

MCBD II Core Lecture - Mar 14 2024

From Forensic Genetics to Forensic Genomics



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CSI laboratory (ISO17025)

Austrian Central DNA laboratory
EDNAP, ENFSI, Interpol
Int. reference lab for forensic DNA testing



DVI laboratory (ISO17025)

e.g. Tsunami (Sri Lanka, 2004), Chile (1973 regime victims), Missing Mexican students (2014)

Forensic molecular research laboratory

Mitochondrial DNA databasing (EMPOP)
Population genetics (mito, Y)
Forensic DNA Phenotyping (appearance, ancestry, age)
New technologies (Massively Parallel Sequencing)




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Locard's exchange principle

A perpetrator of a crime will bring something into the crime scene and leave with something from it

Both can be used as **forensic evidence**

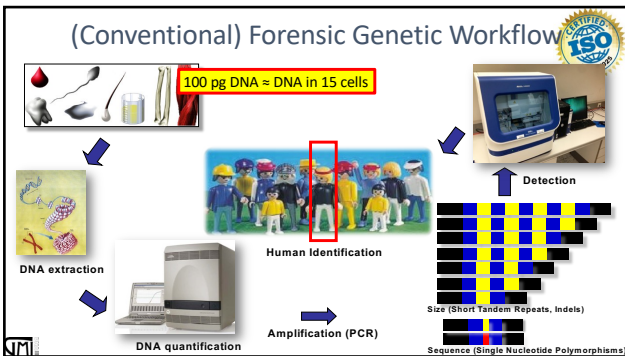
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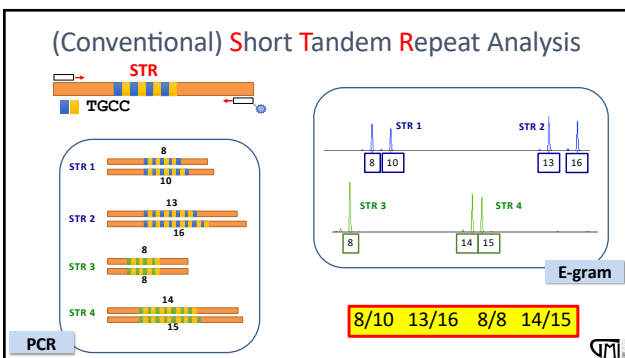
Edmond Locard (1877-1966)

W. de Gruyter, 1916 **GMU**

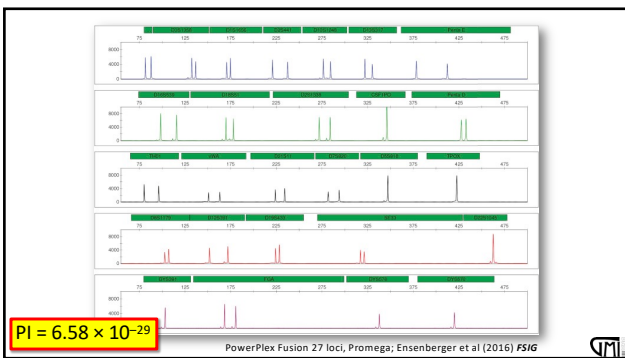
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Applications




Crime casework
reference sample




Human identification
ante mortem sample
or
related person(s)



Paternity casework
related person(s)



Cell line ID



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DNA Intelligence Databases

Welcome to the ENFSI Portal

Country	Population size	A	S	CS	Strata	Population	Matches	Stratified	Rate	Date	Match per 100,000
Austria	8,150,000				134,038	30,305	8	4,411	17,615	Jun-10	0.06
Belgium	10,500,000				79,864	17,017	1,068	1,339	1,699	Jun-10	0.03
Bulgaria	7,500,000	199	10,881		17,618	1,147	197	125	490	Jun-10	0.05
Canada	35,000,000				26,024	4,100		1,215	4,274	Jun-10	0.14
Czech Republic	10,500,000				61,397	36,795		11,774	3,411	Jun-10	0.19
Denmark	5,500,000				20,114	3,210		895	1,162	Jun-10	0.10
France	65,000,000				207,113	11,324		12,011	1,583	Jun-10	0.13
Germany	82,000,000	115,637	1,076,308	314,980	6,983,888	243,070	24,727	8,495	33,242	Jun-10	0.04
Greece	11,500,000				490,384	176,480		79,791	22,282	Jun-10	0.12
Italy	60,000,000				81,812	2,065		127	148	Jun-10	0.00
Japan	126,000,000				4,200,000	1,000,000		1,000,000	1,000,000	Jun-10	0.00
Latvia	2,400,000				44,877	4,260		1,217	1,217	Jun-10	0.00
Lithuania	3,400,000				1,000	1,000	27	87	864	Jun-10	0.11
Malta	400,000	63	769		1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000	Jun-10	0.00
Netherlands	16,500,000				14,771	85,987		23,256	5,000	Jun-10	0.23
Norway	5,000,000				8,889	16,283		4,006	786	Jun-10	0.06
Poland	38,000,000				20,099	1,367		101	59	Jun-10	0.00
Portugal	10,500,000				6,800	6,800		1	1	Jun-10	0.00
Romania	21,000,000				130,000	14,124		10,410	2,046	Jun-10	0.06
Slovakia	5,500,000				73,441	3,725		1,026	710	Jun-10	0.04
Slovenia	2,000,000				120,347	42,072		12,524	12,611	Jun-10	0.14
Spain	45,000,000	24,180	82,419		74,799	20,375	5,990	20,241	14,724	Jun-10	0.11
Switzerland	7,500,000				119,096	27,476		14,065	3,064	Jun-10	0.24
UK (England & Wales)	55,000,000				5,042,200	665,730		1,048,128	37,000	Jun-10	0.21
USA	310,000,000				1,347,415	110,947		1,316,885	186,358	Jun-10	0.26
China	1,300,000,000				1,347,415	110,947		1,316,885	186,358	Jun-10	0.21

COLD HIT RATE > 25%

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HID of Historic Individuals



Leopold III (+1136)
Bauer et al 2013



King Richard III (+1485)
King et al 2014



Wolfgang A. Mozart (+1791)
Parson 2006



Friedrich v. Schiller (+1805)
Parson 2008



Romanov family (+1918)
Coble et al 2009













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The Identification of the Romanov Family



Tsar family (1913) 300th Anniversary of the Romanov Dynasty



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The Royal family was held under house arrest by the Bolsheviks in the Ipatiev House, Ekaterinburg (April - July 1918)



Nikolay Sokolov (1919)
Judge and Chief Investigator



From the Sokolov collection (Harvard)



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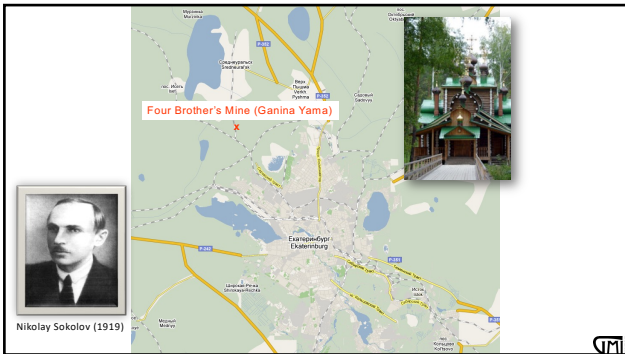
Basement room of the Ipatiev House where the Russian Imperial family was murdered July 16-17 1918 by members by Bolsheviks



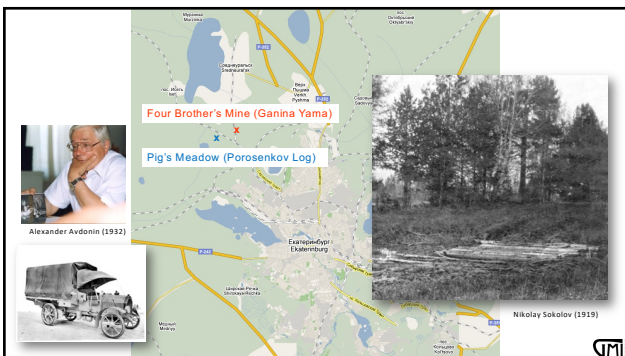
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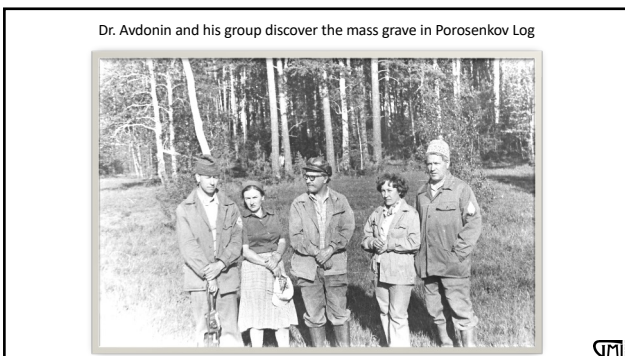
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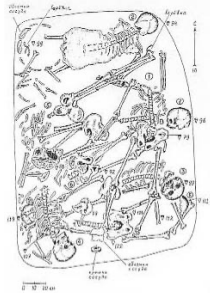
Dr. Avdonin and his group planting bushes to hide their find



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1991 – Official discovery of the mass grave and excavation of the remains



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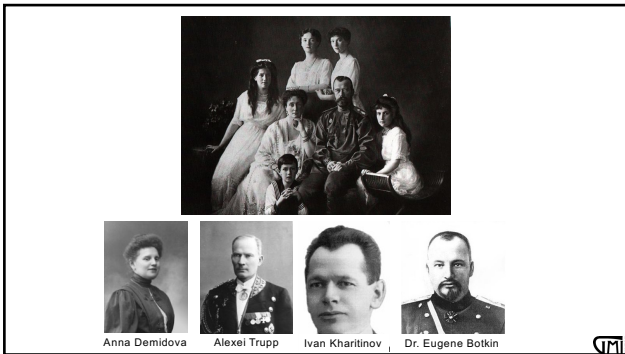
Identification of the remains of the Romanov family by DNA analysis

Peter Gill¹, Pavel L. Ivanov², Colin Kimpton¹, Romelle Piercy¹, Nicola Benson¹, Gillian Tully¹, Ian Evett¹, Erika Hagelberg³ & Kevin Sullivan¹

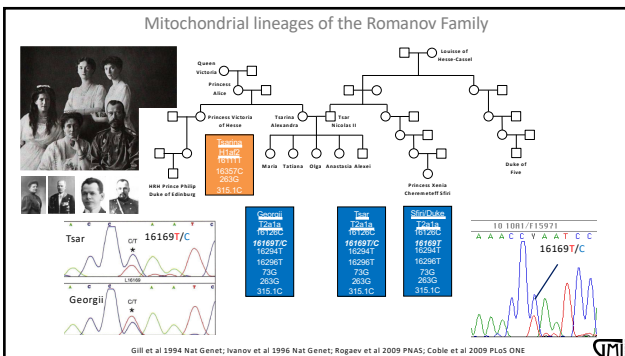
Nature Genetics – Feb. 1994

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Table 2 Summary of mtDNA differences compared to the Anderson¹⁰ reference sequence

Origin of sample	DNA source	Length sequenced (bp)	Positions within hypervariable regions (HVR) of mitochondrial DNA	
			HVR 1	HVR 2
			16111 16189 16281 16294 16296 16304 16307	73 146 265 309.1 315.1
Servant 1 (?)	Femur skeleton 1	760	- - - - -	- - - - -
Servant 2 (?)	Femur skeleton 8	742	- - - - -	- - - - -
Servant 3 (?)	Femur skeleton 9	650	- - - - -	- - - - -
Royal Physician	Femur skeleton 2	736	- - - - -	- - - - -
Dr. Botkin (?)				
Daughter 1 of Tsar/Tsarina (?)	Femur skeleton 3	755	T - - - - -	- - - - -
Daughter 2 of Tsar/Tsarina (?)	Femur skeleton 5	634	T - - - - -	- - - - -
Daughter 3 of Tsar/Tsarina (?)	Femur skeleton 6	760	T - - - - -	- - - - -
Tsarina Alexandra (?)	Femur skeleton 7	744	T - - - - -	- - - - -
Duke of Edinburgh (Grand	Blood sample	760	T - - - - -	- - - - -
nephew of Tsarina)				
Tsar Nicholas II (?)	Femur skeleton 4	782	- C Y - - - -	- - - - -
Gt. Gt. grandson of Louise of Hesse-Cassel	Blood sample	781	- C T - - - -	- - - - -
Gt. Gt. granddaughter of Louise of Hesse-Cassel	Blood sample	782	- C T - - - -	- - - - -

... Sequence unchanged from reference sequence; -, No nucleotide assignment; *, Nucleotide absent from reference sequence; Y, C/T heteroplasmy.

700 < LR < 8.4x10⁵

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Remains of Czar Nicholas II's Son May Have Been Found

- FRIDAY, **AUGUST 24, 2007**
- **MOSCOW** — The remains of the last czar's hemophilic son and heir to the Russian throne, missing since the royal family was gunned down nine decades ago by Bolsheviks in a basement room, may have been found, an archaeologist said Thursday.

Prince Alexei, aged 8 or 9, in a detail from an official Russian royal-family photograph taken in 1913. His sister Grand Duchess Anastasia's hand drapes over his shoulder.

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,294360,00.html>

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Archaeological site map showing the location of the remains of Prince Alexei. The map includes a legend with symbols for the site, the location of the remains, and the location of the remains of the Grand Duchess Anastasia. The map also shows the location of the remains of the Grand Duchess Anastasia and the location of the remains of the Grand Duke Andrei.



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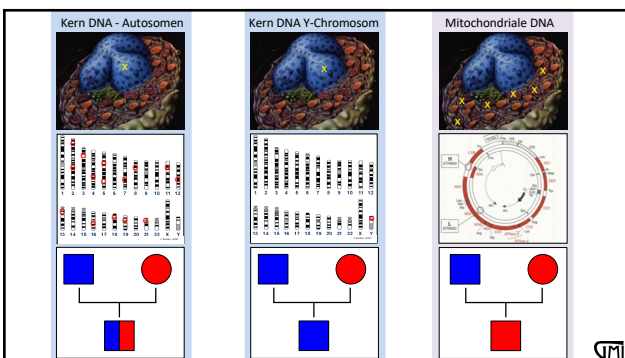
DNA Analyses Innsbruck



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The Identification of the Romanov Family

autosomal STRs

Marker	Sample 2.1	Sample 7.8	Sample 3.6	Sample 2.2	Sample 5.16	Sample 1.0	Sample 10.1
D5S818	12,12	12,12	12,12	12,12	12,12	12,12	12,12
D7S822	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10
D3S1358	15,15	15,15	15,15	15,15	15,15	15,15	15,15
D13S322	9,9	9,9	9,9	9,9	9,9	9,9	9,9
D16S1131	11,11	11,11	11,11	11,11	11,11	11,11	11,11
D2S1328	18,18	18,18	18,18	18,18	18,18	18,18	18,18
D8S1179	12,12	12,12	12,12	12,12	12,12	12,12	12,12
D12S1093	17,17	17,17	17,17	17,17	17,17	17,17	17,17
D4S1393	13,13	13,13	13,13	13,13	13,13	13,13	13,13
D10S1248	11,11	11,11	11,11	11,11	11,11	11,11	11,11
D19S433	14,14	14,14	14,14	14,14	14,14	14,14	14,14
D17S1297	16,16	16,16	16,16	16,16	16,16	16,16	16,16
D14S643	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10
D18S21	25,25	25,25	25,25	25,25	25,25	25,25	25,25
D21S11	23,23	23,23	23,23	23,23	23,23	23,23	23,23
D22S4138	21,21	21,21	21,21	21,21	21,21	21,21	21,21

Y-STRs

Marker	Sample 2.1	Sample 7.8	Sample 3.6	Sample 2.2	Sample 5.16	Sample 1.0	Sample 10.1
DYS19	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
DYS39	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
DYS389I	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
DYS389II	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
DYS385A	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
DYS385B	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
DYS389III	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
DYS389IV	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
DYS389V	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
DYS389VI	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
DYS389VII	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
DYS389VIII	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
DYS389IX	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
DYS389X	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
DYS389XI	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
DYS389XII	11	11	11	11	11	11	11

mtDNA

Marker	Sample 2.1	Sample 7.8	Sample 3.6	Sample 2.2	Sample 5.16	Sample 1.0	Sample 10.1
16169	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
16172	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
16191	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
16192	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
16193	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
16194	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
16195	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
16196	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
16197	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
16198	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
16199	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
16200	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
16201	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
16202	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
16203	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
16204	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
16205	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
16206	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
16207	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
16208	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
16209	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
16210	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
16211	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
16212	G	G	G	G	G	G	G

Coble et al *PLoS ONE* (2008)

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The Identification of the Romanov Family

Hypothesis: Samples 146.1 and 147 are members of the Romanov Family vs. Samples 146.1 and 147 are unrelated

Cumulative LR = **4.36 Trillion**

Coble et al *PLoS ONE* (2008)

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Confirmation of the Tsar's STR profile

Nagasaki, 1891 blood stain on shirt

Full matches in Y-Chromosomal and autosomal STR profiles

Coble et al *PLoS ONE* (2008)

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The Imposters

Establishing the identity of Anna Anderson Manahan
 Peter Gill, Colin Kimpton, Rosemary Aliston-Greiner, Kevin Sullivan, Mark Stoneking, Terry Melton, Julian Nott, Suzanne Barrit, Rhonda Roby, Mitchell Holland & LTC Victor Weedn
Nature Genetics 9, 9–10 (1994)

Anna Anderson Manahan

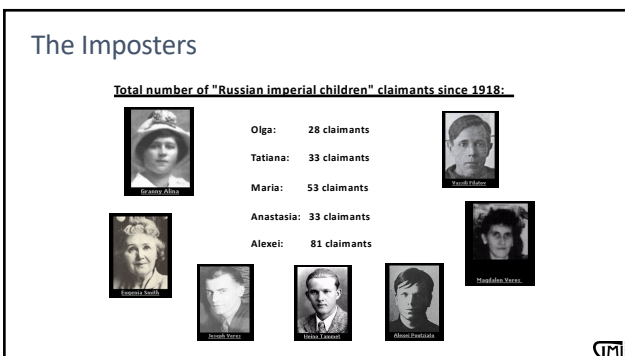
Origin of sample	DNA source	Length sequenced (bp)	Position within the non-coding region (ref. 11)
Reference sequence	-	-	16181-16196
Duke of Edinburgh (Great nephew of Tsarina)	Blood sample	403	16200-16204
Anna Anderson	Intestine sample	403	16200-16204
Anna Anderson	Hair sample (3 hairs)	344-382	16200-16204
C. Maucher (Great nephew of Schandzowska)	Blood sample	380	16200-16204

... Sequence unchanged from reference sequence.

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PLOS ONE

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Mystery Solved: The Identification of the Two Missing Romanov Children Using DNA Analysis

Michael D. Coble, Odile M. Lovelace, Mark J. Wadhams, Suniti M. Edson, Kerry Maynard, Carina E. Meyer, Harald Niederstätter, Cordula Berger, Burkhard Berger, Anthony B. Falsetti, Peter Gill, Walther Parson, Louis N. Finelli

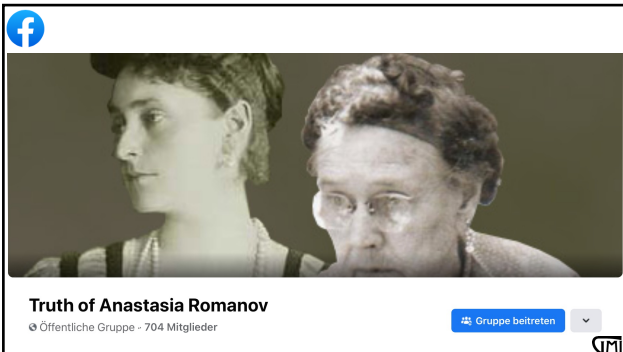
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Irren ist menschlich

Bestätigungsfehler (confirmation bias):
Menschen versuchen Informationen zu finden, die ihre Auffassung **bestätigen**. Im Gehirn werden – ohne dass es bewusst wird – Informationen hochgradig selektiv verarbeitet, sodass individuelle Überzeugungen beibehalten werden. **Suche** nach Informationen, die gegen die eigentliche Überzeugung sprechen.

Dunning-Kruger-Effekt:
Menschen neigen dazu, ihr eigenes Wissen und Können regelmäßig zu **überschätzen**. Wenn wir von einem Themengebiet keine Ahnung haben, ist uns oft nicht bewusst, wie unwissend wir wirklich sind. Die Selbstüberschätzung ist sogar besonders groß, je weniger wir wissen (auch Journalisten, Wissenschaftler,...).

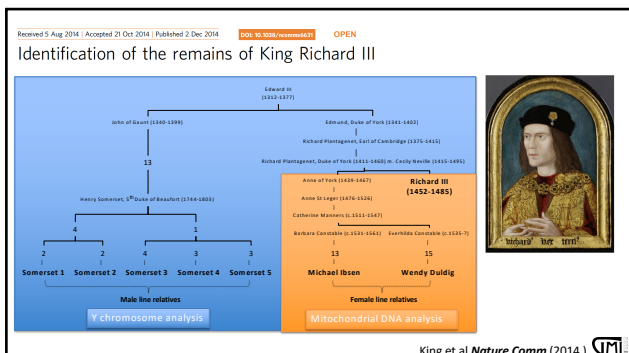
“Gesunder Menschenverstand“ (gut feeling error):
Jede Behauptung muss mit Beweisen belegt und eine Argumentation widerspruchsfrei sein. Man wird leicht **manipulierbar**, wenn vernünftiges Denken hinter dem emotionalen Effekt einer Behauptung zurücktritt. Bauchentscheidungen sind anfällig für eine Vielzahl irrationaler Denkmechanismen. Insbesondere **Angst** ist ein starkes Gefühl, von dem sich Menschen sehr stark leiten lassen.

mod von Markus Knauff (Kognitivforscher)

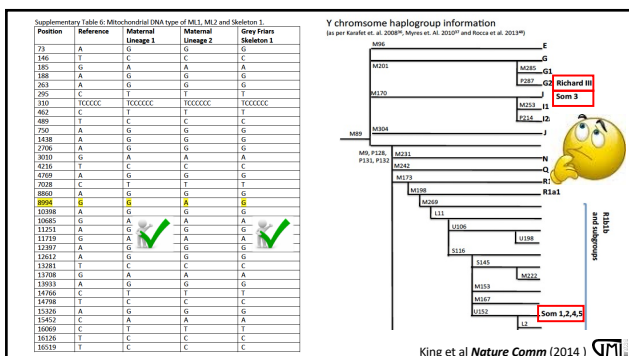
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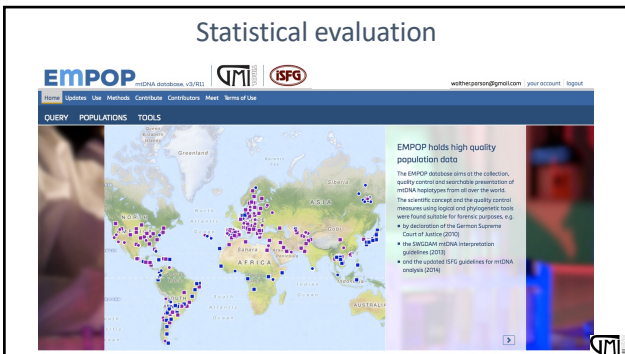


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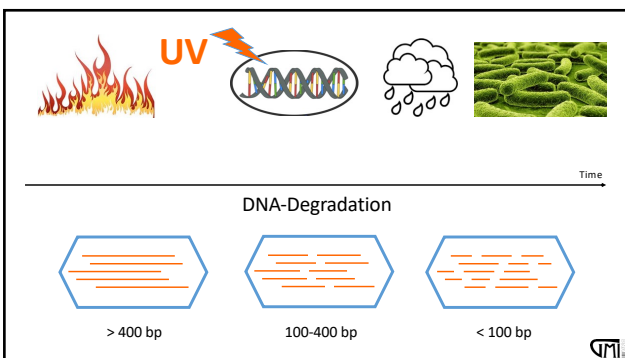
Evidence	LR	Posterior – sceptical prior	Posterior – 50/50 prior
All	6.7 million	0.999994	0.999999
Genetic	79	0.67	0.987
Non-genetic	85,000	0.9995	0.999988
All exc. mtDNA	14,000	0.997	0.99993
All exc. Y	41 million	0.999999	1.000000
mtDNA only	478	0.92	0.998
<i>For illustrative purposes, below we give likelihood ratios calculated using the European mitochondrial DNA control region database</i>			
mtDNA only	6847	0.994	0.9999
Genetic	1127	0.97	0.999
All	96 million	0.9999996	0.9999999

King et al *Nature Comm* (2014)

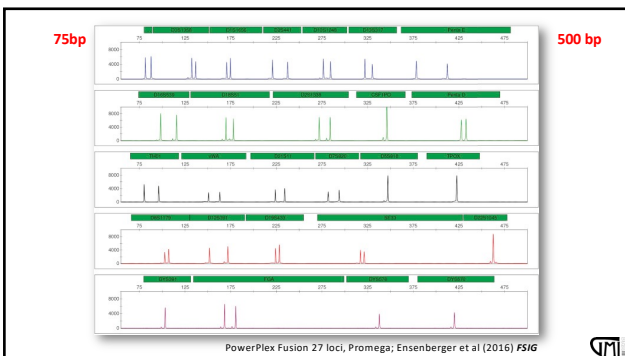
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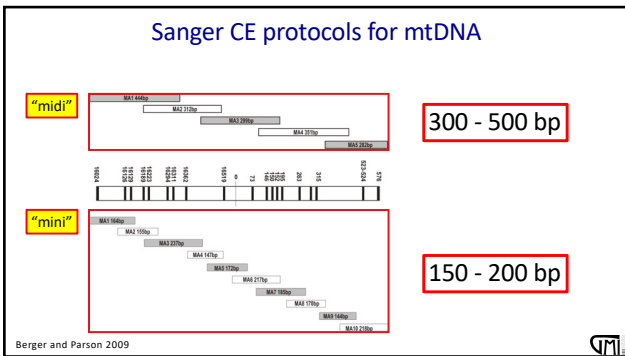
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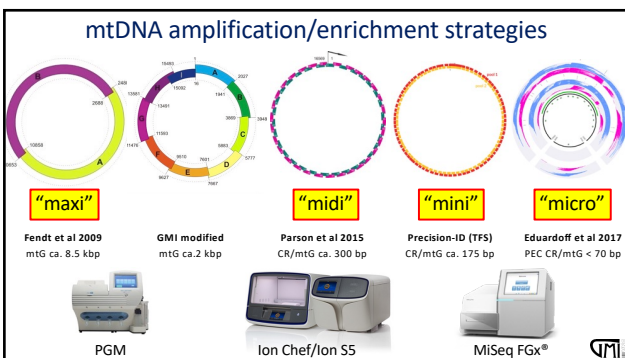
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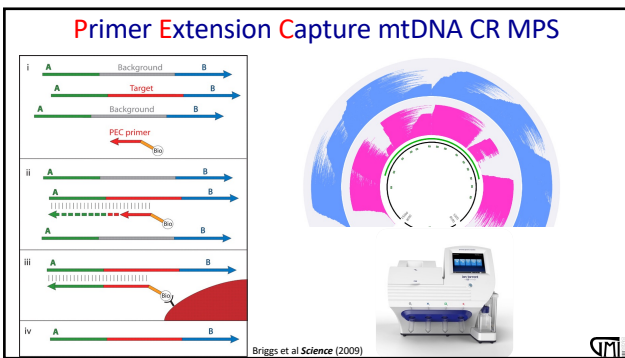
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SEPTEMBER 26, 2014, IGUALA, MEXICO
43 male students from the Ayotzinapa Rural Teachers College went missing
Bag was found in a water with putative human remains
 We received **17 severely burnt fragmented remains**




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Conventional DNA analysis

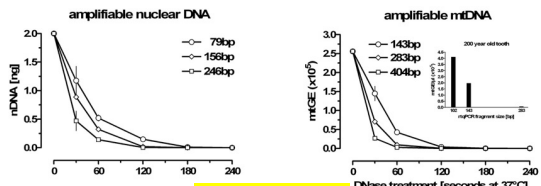
17 samples cleaned and DNA extracted (Phenol/Chloroform)
 qPCR nDNA (Niederstätter et al 2007) brought promising quants in only 1 sample
 This sample gave a full aSTR profile matching 1 of the 43 families
 qPCR mtDNA (Niederstätter et al 2007) brought no quants in the remaining 16 samples (143 bp)



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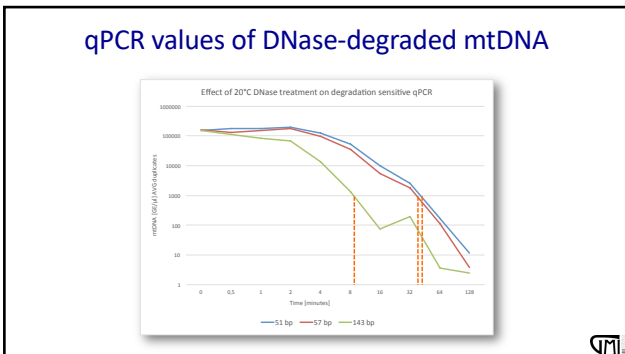
Quantitation of mtDNA

Modular system (Niederstätter et al 2007)
 parallel determination of nDNA (Alu Yb8) and mtDNA
 or nDNA/mtDNA quantitation with internal PCR control (IPC)
 inhibition and degradation sensitive

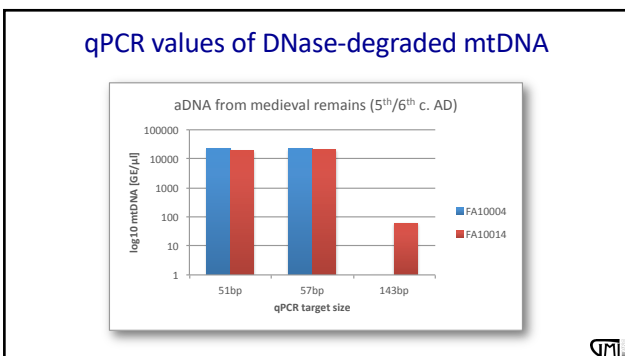


Update in Bauer et al 2013

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Application of the PEC method to Mexican remains

Rationale for approaching the case at all:
 Unknown samples expected to belong to Native American phylogeny (hgs A2, B2, C1, D1, D4 and sublineages)
 Our lab is exposed to mtDNA lineages from West Eurasia (hgs H, JT, UK, R*, N*, I, X, W and sublineages)
 If contamination occurred, it would be easier to distinguish from authentic result

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9 of 16 "hopeless" samples brought PEC results

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Remains of second Mexican student identified

17 September 2019 Latin America & Caribbean



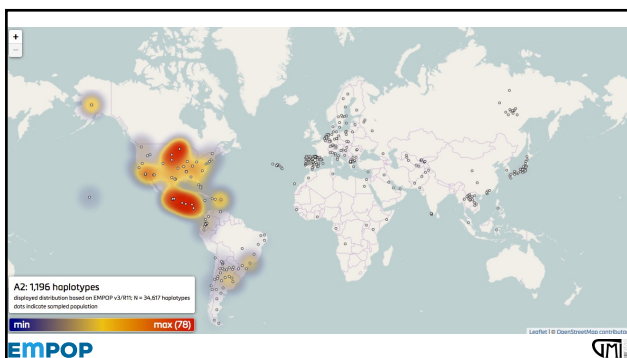
The remains of the 42 missing students have had regular, successful progress and matches for the past year

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Article
Optimized mtDNA Control Region Primer Extension Capture Analysis for Forensically Relevant Samples and Highly Compromised mtDNA of Different Age and Origin
Mayra Eduardoff^{1,2}, Catalina Xavier¹, Christiana Stoebl¹, Andrea Casan-Vargas² and Walther Parson^{1,2*}

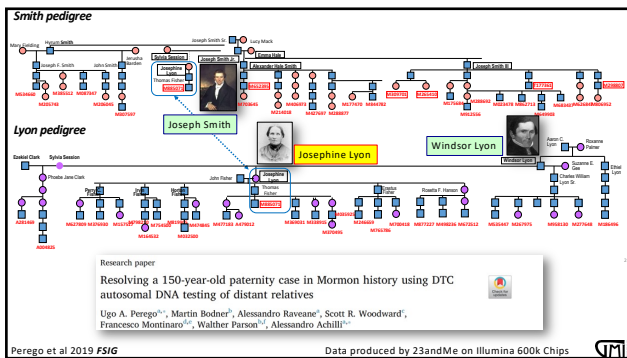


<https://www.genengnews.com>

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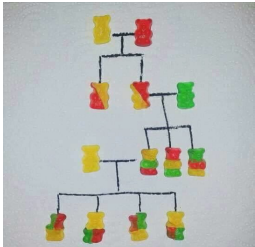


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Gummy bears Genetics

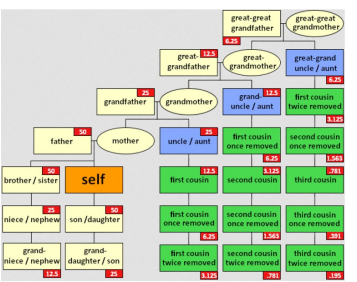


IBD - Identical by Descent
IBS - Identical by State

http://fsgq.com/gag/AlD1ddg

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Genetic Genealogy



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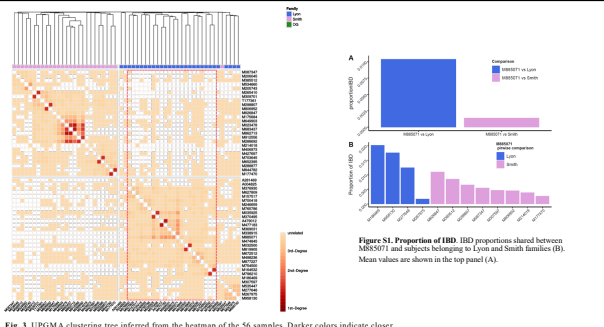


Fig. 3. UPGMA clustering tree inferred from the heatmap of the 56 samples. Darker colors indicate closer relationship and the red box encloses the columns with the kinship values of Josephine Lyon's direct descendants.


Figure S1. Proportion of IBD. IBD proportions shared between M85071 and subjects belonging to Lyon and Smith families (B). Mean values are shown in the top panel (A).

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**The Case of the „Golden State Killer“
1974 - 1986**

- 13+ murdered, 50+ raped, 120+ burglarized



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**The Case of the „Golden State Killer“
1974 - 1986**

- The investigation never stopped ...
 - Numerous suspects had been identified and excluded
- The investigator
 - Paul Holes (Contra Costa County district attorney's office) – close to retirement
- The DNA sample
 - An unused frozen rape kit from 1980 was analyzed, compared to the CODIS profile from the unknown rapist for authentication
 - Submitted to commercial provider for genome-wide SNP analysis, then uploaded to public GEDmatch database
- The genealogist
 - Barbara Rae-Venter, retired patent attorney working in genealogy to help adoptees find their parents




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GEDmatch Tools for DNA and Genealogy Research


GEDmatch provides DNA and genealogical analysis tools for amateur and professional researchers and genealogists. Most tools are free, but we do provide some premium tools for users who wish to help support us with contributions. You will need to upload DNA and / or genealogical (GEDCOM) data to make use of the tools here. Registration requires your name, email and a password of your choice. Click [HERE](#) to register.

- Two parental family trees established – of Italian and British origin
- The British side was informative leading to hundreds of potential relatives, connecting a 3rd cousin with a putative great-great-grandfather
- Further searches involved birth records, newspaper clippings, social media profiles and family tree data
- One suspect providing a voluntary sample was excluded

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- Joseph James DeAngelo, arrested April 24, 2018 in Sacramento, CA
- Born in 1945, Vietnam veteran, 1971 BSc in criminal justice, police officer 1973-1980 in Sacramento and Exeter, married 1973 & divorced 1991, 3 daughters, living since then in Citrus Heights, Sacramento

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The future of Forensic Genetics


1985-1995	Exploration
1995-2005	Harmonization
2005-2015	Growth
2015-	Sophistication

adapted from Butler JM *Phil. Trans. R. Soc. B* (2015)

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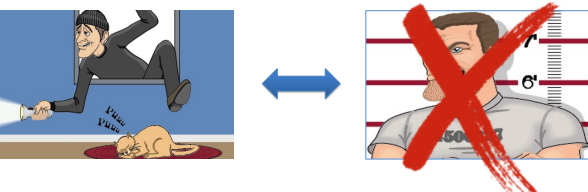
Paradigm Shift in Forensic Genetics

Identification - Prediction
Genetics - Genomics




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Cases without suspects




Provide investigative leads through DNA



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the invisible gorilla




Ca. 1 min movie of two teams playing basketball
Q: How often do the teams pass a ball

A lady in a gorilla costume walks through

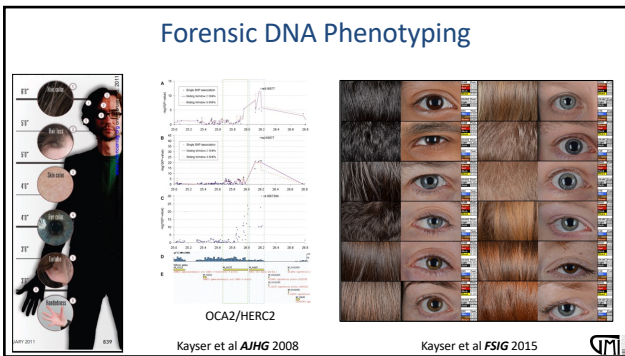
228 test persons watching the movie

Results
194 counted the passes correctly
In most groups ca. 50% of the participants did not report seeing the gorilla
Success **higher** in participants who counted the black team

= Inattentual blindness



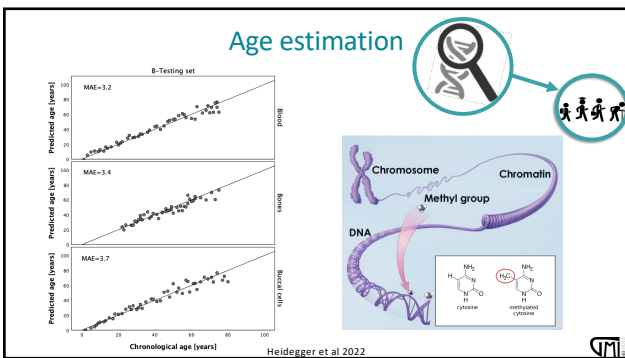
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Forensic Genomics VU1 (planned June 2024)

Forensic Genomics (Wahlfach) - 24S - VU

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

Appearance
Hirisplex-S
Erasmus MC Genetic Identification
Indiana Purdue University Walsh Lab Genetic Tools

Ancestry
University Santiago Compostela (Spain), FCA, SNIPPER
STRUCTURE/CLUMPAC, mtDNA




Age
Somatic panel and model for blood

Sample A


Marker	Erasmus
1	16000
2	18132
3	45100
4	2141
5	10139
6	21506





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