

## State of the Y Chromosome: New Advances and State of the Science for Y Chromosome DNA Testing

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### Presentation Outline

- Advantages of the Y-Chromosome
- Characteristics of Core Y-STR Loci
- Available Y-STR Kits
- Available Y-STR Databases
- Y-STR Population Studies
- Statistics with Y-STR Haplotypes
- New Y-STRs
- Locus Duplication and Deletion
- Y-SNPs

### "State of the Y STR Assay" in June 2000

From J.M. Butler talk June 1, 2000 at CHI "DNA Forensics" meeting (Springfield, VA)

- A number of multiplex reactions have been reported in the literature but **Y STR multiplexes have not reached their potential...**
- Very little PCR optimization to-date (most work has been done with the original PCR primer sequences)
- **No commercial Y STR kit exists yet** (therefore these markers remain inaccessible to the general forensic DNA community)
- New Y STR markers are becoming available which will greatly improve the power of discrimination between unrelated individuals (e.g., DYS385) and these will need to be incorporated into future multiplex sets

### What has happened in the past 5 years

- "Full" Y-chromosome sequence became available in June 2003; over 200 Y-STR loci identified (only ~20 in 2000)
- Selection of core Y-STR loci (SWGDM Jan 2003)
- Multiple commercial Y-STR kits released
  - Y-PLEX 6,5,12 (2001-03), PowerPlex Y (9/03), Yfiler (12/04)
- Many population studies performed and databases generated with thousands of Y-STR haplotypes
- Forensic casework demonstration of value of Y-STR testing along with court acceptance

### THE HUMAN Y CHROMOSOME: AN EVOLUTIONARY MARKER COMES OF AGE

Mark A. Jobling & Chris Tyler-Smith  
*Nature Reviews Genetics* (2003) 4, 598-612

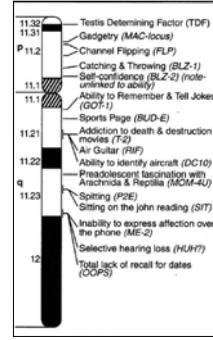


#### Abstract

- Until recently, the Y chromosome seemed to fulfill the role of juvenile delinquent among human chromosomes — rich in junk, poor in useful attributes, reluctant to socialize with its neighbors and with an inescapable tendency to degenerate. The availability of the near-complete chromosome sequence, plus many new polymorphisms, a highly resolved phylogeny and insights into its mutation processes, now provide new avenues for investigating human evolution. Y-chromosome research is growing up.

### Traits found on the Y - Chromosome

#### An Early Y-Chromosome Map



Science (1993) 261:679

- spitting
- incessant use of TV remote buttons
- if lost, cannot stop and ask for directions
- ability to recall facts about baseball/basketball/hockey/golf/etc.
- male pattern baldness
- congregates with other Y-chromosome bearers to do "guy things"
- Source of "Testosterone poisoning"

## Value of Y-Chromosome Markers

J.M. Butler (2005) *Forensic DNA Typing*, 2nd Edition; Table 9.1

### Application

Application	Advantage
Forensic casework on sexual assault evidence	<b>Male-specific amplification</b> (can avoid differential extraction to separate sperm and epithelial cells)
Paternity testing	Male children can be tied to fathers in motherless paternity cases
Missing persons investigations	<b>Patrilineal male relatives may be used for reference samples</b>
Human migration and evolutionary studies	Lack of recombination enables comparison of male individuals separated by large periods of time
Historical and genealogical research	Surnames usually retained by males; can make links where paper trail is limited

## Disadvantages of the Y-Chromosome

- Loci are not independent of one another and therefore rare random match probabilities cannot be generated with the product rule; must use haplotypes (combination of alleles observed at all tested loci)
- Paternal lineages possess the same Y-STR haplotype (barring mutation) and thus fathers, sons, brothers, uncles, and paternal cousins cannot be distinguished from one another
- Not as informative as autosomal STR results**

## Forensic Advantages of Y-STRs

- Male-specific amplification** extends range of cases accessible to obtaining probative DNA results (e.g., fingernail scrapings, sexual assault without sperm)
- Technical simplicity due to single allele profile**; can potentially recover results with lower levels of male perpetrator DNA because there is not a concern about heterozygote allele loss via stochastic PCR amplification; number of male contributors can be determined
- Courts have already widely accepted STR typing**, instrumentation, and software for analysis (Y-STR markers just have different PCR primers)
- Acceptance of statistical reports using the counting method** due to previous experience with mtDNA

## Scenarios Where Y-STRs Can Aid Forensic Casework

- Sexual assaults by vasectomized or azoospermic males (no sperm left behind for differential extraction)
- Extending length of time after assault for recovery of perpetrator's DNA profile (greater than 48 hours)
- Fingernail scrapings from sexual assault victims
- Male-male mixtures
- Other bodily fluid mixtures (blood-blood, skin-saliva)
- Gang rape situation to include or exclude potential contributors

## Some Reported Casework Examples

J.M. Butler (2005) *Forensic DNA Typing*, 2nd Edition; Table 9.7

Kit/Loci Used	Reference	Comments
In-house assay with DYS19, DYS390, DYS389II	Prinz et al. (2001) <i>Forensic Sci. Int.</i> 120: 177-188	In one year at the New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Y-STR testing was performed on 1,000 cases with over 1,000 evidence items and 1,000 samples examined. A full or partial profile was obtained on 81% of all tested evidence samples (740/915 samples tested). Mixtures of up to 14:000, the male component was observed in 97 instances. In male-female mixtures of up to 1:4000, the male component was detected in 99 instances.
In-house assay with 9 Y-STR loci amplified in 3 PCR reactions	Dekanski and Hoste (2001) <i>Forensic Sci. Int.</i> 118: 122-125	Y-STR typing was attempted on 169 semen traces from 89 cases that failed to yield a detectable male-autosomal profile following differential extraction. About half of the cases had sufficient DNA to produce a Y-STR profile.
In-house assay with DYS393, DYS389I	Sibille et al. (2002) <i>Forensic Sci. Int.</i> 125: 212-216	Y-STR results could still be obtained more than 48 hours after the sexual assault in 30% of the cases examined. In 104 swabs collected with no evidence of sperm, Y-STRs could be detected in <25% of the samples tested.
In-house assay with DYS19, DYS390, DYS389II	Prinz (2003) <i>Forensic Sci. Rev.</i> 15: 189-196	Six case studies are reviewed along with advantages and disadvantages of Y-STR testing. The author notes that (1) the Y-STR test is less sensitive and less precise than the mtDNA test; (2) possible oligopaternal father could not be excluded as the biological father; (3) oral intercourse with no autoseminal mixture does not allow for Y-STR testing; (4) Y-STR testing is not able to differentiate between two cases involving relatives; (5) presence of multiple semen donors creates a complex autosomal mixture that could be sorted out with Y-STR results; (6) sperm cell fraction lacked amelogenin (specific peak due to known deletion); (7) Y-STR results confirmed that the sperm cell fraction contained DNA from the male; and (8) Y-STR testing was used to rapidly screen 18 semen stains for comparison to 5 suspects and thus save the time of performing the differential extraction.
Y-PLEX 6 and Y-PLEX 5 kits	Sinha (2003) <i>Forensic Sci. Rev.</i> 15: 197-201	Five cases are reviewed. (1) criminal paternity case with a male fetus where the alleged father could not be excluded as the biological father; (2) a Y-STR test resulted in an ambiguous result due to a partial profile of the Y-STR loci tested; (3) Y-PLEX 6 STR profile matched suspect with sweat stains on cloth found at crime scene; (4) finger nail cutting from a victim matched a suspect at 11 Y-STR alleles; (5) Y-PLEX 5 STR profile excluded a male suspect at 11 Y-STR loci with no sperm cells produced a Y-PLEX 6 profile consistent with the male suspect.
Y-PLEX 6 and Y-PLEX 5 kits	Sinha et al. (2004) <i>J. Forensic Sci.</i> 49: 691-700	Seven cases are reviewed (some are the same as Sinha 2003) and a list of cases where Y-STR results have been accepted in U.S. courts is provided.

## Y-STRs in Casing

Sinha et al. (2004) *J. Forensic Sci.* 49: 691-700

*J. Forensic Sci.*, July 2004, Vol. 49, No. 4

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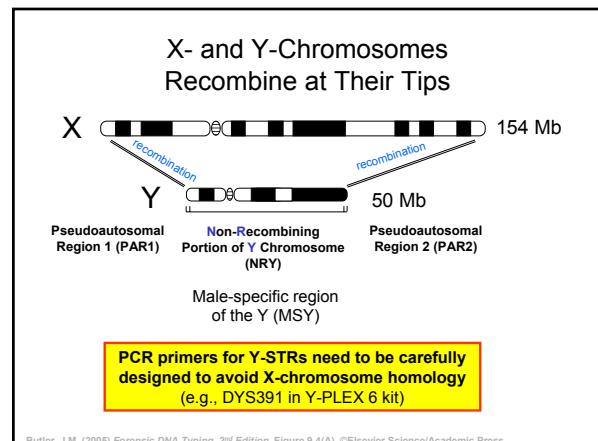
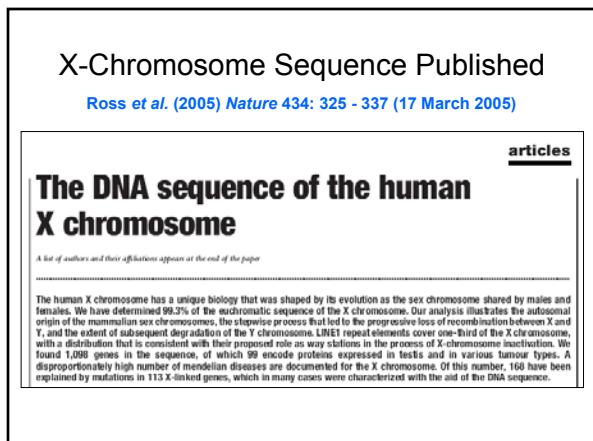
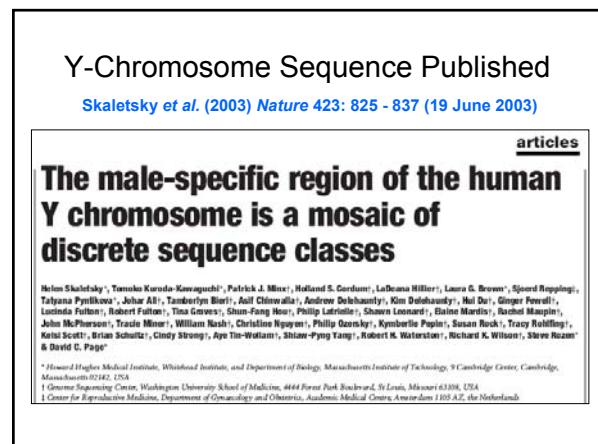
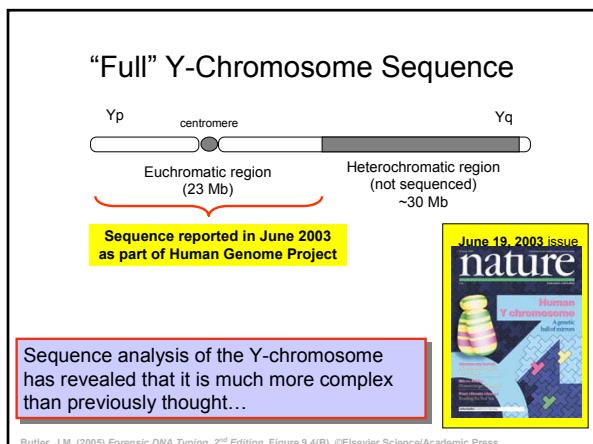
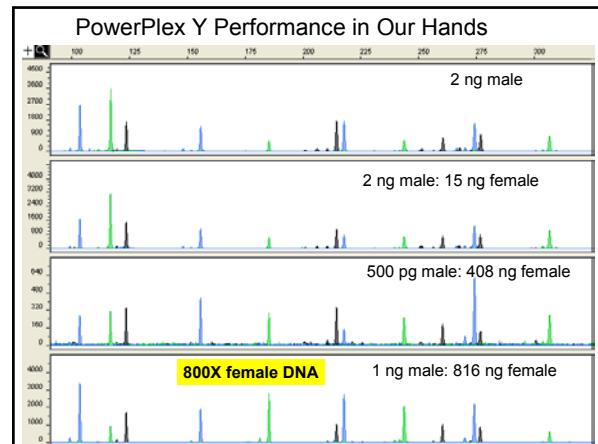
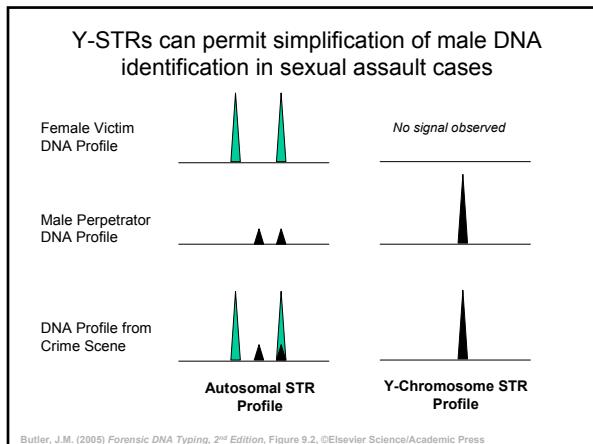
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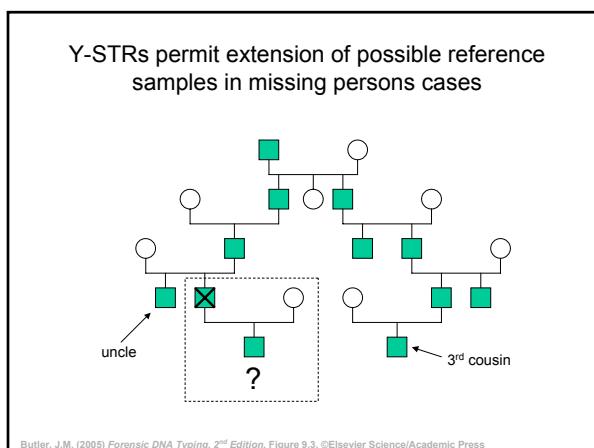
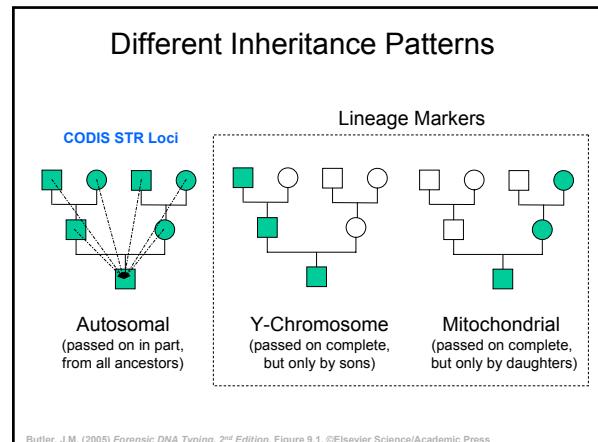
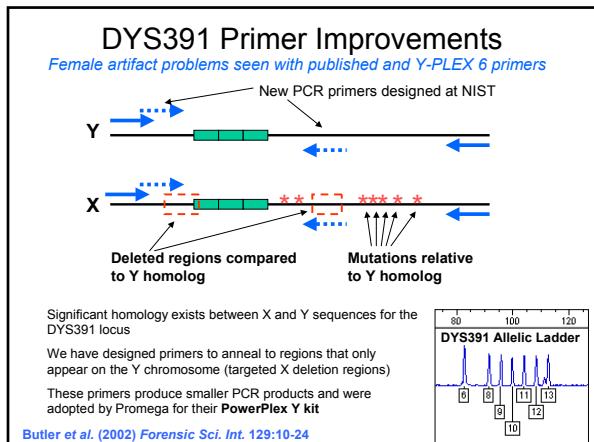
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## Utility of the Y-STR Typing Systems Y-PLEX™ 6 and Y-PLEX™ 5 in Forensic Casework and 11 Y-STR Haplotype Database for Three Major Population Groups in the United States\*

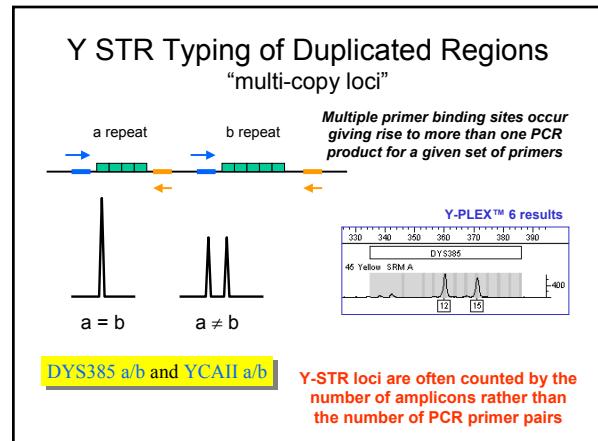
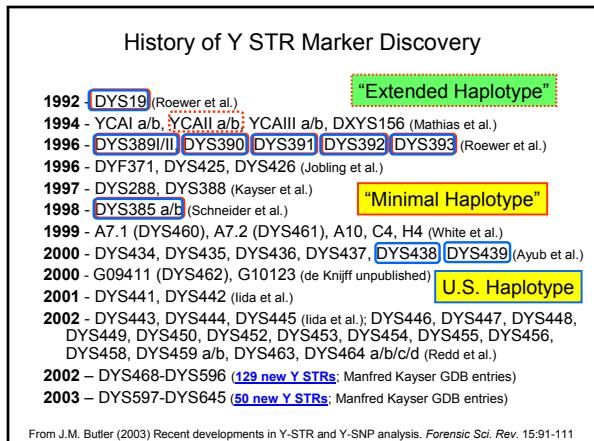
TABLE I—Y-STR cases using the Y-PLEX™ 6 and Y-PLEX™ 5 kits that have been accepted in U.S. courts.

Case	Date	Jurisdiction	Docket No.	Notes
State of LA vs. Samuel Williams	10/2/01	Orleans Parish Pike County	416-355 00-537-KA	Criminal paternity case Sexual assault case also Y-STR and STR-VSTR produced no results
State of MS vs. Leon Felder	6/26/01			
State of GA vs. Al R. Shabazz	7/3/02	Dekalb County	01-CR-4002	
United States vs. Spec. Michael Kelly	10/16/02	Fl. Keys	..	Sexual assault case Y-STR and STR-VSTR produced no results
State of OH vs. Chockie Unsworth	4/16/03	Lucas County	G-4801-CR-200301510	Daubert Hearing





## Core Y-STR Loci



From J.M. Butler (2003) Recent developments in Y-STR and Y-SNP analysis. *Forensic Sci. Rev.* 15:91-111

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**Report on the Current Activities of the Scientific Working Group on DNA Analysis Methods Y-STR Subcommittee**

Scientific Working Group on DNA Analysis Methods Y-STR Subcommittee

**Introduction**

Detecting DNA from a male perpetrator is the goal in the forensic investigation of most sexual assault cases. Y-chromosome-specific STR typing targets the male DNA and is a useful additional tool in cases that often involve a mixture of male and female DNA. Although many technical aspects of Y-STR testing are parallel to autosomal STR testing, the unilateral (patrilineal) inheritance of the Y-chromosome alleles creates a haplotypic linkage of linked loci, and the statistical evaluation and reporting of the results differ significantly. Therefore, the SWGDAM Y-STR Subcommittee was established to deal with all aspects of Y-chromosome-specific testing in forensic casework.

**Selection of U.S. Core Loci:**  
DYS19,  
DYS385 a/b,  
DYS389 I/II,  
DYS390,  
DYS391,  
DYS392,  
DYS393,  
DYS395,  
DYS438,  
DYS439

### SWGDAM Sub-Committee on the Y Chromosome

- Formed in July 2002
- Members
  - Jack Ballantyne (UCF) – chair
  - Mecki Prinz (NYC) – co-chair
  - John Butler (NIST)
  - Ann Gross (MN)
  - Jill Smerick (FBI)
  - Sam Baechtel (FBI)
  - John Hartmann (Orange Co.)
  - Jonathan Newman (CFS)
  - Phil Kinsey (OR)
  - Gary Sims (CA DOJ)
  - Bruce Budowle (FBI) – removed in 2004
- U.S. CORE Y-STR LOCI selected in January 2003
- 60 sample set selected for screening markers and initial testing
- Testing of Y-PLEX 6 and Y-PLEX 5 kits in all labs
  - All results completed agreed with NIST results sent to participating labs in Dec 2002
- Jack Ballantyne's lab and John Butler's lab to examine additional Y-STR and Y-SNP markers

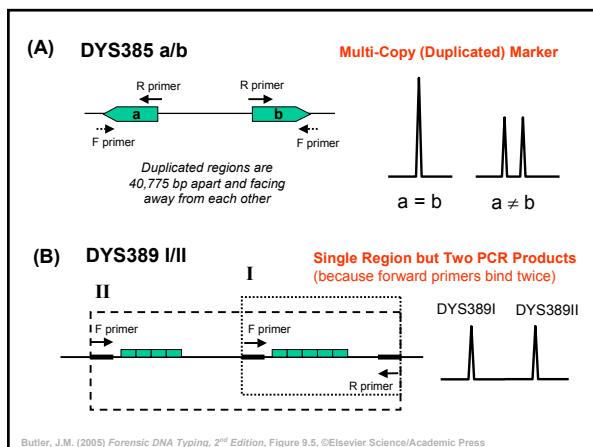
### 11 PCR products 9 primer sets

### Core Y-STR Characteristics

STR Marker	Position (Mb)	Repeat Motif	Allele Range	Mutation Rate
DYS393	3.17	AGAT	8-17	0.05%
DYS19	10.12	TAGA	10-19	0.20%
DYS391	12.54	TCTA	6-14	0.40%
DYS439	12.95	AGAT	8-15	0.38%
DYS389 I/II	13.05	[TCTG] [TCTA]	9-17 / 24-34	0.20%, 0.31%
DYS438	13.38	TTTC	6-14	0.09%
DYS390	15.71	[TCTA] [TCTG]	17-28	0.32%
DYS385 a/b	19.19, 19.23	GAAA	7-28	0.23%
DYS392	20.97	TAT	6-20	0.05%

Positions in megabases (Mb) along the Y-chromosome were determined with NCBI build 35 (May 2004) using BLAT. Allele ranges represent the full range of alleles reported in the literature. Mutation rates summarized from YHRD (<http://www.yhrd.org>, accessed 6 Apr 2005).

Butler, J.M. (2005) Genetics and genomics of core STR loci used in human identity testing. *J. Forensic Sci.* in press.



### Example Y STR Fact Sheet from STRBase

[www.cstl.nist.gov/biotech/strbase](http://www.cstl.nist.gov/biotech/strbase)

PCR Product Sizes of Observed Alleles					
Allele	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Repeat Structure	Ref.
DYS392				[TAT] <sub>h</sub>	<a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov">www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov</a>
Other Names	Chev				
Reportat	[TAT] <sub>h</sub> = GenBank top strand				
Reported Primers	Ref.				
Set 1	560				
Set 2	1367				
Set 3	NIST Y STR Database				

We would like to collect variant alleles for Y STRs as they are discovered...

Allelic Ladders: Alleles 10-15 present in Y-PLEX 5 kit from BioGenie Technologies

### Y-Chromosome Standard NIST SRM 2395

**Human Y-Chromosome DNA Profiling Standard**

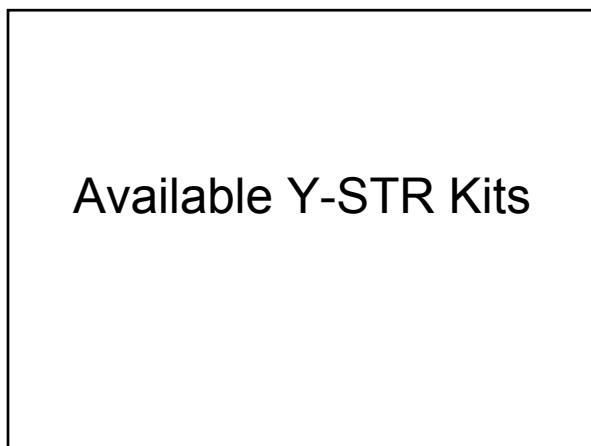
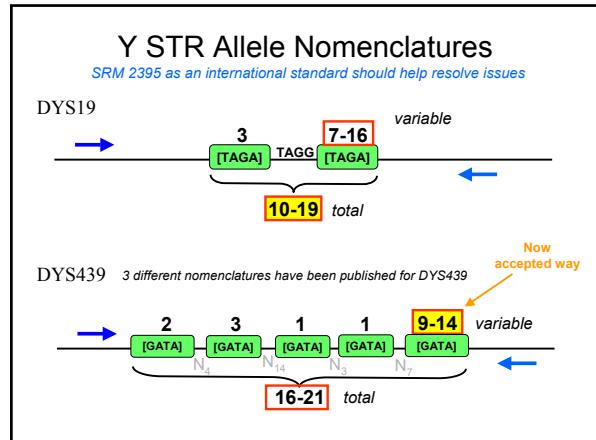
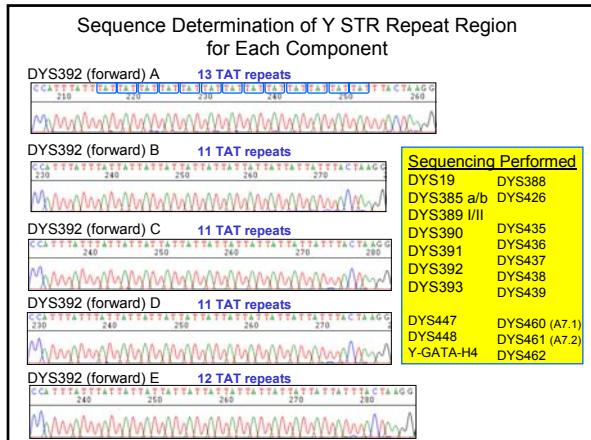
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**2395**  
Human Y Chromosome DNA Components A – F Store at -20°C  
NIST National Institute of Standards and Technology Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

**Certified for all loci in commercial Y-STR kits:**

- 5 male samples + 1 female sample (neg. control)
- 100 ng of each (50 µL at ~2 ng/µL)
- 22 Y STR markers sequenced
- 9 additional Y STR markers typed
- 42 Y SNPs typed with Marilgen kit

**Y-filer - adds DYS635 (C4); now sequenced**

Helps meet FBI Standard 9.5 (and ISO 17025)...traceability to a national standard



**Commercial Y-STR Kits**

(Minimal/extended haplotype)	(White et al.)	(Ayub et al.)	(Iida et al.)	(Redd et al.)
DYS19	A7.1 (DYS460)	DYS434	DYS441	DYS446
DYS389 I/II	A7.2 (DYS461)	DYS435	DYS442	DYS447
DYS390	A10	DYS436	DYS443	DYS448
DYS391	C4	DYS437	DYS444	DYS449
DYS392	H4	DYS438	DYS445	DYS450
DYS393		DYS439		DYS452
DYS385 a/b				DYS453
YCAII a/b	G09411 (DYS462)			DYS454
				DYS455
				DYS456
				DYS458
				DYS459 a/b
				DYS463
				DYS464 a/b/c/d
				DYS468-DYS645
				166 new Y STRs
				(Manfred Kayser GDB entries)

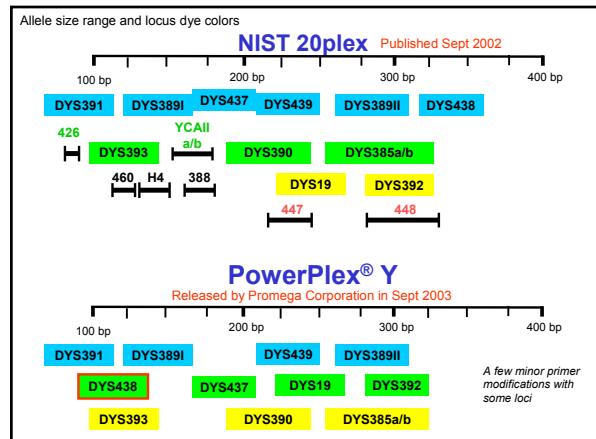
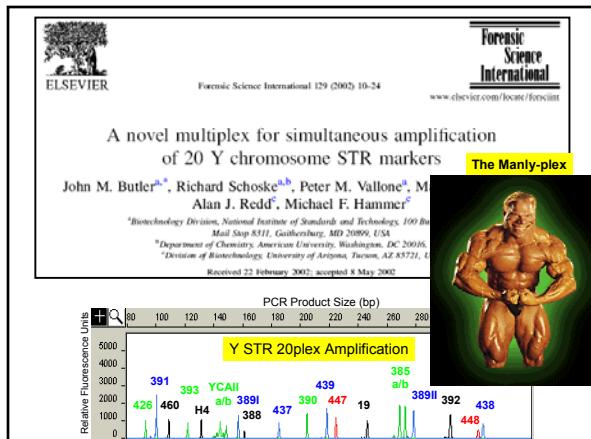
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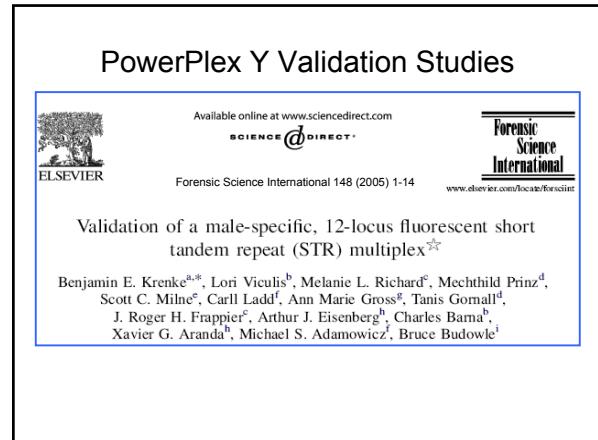
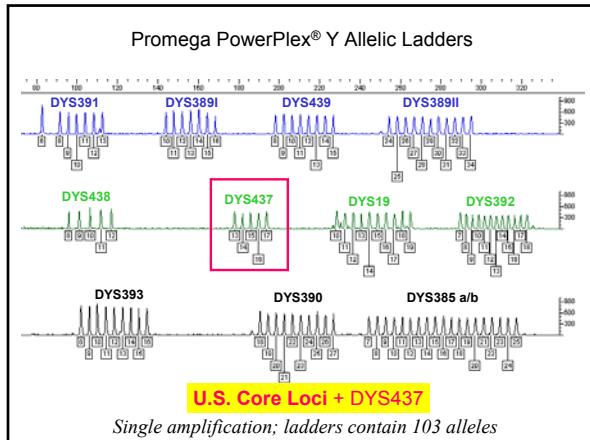
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~~PowerPlex Y (Promega)~~

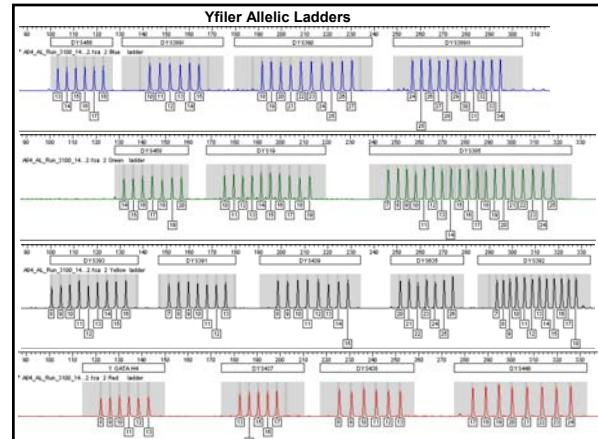
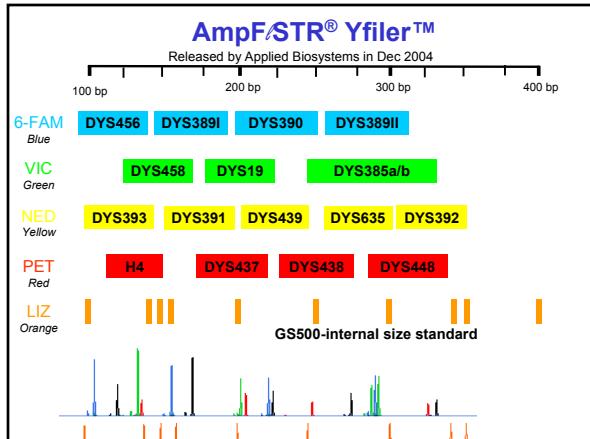
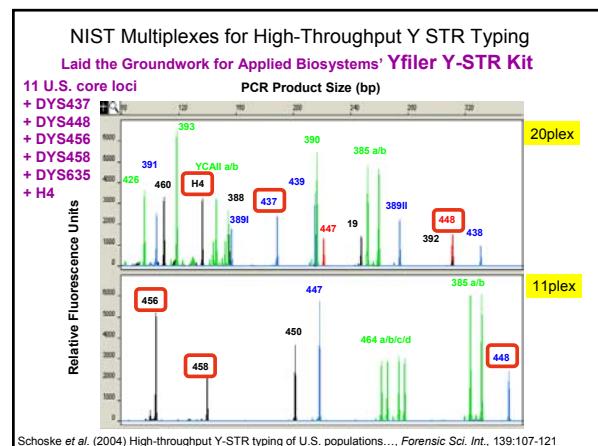
~~Yfiler (Applied Biosystems)~~





**Validation Summary Sheet for PowerPlex Y**

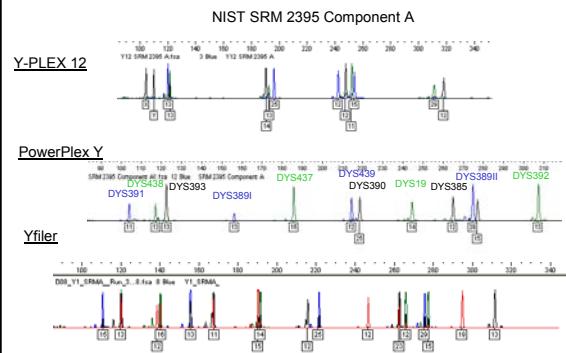
Study Completed (17 studies done)	Description of Samples Tested (performed in 7 labs and Promega)	#Run
Single Source (Concordance)	5 samples x 8 labs	40
Mixture Ratio (male:female)	6 labs x 2 M/F mixture series x 11 ratios (1:0,1,1:1,100:1,300,1:0.05:5,300,0.25:300,0.125:300,0.0625:300,0.03:300 ng M/F)	132
Mixture Ratio (male:male)	6 labs x 2 MM mixtures series x 11 ratios (1:0, 19:1, 9:1, 5:1, 2:1, 1:1, 1:2, 1:5, 1:9, 1:19, 0:1)	132
Sensitivity	7 labs x 2 series x 6 amounts (1:0.5/0.25/0.125/0.06/0.03)	84
Non-Human	24 animals	24
NIST SRM	6 components of SRM 2395	6
Precision (ABI 3100 and ABI 377)	10 ladder replicates + 10 sample replicated + [8 ladders + 8 samples for 377]	36
Non-Probative Cases	65 cases with 102 samples	102
Stutter	412 males used	412
Peak Height Ratio	N/A (except for DYS385 but no studies were noted)	
Cycling Parameters	5 cycles (28/27/26/25/24) x 8 punch sizes x 2 samples	80
Annealing Temperature	5 labs x 5 temperatures (54/58/60/62/64) x 1 sample	25
Reaction volume	5 volumes (50/25/15/12.5/6.25) x [5 amounts + 5 concentrations]	50
Thermal cycler test	4 models (480/240/9600/7000) x 1 sample + [3 models x 3 sets x 12 samples]	76
Male-specificity	2 females x 1 titration series (0-500 ng female DNA) x 5 amounts each	10
TaqGold polymerase titration	5 amounts (1.38/0.69/0.75/0.75/0.44) x 13 µl x 4 quantities (10/5/2.5/0.13 ng DNA)	20
Primer pair titration	5 amounts (0.5x/0.75x/1x/1.5x/2x) x 4 quantities (10/5/2.5/0.13 ng DNA)	20
Magnesium titration	5 amounts (1/1.25/1.5/1.75/2 mM) x 4 quantities (10/5/2.5/0.13 ng DNA)	20
Krenke et al. (2005) <i>Forensic Sci. Int.</i> 148:1-14	TOTAL SAMPLES EXAMINED	1269



### Commercial Y-STR Kits Available

- ReliaGene Technologies (New Orleans, LA)
  - Y-PLEX™ 6: DYS19, DYS389II, DYS390, DYS391, DYS393, DYS385 a/b
  - Y-PLEX™ 5: DYS389I/II, DYS392, DYS438, DYS439
  - Y-PLEX™ 12: DYS19, DYS385 a/b, DYS389I/II, DYS390, DYS391, DYS392, DYS393, DYS438, DYS439, amelogenin
- Promega Corporation (Madison, WI)
  - PowerPlex® Y: DYS19, DYS385 a/b, DYS389I/II, DYS390, DYS391, DYS392, DYS393, DYS438, DYS439, DYS437
- Applied Biosystems (Foster City, CA)
  - Yfiler™: DYS19, DYS385 a/b, DYS389I/II, DYS390, DYS391, DYS392, DYS393, DYS438, DYS439, DYS437, DYS448, DYS456, DYS458, DYS635 (Y-GATA-C4), Y-GATA-H4
- Serac (Bad Homburg, Germany)
  - genRES® DYSpex-1: DYS389I/II, DYS390, DYS391, DYS385 a/b, amelogenin
  - genRES® DYSpex-2: DYS19, DYS389I/II, DYS392, DYS393
- Biotype (Dresden, Germany)
  - Mentyper® Argus Y-MH: DYS19, DYS385 a/b, DYS389I/II, DYS390, DYS391, DYS392, DYS393

Our Group at NIST Was Involved in Beta-Testing All U.S. Based Y-STR Kits



### Available Y-STR Haplotype Databases

### New Y-Chromosome Information Resources on STRBase

[Address](http://www.cstl.nist.gov/biotech/strbase/ytrs.htm) [http://www.cstl.nist.gov/biotech/strbase/ytrs.htm]

**Commercial Y-STR Kits**

- [PowerPlex® Y Chromosome Kit](#)
- [PowerPlex® Y-plex 12 \(ReliaGene Technologies\)](#) will not be sold after May 1, 2003
- [DYSplex Y](#) (Biotype, Dresden, Germany)
- [Mentyper® Argus Y-MH](#) (Biotype, Dresden, Germany)

**Haplotype Database**

- [YHRD Y-Chromosome Haplotype Reference Database](#) (27,000 haplotypes with 9 loci) <http://www.yhrd.org/index.html>
- [PowerPlex® Y Haplotype Database](#) (2400 haplotypes with 12 loci) <http://www.promega.com/strbase/databases/>
- [Yfiler Haplotype Database](#) (250 haplotypes with 17 loci) <http://www.appliedbiosystems.com/strbase/databases/>
- [Genetic Genealogy Y-DNA Haplotype Database](#) (200+ STRs with 12, 22, or 26 loci) <http://www.ydnapedia.org>
- [Genetic Genealogy Y-DNA Haplotype Database](#) (200+ STRs with 12, 22, or 26 loci) <http://www.ybase.org>
- [Genetic Genealogy BioResource Molecular Oncology Foundation \(942\) haplotypes with 24 loci\)](#) <http://www.snaaf.org>

**Y Chromosome Links**

- [Y-STR Haplotype Reference Database](#) <http://www.yfd.yhrd.org/index.html>
- [Department of Defense Reference Database](#) <http://www.dodgenetics.mil/strbase/strbase.html>
- [Genetic Genealogy Family Tree DNA](#) <http://www.familytreedna.com>
- [Genetic Genealogy Relative Genetics](#) <http://www.relativegenetics.com>
- [Genetic Genealogy Y-DNA Haplotype Database](#) <http://www.ydnapedia.org>
- [Genetic Genealogy BioResource Molecular Oncology Foundation](#) <http://www.snaaf.org>
- [Genetic Genealogy Oxford Ancestors](#) <http://www.oxfordancestors.com>
- [Genetic Genealogy Y-DNA Haplotype Database](#) <http://www.ybase.org>
- [Genetic Genealogy Tree Databse](#) <http://www.ytree.org>
- [Genetic Genealogy OneType DNA Testing Center](#) <http://www.genetech.com>

NIST Human Identity Project Team Y-Chromosome Work

**Largest Y-STR Database**

### Y-Chromosome Haplotype Reference Database (YHRD)



<http://www.yhrd.org>

As of 12/17/04: **28,650 haplotypes**

**6,281 haplotypes**  
with all US required loci

Commercial Y-STR kits exist to amplify all of the core loci in a single reaction (plus a few additional markers)

**US haplotype requires 2 additional loci:**  
**DYS438**  
**DYS439**

### Yfiler Haplotype Database

<http://www.appliedbiosystems.com/yfilerdatabase/>

Population	# Haplotypes	#Samples Contributed by NIST
African American	985	259 African Americans
Asian	330	3 Asians
Caucasian	1276	262 Caucasians
Filipino	105	
Hispanic	597	139 Hispanics
Native American	106	
Sub-saharan African	59	
Vietnamese	103	
All	3561	

Data provided by NIST  
**663/3561 = 18.6%**

## PowerPlex Y Haplotype Database

<http://www.promega.com/techserv/tools/pplxy/>

595 Caucasians	1311 Caucasians
284 Asians	325 Asians
630 Hispanics	894 Hispanics
577 African Americans	1108 African Americans
357 Native Americans	366 Native Americans
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<b>2,443 total</b>	<b>4,004 total</b>

March 2005

## Y-STR Population Studies

### A few recent Y-STR population studies

Population	# Samples	# Loci	Reference
5 North American groups	2,443	12	Budowle et al. (2005) FSI 150:1-15
U.S. Caucasians, African Americans, Hispanics	647	(27)	Schoske et al. (2004) FSI 139:107-121
Austrian	135	17	Berger et al. (2005) IJLM, in press (Yflier)
91 European groups	12,700	7	Roewer et al. (2005) Hum Genet 116:279-291

More than 200 Y-STR population studies have been published (most of this data is deposited in the YHRD – Y Chromosome Haplotype Reference Database)

## PowerPlex Y Population Study



### Initial 2,443 Samples in PowerPlex Y Haplotype Database

B. Budowle et al. / *Forensic Science International* 150 (2005) 1–15

Table 1 Sample populations and number of individuals (or haplotypes) per sample						
Region	Location	African American	Caucasian	Hispanic	Asian	Asian Indian (Apache/Navajo)
Canada	Ontario	37	37		28	37
Northeast US	Connecticut	182	164	160		
	New York	80	83	80	45	
Midwest US	Michigan	86	97	97		
	Minnesota			101	101	
South US	Texas	192	194	192	73	
Southwest US	Arizona					138/219
Total (N = 2443)		577	595	630	247	37
						387

PowerPlex® Y Haplotype Database  
<http://www.promega.com/techserv/tools/pplxy/>

### Compilation of Y STR Population Data Appendices in Rich Schoske's Ph.D. dissertation; available on STRBase

Locus	Population	Sample Size	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Reference
DYS19	EUROPE												
Innsbruck (Austria)		100					0.14	0.56	0.23	0.07	0.06		Kayser et al. 1997
Germany		86		0.07			0.032	0.279	0.083	0.006	0.002		Gremm et al. 2001
Bavaria (Germany)		151					0.16	0.48	0.16	0.06			Anselme et al. 2000
Cologne (Germany)		163					0.041	0.566	0.268	0.0515	0.0515		Hidding et al. 2000
South Wurttemberg (Germany)		216					0.039	0.521	0.249	0.0626	0.0413		Grav et al. 2003
Munich (Germany)		272					0.04	0.52	0.26	0.06	0.03		Kayser et al. 1997
Iran (Germany)		100					0.04	0.42	0.25	0.06	0.03		Kayser et al. 1997
Jena (Germany)		143					0.06	0.55	0.18	0.16	0.06		Kayser et al. 1997
Heidelberg (Germany)		113					0.07	0.5	0.29	0.09	0.04		Kayser et al. 1997
Hanover (Germany)		53					0.07	0.49	0.24	0.11	0.03		Kayser et al. 1997
Magdeburg (Germany)		210					0.06	0.48	0.25	0.17	0.06		Kayser et al. 1997
Brandenburg (Germany)		233					0.03	0.45	0.22	0.15	0.1		Kayser et al. 1997
Munich 2 (Germany)		126					0.06	0.46	0.26	0.18	0.03		Kayser et al. 1997
Bremen (Germany)		260					0.16	0.48	0.24	0.09	0.03		Kayser et al. 1997
Bremen (Germany)		233					0.09	0.39	0.27	0.26	0.06		Kayser et al. 1997
Bremen		49					0.1	0.59	0.16	0.14			Kayser et al. 1997
Laden		88					0.04	0.7	0.19	0.03	0.02		Kayser et al. 1997
Leicester, pooled		359					0.01	0.04	0.46	0.26	0.16	0.07	Kayser et al. 1997
Bethesda		41					0.05	0.3	0.18	0.02	0.02		Kayser et al. 1997
Bratislava		57					0.07	0.19	0.21	0.31	0.21		Kayser et al. 1997
Norway		300					0.027	0.527	0.313	0.1200	0.019		Kayser et al. 1997

- Source: over 200 published population data papers
- Helps define observed allele ranges, which aids in multiplex assay development (spacing between loci in the same dye color)
- Information is available to the community through the STRBase website – permits analysis of optimal markers for particular population

## Richard Schoske Dissertation

[http://www.cstl.nist.gov/biotech/strbase/pub\\_pres/Schoske2003dis.pdf](http://www.cstl.nist.gov/biotech/strbase/pub_pres/Schoske2003dis.pdf)



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Funded by Air Force

- Worked at NIST from Nov 2000 to May 2003
- 270 page Ph.D. dissertation
- Entitled "The design, optimization and testing of Y chromosome short tandem repeat megaplexes."
- Available for download on NIST STRBase website

## Standard U.S. Population Dataset

<http://www.cstl.nist.gov/biotech/strbase/NISTpop.htm>

260 Caucasians, 260 African Americans, 140 Hispanics, 3 Asians = **663 males**

DNA extracted from whole blood (anonymous; self-identified ethnicities) received from Interstate Blood Bank (Memphis, TN) and Millennium Biotech Inc. (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)



To date: (~95,000 allele calls)

Identifier (15 autosomal markers + Amelogenin) (10,608)

Roche Linear Arrays (HV1/HV2 10 regions) (6,630)

Y STRs 22 loci—27 amplicons (17,388)

Y STRs 27 new loci (14,535)

Yfiler kit 17 loci (11,237)

Y SNPs 50 markers on sub-set of samples (11,498)

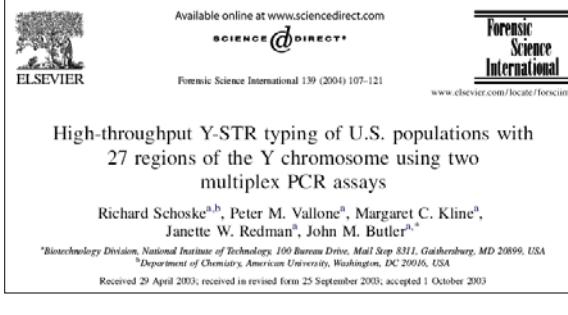
Orchid 70 autosomal SNPs on sub-set (13,230)

miniSTR testing-new loci and CODIS concordance (9,228)

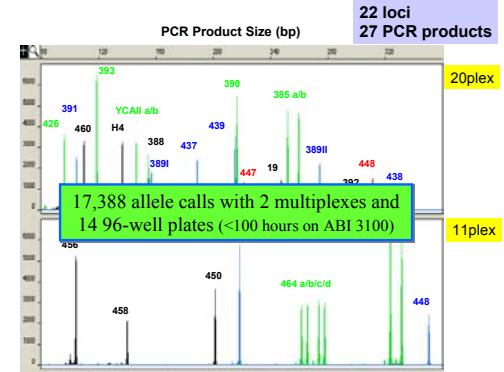
mtDNA full control region sequences by AFDIL

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**Genotypes with various human identity testing markers**

## U.S. Population Data on 22 Y-STRs



## NIST Multiplexes for High-Throughput Y STR Typing



Schoske et al. (2004) High-throughput Y-STR typing of U.S. populations.... *Forensic Sci. Int.*, 139:107-121

US haplotype (ReliaGene kits)	Y-STR	Pooled Population		African American		Caucasian		Hispanic	
		STR diversity (N=647)	Rank	STR diversity (N=260)	Rank	STR diversity (N=244)	Rank	STR diversity (N=143)	Rank
DYS464 ab/c/d	0.956	1		0.954	1	0.934	1	0.937	1
<b>Yfiler (ABI)</b>	<b>DYS385 ab5</b>	0.912	2	0.942	2	0.838	2	0.901	2
	<b>YCAII ab5</b>	0.790	3	0.797	3	0.701	5	0.772	4
	DYS458	0.765	4	0.758	5	0.743	3	0.795	3
	DYS390	0.764	5	0.664	10	0.701	5	0.665	13
	DYS447	0.747	6	0.767	4	0.683	7	0.748	5
	<b>DYS389I</b>	0.736	7	0.722	6	0.675	8	0.734	6
	DYS448	0.721	8	0.722	6	0.595	11	0.704	8
	DYS456	0.700	9	0.671	9	0.731	4	0.695	9
<b>PowerPlex Y (Promega)</b>	DYS438	0.691	10	0.560	15	0.594	12	0.690	10
	<b>DYS19</b>	0.676	11	0.722	6	0.498	19	0.672	12
	DYS439	0.656	12	0.636	11	0.639	9	0.717	7
	DYS437	0.637	13	0.499	17	0.583	13	0.624	14
	H4	0.611	14	0.612	12	0.562	14	0.609	15
<b>+C4</b>	<b>DYS392</b>	0.609	15	0.434	20	0.596	10	0.673	11
	DYS460	0.570	16	0.568	14	0.555	15	0.556	18
	DYS389I	0.549	17	0.531	16	0.538	17	0.596	16
	DYS391	0.534	18	0.447	19	0.552	16	0.577	17
	DYS426	0.519	19	0.375	21	0.482	20	0.522	19
	DYS450	0.489	20	0.487	18	0.177	22	0.414	21
	<b>DYS393</b>	0.485	21	0.586	13	0.363	21	0.448	20
	DYS388	0.365	22	0.246	22	0.501	18	0.312	22

Schoske et al. (2004) High-throughput Y-STR typing of U.S. populations.... *Forensic Sci. Int.*, 139:107-121

## Statistical Calculations on Y-STR Data

- Locus (gene) Diversity** =  $(n/n-1)(1 - \sum p_i^2)$  where n is the number of samples in the dataset and  $p_i$  is the frequency of the  $i^{th}$  allele
- Haplotype Diversity (HD)** =  $(n/n-1)(1 - \sum p_i^2)$  where n is the number of samples in the dataset and  $p_i$  is the frequency of the  $i^{th}$  haplotype
- Random Match Probability (RMP)** =  $1 - HD$
- Discrimination Capacity (DC)** – total number of observed haplotypes divided by the total number of individuals in the dataset
- Unique Haplotypes (UH)** – number of haplotypes that occur only once in the dataset

Y-STR Marker Combinations	260 African Americans		244 Caucasians		143 Hispanics	
	HD	RMP	HD	RMP	HD	RMP
Y-PLEX 6 kit	0.9974	0.0026	0.9914	0.0086	0.9934	0.0066
"minimal" haplotype	0.9982	0.0018	0.9946	0.0053	0.9957	0.0043
"extended" haplotype	0.9988	0.0012	0.9971	0.0029	0.9975	0.0025
"U.S. haplotype"	0.9993	0.0007	0.9974	0.0026	0.9986	0.0014
Y-STR 11plex	0.9993	0.0007	0.9987	0.0013	0.9992	0.0008
Y-STR 20plex	0.9998	0.0002	0.9998	0.0002	0.9999	0.0002
22 Y-STRs	0.9999	0.0001	0.9999	0.0001	0.9999	0.0001
Top 10 (w/o YCAII a/b)	0.9999	0.0001	0.9999	0.0001	0.9999	0.0001

Y-STR Marker Combinations	260 African Americans		244 Caucasians		143 Hispanics	
	DC	UH	DC	UH	DC	UH
Y-PLEX 6 kit	82.3%	188	68.9%	136	78.3%	97
"minimal" haplotype	88.5%	213	75.8%	161	81.1%	100
"extended" haplotype	91.9%	227	83.6%	184	89.5%	120
"U.S. haplotype"	91.9%	222	82.3%	176	93.3%	121
Y-STR 11plex	93.1%	227	88.5%	198	94.4%	127
Y-STR 20plex	98.5%	252	97.2%	230	98.6%	139
22 Y-STR Markers	98.9%	254	99.6%	242	99.3%	141
Top 10 (w/o YCAII a/b)	96.9%	244	97.5%	232	99.3%	141

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## Statistics with Y-STR Haplotypes

Most labs will probably go with the **counting method** (number of times a haplotype is observed in a database) as is typically done with mtDNA results

### Example Y-STR Haplotype

#### Core US Haplotype

- DYS19 – 14
- DYS389I – 13
- DYS389II – 29
- DYS390 – 24
- DYS391 – 11
- DYS392 – 14
- DYS393 – 13
- DYS385 a/b – 11,15
- DYS438 – 12
- DYS439 – 13

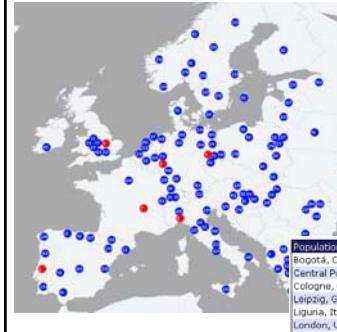
#### Matches by Databases

- YHRD (9 loci)
  - 7 matches in 27,773
- YHRD (11 loci)
  - 0 matches in 6,281
- ReliaGene (11 loci)
  - 0 matches in 3,403
- PowerPlex Y (12 loci)
  - 0 matches in 4,004
- Yfiler (17 loci)
  - 0 matches in 3,561

#### Y-Chromosome Haplotype Reference Database

[www.YHRD.org](http://www.YHRD.org)

Release "15" from 2004-12-17 16:11:24



7 matches in 27,773  
individuals from 236  
worldwide populations

#### Minimal Haplotype Result

- DYS19 – 14  
DYS389I – 13  
DYS389II – 29  
DYS390 – 24  
DYS391 – 11  
DYS392 – 14  
DYS393 – 13  
DYS385 a/b – 11,15

Population	Metapopulation
Bogota, Colombia [European]	1 / 147 Eurasian MP / European MP
Central Portugal	1 / 230 Eurasian MP / European MP
Cologne, Germany	1 / 135 Eurasian MP / European MP
Leipzig, Germany	1 / 661 Eurasian MP / European MP
Liguria, Italy	1 / 81 Eurasian MP / European MP
London, UK	1 / 285 Eurasian MP / European MP
Lyon, France	1 / 125 Eurasian MP / European MP

### Frequency Estimate Calculations

In cases where a Y-STR profile is observed a particular number of times (X) in a database containing N profiles, its frequency (p) can be calculated as follows:

$$p = X/N$$

7 matches in 27,773

$$p = 7/27,773 = 0.000252 = 0.025\%$$

An upper bound confidence interval can be placed on the profile's frequency using:

$$p + 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{(p)(1-p)}{N}}$$

$$= 0.000252 + 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{(0.000252)(1-0.000252)}{27,773}}$$

$$= 0.000252 + 0.000187 = 0.000439$$

$$= 0.044\% (\sim 1 \text{ in } 2270)$$

### When there is no match...

In cases where the profile has not been observed in a database, the upper bound on the confidence interval is

$$1 - \alpha^{1/N}$$

0 matches in 4,004

where  $\alpha$  is the confidence coefficient (0.05 for a 95% confidence interval) and N is the number of individuals in the database.

$$1 - \alpha^{1/N} = 1 - (0.05)^{1/4,004} = 0.000748$$

$$= 0.075\% (\sim 1 \text{ in } 1340)$$

If using database of 2,443, then the best you can do is 1 in 816

### The Meaning of a Y-Chromosome Match

#### Conservative statement for a match report:

The Y-STR profile of the crime sample matches the Y-STR profiles of the suspect (at xxx number of loci examined). Therefore, **we cannot exclude the suspect** as being the donor of the crime sample. In addition, we cannot exclude all patrilineal related male relatives and an unknown number of unrelated males as being the donor of the crime sample.

### Difficult Questions...

- Which database(s) should be used for Y-STR profile frequency estimate determination?
- Are any of the current forensic Y-STR databases truly adequate for reliable estimations of Y-STR haplotype frequencies?
  - Some individuals share identical Y-STR haplotypes due to recurrent mutations, not relatedness...
  - Is the database a random collection reflecting Y-STR haplotype frequencies of the population?
  - Is the Y-STR haplotype frequency relevant for the population of the suspect?

Issues raised by Peter de Knijff at his Promega meeting presentation (Oct 2004)

### Conclusions from Peter de Knijff

From his presentation at the Promega meeting (Oct 2004)

A haplotype frequency taken from any Y-STR database should not be reported or seen as a random match probability

- Because all male relatives have the same haplotype
- Males can share haplotypes without being related

Database estimates are at most qualitative...

### What Peter de Knijff Reports with a Y-STR Match

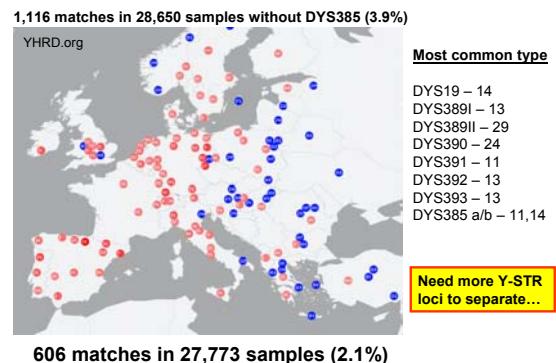
From his presentation at the Promega meeting (Oct 2004)

- The Y-STR profile of the stain matches with the suspect.
- Therefore, the suspect cannot be excluded as the donor of the stain.
- On the basis of this DNA evidence, I **can also not exclude all paternally related male relatives of the suspect** as possible donors of this stain.
- In addition, **an unknown number of males from the same region cannot be excluded**. A more accurate answer can only be obtained if (1) we have detailed knowledge of the population structure of the region of interest, (2) the Y-STR frequencies therein are known, and (3) we have knowledge about the family structure of the suspect.

## New Y-STRs

More than 150 new Y-STR loci were characterized in June 2004. These new loci need to be studied in common sample sets including U.S. population groups in order to understand their ability to differentiate most common types and closely related individuals.

### Most Common Type in Europeans



Most Common Type seen in 22 NIST samples (3.7%)  
(from all 3 populations)

Samples	Minimal Haplotype
PT84633	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
PT83902	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
PT84244	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
PT83874	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
MT94875	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
PT83535	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
ZT80028	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
MT96356	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
PT84236	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
GT37692	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
PT83863	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
PT84252	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
OT05562	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
PT83886	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
MT97185	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
OT07753	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
TT51702	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
UC10177	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
WT51359	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
WT52486	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
ZT80656	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
MT97163	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13

With Promega's loci (minimal haplotype+438,439,437)  
most common type breaks into 7 groups

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## New Y-STR paper

June 2004 issue of American Journal of Human Genetics

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### A Comprehensive Survey of Human Y-Chromosomal Microsatellites

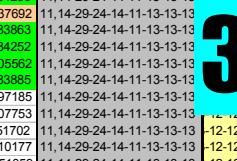
Manfred Kayser,<sup>1,\*</sup> Ralf Kittler,<sup>1,\*</sup> Axel Erler,<sup>1,4</sup> Minttu Hedman,<sup>2</sup> Andrew C. Lee,<sup>3</sup> Aisha Mohyuddin,<sup>4,5</sup> S. Qasim Mehdji,<sup>3</sup> Zoë Rosser,<sup>3</sup> Mark Stoneking,<sup>1</sup> Mark A. Jobling,<sup>3</sup> Antti Sajantila,<sup>2</sup> and Chris Tyler-Smith<sup>4,6</sup>

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- Searched for all regions with ≥8 consecutive repeats and 2,3,4,5, or 6 bp repeat units
- Discovered 139 new polymorphic Y-STR loci (166 male-specific)
- Only studied so far in 8 different samples

With SWGDAM US core loci (minimal haplotype+438,439)  
most common type breaks into 3 groups

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With NIST 27 Y STRs (2 multiplexes) most common type breaks into 22 different groups (*all samples differentiated*)

Samples	Minimal Haplotype
PT84633	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
PT83902	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
PT84244	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
PT83874	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
MT94875	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
PT83535	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
ZT80028	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
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TT51702	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
UC10177	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
WT51359	11,14-29-24-14-11-13-13-13
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## NIST Work with New Y-STR Loci

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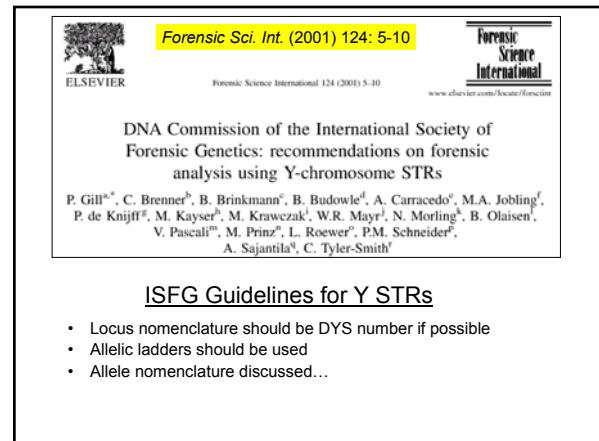
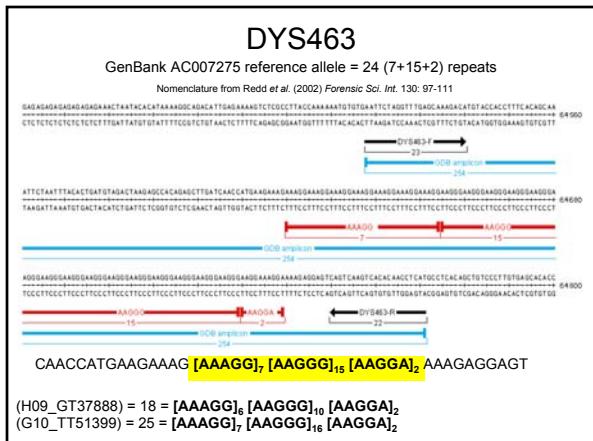
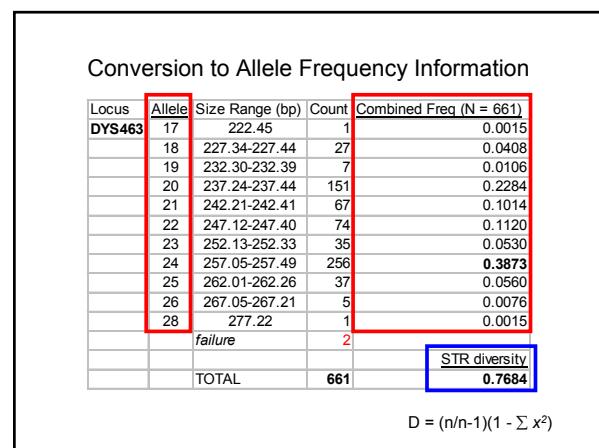
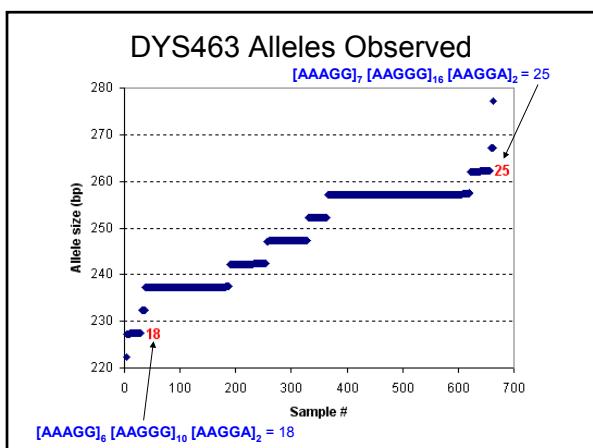
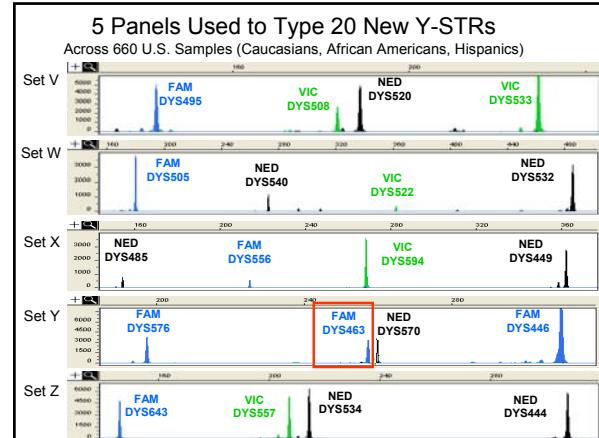
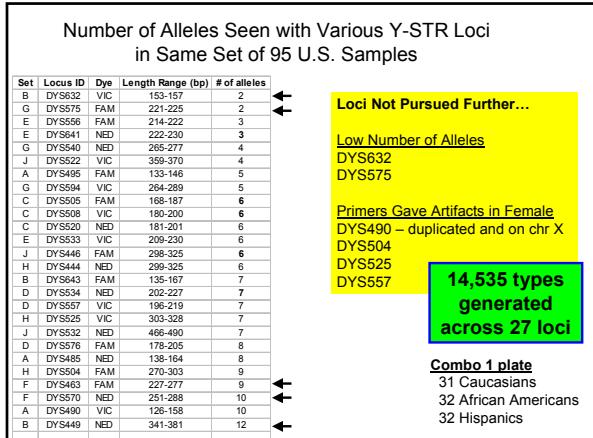
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Announcement of population data  
Allele frequencies for 27 Y-STR loci with U.S. Caucasian, African American, and Hispanic samples

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Abstract  
A total of 263 U.S. Caucasians, 260 African Americans and 140 U.S. Hispanics or a subset of 31 Caucasians, 32 African Americans, and 32 Hispanics were typed for 27 Y-chromosome short tandem repeat (Y-STR) markers: DYS444, DYS446, DYS449, DYS463, DYS485, DYS490, DYS494, DYS508, DYS505, DYS520, DYS532, DYS532, DYS533, DYS534, DYS540, DYS556, DYS557, DYS570, DYS576, DYS594, DYS594, DYS5632, DYS605, DYS641, and DYS645. Allele frequencies for each locus are reported along with nomenclature based on sequence analysis.



## ISFG Updated Y-STR Recommendations



Probability of Finding No Mutation or at Least One Mutation Between Two Y-STR Haplotypes in a Single Generation  
Using average mutation rate of 0.28% (Kayser et al. AJHG 2000, 66:1580-1588)

# STRs	Prob. no mutation	Prob. at least one mutation
1	0.99720000	0.00280000
2	0.99440784	0.00559216
3	0.99162350	0.00837650
4	0.98884695	0.01115305
5	0.98607818	0.01392182
6	0.98331716	0.01668284
7	0.98056387	0.01943613
8	0.97781829	0.02218171
9	0.97508040	0.02491960
10	0.97235018	0.02764982
11	0.96962760	0.03037240
12	0.96691264	0.03308736
...		
<b>40</b>	<b>0.89390382</b>	<b>0.10609618</b>

3.3% with  
12 Y-STRs

Gusmão et al. (2005) *Forensic Sci. Int.*, in press

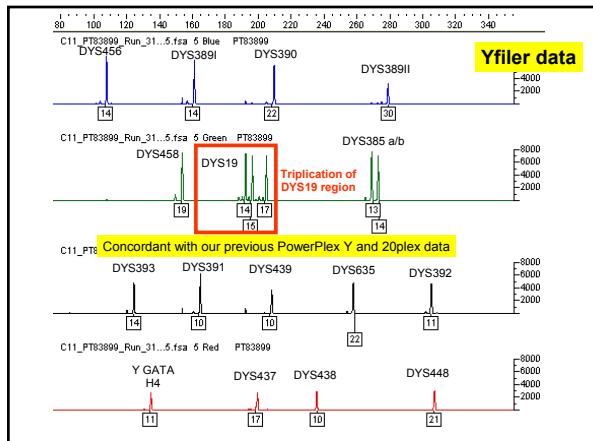
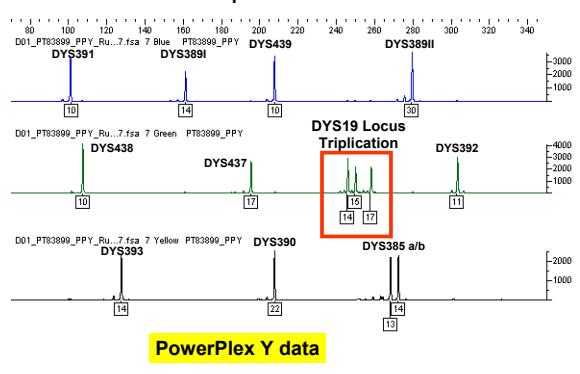
## Separating Brothers with 47 Y-STRs

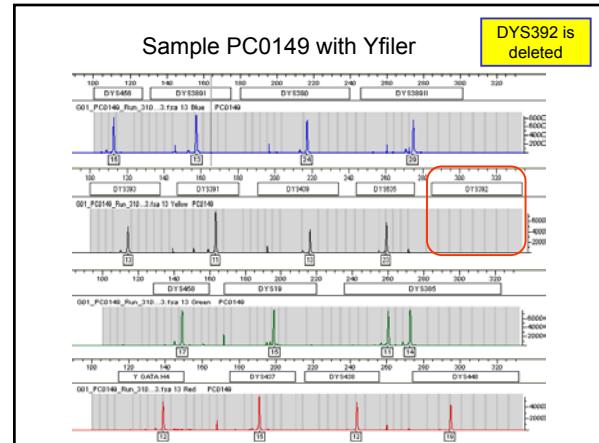
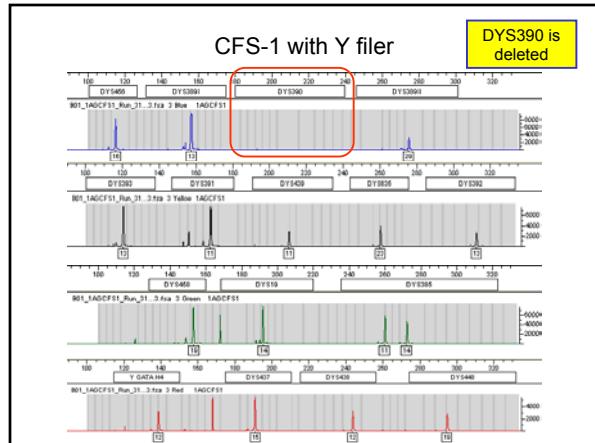
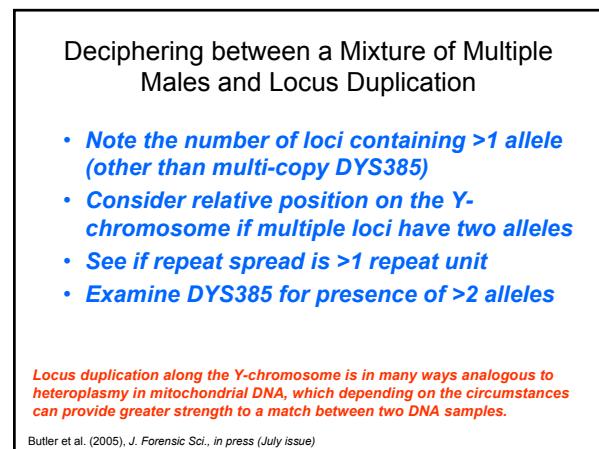
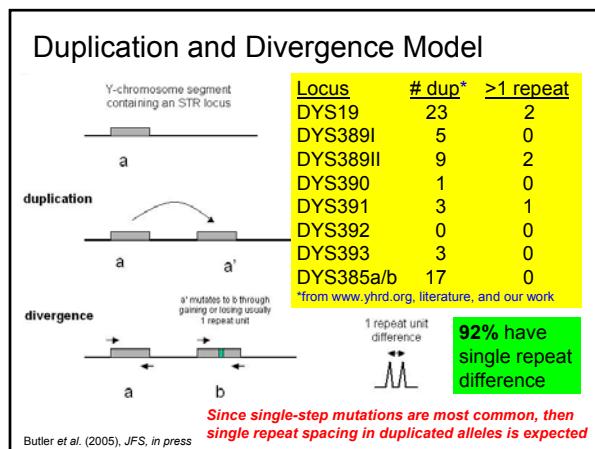
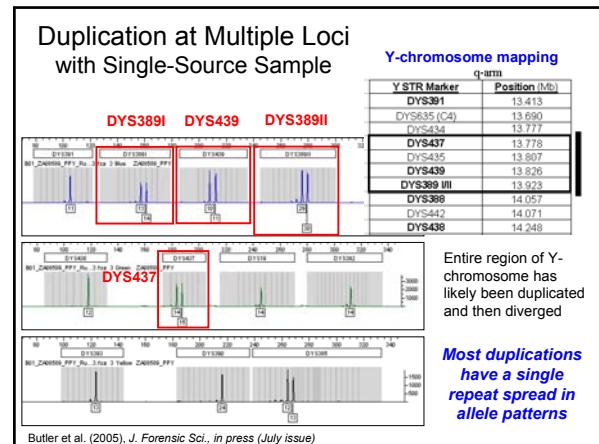
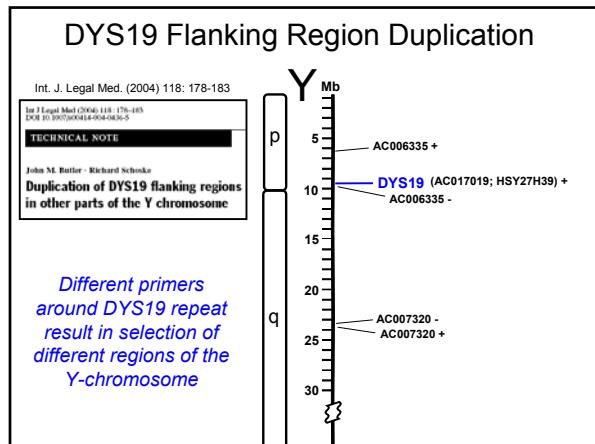
- Two suspected brothers (ZT79338 and ZT79339) are part of our ~660 U.S. sample dataset at NIST.
- Thus far, we have generated 47 Y-STR allele calls on these samples.
- A mutation at DYS391 separates these individuals** (one contains allele 11 and the other allele 10).
- These samples share autosomal STR alleles and contain identical mtDNA sequences.

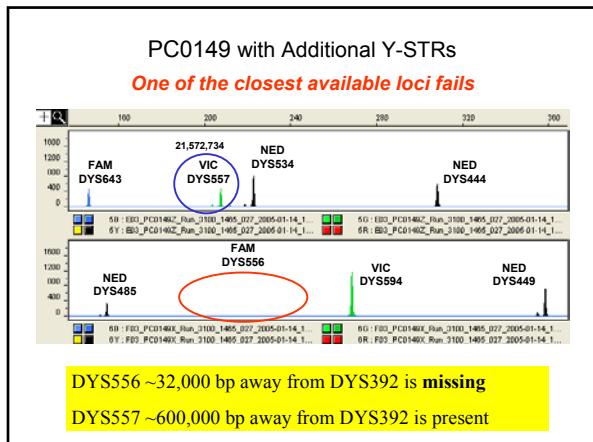
## Locus Duplication and Deletion

Events that impact Y-STR interpretation

### Locus Triplication at DYS19



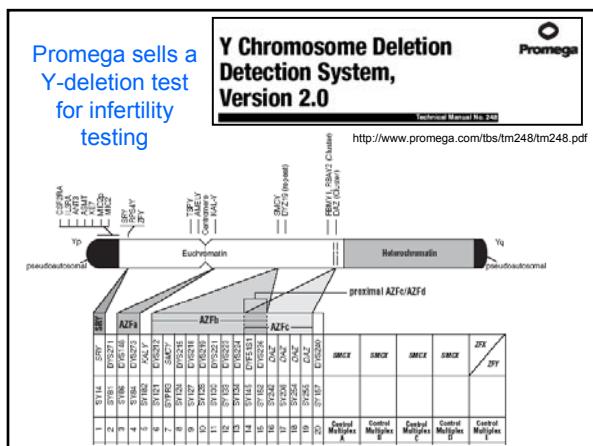




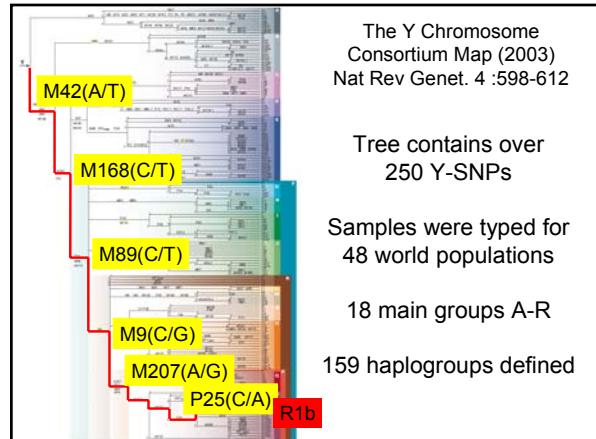
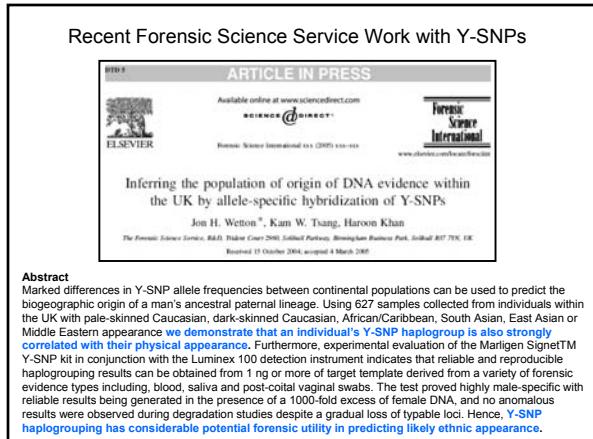
### Deletions of some Y-STRs can be an inadvertent diagnosis of male infertility

King et al. (2005) Inadvertent diagnosis of male infertility through genealogical DNA testing. *J. Med. Genet.* 42:366-368

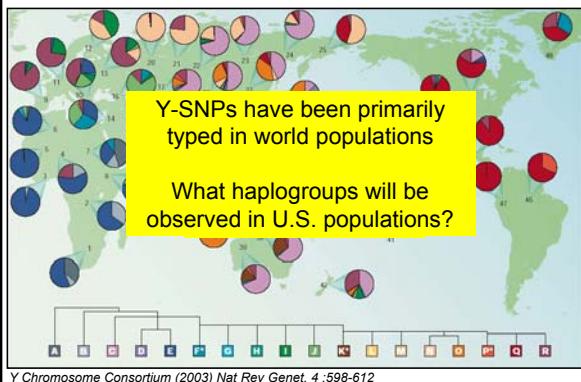
- **AZFa deletion** (<1 in 100,000 men): expected to lack DYS389I/II, DYS437, DYS438, DYS439
- **AZFb deletion** (very rare): expected to lack DYS385 and DYS392
- **AZFc deletion** (1 in 4,000 men): expected to lack DYS464
- Possible that "incomplete" haplotypes are not being submitted to the Y-STR haplotype databases
- **Thus, Y-STRs are not neutral with respect to fertility information**



## Y-SNPs



## Global Distribution of Y Haplogroups



## Y-SNPs in U.S. populations

What haplogroups will be observed?

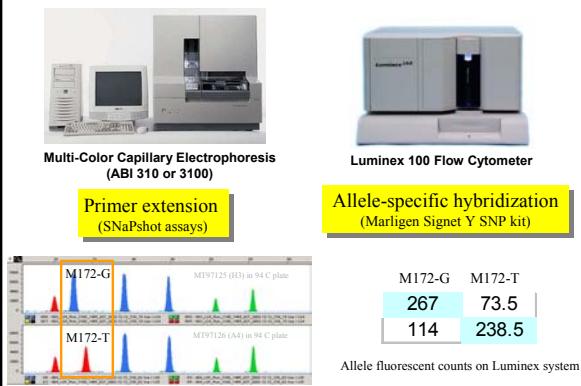
How specific will certain Y-SNPs be for a U.S. population group?

Forensic utility in comparison/addition to Y-STRs

Commercial kit (Marligen) 42 Y-SNPs

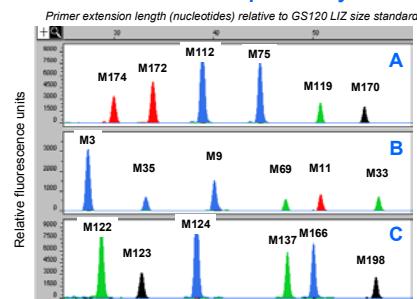
Medium sized multiplexes developed in-house (CE or MS)

## Approaches to Y SNP Typing



## Y SNP Assays Using Primer Extension (SNaPshot)

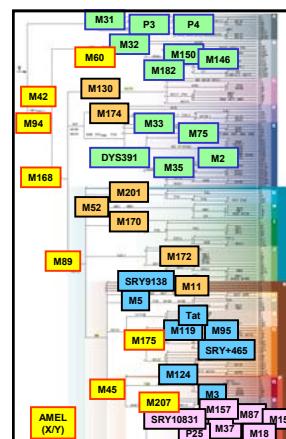
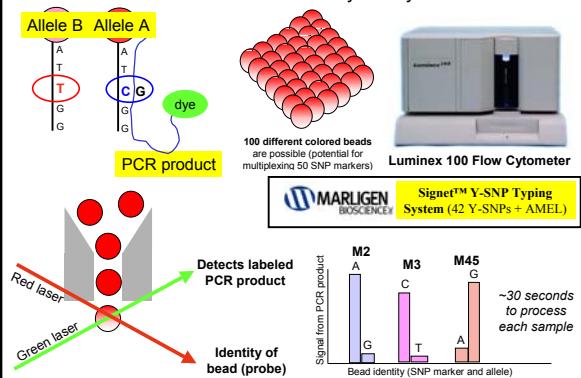
**18 loci in 3 multiplex assays**



Vallone, P.M. and Butler, J.M. (2004) *J. Forensic Sci.* 49(4): 723-732

## SNP Detection by Hybridization

Luminex Bead Array Assay



The Y Chromosome Consortium Map (2003)  
*Nat Rev Genet.* 4:598-612

8+1	<b>Position of Marligen Multiplex 1 Y SNPs</b>
12	<b>Position of Marligen Multiplex 2 Y SNPs</b>
7	<b>Position of Marligen Multiplex 3 Y SNPs</b>
8	<b>Position of Marligen Multiplex 4 Y SNPs</b>
7	<b>Position of Marligen Multiplex 5 Y SNPs</b>
46(159) haplogroups defined	

## Y-SNPs Typed at NIST

42 SNPs + Amelogenin present in 5 multiplexes  
**(commercially available kit from Marligen)**

18 SNPs in 3 NIST-designed 6plexes (8 unique)  
10 SNPs in 2 NIST-designed 5plexes (1 unique)

19 of the SNP sites overlapped...

**Resulting in a total of 51 Y-SNPs**

115 African Americans

114 Caucasians

95 Hispanics (presently typed for 10 Y-SNPs)

Potential Use for Y SNPs...	SGWDM Samples	M207 A/G	M45 G/C	M89 C/G	DYS391 A/G	M2 A/G	M170 A/G	M172 T/G	M201 T/G	M153 A/G	SRY10831 A/G	13s	Frequency
	A1	G	G	G	G	A	T	G	T	G	A	E3a	40%
	A2	G	G	G	G	A	T	G	T	G	A		
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	A37	G	G	G	G	A	T	G	T	G	A	R	38%
	A38	G	G	G	G	A	T	G	T	G	A		
	A39	G	G	G	G	A	T	G	T	G	A	J2	3%
	A40	G	G	G	G	A	T	G	T	G	A	I	10%
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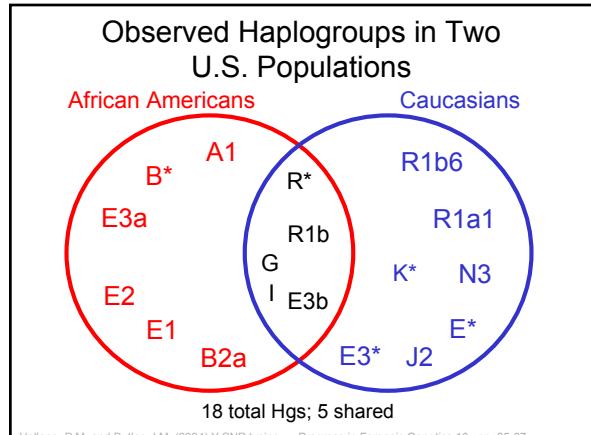
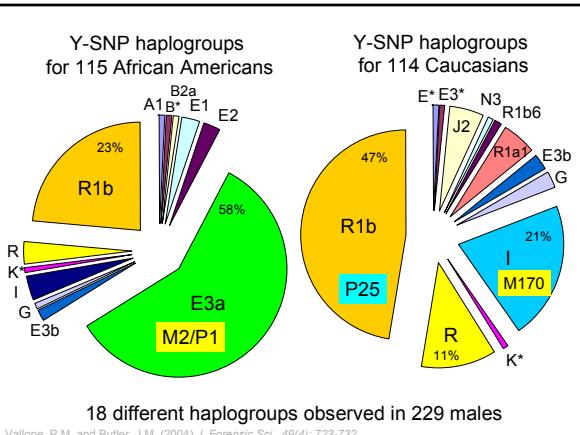
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## Summary of NIST Y-Chromosome Work

- Standardize information resources on Y-STRs and nomenclature for alleles
- Understand variation in U.S. populations so the best loci can be selected for commercial kits
- Construct multiplex assays to quickly evaluate loci
- Provide reference material for laboratory calibration (SRM 2395)

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### International Forensic Y-User Workshops

- Next meeting (5<sup>th</sup>): Sept 26-30, 2006 (Innsbruck, Austria) – will also cover mtDNA
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Berlin, Germany June 1996
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Berlin, Germany June 2000
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Porto, Portugal Nov 2002
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Berlin, Germany Nov 2004

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