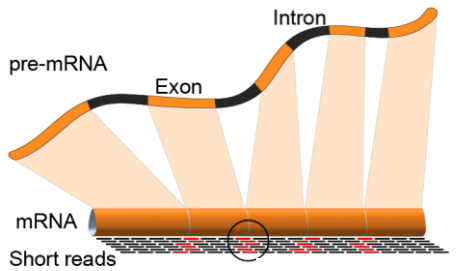


Sequence-based RNA profiling

*Expression maps at
base-pair resolution*

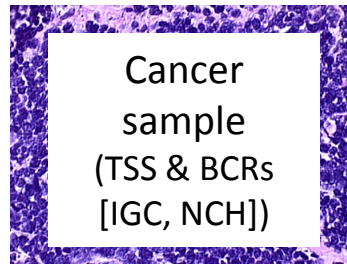
TCGA at a glance



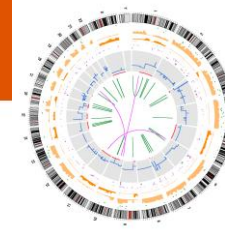
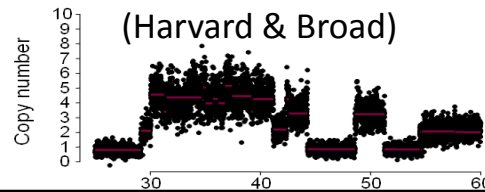
Gene (mRNA) expression
(UNC & BCGSC)



Clinical data (TSS, DCC)



Copy number
(Harvard & Broad)



Genome sequencing
(Broad, Wash U, Baylor)

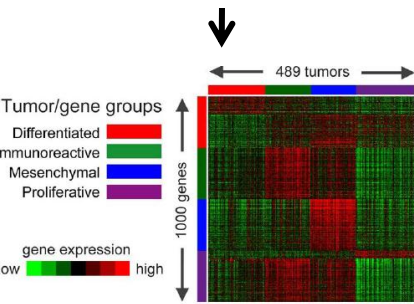


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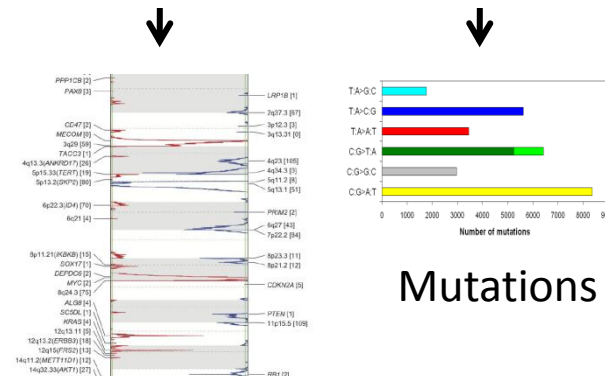


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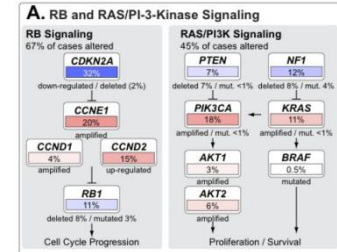
Genome Data Analysis Centres (Broad, ISB, LBNL, MSKCC, UCSC, UNC, UofT/MDACC)



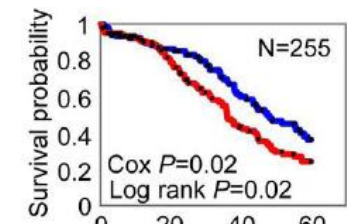
Expression profiles



Mutations



Pathways



Outcomes

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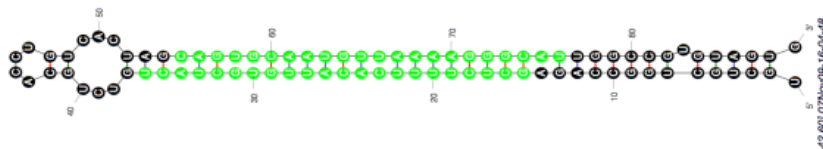
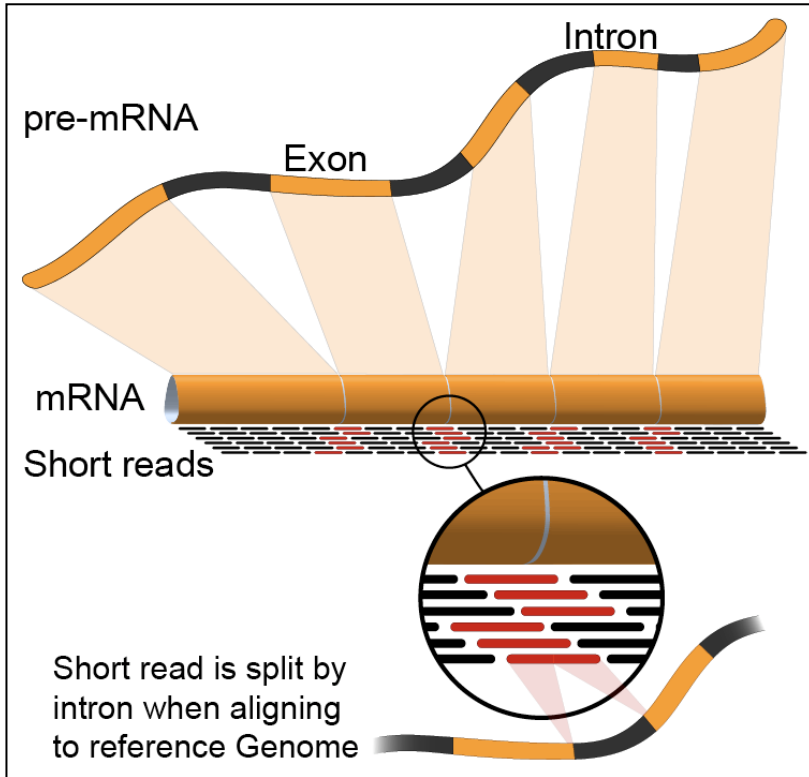


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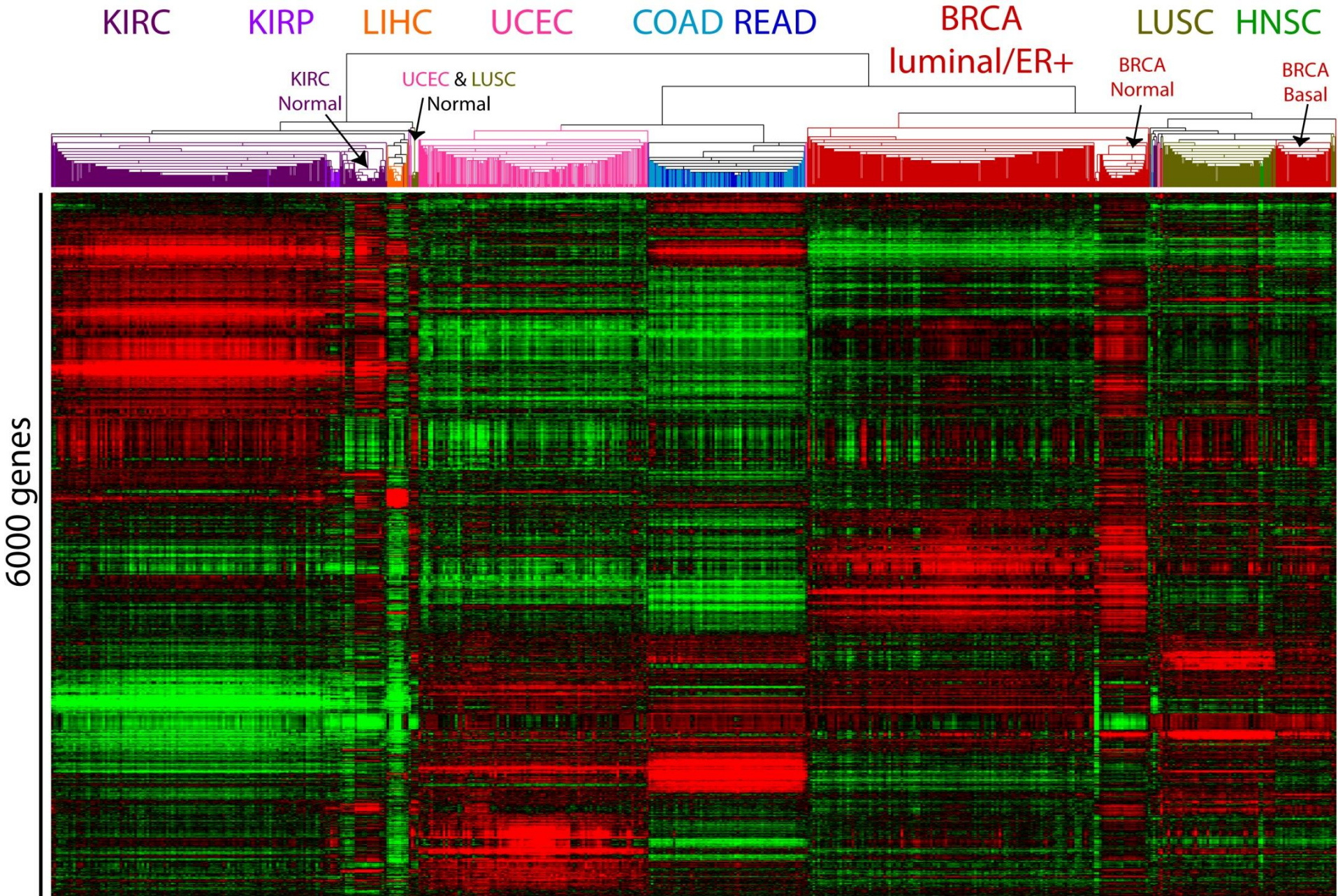
Patients

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Applications



- RNA Seq enables analyses of:
 - gene expression
 - isoform expression
 - gene-fusion detection
 - “expressed mutations”
 - cancer sub-types
 - ...
- miRNA Seq enables analyses of:
 - cancer sub-types
 - regulatory networks
 - ...



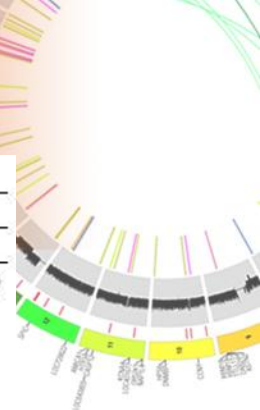
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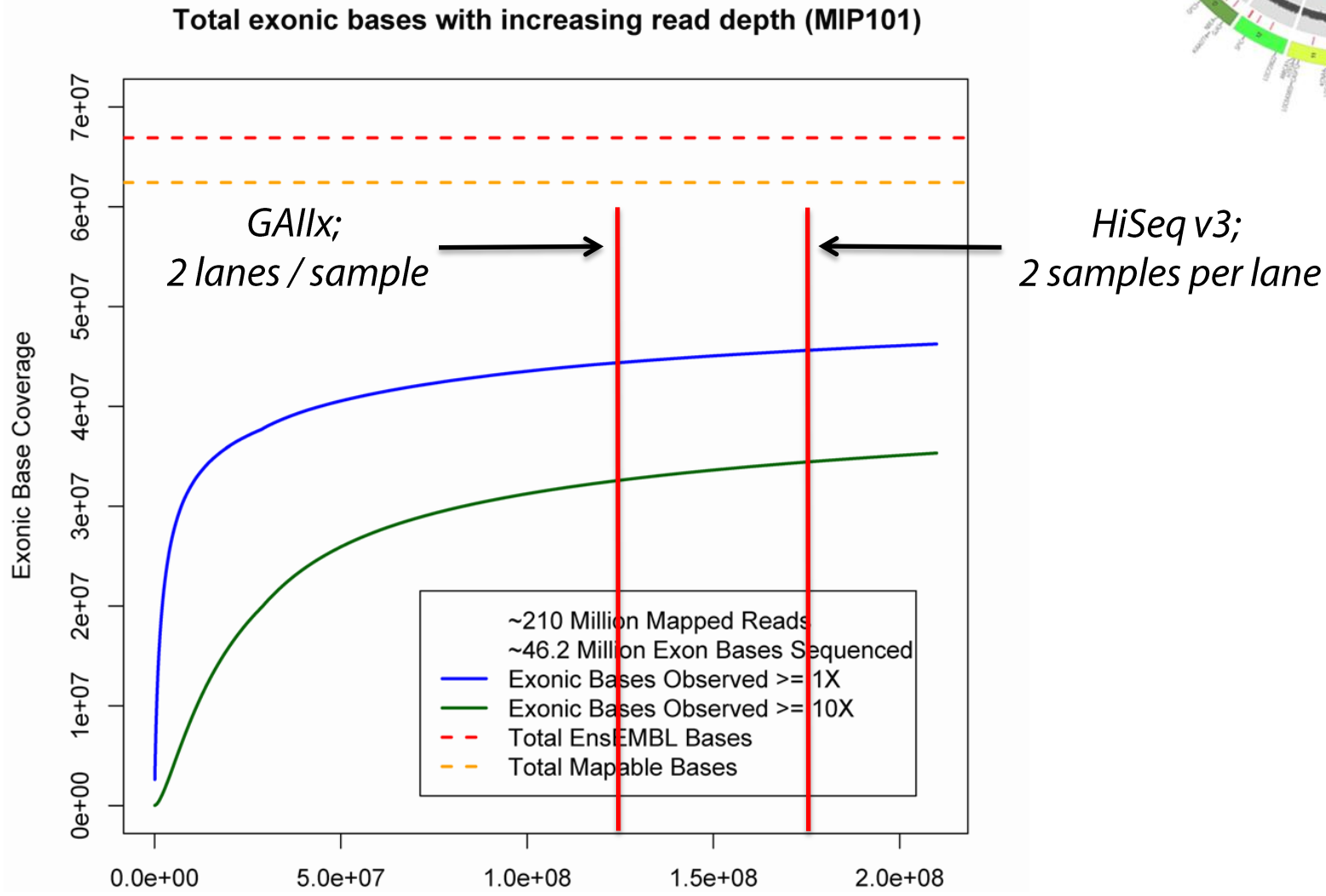
Analysis tools (Garber et al., *Nat Meth* 2011)

Table 1 | Selected list of RNA-seq analysis programs

Class	Category	Package	Notes	Uses	Input
Read mapping					
Unspliced aligners ^a	Seed methods	Short-read mapping package Smith-Waterman extension (SHRIMP) ⁴¹ Stampy ³⁹	Probabilistic model	Aligning reads to a reference transcriptome	Reads and reference transcriptome
	Burrows-Wheeler transform methods	Bowtie ⁴³ BWA ⁴⁴	Incorporates quality scores		
Spliced aligners	Exon-first methods	MapSplice ⁵² SpliceMap ⁵⁰	Works with multiple unspliced aligners	Aligning reads to a reference genome. Allows for the identification of novel splice junctions	Reads and reference genome
		TopHat ⁵¹	Uses Bowtie alignments		
	Seed-extend methods	GSNAP ⁵³ QPALMA ⁵⁴	Can use SNP databases Smith-Waterman for large gaps		
		Transcriptome reconstruction			
Genome-guided reconstruction	Exon identification	G.Mor.Se	Assembles exons	Identifying novel transcripts using a known reference genome	Alignments to reference genome
	Genome-guided assembly	Scripture ²⁸ Cufflinks ²⁹	Reports all isoforms Reports a minimal set of isoforms		
Genome-independent reconstruction	Genome-independent assembly	Velvet ⁶¹ TransABYSS ⁵⁶	Reports all isoforms	Identifying novel genes and transcript isoforms without a known reference genome	Reads
Expression quantification					
Expression quantification	Gene quantification	Alexa-seq ⁴⁷	Quantifies using differentially included exons	Quantifying gene expression	Reads and transcript models
		Enhanced read analysis of gene expression (ERANGE) ²⁰	Quantifies using union of exons		
		Normalization by expected uniquely mappable area (NEUMA) ⁸²	Quantifies using unique reads		
	Isoform quantification	Cufflinks ²⁹ MISO ³³ RNA-seq by expectation maximization (RSEM) ⁶⁰	Maximum likelihood estimation of relative isoform expression	Quantifying transcript isoform expression levels	Read alignments to isoforms
Differential expression	Cuffdiff ²⁹ DegSeq ⁷⁹ EdgeR ⁷⁷		Uses isoform levels in analysis Uses a normal distribution	Identifying differentially expressed genes or transcript isoforms	Read alignments and transcript models
	Differential Expression analysis of count data (DESeq) ⁷⁸				
	Myrna ⁷⁵		Cloud-based permutation method		



RNA Seq read depth and coverage



Exon wiring maps

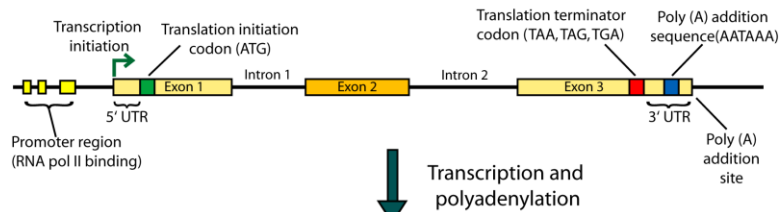


Alternative Expression Modes



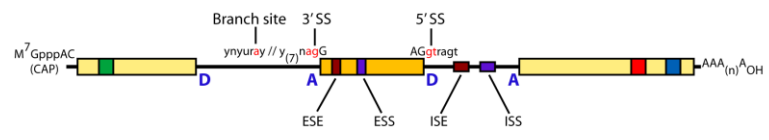
Gene expression

Double-stranded genomic DNA template



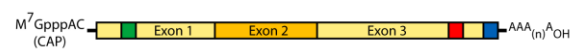
Transcription and polyadenylation

Single-stranded pre-mRNA (nuclear RNA)



RNA processing

Mature mRNA

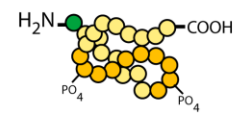


Export to cytoplasm and translation

Protein (amino acid sequence)



Folding, posttranslational modification, subcellular localization, etc.

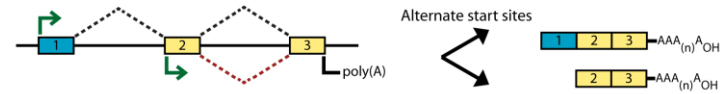


Types of alternative expression

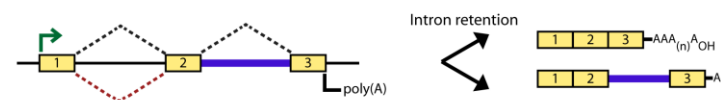
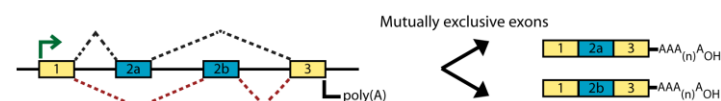
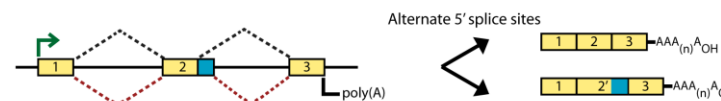
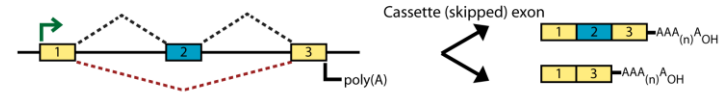
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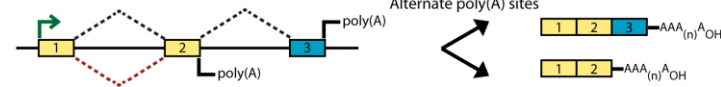
Alternative transcript initiation



Alternative splicing



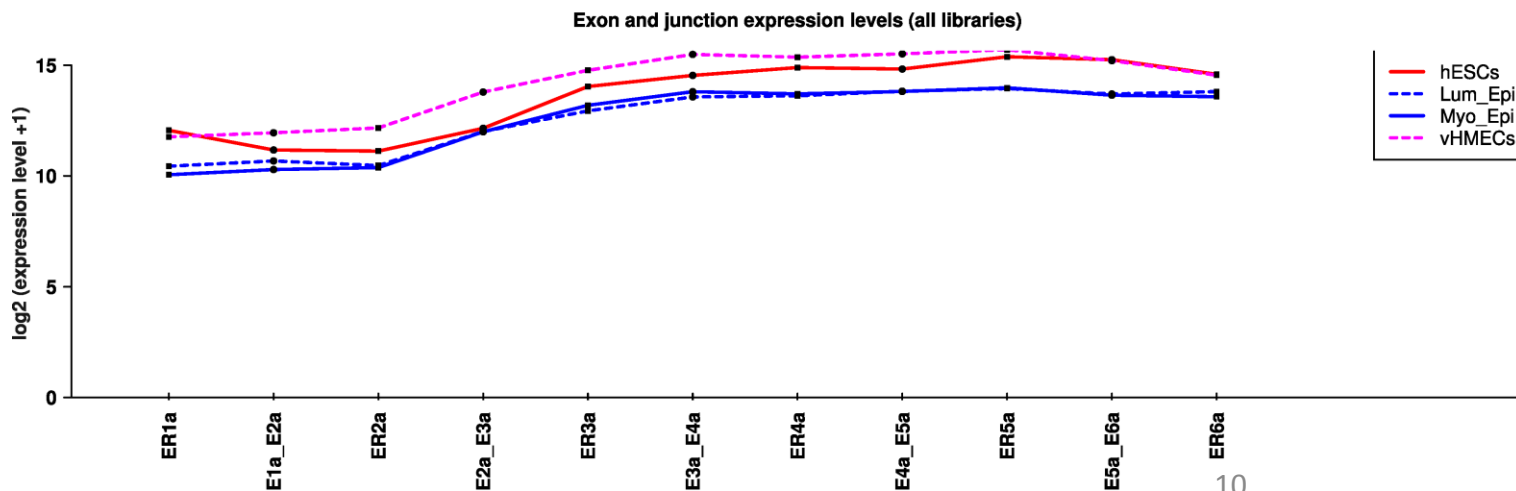
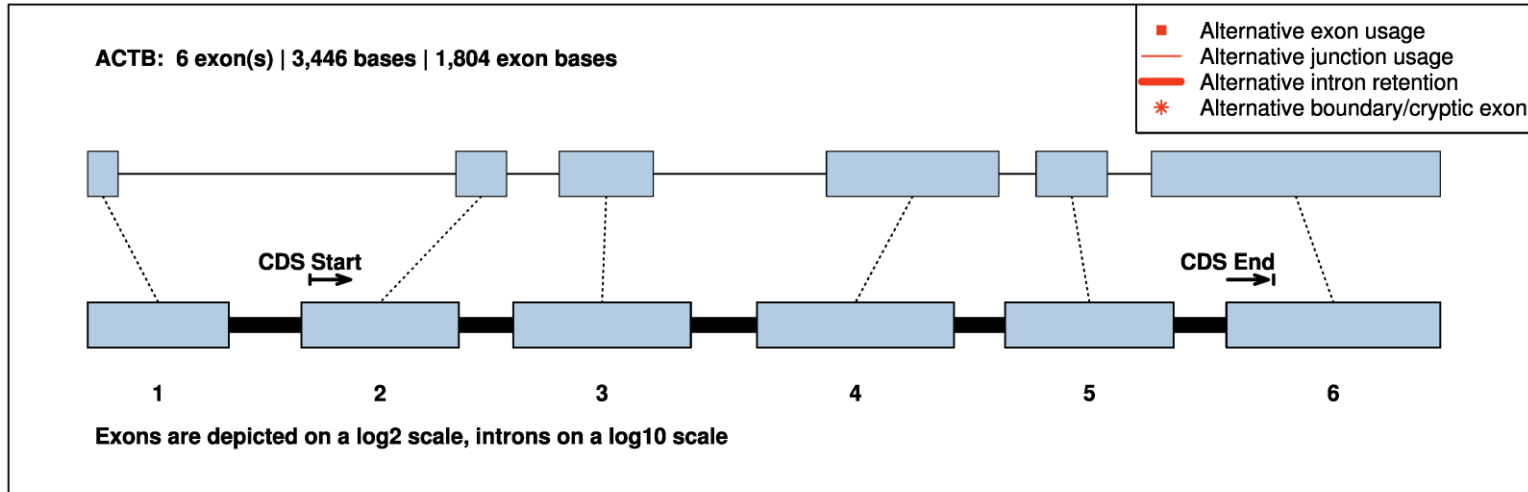
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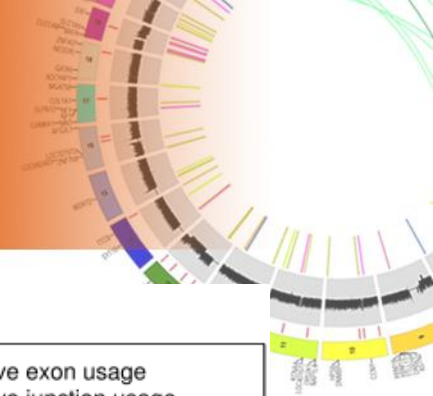
Actin (cell lines)

www.AlexaPlatform.org/alexa_seq/

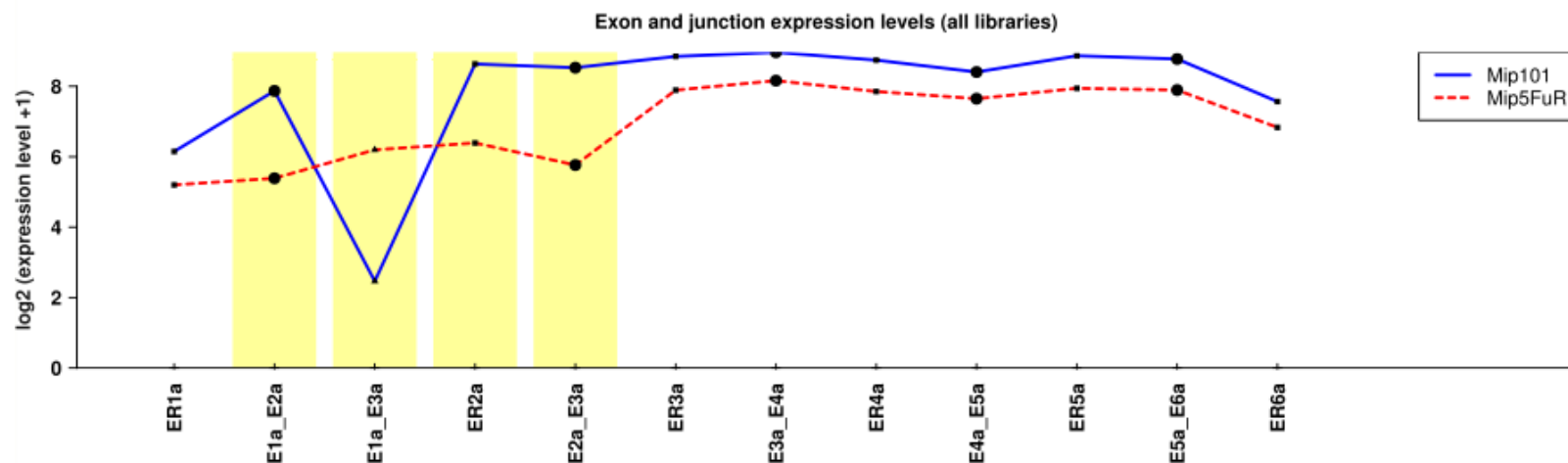
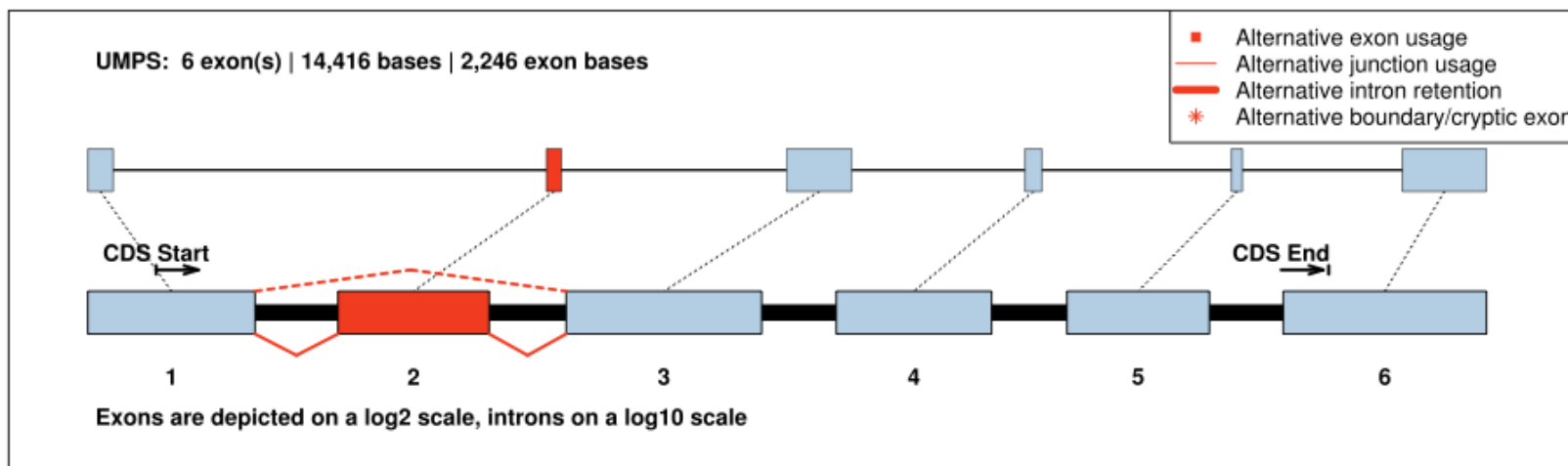
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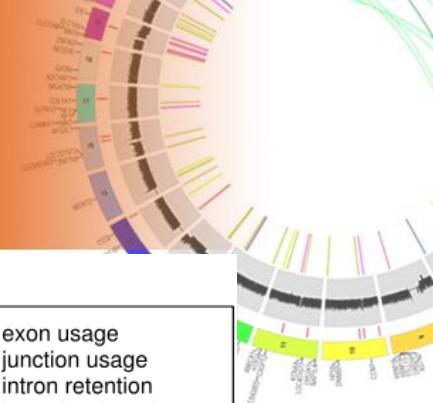
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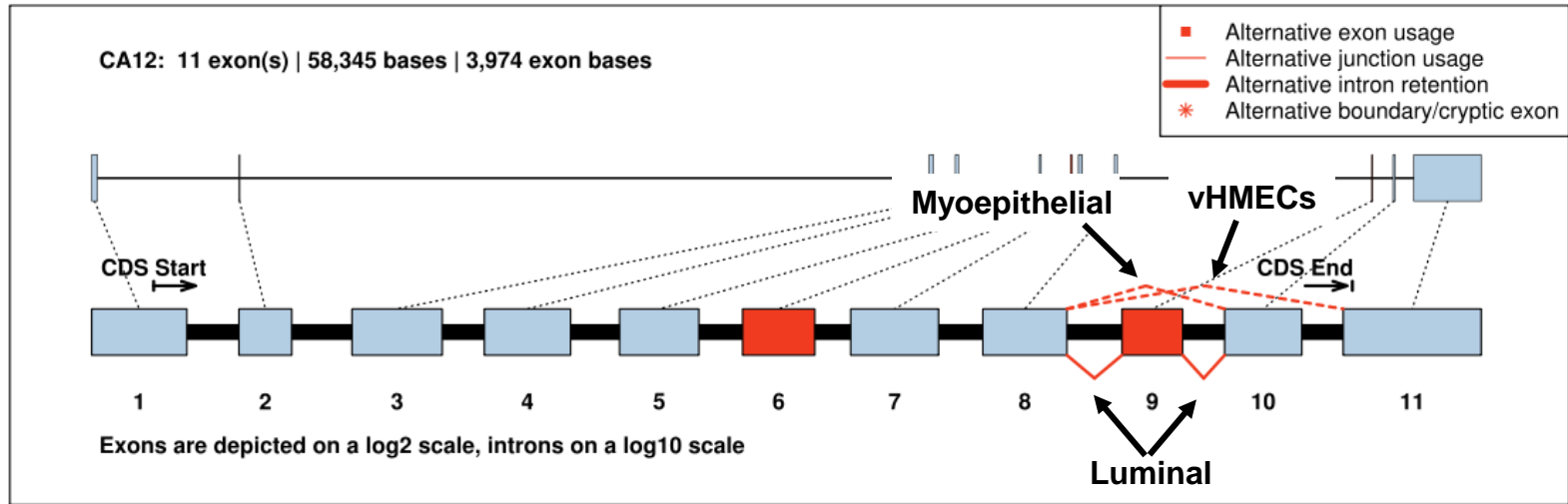
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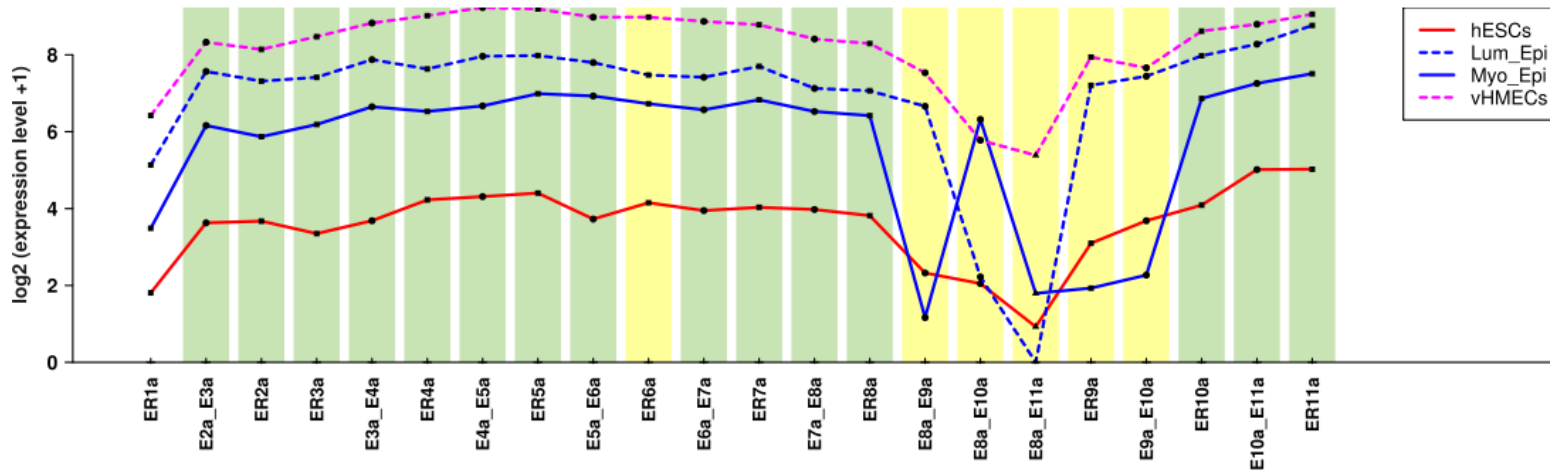
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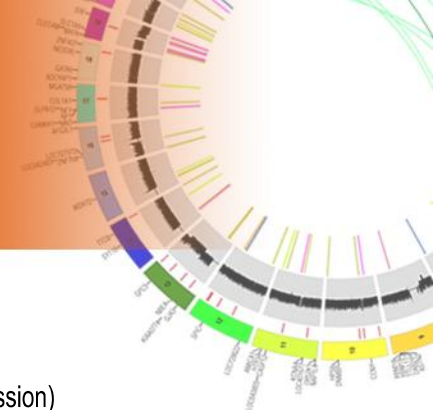
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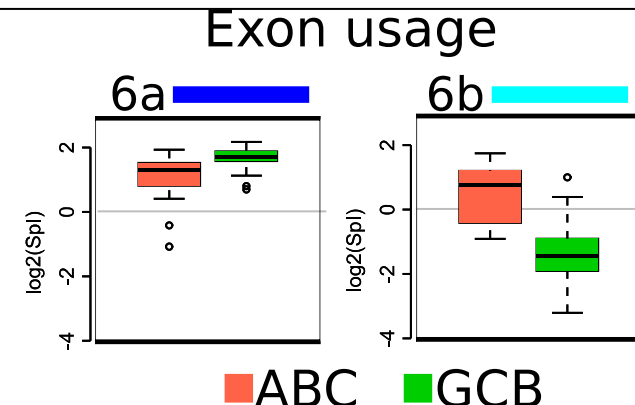
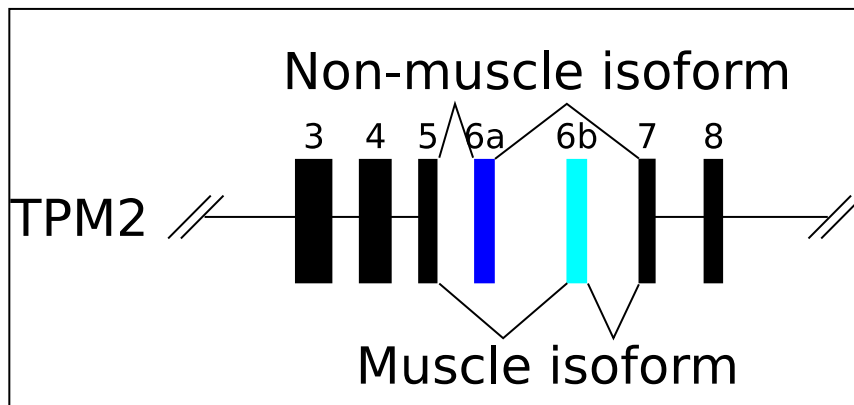
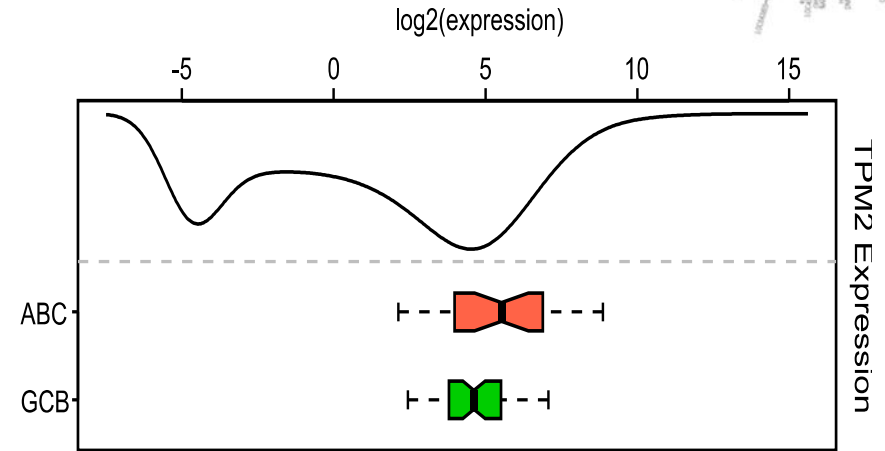
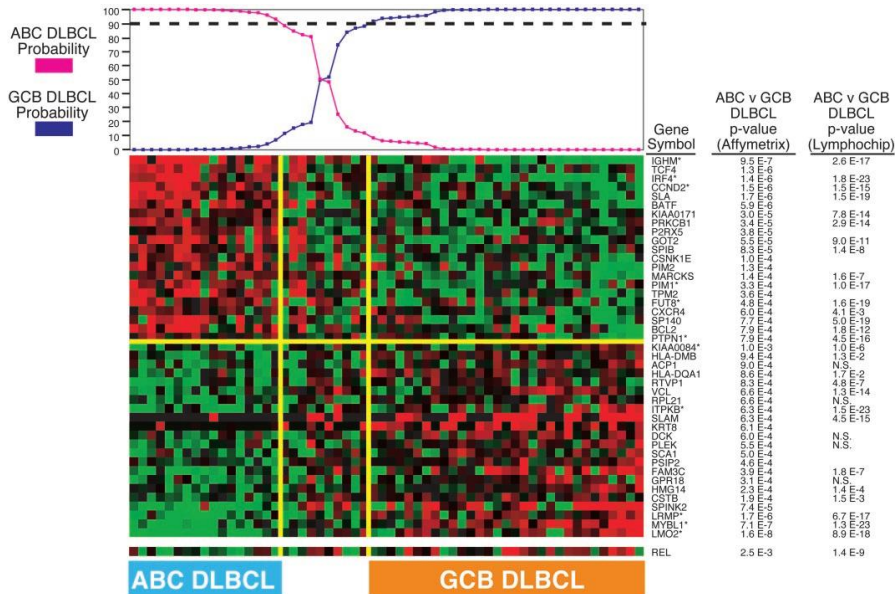
Exon and junction expression levels (all libraries)



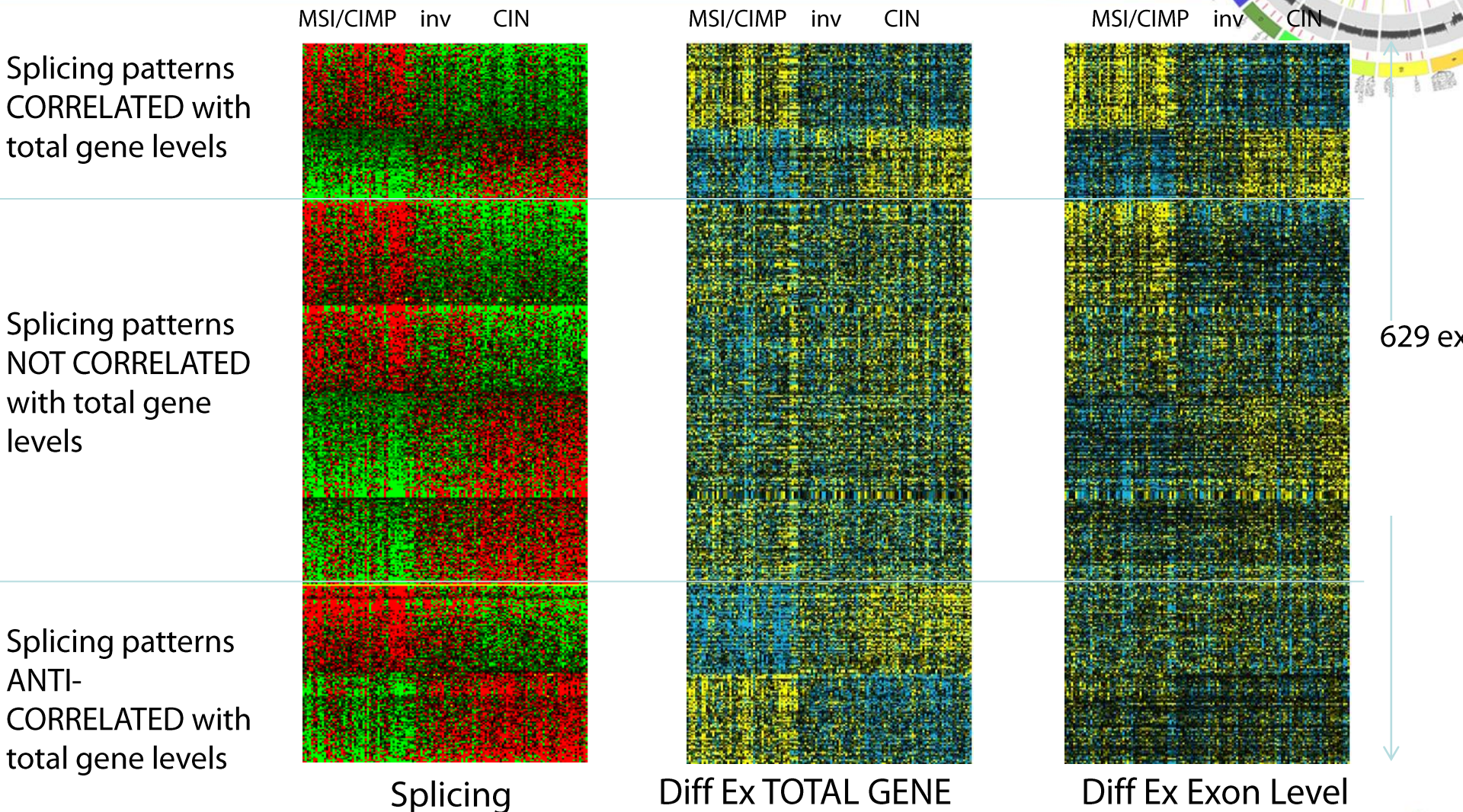
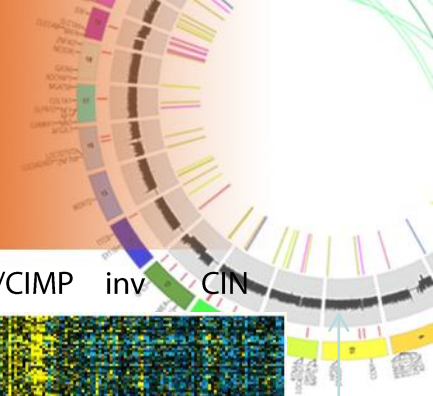
TPM2 (DLBCL)



ABC vs. GCB gene expression classifier
Wright et al, 2003



Exon-level expression in CRC



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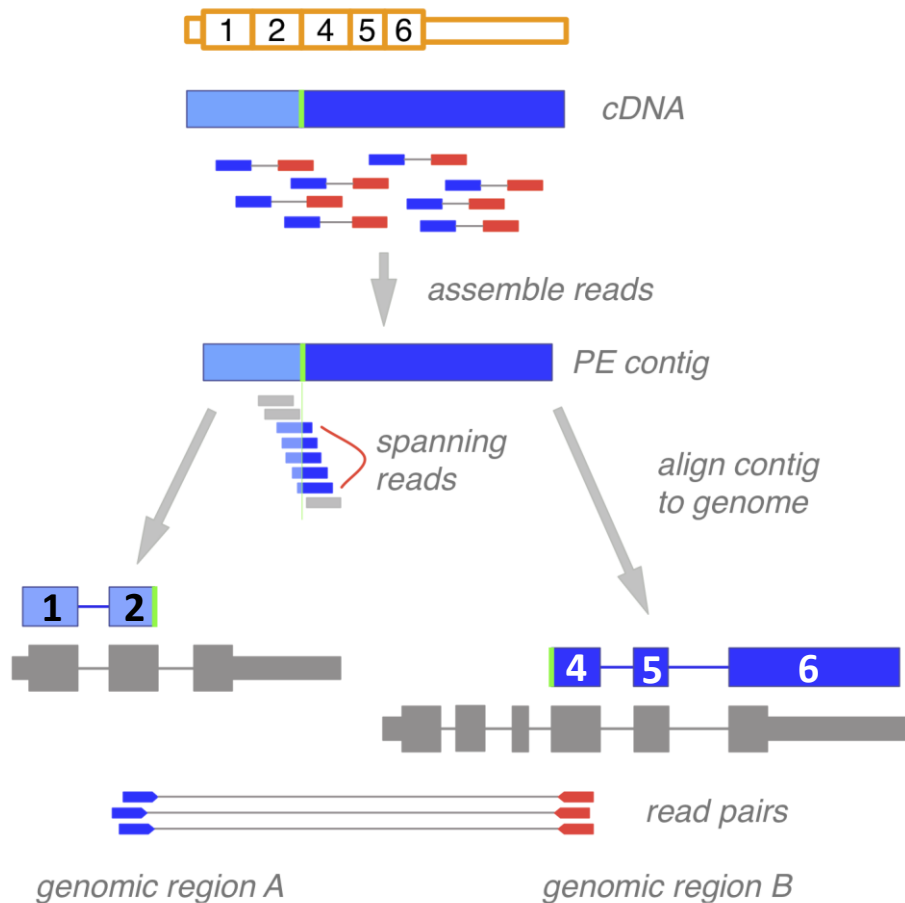
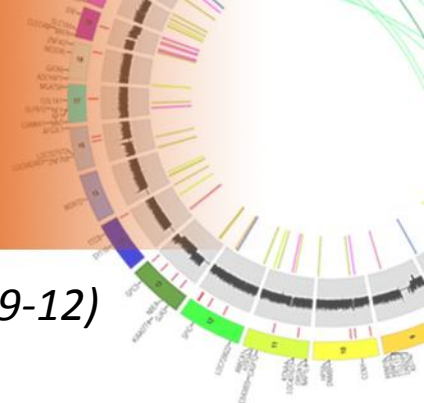


De novo assembly



Detection of “fusion genes”

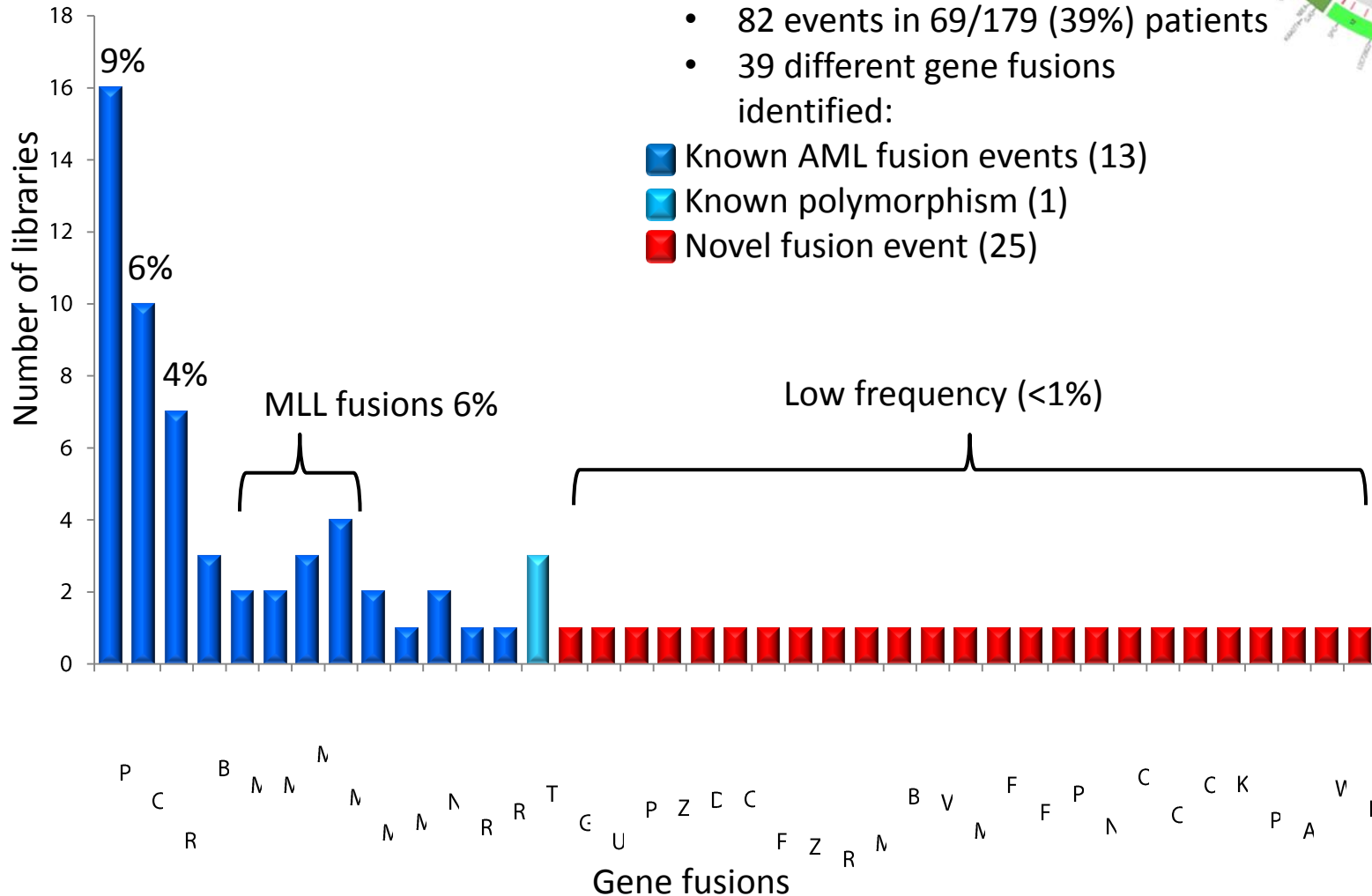
Trans-ABYSS (Robertson, G. et al. 2010 Nature Methods 7(11):909-12)



• **Alignment-independent detection of:**

- *Gene fusions*
- *Alternative transcripts*
- *Internal tandem duplications*
- *Partial tandem duplications*
- *Insertions / deletions*

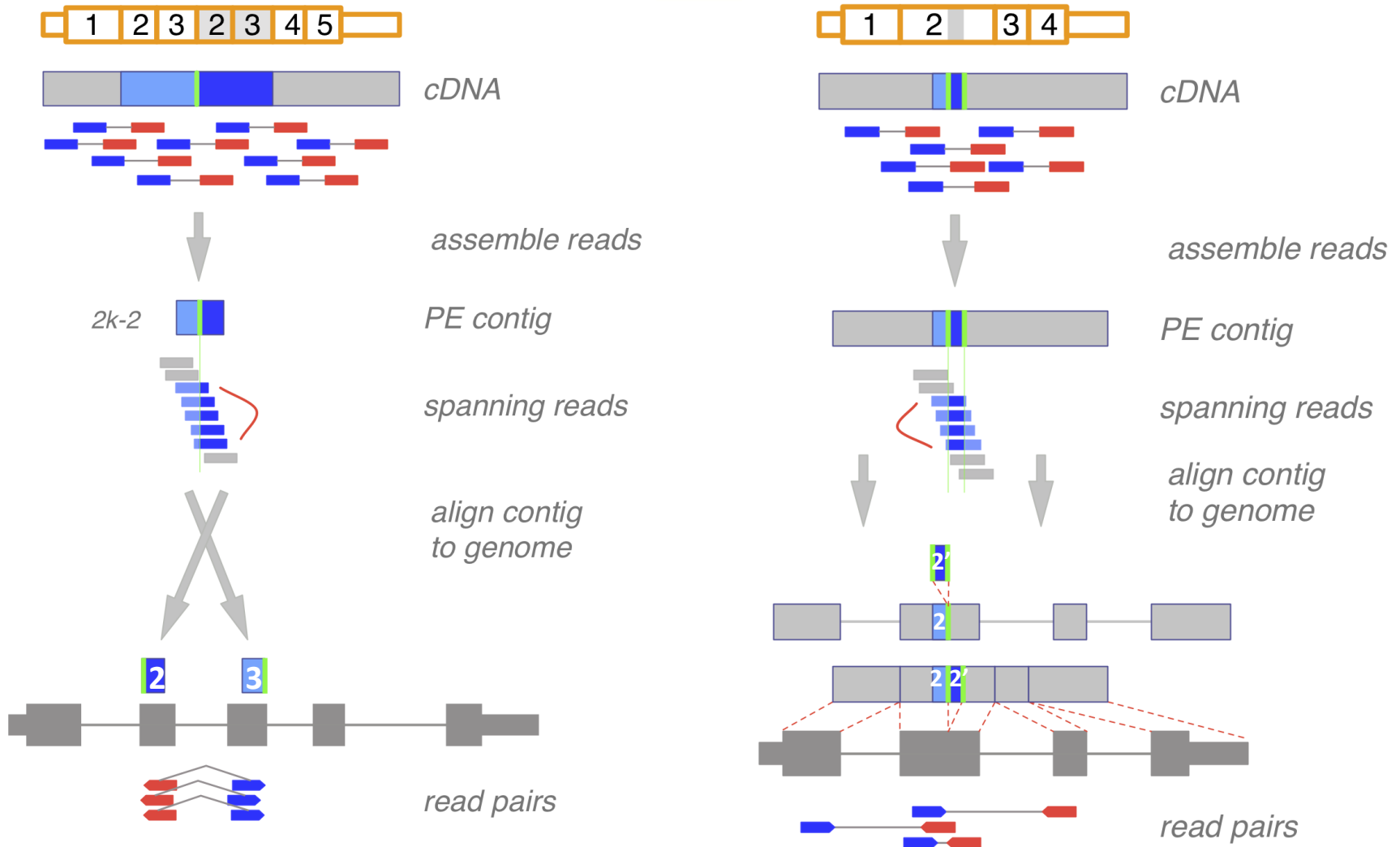
Verified AML gene fusions



- 82 events in 69/179 (39%) patients
- 39 different gene fusions identified:

- Known AML fusion events (13)
- Known polymorphism (1)
- Novel fusion event (25)

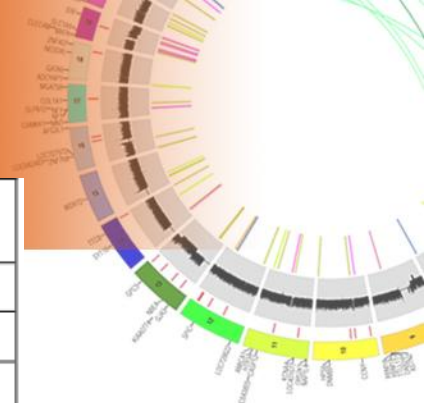
Detecting PTDs & ITDs



“Expressed mutations”

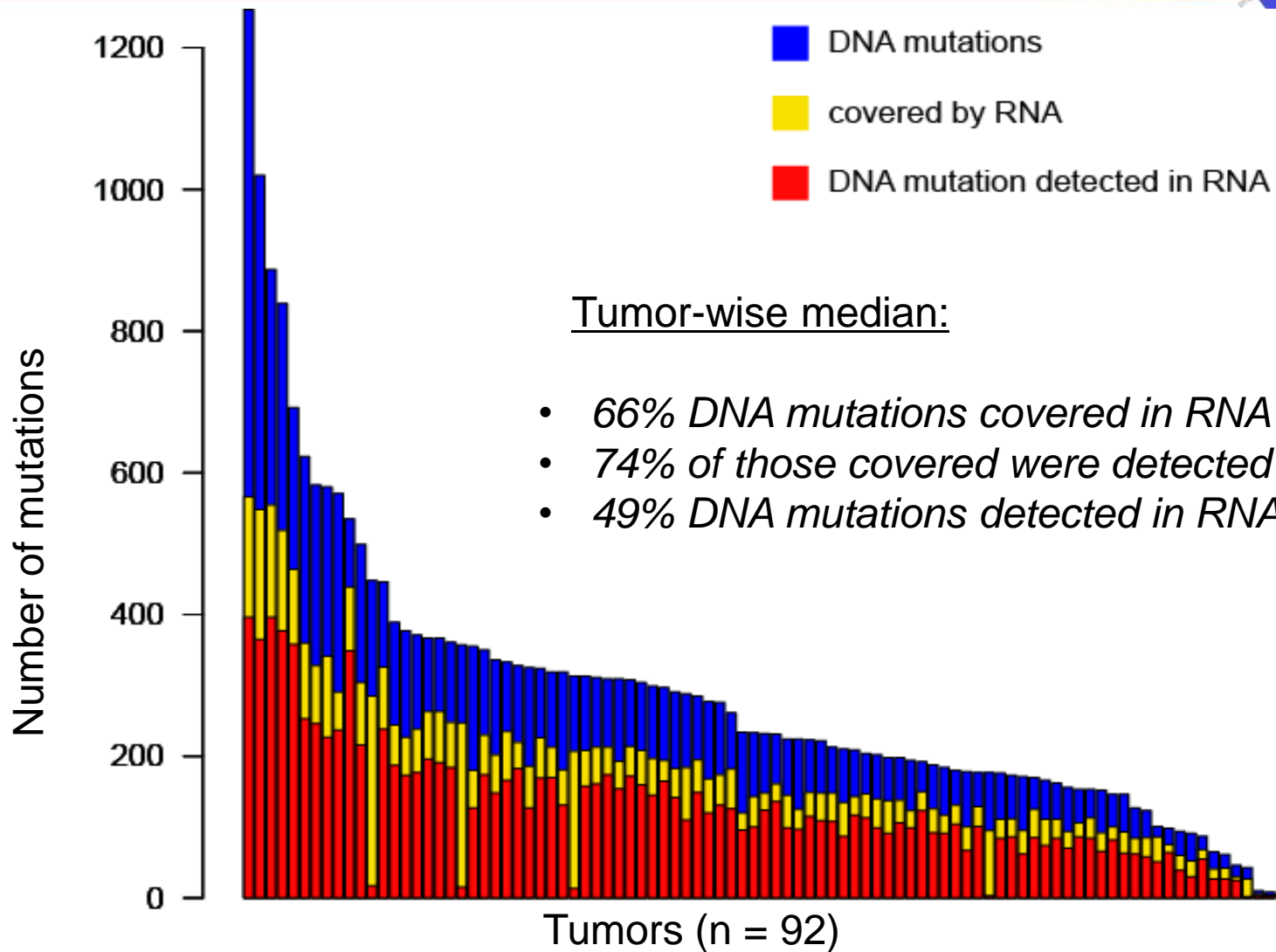


RNA Seq for mutation detection

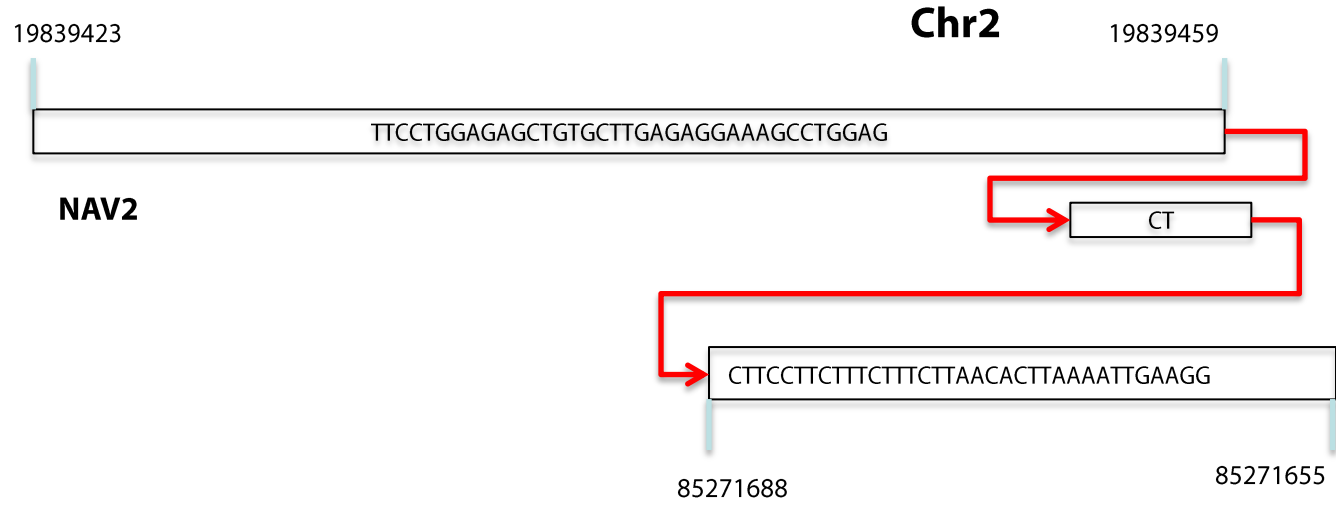
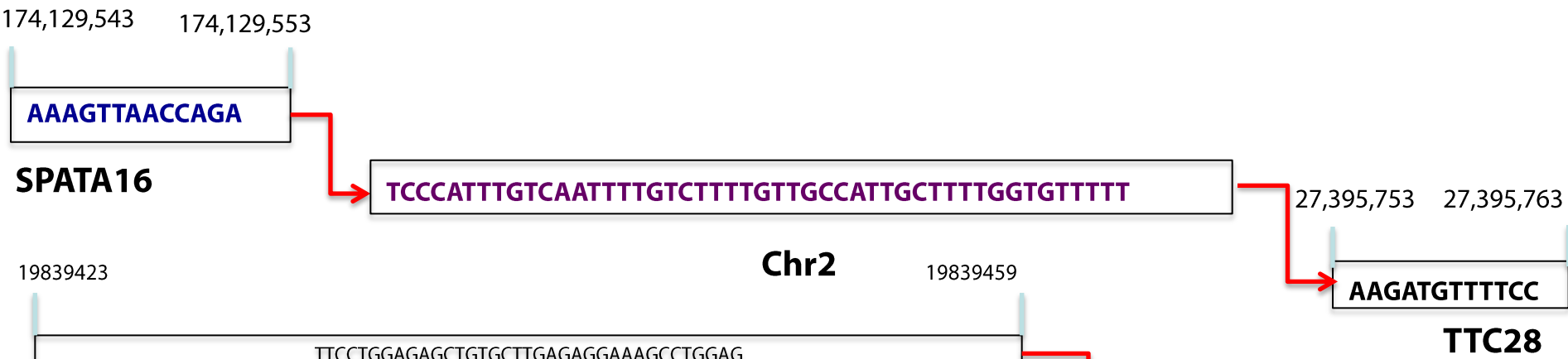
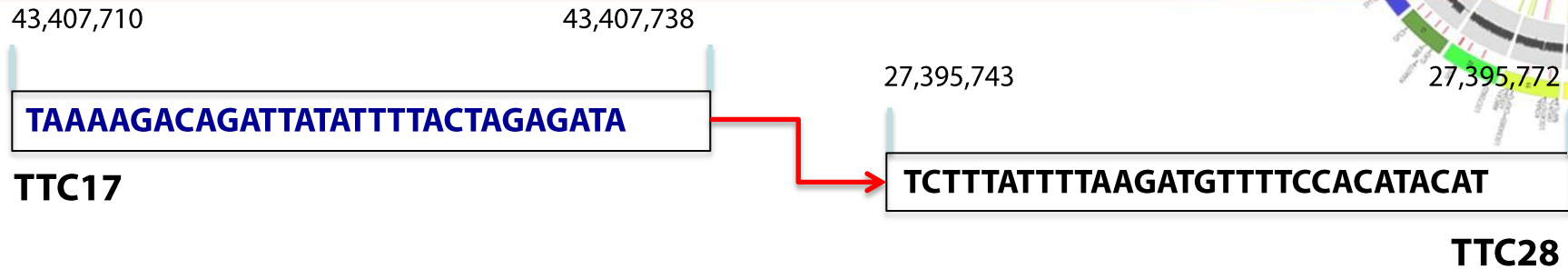
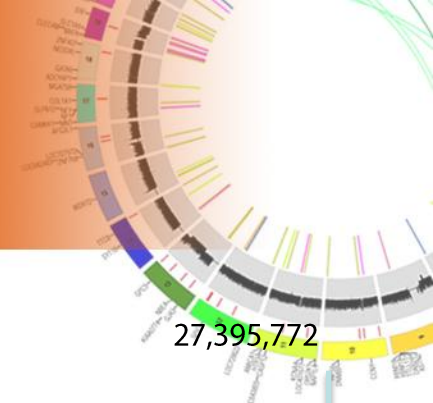


Codon	Number of Samples	Distinct mutations	Gene Name
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69 [§]	4	2	MEF2B
81 [§]	2	2	MEF2B
1482 [§]	3	2	CREBBP
1499 [§]	2	2	CREBBP
1467 [§]	2	2	EP300
287 [§]	2	1	HLA-C
1	8	5	BCL7A[‡]
206 [§]	4	1	MYD88[‡]
230 [§]	2	1	MYD88[‡]
252 [§]	6	1	MYD88[‡]
59	7	3	BCL2*
92;196;197	5	4	CD79B[‡]
73;160 [§]	4	2	IKZF3
164;255 [§]	3	2	PIM1
97;188	3	2	PIM1
18 [§]	3	2	IRF4
587 [§]	3	2	BCL6
45 [§]	3	2	BTG2
141;234	3	2	TP53

RNA Seq for mutation verification in lung cancer



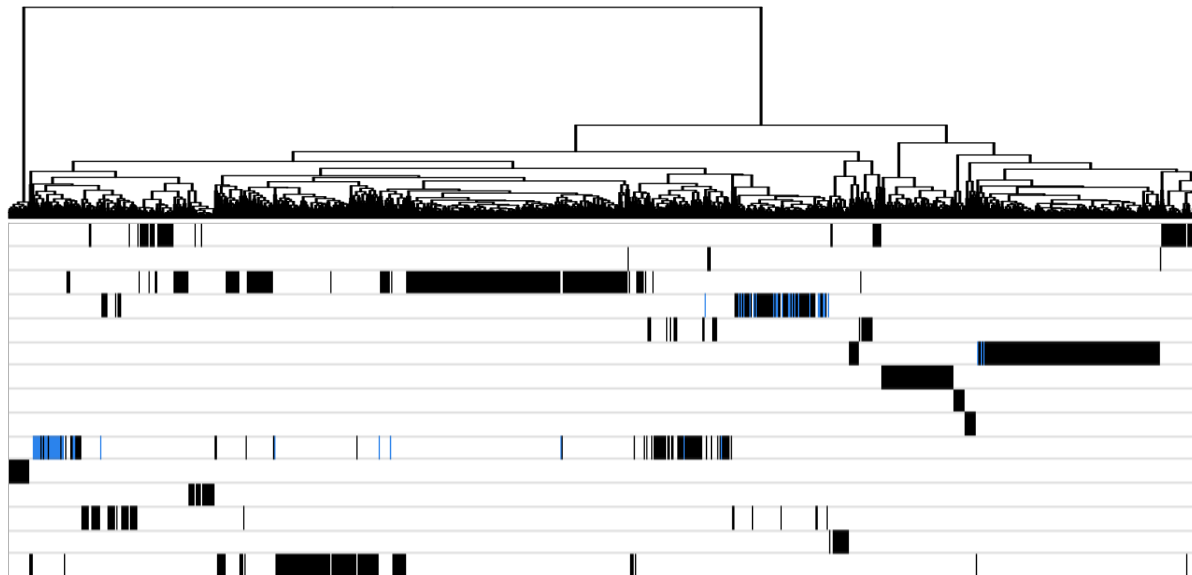
RNA Seq confirms fusions detected using low pass sequencing of CRCs



3,085 miRNA-seq profiles at DCC



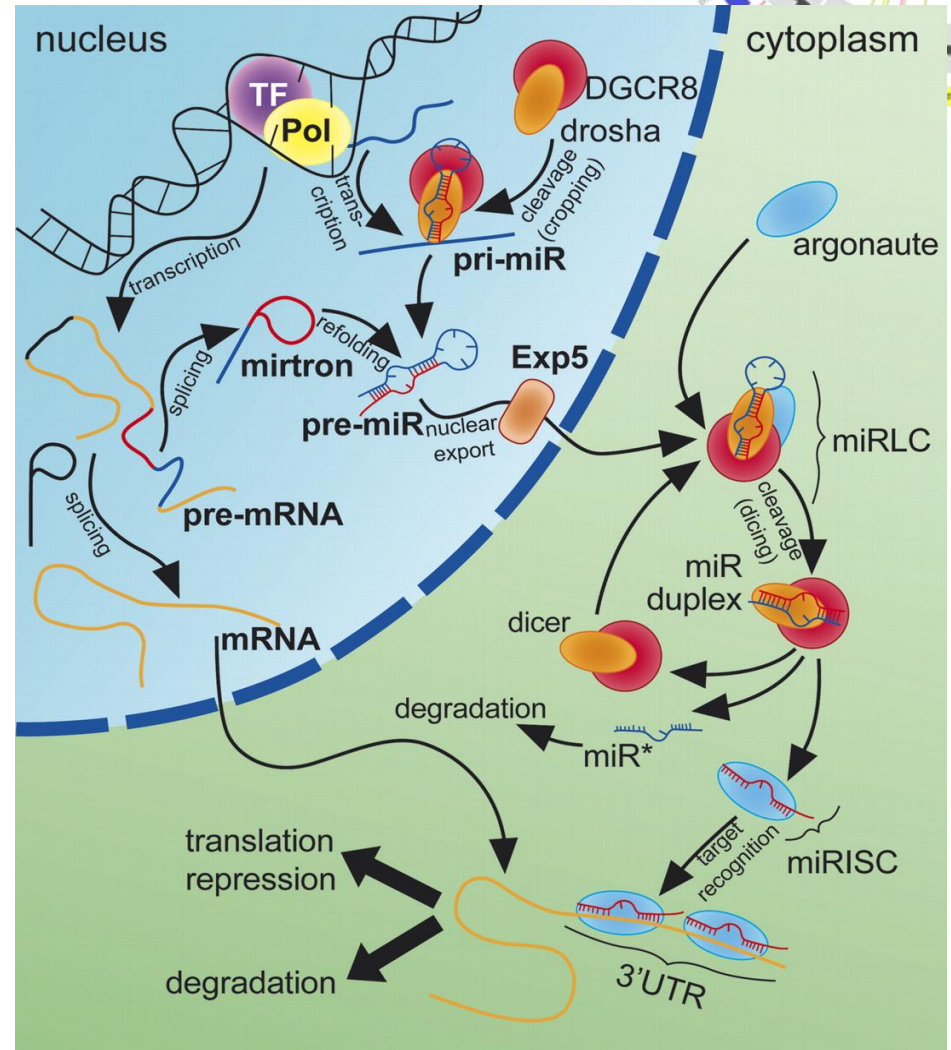
Cases sequenced	3,536
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Cancer types sequenced	19
Cases submitted to DCC	3,085
Cancer types submitted to DCC	18



Normal (215)
BLCA (19)
BRCA (790)
COAD/**READ** (187/**68**)
HNSC (89)
KIRC/**KIRP** (497/**16**)
LAML (187)
LGG (30)
LIHC (28)
LUSC/**LUAD** (203/**100**)
OV (56)
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STAD (125)
THCA (45)
UCEC (359)
Total 3085

miRNA biogenesis

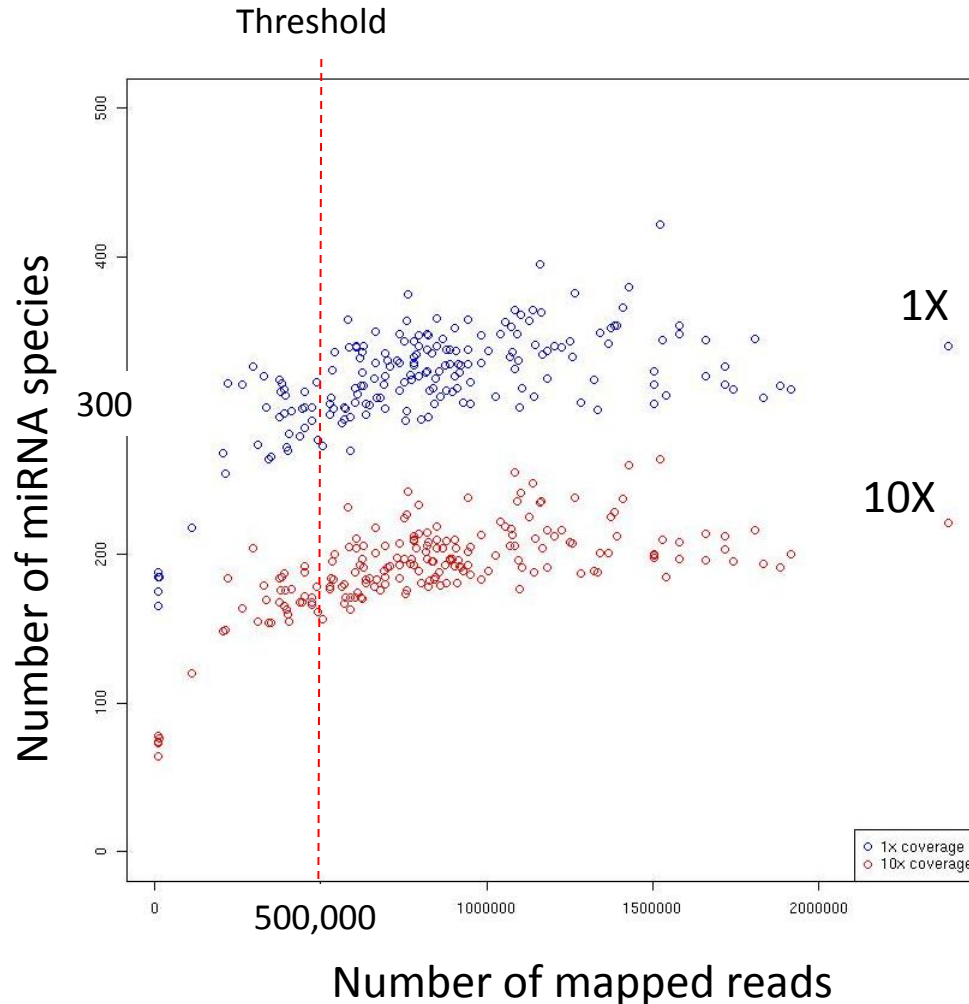
- Products of miRNA biogenesis include mature miRNA and miRNA*.
- Non-canonical miRNA variants (“isomiRs”) may further expand target gene repertoire.



Condorelli *et al.* 2010 *European Heart Journal* **31**, 649-658

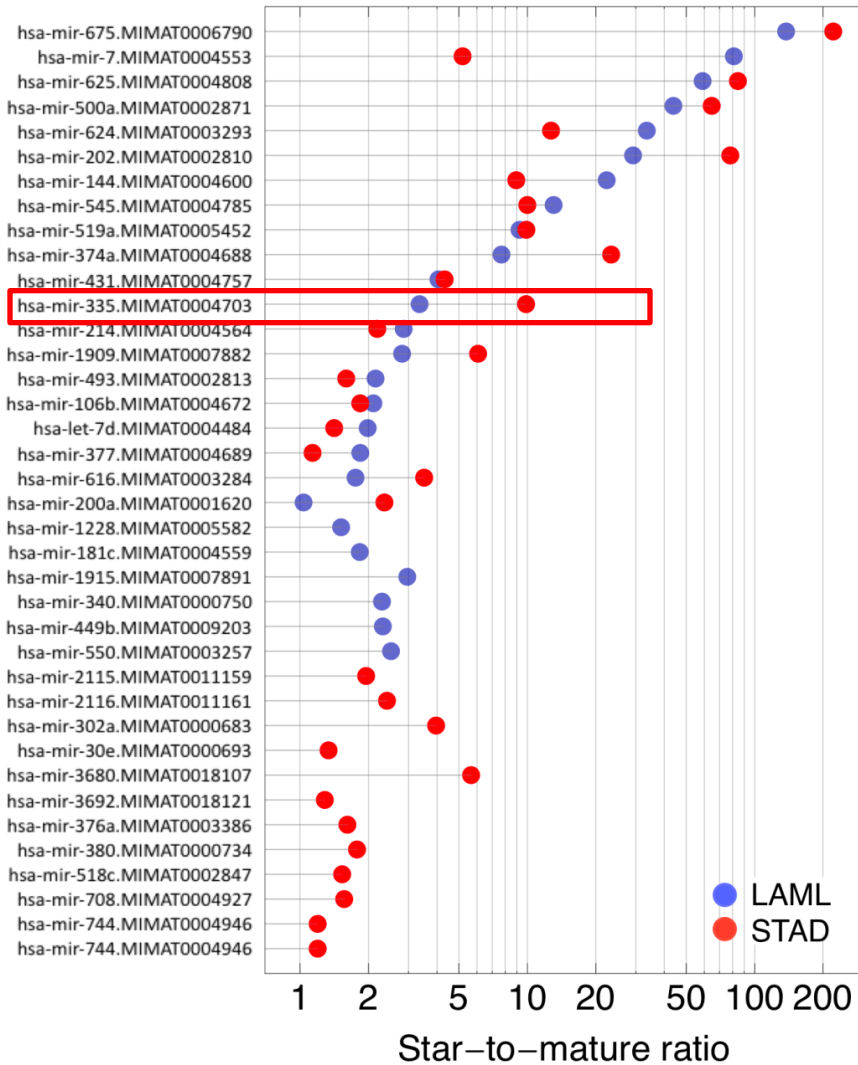
The Cancer Genome Atlas 

miRNA Seq sampling depth (AML)



- 191 libraries sequenced.
- Mapped reads avg 0.98M.
- Known miRNAs detected: 270 to 422 (avg 328).
- 16 novel miRNAs detected (*miRBase 13).

Star vs mature strand expression

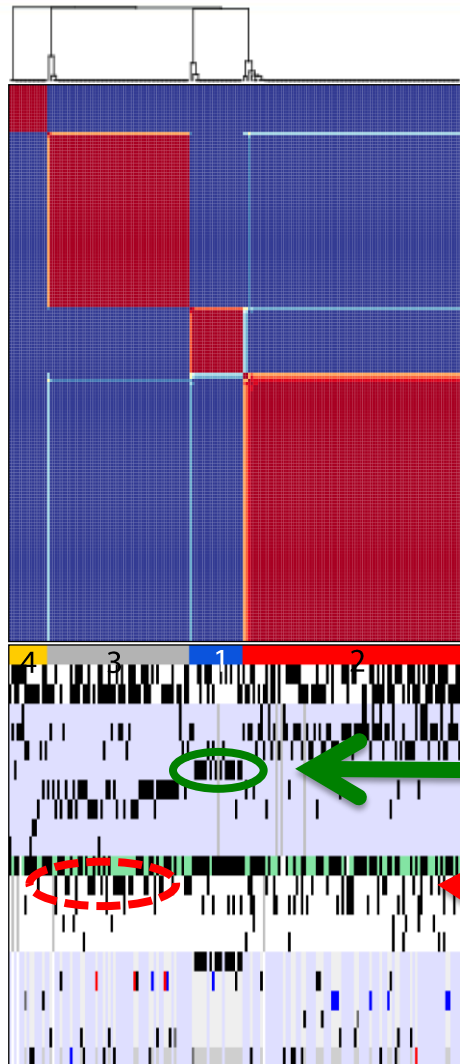
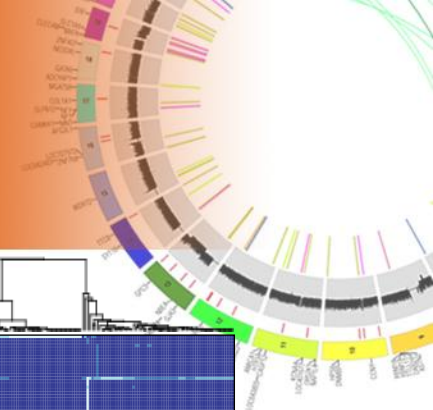


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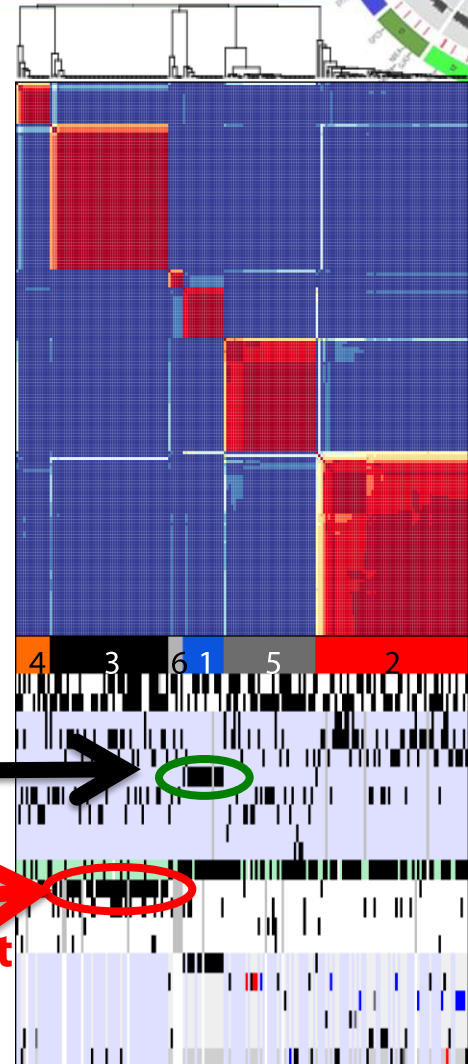
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Clustering cancer subtypes



M3 subtype
mRNA and miRNA agree

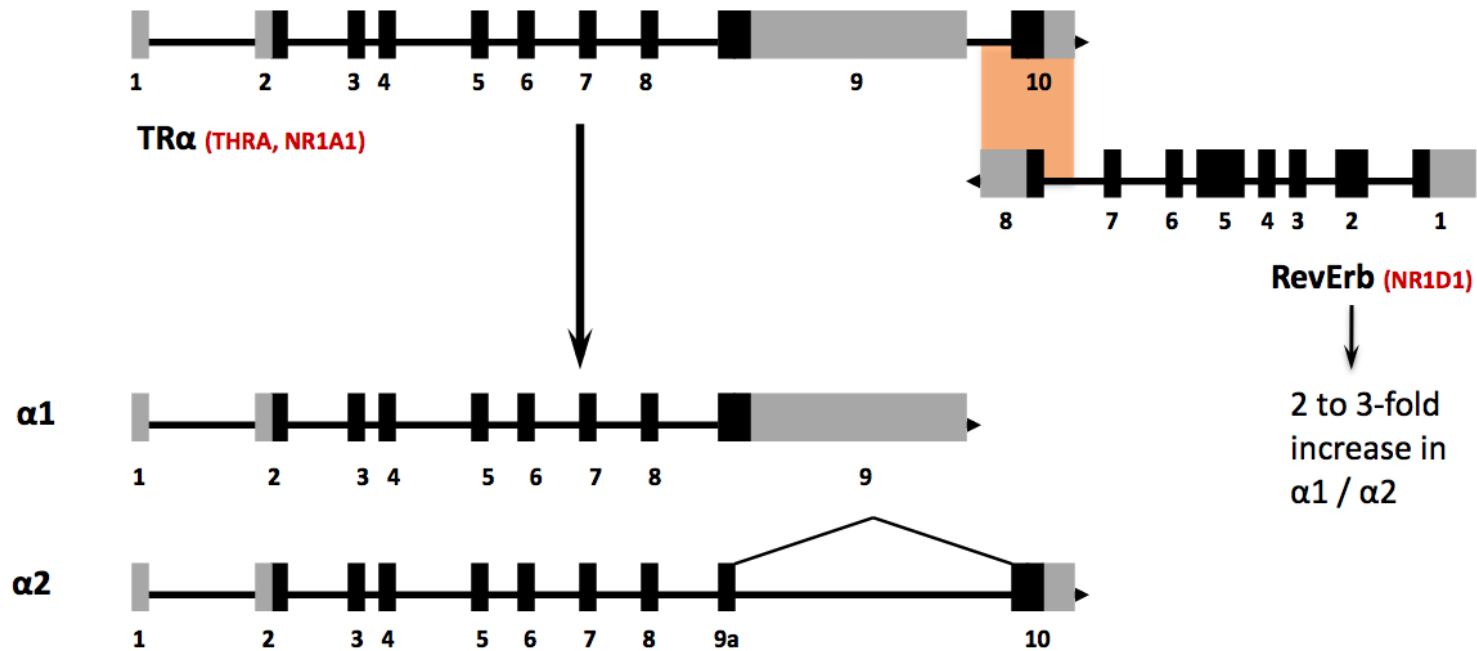
NPM1 insertion events
mRNA and miRNA discordant



Making sense of antisense

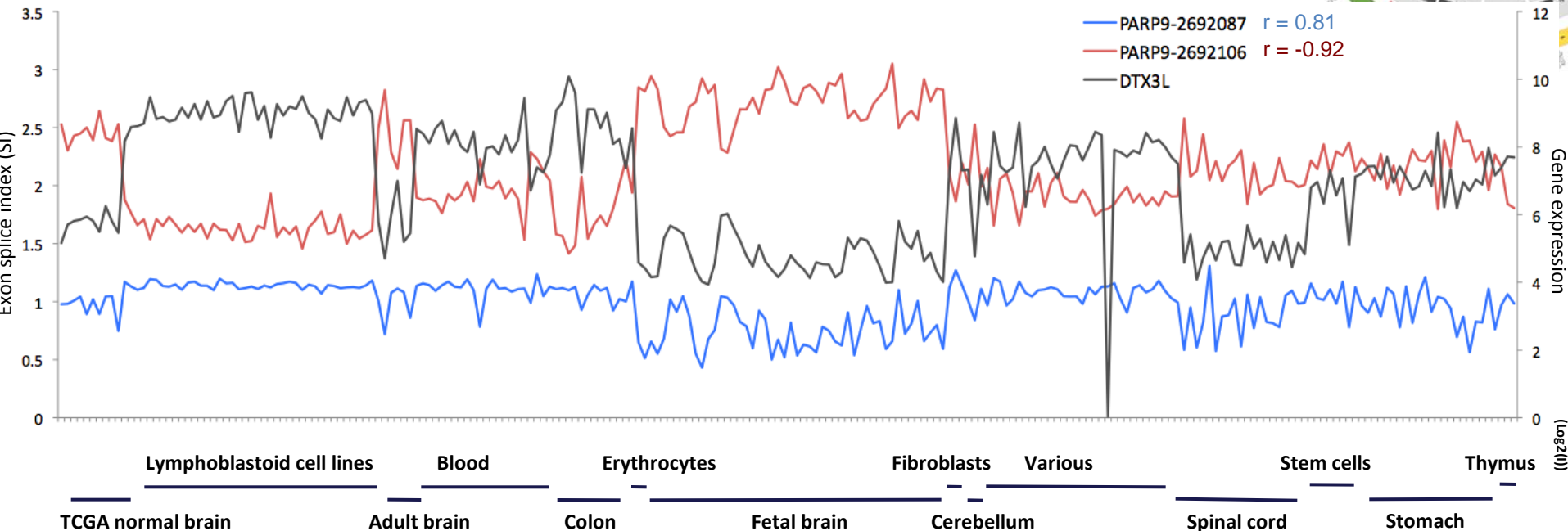
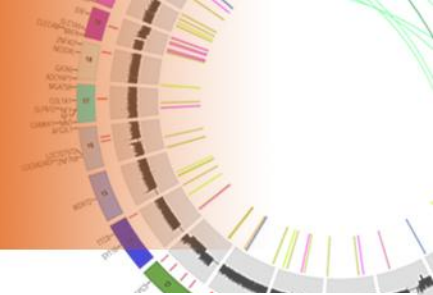


Antisense transcription regulates TR α alternative splicing



- *Also associated with epigenetic silencing*

Antisense - correlated splicing

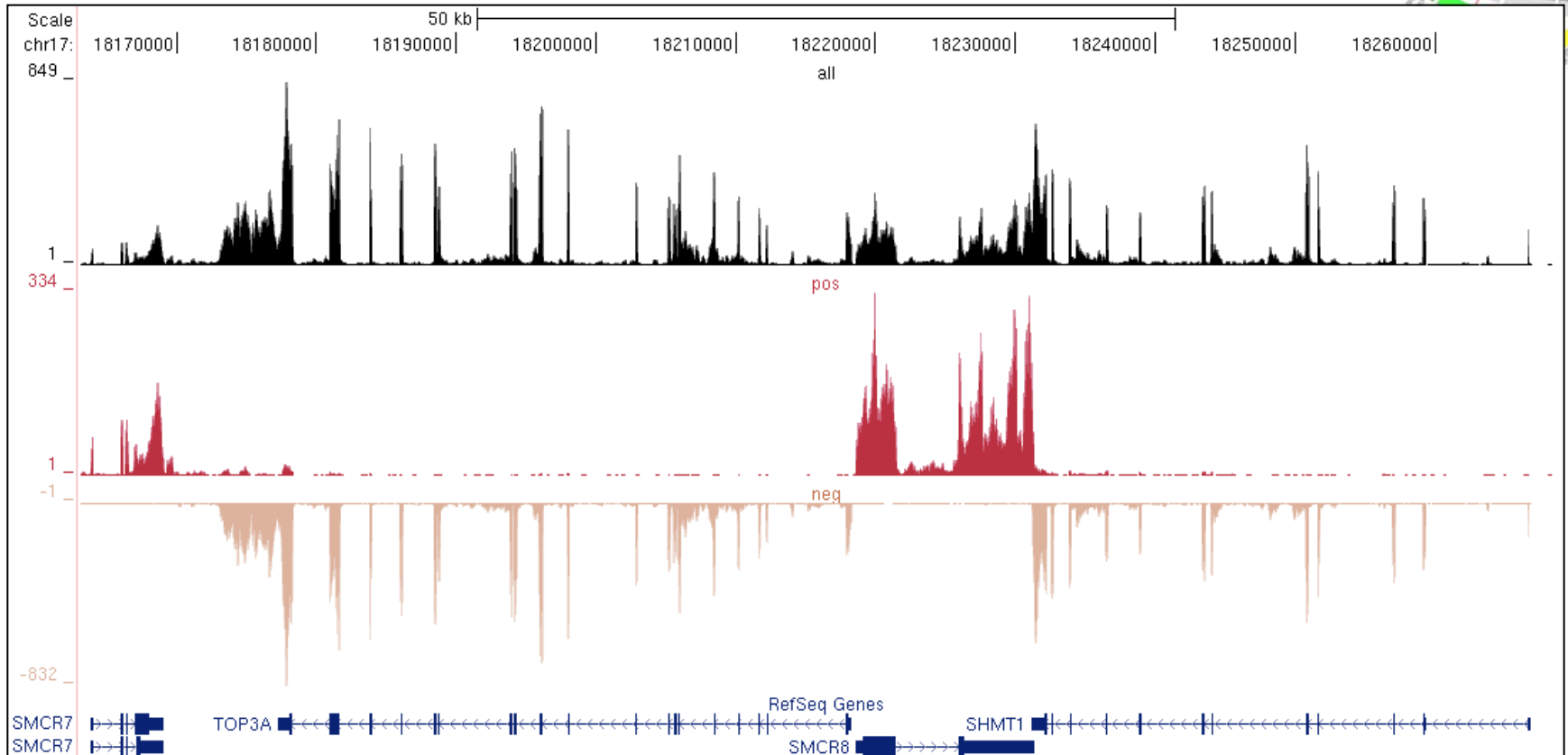


Category	1,014 Arrays	Expressed SAS genes	Expressed SAS probesets	Genes with SAS-correlated splicing	Probesets with SAS-correlated splicing
GBM*	266	4,594	83,646	2,179	9,410
OVC*	518	4,739	90,287	3,099	14,610
Normals**	230	4,801	107,179	3,312	17,420

* TCGA, Nature, 2008

** GEO, Barrett et al., NAR, 2009

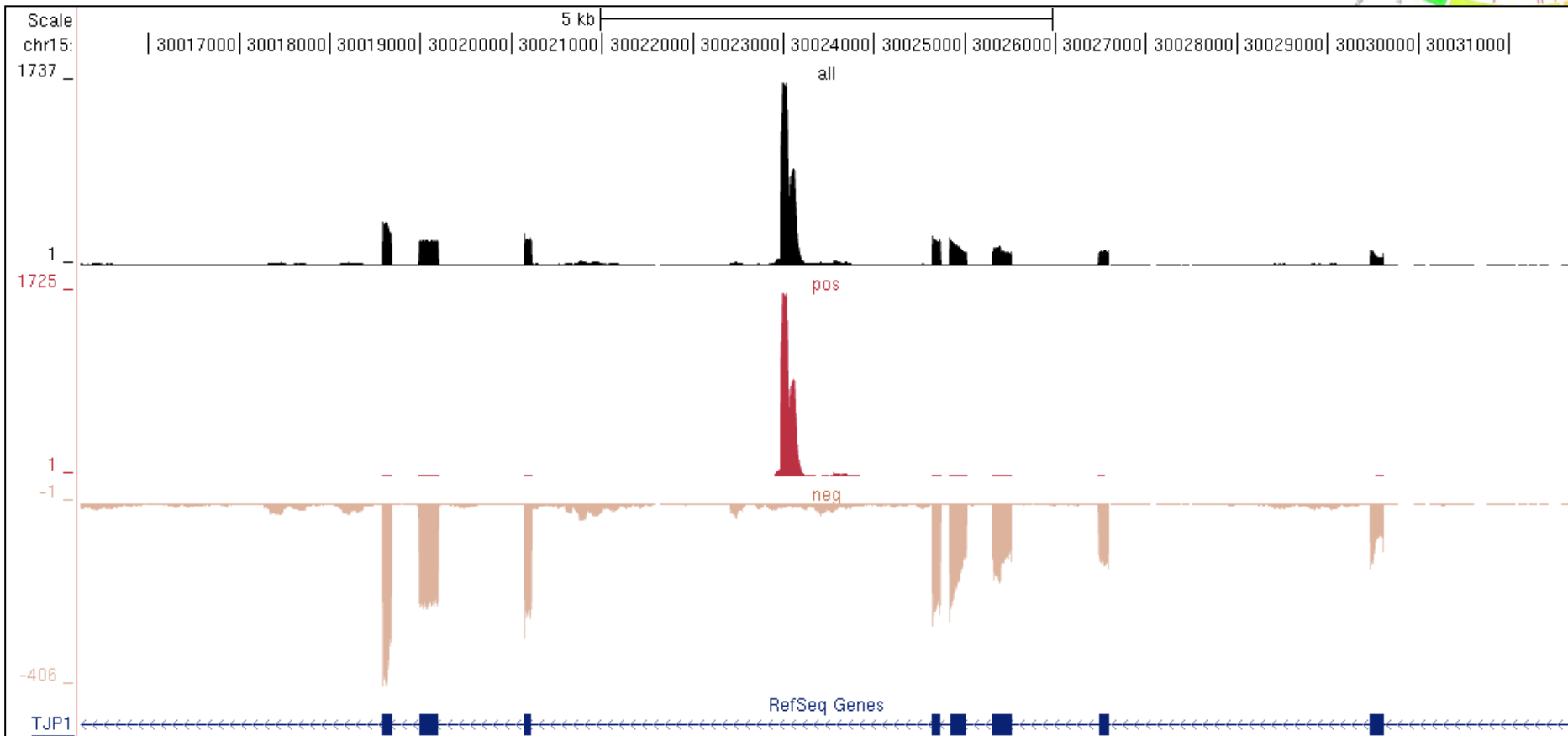
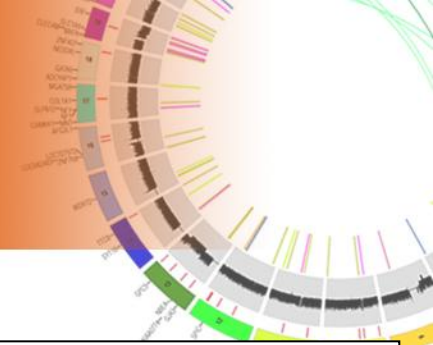
Strand specific RNA Seq



Parkhomchuk et al., *Nucleic Acids Research* 2009

Levin et al., *Nature Methods* 2010

Strand specific RNA Seq



The Cancer Genome Atlas



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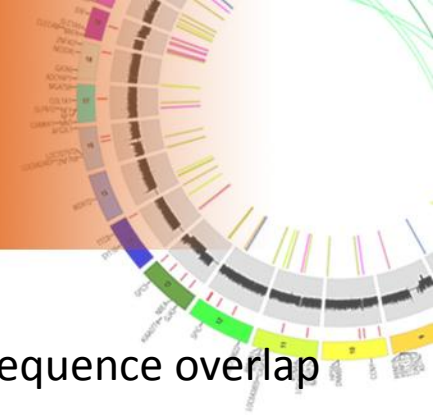


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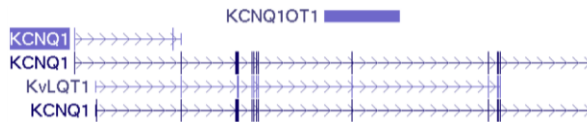
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Sense-Antisense Expression



- Sense-antisense (SAS) genes: encoded on opposite strands; share sequence overlap
 - transcription rate, RNA editing, epigenetic state, alternative transcript processing



bidirectional spread of epigenetic silencing neighbouring imprinted genes



HAS2A down-regulates HAS2 expression
affects: cell proliferation, cell adhesion, migration, differentiation, metastatic spread



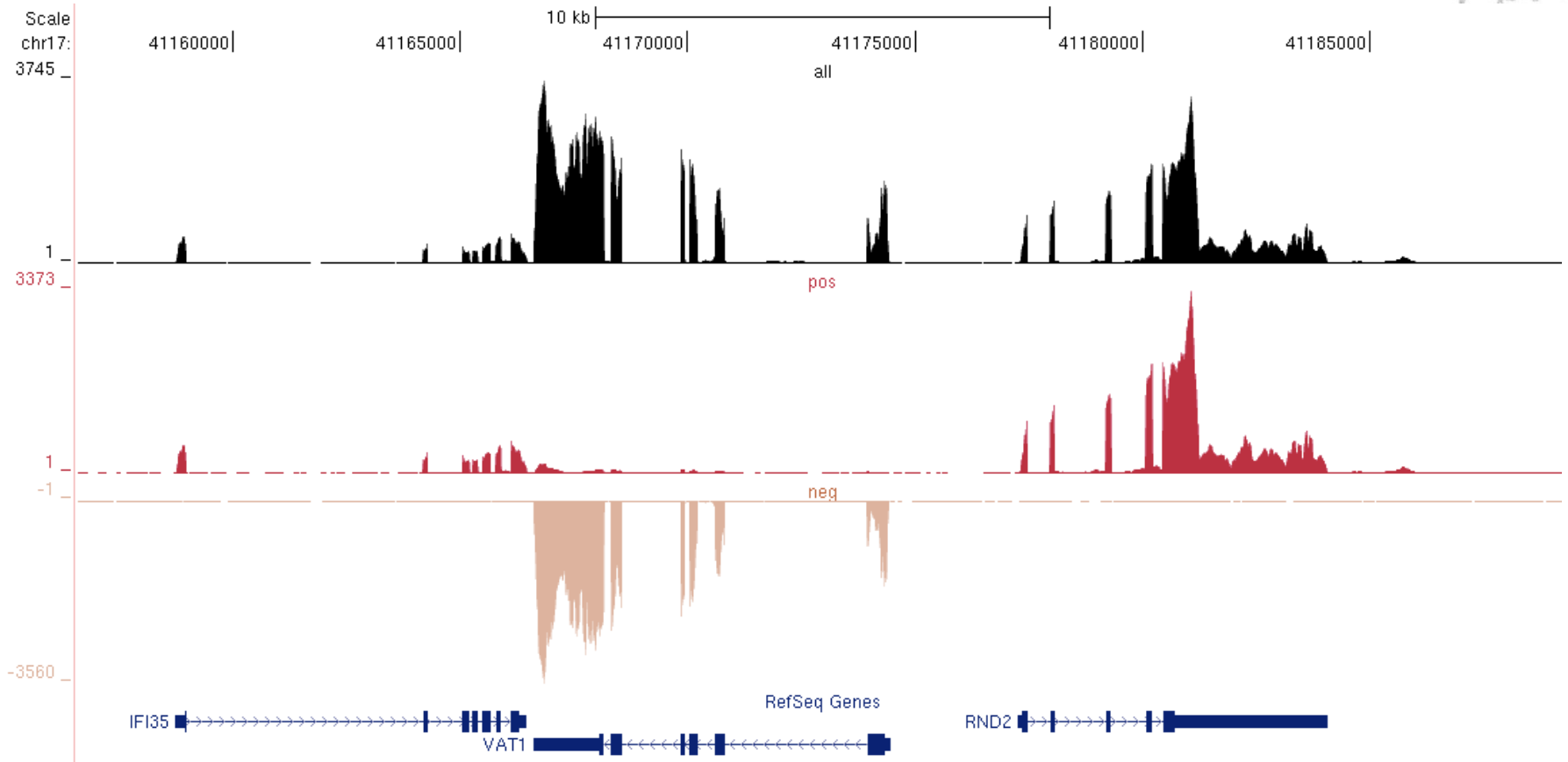
escape from X-chromosome inactivation via Xist promoter silencing (H3K9me3, DNA meth)



epigenetic silencing of CDKN2A (tumor suppressor) via heterochromatin formation in promoter (H3K9me2 increased, H3K4me2 decreased)

- Antisense transcription observed at >75% of genes (RIKEN, Science, 2005)

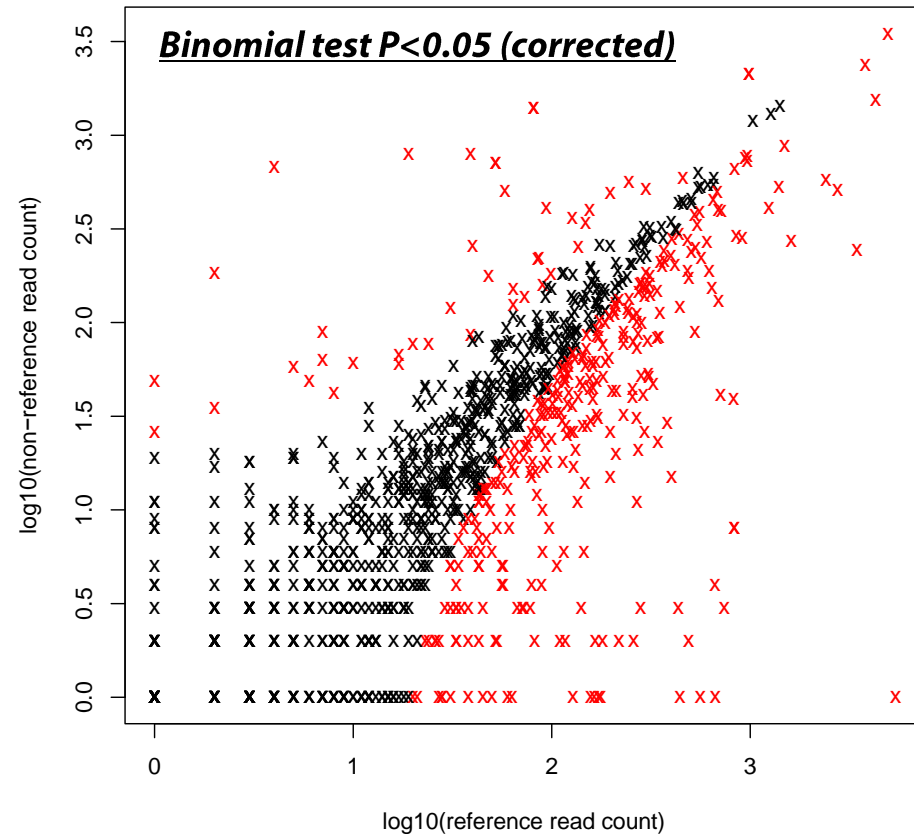
ssRNA Seq



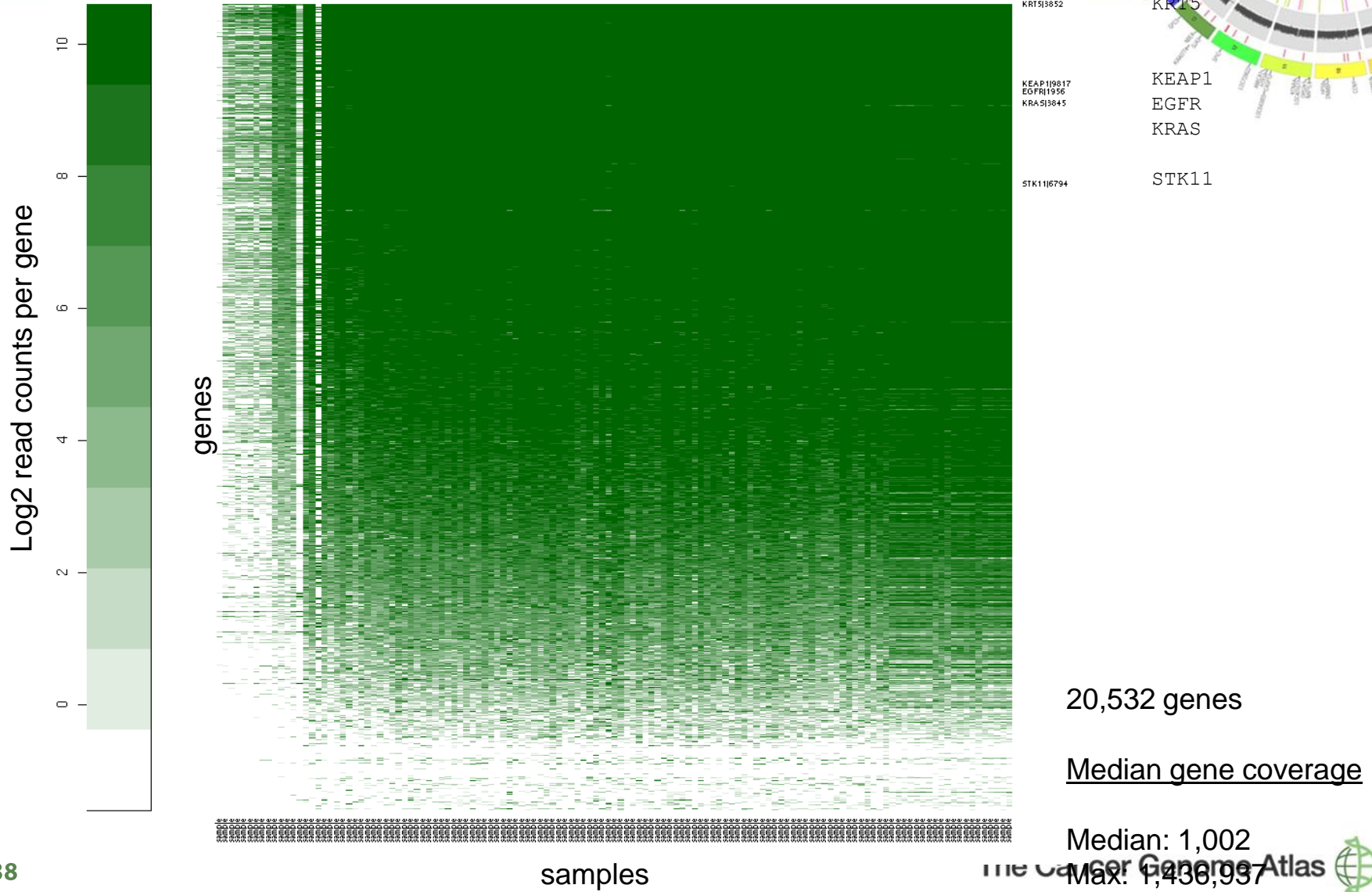
Skewed representation of alleles in DLBCL RNA Seq data



- 27% of somatic mutations exhibit significantly skewed expression (red).
- 25% are skewed in favour of the wild-type, 2% are skewed in favour of the mutant.
- ~50% of these would be undetectable by RNA-seq alone.
- 47% of truncating mutations are significantly skewed.
- Skew observed in favour of mutant allele for some known oncogenes: CD79B, CARD11, BCL2, EZH2.



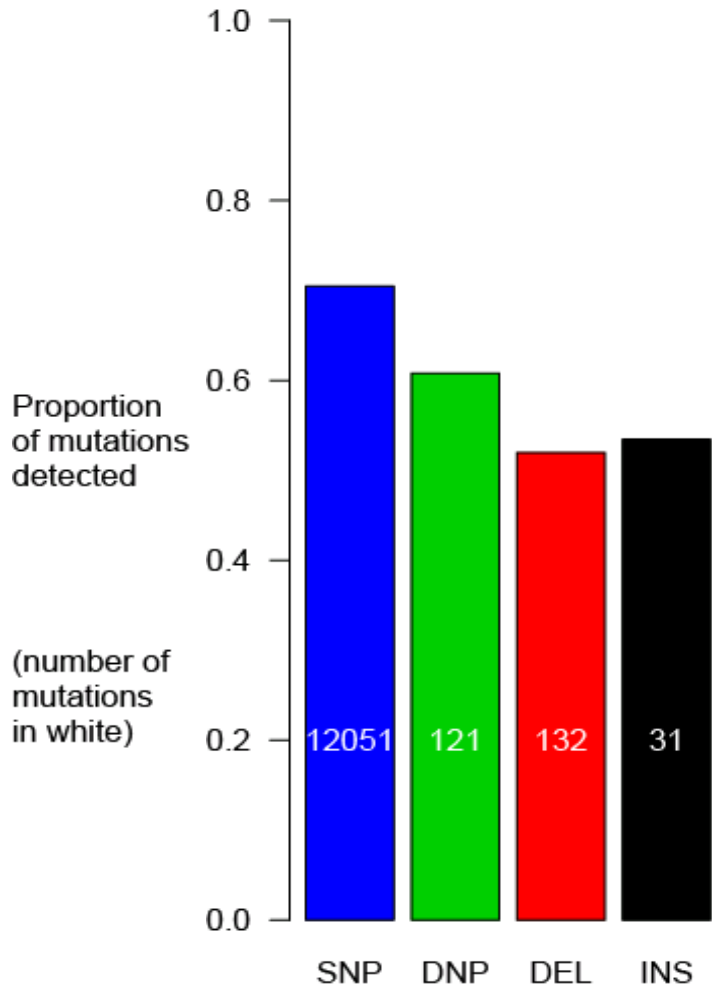
RNAseq Summary: Coverage



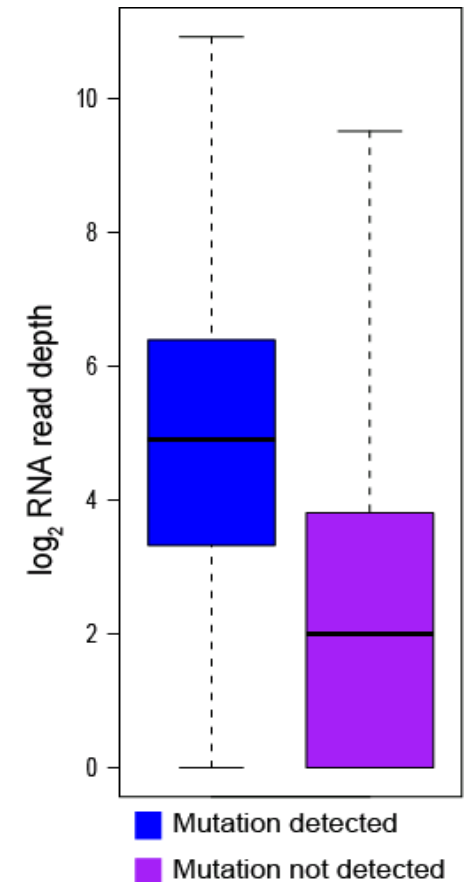
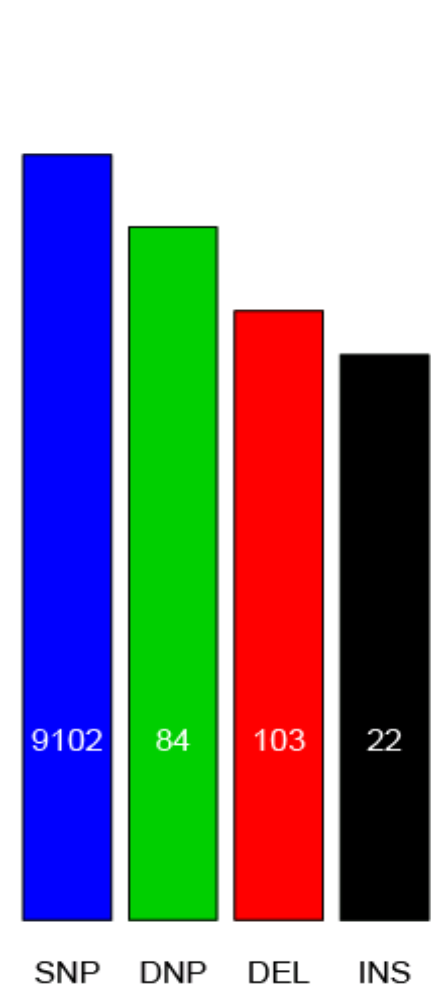
RNA detects major mutation types and is related to RNA read depth



Mutation sites with RNA read depth ≥ 1



Mutation sites with RNA read depth ≥ 10

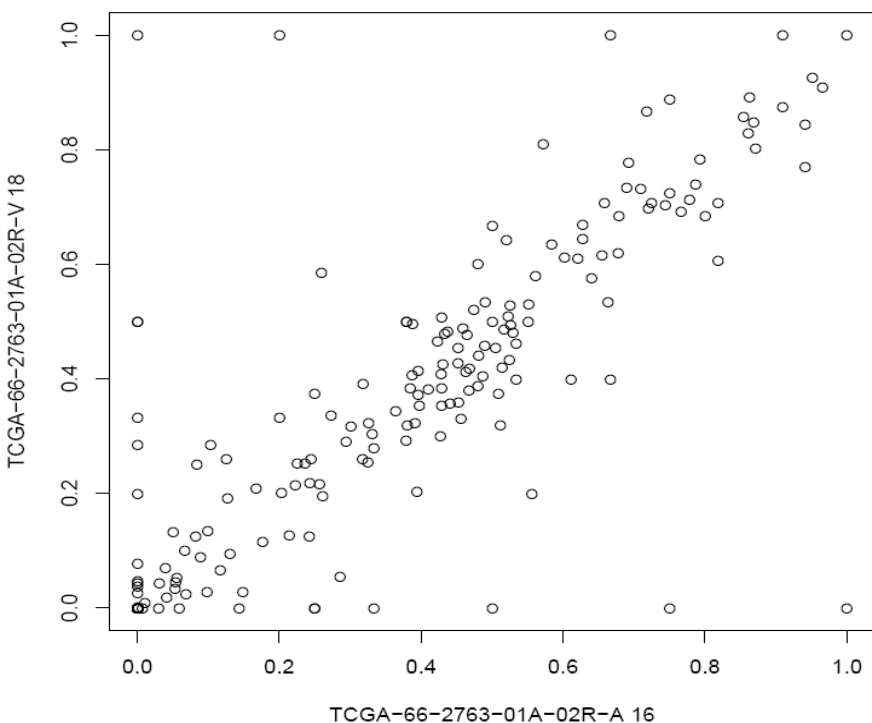


RNA Allelic Fraction for a locus : (mutant allele count / total allele count)

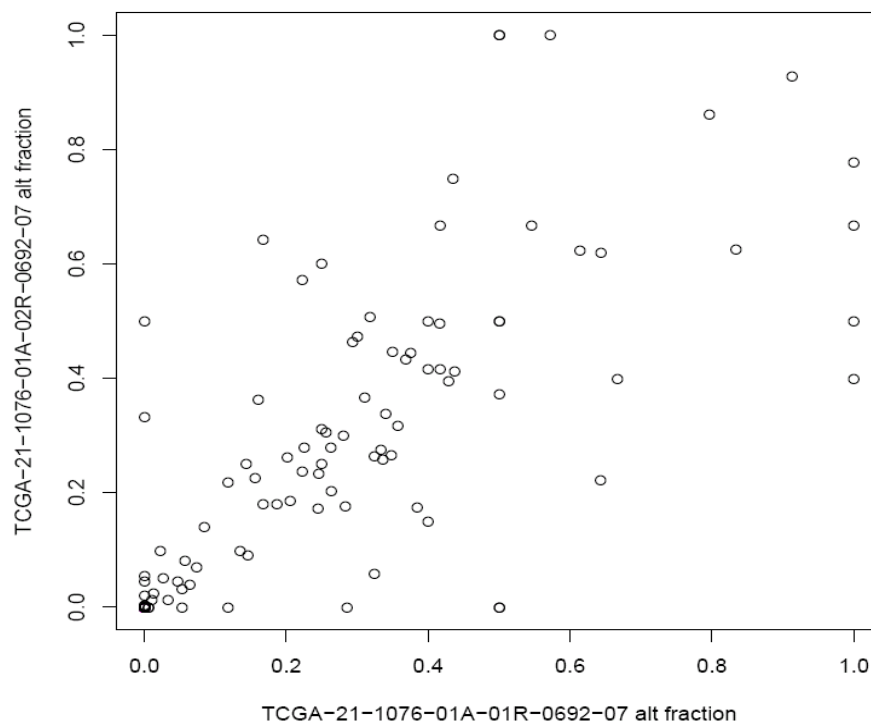
Is it stable among replicates?

Same tissue; two RNA isolations

Alternate Allele Fraction



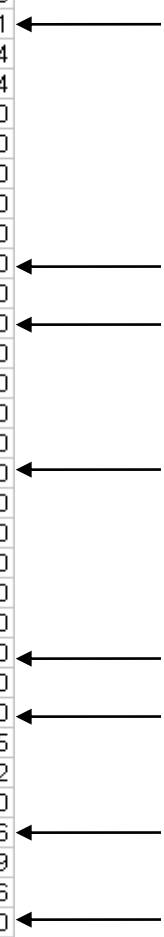
Two pieces of tissues; two RNA isolations



RNA mutation detection helps determination of significantly mutated genes across LUSC



	gene	rank	description	N	n	npat	q	RNApropor
8004	KEAP1	5	kelch-like	342602	28	26	1.96E-10	0.56
10194	NFE2L2	4	nuclear fac	350318	31	30	1.96E-10	0.740741
11730	PIK3CA	3	phosphoin	642727	32	29	1.96E-10	0.793103
16200	TPTE	2	transmemb	340181	39	31	1.96E-10	0.028571
12536	PTEN	6	phosphata	235065	18	16	9.56E-10	0.636364
5507	FAM5C	7	family with	454186	29	28	8.67E-08	0.074074
16301	TRIM58	8	tripartite m	213206	19	17	1.62E-07	0
14087	SI	9	sucrase-is	1096333	53	42	1.63E-07	0
14832	SPHKAP	10	SPHK1 int	1002191	40	32	2.63E-07	0
3889	CSMD3	11	CUB and S	2233452	135	88	2.82E-07	0
13008	REG1B	12	regenerati	101985	11	11	3.80E-07	0
4082	CYP11B1	15	cytochrom	299598	18	18	6.04E-07	0
5009	ELTD1	14	EGF, latro	402283	17	17	6.04E-07	0
10896	OR4M2	13	olfactory re	184976	18	16	6.04E-07	0
13009	REG3A	17	regenerati	107324	16	13	8.97E-07	0
16824	USP29	16	ubiquitin s	543416	21	20	8.97E-07	0
13010	REG3G	18	regenerati	107404	10	10	9.91E-07	0
11326	PCDH11X	19	protocadhe	772044	41	33	2.10E-06	0
11020	OR6F1	20	olfactory re	182457	15	15	4.26E-06	0
3791	CRB1	21	crumbs ho	835491	31	27	4.81E-06	0
8850	LRR4C	22	leucine ric	377191	20	18	7.70E-06	0
17280	ZBBX	23	zinc finger	482017	20	19	8.38E-06	0
11516	PDYN	24	prodynorph	151254	12	12	0.000012	0
4661	DPPA4	25	developme	184757	12	12	0.000016	0
10990	OR5L2	26	olfactory re	184082	15	13	0.000023	0
184	ACSM2B	27	acyl-CoA s	344327	18	18	0.00004	0
10909	OR51B2	28	olfactory re	183143	12	11	0.000046	0
12895	RB1	29	retinoblast	511628	16	15	0.000047	0.375
3110	CDKN2A	30	cyclin-dep	144372	18	17	0.000066	0.722222
5966	FSCB	31	fibrous she	471791	22	20	0.00013	0
8798	LRP1B	32	low density	2738792	122	78	0.00013	0.026316
11967	PNLIPRP3	33	pancreatic	283560	13	13	0.00013	0.090909
13559	RYR2	34	ryanodine	2692767	134	87	0.00025	0.064286
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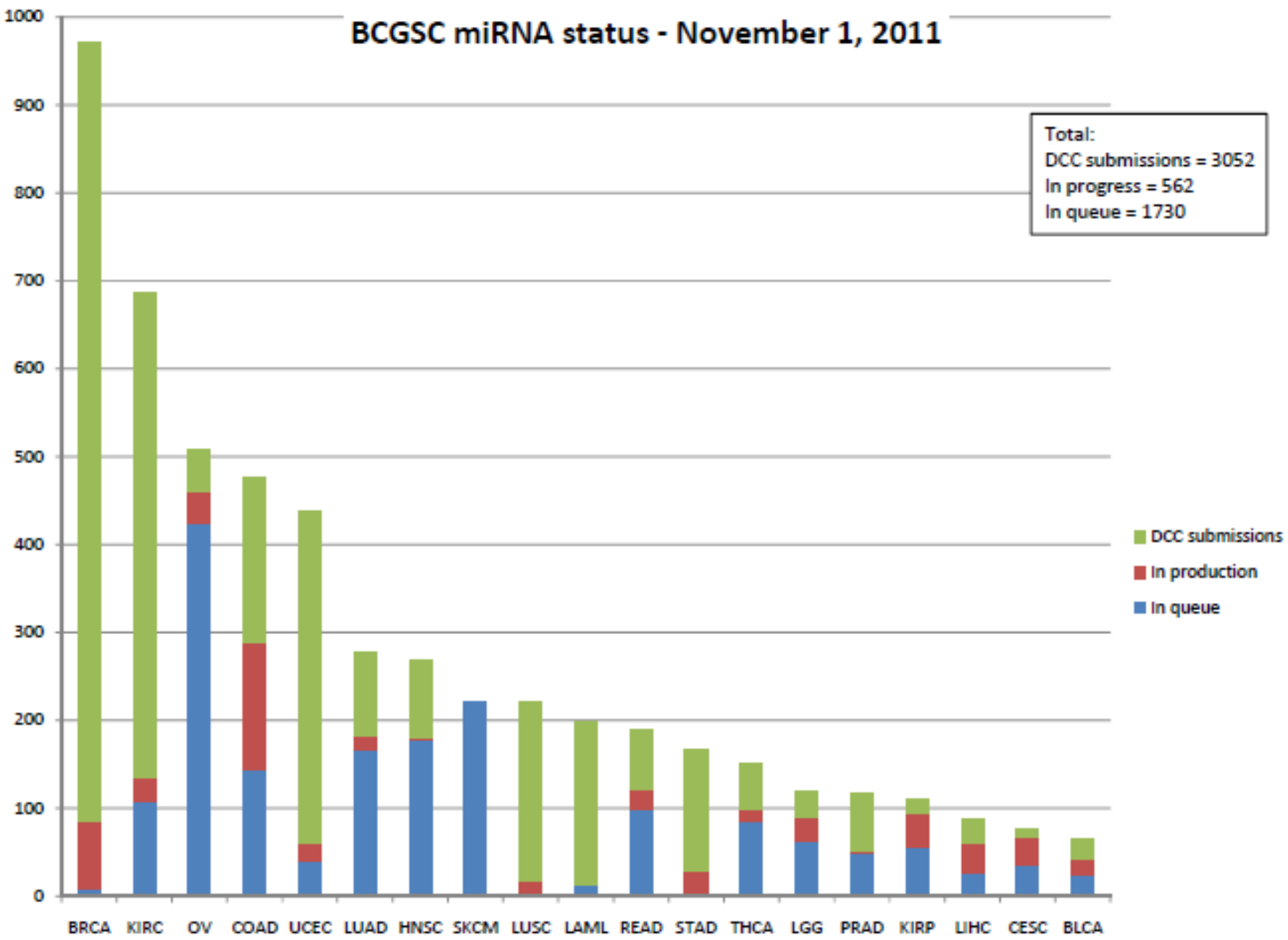


Likely passenger mutations (e.g. olfactory receptors) removed



BCGSC miRNA status - November 1, 2011

Total:
DCC submissions = 3052
In progress = 562
In queue = 1730



Antisense-correlated splicing events in brain and ovarian cancers

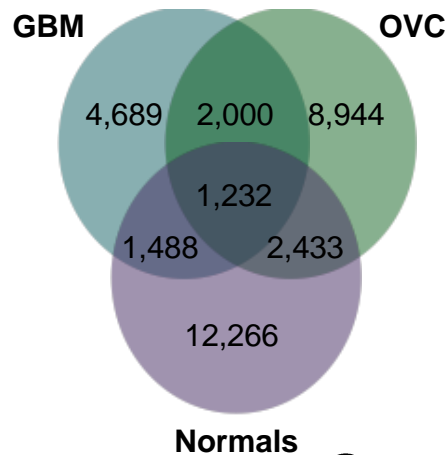


Category	28 Tissues	1,014 Arrays	Expressed SAS genes	Expressed SAS probesets	Genes with SAS-correlated splicing	Probesets with SAS-correlated splicing
GBM*	1	266	4,594	83,646	2,179	9,410
OVC*	1	518	4,739	90,287	3,099	14,610
Normals**	26	230	4,801	107,179	3,312	17,420

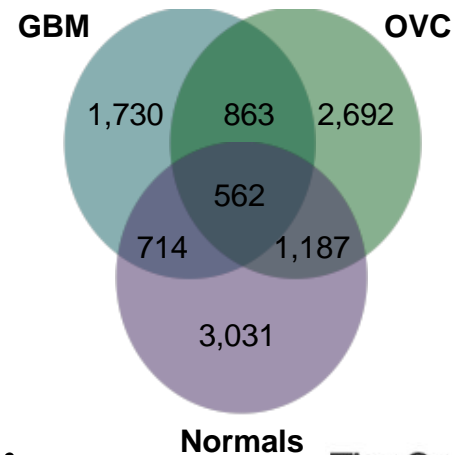
* TCGA, Nature, 2008

** GEO, Barrett et al., NAR, 2009

Probesets with antisense-correlated splicing

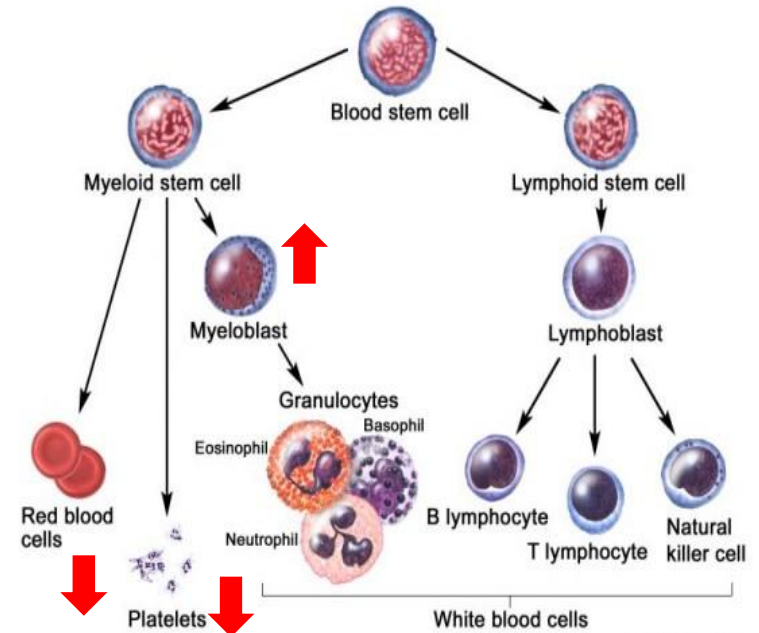


Genes with antisense-correlated splicing events



Acute Myeloid Leukemia

- Selected for study by The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA)
- Haematopoietic stem cell disorder
- Most common acute adult leukemia
- World Health Organization identifies 4 subtypes
- Characterized by abnormal myeloblasts that do not mature into healthy WBC
- Abnormal cells build up in bone marrow, decreasing available space for healthy blood cells
- Possible causes: smoking, previous chemotherapy, radiation exposure



Known molecular abnormalities in AML

Rearrangement(s)	Fusion protein	FAB	Prognosis	Frequency
t(15;17)	PML-RAR α	M3	Favourable	10%
t(8;21)	RUNX1-RUNX1T1	M2	Favourable	10%
Inv(16)	CBF β -MYH11	M4	Favourable	5%
der(11q23)	MLL-fusions	M4/M5	Variable	4%
t(9;22)	BCR-ABL1	M1/M2	Adverse	2%
Others	Multiple	Multiple	Variable	<1%

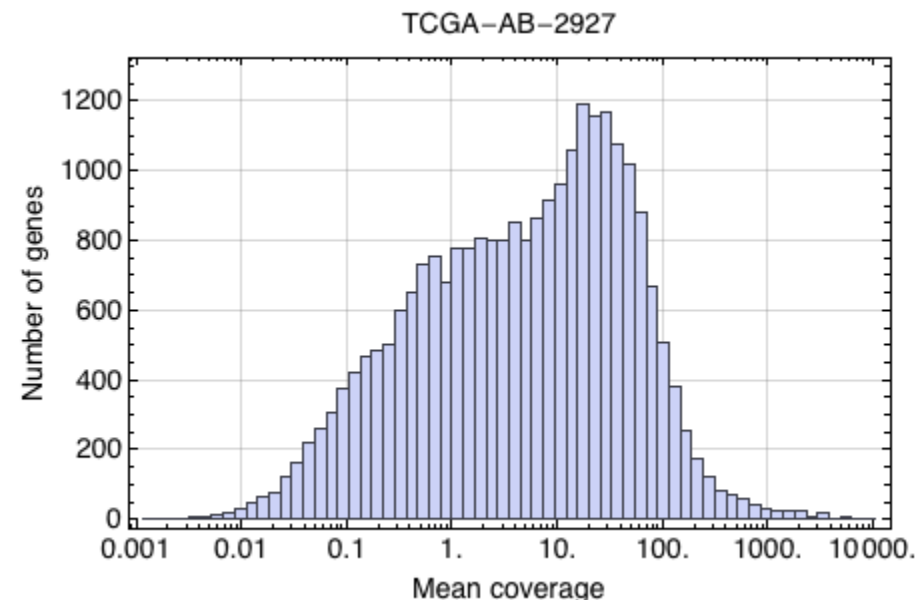
Martens and Stunnenberg (2010) *FEBS Letters* 584:2662-9

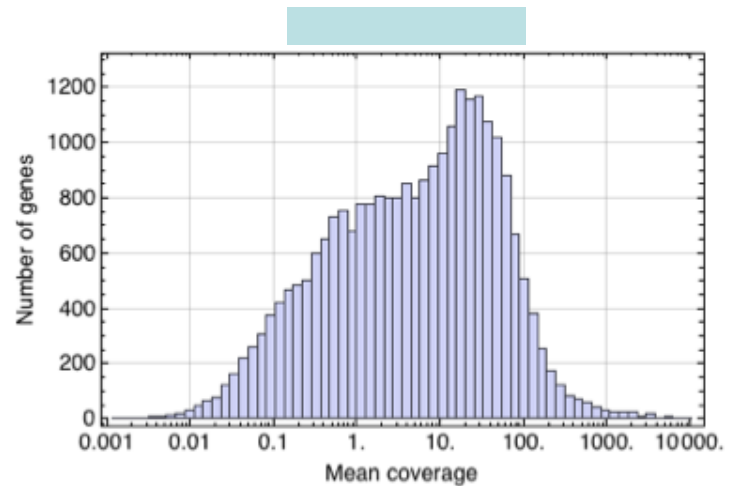
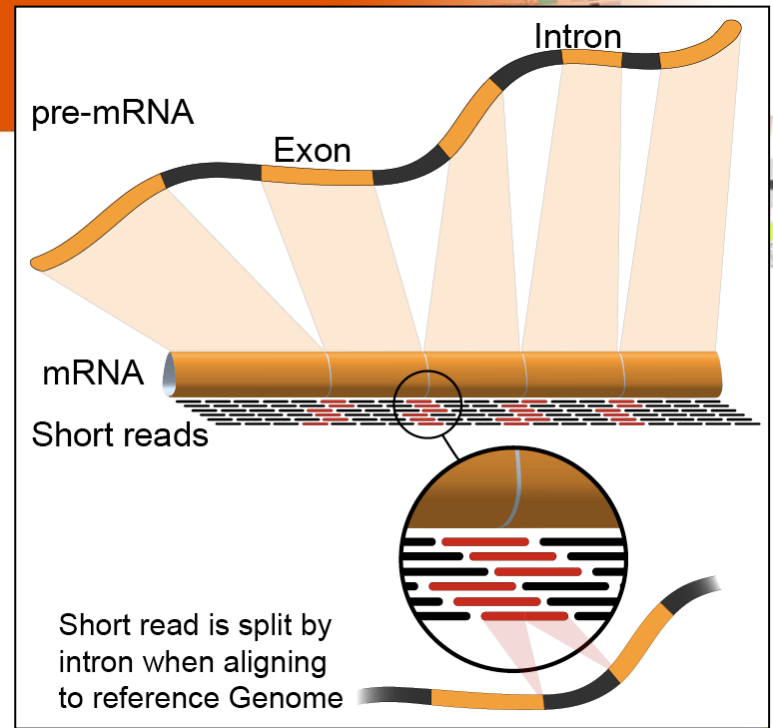
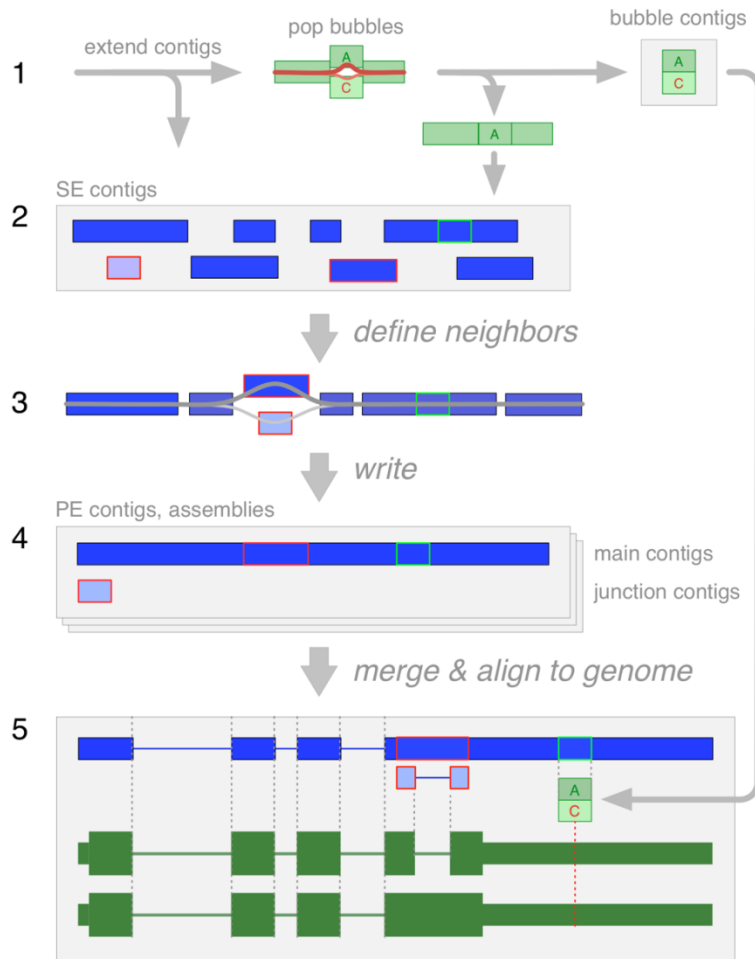
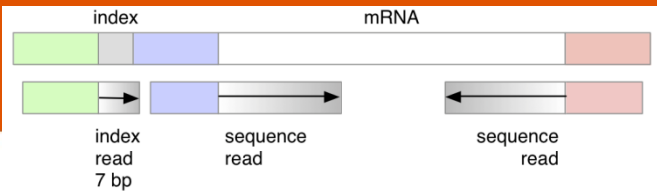
- Partial tandem duplications (PTDs) and internal tandem duplications (ITDs) are relatively common in AML:
 - MLL and FLT3
- Insertion/Deletions & point mutations have also been identified in e.g.:
 - *ASXL1*, *CBFB*, *DNMT3A*, *FLT3*, *IDH1&2*, *JAK2*, *NPM1*, *RAS*, *RUNX1*, *TET2*, *WT1*

RNA Sequencing in AML

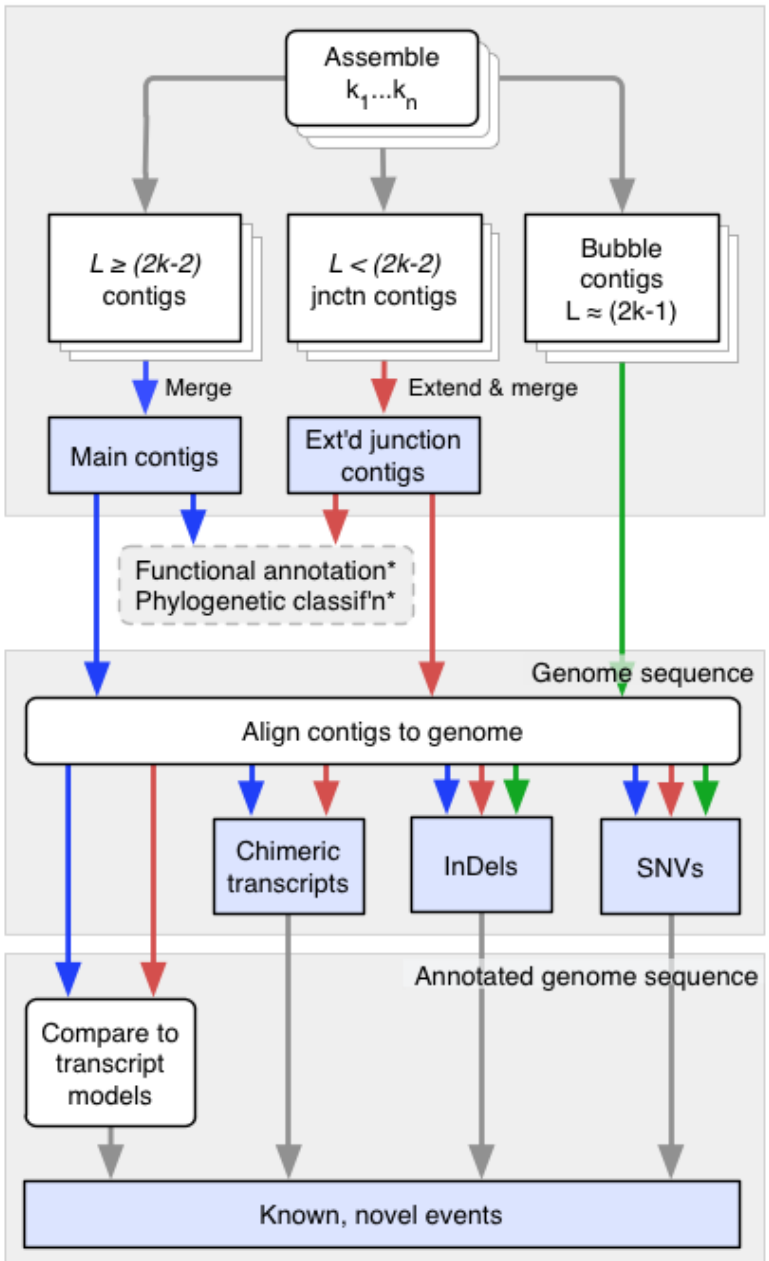
- 191 AML samples received; 179 sequenced and submitted to SRA/dbGaP/DCC
- Sequence 2 Illumina GAIIx lanes per sample with 50 bp paired reads
- Average 125 million reads, 6.26 Gb (filtered) per sample

- Gene detection per sample:
 - 25,426 genes detected
 - 18,413 with $\geq 1X$ coverage
 - 13,254 with $\geq 5X$ coverage
 - 1,607 with $\geq 100X$ coverage





Trans-ABySS pipeline



www.bcgsc.ca/platform/bioinfo/software/trans-abyss

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Trans-ABySS

Analyze ABYSS multi-k-assembled shotgun transcriptome data.

Current release

Trans-ABySS 1.2.0

Released Jan 07, 2011

Bug fixes and performance improved for chimeric transcript codes; also fixed assembly.py to handle output from different ABYSS versions

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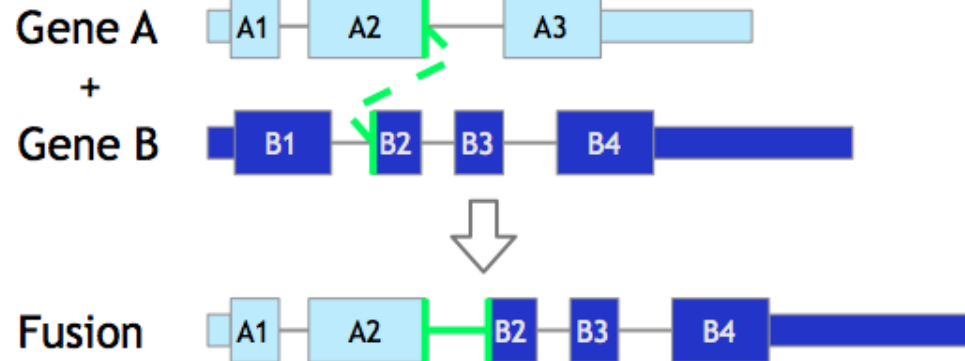
Project Description

Trans-ABySS is a software pipeline for analyzing ABYSS-assembled contigs from shotgun transcriptome data. The pipeline accepts assemblies that were generated

Chimeric transcripts

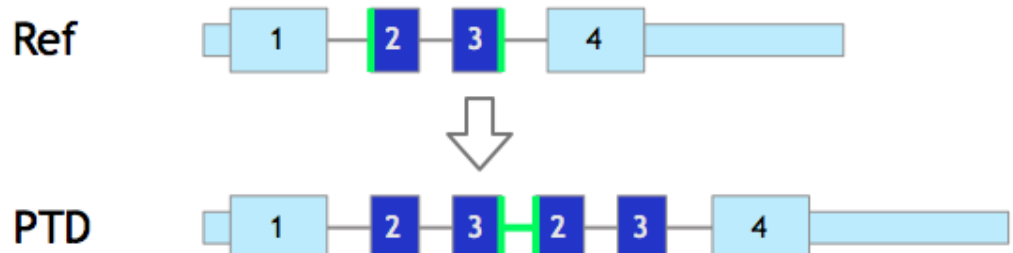
Fusions

Medves S, Demoulin J-B: **Tyrosine kinase gene fusions in cancer: translating mechanisms into targeted therapies.** *J Cell Mol Med* 2011, [Epub ahead of print]



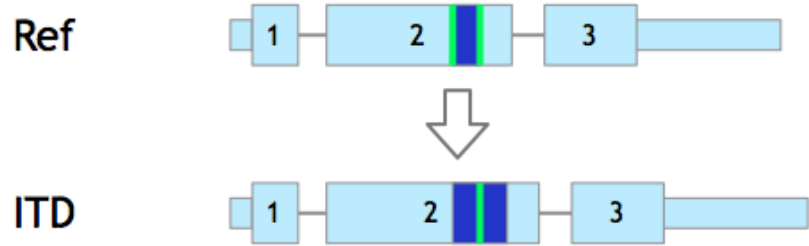
Partial tandem duplications

Liu HC, Shih LY, May Chen MJ, Wang CC, Yeh TC, Lin TH, Chen CY, Lin CJ, Liang DC. **Expression of HOXB genes is significantly different in acute myeloid leukemia with a partial tandem duplication of MLL vs. a MLL translocation: a cross-laboratory study.** *Cancer Genet.* 2011 204(5):252-9.

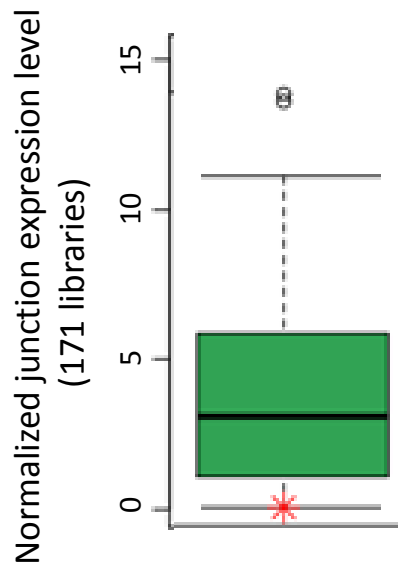
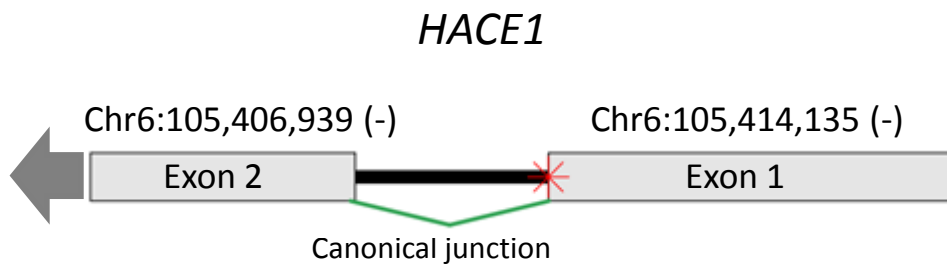


Internal tandem duplications

Fathi AT, Arowojolu O, Swinnen I, Sato T, Rajkhowa T, Small D, Marmsater F, Robinson JE, Gross SD, Martinson M, Allen S, Kallan NC, Levis M. **A potential therapeutic target for FLT3-ITD AML: PIM1 kinase.** *Leuk Res.* 2011 [Epub ahead of print]



Splice donor site mutation alters *HACE1* exon expression



- Donor mutation in *HACE1** gene of sample TCGA-AB-2986 (chr6:105,414,133)
- 6q tumour suppressor gene (Thelander *et al.* 2008 *Leuk & Lymphoma*)
- *HACE1* is a putative Wilms Tumour susceptibility gene (Slade *et al.* 2010 *J Med Genet*)
- Lack of *HACE1* expression in RNA-seq data is consistent with nonsense-mediated decay

A role for microRNAs in AML?



- miRNAs are key players in gene regulation, acting primarily via target mRNA degradation and/or translational repression.
- Clinically relevant biomarkers include:
 - miR-126/126* increased expression is associated with t(8;21) and inv(16) and inhibits apoptosis [Li *et al.* 2008 *PNAS* **105**:15535-40]
 - miR-29b targeting DNMT3A and associated with improved clinical response to decitabine (DNMTi) [Blum *et al.* 2010 *PNAS* **107**:7473-8]
 - miR-223- and miR-181b-like binding sites created by somatic mutation of the TNFAIP2 3'UTR leading to translational repression of this gene [Ramsingh *et al.* 2010 *Blood* **116**:5316-5326]
 - miR-17-92 cluster members are over-expressed as a direct result of promoter binding by MLL fusion proteins [Mi *et al.* 2010 *PNAS* **107**:3710-5]
- miRNA expression profiling may therefore have important roles in cancer prognosis and therapeutics

Multiplexed small RNA sequencing – the problem

Method

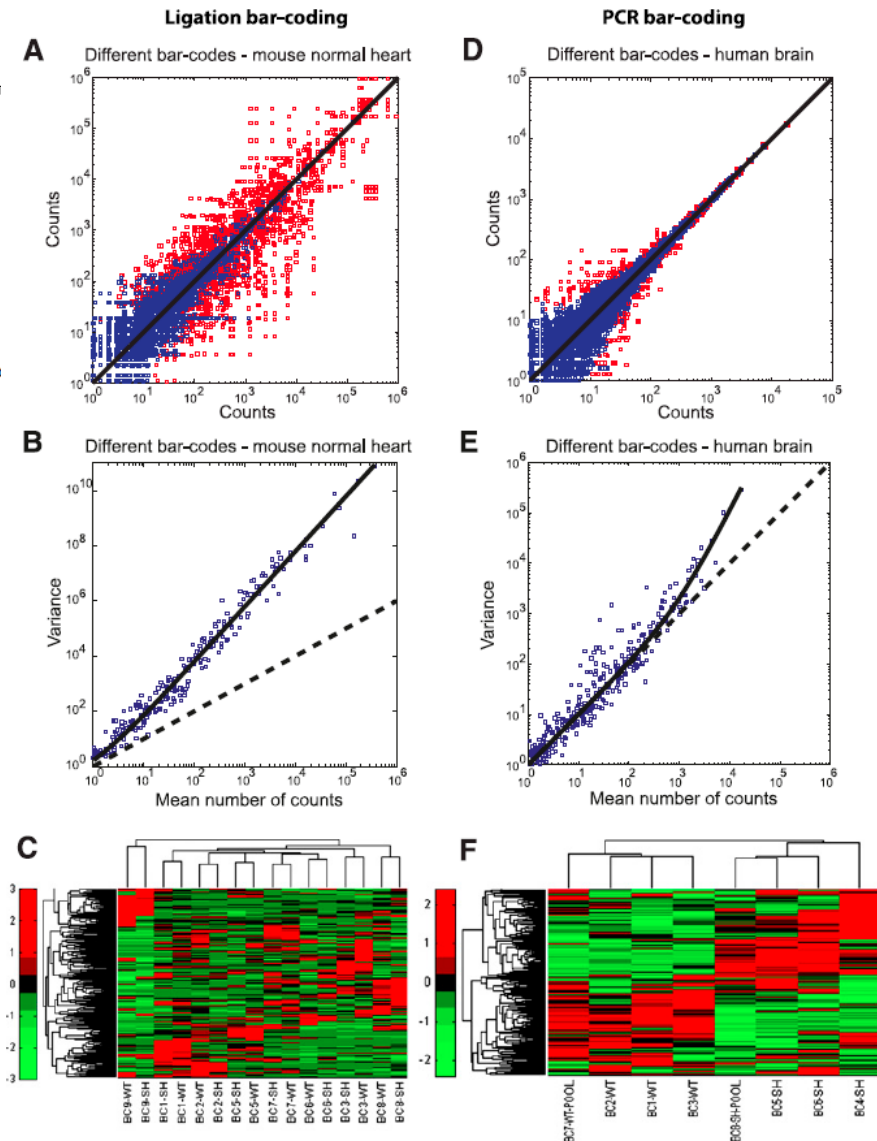
Barcoding bias in high-throughput multiplex sequencing of miRNA

Shahar Alon,^{1,6} Francois Vigneault,^{2,3,4,6} Seda Eminaga,² Danos C. Christodoulou,² J.G. Seidman,² George M. Church,^{2,3} and Eli Eisenberg^{5,7}

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<http://www.genome.org/cgi/doi/10.1101/gr.121715.111>

“Here we report that barcodes introduced through adapter ligation confer significant bias on miRNA expression profiles.”



Multiplexed small RNA sequencing – the solution

- Adding barcodes during PCR amplification minimizes the bias we and others (Alon *et al.* 2011 *Gen. Res.* Epub Aug 4 & Hafner *et al.* 2011 *RNA* Epub July 20) observe when employing bar-coding by ligation.
- Illumina GAIIx/HiSeq 2000 platforms

Plate-based miRNA-Seq library construction

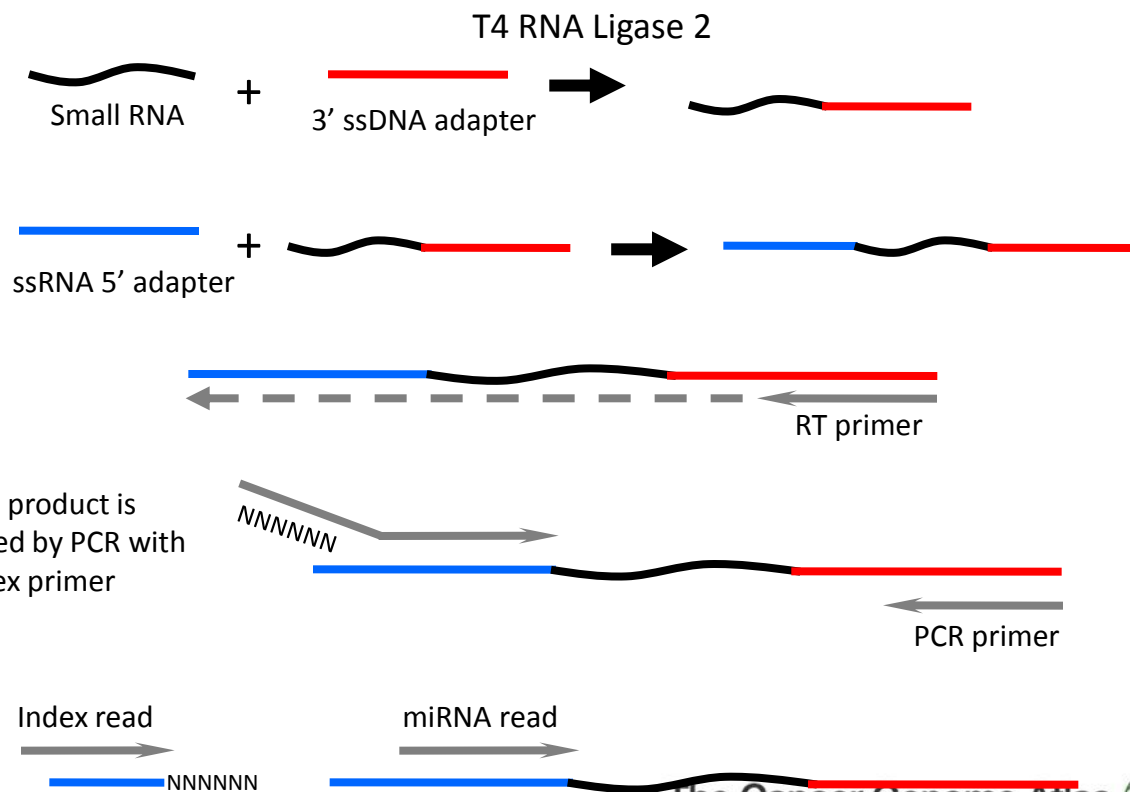
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ssRNA 5' Adapter Ligation

Reverse Transcription

PCR Amplification

Library pooling and Size Selection

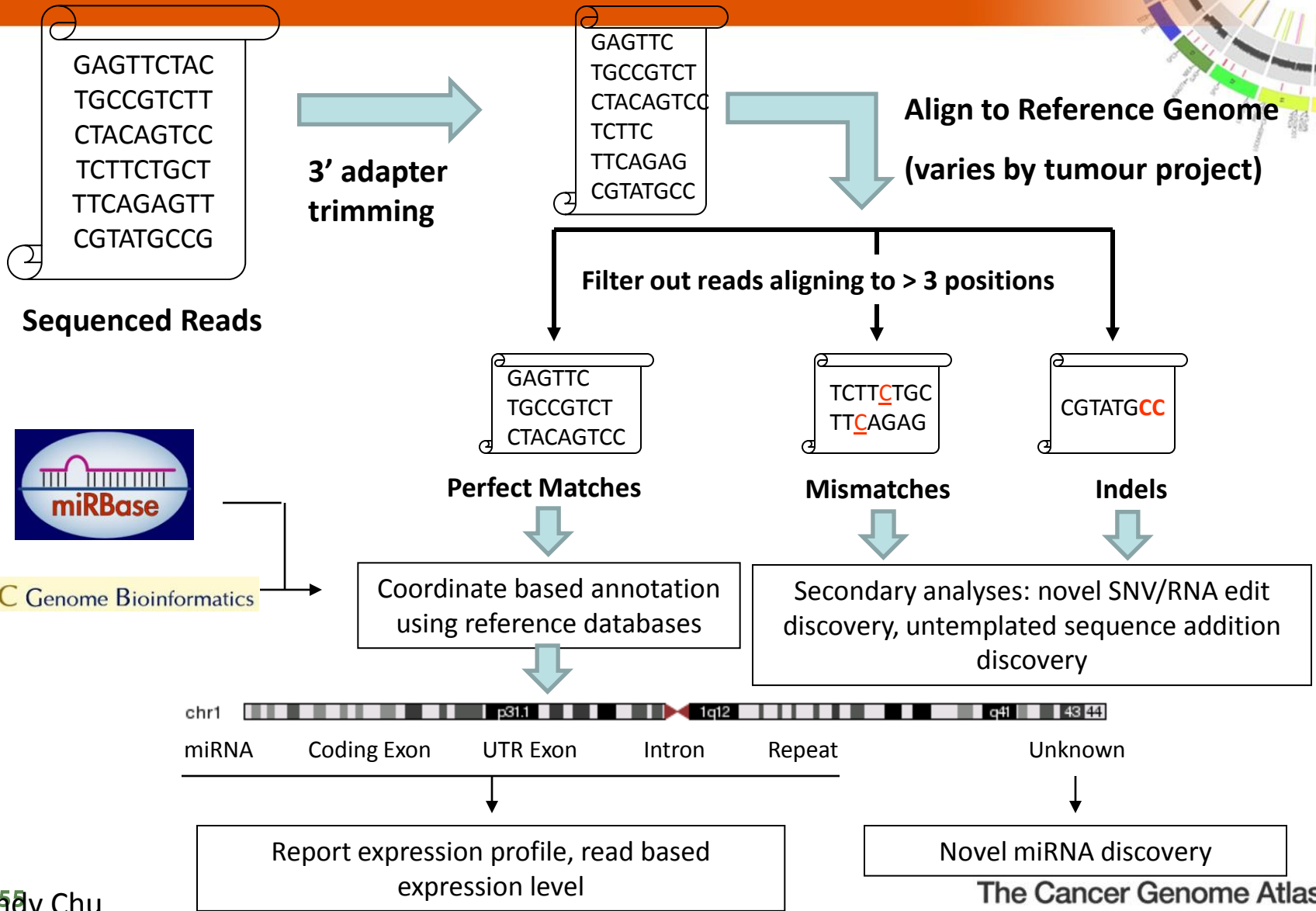
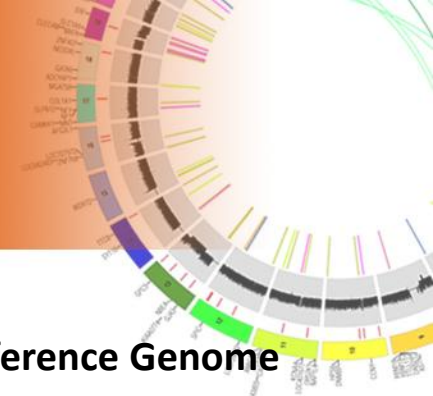




Sequence analysis pipelines

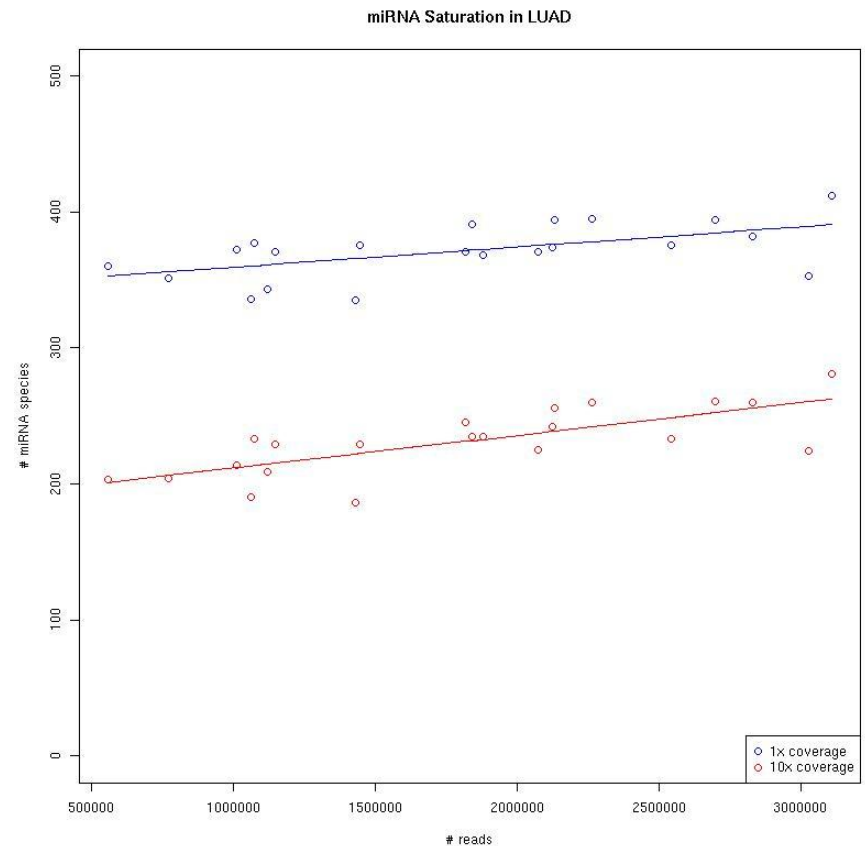
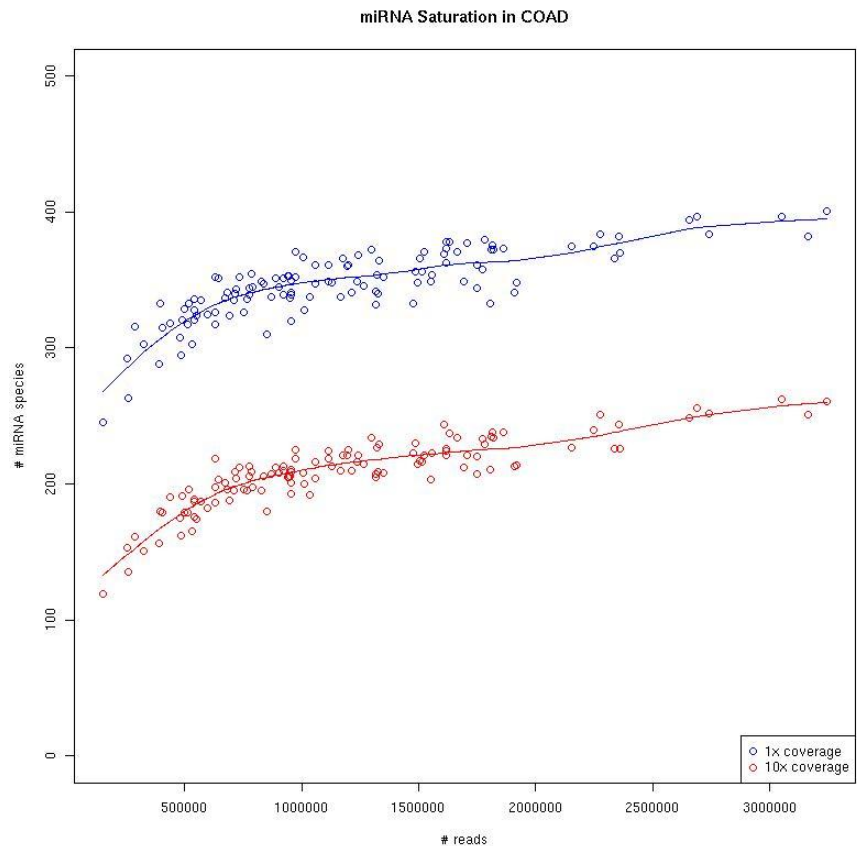
- ***Profile miRNA expression***
- ***Library quality assessment***
- ***Hierarchical clustering***
- ***Consensus clustering***
- ***MicroRNA prediction***
- ***RNA edits &/or mutations***
- ***3' untemplated additions***

miRNA sequence analysis pipeline



Cross-library miRNA saturation plots

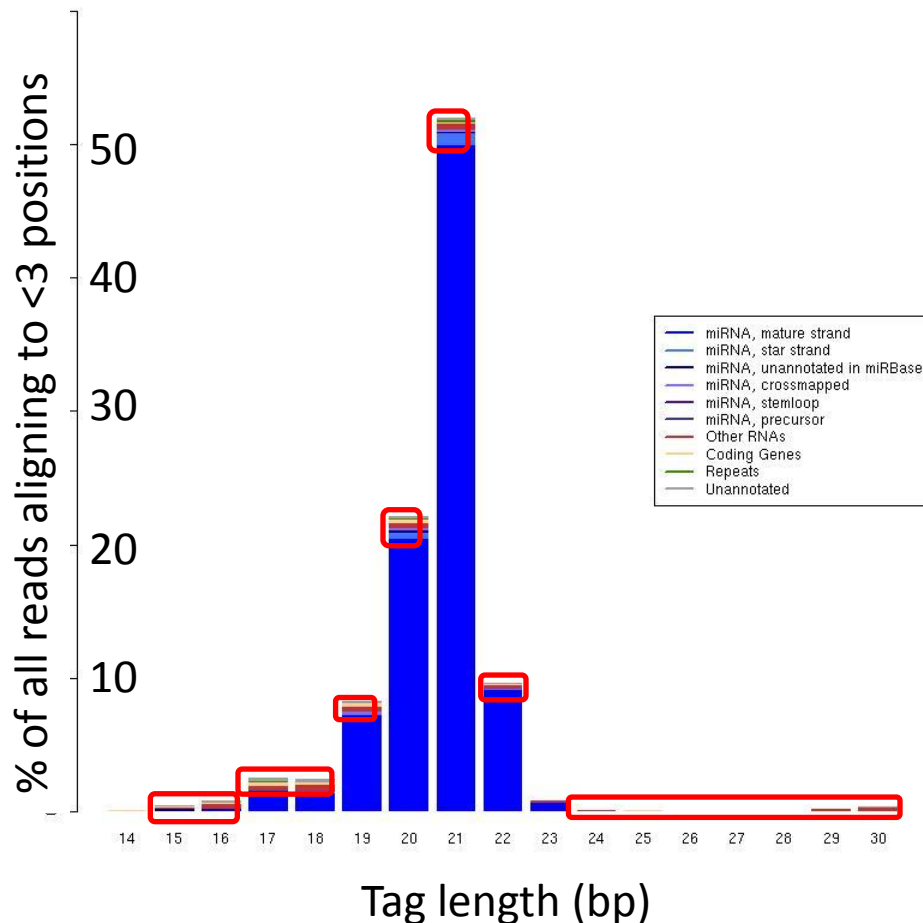
By plotting the number of miRNA reads against number of miRNA species found in all samples in a given tissue, we can see when we've captured most of the miRNAs we'd expect to see in the sample.



miRNA quality assurance

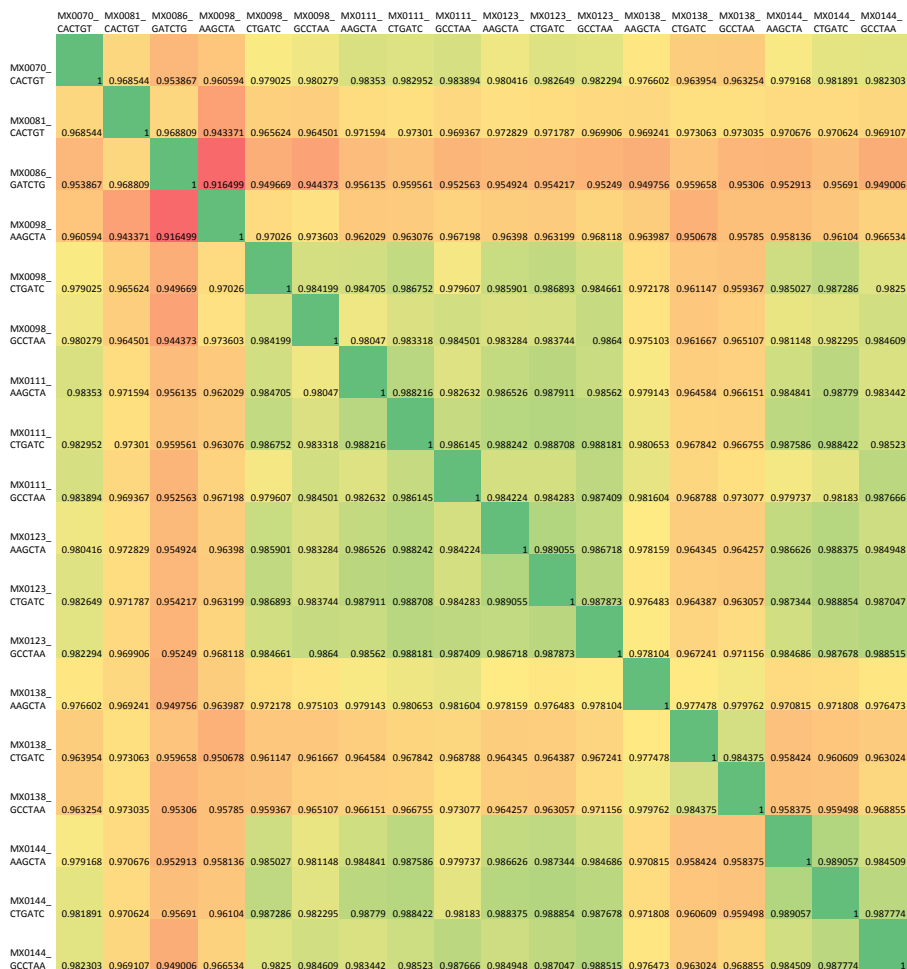


MX0091_CGTGAT - Percentage of Aligned Tags At Each Tag Length With Annotation



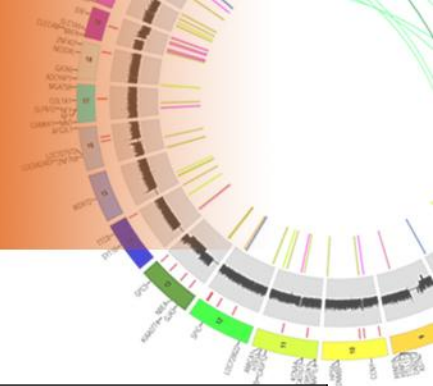
- Profile miRNA expression of samples through read counts to all known miRNAs
- Quality assessment – what other RNA species are present?
- Comparison of miRNA expression across multiple samples

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miRNA-Seq expression in AML

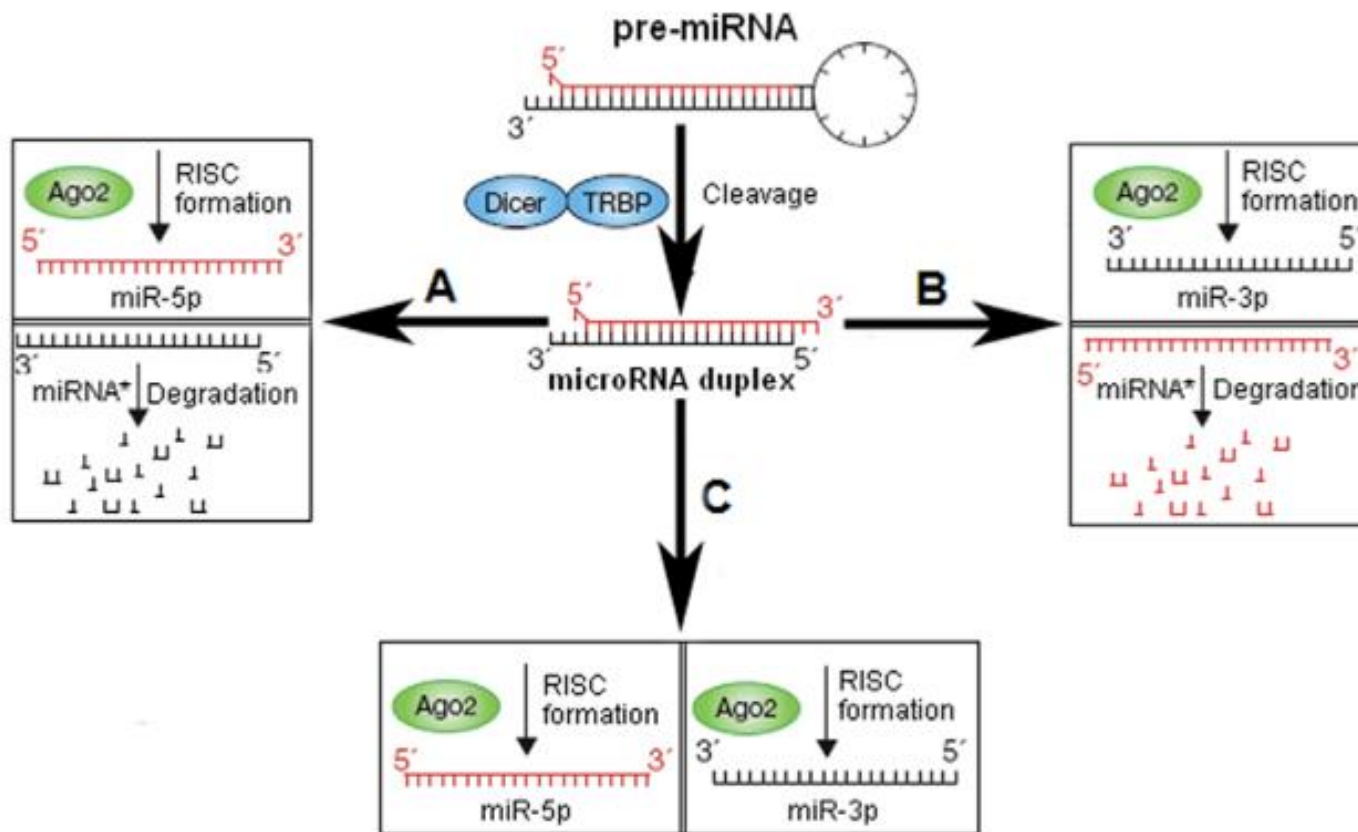


- Top 10 expressed miRNAs are leukemia

Top 10 miRNAs	Average tags per million	Role in cancers
hsa-miR-21	119,563	Overexpressed in many tumours including leukemias
hsa-miR-142	96,583	Aberrant expression in leukemia
hsa-miR-92a-2	96,005	Overexpressed in many tumours including leukemias
hsa-miR-10a	89,865	Down regulated in chronic myeloid leukemia
hsa-miR-223	39,032	Aberrant expression in AML; <i>CEBPA</i> target
hsa-miR-181a-1	38,565	Aberrant expression in leukemia and other cancers; HOX regulator
hsa-miR-30e	35,442	Metastasis related in hepatocellular carcinoma
hsa-miR-25	32,725	Aberrant expression in many tumours
hsa-miR-148a	31,990	Hypermethylated in breast cancer; differentiates T & B cell leukemias; targets <i>DNMT3</i>
hsa-let-7b	28,928	Highly discriminatory between Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia and Acute Myeloid Leukemia (over-expressed)

Jiang Q. *et al.* (2009) miR2Disease: a manually curated database for microRNA deregulation in human disease. *Nuc. Acids Res* 37:D98-104

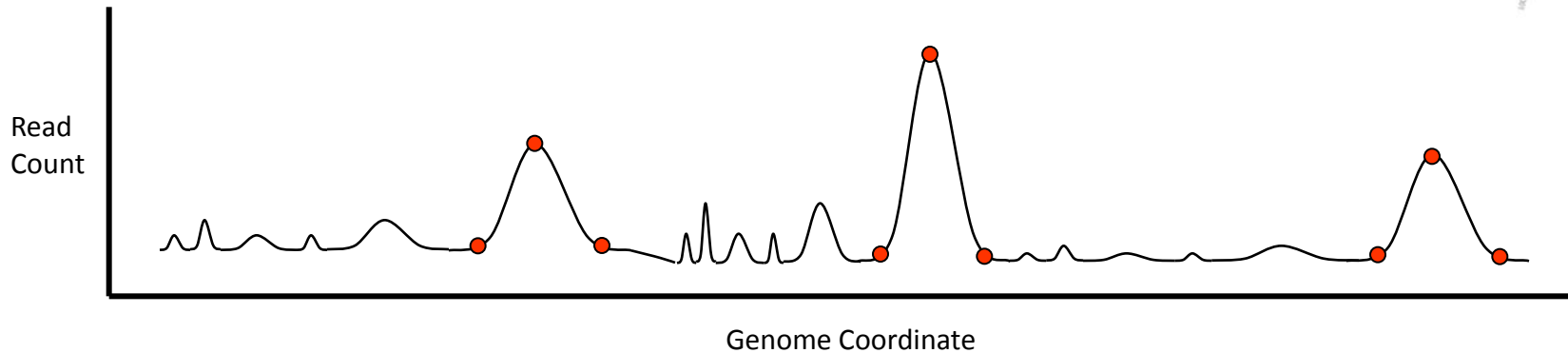
Mature vs star miRNAs



Novel microRNA prediction

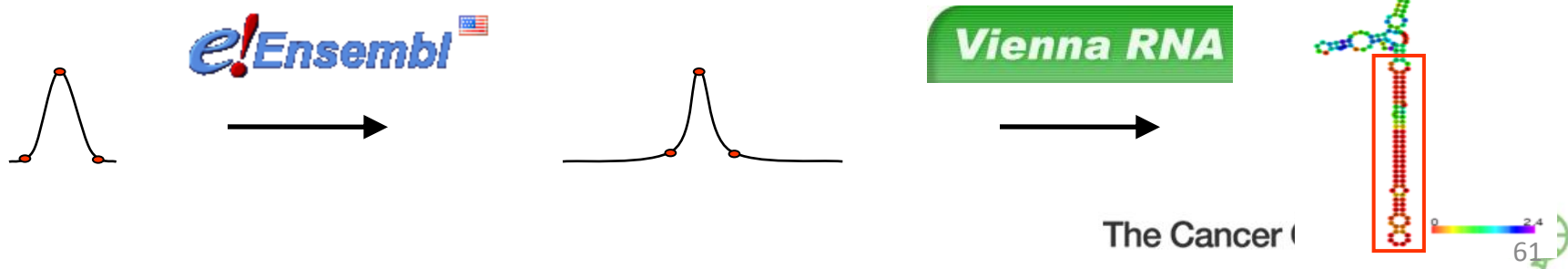


Aggregate all filtered reads from a set of samples.
Use FindPeaks to find relative expression “hotspots”.



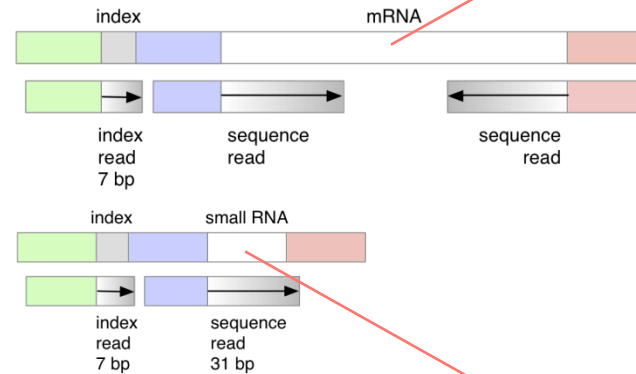
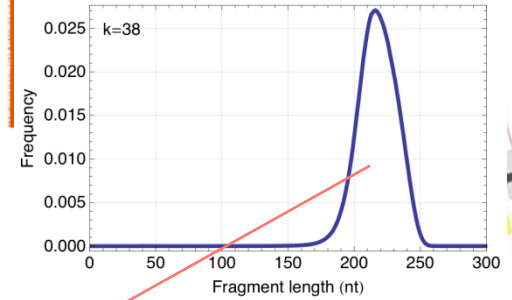
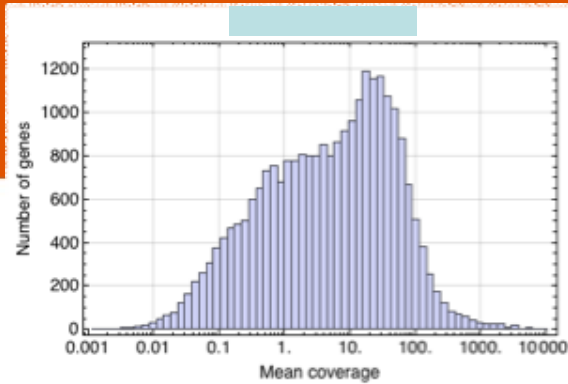
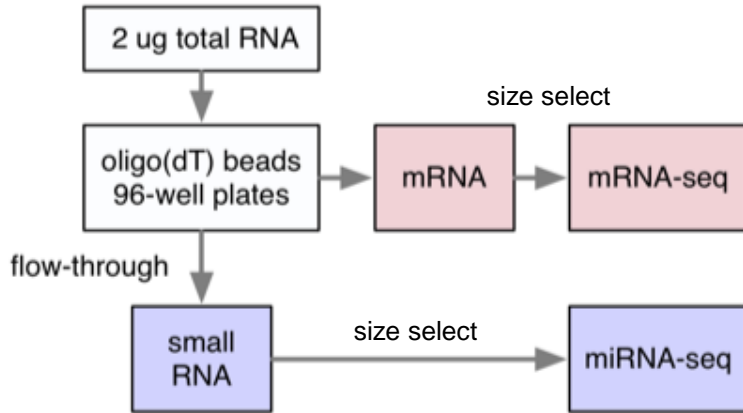
Re-annotate the peaks themselves, rather than using the read annotation.
This allows greater stringency (eg. bp overlapped) than the original annotation.

Add flanking sequence around each peak and attempt to fold the RNA using RNALfold
(ViennaRNA package), then extract structure information using RNAfold.



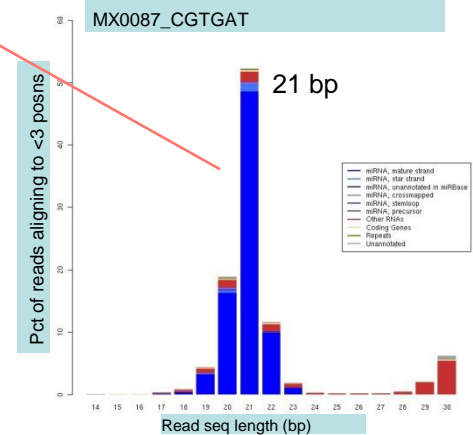
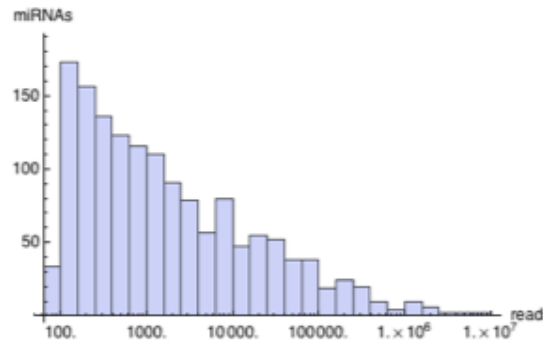
mRNA-seq and miRNA-seq data

Library construction

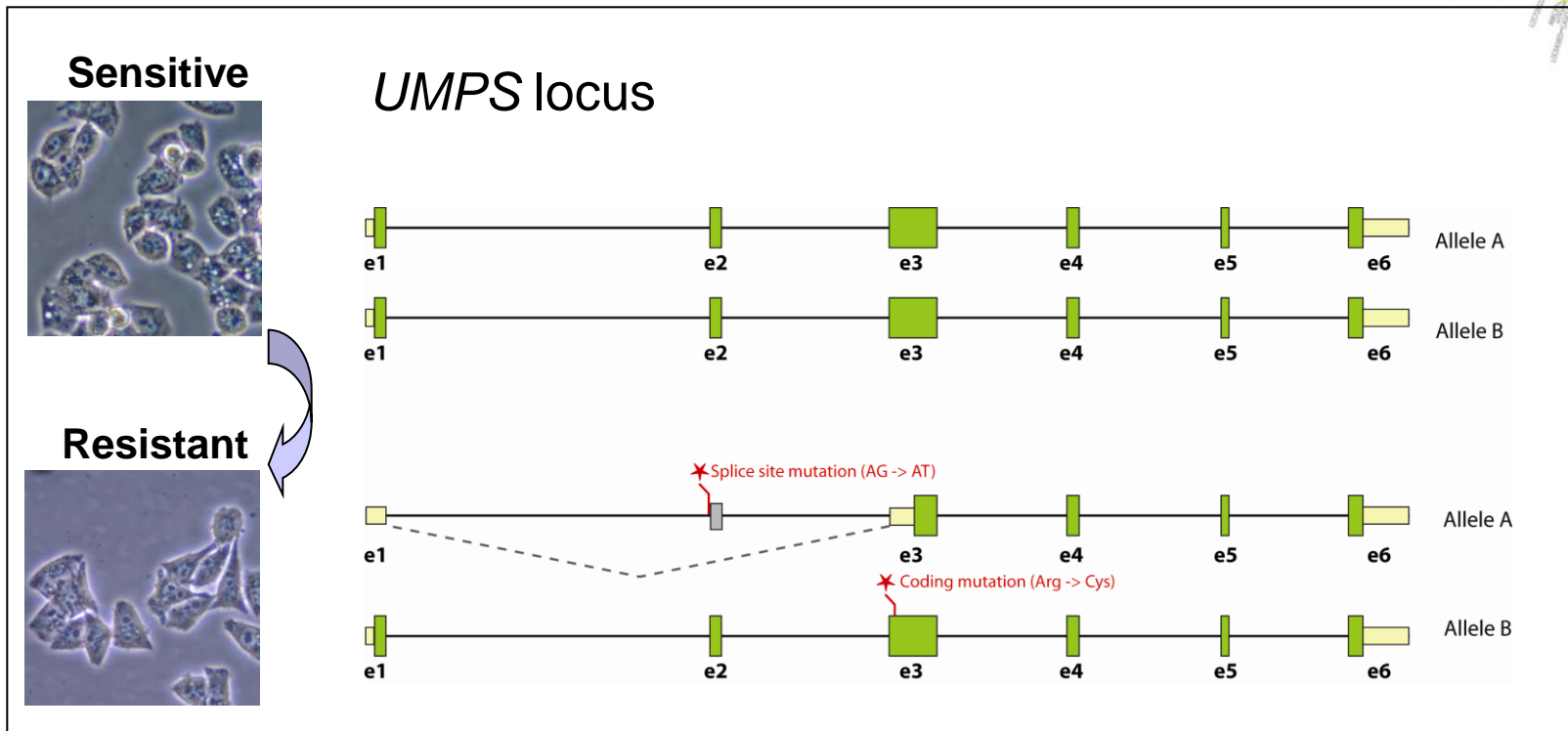


HiSeq 2000 v3
2 libraries/lane

HiSeq 2000 v3
N libraries/lane

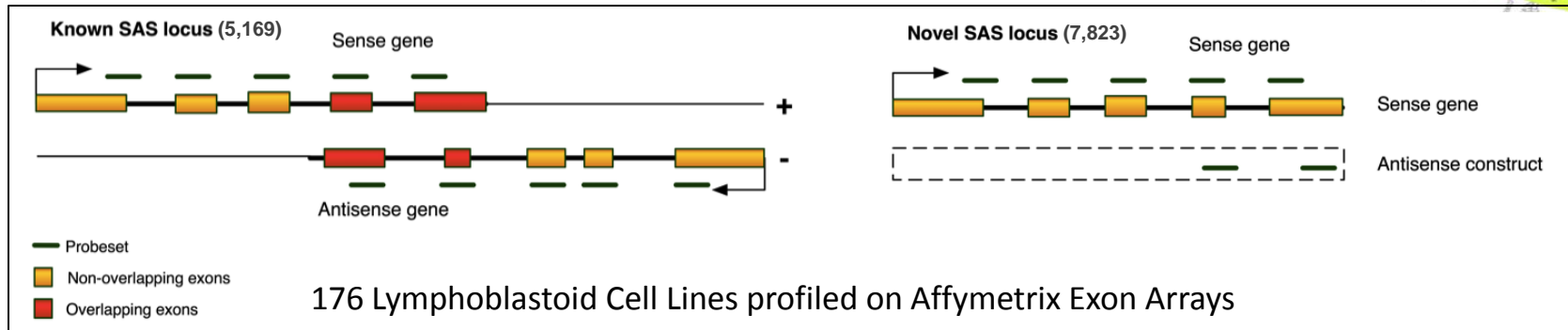


UMPS mutations affect



UMPS catalyses the the last step in the pyrimidine nucleotide synthesis pathway: conversion of orotate to UMP.
UMPS is required for 5 FU induced cell death.

Correlating alternative expression and antisense transcription



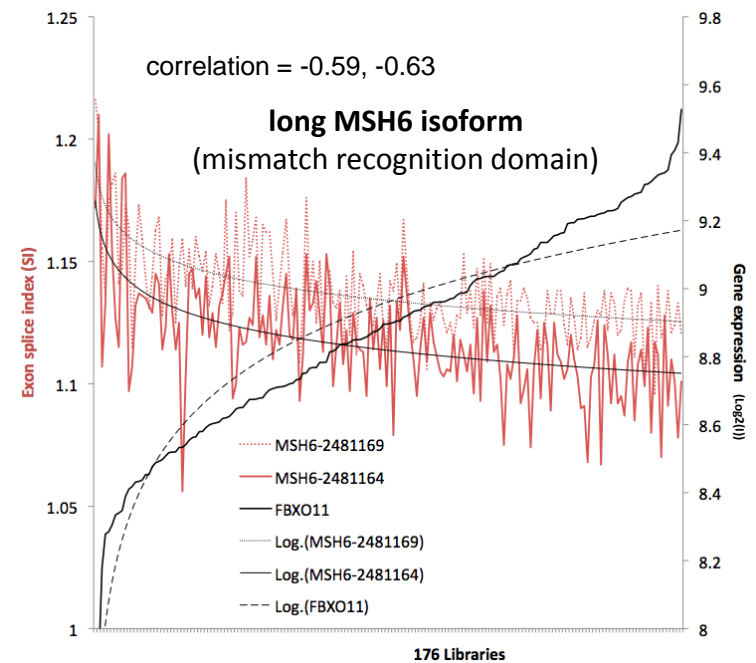
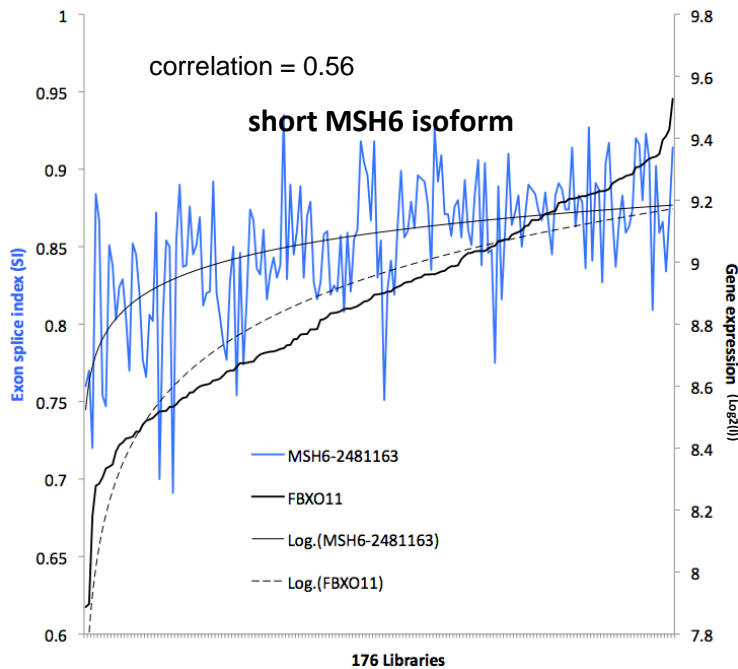
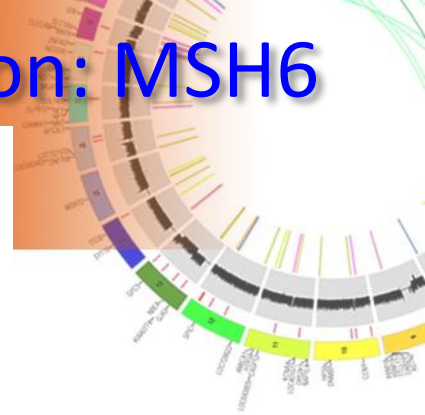
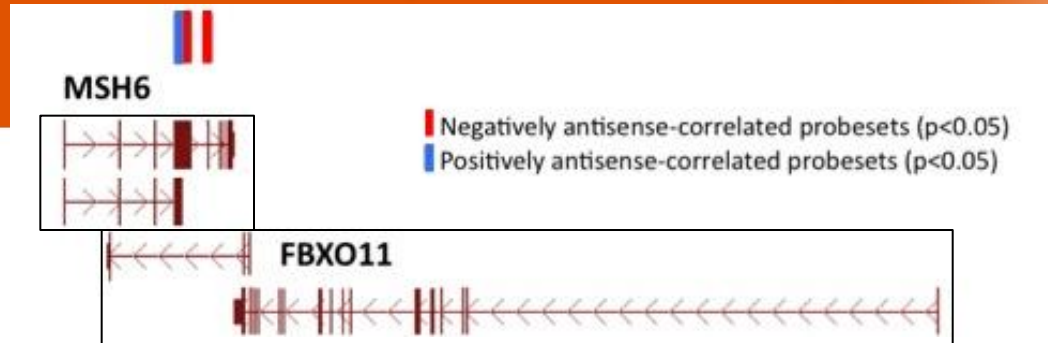
$$\text{Probeset splice index (SI)} = \frac{\text{Probeset expression}}{\text{Sense gene expression}}$$

Large SI: probeset inclusion in mRNA
Small SI: probeset exclusion in mRNA

Correlations: SI vs Antisense gene expression
Bonferroni correction of correlation p-values

The expression of **24%** of 7,162 probesets (402 genes) is significantly correlated to antisense gene expression

Antisense-correlated probe set expression: MSH6



85% of expressed SAS loci ($n = 402$) have significant correlations between antisense transcription and sense gene probeset inclusion & exclusion events (i.e. splicing)

Cancer-associated antisense-correlated splicing events



- Known SAS gene pairs have altered expression ratios in cancer (Chen et al., TiG, 2005)
- Intronic antisense transcripts correlate to the degree of tumor differentiation in prostate cancer (Reis et al., Oncogene, 2004)
- Many known cancer-related genes have novel antisense transcription
 - ex. p15, Yu et al., Nature, 2008
 - 215 of 389 Cancer Gene Census genes ($p\text{-value}=4.2 \times 10^{-9}$)

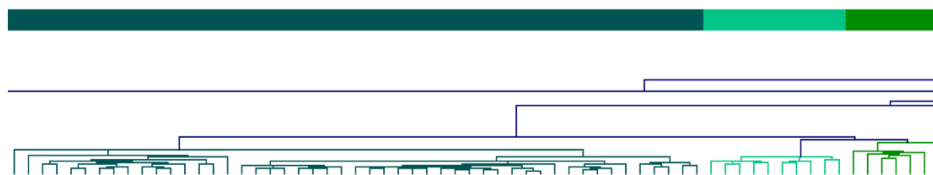
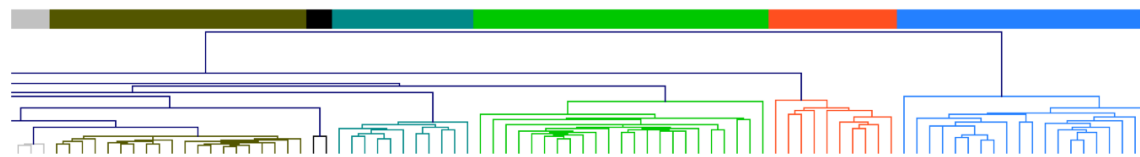
Goal: Assess cancer-specific antisense-correlated splicing events using exon array data

Focus: 266 Glioblastoma multiforme samples from The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA)

Antisense-correlated splicing events have tissue-specific patterns



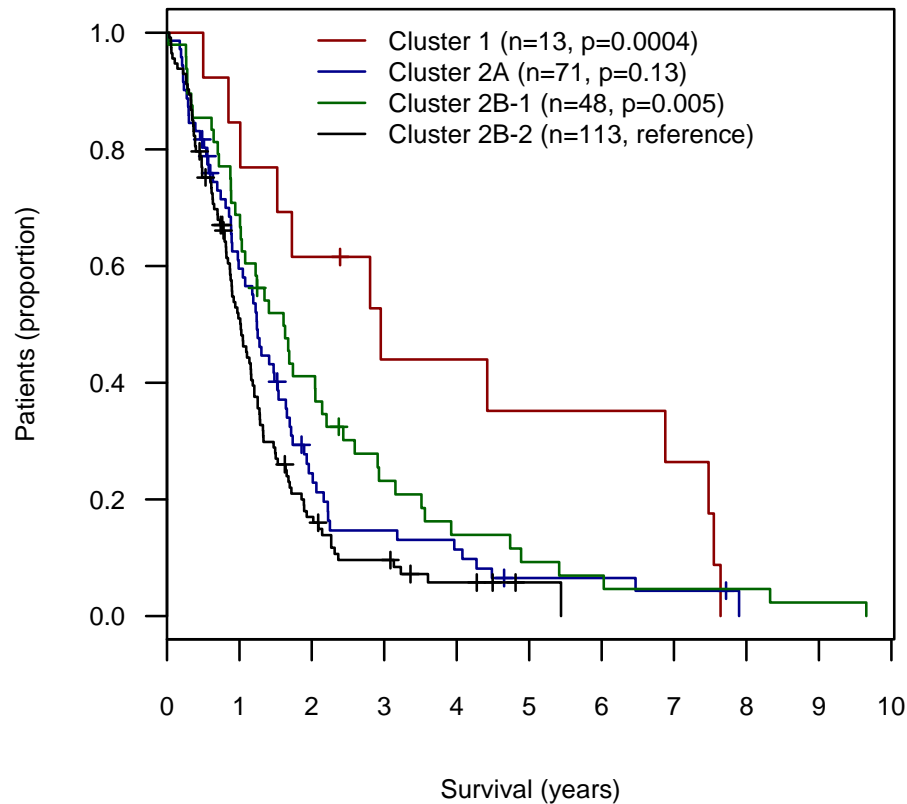
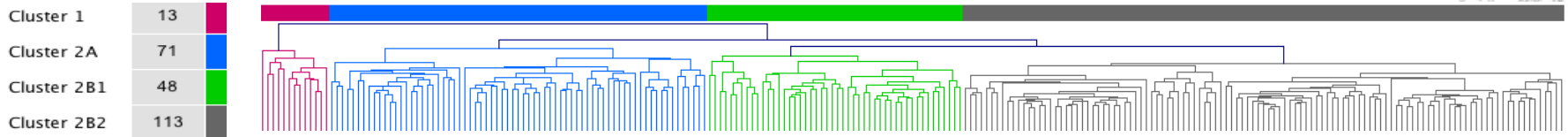
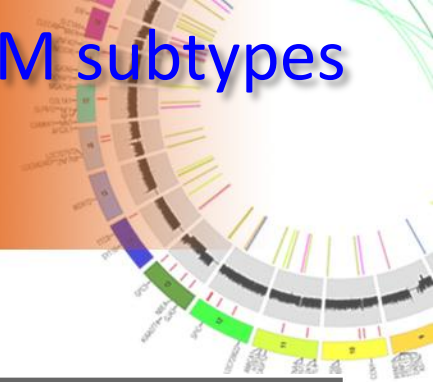
- inclusion & exclusion of probesets is tissue specific
- like gene expression values, SI values can be used to group samples
- unsupervised hierarchical clustering of all 17,420 probesets expressed in normal samples recapitulates groups of normal tissues



adult brain and cerebellum	7	Green
GBM controls (brain)	10	Light Green
blood (MS patients)	10	Pink
erythrocytes	3	Purple
LCLs	40	Dark Red
blood (MS patients)	12	Red
spinal cord	20	Blue
fetal brain	49	Dark Teal
prostate	3	Grey
lung	20	Olive
thymus	2	Black
stem cells and fibroblasts	11	Teal
stomach	23	Bright Green
colon	10	Orange

Antisense-correlated splicing events reveal GBM subtypes

1,000 probesets (629 genes) with cancer-specific alternative inclusion can be used to find GBM sub-types



Known GBM candidate driver genes have prognostic splicing events

Expressed in GBM	Antisense-correlated splicing	Cancer-specific isoforms	GBM-specific isoforms
A2M	Y	Y	Y
AKT3	Y	Y	Y
AVIL	Y	Y	Y
CCND2	Y	Y	Y
CDKN2C	Y	Y	Y
EGFR	Y	Y	Y
PIK3R1	Y	Y	Y
PTEN	Y	Y	Y
SPRY2	Y	Y	Y
APC	Y	Y	Y
FOXO1	Y	Y	Y
PLCL2	Y	Y	Y
TSC1	Y	Y	Y
CCND1	Y	Y	
FGFR1	Y	Y	
KLF6	Y	Y	
PLCB1	Y	Y	
EPHA3	Y		
PTPN11	Y		
FGFR2			
IFNW1			
SH3GL2			
CBL			
FOXO3			
PTPRB			
TUBGCP2			
TBP			
PIK3C2B			
TP53			
FRS2			
CRK			
IRS1			
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- 33 of 82 candidate driver genes are expressed SAS genes
 - 19 / 33 had antisense-correlated splicing
 - 17 / 19 cancer-specific splicing, 13 / 19 GBM-specific
- 6 of these genes have exons found within the set of 1,000 exons used to generate the patient clusters

Identifying prognostic splicing events using driver genes

PLCL2: phospholipase C-like 2



Prognostic antisense-correlated probeset

- intronic probeset associated with survival (corrected $P = 0.038$)
 - inclusion:** 484 days median survival (109 patients)
 - exclusion:** 682 days median survival (136 patients)

Antisense-correlated splicing events in cancer



- Antisense transcription is highly correlated to the alternative processing of sense genes in both normal and disease states
- Probesets with antisense-correlated splicing can be used to find clinically-relevant groups of GBM patients, differing in median survival and in response to therapy
 - this is a new approach to addressing the molecular heterogeneity of human cancers

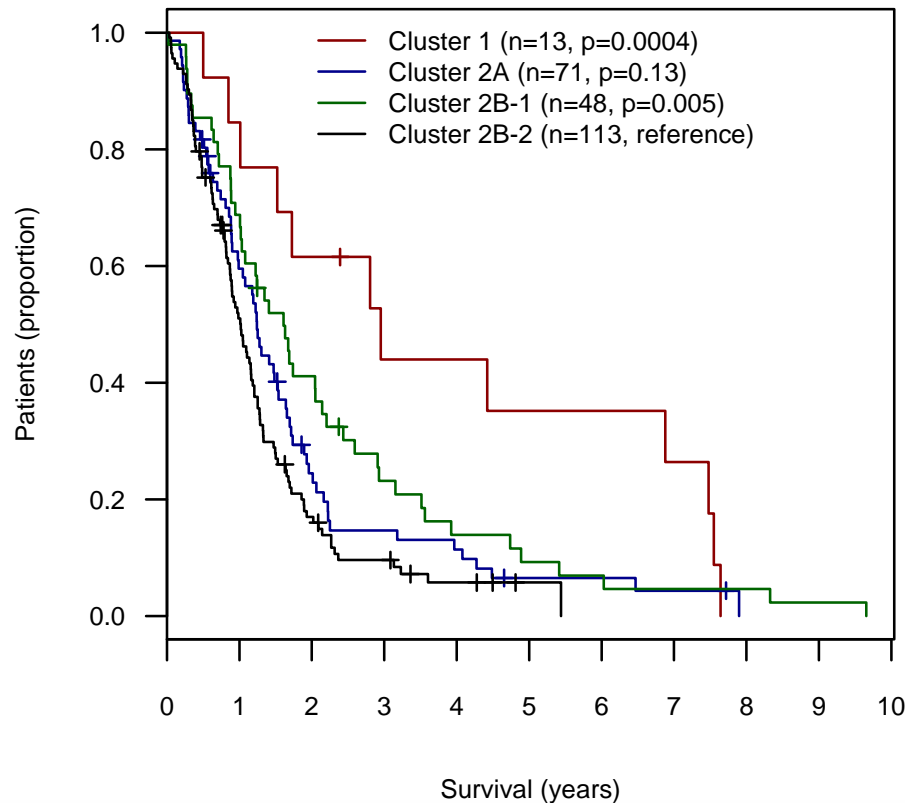
Goal: Identify signature of antisense-correlated events prognostic of survival or chemotherapy response

- these events represent a shortlist of genes whose alternative expression is relevant to cancer biology, and which have putative antisense-mediated regulation
- the focus on cancer-specific events is designed to identify novel putative targets for therapeutics or diagnostics

Clinical features of GBM subtypes

	Number of patients	Median survival (days)	Median age	1-Year Survival	2-Year Survival	5-Year conditional survival*
Cluster 1	13	1,024	33	84.6	61.5	50.0
Cluster 2A	71	447	56	56.3	21.1	20.0
Cluster 2B1	48	551	58.5	68.8	39.6	21.0
Cluster 2B2	113	345	57	47.8	15.0	5.9

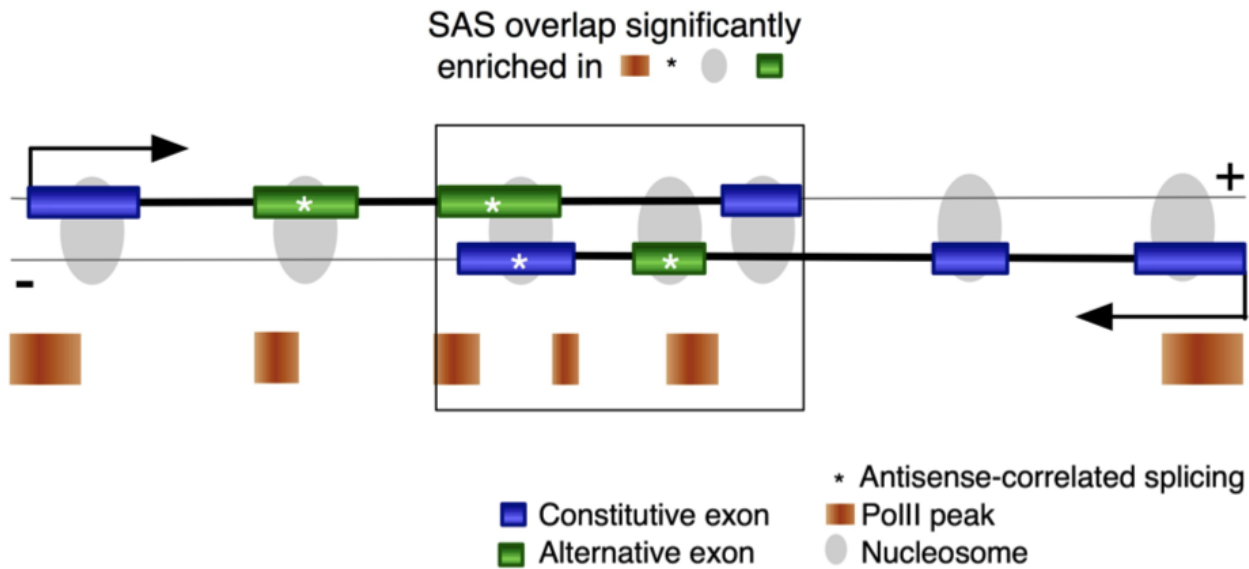
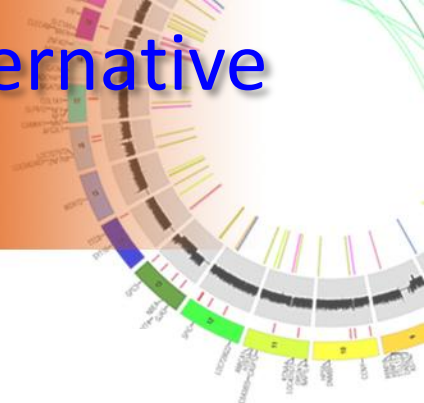
* 5-year survival rate was calculated for the subset of patients still alive at 2 years



Treatment differences?

- Temozolomide: 100 / 249 patients

Antisense transcription: a model of alternative splicing regulation



↑Exons : ↑Nucleosomes : ↓PolII speed : ↑alternative splicing

Morrissy, Griffith, and Marra, 2010, *Genome Research*, in revision

Data browsing and access

www.AlexaPlatform.org/alexa_seq/

Summary page for comparison: 'Mip5FuR_vs_Mip101' (HS04401_vs_HS04391) - Project: 5FU

Download complete candidate list as tab delimited text file: [Mip5FuR_vs_Mip101.txt](#)

Summary of Differential (DE) and Alternative Expression (AE) for all gene loci:

Total Candidate Genes: 1,724 (of 36,953 possible genes)

DE Genes: 253

AE Genes: 1,498

Alternative Exon Usage (EU) Genes: 865

Alternative Exon Skipping (ES) Genes: 320

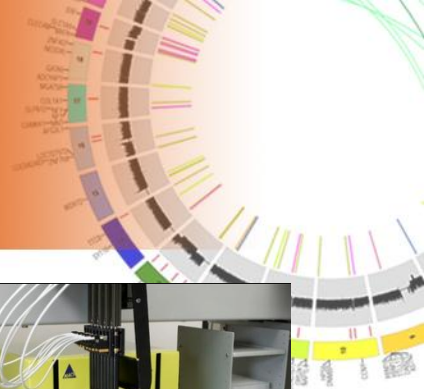
Alternative Exon Boundary (AB) Genes: 295

Intron Retention (IR) Genes: 37

Cryptic Exon (CE) Genes: 127

Rank	Overall Rank	Score	Name	Gene Type	Trans. Count	Exon Count	Event Type	Direction	FC	# AE Events	AE Codes	Top Feature	Adjacency %
1	1	10.07	OCIAD1	'protein_coding'	3	13	AE	Gain	55.21	5	EU ES	E4a_E6a	100.00
2	2	8.64	EIF4A2	'protein_coding'	2	12	AE	Loss	-45.83	1	ES	E9a_E11a	0
3	3	8.00	UBE2M	'protein_coding'	1	6	AE	Gain	40.20	1	ES	E4a_E6a	0
4	4	7.71	BUD31	'protein_coding'	2	8	AE	Gain	31.36	2	ES	E1a_E3a	0.00
5	5	7.41	AP2B1	'protein_coding'	2	22	AE	Gain	30.68	1	ES	E20a_E22a	0
6	6	7.15	UBE2K	'protein_coding'	2	9	AE	Loss	-23.27	1	ES	E2a_E4a	0
7	7	6.65	FAU	'protein_coding'	2	7	AE	Loss	-18.48	1	ES	E4a_E6a	0
8	8	6.50	H19	'protein_coding'	1	6	DE	Loss	-90.71	0	N/A	H19	N/A
9	9	6.12	C1orf2	'protein_coding'	8	22	AE	Loss	-35.35	2	EU	E7b_E8a	100.00
10	10	6.00	RAB22A	'protein_coding'	1	7	AE	Loss	-13.44	3	EU ES	E3a_E5a	50.00

Transcriptome library construction



Cryoport



Biomek FX
(Beckman Coulter)

Total RNA



MultiMACS Oligo (dT) beads



mRNA



Flow-through containing
small RNAs



Plate-based library construction



RNA-Seq

Size selection



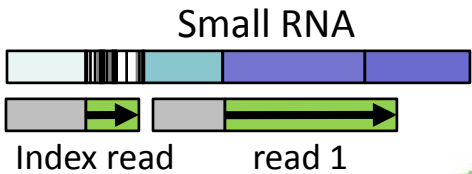
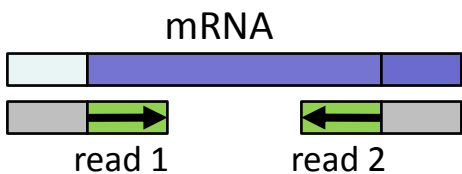
miRNA-Seq



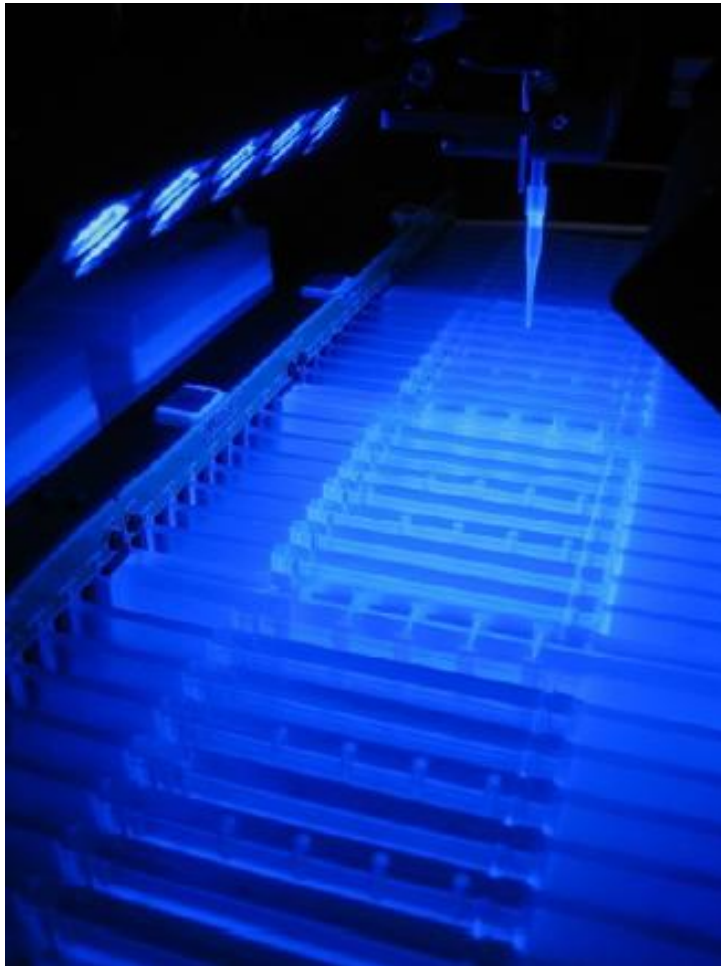
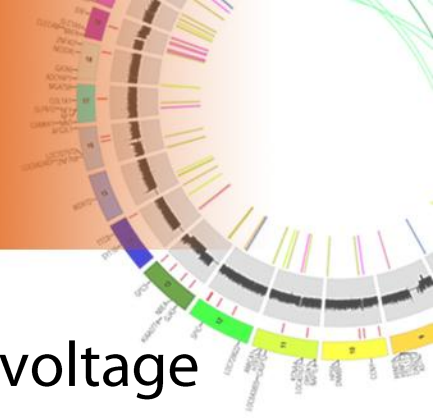
MultiMACS separator
(Miltenyi Biotech)



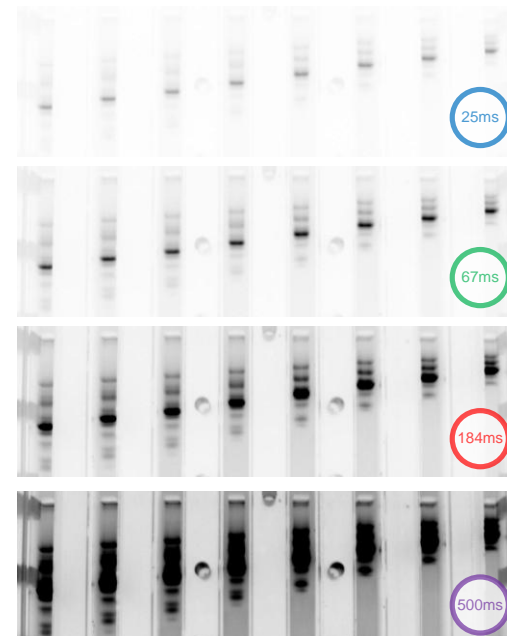
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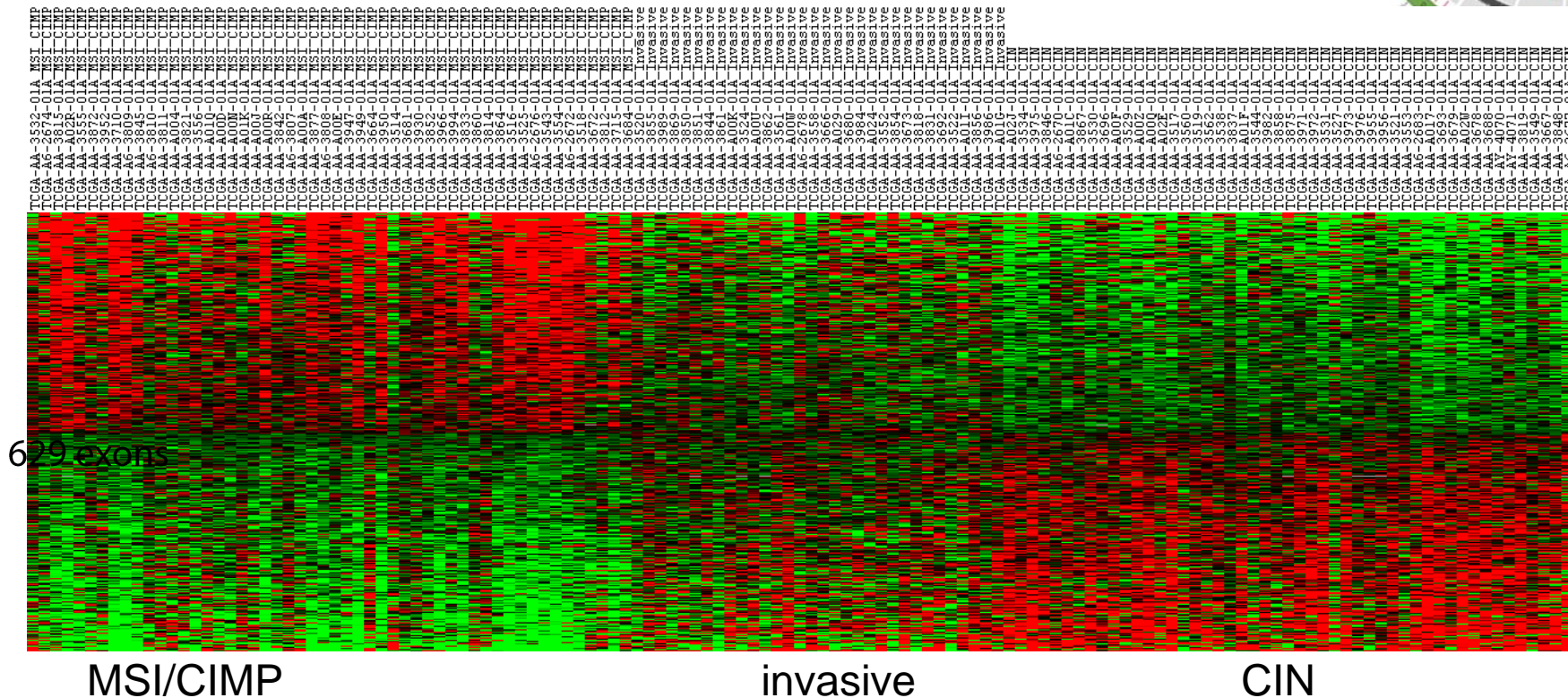
Automated size-selection



- Individual channel voltage control
- In-channel band sizing
- Optimized for miRNA

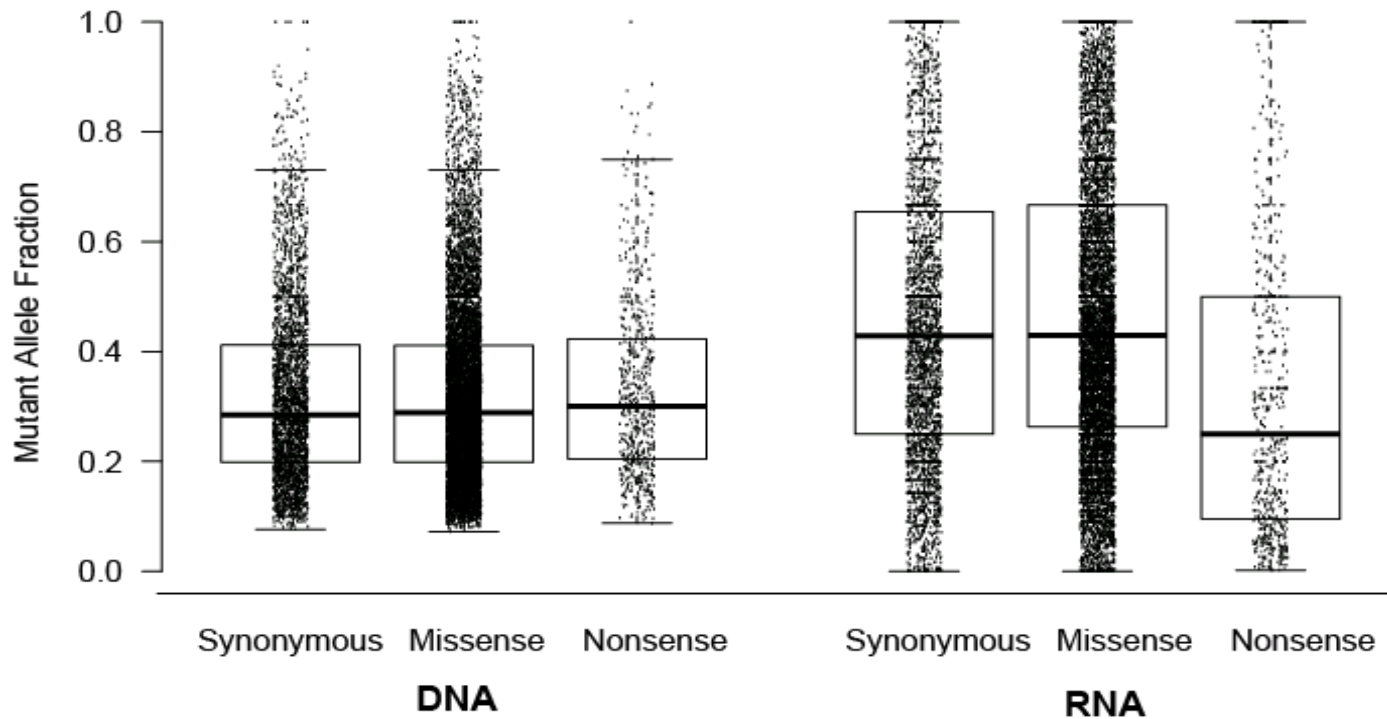


Exon-level differential expression in CRC



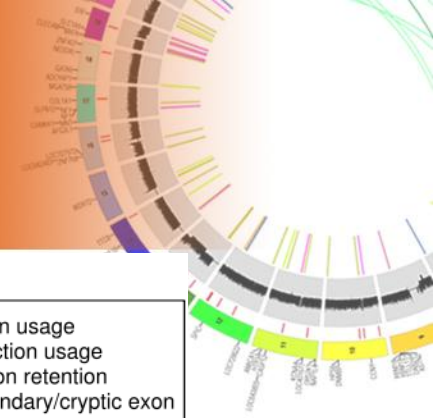
- Exons differentially spliced between MSI and CIN expression subtypes ($P < 0.0001$)
- Out of ~155K probe, detected more differences among the tumors over chance expected (found: 629, chance est ~15 at $P < 0.0001$)

Nonsense mutations have reduced mutant allelic fraction

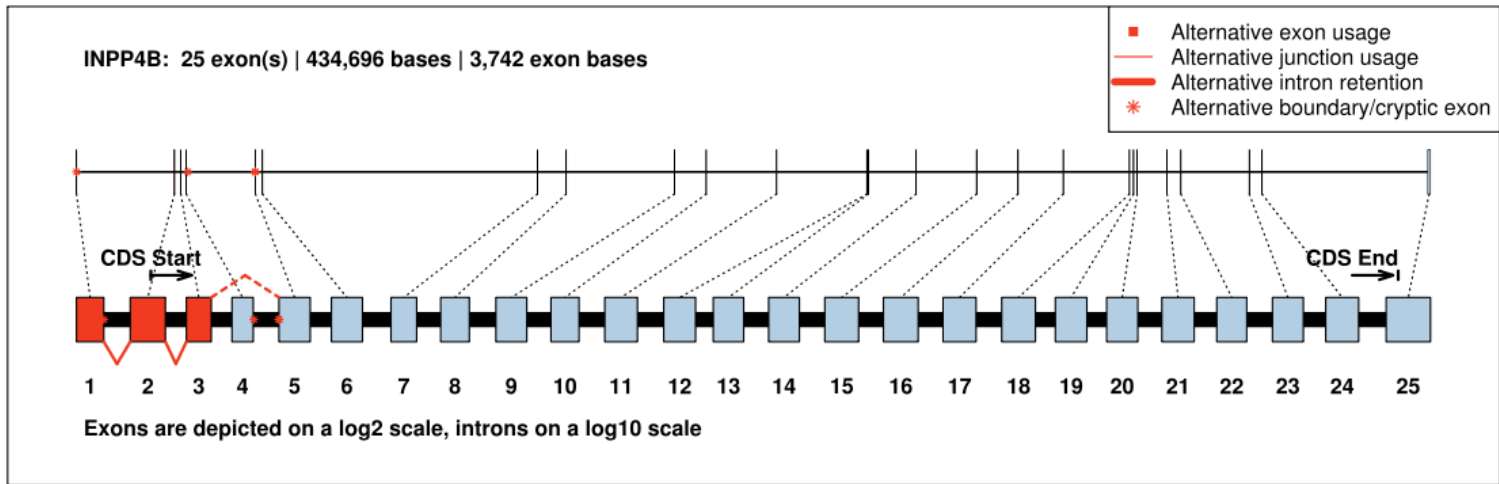


Alternative first exons of *INPP4B*

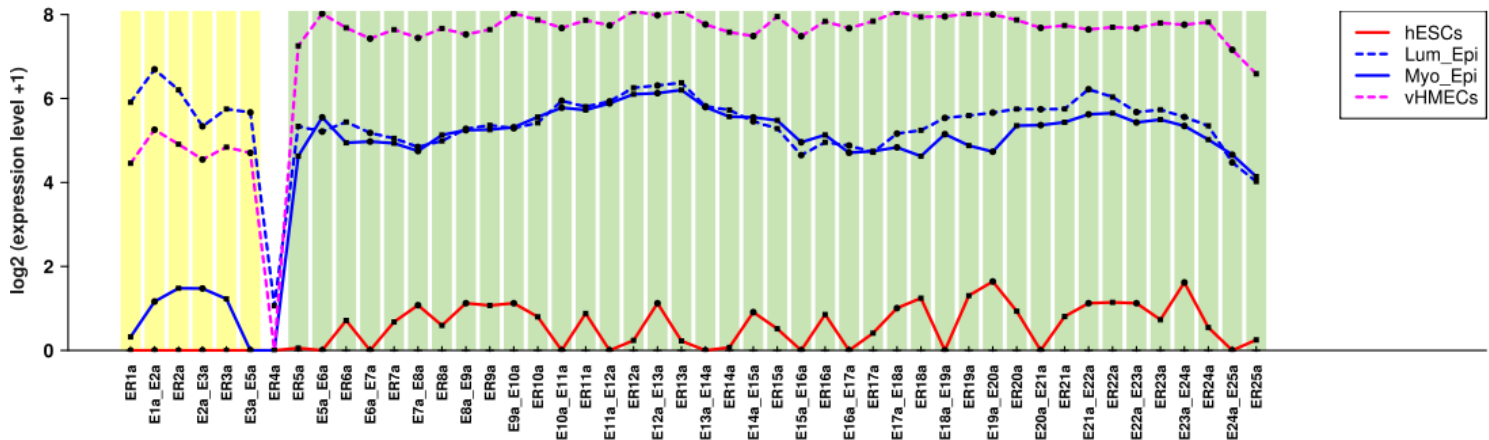
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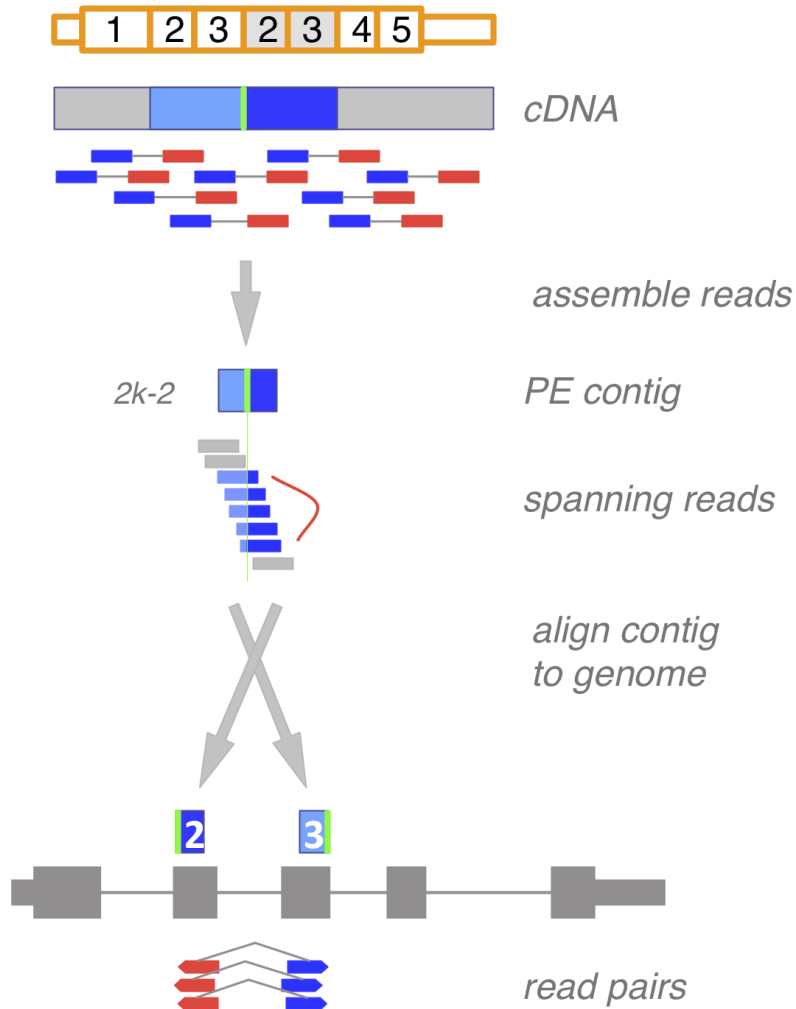
Gene model for 'INPP4B'



Exon and junction expression levels (all libraries)

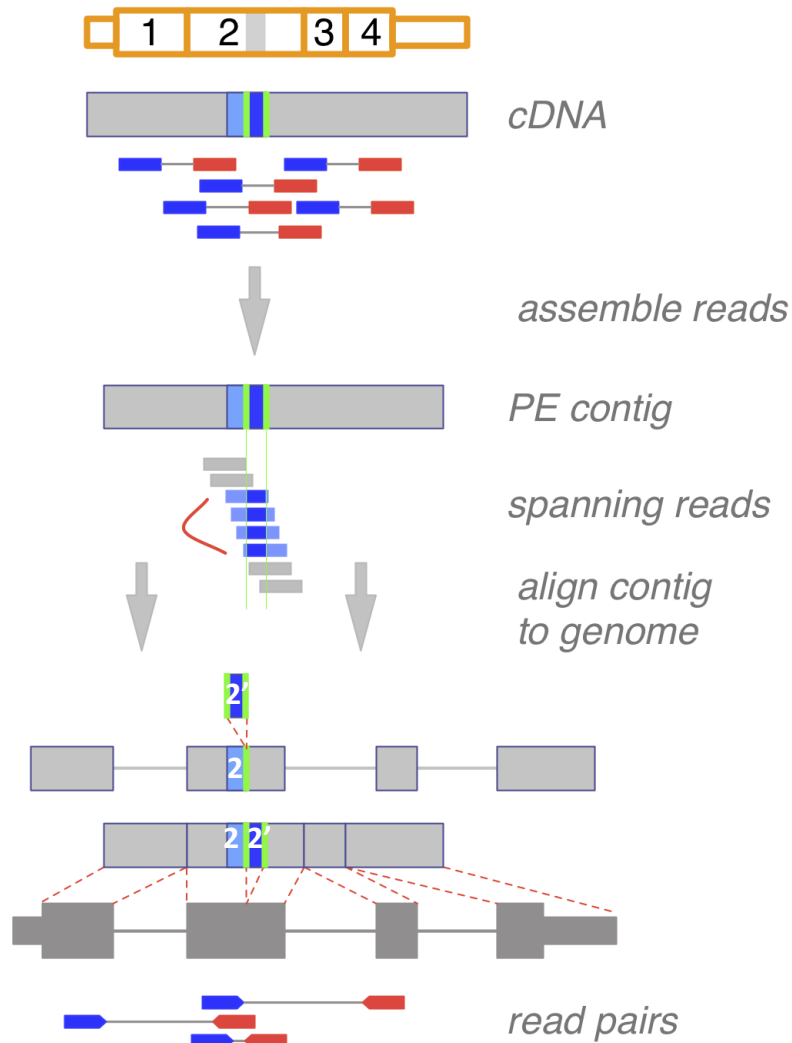


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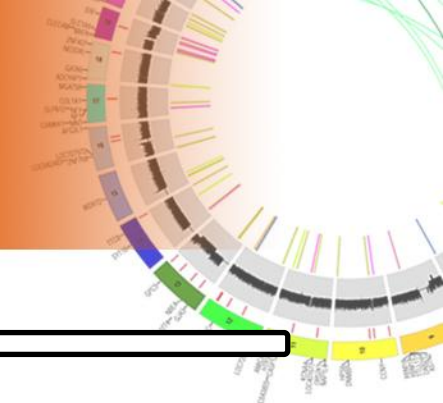
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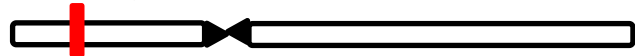


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Verification of novel fusion events



Chr 17p13.1



Chr 19p13.2



DNA directed RNA polymerase II polypeptide A (*POLR2A*)



Fibrillin 3 (*FBN3*)

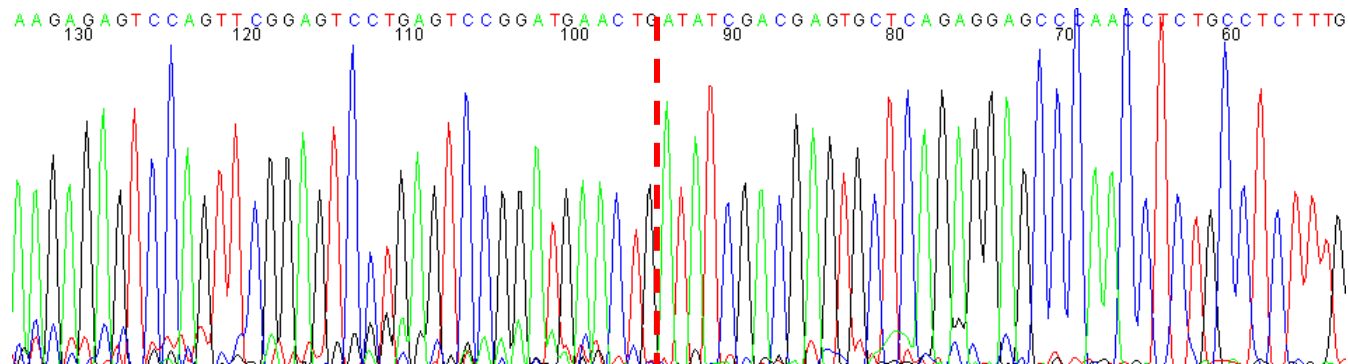


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EGF-like, calcium binding domains

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