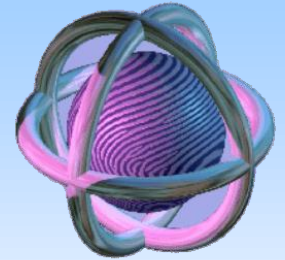


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# Fingerprint recognition



State-of-the-art  
and new directions



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# Outline

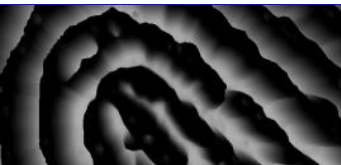
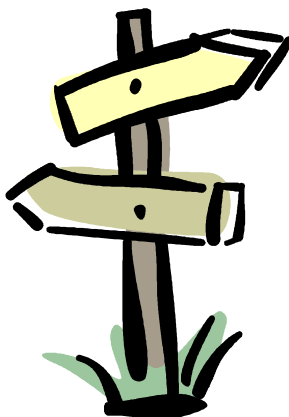
- State-of-the-art

- Image acquisition
- Feature extraction
- Matching approaches
- Performance evaluation



- Open issues

- Automatic processing of latent fingerprints
- Fake finger detection (PAD)
- Fingerphoto recognition
- Predicting performance in large-scale systems
- Double identity fingerprints



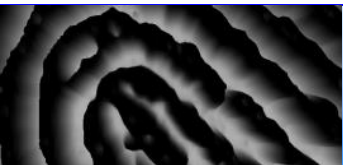
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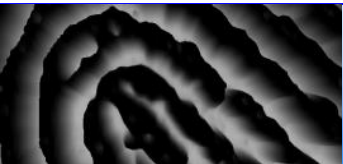
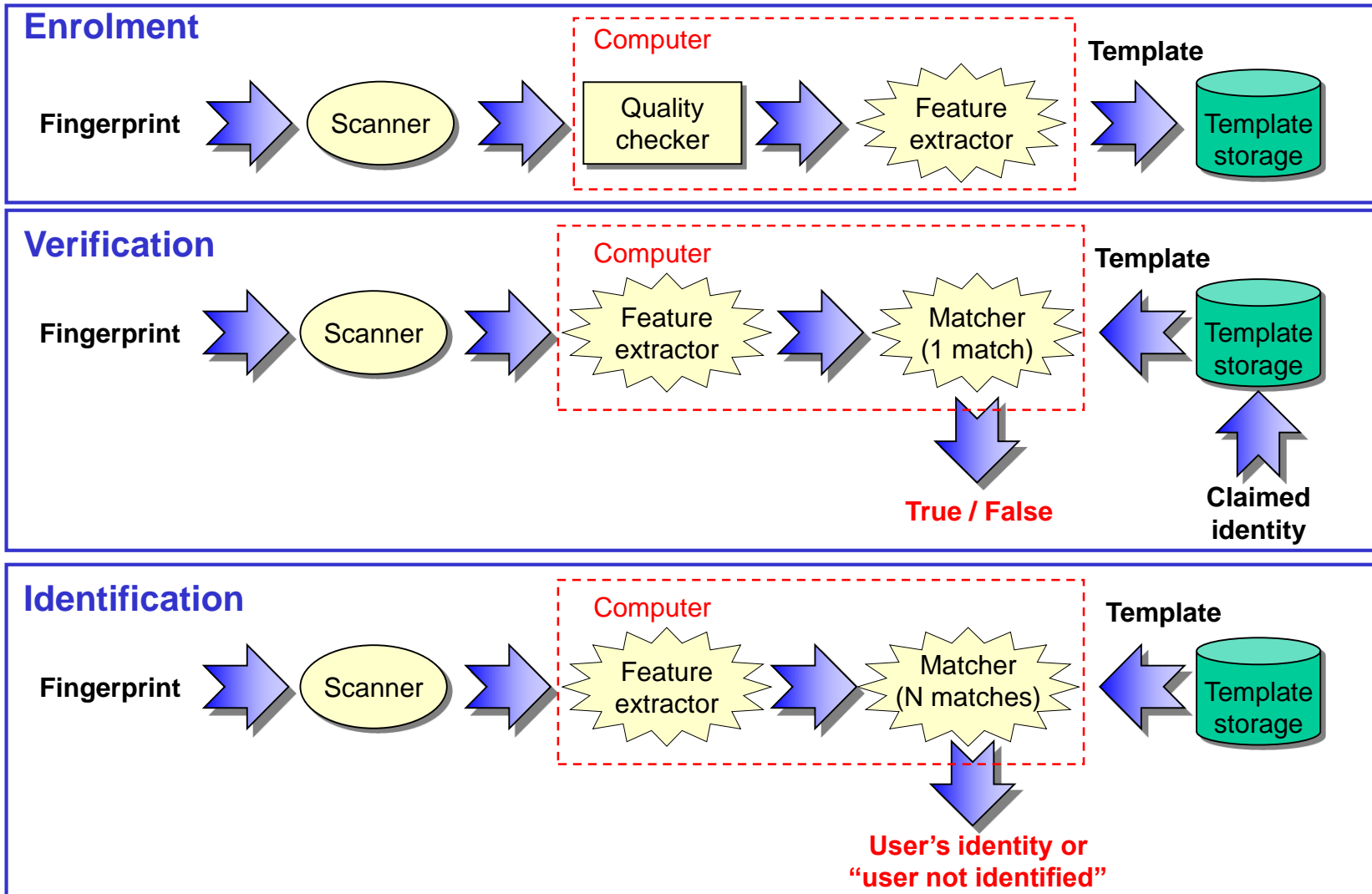
- Highly distinctive and unique
- Do not change during the lifetime of a person
- Publicly accepted as reliable (evidence in a court of law)
- Identical twins have different fingerprints



An impression on a  
Palestinian lamp (400 B.C.)



# Fingerprint recognition system





# Fingerprint acquisition

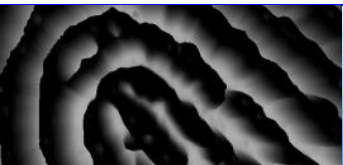
- Off-line acquisition

- Ink technique
- Latent fingerprints



- On-line acquisition

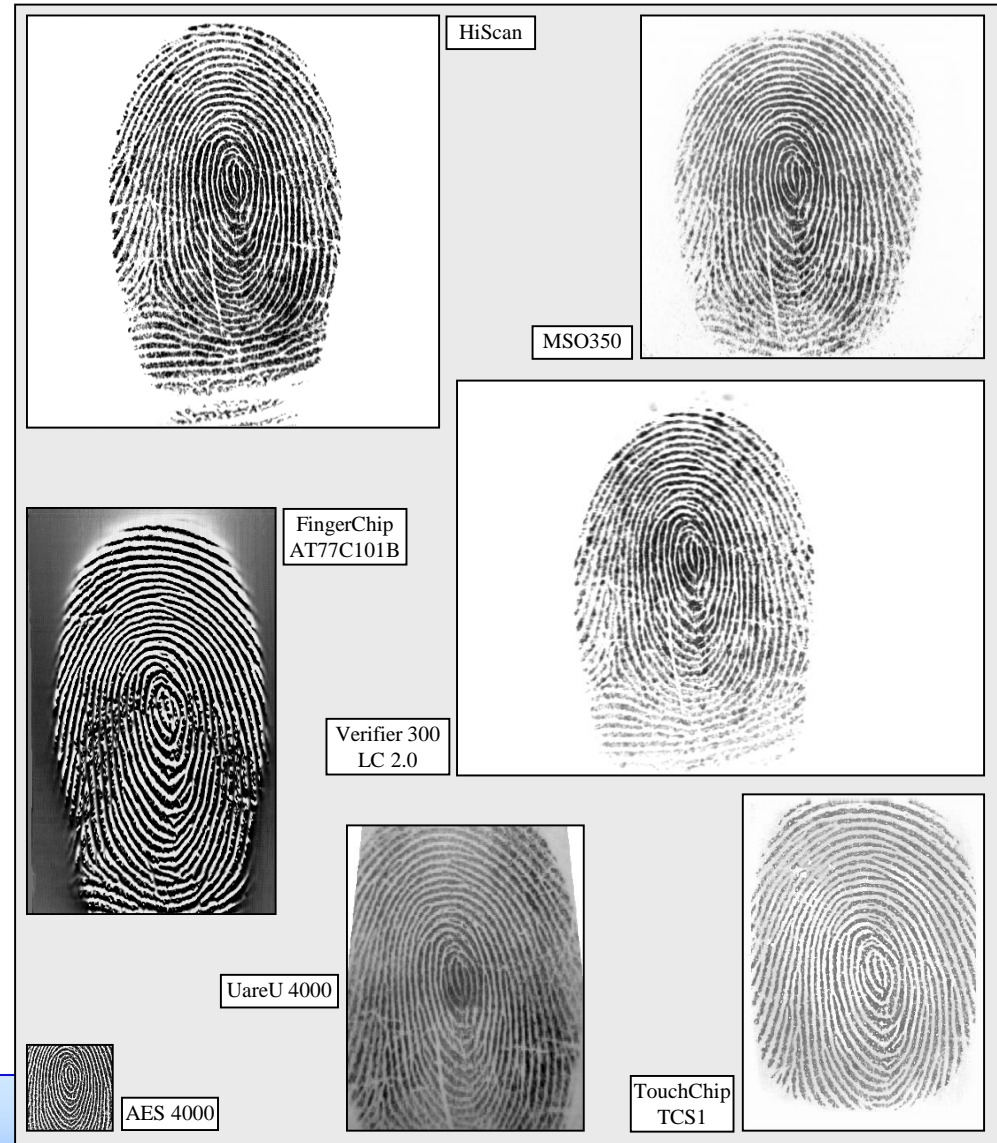
- Optical sensors
- Silicon-based sensors
- Ultrasound
- Fingerphoto
- Emerging (OCT, Organic)



# On-line fingerprint scanners – single finger



	Technology	Company	Model	Dpi	Area (h×w)	PIV IQS compliant
Optical	FTIR	Biometrika <a href="http://www.biometrika.it">www.biometrika.it</a>	HiScan	500	1"×1"	✓
	FTIR	Crossmatch <a href="http://www.crossmatch.net">www.crossmatch.net</a>	Verifier 300 LC 2.0	500	1.2"×1.2"	
	FTIR	Digital Persona <a href="http://www.digitalpersona.com">www.digitalpersona.com</a>	UareU4000	512	0.71"×0.57"	
	FTIR	L-1 Identity <a href="http://www.identix.com">www.identix.com</a>	DFR 2100	500	1.05"×1.05"	✓
	FTIR	Sagem <a href="http://www.morpho.com">www.morpho.com</a>	MSO350	500	0.86"×0.86"	✓
	FTIR	Secugen <a href="http://www.secugen.com">www.secugen.com</a>	Hamster IV	500	0.66"×0.51"	✓
Solid-state	Capacitive	Upek <a href="http://www.upek.com">www.upek.com</a>	TouchChip TCS1	508	0.71"×0.50"	✓
	Thermal (sweep)	Atmel <a href="http://www.atmel.com">www.atmel.com</a>	FingerChip AT77C101B	500	0.02"×0.55"	
	Electric field	Authentec <a href="http://www.authentec.com">www.authentec.com</a>	AES4000	250	0.38"×0.38"	
	Piezoelectric	BMF <a href="http://www.bm-f.com">www.bm-f.com</a>	BLP-100	406	0.92"×0.63"	

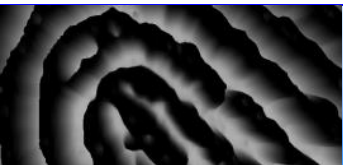
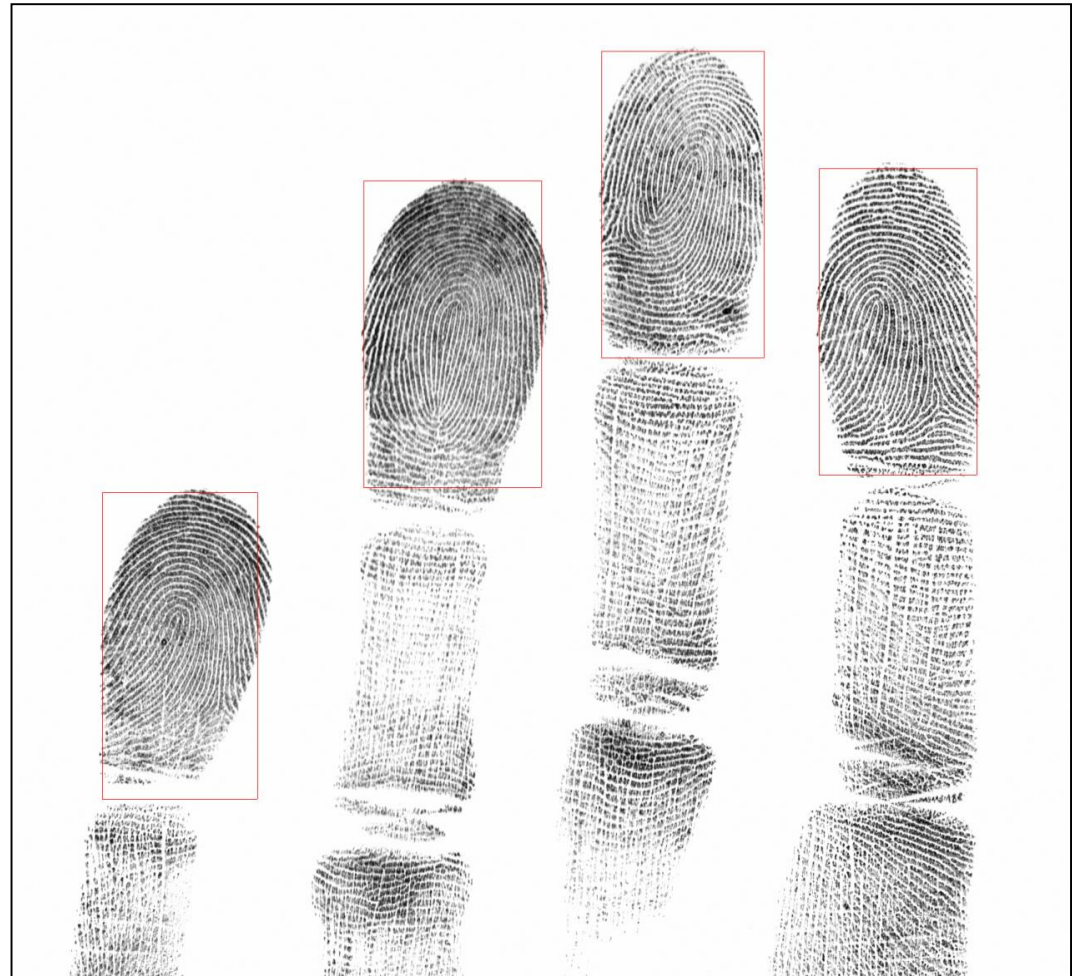




# On-line fingerprint scanners – multi finger

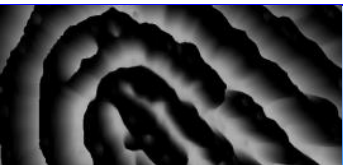
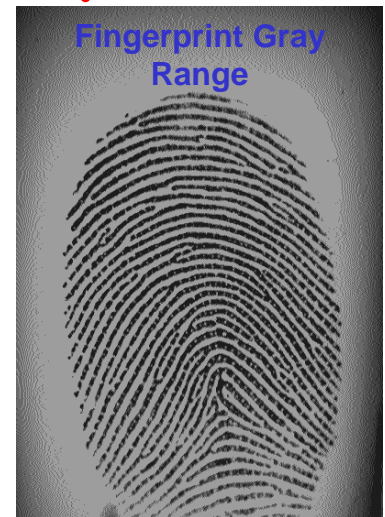
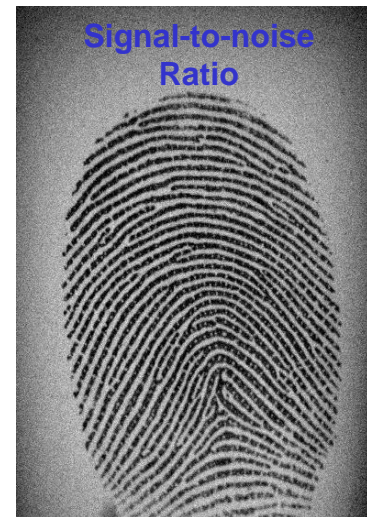
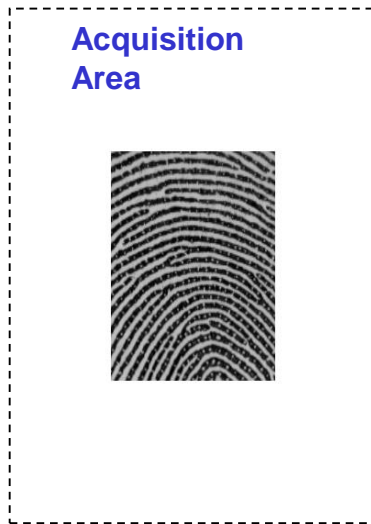
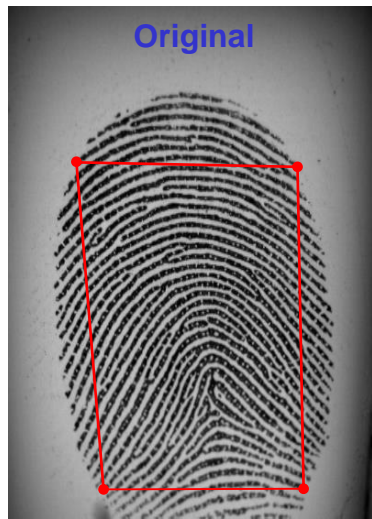


	Technology	Company	Model	Dpi	Area (h×w)	IAFIS IQS compliant
Optical	FTIR	Crossmatch <a href="http://www.crossmatch.net">www.crossmatch.net</a>	L SCAN 1000	1000	3.0"×3.2"	✓
	FTIR	L-1 Identity <a href="http://www.l1id.com">www.l1id.com</a>	TouchPrint 4100	500	3.0"×3.2"	✓
	FTIR	Papillon <a href="http://www.papillon.ru">www.papillon.ru</a>	DS-30	500	3.07"×3.38"	✓

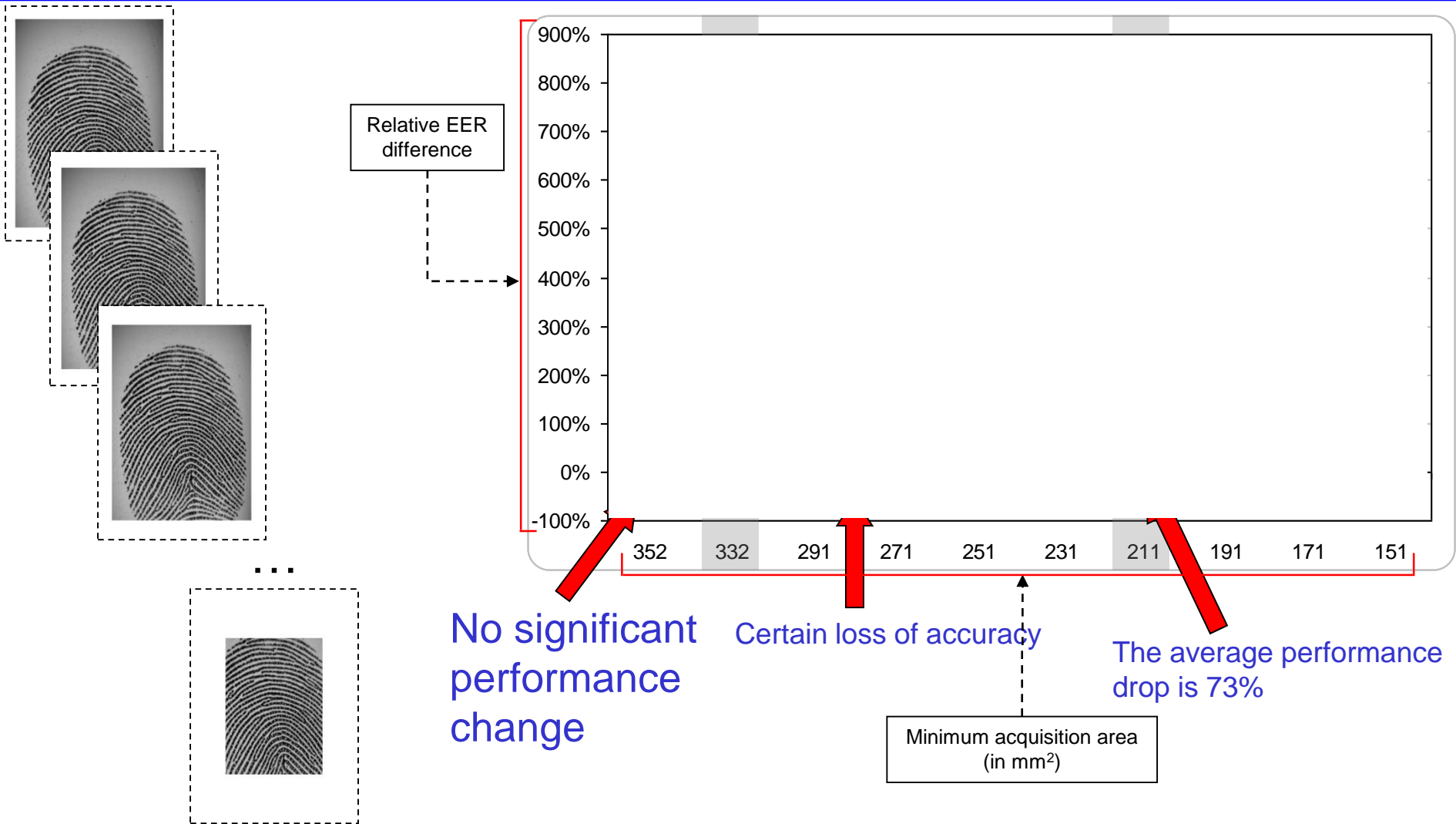


# “Operational” quality of fingerprint scanners

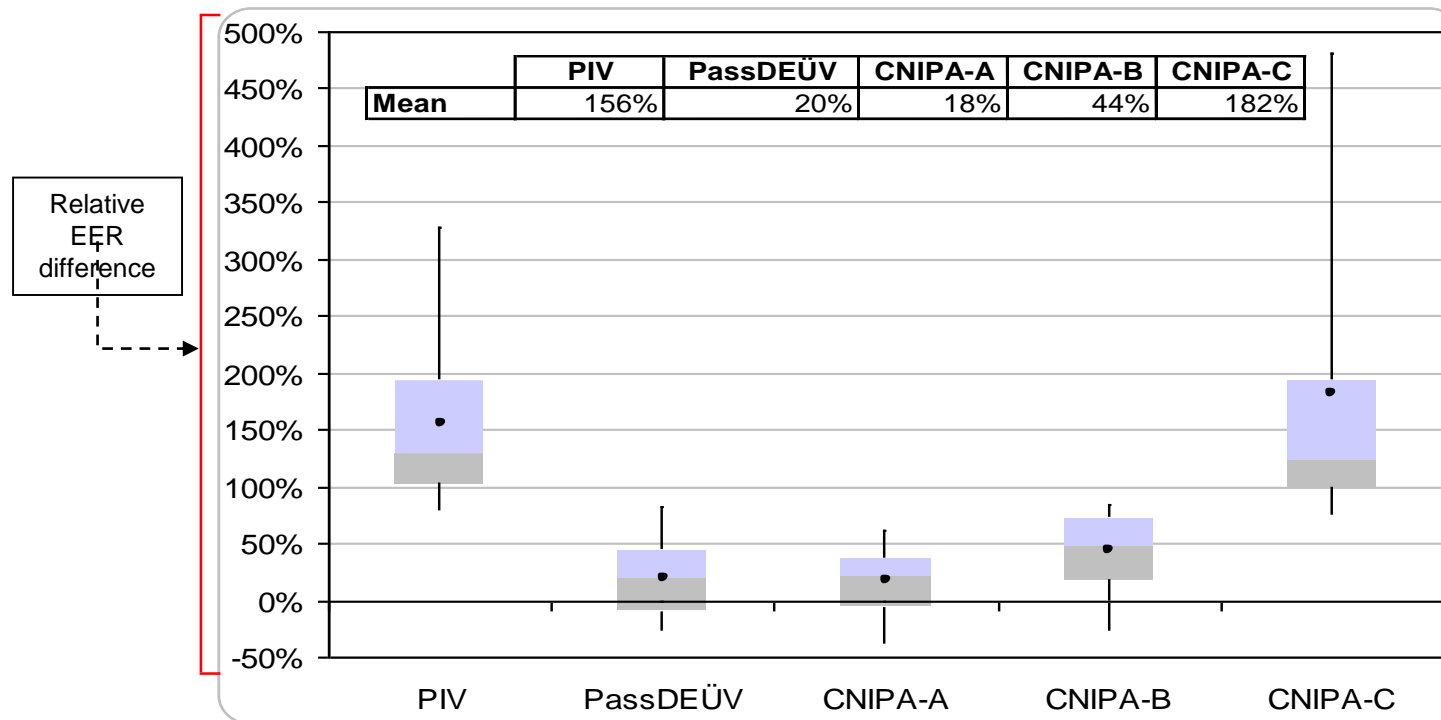
main quality parameters



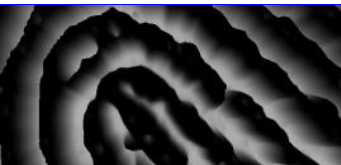
# The most important parameter is Acquisition area



# Certification of scanners & classes of quality



- Cappelli R., Ferrara M. and Maltoni D., "On the Operational Quality of Fingerprint Scanners", *IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security*, vol. 3, no. 2, pp. 192-202, 2008.
- A. Alessandrini, R. Cappelli, M. Ferrara and D. Maltoni, "Definition of Fingerprint Scanner Image Quality Specifications by Operational Quality", in proceedings *European Workshop on Biometrics and Identity Management* (BIOID 2008), Roskilde, Denmark, May 2008.





# Problems with small area smartphone sensors

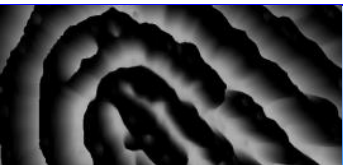


Roy, Memon & Ross

MasterPrint: Exploring the Vulnerability of Partial Fingerprint-based Authentication Systems

IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics & Security, 2017

*Matching small patches increases the risk of false matches*



# Fingerprint vs Fingerphoto

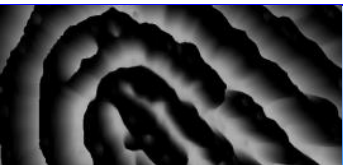
Fingerphoto



Low contrast  
Complex background  
Natural lighting



Fingerprint

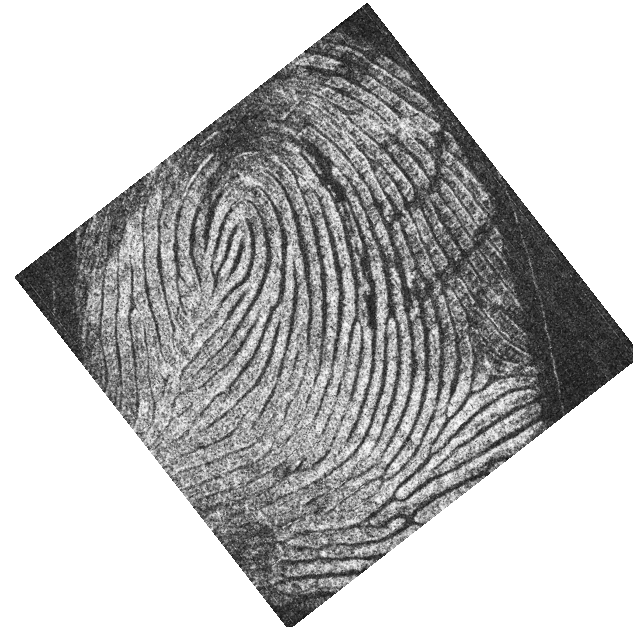


# OCT internal fingerprint

Optical scanner

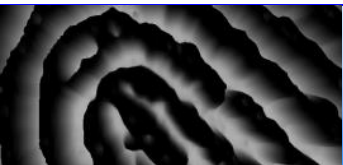


OCT



After one hour of sand paper!

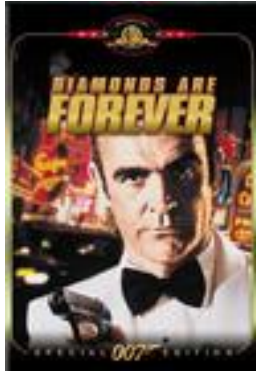
[courtesy of UNIL: Ingress project]



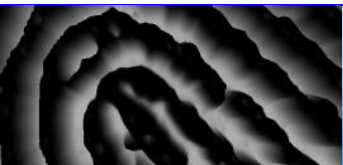
# Fake Fingerprints

The idea of using fake fingerprints to fool biometric recognition is not new

Diamonds are Forever  
(1971)



*Bond goes undercover  
as Peter Franks, a  
diamond smuggler...*





# Fake detection

- Making a fake finger is not easy, but with the right knowledge and the appropriate materials ...
  - Much more easy with cooperation of the user
  - Typical materials:
    - Gelatin, Silicone, Latex.



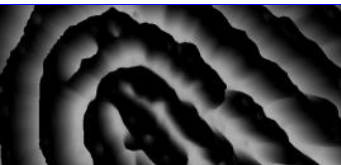
Gelatine Finger



Silicone Finger

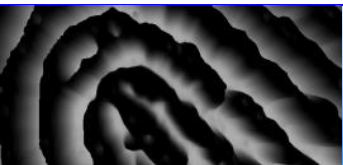


Latex Finger



# Fake detection (2)

- The potential weakness of commercial fingerprint scanners has been highlighted in some works:
  - Fingerprint recognition—don't get your fingers burned [[Van der Putte, Keuning, 2000](#)]
  - Impact of artificial “gummy” fingers on fingerprint systems [[Matsumoto, 2002](#)]
  - ...
  - Fake Finger Detection by Skin Distortion Analysis [[A. Antonelli, R. Cappelli, D. Maio and D. Maltoni](#) - IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security, 2006]
- Possible measures
  - Intrinsic properties of a live person
    - Physical (e.g. elasticity), Electrical (e.g. resistance), Visual (e.g. color), ...
  - Signals generated involuntarily
    - Pulsation, Blood pressure, Perspiration, ...
  - Voluntary/involuntary response to stimuli
- Technology still not mature enough ...
  - Refer to [LivDet 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017](#) (Fingerprint Liveness Detection Competition) for independent evaluations





# Fake finger detection by distortion analysis

The user is required to place a finger onto the scanner surface and to apply some pressure while rotating the finger



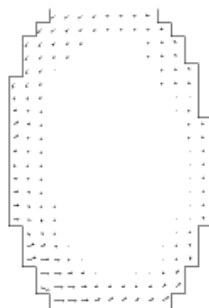
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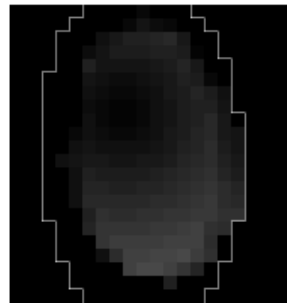
Fake finger



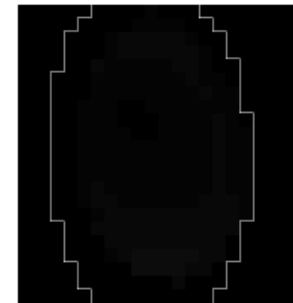
Source frame



Optical Flow



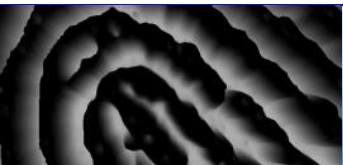
Distortion Map



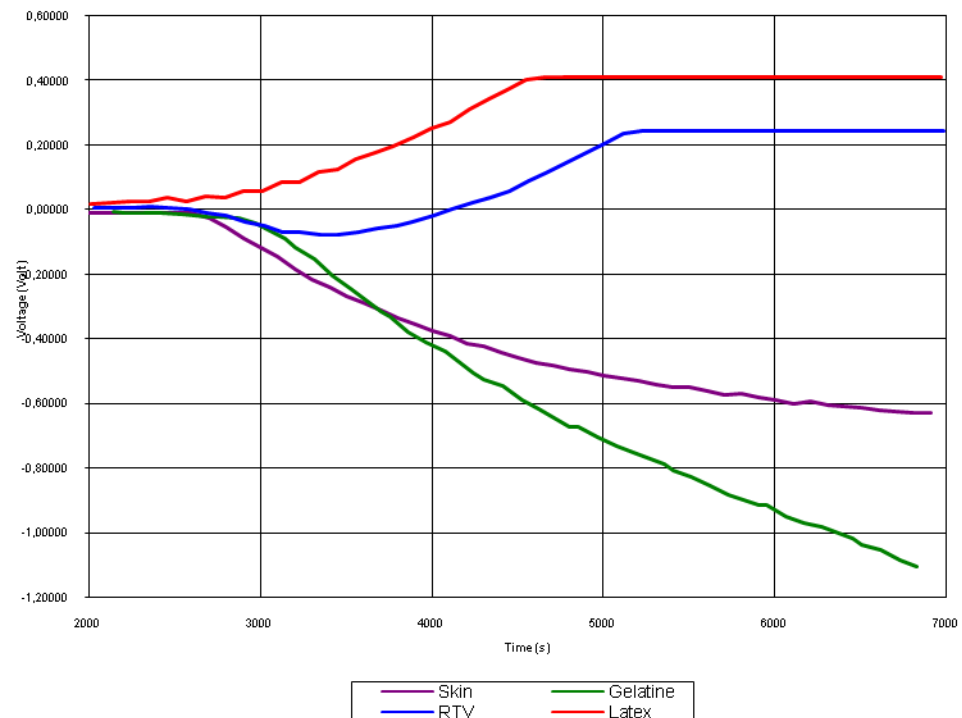
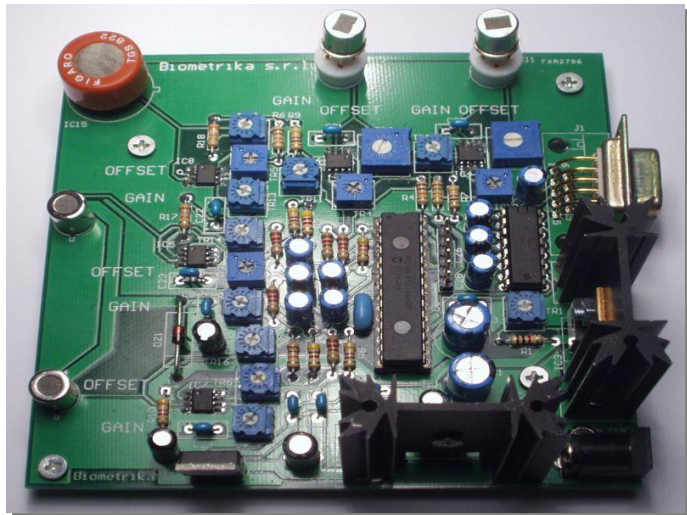
Integrated DM



DistortionCode

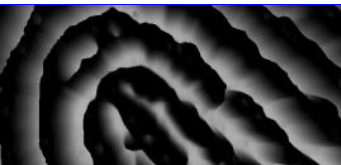


# Fake finger detection by odor analysis



- The idea:

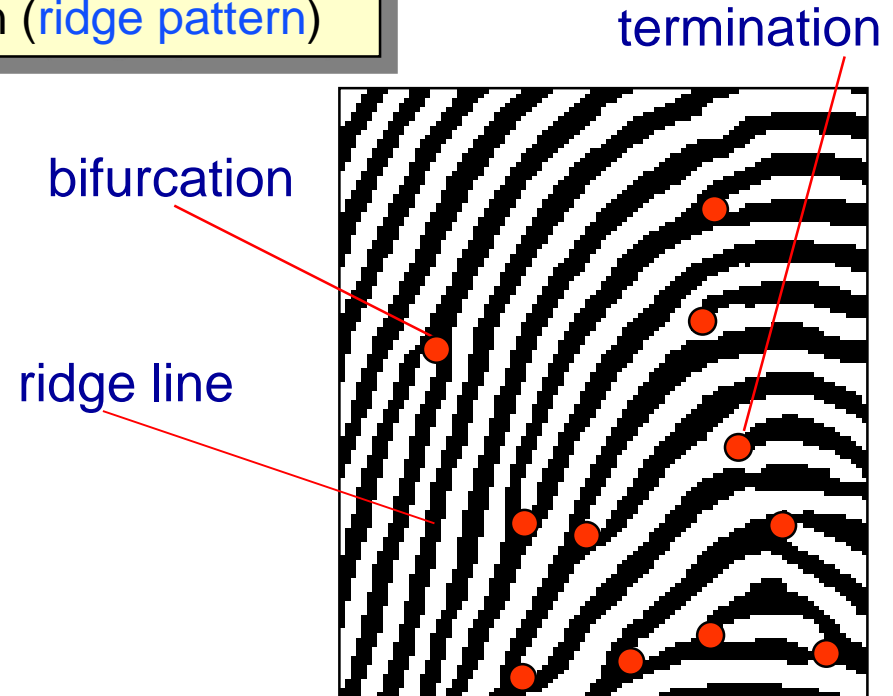
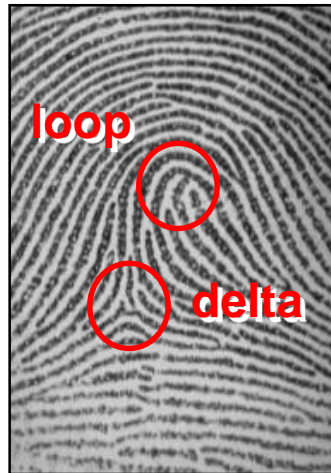
- Using one or more odor sensors (*electronic noses*) to detect materials usually adopted to make fake fingers
  - Electronic nose: array of chemical sensors designed to detect and discriminate complex odors



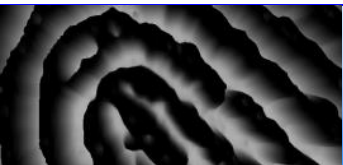
# Fingerprint anatomy (1)

A fingerprint is composed of a set of lines (**ridge lines**), which mainly flow parallel, making a pattern (**ridge pattern**)

Sometimes the ridge lines produce local **macro-singularities**, called **whorl** (O), **loop** (U) and **delta** ( $\Delta$ )



The **minutiae**, or **Galton's** characteristics, are determined by the **termination** or the **bifurcation** of the ridge lines

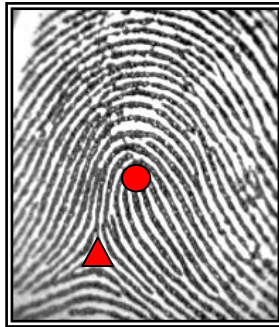


# Fingerprint anatomy (2)

arch

tented arch

right loop



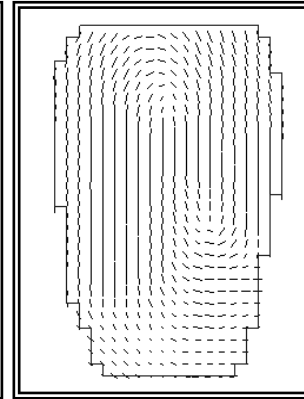
left loop

whorl

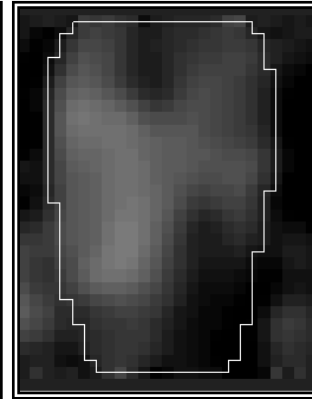
The five main fingerprint classes



fingerprint

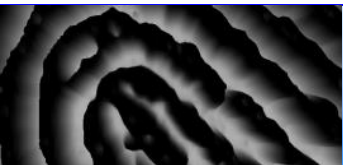


orientation  
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frequency  
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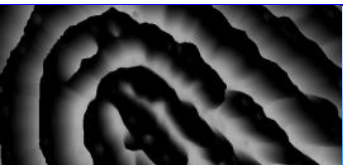
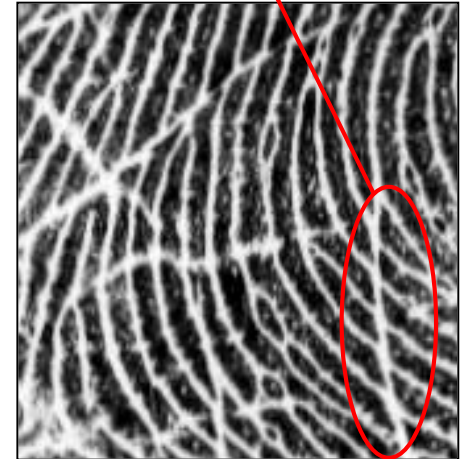
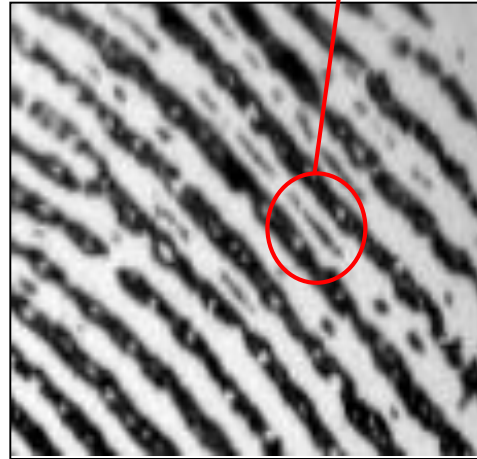
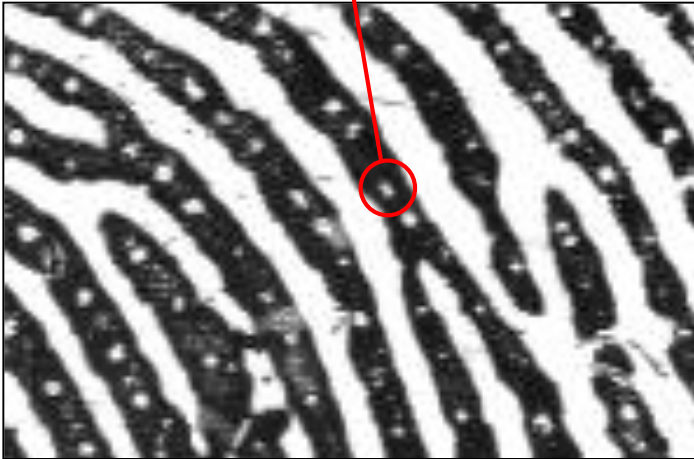
- The ridge-line flow can be effectively described by an **orientation image**
- The ridge line density can be summarized using a **frequency image**



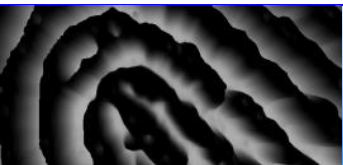


# Fingerprint anatomy (3)

- At the very local level (e.g., acquisition at 1000 dpi) it is possible to identify sweat pores (from 60 to 250  $\mu\text{m}$ ), incipient ridges, creases, etc.

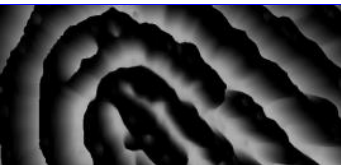
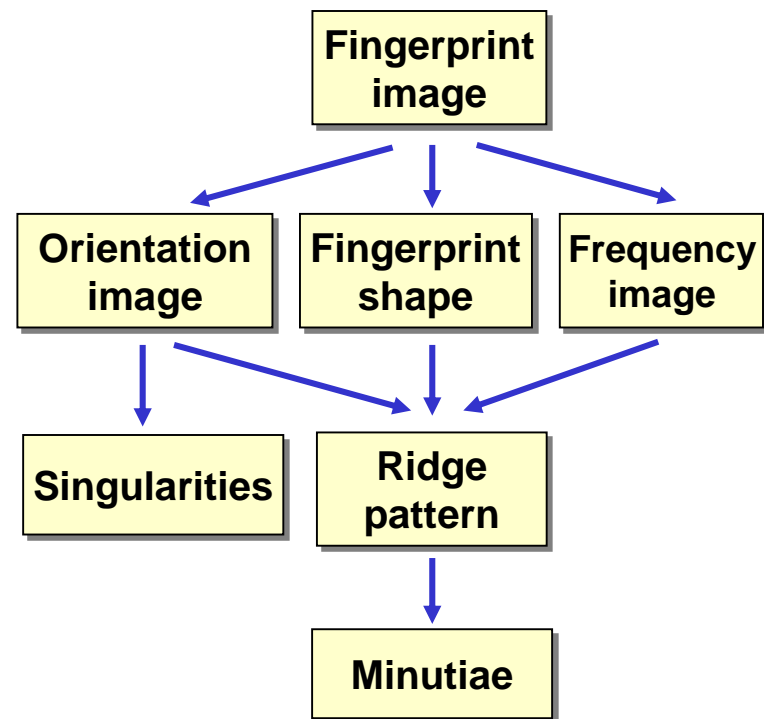
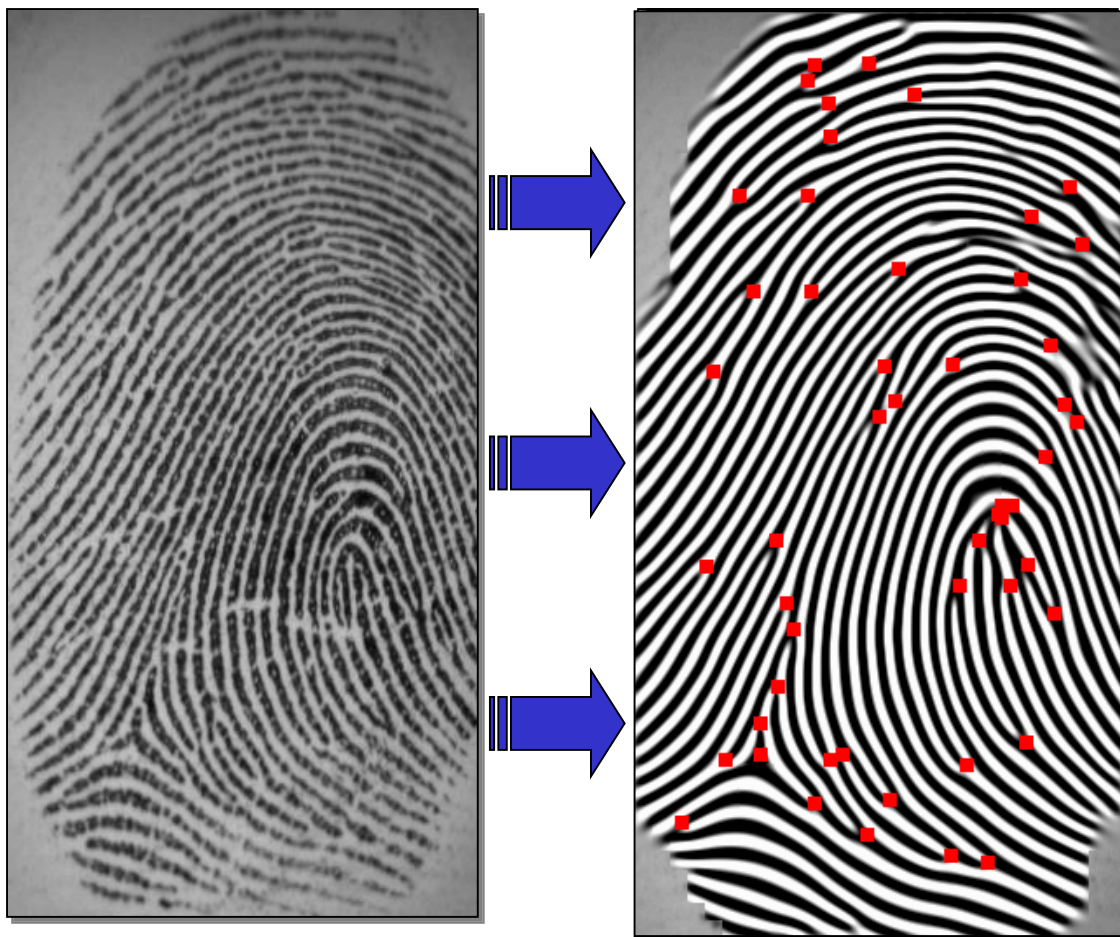


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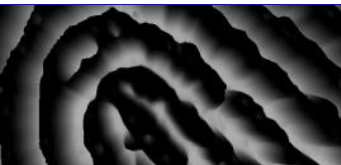
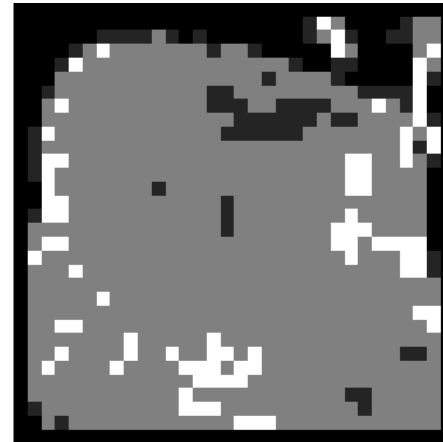
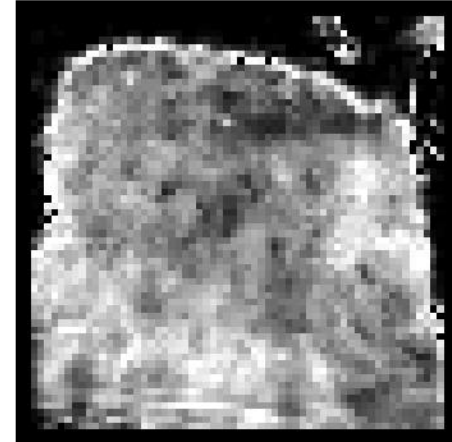


# Feature extraction steps



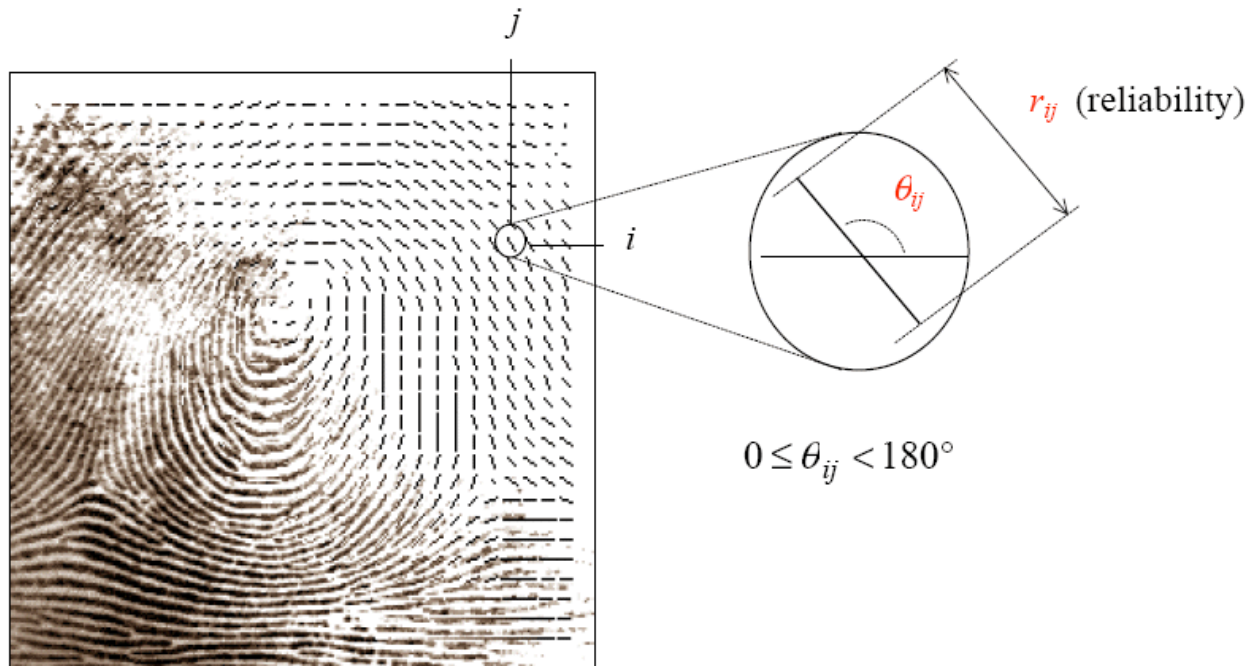
# Segmentation

- The term *segmentation* is used to denote the separation of fingerprint area (foreground) from the image background.
- Foreground and background are discriminated by the presence of a **striped and oriented pattern** in the foreground and of an **isotropic pattern** in the background.
- How to **measure anisotropy** ?
  - presence of a well defined **peak** in a **local histogram of orientations** (Mehetre et al. (1987))
  - **variance of the gray-levels** in direction orthogonal to the gradient (Ratha, Chen, and Jain (1995))
  - **magnitude of the gradient** (Maio and Maltoni (1997))
  - **combination of more features** (Bazen and Gerez (2001b))

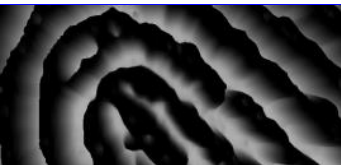


# Local ridge orientation (1)

The local ridge orientation at  $[x,y]$  is the angle  $\theta_{xy} \in [0..180^\circ[$  that the fingerprint ridges, crossing through an arbitrary small neighborhood centered at  $[x,y]$ , form with the horizontal axis.



The simplest and most natural approach for extracting local ridge orientation is based on computation of **gradient phase angles** (problems of **non-linearity** and **circularity**).

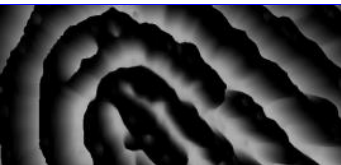


# Local ridge orientation (2)

- Robust computation (based on local averaging of gradient estimates) as proposed by Kass and Witkin (1987), Bigun and Granlund (1987), G.:Donahue and Rokhlin (1993), Chen, and Jain (1995), and Bazen and Gerez (2002):

$$\theta_{ij} = 90^\circ + \frac{1}{2} \text{atan2}(2G_{xy}, G_{xx} - G_{yy}),$$
$$G_{xy} = \sum_{h=-8}^8 \sum_{k=-8}^8 \nabla_x(x_i + h, y_j + k) \cdot \nabla_y(x_i + h, y_j + k),$$
$$G_{xx} = \sum_{h=-8}^8 \sum_{k=-8}^8 \nabla_x(x_i + h, y_j + k)^2,$$
$$G_{yy} = \sum_{h=-8}^8 \sum_{k=-8}^8 \nabla_y(x_i + h, y_j + k)^2,$$

where  $\nabla x$  and  $\nabla y$  are the  $x$ - and  $y$ -gradient components computed through  $3 \times 3$  Sobel masks, and  $\text{atan2}(y,x)$  calculates the arctangent of the two variables  $y$  and  $x$ : it is similar to calculating the arctangent of  $y/x$ , except that the signs of both arguments are used to determine the quadrant of the result.





# Smoothing local orientations

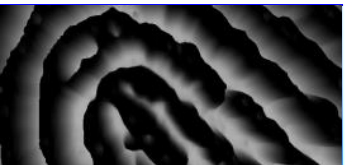
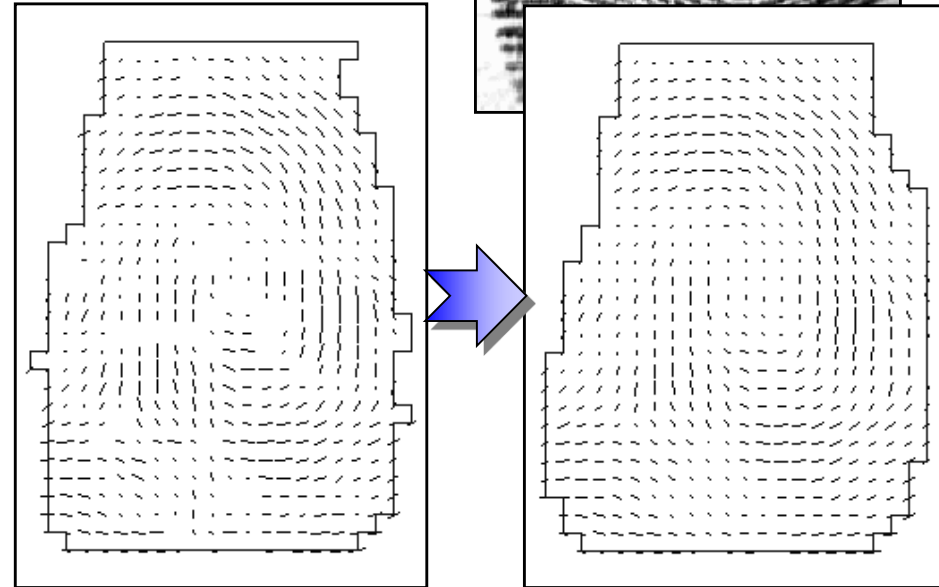
*What is the average orientation between 5 and 175°? and between 0 and 90°?*

a simple but elegant solution is to **double the angles**; each element is encoded by the vector:

$$\mathbf{d}_{ij} = [r_{ij} \cdot \cos 2\theta_{ij}, r_{ij} \cdot \sin 2\theta_{ij}] ,$$

averaging the angles in a local  $n \times n$  window, is performed **by separately averaging** the two (x and y) components:

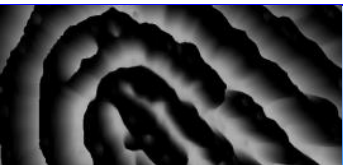
$$\bar{\mathbf{d}} = \left[ \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j} r_{ij} \cdot \cos 2\theta_{ij}, \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j} r_{ij} \cdot \sin 2\theta_{ij} \right]$$



# Orientation extraction algorithms

- **Local Analysis:** each orientation is estimated by using image information (pixels) from a local window.
  - Gradient
  - Slit-Based (Slit [Oliveira07])
  - Frequency Domain (STFT [Govindaraju07])
  - Tracing Based (Line-sensor [Gottschlich09])
- **Global Analysis:** each orientation is estimated according to a global model.
  - Geometric Models (need singular points)
  - Global Approximation (FOMFE [Wang07], Legendre Polynomials [Ram10])
- **Learning-based:** each orientation is estimated according to a global model.
  - Dictionaries (AFROM [Ram09], Dictionary of patches [Feng13][Yang14][Cao14][Cao16])
  - Convolutional Neural Networks ([Cao15][Schuch17])

F. Turrone, D. Maltoni, R. Cappelli and D. Maio, "Improving Fingerprint Orientation Extraction", IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security, vol.6, no.3, pp.1002-1013, September 2011.





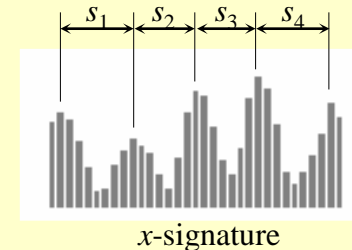
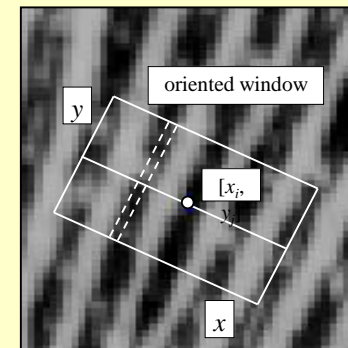
# Local ridge frequency (1)

- The local ridge frequency (or density)  $f_{xy}$  at point  $[x,y]$  is the number of ridges per unit length along a hypothetical segment centered at  $[x,y]$  and orthogonal to the local ridge orientation  $\theta_{xy}$ .

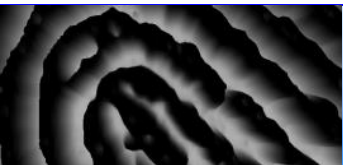


- Counting-based approach (Hong, Wan, and Jain (1998)):
- Variation-based approach (Maio and Maltoni (1998a))
- Estimation in the Fourier domain (Kovacs, Rovatti, and Frazzoni (2000)):

## Counting-based approach



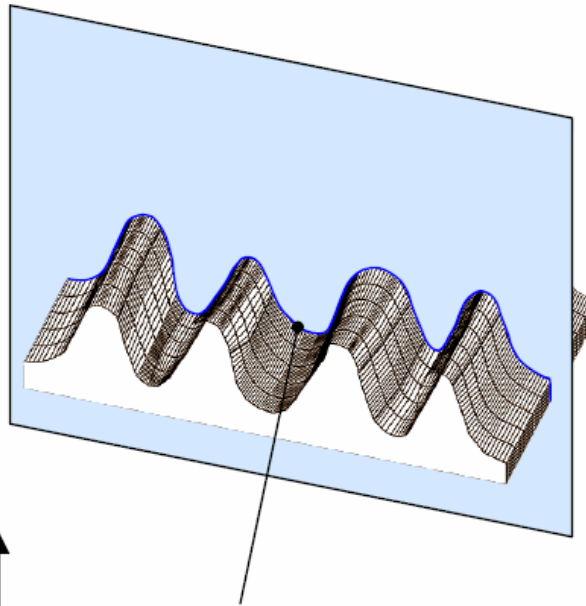
$$f_{ij} = \frac{4}{s_1 + s_2 + s_3 + s_4}$$



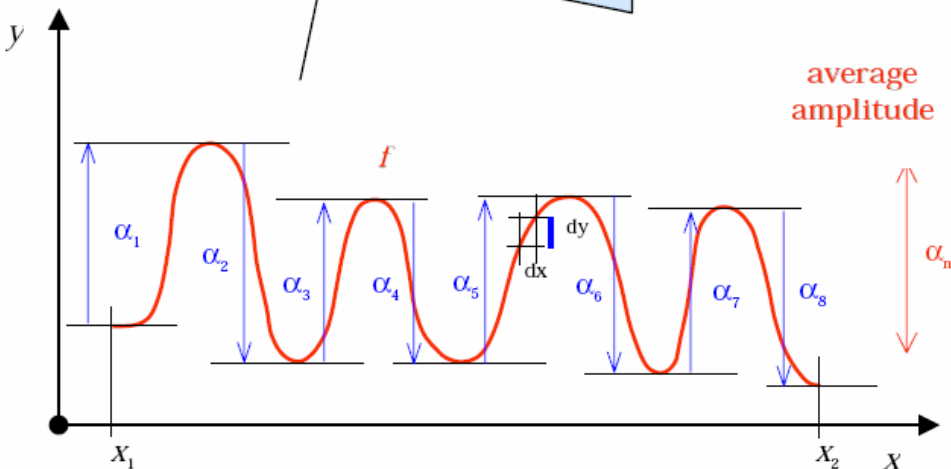
# Local ridge frequency (2)

Variation-based approach

Maio and Maltoni (1998a)



the ridge-line **local density** corresponds to the **frequency  $v$**  of  **$f$** , that is the **number of periods per unit length**



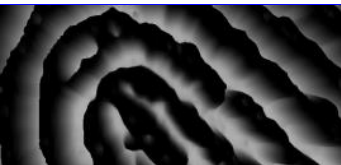
Variation of  $f$

$$V(f) = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left| \frac{df(x)}{dx} \right| \cdot dx = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left| \frac{dy}{dx} \right| \cdot dx = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_8$$

$$V(f) = (x_2 - x_1) \cdot 2v \cdot \alpha_m$$



$$v = \frac{V(f)}{2(x_2 - x_1) \cdot \alpha_m}$$



# Fingerprint quality: NFIQ

- NIST Fingerprint Image Quality (**NFIQ**) is the *de facto standard* to quantify fingerprint quality (open source)
- NFIQ (1.0) assigns to a fingerprint a value in  $\{1,2,3,4,5\}$  which is in inverse proportion with its quality
- NFIQ is an **operational quality** aimed at predicting fingerprint recognition accuracy:
  - 1 → top quality, small errors
  - 5 → very low quality, high errors



$\{1,2,3,4,5\}$



NFIQ: 1



NFIQ: 2



NFIQ: 3



NFIQ: 4



NFIQ: 5

# Fingerprint quality: NFIQ 2.0

- Released April 2016 (open source)
- NFIQ 2.0 quality value is in  $[0..100]$ 
  - 0 no utility
  - 100 highest utility value
- Quality features
  - 155 evaluated
  - 14 selected (es. orientation certainty, ridge valley uniformity, ...)



$[0..100]$



91



61



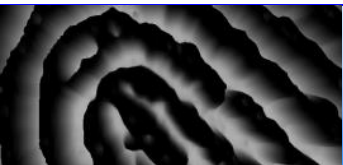
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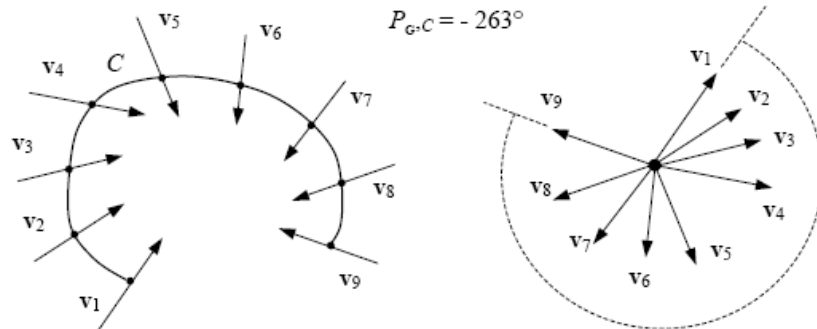
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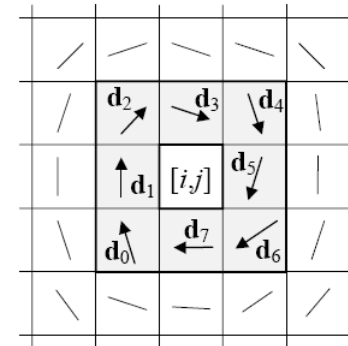
# Singularity detection (1)

The best-known method is based on **Poincaré index** (Kawagoe and Tojo (1984)).

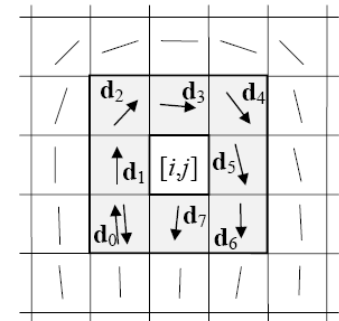


The Poincaré index  $P_{G,C}(i,j)$  at  $[i,j]$  is computed as:

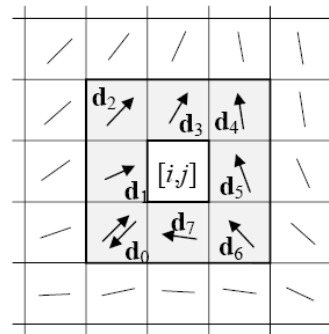
- The (closed) curve  $C$  is an **ordered sequence of orientations**, such that  $[i,j]$  is an internal point
- $P_{G,C}(i,j)$  is computed by **algebraically summing** the **orientation differences** between adjacent elements of  $C$ . Summing orientation differences requires a direction (among the two possible) to be associated at each orientation. *A solution to this problem is to randomly select the direction of the first element and assign the direction closest to that of the previous element to each successive element.*



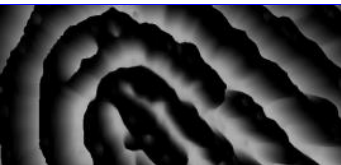
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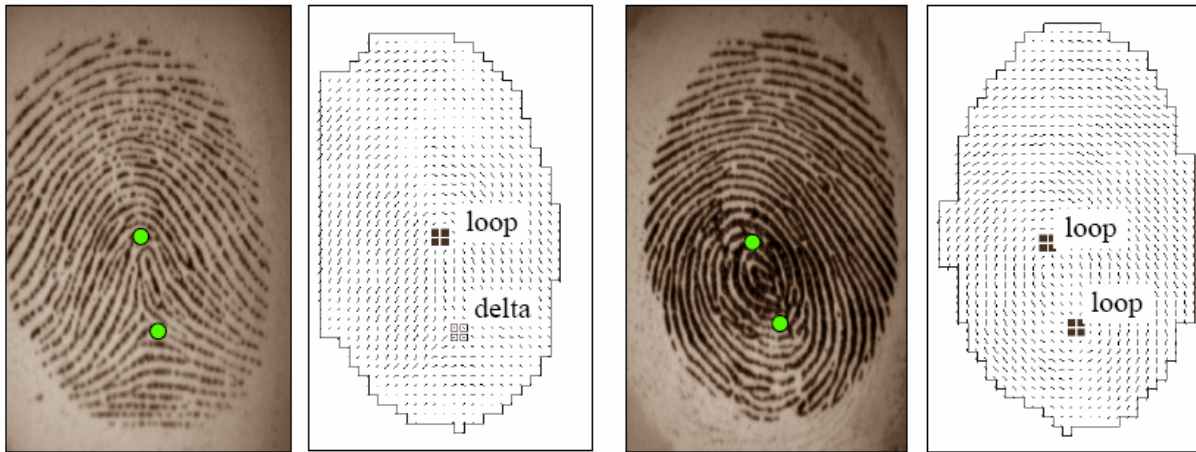
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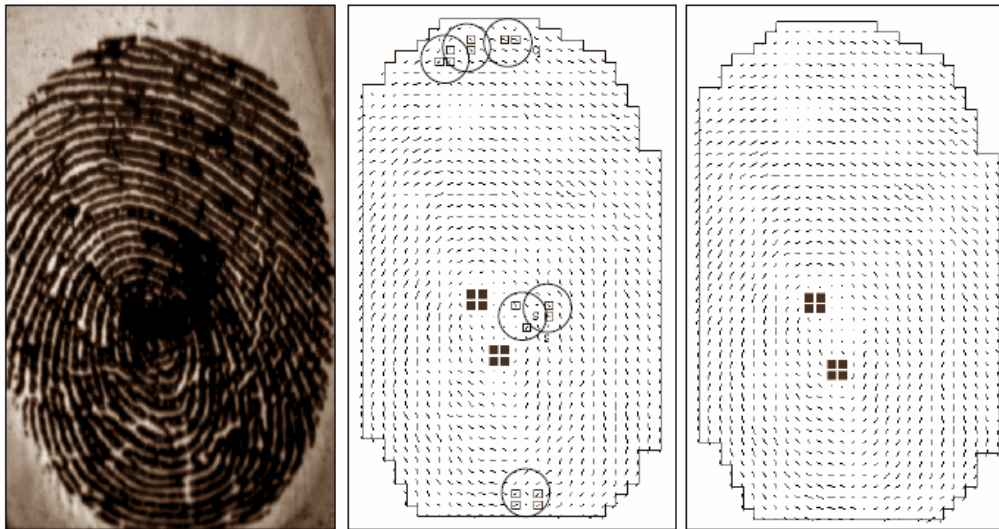
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# Singularity detection (2)

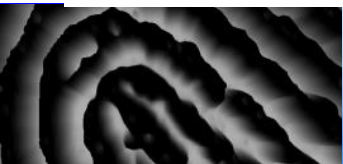


Smoothing of local orientation is necessary to control noise.



**How much** smoothing ?

→ Iteratively smooth until  
a valid number of  
singularities is detected  
**Karu and Jain (1996)**



# Enhancement (1)

- Aimed at **improving the quality** of **recoverable regions** to simplify successive stages



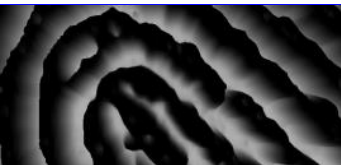
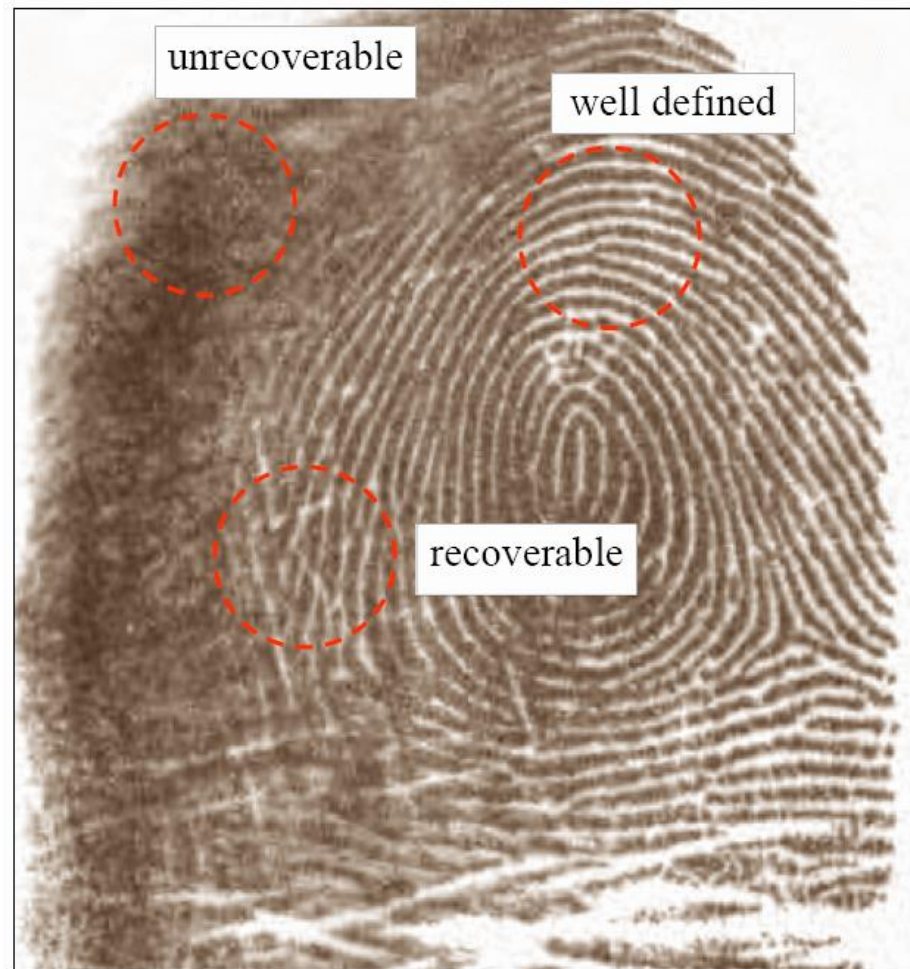
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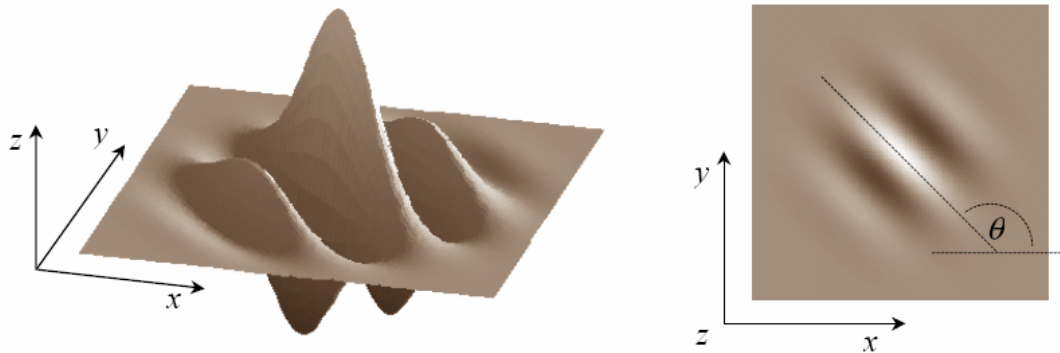
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# Enhancement (2)

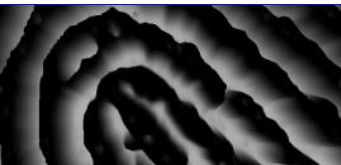
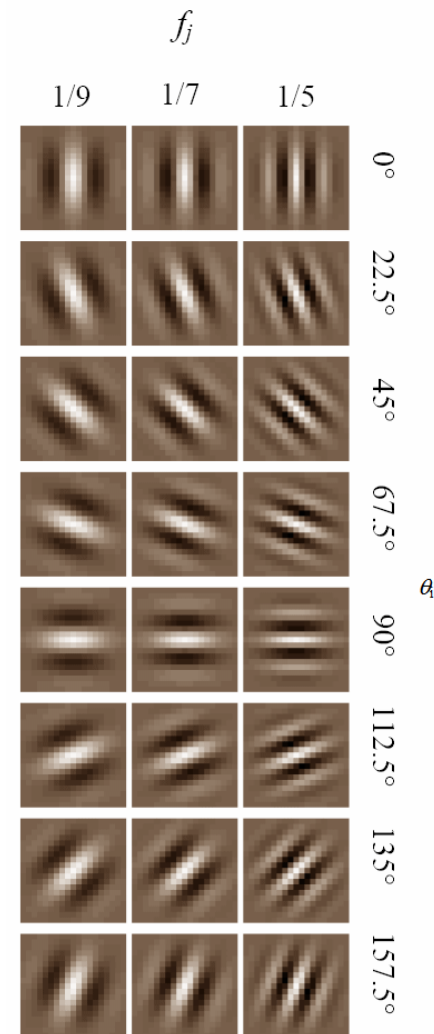
Best results with **contextual filters** (e.g. **Gabor filters**).



$$g(x, y; \theta, f) = \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{x_{\theta}^2}{\sigma_x^2} + \frac{y_{\theta}^2}{\sigma_y^2} \right] \right\} \cdot \cos(2\pi f \cdot x_{\theta}),$$

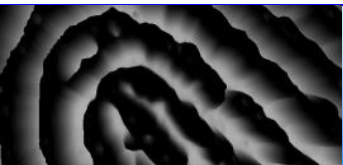
$$\begin{bmatrix} x_{\theta} \\ y_{\theta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(90^{\circ} - \theta) & \sin(90^{\circ} - \theta) \\ -\sin(90^{\circ} - \theta) & \cos(90^{\circ} - \theta) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ -\cos \theta & \sin \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$$

Each pixel  $[x, y]$  of the image is **convolved** with the filter  $g_{ij}(x, y)$  such that  $\theta_i$  is the discretized orientation closest to  $\theta_{xy}$  and  $f_j$  is the discretized frequency closest to  $f_{xy}$ .



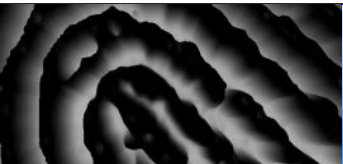
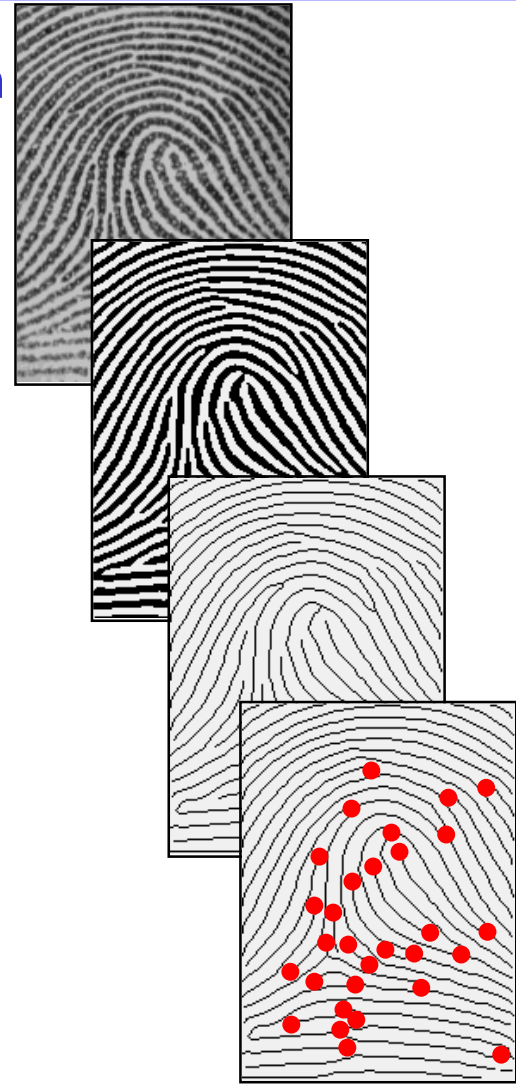


## Enhancement (3)



# Automatic minutiae detection

- An extremely important task: a lot of research has been devoted to this topic.
- Traditional approach:
  1. **Binarization**: the fingerprint gray-scale image is converted into a binary image
  2. **Thinning**: the binary image is submitted to a thinning stage (the ridge-line thickness is reduced to one pixel)
  3. **Detection**: a simple image scan allows to detect the pixels that correspond to minutiae

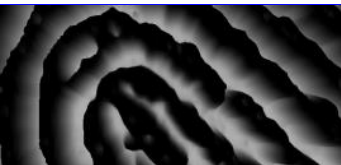
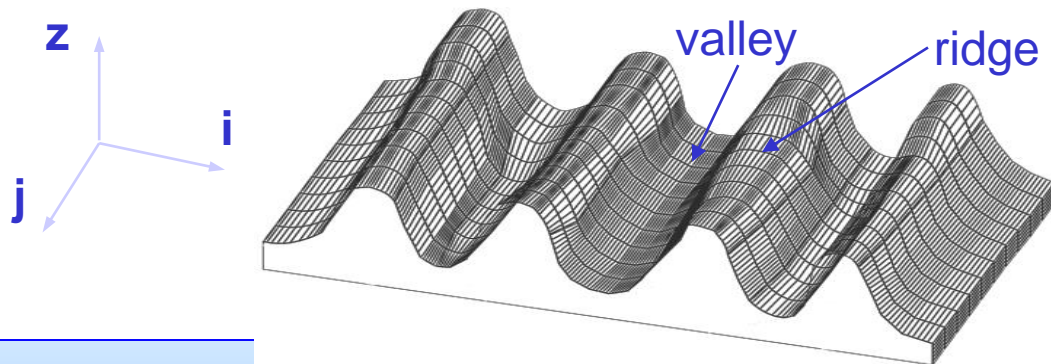


# Direct gray-scale minutiae detection (1)

- Problems of the binarization-based approaches:
  - a **significant amount of information** may be **lost** during the binarization process
  - binarization and thinning are **time-consuming**
  - thinning may introduce a large number of **spurious minutiae**
  - most of the binarization techniques proved to be unsatisfactory when applied to low-quality images

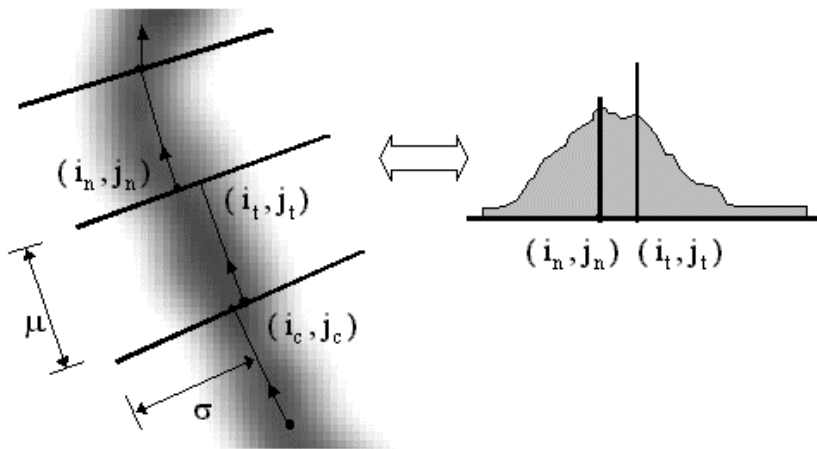


Follow the ridge lines on the gray-scale image, by “sailing” according to the local orientation of the ridge pattern

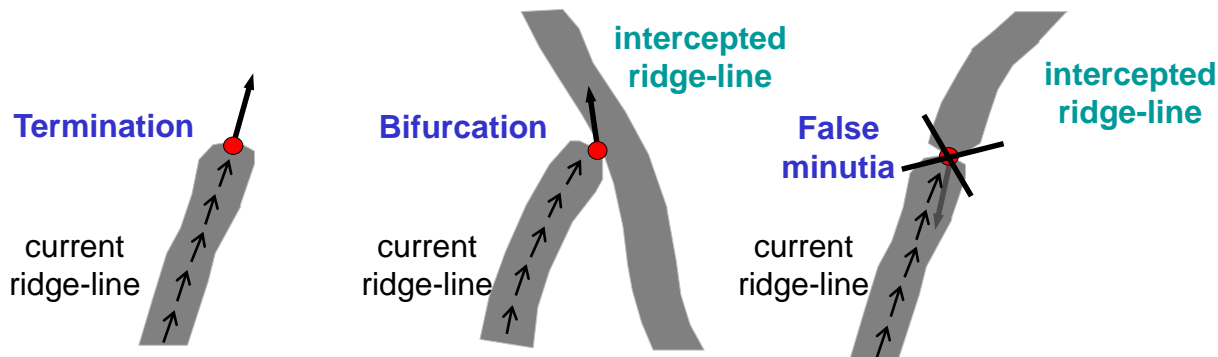


# Direct gray-scale minutiae detection (2)

A ridge-line is made of a set of points that are the local maxima with respect to the direction orthogonal to the ridge-line itself

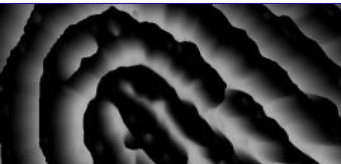


A set of starting points is determined (according to a square-mesh grid superimposed to the image); for each point, the algorithm find the nearest ridge-line and follows it until a **bifurcation** or a **termination** is reached.





# Direct gray-scale minutiae detection - Demo



# Fingerprint recognition

- Finding the similarity between two fingerprints

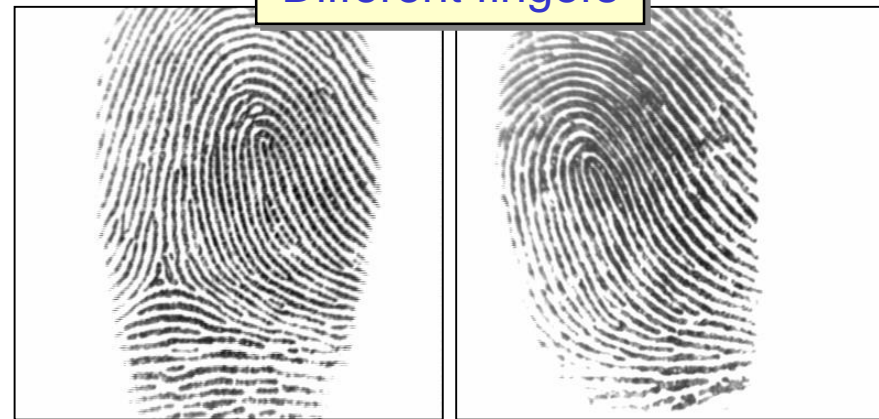
Same finger



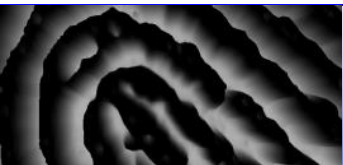
Same finger



Different fingers

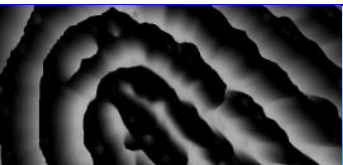


Different fingers

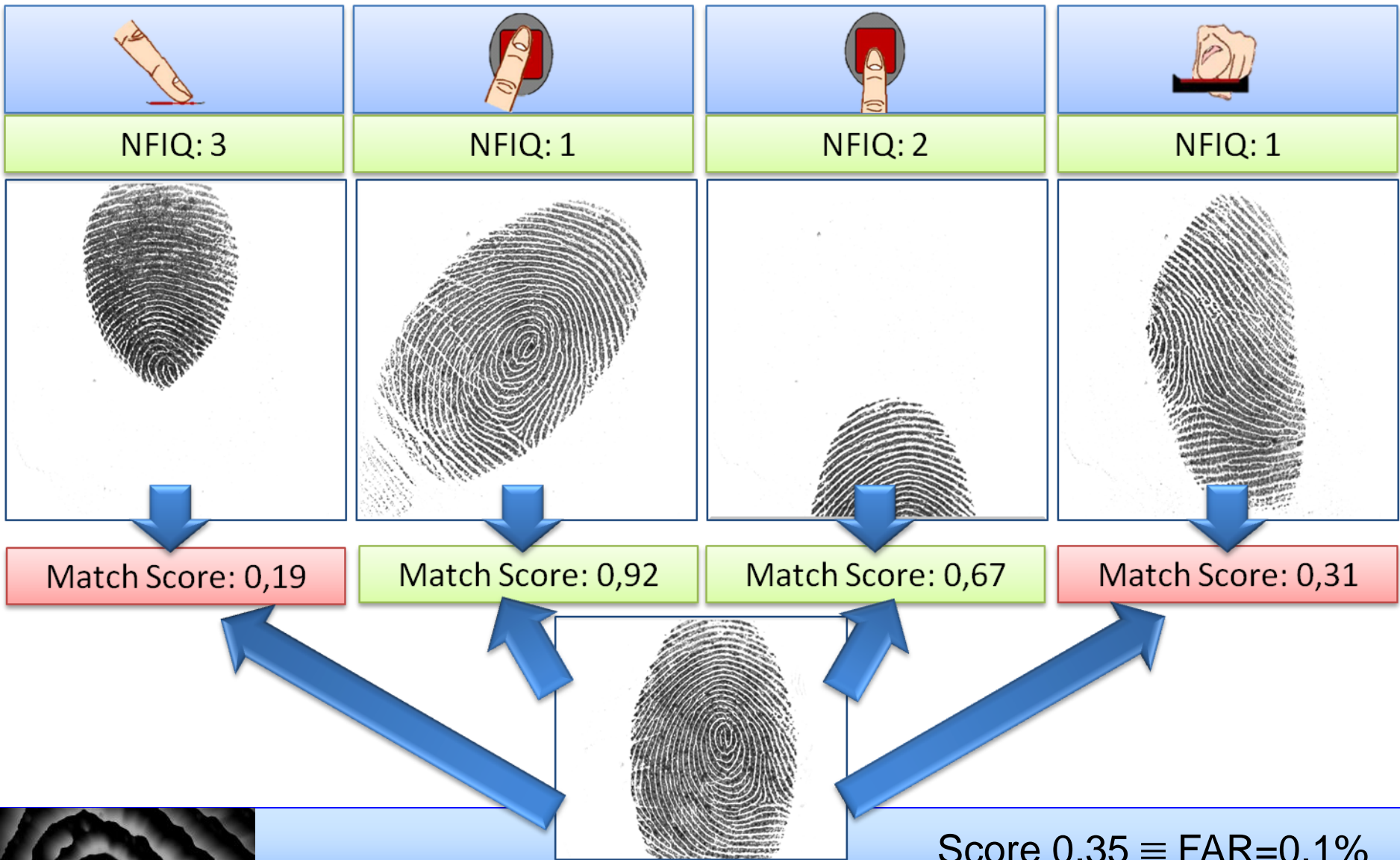


# Fingerprint recognition: main challenges

- High displacement and/or rotation
  - Small overlap between the template and the input fingerprints. This problem is particularly serious for *small-area sensors*. A finger displacement of just 2 mm (imperceptible to the user) results in a translation of about 40 pixels in a fingerprint image scanned at 500 dpi.
- Non-linear distortion
  - The act of sensing maps the three-dimensional shape of a finger onto the two-dimensional surface of the sensor. This results in a non-linear distortion in successive acquisitions of the same finger due to skin plasticity.
- Different pressure and skin condition
  - Non uniform finger pressure, dryness of the skin, skin disease, sweat, dirt, grease, and humidity in the air.
- Feature extraction errors
  - Feature extraction algorithms are imperfect and often introduce measurement errors, in particular in *low-quality fingerprint images*

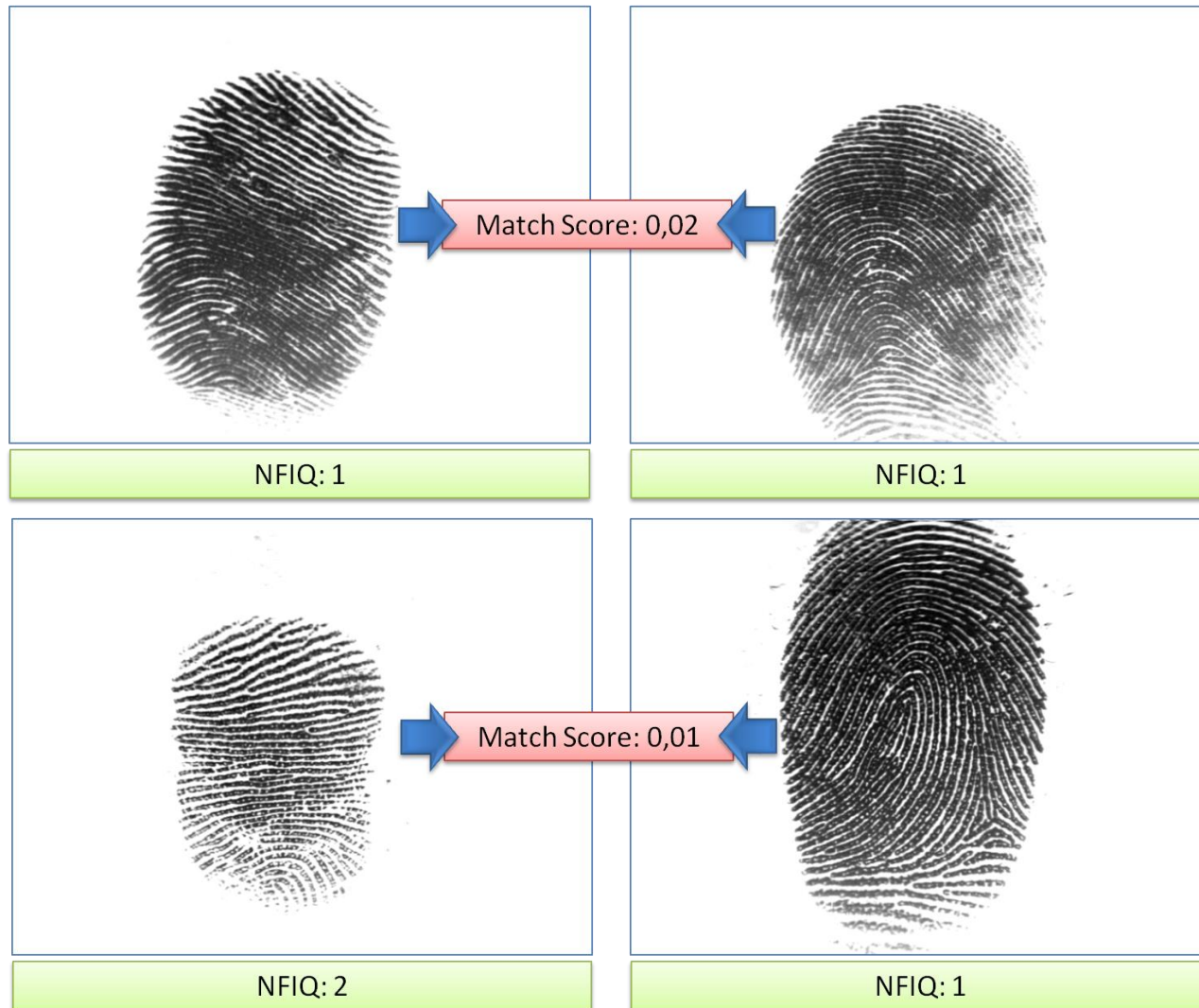


# Bad positioning



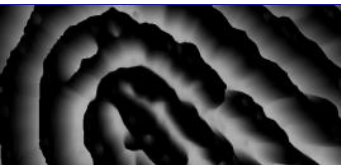
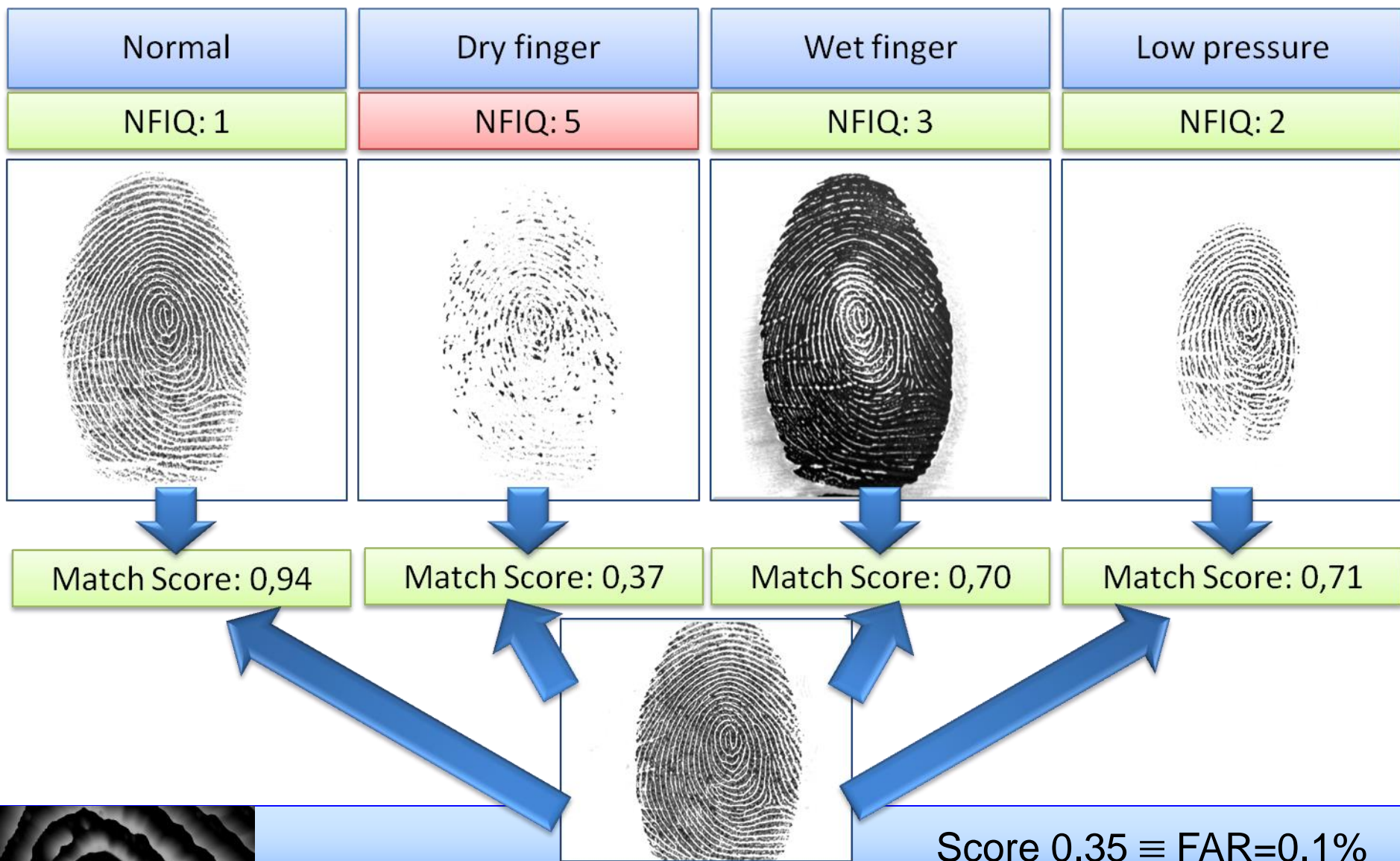


# Non-linear distortions

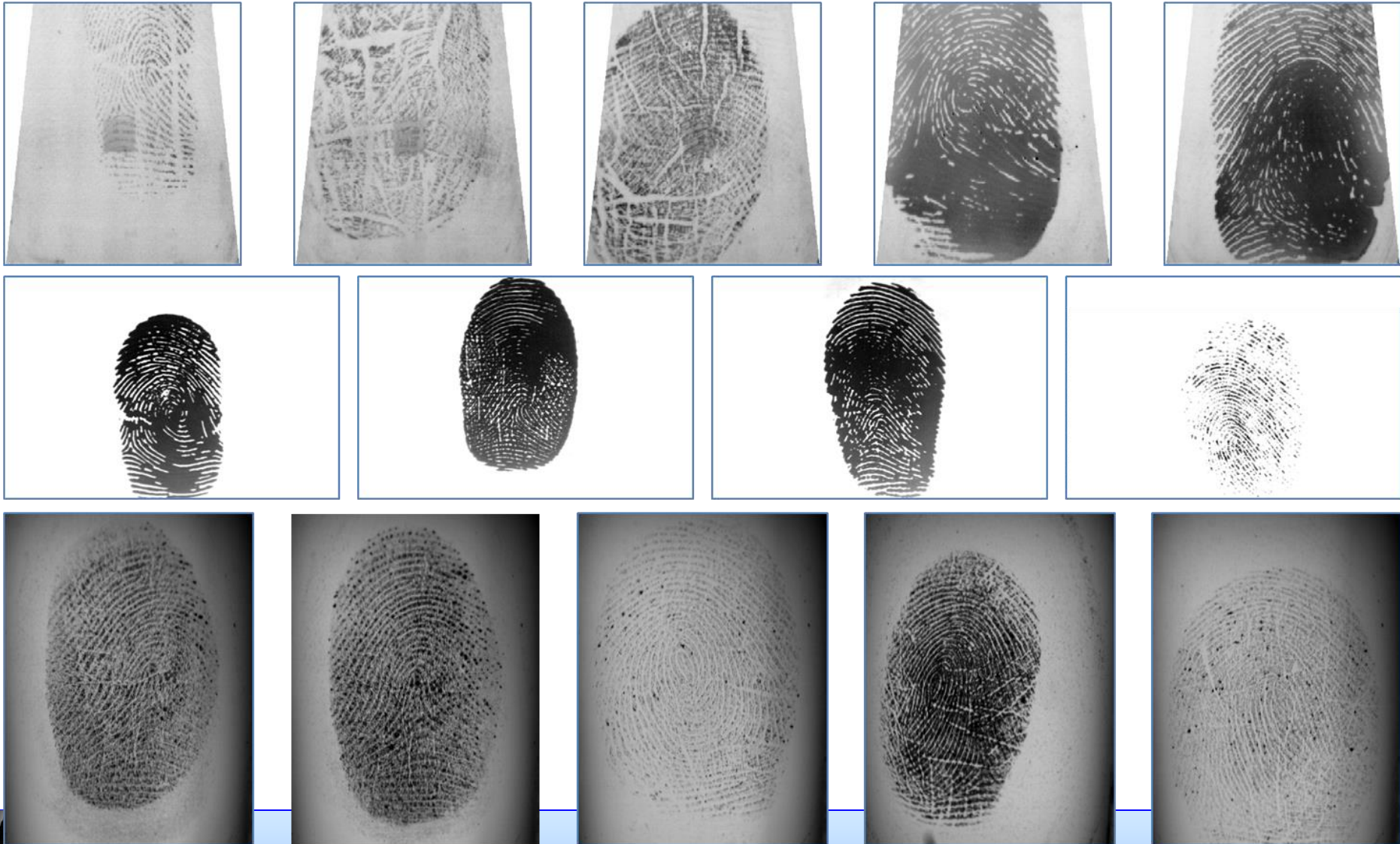


Score 0.35  $\equiv$  FAR=0.1%

# Bad skin conditions and wrong pressure

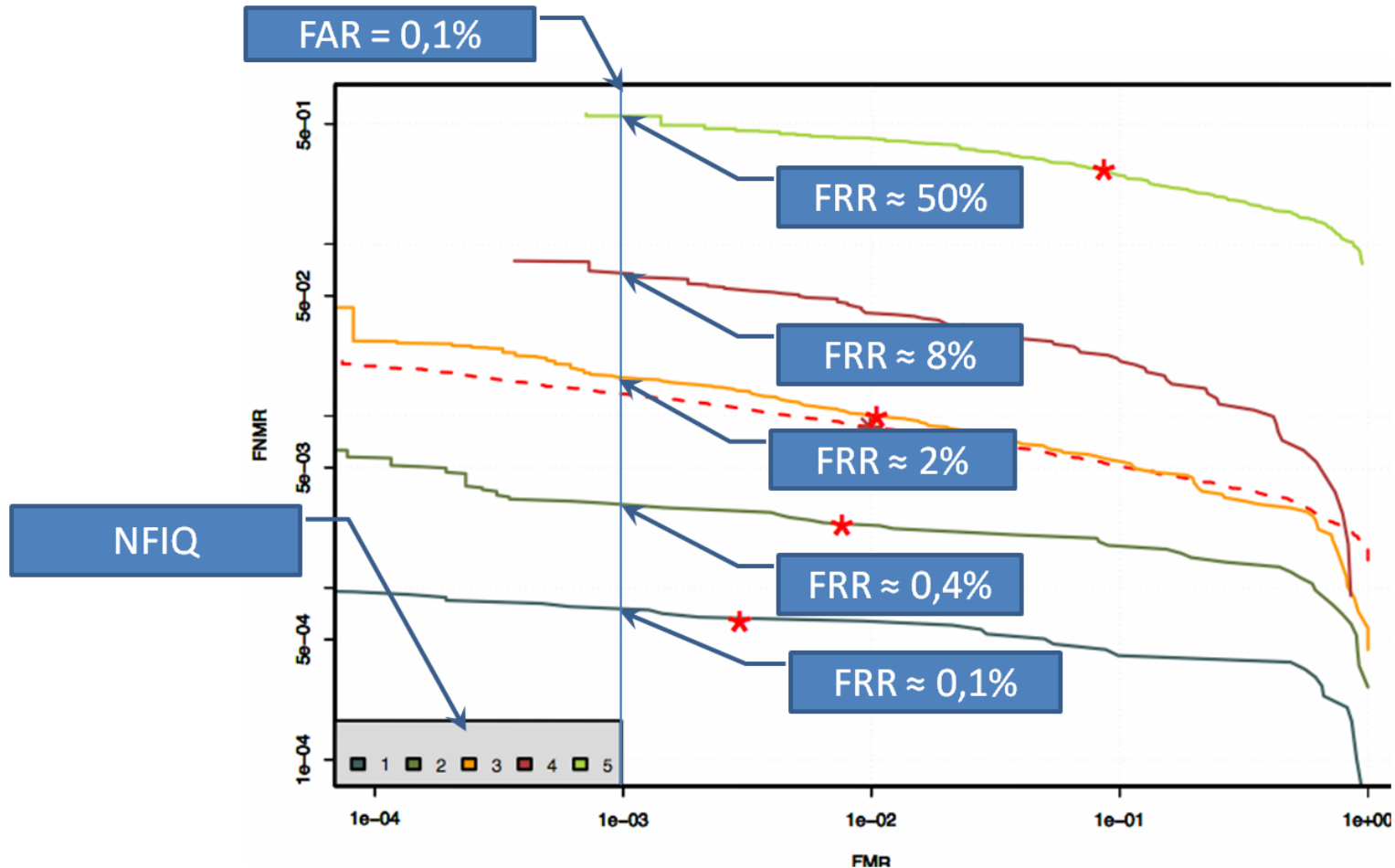


# NFIQ = 5 examples

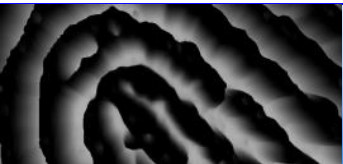




# Quality/Accuracy tradeoff



Tabassi E., "The Last 1% - Biometric Quality Assessment for Error Suppression", Biometric Consortium Conference, 2007.





# Fingerprint matching approaches (1)

- Minutiae-based matching

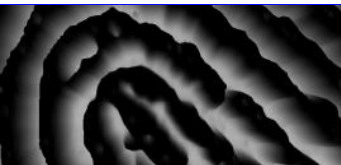
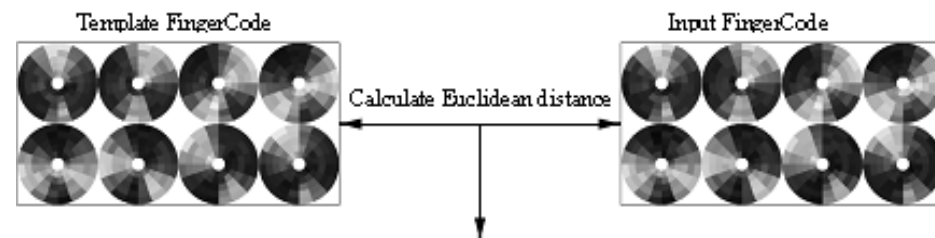
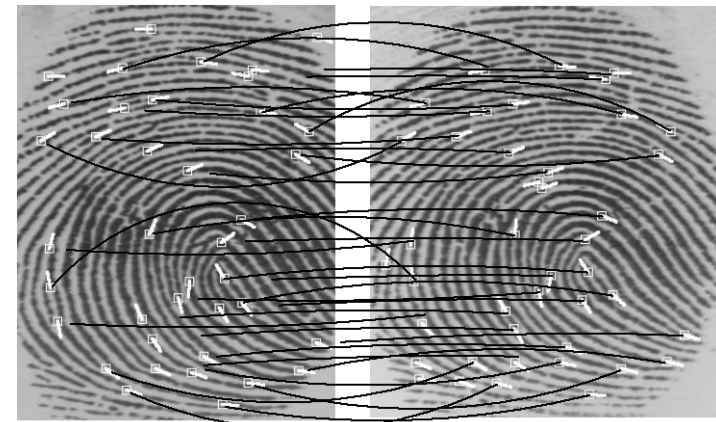
- The most popular and widely used technique. Minutiae-based matching consists in finding the alignment that results in the maximum number of minutiae pairings.

- Correlation-based matching

- Two fingerprints are superimposed and the correlation between corresponding pixels is computed for different alignments.

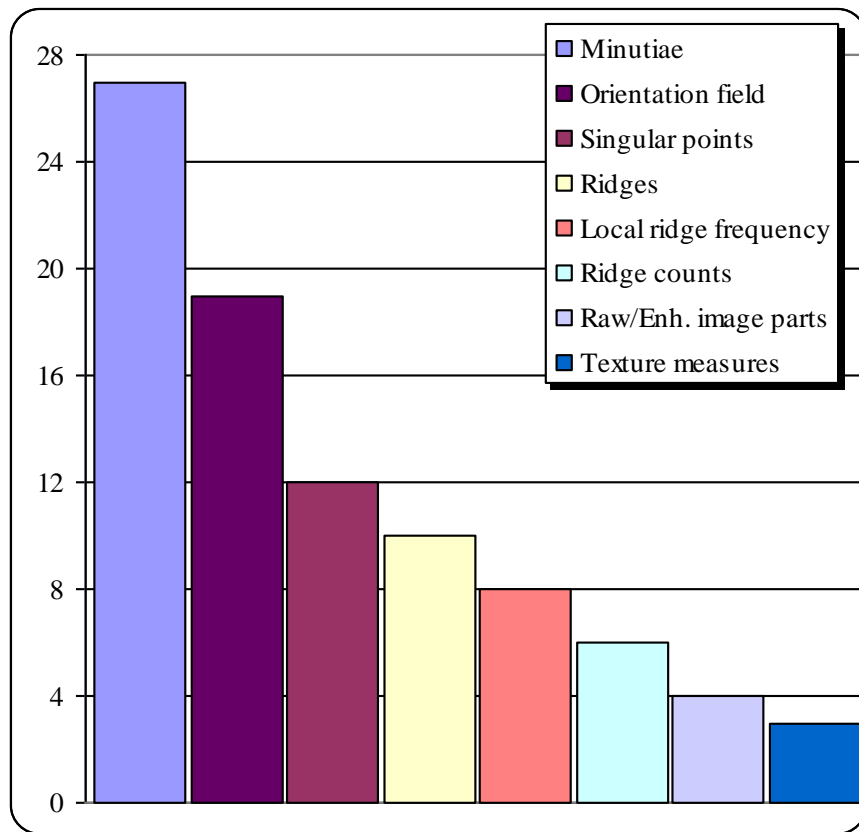
- Ridge feature-based matching

- Other features of the fingerprint ridge pattern (e.g., *local orientation* and *frequency*, *ridge shape*, *texture information*) may be extracted more reliably than minutiae in *low-quality images*.

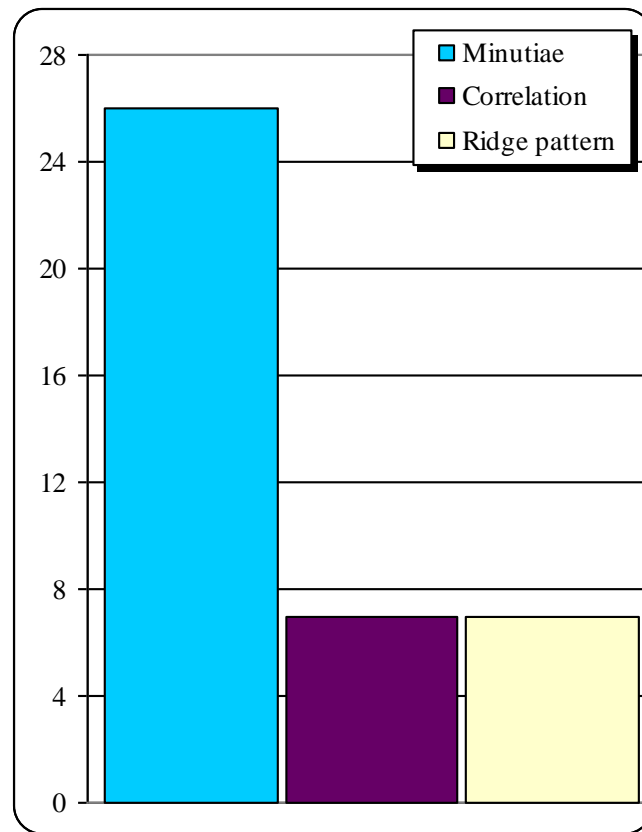


# Fingerprint matching approaches (2)

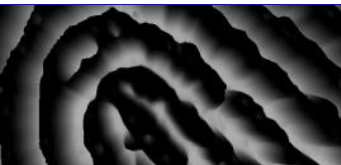
State of the art algorithms: features extracted and matching approaches adopted (source: 29 algorithms from FVC2004)



Features extracted



Matching approaches



# Minutiae-based matching: Problem formulation

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T} &= \{\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2, \dots, \mathbf{m}_m\} & \mathbf{m}_i &= \{x_i, y_i, \theta_i\} & i &= 1..m \\ \mathbf{I} &= \{\mathbf{m}'_1, \mathbf{m}'_2, \dots, \mathbf{m}'_n\} & \mathbf{m}'_j &= \{x'_j, y'_j, \theta'_j\} & j &= 1..n, \end{aligned}$$

the two sets of minutiae  
corresponding to the  
Template and the Input

$$\underset{\Delta x, \Delta y, \theta, P}{\text{maximize}} \sum_{i=1}^m mm(\text{map}_{\Delta x, \Delta y, \theta}(\mathbf{m}'_{P(i)}), \mathbf{m}_i)$$

maximize the number of minutiae  
mates between template and  
"aligned" Input

$$mm(\mathbf{m}''_j, \mathbf{m}_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & sd(\mathbf{m}''_j, \mathbf{m}_i) \leq r_0 \quad \text{and} \quad dd(\mathbf{m}''_j, \mathbf{m}_i) \leq \theta_0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$dd(\mathbf{m}'_j, \mathbf{m}_i) = \min(|\theta'_j - \theta_i|, 360^\circ - |\theta'_j - \theta_i|)$$

$$sd(\mathbf{m}'_j, \mathbf{m}_i) = \sqrt{(x'_j - x_i)^2 + (y'_j - y_i)^2}$$

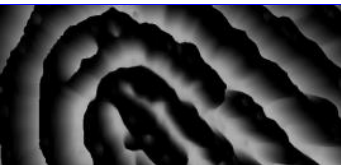
the two  
minutiae can be  
paired

$P(i)$  is an **unknown** function that determines the **pairing**  
between  $\mathbf{I}$  and  $\mathbf{T}$  minutiae:

1.  $P(i) = j$  indicates that the mate of the  $\mathbf{m}_i$  in  $\mathbf{T}$  is the minutia  $\mathbf{m}'_j$  in  $\mathbf{I}$ ;
2.  $P(i) = \text{null}$  indicates that minutia  $\mathbf{m}_i$  in  $\mathbf{T}$  has no mate in  $\mathbf{I}$ ;
3. a minutia  $\mathbf{m}'_j$  in  $\mathbf{I}$ , such that  $\forall i = 1..m, P(i) \neq j$  has no mate in  $\mathbf{T}$ ;
4.  $i = 1..m, k = 1..m, i \neq k \Rightarrow P(i) \neq P(k)$  or  $P(i) = P(k) = \text{null}$  (each minutia in  $\mathbf{I}$  is associated with a maximum of one minutia in  $\mathbf{T}$ ).

$$\text{map}_{\Delta x, \Delta y, \theta}(\mathbf{m}'_j = \{x'_j, y'_j, \theta'_j\}) = \mathbf{m}''_j = \{x''_j, y''_j, \theta'_j + \theta\}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x''_j \\ y''_j \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x'_j \\ y'_j \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{bmatrix}$$



# Global minutiae matching (1)

... an Hough transform-based approach (Ratha et al. (1996))

The space of transformations consists of quadruples  $(\Delta x, \Delta y, \theta, s)$ , where **each parameter is discretized** (denoted by the symbol  $^+$ ) into a finite set of values:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta x^+ &\in \{\Delta x_1^+, \Delta x_2^+, \dots, \Delta x_a^+\} & \Delta y^+ &\in \{\Delta y_1^+, \Delta y_2^+, \dots, \Delta y_b^+\}, \\ \theta^+ &\in \{\theta_1^+, \theta_2^+, \dots, \theta_c^+\} & s^+ &\in \{s_1^+, s_2^+, \dots, s_d^+\}. \end{aligned}$$

At the end of the accumulation process, the best alignment transformation  $(\Delta x^*, \Delta y^*, \theta^*, s^*)$  is then obtained as

$$(\Delta x^*, \Delta y^*, \theta^*, s^*) = \arg \max_{\Delta x^+, \Delta y^+, \theta^+, s^+} A[\Delta x^+, \Delta y^+, \theta^+, s^+]$$

**Computational complexity:**  $O(m \times n \times c \times d)$

for each  $\mathbf{m}_i, i = 1..m$

for each  $\mathbf{m}'_j, j = 1..n$

for each  $\theta^+ \in \{\theta_1^+, \theta_2^+, \dots, \theta_c^+\}$

if  $dd(\theta'_j + \theta^+, \theta_i) < \theta_0$

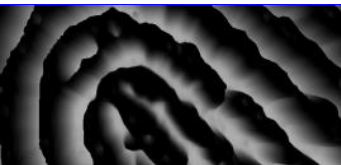
for each  $s^+ \in \{s_1^+, s_2^+, \dots, s_d^+\}$

$$\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \Delta x \\ \Delta y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{bmatrix} - s^+ \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta^+ & -\sin \theta^+ \\ \sin \theta^+ & \cos \theta^+ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x'_j \\ y'_j \end{bmatrix} \right.$$

$\Delta x^+, \Delta y^+ =$  quantization of  $\Delta x, \Delta y$  to the nearest bin

$$A[\Delta x^+, \Delta y^+, \theta^+, s^+] = A[\Delta x^+, \Delta y^+, \theta^+, s^+] + 1$$

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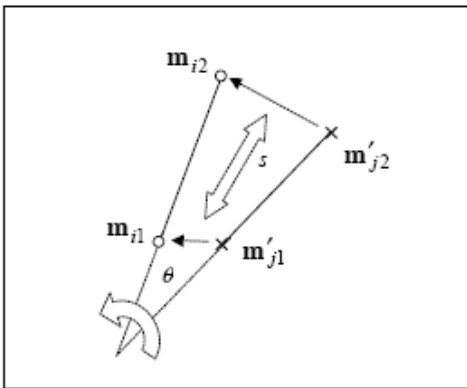




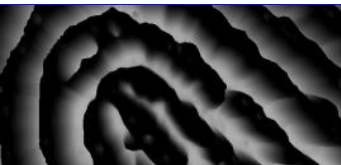
# Global minutiae matching (2)

Several **variants** of the above algorithm:

- scale is often **fixed** to 1 (3-dimensional search space instead of 4-dimensional search space)
- considering two pairs of minutiae, **rotation** and **scale** parameters can be derived **independently** of the **translation** (Chang et al. (1997)) ...



*from the pairing of two minutiae in  $I$  with two minutiae in  $T$  it is possible to derive scale and rotation...*



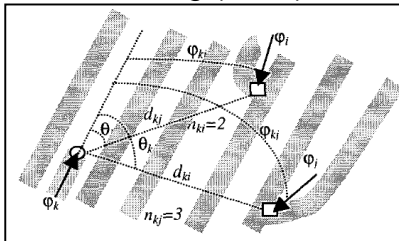
# Local minutiae matching

**Local minutiae matching** consists of comparing two fingerprints according to local minutiae structures.

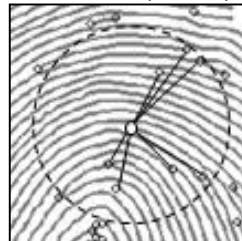
**Local structures** are characterized by attributes that are invariant with respect to global transformations (e.g., translation, rotation, etc.) and therefore are suitable for matching without any a priori global alignment.

**Matching local minutiae structures** is usually **faster** and **more robust** to distortion, but **less distinctive**.

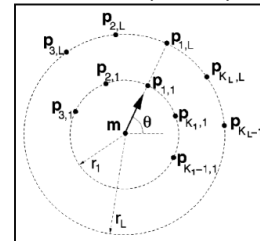
Jiang (2000)



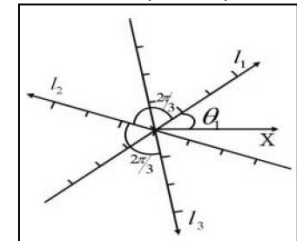
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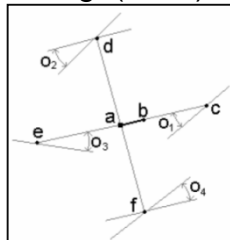
Tico (2003)



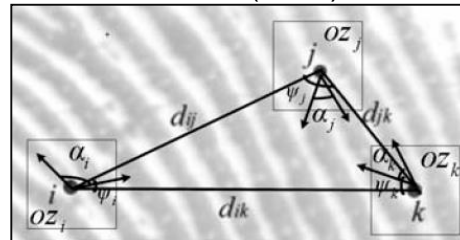
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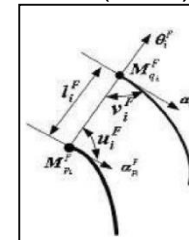
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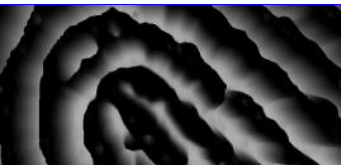
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He (2006)



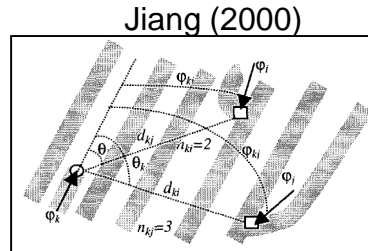
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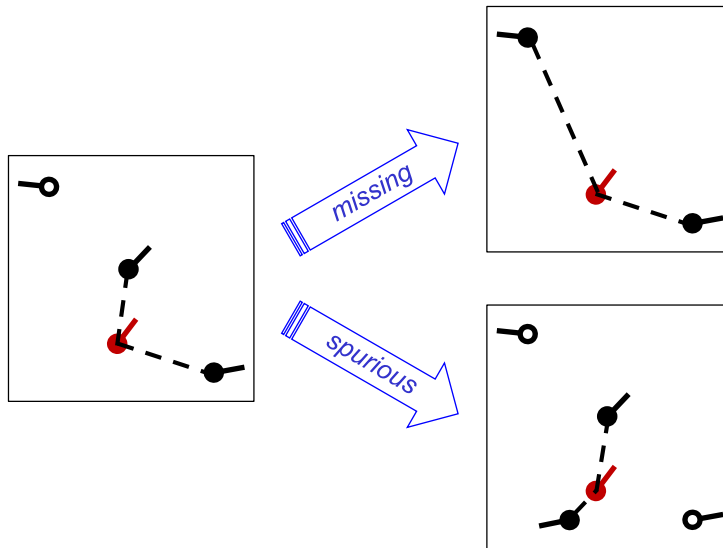
# Families of local structures

## Nearest neighbour-based structures:

the neighbors of the central minutia are formed by its  $K$  spatially closest minutiae. This leads to *fixed-length descriptors* that can be usually matched very efficiently.

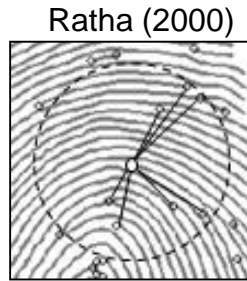


Drawback: the possibility of exchanging nearest neighbour minutiae due to missing or spurious ones.

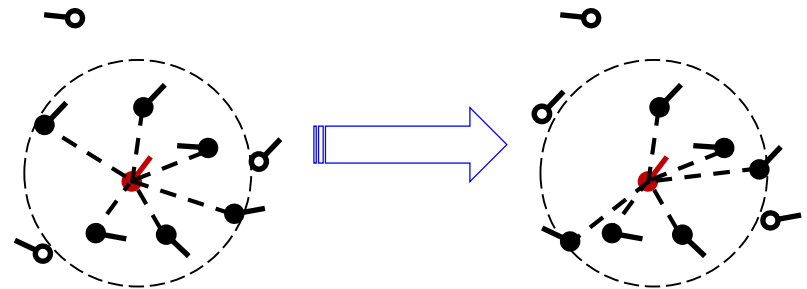


## Fixed radius-based structures:

the neighbors are defined as all the minutiae that are closer than a given radius  $R$  from the central minutia. The *descriptor length is variable* and depends on the local minutiae density; this can lead to a more complex local matching; however, in principle, missing and spurious minutiae can be better tolerated.



Drawback: border errors. Minutiae close to the local region border in one of the two fingerprints can be mismatched because of different local distortion or location inaccuracy that cause the same minutiae to move out of the local region in the second fingerprint.

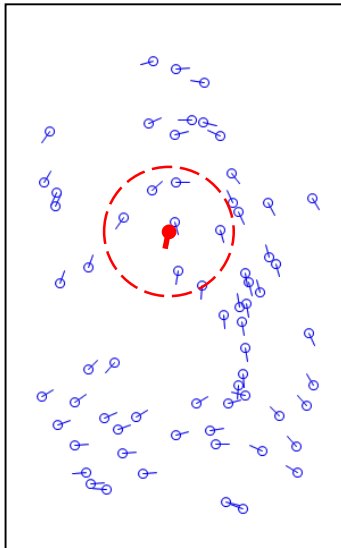


# MCC: Minutiae Cylinder Code

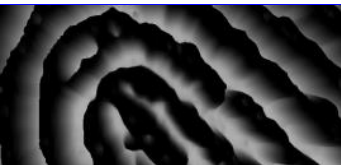
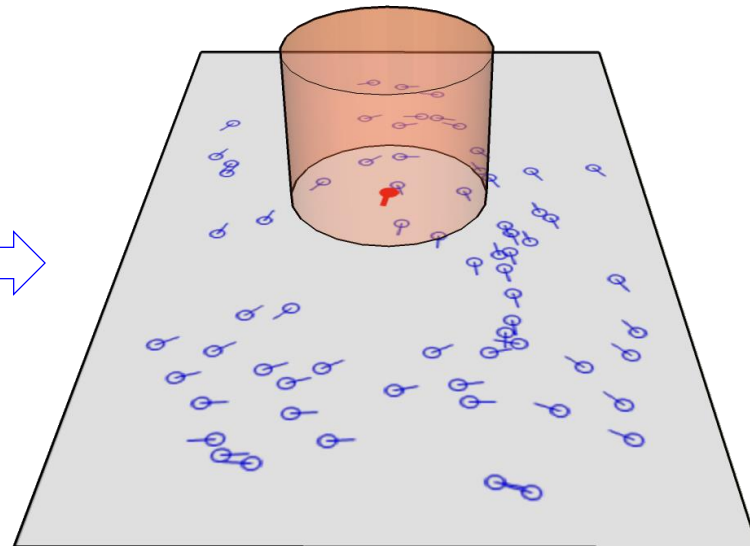
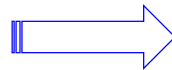
Cappelli, Ferrara & Maltoni  
**TPAMI 2010**

- Fixed radius structure;
- Fixed-length descriptors;
- Fast and simple matching phase;
- Matching algorithm compliant to ISO/IEC 19794-2 (2005);
- Portable on inexpensive secure platforms.

Traditional local structure

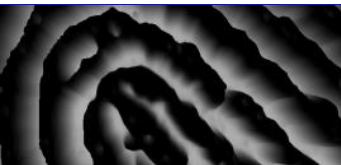
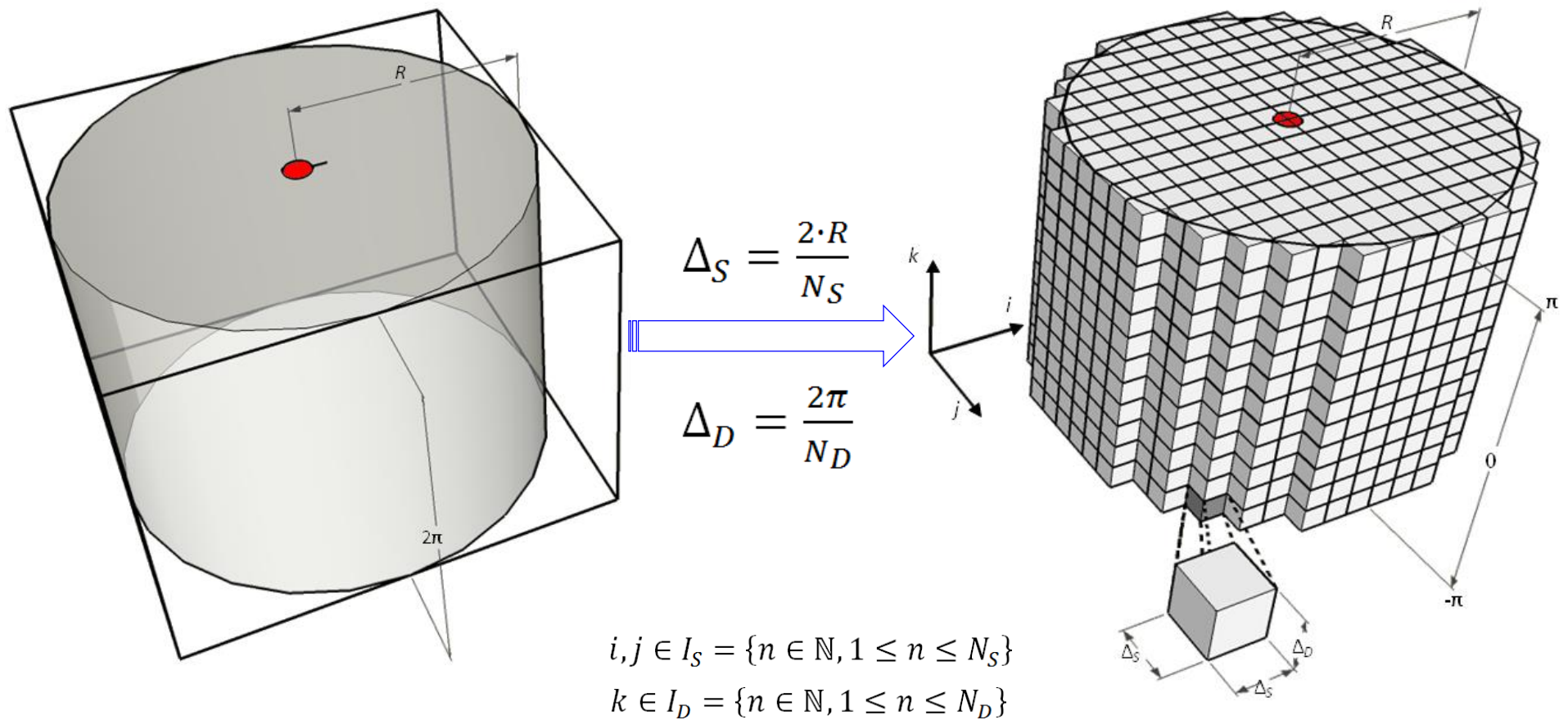


MCC: a new 3D local structure

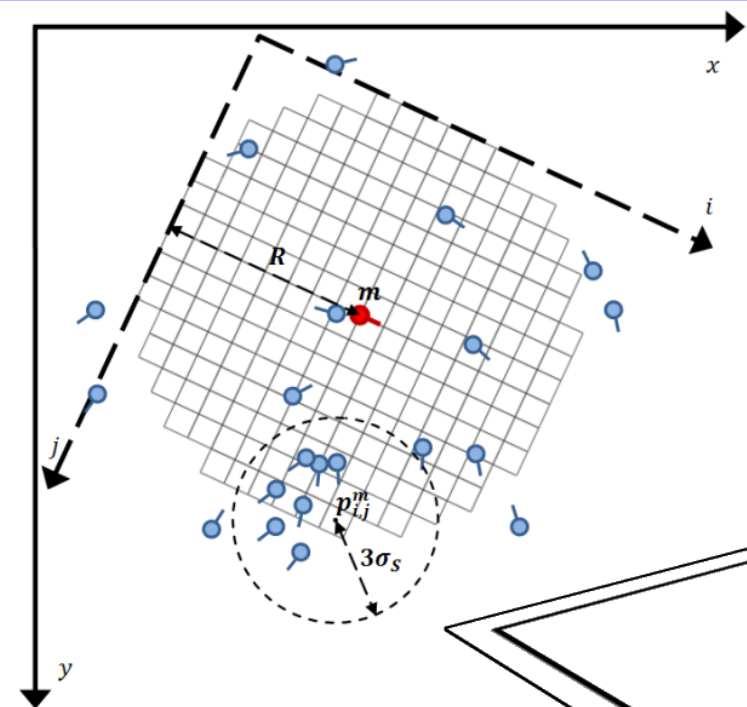




# MCC: the cylinder local structure

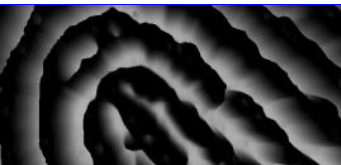
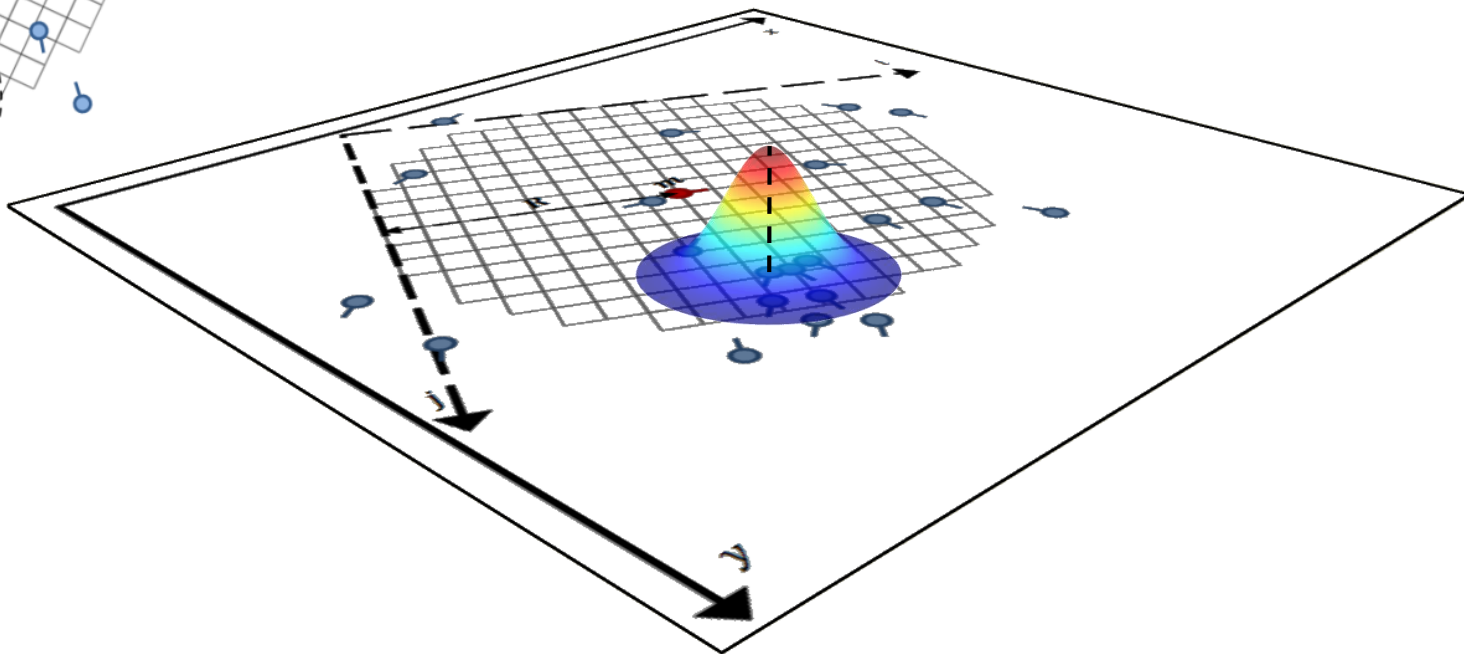


# MCC: the spatial contribution

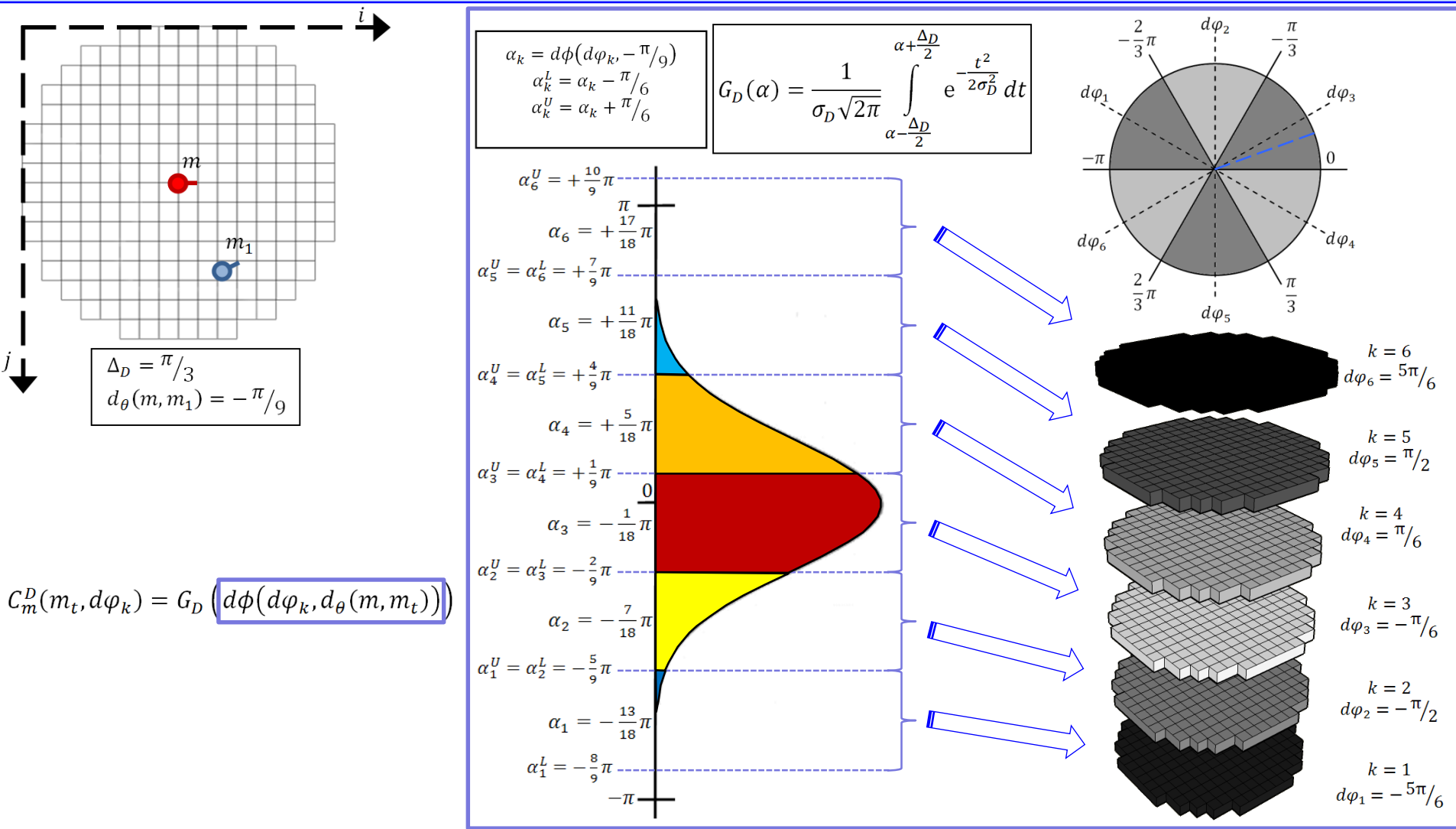


$$C_m^S(m_t, p_{i,j}^m) = G_S \left( d_s(m_t, p_{i,j}^m) \right)$$

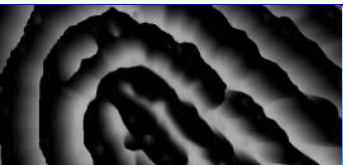
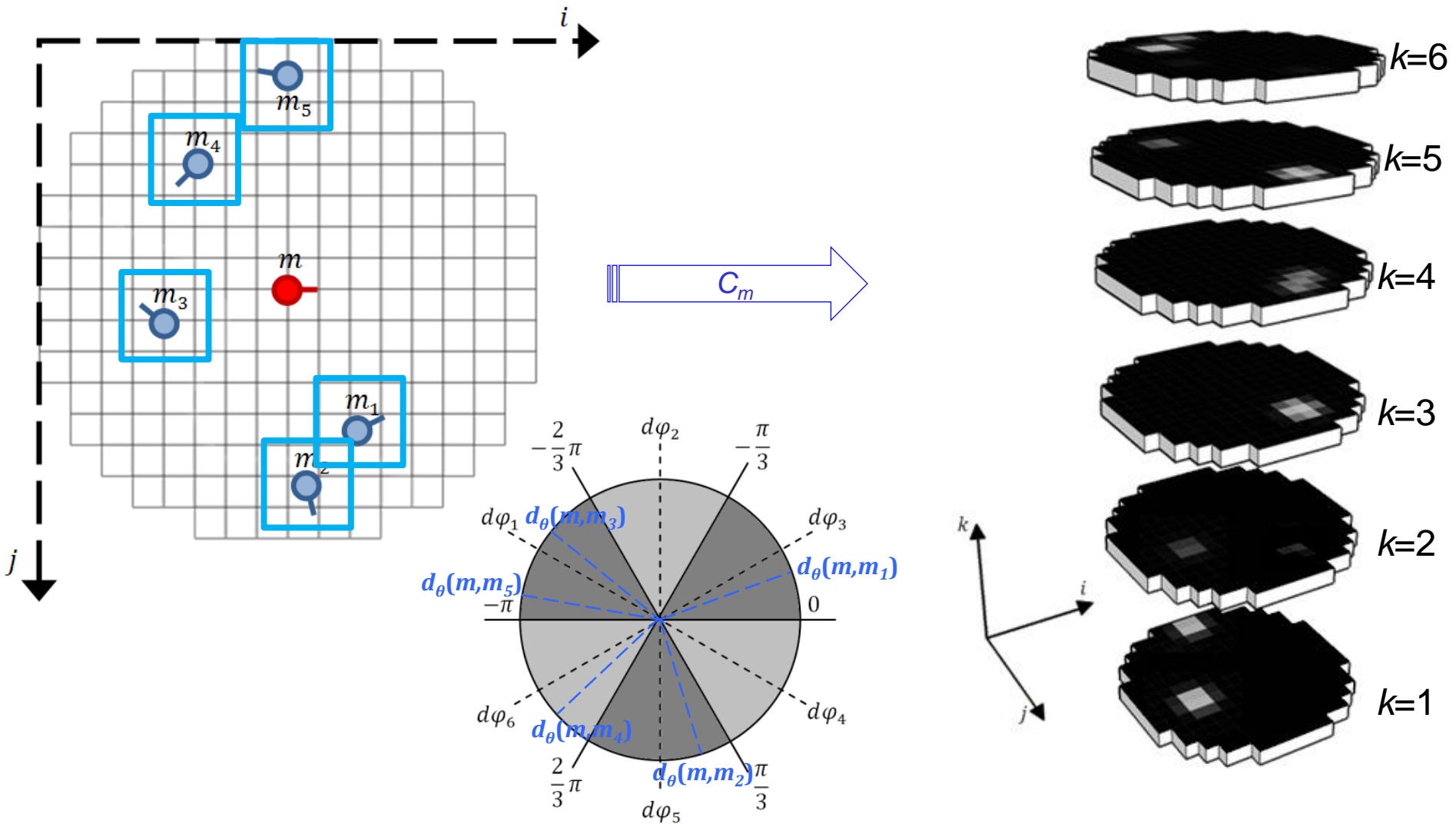
$$G_S(t) = \frac{1}{\sigma_S \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\left( -\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_S^2} \right)}$$



# MCC: the directional contribution

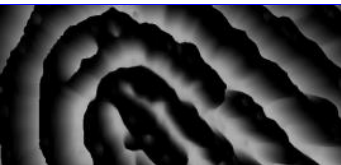
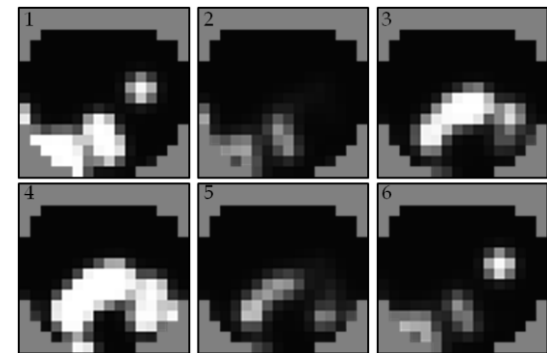
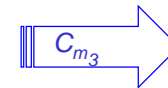
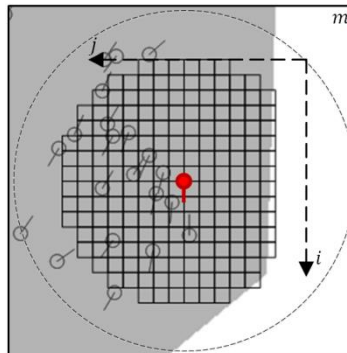
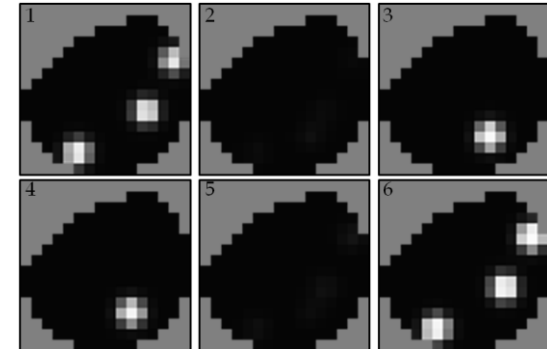
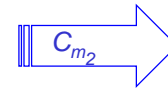
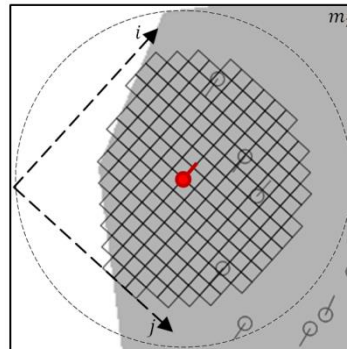
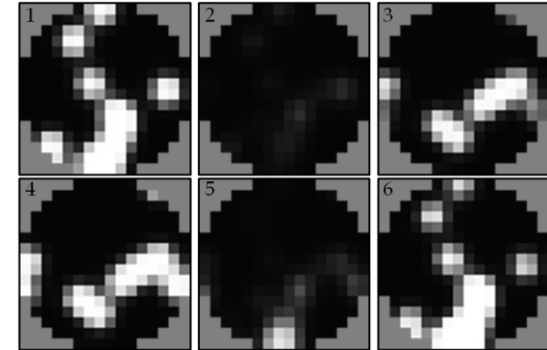
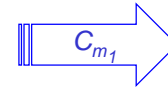
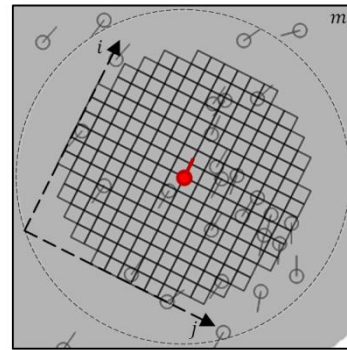
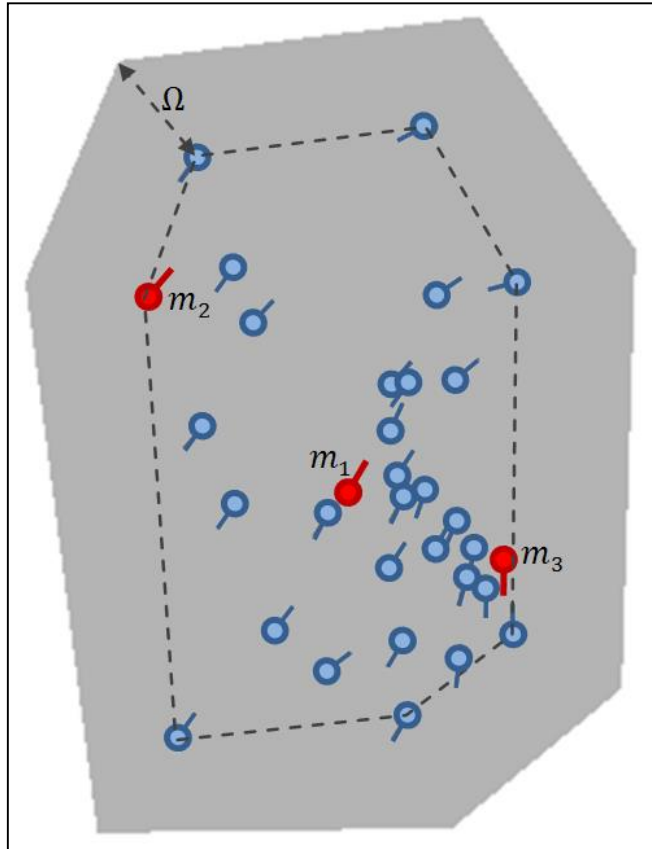


# MCC: example of a cylinder





# MCC: example of a template

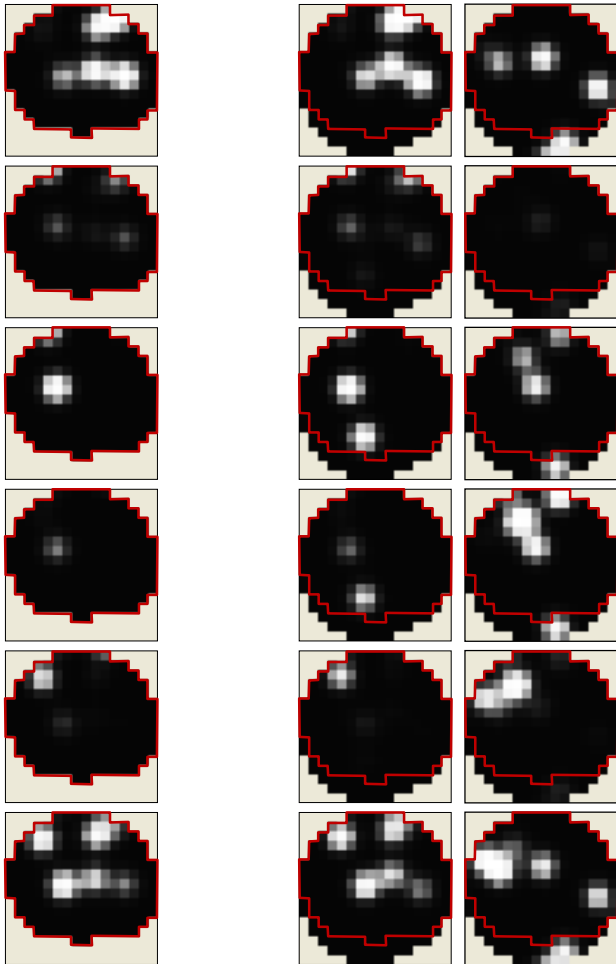


# MCC: the similarity between two cylinders

$C_a$

$C_b$

$C_c$



$$\mathbf{c}_m[\text{lin}(i, j, k)] = C_m(i, j, k)$$

$$\text{lin}(i, j, k) = (k - 1) \cdot (N_S)^2 + (j - 1) \cdot N_S + i$$

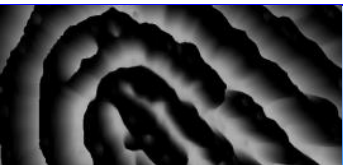
$$\mathbf{c}_{a|b}[t] = \begin{cases} \mathbf{c}_a[t] & \text{if } \mathbf{c}_a[t] \text{ and } \mathbf{c}_b[t] \text{ are matchable} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{c}_{b|a}[t] = \begin{cases} \mathbf{c}_b[t] & \text{if } \mathbf{c}_b[t] \text{ and } \mathbf{c}_a[t] \text{ are matchable} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma(a, b) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{\|\mathbf{c}_{a|b} - \mathbf{c}_{b|a}\|}{\|\mathbf{c}_{a|b}\| + \|\mathbf{c}_{b|a}\|} & \text{if } C_a \text{ and } C_b \text{ are matchable} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma(a, b) = 0.75$$

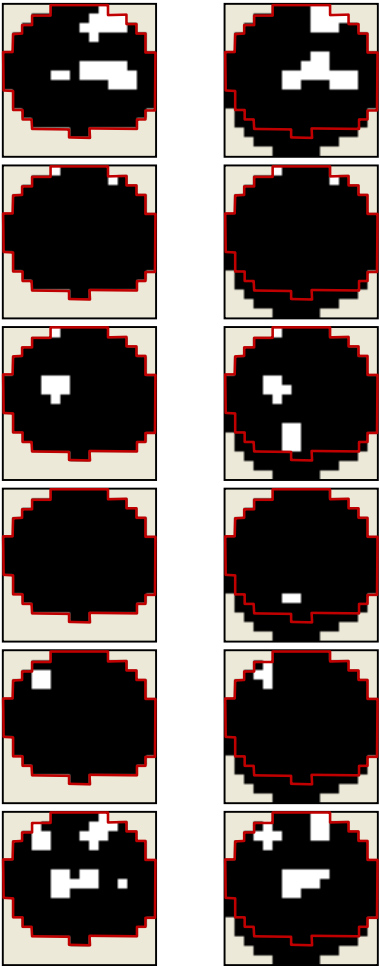
$$\gamma(a, c) = 0.38$$



# MCC: bit-based implementation

$C_a$

$C_b$



The cell value:

$$\Psi_{Bit}(v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v \geq \mu_{\Psi} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



The similarity between two cylinders:

$$c_m[lin(i, j, k)] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } C_m(i, j, k) = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

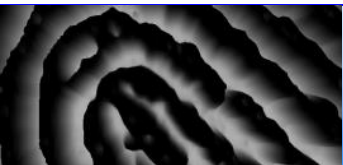
$$\hat{c}_m[lin(i, j, k)] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } C_m(i, j, k) \neq invalid \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{c}_{ab} = \hat{c}_a \text{ AND } \hat{c}_b$$

$$c_{a|b} = c_a \text{ AND } \hat{c}_{ab}, c_{b|a} = c_b \text{ AND } \hat{c}_{ab}$$

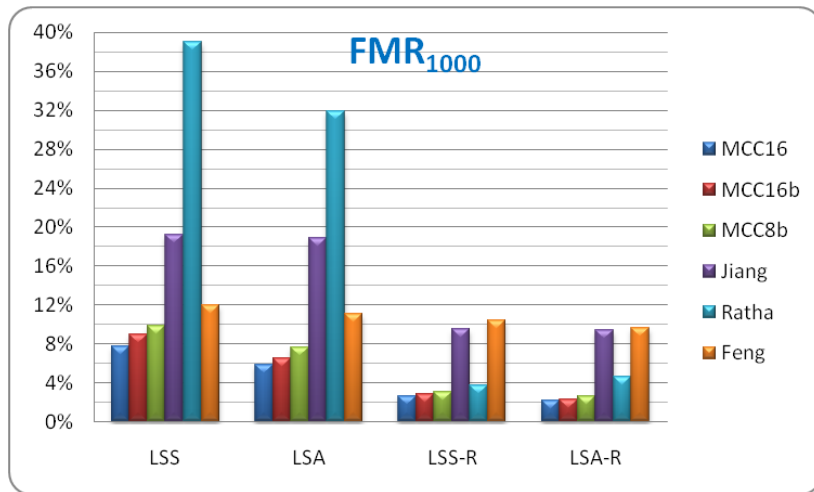
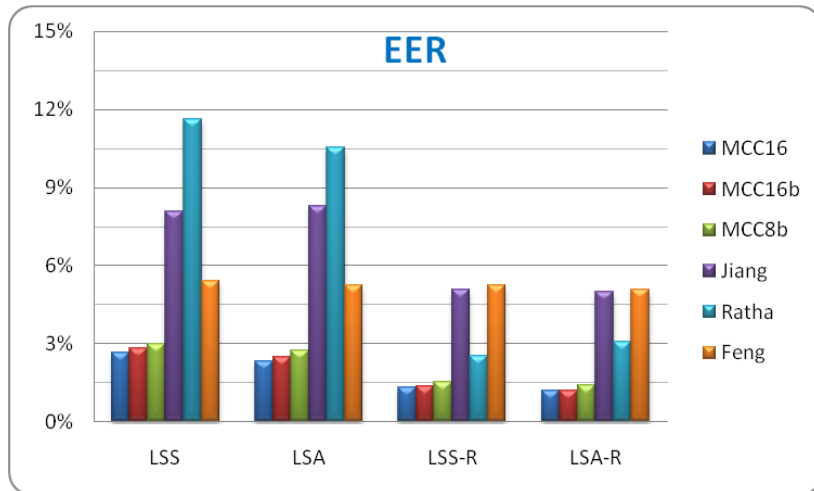
$$\gamma_{Bit}(a, b) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{\|c_{a|b} \text{ XOR } c_{b|a}\|}{\|c_{a|b}\| + \|c_{b|a}\|} & \text{if } C_a \text{ and } C_b \text{ are matchable} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma_{Bit}(a, b) = 0.63$$



# MCC: experimental evaluation

## Accuracy



## Efficiency

AVERAGE MATCHING TIMES OVER ALL DATASETS (MILLISECONDS)

	T <sub>cs</sub>	T <sub>ls</sub>	T <sub>gs</sub>			
			LSS	LSA	LSS-R	LSA-R
<i>MCC16</i>	21.0	21.0	0.5	4.3	2.7	4.7
<i>MCC16b</i>	17.3	1.2	0.5	4.3	2.8	4.7
<i>MCC8b</i>	4.2	0.3	0.5	4.2	2.9	4.8
<i>Jiang</i>	1.0	0.8	0.4	4.3	2.6	4.1
<i>Ratha</i>	1.0	250.7	0.5	4.3	2.8	4.4
<i>Feng</i>	0.2	12.3	0.5	2.4	2.8	3.1

Simple C# implementation: 0.8ms  
 Optimized with SSE4: 0.004ms  
 ~900.000 matches/s on a quad core

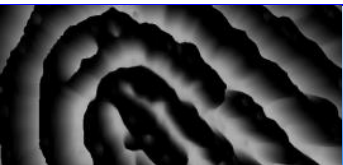
	Size	Size	Ratio	Size	Ratio
<i>MCC16</i>	209253	103766	202%	104595	200%
<i>MCC16b</i>	7630	1457	524%	1642	465%
<i>MCC8b</i>	1913	605	316%	655	292%
<i>Jiang</i>	1068	608	176%	647	165%
<i>Ratha</i>	26543	19487	136%	20046	132%
<i>Feng</i>	1428	567	252%	614	233%



# Running MCC on multicore CPU and GPU

Version	System configuration	Test	Matches per second
MCC Matcher (single core, no SSE optimizations) <a href="http://biolab.csr.unibo.it">Download the SDK at: http://biolab.csr.unibo.it</a>	Intel CPU E5-2650 @ 2GHz (2 processors), 64 bit O.S.	100 identification queries on a 1M database	5.8 K
MCC <b>SSE4</b> Optimized Matcher for CPU	Intel CPU E5-2650 @ 2GHz (2 processors, 32 cores), 64 bit O.S.	100 identification queries on a 1M database	5.3 M
MCC GPU ( <b>CUDA</b> ) and CPU Optimized Matchers	Intel CPU E5-2650 @ 2GHz (2 processors, 32 cores), 4 Nvidia Tesla C2075 GPUs, 64 bit O.S.	100 identification queries on a 1M database	41.7 M

Cappelli, Ferrara & Maltoni, *Large-scale fingerprint identification on GPU*  
Information Sciences, 2015



# Fingerprint indexing based on MCC (1)

An effective method for indexing binary vectors using Hamming-based metrics is *Locality-Sensitive Hashing* (LSH). LSH is based on the simple idea that if two vectors are similar, then after a “projection” into a lower-dimensional subspace, they will remain similar.

$H_1 = \{23, 39, 56, 59, 103, 118, 137, 144, 146, 185, 200, 216, 218, 250, 278, 305\}$

$H_2 = \{3, 8, 42, 45, 61, 94, 113, 123, 170, 175, 191, 207, 225, 281, 290, 292\}$

$H_3 = \{4, 33, 52, 53, 86, 97, 109, 125, 134, 161, 203, 259, 268, 272, 294, 304\}$

The set of indices defines a hash function that maps a cylinder to the natural number corresponding to its binary representation.

$f_{H_1}(C_a) = 22241$

$f_{H_1}(C_b) = 22241$

$f_{H_1}(C_c) = 2$

$f_{H_2}(C_a) = 4545$

$f_{H_2}(C_b) = 4545$

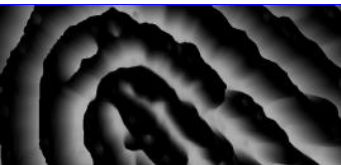
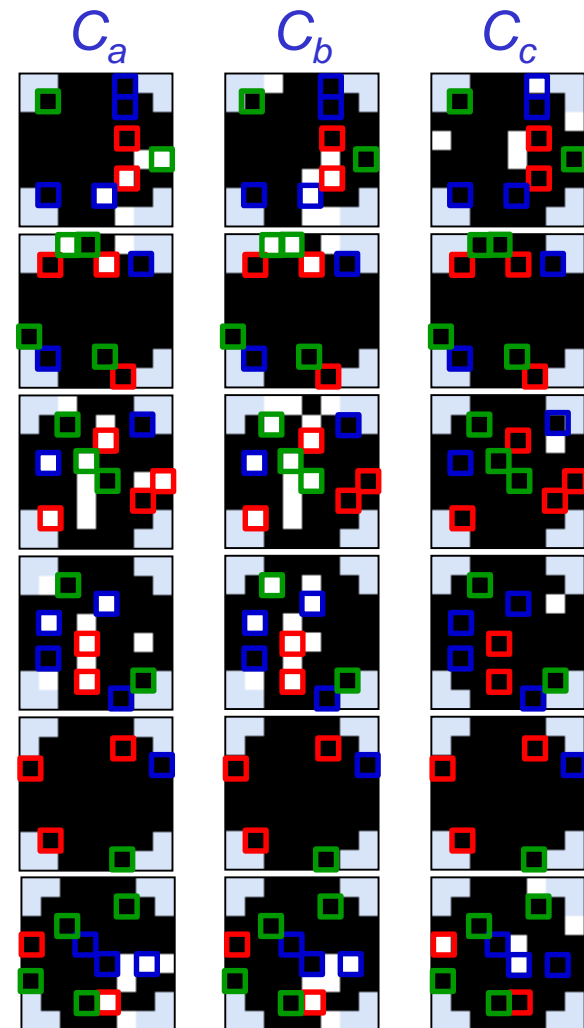
$f_{H_2}(C_c) = 32770$

$f_{H_3}(C_a) = 24832$

$f_{H_3}(C_b) = 13248$

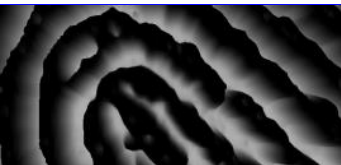
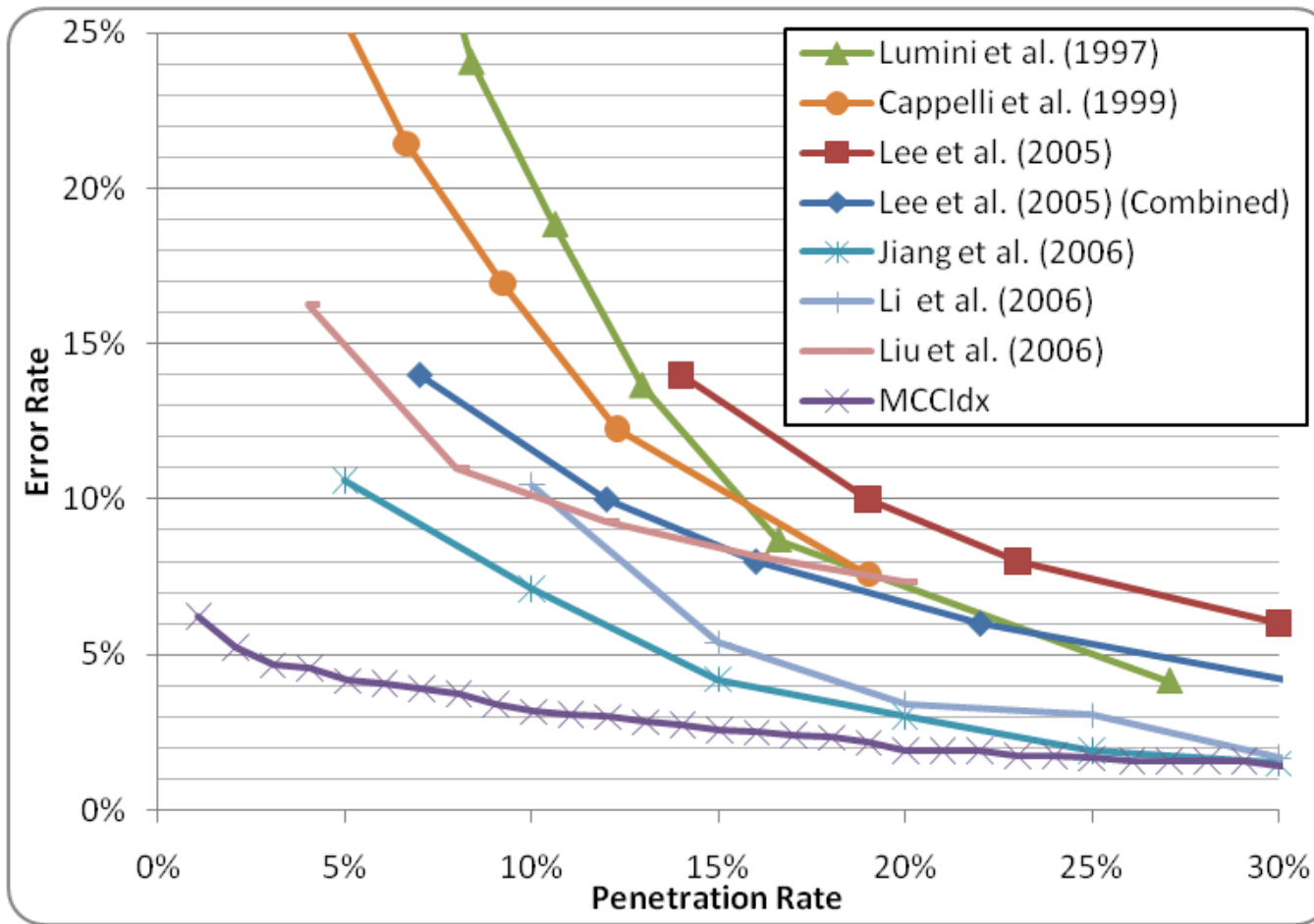
$f_{H_3}(C_c) = 0$

Then the similarity between two cylinders can be simply estimated by counting the number of collisions under the various hash functions.



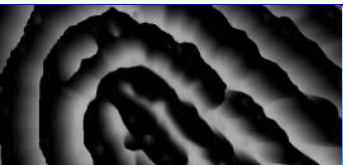
# Fingerprint indexing based on MCC (2)

## Results on NIST DB4



# Ridge feature-based matching

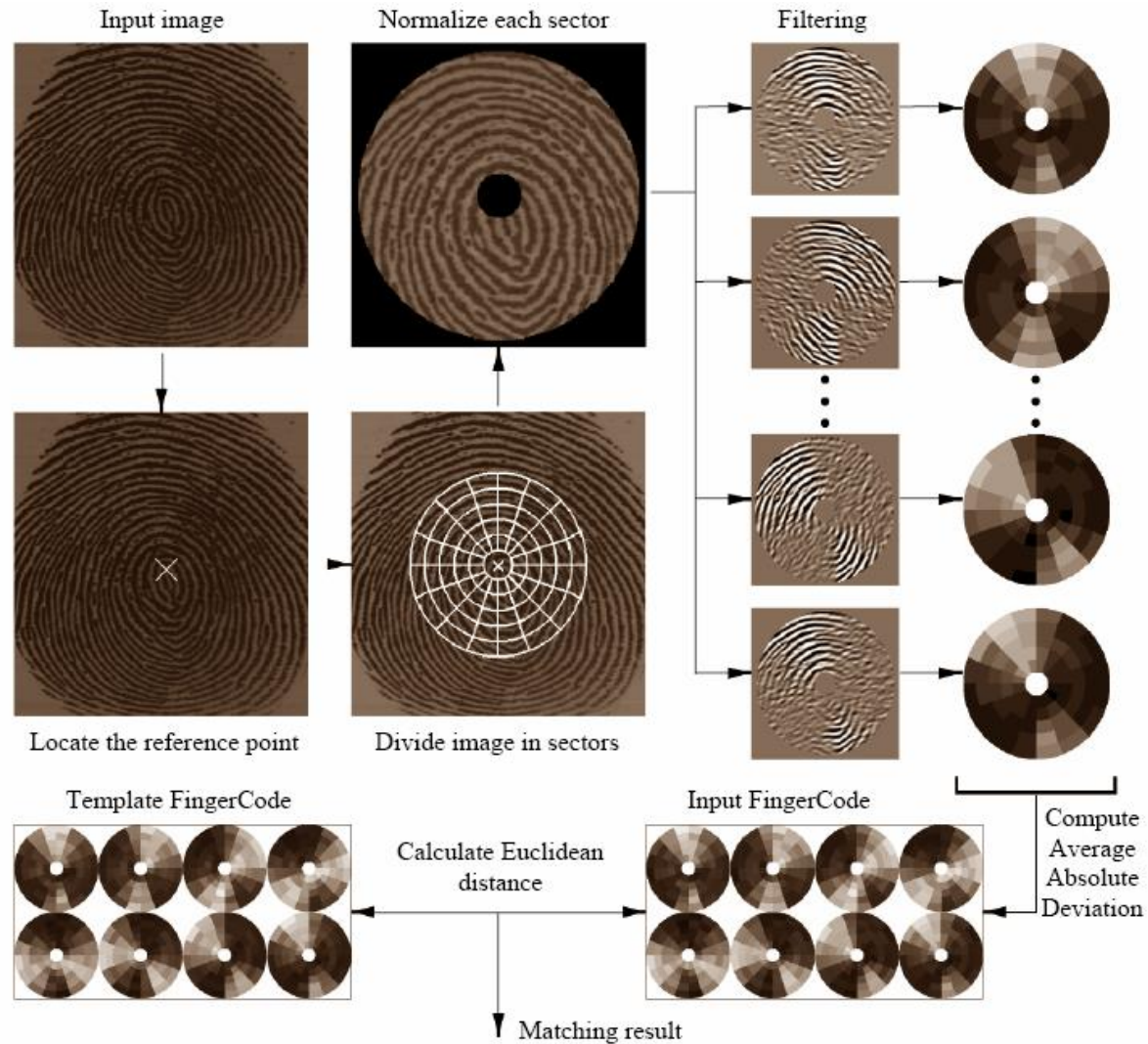
- Why **other features** and not simply minutiae ?
  - **reliably** extracting minutiae from poor quality fingerprints is **very difficult**
  - a **fixed-length** invariant feature code is useful for “indexing” fingerprint databases
  - additional features may be used **in conjunction with minutiae** (and not as an alternative) to increase system accuracy and robustness
- The most commonly used **alternative features** are:
  1. **size** of the fingerprint and **shape** of the external fingerprint **silhouette**;
  2. **number**, **type**, and **position** of **singularities**;
  3. **spatial relationship** and **geometrical attributes** of the **ridge lines** (Xiao and Bian (1986) and Kaymaz and Mitra (1992));
  4. **shape features** (Takeda et al. (1990) and Ceguerra and Koprinska, 2002);
  5. **global and local texture information**;
  6. **sweat pores** (Stosz and Alyea, 1994);
  7. **fractal** features (Polikarpova, 1996).





# Texture-based matching

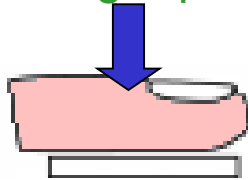
## FingerCode approach (Jain et al. (2000))



# Skin distortion

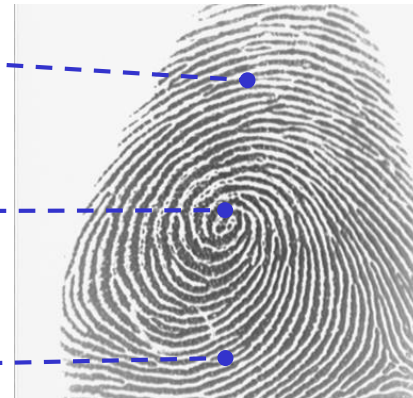
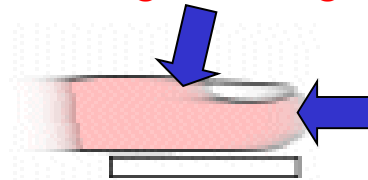
One of the main factors that contribute to make substantially different the impressions of a given finger is skin distortion

Orthogonal finger placement

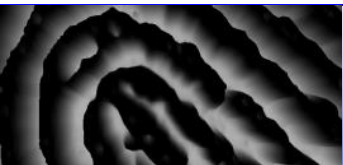


Non-distorted fingerprint

Non-orthogonal finger placement

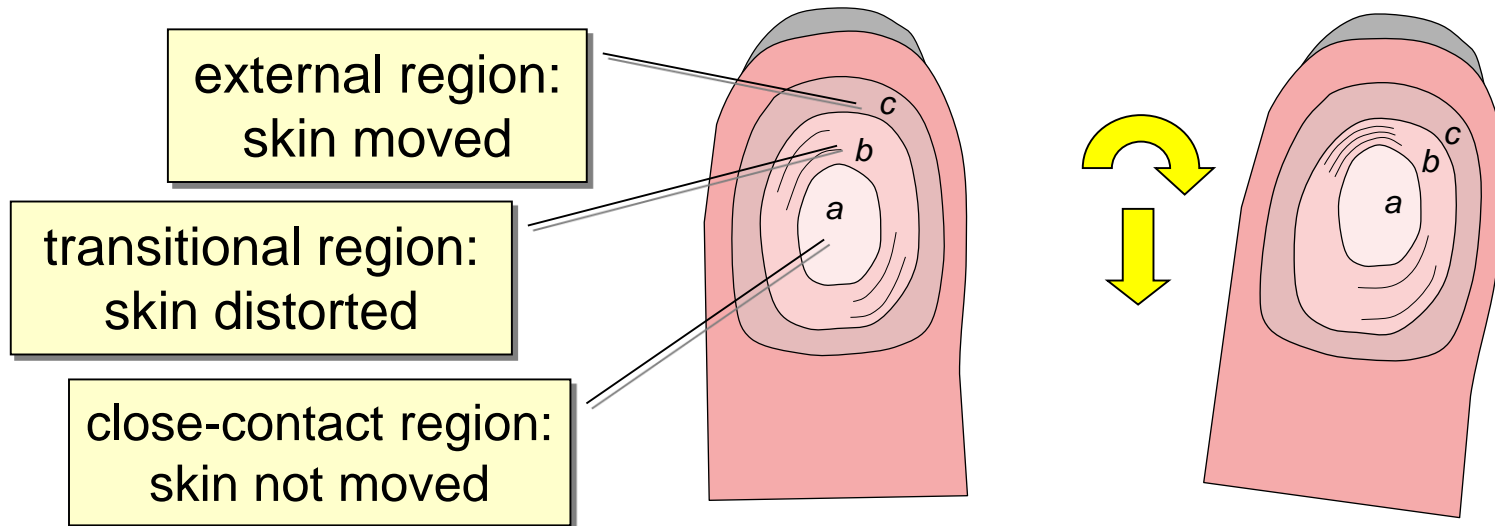


Distorted fingerprint

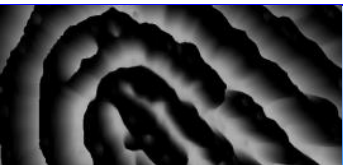


# Skin distortion model (1)

The finger pressure against the sensor is not uniform, but decreases moving from the center towards the borders.

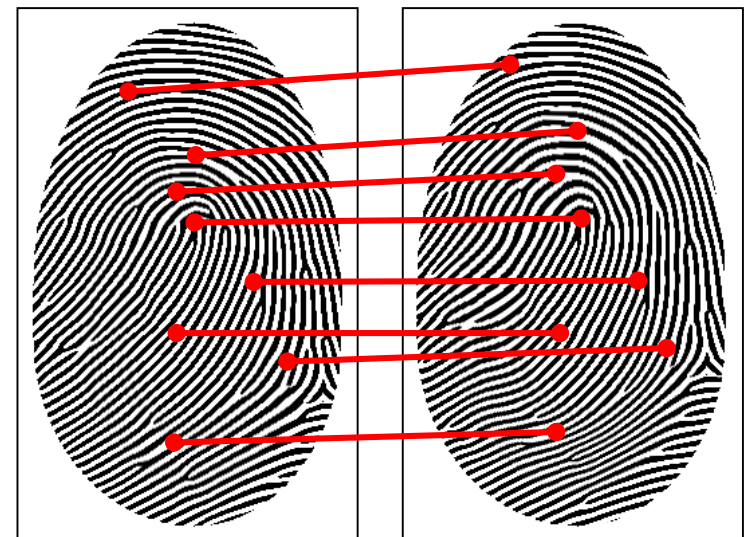
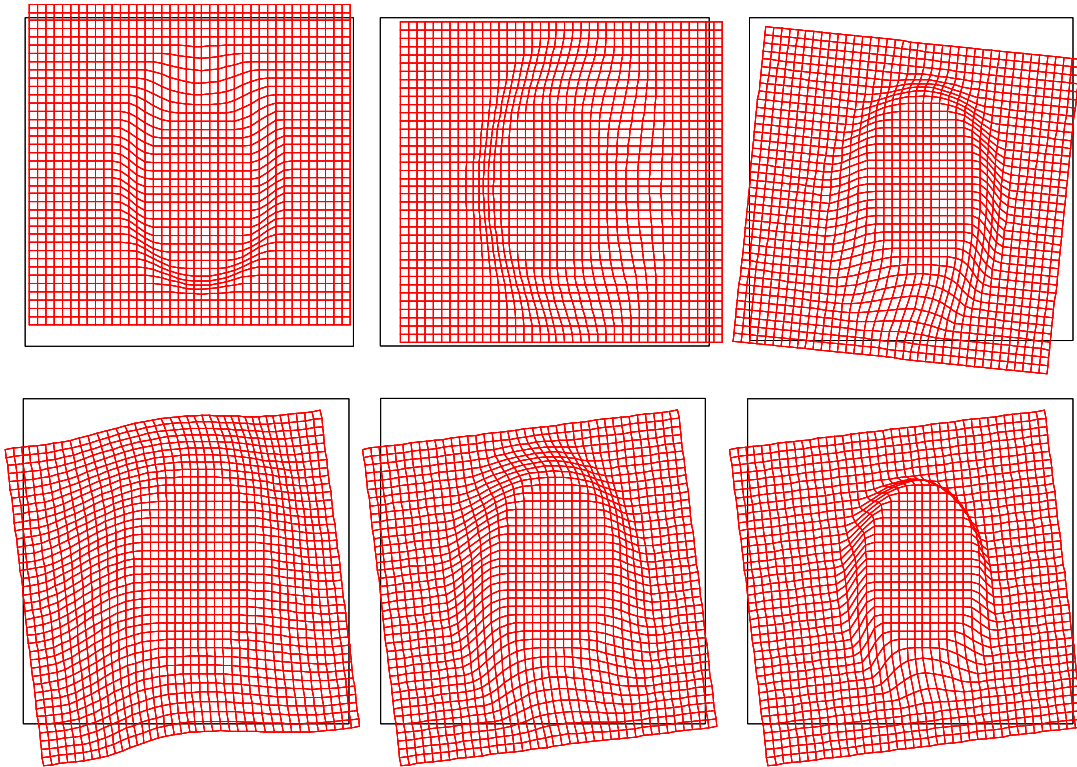


- a) close-contact region, where the high pressure and the surface friction does not allow any skin slippage
- c) external region, where the low pressure allows the skin to be dragged by the finger movement
- b) transitional region where an elastic distortion is produced to smoothly combine regions a and c



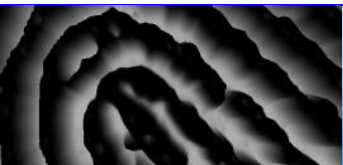
# Skin distortion model (2)

$$\text{distortion} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \text{distortion}(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v} + \Delta(\mathbf{v}) \cdot \text{brake}(\text{shapedist}_a(\mathbf{v}), k)$$



Original image

Distorted image





# Performance evaluation: errors

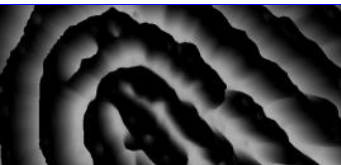
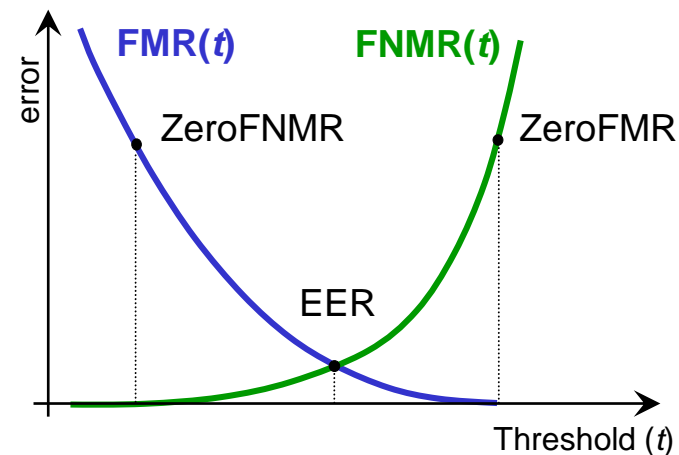
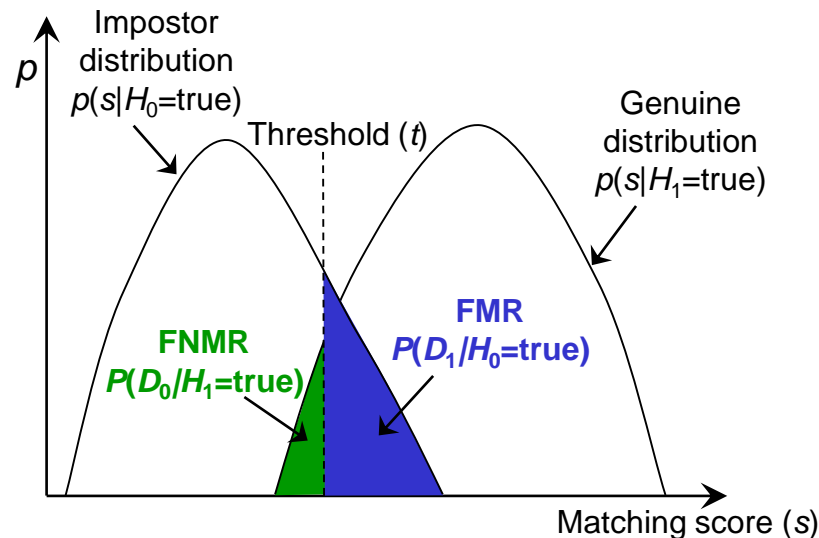
- **False Match** (in positive recognition often called **False Acceptance**)
  - mistaking biometric measurements from two different persons to be from the same person
- **False Non-Match** (in positive recognition often called **False Rejection**)
  - mistaking two biometric measurements from the same person to be from two different persons

## Hypotheses:

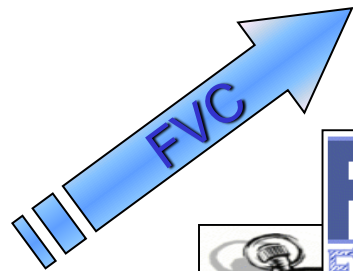
$H_0$ : different person  
 $H_1$ : same persons

## Possible decisions:

$D_0$ : different person  
 $D_1$ : same persons

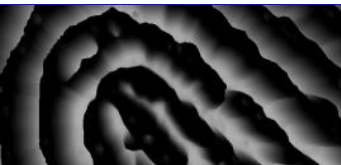


# Fingerprint Verification Competitions



Algorithms are provided as binary executable programs, compliant to a given I/O protocol

- FVC is a technology evaluation of algorithms
  - Not complete systems, but only algorithms
  - Not a performance evaluation in a real application
- Main aims
  - Track the state-of-the-art in fingerprint recognition
  - Provide updated benchmarks and a testing protocol for fair and unambiguous evaluation of fingerprint verification algorithms

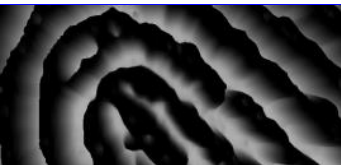


# FVC Competitions – Summary

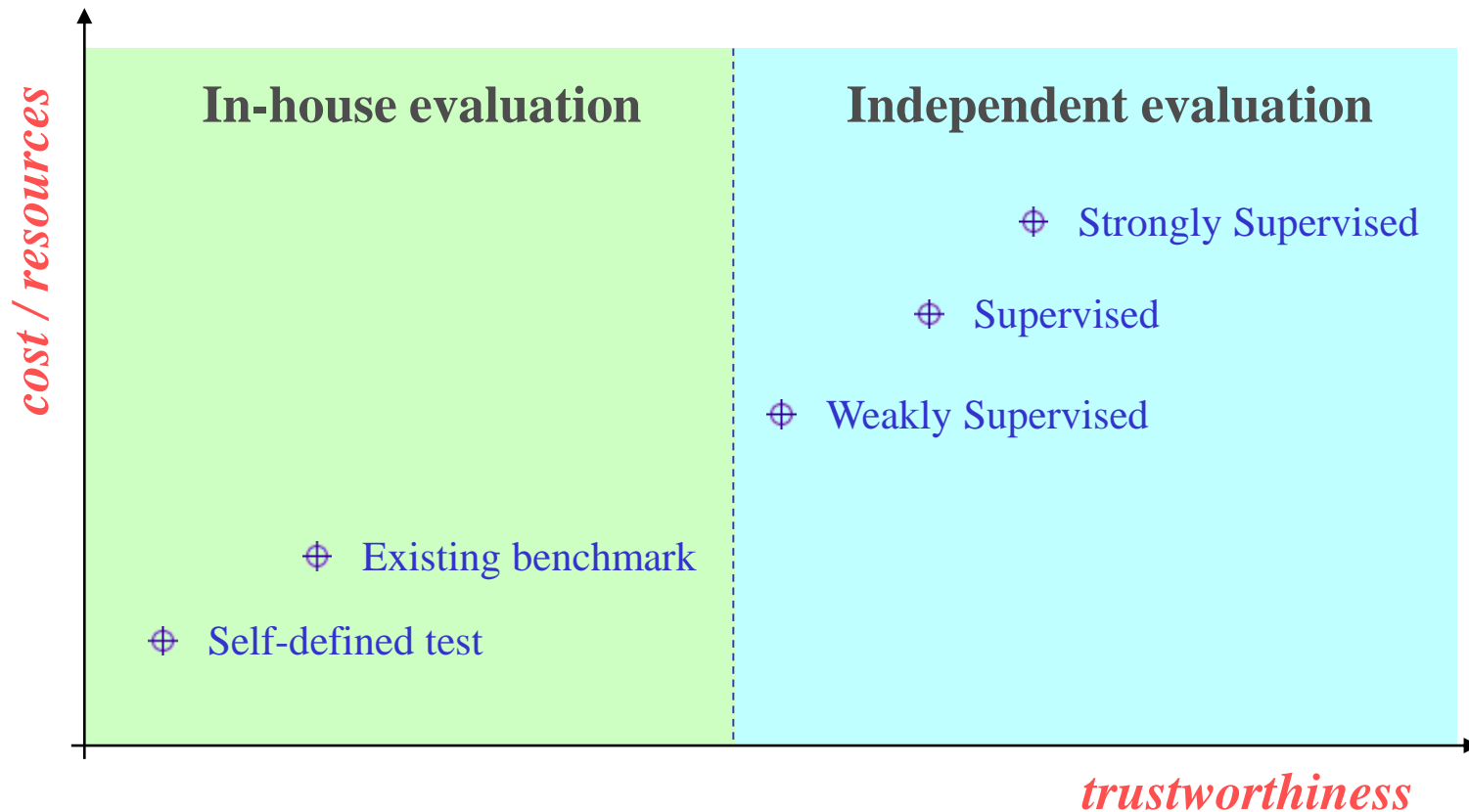
	FVC2000	FVC2002	FVC2004	FVC2006
<i>Participants registered</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>150</b>
<i>Actual participants</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>53</b>
<i>Algorithms evaluated</i>	<b>11</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>41 (Open) 26 (Light)</b>	<b>44 (Open) 26 (Light)</b>
<i>Website accesses</i>	~60,000	~60,000	~60,000	~20,000
<i>E-mails exchanged</i>	>500	>700	>900	>800
<i>Databases</i>	4 (set A: 100x8 fingerprints, set B: 10x8 fingerprints)			4 (set A: 140x12 fingerprints, set B: 10x12 fingerprints)



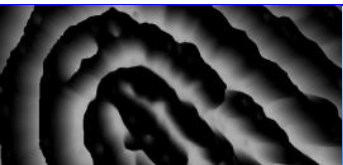
**2009 ... still running**



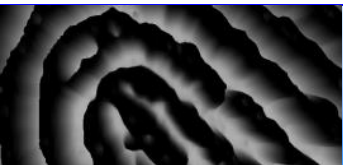
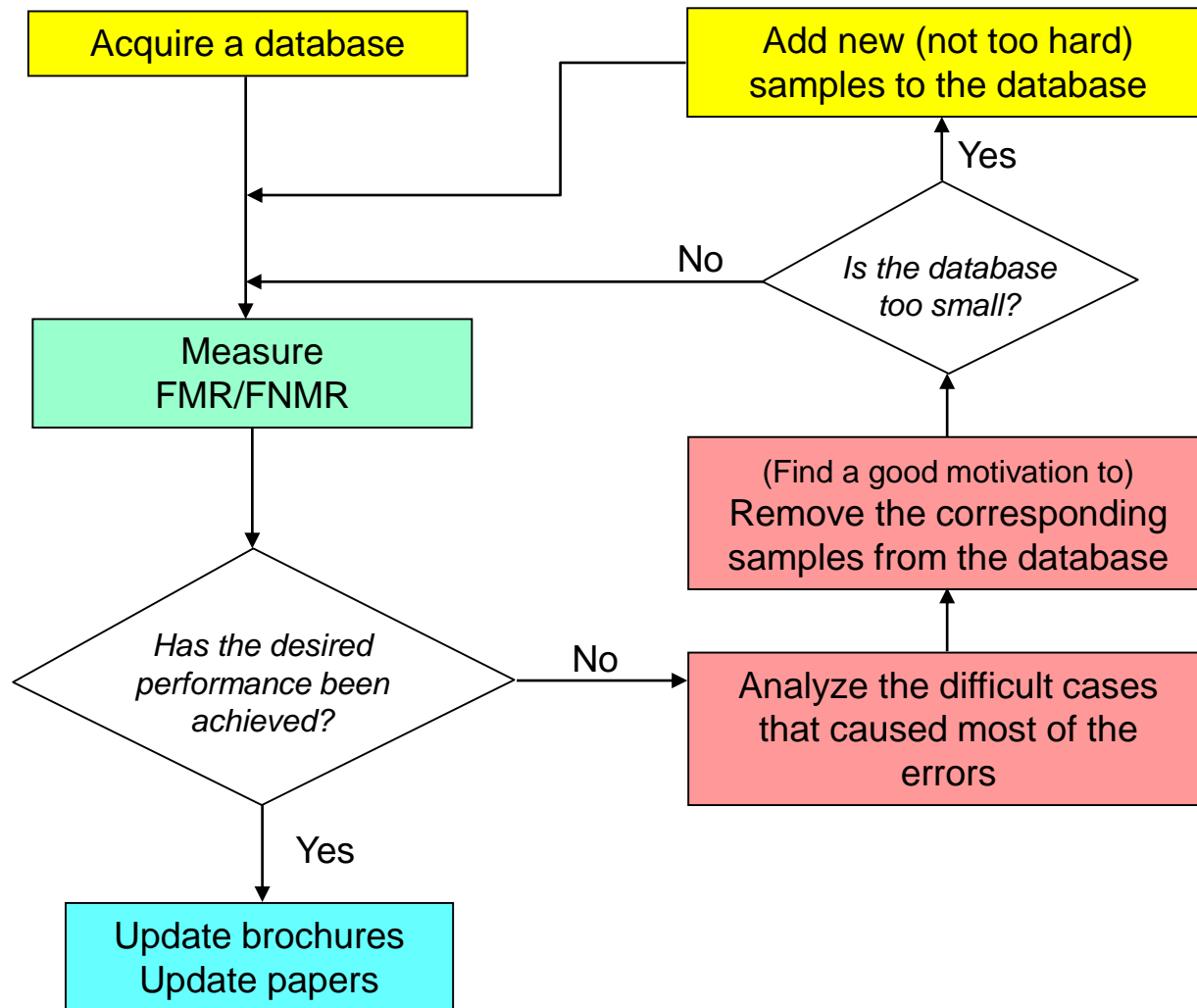
# Technology evaluations



*For details see: See R. Cappelli, D. Maio, D. Maltoni, J.L. Wayman and A.K. Jain, Performance Evaluation of Fingerprint Verification Systems, IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis Machine Intelligence, vol.28, no.1, pp.3-18, January 2006.*



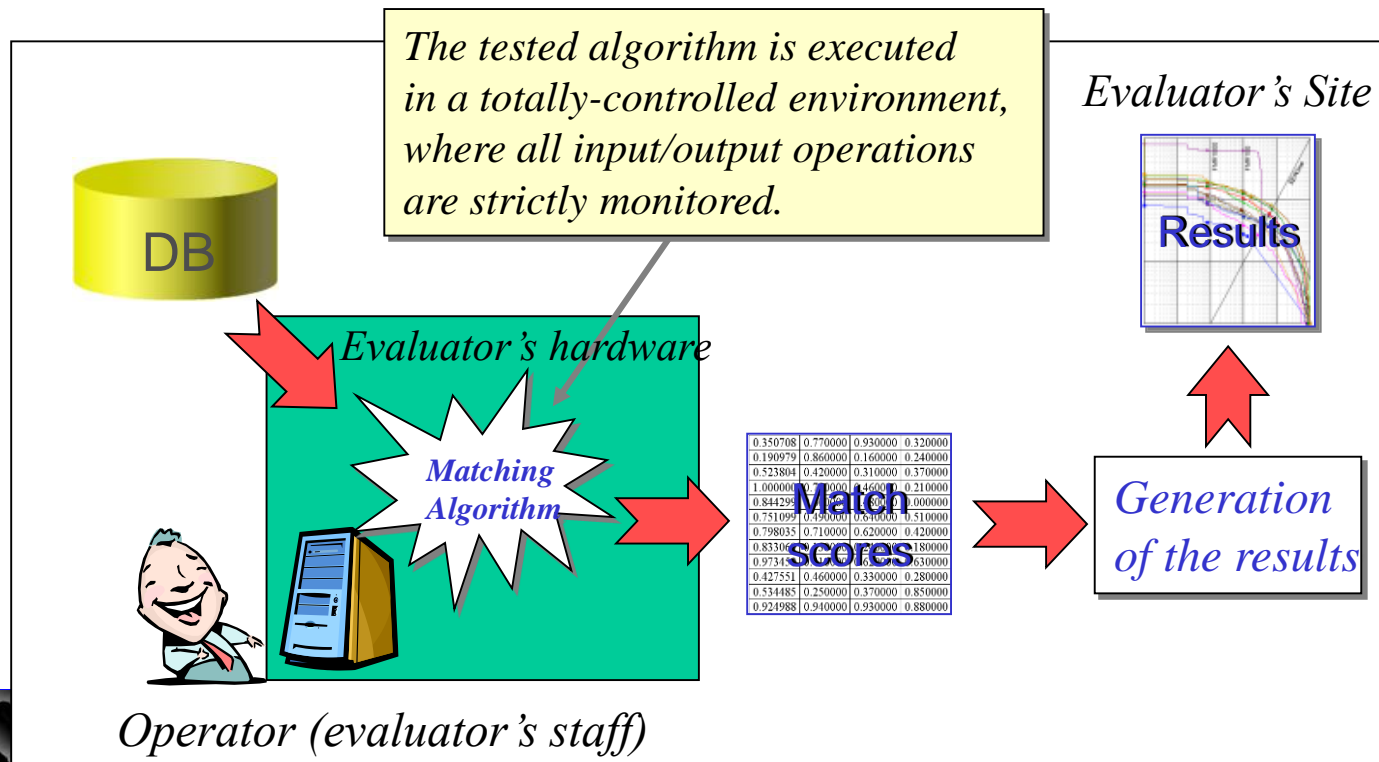
# The risk of in-house testing with self-defined protocols





# FVC Testing procedure

- **Database:** sequestered data
- **Protocol:** software components compliant to a given input/output protocol are tested on the evaluator's hardware
- **Results:** generated by the evaluator from the matching scores obtained during the test



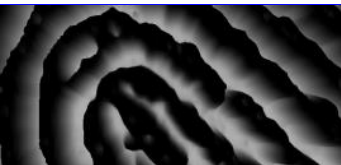


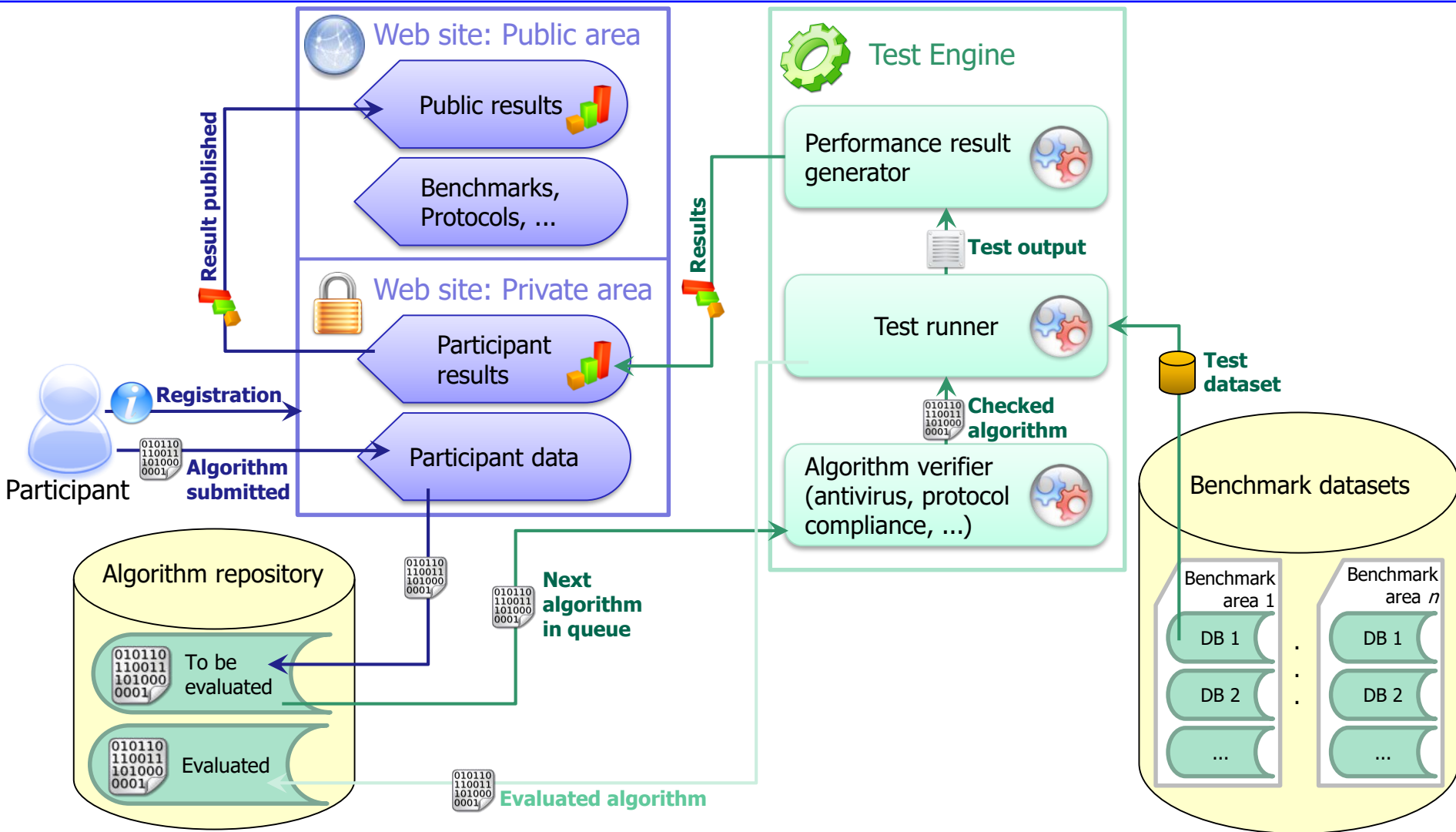
- Web-based automatic evaluation of fingerprint recognition algorithms
  - Participants can be: companies, academic research groups, or independent developers
  - Algorithms are tested on sequestered datasets and results are reported using well-known performance indicators and metrics
  - Fully automated:
    1. The system automatically tests the algorithm submitted by a participant
    2. The participant sees the results in its “private area”
    3. Then the participant may decide to publish the results in the public section of the FVC-onGoing web site

<http://biolab.csr.unibo.it/FVConGoing>






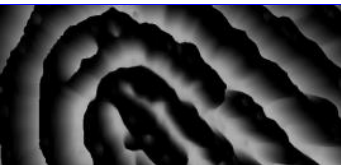
- Previous FVC initiatives were organized as “competitions”
  - Specific calls and Fixed time frames
- FVC-onGoing is:
  - An “on going competition” always open to new participants
    - Datasets will remain sequestered
  - An evolving online repository of benchmarks, evaluation metrics and results
    - However the benchmark datasets will not evolve over time; in case new datasets will be added in the future, they will form a different benchmark (or a new version of an existing one)
- Not only limited to fingerprint verification algorithms:
  - Ad hoc benchmarks for testing specific modules of fingerprint verification systems will be available, for instance:
    - Orientation Image Estimation
    - Minutiae Extraction





# Former benchmarks




Area	Benchmark	Description
 <b>FV</b> Fingerprint Verification	FV-TEST	A simple dataset useful to test algorithm compliancy with the testing protocol
	FV-STD-1.0	Fingerprint images acquired in operational conditions using high-quality optical scanners
	FV-HARD-1.0	Difficult cases (noisy images, distorted impressions, etc.): more challenging
 <b>FMISO</b> Fingerprint ISO Template Matching	FMISO-TEST	A simple dataset useful to test algorithm compliancy with the testing protocol
	FMISO-STD-1.0	Fingerprint images acquired in operational conditions using high-quality optical scanners
	FMISO-HARD-1.0	Difficult cases (noisy images, distorted impressions, etc.): more challenging
 <b>FOE</b> Fingerprint Orientation Extraction	FOE-TEST	A simple dataset useful to test algorithm compliancy with the testing protocol
	FOE-STD-1.0	Orientation extraction benchmark on fingerprints with orientation ground-truth manually labeled using an ad-hoc software tool. Good-quality and bad-quality datasets.










# Current status (May 2018)











## Registered Participants (1376)

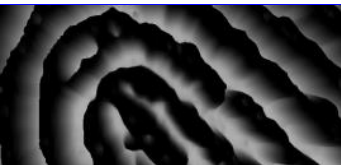
	Academic Research Groups	225
	Companies	226
	Independent Developers	925

Algorithms		Evaluated (6246)	Published (216)
	Fingerprint Verification	1679	65
	Fingerprint ISO Template Matching	2344	89
	Palmprint Verification	468	33
	Secure Template Fingerprint Verification	57	8
	Fingerprint Orientation Extraction	555	12

# FV: Fingerprint Verification











Benchmark FV-STD-1.0 (Top Algorithms @ May 2018):

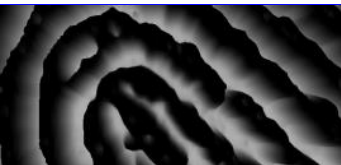
Published on	Benchmark	Participant	Type	Algorithm	Version	EER ▲	FMR <sub>1000</sub>	FMR <sub>10000</sub>	Show details
27/07/2017	FV-STD-1.0	Beijing Hisign Bio-info Institute	Company	HXKJ	2.4	0,022%	0,007%	0,036%	
09/02/2016	FV-STD-1.0	Neurotechnology	Company	MM_FV	5.5	0,042%	0,032%	0,083%	
29/08/2011	FV-STD-1.0	Tiger IT Bangladesh	Company	TigerAFIS	1.2ec	0,108%	0,115%	0,242%	
14/09/2010	FV-STD-1.0	Green Bit S.p.A	Company	GBFRSW	1.3.2.0	0,118%	0,155%	0,519%	
31/08/2011	FV-STD-1.0	AA Technology Ltd.	Company	EMB9300	1.1	0,142%	0,159%	0,220%	
17/10/2016	FV-STD-1.0	Decatur Industries, Inc.	Company	Decatur	1.2	0,158%	0,213%	0,372%	
15/05/2011	FV-STD-1.0	AA Technology Ltd.	Company	EMB9200	2.3	0,176%	0,188%	0,303%	
15/01/2015	FV-STD-1.0	GenKey Netherlands BV	Company	BioFinger	1.0	0,249%	0,267%	0,375%	
14/05/2011	FV-STD-1.0	Institute of Automation, Chinese Academy of Sciences	Academic Research Group	MntModel	1.0	0,293%	0,512%	1,209%	
15/05/2011	FV-STD-1.0	UnionCommunity	Company	Triple_M	1.1	0,418%	0,859%	1,977%	



# FMISO: Fingerprint ISO Template Matching

Benchmark FMISO-STD-1.0 (Top Algorithms @ May 2018):

Published on	Benchmark	Participant	Type	Algorithm	Version	EER ▲	FMR <sub>1000</sub>	FMR <sub>10000</sub>	Show details
12/06/2014	FMISO-STD-1.0	Neurotechnology	Company	MM_FMISO	5.1	0,194%	0,328%	0,776%	
15/05/2011	FMISO-STD-1.0	AA Technology Ltd.	Company	EMB9200	2.41	0,234%	0,292%	0,444%	
24/03/2011	FMISO-STD-1.0	UnionCommunity	Company	Triple_M_ISO	1.2	0,234%	0,361%	0,620%	
22/09/2015	FMISO-STD-1.0	Xiamen Toyonway Intellectual Technology Co. Ltd, China	Company	TW2F_ISO	0.2	0,252%	0,314%	0,556%	
15/12/2010	FMISO-STD-1.0	Suprema, Inc.	Company	SFCore	1.0	0,258%	0,346%	0,639%	
09/03/2014	FMISO-STD-1.0	Tiger IT Bangladesh	Company	TigerAFIS	v1.2-ISO/MINEX	0,296%	0,422%	0,837%	
17/10/2016	FMISO-STD-1.0	Decatur Industries, Inc.	Company	Decatur	1.3.2	0,300%	0,415%	0,700%	
12/10/2009	FMISO-STD-1.0	Tiger IT Bangladesh	Company	Tiger ISO	0.1	0,317%	0,447%	0,866%	
31/12/2015	FMISO-STD-1.0	BKIC Laboratory - Hanoi University of Science and Technology	Academic Research Group	BKAFIS	0.4	0,346%	0,491%	0,696%	
14/05/2011	FMISO-STD-1.0	Institute of Automation, Chinese Academy of Sciences	Academic Research Group	MntModel	1.0	0,380%	0,505%	0,819%	



# What can we learn?

## Characteristics of algorithms published on FV area:

	Algorithm		EMB9200 2.3	Triple_ M 1.1	MntModel 1.0	MiraFinger 2.2	GBFRSW 1.3.2.0	SourceAFIS 1.1	MM_FV 3.0	STAR 1.0	JF_FV 1.21a	
Preprocessing	Segmentation		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
	Enhancement		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	
	Binarization		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
Feature Used	Minutiae		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	Singular Points								X	X	X	
	Ridge Shape						X					
	Ridge Counts		X						X			
	Orientation Field		X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
	Local Ridge Frequency			X			X		X	X		
	Texture					X				X		
	Matching	Matching Strategy	Minutiae-Based	Local	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Global				X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Based on Geometry Ridge Features							X				X	
Alignment Model		Displacement		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Rotation		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Scale					X				X	X
		Non-linear Distortion		X	X		X	X		X	X	

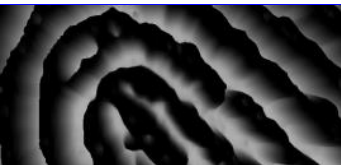
### For the most effective algorithms

enhancement / binarization based on contextual filtering

alignment mainly relies on minutiae

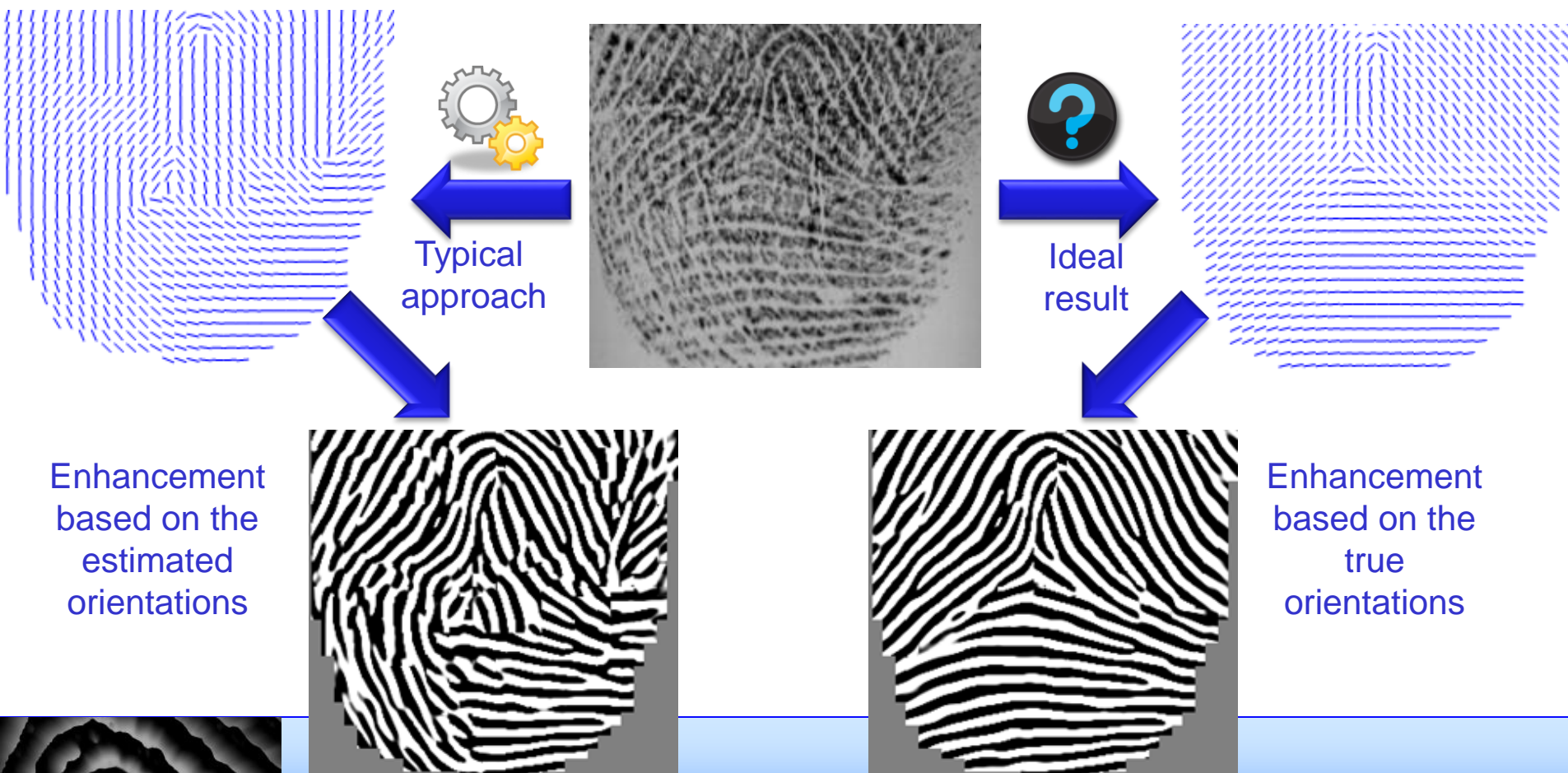
matching with multiple features (minutiae, frequency, orientation)

minutia alignment/matching with two stage: local matching + global consolidation



# Fingerprint Orientation Extraction

- Challenge: Estimation of local orientations in low-quality images
  - A fundamental step in fingerprint analysis and recognition





# Evaluating Fingerprint Orientation Extraction

- How the benchmark works:
  - Participants' algorithms are required to extract local orientations from fingerprint images and to save them into a specific format.
  - The extracted orientations are compared to the ground-truth in order to assess the algorithm accuracy.



Fingerprint



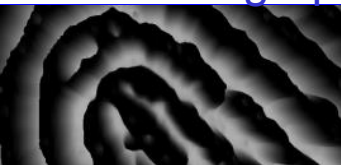
Ground truth



Extracted













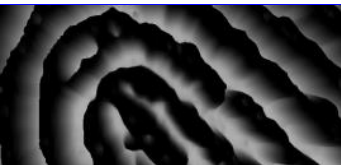
Errors



# FOE results

## FOE Benchmark @ May 2018

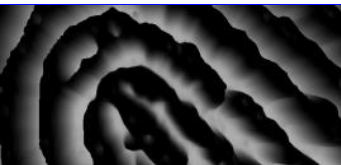
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23/06/2017	FOE-STD-1.0	Dermalog Identification Systems GmbH	Company	DEX-OF	v1.0	4,89°	7,52°	
19/06/2017	FOE-STD-1.0	Dept. of Information Science & Electronic Engineering, Zhejiang University	Academic Research Group	OriNet	1.0	6,94°	8,44°	
31/03/2017	FOE-STD-1.0	Dermalog Identification Systems GmbH	Company	ConvNetOF	v1.0	5,80°	8,53°	
09/05/2013	FOE-STD-1.0	Department of Automation, Tsinghua University	Academic Research Group	LocalDict	0.1	6,08°	9,66°	
08/04/2012	FOE-STD-1.0	Institute of Automation, Chinese Academy of Sciences	Academic Research Group	ROF	1.1	5,24°	11,20°	
18/11/2011	FOE-STD-1.0	Zengbo Xu	Independent Developer	MXR	1.0.5	5,59°	11,36°	
08/11/2011	FOE-STD-1.0	Biometric System Laboratory	Academic Research Group	Adaptive-3 (Baseline)	v0.2	5,93°	13,27°	
22/11/2011	FOE-STD-1.0	Antheus Technology, Inc.	Company	AntheusOriEx	1.1.4	5,46°	17,06°	
22/11/2010	FOE-STD-1.0	School of Engineering and Information Technology, UNSW@ADFA	Academic Research Group	FOMFE	1.0	6,70°	21,44°	
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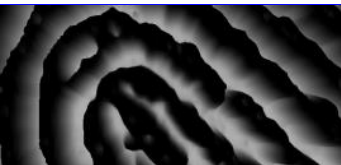
# Next steps

- Recently-added benchmark areas
  - Fingerprint Orientation Extraction
  - Secure-Template Fingerprint Verification
  - Fingerprint Indexing
  - Palmprint verification (Tsinghua University)
  - Face Image ISO Compliance Verification
  - Face Morphing Challenge
- New benchmark areas planned
  - Fingerprint Identification (1:N)
  - Minutiae extraction accuracy

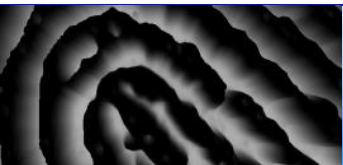


# NIST evaluations on fingerprints

- **FpVTE** (Fingerprint Vendor Technology Evaluation)
  - **FpVTE 2003** (<http://www.nist.gov/itl/iad/ig/fpvte03.cfm>)  
Best single-finger system:  $FRR < 1.4\%$  @  $FAR = 0.01\%$
  - **FpVTE 2012** (<http://www.nist.gov/itl/iad/ig/fpvte2012.cfm>)  
Test identification systems ( $1:N$ ), with  $N$  = several millions
- **PFT** (Proprietary Fingerprint Template): **proprietary** (non interoperable) SDK
  - **PFT** (2003), **PFT II** (2010)
- **MINEX** (Minutiae Exchange Test): minutiae-based **interoperable** templates
  - **MINEX 2004**
  - **Ongoing MINEX**: for PIV interoperability
  - **MINEX II**: **Match-on-Card** evaluation
- **ELFT** (Evaluation of Latent Fingerprint Technologies): for **AFIS** and **latent** fingerprints
  - **ELFT** (2008)
  - **ELFT-EFS** (Extended Feature Sets): test extended features (eg. minutiae + pores)

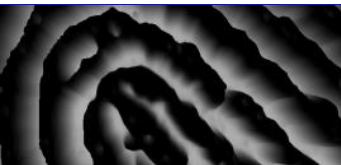


- **UIDAI (2012)**: one of the most ambitious biometric projects.  
All Indian residents (about 1.2 billions) are being enrolled and provided with a unique 12 digits identification code (AADHAAR):
  - 10 fingerprints, 2 irises, face stored in a central DB
  - AADHAAR released after Duplicate Enrolment Check (1:N)
  - 36000 enrolment sites (including isolated villages)
  - 1.19 billion enrolments performed @ Nov 2017
- **Multi-biometric, multi-vendor** (L1, Morpho, Nec) **ABIS**:  
Statistics @ 2012
  - Failure To Enrol (FTE) = 0.14%
  - $FRR_{1:N}$  (falsely denoted as duplicated due to False Match): 0.057%
  - $FAR_{1:N}$  (missed due to False Non-Match): 0.035%





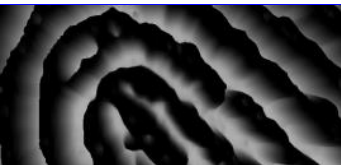
## End of part one: state-of-the-art





# New directions (1)

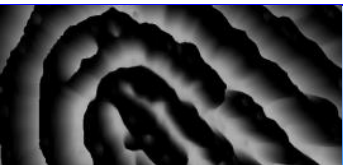
- Nowadays research on fingerprints is active on:
  - Semi-automated and Automated Latent processing and matching
    - Operating in “light-out” mode is one the major objectives of FBI’s Next Generation Identification (NGI) program.
    - Robust context extraction through dictionary of patches
    - Deep learning approaches for local orientation and minutiae extraction
  - Fast fingerprint matching and indexing (millions of fingerprints)
    - New very large AFIS: Indian UIDAI (enrolling 1.2 billions residents), European BMS (for the new Visa Information System)
    - Increasing demand for low cost AFIS from emerging countries
  - Template protection techniques
    - Aim: avoid disclosure of personal data, making compromised templates revocable
    - FVC-onGoing benchmark and MCC-based technique (P-MCC)





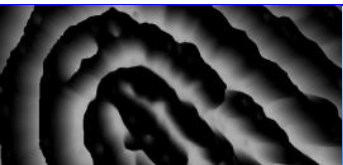
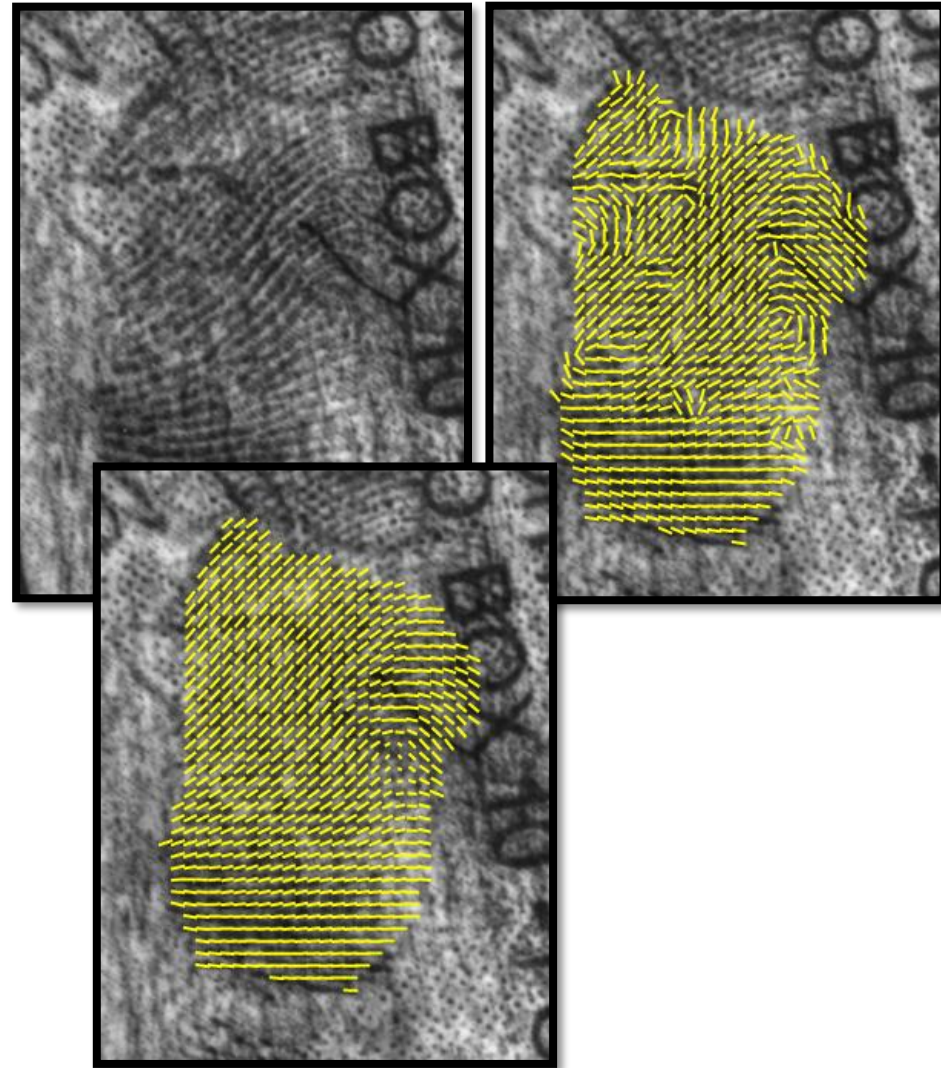
## New directions (2)

- (...continued from previous slide)
  - New scanning techniques & fake fingerprint detection
    - Sensing under the surface: Optical Coherence Tomography, new ultrasound devices, etc. [Ingress - EU project]
    - Fingerphoto recognition
    - Embedding transparent fingerprint sensors in the smartphone glass
  - Predicting fingerprint recognition accuracy with synthetic data
    - Synthetic dataset of 10M fingerprints generated in [Fidelity - EU project]
  - Double identity fingerprints
    - Mixing features from two different fingers

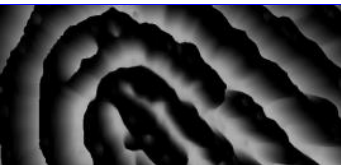
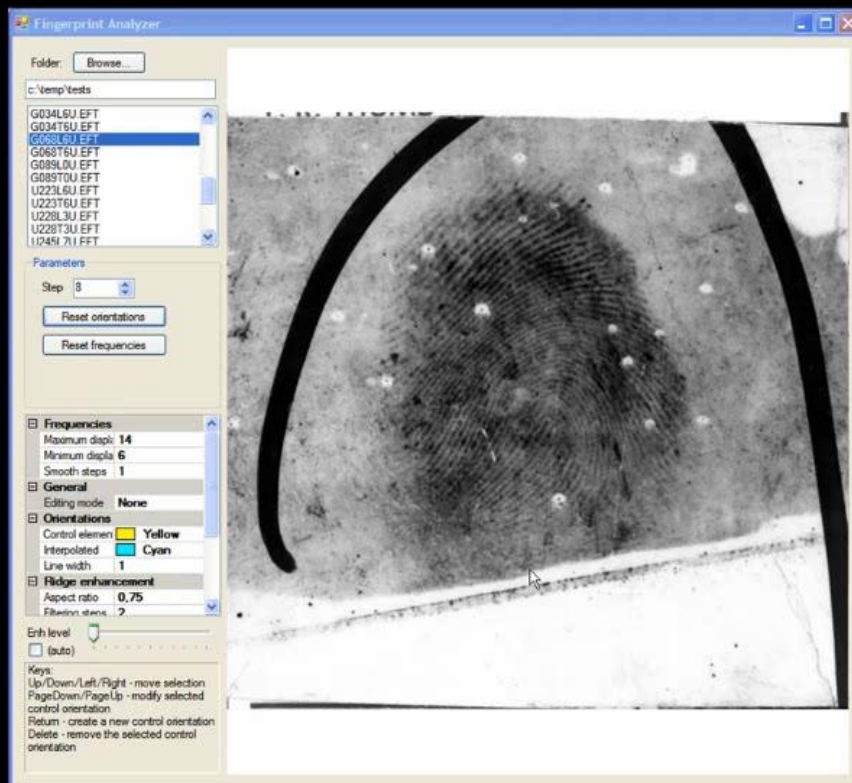


# Enhancement of latent fingerprints

- A very challenging task
- How to (automatically) estimate the context?
  - Can local orientations and frequencies be reliably computed on very low-quality fingerprints?
  - Regularization techniques and global orientation models may help to find a solution, but the problem is still open.

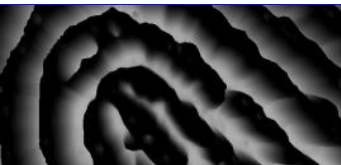
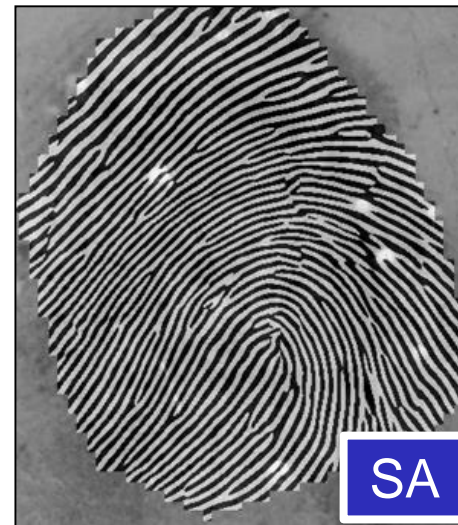
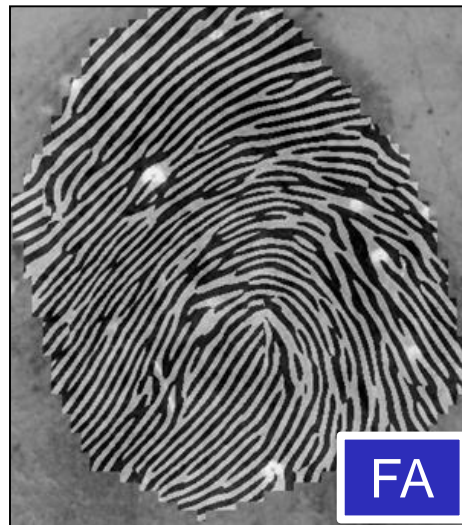
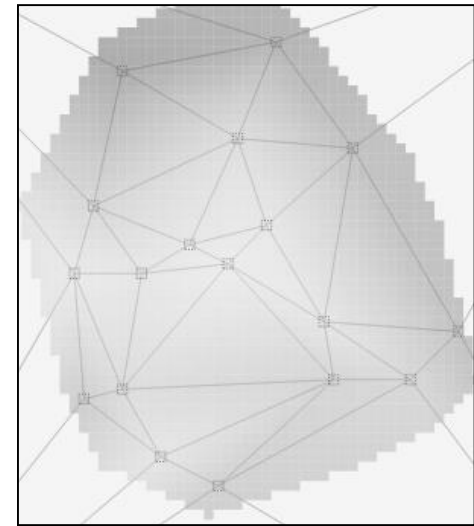
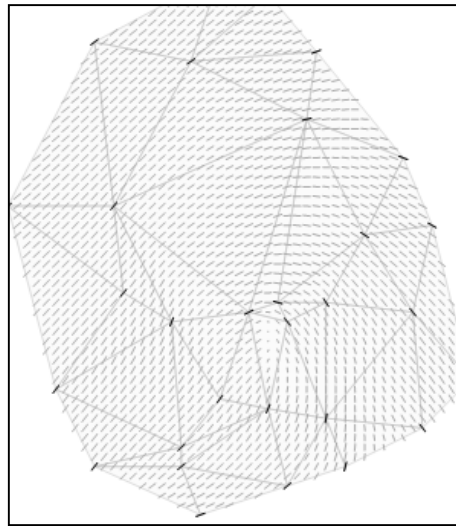
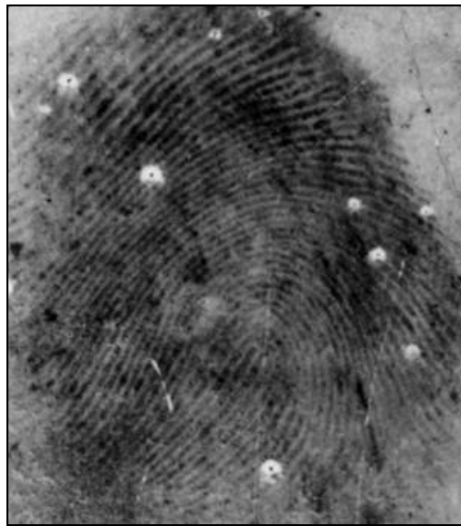


# A semi-automatic approach

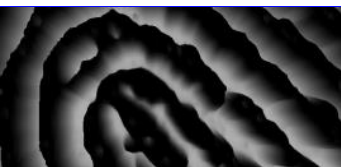
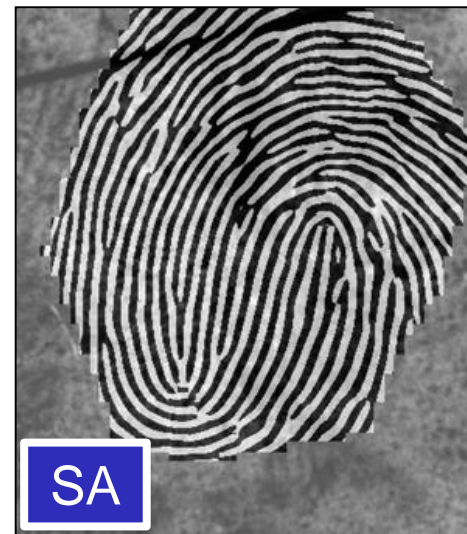
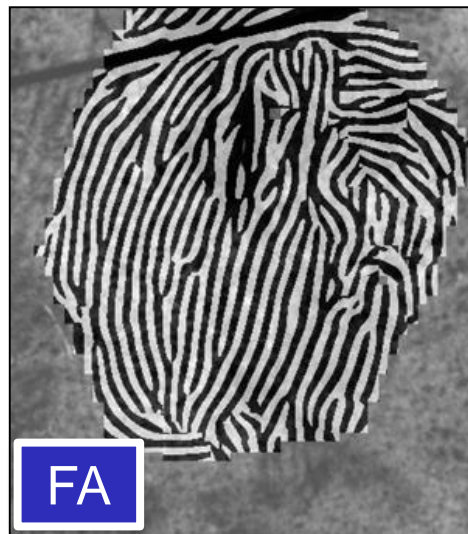
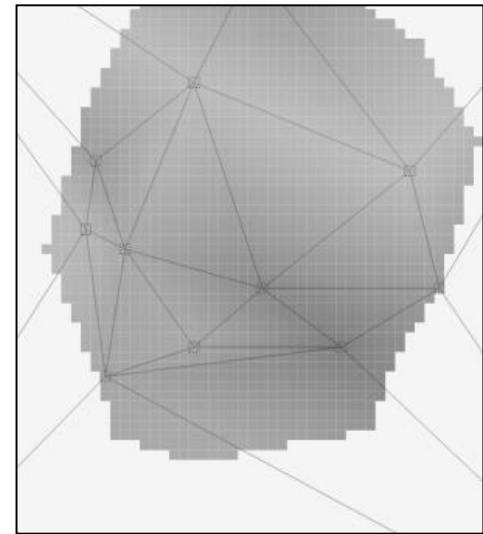
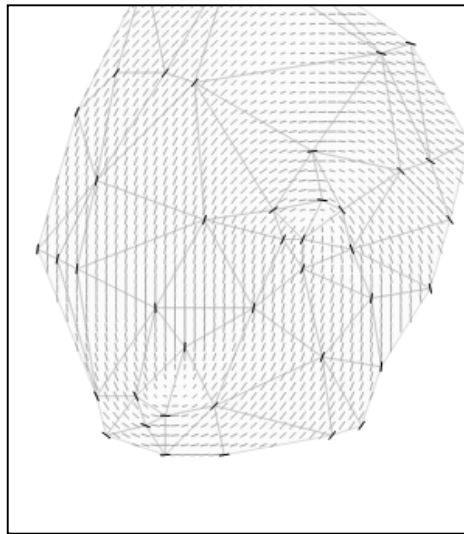
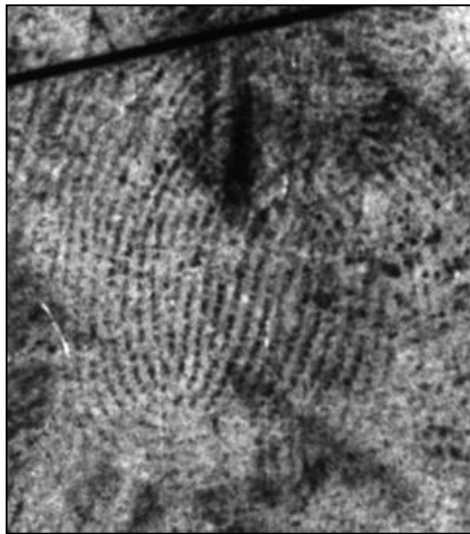




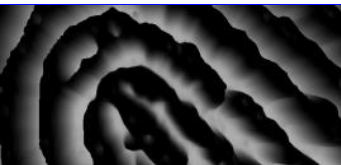
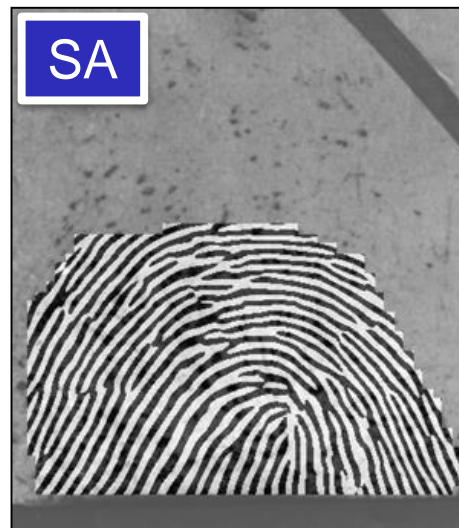
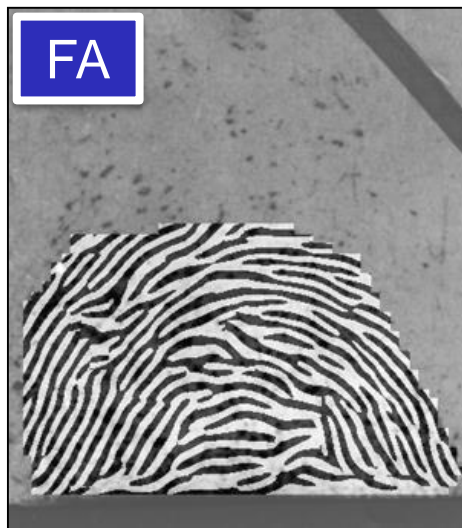
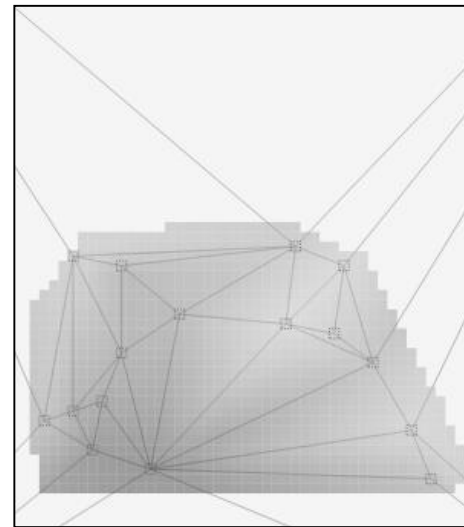
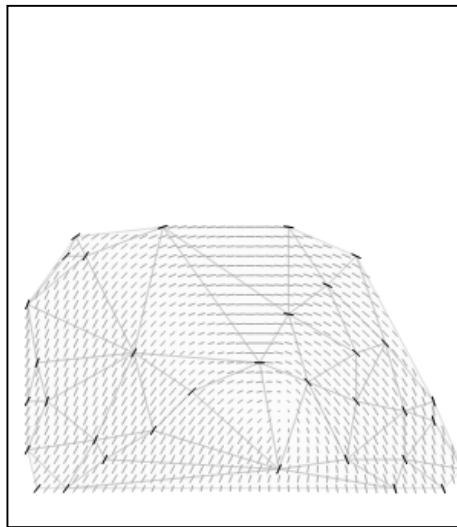
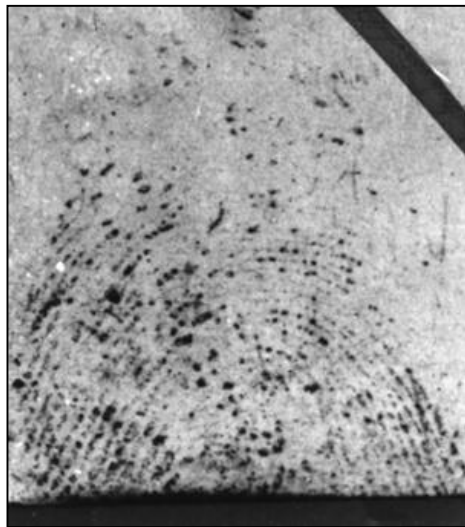
# Example: a NIST DB27 “good” latent image



# Example: a NIST DB27 “bad” latent image



# Example: a NIST DB27 “ugly” latent image



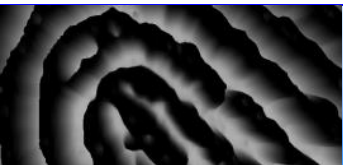


# Automatic Latent Processing

- Fully automatic (“lights-out”) and highly accurate latent matching is one the major objectives of FBI’s Next Generation Identification (NGI) program.
  - Automatic Minutiae extraction on noisy fingerprints is still a problem
    - Segmentation
    - Orientation and Frequency Estimation

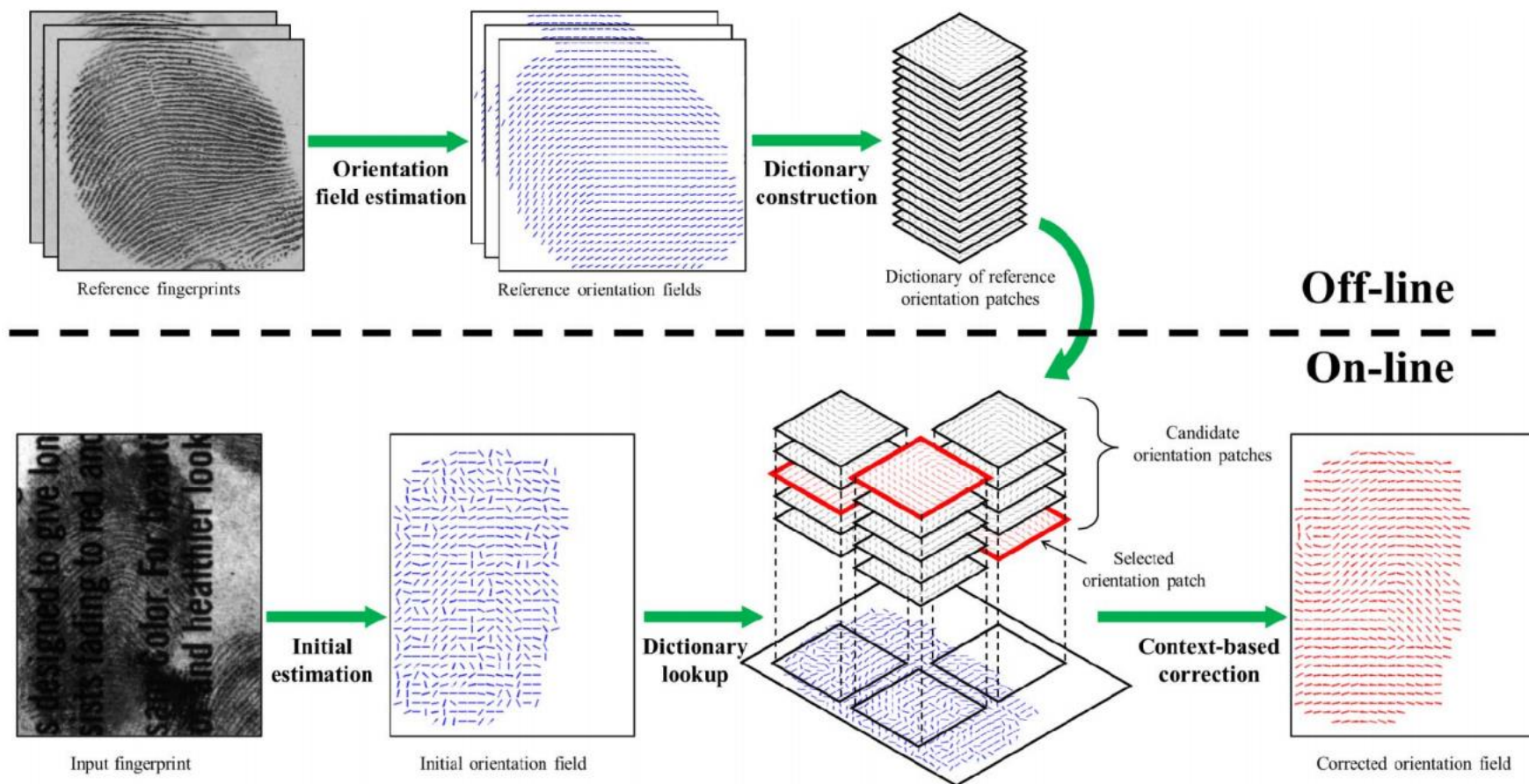
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- Machine learning techniques are being introduced:
  - 2012...2014: dictionary-based techniques to estimate orientation field
  - 2014...2018: deep learning approaches:
    - CNN (Convolutional Neural Networks) for orientation extraction, minutiae extraction, minutiae filtering and minutiae descriptors.
    - Autoencoders (denoising), GAN (Generative Adversarial Networks)



# Global Orientation Dictionary

J. Feng, J. Zhou, and A. K. Jain, "Orientation Field Estimation for Latent Fingerprint Enhancement", IEEE Trans. PAMI, 2013.

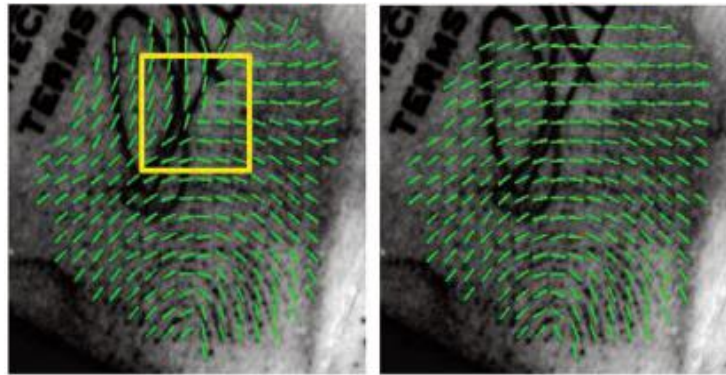




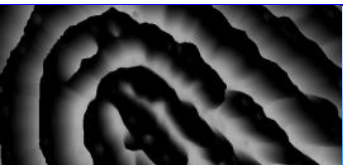
# Local Orientation Dictionary

X. Yang, J. Feng and Jie Zhou, “Localized Dictionaries Based Orientation Field Estimation for Latent Fingerprints”, IEEE Trans. PAMI, 2014.

- In the global approach, since the positions of the patches have not been restrained, some orientation patches may occur at impossible locations.



- Localizing patches by using localized dictionaries is a natural extension, but the fingerprint has to be pre-aligned; in [B] robust registration algorithm based on probabilistic voting of all local orientation patches.
- The local dictionary approach outperformed the global one in a number of experiments and is currently the **best-performing** approach in the **FvcOnGoing FOE** (Fingerprint Orientation Estimation) benchmark.

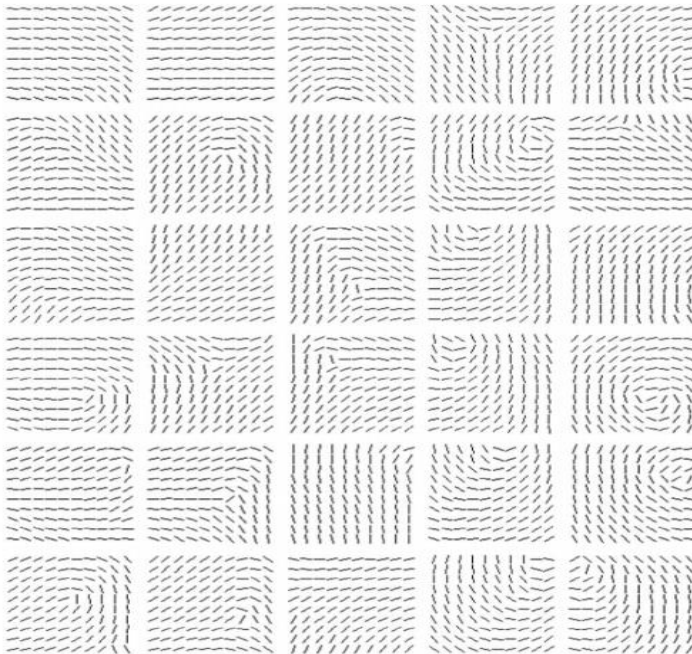


# Ridge Structure Dictionary

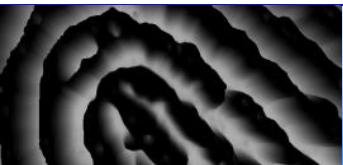
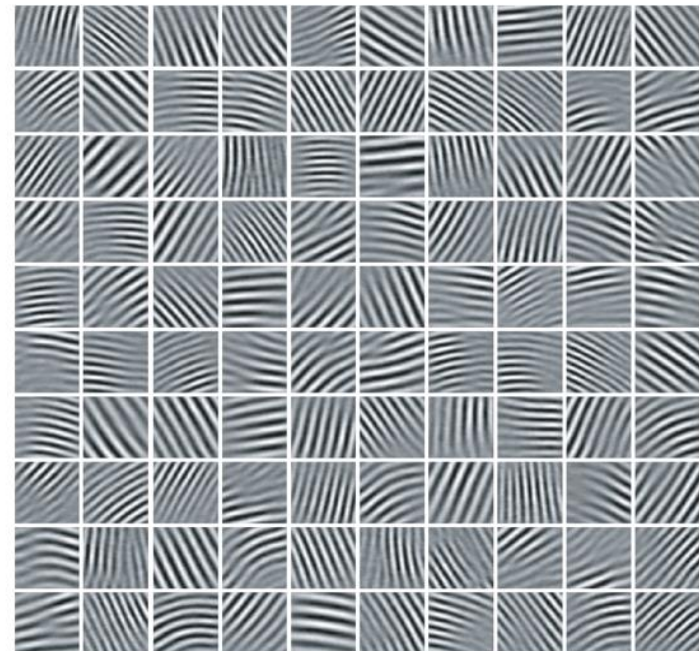
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- Ridge-frequency can be estimated as well.

Orientation patches



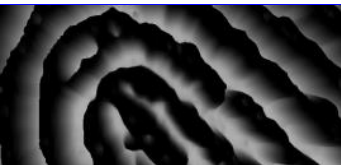
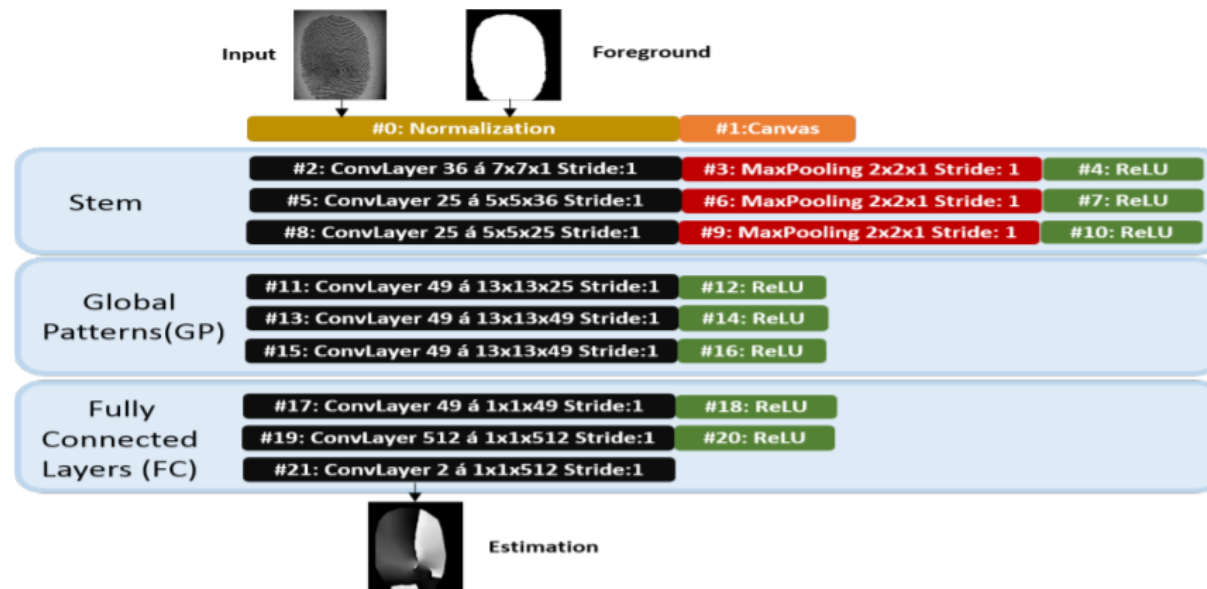
Ridge structure patches



# Orientation Extraction with CNN

P. Schuch, S. D. Schulz and C. Busch, "Deep expectation for estimation of fingerprint orientation fields," IJCB, Denver, CO, 2017.

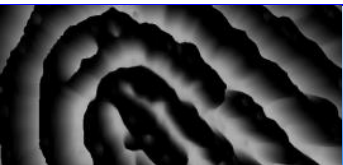
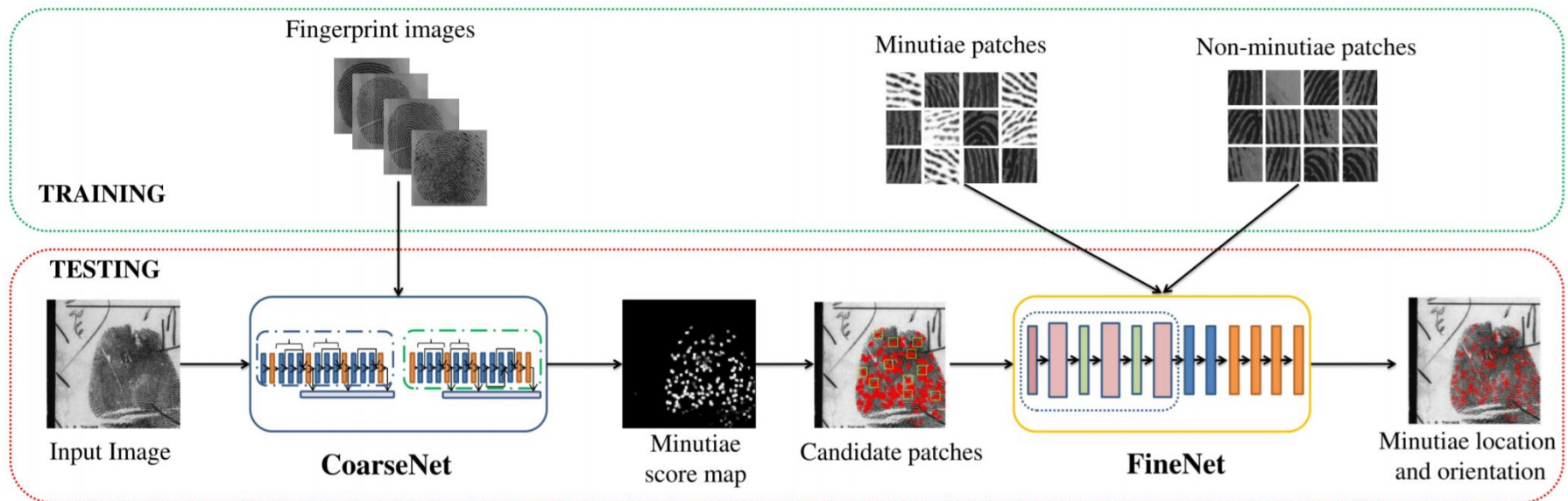
- Best Performing Approach (May 2018) on **FVC-onGoing FOE**
- In principle orientation estimation is a **regression** problem, but **classification** often proved to be better.
- **Deep Expectation**: weighted mean instead of winner take all



# Minutiae Extraction with CNN

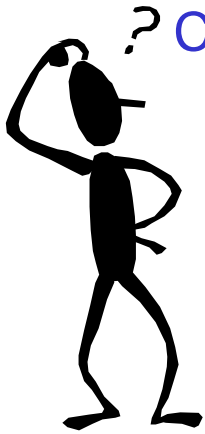
Dinh-Luan Nguyen, Kai Cao, Anil K. Jain, “Robust Minutiae Extractor: Integrating Deep Networks and Fingerprint Domain Knowledge”, ICB 2018.

- Classification of many patches is slow
- Object detection is not appropriate for minutiae patches
- **Segmentation + Fine Classification** is a smart approach





# Synthetic fingerprint generation

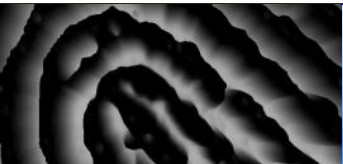
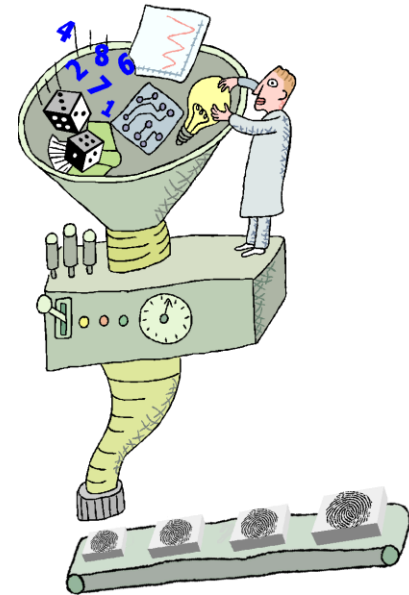


? Collecting large databases of fingerprint images is:

- ✎ **expensive** both in terms of money and time
- ✎ **boring** for both the people involved and for the volunteers, which are usually submitted to several acquisition sessions at different dates
- ✎ **problematic** due to the privacy legislation which protects such personal data



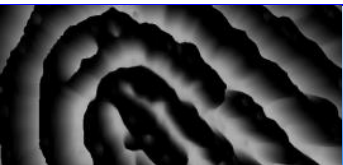
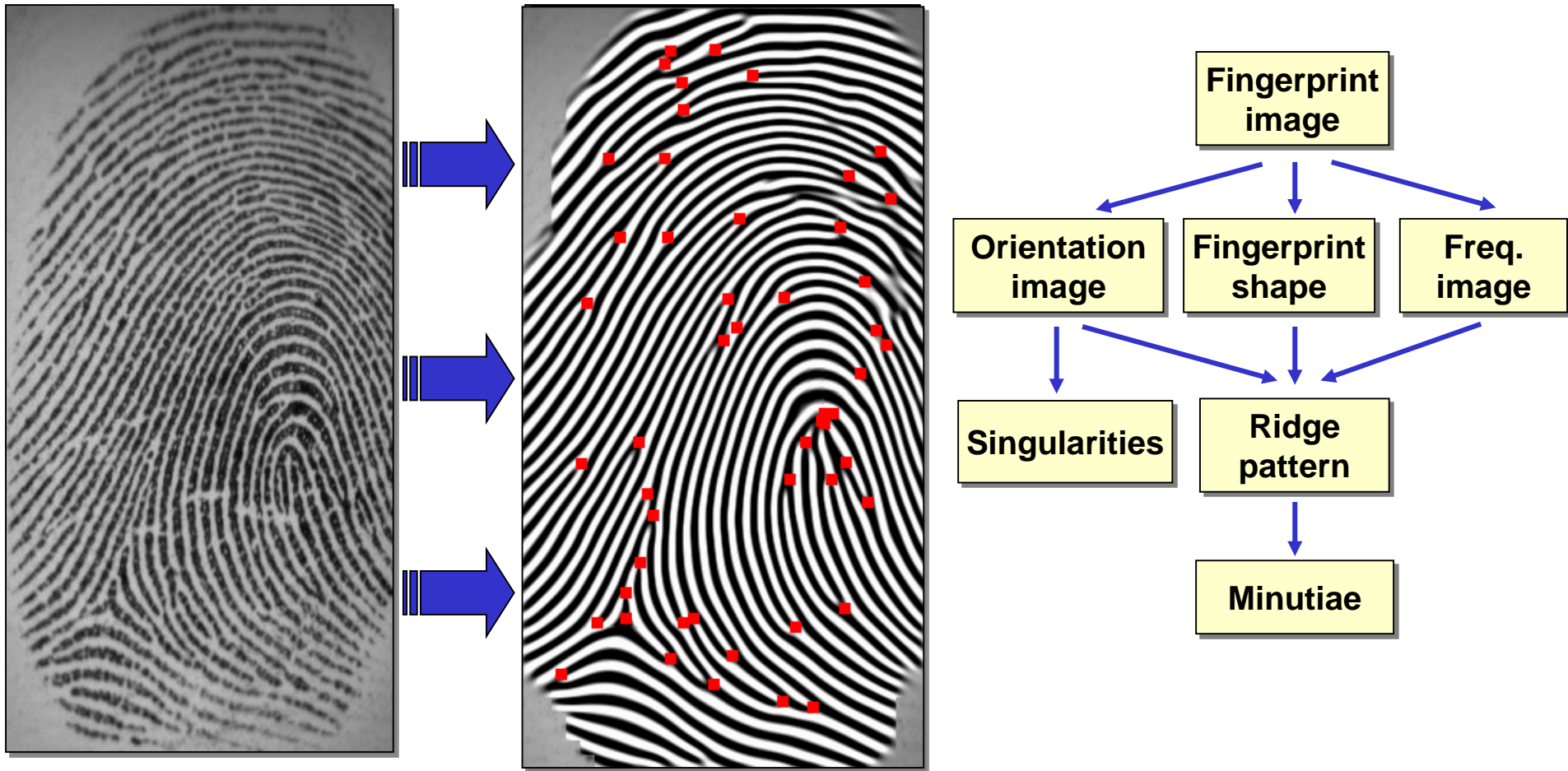
A method able to *artificially* generate realistic fingerprint-images could be used in several contexts to avoid collecting databases of real fingerprints



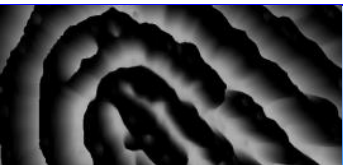
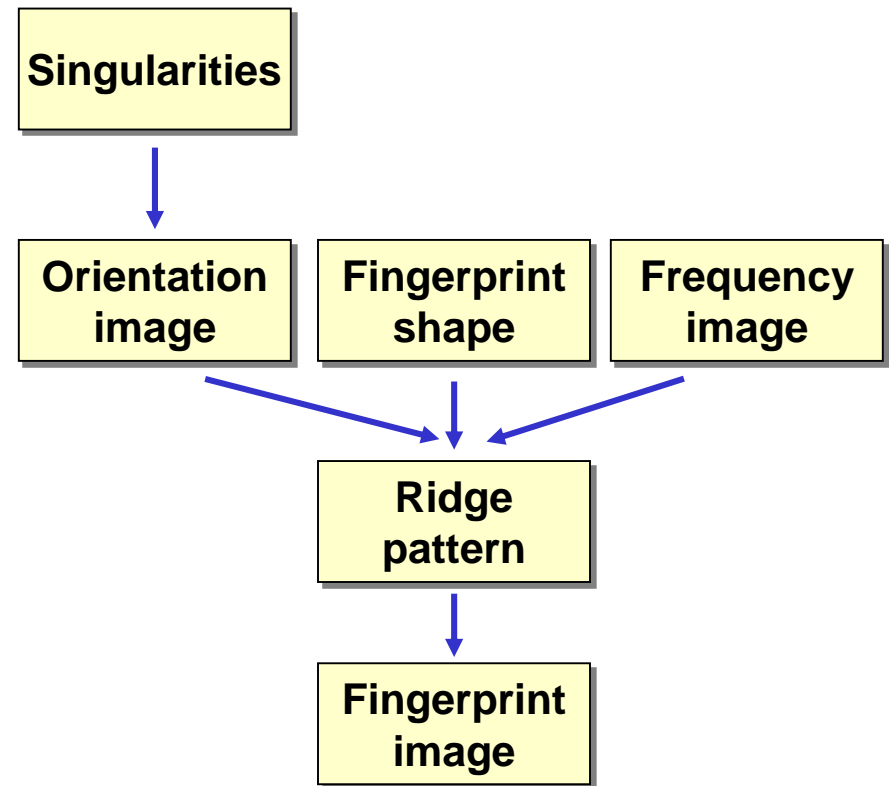


# How SFinGe works (1)

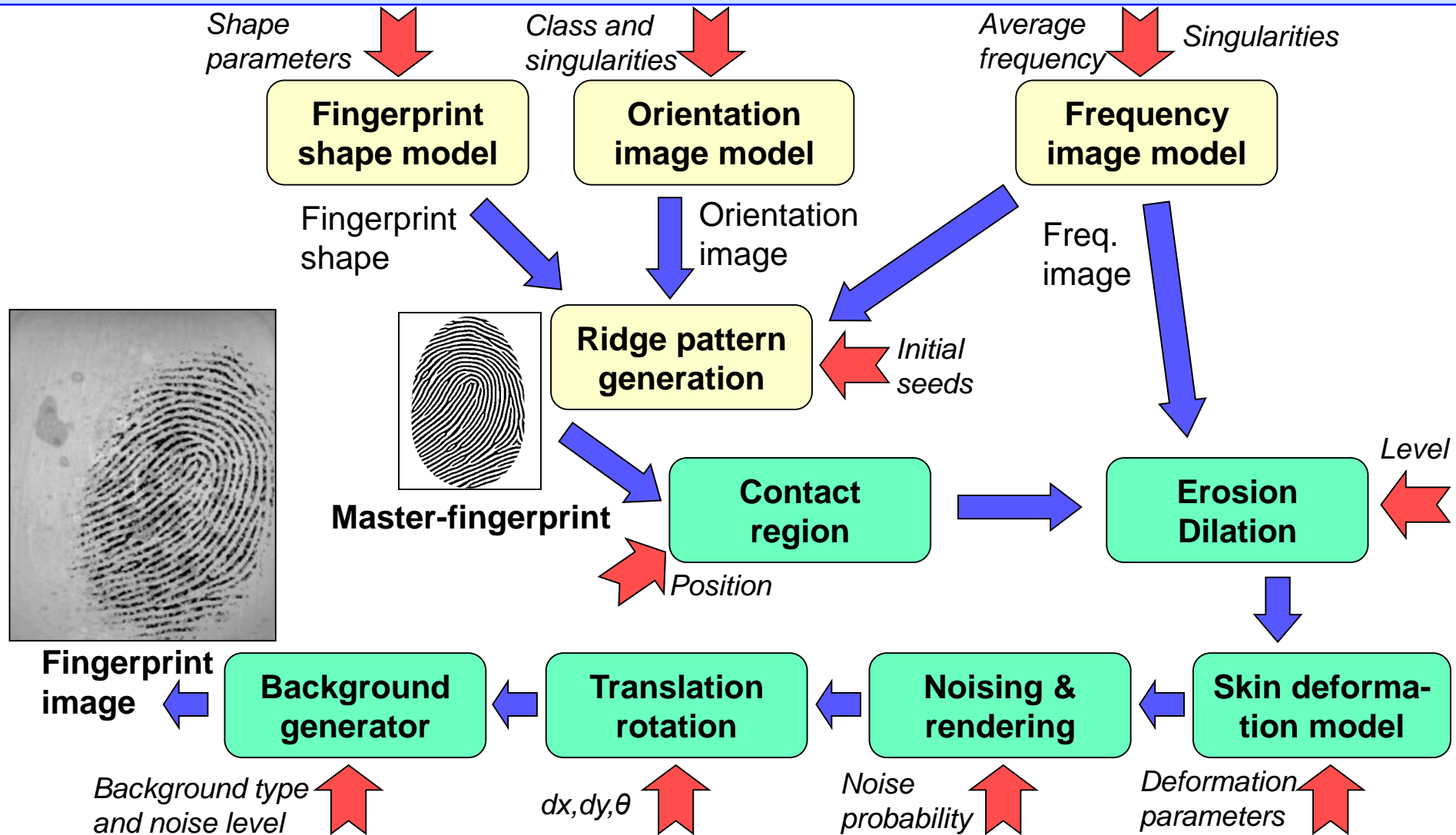
Typical feature extraction from a real fingerprint



# How SFinGe works (2)



# How SFinGe works (3)

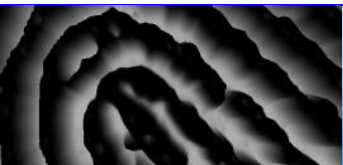
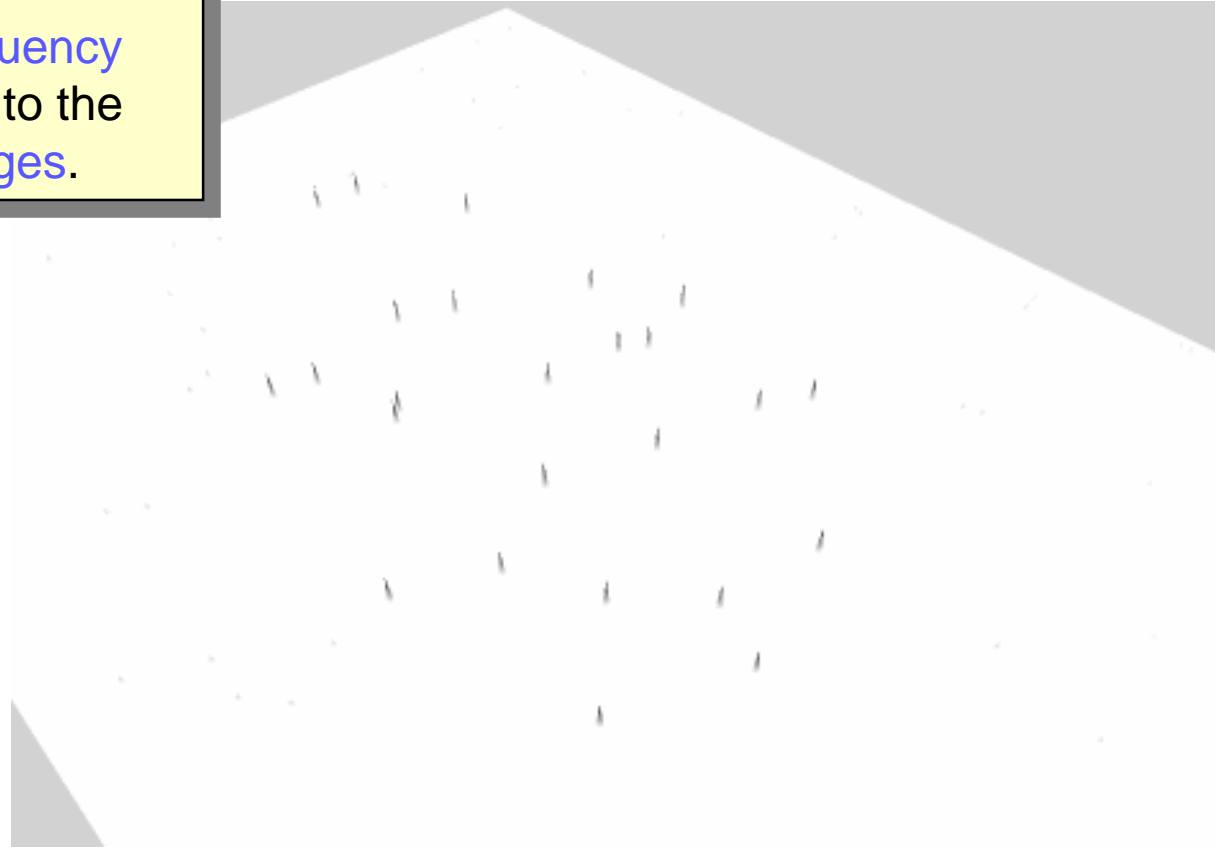
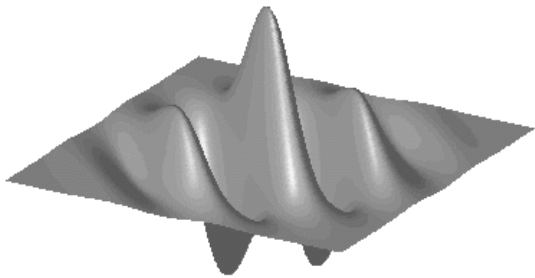


# Ridge pattern generation

Gabor-like filters are **iteratively** applied to an initially-white image, enriched with few random points.

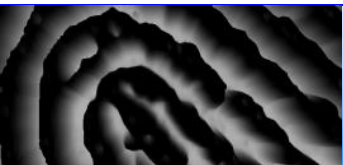
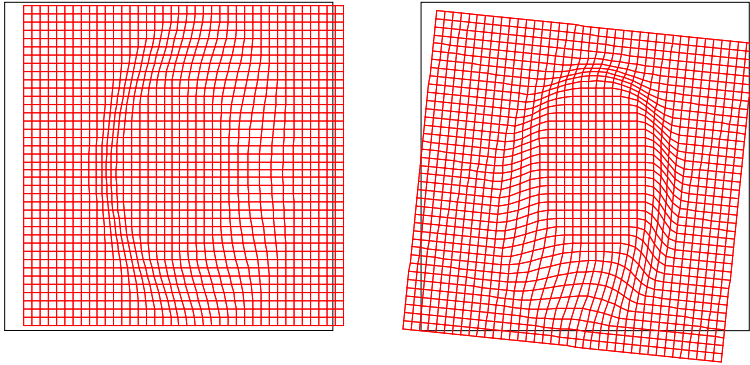
The filters **orientation** and **frequency** are locally adjusted according to the **orientation** and **frequency** images.

Realistic **minutiae** appear at random positions



# Simulating skin distortion

The skin distortion model is applied to randomly generate **realistic impressions** of the same “synthetic finger”



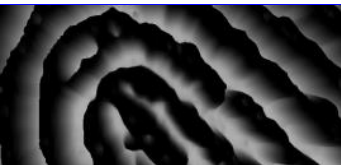


# Noising and rendering

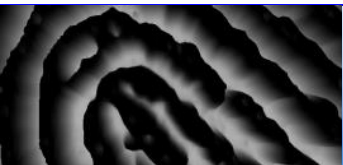
Several factors contribute to deteriorate the quality of real fingerprints:

- **irregularity** of the ridges and their different contact with the sensor surface
- **small cuts** or **abrasions** on the fingertip
- presence of small **pores** within the ridges

SFinGe adds **specific noise** and applies an **ad-hoc smoothing** process to simulate real-fingerprints irregularities

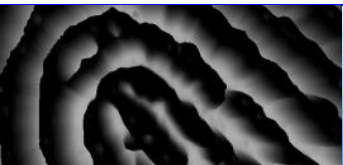
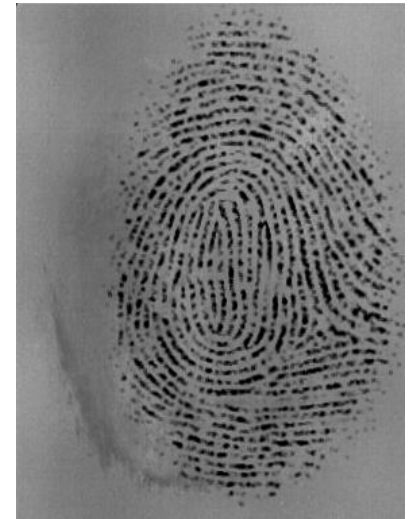


# Examples





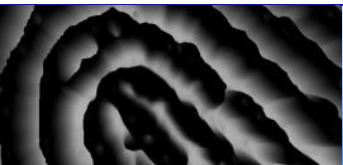
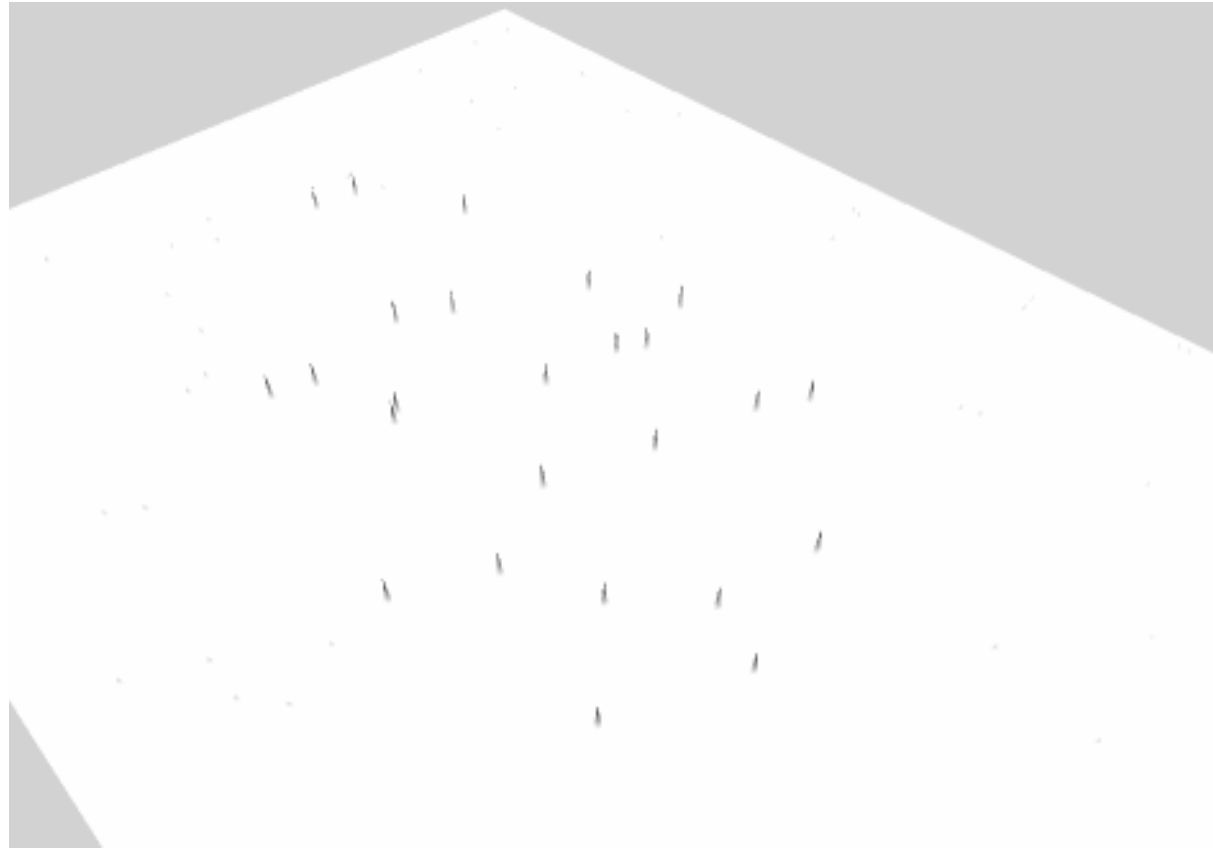
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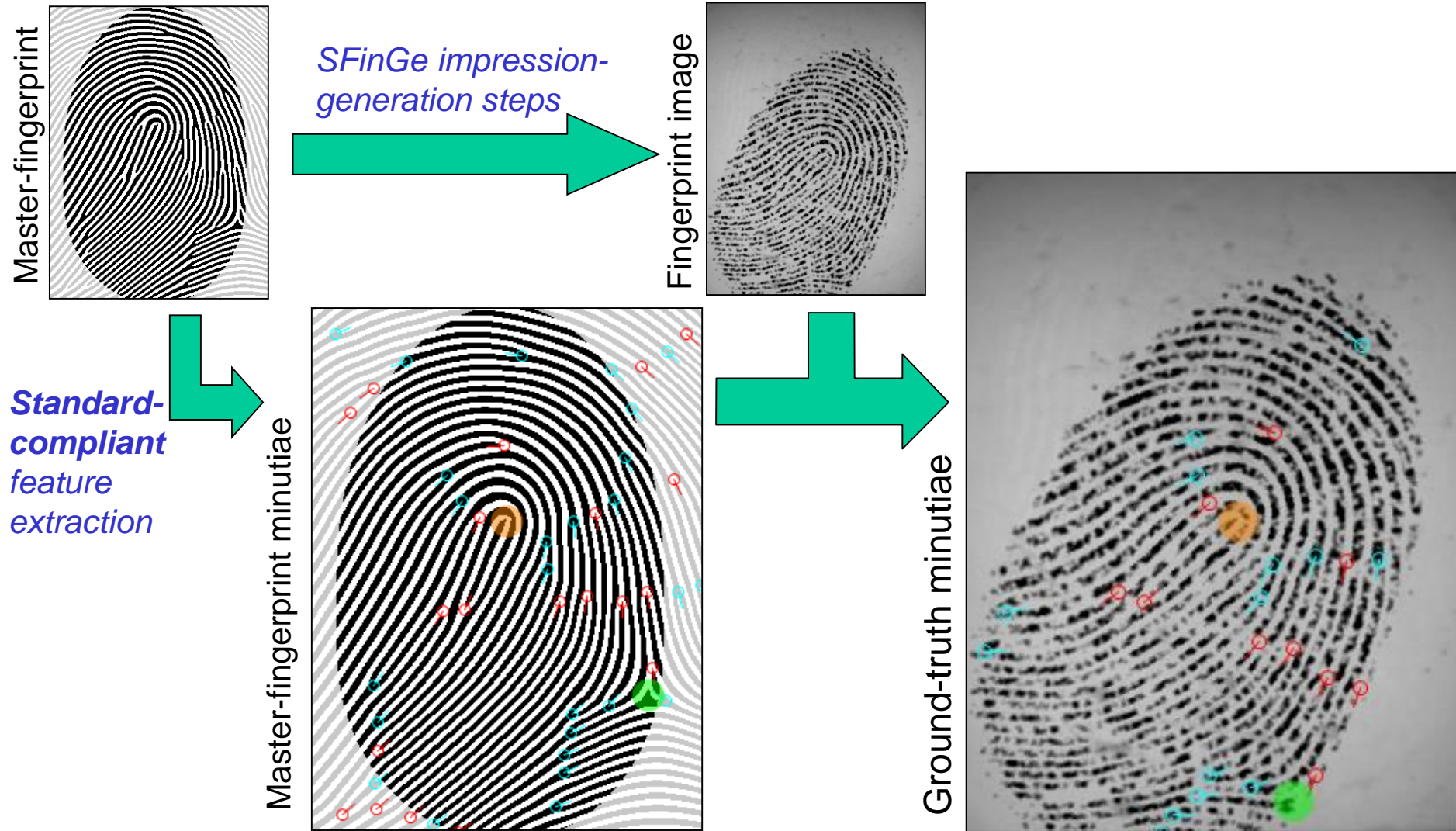
# SFinGe: generation of minutiae ground-truth

SfinGe “master fingerprints” are “ideal” fingerprint patterns

SfinGe “master fingerprints” are well-suited for applying the precise minutiae extraction procedures that are being proposed as ANSI and ISO standards.



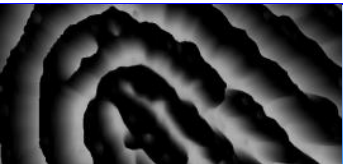
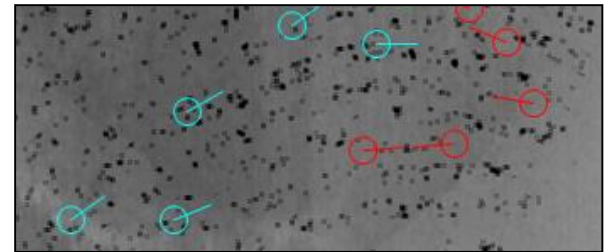
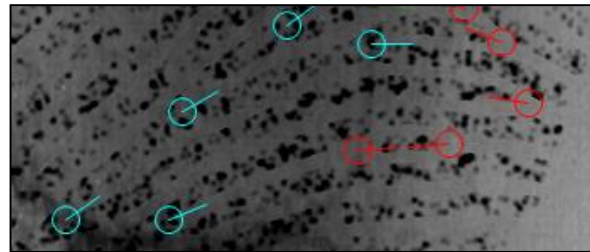
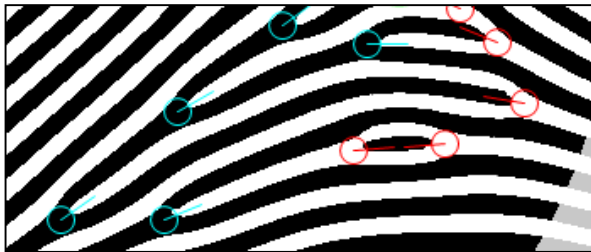
# Automatic generation of the *ground-truth*





# Advantages of SFinGe minutiae ground-truth

- Automatic generation of large fingerprint databases with ground-truth minutiae
  - Features can be extracted by applying the standard procedures easily and without ambiguities (extraction occurs on a binary image without noise)
- The main fingerprint characteristics can be controlled
  - e.g. Fingerprint class, ridge line density, finger placement, skin distortion, fingerprint quality, ...
  - Datasets to test the impact of a given parameter (e.g. fingerprint quality) can be easily generated
- The ground truth is always unique and sound, even when the quality of the final image is very low



# SFinGe validation (1)

Fingerprint images generated by SFinGe appear **very realistic**

About 90 people (many of them having a good background in fingerprint analysis) have been asked to **find a synthetic fingerprint image among 4 images** (3 of which were real fingerprints).  
The synthetic image proved to be not distinguishable from the others



A



B

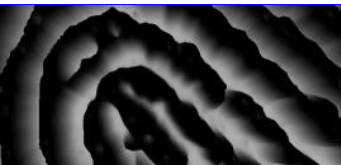


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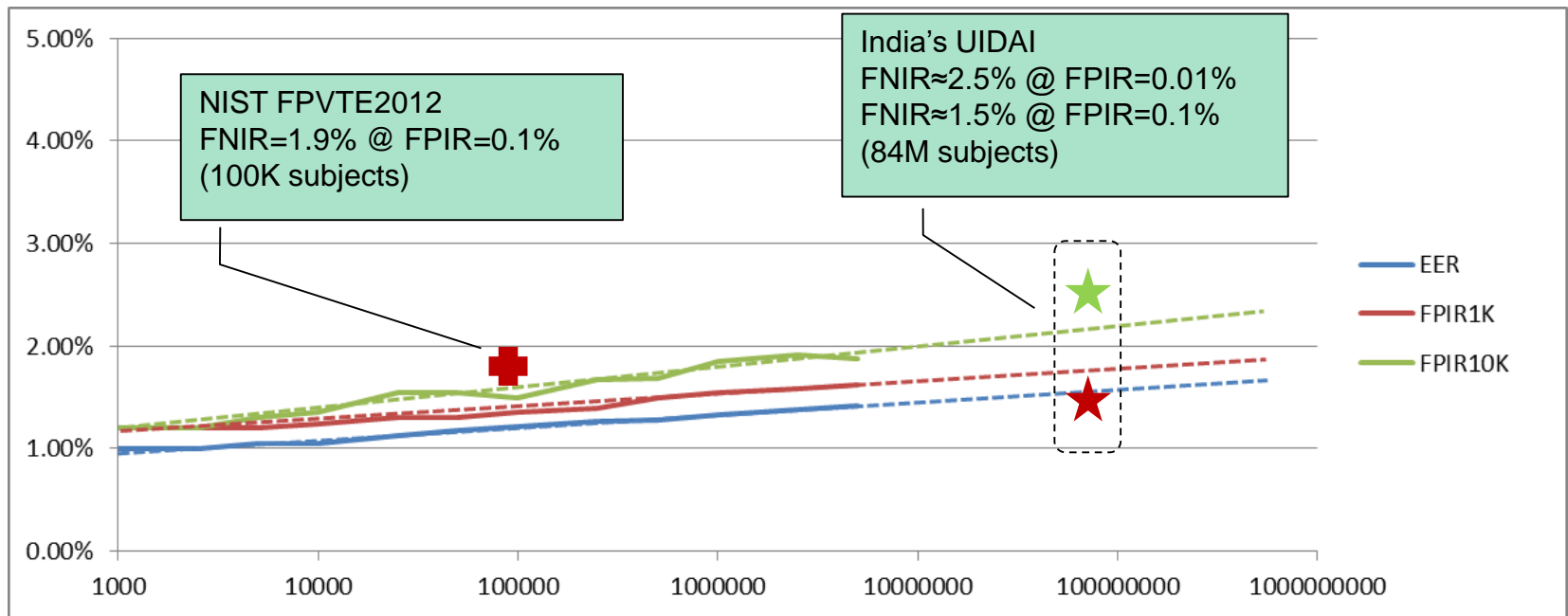
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Poll results	
A	23%
B	27%
C	21%
D	29%



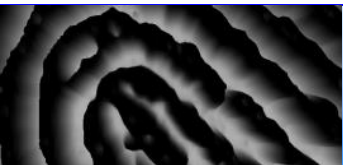
# SFinGe validation (2)

## Predicting fingerprint identification accuracy with synthetic data [Fidelity Project – EU]

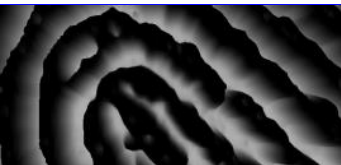
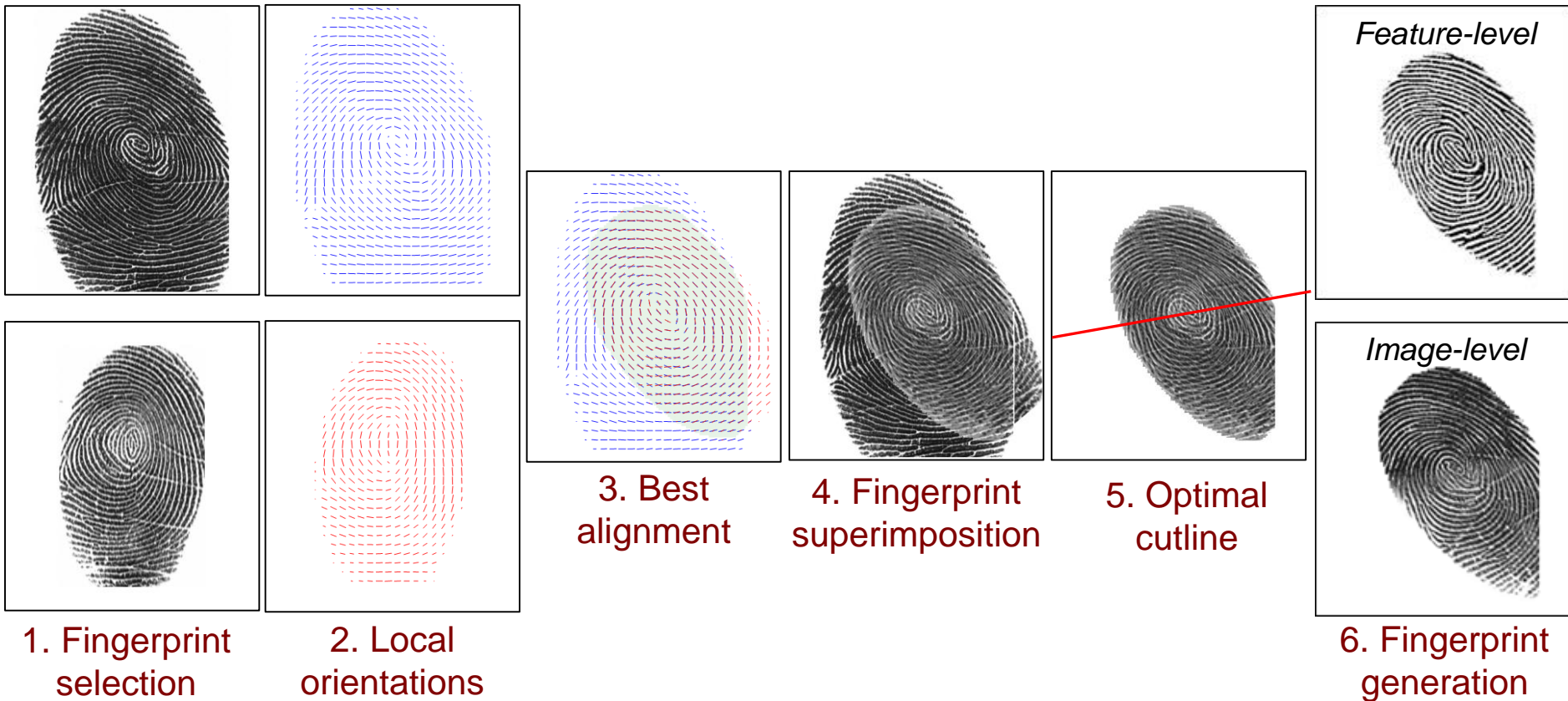


20K queries (10K mates, 10K non-mates)

For this experiment: **≈ 200 billion fingerprint comparisons** (carried out on **a single PC** in less than 11 hours, thanks to other Fidelity developments)



# Double identify fingerprints: creation





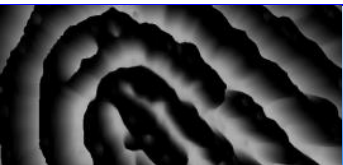
# Double identify fingerprints: examples

Fingerprint 1

Fingerprint 2

Feature-level

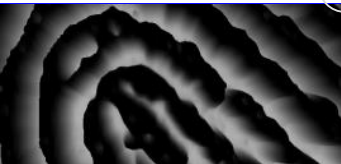
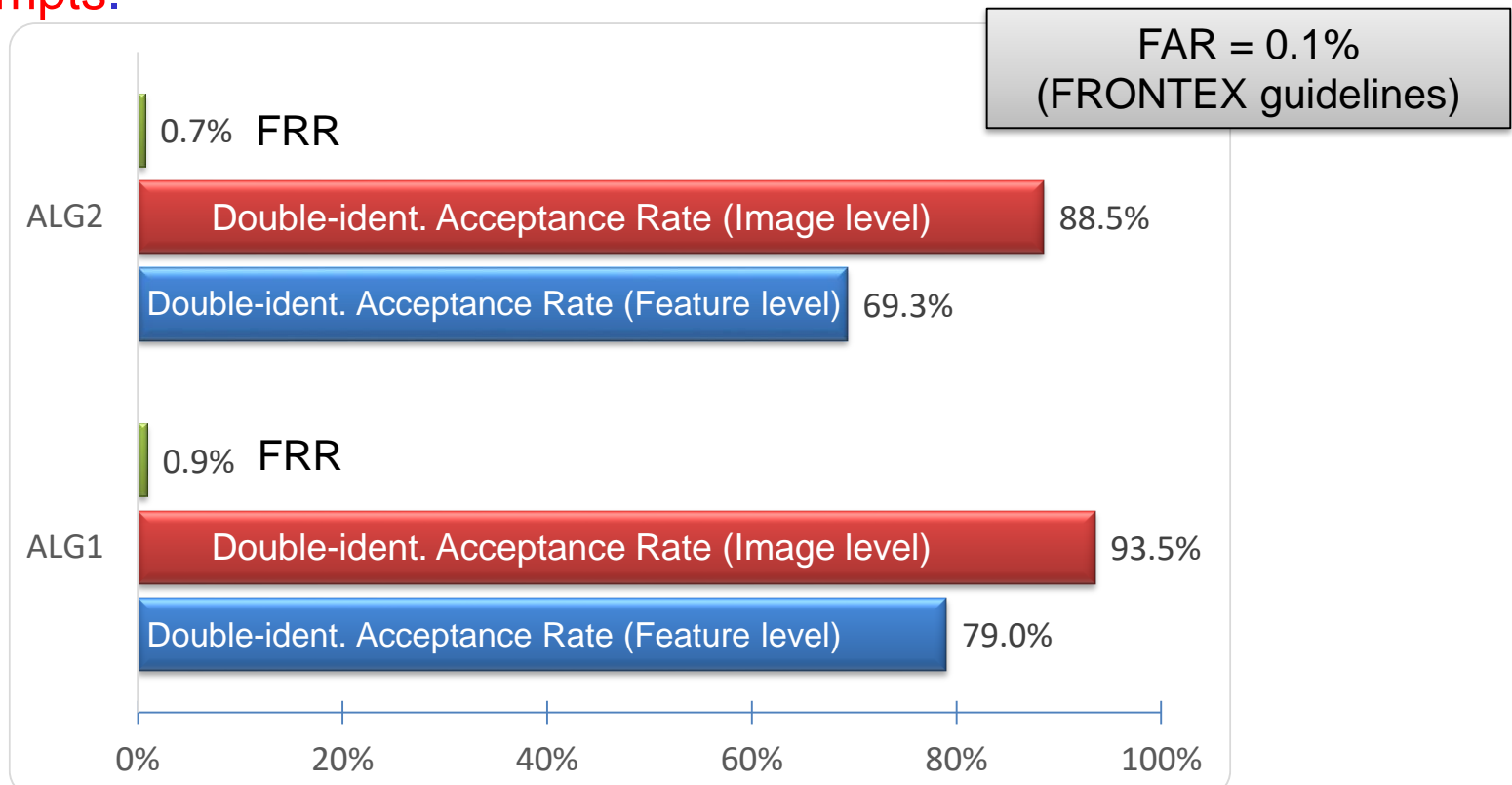
Image-level





# Double identity fingerprints

Experiments have been conducted by using **two state-of-the-art fingerprint recognition algorithms** on the FVC2002 DB1A database, containing 800 fingerprints from 100 fingers (8 impressions per finger) by performing **1400 attack attempts**.

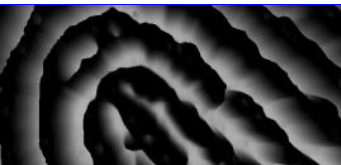
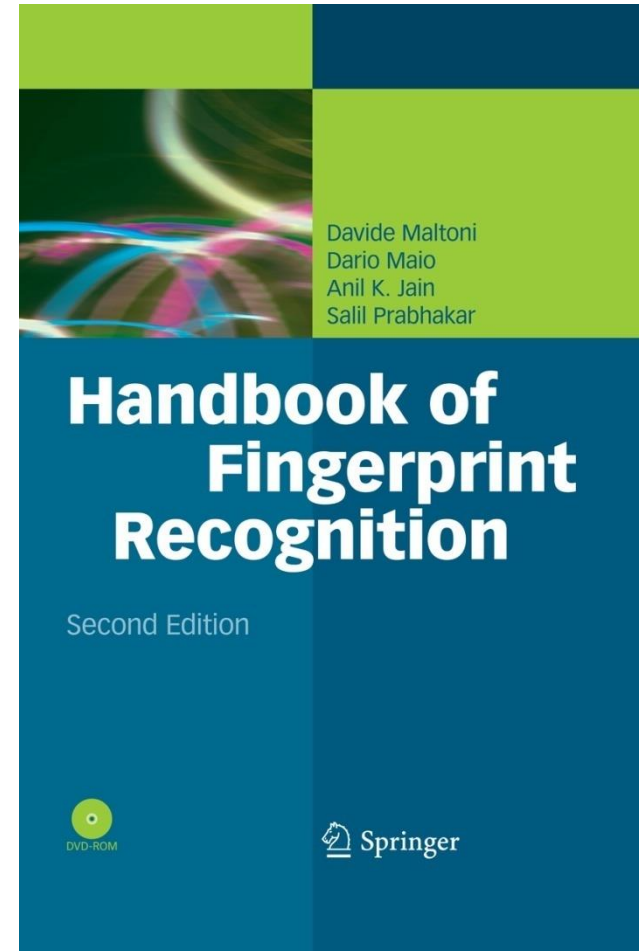


# Handbook of Fingerprint Recognition

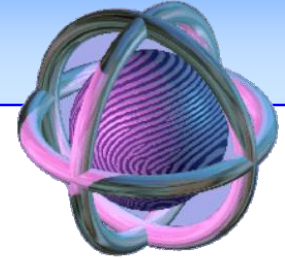
- The book includes results of BioLab research and provides an updated snapshot of the current state-of-the-art in fingerprint recognition.
- More details on the topics of this lecture can be found in this book.

The second edition (a major update) has been published by Springer in 2009

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