



The Role of AI in Fingerprint Recognition: From Image Enhancement to Feature Extraction Different Features for Different Domains (Civil & Criminal)

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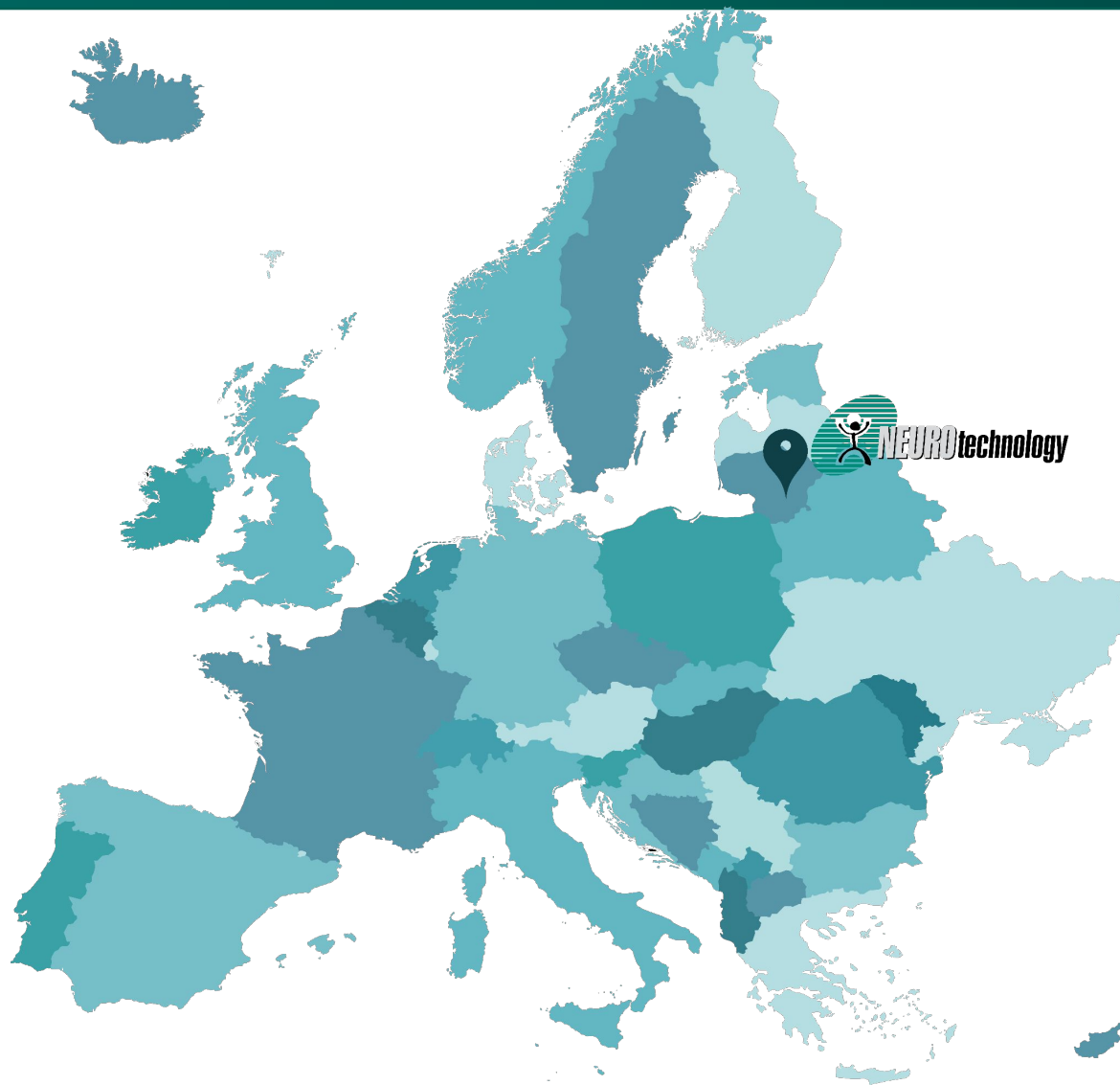
Top Places
in NIST evaluations

+3000
Partners

+140
Countries

+35
Years of experience

Neurotechnology is established in Lithuania



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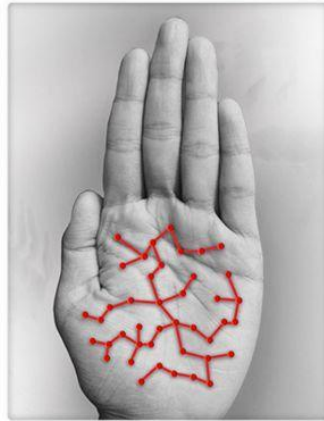
The company's headquarters are located in Vilnius



Biometrics



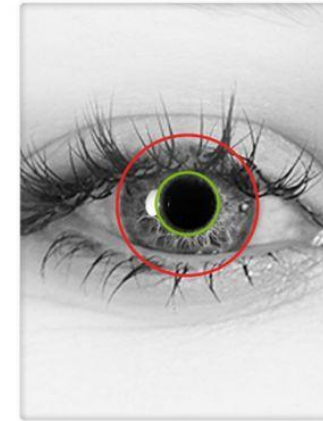
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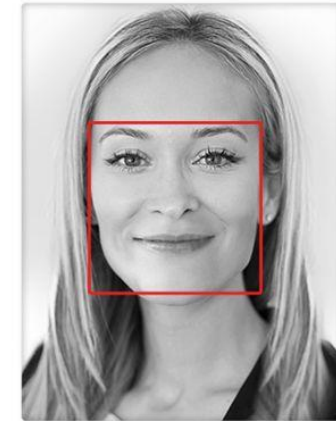
Palmprint



Fingerprint



Iris



Face

Neurotechnology is like a small private university for researchers who want to push technology forward

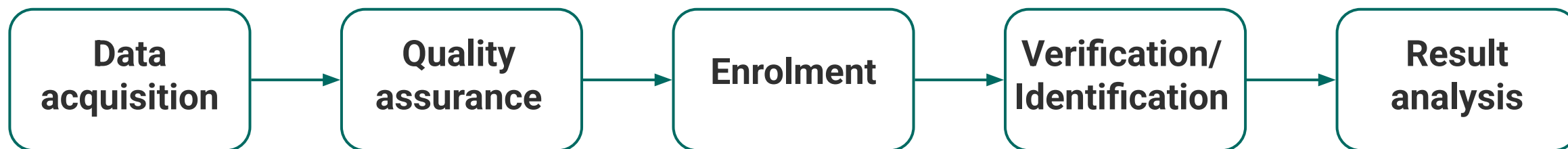
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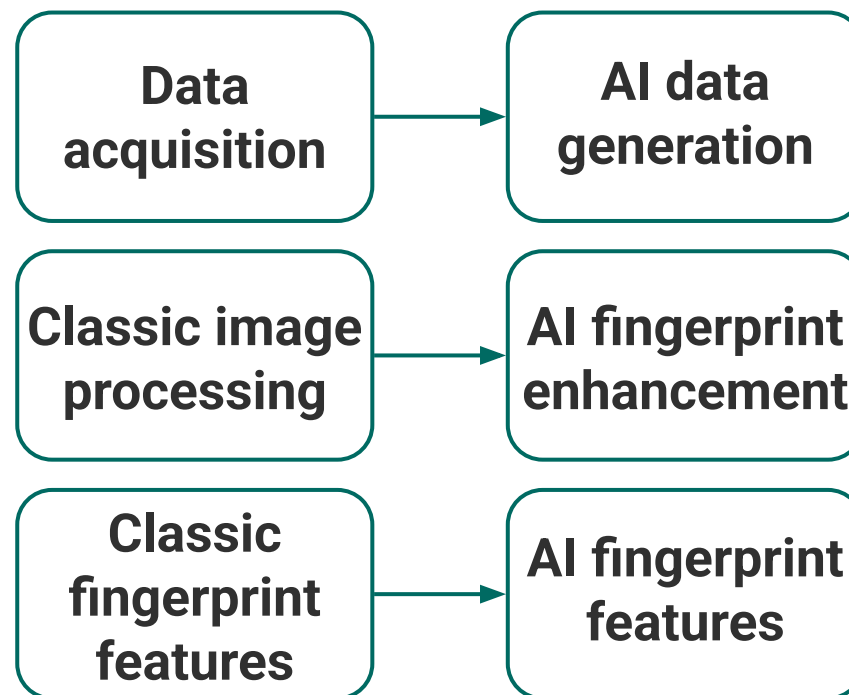
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Fingerprint recognition pipeline



AI is transforming traditional fingerprint recognition



Problems which could not be solved before AI, now can be solved

Fingerprint Data Acquisition

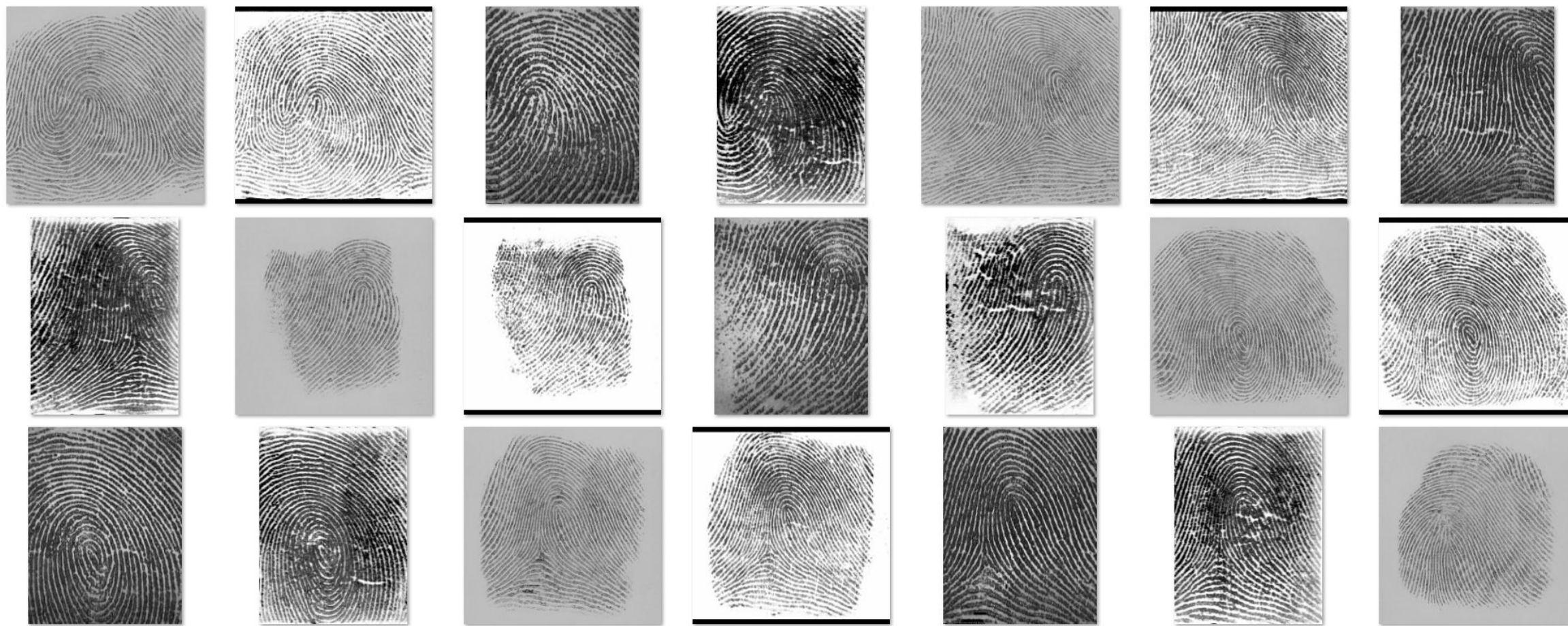
Collecting data - civil use case



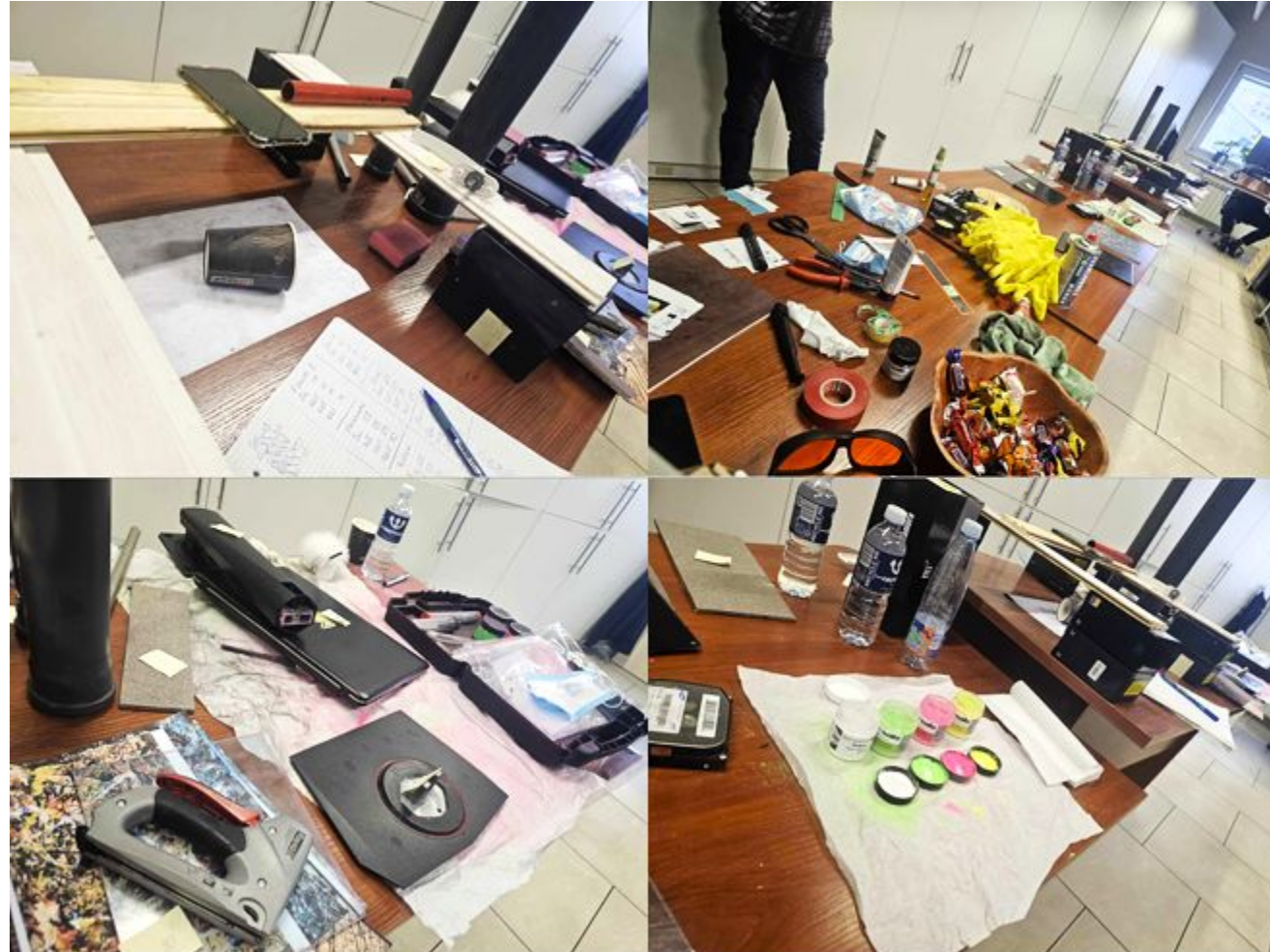
Generating data – plain fingerprints



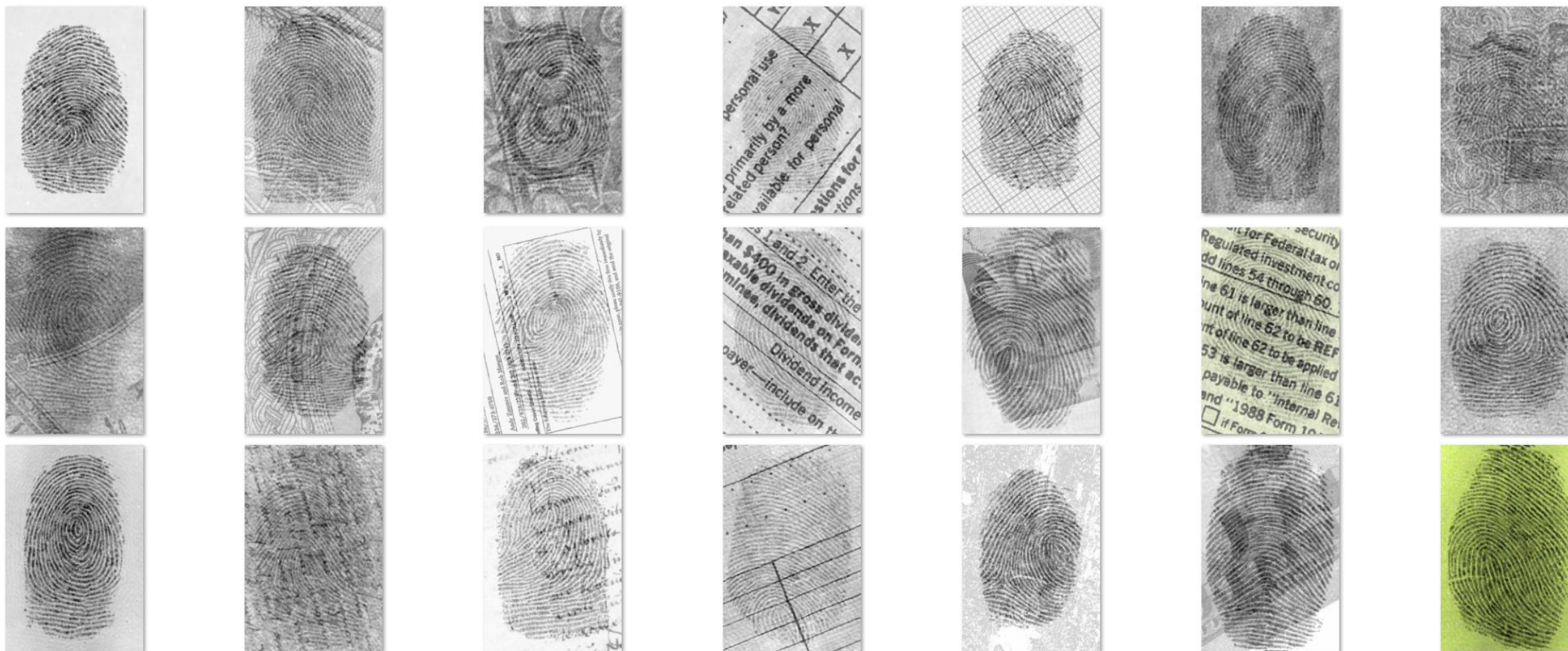
Generating data - rolled fingerprints



Collecting data - criminal use case



Generating data – latent fingerprints

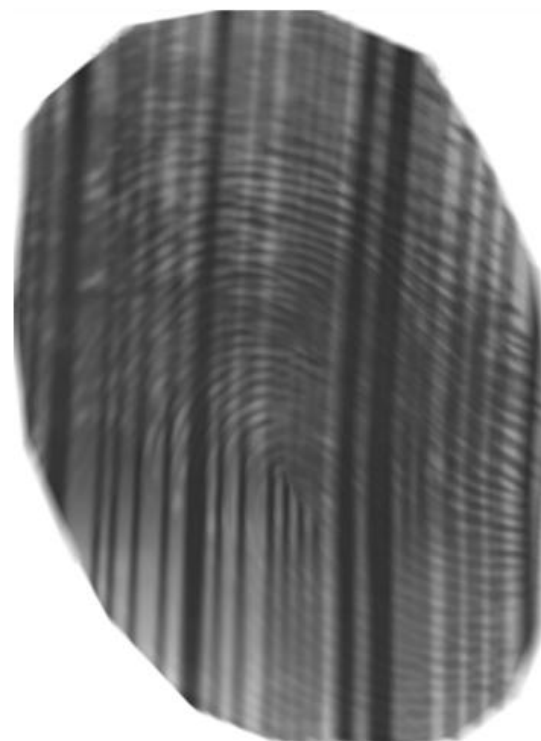


Fingerprint Enhancement

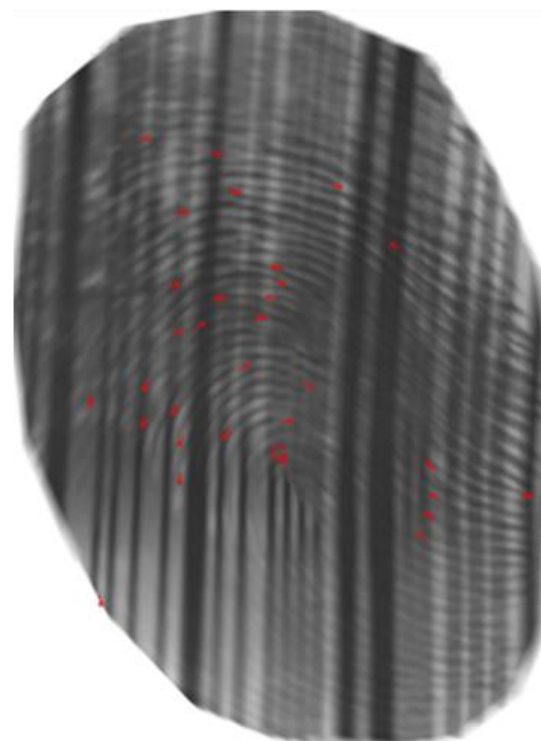
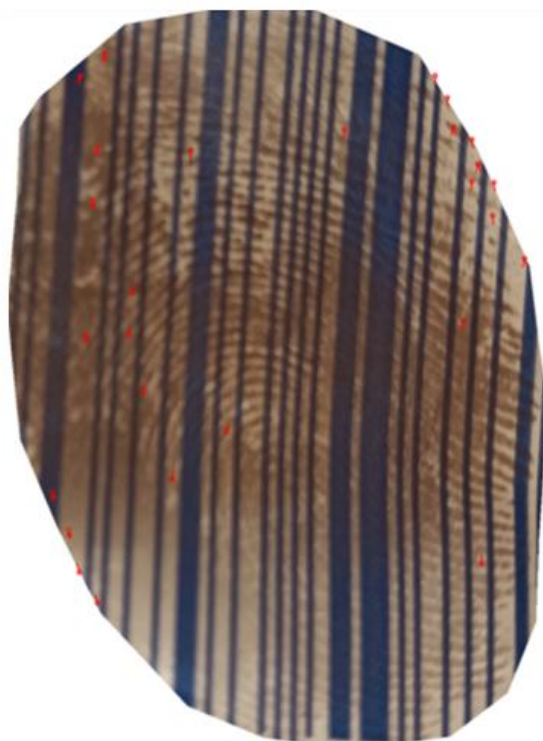
Hard fingerprint case



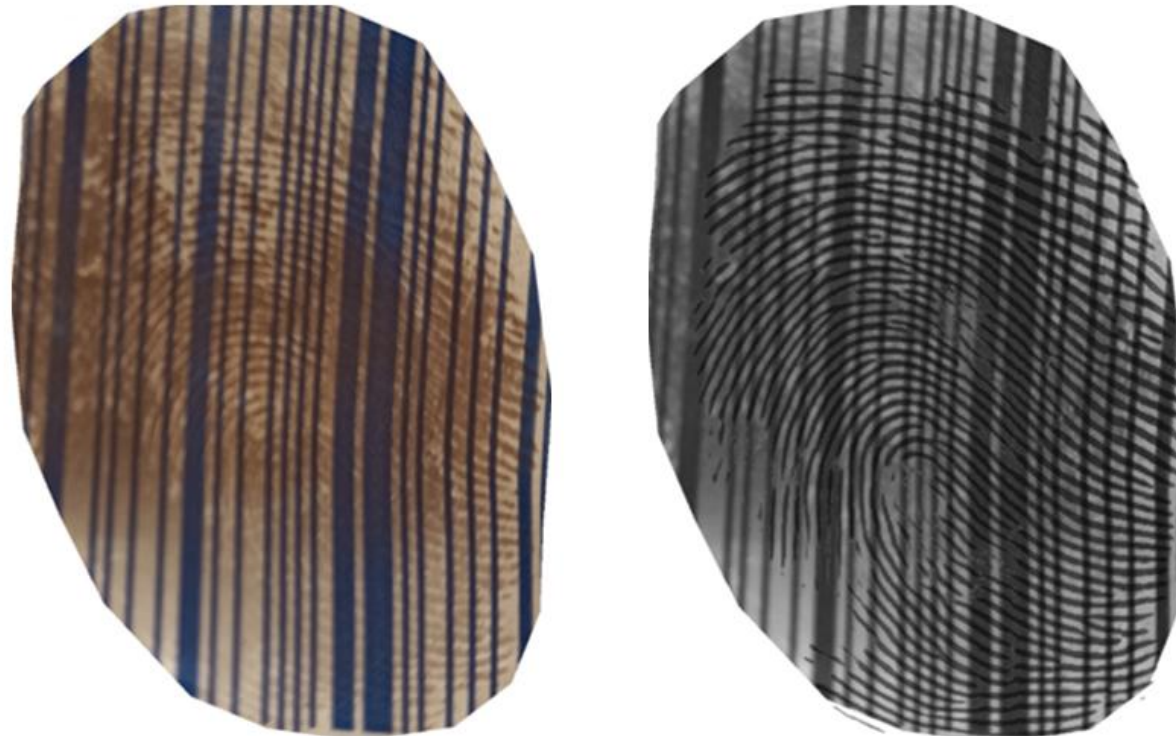
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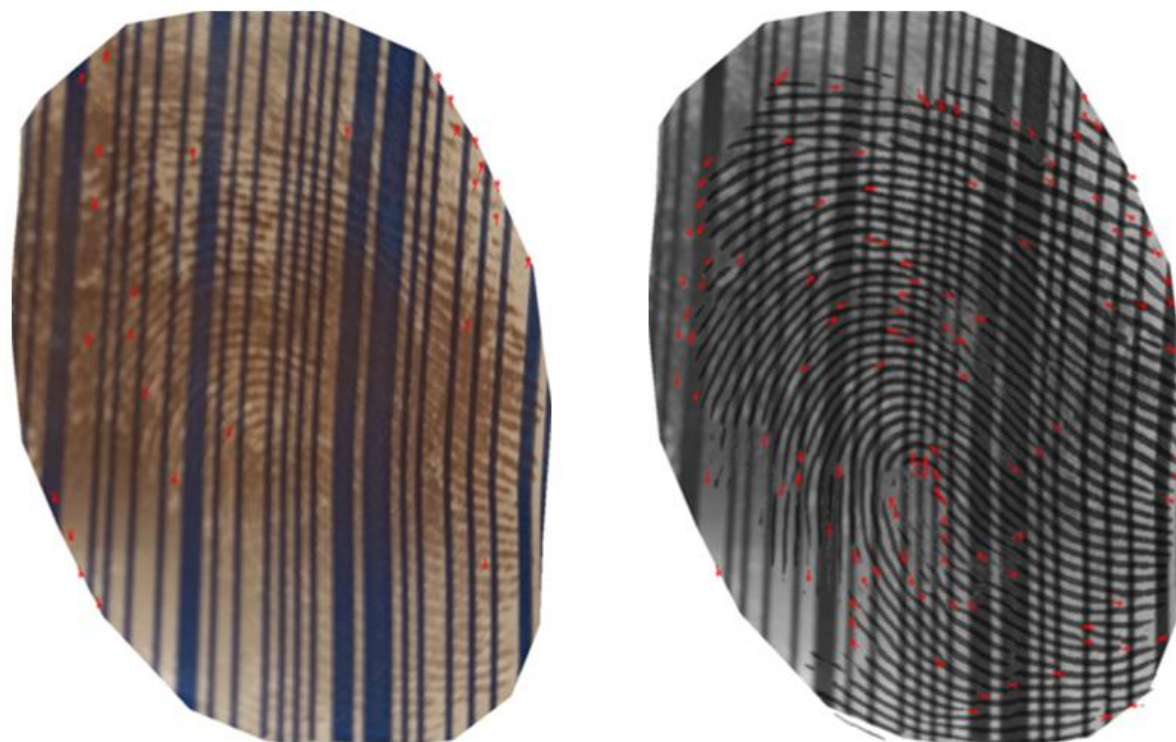
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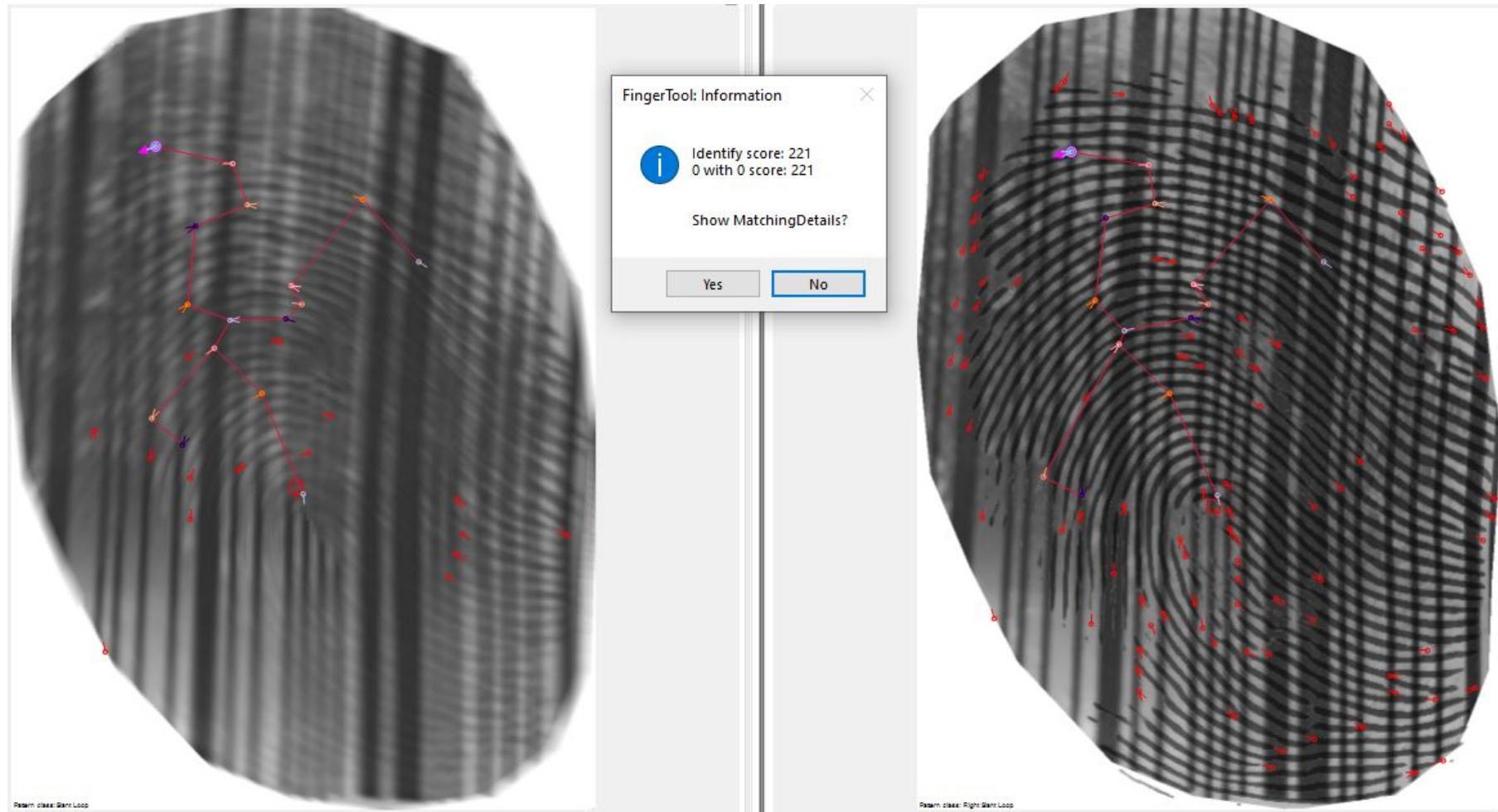
Fingerprint Enhancement – AI way



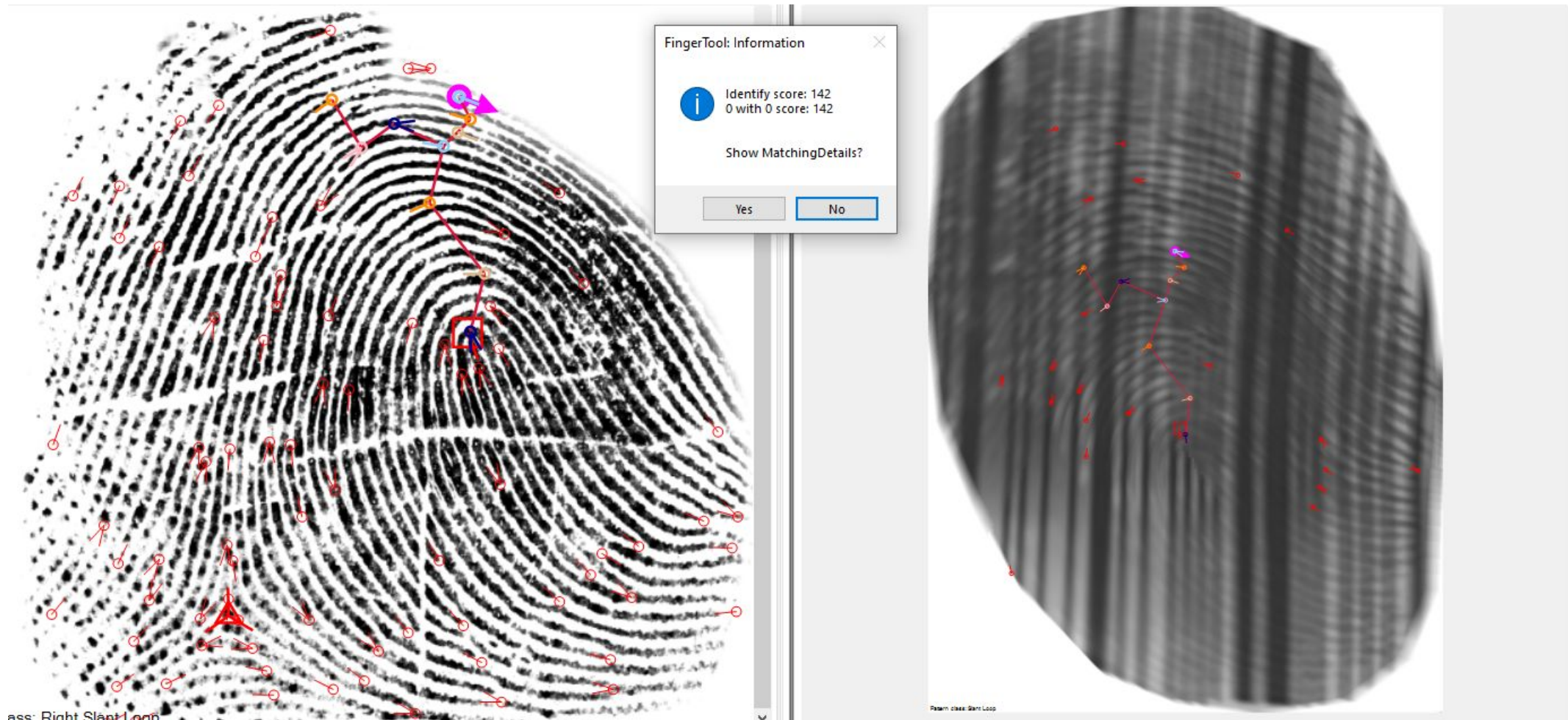
Fingerprint Enhancement – AI way



Fingerprint Enhancement - Classic vs AI way



Rolled genuine match with classic enhanced



Rolled genuine match with AI enhanced



Fingerprint Recognition Features

Fingerprint recognition features

LEVEL 1 FEATURES



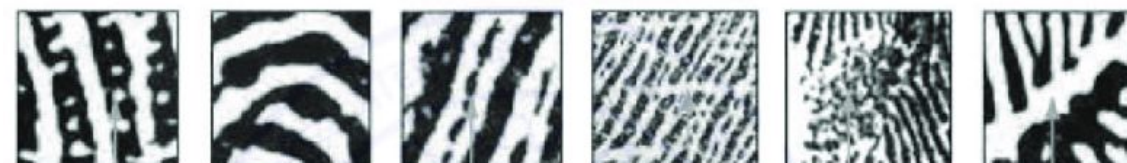
ARCH TENTED ARCH LEFT LOOP RIGHT LOOP DOUBLE LOOP WHORL

LEVEL 2 FEATURES



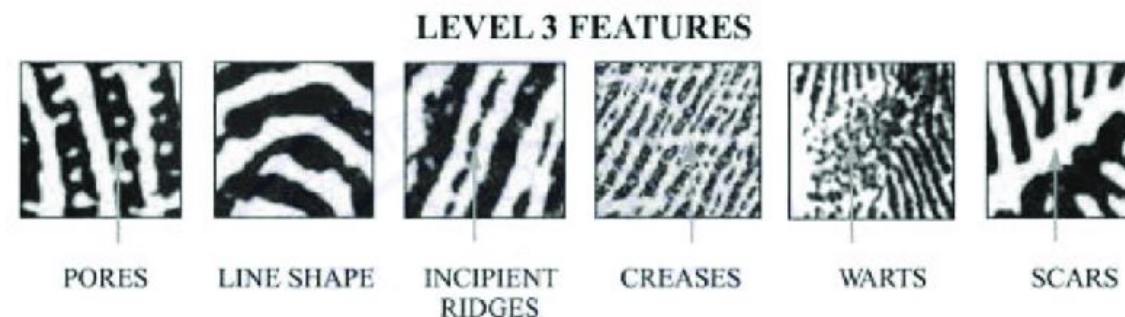
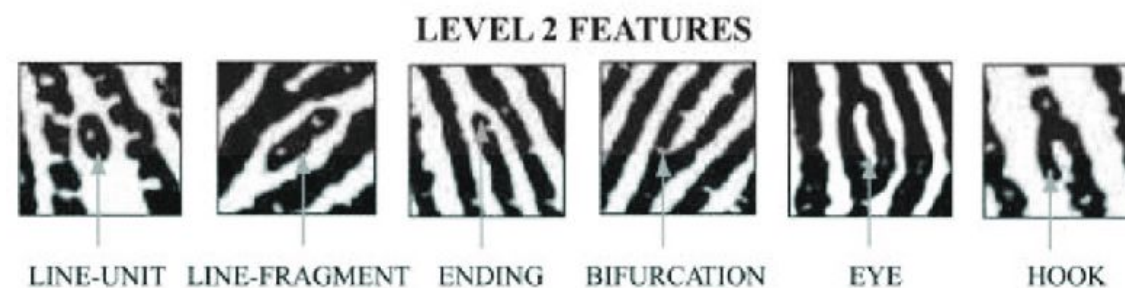
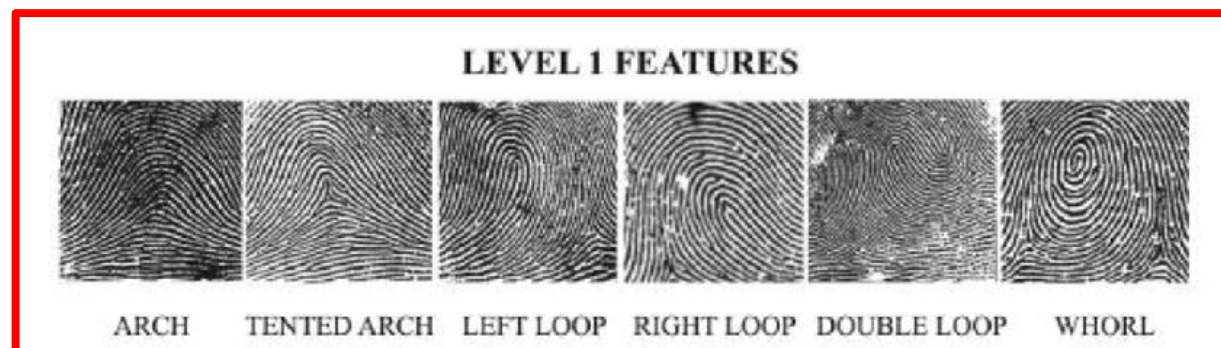
LINE-UNIT LINE-FRAGMENT ENDING BIFURCATION EYE HOOK

LEVEL 3 FEATURES



PORES LINE SHAPE INCIPIENT
RIDGES CREASES WARTS SCARS

Fast search features – level 1 features



Classic recognition features – level 2 features

LEVEL 1 FEATURES



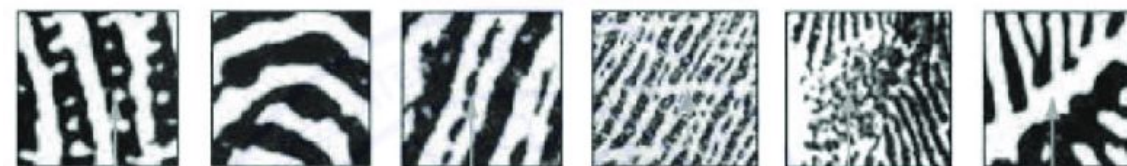
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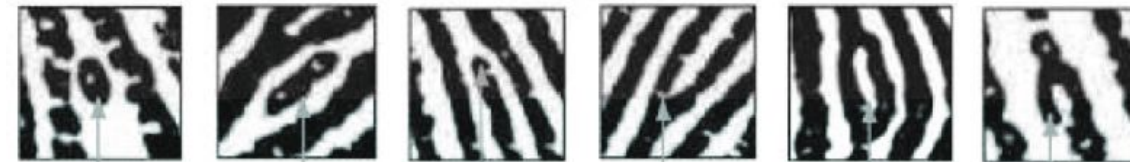
Advanced recognition features – level 2&3 features

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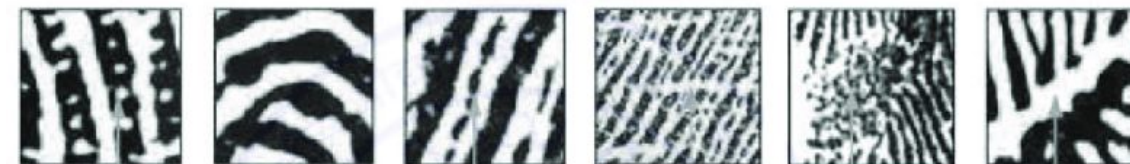
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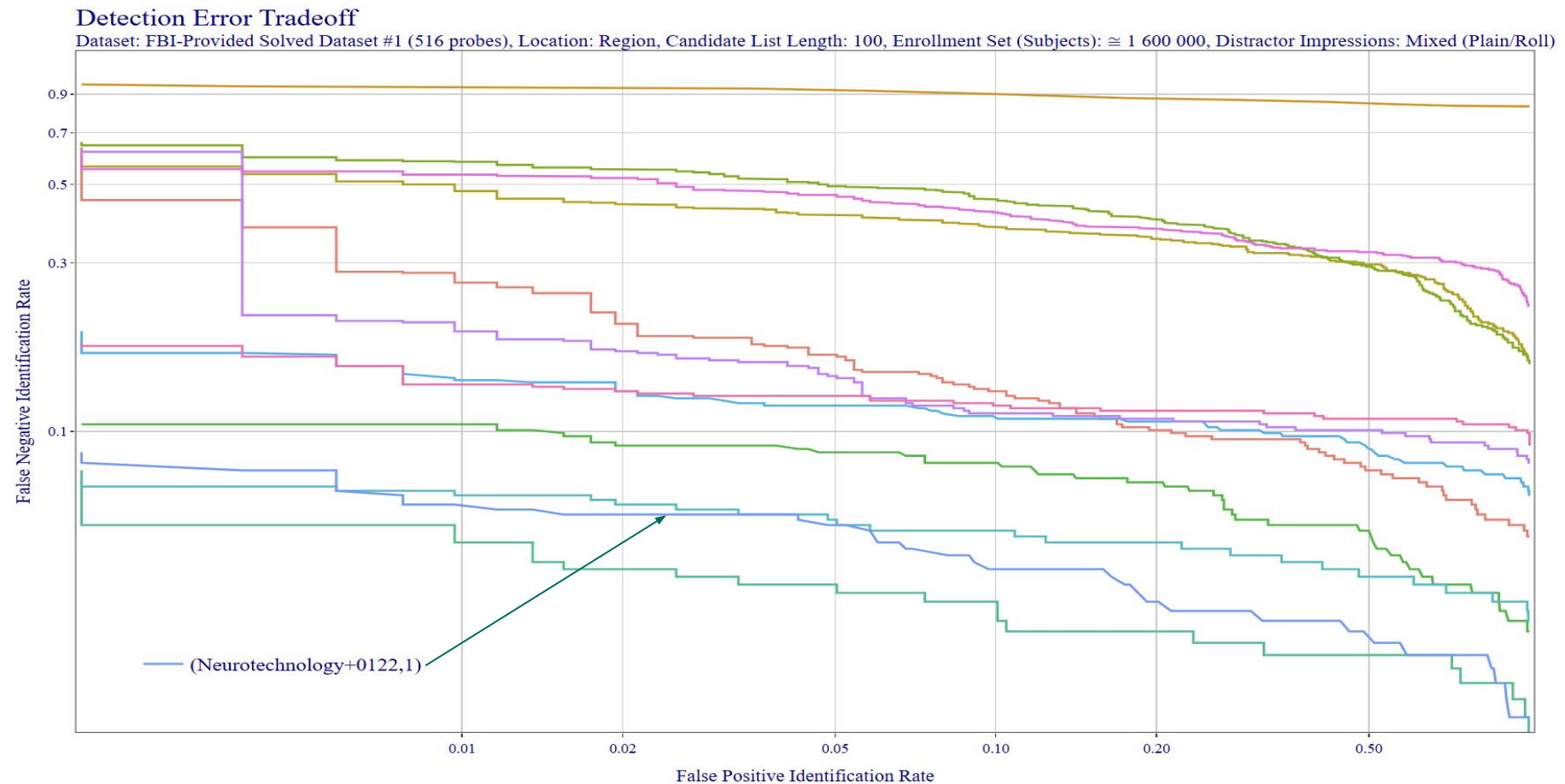


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ELFT 0122 with level 1&2&3 features

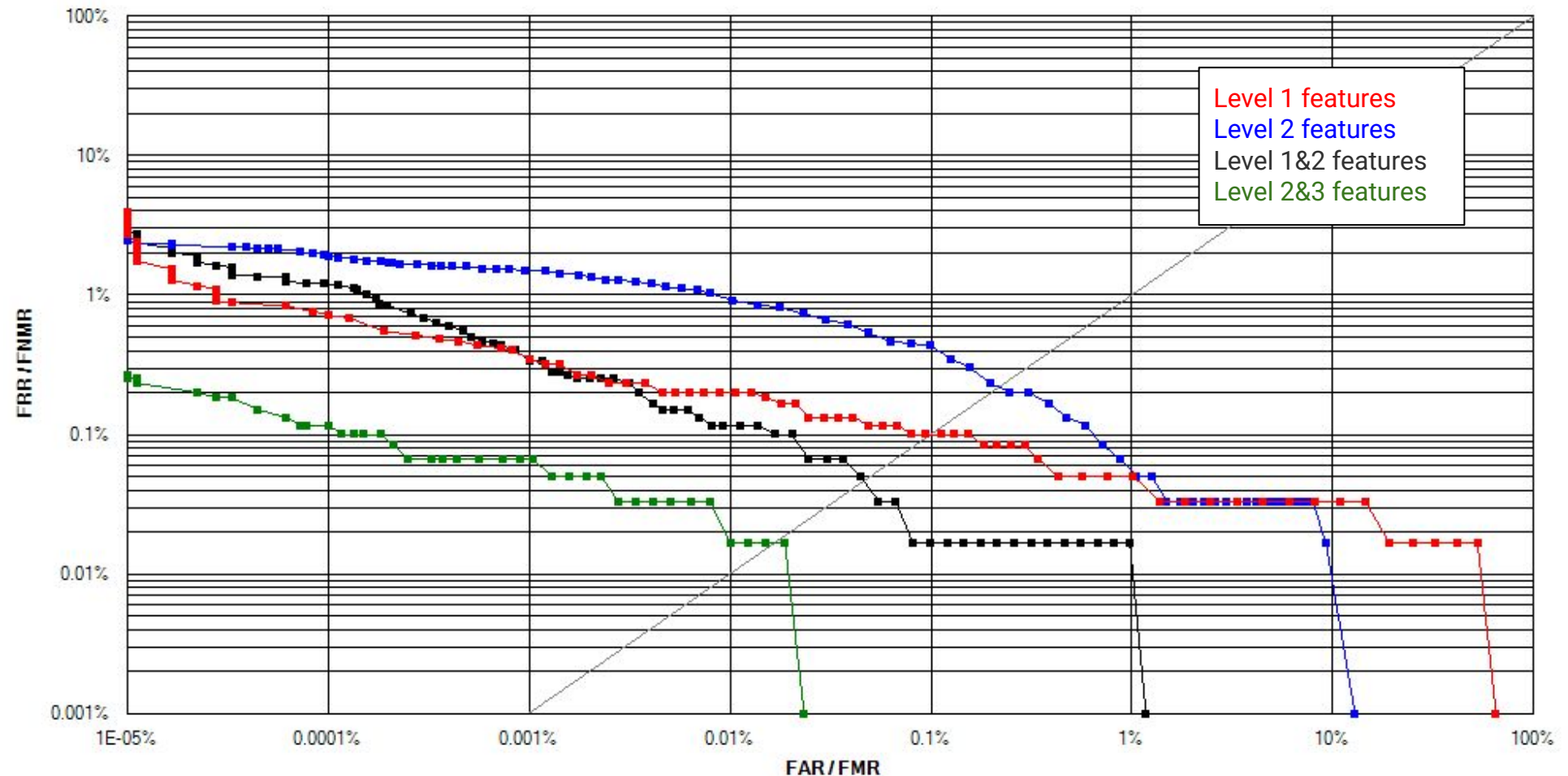


DET—FBI-Provided Solved Dataset #1



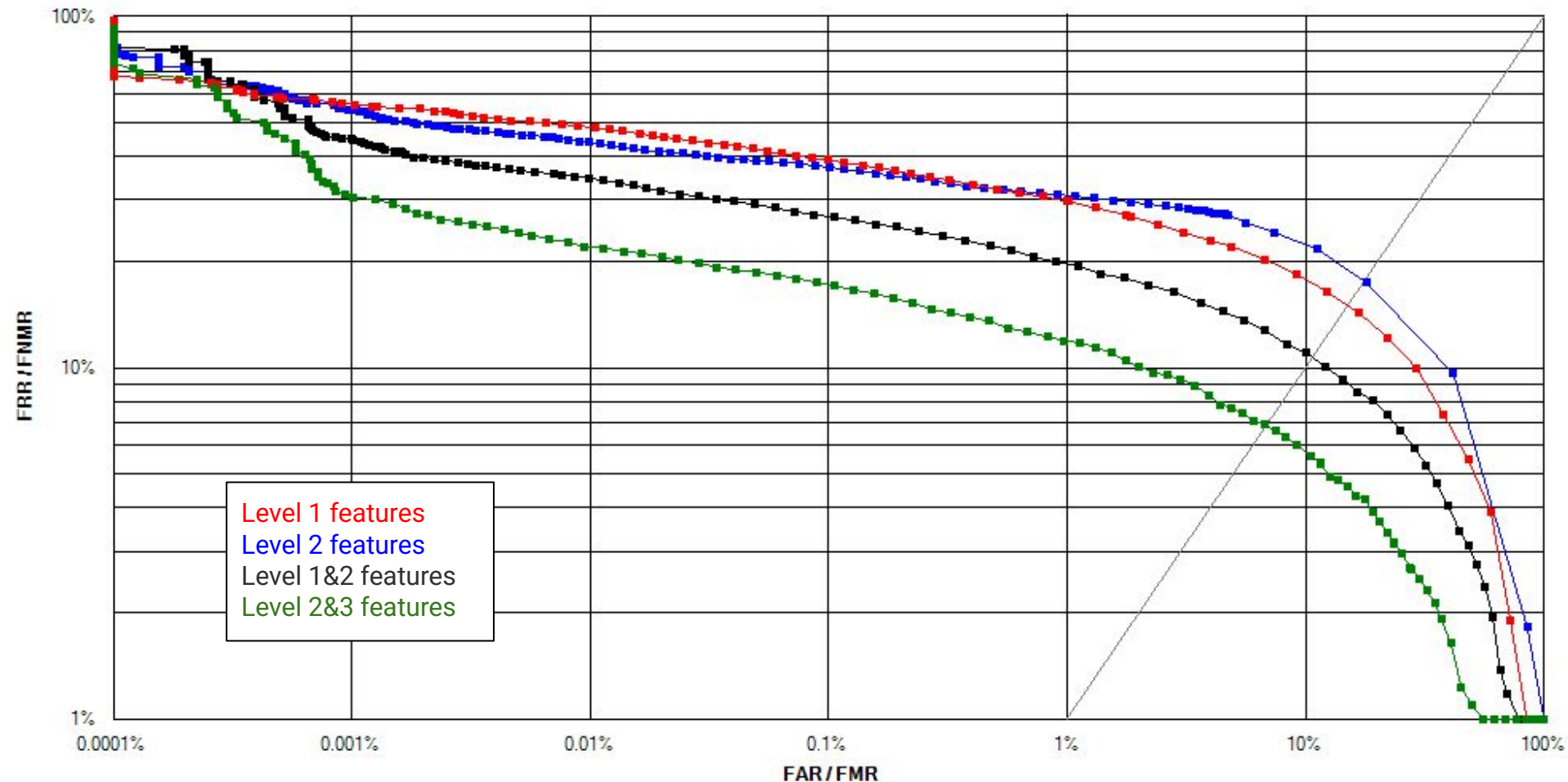
Subset from NIST SD 302 B

Comparison of different features - civil use case



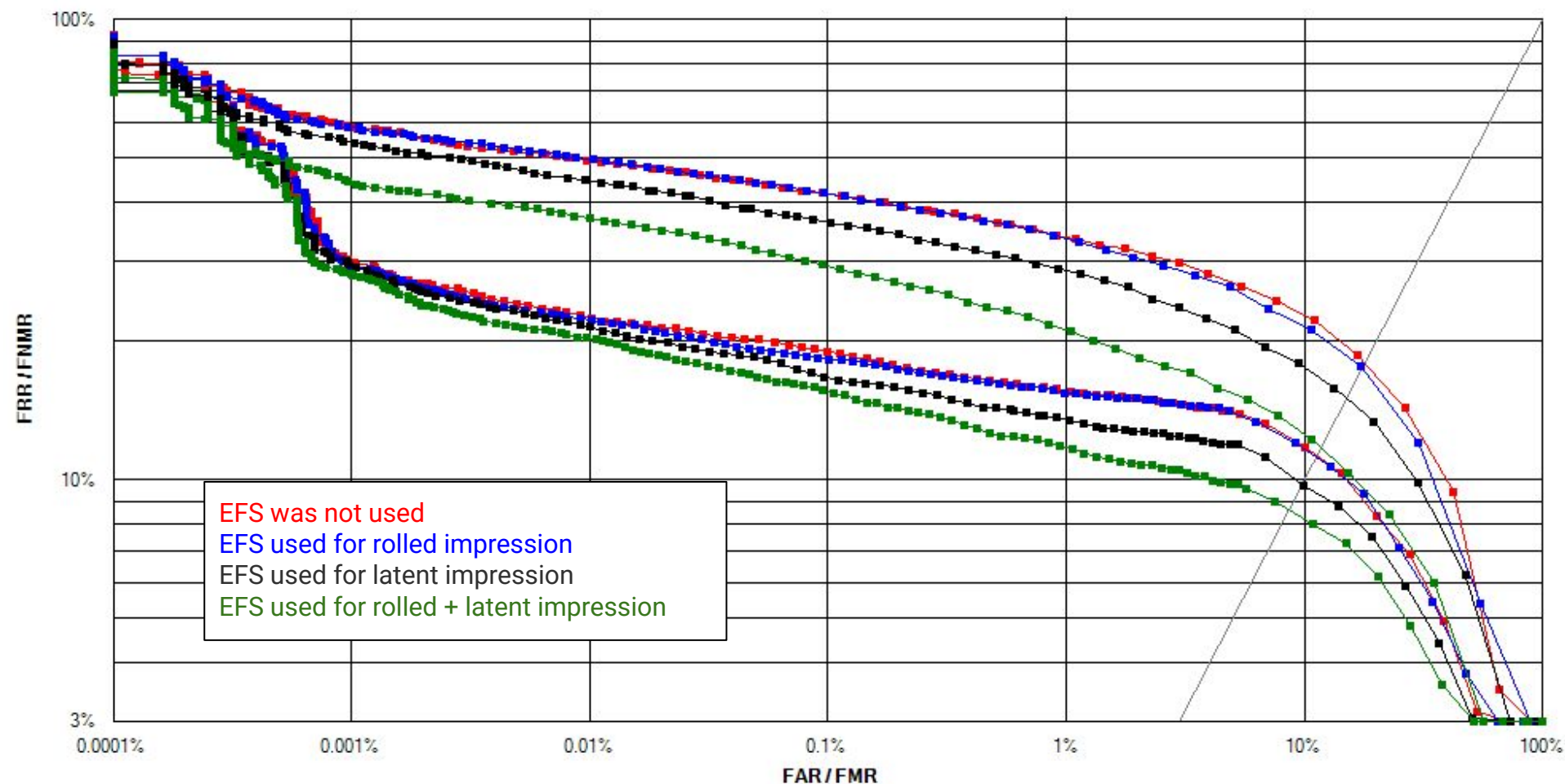
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Comparison of different features - law enforcement case

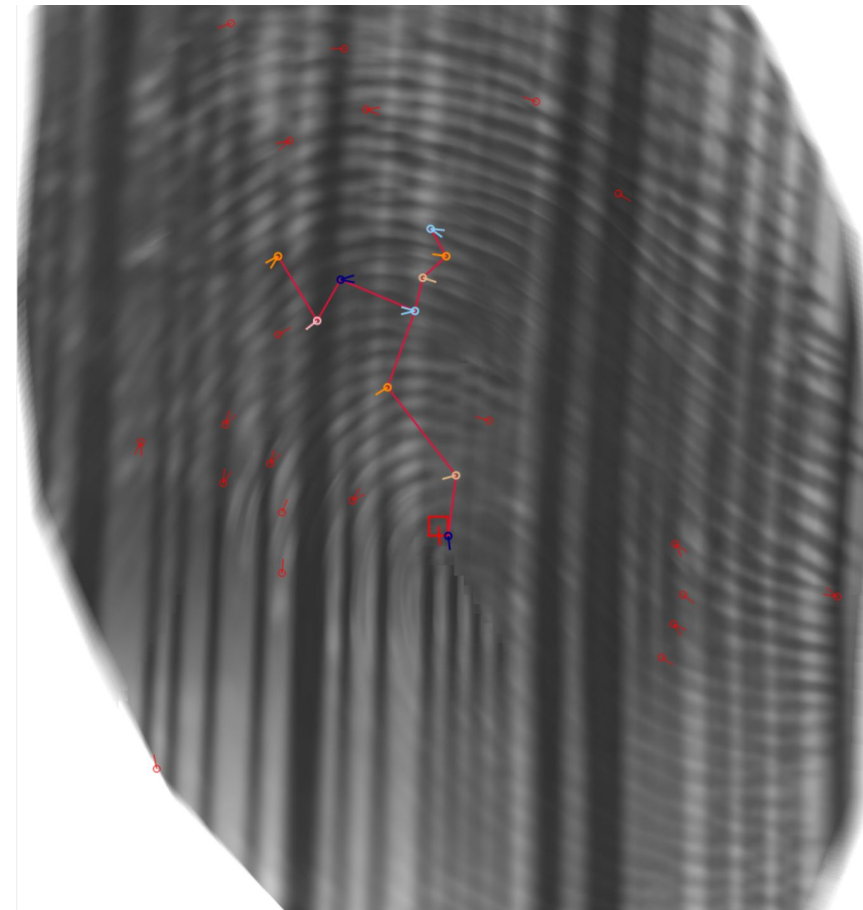
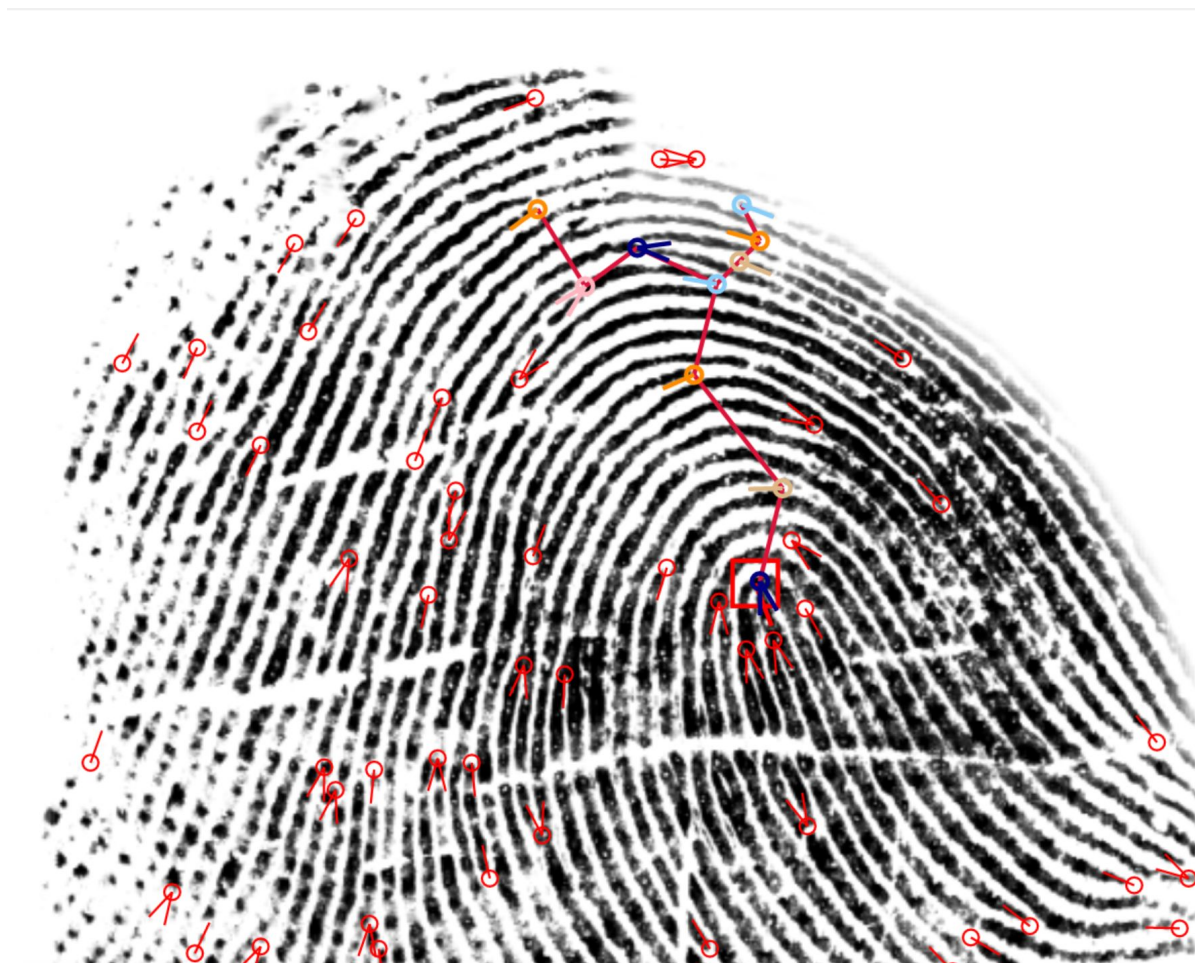


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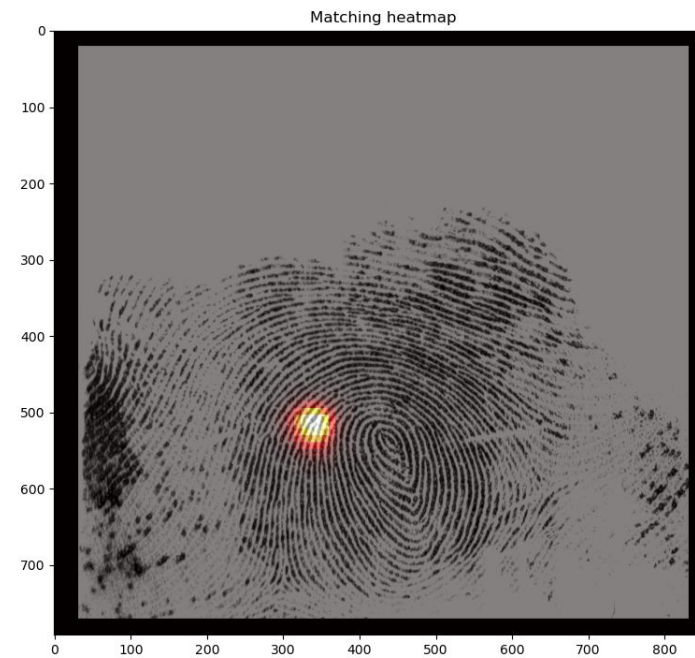
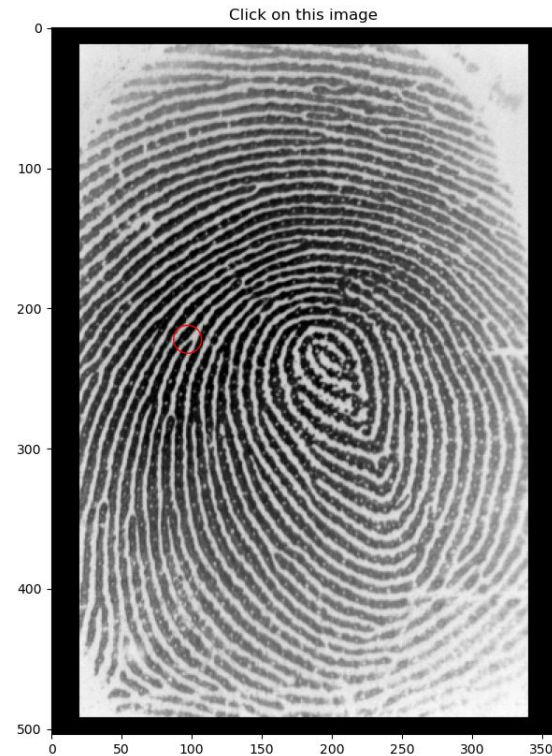
EFS usage - law enforcement use case



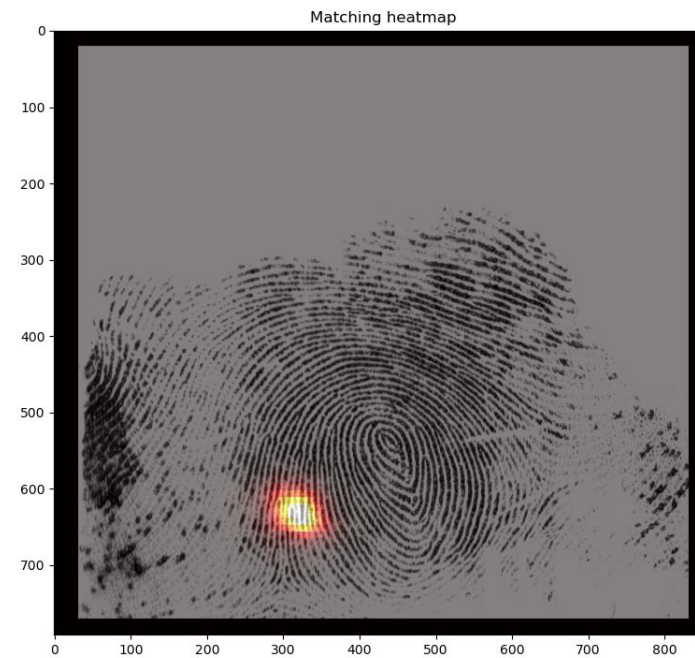
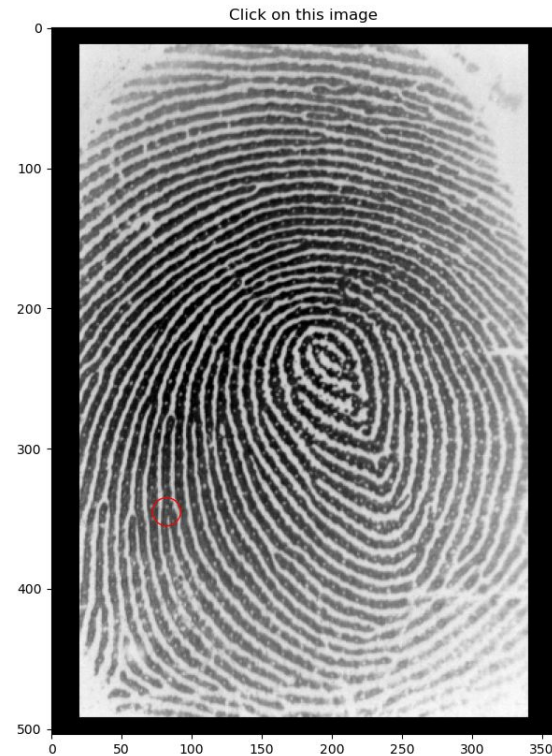
Classic way of visualizing matching details



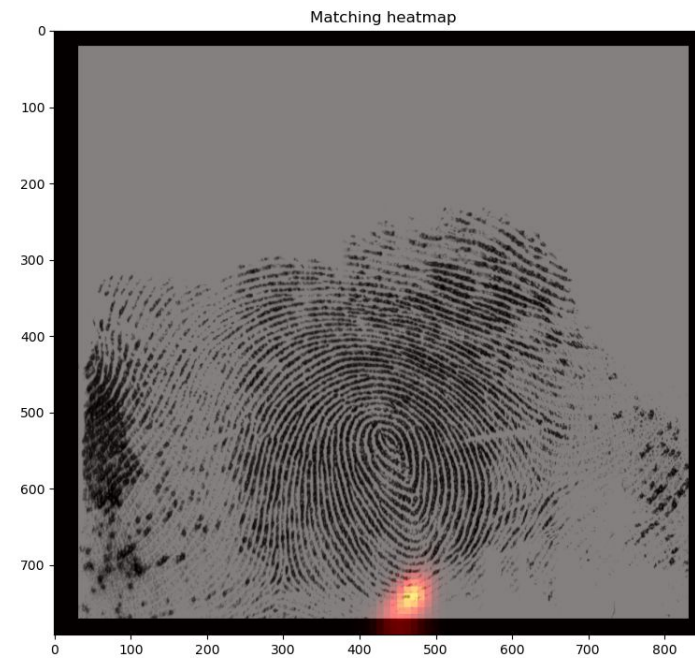
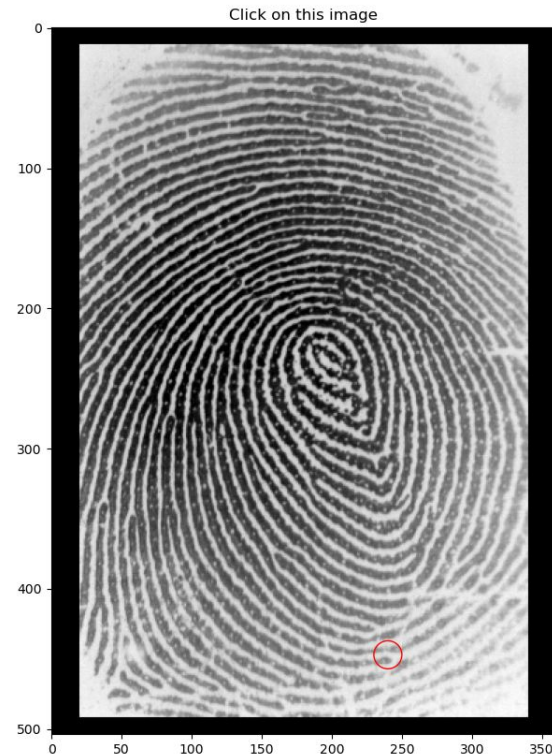
New way of visualizing matching details (1)



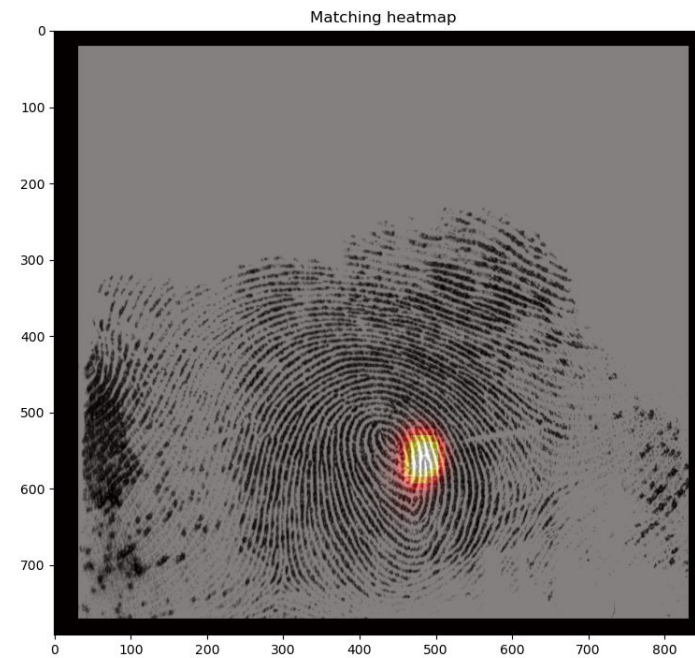
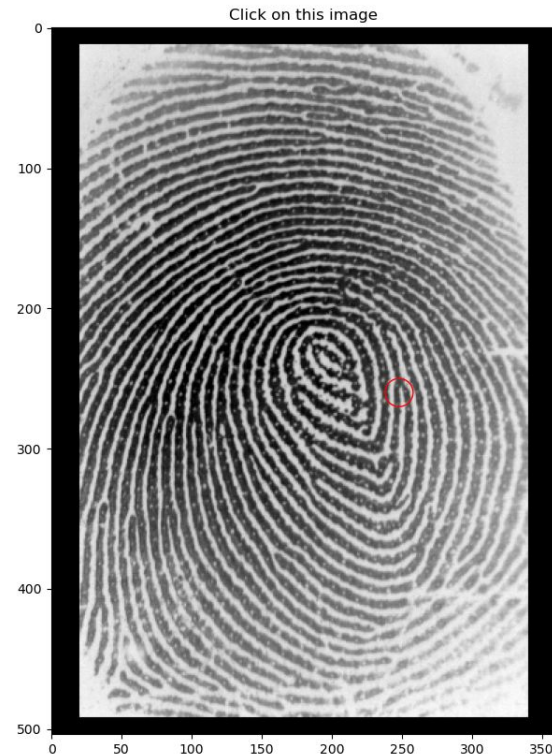
New way of visualizing matching details (2)



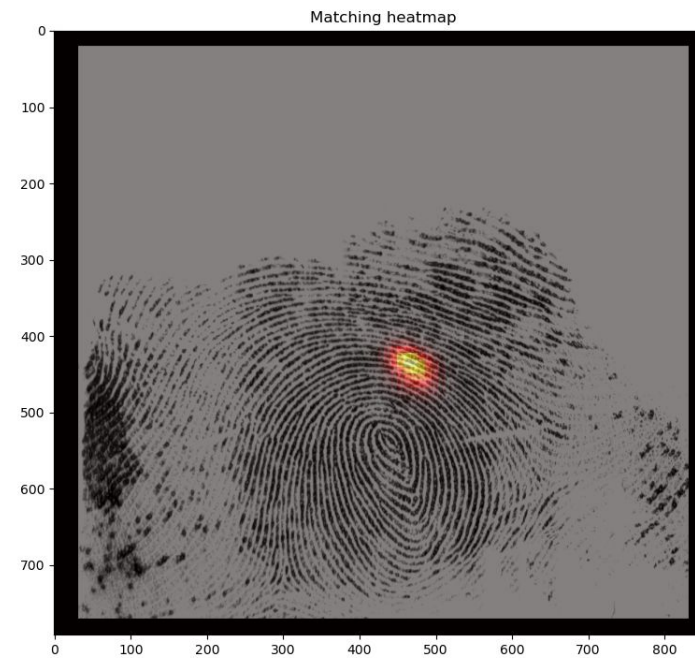
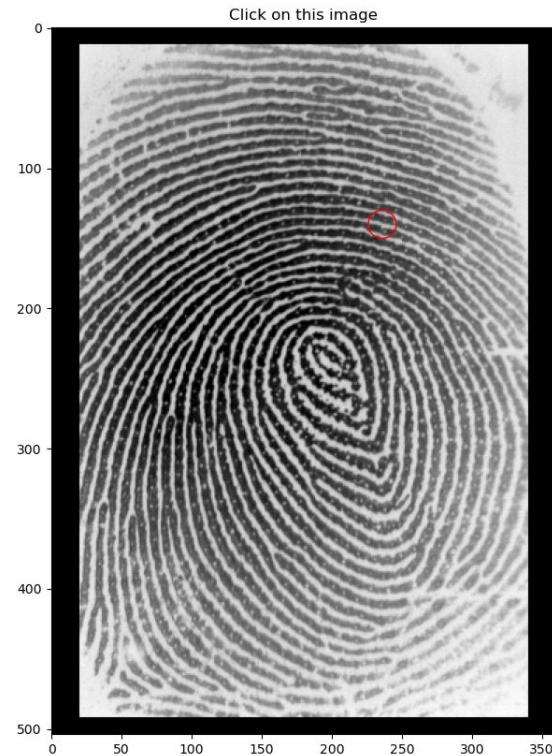
New way of visualizing matching details (3)



New way of visualizing matching details (4)



New way of visualizing matching details (5)



AI technologies can help with:

- **Smarter data acquisition**, supporting research and the development of more capable systems.
- **Faster and more reliable enhancement** of latent fingerprints, even in complex or degraded conditions.
- **Richer and more informative feature extraction**, allowing us to move beyond classic minutiae and rethink how we visualize and interpret fingerprint matches.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

Questions?

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