

The Computational Biology and  
Informatics (CBI) Shared Resource  
Helen Diller Family Comprehensive  
Cancer Center

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# Outline

- Come talk to us, maybe we can help your research
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# Our Mission

- The mission of the CBI is to collaborate on computational biology research and provide computational and data infrastructure support
- Our service is to the Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center and to the overall cancer community at UCSF
- Our mission is both *science* and *computational infrastructure*
- I discuss infrastructure first



# Old TIPCC HPC

- The TIPCC HPC system with 36 cores and 1680 nodes has been serving users since around 2011
- It has been available for all members of the HDFCCC community and has ~100 users
- The system had grown old and tired and we decided that it was a better strategy to build a new system rather than to update it



*Not our cluster,  
but you get the idea*

# New C4 HPC!

Launched this  
January 1<sup>st</sup>

Modern software  
and configuration

Runs CentOS with  
a SLURM  
Scheduler

Software stacks to  
ease sharing of  
software

Allows Python3  
and containerized  
computing

Interchangeable  
with campus-wide  
Wynton cluster



*Somewhat like C4*

# New C4 HPC!

- You can test out and use C4 common resources for free
- If you want additional resources your lab can buy its own computational nodes or storage
- We have extensive documentation at <https://www.c4.ucsf.edu/>
- Contact Harry Putnam ([harry.putnam@ucsf.edu](mailto:harry.putnam@ucsf.edu)) for an account and help getting started





# Our VM Infrastructure

- We have recently installed a VM farm
- If you have a website, database or other specialized need, please talk to us
- We would recharge based on the needs of the application



*Bigger than our farm*

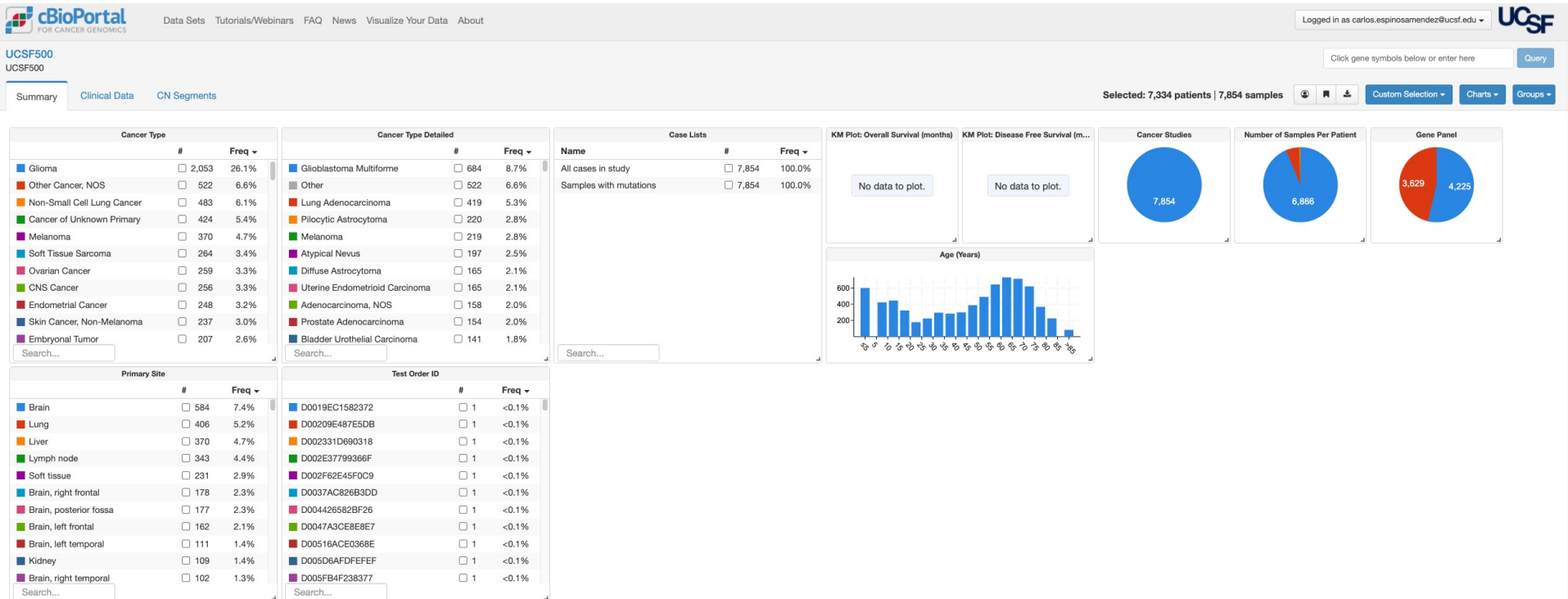
# Organizing UCSF500 Data on the cBioPortal

- The UCSF500 cancer gene panel is used to measure mutations of 500+ cancer genes
- It is used on all types of cancer and now has been run on >7k cancer patients at UCSF
- While it has been used to guide patient care, the data had not been organized for research
- Partnering with Alejandro Sweet-Cordero through the Molecular Oncology Initiative, we have organized the data on cBioPortal for UCSF





# UCSF500 Data on the cBioPortal



# Views of BRAF



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Modify Query

UCSF500

All cases in study (4286 patients / 4706 samples) - BRAF

OncoPrint Cancer Types Summary Plots Mutations Comparison CN Segments Download

Add Clinical Tracks 20 Sort Mutations View Download 55 %

# Samples per P...

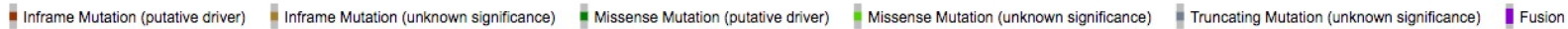


BRAF

10%



Genetic Alteration



# Samples per Patient



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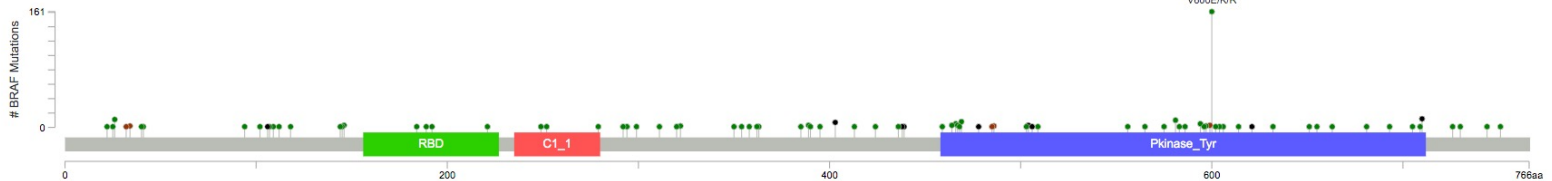
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BRAF

Add annotation tracks

Y-Axis Max: 161

Legend



BRAF

RefSeq: NM\_004333  
Ensembl: ENST00000288602  
CCDS: CCDS5863  
UniProt: BRAF\_HUMAN

Somatic Mutation Frequency  
 Germline Mutation Frequency

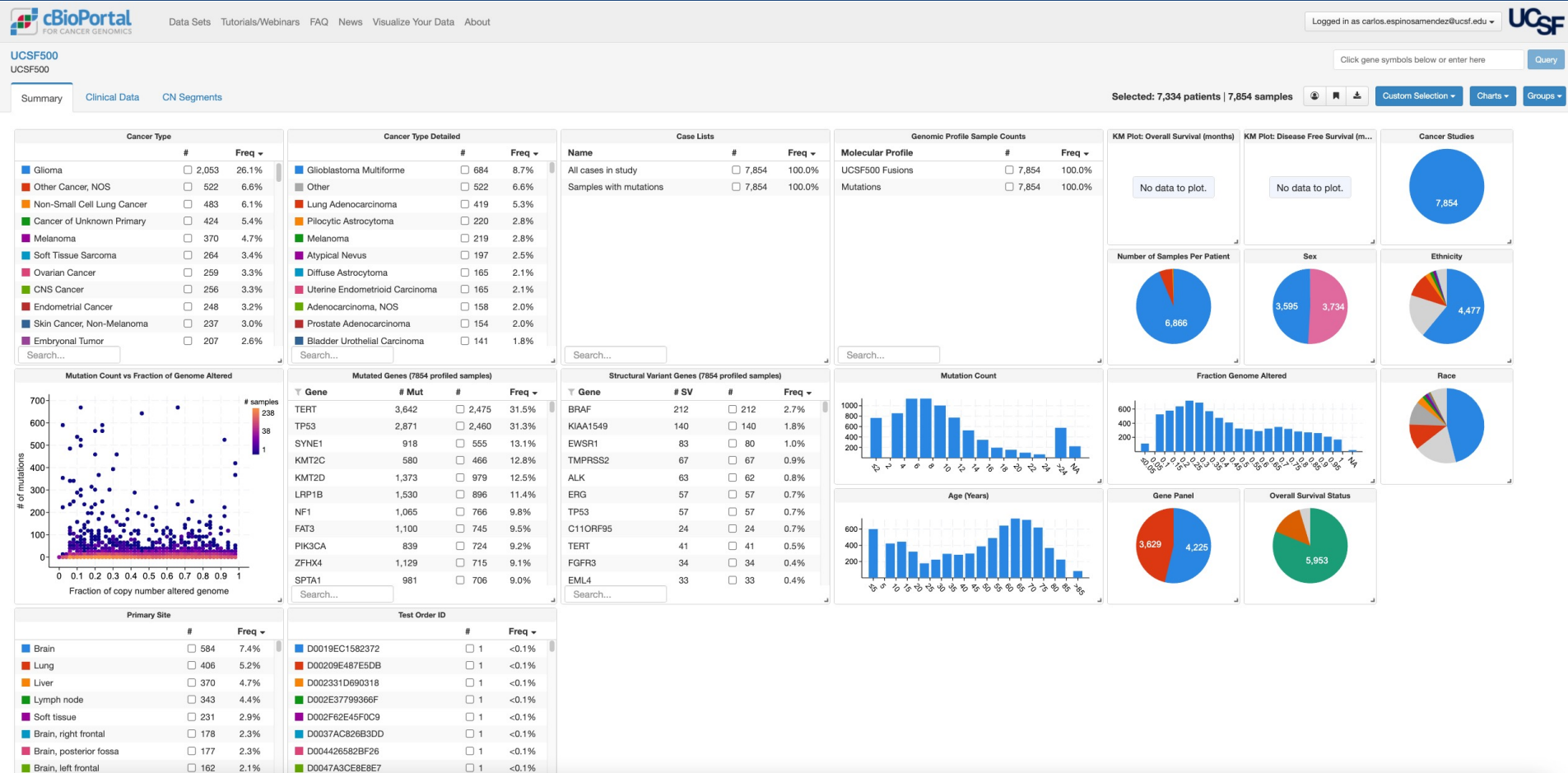
293 Missense 102 Truncating  
11 Inframe 85 Other

View 3D Structure

491 Mutations: includes 24 duplicate mutations in patients with multiple samples (page 1 of 20)

Sample ID	Cancer Type	Protein Change	Annotation	Mutation Type	COSMIC
078dcd68191	Cutaneous Melanoma	V600E		Missense	23294
5524f68a81b6	Cutaneous Melanoma	V600E		Missense	23294
52fbccd2fc05	Acral Melanoma	V600E		Missense	23294
118f80d5fb24	Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer	V600E		Missense	23294
e678cb7e6c9d	Anaplastic Thyroid Cancer	V600E		Missense	23294

# Now Including Clinical Information



Newest version includes Foundation Medicine data on 2k



# Accessing UCSF500 Data on the cBioPortal

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myaccess.ucsf.edu/landing

**Last Update:** October 17, 2021

- ★ [Capital Equipment Web Search](#) VPN ⓘ  
A web-based search tool that enables UCSF community to look up Capital Equipment on Campus. Access is limited to the user with UCSF intranet or VPN access.  
**Last Update:** December 16, 2020
- ★ [CareWeb](#) VPN SSO  
A Paging Portal / Social Media / Microblog style communication platform that links directly to APeX and allows providers to page each other while keeping the messages anchored on patient "walls" where they can be seen by all members of the team.  
**Last Update:** Unknown
- ★ [Catalyst](#) SSO  
Business continuity and IT disaster recovery planning tool used for creating Business Impact Analysis (BIA) reports, IT disaster recovery plans, exercises, etc. For more information, go to: <http://tiny.ucsf.edu/catalyst>  
**Last Update:** April 16, 2020
- ★ [cBioPortal - UCSF500](#) VPN SSO ⓘ  
UCSF's cBioPortal instance containing de-identified data from cancer patients whose tumors have undergone molecular genetic testing using the UCSF500 assay. The cBioPortal application provides visualization, analysis and download of this dataset.  
**Last Update:** December 16, 2020
- ★ [Centralized Agreement, Contact Tracking and Approval System \(CACTAS\)](#) SSO  
Agreement management tool used for sponsored research agreements and Professional Service Agreements (PSA)  
**Last Update:** April 21, 2020
- ★ [Chatter](#) SSO  
UCSF Chatter is a private, professional networking and collaboration tool. It allows users to create secured workspaces and invite users from UCSF (and externally) to exchange conversation and version-controlled files.  
**Last Update:** Unknown
- ★ [Cognos Adhoc Prototype \(CAP\)](#) VPN SSO  
Cognos Adhoc Prototype (CAP)

# cBioPortal Service

- We have plans to set up local instances of the cBioPortal as a recharge service
- Contact us if interested



## Henrik Bengtsson: Areas of Expertise



- Statistics and methods development
- Reproducible science
- Small and large-scale analysis
- High-performance computational methods
- Compute cluster design, support & usage (TIPCC, C4, and UCSF Wynton)
- Scientific software development, maintenance, and support
- Most things in R
- Mottos: Open access, sharing & helping, correctness, reproducibility

# Henrik Bengtsson: Deeply involved with R



- **Member of The R Foundation**

- Goals: Support development of R, exploration of new methodology, teaching and training of statistical computing, and the organization of meetings and conferences with a statistical computing orientation.
- The R language and software. ~2 million users (2016), Worldwide UseR! conference (~1,500 ppl)

- **Chair of The R Consortium Infrastructure Steering Committee (ISC)**

- Goals: Advance worldwide promotion of and support for R. Create and organize infrastructure projects, technical and infrastructure collaboration initiatives, support specific initiatives
- Industry sponsored, 150,000 USD/year budget to support community R grants, R-Hub, R/Medicine, R/Pharma, R FDA Submissions, R Certification, ..., 94 R User Groups in 38 countries (~70,000 ppl), 212 R Ladies chapters in 60 countries (~80,000 ppl)

- **Contributor to the core R code & community engagement**



# Henrik Bengtsson: Scientific Software



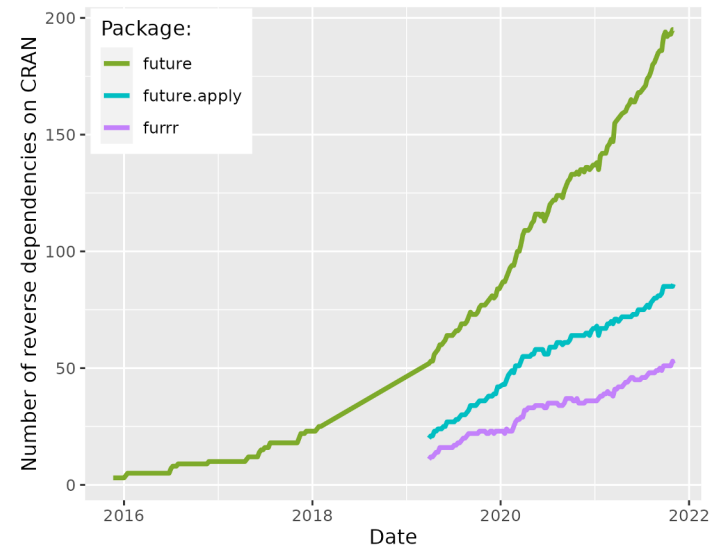
- 25 years of experience from world-wide collaborations
- Developed & maintains > **30 scientific R packages (CRAN & Bioconductor)**
- Some examples:
  - **Aroma Project - Small to Large-scale Affymetrix Analysis** in R, e.g. expression, genotyping, and copy number (peak 2005-2015)
  - **PSCBS - Parent-Specific Copy Numbers, and QDNAseq - CNs with FFPE DNAseq**
  - **matrixStats - Efficient Matrix Calculations**  
(top 0.8% most downloaded; 500,000+ downloads/month)
  - **future - A Unifying Parallelization Framework in R for Everyone**  
(top 1.0% most downloaded; 250,000+ downloads/month)

# Henrik Bengtsson: Futurereverse.org



- **A Unifying Parallelization Framework in R for Everyone**
- **Worry free** - lets researcher go from **exploratory** method's development to a **scalable pipeline**, e.g. prototyping new HiC method on local laptop, do **very minor code updates** to make use "futures", and then, with a single-change of settings, run on local computer, on a computer cluster, or in the cloud.
- **Write once - parallelize anywhere!**, e.g.  

```
y <- lapply(X, slow_fcn)    ## original  
y <- future_lapply(X, slow_fcn) ## future version
```
- **Rapid update**
  - **Top-1% most downloaded R package.** 250,000+ downloads/months
  - 200+ packages depend on it directly, e.g. Shiny, Seurat, EpiNow2, and ml3r
  - A **Chan Zuckerberg Initiative Essential Open-Source Software (CZI EOSS)** - two-year grant



# Scientific Collaborations

1. **Scientific consultation** for problems relating to computational biology
2. **Data analysis** for such projects
3. **Grant development**, including design of experiments, initial data analyses and writing
4. **Education**, in both formal and informal settings
5. **Software development** (when necessary) and training

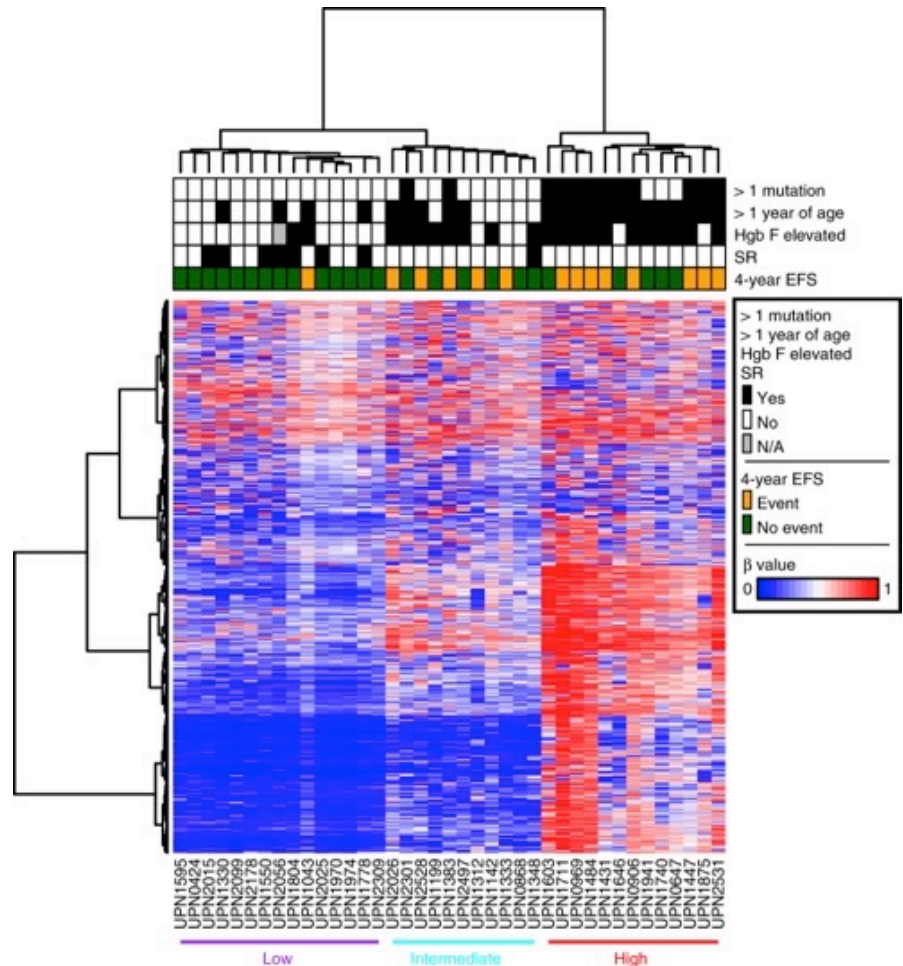
# JMML Methylation Project

- Juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia (JMML) is a myeloproliferative disorder of childhood caused by mutations in the Ras pathway that occur in hematopoietic stem cells
- Outcomes vary: from spontaneous resolution with little or no treatment to relapse after stem cell transplantation
- We undertook a study of 39 training patients and 40 validation patients utilizing the 450k methylation array (Stieglitz et al., *Nature Medicine*, 2017)



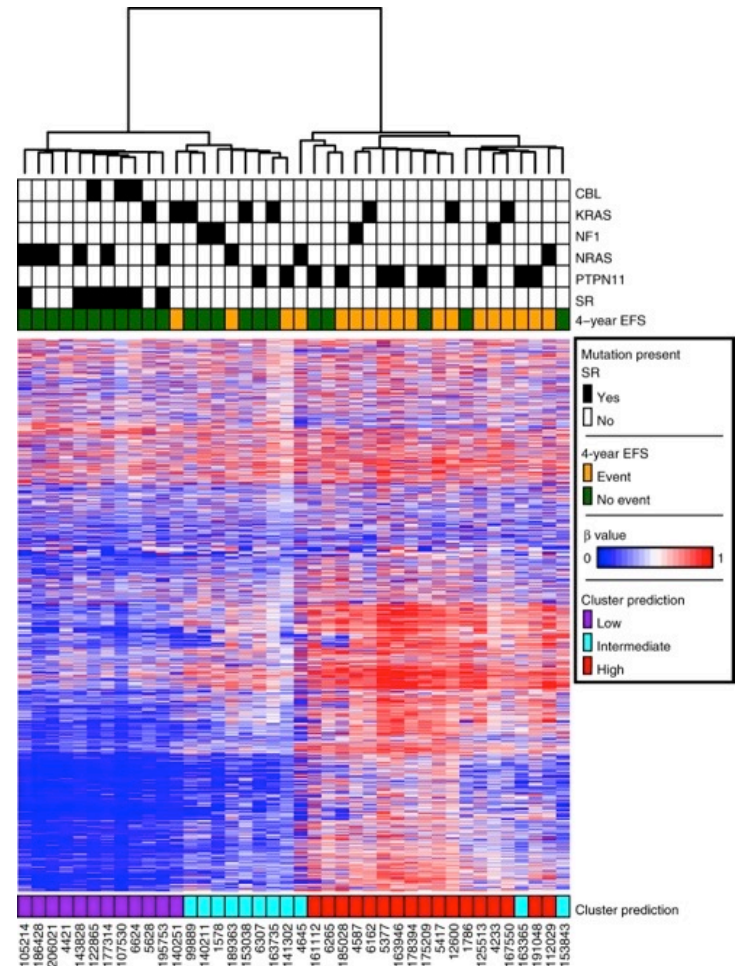
# JMML Dendrogram shows clear patterns

- 39 samples, 1500 markers
- Lower methylation more blue, higher methylation more red
- Samples naturally split into low, intermediate and high methylation groups
- Sample groups appear related to survival and other factors
- Markers split into four or so groups



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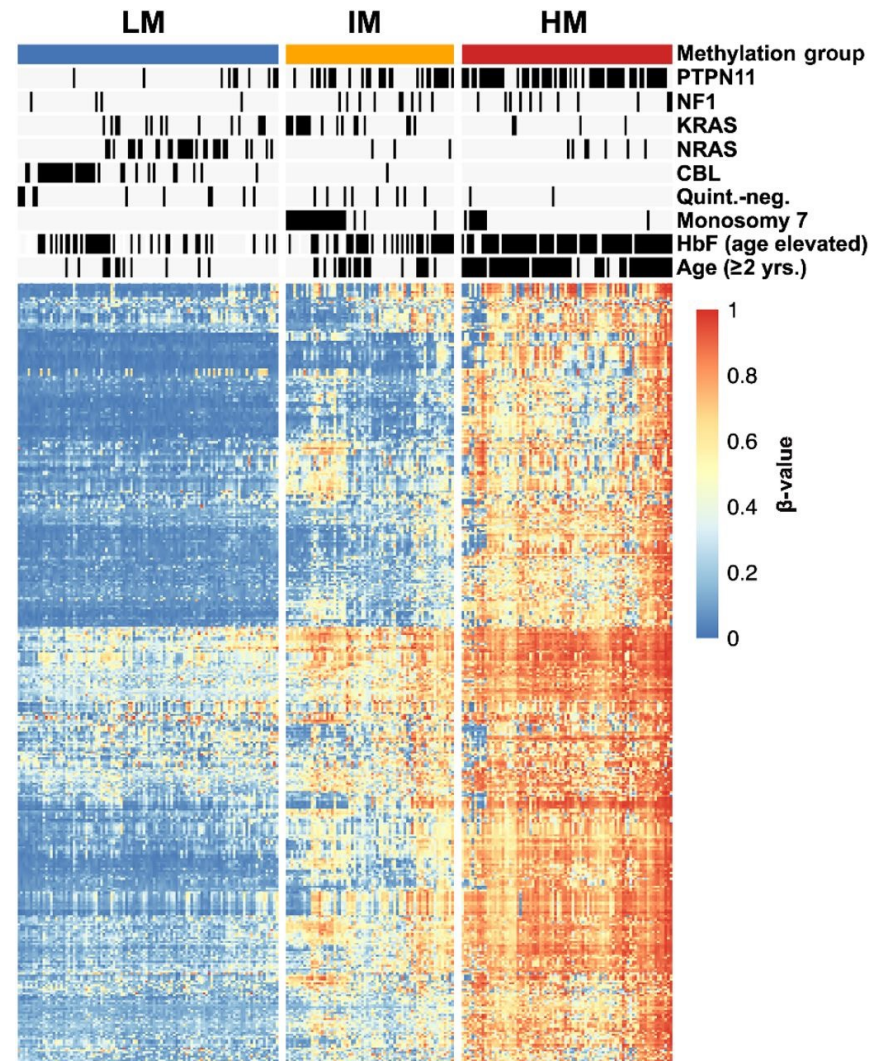
- 40 samples, same 1500 markers
- Samples again cluster into low, intermediate and high clusters
- Prediction based on nearest training set centroid
- Relationship to survival repeated





# Similar Methylation Groups Found Across Sites

- International Consortium including groups from Japan and Germany found the same three methylation groups (Schönung et al., *Clinical Cancer Research*, 2021)
- Being made into a clinical test to risk-stratify patients





# How we work

- Pre-award - Supported through CCSG
- Long-term collaborations- Usually supported by post-award
- Short-term projects-Supported through hourly support
- Talk is always free

# Conclusion

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