



# Biometric Cryptosystems: Fuzzy Vault Enhancement, ANN & Secure Sketch for Key Generation



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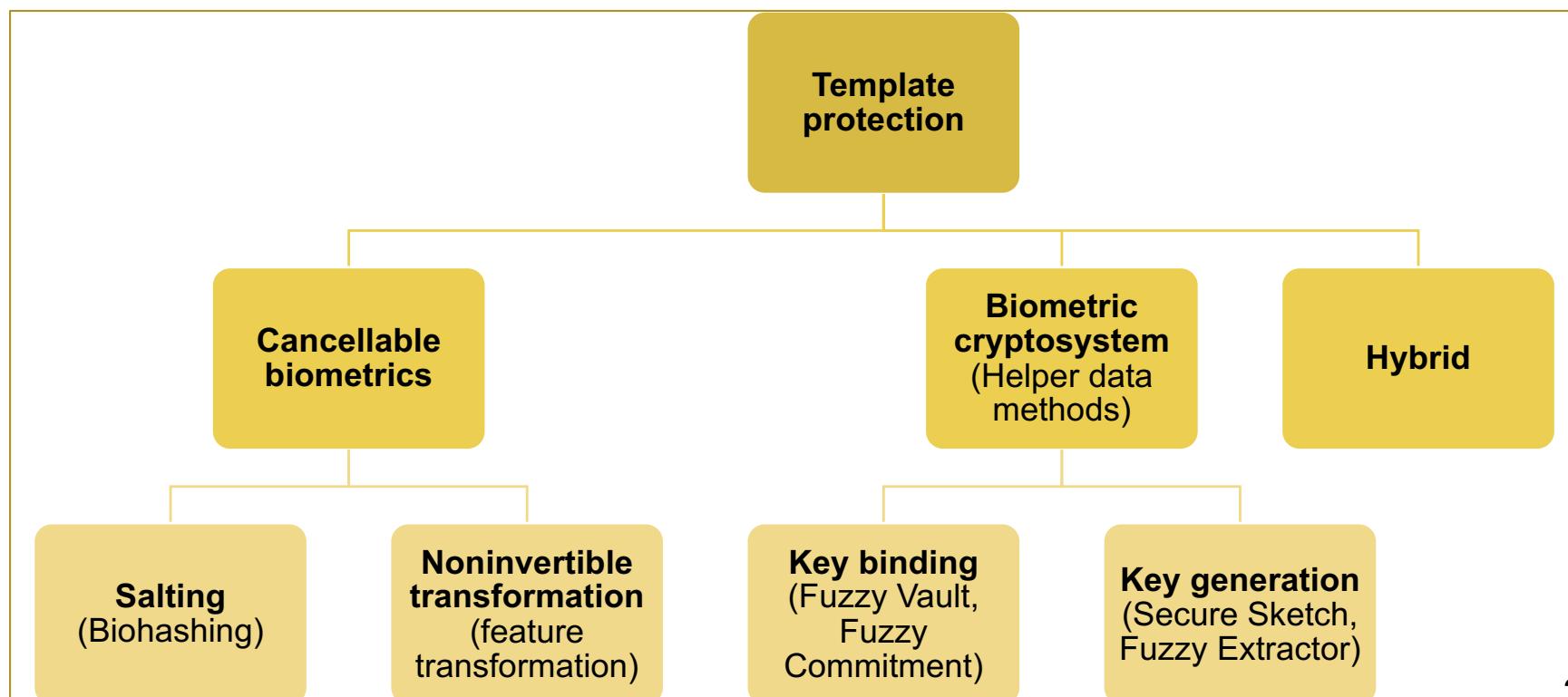
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# Outline

- ❖ An approach to enhance fuzzy vaults
- ❖ ANN and secure sketch for biometric key generation
- ❖ Reading:

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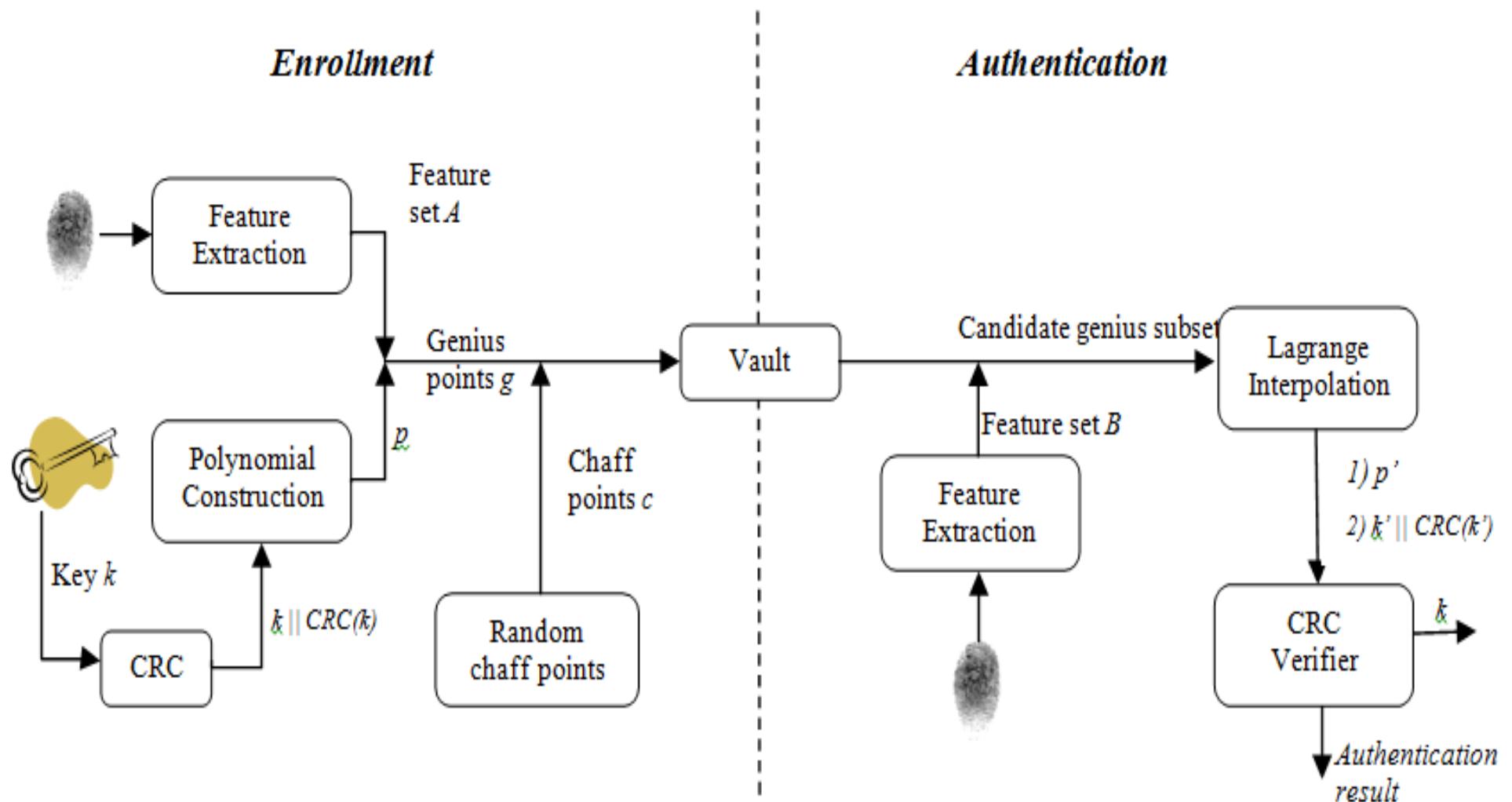
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# Fuzzy vault enhancement

## Discussion exercise: fuzzy vault security

**Dealing with cross-matching & blended substitution attacks in traditional fuzzy vaults ?**

# Traditional Fuzzy Vault with CRC Error Correction



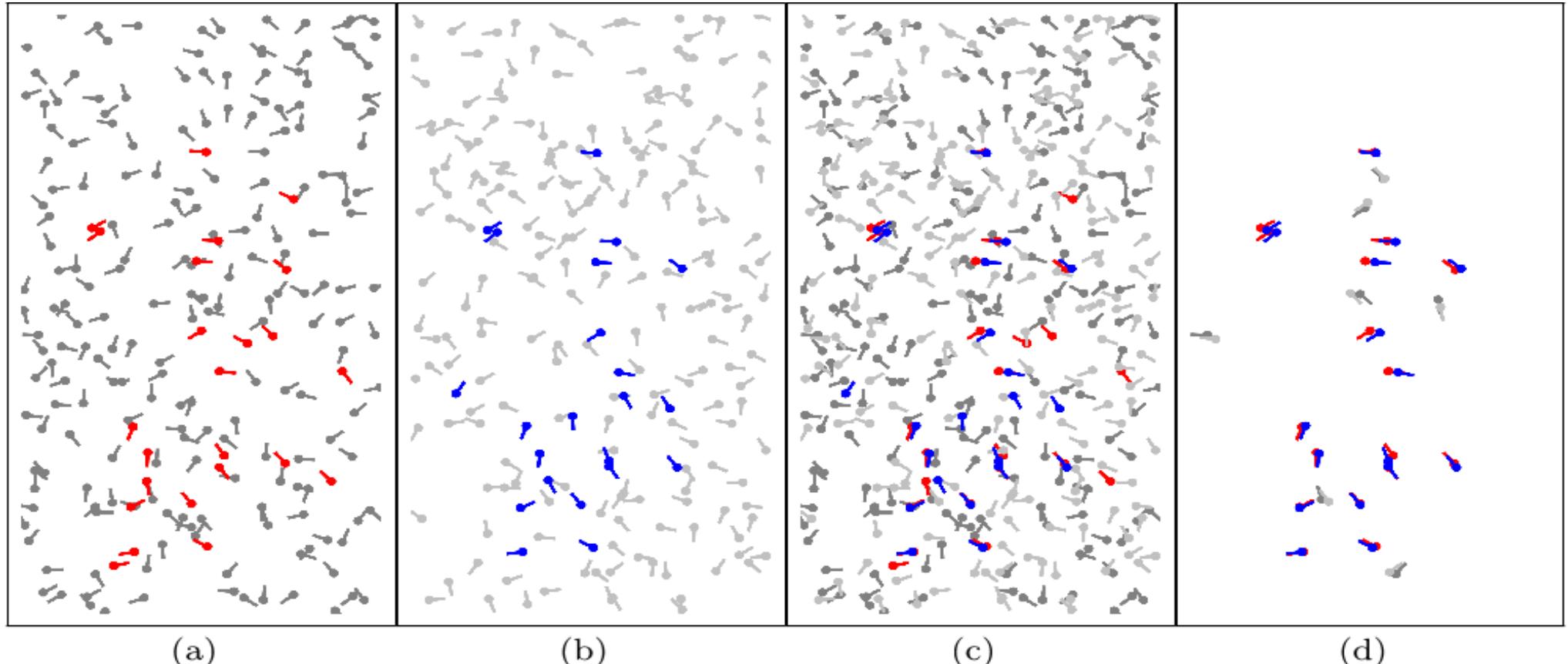
# Traditional Fuzzy Vault with CRC Error Correction

- ❖ Alice places a secret  $\kappa$  in a fuzzy vault and locks it using a set A of elements
- ❖ To unlock the vault, and retrieve  $\kappa$ , Bob must present a set B that substantially overlaps with A
- ❖ Fuzzy vaults are **order invariant**, meaning A and B may be arranged in any order
- ❖ To protect  $\kappa$ , it is represented as a polynomial  $p$ , specifically encoded in the coefficients. A set of points R is constructed from A and  $p(A)$ . Chaff points C are randomly generated and inserted into R
- ❖ The subset matching problem with some error correction codes (like Reed-Solomon) can be used

# Traditional Fuzzy Vault with CRC Error Correction

- ❖ By using a number of evaluation points greater than the degree of the polynomial, it will be possible to obtain the polynomial (and therefore the message) by interpolation even in the presence of missing or erroneous values
- ❖ If there are too many errors, there will not be a unique interpolating polynomial of the proper degree
- ❖ Further details:
  - ✓ <https://wiki.cse.buffalo.edu/cse545/content/fuzzy-vault>
  - ✓ [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reed%E2%80%93Solomon\\_error\\_correction](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reed%E2%80%93Solomon_error_correction)

# Cross-matching Attack



(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

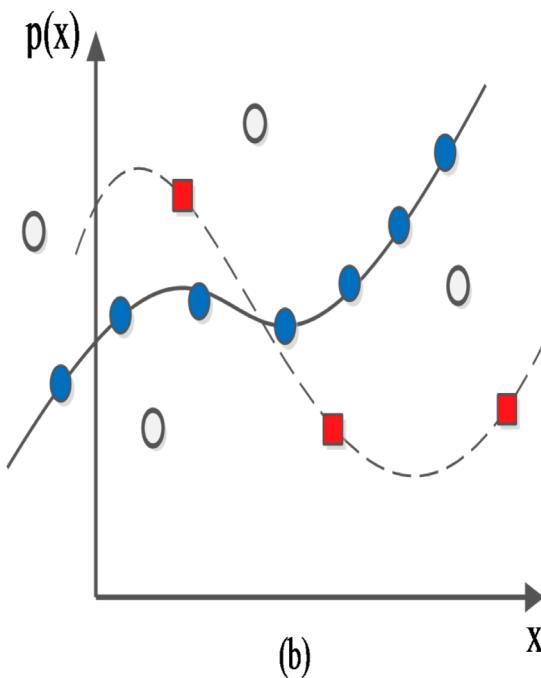
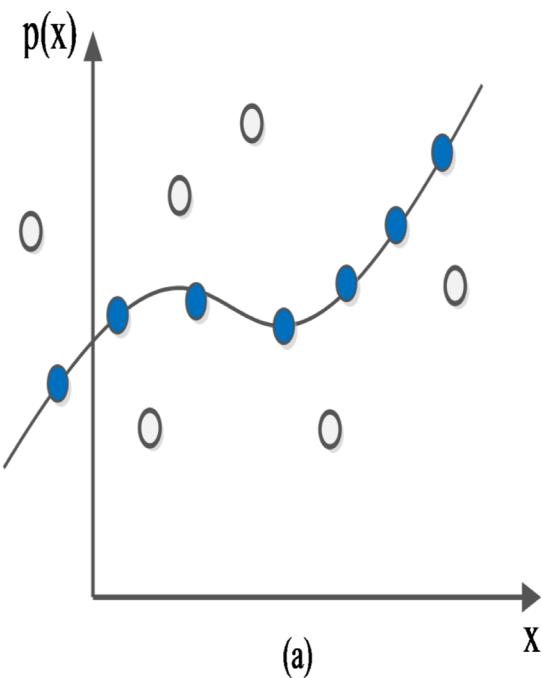
(a): First fuzzy vault

(c): Matching two vaults

(b): Second fuzzy vault

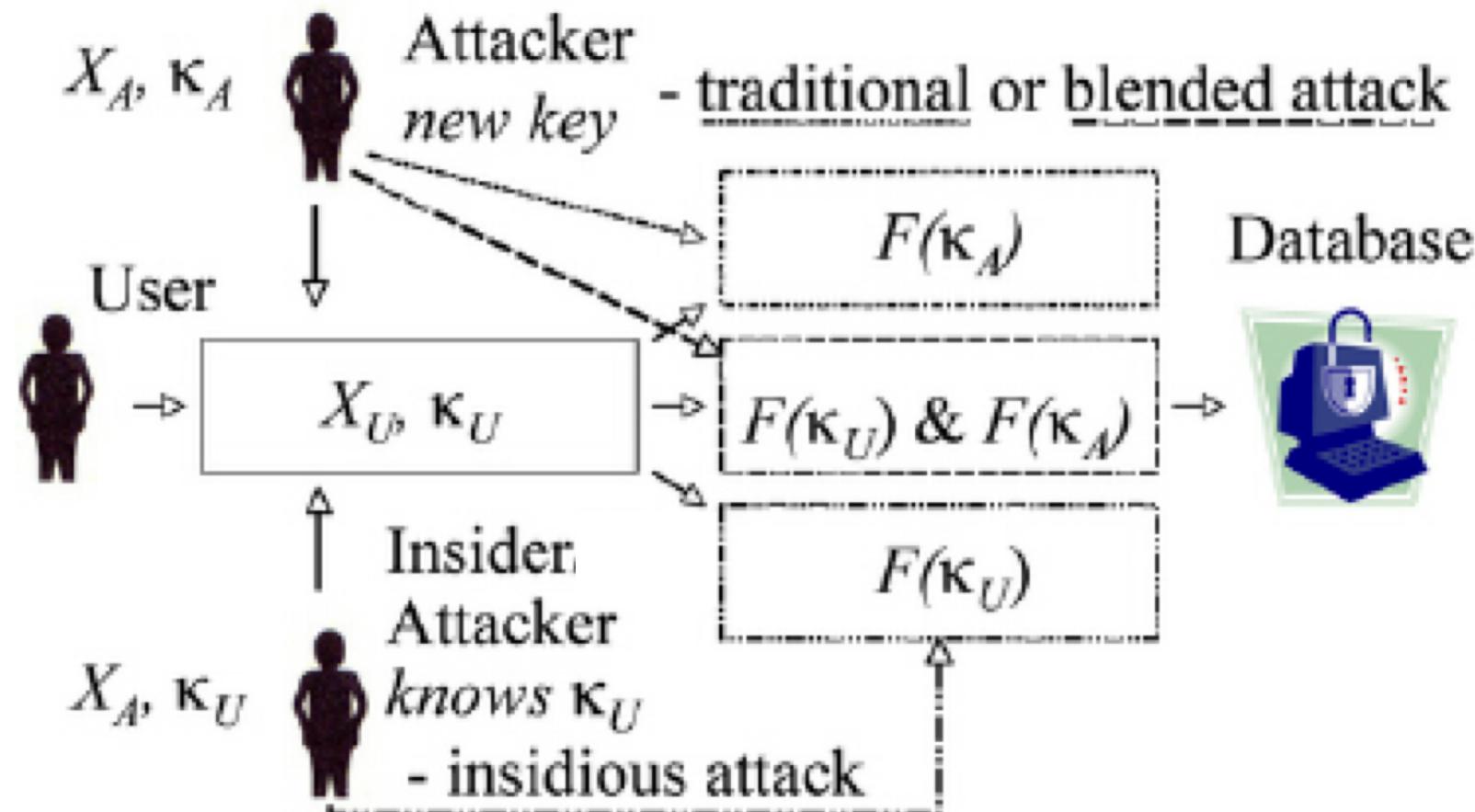
(d): Matching genuine points

# Blended-substitution Attack



- Vault contains  $g$  genuine points,  $c$  chaff points
- $n$ -degree polynomial
- At least  $(n+1)$  genuine points need to be verified to authenticate
- Imposter randomly remove  $(n+1)$  points of Vault and substitute his  $(n+1)$  genuine points
- The system accept both genuine and imposter user without any notifications

# Blended-substitution Attack



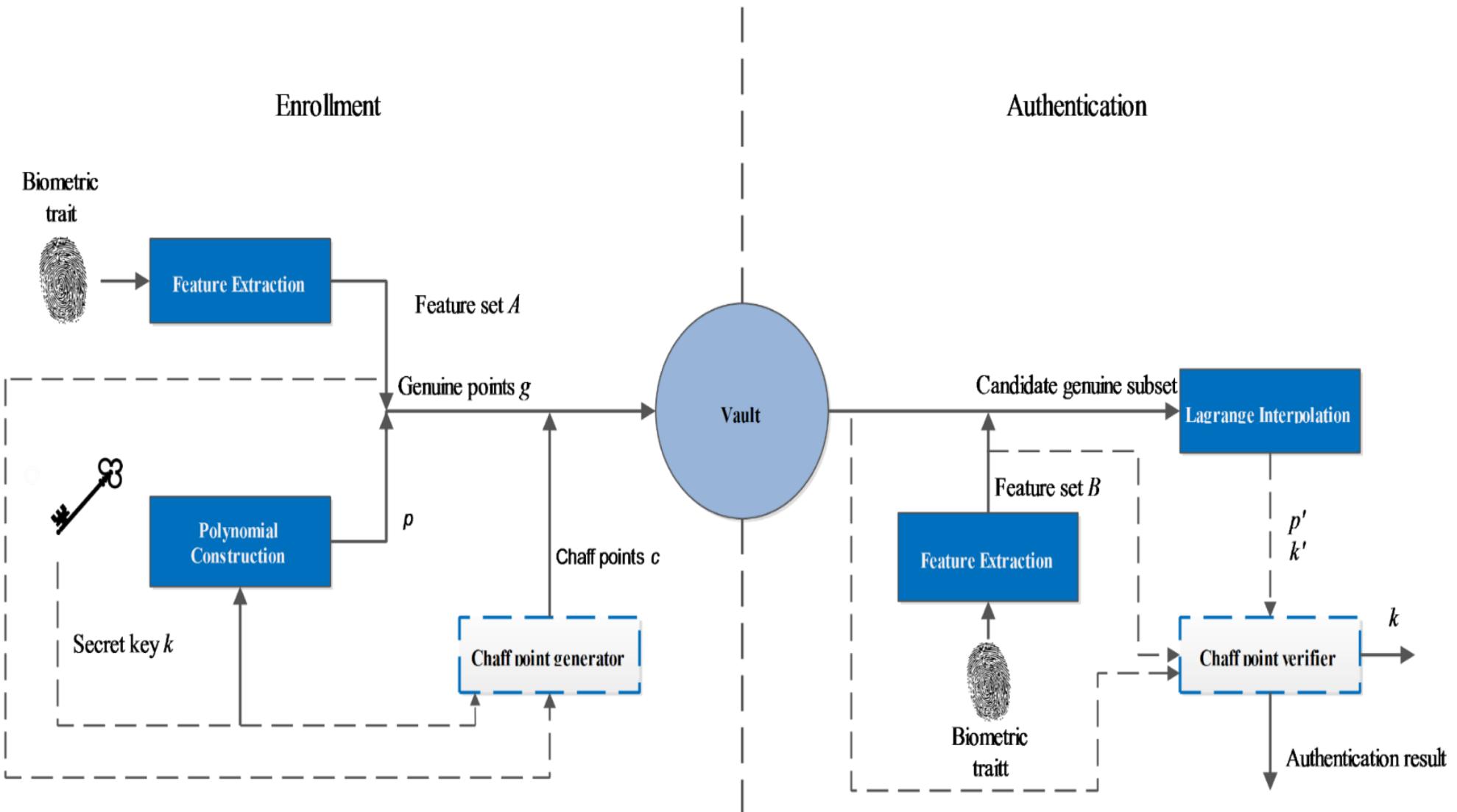
Different contexts !



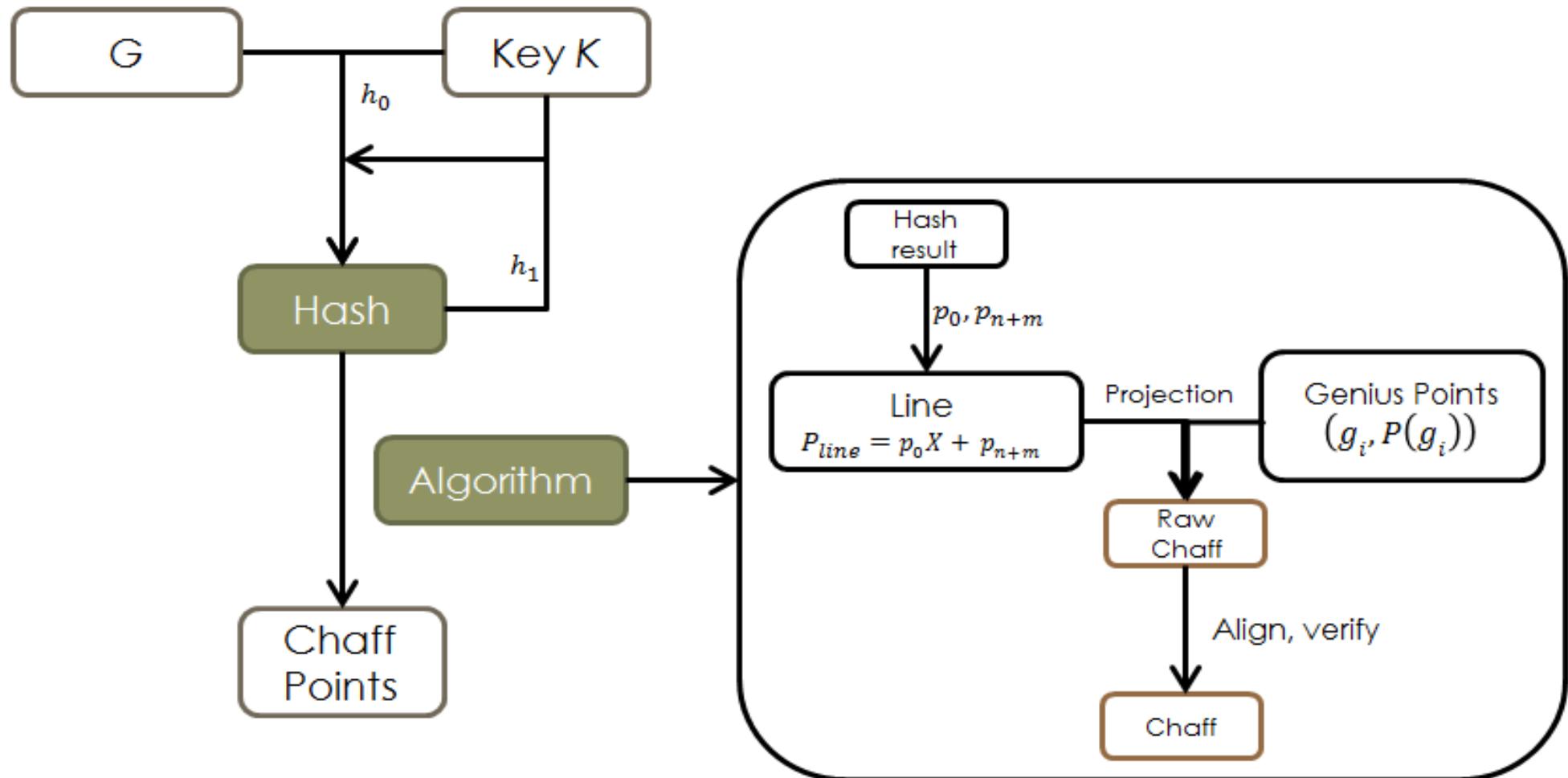
# A novel chaff points generation mechanism for improving fuzzy vault security

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# Fuzzy Vault Enhancement



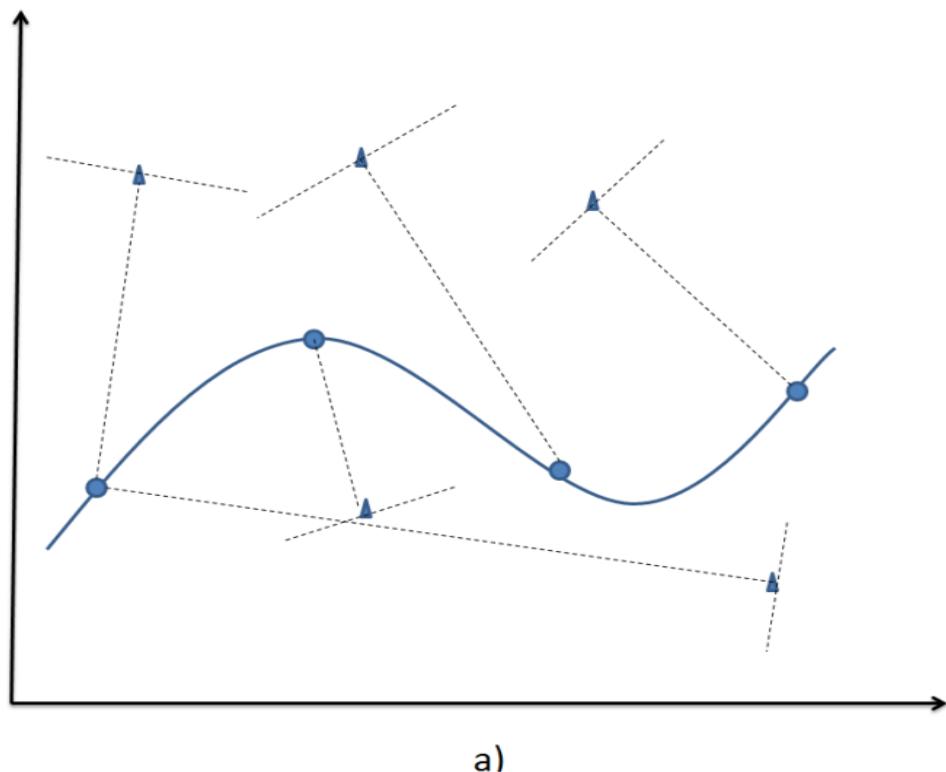
# Chaff points generation



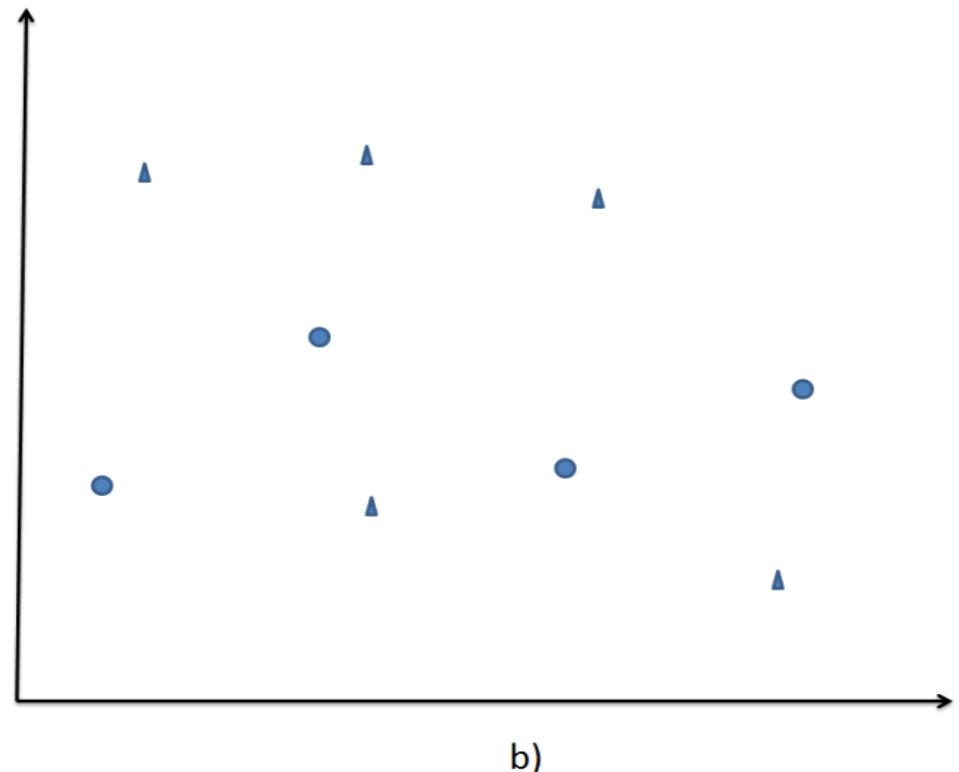
# Chaff points generation

- **Step 1:** Sorting genuine set  $G = \{(g_i, P(g_i)) \mid g_i \in g\}$  by  $g_i$  in ascending order
- **Step 2:** The original input  $h_0$  is created by combining both  $g$  and secret key  $k$ 
$$h_0 = (g_0, g_1, \dots, g_{m-1}, k_0, k_1, \dots, k_{n-1}) \in F_q^{n+m}$$
- **Step 3:** A hashing function  $f: F_q^{n+m} \rightarrow F_q^{n+m}$  is applied on  $h_0$  to form a new hashed input:  $h_1 = (p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{n+m-1}) \in F_q^{n+m}$
- **Step 4:** Using  $p_0$  and  $p_{n+m-1}$  to form a new line:
  - $P_{line} = p_0 X + p_{n+m-1}$
- **Step 5:** An element from genuine set  $G = \{(g_i, P(g_i)) \mid g_i \in g\}$  is chosen and projected directly onto  $P_{line}$  to generate a chaff point  $(c_i, P'_i) \in F_q^2$

# Chaff points generation visualization



a)



b)

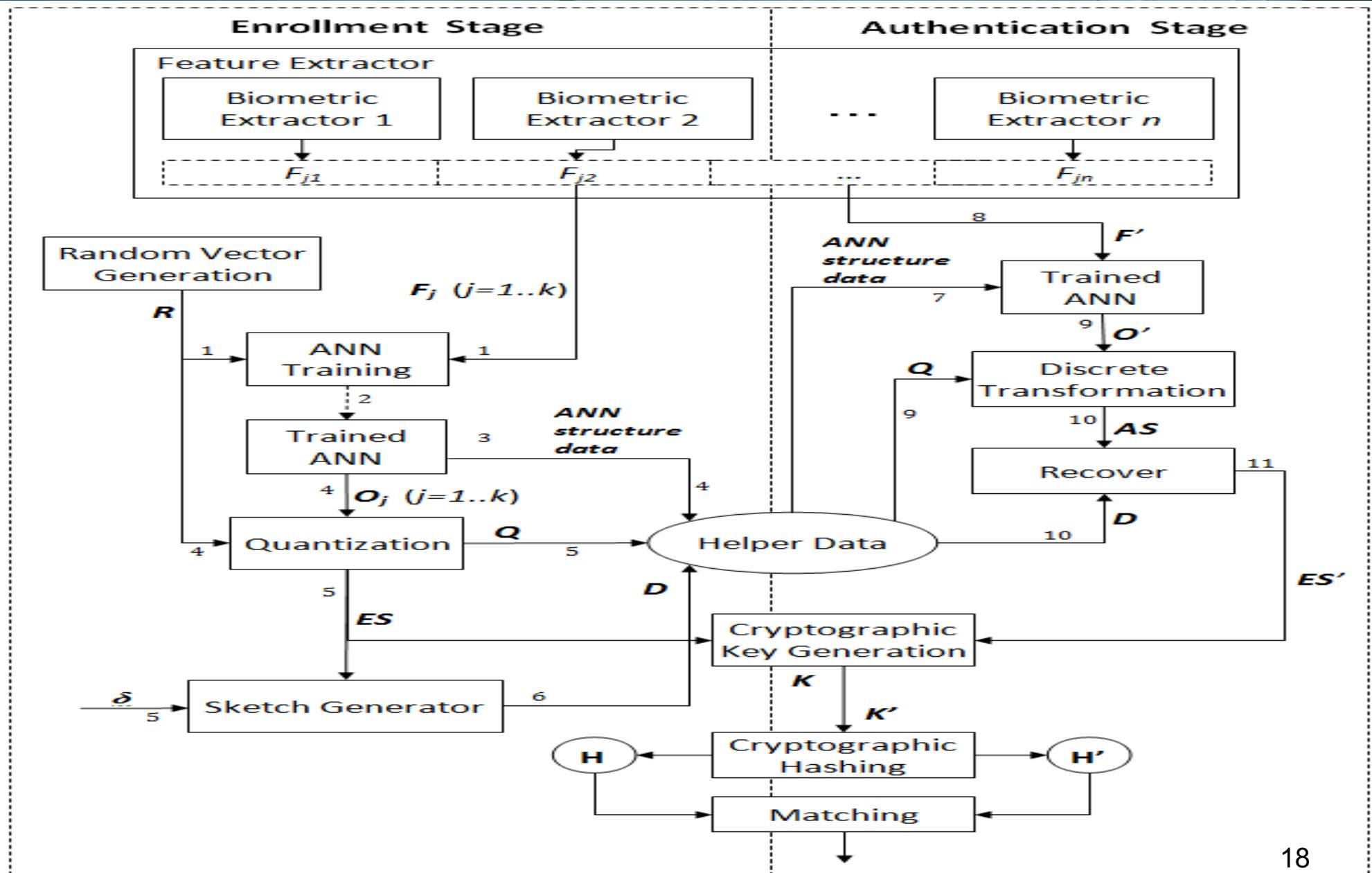
- Genuine points
- ▲ Chaff points



# ANN and Secure Sketch for Biometric Key Generation

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# Proposed Scheme



# Proposed Scheme

- ❖ Feature extraction vectors

$$F_j = F_{j1} \parallel F_{j2} \parallel \dots \parallel F_{jl} \in \mathbb{R}^m \quad (1 \leq j \leq k), \quad (l \geq 1)$$

- ❖ Random Vector Generation: Generates the output for training the ANN

$R = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) \in [0, 1]^n$  is randomly generated

- ❖  $k$  instances of feature vectors are trained for the ANN
- ❖ ANN: Multilayer Feed-Forward Back-Propagation with one hidden layer containing  $\sqrt{m * n}$  nodes

# Proposed Scheme

- ❖ Quantization: extract the stability of output from ANN and generate biometric key ES

$$\text{trainedANN}(F_j) = O_j = (O_{j1}, O_{j2}, \dots, O_{jn}), \quad (j=1..k)$$

$Q = (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n)$  is the quantization vector

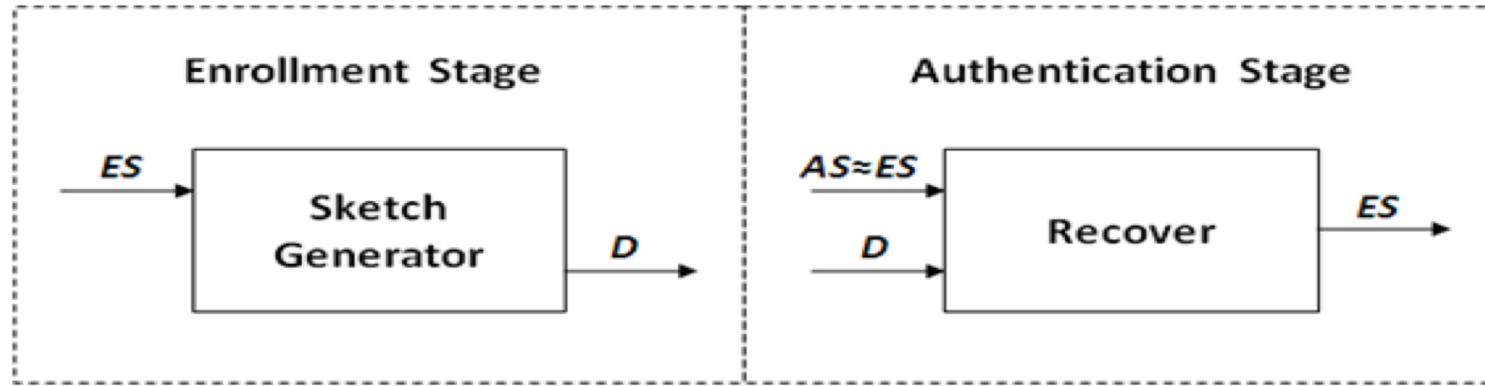
$$q_i = \langle \text{Max } q \mid [10^q * O_{ji}] = [10^q * O_{li}], \forall j, l \in [1, k], j \neq l \rangle$$

$$ES_i = \text{Round}(r_i * 10^{q_i}) \quad (i=1..n) \quad (2)$$

- ❖ The cryptography key  $K$  could be generated from  $ES$
- ❖ The hash version of  $K$  is stored for authentication purposes

# Proposed Scheme

## ❖ Sketch Generator



Generate Helper Data:  $D = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$

$$d_i = SG(ES_i, \delta) = ES_i - \text{Map}(ES_i, \delta) \quad (i=1..n)$$

$\text{Map}(x, \delta) = \langle c \mid c - \delta \leq x \leq c + \delta, x \in \mathbb{N}, \delta \in \mathbb{N}, c \in \delta\text{-codebook} \rangle$

$\delta\text{-codebook} = \langle \{c \mid c \bmod \theta = 0, c \in \mathbb{N}\} \rangle \quad \theta = 2 * \delta + 1$

$\delta$ : error tolerance capacity

# Proposed Scheme

## ❖ Recovery

$$\text{trainedANN}(F') = O' = (O'_1, O'_2, \dots, O'_n)$$

Vector  $O'$  is quantized to create  $AS = (AS_1, AS_2, \dots, AS_n)$  as followed: (Q was stored in the authentication step)

- ✓  $AS_i = \text{Round}(O'_i * 10^{q_i})$
- ✓  $Q = (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n)$

Biometric key  $ES' = (ES'_1, ES'_2, \dots, ES'_n)$  is recovered from  $AS$  and  $D$  (Helper Data D was stored in the database)

- ✓  $ES'_i = \text{Map}(AS_i - d_i, \delta) + d_i \quad (4)$
- ✓  $D = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$

# Proposed Scheme

- ❖ Main features of proposed scheme

## **Key Diversity and Revocability**

- ✓ Once the biometric key ES is compromised, another key is easily generated by re-applying the scheme with a new random vector

## **Template Protection ability**

- ✓ The transformation from biometric template to biometric key is non-invertible

# Experiments

- ❖ The experiments are evaluated on face and voice biometric

Face: 51 input nodes, 40 output nodes

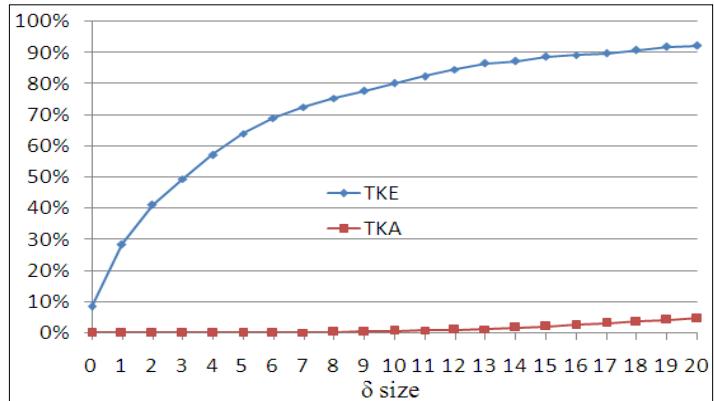
- 105 face images are captured from Samsung Duos model GT-S7562
- 306 face images of 153 persons from face94 dataset.

Voice: 39 input nodes, 25 output nodes

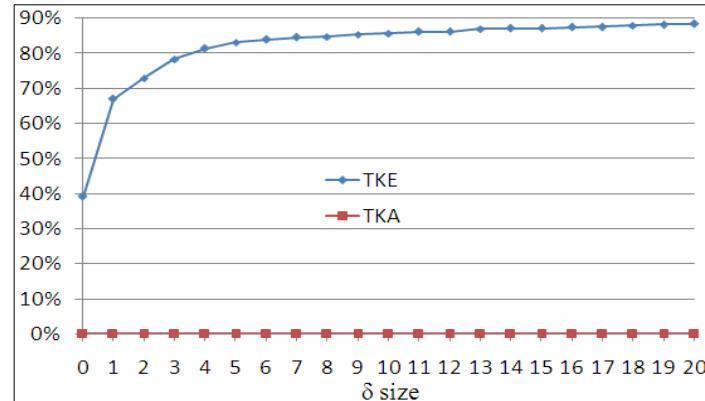
- 105 audio files are recorded from Samsung Duos model GT-S7562
- The AN4 dataset is collected from 84 persons. 13 audio files per each person

Face + Voice: 90 input nodes, 65 output nodes

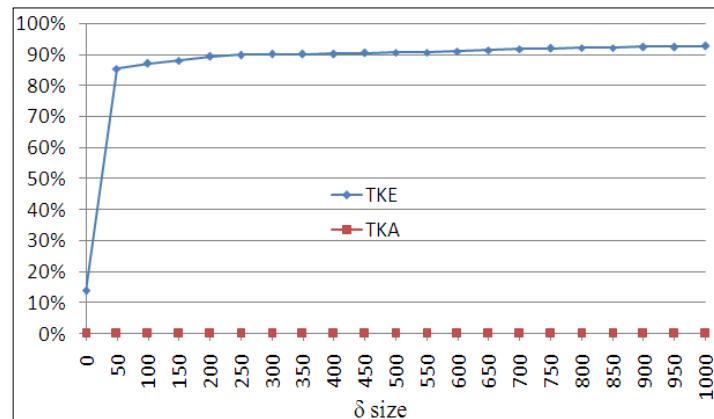
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a) Face biometric

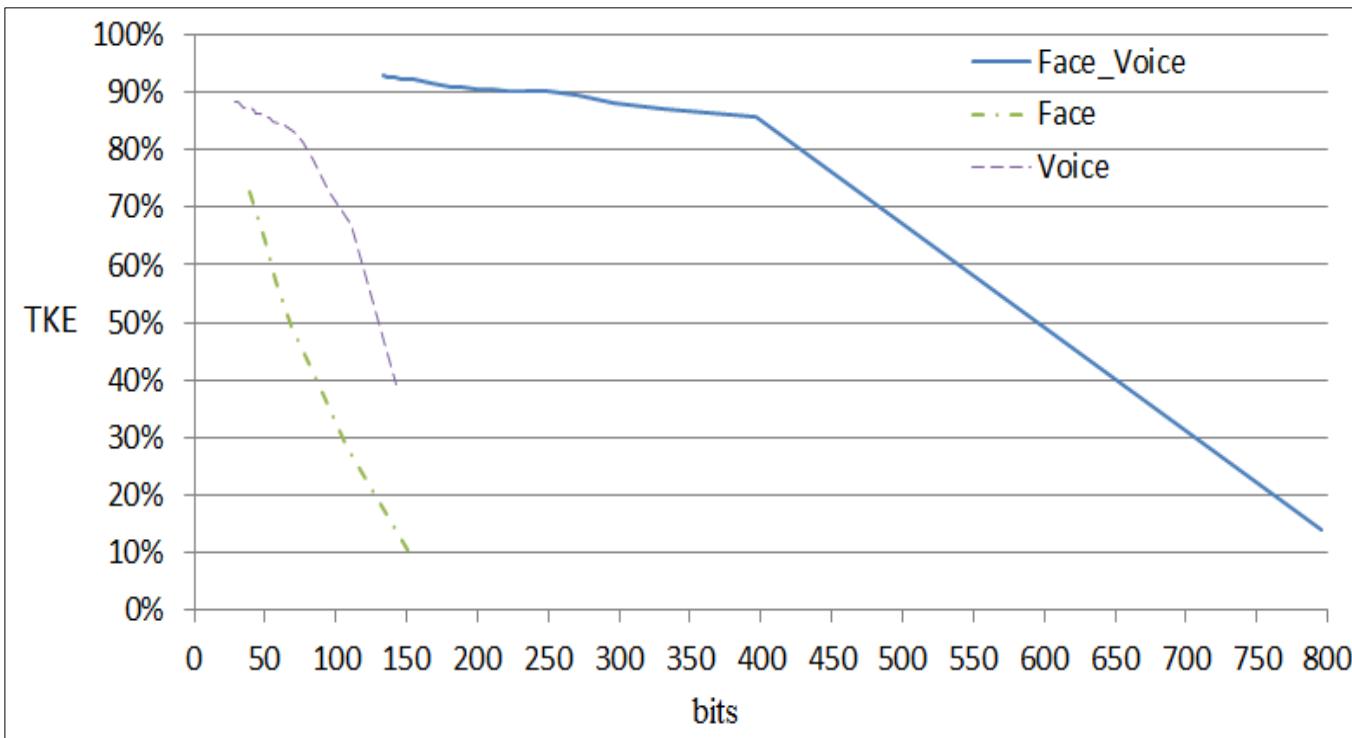


b) Voice biometric



c) Face and Voice biometric

# Experiments



d) Balance between recognition performance and Average Remaining Entropy

# Main features of proposed scheme

- ❖ Important features of biometric cryptosystem are guaranteed
  - Revocability and Diversity
  - Template protection
- ❖ Maintain good recognition performance comparing with original features
- ❖ Achieve high balance between recognition performance and security (evaluated by average remain entropy)

# Summary

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# Q&A

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