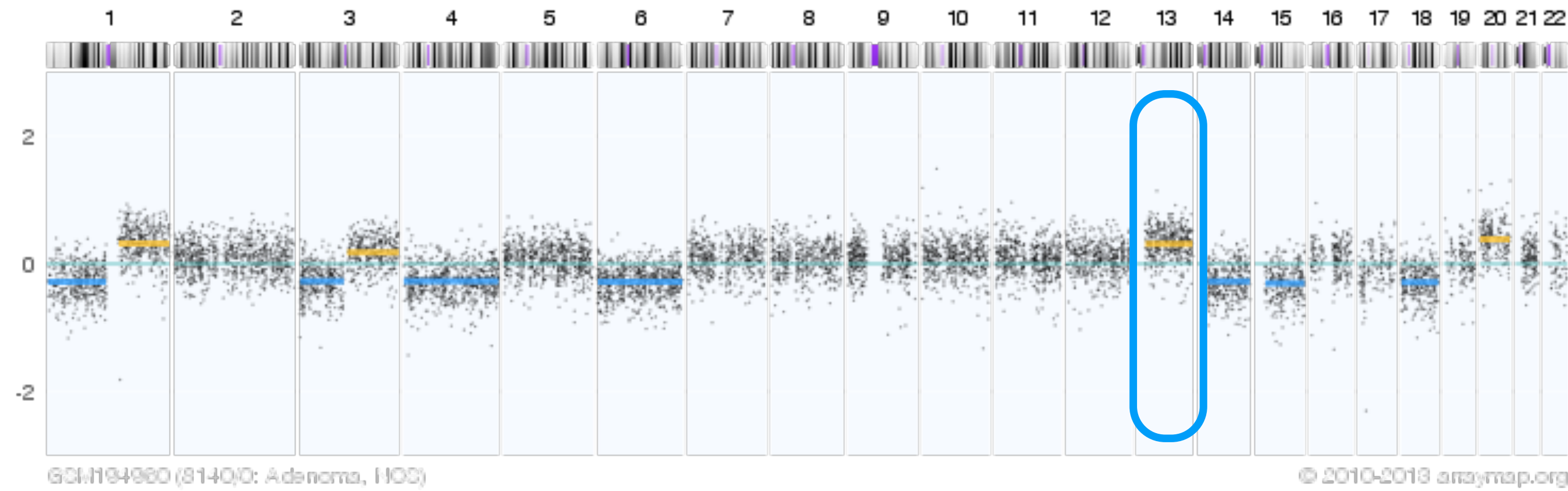


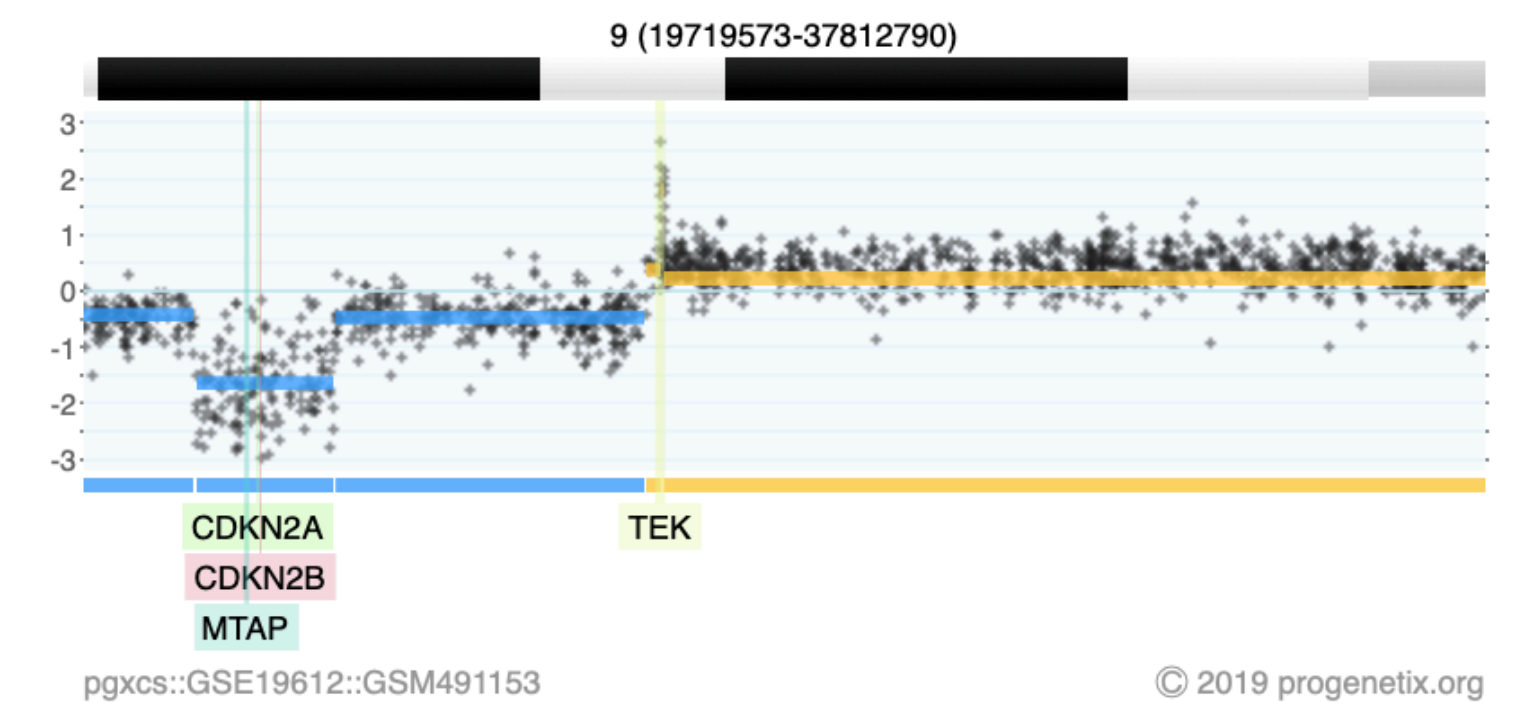
Implementation Driven Development of Standards for Genomic Data Exchange from Cancer Genome Data Collections

CNV Databases :: Variant Representation & Query Formats :: ELIXIR Beacon :: GA4GH

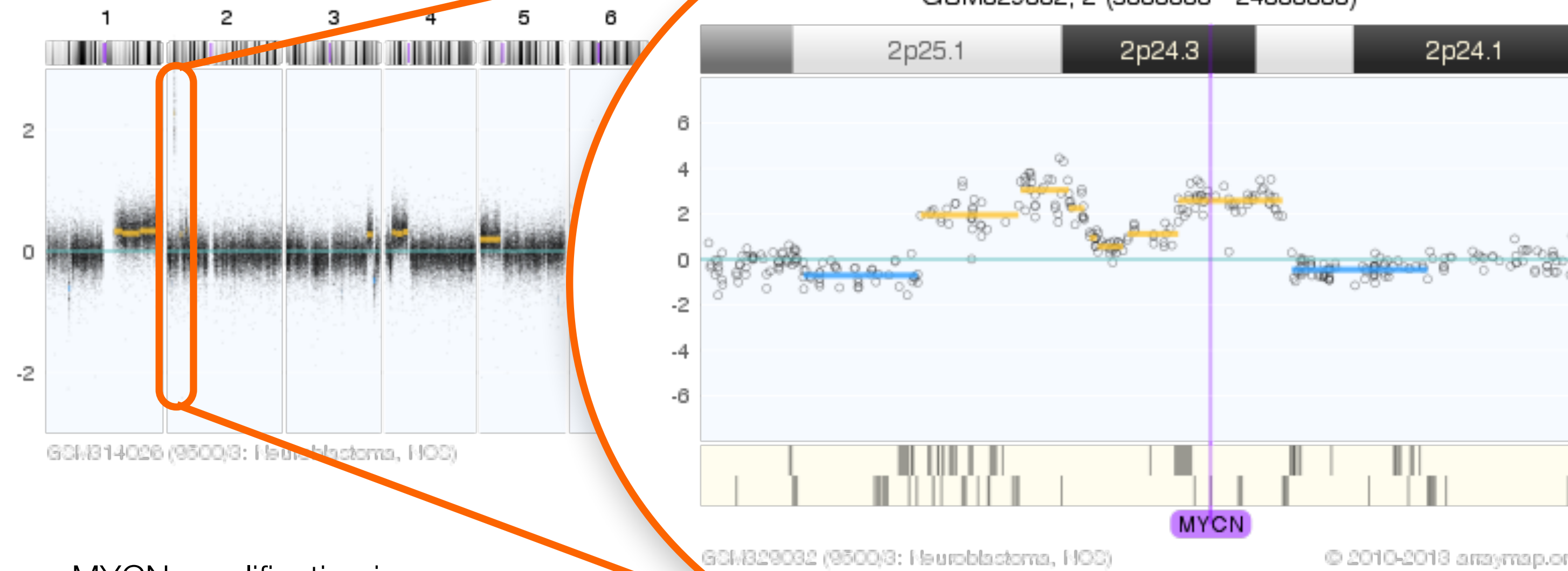
Somatic Copy Number Variations



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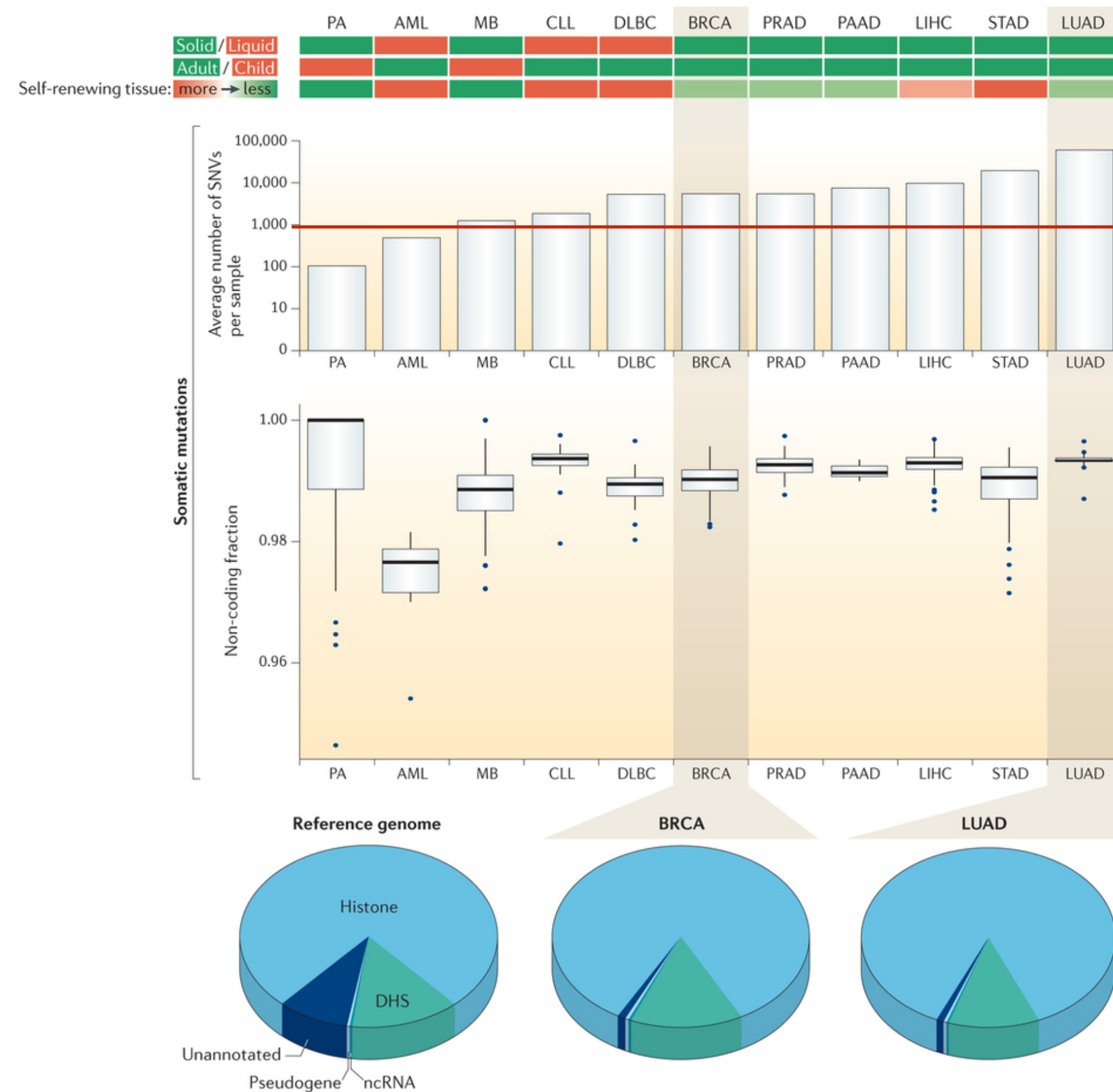


2-event, homozygous deletion in a Glioblastoma



MYCN amplification in neuroblastoma (GSM314026, SJNB8_N cell line)

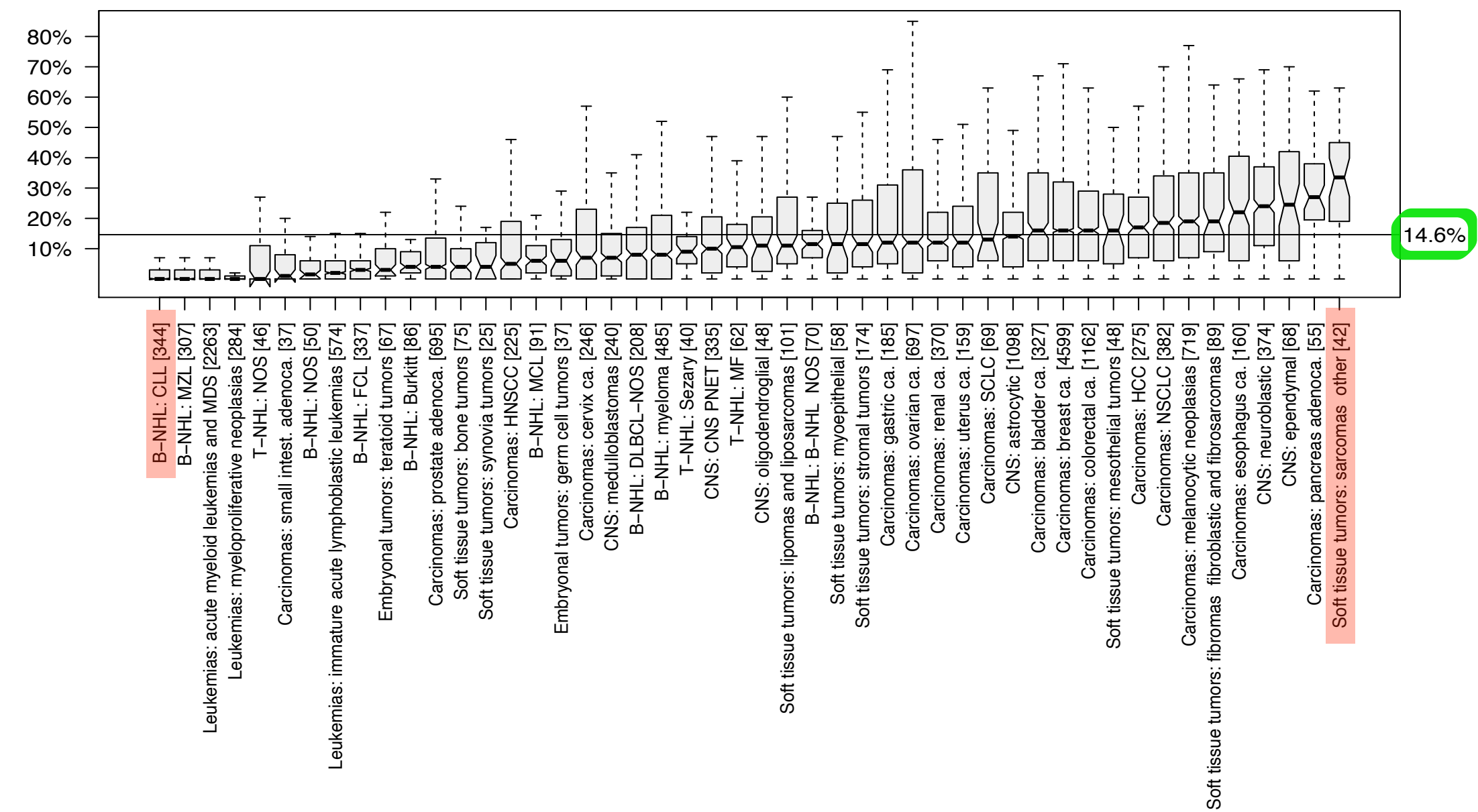
low level/high level copy number alterations (CNAs)



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

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

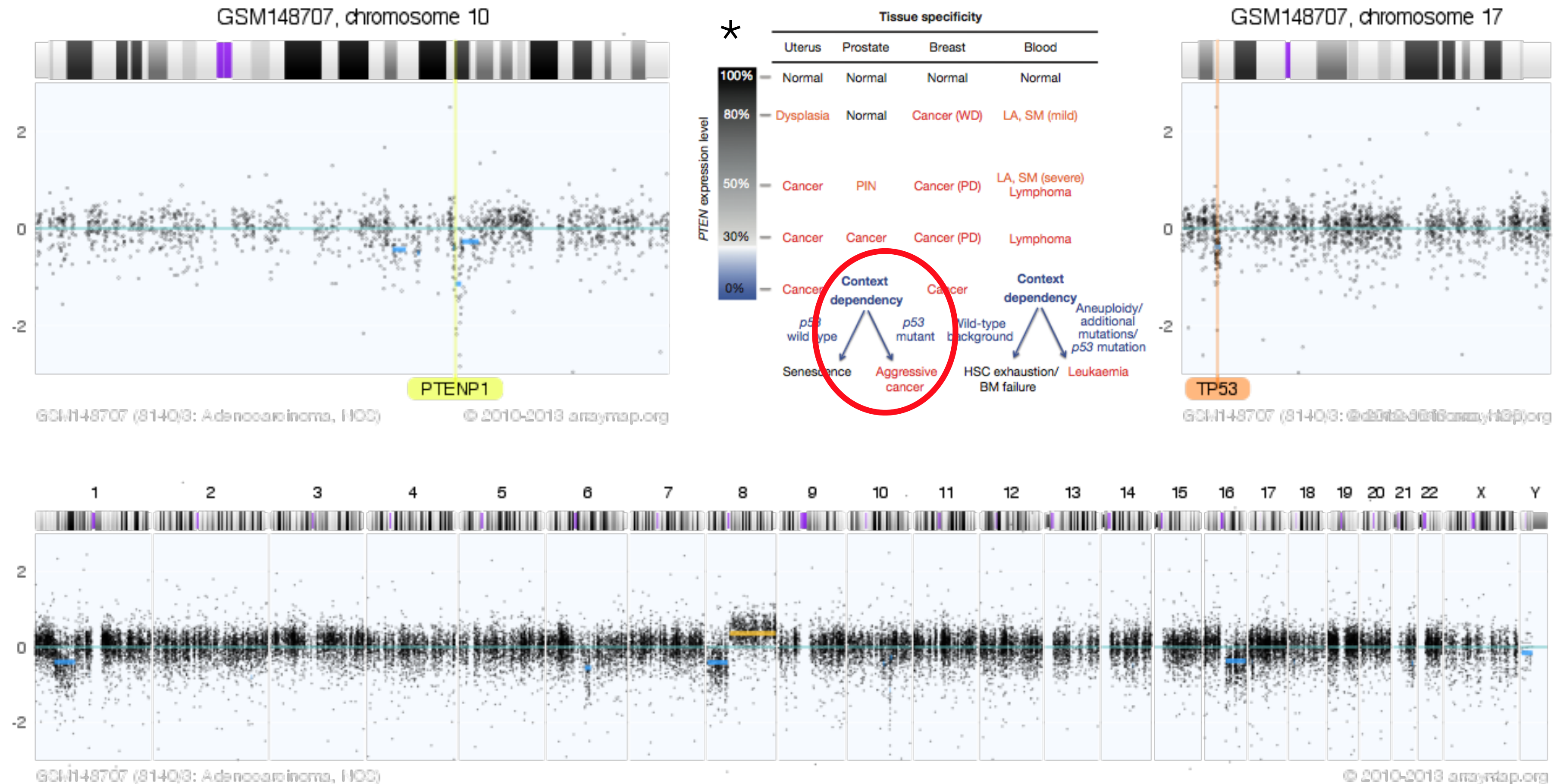
Quantifying Somatic Mutations In Cancer



GENOMIC COPY NUMBER IMBALANCES PROVIDE WIDESPREAD SOMATIC VARIANTS IN CANCER

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

Gene dosage phenomena beyond simple on/off effects



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

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

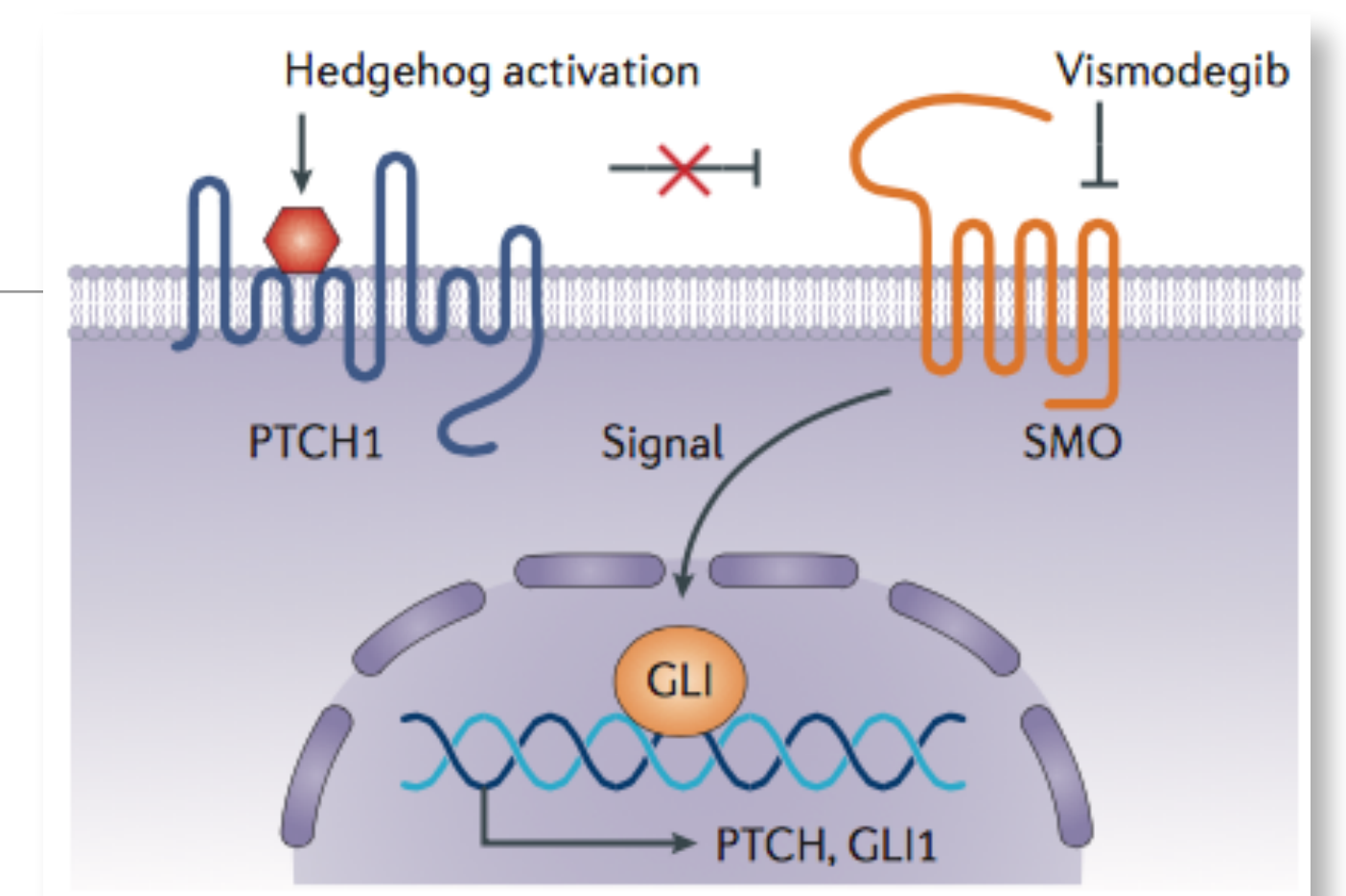
Rare CNV Events & Hidden Therapeutic Options?

Example: PTCH1 deletions in malignant melanomas

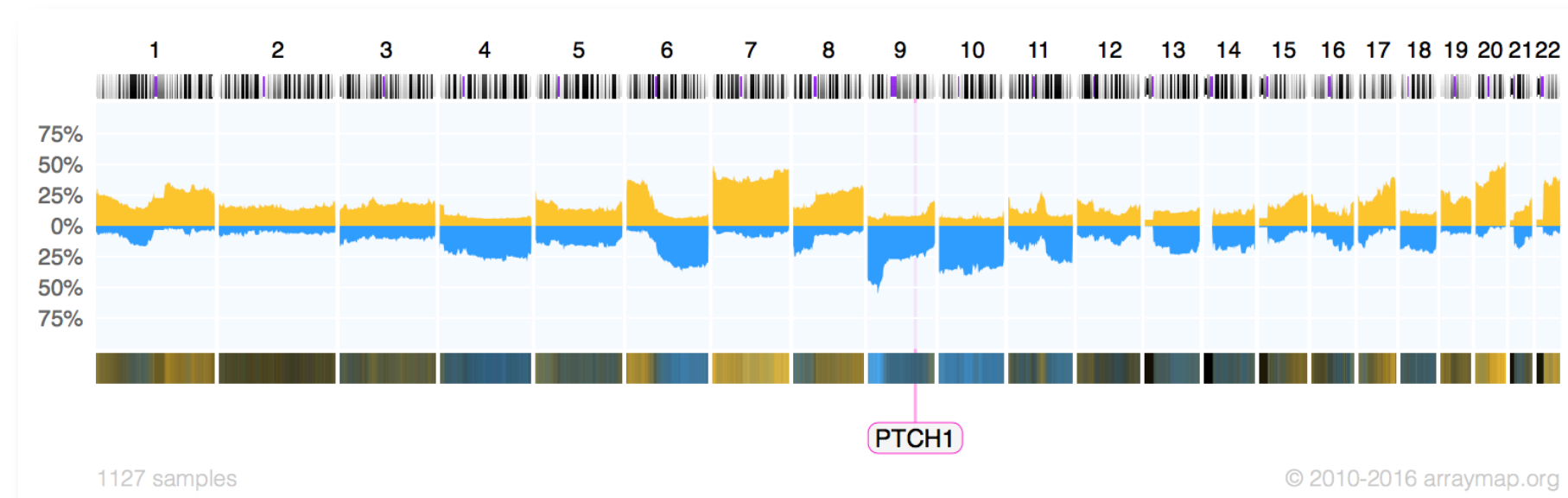
PTCH1 is a actionable tumor suppressor gene, which has been demonstrated in e.g. basalionomas and medulloblastomas

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

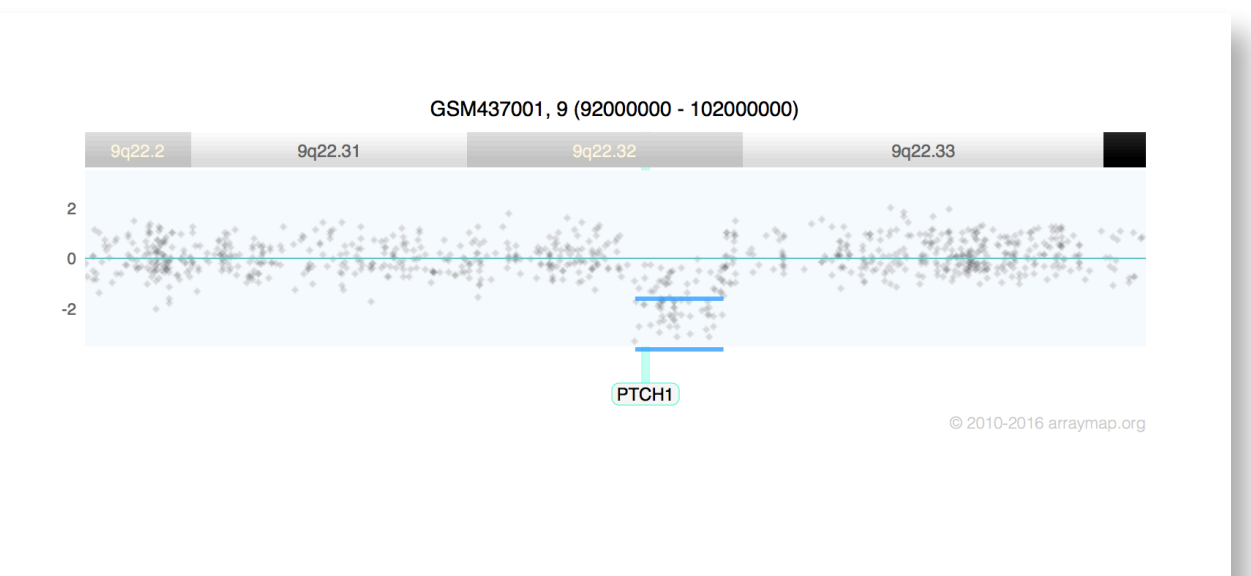
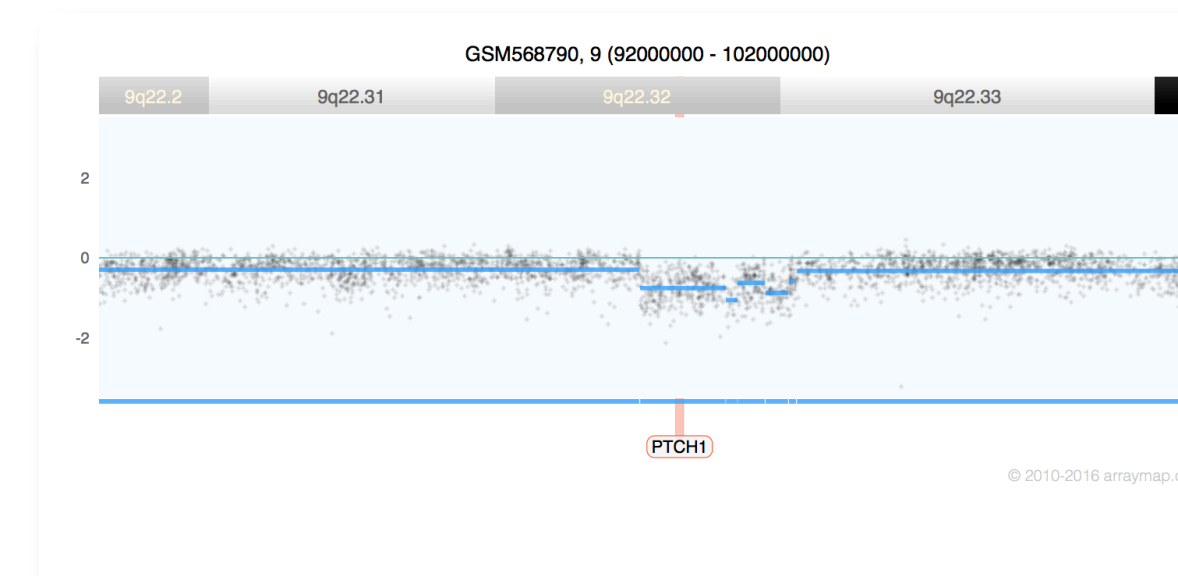
a current project addresses the focal involvement of all mapped genes, in >50'000 cancer genome profiles



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



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

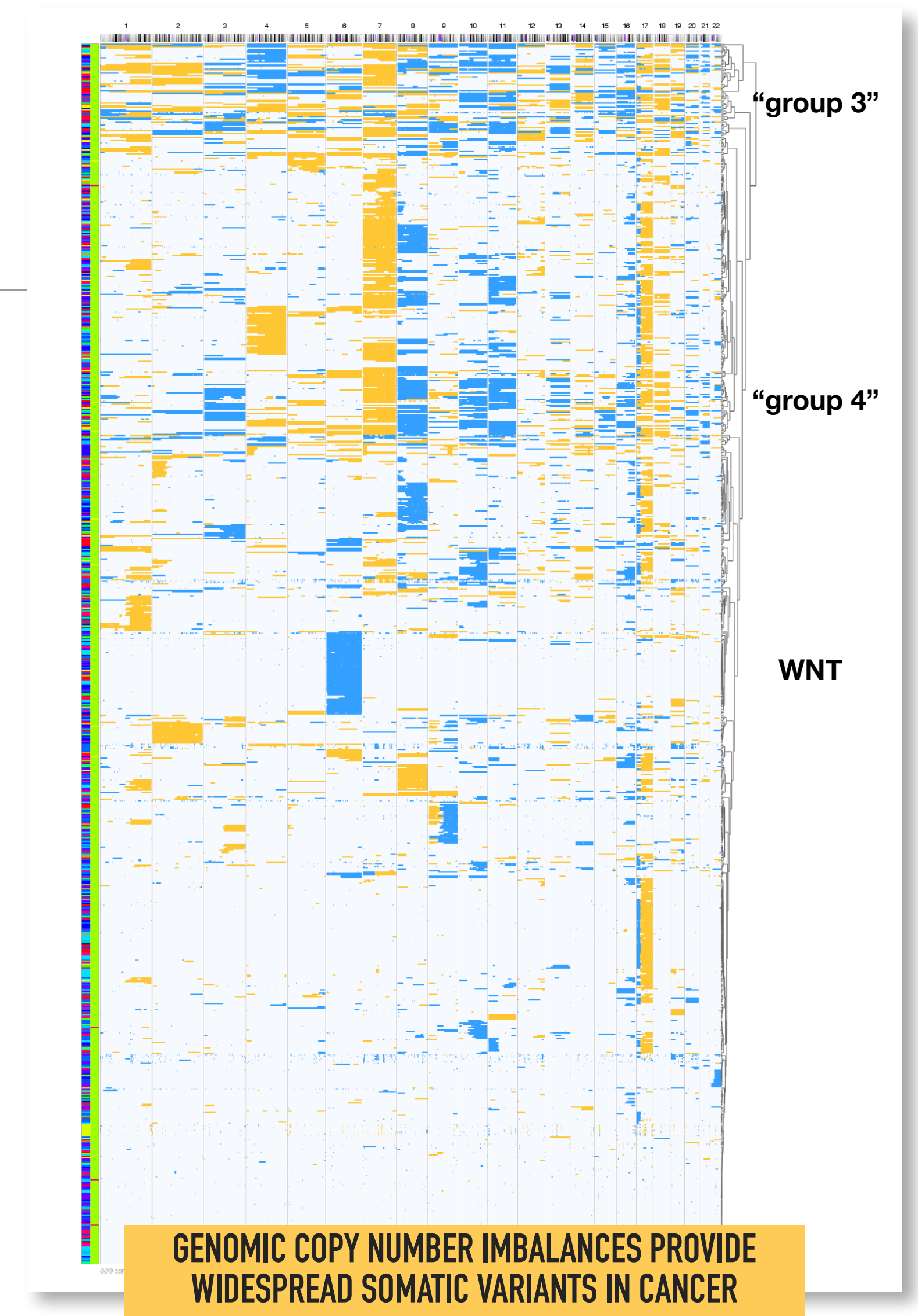
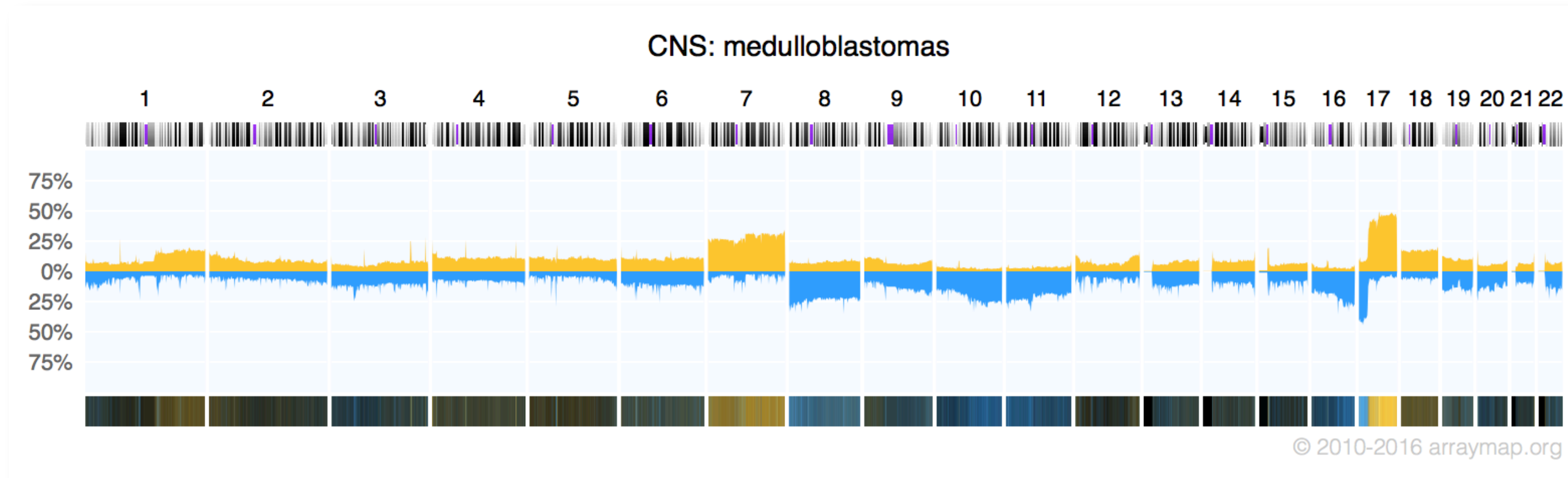


Examples of focal / homozygous PTCH1 deletions detected in the analysis of 1127 genomic array datasets. Focal somatic imbalance events are considered an indicator for oncogenic involvement of the affected target genes.

Somatic CNVs In Cancer: Patterns

Many tumor types express **recurrent mutation patterns**

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



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

Somatic Mutations In Cancer: Patterns

Making the case for genomic classifications

Some related cancer entities show similar copy number profiles

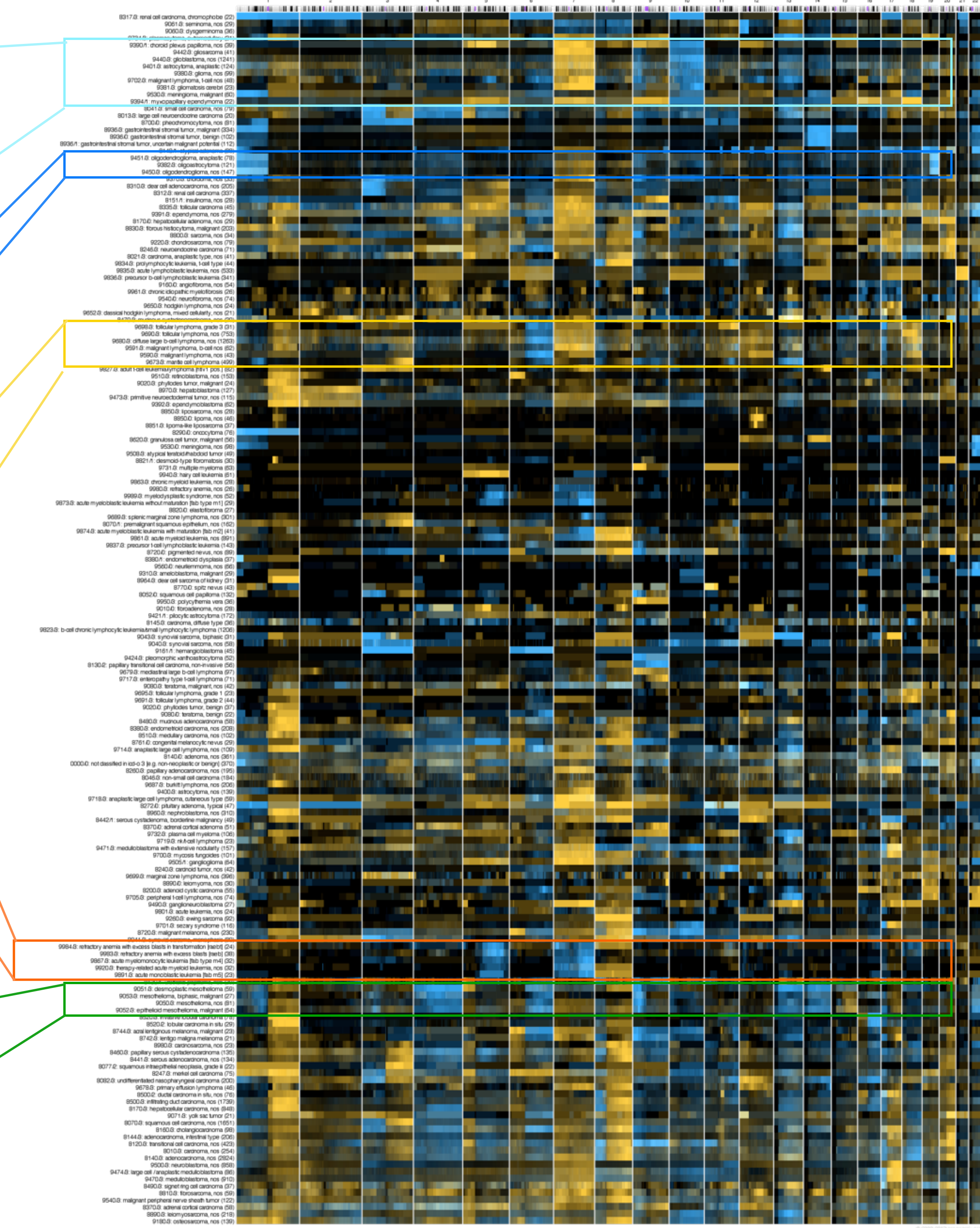
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 9442/3: gliosarcoma (41)
 9440/3: glioblastoma, nos (1241)
 9401/3: astrocytoma, anaplastic (124)
 9380/3: glioma, nos (99)
 9702/3: malignant lymphoma, t-cell nos (48)
 9381/3: gliomatosis cerebri (23)
 9530/3: meningioma, malignant (60)
 9394/1: myxopapillary ependymoma (22)

9451/3: oligodendroglioma, anaplastic (78)
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 9450/3: oligodendroglioma, nos (147)

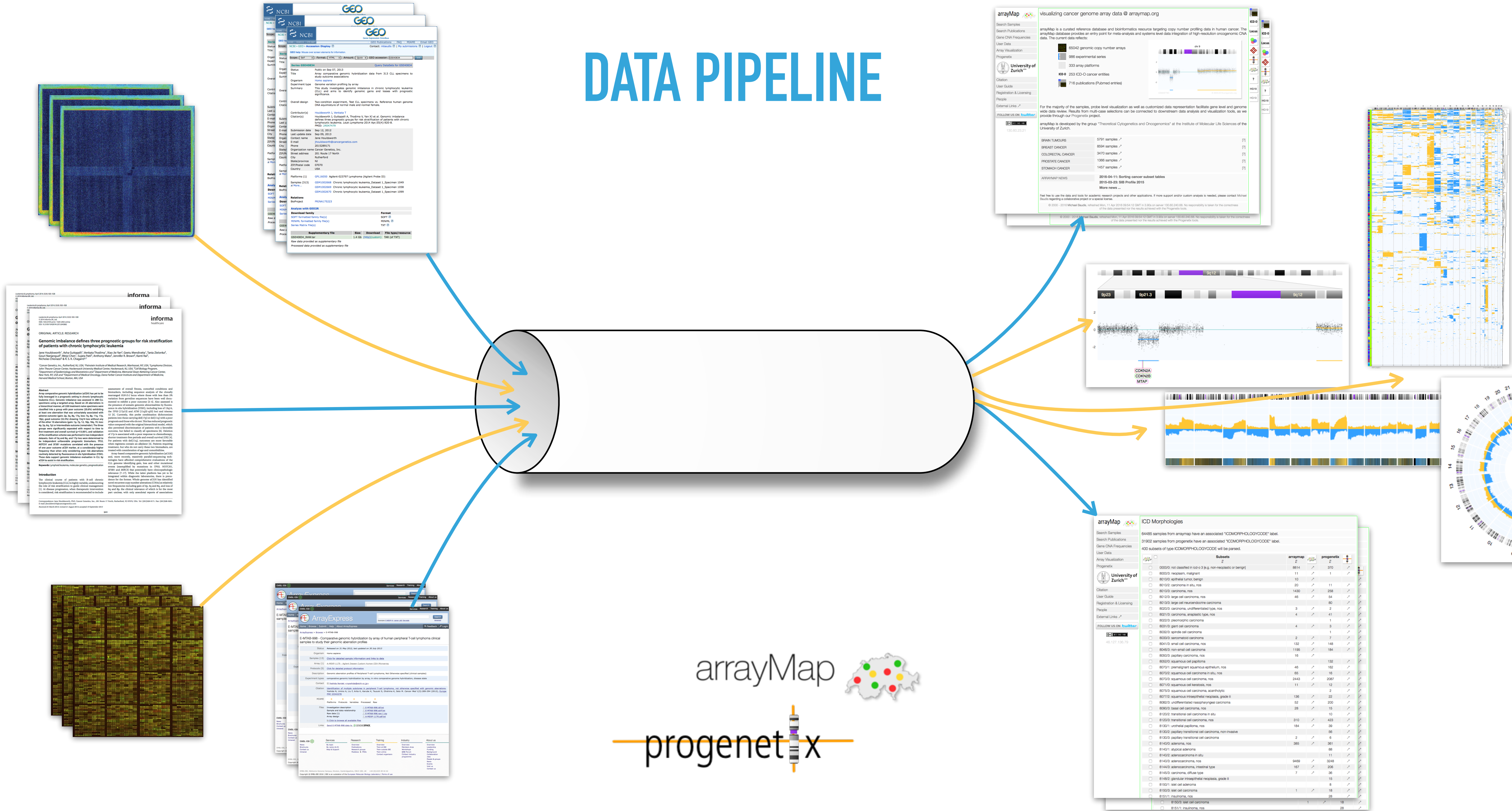
9698/3: follicular lymphoma, grade 3 (31)
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 9680/3: diffuse large b-cell lymphoma, nos (1263)
 9591/3: malignant lymphoma, b-cell nos (62)
 9590/3: malignant lymphoma, nos (43)
 9673/3: mantle cell lymphoma (499)

9984/3: refractory anemia with excess blasts in transformation [raebt] (24)
 9983/3: refractory anemia with excess blasts [raeb] (38)
 9867/3: acute myelomonocytic leukemia [fab type m4] (32)
 9920/3: therapy-related acute myeloid leukemia, nos (32)
 9891/3: acute monoblastic leukemia [fab m5] (23)

9051/3: desmoplastic mesothelioma (59)
 9053/3: mesothelioma, biphasic, malignant (27)
 9050/3: mesothelioma, nos (81)
 9052/3: epithelioid mesothelioma, malignant (64)



DATA PIPELINE



GEO NCI - GEO - Assay Explorer

Study: GSE102668

Series: GSE102668

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Series Title: Array comparative genomic hybridization data from 313 CLL specimens to study genomic alterations

Series Summary: This study investigates genomic imbalance in chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) and aims to identify genomic gains and losses with prognostic significance.

Overall Design: Two-color array, two CLL specimens vs. reference human genome DNA equivalent of same size and content.

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Supplementary file: [Raw data provided as supplementary file](#) (1.4 Gb) [Processed data provided as supplementary file](#) (166 of 167)

arrayMap visualizing cancer genome array data @ arraymap.org

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- 716 publications (PubMed entries)

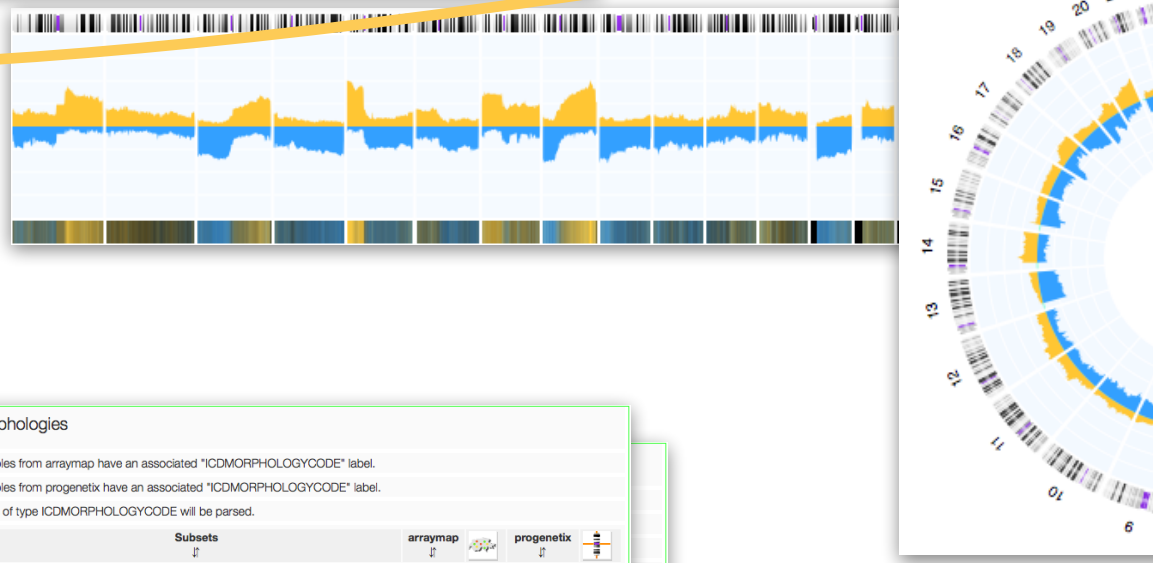
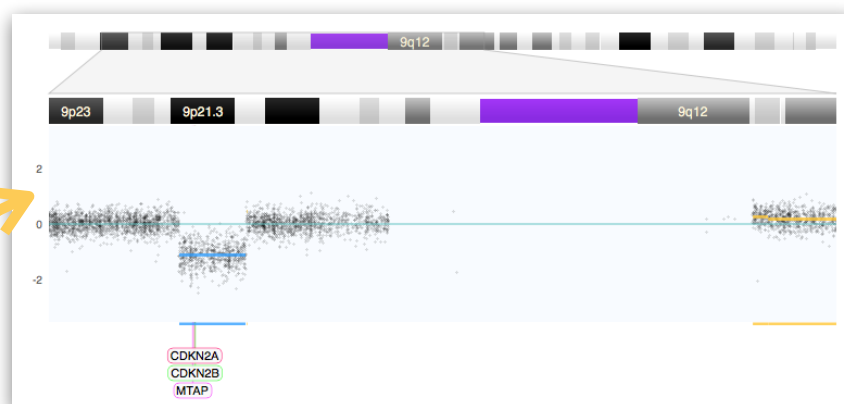
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ICD-O

BLVAV TUMORS	5791 samples
BREAST CANCER	8504 samples
COLONRECTAL CANCER	3470 samples
PROSTATE CANCER	1366 samples
STOMACH CANCER	1457 samples

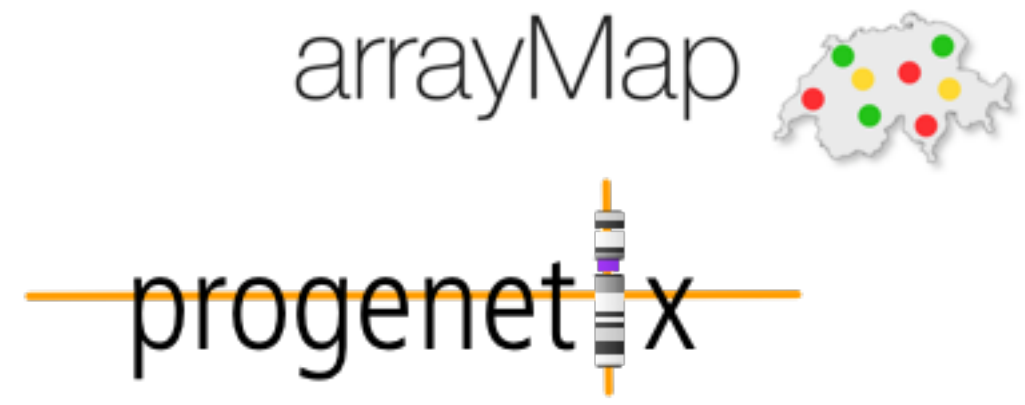
2016-04-11: Sorting cancer subset tables
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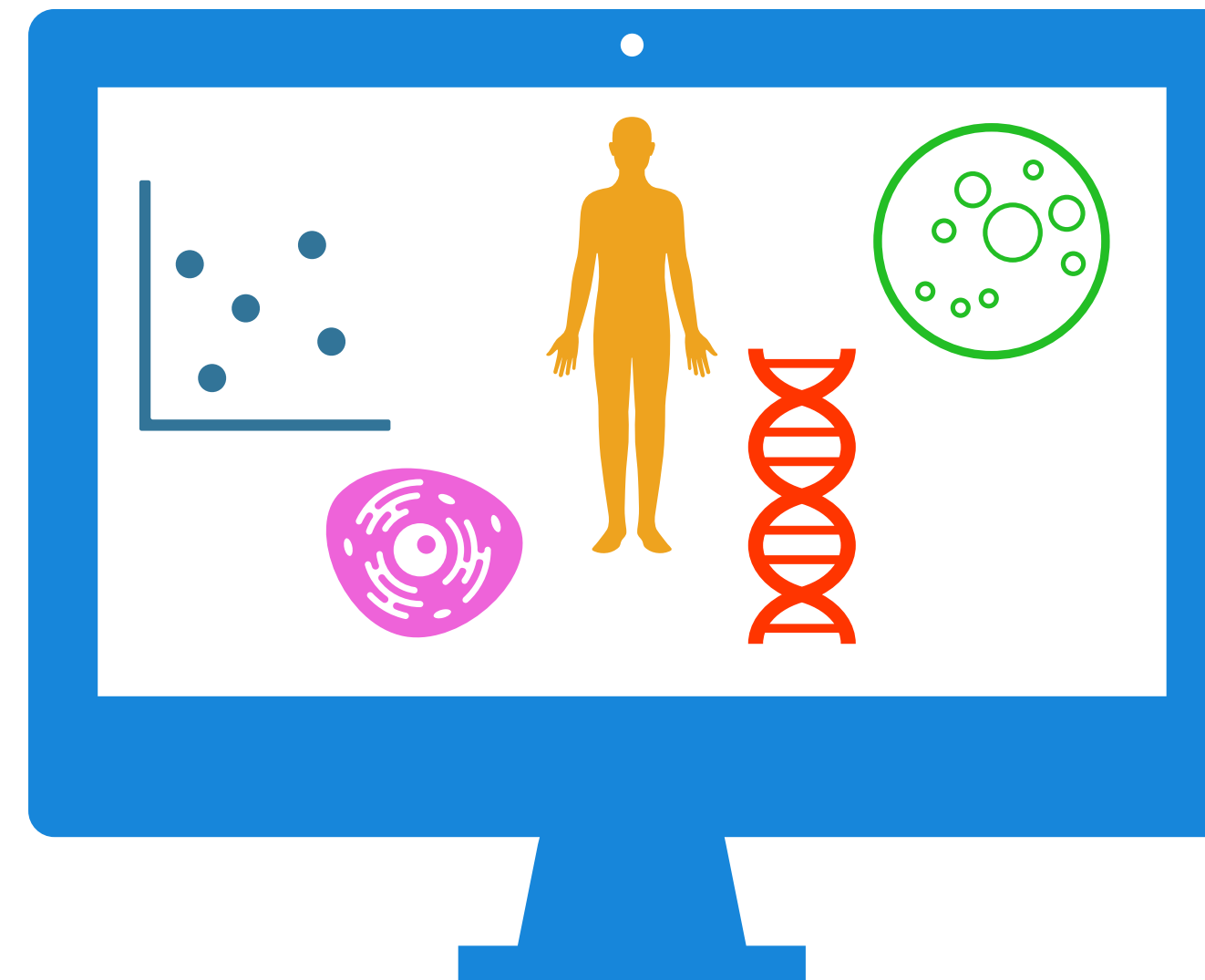
arrayMap ICD Morphologies

64485 samples from arraymap have an associated "ICDMORPHOLOGYCODE" label.
31902 samples from progenetx have an associated "ICDMORPHOLOGYCODE" label.
400 subsets of type ICDMORPHOLOGYCODE will be parsed.

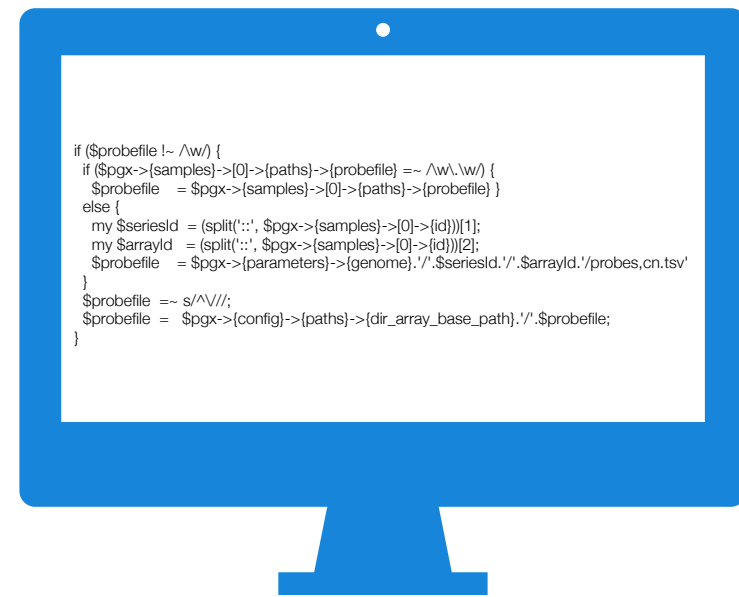
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80000: neoplasm, malignant	11	1
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80102: carcinoma in situ, nos	20	11
80103: carcinoma, nos	1430	258
80120: large cell carcinoma, nos	45	54
80130: large cell neuroendocrine carcinoma	3	60
80200: carcinoma, undifferentiated type, nos	4	41
80203: pleomorphic carcinoma	1	1
80310: gliar cell carcinoma	4	3
80300: glioma cell carcinoma	1	1
80303: sarcomatoid carcinoma	2	7
80410: small cell carcinoma, nos	132	148
80460: non-small cell carcinoma	1195	184
80500: papillary carcinoma, nos	16	14
80503: squamous cell papilloma	1	132
80701: premalignant squamous epithelium, nos	45	182
80702: squamous cell carcinoma in situ, nos	65	16
80703: squamous cell carcinoma, nos	2443	2087
80710: squamous cell keratosis, nos	11	12
80750: squamous cell carcinoma, acantholytic	2	2
80772: squamous intraepithelial neoplasia, grade II	136	22
80800: undifferentiated neoplasmy/nei carcinoma	52	200
80803: basal cell carcinoma, nos	28	18
81000: transitional cell carcinoma in situ	210	10
81002: transitional cell carcinoma, nos	310	423
81301: urothelial papilloma, nos	184	39
81302: papillary transitional cell carcinoma, non-invasive	2	56
81400: adenoma, nos	2	8
81403: adenoma, nos	365	361
81404: atypical adenoma	1	88
81405: adenocarcinoma in situ	1459	11
81406: adenocarcinoma, nos	949	3048
81440: adenocarcinoma, intestinal type	167	206
81450: carcinoma, diffuse type	7	36
81480: glandular intraepithelial neoplasia, grade II	1	15
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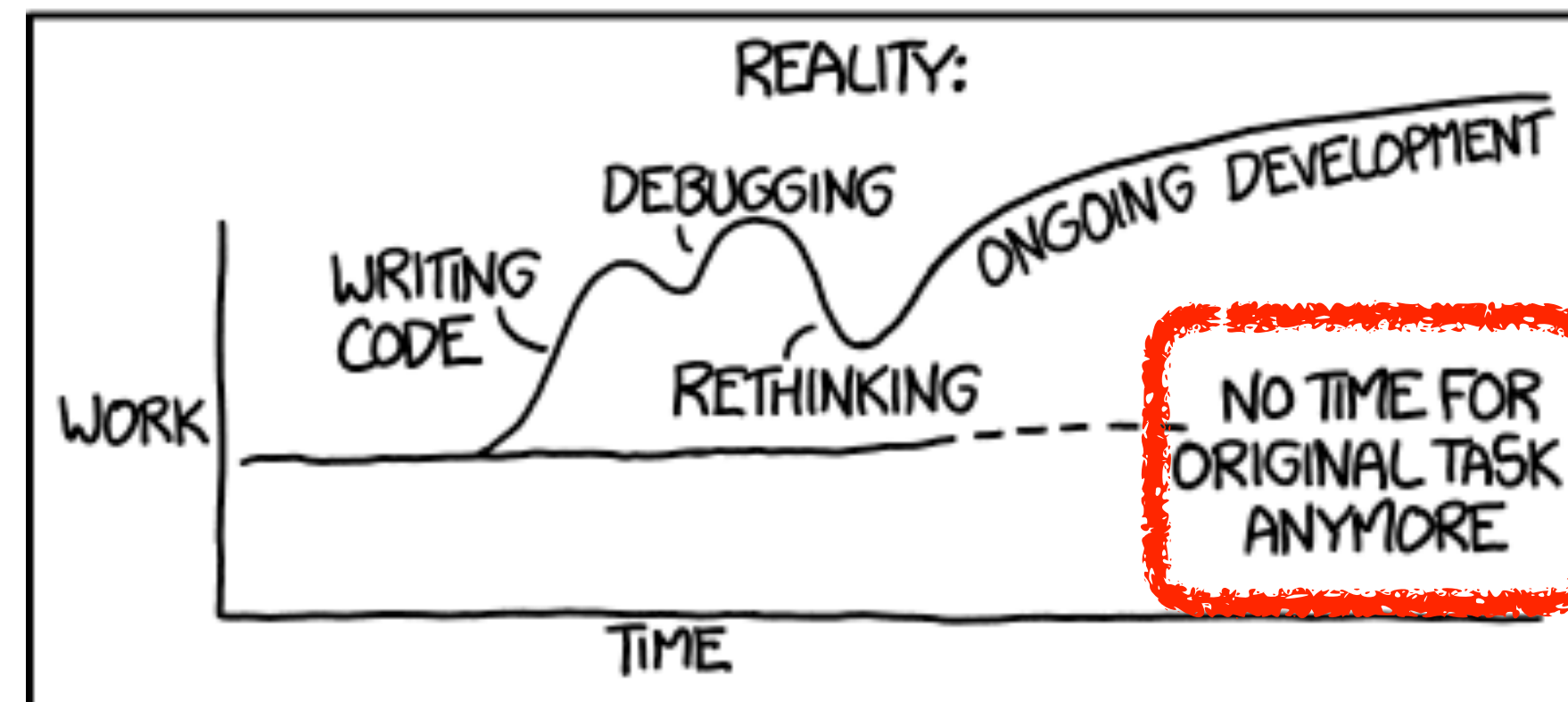
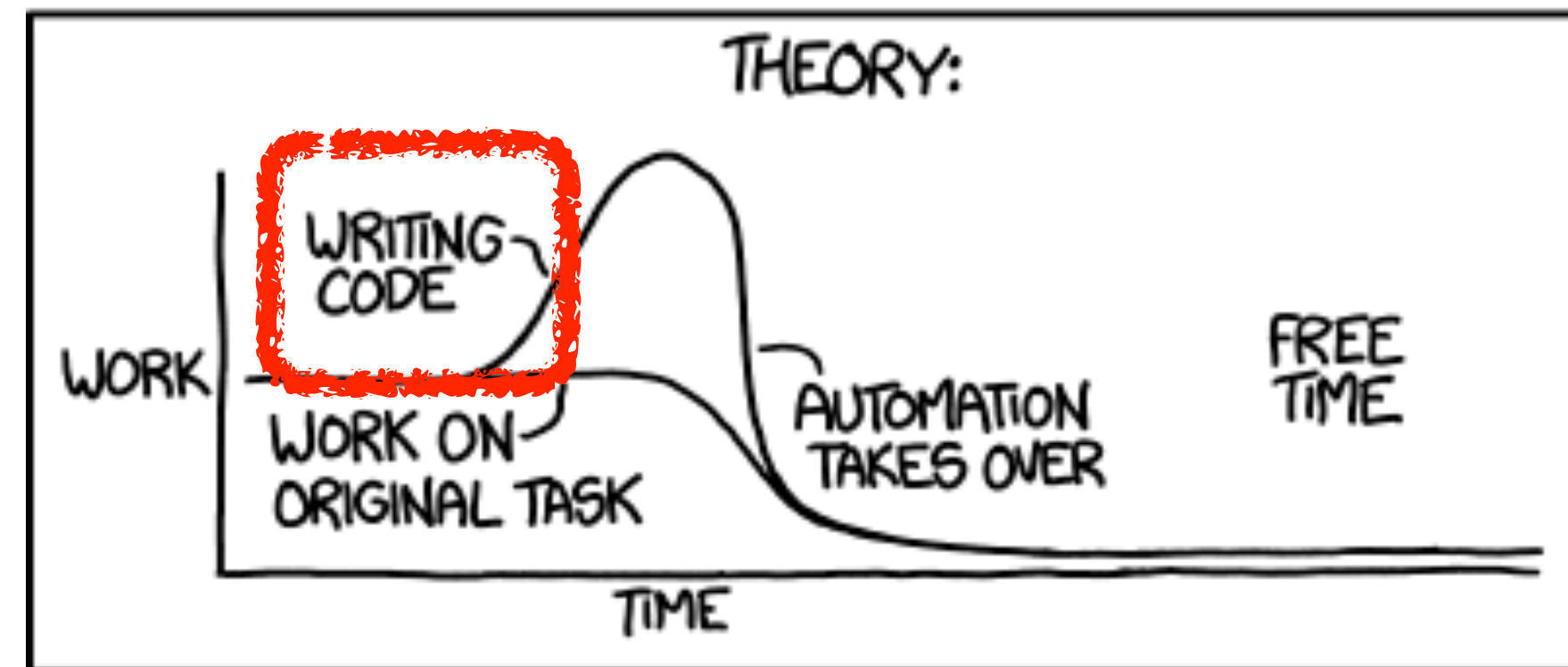
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"I SPEND A LOT OF TIME ON THIS TASK.
I SHOULD WRITE A PROGRAM AUTOMATING IT!"



A tool for genome (CNV) batch liftover

Situation

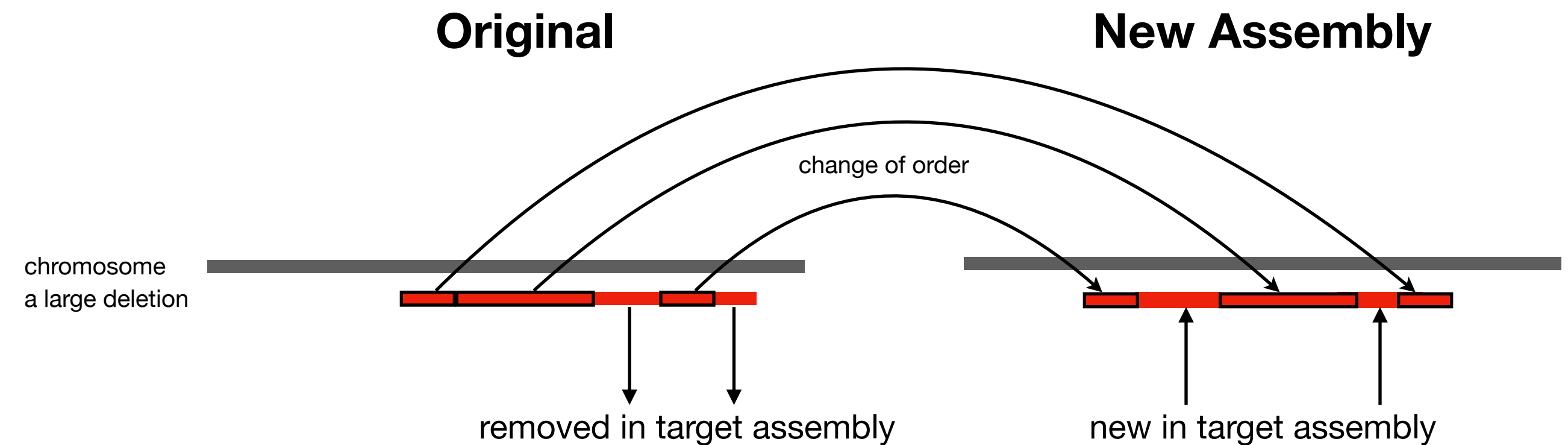
- A continuous genome segment with **real start and end positions** has been duplicated/deleted
- the reported **edge positions are statistically derived** and their real equivalent may be removed/repositioned
- however, CNV segments are determined from **many measurements** - reporting edges is just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

Challenge

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

Solution

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



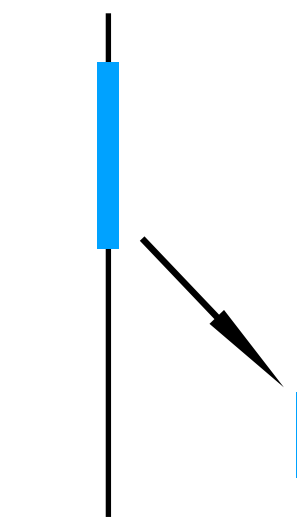
The difficulties in copy number segment liftover

Fuzzy search

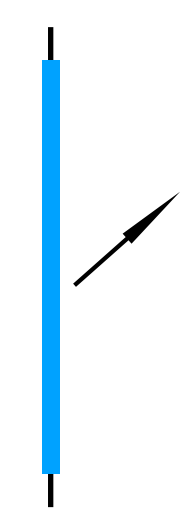


Quality control

Change of chromosome



Change of size





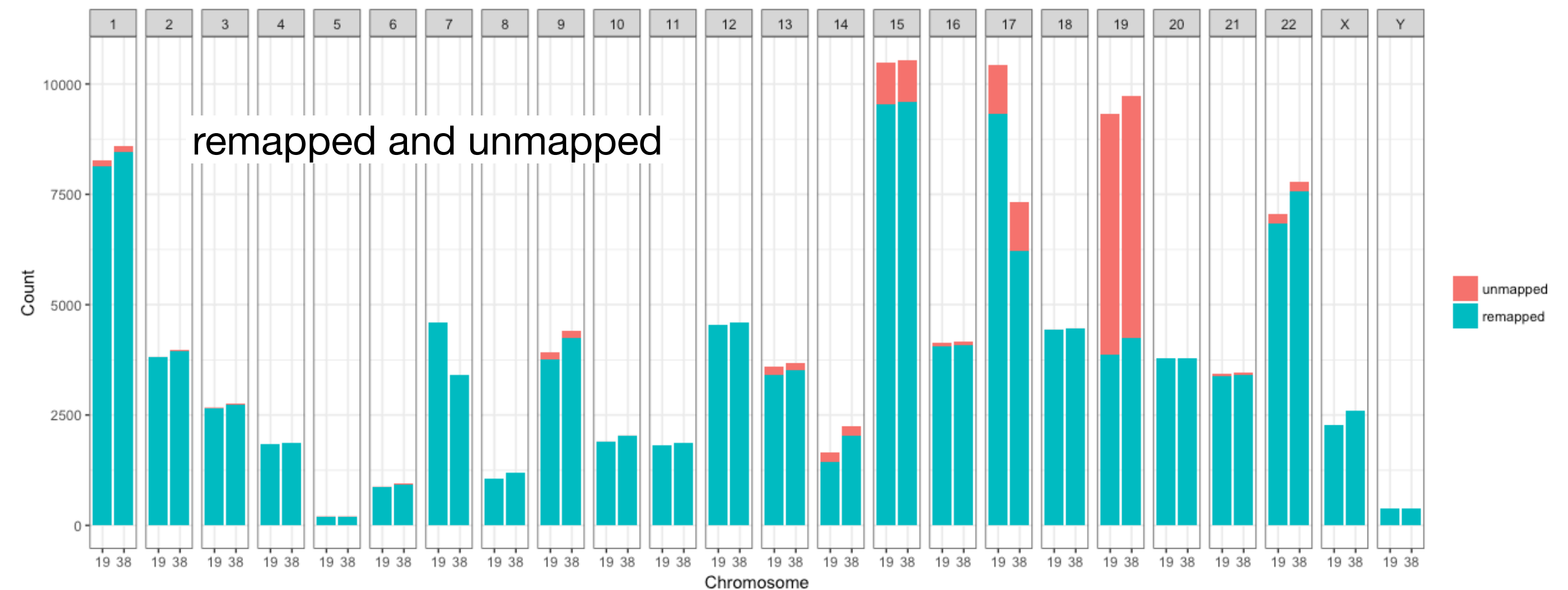
SOFTWARE TOOL ARTICLE

REVISED `segment_liftover` : a Python tool to convert segments between genome assemblies [version 2; peer review: 2 approved]

Bo Gao ^{1,2}, Qingyao Huang^{1,2}, Michael Baudis ^{1,2}

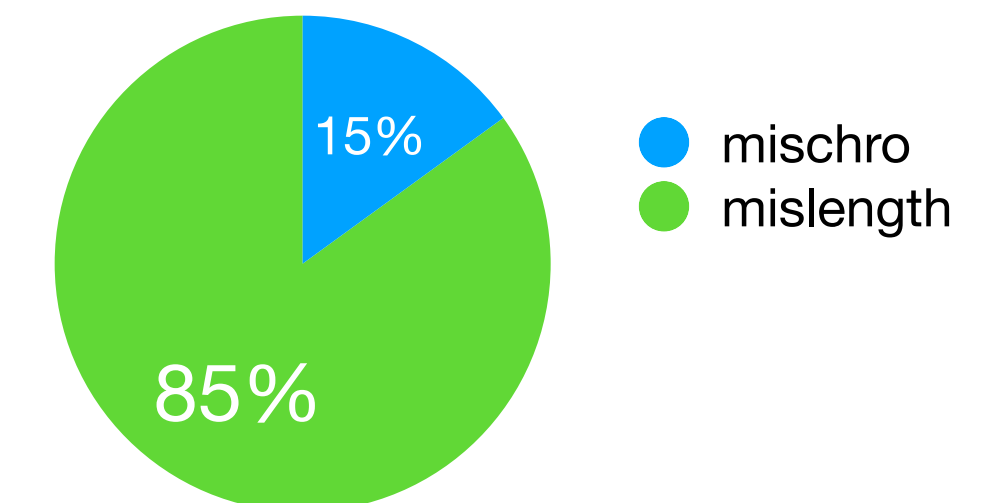
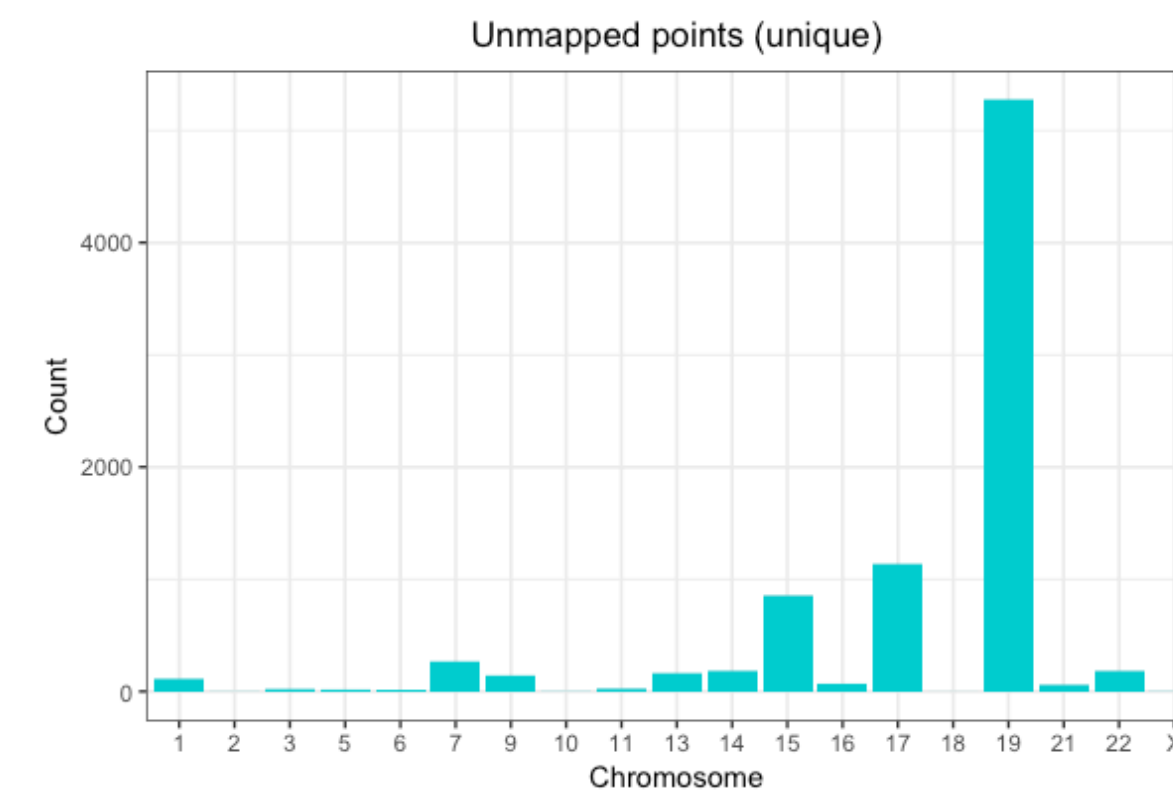
Results of *segment_liftover*

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



Distribution of unmapped probes

Reason of unmapped segments

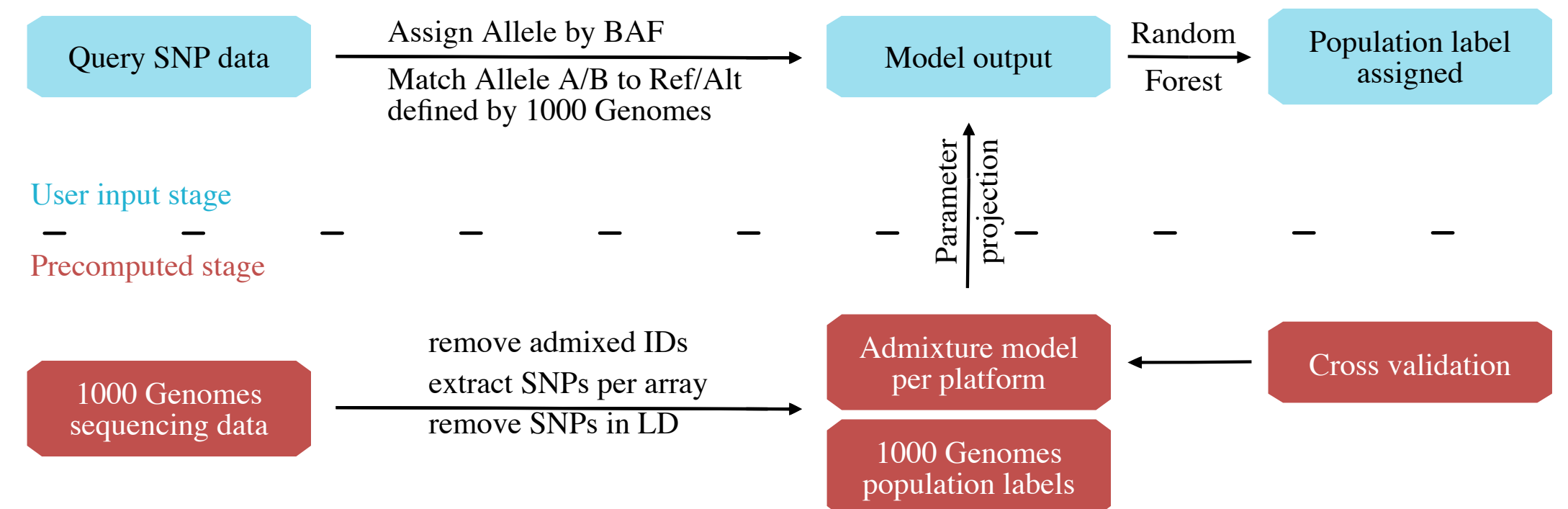
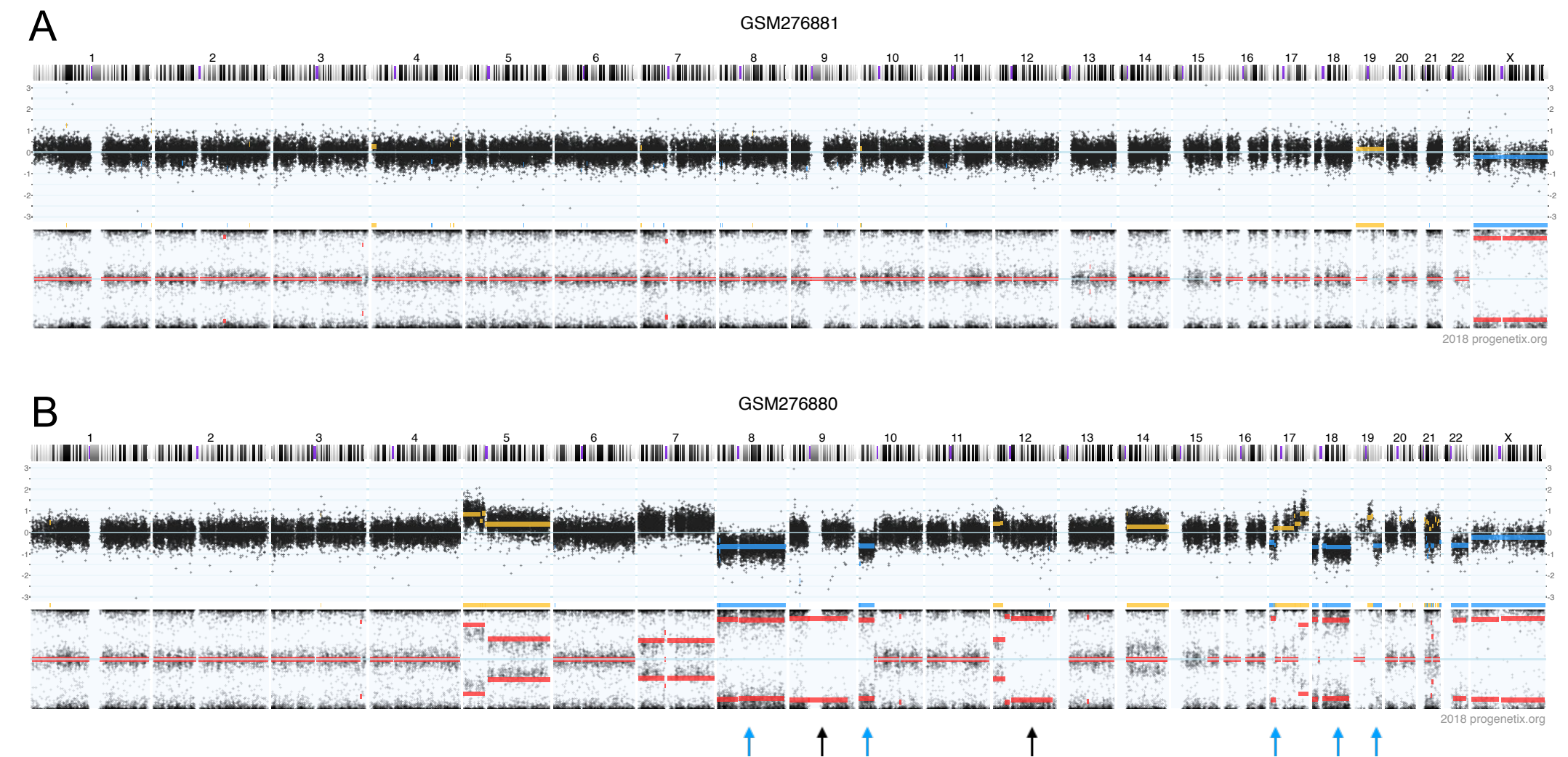


Population stratification in cancer samples based on SNP array data

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

Enabling population assignment from cancer genomes with SNP2pop

Qingyao Huang^{1,2} and Michael Baudis^{1,2}✉



Population stratification in cancer samples based on SNP array data

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

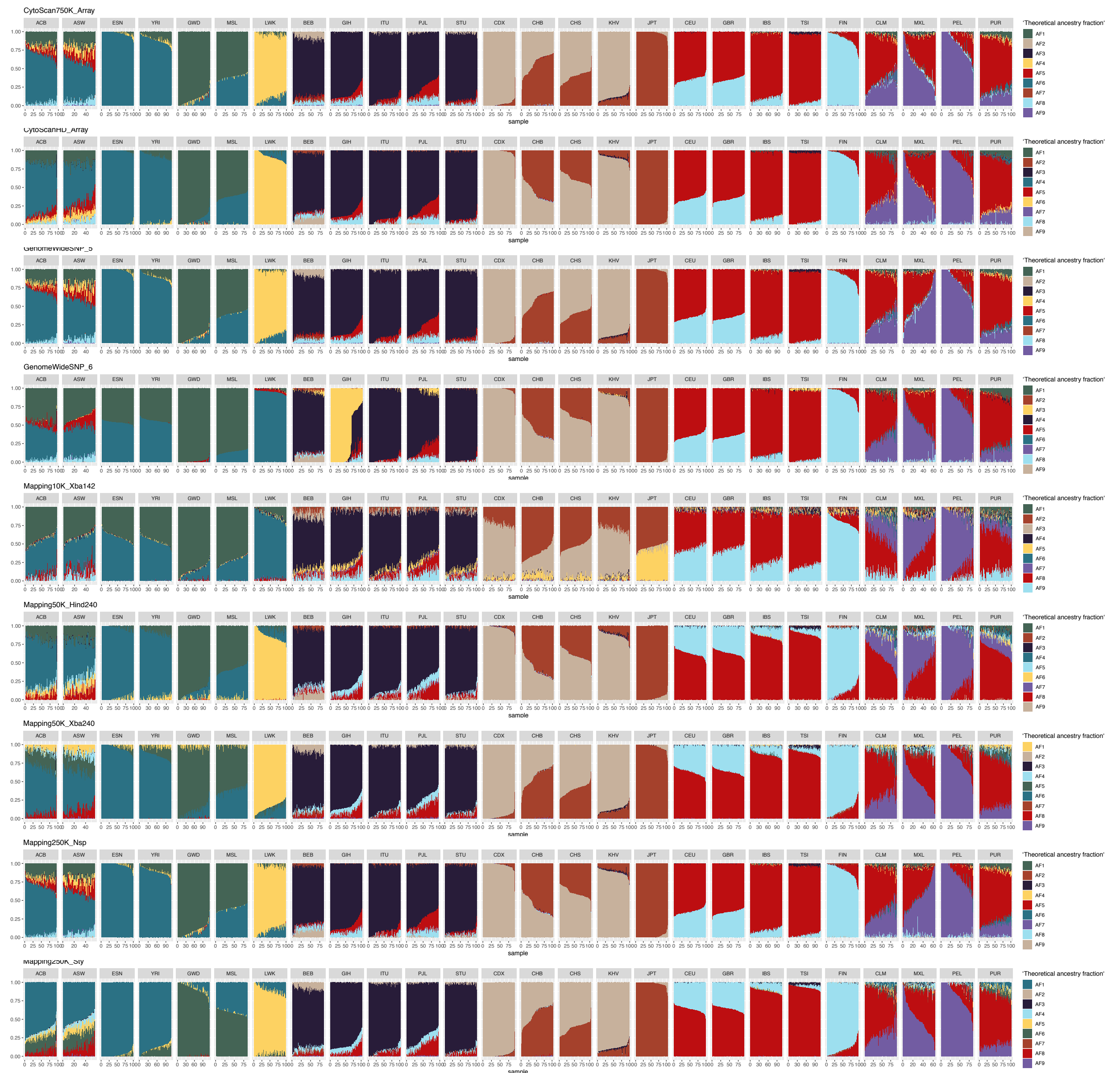


Figure S1 The fraction or contribution of theoretical ancestors ($k=9$) in reference individuals from 1000 Genomes Project with regard to nine SNP array platforms. The x-axis are individual samples, grouped by their respective population. Groups belonging to the same continent/superpopulation are placed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

arrayMap

Reference resource for copy number variation data in cancer



- Search Samples
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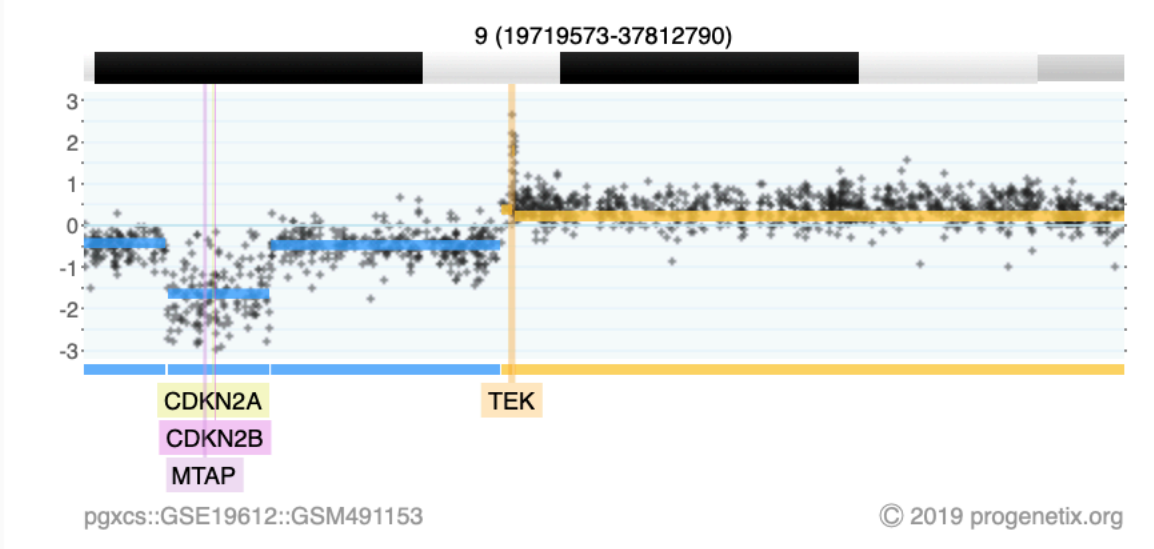
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RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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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.

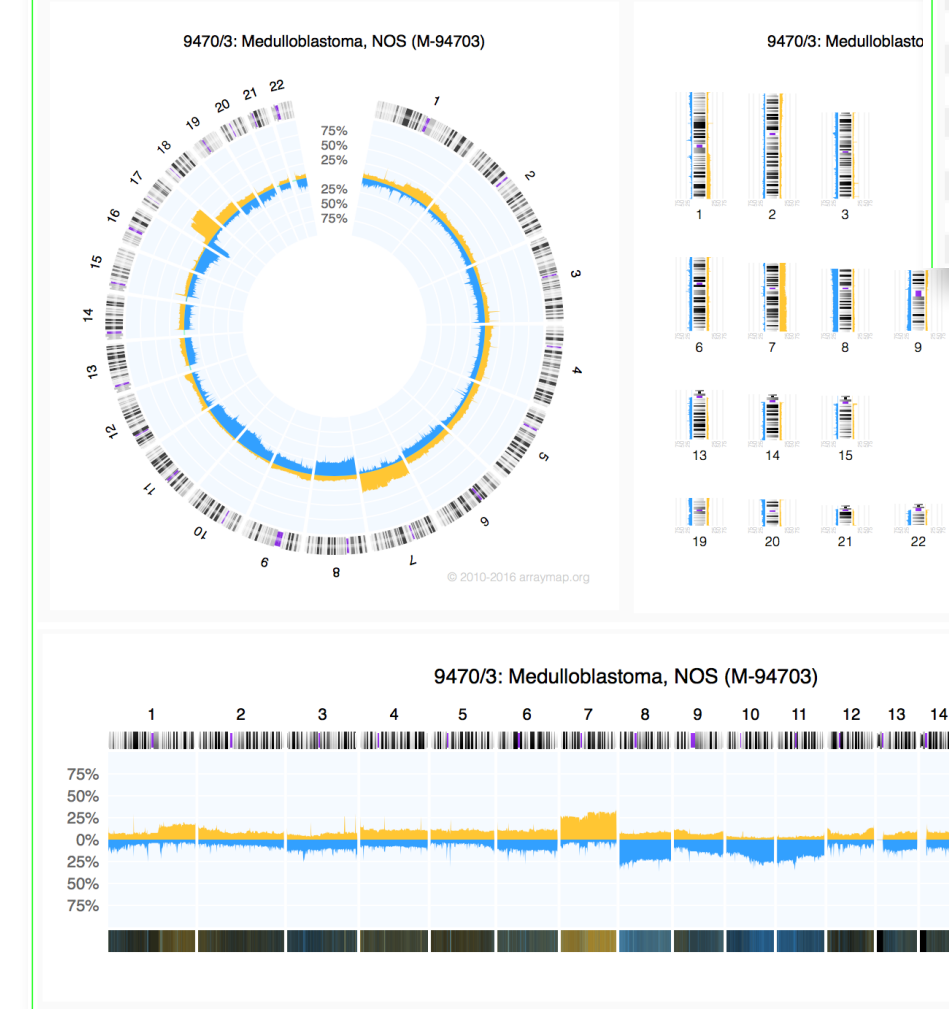
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ICD Morphologies

2021 samples from arraymap have an associated "ICDMORPHOLOGYCODE" label.

9470/3: Medulloblastoma, NOS (M-94703)

- Synonyms**
- Medulloblastoma, NOS
 - Melanotic medulloblastoma



UID	SERIESID	PMID	ICDMORPHOLOGYCODE	ICDTOPOGRAPHYCODE
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GSM1001317	GSE40777	23571474	8010/3	C34
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GSM1002668	GSE40834	24047479	9823/3	C42
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FIND CNAS BY GENE OR REGION [?]

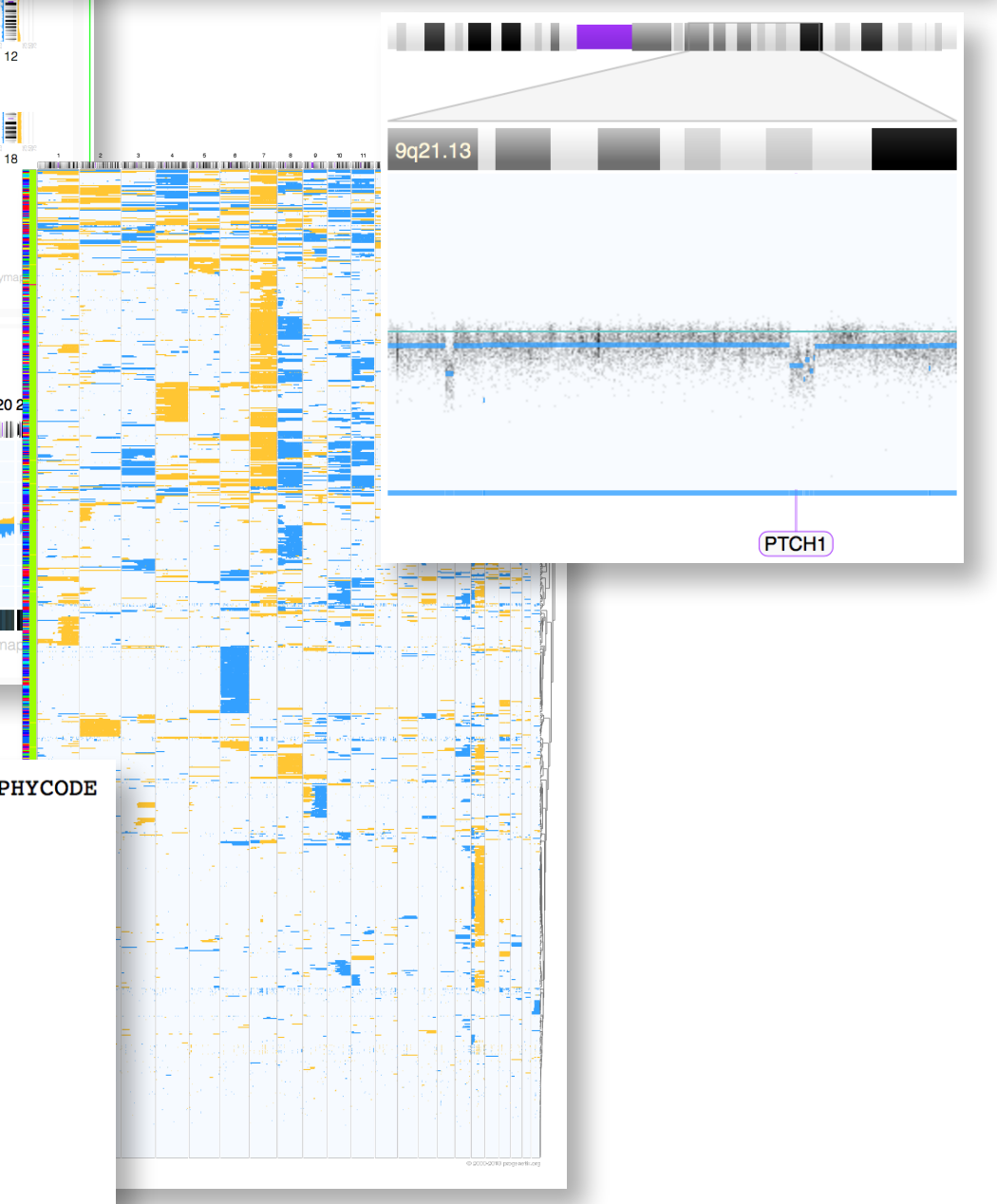
REGION SIZE | MAX COVERAGE (KB) [?]

CLINICAL DATA [?]

CITY km [?]

1949 of 65042 cases matched the selection criteria.

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C692: retina (14/82)	17.1
8260/3: Papillary adenocarcinoma, NOS (11/65)	16.9
8500/3: Invasive carcinoma of no special type (1201/8188)	14.7
8560/3: Adenoquamous carcinoma (3/21)	14.3
Carcinomas: breast ca. (1254/8837)	14.2
C50: breast (1254/8829)	14.0
8500/2: Ductal carcinoma in situ, NOS (25/225)	11.1
C32: larynx (3/29)	10.3
8010/2: Carcinoma in situ, NOS (2/20)	10.0
C187: sigmoid incl. rectosigmoid junction (13/140)	9.3
8480/3: Mucinous adenocarcinoma (12/132)	9.1
8522/3: Infiltrating duct and lobular carcinoma (4/44)	9.1
8460/3: Micropapillary serous carcinoma [C56.9] (32/513)	6.2
8130/1: Urothelial papilloma, NOS (11/184)	6.0
C680: other urinary organs (11/184)	6.0
C54: corpus uteri (19/330)	5.8
8441/3: Serous adenocarcinoma, NOS (31/542)	5.7
Carcinomas: esophagus ca. (32/571)	5.6
Carcinomas: gastric ca. (80/1492)	5.4



Progenetix - Cancer CNV Information Resource

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

Progenetix :: Info

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Progenetix Publication Collection

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

This page is a *beta* version, intended to replace the **original publications** page.

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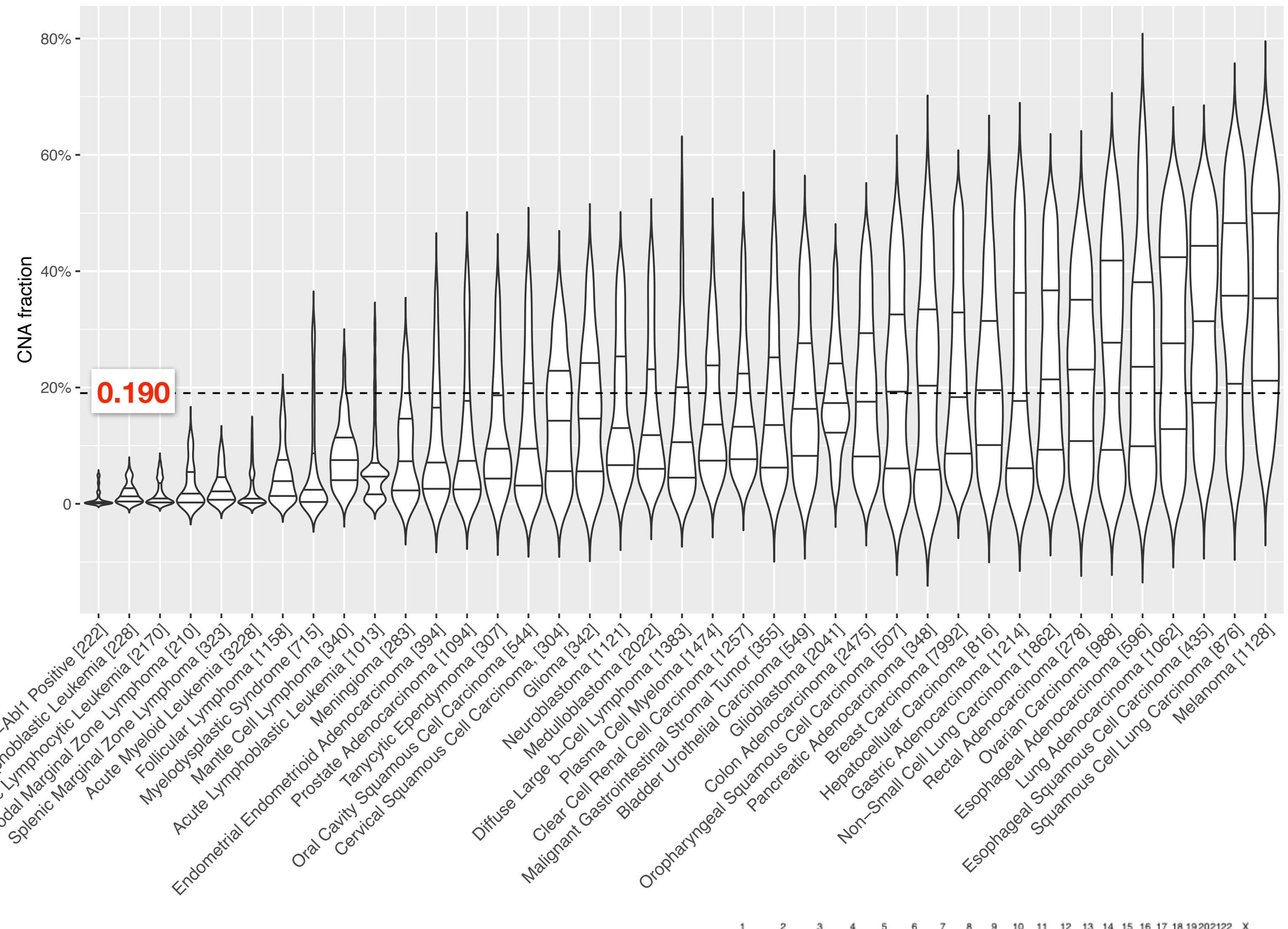
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Genome CNV coverage in Cancer Classes

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



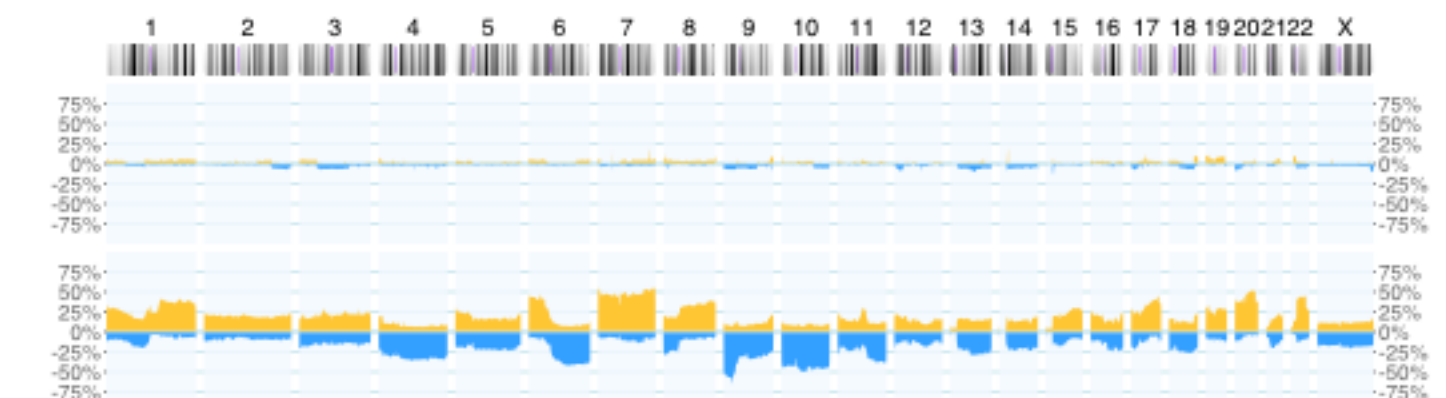
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Lowest / Highest CNV fractions =>

Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia
BCR-ABL1 Pos. (165)

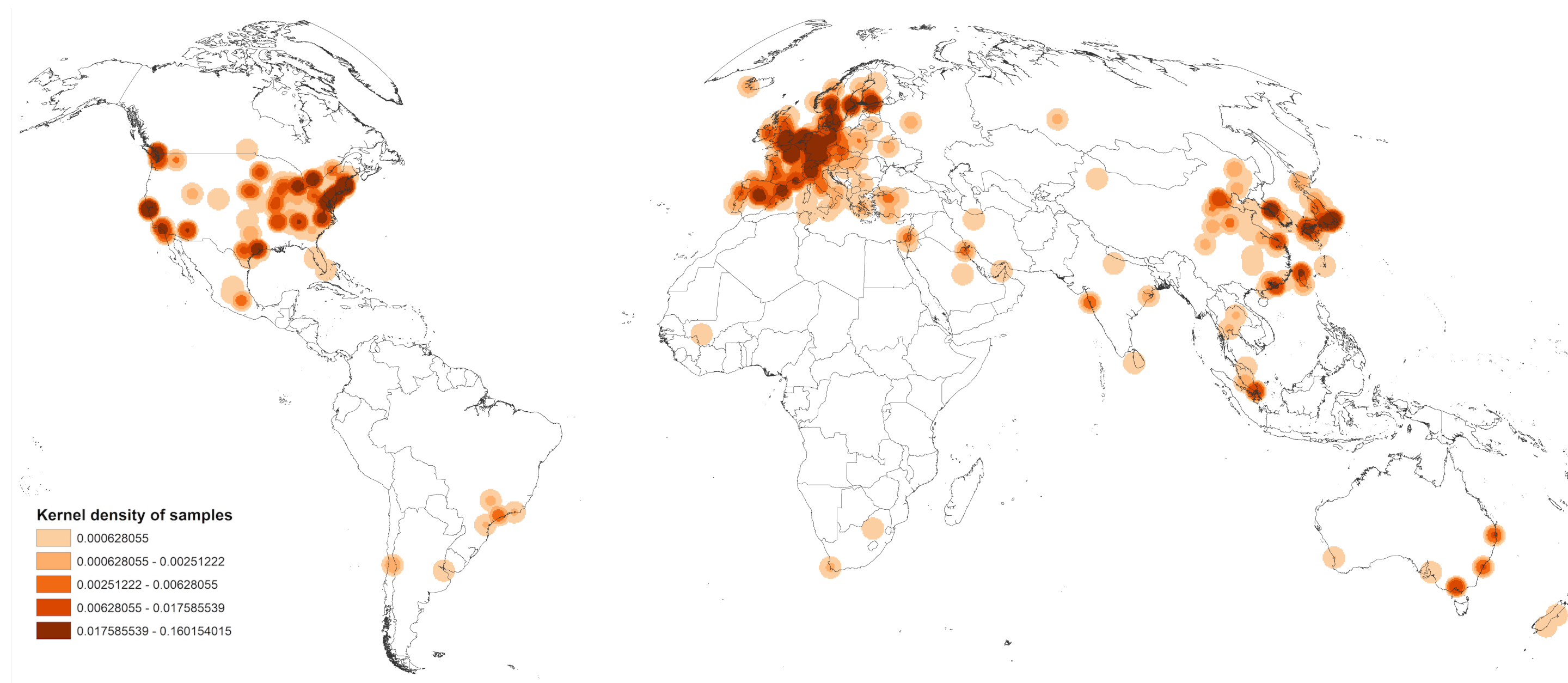
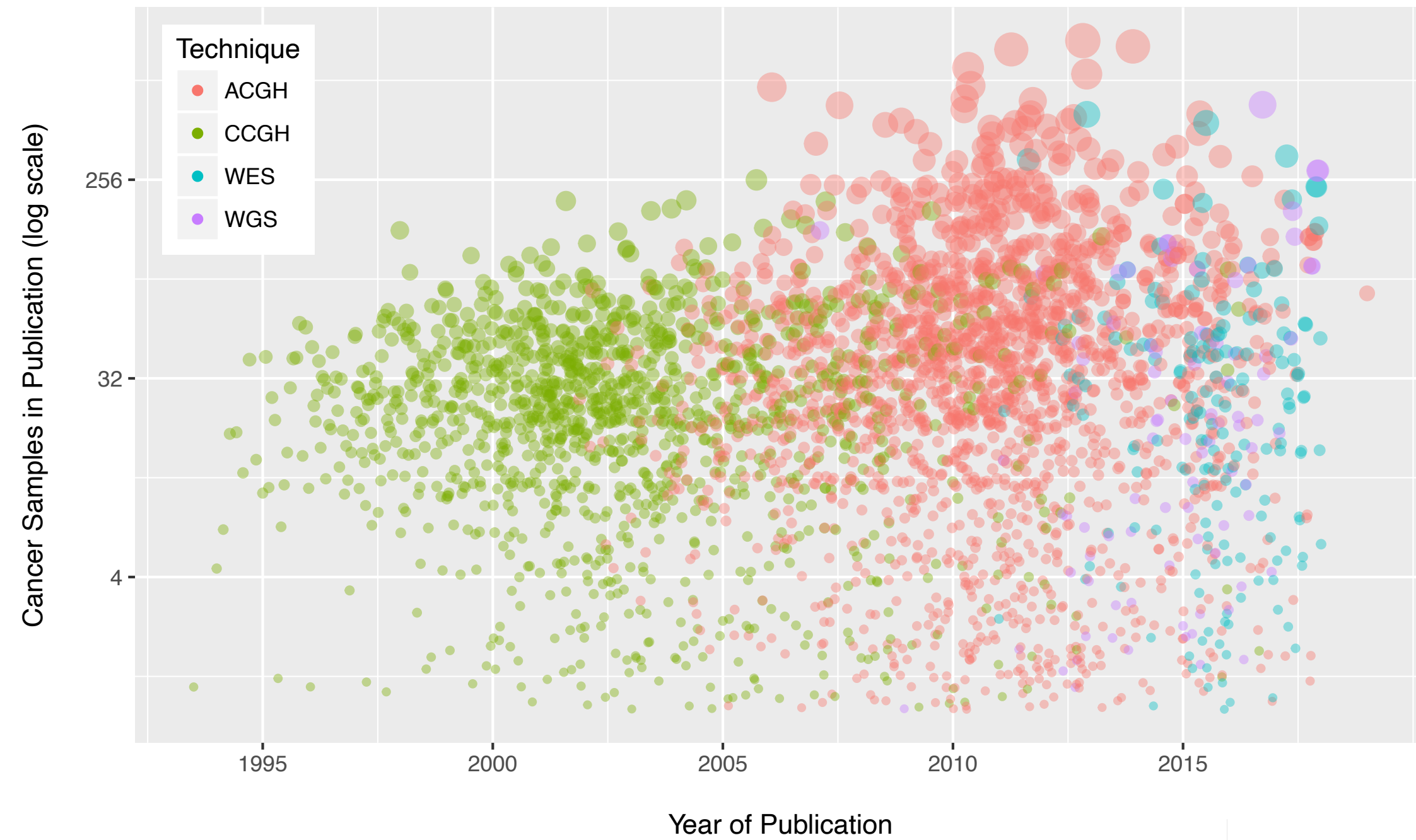
Melanoma (835)



Publication Landscape of Cancer CNV Profiling

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

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



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

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

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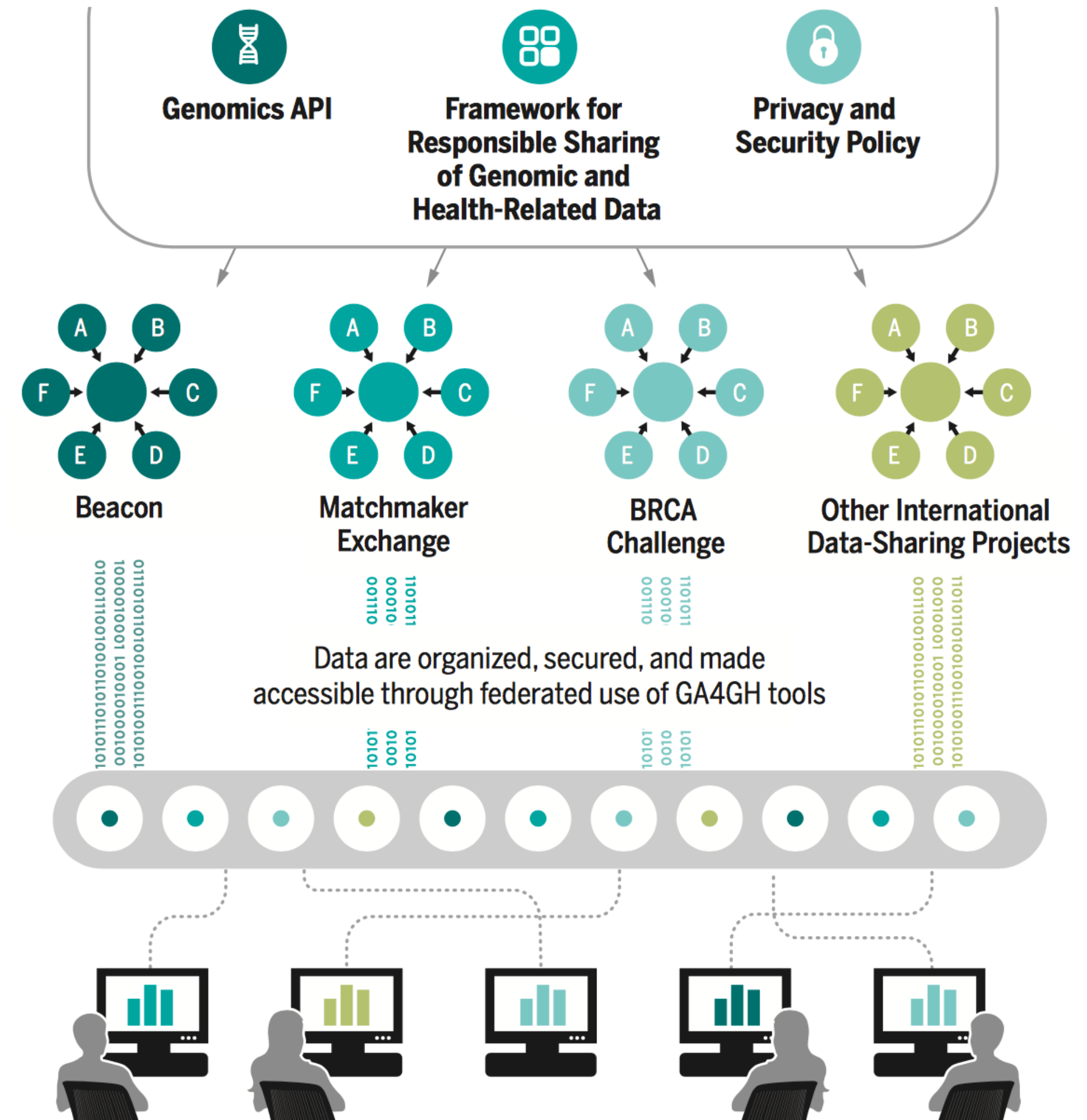


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A federated ecosystem for sharing genomic, clinical data

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


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

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VISION FOR GENOMIC & HEALTH RELATED DATA SHARING IN 2022

Summary:

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

Beacon Project

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



Beacon Network Search Beacons

Search [all beacons](#) for allele

GRCh37 ▾ 10:118969015 C / CT Search

Response All None

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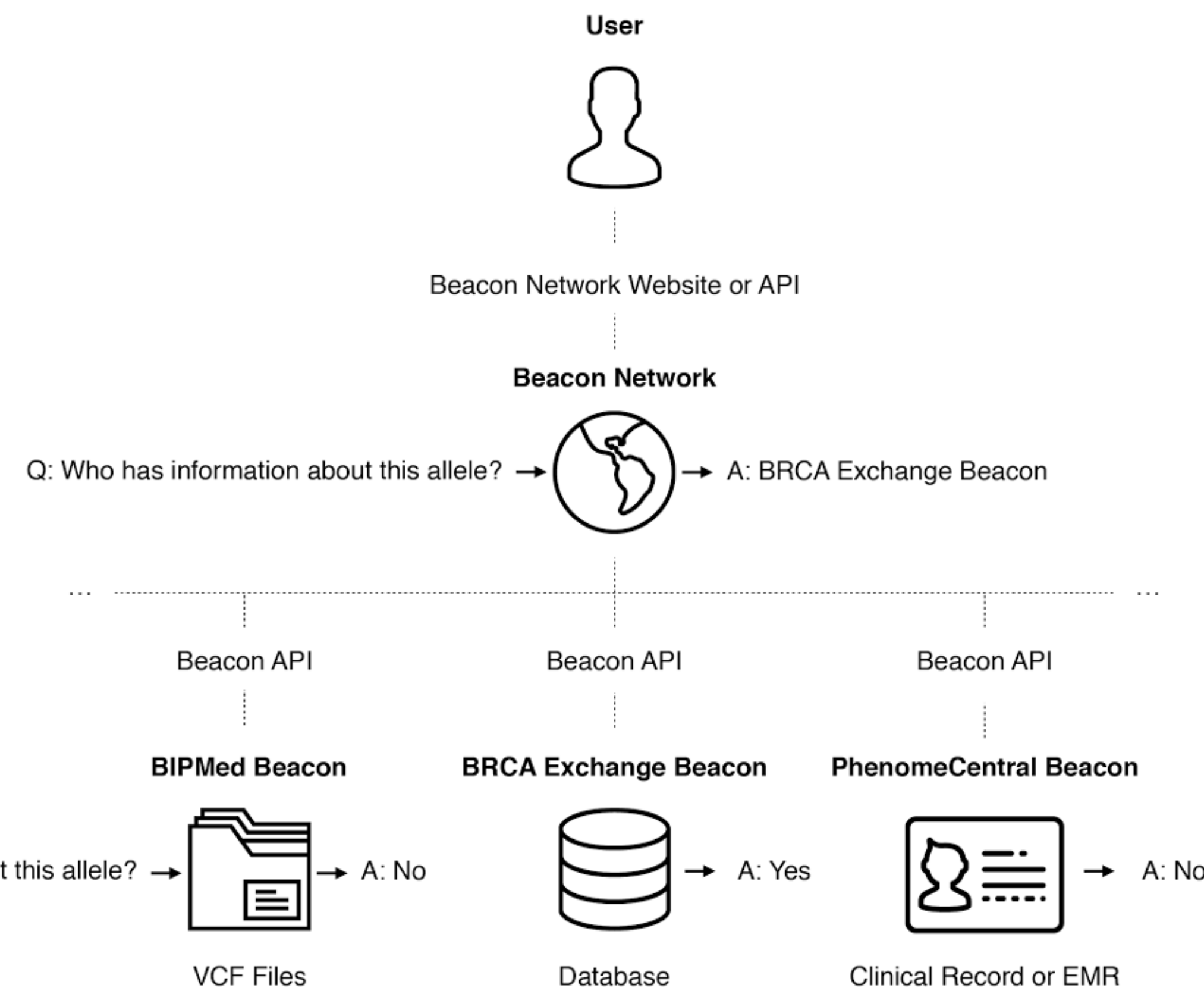
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ELIXIR - Towards Biomedical Beacons

Needs & Models Beyond Basic Variant Discovery



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ELIXIR Beacon Project

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

Beacon *forward*



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

The image shows a screenshot of a GA4GH Driver Projects page and an information card for ELIXIR Beacon. The screenshot includes a red circular logo with a white 'A' and the text 'Driver Projects'. Below it, a paragraph states: 'GA4GH Driver Projects are real-world genomic data initiatives that help guide our development efforts and pilot our tools. Stakeholders around the globe advocate, mandate, implement, and use our frameworks and standards in local contexts.' The information card features the ELIXIR logo and the following text: 'ELIXIR Beacon', 'www.elixir-europe.org', 'Europe', and 'Champions: Serena Scollen, Ilkka Lappalainen, Michael Baudis'.

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Roadmap

The ELIXIR Beacon Roadmap delineates short-, mid- and long-term objectives, to expand functional scope and reach of Beacon as a protocol and genomic data ecosystem.

Beacon Flavours

Beacons may be able to increase their functionality through the development of distinct **flavours**, which can extend the core Beacon concept for specific use cases.

@mbaudis 2018-10-24: more ...

Bio-metadata Query Support

Future Beacon API versions will support querying for additional, non-sequence related data types.

@mbaudis 2018-10-18: more ...

EvidenceBeacon Notes - GA4GHconnect 2019

The topic of "EvidenceBeacon" was discussed with many different attendants during the speed dating session and beyond, leading to some clearer picture about the (widening) extent & next steps.

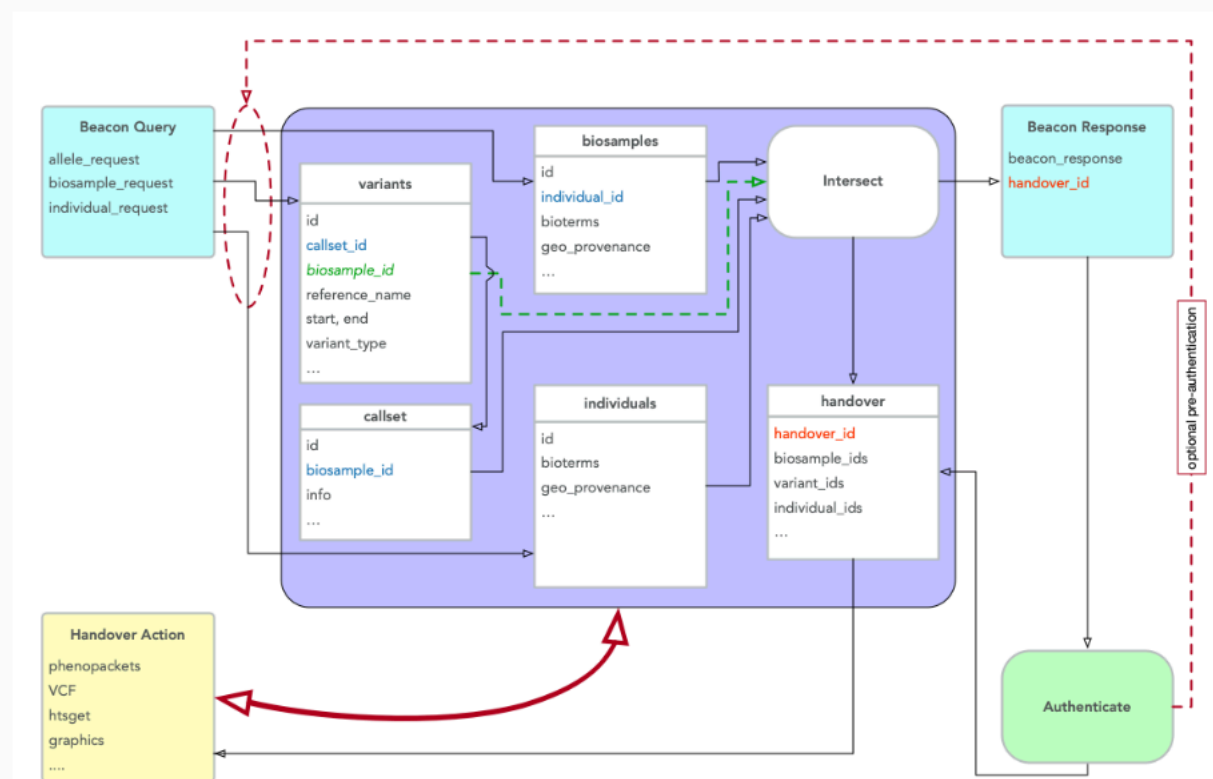
@mbaudis 2019-04-30: more ...

[H→O] Beacon Handover for Data Delivery

While the Beacon response should be restricted to aggregate data (yes/no, counts, frequencies ...), the usage of the protocol could be greatly expanded by providing an access method to data elements matched by a Beacon query.

As part of the mid-term product strategy, the ELIXIR Beacon team is evaluating the use of a "handover" protocol, in which rich data content (e.g. variant data, phenotypic information, low-level sequencing results) can be provided from linked services, initiated through a Beacon query (and possibly additional steps like protocol selection, authentication...). A discussion of the topic can e.g. be found in the Beacon developer area on Github (issue #114).

As of 2018-11-13, the **handover** concept has become part of the ongoing code development.



beacon-project.io



Beacon

Beacon Project, Global Alliance for Genomics & Health.

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

Dataset*

Reference name*

Genome Assembly*

(structural) variantType

Gene Coordinates

Start min Position*

Start max Position

End min Position

End max Position

Bio-ontology

- icdom-94403: Glioblastoma, NOS
- icdom-94423: Gliosarcoma (9)
- icdot-C00-C14+: Lip, oral cavity
- icdot-C01+: Base of tongue (41)
- icdot-C01.9: Base of tongue, NC

Biosample Type

Response

There were no previous searches yet. Please, perform a query by using the form above.

Beacon 2019

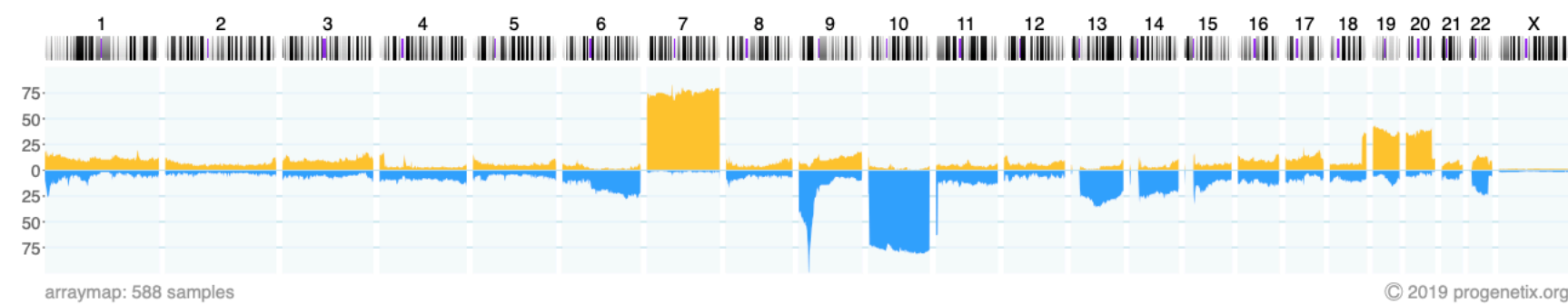
- ✓ Handover
- ✓ Filters
- ✓ Range Queries

Response

Dataset	Assembly	Chro	Position Start Range End Range	Ref Alt Type	Bio Query	Variants Calls Samples	f_alleles	Response Context
arraymap	GRCh38	9	18000000 - 21975098 21967753 - 26000000	* N DEL	icdom-94403 EFO:0009656	588 588 588	0.0081	JSON UCSC [H->O] Biosamples [H->O] Callsets Variants [H->O] CNV Histogram [H->O] Progenetix Interface [H->O] Variants

```

variant_type: "DEL"
callset_id: "pgxcs::GSE13021::GSM326195"
variantset_id: "AM_VS_GRCH38"
biosample_id: "PGX_AM_BS_GSM326195"
end:
  0: 21968713
info:
  cnv_value: -0.3552
  cnv_length: 194772
start:
  0: 21773941
digest: "9:21773941-21968713:DEL"
reference_name: "9"
    
```

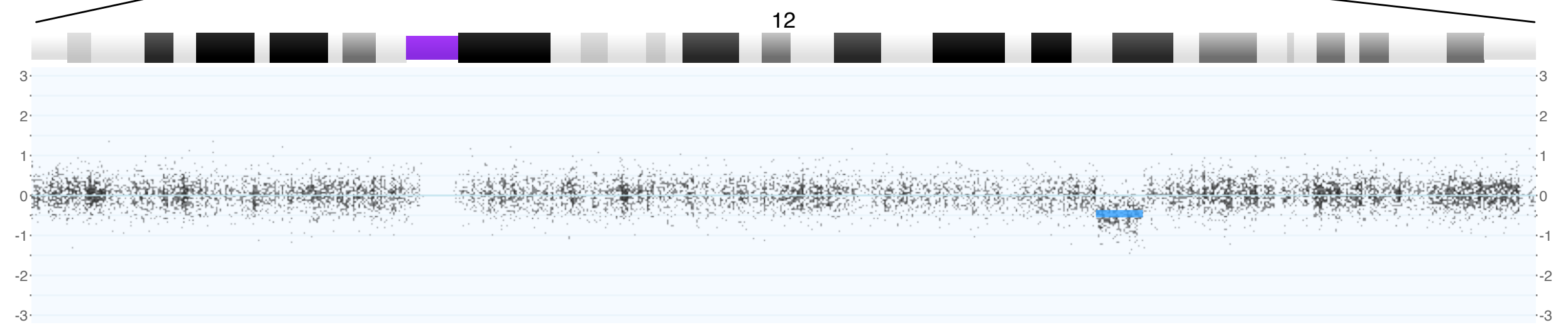
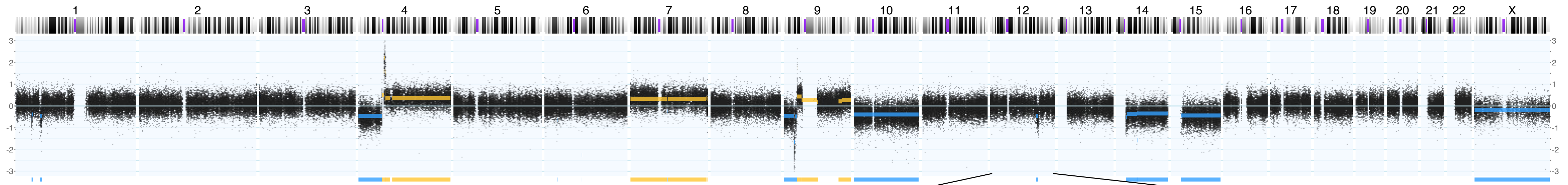


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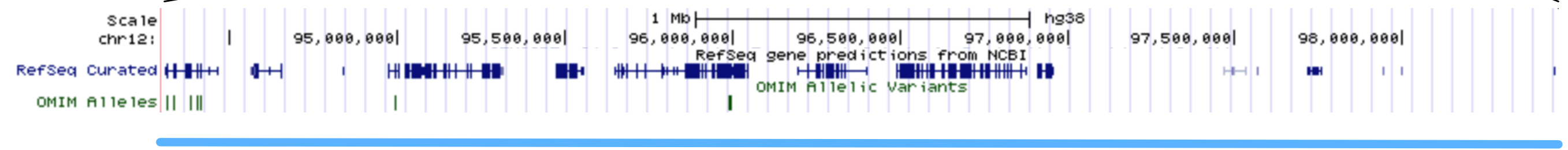
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provenance:
  material:
    type:
      label: "neoplastic sample"
      id: "EFO:0009656"
      description: "glioblastoma [xenograft]"
    geo:
      city: "Washington"
      longitude: -89.41
      label: "Washington, United States"
      precision: "city"
      latitude: 40.7
      country: "United States"
  age_at_collection: {}
  biocharacteristics:
    0:
      description: "glioblastoma [xenograft]"
      type:
        id: "icdot-C71.9"
        label: "Brain, NOS"
    1:
      description: "glioblastoma [xenograft]"
      type:
        label: "Glioblastoma, NOS"
        id: "icdom-94403"
    2:
      type:
        label: "Glioblastoma"
        id: "ncit:C3058"
      description: "glioblastoma [xenograft]"
  data_use_conditions:
    id: "DU0:0000004"
    label: "no restriction"
  external_references:
    0:
      relation: "denotes"
      type:
        id: "geo:GSE13021"
        label: ""
        description: "geo:gse"
    1: {}
    2: {}
    3: {}
id: "PGX_AM_BS_GSM326195"
description: "glioblastoma [xenograft]"
info: {}
project_id: "GSE13021"
    
```



GSM491153



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chr12:94,306,043-98,466,437:DEL



start_min: 94,000,000
start_max: 94,500,000
variant_type: "BND"

reference_name: "9"
variant_type: "DEL"



end_min: 98,200,000
end_max: 98,700,000
variant_type: "BND"

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



GA4GH transitional *Variant*

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

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

```
{
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  "callset_id" : "DIPG_CS_0290",
  "created" : "2018-11-06T11:46:30.028Z",
  "digest" : "2:203420136:A>AC",
  "genotype" : [
    "1",
    "."
  ],
  "id" : "5be1840772798347f0ed9e8b",
  "reference_bases" : "A",
  "reference_name" : "2",
  "start" : [
    203420136
  ],
  "updated" : "2018-11-06T11:46:30.028Z"
}
```



Variant Class (*schemablocks.org*)

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

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  "info" : {
    "cnv_length" : 85500000,
    "cnv_value" : -0.294
  },
  "reference_bases" : "N",
  "reference_name" : 6,
  "start" : [
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  "updated" : "2019-02-01T12:40:21Z",
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}
```

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    "."
  ],
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  "reference_name" : "2",
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}
```

GA4GH {S}[B]

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



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GA4GH Data Model

Recommendation (*DRAFT*)

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

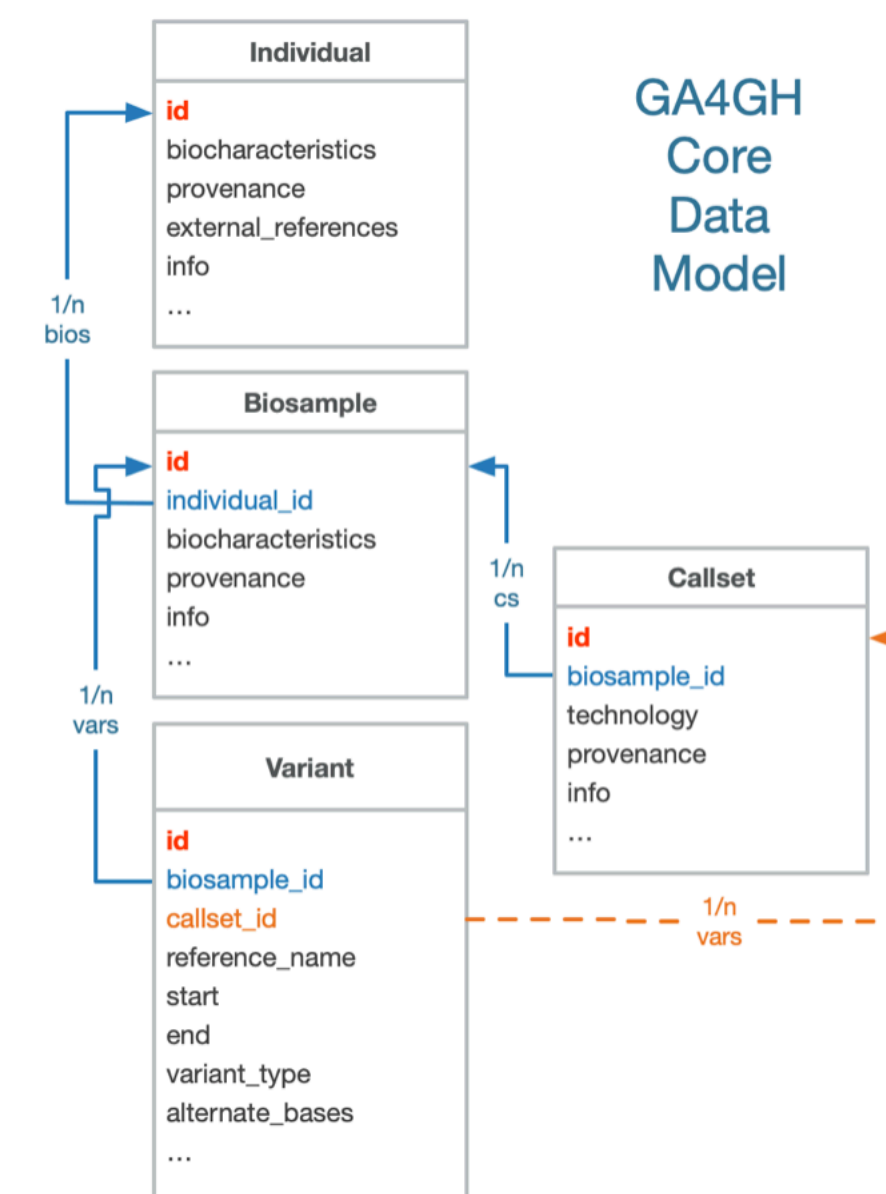
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Summary

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

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



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

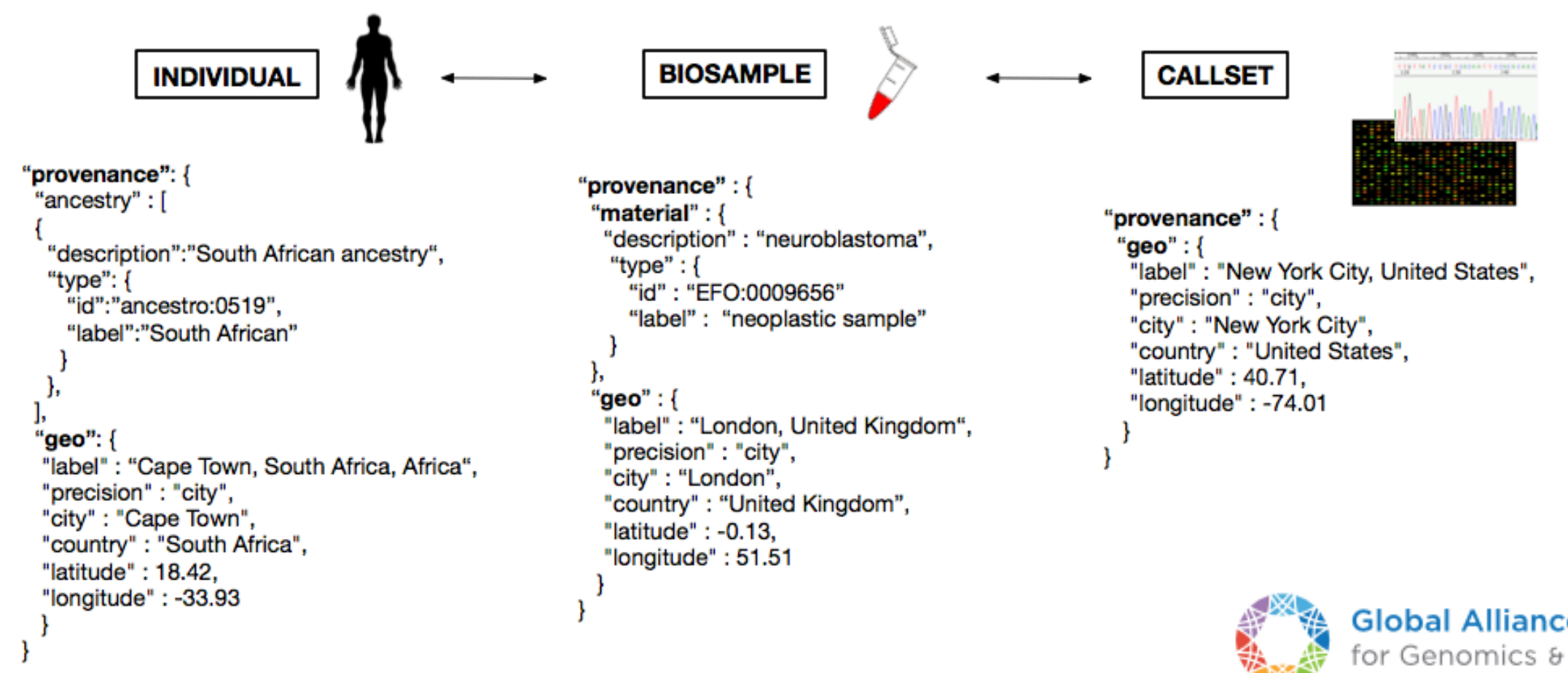
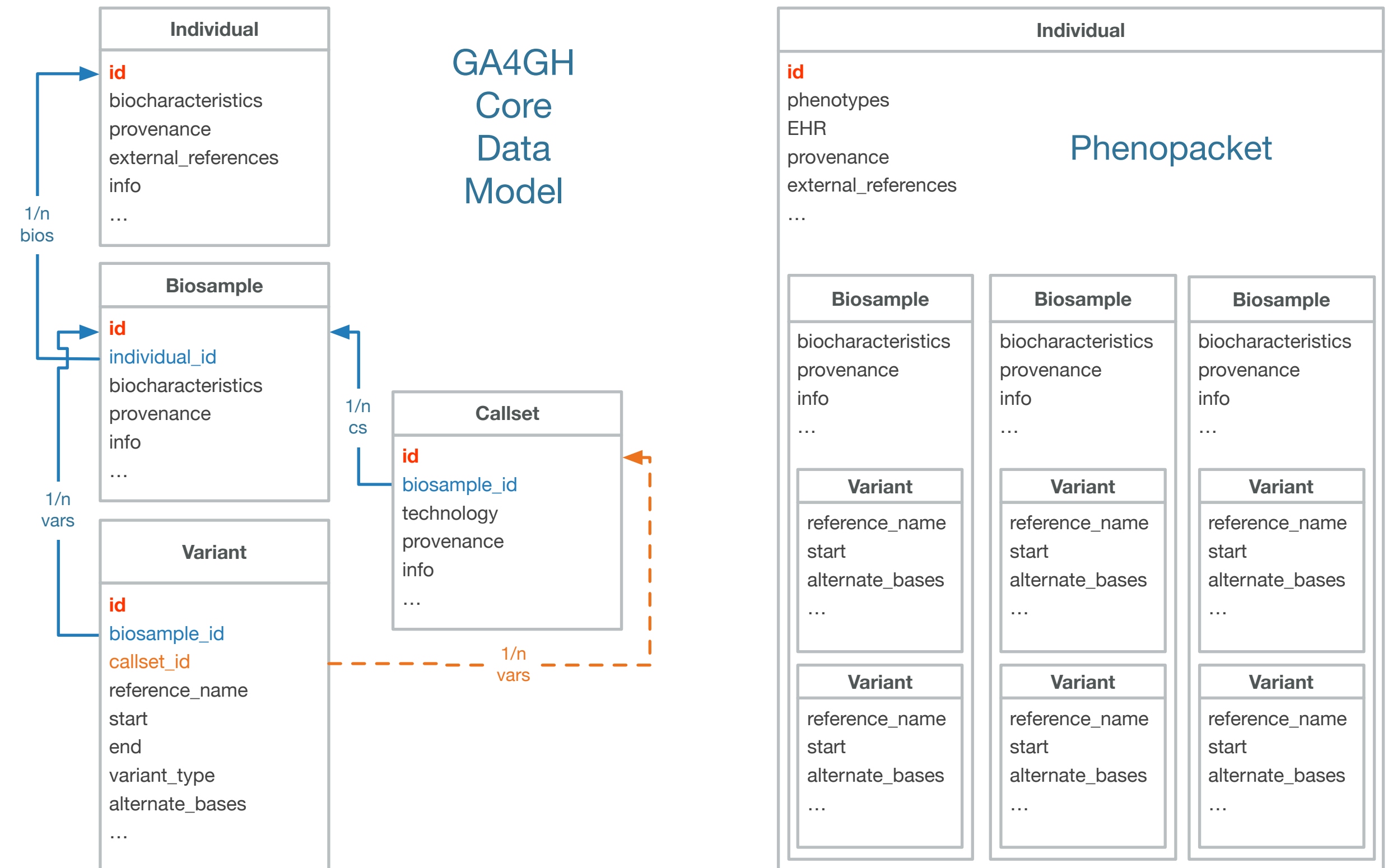
These basic definitions will be detailed further on.

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



Standardized Data Model for Consistent Schema Development

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



Random Thoughts on "Big Data" CNVs for Cancer Genomics

- Data accessibility - **quantity**

- open data w/ "just in time" access & active work to open repositories, archives
- data curation and long term storage has to be promoted and supported



- New technologies for **qualitatively** new possibilities

- deep WGS with molecular reconstruction of complex events (chromothripsis / kategesis / chromoplexis...)



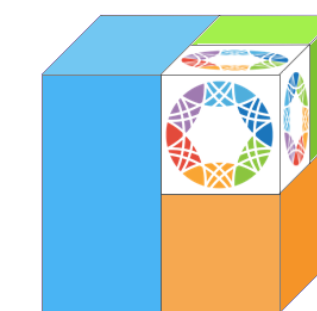
- Annotation and exchange formats have to move towards extensible models

- referring reference genome positions, w/ remapping, provenance
- technology agnostic (but provenance...)



- Search and exchange APIs have to accommodate distributed and/or federated data access models

- modular object design, independent from backend structure
- common interfaces/service APIs/registries





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