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AI Supporting the Evaluation of Face Recognition Technology

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1. Motivation

- Need:
 - to develop, train, test, evaluate recognition algorithms in large scale systems.
- Problem:
 - access to data, amount and privacy
- Potential solution:
 - generate synthetic identities
- Aim of this work:
 - analyse if synthetic generated (face) samples provide similar characteristic to the bona-fide ones.
 - test quality and comparison scores distributions.

Example of synthetic data



BiGAN [Donahue2016])



StyleGAN2 [Karras2020]

1. Motivation

- Biometric Sample Quality

- Standard ISO/IEC 29794-5 to be aligned with both



- ISO/IEC 19794-5:2011
- ISO/IEC 39794-5:2019

- <https://www.iso.org/standard/81005.html>

- Definitions

- Unified quality score - FaceQnet (JRC)
- Capture-related quality elements
- Subject-related quality elements

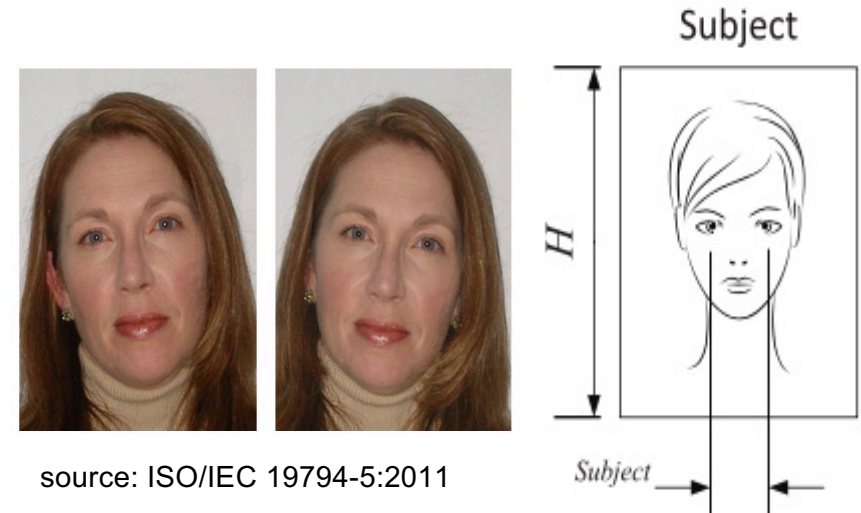


a) Compliant image

b) Low contrast

source: ISO/IEC 39794-5:2019, Annex D

<https://www.iso.org/standard/72156.html>



source: ISO/IEC 19794-5:2011

source: ISO/IEC 39794-5

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- Biometric Sample Quality

- Standardisation process for ISO/IEC 29794-5



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- Quality algorithm performance

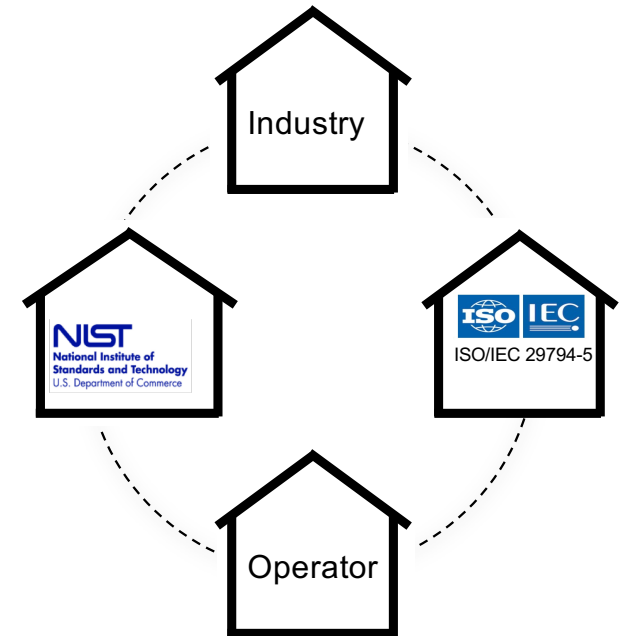
- NIST FRVT

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

Extension for quality elements coming soon

- Workshop on face quality assessment

<https://eab.org/events/program/261>

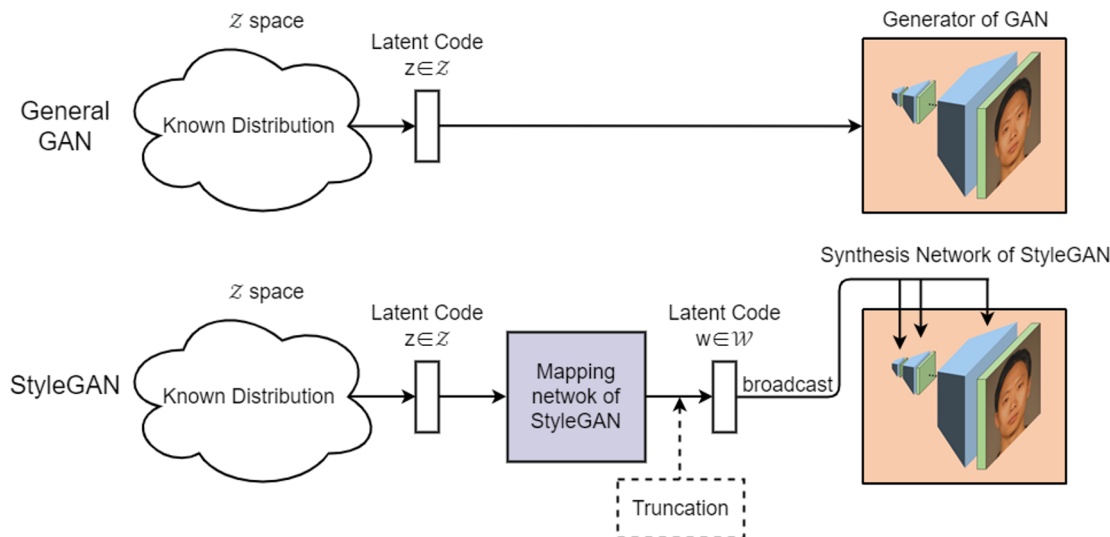


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2. Methodology & Database

- Synthetic Data Generation: Models
 - StyleGAN [Karras2019]
 - StyleGAN2 [Karras2020]



2. Methodology & Database

- Synthetic Data Generation: Truncation

$$w' = \bar{w} + \psi(w - \bar{w})$$

w' : truncated latent vector

\bar{w} : center of the mass of the latent space

ψ : truncation factor

w : sampled latent vector

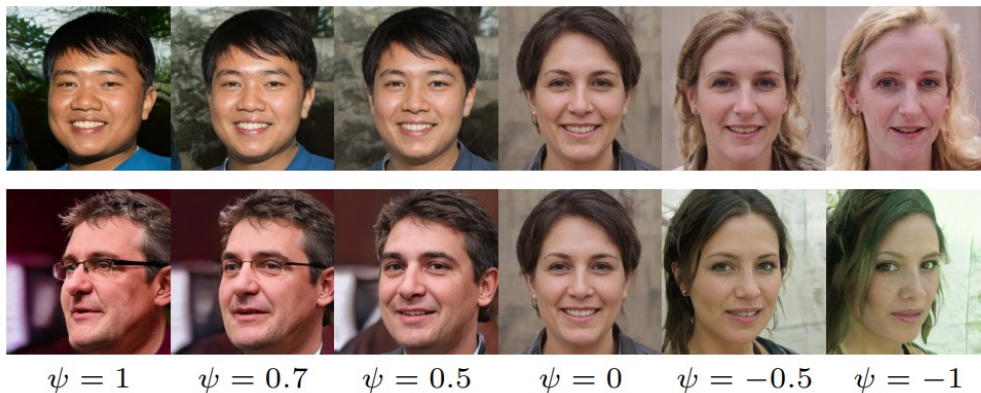


Image from [Karras2019]

2. Methodology & Database

- Mated Synthetic Data Generation:
 - Semantic editing

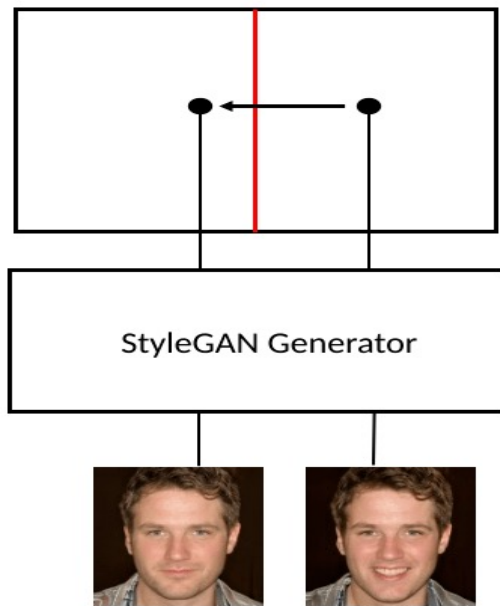
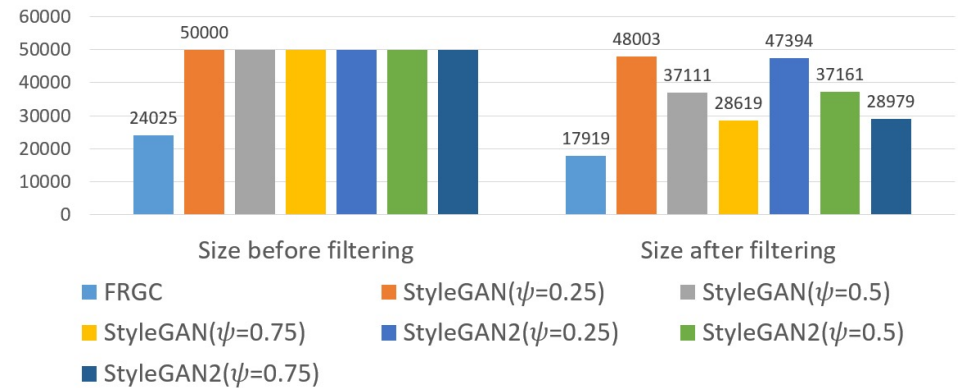


Figure: Simplified illustration of InterFaceGAN

[Shen2020]: The red boundary splits the latent space into two subspaces. Latent vectors sampled on the right side of the boundary are reconstructed as smiling individuals, while those on the left side have a neutral expression. By shifting the latent vector (black dot) beyond the boundary, the same identity with neutral expression is obtained.

2. Methodology & Database

- Database
 - Synthetic data
 - StyleGAN
 - StyleGAN2
 - Representative bona fide data
 - Face Recognition Grand Challenge (FRGC) [Phillips2005]
 - Non-mated samples
 - Mated samples



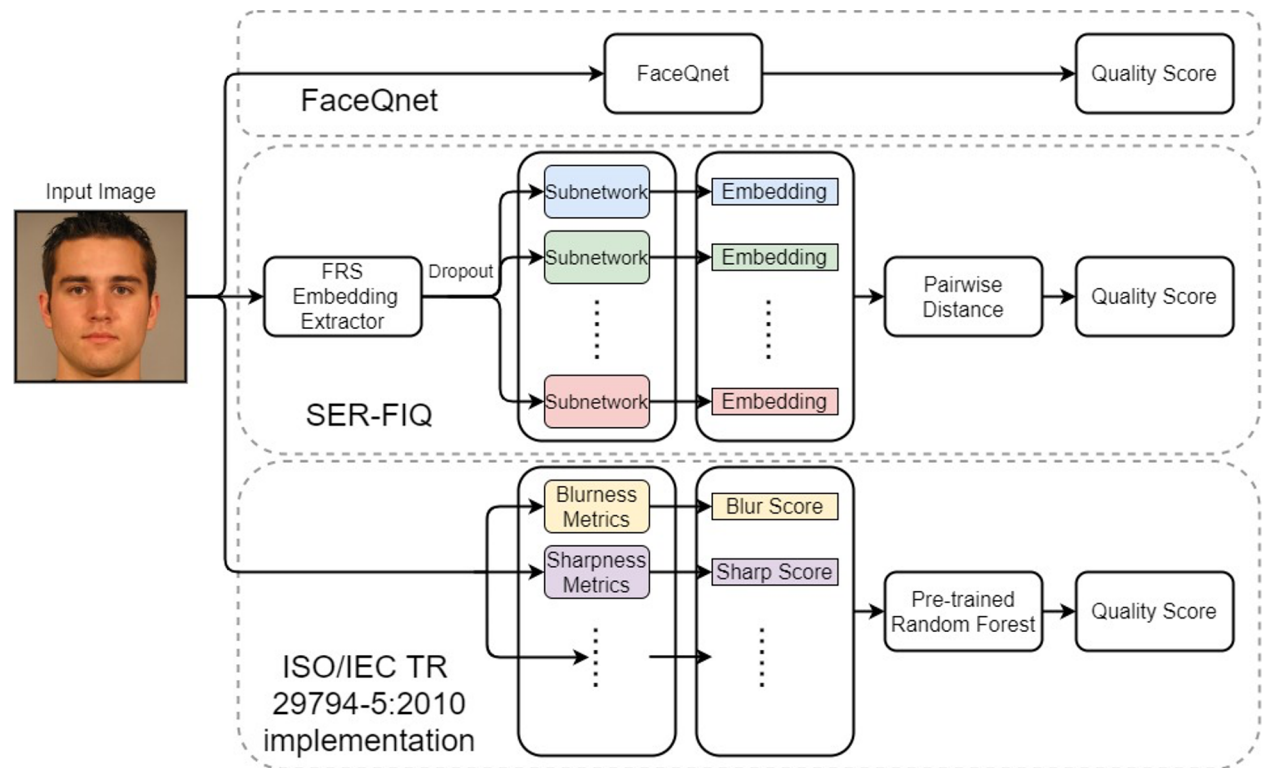
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- Face Quality Assessment

- FaceQnet v1
[HernándezOrtega2020]

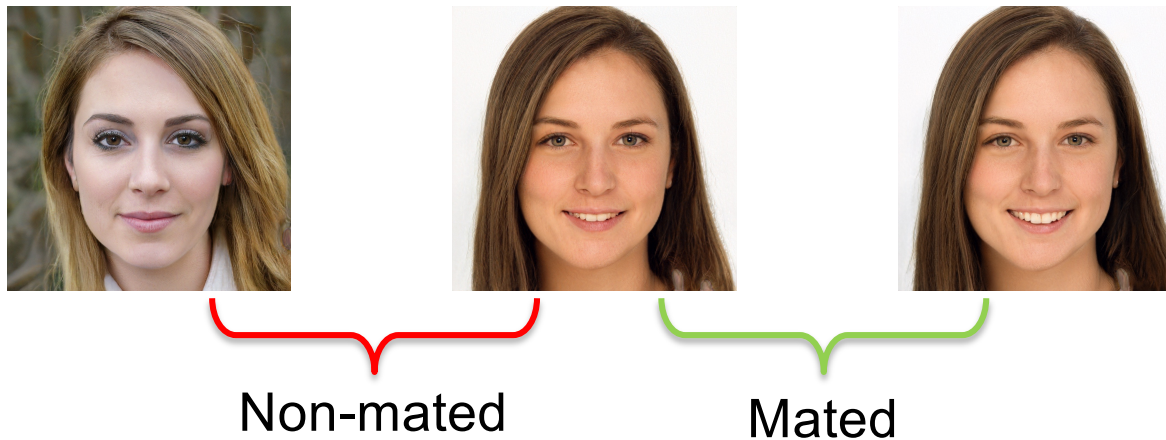
- SER-FIQ
[Terhorst2020]

- Implementation based on
ISO/IEC TR 29794-5:2010
[ISO29794-5TR]
[Wasnik2017]



2. Methodology & Database

- Evaluation Methodology
 - Distribution of quality scores
 - Distribution of comparison scores
(based on ArcFace [Deng2019])

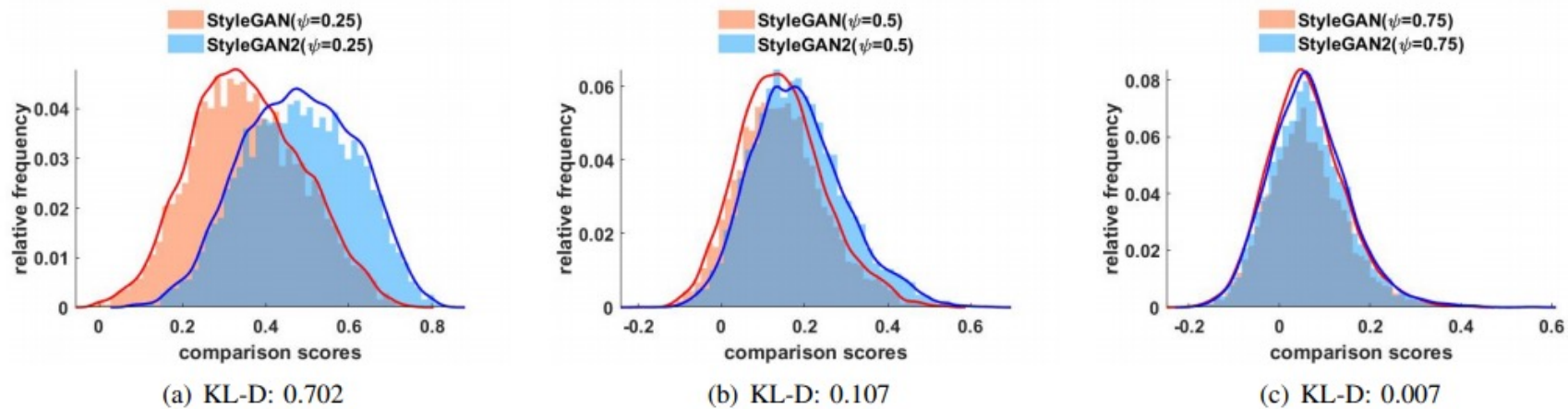


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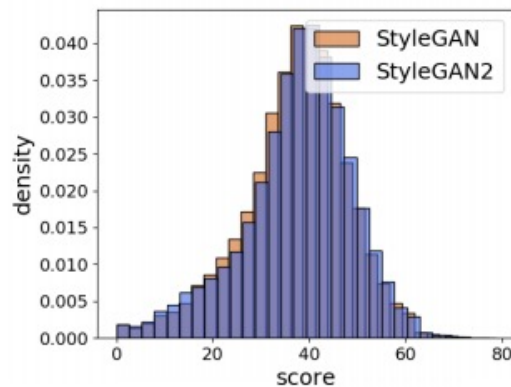
3.1 Evaluating non-mated samples

- Comparison of non-mated Distribution between StyleGAN and StyleGAN2

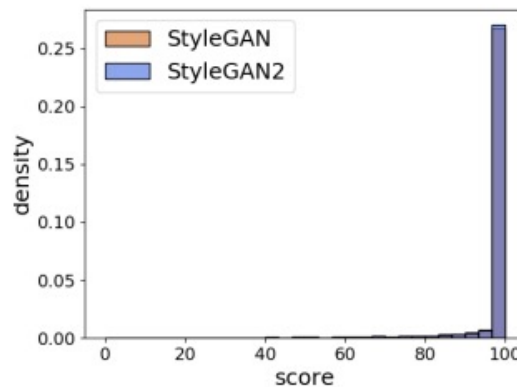


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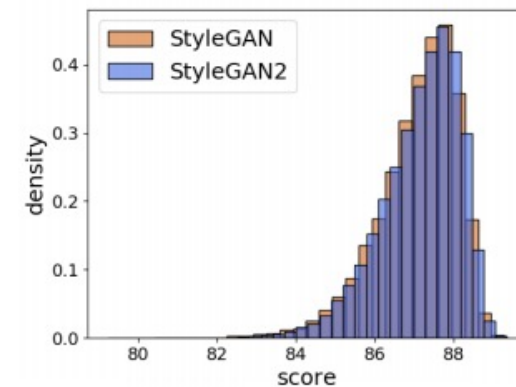
- Comparison of quality score distribution between StyleGAN and StyleGAN2



(a) KL-D: 0.008



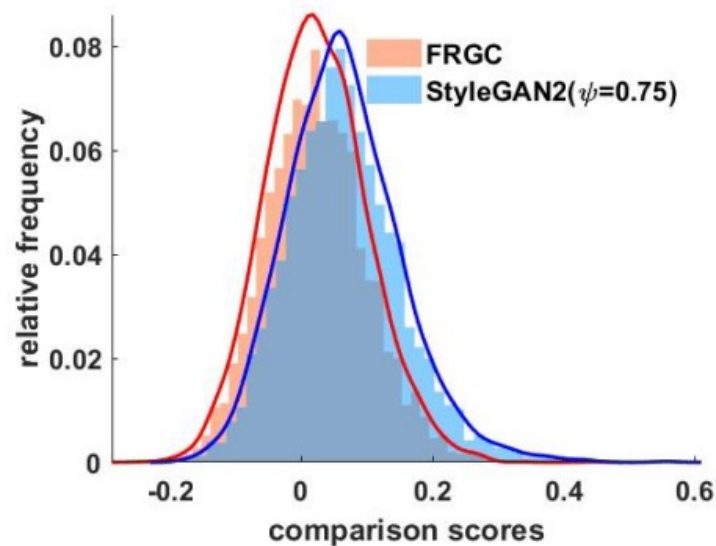
(b) KL-D: 0.003



(c) KL-D: 0.116

3.1 Evaluating non-mated samples

- Comparison of non-mated distribution between FRGC and StyleGAN2



KL-D: 0.184

3.1 Evaluating non-mated samples

- Comparison of quality score distribution between FRGC and StyleGAN2

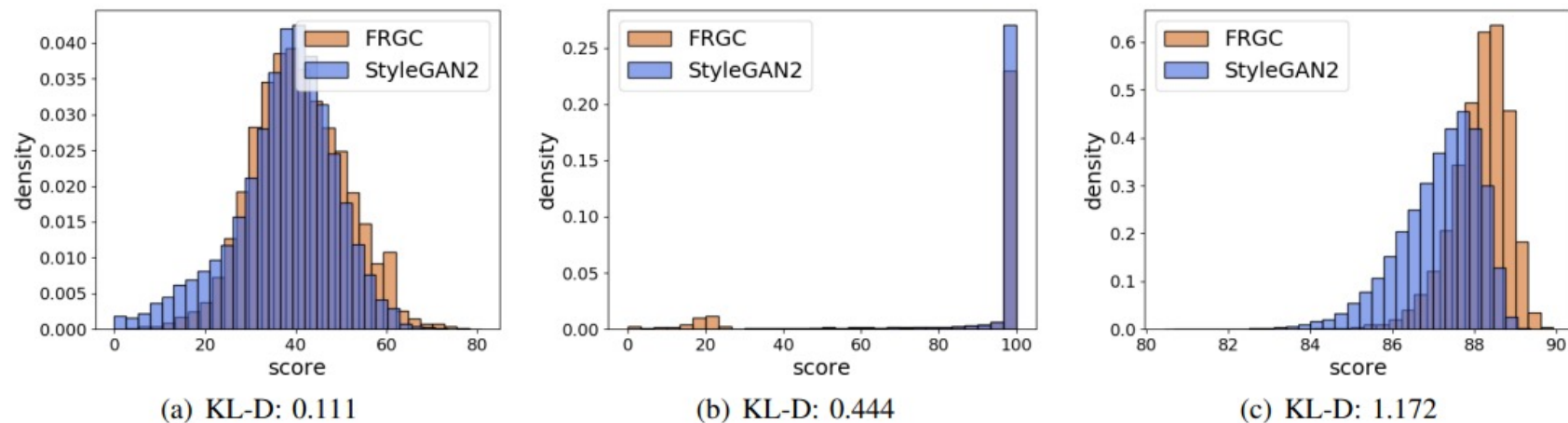


Fig. 6. Comparing the quality score distributions from various face quality algorithms between FRGC and StyleGAN2. (a) FaceQnet v1 (b) Random Forest Regressor (ISO/IEC TR 29794-5) (c) SER-FIQ

3.1 Evaluating non-mated samples

- Comparison of quality score distribution between FRGC and StyleGAN2 : single quality features

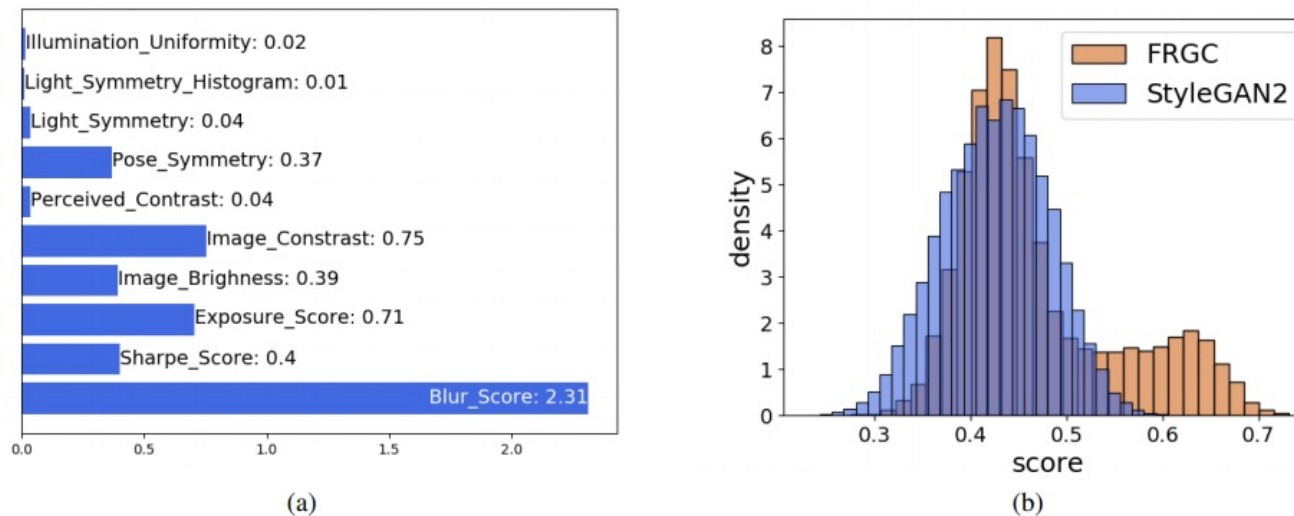


Fig. 7. Comparing the quality features from ISO/IEC TR 29794-5:2010 implementation between FRGC and StyleGAN2 ($\psi = 0.75$). (a) Kullback-Leibler Divergences between each quality features (b) Comparison of blurriness score distributions

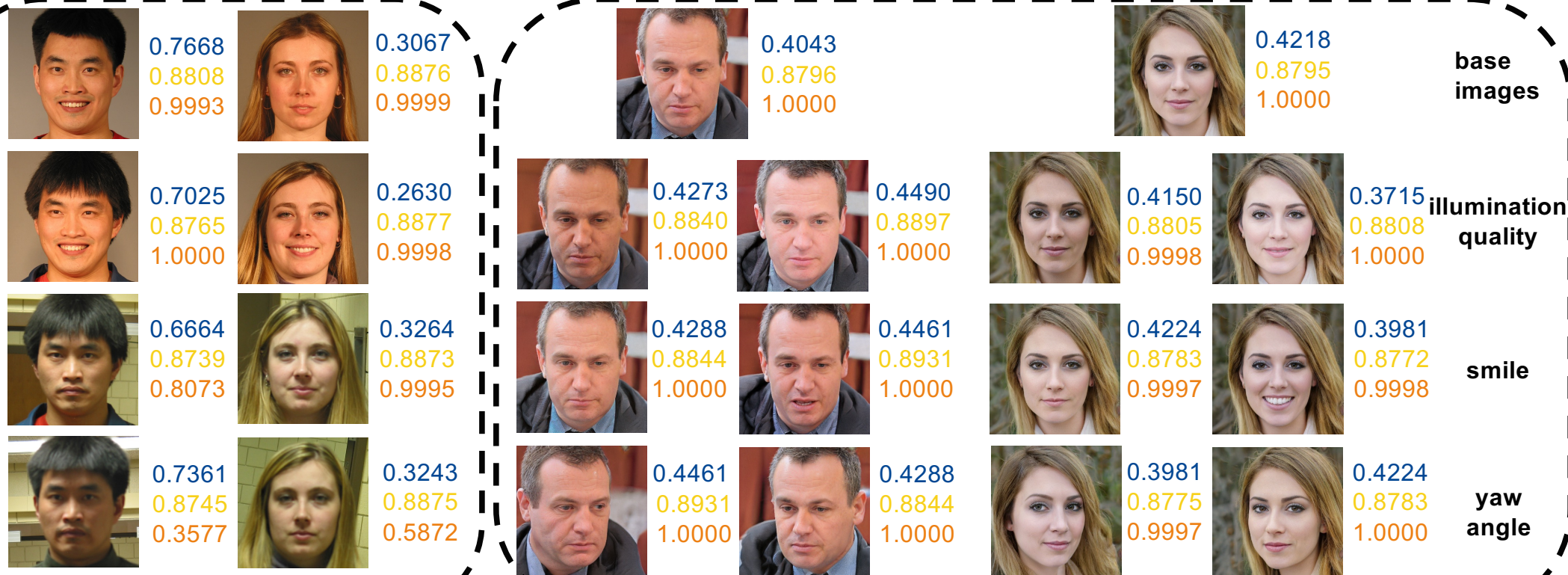
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3.2 Evaluating mated samples

FaceQnet v1 quality score
 SER-FIQ quality score
 ISO/IEC TR 29794-5: 2010
 implementation quality score

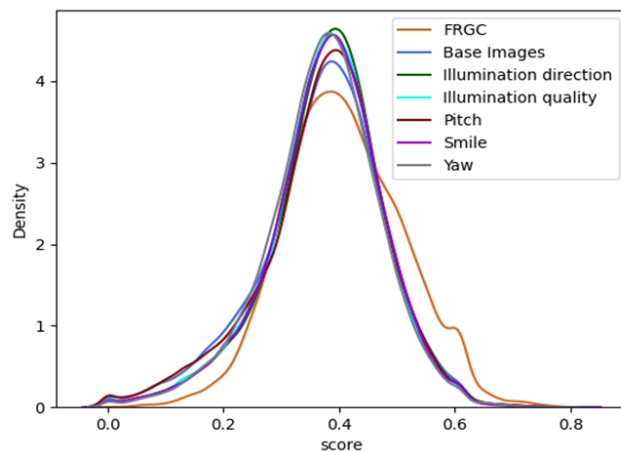
- Example of mated samples with quality scores



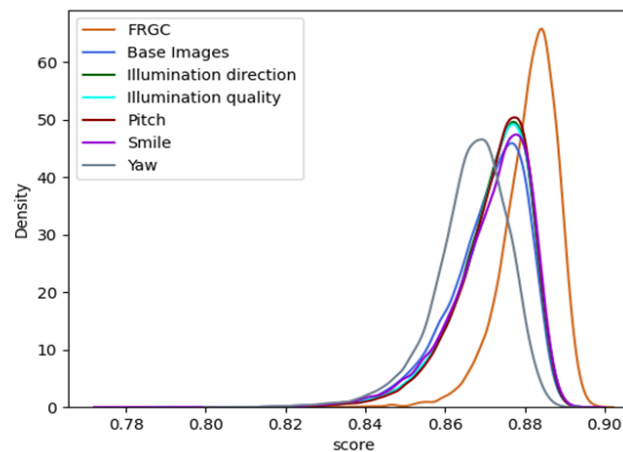
3.2 Evaluating mated samples

- Comparison of quality score distribution between mated samples generated

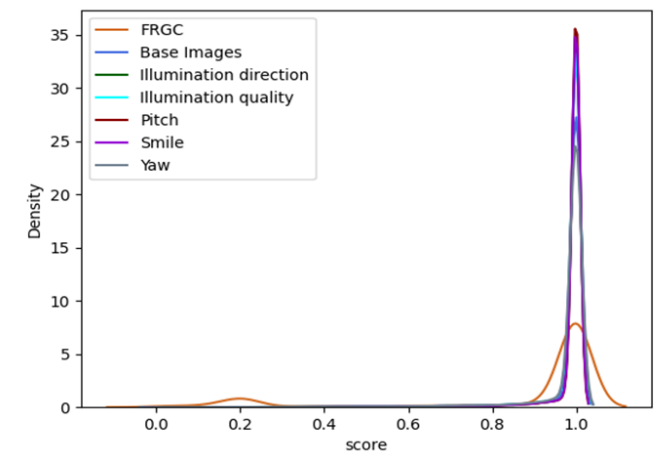
FaceQnet v1



SER-FIQ

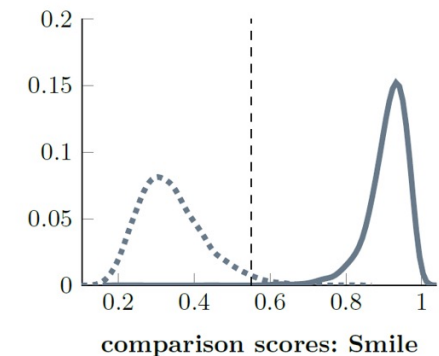
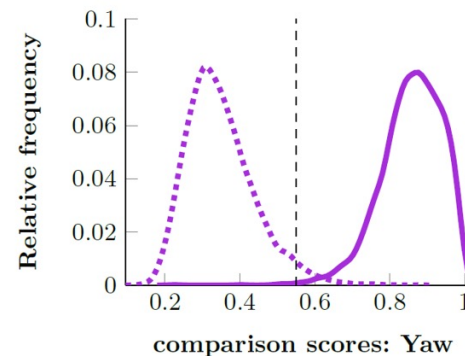
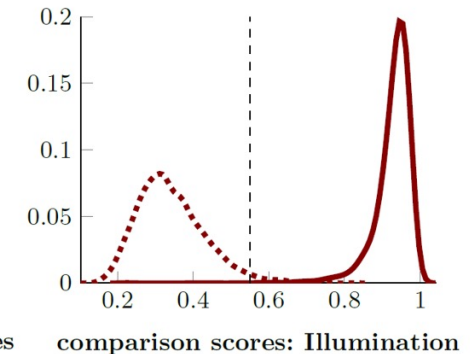
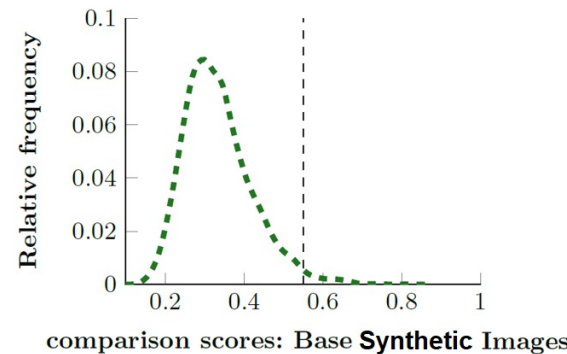
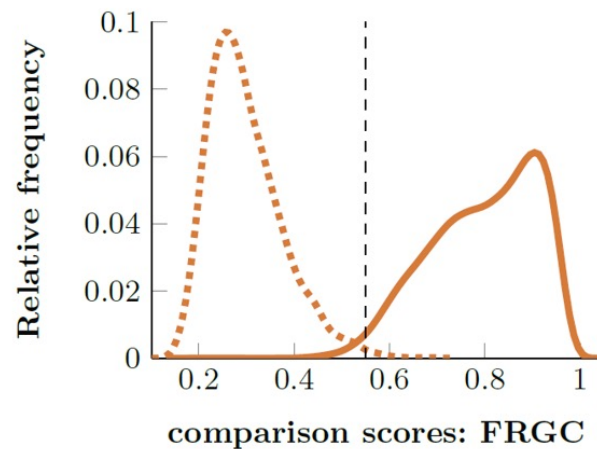


ISO/IEC TR 29794-5:2010



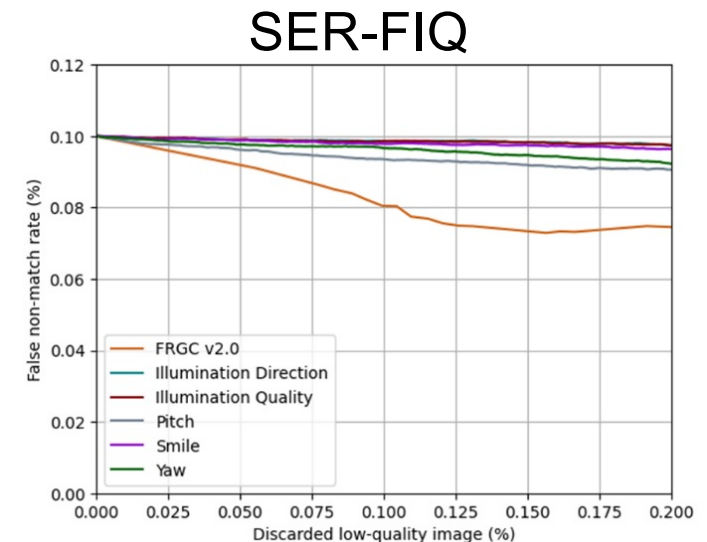
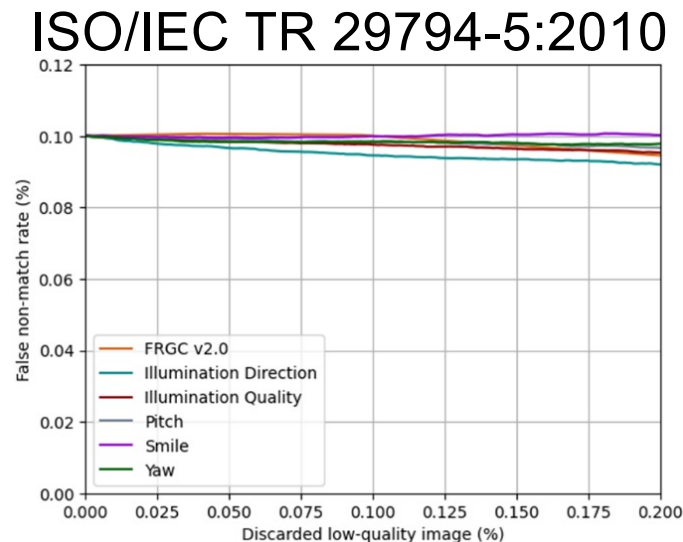
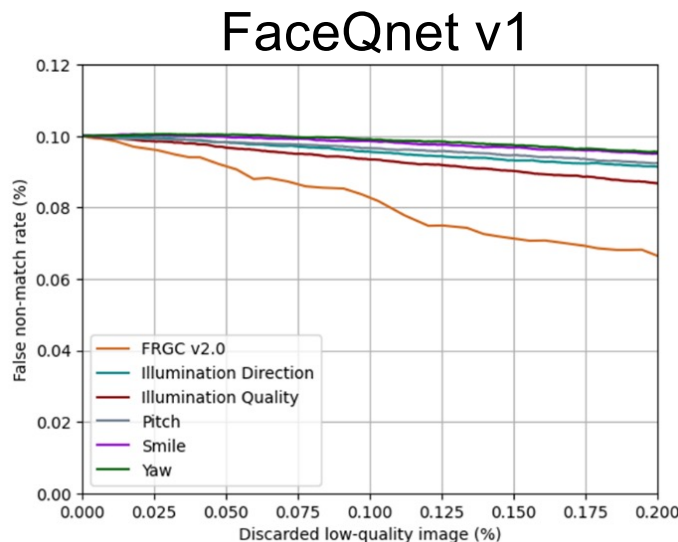
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- Comparison of quality score distribution between mated samples generated



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4.1 Conclusions for non-mated samples

- The applicability of synthetic data generated by StyleGAN and StyleGAN2 is similar.
- Only minor differences between synthetic and selected set of bona fide samples
 - Synthetic facial images are of high quality.
 - Minor differences in estimated biometric sample quality.
 - The variety of identity information is limited when the synthetic dataset is generated with a low truncation factor.

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4.2 Conclusions for mated samples

- Analysis on quality score distributions
 - Similar for FaceQnet v1 and ISO/IEC TR 29794-5: 2010 implementation.
 - Differences in SER-FIQ due to yaw angle variation
- Analysis on the mated comparison scores
 - Mated samples can be generated without significant loss of identity information.
 - Higher intra-identity variation of the bona fide data can be observed
- Analysis on EDC curves
 - Biometric quality of bona fide samples are better predictable by FaceQnet v1 and SER-FIQ

4 Conclusions in general

- Considerable quality of synthetic data
- Remaining differences and challenges
- Encouraging as a starting stage
 - more future work and further testing remains necessary
- Not fit for purpose to **completely** assess operational systems
 - We can test workload (i.e. throughput) and workload reduction
 - For biometric performance testing we **shall** report results for synthetic data **and** non-synthetic data (ISO/IEC 19795-1:2021 Cl. 7.4.9)

5. Future Works

- Face quality assessment algorithms (FQAA)
 - Improve consistency and work on standardized FQAA algorithms
- Better approximation
 - of larger intra-identity variation of bona fide images
- Large scale tests needed
 - With large scale bona fide data sets of representative nature and large scale synthetic data sets
 - To be performed in the future to confirm these results

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