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Development of Multiplexed Assays for Evaluating SNP and STR Forensic Markers

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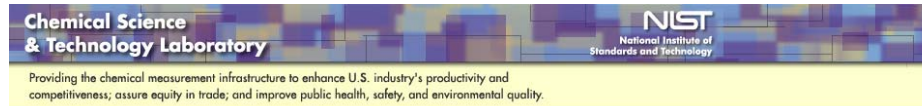
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DNA Technologies Group (4 projects)

[Human Identity Project](#) (funded by NIST and NIJ)

Role of NIST in Forensic DNA Typing

- Develop new DNA tests which are more rapid and efficient than those currently used.
- Evaluation and development of new technologies.
- Develop DNA standards so that laboratories around the world may compare their results.
- Conduct tests of laboratories around the world to insure accurate results in DNA testing.
- Create useful information databases (STRBase)
<http://www.cstl.nist.gov/biotech/strbase>.

What Type of Genetic Variation?

•Length Variation

short tandem repeats (STRs)

CTAGTCGT(GATA)(GATA)(GATA)GCGATCGT

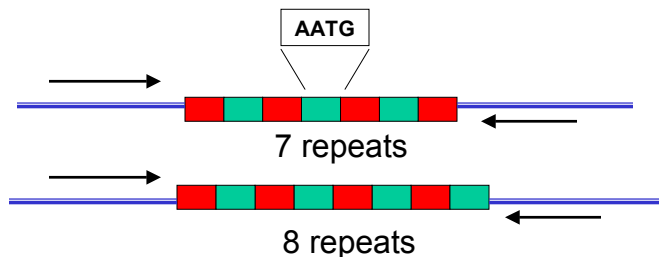
•Sequence Variation

single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs)

insertions/deletions

GCTAGTCGATGCTC(G/A)GCGTATGCTGTAGC

Short Tandem Repeats (STRs)



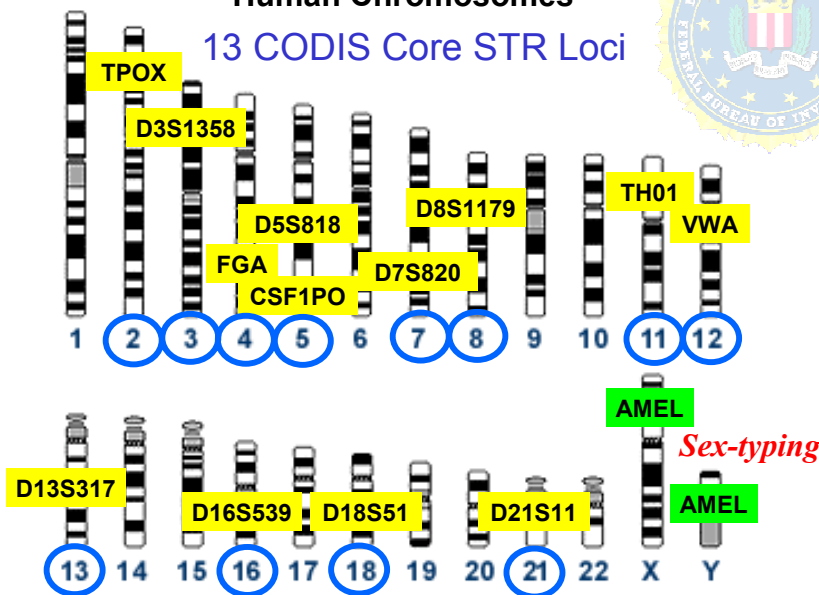
the repeat region is variable between samples while the flanking regions where PCR primers bind are constant

Homozygote = both alleles are the same length

Heterozygote = alleles differ and can be resolved from one another

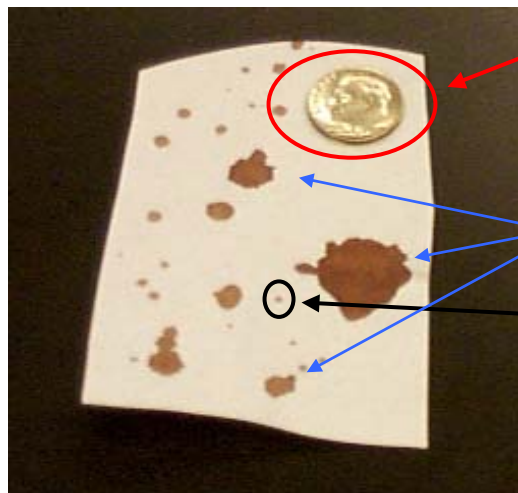
Position of Forensic STR Markers on Human Chromosomes

13 CODIS Core STR Loci



Sources of Biological Evidence

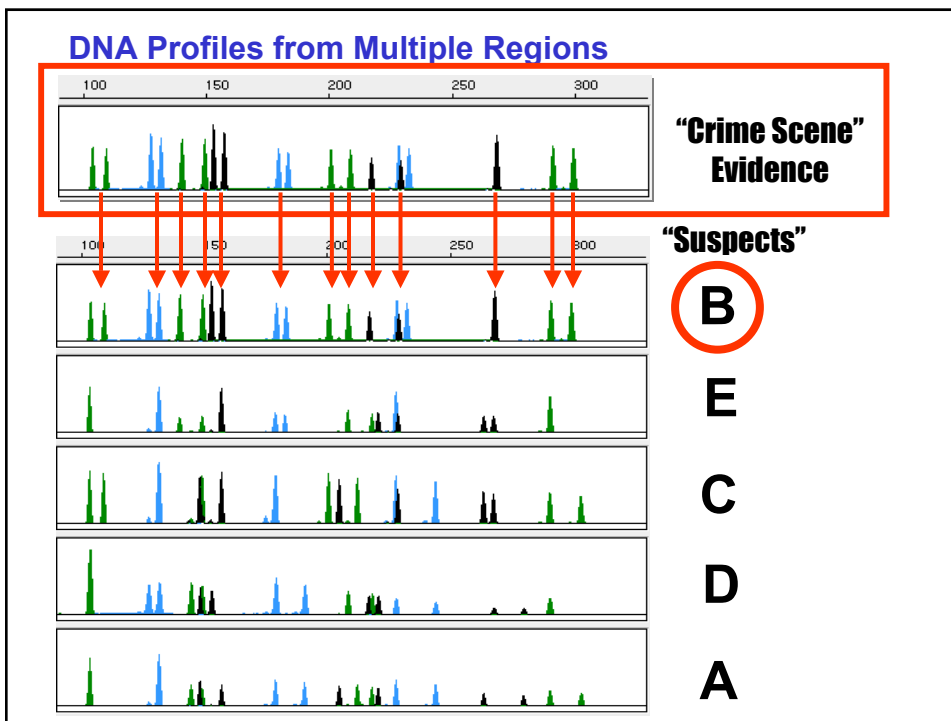
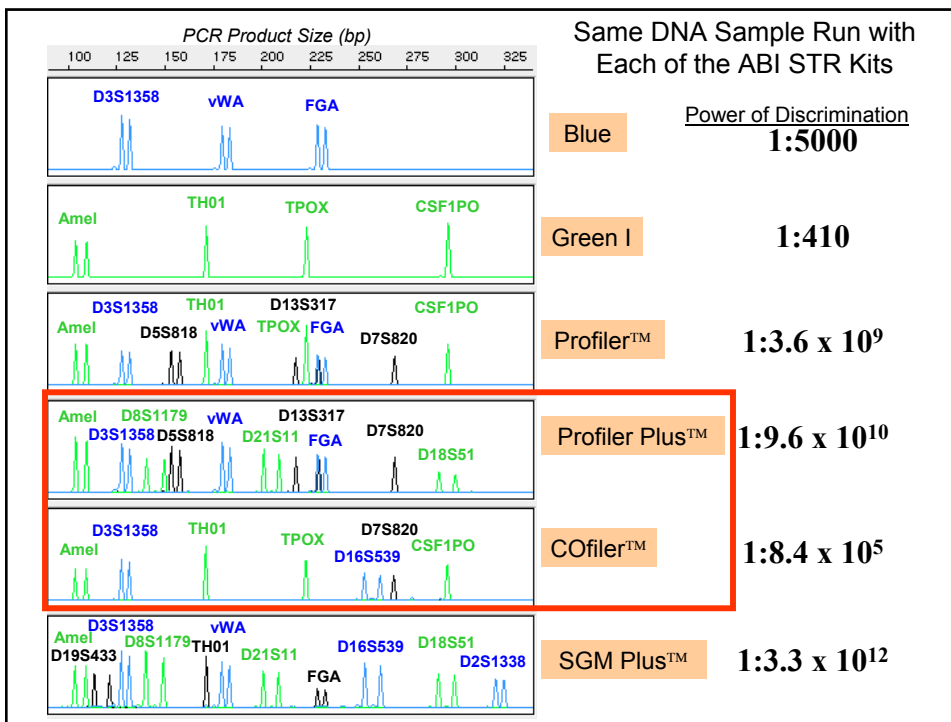
- Blood
- Semen
- Saliva
- Urine
- Hair
- Teeth
- Bone
- Tissue

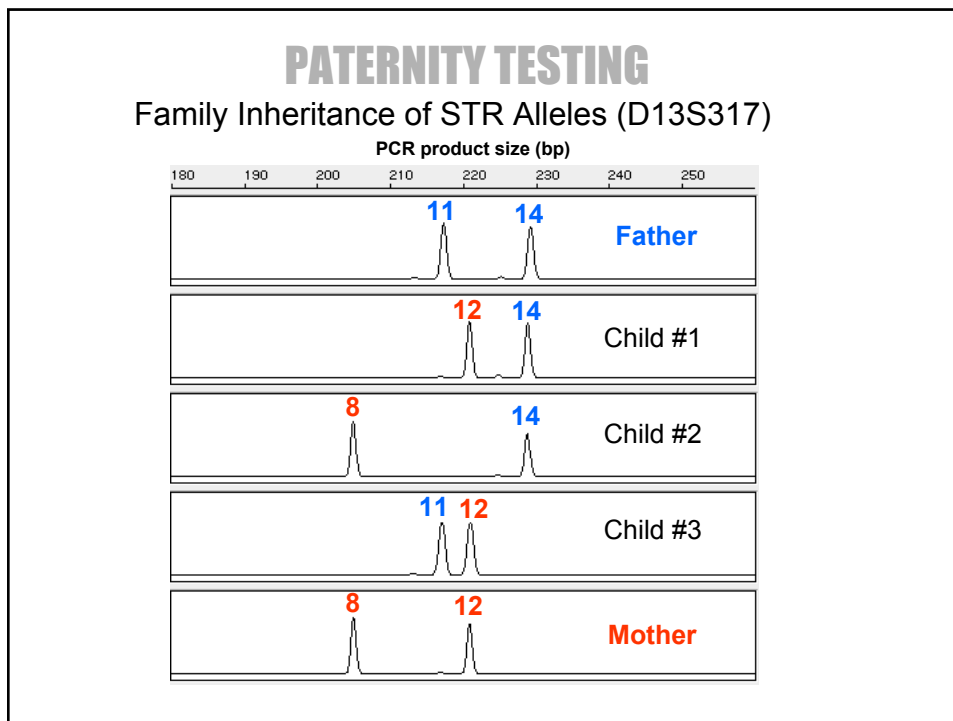


Dime

Blood sample

Only a very small amount of blood is needed to obtain a DNA profile





Outline of Presentation

Multiplexing

Assays and Instrumentation

Y Chromosome and Mitochondrial DNA

Primer design strategy

Results

mtSNP 11 plex

Y SNP multiplexes

Y STR multiplexes



What are the Advantages of Multiplexing?

Obtain more information per unit time

Reduce the amount of limited forensic sample used

Save on reagents; enzyme, buffers, DNA oligomers

Reduces labor

Streamlines data analysis

For certain markers it is essential (SNPs, YSTRs)

Coincides with high capacity instrumentation

What are the Challenges of Multiplexing?

Only guidelines exist for designing multiplexes

More markers = increased complexity

Testing a robust multiplex

Inclusion of useful markers in the multiplex

Managing the volume of information obtained

What Assays are we Multiplexing?

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)

Amplification of specific region of the human genome

Typically used for STRs

Use **Capillary Electrophoresis** for detection

Primer Extension reaction (minisequencing)

Typically used for SNP markers

Use **Capillary Electrophoresis** and

Mass Spectrometry for detection

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PCR&primer extension




**Multi-Color Capillary Electrophoresis
(ABI 310 or 3100)**

Luminex Beads
-hybridization




Luminex 100 Flow Cytometer



Primer Extension

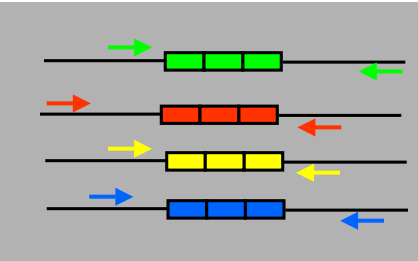
Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometer

TaqMan



Bio-Rad iCycler

Multiplex PCR



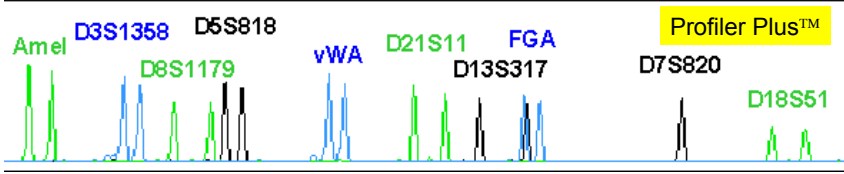
Multiple primer pairs target more than one specific site on the DNA strand

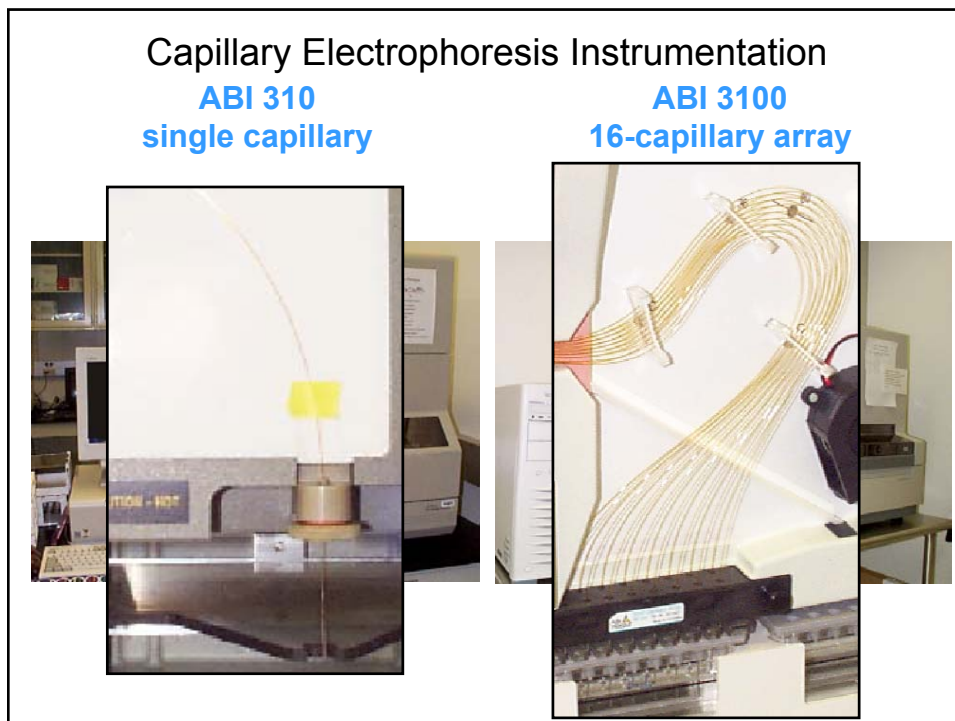
Compatible primers are the key to successful multiplex PCR

Commercial kits are available for targeting and simultaneously amplifying 16 markers

PCR Product Size (bp) **1:9.6 x 10¹⁰**

100	125	150	175	200	225	250	275	300
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Primer Extension Reaction Using the ABI PRISM[®] SNaPshot[™] Multiplex System

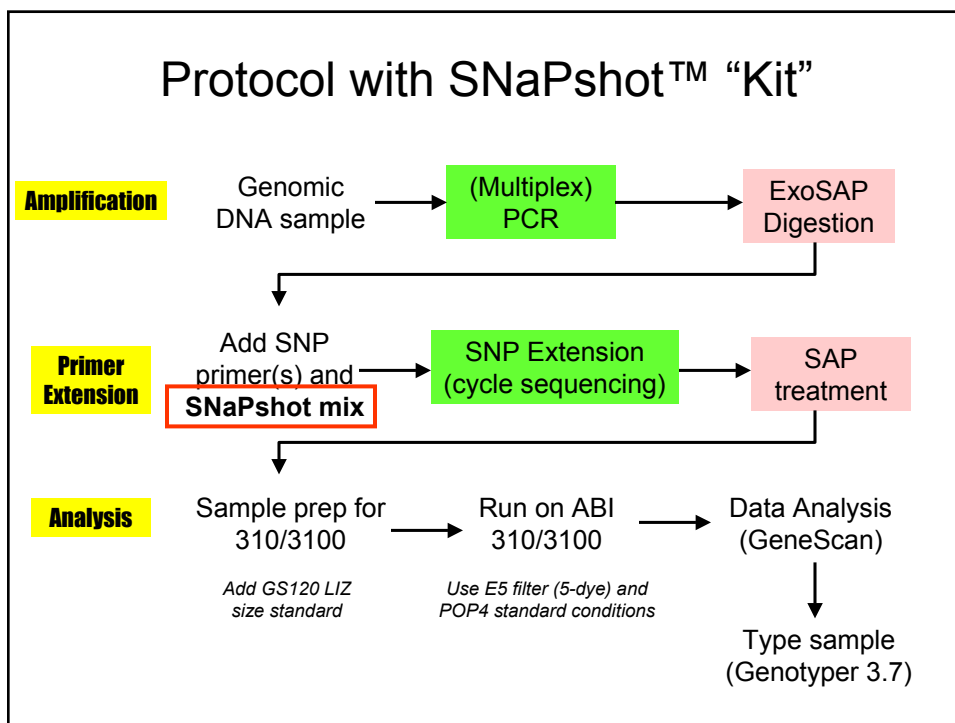
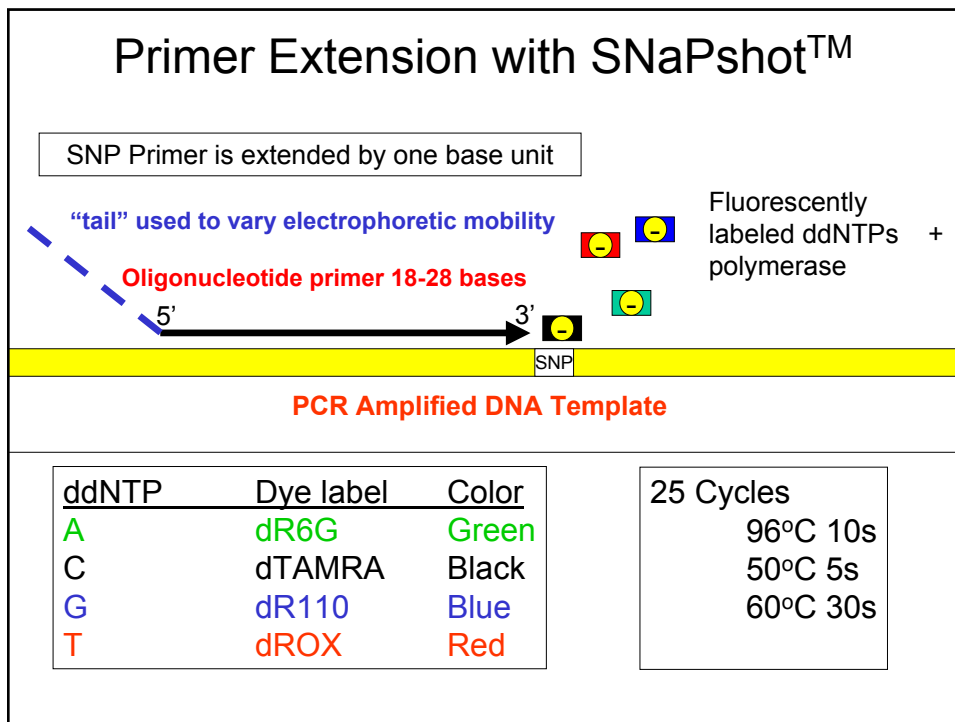
Primer extension assay that utilizes
fluorescently labeled ddNTPs

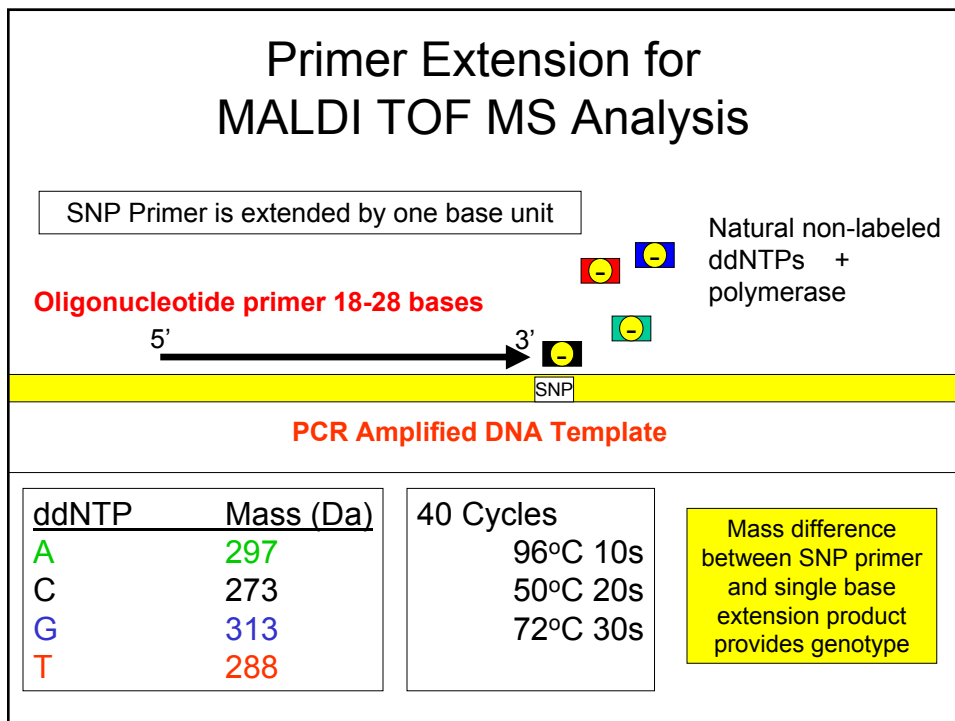
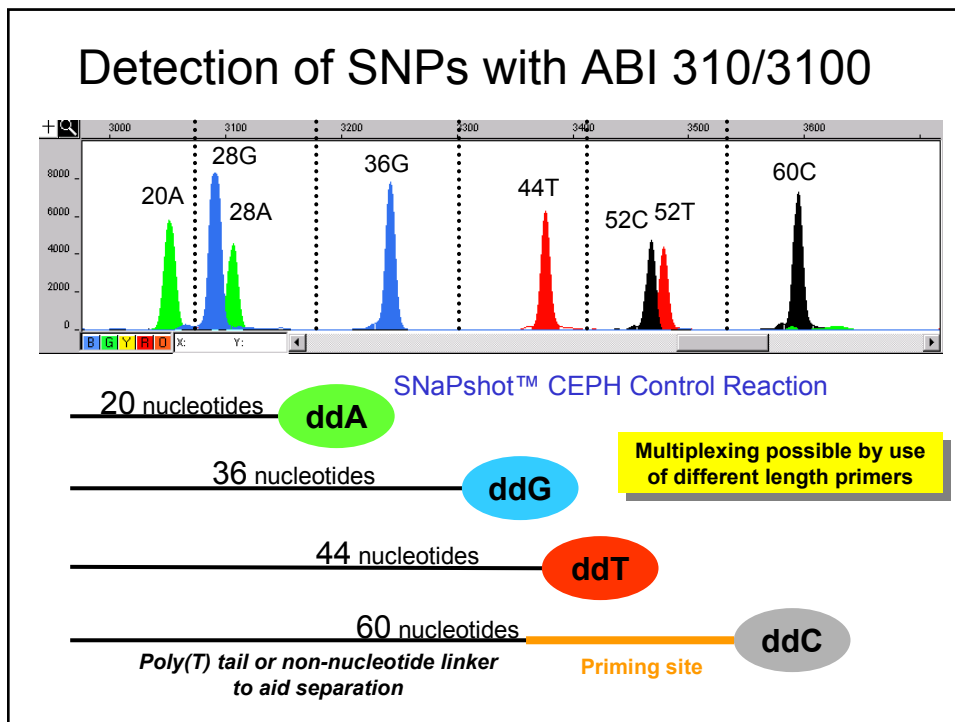


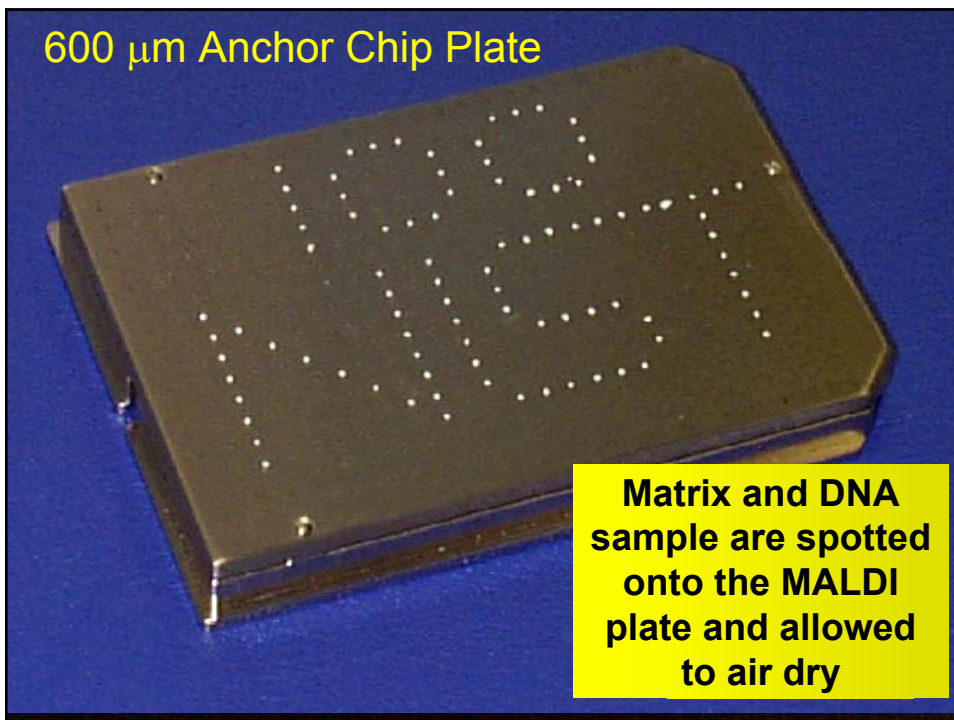
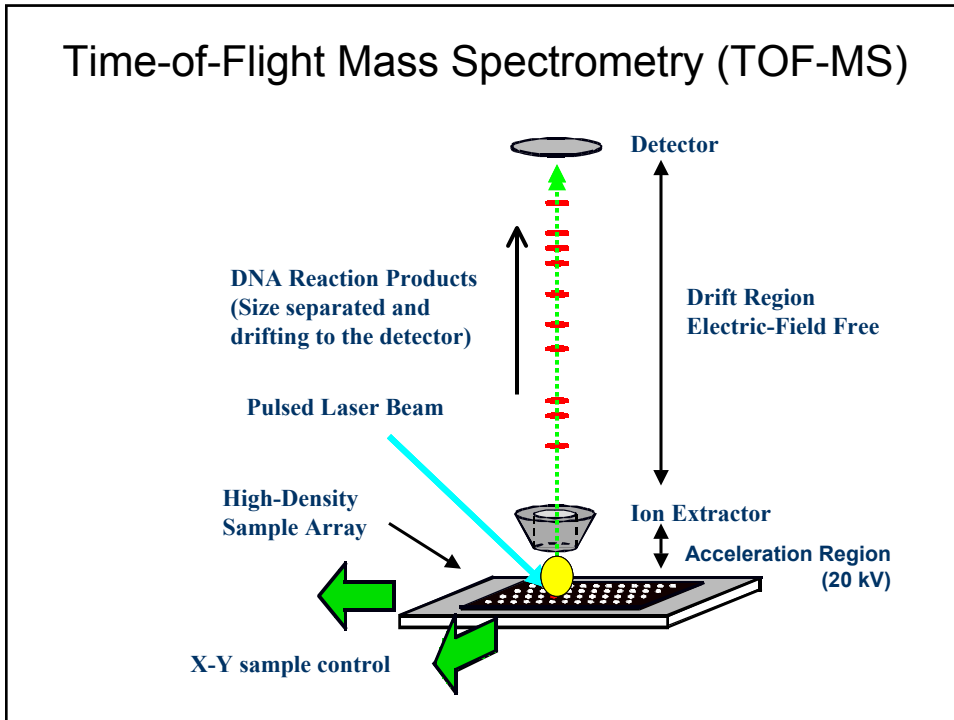
Analysis of fragment size and fluorescent
label identity by CE allows typing of multiple
SNPs

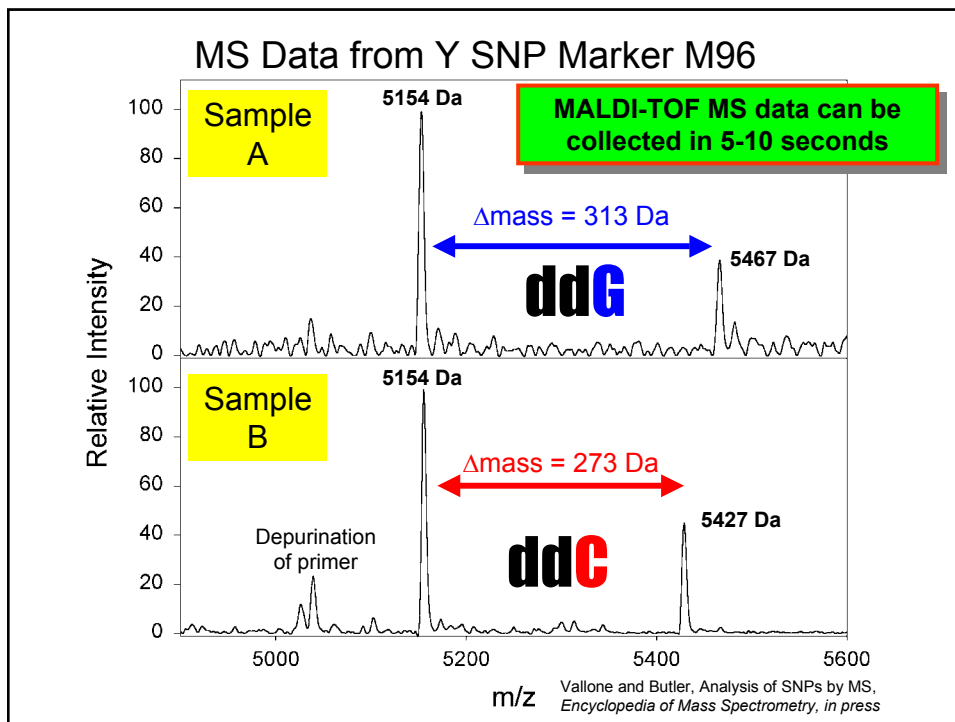
Multiplexed amplicons or pooled singleplex
PCR amplicons can be used as templates

Primer design must be done by user!









Bruker SNP Manager Genotyping Software

SNP_Analysis_Tool

Multiplex Setup PRE-MS DATA Primer Extension Parameter Result Overview

Reliability Overview

	Reliability	Genotype
1	High	A/A
A	High	B/D
B	High	C/C
C	High	C/D
D	High	D/D
E	High	Undetermined
F	High	Empty
G	High	
H	High	
I	High	
J	High	
K	High	
L	High	
M	High	
N	High	
O	High	
P	High	

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Pusch et al. (2001) *BioTechniques* 30: 210-215

Y SNP Detection by Hybridization Luminex Bead Array Assay

100 different colored beads are possible (potential for multiplexing 50 SNP markers)

Luminex 100 Flow Cytometer

Signet™ Y SNP Typing System (42 Y SNPs + AMEL)

~30 seconds to process each sample

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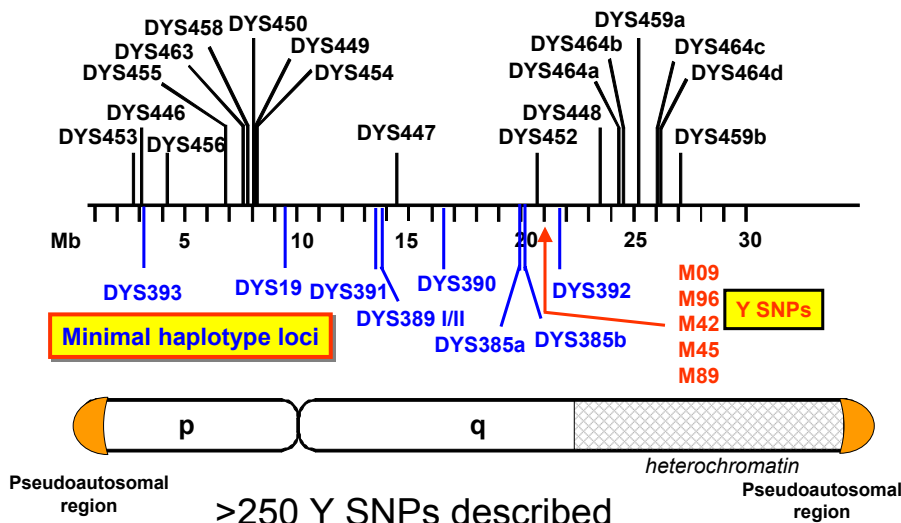
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There is a growing interest in the Y-chromosome to aid forensic, paternity, and missing persons testing...

New Y STRs from Mike Hammer's group



Y SNPs

Low mutation rate of SNPs $2e^{-8}$ per base per generation

Over 3,700 SNP found on the Y so far

(<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>)

245 SNPs validated in population studies

Sites discovered using DHPLC (Underhill et al., Nat Genet 2000 26:358-61)

Y SNP validation and nomenclature (Y chromosome consortium, Genome Res. 2002 12:339-348)

Paracchini et al., have designed 20 multiplexes for typing 118 Y SNPs by MALDI TOF MS (Paracchini et al., Nucleic Acids Res. 2002 30:e27)

NIST Y Chromosome SRM material 2395 will include haplotypes including 5-10 SNP sites UPDATE

Forensic Utility of Y Chromosome SNPs

Human identification purposes (criminal, paternity, evolutionary, population studies)

Y chromosome markers are useful in mixed male - female samples

Simplicity in testing – typically bi-allelic markers (versus length polymorphisms) and haploid (homozygous)

Haplogroups are non-randomly distributed among populations therefore potential exists for predicting population of origin

Improve multiplex assay development (both PCR and SNP detection)

For serious forensic usage parallel high-throughput methods will be required for typing

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Stand Alone Primer3

Sending multiple sequences over the web for primer selection can be tedious

The Primer3 web output is fine for the screen viewing or printing but not for organizing in spreadsheets

Primer3 is publicly available and can be run (in batch!) on a Unix, PC (Linux), or Mac (OSX) computer

Developed a program that formats files for Primer3 input

Reference sequences that are stored in Excel can be quickly formatted for Primer3

Non-Specific Interactions

Primers that interact with non-specific (undesired) regions of a genome OR with each other can degrade PCR performance

Screening for alternate genomic binding regions can be accomplished using **BLAST** <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>

Screening for potential primer-dimer interactions is accomplished using in house software - **AutoDimer**

AutoDimer Check

$2n^2+n$

15plex

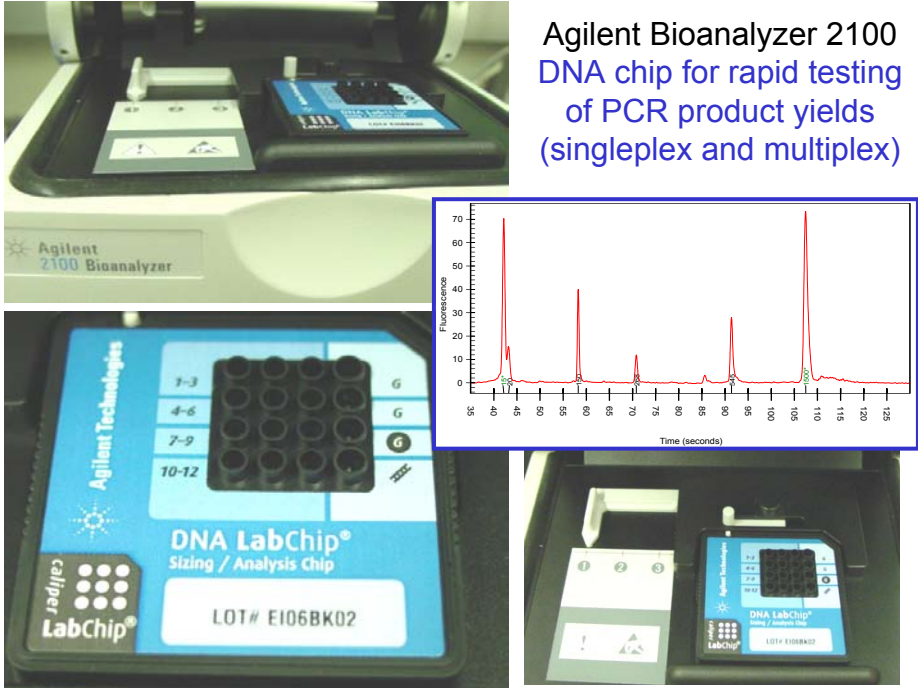
Screening for potential intramolecular hairpin and intermolecular primer-dimer formation

PCR Assay Design

If primer pairs meet criteria

Obtain primer pairs and test singleplex PCR
(QC all primers with MS/CE/HPLC)

Agilent Bioanalyzer 2100
DNA chip for rapid testing
of PCR product yields
(singleplex and multiplex)



The image shows an Agilent Bioanalyzer 2100 instrument. A DNA LabChip is inserted into the chip reader. The chip is labeled with 'Agilent Technologies', 'DNA LabChip Sizing / Analysis Chip', and 'LOT# E106BK02'. A fluorescence chromatogram is displayed, showing peaks at approximately 45, 60, 70, 85, 95, and 110 seconds. The y-axis is labeled 'Fluorescence' and ranges from 0 to 70. The x-axis is labeled 'Time (seconds)' and ranges from 35 to 125.

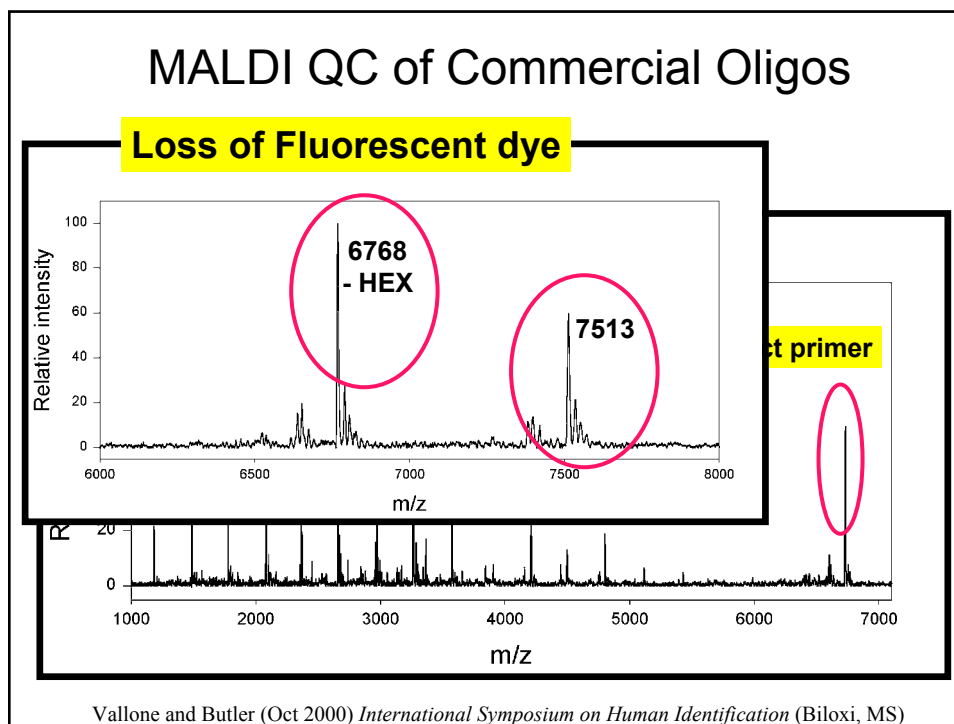
PCR Primer Quality Control



6FAM (yellow), VIC (orange), NED (red)

- UV Spec to determine concentration
- HPLC to evaluate purity
- TOF-MS to confirm correct sequence

Butler *et al.* (2001) *Forensic Sci. Int.* 119: 87-96



PCR Assay Design

If primer pairs meet criteria

Obtain primer pairs and test singleplex PCR
(QC all primers with MS/CE/HPLC)

Begin initial testing of multiplex PCR
Start with a PCR mix containing
0.5 μ M of each primer pair

Evaluate amplicon yields, presence and balance


Variables: primer pair concentrations, [polymerase],
number of cycles, [Mg⁺⁺], [dNTPs], BSA

Redesign and retest failing loci

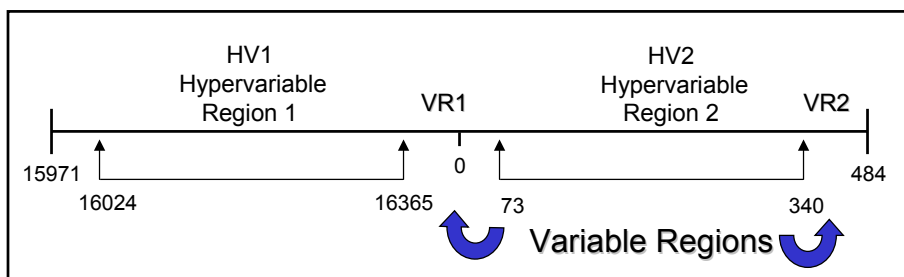
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The Current mtDNA Amplification & Sequencing Strategy Focuses on the Hypervariable Regions of the mitochondrial genome HV1 and HV2

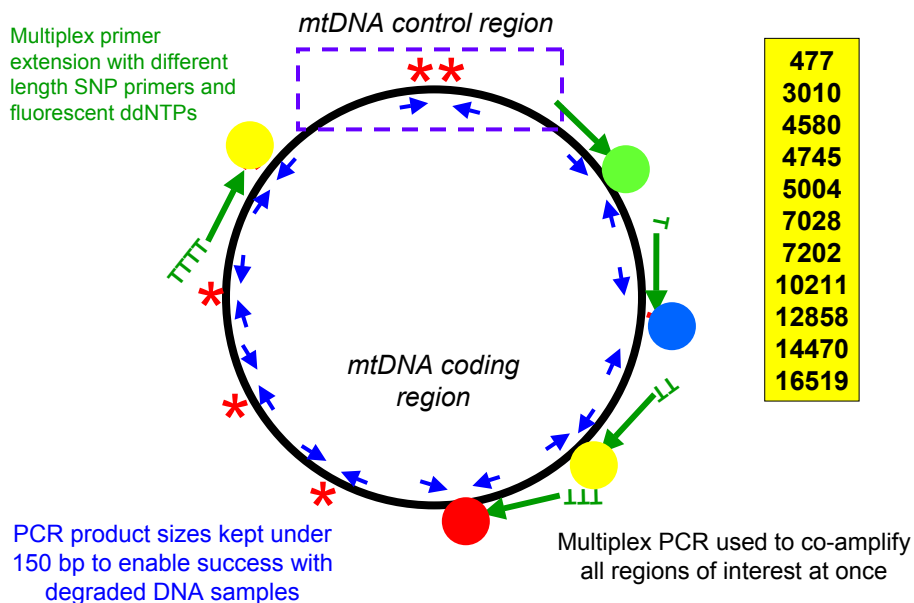


However, the greatest limitation for mtDNA testing lies with the small number of common types for which the power of discrimination is low.

The Use of Full mtGenome Polymorphisms

- Sequence data from mtDNA genome coding region reveals numerous SNPs that can nearly distinguish Caucasians sharing common HV types (Tom Parsons and Mike Coble AFDIL)
- 11 SNP sites are being evaluated to resolve Caucasian individuals having the most common HV type

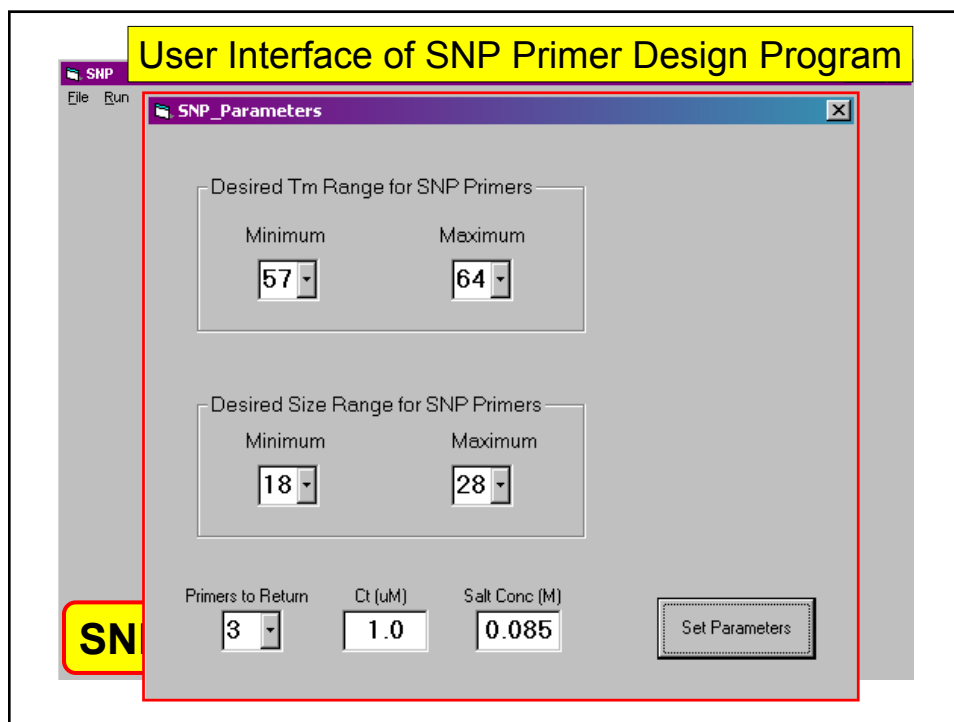
mtSNP 11-plex Assay



Tailed SNP primers allows for multiplexing in the SNaPshot assay

Sequences for 11 extension primers

3010-F	TGTTGGATCAGGACATCCC	19 19
4793-R	(T) ₄ – TCAGAAGTGAAAGGGGGC	18 22
10211-R	(T) ₁₀ – ACTAAGAAGAATTTTATGGA	20 30
5004-F	(T) ₁₄ – AGACCCAGCTACGCAAATC	20 34
7028-F	(T) ₁₈ – GACACGTACTACGTTGTAGC	20 38
7202-F	(T) ₂₂ – CCACAACACTTTCTCGGCCT	20 42
16519-R	(T) ₂₄ – TGTGGGCTATTTAGGCTTTATG	22 46
12858-F	(T) ₂₇ – GCAGCCATTCAAGCAATCCTATA	23 50
4580-R	(T) ₂₉ – TGGTTAGAACTGGAATAAAAAGCTAG	25 54
477-F	(T) ₃₈ – CCCTCCCCTCCCATACTAC	20 58
14470-R	(T) ₄₁ – GGAATGATGGTTGTCTTTGG	21 62



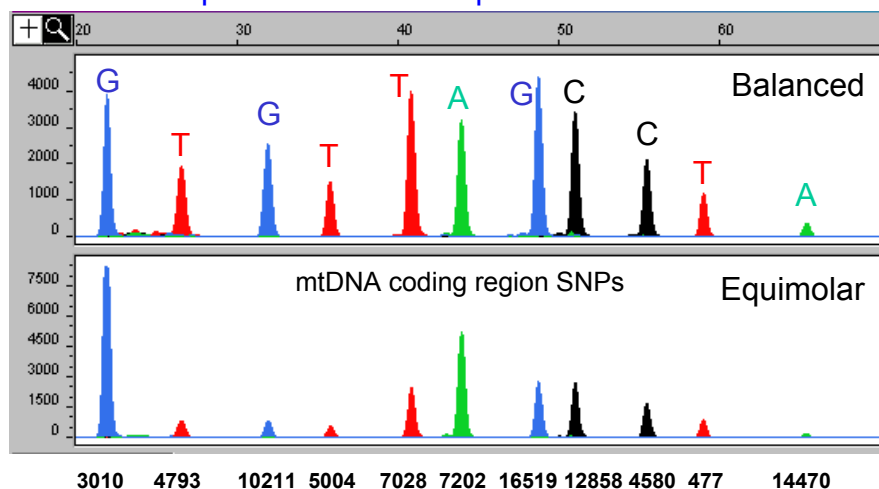
Program Output

Label	Length	Sequence	Position	Tm
Forward Primers Salt = 0.3Ct = 10				
M42 340 bp (A/T 297 W) AC010889	18	ATTTAGGACACAAAAGCW	280	60.65398
M42 340 bp (A/T 297 W) AC010889	19	GATTTAGGACACAAAAGCW	279	61.96716
M42 340 bp (A/T 297 W) AC010889	20	AGATTTAGGACACAAAAGCW	278	63.67808
Reverse Primers				
M42 340 bp (A/T 297 W) AC010889	23	GCTCTCTTTTTCATTATGTAGTW	319	63.5462
M42 340 bp (A/T 297 W) AC010889	21	TCTCTTTTTCATTATGTAGTW	317	59.28964
M42 340 bp (A/T 297 W) AC010889	20	CTCTTTTTCATTATGTAGTW	316	57.50257

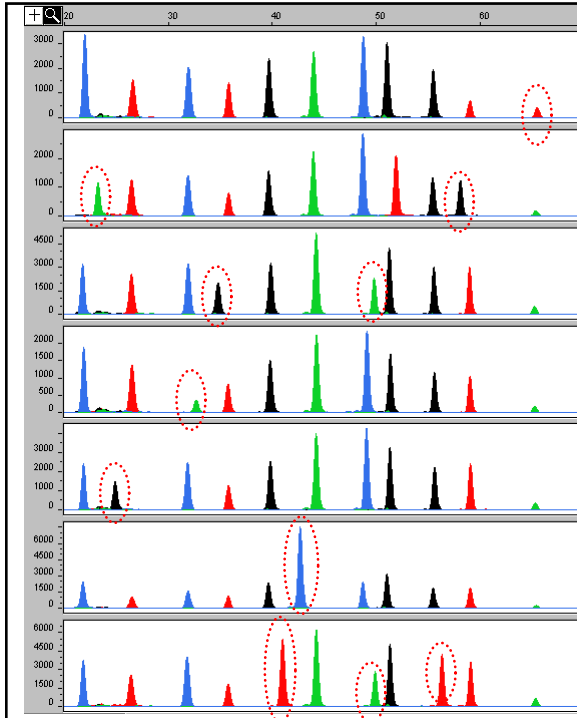
Hairpin	Dimer	Template	Mass	Rank	Mutation	+ddC	+ddT	+ddA	+ddG
4	8	10	5273.48	2.133333	W	N/A	5561.67998	5570.68998	N/A
5	10	10	5602.69	2	W	N/A	5890.889941	5899.899941	N/A
5	10	11	5915.9	2	W	N/A	6204.099902	6213.109902	N/A
4	8	22	6734.42	2.133333	W	N/A	7022.619922	7031.629922	N/A
4	8	20	6116.02	2.133333	W	N/A	6404.22002	6413.23002	N/A
4	8	19	5811.82	2.133333	W	N/A	6100.019824	6109.029824	N/A

mtSNP 11-plex run on ABI 3100

Multiplex PCR and Multiplex SNP Detection



Sizing performed by comparison to GS120 LIZ internal size standard (not shown)

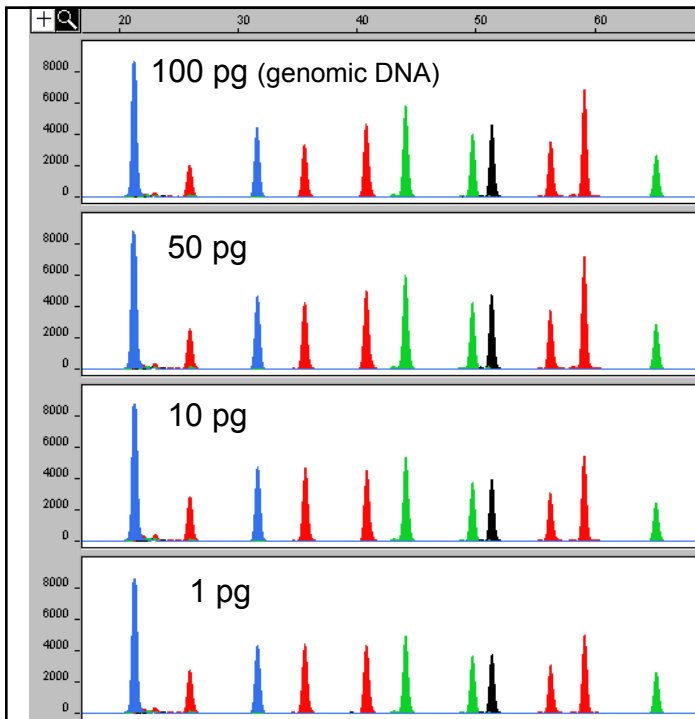


11 plex run on 7 unique samples

All allele variations are represented in these 7 samples

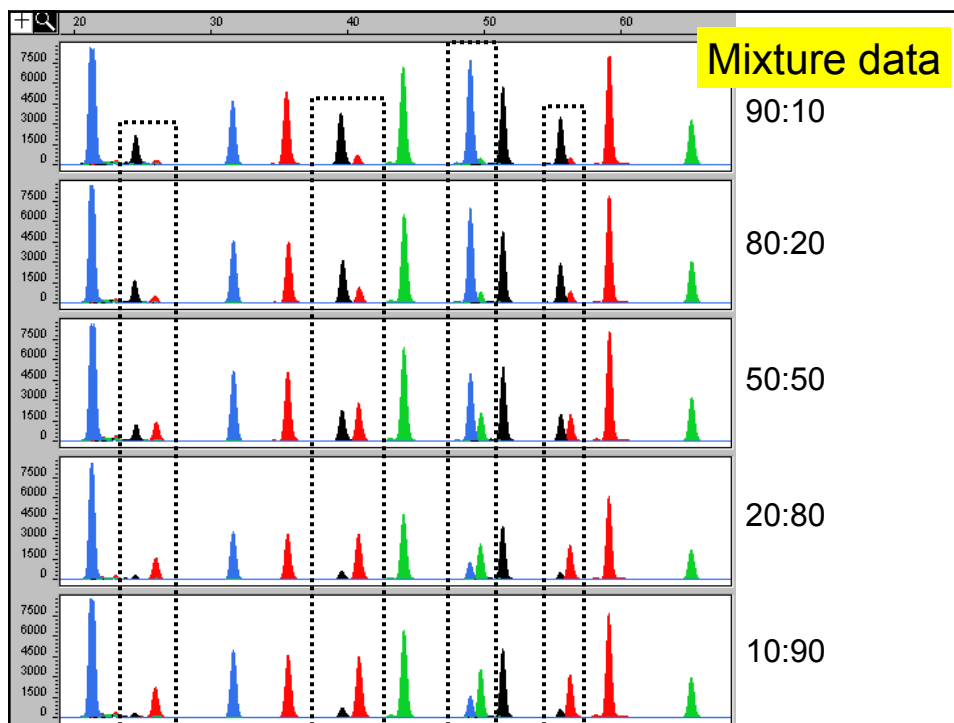
The assay accurately detects each variant

Sizing can be used to develop a macro for automated typing



Sensitivity Study

Assay performs down to 1 pg of genomic DNA



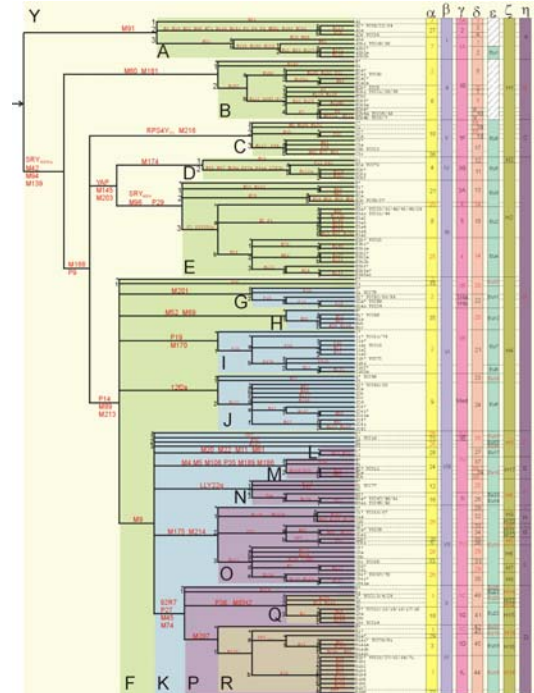

Status of 11plex mtSNP assay

Currently the 11plex assay is being validated for case work samples at AFDIL

Manuscript is in preparation

Further multiplexes are being developed for other common HV1/HV2 types in collaboration with AFDIL

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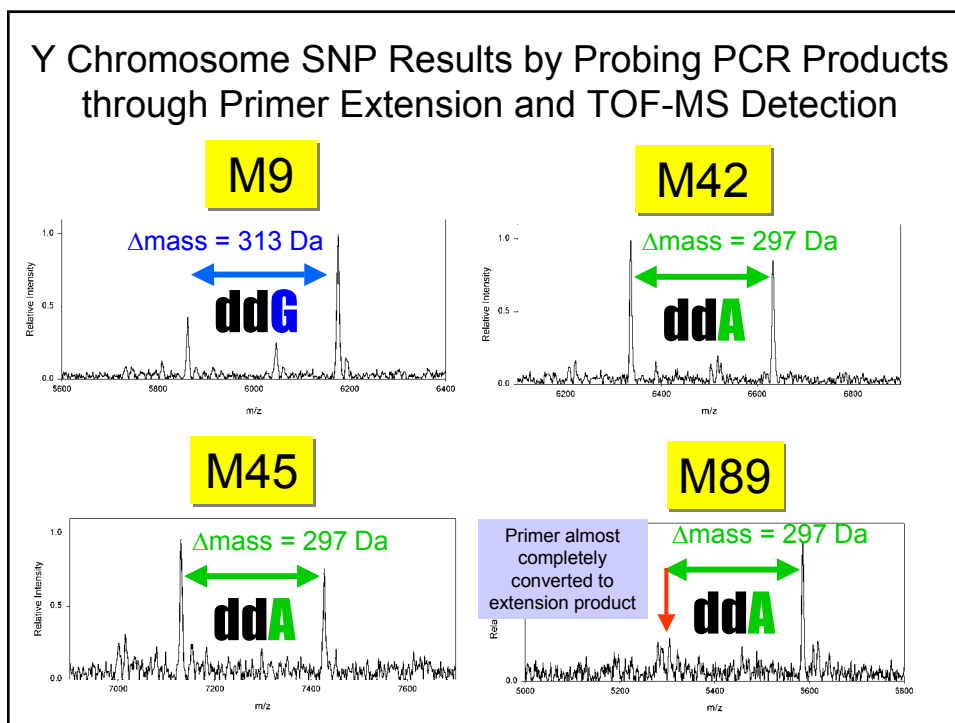
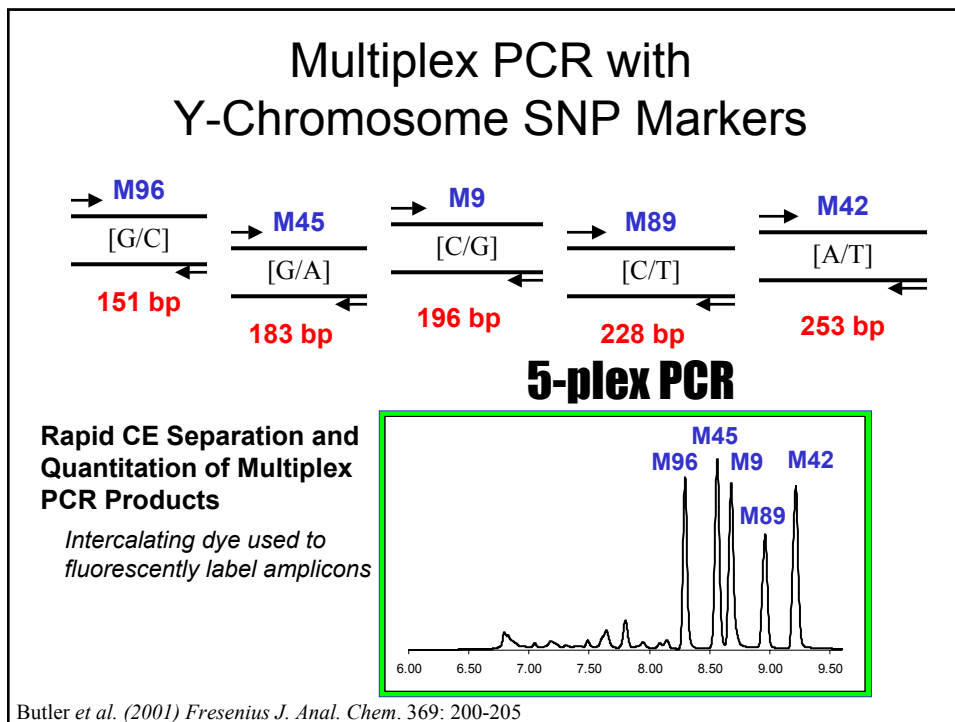


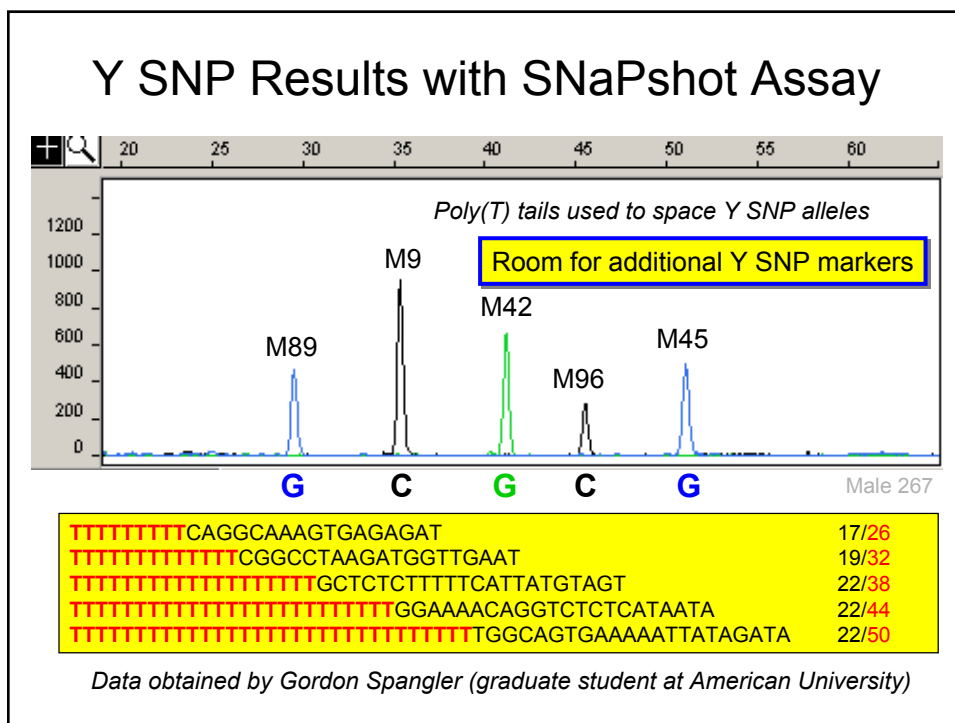
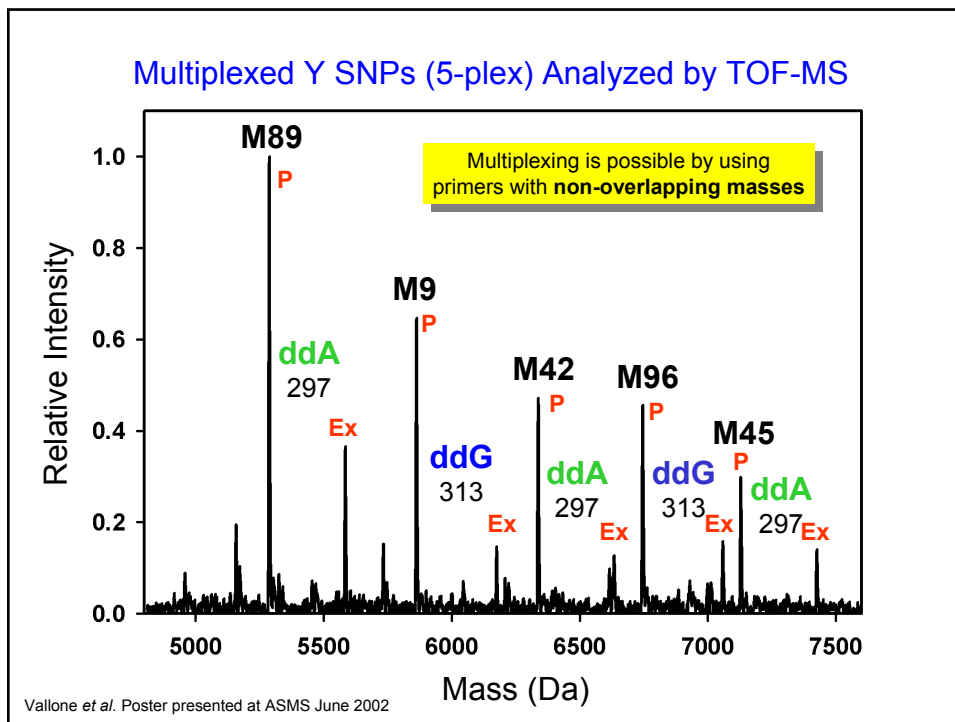
The Y Chromosome Consortium
(2002) *Genome Res.* 12: 339-348

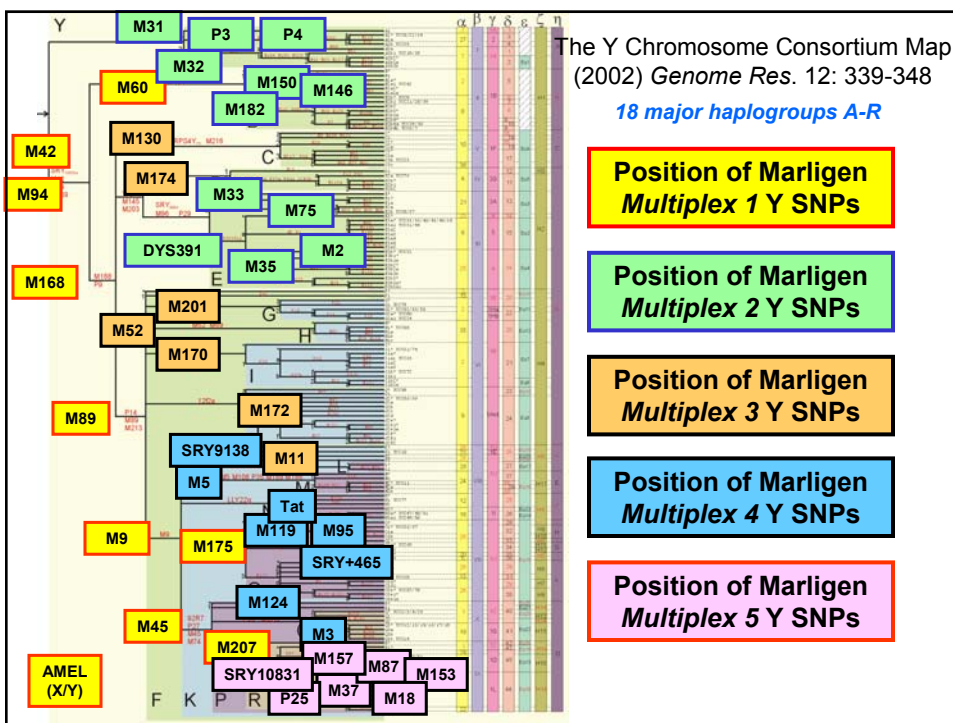
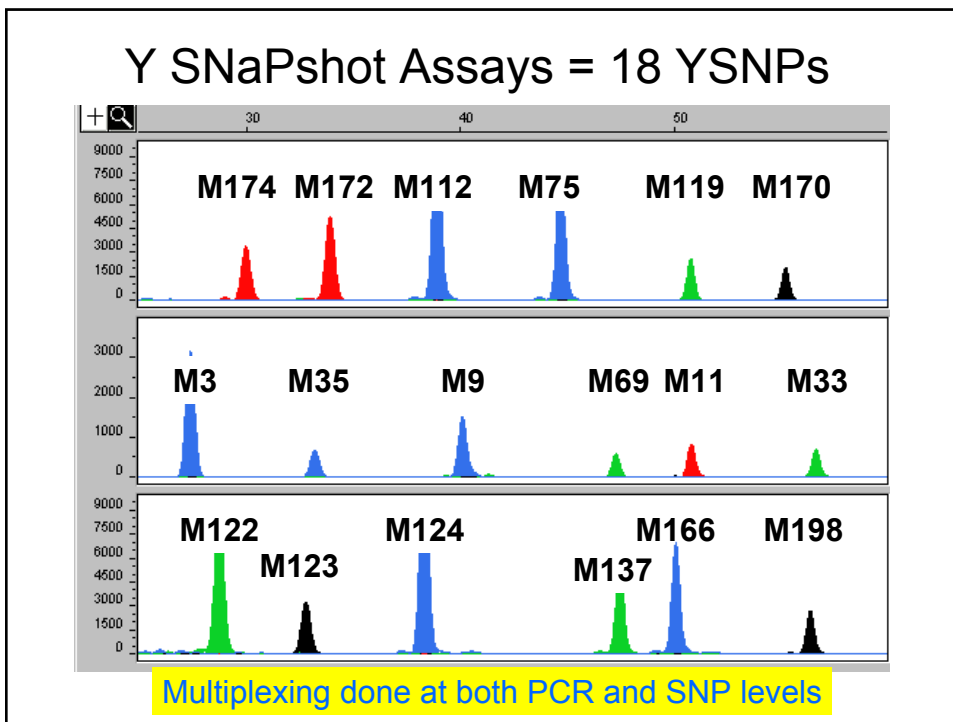
245 Y SNPs typed
74 males (YCC cell lines)
153 haplogroups observed

*This paper unifies previous
haplogroup nomenclatures*

Primers and other
information for all 245
markers are included in
supplementary material







42 Y SNPs Typed with Luminex Assay

Multiplex 1								
AMEL	M168	M175	M207	M42	M45	M60	M89	M94
XX or XY	(C/T)	(+/-)	(A/G)	(A/T)	(A/G)	(-/+)	(C/T)	(A/C)



Multiplex 2											
DYS391	M146	M150	M182	M2	M31	M32	M33	M35	M75	P3	P4
(C/G)	(A/C)	(C/T)	(C/T)	(A/G)	(C/G)	(C/T)	(A/C)	(C/G)	(A/G)	(C/T)	(A/G)

Multiplex 3						
M11	M130	M170	M172	M174	M201	M52
(A/G)	(C/T)	(A/C)	(G/T)	(C/T)	(G/T)	(A/C)

Multiplex 4							
M119	M124	M3	M5	M95	SRY465	SRY9138	Tat
(A/C)	(C/T)	(C/T)	(C/T)	(C/T)	(C/T)	(C/T)	(C/T)

17 Y SNPs overlap with current SNaPshot assays

Multiplex 5							
M153	M157	M18	M37	M87	P25	SRY10831	
(A/T)	(A/C)	(-/+)	(C/T)	(C/T)	(A/C)	(A/G)	

Position A1 left open for controls or allelic ladder

NIST U.S. Population Samples

260 Caucasians
260 African Americans
140 Hispanic
3 Asian
2 females (Caucasians)
665 Samples in 7 plates

663 males

Caucasian (C1) Caucasian (C2)
African American (AA1) African American (AA2)
Hispanic (H) Combo
Combo2

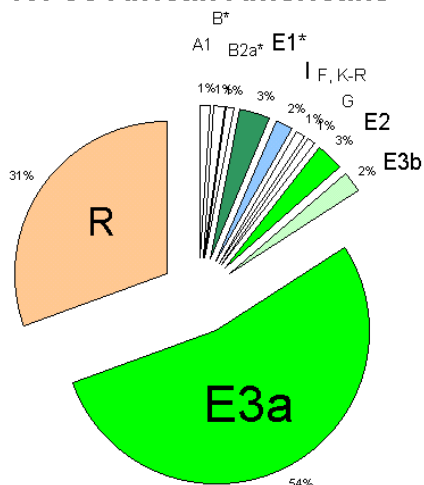
Summary of YSNP Data

- Excellent success with Signet Y SNP kits using ~10 ng of each NIST population sample (5 multiplexes used; 2 ng each)
- A total of 8,109 allele calls out of 8,170 attempts on first pass (99.3% success rate)
- Single female sample gave “no calls” at all loci except amelogenin X,X
- Variation was only observed in 19 of the 42 YSNPs

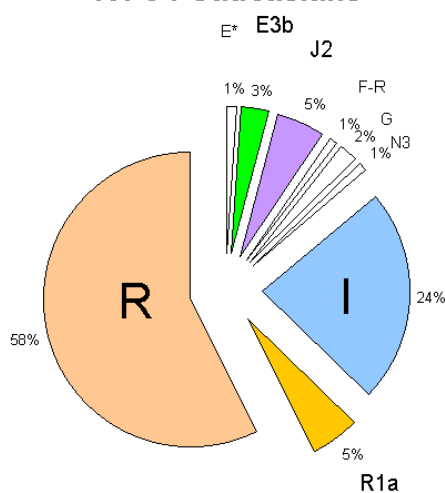
Number of haplogroups

	No. of Markers	AA(95)	Cau(94)
Y-SNPs	42	11	9

Y SNP Haplogroups for 95 African Americans



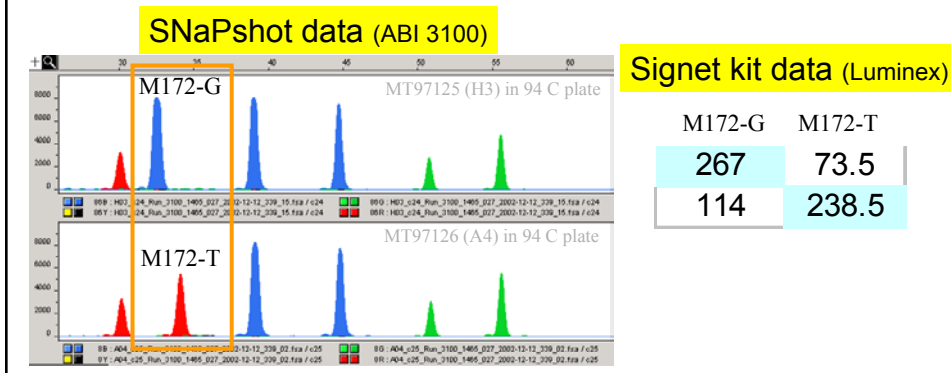
Y SNP Haplogroups for 94 Caucasians



15 different haplogroups seen in 189 males
(11 in 95 AA and 9 in 94 C)

Y SNP Concordance Summary

- Comparison of Luminex (Signet Y SNP kit) and SNaPshot assays developed at NIST
- **2,090 allele calls compared**
- **Complete Concordance Seen!**



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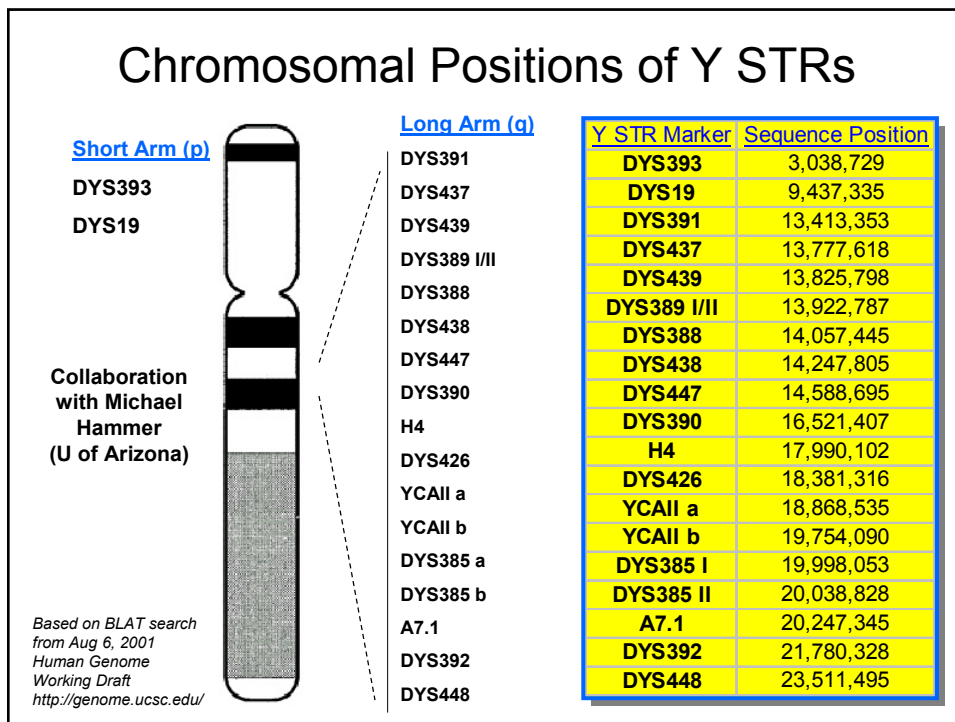
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New Y STR Markers (Redd et al.)

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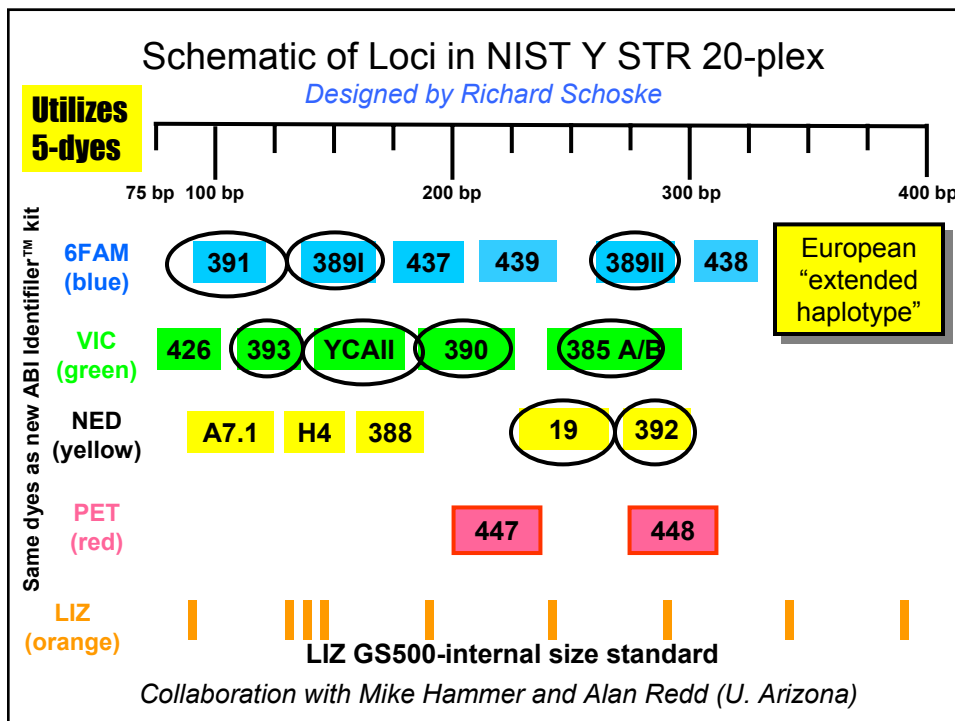
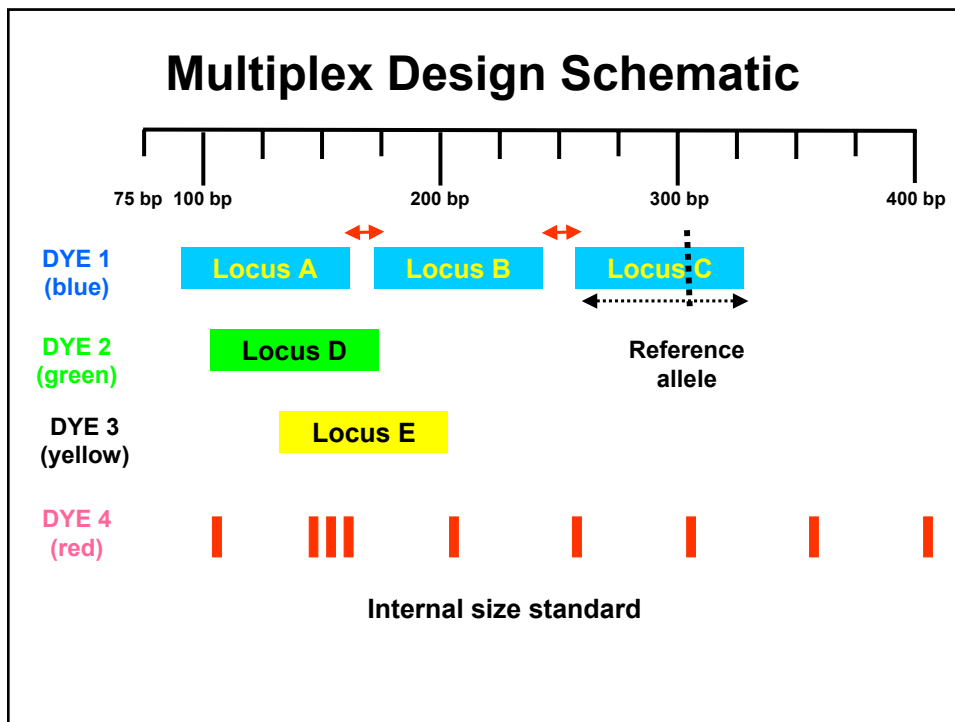
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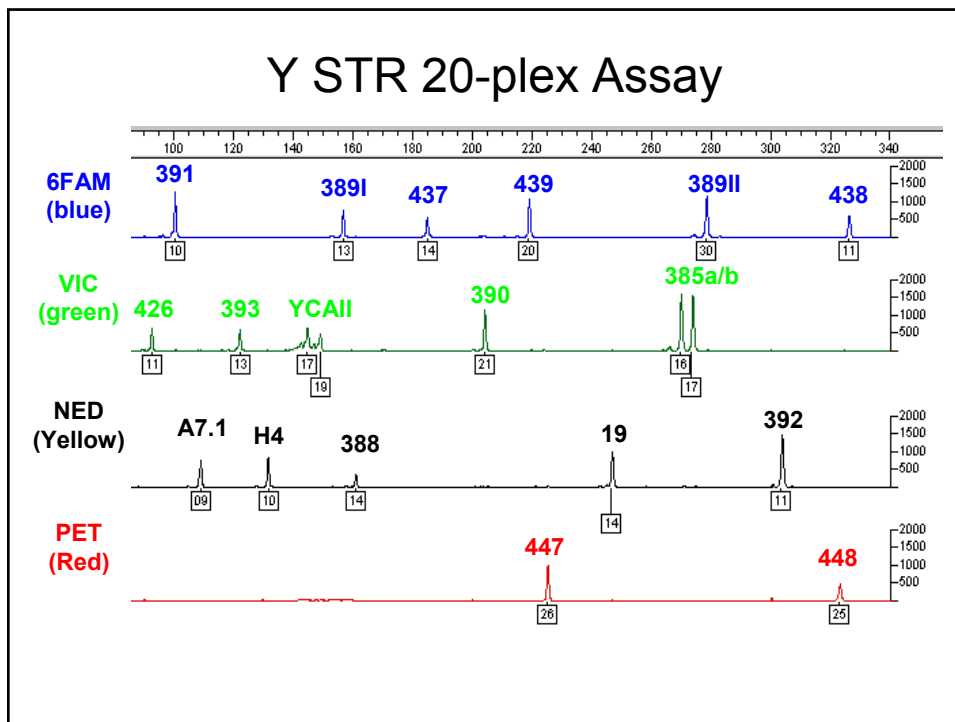
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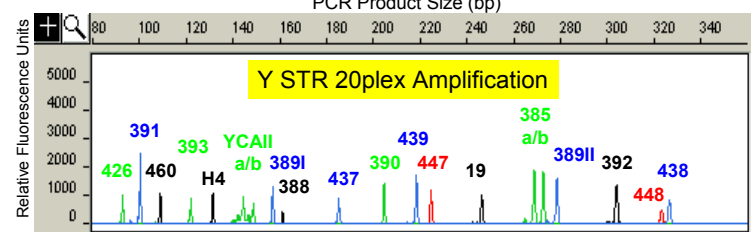
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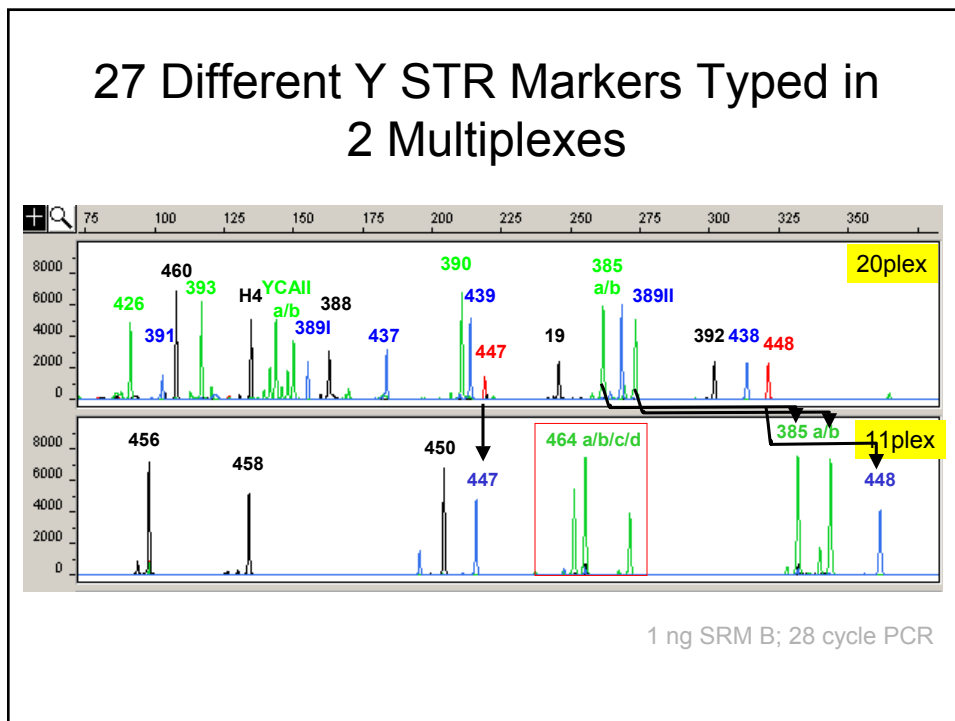
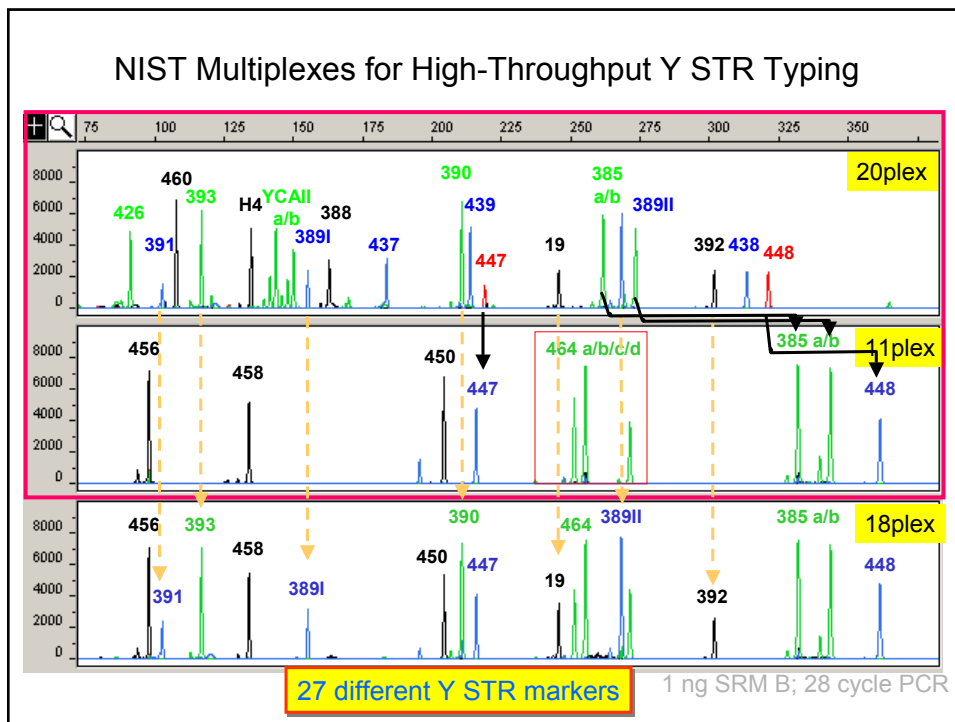
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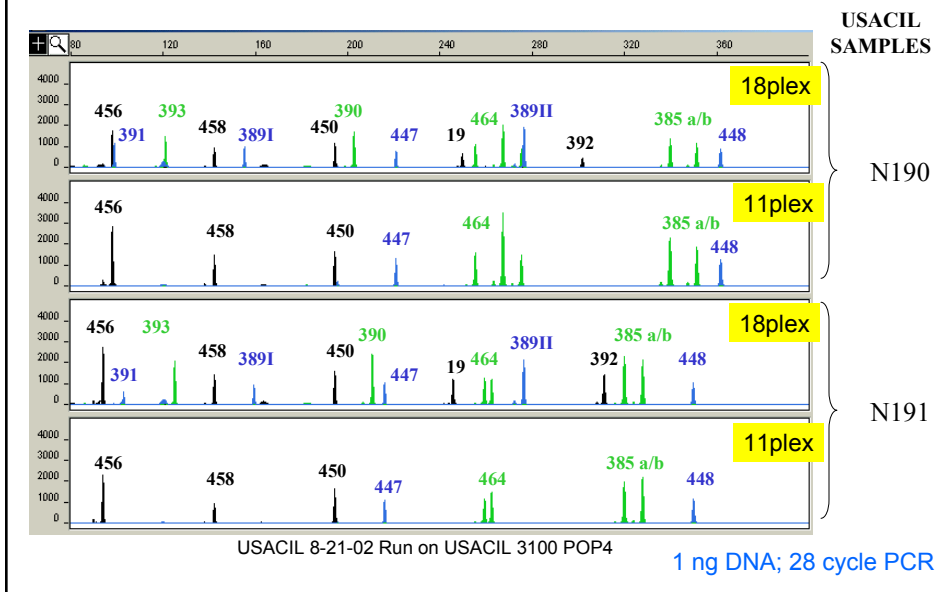


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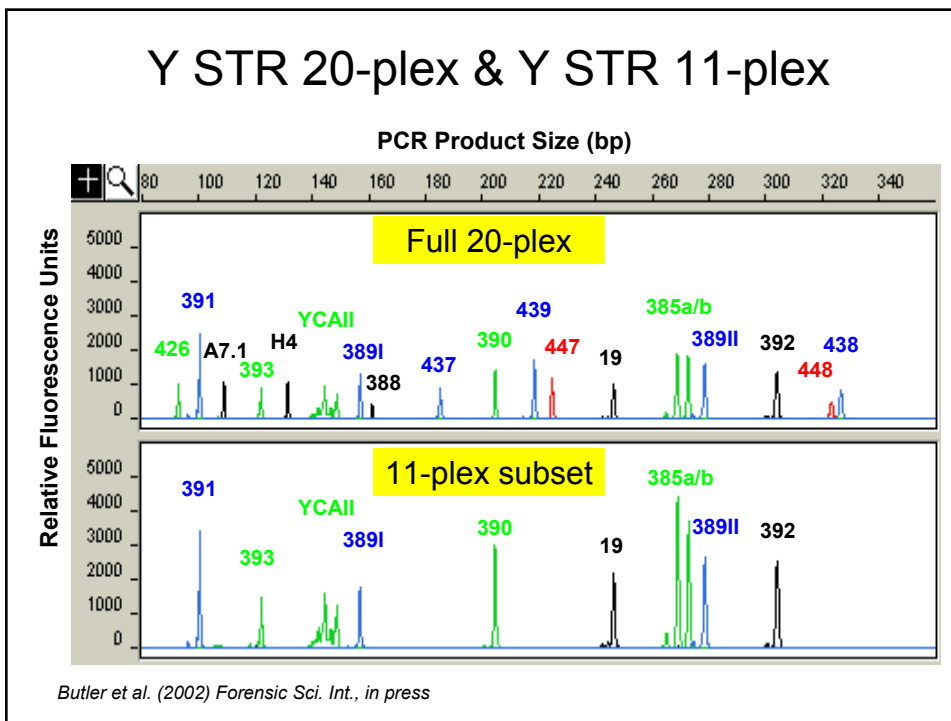
Relative Fluorescence Units



Comparison of NIST 18plex & 11plex



Y STR 20-plex & Y STR 11-plex



Marker	Y-PLEX 6	Y-PLEX 5	PowerPlex Y	NIST 10 plex	NIST 20plex	NIST 11plex
19	+		+	+	+	
385 a	+		+		+	+
385 b	+		+		+	+
389 I		+	+		+	
389 II	+	+	+		+	
390	+		+		+	
391	+		+	+	+	
392		+	+	+	+	
393	+		+		+	
438		+	+	+	+	
439		+	+	+	+	
437			+	+	+	
YCAII a/b					+	
388					+	
426					+	
435				+		
448					+	+
450					+	+
456						+
458						+
460 = A7.1				+	+	
464(abcd)						+
Y-GATA-H4				+	+	

Commercial kits (rows 19-437)

European database (rows 435-458)

NIST multiplexes (rows 456-464)

Summary of Typing Y-STRs

260 AA, 244 Cauc, 143 HIS samples were typed from the NIST U.S. population samples (647 total)

Number of haplogroups

	No. of Markers	AA(260)	Cau(244)	HIS(143)
Y-PLEX 5&6	11	239	201	133
NIST 20 and 11 plex	27	257	243	142
10 best loci	10	252	238	142

Multiplexing results in 13 fold reduction

$$647 \times 27 = 17,469$$

$$2 \times 647 = 1294$$

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