Building a Genomics Resource

Progenetix - From Experiments to APIs

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A (personal) journey through time...

- Genomic Copy Number Variations in cancer (CNA / CNV)
- Comparative Genomic Hybridization (CGH) as original CNV screening technique
- CNVs differ between cancer (sub)types and may correlate to clinical outcome
- single studies are limited- **let's build a database**
- databases should be accessible - **let's move online**
- **more data** - data parsers & text mining
- **visualization** - graphics libraries and data formatting
- large datasets - access through **APIs**

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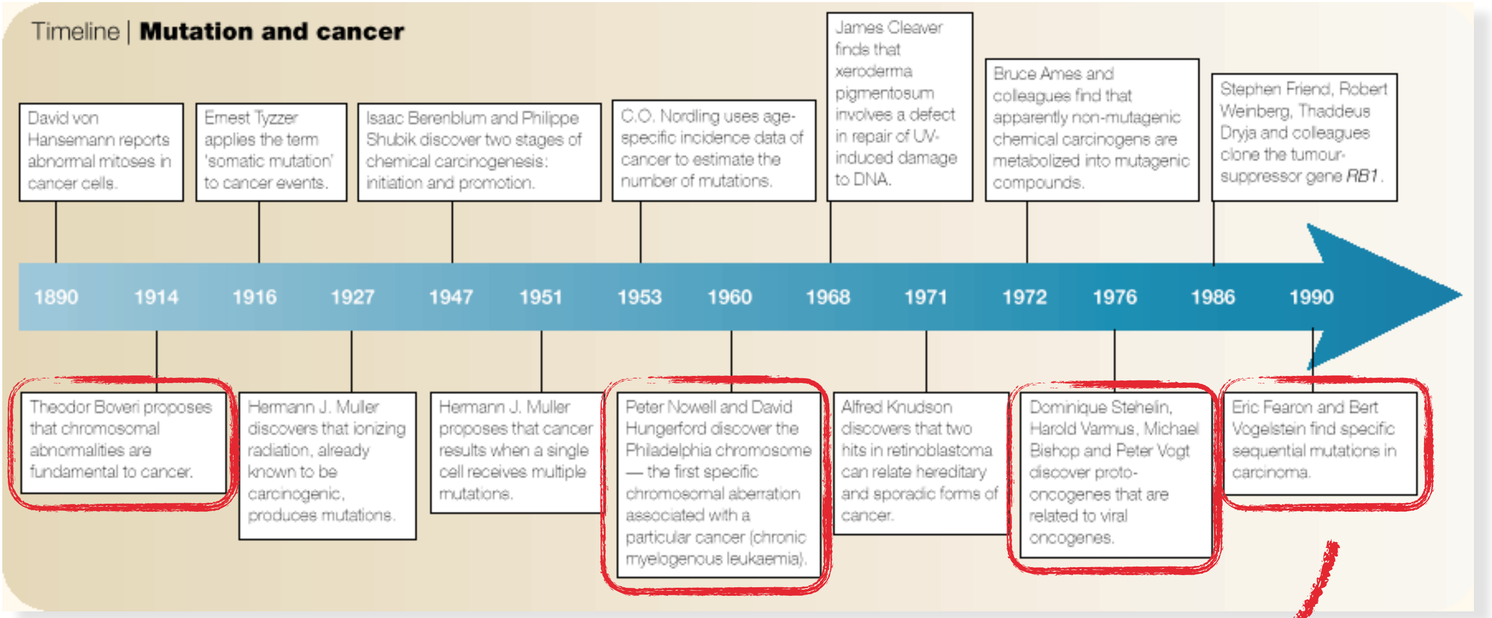
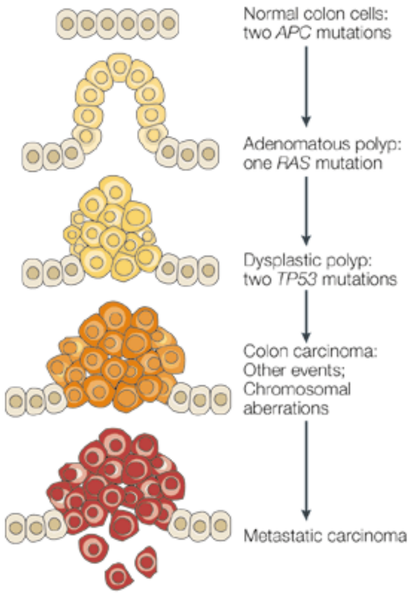




Cancers are based on acquired and inherited genomic mutations

Knudson, A. G. (2001). Two genetic hits (more or less) to cancer. Nature Reviews Cancer, 1(2), 157–162.

Theodor Boveri (1914)

Observations in sea urchin eggs

- **Cell-cycle checkpoints** (“Hemmungseinrichtung”)
- **Tumour-suppressor genes** (“Teilungshemmende Chromosomen”), which may be overcome by external signals, and can be eliminated during tumour progression
- **Oncogenes** (“Teilungsfoerdernde Chromosomen”) that become amplified (“im permanenten Übergewicht”)
- **Progression** (benign to malignant), w/ sequential changes of chromosomes
- Clonal origin & Genetic mosaicism
- Cancer **predisposition** through inheritance of “chromosomes” that are less able to suppress malignancy
- Inheritance of the same 'weak chromosome' from both parents leads to **homozygosity** and, consequently, to high-penetrance cancer syndromes - (e.g. xeroderma pigmentosum)
- Wounding and inflammation in tumour promotion; loss of cell adhesion in metastasis; sensitivity of malignant cells to radiation therapy (based on Hertwig *et al.*)

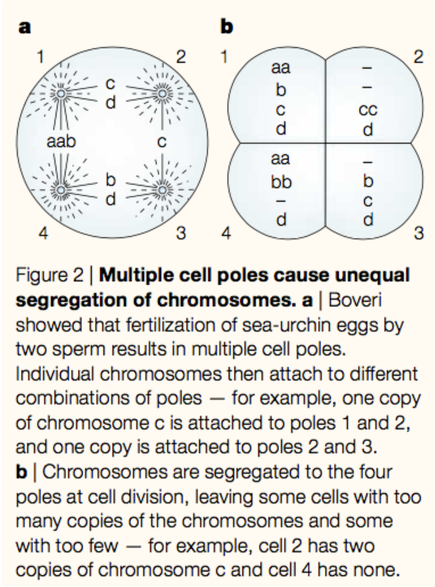


Figure 2 | **Multiple cell poles cause unequal segregation of chromosomes. a** | Boveri showed that fertilization of sea-urchin eggs by two sperm results in multiple cell poles. Individual chromosomes then attach to different combinations of poles — for example, one copy of chromosome c is attached to poles 1 and 2, and one copy is attached to poles 2 and 3. **b** | Chromosomes are segregated to the four poles at cell division, leaving some cells with too many copies of the chromosomes and some with too few — for example, cell 2 has two copies of chromosome c and cell 4 has none.

Allan Balmain
Cancer genetics: from Boveri and Mendel to microarrays.
NatRev Cancer (2001); 1: 77-82

Anna Di Lonardo , Sergio Nasi , Simonetta Pulciani
Cancer: We Should Not Forget The Past
Journal of Cancer (2015), Vol. 6: 29-39
(for book cover & summary)

Janet Rowley (1972/73)

Chromosomal translocations in cancer

- Recurrent chromosomal translocations in leukemias /lymphomas
- "Philadelphia chromosome" in CML (Nowell & Hungerford, 1960) represents a reciprocal translocation between chromosomes 9 and 22
- 1972: t(8;21) ALL manuscript rejected by NEJM
- 1973: t(9;22) manuscript rejected by *Nature* "*with some reasonable comments and some truly wrong*"
- Clinical implications: **Tyrosine Kinase inhibitors** as standard first-line therapy in CML
  - first trials in 1998 (STI-571; Imatinib/Gleevec)
  - cf. Druker BJ, Lydon NB (2000). Lessons learned from the development of an Abl tyrosine kinase inhibitor… J Clin Invest 2000;105:3-7)

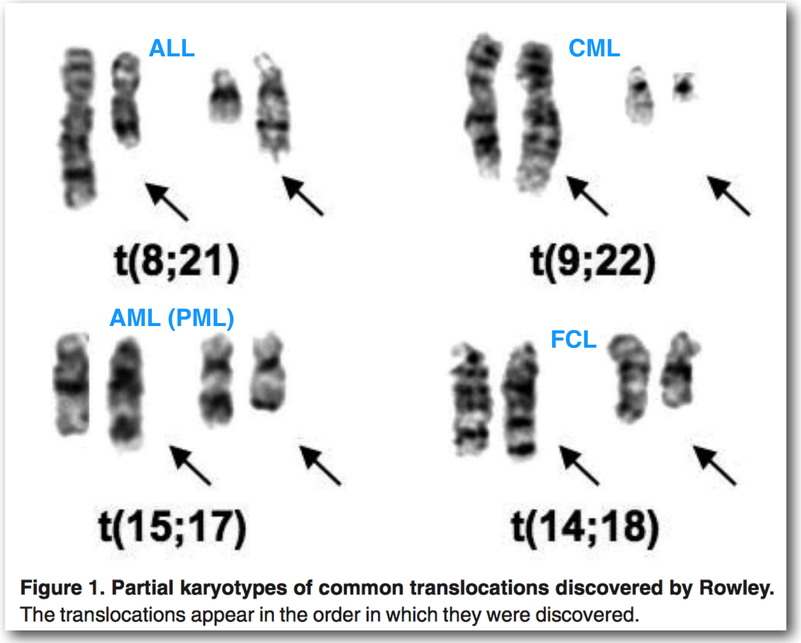
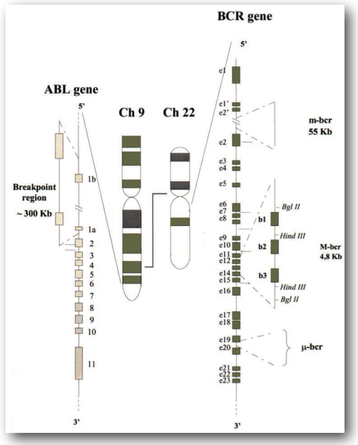
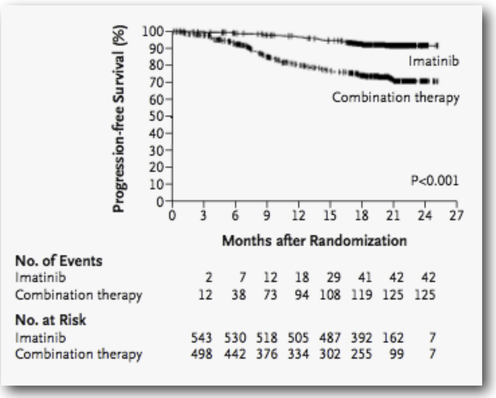


Figure 1. Partial karyotypes of common translocations discovered by Rowley. The translocations appear in the order in which they were discovered.

Janet D Rowley. Chromosomal translocations: revisited yet again Blood (2008), 112(6)



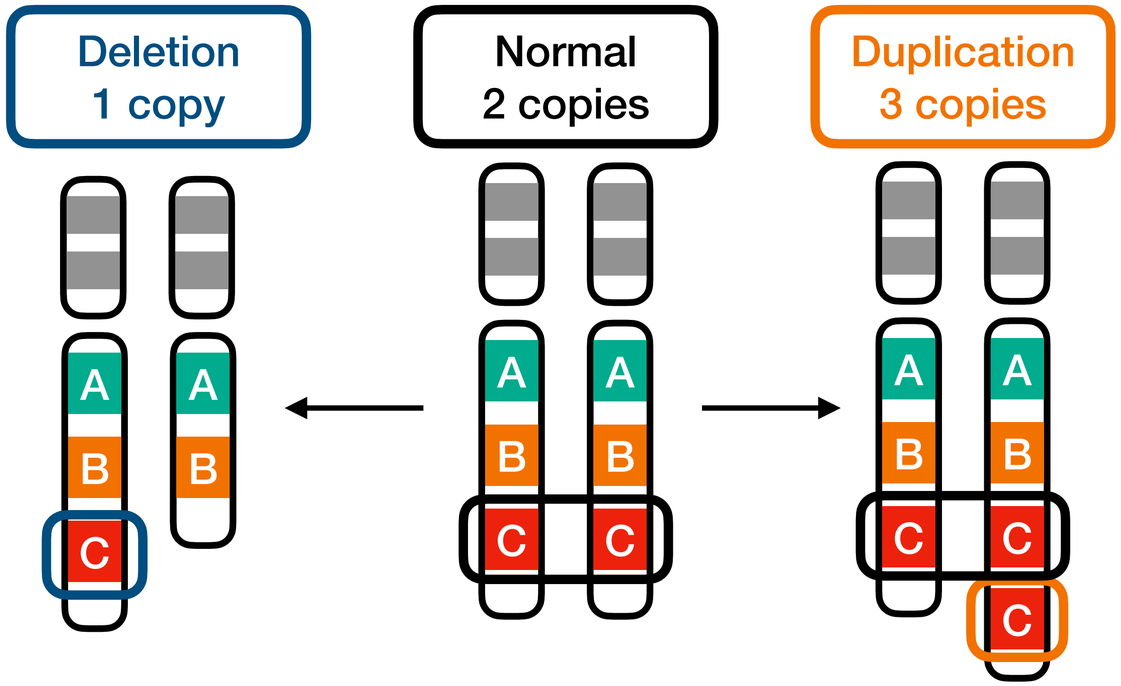
Pane et al. BCR/ABL genes …. Oncogene (2002), 21 (56)



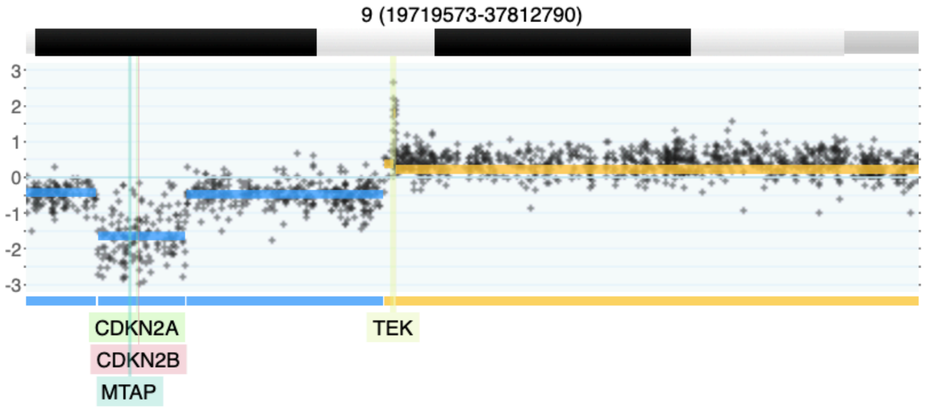
Event free Survival in first large Imatinib Trials

O'Brien et al. Imatinib compared with interferon and low-dose cytarabine… NEJM (2003) vol. 348 (11)

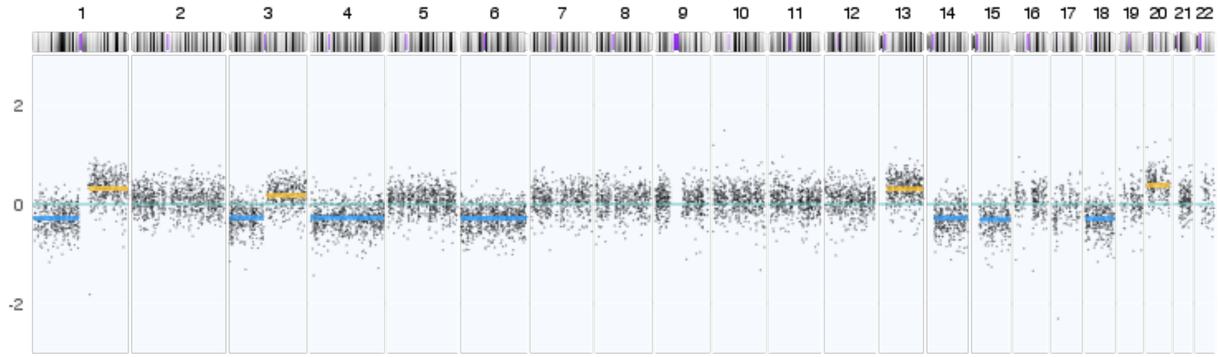
Copy Number Variant (CNV)



- Intermediate-scale genetic change
- Size: 1kb to multiple megabase
- Additional copies of sequence (duplications) and losses of genetic material (deletions)

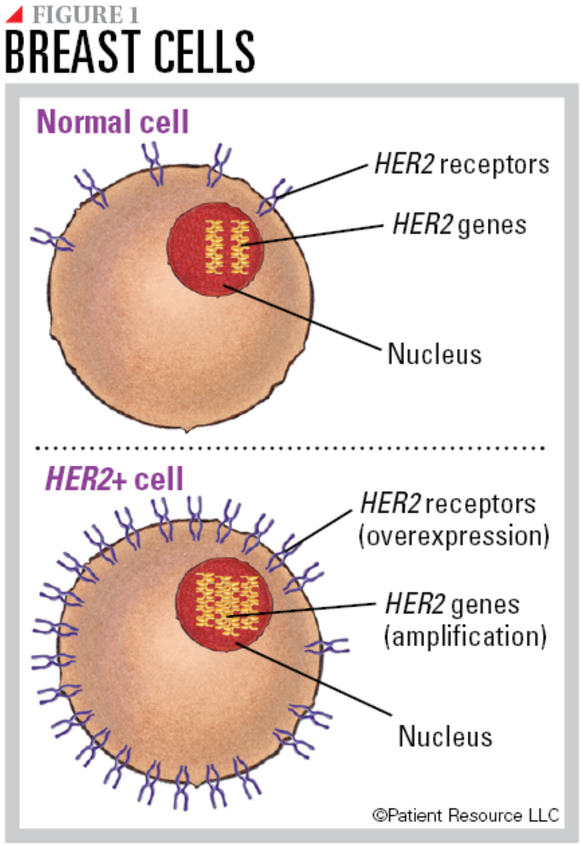


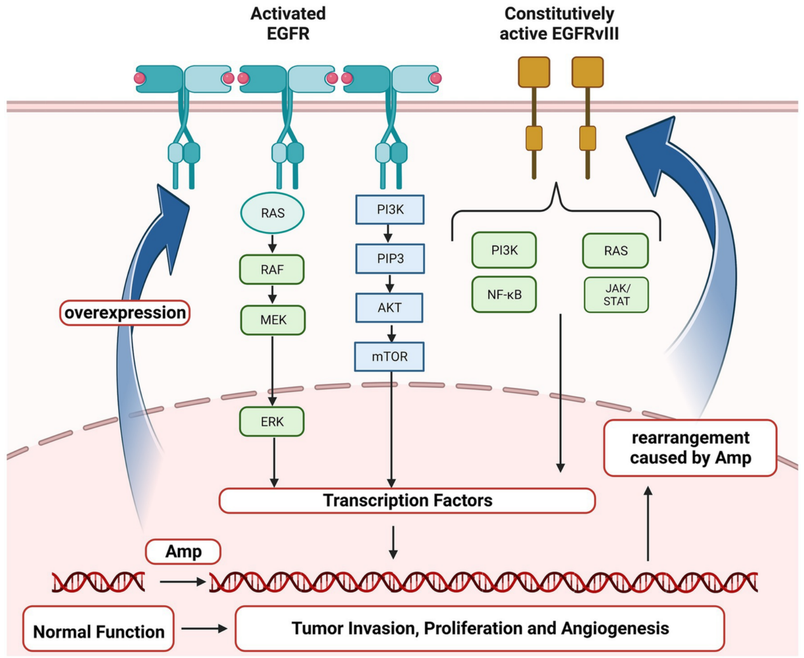
2-event, homozygous deletion in a Glioblastoma

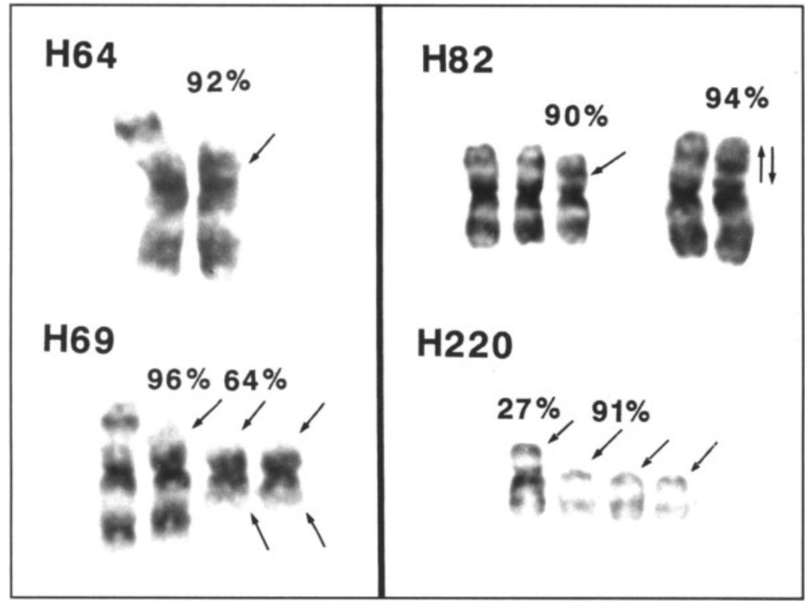


Gain of chromosome arm 13q in colorectal carcinoma

Somatic CNVs related to cancer



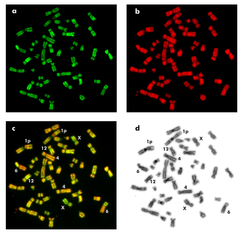




- Somatic CNVs in cancers:
  - HER2 Amplification in Breast Cancer
  - EGFR Amplification in Glioblastoma
  - Chromosome 3p Deletion in Lung Cancer

Wang H, Zhang X, Liu J, et al. Clinical roles of EGFR amplification in diffuse gliomas: a real-world study using the 2021 WHO classification of CNS tumors[J]. Frontiers in Neuroscience, 2024, 18: 1308627.

Comparative Genomic Hybridization



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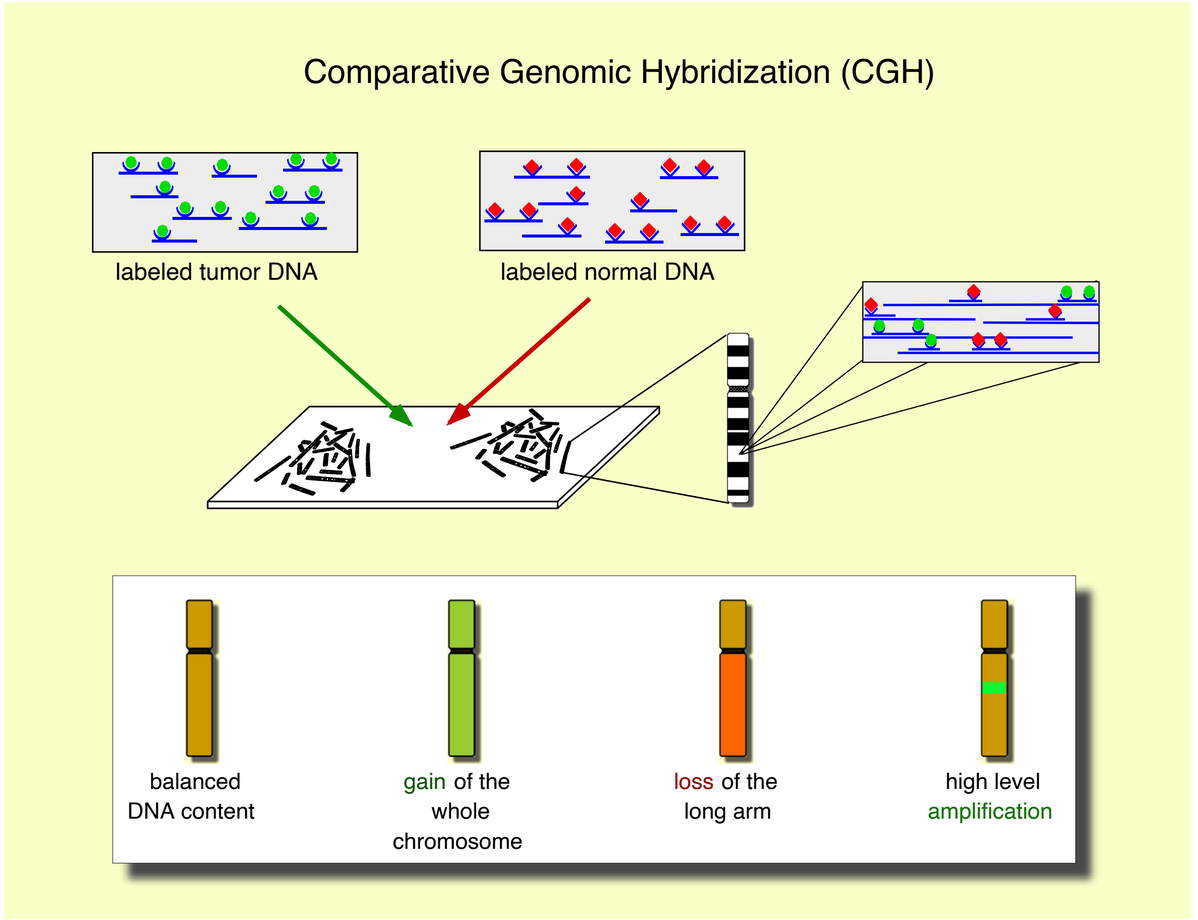

Chromosomal CGH: Normal metaphase spreads (cultured lymphocytes from healthy donors) on microscopy slides serve as the hybridization matrix for whole-genome DNA from tumor and reference tissue, labeled with different fluorophores. The regional ratio between the two colors points to (relative) changes in the copy number in the tumor DNA. Michael Baudis, 1998

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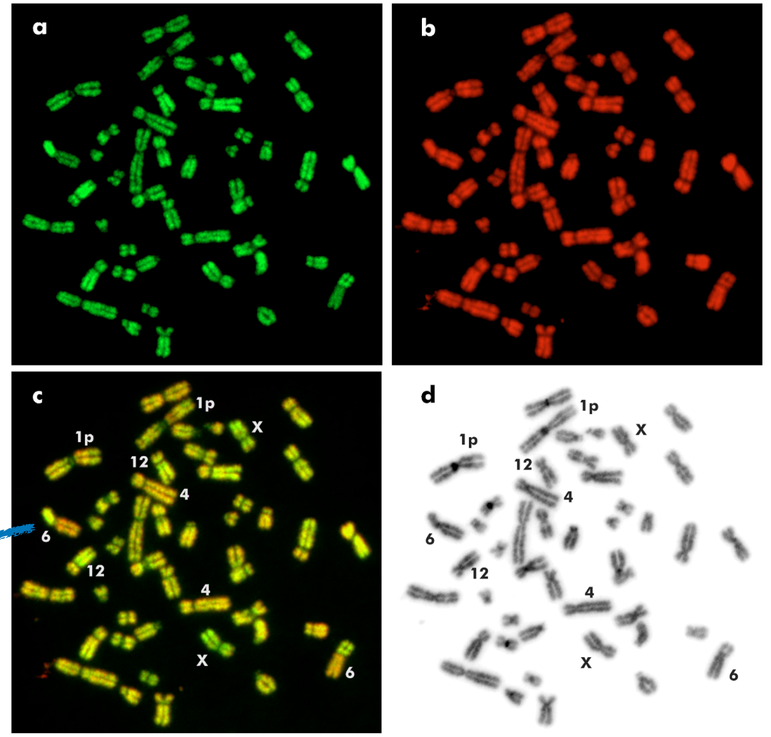

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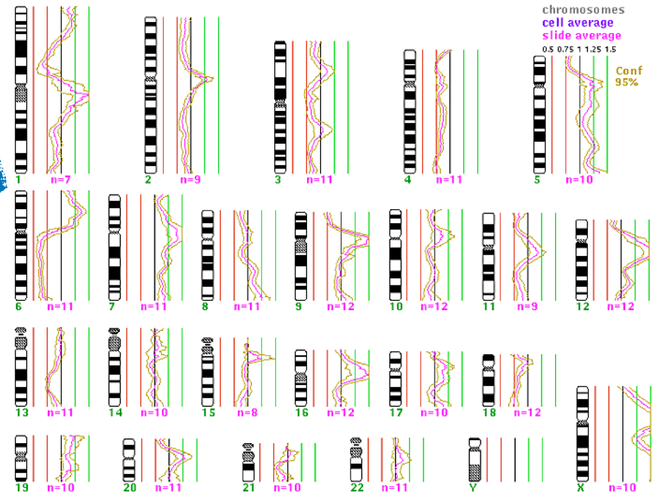

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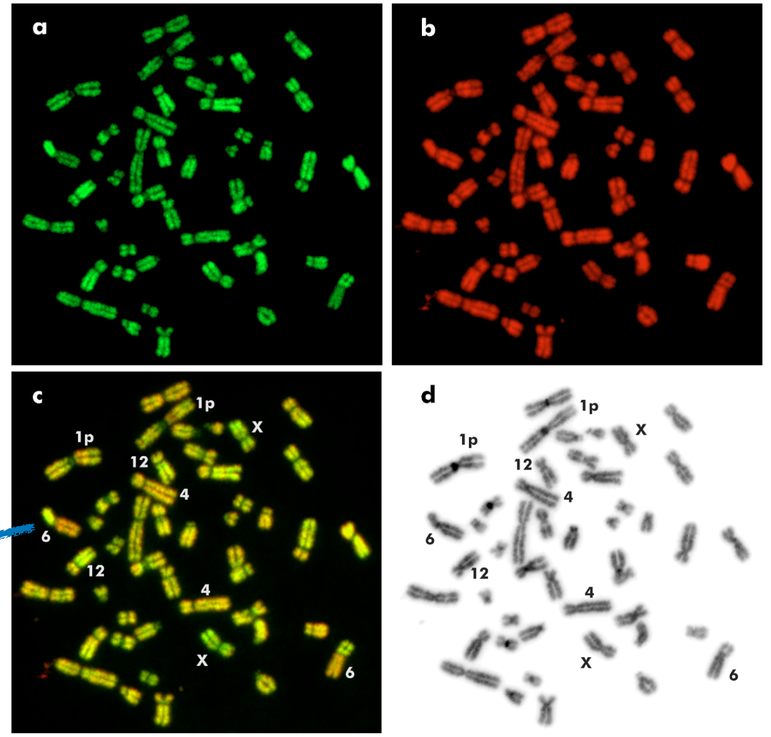

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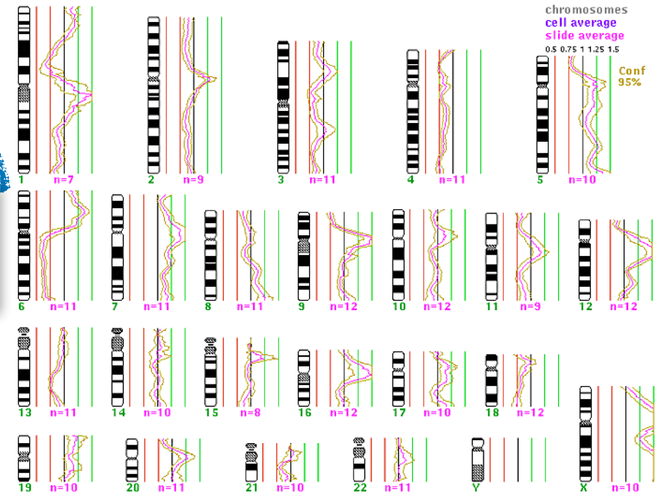

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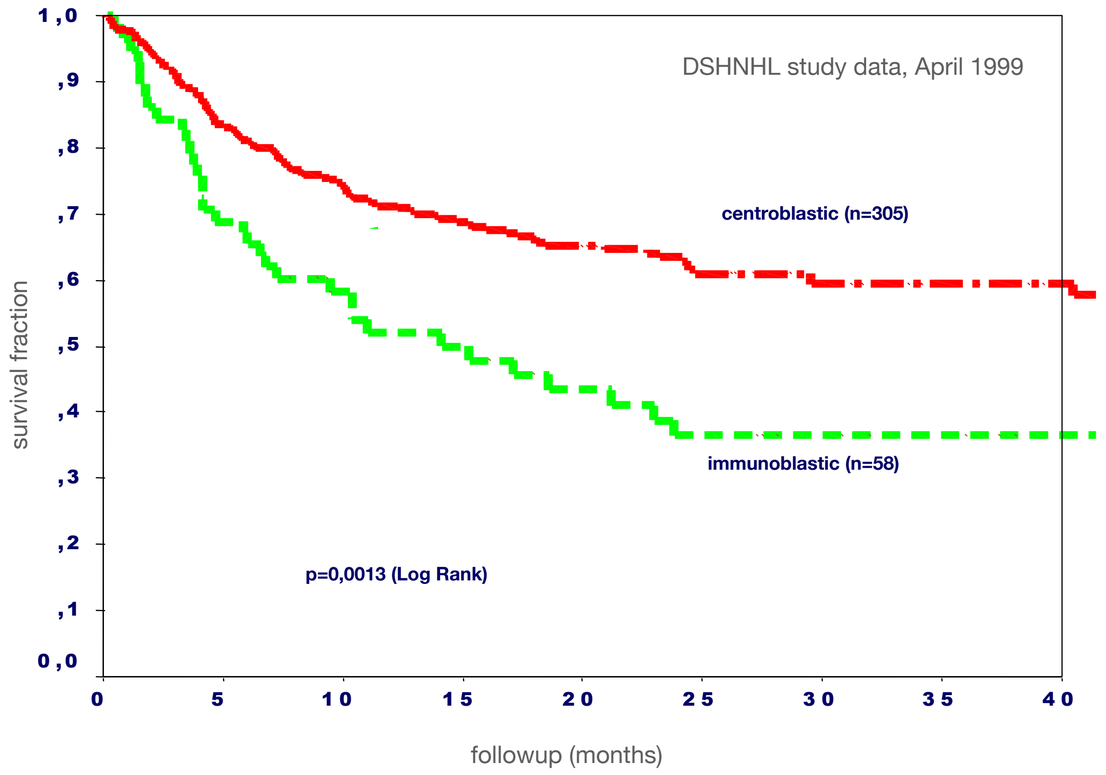
Cancer CNVs | Diagnostics | Prognosis

Single-study CNV frequencies correspond to diagnostic subsets



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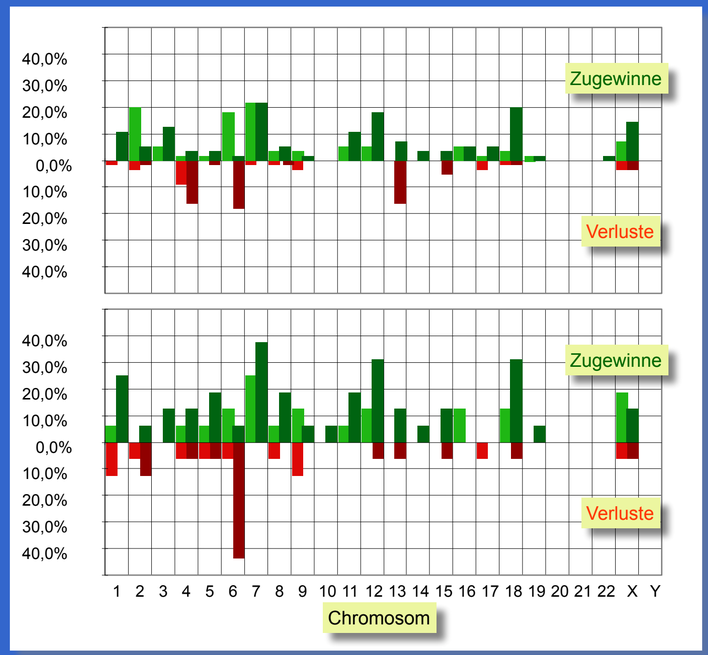
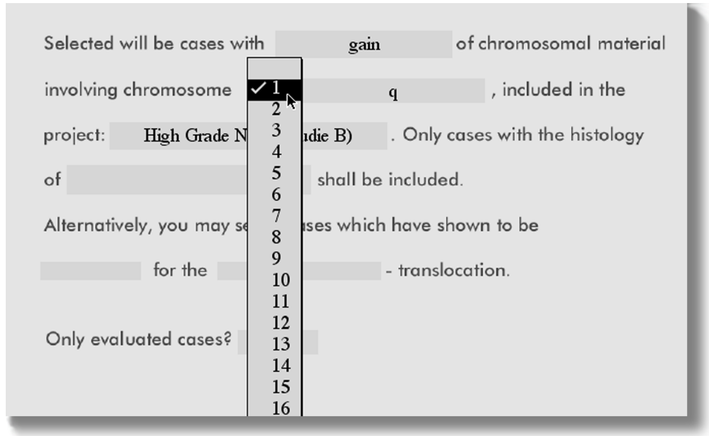
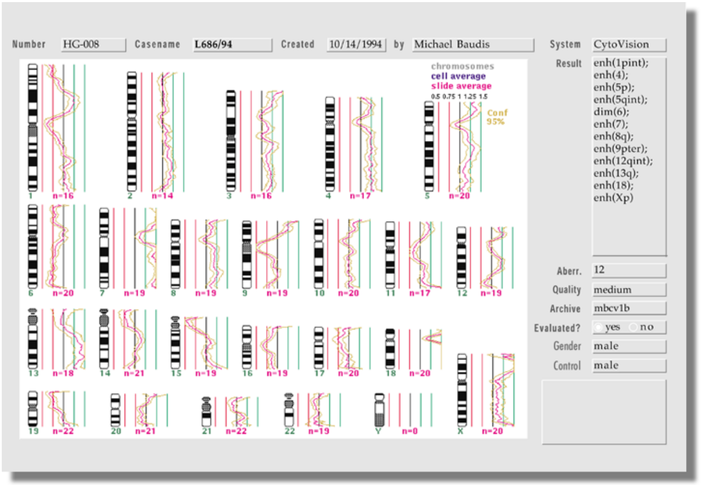


Let's build a database!

Progenetix CGH Database and Website

- originally an internal FileMaker Pro database, to store CGH profiles and annotations for the "Organization of Complex Genomes" group (head: Peter Lichter) at the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ), starting in 1998
- expansion to include literature derived data, with a focus on malignant non-Hodgkin's lymphomas
- in 2000 online version



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- Dec 6, 2000
  - first time online
- Nov 30, 2000
  - addition of graphical representation and gene table
- Nov 17, 2000
  - generation of website layout and database automatisation

progenetix.net: storage and visualization of genomic aberration data in human malignancies

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Over the last decade, techniques for the genome wide scanning for genomic imbalances in malignant neoplasia have been developed, e.g. Comparative Genomic Hybridization (CGH).

Currently, no comprehensive online source for CGH data with a standardized format suitable for data mining procedures has been made available for public access. Such a data repository could be valuable in identifying genetic aberration patterns with linkage to specific disease entities, and provide additional information for validating data from large scale expression array experiments.

A case and band specific aberration matrix was selected as most suitable format for the mining of CGH data. The [progenetix.net] data repository was developed to provide the according data to the research community for a growing number of human malignancies.

In the current implementation, two main purposes are being served. First, access to the band specific pattern of chromosomal imbalances allows the instantaneous identification of genomic “hotspots”. Second, the band specific aberration matrices can be included in data mining efforts. As an example, the clustering off all informative cases from the current (September 2001) dataset is shown here (online source under www.progenetix.net/bcats/clustered.png).

Data selection

PubMed is searched for publications applying CGH to the analysis of malignant tumors. Articles are selected according to their online availability and the description of genomic imbalances on a per case basis.

Transformation of input data

Chromosomal aberration data is transformed via customized parsing commands to a common format adherent to ISCN 1995 recommendations. In some cases, aberration data was transcribed from graphical representations or provided by the authors.

Data storage

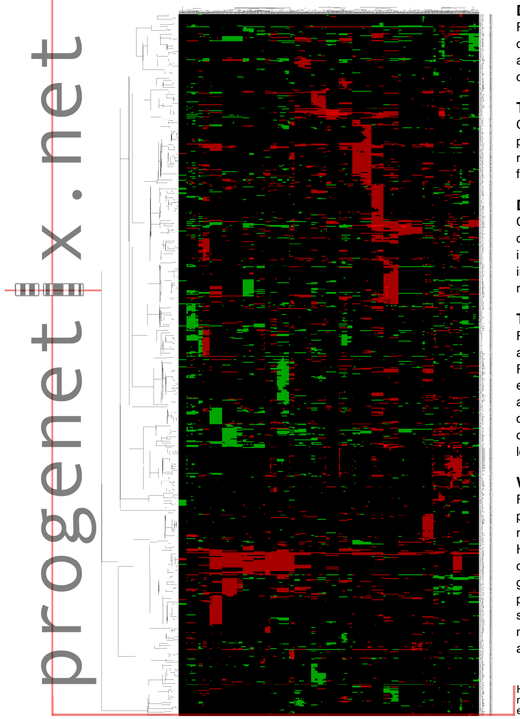
Currently, the primary data is stored in a dedicated “off-line” database. Besides case identifier and ISCN adapted chromosomal imbalance data, tumor classification and source information including the PubMed identifier is recorded. Disease entities are reclassified to ICD-O-3 codes.

Text parsing and generation of aberration matrix

For the generation of the case and band specific aberration matrix, a dedicated text pattern comparison model was developed using Perl. Briefly, for each chromosomal band, the aberration field of each case is searched for a variety of patterns containing aberration information applying to that band. A matrix with currently 324 band resolution is generated, annotating chromosomal gains with “1” and losses with “–1”; localized high-level gains are designated “2”.

Website generation

For graphical representation of chromosomal imbalances, HTML pages containing different views of the underlying aberration matrices are generated using Perl. Graphics are implemented using HTML syntax. Besides band specific, whole genomic overviews, chromosome specific pages with links to all involved cases are generated for each ICD-O-3 entity as well as for each registered project. Additionally, those representations are available for several subsets combining related data (e.g. all lymphoid neoplasias, breast carcinoma cases). For each of the groups, the according aberration matrix is linked for download.



Hierarchical clustering of band specific chromosomal imbalances from 999 human neoplasias, contained in the [progenetix.net] collection. Cases without aberrations were excluded.

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Progenetix.net: an online repository for molecular cytogenetic aberration data

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ABSTRACT

Summary: Through sequencing projects and, more recently, array-based expression analysis experiments, a wealth of genetic data has become accessible via online resources. In contrast, few of the (molecular-) cytogenetic aberration data collected in the last decades are available in a format suitable for data mining procedures. www.progenetix.net is a new online repository for previously published chromosomal aberration data, allowing the addition of band-specific information about chromosomal imbalances to oncologic data analysis efforts.

Availability: http://www.progenetix.net

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Neoplastic transformation and progression is the result of genetic defects arising in normal cells and giving rise to a malignant clone. During the process of oncogenesis, some of the usually multiple steps required for acquisition of the full neoplastic phenotype may represent themselves as numerical or structural abnormalities in the chromosomes of the transformed cells.

Over the last decades, the analysis of chromosomal abnormalities in malignant cells has gained importance in oncologic research as well as in clinical practice. A vast number of genetic abnormalities has been identified in the virtually complete range of human neoplasias. Several attempts have been undertaken for collection and classification of those abnormalities, the most widely recognized being the catalog by Mitelman and co-workers (Mitelman, 1994; online access through http://cgap.nci.nih.gov/Chromosomes/Mitelman).

In addition to metaphase analysis of short-term cultivated tumor cells or tumor cell lines, molecular cytogenetic techniques have recently been applied to the analysis of chromosomal abnormalities in primary tumor tissues. One of the more widely used screening techniques is Comparative Genomic Hybridization (CGH; Kallioniemi *et al.*, 1992; du Manoir *et al.*, 1993). Briefly, this method is based on the competitive *in-situ* hybridization of differentially labeled tumor versus normal genomic DNA to normal human metaphase spreads. The calculation of the intensity ratios of the two fluorochromes gives an overview about relative gains and losses of DNA in the tumor genome with mapping to the respective chromosomal bands. The identification of frequently imbalanced regions in tumor entities may point towards tumor suppressor gene or proto-oncogenes mapping to the respective chromosomal bands. Usually, the result of those experiments is communicated either in text format according to the International System for Cytogenetic Nomenclature (Mitelman, 1995) or graphically, with aberration bars next to chromosomal ideograms for the representation of chromosomal gains and losses.

Because in each experiment CGH analysis covers the whole number of chromosomes, the comparision of data sets from related malignancies could lead to the delineation of common as well as divergent genetic pathways defining the respective malignant phenotypes. Although an extremely large number of malignant tumors has been analyzed using this technique, no comprehensive CGH database with band-specific chromosomal aberration information is publicly available[†].

A minimal requirement for such a database would be the conversion of the text or graphical information used in publications to data tables, representing the information about the aberration status of single chromosomal bands for each case. For the site discussed here, this process includes: (1) the transformation of the published results in a format adapted from the ISCN, and (2) the automatic generation of the band specific aberration table.

Due to format variations of the published data, step 1 consists of the manual conversion of the text data or evaluation and conversion of the graphical representations, respectively. Due to the (in computational terms) odd

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[†]Links to a number of online CGH resources with different scopes can be found at www.progenetix.net.

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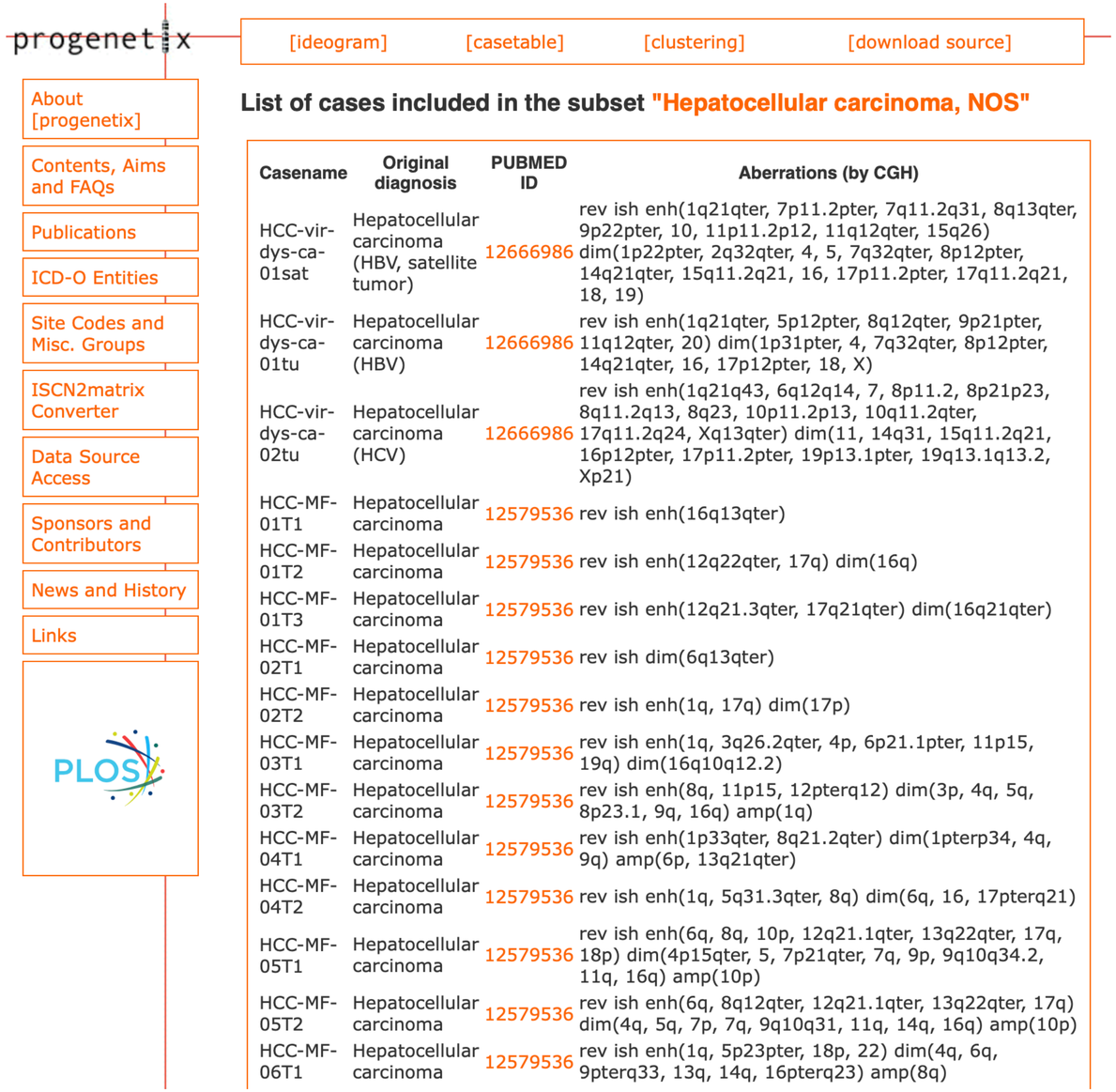

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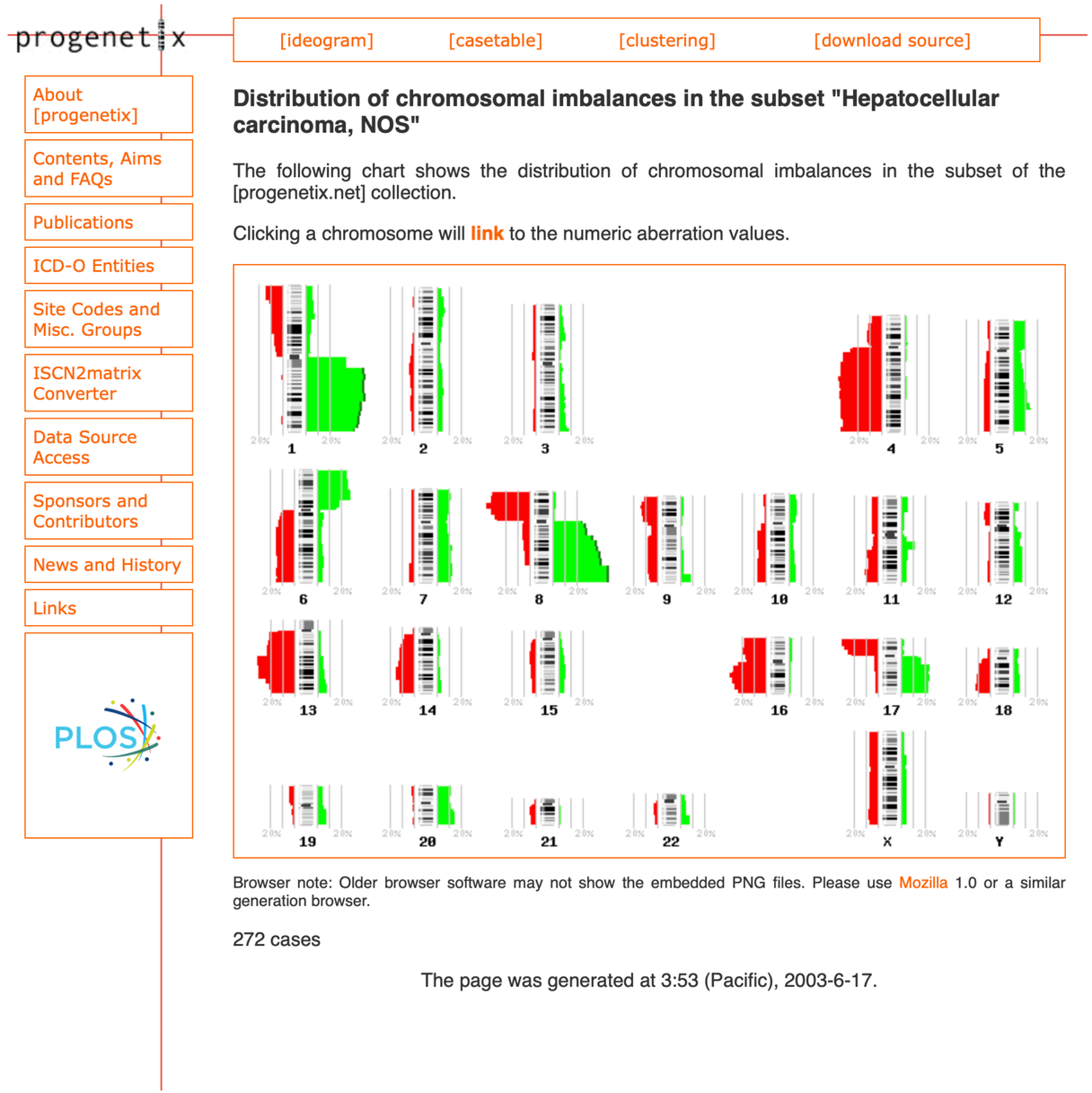

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Text conversion for CNVs

- articles and supplements with **cytoband-based** *rev ish* CGH results
- sometimes rich, but **unstructured** associated information
- **PDFs** readable, but **not well suited for data** extraction (character entities, text flow)

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TABLE 3. Comparison of Primary Tumors and Metastases by CGH

Case	Gain in common	Loss in common	Primary tumor only	Metastasis only
108		18		
113	7, 8q24-qter, 13q11-qter, 20q11-qter, Xq11-Xter	1p33-pter, 2p21-pter, 4q24-qter, 15q11-q15, 17p11-pter, 18		
LM	12q22-qter, 15q23-qter, 17q11-ter, 20p11-p12, 20q11-ter, 22q11-ter	1p11-p32, 1q24-31, 4, 13q11-qter, 17p11-pter, 18, 20p11-ter	11p11-pter-	12+
145	4q26-q28, 6p11-p13, 8p11-p12, 920q11-qter	1p11-pter, 4q31-qter, 6q11-qter, 8p12-pter, 11, 15q11-qter, 16q11-qter, 17p11-pter, 18, 21q11-qter	13q21-qter+, 20p11-pter-	8q11-qter+,10-, 6p21-pter-
53	7, 8q11-qter, 9q33-qter, 13q11-qter, 20p11-p12, 20q11-qter	4p13-pter, 4q21-qter, 8p12-pter, 15q14-qter, 18q11-qter, 20p12-pter	5p11-pter-, 5q13-qter-, 14q11-qter-	11+, 16p11-pter+, 17q11-qter+, 19+, 21q11-qter+, 22q11-qter+
147	7, 13q11-qter, 20q11-qter	8p21-pter, 18	4p14-pter-, 4q28-qter+, 8p11-21-, 17q11-q2+, 21q11-qter-	11q22-qter+, 16+, 1p11-33-

TABLE 1. Clinical Data

Case number	Age	Sex	Site	Stage[a]	Grade[b]	Diagnosis of metastatic disease[c]
2	40	M	Transverse colon	IV	3	Synchronous
6	79	M	Ascending colon	IV	2	Synchronous
9	73	M	Transverse colon	II	2	N/A
11	56	M	Rectosigmoid	IV	2	Metachronous
12	70	F	Sigmoid colon	IV	2	Synchronous
13	65	M	Descending colon	II	9	Synchronous
14	60	M	Rectum	III	3	Metachronous
15	51	F	Rectum	III	2	Metachronous
19	63	M	Rectosigmoid Junction	III	2	Synchronous
20	63	M	Rectum	IV	9	Metachronous
21	64	F	Sigmoid colon	IV	2	Synchronous
35	71	M	Rectum	III	9	Metachronous
49	72	M	Cecum	IV	3	Synchronous
53	72	F	Sigmoid colon	IV	2	Synchronous
104	61	M	Sigmoid colon	IV	2	Metachronous
105	58	M	Ascending colon	II	2	Metachronous
107	77	F	Cecum	IV	2	Metachronous
108	53	F	Splenic flexure	IV	2	Synchronous
112	68	M	Rectum	III	3	Synchronous
113	41	M	Splenic flexure	IV	2	Synchronous
114	49	M	Splenic flexure	IV	3	Synchronous
116	73	M	Rectosigmoid	III	9	Metachronous
120	24	F	Descending colon	IV	2	Synchronous
123	62	F	Rectum	III	2	Metachronous
124	42	M	Rectum	IV	9	Synchronous
145	70	M	Rectosigmoid	IV	2	Synchronous
147	86	F	Cecum	IV	2	Synchronous

[a]AJCC/UICC staging system (Hutter and Sobin, 1986).
[b]Grade of primary tumor: 1–3, low, moderate, high grade; 9, grading unknown.
[c]Synchronous, diagnosis of metastatic disease within 12 months following diagnosis of primary tumor; metachronous, diagnosis of metastatic disease after 12 months or later.

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Chromosome Arm 20q Gains and Other Genomic Alterations in Colorectal Cancer Metastatic to Liver, as Analyzed by Comparative Genomic Hybridization and Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization

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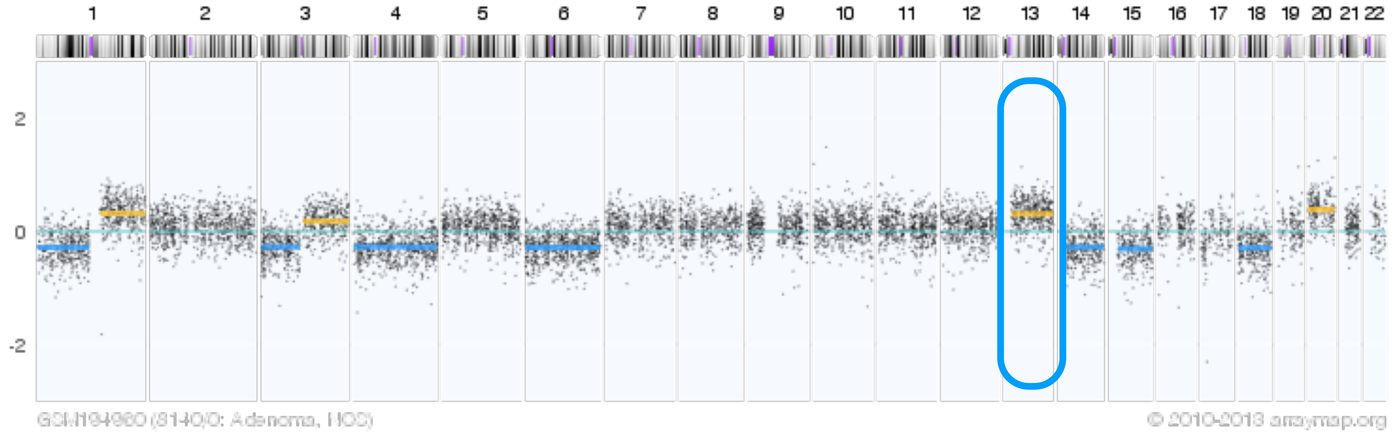
Array-based Detection of Copy Number Variations



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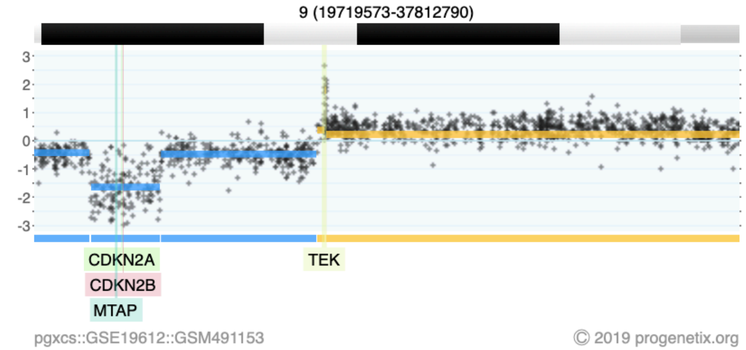

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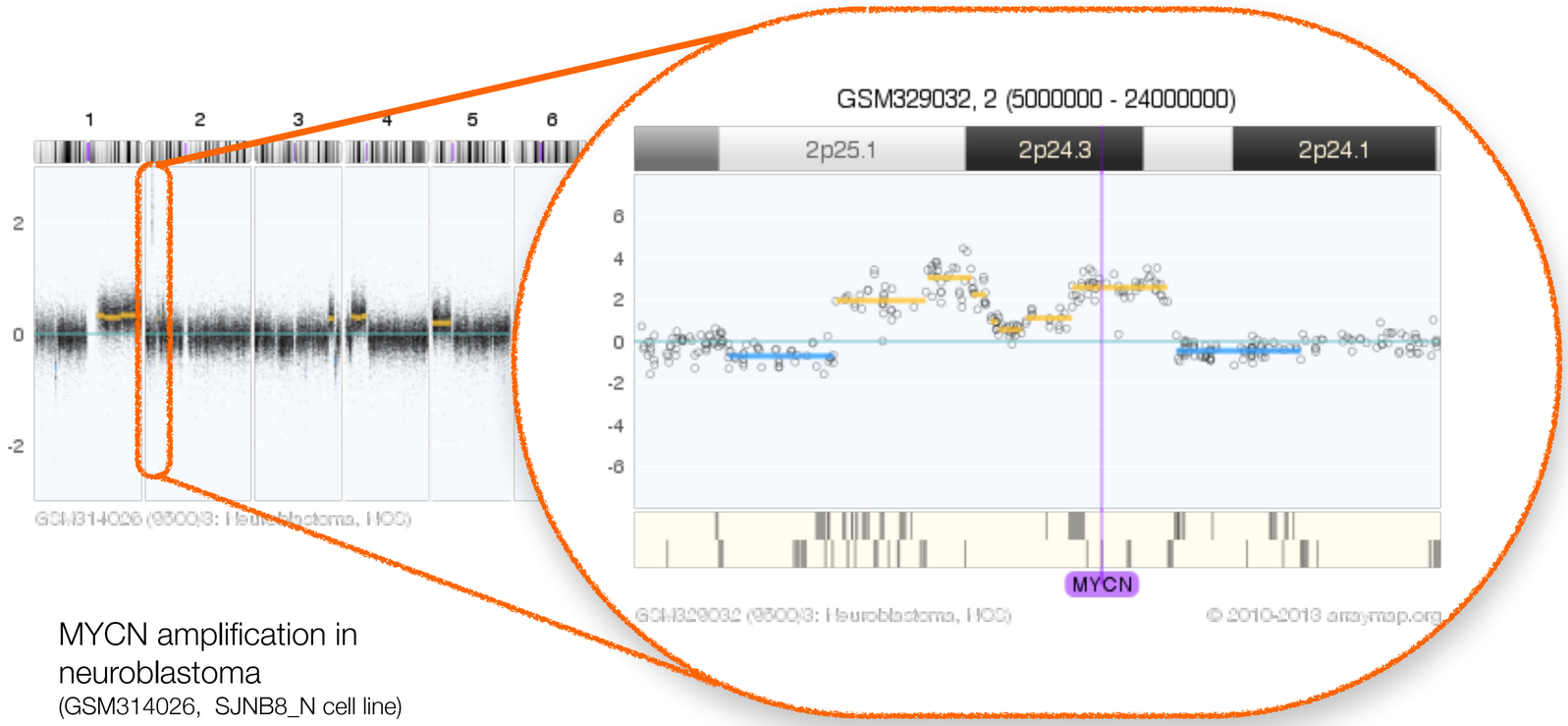

MYCN amplification in neuroblastoma
(GSM314026, SJNB8_N cell line)

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

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Probe-Level Genomic Array Data in Cancer

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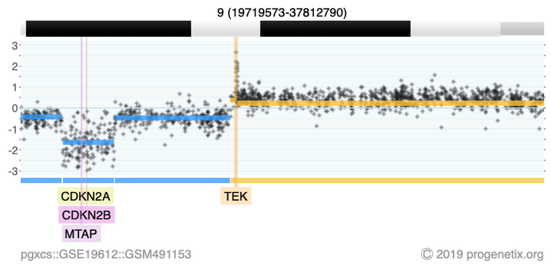
arrayMap is a curated reference database and bioinformatics resource targeting copy number profiling data in human cancer. The arrayMap database provides an entry point for meta-analysis and systems level data integration of high-resolution oncogenomic CNA data.

The current data reflects:

- 72724 genomic array profiles
- 898 experimental series
- 257 array platforms
- ICD-O 341 ICD-O cancer entities
- 795 publications (Pubmed entries)



Genomic copy number imbalances on chromosome 9 in a case of Glioblastoma (**GSM491153**), indcating, 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.

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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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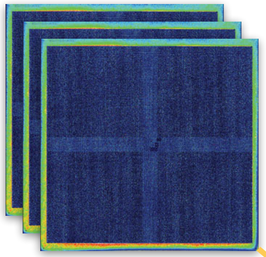

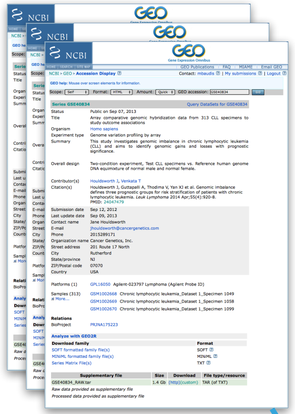

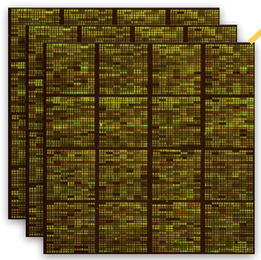

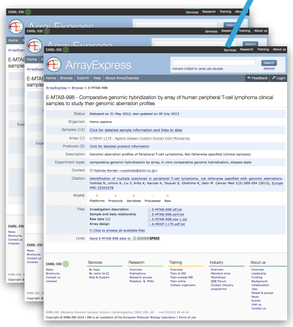

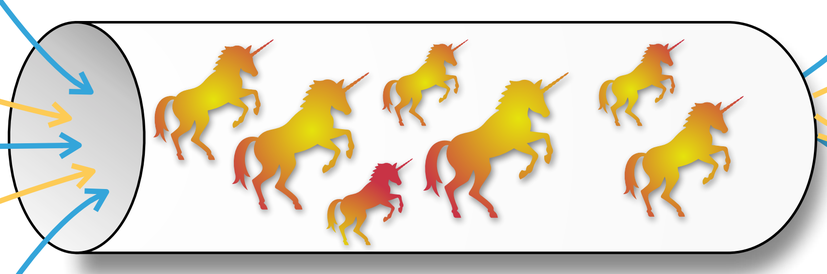

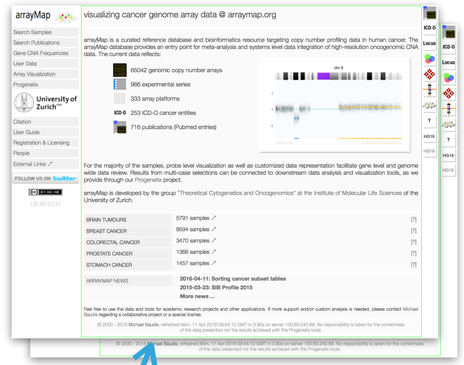

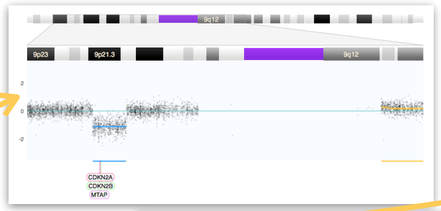

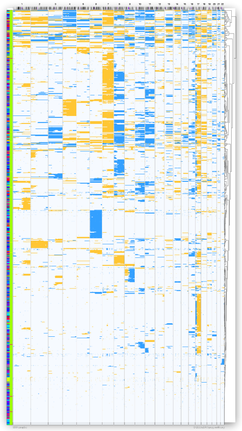

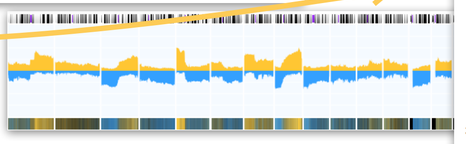

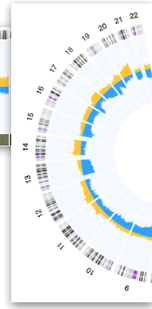

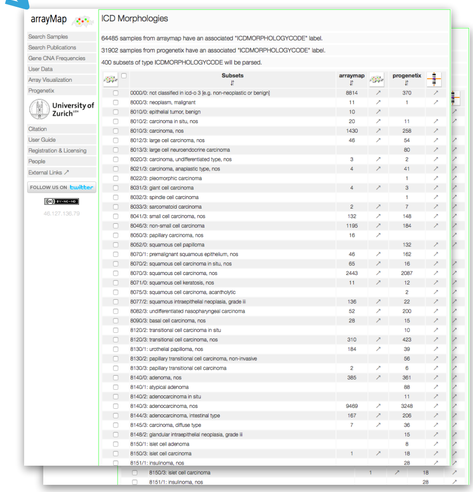

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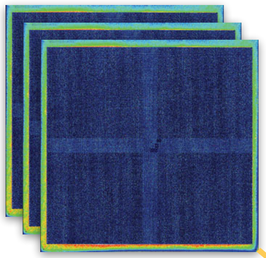

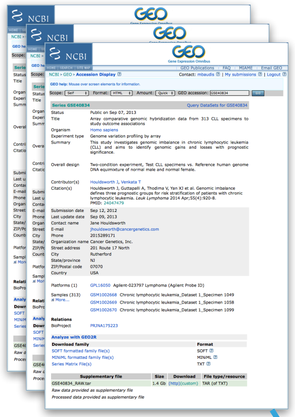

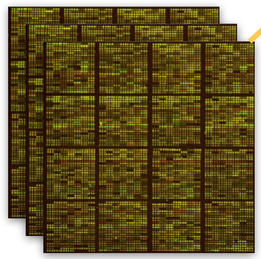

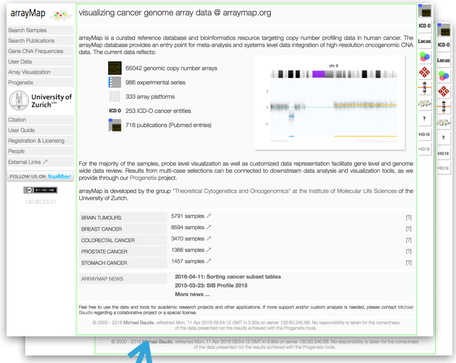

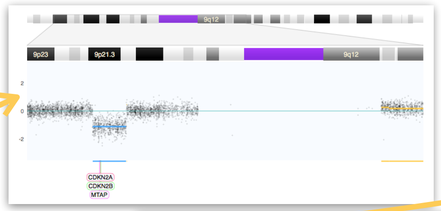

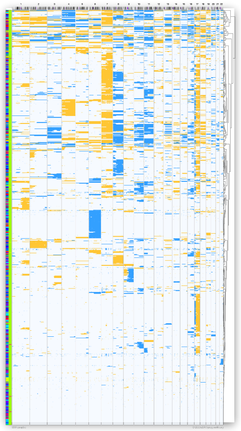

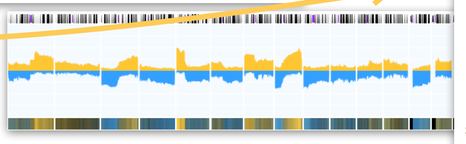

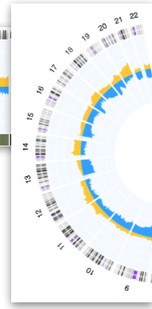

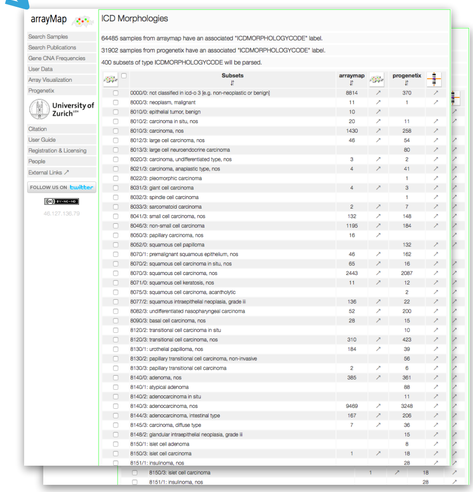

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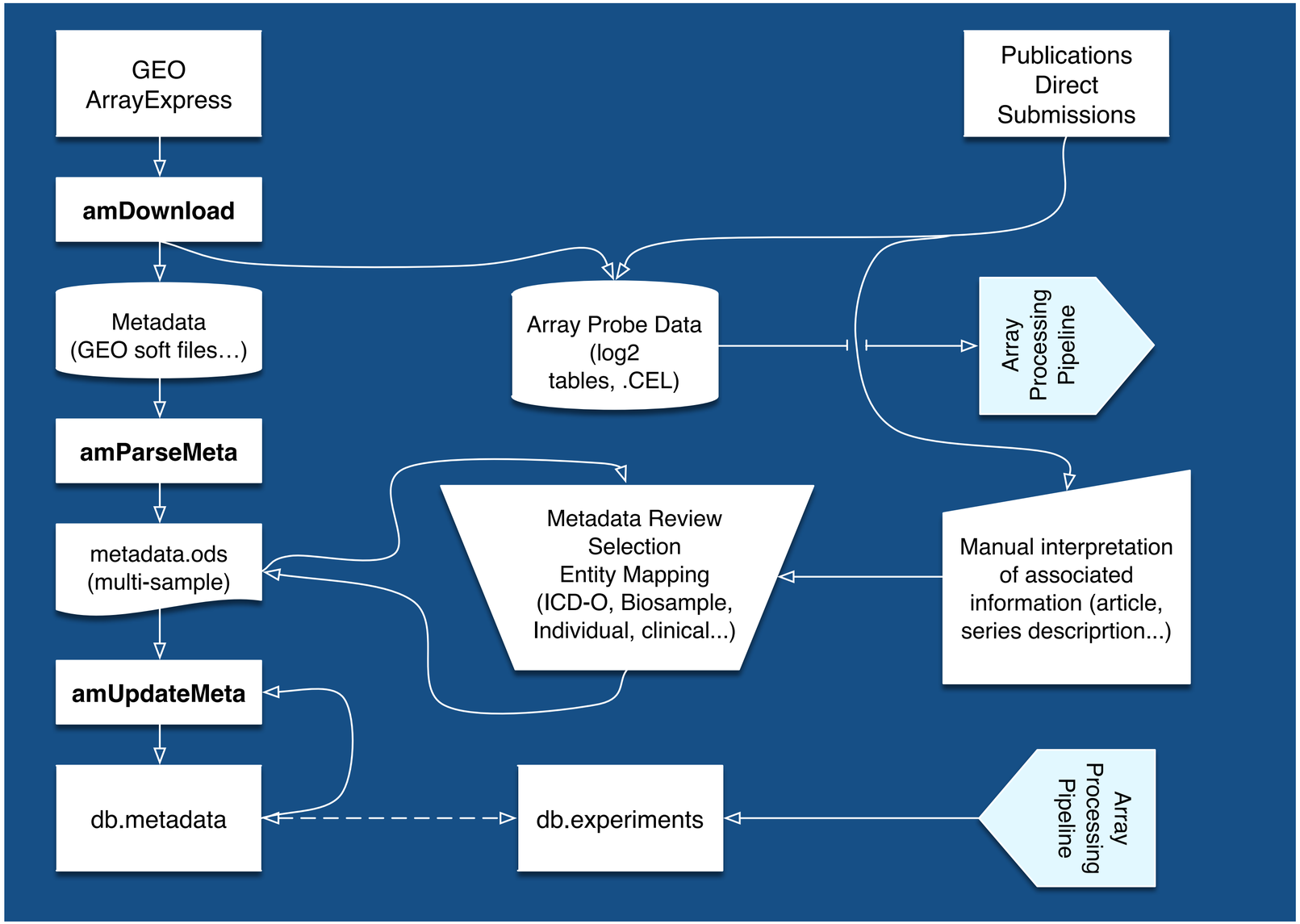

Progenetix & arrayMap: Data Scopes

Biomedical and procedural "Meta"data types

- Diagnostic classification
  - mapping text-based cancer diagnoses to standard classification systems
- Provenance data
  - store identifier-based pointers
  - geographic attribution (individual, biosample, experiment)
- Clinical information
  - **core set** of typical cancer study values:

    ➡ stage, grade, followup time, survival status, genomic sex, age at diagnosis
  - balance between annotation effort and expected usability

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Data sets in tutorials

Data sets in the wild

Cancer Classifications need an Einstein to sort them out

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ARRAYID	NCIT:CODE	NCIT:TERMID	MORPHOLOGYCODE	ICDTOPOGRAPHYCODE
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GSM918983	C3222	Medulloblastoma	9470/3	C7169
GSM551398	C4017	Ductal Breast Carcinoma	8500/3	C50
GSM412374	C3163	Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia	9823/3	C42
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GSM714412	C2852	Adenocarcinoma	8140/3	C569
GSM110923	C9306	Soft Tissue Sarcoma	8800/3	C499
GSM711848	C2852	Adenocarcinoma	8140/3	C25
GSM746794	C89476		8077/2	C53
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Extracting clinical and technical metadata from GEO SOFT file

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!Sample_characteristics_ch2 = Clinical info: Final microarray diagnosis: ABC DLBCL
!Sample_characteristics_ch2 = Clinical info: Follow up status: ALIVE
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!Sample_characteristics_ch2 = Clinical info: Stage: 4
!Sample_characteristics_ch2 = Clinical info: LDH ratio: 0.82
!Sample_characteristics_ch2 = Clinical info: Number of extranodal sites: 1
```

Channel 1 is normal -> Cave value swap!

Gender or "chromosomal sex"?

context indicates years, but if it would be a medulloblastoma...

Not yet registered way to express "alive"!

```
$mkey->{ samplekey } = 'DEATH';
$mkey->{ matches } = [ (
    'death',
    'dead ',
    'vital_status',
    'dead_alive',
    'alive_dead',
) ];

( $mkey->{ retv }, $mkey->{ retk } ) = _grepmeta( $mkey, $meta );

if ($mkey->{ retv } =~ /^(.+?)$/) {
    $sample->{ $mkey->{ samplekey } } = _normDeath($mkey->{ retv }) }
```

Data Curation

Happy RegExing!

Source: https://xkcd.com/208/

```yaml
extraction_scopes:
  description: >-
    Detection and processing of clinical scopes goes through several stages:
    1. line cleanup - so far run for the input before processing the individual
    scopes
    2. line match using sme general pattern expected in all lines containing
    data for the current scope (`filter` pattern)
    3. finding and extracting the relevant data by looping over a list of
    specific patterns with memorized matches (`find`)
    4. post-processing using empirical cleanp replacements (`cleanup`)
    5. checking the correct structure (`final_check` - a global pattern can be
    used if other post-processing is performed)


  survival_status:
    filter: '(?i).*?(?:(?:dea(?:d|th))|alive|surviv|outcome|status)'
    preclean:
      - m: '(?i)days to death or last seen alive[^\w]+?\d+?(?:[^\w\.]|$)'
        s: ''
      - m: '[^\w]+?NA(?:[^\w\.]|$)'
        s: ' '
      - m: 'remission status past double induction .cr. complete remission. RD. refractory disease. ED. early death[^\w]+?ED'
        s: 'survival: dead'
      - m: 'remission status past double induction .cr. complete remission. RD. refractory disease. ED. early death[^\w]+?NA'
        s: ''
      - m: 'remission status past double induction .cr. complete remission. RD. refractory disease. ED. early death[^\w]+?CR'
        s: 'survival: alive'
      - m: 'remission status past double induction .cr. complete remission. RD. refractory disease. ED. early death[^\w]+?RD'
        s: '' # alive but not responding to therapy so removed?
      - m: 'Event Free Survival[^\w]+?no event'
        s: 'recurrence: no'
      - m: 'Event Free Survival.event'
        s: 'recurrence: yes'
      - m: 'Outcome[^\w]+?no event'
        s: 'survival: alive'
      - m: 'Outcome[^\w]+?event'
        s: 'survival: dead'
      - m: 'survival status[^\w]+?0'
        s: 'survival: dead'
      - m: 'survival status[^\w]+?1'
        s: 'survival: alive'
      - m: 'overall[^\w]+?survival[^\w]+?days[^\w]+?NA'
        s: ''
      - m: 'survival(?: time|from diagnosis)?[^\w]+?(days|months|years?)[^\w]+?(\d\d?\d?\d?\.?\d?\d?)'
        s: 'survival: \2\1'
```

Disease annotations in Progenetix

From some text, somewhere, to ontology classes

- **diagnostic categories** are the **most important** labels to associate with genomic observations
- original data almost *never* uses **modern**, **hierarchical** classification systems but provides circumstantial ("breast cancer in pre-menopausal...") or domain-specific ("CLL Binet B", "colorectal carcinoma Dukes C") information
- clinical classifications (ICD-10 ...) have very limited relation to tumor biology
- concepts change over time ...
- for cancer, the "International Classification of Diseases in Oncology" (**ICD-O 3**) by IARC / WHO traditionally has been a good compromise to map to - but with non-hierarchical structure and is used by international reference projects

NCIthesaurus

From Classification to Hierarchical Ontology: ICD-O -> NCIt

example_dx	ICDMORPHOLOGY	ICDOM	ICDTOPOGRAPHY	ICDOT	NCIT:CODE
malignant melanoma [metastatic cell line MaMel19]	Malignant melanoma NOS	8720/3	skin	C44	C3224
malignant melanoma [vagina]	Malignant melanoma NOS	8720/3	vagina and labia	C510	C3224
malignant melanoma [uvea metastasized]	Malignant melanoma NOS	8720/3	retina	C692	C3224
meningioma	Meningioma NOS	9530/0	meninges cerebral spinal	C700	C3230
mesothelioma	Mesothelioma NOS	9050/3	lung and bronchus	C34	C3234
pleural mesothelioma	Mesothelioma NOS	9050/3	pleura	C384	C3234
mesothelioma	Mesothelioma NOS	9050/3	connective and soft tissue NOS	C499	C3234
multiple myeloma	Plasma cell myeloma	9732/3	hematopoietic and reticuloendothelial syste	C42	C3242
Mycosis fungoides	Mycosis fungoides	9700/3	skin	C44	C3246
Myelodysplastic syndrome	Myelodysplastic syndrome NOS	9989/3	hematopoietic and reticuloendothelial syste	C42	C3247
Acute myeloblastic leukemia with maturation [FAB M2]	Acute myeloblastic leukemia with maturation [FAB M2]	9874/3	hematopoietic and reticuloendothelial syste	C42	C3250
neuroblastoma	Neuroblastoma NOS	9500/3	peripheral nervs incl. autonomous	C47	C3270
Cerebral neuroblastoma [cerebral region midline frontal lobe]	Neuroblastoma NOS	9500/3	cerebrum	C710	C3270
neuroblastoma [adrenal gland cell line]	Neuroblastoma NOS	9500/3	adrenal gland	C76	C3270
Cutaneous neurofibroma	Neurofibroma NOS	9540/0	skin	C44	C3272
Plexiform neurofibroma	Neurofibroma NOS	9540/0	Nervous system NOS	C729	C3272
Oligodendroglioma [Supratentorial Frontal Lobe]	Oligodendroglioma NOS	9450/3	cerebrum	C710	C3288
oilgodendroglioma	Oligodendroglioma NOS	9450/3	Brain NOS	C719	C3288
oligodendroglioma	Oligodendroglioma NOS	9450/3	brain nos	c719	C3288
Paraganglioma	Paraganglioma NOS	8680/1	Nervous system NOS	C729	C3308
paraganglioma	paraganglioma NOS	8680/1	adrenal cortex	C740	C3308

- since its beginning Progenetix samples have been classified using the 2 arms of the ICD-O system (morphology ~ histology/biology + topography ~ organ/tissue)
- over the last years we have established mappings between ICD-O code pairs and the NCIt "neoplasm" part of the NCI metathesaurus, thereby empowering hierarchical data structures for search and analysis

DX Ontologies

Hierarchical NCIt Neoplasm Core replaces heterogeneous primary annotations

- heterogeneous and inconsistent diagnostic annotations are common in clinical reports and research studies ("text", ICD-10, ICD-O 3, OncoTree, domain-specific classifications)
- highly **variable granularity** of annotations is a major road block for comparative analyses and large scale data integration
  - "Colorectal Cancer" or "Rectal Mucinous Adenoca."
- initiatives and services such as Phenopackets, MONDO, OXO ... rely on and/or provide mappings to hierarchical ontologies

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NCIt Neoplasm Core coded display (excerpt) for samples in the Progenetix cancer genome data resource allows sample selection on multiple hierarchy levels →

Collapse all | Expand | All

	Subsets	Samples
☐	NCIT:C3262: Neoplasm	88844
☐	NCIT:C3263: Neoplasm by Site	84747
☐	NCIT:C156482: Genitourinary System Neoplasm	11616
☐	NCIT:C156483: Benign Genitourinary System Neoplasm	219
☐	NCIT:C4893: Benign Urinary System Neoplasm	90
☐	NCIT:C4778: Benign Kidney Neoplasm	90
☐	NCIT:C159209: Kidney Leiomyoma	1
☐	NCIT:C4526: Kidney Oncocytoma	82
☐	NCIT:C8383: Kidney Adenoma	7
☐	NCIT:C7617: Benign Reproductive System Neoplasm	129
☐	NCIT:C4934: Benign Female Reproductive System Neoplasm	129
☐	NCIT:C2895: Benign Ovarian Neoplasm	58
☐	NCIT:C4510: Benign Ovarian Epithelial Tumor	58
☐	NCIT:C40039: Benign Ovarian Mucinous Tumor	58
☐	NCIT:C4512: Ovarian Mucinous Cystadenoma	58
☐	NCIT:C4060: Ovarian Cystadenoma	58
☐	NCIT:C4512: Ovarian Mucinous Cystadenoma	58
☐	NCIT:C3609: Benign Uterine Neoplasm	71
☐	NCIT:C3608: Benign Uterine Corpus Neoplasm	71
☐	NCIT:C3434: Uterine Corpus Leiomyoma	71
☐	NCIT:C156484: Malignant Genitourinary System Neoplasm	11171
☐	NCIT:C157774: Metastatic Malignant Genitourinary System Neoplasm	2
☐	NCIT:C146893: Metastatic Genitourinary System Carcinoma	2
☐	NCIT:C8946: Metastatic Prostate Carcinoma	2
☐	NCIT:C164141: Genitourinary System Carcinoma	10561
☐	NCIT:C146893: Metastatic Genitourinary System Carcinoma	2
☐	NCIT:C8946: Metastatic Prostate Carcinoma	2
☐	NCIT:C3867: Fallopian Tube Carcinoma	19

Standardized Data

Data re-use depends on standardized, machine-readable metadata

- Multiple international initiatives (ELIXIR, GA4GH, MONARCH...) and resource providers (EBI, NCBI ...) work on the generation and implementation of data annotation standards
- emerging / established principles are the use of hierarchical coding systems where individual codes are represented as CURIEs
- other formats for non-categorical annotations based on international standards, e.g.
  - ISO (ISO 8601 time & period, ISO 3166 country codes ...)
  - IETF (GeoJSON ...)
  - W3C (CURIE ...)
- these standards become pervasive throughout GA4GH's ecosystem (e.g. Phenopackets ...)

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    }
  },
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      "coordinates" : [
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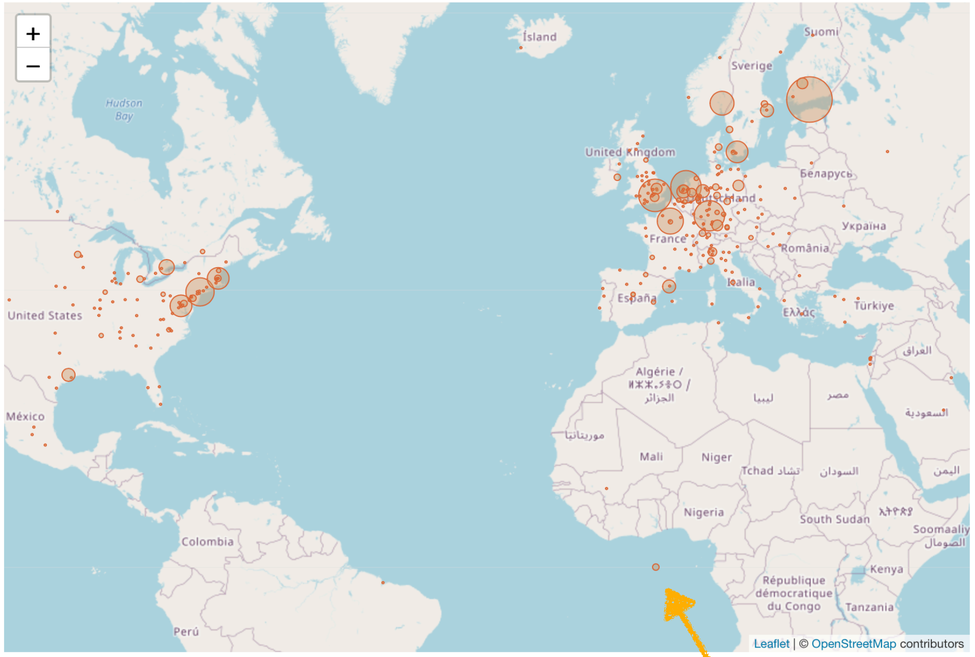
        47.37
      ]
    },
    "ISO-3166-alpha3" : "CHE"
  }
},
{
  "age": "P25Y3M2D"
}
```

Data Curation

Provide "clean and correct data" - but final verification of data from external resources lies with the user ...

- correct data is important for any type of scientific analysis
- errors in formats and values can occur during all steps between data acquisition and analysis (numerous "Excelgates"!)
- "meta"-resources and analyses are prone to erroneous data due to varying input formats and lack of source control

➡ always look for batch effects and outliers!



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Data Curation - Geolocations

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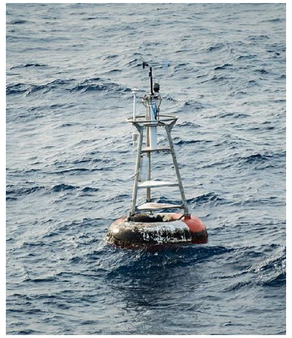
The most geo-tagged place on earth is Null Island



*A troubleshooting country has been added with an Indeterminate sovereignty class called **Null Island (1, 2)**. It is a fictional, 1 meter square island located off Africa where the equator and prime meridian cross. Being centered at 0,0 (zero latitude, zero longitude) it is useful for flagging geocode failures which are routed to 0,0 by most mapping services. Aside: "Null Islands" exist for all local coordinate reference systems besides WGS84 like State Plane (and global if not using modern Greenwich prime meridian). Null Island in Natural Earth is scaleRank 100, indicating it should never be shown in mapping. Side note: Rank 30 (zoom 29 in Google speak)*

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Null_Island

Michael Szell: The Data Science Process 2
http://michael.szell.net/downloads/lecture26_datasciprocess2.pdf
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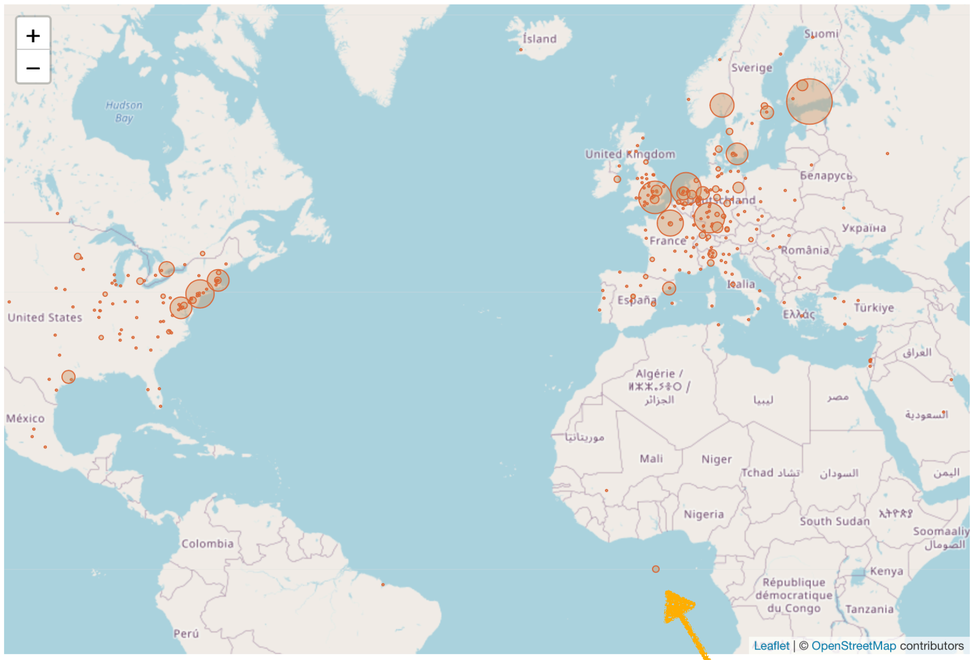

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An oncogenomic reference resource

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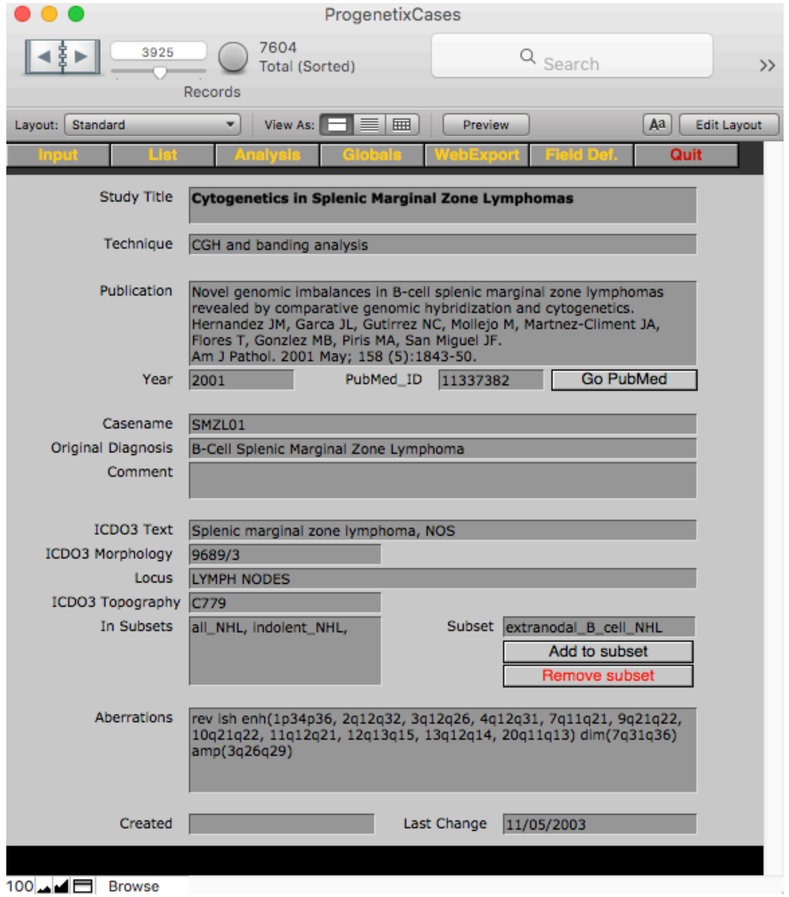

Archived version of 2003 "ProgenetixCases" FMP solution

2003

- custom FileMaker database
- text-based annotations
- export & generation of static webpages and data files

2025

- non-SQL document database (MongoDB)
- different object domains connected through identifiers
- data-driven website with JavaScript based frontend and data population through API calls


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{
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        "label" : "female genotypic sex"
      }
    },
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      }
    }
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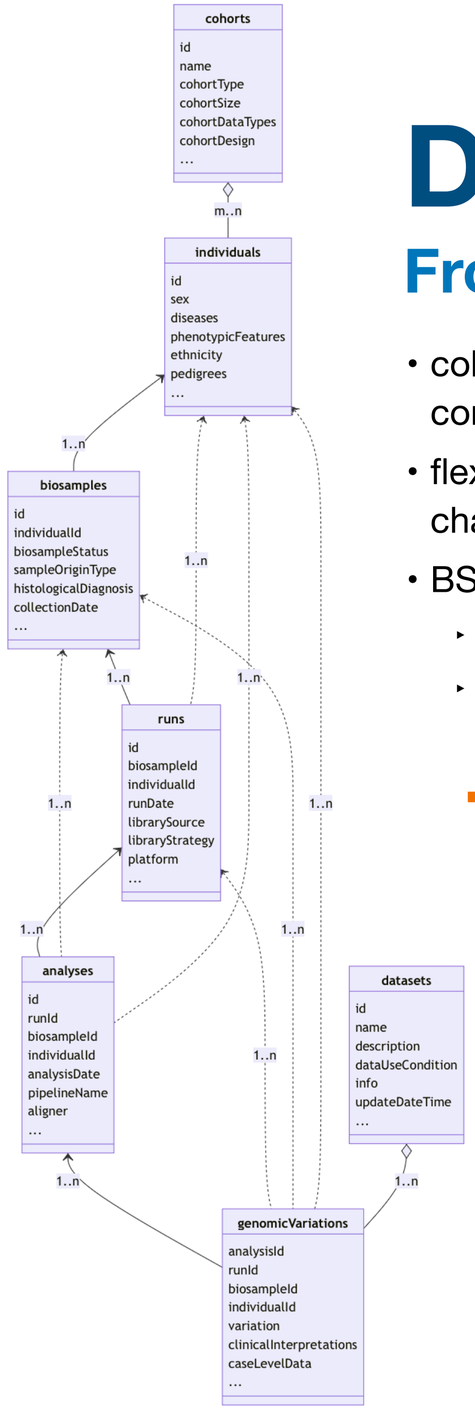

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- collections in Progenetix MongoDB database reflect a consensus domain model for genomic data repositories
- flexible linking and object structure facilitates rapid change-overs
- BSON/JSON format in DB
  - equals data in JavaScript
  - "equals" objects in Python, Perl

➡ **rapid prototyping and implementation**

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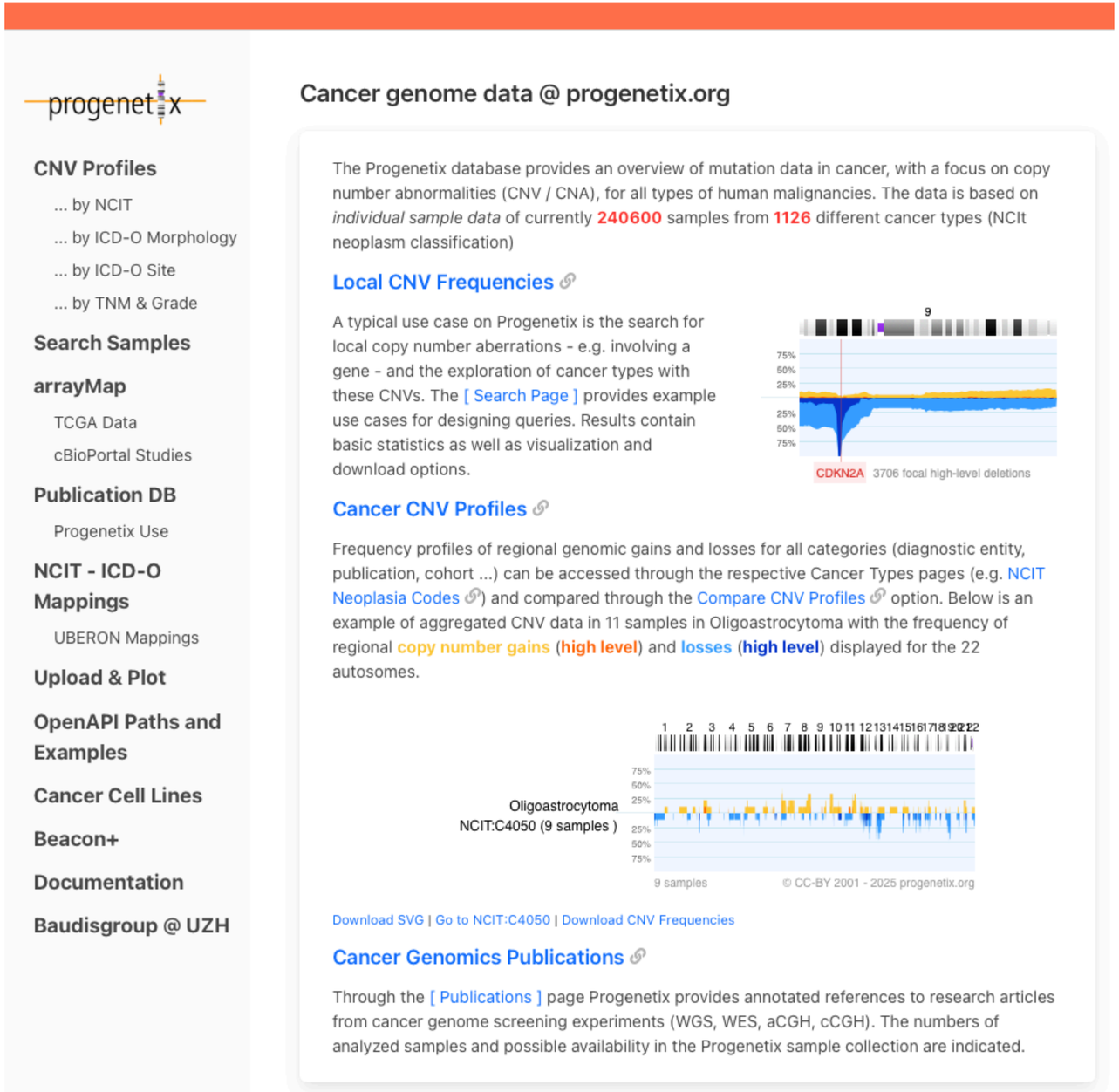
- data mapping services
- recent addition of SNV data for some series



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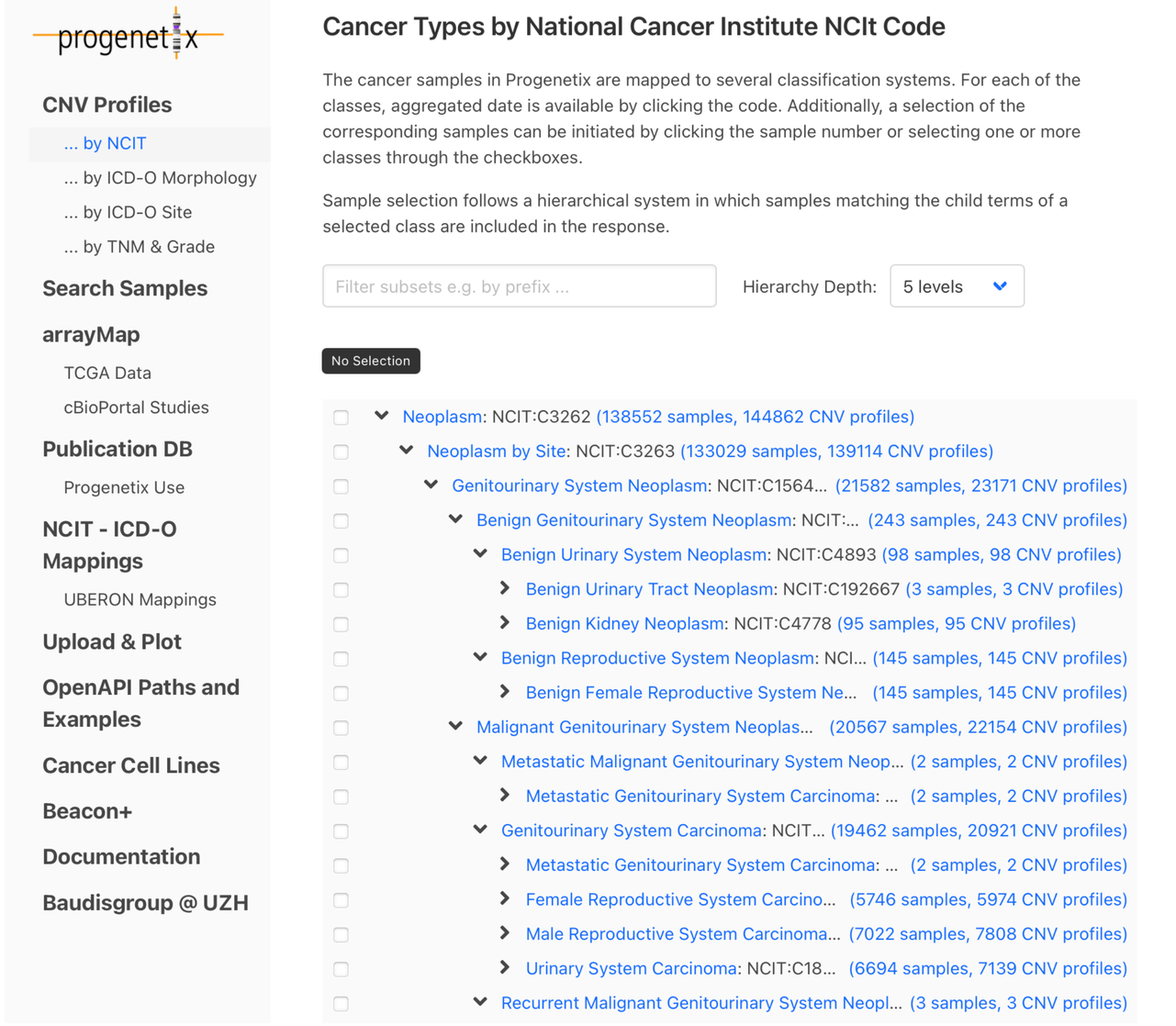
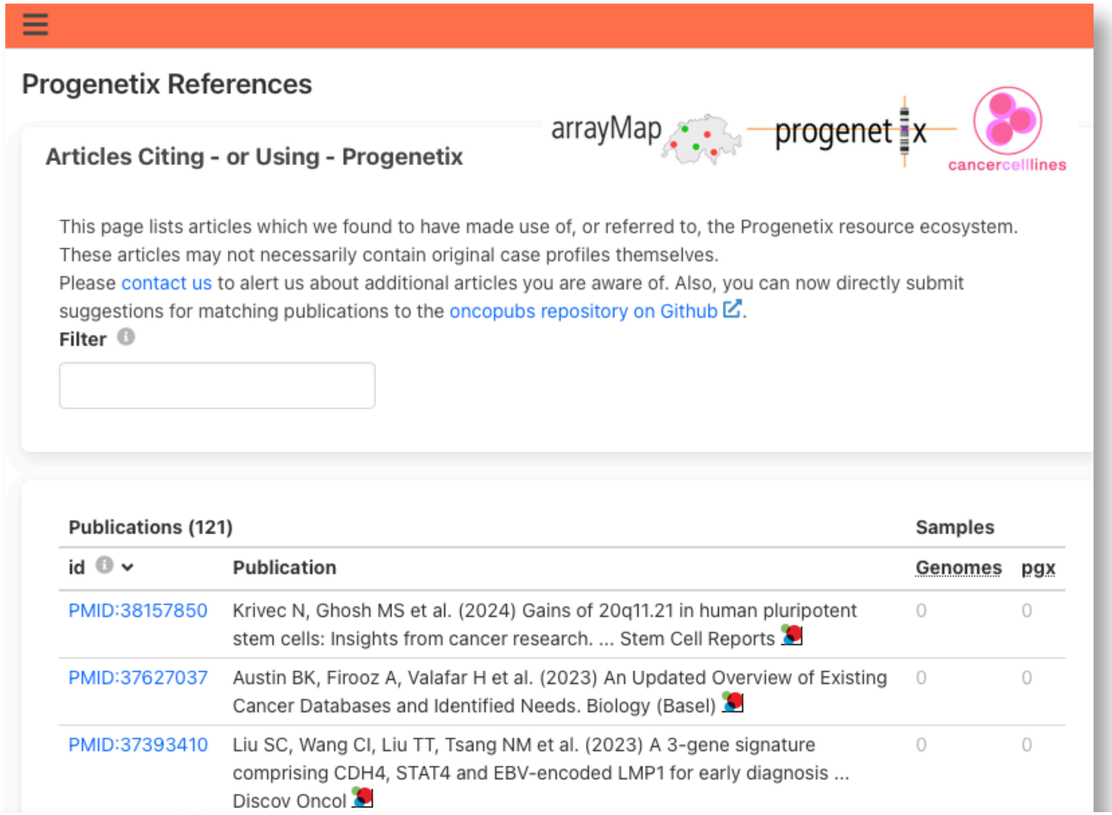
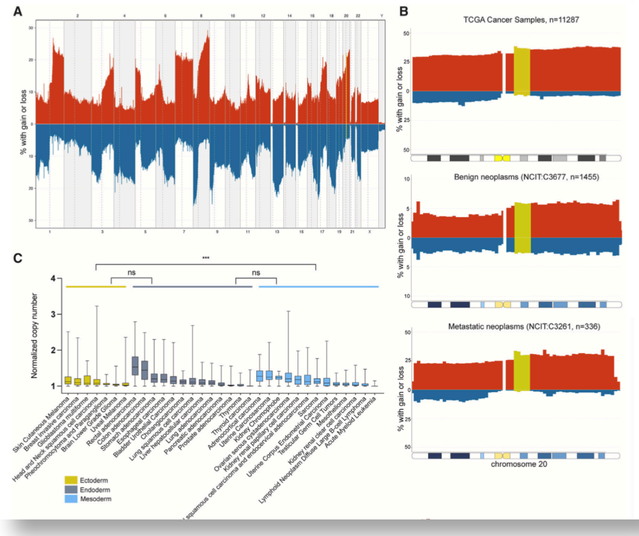


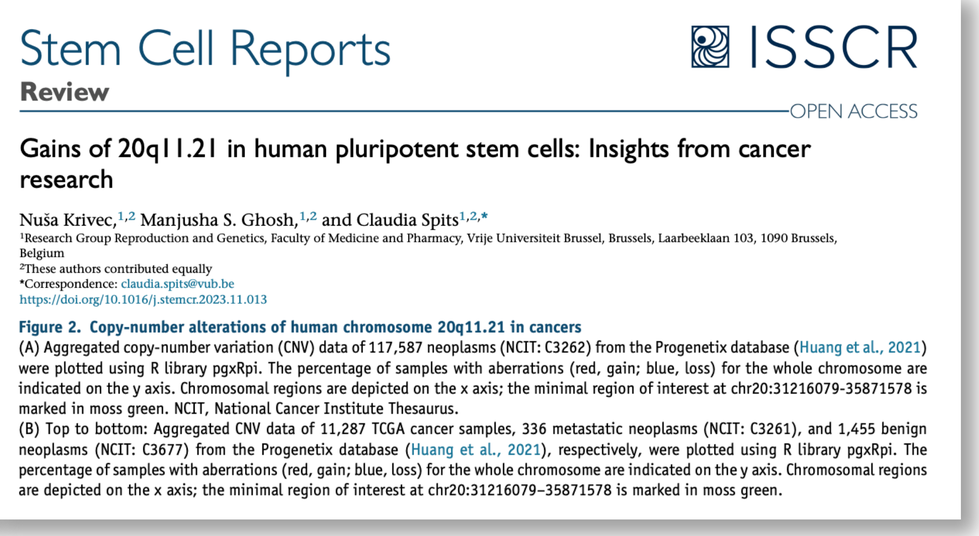
Progenetix Use

- CNV data is used e.g. as reference data in cancer genomics studies
- diagnosis specific CNV profiles serve as "fast look-up" in clinical genomics laboratories
- we loosely track publications in in our literature database but there is no systematic check-back mechanism...

Example: 2025 article using Progenetix' ***pgxRpi*** Beacon/R interface to retrieve & visualize 117'587 cancer CNV profiles for a study into pluripotent stem cells' genomics



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Gains of 20q11.21 in human pluripotent stem cells: Insights from cancer research

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Figure 2. Copy-number alterations of human chromosome 20q11.21 in cancers

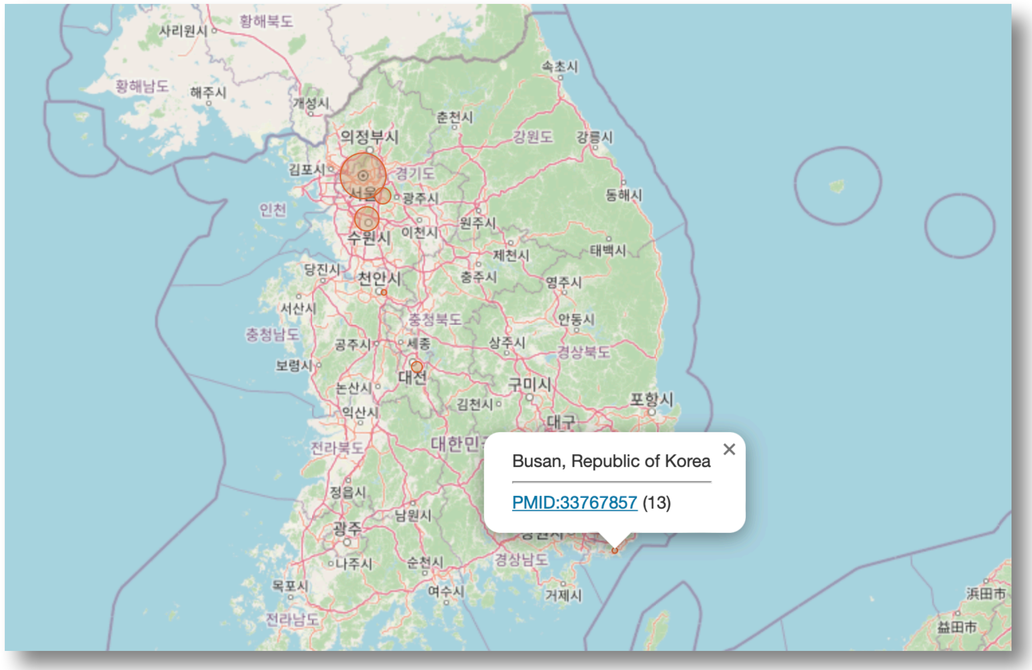
(A) Aggregated copy-number variation (CNV) data of 117,587 neoplasms (NCIT: C3262) from the Progenetix database (Huang et al., 2021) were plotted using R library pgxRpi. The percentage of samples with aberrations (red, gain; blue, loss) for the whole chromosome are indicated on the y axis. Chromosomal regions are depicted on the x axis; the minimal region of interest at chr20:31216079-35871578 is marked in moss green. NCIT, National Cancer Institute Thesaurus.

(B) Top to bottom: Aggregated CNV data of 11,287 TCGA cancer samples, 336 metastatic neoplasms (NCIT: C3261), and 1,455 benign neoplasms (NCIT: C3677) from the Progenetix database (Huang et al., 2021), respectively, were plotted using R library pgxRpi. The percentage of samples with aberrations (red, gain; blue, loss) for the whole chromosome are indicated on the y axis. Chromosomal regions are depicted on the x axis; the minimal region of interest at chr20:31216079–35871578 is marked in moss green.

Service: Publications

Location Mapping for Statistics and Discovery...

- all publications are tagged for "best fit" geographic origin in order
    1. specific sample origin
    2. processing laboratory
    3. corresponding author
- enables searches for e.g. "all publications or samples in HCC from 2000km around Taipeh"
- handy utility for discovering locally performed research, partners...



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The Progenetix oncogenomic resource in 2021

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Abstract

In cancer, copy number aberrations (CNAs) represent a type of nearly ubiquitous and frequently extensive structural genome variations. To disentangle the molecular mechanisms underlying tumorigenesis as well as identify and characterize molecular subtypes, the comparative and meta-analysis of large genomic variant collections can be of immense importance. Over the last decades, cancer genomic profiling projects have resulted in a large amount of somatic genome variation profiles, however segregated in a multitude of individual studies and datasets. The Progenetix project, initiated in 2001, curates individual cancer CNA profiles and associated metadata from published oncogenomic studies and data repositories with the aim to empower integrative analyses spanning all different cancer biologies. During the last few years, the fields of genomics and cancer research have seen significant advancement in terms of molecular genetics technology, disease concepts, data standard harmonization as well as data availability, in an increasingly structured and systematic manner. For the Progenetix resource, continuous data integration, curation and maintenance have resulted in the most comprehensive representation of cancer genome CNA profiling data with 138 663 (including 115 357 tumor) copy number variation (CNV) profiles. In this article, we report a 4.5-fold increase in sample number since 2013, improvements in data quality, ontology representation with a CNV landscape summary over 51 distinctive National Cancer Institute Thesaurus cancer terms as well as updates in database schemas, and data access including new web front-end and programmatic data access.

Database URL: progenetix.org

Table 1. Statistics of samples from various data resources

Data source	GEO	ArrayExpress	cBioPortal	TCGA	Total
No. of studies	898	51	38	33	1939
No. of samples	63 568	4351	19 712	22 142	138 663
Tumor	52 090	3887	19 712	11 090	115 357
Normal	11 478	464	0	11 052	23 306
Classifications					
ICD-O (Topography)	100	54	88	157	209
ICD-O (Morphology)	246	908	265	140	491
NCIt	346	148	422	182	788
Collections					
Individuals	63 568	4351	19 712	10 995	127 549
Biosamples	63 568	4351	19 712	22 142	138 663
Callsets[a]	63 568	4351	19 712	22 376	138 930
Variants	5 514 126	118 4170	1 778 096	2 654 065	10 716 093

[a]set of variants from one genotyping experiment; ICD-O, International Classification of Diseases for Oncology; NCIt, National Cancer Institute Thesaurus.

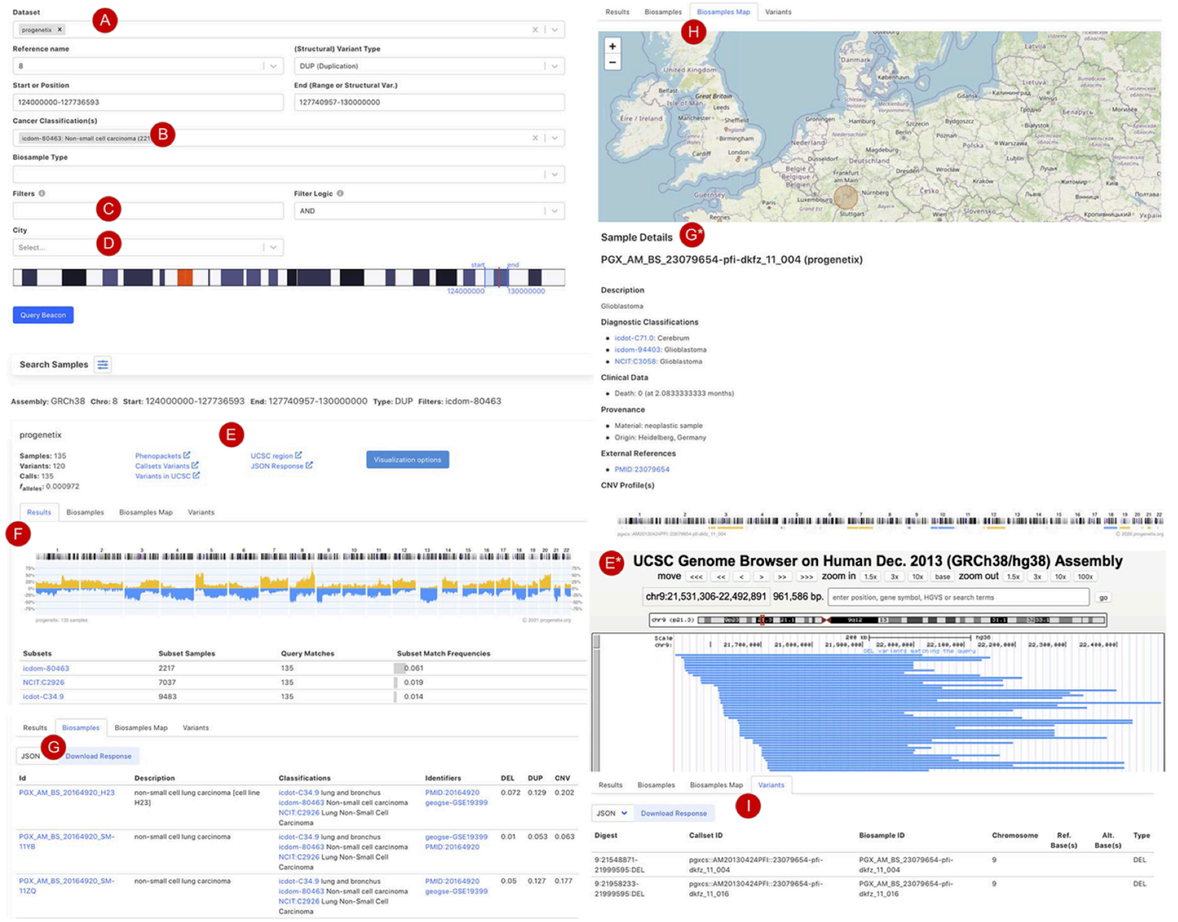
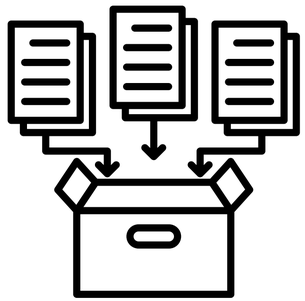


Figure 3. Beacon-style query using fuzzy ranges to identify biosamples with variants matching the CNA range This example queries for a continuous, focal duplication covering the complete MYC gene's coding region with < = 6 Mb in size. A: Filter for dataset; B: filter for cancer classification (NCIt and ICD-O-3 ontology terms available); C: additional filter, e.g. Cellosaurus; D: additional filter for geographic location; E: external link to UCSC browser to view the alignment of matched variants; F: cancer type classification sorted by frequency of the matched biosamples present in the subset; G: list of matched biosamples with description, statistics and reference. More detailed biosample information can be viewed through 'id' link to the sample detail page; H: matched variants with reference to biosamples can be downloaded in json or csv format.

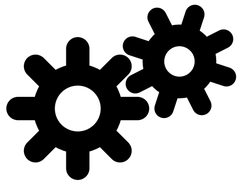
End-to-End Data Pipeline

Collect



GENIE, cBioPortal, GEO, TCGA, Other literatures…

Preprocess

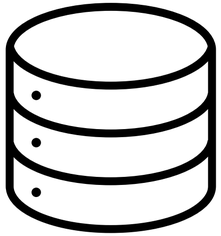


- Remove invalid samples
- Extract interesting information
- Unify data format

Analyze

- Metadata: ontology mapping
- Variant data: calling

Storage

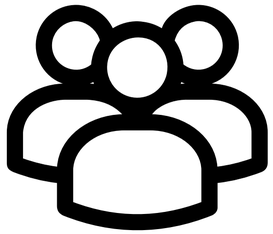


- Website
- **R client**

Collections

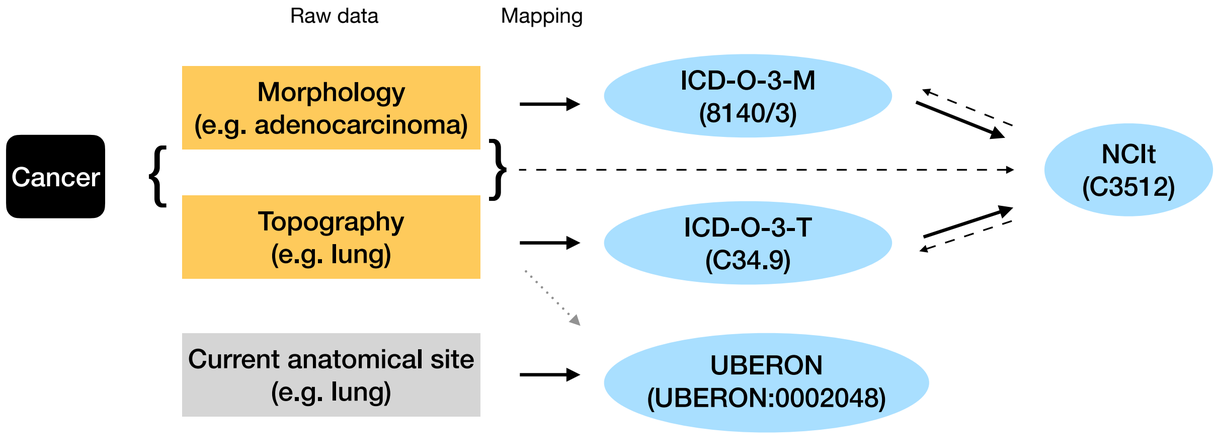
- individuals
- biosamples
- analyses
- variants

User

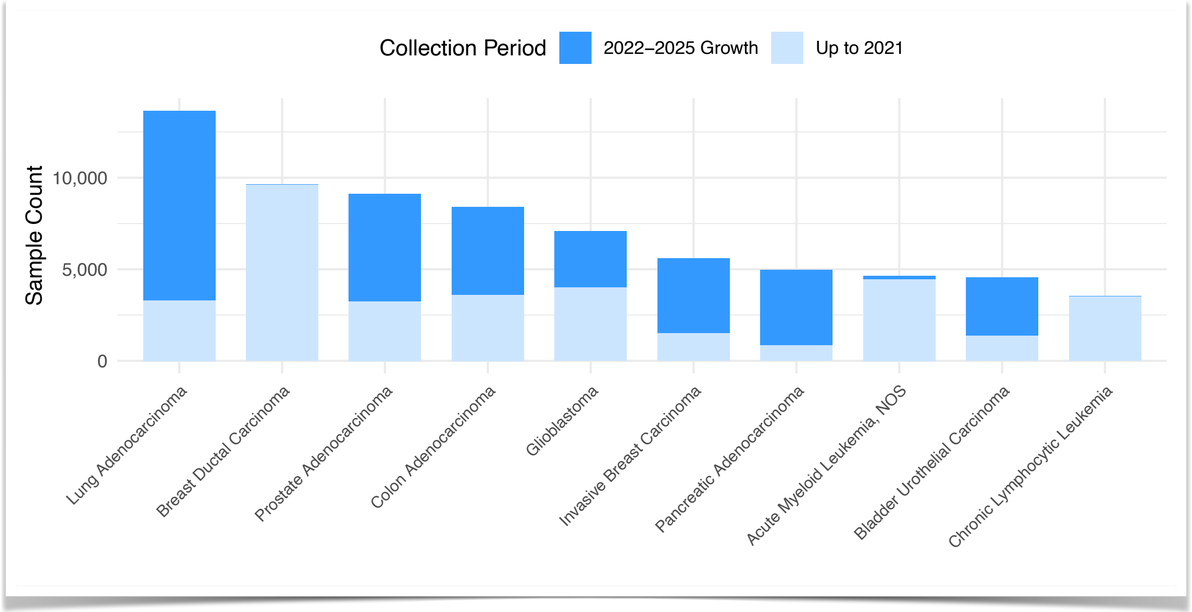


Enhance Progenetix

Optimization and expansion of cancer type representation



Top 10 most frequent cancer



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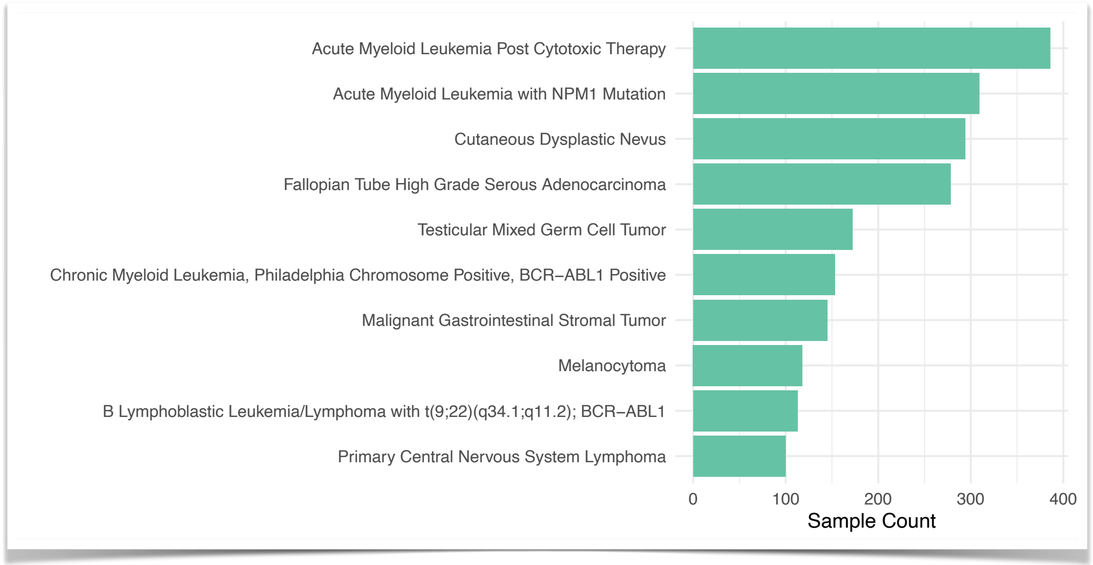

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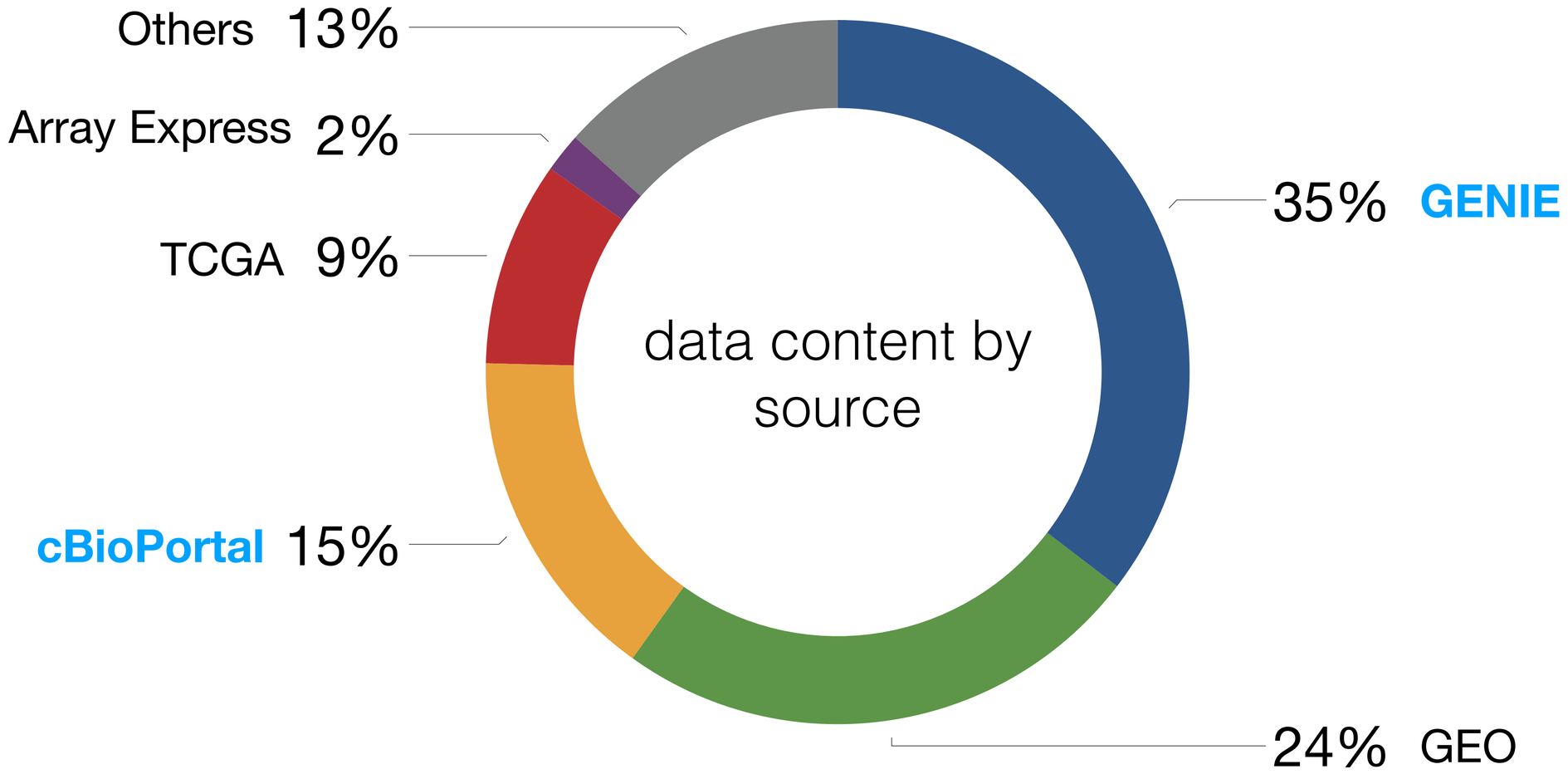
Import ~100k new samples



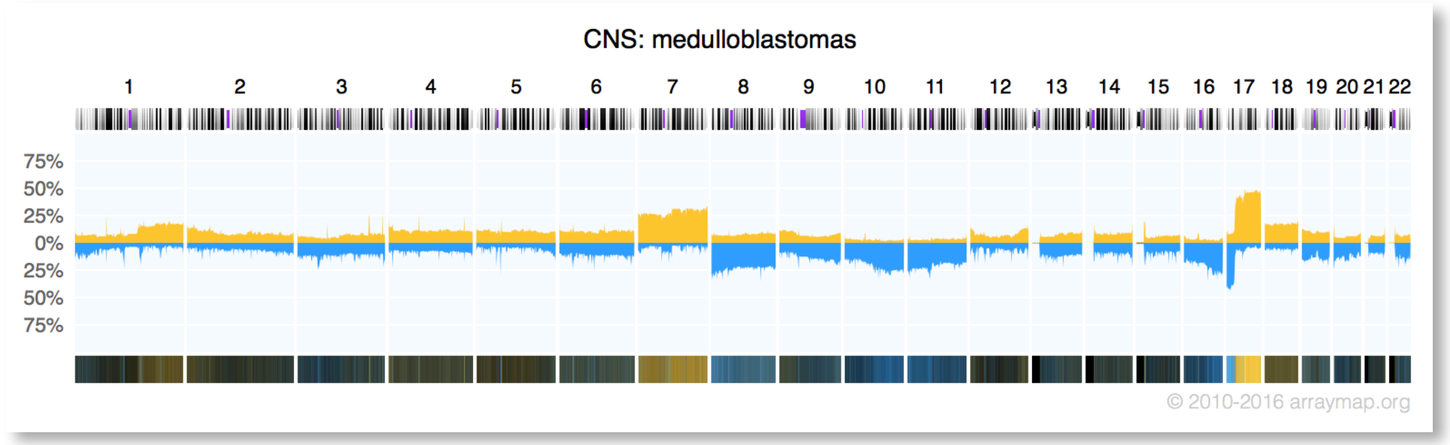
Total: 236,403 samples with 1,129 NCIt cancer types

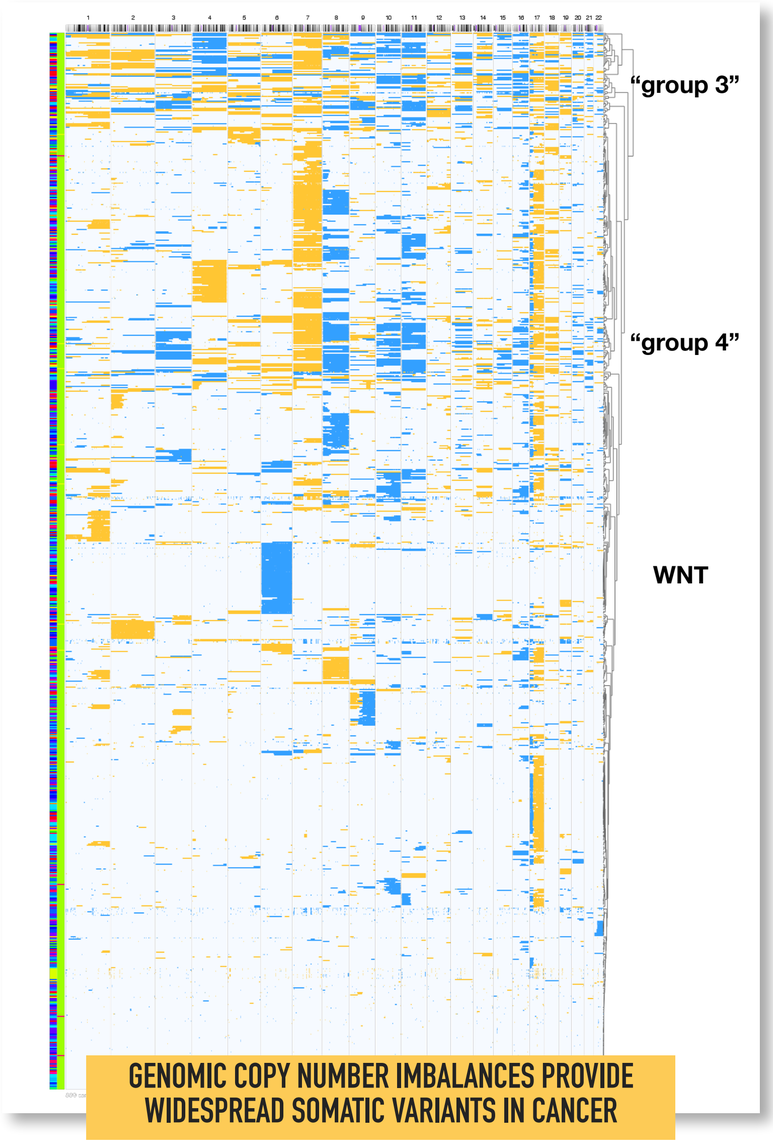
Data Use Cases

Somatic CNVs In Cancer

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

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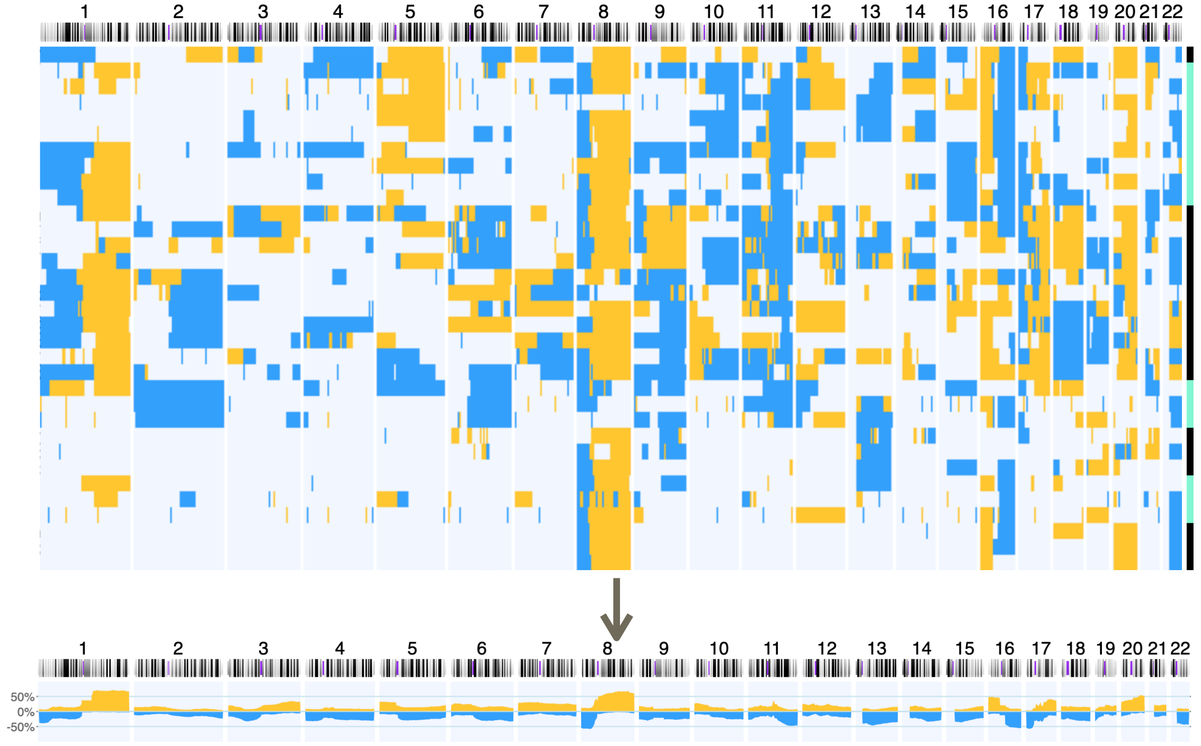
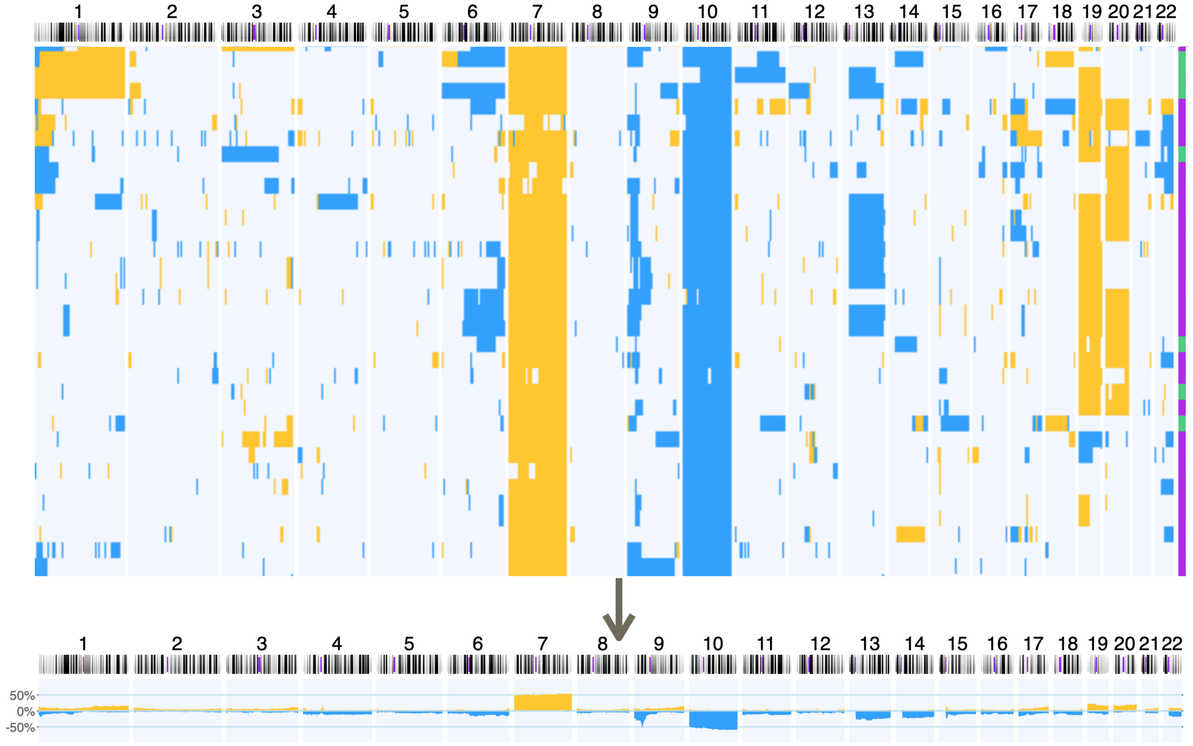
Drivers? Passengers? Markers?

Disentangling CNA Patterns

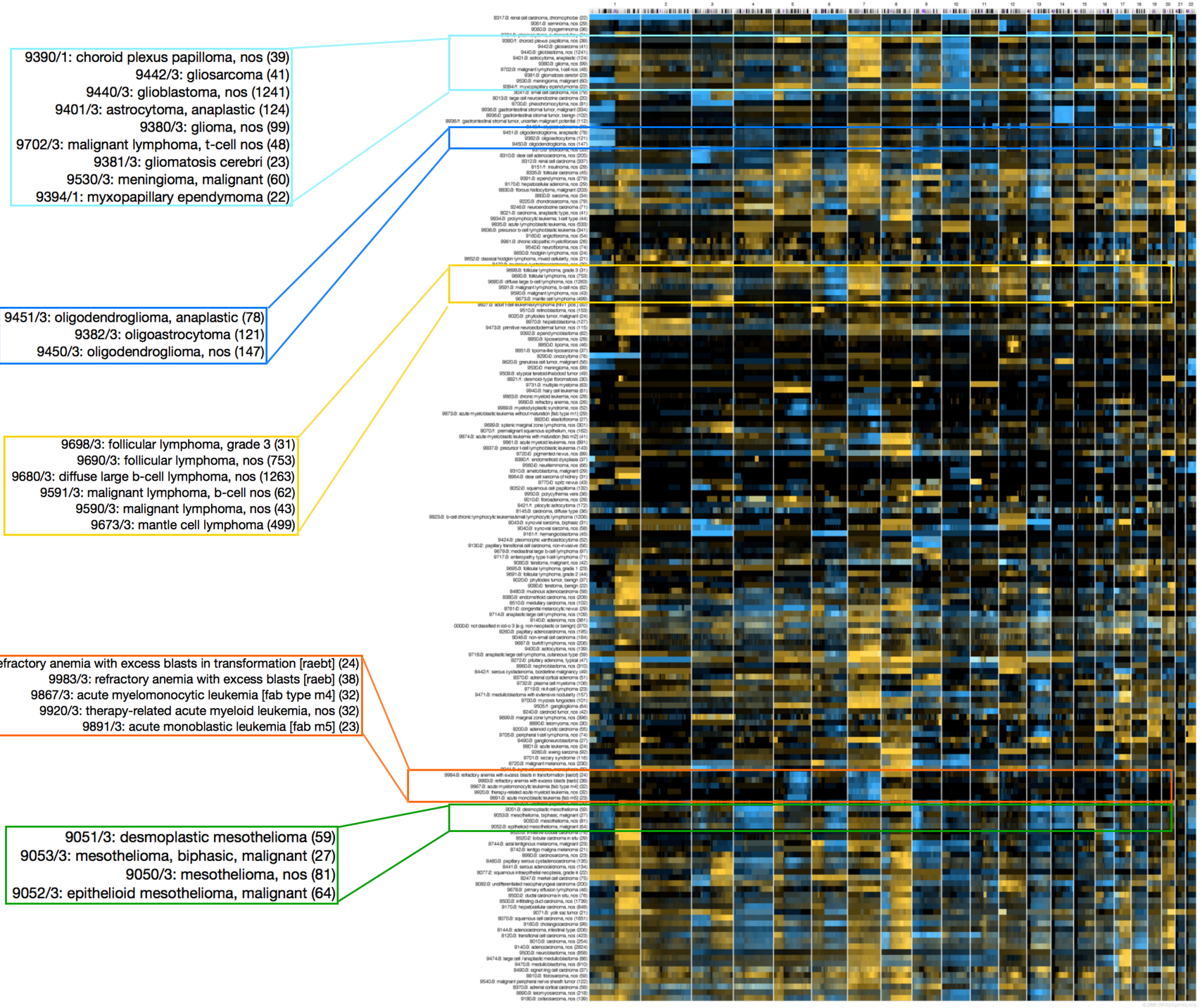
Ductal Breast Carcinoma



Glioblastoma



Somatic Mutations In Cancer: Patterns
Making the case for genomic classifications
Some related cancer entities show similar copy number profiles



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Signatures of Discriminative Copy Number Aberrations in 31 Cancer Subtypes

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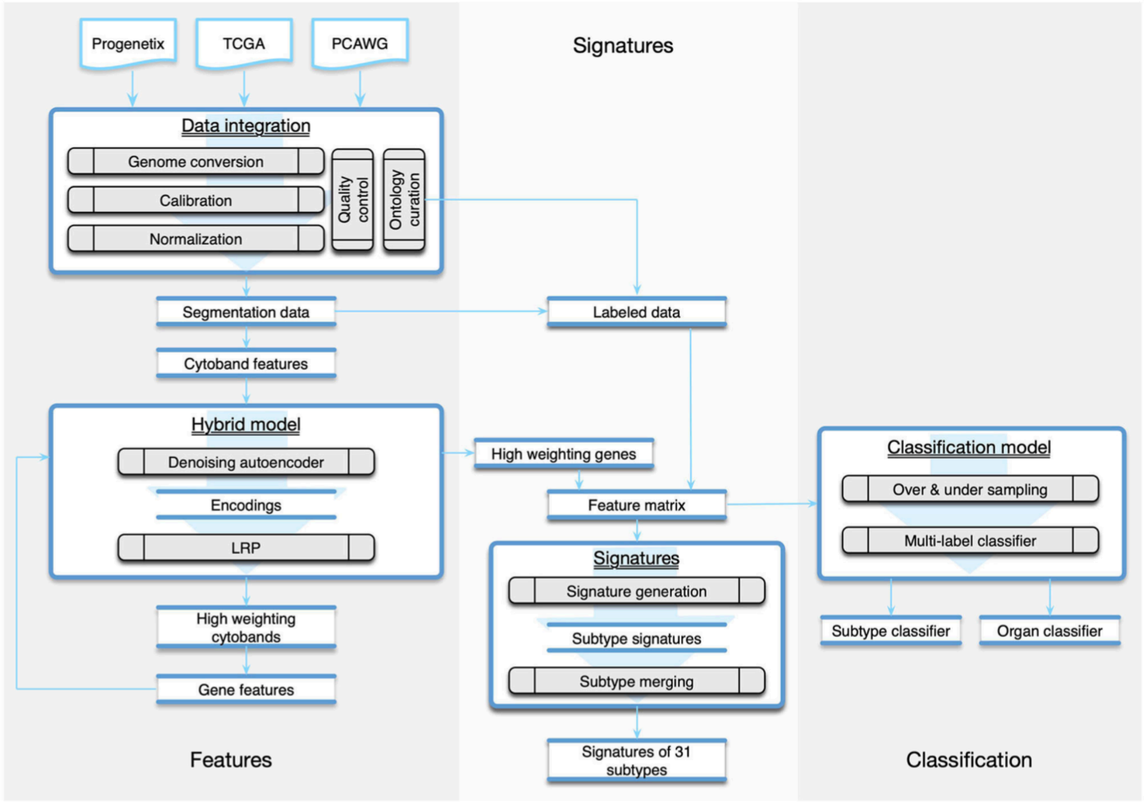


FIGURE 1 | The workflow of the study was composed of three parts. The *Features* part consisted of methods of data integration and feature generation. The *Signature* part focused on creating CNA signatures for cancer subtypes and the categorization of subtypes. The *Classification* part recruited machine learning techniques to predict the organ and the subtype from a given copy number profile.

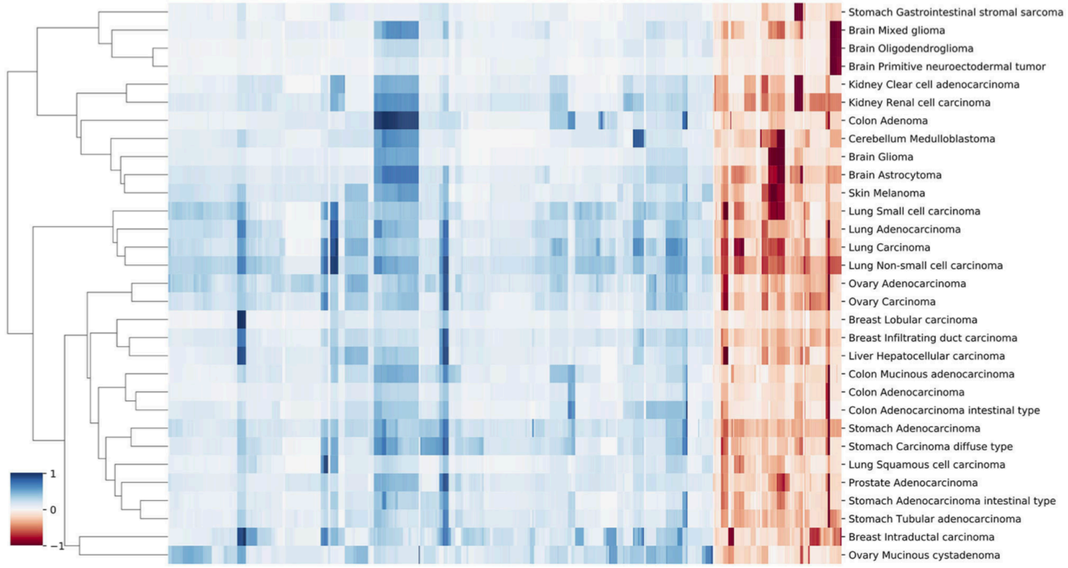


FIGURE 5 | A clustering heatmap of features in 31 signatures. Columns are normalized average CNV intensities of feature genes, where the blue colors are duplication features and red colors are deletion features. Duplication and deletion frequencies are normalized separately.

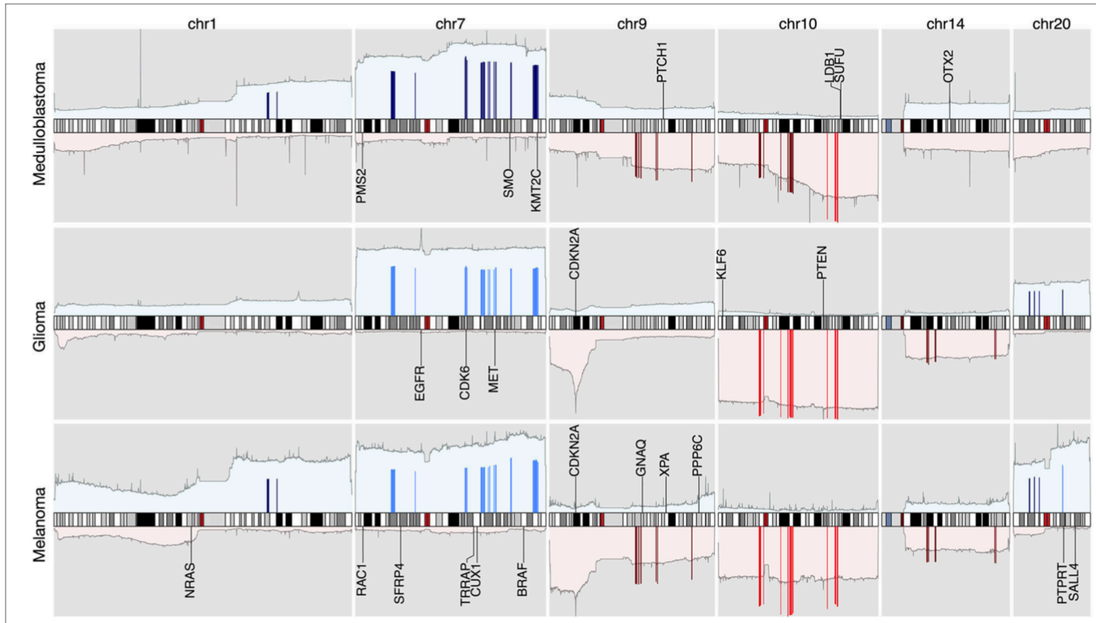
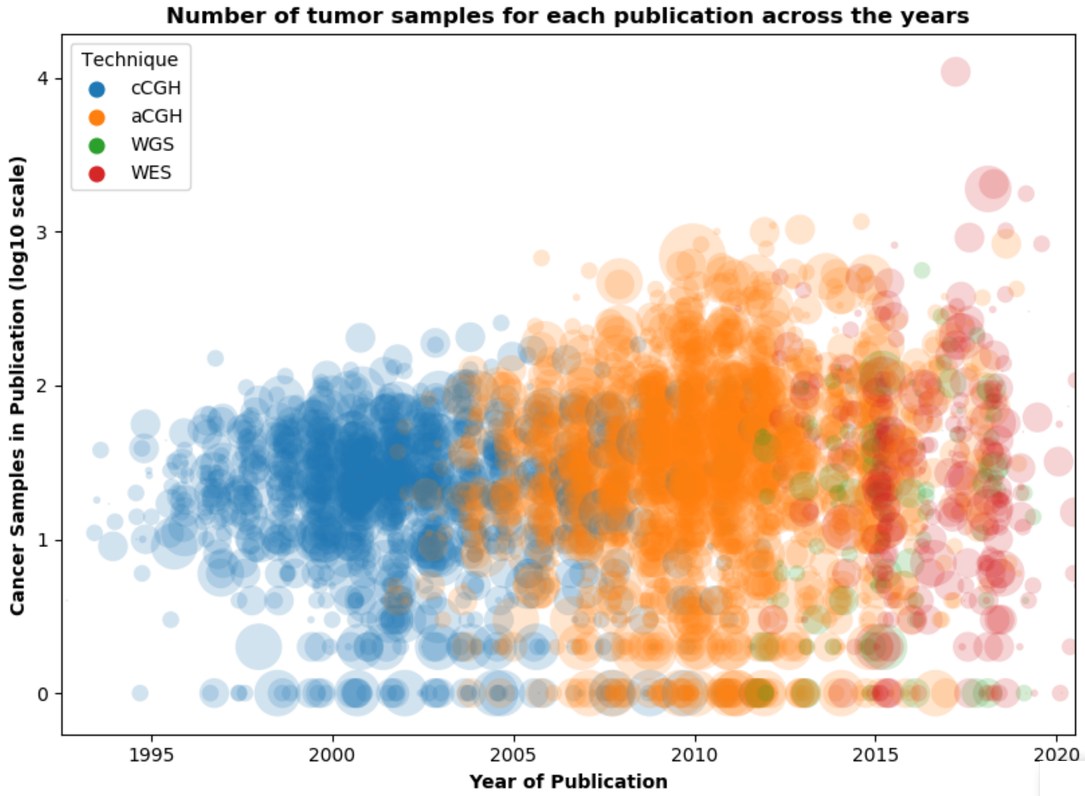


FIGURE 6 | The integrated view of the original data and the selected features, in the neural crest originating entities medulloblastoma, glioma, and melanoma. The shaded background area color illustrates the original data. Color bars illustrate the feature genes, where brighter colors indicate stronger signal intensity. The blue colors above the chromosome axis represent the average amplifications, and the red colors below the chromosome axis represent the average deletions. The amplitude of amplifications and deletions are normalized to [0,1] separately. The adjacent known driver genes are also included for each tumor type.



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.

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Progenetix Publication Collection

The current page lists articles describing whole genome screening (WGS, WES, aCGH, cCGH) experiments in cancer, registered in the Progenetix publication collection. For each publication the table indicates the numbers of samples analysed with a given technology and if sample profiles are available in Progenetix.

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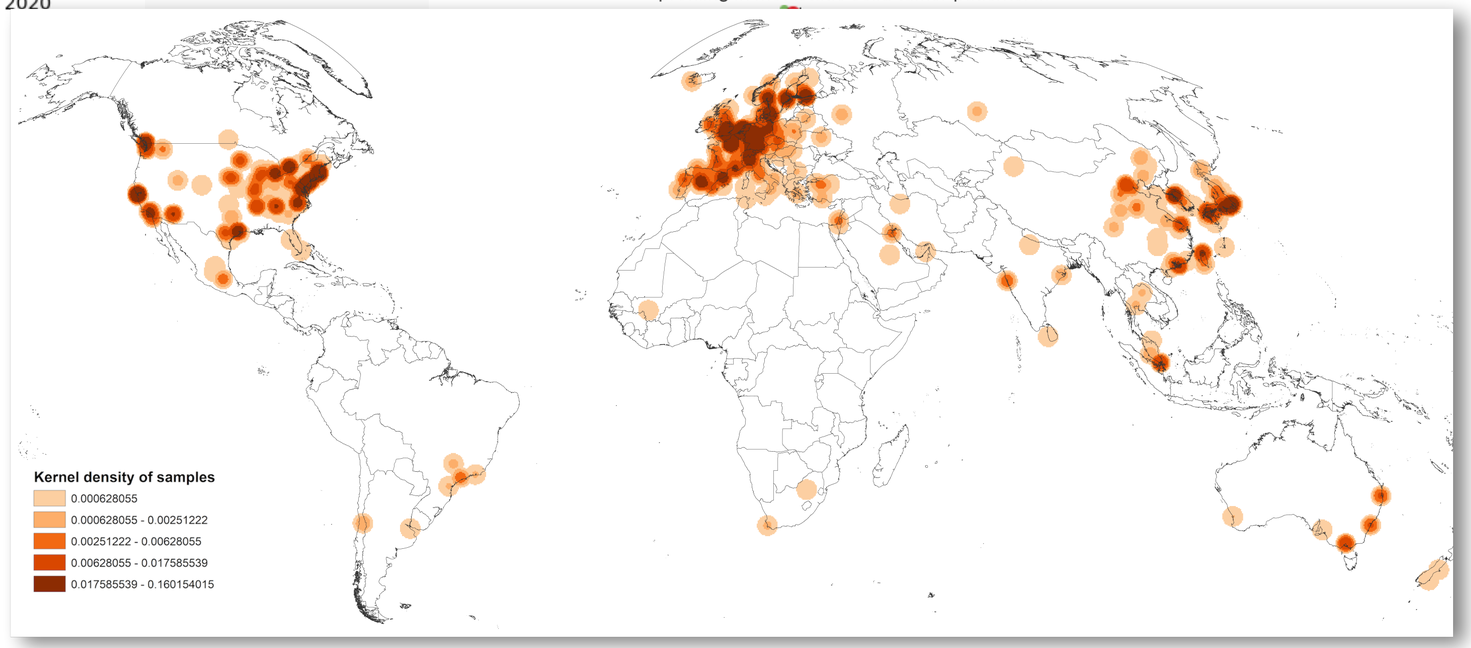

Progenetix and GA4GH Beacon

Implementation driven development of a GA4GH standard

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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

The Global Alliance for Genomics and Health*

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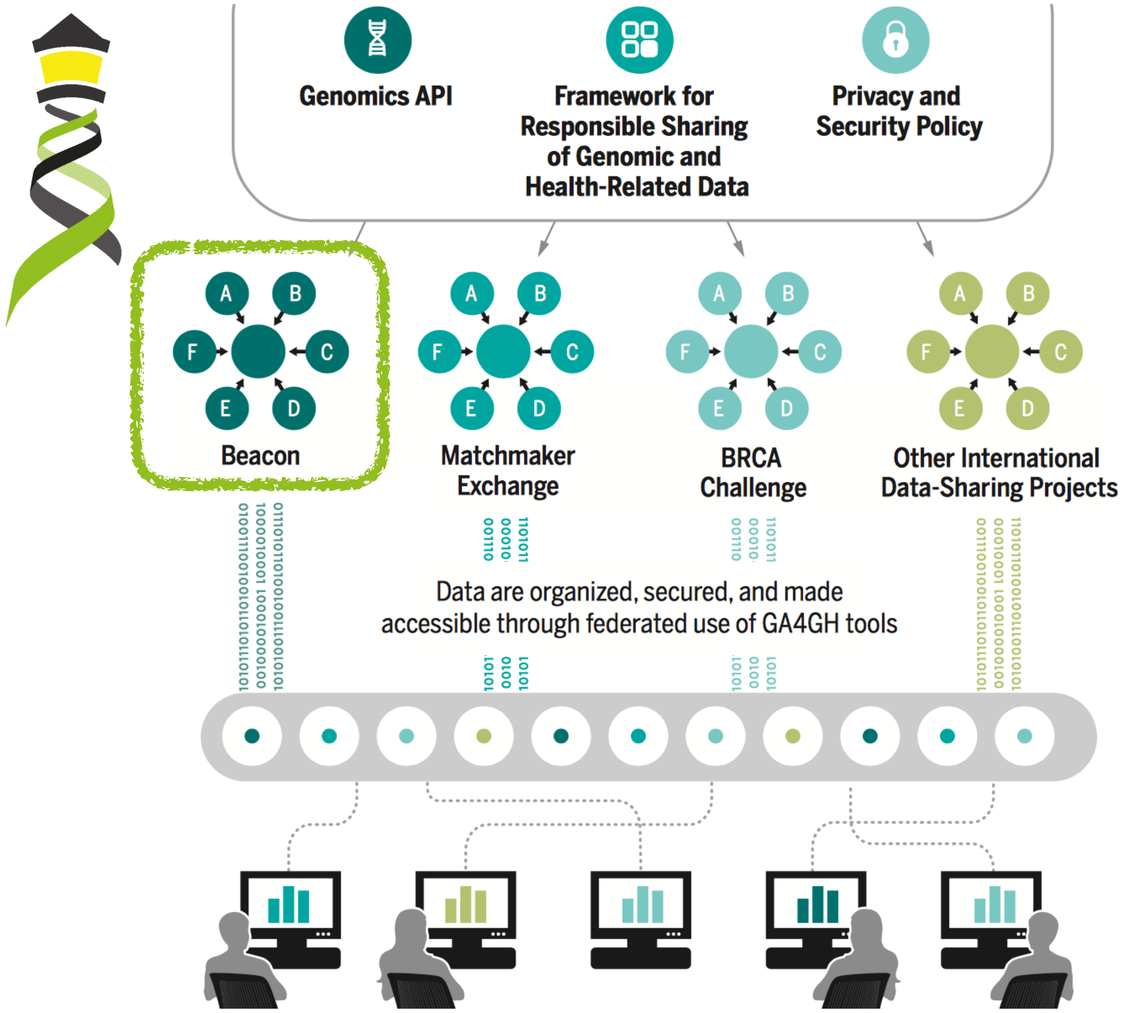
A federated data ecosystem. To share genomic data globally, this approach furthers medical research without requiring compatible data sets or compromising patient identity.



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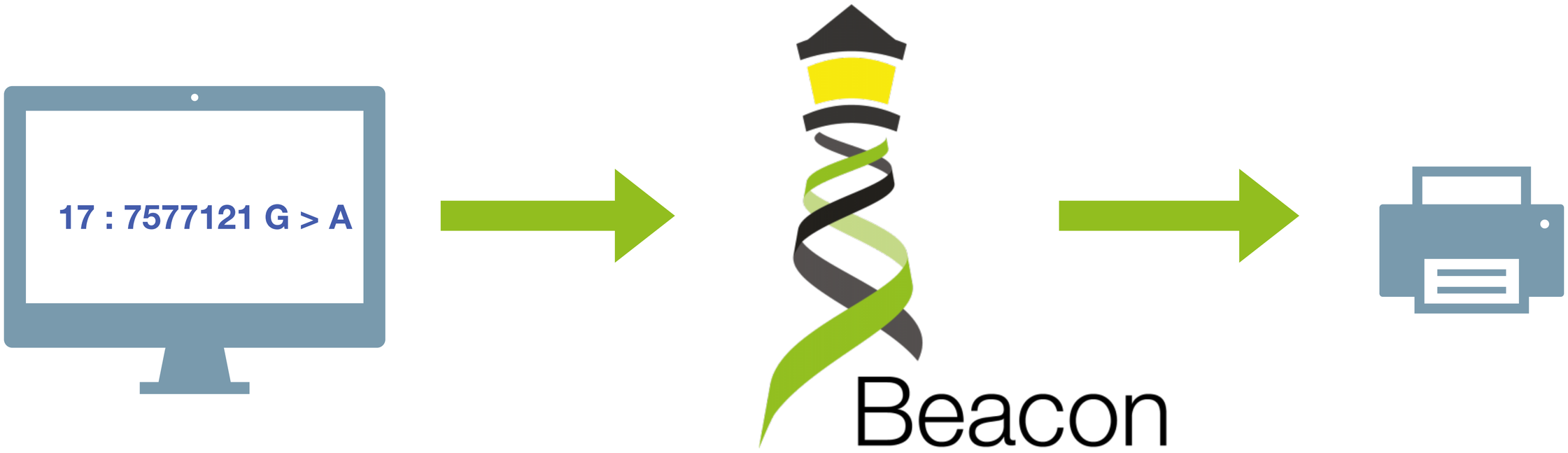

A ***Beacon*** answers a query for a specific genome variant against individual or aggregate genome collections

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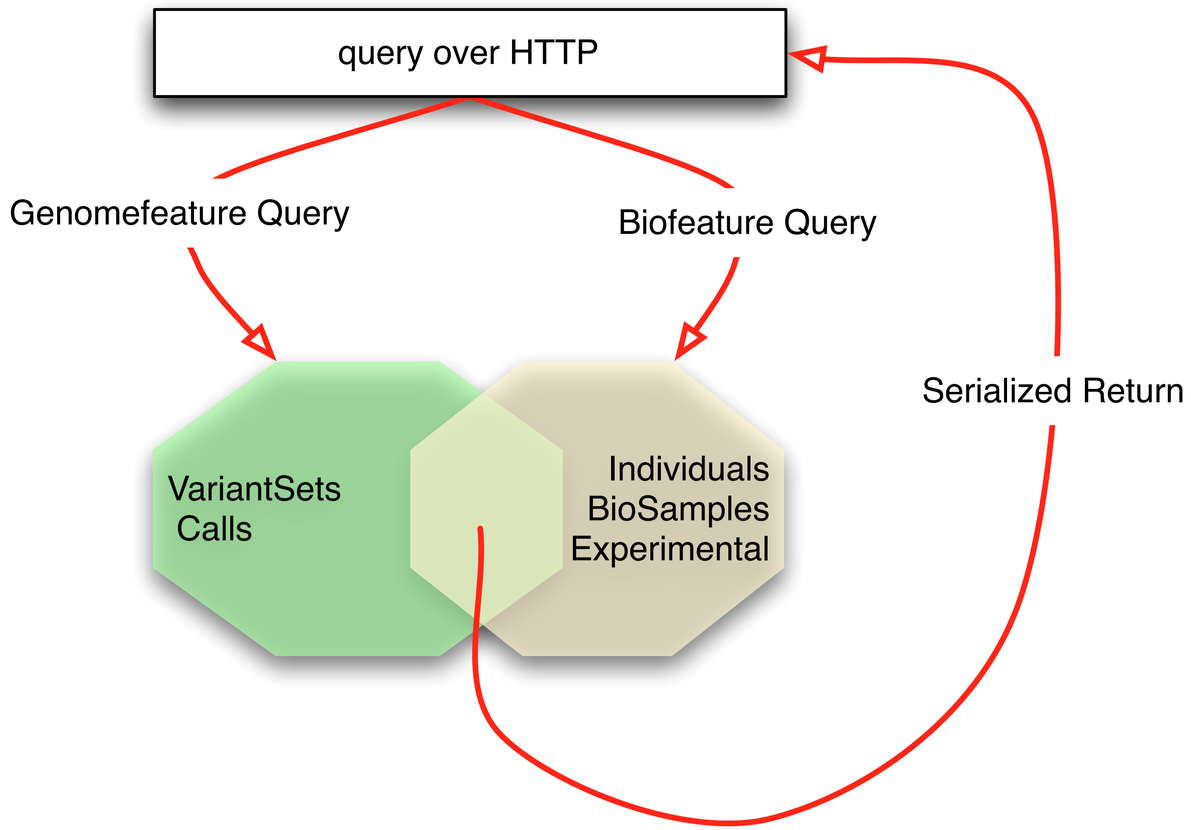
Minimal GA4GH query API structure



Beacon(+) “Metadata”

Beacon+ by Progenetix

From Beacon Query to Explorative Analyses of CNV Patterns

- Since **2016** the Progenetix resource has been used to model options for Beacon development
  - 138334 individual samples from 698 cancer types
- The consistent use of hierarchical diagnostic codes allows the use of Beacon "filters" for histopathological/clinically scoped queries
- Beacon's handover protocols can be utilized for data retrieval and, well, handing over to additional services, e.g.
  - downloads
  - visualization
  - use of external services (UCSC browser display...)

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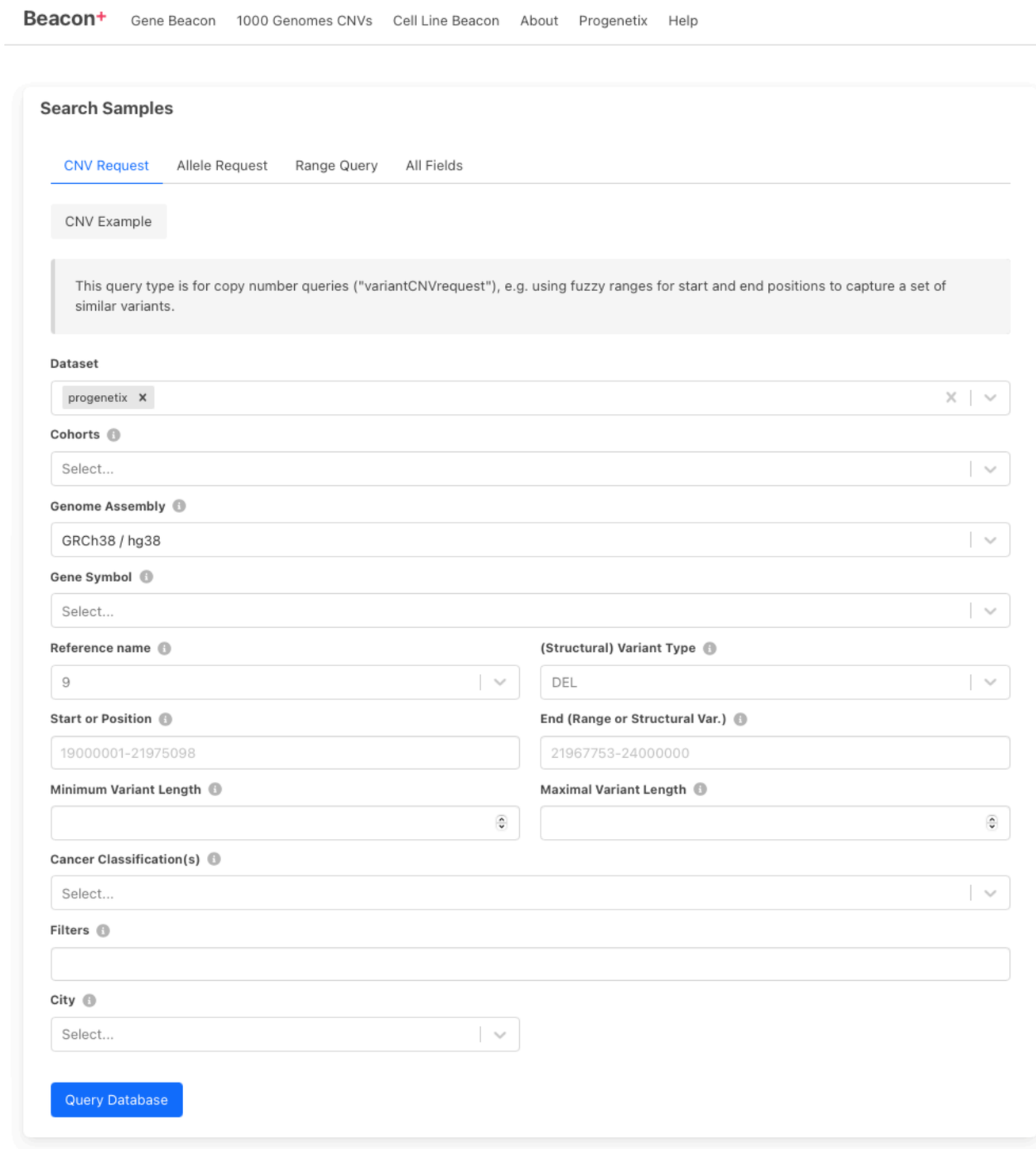
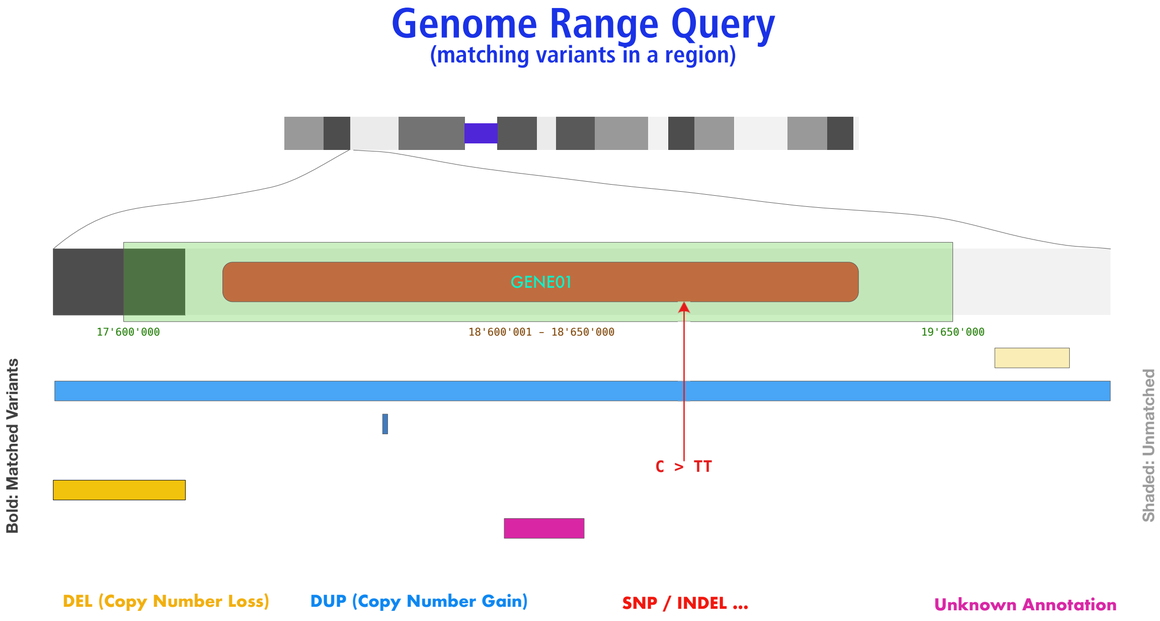
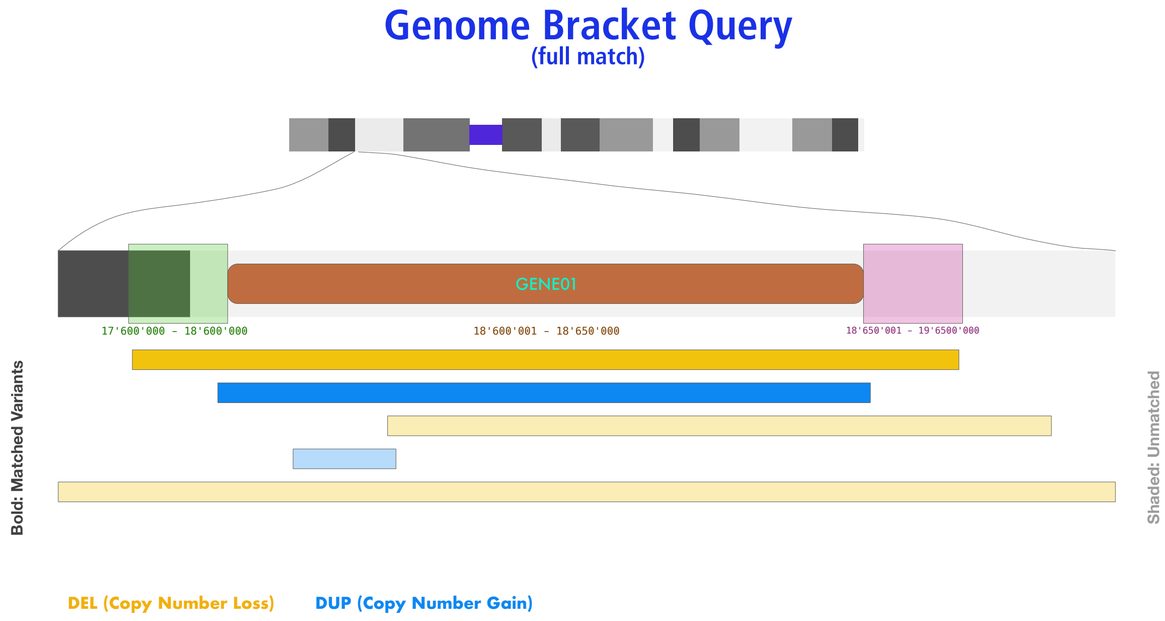


Beacon v2: Extended Variant Queries

Range and Bracket queries enable positional wildcards and fuzziness



- Genome Range Queries provide a way to "fish" for variants overlapping an indicated region, e.g. the CDR of a gene of interest
- Additional parameters (e.g. variant type, regerence or alternate bases) limit the scope of the responses
- new Beacon v2 size parameters to limit structural variants (e.g. "focal" CNVs)



- Genome Bracket Queries allow to search for structural variants with start and end positions falling into defined sequence ranges
- allows to query any contiguous genomic variant (and in principle also can step in for range queries)
- typical use case is e.g the query for variants such as duplications covering the whole CDR of a gene, while limiting the allowed start or end regions

Beacon v2 Filters

Example: Use of hierarchical classification systems (here NCIt neoplasm core)

- Beacon v2 "filters" assumes inclusion of child terms when using hierarchical classifications

  ➡ implicit *OR* with otherwise assumed *AND*

- implementation of hierarchical annotations overcomes some limitatiions of "fuzzy" disease annotations

Beacon+ specific: Multiple term selection with OR logic

Filters: NCIT:C4914, NCIT:C4819, NCIT:C9231, NCIT:C2921, NCIT:C45240, NCIT:C6858, NCIT:C3467, NCIT:C45340, NCIT:C7195, NCIT:C3246, NCIT:C7217

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Variants: 0
Calls: 0
Samples: 523

$f_{alleles}$: 0

Callsets Variants | Legacy Interface | UCSC region

Show JSON Response

Results | Biosamples

Id	Description	Classifications	Identifiers	DEL	DUP	CNV
PGX_AM_BS_MCC01	Merkel cell carcinoma	icdot-C44.9 Skin, NOS icdom-82473 Merkel cell carcinoma NCIT:C9231 Merkel Cell Carcinoma	PMID:9537255	0.116	0.104	0.22
PGX_AM_BS_MCC02	Merkel cell carcinoma	icdot-C44.9 Skin, NOS icdom-82473 Merkel cell carcinoma NCIT:C9231 Merkel Cell Carcinoma	PMID:9537255	0.154	0.056	0.21
PGX_AM_BS_MCC03	Merkel cell carcinoma	icdot-C44.9 Skin, NOS icdom-82473 Merkel cell carcinoma NCIT:C9231 Merkel Cell Carcinoma	PMID:9537255	0.137	0.21	0.347
PGX_AM_BS_MCC04	Merkel cell carcinoma	icdot-C44.9 Skin, NOS icdom-82473 Merkel cell carcinoma NCIT:C9231 Merkel Cell Carcinoma	PMID:9537255	0.158	0.056	0.214
PGX_AM_BS_MCC05	Merkel cell carcinoma	icdot-C44.9 Skin, NOS icdom-82473 Merkel cell carcinoma NCIT:C9231 Merkel Cell Carcinoma	PMID:9537255	0.107	0.327	0.434

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Beacon v2 Requests

POSTing Queries

- Beacon v2 supports a mix of dedicated endpoints with REST paths
- POST requests using JSON query documents
- final syntax for core parameters still in testing stages

```
{
    "$schema":"beaconRequestBody.json",
    "meta": {
        "apiVersion": "2.0",
        "requestedSchemas": [
            {
                "entityType": "individual",
                "schema": "https://progenetix.org/services/schemas/Phenopacket/"
            }
        ]
    },
    "query": {
        "requestParameters": {
            "datasets": {
                "datasetIds": ["progenetix"]
            }
        },
        "filterLogic": "OR"
    },
    "pagination": {
        "skip": 0,
        "limit": 10
    },
    "filters": [
        { "id": "NCIT:C4536" },
        { "id": "NCIT:C95597" },
        { "id": "NCIT:C7712" }
    ]
}
```

Beacon v2 Paths

Progenetix utilizes Beacon v2 REST paths

- Beacon v2 paths are used in the Beacon specification to scope query and delivery
- Progenetix uses a default /biosamples/ + query path for its front end queries, and then collection specific methods for data retrieval (see next)
- current implementation addresses a core subset of all options, and evaluates some still moving targets
  - ➡ variants_interpretations
  - ➡ variant instances versus prototypes
  - ➡ ...

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Base `/biosamples`

`/biosamples/` + query

- /biosamples/?filters=cellosaurus:CVCL_0004
  - this example retrieves all biosamples having an annotation for the Cellosaurus *CVCL_0004* identifier (K562)

`/biosamples/{id}/`

- /biosamples/pgxbs-kftva5c9/
  - retrieval of a single biosample

`/biosamples/{id}/variants/` & `/biosamples/{id}/variants_in_sample/`

- /biosamples/pgxbs-kftva5c9/variants/
- /biosamples/pgxbs-kftva5c9/variants_in_sample/
  - retrieval of all variants from a single biosample
  - currently - and especially since for a mostly CNV containing resource - `variants` means "variant instances" (or as in the early v2 draft `variantsInSample`)

Base `/variants`

There is currently (April 2021) still some discussion about the implementation and naming of the different types of genomic variant endpoints. Since the Progenetix collections follow a "variant observations" principle all variant requests are directed against the local `variants` collection.

If using `g_variants` or `variants_in_sample`, those will be treated as aliases.

`/variants/` + query

- /variants/?assemblyId=GRCh38&referenceName=17&variantType=DEL&filterLogic=AND&start=7500000&start=7676592&end=7669607&end=7800000
  - This is an example for a Beacon "Bracket Query" which will return focal deletions in the TP53 locus (by position).

`/variants/{id}/` or `/variants_in_sample/{id}` or `/g_variants/{id}/`

- /variants/5f5a35586b8c1d6d377b77f6/
- /variants_in_sample/5f5a35586b8c1d6d377b77f6/

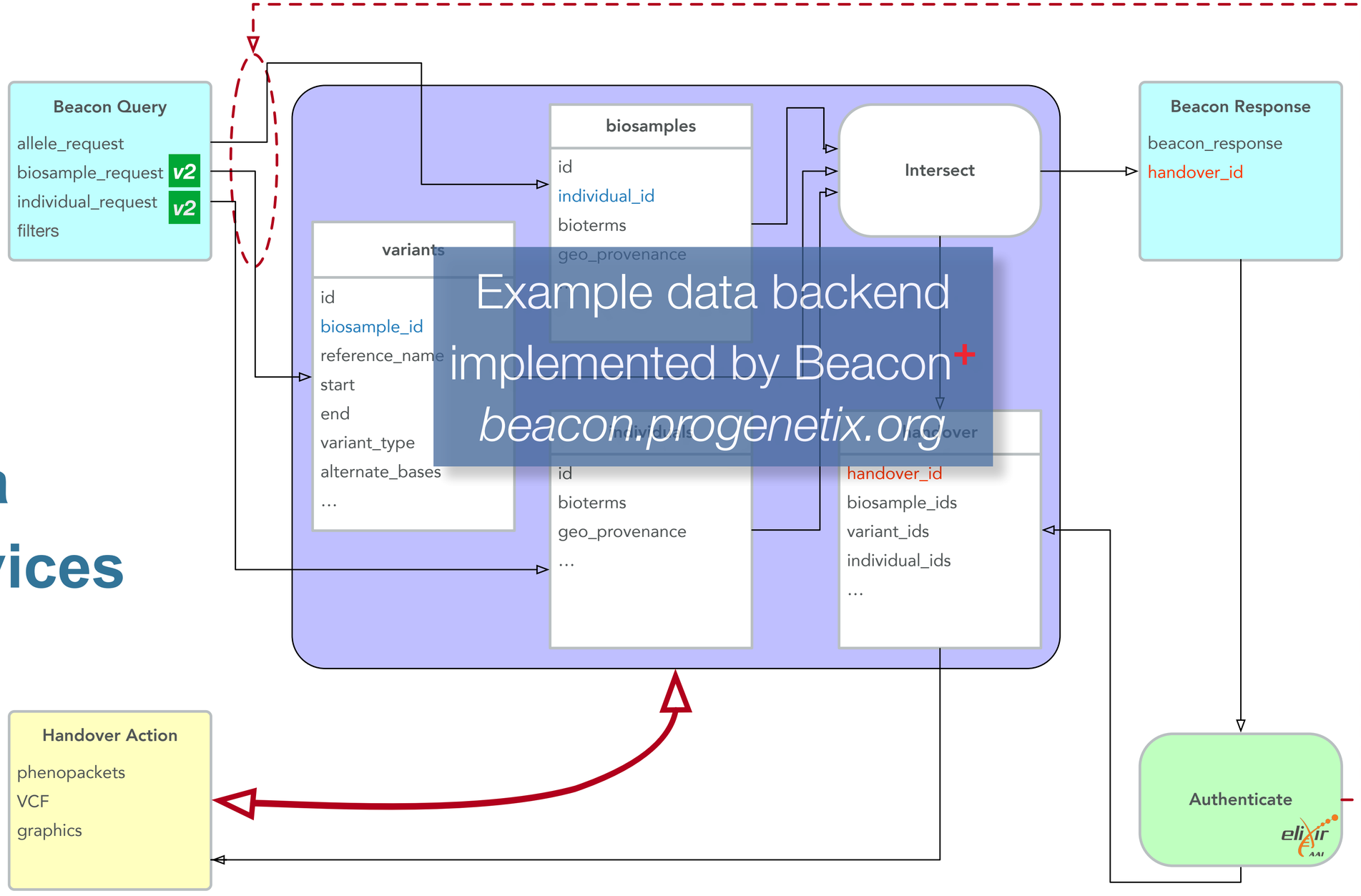
`/variants/{id}/biosamples/` & `variants_in_sample/{id}/biosamples/`

- /variants/5f5a35586b8c1d6d377b77f6/biosamples/
- /variants_in_sample/5f5a35586b8c1d6d377b77f6/biosamples/

https://github.com/ga4gh-beacon/implementations-v2/

Beacon & Handover

Beacons v1.1 supports **data delivery services**



Beacon I/O

Handover

Authentication

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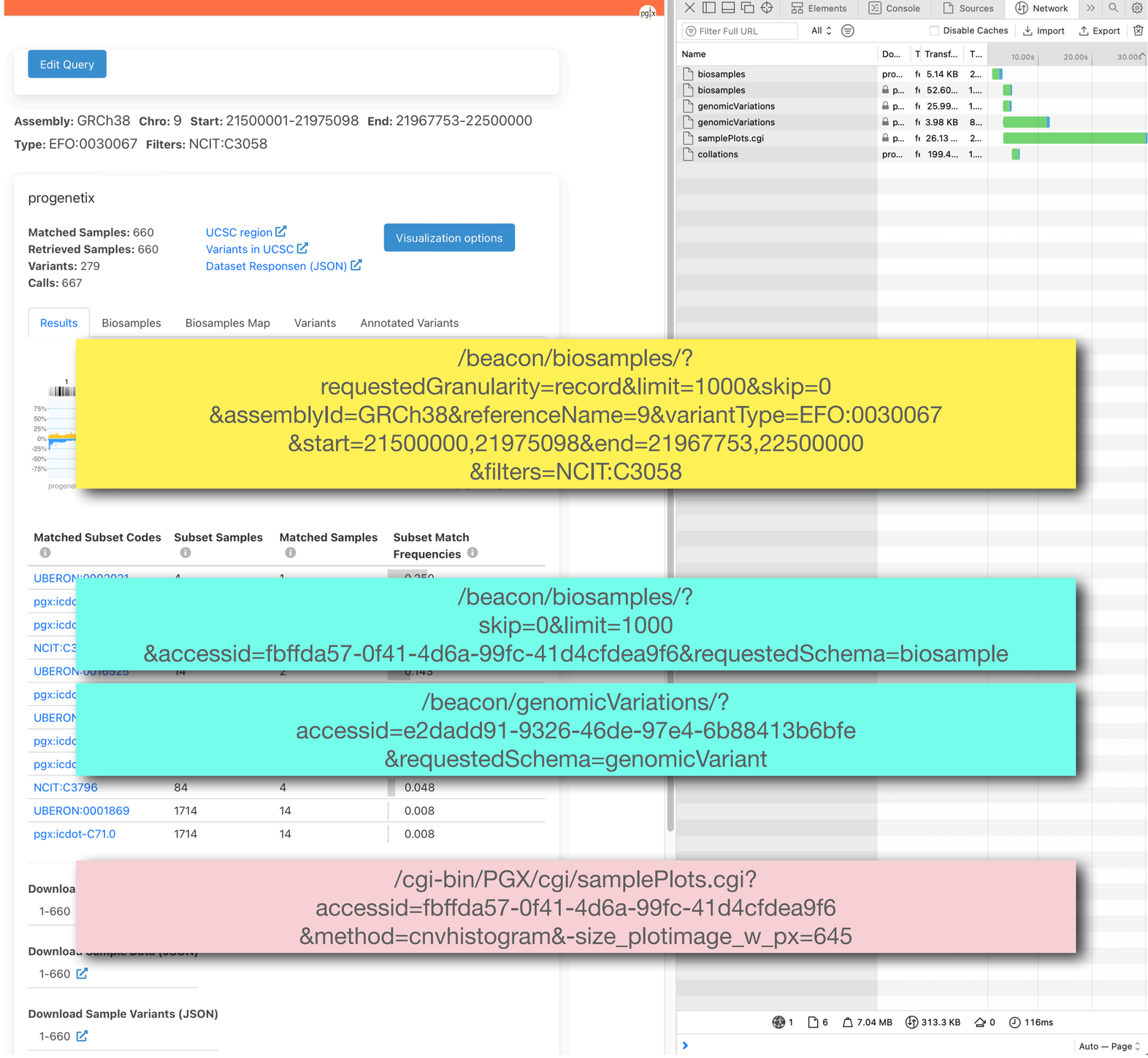
Genomic resource utilizing Beacon v2 calls

- Progenetix uses Beacon v2 queries to drive its UI
- all individuals, biosamples, variants, analyses matched by a given query are stored by their object ids
- handovers for variant purposes (e.g. to retrieve all matched variants) are returned in the original response and asynchronously retrieved by the front end app



Website populated by asynchronous retrieval of Beacon query results using handovers

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- CNV Profiles
  - ... by NCIT
  - ... by ICD-O Morphology
  - ... by ICD-O Site
  - ... by TNM & Grade
- Search Samples
- arrayMap
  - TCGA Data
  - cBioPortal Studies
- Publication DB
  - Progenetix Use
- NCIT - ICD-O Mappings
  - UBERON Mappings
- Upload & Plot
- OpenAPI Paths and Examples
- Cancer Cell Lines

Edit Query

Chro: refseq:NC_000009.12 **Start:** 21000001,21975098 **End:** 21967753,23000000 **Type:** EFO:0030067
Filters: NCIT:C3058

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Matched Samples: 969
Retrieved Samples: 200
Variants: 984
Calls: 976

UCSC region
Geographic Map
Variants in UCSC
Dataset Responses (JSON)

Visualization options

Results | Biosamples | Variants

Reload histogram in new window

Matched Subset Codes	Subset Samples	Matched Samples	Subset Match Frequencies
pgx:icdot-C71.4	4	1	0.250
pgx:icdot-C71.1	14	1	0.071
pgx:icdom-94403	4816	200	0.042
NCIT:C3058	4900	200	0.041
pgx:icdot-C71.9	13758	192	0.014
pgx:icdot-C71.0	1714	6	0.004

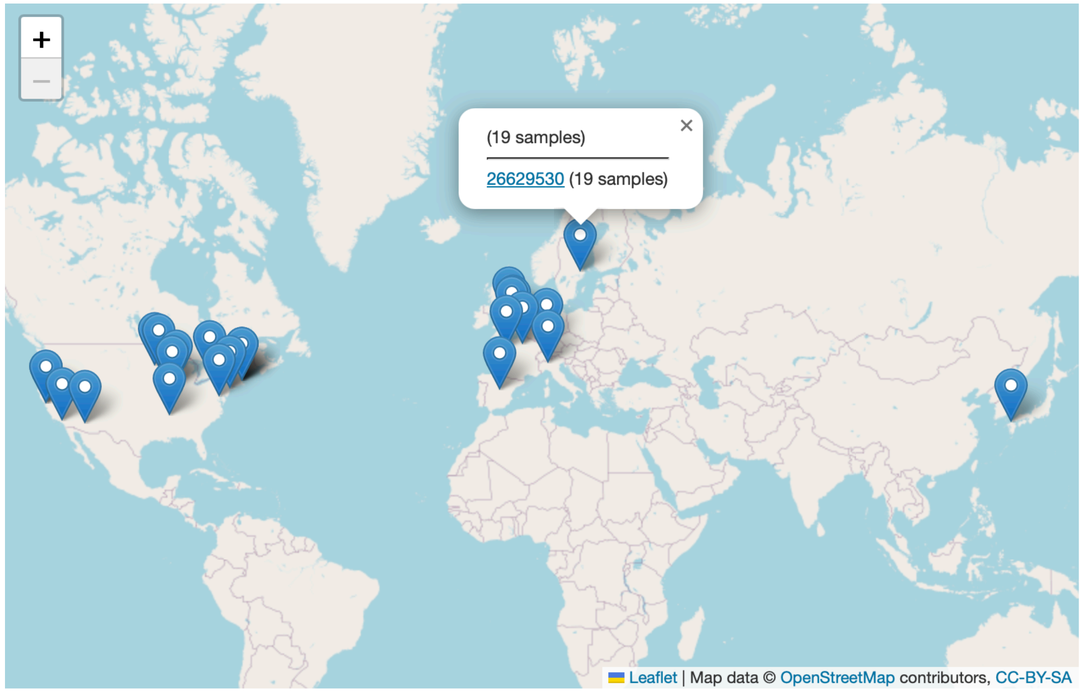
progenetix Data Downloads

Download Sample Data (TSV)
Part1 Part2 Part3 Part4 Part5

Download Sample Data (JSON)
Part1 Part2 Part3 Part4 Part5

Download Variants (Beacon VRS)
Part1 Part2 Part3 Part4 Part5

Download Variants (VCF)



Pushing the standard: Biosamples in Progenetix have geographic attribution in the form of GeoJSON objects, for query & display...

Pushing the envelope...

Custom Beacon aggregation response for displaying CNV frequencies

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- CNV Profiles
  - ... by NCIT
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Select Summary Histograms

On this page you can combine one or multiple disease or other codes from one or more datasets frequencies). These based on pre-computed CNV frequencies for the given code; for a combina Page.

Dataset(s)

Progenetix cancer genome variants ×

Cancer Classification(s)

Select...

Various Subsets

pgx:TCGA-ACC: pgx:TCGA-ACC (180) × | pgx:TCGA-BLCA: pgx:TCGA-BLCA (810) × | pgx:TCGA-BRCA: pgx
pgx:TCGA-CESC: pgx:TCGA-CESC (586) × | pgx:TCGA-CHOL: pgx:TCGA-CHOL (85) × | pgx:TCGA-COAD: p
pgx:TCGA-DLBC: pgx:TCGA-DLBC (94) × | pgx:TCGA-ESCA: pgx:TCGA-ESCA (373) × | pgx:TCGA-GBM: pg
pgx:TCGA-HNSC: pgx:TCGA-HNSC (1081) × | pgx:TCGA-KICH: pgx:TCGA-KICH (132) × | pgx:TCGA-KIRC: p
pgx:TCGA-KIRP: pgx:TCGA-KIRP (594) × | pgx:TCGA-LAML: pgx:TCGA-LAML (285) × | pgx:TCGA-LGG: pgx
pgx:TCGA-LIHC: pgx:TCGA-LIHC (767) × | pgx:TCGA-LUAD: pgx:TCGA-LUAD (1110) × | pgx:TCGA-LUSC: p
pgx:TCGA-MESO: pgx:TCGA-MESO (173) × | pgx:TCGA-OV: pgx:TCGA-OV (1133) × | pgx:TCGA-PAAD: pgx:
pgx:TCGA-PCPG: pgx:TCGA-PCPG (363) × | pgx:TCGA-PRAD: pgx:TCGA-PRAD (1038) × | pgx:TCGA-READ
pgx:TCGA-SARC: pgx:TCGA-SARC (519) × | pgx:TCGA-SKCM: pgx:TCGA-SKCM (939) × | pgx:TCGA-STAD:
pgx:TCGA-TGCT: pgx:TCGA-TGCT (271) × | pgx:TCGA-THCA: pgx:TCGA-THCA (1025) × | pgx:TCGA-THYM:
pgx:TCGA-UCEC: pgx:TCGA-UCEC (1087) × | pgx:TCGA-UCS: pgx:TCGA-UCS (110) × | pgx:TCGA-UVM: pg

Plot Type

Select...

Gene Symbol(s) for Labeling

MYC (chr8:127735434-127742951) × | TP53 (chr17:7668421-7687490) × | CCND1 (chr11:69641156-69654
CDKN2A (chr9:21967752-21995324) × | EGFR (chr7:55019017-55211628) ×

Chromosomes to Plot

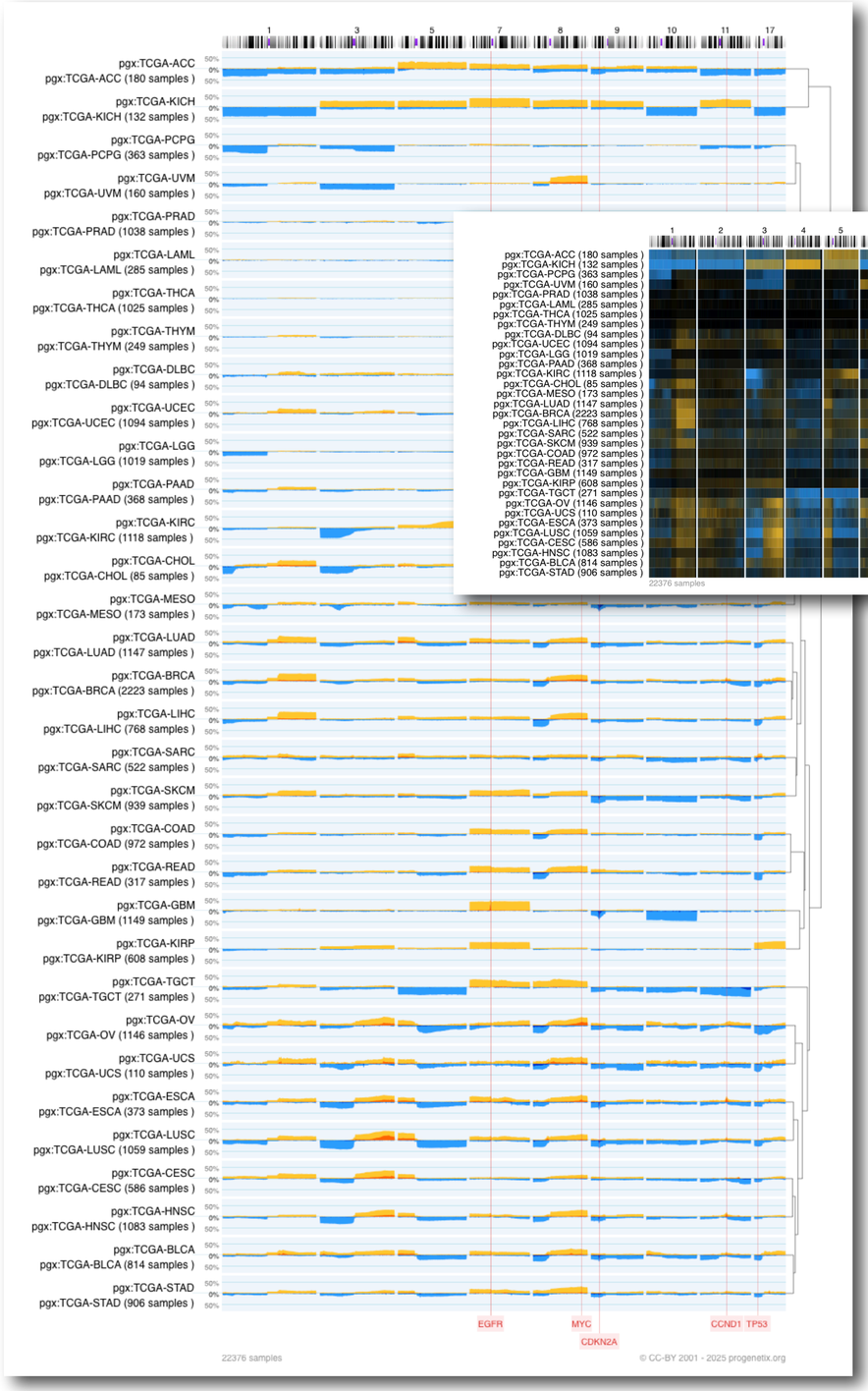
1,3,5,7,8,9,10,11,17

Plot Parameters

plot_axis_y_max:80;plot_area_height:40;plot_label_y_values:0,50

Retrieve CNV Profiles

B-Cell Lymphomas | TCGA Projects | Lung Cancers | Breast Cancers and Cell Lines



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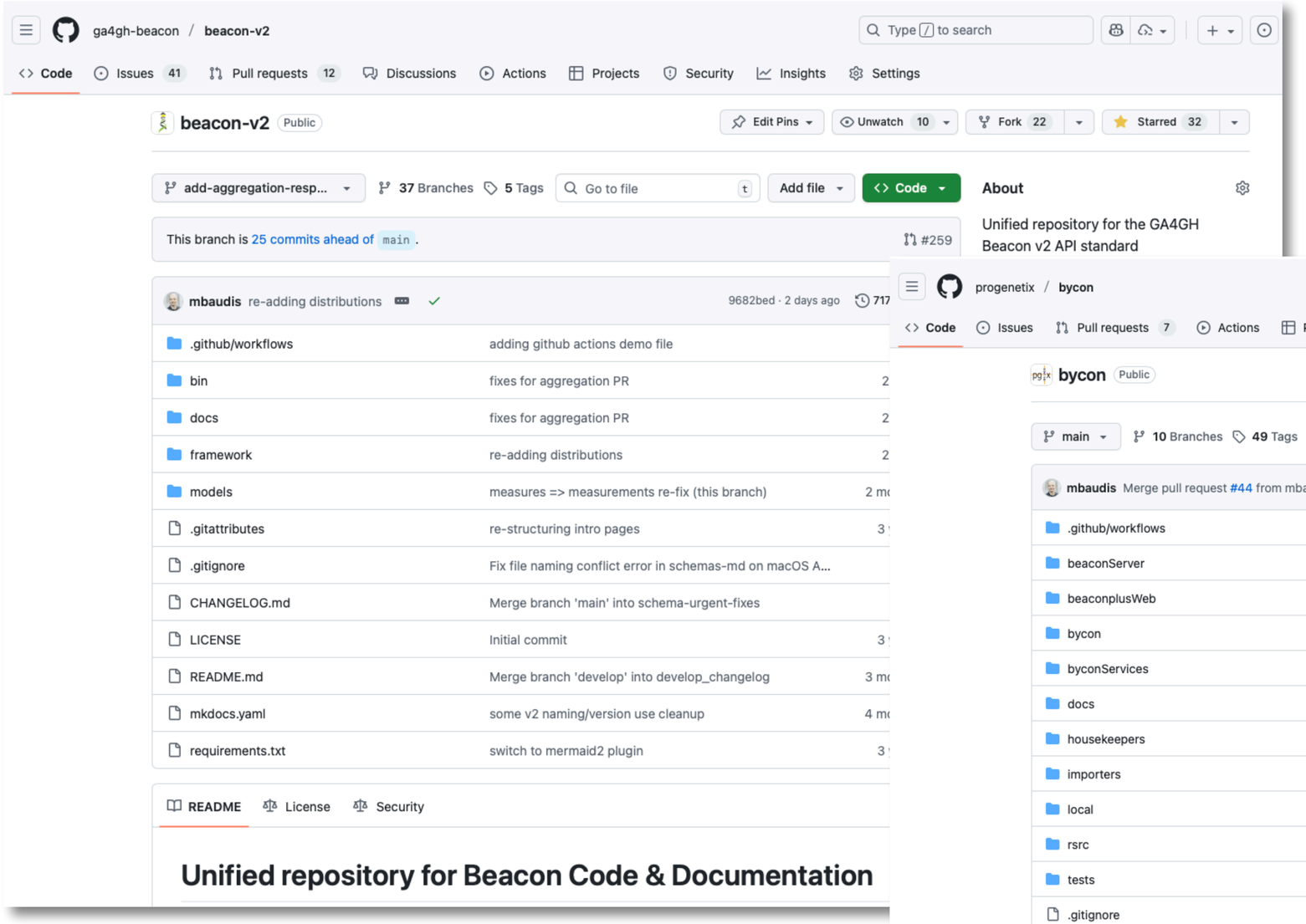
CNV frequencies in all TCGA projects, clustered and rendered as SVG, using ***filters*** query parameter over the Beacon framework and a custom aggregation response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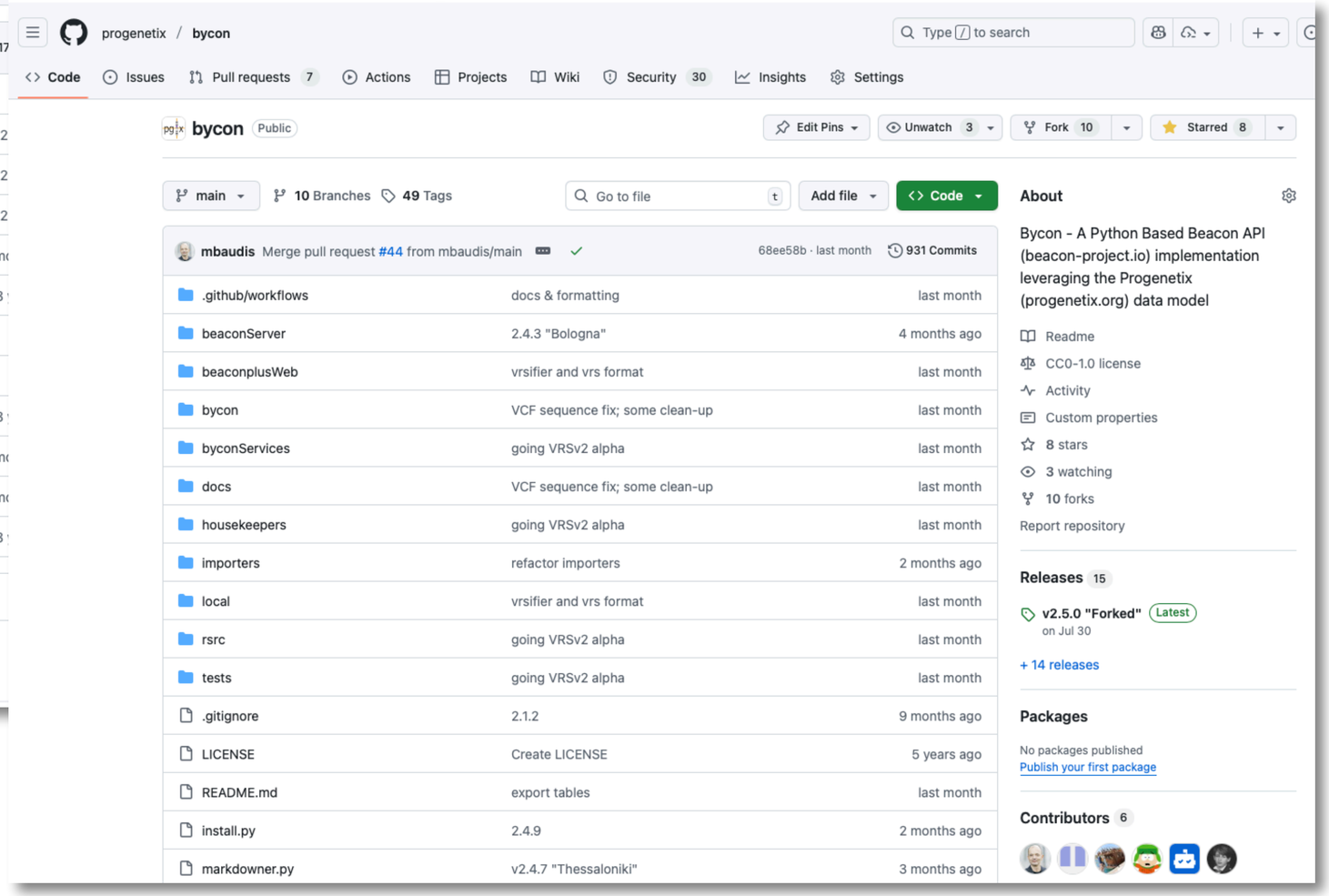
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Onboarding

Demonstrating Compliance

- Progenetix Beacon+ has served as implementation driver since 2016
- Beacon v2 as service with protocol-driven registries for federation
- GA4GH approved Beacon v2 in April 2022

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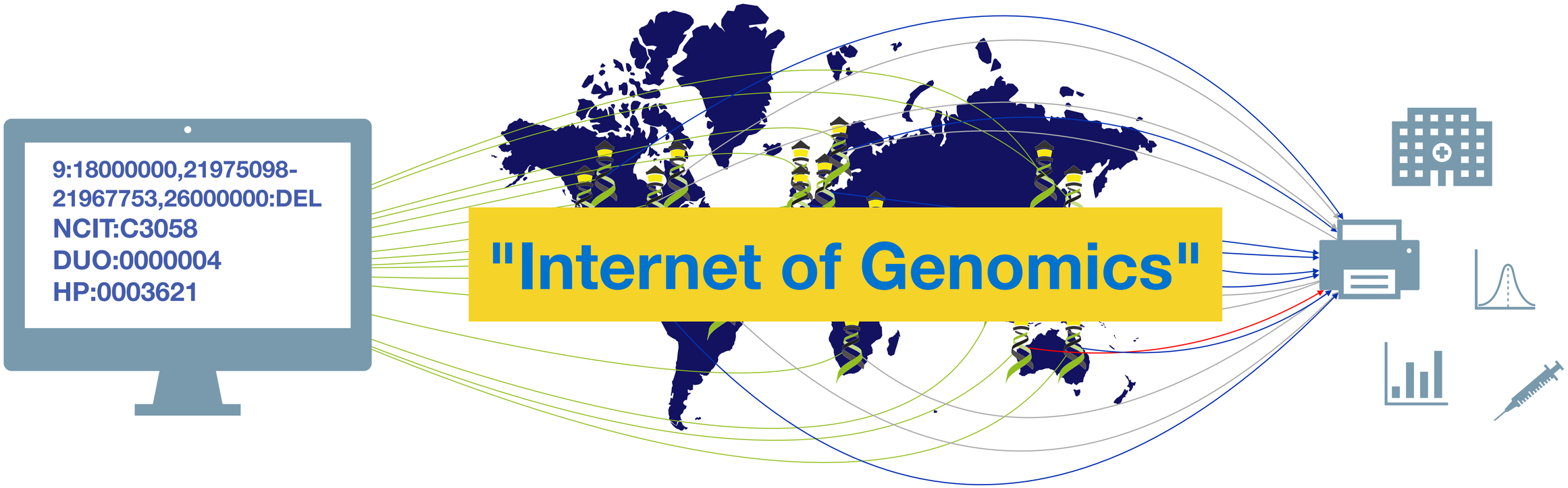
Have you seen deletions in this region on chromosome 9 in Glioblastomas from a juvenile patient, in a dataset with unrestricted access?

Beacon *v2* API

The Beacon API v2 proposal opens the way for the design of a simple but powerful "**genomics API**".



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Making use of Progenetix' Beacon API

Data analysis through integration with R

pgxRpi

An interface API for analyzing Progenetix CNV data in R using the Beacon+ API

	All users	R users
Interface	 	 
Variant query	https://progenetix.org/beacon/biosamples/pgxbs-kftvh94d/g_variants	variants <- pgxLoader(type="variant",biosample_id="pgxbs-kftvh94d")

Output


```
"results": [
    {
        "caseLevelData": [
            {
                "analysisId": "pgxcs-kftvu6cg",
                "biosampleId": "pgxbs-kftvh94d",
                "id": "pgxvar-5bab5837727983b2e0121e97"
            }
        ],
        "variantInternalId": "11:0-134452384:DEL",
        "variation": {
            "copyChange": "efo:0030067",
            "identifiers": {},
            "subject": {
                "interval": {
                    "end": {
                        "type": "Number",
                        "value": 134452384
                    },
                    "start": {
                        "type": "Number",
                        "value": 0
                    },
                    "type": "SequenceInterval"
                },
                "sequence_id": "refseq:NC_000011.10",
                "type": "SequenceLocation"
            },
            "variantAlternativeIds": []
        }
    },
    {
        "caseLevelData": [
            {
                "analysisId": "pgxcs-kftvu6cg",
                "biosampleId": "pgxbs-kftvh94d",
                "id": "pgxvar-5bab5837727983b2e0121e99"
            }
        ],
        "variantInternalId": "1:0-84699999:DEL",
        "variation": {
            "copyChange": "efo:0030067",
            "identifiers": {},
            "subject": {
                "interval": {
```


	variant_id	biosample_id	analysis_id	reference_genome	variant
1	pgxvar-5bab5837727983b2e0121e99	pgxbs-kftvh94d	pgxcs-kftvu6cg	refseq:NC_000001.11	1:0-84699999:DEL
2	pgxvar-5bab5837727983b2e0121e9a	pgxbs-kftvh94d	pgxcs-kftvu6cg	refseq:NC_000001.11	1:124300000-247249719:DEL
3	pgxvar-5bab5837727983b2e0121e9c	pgxbs-kftvh94d	pgxcs-kftvu6cg	refseq:NC_000002.12	2:12800000-61099999:DEL
4	pgxvar-5bab5837727983b2e0121e9d	pgxbs-kftvh94d	pgxcs-kftvu6cg	refseq:NC_000002.12	2:197100000-242951149:DEL
5	pgxvar-5bab5837727983b2e0121e94	pgxbs-kftvh94d	pgxcs-kftvu6cg	refseq:NC_000003.12	3:14700000-71799999:DEL
6	pgxvar-5bab5837727983b2e0121e8d	pgxbs-kftvh94d	pgxcs-kftvu6cg	refseq:NC_000004.12	4:35500000-191273063:DUP
7	pgxvar-5bab5837727983b2e0121e8e	pgxbs-kftvh94d	pgxcs-kftvu6cg	refseq:NC_000005.10	5:18500000-143099999:DUP
8	pgxvar-5bab5837727983b2e0121e91	pgxbs-kftvh94d	pgxcs-kftvu6cg	refseq:NC_000006.12	6:0-60499999:DEL
9	pgxvar-5bab5837727983b2e0121e92	pgxbs-kftvh94d	pgxcs-kftvu6cg	refseq:NC_000006.12	6:130400000-170899992:DEL

pgxRpi

An interface API for analyzing Progenetix CNV data in R using the Beacon+ API

Metadata query

https://progenetix.org/beacon/individuals/?filters=NCIT:C3697

```
individuals <- pgxLoader(type='individual',filters='NCIT:C3697')
```

Output


```
{
    "description": null,
    "id": "pgxind-kftx359j",
    "indexDisease": {
        "clinicalTnmFinding": [],
        "diseaseCode": {
            "id": "NCIT:C3697",
            "label": "Myxopapillary Ependymoma"
        },
        "followupState": {
            "id": "EFO:0030041",
            "label": "alive (follow-up status)"
        },
        "followupTime": "P178M",
        "onset": {
            "age": "P16Y",
            "ageDays": 5843.88
        },
        "stage": {
            "id": "NCIT:C92207",
            "label": "Stage Unknown"
        }
    },
    "info": {
        "legacyIds": [
            "PGX_IND_Epend-car-01"
        ]
    },
    "provenance": {
        "geoLocation": {
            "geometry": {
                "coordinates": [
                    -1.4,
                    50.9
                ],
                "type": "Point"
            },
            "properties": {
                "city": "Southampton",
                "continent": null,
                "country": "United Kingdom",
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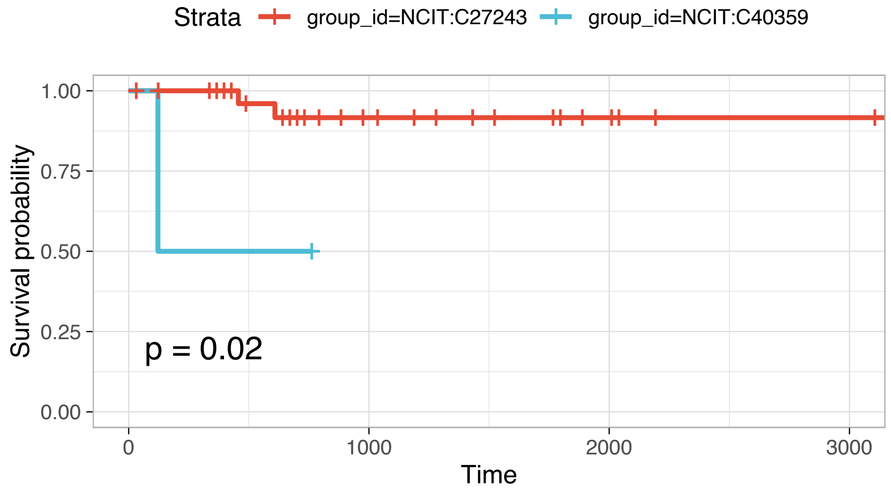
                "precision": "city"
            },
            "type": "Feature"
        }
    },
    "sex": {
        "id": "PATO:0020001",
        "label": "male genotypic sex"
    },
    "updated": "2018-09-26 09:51:34.766000",
    "vitalStatus": {
        "status": "ALIVE",
        "survivalTimeInDays": 5384
    }
},
```


individual_id	sex_label	age_iso	histological_diagnosis_id	index_disease_followup_time	index_disease_followup_state_label
pgxind-kftx359j	male genotypic sex	P16Y	NCIT:C3697	P178M	alive (follow-up status)
pgxind-kftx35a0	male genotypic sex	P23Y	NCIT:C3697	P115M	alive (follow-up status)
pgxind-kftx35aa	male genotypic sex	P15Y	NCIT:C3697	P114M	alive (follow-up status)
pgxind-kftx35ac	male genotypic sex	P24Y	NCIT:C3697	P30M	alive (follow-up status)
pgxind-kftx35ai	female genotypic sex	P44Y	NCIT:C3697	P101M	alive (follow-up status)
pgxind-kftx35as	male genotypic sex	P50Y	NCIT:C3697	P331M	dead (follow-up status)
pgxind-kftx35bb	male genotypic sex	P28Y	NCIT:C3697	P48M	alive (follow-up status)



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Data and text mining

pgxRpi: an R/bioconductor package for user-friendly access to the Beacon v2 API

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2 Retrieve meatdata of samples

2.1 Relevant parameters

type, filters, filterLogic, individual_id, biosample_id, codematches, limit, skip

2.2 Search by filters

Filters are a significant enhancement to the Beacon query API, providing a mechanism for specifying rules to select records based on their field values. To learn more about how to utilize filters in Progenetix, please refer to the documentation.

The `pgxFilter` function helps access available filters used in Progenetix. Here is the example use:

```
# access all filters
all_filters <- pgxFilter()
# get all prefix
all_prefix <- pgxFilter(return_all_prefix = TRUE)
# access specific filters based on prefix
ncit_filters <- pgxFilter(prefix="NCIT")
head(ncit_filters)
#> [1] "NCIT:C28076" "NCIT:C18000" "NCIT:C14158" "NCIT:C14161" "NCIT:C28077"
#> [6] "NCIT:C28078"
```

The following query is designed to retrieve metadata in Progenetix related to all samples of lung adenocarcinoma, utilizing a specific type of filter based on an NCIt code as an ontology identifier.

```
biosamples <- pgxLoader(type="biosample", filters = "NCIT:C3512")
# data looks like this
biosamples[c(1700:1705),]
#>       biosample_id group_id group_label   individual_id    callset_ids
#> 1700 pgxbs-kftvjjhx       NA          NA pgxind-kftx5fyd pgxcs-kftwjevi
#> 1701 pgxbs-kftvjjhz       NA          NA pgxind-kftx5fyf pgxcs-kftwjew0
#> 1702 pgxbs-kftvjji1       NA          NA pgxind-kftx5fyh pgxcs-kftwjewi
#> 1703 pgxbs-kftvjjn2       NA          NA pgxind-kftx5g4r pgxcs-kftwjg5r
#> 1704 pgxbs-kftvjjn4       NA          NA pgxind-kftx5g4t pgxcs-kftwjg6q
#> 1705 pgxbs-kftvjjn5       NA          NA pgxind-kftx5g4v pgxcs-kftwjg78
```

Components of an Online Bioinformatics Resource

Going Full Stack?

Components of an Online Bioinformatics Resource

A Stack to work with/through

- dedicated server or cloud storage
- own domain | institutional sub-domain or fixed address | cloud service sub-domain
  - ➡ `progenetix.org | mls.uzh.ch/en/research/baudis | baudisgroup.github.io`
- database or flat file data management
  - ➡ SQL databases such as PostGres, MySQL
  - ➡ document databases such as MongoDB, CouchDB ...
  - ➡ hierarchical file system & index files
- webserver gateway for server-side generated, active content delivery
  - ➡ Perl CGI, Python, PHP ...
- active front-end (JavaScript environment)?

bycon based Beacon+ Stack

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- *collations* contain pre-computed data (e.g. CNV frequencies, statistics) and information for all grouping entity instances and correspond to **filter values**
  - `pubmed:10027410, NCIT:C3222, pgx:cohort-TCGA, pgx:icdom-94703…`
  - precomputed frequencies per collection informative e.g. in form autofills
- *querybuffer* stores id values of all entities matched by a query and provides the corresponding `accessid` for **handover** generation
- complete query aggregation; i.e. individual queries are run against the corresponding entities and ids are intersected
  - ➡ retrieval of any entity, e.g. all individuals which have queried variants analyzed on a given platform
  - ➡ allows multi-variant queries, i.e. all bio samples or individuals which had matches of all of the individual variant queries

React

APACHE HTTP SERVER PROJECT

python™

mongoDB

Entity collections

Utility collections

github.com/progenetix/bycon GitHub

Last but NOT Least…

Documentation is, actually, rather important

Documentation Strategies

(Not so) Best Practices

```
f_d = f_d_s[c_t]
r = {}
for k in res_schema.keys():
    if k in f_d:
        r.update({k:f_d[k]})
```

- What is documentation? I'll remember this! ¯_(ツ)_/¯
- Just email me if help is needed, unexpectedly

mbaudis@netscape.net

- We had money for a chat bot.

```
normalize_variant_values_for_export(v, byc, drop_fields=None):
```

- Clean code documents itself - Just use explicit variable/function names.
- Clean code documents itself - Never use explicit variable/function names.
- Perl POD it is. There is a command to show the notes in your terminal…
- I wrote a paper about the resource. In 2001.
- Haven't you found the GoogleGroups account?
- Documentation? StackOverflow, whelp!

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Progenetix.net: an online repository for molecular cytogenetic aberration data

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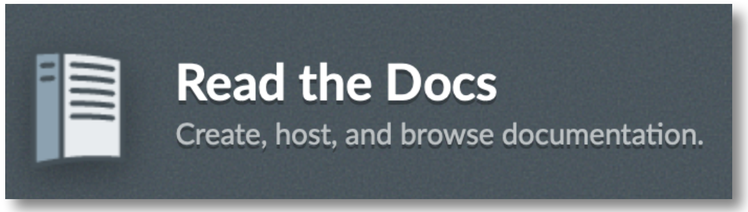
Documentation Strategies

Currently en Vogue

- Cloud-based documentation systems with online compilation
- written in simplified markup languages
  - ➡ **Markdown** (Yeah!)
  - ➡ Restructured Text (Meeh...)
- self hosted ¯_(ツ)_/¯
  - ➡ local and/or service based compilation and hosting
- build systems & output hosting
  - ➡ ReadTheDocs
    - direct building from .rst document tree or MkDocs based
  - ➡ Github Pages
    - direct using Jekyll or over MkDocs through GH actions



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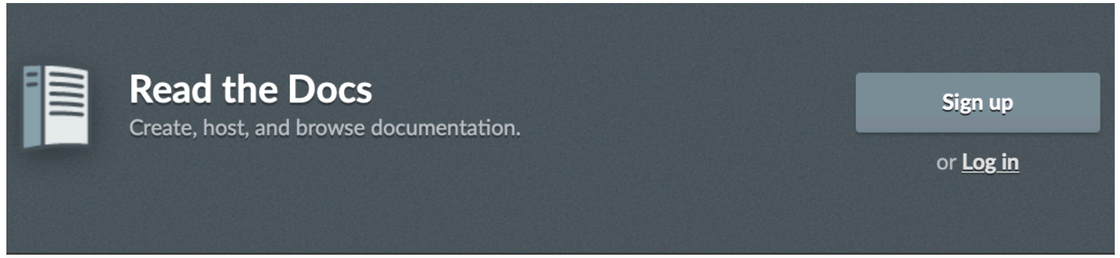

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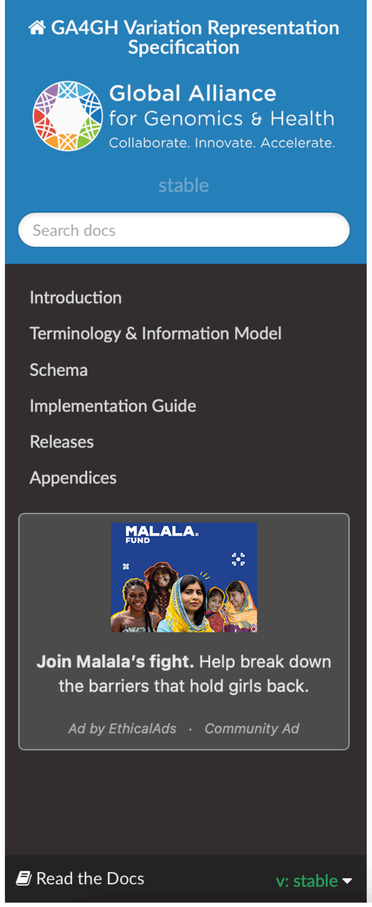

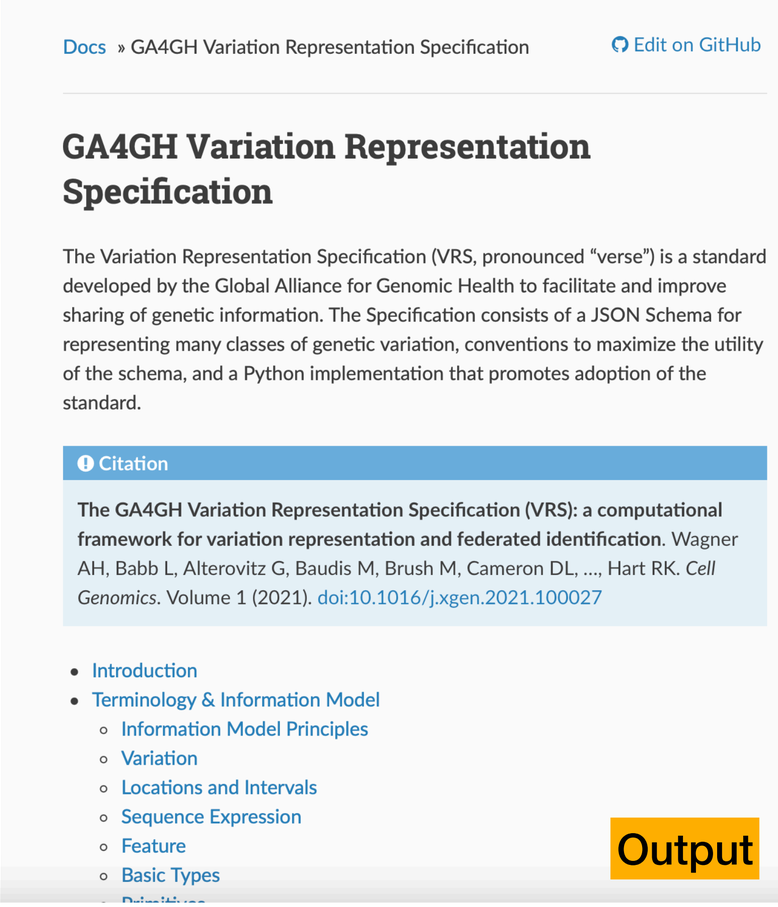

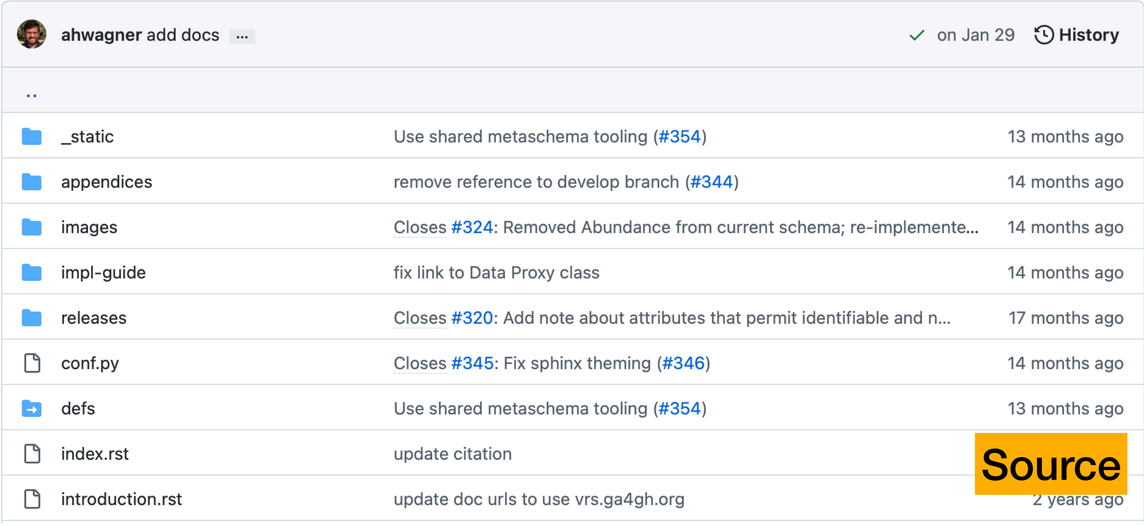


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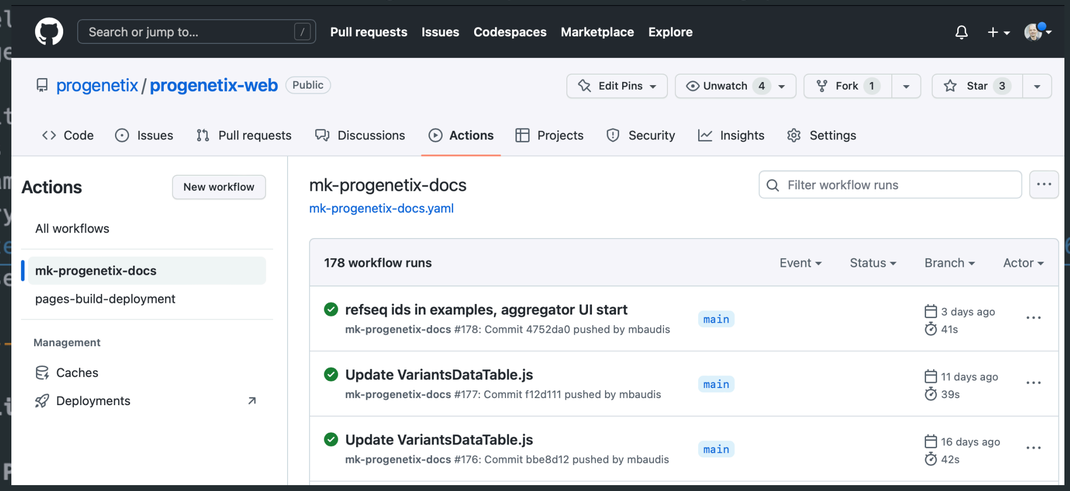
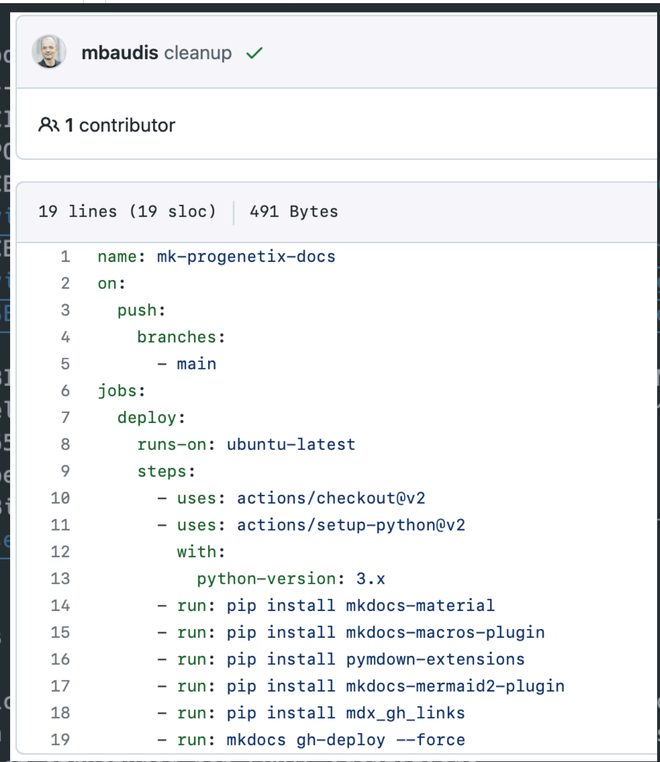
MkDocs & Material for MkDocs & Github Actions
Public Ontologies with CURIE-based syntax
CURIE prefix	Code/Ontology	Examples
NCIT	NCIt Neoplasm[^1]	NCIT:C27676
HP	HPO[^2]	HP:0012209
PMID	NCBI Pubmed ID	[PMID:18810378](http://progenetix.org/services/ids/PMID:18810378)
geo	NCBI Gene Expression Omnibus[^3]	[geo:GPL6801](http://progenetix.org/services/ids/geo:GPL6801), [geo:GSE19399](http://progenetix.org/services/ids/geo:GSE19399), [geo:GSM491153](http://progenetix.org/services/ids/geo:GSM491153)
arrayexpress	EBI ArrayExpress[^4]	arrayexpress:E-MEXP-1008
cellosaurus	Cellosaurus - a knowledge resource on cell lines [^5]	cellosaurus:CVCL_1650
UBERON	Uberon Anatomical Ontology[^6]	UBERON:0000992
cbioportal	cBioPortal[^9]	[cbioportal:msk_impact_2017](http://progenetix.org/services/ids/cbioportal:msk_impact_2017)
Private filters
Since some classifications cannot directly be referenced, and in accordance with the upcoming Beacon v2 concept of "private filters", Progenetix uses additionally a set of structured non-CURIE identifiers.

Local Testing

```
→  progenetix-web git:(main) mkdocs serve
INFO     -  Building documentation...
INFO     -  [macros] - Macros arguments: {'module_name': 'main',
           'modules': [], 'include_dir': '', 'include_yaml': [],
           'j2_block_start_string': '', 'j2_block_end_string': '',
           'j2_variable_start_string': '', 'j2_variable_end_string': '',
           'on_undefined': 'keep', 'on_error_fail': False, 'verbose': False}
INFO     -  [macros] - Extra variables (config file):
           ['excerpt_separator', 'blog_list_length', 'social']
INFO     -  [macros] - Extra filters (module): ['pretty']
INFO     -  MERMAID2  - Initialization arguments: {}
INFO     -  MERMAID2  - Using javascript library (8.8.0):
              https://unpkg.com/mermaid@8.8.0/dist/mermaid.min.js
INFO     -  Cleaning site directory
INFO     -  The following pages exist in the docs directory, but are not
           included in the "nav" configuration:
             - beaconplus.md
             - changelog.md
             - classifications-and-ontologies.md
             - progenetix-data-review.md
             - progenetix-website-builds.md
             - publication-collection.md
INFO     -  MERMAID2  - Found superfences config: {'custom_fences': [{'name':
           'mermaid', 'class': 'mermaid', 'format': <function fence_mermaid at
           0x104075ab0>}]}
INFO     -  MERMAID2  - Page 'Technical Notes': found 2 diagrams, adding scripts
INFO     -  Documentation built in 0.83 seconds
INFO     -  [09:05:32] Watching paths for changes: 'docs', 'mkdocs.yaml'
INFO     -  [09:05:32] Serving on http://127.0.0.1:8000/
INFO     -  [09:05:33] Browser connected:
           http://127.0.0.1:8000/classifications-and-ontologies/
```

Web Deployment (Github)





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List of filters recognized by different query endpoints

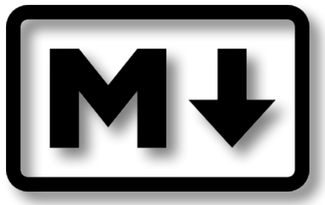
Public Ontologies with CURIE-based syntax

CURIE prefix	Code/Ontology	Examples
NCIT	NCIt Neoplasm[1]	NCIT:C27676

Documentation Strategies

Best Practices

- start early
- update often
- sometimes try to follow your own guide
- balance between inline documentation & doc system
- use Markdown
- plan for contingencies
  - ➡ cloud providers disappear | cancel services | change terms



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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_search_engines#Defunct_or_acquired_search_engines

Progenetix as Example Genomics Resource

Some trajectories ...

- local database => **online resource**
- flat database => **hierarchical object storage**
- dedicated database => mix of **open software tools**
- static pages => **data driven website**
- copy, paste, clean => **automated download & process** (still edit & clean)
- registered access & commercial licensing => **CC BY 4.0** (CC0 for tools)
- local development => **open source code** on Github (future - Codeberg?)
- standalone resource => federated data, **APIs** and services

progenetix

(Bio)informatics Skill Set

What has been needed to develop & maintain progenetix.org?

- Scripting and application development using Python, Perl and JavaScript
- Data analysis and plotting in R, Python and Perl
- Regular expressions for data entry an (programmatic) identifier matching
- JSON, YAML, tab-delimited text as file formats; some binary source files (.CEL)
- non-SQL database (MongoDB) for flexibility and document structure
- web development with Perl, Python, JS, React and Apache server; Cloudflare
- No proprietary software involved

progenetix

(Bio)informatics Skill Set

What has been needed to develop & maintain progenetix.org?

GitHub

text mining

Perl

regular expressions

```
s/knowledge/mastery/
```

React

mongoDB

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APACHE HTTP SERVER PROJECT

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MkDocs

Project documentation with Markdown.

python™

HTML CSS JS

array & sequencing pipelines

Master Project in Data Wrangling? Ask!