

# Biometric Authentication with Data Privacy

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# Agenda

- Facial Recognition and Authentication
- Challenges with Data Privacy
- Enabling Data Privacy
  - Machine Learning
  - Cryptography

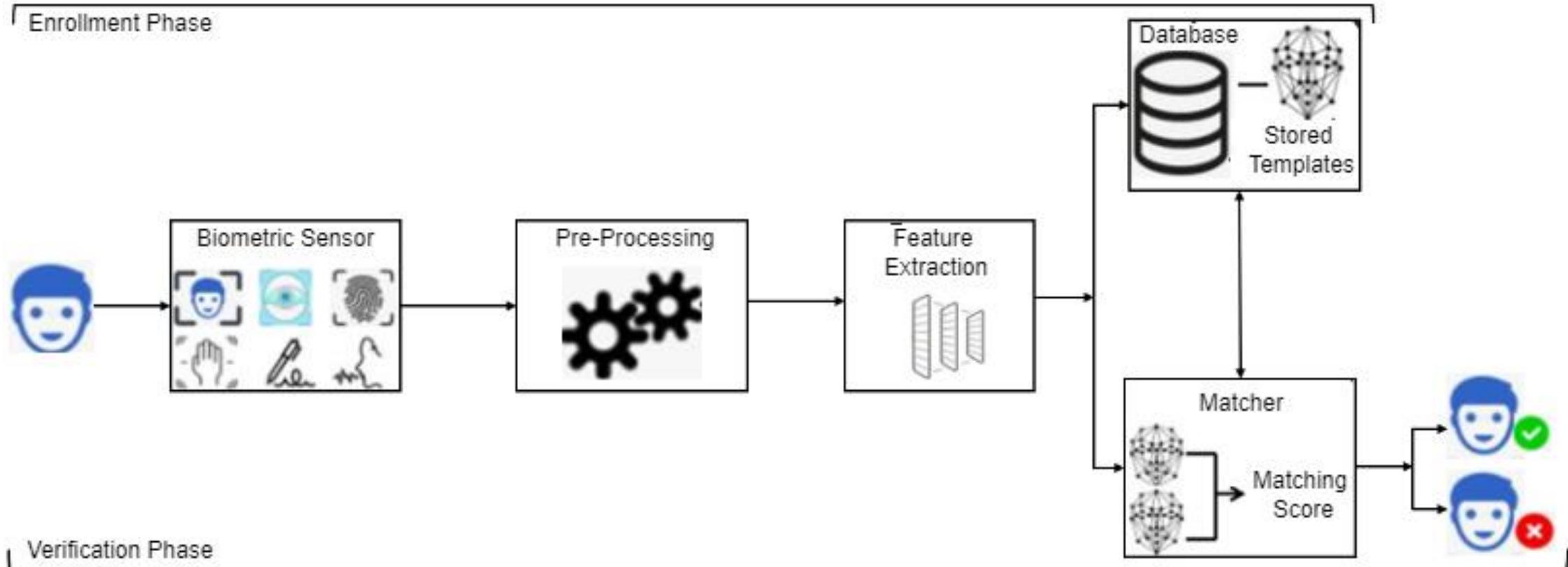
# User Authentication

Authentication Type	Example
What I Know (Knowledge-Based)	Password, Passphrase, PIN, Security Question
What I Have (Possession-Based)	Smart Card, USB Token, Mobile Phone
What I Am (Biometric-Based)	Fingerprint, Iris, Face, Voice

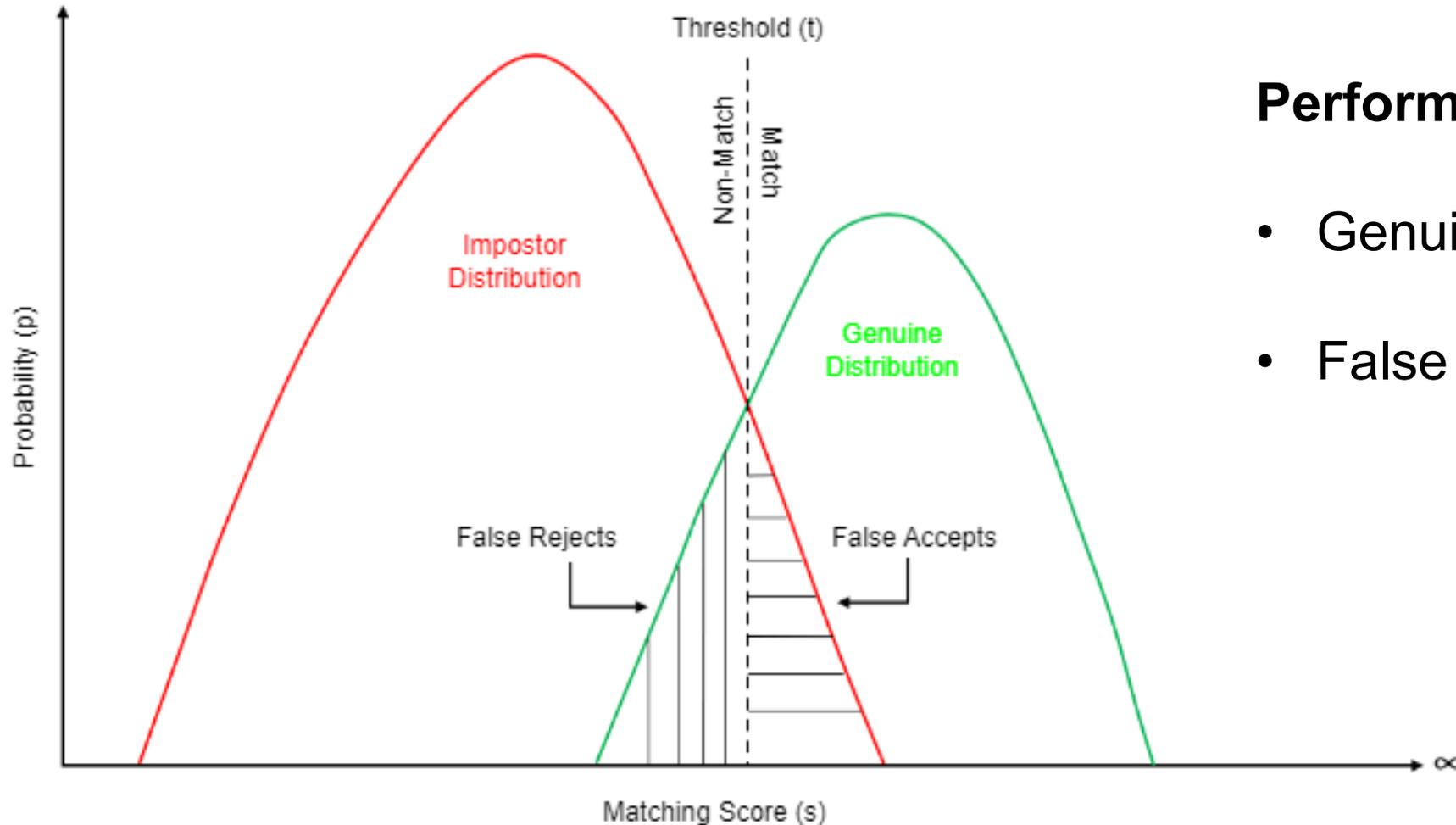
# Why Biometrics?

- Convenience
- Reliability
- Security

# Typical Biometric Authentication



# Performance Evaluation



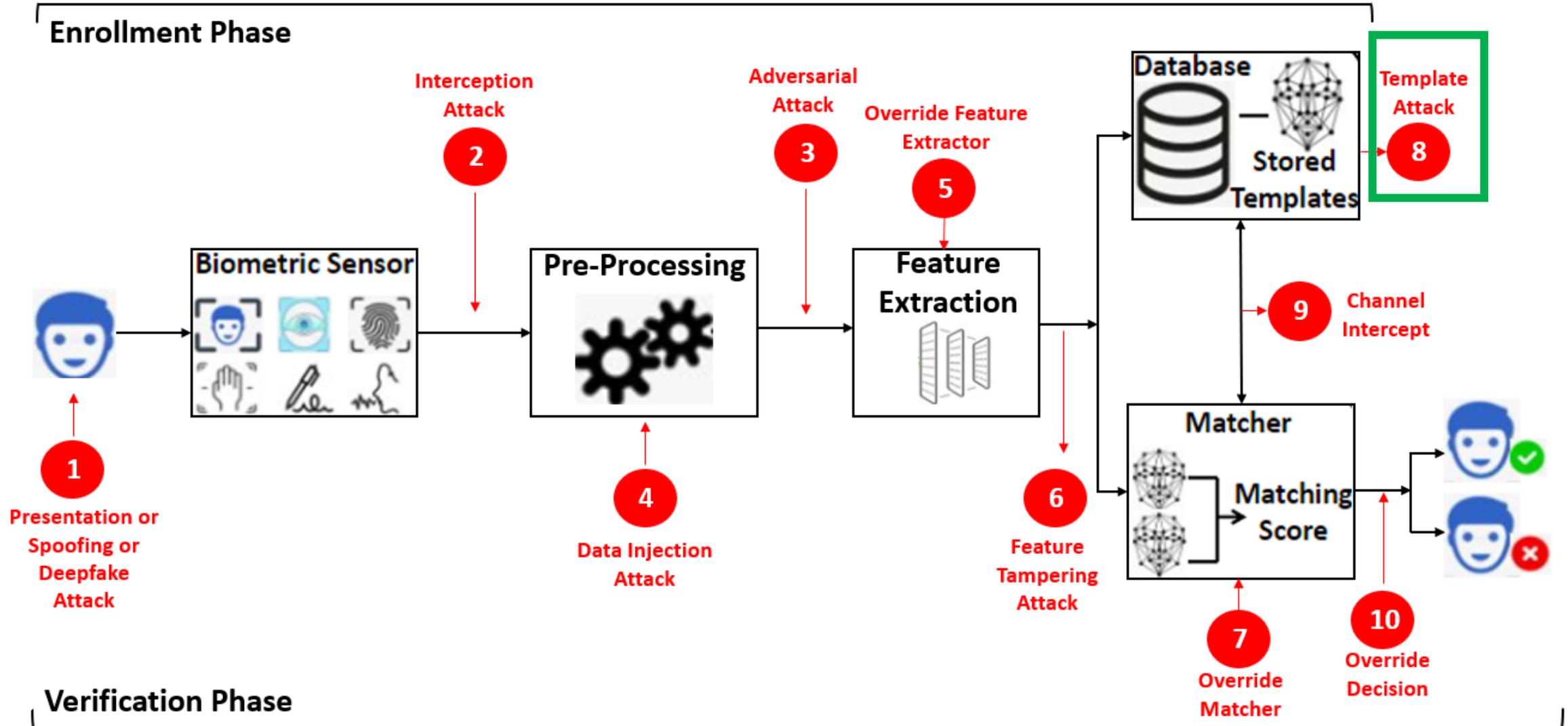
## Performance Metrics

- Genuine Accept Rate (GAR)
- False Accept Rate (FAR)

# Critical Concerns

- Easy to capture
- Non-revocable

# Attack Surfaces





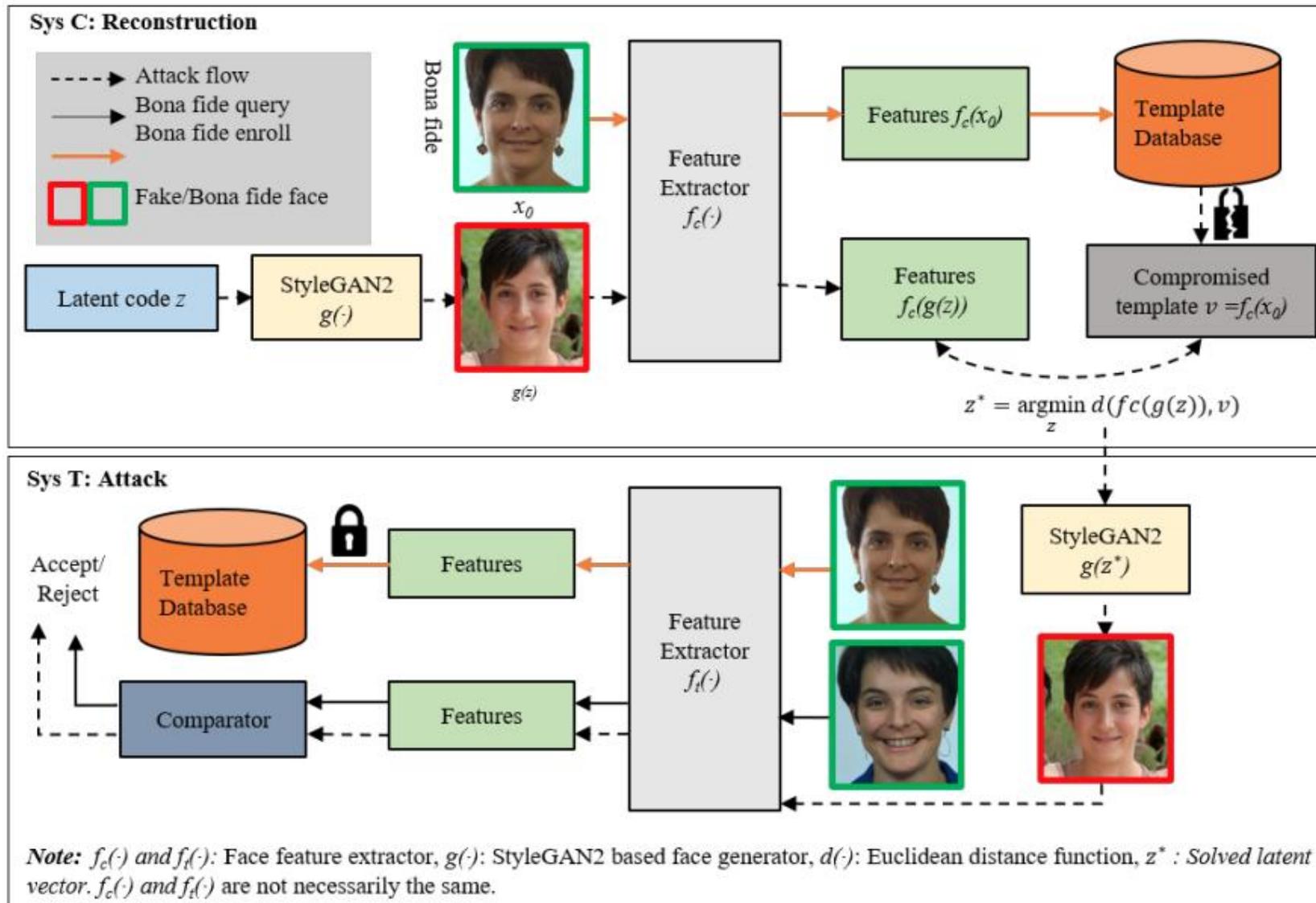
# Demo of Reconstruction Attack

- Requires GPU support.
- Dong, Xingbo, et al. "Reconstruct face from features based on genetic algorithm using GAN generator as a distribution constraint." *Computers & Security* 125 (2023): 103026.  
<https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1016/j.cose.2022.103026>
- Github Link: <https://github.com/xingbod/FromDeepFeatures2HQFace>

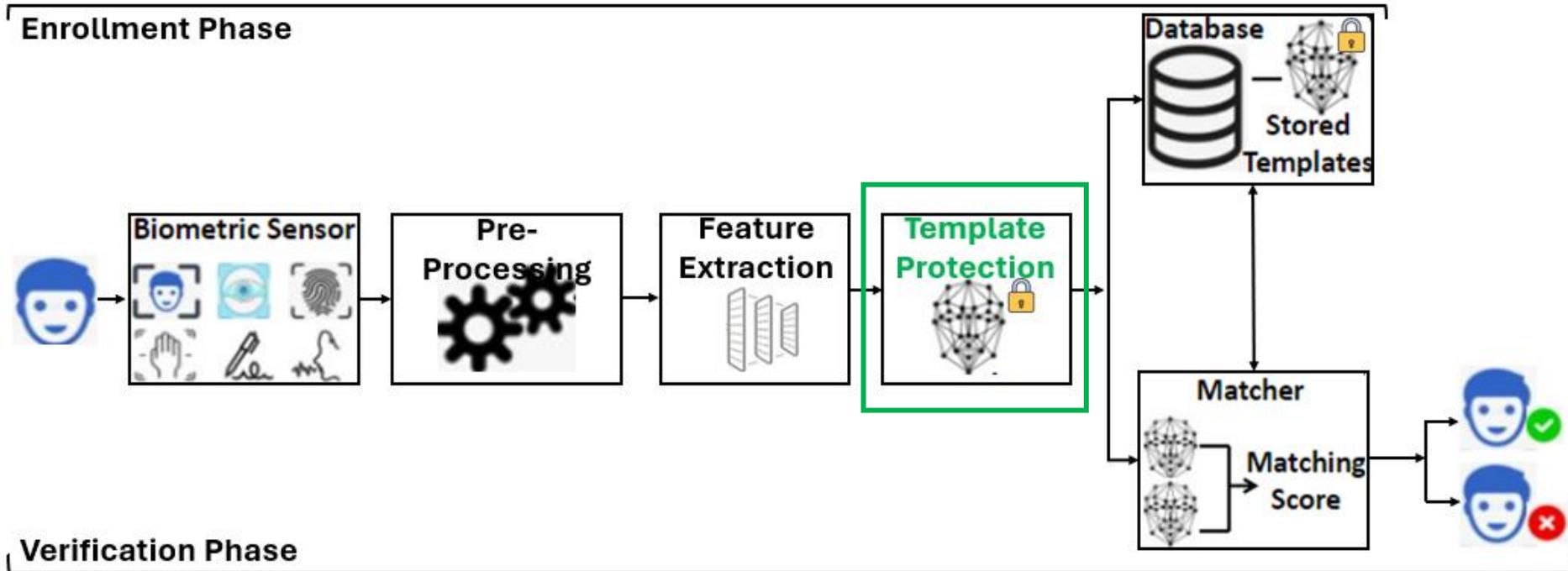
# Threat Model

- Goal
  - Generate the original face image of the victim
- Knowledge
  - Blackbox

# Reconstruction: Generative Adversarial Network



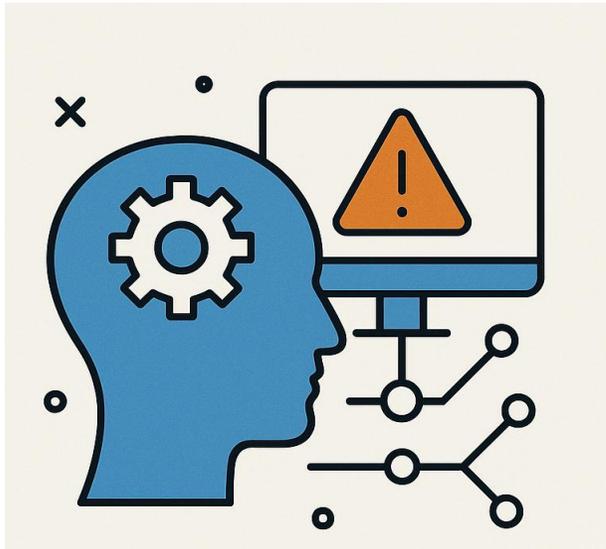
# Biometric Template Protection



## Requirements:

- Security
- Performance
- Revocability or Renewability
- Diversity or Unlinkability

# Potential Template Protection Methodology



Machine Learning



Cryptography

# Potential Ideas

- Hashing
- Encryption

# User-Specific Random Projection

- Idea
  - Each user has a secret key (like a password)
  - Key generates a unique random transformation matrix
- Implication
  - Without the user's specific key, the original biometric cannot be recovered
- Google Colab Code prepared by Sainath
  - <https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1ZupFesT-0DWR5At2LqfoXQmOWI1yT1WL?usp=sharing>

# Homomorphic Encryption

- Key Generation
- Encryption
- Evaluation
- Decryption

# Thank you!

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