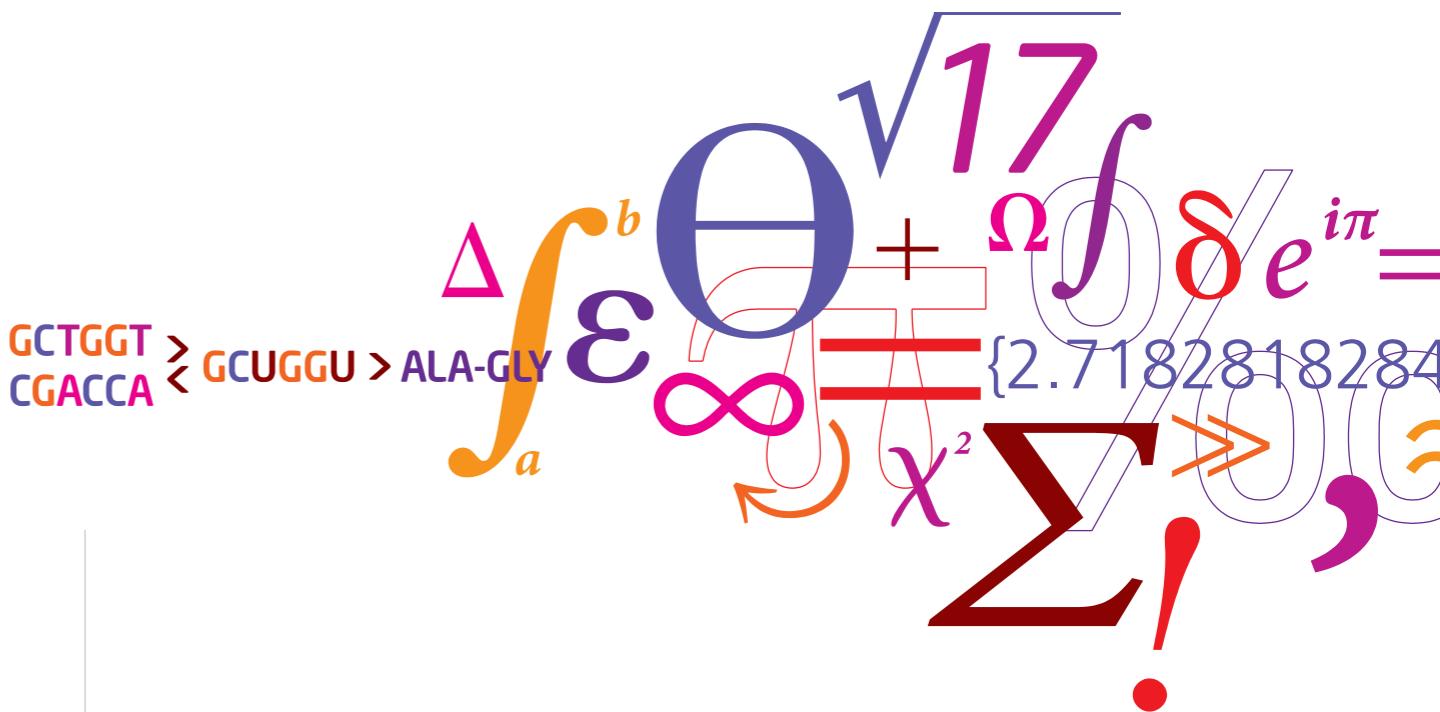


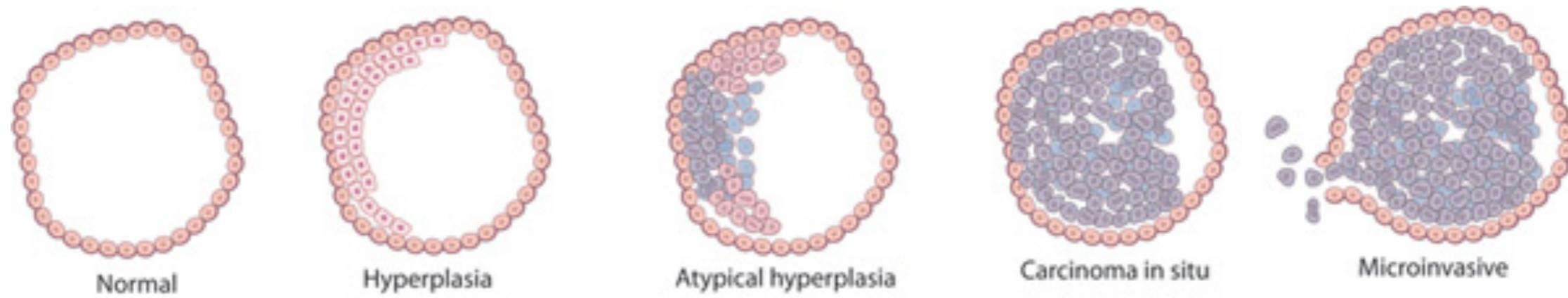
# Understanding cancer genomics

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# What is cancer?

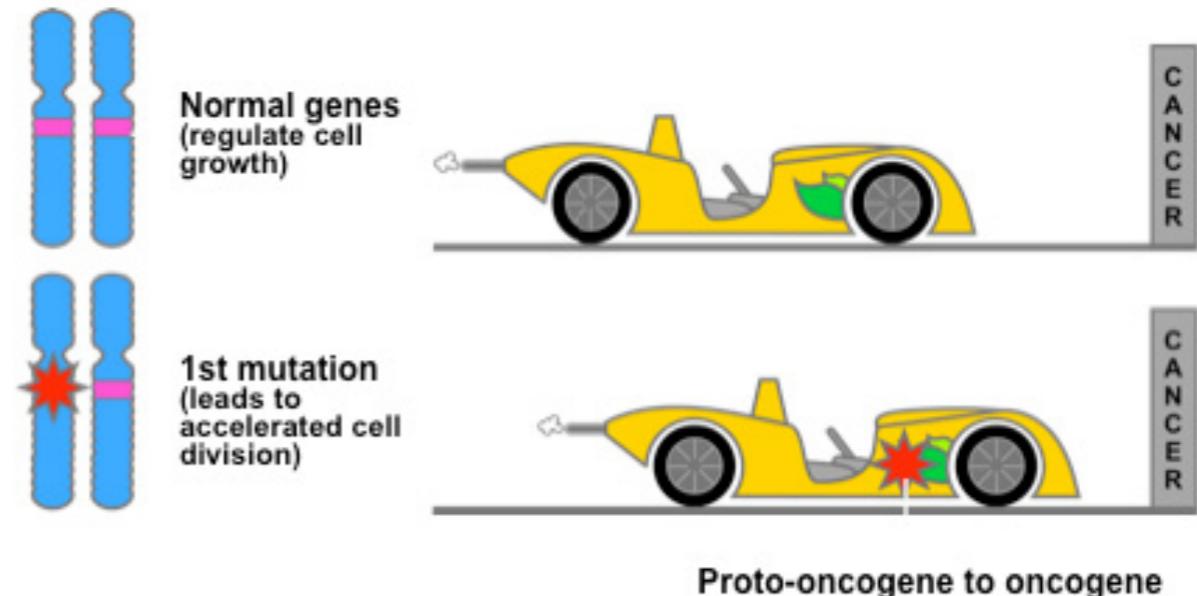
The disease caused by an uncontrolled division of *abnormal* cells in a part of the body



# Need for speed: Oncogenes vs Tumour suppressors

## Oncogenes:

- Mutated proto-oncogenes
- Turn abnormal cell growth on
- 70 protooncogenes
- gain of function genes
- primarily somatic activated
- [throttle pedal in a car]



“Oncogenes are mutated genes whose PRESENCE can stimulate the development of cancer”

Examples: HER-2/neu, RAS, MYC, SRC, hTERT

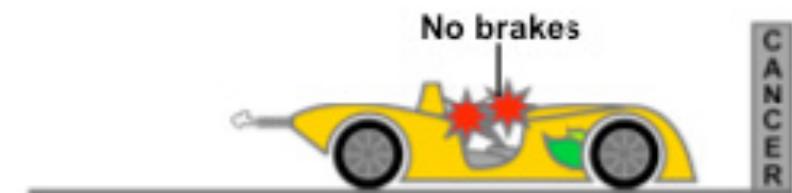
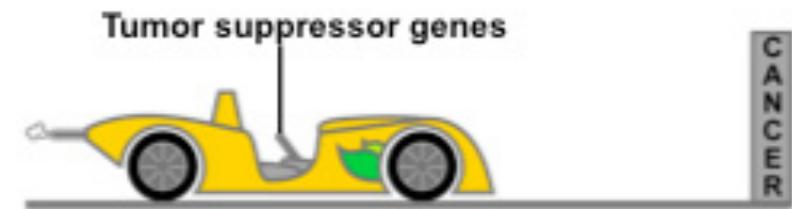
RAS, MYC, SRC are protein kinases → Cell cycle regulation

# Need for speed: Oncogenes vs Tumour suppressors

## Tumour suppressor genes:

- Stop the cell cycle, G1 phase
- Slow the cell cycle before S phase
- Can induce apoptosis

- primarily somatic de-activated
- loss-of-function mutations
- [brake pedal in a car]

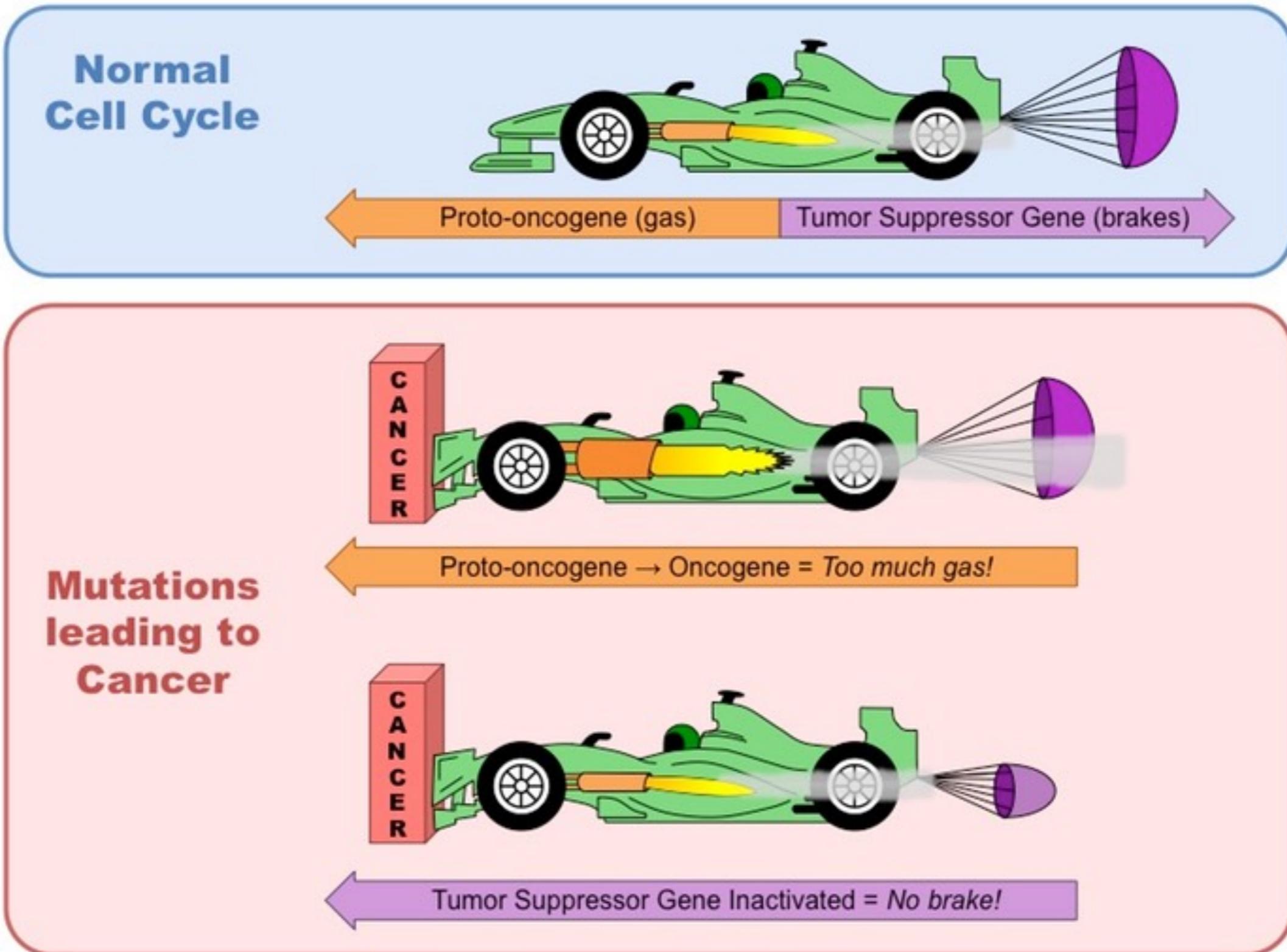


“Tumour suppressors are normal genes whose ABSENCE can stimulate the development of cancer”

Examples: p53, Rb, APC

Sometimes, a single functional copy (heterozygous) is enough to prevent cancer

# Need for speed: Oncogenes vs Tumour suppressors



# Need for speed: DNA repair genes

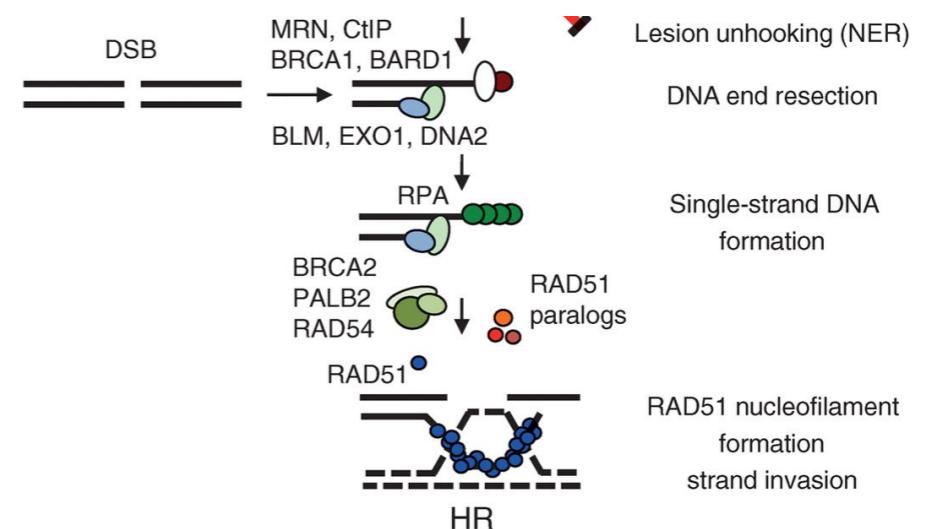
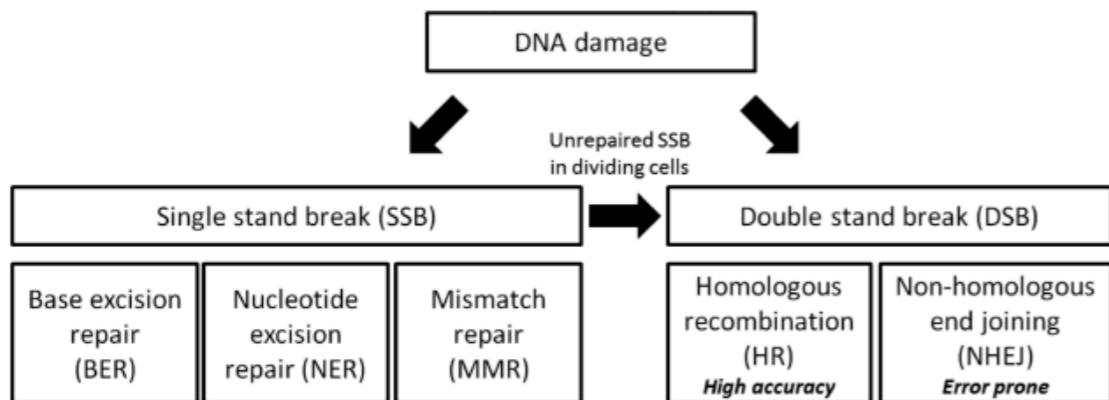
## DNA damage repair genes

- Correct damage during DNA duplication
- Active in cell cycle, primarily G2
- After DNA replication, before Chr divides

- loss-of-function mutations → increased mutation burden

Examples: BRCA1 and BRCA2 in breast cancer

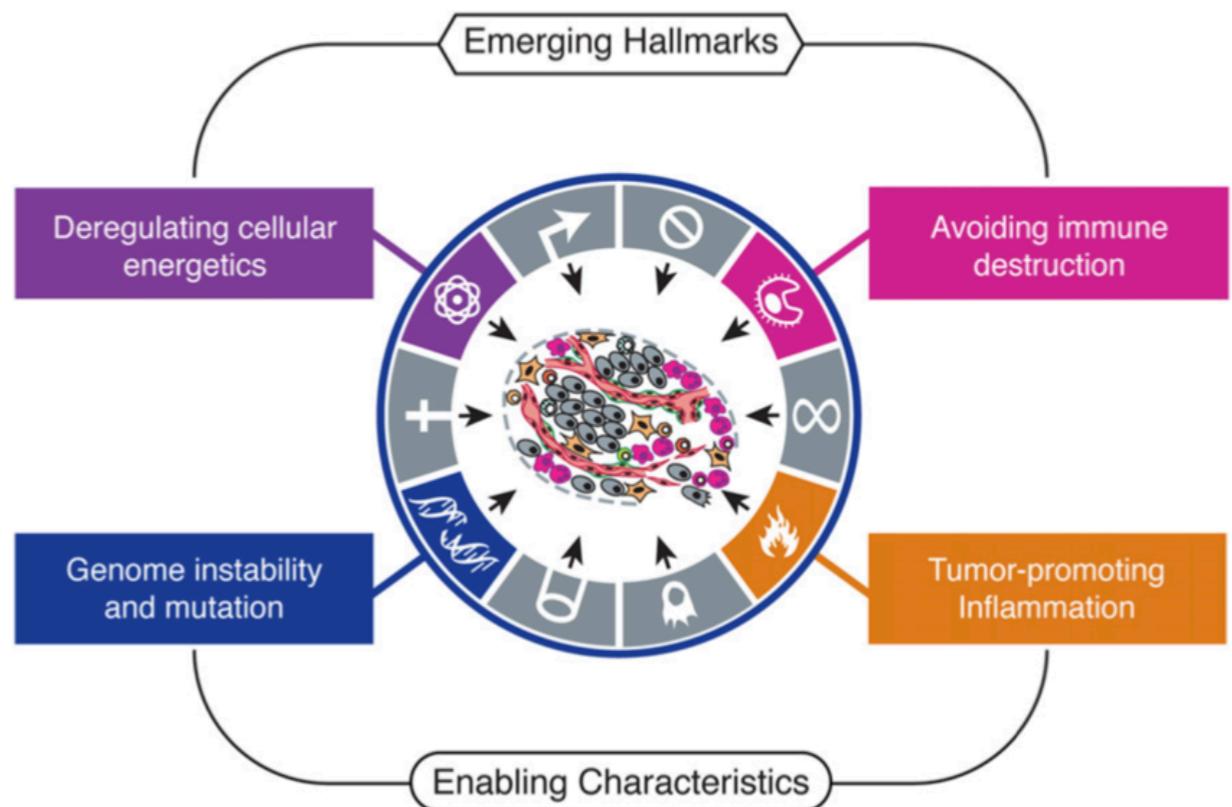
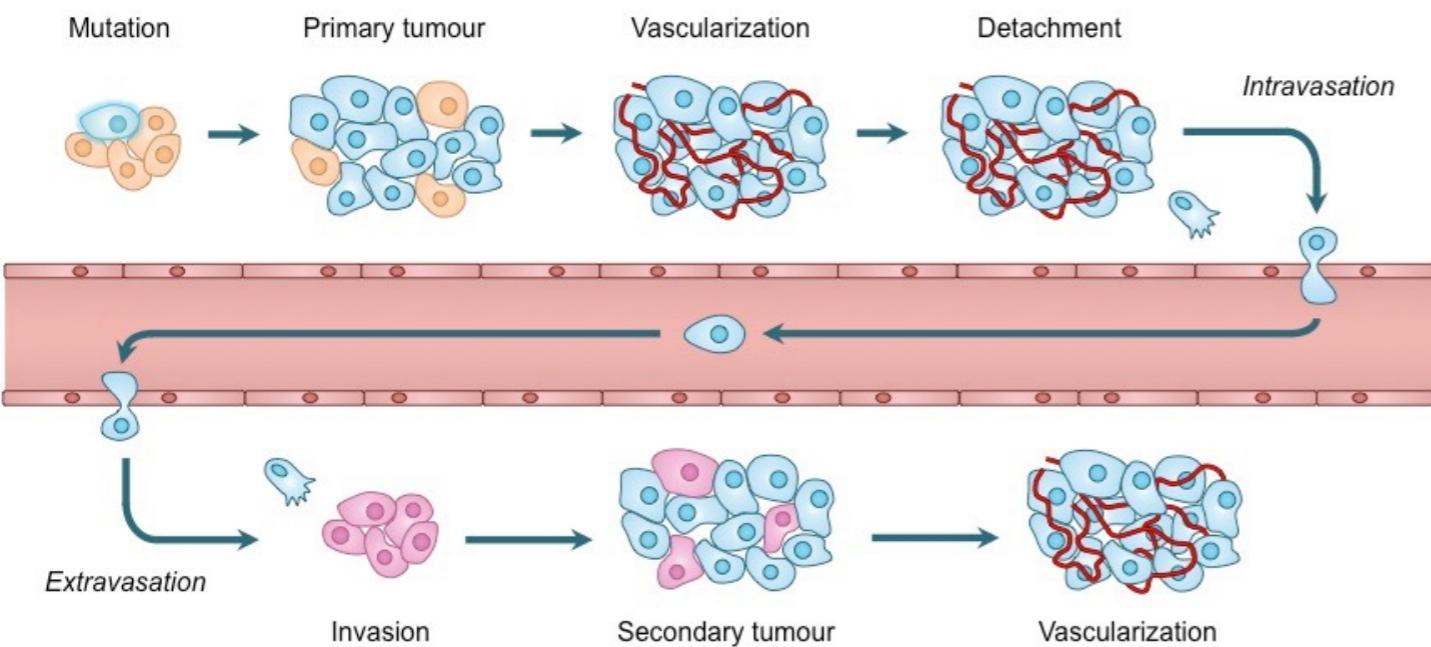
Also, mDDRG in hereditary colon cancer



# The hallmarks of cancer

## Acquire functional capabilities

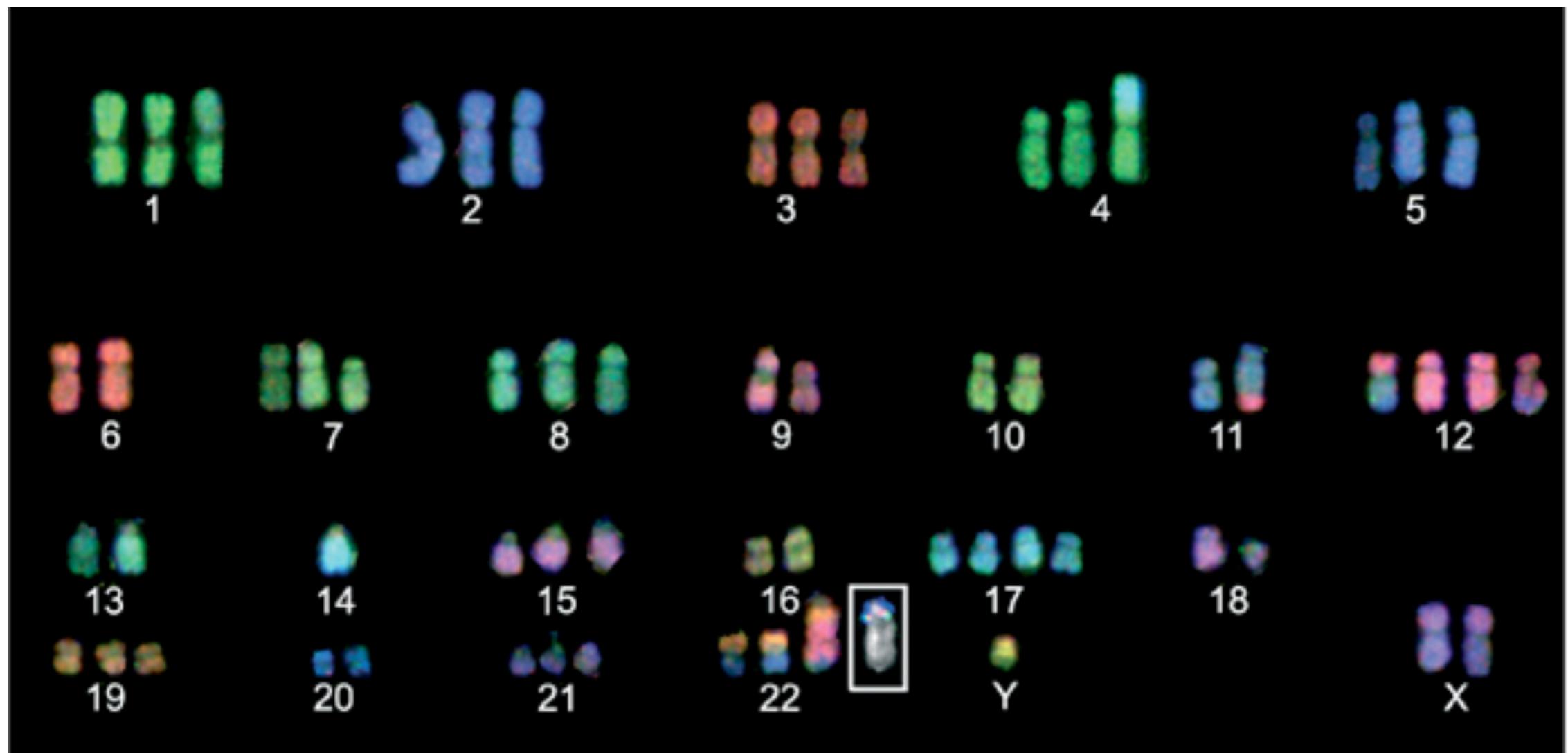
- Sustaining proliferative signaling
- Evading growth suppressors
- Resisting cell death
- Enabling replicative immortality
- Inducing angiogenesis
- Activating invasion and metastasis
- Emerging Hallmarks
- Enabling characteristics



*The hallmarks o cancer  
Hanahan and Weinberg, Cell 2011*

# What is cancer?

Cancer is a genetic disease: **chromosomal aberrations**



*Spectral karyotyping*

Chromosomal gain, loss  
Translocation, inversion  
Focal amplification

# What is cancer?

Cancer is a genetic disease: **point mutations**

*Substitution  
Insertion  
Deletion*

## KRAS-wt

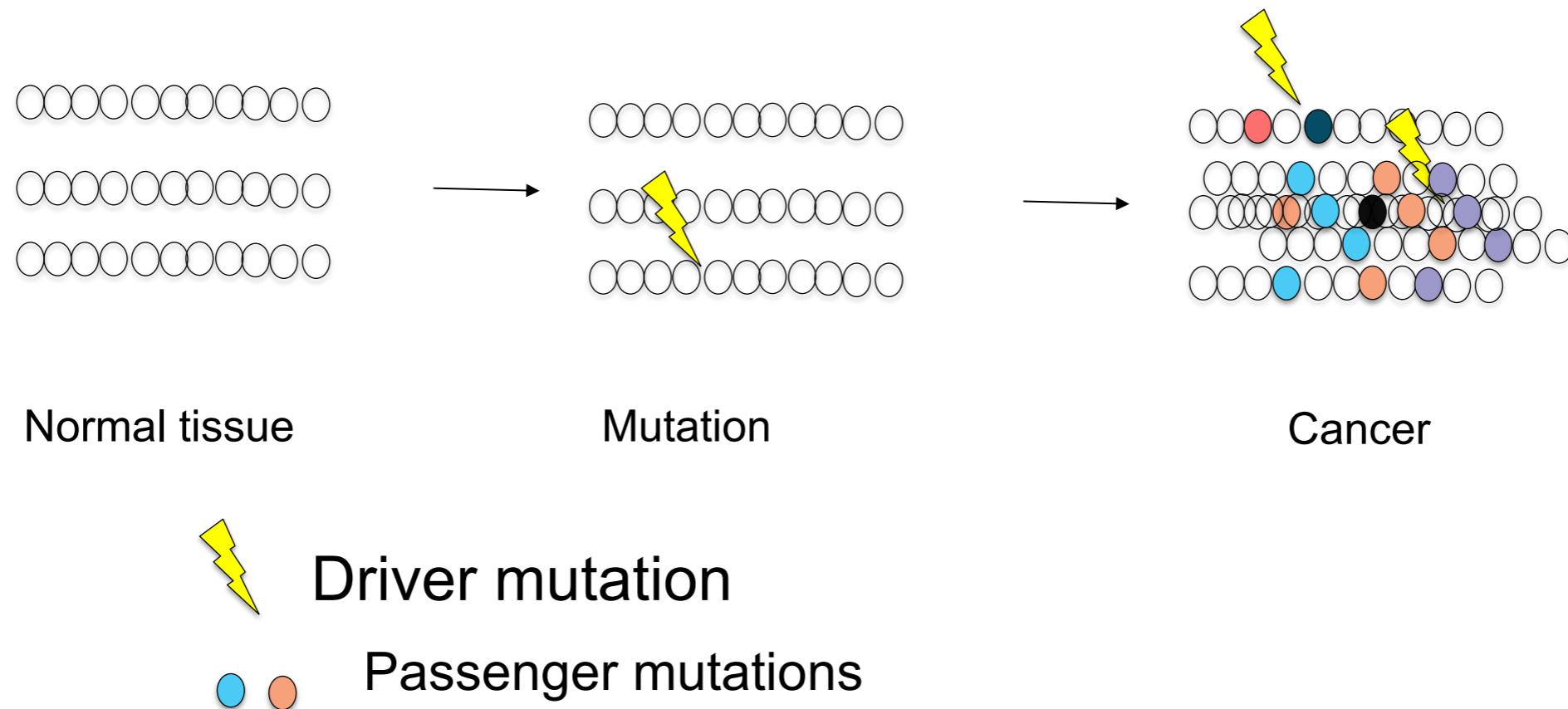
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## KRAS-G12D

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- Frequent **driver mutation** for tumors of the lung, colon, etc.
- **Predicts lack of benefit** from EGFR inhibitors

# The drivers and passengers

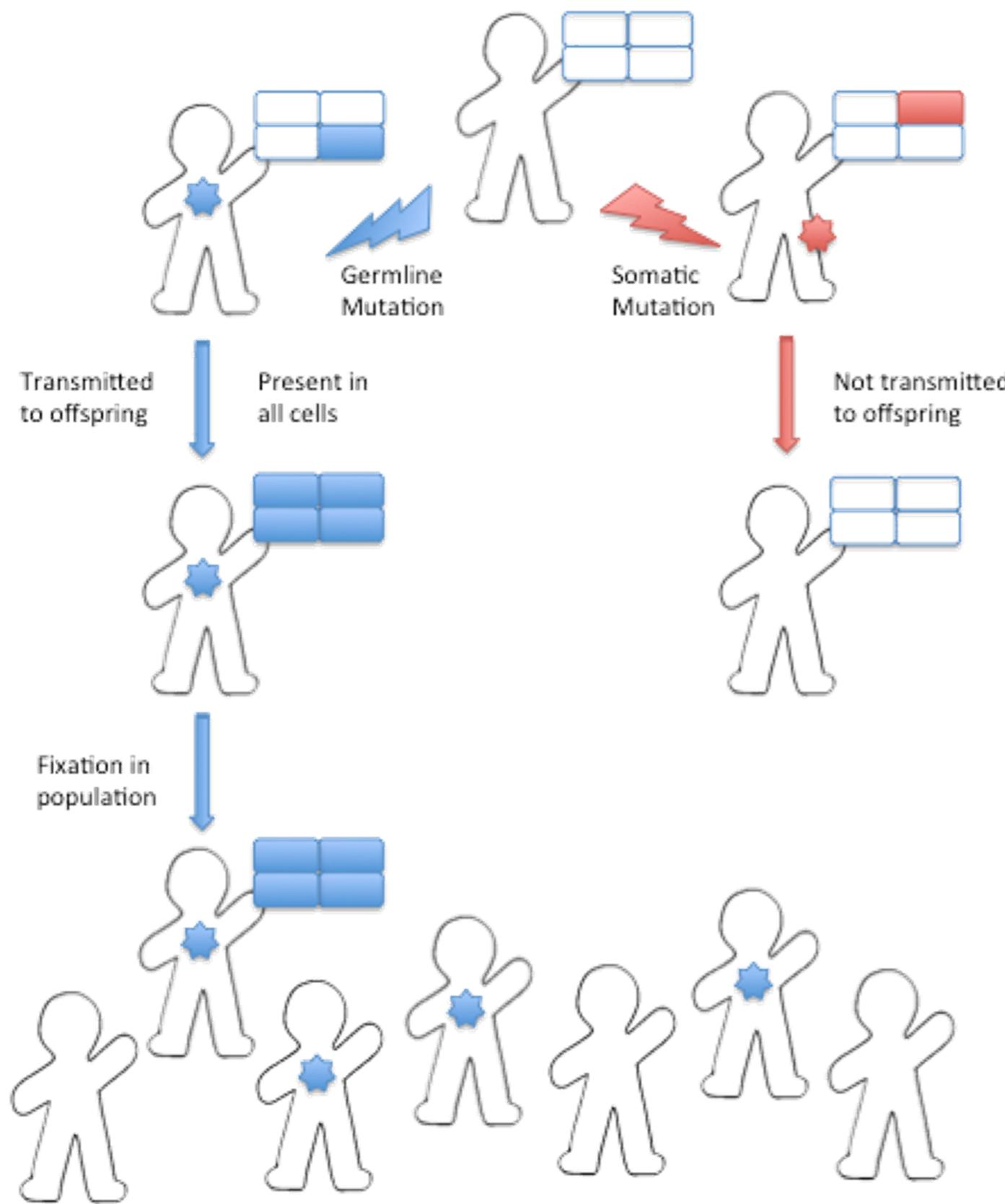


**Driver** → Confers selective advantage  
Disease associated, pathogenic

**Passenger** → Present in the clonal progenitor



# Germline vs Somatic mutations



## Germline Mutations

Present in **all** cells

Transmitted to offspring

Fixate in population (SNP)

## Somatic Mutations

-Present only in **some** cells

-**Not transmitted** to offspring

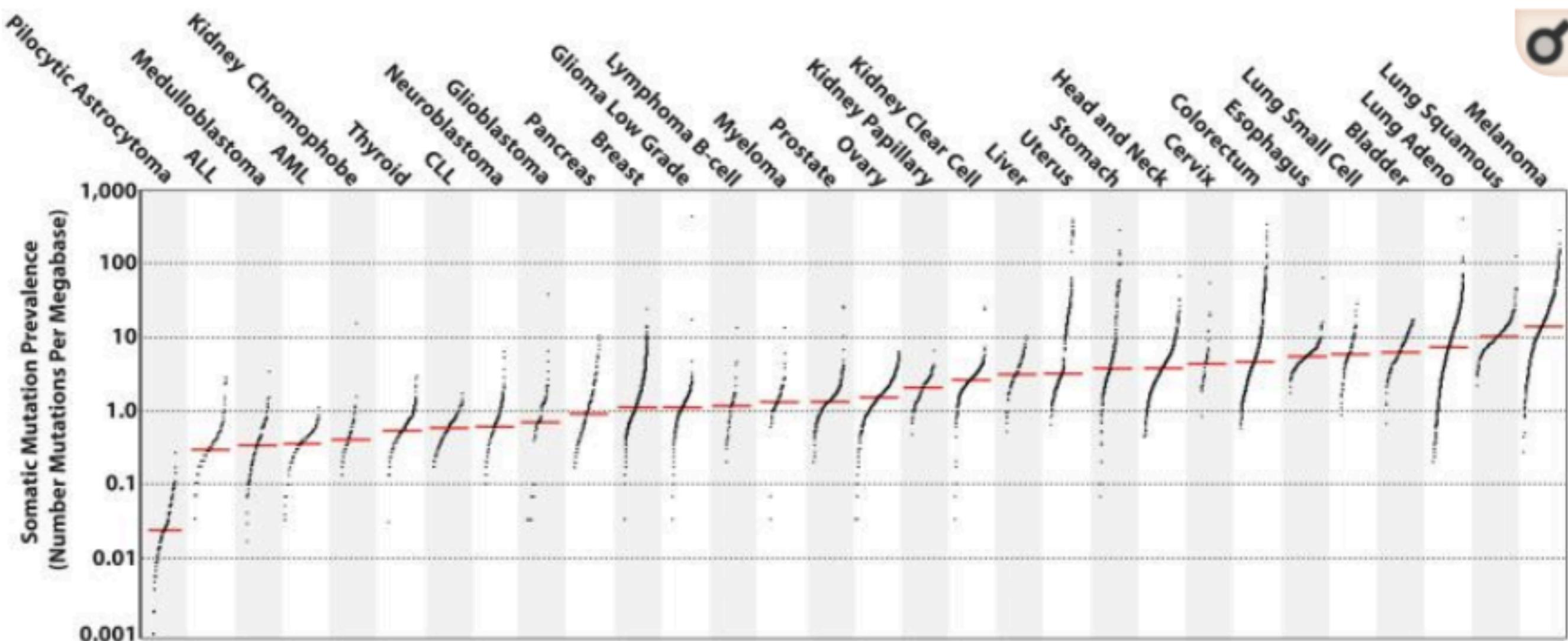
-**Do not fixate** in population

**“Cancer is not a single disease, but rather 150+ different diseases.”**



*Prof. Dr. Mariano Barbacid, former director of the Spanish National Cancer Research Center and discoverer of the first oncogene, RAS.*

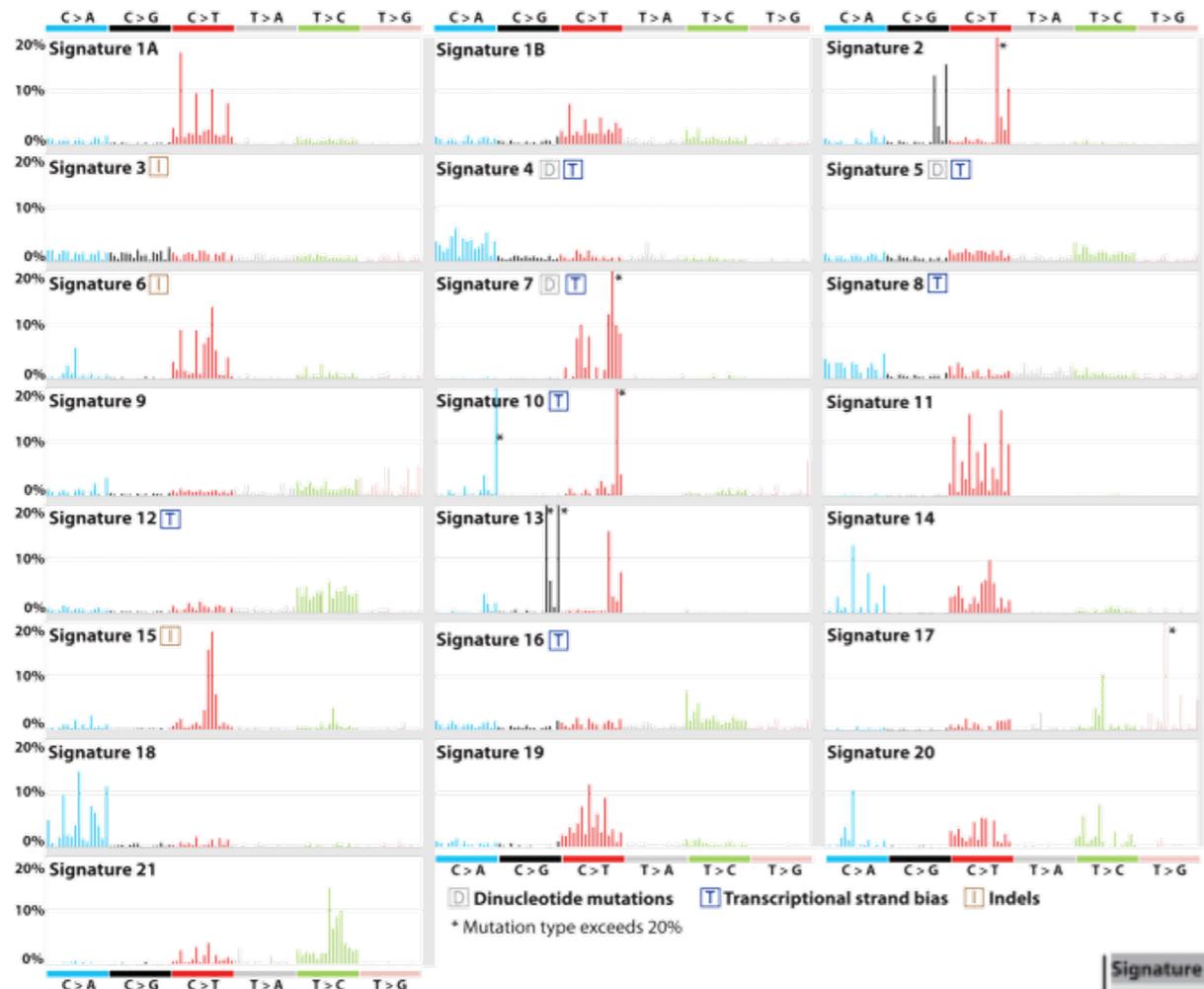
# Number of somatic mutations in different cancer types



## Signatures of mutational processes in human cancer

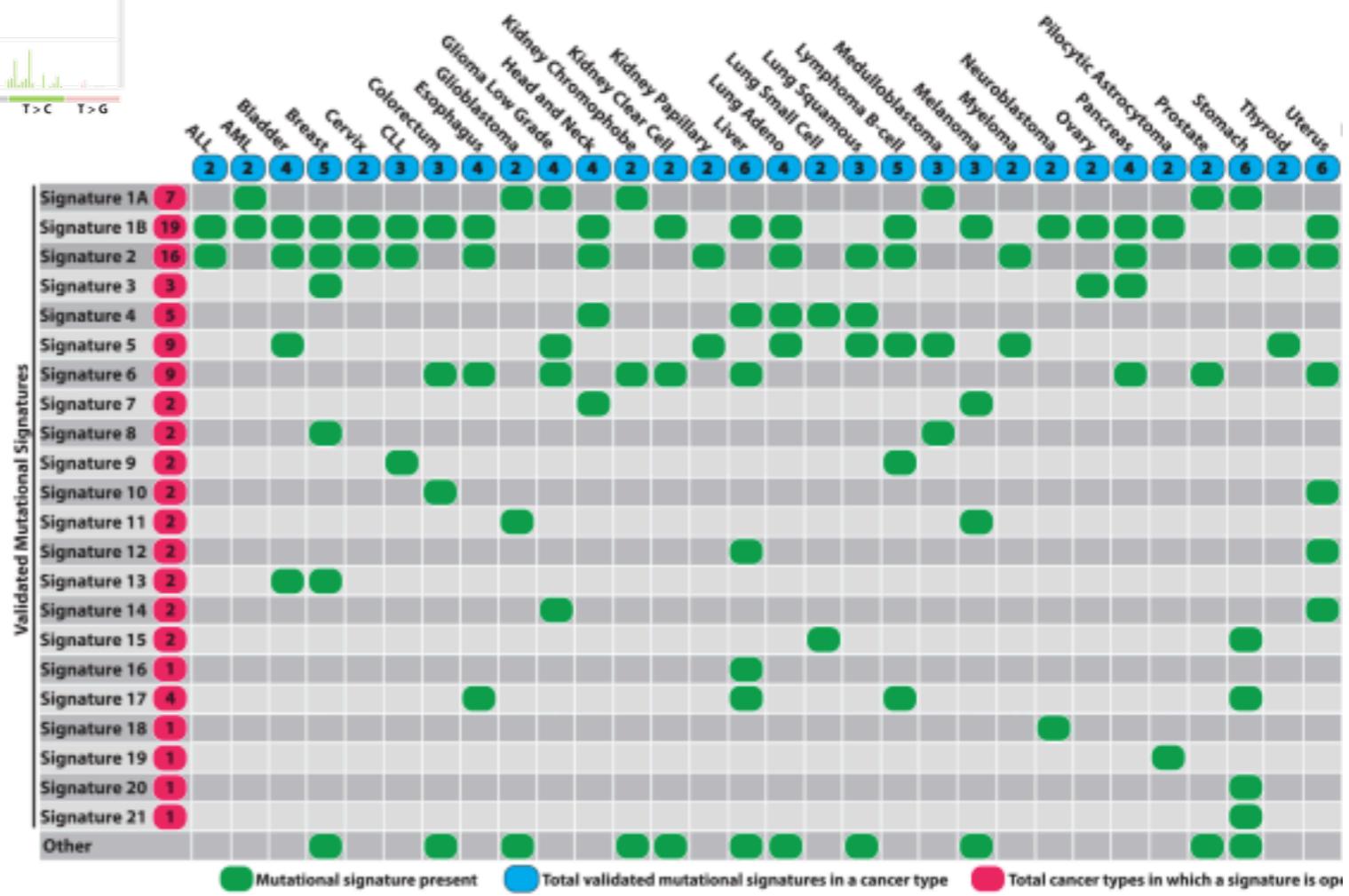
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# Mutation signatures in different cancer types



E.g.: Signature 4

- Smoking induced mutations
- Lung cancers



# Why study cancer genomes?

## For the researcher:

- Identify recurrent mutations that represent druggable targets
- Identify specific mutations or patterns that predict benefit from specific drugs
- Study the evolutionary process -- mutation, selection

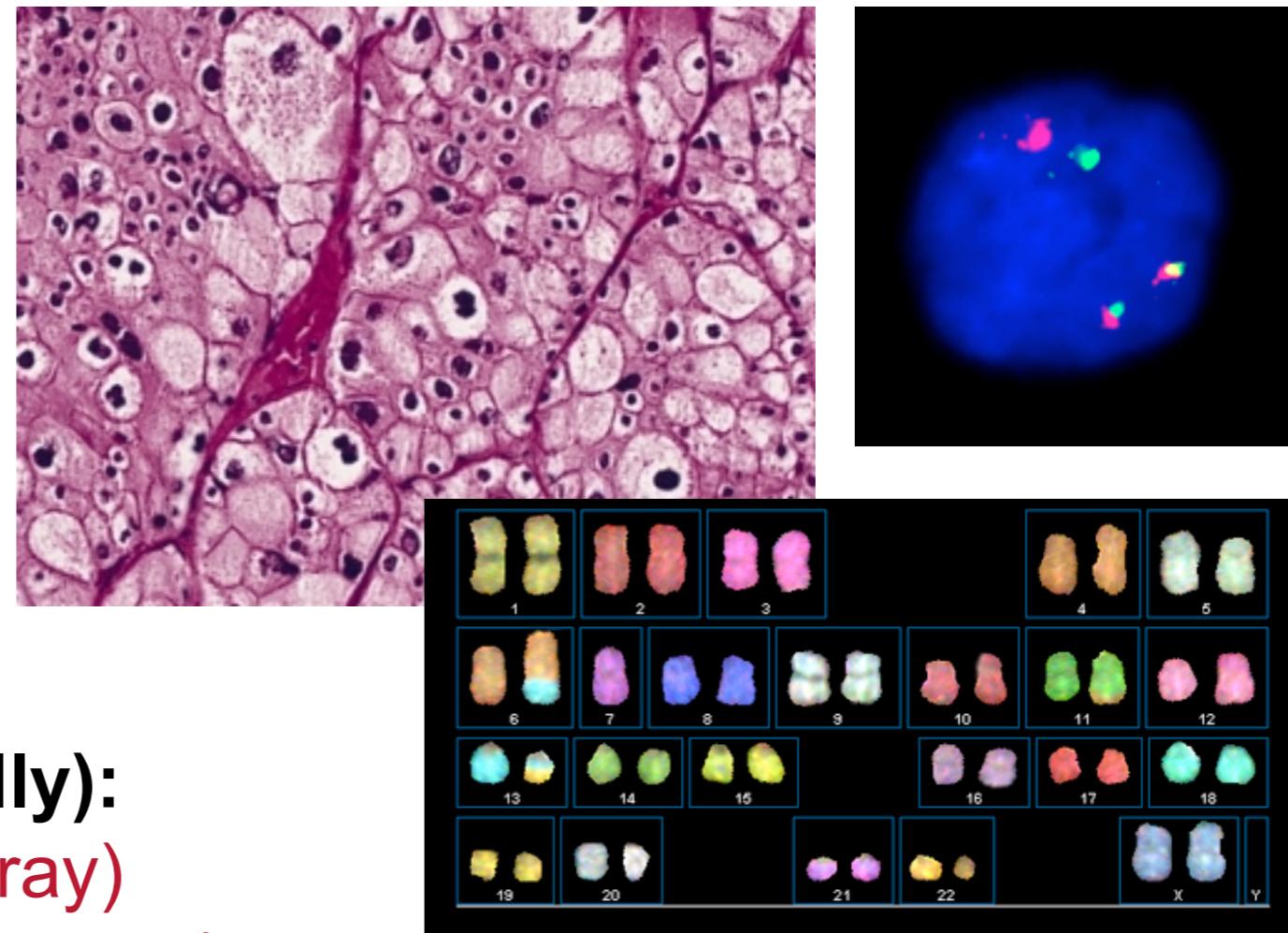
## For the cancer patient:

Identify “actionable” mutations - inform treatment decisions  
Aid in diagnosis

# Characterising a tumour specimen

# Measured in individual cells:

- Cellular/tissue morphology
  - Protein expression
  - Gene copy number (FISH)
  - Karyotype



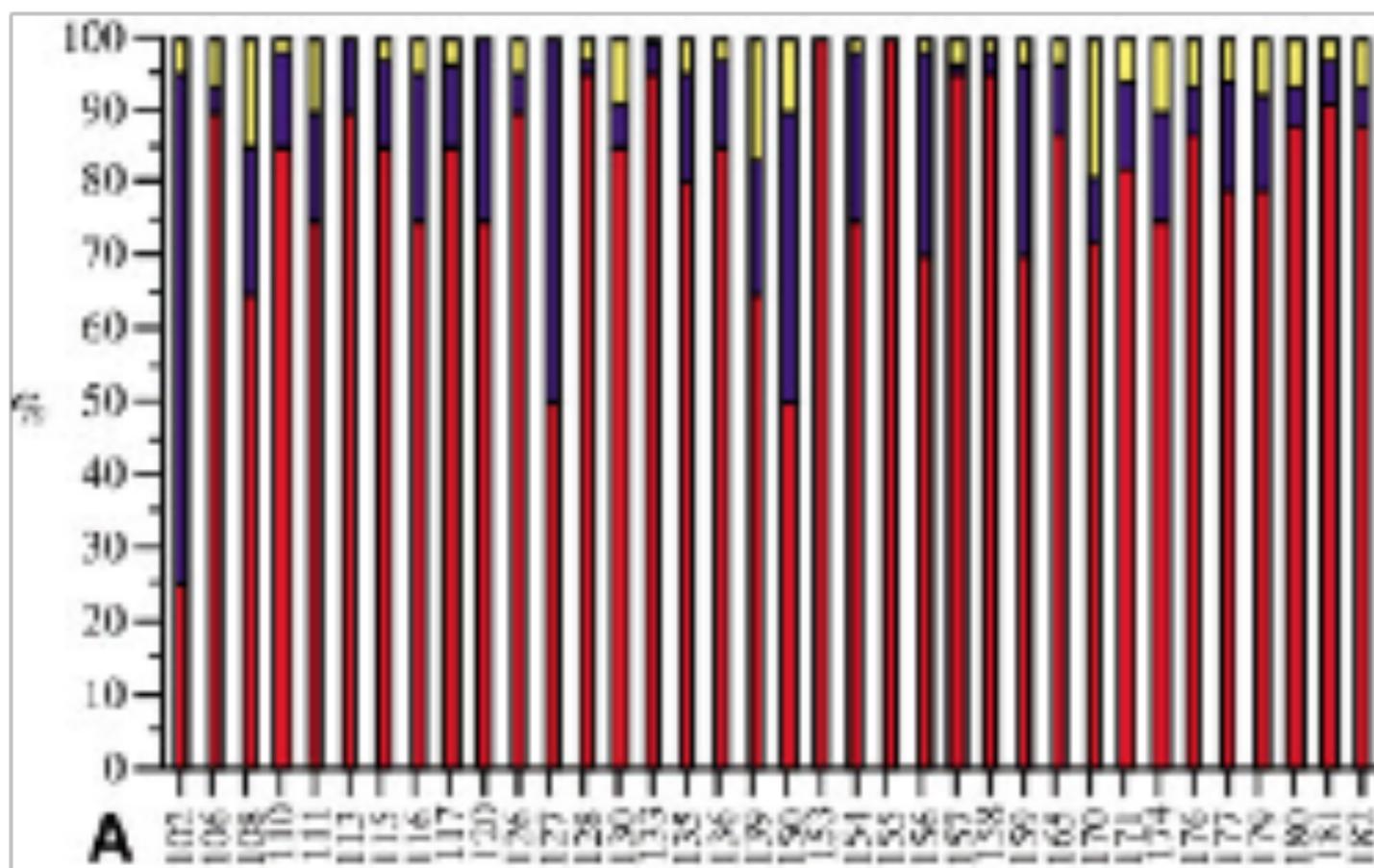
**Measured in bulk tissue (usually):**

- Gene expression (from microarray)
  - Copy number profile (from SNP array)
  - WES/WGS/RNA-seq

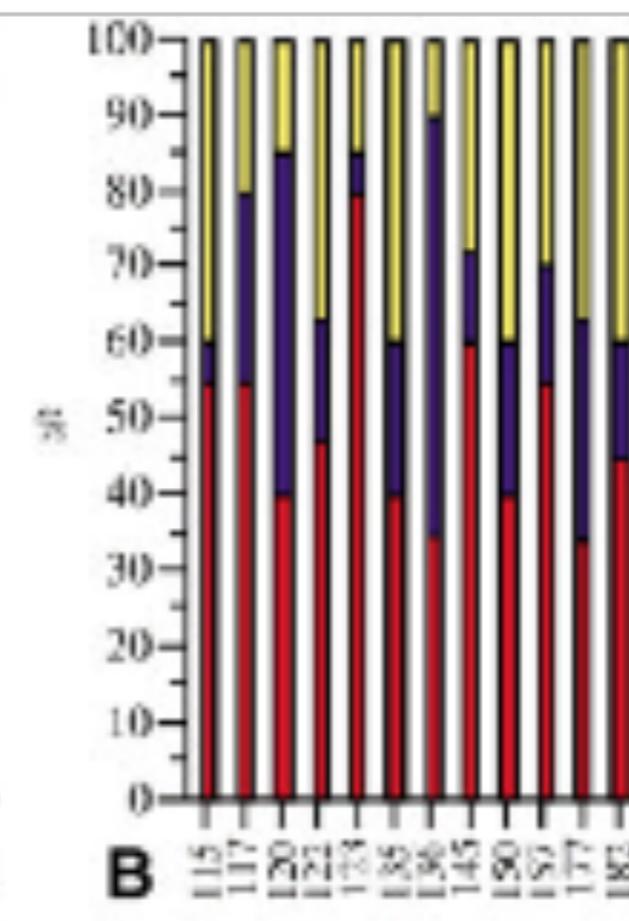
# Bulk tissue includes non-tumor cells!

# Caution 1: Tumour specimens are not just tumour cells

Histological characterization of a set of tumor specimens



Fine-needle aspiration (FNA)



Core needle biopsy

*Other  
stromal\**

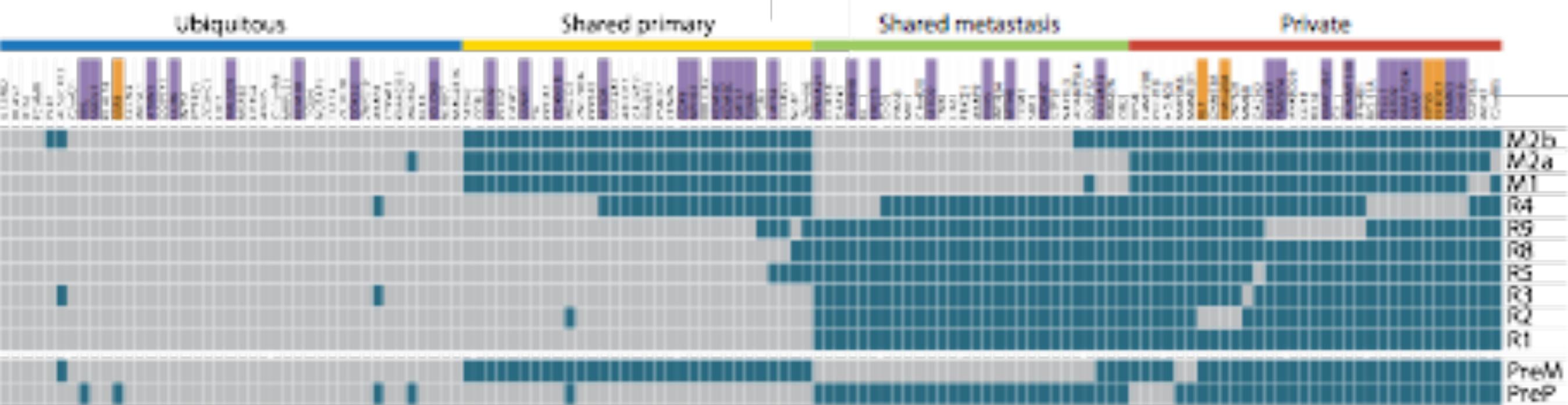
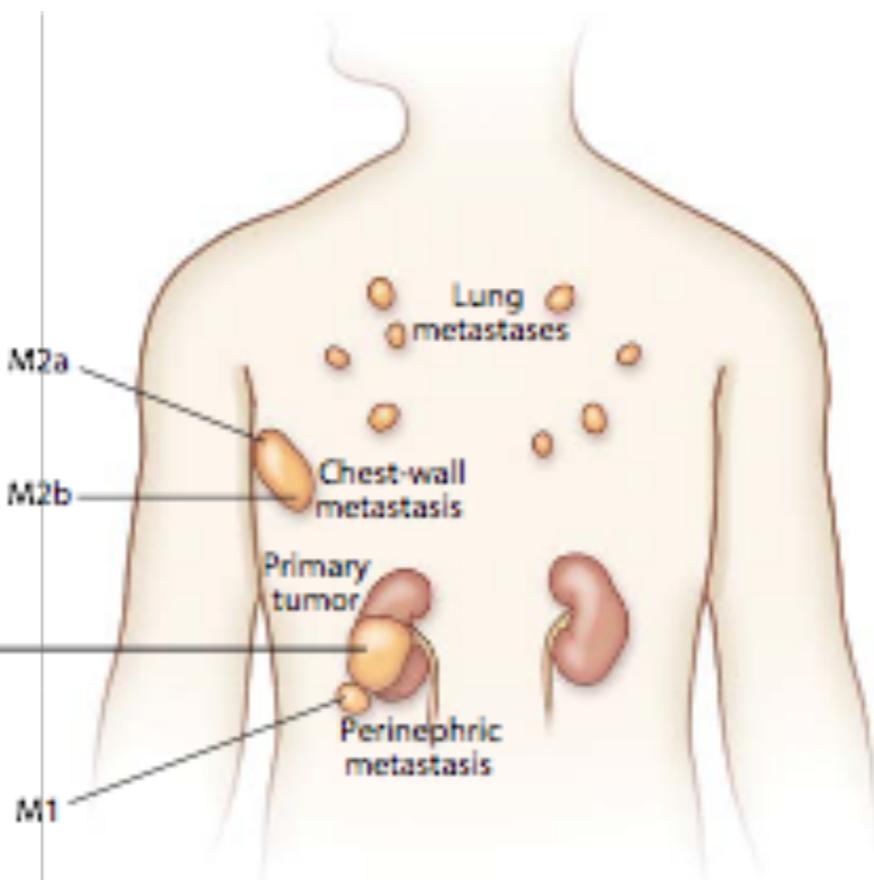
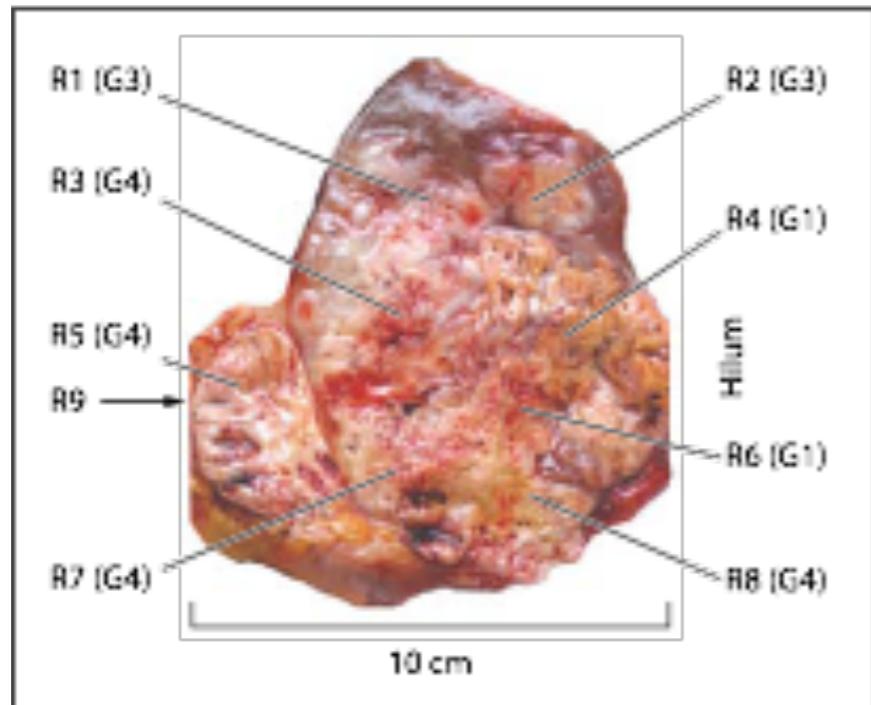
*Lymphocytes*

*Tumor*

\* Other stromal = fibroblasts, endothelials, histocytes, adipocytes

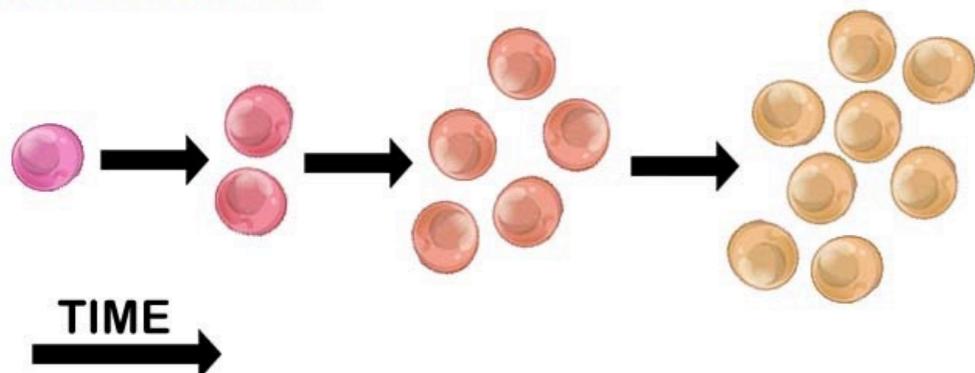
# Caution 2: Tumour heterogeneity

## Primary renal cell carcinoma

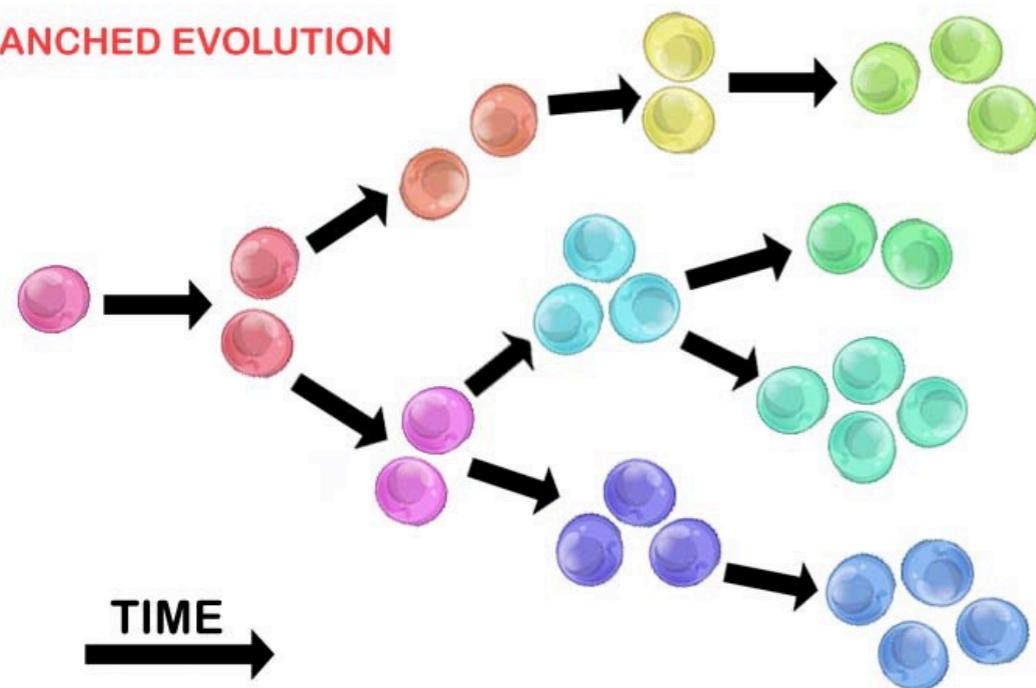


# Caution 2: Tumour heterogeneity

LINEAR EVOLUTION

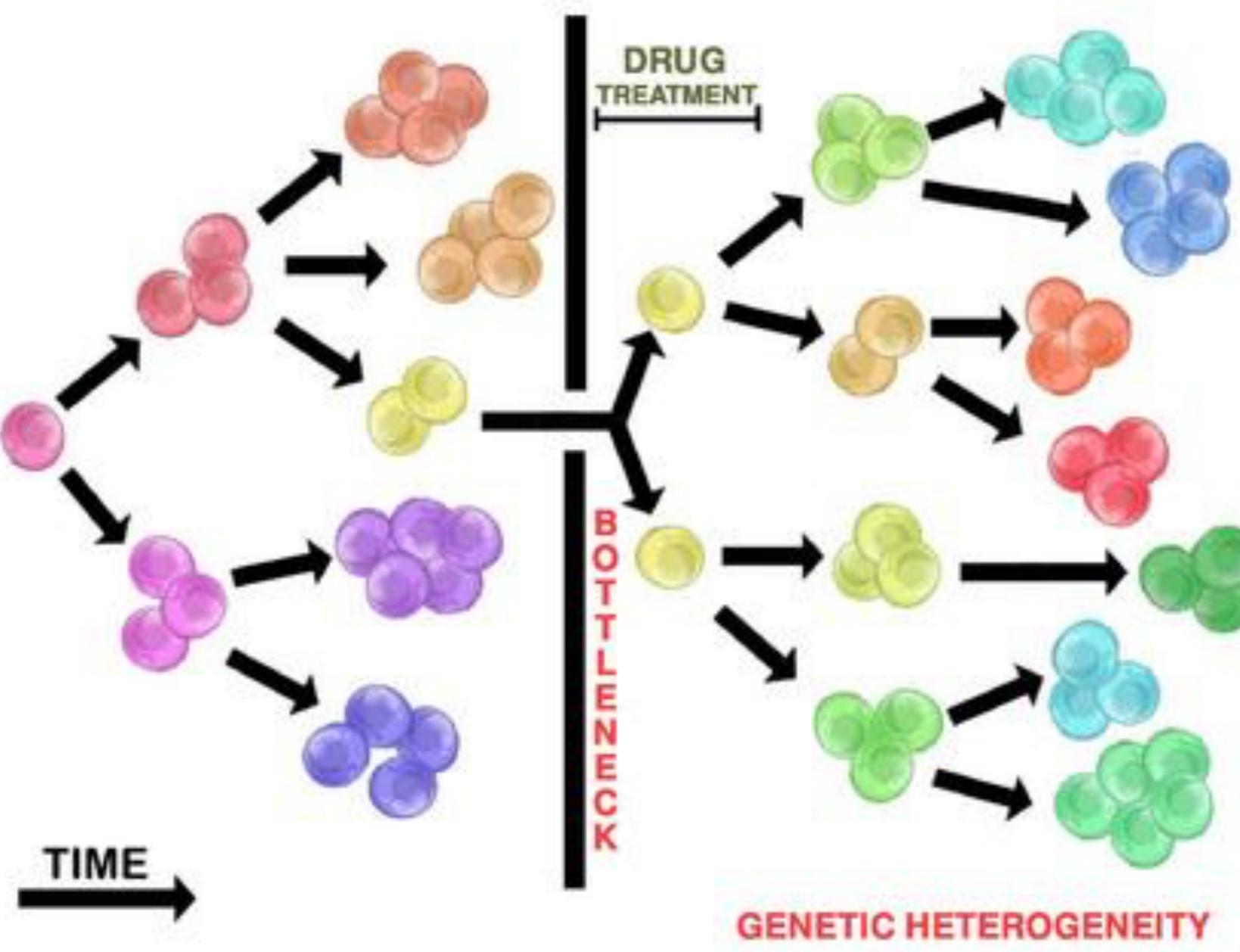


BRANCHED EVOLUTION



- Tumour heterogeneity → differential subclonal evolution
- Clones accumulate different mutations as they diverge.

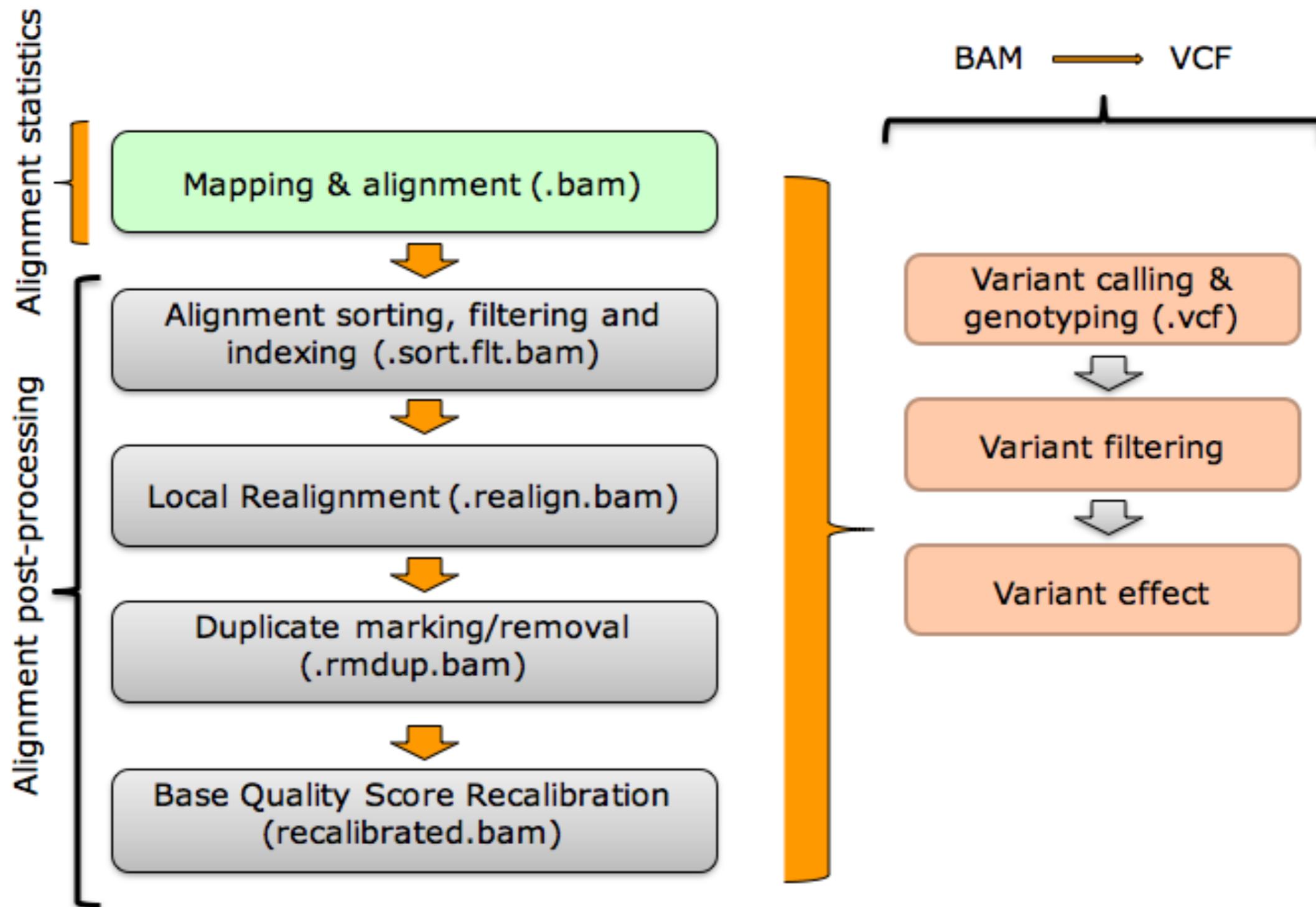
# Treatment can re-shape tumour heterogeneity



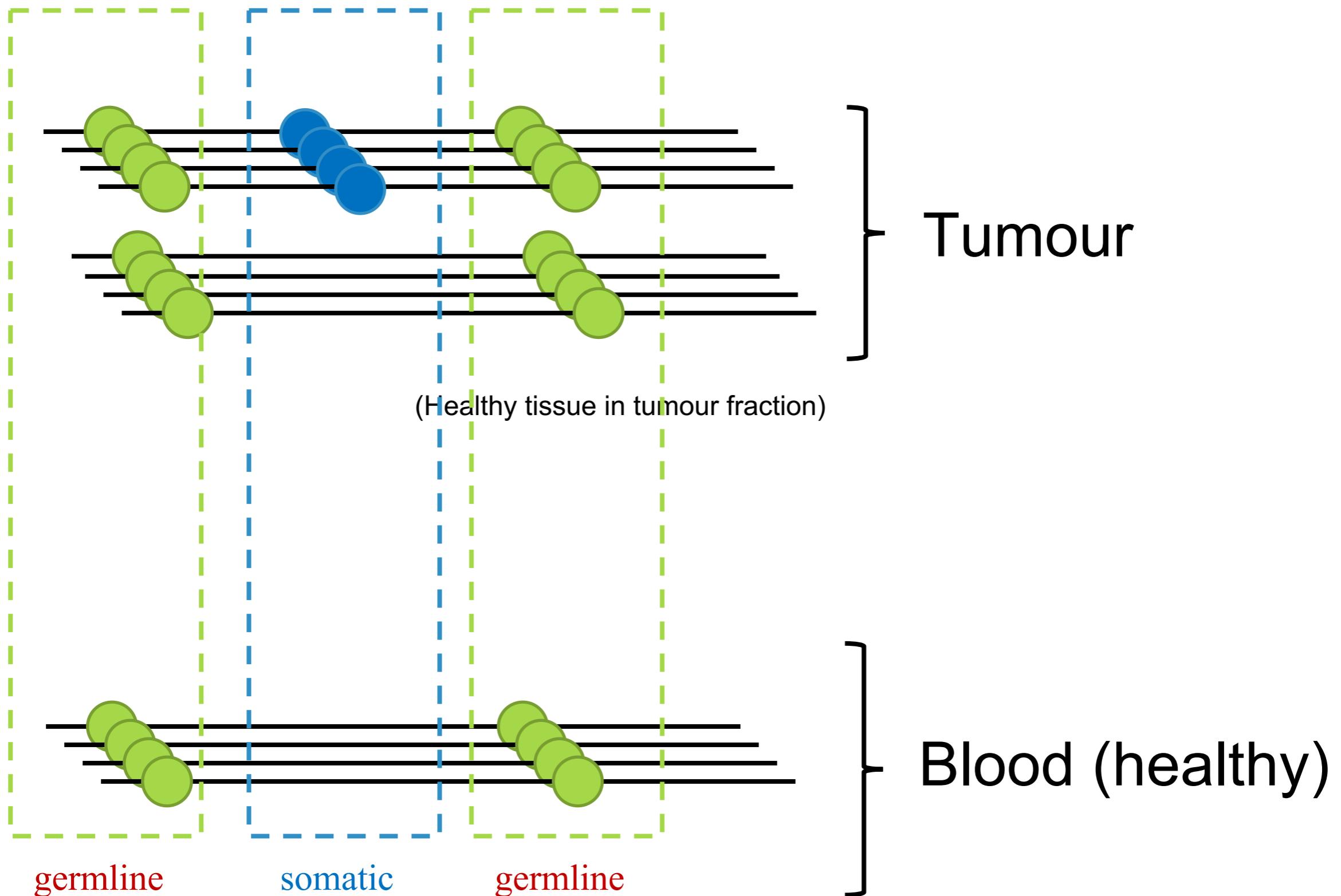
# How to identify somatic mutations in a tumor

# Variant calling pipeline

## Recommended workflow<sup>1</sup>



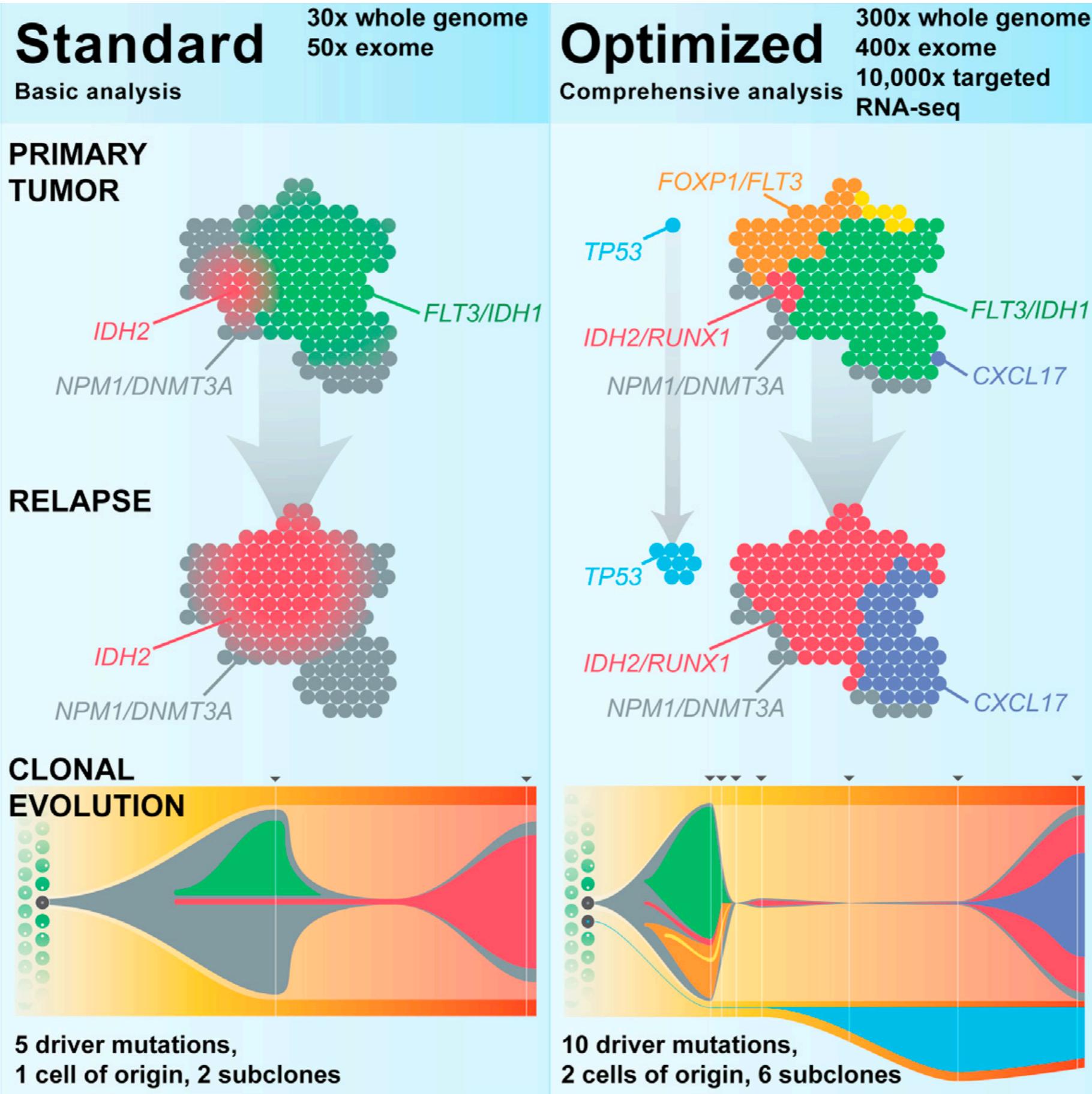
# Matched samples for variant calling



# Somatic mutation calling vs.“regular” variant calling

1. We are interested in somatic mutations: differences between the **tumor genome and the normal genome** (NOT the reference genome).
2. The tumor data represents a **mixture** of reads from tumor cells and from normal cells, so we need **deeper sequencing** and **more sensitive analysis** to detect variants.
3. Tumors are often heterogeneous, and relevant mutations may be present at low allelic frequency. So we need **even deeper sequencing**.

Also: we are often interested in copy number changes, translocations, and clonal architecture



# Cancer gene panel amplicon sequencing

## TruSeq Amplicon - Cancer Panel Gene List

ABL1	EGFR	GNAS	MLH1	RET
AKT1	ERBB2	HNF1A	MPL	SMAD4
ALK	ERBB4	HRAS	NOTCH1	SMARCB1
APC	FBXW7	IDH1	NPM1	SMO
ATM	FGFR1	JAK2	NRAS	SRC
BRAF	FGFR2	JAK3	PDGFRA	STK11
CDH1	FGFR3	KDR	PIK3CA	TP53
CDKN2A	FLT3	KIT	PTEN	VHL
CSF1R	GNA11	KRAS	PTPN11	
CTNNB1	GNAQ	MET	RB1	

# Understanding variation in –omics times

Traditionally

1 Mutation  
=  
1 Disease



Phenotype  
Function  
Mechanism

Lots of hard work

Now (High Throughput Sequencing, NGS)

X Mutations  
In  
Y Patients  
And  
Z Conditions



Prediction of  
Pathogenicity /  
Unfeasible  
Prioritization

[http://www.ensembl.org/Homo\\_sapiens/Info/Index](http://www.ensembl.org/Homo_sapiens/Info/Index)

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Human (GRCh37) ▾

Human  
*Homo sapiens*

Go

e.g. [BRCA2](#) or [6:133017695-133161157](#) or [osteoarthritis](#)

**Genome assembly: GRCh37 (GCA 000001405.11)**

- [More information and statistics](#)
- [Download DNA sequence \(FASTA\)](#)
- [Convert your data to GRCh37 coordinates](#)
- [Display your data in Ensembl](#)

**Other assemblies**

- [NCBI36](#) (Ensembl release 54)

**What's New in Human release 70**

- Update to Ensembl-Havana GENCODE gene set (release 15)
- Update to the Human BodyMap - RNASeq database with associated BAM files
- Human: assembly updated to GRCh37.p10

[More news...](#)

**Gene annotation**

What can I find? Protein-coding and non-coding genes, splice variants, cDNA and protein sequences, non-coding RNAs.

- [More about this genebuild](#)
- [Download genes, cDNAs, ncRNA, proteins \(FASTA\)](#)
- [Update your old Ensembl IDs](#)

**Vega**\* Additional manual annotation can be found in Vega

**Comparative genomics**

What can I find? Homologues, gene trees, and whole genome alignments across multiple species.

- [More about comparative analysis](#)
- [Download alignments \(EMF\)](#)

**Regulation**

What can I find? DNA methylation, transcription factor binding sites, histone modifications, and regulatory features such as enhancers and repressors, and microarray annotations.

- [More about the Ensembl regulatory build and microarray annotation](#)
- [Download all regulatory features \(GFF\)](#)

**Variation**

What can I find? Short sequence variants and longer structural variants; disease and other phenotypes.

- [More about variation in Ensembl](#)
- [Download all variants \(GVF\)](#)
- [Variant Effect Predictor](#)

**Example phenotype**

# Ensembl Variant Effect Predictor (I)

## Variant Effect Predictor:

This tool takes a list of variant positions and alleles, and predicts the effects of each of these on overlapping transcripts and regulatory regions annotated in Ensembl. The tool accepts substitutions, insertions and deletions as input, see [data formats](#).



Upload is limited to 750 variants; lines after the limit will be ignored. Users with more than 750 variations can split files into smaller chunks, use the standalone [perl script](#) or the [variation API](#). See also [full documentation](#)

**NB:** Ensembl now by default uses Sequence Ontology terms to describe variation consequences. See [this page](#) for details

## Input file

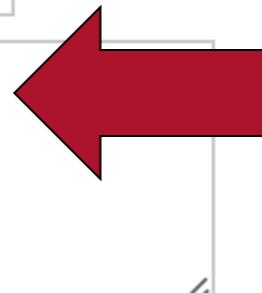
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Human (Homo sapiens): GRCh: 

**Name for this data (optional):**

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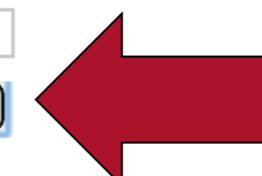
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VCF 



# Ensembl Variant Effect Predictor (II)

## Options

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Transcript database to use:

- Ensembl transcripts
- RefSeq and other transcripts

Get regulatory region consequences (human and mouse only):



Type of consequences to display:

Sequence Ontology terms

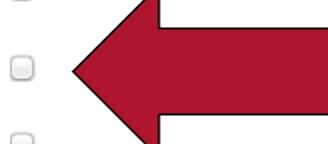
Check for existing co-located variants:

Yes

Get 1000 Genomes global allele frequency for existing variants:



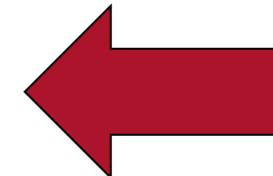
Return results for variants in coding regions only:



Show HGNC identifier for genes where available:



No

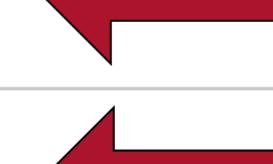


Show Ensembl protein identifiers where available:



Show HGVS identifiers for variants where available:

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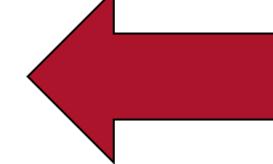


## Missense SNP predictions (human only)

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SIFT predictions:

Prediction and score



PolyPhen predictions:

Prediction and score

## Frequency filtering of existing variants (human only)

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Filter variants by frequency:



NB: Enabling frequency filtering may be slow for large datasets. The default options will filter out common variants found by the 1000 Genomes project.

Filter: Exclude variants with MAF greater than 0.01 in 1000 genomes (1KG) combined population

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# Ensembl Variant Effect Predictor (Results)

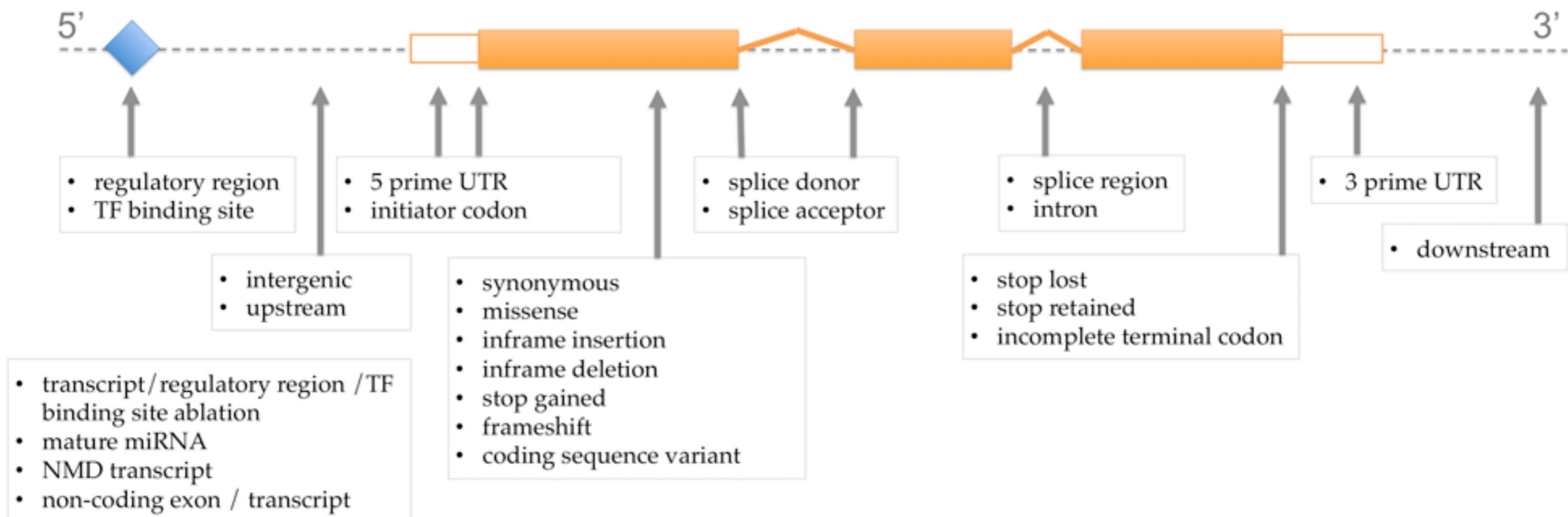
## Variant Effect Predictor Results:

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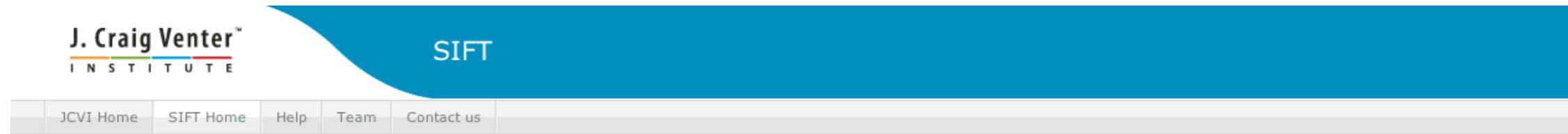
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## Predictors: SIFT

DTU

<http://sift.jcvi.org/>



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## Code release

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Source Code JCVI-SIFT v. 1.03  
Code & exe (Sun, Linux)

## FTP download

SIFT Human DB (release 63)  
SIFT dbSNP DB (build 132)

#### Related links

Human genome assembly  
GRCh37  
Ensembl annotation release 63  
NCBI dbSNP Build 132  
NCBI BLINK

## Updates

Aug 2011: SIFT Human DB updated to support GRCh37 Ensembl release 63

Apr 2011: SIFT dbSNP DB  
updated to support NCBI dbSNP  
build 132

SIFT Human Genome DB	Tool Description (GRCh37 assembly Ensembl 63)	Referencing SIFT
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	Other human genome tools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Restrict to Coding Variants (Sample format)</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Classify Human indels (Sample format)</a></li></ul>	
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SIFT Sequence	Run SIFT analysis on single protein through	
SIFT Related Sequences	Run SIFT analysis on protein query and a c	
SIFT Aligned Sequences	Run SIFT analysis on protein query already	

- Based on the degree of conservation in a multiple sequence alignment (MSA)
    - MSA generated from PSI-BLAST results (closely related sequences)
      - Deleterious if SIFT  $\leq 0.05$

# Predictors: Polyphen-2

<http://genetics.bwh.harvard.edu/pph2/>

## MACHINE LEARNING

- Naïve Bayes Classifier

A method and server for predicting damaging missense mutations

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## SEQUENCE BASED FEATURES

- Importance of site: DISULFID, CROSSLNK, BINDING, ACT\_SITE, LIPID, METAL, SITE, MOD\_RES, CARBOHYD, NON\_STD...
- Importance of region: TRANSMEM, INTRAMEM, COMPBIAS, REPEAT, COILED, SIGNAL, PROPEP...
  - PSIC conservation score

## STRUCTURE BASED FEATURES

- Likeness to destroy hydrophobic core, electrostatic interactions, interactions with ligands, or other important features of proteins

# Predictors: Polyphen-2

**PolyPhen-2 prediction of functional effects of human nsSNPs**

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**PolyPhen-2 report for P15056 V600E**

**Query**

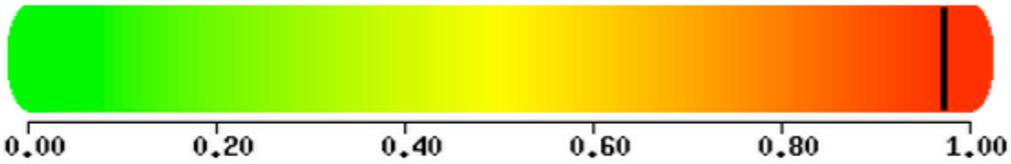
Protein Acc	Position	AA <sub>1</sub>	AA <sub>2</sub>	Description
<a href="#">P15056</a>	600	V	E	Canonical; RecName: Full=Serine/threonine-protein kinase B-raf; EC=2.7.11.1; AltName: Full=Proto-oncogene B-Raf; AltName: Full=p94; AltName: Full=v-Raf murine sarcoma viral oncogene homolog B1; Length: 766

**Results**

**+ Prediction/Confidence** **PolyPhen-2 v2.2.2r398**

**HumDiv**

This mutation is predicted to be **PROBABLY DAMAGING** with a score of **0.971** (sensitivity: **0.77**; specificity: **0.96**)



**+ HumVar**

**Details**

**- Multiple sequence alignment** **UniProtKB/UniRef100 Release 2011\_12 (14-Dec-2011)**

QUERY	sp G1P9K1#1	sp B7ZRT9#1	sp Q0D2E4#1	sp G1NKK9#1	sp Q68FI8#1	sp Q4F9K6#1	sp Q643Z8#1	sp Q767H5#1	sp G3Q6E4#1	sp G3Q6E7#1	sp UPI00016E35C7#1	sp G3Q6E5#1	sp UPI00017B47FE#1	sp UPI00017B47FF#1	sp B3DFX5#1	sp Q1LYG2#1	sp UPI00017B4800#1
KS--IIHRDLKSNNIFLHED-L---TVKIGDFGLATV	KS--TTPRTKQNMTRTHED-T																
KSRWS----GSHQFEQ-----LSGSILWMAPEV																	

Shown are 75 amino acids surrounding the mutation position (marked with a black box). An interactive version of the complete alignment is [also available](#).

# Automatic methods to predict the pathogenicity of mutations

SNAP

**SNAP: predict effect of non-synonymous polymorphisms on function**

Yana Bromberg<sup>1,2,4,\*</sup> and Burkhard Rost<sup>1,2,3</sup>

SIFT

**Predicting Deleterious Amino Acid Substitutions**

Pauline C. Ng and Steven Henikoff

SNPs&GO

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**Functional Annotations Improve the Predictive Score of Human Disease-Related Mutations in Proteins**

Remo Calabrese, Emidio Capriotti, Piero Fariselli, Pier Luigi Martelli, and Rita Casadio\*

PMUT

MutationAssessor

**PMUT: a web-based tool for the annotation of pathological mutations on proteins**

Carles Ferrer-Costa<sup>1</sup>, Josep Lluis Gelpí<sup>1,2,\*</sup>, Leire Zamakola<sup>1,3</sup>, Ivan Parraga<sup>1,3</sup>, Xavier de la Cruz<sup>1,4</sup> and Modesto Orozco<sup>1,2,3,\*</sup>

**Predicting the functional impact of protein mutations: application to cancer genomics**

Boris Reva\*, Yevgeniv Antipin\* and Chris Sander\*

Torkamani

**Accurate prediction of deleterious protein kinase polymorphisms**

Ali Torkamani<sup>1</sup> and Nicholas J. Schork<sup>2,\*</sup>

Some of the (many) methods implemented during the last decade