



# **Introduction to Biometrics**

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# Pre-requisites | Lectures

## Prerequisites:

CSE 331 and STT 351: A basic knowledge of statistics, linear algebra, and programming is expected. A background in image processing will be helpful, but not required. Please contact the instructor if you have any questions.

## Lecture Details:

Time: Monday and Wednesday, 12:40pm – 2:00pm

1. This is primarily an in-person course (in EB 1145)
3. D2L Link for the course:

<https://d2l.msu.edu/d2l/home/1579304>

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or by appointment only
- EB 3142

## Textbook:

**Introduction to Biometrics**, Jain  
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# Introduction to Biometrics

Foreword by  
*James Wayman*



# Description

- Biometrics refers to the science of **recognizing humans** by utilizing the physical (e.g., fingerprint, face, iris) or behavioral (e.g., gait, signature) traits of an individual.
- This course will discuss several of these traits and the automated techniques used for **feature extraction** and **matching**. The focus will be on automated face, fingerprint and iris recognition.
- The **error metrics** used to evaluate the performance of a biometric system will be discussed.
- Topics related to multimodal biometrics, protecting biometric templates, and biometric data privacy will also be presented.
- The **programming projects** will be geared toward implementing basic feature extraction and matching algorithms.

# Objectives

## **Objectives:**

To equip students with a good knowledge of:

- (a) the design and working of a generic biometric system;
- (b) the features used to represent and match individual biometric traits;
- (c) the performance metrics used to evaluate a biometric system;
- (d) the socio-legal implications of biometrics.

The concepts will be explained from a pattern recognition and image processing perspective.

# Outline of Topics

## □ Introduction:

- What is Biometrics?
- History of Biometrics
- Applications
- Biometrics as a Pattern Recognition System
- Characteristics of a Biometric System

## □ Performance Evaluation:

- Error Rates
- ROC, DET, CMC Curves

## □ Feature Extraction and Matching:

- Fingerprint Recognition
- Face Recognition
- Iris Recognition
- Speaker Recognition

## □ Other topics:

- Multibiometrics, Security, Privacy

# Grading

The *tentative* weight associated with each grading component is as follows:

- Homework – 30%
- Project – 45%
- Lab Exercise – 5%
- Exam/Quiz – 20%

Assignments and tests will be based on (a) topics covered during lectures, (b) PowerPoint files used in lectures, (c) contents of the textbook, and (d) reading material assigned by the instructor. Students are expected to take down notes during the lecture.

# Grading Policy

- Assignments must be turned in via D2L before the deadline.
- Late assignments will not be accepted.
- Make-up for exams will only be granted under exceptional circumstances.
- Instructor reserves the right to deny requests for make-up.

# Spartan Pledge

## The Spartan Code of Honor Academic Pledge

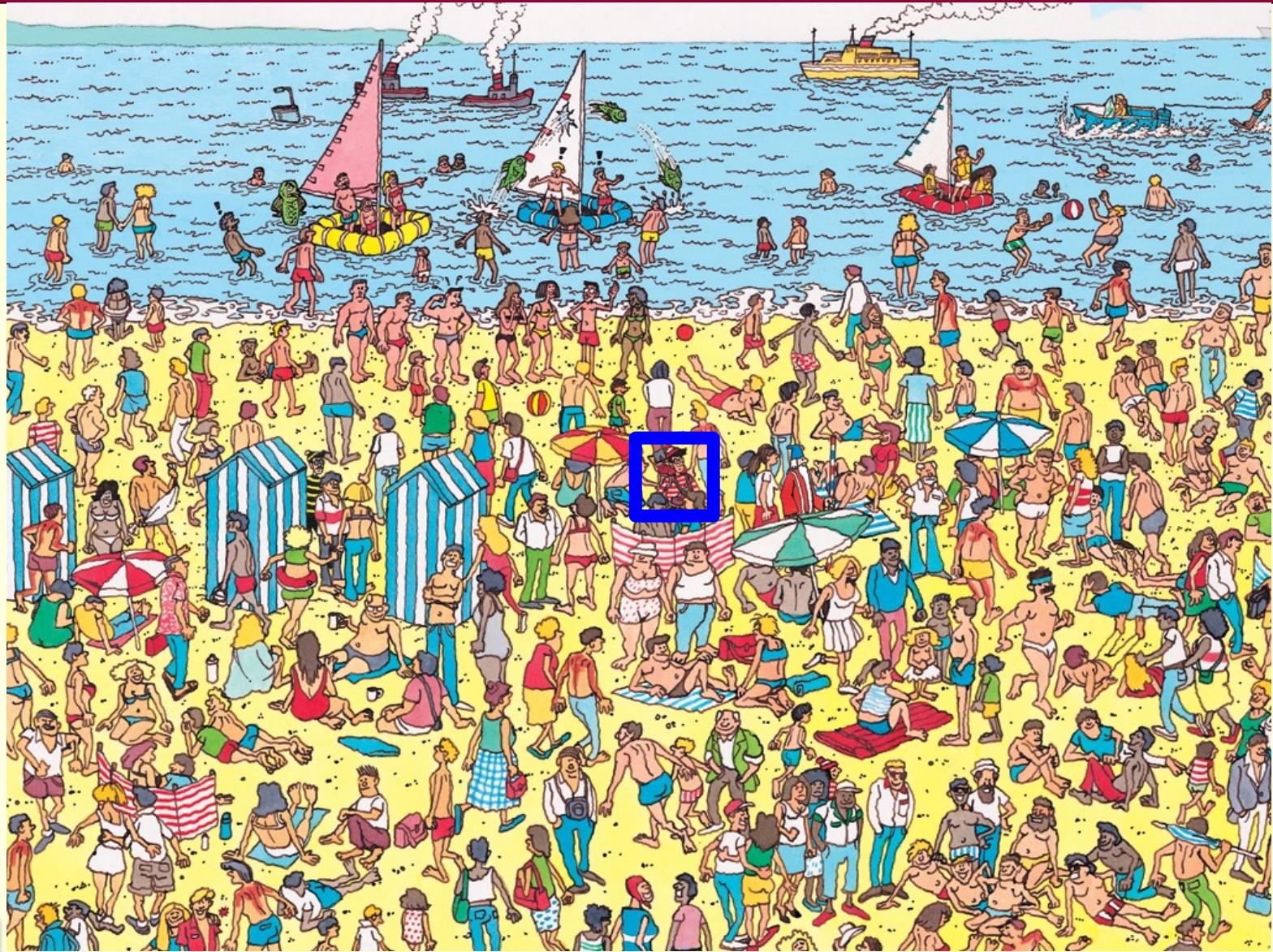
*As a Spartan, I will strive to uphold values of the highest ethical standard. I will practice honesty in my work, foster honesty in my peers, and take pride in knowing that honor in ownership is worth more than grades. I will carry these values beyond my time as a student at Michigan State University, continuing the endeavor to build personal integrity in all that I do.*

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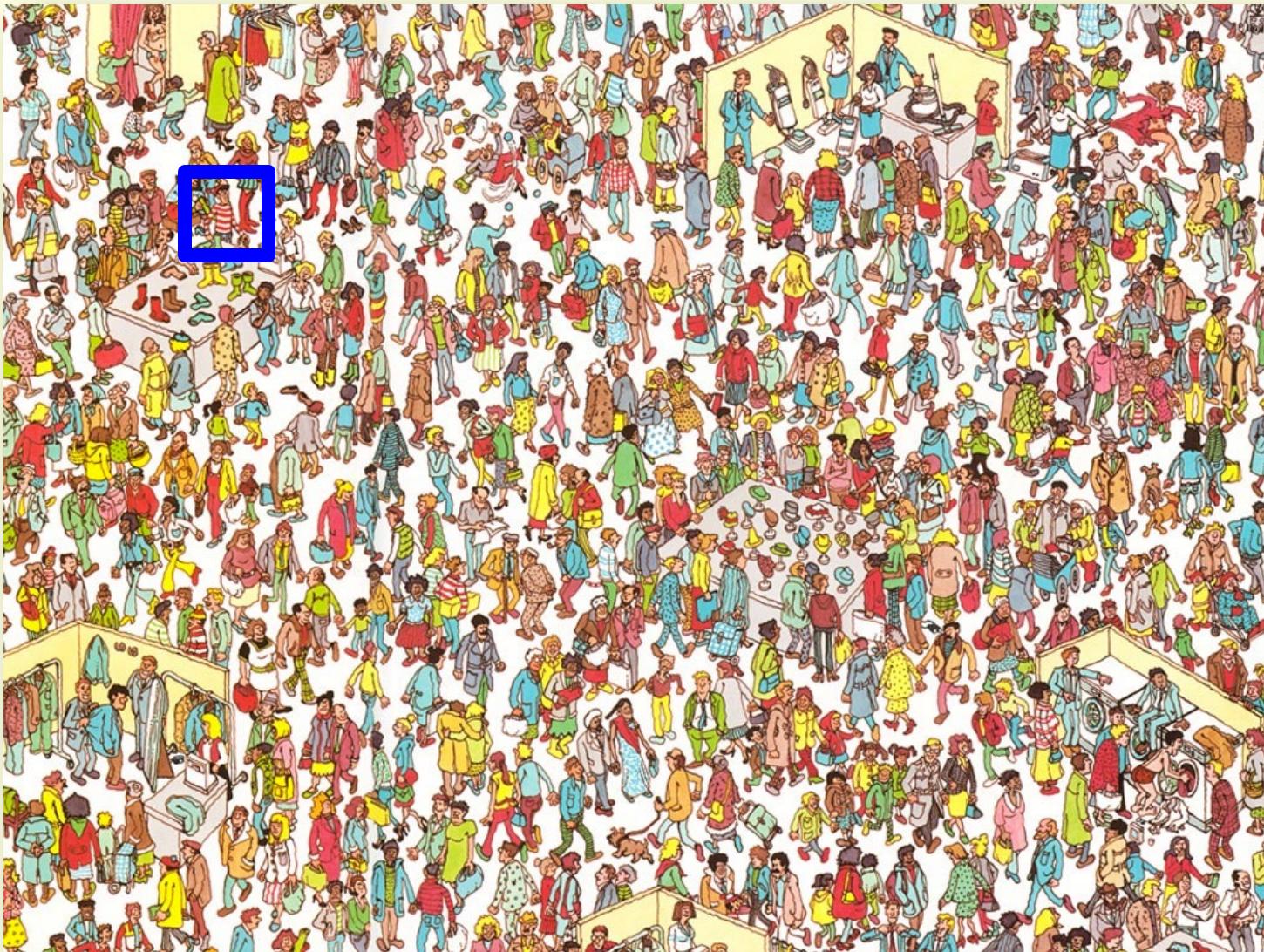
- Series of children's books created by [Martin Handford](#)
- Illustration of a large [number of people](#) engaged in various activities
- Readers are challenged to find a character named **Waldo**



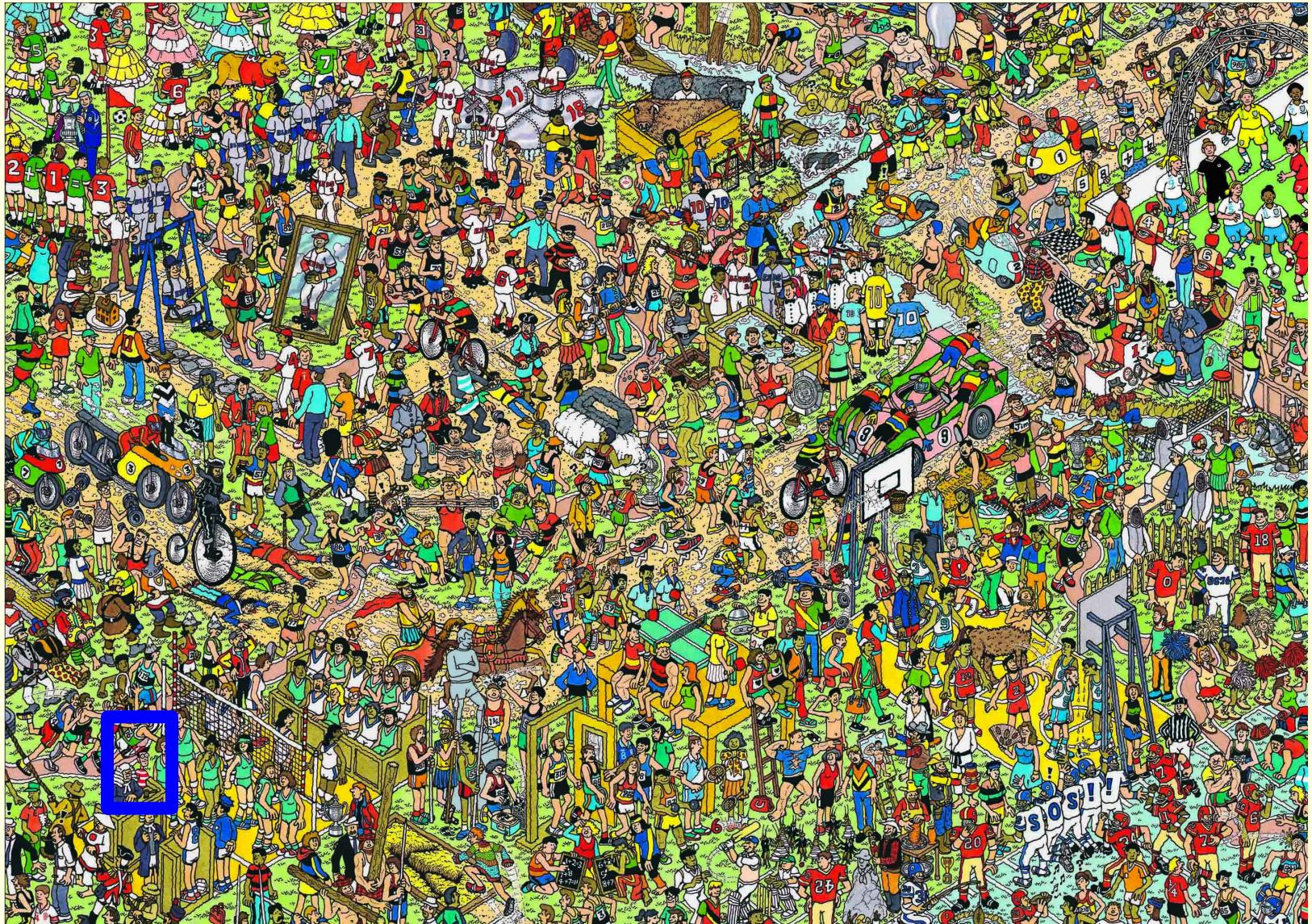
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# Where's Waldo?



# Where's Waldo?



# Other Characters Added



- **Odlaw, Wizard Whitebeard, Wilma, Wenda, Woof**

# So Who Is Waldo?

- Waldo defined by facial appearance, clothing, accessories
- Waldo can be occluded
- Challenging environment:
  - different types of environment
  - large number of people
  - some people look similar
  - people engaged in diverse activities
  - variations in illumination and pose

# Biometric Recognition

- Automated **recognition** of individuals based on their **biological** and **behavioral** characteristics
- Biological and behavioral characteristic of an individual from which **distinguishing**, **repeatable** biometric features can be extracted

Height	1 m 79.6	Head l'gth	19.8	L. Foot	27.1	Eye Circle	1ch	Age 22 Born in
Eng. H'ght	5'10 3/4	Head width	16.3	L. Mid. F.	11.2	Periph Z		Apparent Age
Outs, A	1 m 75.5	Cheek width	14.4	L. Lit. F.	8.7	Ch. Mel		Nativity Louisville Ky.
Trunk	94.9	R. Ear	6.8	L. Fore A.	46.6	Color of Left Eye		Occupation Showman
Remarks Incident to Measurement								



**DESCRIPTIVE**

Inclu. Forehead	Ridge Base (Ea)	Root Pecul	El. Hair	Beard Hairs
Height Width Pecul	Length Pecul	Projection Pecul	Breadth Chin	Hair Black
Stomach	DIMENSIONS		Tooth Over-lap	Complexion M. Dark
			Hyper-freak Mi. Brown	Weight 165 Build M. Slim

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Measured Feb 1 1913  
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H.T. F. Rhodes, Alphonse Bertillon: Father of Scientific Detection, Harrap, 1956

# An Early Biometric System

Identify repeat offenders



C. L. Brown

Height	5'7 1/2"	Head length	19.8	L. Neck	27.1	Circle left	Age 22	Born in
Eng. Height	5'10 3/4"	Head width	16.3	L. Mtd. P.	11.2	Peripher. E.	ADMITTED	ARMED
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Trunk	34 1/2"	R. Ear	6.8	L. Fore Ar.	46.6*	Color of Left Eye	Deceitful	Deceitful
Remarks: Dorsal skin smooth, hair dark, eyes brown, complexion fair, build medium.								

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DESCRIPTIVE

Forehead	Wide	Bridge	High	Head	Shoulder	Hand
Width	(Eg)	Bridge	Thin	Face	Black	Black
Length	Short	Projection	High	Hair	Dark	Dark
Postur	Ar	Ar	M	Complexion	M. Dark	M. Dark
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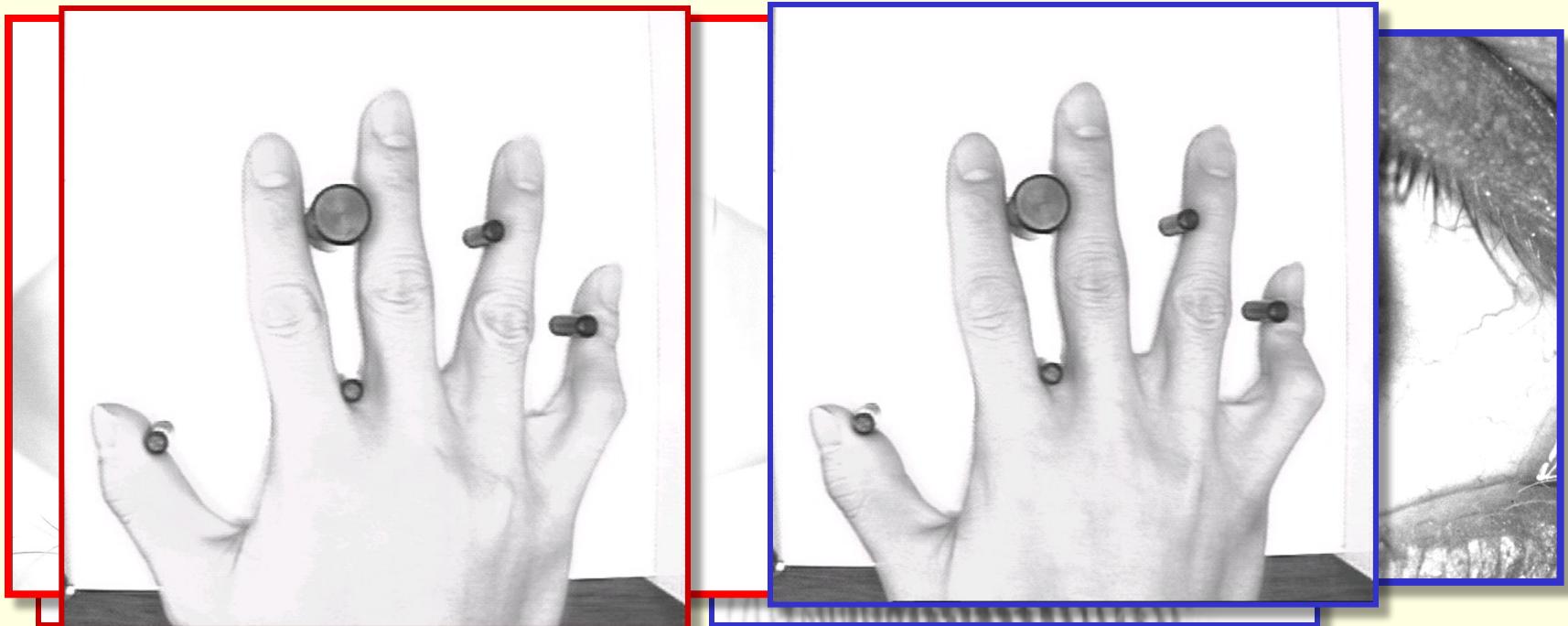
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# Biometric Matching

- When **observing** two biometric samples, estimate the ratio of the likelihood that they are of the **same person** to the likelihood that they are of **different people**



# Biometric Recognition

- **Verification**

Are you who you say you are?  
(1:1 match)

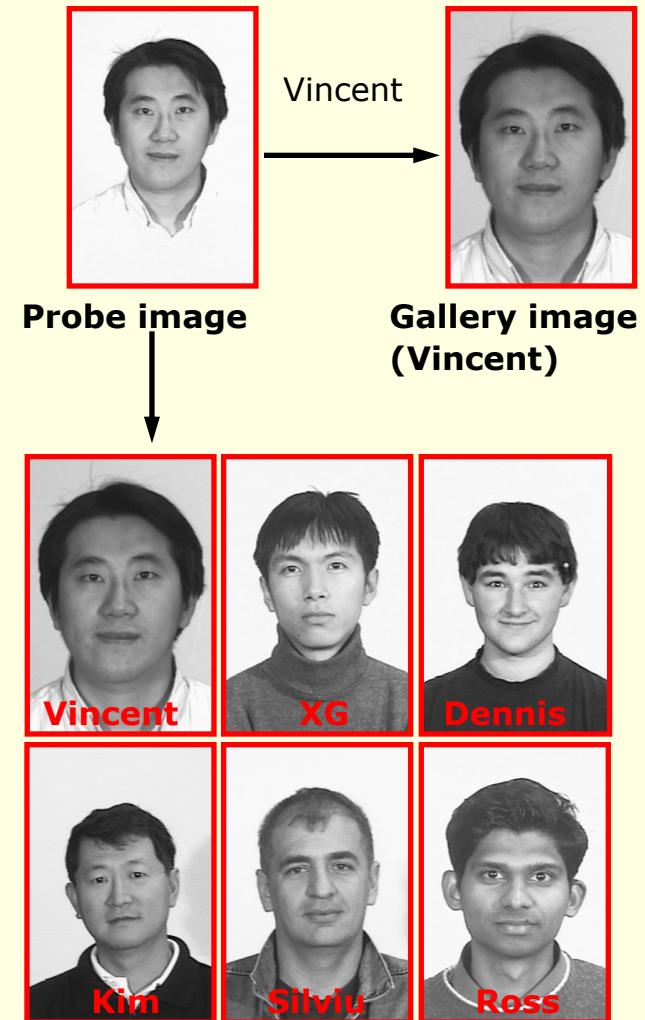
- **Identification**

Who is this person? (1:N match)

- **Watch List**

Is this a wanted person?

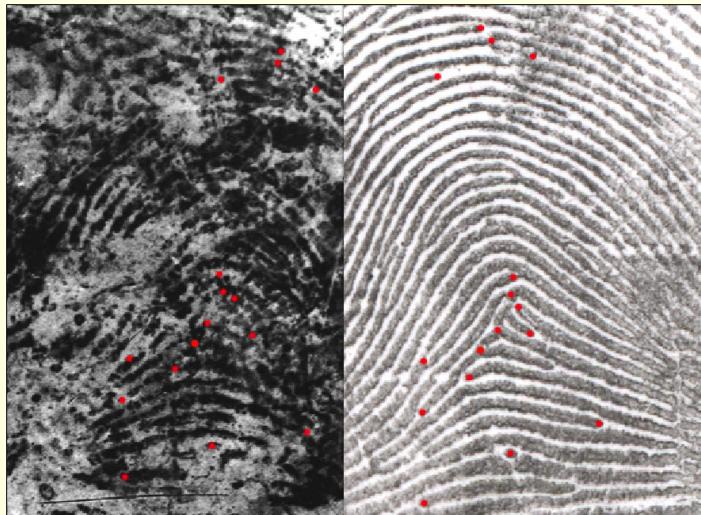
Biometrics can provide negative identification (i.e., I am not he) capability. It can search for multiple enrollments by the same individual



Gallery database

# Real-world Comparison

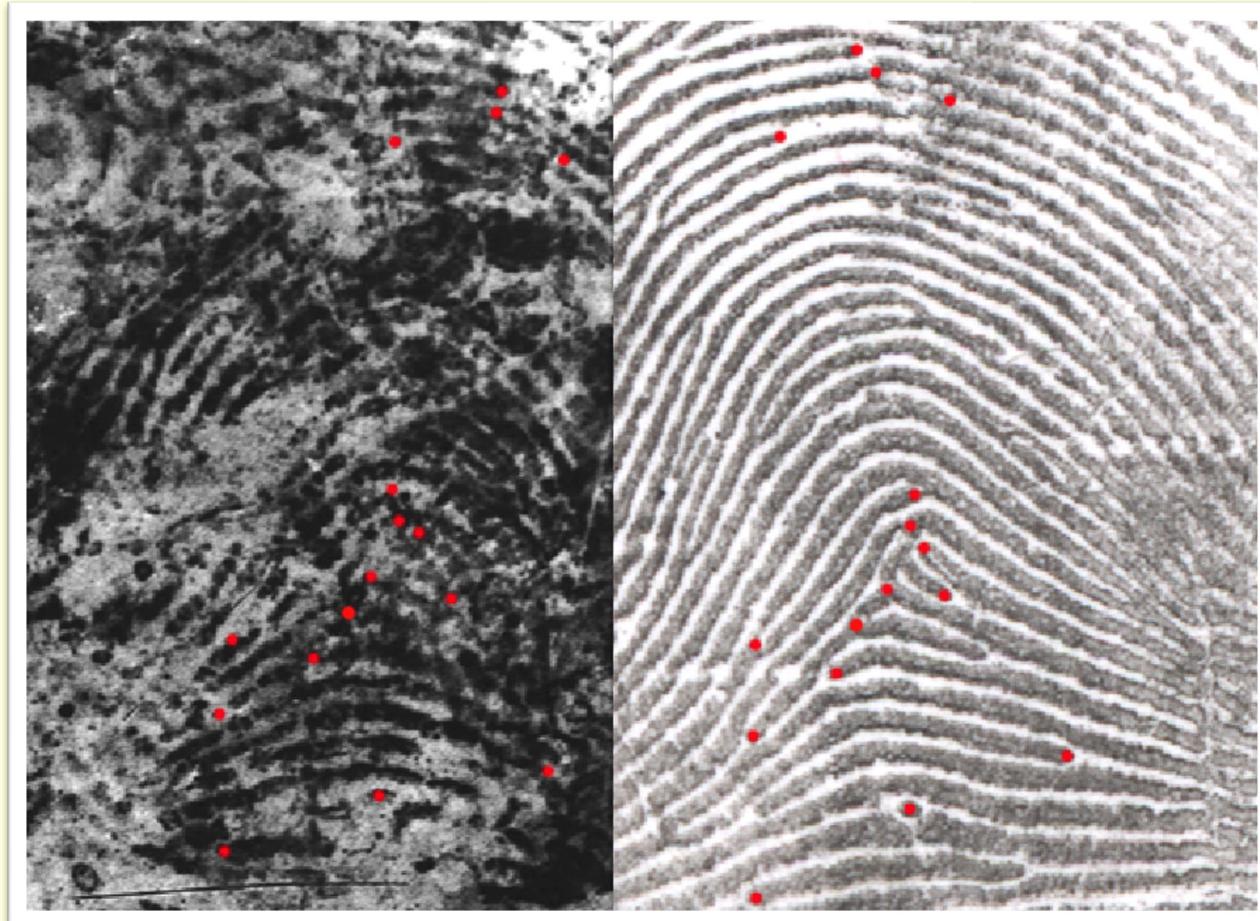
- Compute the similarity or dissimilarity between two instances of biometric data **corrupted by noise**



- Compute the ratio between the likelihood of the two images originating from the same individual to the likelihood that they originate from different individuals

# Are These The Same?

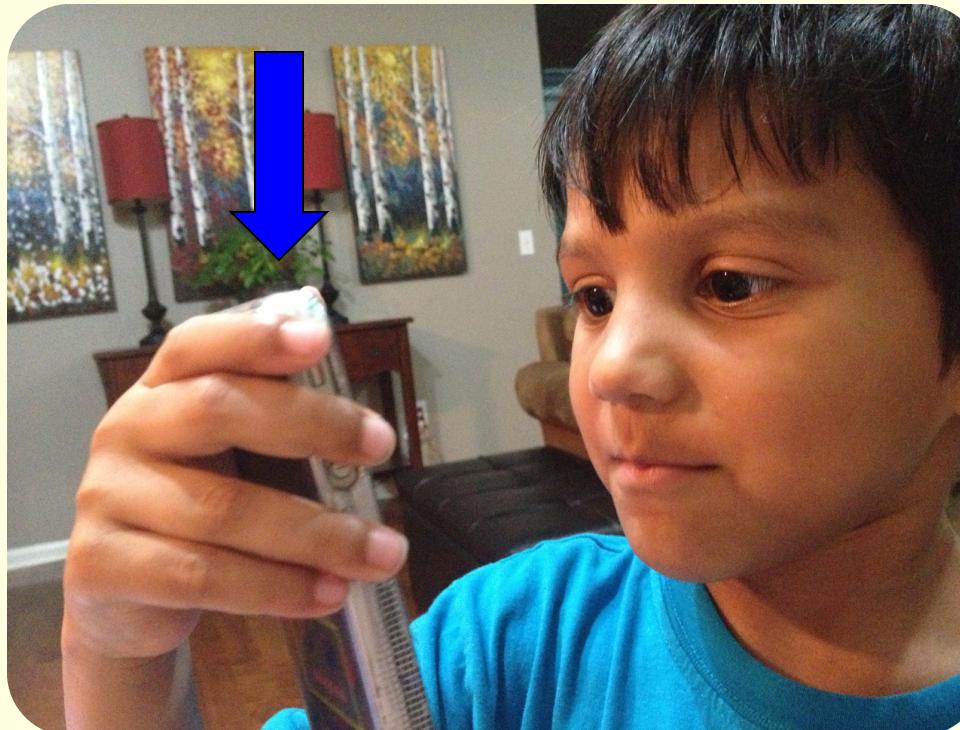
- Are these two prints from the same finger?



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# Is He Allowed Access?

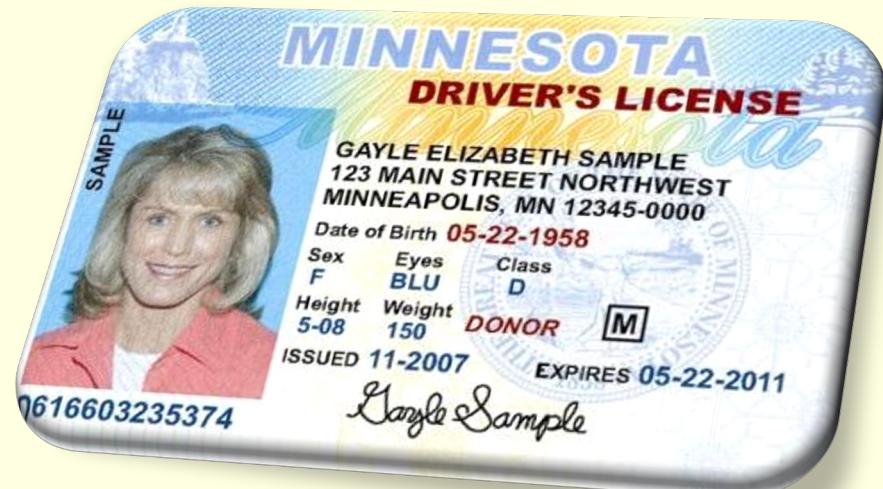
- Is he the owner of this smart phone?



De-duplication

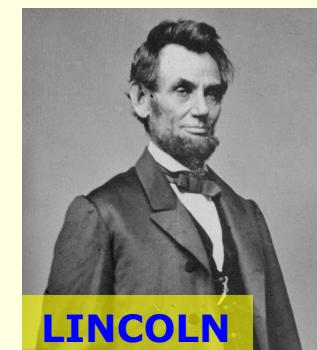
# Is She In The Database?

- Does this person already have a driver's license under a different name?



# Is This Really Him?

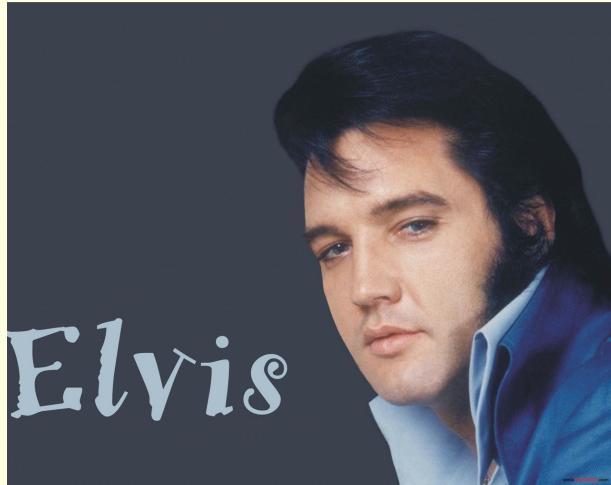
- Is this really a photograph of Abraham Lincoln?



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# Who is Singing?

- Is this really Elvis Presley's voice? (And if so, is he still alive?!)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGsssVWiu54>

Retrieval

# Where is She?

- Find all video frames in which Odette appears

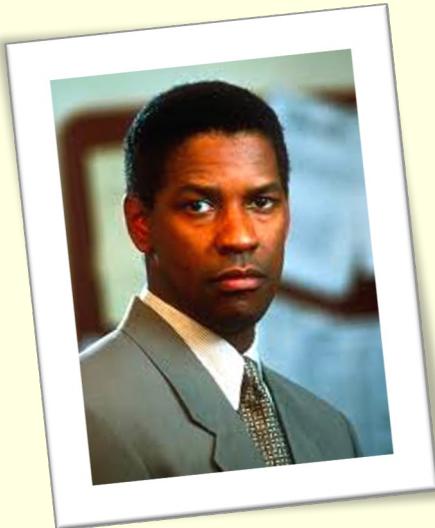


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Curiosity

# Who is This? (Non-biometric method)

- Who is this person?



About 339 results (0.89 seconds)



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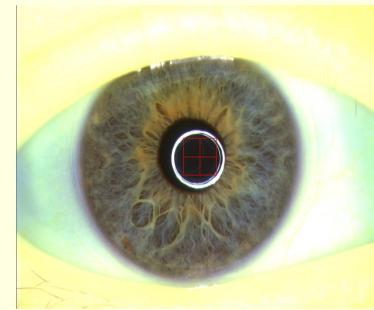
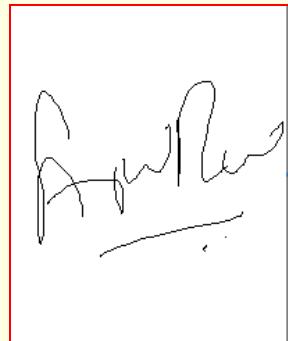
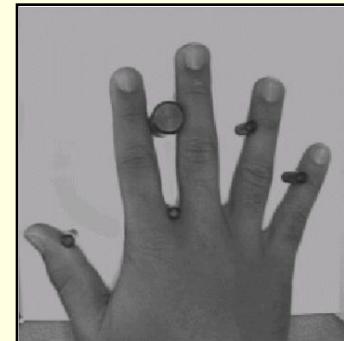
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Visually similar images



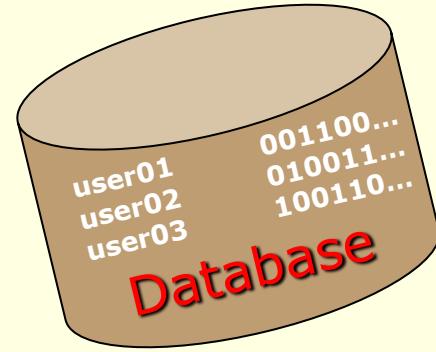
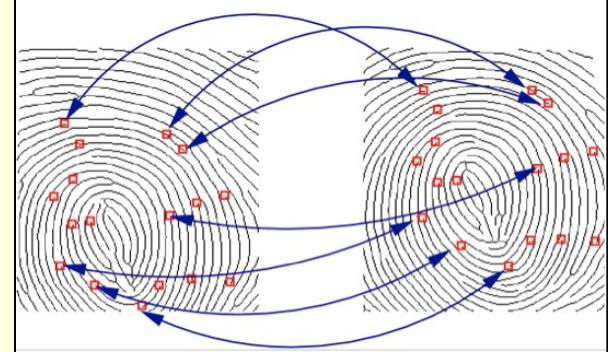
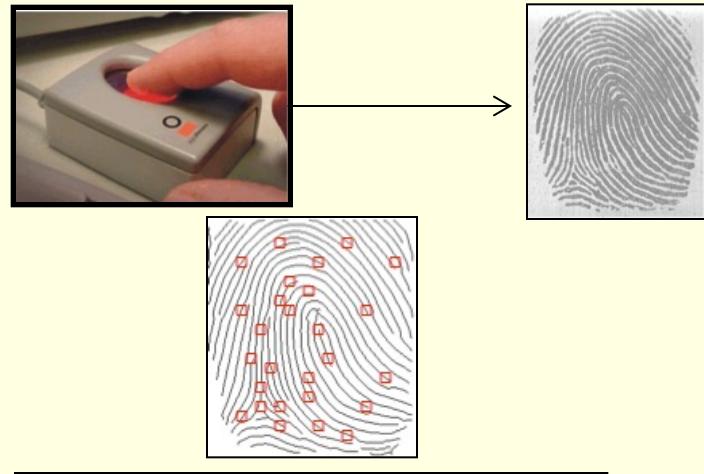
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# Biometric Traits



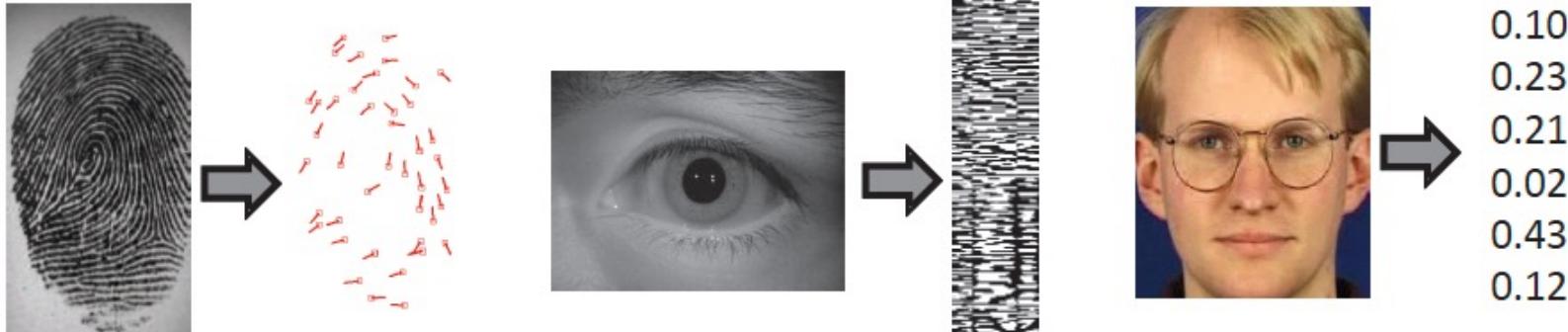
# Components of a Biometric System

- **Sensor:** To acquire biometric data from an individual
- **Feature extractor:** To extract a set of discriminative features from the data
- **Comparator (Matcher):** To compare two extracted feature sets
- **Database:** To store biometric templates of individuals



**PROBE and GALLERY**

# What features are extracted?



- Minutiae points from fingerprint
- IrisCode from iris
- Deep learning features from face

These features reside in some algebraic space

# Deep Neural Networks

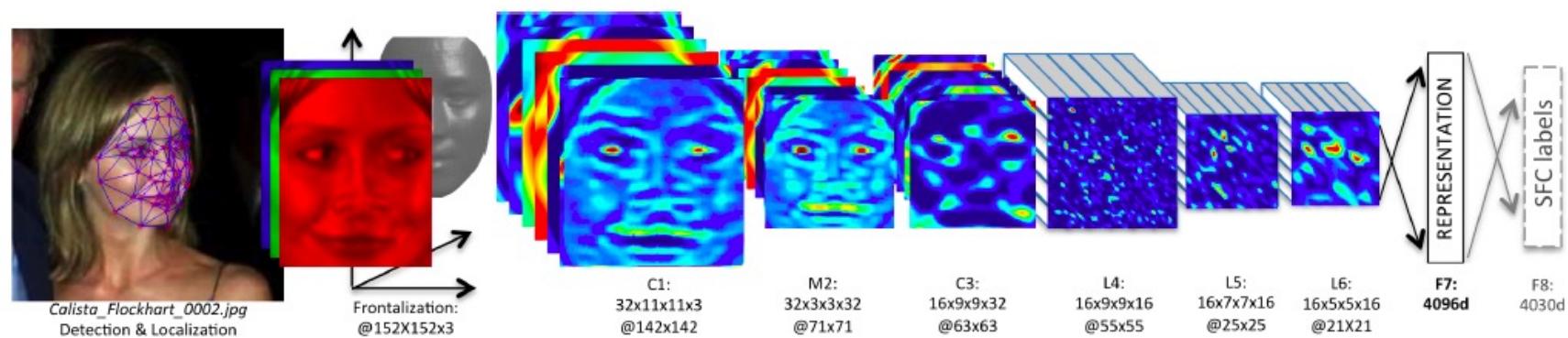


Figure 2. Outline of the *DeepFace* architecture. A front-end of a single convolution-pooling-convolution filtering on the rectified input, followed by three locally-connected layers and two fully-connected layers. Colors illustrate outputs for each layer. The net includes more than 120 million parameters, where more than 95% come from the local and fully connected layers.

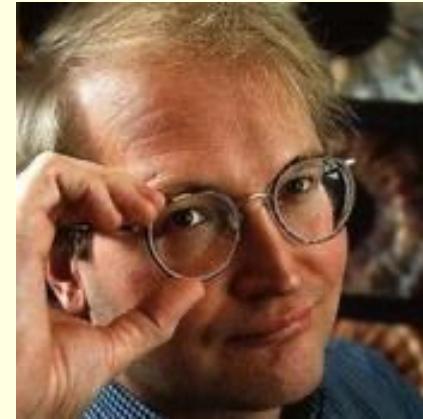
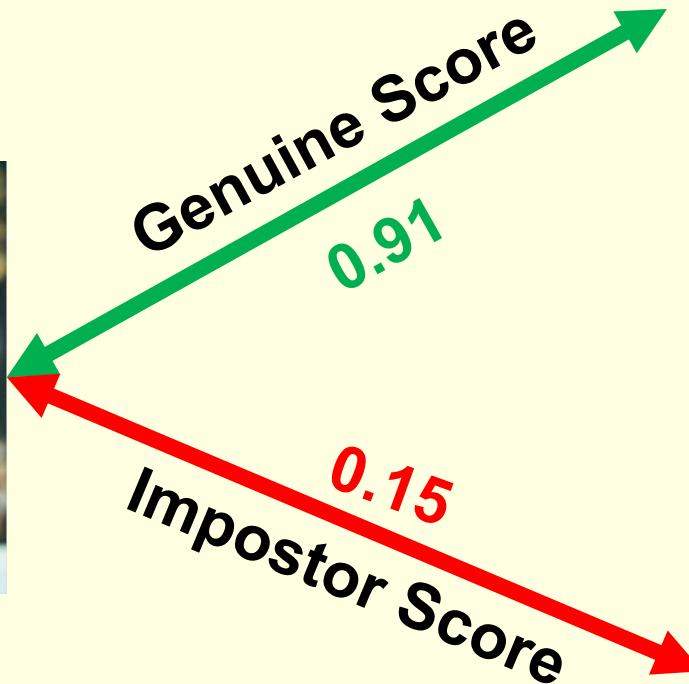
# Match Scores

- The output of a biometric matcher is the match score, (typically a single number), that quantifies the **similarity** or **dissimilarity** between two biometric samples
- The **higher** the score (similarity score), the **more certain** is the system that the two biometric samples come from the same person

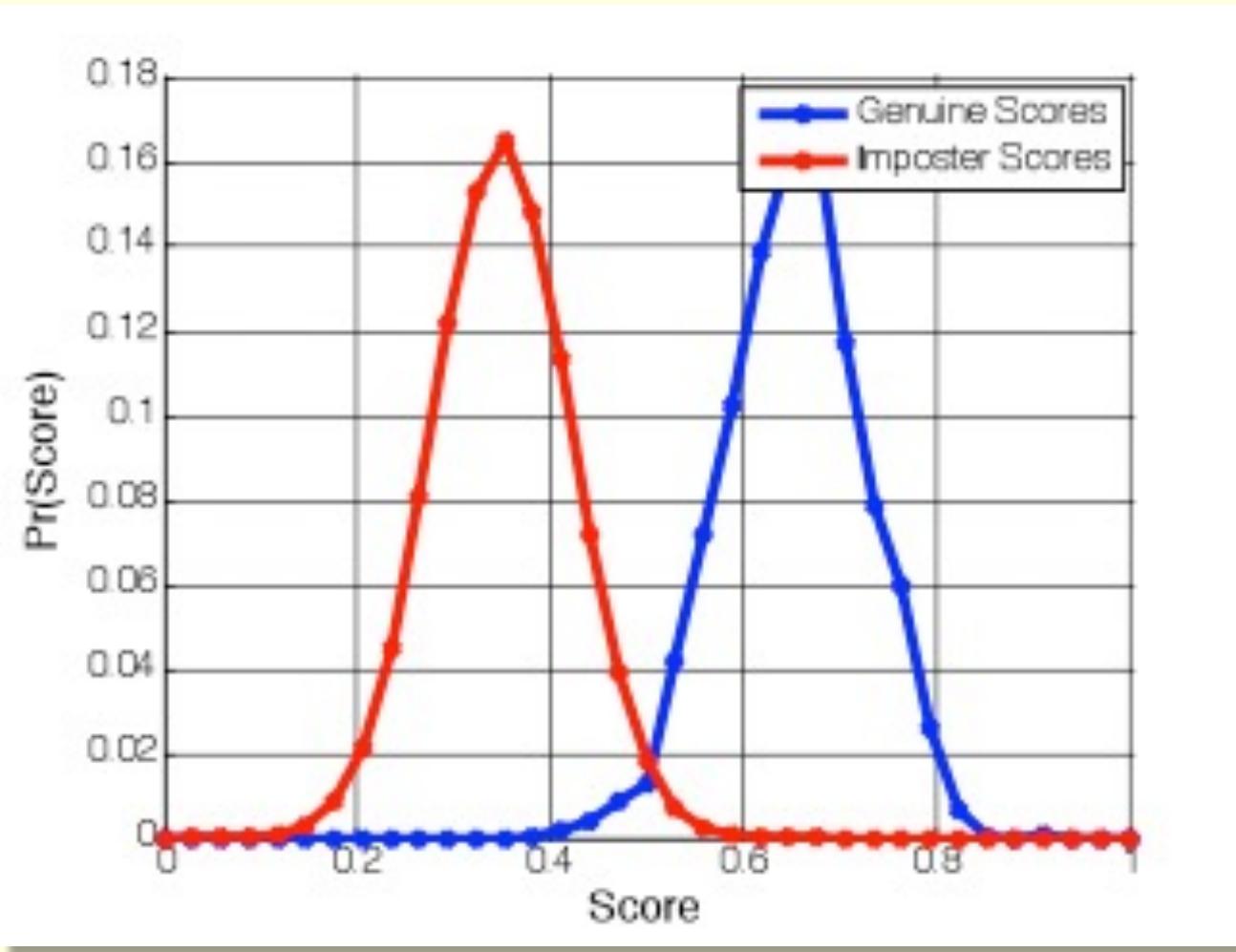
# Genuine and Impostor Scores

- **Genuine score:** Match score obtained when two biometric samples from the **same** source (e.g., same finger) are compared
- **Impostor score:** Match score obtained when two biometric samples originating from **different** sources (e.g., different fingers) are compared
- Therefore, a genuine **similarity** score should be greater than an impostor score in value
- A **threshold (or classifier)** is used to determine if a score is genuine or impostor

# Genuine and Impostor Scores



# Score Distribution



**Match Score Distributions  
Density Estimation Schemes**

# Error Rates (Verification)

## ❑ False Match Rate (FMR):

False Accept Rate (FAR)

- The proportion of **impostor scores** greater than the **threshold**
- Probability that an **impostor** will be incorrectly matched
- Low FMR required in high secure systems

## ❑ False Non-Match Rate (FNMR):

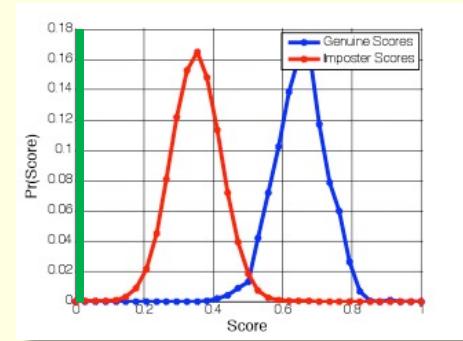
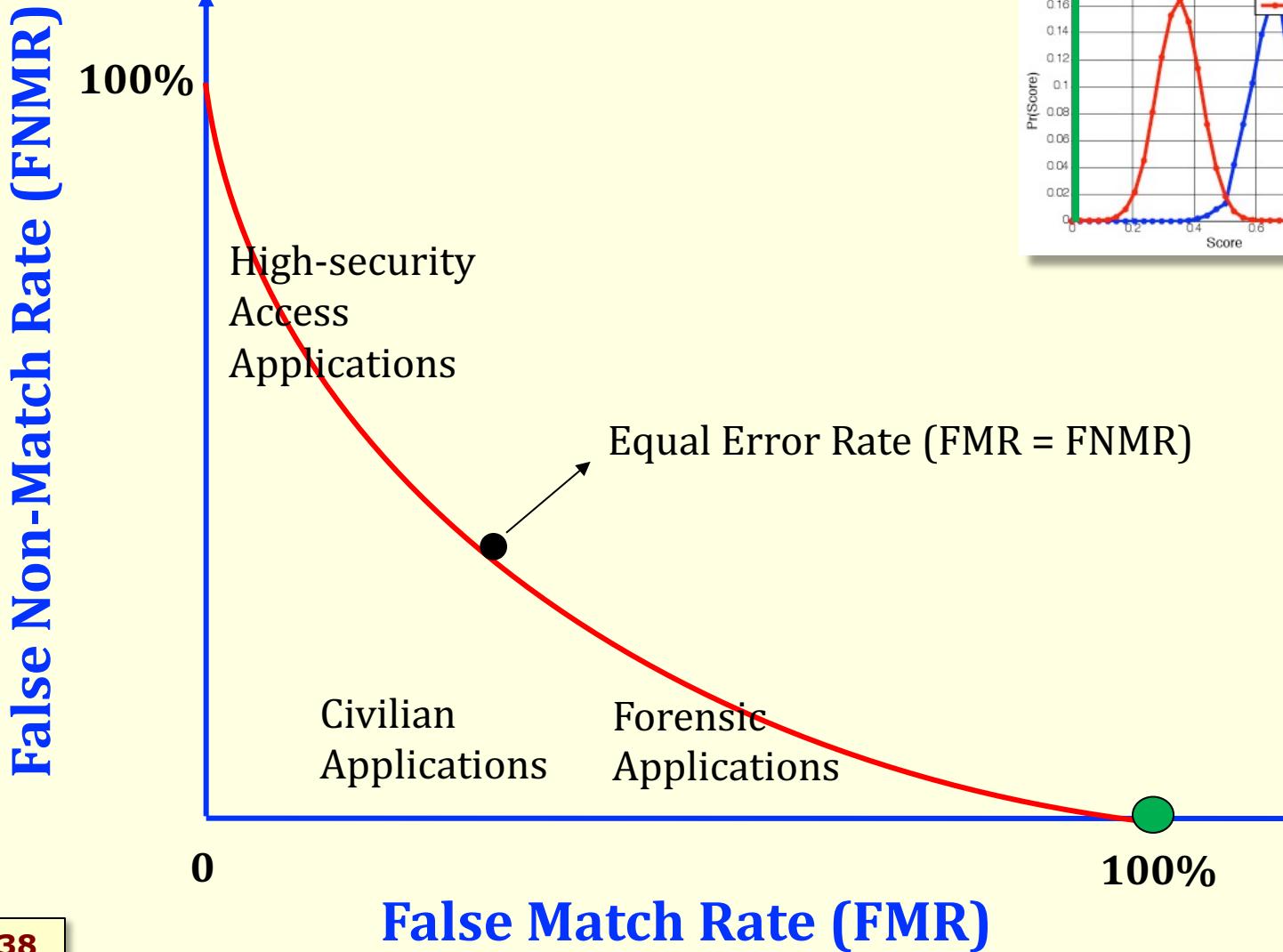
False Reject Rate (FRR)

- Proportion of **genuine scores** lower than the **threshold**
- Probability that a **genuine user** will be incorrectly non-matched
- Low FNMR required in systems focusing on user convenience

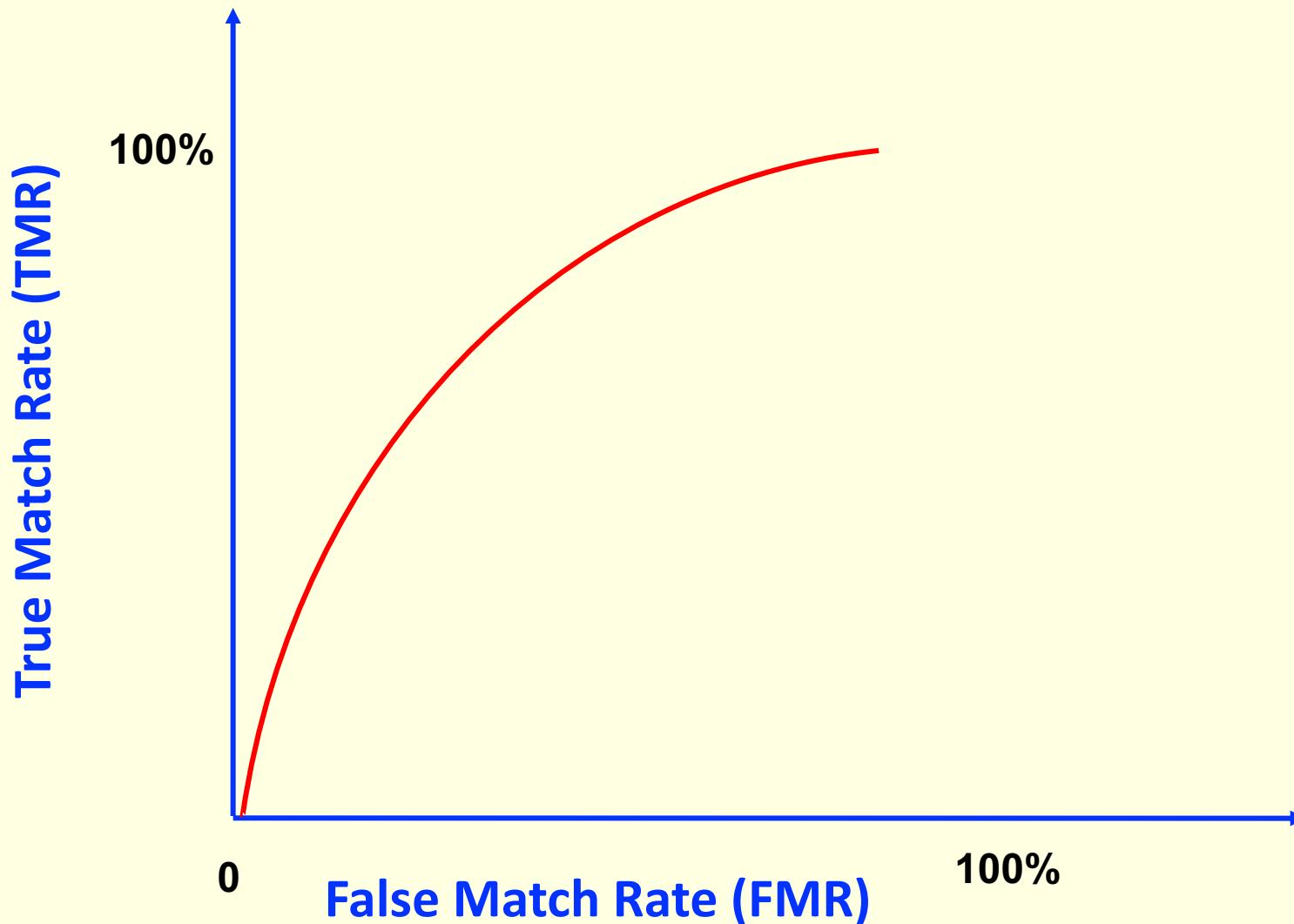
# ROC and DET Curves

- Detection Error Tradeoff (DET) Curve
  - Plot FNMR against FMR at various thresholds
  
- Receiver Operating Characteristics (ROC) Curve
  - Plot  $(1 - \text{FNMR})$  against FMR at various thresholds
  - $1 - \text{FNMR} = \text{True Match Rate}$

# Example of DET Curve



# Example of ROC Curve



# How many genuine and impostor scores?

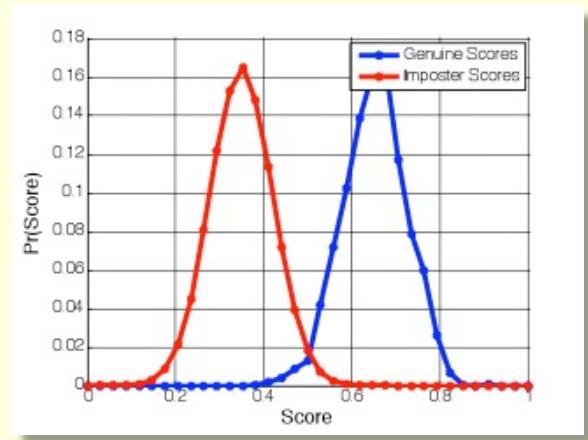
- Consider a biometric experiment
- “N” distinct identities
- “m” face samples per identity
- A biometric matcher is provided to you
  - How many genuine scores can be generated?
  - How many impostor scores can be generated?
  - Assume a symmetric matcher
    - $S(a,b) = S(b,a)$ , where “S” is the matcher and “a” and “b” are biometric samples

# Computing FMR and FNMR From Actual Scores

- Generate the **genuine** and **impostor** scores
- Let us assume these are **similarity** scores
- At a specified threshold,  $\eta$ :
  - Compute the **number** of impostor scores  $\geq \eta$ 
    - Divide this by the **total number** of impostor scores
    - This will give you the **FMR** at the threshold
  - Compute the **number** of genuine scores  $< \eta$ 
    - Divide this by the **total number** of genuine scores
    - This will give you the **FNMR** at the threshold

# Computing FMR and FNMR from Distributions

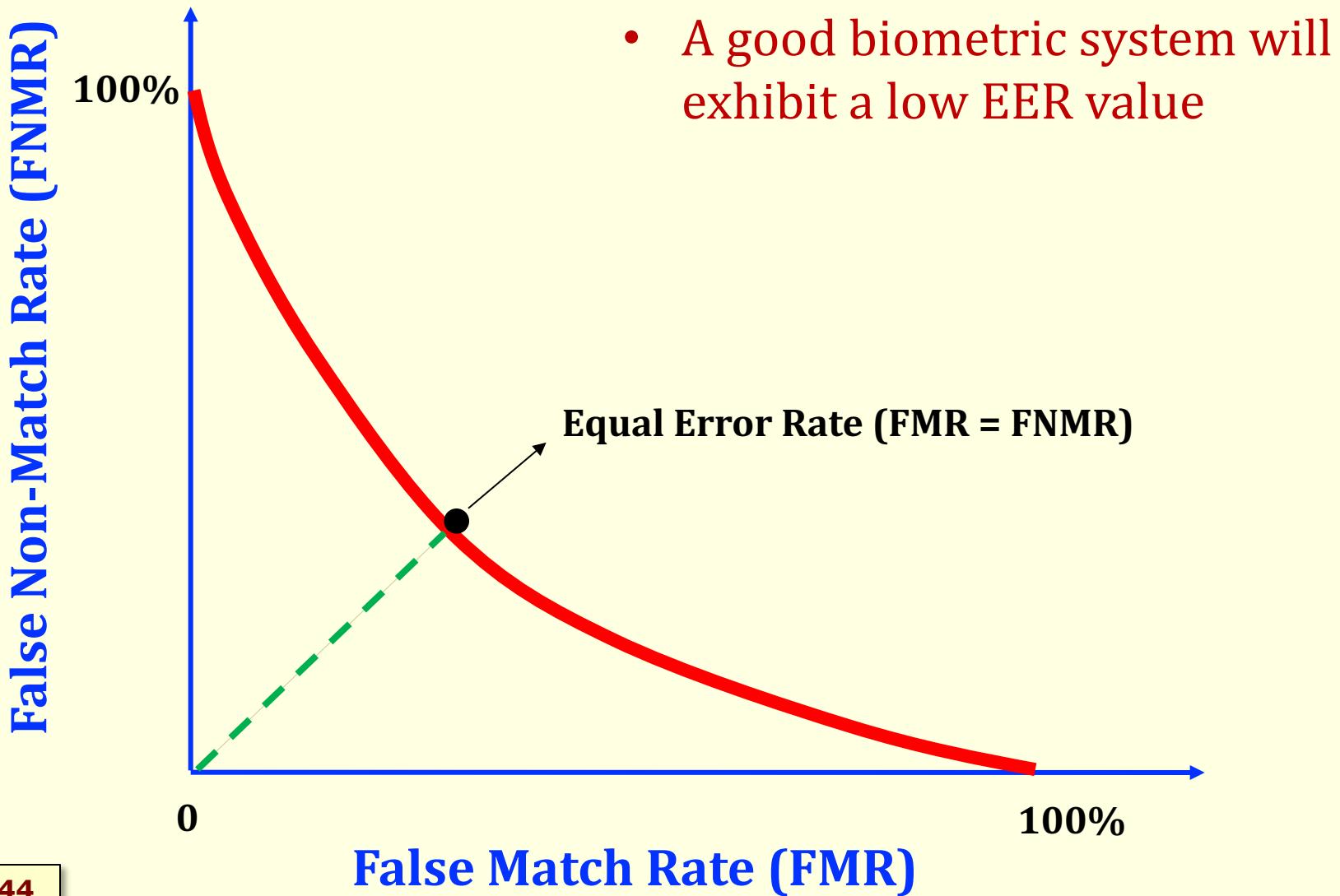
- Let  $p(s|genuine)$  denote the **genuine** distribution
- Let  $p(s|impostor)$  denote the **impostor** distribution
- **Assume these are similarity scores**
- At a specified threshold,  $\eta$ :
  - $FMR = \int_{\eta}^{\infty} p(s|impostor)ds$
  - $FNMR = \int_{-\infty}^{\eta} p(s|genuine)ds$
- Here,  $\infty$  refers to maximum score value possible and  $-\infty$  refers to minimum score value possible



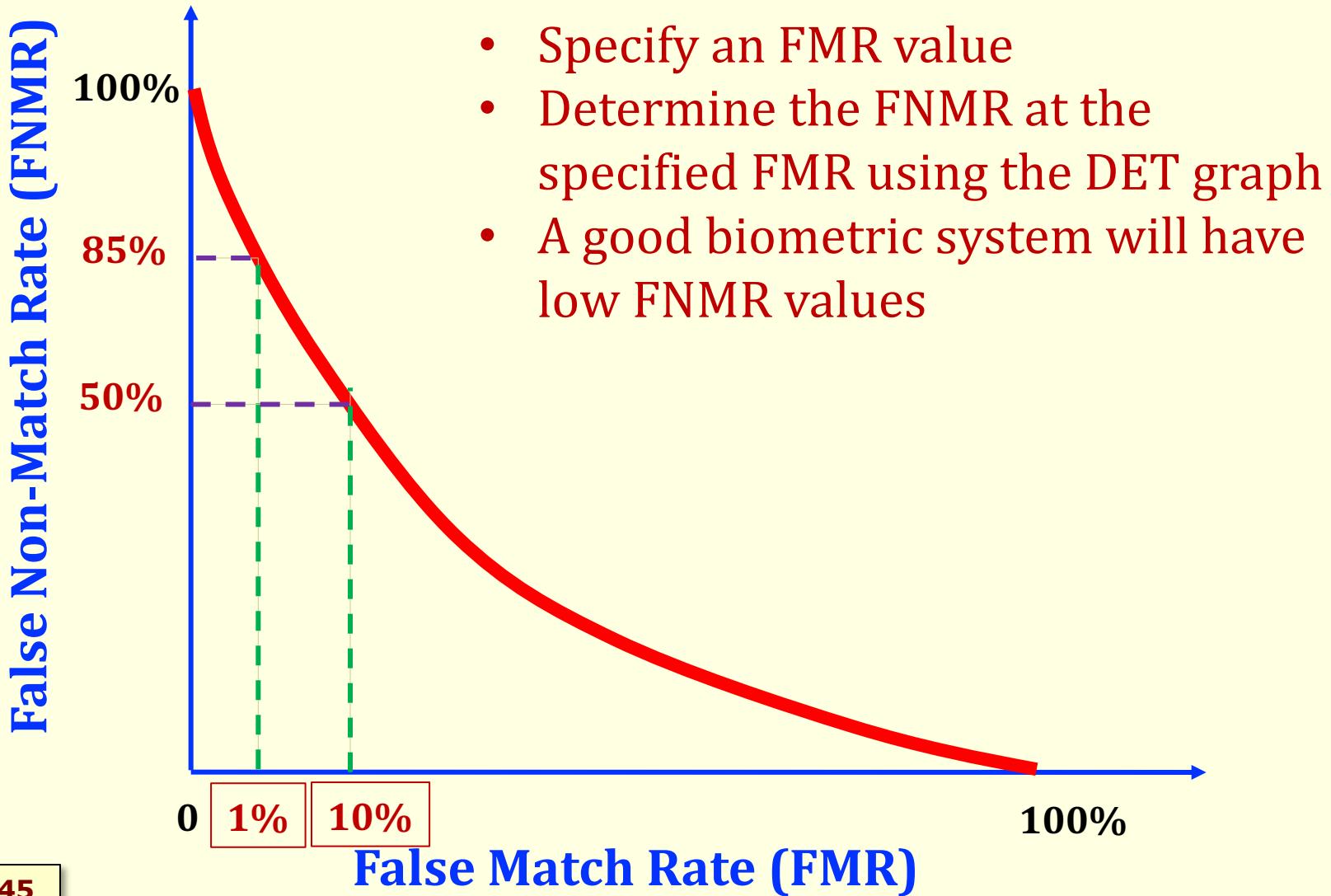
# Computing the DET Curve

- Vary the threshold  $\eta$  from the minimum of all score values to the maximum of all score values in increments of  $\Delta$
- Ensure that you have at least 100 threshold values
  - At each value of  $\eta$  compute the FMR and FNMR
  - Plot these points, i.e., (FMR, FNMR) in a graph
  - This is the DET Curve

# Equal Error Rate: EER

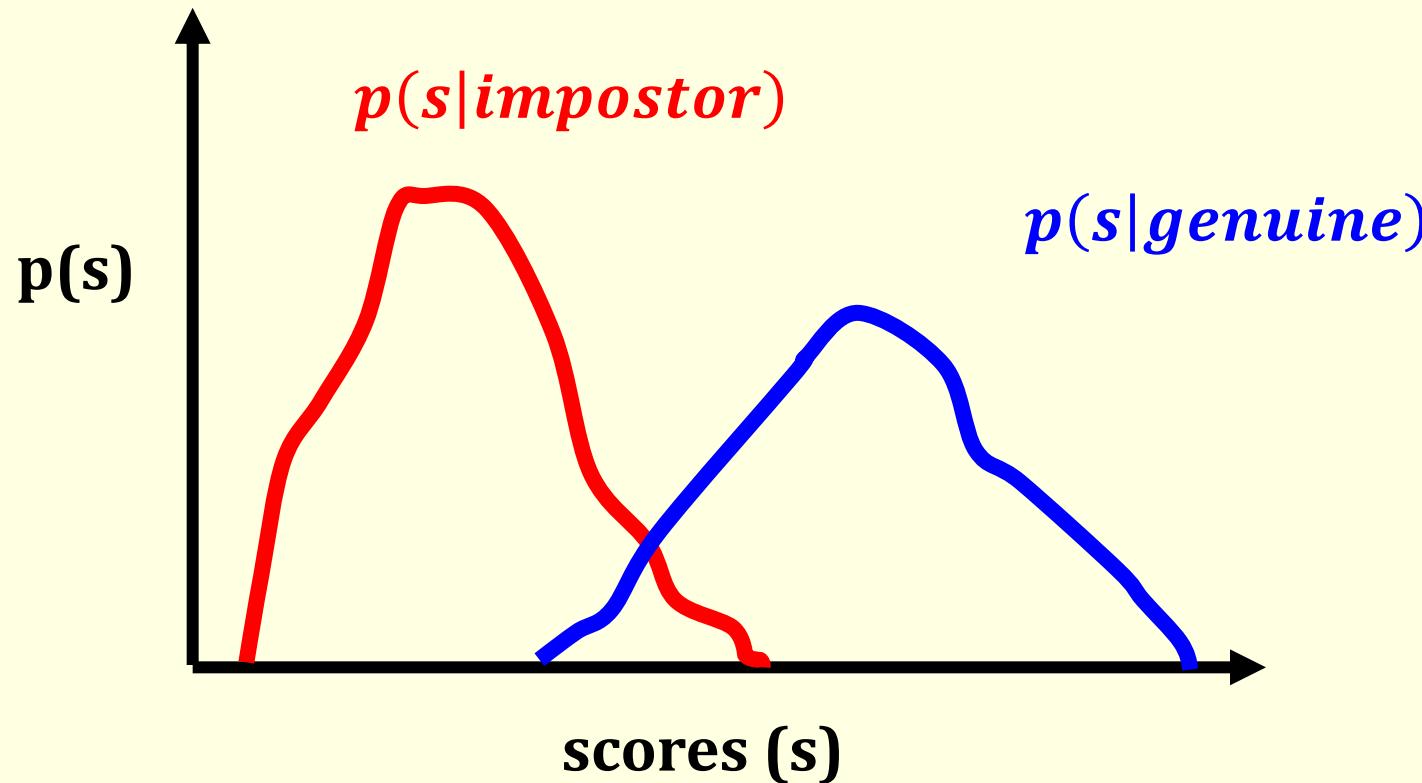


# FNMR @ FMR



# Other Performance Metrics

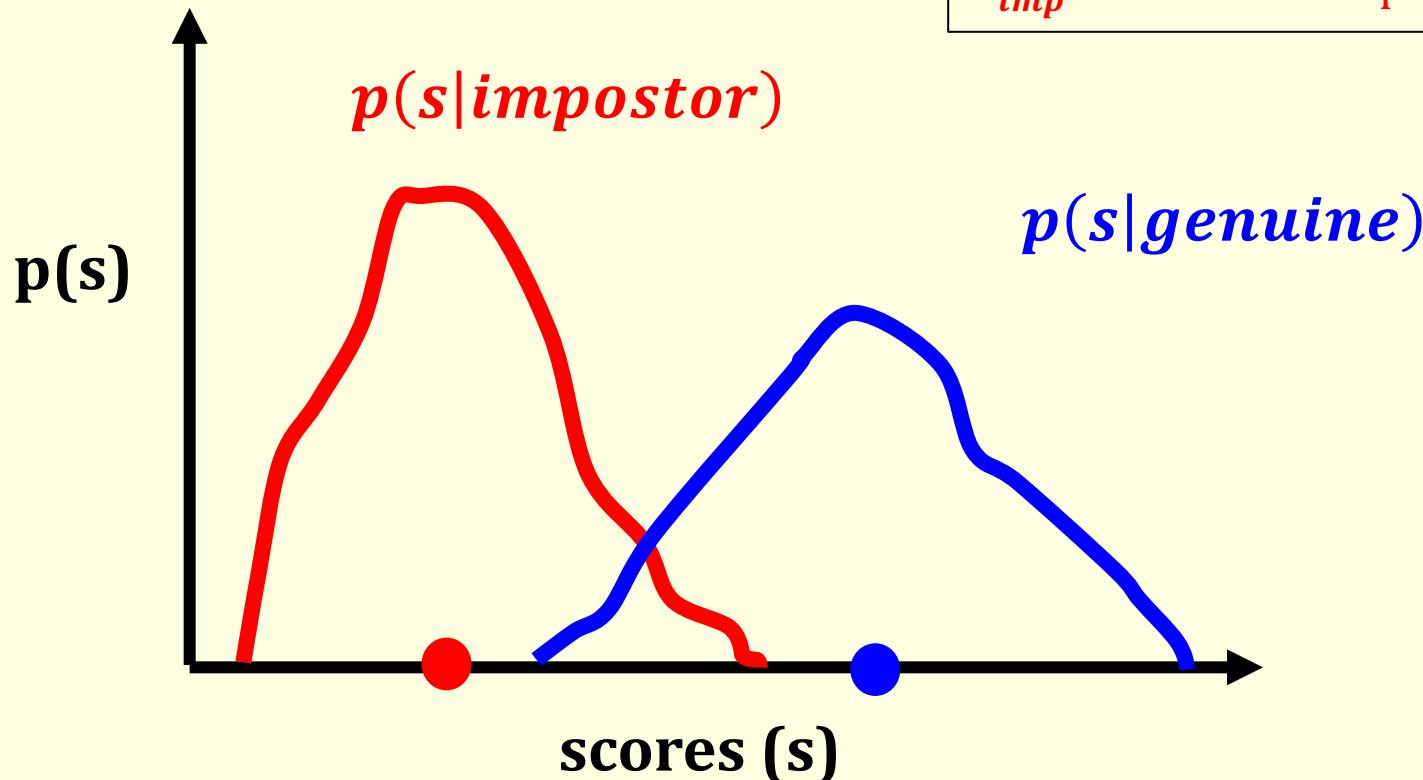
- Let  $p(s|genuine)$  denote the **genuine** distribution
- Let  $p(s|impostor)$  denote the **impostor** distribution



# The d-prime Value

- d-prime: 
$$\frac{\sqrt{2} |\mu_{gen} - \mu_{imp}|}{\sqrt{\sigma_{gen}^2 + \sigma_{imp}^2}}$$

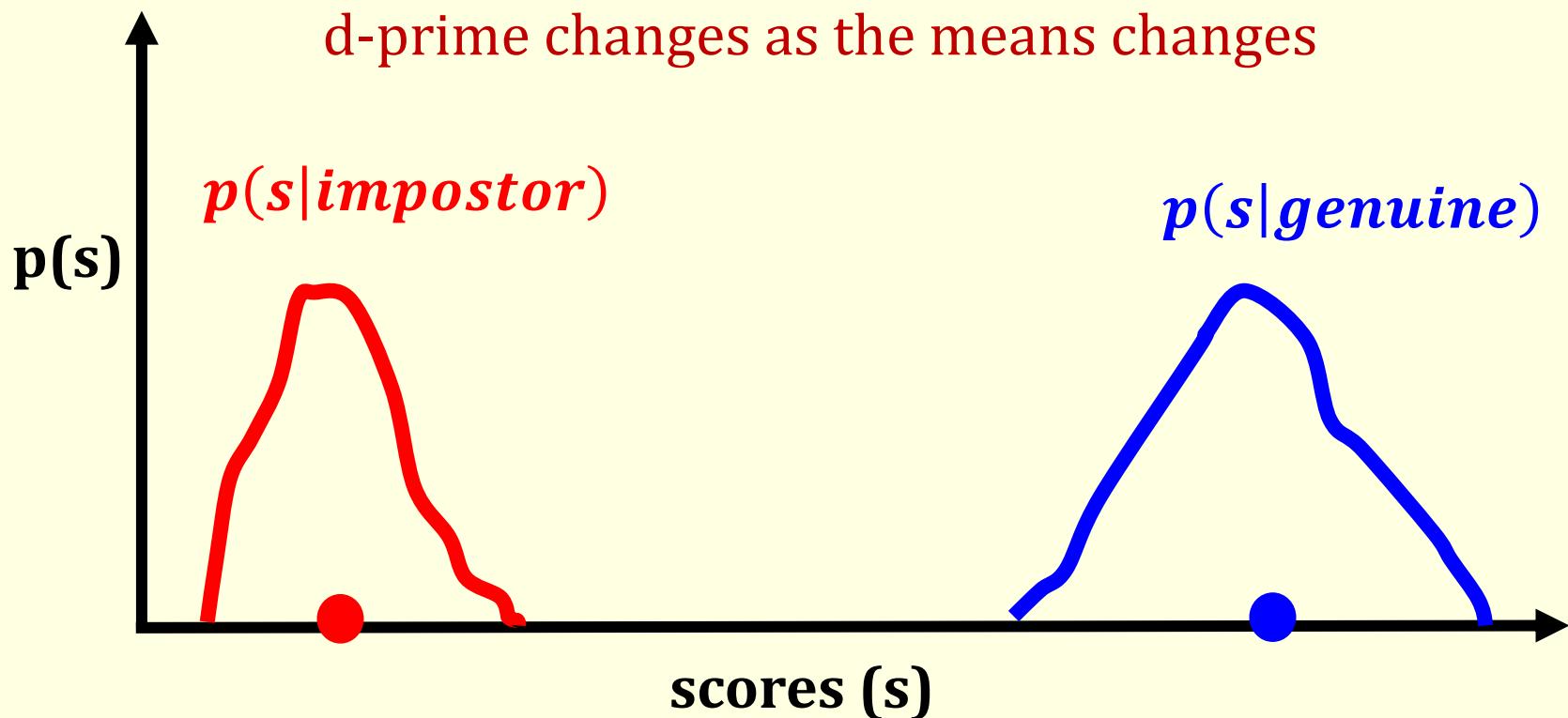
$\mu_{gen}$ : mean of genuine scores  
 $\sigma_{gen}^2$ : variance of genuine scores  
 $\mu_{imp}$ : mean of impostor scores  
 $\sigma_{imp}^2$ : variance of impostor scores



A good biometric system will exhibit a high d-prime value

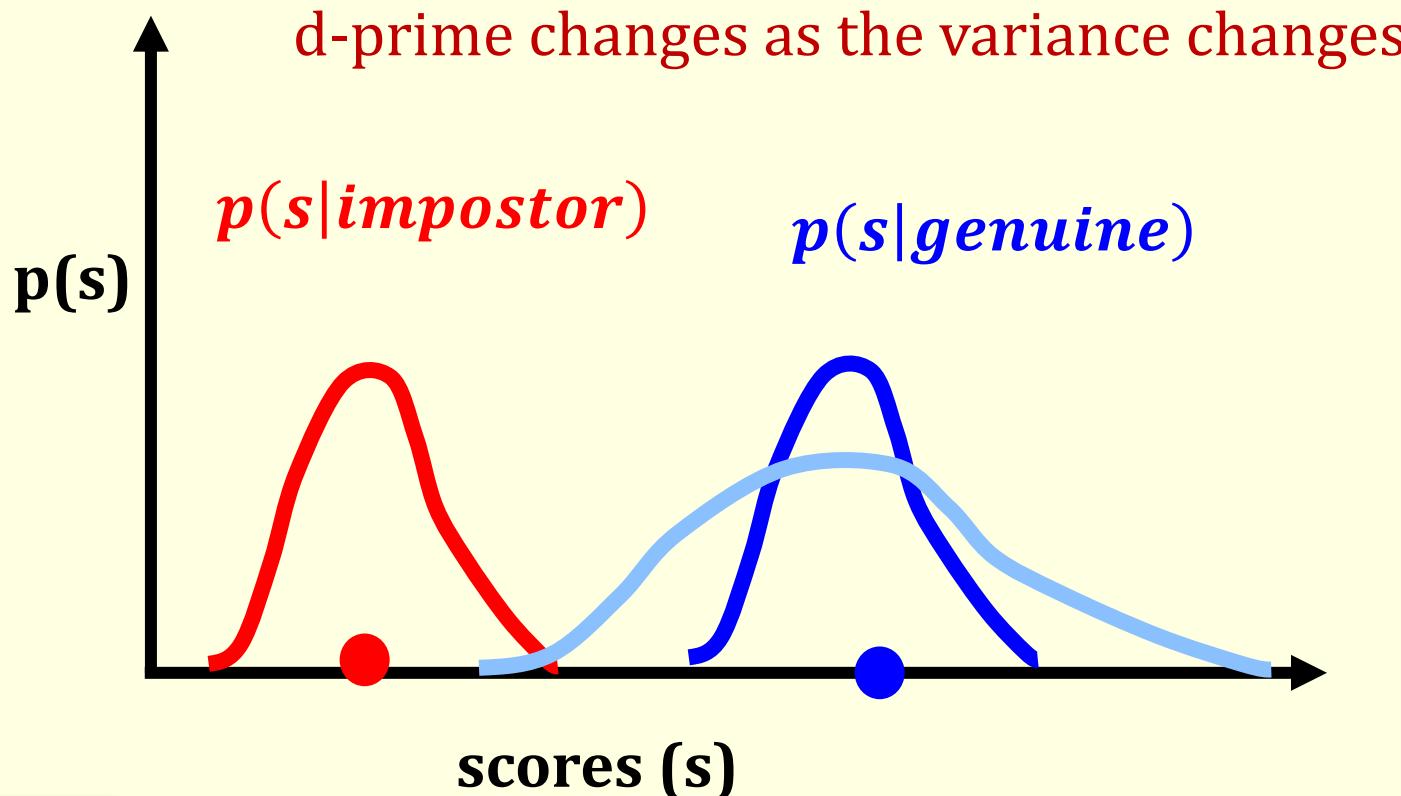
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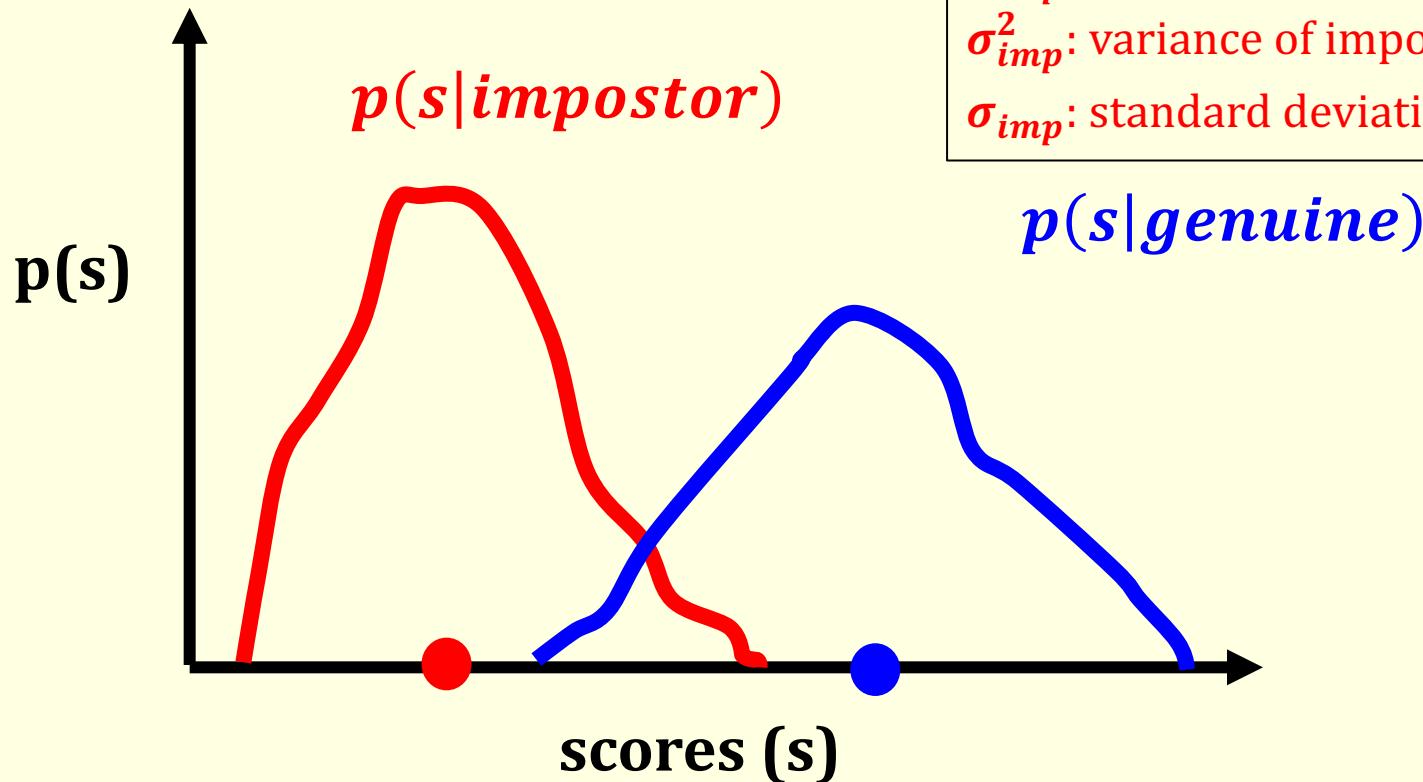


# The F-ratio

- F-ratio: 
$$\frac{|\mu_{gen} - \mu_{imp}|}{\sigma_{gen} + \sigma_{imp}}$$

$\mu_{gen}$ : mean of genuine scores  
 $\sigma_{gen}^2$ : variance of genuine scores  
 $\sigma_{gen}$ : standard deviation

$\mu_{imp}$ : mean of impostor scores  
 $\sigma_{imp}^2$ : variance of impostor scores  
 $\sigma_{imp}$ : standard deviation



A good biometric system will exhibit a high F-ratio value

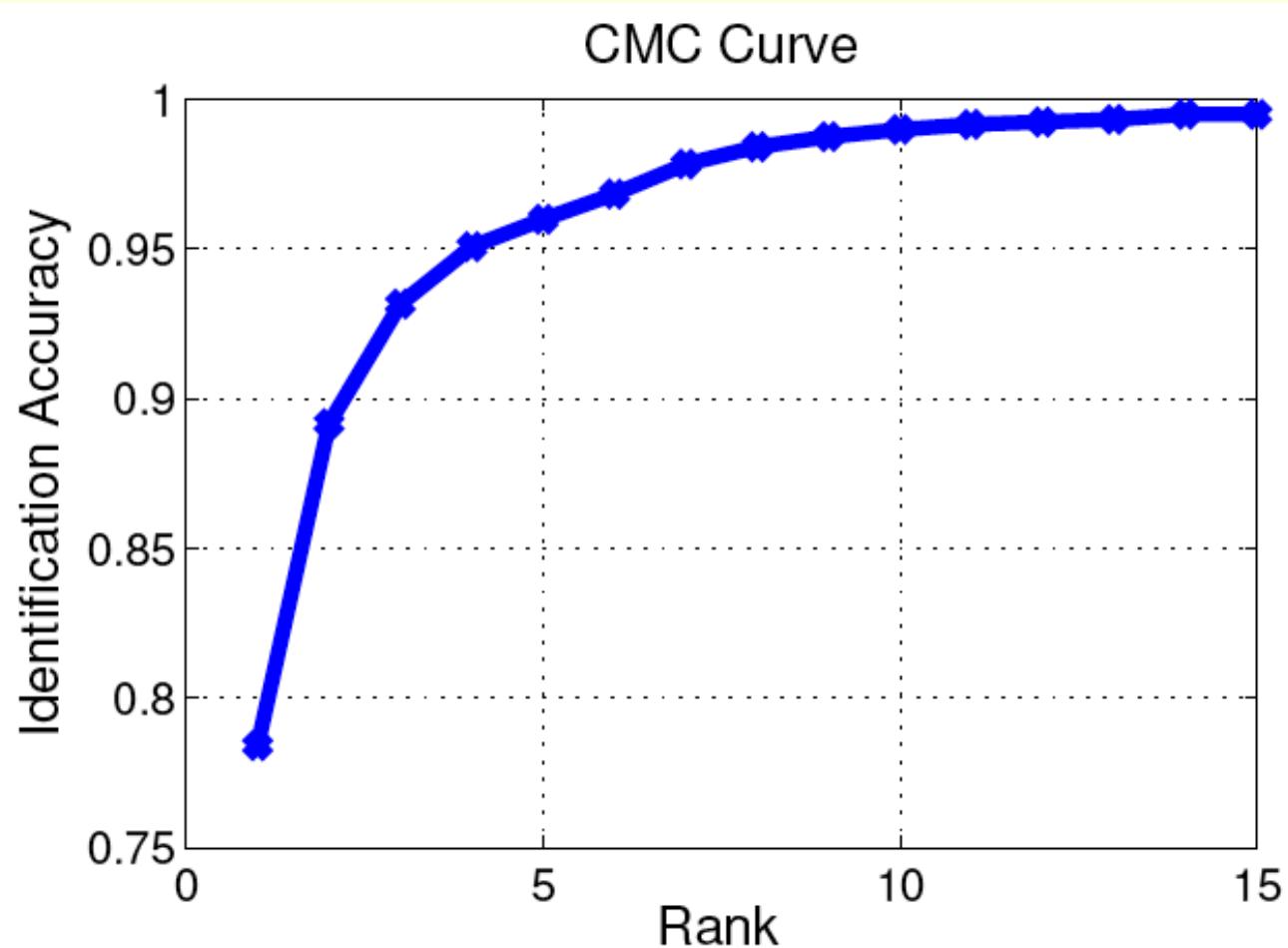
# Summary of Performance Metrics

- DET Curve: Closer to the origin, the better
- Equal Error Rate (EER): Lower the better
- FNMR @ pre-defined FMR: Lower the better
- d-prime: Higher the better
- F-ratio: Higher the better

# CMC Curve (closed-set)

- **Closed-set:** Gallery contains the correct identity of the probe
- Each probe biometric sample is compared against all gallery samples
- The resulting scores are sorted and ranked
- Determine the rank at which a true match occurs
- True Positive Identification Rate (TPIR): Probability of observing the correct identity within the top K ranks
- CMC Curve: Plots TPIR against ranks
- CMC Curve: Rank-based metric

# CMC Curve



# Performance (Identification)

- **Open-set: Gallery may or may not contain the correct identity of the probe**
- Each probe biometric sample is **compared** against all gallery samples
- A set of all gallery samples whose **scores** exceed a **threshold** is returned
- True Positive Identification Rate (**TPIR**): Probability of observing the **correct identity** in the returned set
- False Positive Identification Rate (**FPIR**): Probability that the **correct identity** does not occur in the returned set

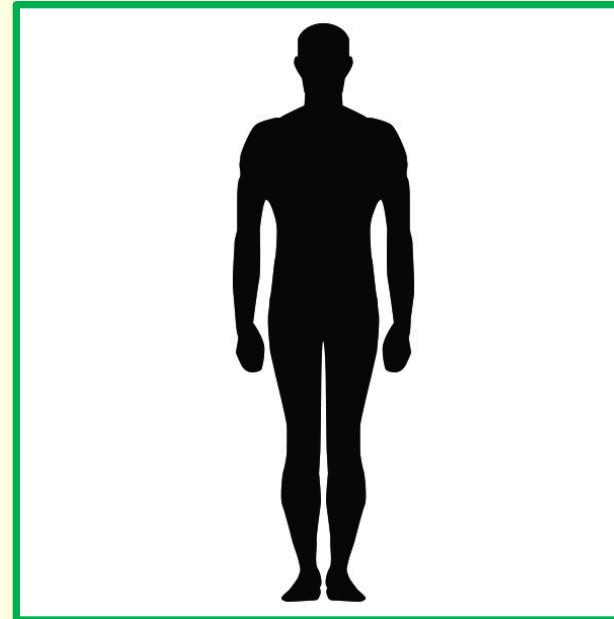
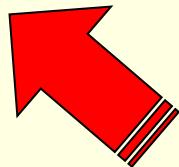
# Beyond Pattern Recognition

- Ensuring that the input data is **uncorrupted** and from a **real** person
- **Protecting** the biometric templates in the database
- Ensuring the **privacy** of an individual

# Biometric System



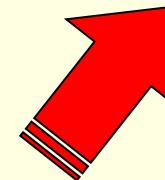
**BIOMETRIC  
TRAIT**



**PERSON**



**HUMAN MACHINE  
INTERFACE**



# Attributes of a Biometric Trait

- **Uniqueness** (Is it distinctive across individuals?)
- **Permanence** (Does it change over time?)
- **Universality** (Does every subject have it?)
- **Collectability** (Can it be measured quantitatively?)
- **Acceptability** (Is it acceptable to the subjects?)
- **Performance** (Does it meet error rate, throughput, etc.?)
- **Vulnerability** (Can it be easily spoofed or obfuscated?)
- **Integration** (Can it be embedded in the application?)

No biometric trait is “optimal”, but many are “admissible”

# Attributes of the System

- **Overt vs Covert** (Is the subject aware?)
- **Attended vs Unattended** (Is there operator involvement?)
- **Controlled vs uncontrolled operation** (Are the environment and interface parameters controlled?)
- **Open vs Closed** (Are templates exchanged or shared across applications?)

# Attributes of the Person

- **Cooperative vs Non-cooperative** (Is the subject cooperative?)
- **Habituated vs Non-habituated** (Has the subject adapted to the system?)

# Challenges in a Biometric System

- **Noise in sensed data:** e.g., defective sensors or unfavorable ambient/physiological conditions
- **Intra-user variations:** e.g., incorrect interaction with sensor, variations in user's biometric trait, sensor characteristics are modified
- **Distinctiveness:** e.g., capacity of biometric template is limited
- **Non-universality:** e.g., all users may not be able to successfully present the trait
- **Presentation attacks:** circumvent the system by using artificial traits or modified traits leading to spoofing or obfuscation

# Intra-user variations



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# Inter-user similarity



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**FMR: False Match Rate (False Positive)**

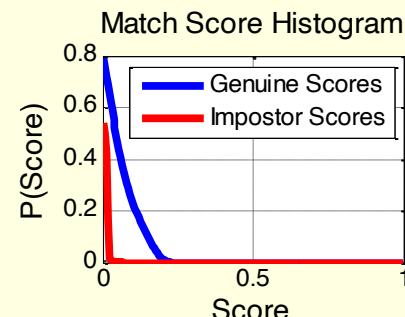
# Face Similarity – Twins



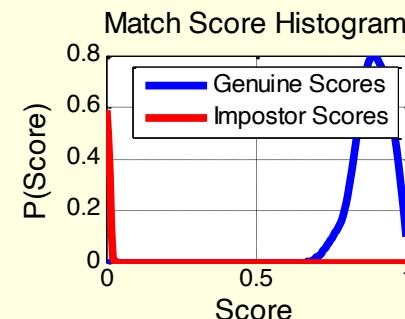
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# FMR and FNMR Varies Across Subjects

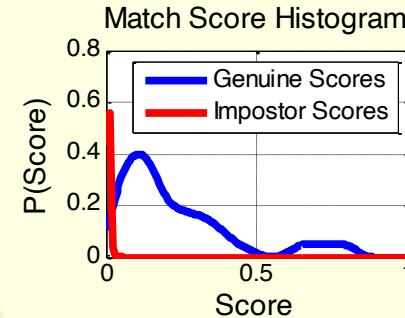
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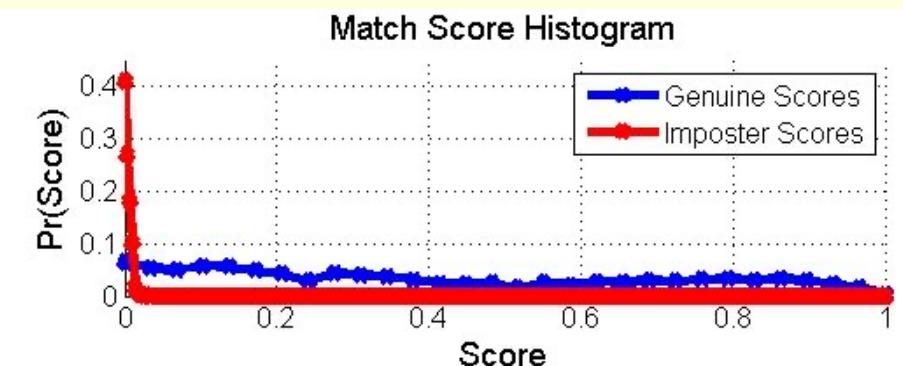
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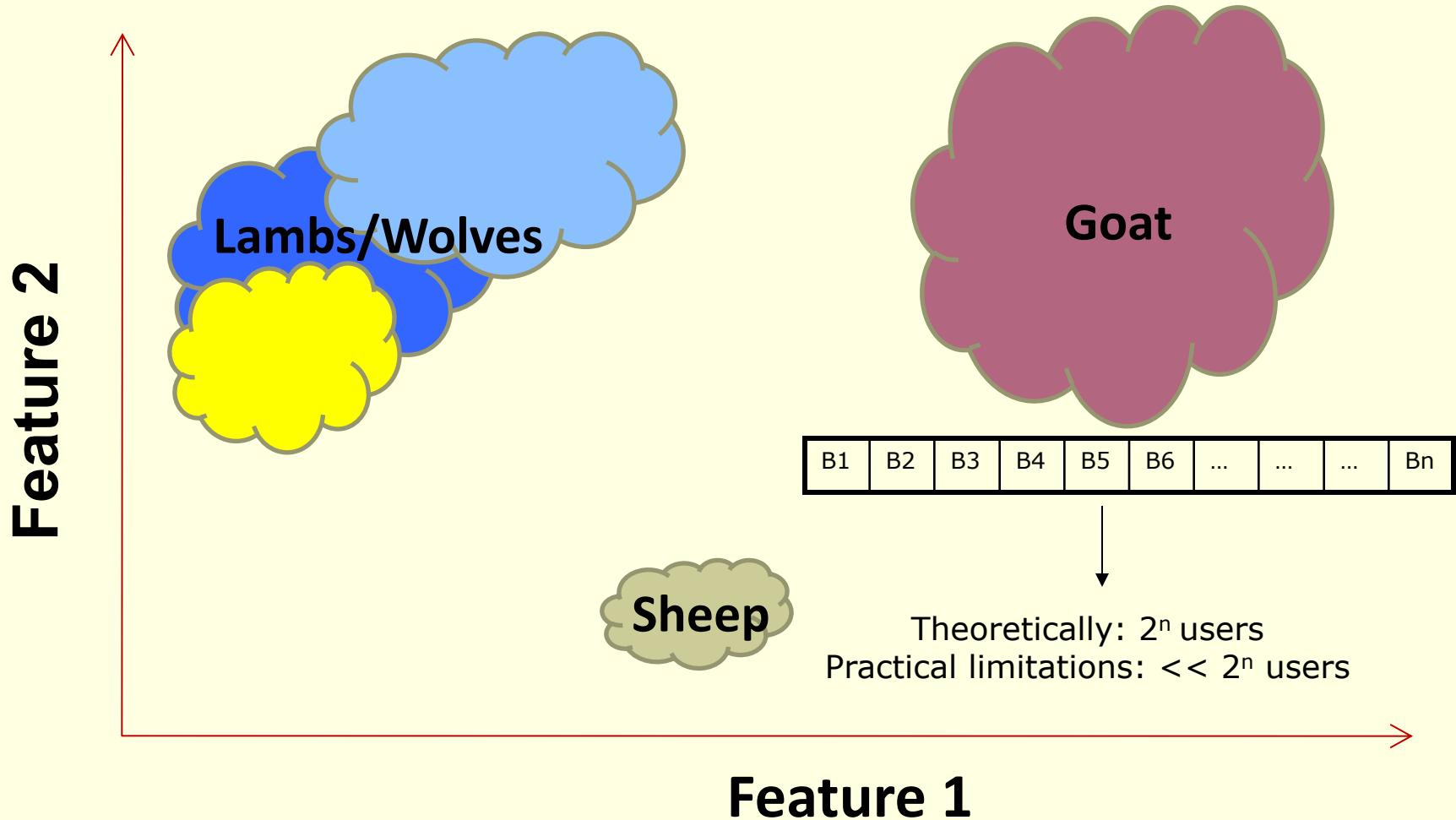


- Subject-dependent FMRs and FNMRs



# Capacity of a template

- Existence of a biometric “zoo”: Different **categories of users** impact error rates in a different manner



# Noisy Data

During enrolment



During recognition



Noise due to smearing, residual deposits, cuts and folds, etc

**Can impact both FMR and FNMR**

# Non-universality

- Some people may consistently offer **poor quality** fingerprint images which means they have to be identified by some other means

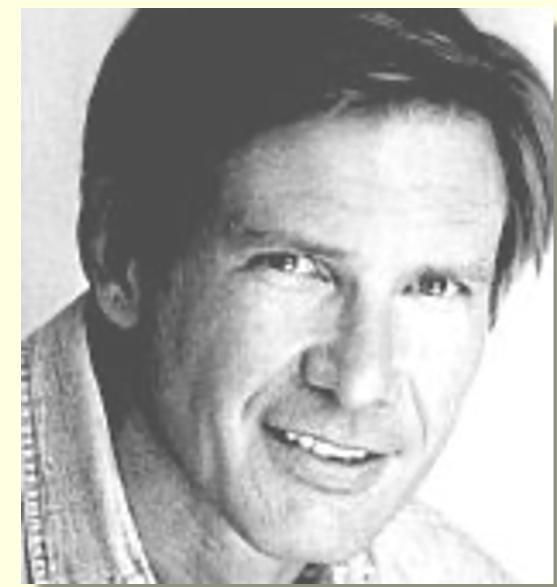
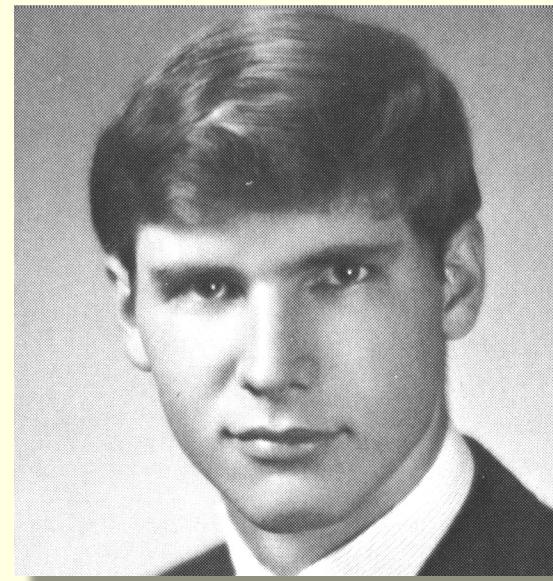


Four impressions of a user's print exhibiting incomplete ridge information

## FTE: Failure-to-Enroll Problem

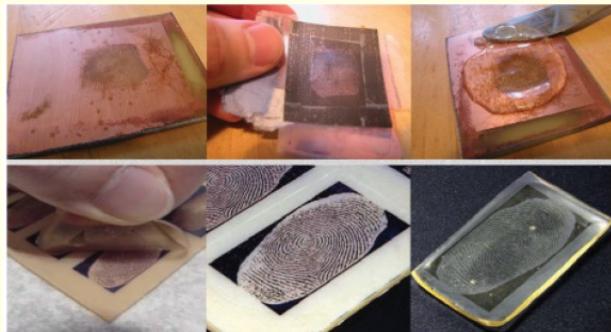
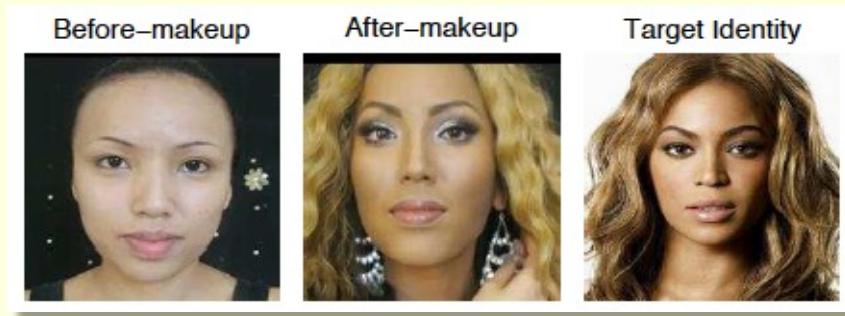
Iain, Prabhakar, Ross, "Fingerprint Matching: Data Acquisition and Performance Evaluation",  
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# Biometric Ageing



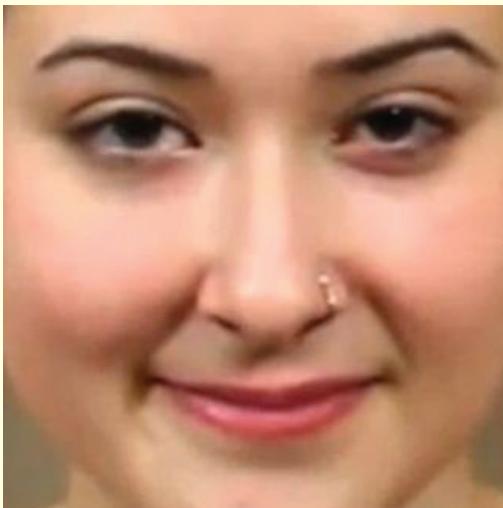
# Spoofing: Presentation Attack

- **Spoofing:** Altering one's trait or creating a physical artifact in order to "spoof" another person's trait



# Cosmetics: Spoofing

- **Cosmetics:** To spoof another person's face image



Before-makeup



After-makeup



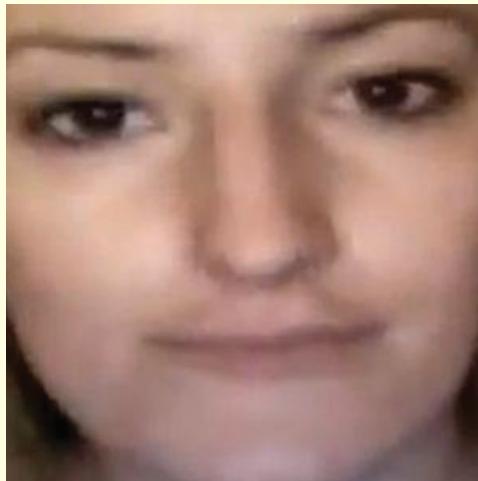
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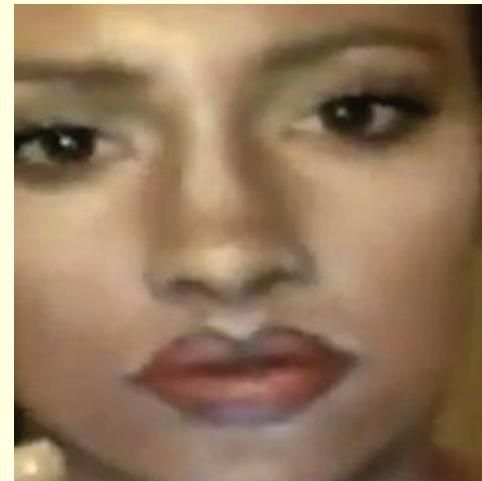
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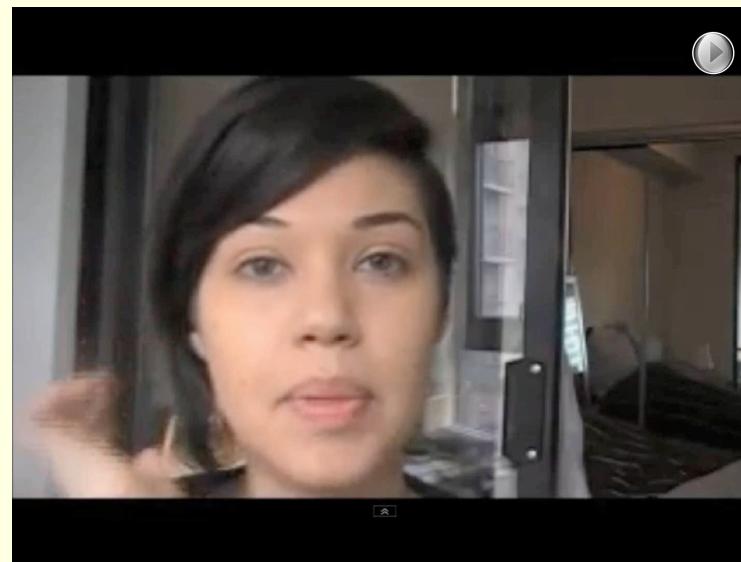
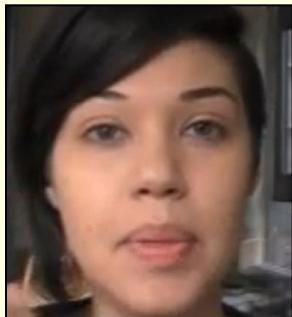
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# Obfuscation: Presentation Attack

- **Obfuscation:** Masking one's own identity by altering the trait

**BEFORE MAKEUP**



**AFTER MAKEUP**



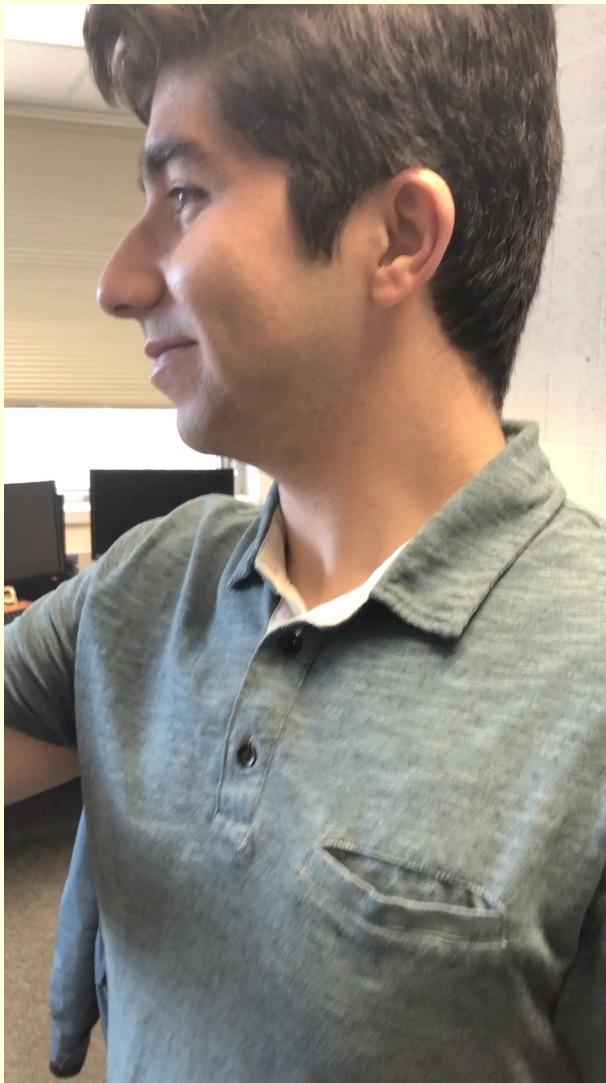
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BTAS 2012

# Fingerprint Anti-spoofing



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# Face Anti-Spoofing



**Atoum et al., "Face Anti-Spoofing Using Patch and Depth-based CNNs", IJCB 2017**

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# Fingerprint Alteration

- 1995: Alexander Guzman was arrested by Florida officials for possessing a false passport
- He was found to have mutilated fingerprints
- After a two-week search based on manually reconstructing the damaged fingerprints and searching the FBI database, the reconstructed fingerprints were linked to the fingerprints of Jose Izquierdo who was an absconding drug criminal

# The “Z”-cut

- His fingerprint mutilation process consisted of three steps: making a ‘Z’ shaped cut on the fingertip; lifting and switching two triangles; and stitching them back.



# Biometric Applications



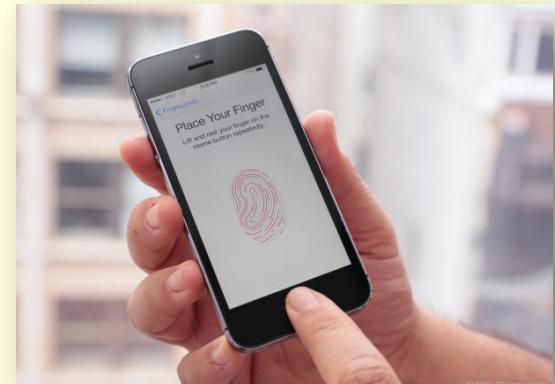
Iris: Health Care



Fingerprint: US OBIM



Fingerprint: Refugee Tracking



Fingerprint: Apple Touch ID



Finger Vein: Japan ATMs

# Domains



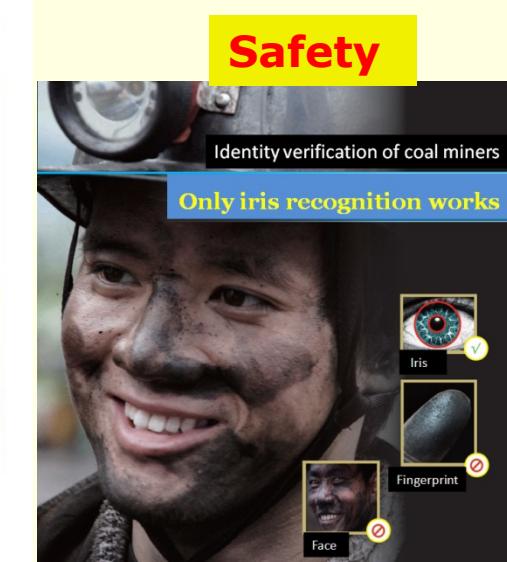
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