

# Signatures of mutational processes in human cancer

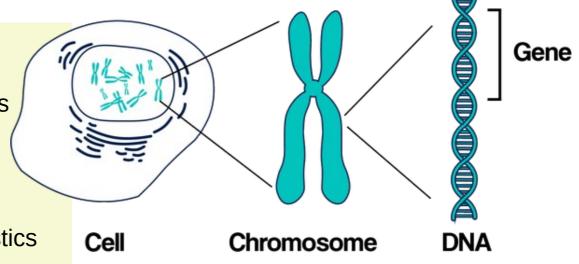
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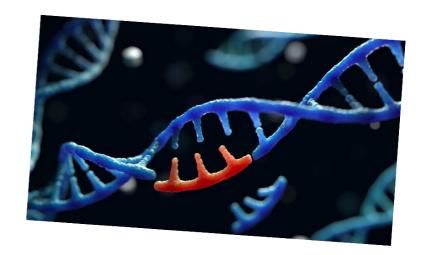
# Gene Tics Cell Chromosome DNA

#### Genes

- the basic physical unit of inheritance
- control how your cells work by making proteins
- must have the correct instructions for making its protein
- allows the protein to perform the correct function for the cell

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- Genes in cells can mutate
- Due to mutation:
  - → Abnormal protein is created
  - Or protein's formation is prevented



Abnormal protein provides different information



This can cause cells to multiply uncontrollably and become cancerous

Cancer is caused by somatic mutations of the DNA in the tumor cells.

# **DNA** sequencing and mutations

#### **DNA** sequence:

 the order of the four bases in DNA (adenine, guanine, cytosine, and thymine)



#### **DNA** mutation:

Substitution Insertion Deletion

Original sequence TGGCAG TGGCAG TGGGAG

Mutated sequence TGGTAG TGGTATCAG TGGG

Where my story begins...

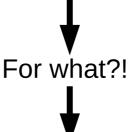
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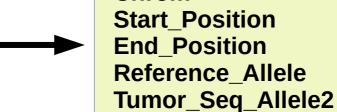
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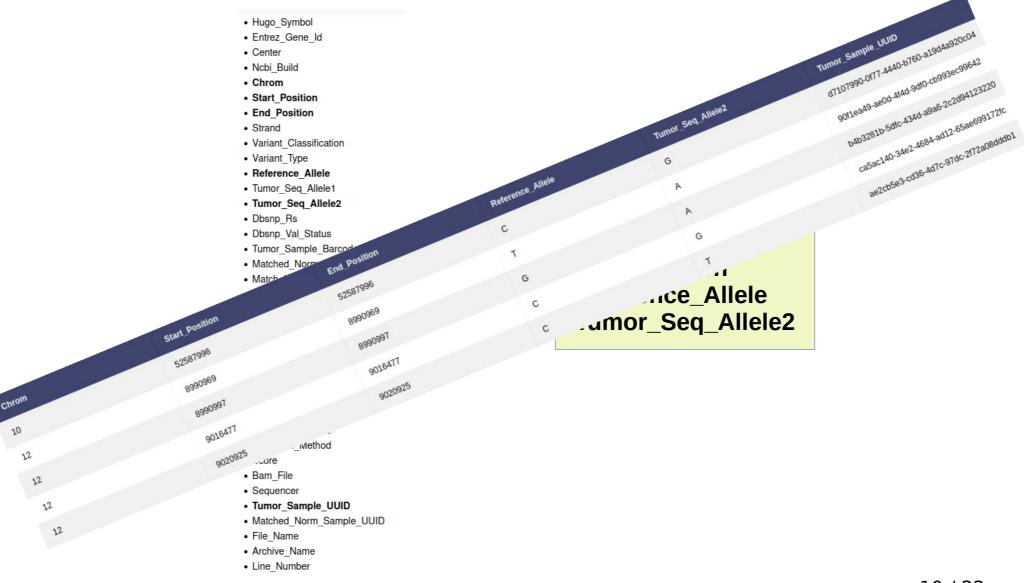
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- Entrez Gene Id
- Center
- Ncbi Build
- Chrom
- Start Position
- End Position
- Strand
- Variant Classification
- Variant Type
- Reference Allele
- Tumor\_Seq\_Allele1
- Tumor\_Seq\_Allele2
- Dbsnp Rs
- Dbsnp\_Val\_Status
- Tumor\_Sample\_Barcode
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- Match Norm Seq Allele1
- Match Norm Seq Allele2
- Tumor Validation Allele1
- Tumor Validation Allele2
- Match Norm Validation Allele1
- Match\_Norm\_Validation\_Allele2
- Verification Status
- Validation Status
- Mutation Status
- Sequencing\_Phase
- Sequence\_Source
- Validation\_Method
- Score
- Bam File
- Sequencer
- Tumor\_Sample\_UUID
- Matched\_Norm\_Sample\_UUID
- File Name
- Archive Name
- Line Number



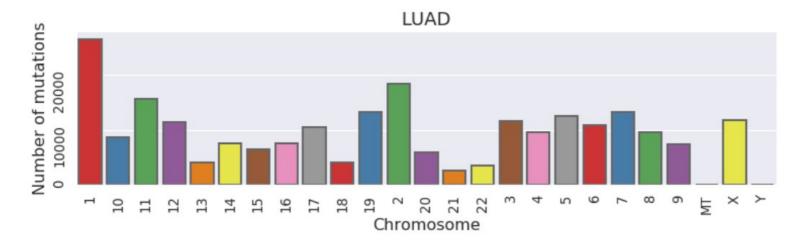
Tumor\_Sample\_UUID

Chrom

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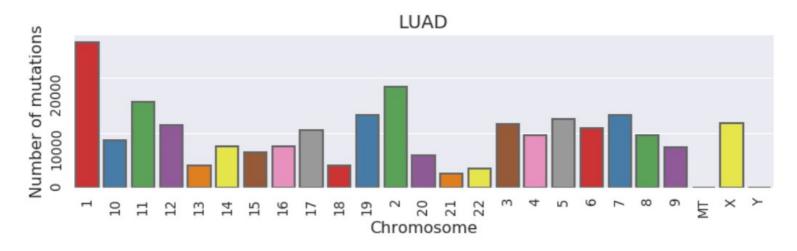


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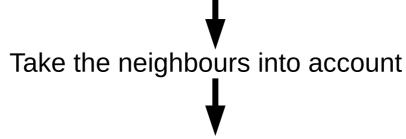


Take the neighbours into account

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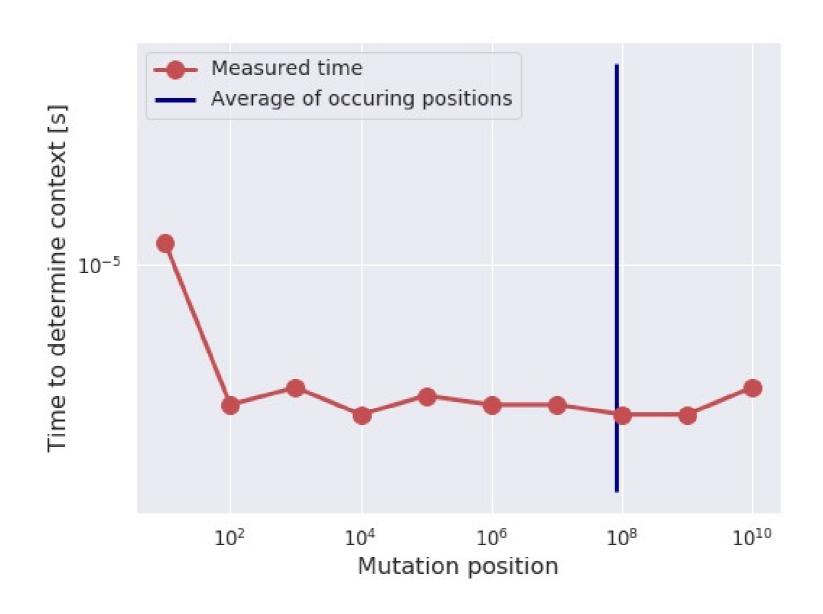
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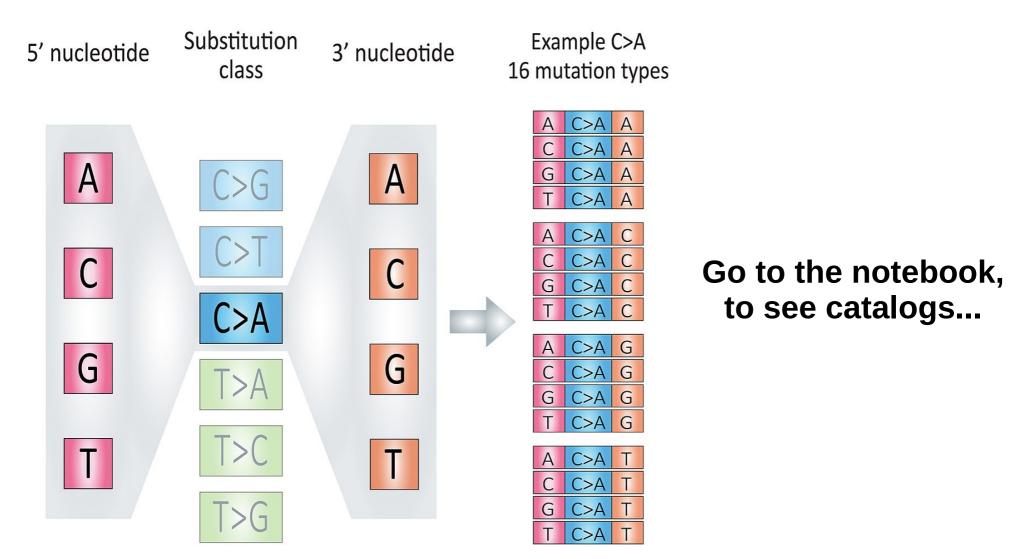
For this purpose hg19 human reference genome is used

...TGTGTGTCCACACTTCCTCATGAGAACAG CAGGTTGCTTTAGGGCCCACCCTGACAGCCTCGTTC TAATACTATGAGGCCAAATACACTCACGTTCT...

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# **Mutational catalogs**



## Non-negative matrix factorization

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#### **Hyperparameter tuning:**

$$alpha W = alpha H = alpha$$

11 ratio

number of Components

#### normalization of X

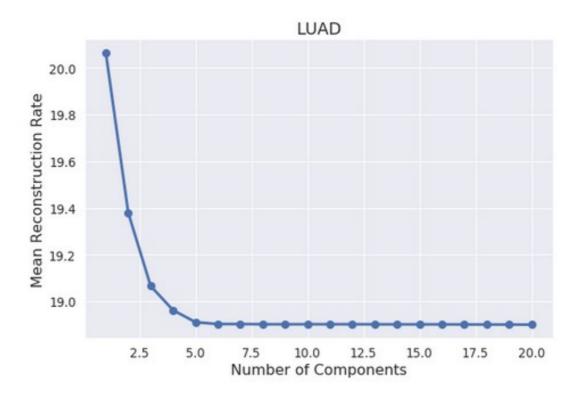
Mutation Max Norm Sample Max Norm Mutation Sum Norm Sample Sum Norm

## Non-negative matrix factorization

#### **Choosing the best parameters:**

#### Reconstruction error is calculated

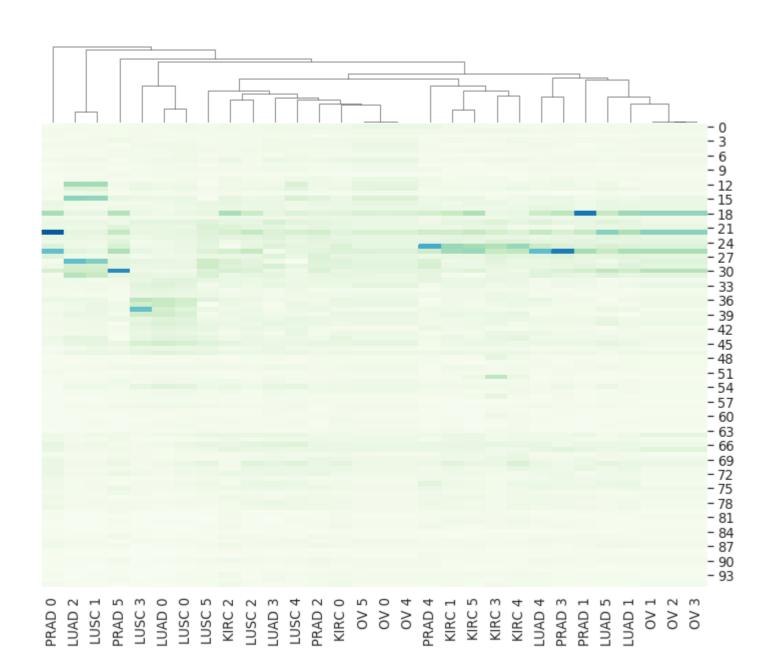
(Frobenius norm of the matrix difference between the training data X and the reconstructed data WH from the fitted model)



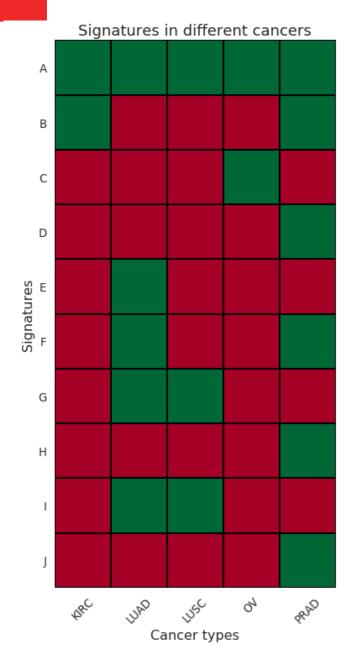
6 number of components are kept → totally 30 signature's 22

# **Clustering signatures**



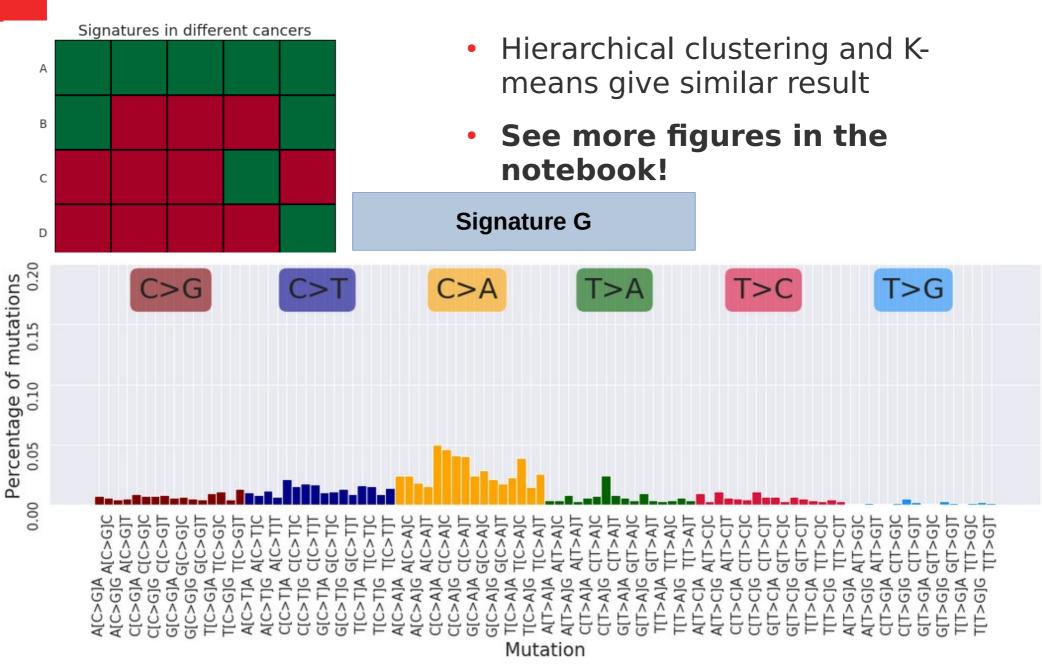


# **Clustering signatures**



 Hierarchical clustering and Kmeans give similar result

## Clustering signatures



## Conclusion, further questions

- Mutational signatures are identified
- How are they related to biological processes?
- How are they presented on different samples?



