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Impact of Image Context for Deep Learning Face Morphing Attack Detection

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Goals and Contributions

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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Methodology Experiments and Results

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**

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 \rightarrow Linear Interpolation \rightarrow Generator \rightarrow 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**

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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**

The D-MAD case involves **comparing** the **test image** to a **reference image**

Non-reference method

Real-life scenarios: Initial passport application

*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 and Second networks receive **two images** instead of the same single image

First network receives the "test image"(morph or not)

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**

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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Goals and Contributions

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

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

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

Grad-CAM heatmaps across all the alignment settings

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

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

Bonafide

Morph

Grad-CAM heatmaps across all the alignment settings

Alignments	AGIR morph values						AGIR value for bona	Average AGIR value for morphs
	asml	facemorpher	opency	stylegan	webmorph	real		
a	1.125	1.120	1.123	1.985	2.083	1.209	2.348	1.441
b	0.970	0.861	0.892	2.354	2.077	1.088	1.934	1.374
c	1.403	1.516	1.545	2.687	2.555	1.565	2.671	1.879
đ	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
	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
	0.640	0.580	0.599	1.267	0.906	0.692	1.331	0.781
	0.910	0.843	0.906	1.203	1.246	0.962	1.433	1.011
k	$0.500\,$	0.516	0.542	0.934	0.700	0.549	0.824	0.624

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

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

Benchmark Results

D-MAD Fused Classification Model

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

Grad-CAM heatmaps across all the alignment settings

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

- **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

Tier 2- Automated Morphs Analysis

UNIBO Automatic Morphed Face Generation Tool v1.0 Dataset

Our model outperforms all others in **the differential case**

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

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

Print + Scanned Dataset - More realistic for **Differential** case

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 classificat***ion** 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 ?