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Impact of Image Context for Deep Learning Face Morphing Attack Detection

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Currently, FRSs are used in a variety of applications, such as document security,

border control systems (ABC gates)





Schematic representation of face morphing between two subjects face images. Images from IMM dataset



Allows to obtain an image of an individual that appears to be real but, in fact, does not exist

Which one of these images is real?







Makes it possible to obtain a legitimate ID using false information

Passport application process

One individual can **impersonate another**, thus violating the principle of **exclusive ownership**

Same document may be validated for two or more persons

Albanian individual who attempted to pass through LISBON border control using a Slovenian passport



Accomplice

Morphed image presented on the document Person attempting to pass

Real case example of a face morphing attack



Morphing Attack Detection (MAD) techniques



• Contribute to advances in the study of MAD by **investigating whether or not image context influences the detection.**



- MAD performance is influenced by factors like alignment and preprocessing techniques.
- Face alignment impact contextual information captured in input images which can affect the detection algorithm's performance.

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Goals

Exploring how different face image **alignment settings can impact** the amount of context captured in the input image.

Finding the best context properties for detection, i.e., **defining optimal alignment settings** for face morphing detection.

Contributions

- Creation of a **large dataset** that adheres to the **ICAO** standards through the combination and pre-processing of multiple datasets.
- Generation of a morphed dataset using both landmark-based and StyleGAN based approaches.
- Investigation of the relationship between image context and MAD to **identify the most effective context properties for detection.**
- Formulation and implementing several strategies for MAD.
- Submission of a paper titled "Impact of Image Context for Single Deep Learning Face Morphing Detection" in the **BIOSIG 2023 conference**

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General Pipeline



Source Data Curating

Lack of large *ICAO compliant* datasets (public ID document compliant) Aggregation of several datasets

ICMD dataset

~50k images of ~2500 individuals

> There may be identical images between datasets

Datasets Names	Images Number	Identities Number
FRGC	4007	466
XM2VTS	1180	295
ND Twins	24 050	435
FERET	11 000	994
AR	4000	126
PICS	17 122	141
FEI	2800	200
IMMFFD	1440	12
GTBD	150	50

Summary table of datasets used

Morphed Image Generation



Landmark-based Approach

Face landmark alignment → Image Warping → Blending → Context Restoring



Landmark face morphing generation pipeline



Pre-processing pipeline to deal with the distortion problem

StyleGAN-based Approach

Latent Embeddings -> Linear Interpolation -> Generator -> Context Restoring



StyleGAN interpolation and morph generation pipeline

Morph Paring Approach



Separate the total list of identities **into two halves** Pairs of images were generated from each half Each generated image was labeled based on the corresponding sub-list for further classification. Assure that morphed combinations of a particular identity are classified similarly

Alignment Settings

Different alignment conditions were defined in order to vary the relationship between the face and the background of the image.



Face image aligned according to the different alignment settings



Face Morphing Attack Detection



The S-MAD case uses a single image

Non-reference method

Real-life scenarios: Initial passport application The D-MAD case involves **comparing** the **test image** to a **reference image**

Reference-based method.

Real-life scenarios: ABC gates

Single Image MAD Approach

Fused Classification Approach



S-MAD model schema for fused classification approach.





Binary Classification Approach



S-MAD model schema for binary classification approach.

Differential Image MAD Approach

Fused Classification Approach



First network receives the "test

> Second network receives the "live capture image" (always bonafide).

D-MAD model schema for fused classification approach.

Grad-CAM Approach



Heatmap



Resulting Overlaid Image

Grad-CAM sample heatmap and its overlaid sample image.





Obtain a final heatmap that highlights the important regions of the input image, providing valuable insights into the decision-making process of the model

The maps were also divided according to morph or bonafide cases

Average maps by protocol and respective alignment condition

Average of the Gradient Intensity Ratio (AGIR) foreground/background



Schematic representation of the methodology to obtain the average intensity of gradient maps for the foreground and background and the respective ratio.

The average gradient intensity for each region was computed using only the nonzero pixels

Ratio between the two average intensities.

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Training Settings



The batch size was set to 28 images.

The optimizer employed was stochastic gradient descent (SGD) with a momentum parameter of 0.9.



Benchmarking



Benchmarking Protocols

asml	opencv	facemorpher
~ 2k morphs (S-MAD) ~ 4.3k morphs (D-MAD)	~ 1.3k morphs (S-MAD) ~ 2.4k morphs (D-MAD)	~ 2k morphs (S-MAD) ~ 2.4k morphs (D-MAD)
webmorph	stylegan	real
~ 1k morphs (S-MAD) ~ 2.4k morphs (D-MAD)	~ 2k morphs (S-MAD) ~ 2.4k morphs (D-MAD)	~ 3k morphs (S-MAD)



Attack Presentation Classification Error Rate

Proportion of morph images that are wrongly classified as *bonafide* (user insecurity).

Morph Miss Rate



Bonafide Presentation Classification Error Rate

Proportion of *bonafide* images that are wrongly classified as morphs (user inconvenience).

False Detection Rate

These two metrics are typically presented as: **BPCER@APCER**

Goal

Balance between APCER (Security) and BPCER (Convenience) Lowest possible values

Benchmark Results

S-MAD Binary Classification Model

					I	BPCER@A	APCER=	=δ					
	Protoc	col-asml	Protoco	l-facemorpher	Protoco	ol-opencv	Protoco	ol-stylegan	Protoco	ol-webmorph	Proto	col-real	
Alignments	$\delta = 0.1$	$\delta = 0.01$											
а	0.199	0.622	0.125	0.558	0.199	0.663	0.663	0.663	0.523	0.663	0.191	0.568	
b	0.143	0.380	0.131	0.387	0.144	0.440	0.586	0.586	0.340	0.586	0.144	0.396	
с	0.365	0.630	0.331	0.675	0.320	0.676	0.676	0.676	0.489	0.676	0.351	0.630	
d	0.236	0.511	0.161	0.549	0.161	0.489	0.623	0.623	0.436	0.623	0.246	0.511	
е	0.141	0.348	0.102	0.532	0.080	0.424	0.710	0.710	0.321	0.641	0.194	0.463	
f	0.199	0.455	0.127	0.551	0.125	0.533	0.675	0.675	0.328	0.579	0.215	0.478	
g	0.158	0.373	0.106	0.532	0.209	0.532	0.586	0.586	0.348	0.586	0.175	0.411	
h	0.330	0.580	0.138	0.682	0.093	0.486	0.724	0.724	0.486	0.724	0.306	0.577	
i	0.214	0.408	0.174	0.476	0.149	0.442	0.573	0.573	0.396	0.573	0.212	0.430	
j	0.221	0.465	0.187	0.596	0.141	0.457	0.776	0.776	0.475	0.682	0.233	0.504	
k	0.243	0.498	0.194	0.557	0.146	0.513	0.794	0.794	0.467	0.707	0.262	0.573	

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BPCER@APCER = δ	a	b	с	d	е	f	g	h	i	j	k
$\delta = 0.1$	0.317	0.248	0.442	0.320	0.258	0.278	0.263	0.346	0.286	0.338	0.351
$\delta = 0.01$	0.623	0.463	0.660	0.551	0.520	0.545	0.503	0.629	0.484	0.580	0.607
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Optimal range : the alignment settings between **e** and **g** Potential optimal case : alignment setting **e**



Grad-CAM heatmaps across all the alignment settings

Alignments		A	GIR mor	rph value	5		AGIR	Average AGIR
Angiments	asml	facemorpher	opencv	stylegan	webmorph	real	value for bona	value for morphs
a	1.754	2.824	2.394	0.546	0.776	1.841	4.481	1.689
b	1.844	3.094	3.298	0.687	1.107	2.114	3.354	2.024
с	1.797	3.352	3.790	0.879	1.574	2.129	2.017	2.254
d	2.164	3.610	3.725	1.140	1.238	2.469	1.811	2.391
е	3.586	4.458	4.796	1.443	2.060	3.587	1.589	3.322
f	2.775	3.675	4.393	1.835	1.902	2.957	1.397	2.922
g	2.067	3.726	3.526	1.419	1.246	2.459	1.774	2.407
h	1.765	3.393	4.405	2.079	1.376	2.079	1.534	2.516
i	2.337	3.717	4.281	1.461	1.770	2.579	1.221	2.691
j	2.475	3.550	3.868	1.369	1.581	2.532	1.238	2.563
k	1.629	2.067	2.586	1.270	1.313	1.857	0.951	1.787

The **face/foreground** is mostly dominantly activated across all the alignment settings

Summary table for the AGIR values in the different protocols, as well as the average value for the morphs.

Benchmark Results

S-MAD Fused Classification Model

					I	BPCER@A	PCER=	:δ				
Alignments	Protoc	ol-asml	Protoco	l-facemorpher	Protoco	ol-opencv	Protoco	l-stylegan	Protoc	ol-webmorph	Proto	col-real
	$\delta = 0.1$	$\delta = 0.01$										
а	0.159	0.689	0.187	0.517	0.239	0.599	0.842	0.946	0.606	0.885	0.137	0.608
b	0.063	0.495	0.072	0.646	0.099	0.658	0.671	0.946	0.702	0.964	0.081	0.427
с	0.125	0.467	0.215	0.588	0.240	0.566	0.694	0.884	0.541	0.859	0.167	0.455
d	0.040	0.374	0.102	0.558	0.103	0.568	0.574	0.835	0.305	0.781	0.113	0.421
е	0.162	0.580	0.149	0.582	0.177	0.602	0.566	0.767	0.605	0.870	0.138	0.549
f	0.184	0.530	0.180	0.488	0.175	0.451	0.582	0.788	0.517	0.785	0.158	0.479
g	0.034	0.233	0.025	0.701	0.037	0.701	0.487	0.875	0.216	0.788	0.072	0.322
h	0.168	0.642	0.168	0.535	0.165	0.599	0.536	0.850	0.542	0.854	0.138	0.594
i	0.046	0.255	0.036	0.365	0.044	0.390	0.305	0.583	0.246	0.554	0.094	0.365
j	0.287	0.630	0.268	0.585	0.262	0.564	0.844	0.959	0.697	0.907	0.228	0.574
k	0.193	0.652	0.253	0.745	0.262	0.792	0.825	0.953	0.674	0.915	0.178	0.611

BPCER@APCER= δ	a	b	с	d	е	f	g	h	i	j	k
$\delta = 0.1$	0.361	0.281	0.330	0.206	0.299	0.299	0.145	0.286	0.129	0.431	0.398
$\delta = 0.01$	0.732	0.690	0.636	0.589	0.658	0.586	0.603	0.679	0.418	0.703	0.778

Optimal range : the alignment settings between **d** and **i** Potential optimal case : alignment setting **g**

b Bonafide

Morph

Grad-CAM heatmaps across all the alignment settings

Alignments		A	GIR mo	rph value	5		AGIR value for bona	Average
	asml	facemorpher	opency	stylegan	webmorph	real		AGIIt value for morphs
a	1.125	1.120	1.123	1.985	2.083	1.209	2.348	1.441
b	0.970	970 0.861 0.892 2.354 2.077 403 1.516 1.545 2.687 2.555				1.088	1.934	1.374
с	1.403	1.403 1.516 0.853 0.786		2.687	2.555	1.565	2.671	1.879
d	0.853	0.786	0.798	1.644	1.219	0.954	1.385	1.042
e	1.001	0.920	0.943	1.413	1.394	0.992	1.055	1.111
f	1.184	1.200	1.243	2.064	1.816	1.245	1.836	1.458
g	0.679	0.625	0.617	1.012	1.000	0.729	1.094	0.777
h	1.208	1.127	1.181	1.782	1.772	1.175	1.509	1.374
i	0.640	0.580	0.599	1.267	0.906	0.692	1.331	0.781
j	0.910 0.843 0.906		0.906	1.203 1.246 0.		0.962	1.433	1.011
k	0.500	0.516	0.542	0.934	0.700	0.549	0.824	0.624

Summary table for the AGIR values in the different protocols, as well as the average value for the morphs.

The detection focuses mainly on the face region and, in many cases, on the **intersection regions** between foreground and background

Benchmark Results

D-MAD Fused Classification Model

				В	PCER@	APCER=	δ			
	Protoc	col-asml	Protoco	ol-facemorpher	Protoco	ol-opencv	Protoco	ol-stylegan	Protoco	ol-webmorph
Alignments	$\delta = 0.1$	$\delta = 0.01$	$\delta = 0.1$	δ =0.01						
a	0.013	0.194	0.013	0.250	0.019	0.206	0.506	0.725	0.244	0.806
b	0.000	0.394	0.006	0.356	0.013	0.400	0.563	0.888	0.288	0.713
с	0.063	0.344	0.138	0.644	0.181	0.644	0.656	0.919	0.306	0.831
d	0.100	0.613	0.144	0.613	0.175	0.588	0.625	0.894	0.381	0.769
е	0.138	0.688	0.219	0.744	0.194	0.744	0.544	0.781	0.544	0.831
f	0.013	0.263	0.000	0.206	0.006	0.206	0.188	0.525	0.244	0.569
g	0.056	0.363	0.050	0.494	0.069	0.550	0.381	0.706	0.319	0.644
h	0.056	0.475	0.031	0.531	0.056	0.544	0.419	0.713	0.300	0.719
i	0.150	0.531	0.088	0.531	0.069	0.494	0.381	0.738	0.575	0.900
j	0.013	0.144	0.013	0.506	0.013	0.438	0.319	0.794	0.163	0.738
k	0.044	0.288	0.044	0.369	0.038	0.313	0.500	0.868	0.288	0.856

BPCER@APCER= δ	a	b	с	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k
$\delta = 0.1$	0.159	0.174	0.269	0.285	0.327	0.09	0.175	0.172	0.252	0.103	0.182
$\delta = 0.01$	0.4362	0.550	0.676	0.695	0.757	0.350	0.551	0.596	0.639	0.524	0.538

Optimal range : the alignment settings between **f** and **h** Potential optimal case : alignment setting **f**



Grad-CAM heatmaps across all the alignment settings

Alignmonts		AGII	l morph	value		ACIB value for bone	Average
Angiments	asml	facemorpher	opency	stylegan	webmorph	AGIN value for bolla	AGIR value for morphs
a	1.604	1.331	1.446	2.064	2.719	1.865	1.833
b	1.061	1.070	1.085	2.321	2.012	2.306	1.509
с	0.975	0.950	0.952	1.127	1.179	1.127	1.037
d	1.192	1.148	1.123	1.828	1.807	1.811	1.420
е	1.275	1.135	1.149	2.183	1.967	2.231	1.542
f	1.018	0.965	1.029	1.504	1.274	1.080	1.158
g	1.056	0.975	1.967	1.808	1.575	1.967	1.476
h	0.789	0.747	0.791	0.863	1.030	0.865	0.844
i	1.249	1.148	1.110	1.405	1.398	1.423	1.262
j	0.733	0.664	0.656	1.315	1.179	1.196	0.909
k	0.842	0.867	0.896	0.699	0.746	0.688	0.810

Summary table for the AGIR values in the different protocols, as well as the average value for the morphs.

Similar to S-MAD fused classification, the detection **focuses primarily on the face region** and, in many instances, on the intersections of the foreground and background

Discussion on the Results

- There is **possibly a region or a certain alignment condition** where the results are more effective.
- About that range, there **seems to be a correspondence** throughout all the models, which translates into a certain area of occupancy of a face in the image.

• S-MAD binary classification approach varies between about 50% and 60%

- S-MAD fused classification approach varies between about 42% and 77%
- **D-MAD fused classification approach** varies between about 56% to 70%



S-MAD fused S-MAD binary D-MAD fused • The **face region** seems to be the dominant activated across all the alignment settings

Scenario	Approach	Alignments	а	b	с	d	е	f	g	h	i	j	k
	Binary	AGIR value for bona	4.48	3.35	2.02	1.81	1.59	1.40	1.77	1.53	1.22	1.24	0.95
S-MAD	Classification	Average AGIR value for morphs	1.69	2.02	2.25	2.39	3.32	2.92	2.41	2.52	2.69	2.56	1.79
	Fused	AGIR value for bona	2.35	1.93	2.67	1.39	1.06	1.84	1.09	1.51	1.33	1.43	0.82
	Classification	Average AGIR value for morphs	1.44	1.37	1.88	1.04	1.11	1.46	0.78	1.37	0.78	1.01	0.62
D-MAD	Fused	AGIR value for bona	1.87	2.31	1.13	1.81	2.23	1.08	1.97	0.87	1.43	1.20	0.69
D-MAD	Classification	Average AGIR value for morphs	1.83	1.51	1.04	1.42	1.54	1.16	1.48	0.84	1.26		0.81

- However, for both fused classification cases (S-MAD and D-MAD), the background seems to have more influence on detection when compared to the S-MAD binary classification approach (lower AGIR values)
- These two fused classification approaches achieve the best performances, which may indicate that **the background of the image does influence the results to some extent.**

FRVT NIST MORPH Benchmark Resuts

Top-performing models for fused classification approaches (S-MAD and D-MAD)



Performances evaluated by comparison with SOTA MAD approaches. Test can be divided into single-image and differential cases Multiple datasets created using a diversity of methodologies. Tier 1, 2 and 3





Twente

Visa-Border

MIPGAN-II

Manual



Print + Scanned

Tier 2- Automated Morphs Analysis

UNIBO Automatic Morphed Face Generation Tool v1.0 Dataset



$\mathbf{APCER} @ \mathbf{BPCER} = \delta$									
Single-image	Algorithm	$\delta = 0.1$	$\delta = 0.01$	Differential	Algorithm	$\delta = 0.1$	$\delta = 0.01$		
	wvusingle-002	0.000	0.075		visteamicao-000	0.014	0.079		
	unibo-000	0.000	0.087		secunet-002	0.003	0.087		
	visteamicao-000	0.027	0.095		visteam-003	0.171	0.668		
	visteam-003	0.091	0.356		wvudiff-001	0.257	0.733		
	wvusingle-001	0.101	0.406		hdaarcface-001	0.089	1.000		

Our model outperforms all others in the differential case



$\mathbf{APCER} @ \mathbf{BPCER} = \delta$								
Single-image	Algorithm	$\delta = 0.1$	$\delta = 0.01$	Differential	Algorithm	$\delta = 0.1$	$\delta = 0.01$	
	visteamicao-000	0.089	0.291		secunet-002	0.013	0.212	
	wvusingle-002	0.037	0.542		visteamicao-000	0.105	0.388	
	visteam-003	0.232	0.555		visteam-003	0.271	0.682	
	hdaprnu-004	0.049	0.823		wvudiff-001	0.447	0.901	
	ntnussl-002	0.375	0.990		unibo-002	0.966	0.999	

Our model outperforms all others in **the Single case** (morph miss rate of 0.291 at a false detection rate of 0.01

Tier 3- High Quality Morphs Analysis

Great significance as these datasets closely resemble reallife situations

Manual Dataset - More realistic for Single Image case



$\mathbf{APCER} @ \mathbf{BPCER} = \delta$									
Single-image	Algorithm	$\delta = 0.1$	$\delta = 0.01$	Differential	Algorithm	$\delta = 0.1$	$\delta = 0.01$		
	visteam-003	0.641	0.926		secunet-002	0.055	0.357		
	visteamicao-000	0.802	0.975		visteam-003	0.531	0.872		
	wvusingle-002	0.879	0.975		unibo-002	0.689	0.969		
	ntnussl-002	0.938	0.985		visteamicao-000	0.853	0.981		
	hdabsif-004	0.969	1.000		wvudiff-001	0.873	0.989		

Algorithms do not exhibit robust generalization across various unseen morphing techniques.

Print + Scanned Dataset - More realistic for Differential case



$\mathbf{APCER} @ \mathbf{BPCER} = \delta$								
Single-image	Algorithm	$\delta = 0.1$	$\delta = 0.01$	Differential	Algorithm	$\delta = 0.1$	$\delta = 0.01$	
	wvusingle-001	0.271	0.721		secunet-002	0.012	0.176	
	unibo-000	0.420	0.777		unibo-002	0.070	0.280	
	visteam-003	0.424	0.788		visteamicao-000	0.426	0.751	
	visteamicao-000	0.453	0.819		visteam-003	0.680	0.926	
	hdafvdet-001	0.879	0.992		wvudiff-001	0.756	0.953	

when compared to other SOTA approaches, our model achieved a **competitive position**.

Conclusions

- In this dissertation, the main goal was to evaluate the influence of the context of an image in the detection of face morphing attacks.
- The initial step involved **creating an ICAO-compliant dataset** by combining and pre-processing several datasets.

• Throughout the **different alignment conditions**, the face's occupancy area in the image varies, and consequently, so does the context information.

Conclusions

- Through extensive experiments, a possible alignment range has been determined at which Morphing Attack Detection (MAD) is most effective.
- However, the **overall impact** of image context for the face morphing detection **appears to be limited.**
- On **NIST MORPH benchmark**, the results of the presented models demonstrated good performances in several benchmarks. Reaching the state-of-the-art SOTA level in some of them.

Future Work

- **Removing** the background from the image.
- **D-MAD** *binary classification* approach formulation.
- Explore other **explainability tools** or **attention mechanisms** in order to provide more accurate and realistic insights about the decision-making process.
- Generate a dataset that includes **print morphs** in order to train and evaluate the models more realistically, potentially leading to other outcomes.



QUESTIONS?