

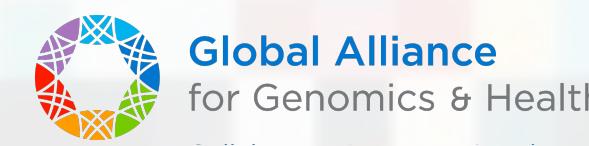
# Implementation Driven Development of Standards for Genomic Data Exchange from Cancer Genome Data Collections

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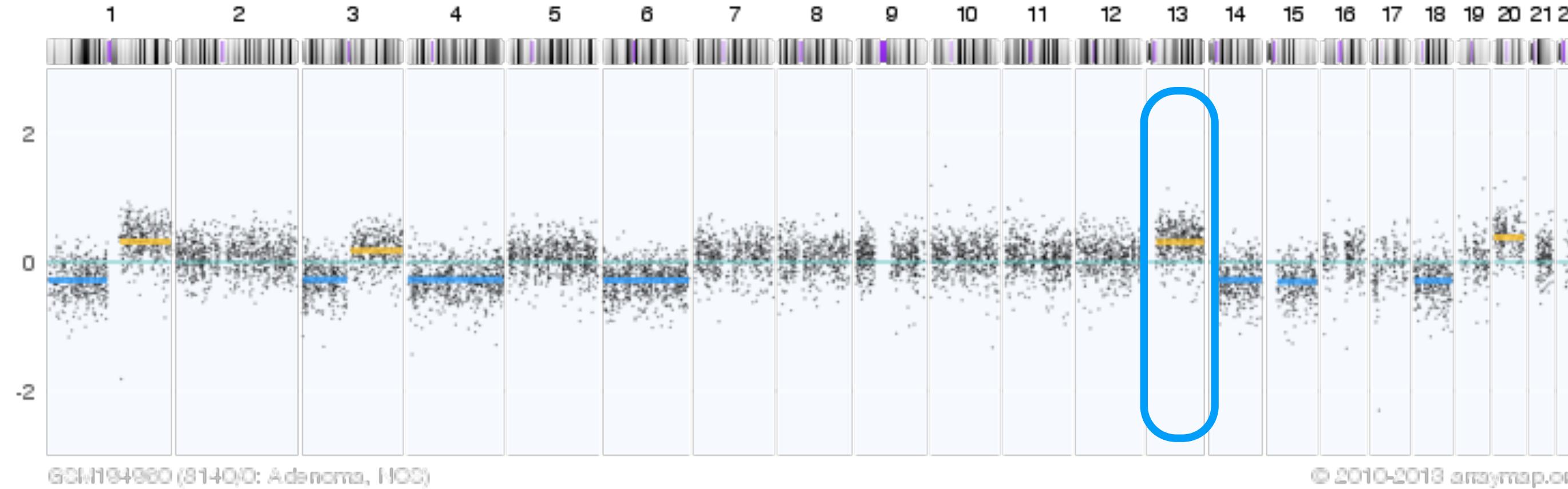
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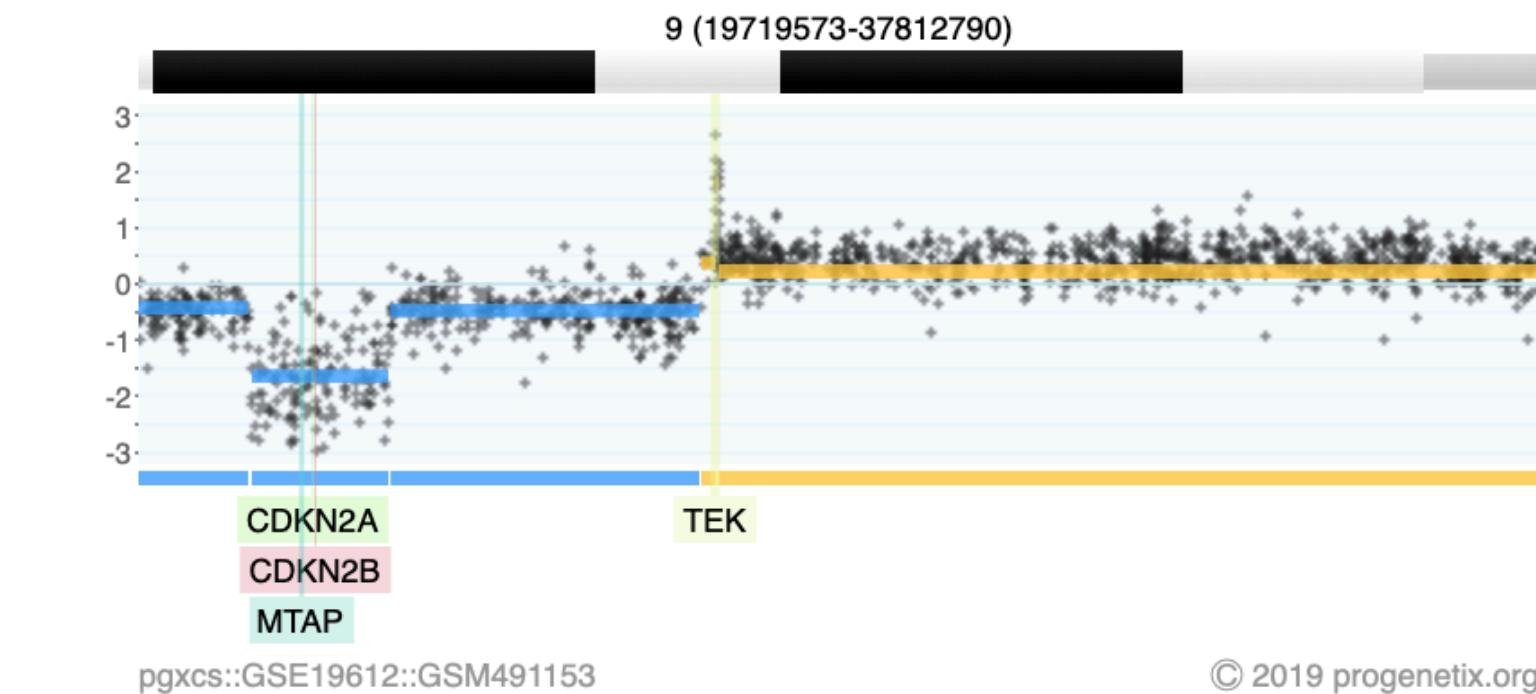
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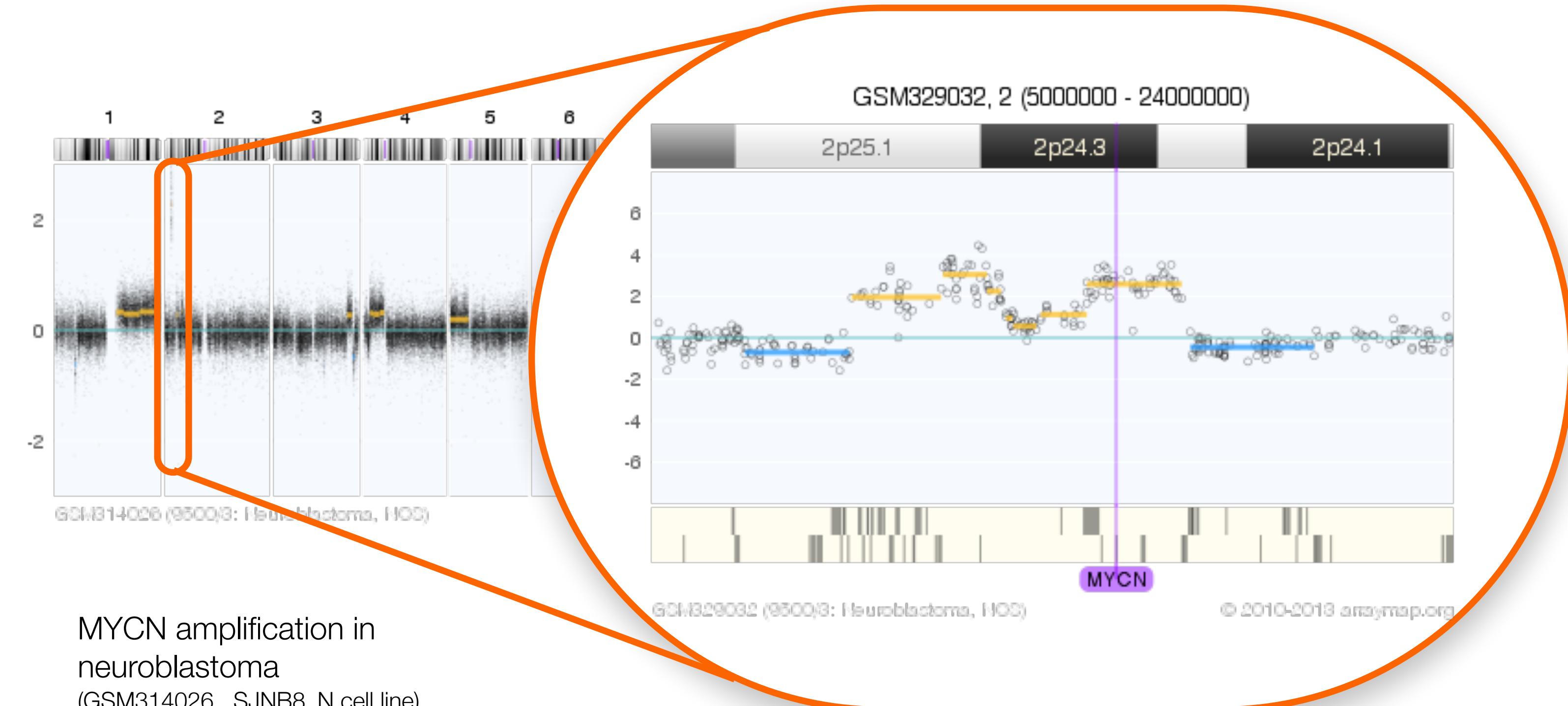
# Somatic Copy Number Variations



Gain of chromosome arm 13q in colorectal carcinoma



2-event, homozygous deletion in a Glioblastoma

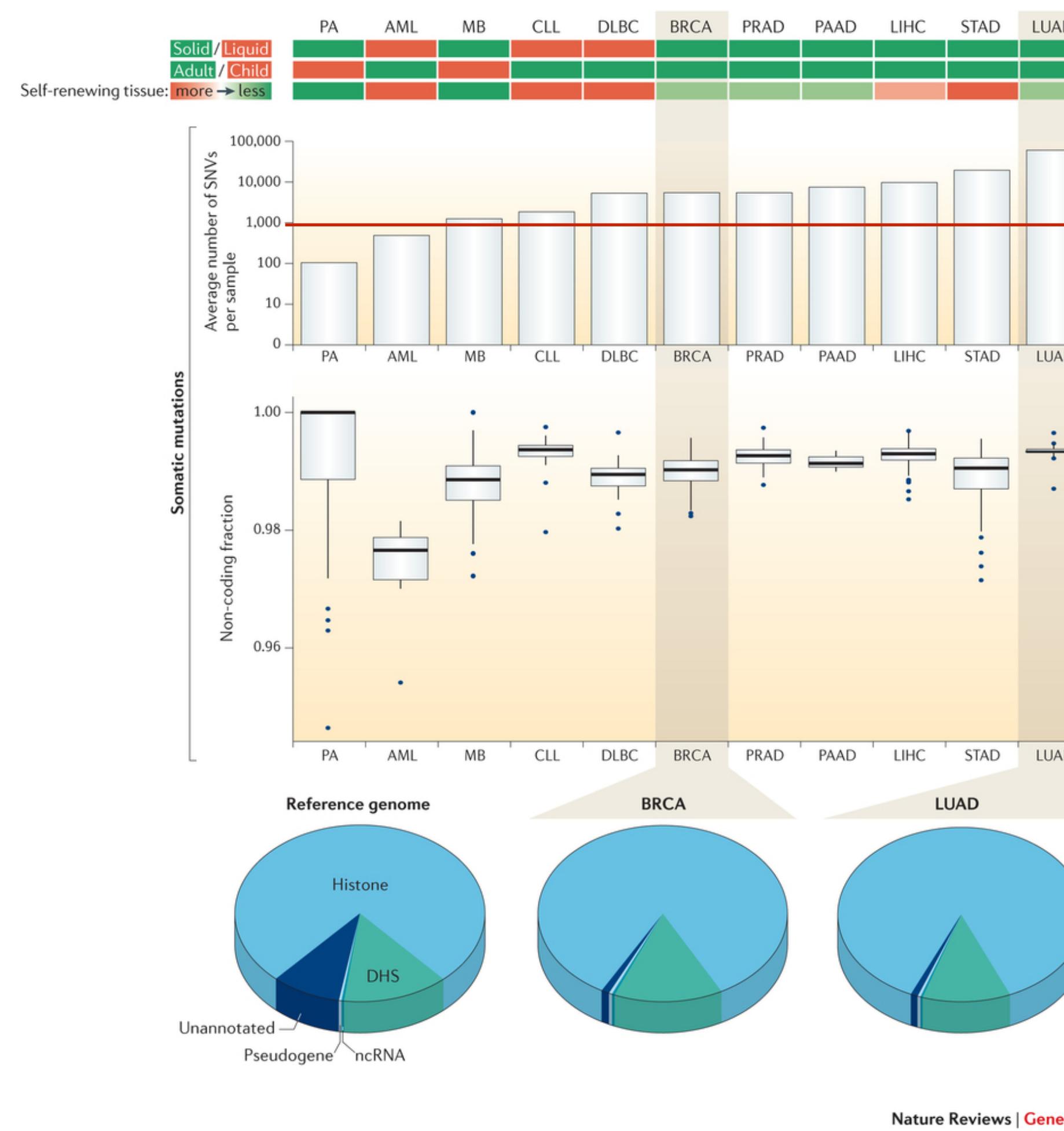


MYCN amplification in neuroblastoma  
(GSM314026, SJNB8\_N cell line)

**low level/high level** copy number alterations (CNAs)

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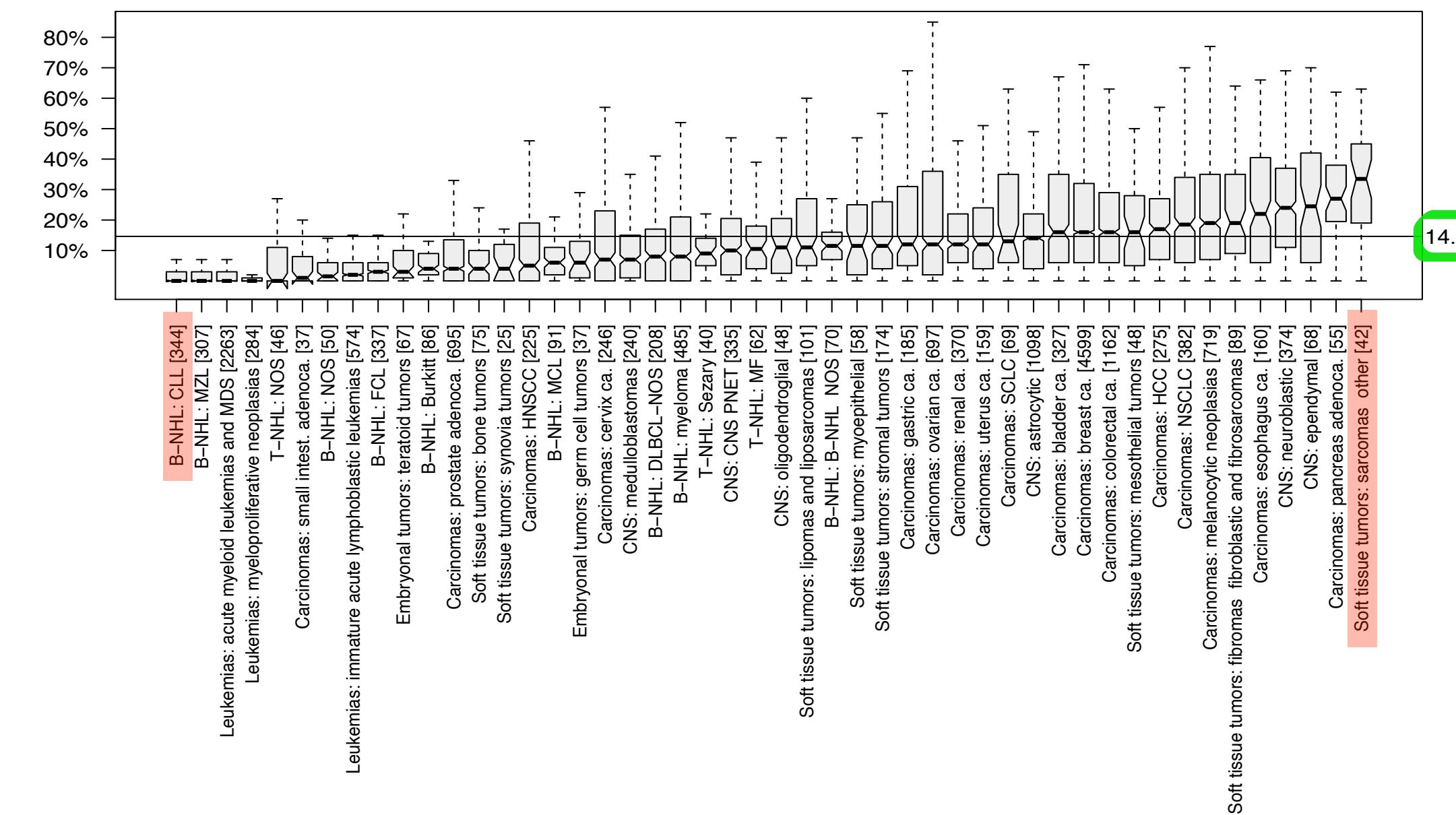




CANCERS SHOW THOUSANDS OF SINGLE NUCLEOTIDE VARIANTS PER SAMPLE, MOSTLY IN NON-CODING REGIONS

Pan-Cancer Analysis of Whole Genomes (PCAWG) data show widespread mutations in non-coding regions of cancer genomes (Khurana et al., Nat. Rev. Genet. (2016))

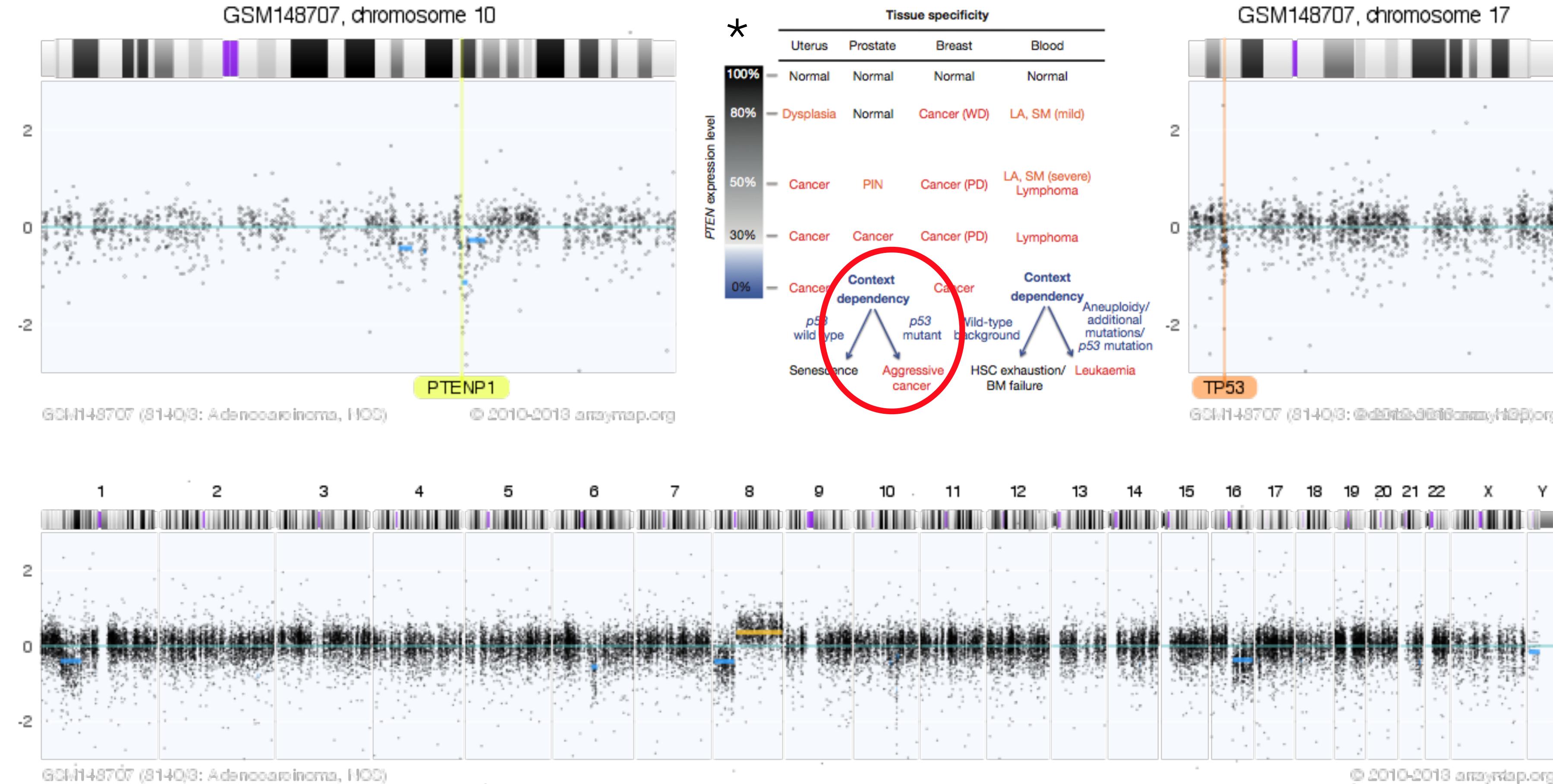
# Quantifying Somatic Mutations In Cancer



GENOMIC COPY NUMBER IMBALANCES PROVIDE WIDESPREAD SOMATIC VARIANTS IN CANCER

On average ~15% of a cancer genome are in an imbalanced state (more/less than 2 alleles);  
Original data based on >30'000 cancer genomes from arraymap.org

# Gene dosage phenomena beyond simple on/off effects



Combined heterozygous deletions involving *PTEN* and *TP53* loci in a case of prostate adenocarcinoma  
(GSM148707, PMID 17875689, Lapointe et al., CancRes 2007)

\* A. H. Berger, A. G. Knudson, and P. P. Pandolfi, "A continuum model for tumour suppression," *Nature*, vol. 476, no. 7359, pp. 163–169, Aug. 2011.

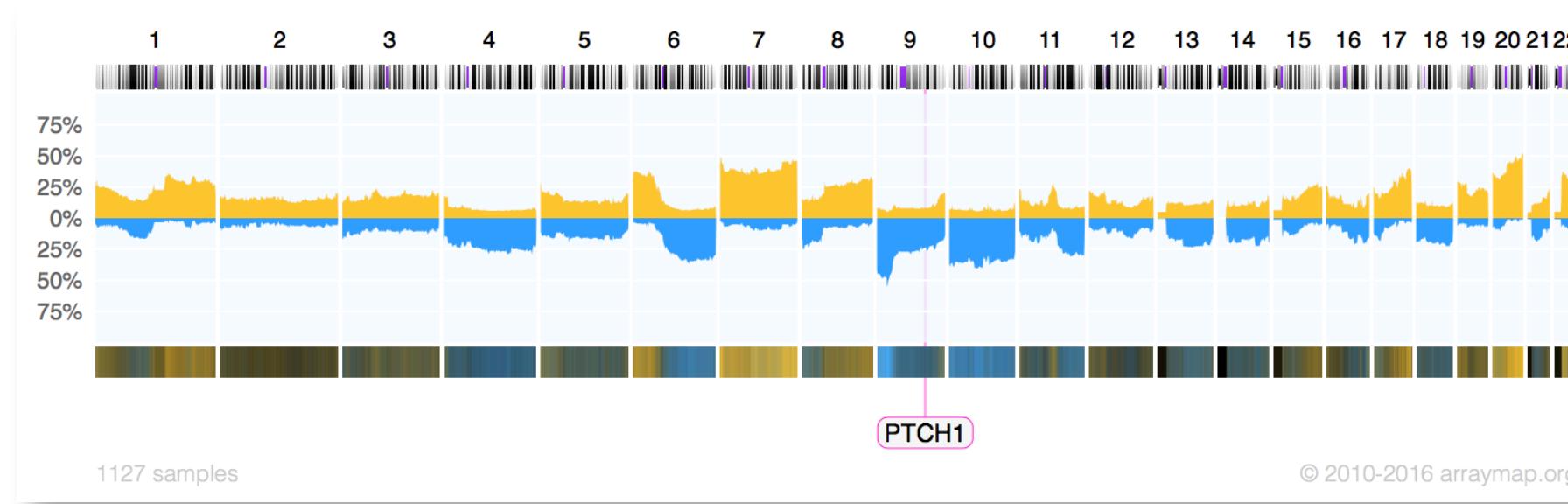
# Rare CNV Events & Hidden Therapeutic Options?

## Example: PTCH1 deletions in malignant melanomas

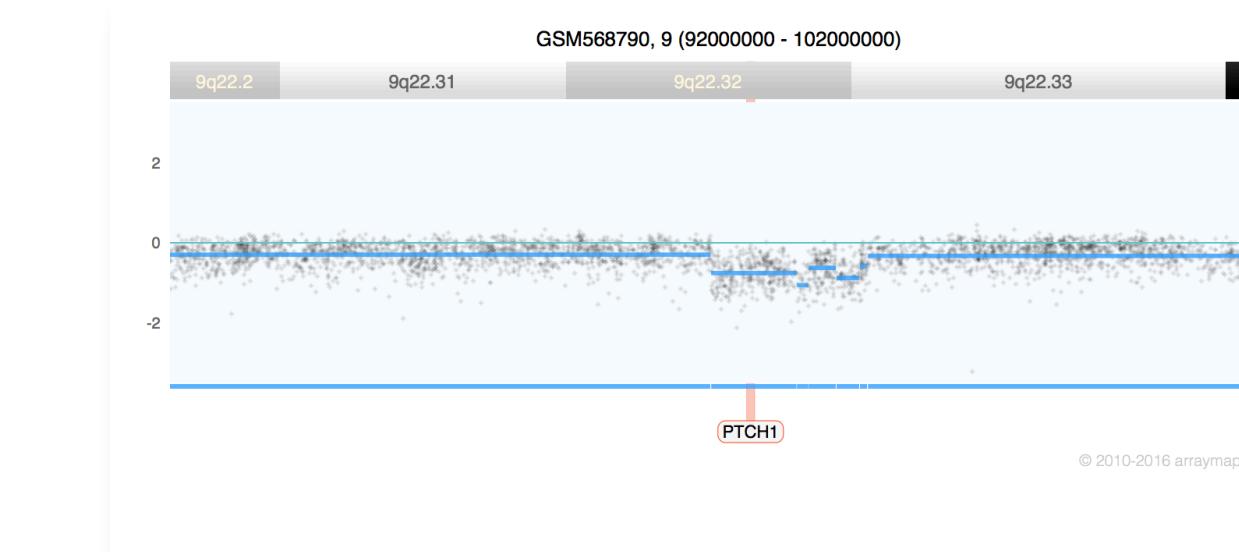
PTCH1 is a actionable tumor suppressor gene, which has been demonstrated in e.g. basalomas and medulloblastomas

analysis of 1127 samples from 26 different publications could identify **focal** deletions in 4 samples

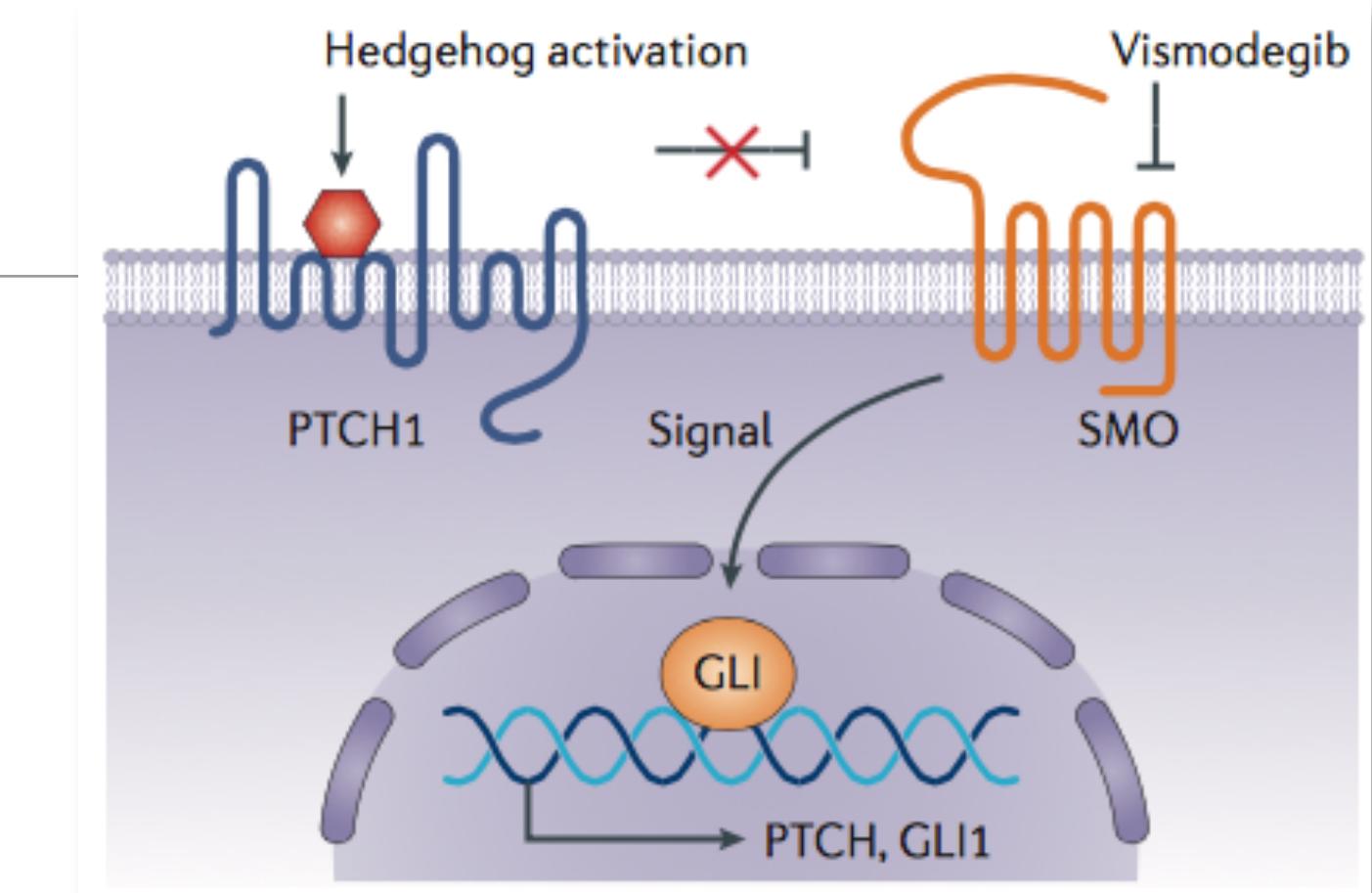
a current project addresses the focal involvement of all mapped genes, in >50'000 cancer genome profiles



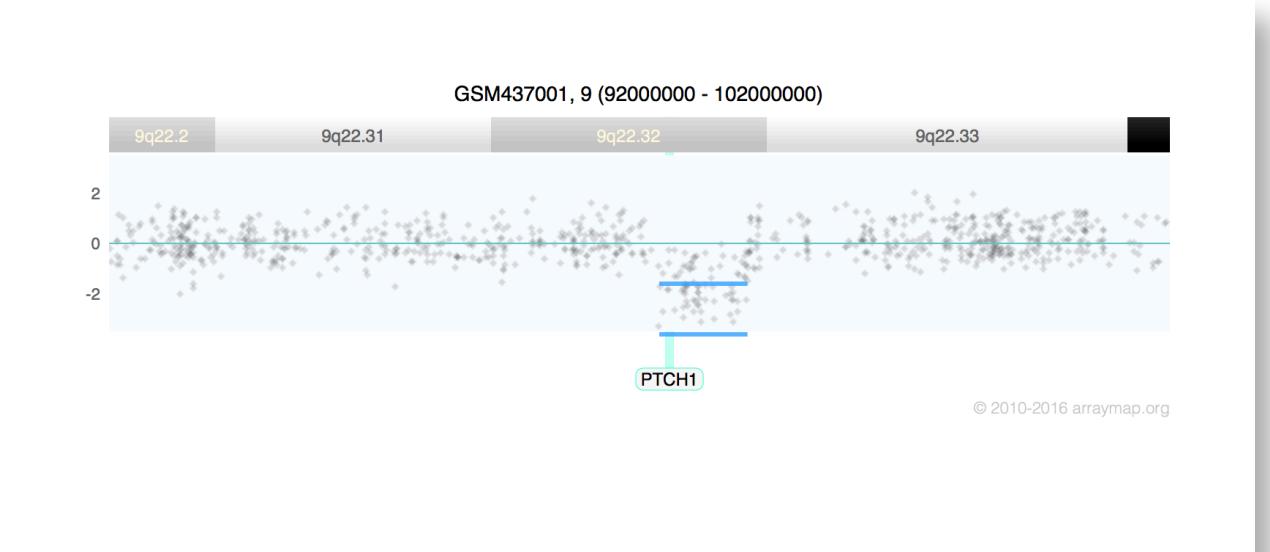
Summary of somatic copy number aberrations from the analysis of 1127 genome profiles of malignant melanomas, collected in our [arraymap.org](http://arraymap.org) cancer genome resource. While PTCH1 does not represent a deletion hotspot, the genomic locus is part of larger deletions in ~25% of melanoma samples.



Examples of focal / homozygous PTCH1 deletions detected in the analysis of 1127 genomic array datasets. Focal somatic imbalance events are considered an indicator for oncogenic involvement of the affected target genes.



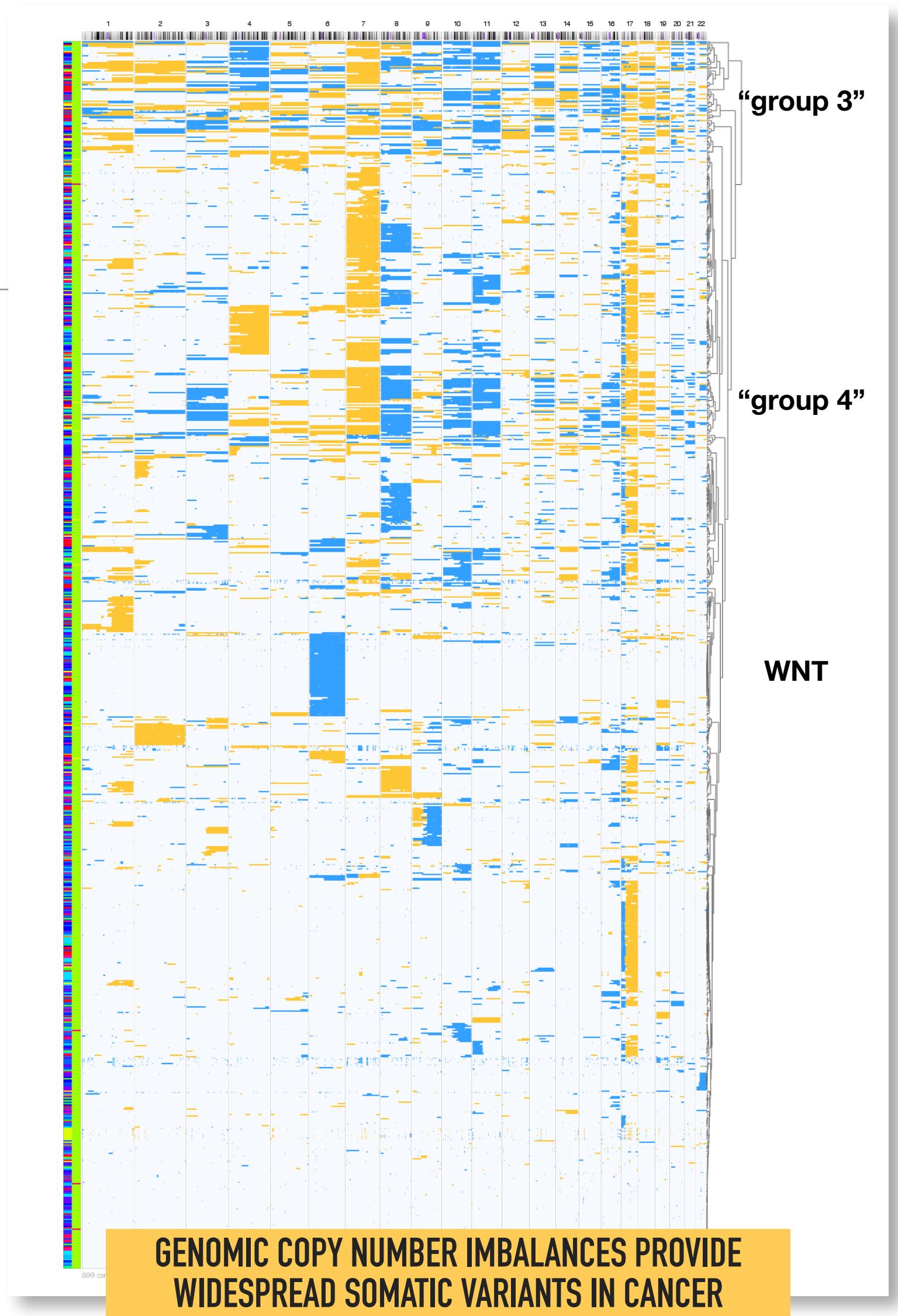
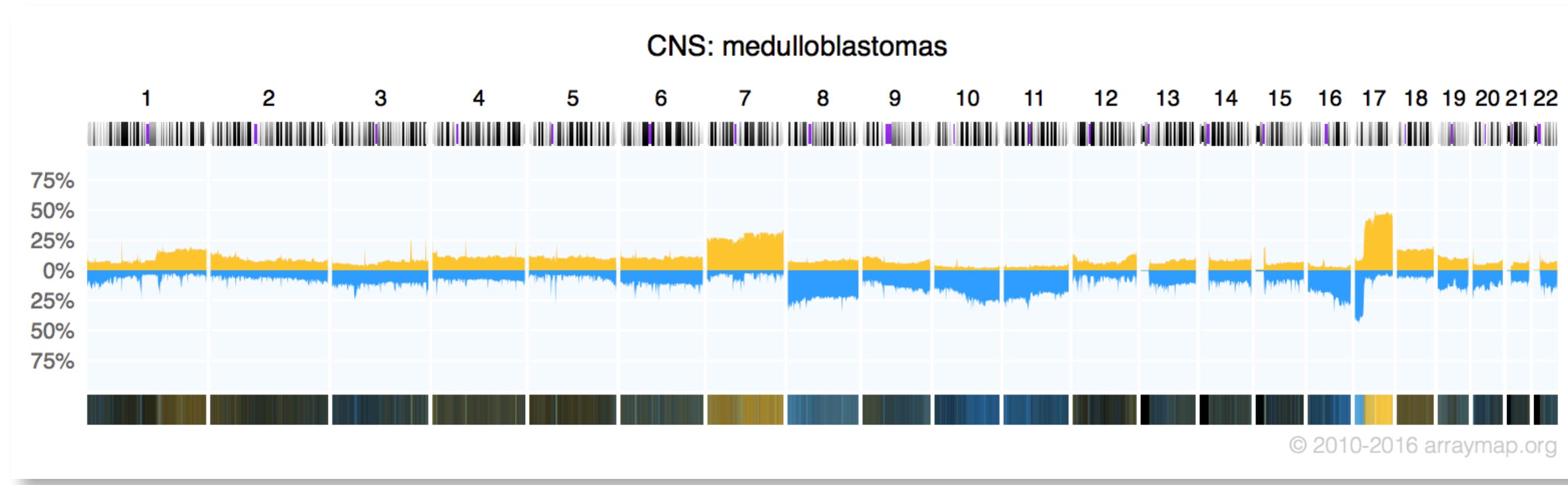
In its normal function, PTCH1 is a tumor suppressor gene in the sonic hedgehog pathway and inhibits SMO driven transcriptional activation. A loss of PTCH1 function (mutation, deletion) can be mitigated through drugs antagonistic to SMO activation.



# Somatic CNVs In Cancer: Patterns

Many tumor types express **recurrent mutation patterns**

**How can** those patterns be used for classification and determination of biological mechanisms?



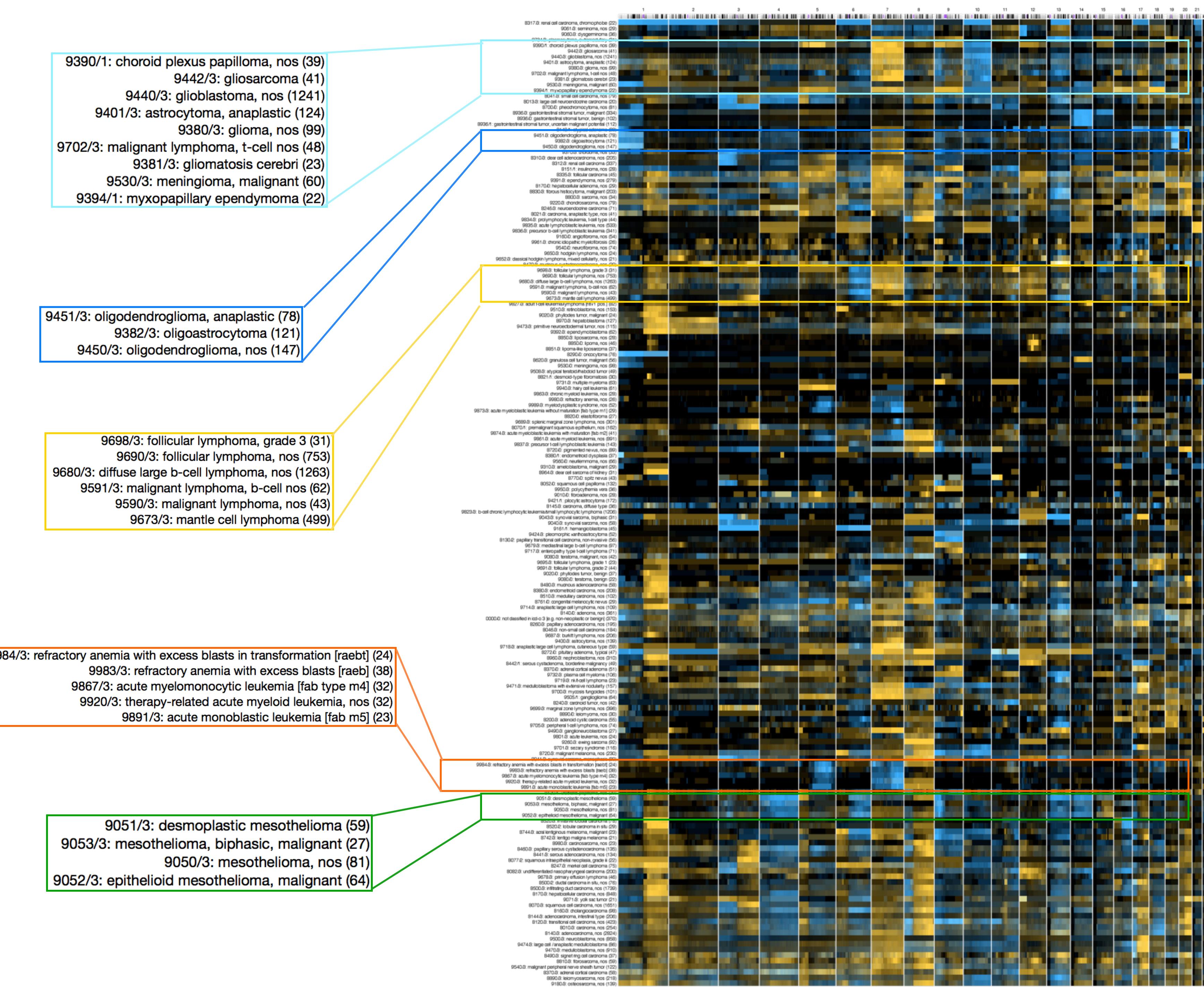
A genomic copy number histogram for malignant medulloblastomas, the most frequent type of pediatric brain tumors, displaying regions of genomic duplications and deletions. These can be decomposed into individual tumor profiles which segregate into several clusters of related mutation patterns with functional relevance and clinical correlation.



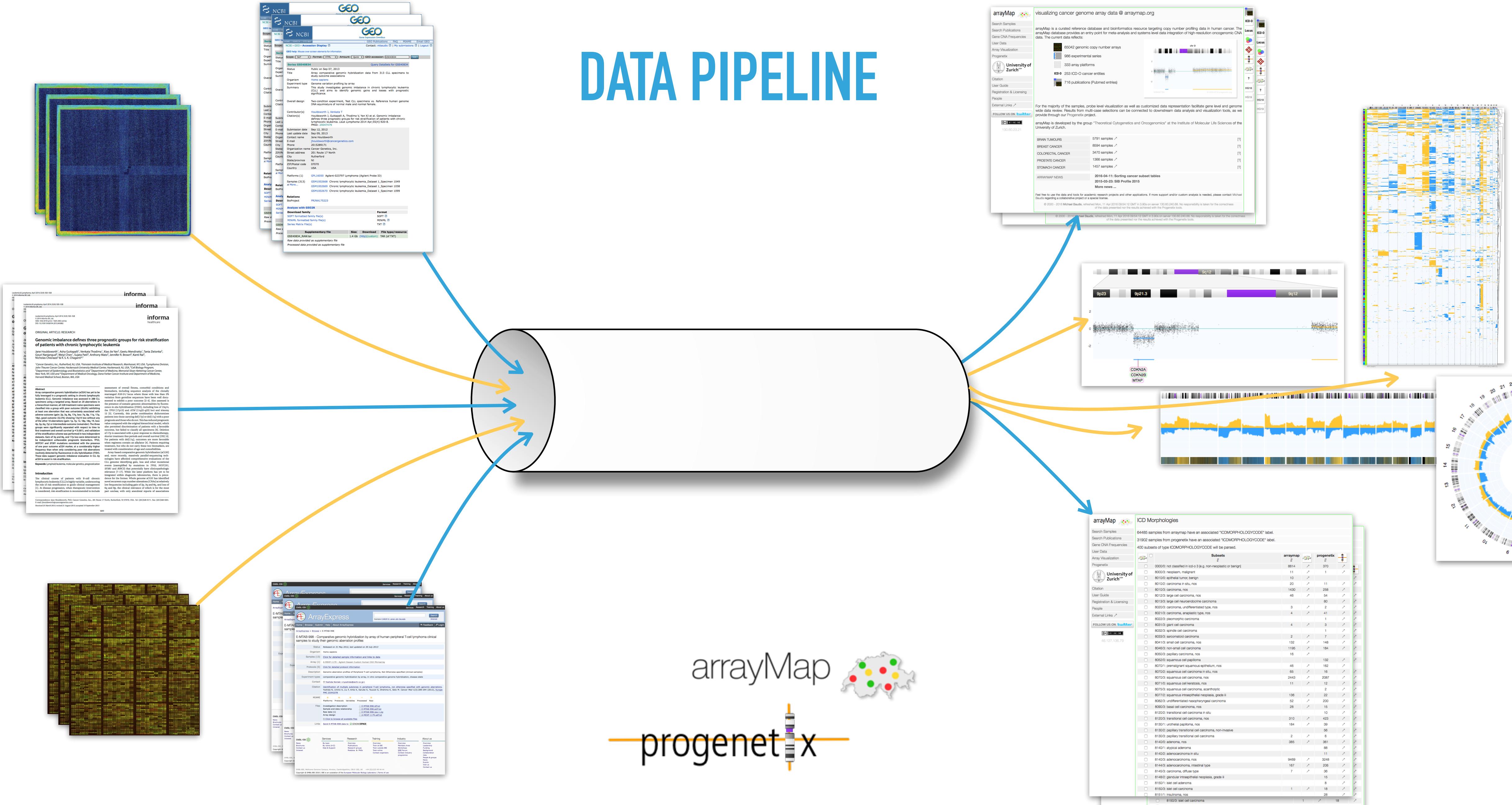
# Somatic Mutations In Cancer: Patterns

## Making the case for genomic classifications

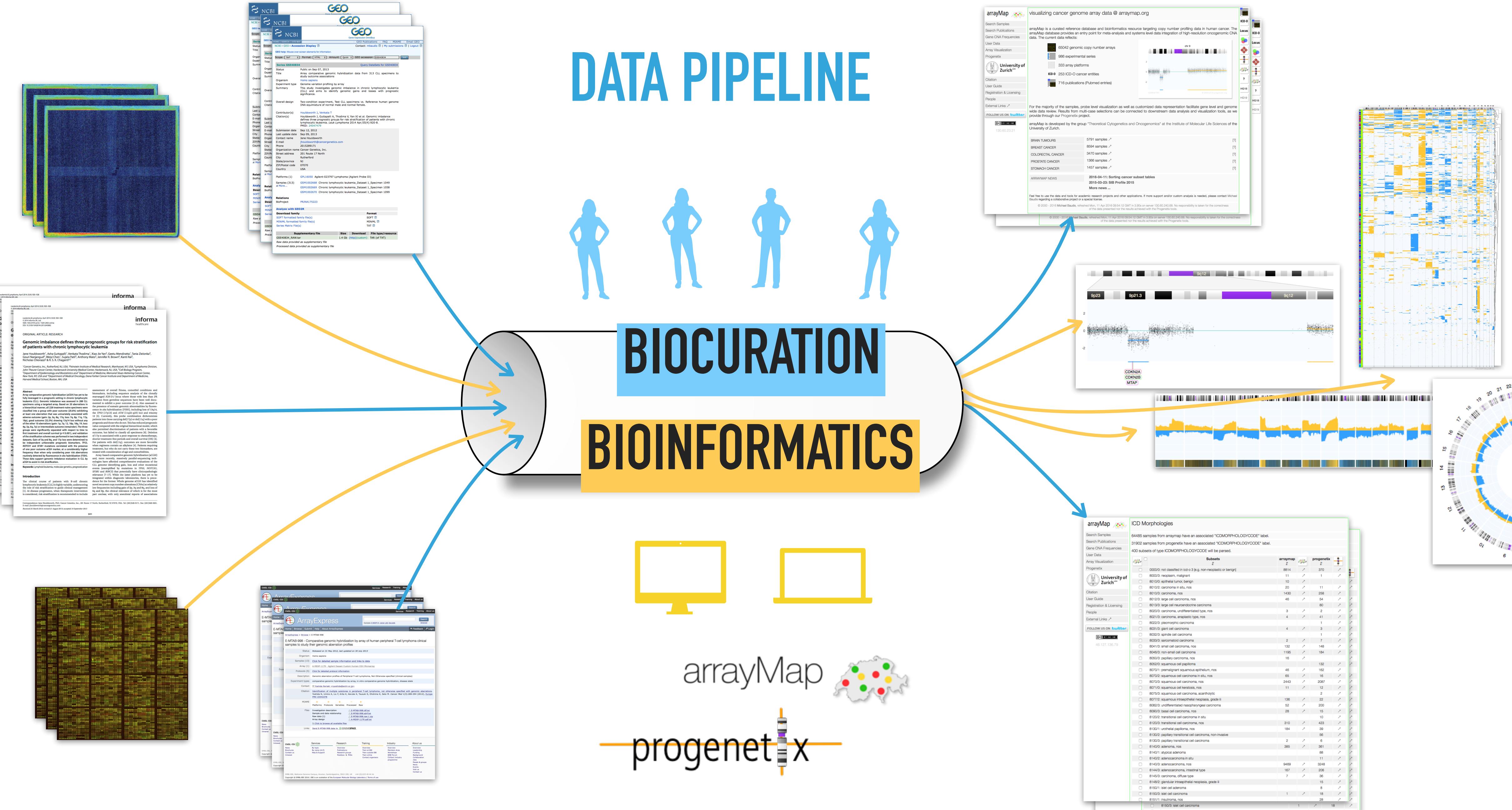
Some related cancer entities show similar copy number profiles



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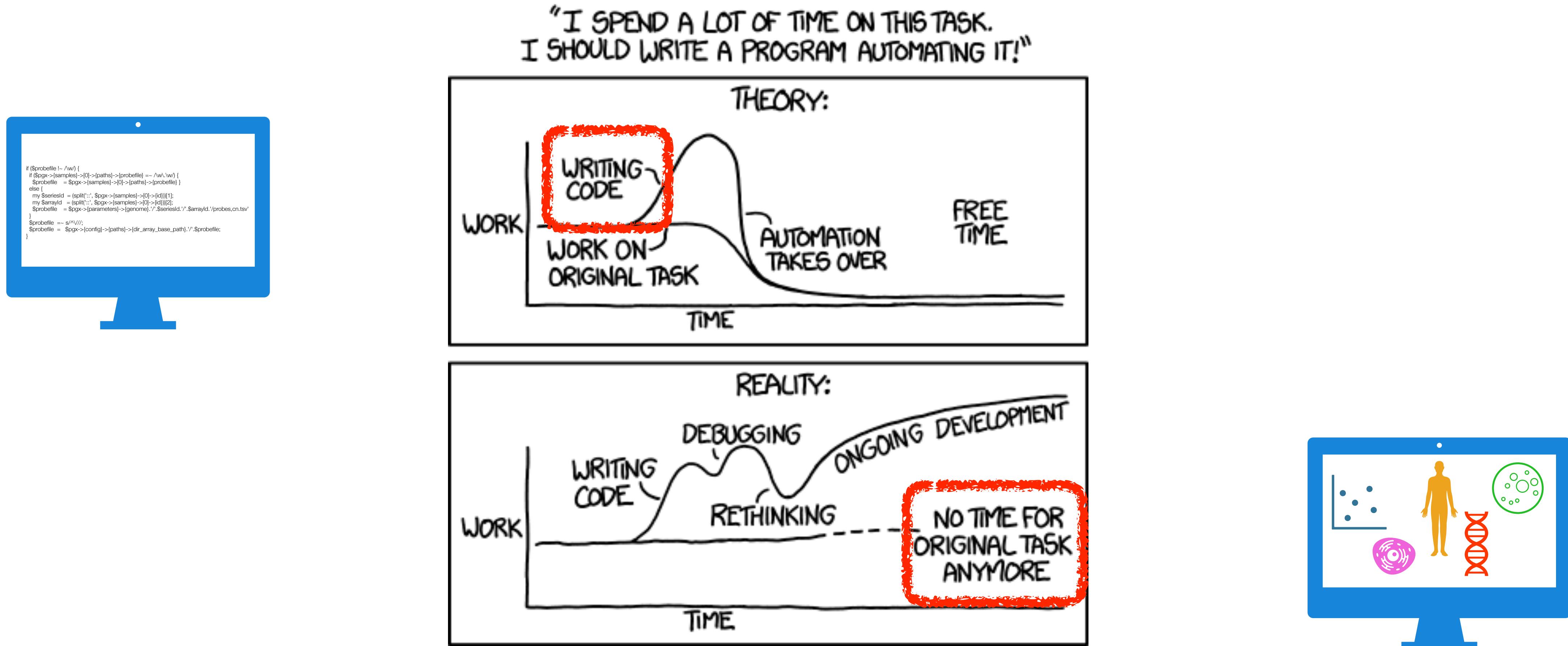


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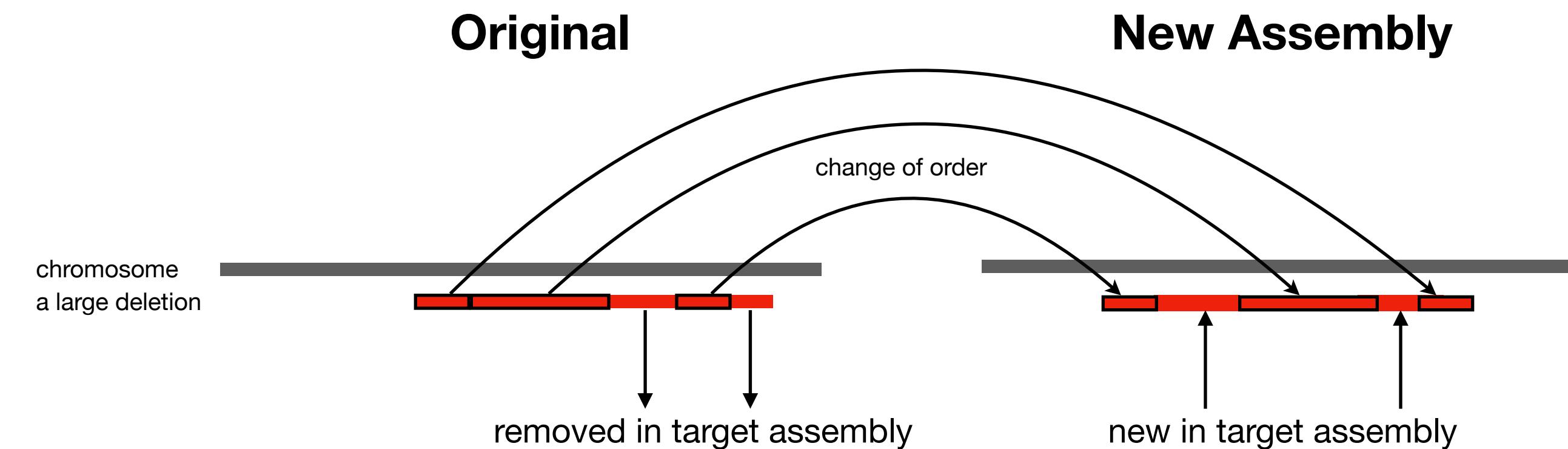
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# A tool for genome (CNV) batch liftover

## Situation

- A continuous genome segment with **real start and end positions** has been duplicated/deleted
- the reported **edge positions are statistically derived** and their real equivalent may be removed/repositioned
- however, CNV segments are determined from **many measurements** - reporting edges is just a convenience

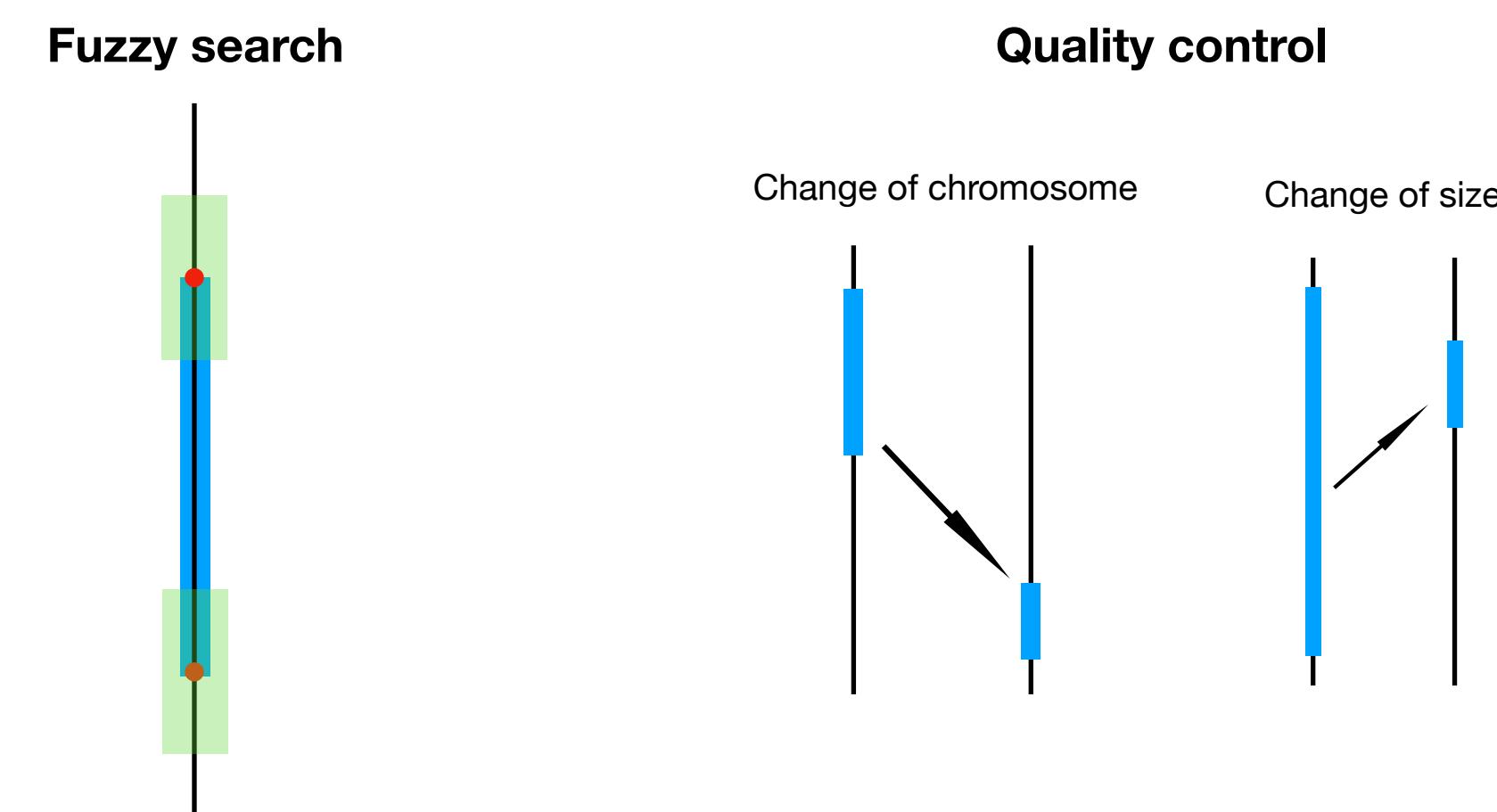


## Challenge

1. Keep the "integrity" of copy number segments after liftover
2. improve on the 10% CNV data lost from straight liftover applications
3. process 1TB segment and probe data buried in over 2,000 nested directories

## Solution

1. Algorithm to lift segments.
2. Algorithm for fuzzy remapping.
3. Parallel processing and failure recovery mechanism

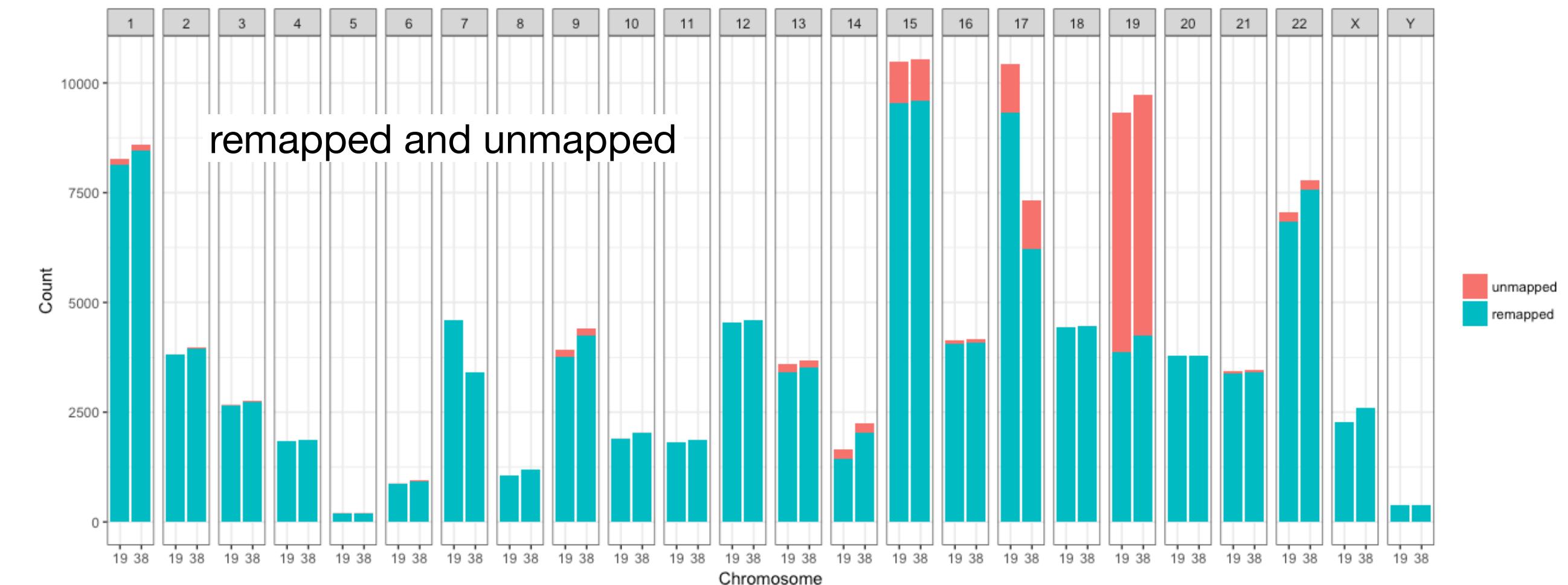


# Results of *segment\_liftover*

- Convert hg18 | hg19 | GRCh38
- Processed 122,788 files, 26,164,205 segments and 28,941,899,671 probes in total
- A straight forward run took more than a week
- parallel run of 4 processes took less than 3 days
- Reduced data loss: **10% => 0.1%**  
<https://github.com/baudisgroup/segment-liftover>

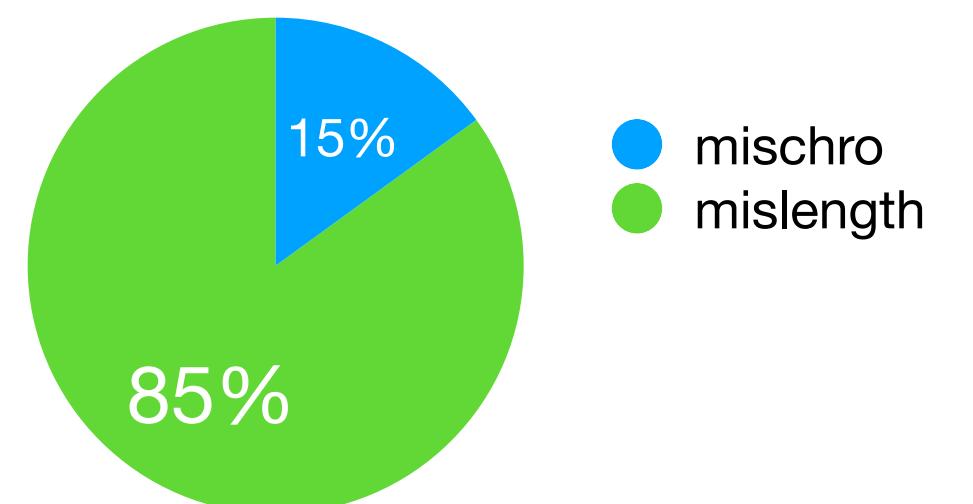
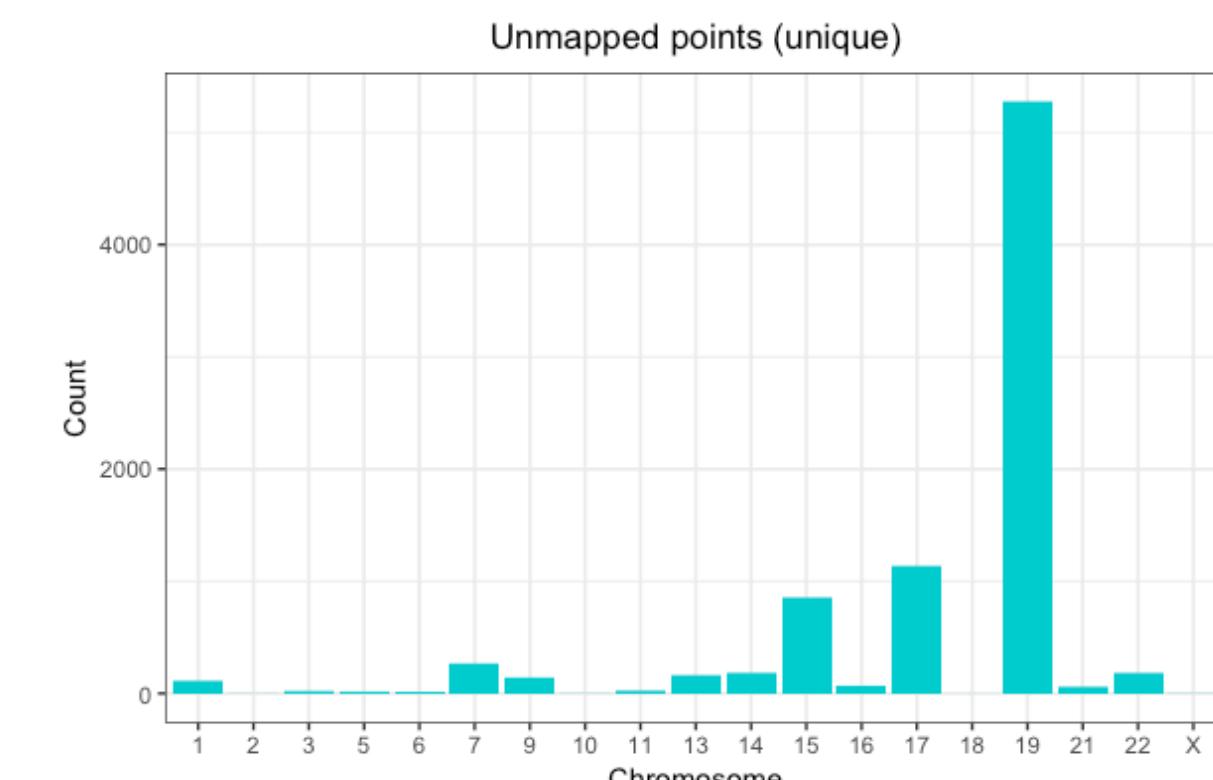
SOFTWARE TOOL ARTICLE

REVISED **segment\_liftover** : a Python tool to convert segments between genome assemblies [version 2; peer review: 2 approved]

Bo Gao  1,2, Qingyao Huang  1,2, Michael Baudis  1,2

Distribution of unmapped probes

Reason of unmapped segments



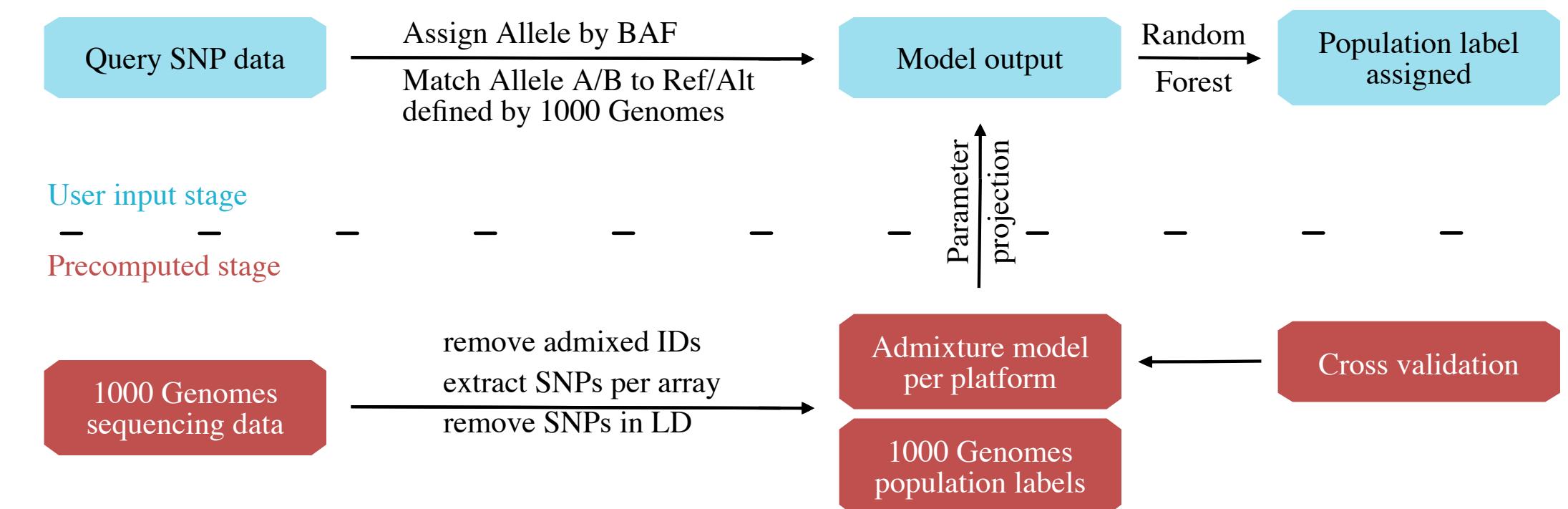
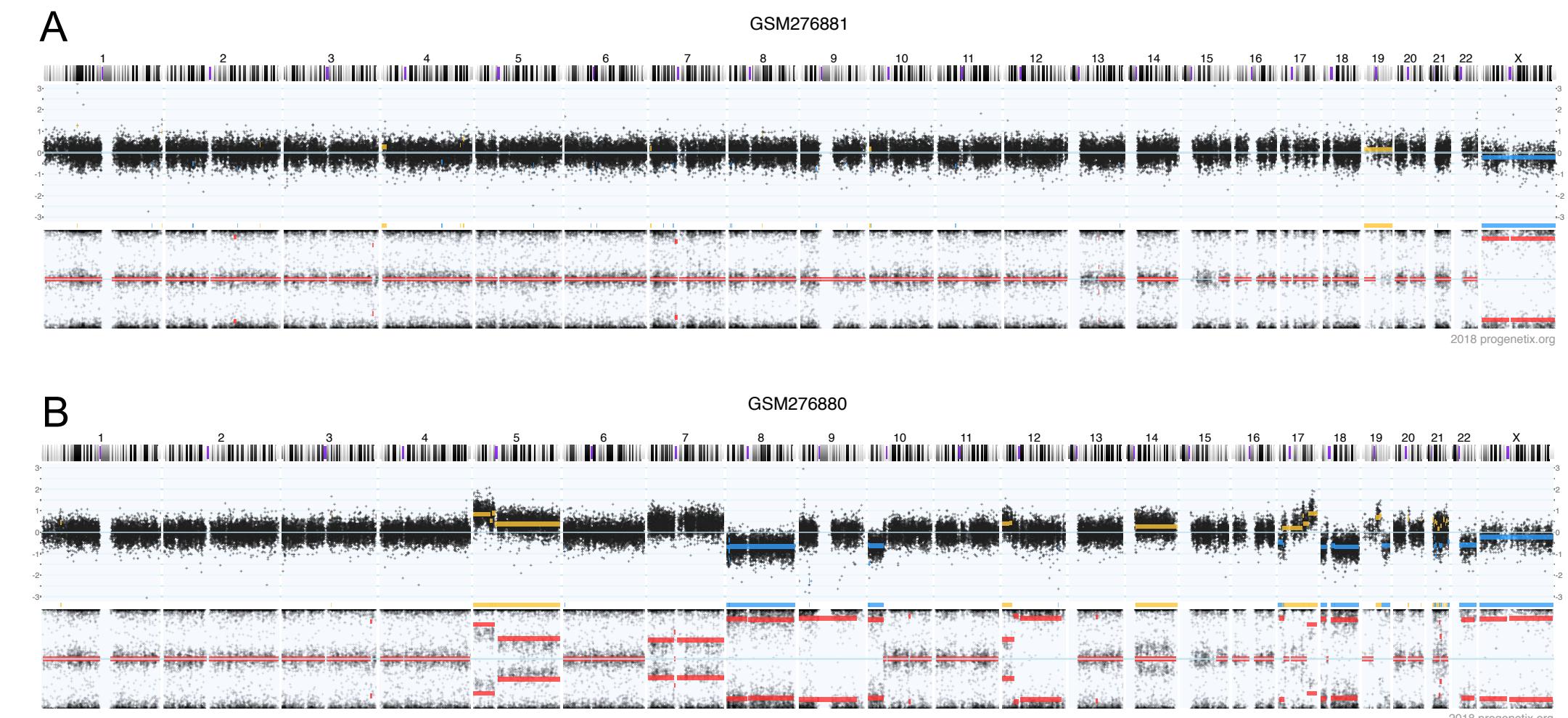
# Population stratification in cancer samples based on SNP array data

- 2504 genome profiles from 1000 Genome project phase 1 as reference
- 5 (or 26) superpopulations: South Asia, Europe, South America, East Asia and Africa.
- SNP positions used in 9 Affymetrix SNP arrays are extracted to train a population admixture model.

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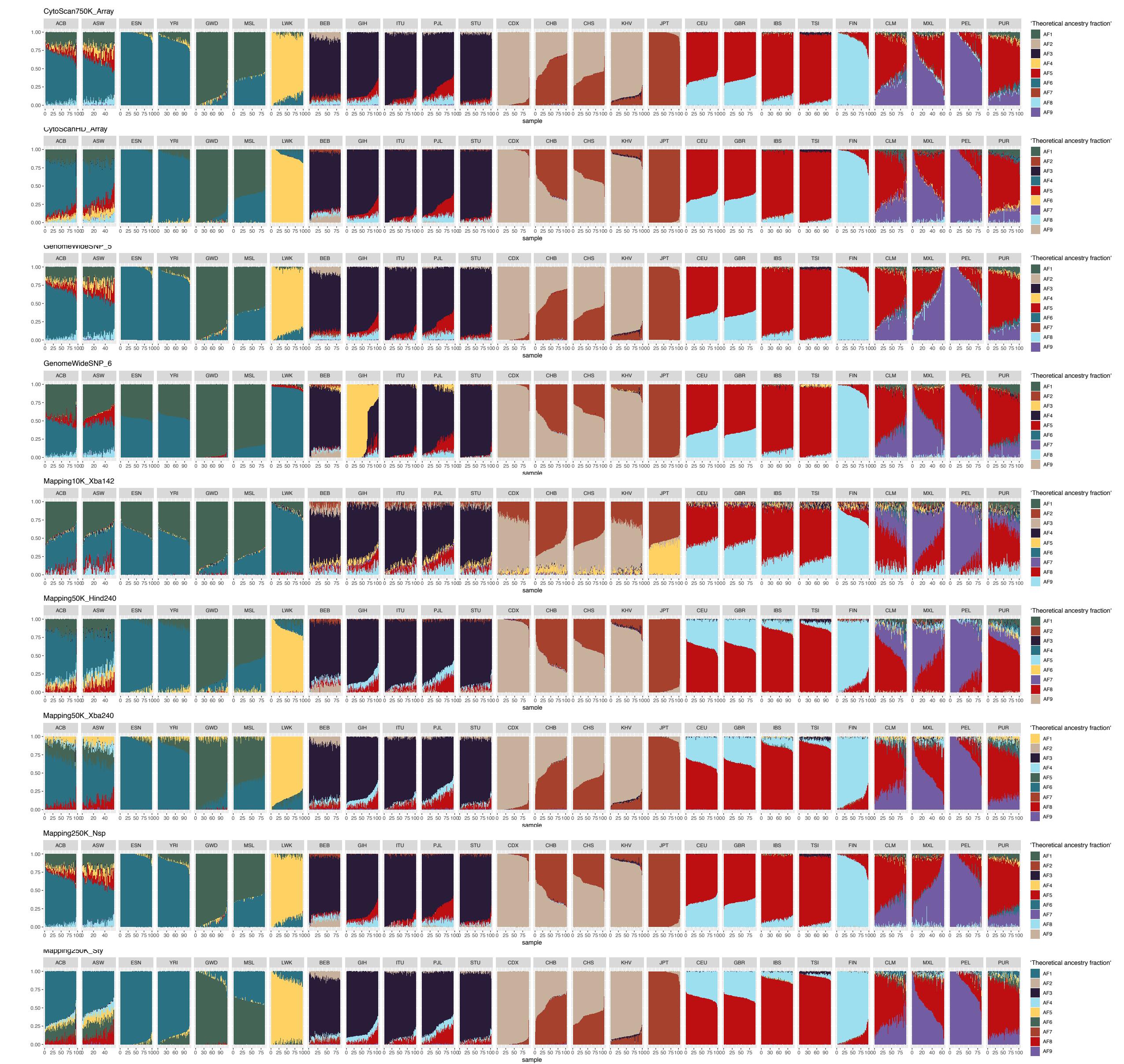
# Enabling population assignment from cancer genomes with SNP2pop

Qingyao Huang<sup>1,2</sup> and Michael Baudis<sup>1,2✉</sup>



# Population stratification in cancer samples based on SNP array data

- Despite extensive somatic mutations of cancer profiling data, consistency between germline and cancer samples reached 97% and 92% for 5 and 26 populations
- Comparison of our benchmarked results with self-reported meta-data estimated a matching rate between 88 % to 92%.
- Ethnicity labels indicated in meta-data are vague compared to the standardized output from our tool



**Figure S1** The fraction or contribution of theoretical ancestors ( $k=9$ ) in reference individuals from 1000 Genomes Project with regard to nine SNP array platforms. The x-axis are individual samples, grouped by their respective population. Groups belonging to the same continent/superpopulation are placed neighboring to each other: AFR (1-7), SAS (8-12), EAS (13-17), EUR (18-22), AMR (23-26).

# arrayMap

## Reference resource for copy number variation data in cancer



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### visualizing cancer genome array data @ arraymap.org

arrayMap is a curated reference database and bioinformatics resource targeting copy number profiling data in human cancer. The arrayMap database provides an entry point for meta-analysis and systems level data integration of high-resolution oncogenomic CNA data.

The current data reflects:

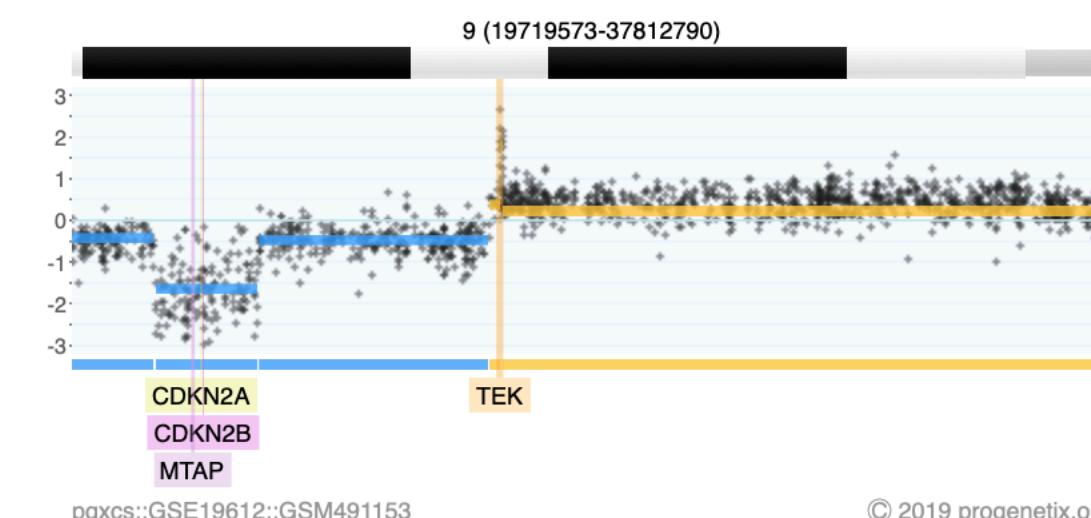
72724 genomic array profiles

898 experimental series

257 array platforms

341 ICD-O cancer entities

795 publications (Pubmed entries)



Genomic copy number imbalances on chromosome 9 in a case of Glioblastoma ([GSM491153](#)), indicating, among others, a homozygous deletion involving CDKN2A/B.

For the majority of the samples, probe level visualization as well as customized data representation facilitate gene level and genome wide data review. Results from multi-case selections can be connected to downstream data analysis and visualization tools, as we provide through our Progenetix project.

arrayMap is developed by the group "Theoretical Cytogenetics and Oncogenomics" at the Institute of Molecular Life Sciences of the University of Zurich.

#### RELATED PUBLICATIONS



Cai H, Gupta S, Rath P, Ai N, Baudis M. arrayMap 2014: an updated cancer genome resource. *Nucleic Acids Res.* 2015 Jan;43(Database issue). Epub 2014 Nov 26.

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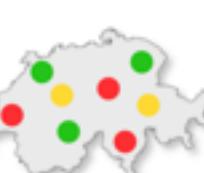
Baudis, M, and ML Cleary. 2001. Progenetix.net: an online repository for molecular cytogenetic aberration data. *Bioinformatics* 12, no. 17: 1228-1229.

Feel free to use the data and tools for academic research projects and other applications. If more support and/or custom analysis is needed, please contact Michael Baudis regarding a collaborative project.

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# Progenetix - Cancer CNV Information Resource

- launched online in 2001 as *progenetix.net*
- curation** of published CNV profiling data
  - originally cCGH and CNV extraction from Mitelman database
  - + aCGH, WES, WGS; - karyotype data
- increasingly focused on representing the "publication landscape" of cancer genome screening - What? Where?
- Genomes:**
  - 93640 CNV profiles (cCGH, aCGH, WES, WGS) from 469 cancer types (NCIt & ICD-O mapping)
  - 6'817'645 "CNVs" (i.e. called segments)
- Articles:**
  - 3229 registered articles
    - geographic mapping
    - "cancer type" labelling
  - represent 174'530 reported samples

## Progenetix :: Info

Structural Cancer Genomics Resource  
Documentation and Example Pages

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## Progenetix Publication Collection

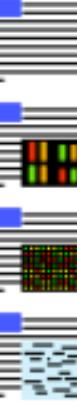
The current page lists publications of whole genome screening experiments in cancer, registered in the Progenetix publication collection.

This page is a *beta* version, intended to replace the [original publications](#) page.

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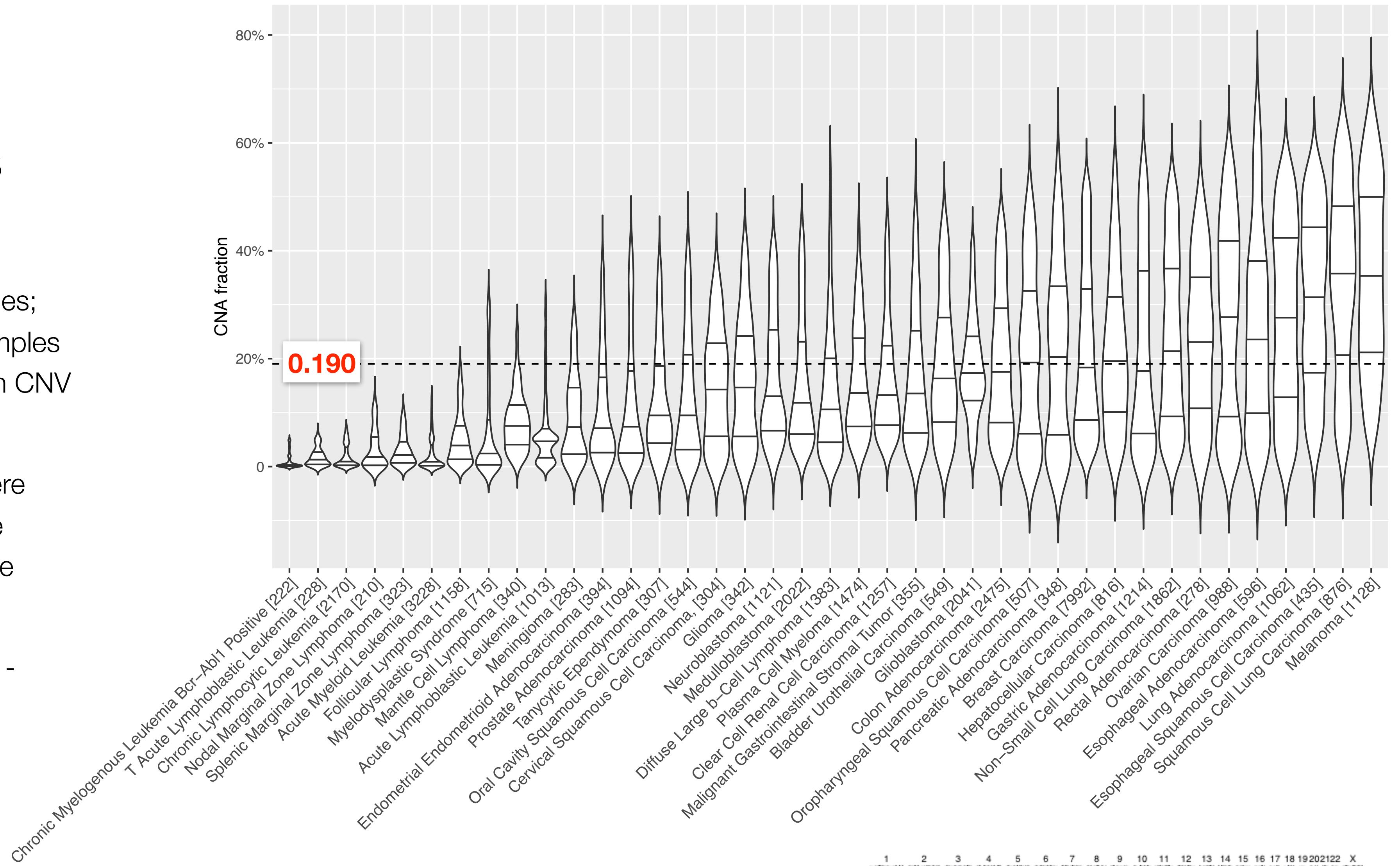
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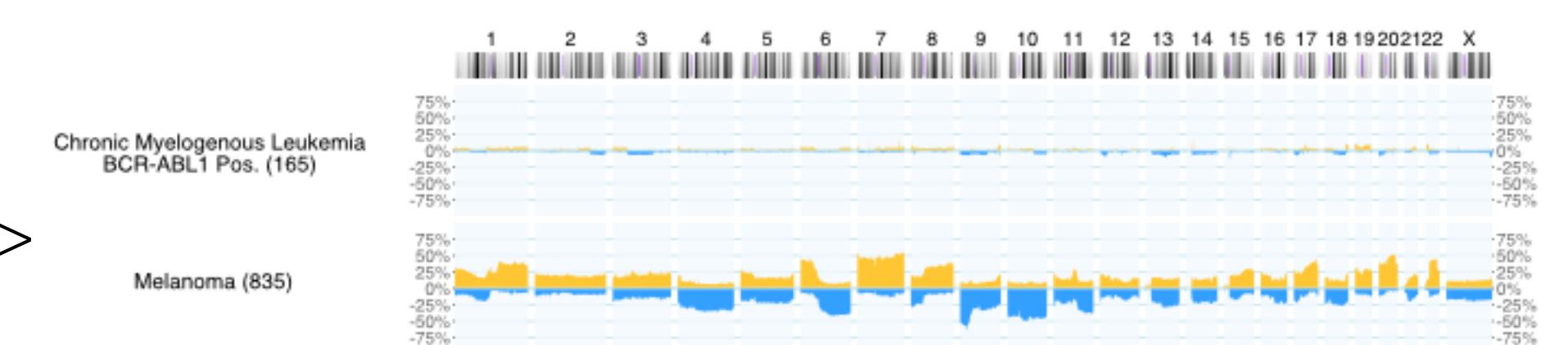


# Genome CNV coverage in Cancer Classes

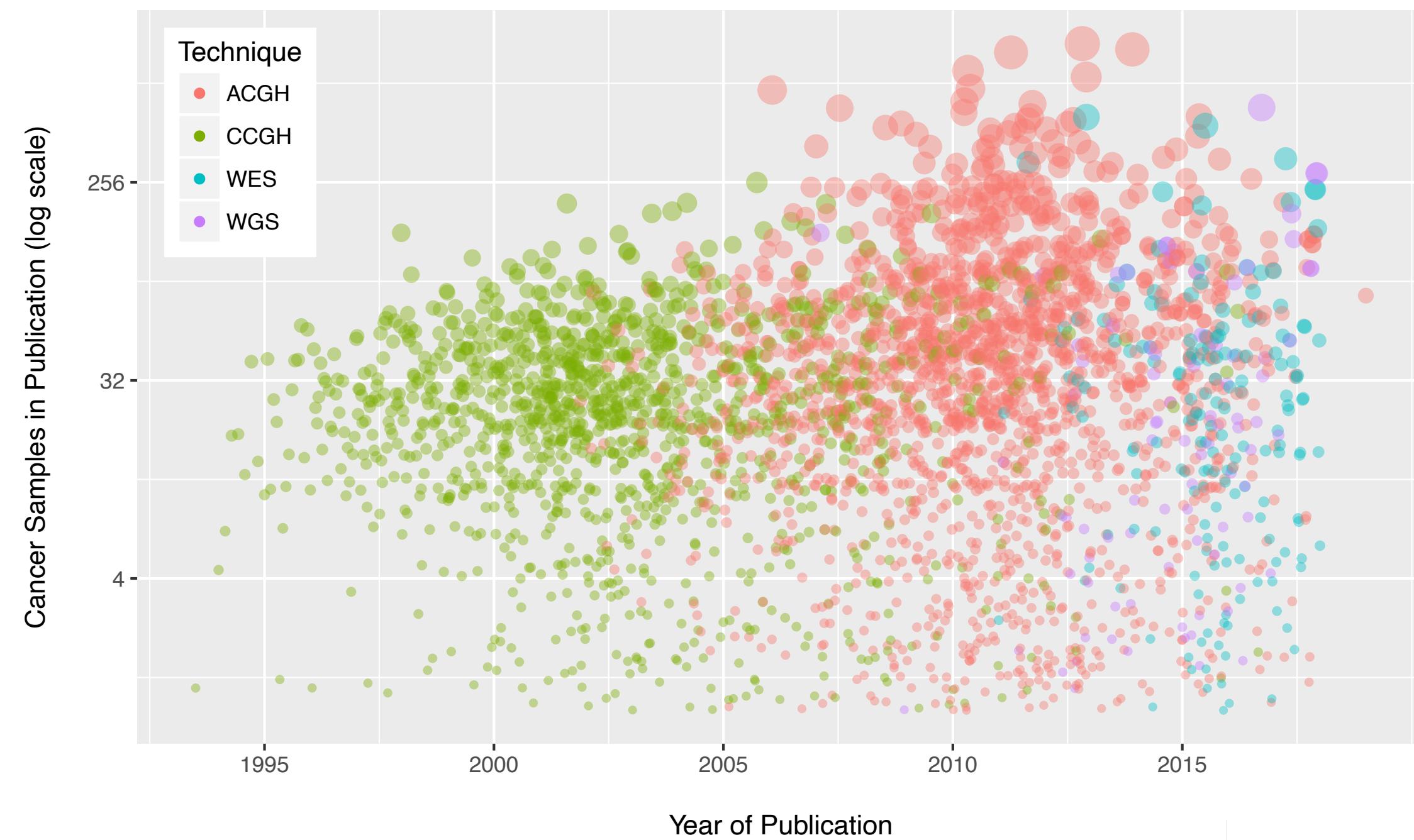
- 43654 out of 93640 CNV profiles; filtered for entities w/ >200 samples (removed some entities w/ high CNV rate, e.g. sarcoma subtypes)
- Single-sample CNV profiles were assessed for the fraction of the genome showing CNVs (relative gains, losses)
- range of medians 0.001 (CML) - 0.358 (malignant melanomas)



Lowest / Highest CNV fractions =>



# Publication Landscape of Cancer CNV Profiling

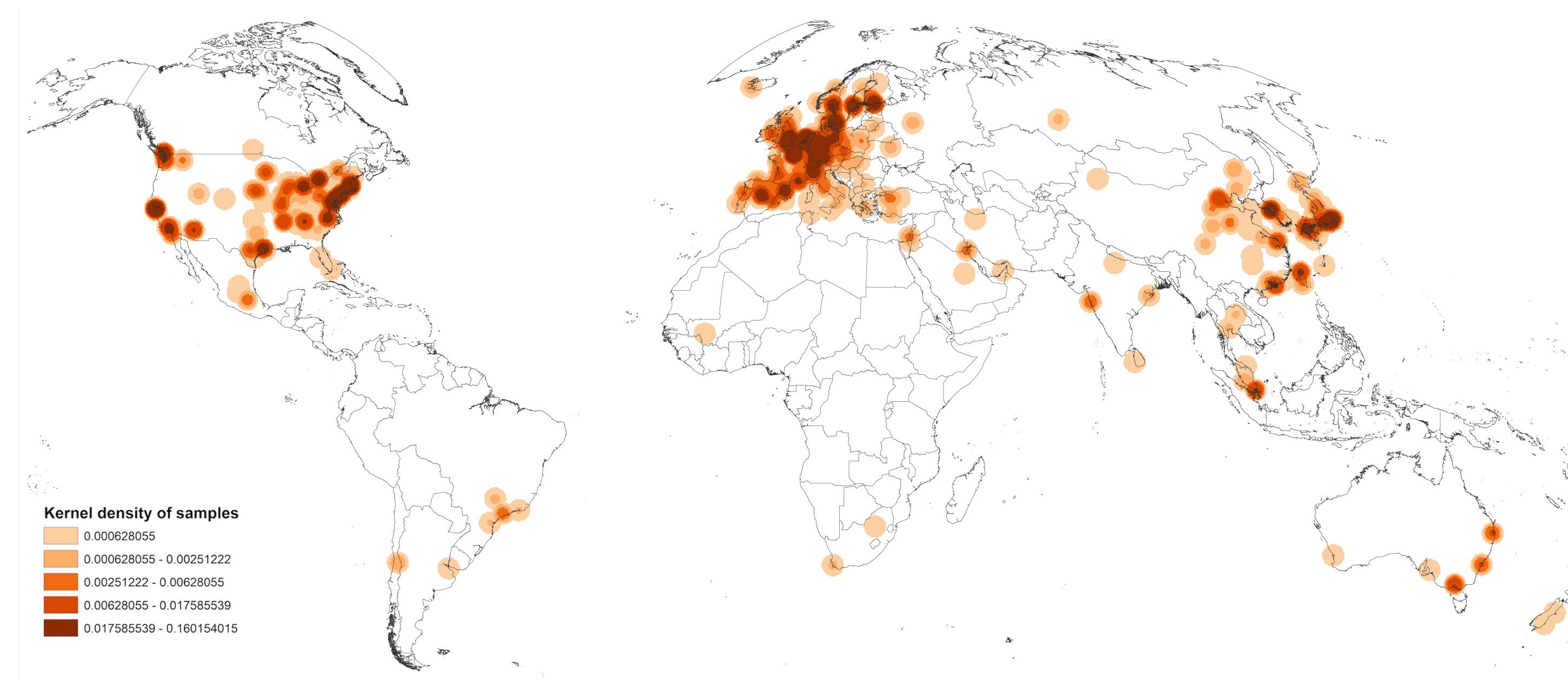


Publication statistics for cancer genome screening studies. The graphic shows our assessment of publications reporting whole-genome screening of cancer samples, using molecular detection methods (chromosomal CGH, genomic array technologies, whole exome and genome sequencing).

For the years 1993-2018, we found 3'229 publications reporting 174'530 individual samples in single series from 1 to more than 1000 samples. Y-axis and size of the dots correspond to the sample number; the color codes indicate the technology used.

Map of the geographic distribution (by first author affiliation) of the 104'543 genomic array, 36'766 chromosomal CGH and 15'409 whole genome/exome based cancer genome datasets.

The numbers are derived from the 3'240 publications registered in the Progenetix database.



# GA4GH API promotes sharing

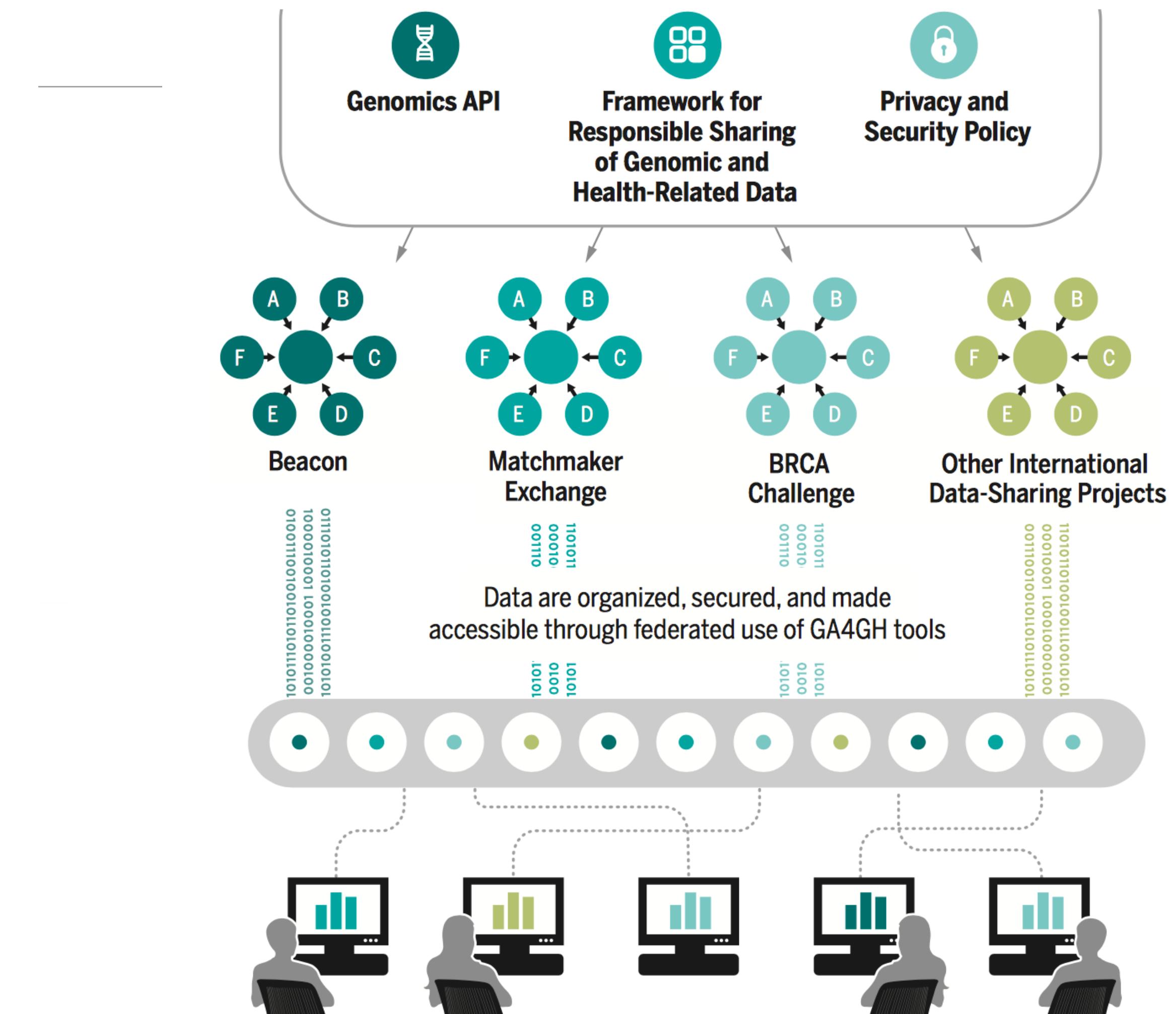
**A federated data ecosystem.** To share genomic data globally, this approach furthers medical research without requiring compatible data sets or compromising patient identity.



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# *A federated ecosystem for sharing genomic, clinical data*

Silos of genome data collection are being transformed into seamlessly connected, independent systems





# Enabling genomic data sharing for the benefit of human health

The Global Alliance for Genomics and Health (GA4GH) is a policy-framing and technical standards-setting organization, seeking to enable responsible genomic data sharing within a **human rights framework**



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# GA4GH

## VISION FOR GENOMIC & HEALTH RELATED DATA SHARING IN 2022

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### Summary:

- In 2022, genomic data on tens of millions of individuals are responsibly accessible via GA4GH standards.
  - Vast majority of this data has been generated due to healthcare approaches rather than research commissioned genomes.
  - Both research-commission genomes and secondary use of healthcare genomes for research is accessible due to the consistent application of the GA4GH APIs, SOPs and tools.
- Genomics data that can be shared responsibly, are shared responsibly, meaning every qualified clinician, researcher, and corporate entity around the globe, shares and has access to, the maximal dataset that is privacy preserving within the context of the relevant and localised consent and authorization policies.
- Genomic and phenotypic are integrated in clinical records and form a “healthcare learning system”.
- GA4GH collaborates and coordinates with the many other global, national, regional, and enterprise activities within the genomics and health ecosystem and regularly engages policymakers to ensure ongoing funding of genomic testing and sustainability

# Beacon Project

An open web service that tests the willingness of international sites to share genetic data.



Beacon Network

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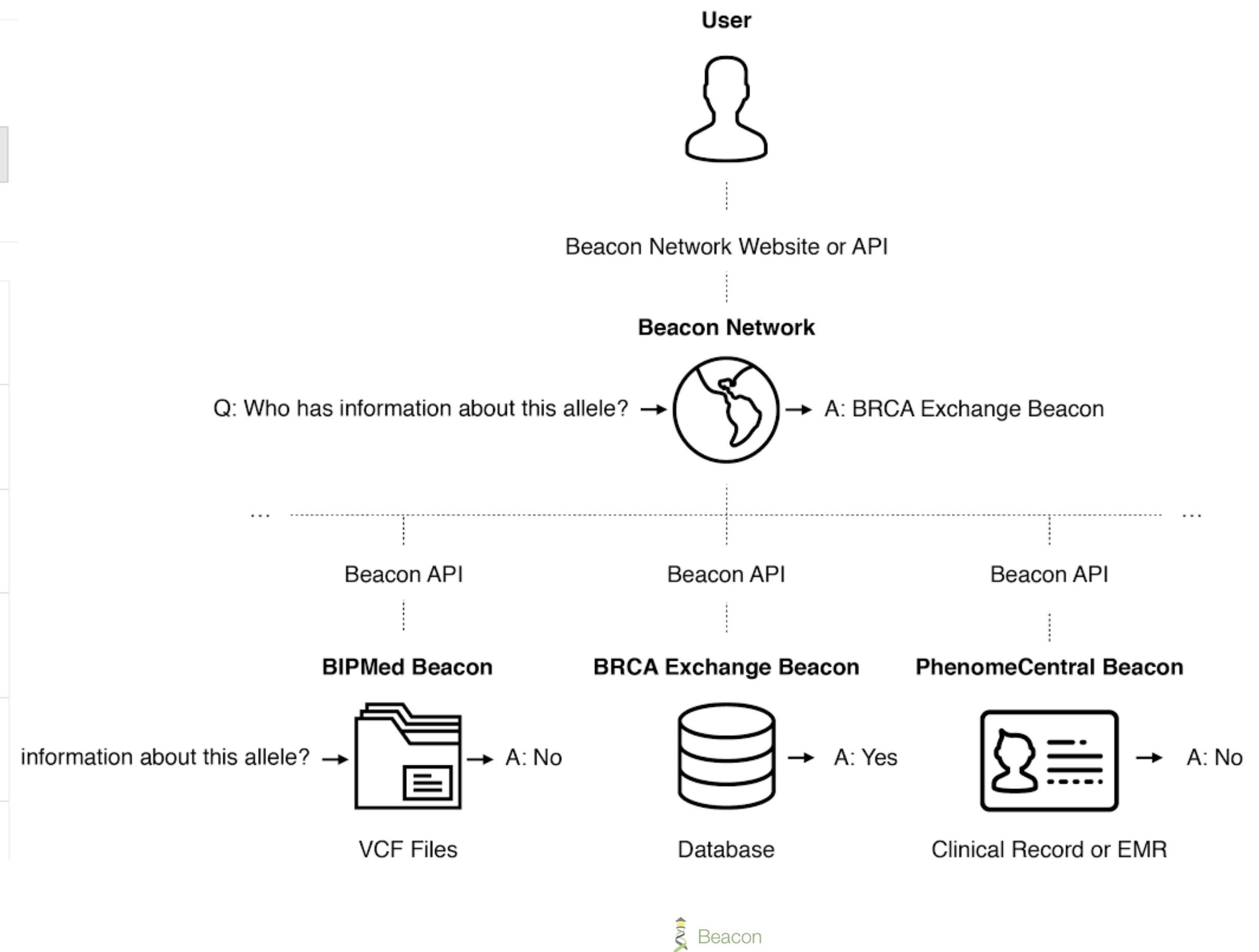
Search all beacons for allele

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# ELIXIR - Towards Biomedical Beacons

## Needs & Models Beyond Basic Variant Discovery



Global Alliance  
for Genomics & Health

# ELIXIR Beacon Project

- Driver project on GA4GH roadmap
- aligns with Discovery Work Stream
- strong impact on GA4GH developments as a concrete, funded project

The screenshot shows the 'Driver Projects' section of the GA4GH website. It features a red circular icon with a white rocket ship. Below it, the text 'Driver Projects' is displayed. A detailed description follows: 'GA4GH Driver Projects are real-world genomic data initiatives that help guide our development efforts and pilot our tools. Stakeholders around the globe advocate, mandate, implement, and use our frameworks and standards in local contexts.' To the right, there is a box for the 'ELIXIR Beacon' project, which includes the ELIXIR logo, the text 'ELIXIR Beacon', the URL 'www.elixir-europe.org', the word 'Europe', and the names 'Champions: Serena Scollen, Ilkka Lappalainen, Michael Baudis'.

## Beacon forward



- **structural variations** (DUP, DEL) in addition to SNV
  - ... more structural queries (translocations/fusions...)
- (bio-) **metadata** queries
- layered authentication system using **ELIXIR AAI**
  - quantitative responses
  - Beacon queries as entry for **data delivery** (outside Beacon protocol)
  - Ubiquitous **deployment** (e.g. throughout ELIXIR network)





This example shows the query for CNV deletion variants overlapping the CDKN2A gene's coding region with at least a single base, but limited to "focal" hits (here i.e. < ~4Mbp in size). The query is against the arrayMap collection and can be modified e.g. through changing the position parameters or data source.

CNV Example   SNV Range Example   SNV Example   BND Example

**Dataset\*** arraymap

**Reference name\*** 9

**Genome Assembly\*** GRCh38 / hg38

**(structural) variantType** DEL (Deletion)

**Gene Coordinates** CDKN2A

**Start min Position\*** 18000000

**Start max Position** 21975098

**End min Position** 21967753

**End max Position** 26000000

**Bio-ontology** no selection  
icdom-94403: Glioblastoma, NOS  
icdom-94423: Gliosarcoma (9)  
icdot-C00-C14+: Lip, oral cavity  
icdot-C01+: Base of tongue (41)  
icdot-C01.9: Base of tongue, NO

**Biosample Type** neoplastic sample

**Beacon Query**

Response

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# Beacon 2019

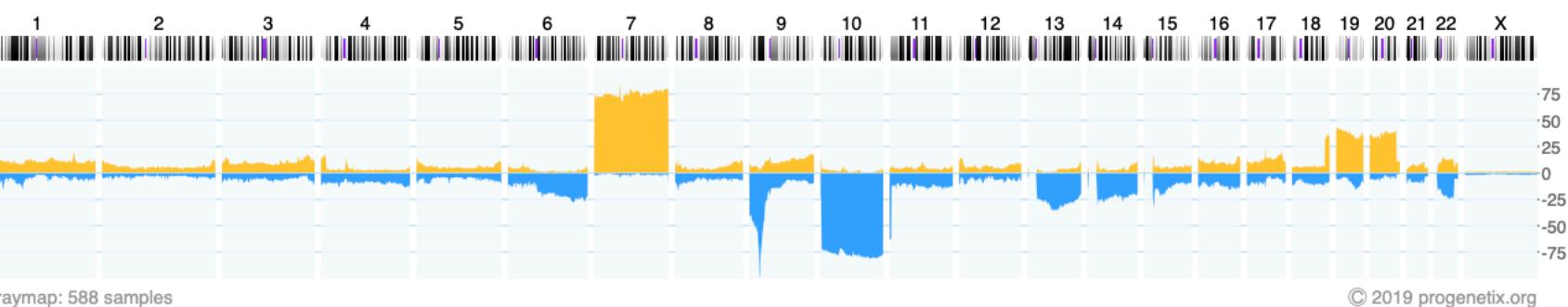
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- ✓ Range Queries

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biosample_id: "PGX_AM_BS_GSM326195"
end:
  0: 21968713
info:
  cnv_value: -0.3552
  cnv_length: 194772
start:
  0: 21773941
digest: "9:21773941-21968713:DEL"
reference_name: "9"

```



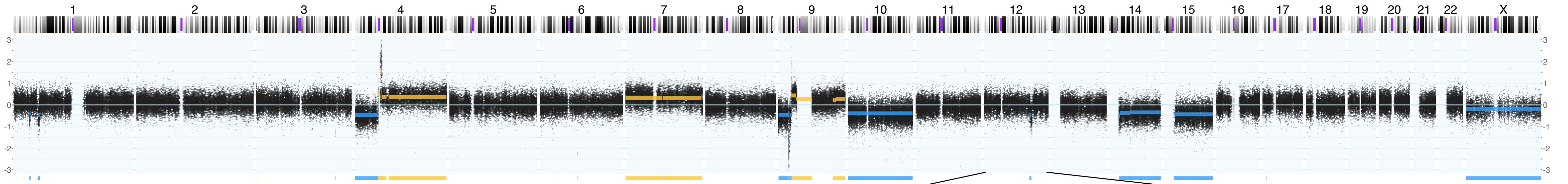
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individual_id: "PGX_IND_GSM326195"
provenance:
  material:
    type:
      label: "neoplastic sample"
      id: "EFO:0009656"
      description: "glioblastoma [xenograft]"
    geo:
      city: "Washington"
      longitude: -89.41
      label: "Washington, United States"
      precision: "city"
      latitude: 40.7
      country: "United States"
    age_at_collection:
    biocharacteristics:
      0:
        description: "glioblastoma [xenograft]"
        type:
          id: "icdot-C71.9"
          label: "Brain, NOS"
      1:
        description: "glioblastoma [xenograft]"
        type:
          label: "Glioblastoma, NOS"
          id: "icdom-94403"
      2:
        type:
          label: "Glioblastoma"
          id: "ncit:C3058"
          description: "glioblastoma [xenograft]"
    data_use_conditions:
      id: "DUO:0000004"
      label: "no restriction"
    external_references:
      0:
        relation: "denotes"
        type:
          id: "geo:GSE13021"
          label: ""
          description: "geo:gse"
      1:
      2:
      3:
        id: "PGX_AM_BS_GSM326195"
        description: "glioblastoma [xenograft]"
        info:
          project_id: "GSE13021"

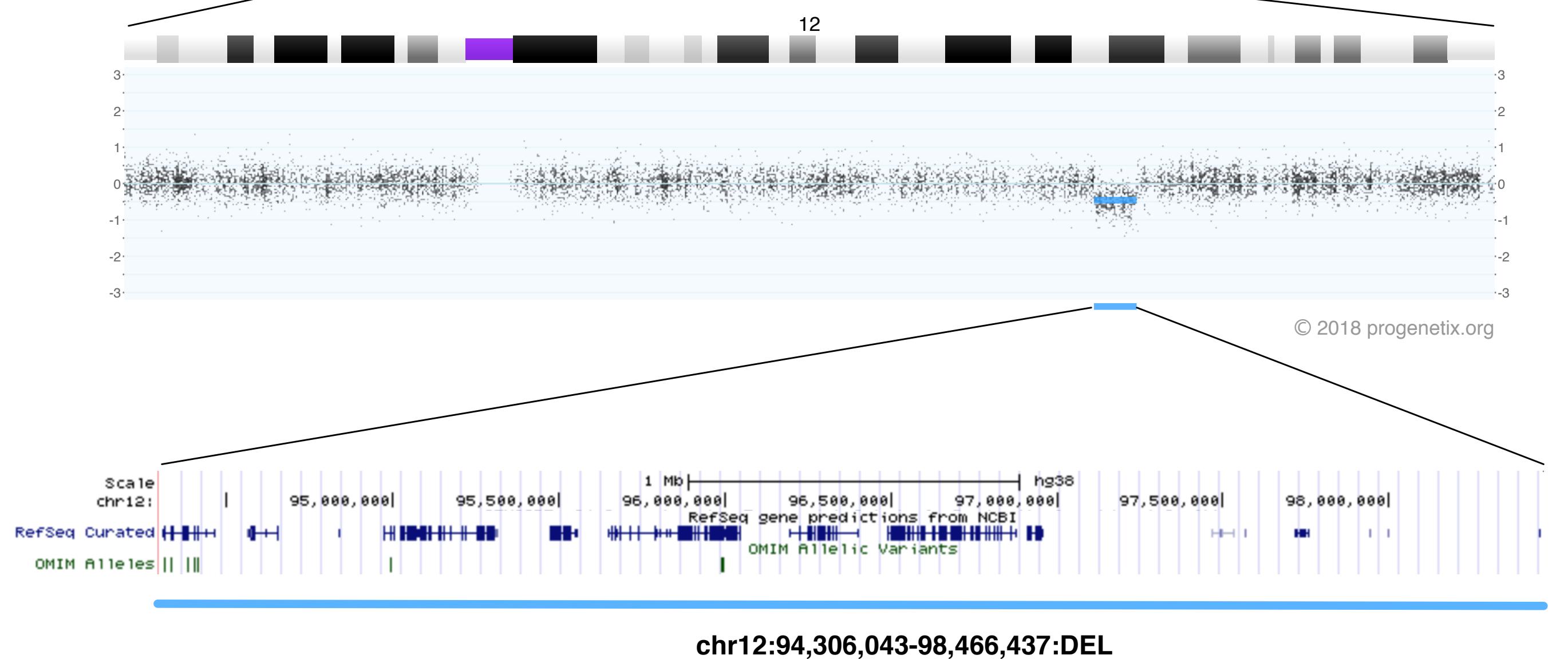
```



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- Beacon+ **range queries** allow the definition of a genome region of interest, containing a specified variant (or other mappable feature)
- “fuzzy” matching of region ends is essential for features without base specific positions
- current Beacon implementation addresses CNV (<DUP>, <DEL>), as are specified in VCF && GA4GH variant schema



start\_min: 94,000,000

start\_max: 94,500,000

variant\_type: "BND"

reference\_name: "9"

variant\_type: "DEL"



end\_min: 98,200,000

end\_max: 98,700,000

variant\_type: "BND"



# GA4GH transitional *Variant*

- Derived from original GA4GH data schema developed by the Data Working Group
- based on the VCF file format
- representation of precise sequence alterations, copy number variants and single fusion events
- primary goals
  - sample based data storage
  - object model for query APIs (Beacon...)
- not attempting to provide reference variant, equivalence functionality
- parallel development of complete object model (allele | haplotype ..., equivalence) by the GA4GH GKS work stream, based on VMC

```
{  
  "biosample_id" : "structdb-bs-nhl-0009876",  
  "callset_id" : "structdb-CS-nhl-0009876",  
  "created" : "2019-01-22T03:06:45Z",  
  "digest" : "6:63450000,63550000-63450000,63550000:DEL",  
  "end" : [  
    63450000,  
    63550000  
,  
  "id" : "structdb-var-123456790",  
  "info" : {  
    "cnv_length" : 85500000,  
    "cnv_value" : -0.294  
,  
  "reference_bases" : "N",  
  "reference_name" : 6,  
  "start" : [  
    63450000,  
    63550000  
,  
  "updated" : "2019-02-01T12:40:21Z",  
  "variant_type" : "DEL"  
}
```

```
{  
  "alternate_bases" : "AC",  
  "callset_id" : "DIPG_CS_0290",  
  "created" : "2018-11-06T11:46:30.028Z",  
  "digest" : "2:203420136:A>AC",  
  "genotype" : [  
    "1",  
    ".  
,  
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  "reference_bases" : "A",  
  "reference_name" : "2",  
  "start" : [  
    203420136  
,  
  "updated" : "2018-11-06T11:46:30.028Z"  
}
```



# Variant Class (schemablocks.org)

Property	Type	Format	Description
alternate_bases	string		* one or more bases relative to start position of the reference genome, replacing the reference_bases value * for precise variants; normally not used for structural (e.g. DUP, DEL) alterations
biosample_id			The optional identifier ("biosample.id") of the biosample this variant was reported from. This is a shortcut to using the variant -> callset -> biosample chaining.
callset_id	string		* The identifier ("callset.id") of the callset this variant is part of. * Optional, if another provenance method is provided (e.g. if variants are nested with the parental object as in a Phenopacket)
created	timestamp		The creation time of this record, in ISO8601
digest	string		* Concatenated unique specific elements of the variant. * Optional, convenience element to derive unique variants in "individual variant from callset" storage systems
end	array	int64	array of 0 (for precise sequence variants), 1 or 2 (for imprecise end position of structural variant) integers
genotype	array		list of strings, which represent the (phased) alleles in which the variant was being observed
id	string		* The local-unique identifier of this variant (referenced as "variant_id"). * Optional
info	: ./Info		additional variant information, as defined in the example and accompanying documentation
mate_name	string		Mate name (chromosome) for fusion (BRK) events; otherwise left empty. Accepting values 1-22, X, Y.
reference_bases	string		one or more bases at start position in the reference genome, which have been replaced by the `alternate_bases` value
reference_name	string		Reference name (chromosome). Accepting values 1-22, X, Y.
start	array	int64	array of 1 or 2 (for imprecise end position of structural variant) integers
updated	timestamp		The time of the last edit of this record, in ISO8601
variant_type	string		the variant type in case of a named (structural) variant (e.g. DUP, DEL, BND ...)

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  "reference_name" : "2",
  "start" : [
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  ],
  "updated" : "2018-11-06T11:46:30.028Z"
}
```

# GA4GH {S}[B]

- “cross-workstreams, cross-drivers” initiative to document GA4GH object standards and prototypes, data formats and semantics
- launched in December 2018
- documentation and implementation examples provided by GA4GH members
- no attempt to develop a rigid, complete data schema
- object vocabulary and semantics for a large range of developments
- currently not “authoritative GA4GH recommendations”



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## GA4GH Data Model

### Recommendation (DRAFT)

The GA4GH data model recommends the use of a default object hierarchy in standard and product design processes. While it reflects concepts from the original [GA4GH schema](#), it provides mostly a structural guideline for API and data store design, but is not thought to provide a set of absolute implementation requirements.

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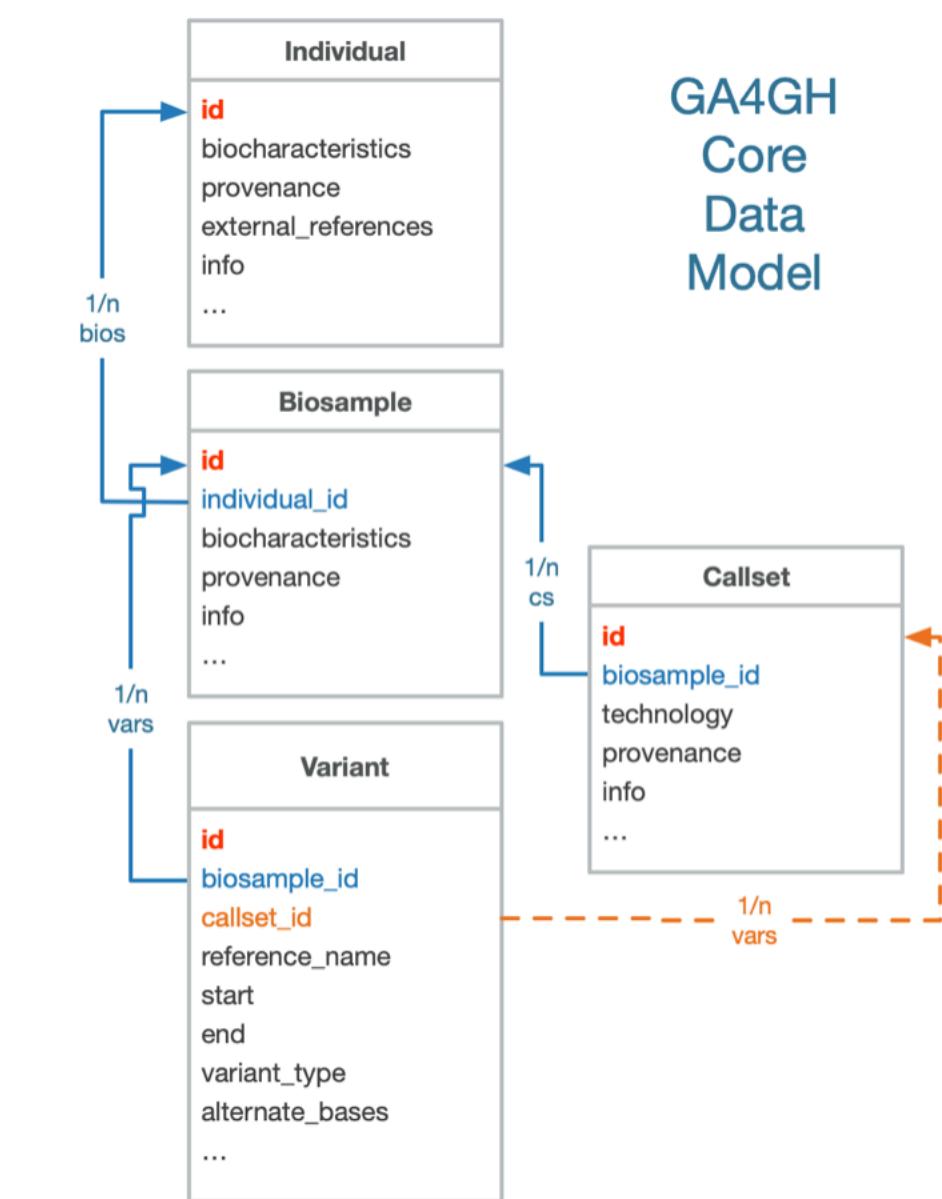
#### Summary

The GA4GH data model for genomics recommends the use of a principle object hierarchy, consisting of

- **variant**
  - a single molecular observation, e.g. a genomic variant observed in the analysis of the DNA from a biosample
- **callset**
  - the entirety of all variants, observed in a single experiment on a single sample
  - a **callset** can be compared to a data column in a **VCF** variant annotation file
  - **callset** has an optional position in the object hierarchy, since **variants** describe biological observations in a biosample
- **biosample**
  - a reference to a physical biological specimen on which analyses are performed
- **individual**
  - in a typical use a human subject from which the biosample(s) was/were extracted

These basic definitions will be detailed further on.

Additional concepts (e.g. *dataset*, *study* ...) may be added in the future.

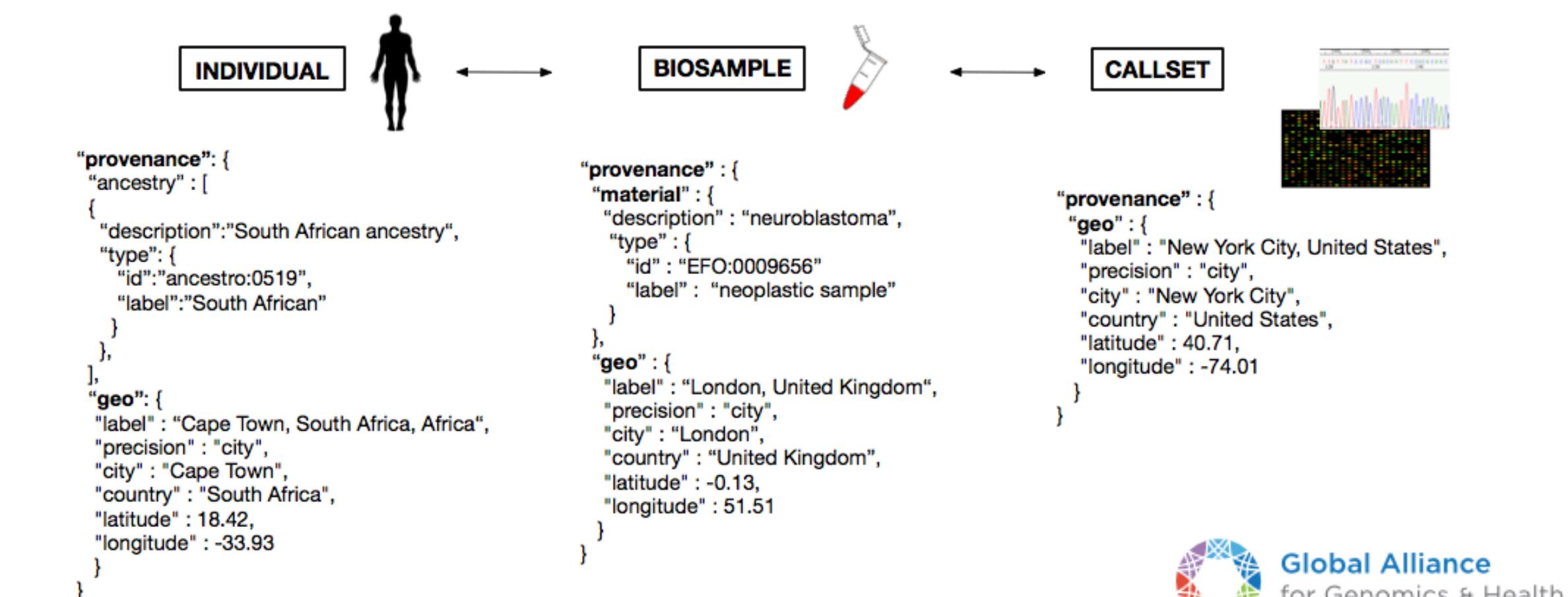
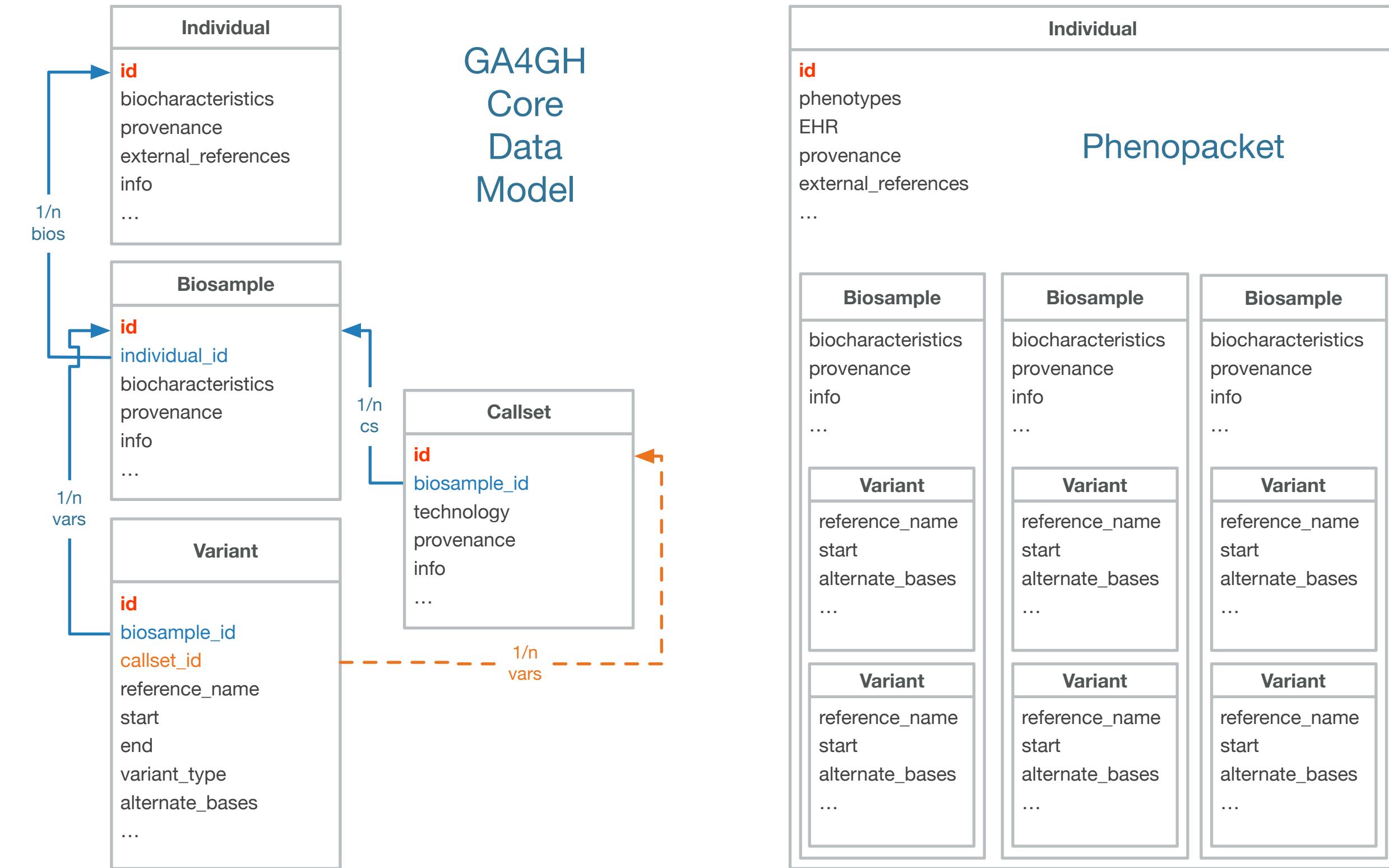


A graph showing recommended basic objects and their relationships. The names and attributes are examples and may diverge in count and specific wording (e.g. "subject" instead of "individual") in specific implementations.



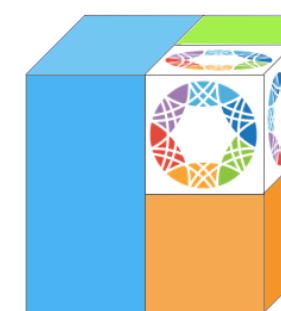
# Standardized Data Model for Consistent Schema Development

- A consistent high-level data model is essential for the development of reliable schemas and tools for
  - genomic and clinical, metadata storage
  - development of genomic query and data delivery APIs
  - distributed/federated access across separate (geographic, logistic) data repositories using consistent logical structure:
    - "**BRCA1 variant** in **germline sample** from a male **individual** with a diagnosis of breast carcinoma (ncit:C5214)
- The abstract data model can be expressed in different types of implementations
  - Phenopackets data exchange standard
  - Progenetix database model
    - schema-derived object storage datacollections for individuals, biosamples, callsets and variants



# Random Thoughts on "Big Data" CNVs for Cancer Genomics

- Data accessibility - **quantity**
  - open data w/ "just in time" access & active work to open repositories, archives
  - data curation and long term storage has to be promoted and supported
- New technologies for **qualitatively** new possibilities
  - deep WGS with molecular reconstruction of complex events (chromothripsis / kategesis / chromoplexis...)
- Annotation and exchange formats have to move towards extensible models
  - referring reference genome positions, w/ remapping, provenance
  - technology agnostic (but provenance...)
- Search and exchange APIs have to accommodate distributed and/or federated data access models
  - modular object design, independent from backend structure
  - common interfaces/service APIs/registries





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