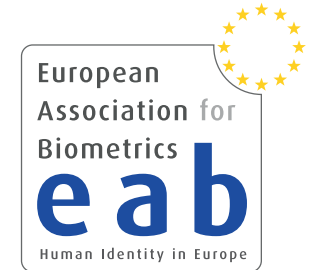
<https://www.christoph-busch.de/projects-mad.html>

## The MAD survey papers

- U. Scherhag, C. Rathgeb, J. Merkle, R. Breithaupt, C. Busch: "Face Recognition Systems under Morphing Attacks: A Survey", in IEEE Access, (2019)  
<https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8642312>
- S. Venkatesh, R. Raghavendra, K. Raja, C. Busch: "Face Morphing Attack Generation & Detection: A Comprehensive Survey", in IEEE Transactions on Technology and Society (TTS), (2021)  
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# More information on MAD



## The 2021 NBL - EAB workshop

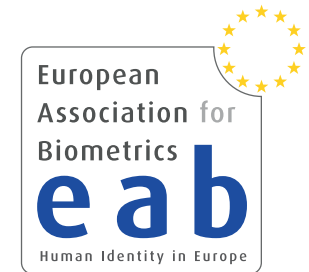
<https://eab.org/events/program/229>

- 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

# More Information on MAD

## European Association for Biometrics (EAB)

- 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 master and PhD students!  
[https://eab.org/membership/types\\_of\\_membership.html](https://eab.org/membership/types_of_membership.html)



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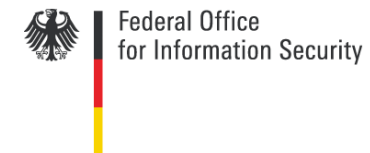
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## Research opportunities

- 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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