Advanced Topics in Forensic DNA Analysis

Y-STRs

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Outline for This Section

- Why Y is of interest in human identity testing
- · Y-STR markers and kits available
- Different population databases and statistics for reporting matches
- Mutation rates, duplications, and deletions and their impact on interpretation

Summary of 2006 CODIS Survey Questions Regarding Y-STRs

171 labs

Questions #45a & #45b

- Is your lab using or validating Y-STRs?
 - -**51 Yes** (30%)

28 Yfiler, 15 PowerPlex Y, some both kits

- **114** No
- -6 no response

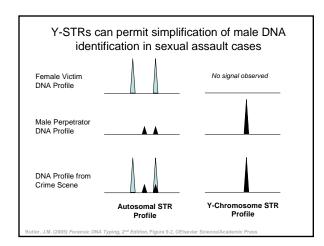
Summary of 2006 CODIS Survey Questions Regarding Y-STRs

Question #50

- Y-STR data can be entered in CODIS similar to entering the current STR loci in CODIS. Do you think CODIS should include Y-STR loci in Popstats calculations?
 - Yes 116 (68%)
 - No 18
 - No response 37

Value of Y-Chromosome Markers

J.M. Butler (2005) Forensic DNA Typing, 2nd Edition; Table 9.1 <u>Application</u> <u>Advantage</u> Male-specific amplification (can avoid differential sexual assault evidence extraction to separate sperm and epithelial cells) Paternity testing Male children can be tied to fathers in motherless paternity cases Missing persons Patrilineal male relatives may be used for reference samples investigations Human migration and Lack of recombination enables comparison of male evolutionary studies individuals separated by large periods of time Historical and Surnames usually retained by males; can make links genealogical research where paper trail is limited



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

Y-STRs Identify the Male Component even with Excess Female DNA Male DNA only Mixture of Male and Female DNA 800X female DNA

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

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
 - More like addition (10 + 10 + 10 = 30) than multiplication $(10 \times 10 \times 10 = 1,000)$

What has happened in the past few years...

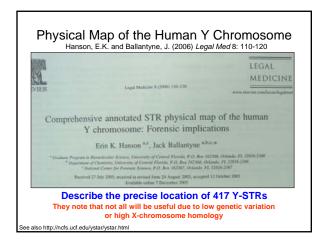
- "Full" Y-chromosome sequence became available in June 2003; over 350 Y-STR loci identified (only ~20 in 2000)
- Selection of core Y-STR loci (SWGDAM Jan 2003)
- Commercial Y-STR kits released
 - Y PLEX 6,5,12 (2001-03), PowerPlex Y (9/03), Yfiler (12/04)
- Many population studies performed and databases generated with thousands of Y-STR haplotypes
- · Forensic casework demonstration of value of Y-STR testing along with court acceptance

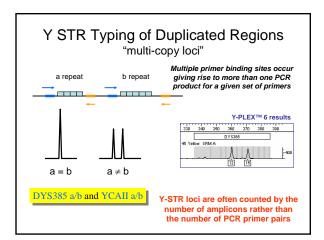
History of Y STR Marker Discovery

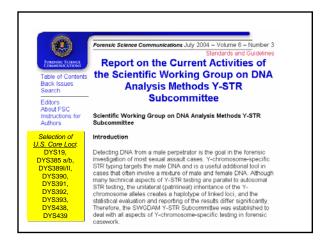
"Extended Haplotype" 1992 - DYS19 (Roewer et al.) 1994 - YCAI a/b, YCAII a/b, YCAIII a/b, DXYS156 (Mathias et al.) 1996 - DYS389I/III DYS390 DYS391 DYS392 DYS393 (Roewer et al.) 1996 - DYF371, DYS425, DYS426 (Jobling et al.) 1997 - DYS288, DYS388 (Kayser et al.) "Minimal Haplotype" **1998** - DYS385 a/b (Schneider et al.) 1999 - A7.1 (DYS460), A7.2 (DYS461), A10, C4, H4 (White et al.) 2000 - DYS434, DYS435, DYS436, DYS437, DYS438 DYS439 (Ayub et al.) 2000 - G09411 (DYS462), G10123 (de Knijff unpublished) SWGDAM core 2001 - DYS441, DYS442 (lida et al.) **2002** - DYS443, DYS444, DYS445 (lida et al.); DYS446, DYS447, DYS448, DYS449, DYS450, DYS452, DYS453, DYS454, DYS455, DYS456, DYS458, DYS459 a/b, DYS463, DYS464 a/b/c/d (Redd et al.) 2002 - DYS468-DYS596 (129 new Y STRs; Manfred Kayser GDB entries) 2003 - DYS597-DYS645 (50 new Y STRs; Manfred Kayser GDB entries)

2004-2006 - DYS648-726 (GDB entries)

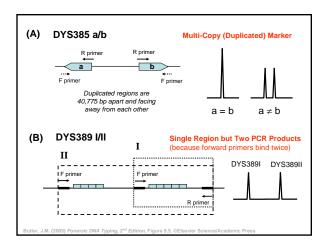
From J.M. Butler (2003) Recent developments in Y-STR and Y-SNP analysis. Forensic Sci. Rev. 15:91-111

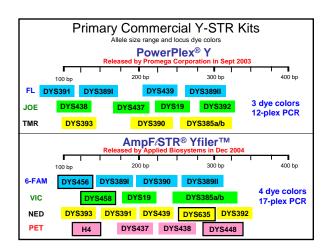


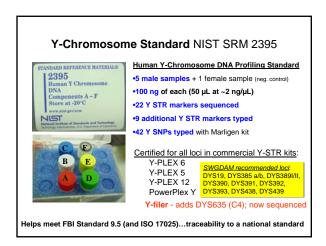


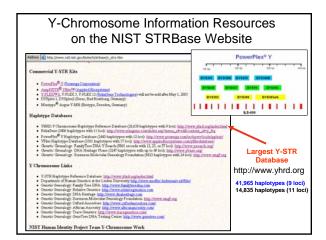


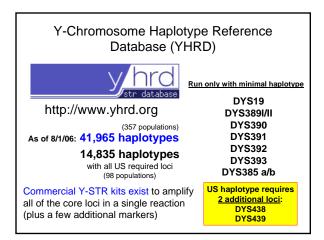
STR Marker	Position (Mb)	Repeat Motif	Allele Range	Mutation Rate
DYS393	3.17	AGAT	8-17	0.05%
DYS19	10.12	TAGA	10-19	0.20%
DYS391	12.54	TCTA	6-14	0.40%
DYS439	12.95	AGAT	8-15	0.38%
DYS389 I/II	13.05	[TCTG] [TCTA]	9-17 / 24-34	0.20%, 0.31%
DYS438	13.38	TTTTC	6-14	0.09%
DYS390	15.71	[TCTA] [TCTG]	17-28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











Haplotype Databases for Y-STR Kits

http://www.promega.com/techserv/tools/pplexy/http://www.appliedbiosystems.com/yfilerdatabase/

PowerPlex Y

- 1311 Caucasians
- 325 Asians 894 Hispanics
- 1108 African Americans 366 Native Americans
- 4,004 total

(as of March 2005)

Yfiler

- 1276 Caucasians
- 330 Asians
- 597 Hispanics 985 African Americans
- 106 Native Americans
- 105 Filipino
- 59 Sub-Saharan Africans
- 103 Vietnamese

3,561 total

(as of December 2004)

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

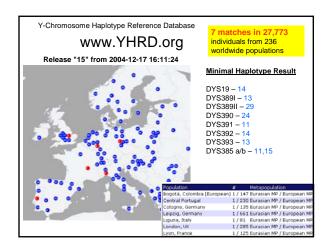
Core US Haplotype

- DYS19 14DYS389I 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

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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:

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

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

$$= 0.000252+0.000187=0.000439$$

$$= 0.044\% (-1 in 2270)$$

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 α 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% (~1 in 1340)**

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

National U.S. Y-STR Population Database

- Efforts underway at the University of Central Florida (with NIJ funding) to consolidate all U.S. data on Y-STR loci for population
- Data from ReliaGene, Promega, Applied Biosystems being gathered plus any forensic lab population sample data available

n	Current Y	-STR Data	abases
	AGENCY	# MARKERS	# SAMPLES
	NCFS	76	1,396
	University of AZ	38	2,518
	AB	17	3,561
	Promega	12	4,004
	Reliagene	11	4,623
	Proposed National Y-STR Database		16,102
	1-011C Database		
	Proposed National		29,187
	Y-STR Database		(54,863 MHL)
	with YHRD		NIJ
	Slide from Jack Ballantyne,	CODIS Conference (Oct 2006)	presentation

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 profile 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.

NIST Work with Father-Son Samples

- Samples obtained from paternity testing laboratory as buccal swabs, extracted with DNA-IQ, quantified, diluted to 0.5 ng/uL
- To-date: 100 father-son pairs of U.S. Caucasian, African American, Hispanic, and Asian (800 samples)
- Verified autosomal STR allele sharing with Identifiler (QC for gender and potential sample switches)
- Typed with Yfiler (17 Y-STRs) examined mutations

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
# 3113		
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 3.3% with
		12 Y-STRs
40	0.89390382	0.10609618

Gusmão, L., Butler, J.M., et al. (2006) Forensic Sci. Int. 157:187-197

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.

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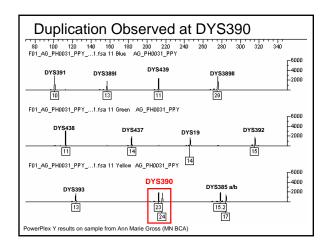
Yfiler kit loci	Lite	erature Sur	nmary *	NIST Results			
Locus	Mutations	# Meioses	Mutation Rate	Mutations	# Meioses	Mutation Rate	TOTAL
DYS19	12	7272	0.165%	0	297	0.000%	0.159%
DYS389I	11	5476	0.201%	3	297	1.010%	0.243%
DYS389II	12	5463	0.220%	3	297	1.010%	0.260%
DYS390	16	6824	0.234%	1	293	0.341%	0.239%
DYS391	23	6702	0.343%	0	297	0.000%	0.329%
DYS392	4	6668	0.060%	0	297	0.000%	0.057%
DYS393	4	5456	0.073%	0	298	0.000%	0.070%
DYS385a/b	22	9980	0.220%	0	297	0.000%	0.214%
DYS438	1	2434	0.041%	0	297	0.000%	0.037%
DYS439	12	2409	0.498%	2	296	0.676%	0.518%
DYS437	5	2395	0.209%	0	296	0.000%	0.186%
DYS448	0	143	0.000%	0	294	0.000%	<0.23%
DYS456	1	143	0.699%	1	296	0.338%	0.456%
DYS458	3	143	2.098%	2	297	0.673%	1.136%
DYS635	3	1016	0.295%	3	298	1.007%	0.457%
GATA-H4	3	1179	0.254%	2	296	0.676%	0.339%

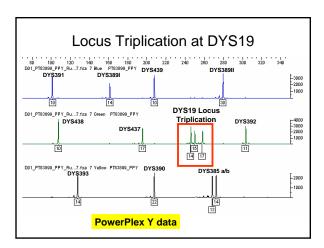
Mutations Seen in 100 African American Father-Son Pairs

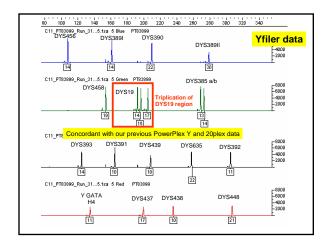
Ethnicity	Sample	locus	Allele (father)	Allele (child)	Comments
African American	65B	Y GATA H4	11	9	loss of 2 repeats
African American	46B	DYS389I and DYS389II	14,30	13,29	loss of 1 repeat
African American	58B	DYS389I and DYS389II	14,32	15,33	gain of 1 repeat
African American	18B	DYS390	24	23	loss of 1 repeat
African American	90B	DYS456	15	16	gain of 1 repeat
African American	16B	DYS458	18	19	gain of 1 repeat
African American	39B	DYS458	18	19	gain of 1 repeat
African American	16B	DYS635	23	22	loss of 1 repeat
African American	47B	DYS635	22	23	gain of 1 repeat
African American	72B	DYS635	22	23	gain of 1 repeat
African American	22B	DYS448	19,20	19,20	Duplication
African American	72B	DYS448	19,20	19,20	Duplication
African American	97B	DYS448	17.2,19,20	17.2,19,20	Triplication *
African American	33B	DYS389I and DYS389II			Deletion *
African American	33B	DYS439			Deletion *

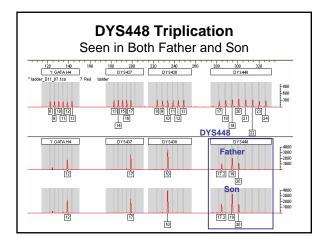
Locus Duplication and Deletion

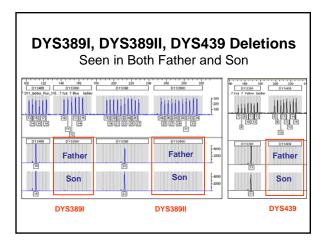
Events that impact Y-STR interpretation

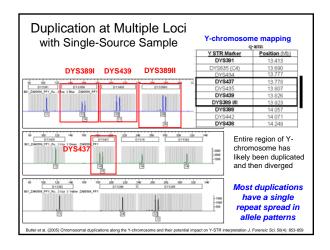


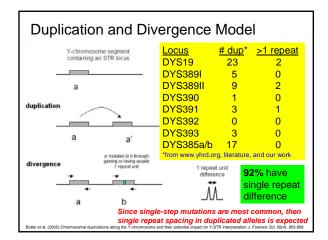










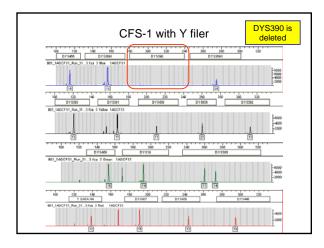


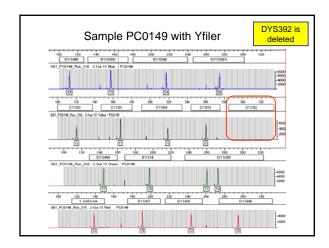
Deciphering between a Mixture of Multiple Males and Locus Duplication

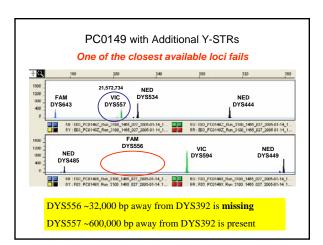
- Note the number of loci containing >1 allele (other than multi-copy DYS385)
- Consider relative position on the Ychromosome if multiple loci have two alleles
- See if repeat spread is >1 repeat unit
- Examine DYS385 for presence of >2 alleles

Locus duplication along the Y-chromosome is in many ways analogous to heteroplasmy in mitochondrial DNA, which depending on the circumstances can provide greater strength to a match between two DNA samples.

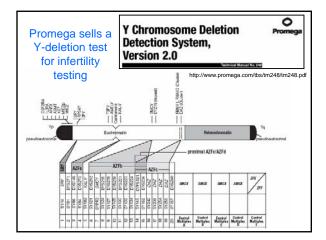
Butter et al. (2005) Chromosomal duplications along the Y-chromosome and their potential impact on Y-STR interpretation J. Forensic Sci. 50(4): 853-859







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

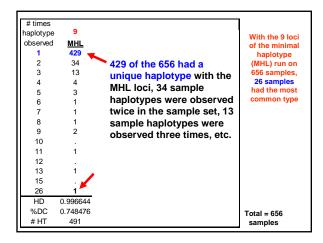


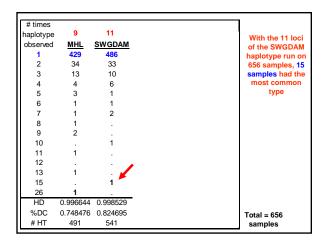
Going Beyond Commercial Y-STR Kits

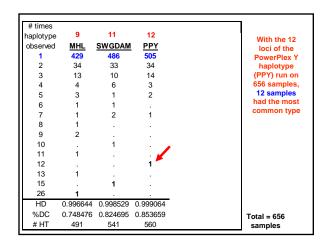
- Most forensic DNA laboratories (certainly in the U.S.) will only use commercially available kits due to quality control issues
- Using these kits as a starting point, are there additional loci that would be beneficial in separating samples with common types, which could be advocated to companies for possible future adoption in Y-STR kits?
- Is it possible to regularly resolve individuals from the same paternal lineage (e.g., fathers and sons) if enough Y-STRs are examined?

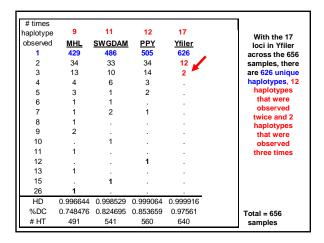
Data Set Used to Examine Common Types

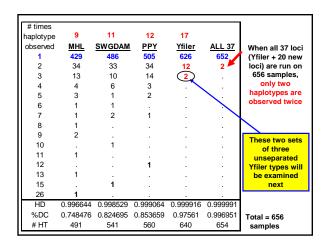
- Yfiler kit (17 Y-STR loci) run on all NIST male U.S. population samples
 - makes up ~20% of Applied Biosystems database
 - submitted to the YHRD
- Additional 20 Y-STR loci run on full set of NIST population samples (and several less polymorphic ones only on subset of samples)
 - Butler, J.M., Decker, A.E., Vallone, P.M., Kline, M.C. (2006)
 Allele frequencies for 27 Y-STR Loci with U.S. Caucasian, African American, and Hispanic samples. Forensic Sci. Int. 156:250-260.

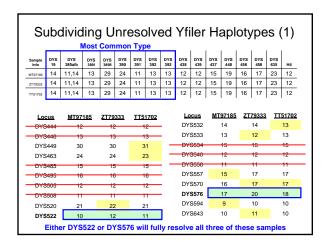


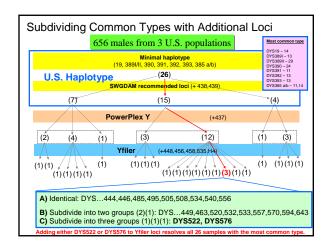


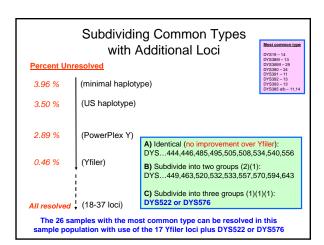


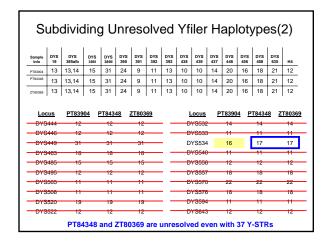


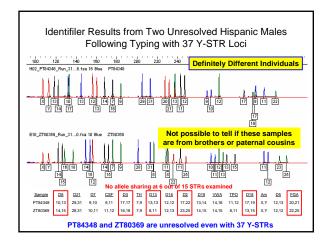












Summary on Subdividing Common Types

- 640 haplotypes were observed in the 656 U.S. population samples with the Yfiler loci: 626 were unique, 2 were observed 3 times, and 12 haplotypes were observed twice.
- With the addition of 20 new Y-STR loci, all but two sample pairs are resolved.
- In this sample set, the 7 Y-STRs (DYS532, DYS522, DYS576, DYS570, DYS505, DYS449, DYS534) have the same ability to resolve the sample haplotypes as all 20 new loci.
- These 7 loci will be the focus of future studies and multiplex assays.

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