

# Biometric Recognition Challenges in Forensics

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# Biometric Technology Takes Off

By THE EDITORIAL BOARD, NY Times, September 20, 2013

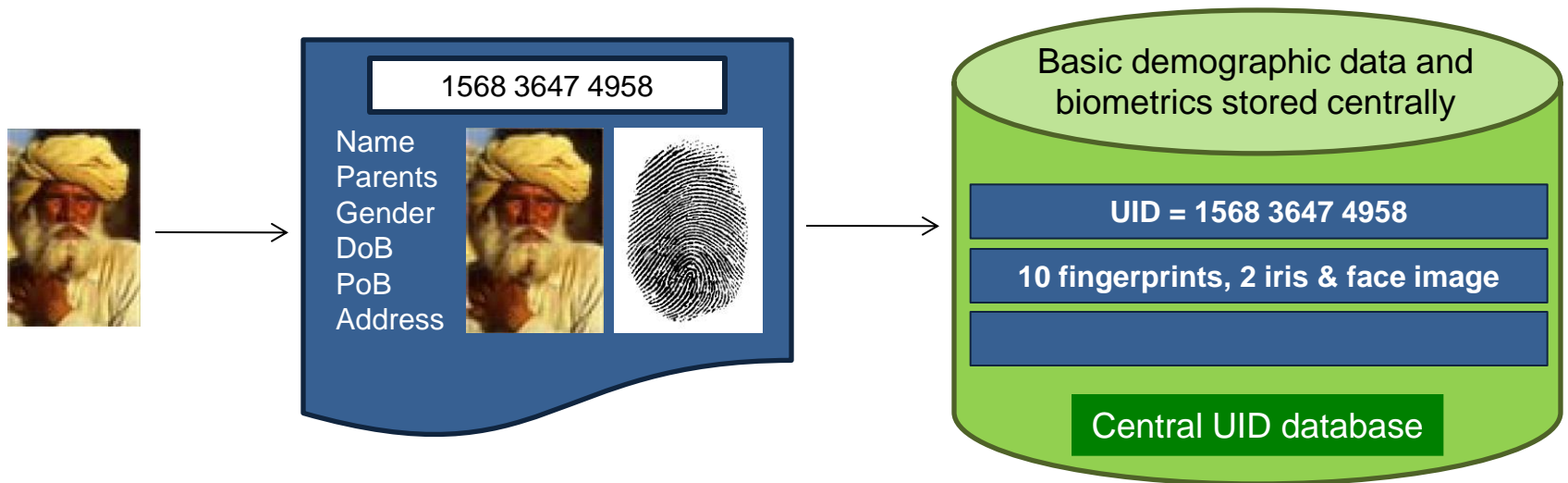
“The use of biological markers like fingerprints, faces and irises to identify people is rapidly moving from science fiction to reality.”

# Outline

- Biometric recognition
  - Traits, uniqueness, persistence
- Applications
  - Deduplication, border crossing, access control
- Challenges in forensics
  - Non-cooperative, unconstrained scenarios
  - Sketch to photo matching, latent fingerprints, fingerprint alteration, scars, marks & tattoos

# Aadhar

“Issue a unique identification number (**UID**) to Indian residents that can be used to **eliminate duplicate and fake identities.**”



UIDAI has issued ~560 million Aadhaar numbers as of Jan 2014

# Mobile Phone Security



Joseph Van Os / Getty Images

**By 2014, more cell phone accounts than people; \$1 Trillion in mobile payments**

[http://www.siliconindia.com/magazine\\_articles/World\\_to\\_have\\_more\\_cell\\_phone\\_accounts\\_than\\_people\\_by\\_2014-](http://www.siliconindia.com/magazine_articles/World_to_have_more_cell_phone_accounts_than_people_by_2014-)

<http://blog.unibulmerchantservices.com/mobile-payments-volume-to-total-nearly-1-trillion-by-2014/>

[http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-205\\_162-57602236/apple-announces-new-iphone-5s-iphone-5c-ios-7-release-date](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-205_162-57602236/apple-announces-new-iphone-5s-iphone-5c-ios-7-release-date)

# Why Biometrics?

People cannot be **trusted** based on **credentials**



About 300K British passports were lost or stolen in 2006

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**"Sorry about the odor. I have all my passwords tattooed between my toes."**

Most common pw: 123456,...

**Stolen credit card numbers can go for as little as a quarter or as much as \$45 each**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/20/technology/target-stolen-shopper-data.html?pagewanted=all&\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/12/20/technology/target-stolen-shopper-data.html?pagewanted=all&_r=0)

# iPhone 5S Fingerprint Sensor Hacked by Germany's Chaos Computer Club

[http://www.theguardian.com/technology/2013/sep/22/apple-iphone-fingerprint-scanner-hacked?goback=%2Egde\\_68333\\_member\\_275746787#%21](http://www.theguardian.com/technology/2013/sep/22/apple-iphone-fingerprint-scanner-hacked?goback=%2Egde_68333_member_275746787#%21)

Biometrics are not safe, says famous hacker team who provide video showing how they could use a fake fingerprint to bypass phone's security lockscreen

# Multifactor Authentication

A combination of at least two of three components

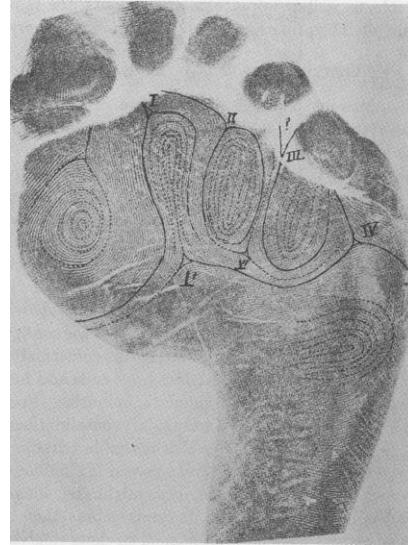
- Something you have (token)
- Something you know (password)
- Something you are (biometrics)





# Friction Ridge Pattern

Ridged (**friction**) skin on fingers, palms & soles



Cumins and Midlo, *Finger Prints, Palms and Soles*, Dover, 1961

“Perhaps the **most beautiful and characteristic of all superficial marks (on human body) are the small furrows with the intervening ridges and their pores** that are disposed in a singularly complex yet even order on the under surfaces of the hands and feet.”

Francis Galton, *Nature*, June 28, 1888

# Fingerprints in Forensics

- **Repeat Offenders**: Compare rolled or slap tenprints
- **Crime Scene evidence**: Compare **latents** to tenprints

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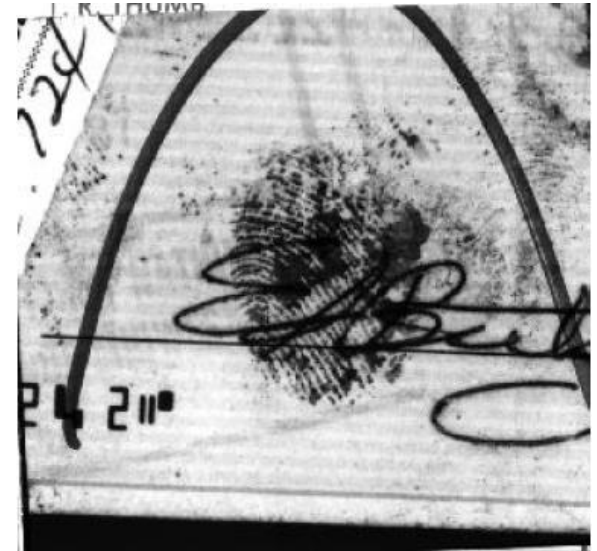

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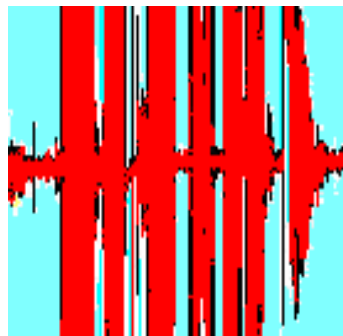
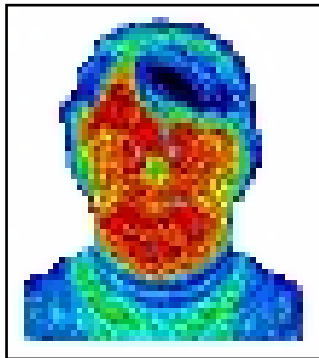
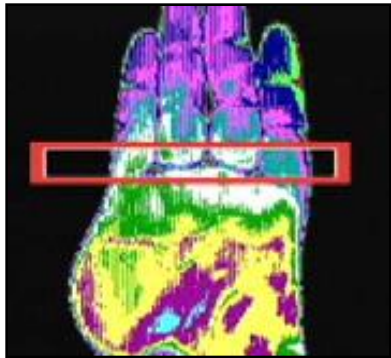
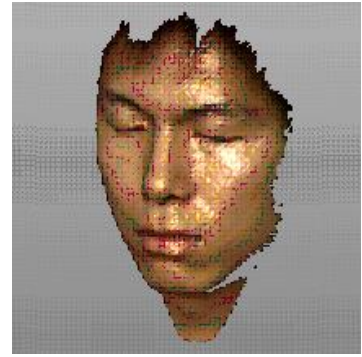
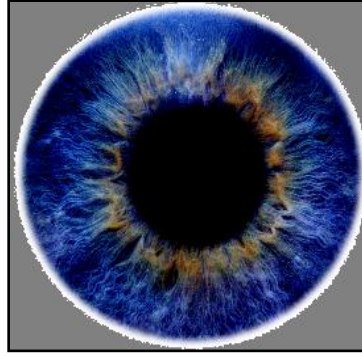
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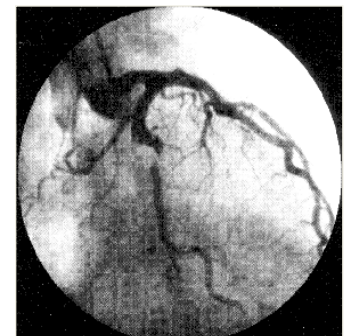




# Biometric Traits



Joe Smith



# Uniqueness



Identical twins



# Persistence



1881, age 7



1890, age 17



1913, age 40

## Herschel's fingerprints

Match scores: Age 7 vs. Age 17 = 6,217; Age 7 vs. Age 40 = 5,032; Age 17 vs. Age 40 = 5,997

(Maximum score between fingerprints from two different fingers = 3,300)

# Persistence

- Human body (and biometric traits) will age over time
- Can we devise an age-invariant template?

Jan 1995



Gallery seed

Jul 1998



COTS-A

Score=0.99

COTS-B

Score=0.84

Nov 1999



Score=0.62

Score=0.76

Nov 2003



Score=0.41

Score=0.71

Feb 2005



Score=0.26

Score=0.58

# Applications

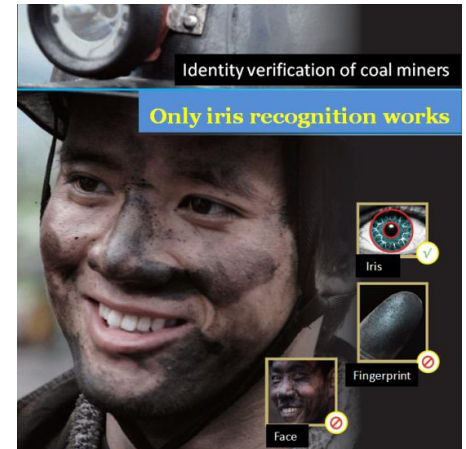
- De-duplication (driver license, passport,...)
- Border crossing (U.S.- Visit)
- Access control (physical, logical)



US-VISIT

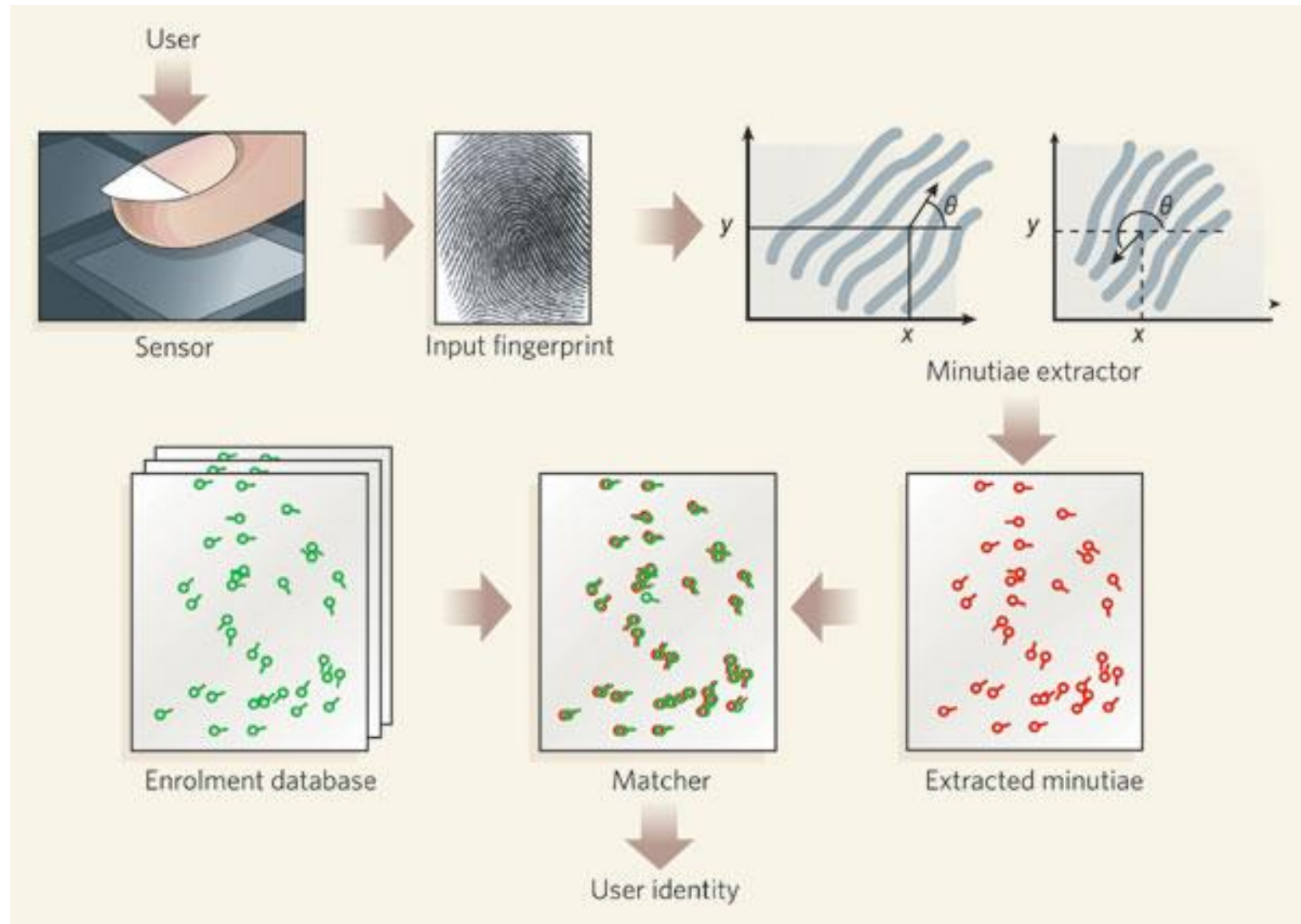


Disney Parks



Coalmine in China

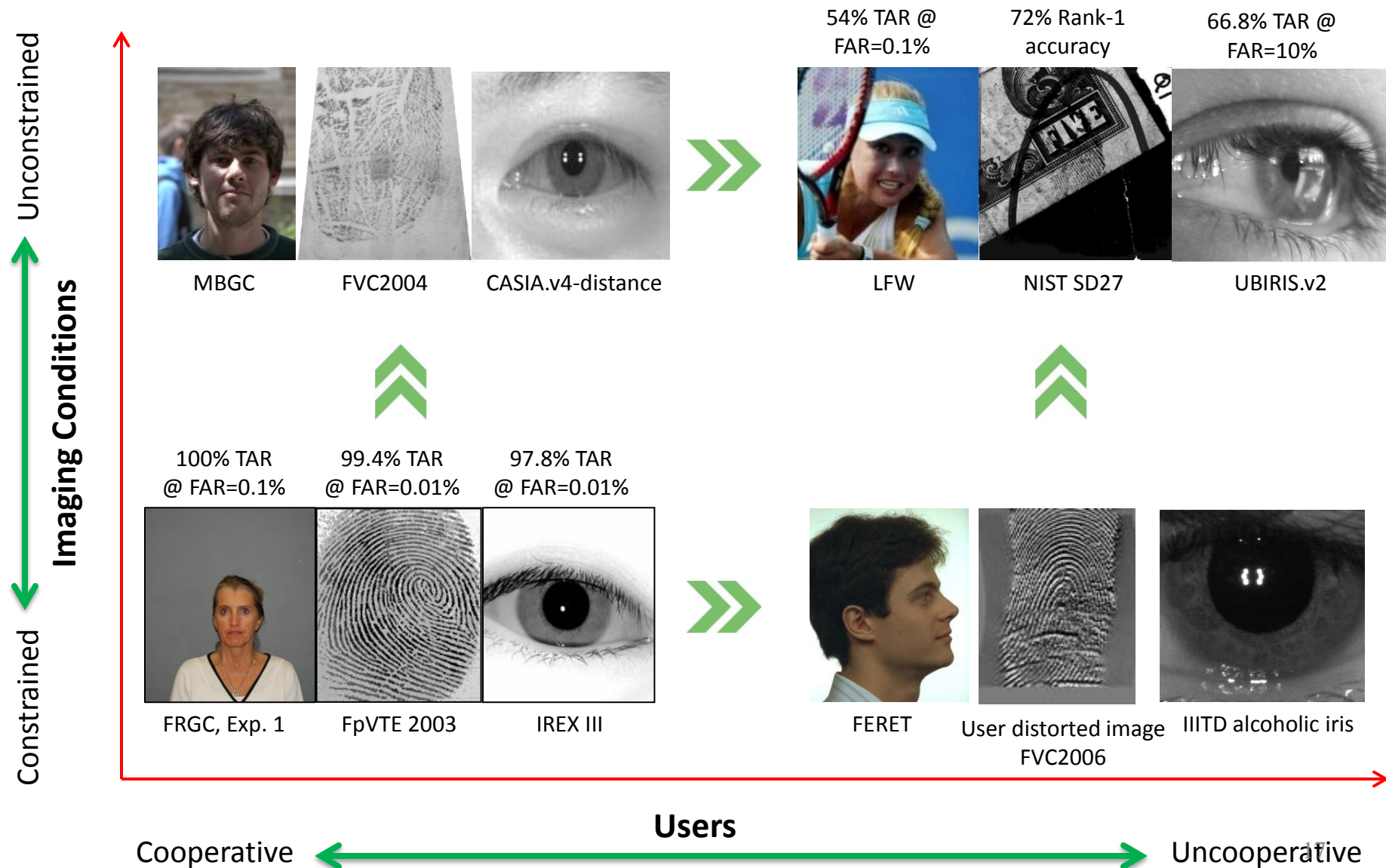
# Biometric Recognition System



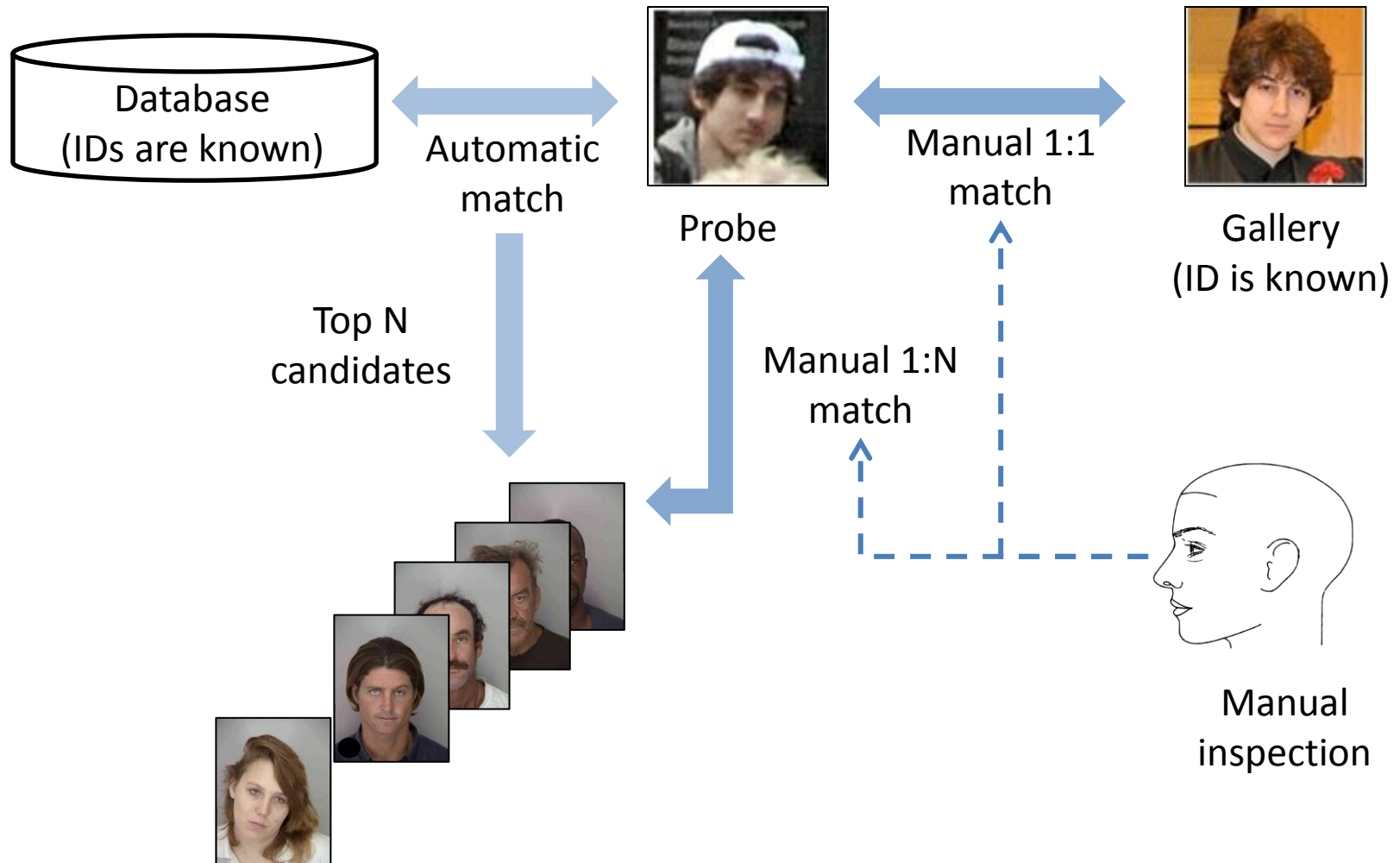
Enrolment vs. Recognition; False Accept vs. False Reject



# State of the Art



# Biometrics in Forensics



- A. K. Jain, B. Klare, and U. Park, "Face Matching and Retrieval in Forensics Applications", *IEEE Multimedia*, 2012
- J. C. Klontz and A. K. Jain, "A Case Study on Unconstrained Facial Recognition Using the Boston Marathon Bombings Suspects", MSU Technical Report, MSU-CSE-13-4, 2013

# Top Retrieval Ranks for Tsarnaev Brothers

(100K gallery with demographic filtering)



116,342

**12,446**

87,501



1,869

**1**

12,622



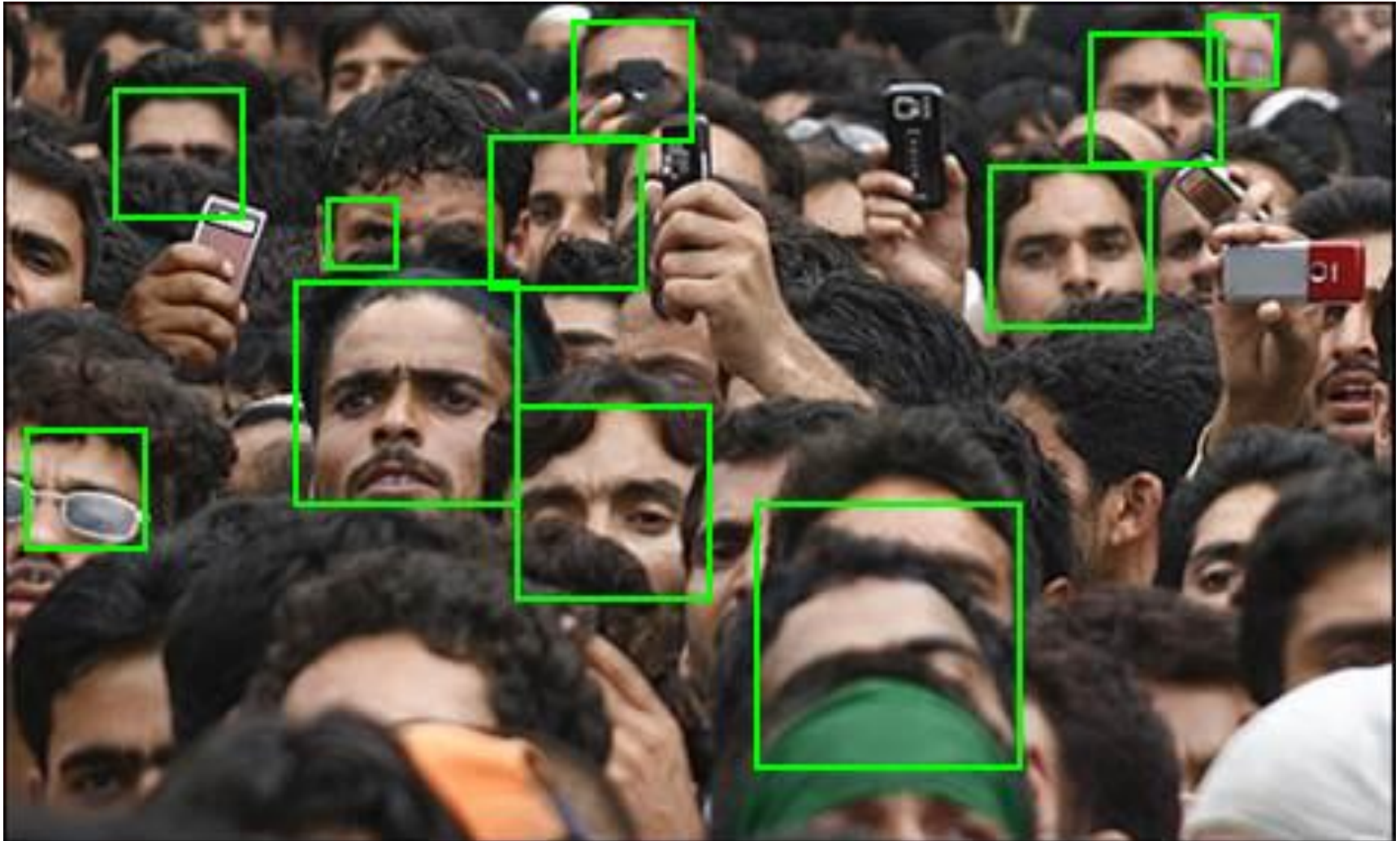
# Challenges in Forensics

- Unconstrained face recognition
- Sketch (Composite) to mugshot matching
- Latent fingerprint matching
- Detecting Altered Fingerprints
- Matching Scars, Marks & Tattoos

Recognition systems with human in the loop

# Unconstrained Face Recognition

- Face detection
- Alignment free matching



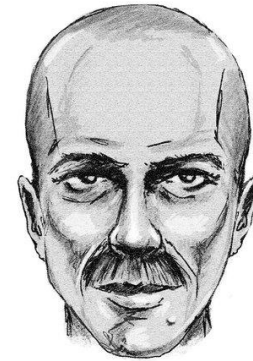


# Fighting Crime With Pencil and Paper



**Juan Perez, NYPD,** creates sketches based on victims' descriptions

NYPD produced 273 sketches in 2012



**Pleaded Guilty:** Rene Otero arrested in the sexual abuse case of a 9-year-old girl

**Charged With Murder:** Erika Menendez arrested for shoving a man in front of a subway train

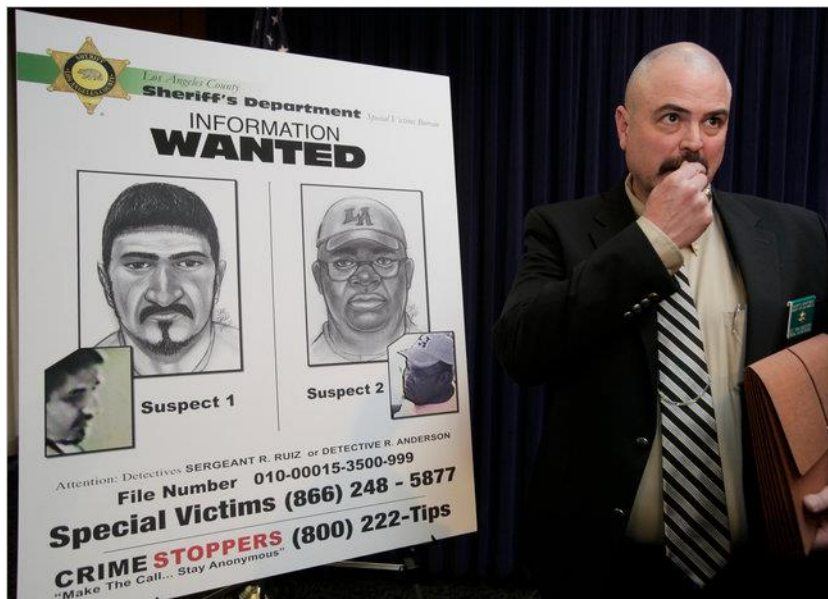
**Now in Prison:** Steven Pappa serving time for kidnapping and sexual assault

# Sketch From Video

## The New York Times

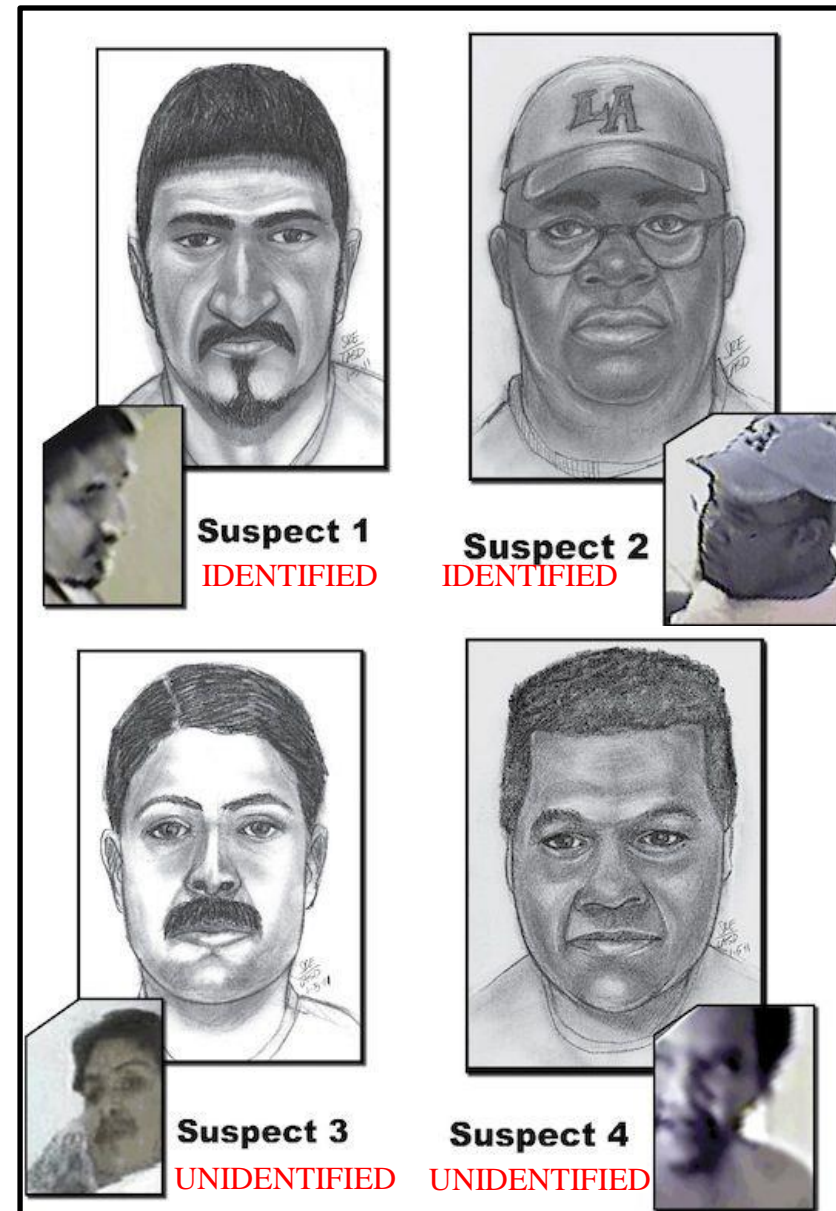
### Los Angeles Officials Identify Video Assault Suspects

*"Composite drawings of four of the suspects have been made based upon video images"*



<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/08/us/08disabled.html>

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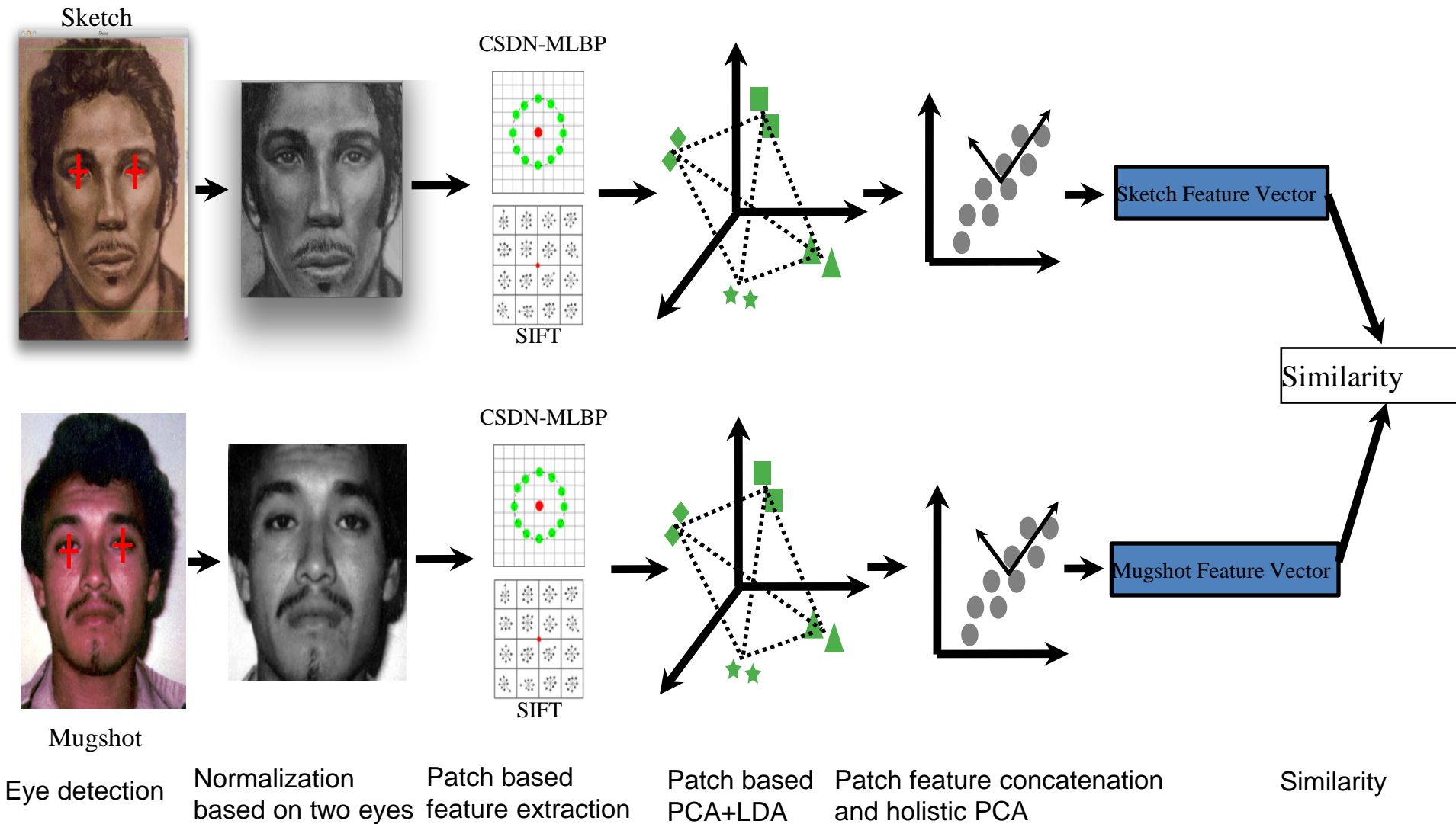
# Sketch and Mugshot Mates



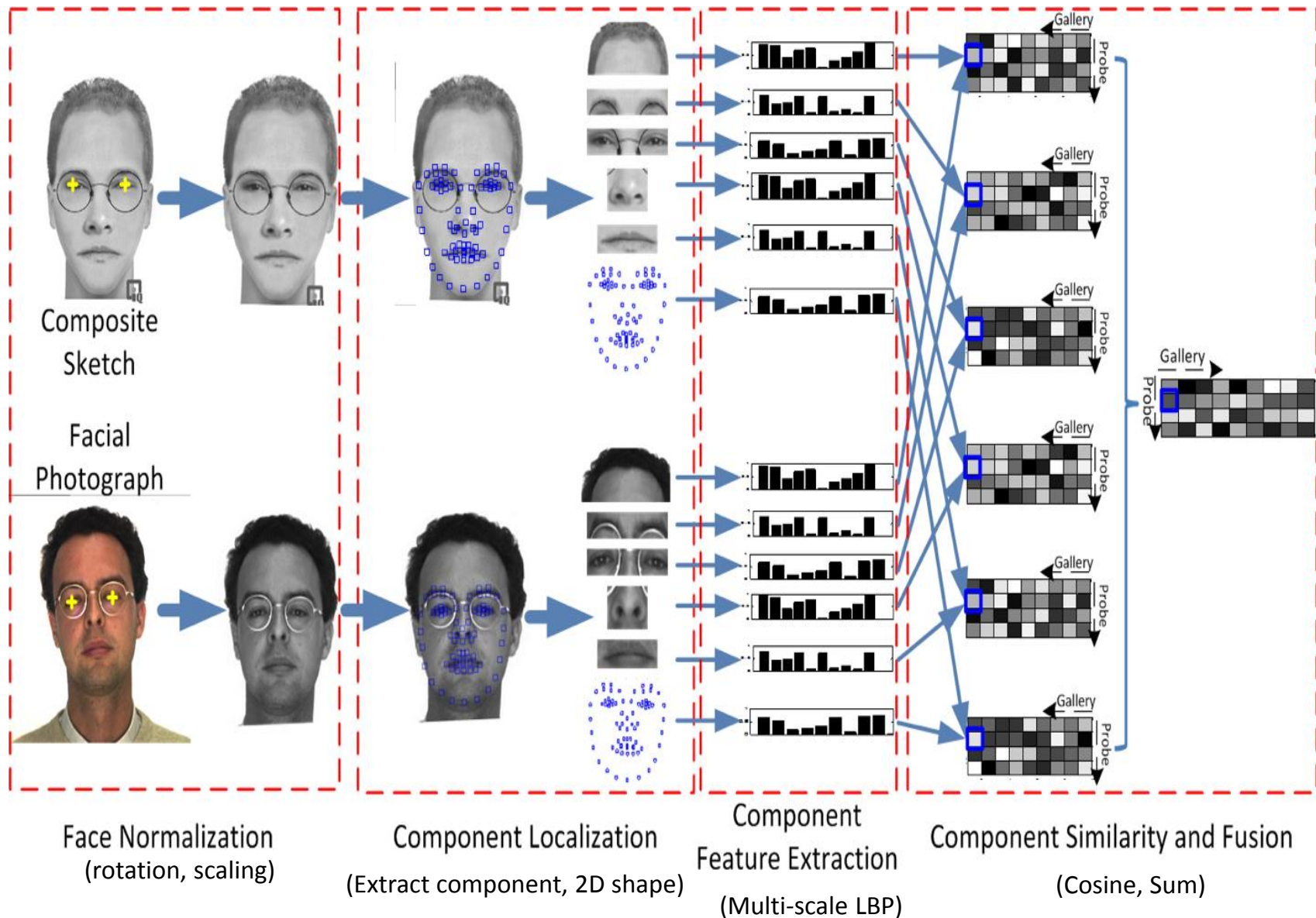
Challenges: Witness description, expertise of artist, time gap, modality gap



# Holistic Representation & Matching



# Component Based Representation



# FaceSketchID System





# Retrievals by FaceSketchID and COTS Matchers

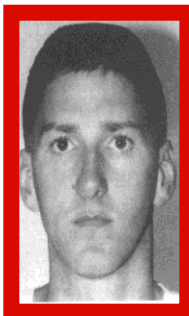
Forensic sketch



Rank 1



Rank 2



Rank 3



Rank 4



Rank 5



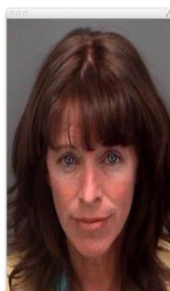
FaceSketchID



COTS-1



COTS-2



COTS-3

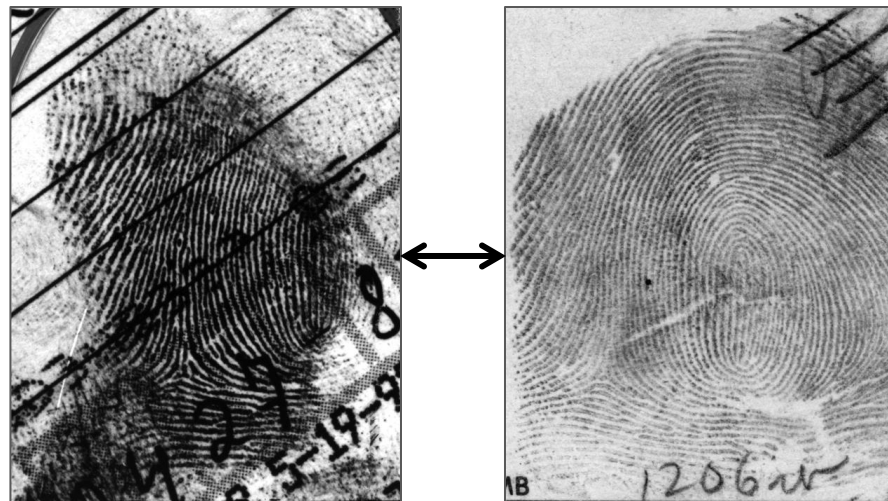
# Fingerprint Matching

Rolled-to-Rolled matching



**TAR of 99.4% @ FAR = 0.01%**

Latent-to-Rolled matching

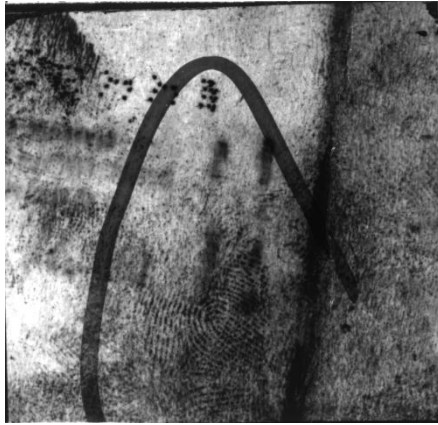


**Rank-1 identification rate = 68%**



# Challenges in Latent Matching

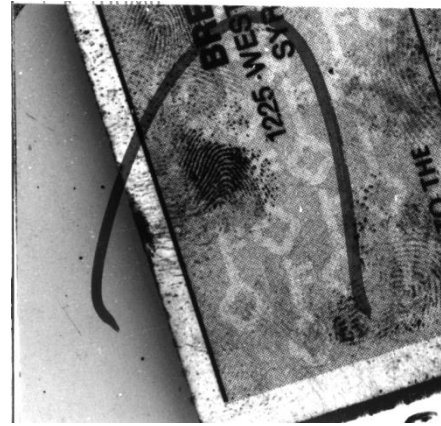
Reliable  
feature  
extraction



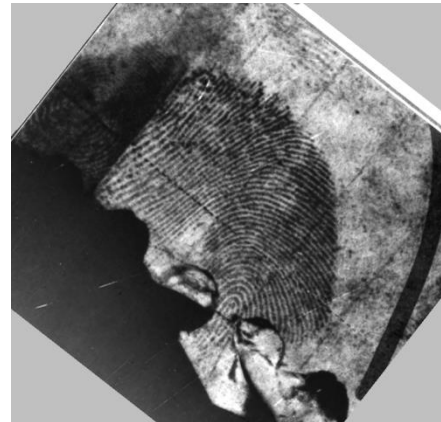
Unclear ridges



Complex background



Partial fingerprint



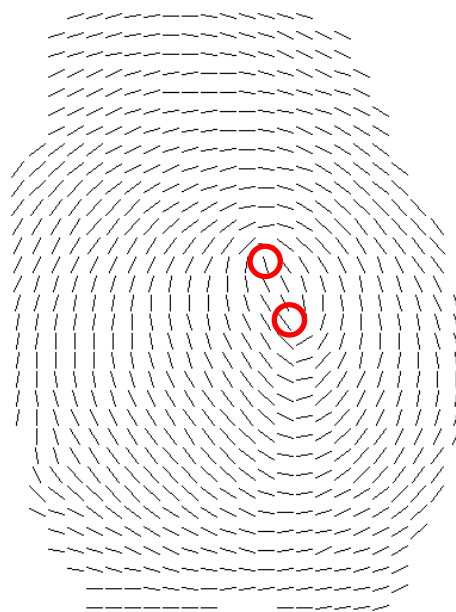
Large distortion

Robust  
feature  
matching

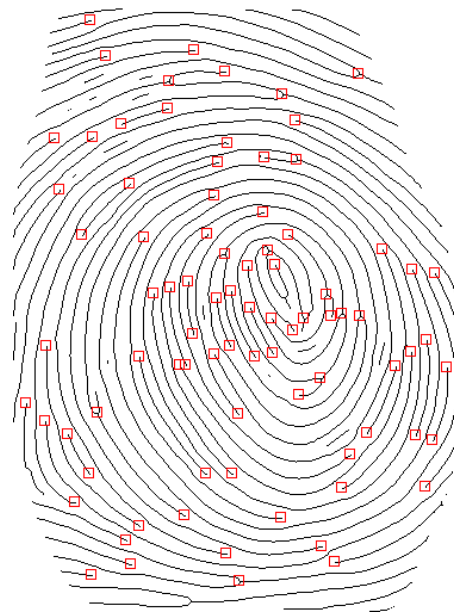
# Fingerprint Features



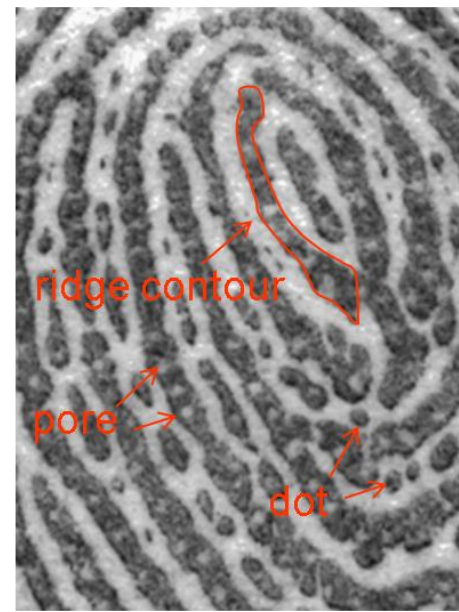
Fingerprint image  
(ridges, valleys)



Level 1  
(OF, core, delta)

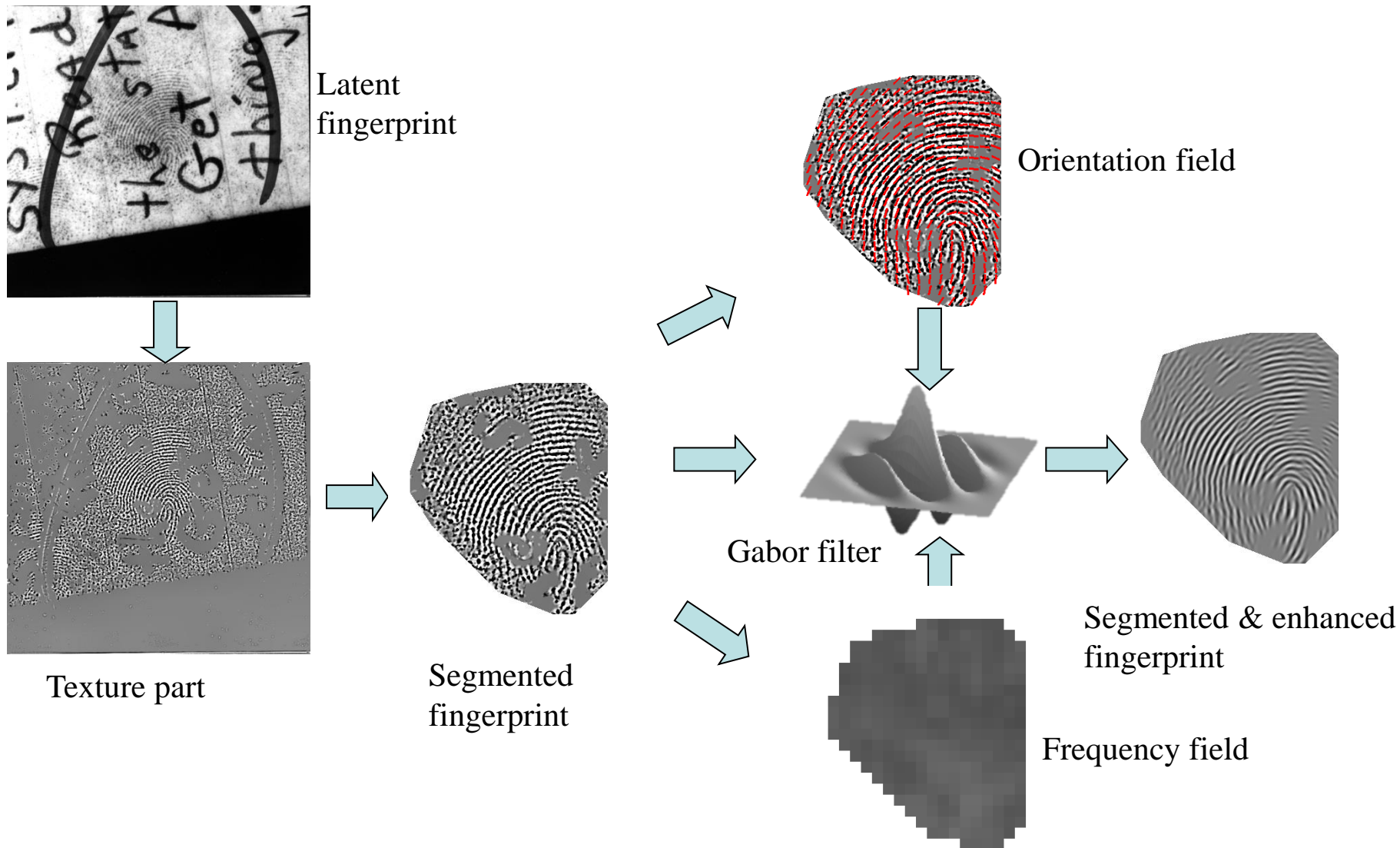


Level 2  
(minutiae)



Level 3  
(pores, dots)

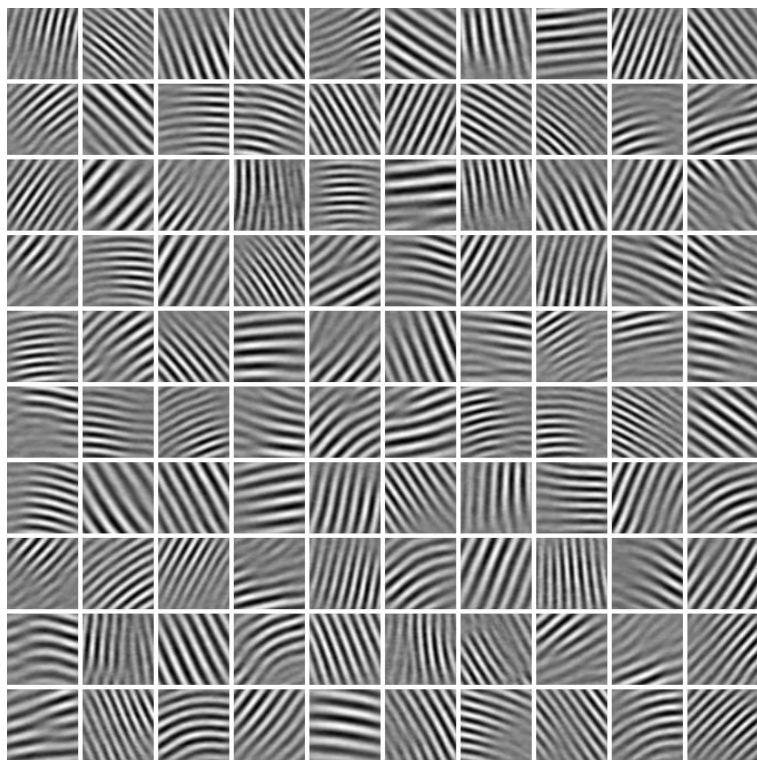
# Segmentation & Enhancement



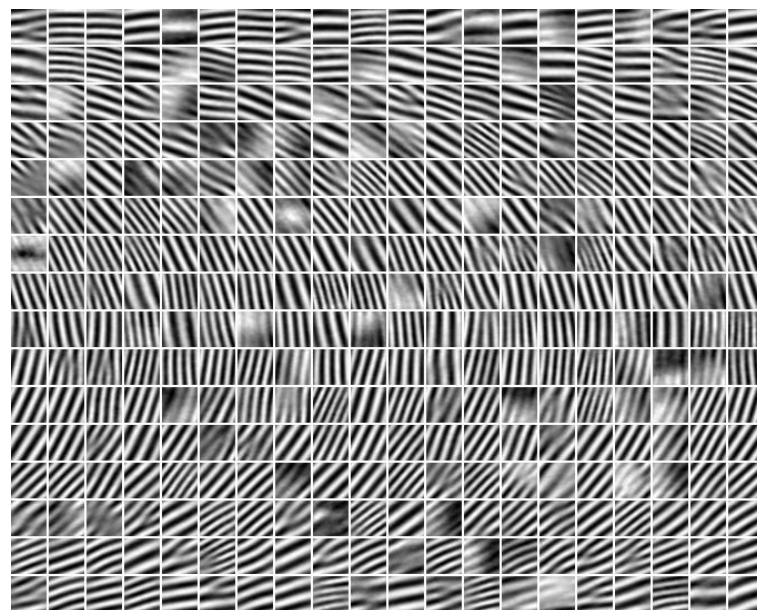


# Ridge Structure Dictionary

Dictionary used to learn ridge orientation & ridge frequency fields



Coarse-level dictionary (patch size:  $64 \times 64$ ).  
Total number of dictionary element is 1,024



16 orientation specific fine-level dictionaries  
(patch size:  $32 \times 32$ ). Total no. of elements  
in each orientation specific dictionary is 64.

# Image Decomposition

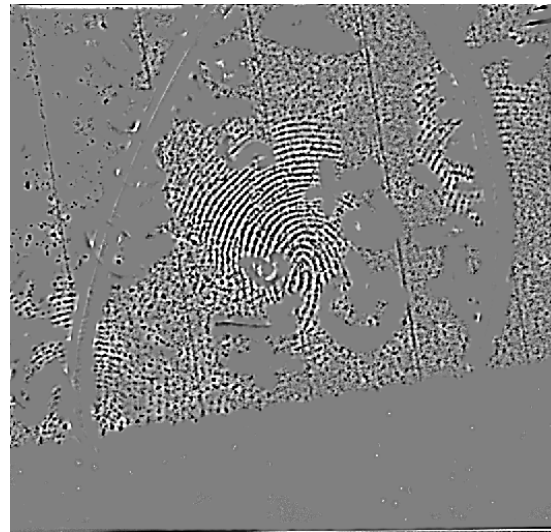
Features: Local total variation

Method: Nonlinear decomposition



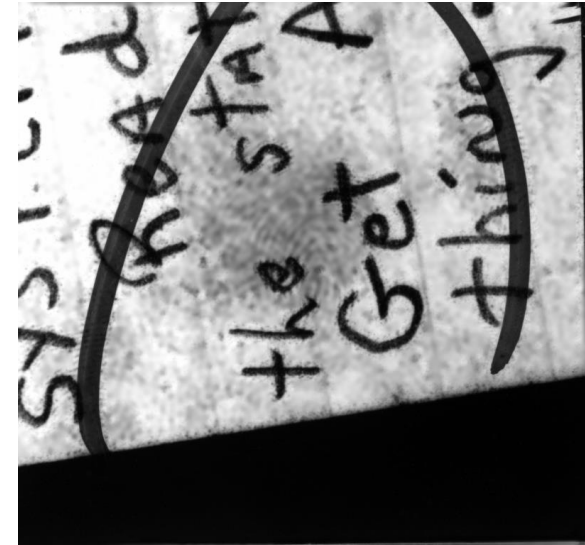
Gray image  
(768 x 800)

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Texture part

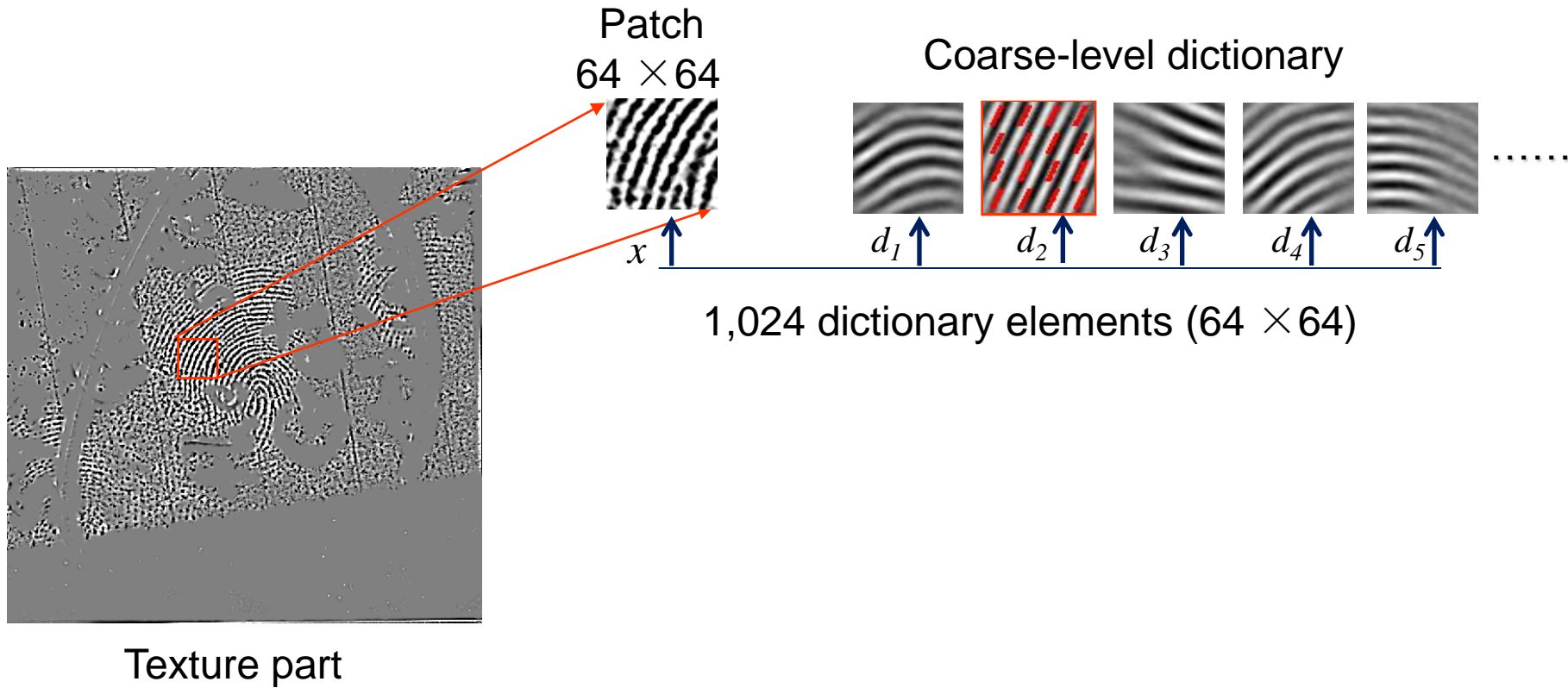
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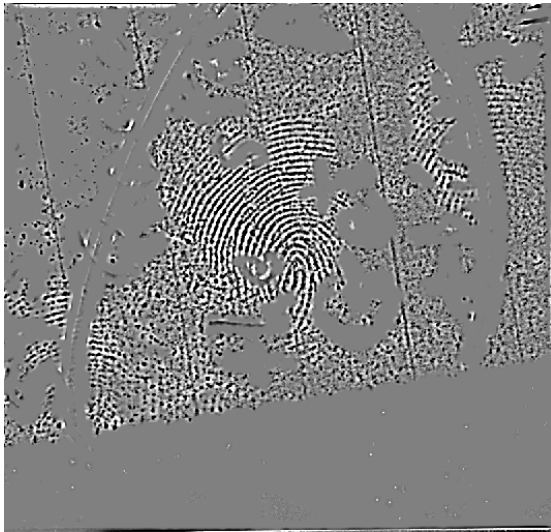


Cartoon part

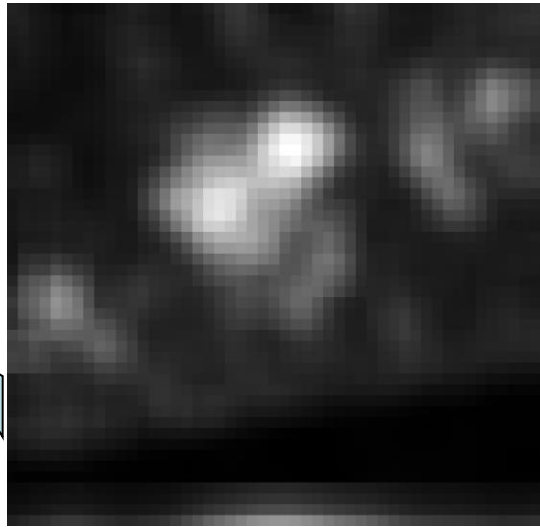
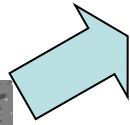
Buades et al, Fast cartoon+texture image filters, IEEE TIP, 2010

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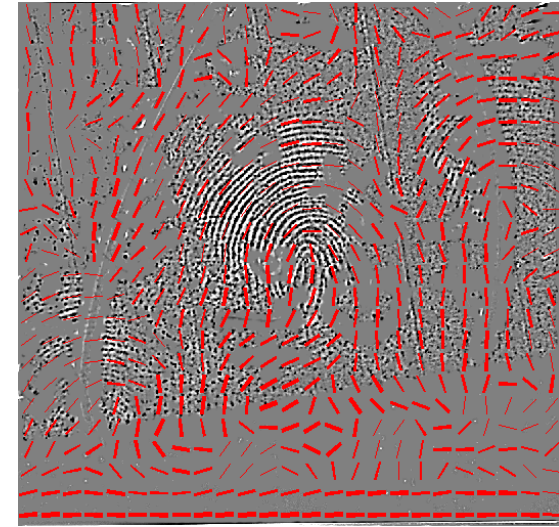




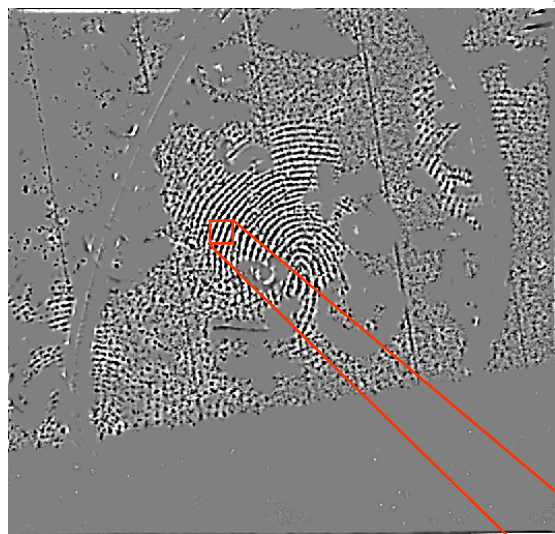
Texture part



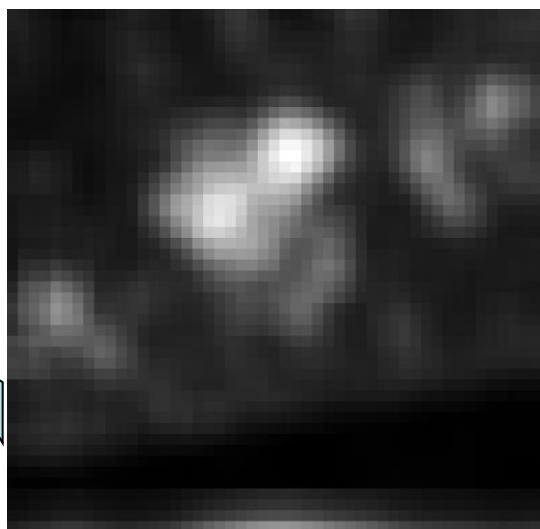
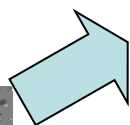
Coarse quality map  
(Similarity between image  
patch and the most similar  
dictionary element)



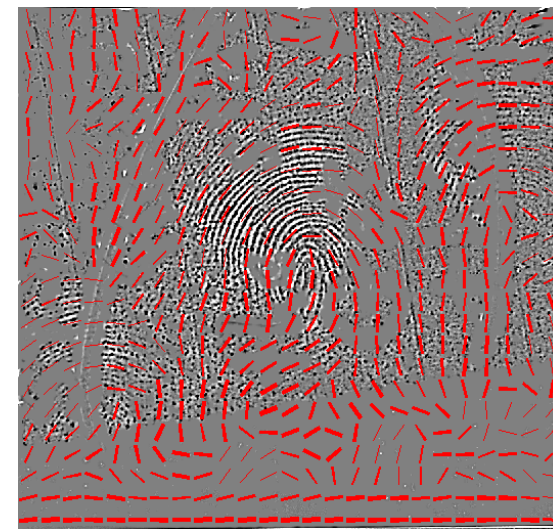
Coarse orientation and  
frequency fields



Texture part



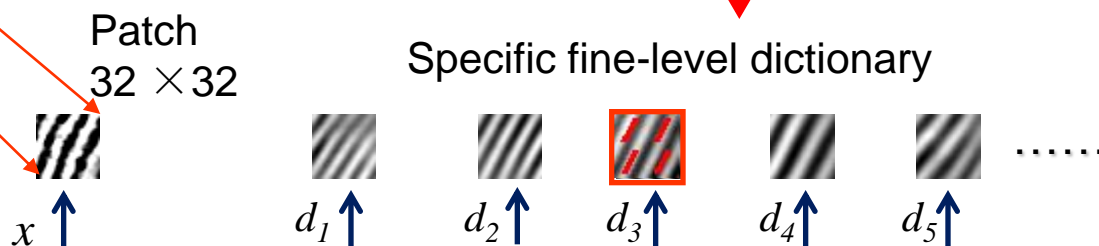
Coarse quality map



Coarse orientation and frequency fields

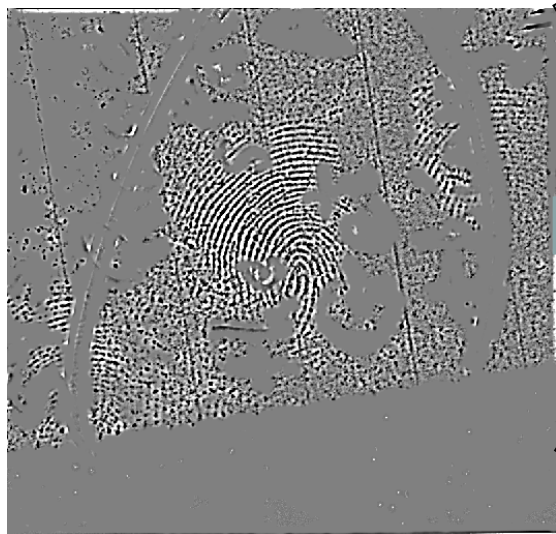


Fine-level dictionary selection

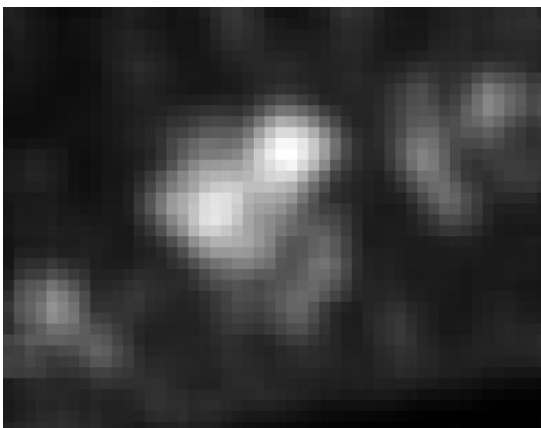


64 dictionary elements for each of 16 orientations





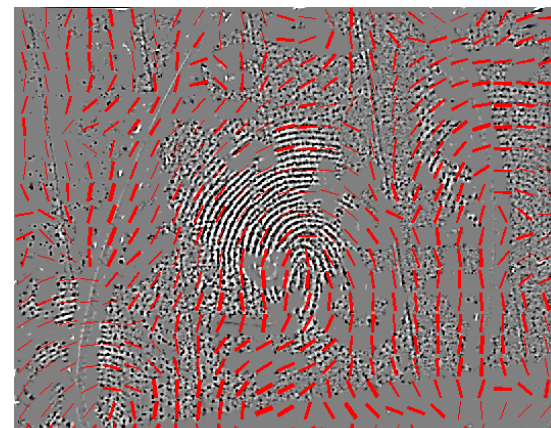
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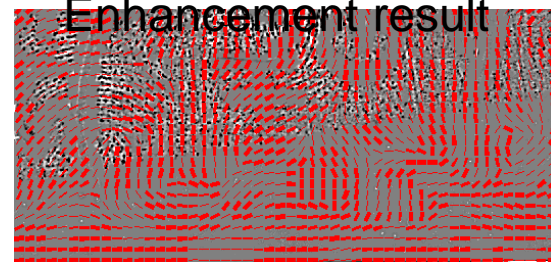
Segmentation result  
(Threshold on the average of  
two quality maps)



Fine quality map



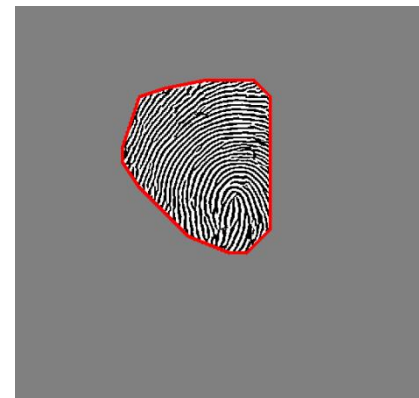
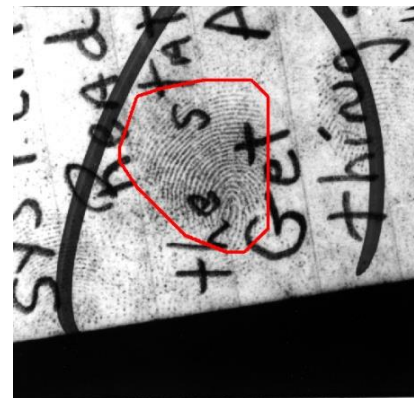
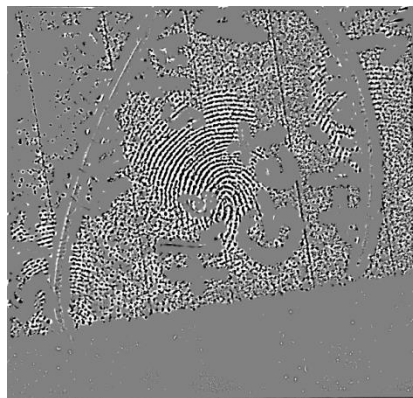
Enhancement result



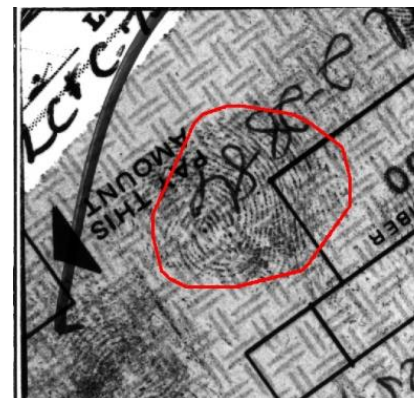
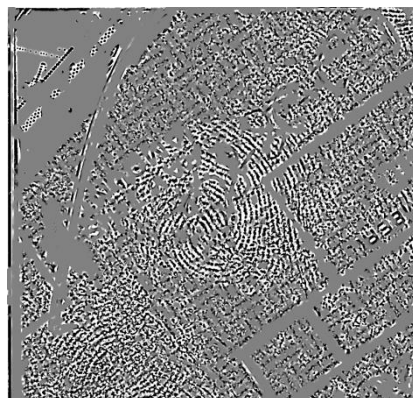
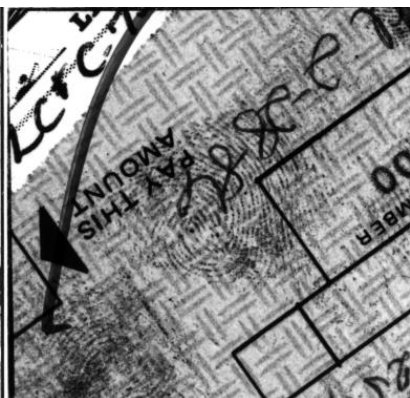
Fine orientation and  
frequency fields

# Results on NIST SD27

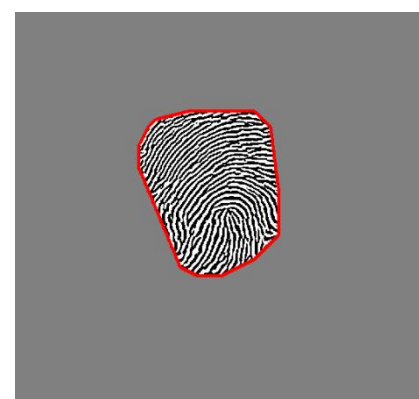
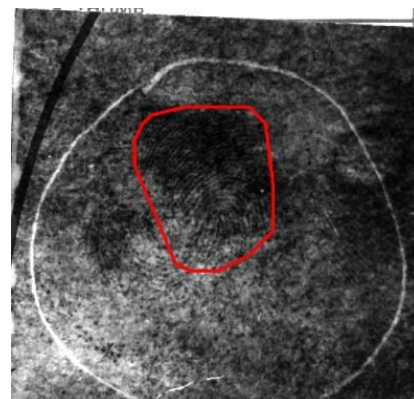
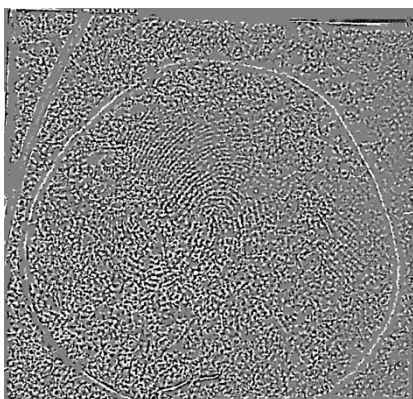
Good  
latent



Bad  
latent



Ugly  
latent



(a) Gray image

(b) Texture image

(c) Segmentation

(d) Segmentation and  
enhancement



# Fingerprint Alteration: Gus Winkler (1933)

Double-loop changed to left loop





# Fingerprint Alteration

Transplanted  
from foot<sup>1</sup>



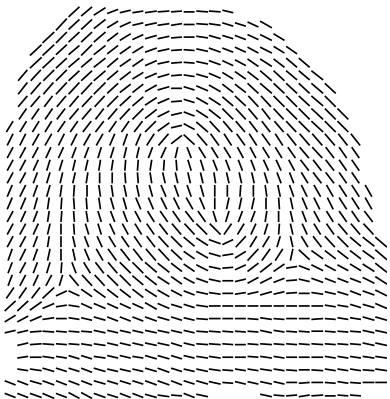
Bitten<sup>2</sup>



- <http://www.clpex.com/images/FeetMutilation/L4.JPG>
- K. Singh, Altered Fingerprints, 2008.
- “Criminals go to extremes to hide identities,” *USA TODAY*, Nov. 6, 2007.
- “Criminals cutting off fingertips to hide IDs,” *TheBostonChannel.com*, Mar. 3, 2008.

# Altered Fingerprint Detection

- Large orientation field discontinuity
- Non-uniform minutiae distribution



## Orientation Field Representation

$$\dot{x} = f(x, y) \quad \dot{y} = g(x, y)$$



$$\theta(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\dot{y}}{\dot{x}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{g(x, y)}{f(x, y)} \right)$$

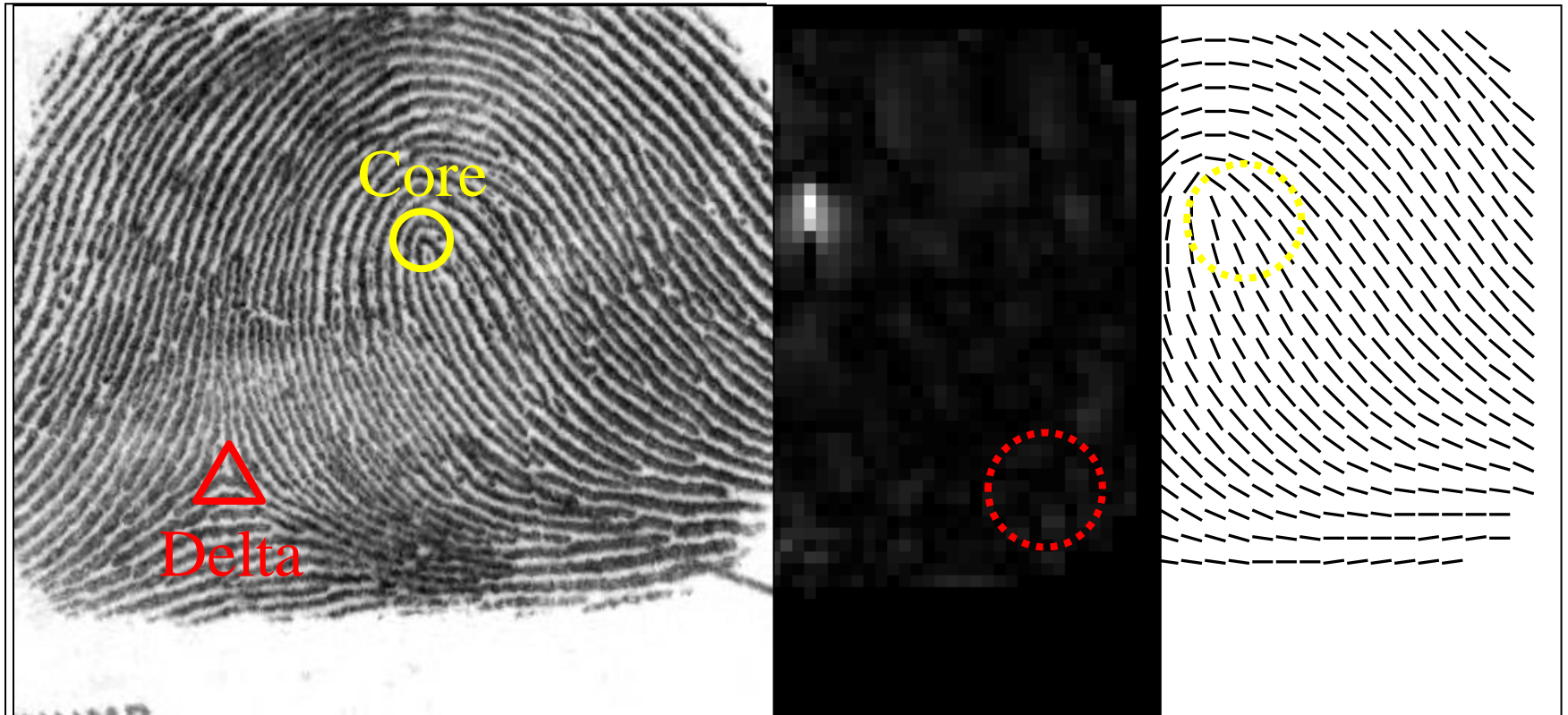
## Polynomial Model

$$f(x, y) = \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^k a_{kl} x^{k-l} y^l$$

$$g(x, y) = \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{l=0}^k b_{kl} x^{k-l} y^l$$

# Natural Fingerprint

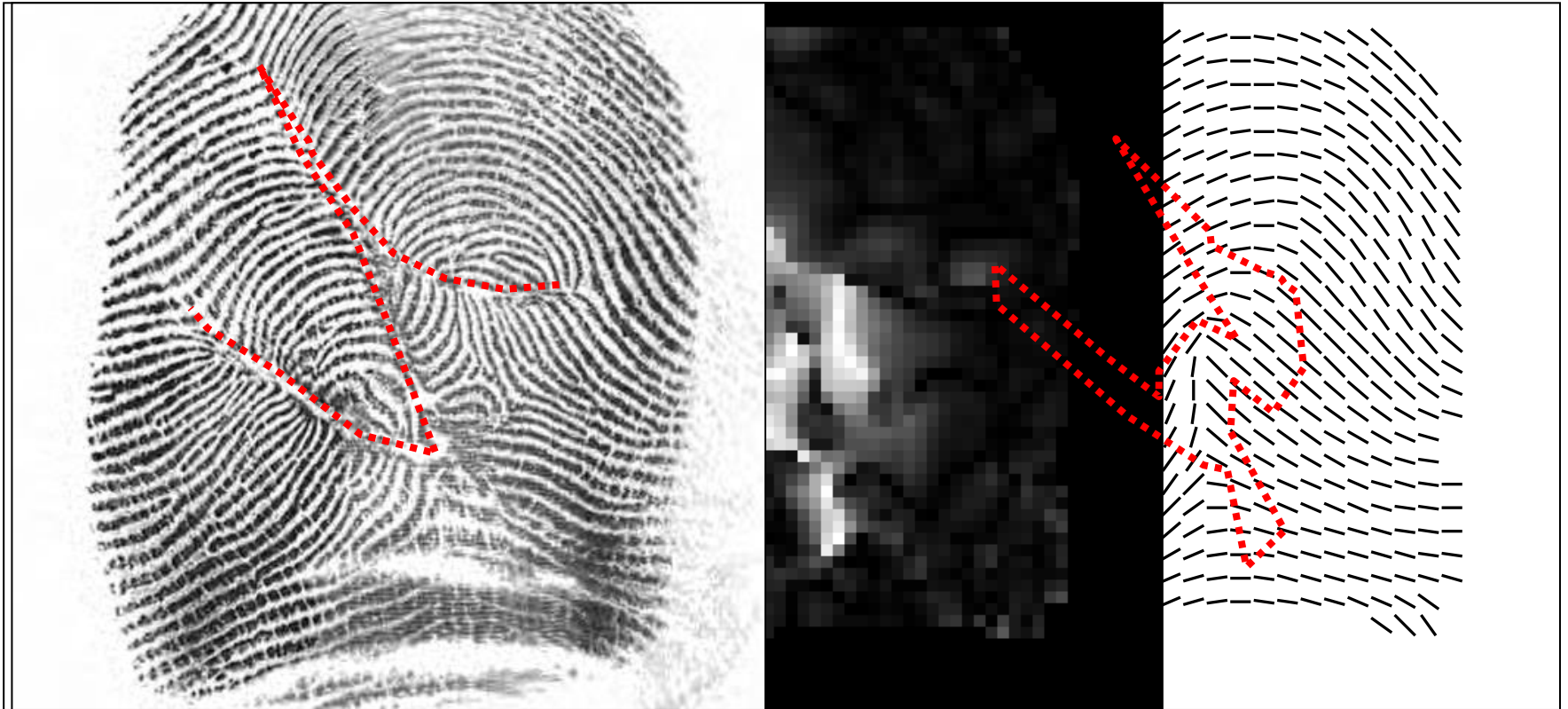
Extended Orientation Field from Image





# Altered Fingerprint

Extraction of Orientation Field from Image

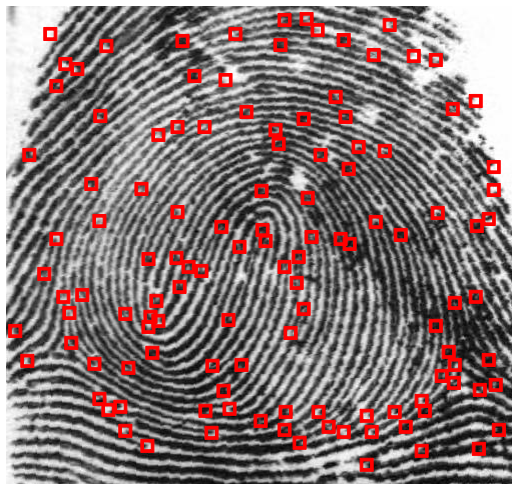


# Minutiae Density Map

Natural Fingerprint



Minutiae



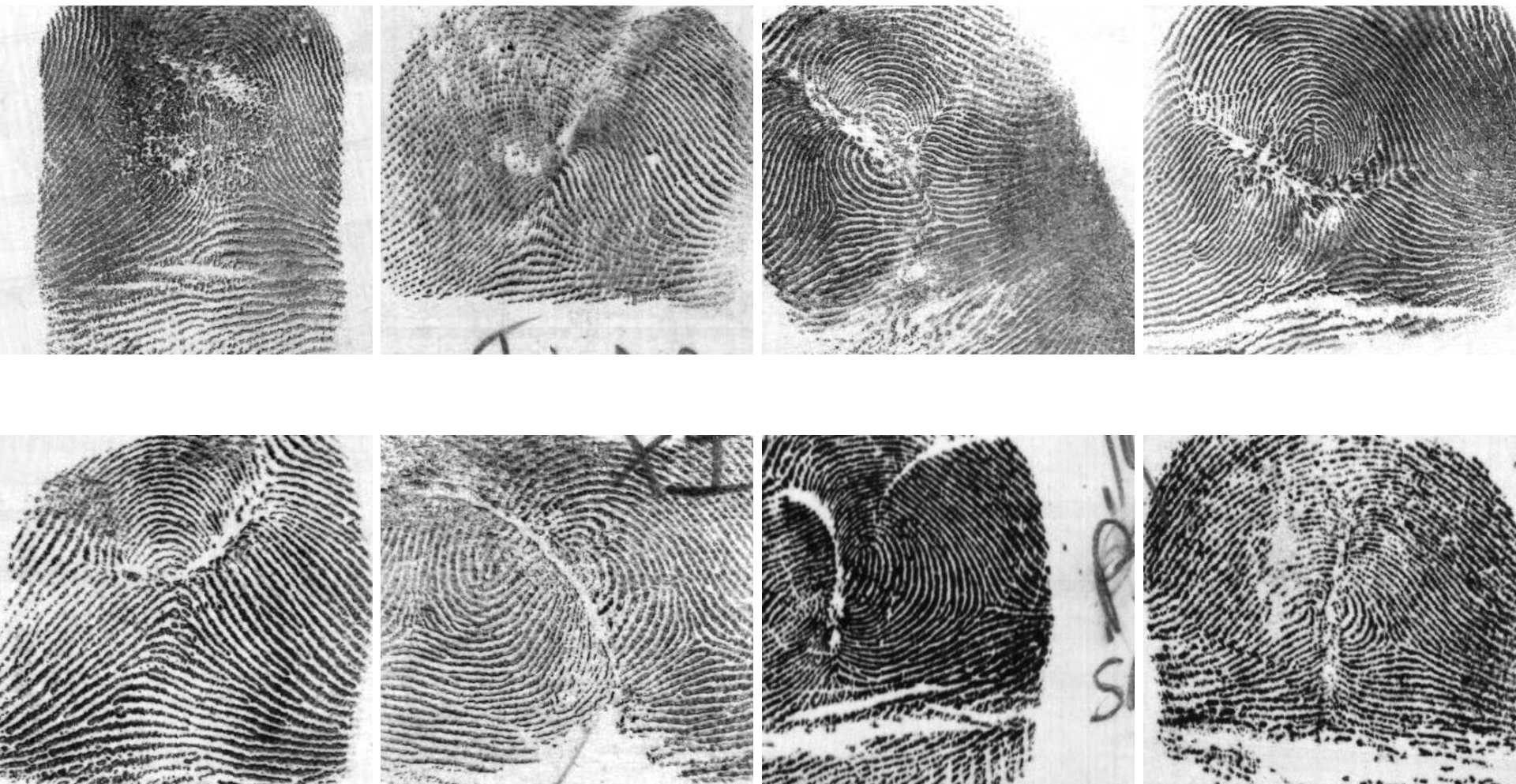
Minutiae Density Map



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# Successful Detections





# Tattoos

- 20% of adults have a tattoo (Harris Poll of 2,016 adults, Jan, 2012)
- Adults aged 30-39 are most likely to have a tattoo (38%)



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

(a) Tattoo used by sailors in the British navy, (b) 18th street gang tattoo, (c) religious tattoo, (d) tattoo related to 9/11 terrorist attack

# Victim & Suspect Identification



(a) Asian tsunami (2004) victim, (b) victim of 9/11 terrorist attack, (c) body of an unidentified murdered woman, and (d) body part found in a Florida state park



**Gang tattoos** of (a) Latin kings and (b) Family stones; (c) **teardrop** criminal tattoo (person has killed someone or had a friend killed in prison); (d) **spider within a web** tattoo (drug addict or a thief)

## TATTOO ID

AUTOMATIC TATTOO IMAGE RETRIEVAL SYSTEM

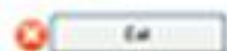
## Tattoo Retrieval



## Miscellaneous



## Exit Program



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Query



Tattoo Location:  Feet Gender:  Race:

Tattoo Class

<input type="checkbox"/> Human	<input type="checkbox"/> Wolf Face	<input type="checkbox"/> Objects	<input type="checkbox"/> Fox
<input type="checkbox"/> Animals	<input type="checkbox"/> Fish and Sea Creatures	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstract	<input type="checkbox"/> Figures
<input type="checkbox"/> Plants	<input type="checkbox"/> Symbols	<input type="checkbox"/> Symbols	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Symbols
<input type="checkbox"/> Flags	<input type="checkbox"/> American Flag	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (Feet, etc.)

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# Feature Extraction & Matching

- Extract and match keypoints
- *Similarity* based on no. of matched keypoints







# Successful Retrievals



Query 1 (254)



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44



42



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Query 2 (576)



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Query 3 (113)



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# Summary

- Biometrics Recognition is becoming a necessary component of any identification technology
- Biometrics is the only way to ensure that the same person does not have multiple documents (e.g., driver license, passport)
- **System requirements (application dependent):** error rate, template size, usability, resistance to attacks, exception handling, throughput, seamless integration, return on investment,...

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