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5. Peak information is automatically stored for easy retrieval



In the early 1990s the real question was how to transition from a gel to a capillary

- Cross-linked acrylamide gel filled capillaries were tried first
 - Reusable?
 - Bubble formation
 - Themal degradation
- · Alternative was to not use a gel at all
 - Refillable sieving polymers
 - However, resolution was poor early on

Early Work with CE and STRs

- Barry Karger's group (1988-1990)
 - Utilized gel-filled capillaries to separate ssDNA
 - Introduced sieving polymers in the form of linear polyacrylamide to separate restriction digests
- Beckman P/ACE 2050 is introduced in 1992 as the first commercially available CE coupled to a laser to enable fluorescence detection
- John Butler and Bruce McCord (1993-1995)
 First STR typing with single color CE using intercalating dyes and dual bracketing internal size standards
- Rich Mathies' group (1995)
 First STR typing with multi-color CE (and multi-capillary) using dye-labeled primers
- ABI 310 is introduced in July 1995 as the first commercially available multi-color CE



Requirements for Reliable STR Typing Butter *et al.* (2004) Electrophoresis 25: 1397-1412 • Reliable sizing over a 75-500 bp size region

- High run-to-run precision between processed samples to permit comparison of allelic ladders to sequentially processed STR samples
- Effective color separations of different dye sets used to avoid bleed through between 4 or 5 different colors
- Resolution of at least 1 bp to >350 bp to permit reliable detection of microvariant alleles



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Process Involved in 310 Analysis

Injection

- electrokinetic injection process (formamide, water)
- importance of sample stacking
- Separation
 - Capillary 50um fused silica, 43 cm
 - POP-4 polymer Polydimethyl acrylamide
 - Buffer TAPS pH 8.0
 - Denaturants urea, pyrolidinone
- Detection
 - fluorescent dyes with excitation and emission traits
 - CCD with defined virtual filters produced by assigning certain pixels



-1kV

electrode

ABI 310

+++

DNA

DNA-

DNA- DNA-

Electrokinetic

(voltage)







Typical Sample Preparation for ssDNA

- 1. Perform PCR with dye-labeled primers
- Dilute 1 µL PCR product with 24 µL deionized formamide; add 1 µL ROX-labeled internal sizing standard
- 3. Denature 2 minutes at 95 °C with thermocycler
- 4. Cool to 4 °C in thermocycler or ice bath
- 5. Sample will remain denatured for at least 3 days





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How to Improve Resolution?

- 1. Lower Field Strength
- 2. Increase Capillary Length
- 3. Increase Polymer Concentration
- 4. Increase Polymer Length

All of these come at a cost of longer separation run times



Detection Issues

- · Fluorescent dyes
 - spectral emission overlap
 - relative levels on primers used to label PCR products
 - dye "blobs" (free dye)
- Virtual filters
 - hardware (CCD camera)
 - software (color matrix)

Filters determine which wavelengths of light are collected onto the CCD camera

Laser Used in ABI 310

- Argon Ion Laser
- 488 nm and 514.5 nm for excitation of dyes
- 10 mW power
- Lifetime ~5,000 hours (1 year of full-time use)
- Cost to replace ~\$5,500
- Leads to highest degree of variability between instruments and is most replaced part
- Color separation matrix is specific to laser used on the instrument



Fluorescent Labeling of PCR Products

- Dyes are attached to one primer in a pair used to amplify a STR marker
- Dyes are coupled to oligonucleotides (primers) through NHS-esters and amine linkages on the 5'end of the primer: Dye-(CH₂)₆-primer
- Dye-labeled oligonucleotides are incorporated during multiplex PCR amplification giving a specific color "tag" to each PCR product
- PCR products are distinguished using CCD imaging on the 310

Filter G5

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JOE (Green)

ROX (Red)

CXR

Fluorescent Dyes Used in 4-Color

Detection

FAM (Blue)

TAMRA (Yellow)

EL.

NED

June 8, 2005 Virtual Filters Used in ABI 310 trum range seen in CCD camera 500 550 575 600 625 650 675 700 nm 525 Commonly used HEX T ROX LIZ fluorescent dyes ic the dye emission spectrum max Filter sets determine what Filter A regions of the CCD camera Filter C are activated and therefore what portion of the visible Filter F light spectrum is collected Filter G5 Filter A PowerPlex 16 JOE TET 6FAM HEX ROX in-house assays Filter C 5FAM 6FAM Profiler Plus Identifiler NED RO> PET JOE VIC

LIZ









Injection List in Data Collection Software

- · Lists samples to be analyzed (repeats can be easily performed)
- · Sets virtual filter on CCD camera
- · Sets electrophoresis time and voltage
- Sets injection time and voltage
- Sets run temperature
- If desired, sample analysis can be set up for automatic matrix color separation and sizing with internal standards using defined analysis parameters

Steps Performed in Standard Module

See J.M. Butler (2005) Forensic DNA Typing, 2nd Edition; Chapter 14

- Capillary fill polymer solution is forced into the capillary by applying a force to
- the syringe
 Pre-electrophoresis the separation voltage is raised to 10,000 volts and run for 5 minutes
- Water wash of capillary capillary is dipped several times in deionized water to remove buffer salts that would interfere with the injection process
- Sample injection the autosampler moves to position A1 (or the next sample in the sample set) and is moved up onto the capillary to perform the injection; a voltage is applied to the sample and few nanotiters of sample are pulled onto the end of the capillary, the default injection is 15 kV (kilovolts) for 5 seconds
- Water wash of capillary capillary is dipped several times in waste water to remove any contaminating solution adhering to the outside of the capillary
- Water dip capillary is dipped in clean water (position 2) several times
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- Electrophoresis autosampler moves to inlet buffer vial (position 1) and separation voltage is applied across the capillary; the injected DNA molecules begin separating through the POP-4 polymer solution
- Detection data collection begins; raw data is collected with no spectral deconvolution of the different dye colors; the matrix is applied during Genescan analysis

Ways to Increase Sample Throughput

- · Run more gels (FMBIO approach)
- Increase speed of single sample analysis (microchip CE systems)
- Multiplex fluorescent dyes of different colors (higher level PCR multiplexes)
- Parallel separations using capillary arrays (e.g., ABI 3100 or 3130)
- New detection technologies (MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry)



High-Throughput STR Typing o	n the ABI 3100 (16-capillary array)
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Inside the 3100 Oven Seal 1 mL syringe Better temp Loads polymer control $5 \, \text{mL}$ syringe Capillary array Polymer reservoir Oven fan Detection window Autosampler Buffer reservoir















Spatial Calibration Spatial Results Performed after: Installing or replacing a capillary array Good Results Removal of the array from the detection block, (Due to the design, to remove the upper polymer block for cleaning you must remove the Array from the detection window) Bad results Information Provided: Try again Position of the fluorescence from each capillary on the CCD

Maintenance of ABI 3100

- Syringe leaks cause capillary to not fill properly
- Capillary storage & wash it dries, it dies!
- · Pump block cleaning helps insure good fill
- · Change the running buffer regularly

YOU MUST BE CLEAN AROUND A CE!

Spectral Calibration

- Performed:
 - New dye set on the instrument
 - After Laser or CCD camera has been realigned
 - You begin to see a decrease in the spectral separation (pull-up, pull-down).
- You must have a valid separation matrix on the instrument prior to running samples.













Data from ABI 3100 During the Run Matrix is applied during the data collection so if there is a problem, the sample must be REINJECTED <u>after</u> a new matrix is applied rather than applying a new matrix to any raw data as can be done on the ABI 310...



Consumables for ABI 310/3100 What we use at NIST • A.C.E.TM Sequencing Buffer 10X (Amresco) - \$155/L = \$0.0155/mL 1X buffer (costs 20 times less!) - http://www.amresco-inc.com • 3700 POP-6 Polymer (Applied Biosystems) - \$530 / 200 mL = \$2.65/mL (costs 20 times less!) What ABI protocols suggest • 10X Genetic Analyzer Buffer with EDTA - \$78/25 mL = \$0.312/mL 1X buffer (ABI)

3100 POP-4 Polymer
 – \$365 / 7 mL = \$52/mL



		for 500 samples		factor for 500	Total Cost
	Part Number	Quantity Provided	Cost	1000 runs with P+C	
Capillaries	402839	5/pk (47cm x 50 um uncoated)	\$294	2	\$588
POP-4 polymer	402838	5 mL	\$196	2	\$392
Buffer, Genetic Analyzer 10X	402824	25 mL	\$78	1	\$78
Sample tubes (0.5 mL)	401957	500/pk	\$52	2	\$104
Septa for tubes	401956	500/pk	\$163	2	\$326
Formamide, Hi-Di	4311320	25 mL (for ~1000-1500 samples)	\$29	1	\$29
GS500-ROX size standard	401734	800 tests/pk	\$260	1.25	\$325
Matrix standards	4312131	5FAM, JOE, NED, ROX	\$70	1	\$70
PCR tubes, strips	N801-0580	1000/pk	\$76	1	\$76
PCR tube caps	N801-0535	1000/pk	\$60	1	\$60
Pipet tips		~\$0.10/tip x 550 tips	\$55	2	\$110
Profiler Plus STR kit	4303326	100 tests/kit	\$2,018.94	5	\$10,095
COfiler STR kit	4305246	100 tests/kit	\$1,816.54	5	\$9,083
Syringe, Kloehn 1.0 mL	4304471	each	\$82	1	\$82
Genetic Analyzer vials, 4 mL	401955	50/pk	\$62	1	\$62
18-tube sample trav kit	402867	each	\$230	1	\$230



Identifiler 5 µL PCR Protocol

Identifiler PCR amplification was carried out on a GeneAmp[®] 9700 using 1 ng of DNA according to kit protocols with the exception of reduced volume reactions (5 μ L instead of 25 μ L) and reduced cycles (26 instead of 28).

Amplification products were diluted 1:15 in Hi-DiTM formamide and GS500-LIZ internal size standard (0.3 uL) and analyzed on the 16-capillary ABI Prism[®] 3100 Genetic Analyzer <u>without prior denaturation</u> of samples.

 $\mathsf{POP^{rm}-6}$ (3700 POP6) rather than $\mathsf{POP^{rm}-4}$ was utilized for higher resolution separations.

Allele calls were made in Genotyper[®] 3.7 by comparison with kit allelic ladders using the Kazaam macro (20% filter).

Butler JM, Schoske R, Vallone PM, Redman JW, Kline MC. Allele frequencies for 15 autosomal STR loc on U.S. Caucasian, African American, and Hispanic populations. *J Forensic Sci* 2003; 48(4):908-911.

Overall Thoughts on the ABI 310/3100

- Settling on a common instrument platform has been good for the forensic DNA community in terms of data consistency (this is also true with the use of common STR kits)
- I am concerned that the community is very dependent primarily on one company...
- I really like using the instrument and can usually get nice data from it
- · Like any instrument, it has its quirks...







Locus Name	Chromosomal Location	Physical Position *	
CSF1PO	5q33.1 c-fms proto-oncogene, 6 th Intron	Chr 5 149.484 Mb	Position of Each
FGA	4q31.3 alpha fibrinogen, 3≅ intron	Chr 4 156.086 Mb	in Human Genome
TH01	11p15.5 tyrosine hydroxylase, 1# Intron	Chr 11 2.156 Mb	
TPOX	2p25.3 thyroid peroxidase, 10 th intron	Chr 2 1.436 Mb	
₩A	12p13.31 von Willebrand Factor, 40 th Intron	Chr 12 19.826 Mb	Peview article on core STP
D351358	3p21.31	Chr 3 45.543 Mb	loci genetics and genomics
D55818	5q23.2	Chr 5 123.187 Mb	to be published this fall
D75820	7q21.11	Chr 7 83.401 Mb	
D851179	8q24.13	Chr 8 125.863 Mb	
D135317	13q31.1	Chr 13 80.52 Mb	
D165539	16q24.1	Chr 16 86.168 Mb	
D18551	18q21.33	Chr 18 59.098 Mb	
D21511	21q21.1	Chr 21 19.476 Mb	From Table 5.2, Forensic DNA Typing, 2 nd Edition, p. 96 (J.M. Butler, 2005)





PCR Product Size (bp)	Same DNA Sample Run with Each of the ABI STR Kits
D3S1358 vWA FGA	Blue Power of Discrimination 1:5000
Amel TH01 TPOX CSF1PO	Green I 1:410
D351358 TH01 D13S317 CSF1PO Amel D5S818 WWA TPOX F6A D75820	Profiler™ 1:3.6 x 10 ⁹
Amel D851179 VWA D135317 D351359D58518 D21511 FGA D75820 D18551	Profiler Plus™ 1:9.6 x 10 ¹⁰
D351356 TH01 TPOX D75820 Amel D165539 CSF1PO	COfiler™ 1:8.4 x 10 ⁵
Amel DSS1178 WVA D195433 DSS1179 TH01 D21S11 D16S539 D18S51 D195433 FEA D2S138	SGM Plus™ 1:3.3 x 10 ¹²



Promega Co	rporation Autosomal ST	R Kits
Kit Name	STR Loci Included	Random Match Probability with Author's Profile*
PowerPlex 1.2	CSF1PO, TPOX, TH01, VWA, D16S539, D13S317, D7S820, D5S818	7.4 x 10 ⁻¹⁰
PowerPlex ES	FGA, TH01, VWA, D3S1358, D8S1179, D18S51, D21S11, SE33, amelogenin	1.3 x 10 ⁻¹⁰
PowerPlex 16	CSF1PO, FGA, TPOX, TH01, VWA, D3S1358, D5S818, D7S820, D8S1179, D13S317, D16S539, D18S51, D21S11, Penta D, Penta E, amelogenin	1.2 x 10 ⁻¹⁸
*Allele frequencies used for rr individuals) from U.S. Caucas Forensic Sci 48:908-11, Reio et al. (2001) J Forensic Sci 44 corrections) were not made w	andom match probability calculations (to ian population data associated with Butk let al. (2003) J Forensic Sci 48:1422-3, 3:736-61. Subpopulation structure adjustr ith these calculations (i.e., only p ² and 2	unrelated er et al. (2003) J and Levadokou ments (theta pq were used).

Kit Name	STR Loci Included	
AmpFISTR Blue	D3S1358, VWA, FGA	1.0 x 10 ⁻³
AmpFISTR Green I	Amelogenin, TH01, TPOX, CSF1PO	7.8 x 10 ⁻⁴
AmpFISTR COfiler	D3S1358, D16S539, Amelogenin, TH01, TPOX, CSF1PO, D7S820	2.0 x 10 ⁻⁷
AmpFISTR Profiler Plus	D3S1358, VWA, FGA, Amelogenin, D8S1179, D21S11, D18S51, D5S818, D13S317, D7S820	2.4 x 10 ⁻¹¹
AmpFISTR Profiler Plus ID	D3S1358, VWA, FGA, Amelogenin, D8S1179, D21S11, D18S51, D5S818, D13S317, D7S820 (extra unlabeled D8-R primer)	2.4 x 10 ⁻¹¹
AmpFISTR Profiler	D3S1358, VWA, FGA, Amelogenin, TH01, TPOX, CSF1PO, D5S818, D13S317, D7S820	9.0 x 10 ⁻¹¹
AmpFISTR SGM Plus	D3S1358, VWA, D16S539, D2S1338, Amelogenin, D8S1179, D21S11, D18S51, D19S433, TH01, FGA	4.5 x 10 ⁻¹³
AmpFISTR SEfiler	FGA, TH01, VWA, D3S1358, D8S1179, D16S539, D18S51, D21S11, D2S1338, D19S433, SE33, amelogenin	5.1 x 10 ⁻¹⁵
AmpFISTR Identifiler	CSF1PO, FGA, TPOX, TH01, VWA, D3S1358, D5S818, D75820, D8S1179, D13S317, D16S539, D18S51, D21S11, D2S1338, D19S433, amelogenin	7.2 x 10 ⁻¹⁹











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Content of STRBase Website http://www.cstl.nist.gov/biotech/strbase

- .../str fact.htm STR Fact Sheets on Core Loci .../multiplx.htm Multiplex STR Kit Information
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