

**PCAWG 2,5,9,14**

**Verona**

# Verona Agenda for Day 0 (Sun, Feb 15)

Working Group Presentations 10.10 am – 4.30 pm

- o Opportunity for scientific update on projects, technical developments, ongoing pancancer analyses

- o 20-minute presentations for each working group (4 data slides):

  - § (2 minutes) statement of mission and scope of working group

  - § (3 minutes) expected outputs

  - § (5 minutes) current status

10.10 – 10.30 PAWG-2: Analysis of mutations in regulatory regions Gaddy Getz (Broad Institute), Mark Gerstein (Yale University)

10.30 – 10.50 PAWG-9: Inferring driver mutations and identifying cancer

genes and pathways Michael Lawrence (Broad Institute), Nuria López-Bigas (University Pompeu Fabra)

10.50 – 11.10 PAWG-5: Consequences of somatic mutations on pathway and network activity Ben Raphael (Brown University), Josh Stuart (UCSC)

11.10 – 11.30 PAWG-14: Analysis of mutations in non-coding RNA Daniel Hughes (Baylor College of Medicine) representing David Wheeler (Baylor College of Medicine), Jakob Skou Pedersen (Aarhus University)

## So we have 10:10-11:30 including discussion

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  - b) Pilot datasets
  - c) Reference Annotations sub-group (Ekta)
- 2) Annotation exercise ([Ekta](#), Esther)
  - a) Datasets pilot-50 (Train 1) Broad calls, public-607
  - b) Compare submitted annotations
  - c) Annotation tracks and mapping to ENCODE ([Gaddy](#), Paz)
- 3) Signals for positive selection exercise
  - a) TCGA-505, GBM-27 ([Nuria](#))
  - b) Simulated data ([Gaddy](#), Inigo)
  - c) Compare submitted significance analyses ([Nuria](#))
- 4) Example of downstream analyses
  - a) Analysis of non-coding RNA ([Jakob](#)) - annotation compilation, miRNA profiling (slides from Todd Johnson)
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# PAWG-2-5-9-14 - merged group

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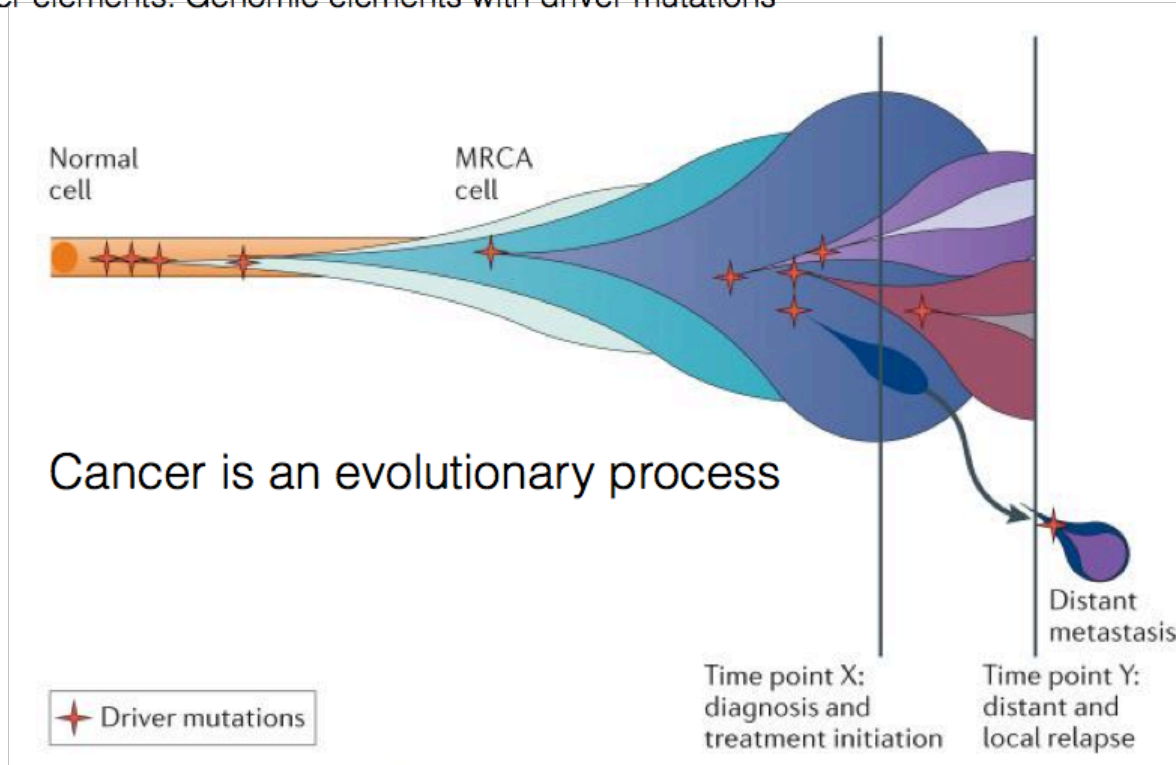
## **PAWG-14: Analysis of mutations in non-coding RNA**

David Wheeler (Baylor College of Medicine), Jakob Skou Pedersen (Aarhus University)

One common objective: Identify driver mutations

# Drivers versus Passengers

- Driver mutations: Confer selective advantage to tumour cells
- Passenger mutations: Do not confer selective advantage to tumour cells
- Cancer elements: Genomic elements with driver mutations



# Tasks of our merged group

- **Variant level:** Annotate and score individual variants
- **Element level:** Find elements with signals of positive selection in the pattern of mutations
- **Pathway/Network level:** Identify cancer relevant modules

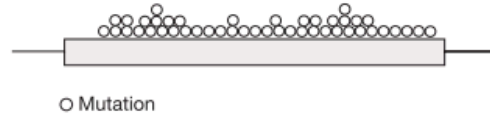
## Expected outputs

- Mutations with extensive annotations
- Catalog of cancer elements with signals of positive selection
- Cancer modules (networks/pathways)

# Detect signals of positive selection

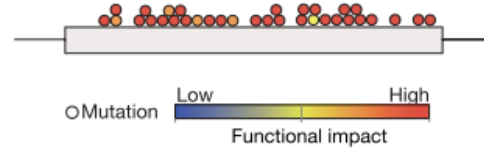
## MuSiC-SMG / MutSigCV

Identifies genes mutated more frequently than background mutation rate



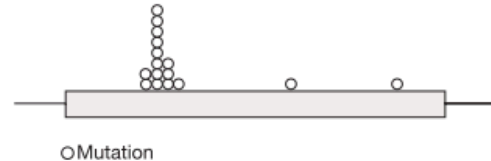
## OncodriveFM

Identifies genes with a bias towards high functional mutations (FM bias)



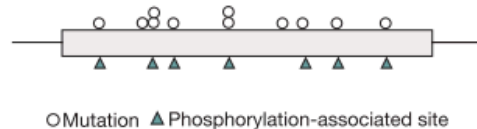
## OncodriveCLUST

Identifies genes with a significant regional clustering of mutations



## ActiveDriver

Identifies genes significantly enriched in mutations affecting phosphorylation-associated sites



## PCAWG-25914 Tools and Results

[Collection of methods to annotate genomic alterations](#)

[Collection of methods to detect signals of positive selection in genes and non-coding regions](#)

[Collection of methods to analyse the consequences of somatic mutations in networks/pathways activity](#)

[Pilot Analyses](#)

[Description of Annotations Pilot Analysis](#)

[Description of Signals Pilot Analysis](#)

[Results of methods to annotate genomic alterations](#)

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# TABLE A: Methods to annotate genomics alterations

Method	Authors	Description	Coding genes	Promoters	Enhancers	UTRs	lncRNAs	microRNAs	tRNA	...
FunSeq	Ekta Khurana and Yao Fu (Mark Gerstein's lab)	Identifies somatic mutations predicted to have high functional impact, specially noncoding ones	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	X	X		
3D_SNP	Francisco Martinez-Jiménez (Marti-Renom Lab)	Functional impact of non-synonymous SNPs in modeled 3D structures of proteins from coding-regions of the genome.	X							
wKinMut	Jose MG Izarzugaza (CBS/DTU) and Alfonso Valencia Lab	Analysis and classification of mutations in protein kinases *	XX							
CanDrA	Ken Chen lab	Identify the driver potential of somatic mutations	XXX							
	Todd A. Johnson (Tsunoda Lab/RIKEN)	Functional classification of germline or somatic variants. Includes annotation of miRNA related elements (genes, predicted promoters, target-sites)	X	X	X	X		X		
IGR (Intra-Genomic replicates)	Sallari & Sinnott-Armstrong (Kellis lab, MIT & Broad)	Prediction of affinity modulation based on ENCODE transcription factor ChIP-seq data.		XXX	XXX					
MutationAssessor	Reva, Antipin, Sheridan, Sander (MSKCC)	Functional impact of AA-changing mutations; somatic or germline; also mapped to 3D in mutation tab of cbiportal.org	XXX							
AGO-CLIP target Atlas		List of AGO-CLIP validated miRNA target sites annotated by recurrence. Currently updated to GC19-NC-extended transcriptome. We are generating novel CLIP data in multiple tumor cell lines to compliment ICGC analysis.								
miSNP algorithm	Hamilton, Coarfa, Wheeler, McGuire (BCM)	The miSNP algorithm identifies mutations significantly enriched in CLIP target sites and determines if these correspond to changes in complementary RNA-seq data from the same tumor.				XXX				
DKFZ Pipeline	Jäger, Hutter, Buchhalter, Schlesner, Feuerbach, et al. (DKFZ Heidelberg)	Identifies somatic point mutations and small indels Annotates functional consequences Integrates external databases Filters high-confidence calls	XXX	XXX	XX	XXX	XXX	X		
AncestralAlleles	Javier Herrero	Identifies SNV and small indels that revert to the ancestral state (and are therefore less likely to be driver)								
Oncotator	Alex Ramos, Lee Lichtenstein, Gaddy Getz	Comprehensive annotation of variants	XXX	XXX			XXX	XXX	XX	

# TABLE B: Methods to detect signals of positive selection

Method	Authors	Description	PCAWG input	External input (if any)	Coding genes	Promoters	Enhancers	UTRs	lncRNAs	miRNAs	tRNA
<b>OncodriveFM</b>	Lopez-Bigas lab	Identifies genes/elements with a significant bias towards the accumulation of functional variants	List of tumor somatic mutations	-	XXX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	
<b>OncodriveCLUST</b>	Lopez-Bigas lab	Identifies genes/elements with mutations significantly clustered in particular regions	List of tumor somatic mutations	-	XXX	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Two methods inspired on dN/dS</b>	Inigo Martincorena (Peter Campbell's lab)	They identify genes and non-coding elements with significant recurrence, considering the mutation spectrum, the sequence composition and the variation of the mutation rate along the genome, with or without covariates. Ready to run but unpublished for WGS.			XXX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	
<b>LARVA</b>	Lucas Lochovsky (Mark Gerstein's lab)	Identifies elements with more recurrent mutations than expected randomly			XX	XX	XX	XX	X	X	
<b>ActiveDriver</b>	Jüri Reimand (Gary Bader's Lab)	Site-specific mutational enrichment analysis of genes and other genomic regions			XXX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	
<b>MIMP</b>	Jüri Reimand, Mohamed Helmy, Omar Wagih (Gary Bader Lab)	Predicting mutational rewiring of sequence elements			XXX	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>ExlnAator</b>	Rory Johnson / Andres Lanzos (Roderic Guigo Lab)	Identifies lncRNAs with excess of exonic mutations. First version ready, undergoing testing.							XX		
<b>InterScreener</b>	Lars Feuerbach (Brors Lab)	Integrative screener for functional non-coding SNVs. Integrates SNVs, CNV, SVs, mRNA, miRNA and methylation data				XX	X	XX			
<b>3D_permutation</b>	Akihiro Fujimoto (Riken)	Analysis of mutation clusters in 3D protein structures. Applied to Riken liver cancer data and COSMIC data. Functional analysis will be started.			XX				X		
<b>ncDriver</b>	Henrik Hornshøj (Jakob Skou Pedersen lab)	Multi-step significance evaluation of mutation rates and intensities in non-coding elements. Combines four separate tests on: intensity, cancer type specificity, local conservation, & global conservation.			XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	
<b>rwClust</b>	Jakob Skou Pedersen lab	Significance evaluation of mutation clusters within genomic elements using Random Walk theory.			X	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Significance evaluation of mutational hot spots</b>	Jakob Skou Pedersen & Asger Hobolth labs	Significance evaluation of mutational hotspots based on probabilistic null model capturing different levels of mutational heterogeneity (between samples, along genome, mutational context).			X	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Identification of driver mutational hotspots</b>	Ken Chen lab	Identification of driver mutational hotspots in a knowledge based statistical model (cancer type-specific, gene-specific, sequence context, etc)			XX	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>MuSiC2 - Mutation Significance in Cancer:</b>	Ding Lab	A suite of tools equipped to identify genetic loci contributing to cancer on the gene, pathway, and clinical level. Calculations of significance incorporate mutation rates, protein databases, drug databases, and previous literature.			XXX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	
<b>Onkomers</b>	Calvin Chan, Carl Herrmann (DKFZ Heidelberg, Germany)	Patterns of significantly altered kmers (either created or disrupted) using background model. Assembly of kmers clusters into longer motifs/PWMs				X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Plexus recurrence test</b>	Saillari & Sinnott-Armstrong (Kellis lab, MIT & Broad)	Identifies recurrently mutated plexi (gene body and interacting regulatory elements).	List of somatic mutations	Hi-C and ChIA-PET	X	XX	XXX	X			
<b>Genomic Recurrence</b>	Lee, Weinhold, Schultz, Sander	Analyzes recurrence in non-protein-coding regions	Somatic mutations			XXX	XXX	XXX			



# TABLE C: Pathway/Network methods

Method	Authors	Description	Coding	nonCoding	fusions	mRNA-GL	mRNA-AS	SCNA	epi	external
<b>HotNet2</b>	Raphael	Subnetworks of mutated genes	XXX	X	X			XXX		iRef, HPRD, MultiNet
<b>Dendrix and CoMET</b>	Raphael	Mutually exclusive genomic alterations	XXX	X	X	XXX		XXX		
<b>Paradigm-Shift</b>	Stuart	Predicts GOF/LOF of genes using pathway neighborhood	XXX	X	X	XXX		XXX		NCI-PID, Reactome, KEGG
<b>String-based</b>	Christian von-Mering		X							STRING
<b>Firestar</b>	Alfonso Valencia	Predict if mutations affect ligand and drug binding sites	XXX							
<b>Co-evolutionary analysis</b>	Alfonso Valencia	Co-evolutionary networks of mutated genes (ID uncommon cancer genes).	X							
<b>Tumour molecular context delineation using network based data integration</b>	Kathleen Marchal	Prioritized drivers, tumour specific subnetworks, molecular subtypes. Per molecular tumour subtype: a subnetwork enriched for combinations of mutations, connecting genetic aberrations with downstream molecular phenotype	X	X		X		X	X	KEGG, ENCODE, ...
<b>PhaC</b>	Kathleen Marchal	Finds mutual exclusivity patterns by small subnetwork analysis with reinforced learning	X	X		X		X	X	KEGG, NCI-PID, Reactome
<b>Reactome-FI</b>	Lincoln Stein	Integrate multiple data types onto the Reactome FI network, perform network-based clustering, and search for cancer subtype-based network modules	X	X		X		X	X	
<b>FunSeq</b>	Khurana, Fu and Gerstein	Identifies mutations targeting hubs in various networks	XXX	XXX	X			X		Regulatory network from ENCODE; Multinet from Khurana et al, PLoS Comp Bio
<b>g:Profiler, Cytoscape, Enrichment Map</b>	Juri Reimand, Gary Bader	Enrichment of mutations in biological pathways and processes, network visualisation	XXX	XXX		XXX				Gene Ontology, Reactome, KEGG, HPO, miRBase, Transfac.
<b>HyperModules</b>	Juri Reimand, Gary Bader	Network clustering, detection of sub-networks with clinical and survival correlations, linking networks to tumor subtypes	XXX	X		X				molecular interaction networks (PPI, co-expression, TF-DNA interactions)
<b>MIMP</b>	Juri Reimand, Mohamed Helmy, Gary Bader	Impact of mutations on networks, e.g. SNVs in transcription factor binding sites or kinase binding sites, to predict gains and losses of regulatory interactions.	XXX	XX						
<b>HITnDRIVE</b>	Raunak Shrestha, Ermin Hodzic, Cenik Sahinalp	Integrates various alterations to its downstream targets (direct/indirect) using network information, prioritizing altered genes as potential drivers.	XXX	X	XX	XXX	X	XXX	X	molecular interaction networks (PPI, TF-DNA interactions)
<b>NetBox</b>	Cerami, Schultz, Liu, Sander	Discovers oncogenically altered pathway modules		any alteration type						Pathway Commons
<b>MutEx</b>	Fredriksson, Larsson-Lekholm	Uncovers associations between somatic regulatory mutations and mRNA level changes (individual genes)	XXX	XXX		XXX	X	XXX	X	Regulatory region annotation, e.g. DNaseI HS sites. No pathway data used.
<b>Oncotator</b>	Alex Ramos, Lee Lichtenstein, Gaddy Getz	Comprehensive annotation of variants	XXX	XXX			XXX	XXX	XX	Uses many external data sources(version numbers are provided in the header of the annotated file)

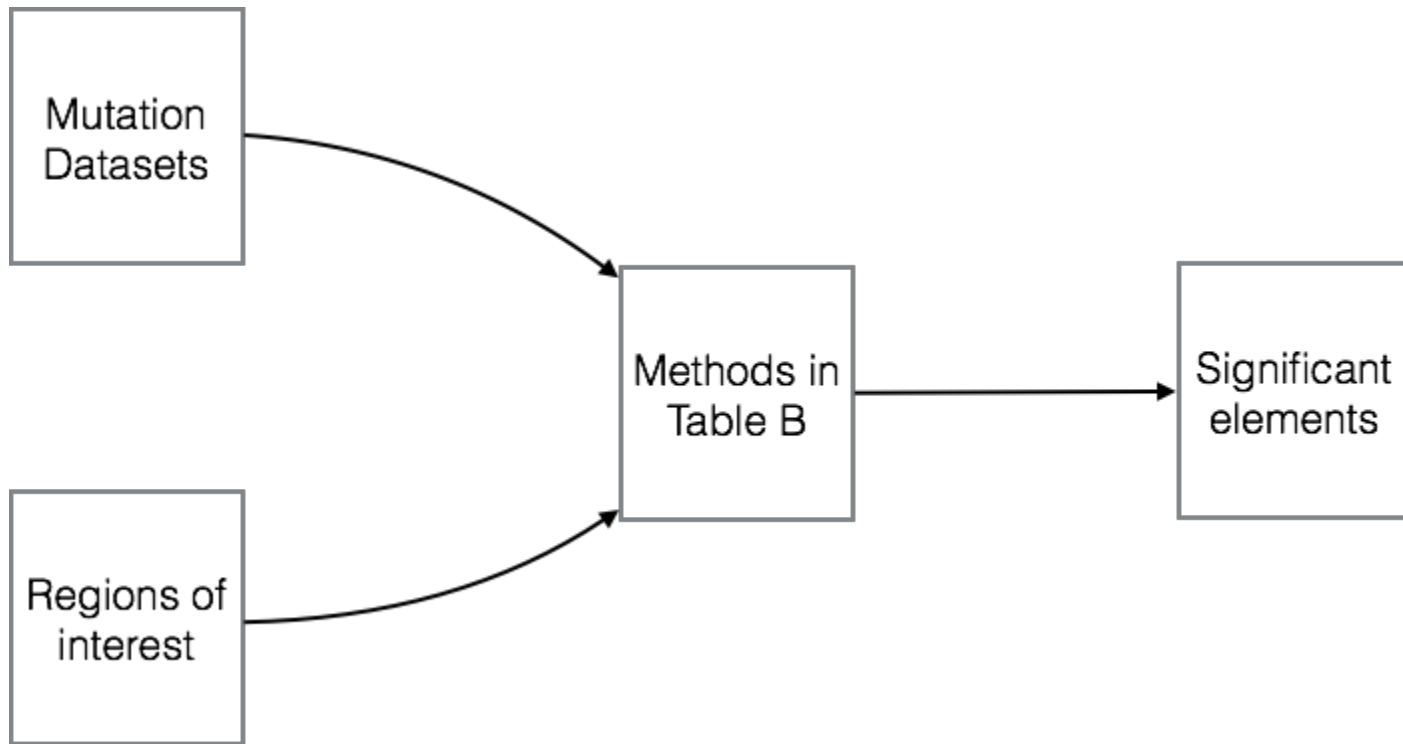


# Pilot Analyses

Annotation Pilot  
coordinated by  
Ekta Khurana

Signals Pilot  
coordinated by  
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# Signals Pilot



# Signals Pilot - Mutation Datasets

- TCGA-505 (pan)
- GBM-27
- Simulated TCGA-505
- Simulated GBM-27

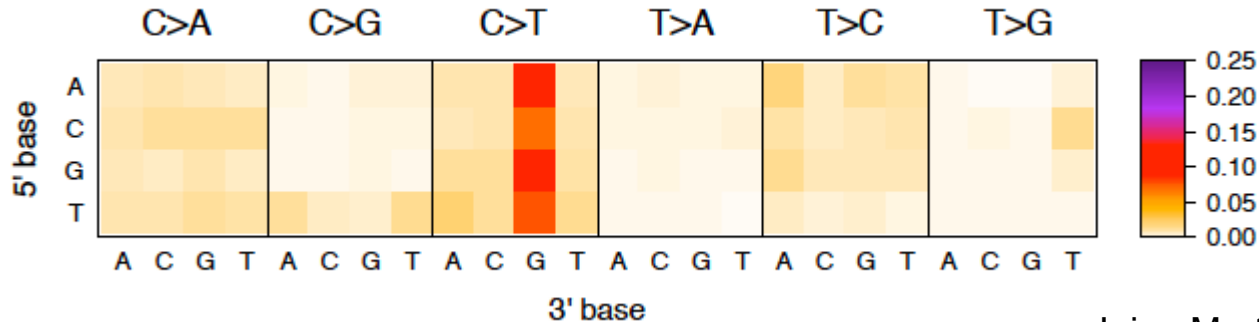
# Simulated data

Simulated data of public-607

Retained:

- Same nucleotide rates (base context)
- Same regional variation of mutation rate (per Mb)
- Same distribution of mutations across samples and tissue types

Not as challenging as true data but significant genes indicate inadequate background model



# Signals Pilot - Regions of interest

- Promoters
- Coding regions

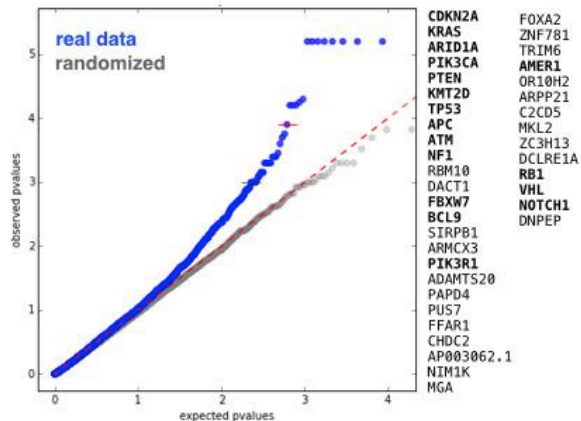
# Signals Pilot - Results

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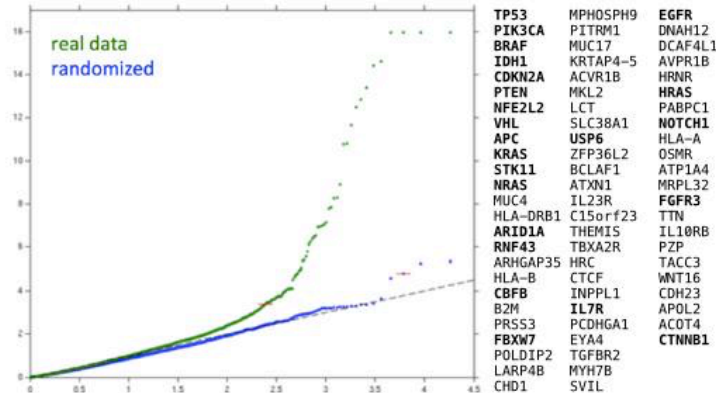
Method	Author (email)	Description	In which types of elements has been run?	Synapse ID
ncDriver	Henrik Hornshøj ( <a href="mailto:hhi@clin.au.dk">hhi@clin.au.dk</a> )	ncDriver CDS and promoter drivers detected by analysis of pilot TCGA50	Protein-coding genes, Promoter	<a href="#">syn3163011</a>
NBR - Sanger	Inigo Martincorena ( <a href="mailto:im3@sanger.ac.uk">im3@sanger.ac.uk</a> )	Recurrence by negative binomial regression with covariates. Applied on the pilot CDS and promoter databases on TCGA505, GBM27 and the randomised control datasets.	Protein-coding genes, Promoter	<a href="#">syn3163124</a>
OncodriveFM2	Loris Mularoni ( <a href="mailto:loris.mularoni@upf.edu">loris.mularoni@upf.edu</a> )	Functional impact bias. Run on TCGA505, GBM27 and the randomised control datasets.	Protein-coding genes, Promoter	<a href="#">syn3163827</a>
MSK-Hotspots	William Lee ( <a href="mailto:leew1@mskcc.org">leew1@mskcc.org</a> )	Recurrently mutated genomic hotspots calculated as described in <a href="#">Weinhold et al. 201</a>	Protein-coding genes, Promoter	<a href="#">TCGA505: syn3163614</a> <a href="#">GBM: syn3163617</a> <a href="#">Randomised: syn3163620</a>
MSK-Regions	Anders Jacobsen Skanderup ( <a href="mailto:jacobsen@cbio.mskcc.org">jacobsen@cbio.mskcc.org</a> )	Recurrently mutated genomic regions calculated as described in <a href="#">Weinhold et al. 201</a>	Protein-coding genes, Promoter	<a href="#">syn3163754</a>
PhaC	Sergio Pulido-Tamayo ( <a href="mailto:spulido99@gmail.com">spulido99@gmail.com</a> )	Mutual exclusivity patterns by small subnetwork analysis	CDS	<a href="#">syn3163695</a>
OncoMotifs	<a href="mailto:c.herrmann@dkfz.de">c.herrmann@dkfz.de</a>	Patterns of PWM creation/disruption using a local randomized background model	non-coding regions	<a href="#">syn3165097</a>
3D permutation	Akihiro Fujimoto, <a href="mailto:afujircb@src.riken.j">afujircb@src.riken.j</a>	Mutation cluster in 3D protein structure detected by analysis of pilot TCGA50	CDS	<a href="#">syn3168511</a>
MutSig2CV	<a href="mailto:lawrence@broadinstitute.org">lawrence@broadinstitute.org</a>	Analysis of mutation significance based on deviations from background model	Protein-coding genes, Promoters	<a href="#">syn3193626</a>

# Signals Pilot - Results - TCGA-505 coding

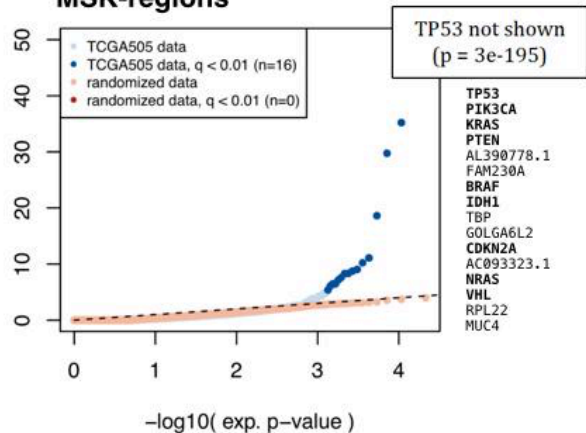
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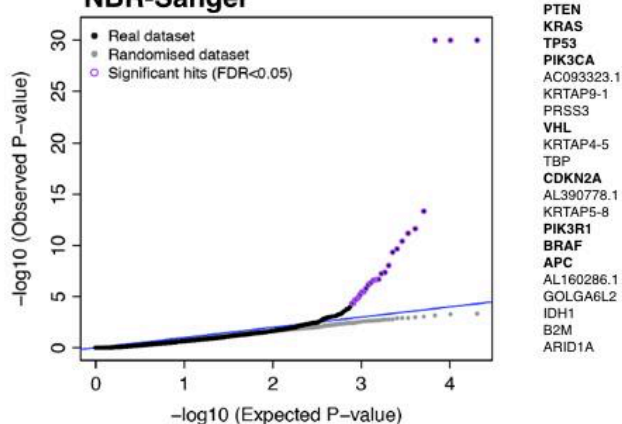
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## MSK-regions



## NBR-Sanger

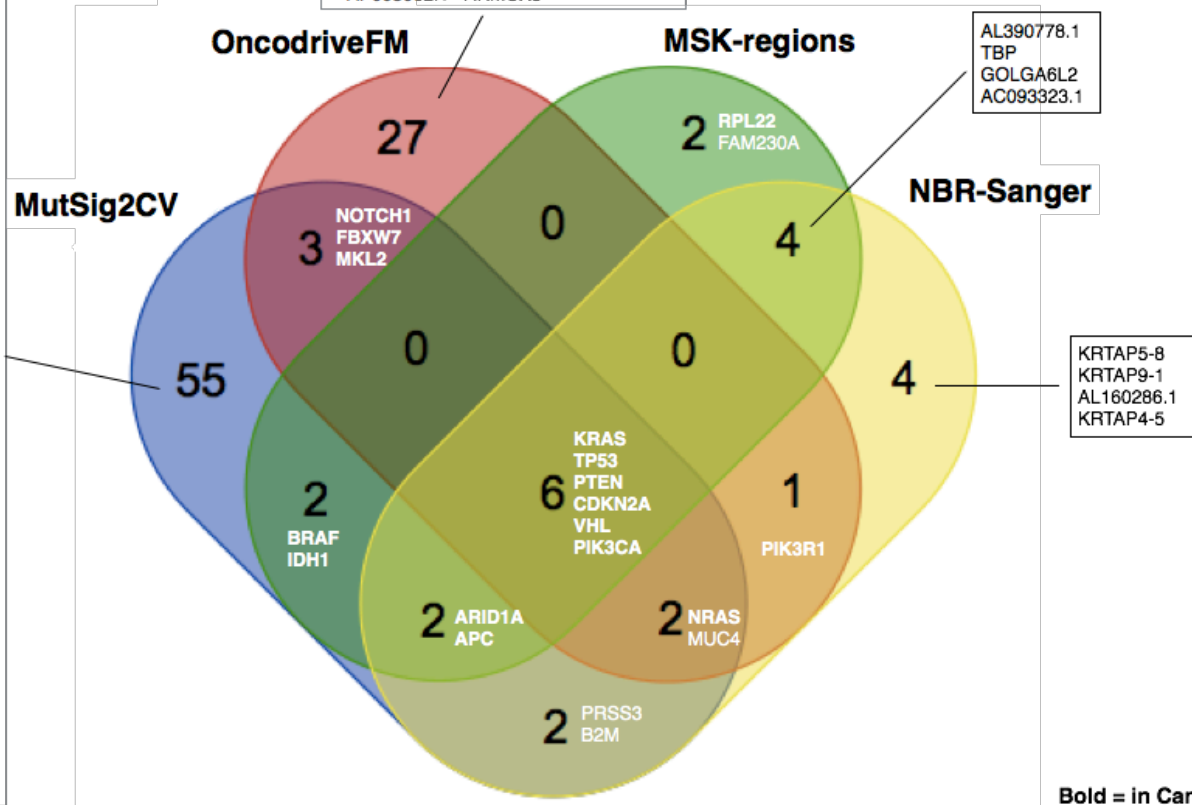


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# TCGA-505 coding

IL7R  
 FGFR3  
 HLA-A  
 POLDIP2  
 USP6  
 OSMR  
 PZP  
 HRC  
 APOL2  
 ATP1A4  
 PITRM1  
 INPPL1  
 C15orf123  
 TBXA2R  
 PABPC1  
 CTCF  
 ACVR1B  
 HRAS  
 RNF43  
 TACC3  
 SVIL  
 EYA4  
 STK11  
 CDH23  
 WNT16  
 THEMIS  
 TGFB2  
 TTN  
 MUC17 D  
 CAF4L1  
 CTNNA1  
 DNAH12  
 LARP4B  
 BCLAF1  
 EGFR  
 CEBF  
 LCT  
 HLA-DRB1  
 ARHGAP35  
 SLC38A1  
 ZFP36L2  
 AVPR1B  
 KRTAP4-5  
 MPHOSPH9  
 MRPL32  
 ACOT4  
 HLA-B  
 IL10RB  
 NFE2L2  
 ATXN1  
 IL23R  
 CHD1  
 MYH7B  
 PCDHGA1  
 HRNR

FOXA2	TRIM6	C2CD5
PAPD4	ZNF781	ADAMTS20
CHDC2	<b>KMT2D</b>	FFAR1
NF1 RB1	MGA	OR10H2
RBM10	SIRPB1	ZC3H13
<b>AMER1</b>	DNPEP	PUS7
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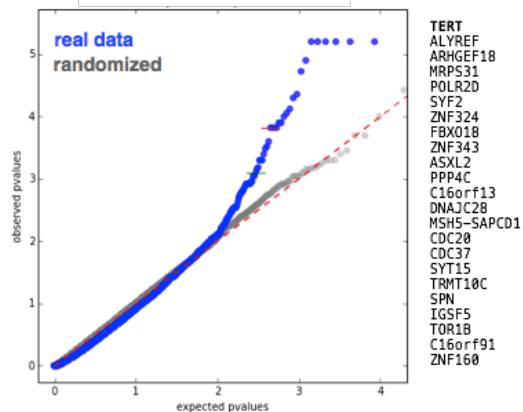


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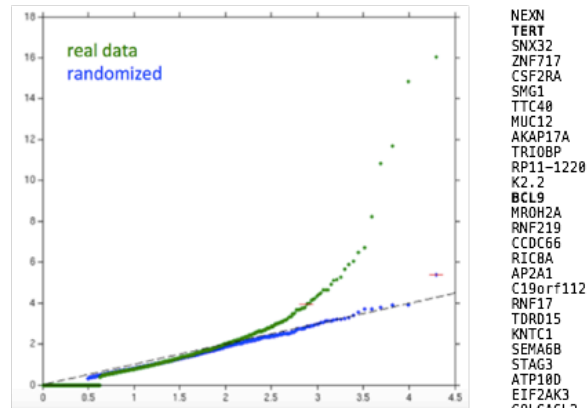


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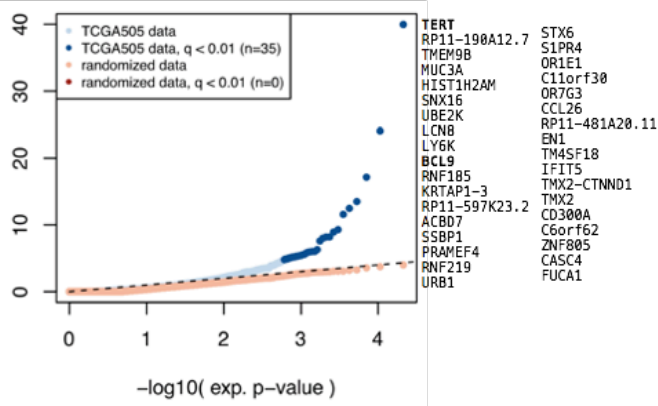
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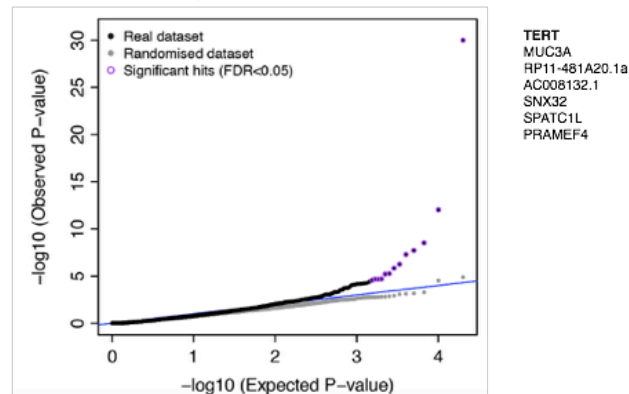
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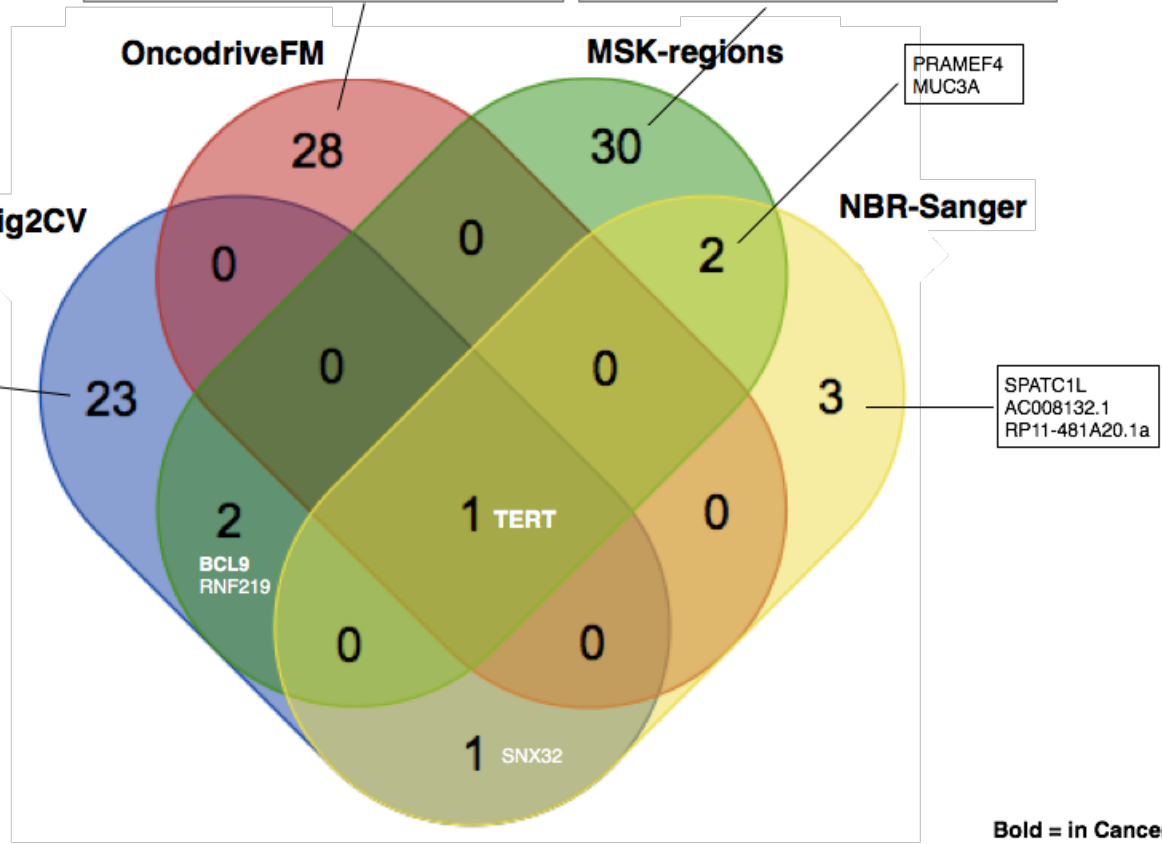
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# TCGA-505 promoter

ALYREF	PPP4C	IGSF5	ZNF160
ARHGEF18	C16orf13	TRIM3	SYT15
MRPS31	DNAJC28	COR06	TRMT10C
POLR2D	MSH5-SAPCD1	KLHDC1	SPN
SYF2	CDC20	ILF2	C16orf91
ZNF324	CDC37	<b>NFKB2</b>	
FBX018	ASXL2	TOR1B	
ZNF343	YIPF1		

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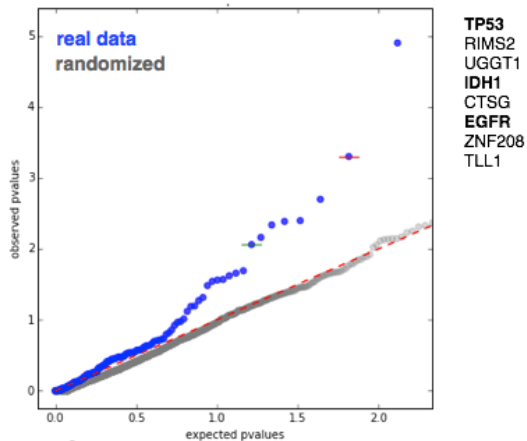
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- ZNF717
- CSF2RA
- SMG1
- TTC40
- MUC12
- AKAP17A
- TRIOBP
- RP11-1220
- K2.2
- MROH2A
- CCDC66
- RICBA
- AP2A1
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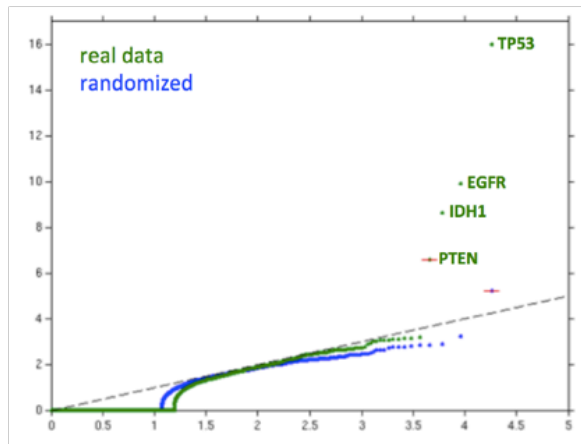
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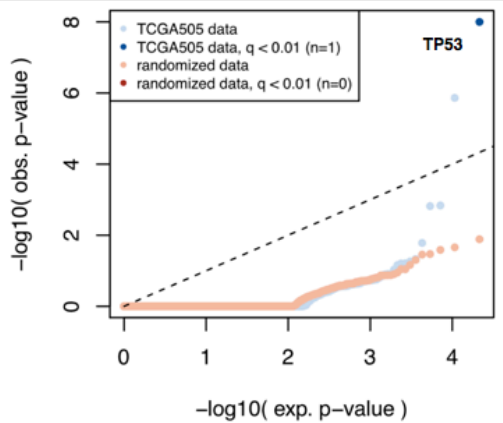
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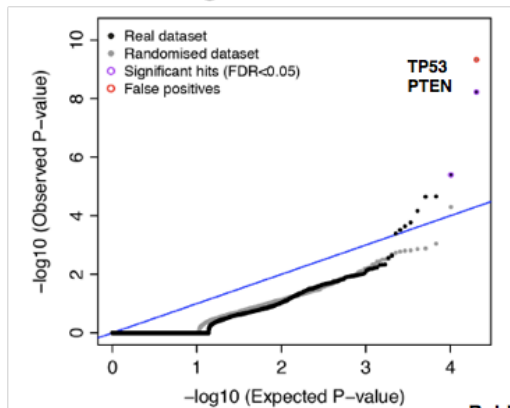
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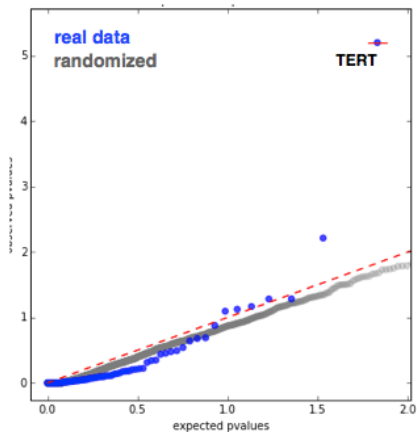
## NBR-Sanger



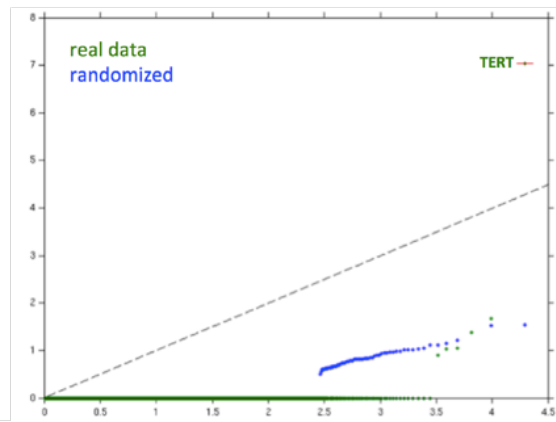
**Bold = in Cancer Gene Census**

# Signals Pilot - Results - GBM-27 promoter

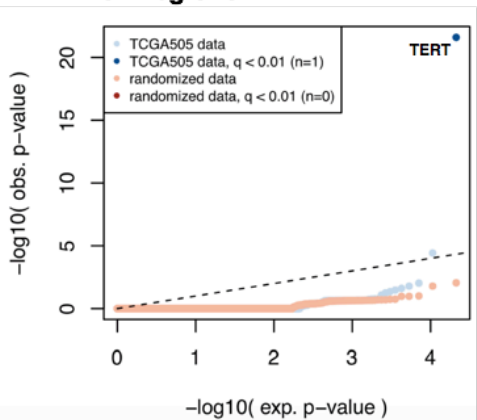
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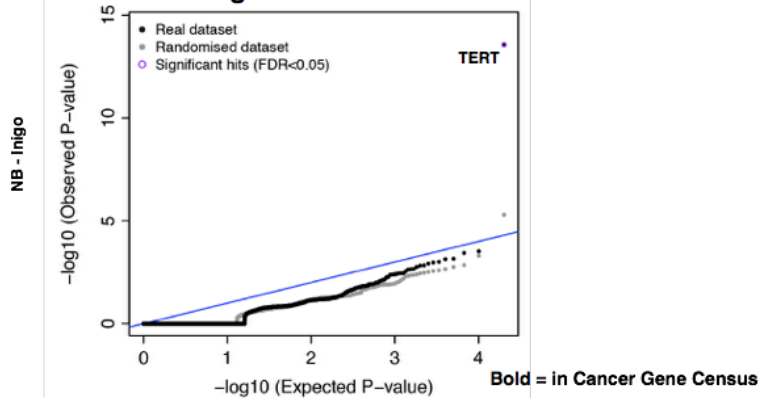
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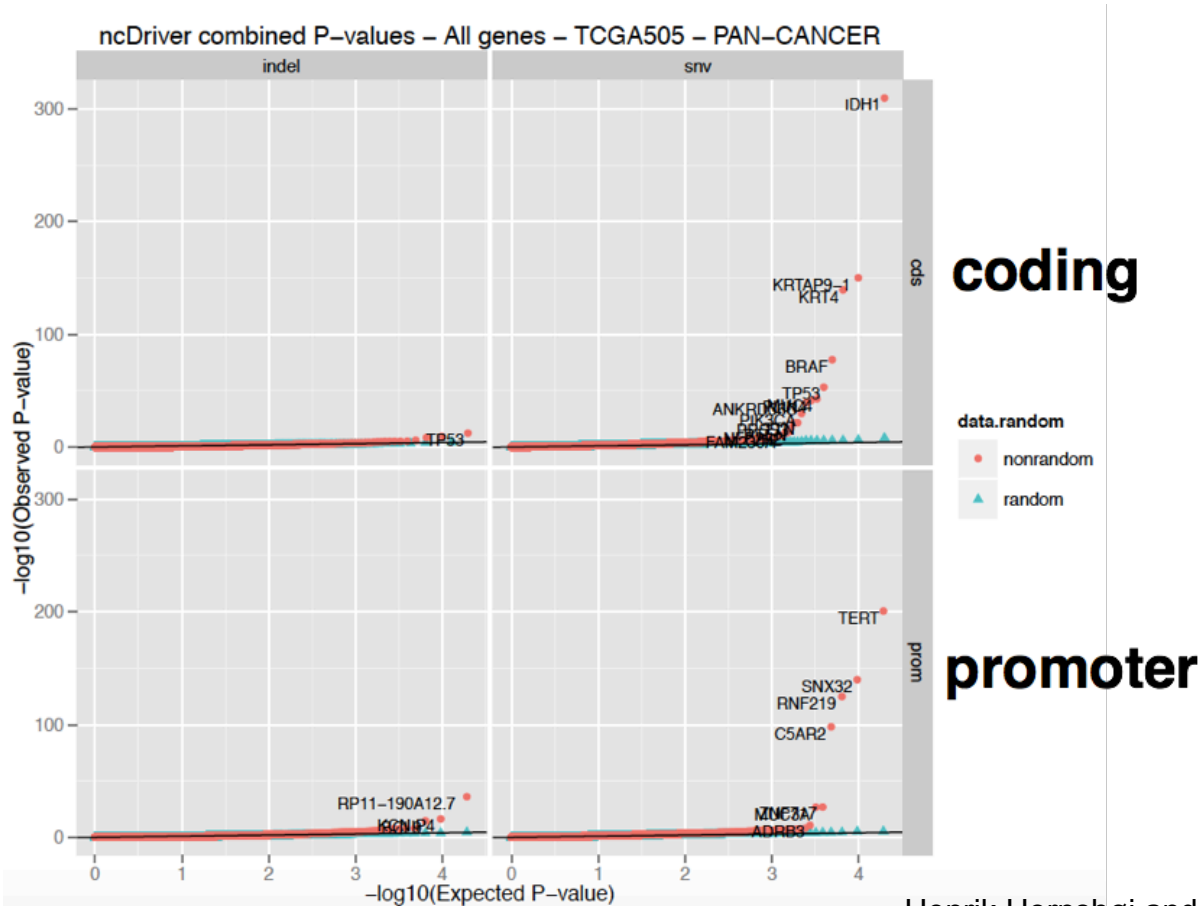
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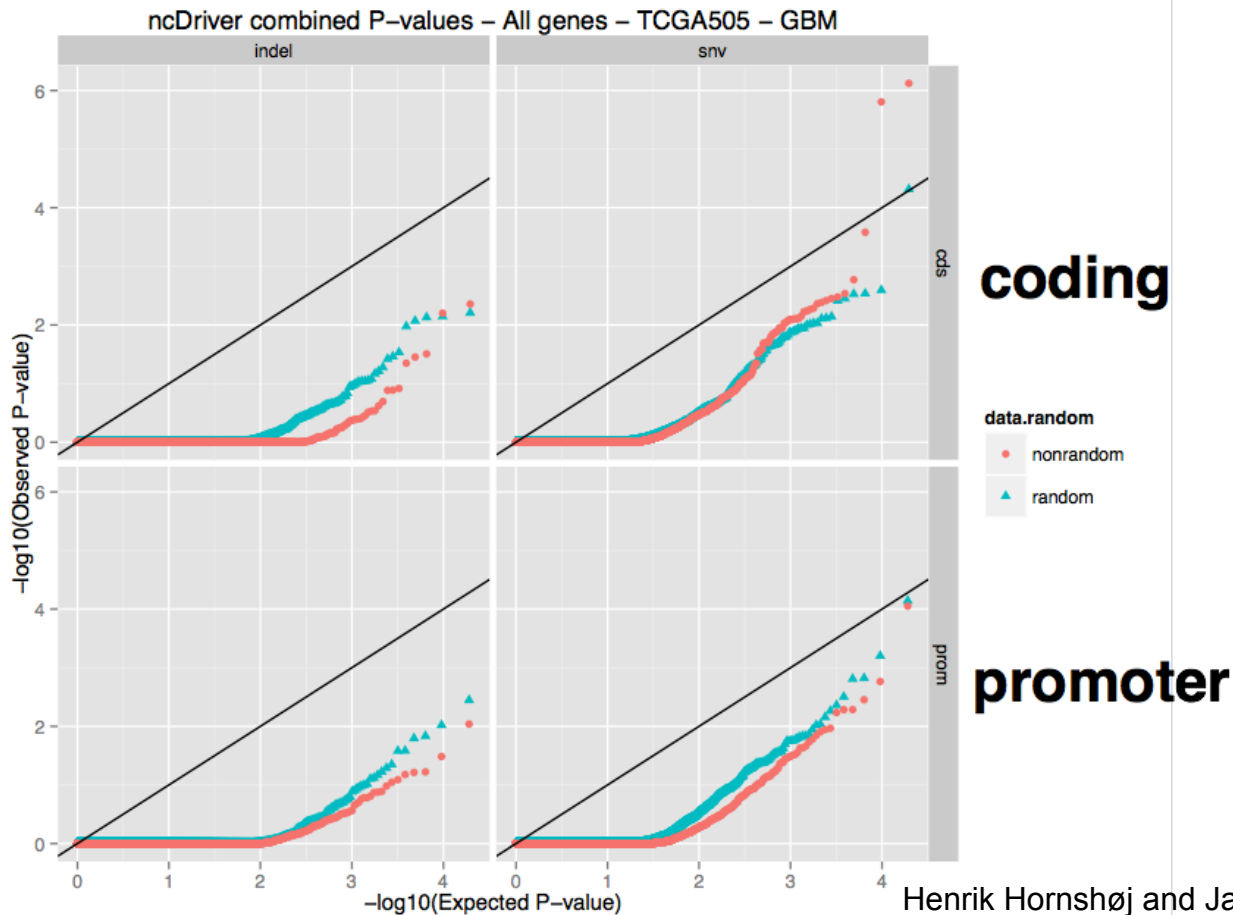
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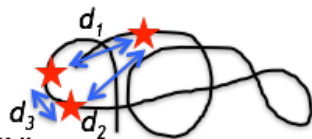
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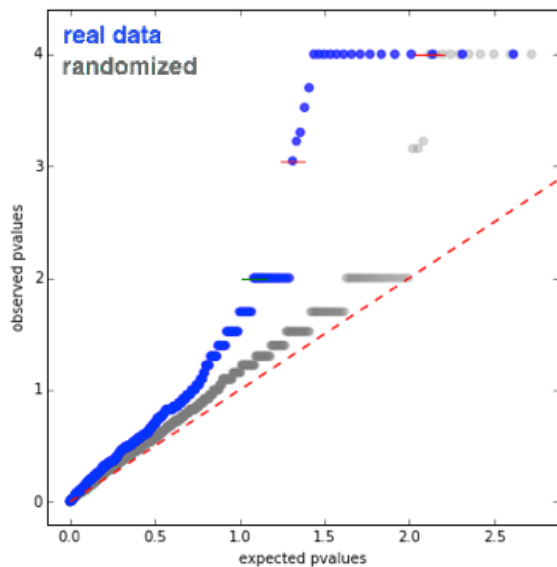
# Signals Pilot - Results - TCGA-505 coding

## 3D permutation

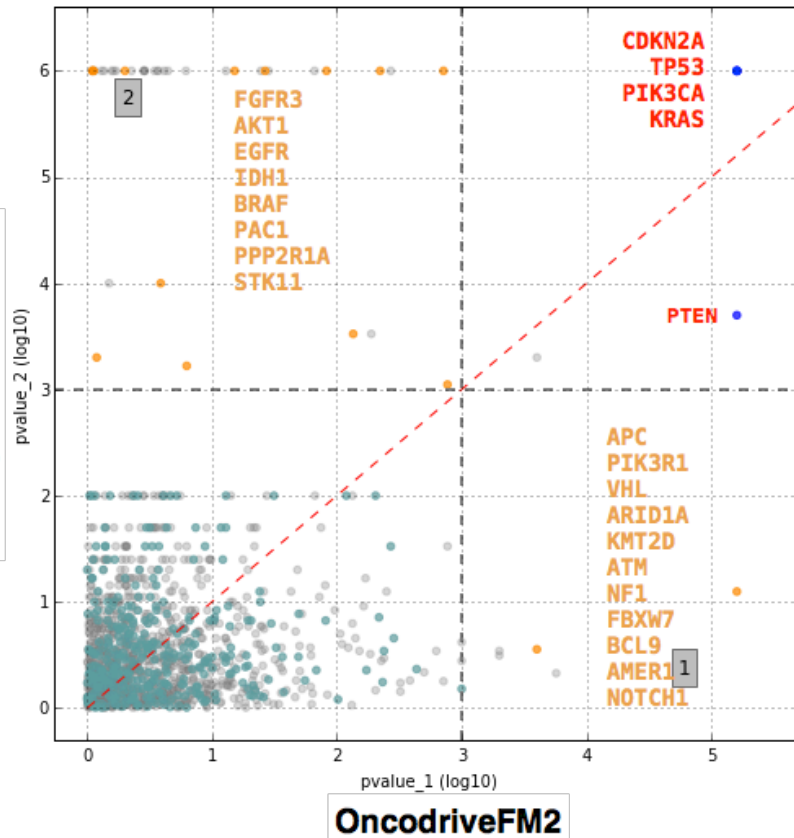
- Examine distribution of mutations in the 3D structure by a permutation test.
- Calculate average distances between mutations in the 3D structure. *P-values* are obtained by a permutation method.



Akihito Fujimoto (RIKEN)



3D permutations



OncodriveFM2

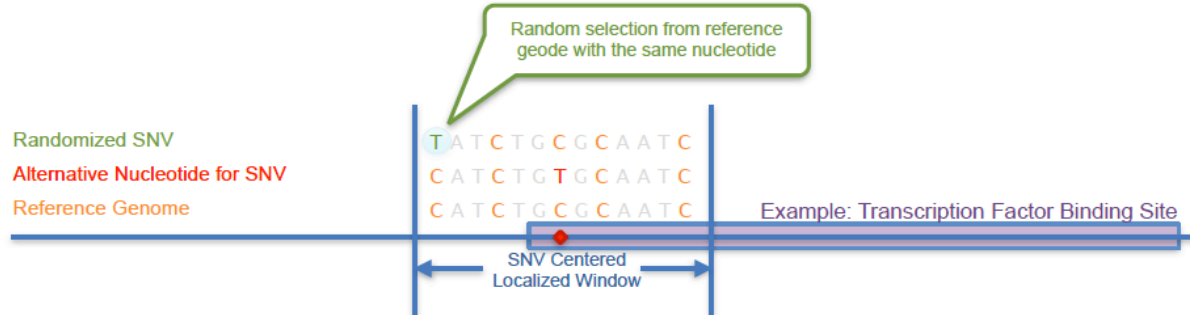
## Localized Randomization

### Question:

- Could change in TF affinity as a result of SNV due to random chance?
- How to evaluate unbiased selection of TF affinity change?

### Localized SNV randomization

- Cancer genome follows a consistent local mutation frequency (spatial)
- Each type of mutation occurs at a consistent frequency (symbol)





# PanCan Pre-Train 1 Data SNV Affected TFBS

TFBS Creation:  $TF \in \{z_{\max}(\text{cancer type}) > 10\}$



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# Reference Annotations sub-group

Annotation	WG	Contact persons	Source
<u>Noncoding RNAs</u>	WG-14	Jakob Skou Pederson	
<u>Cis-regulatory regions</u>	WG-2	Ekta Khurana, Esther Rheinbay, Manolis Kellis, Mark Gerstein, Gaddy Getz, Paz Polak	ENCODE & Epigenome Roadmap
<u>PPI network</u>	WG-5,9	Josh Stuart, Ben Raphael, Juri Reimand	STRING, iRef, HPRD, BioGRID
Fragile sites	WG-6	Nicola Roberts	
High-resolution CpG islands	WG-2	Lars Feuerbach	MPI-INF
Expression levels (generic tissue-agnostic values)	WG-6, 3	Nicola Roberts, Angela Brooks	Cancer cell line Encyclopedia, GTEx

And many more ...

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eNjR4vBFItujENA1pYdfFs-DWZYKxyNfOYZ5yToA3Kk/edit>

Ekta Khurana

# Pilot 1: Annotate variants and score individual variants

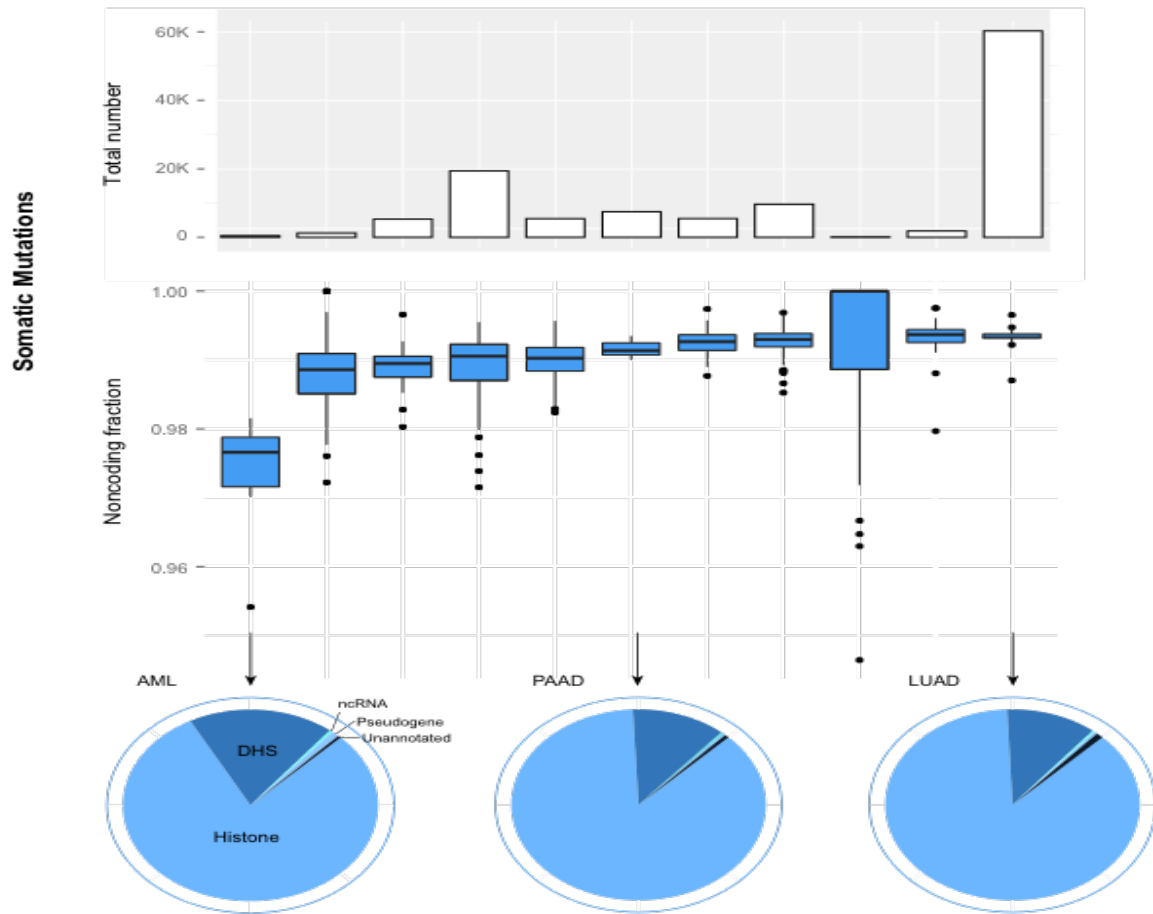
- Datasets used
  - Pilot-50 from Train 1 (Broad calls)
  - PCAWG-607 (Alexandrov et al, Nature, 2013 + STAD, <http://bg.upf.edu/projects/pcawg/>)

# Pilot 1 results submitted

Method	Institute	Coding (GENCODE 19)	Noncoding	Scores/ Drivers
CanDrA & HotDriver	MDACC	Y	N	Y
Oncotator	Broad	Y	Y (intron, ncRNA, UTR)	N
FunSeq2	Yale/WCMC	Y	Y (intron, ncRNA, UTR, promoter, enhancer, DHS, motif)	Y
Johnson et al	RIKEN	Y	Y	Y
Feuerbach et al	DFKZ	Y	Y (intron, ncRNA, UTR)	N
Herrmann et al	DFKZ	N	Y (motif, DHS)	Y
wKinMut	DTU, Denmark	Y (kinases)	N	Y
Herrero et al	UCL	Y (ancestral allele)	Y (ancestral allele)	N

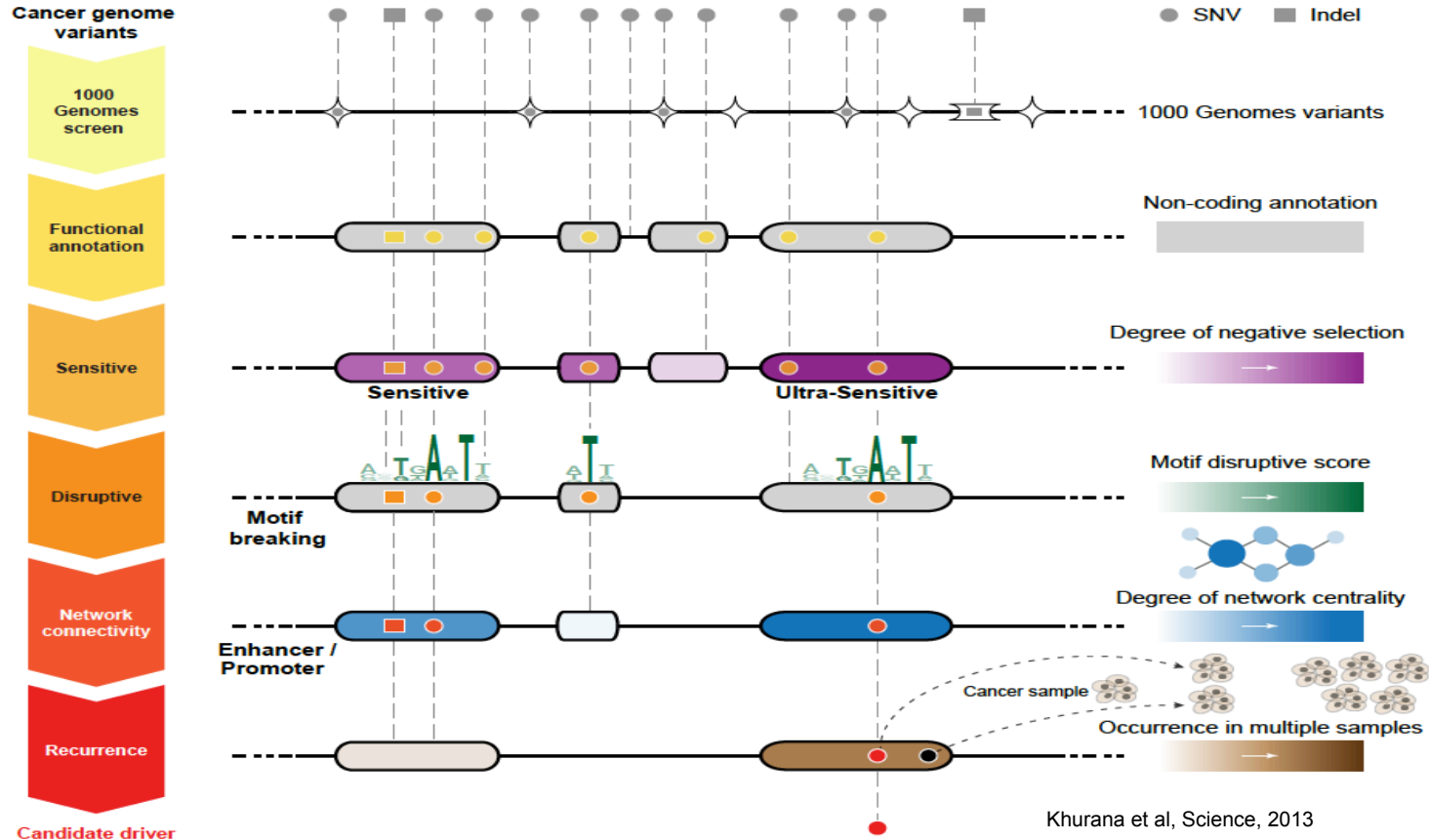


# Mutations in noncoding regulatory regions



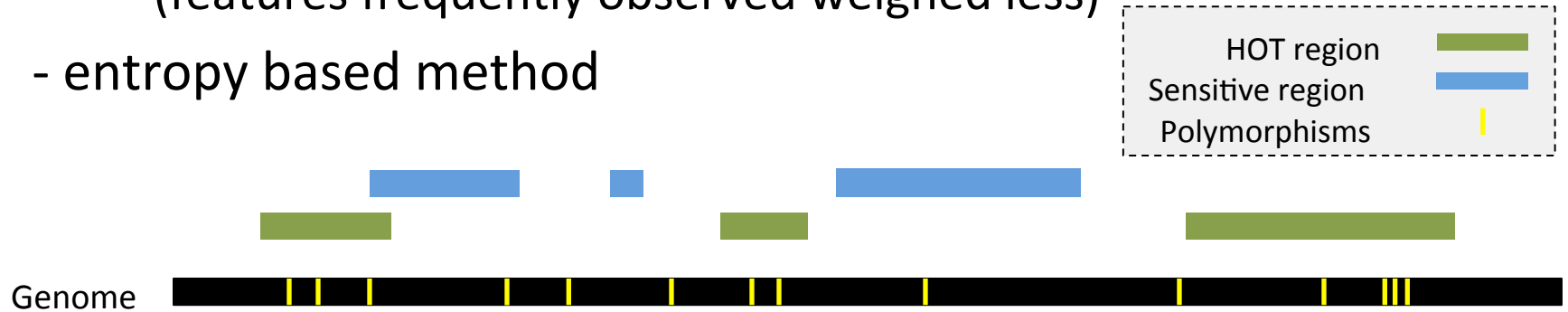
Yao Fu  
Ekta Khurana  
Mark Gerstein

# Identification of noncoding candidate drivers: FunSeq



# FunSeq2

- Feature weight
  - Weighted with mutation patterns in natural polymorphisms (features frequently observed weighed less)
  - entropy based method



$$\text{Feature weight: } w_d = 1 + p_d \log_2 p_d + (1 - p_d) \log_2 (1 - p_d)$$

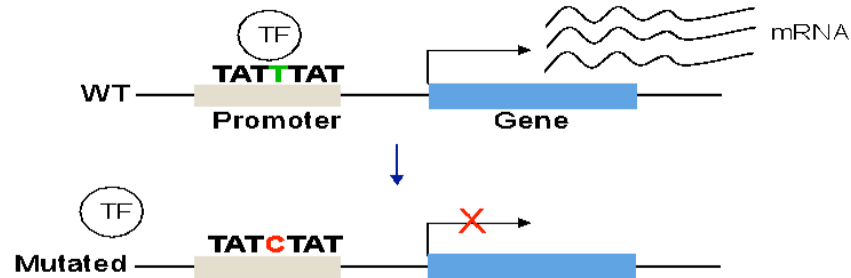
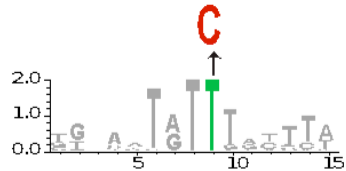
$p \uparrow$     $w_d \downarrow$     $p = \text{probability of the feature overlapping natural polymorphisms}$

$$\text{For a variant: } \text{Score} = \sum w_d \text{ of observed features}$$

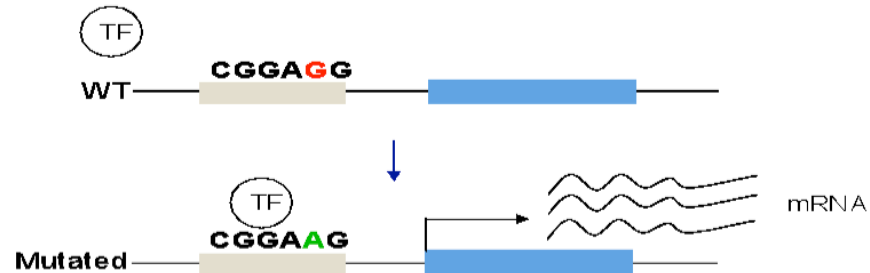


# Loss- and gain-of TF motif mutations

Loss-of-motif



Gain-of-motif



# Mutations with high FunSeq score

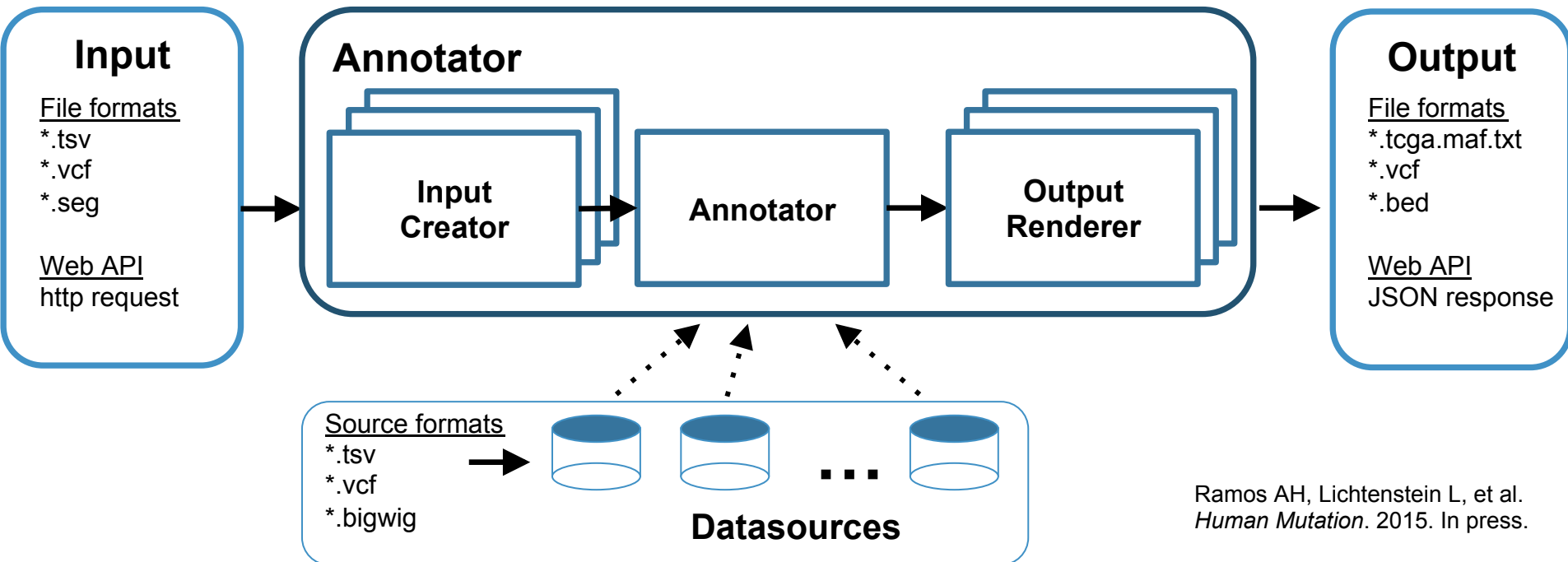
- Can be further prioritized, e.g. gene expression...

Type	Sample	Coding (all samples)	Noncoding (all samples)
ALL	1	17/87	3/7653
AML	7	13/87	10/3325
Breast	119	1430/6495	3128/638835
CLL	28	41/338	124/51406
Liver	88	1464/6257	3188/843489
Lung_Adeno	24	2255/9479	5291/1428263
Lymphoma_B	24	241/1212	529/126186
Medulloblastoma	100	282/1461	226/123387
Pancreas	15	129/965	179/111044
Pilocytic_A	101	13/103	15/10453
Stomach	100	5739/20374	10829/1891465
PCAWG_50	41	667/3745	1195/353489

# Oncotator: variant annotation tool

Python tool for annotating variants with variant- and gene-centric data relevant to cancer researchers

Web app: [broadinstitute.org/oncotator\\_beta/](http://broadinstitute.org/oncotator_beta/)  
Github: [github.com/broadinstitute/oncotator](https://github.com/broadinstitute/oncotator)



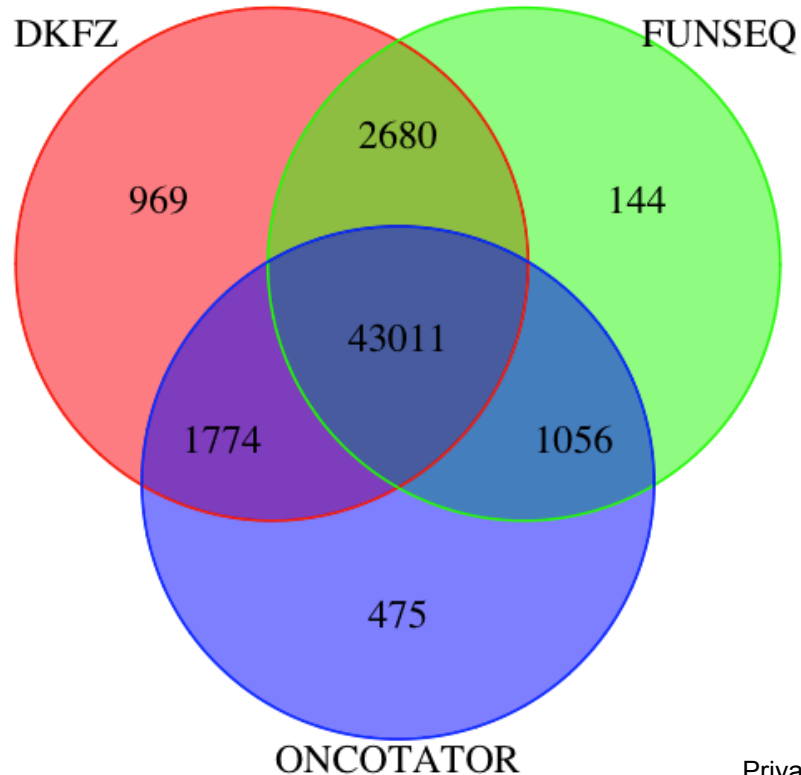
Ramos AH, Lichtenstein L, et al.  
*Human Mutation*. 2015. In press.

# Oncotator default datasources

Annotation Category	Resource	URL	Comments
<b>Genomic</b>	GENCODE	<a href="http://www.genecodegenes.org/">http://www.genecodegenes.org/</a>	GENCODE/ENSEMBL transcripts and annotations for hg19
	ref_context		Can be used for artifact inference
	gc_content		Can be used for artifact inference
	Human DNA Repair Genes	<a href="http://sciencepark.mdanderson.org/labs/wood/DNA_Repair_Genes.html">http://sciencepark.mdanderson.org/labs/wood/DNA_Repair_Genes.html</a>	Alteration in such genes can help explain higher overall mutation rates in specific samples
<b>Protein</b>	UniProt	<a href="http://www.uniprot.org/">http://www.uniprot.org/</a>	Includes Drugbank & GO annotations
	dbNSFP	<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/jpopgen/dbNSFP">https://sites.google.com/site/jpopgen/dbNSFP</a>	Contains pre-computed conservation scores, prediction classifications, and other information
<b>Cancer Variant</b>	COSMIC	<a href="http://www.sanger.ac.uk/genetics/CGP/cosmic/">http://www.sanger.ac.uk/genetics/CGP/cosmic/</a>	
	Cancer Gene Census	<a href="http://www.sanger.ac.uk/genetics/CGP/Census/">http://www.sanger.ac.uk/genetics/CGP/Census/</a>	
	CCLC	<a href="http://www.broadinstitute.org/ccle/home">http://www.broadinstitute.org/ccle/home</a>	Cancer cell line annotations. Can be used to identify cell line models containing variants of interest
	Familial Cancer Database	<a href="http://www.familialcancerdatabase.nl/">http://www.familialcancerdatabase.nl/</a>	
	ClinVar	<a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar/">http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar/</a>	
<b>Non-Cancer Variant</b>	dbSNP	<a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/SNP/">http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/SNP/</a>	b142 release for human (9606)
	1000 Genomes	<a href="http://www.1000genomes.org/data">http://www.1000genomes.org/data</a>	Phase 3 variant set
	NHLBI GO Exome Sequencing Project (ESP)	<a href="https://esp.gs.washington.edu/drupal/">https://esp.gs.washington.edu/drupal/</a>	

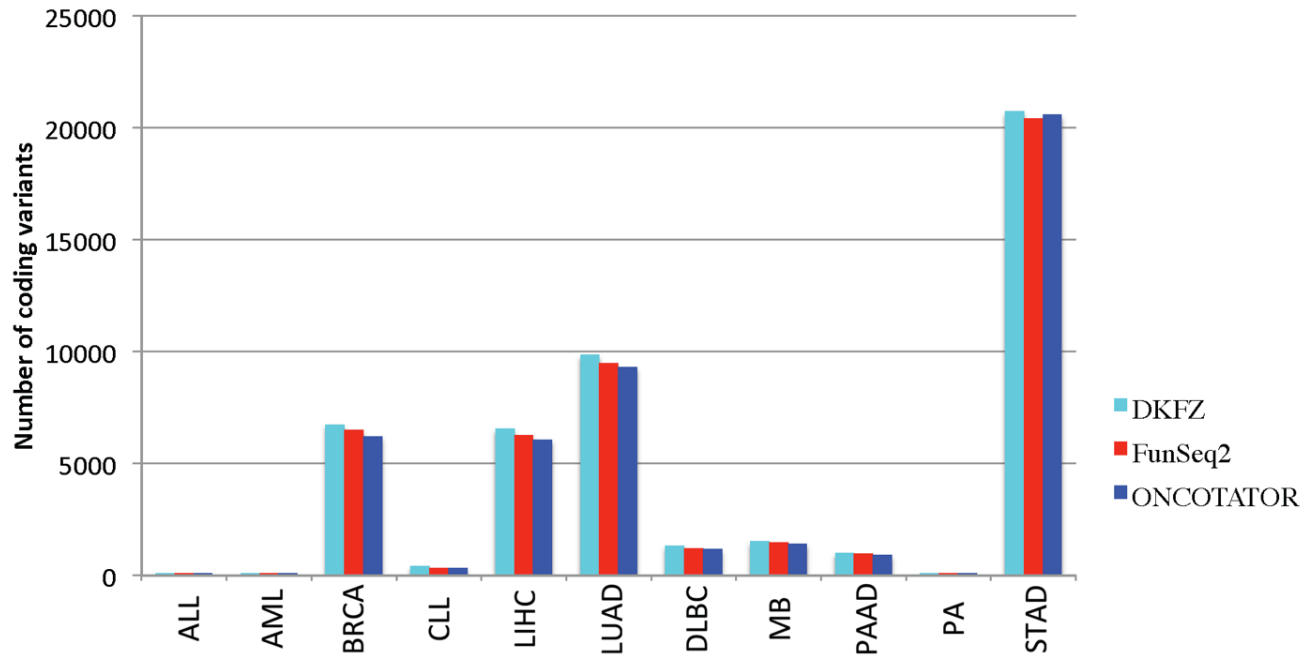
\*CLI tool includes framework for adding additional datasources.

# Predicted coding variants for all cancer types using 3 methods

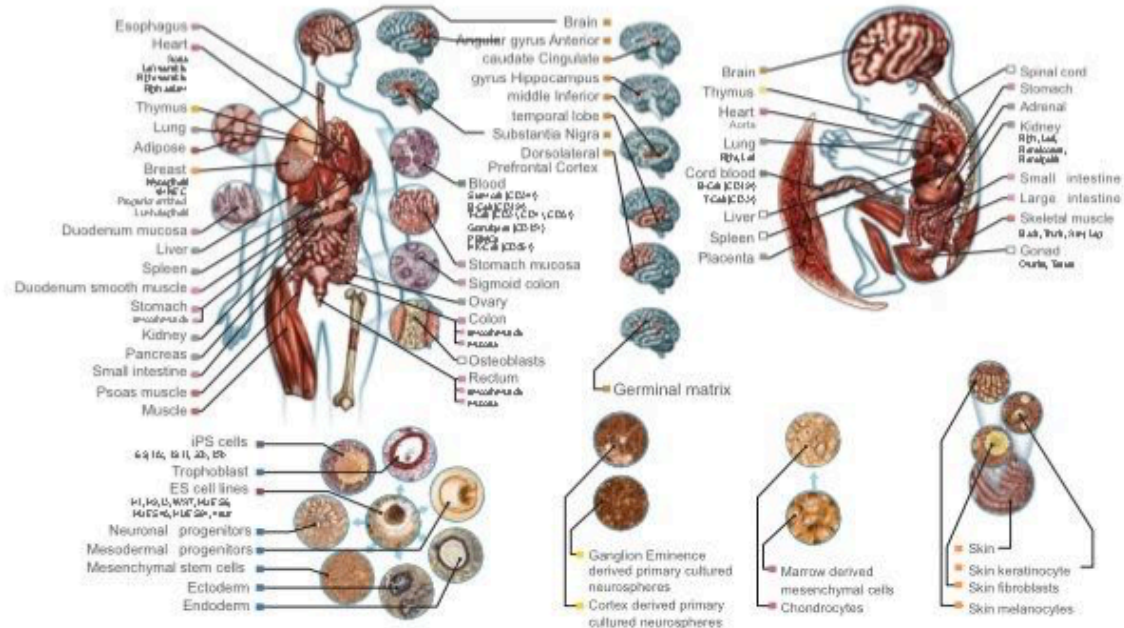


DKFZ	48434
ONCOTATOR	46316
FUNSEQ2	46891

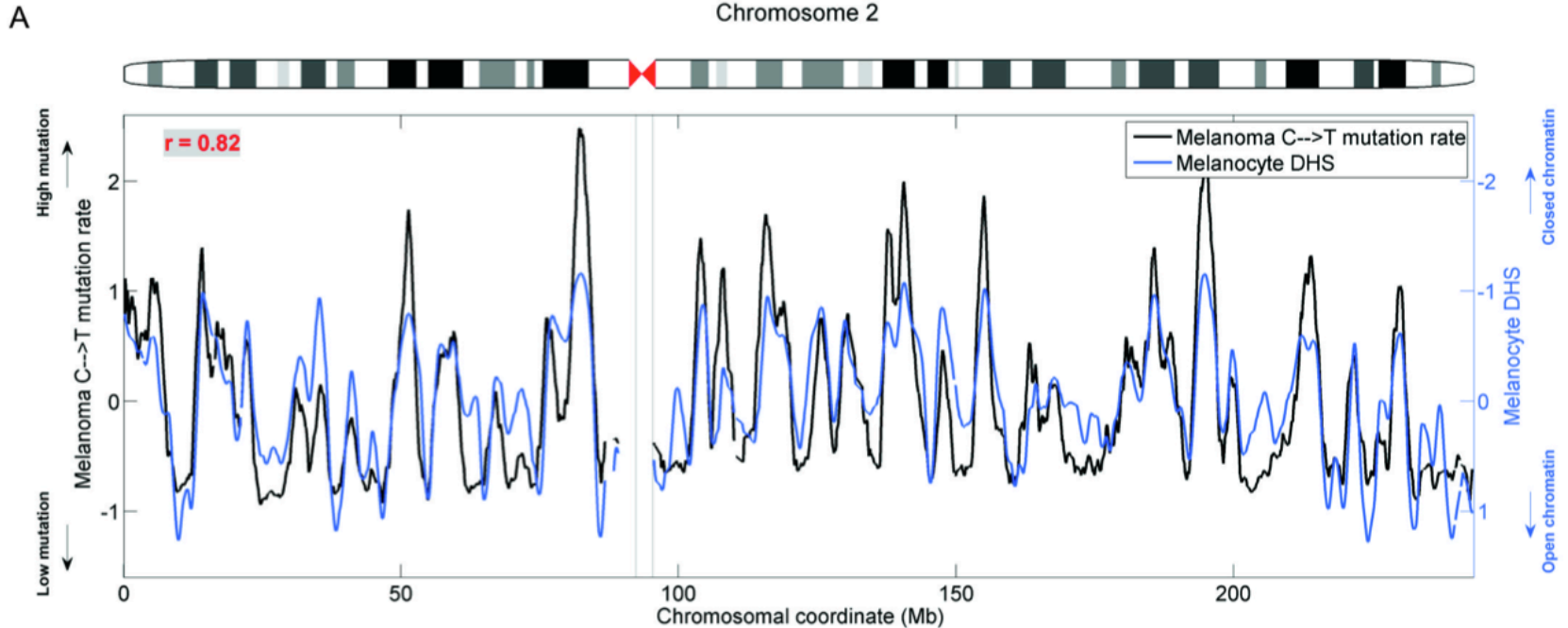
# Pilot 1 comparison of different methods



# Epigenomic Roadmap Project provides an atlas of epigenomes from 127 adult and fetal tissues



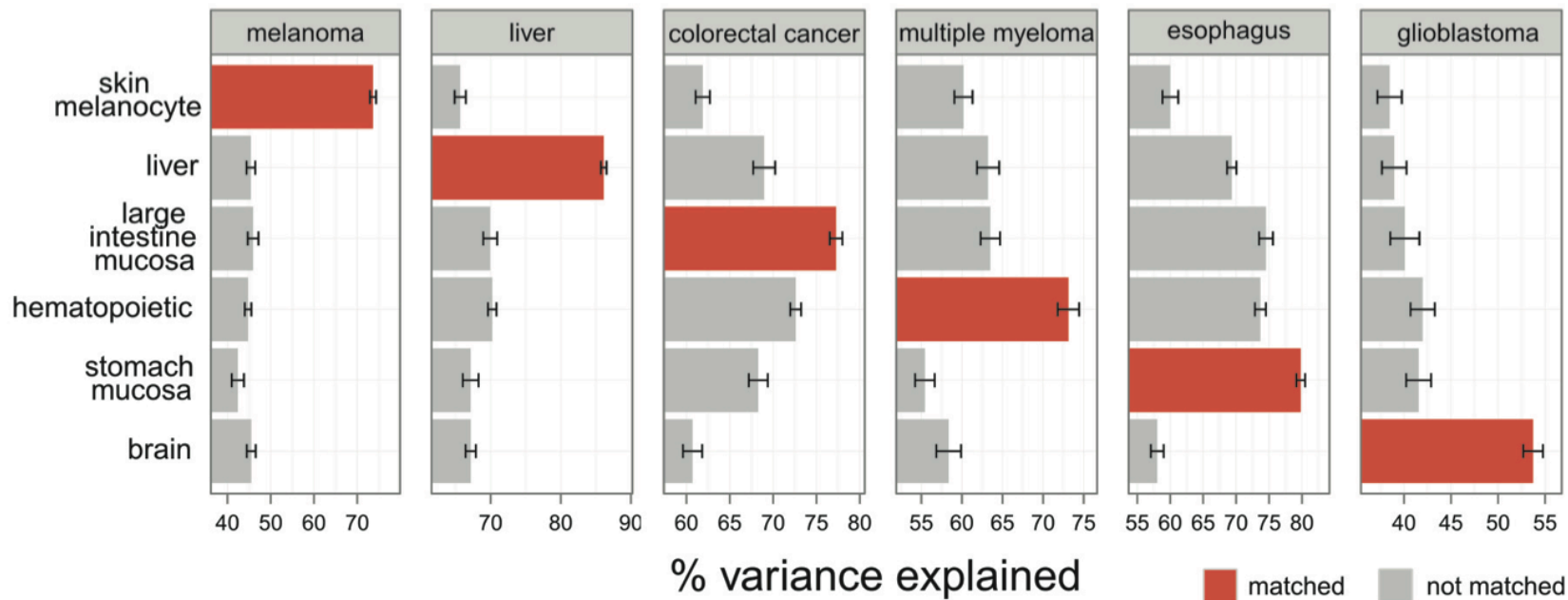
# DNaseI profile in normal melanocytes is negatively correlated with melanoma mutation density profile



Melanoma WGS data: Berger et al, 2012  
Polak\*, Karlic\* et al, *Nature*, in press



# Epigenomes with the highest predictive accuracy correspond to the closest cell-of-origin



# Annotating and analyzing variants using cell-of-origin epigenomic data

PCAWG50 Project	codetumor type	Description	cell-of-origin, tissue of origin and benign controls	Roadmap epigenomics closest normal tissue type
LAML-US		Acute Myeloid Leukemia - TCGA, US	Myeloid cells, bone marrow	Primary mononuclear cells from peripheral blood; Primary monocytes from peripheral blood
BLCA-US		Bladder Urothelial Cancer - TGCA, US	urothelial cells (such as: basal cells, intermediate cells and umbrella cells)	-> not given
BOCA-UK		Bone Cancer - Osteosarcoma / chondrosarcoma / rare subtypes	Osteosarcoma = osetocytes; chondrosarcoma = chondrocytes	Osteoblast Primary Cells; Mesenchymal Stem Cell Derived Chondrocyte Cultured Cells
GBM-US		Brain Glioblastoma Multiforme - TCGA, US	glial cells	NH-A Astrocytes Primary Cells
LGG-US		Brain Lower Grade Glioma - TCGA, US	glial cells	NH-A Astrocytes Primary Cells
BRCA-EU		Breast Cancer - ER+ve, HER2-ve	epithelial cells, breast	Breast variant Human Mammary Epithelial Cells (vHMEC); Breast Myoepithelial Primary Cells
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Full spreadsheet at <http://goo.gl/vp3uLS>

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# WG-14: mutational analysis of ncRNAs

## Mutational analysis

Identify ncRNA drivers  
(miRNAs, lncRNAs, tRNAs, ...)

- mutation enrichment
- functional impact of mutations
- clustering, etc

Mutations in regulatory regions

- promoter regions
- splice sites
- cleavage sites

## Expression & epigenetic analysis

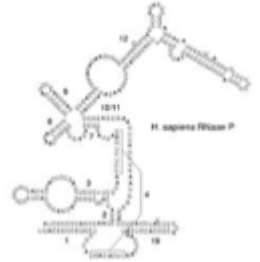
Mutational effect on expression  
(miRNAs, lncRNAs, ...)

- ncRNA perturbation effect on:
- mRNA expression (miRNAs & lncRNAs)
  - methylation patterns (lncRNAs)

miRNA



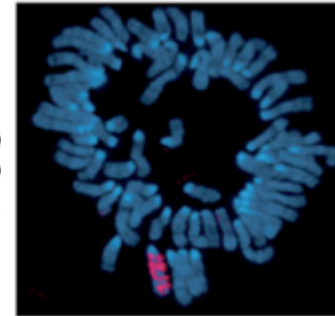
RNase P



tRNA



Xist (~20 kb long)



# ncRNA annotation sources

## Sources with expression evidence

**GENCODE**, Basic set (v.19):

- mixed ncRNAs (n=39,301)

**miRBase** (v.20):

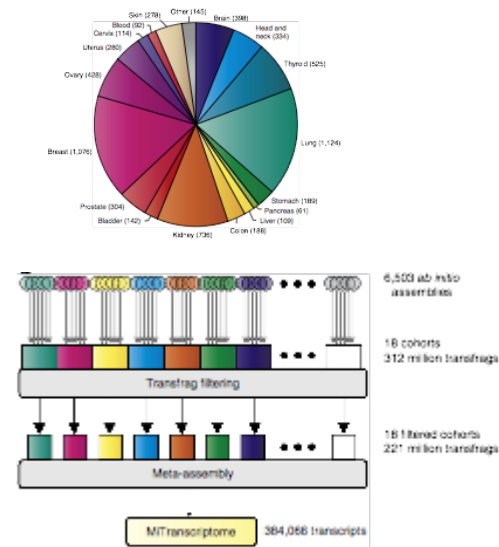
- mature miRNAs (n=2,794)
- miRNA stem-loops (n=1,871)

**snoRNABase** (v.3):

- snoRNAs (n=402)

**MiTranscriptome:**

- lncRNAs / mixed (n=124,928)



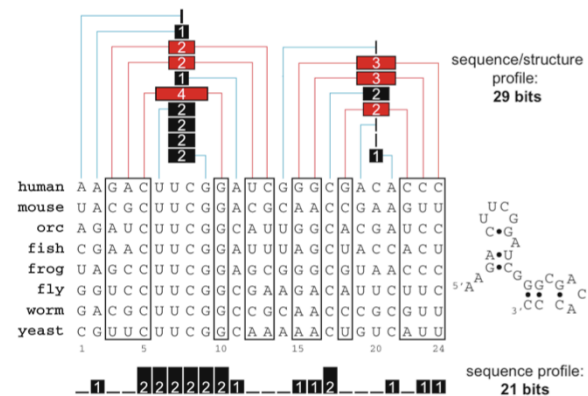
Iyer et al. The landscape of long noncoding RNAs in the human transcriptome. Nature Genetics (2015).

## Sources with homology matches

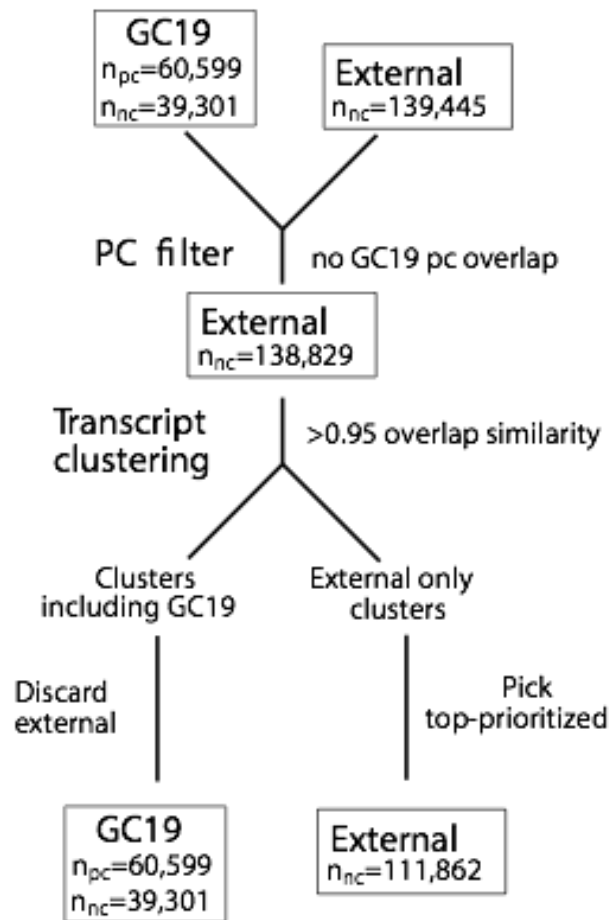
**rfam**: structural RNA families (v.11, n=8,825)

**Genomic tRNA Database** (hg19, n=625)

## RNA structure homology searches

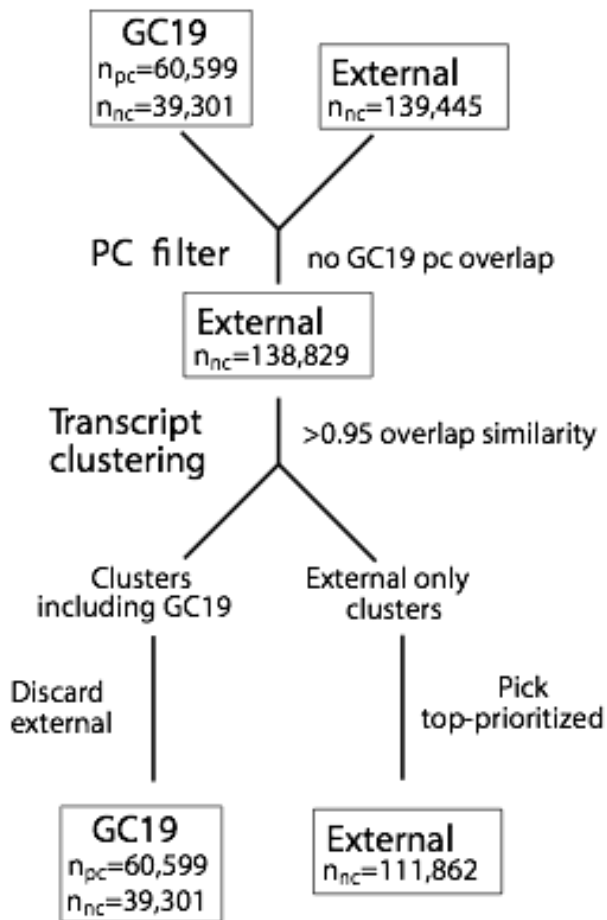


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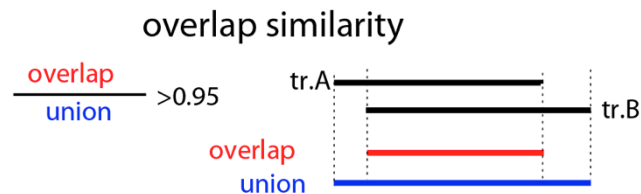


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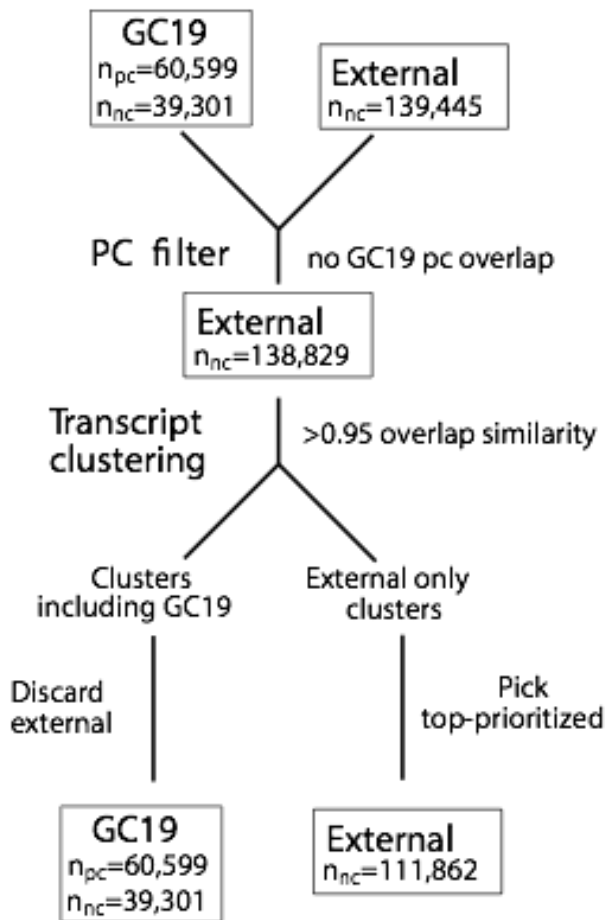


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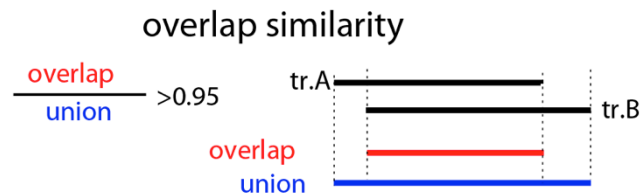




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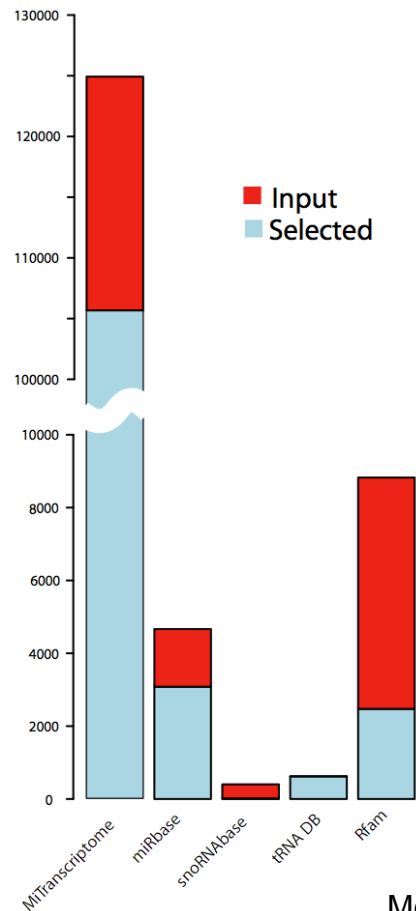
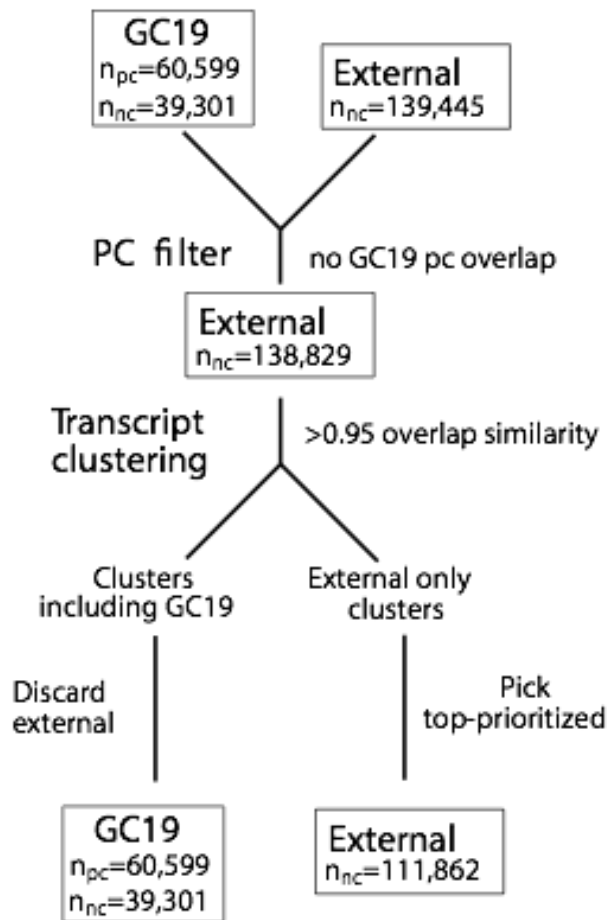


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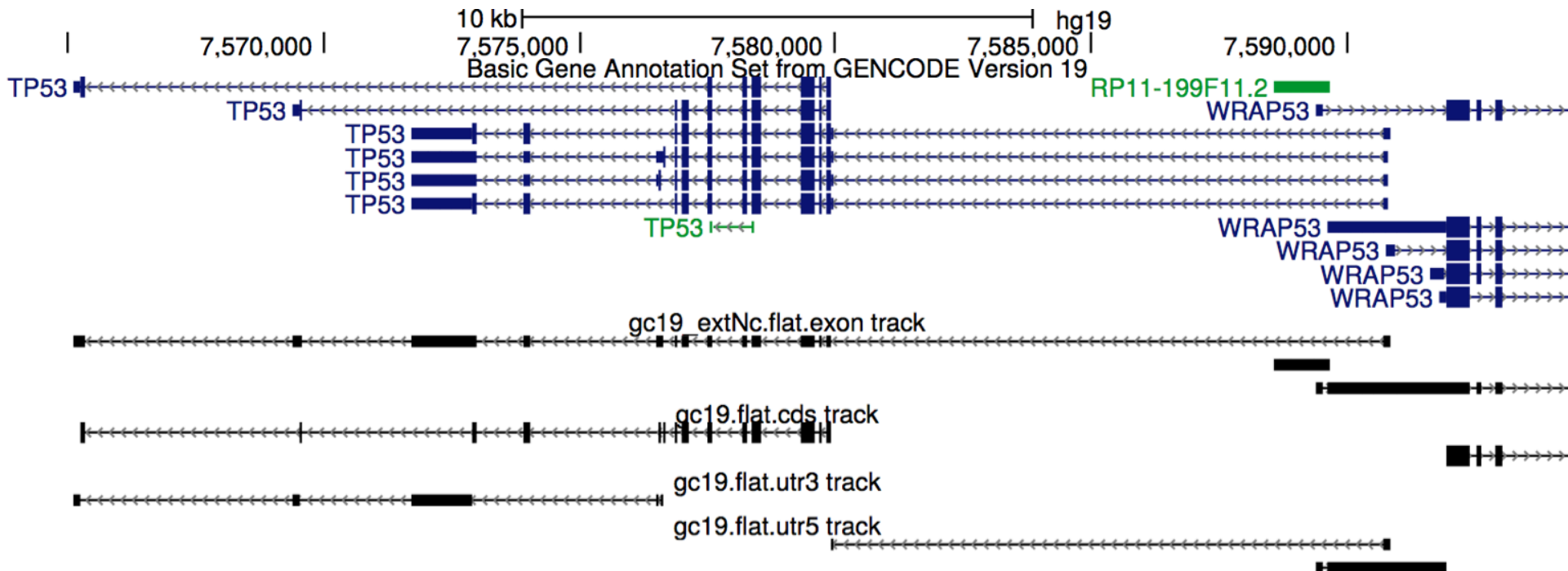
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2. snoRNAbase (n=16)
3. MiTranscriptome (n=105,670)
4. tRNA DB (n=620)
5. Rfam (n=2,474)

# Reducing to single comprehensive, non-redundant ncRNA set



# Collapsing isoforms to flattened gene models

For mutational analysis, we decided to work with a single gene model per transcript.



# Source, IDs, and additional information retained in bed files

geneSet::geneName::geneID::transcriptID::extraAnnotation::extraAnnotation...

Ex.

gencode::SAMD11::ENSG00000187634.6::ENST00000342066.3::protein\_coding::KNOWN

# ncRNA / lncRNA expression profiling

## Approach:

- Base on RNAseq SOP from WG3
- Profile extended Gencode set

## Challenges:

- Families of ncRNA with highly similar members
- Idea: define equivalence classes of highly similar transcripts and combine read counts for comparison between samples.

# miRNA expression profiling

## miRNA-seq SOP

- SOP from TCGA (Genome Sciences Centre, BC Cancer Agency)
- Updated with same version of BWA as used for WGS mapping

## Overview of samples / patients

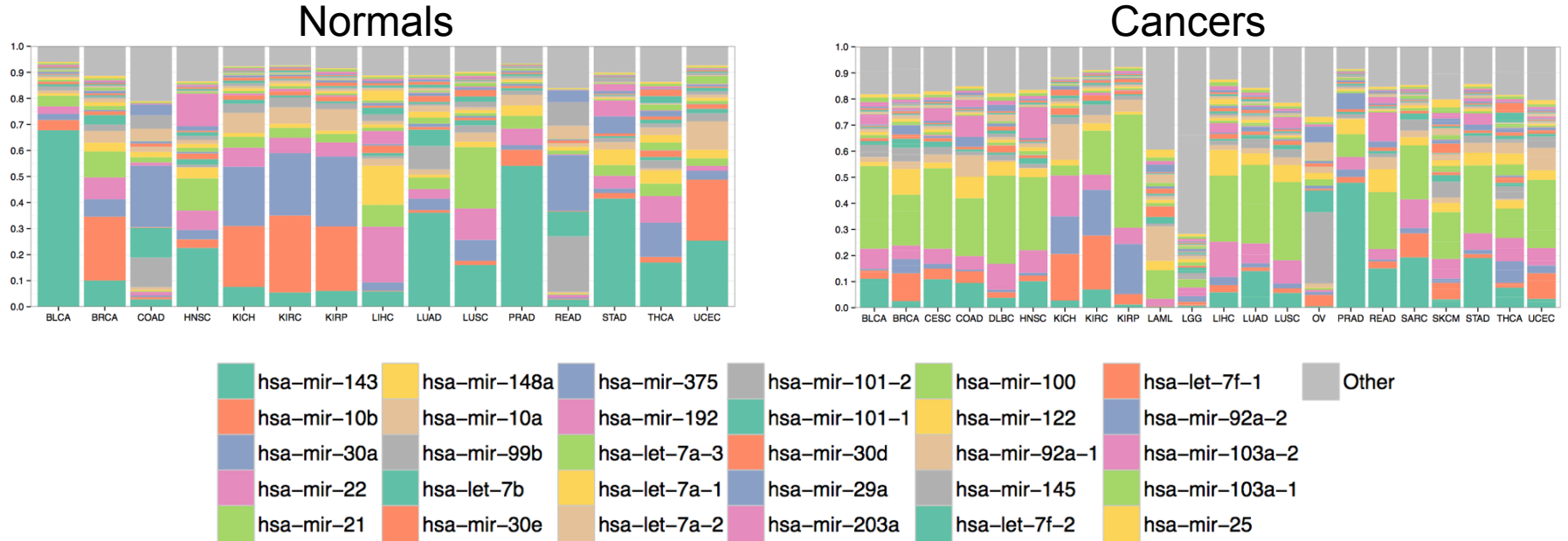
Disease	Previous		Current	
	Normal	Tumor	Normal	Tumor
Acute myeloid leukemia	0	0	0	45
Bladder Urothelial Carcinoma	4	19	4	23
Brain Lower Grade Glioma	0	19	0	20
Breast invasive carcinoma	10	86	10	99
Cervical squamous cell carcinoma and endocervical adenocarcinoma	0	20	0	20
Colon adenocarcinoma	1	42	2	44
Head and Neck squamous cell carcinoma	4	40	4	46
Kidney Chromophobe	15	34	15	49
Kidney renal clear cell carcinoma	7	33	7	41
Kidney renal papillary cell carcinoma	4	31	4	35
Liver hepatocellular carcinoma	17	35	17	51
Lung adenocarcinoma	4	40	4	48
Lung squamous cell carcinoma	3	40	3	44
Lymphoid Neoplasm Diffuse Large B-cell Lymphoma	0	7	0	7
Ovarian serous cystadenocarcinoma	0	45	0	48
Prostate adenocarcinoma	4	16	4	20
Rectum adenocarcinoma	0	16	2	16
Sarcoma	0	34	0	34
Skin Cutaneous Melanoma	0	38	0	38
Stomach adenocarcinoma	3	37	3	40
Thyroid carcinoma	4	46	4	50
Uterine Corpus Endometrioid Carcinoma	1	47	1	48
<b>Total =</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>866</b>

Data collection: DCC & Sergei Iakhnin heads collection of metadata  
Expression profiling: Todd Johnson et al. Riken.

All from TCGA. Awaiting 44 from ICGC.

# miRNA expression profiling - first results

## Relative expression of miRNAs across tumour types

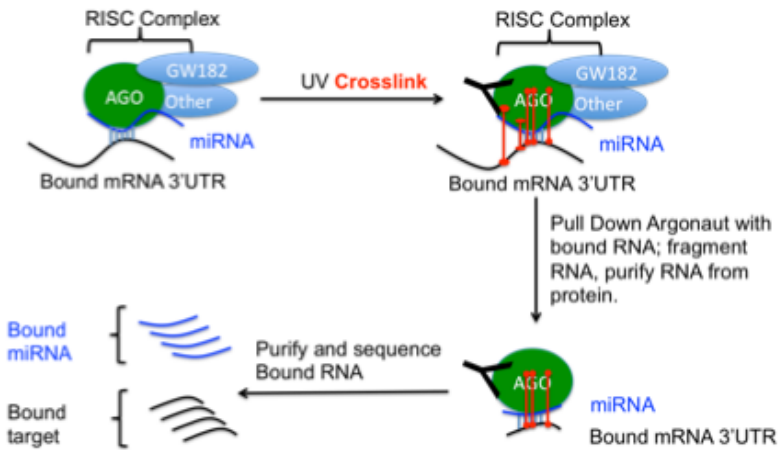


# Experimentally defined miRNA binding sites across cell lines / cancer types

## miRNA-AGO-CLIP Target Atlas:

Experimental screens of tumour cell lines (n>20), xenografts, etc.

### AGO crosslinking and CLIP



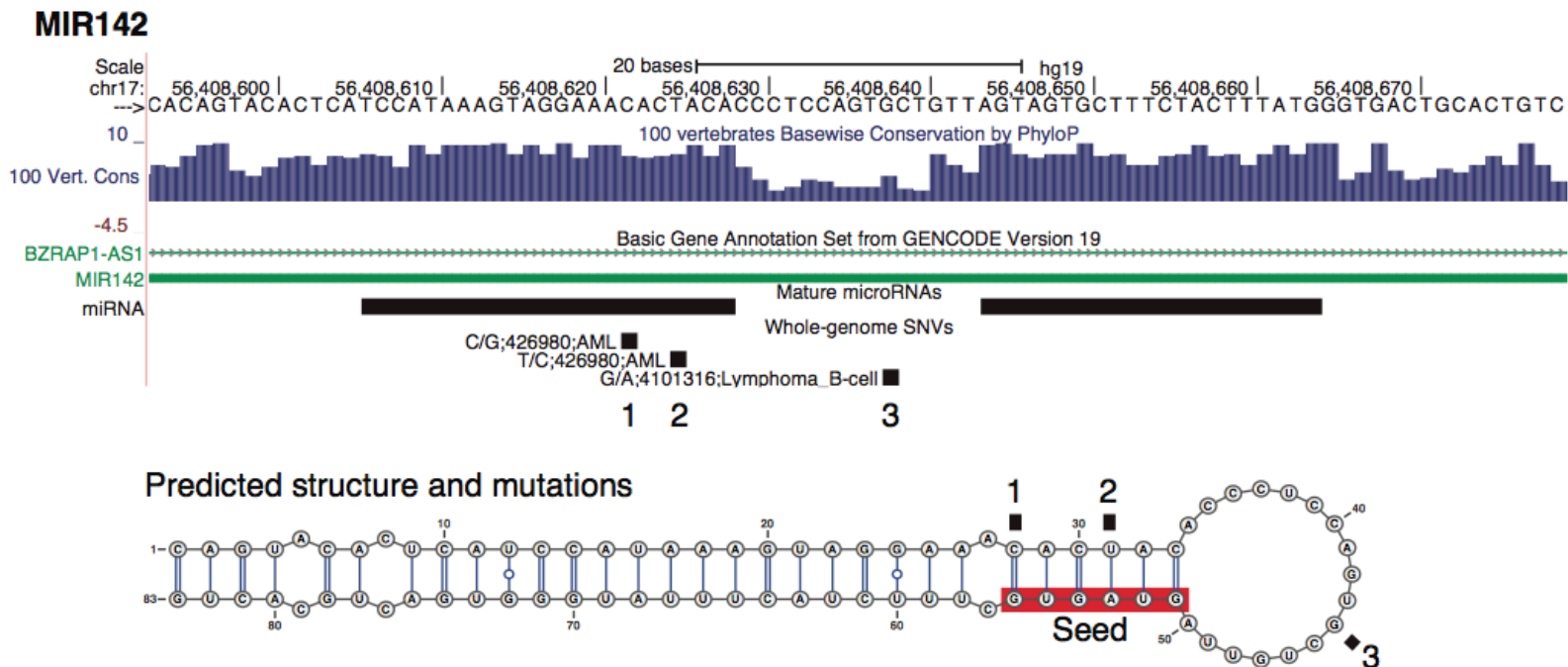
### miRNA-mRNA network data

microRNA Annotation	Gene_ID	Gene Region	Occurrence	Q-Value
let-7/98/4458/4500	BACH1	utr3	12	7.08E-13
let-7/98/4458/4500	AP3M1	cds	11	1.81E-11
let-7/98/4458/4500;miR-202-3p	ATP6V1G1	utr3	11	1.81E-11
let-7/98/4458/4500	SLC20A1	utr5	11	1.81E-11
let-7/98/4458/4500	AB209315	utr3	10	4.73E-10
let-7/98/4458/4500	ABT1	utr3	10	4.73E-10
let-7/98/4458/4500	ARID3A	cds	10	4.73E-10
let-7/98/4458/4500	CBX5	utr3	10	4.73E-10
let-7/98/4458/4500	DICER1	cds	10	4.73E-10
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let-7/98/4458/4500	SUV420H1	cds	10	4.73E-10
let-7/98/4458/4500	ZCCHC3	utr3	10	4.73E-10
let-7/98/4458/4500	ANP32E	cds	9	1.19E-08
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let-7/98/4458/4500	IGF1R	utr3	9	1.19E-08

Mark Hamilton, Lab of Sean McGuire, Baylor College of Medicine. (Target Atlas: Hamilton et. al., Nature Communications, 2013)



# Example: mutated miRNA



Ref: Henrik Hornshøj et al., ncDriver. In preparation.

Driver mutations in miR142 previously reported based on TCGA exome data:

Genomic and Epigenomic Landscapes of Adult De Novo Acute Myeloid Leukemia. TCGA. The New England Journal of Medicine.. 2013.

Alexandrov et al. data (n=507).

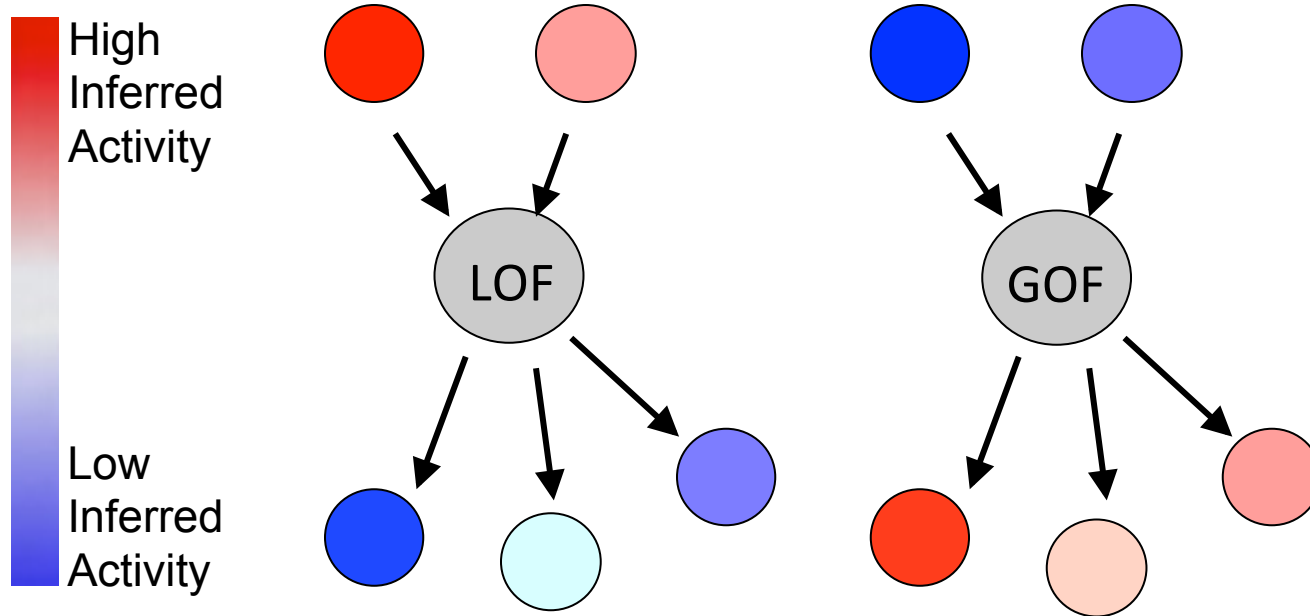
With miRNA and mRNA expression and miRNA binding sites, now possible to:

- evaluate (statistical) effect of mutations on miRNA expression
- evaluate (statistical) effect of mutations on target transcripts

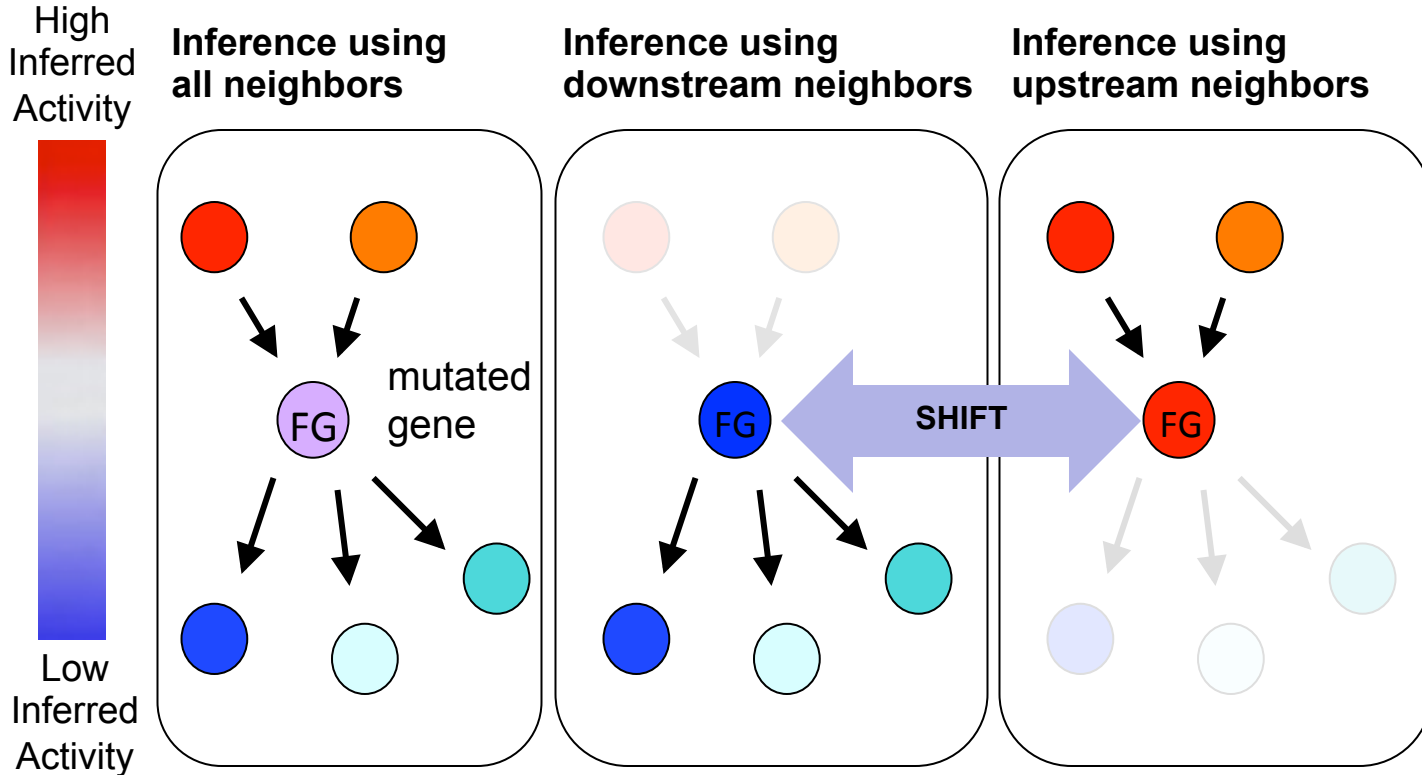
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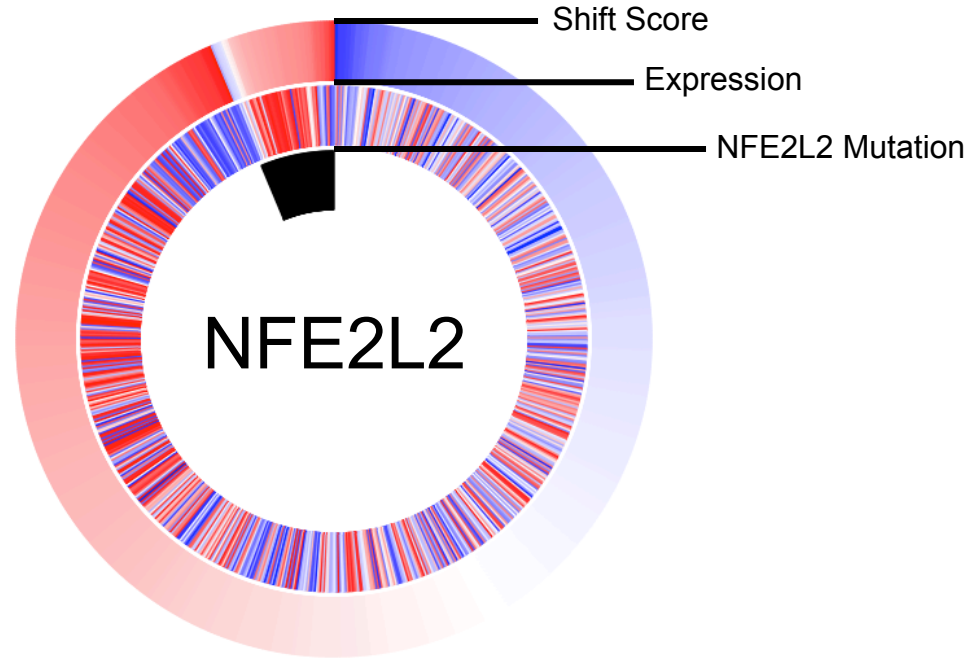
# Paradigm-Shift: Consequences of gain and loss -of-function on pathways



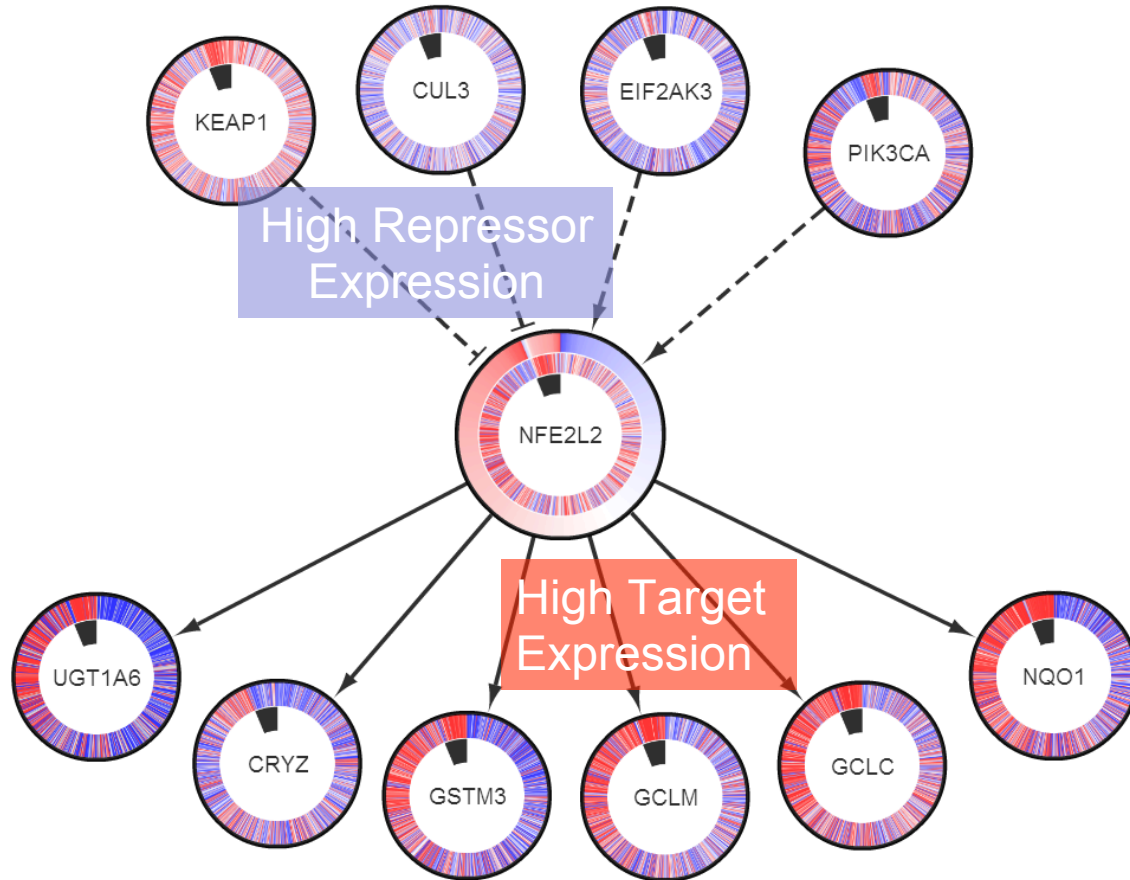
# PARADIGM-SHIFT: Predicting the Impact of Mutations On Genetic Pathways



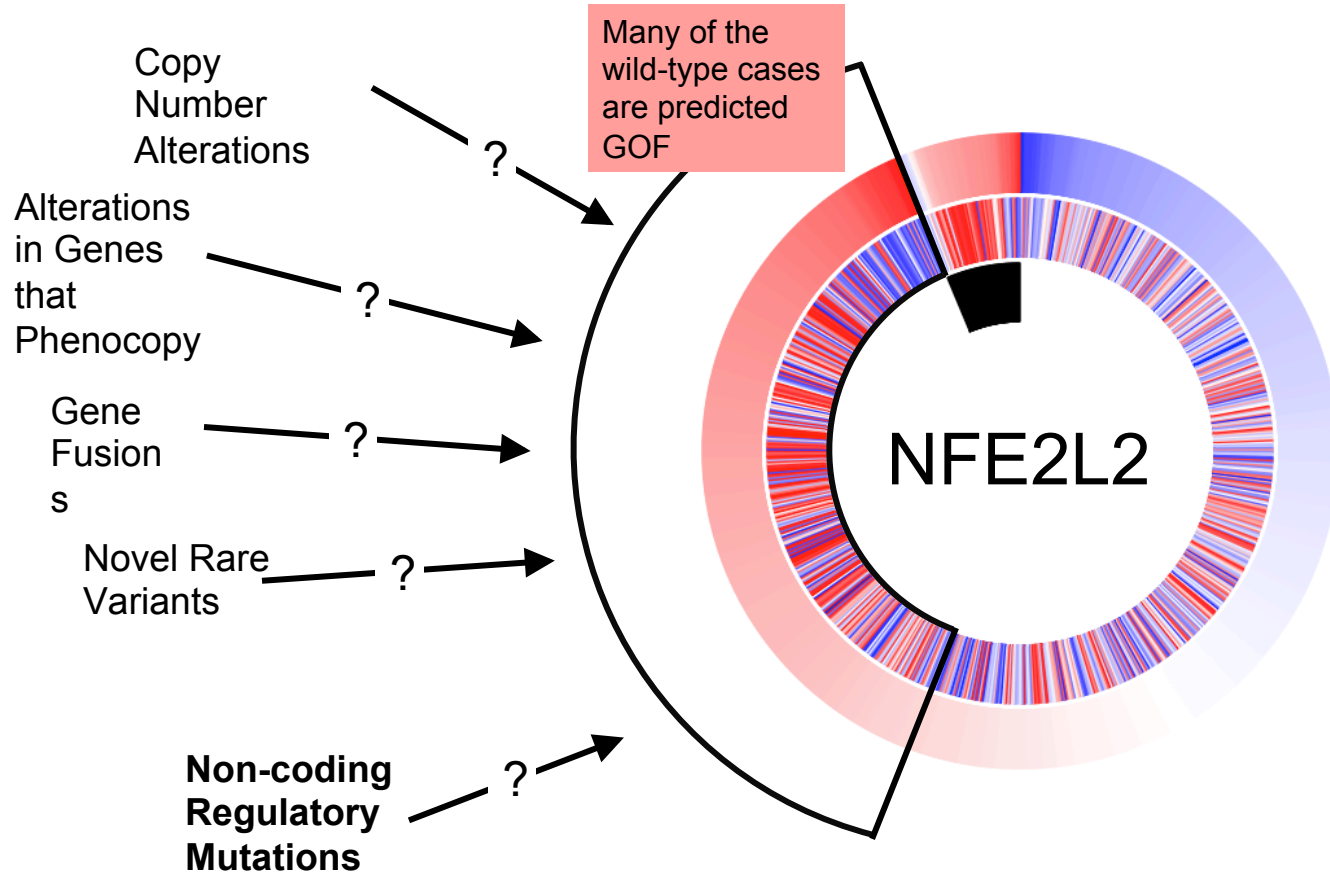
# PARADIGM-SHIFT predicts gain-of-function of NFE2L2 across Pan-Cancer 12



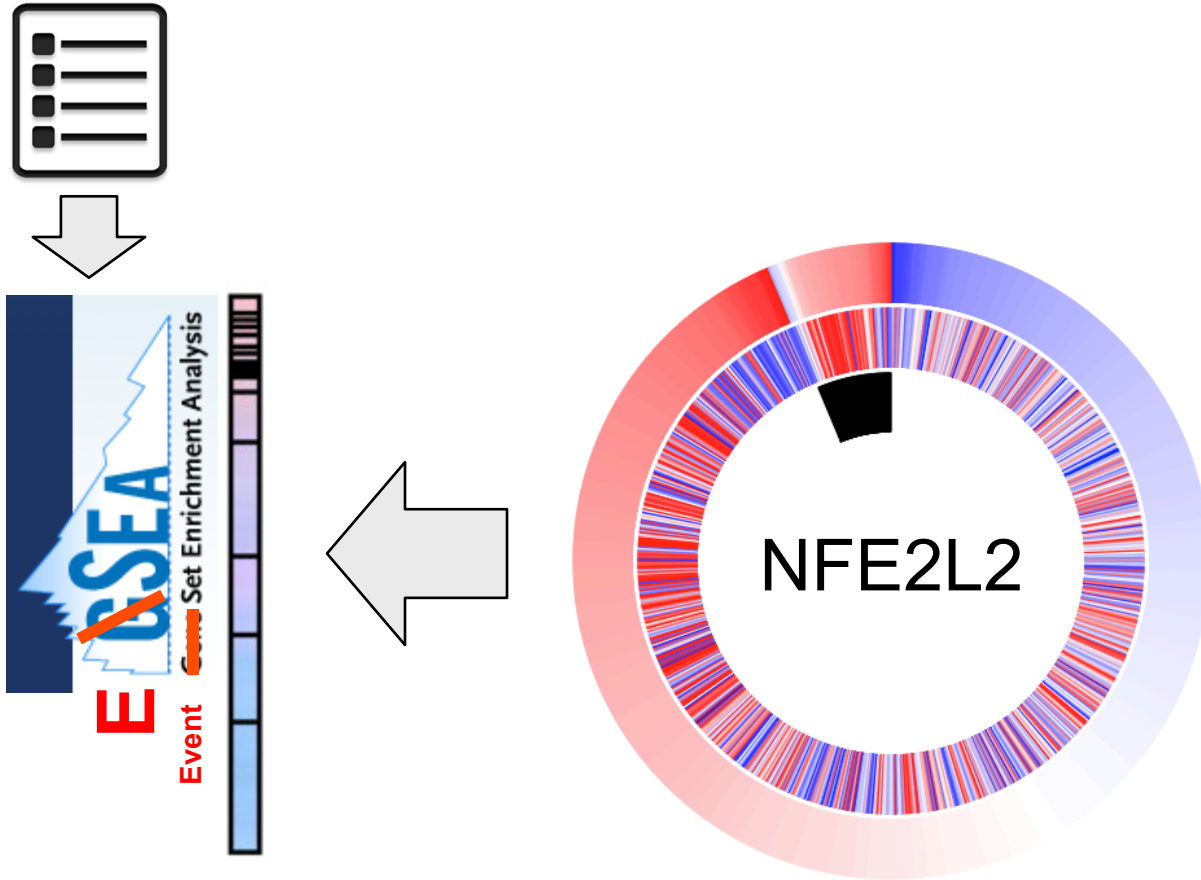
# Surrounding pathway around NFE2L2 shows transcriptional activation of targets in mutant patients



# PARADIGM-SHIFT predicts gain-of-function for many NFE2L2 wild-type patients



# Identifying associated events that can explain PARADIGM-SHIFT predictions in wild-type cases

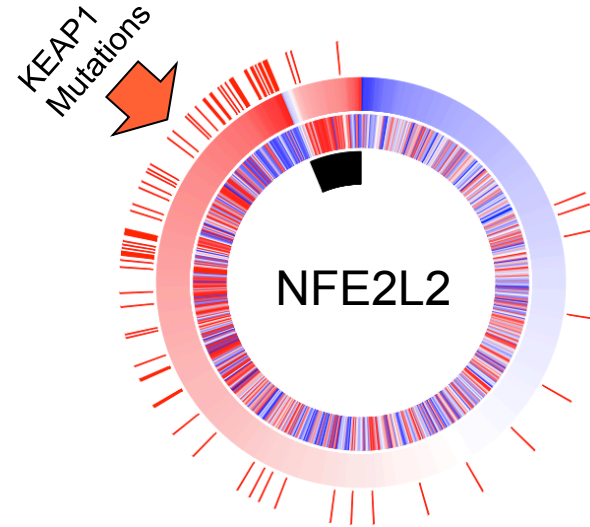




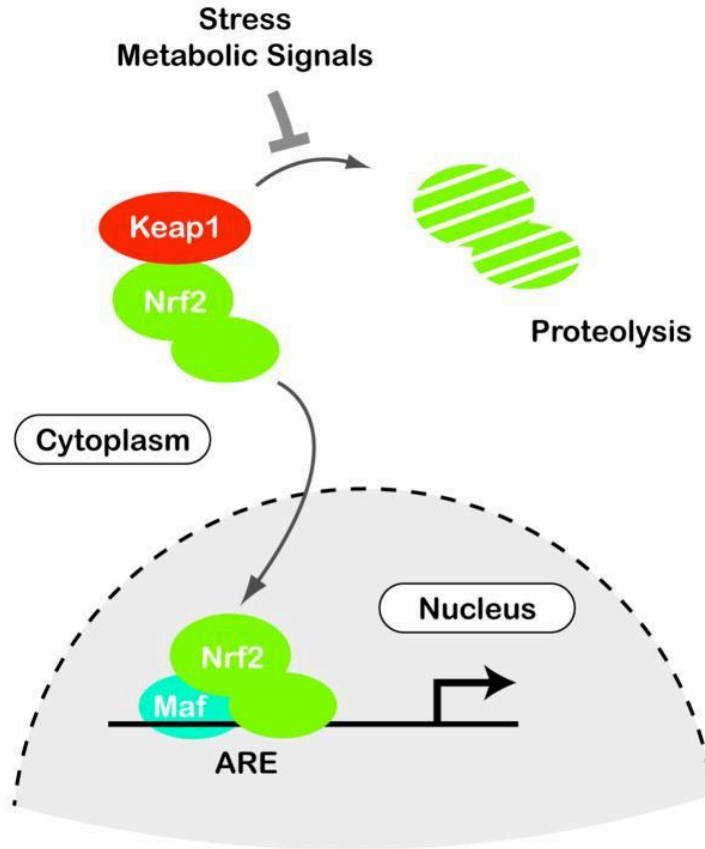
# Mutations in KEAP1 are significantly associated with predicted Nrf2 (NFE2L2) pathway activation

Gene	ESEA Score	P-value
<b>KEAP1</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>&lt; 0.0001</b>
WASH3P	-0.66	< 0.0001
COL6A6	0.45	0.0003
MYH6	0.48	0.0004

\* Benjamini-Hochberg, q-value < 0.05

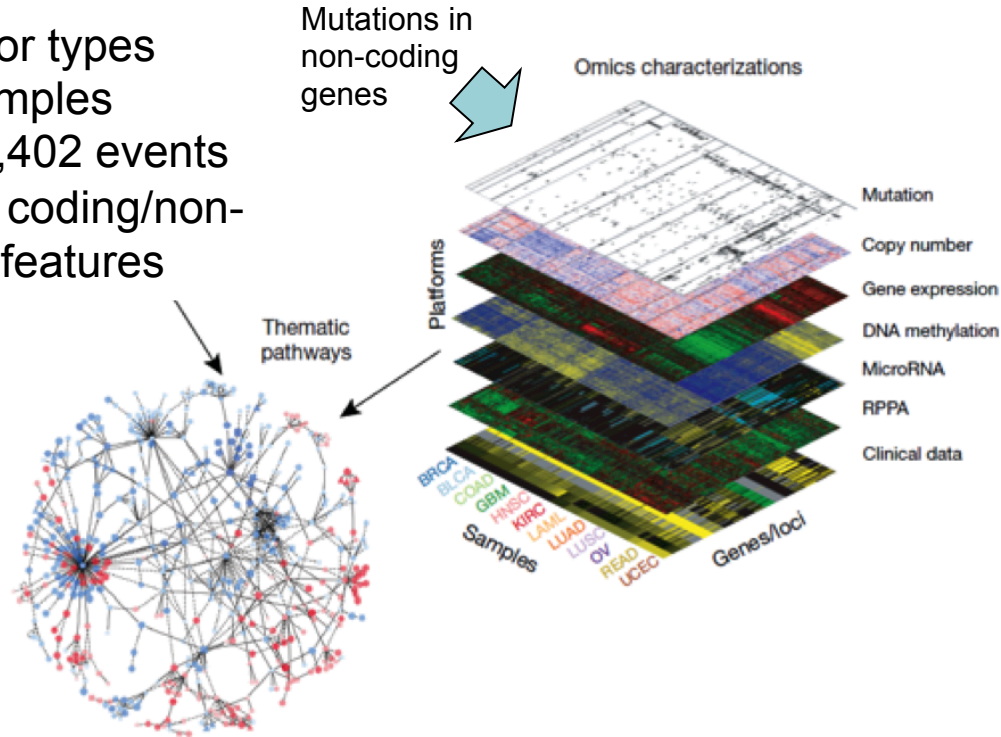


# KEAP1 regulates the degradation of Nrf2 (NFE2L2)

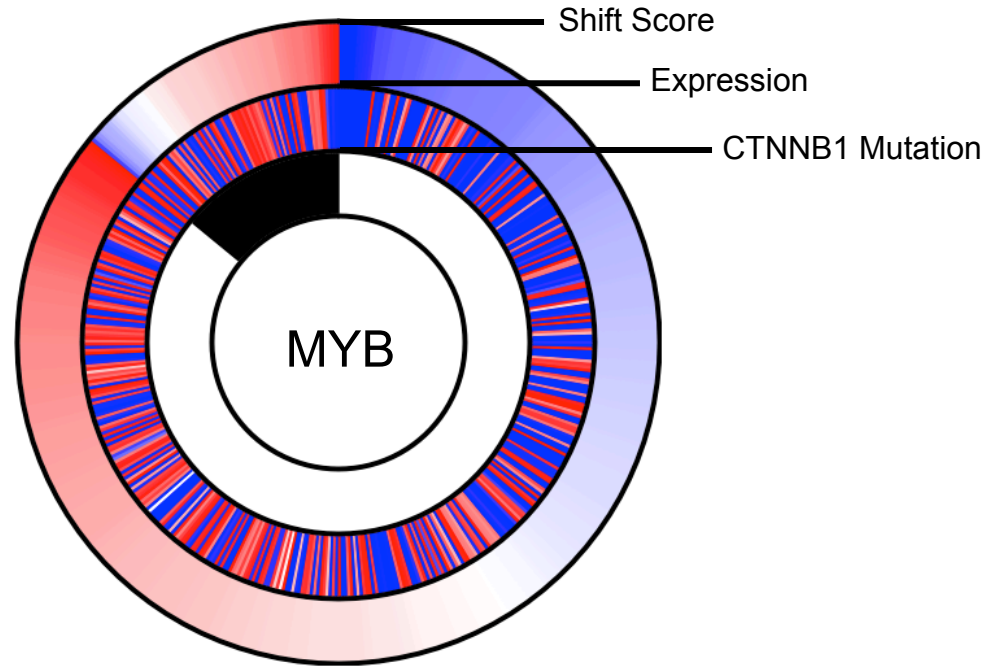


# Application of Paradigm-Shift to Pilot-505

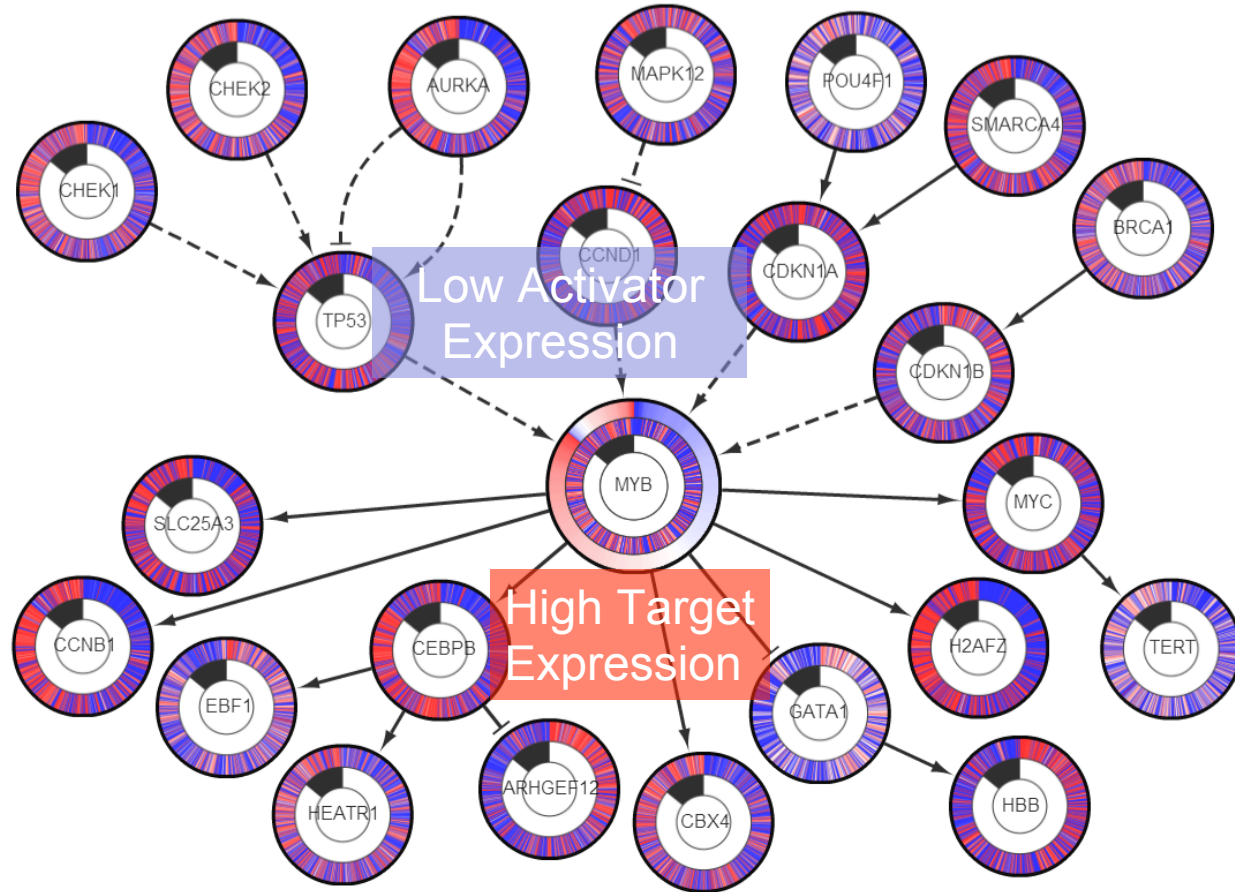
- 14 tumor types
- 505 samples
- 18,497,402 events
- 31,350 coding/non-coding features



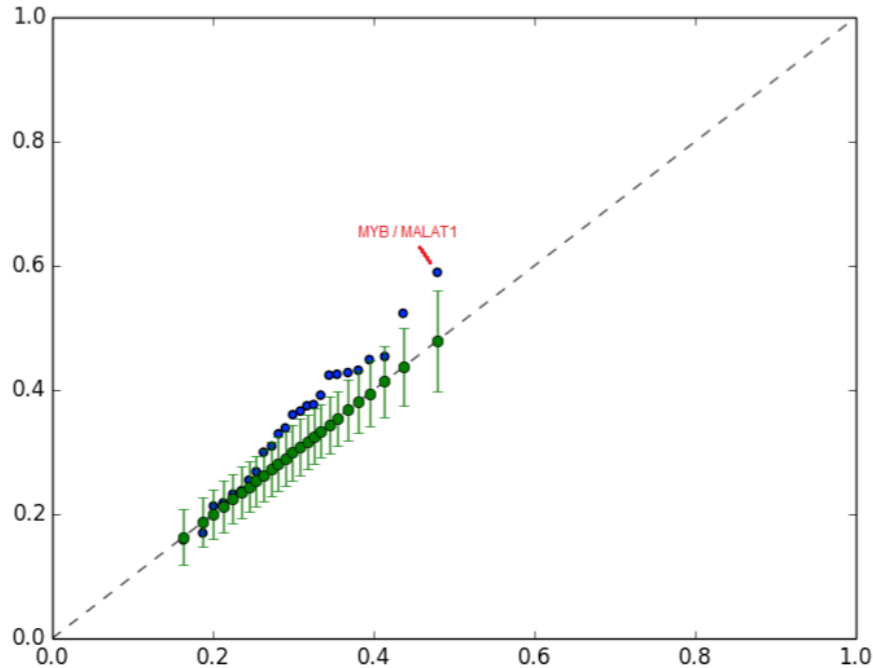
# Mutations in MYB in the Pilot-505 are predicted by PARADIGM-SHIFT as activating



# Neighborhood view of the Myb Activating Prediction (data is pilot-505)



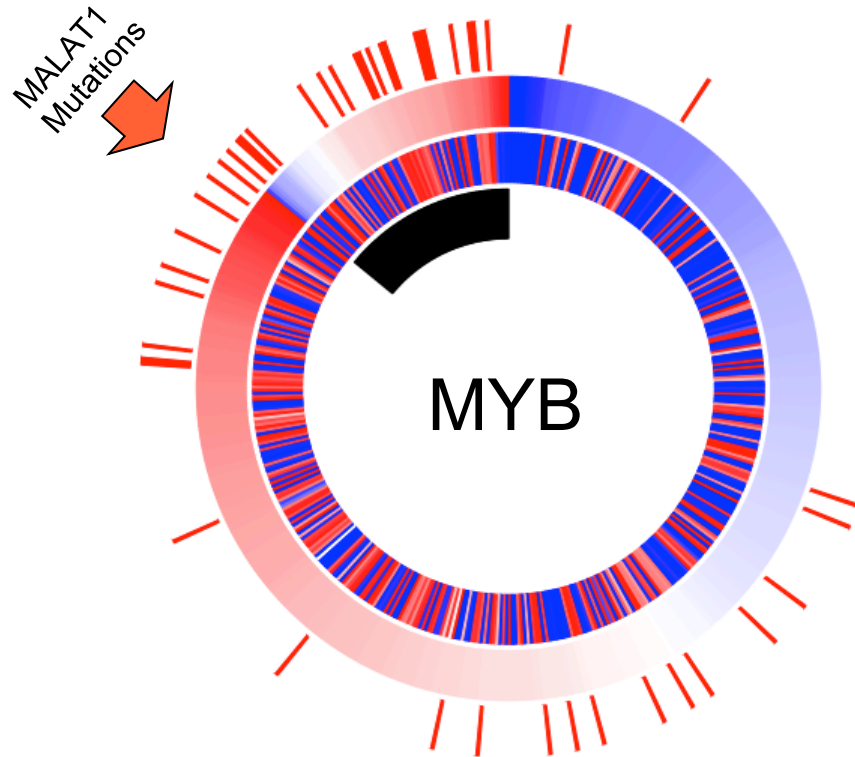
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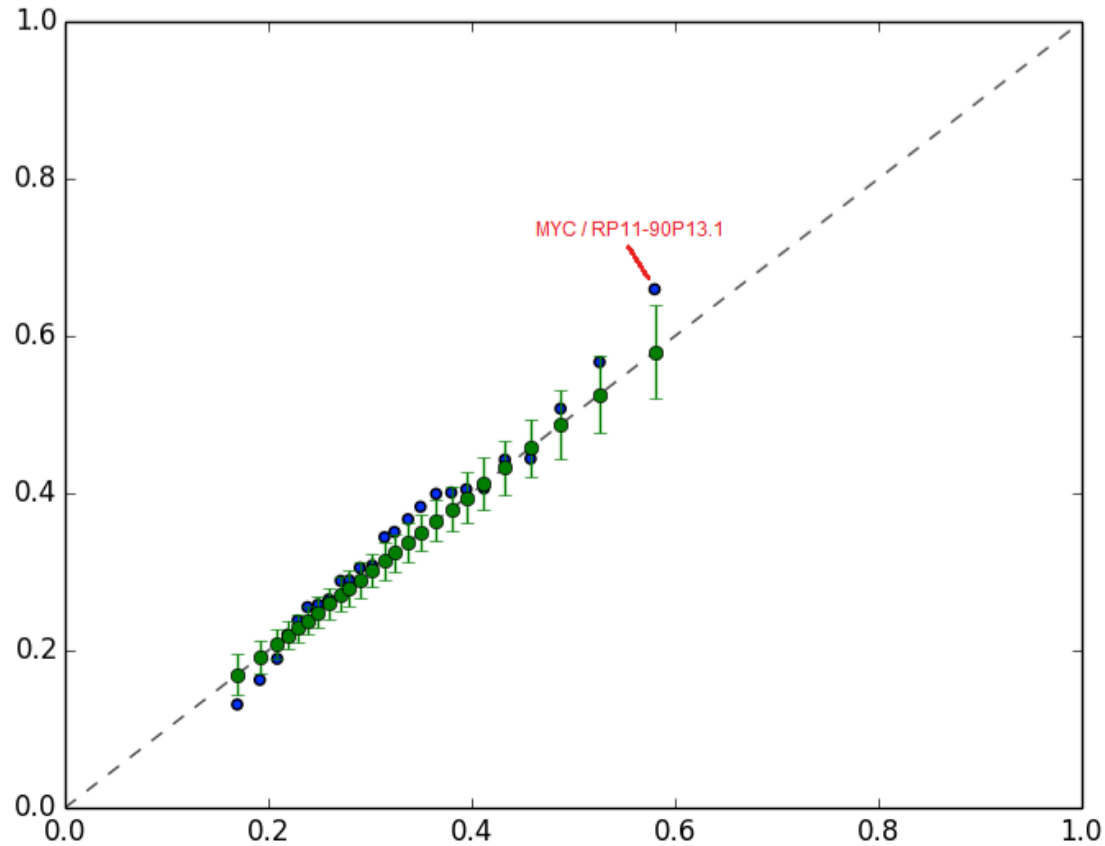
- QQ-plot shown for observed vs expected ESEA (GSEA) score
- Expected scores generated by producing 100 balanced permutations (balanced by permuting the same number of events given tumor type) then plotting the average score of each quantile across the 100 permutations
- Error bars indicate  $P < 0.05$  based on the variance of scores across each quantile for the 100 balanced permutations



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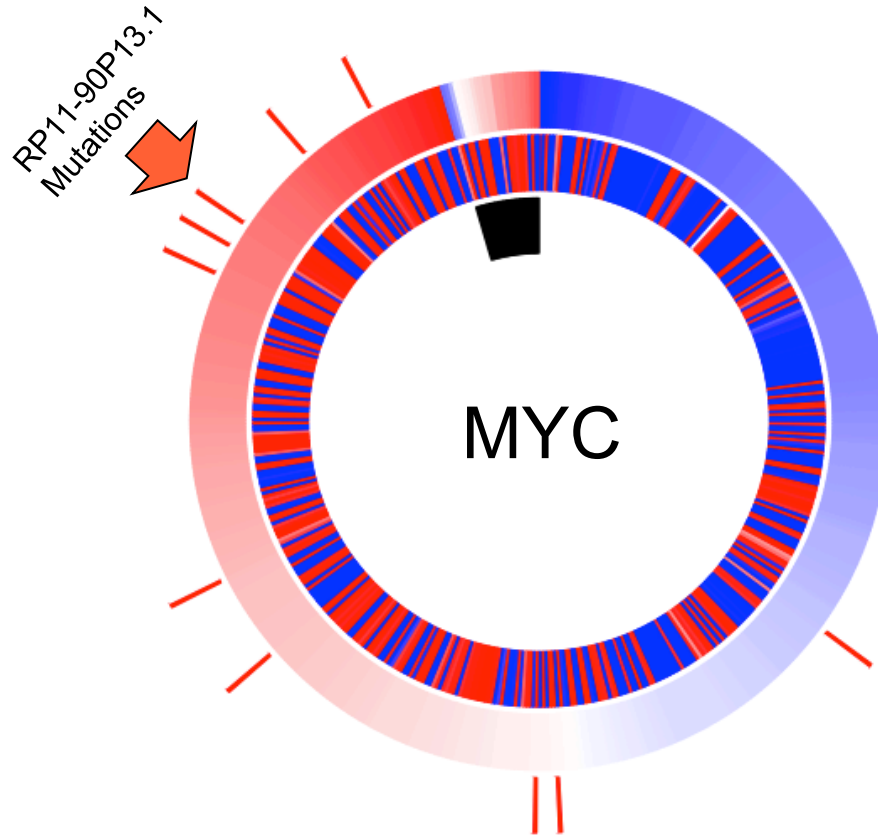


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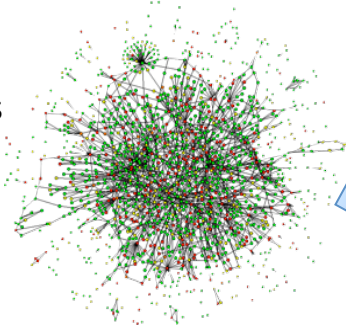


# HotNet2

## Significantly Altered Subnetworks

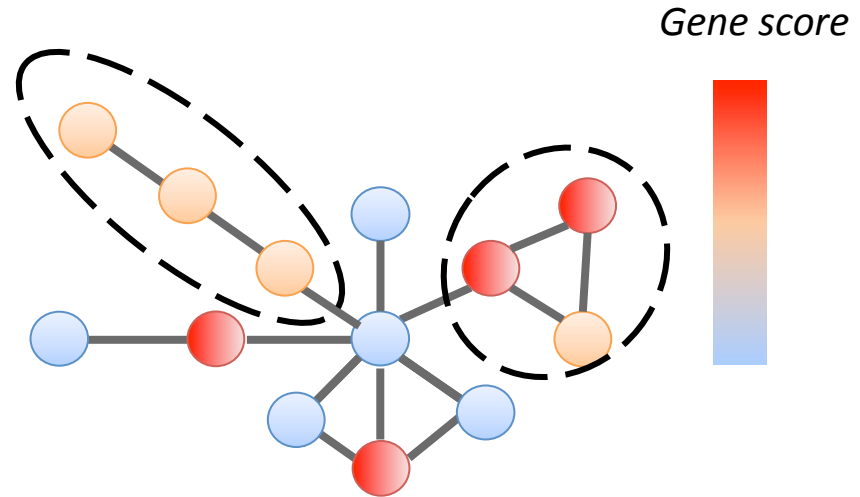
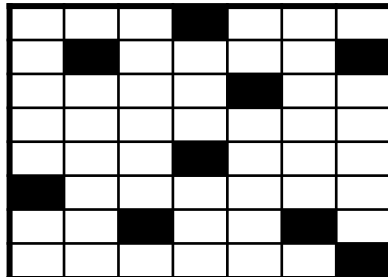
**Question:** Given network labeled with vertex scores, are these scores clustered on network?

Nodes = genes/proteins  
Edges = (pairwise)  
interactions



Scores

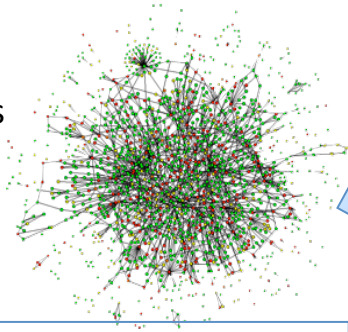
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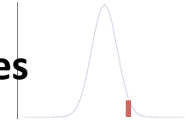
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## Significantly Mutated Subnetworks

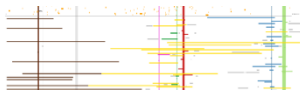
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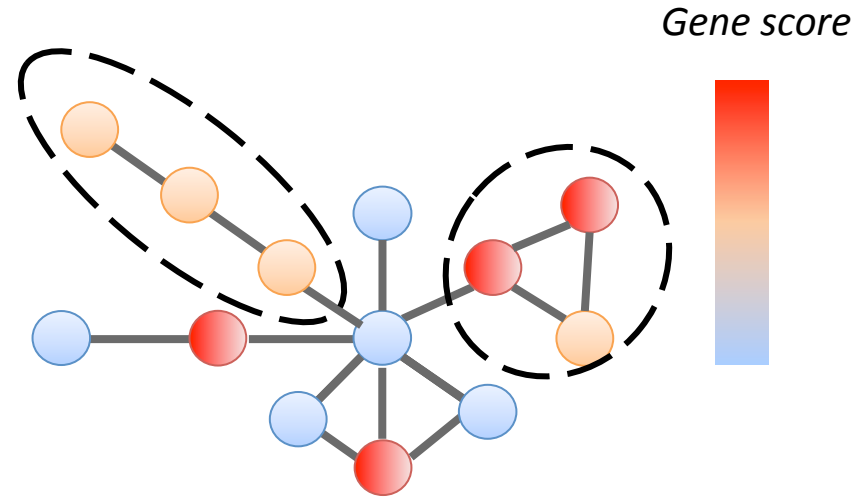
Mutation frequencies



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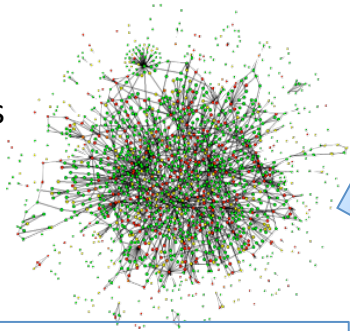
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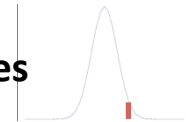
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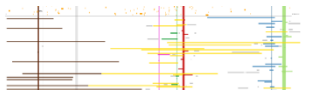
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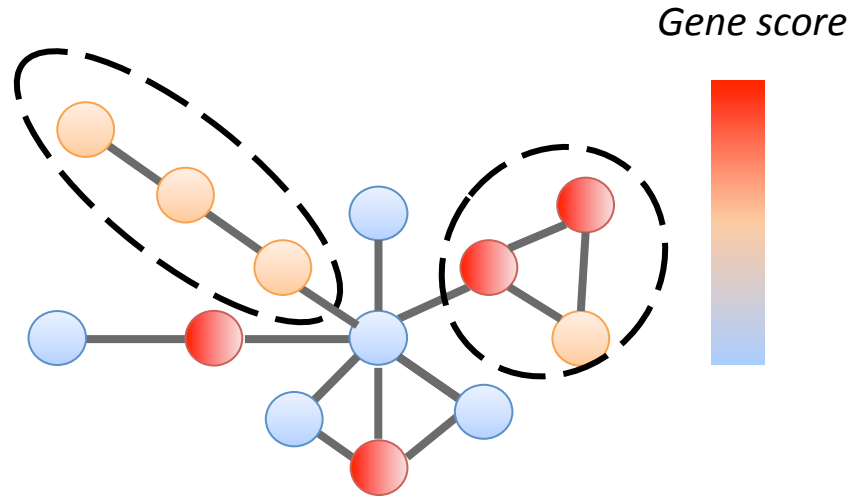
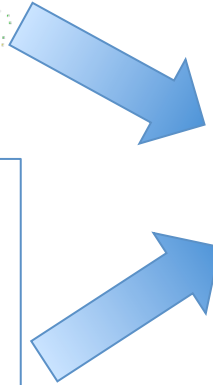
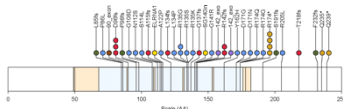
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Driver gene scores



Pilot-505 with Oncodrive-FM scores:  
*In progress...*

MutSigCV, Music, Oncodrive-FM...

Leiserson, Vandin, et al. *Nature Genetics* (2015)

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# Hypothesis testing

- FDR on all hypotheses (even for genes w/o mutations)
- Restricted hypothesis testing (RHT) -- Lawrence et al. *Nature* (2014)
- Potential approach -- use weighted BH FDR Genovese et al (Biometrika (2006), 93, 3, pp. 509–524)

## wBH:

- 1) Define  $W_i$  such that the average of them is 1
- 2) Calculate weighted p-values  $wP_i = P_i / W_i$
- 3) perform standard BH on  $wP_i$  using standard cutoff

## How to choose $W_i$ ? It is our choice

Since the average needs to be 1 we have the equation

$$300*x + (20000-300)*y = 20000$$

where x is the weight for the pan-can genes (~300) and y is for the rest.

Still this leaves one degree of freedom so I recommend we split the 20000 evenly to the two components, i.e

$$300*x = 10000 \rightarrow x = 33.333$$

$$19700*y = 10000 \rightarrow y = 0.5076$$

Basically, all p-values of the pan-can genes are decreased by a factor of 33.333 and the p-values of the non pan-can genes are roughly doubled.

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# Next Steps

- Standardize VCF for submissions
- Define common annotation table formats
- Generate consensus variant annotations
- Use Synapse with “annotations” and “provenance”



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**EXTRA SLIDES**

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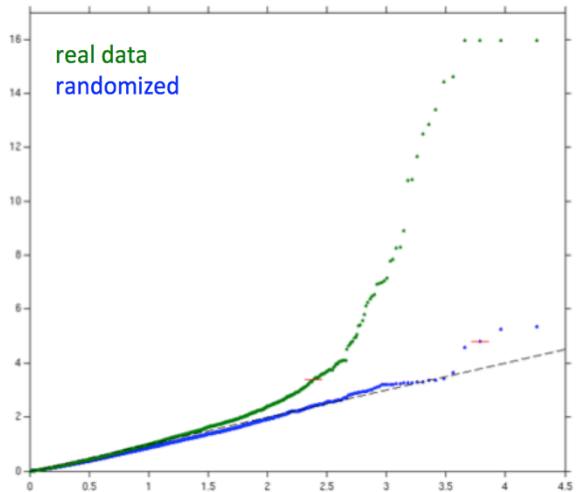
Link to Boston slides (for reference)

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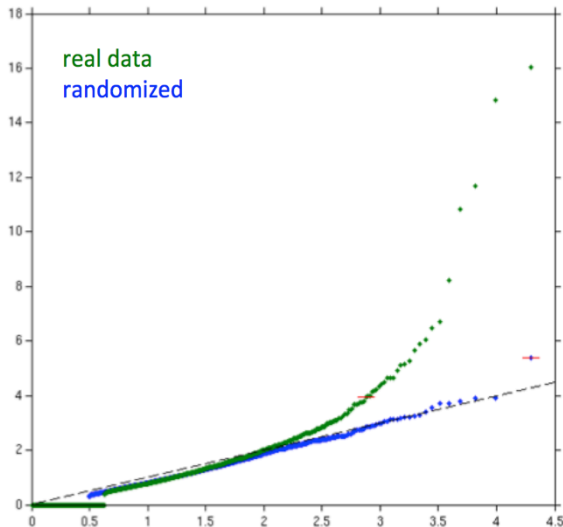
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## PANCAN 505 coding



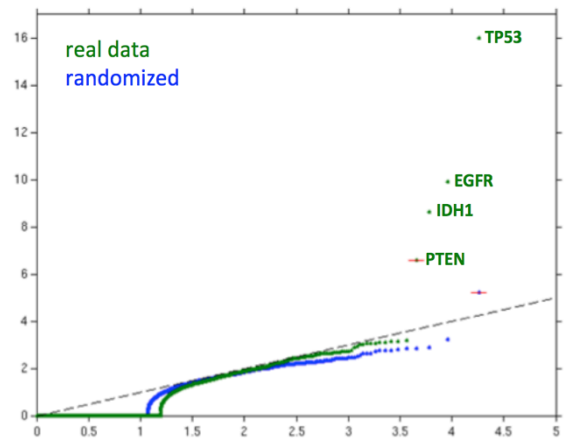
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PTEN	ACVR1B	HRAS
NFE2L2	MKL2	PABPC1
VHL	LCT	NOTCH1
APC	SLC38A1	HLA-A
KRAS	USP6	OSMR
STK11	ZFP36L2	ATP1A4
NRAS	BCLAF1	MRPL32
AKT1	ATXN1	FGFR3
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HLA-DRB1	C15orf23	IL10RB
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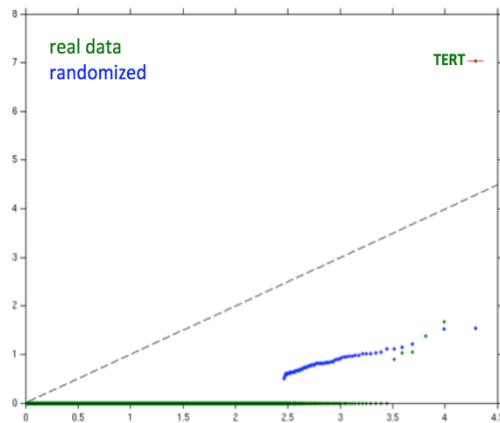
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## GBM 27 coding



• TP53
• EGFR
• IDH1
→ PTEN

## GBM 27 promoters



→ TERT
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## MutSig2CV results

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# The importance of calibrated statistical tests

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Methods that search for cancer genes (ie. ones that show evidence of positive selection) are based on rejecting the **null hypothesis** that the observed mutations in a gene/region are **all passengers mutations**.

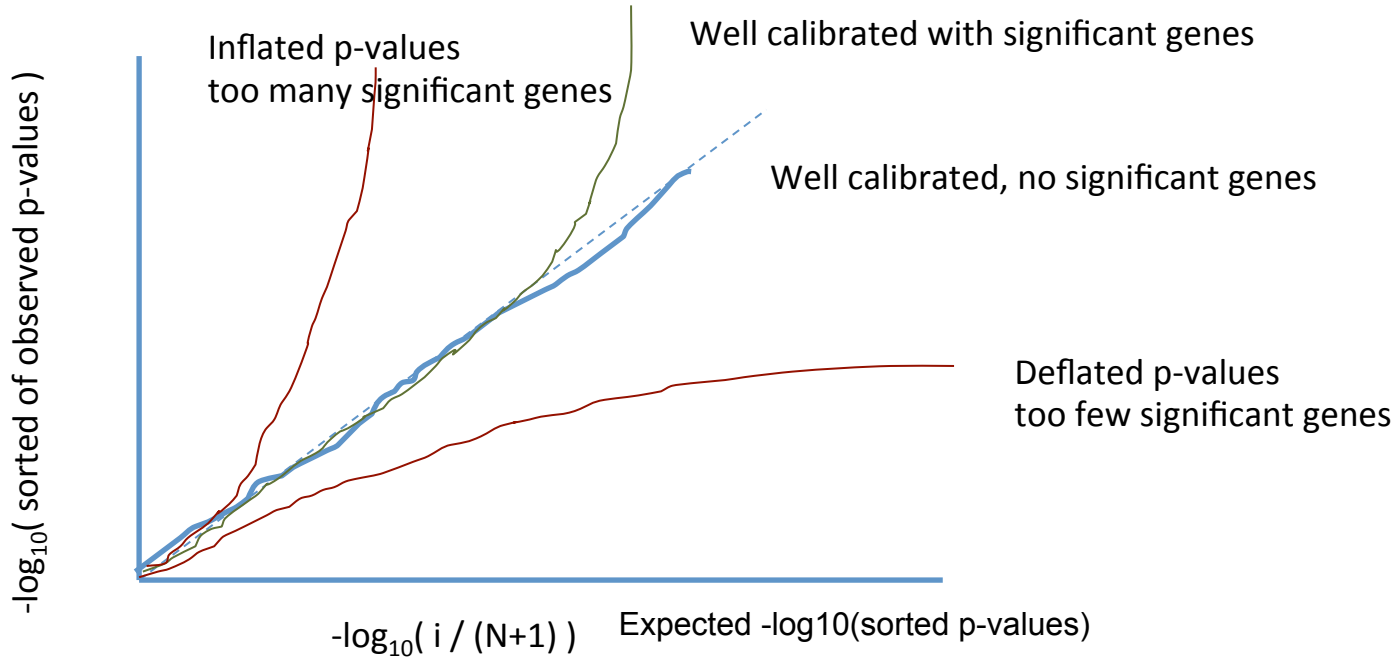
The standard procedure involves: (i) calculating **p-values** for each gene/region; (ii) correcting for **multiple hypothesis testing** (e.g. using the BH procedure); (iii) listing all genes/regions with **FDR  $q \leq 0.1$**  (or some other accepted cutoff) as **candidate cancer genes**.

→ The expected fraction of false positives in the list is  $< 10\%$ .

For this procedure to be **valid**, the p-values should indeed reflect the null hypothesis.

Since we believe that most genes/regions do not harbor driver events, we expect the p-values of most genes/regions to be uniformly distributed (ie. follow the null hypothesis).

# Example QQ plots



## Do:

- (i) Provide a QQ plot for your test;
- (ii) Carefully assess the number of hypotheses you are testing
- (ii) Use a standard q-value cutoff (e.g. 0.05, 0.1, 0.25)

## Don't:

- (i) Select a q-value cutoff that will contain only your favorite genes (e.g  $q < 0.001$ );
- (ii) Remove from your list genes that don't make biological sense

# PAWG-5 Pathway Analyses

Link to UCSC slides:

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