

# Analysis of Personal Genomes: Evaluating the impact of variants in exomes using protein structure & allelic activity

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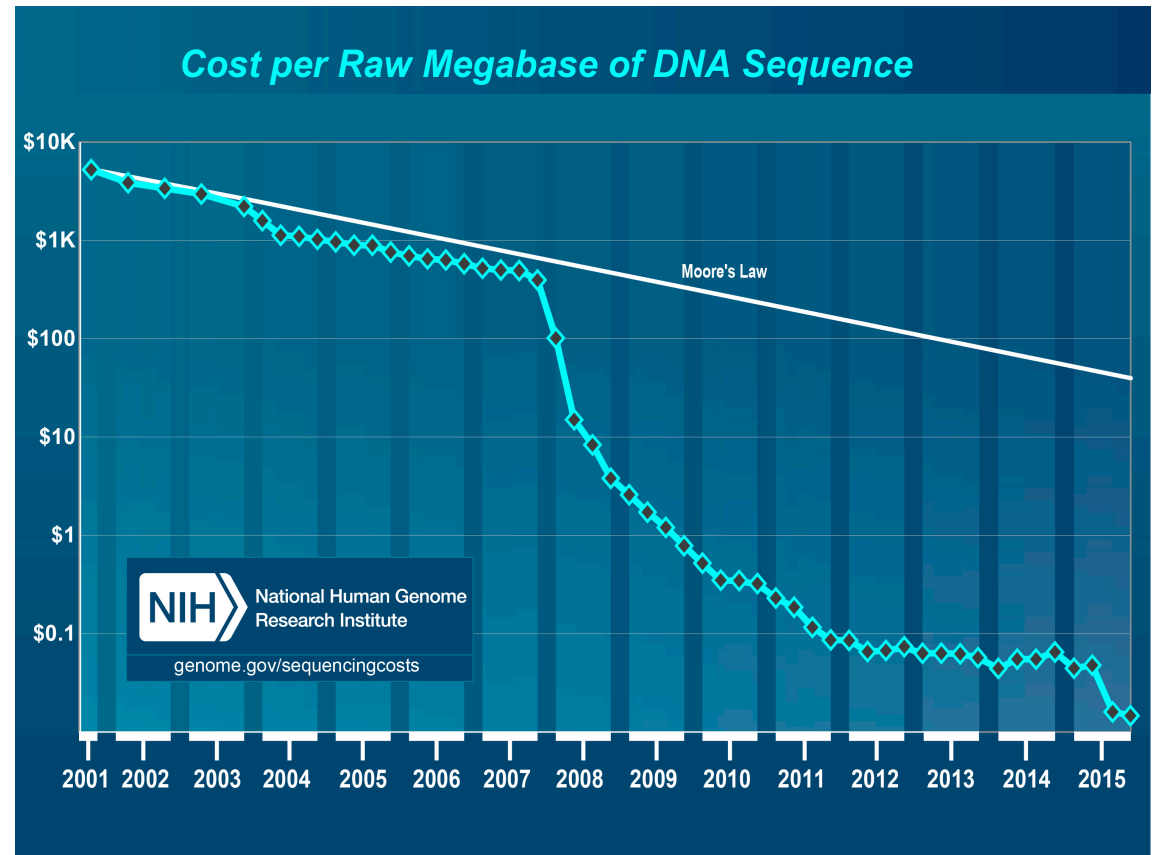
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See last slide for more info.

# 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).

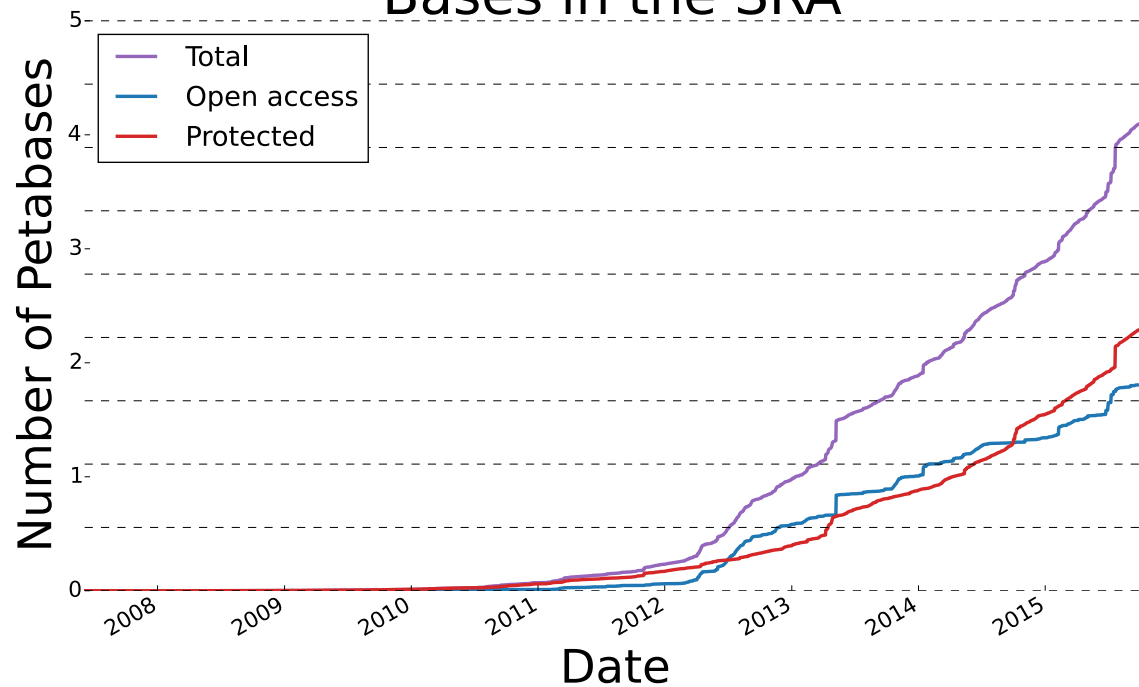




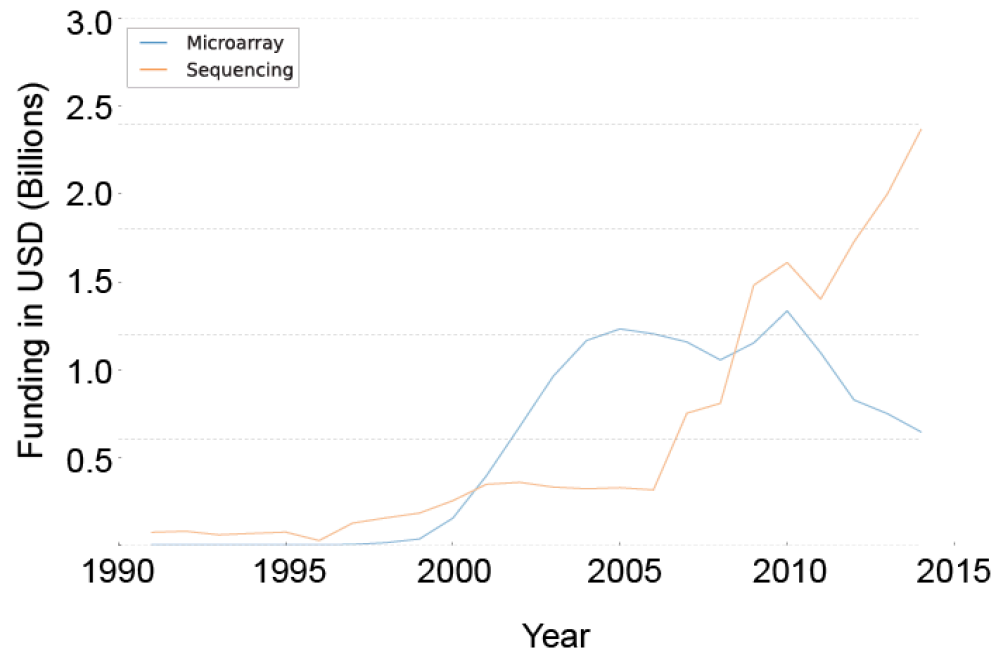
# Sequencing cost reductions have resulted in an explosion of data

- 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



# Human Genetic Variation

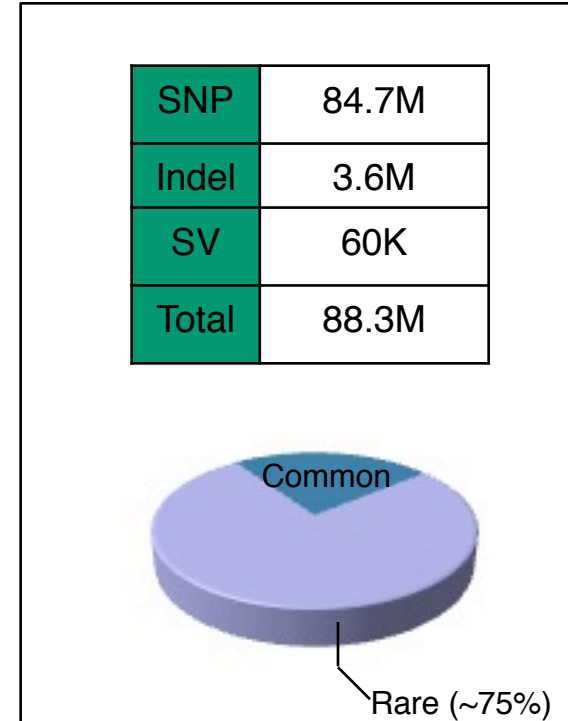
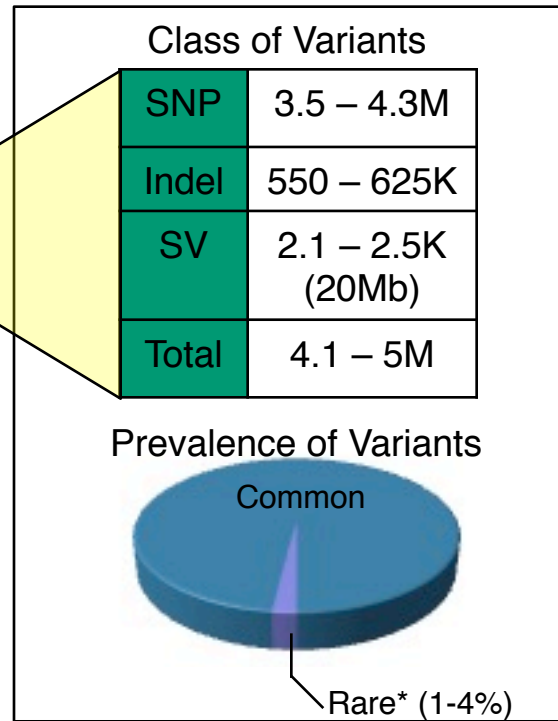
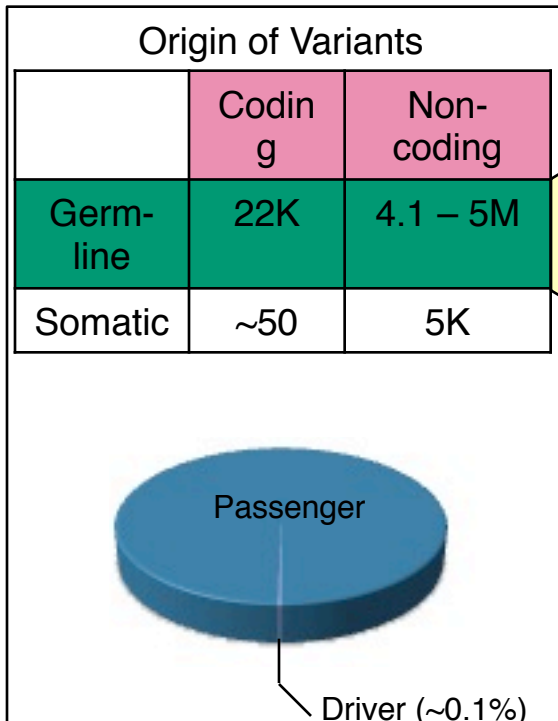
A Cancer Genome



A Typical Genome



Population of 2,504 people



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

## CAN YOU FIND THE PANDA?

# 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

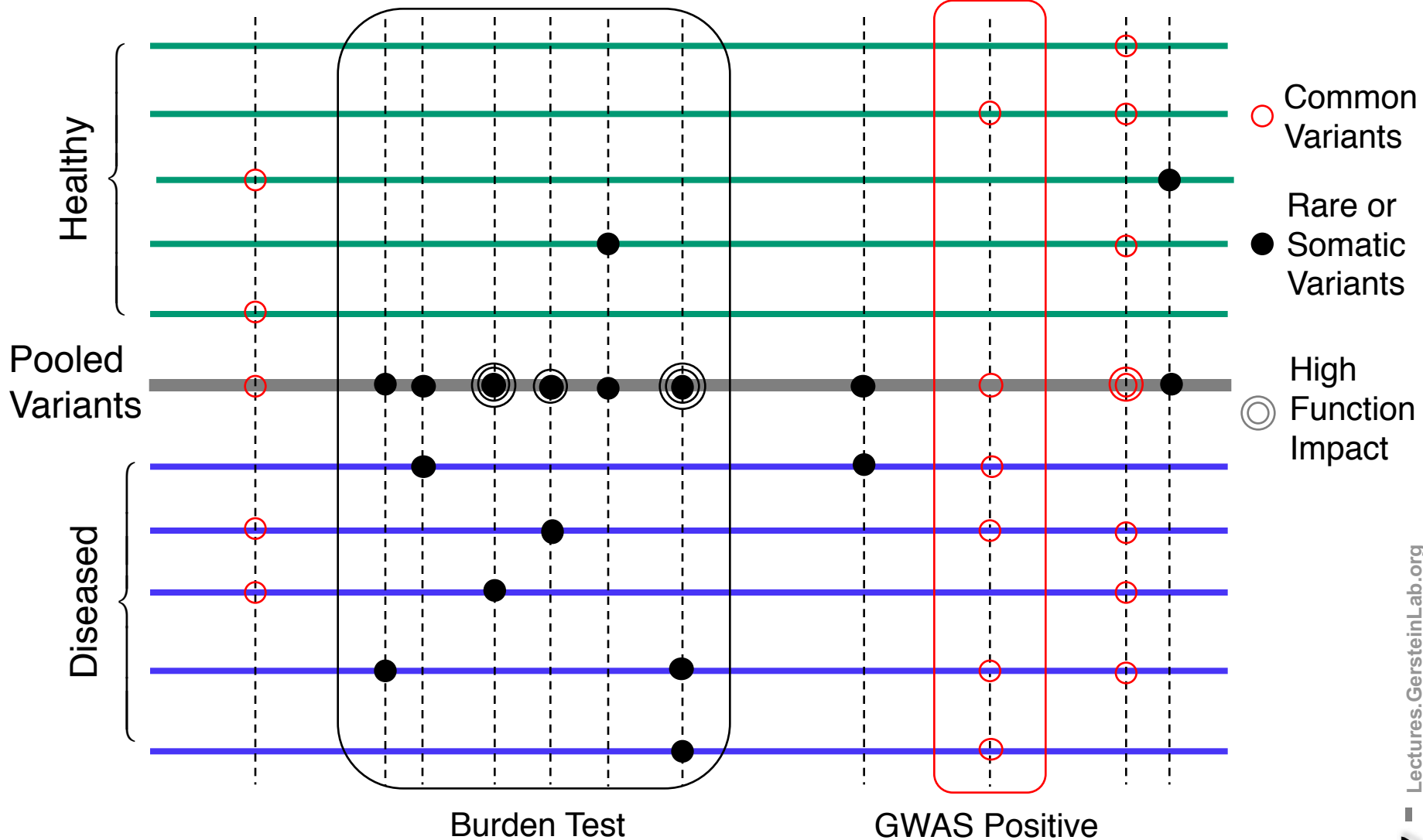
- Driver mutation is a mutation that directly or indirectly confers a selective growth advantage to the cell in which it occurs.
- A typical tumor contains 2-8 drivers; the remaining mutations are passengers.

### • 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



# Rare variant analysis particularly applicable at the moment to Exomes

- CMG rare disease variants & TCGA somatic variants
  - Main NIH disease genomic project
  - Both of these focus on "rare" variant for which GWAS is not meaningful
  - Larger numbers of individual exomes more important than WGS

**Centers for Mendelian Genomics**

The Centers for Mendelian Genomics (CMG) use genome-wide sequencing and other genomic approaches to discover the genetic basis underlying as many Mendelian traits as possible, and accelerate discoveries by disseminating the obtained knowledge and effective approaches, reaching out to individual investigators, and coordinating with other rare disease programs worldwide.

The currently funded CMG are: the [Baylor-Hopkins CMG](#), the Broad Institute CMG, the [University of Washington CMG](#), and the [Yale University CMG](#). Please direct inquiries about collaborations directly to the centers.

The CMGs contribute to the overall field of Mendelian genetics which has been responsible for many disease gene discoveries. See the detailed [Mendelian Traits by the Numbers report](#) for more information.

**Data Release and Sharing**

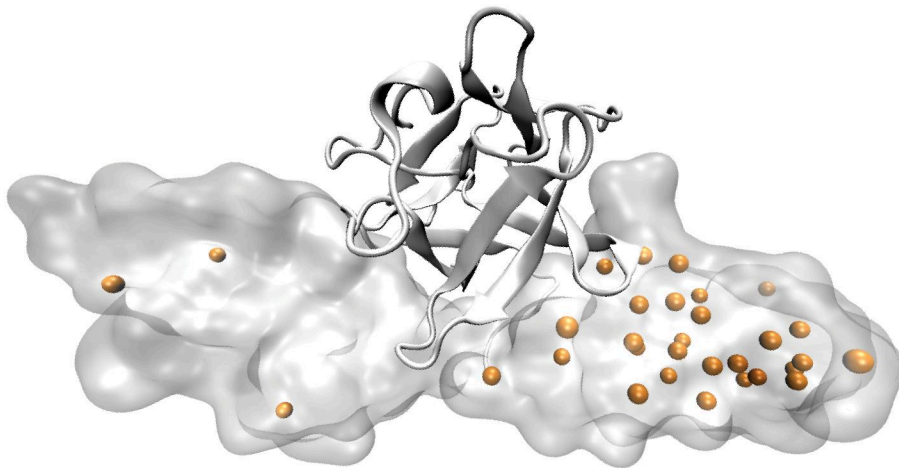
[Mechanisms of Data Release and Sharing](#)

**Latest Publications**

- [Reads meet rotamers: structural biology in the age of deep sequencing.](#)
- [Pathogenetics of alveolar capillary dysplasia with misalignment of pulmonary veins.](#)
- [Recessive Inactivating Mutations in TBCK, Encoding a Rab GTPase](#)

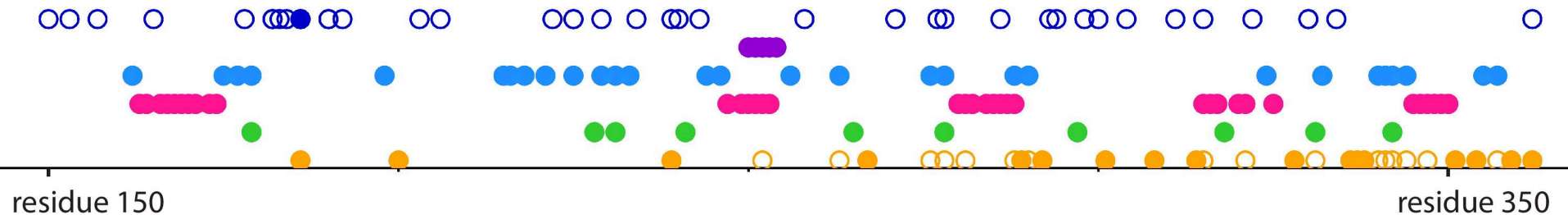
- Exomes have the current potential for great scale with the better impact interpretability of coding variants, often in a region of known protein structure
  - Scale of EXAC, >60K exomes [Lek et al. '16]

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## Developing Tools for evaluating the impact of rare variants in coding regions

- New tools to wring everything out of protein structure
  - Stress for finding cryptic sites
  - Frustration for rapidly evaluating packing changes
  - (MotifVar) Intensification for using the amplifying power of protein structural motifs (eg TPR)
- Another approach – looking for allelic variants



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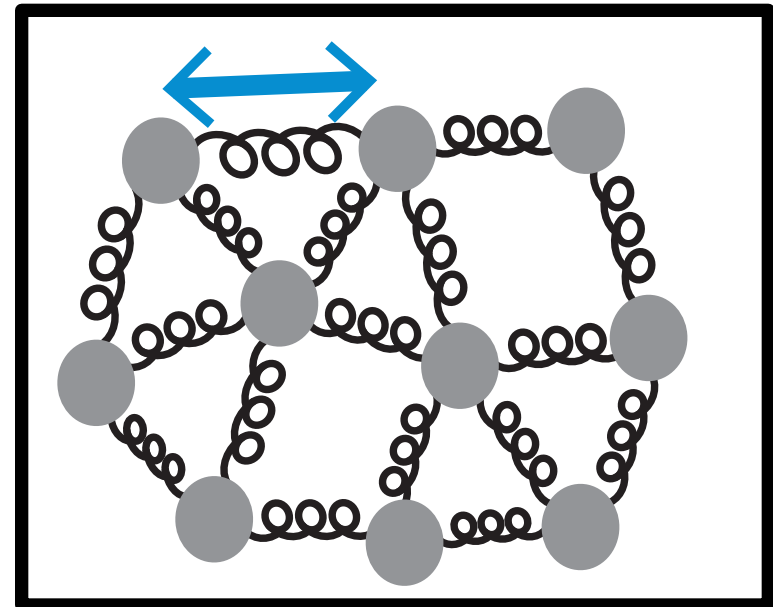
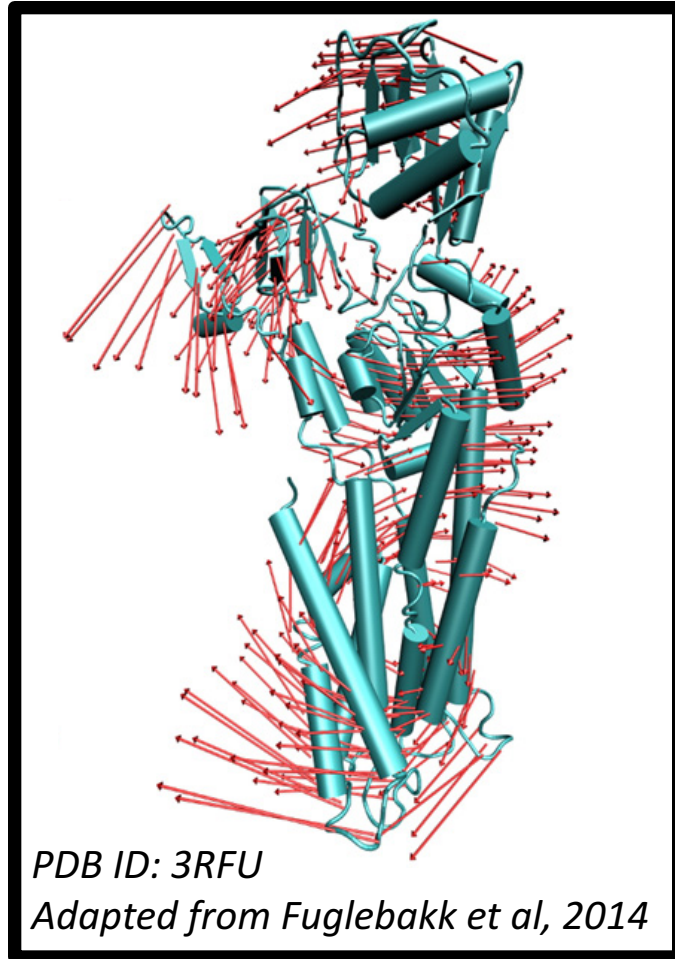
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# Models of Protein Conformational Change

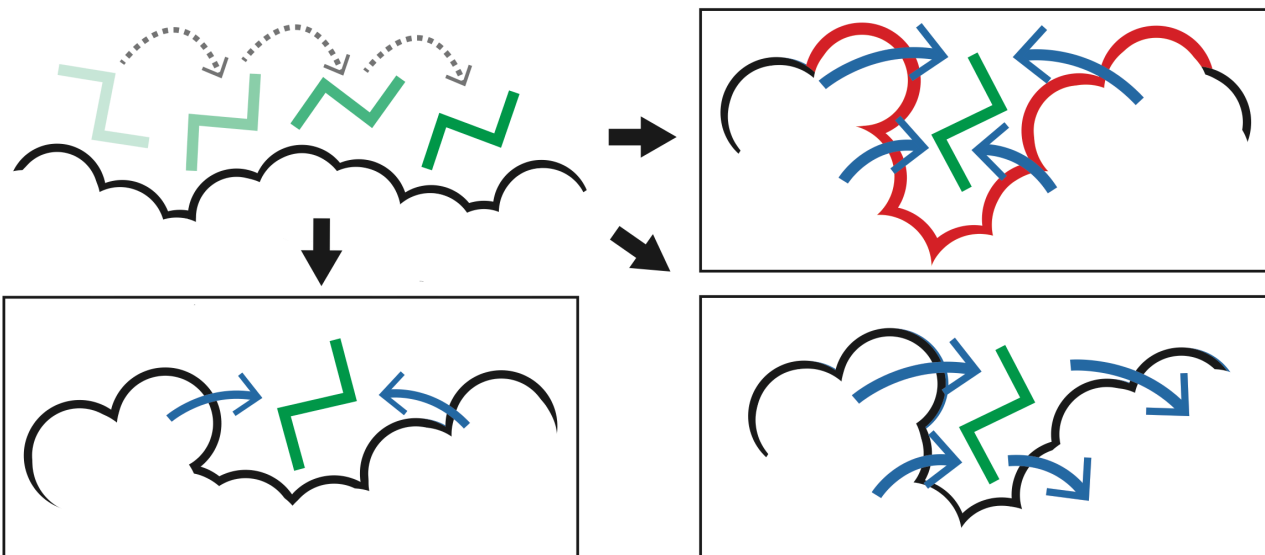
## Motion Vectors from Normal Modes (ANMs)



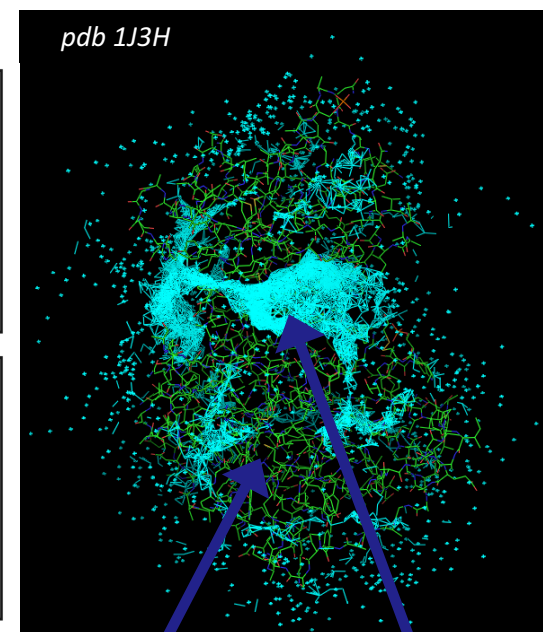
Characterizing uncharacterized variants  
<= Finding Allosteric sites  
<= Modeling motion

# 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



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



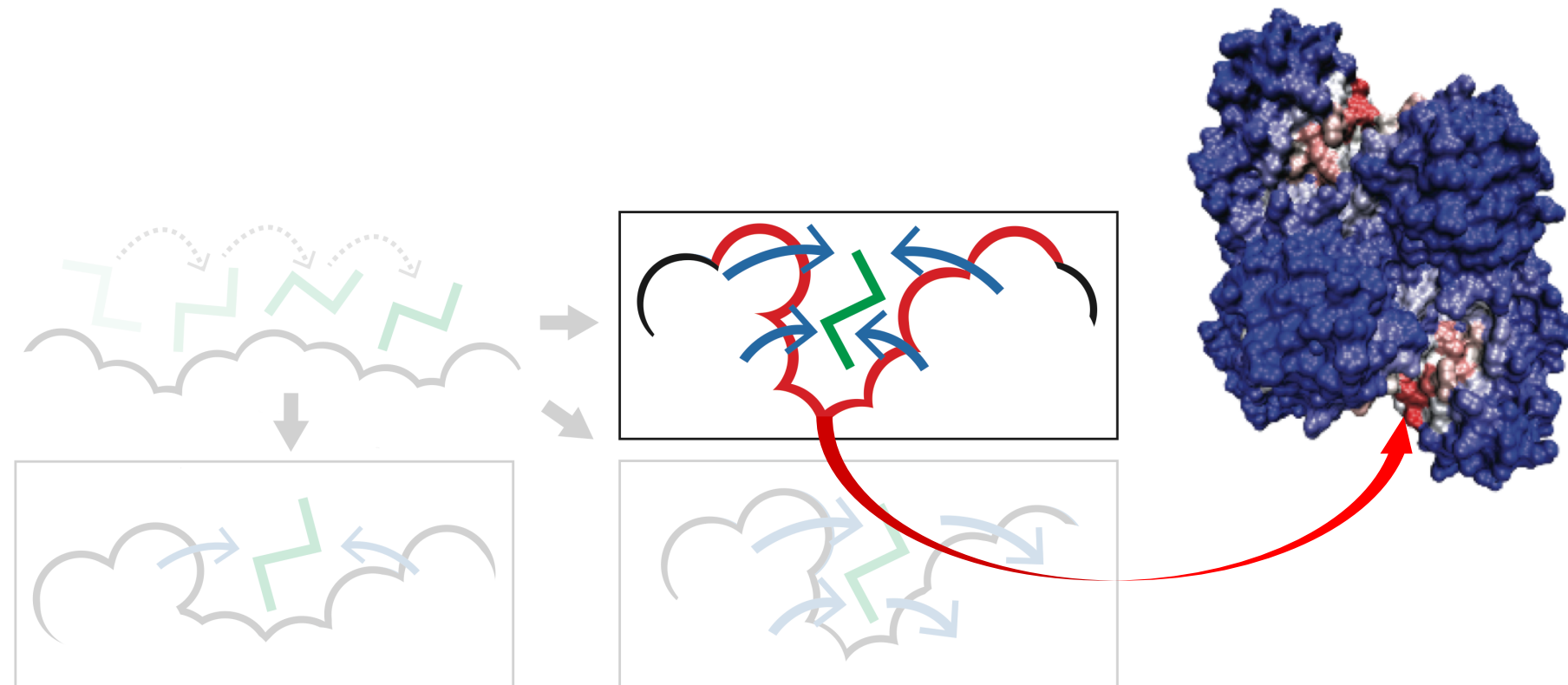
Surface region with high density of candidate sites

Surface region with low density of candidate sites

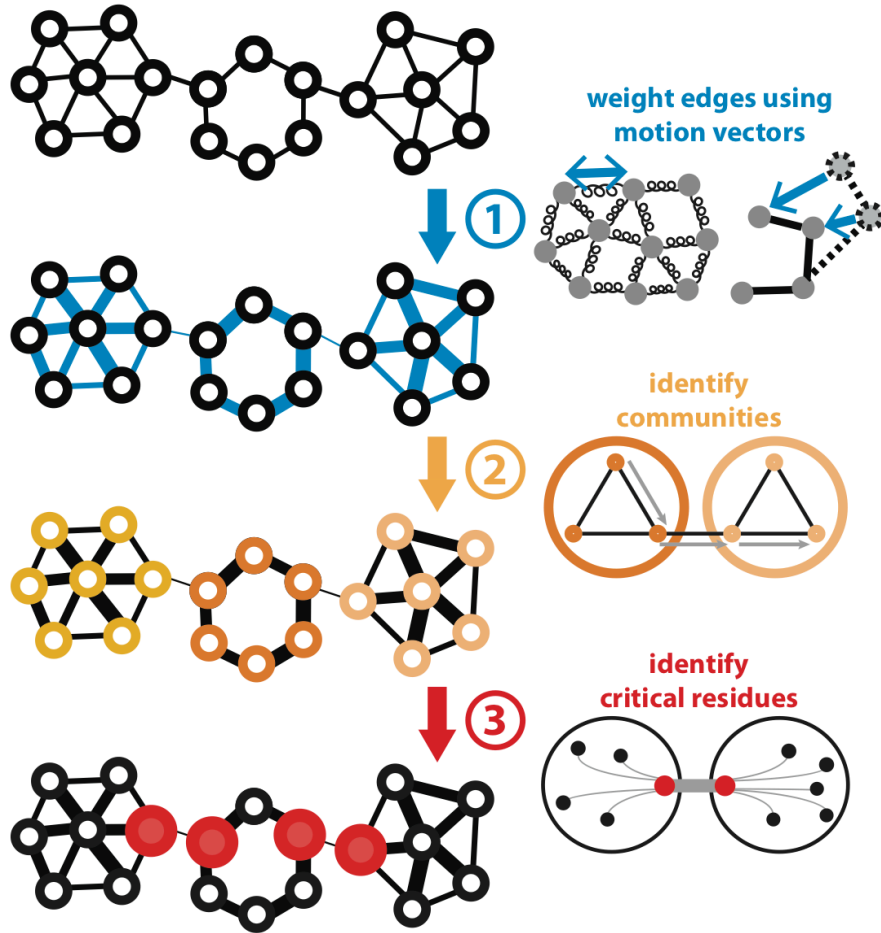


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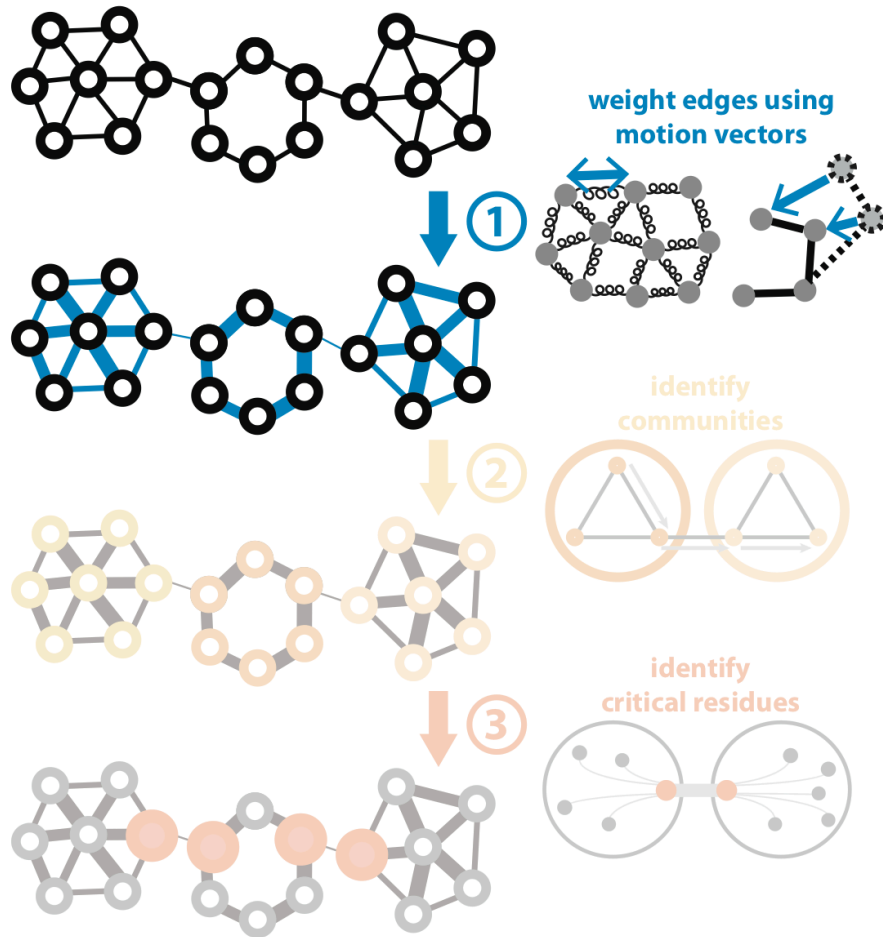
PDB: 3PFK



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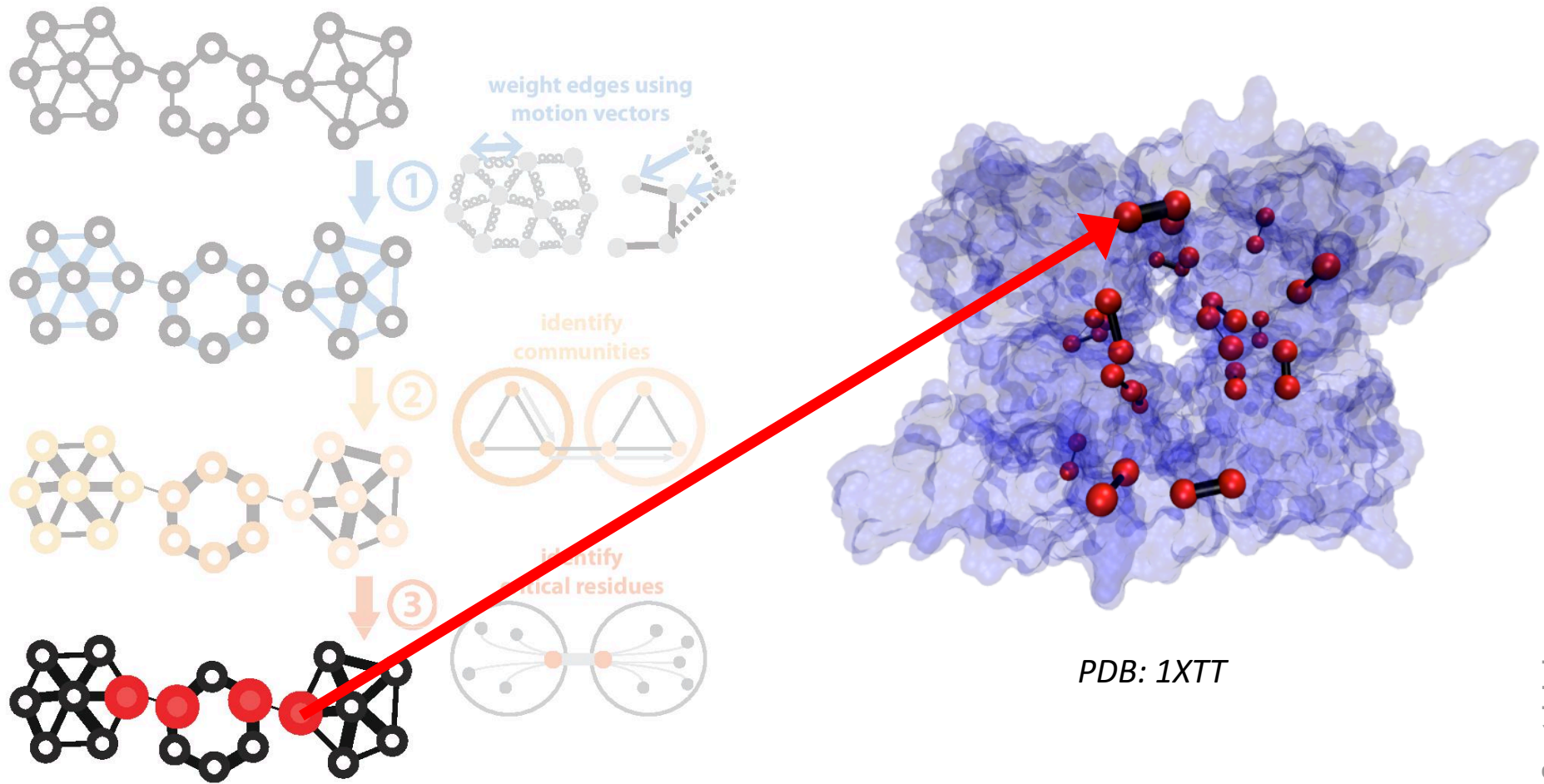


$$Cov_{ij} = \langle \mathbf{r}_i \cdot \mathbf{r}_j \rangle$$

$$C_{ij} = Cov_{ij} / \sqrt{(\langle \mathbf{r}_i^2 \rangle \langle \mathbf{r}_j^2 \rangle)}$$

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

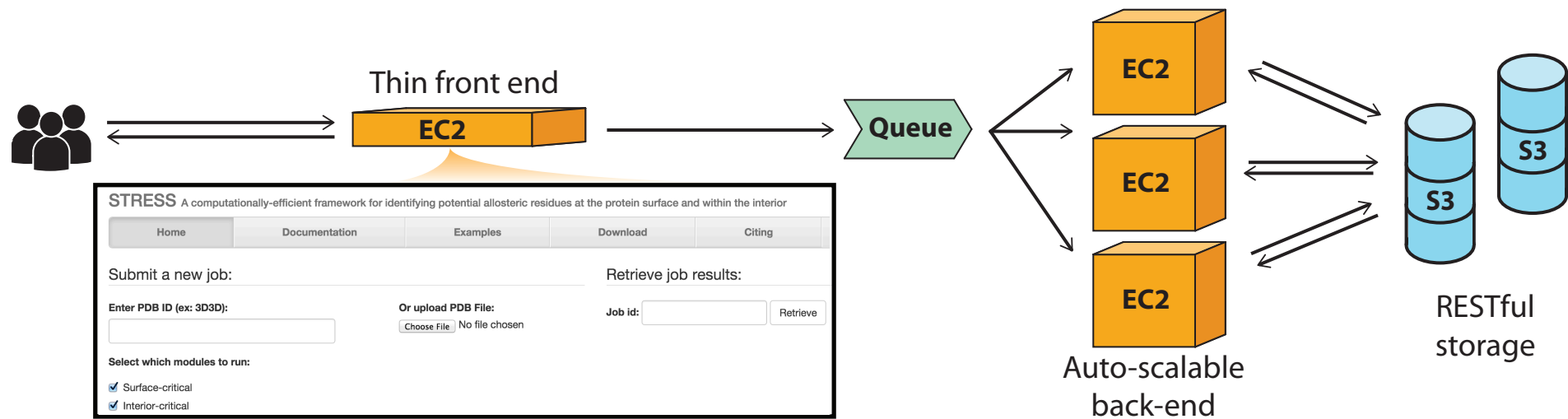
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# STRESS Server Architecture: Highlights

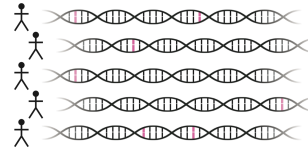
## stress.molmovdb.org



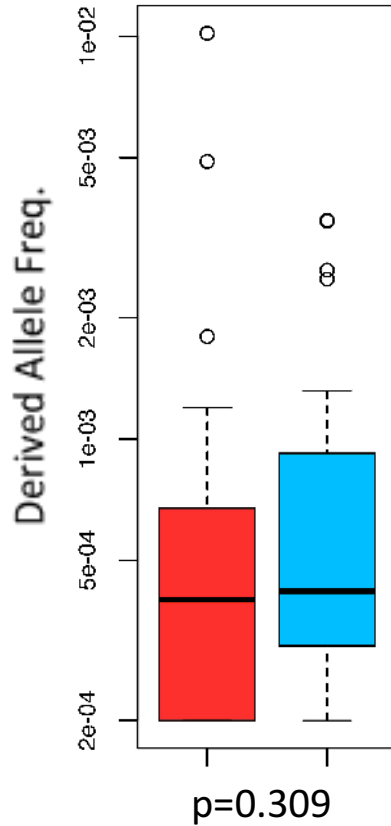
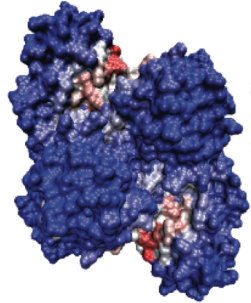
- A light front-end server handles incoming requests, and powerful back-end servers perform calculations.
- Auto Scaling adjusts the number of back-end servers as needed.
- A typical structure takes ~30 minutes on a E5-2660 v3 (2.60GHz) core.
- Input & output (i.e., predicted allosteric residues) are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

# Intra-species conservation of predicted allosteric residues

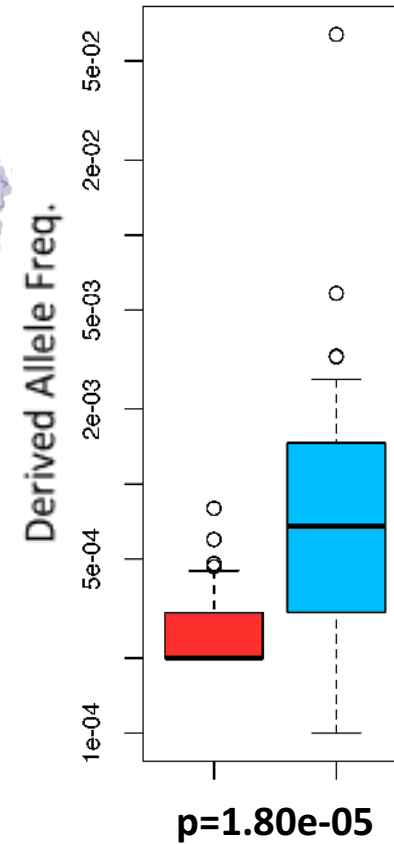
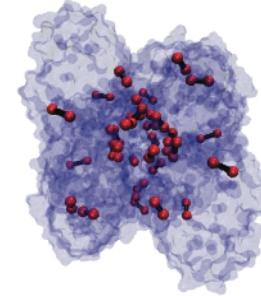
## 1000 Genomes



### Surface



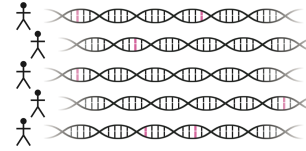
### Interior



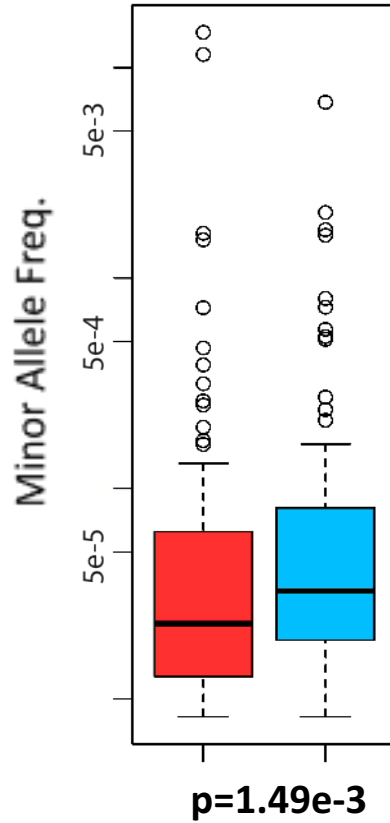
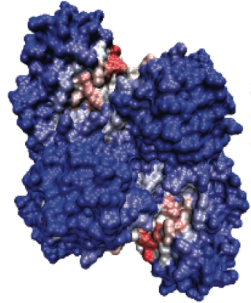
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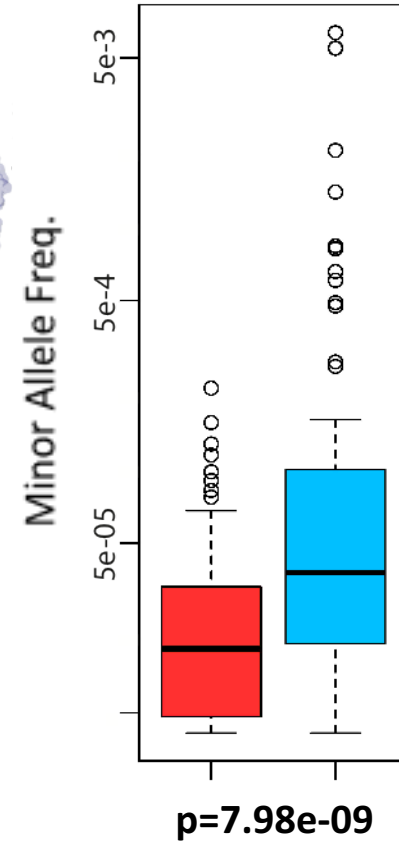
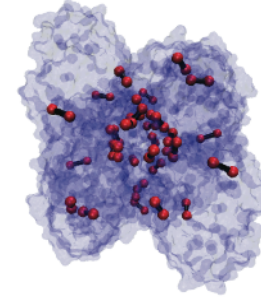
ExAC



Surface



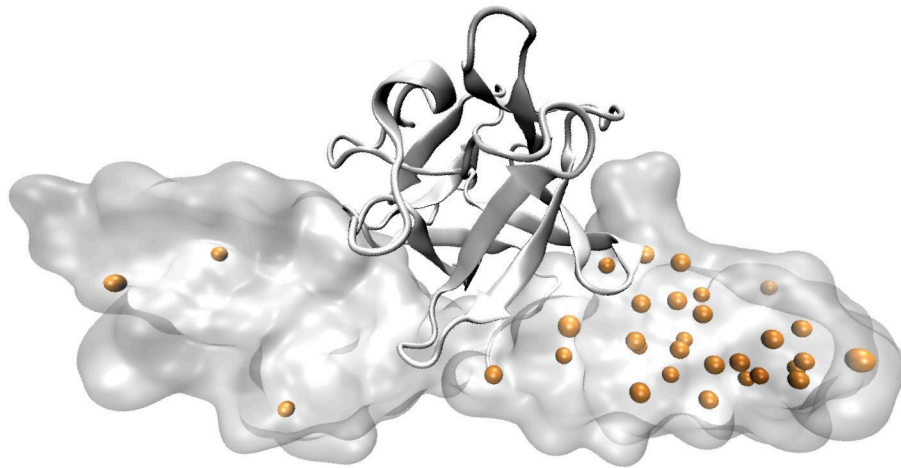
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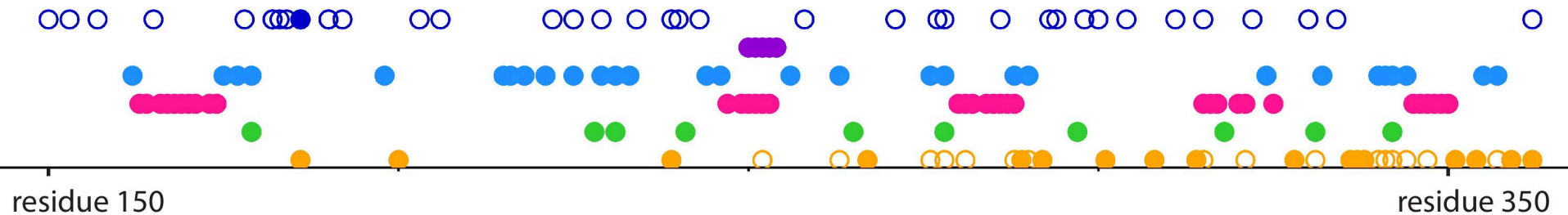
Unlike common SNVs, the statistical power with which we can evaluate rare SNVs in case-control studies is severely limited

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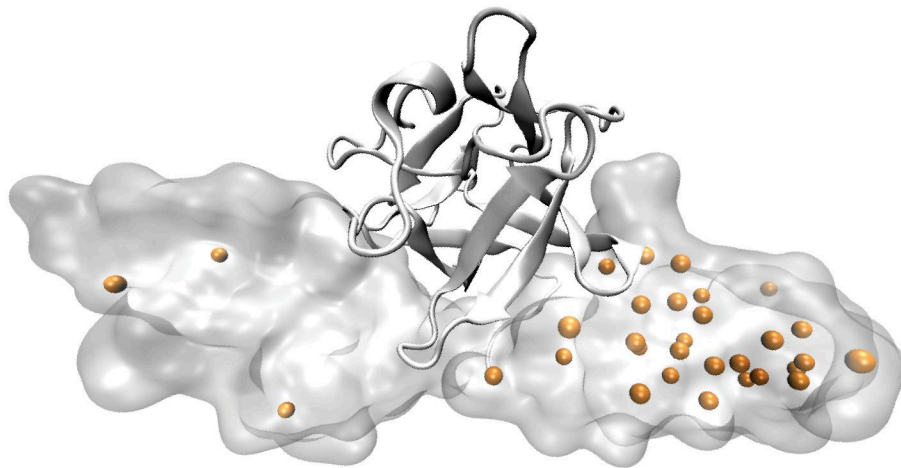
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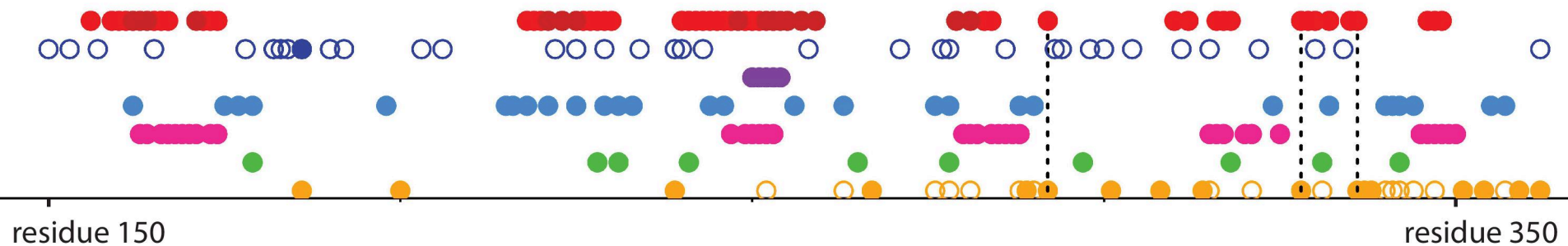
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Rationalizing disease variants in the context of allosteric behavior with allostery as an added annotation



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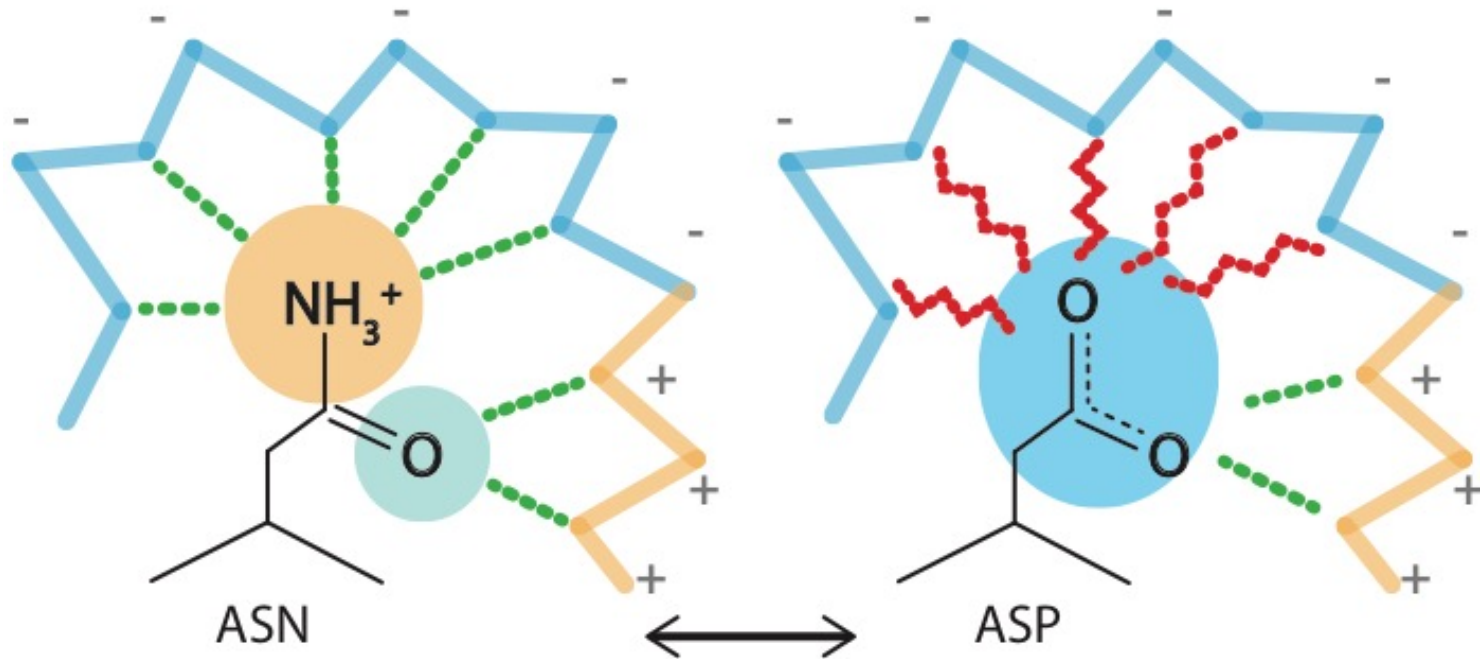
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# Schematic illustration of localized frustration



[Ferreiro et al., *PNAS* ('07)]



Measuring perturbation  
with naive calculation

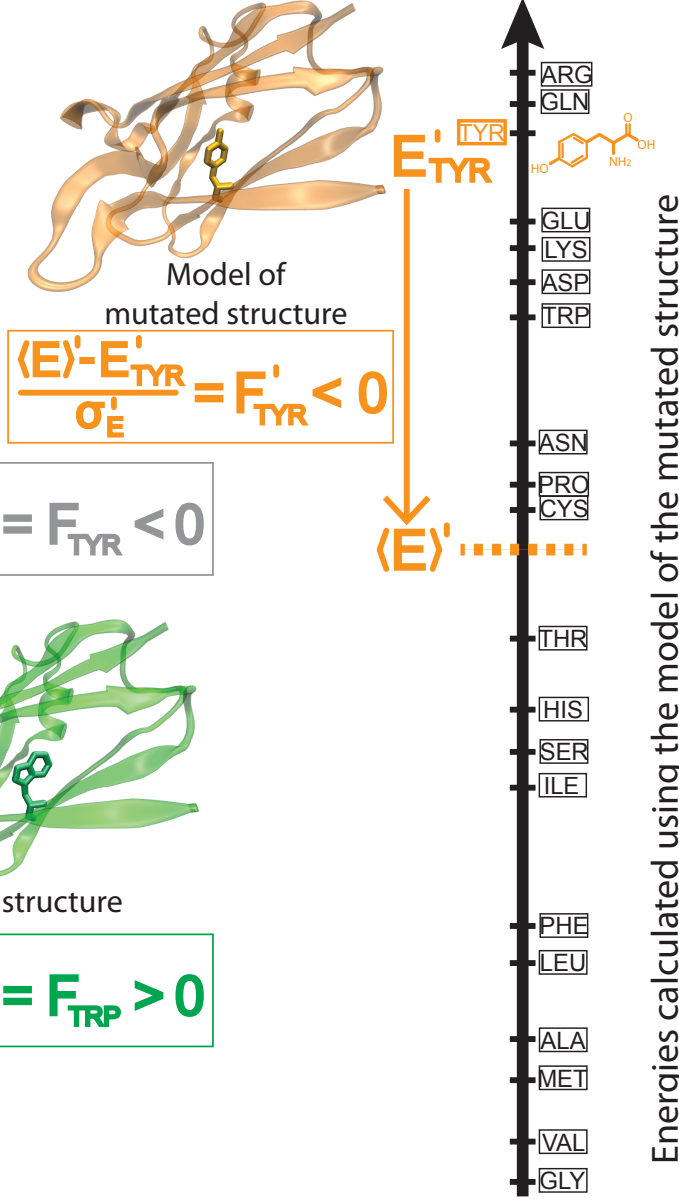
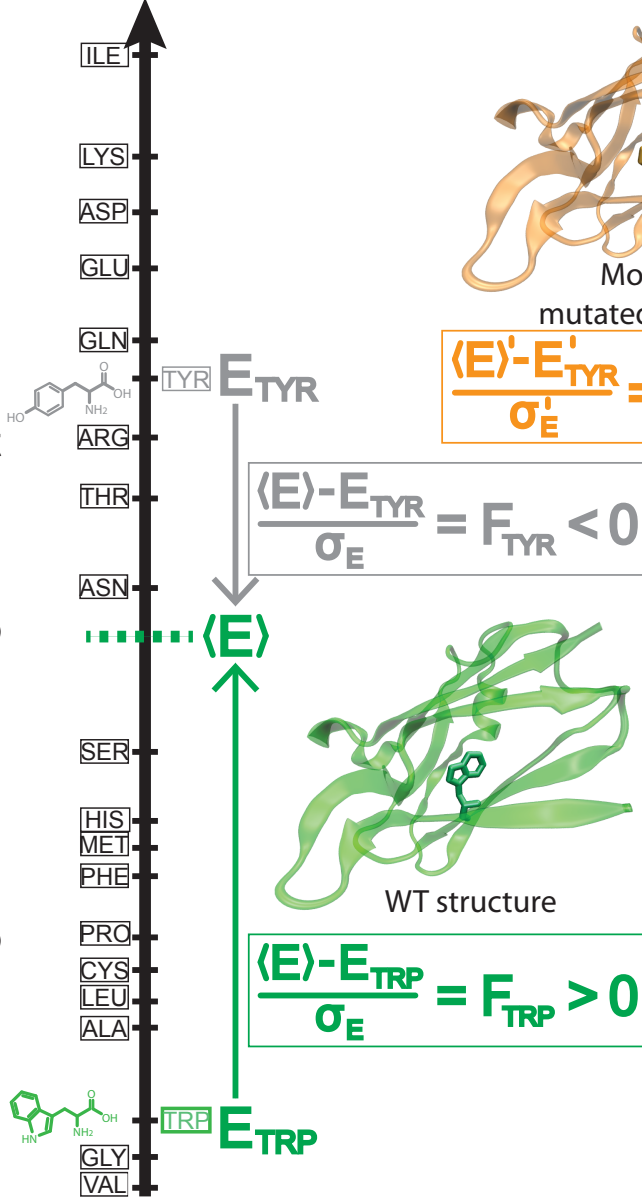
$$F_{\text{TYR}} - F_{\text{TRP}} = \tilde{\Delta F} < 0$$

Measuring perturbation  
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$$F'_{\text{TYR}} - F_{\text{TRP}} = \Delta F < 0$$

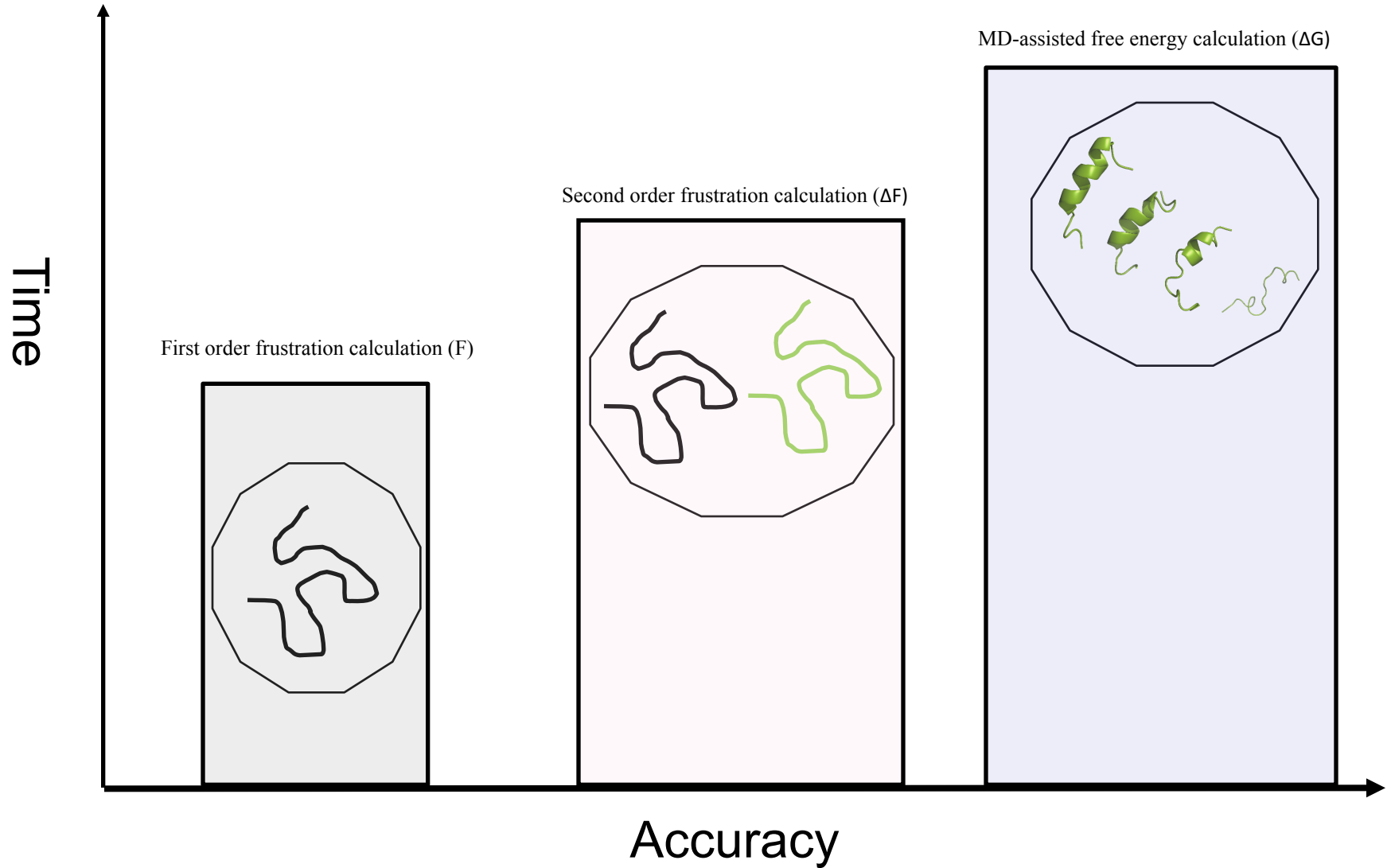
# Workflow for evaluating localized frustration changes ( $\Delta F$ )

Energies calculated using the wild-type structure

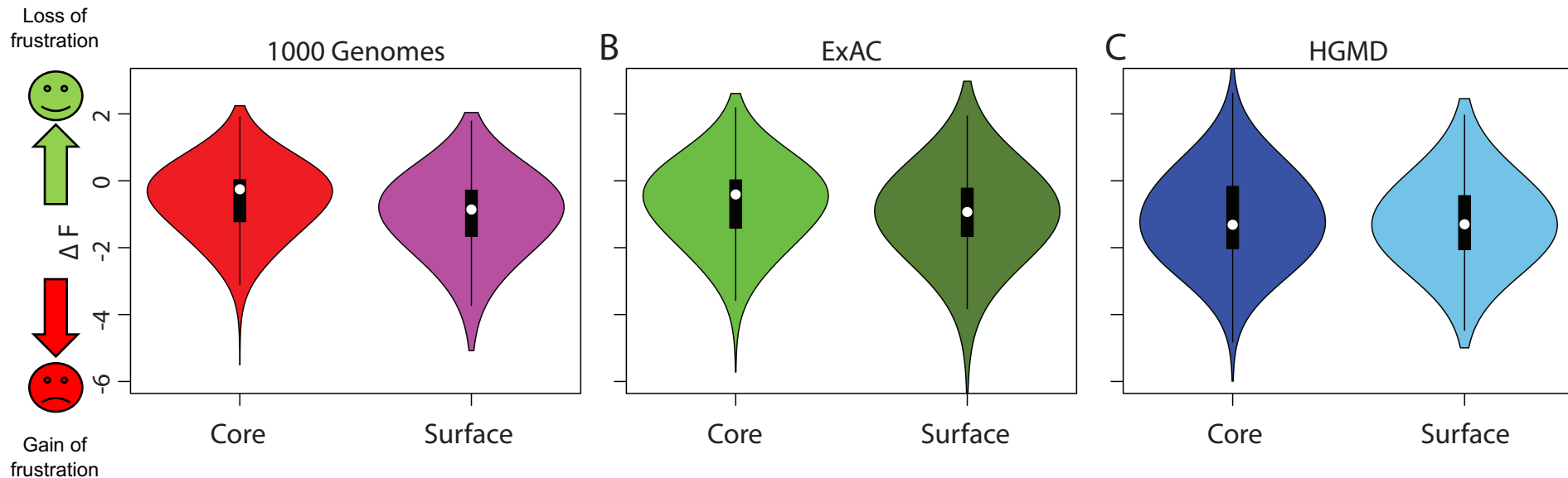


Energies calculated using the model of the mutated structure

# Striking a balance: the complexity of the second order frustration calculation



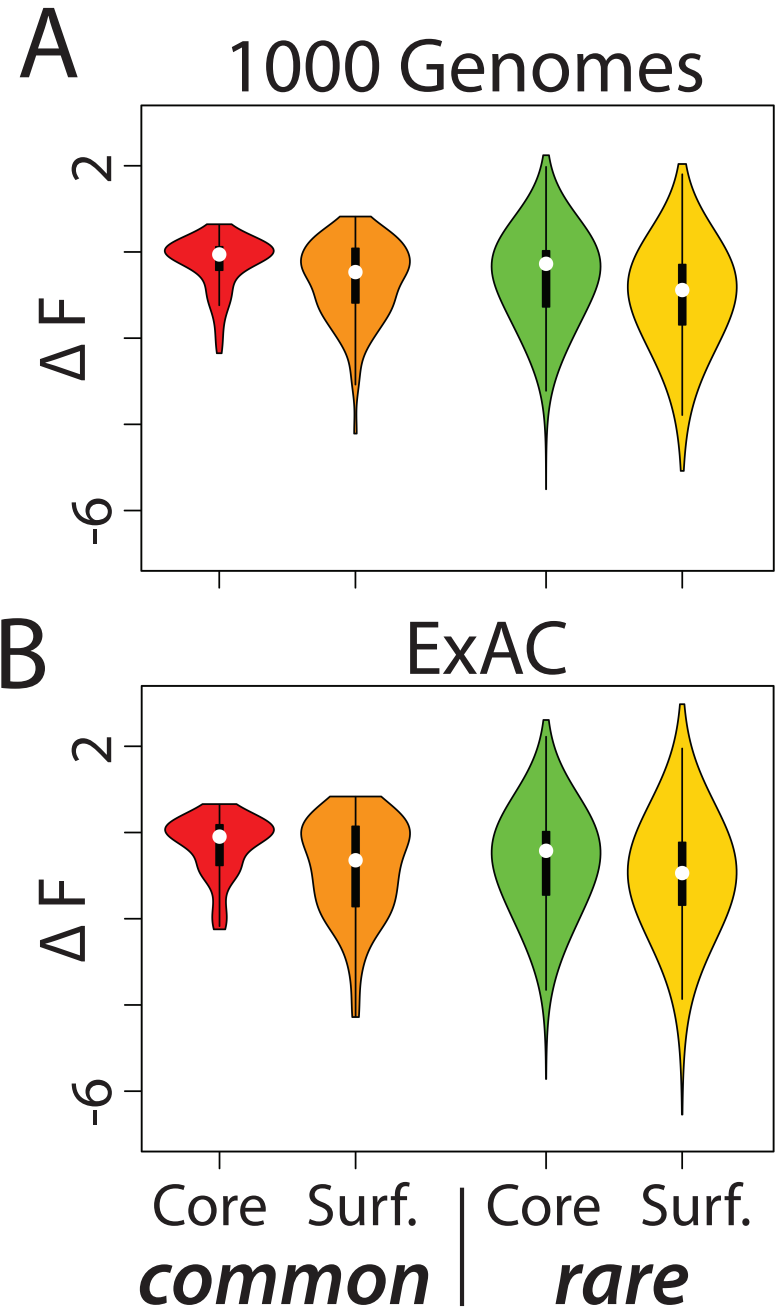
# Comparing $\Delta F$ values across different SNV categories: Normal v disease



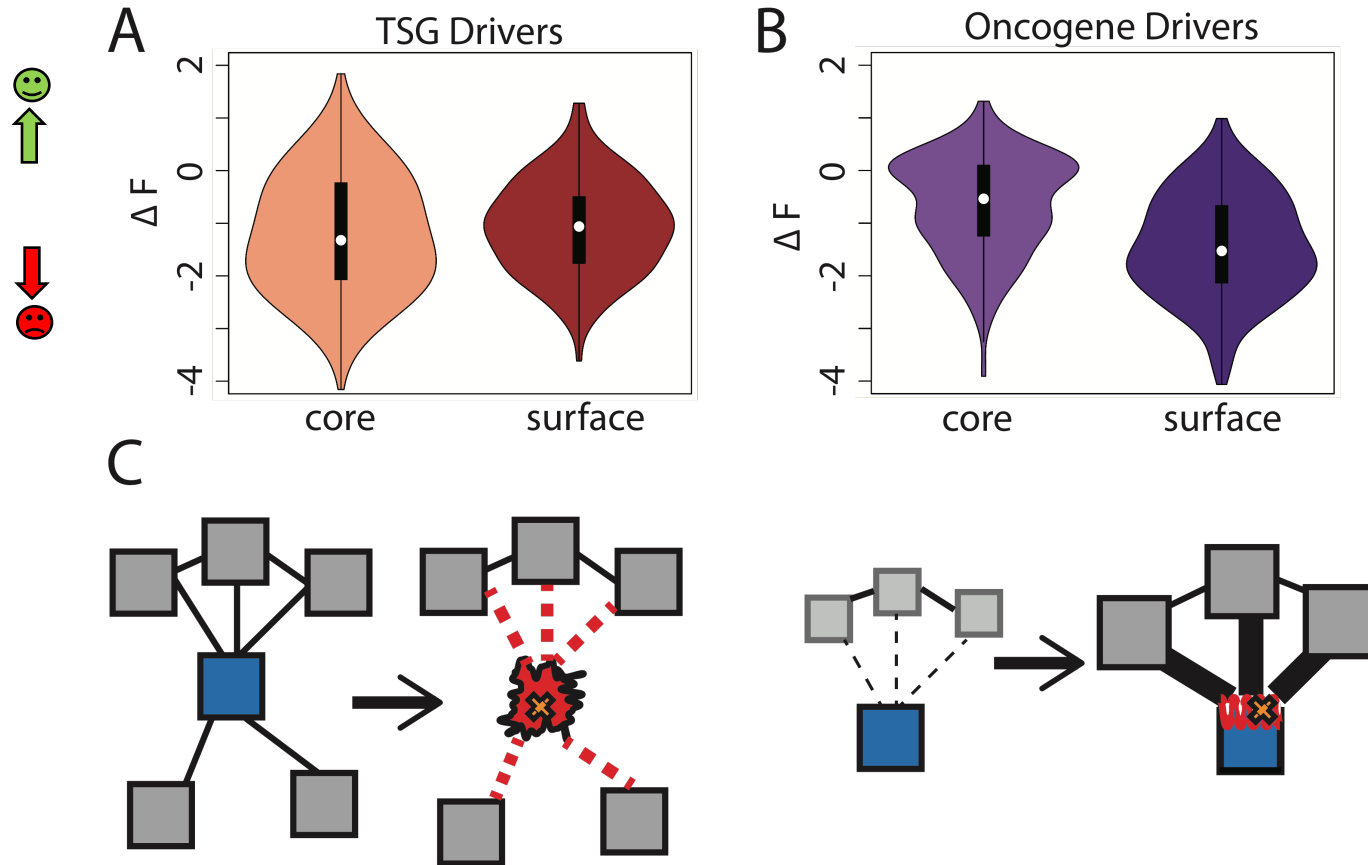
Normal mutations (1000G) tend to unfavorably frustrate (less frustrated) surface more than core, but for disease mutations (HGMD) no trend & greater changes

# $\Delta F$ distributions among rare v. common SNVs

Rare mutations cause more unfavorable frustration change than common ones



# Comparison between $\Delta F$ distributions: TSGs v. oncogenes



SNVs in TSGs change frustration more in core than the surface, whereas those associated with oncogenes manifest the opposite pattern. This is consistent with differences in LOF v GOF mechanisms.

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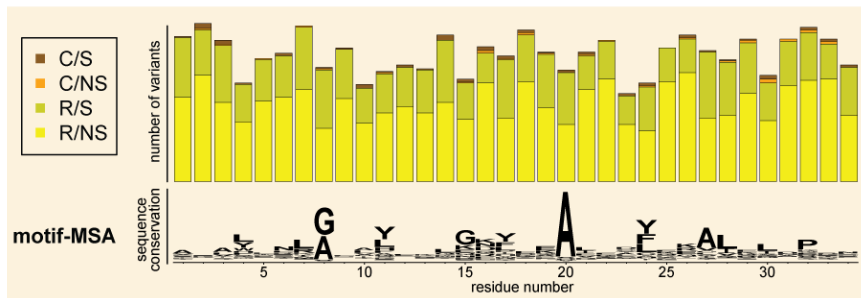
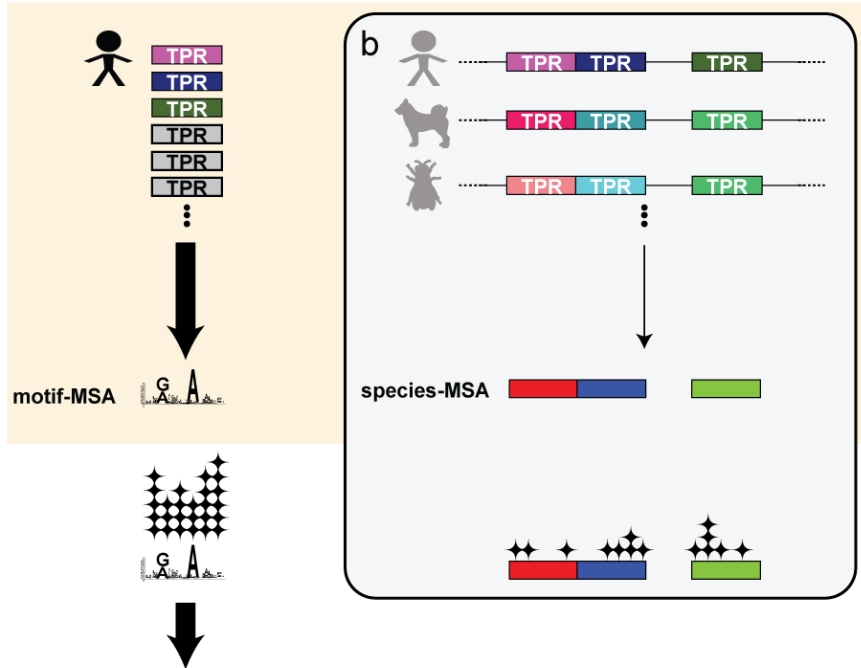
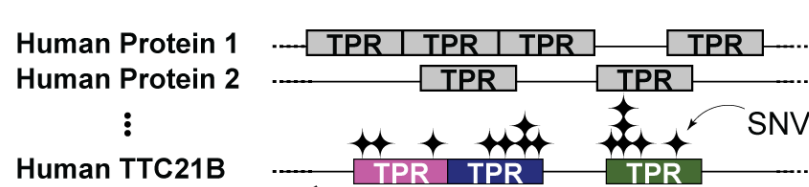
1. Find motifs

1. Generate motif-MSA

1. Map SNVs to motif-MSA

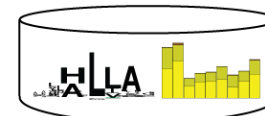
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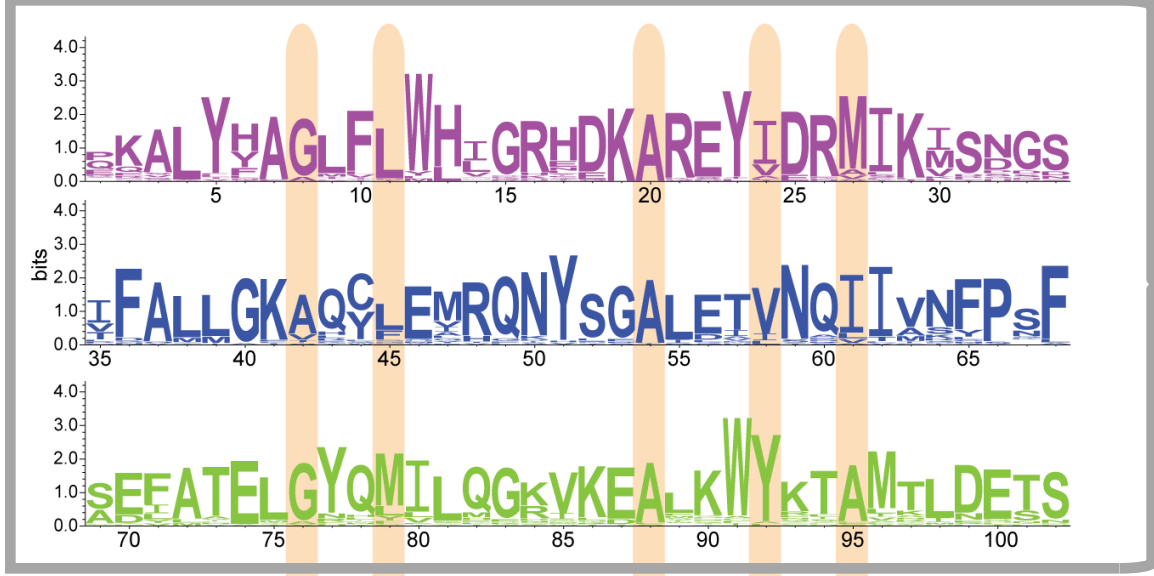
1. Store in database



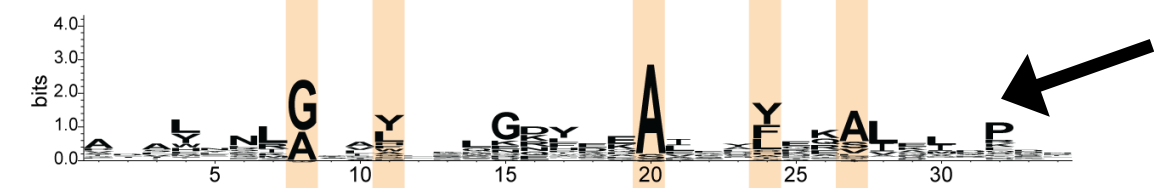
Motif-MSA and SNV profiles for:

- a) amino acid freq
- b) SIFT scores
- c) R/C
- d) NS/S
- e)  $\Delta$ DAF (pop)

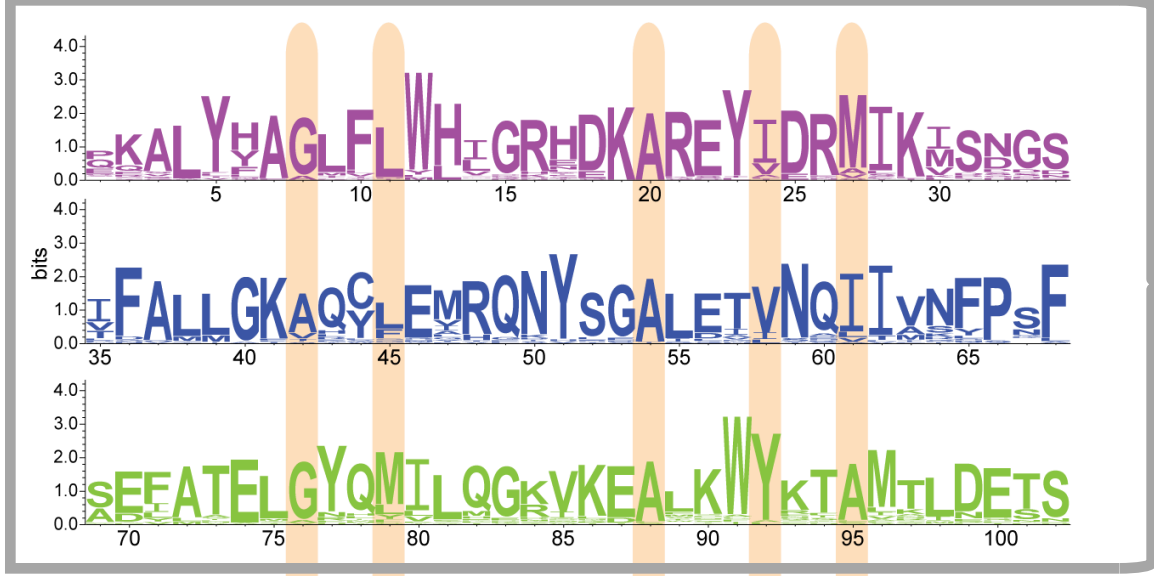




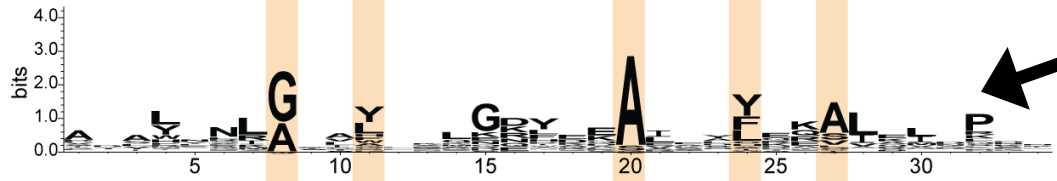
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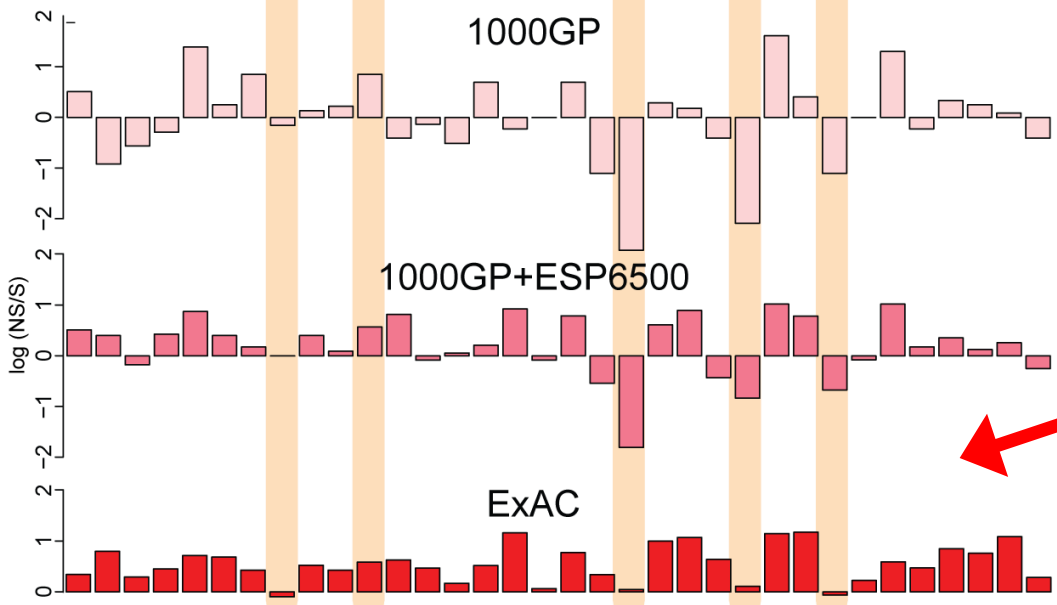
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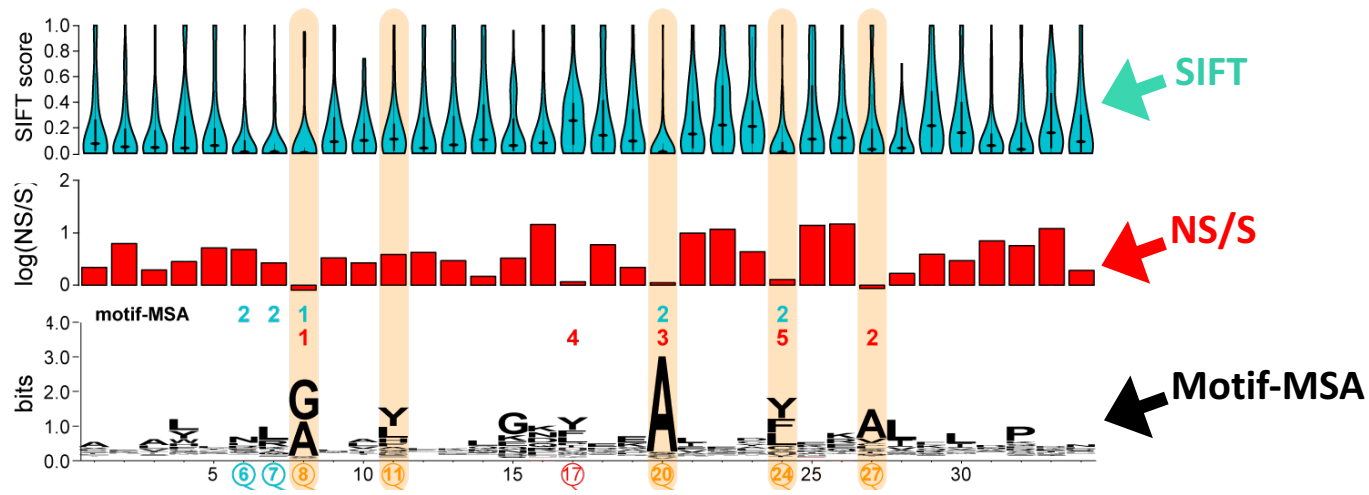
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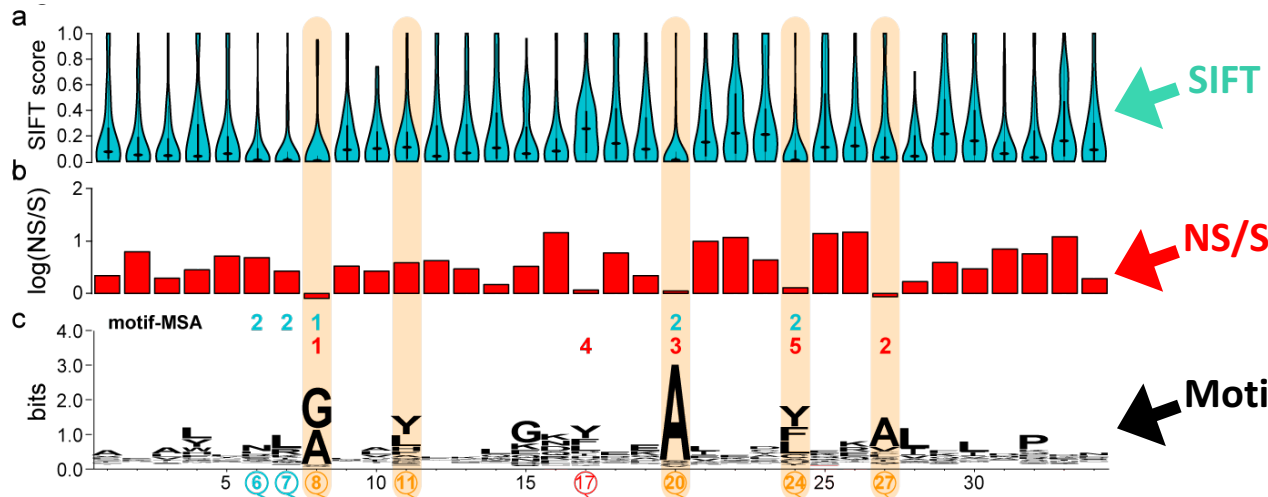
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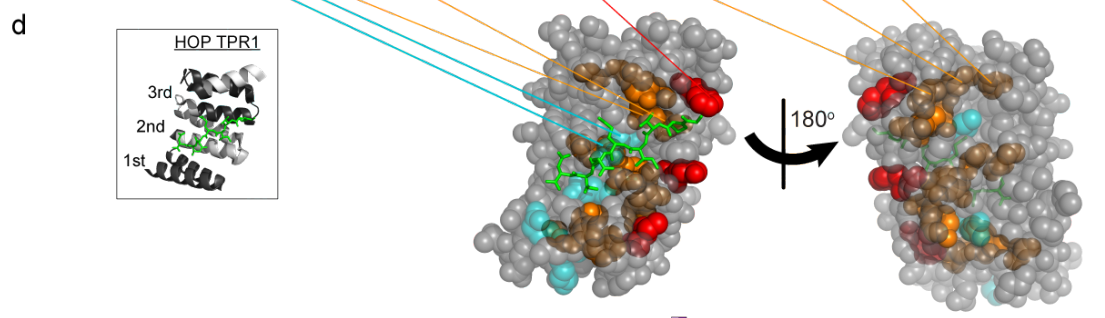


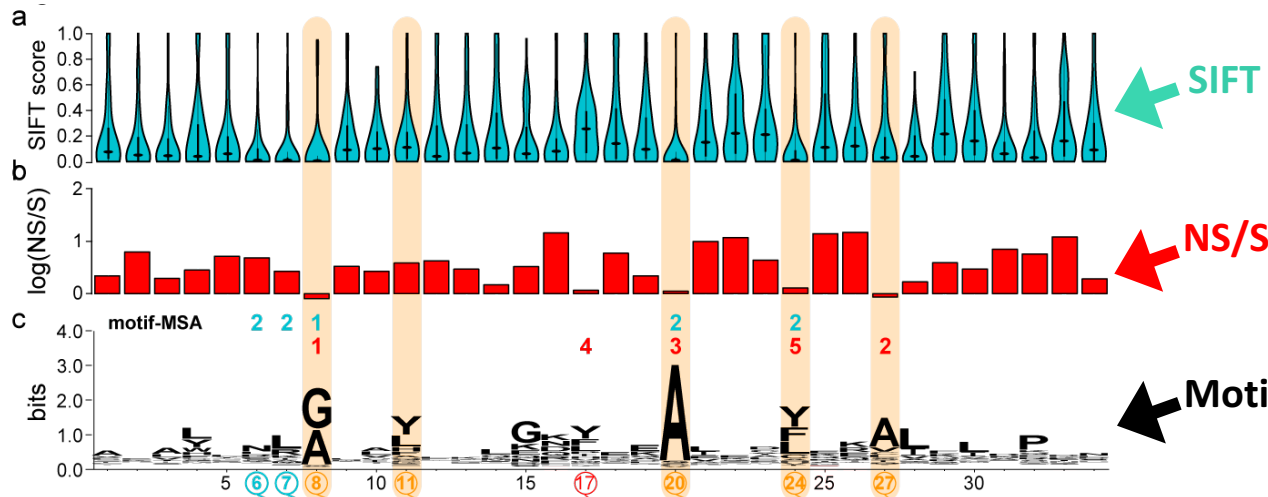
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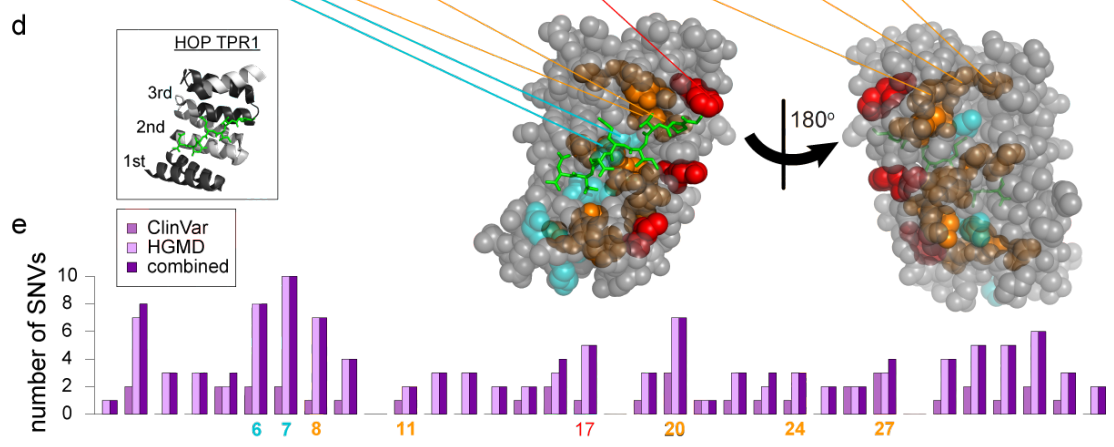


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SIFT

NS/S

Motif-MSA

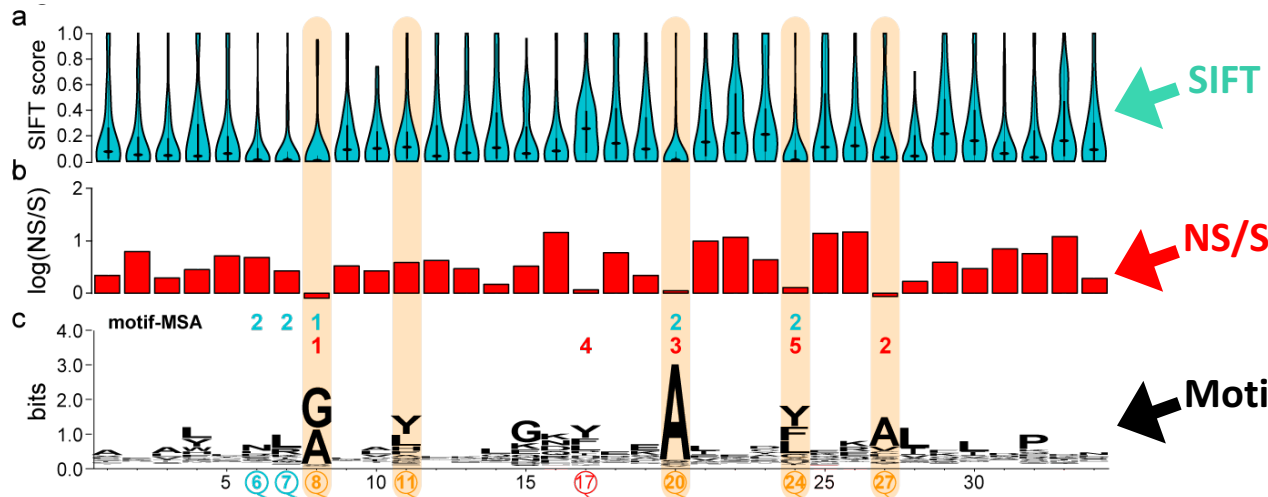


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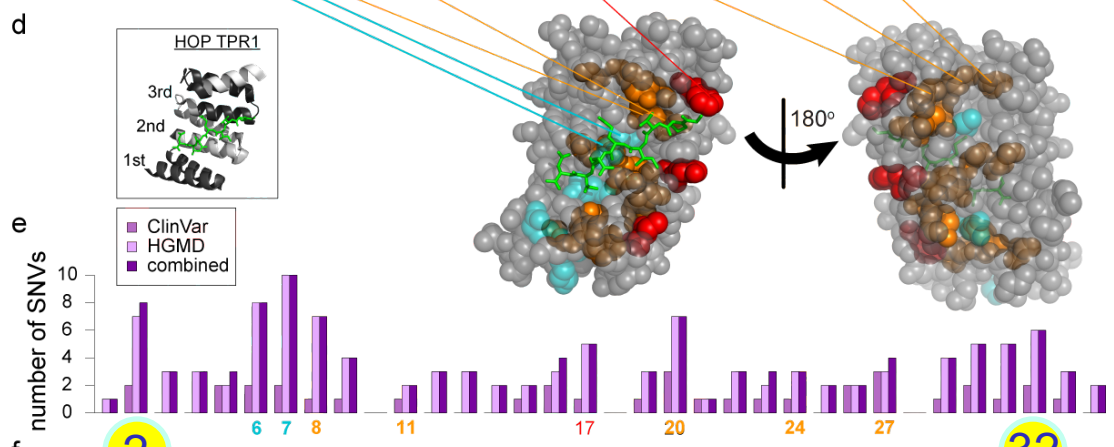
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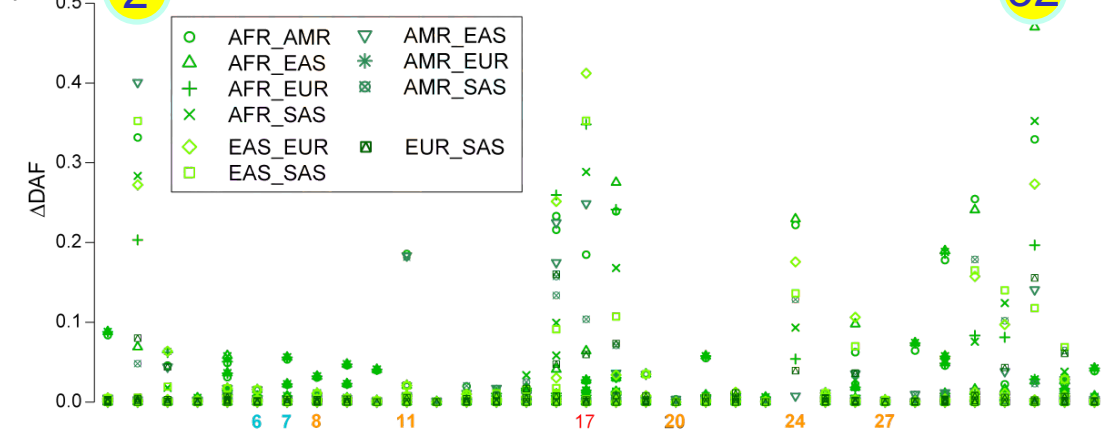
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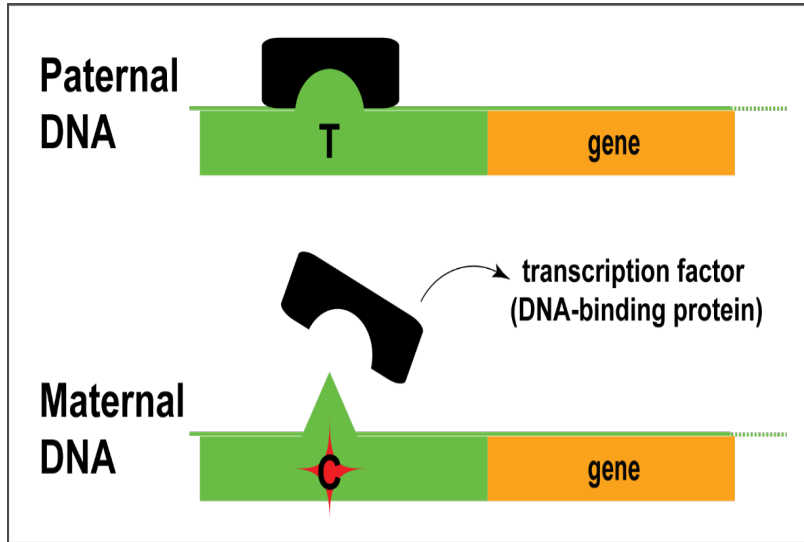


-> sites with increased human pop. differentiation might indicate important position

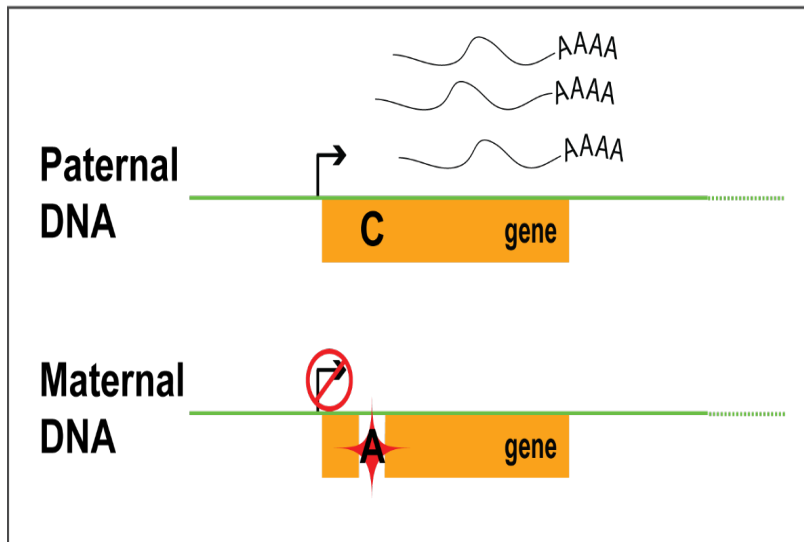
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Genomic variants affecting allele-specific behavior e.g. allele-specific binding (ASB)



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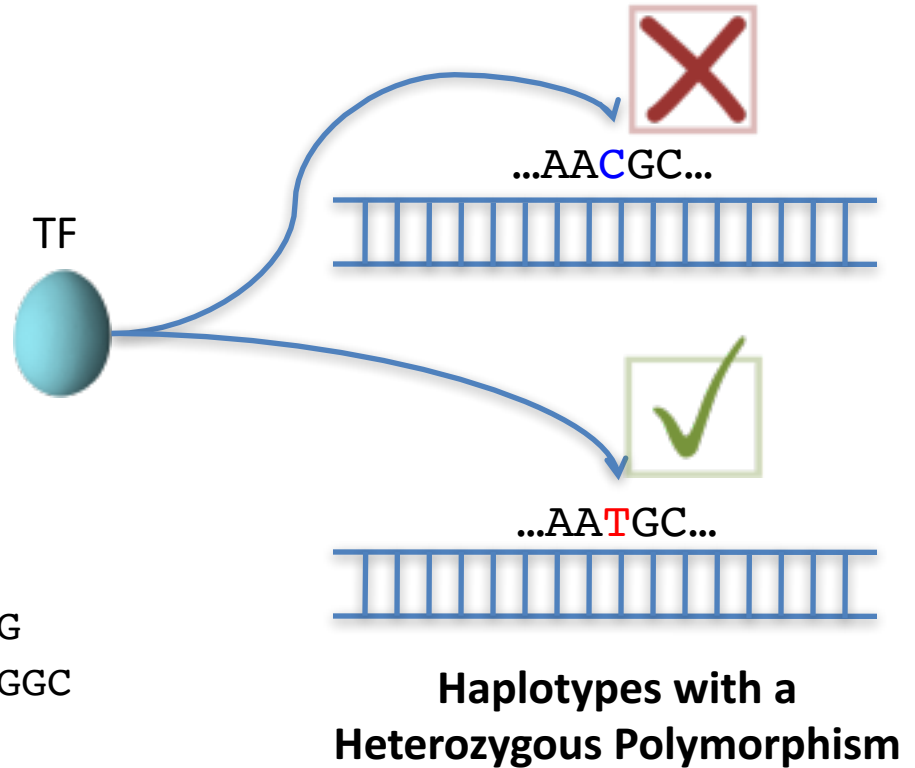
# Inferring Allele Specific Binding/Expression using Sequence Reads

## RNA/ChIP-Seq Reads

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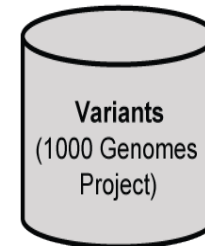
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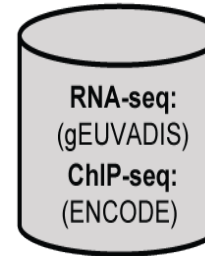


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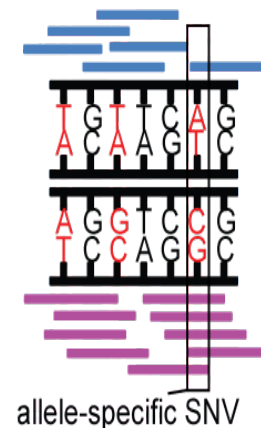


2. Align ChIP-seq & RNA-seq reads

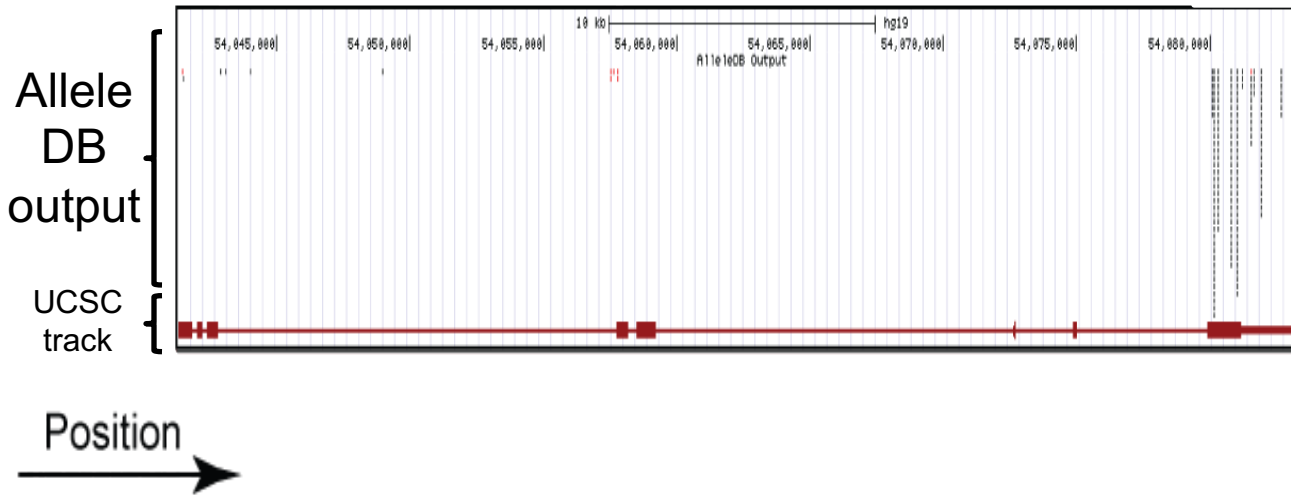


1. Detect allele-specific variants via a series of filters and tests

**Many Technical Issues:  
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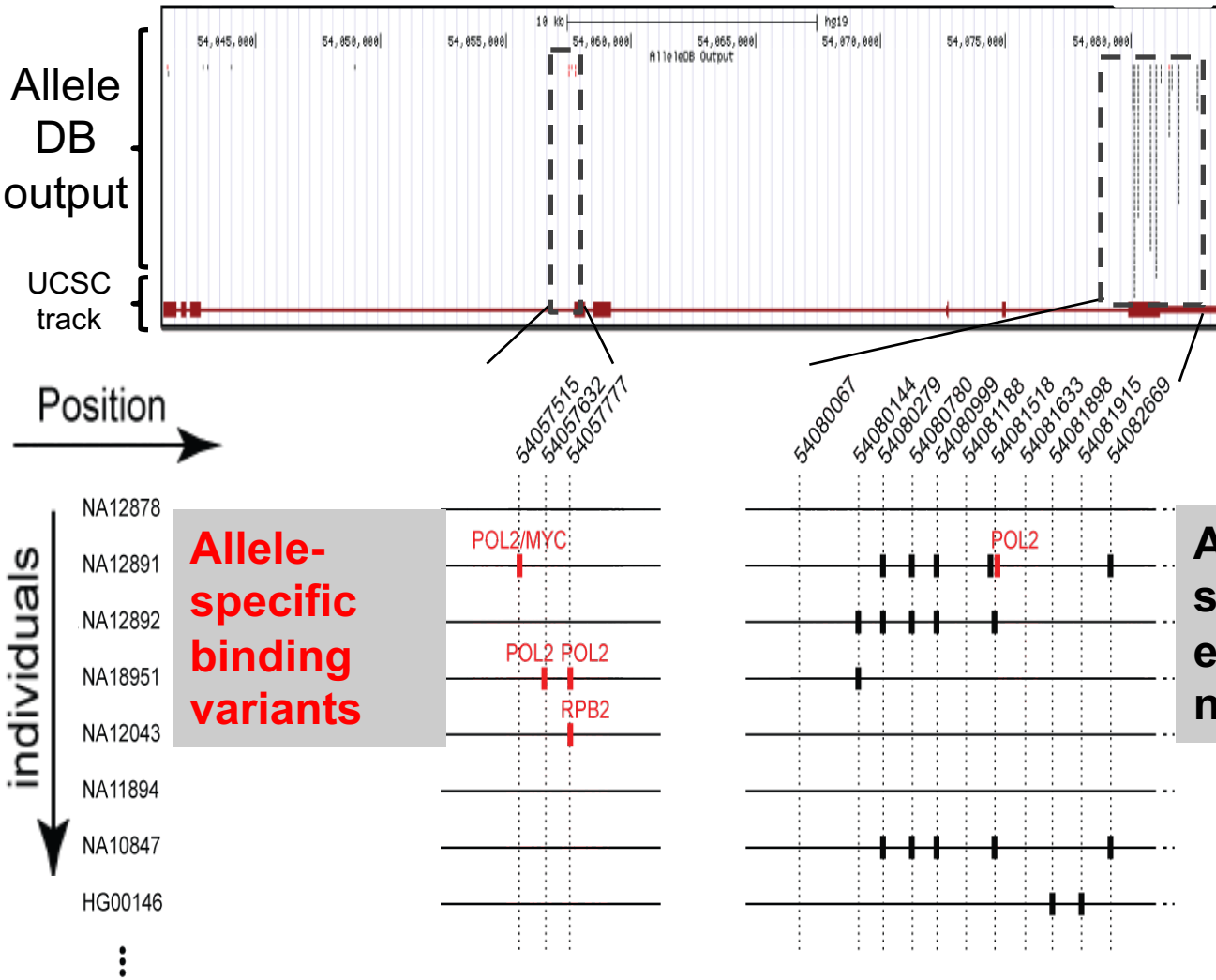
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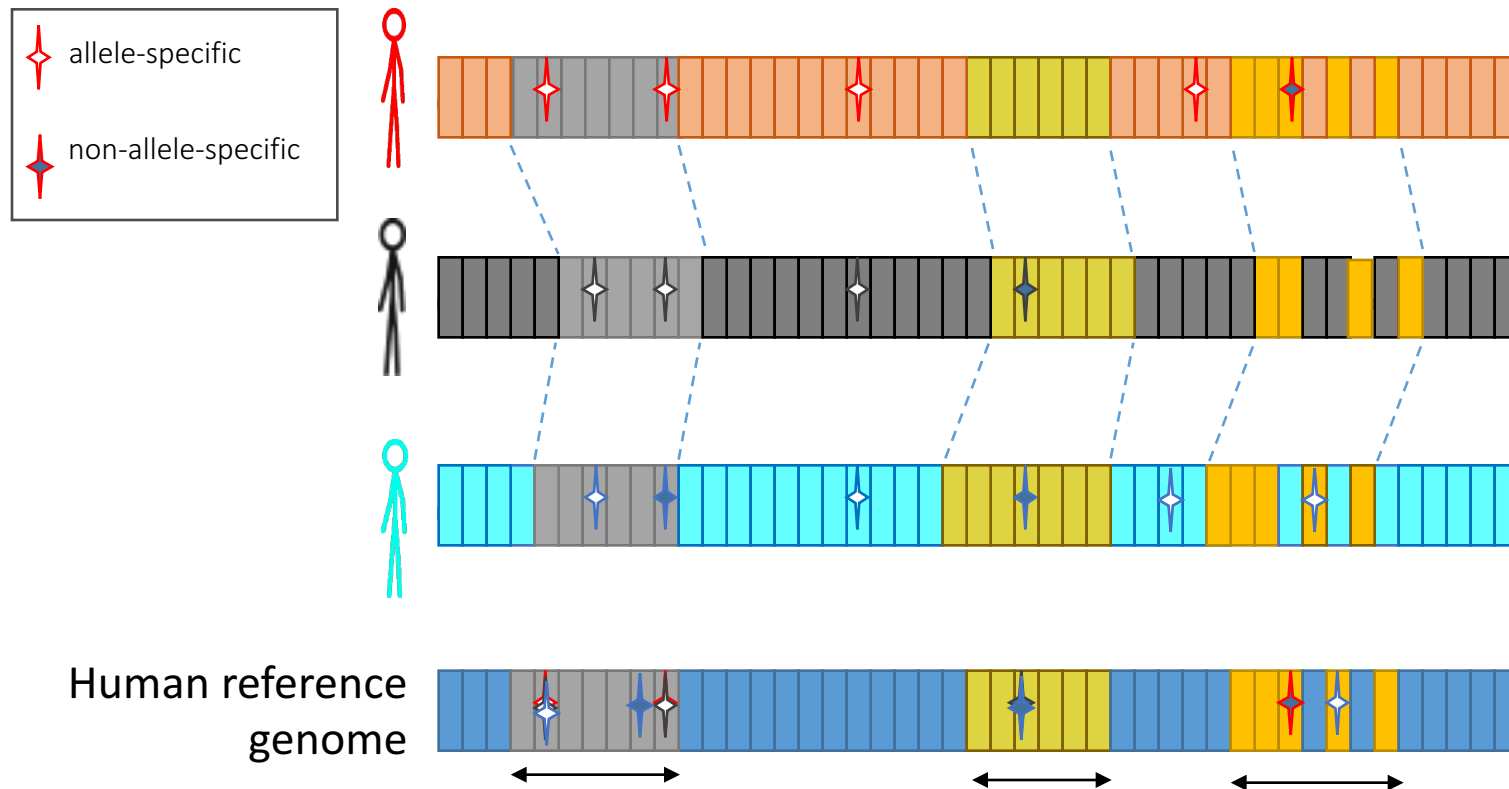


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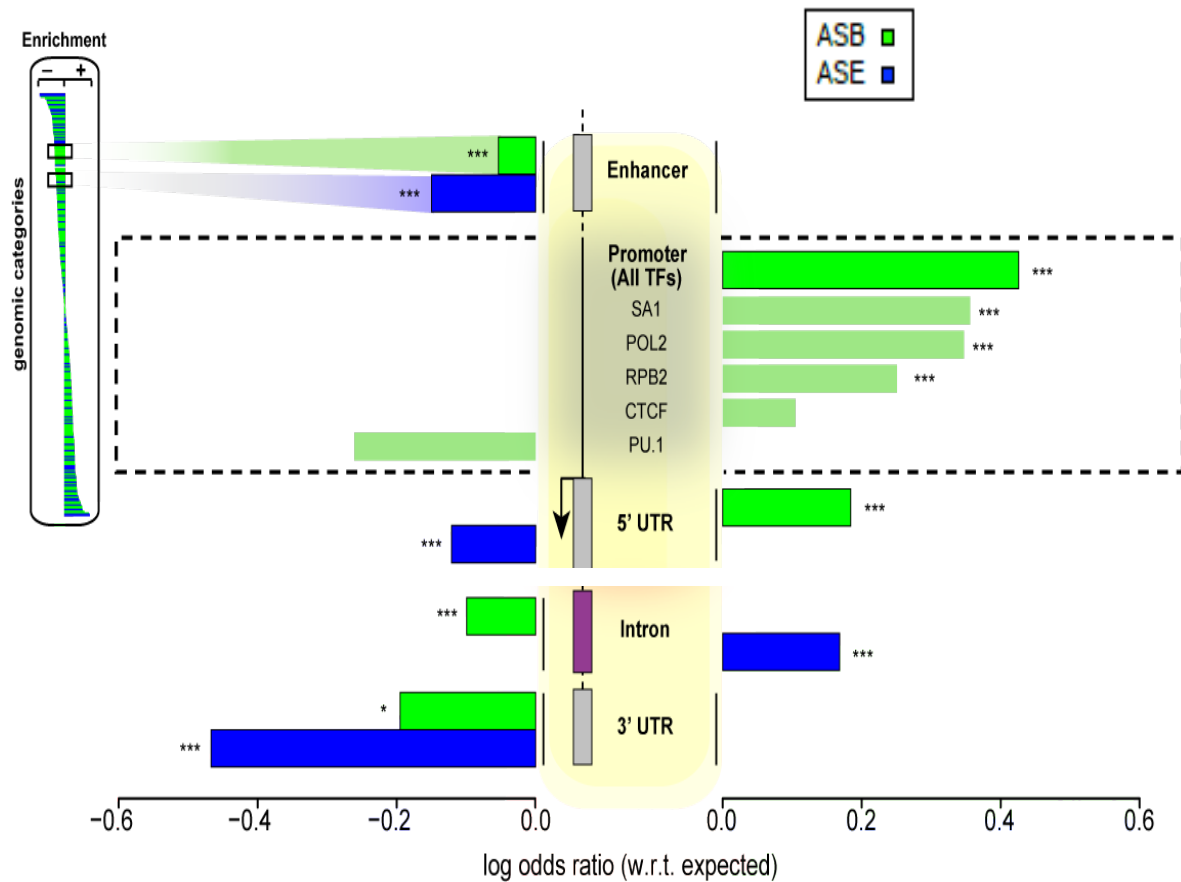
# Collecting ASE/ASB variants into allele-specific genomic regions

Does a particular genomic element have a higher tendency to be allele-specific?

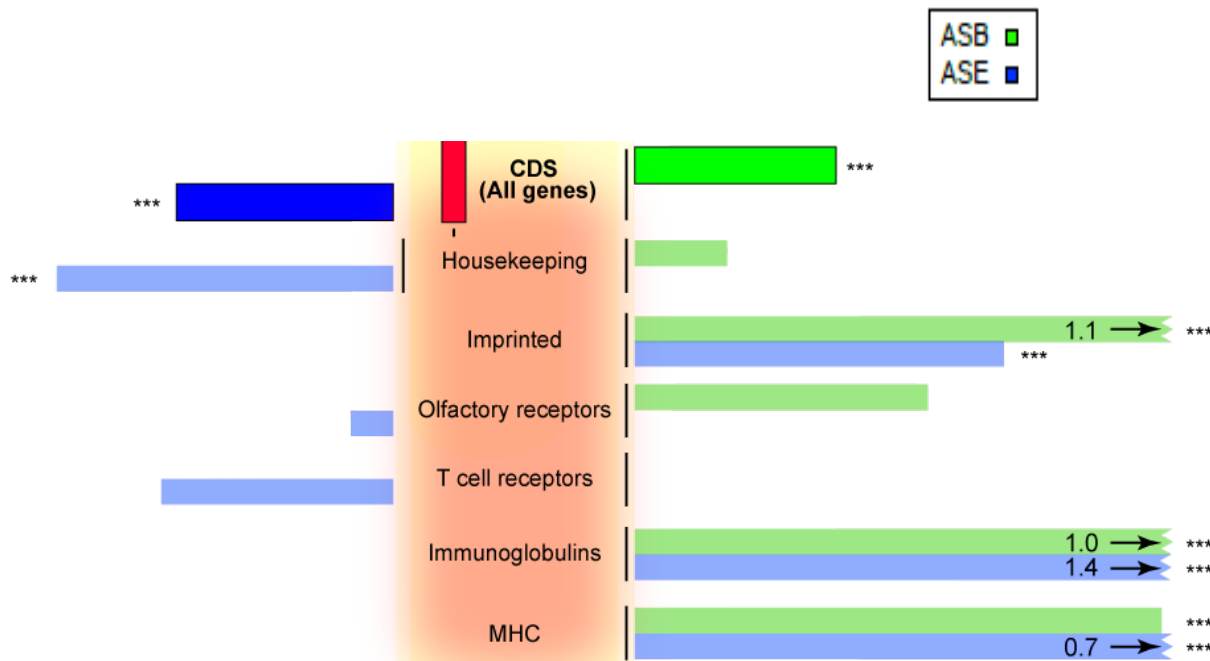
Fisher's exact test, for the **enrichment** of allele-specific variants in the element (with respect to non-allele-specific variants that could potentially be called as allelic)



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