



# **Personal Genomics: Managing Rapid Data Scaling through Prioritizing High-impact Variants**

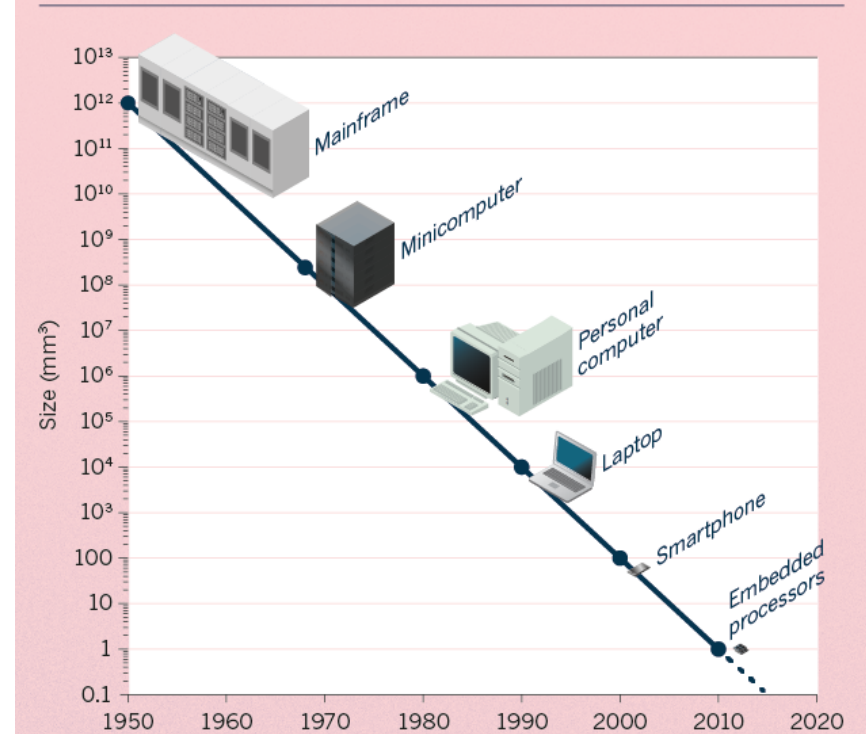
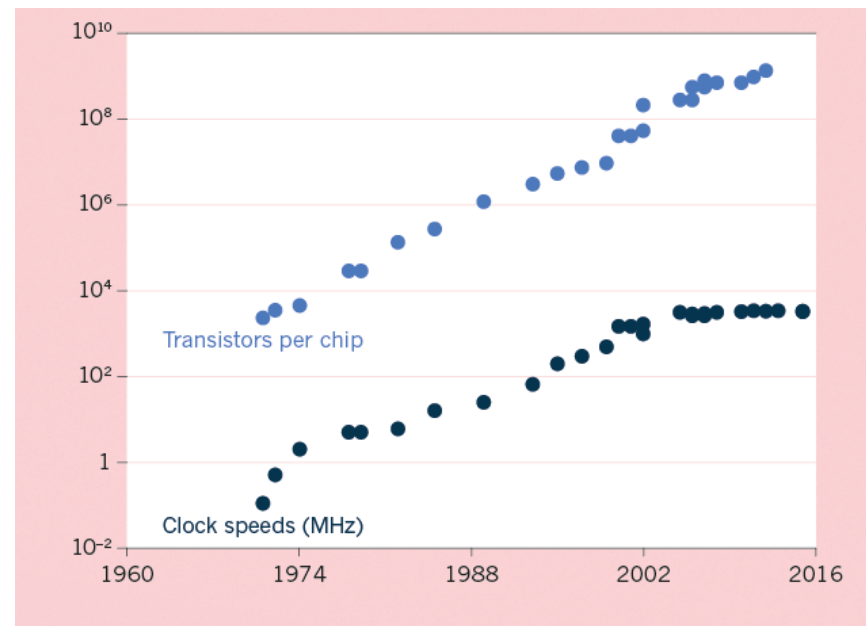
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# Moore's Law: Exponential Scaling of Computer Technology

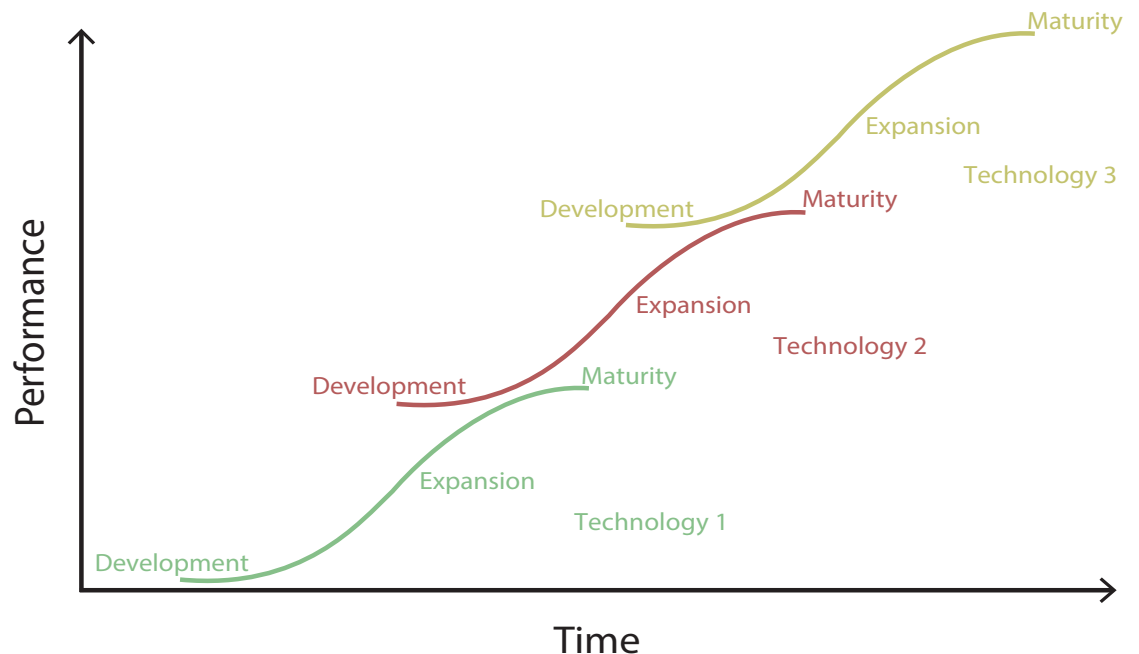
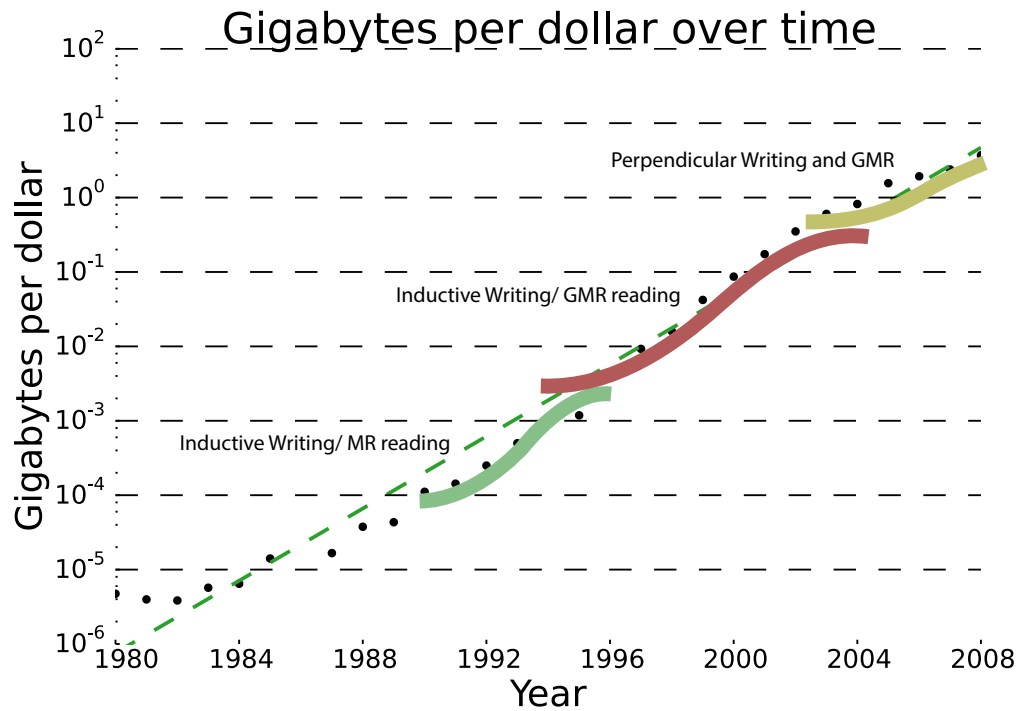
- Exponential increase in the number of transistors per chip.
- Led to improvements in speed and miniaturization.
- Drove widespread adoption and novel applications of computer technology.





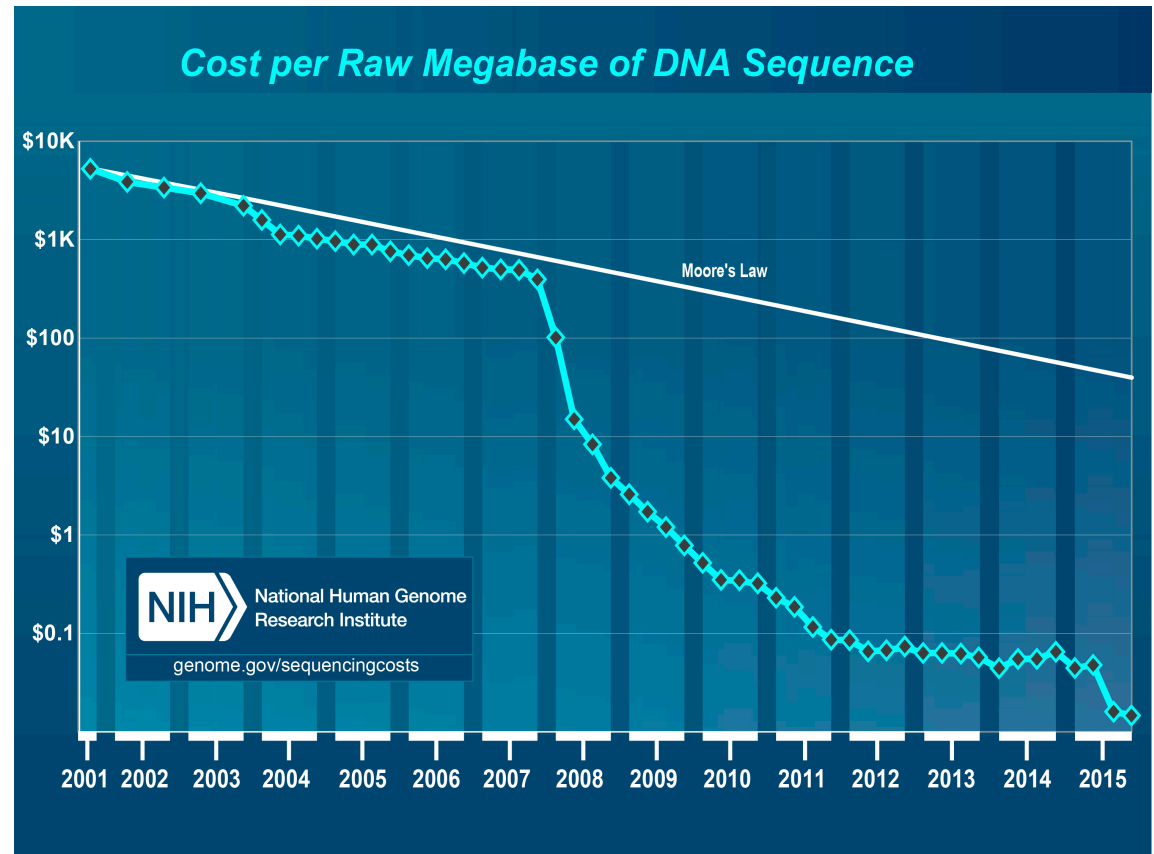
# Kryder's Law and S-curves underlying exponential growth

- Moore's & Kryder's Laws
  - As important as the increase in computer speed has been, the ability to store large amounts of information on computers is even more crucial
- Exponential increase seen in Kryder's law is a superposition of S-curves for different technologies



# Sequencing Data Explosion: Faster than Moore's Law for a Time (or a S-curve)

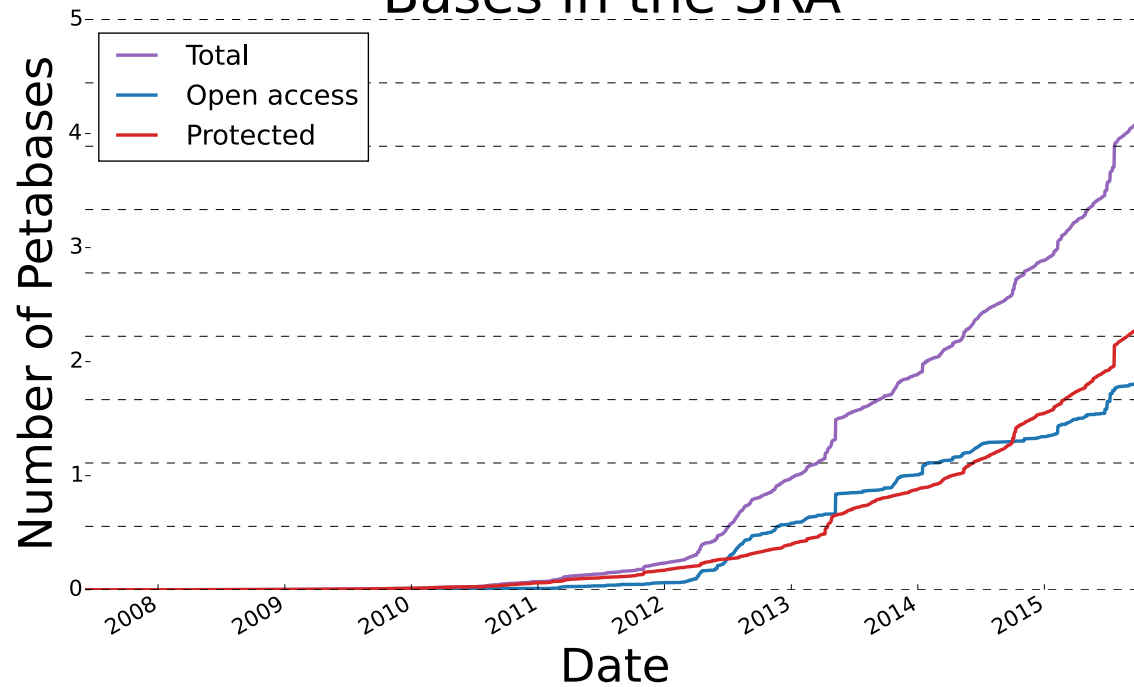
- DNA sequencing has gone through technological S-curves
  - In the early 2000's, improvements in Sanger sequencing produced a scaling pattern similar to Moore's law.
  - The advent of NGS was a shift to a new technology with dramatic decrease in cost).



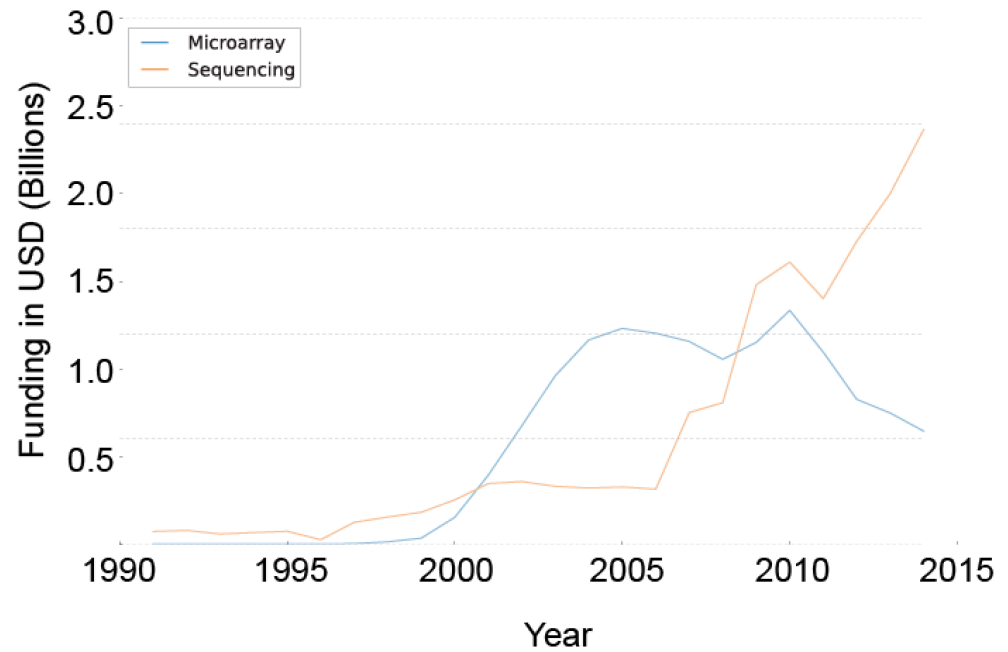
# Sequencing cost reductions have resulted in an explosion of data

- The type of sequence data deposited has changed as well.
  - Protected data represents an increasing fraction of all submitted sequences.
  - Data from techniques utilizing NGS machines has replaced that generated via microarray.

## Bases in the SRA



## NIH Funding for “microarray” and “sequencing” projects





# Sequence Universe

SRA ~1 petabyte

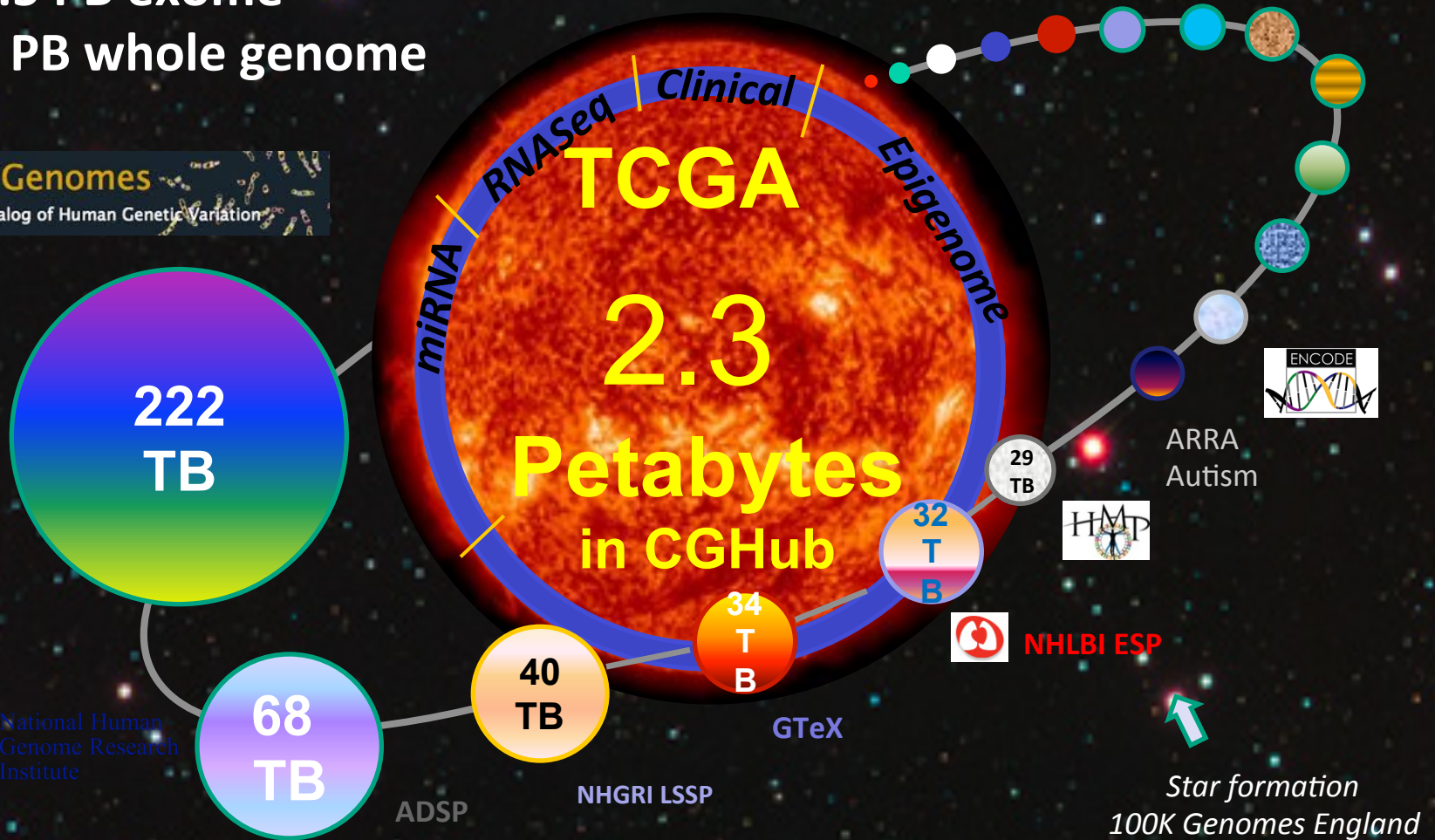
TCGA endpoint: ~2.5 Petabytes

~1.5 PB exome

~1 PB whole genome

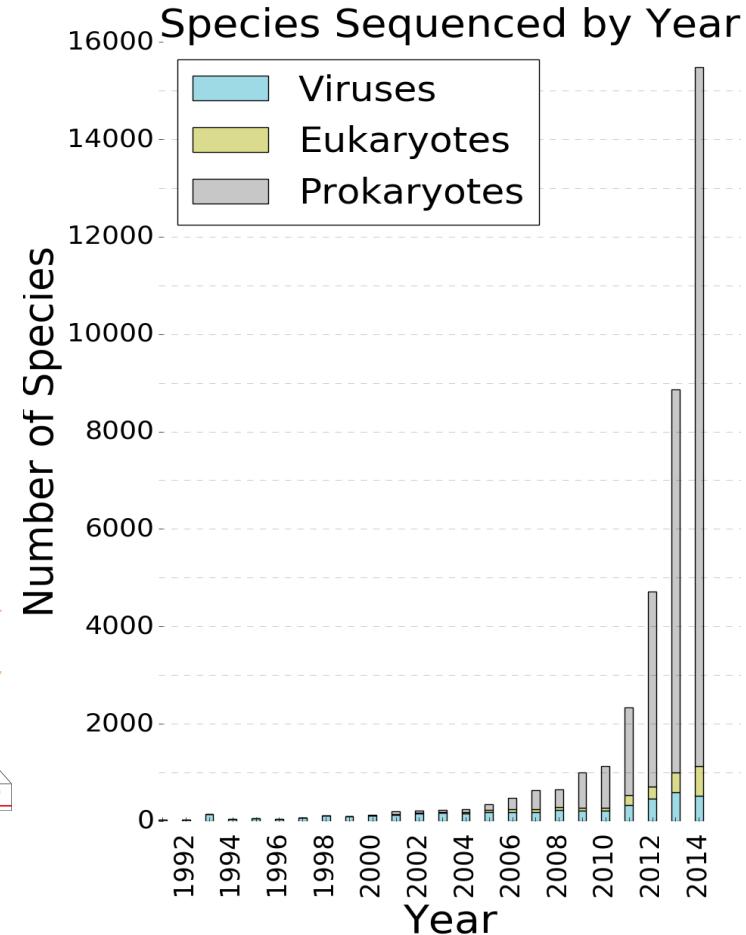
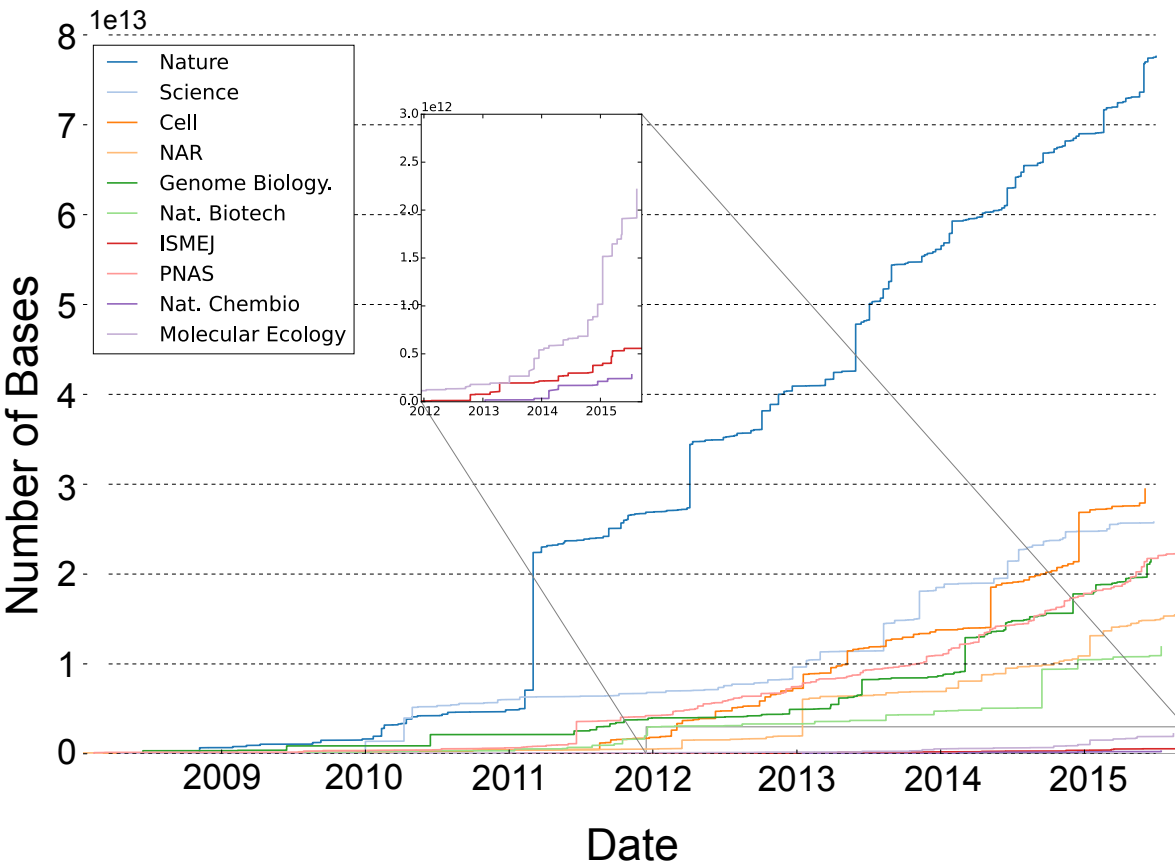
1000 Genomes

A Deep Catalog of Human Genetic Variation

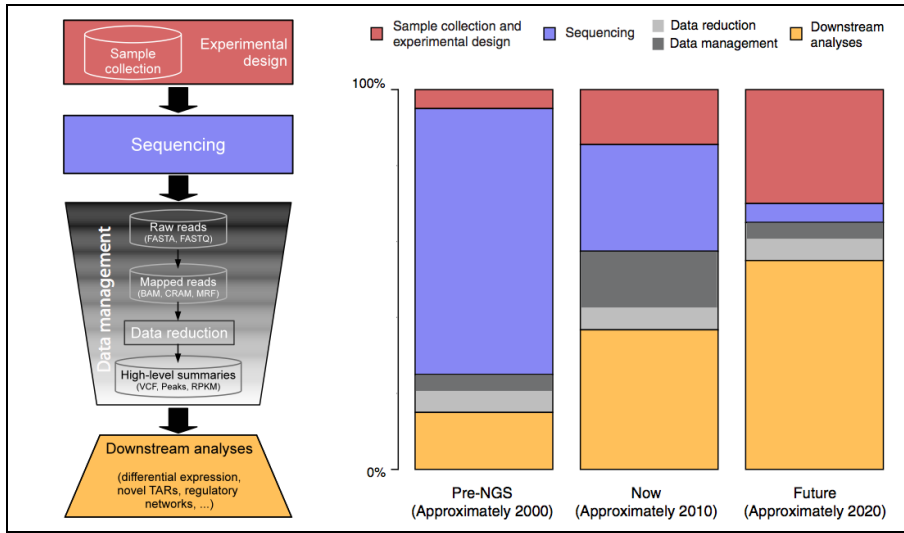


# Increasing diversity in sequence data sources

[Muir et al. ('15) GenomeBiol.]



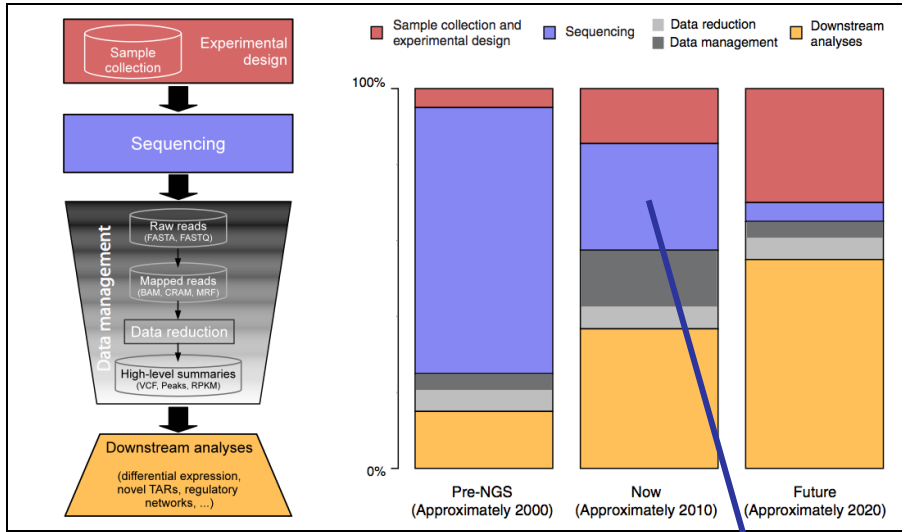
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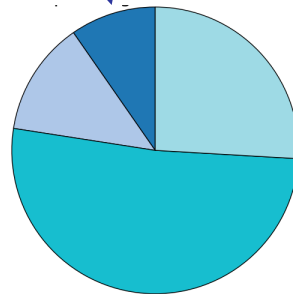
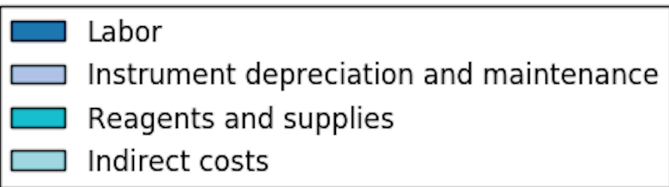
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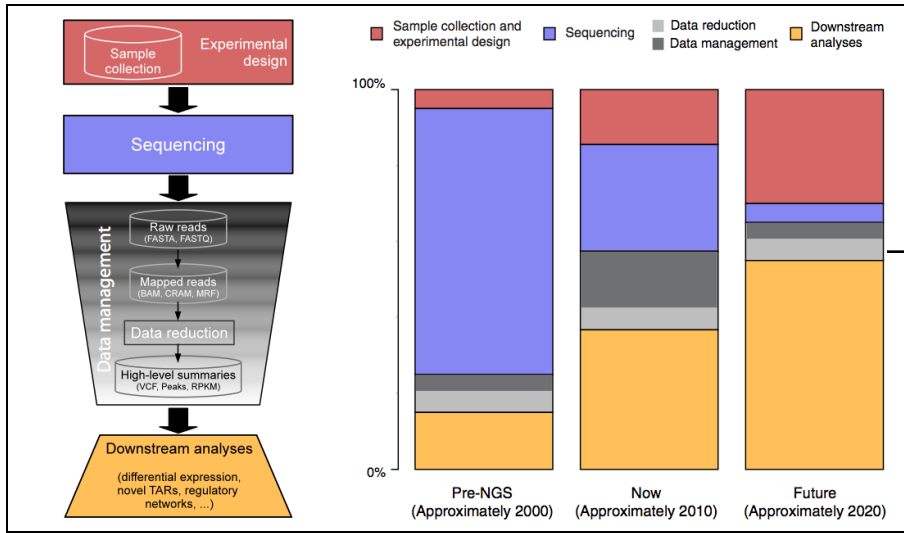
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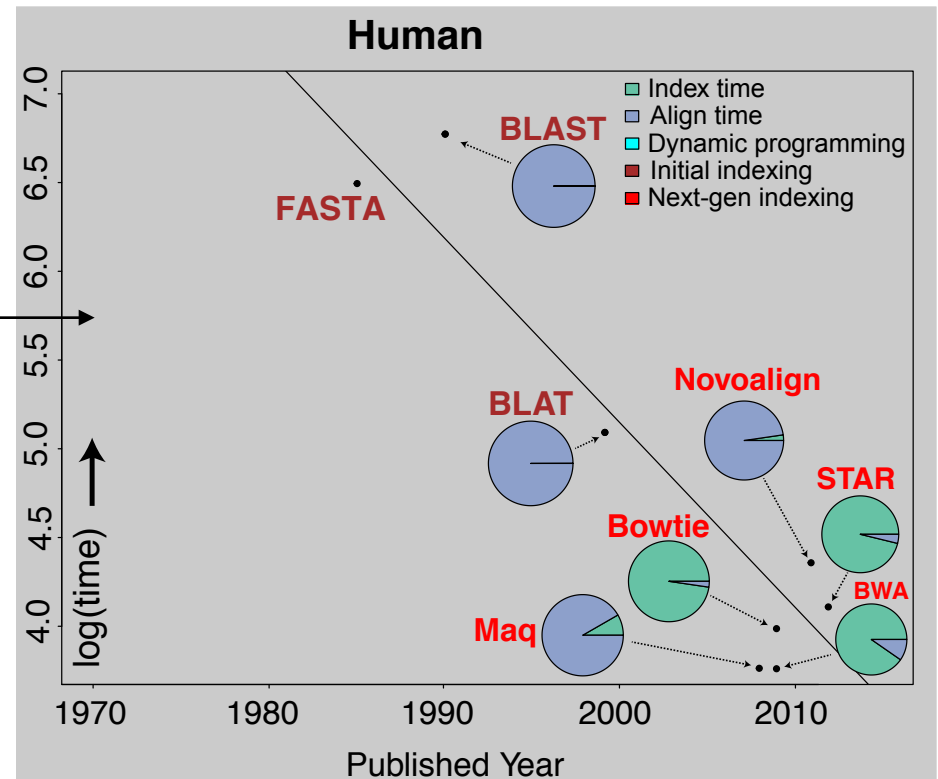
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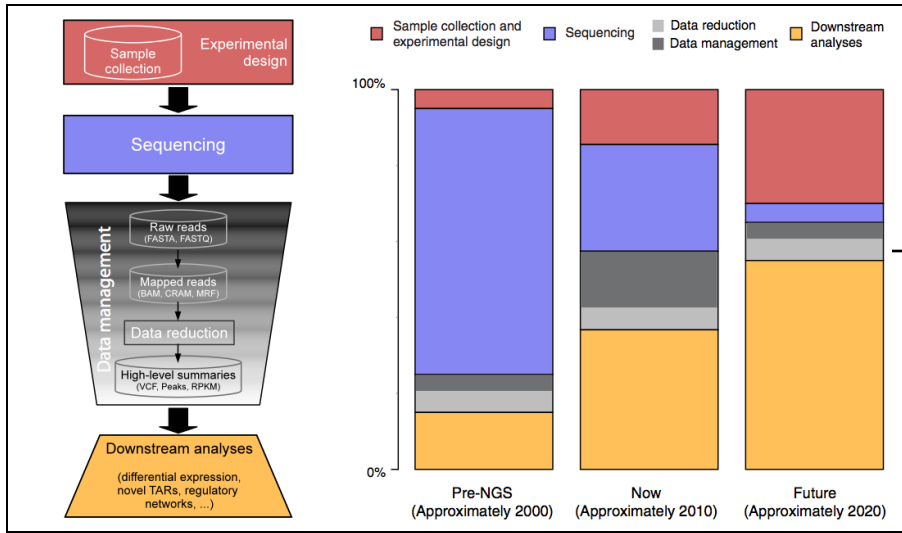


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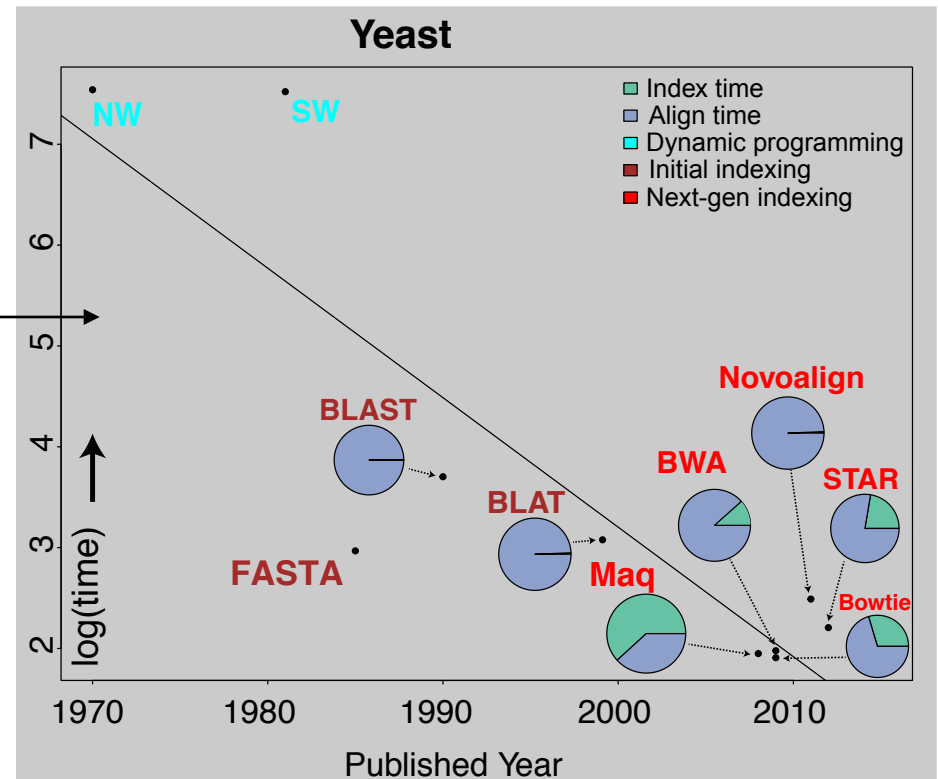


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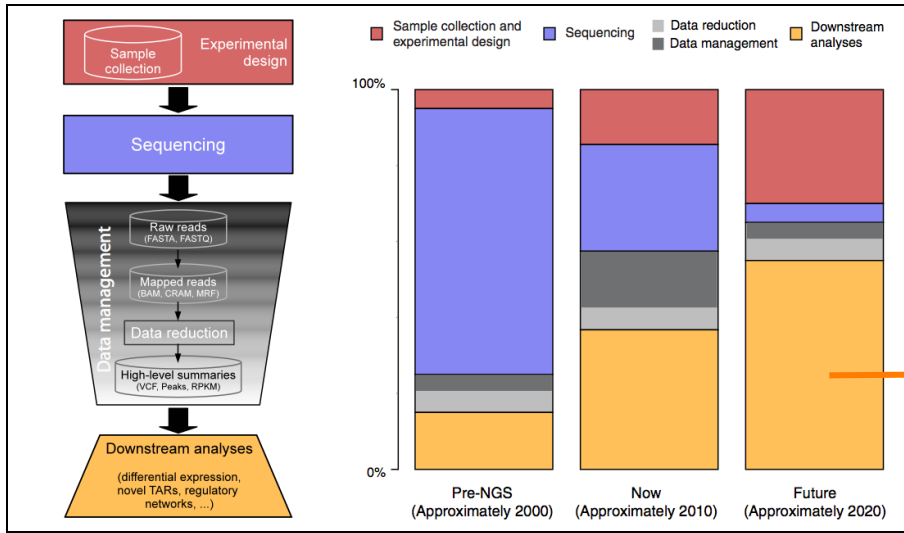
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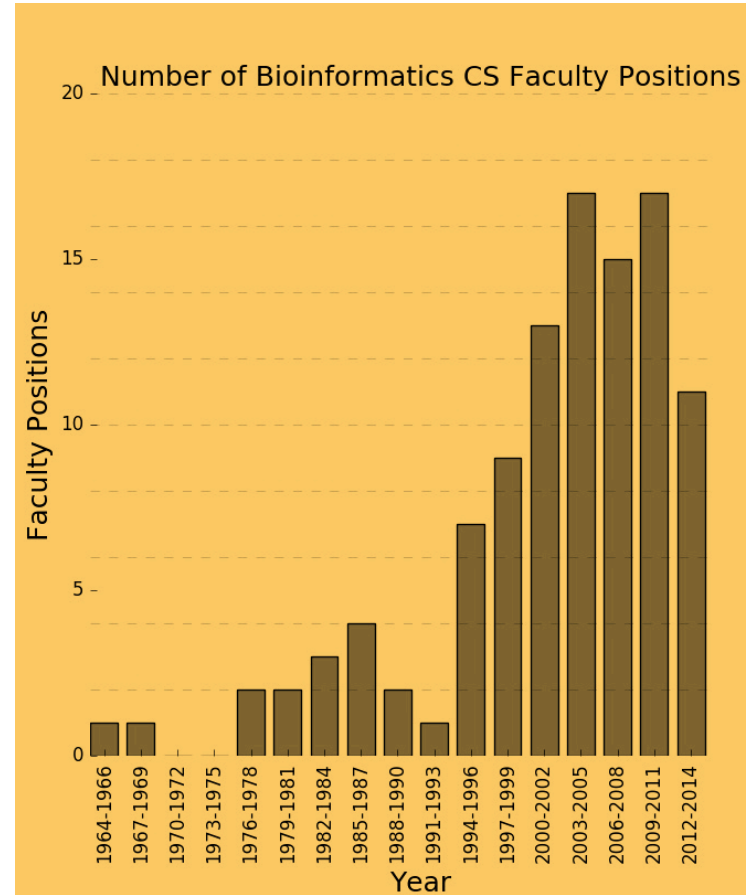
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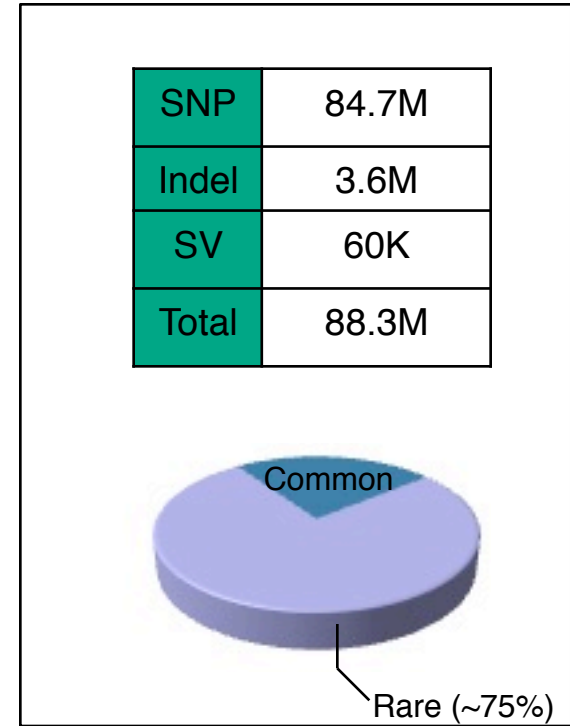
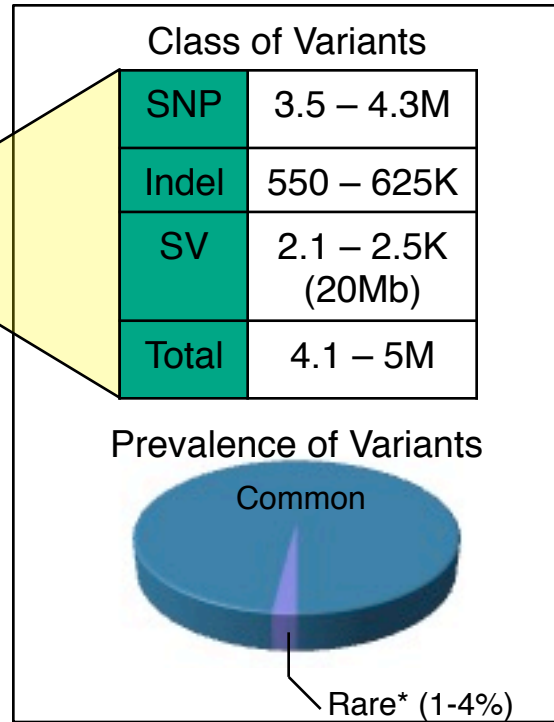
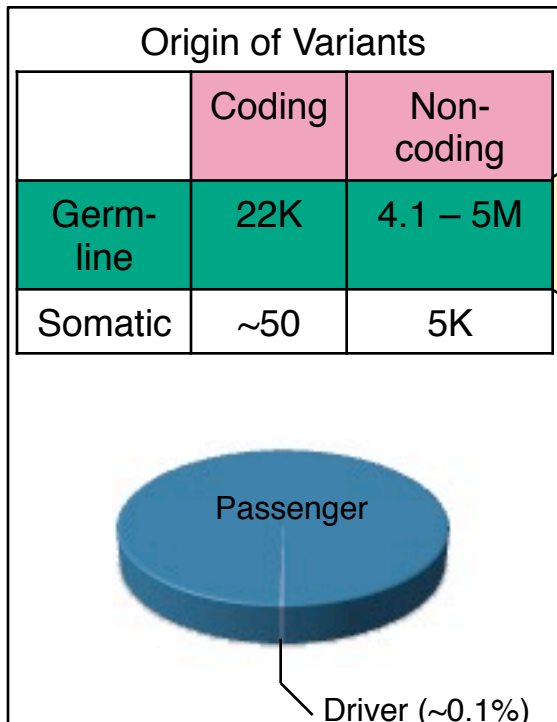
A Cancer Genome



A Typical Genome



Population of 2,504 people



\* Variants with allele frequency < 0.5% are considered as rare variants in 1000 genomes project.

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# Finding Key Variants

## Germline



- **Common variants**

- Can be associated with phenotype (ie disease) via a Genome-wide Association Study (GWAS), which tests whether the frequency of alleles differs between cases & controls.
- Usually their functional effect is weaker.
- Many are non-coding
- Issue of LD in identifying the actual causal variant.

- **Rare variants**

- Associations are usually underpowered due to low frequencies.
- They often have larger functional impact
- Can be collapsed in the same element to gain statistical power (burden tests).
- In some cases, causal variants can be identified through tracing inheritance of Mendelian subtypes of diseases in large families.

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## Somatic

### • Overall

- Often these can be conceptualized as very rare variants
- A challenge to identify somatic mutations contributing to cancer is to find driver mutations & distinguish them from passengers.

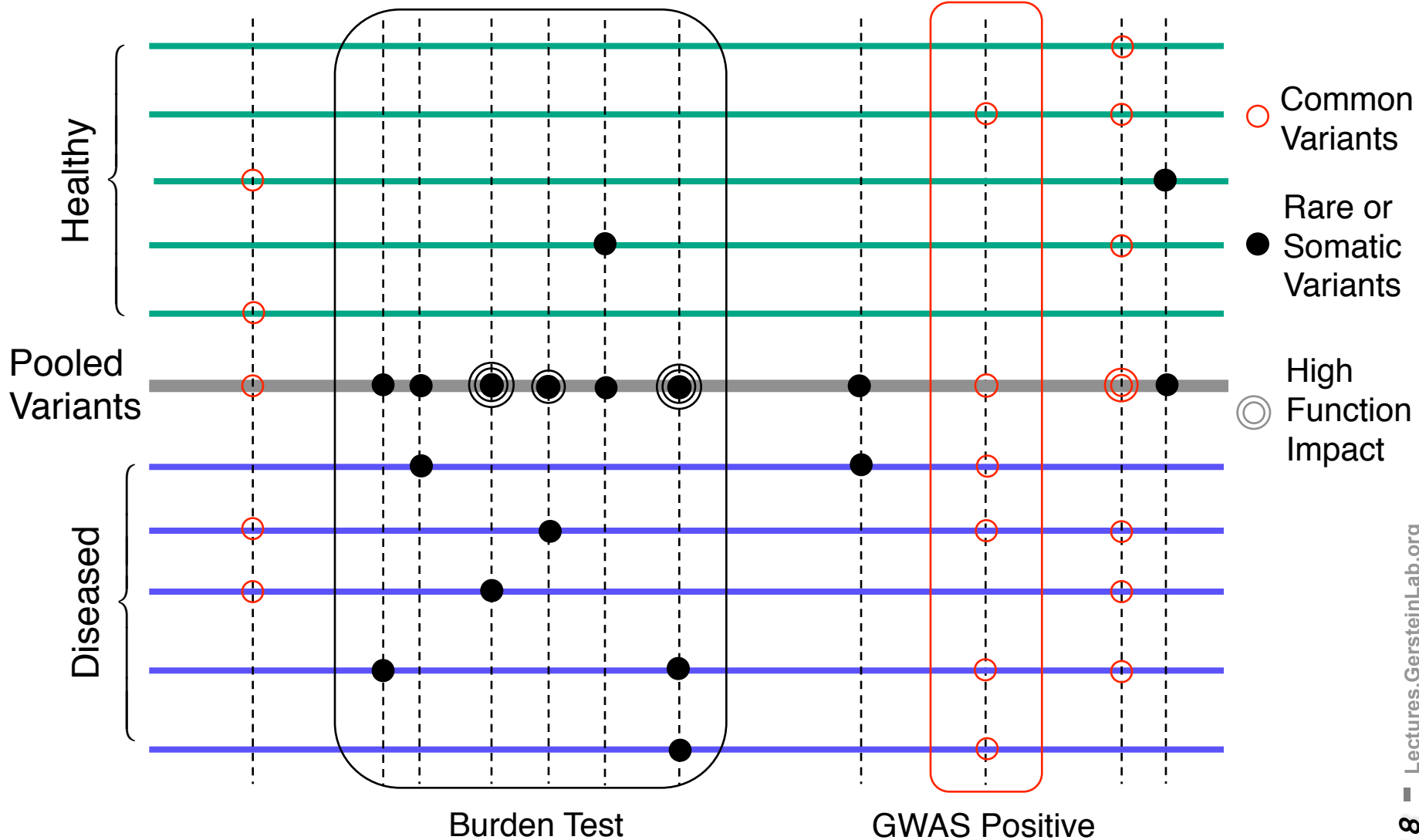
### • Drivers

- Driver mutation is a mutation that directly or indirectly confers a selective growth advantage to the cell in which it occurs.
- A typical tumor contains 2-8 drivers; the remaining mutations are passengers.

### • Passengers

- Conceptually, a passenger mutation has no direct or indirect effect on the selective growth advantage of the cell in which it occurred.

# Association of Variants with Diseases



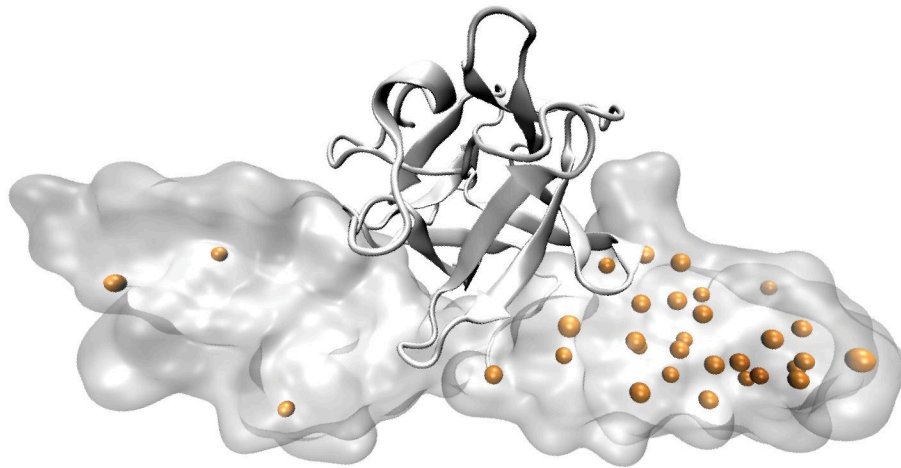
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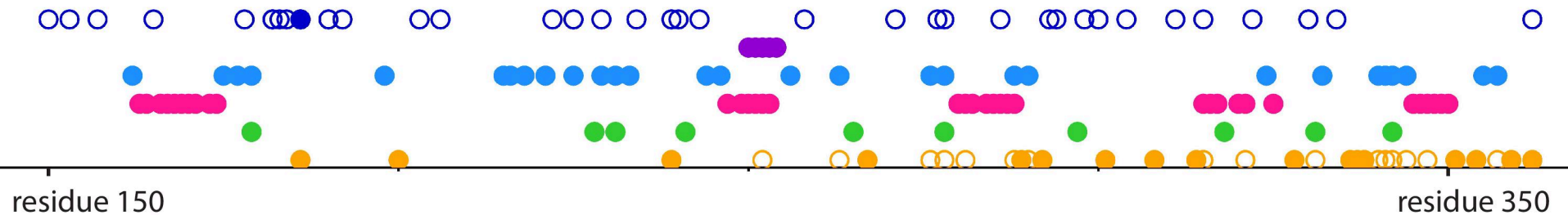
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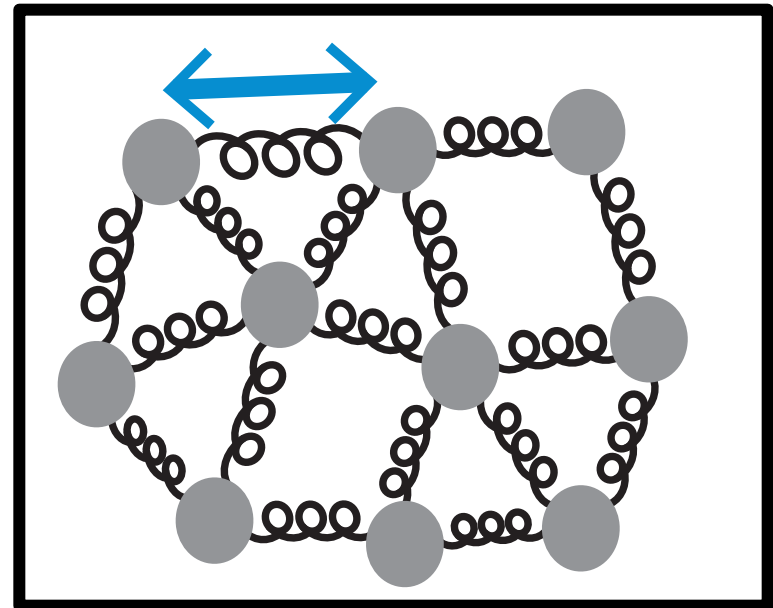
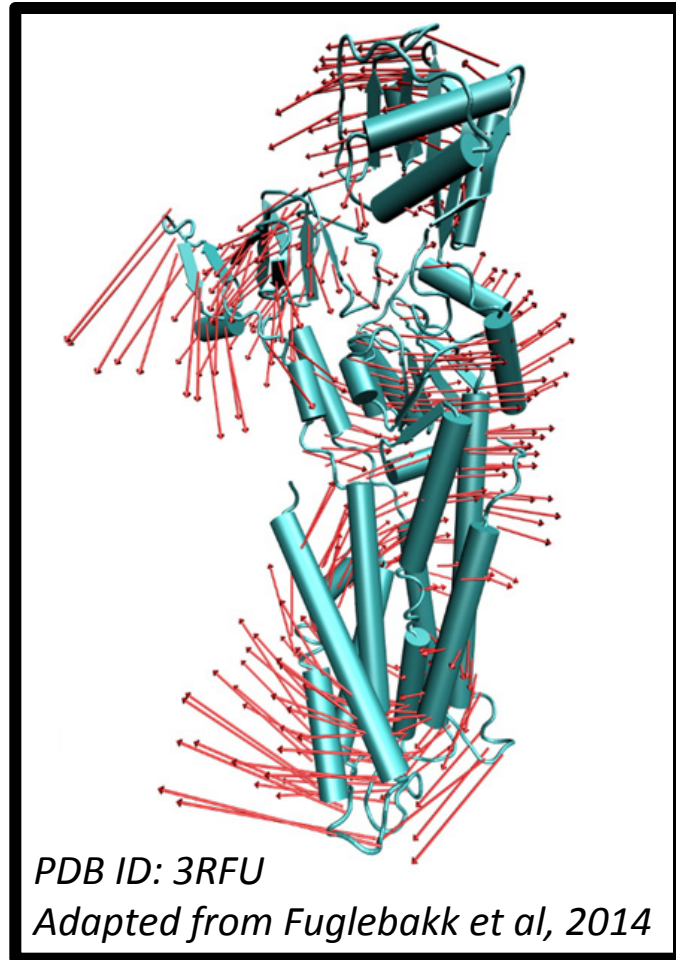
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# Models of Protein Conformational Change

## Motion Vectors from Normal Modes (ANMs)

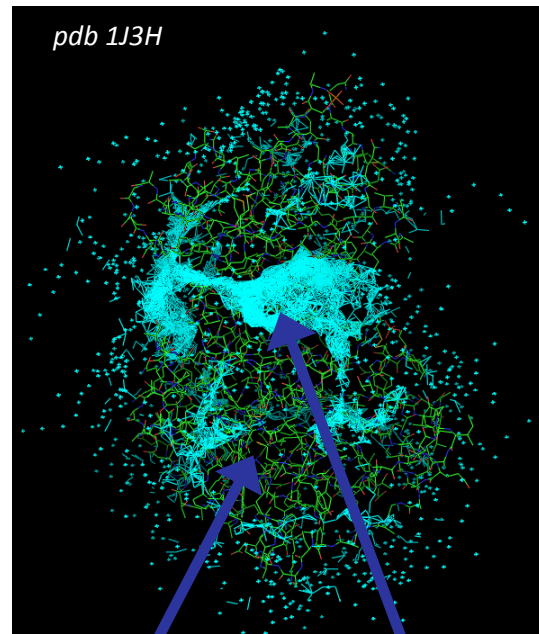
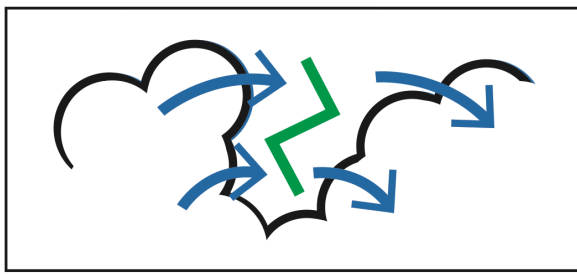
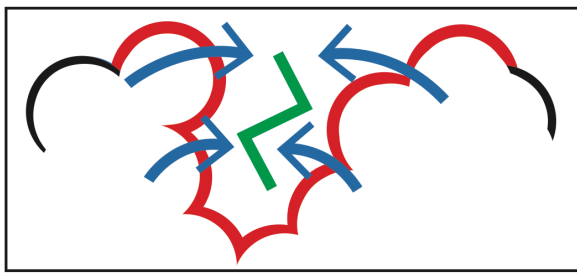
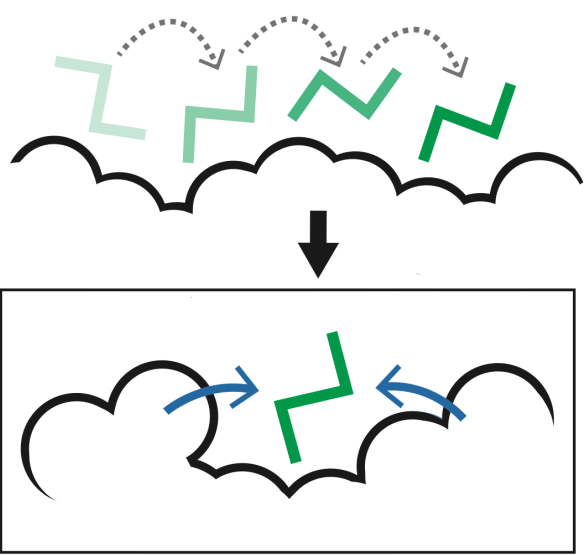


Characterizing uncharacterized variants  
<= Finding Allosteric sites  
<= Modeling motion



# Predicting Allosterically-Important Residues at the Surface

1. MC simulations generate a large number of candidate sites
2. Score each candidate site by the degree to which it perturbs large-scale motions
3. Prioritize & threshold the list to identify the set of high confidence-sites



$$\textit{binding leverage} = \sum_{m=1}^{10} (\sum_i \sum_j \Delta d_{ij(m)}^2)$$

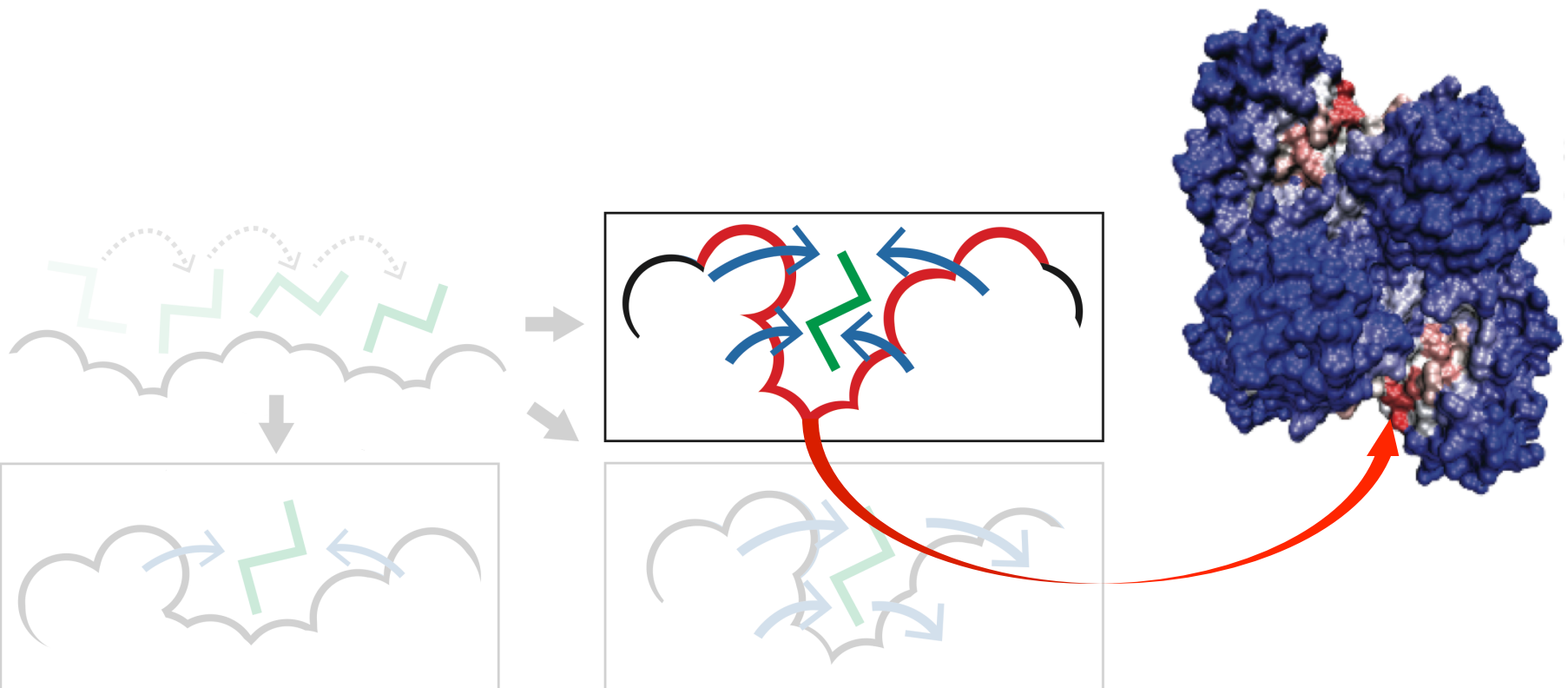
Surface region with high density of candidate sites

Surface region with low density of candidate sites

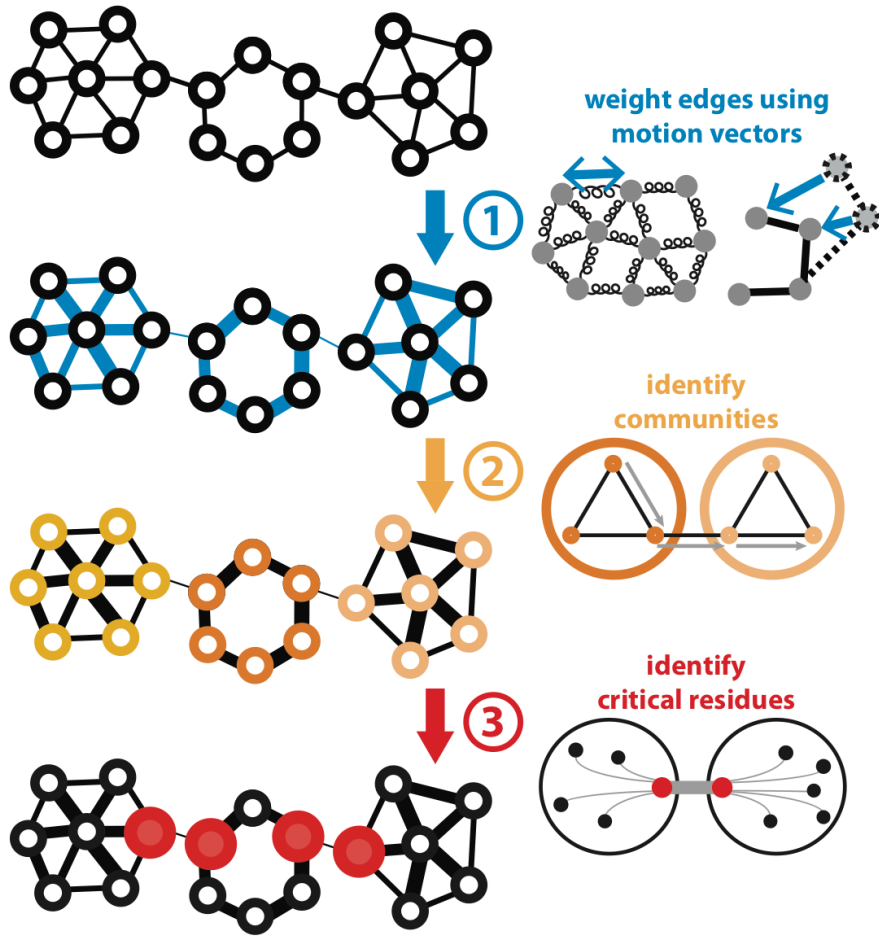
Adapted from Clarke\*, Sethi\*, et al (*in press*)

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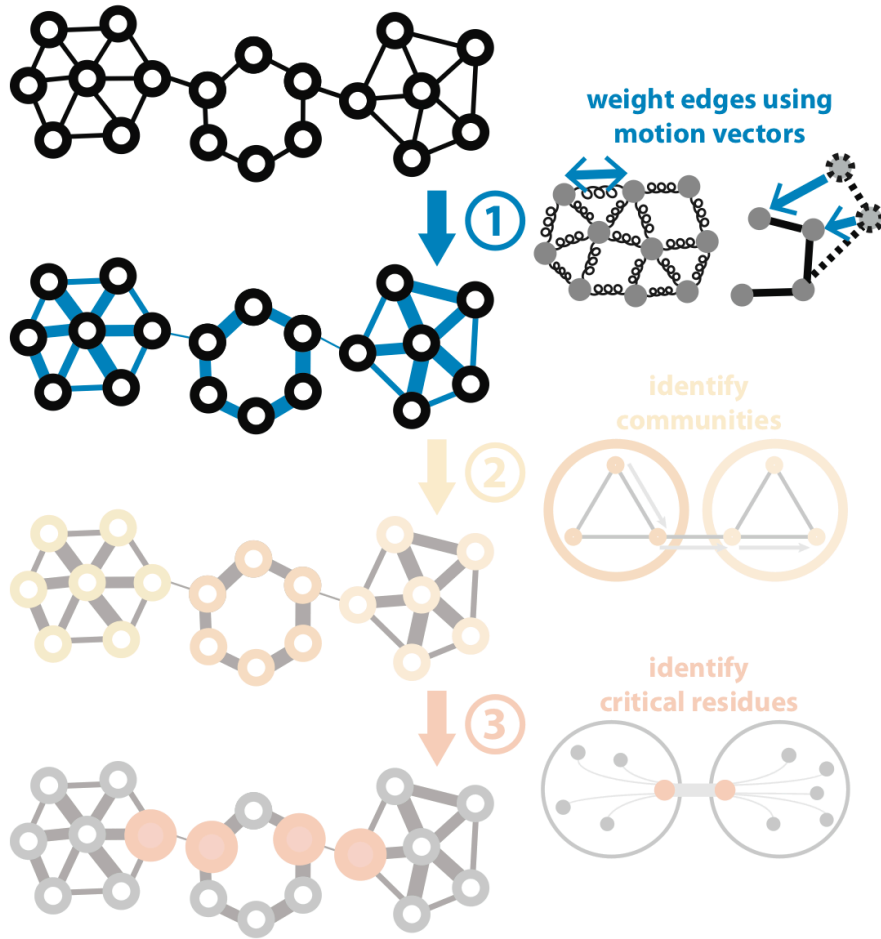
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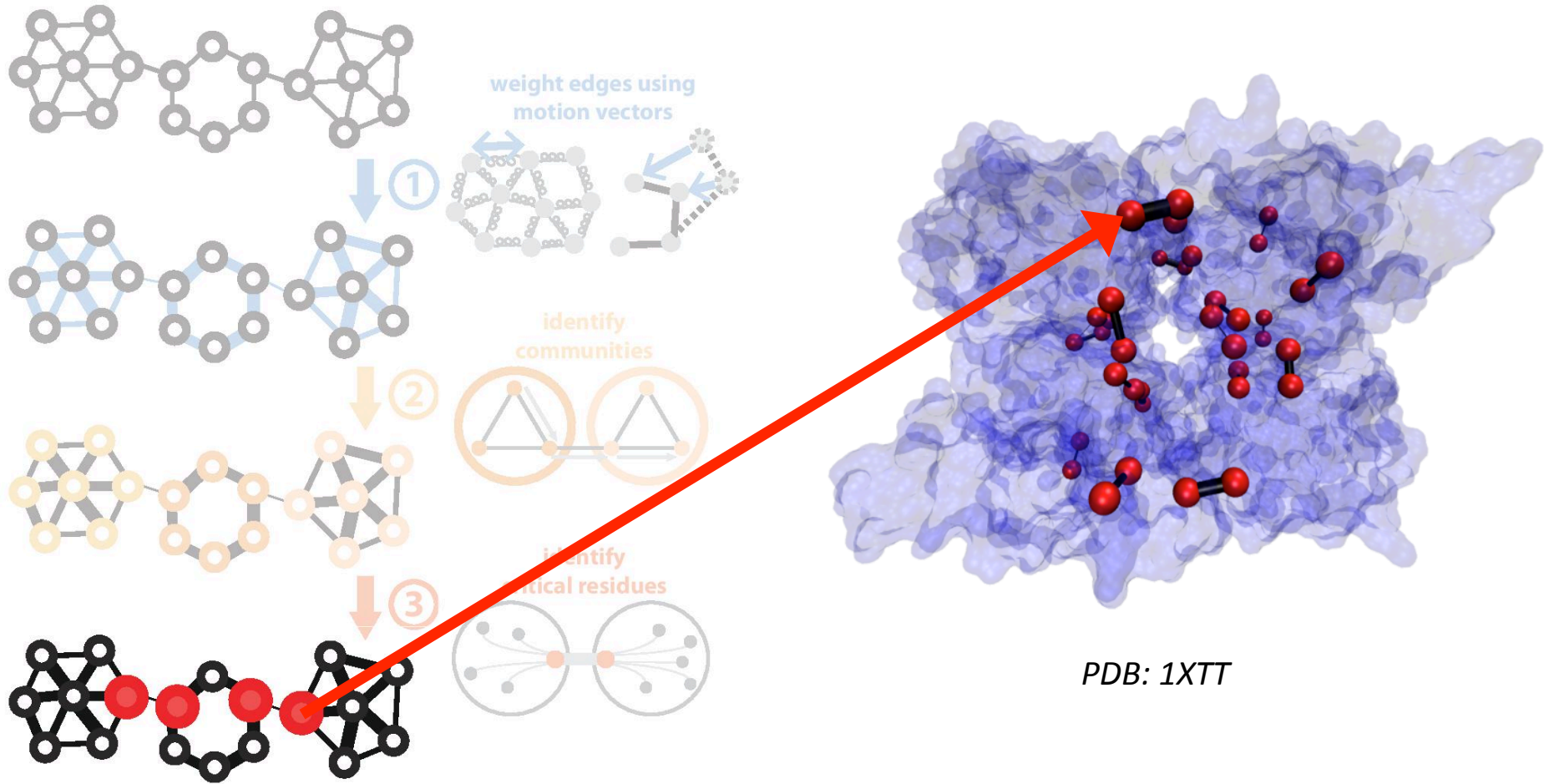


$$Cov_{ij} = \langle \mathbf{r}_i \cdot \mathbf{r}_j \rangle$$

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$$D_{ij} = -\log(|C_{ij}|)$$

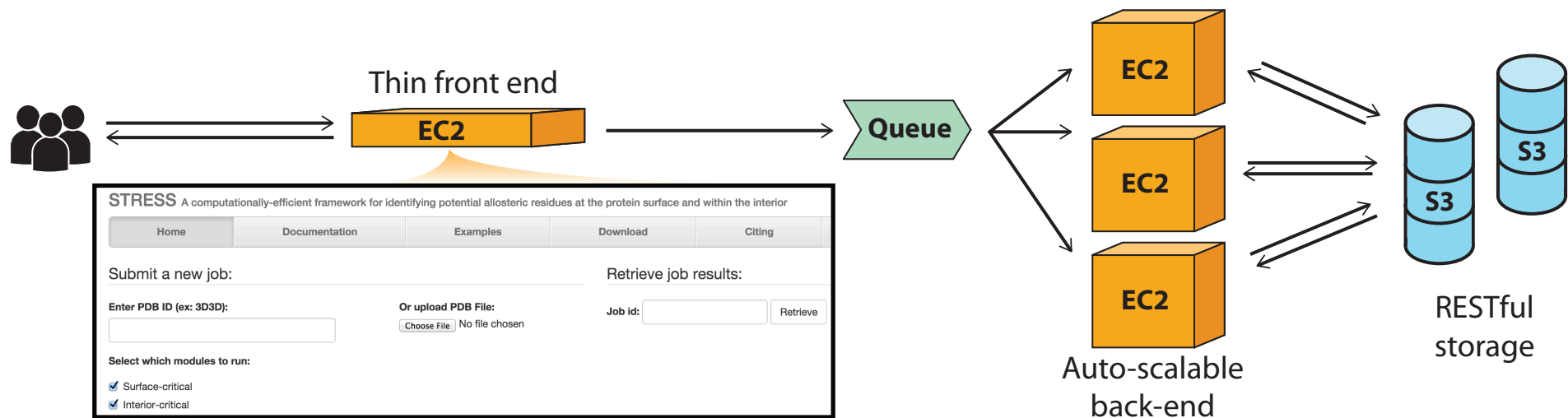
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# STRESS Server Architecture: Highlights

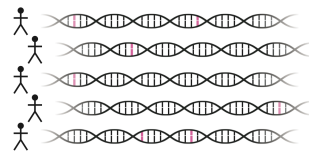
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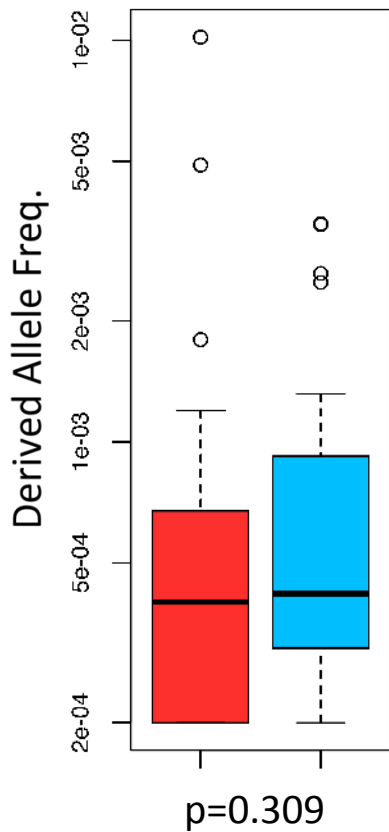
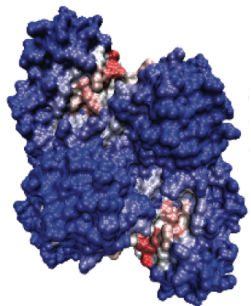
- A light front-end server handles incoming requests, and powerful back-end servers perform calculations.
- Auto Scaling adjusts the number of back-end servers as needed.
- A typical structure takes ~30 minutes on a E5-2660 v3 (2.60GHz) core.
- Input & output (i.e., predicted allosteric residues) are stored in S3 buckets.

# Intra-species conservation of predicted allosteric residues

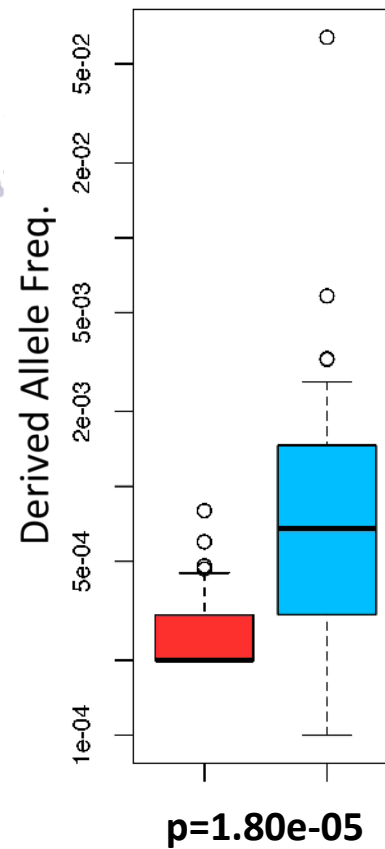
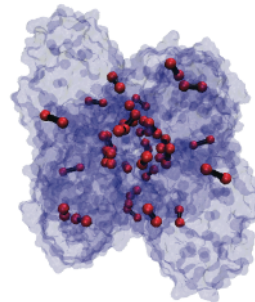
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### Surface



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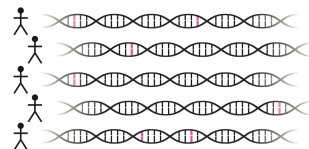


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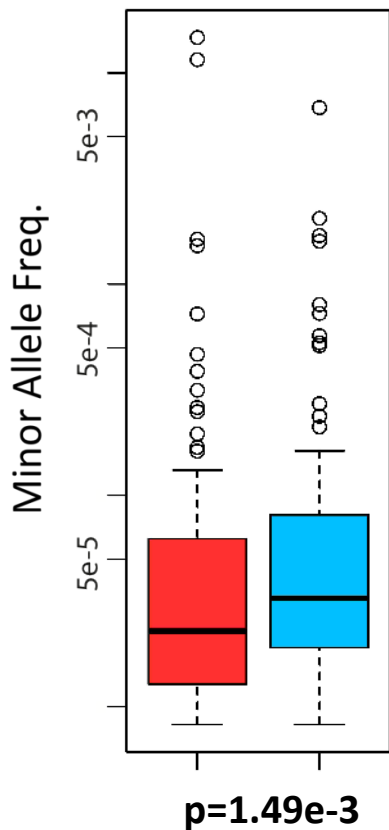
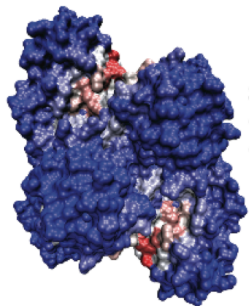


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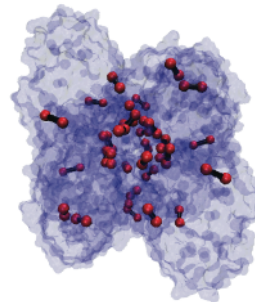
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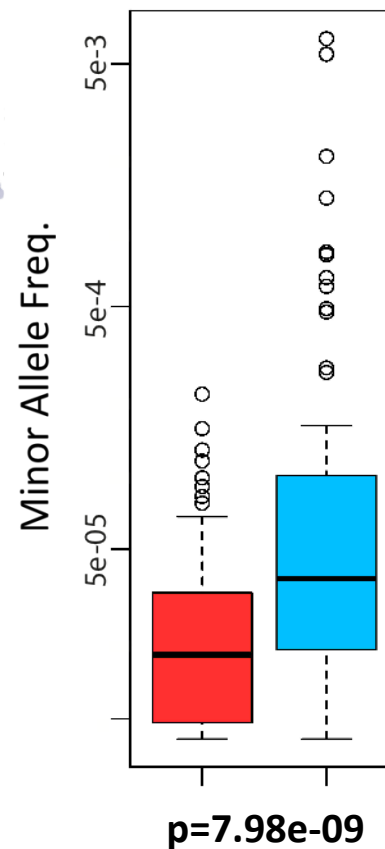
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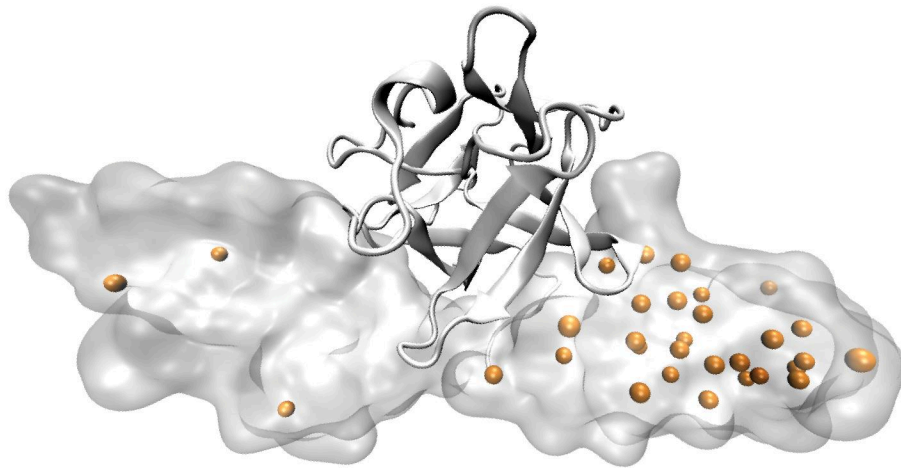


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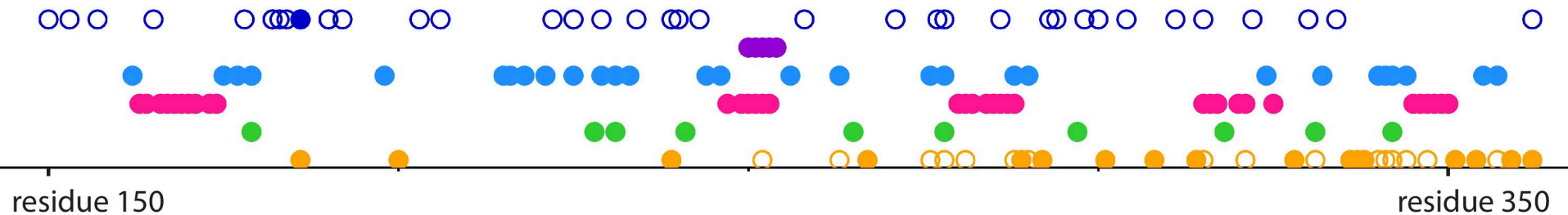
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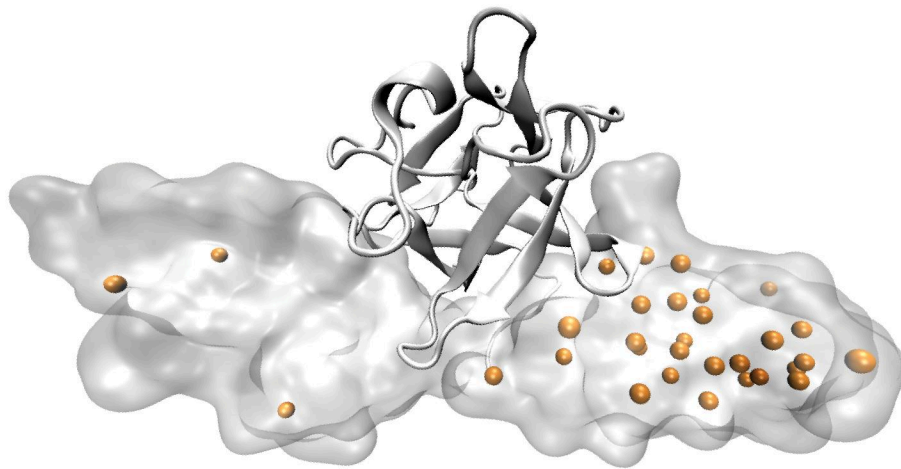
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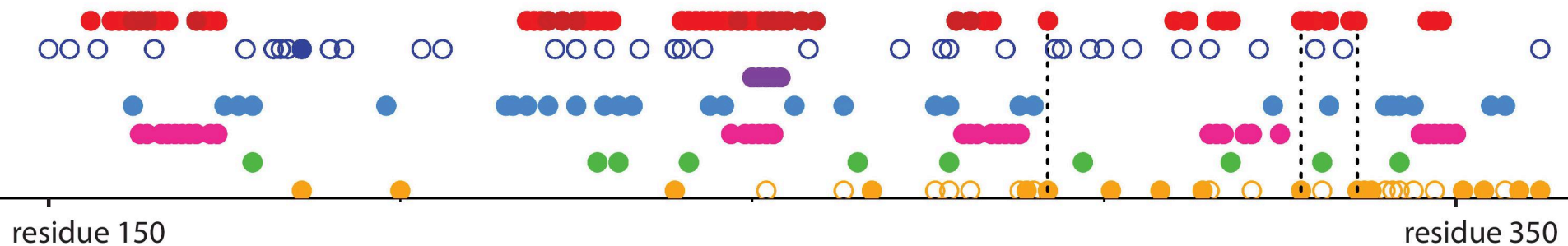
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Rationalizing disease variants in the context of allosteric behavior with allostery as an added annotation



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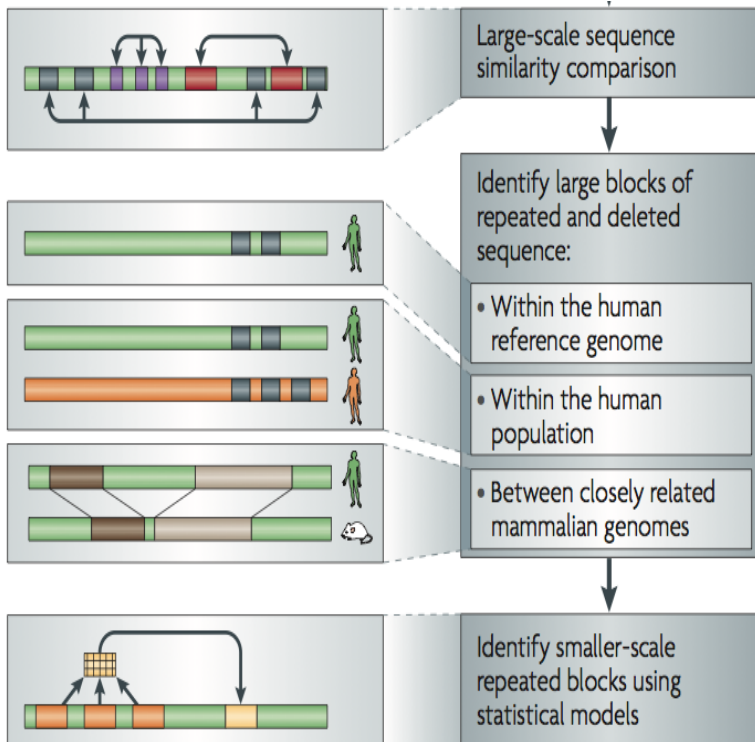


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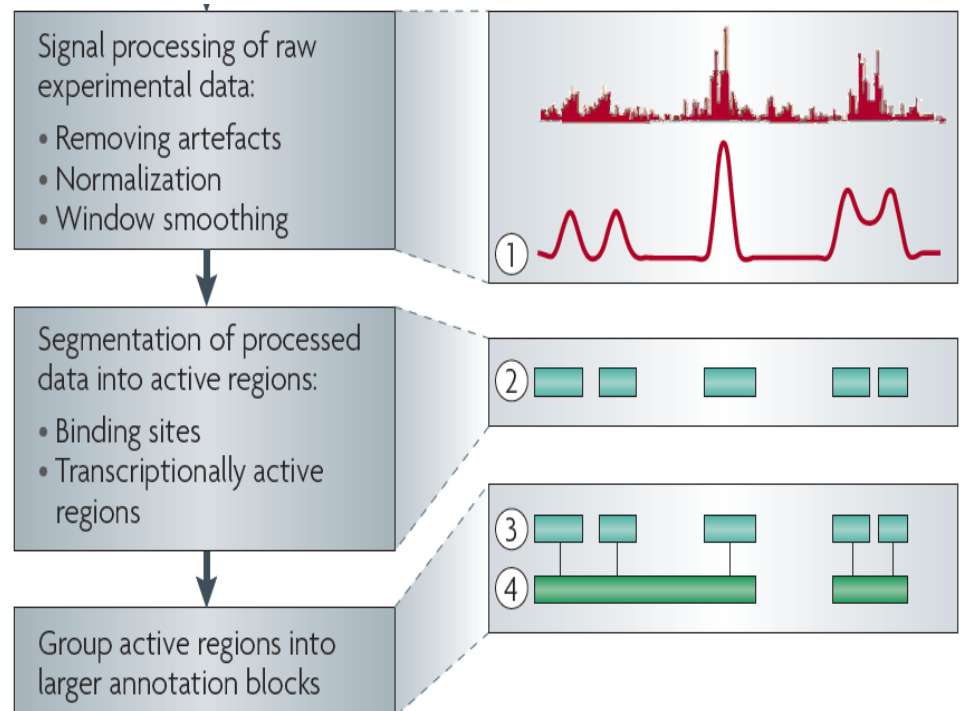
# Non-coding Annotations: Overview

## Sequence features, incl. Conservation



## Functional Genomics

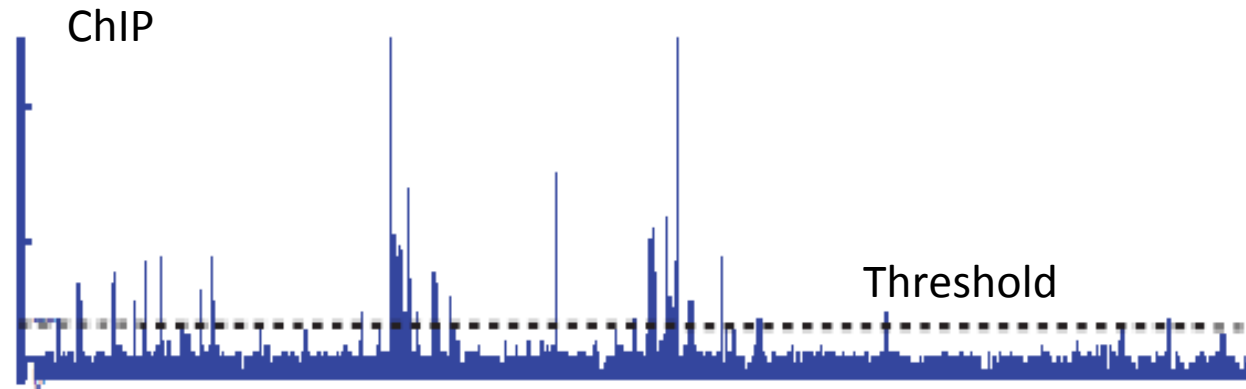
Chip-seq (Epigenome & seq. specific TF) and ncRNA & un-annotated transcription



[Alexander et al., *Nat. Rev. Genet.* ('10)]

# Summarizing the Signal: "Traditional" ChIPSeq Peak Calling

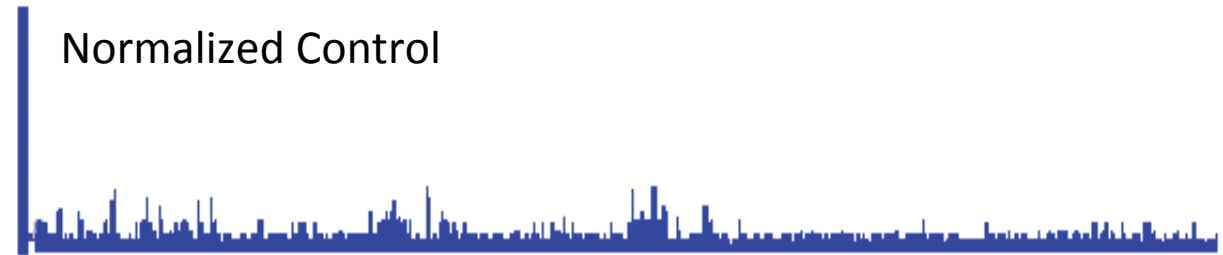
- Generate & threshold the signal profile to identify candidate target regions
  - Simulation (PeakSeq),
  - Local window based Poisson (MACS),
  - Fold change statistics (SPP)



Potential Targets



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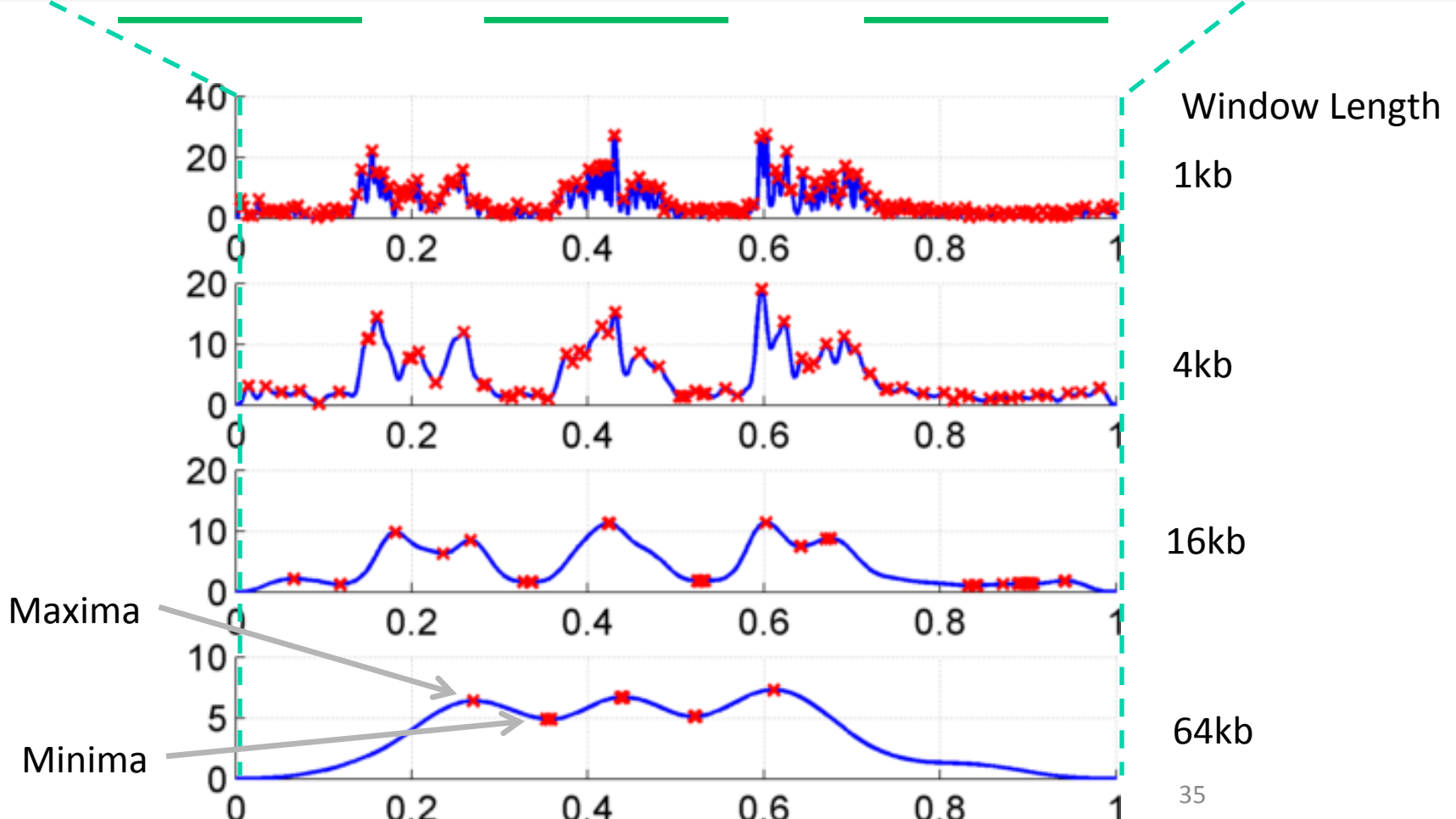
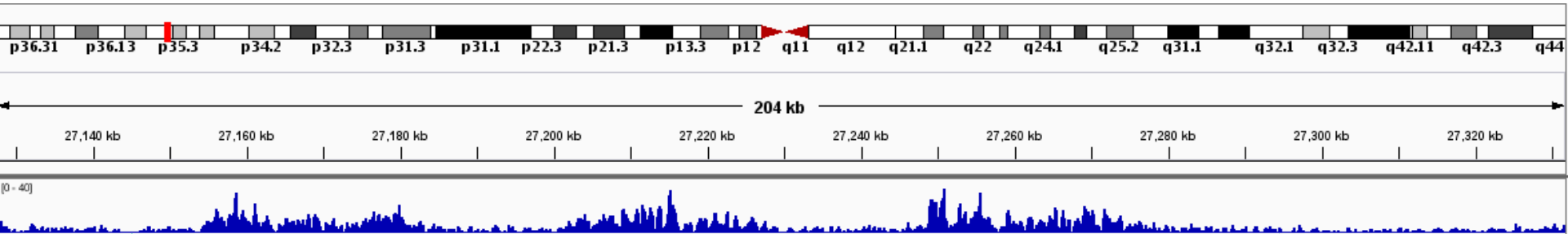


Significantly Enriched targets



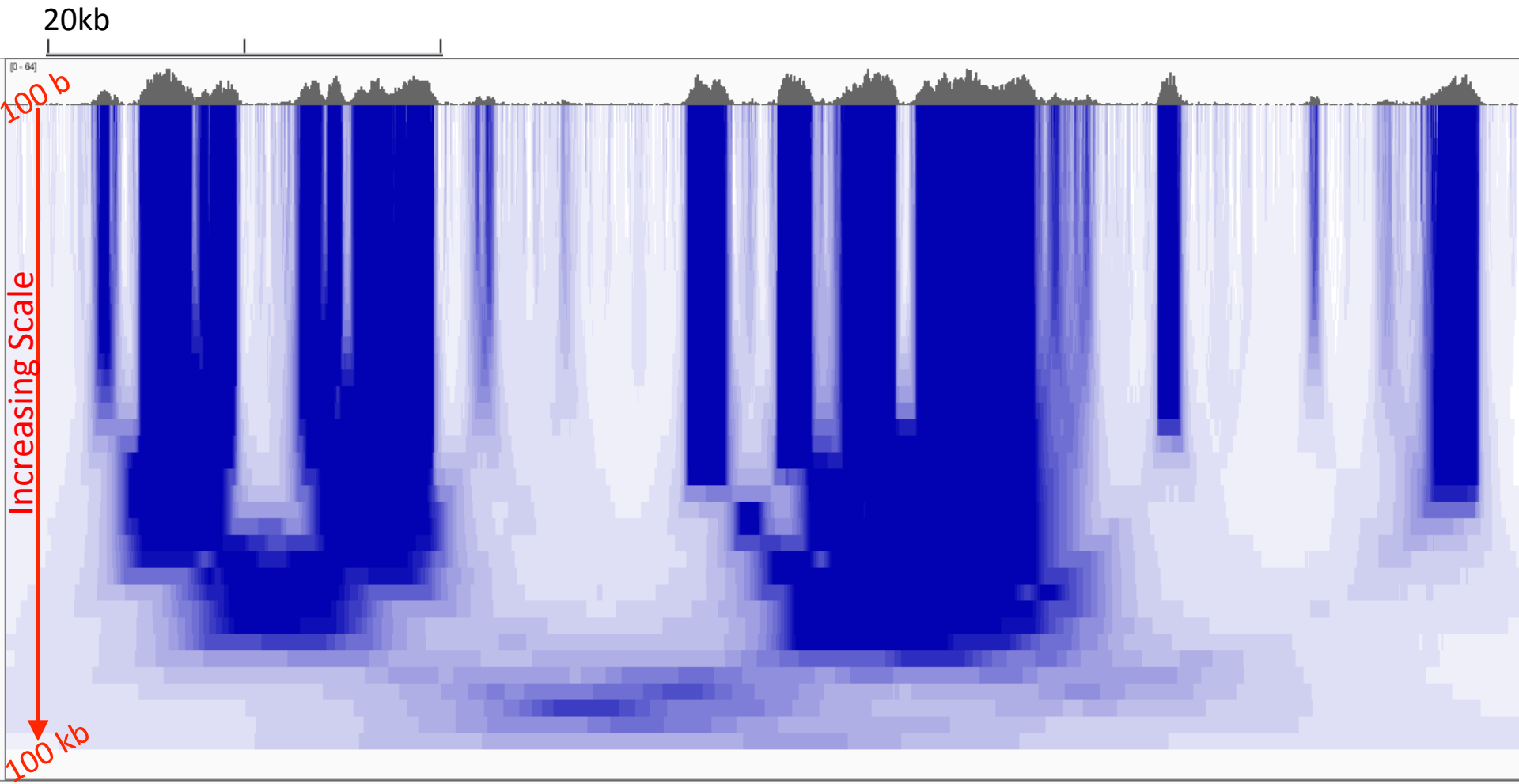
Now an update: "PeakSeq 2" => MUSIC

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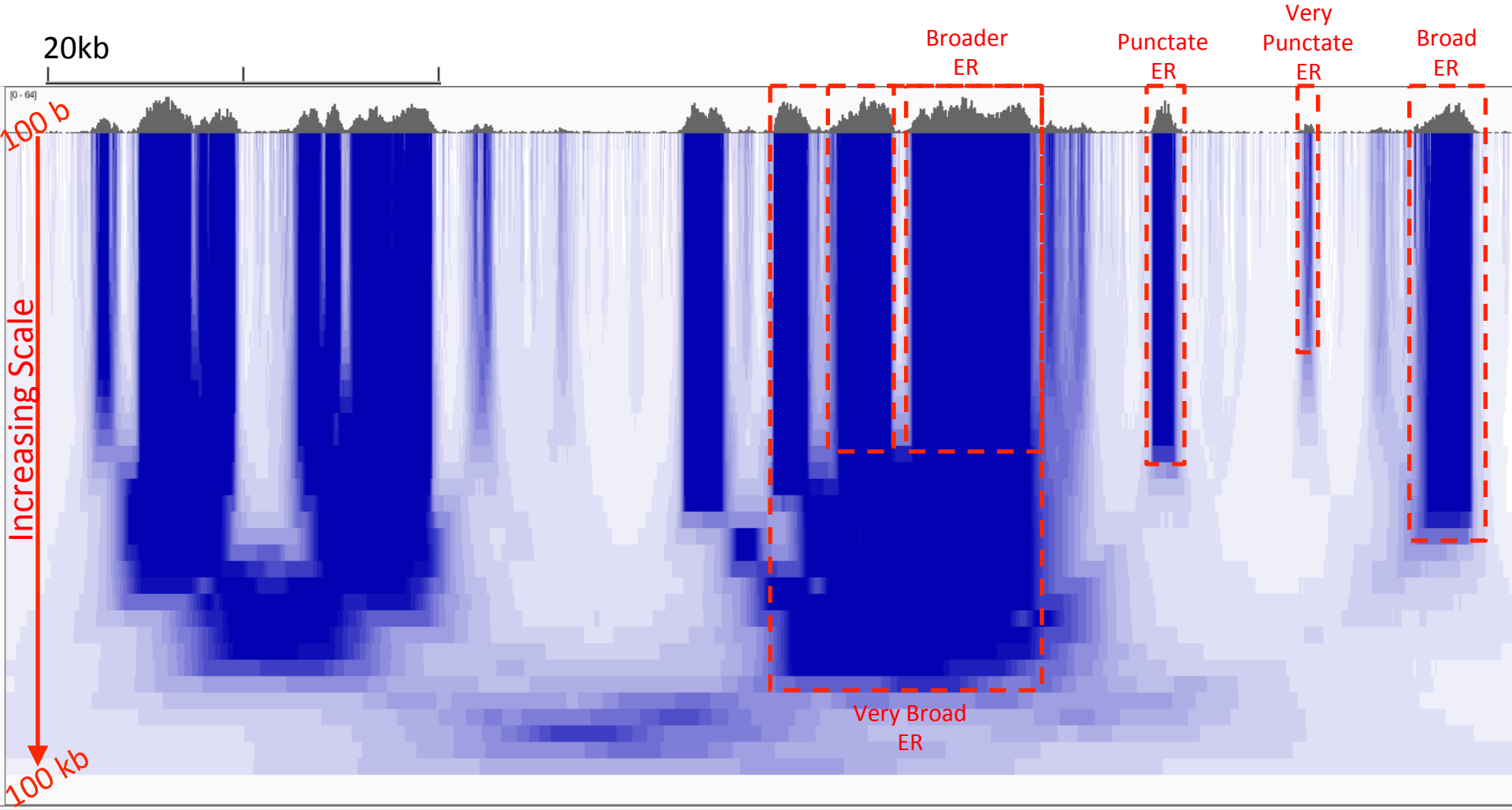




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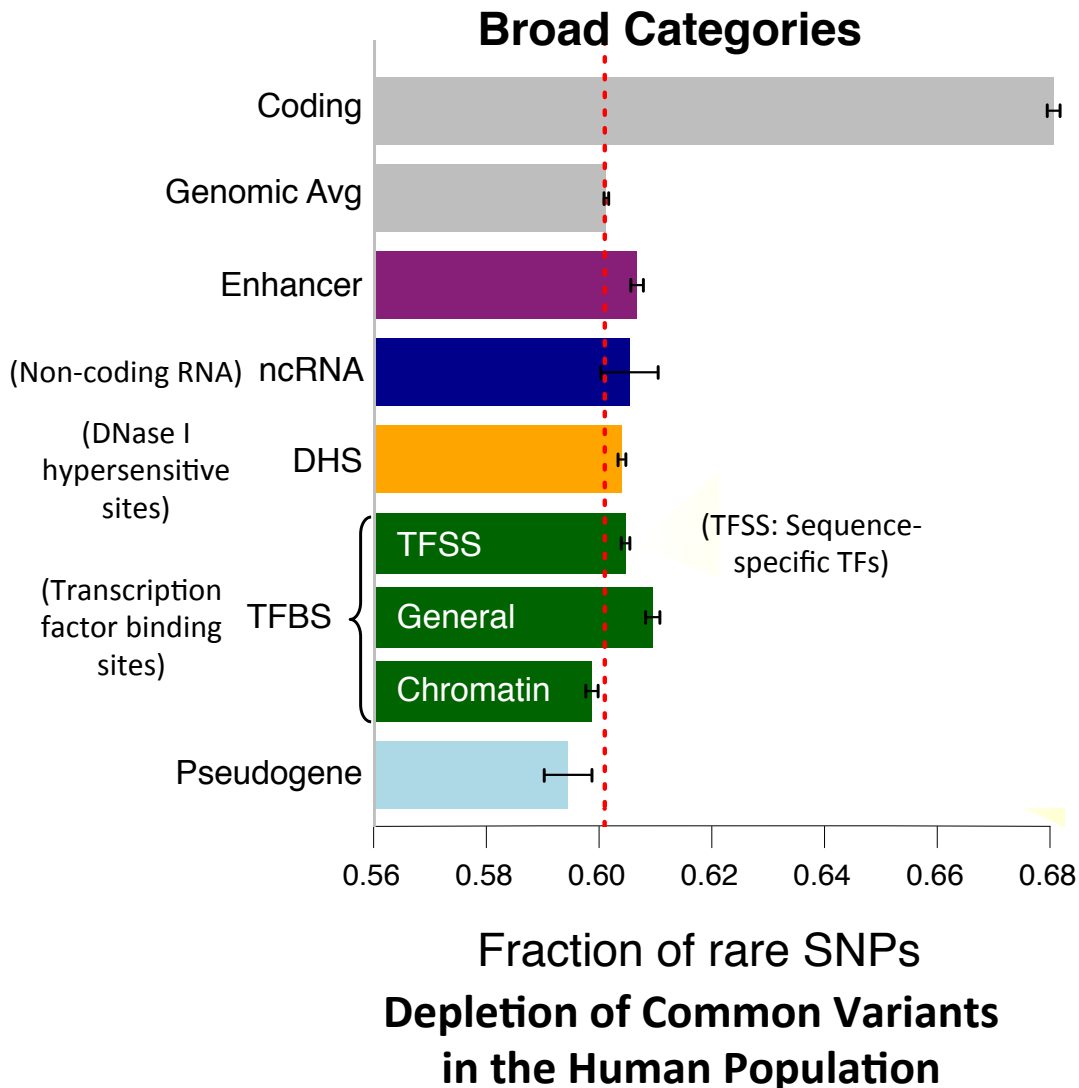


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# Finding "Conserved" Sites in the Human Population:

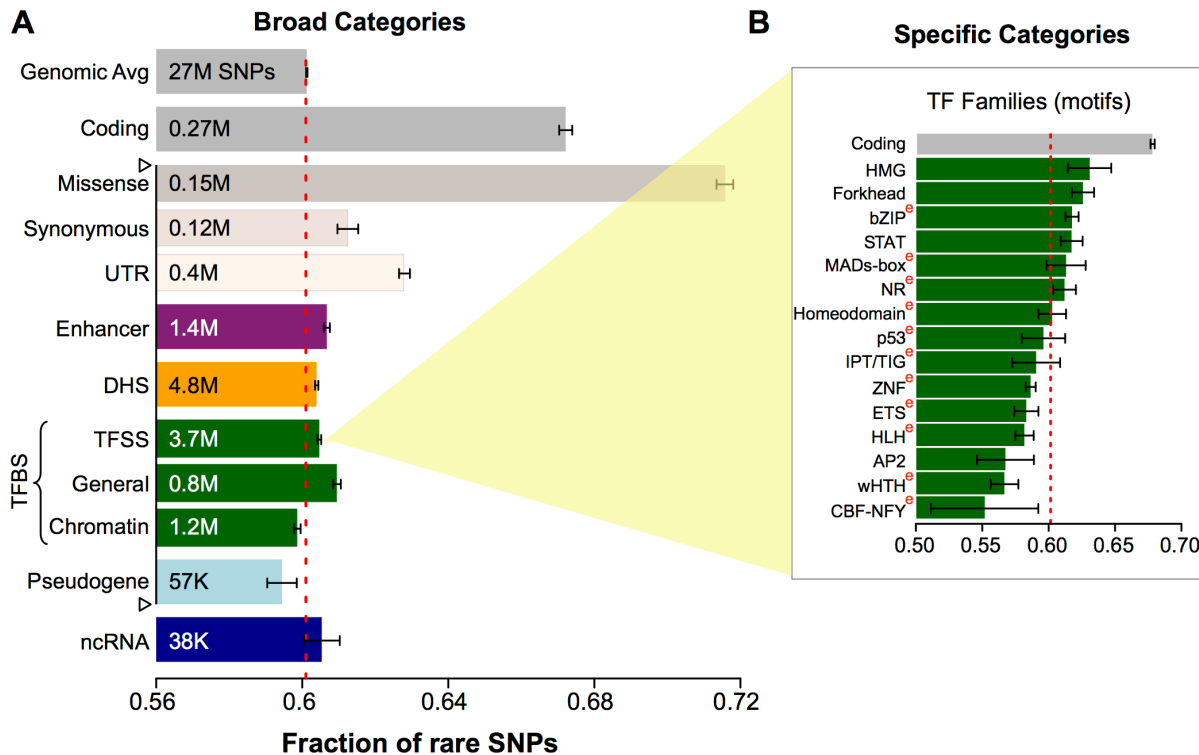
Negative selection in non-coding elements based on  
Production ENCODE & 1000G Phase 1



- Broad categories of regulatory regions under negative selection
  - Related to:

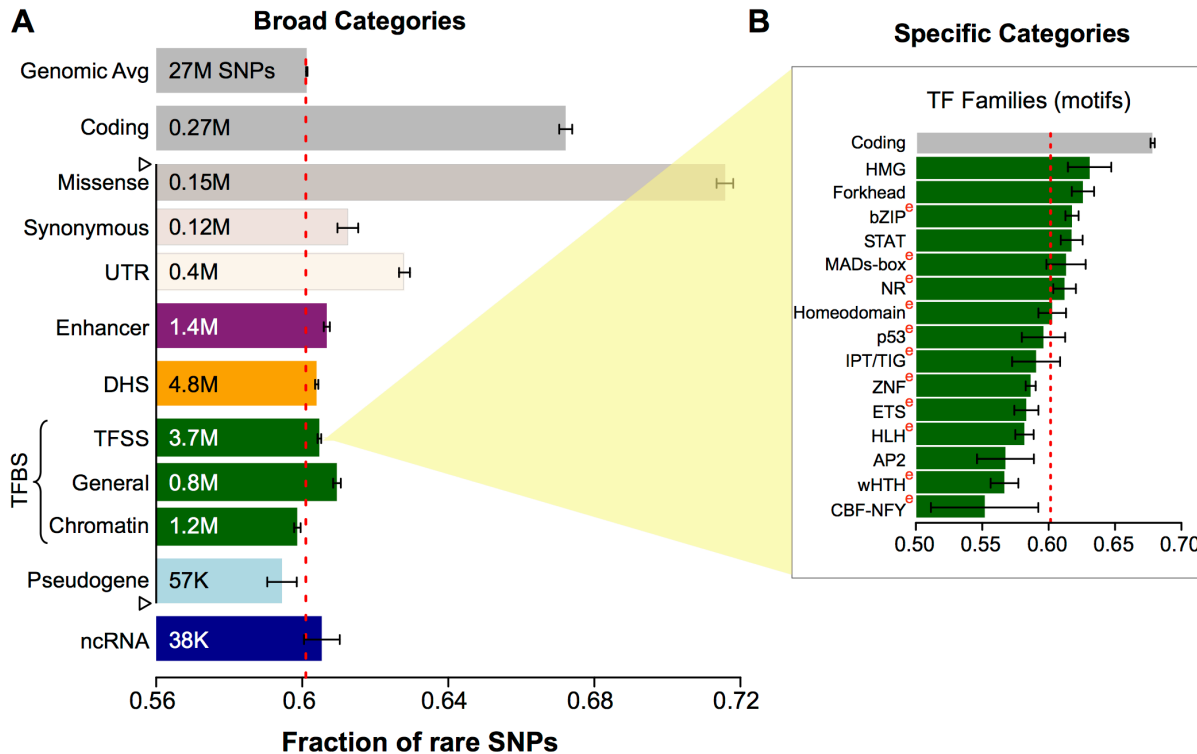
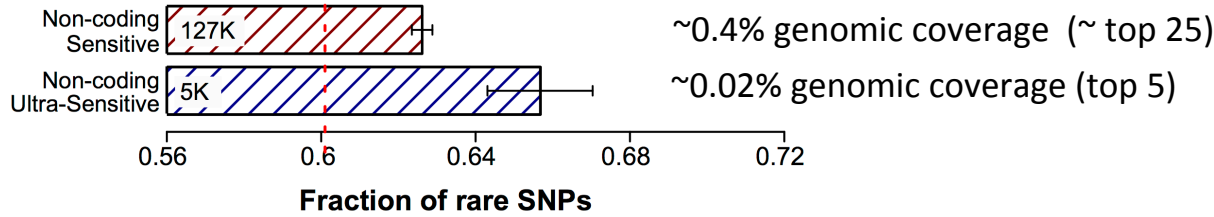
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# Differential selective constraints among specific sub-categories



Sub-categorization possible because of better statistics from 1000G phase 1 v pilot

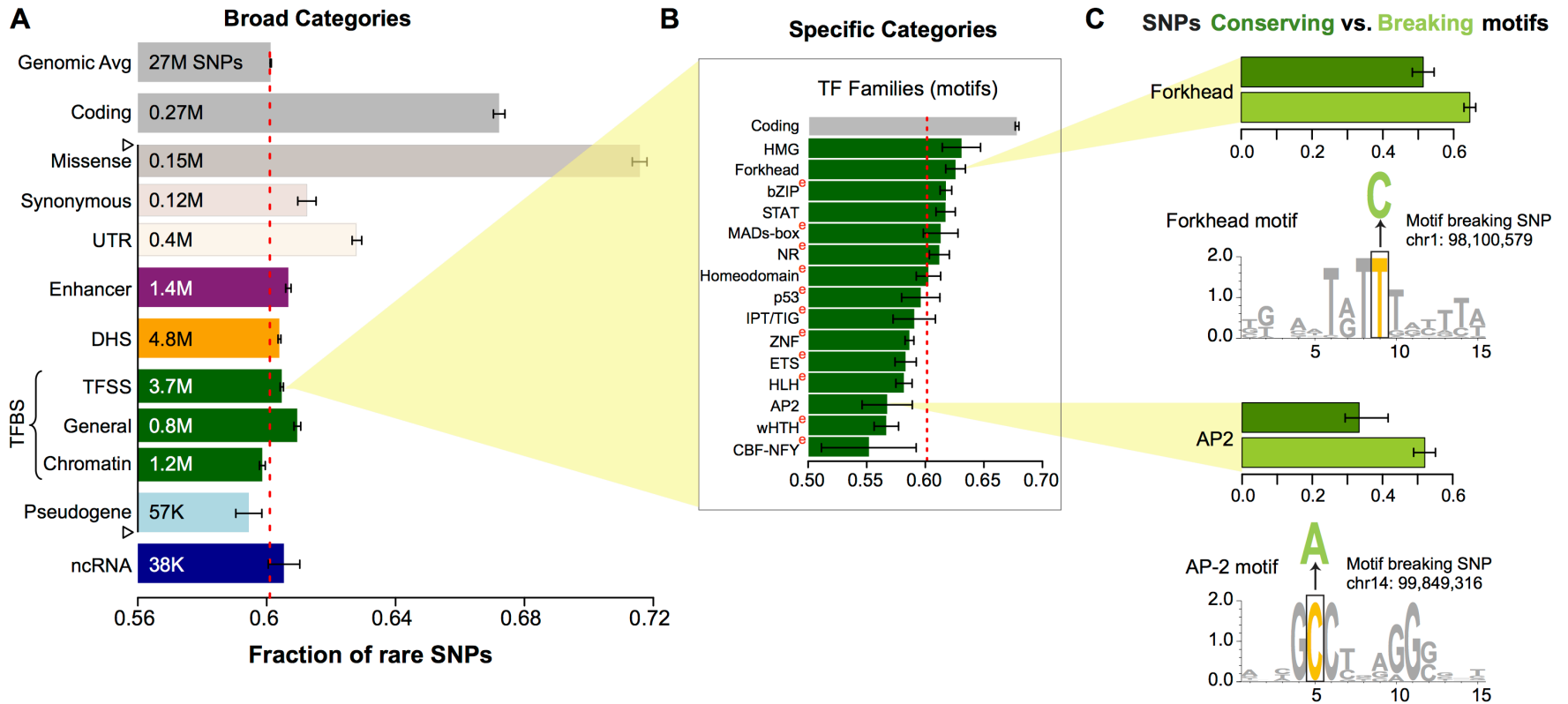
# Defining Sensitive non-coding Regions



Start **677** high-resolution non-coding categories; Rank & find those under strongest selection

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# SNPs which break TF motifs are under stronger selection





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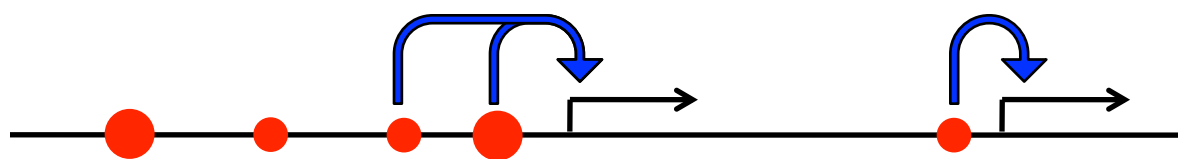
# Relating Non-coding Annotation to Protein-coding Genes via Networks

[ Cheng et al., *Bioinfo.* ('11),  
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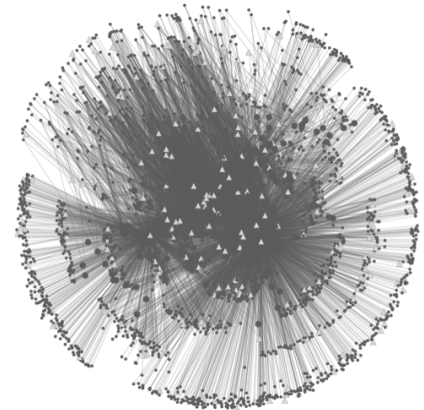
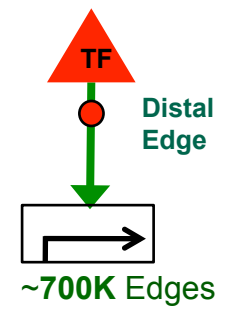
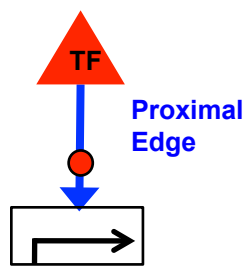
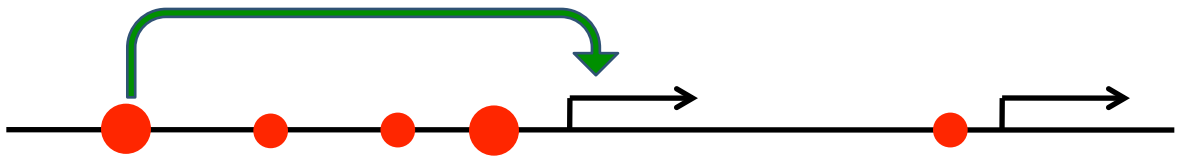
Regulatory elements



Assigning proximal sites (< 1Kb) to target genes



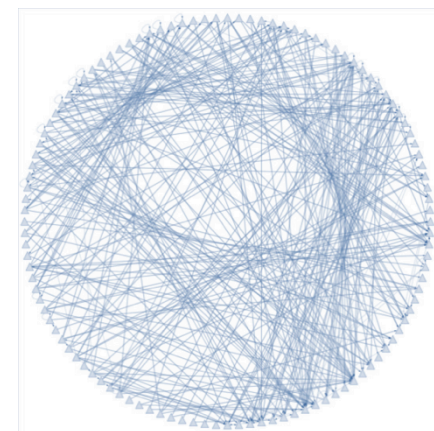
Assigning distal sites (10Kb-1Mb) to targets



~500K Prox. Edges

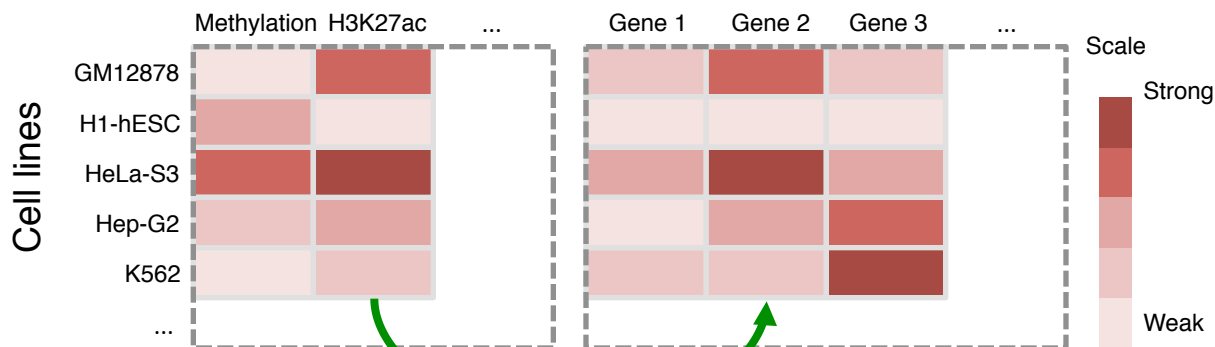


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Distal signals

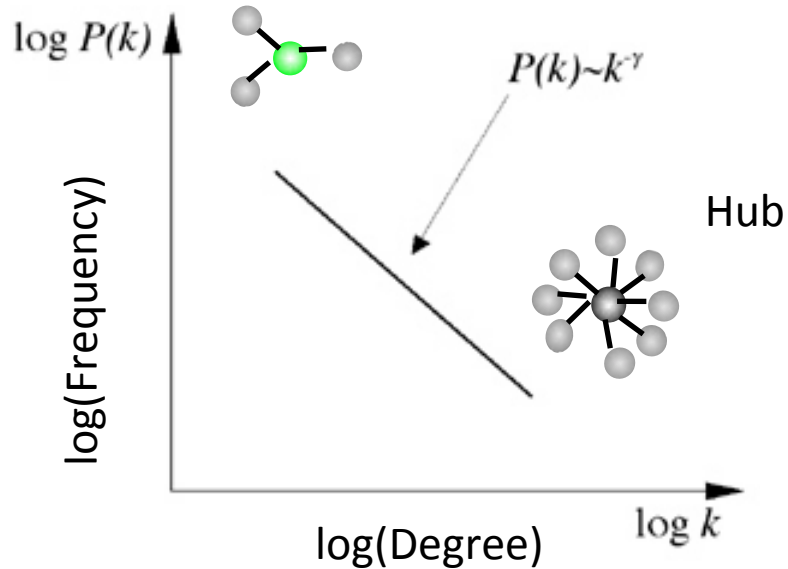
Expression levels



Connecting Distal Elements via **Activity Correlations**.

Other strategies to create linkage incl. eQTL and Hi-C. Much in recent Epigenomics Roadmap.

## Power-law distribution

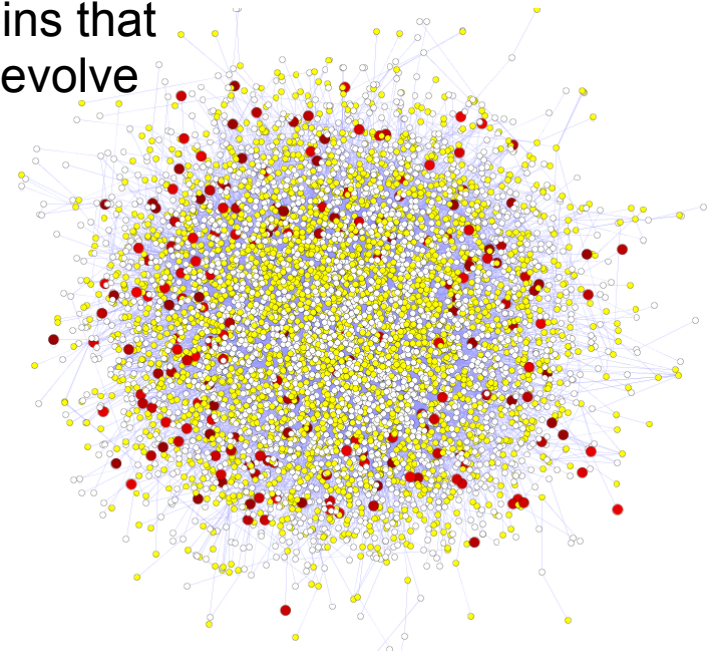


## Hubs Under Constraint: A Finding from the Network Biology Community

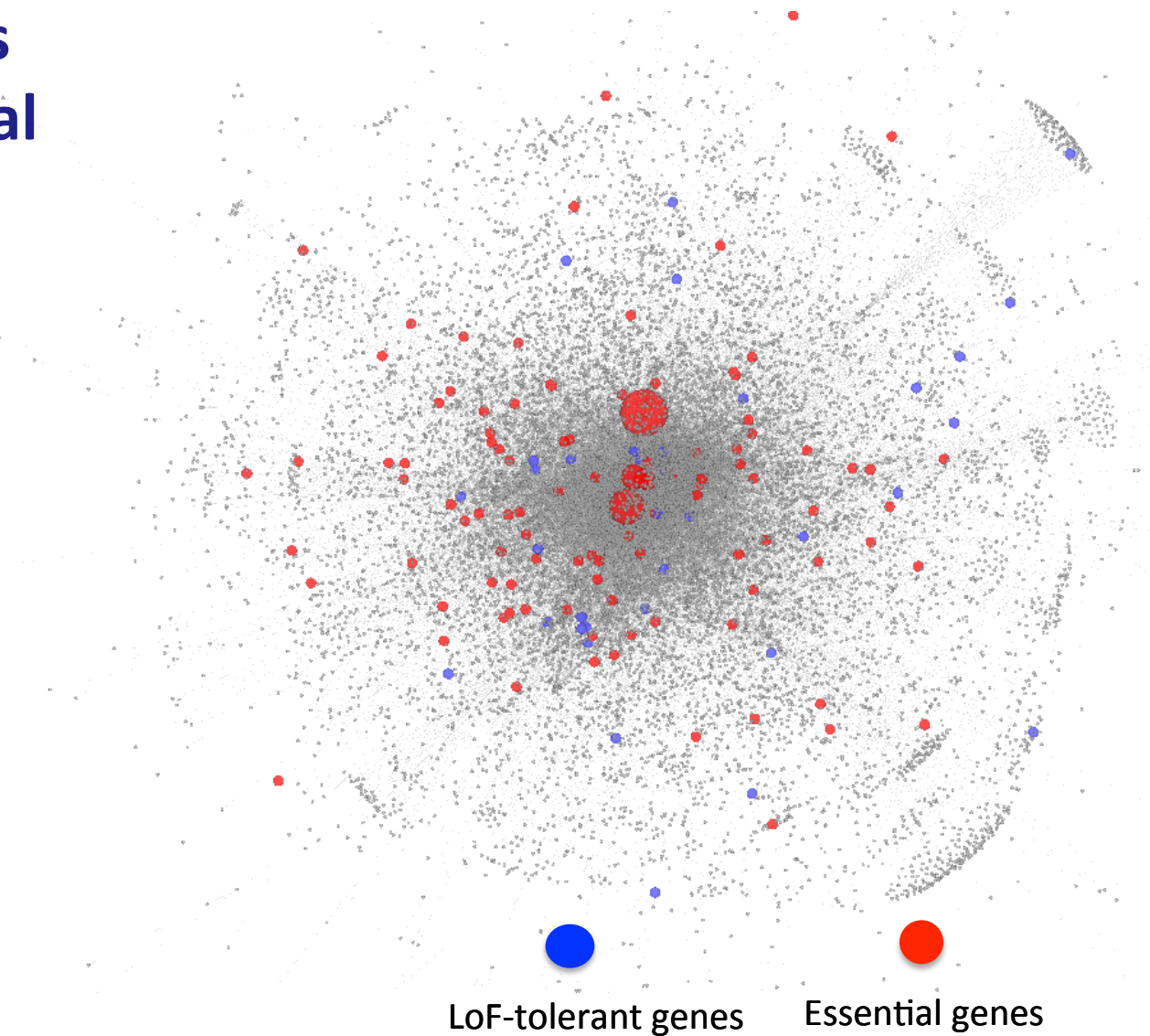
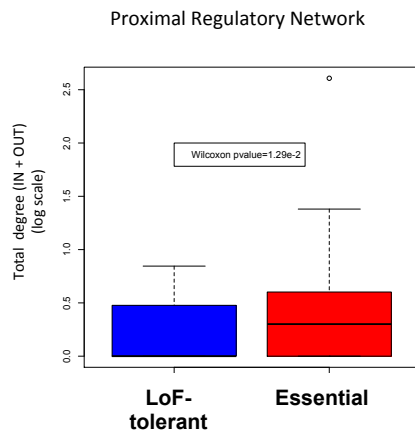
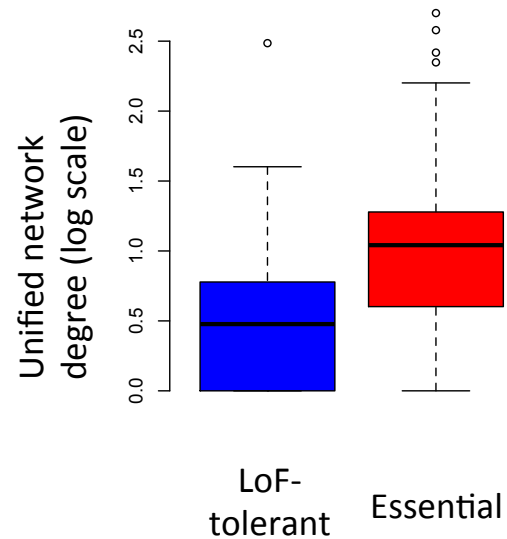
- High likelihood of positive selection
- Lower likelihood of positive selection
- Not under positive selection
- No data about positive selection

[Nielsen et al. *PLoS Biol.* (2005), HPRD, Kim et al. *PNAS* (2007)]

- More Connectivity, More Constraint: Genes & proteins that have a more central position in the network tend to evolve more slowly and are more likely to be essential.
- This phenomenon is observed in **many organisms & different kinds of networks**
  - **yeast PPI** - Fraser et al ('02) *Science*, ('03) *BMC Evo. Bio.*
  - **Ecoli PPI** - Butland et al ('04) *Nature*
  - **Worm/fly PPI** - Hahn et al ('05) *MBE*
  - **miRNA net** - Cheng et al ('09) *BMC Genomics*



# Regulatory Hubs are more Essential



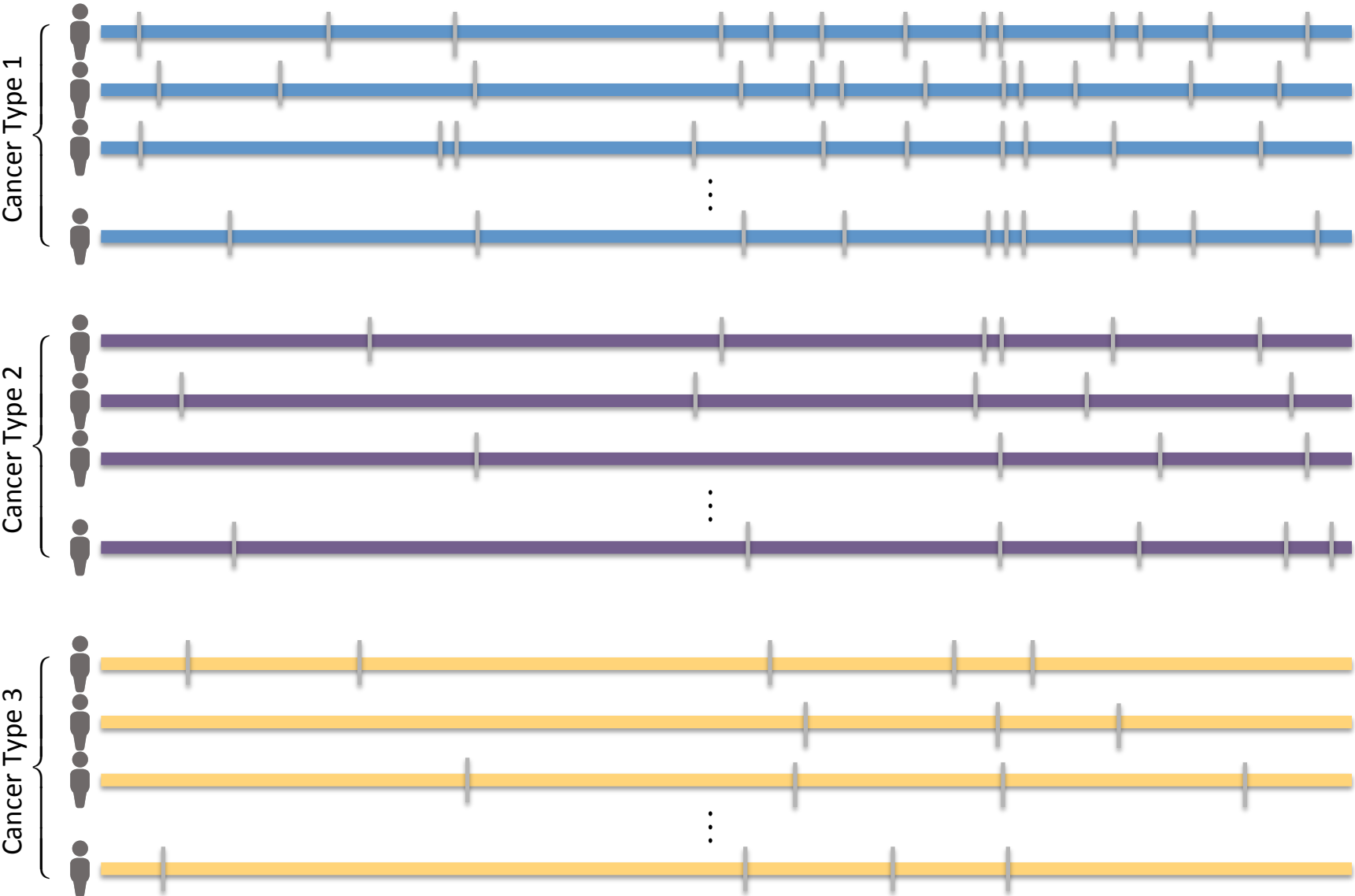
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Size of nodes scaled by  
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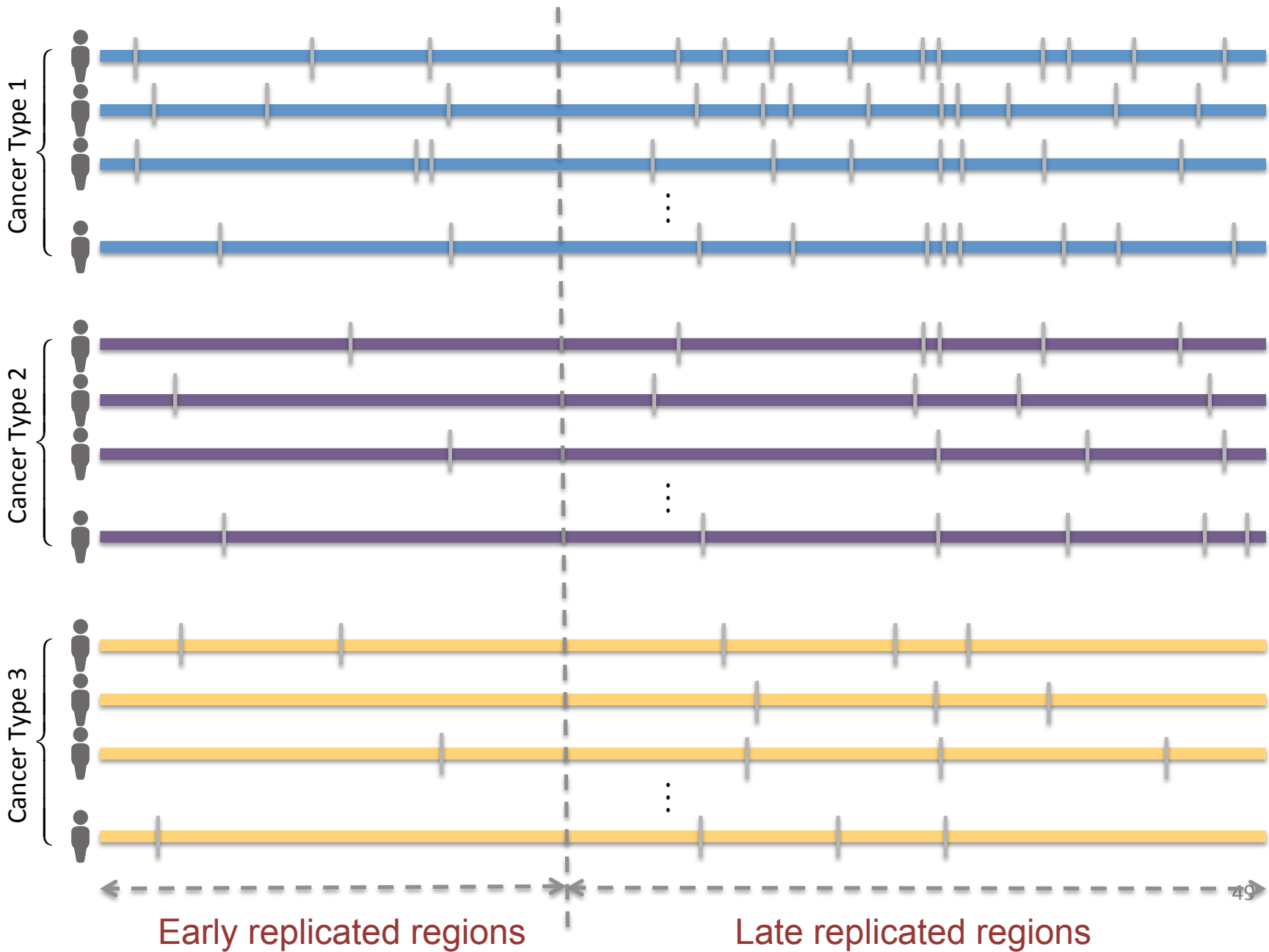
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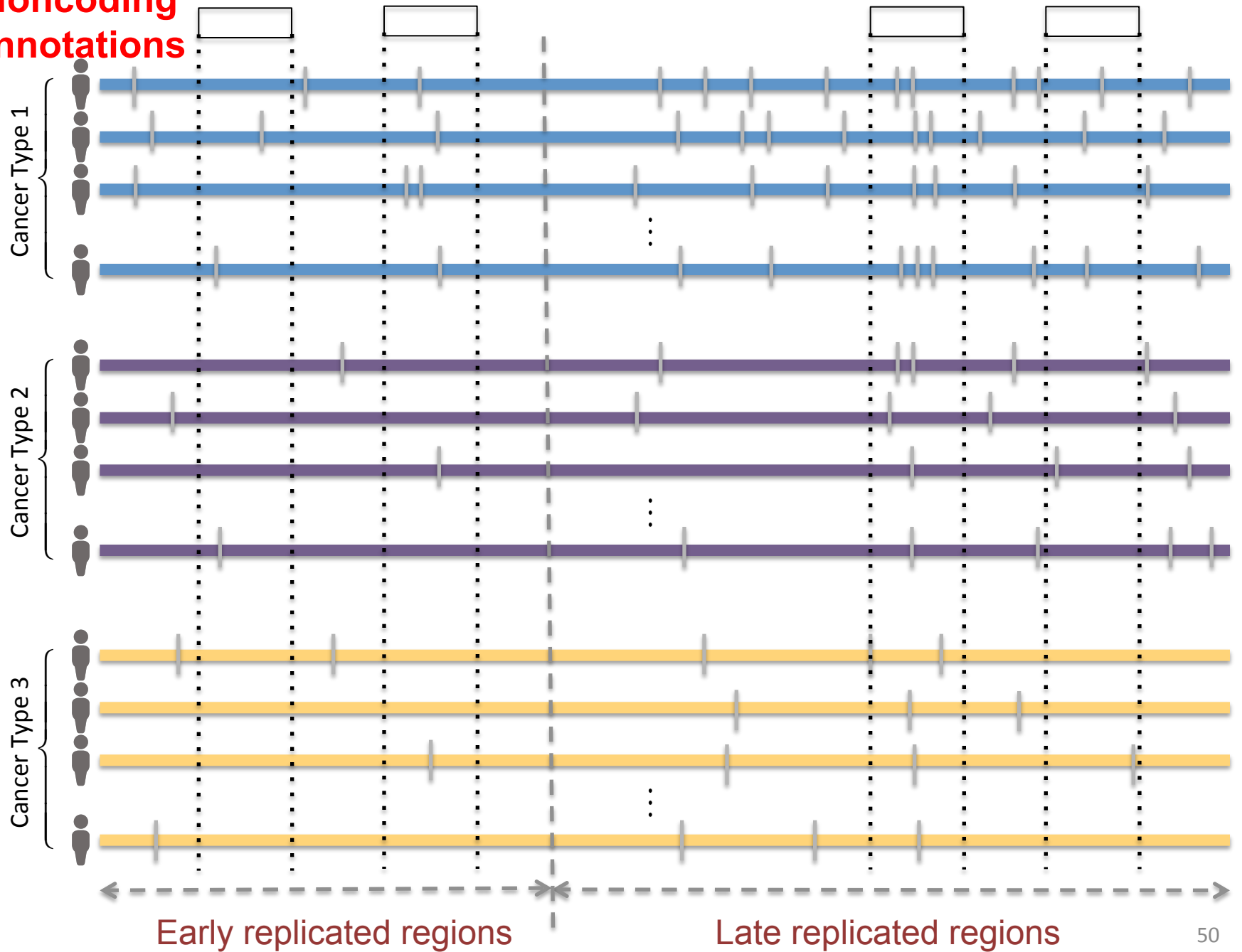


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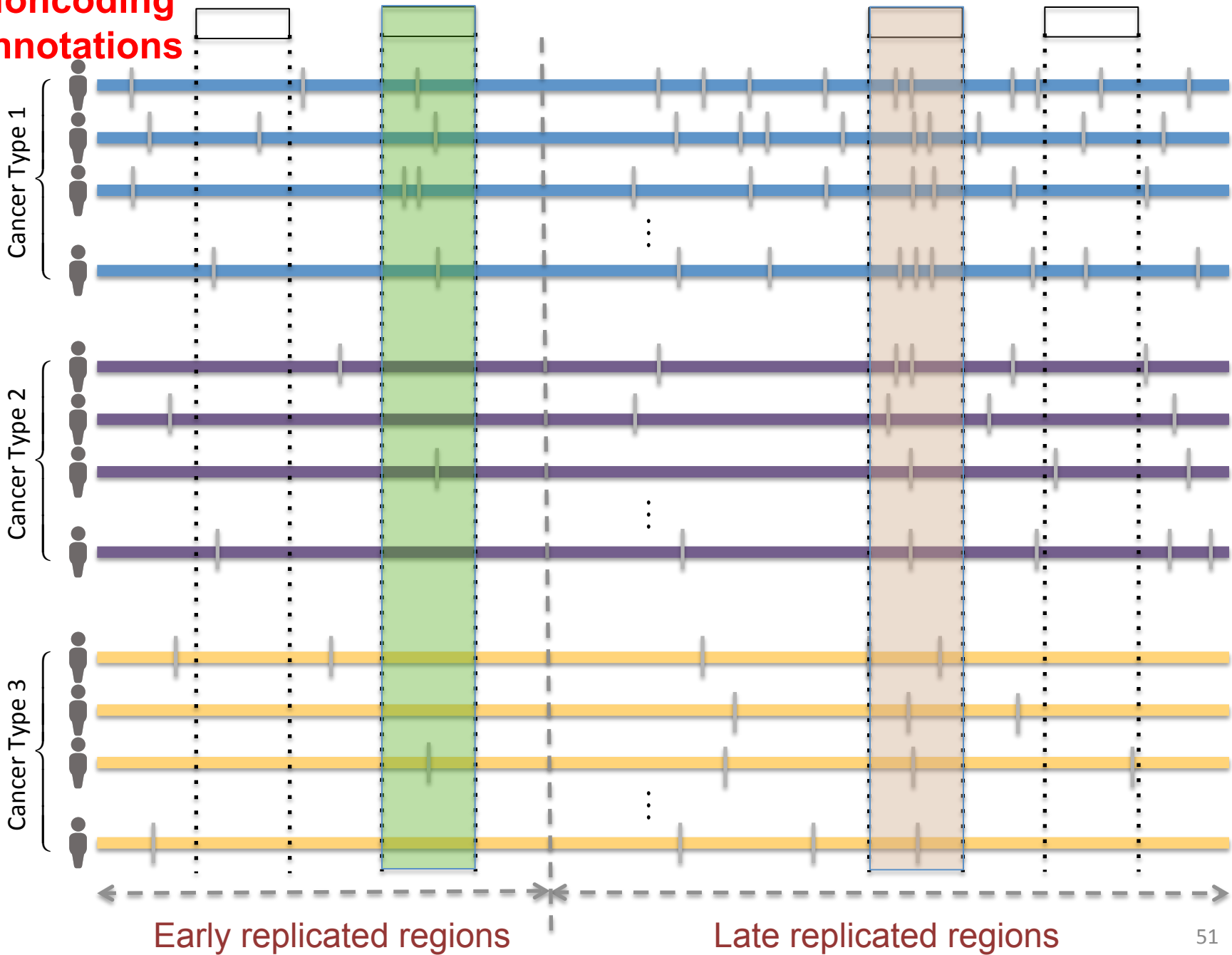




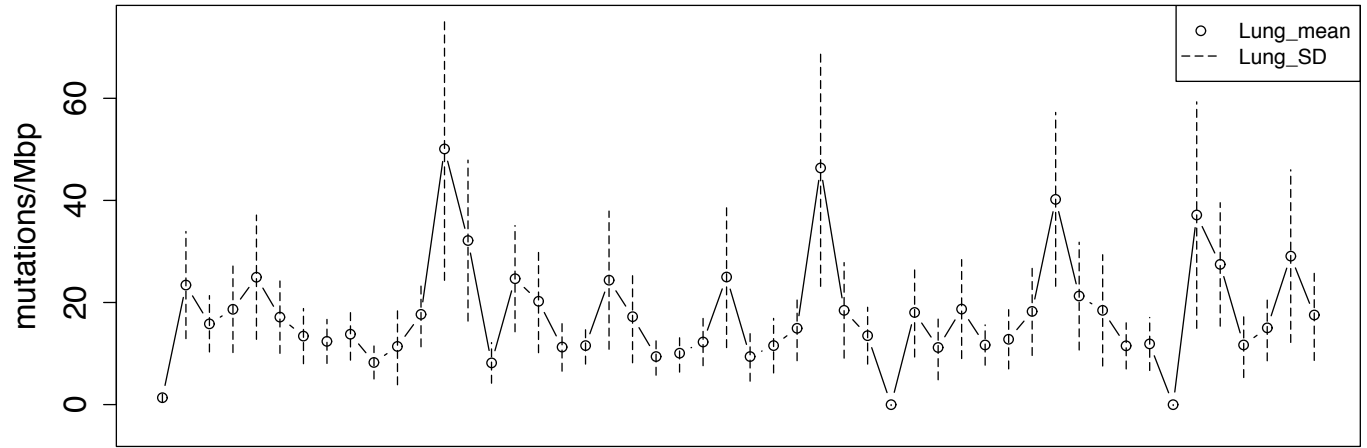
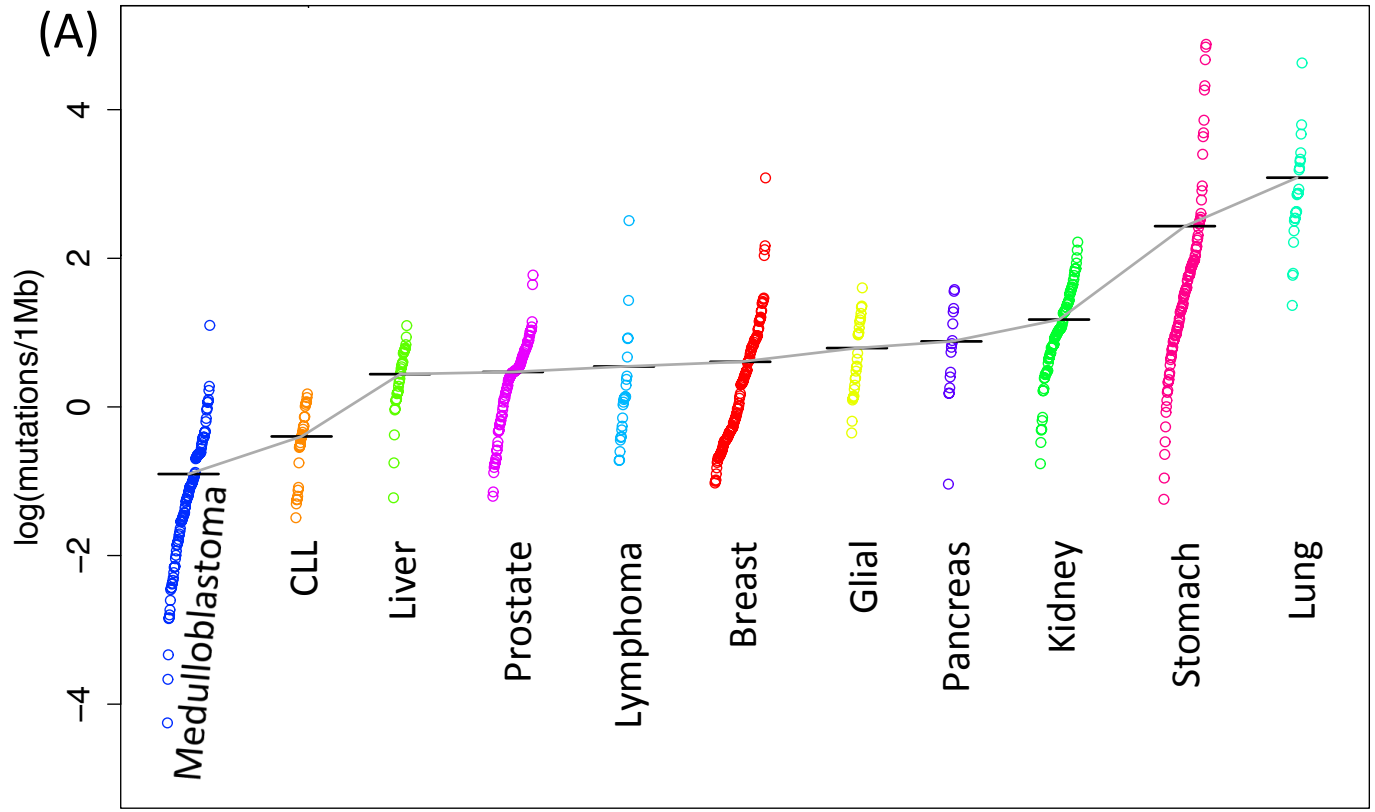
# Noncoding annotations



**Noncoding annotations**



# Cancer Somatic Mutational Heterogeneity, across cancer types, samples & regions



1 Mbp genome regions (locations chosen at random)

# Cancer Somatic Mutation Modeling

- 3 models to evaluate the significance of mutation burden
- Suppose there are  $k$  genome elements. For element  $i$ , define:
  - $n_i$ : total number of nucleotides
  - $x_i$ : the number of mutations within the element
  - $p_i$ : the mutation rate
  - $R$ : the replication timing bin of the element

**Model 1: Constant Background Mutation Rate (Model from Previous Work)**

$$x_i : \text{Binomial}(n_i, p)$$

**Model 2: Varying Mutation Rate**

$$x_i | p_i : \text{Binomial}(n_i, p_i)$$

$$p_i : \text{Beta}(\mu, \sigma)$$

**Model 3: Varying Mutation Rate with Replication Timing Correction**

$$x_i | p_i : \text{Binomial}(n_i, p_i)$$

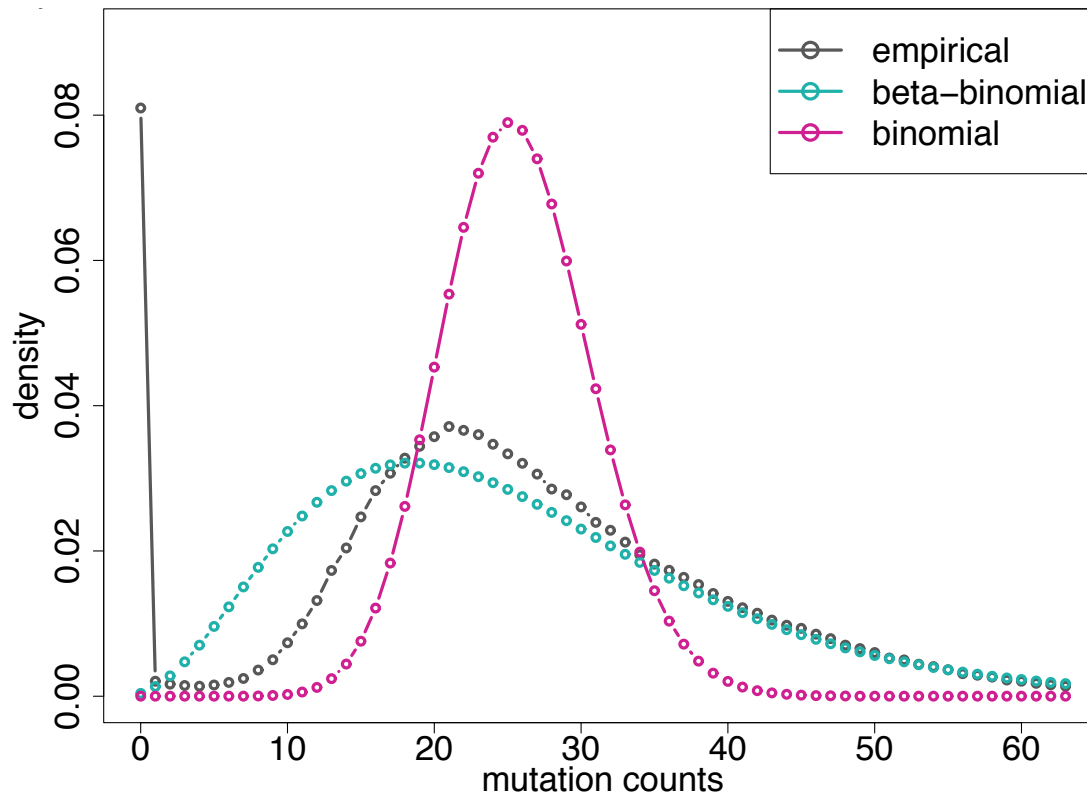
$$p_i : \text{Beta}(\mu | \mathbf{R}, \sigma | \mathbf{R})$$

$$\mu | \mathbf{R}, \sigma | \mathbf{R} : \text{constant within the same } \mathbf{R} \text{ bin}$$

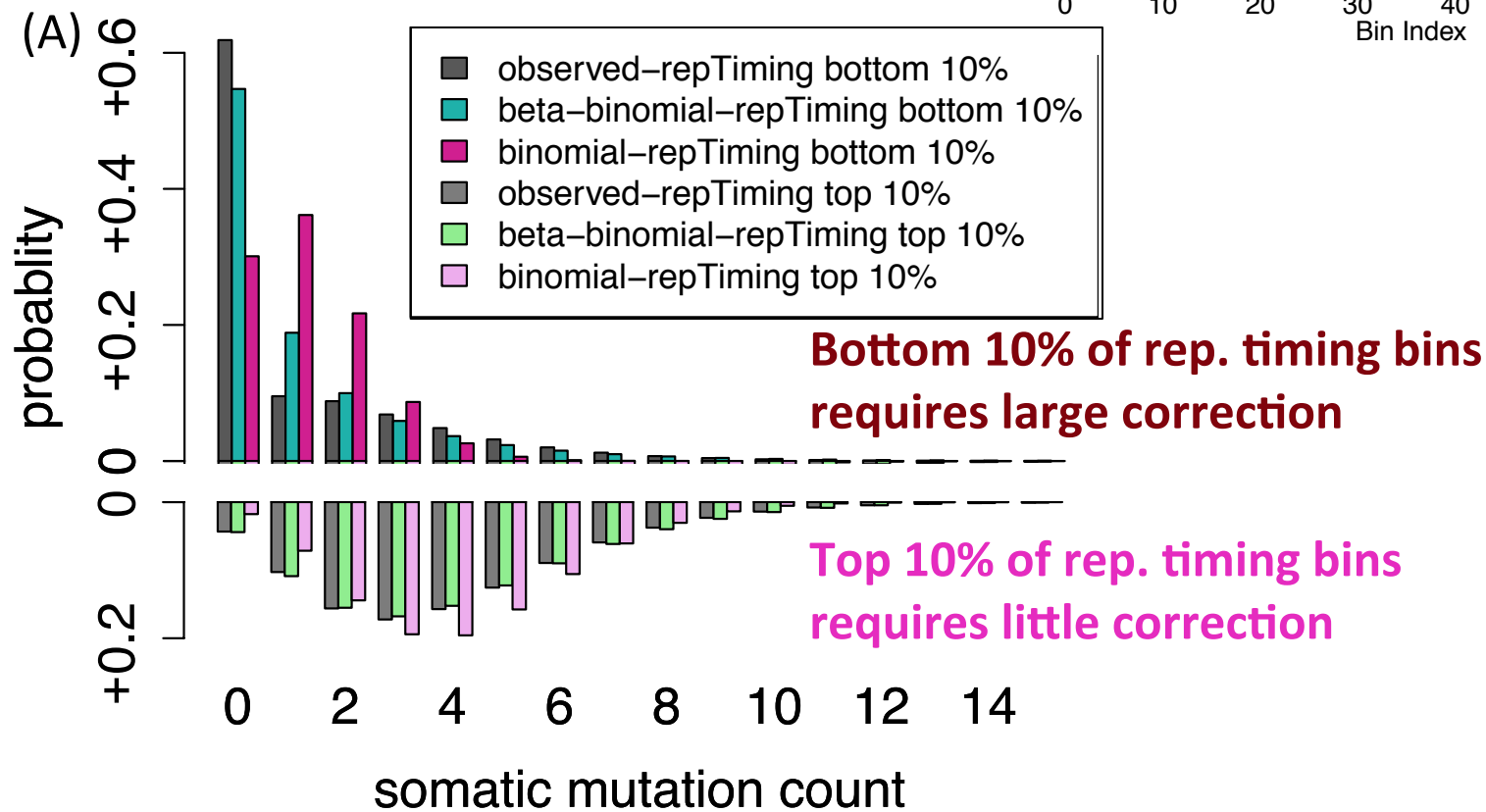
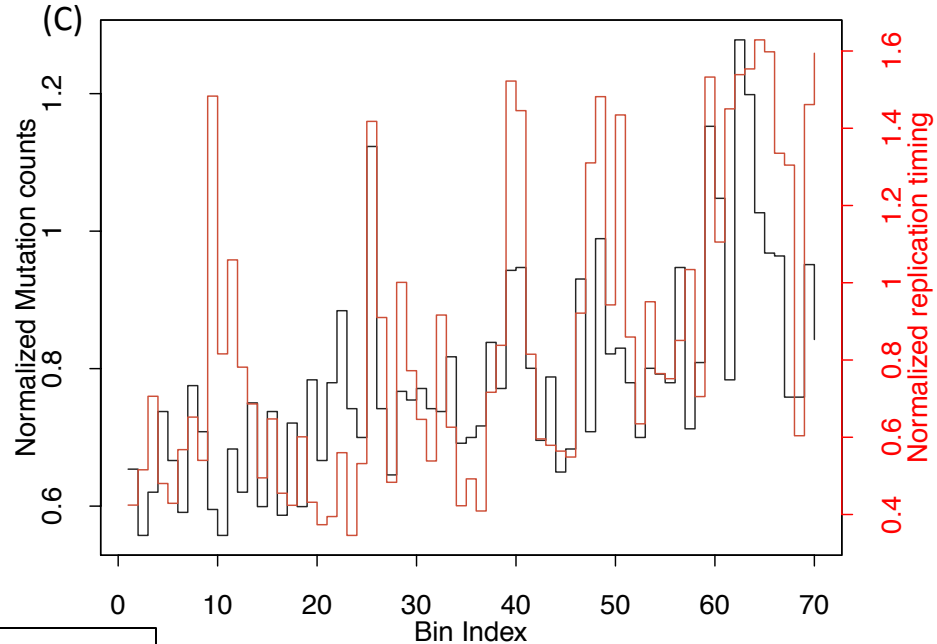
[Lochovsky et al. *NAR* ('15)]

# LARVA Model Comparison

- Comparison of mutation count frequency implied by the binomial model (model 1) and the beta-binomial model (model 2) relative to the empirical distribution
- The beta-binomial distribution is significantly better, especially for accurately modeling the over-dispersion of the empirical distribution

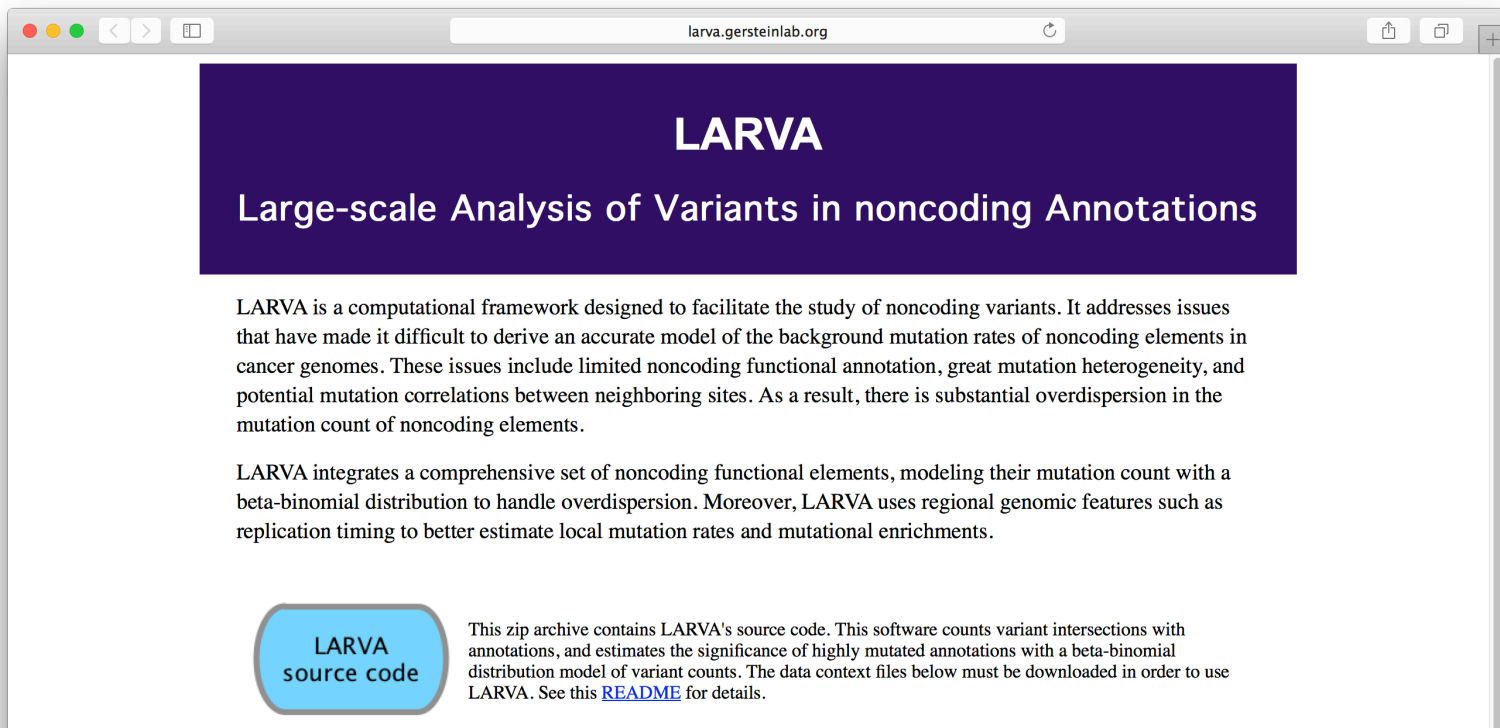


# Adding DNA replication timing correction further improves the beta-binomial model



# LARVA Implementation

- <http://larva.gersteinlab.org/>
- Freely downloadable C++ program
  - Verified compilation and correct execution on Linux
- A Docker image is also available to download
  - Runs on any operating system supported by Docker
- Running time on transcription factor binding sites (a worst case input size) is ~80 min
  - Running time scales linearly with the number of annotations in the input



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [larva.gersteinlab.org](http://larva.gersteinlab.org/). The page features a dark purple header with the text "LARVA" in white, followed by the subtitle "Large-scale Analysis of Variants in noncoding Annotations" in white. Below the header, there is a paragraph of text describing LARVA as a computational framework for studying noncoding variants. A second paragraph explains how LARVA integrates noncoding functional elements and regional genomic features. At the bottom, there is a blue button labeled "LARVA source code" and a link to a README file.

**LARVA**  
Large-scale Analysis of Variants in noncoding Annotations

LARVA is a computational framework designed to facilitate the study of noncoding variants. It addresses issues that have made it difficult to derive an accurate model of the background mutation rates of noncoding elements in cancer genomes. These issues include limited noncoding functional annotation, great mutation heterogeneity, and potential mutation correlations between neighboring sites. As a result, there is substantial overdispersion in the mutation count of noncoding elements.

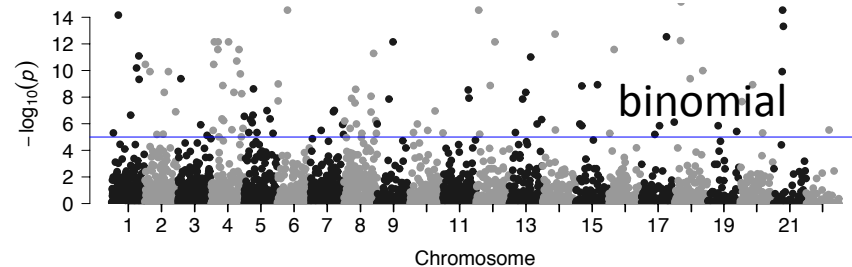
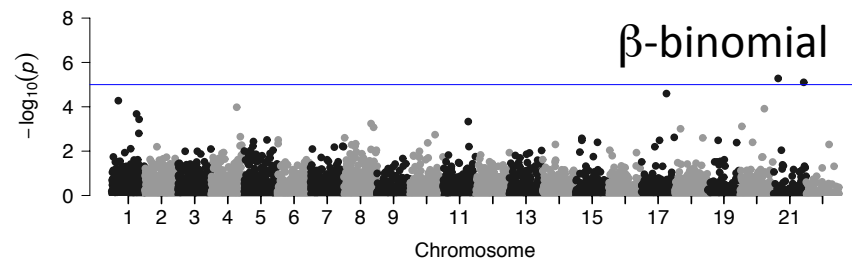
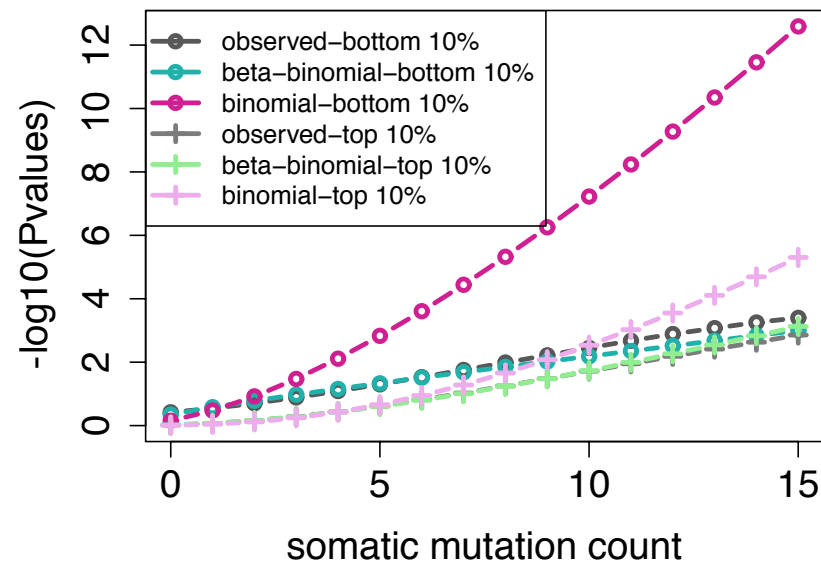
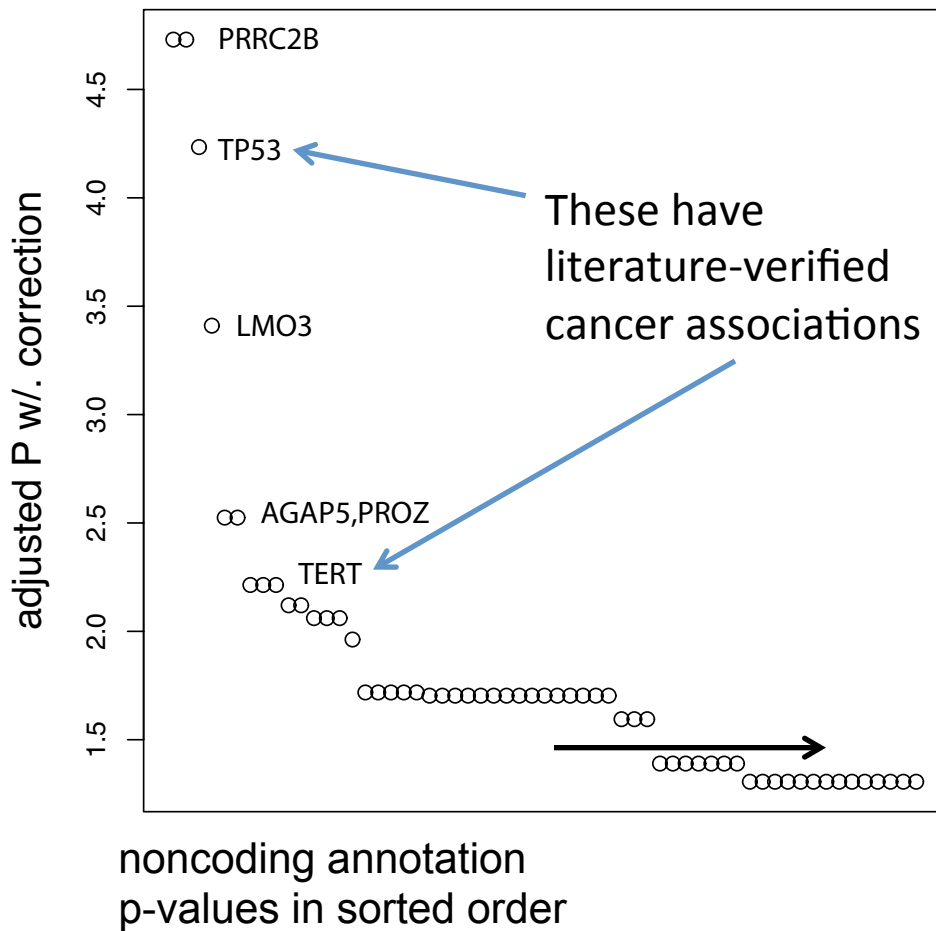
LARVA integrates a comprehensive set of noncoding functional elements, modeling their mutation count with a beta-binomial distribution to handle overdispersion. Moreover, LARVA uses regional genomic features such as replication timing to better estimate local mutation rates and mutational enrichments.

**LARVA source code** This zip archive contains LARVA's source code. This software counts variant intersections with annotations, and estimates the significance of highly mutated annotations with a beta-binomial distribution model of variant counts. The data context files below must be downloaded in order to use LARVA. See this [README](#) for details.



# LARVA Results

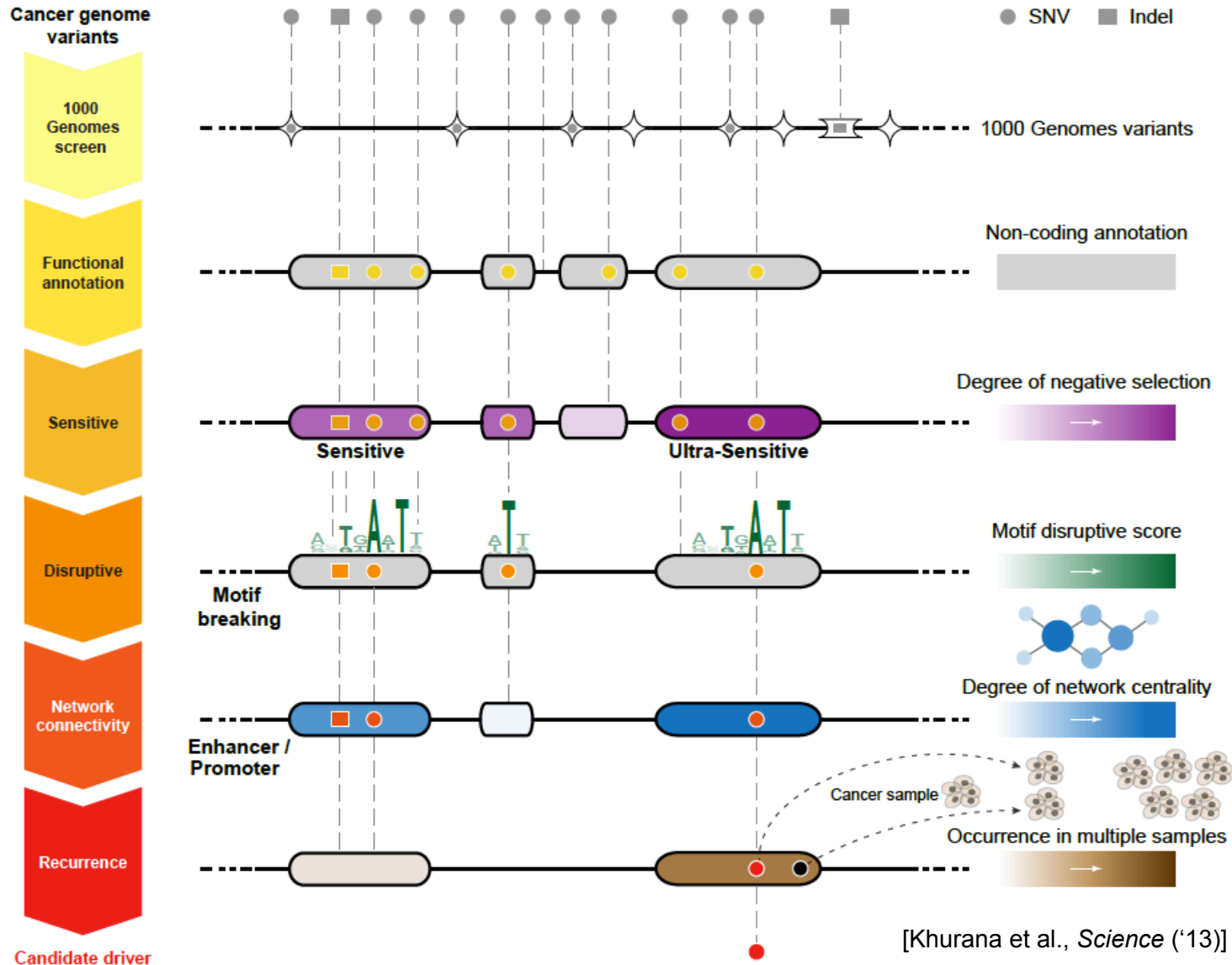
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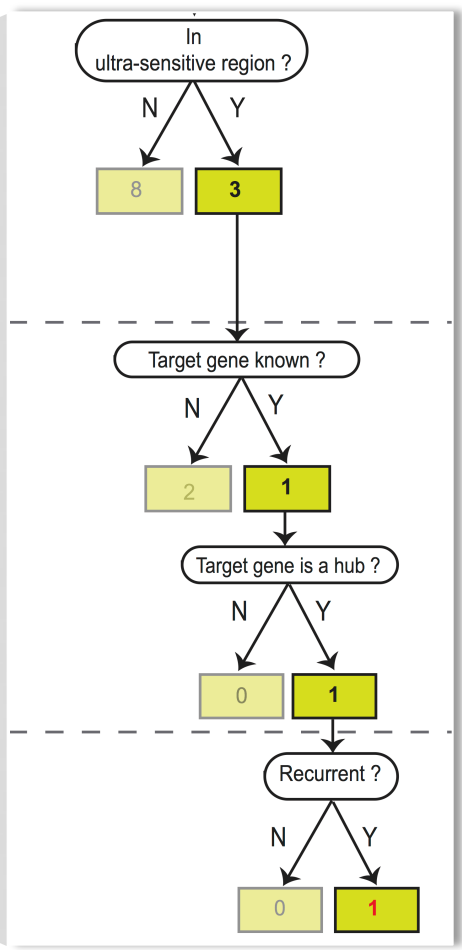
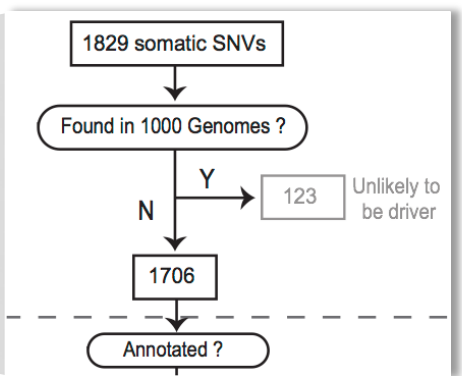
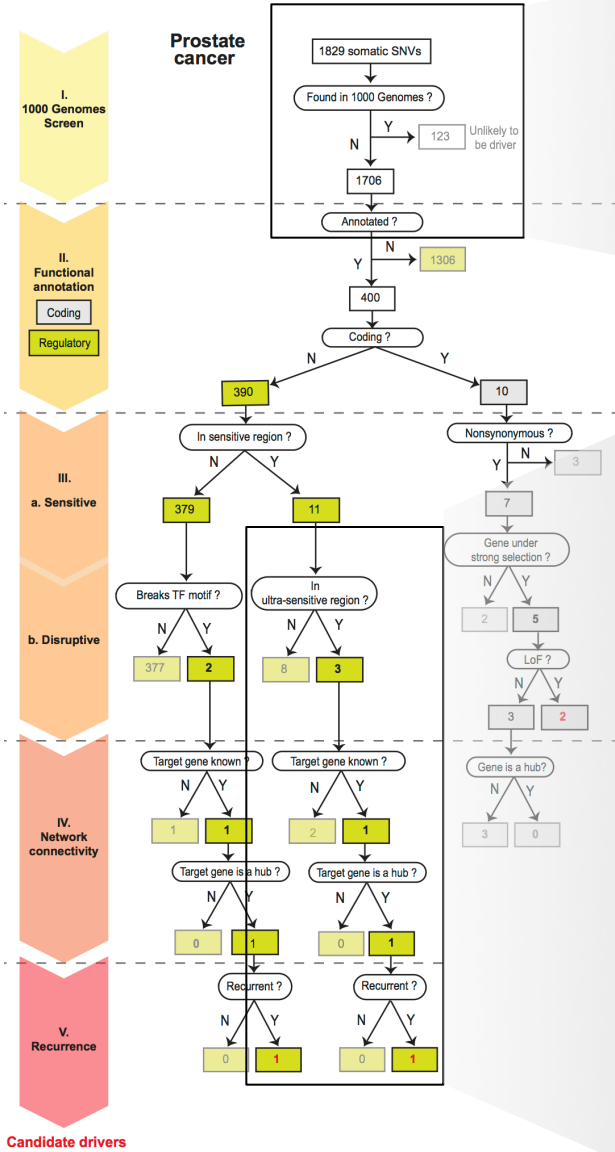
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# Identification of non-coding candidate drivers amongst somatic variants: Scheme



# Flowchart for 1 Prostate Cancer Genome (from Berger et al. '11)





Overview

This tool is specialized to prioritize somatic variants from cancer whole genome sequencing. It contains two components : 1) building data context from various resources; 2) variants prioritization. We provided downloadable scripts for users to customize the data context (found under 'Downloads'). The variants prioritization step is downloadable, and also implemented as web server (Right Panel), with pre-processed data context.

Instructions

- ♣ Input File - BED or VCF formatted. Click "green" button to add multiple files. With multiple files, the tool will do recurrent analysis. (Note: for BED format, user can put variants from multiple genomes in one file, see [Sample input file](#) .)
- ♣ Recurrence DB - User can choose particular cancer type from the database. The DB will continue be updated with newly available WGS data.
- ♣ Gene List - Option to analyze variants associated with particular set of genes. Note: Please use Gene Symbols, one row per gene.
- ♣ Differential Gene Expression Analysis - Option to detect differentially expressed genes in RNA-Seq data. Two files needed: expression file & class label file. Please refer to [Expression input files](#) for instructions to prepare those files.

♣ Note: In addition to on-site calculation, we also provide scores for all possible noncoding SNVs of GRCh37/hg19 under 'Downloads' (without annotation and recurrence analysis).

Input File: (only for hg19 SNVs)

Choose File No file chosen

BED or VCF files as input. [Sample input file](#)

Output Format:

bed

MAF:

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Minor allele frequency threshold to filter polymorphisms from 1KG (value 0~1)

Cancer Type from Recurrence DB: [Summary table](#)

All Cancer Types

[Add a gene list](#) (Optional)

[Add differential gene expression analysis](#) (Optional)

Upload

Site integrates user variants with large-scale context

Data Context

Variant Prioritization

Weighted scoring scheme

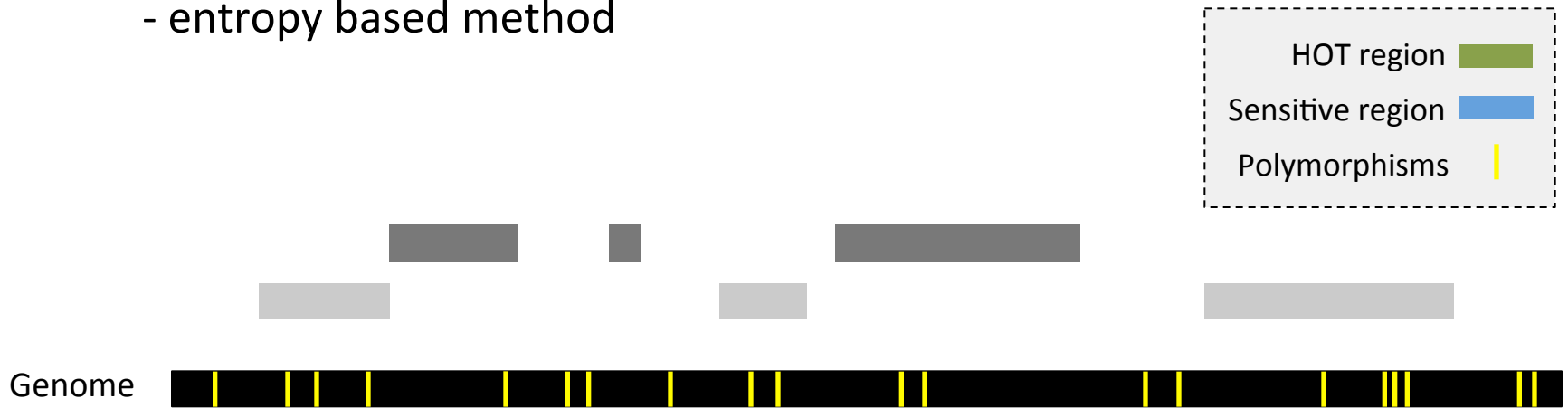
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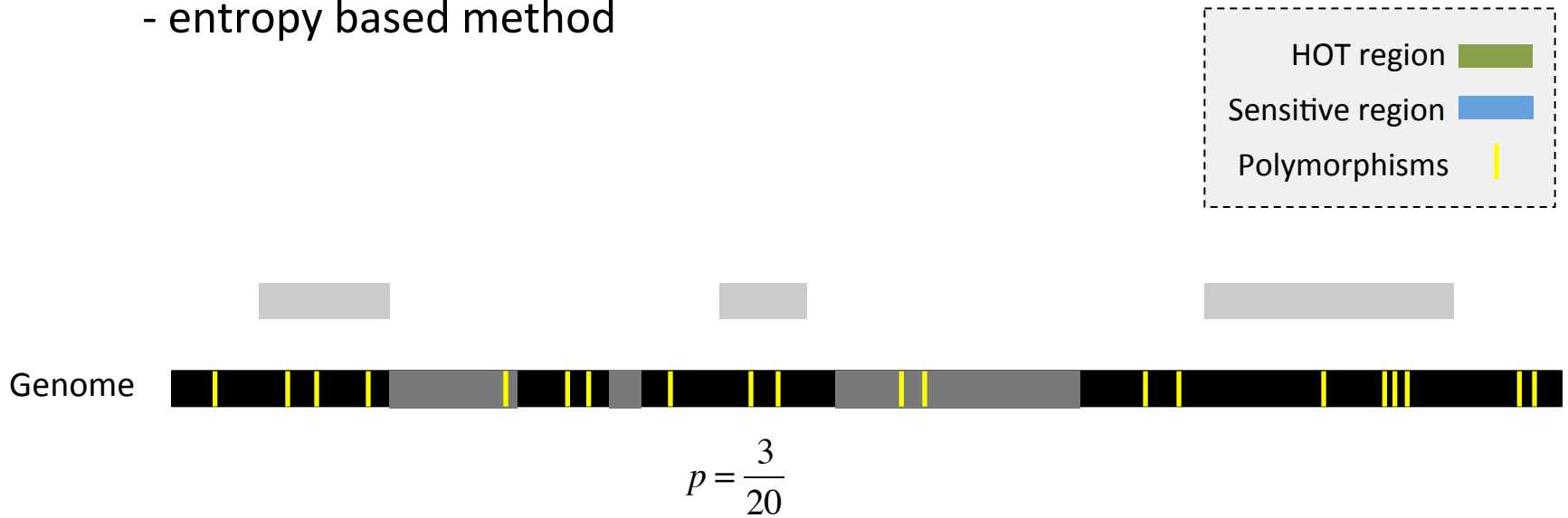
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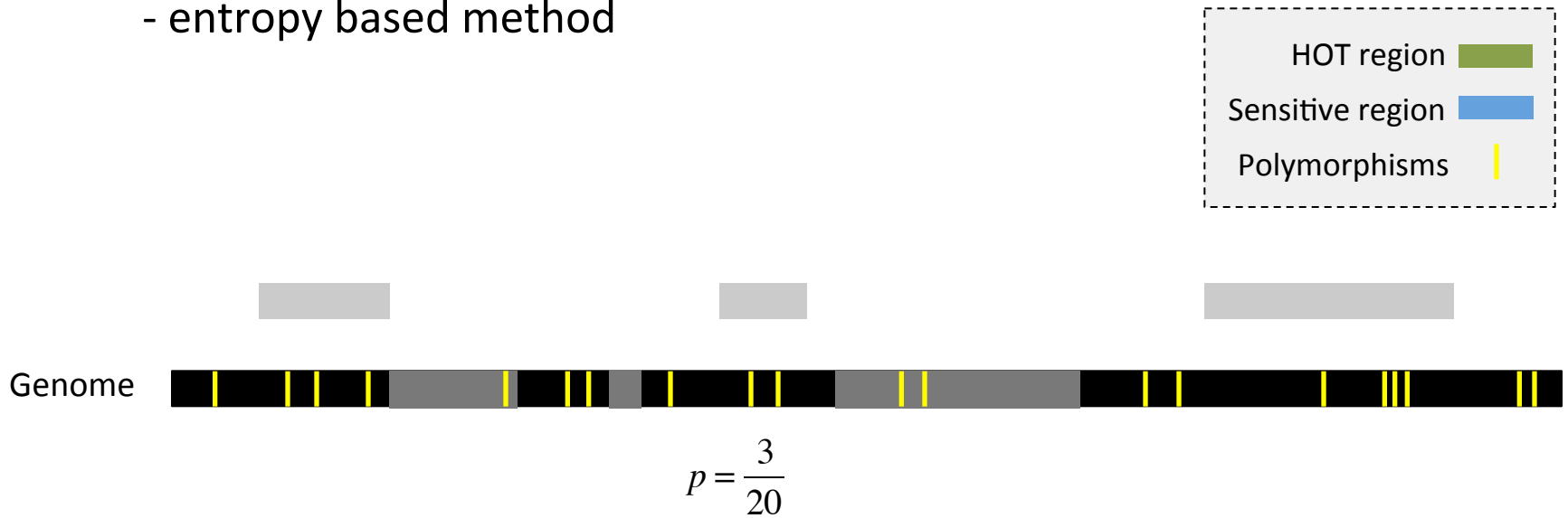


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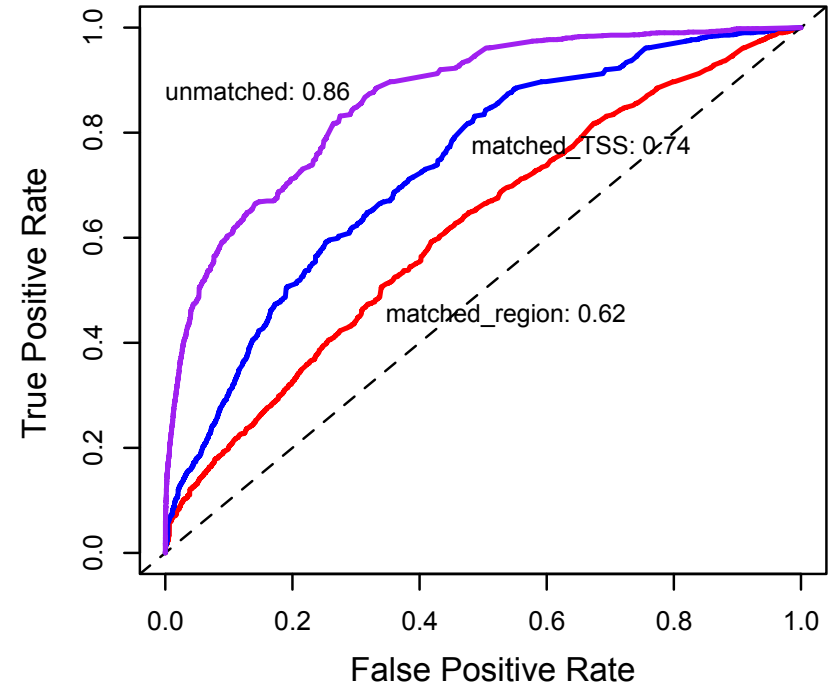
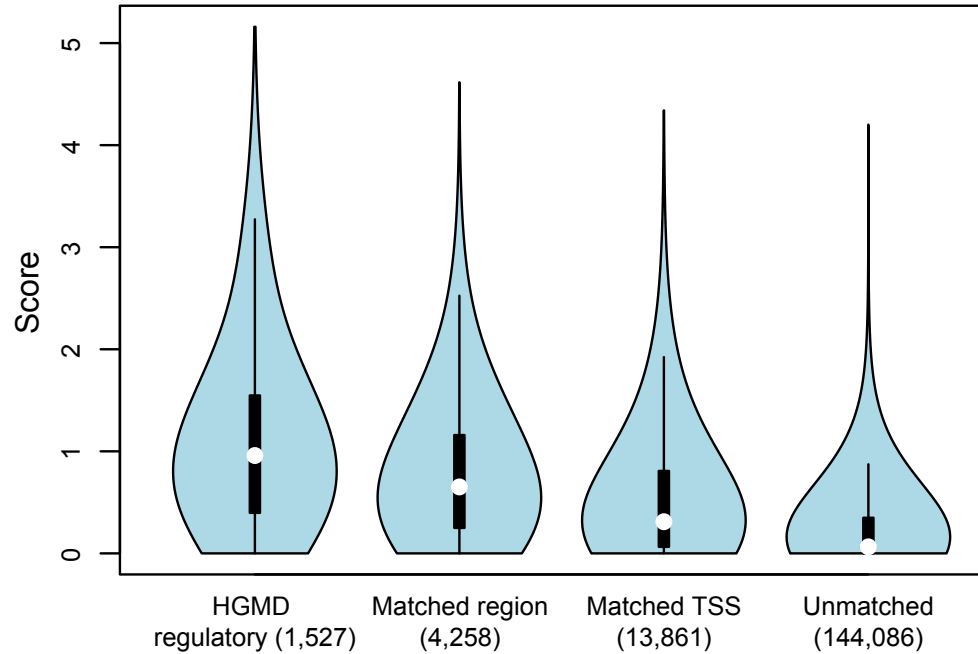


Feature weight:  $w_d = 1 + p_d \log_2 p_d + (1 - p_d) \log_2 (1 - p_d)$

$p \uparrow$     $w_d \downarrow$     $p = \text{probability of the feature overlapping natural polymorphisms}$

For a variant:  $\text{Score} = \sum w_d$  of observed features

# Germline pathogenic variants show higher core scores than controls



3 controls with natural polymorphisms (allele frequency  $\geq 1\%$  )

1. Matched region: 1kb around HGMD variants

2. Matched TSS: matched for distance to TSS

3. Unmatched: randomly selected

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