

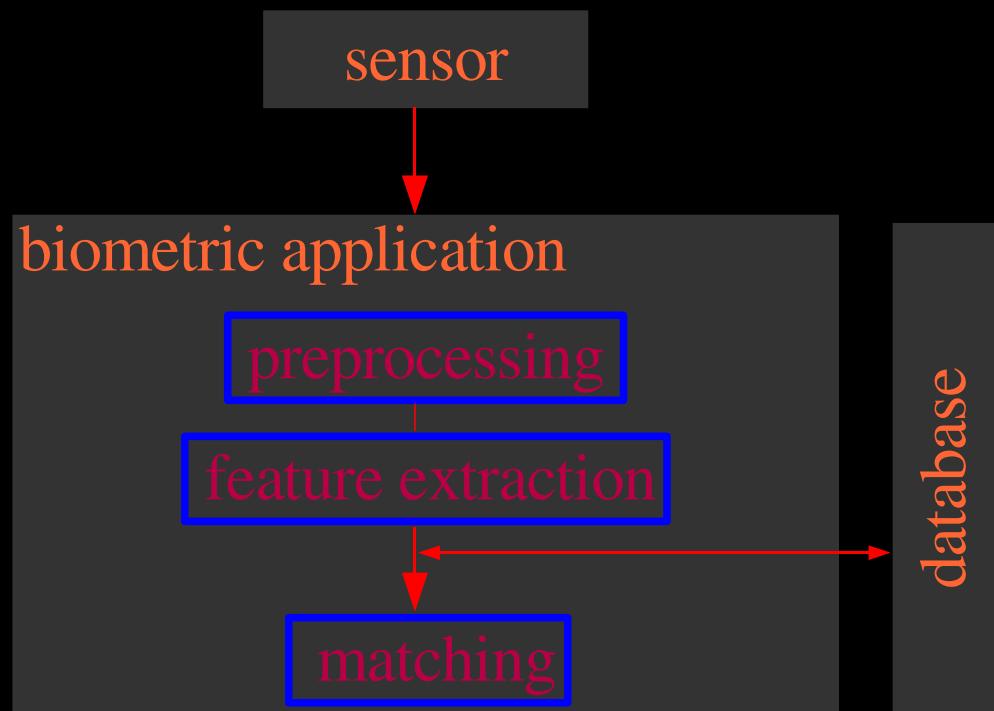
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## ***overview***

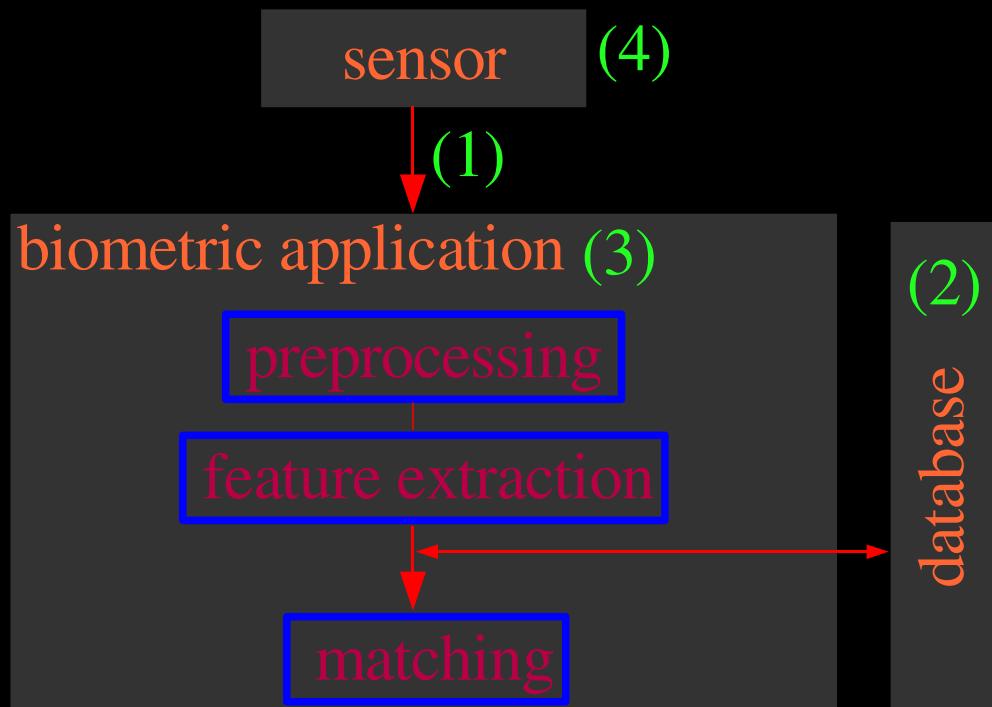
- introduction
- collecting fingerprint data
- attacking the communication
- attacking the templates
- attacks using the sensor

## *parts of biometric systems*



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## *parts of biometric systems - types of attacks*



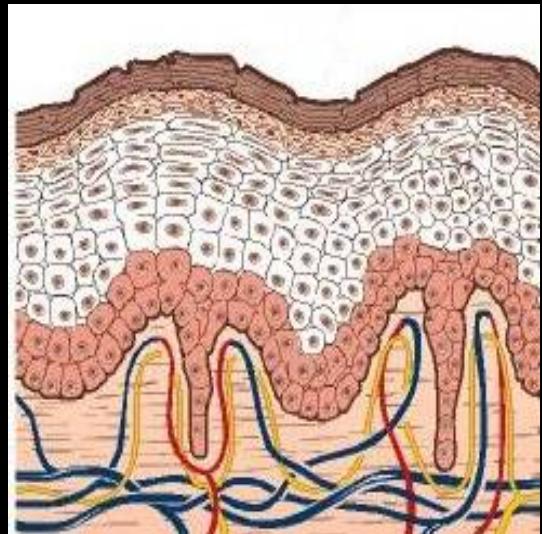
parts of biometric systems

- attacking the data
  - communication data (1)
  - reference data (2)
- attacking the software (3)
  - matcher
  - threshold
- attacks using the sensor (4)

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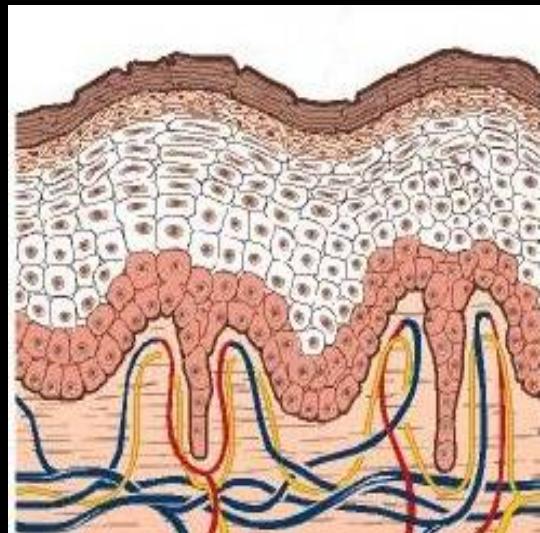
***skin***



profile of the finger

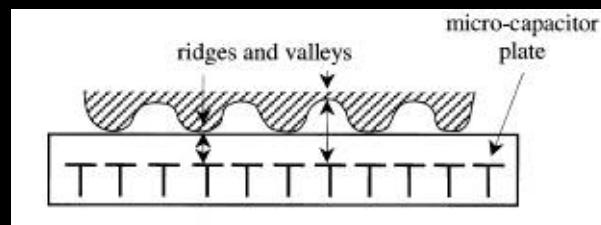
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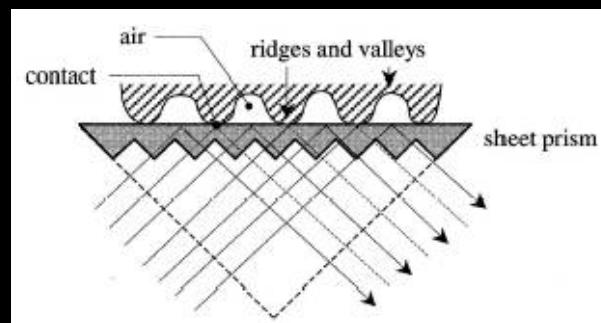


profile of the finger

*sensors*



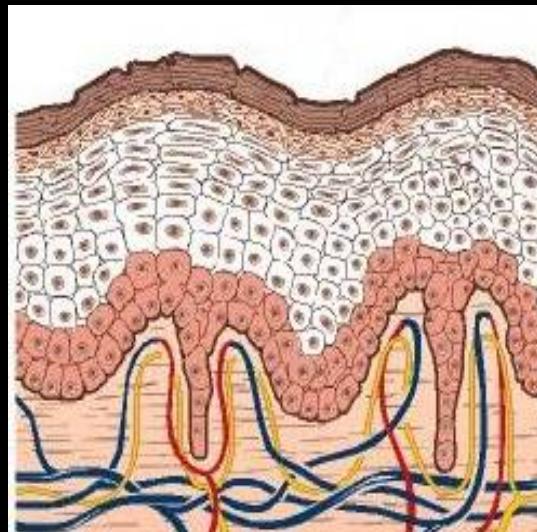
capacitive sensor



optical sensor

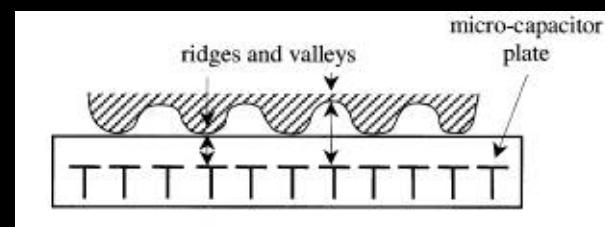
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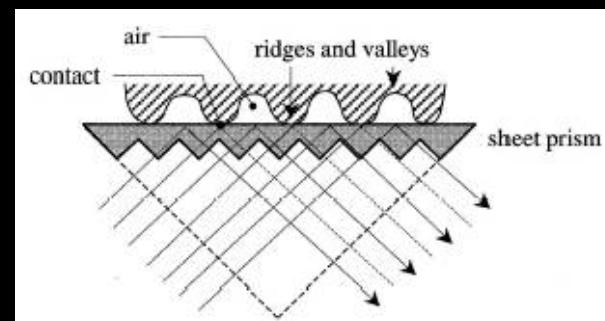


profile of the finger

**sensors**



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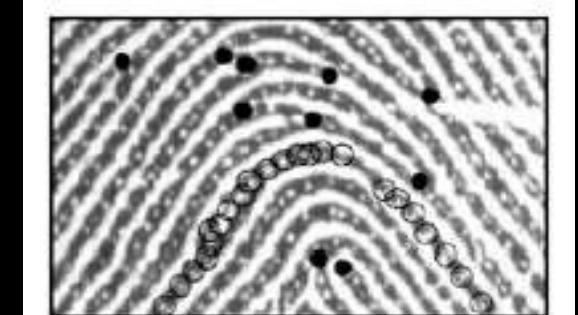


optical sensor

**features**



minutias



sweat pores

Marie Sandström

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collecting the data

## ***visualisation of latent prints on glossy surfaces***

- coloured or magnetic powder



visualisation with coloured powder

- cyanoacrylate



visualisation with cyanoacrylate

- vacuum metal deposition



visualisation with sputtered gold

## ***visualisation of latent prints on paper***

- amino acid indicator
  - Ninhydrin
  - Iodide



visualisation with  
Ninhydrin

- thermal decomposition of grease



visualisation of grease

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## *sniffing the communication*

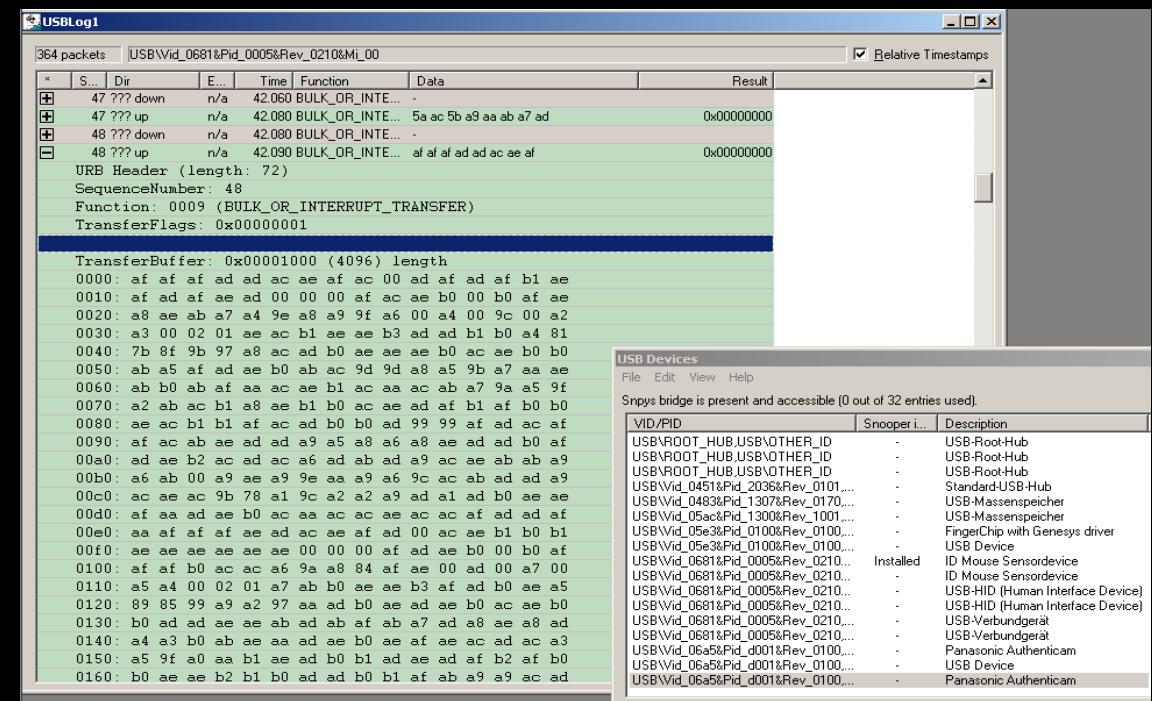
- Hardware
  - USB-Agent / USB Tracker
  - directly connected to the sensor
  - GNU-Radio



USB-Agent

[www.hitex.com](http://www.hitex.com)

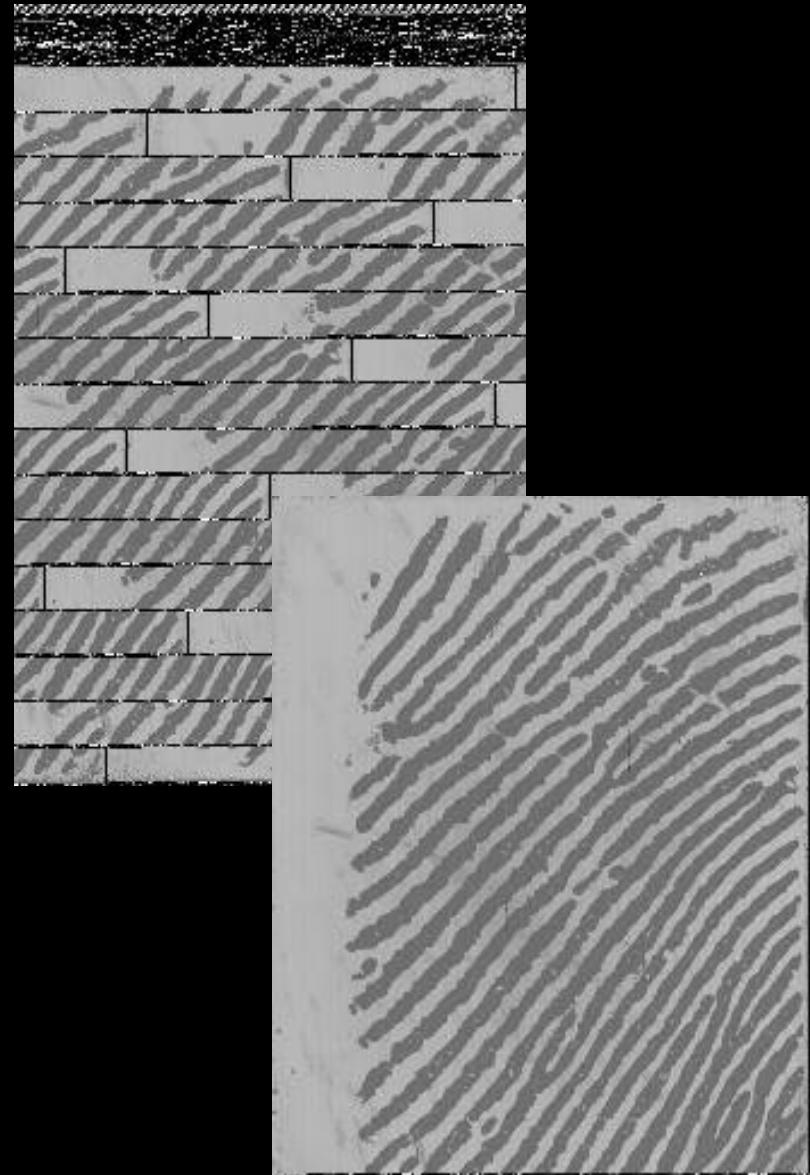
- Software
  - usbsnoop
  - sniffusb
  - usbmon



usbsnoop

## ***data analysis***

- collecting public information
- analysing the sensor
- type of data
  - raw vs. templates
- encryption
- header
  - timestamps
  - checksums



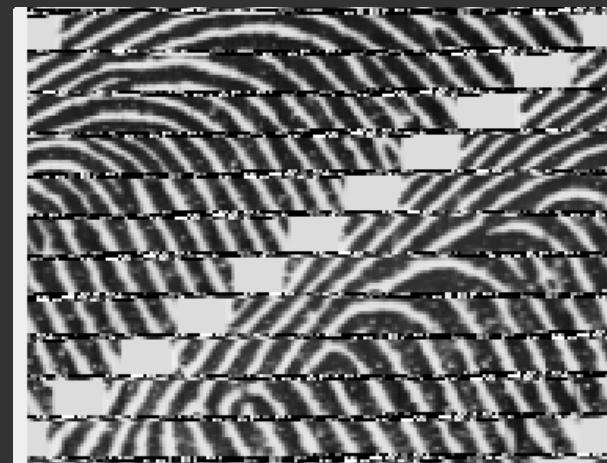
USB-sniff of the Siemens ID Mouse

## *sniffing the data @ thinkpad sensor*

- direct sniffing not possible
  - hardware: built-in sensor
  - software: encrypted data (TPM?)
- external version of the sensor



external IBM sensor



USB-sniff of the Thinkpad sensor



## ***templates***

- localisation
  - in the filesystem (filemon)
  - in the registry (regmon)
- analysing
  - template to user correlation
  - used algorithms
  - checksums
  - raw images

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## *templates @ thinkpad sensor*

8	ctlctr.exe:4068	QueryValue	HKLM\SOFTWARE\Protector Suite QL\1.0\DeviceBio
	ctlctr.exe:4068	QueryValue	HKLM\SOFTWARE\policies\fingerprint\convinientMode
	winlogon.exe:684	QueryValue	HKLM\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Control\Nls\Locale\00000407
	winlogon.exe:684	QueryValue	HKLM\SYSTEM\ControlSet001\Control\Nls\Language Groups\1
	winlogon.exe:684	OpenKey	HKLM\SOFTWARE\Virtual Token\Passport\2.0\LocalPassport
	winlogon.exe:684	QueryKey	HKLM\SOFTWARE\Virtual Token\Passport\2.0\LocalPassport
	winlogon.exe:684	Enumerate...	HKLM\SOFTWARE\Virtual Token\Passport\2.0\LocalPassport
	winlogon.exe:684	CloseKey	HKLM\SOFTWARE\Virtual Token\Passport\2.0\LocalPassport
	winlogon.exe:684	OpenKey	HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\ComputerName
	winlogon.exe:684	OpenKey	HKLM\System\CurrentControlSet\Control\ComputerName\ActiveC

RegMon output of  
the enrolment

- HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Virtual Token\Passport\2.0

- \LocalPassport\User <Username>
- \LocalPassportBio

- C:\WINDOWS\system32\config\SOFTWARE
- template starts with: 00 13 48 5b [01 02]

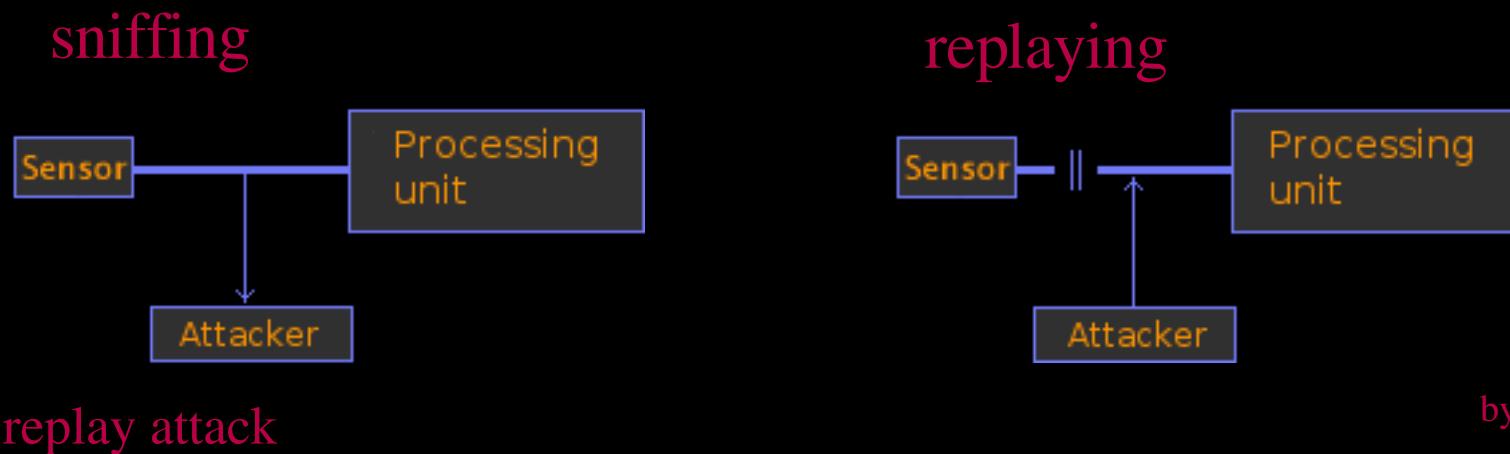
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attacking the communication

## *attacking the communication*

- replaying sniffed packages



by Lisa Thalheim

- inserting self-generated data
  - analyse template data
  - attacking the software

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attacking the templates

## ***attacking the templates***

- adding or deleting a template
- two people matching one template
- changing template to person correlation
- attacking the software using a manipulated template

### ***attacking the templates @ thinkpad sensor***

- read the template in the registry
- add your own fingerprint to an existing template
- write back to the registry (biometric worm)

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attacks using the sensor

## ***latent prints 1***

- reactivating latent prints on touch sensors
  - capacitive: aspirate, graphite
  - optical: coloured powder
- countermeasures
  - checking minutia position of the last login



reactivating latent prints

## ***latent prints 2***

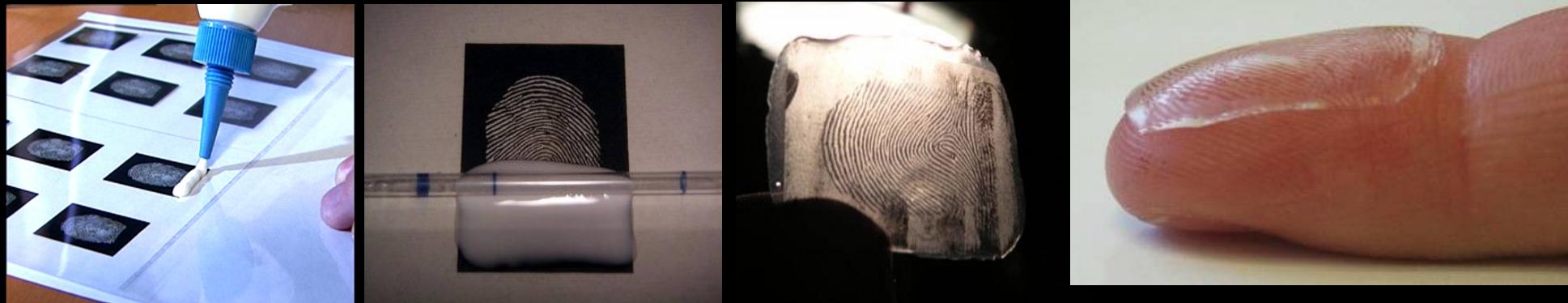
- using latent prints (not on the sensor)
  - graphite or coloured powder on adhesive tape
- not for sweeping sensors



graphite powder on adhesive tape

## *making a dummy finger*

- gelatine, silicone
- wood glue

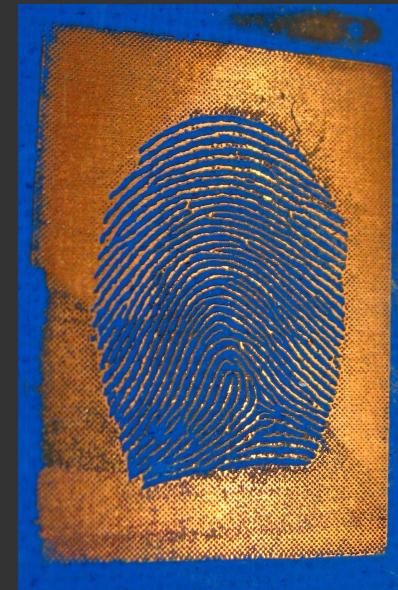


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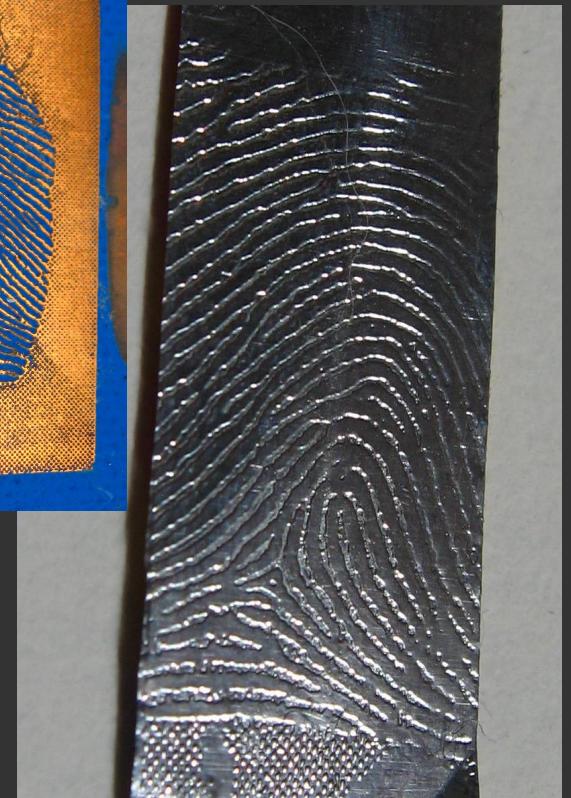
- enhancing with graphite spray

## *making a dummy fingers @ thinkpad sensor*

- etching an optical PCB
- aluminium foil on adhesive tape
- transfer the fingerprint onto the foil



etched PCB



dummy finger

## ***life check***

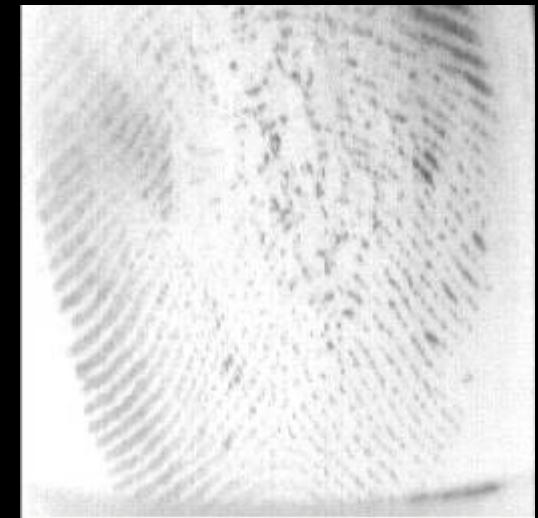
- pulse
  - IR illuminated bloodstream
  - deformation of the ridges
- property of the skin
  - electrical and thermal conductivity
  - colour
- absorption of the blood
- sweat

## *preventing the recognition*

- superglue
- hard work :)
- etching
- scorching
- remove with emery paper
- transplantation



normal fingerprint



superglued fingerprint



transplanted fingertips

## ***hacked sensors (systems)***

- capacitive
  - Infineon (Siemens ID mouse)
  - UPEK (IBM Thinkpads)
- optical
  - Dermalog
  - U.are.U (Microsoft)
  - Identix
- thermal
  - Atmel (ekey, iPAQ)
- electrical
  - Authentec (Medion)

## ***conclusion***

- latent prints left on nearly every surface
  - prints are easy to collect
  - nearly all tested systems could be fooled with home-made dummy finger
  - fall-back passwords still needed
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- **Don't use fingerprint recognition systems for security relevant applications!**

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Thank you.

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