



## How to Evaluate Transformation Based Cancelable Biometric Systems?

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### Contributions

- Proposition of evaluation criteria for privacy and security compliance  
⇒ extension of NAGAR et al., 2010,
- Illustrations on fingerprints and finger knuckle prints,
- Definition of a Matlab toolbox for the evaluation of BioHashing based cancelable systems



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# BioHashing algorithm

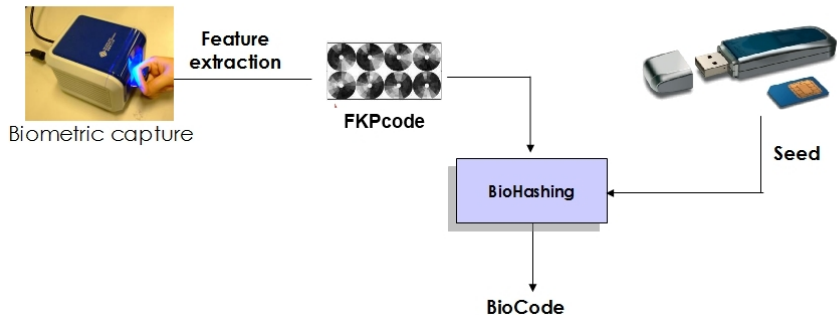
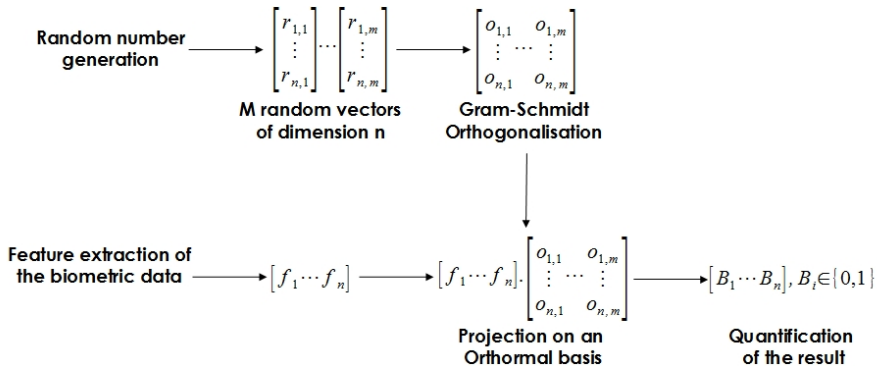


FIGURE 1: General principle of the BioHashing algorithm





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## Open questions for an attacker

- Is it possible to generate an admissible BioCode without the seed ?
- Can we predict a BioCode given previous realizations ?
- How different are two BioCodes generated from the same FKPcode ?  
⇒ Definition of an evaluation framework.



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### Security properties

- **Performance** : the template protection shall not deteriorate the performance of the original biometric system,
- **Revocability or renewability** : it should be possible to revoke a biometric template.
- **Non-invertibility or irreversibility** : from the transformed data, it should not be possible to obtain enough information on the original biometric data to forge a fake biometric template,
- **Diversity or unlinkability** : it should be possible to generate different biocodes for multiple applications, and no information should be deduced from their different realizations.

⇒ Definition of 8 evaluation criteria based on NAGAR et al., 2010



## Verification process

$$R_z = 1_{\{D_T(f(b_z, K_z), f(b'_z, K_z)) \leq \epsilon_T\}} \quad (1)$$

Where :

- $R_z$  : decision result for the verification of user  $z$  using the cancelable system,
- $D_T$  : distance function in the transformed domain,
- $f$  : the feature transformation function,
- $b_z, b'_z$  represent the template and query biometric features of user  $z$ ,
- $K_z$  : set of transformation parameters,
- $\epsilon_T$  : decision threshold.



## $A_1$ evaluation criterion

$$A_1 = 1 - \frac{\text{AUC}(\text{FAR}_T, \text{FRR}_T)}{\text{AUC}(\text{FAR}_O, \text{FRR}_O)} \quad (2)$$

where :

- $AUC$  : area under the ROC curve,
- $FRR_O$  is the false reject rate and  $FAR_O$  is the false accept rate of the **original biometric system** (without any template protection),
- $FRR_T$  is the false reject rate and  $FAR_T$  is the false accept rate of the **cancelable biometric system** (with template protection).

if  $A_1 > 0$ , the protection of the template improves the performance.



## $A_2$ to $A_5$ evaluation criteria

$$FAR_A(\epsilon_T) = P(D_T(f(b_z, K_z), A_z) \leq \epsilon_T) \quad (3)$$

Where :

- $FAR_A(\epsilon_T)$  : probability of a successful attack by the impostor for the threshold  $\epsilon_T$ .
- $A_z$  : generated biocode by the impostor with different methods,
- We can consider  $\epsilon_T = \epsilon_{EER_T}$  ( $\epsilon_{EER_T}$  : threshold to have the EER functioning point of the cancelable biometric system).



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- *Stolen biometric data attack* ( $A_5$ ) :  
An impostor knows  $b'_z$  and tries different random numbers  $K$  to generate :  $A_z = f(b'_z, K)$ .



## $A_6$ evaluation criterion

$$A_6 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_z \sum_{j=1}^M \max(I(f(b_z, K_z), f(b_z^j, K_z)))$$

$$I(X, Y) = \sum_x \sum_y P(x, y) \log\left(\frac{P(x, y)}{P(x)P(y)}\right)$$

Where :

- $b_z$  : denotes the reference of the individual  $z$  in the database,
- $b_z^j$  : denotes the  $j^{th}$  test data of the individual  $z$  in the database,
- $N$  : the number of individuals in the database,
- $M$  : the number of generated biocodes for each individual,
- $P$  : the estimation of the probability.



### $A_7$ to $A_8$ evaluation criteria

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### Summary

The security and robustness of a cancelable biometric system are characterized by an eight-dimensional vector  $(A_i, i = 1, \dots, 8)$



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## Feature computation

Gabor descriptors

Size : 128 parameters (16 scales, 8 orientations)

Computation : single enrolment, Hamming distance verification





## Robustness to attacks : fingerprint case

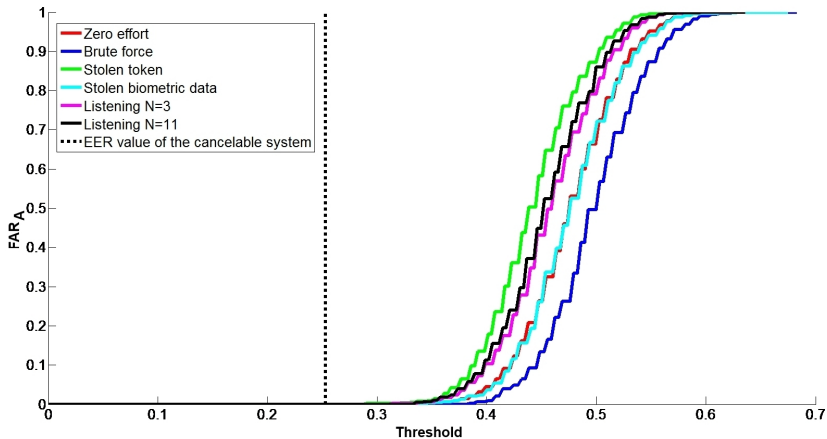


FIGURE 2: Analysis on fingerprints (FVC 2002)

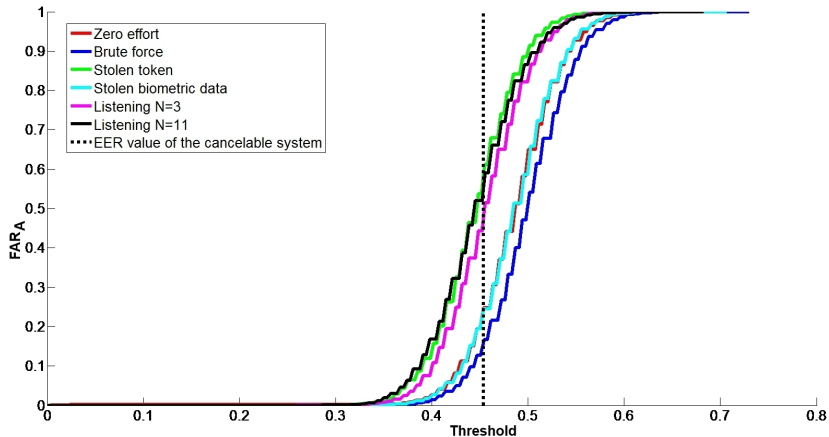


FIGURE 3: Analysis on finger knuckle prints (POLY FKP)



## Synthesis

- Evaluation is done on a functioning point,
- The more *a priori* information the attacker knows, the more the attack is efficient,
- It is possible to compare attacks (same algorithm and biometric data).

Modalities	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_3$	$A_4$	$A_5$	$A_6$	$A_7$	$A_8$
Fingerprint	1.0	0	0	0	0	0.44	0	0
FKP	0.10	0.25	0.15	0.54	0.25	0.58	0.51	0.59

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### Perspectives

- More complex attacks
  - ⇒ generation of the biocode based on the listening attack
  - ⇒ impact of the random generator



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