# Highly Efficient Protection of Biometric Face Samples with Selective JPEG2000 Encryption

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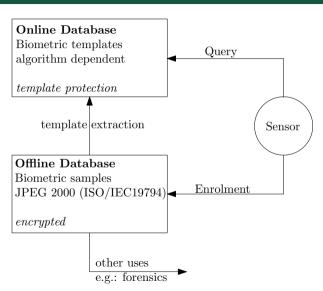
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## Introduction I



### Introduction II

We investigate a lightweight JPEG2000 encryption scheme for compressed face data.

- selective bit-stream protection using AES
- no reduced recognition accuracy
- low computational effort

Drawback: a certain amount of data is left in plain text

- security analysis is required (similar to template protection)
- impact of JPEG2000 coding
  - layer progression
  - resolution progression
  - encryption amount and position for optimal protection/speed

# Evaluation Methodology I

#### JPEG 2000 based parameters:

■ Evaluate layer and resolution progression (JPEG 2000)

#### Biometric based parameters:

- Where is the most relevant information for the face recognition algorithms?
- What is the minimum amount of encryption required to protect the biometric face sample?

#### Focus is on the beginning of the codestream:

- Beginning: Structural data
- Towards end: refinement for fine textures.
- face information depends on structural data



## Evaluation Methodology II

*Sliding Window Encryption* to detect the location of relevant data.

- A small part of the codestream is encrypted (window)
- Offset is varied (sliding window)

*Increasing Window Encryption* to find the minimum encryption emount.

- Offset is fixed from the beginning (no sliding window).
- Encryption amount is increased.

## **Evaluation Methodology III**

#### Actuall setups:

- small encryption window is a sliding window encryption
  - window size is 0.5% of the bitstream
  - offset varies from 0% to 15% in steps of 1%
- large encryption window is a sliding window encryption
  - $\blacksquare$  window size is 4%
  - $\blacksquare$  offset is varied from 0% to 20% in 2% steps
- increasing encryption window is an increasing window encryption
  - $\blacksquare$  window size increases from 1% to 15% in steps of 1%.
- Coding parameters for each of the above tests (progression type):
  - layer progression
  - resolution progression



## **Evaluation Methodology IV**

#### Face Recognition Methods

- Traditional
  - Local Binary Patterns (LBP)
  - Multi-Block LBP (MBLBP)

Histogram per 14x14 cell region, chi-squared similiarity measure.

- CNN based methods
  - ResNet-ArcFace (ArcFace)
  - MobileFaceNet (MobileFace)
  - ShuffleFaceNet (ShuffleFace)

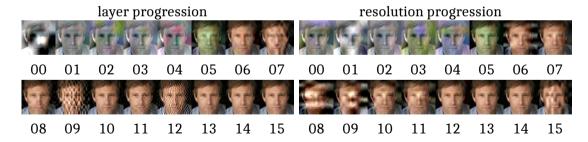
### Dataset I

- The Labeled Faces in the Wild (LFW) database
  - $\blacksquare$  13, 233 face images
  - 5,749 different identities
  - large variations in pose, expression and illumination
- 10-fold split of 6000 face pairs each
- face images were aligned and cropped
  - 112x112 pixel
  - RetinaFace detector
  - JPEG2000 encryption on cropped image

## Dataset II

An illustration: **Small encryption window** Offset as given in both layer and resolution progression.



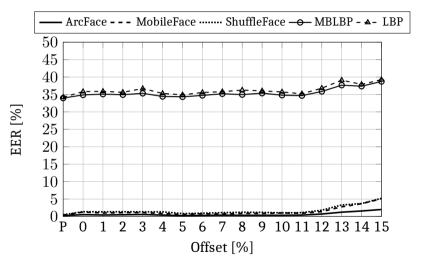


## Dataset III

An illustration how this looks in practice. Layer progression

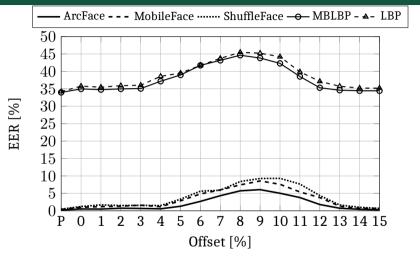


# Evaluation—Small Window Encryption I



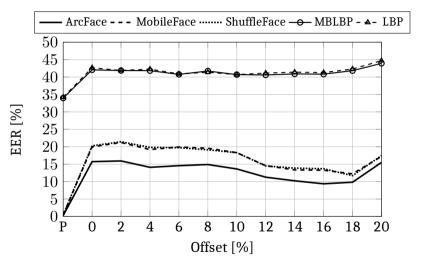
Resolution progression with error correction.

## Evaluation—Small Window Encryption II



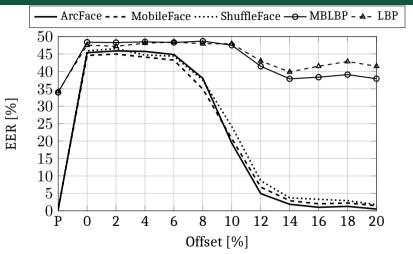
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# Evaluation—Large Window Encryption I



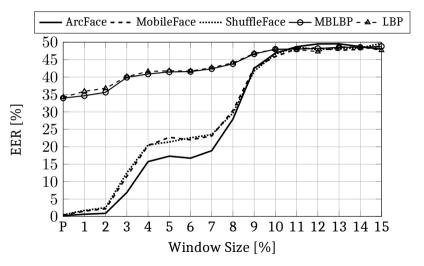
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## Evaluation—Large Window Encryption II



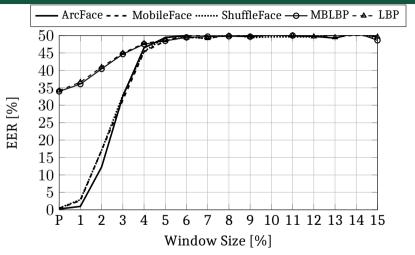
Layer progression with error correction.

## Evaluation—Increasing Window Encryption I



Resolution progression with error correction.

# Evaluation—Increasing Window Encryption II



Layer progression with error correction.

## Conclusion

- Traditional and deep learning based methods exhibit an identical behavior.
- Faster traditional methods can be used for analysis of selective encryption options.
- When **storing** facial biometric samples with JPEG2000 it is recommended to use the **layer progression type**.
- The **relevant** part for biometric face recognition is at around **4–12**% of the total codestream.
- The most **secure** method for encryption is to start at the **beginning and at least** include the first 12%.