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Flash-Non-Flash Fingerphoto(FNF) Database

Introduction

The Flash–Non-Flash Fingerphoto (FNF) Database has been collected under Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval for academic research on contactless fingerprint recognition. The FNF Database consists of processed, privacy-preserving flash and non-flash fingerprint images captured using a controlled smartphone acquisition setup. The database is the intellectual property of the authors and their institution.

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