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*Statistics and the Evaluation of Evidence for Forensic Scientists* NYU Press

Forensic science includes all aspects of investigating a crime, including: chemistry, biology and physics, and also incorporates countless other specialties. Today, the service offered under the guise of 'forensic science' includes specialties from virtually all aspects of modern science, medicine, engineering, mathematics and technology. The Encyclopedia of Forensic Sciences, Second Edition is a reference source that will inform both the crime scene worker and the laboratory worker of each other's protocols, procedures and limitations. Written by leading scientists in each area, every article is peer reviewed to establish clarity, accuracy, and comprehensiveness. As reflected in the specialties of its Editorial Board, the contents covers the core theories, methods and techniques employed by forensic scientists - and applications of these that are used in forensic analysis. This 4-volume set represents a 30% growth in articles from the first edition, with a particular increase in coverage of DNA and digital forensics Includes an international collection of contributors The second edition features a new 21-member editorial board, half of which are internationally based Includes over 300 articles, approximately 10pp on average Each article features a) suggested readings which point readers to additional sources for more information, b) a list of related Web sites, c) a 5-10 word glossary and definition paragraph, and d) cross-references to related articles in the encyclopedia Available online via SciVerse ScienceDirect. Please visit [www.info.sciencedirect.com](http://www.info.sciencedirect.com) for more information This new edition continues the reputation of the first edition, which was awarded an Honorable Mention in the prestigious Dartmouth Medal competition for 2001. This award honors the creation of reference works of outstanding quality and significance, and is sponsored by the RUSA Committee of the American Library Association

*A Practical Guide to Assigning Likelihood Ratios* Academic Press

*Forensic Practitioner's Guide to the Interpretation of Complex DNA Profiles* Academic Press

*Advanced Topics in Forensic DNA Typing: Interpretation* CRC Press

*Using Forensic DNA Evidence at Trial: A Case Study Approach* covers the most common DNA analysis methods used in criminal trials today, including STR techniques, mitochondrial DNA, and Y-STRs. It presents some novel techniques—including familial testing and analyzing domestic animal hair—that have been recently introduced in unique cases, each of which is outlined in detail. It also illustrates special issues related to forensic DNA evidence by using court proceedings such as trials and appeals, commissions of inquiry, and government and laboratory reviews. With forensic DNA analysis becoming increasingly important at trial, the lively and sometimes bizarre cases presented in this book have been carefully chosen to highlight specific concepts, methods, and interpretations used in DNA analysis. Sections throughout examine the nature of expertise with a special focus on the role of subjectivity in the interpretation of forensic DNA evidence, emphasizing cognitive bias and extraneous context. Using both convictions and exonerations as examples, the book also discusses the strengths and limitations of DNA evidence and testing. The book is written in an accessible manner for the non-scientific reader, such that criminal lawyers, judges, and forensic experts will all understand the nature of analysis and application of DNA evidence in a variety of court cases. Extensive references—including notable trial proceedings, cross references of cases, and specific forensic statistics—round out the book and help to provide a complete understanding of forensic DNA analysis and its current usage in the courtroom.

*LexisNexis Practice Guide: Michigan Criminal Law* National Academies Press

The book explores the fundamental principles, advances in forensic techniques, and its application on forensic DNA analysis. The book is divided into three modules; the first module provides the historical prospect of forensic DNA typing and introduces fundamentals of forensic DNA typing,

methodology, and technical advancements, application of STRs, and DNA databases for forensic DNA profile analysis. Module 2 examines the problems and challenges encountered in extracting DNA and generating DNA profiles. It provides information on the methods and the best practices for DNA isolation from forensic biological samples and human remains like ancient DNA, DNA typing of skeletal remains and disaster victim identification, the importance of DNA typing in human trafficking, and various problems associated with capillary electrophoresis. Module 3 emphasizes various technologies that are based on SNPs, STRs namely Y-STR, X-STR, mitochondrial DNA profiling in forensic science. Module 4 explores the application of non-human forensic DNA typing of domestic animals, wildlife forensics, plant DNA fingerprinting, and microbial forensics. The last module discusses new areas and alternative methods in forensic DNA typing, including Next-Generation Sequencing, and its utility in forensic science, oral microbes, and forensic DNA phenotyping. Given its scope, the book is a useful resource in the field of DNA fingerprinting for scientists, forensic experts, and students at the postgraduate level.

*Twgdam Validation of Ampf\_str•* Academic Press

Statistical methodology plays a key role in ensuring that DNA evidence is collected, interpreted, analyzed and presented correctly. With the recent advances in computer technology, this methodology is more complex than ever before. There are a growing number of books in the area but none are devoted to the computational analysis of evidence. This book presents the methodology of statistical DNA forensics with an emphasis on the use of computational techniques to analyze and interpret forensic evidence.

*The Fitness for Purpose of Analytical Methods* Academic Press

Forensic laboratories are often required to analyse samples containing very low quantities of DNA, and tests with enhanced detection capabilities may be required to obtain profiling results from such samples. Low Copy Number (LCN) is a DNA profiling methodology that employs an increased number of PCR cycles to enhance sensitivity. The enhanced sensitivity of LCN is known to increase stochastic effects, which can lead to profiles exhibiting features and artefacts that can complicate interpretation. Probabilistic interpretation is suggested as a method for interpreting the complex profiles generated with the LCN technique, and STRmix™ is a commercial software solution available for this task. An ESR upgrade from the AmpFISTR® SGM Plus® PCR Amplification Kit to the more discriminating Identifiler® Plus PCR Amplification Kit for 34-cycle LCN DNA profiling has created a need to implement a STRmix™ method to interpret the DNA profiles generated with this platform. This thesis had two primary aims: first, to create a STRmix™ method for probabilistic interpretation of Identifiler® Plus LCN DNA profiles; and second, to validate the method parameters established. Laboratory and kit specific parameters were obtained from internal LCN DNA profile data, which included stutter ratios, allele and stutter peak height variance, saturation limit, and drop-in. Validation of the STRmix™ method was performed for replicate single source and two-contributor mixed LCN DNA profiles. Profiles were deconvoluted using STRmix™ from triplicate, duplicate, and singlicate amplifications, and compared to profiles on a database of 500 random non-contributors and the true contributors. Likelihood ratios were calculated for each comparison, and the sensitivity and specificity of the method were assessed by the number of results obtained correctly supporting Hp or Hd. Promising results were produced with the majority of samples tested correctly identified as either contributors or non-contributors. A relationship was established which showed that an increase in average peak height leads to an increase in the strength of the calculated LR. The method was determined to be suitable for testing single source profiles from replicates. The performance of two-contributor mixture testing was also encouraging; however, some implementation restrictions may need to be applied with regard to relative contributor proportions and the average peak height of the samples. Further validation work to confirm the effects of these variables, and to test the method on mixed profiles from an increased number of contributors would be a valuable next step.

#### **DNA Analysis for Missing Person Identification in Mass Fatalities** John Wiley & Sons

This book provides a multidisciplinary view of smart infrastructure through a range of diverse introductory and advanced topics. The book features an array of subjects that include: smart cities and infrastructure, e-healthcare, emergency and disaster management, Internet of Vehicles, supply chain management, eGovernance, and high performance computing. The book is divided into five parts: Smart Transportation, Smart Healthcare, Miscellaneous Applications, Big Data and High Performance Computing, and Internet of Things (IoT). Contributions are from academics, researchers, and industry professionals around the world. Features a broad mix of topics related to smart infrastructure and smart applications, particularly high performance computing, big data, and artificial intelligence; Includes a strong emphasis on methodological aspects of infrastructure, technology and application development; Presents a substantial overview of research and development on key economic sectors including healthcare and transportation.

#### **Biology, Technology, and Genetics of STR Markers** CRC Press

Forensic DNA Typing, Second Edition, is the only book available that specifically covers detailed information on mitochondrial DNA and the Y chromosome. It examines the science of current forensic DNA typing methods by focusing on the biology, technology, and genetic interpretation of short tandem repeat (STR) markers, which encompass the most common forensic DNA analysis methods used today. The book covers topics from introductory level right up to cutting edge research. High-profile cases are addressed throughout the text, near the sections dealing with the science or issues behind these cases. Ten new chapters have been added to accommodate the explosion of new information since the turn of the century. These additional chapters cover statistical genetic analysis of DNA data, an emerging field of interest to DNA research. Several chapters on statistical analysis of short tandem repeat (STR) typing data have been contributed by Dr. George Carmody, a well-respected professor in forensic genetics. Specific examples make the concepts of population genetics more understandable. This book will be of interest to researchers and practitioners in forensic DNA analysis, forensic scientists, population geneticists, military and private and public forensic laboratories (for identifying individuals through remains), and students of forensic science. \*The only book available that specifically covers detailed information on mitochondrial DNA and the Y chromosome \*Chapters cover the topic from introductory level right up to "cutting edge" research \*High-profile cases are addressed throughout the book, near the sections dealing with the science or issues behind these cases \*NEW TO THIS EDITION: D.N.A. Boxes--boxed "Data, Notes & Applications" sections throughout the book offer higher levels of detail on specific questions

#### **Smart Infrastructure and Applications** CRC Press

Stutter is a common issue that complicates forensic DNA profile interpretation. Not all stutter peaks are accounted for during interpretation, making it difficult to determine an accurate profile and the true number of contributors. Allele-specific stutter filters have not been extensively evaluated for expanded STR typing kits. I conducted a detailed study to identify allele-specific stutter filters for the GlobalFiler® STR amplification kit. DNA was collected, extracted, amplified, and analyzed via capillary electrophoresis. The raw stutter data from multiple STR known reference profiles was generated using the GlobalFiler® assay and exported to Excel, and a detailed statistical analysis was conducted. Typical and atypical allele-specific stutter percentages (determined from the ratio of the stutter peak height to the parent allele peak height) were examined along with stutter percentages for low-concentration DNA. Simple loci showed a strong linear correlation between increasing allele length in base pairs and corresponding stutter peak percentages. The stutter percentage increased as the allele length increased. This could be modeled with probabilistic software to develop better stutter filters. However, the compound and complex loci showed more than one cluster of data points indicating the need for more than a single linear regression line to accurately characterize the results. Sequencing of compound / complex locus amplicons using standard or next generation methods is required to find the repeat sequence associated with each cluster of stutter peak percentage data. Probability based modeling can be developed for each repeat pattern to better characterize if the peak is stutter or a true contributor allele. Low-concentration (0.5 ng/ul and less) DNA input samples were also compared to the known reference samples (0.5 ng/ul and more); low-concentration samples did not show the same correlation between the allele lengths and stutter percentages as the known reference samples. This study provides useful information to crime labs that suggests they need to take sensitivity data into account during their validation studies in order to determine more realistic stutter percentages and help develop better stutter filters. This will improve accuracy in their case studies and significantly save analysis time.

#### **Epigenetic Regulation and Epigenomics** CRC Press

DNA testing and its forensic analysis are recognized as the "gold standard" in forensic identification science methods. However, there is a great need for a hands-on step-by-step guide to teach the forensic DNA community how to interpret DNA mixtures, how to assign a likelihood ratio, and how to use the subsequent likelihood ratio when reporting interpretation conclusions. Forensic DNA Profiling: A Practical Guide to Assigning Likelihood Ratios will provide a roadmap for labs all over the world and the next generation of analysts who need this foundational understanding. The techniques used in forensic DNA analysis are based upon the accepted principles of molecular biology. The interpretation of a good-quality DNA profile generated from a crime scene stain from a single-source donor provides an unambiguous result when using the most modern forensic DNA methods. Unfortunately, many crime scene profiles are not single source. They are described as mixed since they contain DNA from two or more individuals. Interpretation of DNA mixtures represents one of the greatest challenges to the forensic DNA analyst. As such, the book introduces terms used to describe DNA profiles and profile interpretation. Chapters explain DNA extraction methods, the polymerase chain reaction (PCR), capillary electrophoresis (CE), likelihood ratios (LRs) and their interpretation, and population genetic models—including Mendelian inheritance and Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium. It is important that analysts understand how LRs are generated in a probabilistic framework, ideally with an appreciation of both semicontinuous and fully continuous probabilistic approaches. KEY FEATURES: • The first book to focus entirely on DNA mixtures and the complexities involved with interpreting the results • Takes a hands-on approach offering theory with worked examples and exercises to be easily understood and implementable by laboratory personnel • New methods, heretofore unpublished previously, provide a means to innovate deconvoluting a mixed DNA profile, assign an LR, and appropriately report the weight of evidence • Includes a chapter on assigning LRs for close relatives (i.e., "It's not me, it was my brother"), and discusses strategies for the validation of probabilistic genotyping software Forensic DNA Profiling fills the void for labs unfamiliar with LRs, and moving to probabilistic solutions, and for labs already familiar with LRs, but wishing to understand how they are calculated in more detail. The book will be a welcome read for lab professionals and technicians, students, and legal professionals seeking to understand and apply the techniques covered.

#### **Del laboratorio a los tribunales** Elsevier Health Sciences

Advanced Topics in Forensic DNA Typing: Interpretation builds upon the previous two editions of John Butler's internationally acclaimed Forensic DNA Typing textbook with forensic DNA analysts as its primary audience. Intended as a third-edition companion to the Fundamentals of Forensic DNA

Typing volume published in 2010 and Advanced Topics in Forensic DNA Typing: Methodology published in 2012, this book contains 16 chapters with 4 appendices providing up-to-date coverage of essential topics in this important field. Over 80 % of the content of this book is new compared to previous editions. Provides forensic DNA analysts coverage of the crucial topic of DNA mixture interpretation and statistical analysis of DNA evidence Worked mixture examples illustrate the impact of different statistical approaches for reporting results Includes allele frequencies for 24 commonly used autosomal STR loci, the revised Quality Assurance Standards which went into effect September 2011

#### **Forensic DNA Analysis** Elsevier

Genética forense. Del laboratorio a los Tribunales es una obra en la que han participado múltiples autores. Los profesionales que han contribuido a la elaboración de los distintos capítulos de este libro, son expertos de una dilatada experiencia profesional, de contrastada solvencia y reputación internacional, lo cual garantiza la calidad y rigor de esta obra. Genética forense. Del laboratorio a los Tribunales está concebida para servir de apoyo y consulta a los distintos colectivos que, desde diferentes perspectivas, puedan estar interesados en esta disciplina de las Ciencias Forenses: estudiantes, profesionales del campo científico y del ámbito jurídico, así como miembros de cuerpos y fuerzas de seguridad. La obra recoge a lo largo de sus 20 capítulos los temas y aspectos que en este momento resultan imprescindibles para entender las aplicaciones y limitaciones que la prueba genética ofrece. Los capítulos de este libro que el lector tiene en sus manos, han sido elaborados con el objetivo de mostrar las últimas actualizaciones metodológicas e interpretativas que son de reciente aplicación en este campo, así como las tendencias hacia las que la Genética Forense camina con paso firme. Además, la visión práctica que muchos capítulos transmiten aspira a ofrecer al lector una perspectiva real del uso de la prueba de ADN.

CRC Press

Property: Cases and Materials Fifth Edition

#### **Failed Evidence** LexisNexis

In 1992 the National Research Council issued DNA Technology in Forensic Science, a book that documented the state of the art in this emerging field. Recently, this volume was brought to worldwide attention in the murder trial of celebrity O. J. Simpson. The Evaluation of Forensic DNA Evidence reports on developments in population genetics and statistics since the original volume was published. The committee comments on statements in the original book that proved controversial or that have been misapplied in the courts. This volume offers recommendations for handling DNA samples, performing calculations, and other aspects of using DNA as a forensic tool--modifying some recommendations presented in the 1992 volume. The update addresses two major areas: Determination of DNA profiles. The committee considers how laboratory errors (particularly false matches) can arise, how errors might be reduced, and how to take into account the fact that the error rate can never be reduced to zero. Interpretation of a finding that the DNA profile of a suspect or victim matches the evidence DNA. The committee addresses controversies in population genetics, exploring the problems that arise from the mixture of groups and subgroups in the American population and how this substructure can be accounted for in calculating frequencies. This volume examines statistical issues in interpreting frequencies as probabilities, including adjustments when a suspect is found through a database search. The committee includes a detailed discussion of what its recommendations would mean in the courtroom, with numerous case citations. By resolving several remaining issues in the evaluation of this increasingly important area of forensic evidence, this technical update will be important to forensic scientists and population geneticists--and helpful to attorneys, judges, and others who need to understand DNA and the law. Anyone working in laboratories and in the courts or anyone studying this issue should own this book.

#### **Forensic Science** LexisNexis

This book addresses the role of statistics and probability in the evaluation of forensic evidence, including both theoretical issues and applications in legal contexts. It discusses what evidence is and how it can be quantified, how it should be understood, and how it is applied (and, sometimes, misapplied). After laying out their philosophical position, the authors begin with a detailed study of the likelihood ratio. Following this grounding, they discuss applications of the likelihood ratio to forensic questions, in the abstract and in concrete cases. The analysis of DNA evidence in particular is treated in great detail. Later chapters concern Bayesian networks, frequentist approaches to evidence, the use of belief functions, and the thorny subject of database searches and familial searching. Finally, the authors provide commentary on various recommendation reports for forensic science. Written to be accessible to a wide audience of applied mathematicians, forensic scientists, and scientifically-oriented legal scholars, this book is a must-read for all those interested in the mathematical and philosophical foundations of evidence and belief.

#### **DNA Technology in Forensic Science** CRC Press

REVISION 26 HIGHLIGHTS The 2021 edition of Trial Objections will help you get your evidence in and keep your opponent's evidence out. Author Rogge Dunn has added dozens of new case notes throughout the book, covering objections and evidence related to the following topics and more: OBJECTIONS IN GENERAL Opening the door Motions in limine Limiting instruction Offer of proof Jury Selection Indoctrinating the jury Batson challenge to peremptory strike Strikes for cause Appeals to sympathy and prejudice Evidence Chart, diagram, or graph Summaries of documents Models Demonstrations, recreations, and experiments Real evidence Documentary evidence Best evidence rule Public records Photographs Maps Computer printouts Video or Computer-Generated Animations/Simulations Hearsay and non-hearsay Attorney Misconduct Arguing in jury's presence Failure to comply with order Improper comment QUICK REFERENCE CHART! Making and Sustaining Trial Objections AND MORE! And more!

#### **Fundamentals of Forensic DNA Typing** Cambridge University Press

Forensic DNA Analysis: Technological Development and Innovative Applications provides a fascinating overview of new and innovative technologies and current applications in forensic genetics. Edited by two forensic experts with many years of forensic crime experience with the Italian police and with prestigious academic universities, the volume takes an interdisciplinary perspective, the volume presents an introduction to genome polymorphisms, discusses, forensic genetic markers, presents a variety of new methods and techniques in forensic genetics, and looks at a selection of new technological innovations and inventions now available from commercial vendors. The book is an important resource for scientists, researchers, and other experts in the field who will find it of interest for its exhaustive discussion of the most important technological innovations in forensic genetics. For those newer to the field, the volume will be an invaluable reference guide to the forensic world.

#### **Foundations for Smarter Cities and Societies** Springer Nature

Principles and Applications of Molecular Diagnostics serves as a comprehensive guide for clinical laboratory professionals applying molecular technology to clinical diagnosis. The first half of the book covers principles and analytical concepts in molecular diagnostics such as genomes and variants, nucleic acids isolation and amplification methods, and measurement techniques, circulating tumor cells, and plasma DNA; the second half presents clinical applications of molecular diagnostics in genetic disease, infectious disease, hematopoietic malignancies, solid tumors, prenatal diagnosis, pharmacogenetics, and identity testing. A thorough yet succinct guide to using

molecular testing technology, Principles and Applications of Molecular Diagnostics is an essential resource for laboratory professionals, biologists, chemists, pharmaceutical and biotech researchers, and manufacturers of molecular diagnostics kits and instruments. Explains the principles and tools of molecular biology Describes standard and state-of-the-art molecular techniques for obtaining qualitative and quantitative results Provides a detailed description of current molecular applications used to solve diagnostics tasks

**Forensic DNA Profiling** Academic Press

Interpreting Complex Forensic DNA Evidence is a handy guide to recent advances—and emerging issues—in interpreting complex DNA evidence and profiles for use in criminal investigations. In certain cases, DNA cannot be connected to a specific biological material such as blood, semen or saliva. How or when the DNA was deposited may be an issue. However, the possibility of generating DNA profiles from touched objects, where there may not be a visible deposit, has expanded the scope and number of exhibits submitted for DNA analysis. With such advances, and increasing improvements in technological capabilities in testing samples, this means it is possible to detect ever smaller amounts of DNA. There are also many efforts underway to seek ways to interpret DNA profiles that are sub-optimal—either relative to the amount required by the testing kit and, potentially, the quality of the obtained sample. Laboratories often use enhancements in order to obtain a readable DNA profile. The broad-reaching implications of improving DNA sensitivity have led to this next, emerging generation of more complex profiles. Examples partial profiles that do not faithfully reflect the proposed donor, or mixtures of partial DNA from multiple people. A complexity threshold has been proposed to limit interpretation of poor-quality data. Research is now addressing

the interpretation of transfer of trace amounts of DNA. Complex issues are arising in trial that need to be reconciled as such complexity has added challenges to the interpretation of evidence and its introduction or dismissal in certain cases in the courts. Interpreting Complex Forensic DNA Evidence provides tools to assist the criminal investigator, forensic expert, and legal professional when posed with a DNA result in a forensic report or testimony. The result—and any associated statistic—may not reveal any ambiguity, complexity, or the assumptions involved in deriving it. Questions from resolved criminal cases are posed, and the relevant forensic literature, are provided for the reader to assess a DNA result and any associated statistic. Case studies included throughout illustrate concepts and emphasize the need for conclusions in the forensic report that are data-driven and supported by the data.

**The Forensic Science Service** CRC Press

Forensic Medicine encompasses all areas in which medicine and law interact. This book covers diverse aspects of forensic medicine including forensic pathology, traumatology and violent death, sudden and unexpected death, clinical forensic medicine, toxicology, traffic medicine, identification, haemogenetics and medical law. A knowledge of all these subdisciplines is necessary in order to solve routine as well as more unusual cases. Taking a comprehensive approach the book moves beyond a focus on forensic pathology to include clinical forensic medicine and forensic toxicology. All aspects of forensic medicine are covered to meet the specialist needs of daily casework. Aspects of routine analysis and quality control are addressed in each chapter. The book provides coverage of the latest developments in forensic molecular biology, forensic toxicology, molecular pathology and immunohistochemistry. A must-have reference for every specialist in the field this book is set to become the bench-mark for the international forensic medical community.

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