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Development of Multiplexed Assays for Typing SNP and STR Forensic Markers

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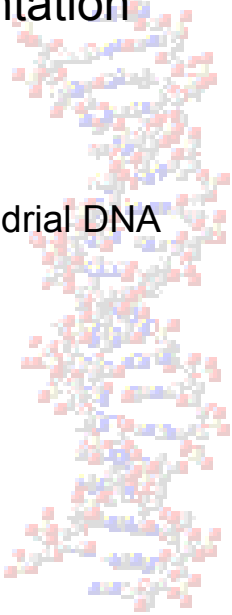
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Outline of Presentation

- Multiplexing
- Assays and Instrumentation
- Y Chromosome and Mitochondrial DNA
- Primer design strategy
- Results
 - mtSNP 10 plex
 - Y SNP 5 plex
 - Y STR multiplexes
 - Other



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 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

What Assays are we Multiplexing?

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)

Amplification of specific region of the human genome

Typically used for STR and SNP

Use **Capillary Electrophoresis** for detection

Primer Extension reaction (minisequencing)

Typically used for SNP markers

Use **Capillary Electrophoresis** and

Mass Spectrometry for detection

Goals for Multiplex Assay Development

Working with collaborators who have markers of forensic interest

By using our multiplex assays collaborators can type markers and evaluate forensic utility

Further understanding of multiplex assays

Publish assay details for others to evaluate (commercial and research)

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Instrumentation

SNaPshot/PCR



Multi-Color Capillary Electrophoresis
(ABI 310 or 3100)

Luminex Beads



Luminex 100 Flow Cytometer

TaqMan



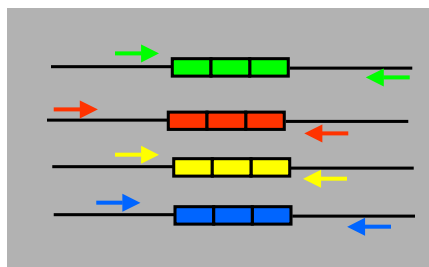
Roche LightCycler

Primer Extension



Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometer

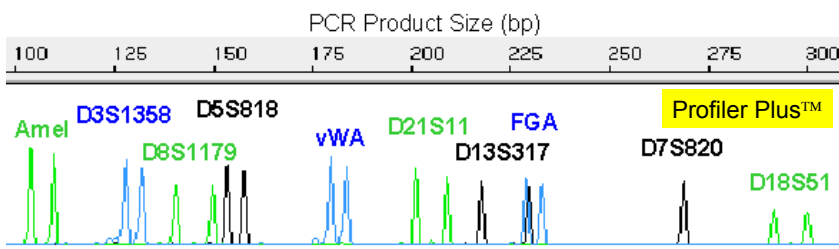
Multiplex PCR

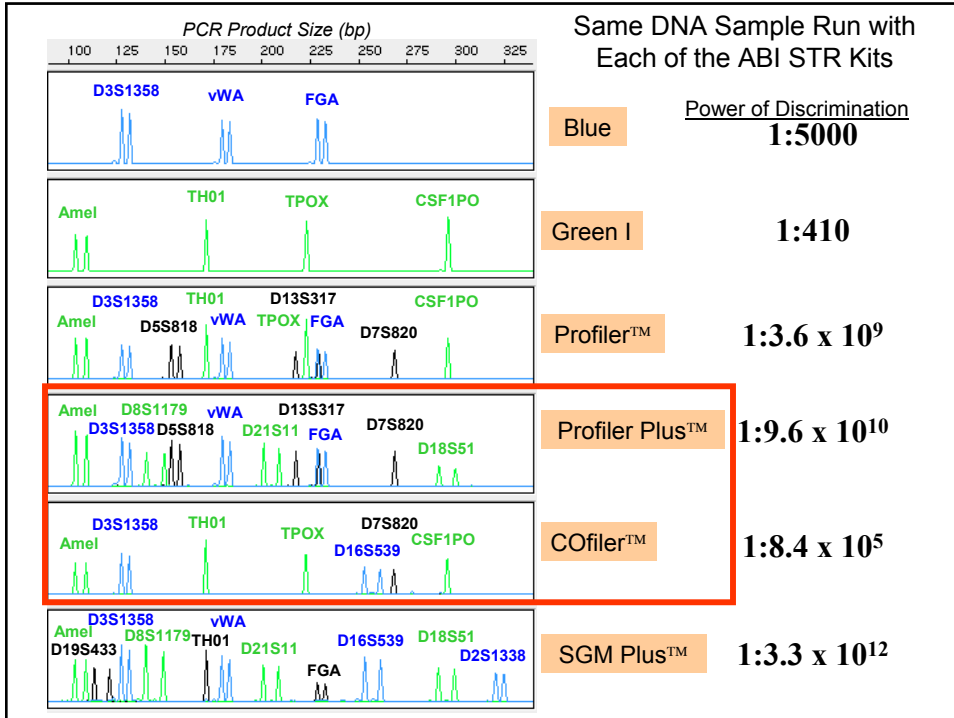


Multiple primer pairs target more than one specific site on the DNA strand

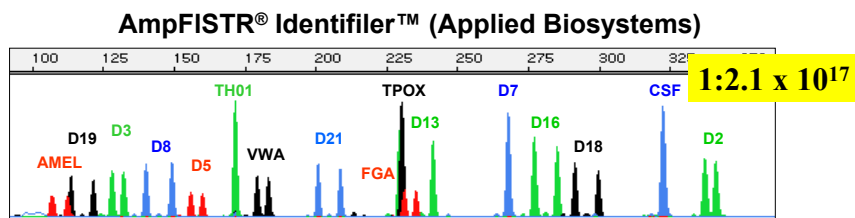
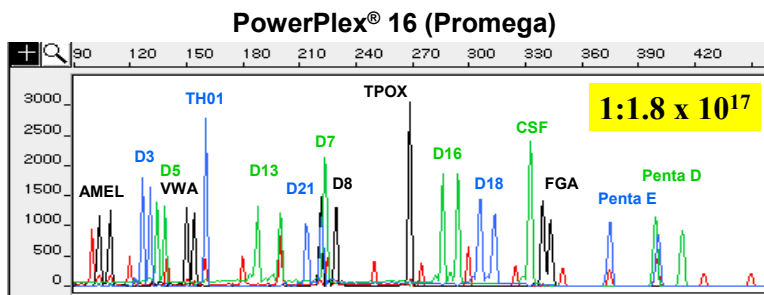
Compatible primers are the key to successful multiplex PCR

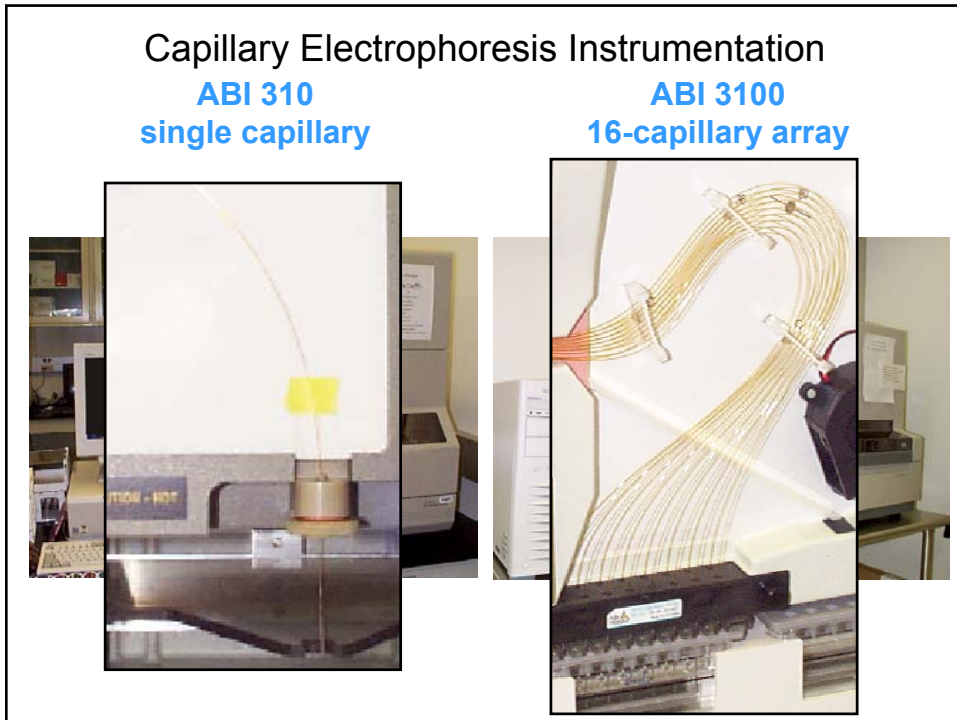
Commercial kits are available for targeting and simultaneously amplifying 16 markers





Commercial STR 16plex Kits





Primer Extension Reaction Using the
ABI PRISM® SNaPshot™ Multiplex System

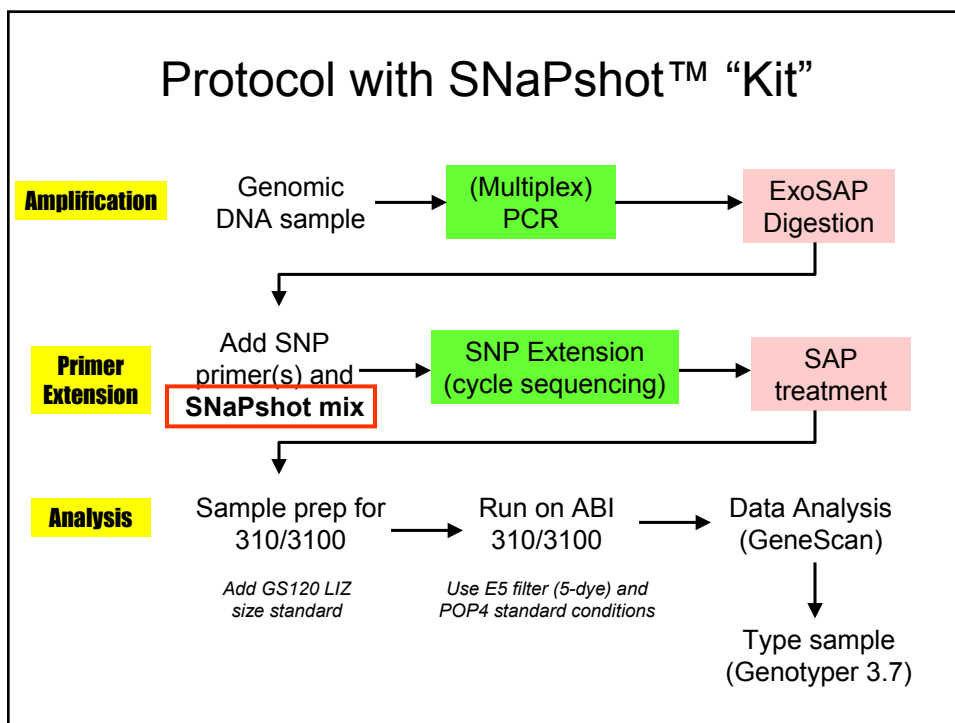
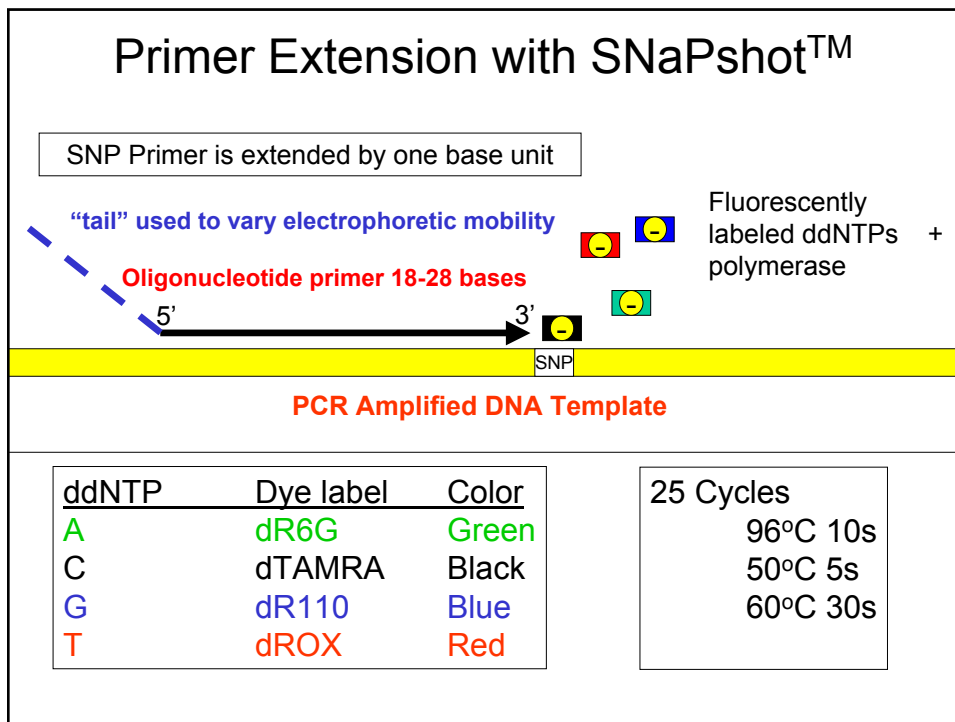
Primer extension assay that utilizes
fluorescently labeled ddNTPs

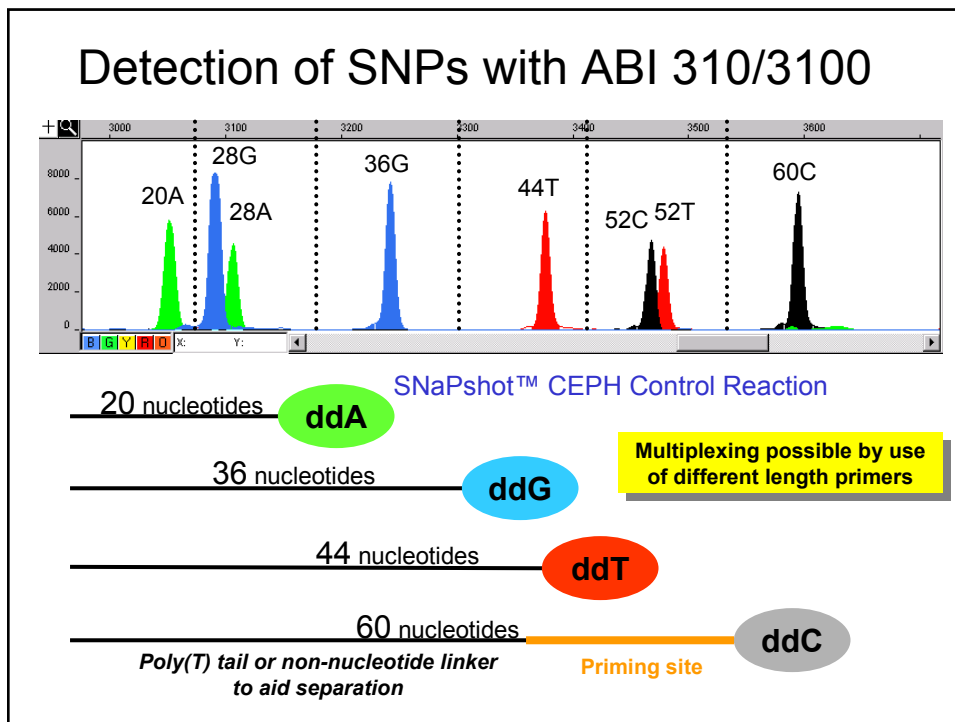


Analysis of fragment size and fluorescent
label identity by CE allows typing of multiple
SNPs

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

Primer design must be done by user!





Primer Extension for MALDI TOF MS Analysis

SNP Primer is extended by one base unit

Oligonucleotide primer 18-28 bases

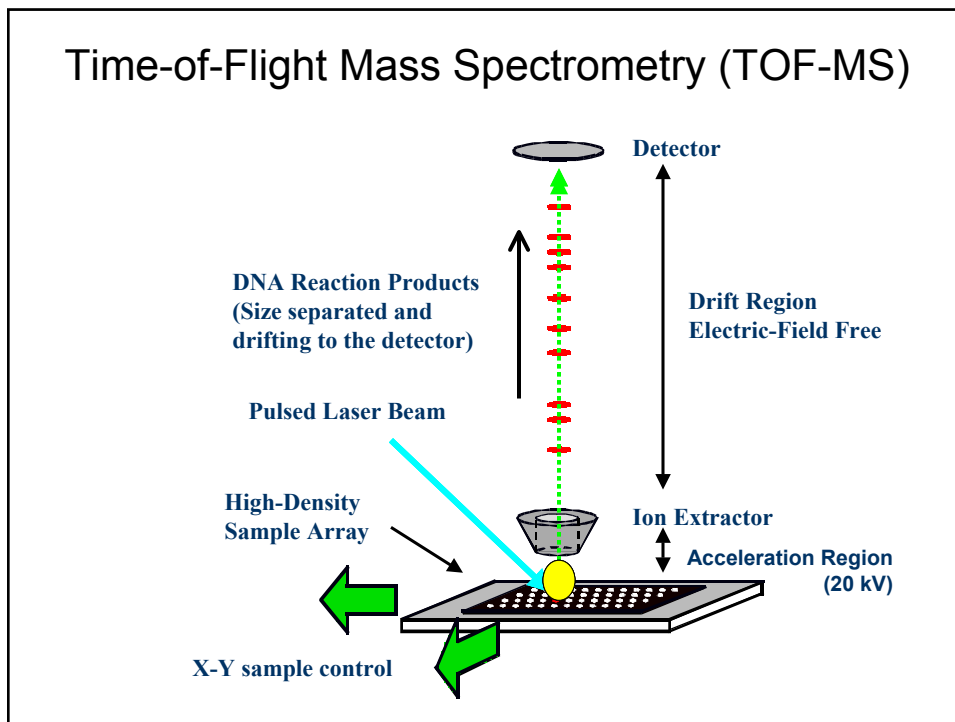
Natural non-labeled ddNTPs + polymerase

5' → 3' SNP

PCR Amplified DNA Template

ddNTP	Mass (Da)	40 Cycles 96°C 10s 50°C 20s 72°C 30s
A	297	
C	273	
G	313	
T	288	

Mass difference between SNP primer and single base extension product provides genotype



MWG Robotic Sample Preparation Workstation

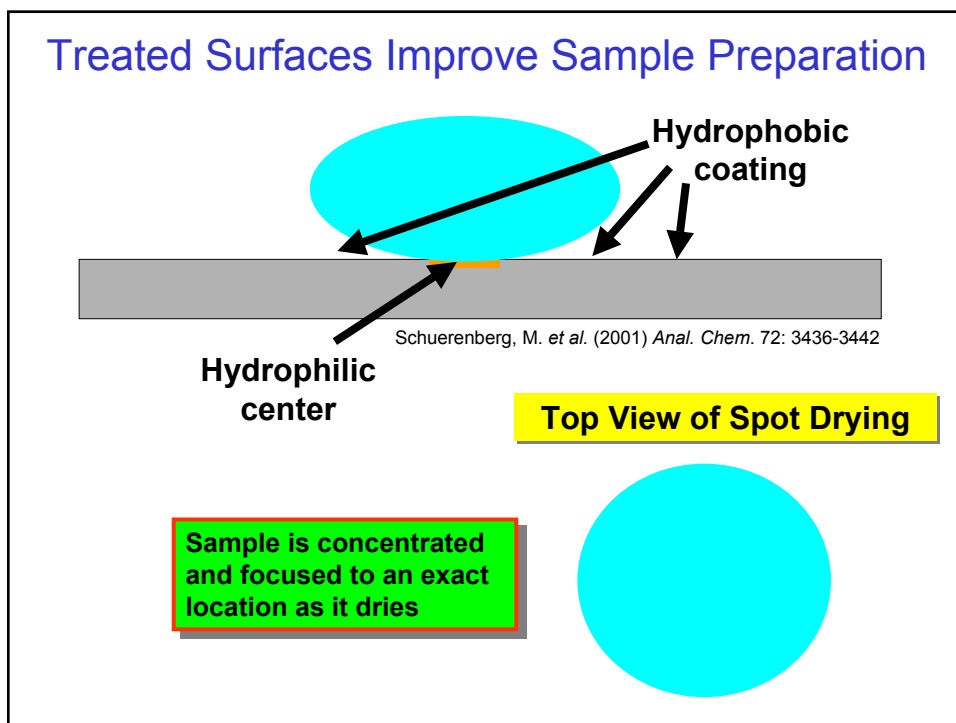
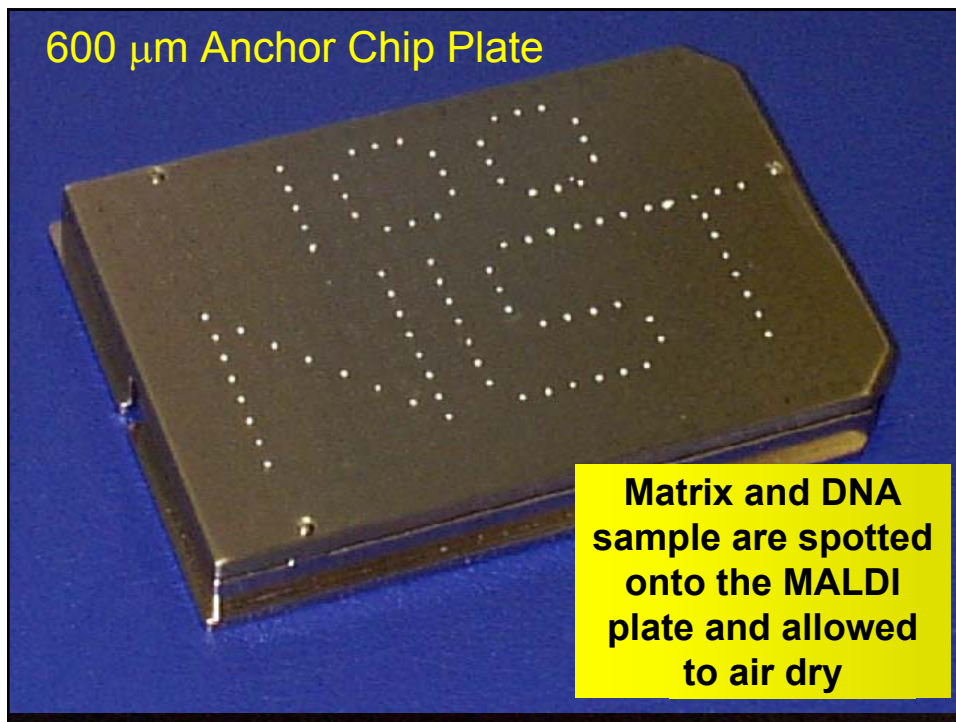


Bruker BIFLEX III MALDI-TOF MS


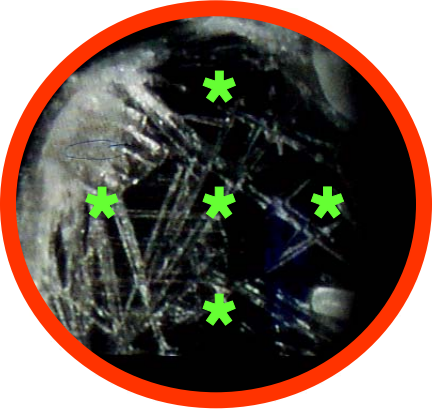


Instrumentation at NIST

- MWG Biotech RoboAmp 4200 (Ebersberg, Germany) capable of on-board PCR thermal cycling with non-cross contamination 96-well plates
- Bruker BIFLEX III MALDI-TOF mass spectrometer (Bremen, Germany) capable of operation in both linear and reflectron mode



Different Types of Matrix Spots on MALDI Targets

<p>3 HPA Matrix Dried on 600 μm Anchor Spot</p>	<p>3 HPA Matrix Dried on Stainless Steel Surface</p>
	
<p>Concentrated spot (greater sensitivity) Uniform spot (impacts automation) Specific Location</p>	<p>Non-uniform crystallization produces "sweet spots"</p>

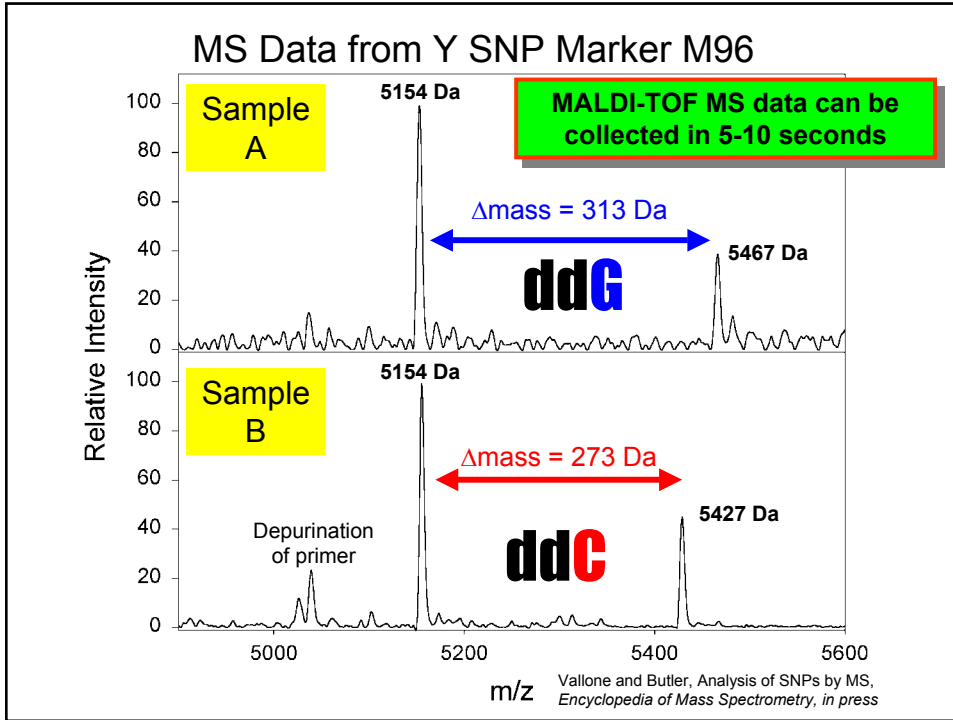
Desalting Primer Extension Reactions

Genopure Beads (single stranded DNA)

8 strip or 96 well format

Single stranded DNA oligomers are bound and washed free from salts, enzyme, ddNTPs

Salt free sample is eluted from the bead, spotted on the MALDI target



Bruker SNP Manager Genotyping Software

SNP_Analysis_Tool

Multiplex Setup PRE-MS DATA Primer Extension Parameter Result Overview

Reliability Overview

Reliability: High

Genotype: A/A, B/D, C/C, C/D, D/D, Undetermined, Empty

- Automated data collection (384)
- Automated data processing
- Searches for the expected mass of primer and extension product(s)
- Genotype determination w/ reliability

Plate 0: [Red Box] Current is: Plate #0

Messages:

Singleplex Singleplex All Multiplex Multiplex All Switch View Load Data

Save Method Clear Data Clear Method Calculate Close About

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

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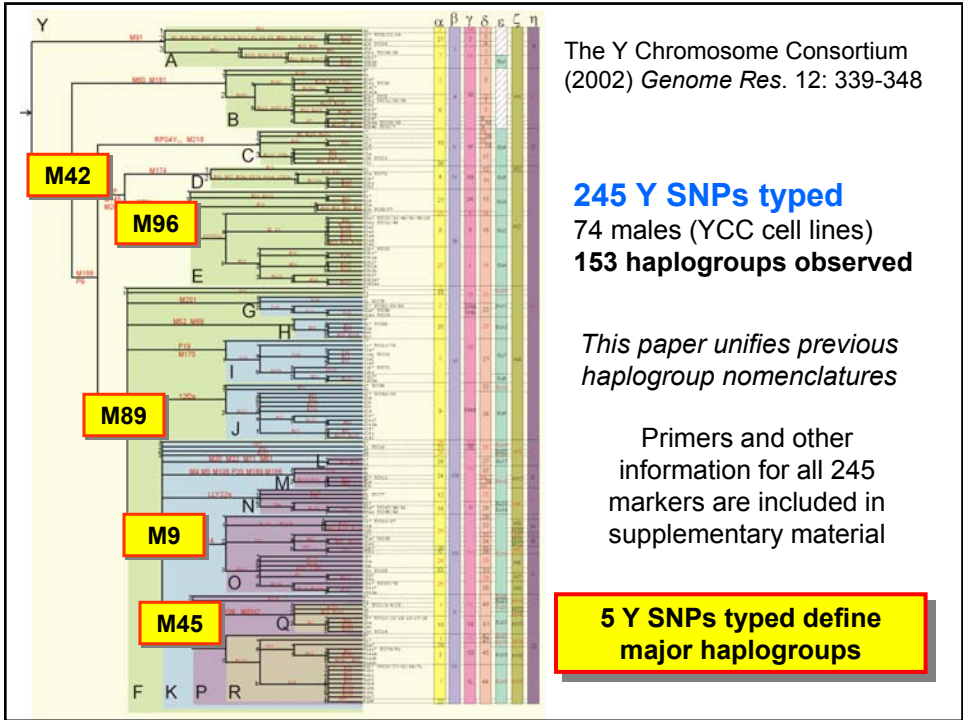


Markers of Interest

- Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA)
 - maternally inherited
 - polymorphic control region (D-loop)
 - ~1000's of copies per cell
- Y chromosome
 - paternally inherited
 - variety of Y STR and Y SNP markers
 - ***haplotype rather than genotype***



Require large databases because recombination does not occur



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Primer3 Parameters

Primer3 Defaults - see Peter Vallone if you want to change these

Desired Tm Range for PCR Primers

Minimum: 57, Maximum: 63, Optimum: 60, Max Tm Difference: 12.0

Desired Size Range for PCR Primers

Minimum: 18, Maximum: 27, Optimum: 20

Primers to Return: 2

Set Parameters

Max 3' Stability: 9.0

Max 3' Mispriming: 12.0

Pair Max Mispriming: 12.0

Primer GC %: 20.0 - 80.0

Max Self Comp: 8.0

Max 3' Comp: 3.0

Max # N's: 0

Max Poly-X: 3.0

Ct (nM): 50.0

Salt Conc (mM) - KCl: 50.0

Can help utilize all the tools that Primer3 provides

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

$2n^2+n$

Primer Dimer Checker

Hairpin Checker

Minimum BLAST Requirement: 7

Add to Queue

Number of Sequences Found in File: 30

of Hits: 4

Total Number of Primer-Primer Comparisons: 465

15plex

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M45-R TGTTCCTGACACCTCCACA versus M91-R TGTGTTTAGCGATGTTGAAGG
Matches = 8
Blast = 7
      3-GGAAGTTGTAGCGATTGTGT-5
      | | | | | | |
M89-F TGCCAGCCTCTCCTGATACT versus M130-F GATAAGAGGCTGGCCACCAA
Matches = 11
Blast = 7
      5-GATAAGAGGCTGGCCACCAA-3
      | | | | | | | | | |
      3-TCATAGTCCTCTCCGACCGT-5
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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)

PCR Primer Quality Control



Dye labeled oligos

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

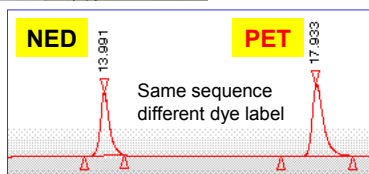
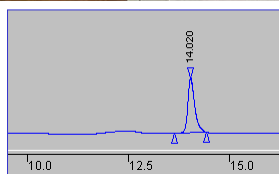
- UV Spec to determine concentration
- HPLC to evaluate purity
- TOF-MS to confirm correct sequence

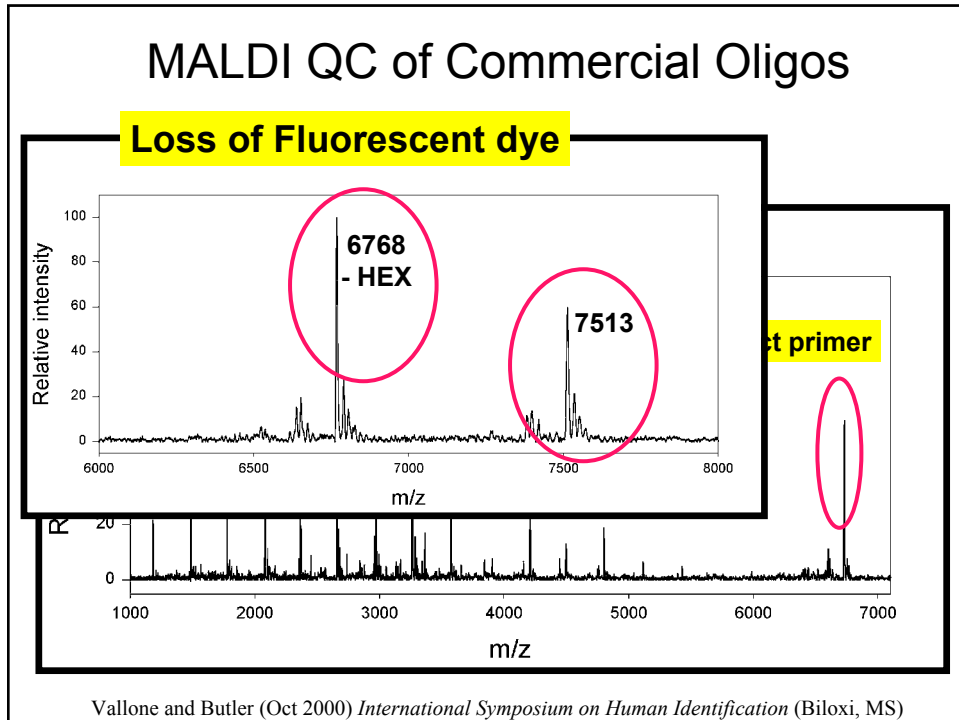
Butler *et al.* (2001) *Forensic Sci. Int.* 119: 87-96

Varian Helix DHPLC System



- Oligo QC
- Oligo Purification
- STR allele isolation for sequencing purposes
- Fluorescent dye studies (excess dye removal)





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
1.0 μ M of each primer pair

Evaluate amplicon yields, presence and balance

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

Redesign and retest failing loci

Multiplexing

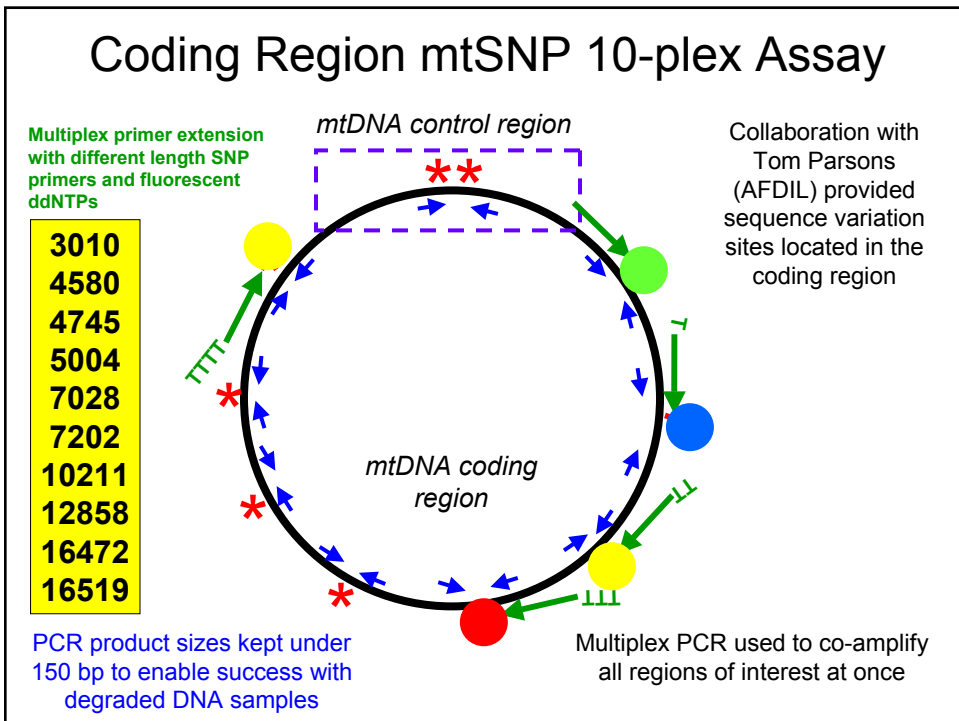

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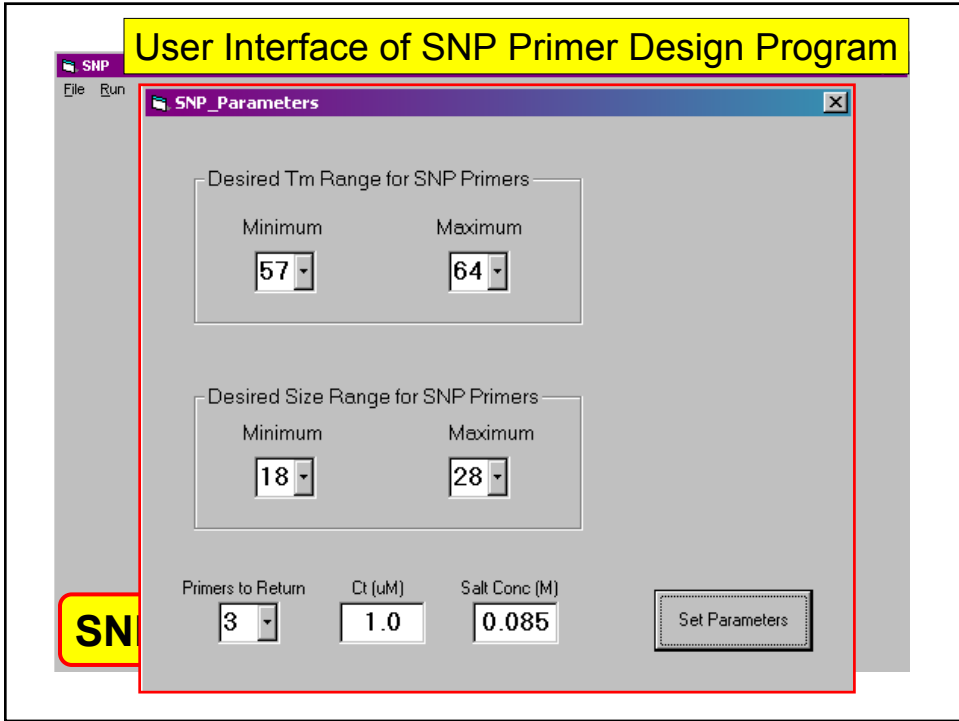
Tailed SNP primers allows for multiplexing in the SNaPshot assay

Sequences for 10 SNP primers

TCAGAAAGTGAAAGGGGGC	18/na
TTTTTTTTTGTGGATCAGGACATCCC	19/26
TTTTTTTTTACTAAGAAGATTTTATGGA	20/30
TTTTTTTTTTTTAGACCCAGCTACGCAAATC	20/34
TTTTTTTTTTTTGACACGTACTACGTTGTAGC	20/38
TTTTTTTTTTTTCCACAACACTTTCTCGGCCT	20/42
TTTTTTTTTTTTTGTGGGCTATTTAGGCTTTATG	22/46
TTTTTTTTTTTTTGCAGCCATTCAAGCAATCCTATA	23/50
TTTTTTTTTTTTTGGTTAGAACTGGAATAAAAGCTAG	25/54
TTTTTTTTTTTTTTGAACCATAACCAATACTACCAATCA	25/58

Template binding sequence – black
Tailed sequence for fragment separation - red

User Interface of SNP Primer Design Program



Program Output

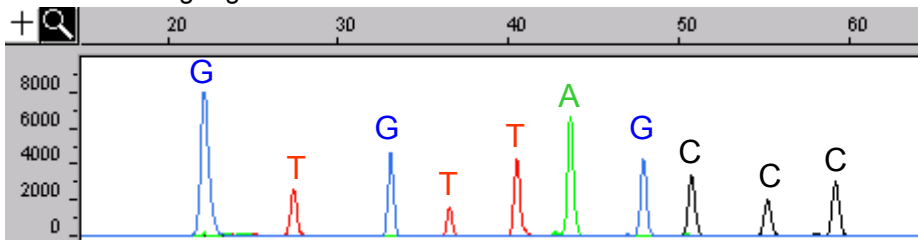
Label	Length	Sequence	Position	Tm
Forward Primers Salt = 0.3Ct = 10				
M42 340 bp (A/T 297 W) AC010889	18	ATTTAGGACACAAAAGCW	280	60.65398
M42 340 bp (A/T 297 W) AC010889	19	GATTTAGGACACAAAAGCW	279	61.96716
M42 340 bp (A/T 297 W) AC010889	20	AGATTTAGGACACAAAAGCW	278	63.67808
Reverse Primers				
M42 340 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 10-plex run on ABI 3100 (SNapShot™ assay)

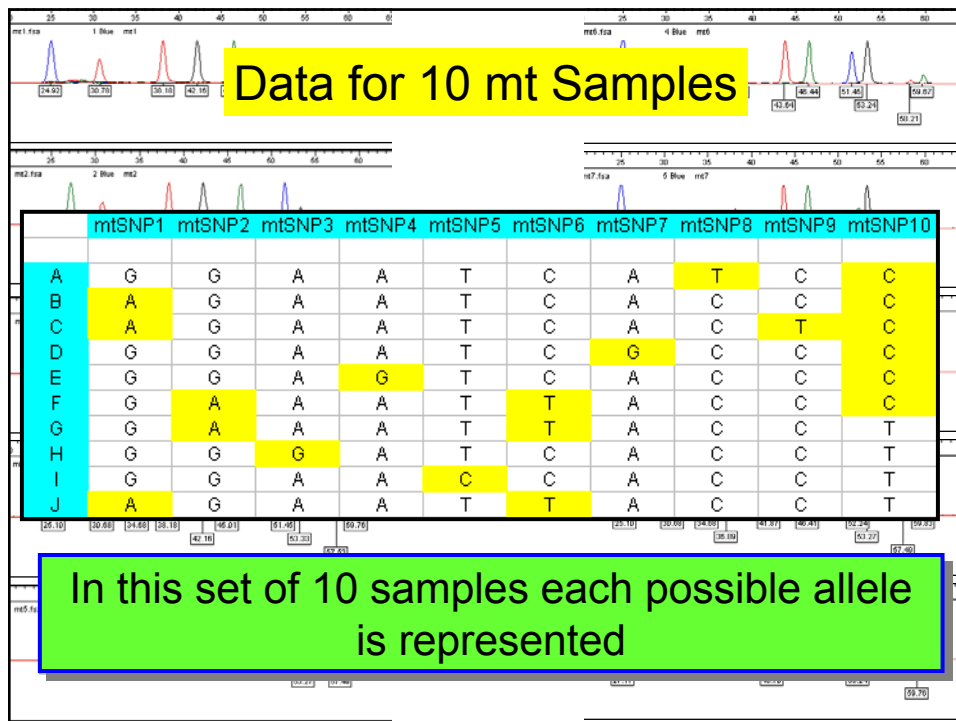
Multiplex PCR and Multiplex SNP Detection

mtDNA coding region SNPs



SNP types

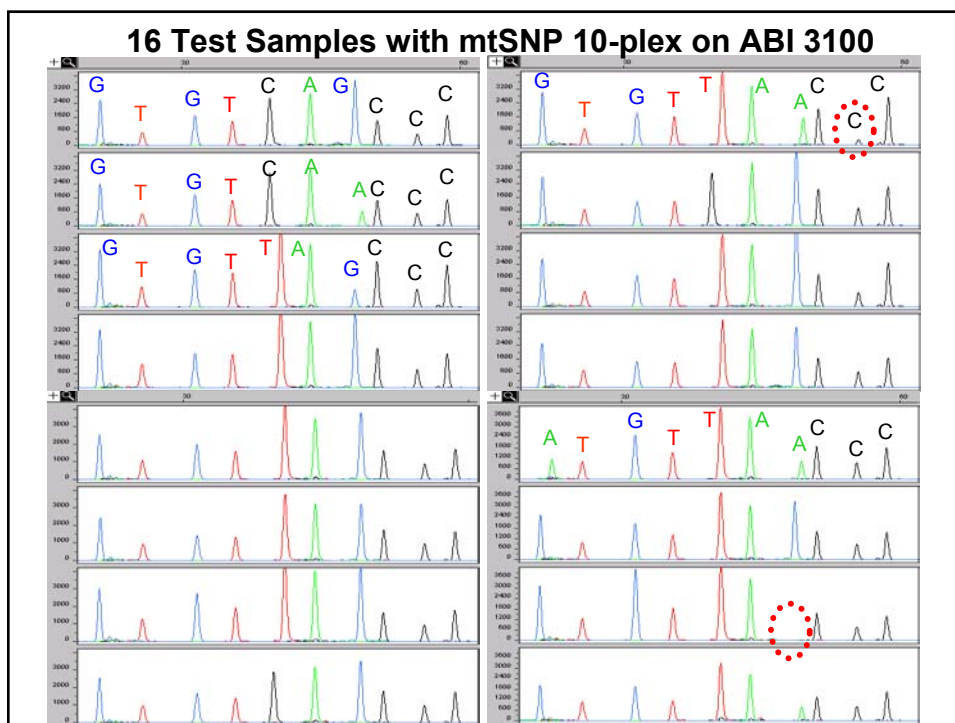
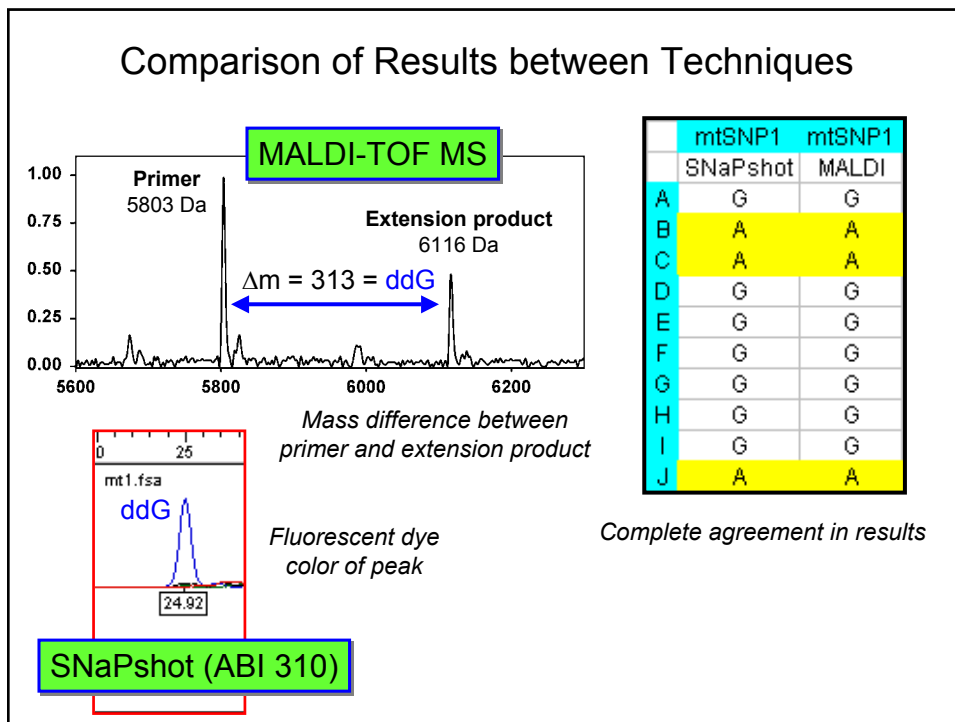
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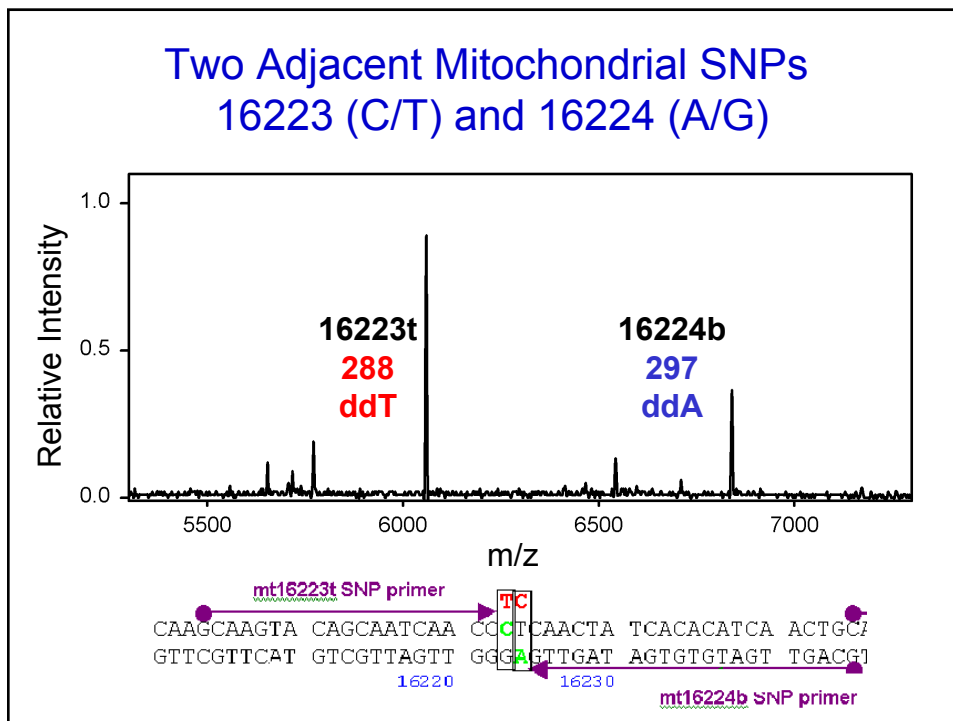
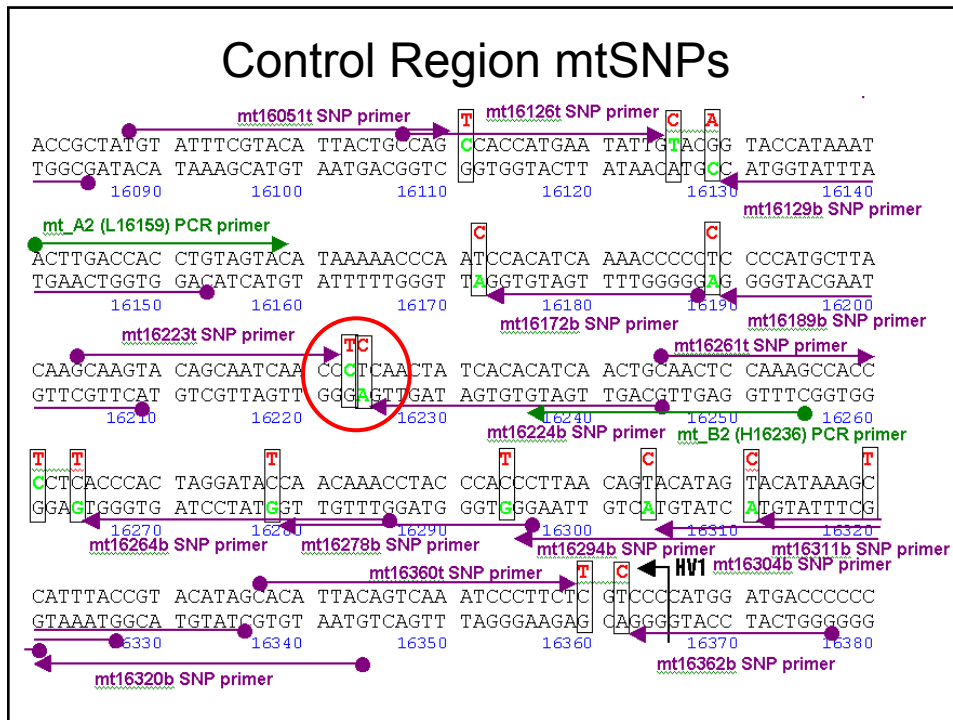


Sizing of Fragments in mtSNP 10plex *Actual versus observed*

Actual length (bases)	allele 1	allele 2	Δ allele1	Δ allele 2
18	25.0	27.1	-7.0	-9.1
26	28.6	30.7	-2.6	-4.7
30	34.7	35.6	-4.7	-5.6
34	36.9	38.2	-2.9	-4.2
38	42.2	43.7	-4.2	-5.7
42	45.0	46.4	-3.0	-4.4
46	51.4	52.2	-5.4	-6.2
50	53.3	54.2	-3.3	-4.2
54	57.5	58.3	-3.5	-4.3
58	59.2	59.7	-1.2	-1.7


Sizing differences vary with sequence, length and fluorescent dye attachment



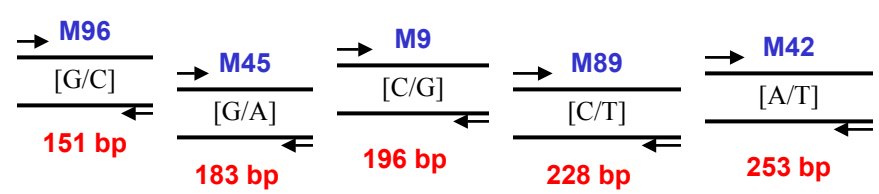


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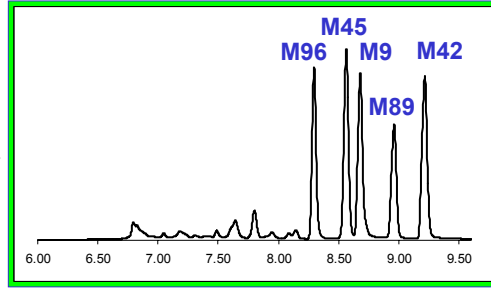


Multiplex PCR with Y-Chromosome SNP Markers

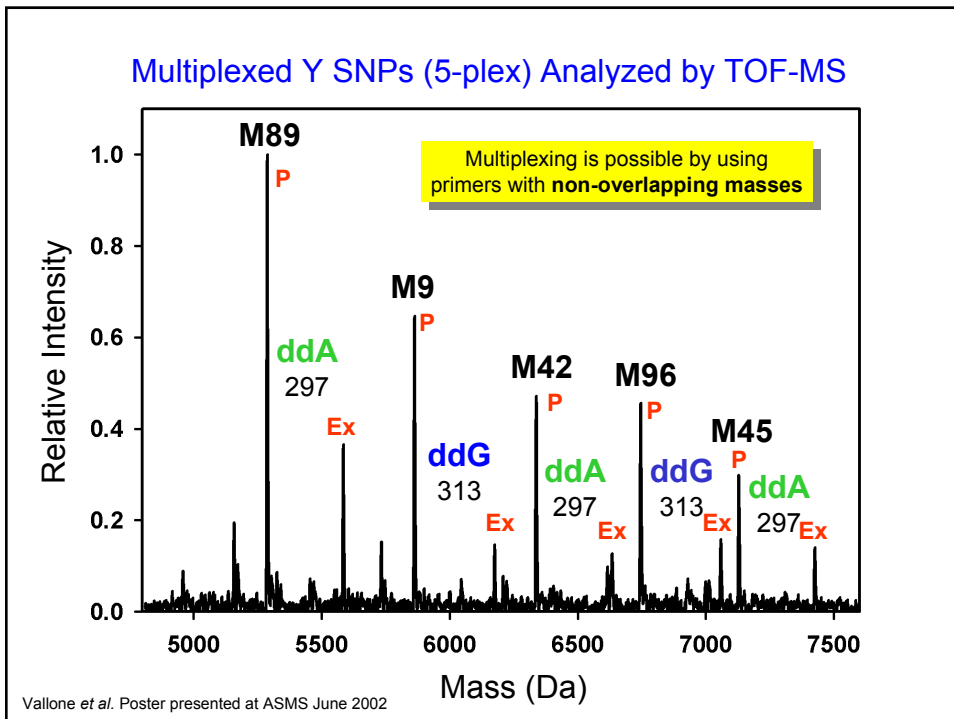
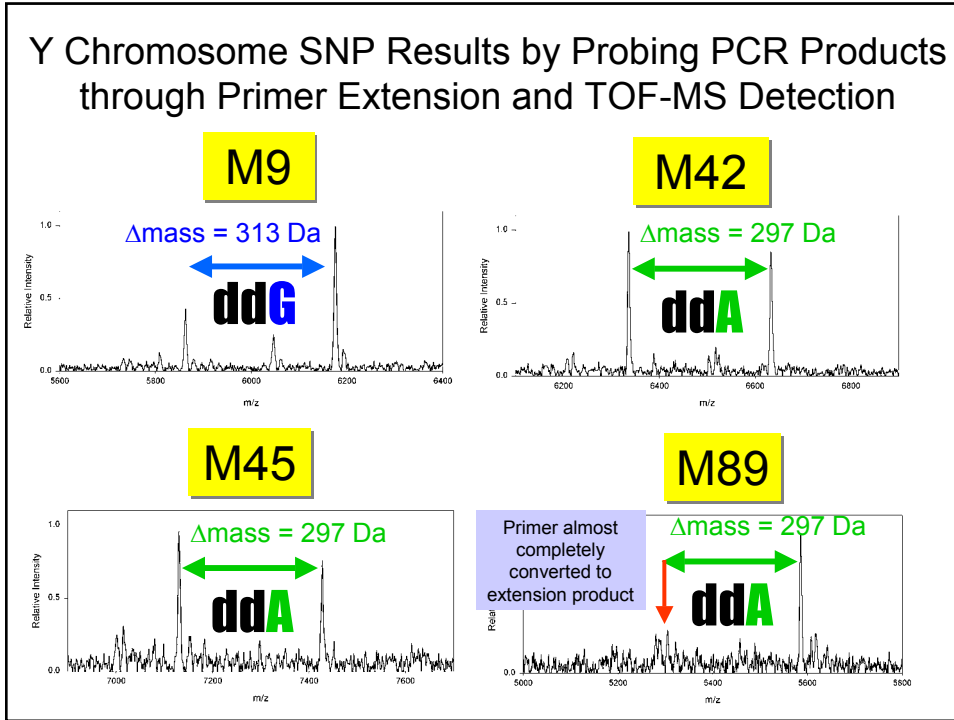


5-plex PCR

Rapid CE Separation and Quantitation of Multiplex PCR Products
Intercalating dye used to fluorescently label amplicons



Butler et al. (2001) *Fresenius J. Anal. Chem.* 369: 200-205



SRM 2395 Candidate Sample Testing

Y SNP Results with Primer Extension and MALDI-TOF MS

	M9(C/G)	M42(A/T)	M45(G/A)	M89(C/T)	M96(G/C)
A	G	T	A	T	C
B	C	T	G	T	C
C	C	T	G	T	C
D	C	T	G	C	G
E	C	T	G	T	C
F	--	--	--	--	--

Primer Extension Using a UV Photocleavable Analyte

A standard primer extension assay (mini-sequencing) is performed using an extension primer that contains a UV photocleavable linker

After the extension reaction is completed, the linker is cleaved ($\lambda = 366 \text{ nm}$) resulting in a ~5 base oligonucleotide for MALDI TOF MS analysis

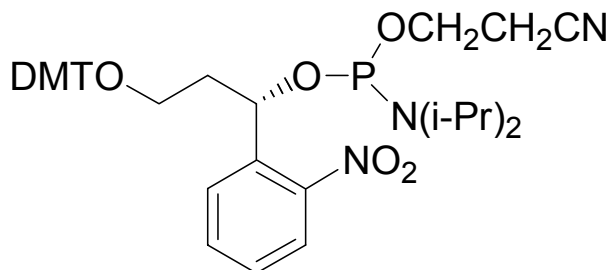
An analyte of reduced mass results in higher sensitivity, resolution, and more uniform ionization for multiplexing

Example M42

5' CCAGCTCTCTTTTTCATTAT↓TAGT 3' mass = 7492.9

5' TAGT 3' mass = 1268.8

Structure of Cleavable Moiety



Ordoukhanian, P. and Taylor, J.S., J. Am. Chem. Soc 1995 117:9570-9571

Collaboration with Jay Stoerker and Markus Kostrzewa at
Bruker Daltonics

UV Cleavable SNP Primers

Locus	Extension Primer	Mass
M9	ACATGTCTAAATTAAGAAAAATA <u>A</u> ^{OMe} GA ^{OMe} G	1362.9
M42	CCAGCTCTCTTTTCATTAT <u>G</u> TAGT	1268.8
M45	GCAGTGAAAAATTAT <u>A</u> G ^{OMe} ATA	1307.8
M89	CTCTTCCTAAGGTTATGTACAAA <u>A</u> ATCT	1228.8
M96	AACTTGGAACAGGTCTCTCA <u>T</u> AATA	1261.8

Underlined base = position of UV photocleavable moiety

A^{OMe} and G^{OMe} are 2'-O-methyladenosine and 2'-O-methylguanosine, respectively

Desalting Primer Extension Reactions

Biotin-Streptavidin

96 or 384 well format

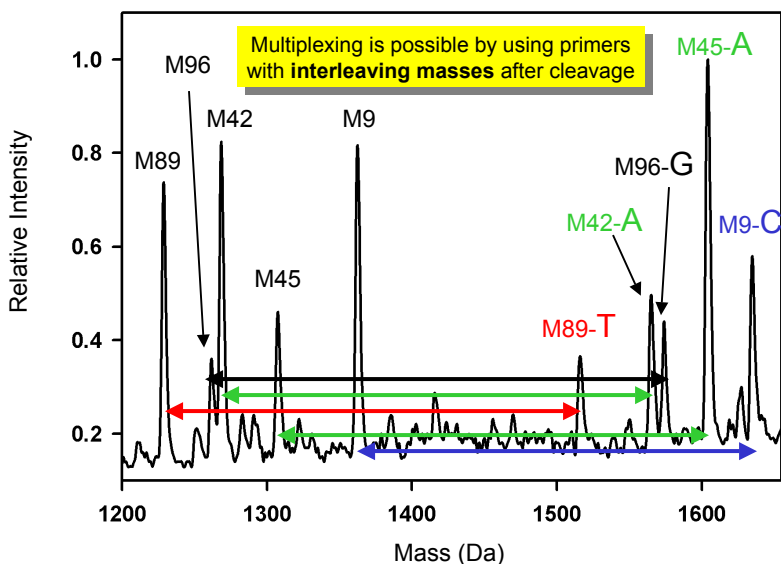
5' Biotin labeled extension primers are required

Primers are bound to a 384 well plate with streptavidin coated wells

Salt is washed off as DNA remains anchored to plate surface

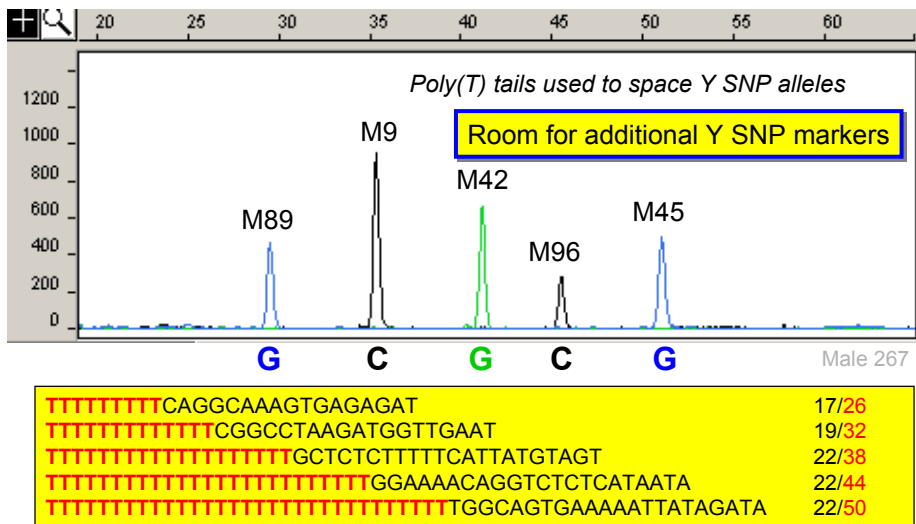
Salt free DNA is cleaved by UV light in solution on the plate and the fragment is spotted onto the MALDI target

Y SNP 5plex using UV Photocleavable Extension Primers



Vallone *et al.* Poster presented at ASMS June 2002

Y SNP Results with SNaPshot Assay



Data obtained by Gordon Spangler (graduate student at American University)

Y SNP Haplotypes for 16 Test Samples

Sample ID	M9 (C/G)	M42 (A/T)	M45 (G/A)	M89 (C/T)	M96 (G/C)
Male 1	G	T	A	T	C
Male 2	G	T	A	T	C
Male 3	G	T	A	T	C
Male 4	G	T	A	T	C
Male 5	G	T	A	T	C
Male 6	G	T	A	T	C
Male 7	G	T	A	T	C
Male 8	C	T	G	C	G
Male 9	C	T	G	C	G
Male 10	C	T	G	C	G
Male 11	C	T	G	C	G
Male 12	C	T	G	C	G
Male 13	C	T	G	C	G
Male 14	G	T	G	T	C
Male 15	C	T	G	T	C
Female	-	-	-	-	-

Typing Results Obtained from SNaPshot and MS techniques Agree

Advantages/**Disadvantages** of the Basic Primer Extension Assay (TOF MS)

- Uses readily available reagents
 - Synthetic primers (no modifications)
 - ddNTPs
 - Automation of assay
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- **Limited multiplexing capabilities**
 - **As mass range increases, resolution decreases**
 - **Heterozygous samples may be difficult to resolve**
 - **Salt adducts may interfere with data interpretation**
 - products must be purified
 - **3HPA matrix**
 - non-homogeneous crystal formation

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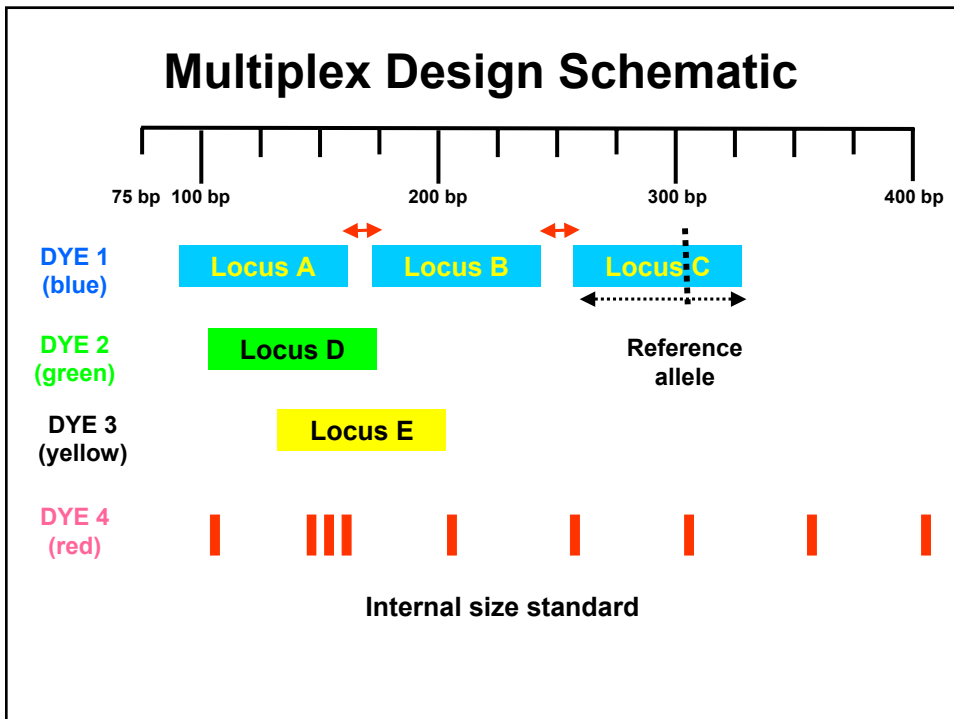
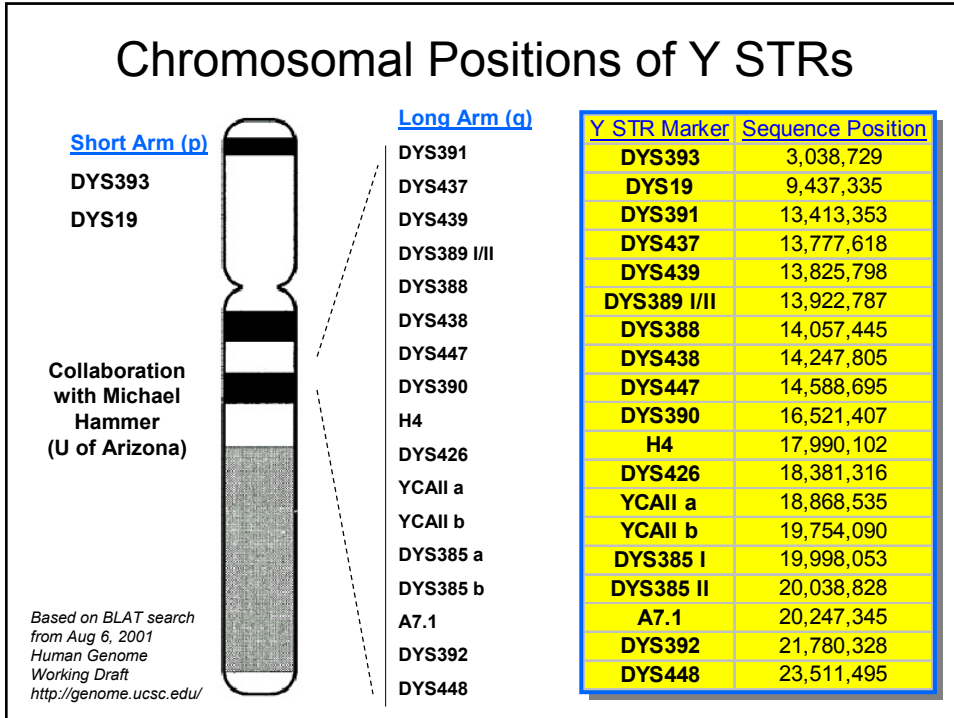
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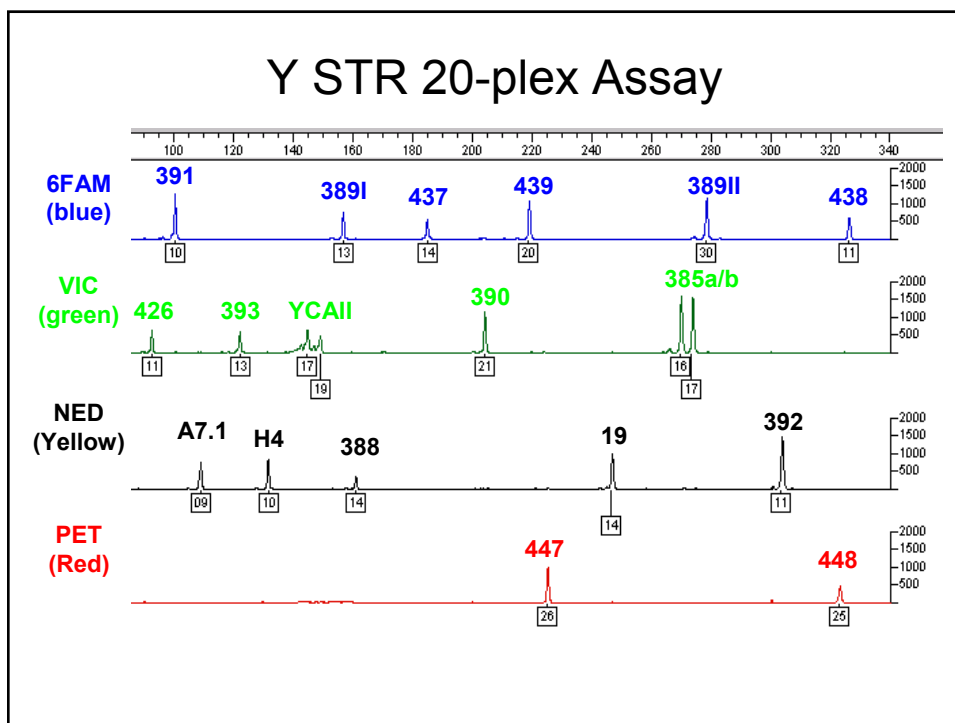
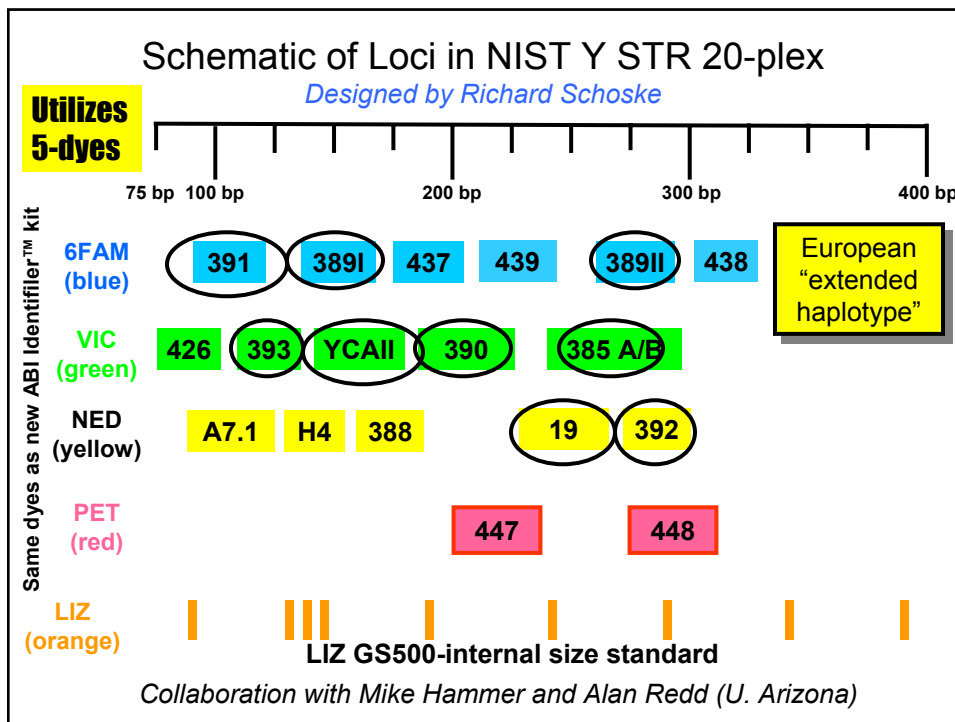
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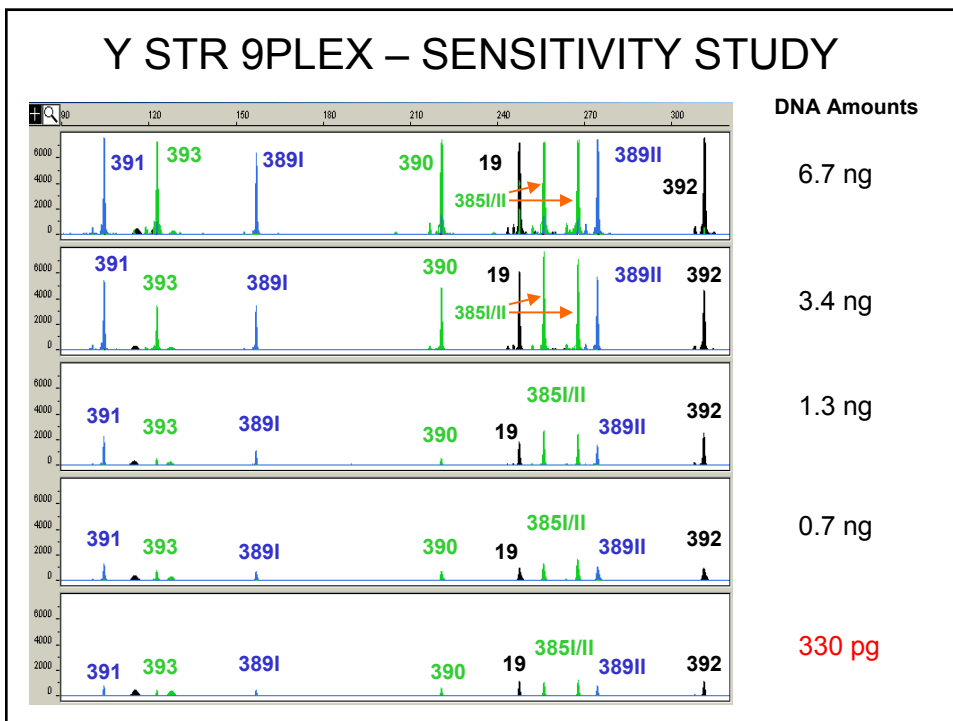
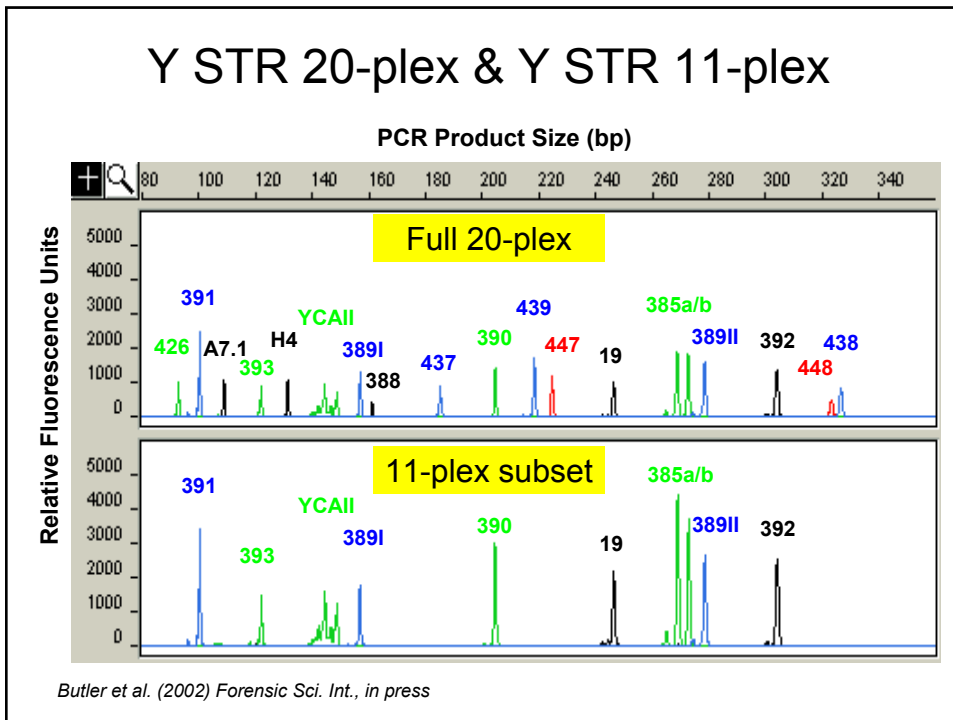
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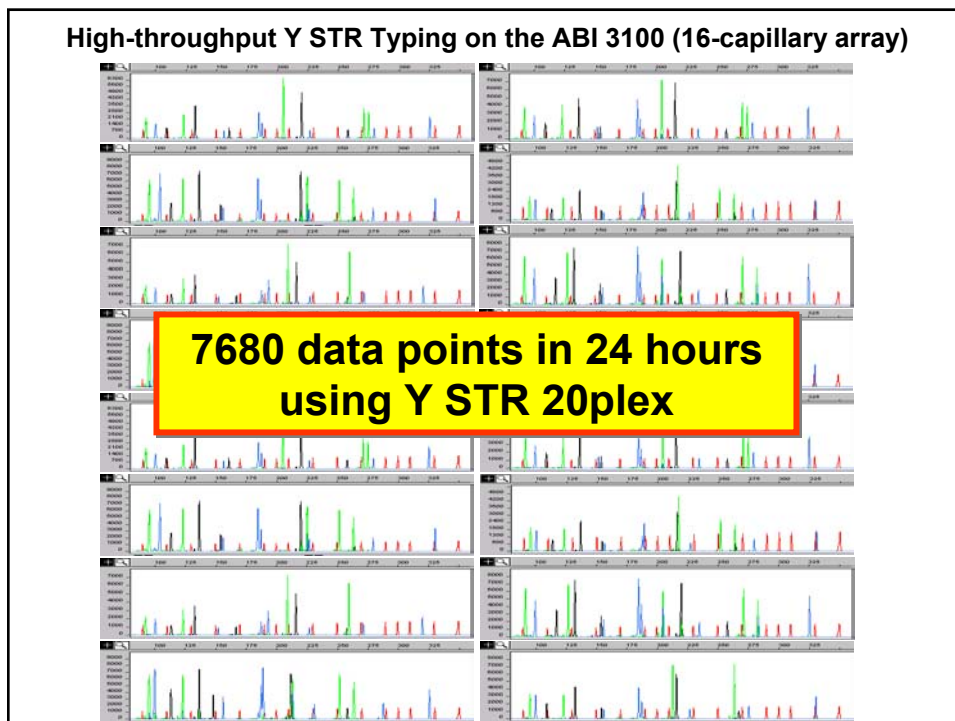
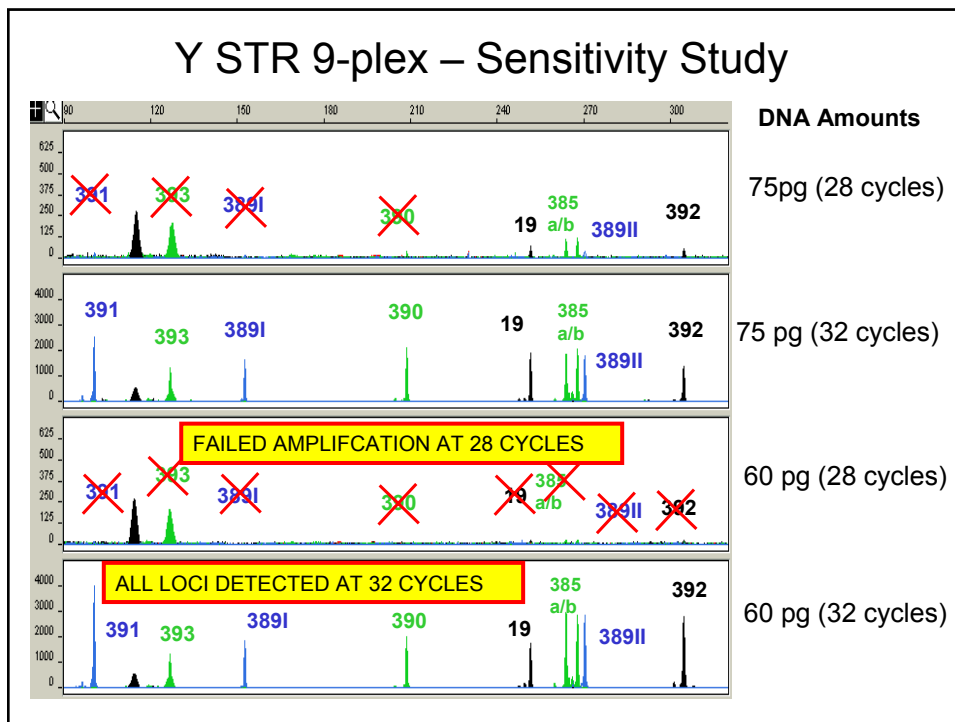
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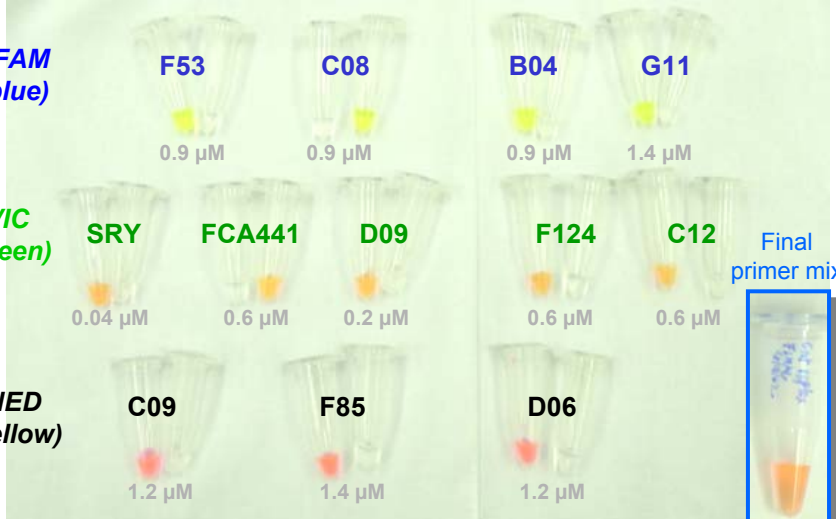




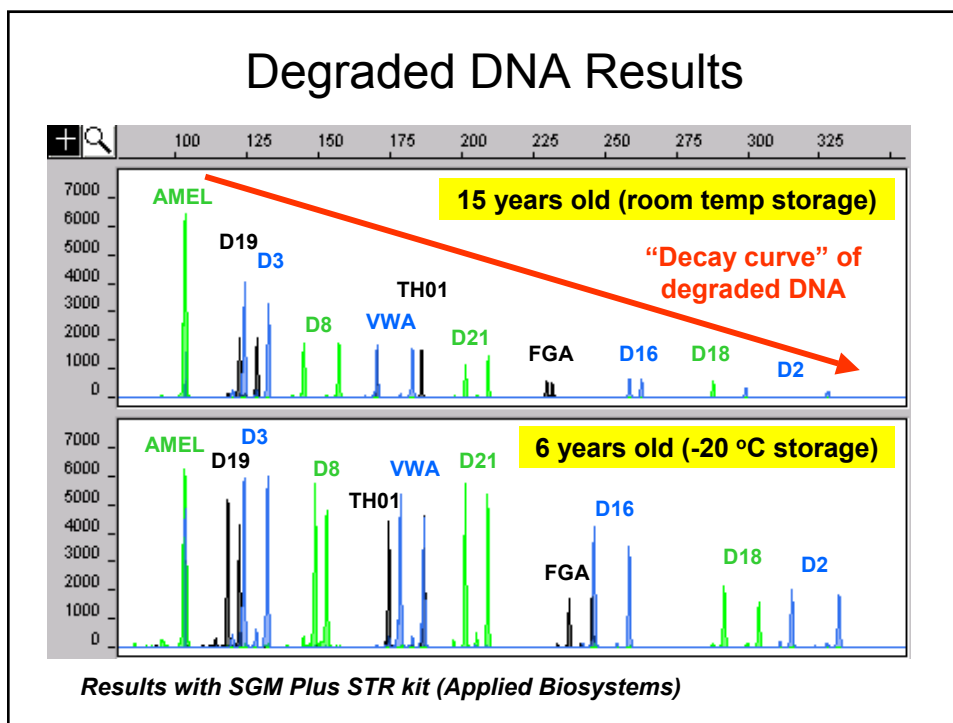
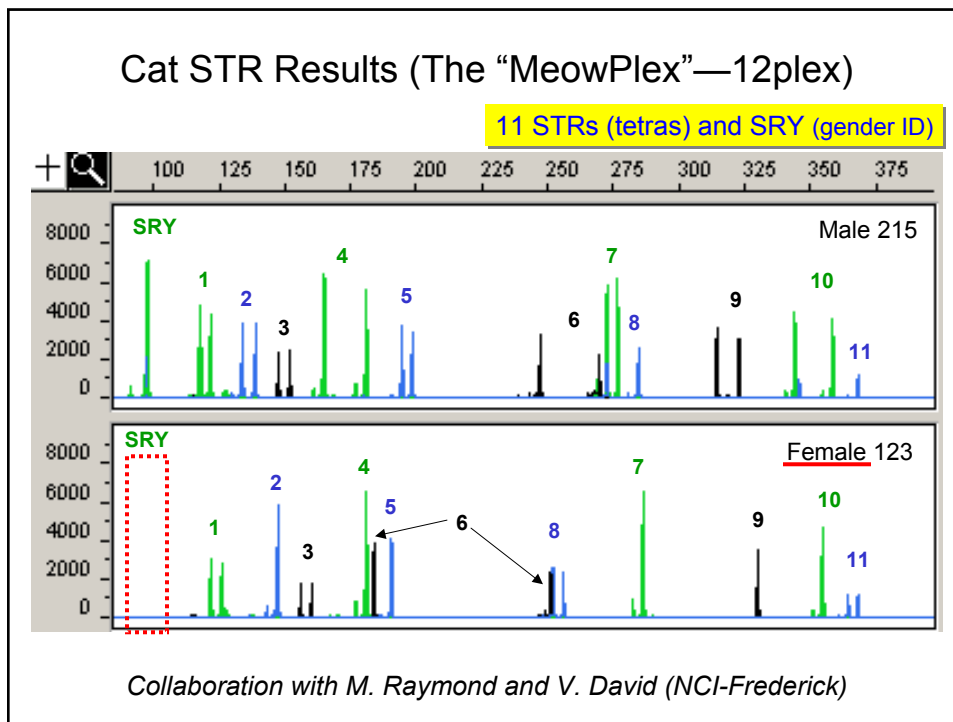
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**Primers Used in Cat STR 12plex
(MeowPlex)**



Primer Name	Concentration
6FAM (blue)	
F53	0.9 μ M
C08	0.9 μ M
B04	0.9 μ M
G11	1.4 μ M
VIC (green)	
SRY	0.04 μ M
FCA441	0.6 μ M
D09	0.2 μ M
F124	0.6 μ M
C12	0.6 μ M
NED (yellow)	
C09	1.2 μ M
F85	1.4 μ M
D06	1.2 μ M
Final primer mix	



STR Size Reduction

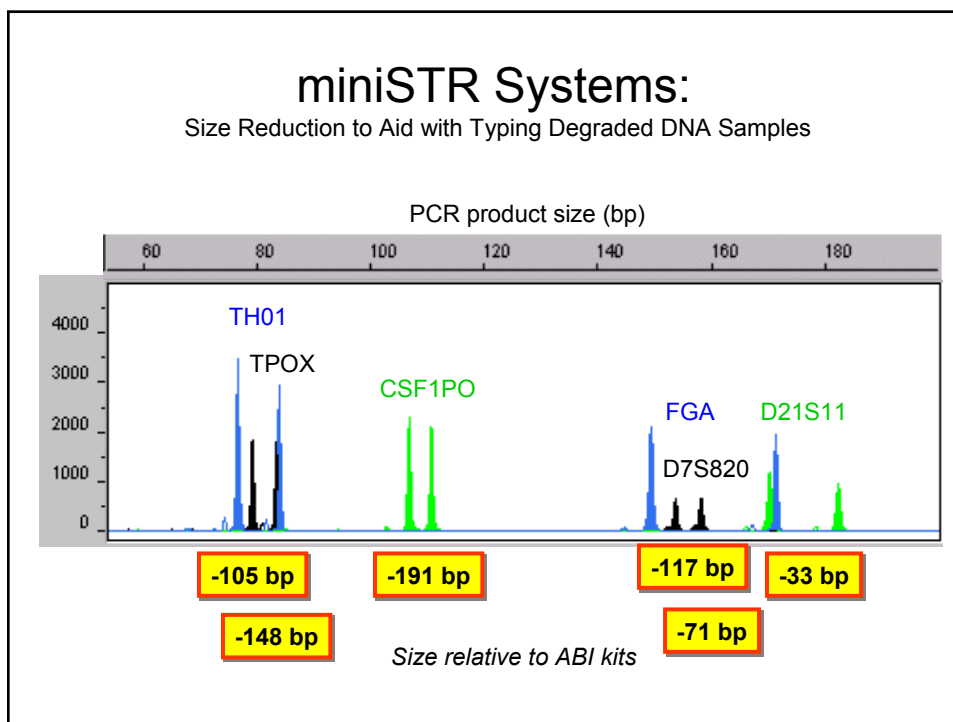
Through Moving Primer Positions Closer to Repeat

Forward flanking region *Reverse flanking region*

STR repeat

Primer positions define PCR product size
Repeat information is independent of amplicon size

Advantages of Approach:
Size reduction enhances success rate with degraded DNA
Retains same marker information (database compatibility)
Uses highly polymorphic STR loci (high discriminatory power)



Future Directions



- Collaborations
- Continue comparisons with various SNP chemistries and technologies on the same model Y SNP and mtSNP markers
- Optimize automation of assays/data analysis to permit high throughput typing
- Type population samples with forensic markers
- Further understanding of multiplex assay design
- Informatics

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