



Synthetics and Deepfakes

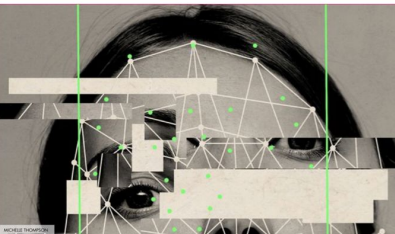
Opportunities, Threats, and Protection

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Deepfake porn is on the rise – and everyday women are the target

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AI artist vibes with Nike streetwear in the renaissance era

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WRONG ERA? BY STRANGETHING

Artificial intelligence artist and creator Strangething imagines contemporary Nike apparel as digital art in the renaissance period, swapping against the galleries and works of the Old Masters. The AI artist even replaces the subjects with his portraits while wearing complete Nike attire. At first glance, he might seem to be out of place, but slowly, viewers can see how he just fits in the historical era. Talk about challenging things up, and Strangething takes time traveling to a new level with his AI-generated art touching on fashion phenomena.

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TECHNOLOGY

Ready or not, mass video deepfakes are coming

A start-up's appearance on primetime TV heralds a new era, backers say. Others warn we should stay in the current one.

By Steven Zolotnik
August 30, 2022 at 1:58 p.m. EDT

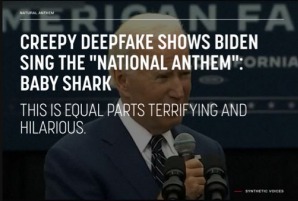


An image from "America's Got Talent," in which deepfake company Metaphys has a young Simon Cowell sing in the current one. The technology is gaining currency — and controversy. (Promoted)

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It was mainly out of self-amusement that Chris Ume decided to create a

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CREepy DEEFfake SHOWS BIDEN SINGING THE "NATIONAL ANTHEM": BABY SHARK

THIS IS EQUAL PARTS TERRIFYING AND HILARIOUS.

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Doo Doo Doo Doo

Someone deepfaked a video of President Joe Biden singing "Baby Shark" and calling it our "national anthem" — and as scary as that precedent is, the video itself is pretty amazing.

"Ladies and gentlemen, and now, our great national anthem," the president is heard saying in the video before busting out into a rendition of the worst children's song earworm since "Do You Want to Build a Snowman?"


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Deepfake video of Zelensky telling Ukrainians to surrender removed from social platforms

By Joshua Rhett Miller March 17, 2022 | 12:20pm | Updated




I advise you to lay down your arms and return to your families

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Exhibit aims to present AI images as real art

The First, author of *Artificial*



A new art exhibition in San Francisco showcases some of the unique ways that artists have begun to incorporate DALL-E, GPT-3 and other AI systems into their work — efforts that go well beyond just typing some text and seeing what pops out.

Why it matters: The exhibit, "Artificial Imagination," comes amid a broad effort to use the local and artistic events of AI-generated art, as well as concerns

History of deepfakes and synthetics

Before 2014

- VAEs were available as generative models mainly for image retrieval

2014

- GAN was introduced

2017-2018

- Term "Deepfake" was introduced
- Results of generative models became visually convincing

2021

- Diffusion models were introduced
- Report showed that the amount of deepfakes doubles every 6 months.

Deepfakes/Synthetic media in computer vision aren't just one thing

01 Type of **data**

- Video
- Image

02 Scope of **imaging**

- Face
- Body
- Background
- Objects

03 Common **digital manipulations**

- Identity swap
- Expression swap
- Audio to video
- Text to video
- Entire face synthesis
- Face morphing
- Attribute morphing
- Adversarial attacks

Agenda



Opportunities

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Opportunities

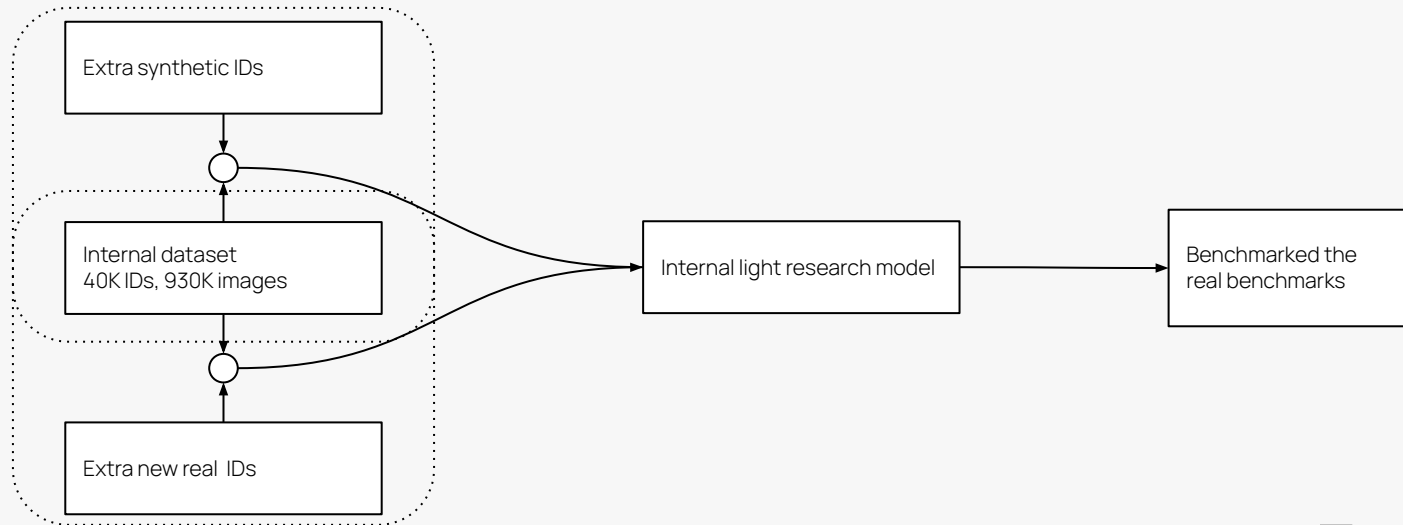
Opportunities: Entire face synthesis



- For expanding the training datasets: the synthetic characteristics of the data should not conceal the core characteristics of the real dataset.
- For expanding the benchmarking datasets: synthetic embeddings have to be good representative of real embeddings.

Opportunities: Entire face synthesis

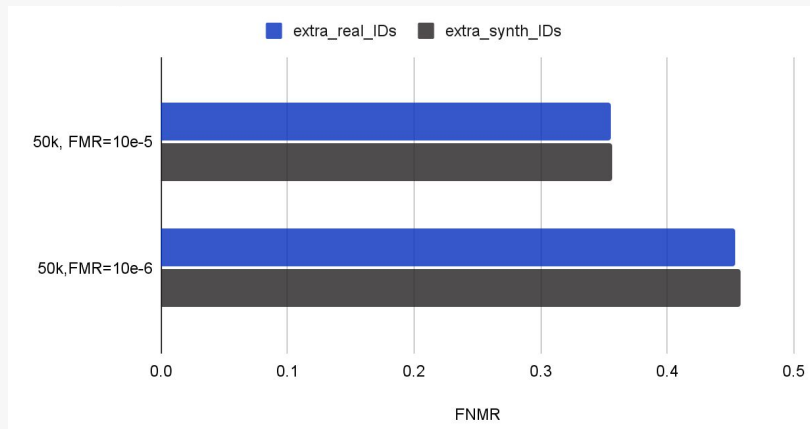
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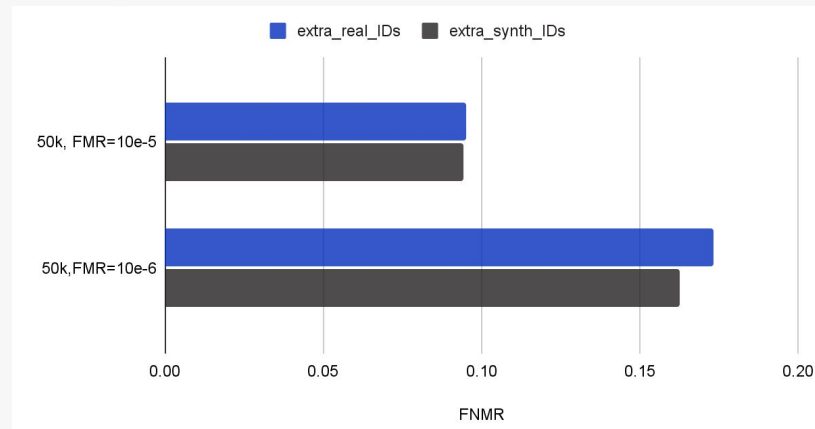
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Benchmarked real datasets:

Wild benchmark



Visa benchmark



Opportunities: Entire face synthesis



Extra real faces

- Blurrier
- More extreme attributes and poses
- Various lightings



Extra synthetic faces

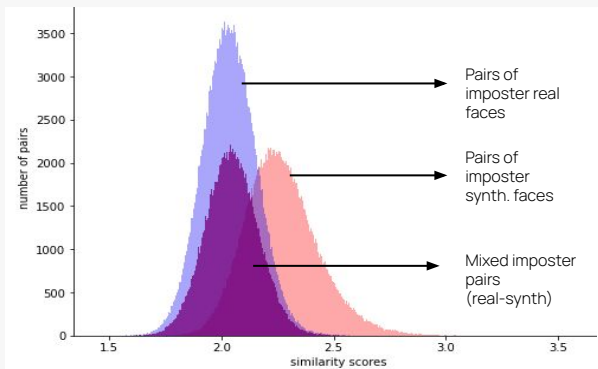
- Higher quality
- Less extreme poses

Opportunities: Entire face synthesis

Can synthetically generated faces be used for benchmarking FR models?

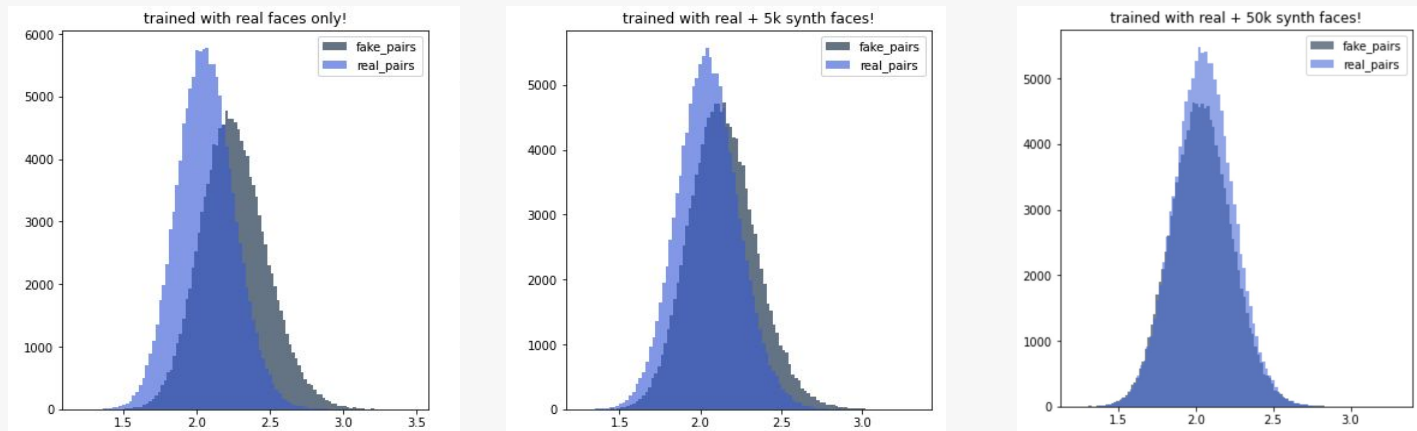
Not for the highly precise FR model that had never seen synthetically generated faces before.

SOLUTION: Introducing synthetic faces to the model during training.



Opportunities: Entire face synthesis

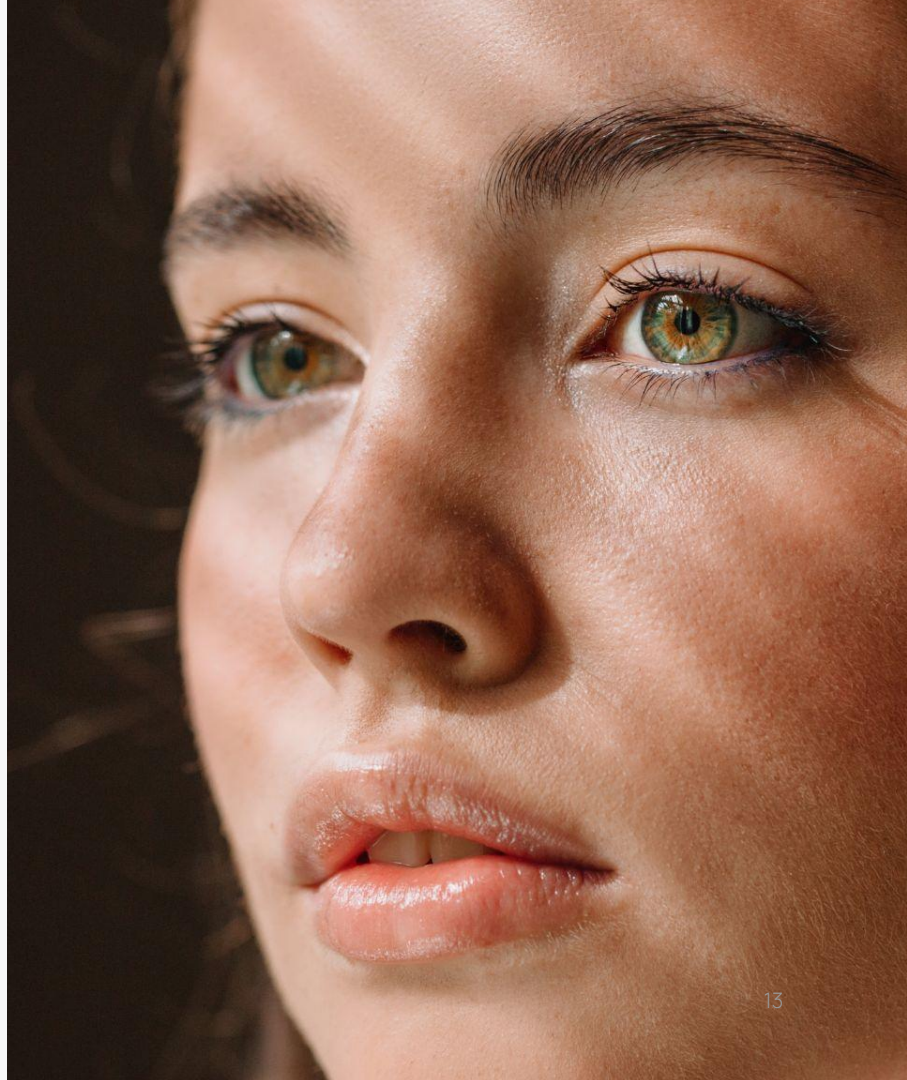
Similarity distributions of real and synthetic face pairs:



More synthetic faces seen by FR model during training

How to leverage entire face synthesis?

- More careful design and selection of synth faces
- Careful selection of synthetic/real ratio
- Introducing multiple synthetic faces per ID




Opportunities: Deepfake videos

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Deepfakes are stealing the show on 'America's Got Talent.' Will they soon steal a lot more too?

BY JEREMY KAHN
September 6, 2022 at 1:19 PM EDT



Startup Metaphysic has made it to the finals of "America's Got Talent" with live deepfakes of Simon Cowell and the other

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Kendrick Lamar uses deepfakes to morph into Ye, Will Smith in new music video

In the video description for "The Heart Part 5," Lamar gave a special thanks to "South Park" creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone and their Deep Voodoo deepfake studio.




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Filmmakers used [deepfake](#) technology to visually dub the new action-thriller *Fall* when they were asked to remove the profanities from the film but did not have the budget to reshoot scenes.

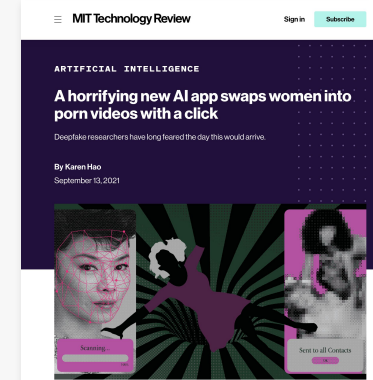
Threats

Deepfakes are an emerging threat to security

The technology to create hyper-realistic Deepfake imagery is now widely available.

Deepfakes have a potential to create significant risks for:

- democracy
- national security
- business
- human rights
- personal privacy



Sources:
 Twitter 03/16/2022, [ABC News](#) 06/24/2021, Evening Standard, [09/30/2022](#), MIT Technology Review [09/12/2021](#),

Entire face synthesis

- Development of fully synthetic faces, which can be used to create fake identities and credentials
- Lancaster University researcher: People can't tell the synthetic from real

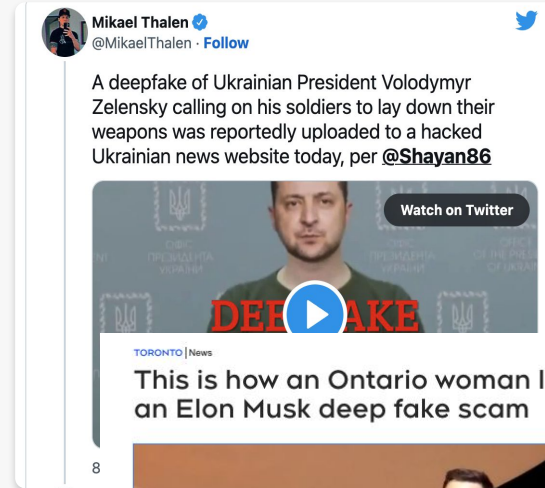
(Source <https://www.pnas.org/doi/10.1073/pnas.2120481119>)

The image is a screenshot of an NPR article. At the top, there are logos for NPR and WNYC, and a red 'DONATE' button. The article is categorized under 'TECHNOLOGY'. The title is 'That smiling LinkedIn profile face might be a computer-generated fake'. The date is 'March 27, 2022 · 7:00 AM ET' and it was 'Heard on Morning Edition'. The author is 'SHANNON BOND'. Below the text is a blue '7-Minute Listen' button with a play icon and a menu icon. At the bottom is a grid of 18 face images arranged in 3 rows and 6 columns. The first row shows two real faces on the left and four synthetic faces on the right. The second and third rows show a mix of real and synthetic faces, illustrating the difficulty of distinguishing between them.

Source:
NPR [03/27/2022](https://www.npr.org/2022/03/27/1073212048119)

Identity/Expression swap

- Replacing the face in a video or image with the face of another person
- Applying the motion or expression from one person's face to an image or video of another person's face



Source:
Twitter 03/16/2022

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CTV News [09/19/2022](#)

Protections

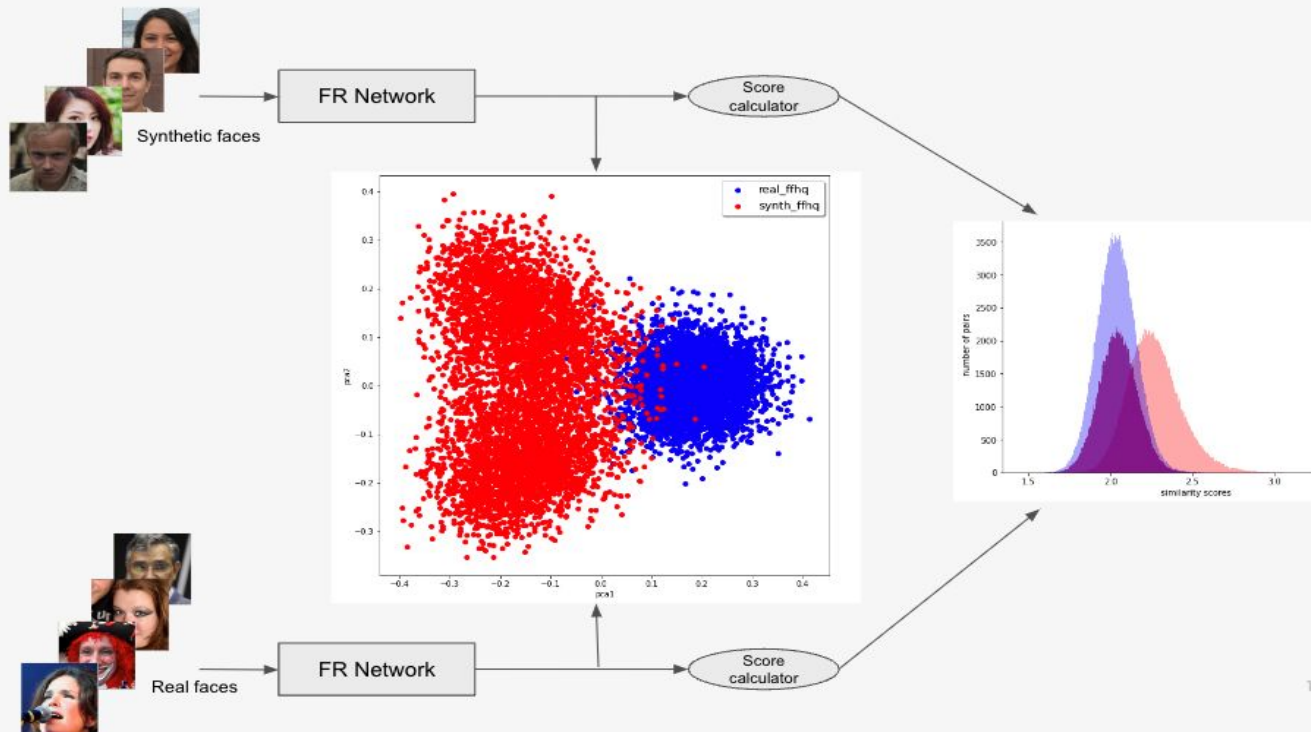
Protections: in the literature

A lot of research exists on:

- Deepfake images detection/attribution and manipulation detection
- Deepfake videos detection/attribution and manipulation detection

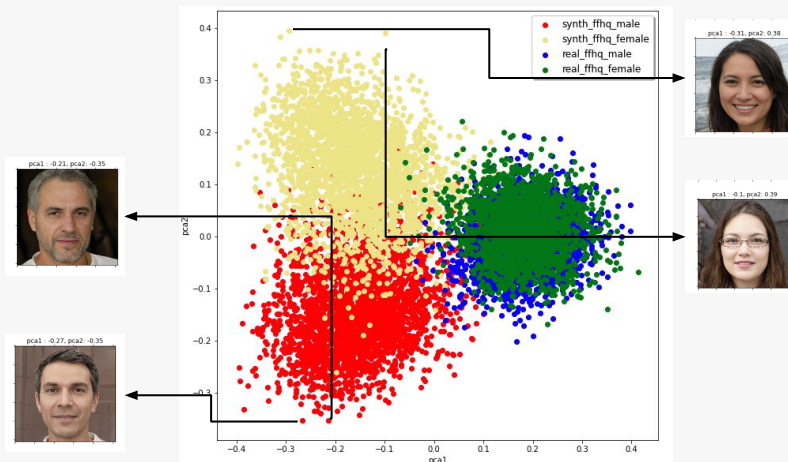
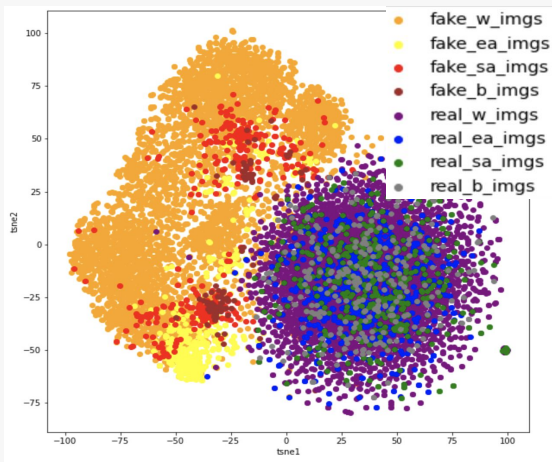


Our observations



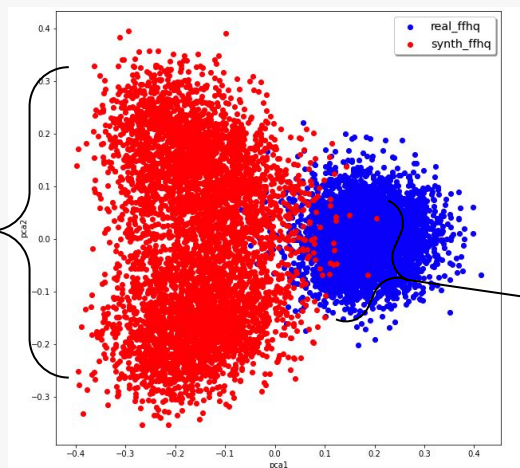
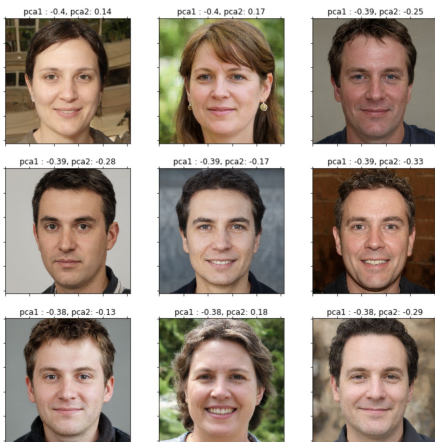
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The synthetic embeddings seem more clusterable than the real images



Our observations

Sampled average looking synthetic faces:



Sampled real FFHQ faces:



Sampled sophisticated synthetic faces:



Paravision Synthetic Face Detection prototype

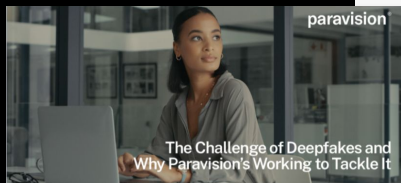
99.7% accuracy on detecting faces created with FFHQ and thispersondoesnotexist.com



Sample Detected Synthetic faces

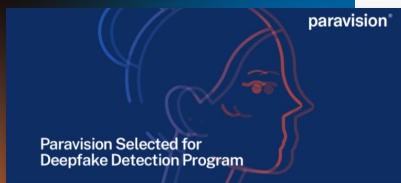


Sample Detected Real Faces



Why we are tackling deepfakes

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Paravision Selected for
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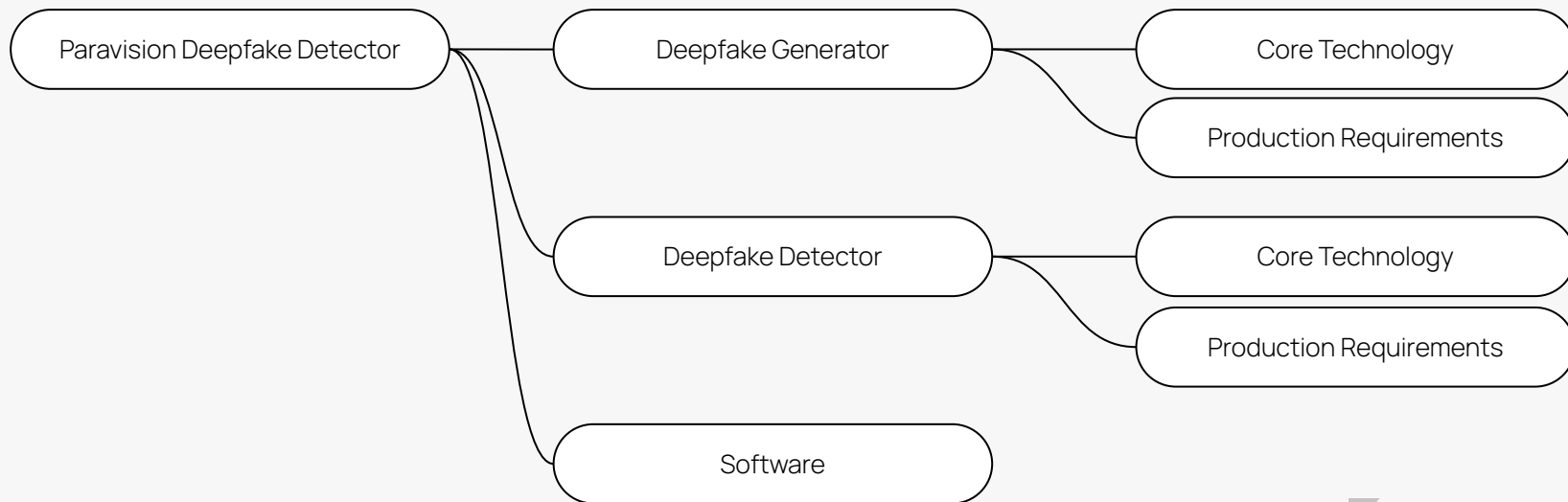
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Progress in deepfakes generation and detection is being made

- Paravision announced funding from a Five Eyes government for detecting deepfake videos
- We are building a multi-model production grade deepfake generator engine
- We are building a production grade deepfake detector

Paravision Deepfake Detection Software



Deepfake detection in the literature

- While detecting familiar deepfake videos is a simple binary classification problem
- Detecting un-familiar deepfake videos is not so easy
- Significant drop of accuracy can be seen when benchmarking on wild deepfake data, compared to the generalized deepfake dataset

Methods ↓	Celeb-DF (V2) AUC (%)	
Two-stream [63]	53.8	} mid 2017-mid 2021
Meso4 [35]	54.8	
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FWA [12]	56.9	
VA-MLP [34]	55.0	
Xception-c40 [49]	65.5	
Multi-task [68]	54.3	
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DSP-FWA [12]	64.6	
TBRN [70]	73.4	
Face X-ray [72]	80.5	
SPSL [71]	76.8	
F3-Net [73]	65.1	
PPA [75]	83.1	
DefakeHop [6]	90.5	
FakeCatcher [15]	91.5	
ATS-DE [7]	97.8	} mid 2021-Now
ADD-ResNet [18]	98.3	
DFDT	99.2	

*DFDT: An End-to-End DeepFake Detection Framework Using Vision Transformer" (March 2022)

*celeb_df_v2 is a broadly used benchmark for generalized deepfake detection

Initial internal research and results

Model name	AUC for benchmarking sets		
	hq_FFPP	c40_FFPP	celeb_df_v2
dfd_paravision	98.8	92.5	96.1

trained on research datasets:

DeepFakeDetection + FaceForensics++

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Initial internal research and results

- In Paravision's **4 months** of R&D since mid 2022, our deepfake detector is performing at **96.1% accuracy** on generalized dataset
- The progress so far is fully based on **our internal models** instead of using off the shelf solutions
- We still need to test our detector against wild deepfakes

The main takeaways:

Synthetic faces

- can be used to expand the training datasets
- can be used to expand benchmarking the datasets, only if the FR model had seen enough synthetic faces of same source during training

FR networks pre-trained on real faces

- can uncover several characteristics of synthetic faces, fully unsupervised
- can make amazing deepfake detectors



Thank you for your time.

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Dataset Attribution

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