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Applications of Biometrics in Forensics

1. Candidate identification* in large DBs
2. Tools for improving/accelerating manual work** (forensic comparisons)
3. Improving Forensic Reports with biometric systems:
 - With population statistics** from biometric systems
 - With the output of biometric systems*** (similarity scores)

EXAMPLES in Handwriting:

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Forensic Biometrics App 1: Candidate ID

Biometric A



Biometric B



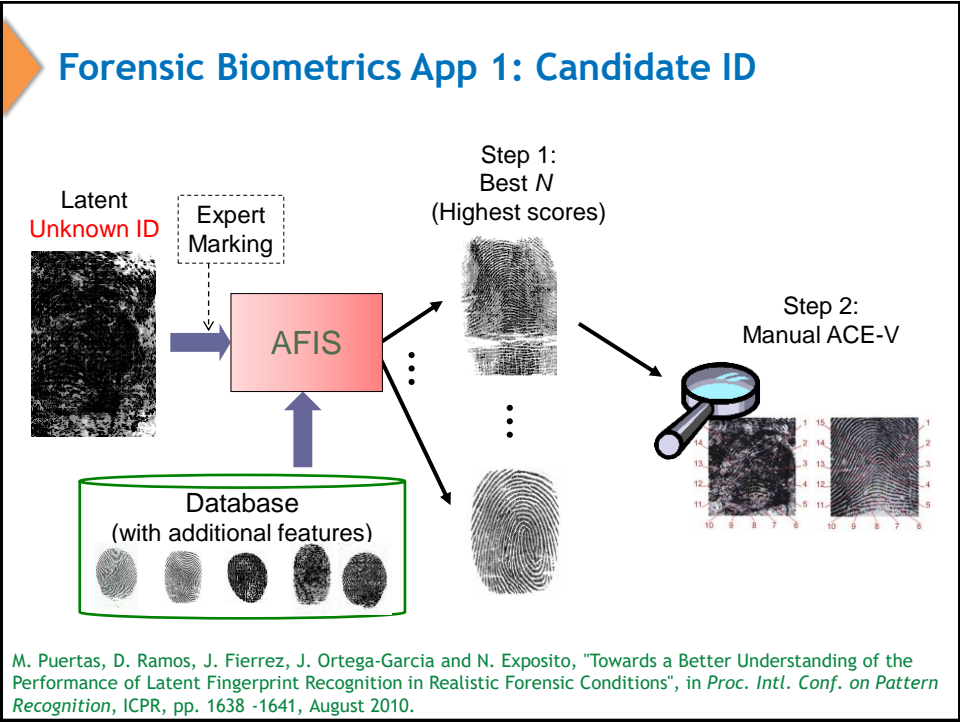
- A = Analysis = Validity & Quality
- C = Comparison = Mark & Compare Biometric Characteristics
- E = Evaluation = Identification/Exclusion/Inconclusive
- V = Verification = Independent re-examination

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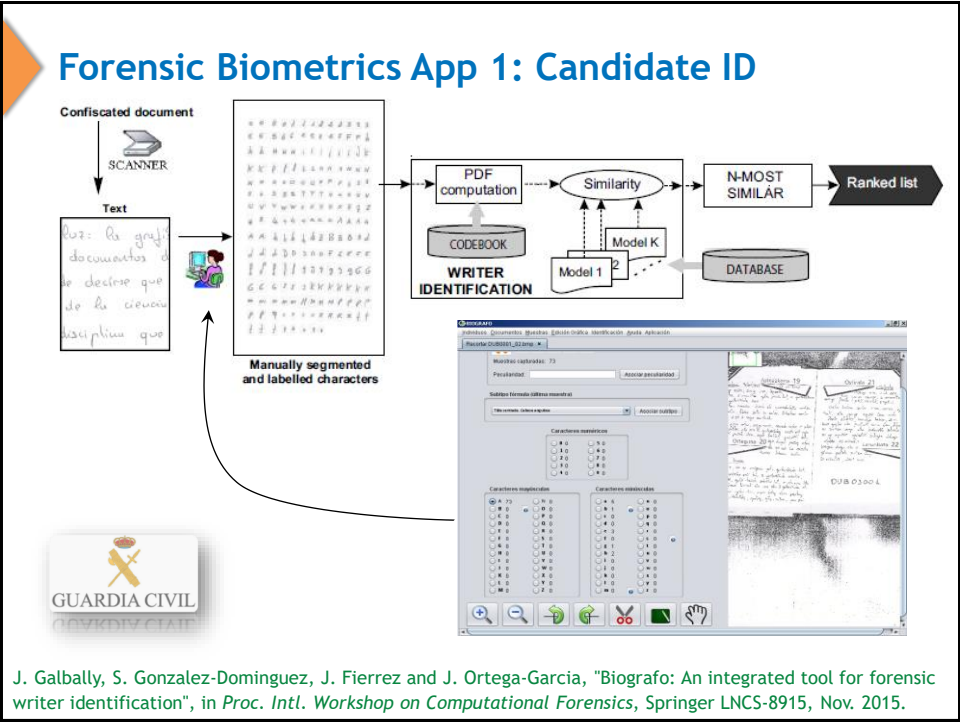
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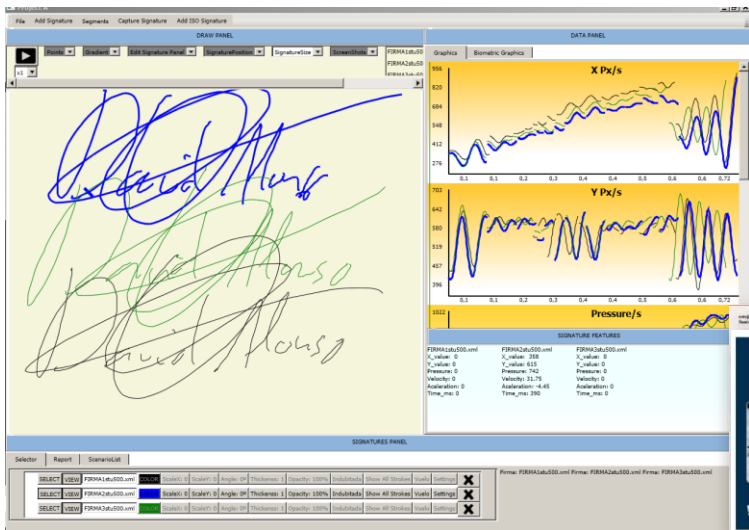


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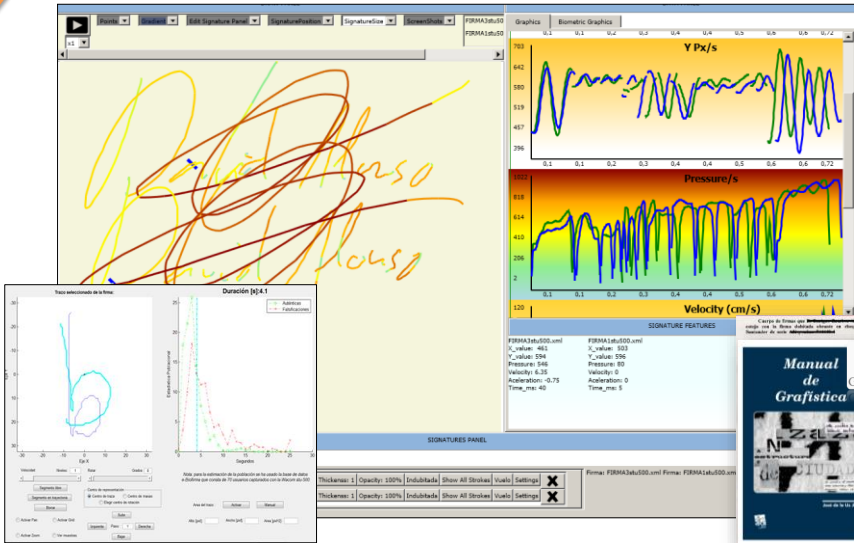
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Original image

Face normalization

14 Facial landmarks

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Face ISO

IPD = 75 pixels
(300x400)

15 Facial regions

Face ISOV

Right middle face

Left middle face

Forehead

Right eyebrow

Both eyebrows

Left eyebrow

Right eye

Both eyes

Left eye

Right ear

Nose

Left ear

Mouth

Chin

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Forensic Biometrics App 2: Tools for the Expert

Identity claim

Face Input

Facial Landmarks Extraction

Pre-Processing

Feature Extraction

Continuous Features

Discrete Features

Enrolment

Enrolled Templates

Similarity

Score Normalization

Similarity

Score Normalization

Similarity

Score Normalization

Fusion

System performance

Face verification rate

False acceptance rate

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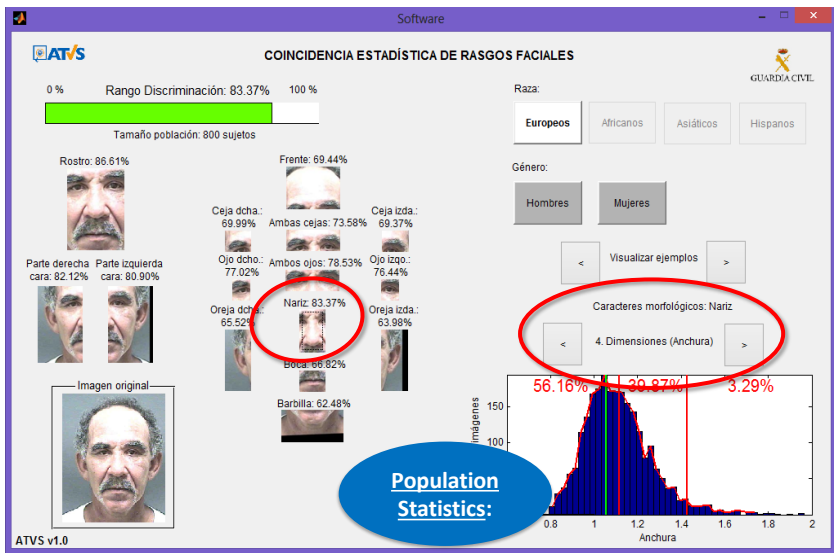
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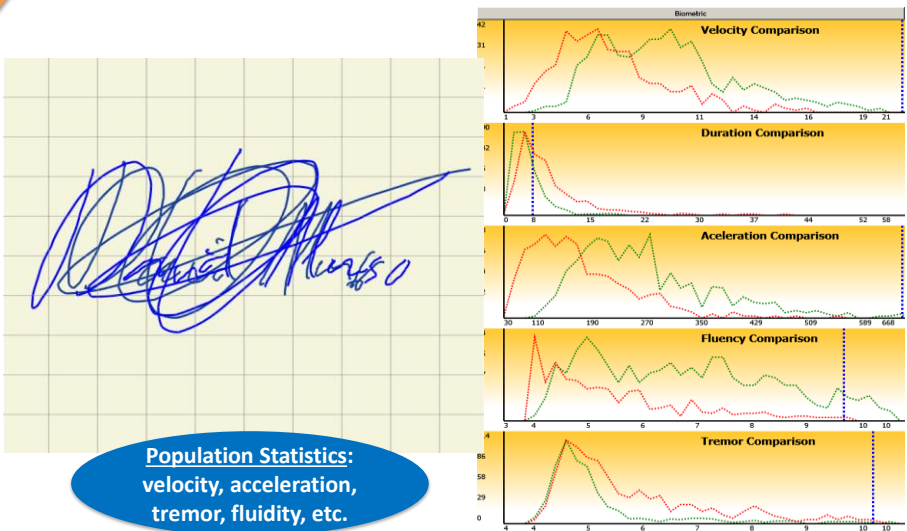
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Forensic Biometrics App 3: Improving the Reports

Assign the strength of evidence (Likelihood Ratio)

Hp	The trace and reference have a common origin
Hd	The trace and reference have different origins
Score (S)	Degree of correspondence between trace and reference
I	Background information
Pr (s Hp, I)	Similarity factor - intra / within-source variability
Pr (s Hd, I)	Typicality factor - inter / between-source variability
LR	Strength of evidence Likelihood Ratio

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Forensic Biometrics App 3: Improving the Reports

Forensic evaluation method

Assign the strength of evidence (Likelihood Ratio)

$$\frac{\text{Pr (Hp| s, I)}}{\text{Pr (Hd| s, I)}}$$

Posterior probability ratio

=

$$\frac{\text{Pr (s |Hp, I)}}{\text{Pr (s |Hd, I)}}$$

Likelihood Ratio

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$$\frac{\text{Pr (Hp, I)}}{\text{Pr (Hd, I)}}$$

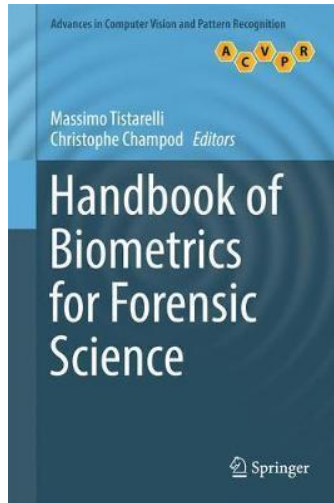
Prior probability ratio

Duty of the Forensic Expert

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