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ADDENDUM

USE OF MOLECULAR MARKERS
FOR INFRINGEMENT DETECTION IN HYBRID CROPS

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Use of Molecular Markers for Misuse Detection in Hybrid Crops

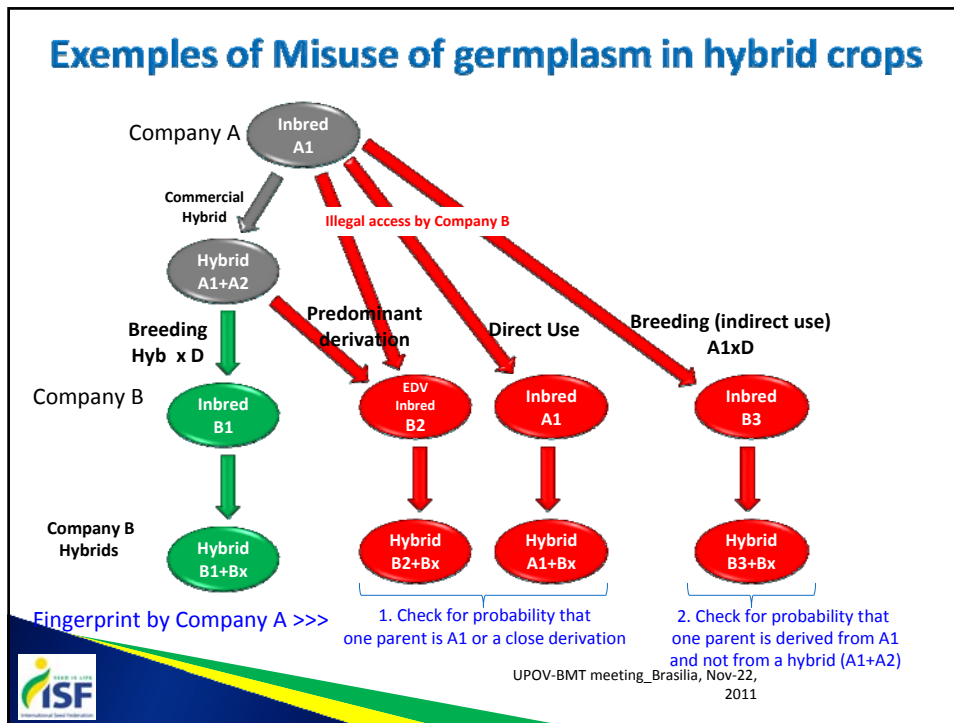
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Introduction

- ▶ Focus on hybrid crops,
 - Common misconception: *Misuse detection options are limited when considering hybrids.*
- ▶ Most common types of germplasm misuse:
 - **Direct use;** misappropriated inbred parent is used to produce a hybrid,
 - **Predominant derivation;** slightly different 'copy' of parental line is developed and used in hybrid combination,
 - **Derivation from illegally accessed source;** parental line is illegally accessed to start new breeding population, resulting in a new inbred progeny.



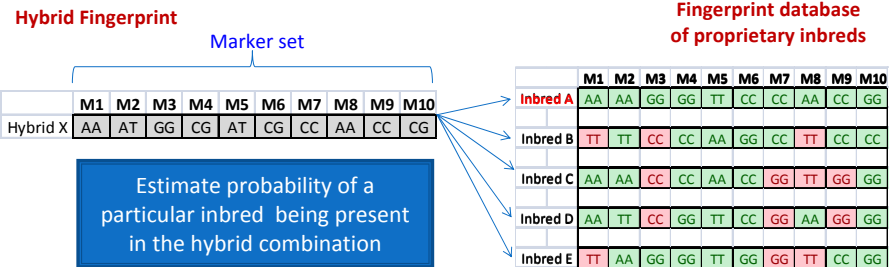


Complexity of hybrid genotyping

- ▶ In hybrids, ~ 40-60% of the markers are heterozygotes, making fingerprint analysis and misuse detection more complex.
- ▶ Hybrids can be more complex than just single crosses (three-way cross and double-cross hybrids).
- ▶ In most countries, inbred parents are not available for DNA fingerprinting, and it would rely on fingerprinting hybrids.

1. Detection of Direct use or Predominant derivation:

Hybrid fingerprint is tested for suspected parentage relationship with proprietary inbreds.



- **Test parentage hypothesis** . By using thousands of SNP markers, it is possible to establish parentage relationship with high probability (Infinium 50 K SNP markers chip is publicly available)

- Algorithms are needed to screen large number of potential permutations (Multiple hybrids by multiple proprietary inbreds, at thousands of marker loci)

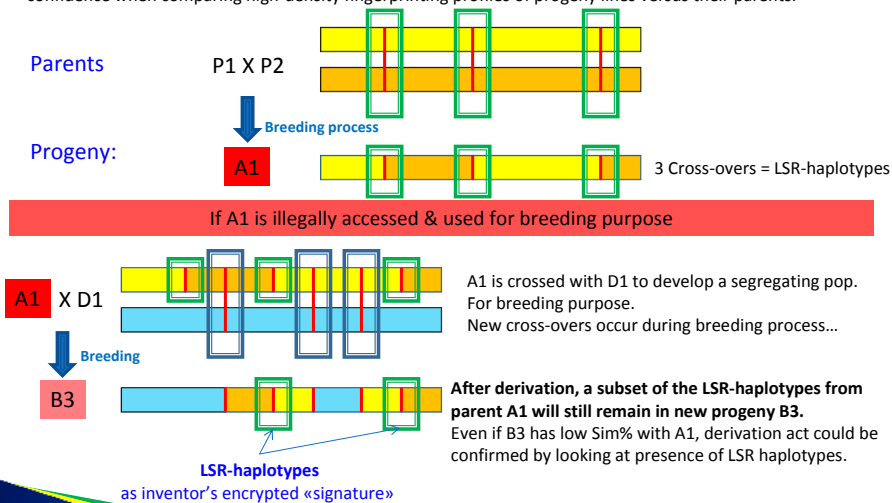


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Use of haplotype sequences as a proof of derivation

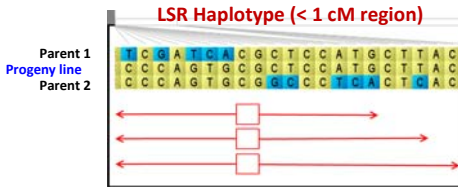
DNA recombination «Cross-overs» occur during derivation-breeding.

Such Line Specific Recombination (LSR) events provide unique haplotypes that can be identified with confidence when comparing high-density fingerprinting profiles of progeny lines versus their parents.



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LSR-haplotypes as efficient IP protection tool



- Generally, LSR haplotypes have 3 components:
 1. Monomorphic region
 2. Left flanking set of markers
 3. Right flanking set of markers
- Length of these flanking regions is optimized for strong specificity, trying to keep the region small (<1 cM)

• Some 20-25 LSR haplotypes could be identified for an individual inbred line.

Inbred	Pedigree	LSR-ID#	Chr.	Pos.	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	A10	A11	A12	A13	A14	A15	A16				
INBRED A1	P1 x P2	LSR-A01	1	118.8-119.2	X	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	0			
		LSR-A02	2	119.6-119.7	X	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	0			
		LSR-A03	2	120.0-120.1	X	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	0			
		LSR-A04	3	156.6-158.8	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	0	X	0	X	0	0	0	0			
		LSR-A05	5	134.5-135.4	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	X	0	X	0	X	X	X			
		LSR-A06	7	58.2-59.3	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	X	0	0	0	X	0	0	0	X			
		LSR-A07	7	117.9-118.8	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	X	0	X	X	0	X	0	X			
		LSR-A08	9	133.2-134.1	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	X	0	X	0	X	0			
										Non related lines					Cycle 1 derivation					Cycle 2 derivation				

• A set of 15-20 LSR haplotypes, evenly distributed across the genome, is sufficient for accurate tracking of parental origin.



2. Detection of indirect use (unauthorized access + derivation):

Objective: Check hybrids for presence of particular proprietary LSR haplotypes

Proprietary Fingerprinting and LSR haplotypes Database

INBRED A	LSRA1	LSRA2	LSRA3	LSRA4	LSRA5	LSRA6	LSRA7	LSRA8	LSRA9	LSRA10	LSRA11	LSRA12	LSRA13	LSRA14						
INBRED B	LSRB1	LSRB2	LSRB3	LSRB4	LSRB5	LSRB6	LSRB7	LSRB8	LSRB9	LSRB10	LSRB11	LSRB12	LSRB13	LSRB14	LSRB15	LSRB16				
INBRED C	LSRC1	LSRC2	LSRC3	LSRC4	LSRC5	LSRC6	LSRC7	LSRC8	LSRC9	LSRC10	LSRC11	LSRC12	LSRC13	LSRC14	LSRC15	LSRC16	LSRC17	LSRC18		
INBRED D	LSRD1	LSRD2	LSRD3	LSRD4	LSRD5	LSRD6	LSRD7	LSRD8	LSRD9	LSRD10	LSRD11	LSRD12	LSRD13	LSRD14	LSRD15					

Fingerprint of LSR-A1 haplotype

	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	M12	M13	M14	M15	M16	M17	M18	M19	M20	
Inbred A	LSR-A1	AA	AA	TT	GG	GG	AA	CC	CC	AA	TT	TT	AA	CC	CC	GG	CC	TT	TT	AA	GG

High-density Fingerprinting of Hybrids (50 K SNP markers):

>> Algorithm to assess fit between hybrid sequence and a particular LSR haplotype.

Hybrid Name	Versus	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	M9	M10	M11	M12	M13	M14	M15	M16	M17	M18	M19	M20
HYBRID X	LSR-A1	AT	TT	TT	GG	GC	TT	GC	CC	AA	AT	AT	AA	GC	CC	GC	GG	TT	AA	TT	GC
HYBRID Y	LSR-A1	AT	AA	TT	GC	GC	AA	GC	CC	AA	AT	AT	AA	GC	CC	GC	CC	AT	TT	AA	GC
HYBRID Z	LSR-A1	TT	AA	AA	CC	GC	AA	GC	GG	TT	AT	AT	TT	GG	CC	GC	GG	AA	AA	AA	CC

>> Detect suspected presence of some LSR haplotypes in hybrid fingerprint

- with probability assigned to each LSR window
- with probability assigned to a derivation act, when fit is ascertained at multiple LSR windows.



