

Prioritizing somatic variants: Approaches to identifying key variants through functional impact & recurrence



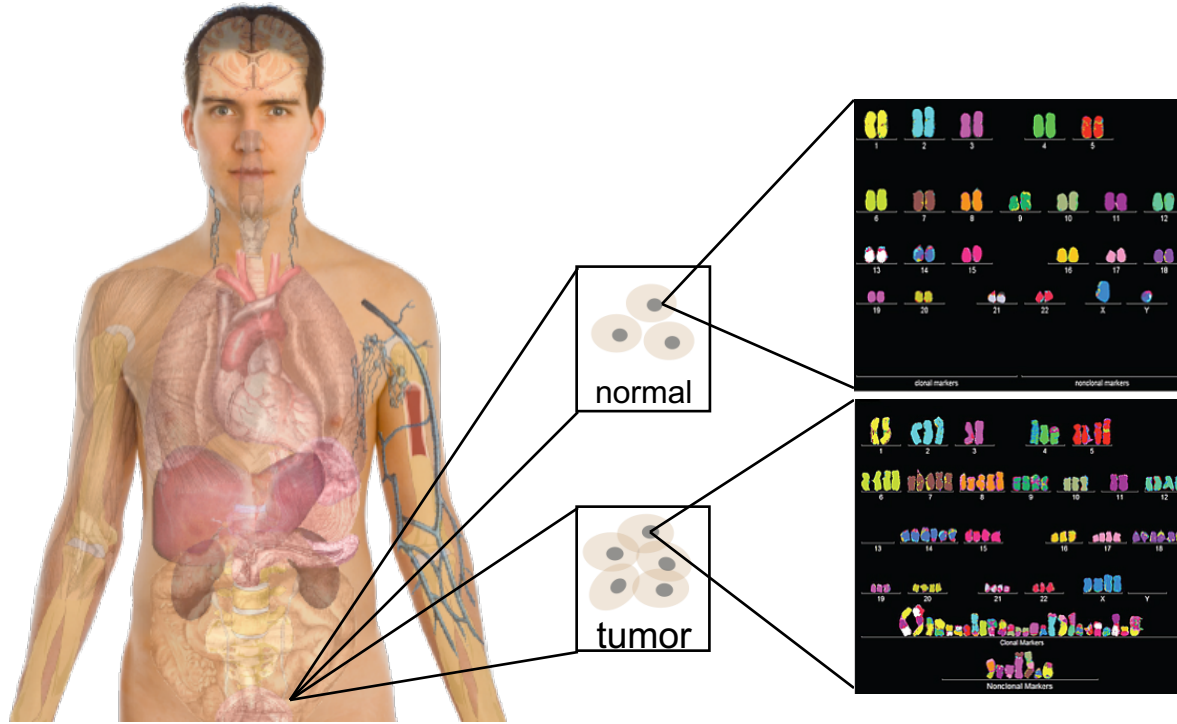
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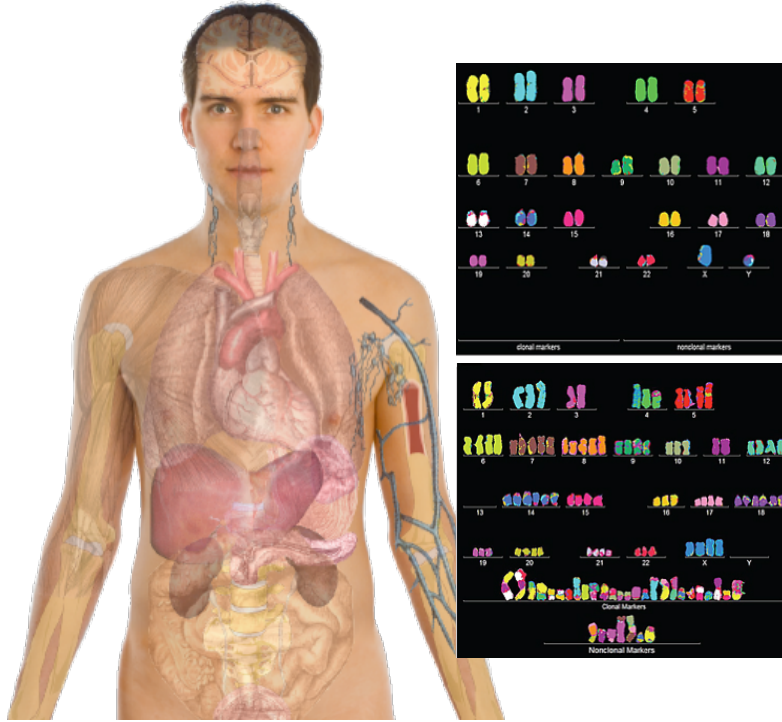
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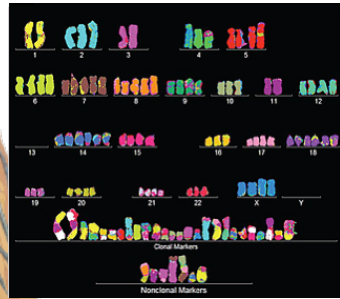
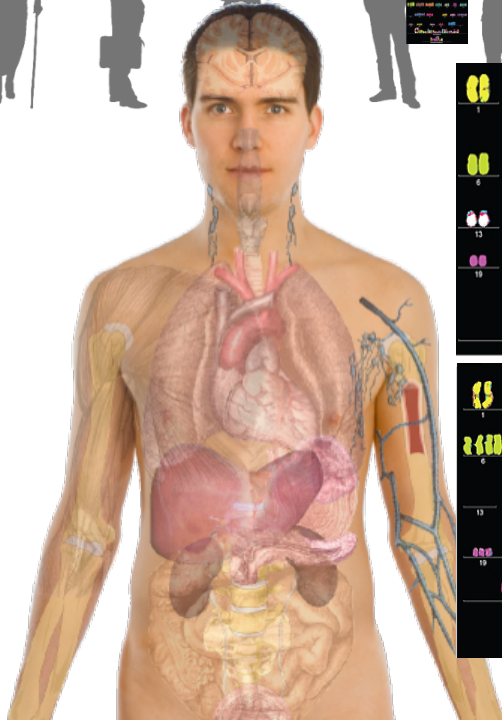
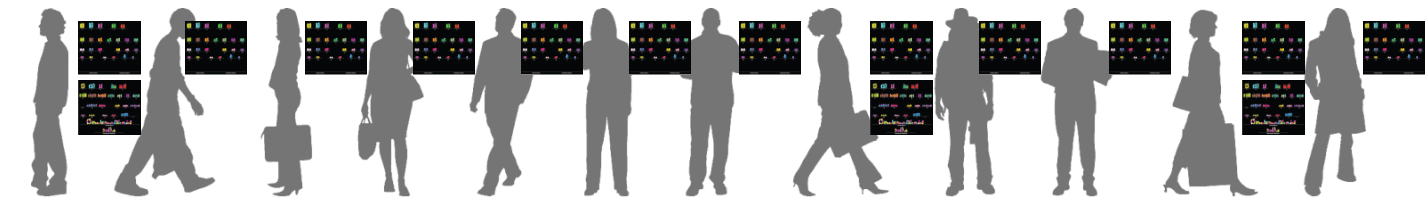
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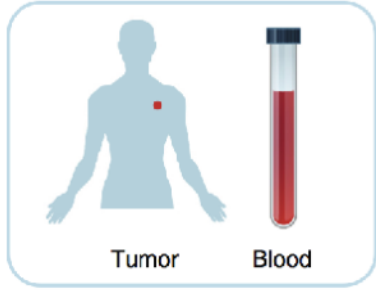




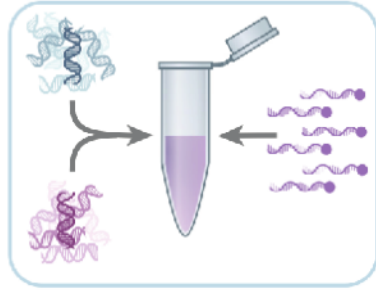
Key variants will increasingly play essential roles in precision medicine



1. General diagnosis



2. Sample extraction



3. Sample preparation



4. Sequencing



5. Analysis



6. Review

Database of variants



Clinical report

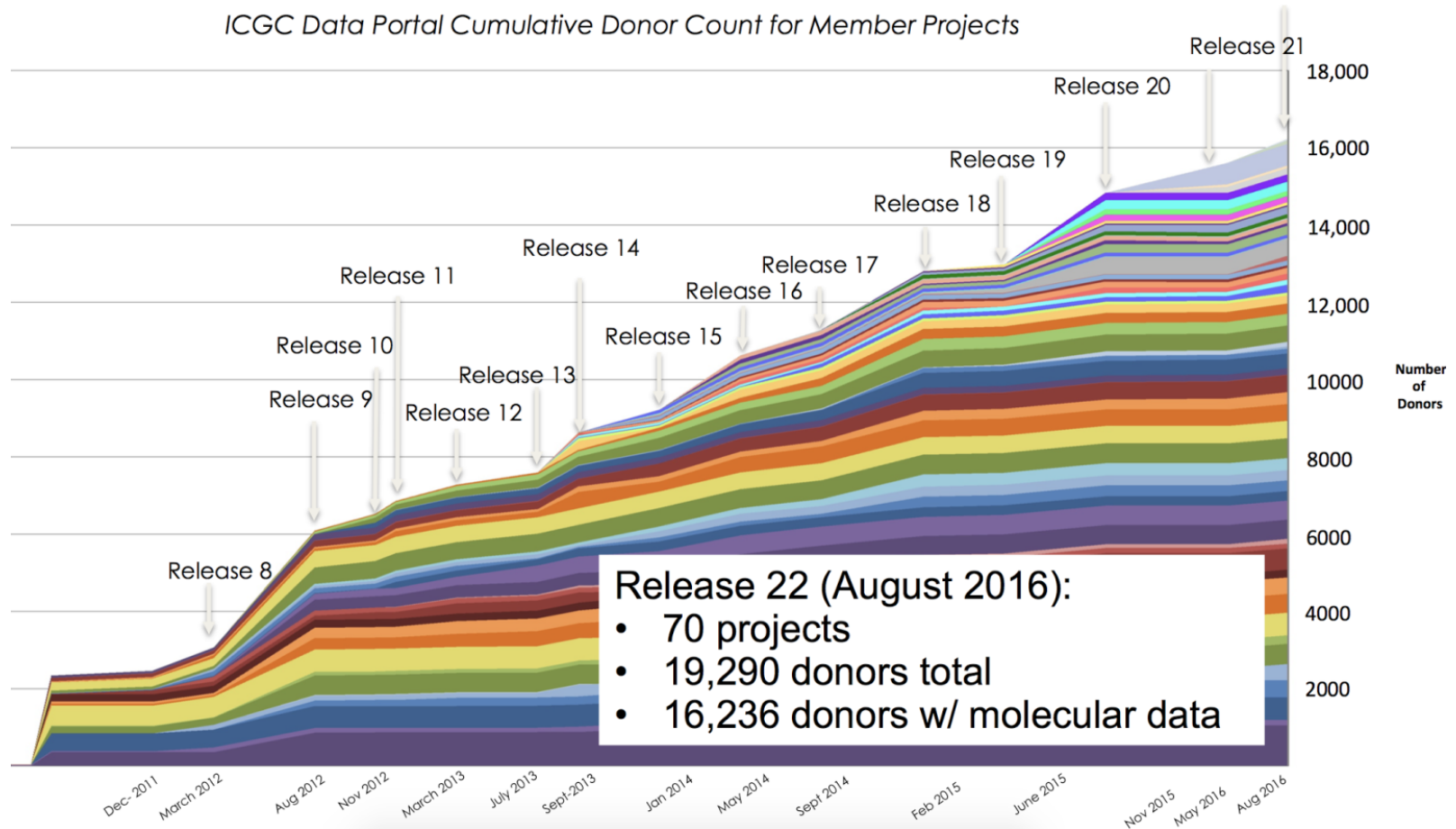
Trial matching

Refined diagnosis (ex: sub-cancer type)

Growth of ICGC datasets

Release 22
70 ICGC
projects

ICGC Data Portal Cumulative Donor Count for Member Projects



Canonical model of drivers & passengers in cancer

Drivers

directly confer a selective growth advantage to the tumor cell.

A typical tumor contains 2-8 drivers.

identified through signals of positive selection.

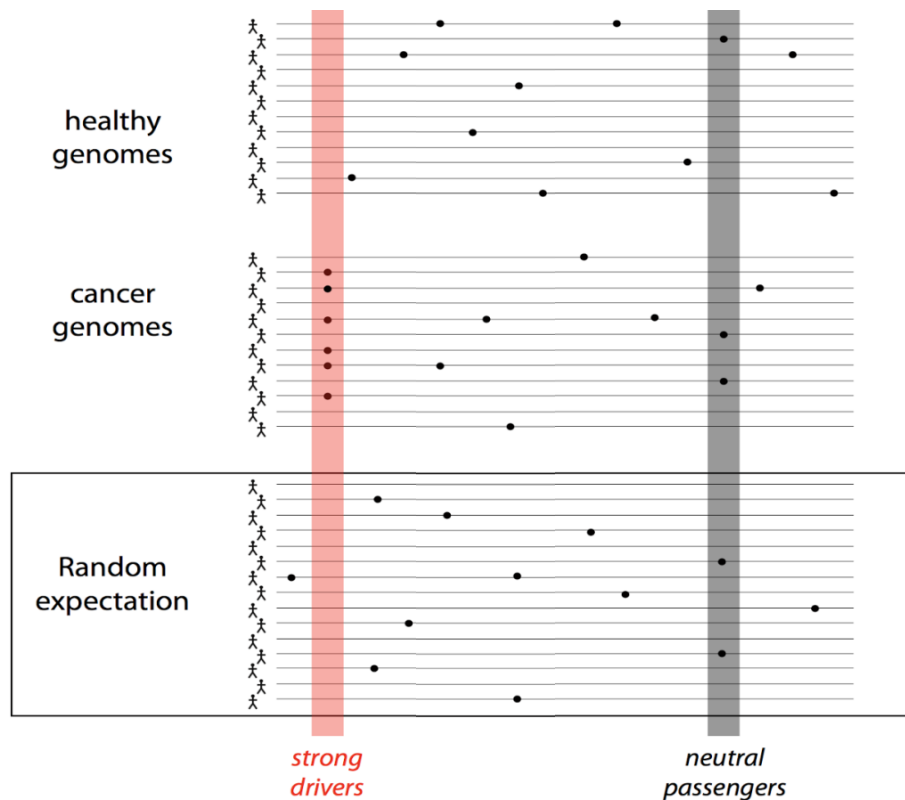
Existing cohorts of ~100s give enough power to identify

Passengers

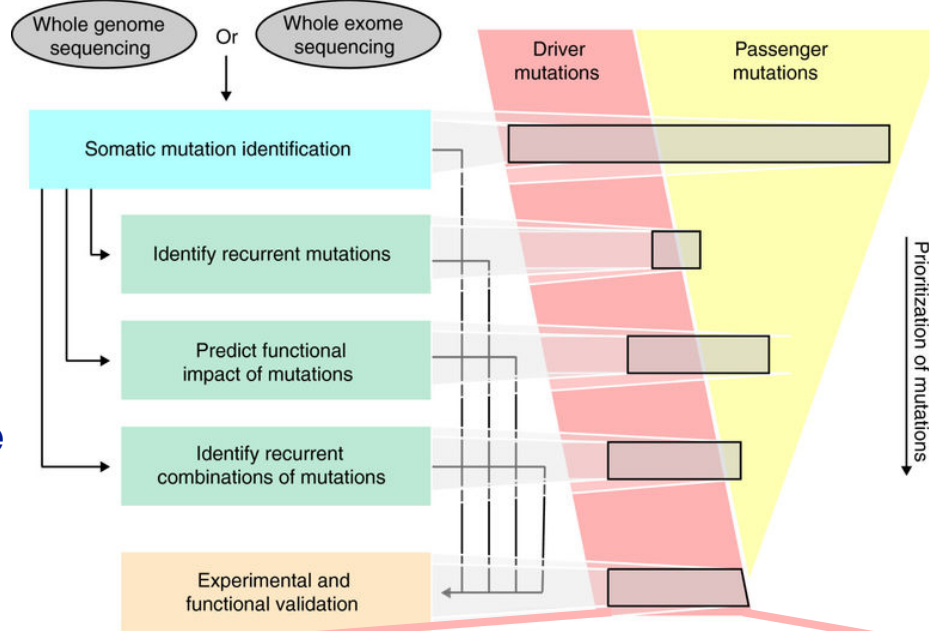
Conceptually, a passenger mutation has no direct or indirect effect on tumor progression.

There are 1000s of passengers in a typical cancer genome.

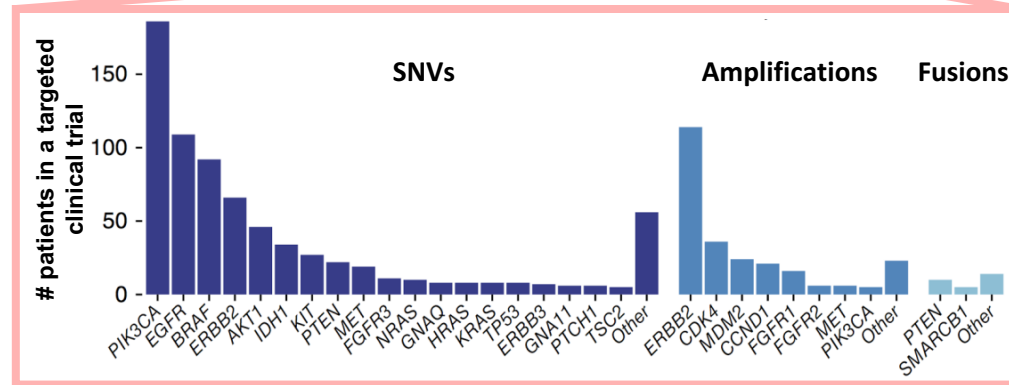
[Vogelstein Science 2013. 339:1546]



Prioritizing key variants identifies drivers to better enable more precise diagnostics and targeted therapies



Identifying select driver variants from the large pool of candidate variants



Number of patients in matched clinical trials identified on the basis of actionable variants in different genes

Top: Raphael, et al., Genome Med. (2014)
 Bottom: Modified from Zehir et al, Nat. Med (2017)

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Variant Annotation Tool (VAT)

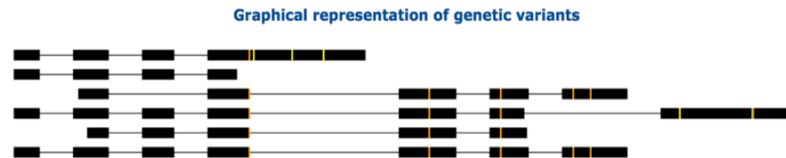
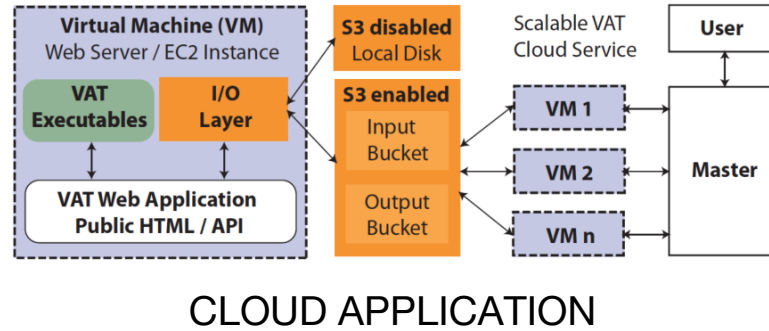
VCF Input

Output:

- Annotated VCFs
- Graphical representations of functional impact on transcripts

Access:

- Webserver
- AWS cloud instance
- Source freely available



vat.gersteinlab.org

Habegger L. *, Balasubramanian S. *, et al. *Bioinformatics*, 2012

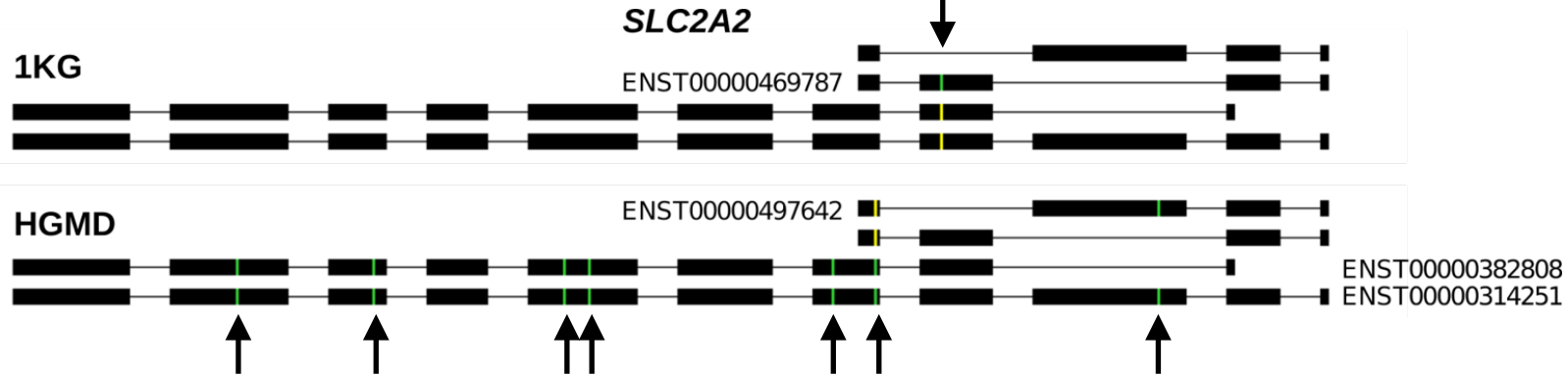
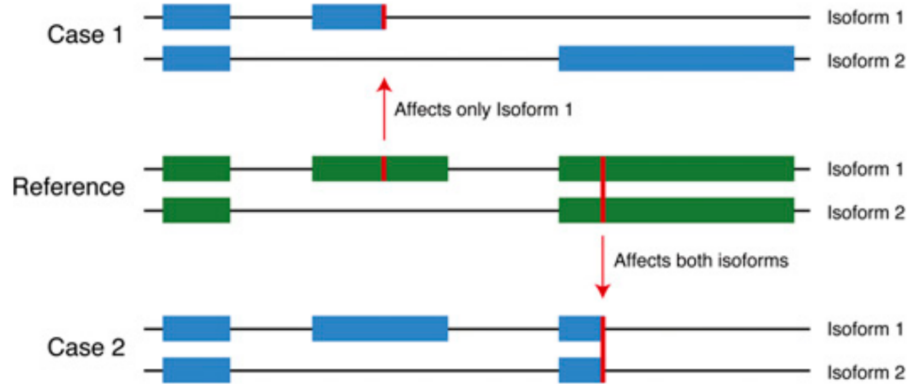
Complexities in LOF annotation

Transcript isoforms,
distance to stop,
functional domains,
protein folding,
etc.

Balasubramanian S. et al., *Genes Dev.*, '11

Balasubramanian S.*, Fu Y.* et al., *NComms.*, '17

Impact of a SNP on alternate splice forms



Annotation of Loss-of-Function Transcripts (ALoFT)

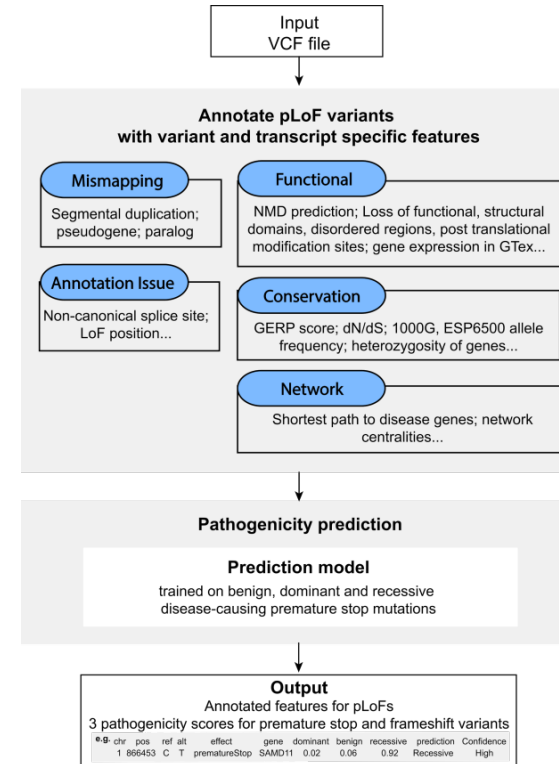
Runs on top of VAT

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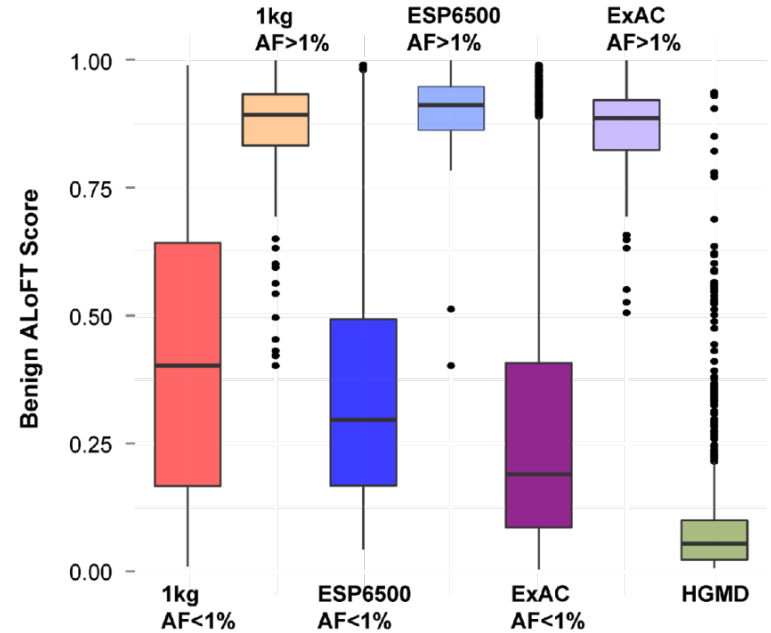
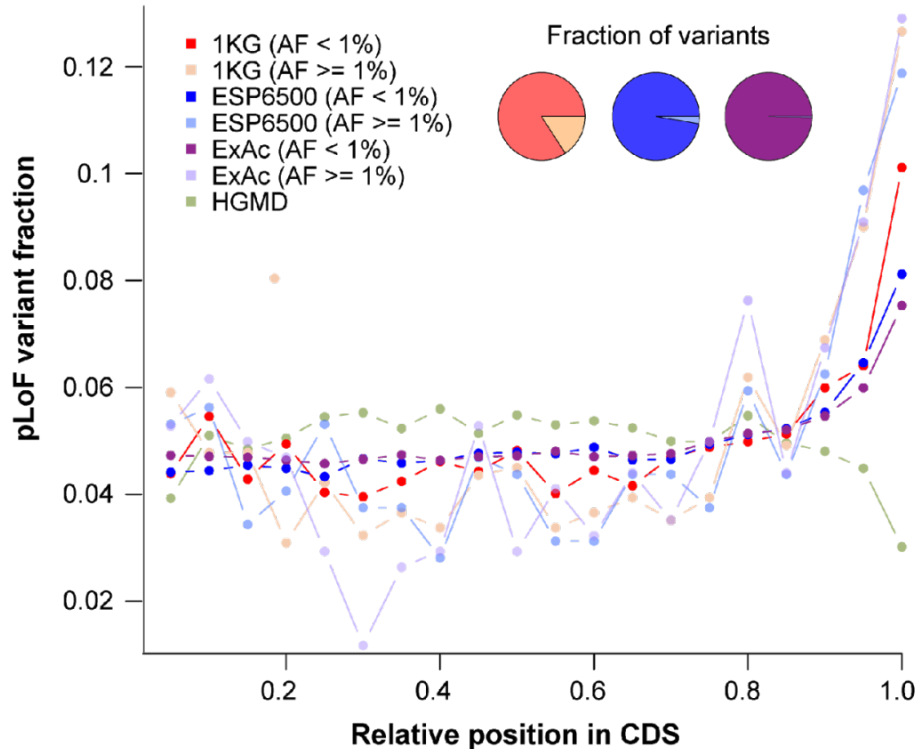
- Impact score: benign or deleterious.
- Confidence level.
- Annotated VCF.

Access:

- Software package: aloft.gersteinlab.org
- GitHub: github.com/gersteinlab/aloft



LoF distribution varies as expected by mutation set (from healthy people v from disease)



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ALoFT identifies deleterious somatic LoF variants

Cancer genes:

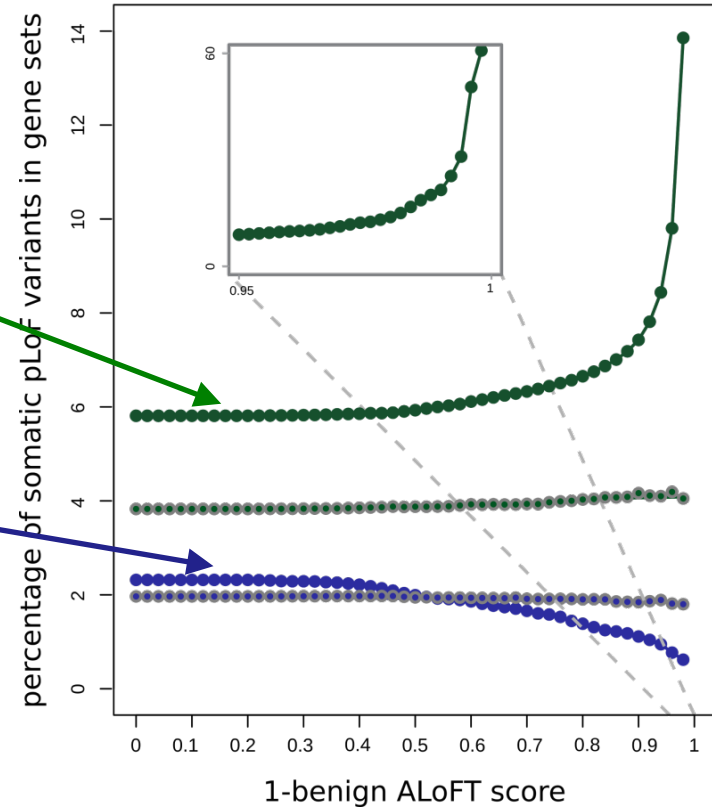
- COSMIC consensus.
- *Enriched in deleterious LoFs.*

LoF tolerant genes:

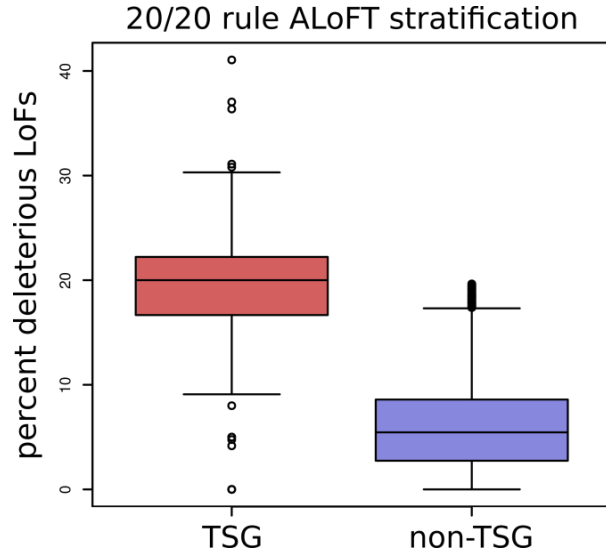
- LoF in the 1KG cohort.
- *Depleted in deleterious LoFs.*

cancer genes vs. LoF tolerant genes

- 504 cancer genes
- 387 LoF-tolerant genes
- 504 random genes
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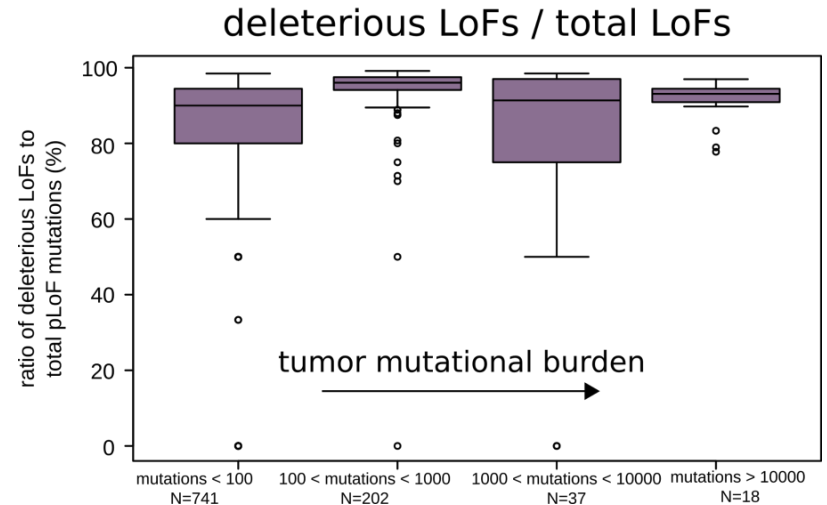
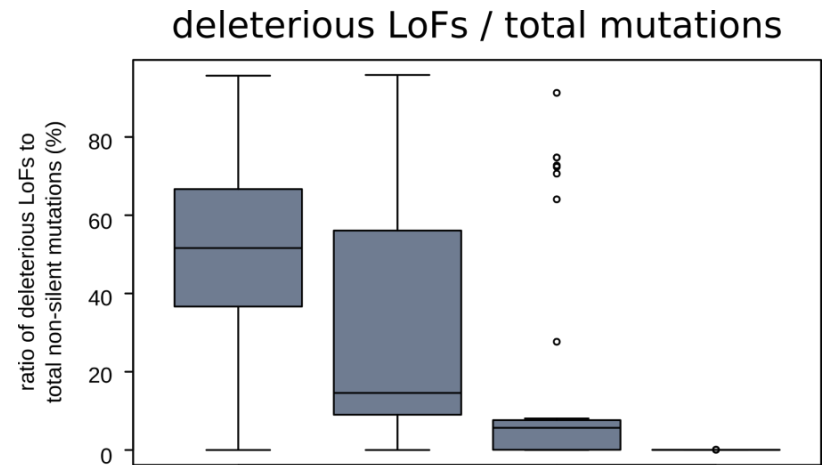


ALoFT refines cancer mutation characterization



Vogelstein *et al.* '13: if >20% of mutations in gene inactivating → tumor suppressor gene (TSG).

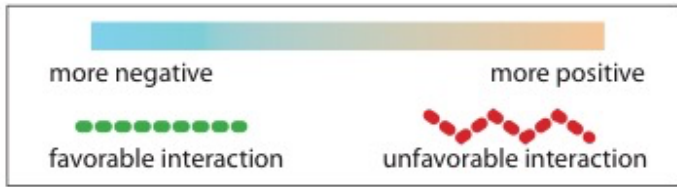
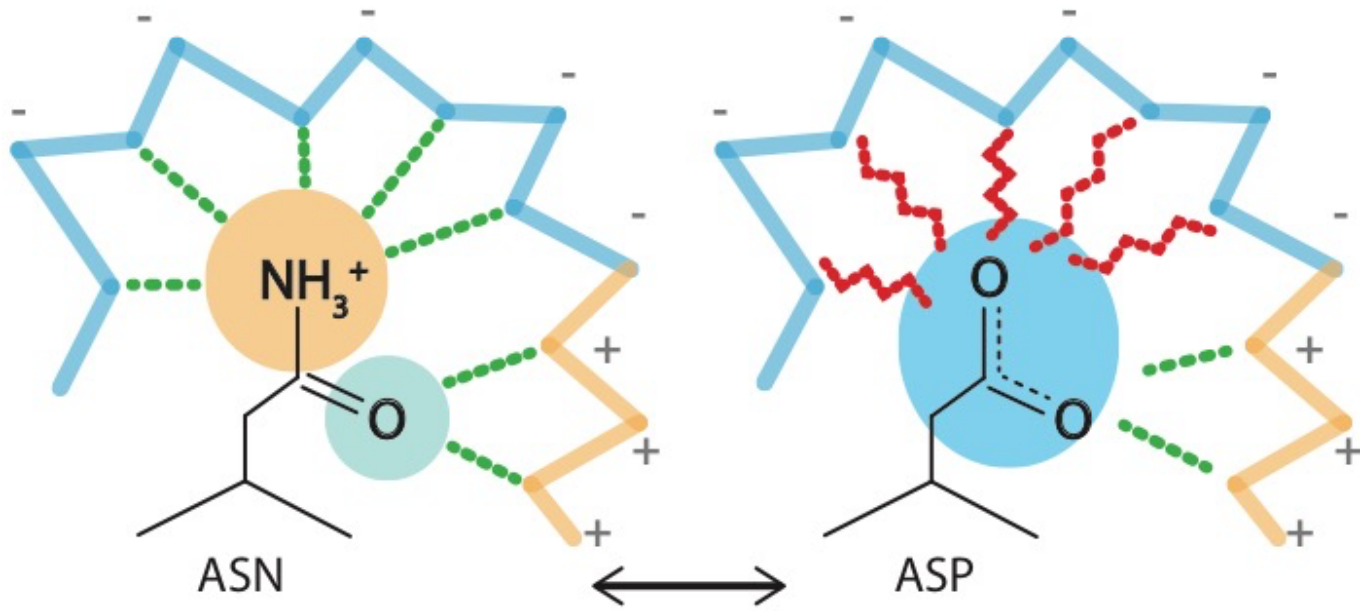
ALoFT further refines 20/20 rule predictions.



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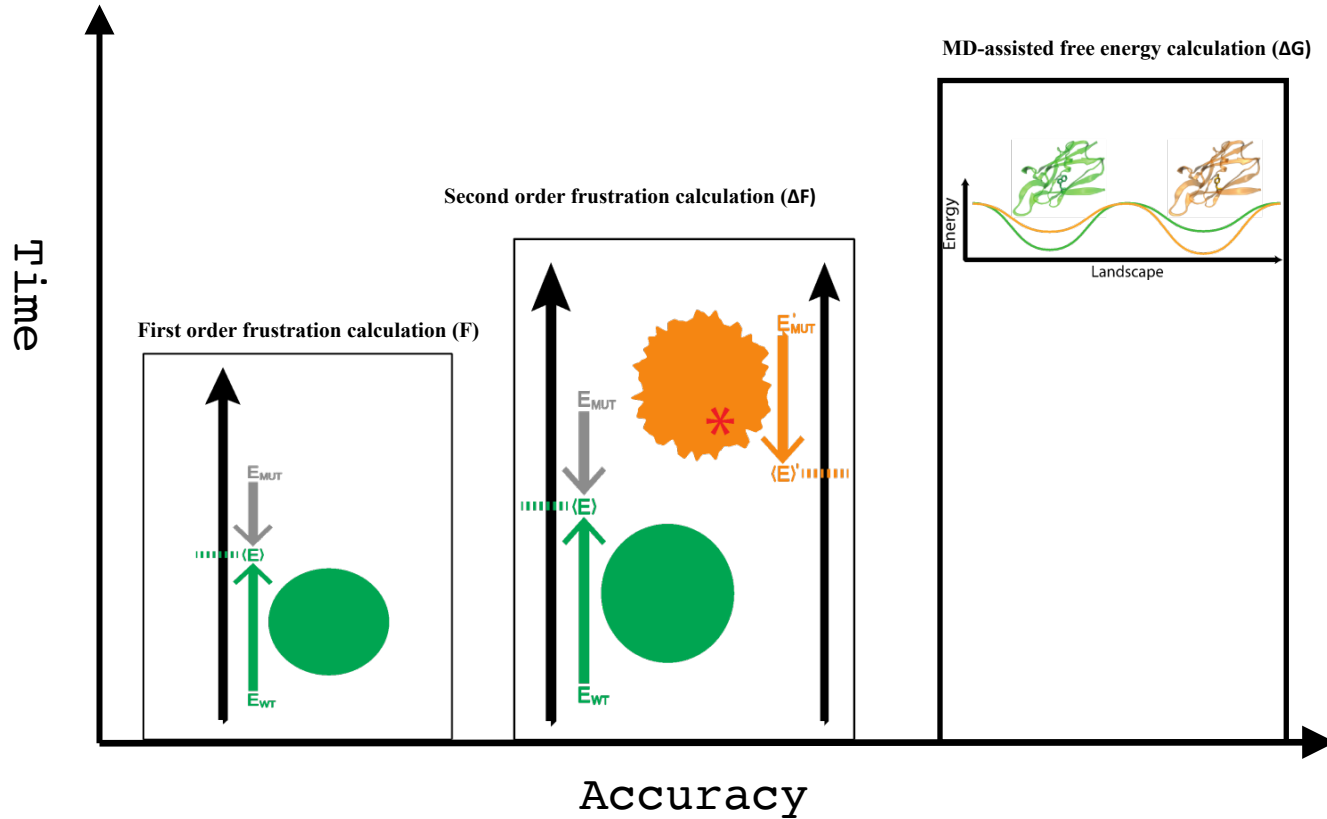
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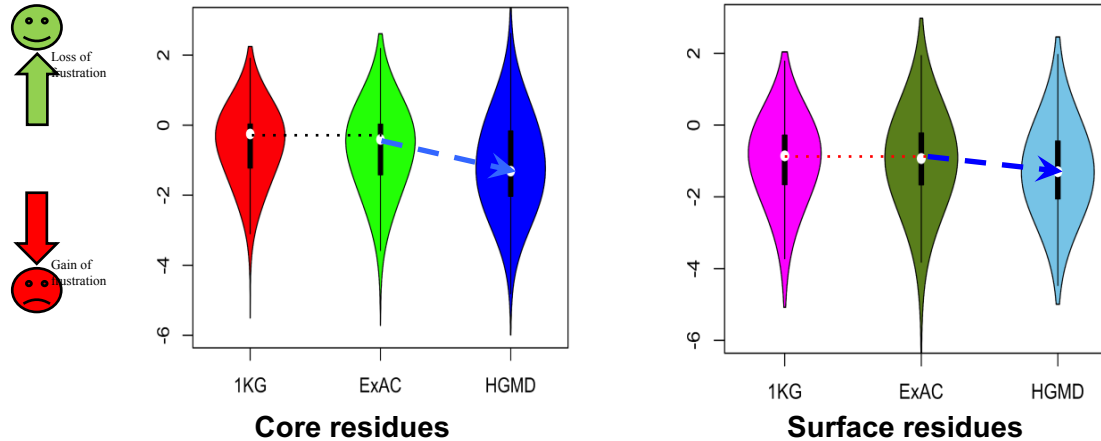


What is localized frustration ?

Complexity of the second order frustration calculation

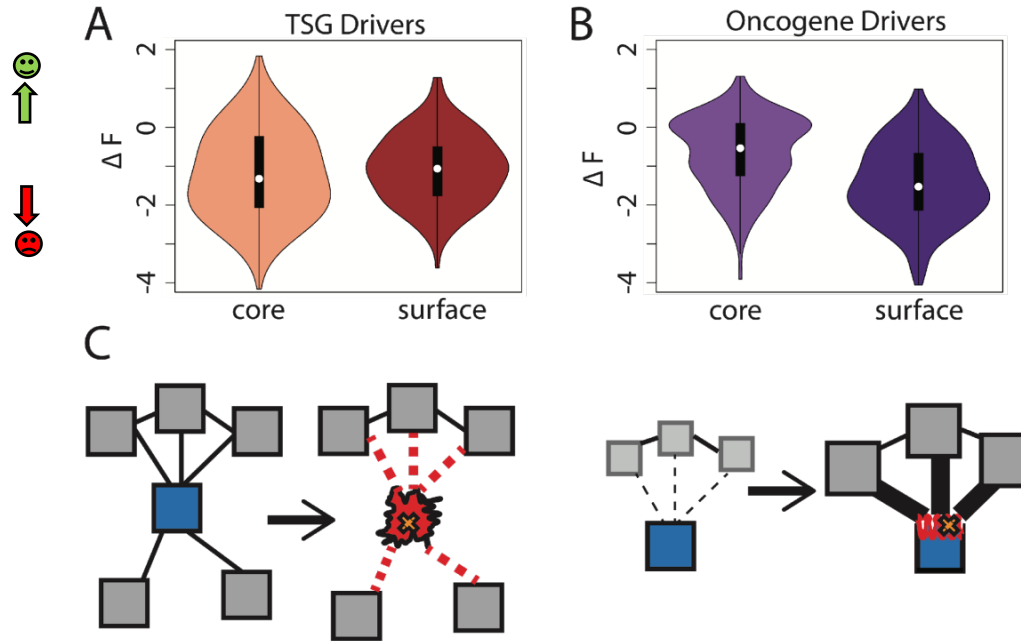


Comparing ΔF values across different SNV categories: disease v normal



Normal mutations (1000G) tend to unfavorably frustrate (less frustrated) surface more than core, but for disease mutations (HGMD) no trend & greater changes

Comparison between ΔF distributions: TSGs v. oncogenes



SNVs in TSGs change frustration more in core than the surface, whereas those associated with oncogenes manifest the opposite pattern. This is consistent with differences in LOF v GOF mechanisms.

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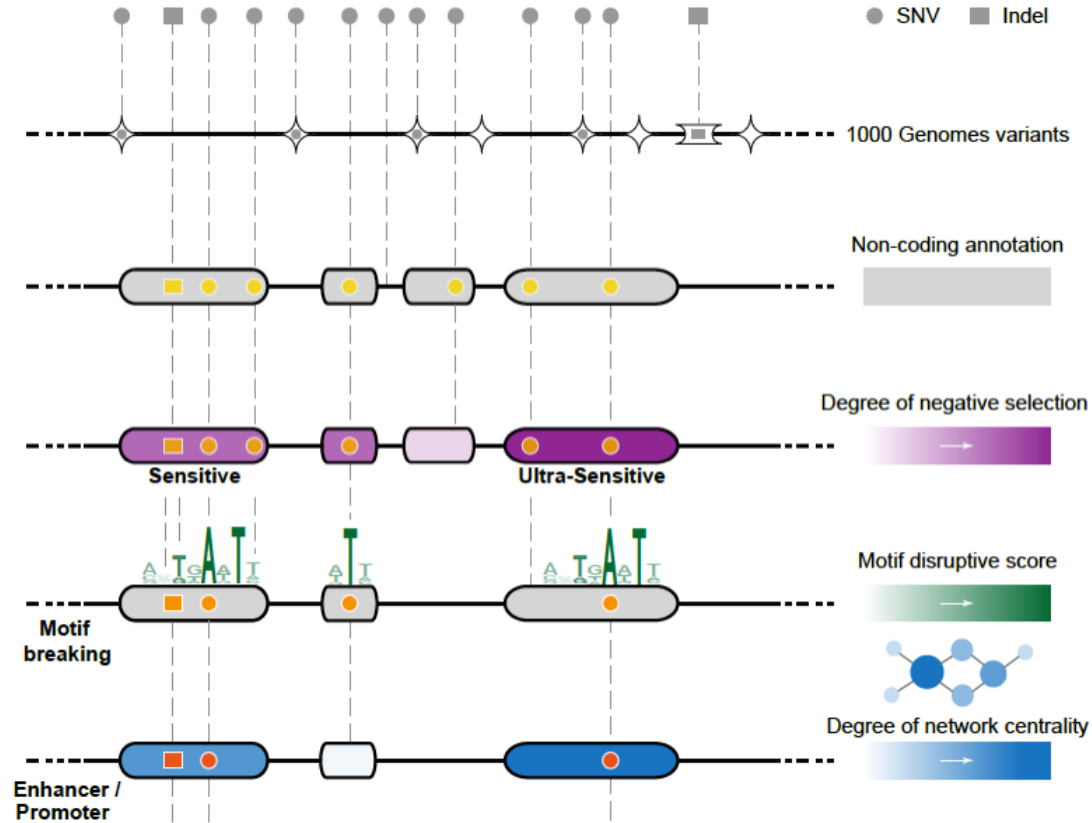
Funseq: a flexible framework to determine functional impact & use this to prioritize variants

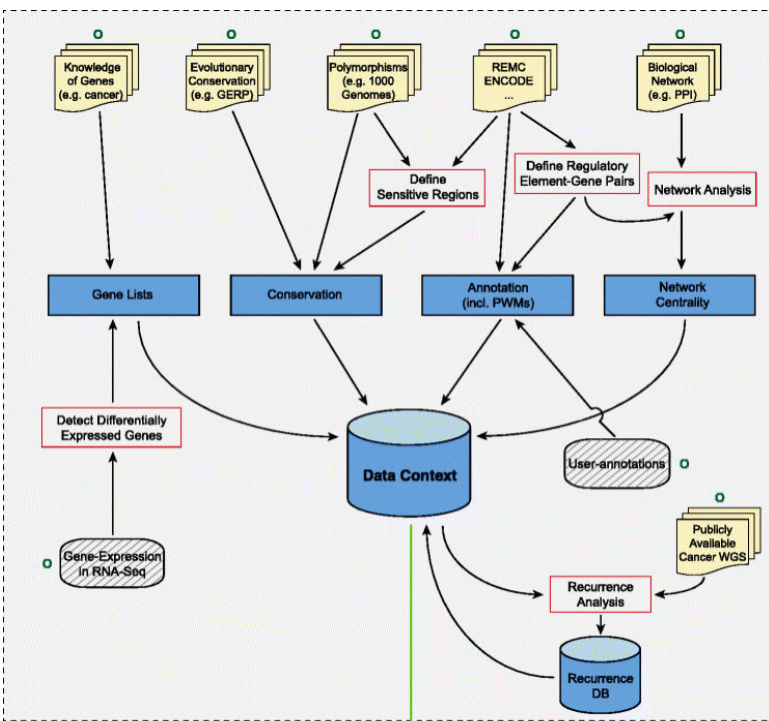
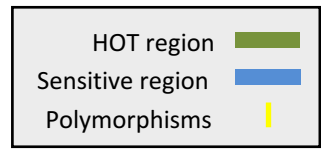
Annotation (tf binding sites open chromatin, ncRNAs) & Chromatin Dynamics

Conservation (GERP, allele freq.)

Mutational impact (motif breaking, Lof)

Network (centrality position)





Genome



$$w_d = 1 + p_d \log_2 p_d + (1 - p_d) \log_2 (1 - p_d)$$

- Entropy based method for weighting consistently many genomic features
- Practical web server
- Submission of variants & pre-computed large data context from uniformly processing large-scale datasets

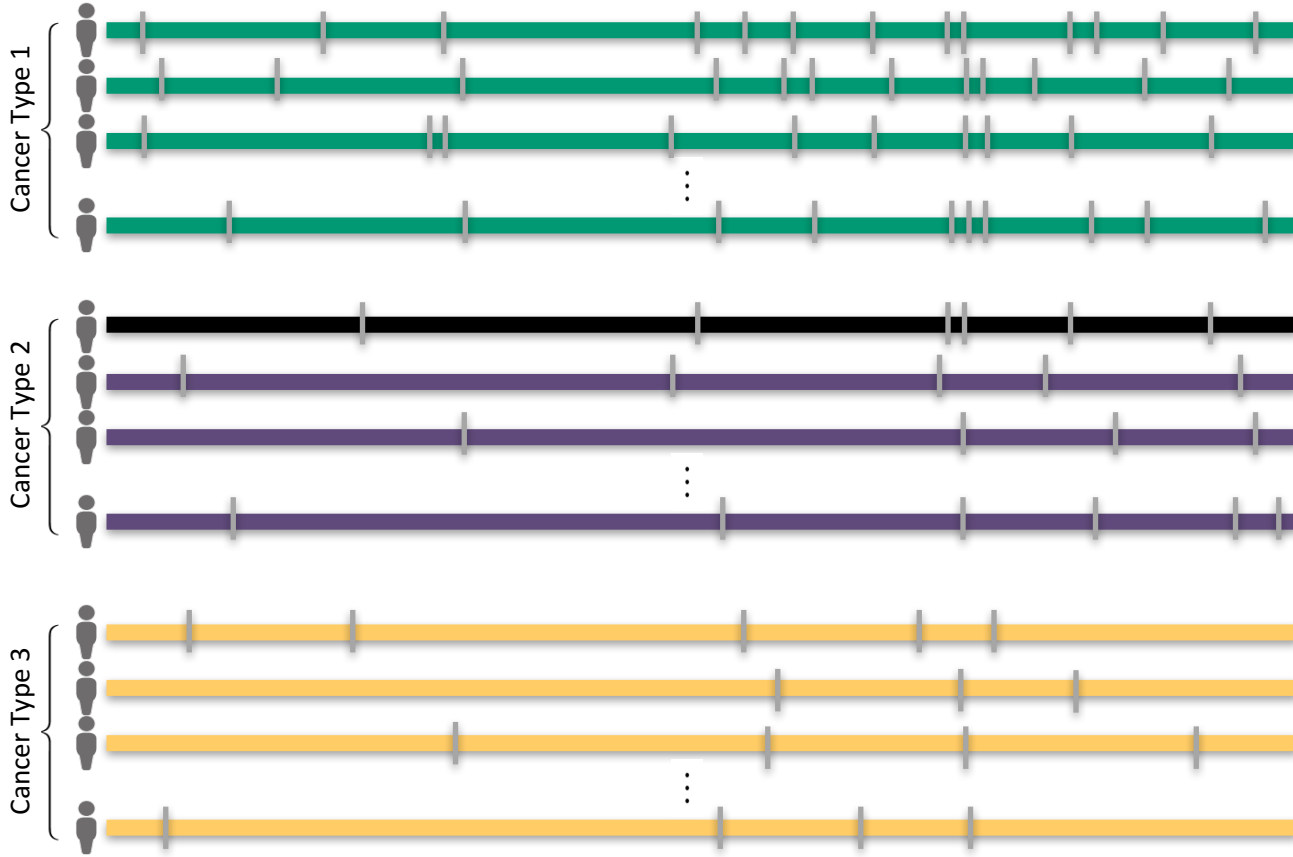
The screenshot shows the FunSeq2 web interface. The 'Upload' section shows a 'User Cancer Variants' input being processed. The 'Analysis' results page includes an overview, instructions, and a form for input files. A legend at the bottom left identifies the symbols used in the flowchart: a red box for 'Process', a yellow folder for 'Pre-collected data', a green circle for 'User-optional input', and a hatched oval for 'User-specific input/output'.

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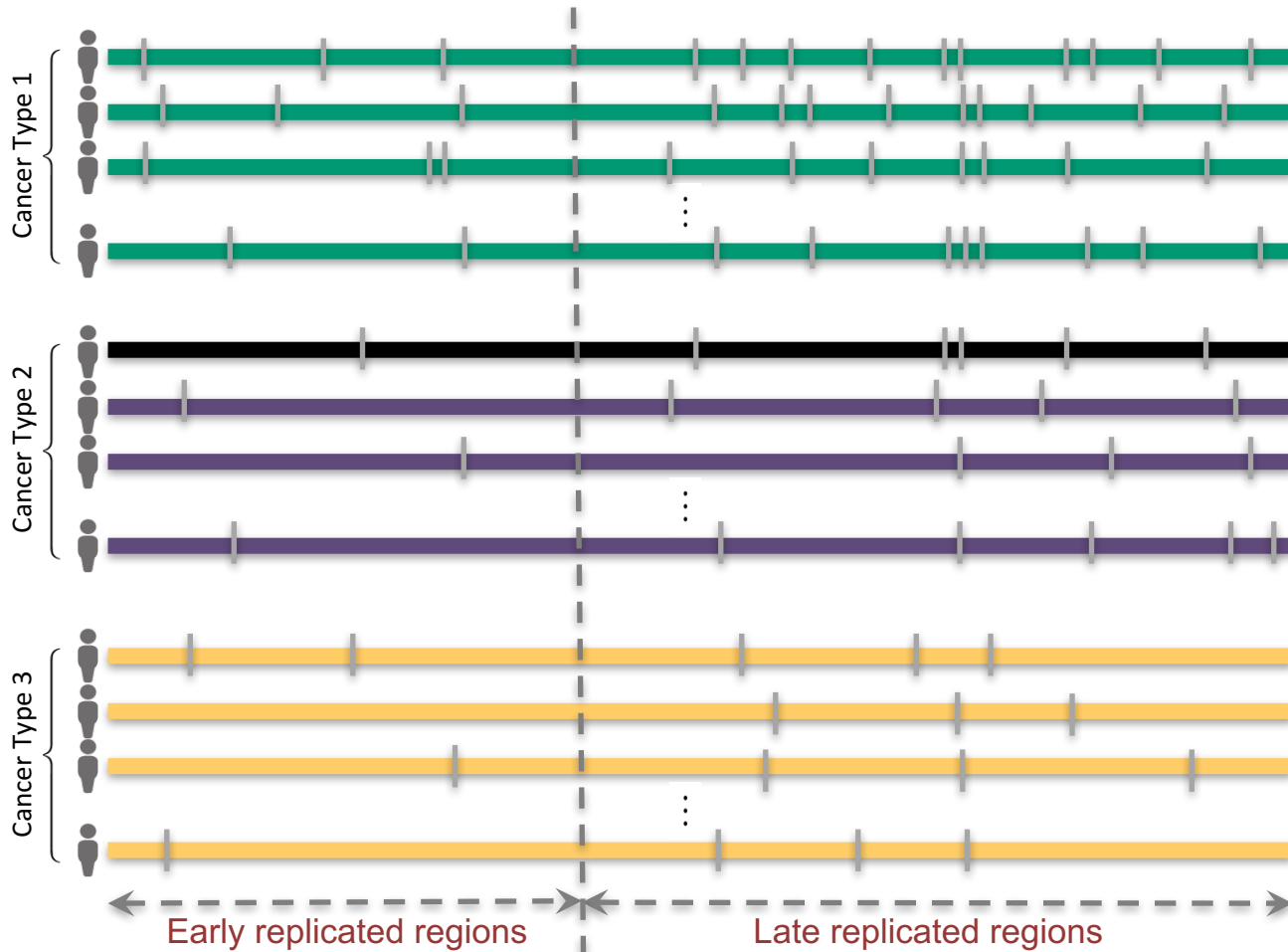
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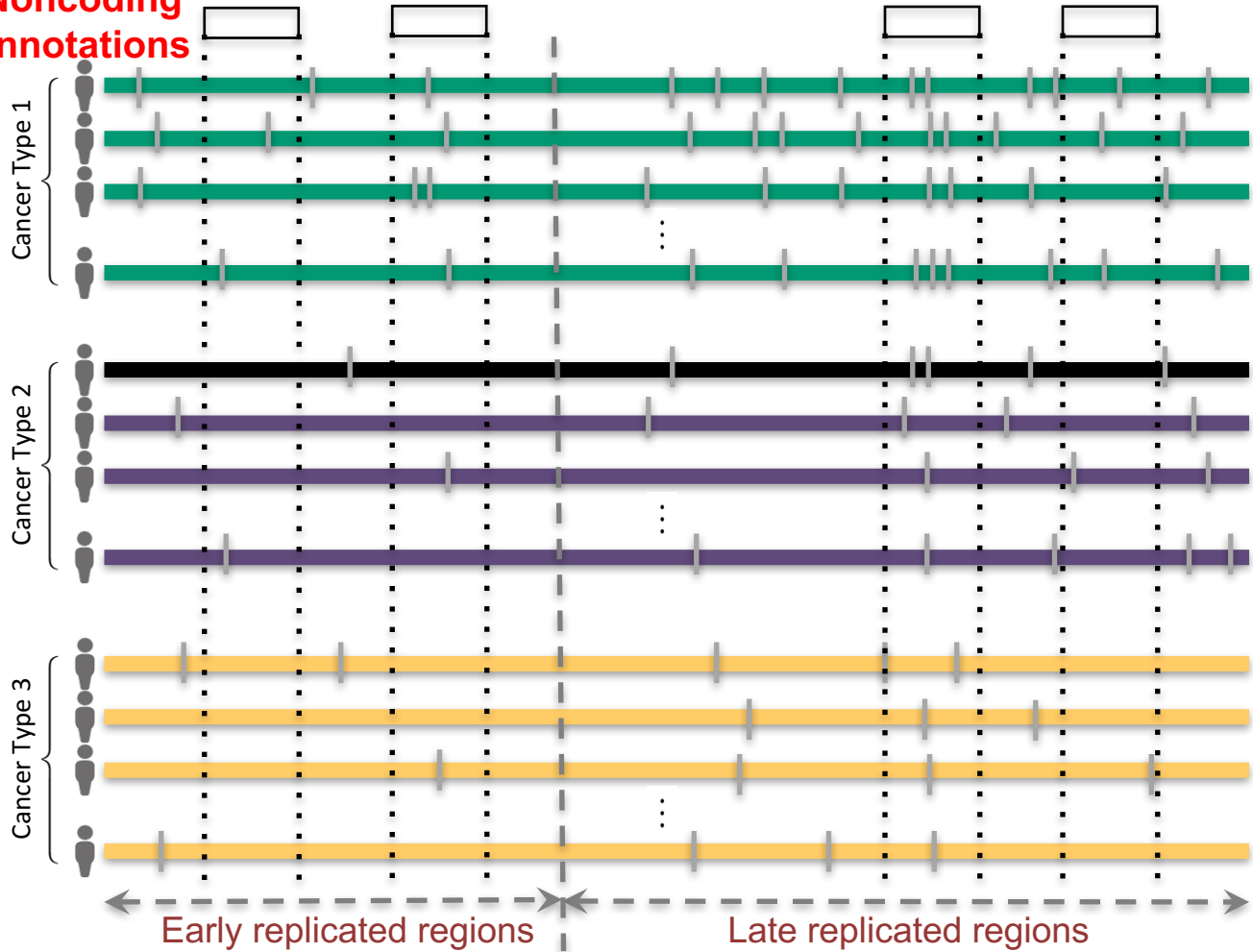
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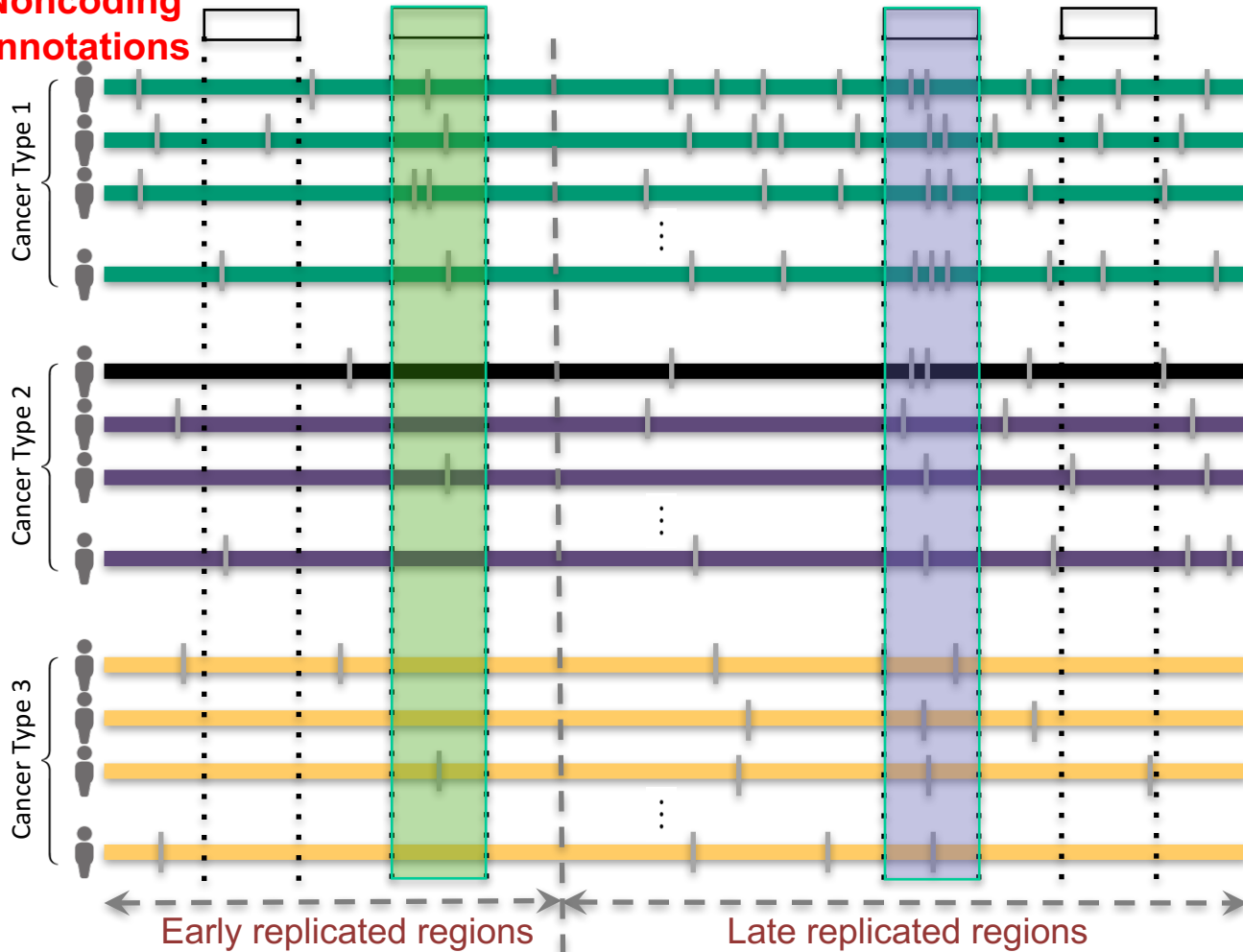
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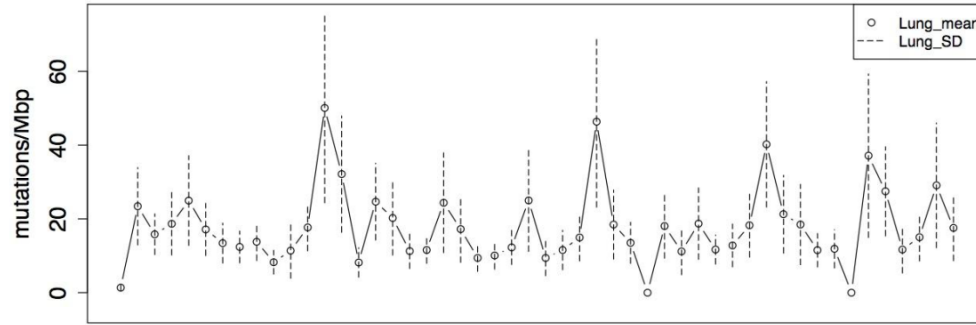
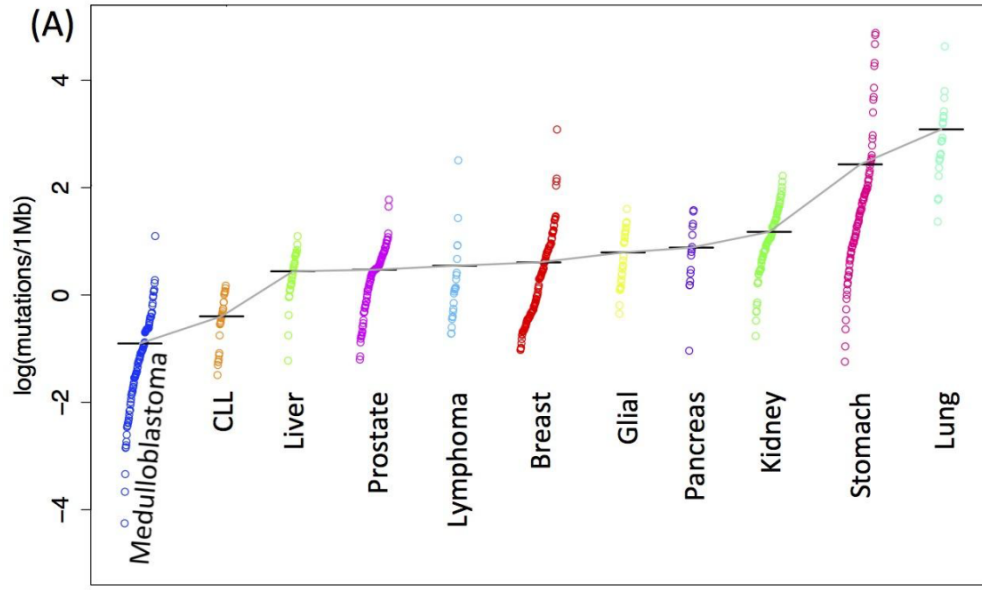
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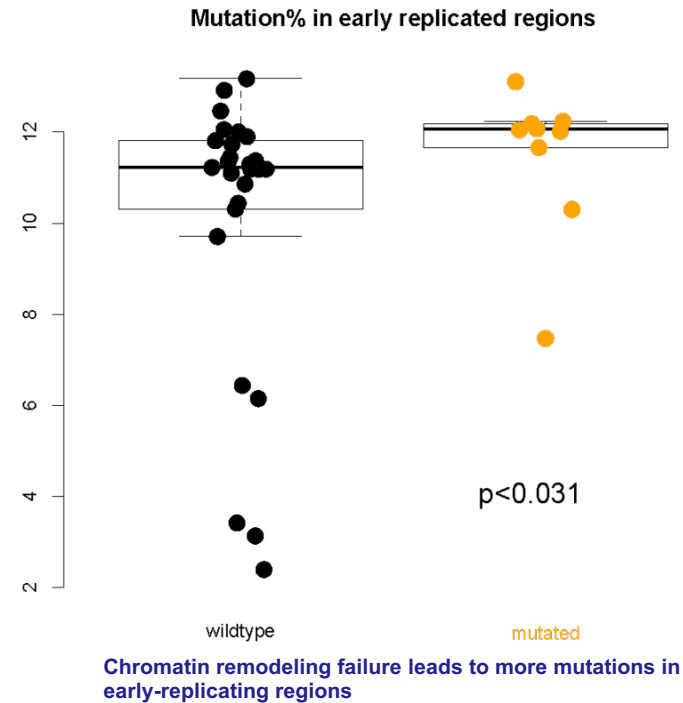
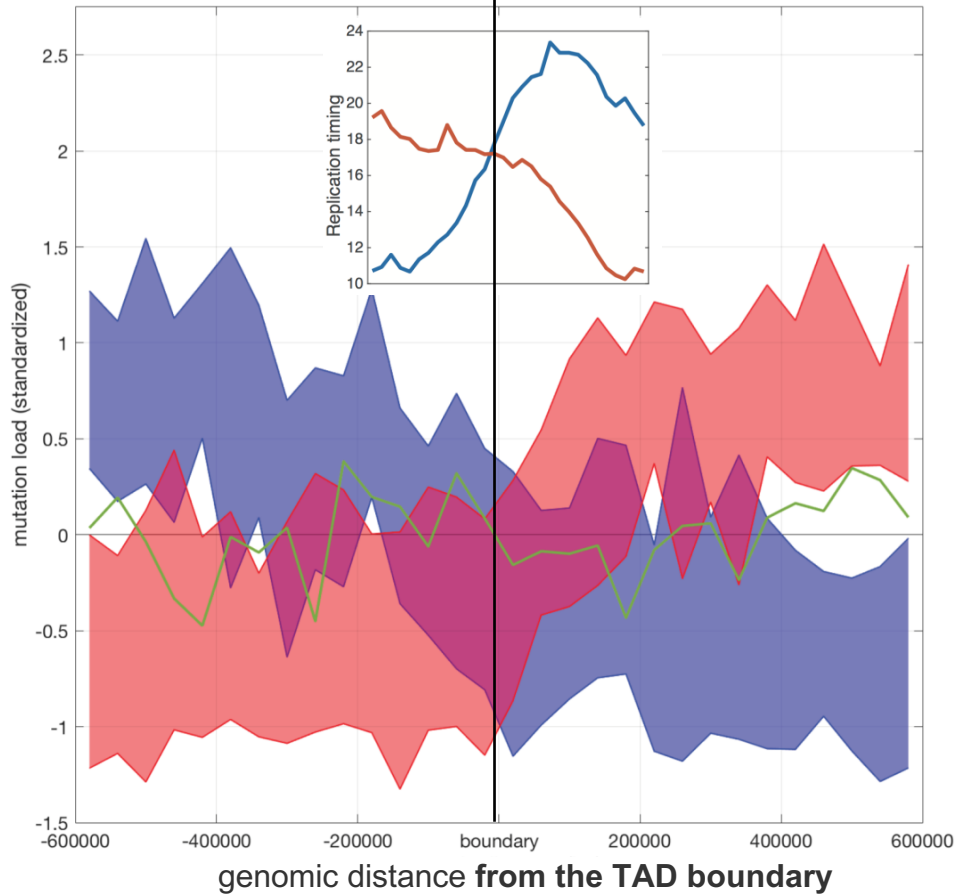
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Cancer Somatic Mutational Heterogeneity, across cancer types, samples & regions



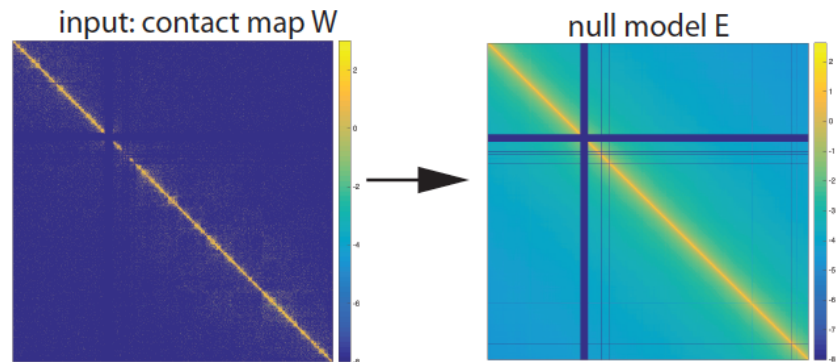
1 Mbp genome regions (locations chosen at random)



Chromatin remodeling failure leads to more mutations in early-replicating regions

Variation in somatic mutations is closely associated with chromatin structure (TADs) & replication timing

mrTADFinder: Identifying TADs at multiple resolutions by maximizing modularity vs appropriate null



Choose a particular resolution γ
Optimize Q over all possible partitions

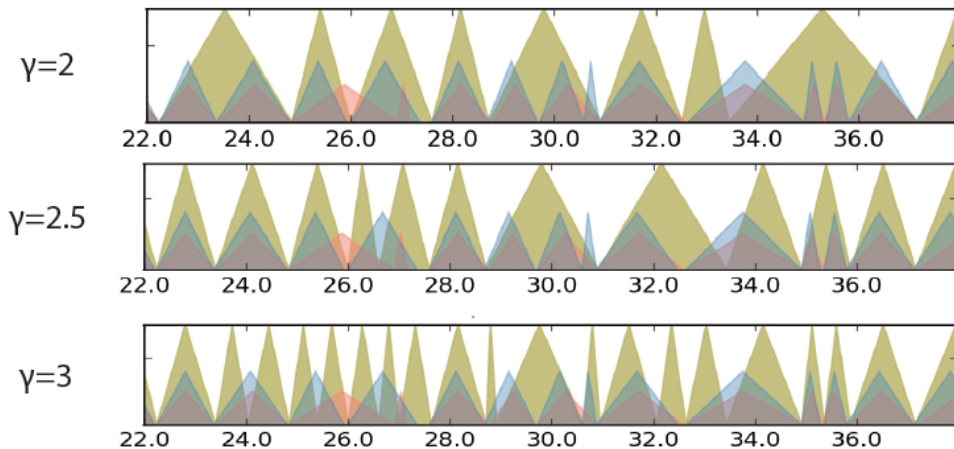
$$Q = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{ij} (W_{ij} - \gamma E_{ij}) \delta_{\sigma_i \sigma_j} \quad \gamma: \text{resolution parameter}$$

Multiple runs to define boundary scores
for all pairs of adjacent bins

consensus boundaries based on
the boundary scores

consensus TADs

output



[Yan et al., *PLOS Comp. Bio.* ('17)]

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Cancer Somatic Mutation Modeling

PARAMETRIC MODELS

Model 1: Constant Background Mutation Rate (Model from Previous Work)

$$x_i : \text{Binomial}(n_i, p)$$

Model 2a: Varying Mutation Rate with Single Covariate Correction

$$x_i : \text{Binomial}(n_i, p_i)$$

$$p_i : \text{Beta}(\mu | R_i, \sigma | R_i)$$

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Model 2b: Varying Mutation Rate with Multiple Covariate Correction

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- Suppose there are k genome elements. For element i , define:
 - n_i : total number of nucleotides
 - x_i : the number of mutations within the element
 - p : the mutation rate
 - R_i : the covariate rank of the element
- Non-parametric model is useful when covariate data is missing for the studied annotations
 - Also sidesteps issue of properly identifying and modeling every relevant covariate (possibly hundreds)

NON-PARAMETRIC MODELS

Assume constant background mutation rate in local regions.

Model 3a: Random Permutation of Input Annotations

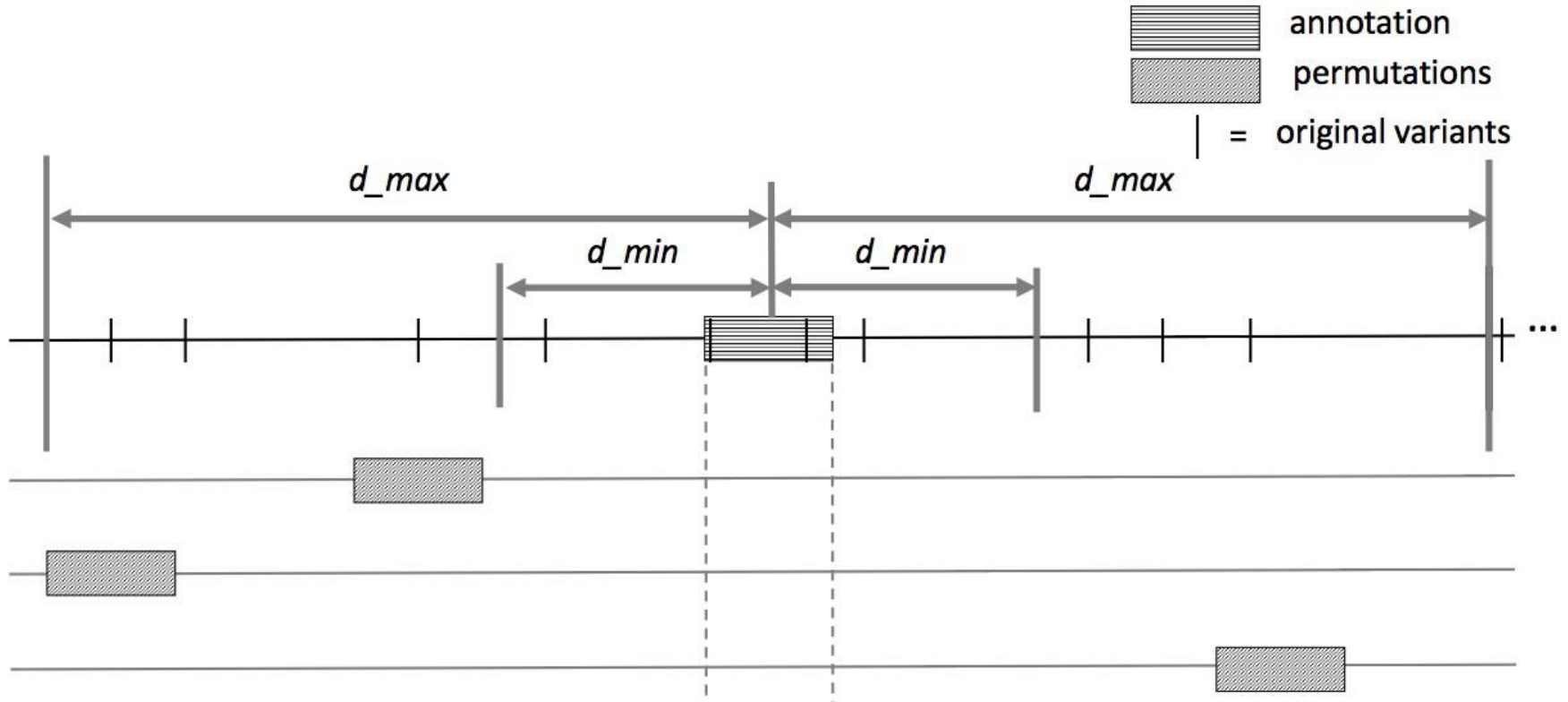
Shuffle annotations within local region to assess background mutation rate.

Model 3b: Random Permutation of Input Variants

Shuffle variants within local region to assess background mutation rate.

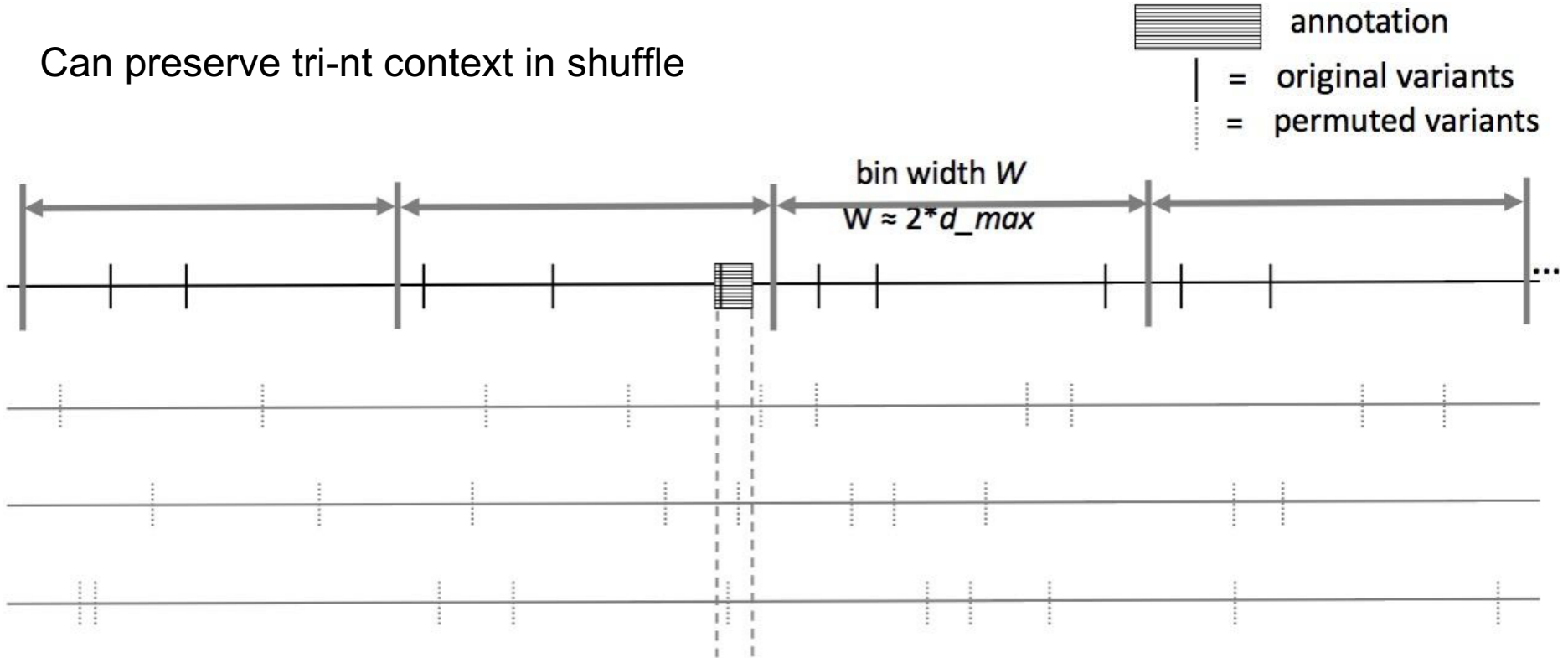
[Lochovsky et al. under review]

MOAT-a: Annotation-based permutation



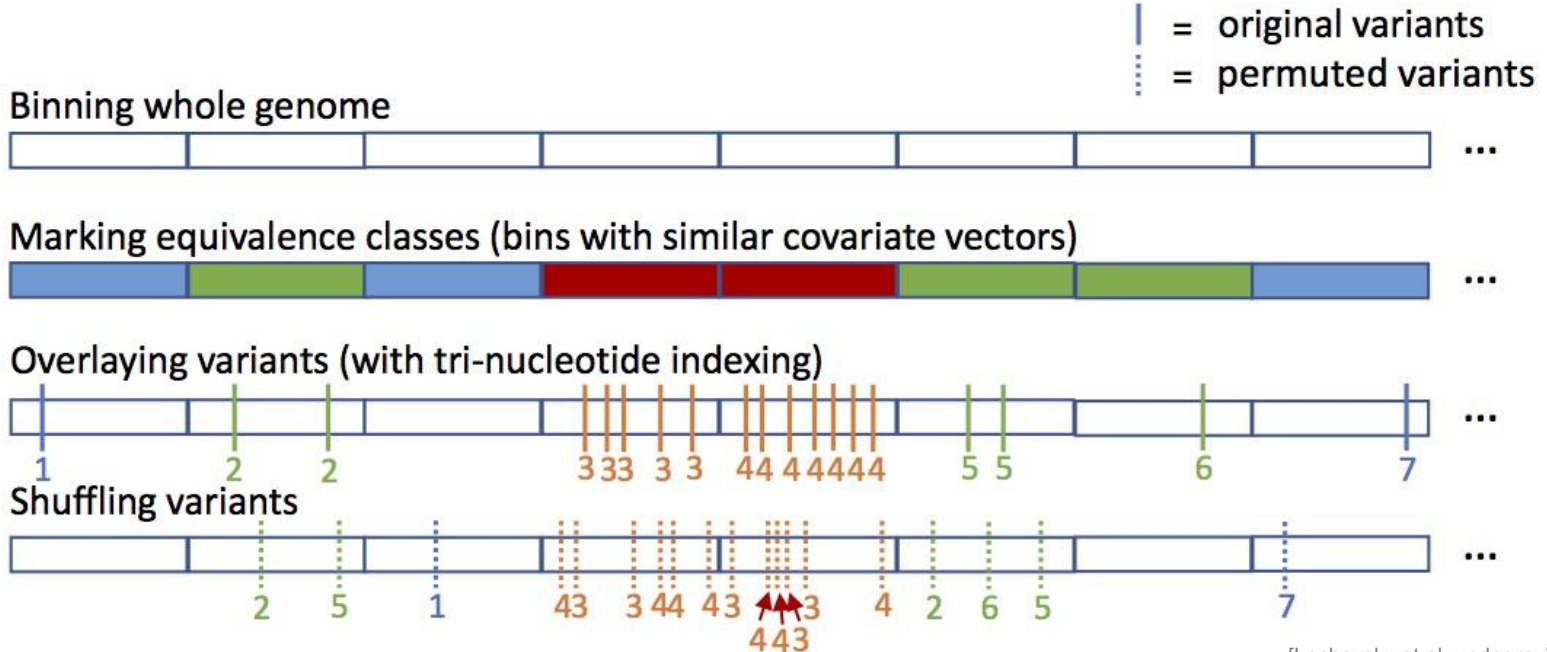
MOAT-v: Variant-based Permutation

Can preserve tri-nt context in shuffle



MOAT-s: a variant on MOAT-v

- A somatic variant simulator
 - Given a set of input variants, shuffle to new locations, taking genome structure into account

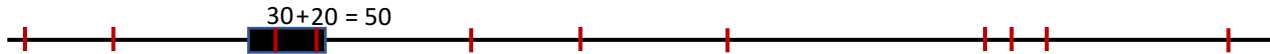


Funseq Integration with MOAT

- Run Funseq over the whole genome
 - Produce signal track that is the maximum score at each position



- Calculate an annotation signal by summing the intersecting variants' scores



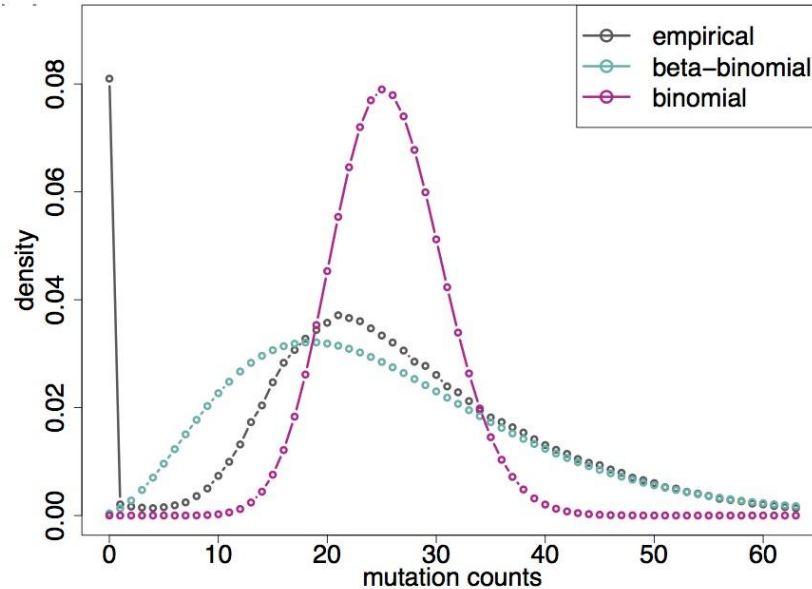
- Use the same procedure on permuted data



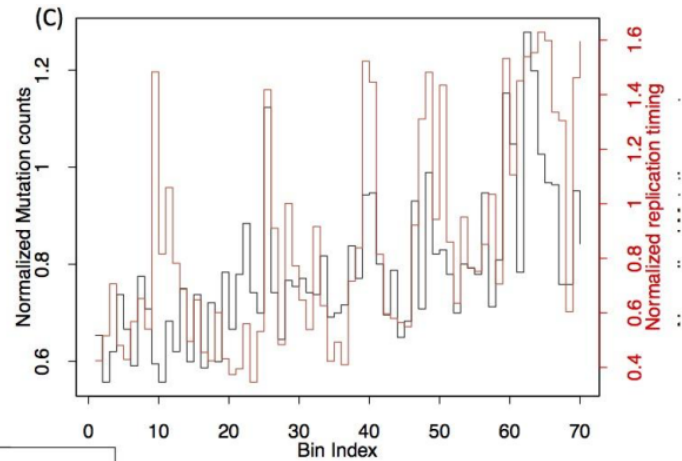
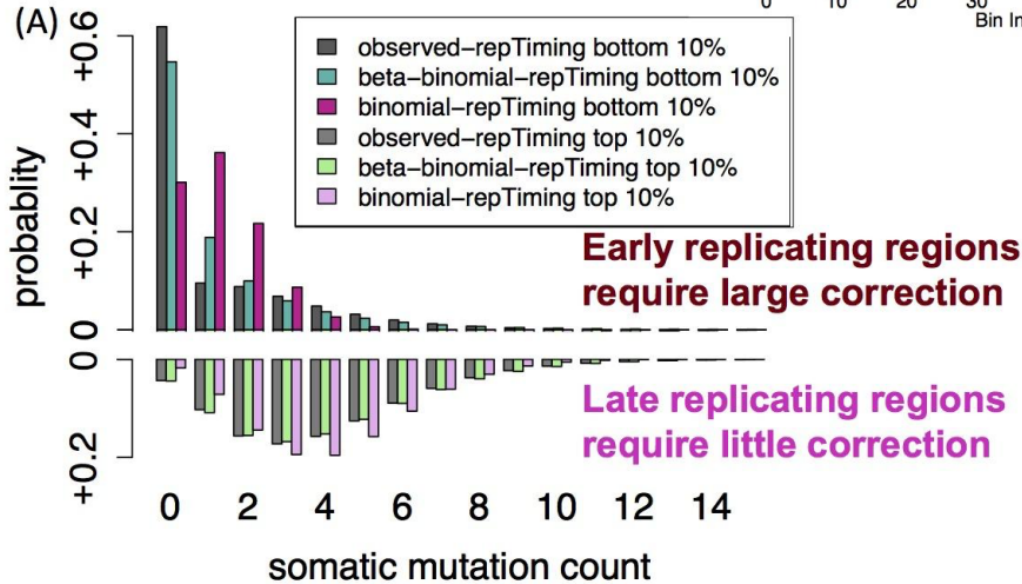
- These are background scores to determine if the observed score is significantly elevated

LARVA Model Comparison

- Comparison of mutation count frequency implied by the binomial model (model 1) and the beta-binomial model (model 2) relative to the empirical distribution
- The beta-binomial distribution is significantly better, especially for accurately modeling the over-dispersion of the empirical distribution

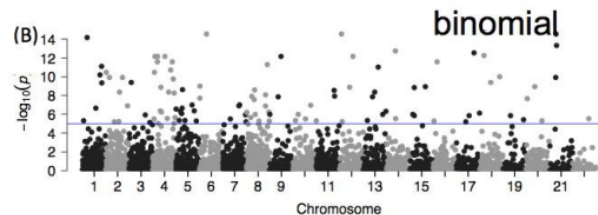
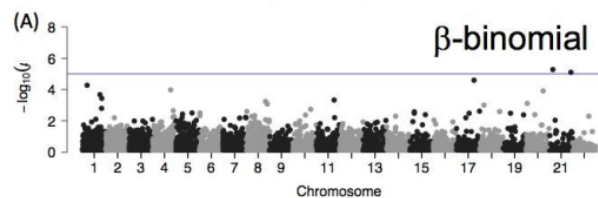
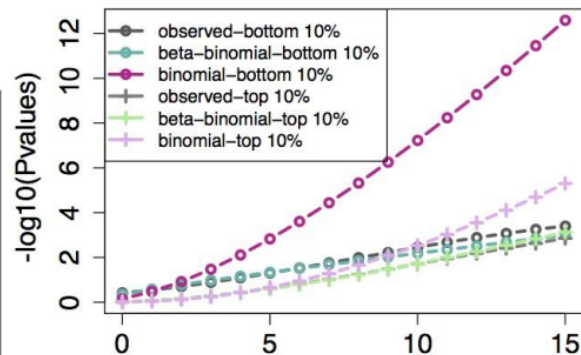
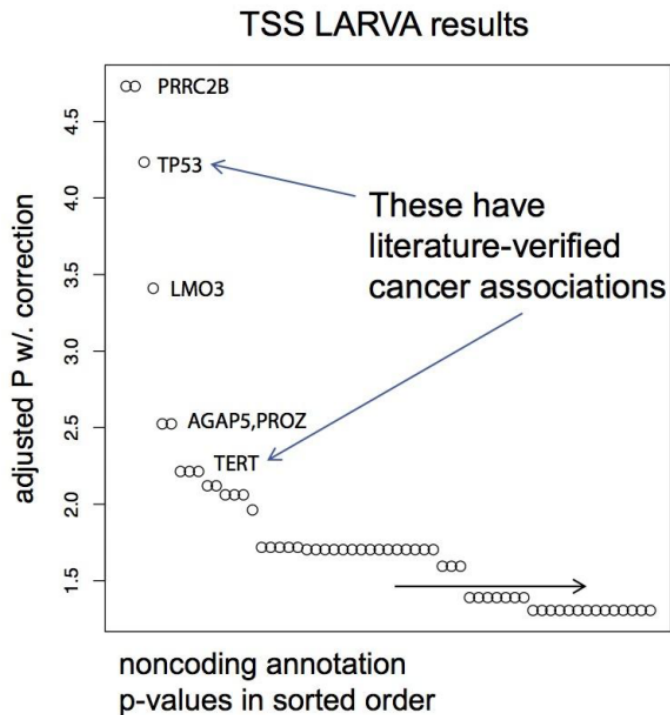


Adding DNA replication timing correction further improves the beta-binomial model



[Lochovsky et al. NAR ('15)]

LARVA Results



MOAT: recapitulates LARVA with GPU-driven runtime scalability

Gene Name	Documented role with cancer	Pubmed ID
SLC3A1	Cysteine transporter SLC3A1 promotes breast cancer tumorigenesis	28382174
ADRA2B	reduce cancer cell proliferation, invasion, and migration	25026350
SIL1	subtype-specific proteins in breast cancer	23386393
TCF24	NA	NA
AGAP5	significant mutation hotspots in cancer	25261935
TMPRSS13	Type II transmembrane serine proteases in cancer and viral infections	19581128
ERO1L	Overexpression of ERO1L is Associated with Poor Prognosis of Gastric Cancer	26987398

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MOAT's high mutation burden elements recapitulate LARVA's results & published noncoding cancer-associated elements.

Computational efficiency of MOAT's NVIDIA™ CUDA™ version, with respect to the number of permutations, is dramatically enhanced compared to CPU version.

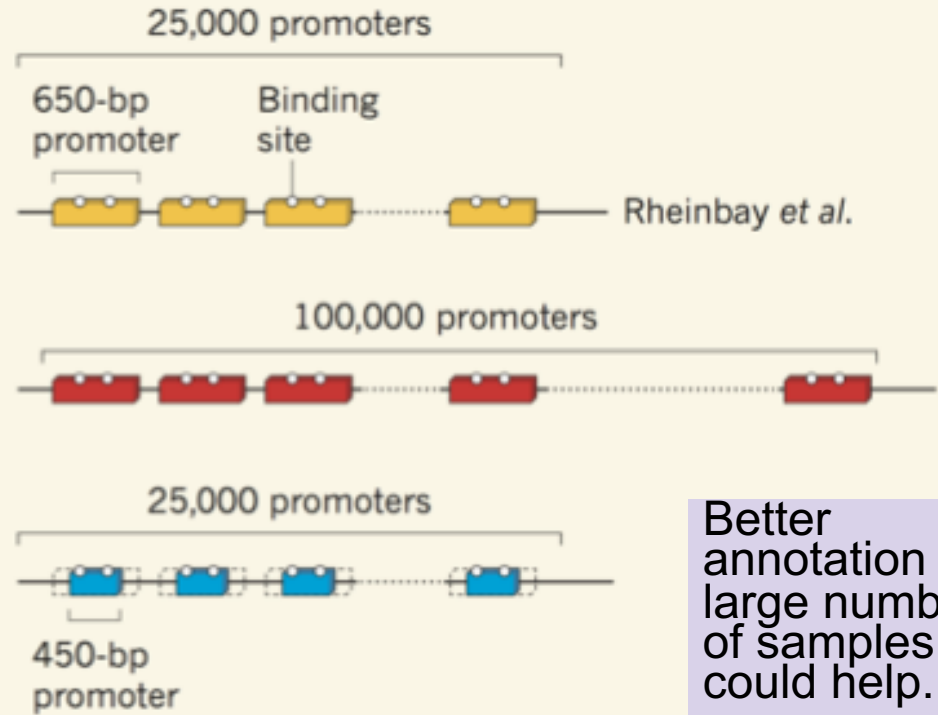
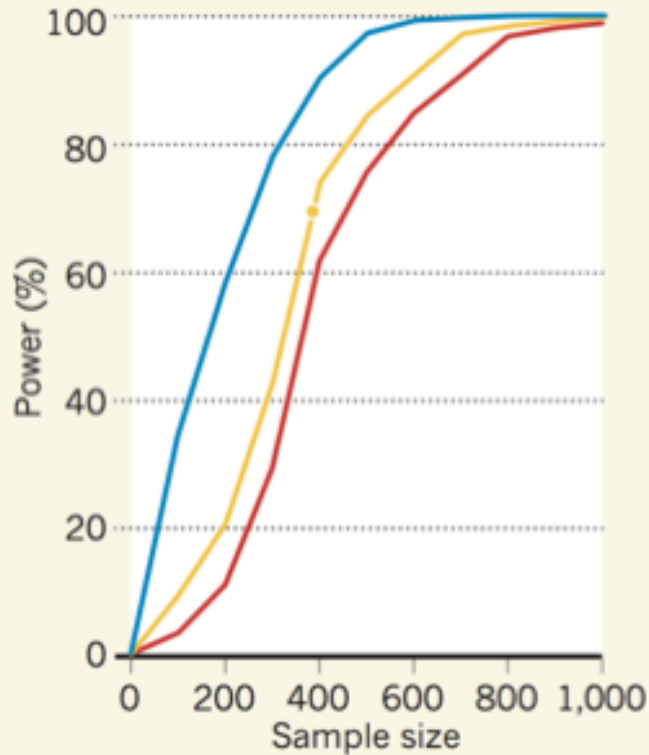
Number of permutations	Fold speedup of CUDA version
1k	14x
10k	100x
100k	256x

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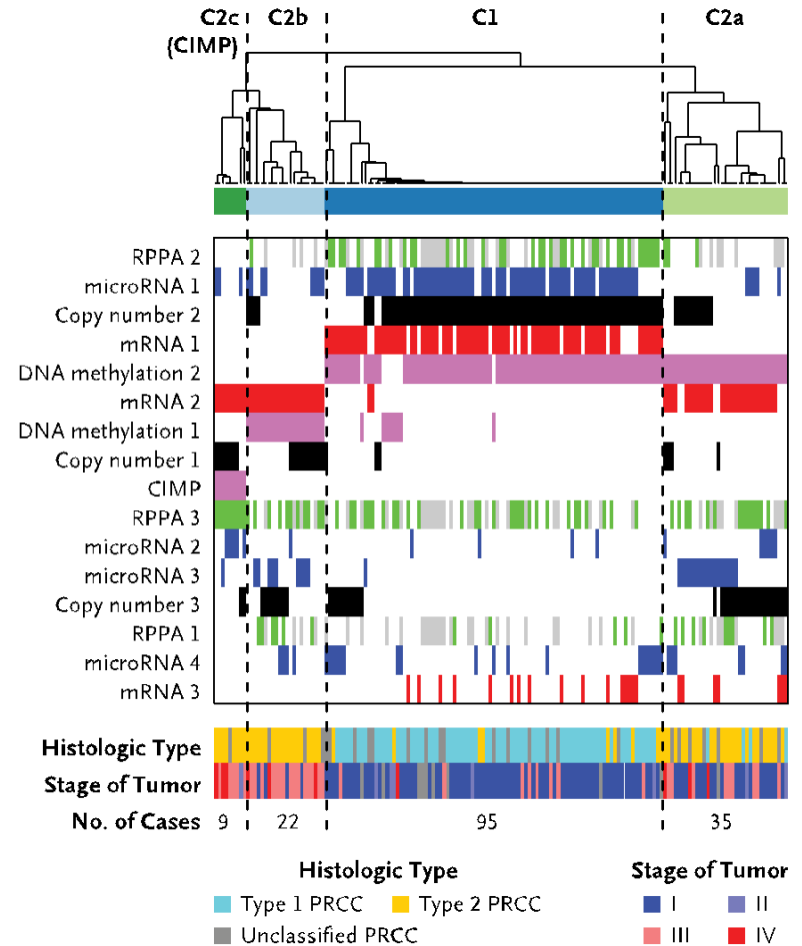
Power, as an issue in driver discovery



Better annotation or large number of samples could help.

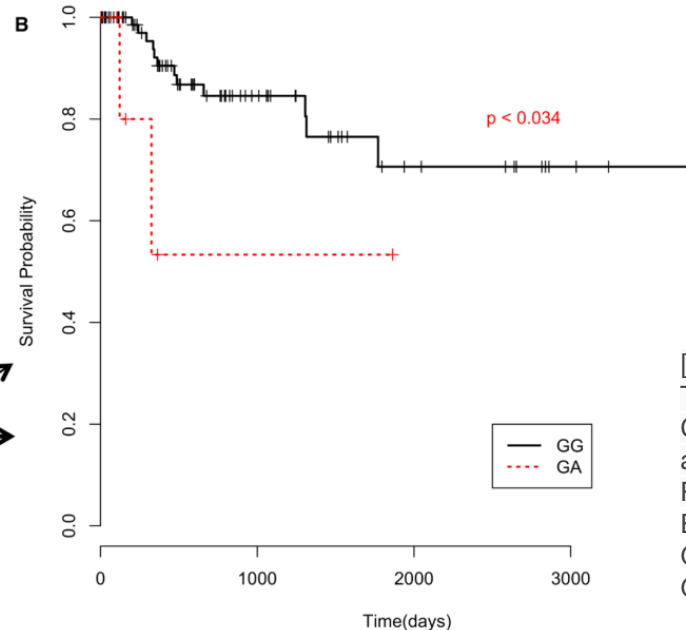
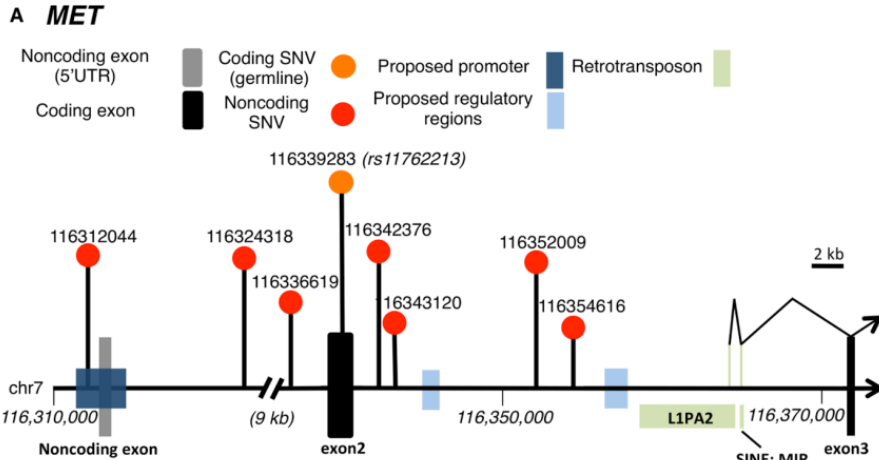
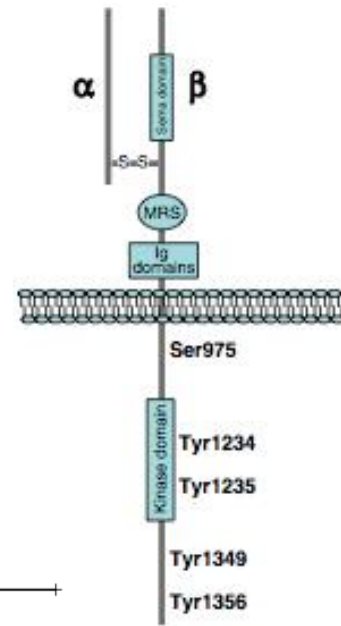
An (underpowered) case study: pRCC

- Kidney cancer lifetime risk of 1.6% & the papillary type (pRCC) counts for ~10% of all cases
- TCGA project sequenced 161 pRCC exomes & classified them into subtypes
 - Yet, cannot pin down the cause for a significant portion of cases....
- 35 WGS of TN pairs, perhaps useful?

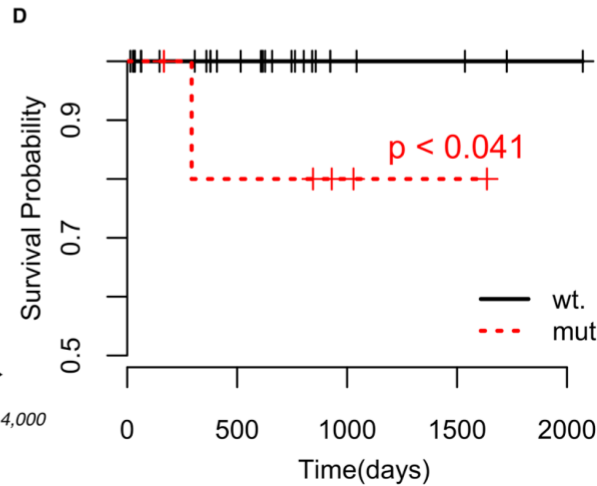
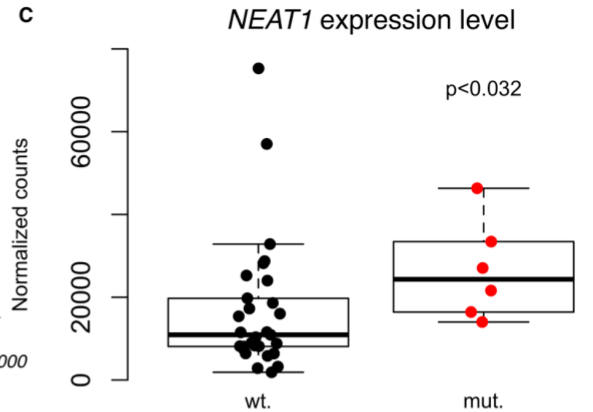
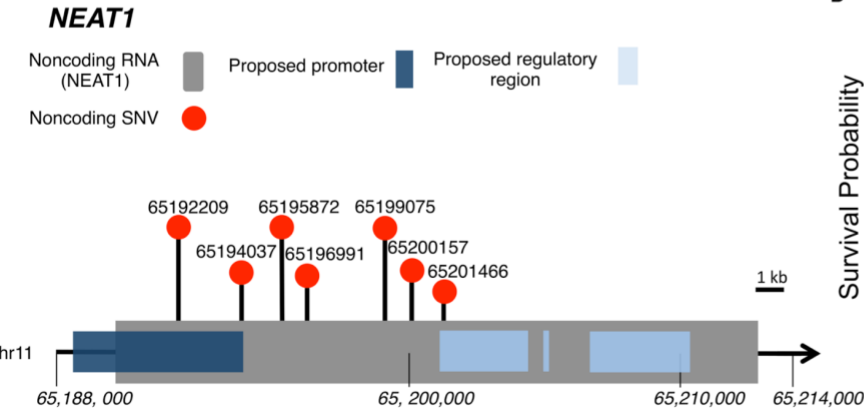
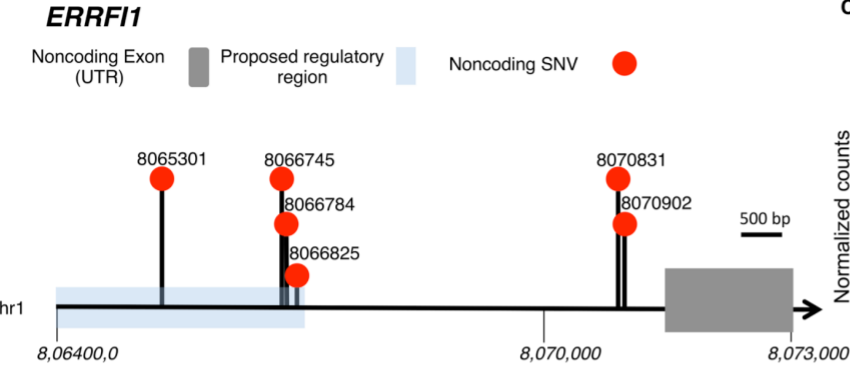


- MET is long known pRCC driver
- In MET, TCGA found somatic SNVs, duplications & an alt. splicing event as drivers (43/161).
- In addition, from 35 WGS we found
 - A noncoding hotspot associated with *MET*
 - Lack of SV and breakpoint disrupting *MET*
 - Germline SNP (rs11762213) predicts survival in type 2 patients

Tyr-kinase MET: Known Facts & New Results



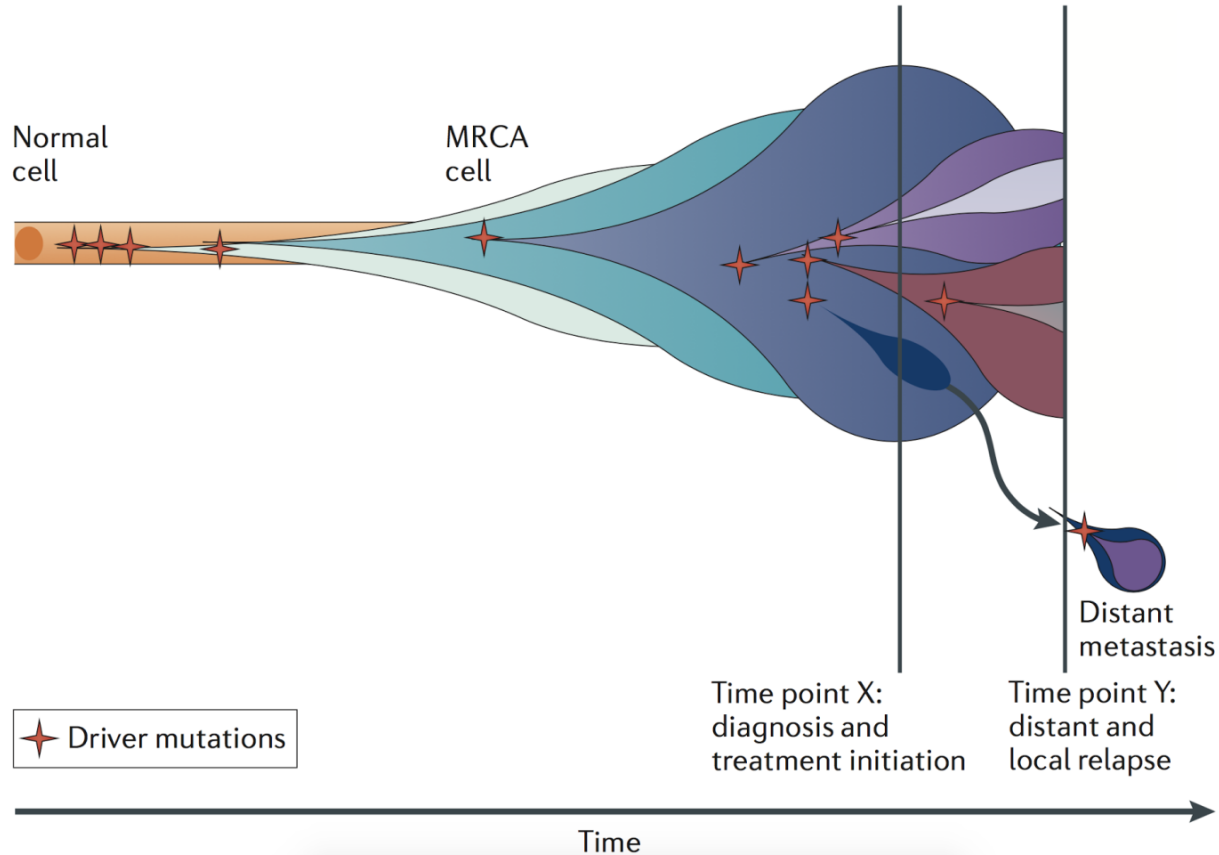
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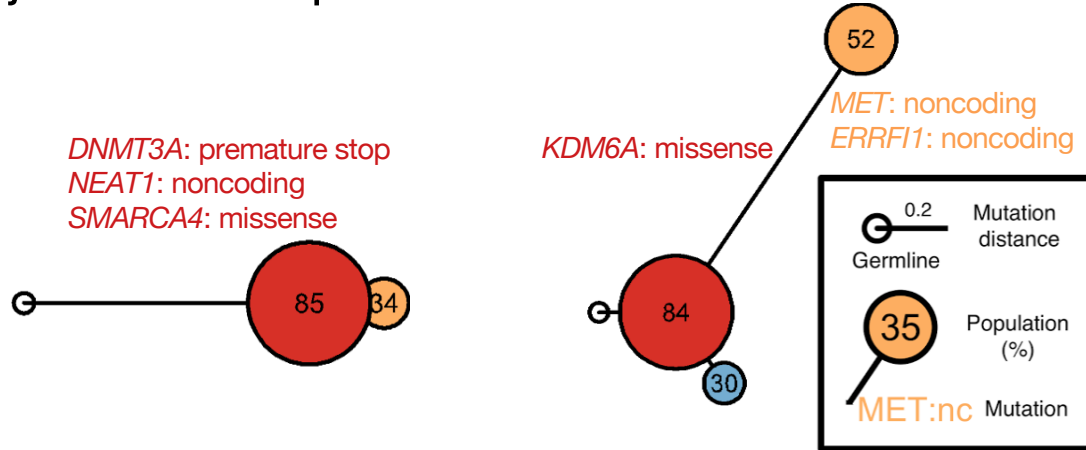
Tumor Evolution: Highlight the Ordering of Key Mutations



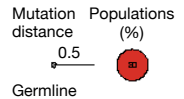
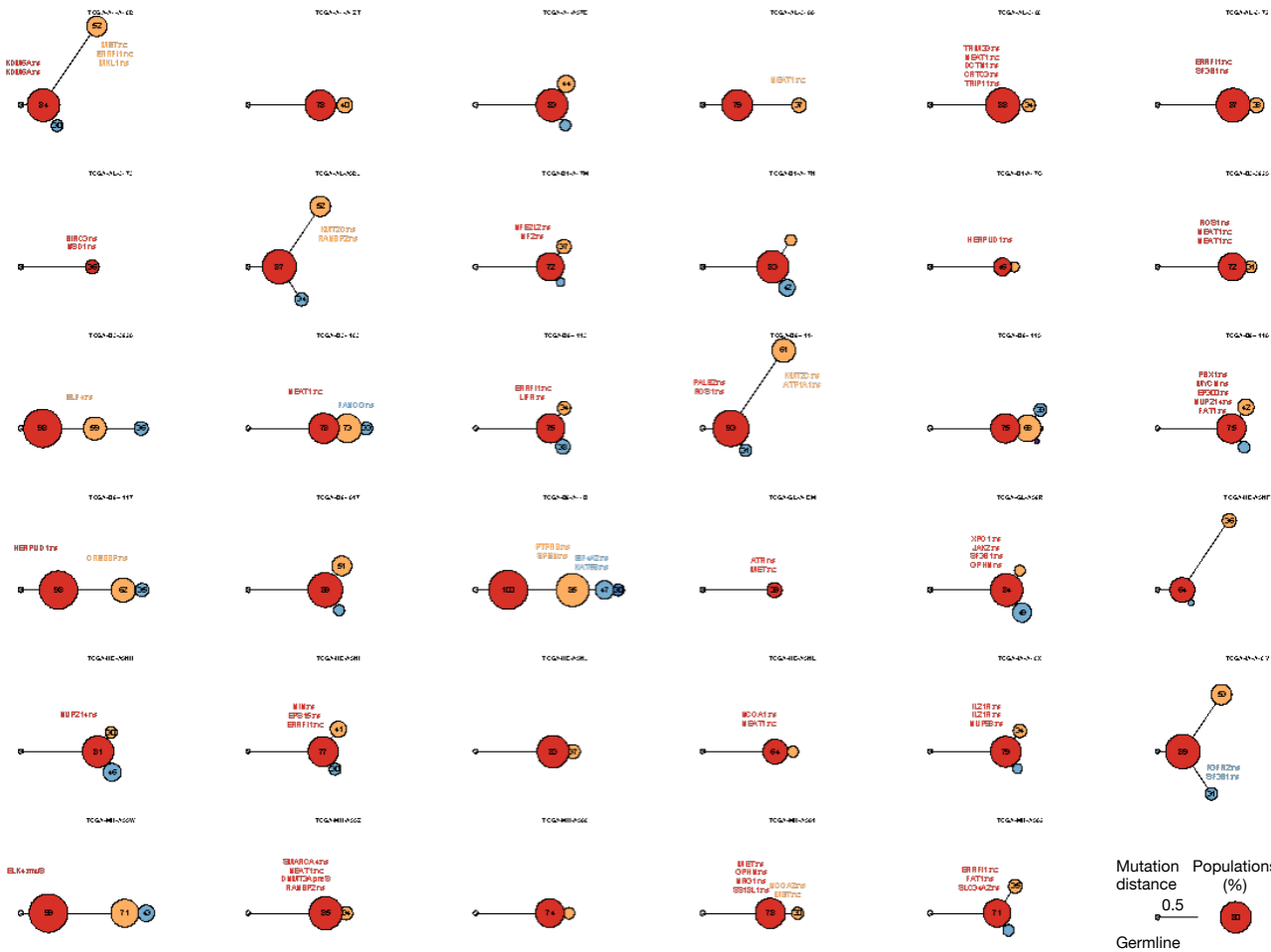
Yates et al, NRG (2012)

Construct evolutionary trees in pRCC

- Infer mutation order and tree structure based on mutation abundance (PhyloWGS, Deshwar et al., 2015)
- Some of the key mutations occur in all the clones while others are just in some parts of the tree



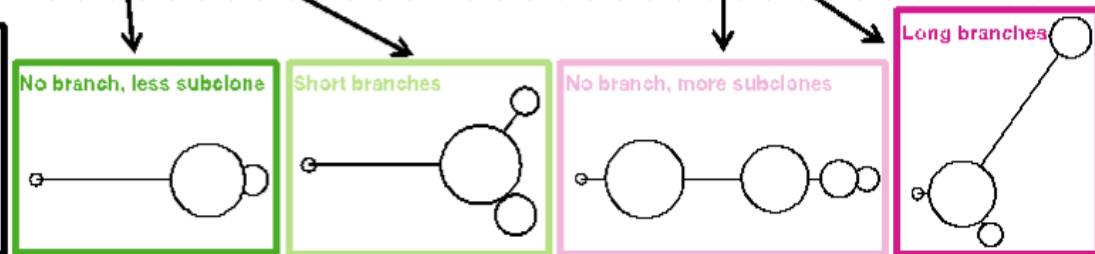
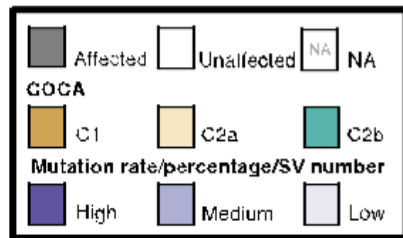
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Tree topology correlates with molecular subtypes

		Type 1										Type 2								Unclassified																
Histological type/Patient ID		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
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