

KEYSTROKE DYNAMICS USE CASES

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KEYSTROKE PROFILING



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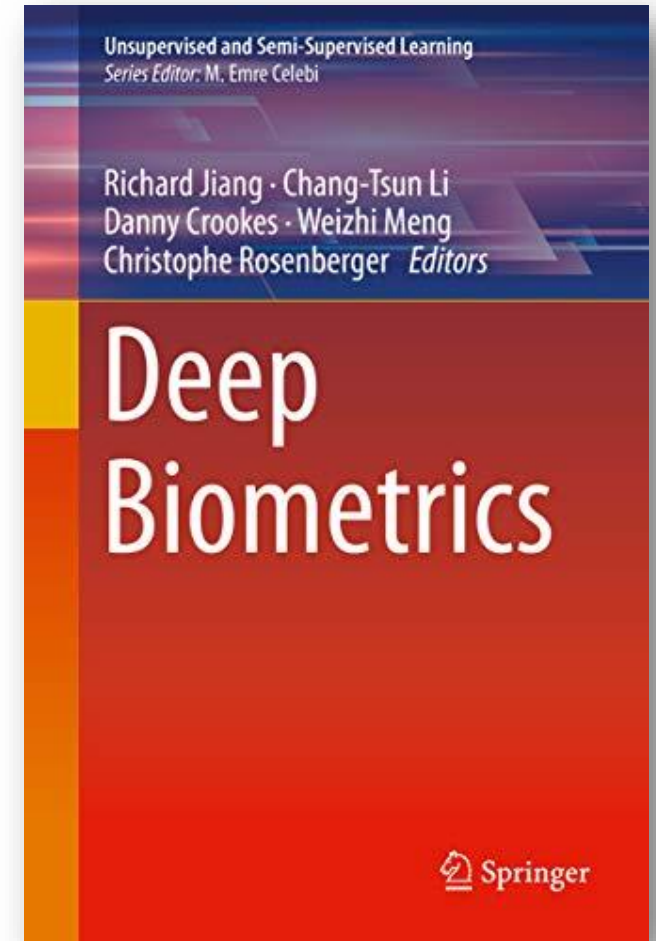
WHO AM I?

Christophe ROSENBERGER

- ❑ Full professor in Computer Science at ENSICAEN
- ❑ Cybersecurity researcher at the GREYC research lab (director)
 - ✓ Biometrics (since 2005)
 - ✓ Digital forensics (since 2021)
- ❑ Chairman of the evaluation and monitoring panel for the Italian Cybersecurity research strategy



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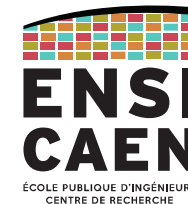


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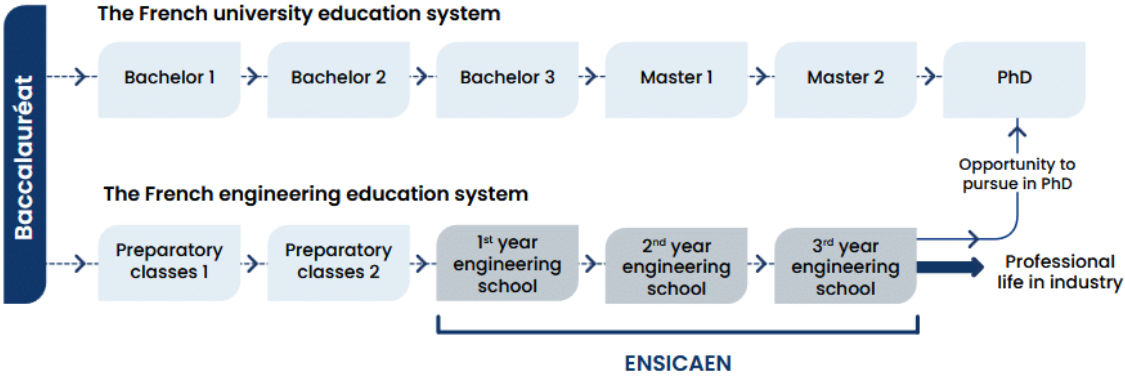


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Research in Digital Sciences

Research topics: Image processing, artificial intelligence, data science, instrumentation, theoretical computer science, cybersecurity, natural language processing

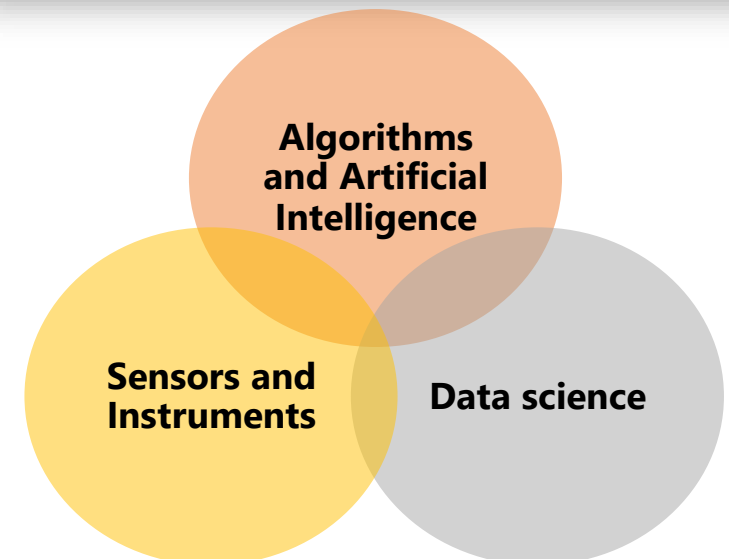


SUMMARY

~220 Members

- ❑ 7 full time CNRS researchers
- ❑ 29 full professors
- ❑ 49 associate professors (14 HDR)
- ❑ 68 PhD students (17 with a company)
- ❑ 18 permanent administrative and technical
- ❑ 10 post-doc and research engineers
- ❑ 19 associate members

Annual budget: 3000 K€ (without permanent salary)

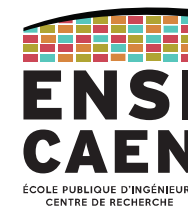




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KEYSTROKE DYNAMICS

Real Use cases



RESEARCH USE ONLY?

Analysis of Web services on Internet:

Use statistics from Alexa vocal assistant

Analysis of TOP 200 websites:

1. Google
2. YouTube
3. Tmall
4. Baidu
5. Tencent QQ
6. Facebook
7. ...

8% of websites collect keystroke dynamics data



Migdal, D. and Rosenberger C., "Don't listen to my Keystroke Dynamics!", Summer school in biometrics 2019.

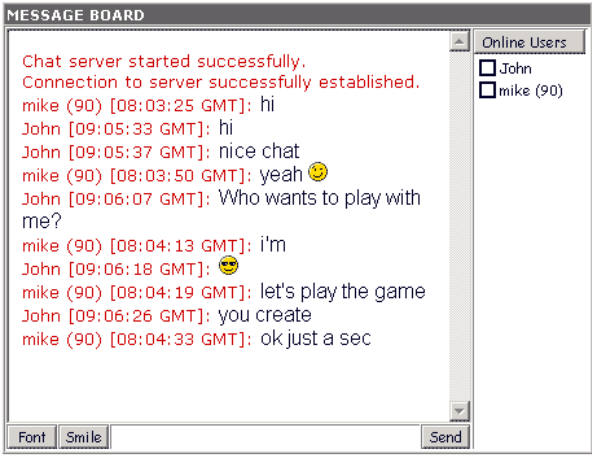
USE CASES



Two factors user authentication
Password + keystroke dynamics



Emotion analysis



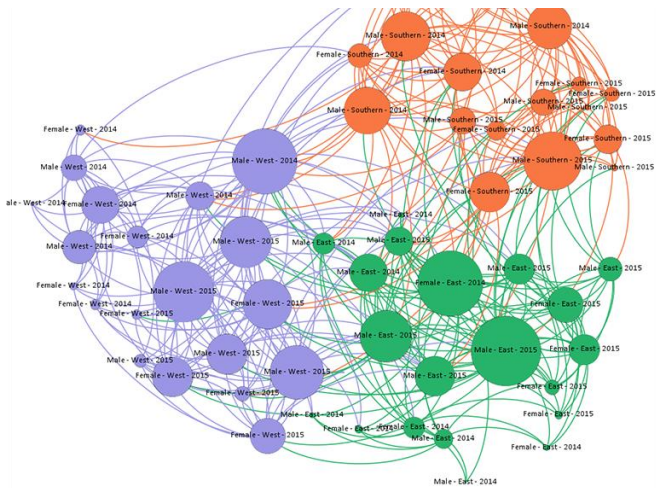
Chat analysis
Am I talking to the right person?



Physical intrusion detection



Personnalized advertisement
on Internet



Trust between users in
a social network

USE CASE - SOFT BIOMETRICS

Extracting soft biometric traits



Gender, Ethnicity, Skin Color, Hair color

http://anthro.palomar.edu/adapt/adapt_4.htm
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Eye color

<http://ology.amnh.org/genetics/longdefinition/index3.html>
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Height

<http://www.altonweb.com/history/wadlow/p2.html>
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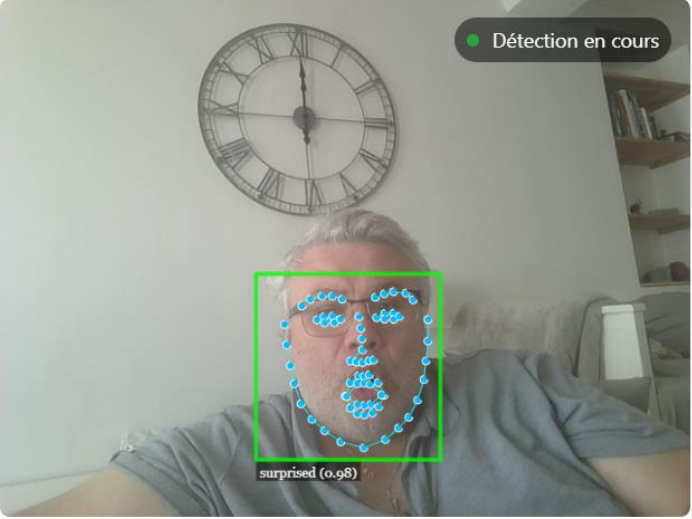
Weight

<http://www.laurel-and-hardy.com/goodies/home6.html> © CCA

😊 Reconnaissance d'Expressions Faciales

Analyseur d'expressions faciales en temps réel

Détection en cours




surprised (0.98)

Émotion dominante


Surprise

Répartition des émotions


😊 Joie	<div></div>	0%
😡 Colère	<div></div>	1%
😞 Tristesse	<div></div>	0%
😲 Surprise	<div></div>	99%
😐 Neutre	<div></div>	0%
😬 Dégoût	<div></div>	0%
😱 Peur	<div></div>	0%




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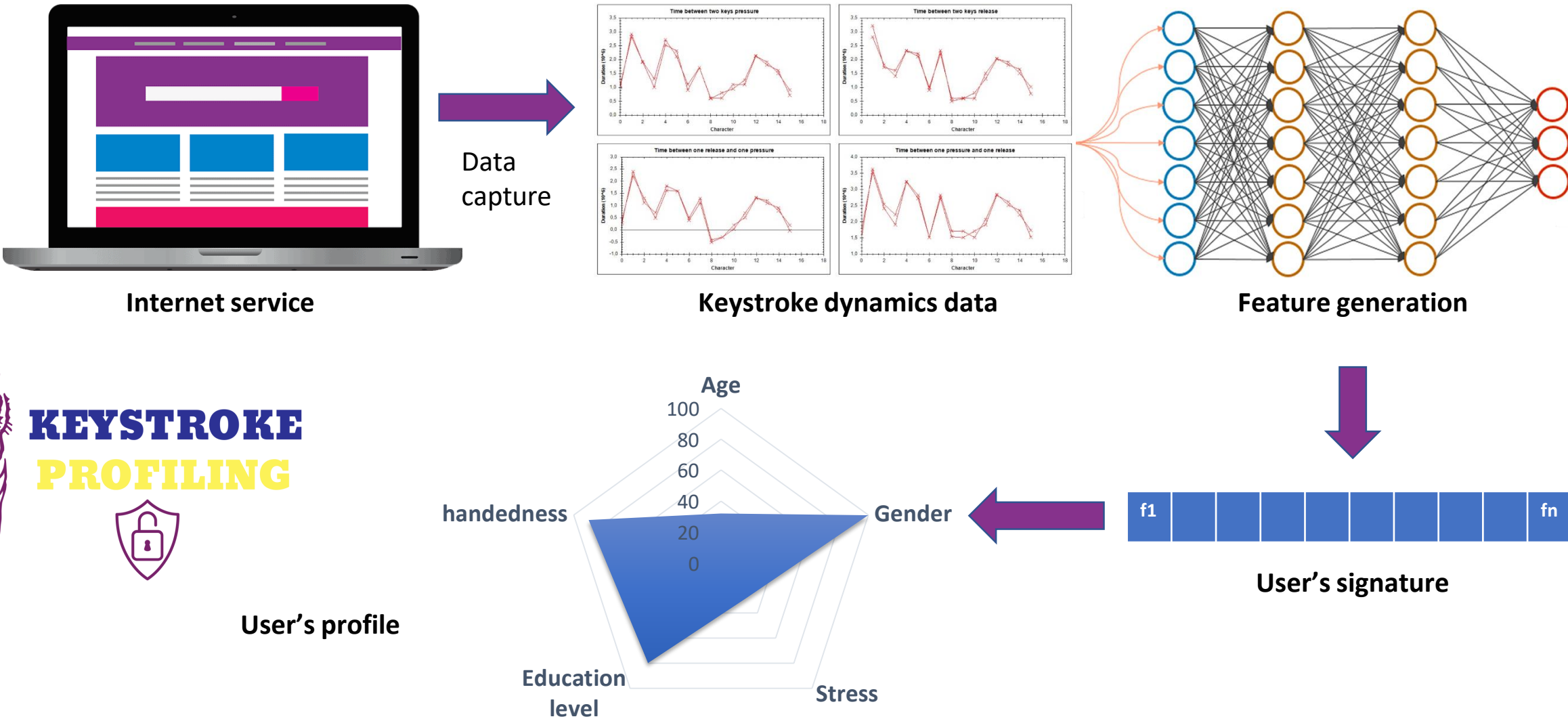
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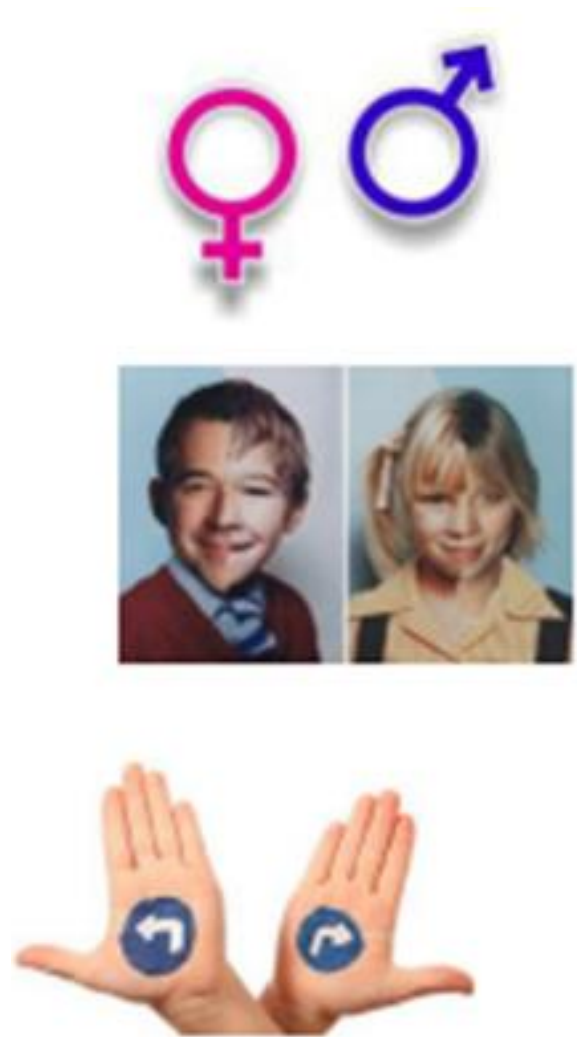


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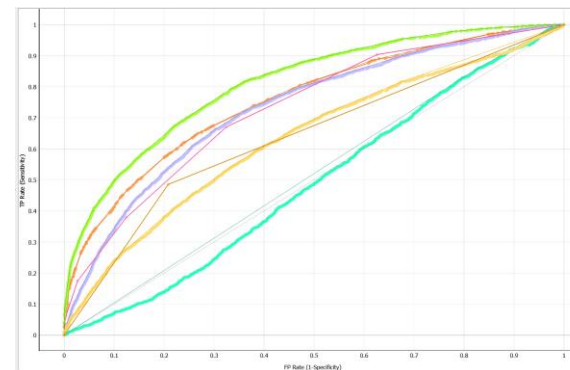
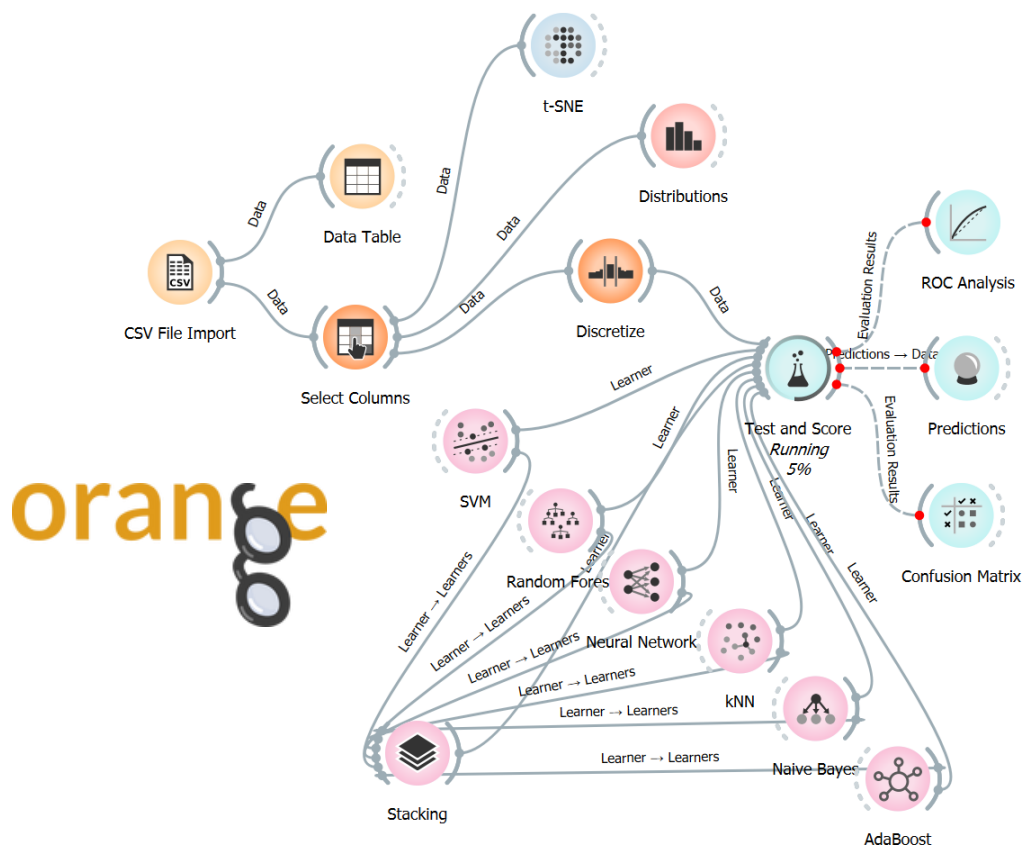


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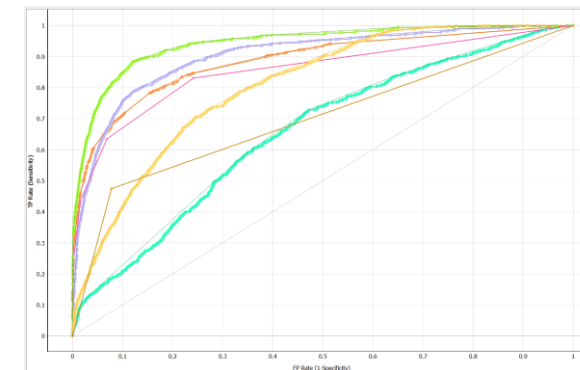


SOCIO DEMOGRAPHIC TRAITS

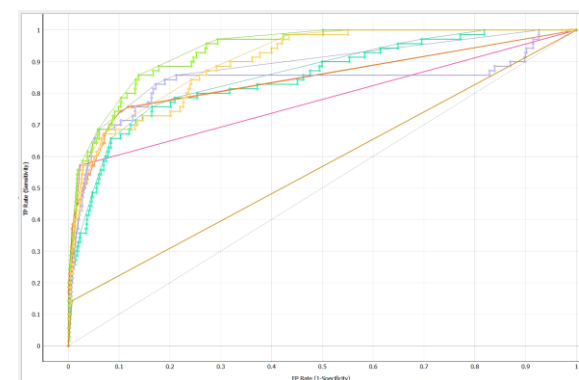
Profiling users with keystroke dynamics
Gender/Handedness/Age decade estimation



Gender (best 78%)



Handedness (best 93%)



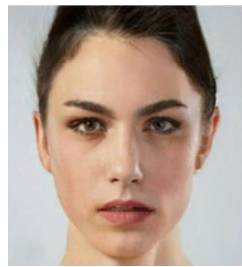
Age decade (best 53%)

Idrus, S. Z. S., Cherrier, E., Rosenberger, C., & Bours, P. (2014). Soft biometrics for keystroke dynamics: Profiling individuals while typing passwords. *Computers & Security*, 45, 147-155.

SOCIO DEMOGRAPHIC TRAITS

Application: performance improvement

Combining decision functions considering the biometric data and the soft biometric information



$X_1 = (12.3 \ 3 \ 153 \ -3.2)$
Biometric data



**Authentication
score**



Score



$X_1' = \text{Male}$
A priori information



**Soft biometric
method**



Trait_confidence
Soft_Similarity

$$\text{Trait} = \text{score} + (\text{Trait_confidence})$$
$$\text{Reward} = \text{score} \times (1 - \text{Soft_Similarity})$$

Trait_confidence: difference between the real trait and the prediction

Soft_Similarity: percentage of similar biometric traits between the sample and the reference template

SOCIO DEMOGRAPHIC TRAITS

Application: performance improvement on keystroke dynamics

Classical
biometric system

biometric system
(Trait_confidence)

biometric system
(Soft_similarity)

Password	Baseline	Gender	Age	Handedness	All soft biometric traits	Reward
Password 1	21.45%	18.21%	21.67%	19.64%	19.05%	10.27%
Password 2	18.38%	17.14%	17.14%	16.67%	18.45%	7.45%
Password 3	19.26%	19.64%	16.19%	19.05%	19.05%	9.59%
Password 4	19.84%	14.29%	19.52%	18.45%	17.86%	7.34%
Password 5	15.56%	13.93%	14.76%	13.10%	14.88%	14.09%
Fusion of 5 passwords	10.63%	10.36%	10.71%	12.50%	8.33%	5.41%

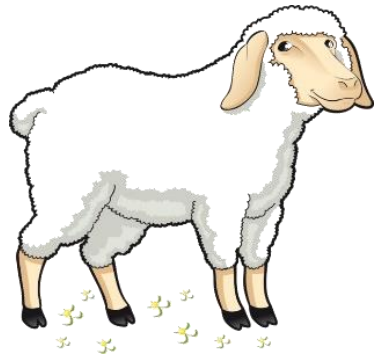
- ❑ EER value nearly divided by 2
- ❑ Processing of the same biometric data
- ❑ Taking into account a priori information

Syed Zulkarnain Syed Idrus, Estelle Cherrier, Christophe Rosenberger, Soumik Mondal and Patrick Bours, "Keystroke Dynamics Performance Enhancement With Soft Biometrics". The IEEE International Conference on Identity, Security and Behavior Analysis (ISBA 2015) Hong Kong.

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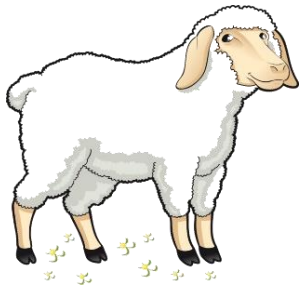


USERS RECOGNITION

Doddington zoo: different behaviours when using a biometric system

Sheep

- Users who can easily be recognized



Goats

- Users who are particularly difficult to recognize



Lambs

- Users who are easy to imitate

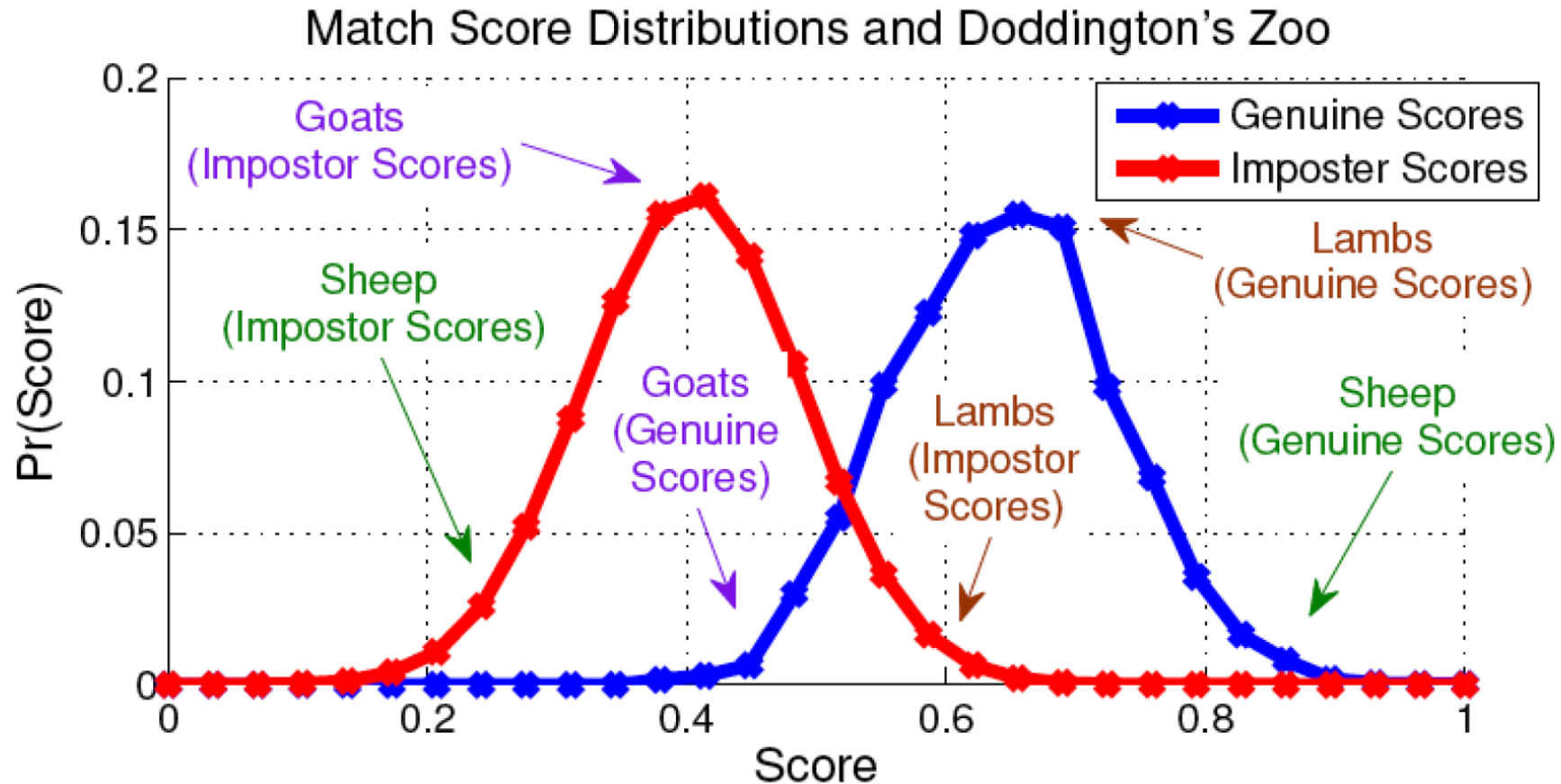


Wolves

- Users who can easily imitate others



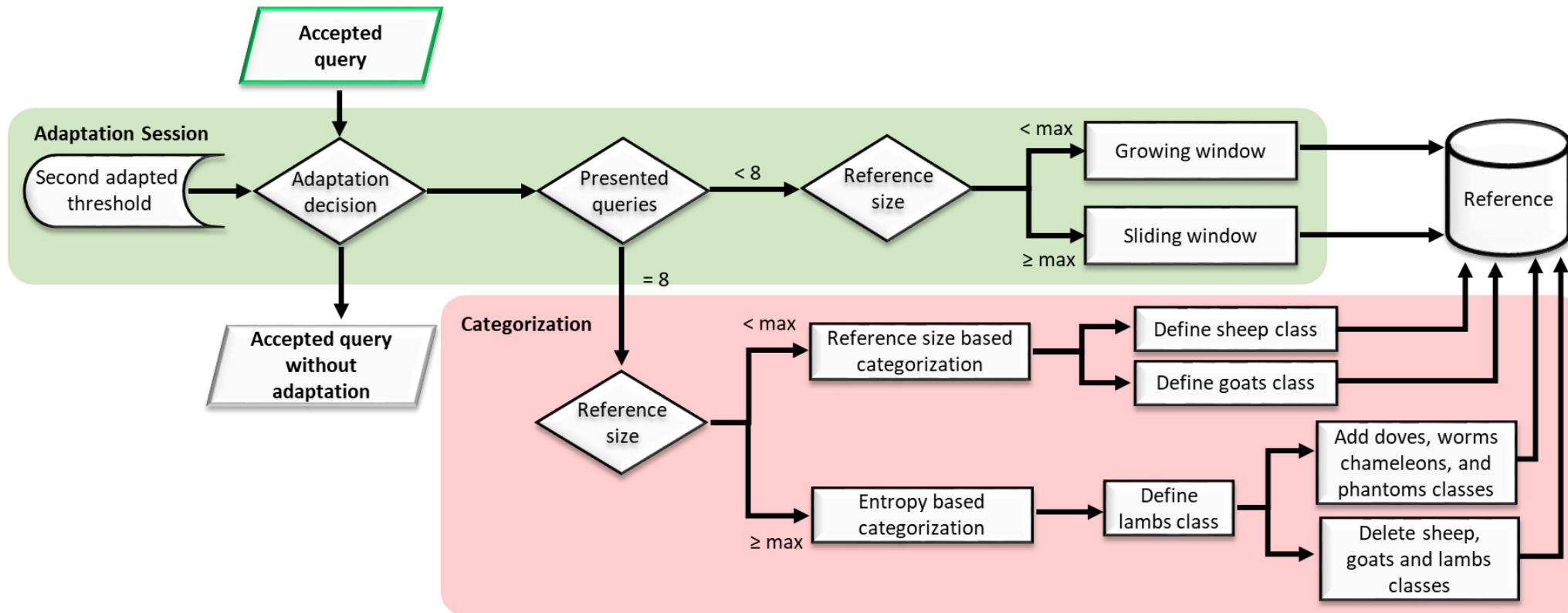
USERS RECOGNITION



DeCann, B., & Ross, A. (2013, September). Relating roc and cmc curves via the biometric menagerie. In *2013 IEEE Sixth International Conference on Biometrics: Theory, Applications and Systems (BTAS)* (pp. 1-8). IEEE.

USERS RECOGNITION

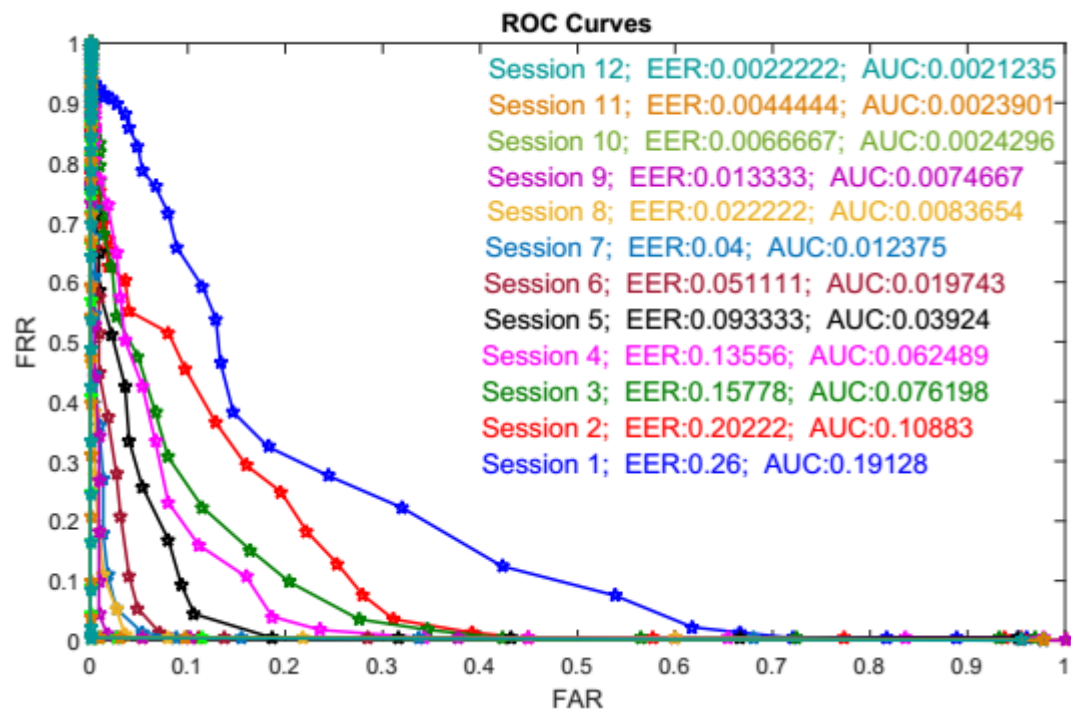
Evolution of keystroke dynamics: Template update approach



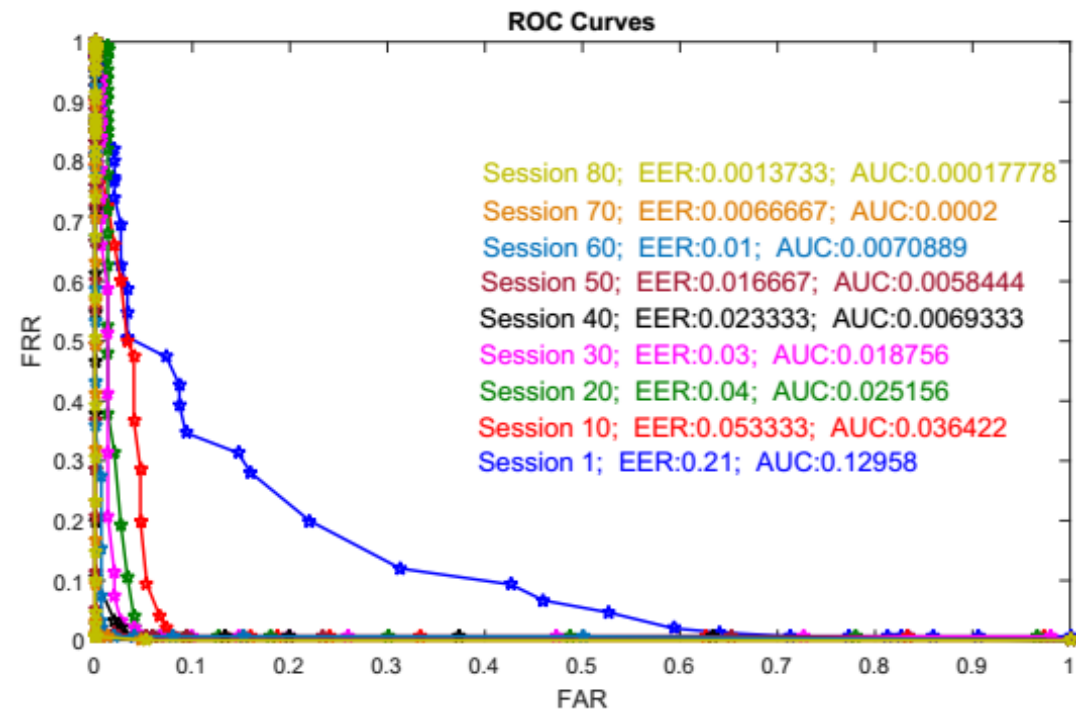
Mhenni, A., Cherrier, E., Rosenberger, C., & Amara, N. E. B. (2018, October). User dependent template update for keystroke dynamics recognition. In *2018 International Conference on Cyberworlds (CW)* (pp. 324-330). IEEE.

USERS RECOGNITION

Impact on performance: deacreasing errors with time



WEBGREYC database



CMU database

Illustration of ROC curves and the associated EER and AUC performances of each adaptation session.



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INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS

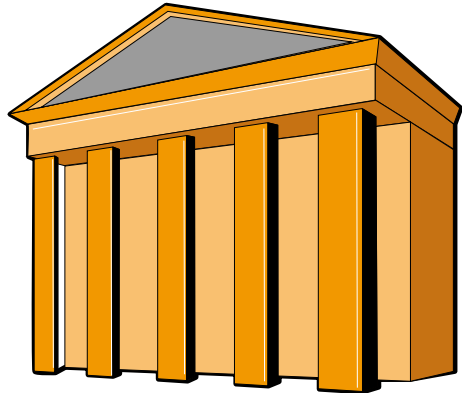
Distant exam monitoring
Protection of children on Internet



DISTANT EXAM MONITORING

Fraud during a distant exam

- ❑ Using keystroke dynamics to identify user impersonation
- ❑ Joint PhD thesis with TestWe company



Fraud detection
Face & Keystroke
dynamics analysis



Trust evolution



Les Sous-Doués (Claude Zidi 1980)

Haytom, M. A., Rosenberger, C., Charrier, C., Zhu, C., & Régnier, C. (2020, July). Identity Verification and Fraud Detection During Online Exams with a Privacy Compliant Biometric System. In *ICETE (2)* (pp. 451-458).

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN ON INTERNET

Behavior analysis on Internet

- ❑ Using keystroke dynamics to verify users profile when chatting on Internet
- ❑ Startup created in 2018 in Norway with Pr. Patrick Bours (NTNU) as co-founder & Lead Researcher at Aiba



<https://aiba.ai/>

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CONCLUSION



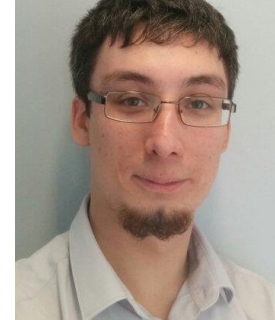
PHD STUDENTS



2008-2011
Data collection
Evaluation



2010-2014
User profiling



2016-2019
Anonymization



2020-2023
Deep learning feature extraction
Synthetic data generation



2010-2012
User profiling
Multibiometrics



2014-2019
Adaptive systems



2017-2021
Application to e-learning



2020
Challenge based
keystroke dynamics



2024
Fairness of
keystroke dynamics

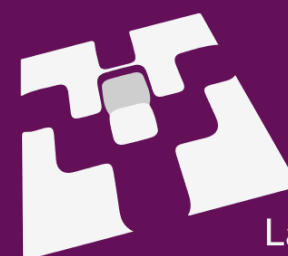
CONCLUSION

Many uses cases of keystroke dynamics for real applications:

Demos

- ❑ **Identity verification:** Keystroke dynamics data can be used to verify a user's identity by comparing the extracted signature to the real one.
- ❑ **Profile verification:** we can check if the user has the correct profile (detecting a fake young girl of 14 years old as for example).
- ❑ **Authorship attribution:** In a digital world, users collaborate while editing documents. We believe the proposed framework could be used to determine/verify co-authors of a document.
- ❑ **Emotion detection:** can be used for health applications (depression) or mood estimation





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