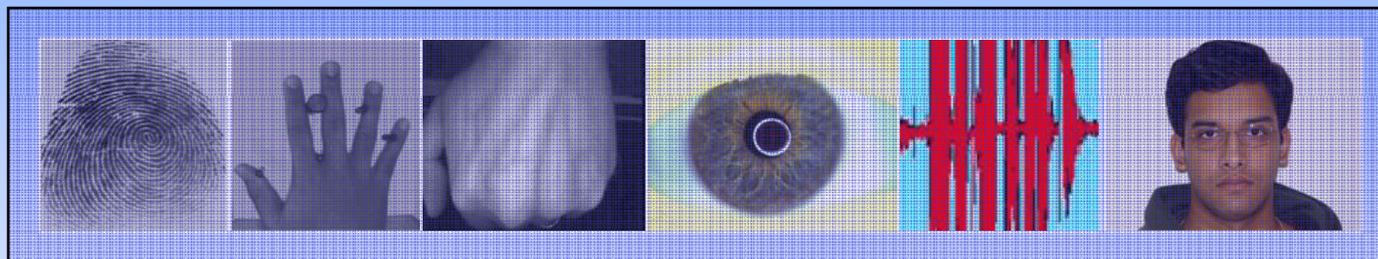


# HSPD24: Data Organization, Security and Interoperability Challenges



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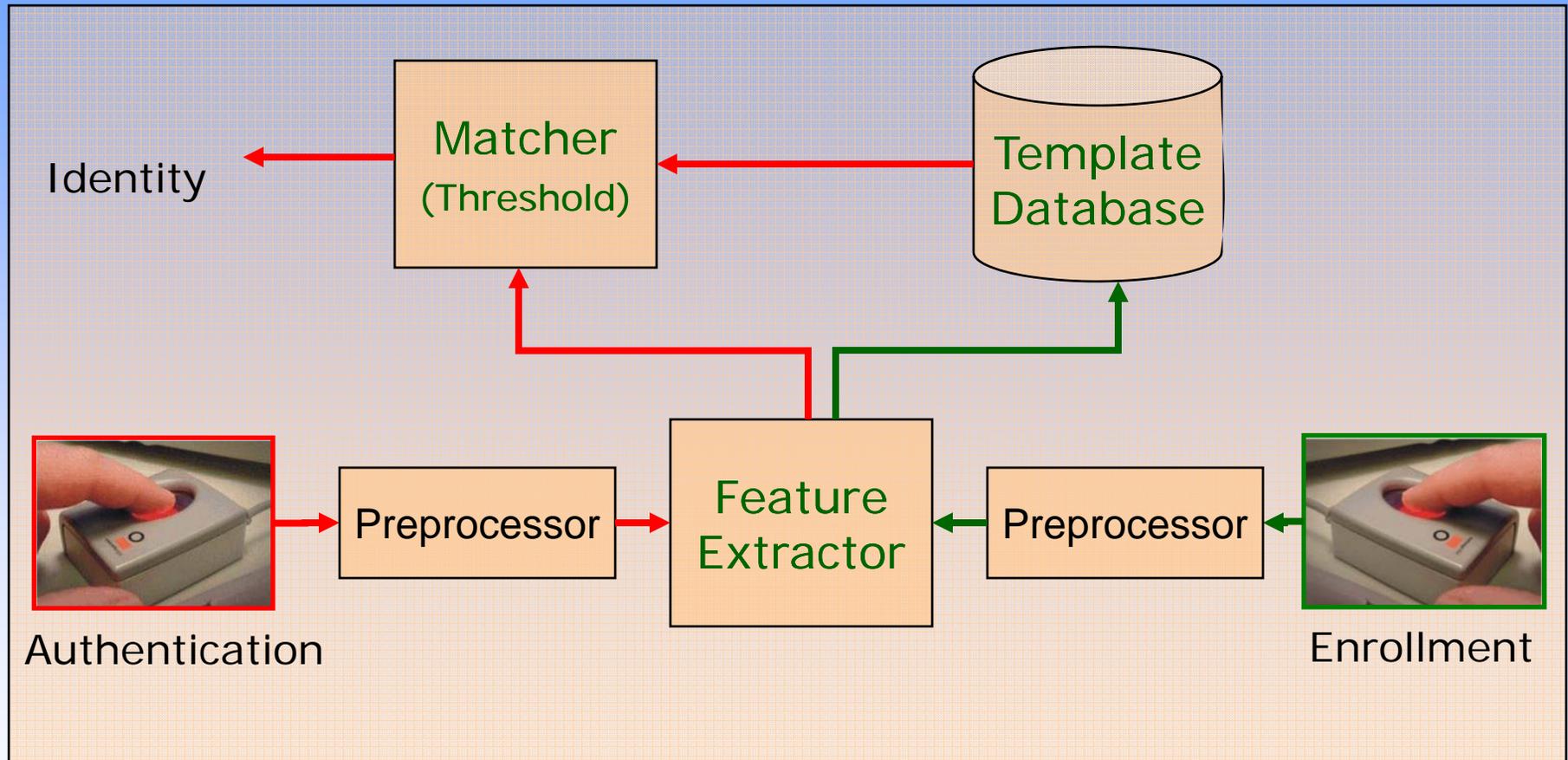
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“...use mutually compatible methods and procedures in the collection, **storage**, use, analysis, and **sharing** of biometric and associated biographic and contextual information of individuals in a lawful and appropriate manner, while respecting their information privacy and other legal rights under United States law.”

# Biometrics: A Pattern Recognition System



- False accept rate (FAR): Proportion of impostors accepted
- False reject rate (FRR): Proportion of genuine users rejected
- Failure to enroll (FTE) rate
- Failure to acquire (FTA) rate

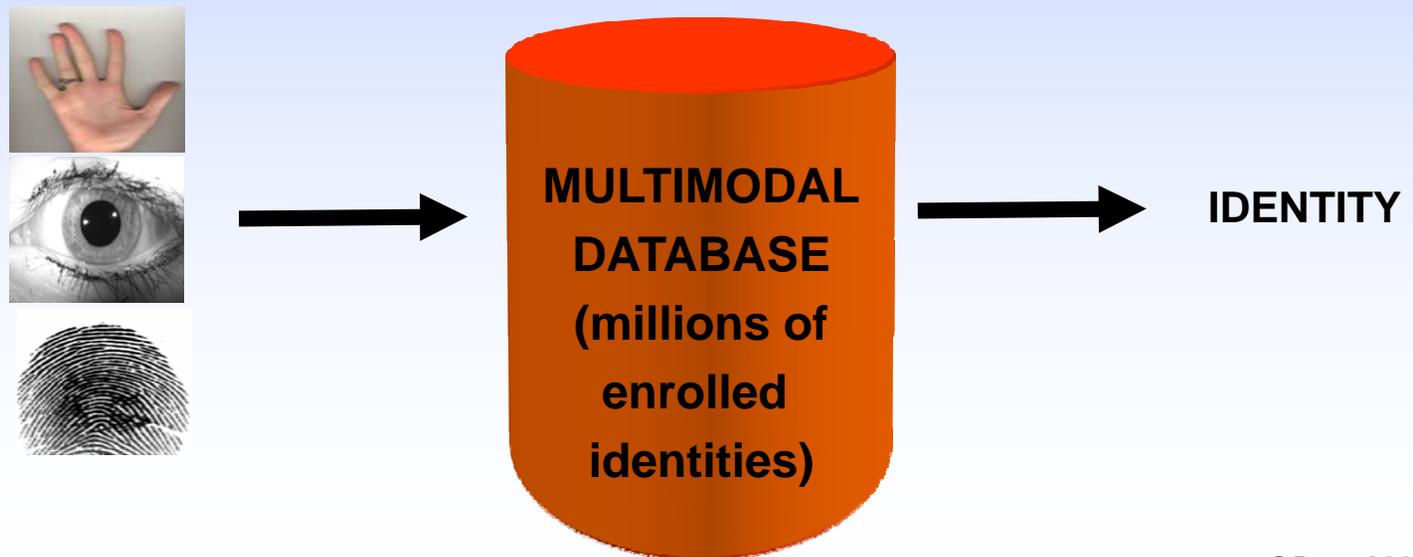
# Multimodal Databases



- Biometric databases are being increasingly populated by multimodal data of an individual
- This data can be categorized as:
  - Biographic/Demographic: age, gender, ethnicity, height, eye color
  - Biometric: fingerprint, face, iris
- **Searching** through the entire database to retrieve the correct identity is a time-consuming task that significantly impacts the system response time

# Search and Retrieve Problem

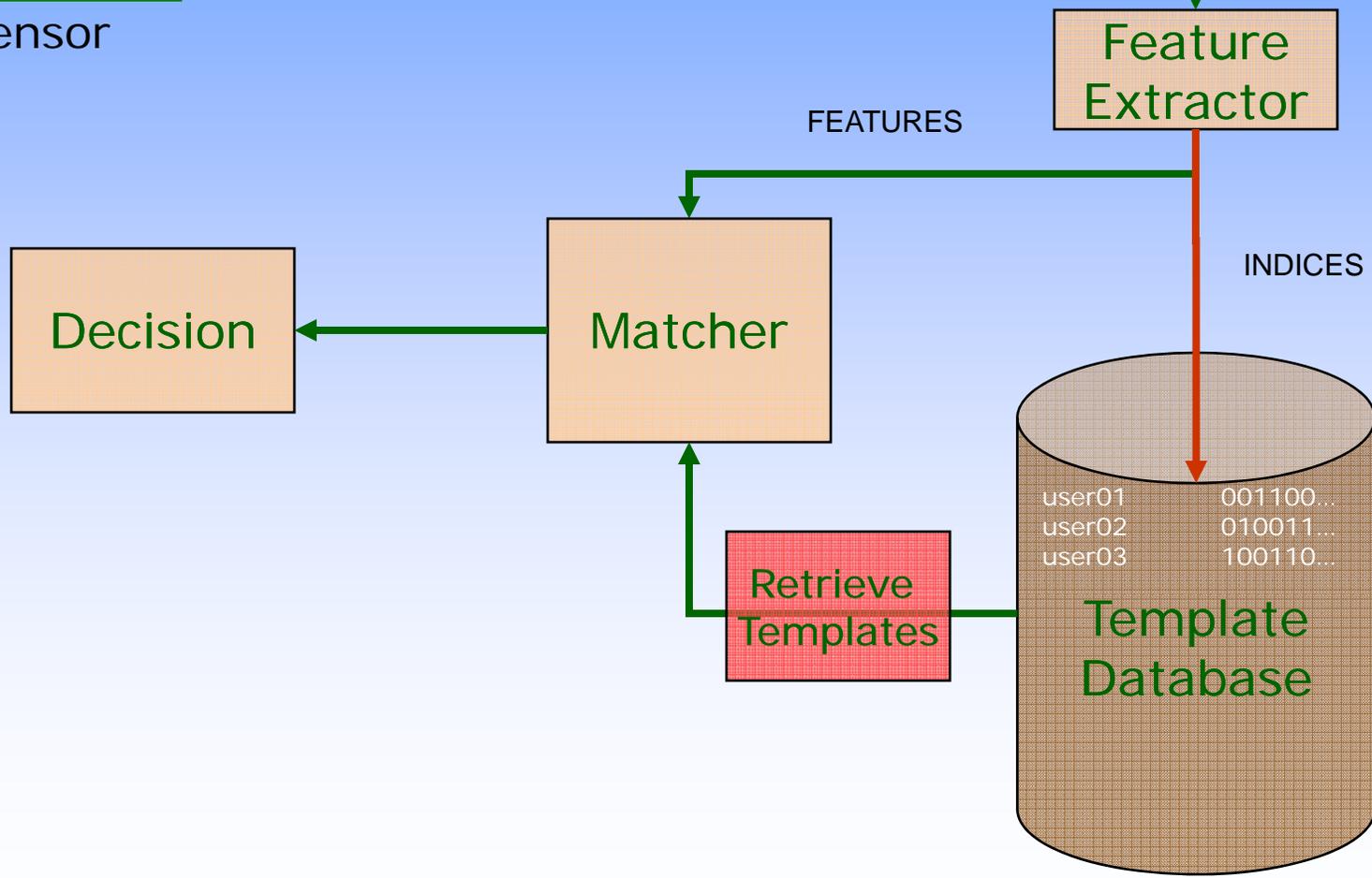
- Given a suspect's multimodal biometric information (e.g., fingerprint, iris, palm), determine if his identity is present in a large multimodal database as **quickly** as possible
- Indexing techniques are needed to **restrict the search** to a subset of the database for a quick answer



# Biometric Indexing

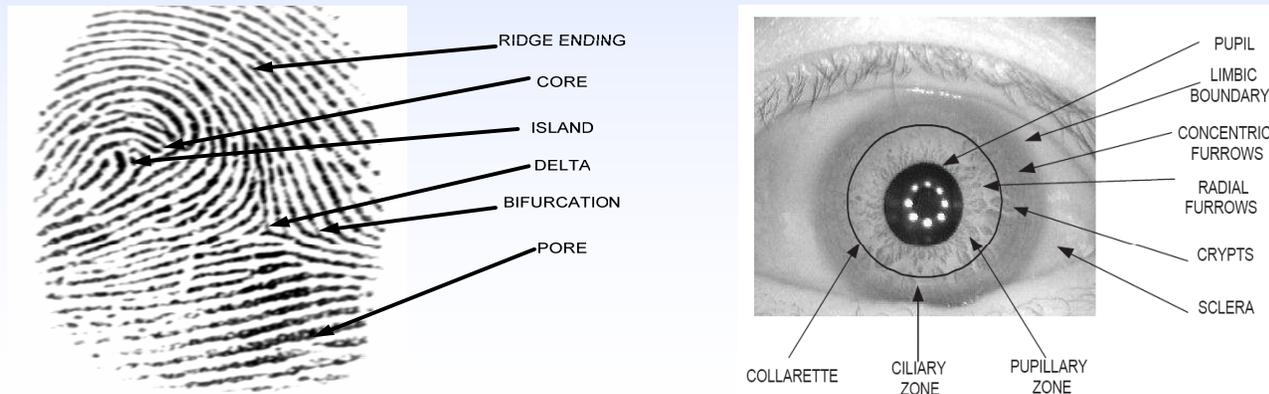


Sensor



# Multibiometric Indexing

- The fingerprint modality can narrow the number of possible matches and direct the query image to a particular “bin” of identities
- Then the iris modality can be used
  - to retrieve the best match from this “bin” of identities
  - cluster the “bin” of identities further in order to further prune the search space



# Soft biometric traits



Height: 5.9 ft.

Eye color: black

Gender: Male

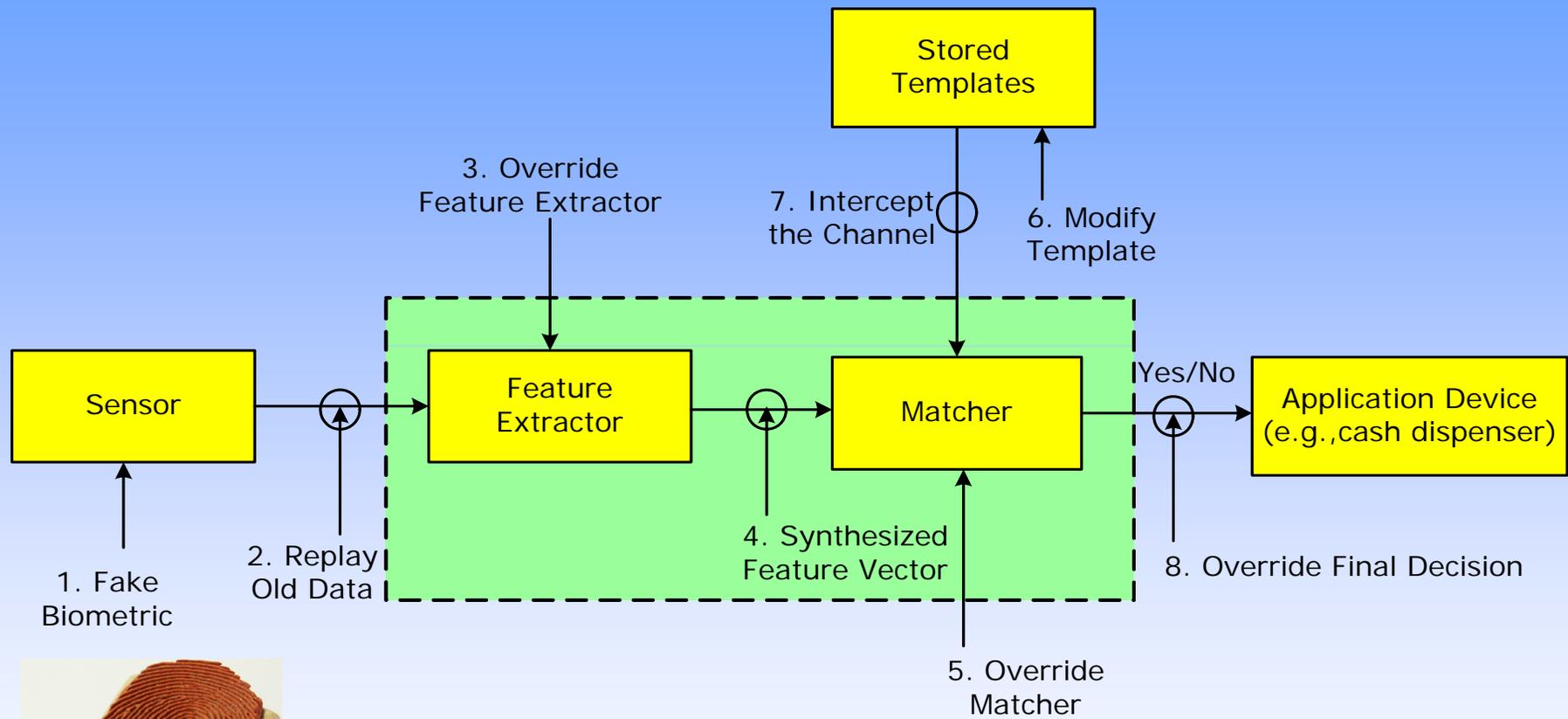
Ethnicity: Asian

Face: LDA Coefficients

**Identity: Unsang**

*Jain et al, "Utilizing soft biometric traits for person authentication", Proc. International Conference on Biometric Authentication (ICBA), Hong Kong, July 2004*

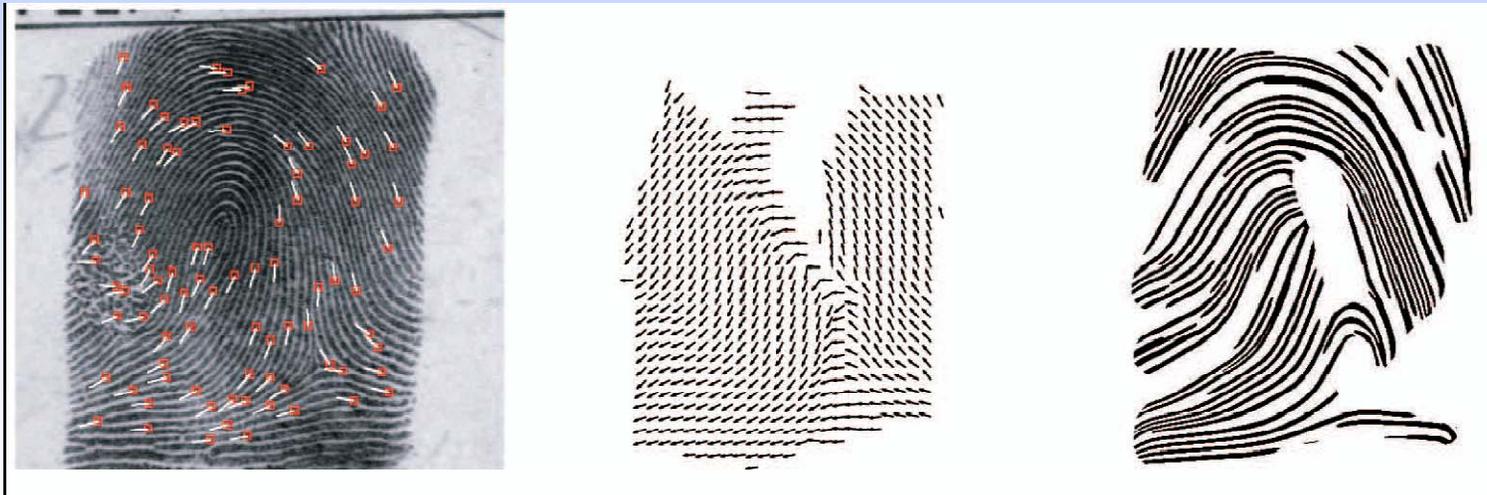
# Attacks on a Biometric System



*Ratha et al., An Analysis of Minutiae Strength, AVBPA 2001*

# Template Protection

- A prototype (template) of a user's biometric is stored in a database or a smart card
- **Myth:** "A true biometric image cannot be created from master template.."
- Biometric template security is critical

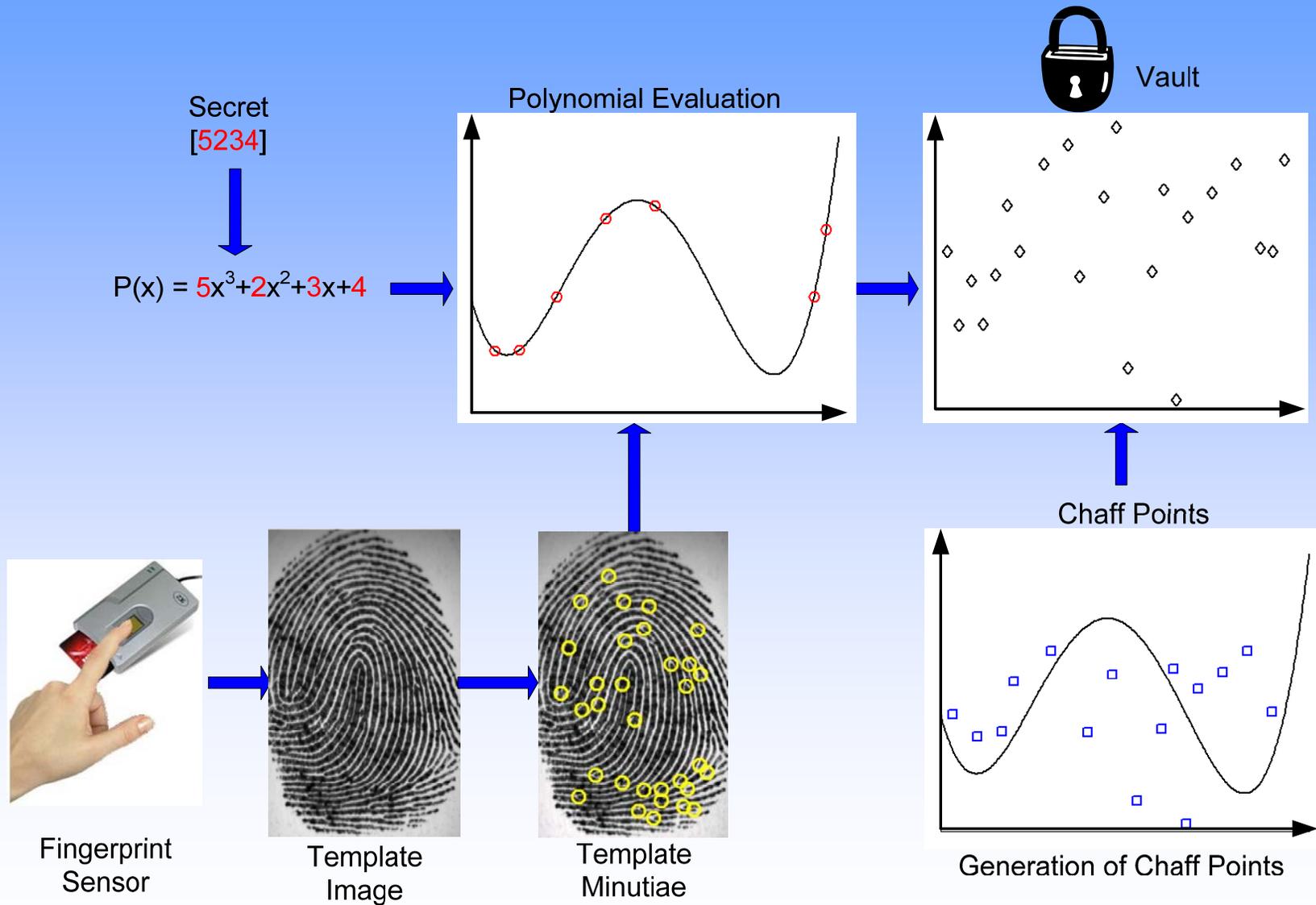


A. Ross, J. Shah and A. K. Jain, "From Template to Image: Reconstructing Fingerprints From Minutiae Points," *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*, Vol. 29, No. 4, pp. 544-560, April 2007.

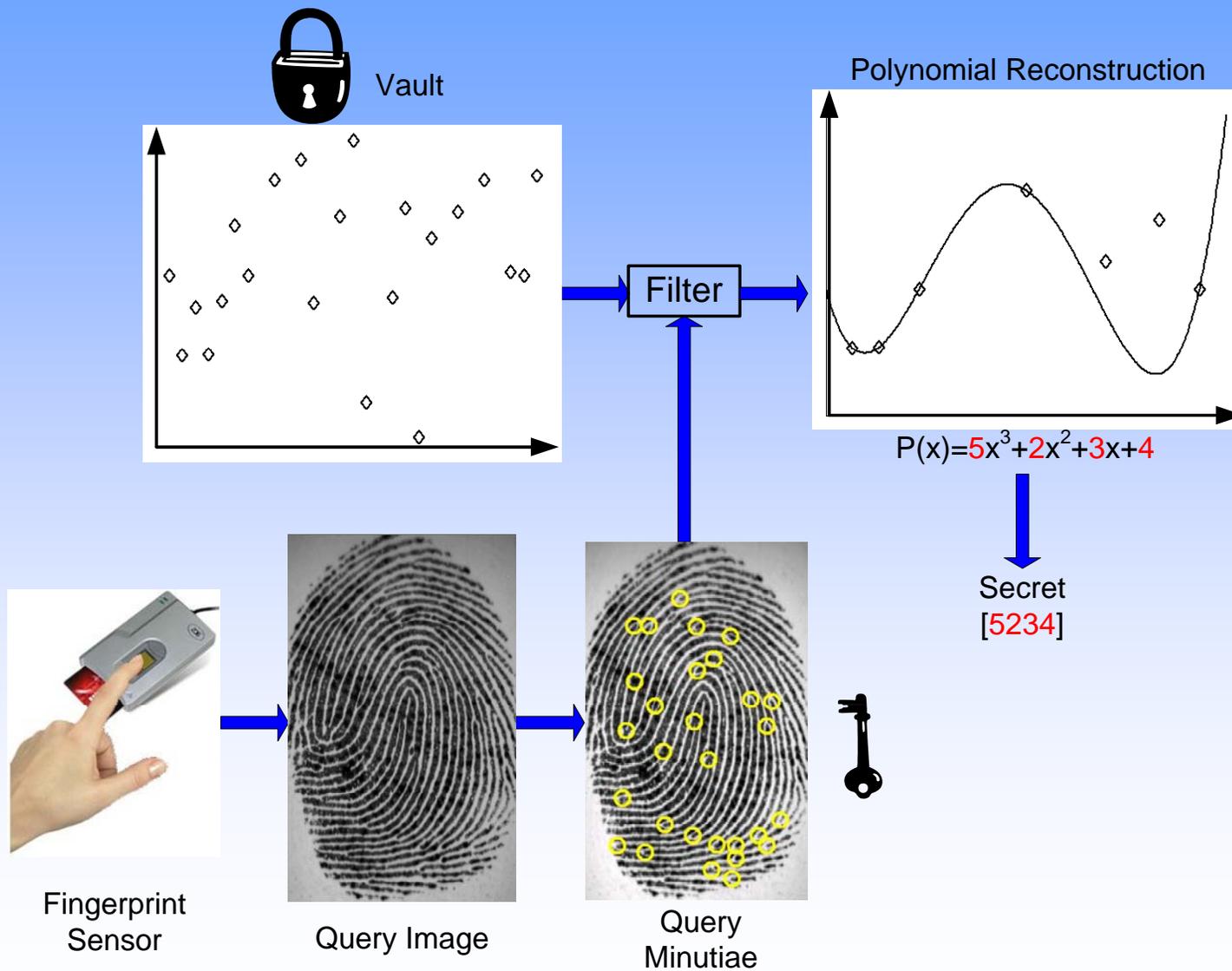
# Protecting Biometric Templates

- Encryption
  - Template is encrypted using cryptographic methods
- Steganography
  - Hide the template in a carrier (cover) image
- Cancelable Template
  - Store non-invertible transform of the template
- Fuzzy Vault
  - Template is cryptographically bound to a secret; can be decoded only when matching image is available

# Fuzzy Vault



# Fuzzy Vault



# Sensor Interoperability



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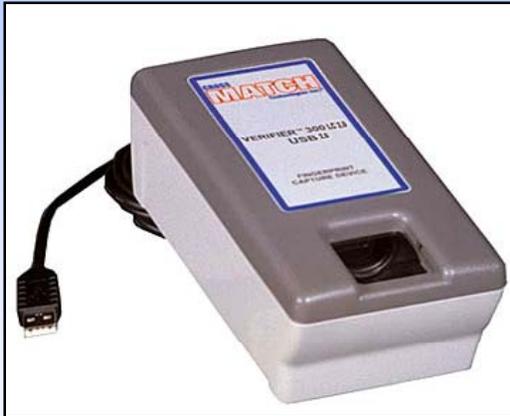
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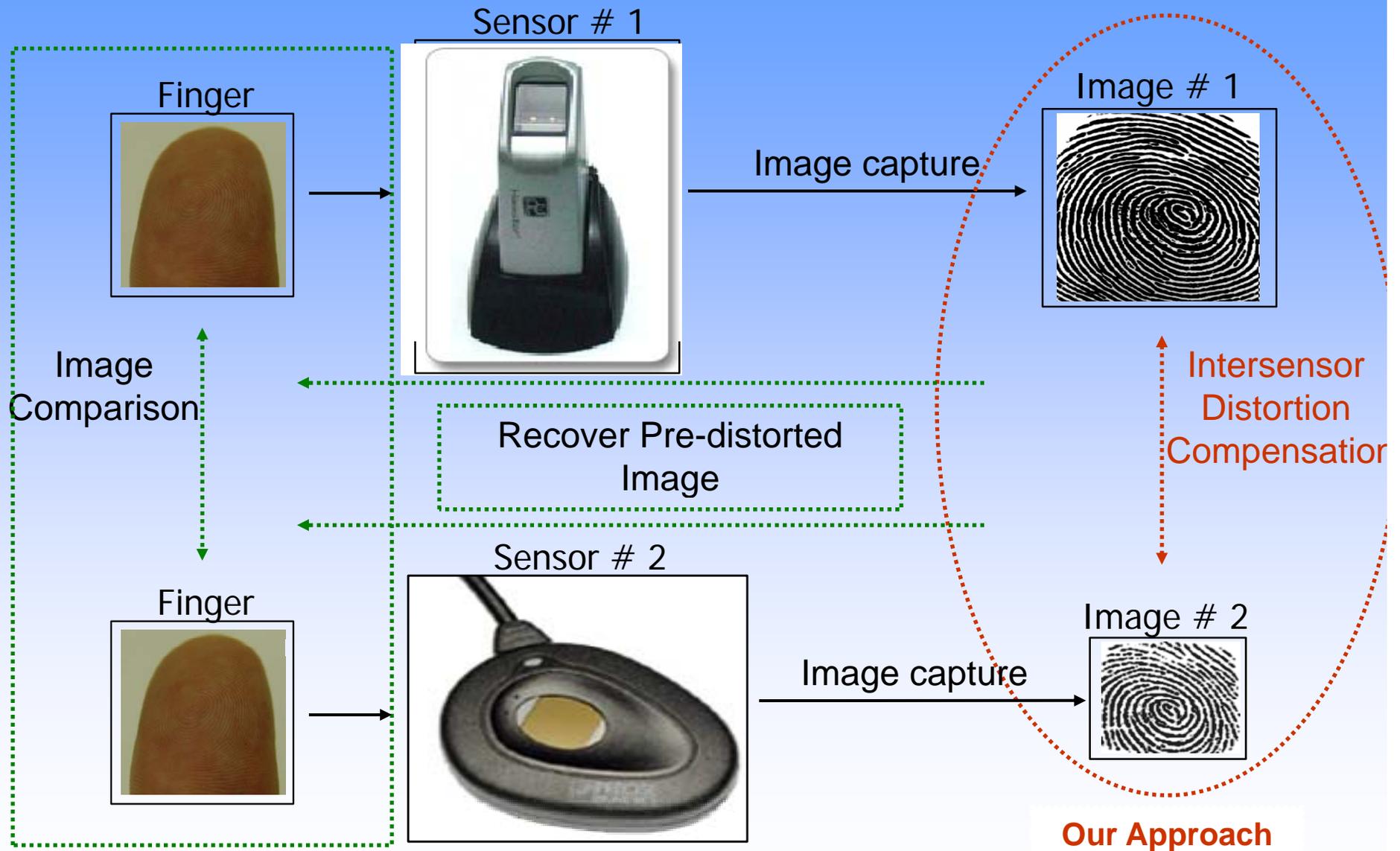
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# Sensor Interoperability

- Can the fingerprint matcher successfully compare two minutiae templates originating from different sensors?



# Sensor Interoperability

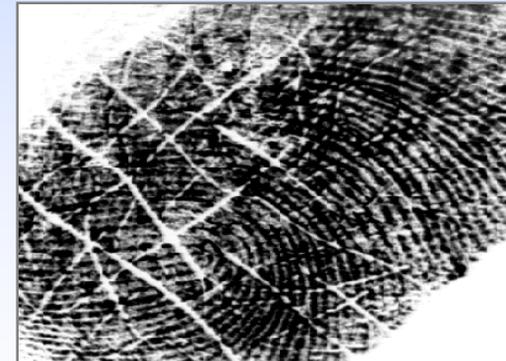


# Noise in sensed data

During enrolment

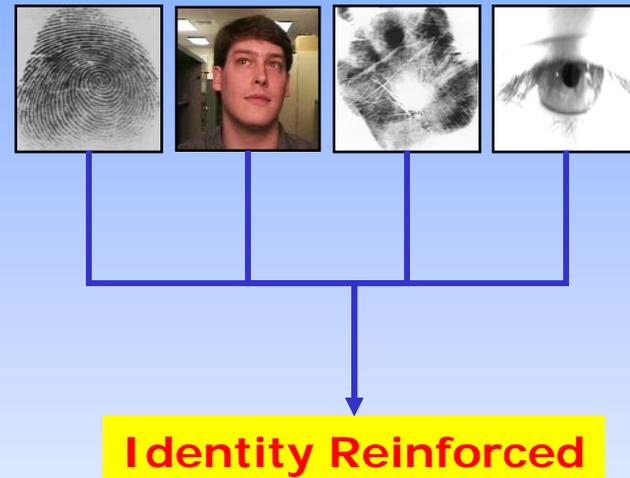


During authentication



# Multibiometrics

- Information fusion in the context of biometrics
- The identity of an individual is reinforced through multiple pieces of evidence
- The use of multiple sources of evidence is especially significant in non-ideal scenarios where individual modalities can not be easily acquired



# Summary

- Database Organization
  - Fast retrieval of identities
  - “Missing data” or “noisy data” problem
- Template Security
  - Protecting biometric templates
  - Matching in the encrypted domain
- Sensor Interoperability
  - Match data acquired using different sensors