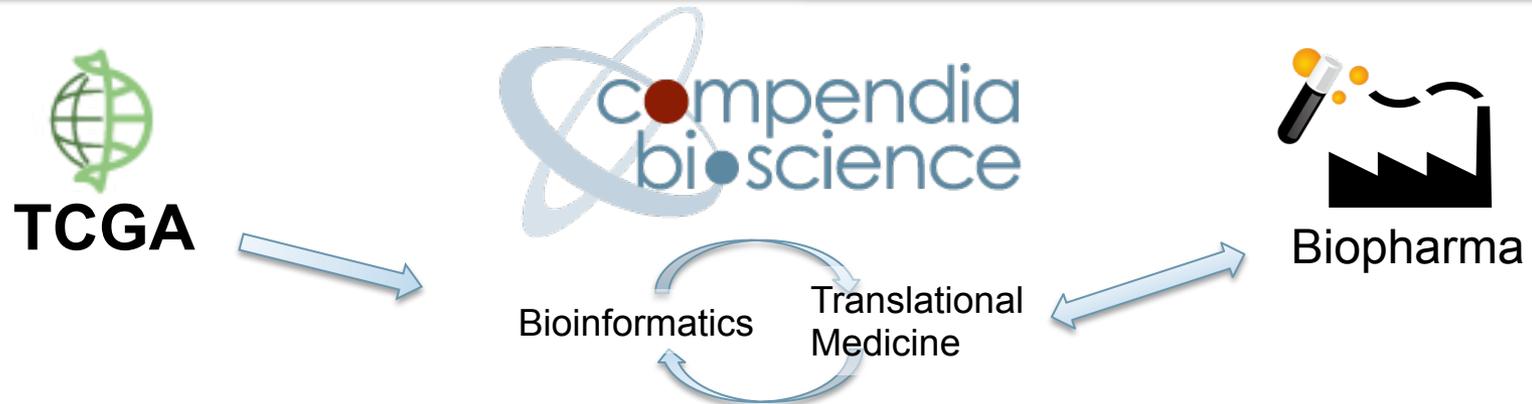


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# **Analysis of 3,000 Cancer Exomes to Identify Novel Cancer Drivers and Therapeutic Opportunities**

# Mission: Cure Cancer With Genomic Data



## » **GOALS:**

- » Novel therapeutic targets
- » Right patient population

## » **APPROACH:** define comprehensive catalog of driver aberrations in cancer

- » TCGA is critical for this effort!

## » **FOCUS: Mutations and Fusions**

# Challenges

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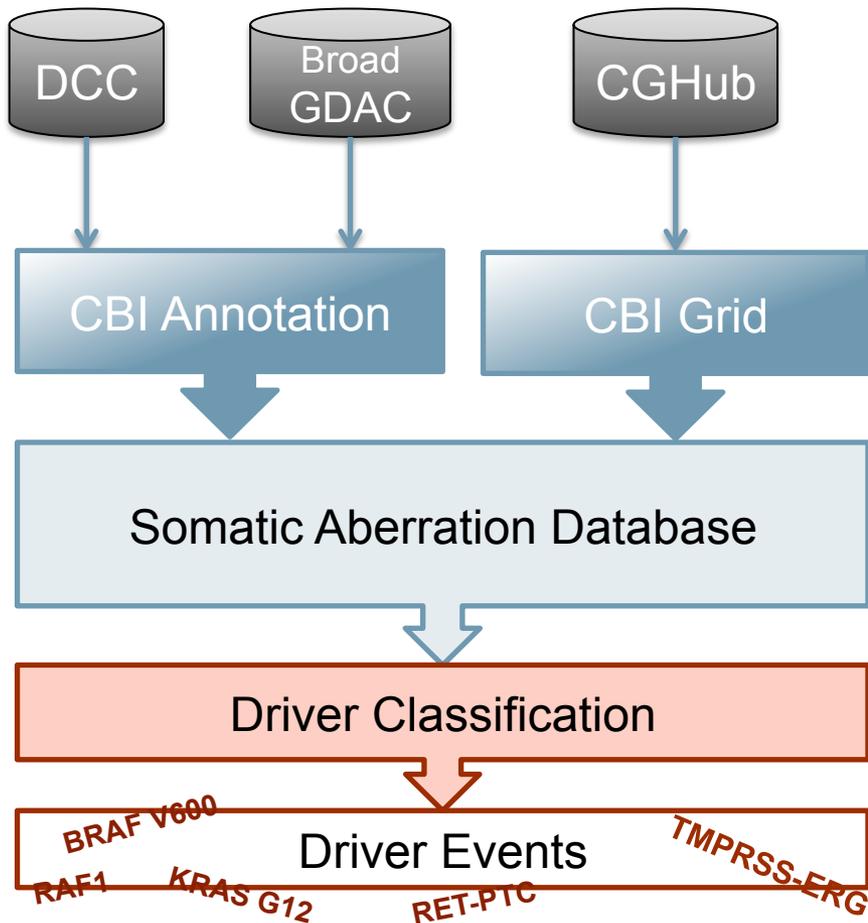
**DATA:** Large-scale data collection and processing

**HETEROGENEITY:** Different formats and analysis methods across data types and data centers

**SPEED:** Accommodating a rapidly growing dataset to get latest-and-greatest data hot off the TCGA “press”

**METHODS:** Identifying true driver events from immature and evolving methods

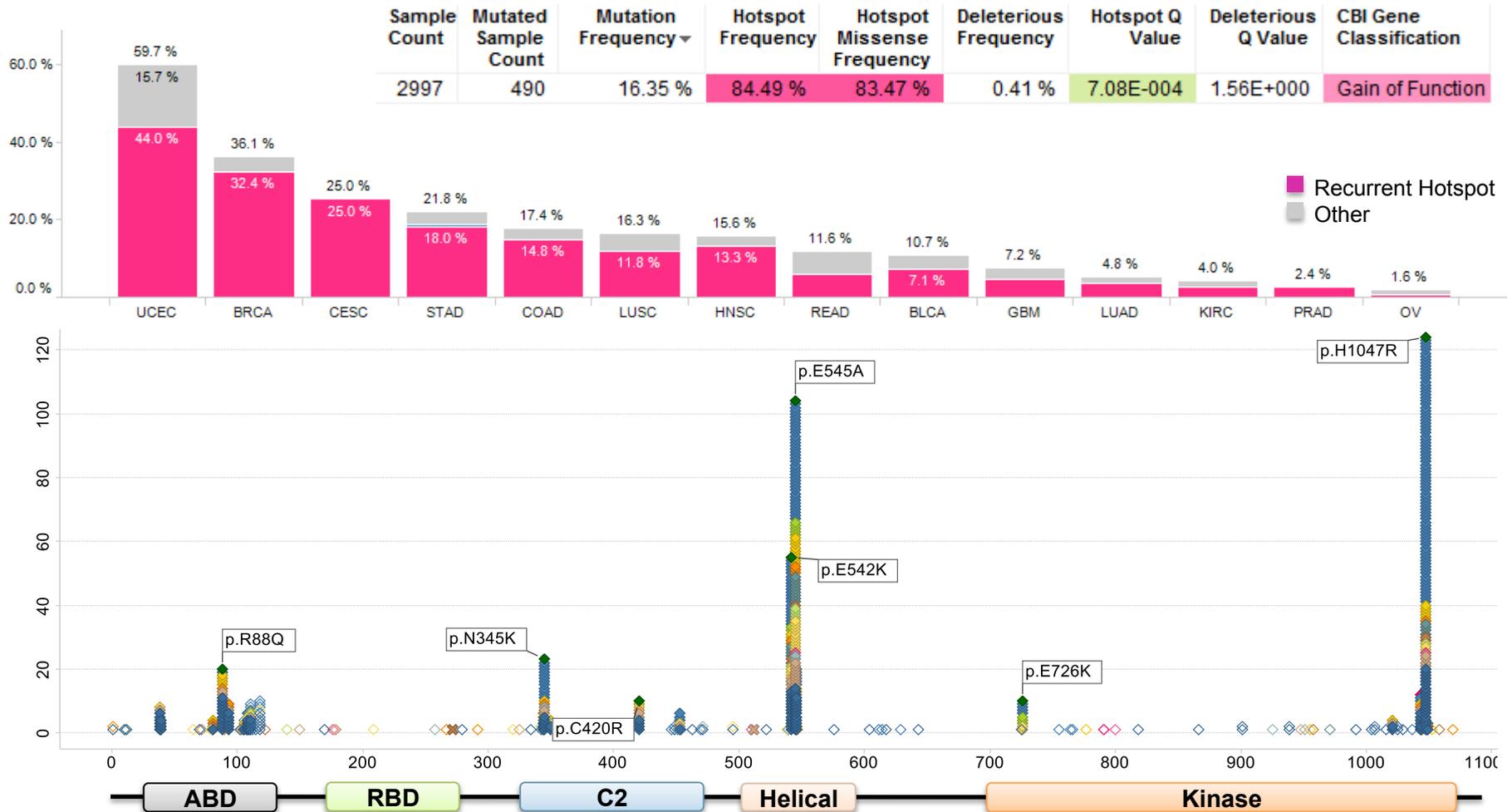
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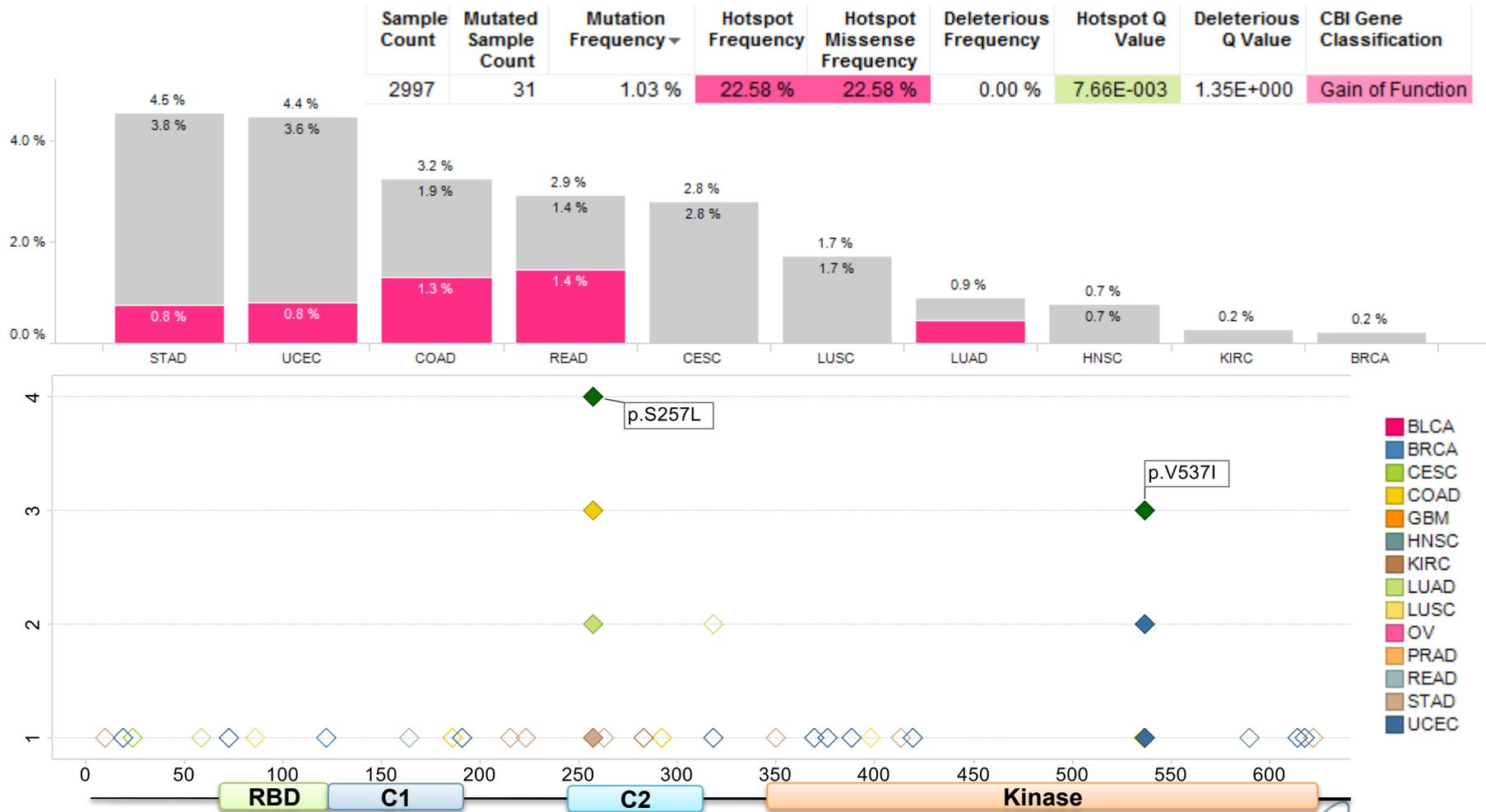
- » Quarterly data surveys
- » Method adaptation
- » HPC grid processing
- » Data standardization
- » Pan-cancer analysis
- » Gold-standard trained methods



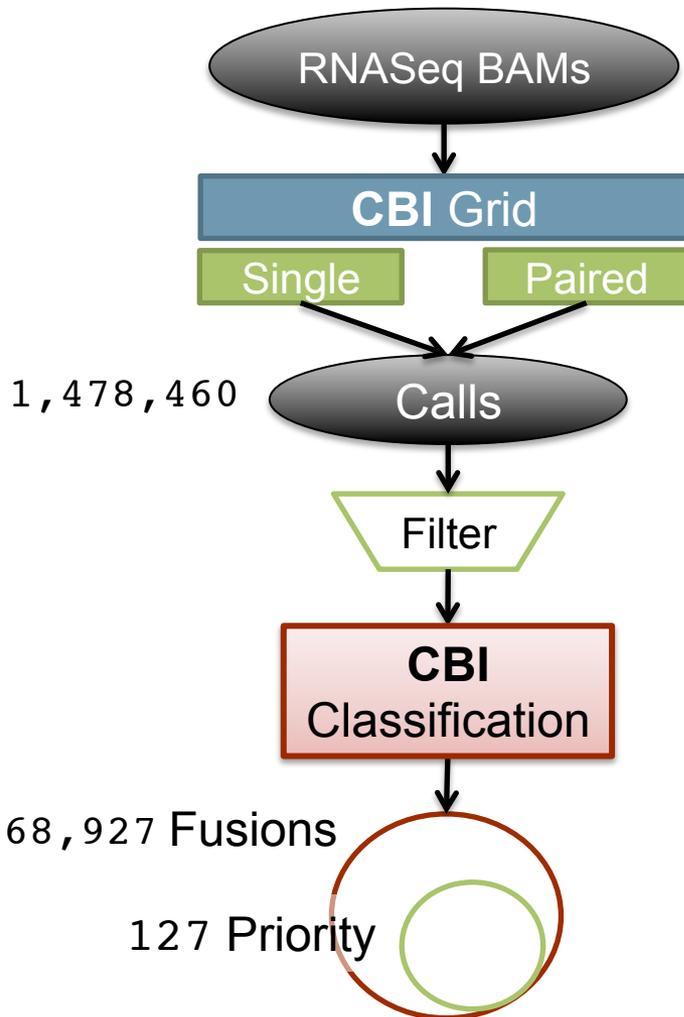
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# Mutations Example #2 – RAF1 (CRAF)



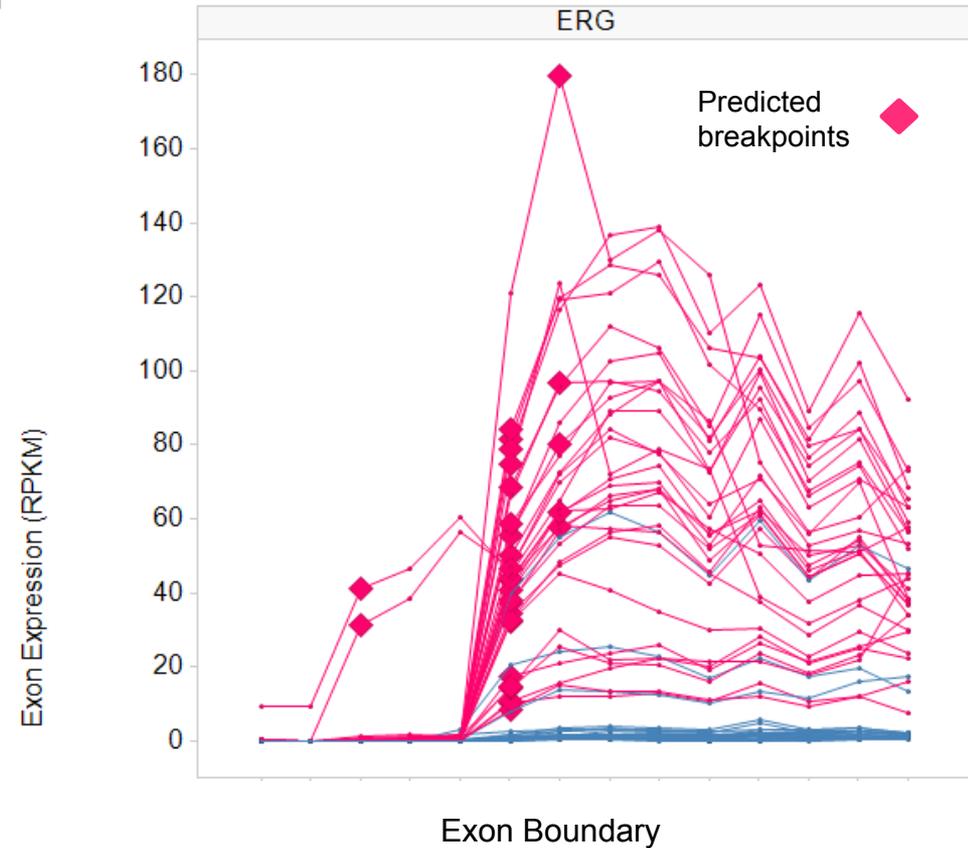
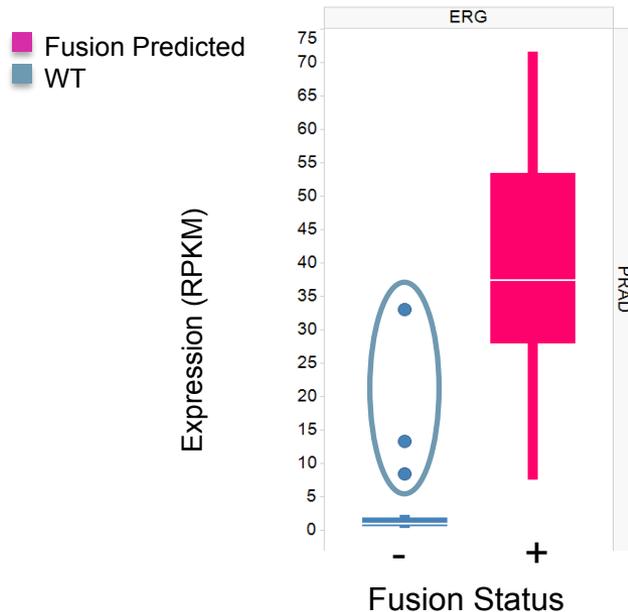
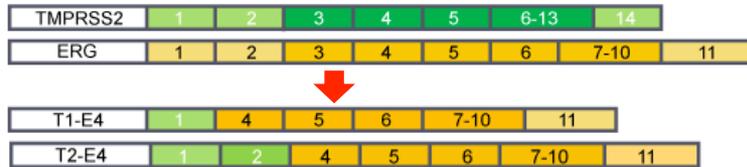
# Fusions: Method Summary



- » **1,475** samples from **6** diseases
- » Adapted leading software for batch parallel processing
- » Annotate and filter against CBI gene model
- » Classify
  - » Dual-caller validation
  - » Recurrence
  - » Evidence-based scheme developed using gold-standard positives\*
  - » Gene partners

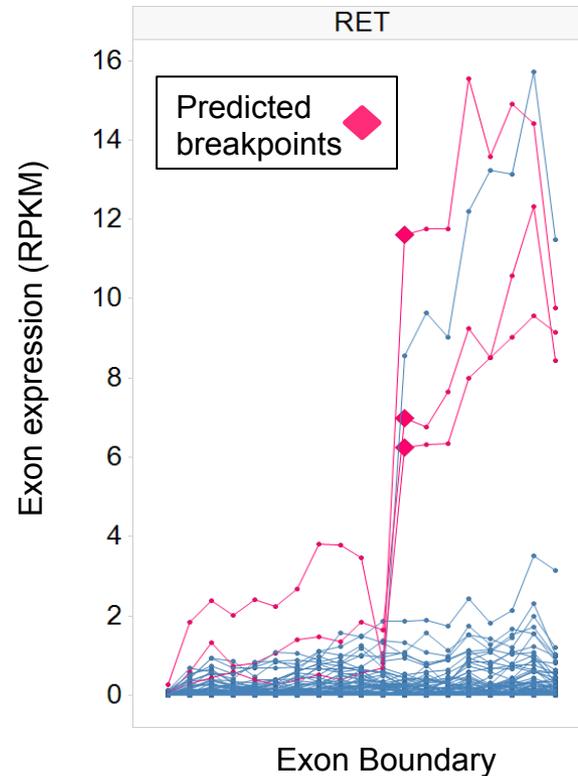
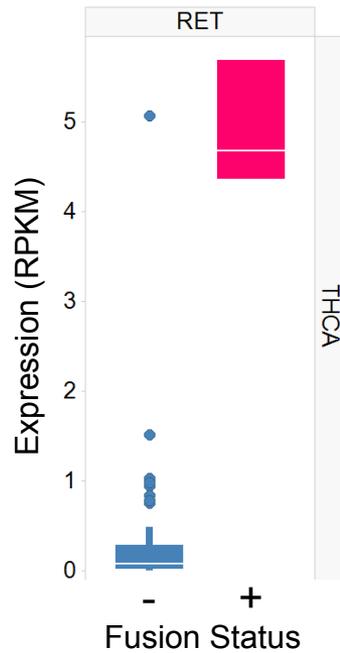
# Fusions Example #1 – TMPRSS2-ERG

» 58% frequency in PRAD (30/53)



# Fusions Example #2 – RET Fusions

- » Multiple RET partners across 3 diseases – 14 samples total



# Future Direction

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- » **TCGA:** important resource for foreseeable future
- » **Integrative analyses:**
  - » Gene, Pathway-level summarization
  - » Co-occurrence, mutual exclusivity, clinical subtype association, and outcome analysis
  - » Workflows for target discovery and target exploration
- » **More cancer types:** beyond TCGA
- » **Model systems:** map drivers
- » **Continued partnership with biopharma** to answer their most pressing questions

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