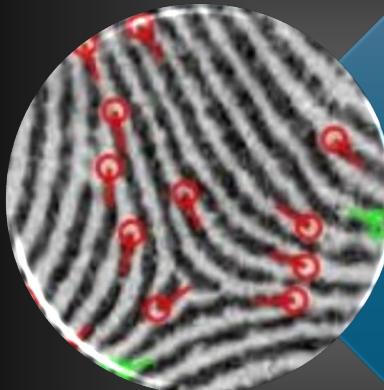


ON THE FREQUENCY OF PATTERN TYPES AND MINUTIAE ON THE INTERDIGITAL AREA OF PALMPRINTS: TOWARD AUTOMATED DETECTION

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Overview



PART I

Interdigital frequencies of pattern types and their arrangements as a key to palm print identification

PART II

The relationship between the ridge patterning and the frequency of minutiae on the interdigital area of palmprints

PART III

Future work: Automated detection and frequency-based interpretation of palmprint features for friction ridge examinations

Why the interdigital area?

Deltas and cores:

Number

Type

Location

Arrangements

The most ridge flow characteristics

The most complex region

Where the greatest variation in crest flow occurs

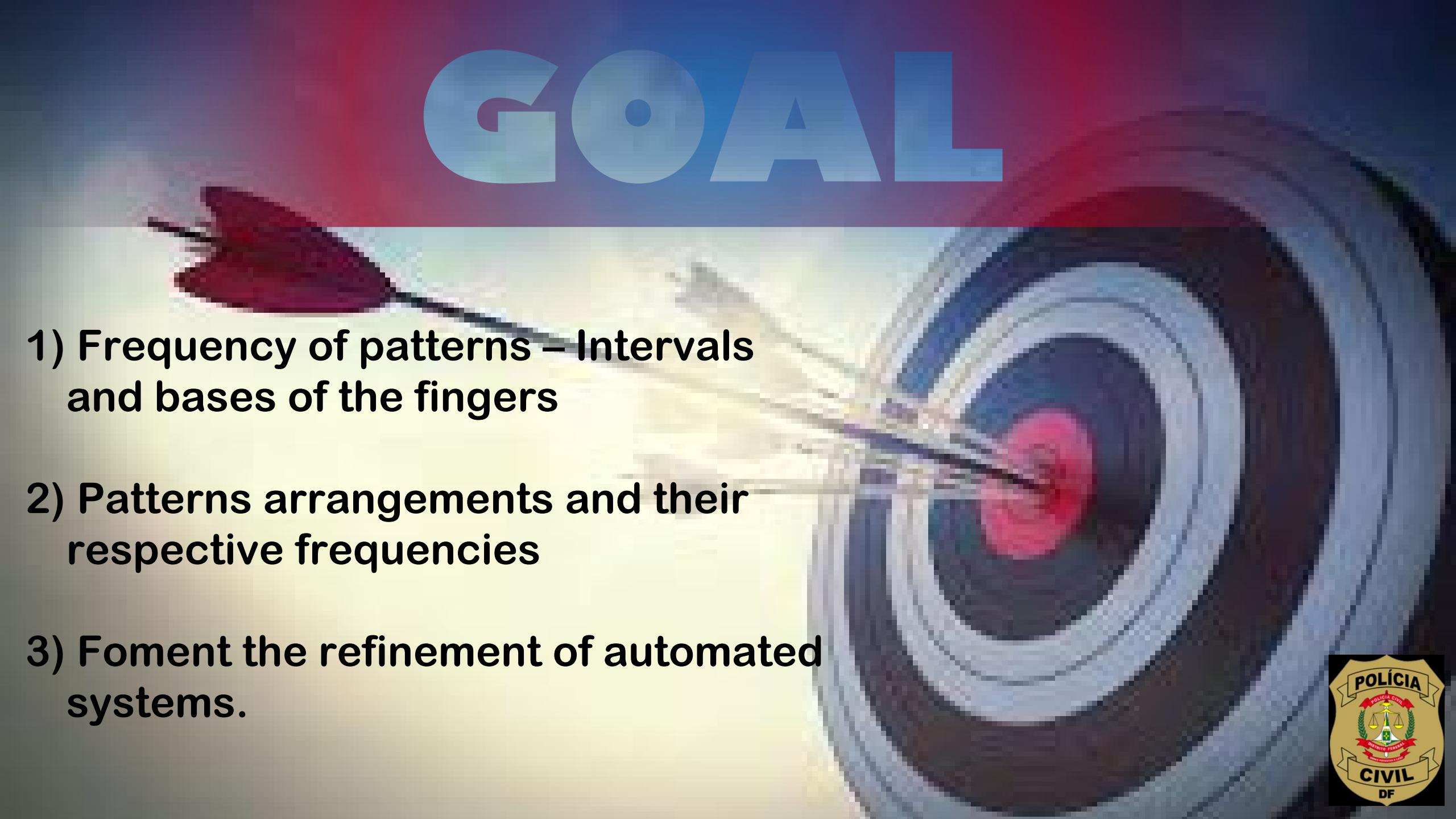


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Interdigital frequencies of pattern types and their arrangements as a key to palm print identification



GOAL



- 1) Frequency of patterns – Intervals and bases of the fingers
- 2) Patterns arrangements and their respective frequencies
- 3) Foment the refinement of automated systems.



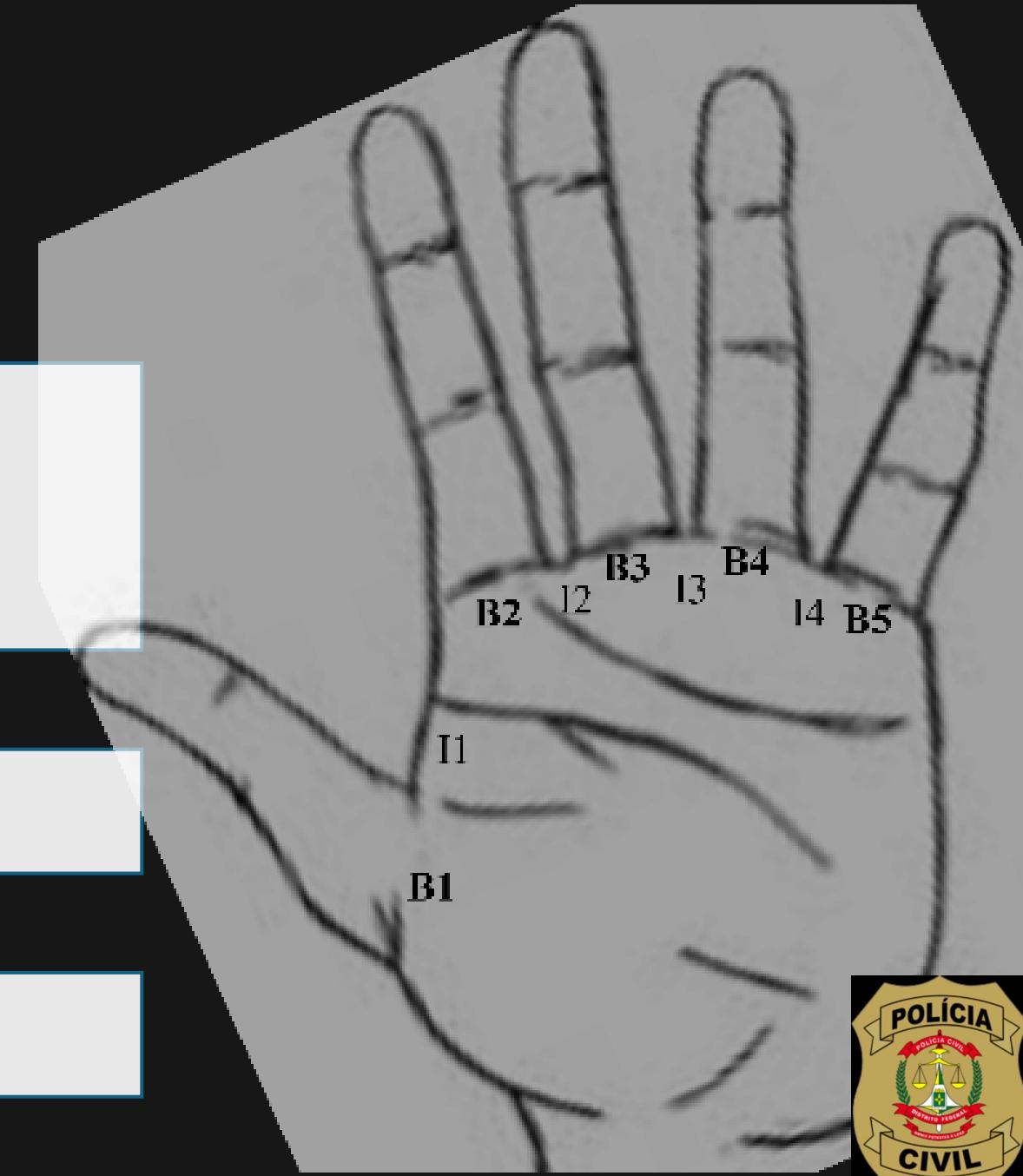
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- 2000 - right hand
- 2000 - left hand

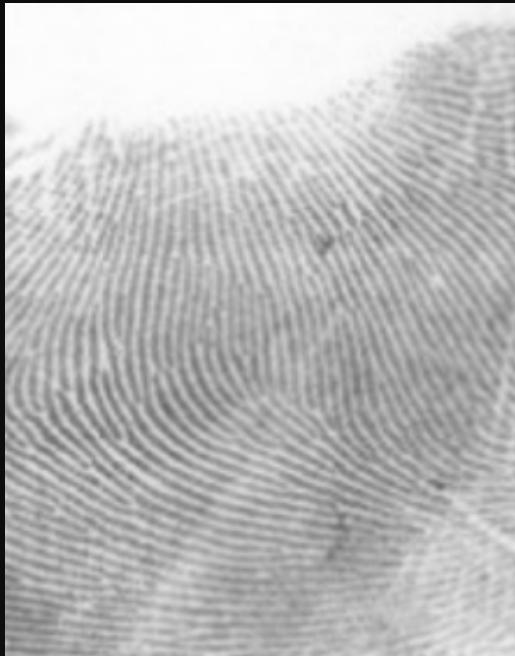
4 intervals (I1, I2, I3 e I4)

5 bases (B1, B2, B3, B4, e B5)

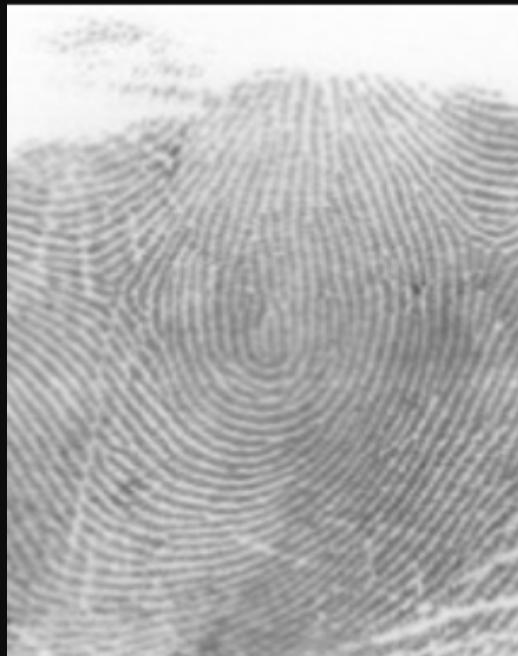


Palmpoint analysis

Patterns at the intervals



No pattern
(code 0)



Loop
(code 2)



Composite
(code 3)



Whorl
(code 4)



Palmprint analysis

Patterns at the bases



Delta
(code 0)



Plain Arch
(code 1)



Tented Arch
(code 2)



Arrangements

on the intervals

I1 - I2 - I3 - I4

on the bases

B1 – B2 – B3 – B4 –
B5

on intervals and
bases in
combination

B1 – I1 – B2 – I2 –
B3 – I3 – B4 – I4 –
B5



RESULTS

Pattern frequencies

Interval 1	Interval 2	Interval 3	Interval 4
All patterns No pattern (Code 0) is the prevalent (more than 94%)	No pattern (Code 0) – 95.6% Loop (Code 2) – 4.4%	All patterns No pattern (Code 0) is the prevalent – 67.67% Loop (Code 2) – 32.07% Composite (Code 3) – 0.03% Whorl (Code 4) – 0.22%	All patterns No pattern (Code 0) – 44.57% Loop (Code 2) – 52.08% Composite (Code 3) – 2.48% Whorl (Code 4) – 0.88% Right hand – 51.5% no pattern Left hand – 37.65% no pattern

Base 1	Base 2	Base 3	Base 4	Base 5
Plain arch – 97.72% Delta – 2.28%	Delta – 100%	Delta – 99.93% Tented arch – 0.07%	Delta – 73.45% Plain arch – 6.32% Tented arch – 20.23%	Delta – 99.8% Plain arch – 0.18% Tented arch – 0.03%





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Arrangements on the intervals

33 arrangements observed

19 common to both hands

5 exclusively on the right hand

9 exclusively on the left hand

The frequency of exclusive
arrangements is less than 0.3%



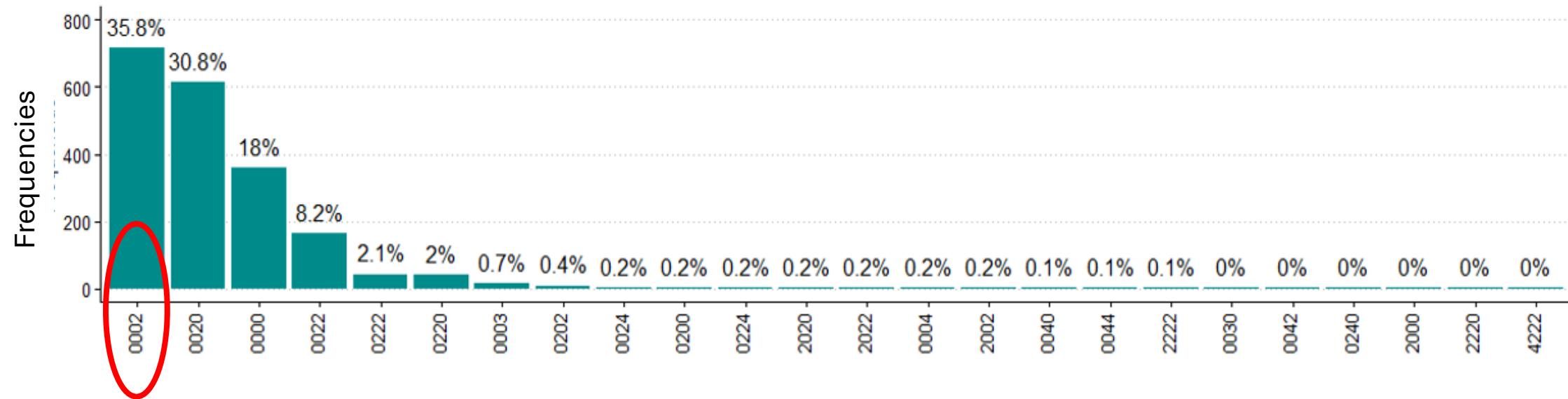
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1 (0.03%)

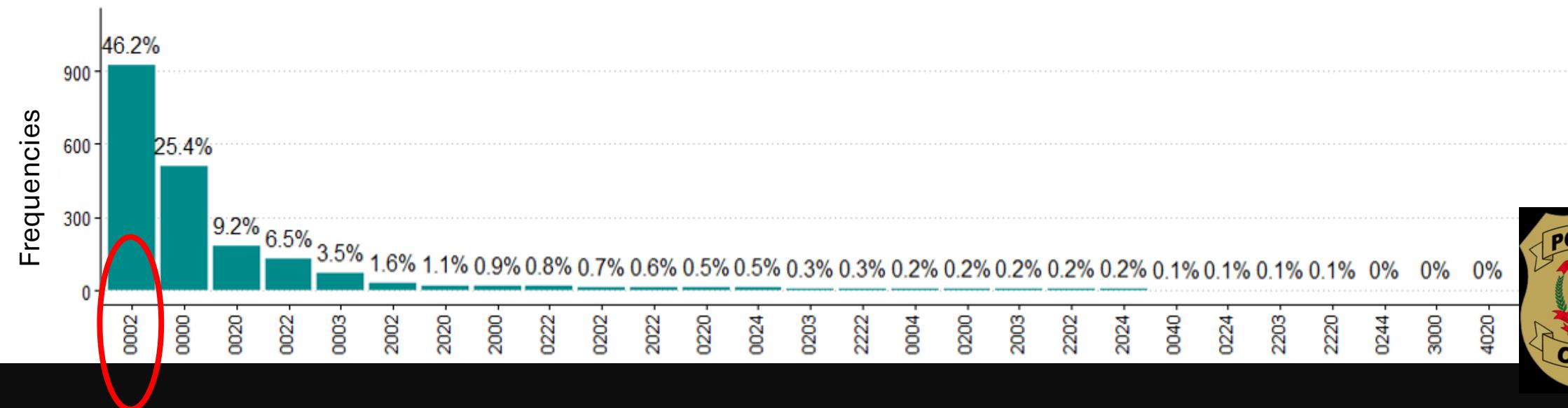
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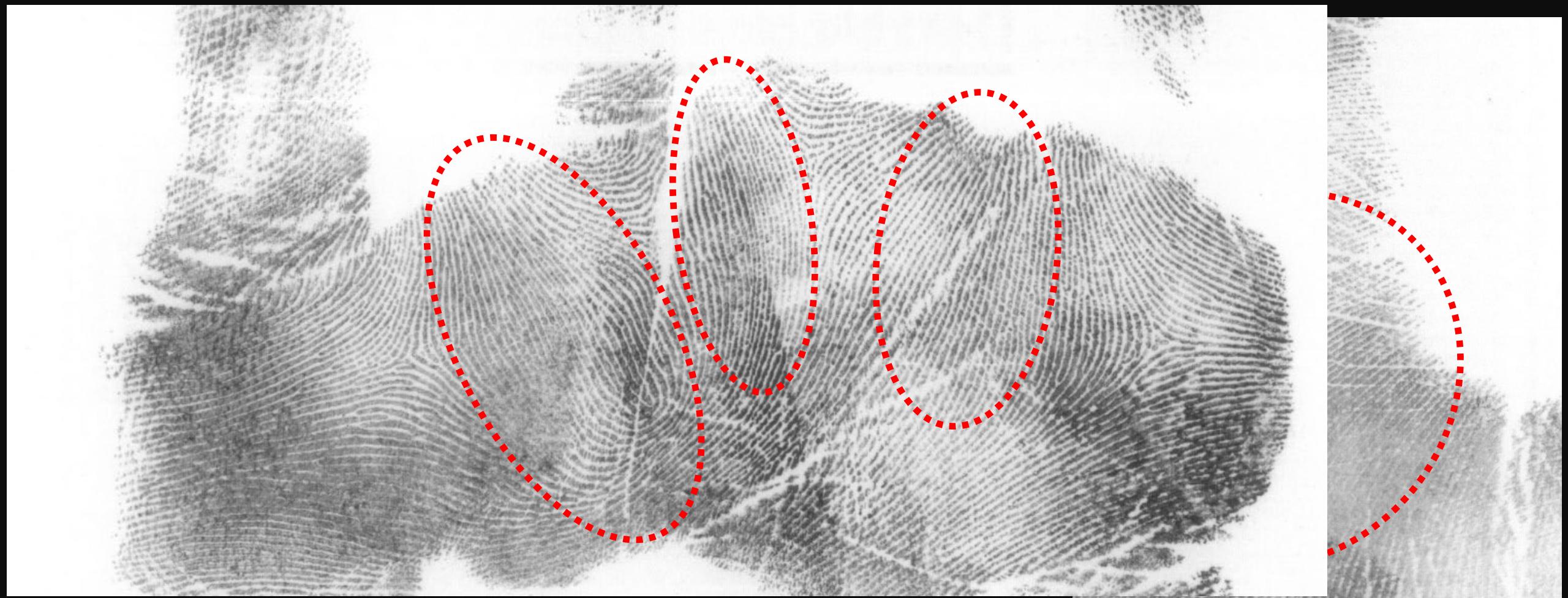
0 (0%)

Right hand (N = 2000)



Left hand (N = 2000)





Most common arrangement on the intervals: 0-0-0-2

I1

I2

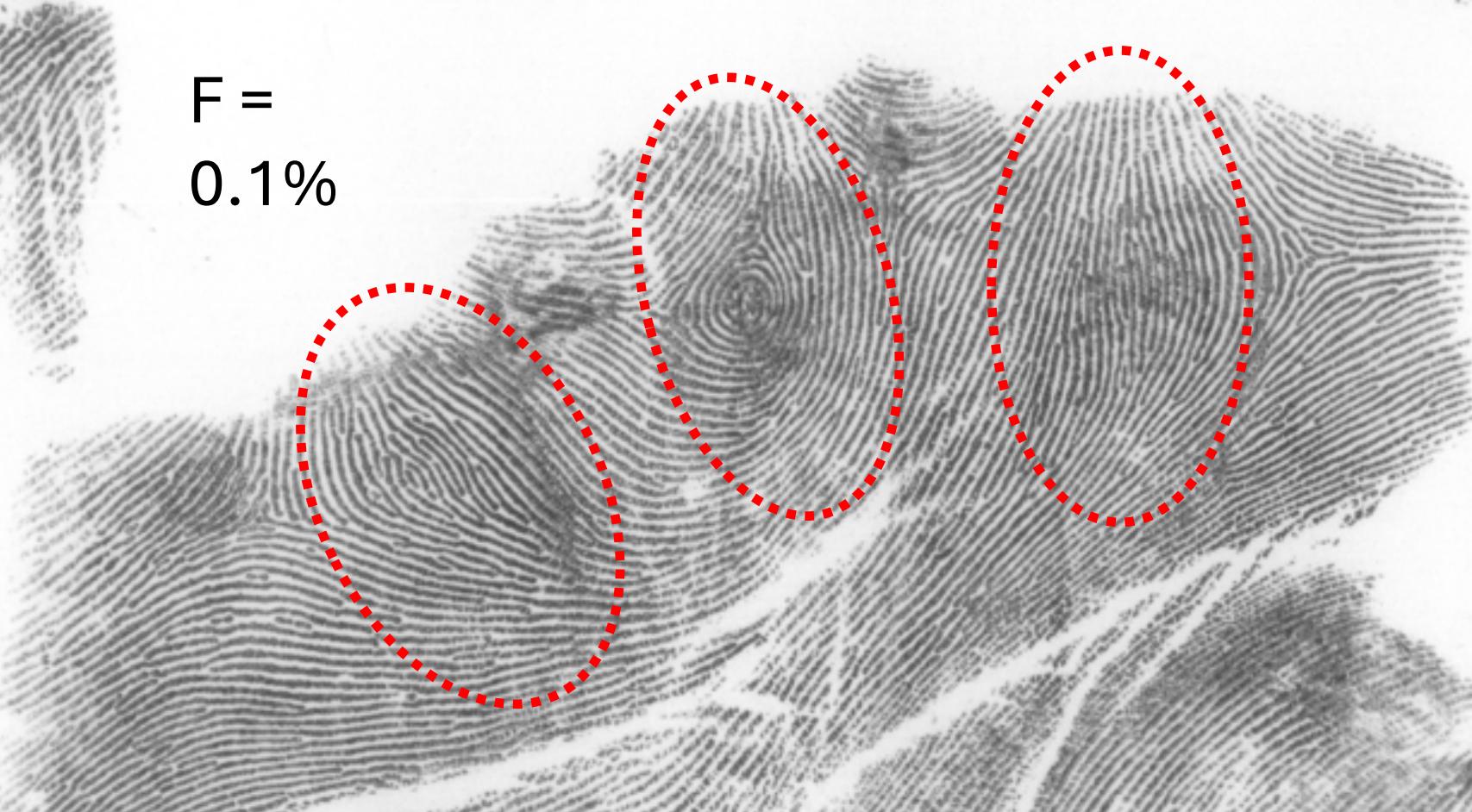
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I4

no pattern – no pattern – no pattern – loop



$F =$
0.1%



Rare arrangement that occurs in both hands: 0-0-4-0

I1

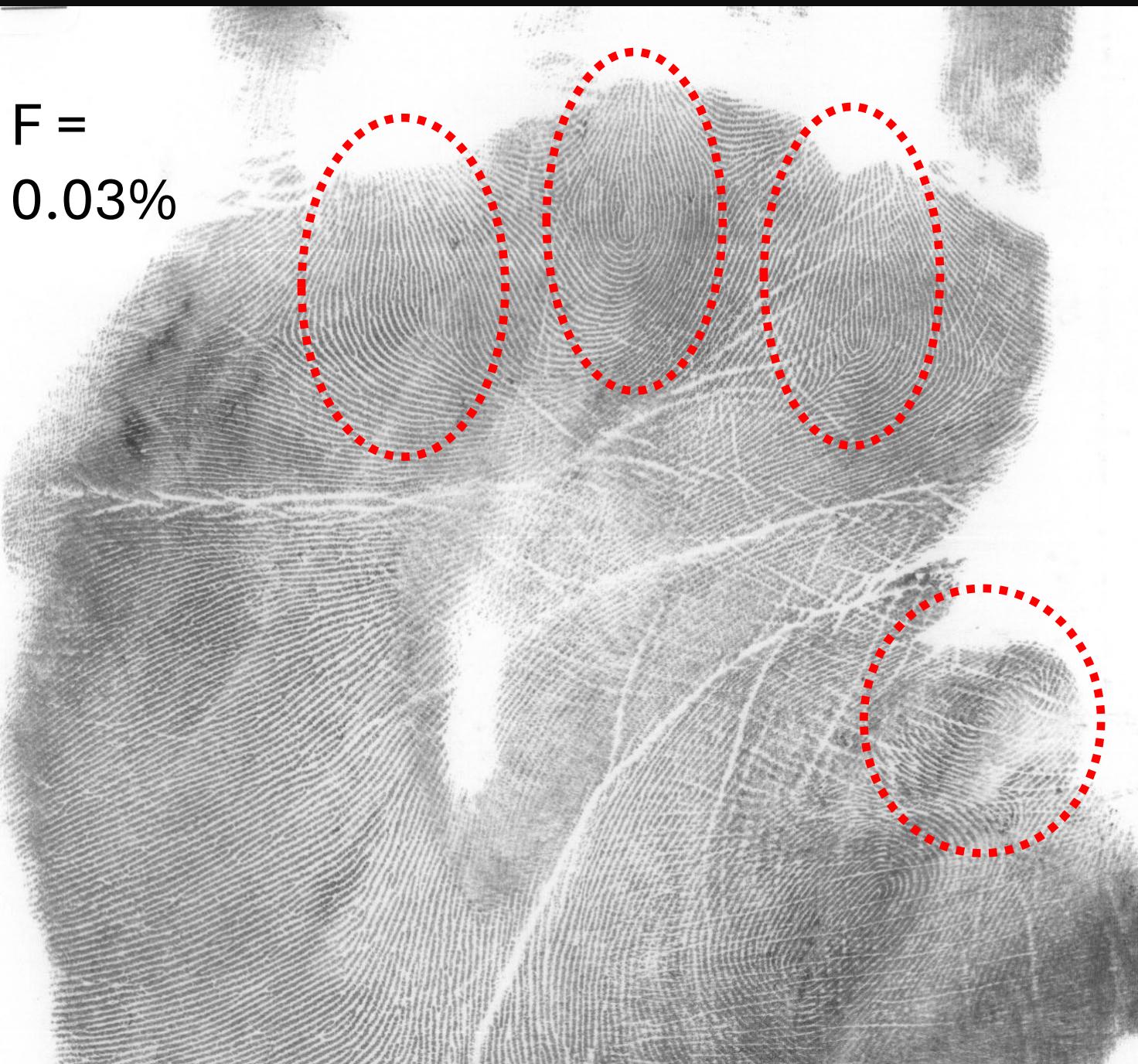
I2

I3

I4

No pattern – no pattern – whorl – no pattern





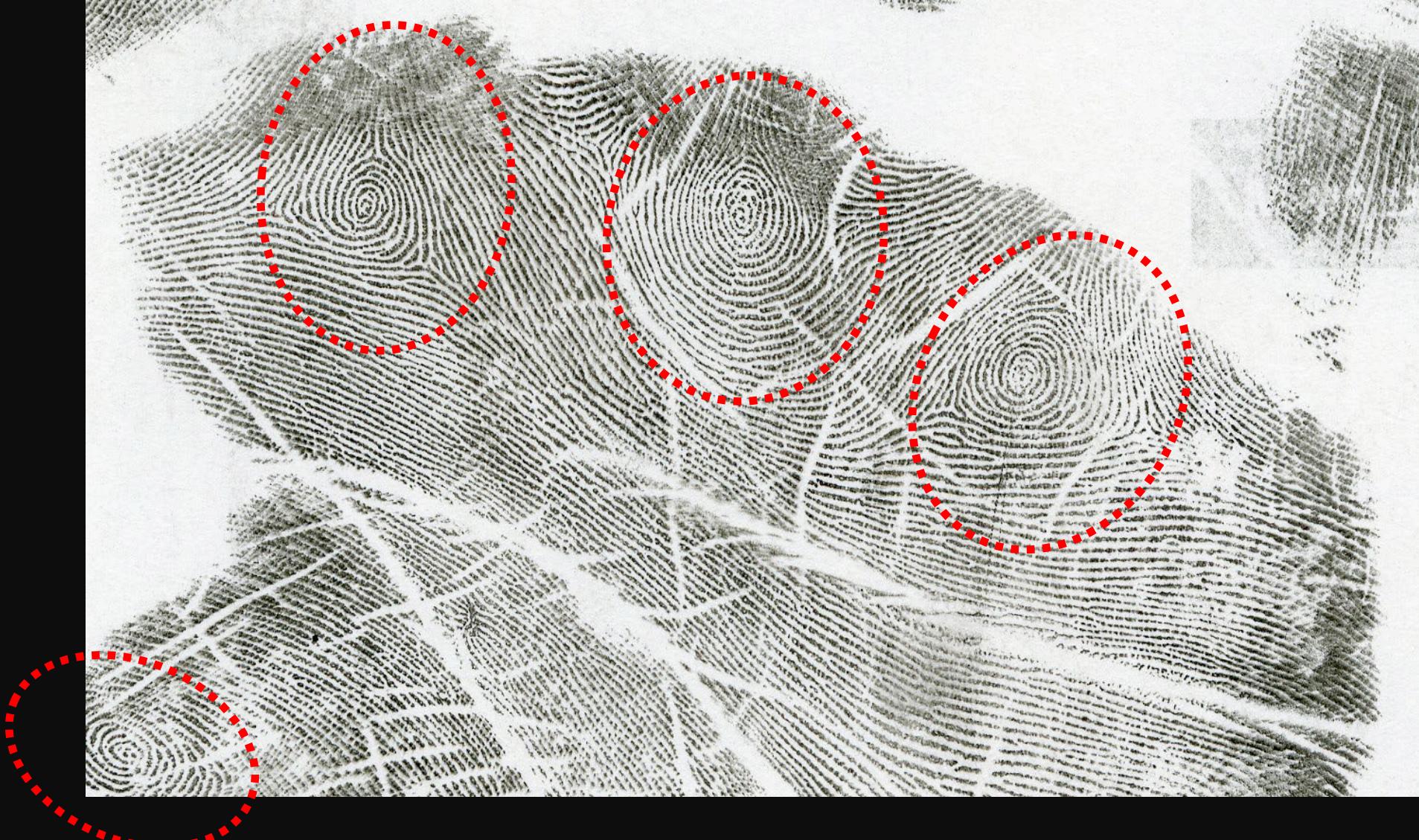
Arrangement 4-2-2-0

I1 I2 I3 I4

whorl - loop - loop - no patter



Would it be possible to see a palmprint with a whorl in all four intervals?



RESULTS

Arrangements on the bases

10 arrangements observed

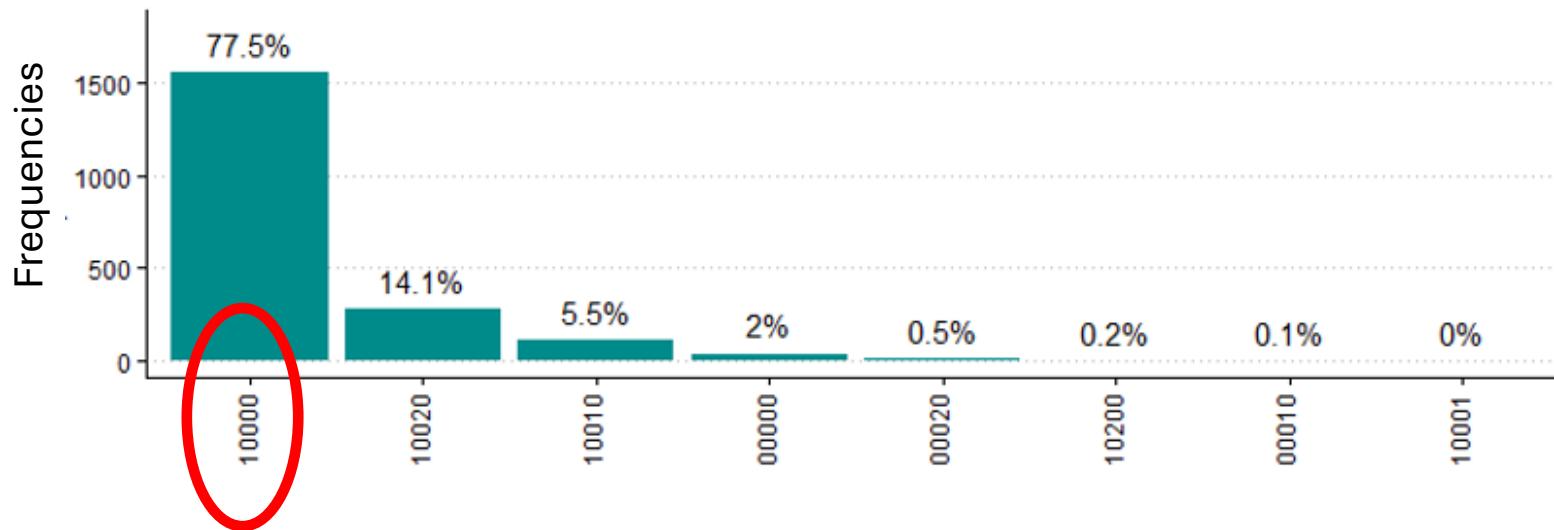
7 common to both hands

1 occurs exclusively in the right hand ($F = 0.15\%$)

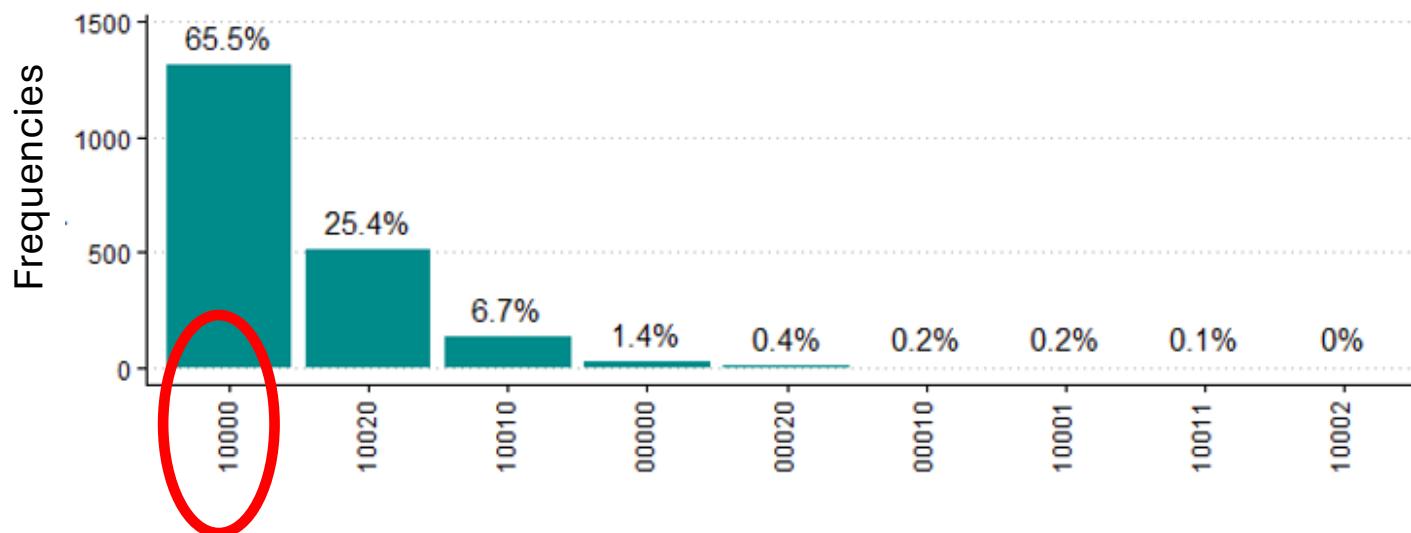
2 occur exclusively in the left hand ($F = 0.06\%$)

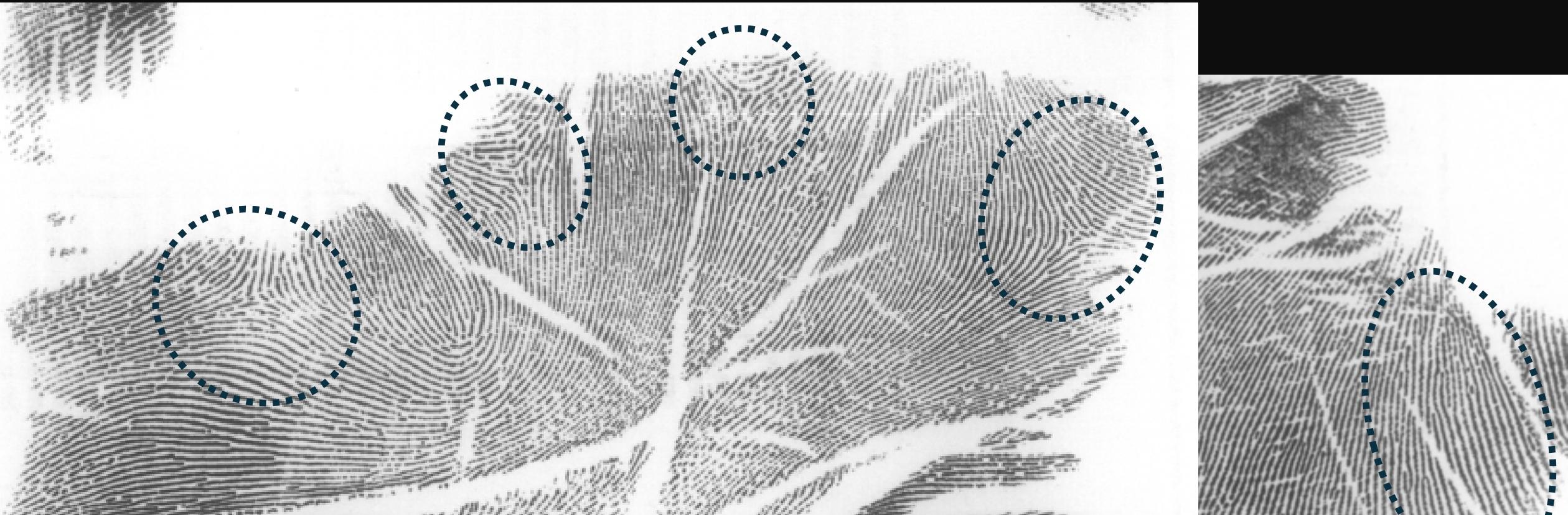


Right hand



Left hand





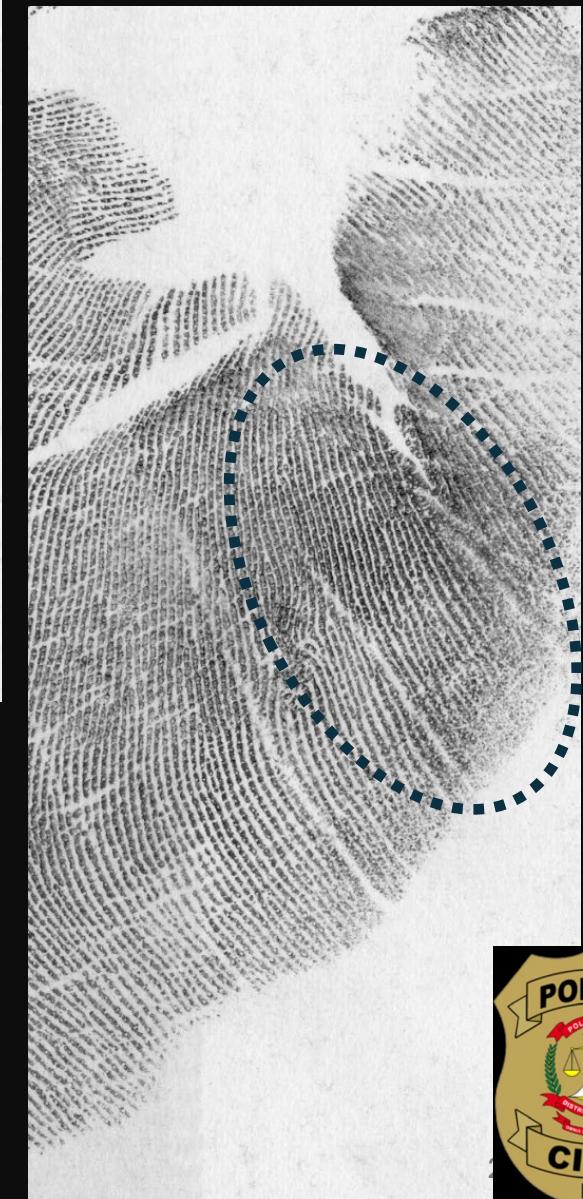
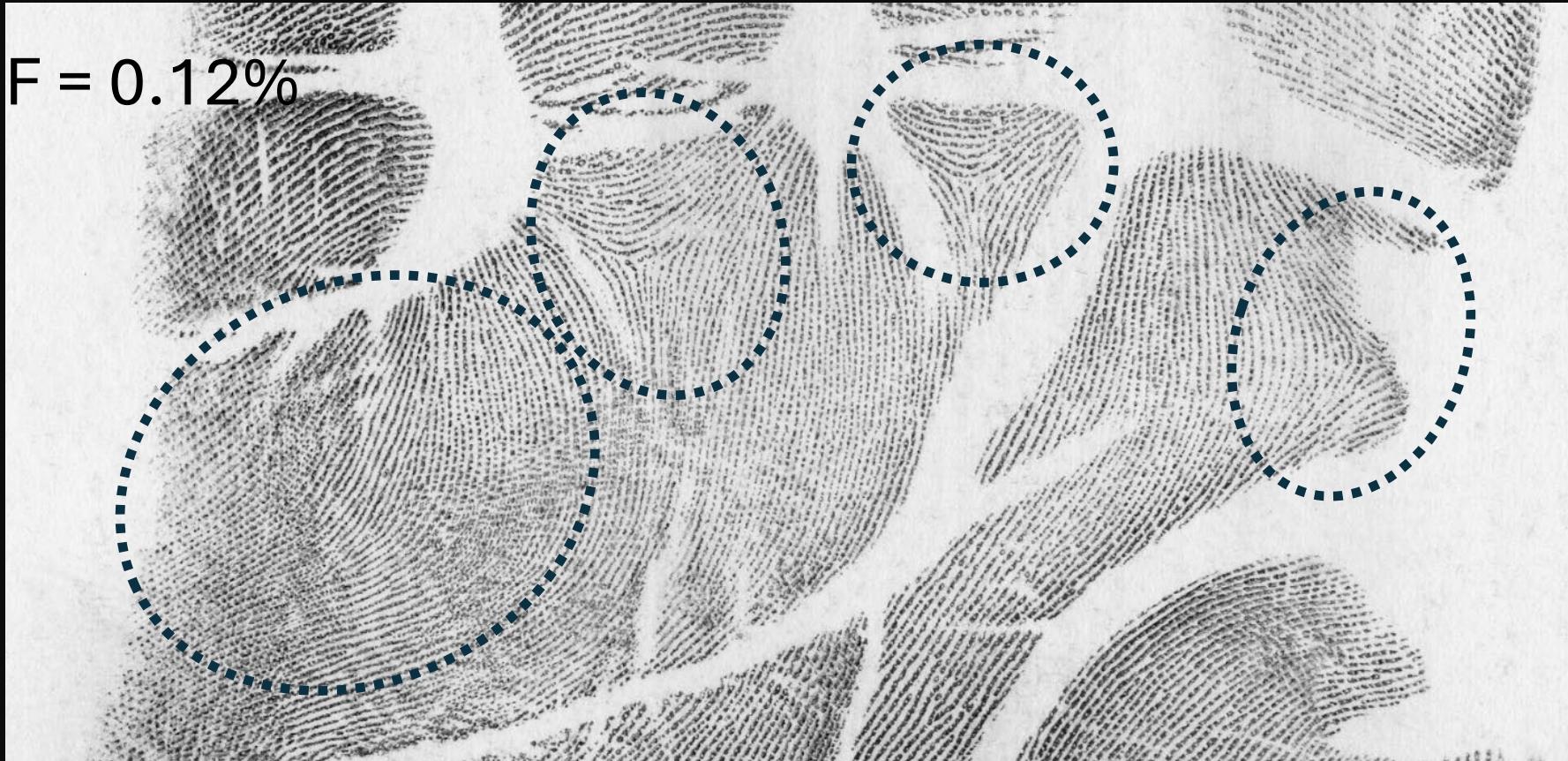
Most common arrangement on the bases: 1-0-0-0-0

B1 B2 B3 B4 B5

Plain arch – delta – delta – delta – delta



$F = 0.12\%$



Rare arrangement that occur in both hands: 1-0-0-0-1

B1

B2

B3

B4

B5

plain arch – delta – delta – delta – plain arch



RESULTS

Arrangements
on the intervals and
bases analyzed in
combination

81 arrangements observed

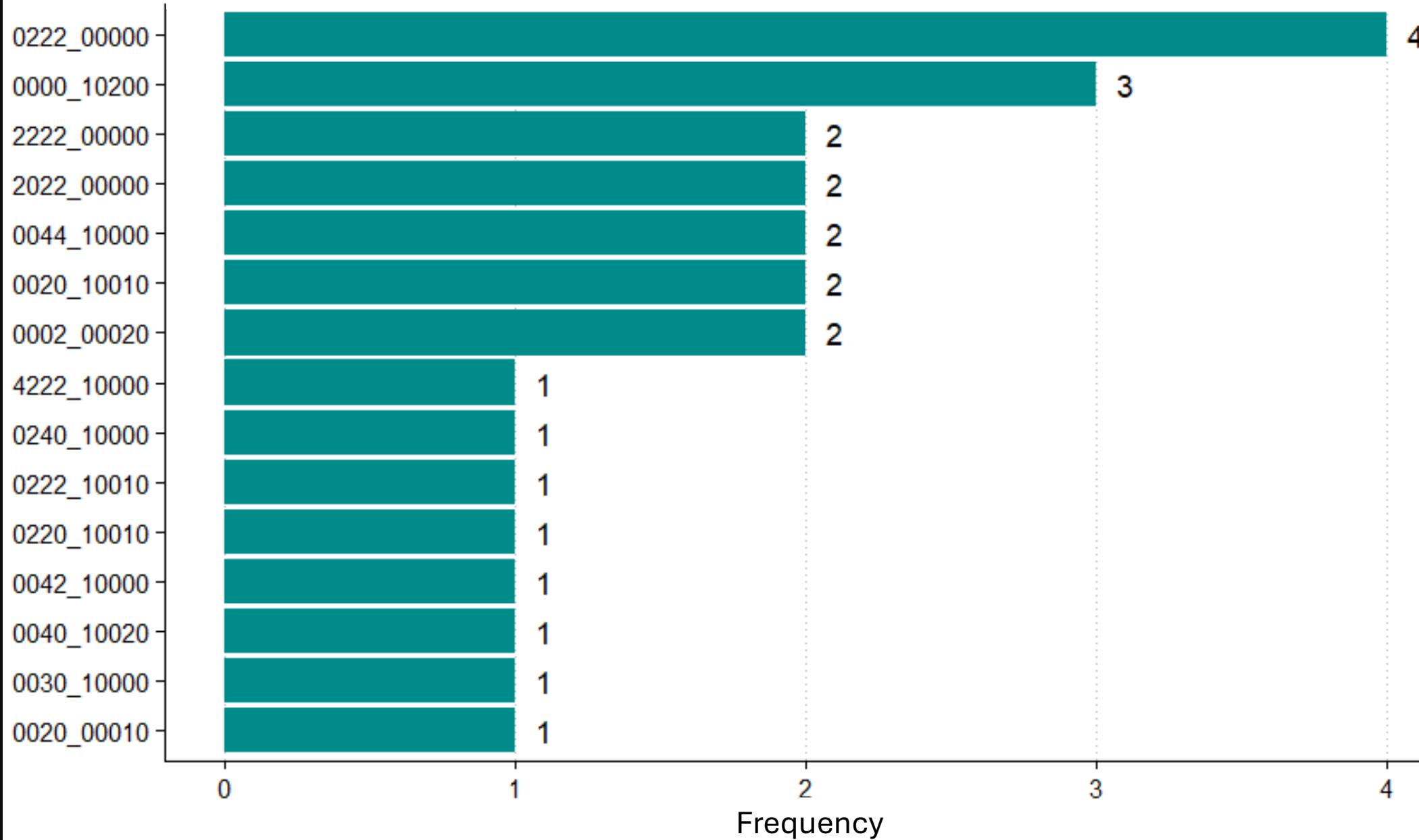
36 common to both hands

15 occur exclusively in the right
hand ($F < 0.2\%$)

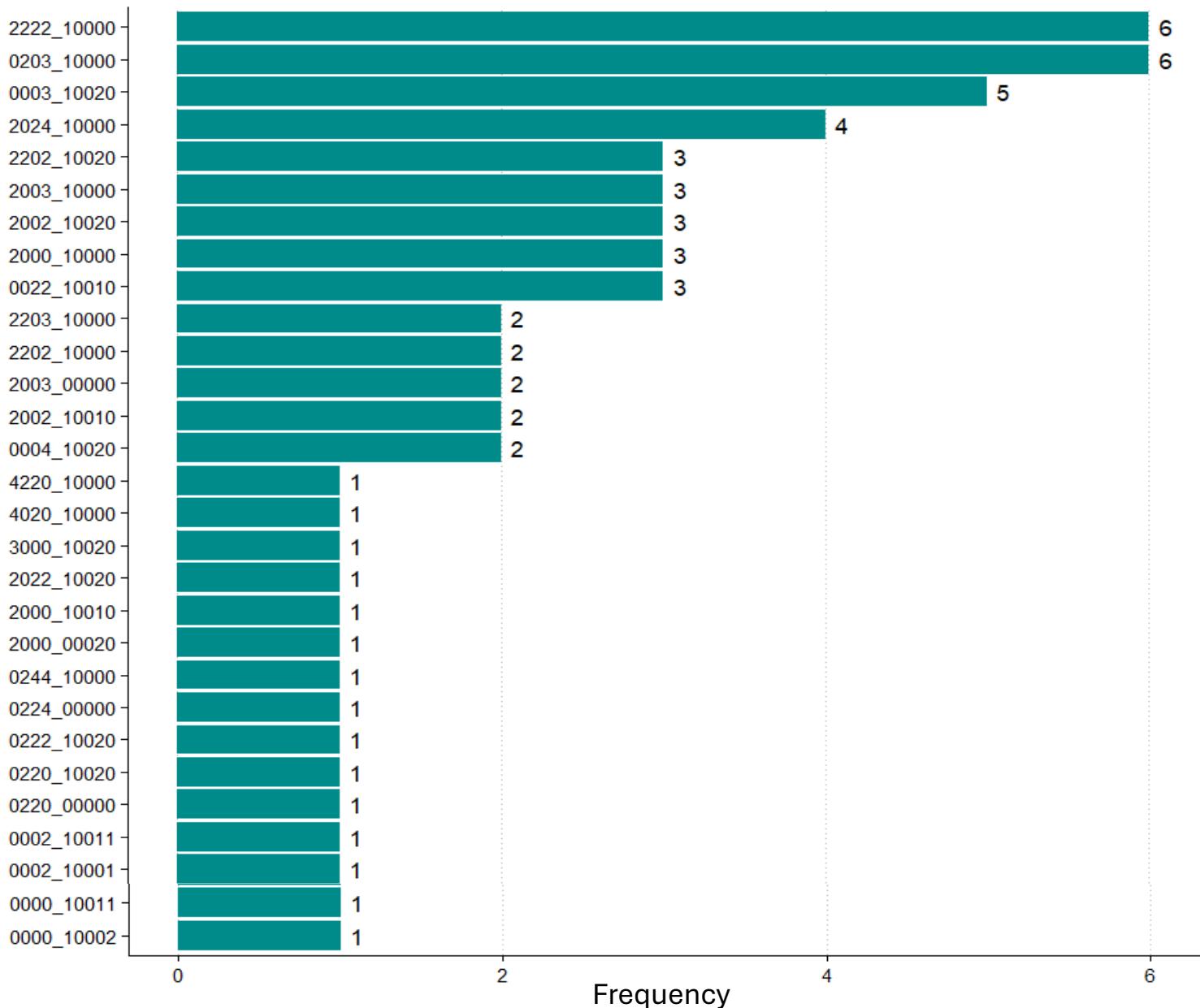
29 occur exclusively in the left
hand ($F < 0.3\%$)



Arrangements occurring exclusively in the right hand



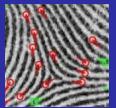
Arrangements occurring exclusively in the left hand



CONCLUSIONS



The interdigital region can be statistically classified as a unit.



Some arrangements are common, others rare, and some may never occur.



Additional tool in cases involving low-quality palm marks.



Enhancement of biometric identification efficiency in automated systems.





The relationship between the ridge patterning and the frequency of minutiae on the interdigital area of palmprints



Minutiae

Discriminating power.

It's the comparison of the relative positions of a set of minutiae (mark vs. print) that informs examiner's opinion.

What do we know about minutiae?

Vary qualitatively, quantitatively, and topologically.

They are influenced by level 1 detail, sex, and ancestry.

Each type of minutiae has a different discriminatory value.

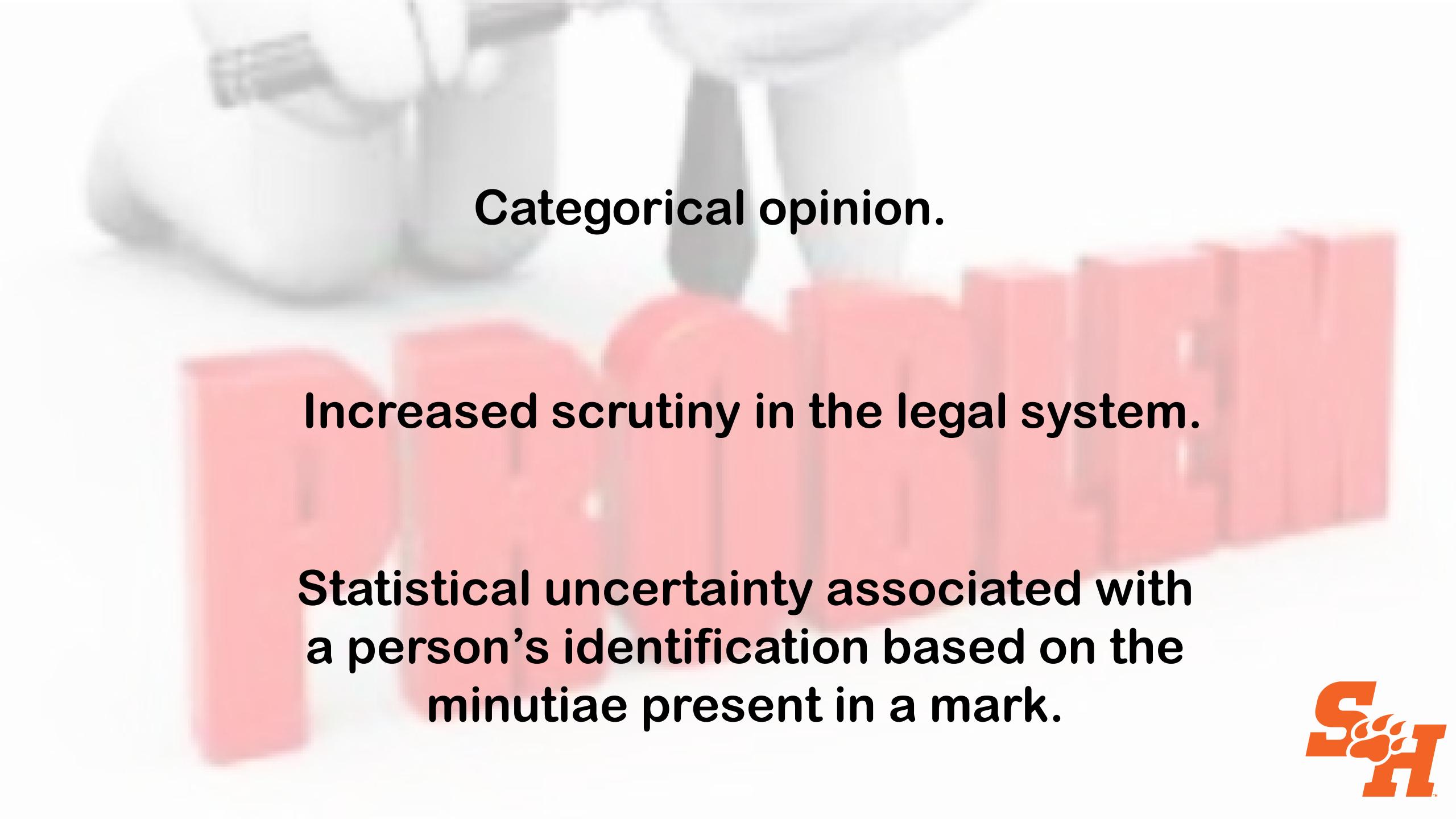


What do we know about minutiae in palmprints?

Sex and population variability of the number and distribution of minutia – interdigital, hypotenar, thenar.

Frequency of 13 minutia types and their mutual occurrence on the hypotenar area of the palmprint.



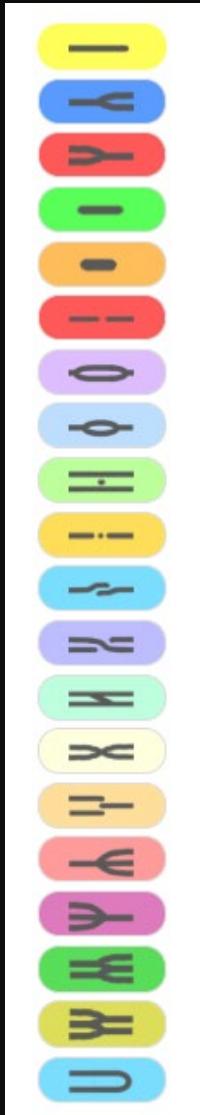


Categorical opinion.

Increased scrutiny in the legal system.

**Statistical uncertainty associated with
a person's identification based on the
minutiae present in a mark.**





How to provide quantitative measure of weight of evidence to palmprint comparisons?

Frequency of
minutiae

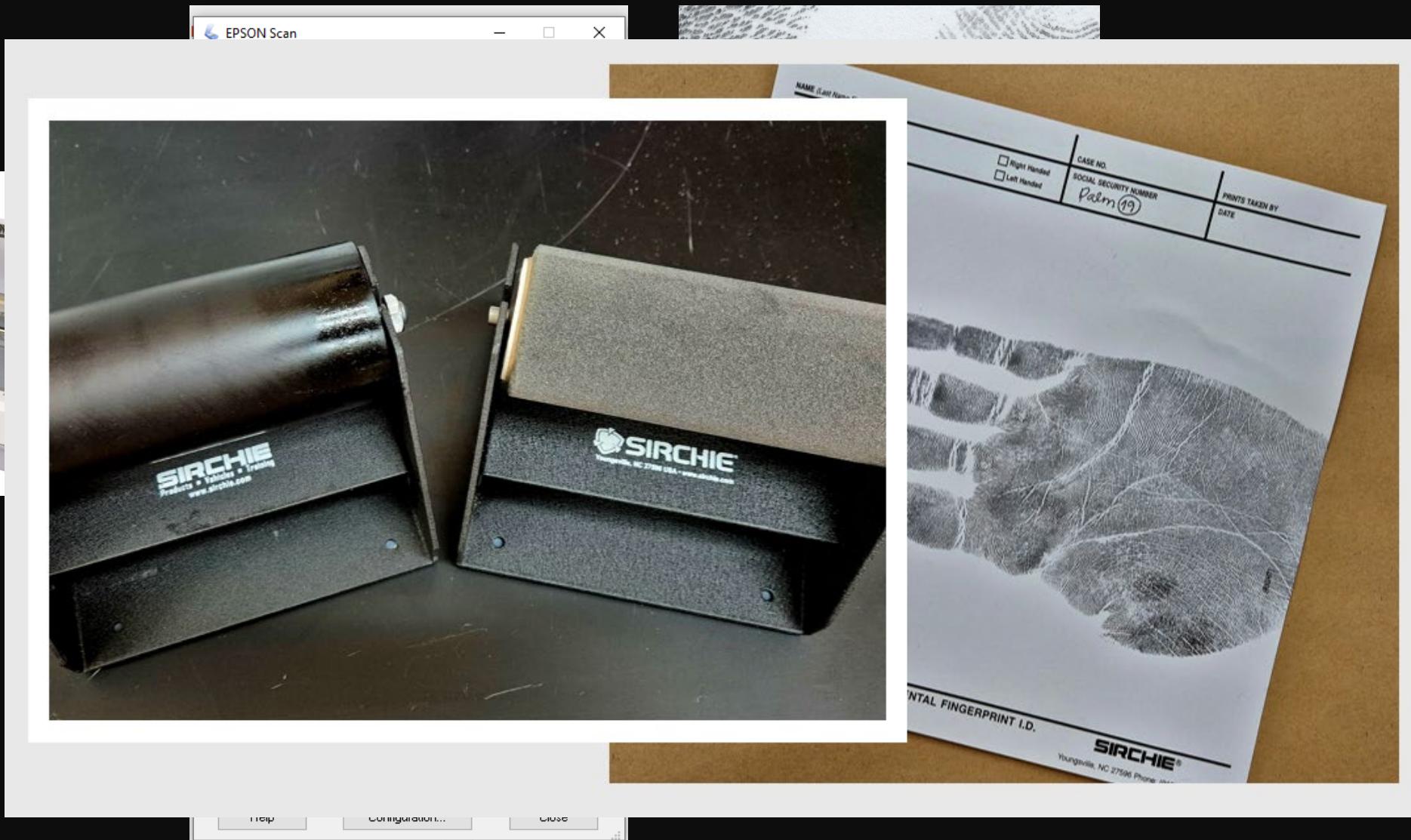


OBJECTIVES

- 1 Count the frequency of general patterns in the sample, per hand and sex.
- 2 Count the frequency of minutia types on the interval 4.
- 3 Assess if the minutia type frequencies are statistically different between men and women.
- 4 Assess if there is an association between Level 1 and the frequency of minutiae.



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Minutiae type	Definition	
Ridge ending (E)		The termination of a ridge.
Bifurcation (B)		A point where a dermal ridge, originating from the left side of the palmprint, splits into two.
Convergence (C)		A point where two ridges, originating from the left side of the palmprint, merge into one.
Fragment Big (F-BG)		Short ridge with a length five to ten times its width.
Fragment Small (F-SM)		A short ridge with a length less than five times its width.
Break (BR)		A point where the course of a ridge is interrupted, in a way that the discontinuity is not less than the width of the ridge nor larger than double its width.
Enclosure Big (EN-BG)		Where the ridge path divides and then comes together again, with its length five to ten times the width of the dermal ridge.
Enclosure Small (EN-SM)		Where the ridge path divides and then comes together again with its length less than five times the width of the dermal ridge.
<u>Point</u> between (P-BW)		One ridge unit, containing only one sweat gland pore, between two ridges.
Point in ridge (P-IN)		One ridge unit, containing only one sweat gland pore within a ridge.

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RESULTS - Frequency (%) of Level 1

Pattern	Both hands (n = 80)	Left hand (n = 40)	Right hand (n = 40)
	46%	52%	40%
	44%	30%	57%
	6%	10%	2%
	2%	2%	0
	1%	1%	0



RESULTS

7,380 minutiae were computed.



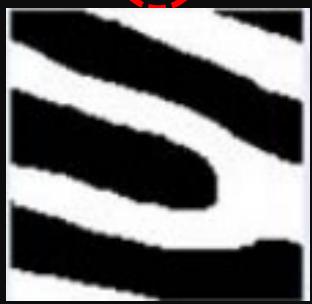
Merge C

Merge B

Trifurcation B

Left hand has 17.76% more minutiae than right hand.

Minutiae	B	BD	BR	C	CR	D	E	EN-BG	EN-SM	F-BG	F-SM	O	OB	P-BW	P-IN	R	S	TF-C
RF (%)	7.56	0.06	0.98	5.25	2.26	0.54	68.29	0.09	0.23	1.93	4.87	2.2	0.04	3.38	0.08	0.02	1.47	0.02

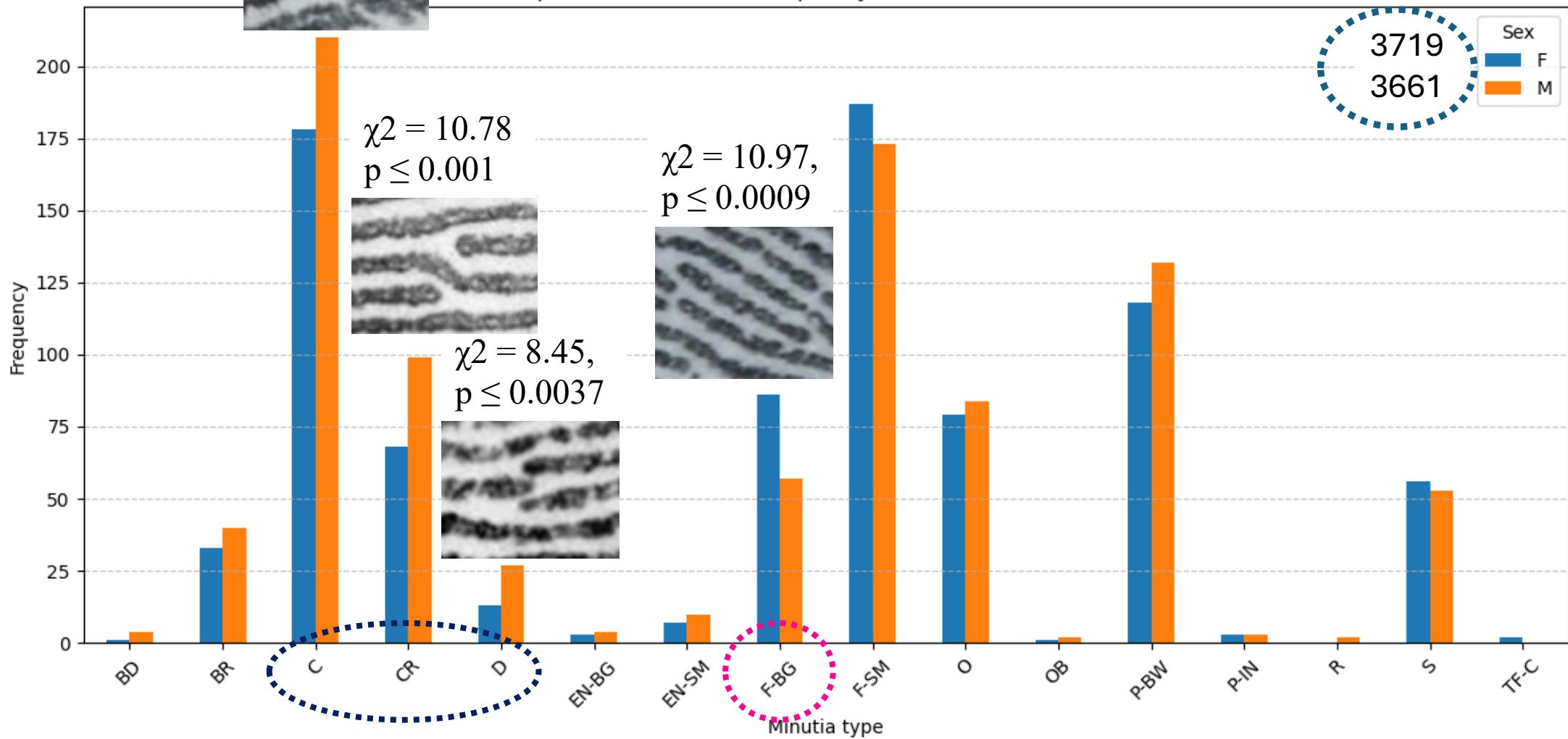


RESULTS

$\chi^2 = 4.95, p \leq 0.026$



Comparison of minutiae frequency between men and women





E > B > C > F-SM > P-BW > CR > O > F-BG > S > BR >
D > EN-SM > BD > EN-BG > P-IN > OB > R > **TF-C**

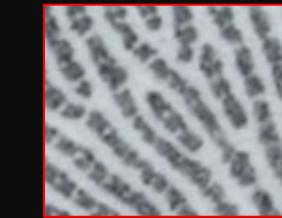


E > B > F-SM > C > P-BW > F-BG > O > CR > S >
BR > D > EN-SM > EN-BG > P-IN > TF-C > BD > OB > **R**



Relationship between Level 1 and Level 2

Minutia	Test	p-value
B	Chi-Square	0.2076
BD	Fisher (sim)	0.7827
BR	Fisher (sim)	0.3121
C	Chi-Square	0.0574
CR	Chi-Square	0.2664
D	Fisher (sim)	0.7428
E	Chi-Square	0.8480
EN-BG	Fisher (sim)	0.4270
EN-SM	Fisher (sim)	1.0000
F-BG	Fisher (sim)	0.0171*
F-SM	Chi-Square	0.0124*
O	Chi-Square	0.6977
OB	Fisher (sim)	0.3340
P-BW	Chi-Square	0.9190
P-IN	Fisher (sim)	0.0104*
R	Fisher (sim)	0.0734
S	Fisher (sim)	1.0000
TF-C	Fisher (sim)	0.0821



CONCLUSION

The importance of less common minutia types.

Findings also challenge previous research on sex-based minutiae differences.

The necessity of standardizing minutiae classification to enhance comparison across populations.



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Automated detection and frequency-based interpretation of
palmprint features for friction ridge examinations





Automation of friction ridge examinations



DEEP ARCHITECTURES

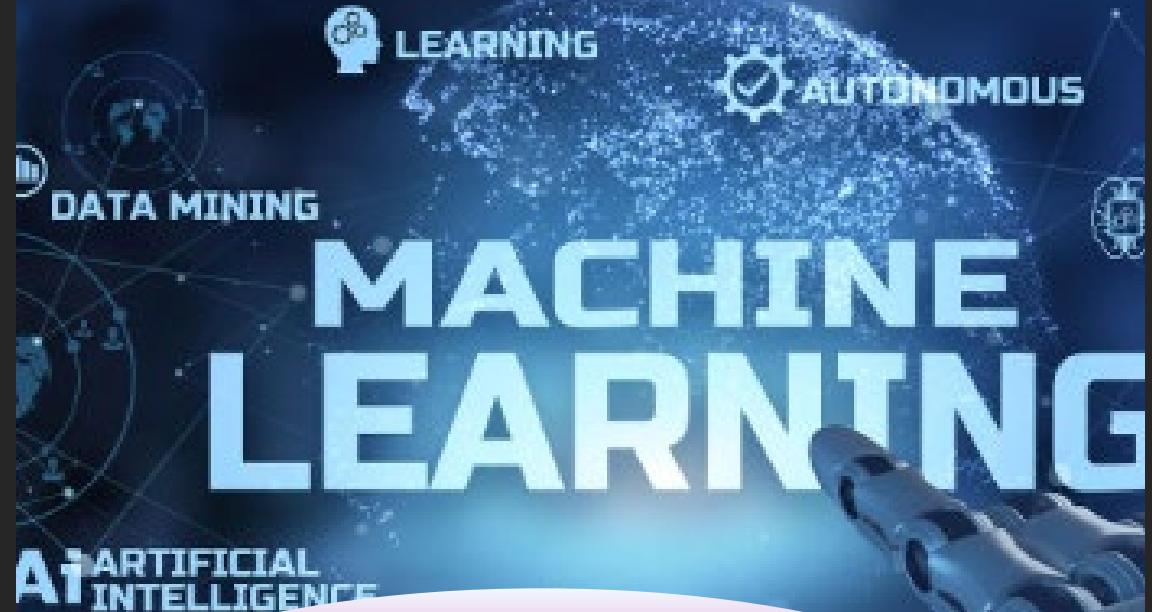
Stronger representative capacity

Can learn more abstract features

Greater learning competence

Better generalization performance

Convolutional
Neural Network
(CNN)



CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORK

Learn minutiae patterns

Detect them accurately



OBJECTIVES

Training a model to automatically detect and classify Level 1 and Level 2 features in pristine palmprints.

Automatically counting and storing their respective relative frequencies, as well as updating the database every time new palmprints are inserted.



THANK YOU!



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