

## – Master-/Bachelor Thesis –

### Leveraging Human Super-detector Visual Attention for Improved Differential Morphing Attack Detection

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#### Motivation & Goal

Human and algorithm fusion is gaining importance for operational scenarios across almost all fields. The goal of this work is to explore potential improvement upon current D-MAD systems performance by combining the gained insights of visual attention patterns from well-performing humans into a ViT (or similar SOTA architecture), with conceivable approaches ranging from focusing image patch creation on relevant facial regions determined by high human visual attention over weighting of self-attention windows to introducing a modified cross-attention module which takes into account high-proficiency human knowledge.

#### Tasks

- Analyse the State of the art for differential MAD
- Develop one or more strategies to introduce human visual attention into a current deep-learning architecture or training process
- Evaluate the systems' performance in comparison to the previous State of the art

#### Requirements

- High motivation, interest in security technologies and biometrics
- Good analytical skills
- Programming proficiency (preferably Python)

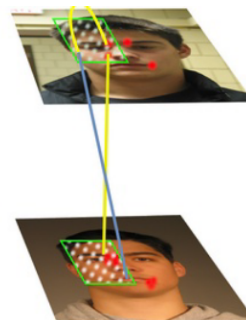
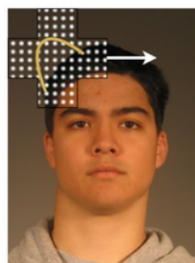
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