

# 3D Fingerprint Phantoms

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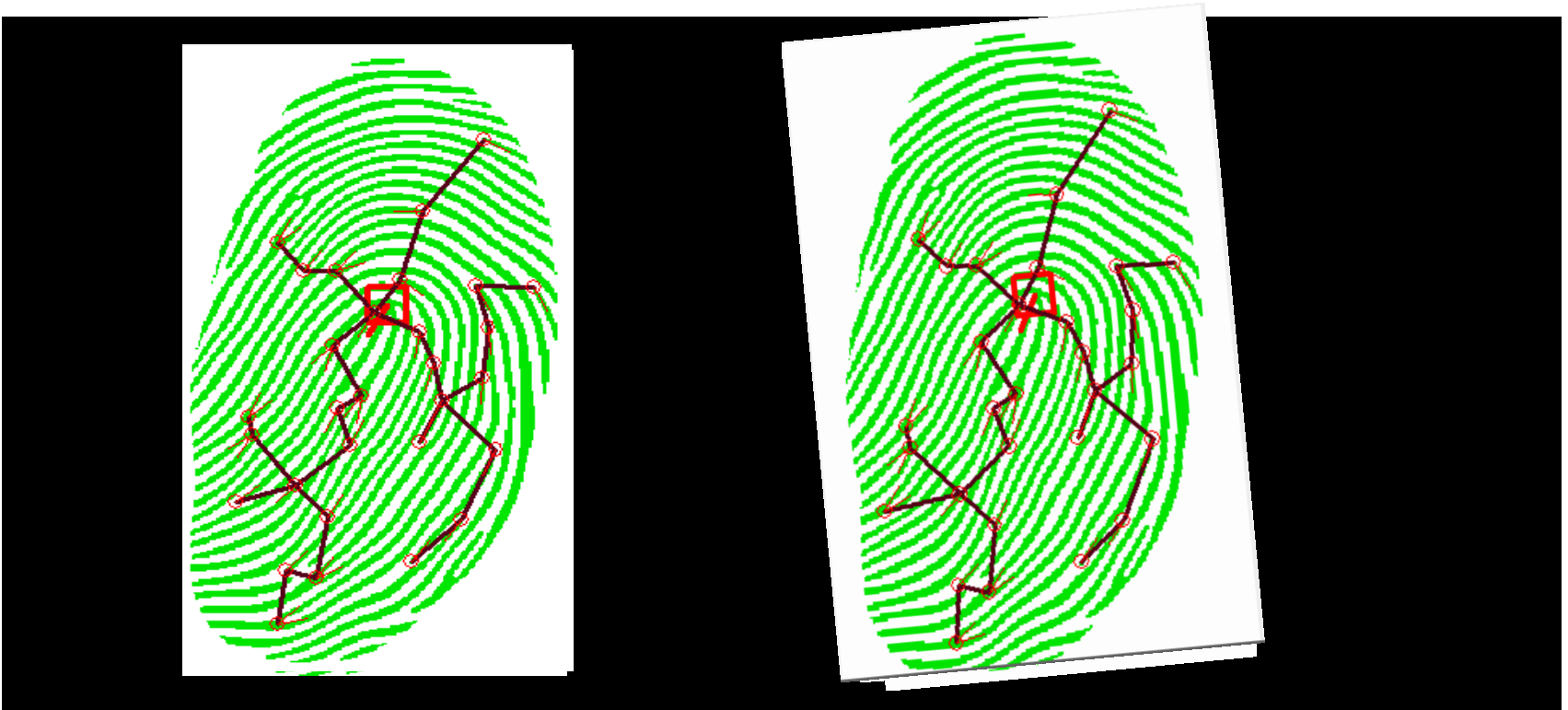
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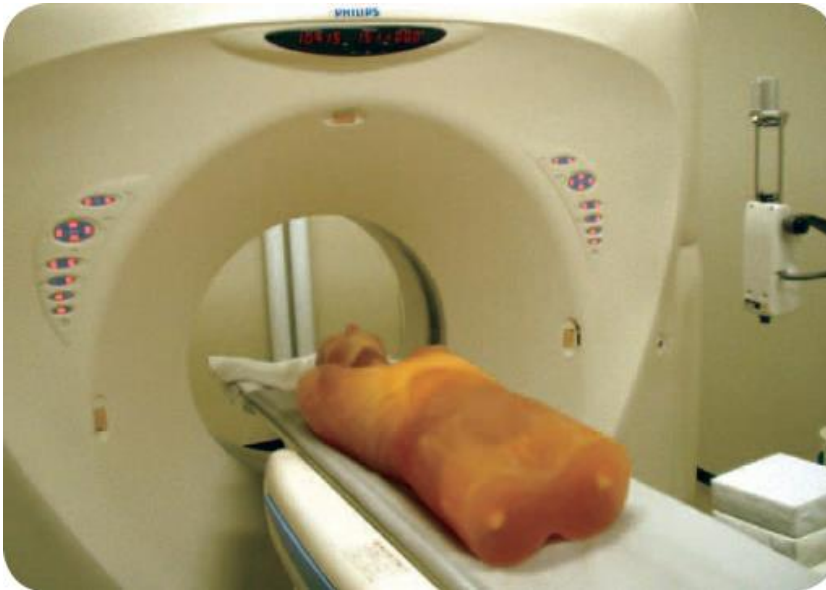
# Goal

- Build 3D fingerprint phantoms/targets to calibrate fingerprint readers and evaluate feature extractors and matchers



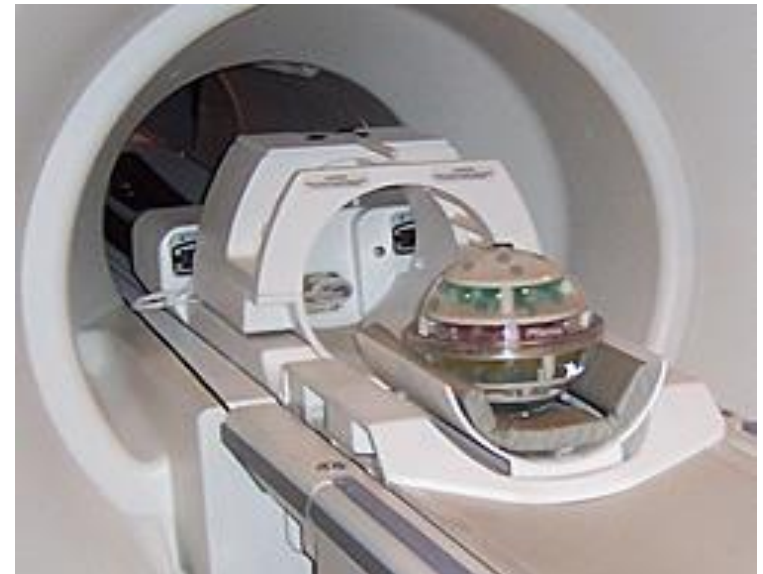
# Imaging Phantoms

- Specially designed artifacts with known properties to evaluate the performance of imaging devices



**Torso Phantom to calibrate  
CT Scan machines**

<https://www.kyotokagaku.com/products/detail03/ph-4.html>

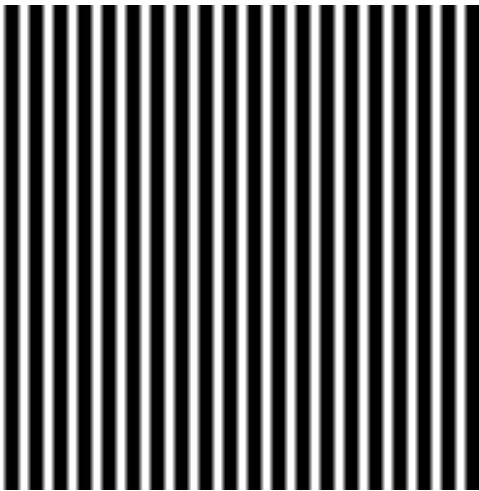


**“Phannie”, a phantom to calibrate  
MRI machines developed at NIST**

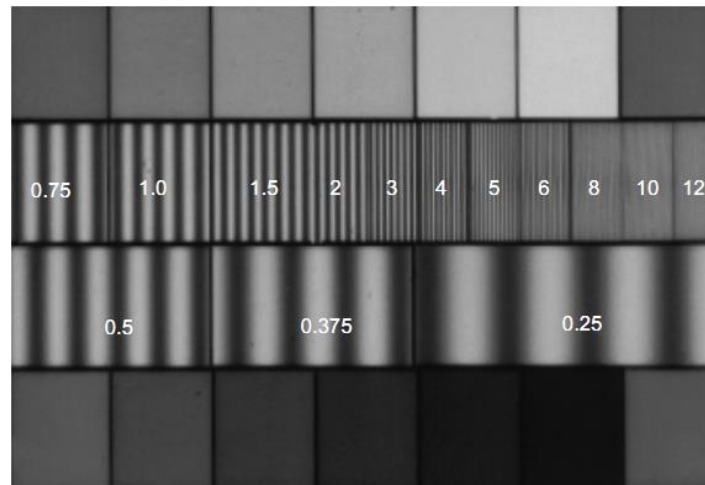
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# Fingerprint Phantoms

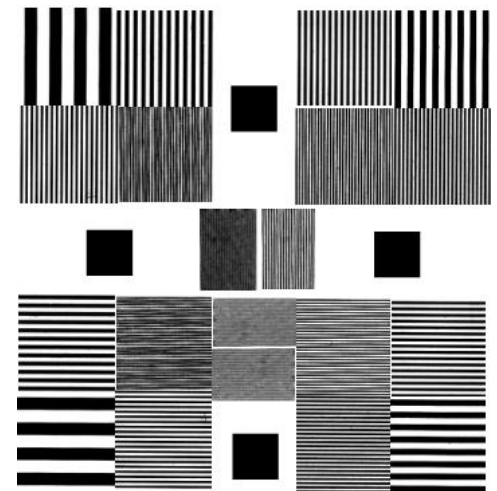
- 2D/3D artifacts recommended to measure geometric accuracy, resolution and spatial frequency response of imaging devices [1] [2]



**Ronchi target**



**Sine wave target**



**Bar target**

[1] Norman B. Nill, "Test procedures for verifying image quality requirements for personal identity verification (PIV) single finger capture devices." MITRE Technical Report MTR 060170, 2006.

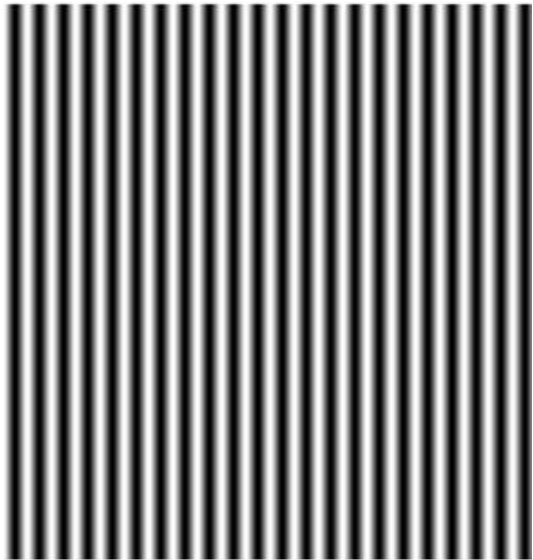
[2] Norman B. Nill, "Test procedures for verifying IAFIS image quality requirements for fingerprint scanners and printers V 1.4" MITRE Technical Report MTR05B0016R7, 2013.

# Our Contributions

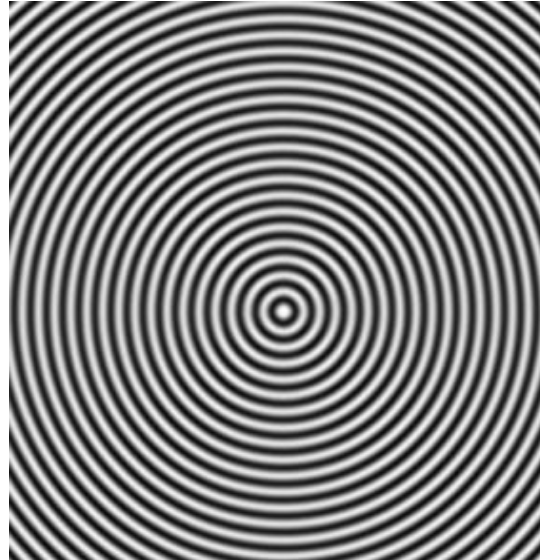
- Build 3D phantoms to calibrate optical fingerprint sensors
- Project different 2D test patterns onto 3D finger surface
- Use COTS 3D printers to fabricate 3D phantoms; the hardness and elasticity of fabrication material is similar to that of human fingers

# 2D Calibration Patterns

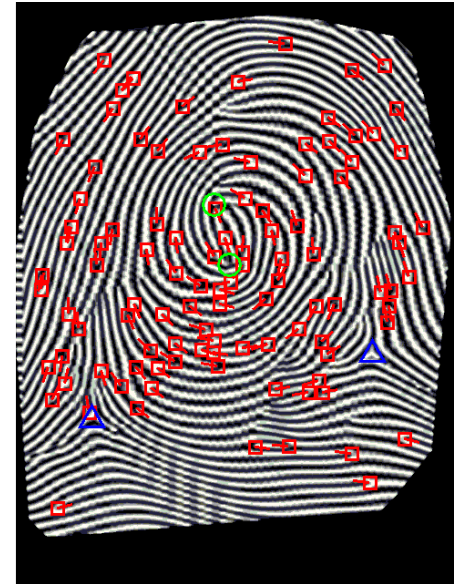
- 2D patterns with known characteristics



**Vertical bars**  
(ridge spacing = 10 pixels)



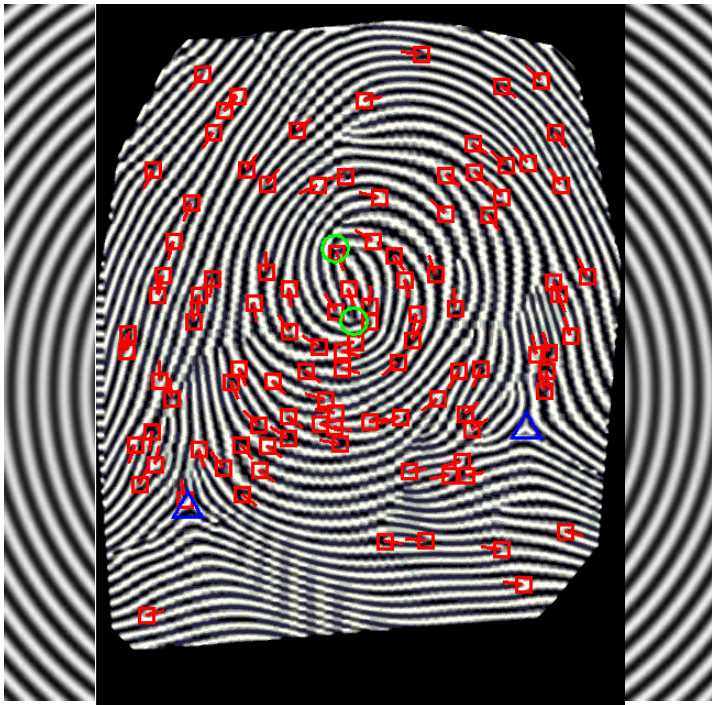
**Concentric circles**  
(ridge spacing = 10 pixels)



**Synthetic  
fingerprint with  
known features**

# 3D Fingerprint Phantoms

- 3D electronic and physical artifacts of known characteristics

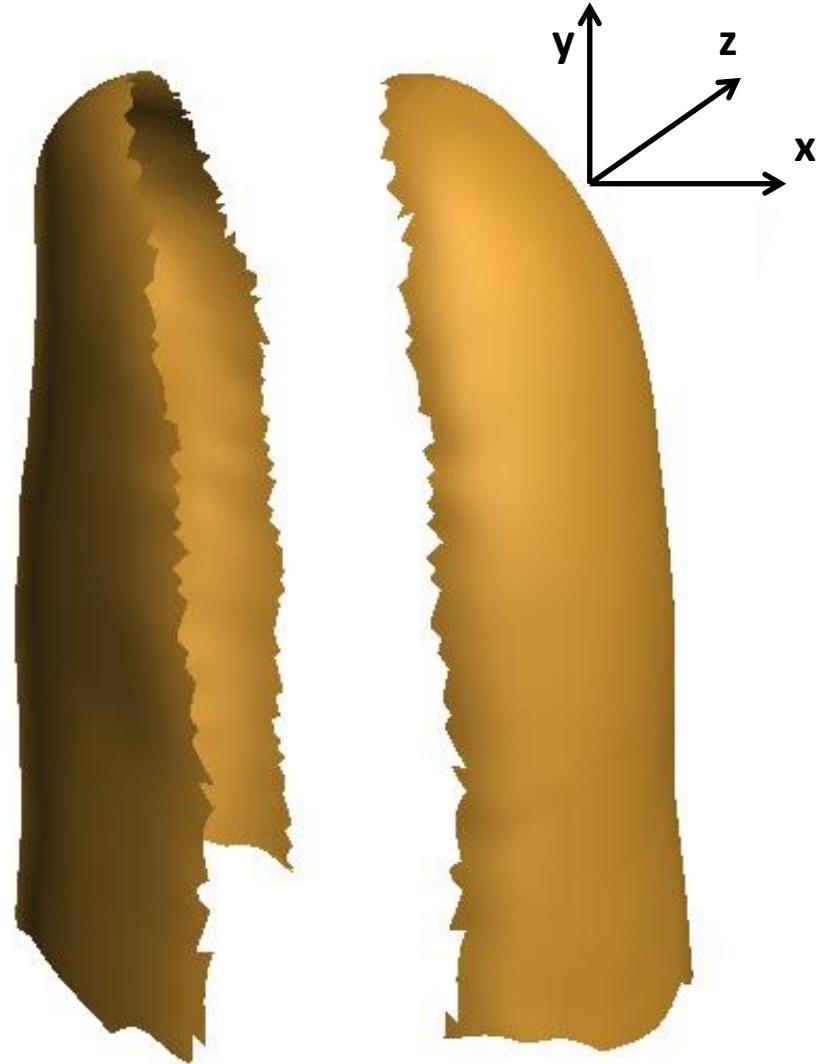


Synthetic fingerprints with  
(ridge spacing at 10 pixels)



# Preprocessing 3D Finger Surface

- Align the finger surface
- Surface triangulation
- Surface re-meshing [3]
- Regularize the finger surface [4]
- Separate front and back



**3D finger surface**

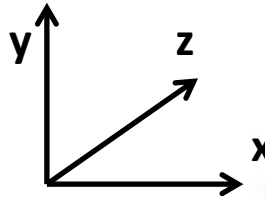
[3] G. Peyré, and L.D. Cohen. "Geodesic remeshing using front propagation." International Journal of Computer Vision , 2006

[4] C. Loop, "Smooth subdivision surfaces based on triangles.", 1987

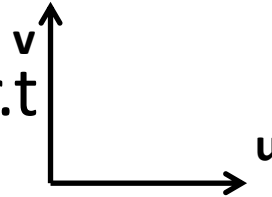


# Mapping 2D fingerprint to 3D surface

- 3D to 2D projection [5]



- Translation, rotation and flip correction w.r.t reference coordinates



- Make the surface dense
- Determine one-one correspondence

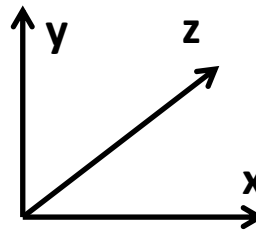


**Frontal finger surface**

[5] J. B. Tenenbaum, V. de Silva, J. C. Langford, "A global geometric framework for nonlinear dimensionality reduction", Science, 2000

# Engraving ridges and valleys

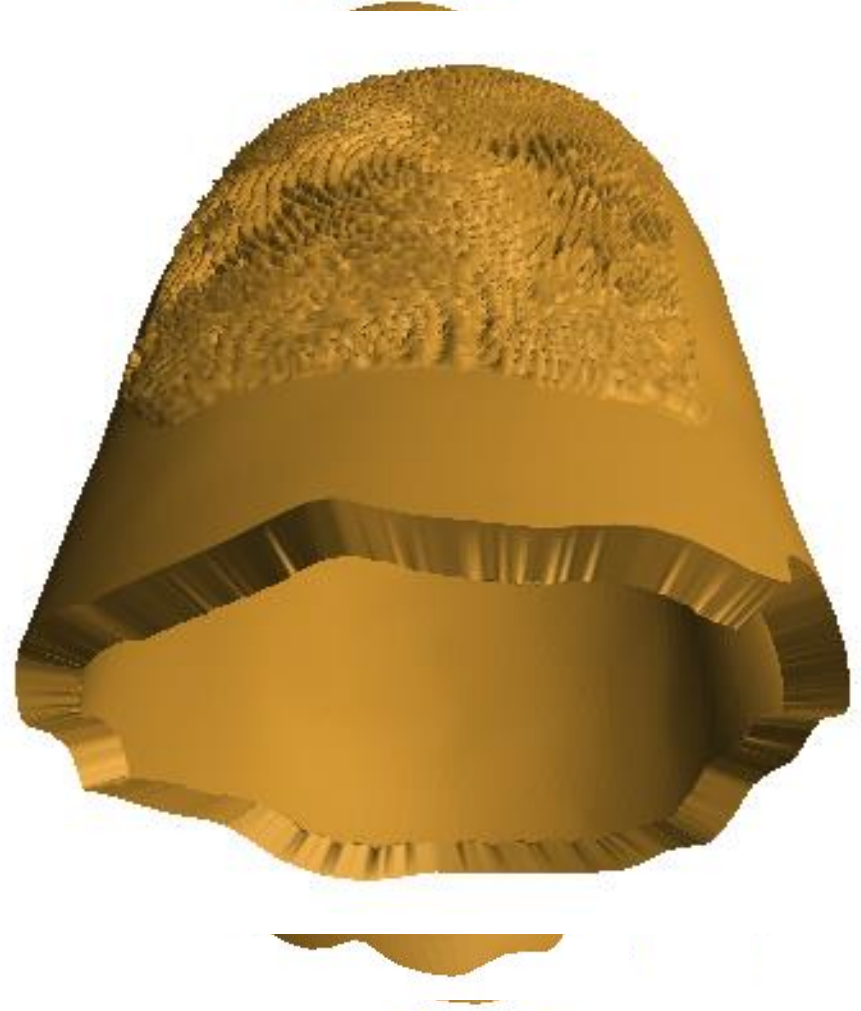
- Compute the surface normals
- Displace the surface along the surface normals
- Displacement proportional to mapped intensity value



Frontal finger surface

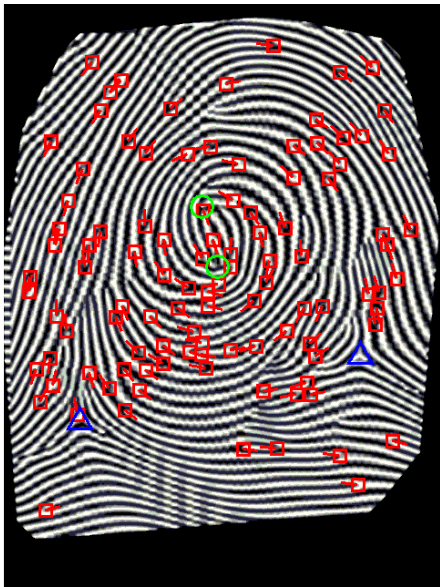
# Postprocessing 3D finger surface

- Combine front and back
- Create inner surface
- Stitch outer and inner surfaces to create a watertight solid surface



**3D finger surface**

# 3D Fingerprint Phantom



**2D synthetic fingerprint  
image with known features**



**Generic 3D finger  
surface**

# 3D Fingerprint Phantoms



**2D fingerprint image**



**3D Fingerprint Phantom**

# 3D Printing

- Phantoms fabricated using a 3D printer (X & Y res: 600 dpi, Z res: 1600 dpi) using two different materials
- Printing material based on finger skin properties

Property	Human skin [6] [7]	Material A	Material B
Shore A hardness	20-41	26-28	35-40
Tensile strength (MPa)	5-30	0.8-1.5	1.3-1.8
Elongation at Break (%)	35-115	170-220	110-130

[6] C. Edwards and R. Marks, "Evaluation of biomechanical properties of human skin" *Clinics in dermatology*, 2005

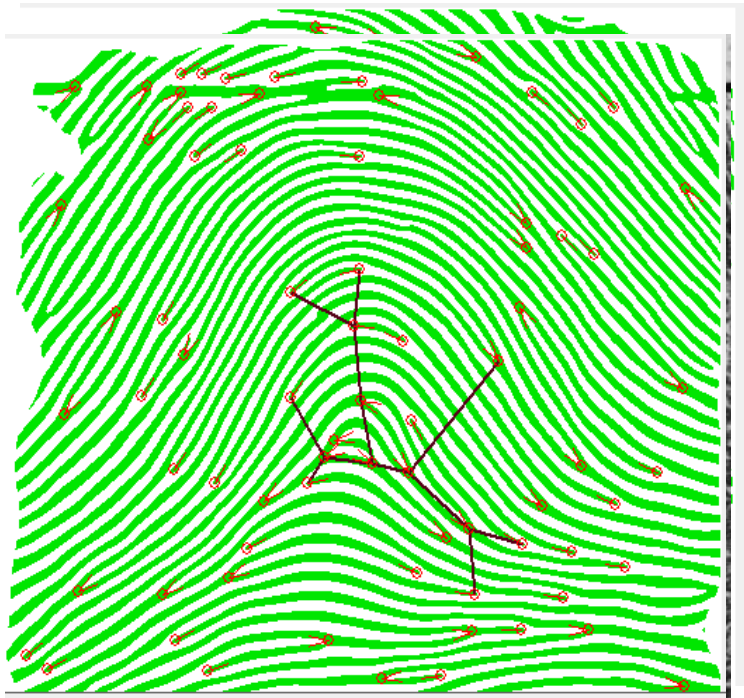
[7] V. Falanga and B. Bucalo, "Use of a durometer to assess skin hardness" *J. American Academy of Dermatology*, 1993

# Experiments

- How good is the mapping from 2D to 3D?
  - Match the original 2D fingerprint image to impressions of 3D phantom
- Are multiple impressions of the 3D phantom consistent (small intra-class variability)?
- Calibrate optical fingerprint sensors using 3D phantoms

# Evaluation of 2D to 3D Mapping

- Match captured impressions of 3D phantom to the original 2D fingerprint image



Original 2D  
fingerprint image

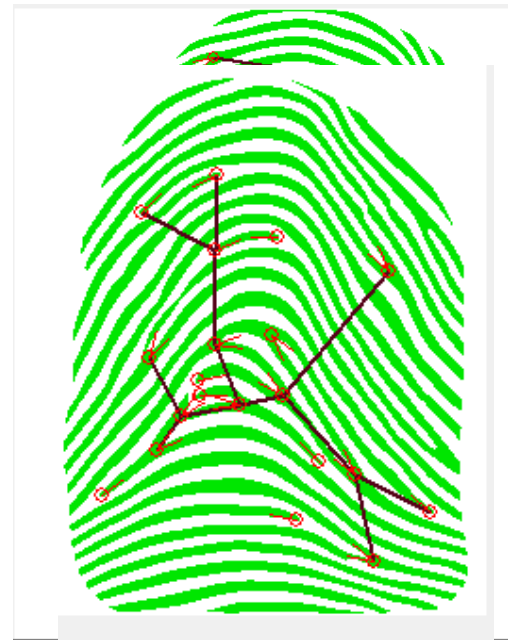


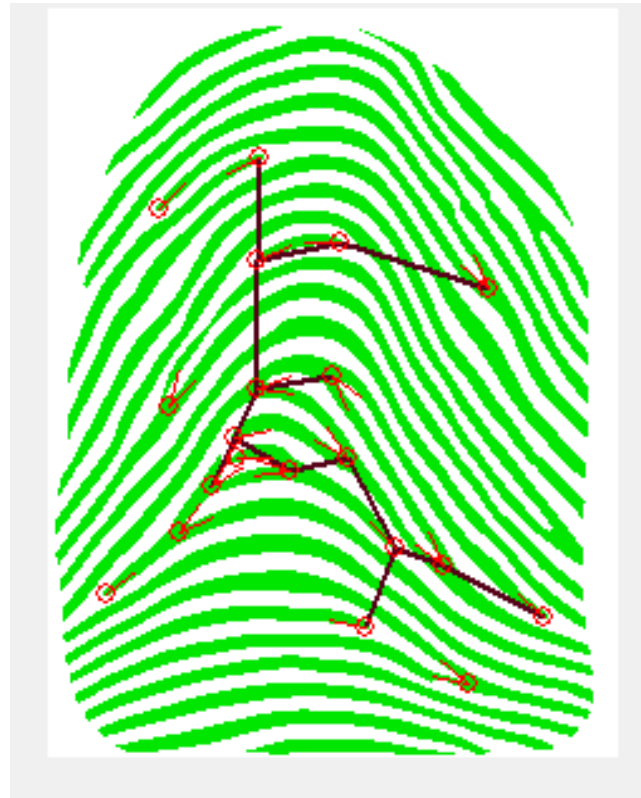
Image of 3D phantom  
using 1000ppi scanner

Match score:  
180; threshold  
at FAR=0.01%  
is 33

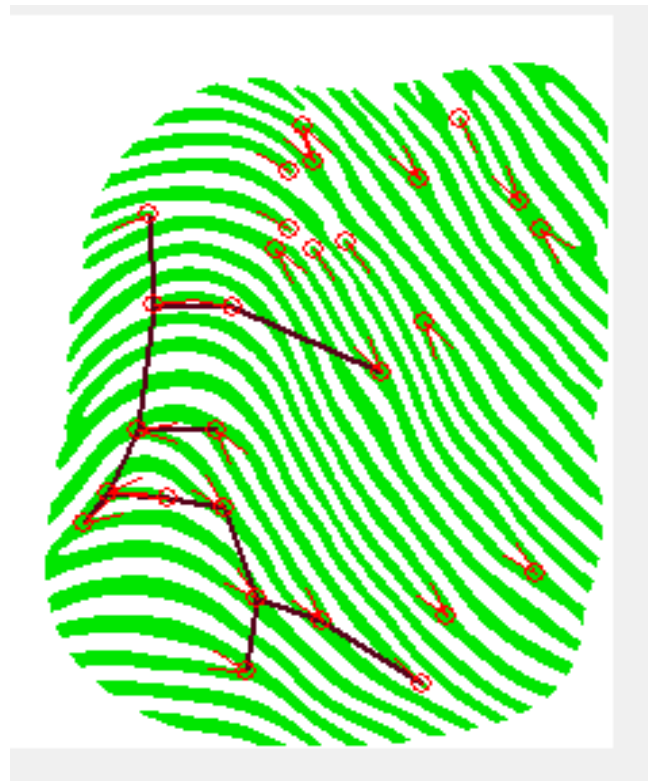


# Intra-class Variability of Impressions

- Match different impressions of the same 3D phantom



Impression 1 of phantom  
using the 15000 ppi sensor



Impression 2 of phantom  
using the 15000 ppi sensor

Match score:  
878; threshold  
at FAR=0.01%  
is 33

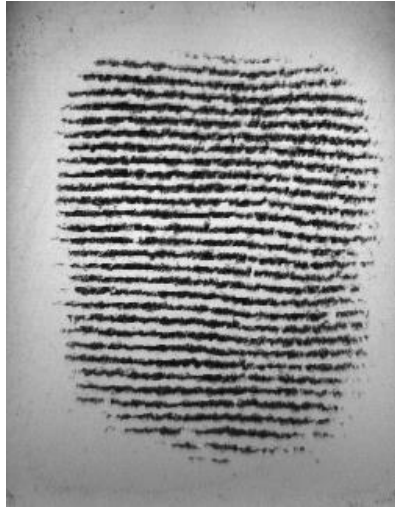
# Calibration Experiments

- Experimental Protocol
  - Capture 10 different impressions each of the three artifacts having pre-specified test patterns
  - Measure the mean and variance of ridge spacings



# 2D Images of 3D Phantoms

500 ppi  
sensor



1000 ppi  
sensor



Horizontal bars

Vertical bars

Concentric circles

# Calibration Results

Test pattern	500 ppi sensor	1000 ppi sensor
Horizontal bars	Mu = 9.04, Sd = 0.06	Mu = 9.05, Sd = 0.05
Vertical bars	Mu = 9.51, Sd = 0.23	Mu = 9.46, Sd = 0.09
Concentric circles	Mu = 9.80, Sd = 0.31	Mu = 9.59, Sd = 0.08

**Mean (Mu) and Std. deviation (Sd) ridge spacing computed in the images acquired using the two sensors. (test pattern ridge spacing = 10 pixels)**

## **Note:**

- To compensate for the distortion during 2D to 3D projection, we use the Euclidean to Geodesic distance ratio to adjust ridge spacing

# Conclusions and Future Work

- We have devised a method to create 3D fingerprint phantoms by (i) projecting any 2D test pattern onto a generic 3D finger surface, and (ii) fabricating using a 3D printer
- 3D fingerprint phantoms can be used for calibrating fingerprint sensors, and evaluating feature extractors and matchers
- Ongoing Work: (i) improve the fingerprint phantom fabrication process, (ii) study fingerprint distortion during the acquisition process