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A story about Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease

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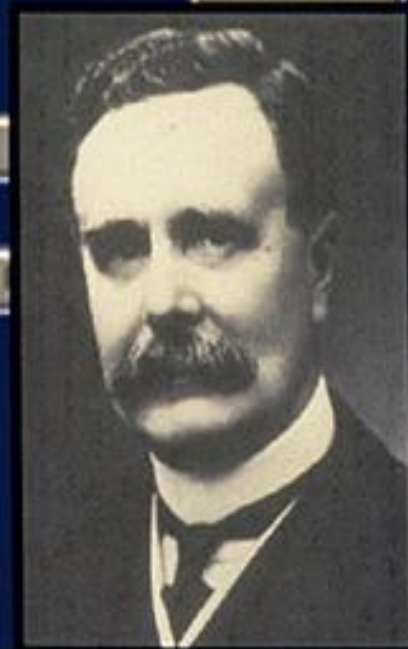
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1853-1940

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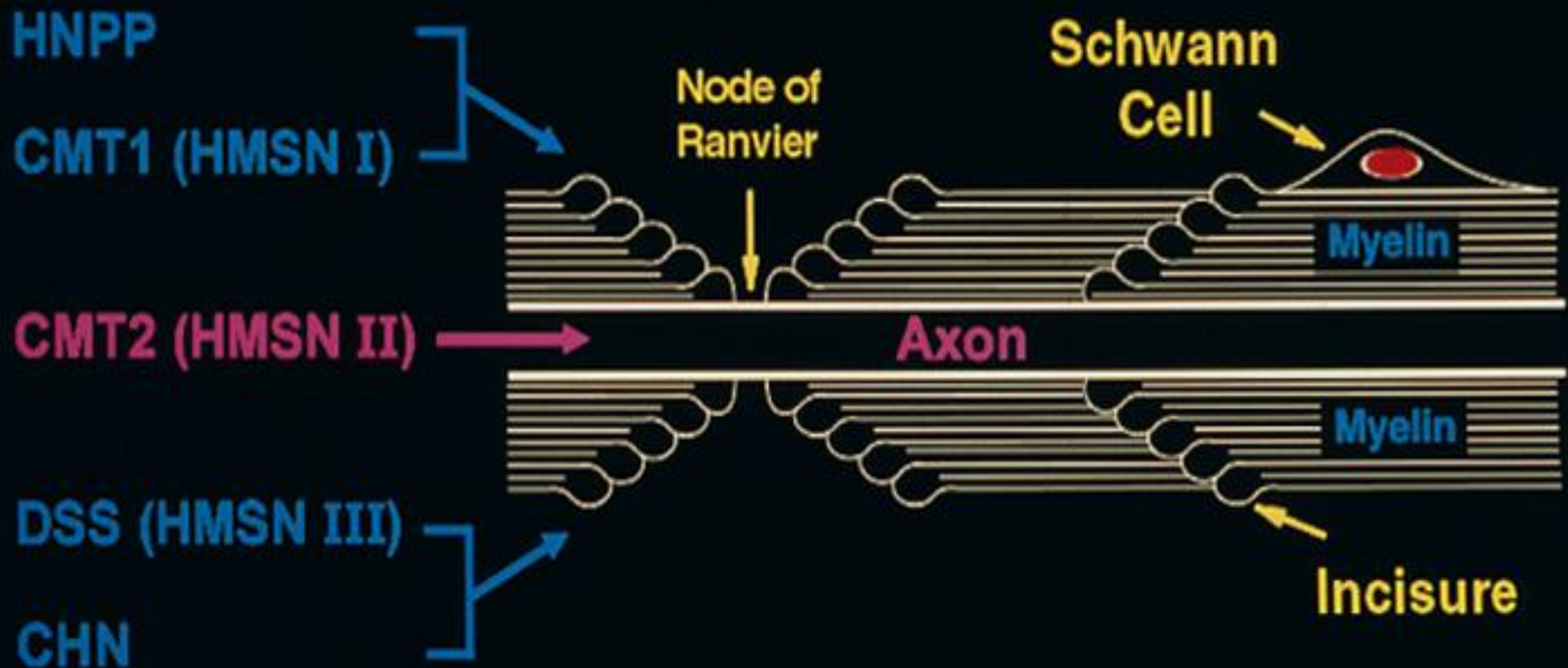


1856-1925

1886
in
Paris
&

Cambridge, UK

Hereditary Neuropathies



CMT research – the first century (105 years!).

CLINICAL DESCRIPTIONS

RLS

CHN

DSS (HMSN III)

CMT2 (HMSN II)

CMT1 (HMSN I)

HNPP

CMT Phenotype

NCS/EMG

Primary Myelinopathy

Primary Axonopathy

Dominant

Recessive

X-linked

Dominant Intermediate

Recessive

Dominant



The next two decades 36 genes identified, 7 loci mapped

GENETIC MAPPING, GENE IDENTIFICATION

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Summary of P₀ Mutations

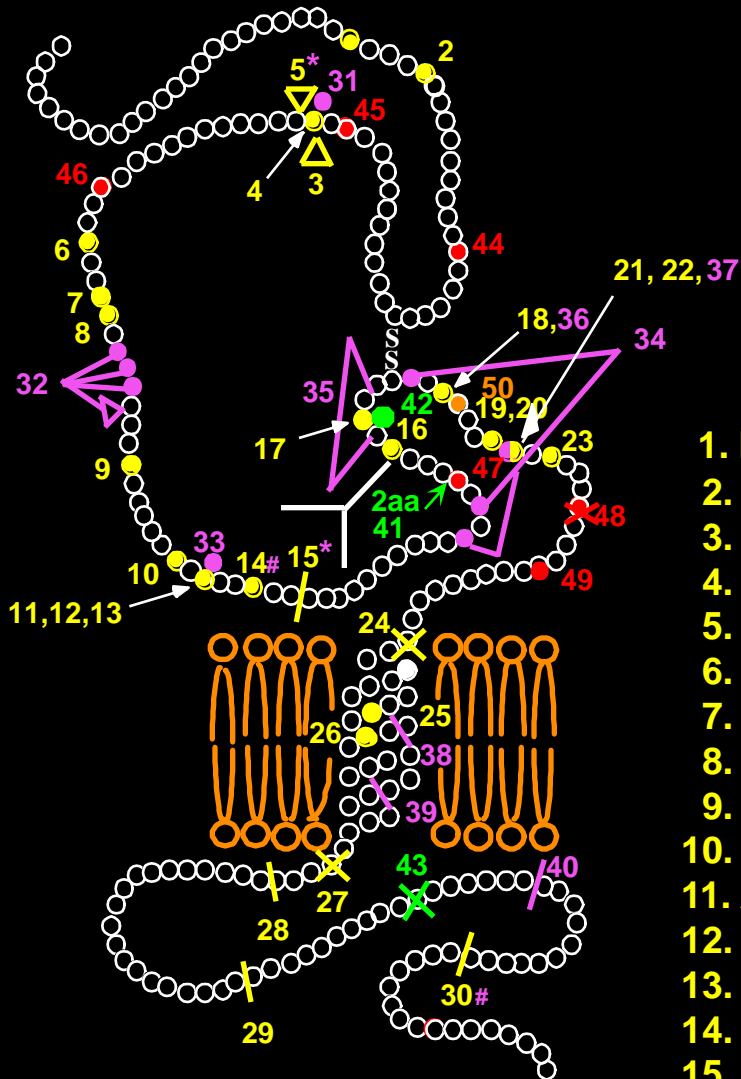
Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease Type 1

Dejerine-Sottas Syndrome

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Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease Type 2

Roussy-Levy syndrome



- ✕ Nonsense mutation
- Frameshift mutation
- △ Amino acid deletion
- Missense
- Insertion
- aa Amino acid

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5. Phe(64)del^{*hmz}
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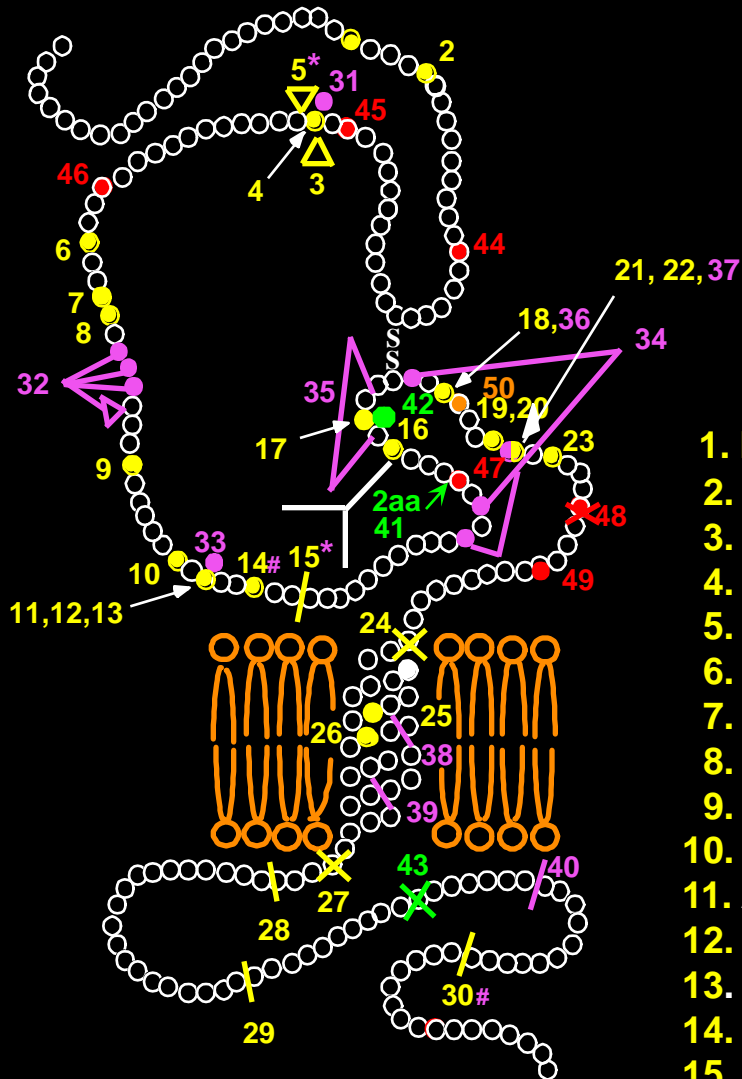
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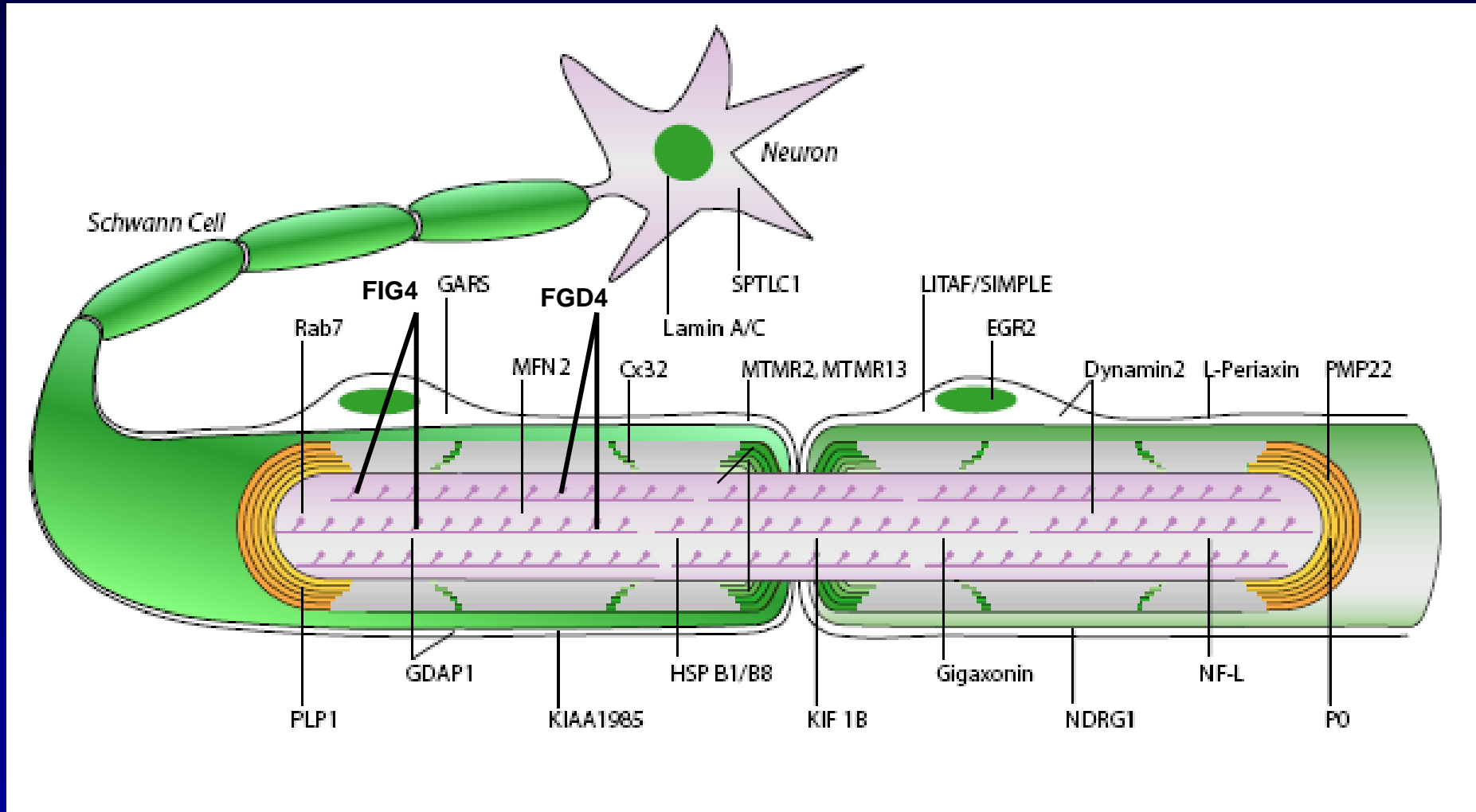
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Molecular architecture of the myelinated axon



Niemann, Berger and Suter, *NeuroMolecular Medicine*, 2006;8:217-24 (updated)

What have we learnt? One can perturb the neuron/nerve in a multitude of ways = CMT

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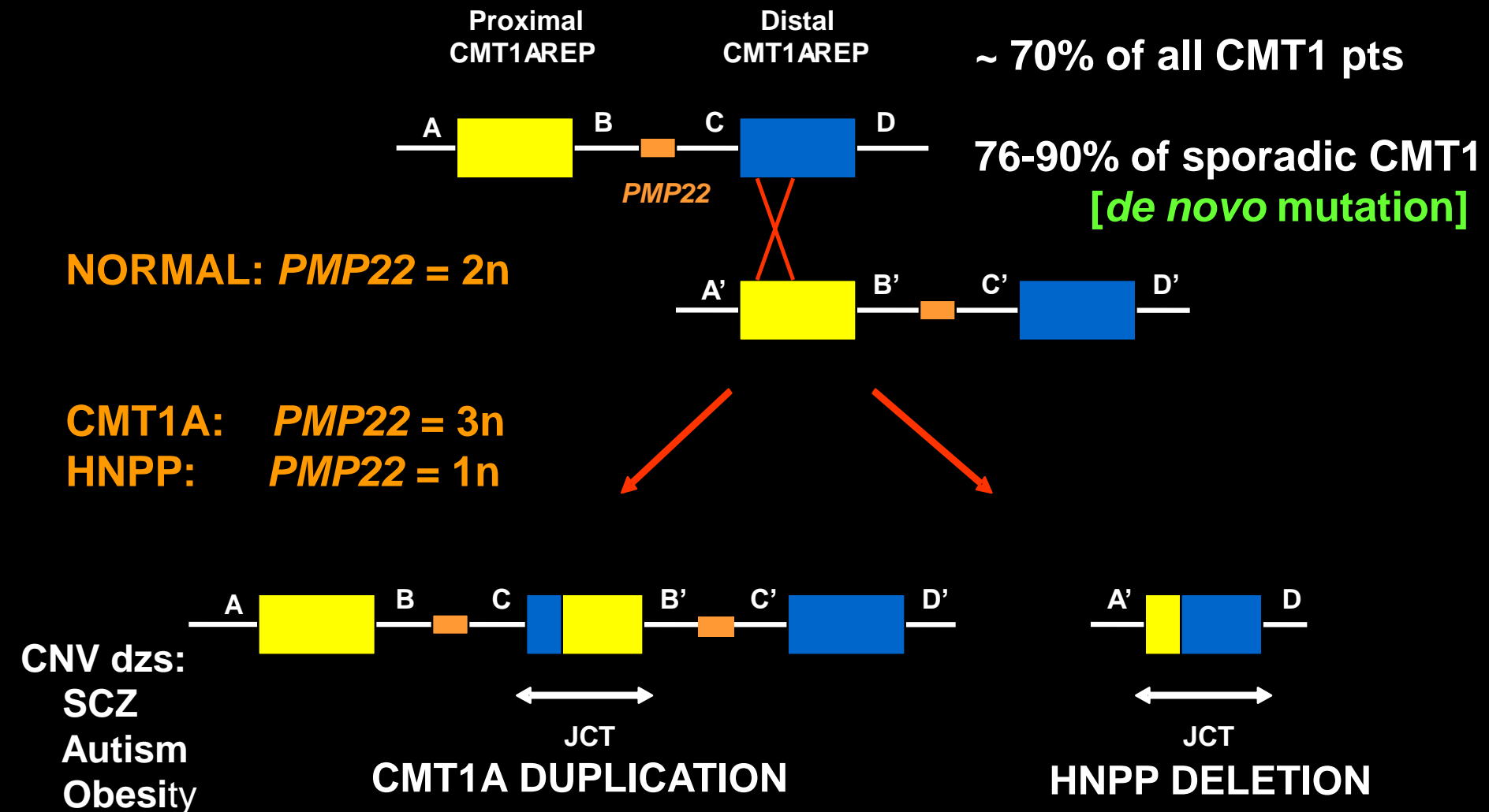
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The CMT1A duplication – a CNV paradigm

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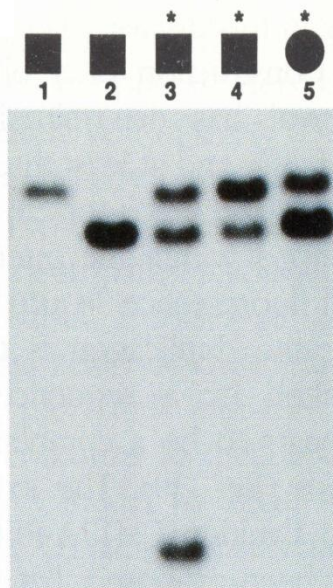
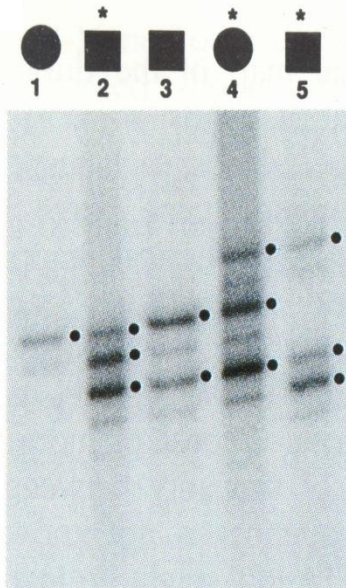
Lupski, *et al.* (1991) *Cell* 66 :219-232; Lupski, *et al.* (1992) *Nat Genet* 1 :29-33

[duplication, gene dosage] ; Pentao, Liu, *et al.* (1992) *Nat Genet* 2 :292-300 [NAHR]



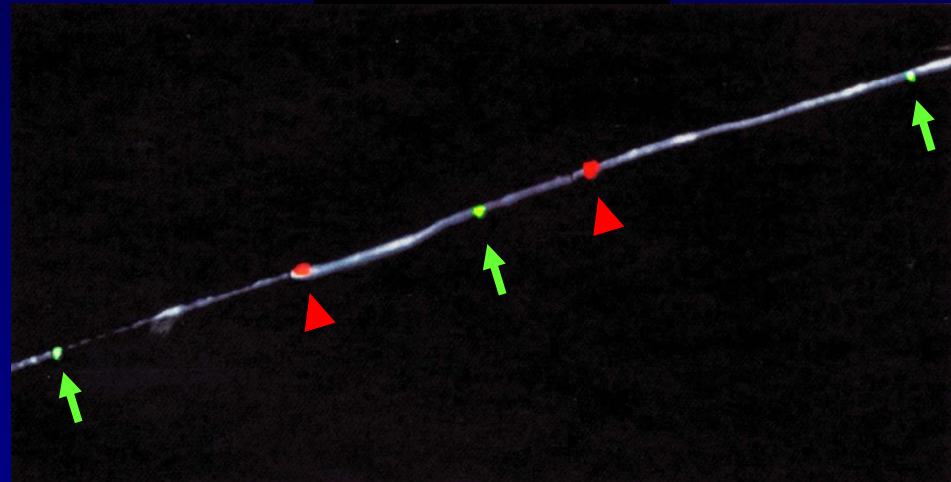
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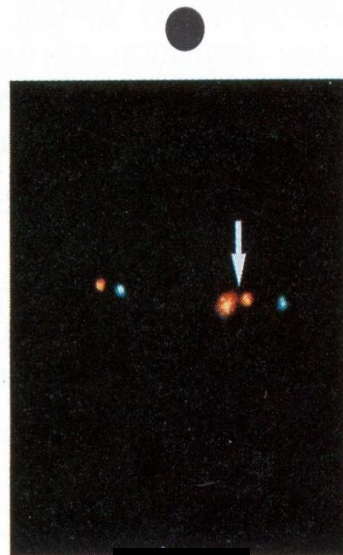
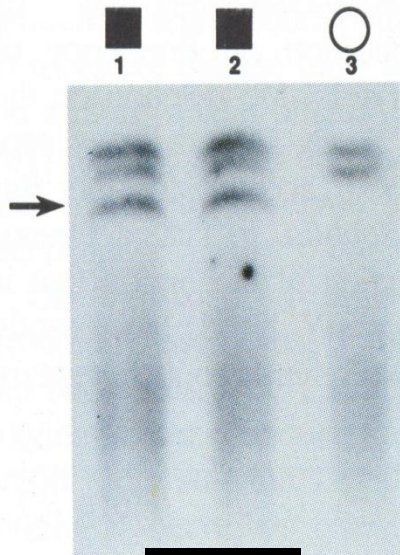


independent molecular methods reveal evidence for CMT1A duplication

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Rautenstrauss (1997) *J Periph Nerv Sys* 3:1-4



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What have we learned?

CNV associated with genomic disorders highlight:

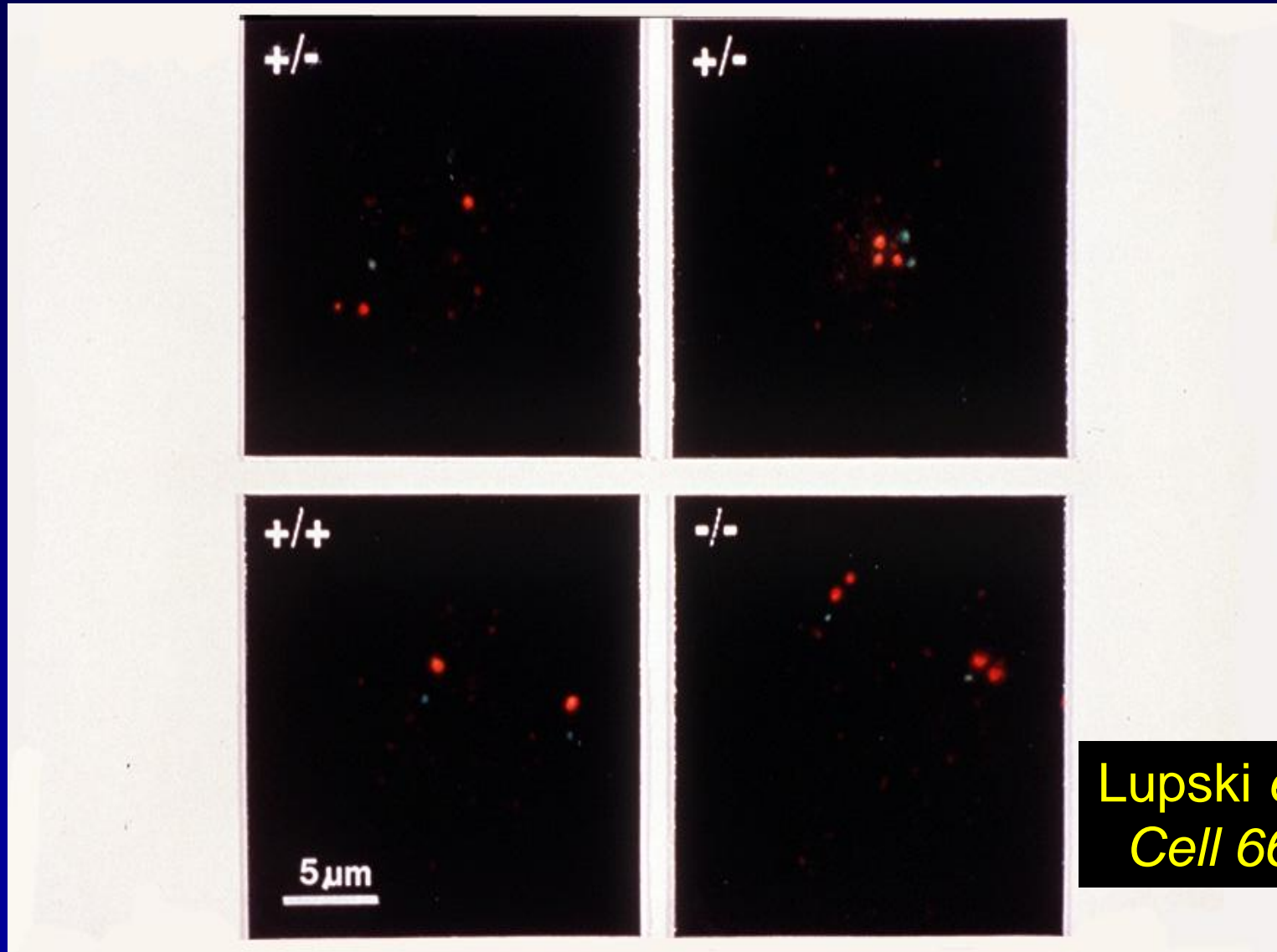
- i) Disease allele transmission; dup CNV = triallelic
- ii) Gene dosage role in clinical traits

Patel and Lupski (1994) *TIG* 10:128-133

Contrasting features of CMT1A and HNPP

	CMT1A	HNPP
Clinical	Symmetric, slowly progressive	<i>Asymmetric, episodic</i>
Antecedent	None	Motor nerve compression
Potential Early Signs	Mild delay in achieving motor milestones Idiopathic toe walking of childhood Absent deep tendon reflexes	None
Presentation	Distal muscle weakness and atrophy Dropped foot abnormal gait Foot deformity (<i>pes cavus, pes planus</i>)	Pressure palsies <i>Focal neuropathy</i> <i>Carpal tunnel syndrome</i>
Electrophysiologic	Slow NCV	Conduction block
Neuropathology	Onion bulb	Tomacula
Molecular	Duplication	Deletion

HMZ dup gives severe disease: gene dosage!



Lupski *et al.* 1991
Cell 66:219-232

PHENOTYPIC VARIABILITY

Charcot-Marie-Tooth type 1

Roussy-Levy syndrome

Dejerine-Sottas syndrome
(hmz > htz)

HMSN with calf hypertrophy

Scapuloperoneal atrophy
(Davidenkow syndrome)



**CMT1A
duplication**

Deletions of Chromosome 17p11.2 in Multifocal Neuropathies

J. Tyson, BSc,* S. Malcolm, PhD,* P. K. Thomas, DSc,†† and A. E. Harding, FRCP†

- **24/51 patients with multifocal neuropathy have HNPP deletion**
- **7/19 (37%) index cases had no affected relatives**
- **Peripheral nerve lesion related to pressure in only 62% of cases**

Multifocal neuropathy genetic?

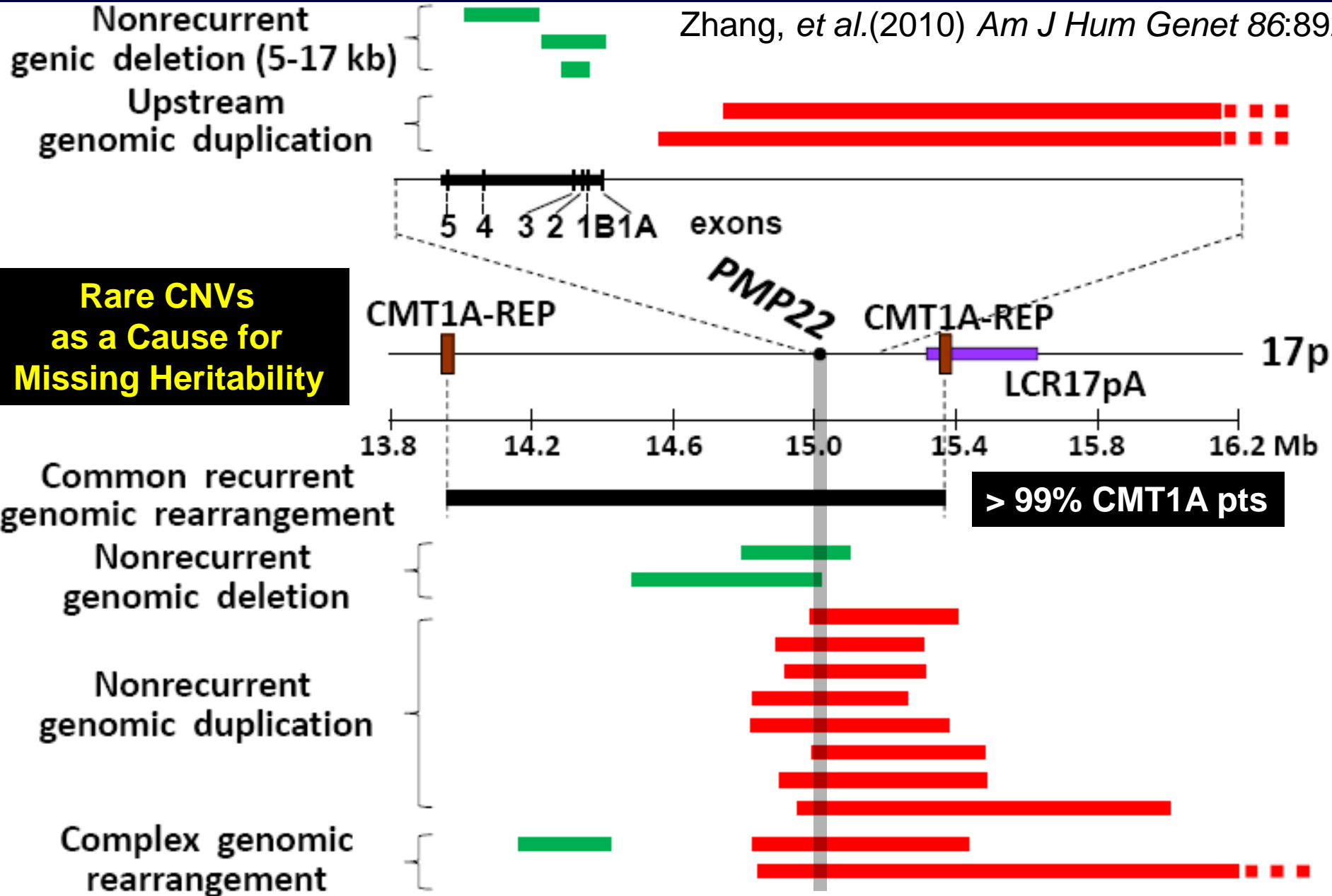
PMP22 CNV detected by abnormal MLPA for CMT1A duplication

Year	dup/del test	nml	dup	del
2007	4261	3472	549	194

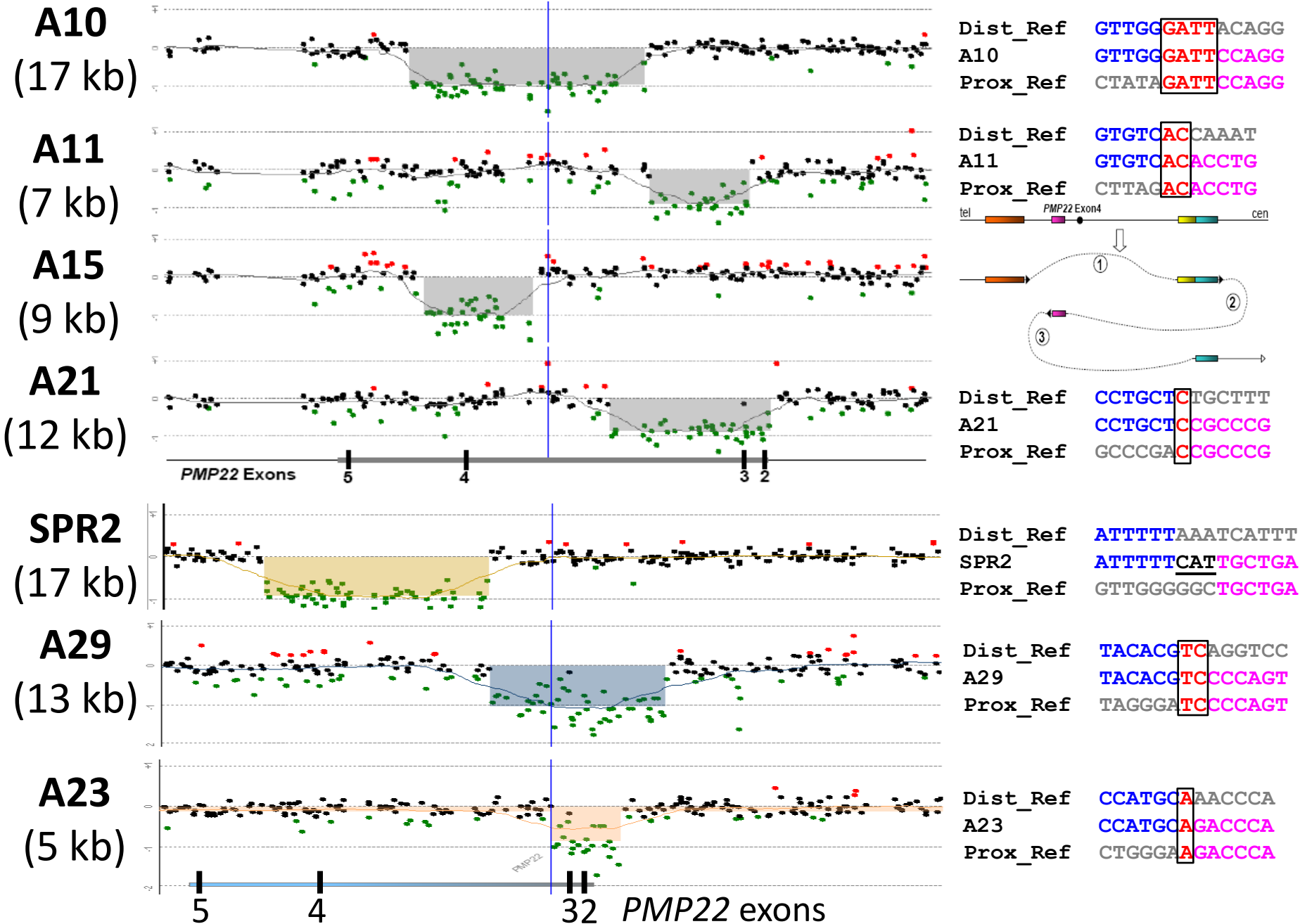
- MLPA unusual in 7 samples
- Frequency of detecting dup or del = $(549+194)/4261 = 17.5\%$
- Frequency of unusual MLPA = $7/(549+194) = 0.8\%$
- Estimated NAHR at CMT1A/HNPP locus = 99.2%
- $\text{del/dup} = 194/549 = \sim .35$ (NOT 2:1); $\sim 80\%$ HNPP undiagnosed!

CNVs involving the coding or upstream regions of *PMP22* from patients with CMT1A or HNPP

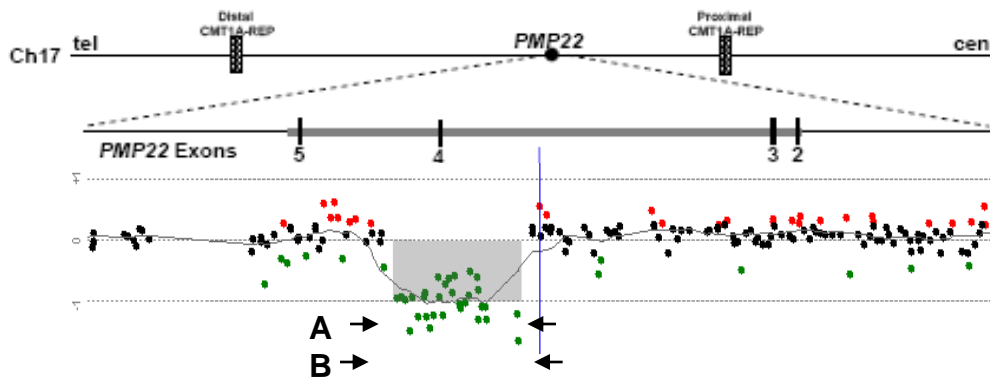
Zhang, *et al.*(2010) *Am J Hum Genet* 86:892



Exonic deletions of *PMP22*



FoSTeS caused complex deletion of *PMP22* exon 4



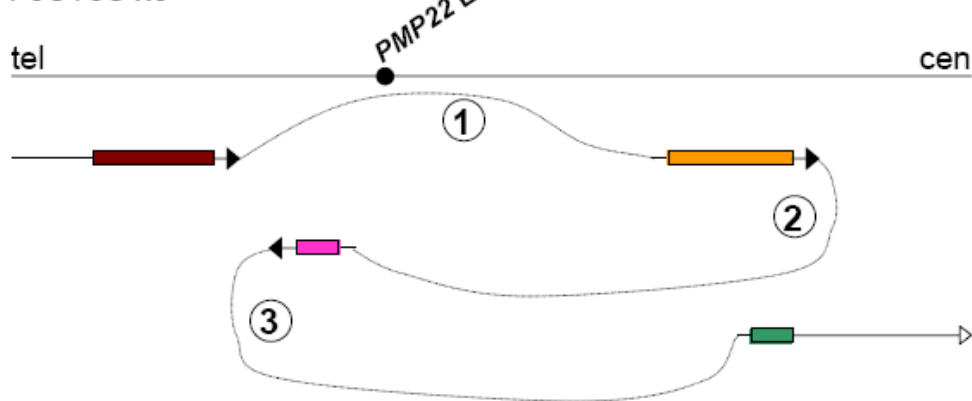
FoSTeS 1

DistRef1+ TTGATGTTTTCCAGTCTAGTGCAACCCCAACCAACAGATCTTGTCAAGGAATAGATGGCTATAGGTTCTG
 A15_1+ TTGATGTTTTCCAGTCTAGTGCAACCCCAACCAACCAAGAGAGAAAACAGCTAAGTATAAAAATTGAAAAGCC
 ProxRef1+ TCGCATCATTAAACAAAATTAAATTACAGACAGAACCAAGAGAAAACAGCTAAGTATAAAAATTGAAAAGCC

FoSTeS 2 & 3

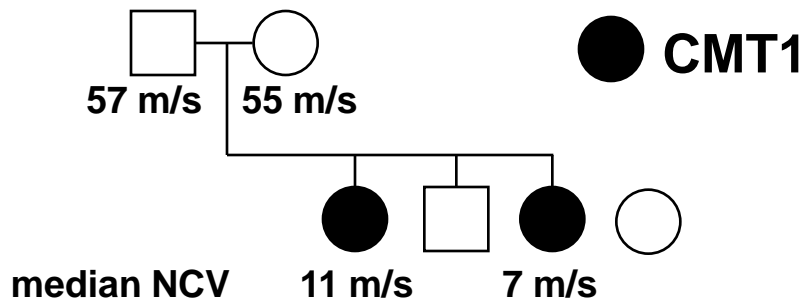
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 A15_23+ TCGTAAAAGGTGCCCAACCTATAGCCATCTATTTCCTTGACCAAGGTGCCCAACCTCACTAGCAACCAAGGA
 ProxRef23- CATTCTTATTTTCAGAACCTATAGCCATCTATTTCCTTGACCAAGATCTGTGGGTTGGGTTGCACTAGACT
 DistRef3+ TTAGCAAAGGAGAAAATATGAACGCCAATAAACATCGTAAAGGTGCCCAACCTCACTAGCAACCAAGGA

FoSTeS x3

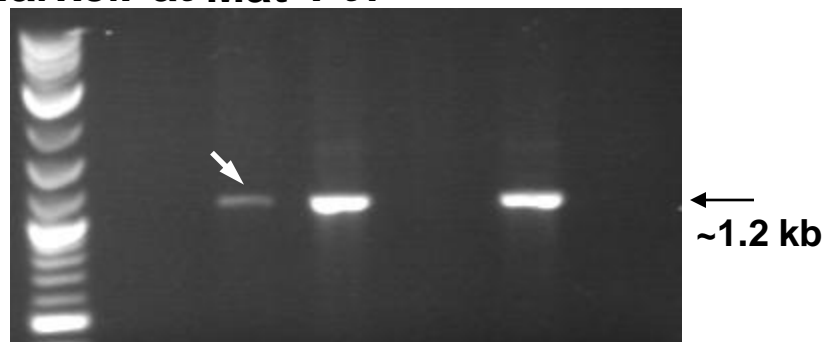


Mosaic complex rearrangement in mother suggests mitotic event consistent with the MMBIR/FoSTeS model

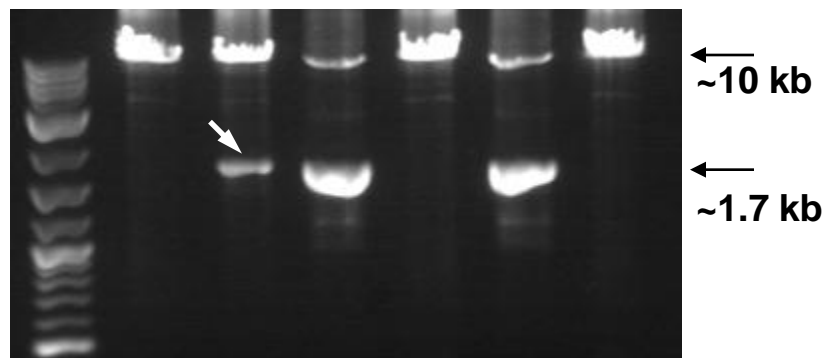
Zhang *et al.* (2009) *Nat Genet* 41:849-853



MarkerPat Mat Pt1 Sib Pt2 Ctrl



standard PCR; primers A



long-range PCR; primers B

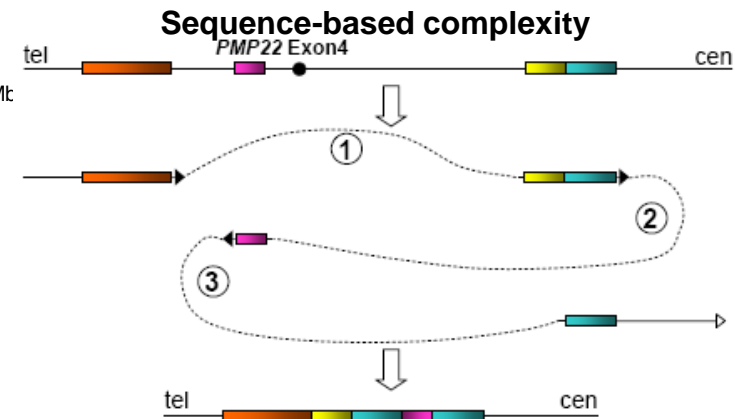
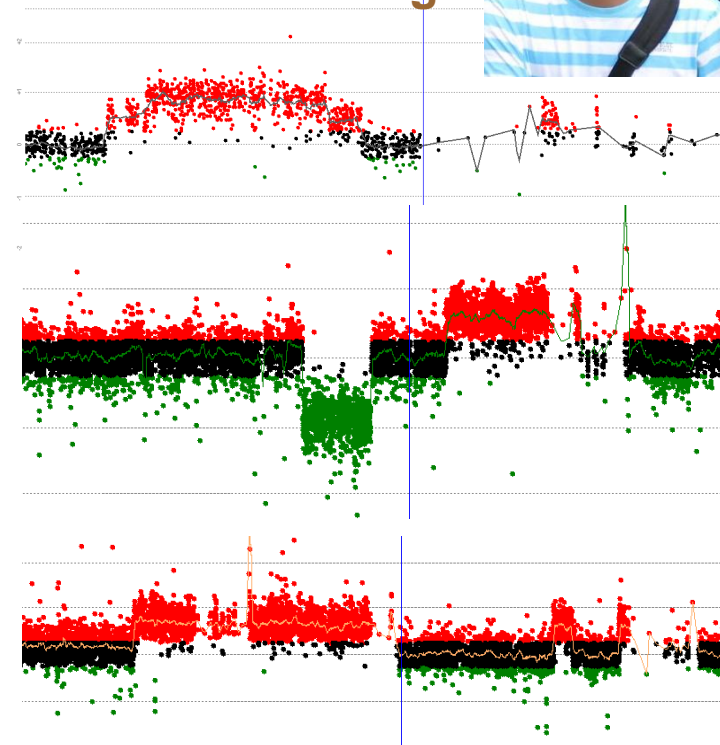
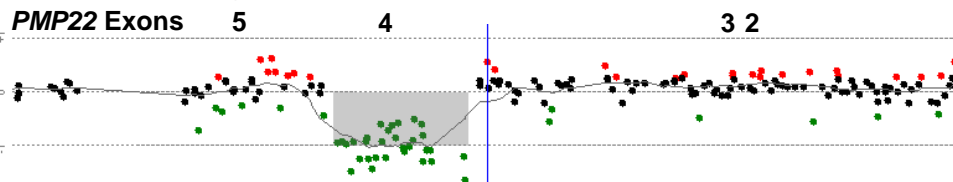
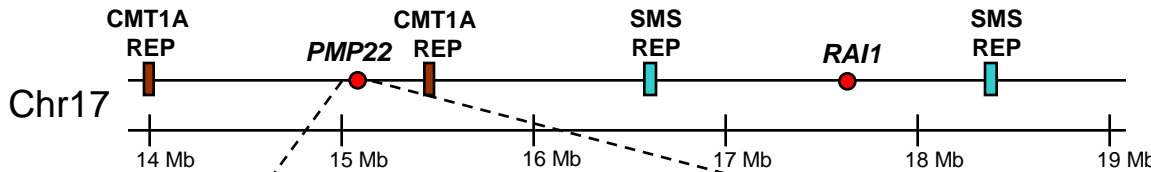
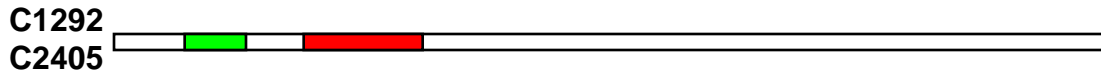
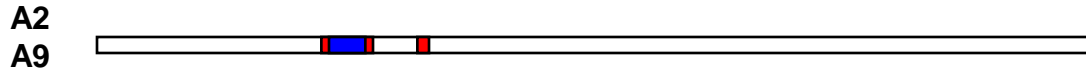
mosaic deletion in mother

Complex CMT1A Rearrangements

Feng
Zhang



normal deletion duplication triplication



Types of rare CNVs observed at the CMT1A *PMP22* locus

Nonrecurrent genomic duplications and deletions

Complex rearrangements

Exonic deletions

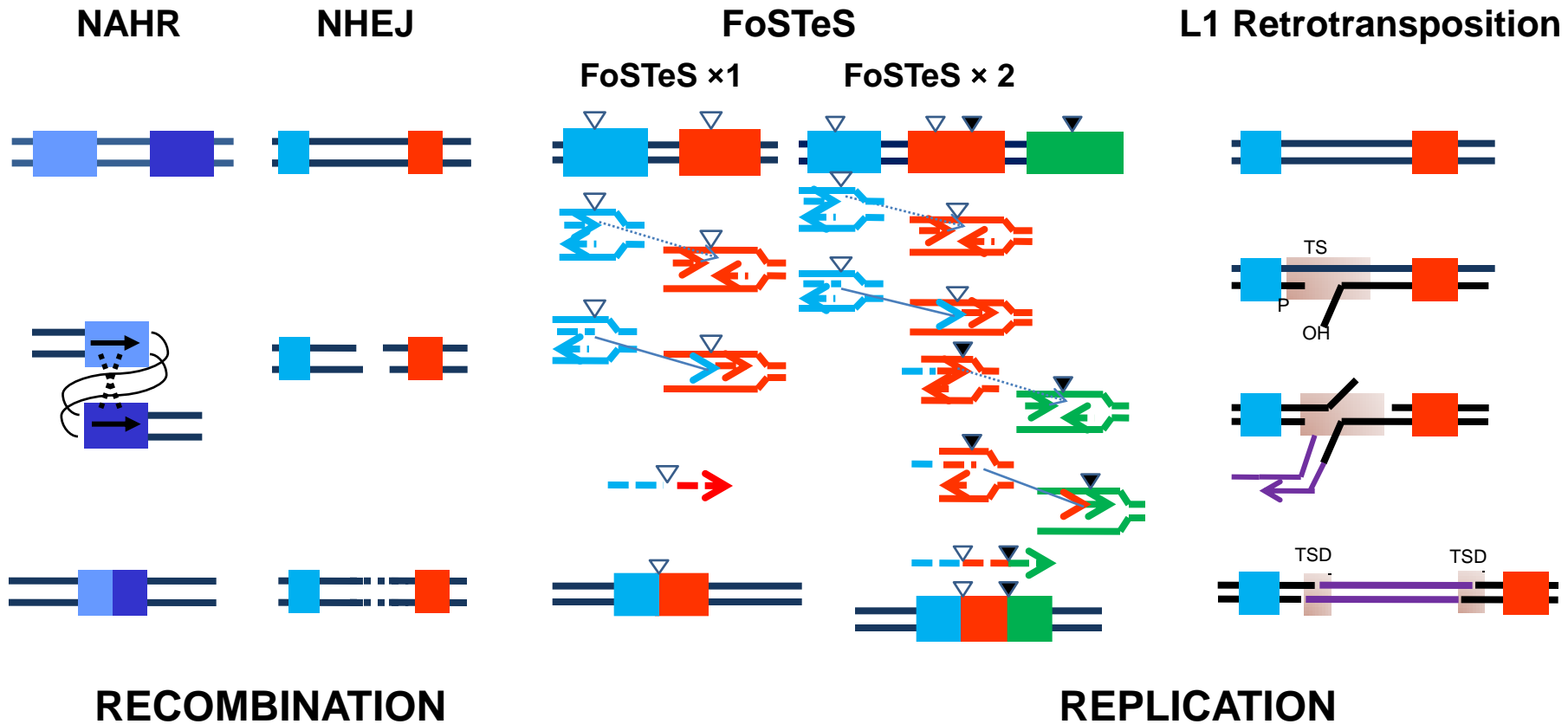
Upstream sequence duplications

A patient with multiple *de novo* rearrangements

Mechanisms for genomic disorder associated human genomic rearrangements

MMBIR: microhomology-mediated, break induced replication

MEI – mobile element insertion



Cell 131:1235-1247, December 26, 2007

Cell

A DNA Replication Mechanism for Generating Nonrecurrent Rearrangements Associated with Genomic Disorders

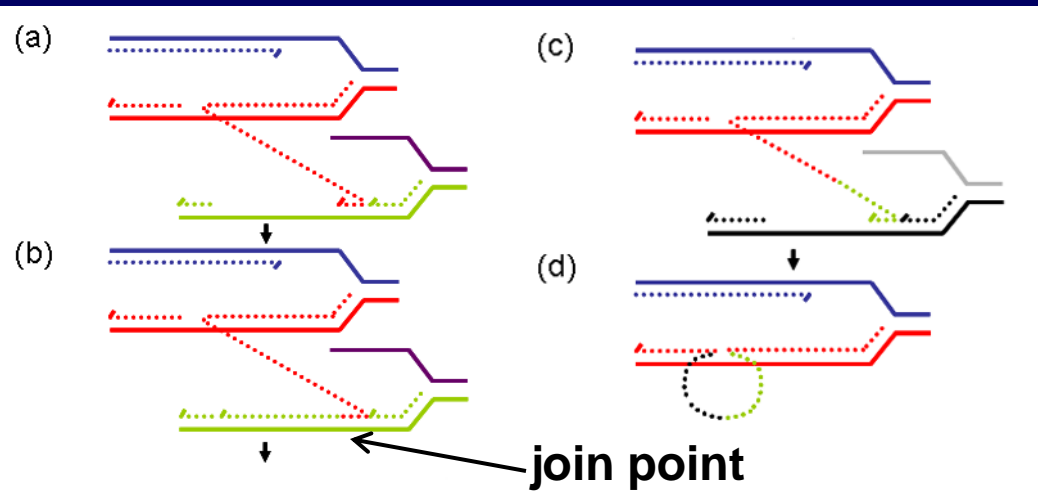
Jennifer A. Lee,¹ Claudia M.B. Carvalho,¹ and James R. Lupski^{1,2,3,*}



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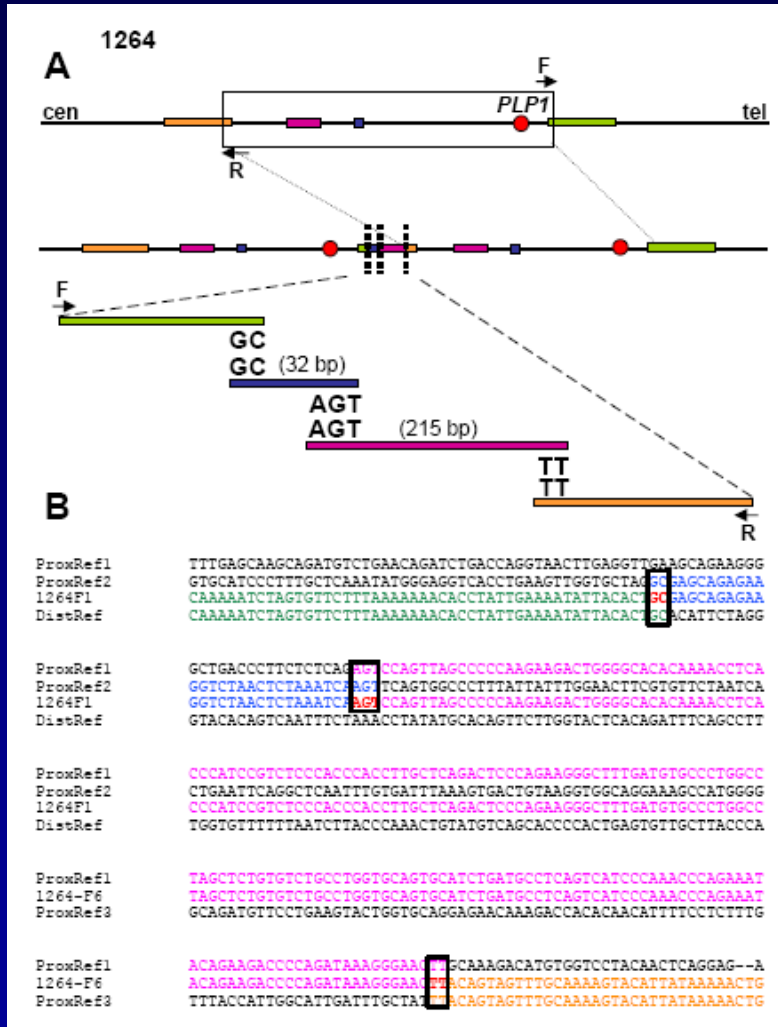


- Studied Pelizeaus-Merzbacher Dz
- CNS dysmyelinating disorder
- ~ 70% due to different sized (i.e. non-recurrent) *PLP1* dup

DNA replication mechanism:
Fork Stalling
Template Switching,
FoSTeS

- 1) Long distance template switching (120-550 Kb)
- 2) Tethered to original fork
- 3) Priming of DNA replication via microhomology
- 4) Template driven juxtaposition of discreet genomic segments from different locations

DNA replication model for genomic rearrangements



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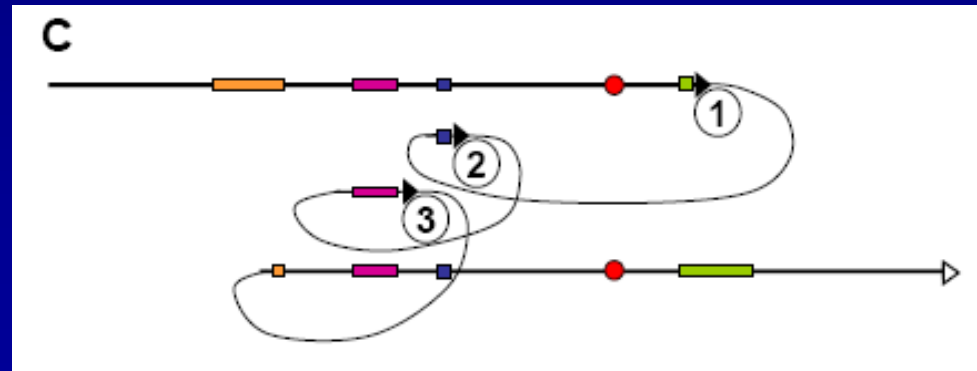
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Fork Stalling and Template Switching

FoSTeS

Mechanism

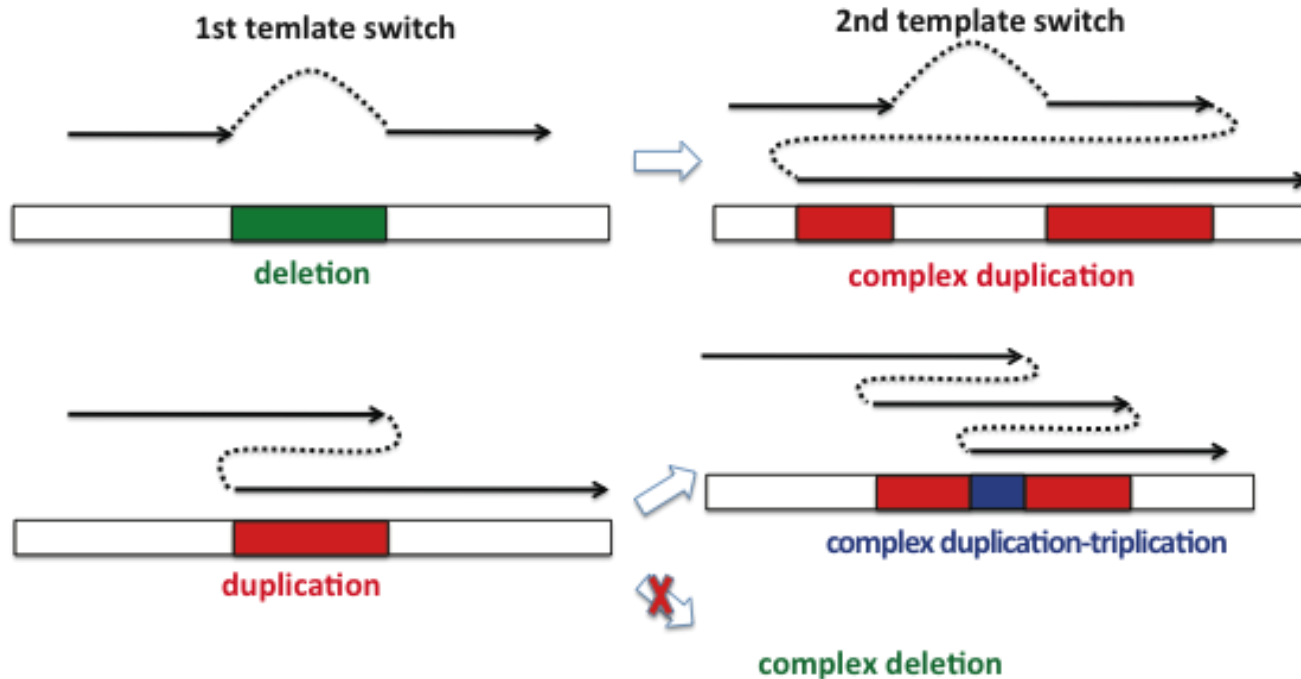
- Microhomology mediated joining
- Template driven juxtaposition of DNA sequences separated by large genomic distances



FoSTeS x 3

FoSTeS/MMBIR favors gain (DUP, TRP, etc.) over loss of genomic material

Pengfei
Liu

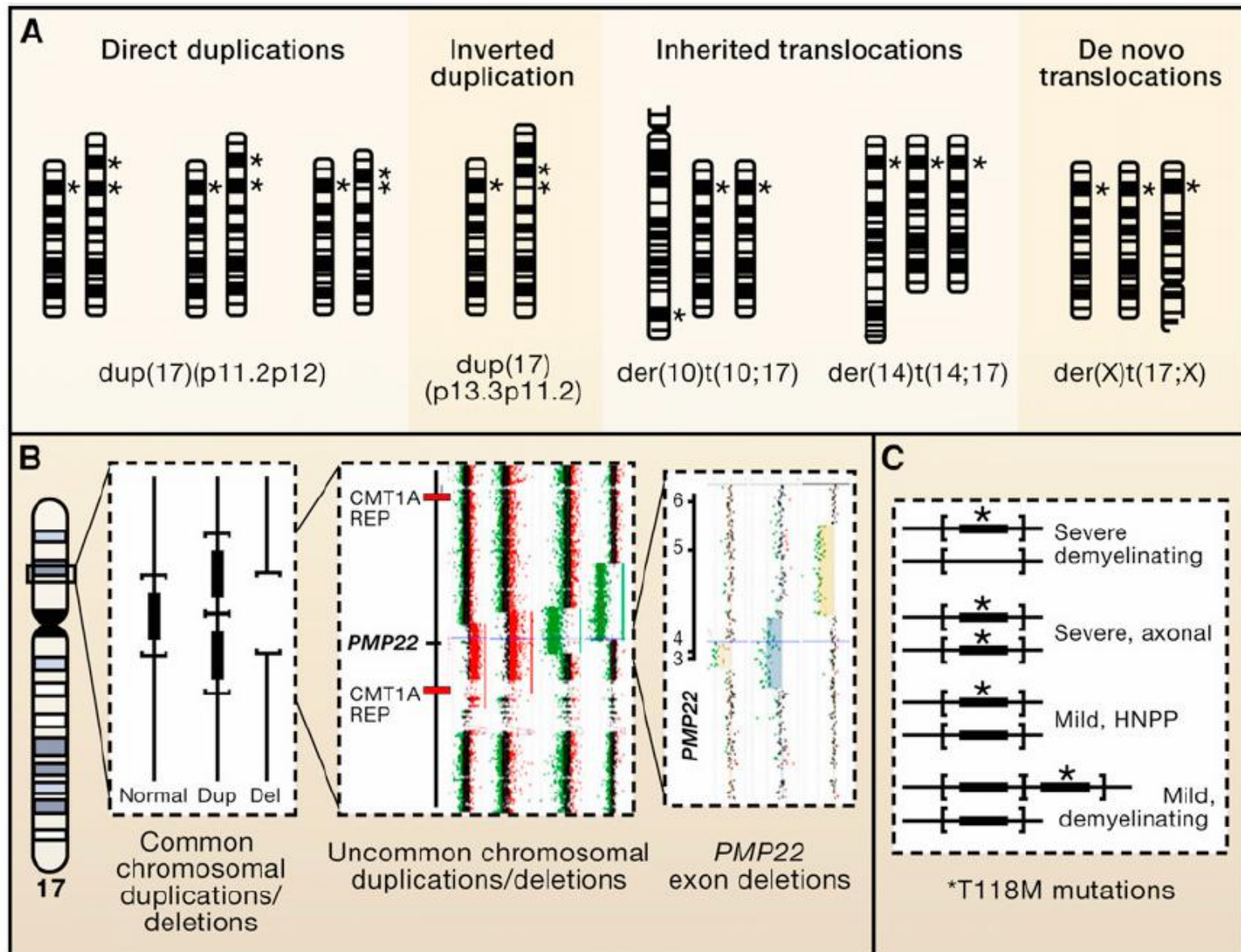


A 2nd template switch can erase the deletion generated in the first step.

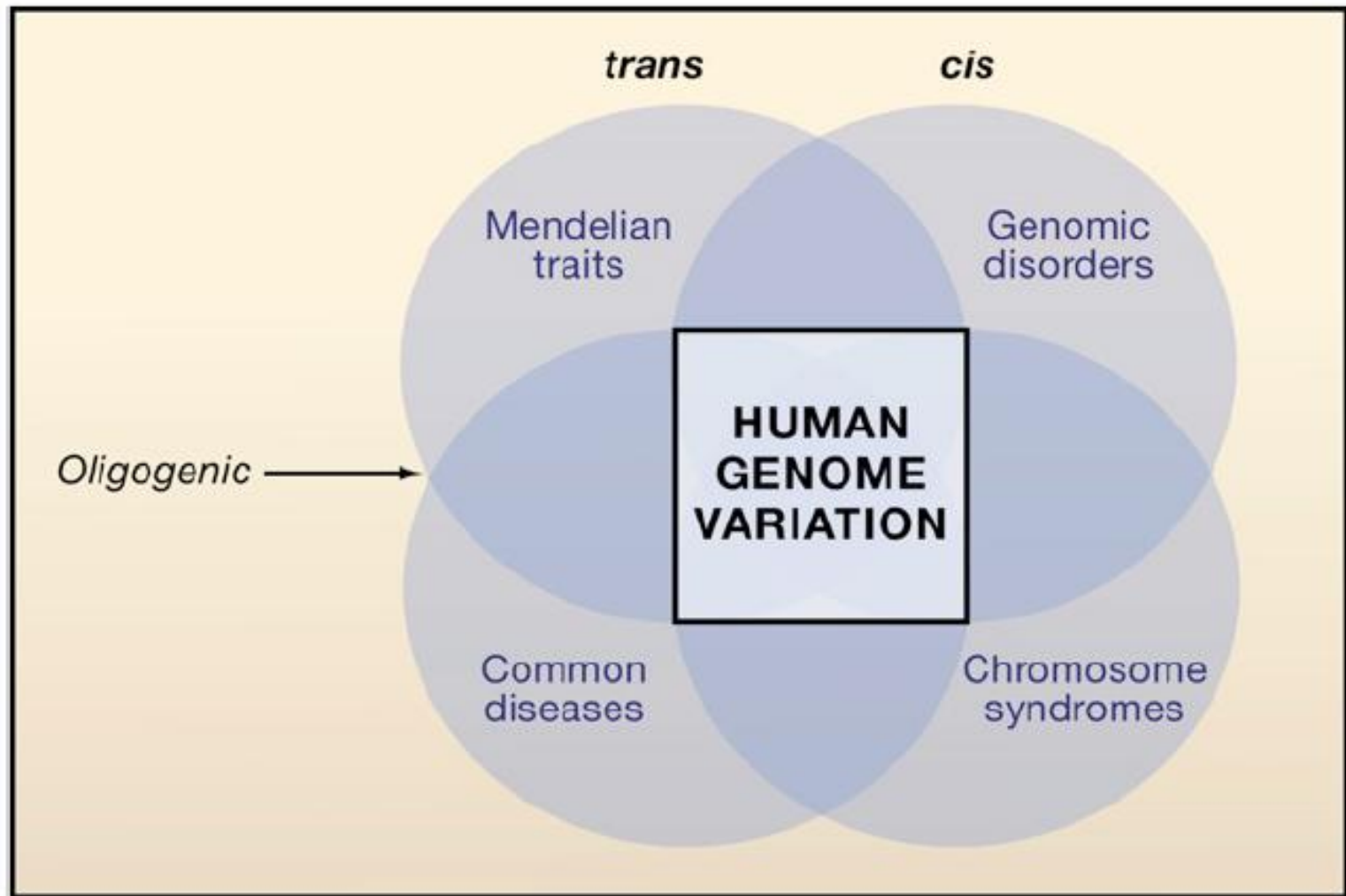
However, a duplication in the first step can never be erased.

**Replicative mechanism important to evolution: i) gene duplication/triplication
ii) exon shuffling**

Bridging the gap between chromosomal syndromes and Mendelian disorders



A continuum for the genetics & genomics of human disease

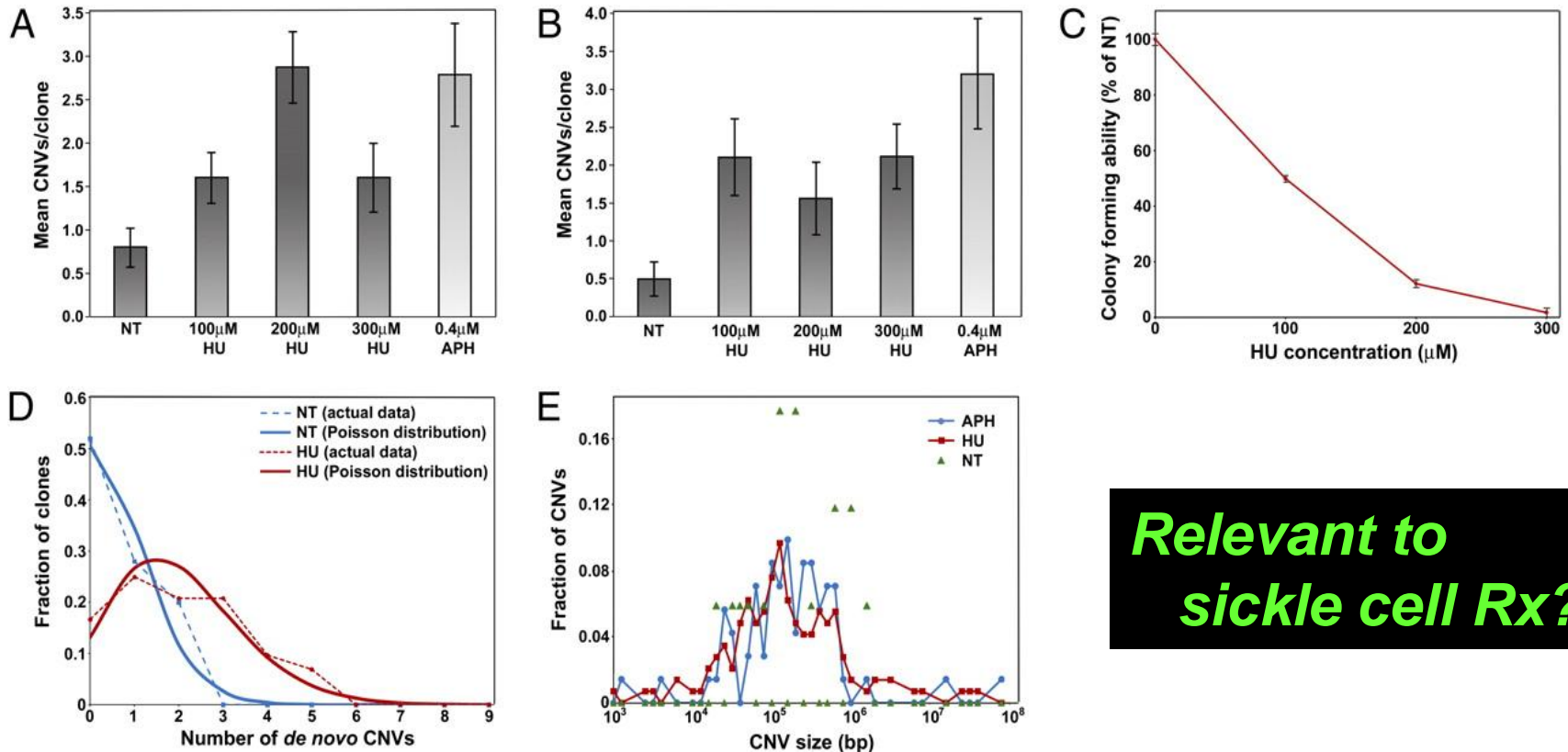


Hydroxyurea induces de novo copy number variants in human cells

Martin F. Arlt^a, Alev Cagla Ozdemir^a, Shanda R. Birkeland^b, Thomas E. Wilson^{a,b}, and Thomas W. Glover^{a,1}

Arlt M F et al. *PNAS* 2011; *108*:17360-17365

HU induces de novo CNVs in normal human fibroblasts.



Relevant to sickle cell Rx?

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Allelic series with combined CNV & SNP

T118M *PMP22* Mutation Causes Partial Loss of Function and HNPP-like Neuropathy

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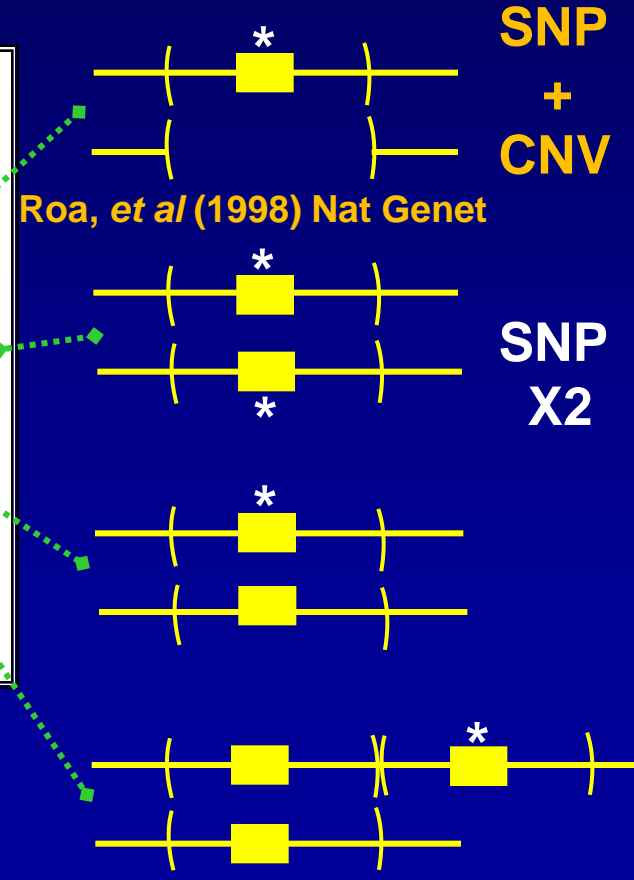
Ann Neurol 2006;59:358-364

Shy, et al (2006)
Annals of Neurology
59: 358-364

Genotype-Phenotype Correlations

# of T118M alleles	# of wt alleles	Phenotype	Genotype
1	0	Severe, demyelinating	T118M/-
2	0	Severe, axonal	T118M/T118M
1	1	Mild, HNPP	T118M/+
1	2	Mild, demyelinating	T118M+/+

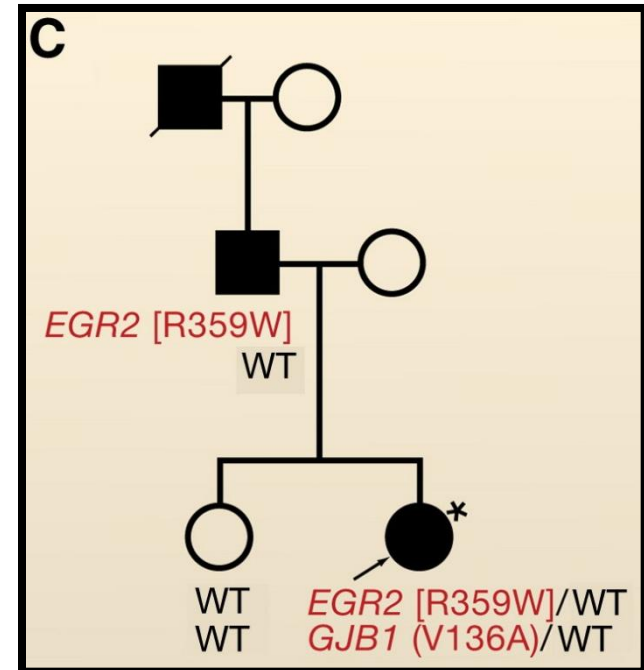
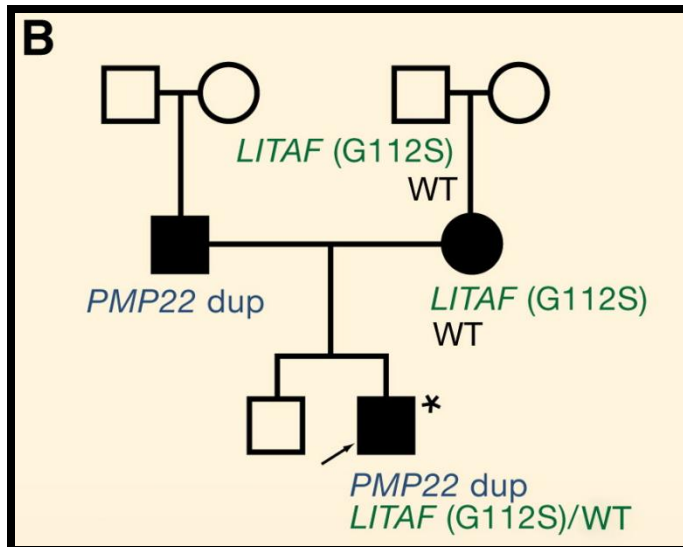
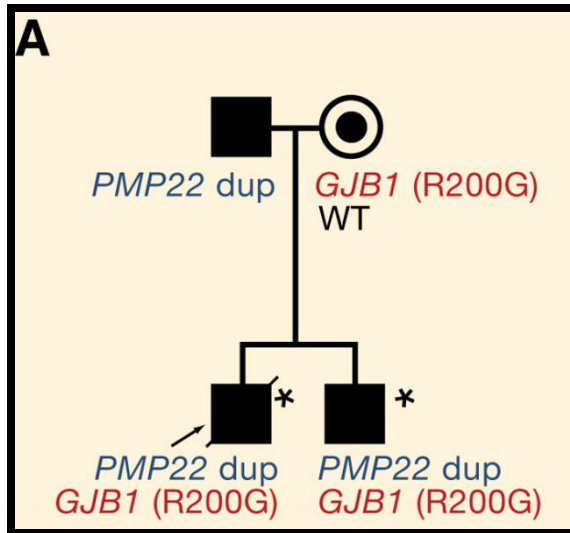
HNPP = hereditary neuropathy with liability to pressure palsies



Genotypes: *PMP22* deletion — () — ; T118M *

PMP22 duplication (■)(■)

Patients with mutation of two CMT genes



- \circ Not affected
- \circ Not affected carrier
- \bullet CMT phenotype
- \bullet^* More severe CMT phenotype

1 family, 1 gene, 2 genetic (AD & AR) forms for CMT

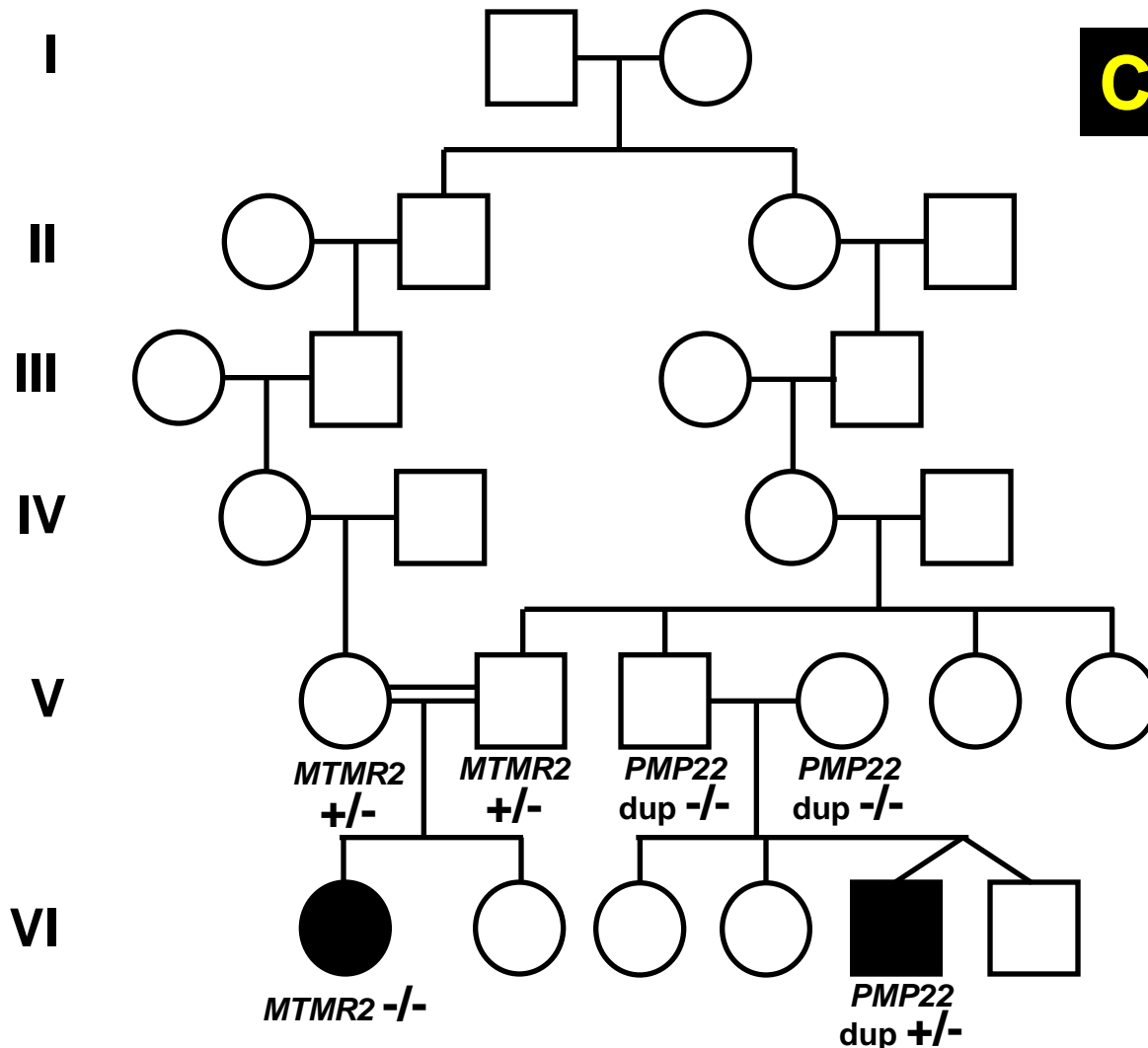
Clan Genomics!

- Richard Gibbs

The most important thing for individuals regarding their **PERSONAL GENOME** is what their nearest relatives gave them & *de novo* events.

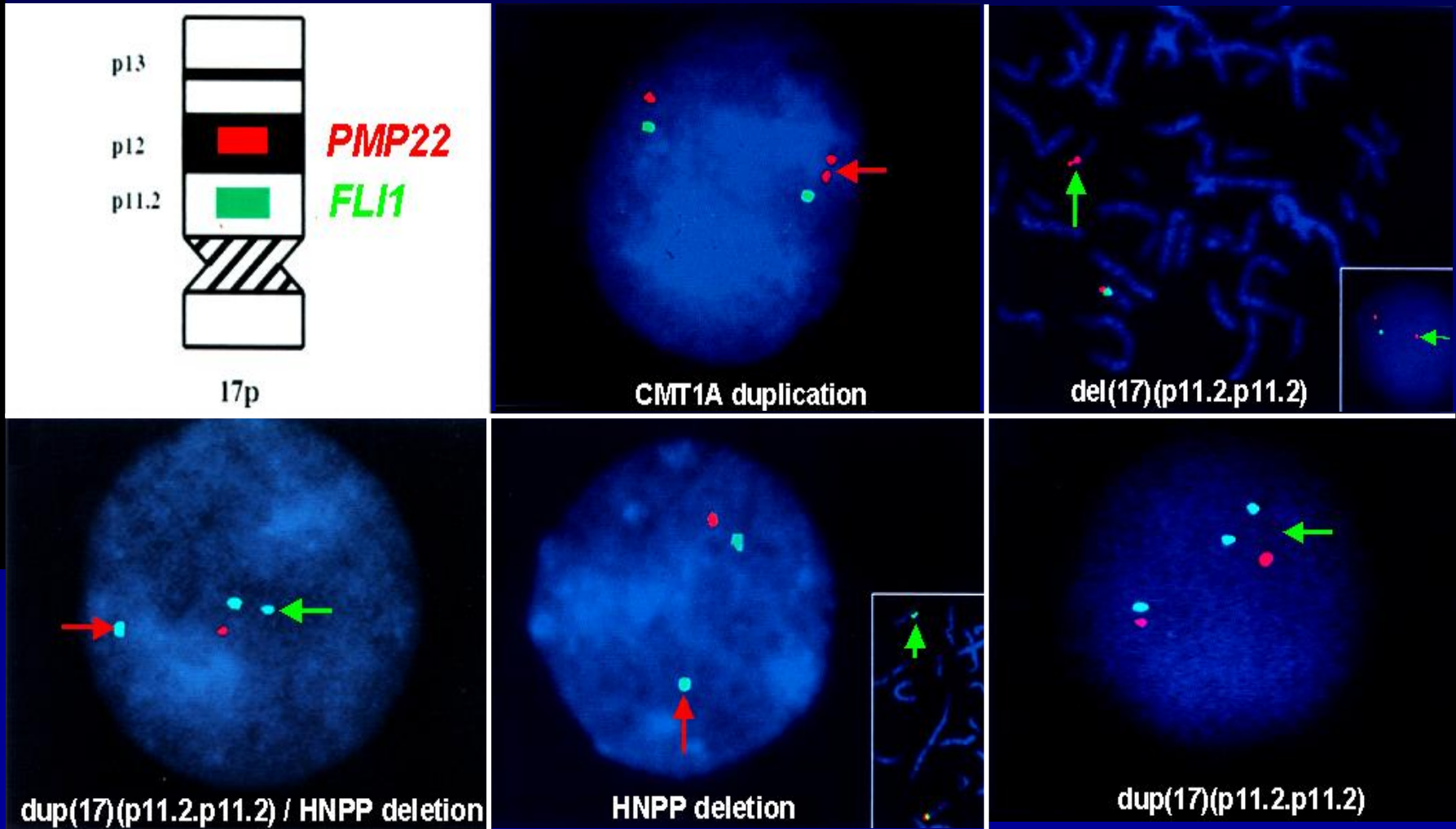
The population from which you come is **NOT** that relevant!

Statistical and population geneticist; No offense intended.



HMZ MTMR2 mutation & de novo PMP22 dup in same family !

DNA rearrangements in 17p

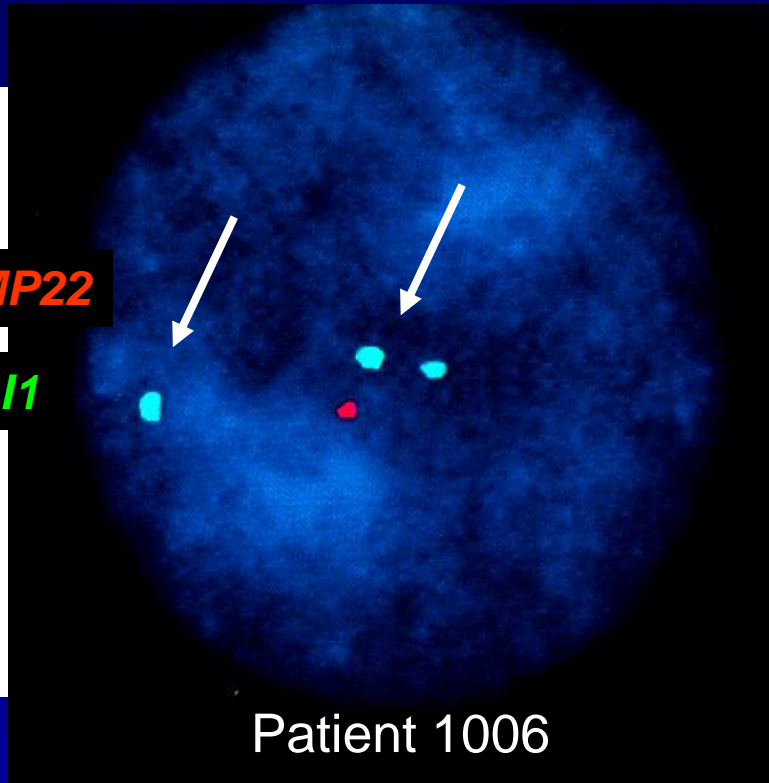
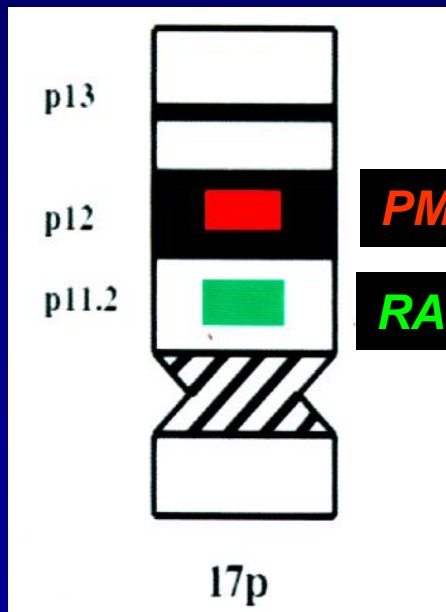


Inherited HNPP deletion segregating with carpal tunnel; de novo PTLN duplication!

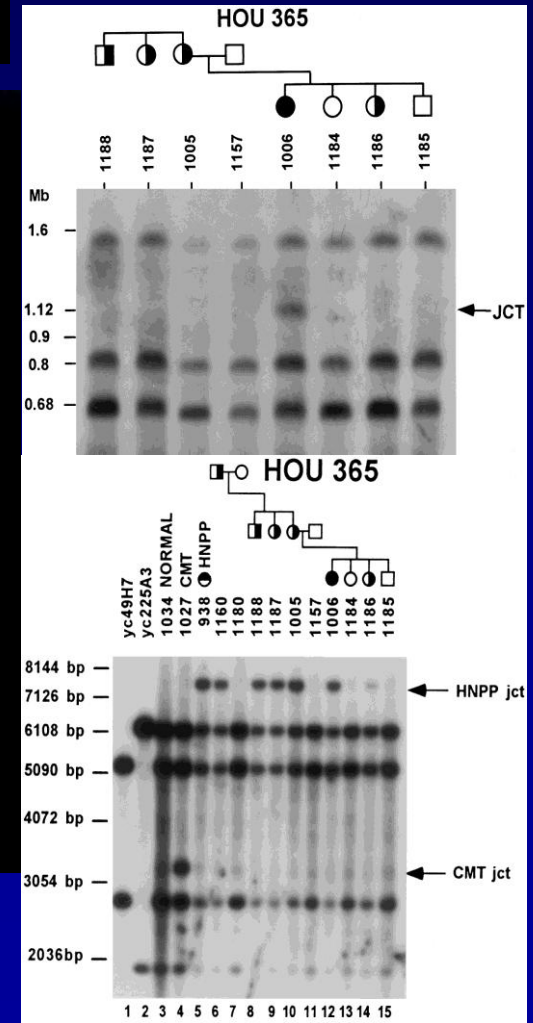
DNA REARRANGEMENTS ON BOTH Ch17

mildly delayed individual (PTLS) + neuropathy =
complex trait?

de novo + inherited alleles!



Potocki et al. (1999)
Am. J. Hum. Genet. 64:471-478



Genetic contributions to inherited and apparently acquired neuropathy

CMT: clinical & genetic aspects

The CMT1A duplication

- a paradigm for CNV mutation

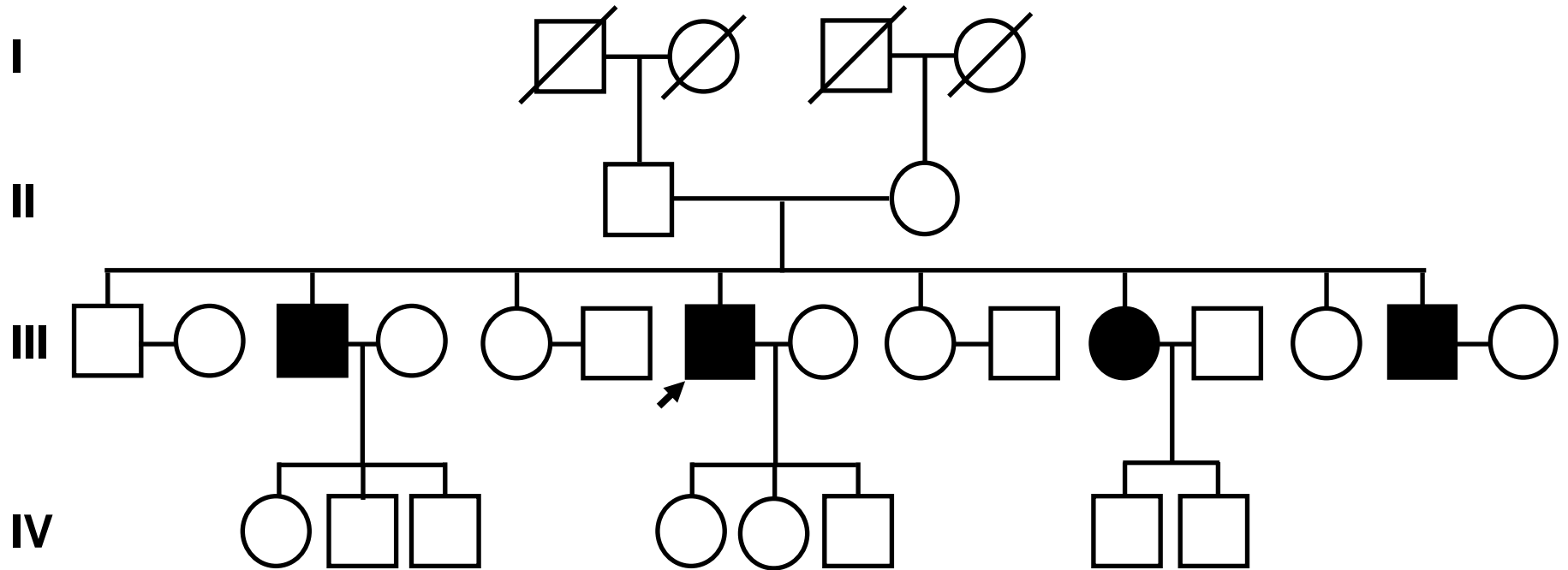
CMT mutational load

- gene load? locus load? or genomic load?
- SNP + CNV

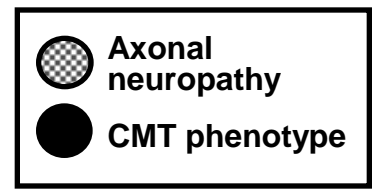
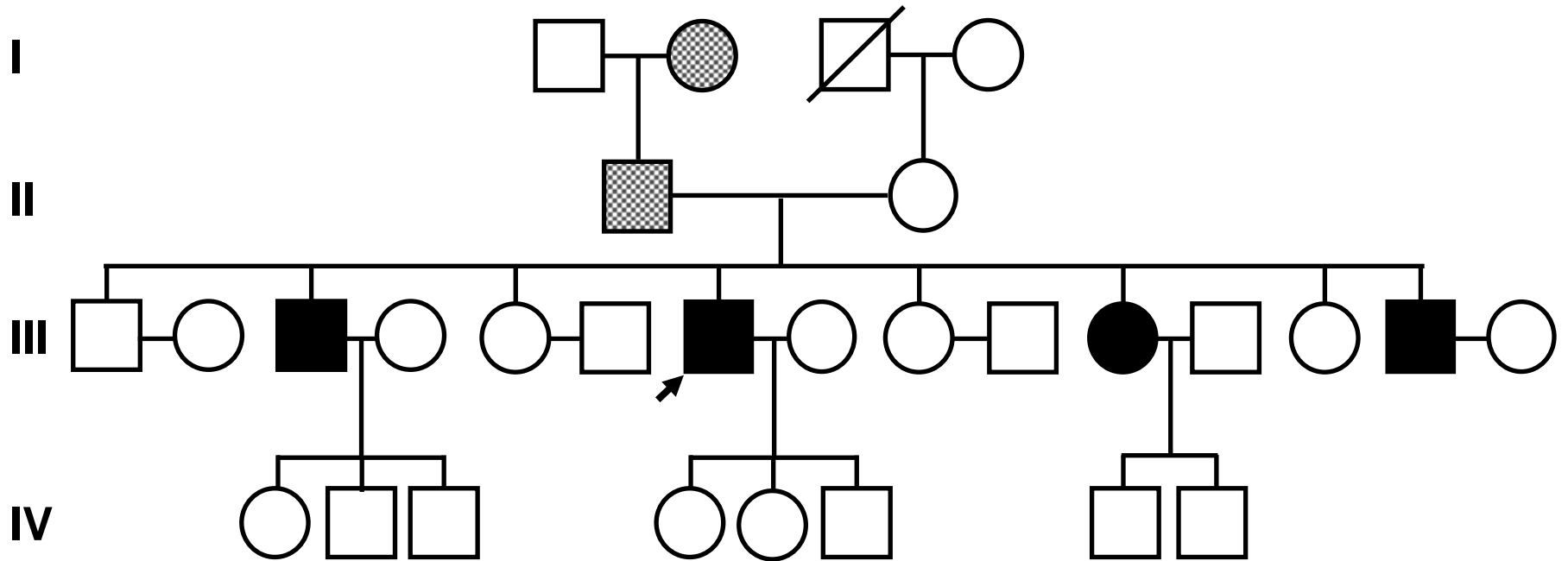
Personal genome sequencing:

CMT & the Lupski clan

Family: HOU37



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Something hard:

Finding disease alleles in a recessive disorder where the locus is unknown!

Subject: James R. Lupski

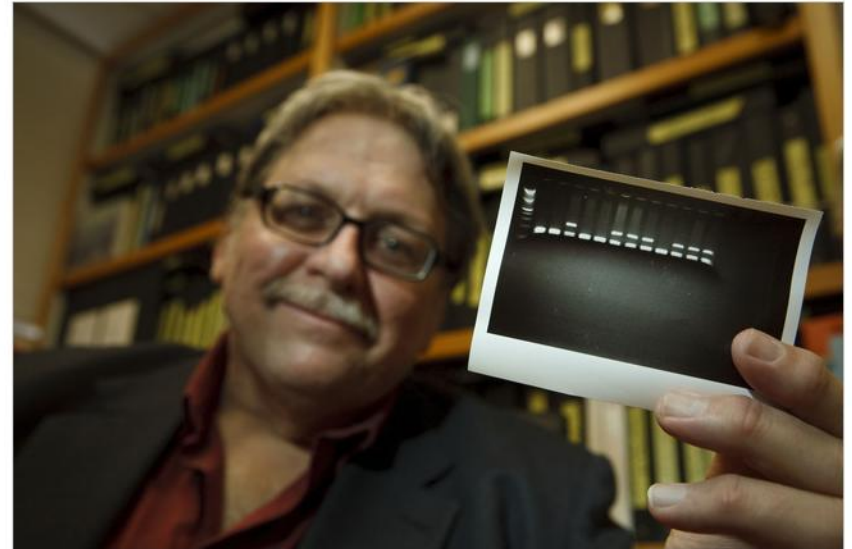
Disorder: (recessive) Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) Syndrome

Approach: SOLiD WGS, family and functional follow-up



The New York Times

March 11, 2010



Michael Stravato for The New York Times

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Dr. James R. Lupski, a medical geneticist with a nerve disease, had his whole genome decoded.

**SOLiD – Sequencing by Oligonucleotide Ligation and Detection
(two base encoding method)**

89.6 Gb mappable sequence; Average depth of coverage 29.6X

Human Genome Seq. Ctr.



Richard A. Gibbs, Director

Comparison of complete Human Genomes

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Neuropathy subject	2n	AB SOLiD	29.6x	3.42	2.85	0.56

Jonathan Rothberg



David Wheeler Amy McGuire

54 years from the Watson-Crick model of DNA to the J. D. Watson personal genome

Wheeler, *et al.* (2008)
Nature 452: 872-876



Explaining clinical genetic implications of his personal genome to J.D. Watson



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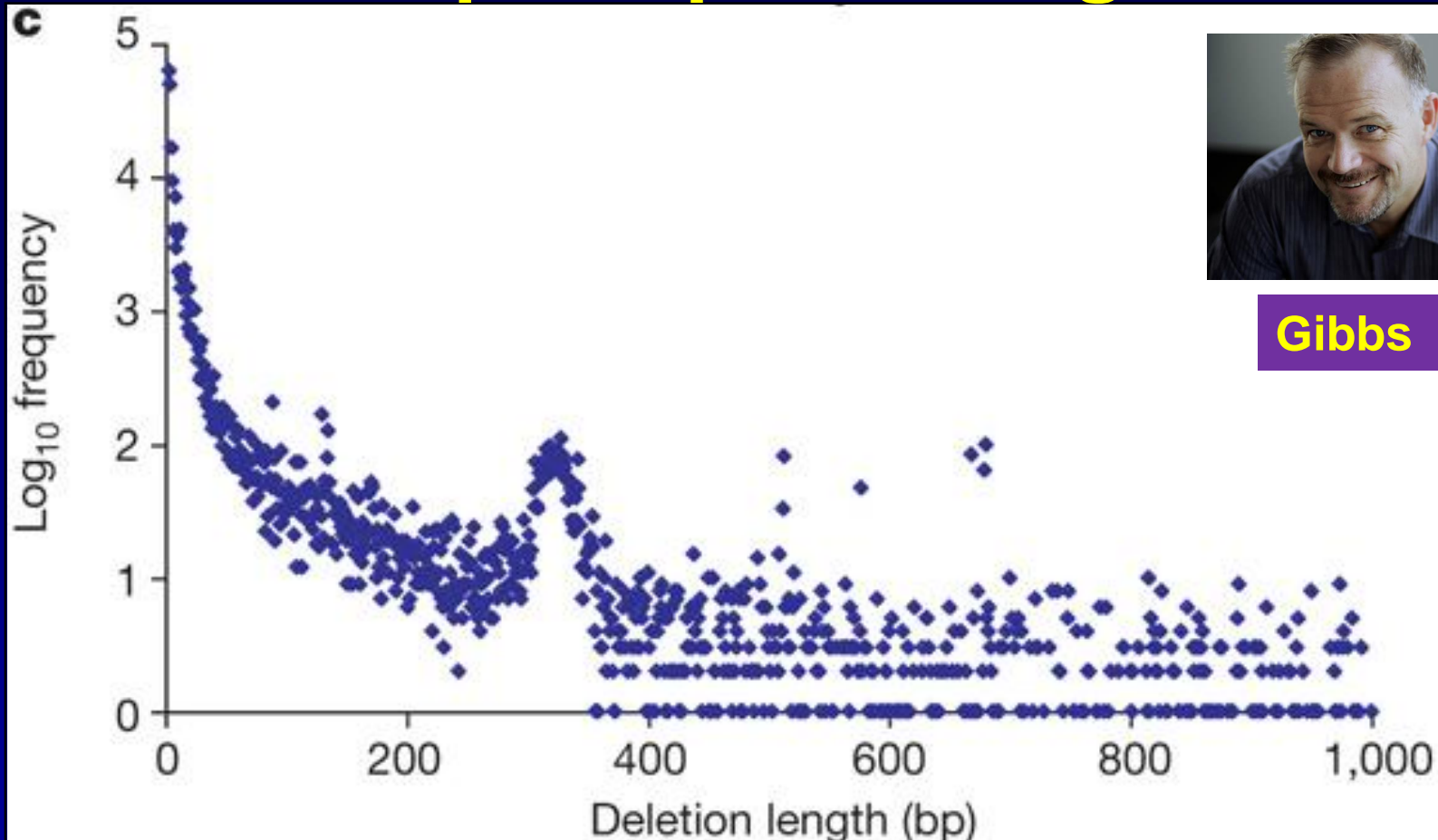


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Size distribution of deletions in the Watson diploid personal genome.



Gibbs Lab

- Deletions observed in alignments of 454-reads to haploid human genome ref.
- Note peak at 300-350 bases owing to polymorphic Alu transposon dimorphisms. (i.e.insertion /deletion alleles) Wheeler, *et al.* (2008) *Nature* 452:872-876.

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Associations of non-synonymous SNPs in Neuropathy subject's genome

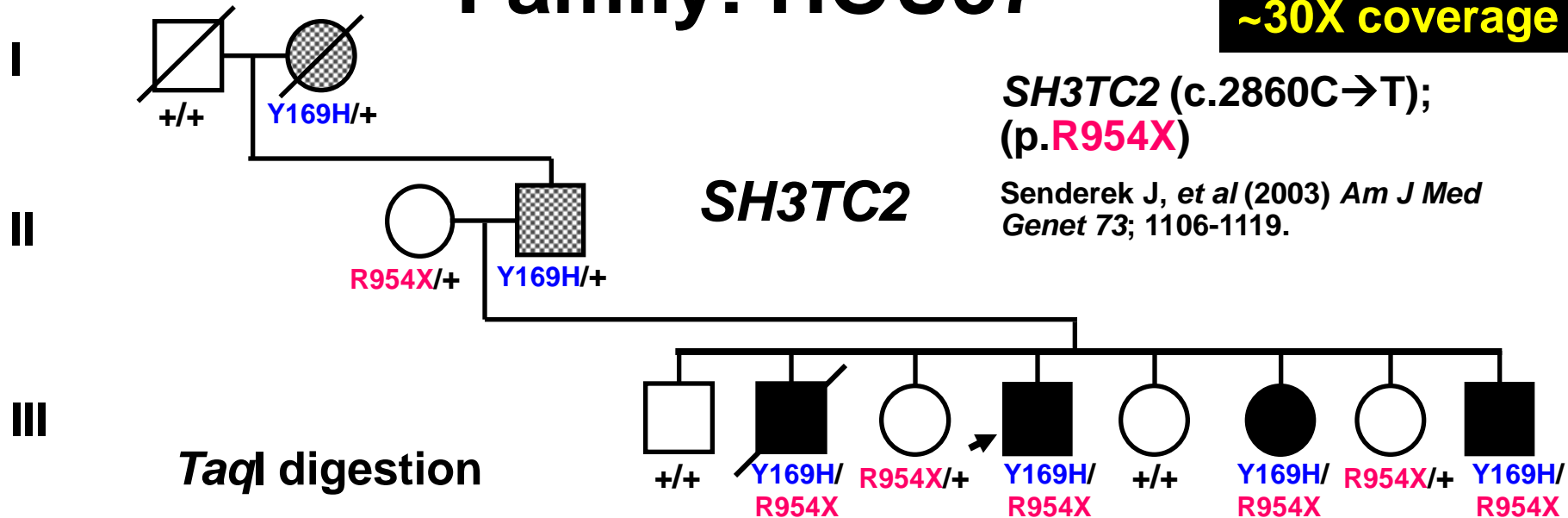
	# of SNPs	Percentage
Total	155	100%
Behavioral Disorder	6	4%
Cancer Associated	32	21%
•Association	6	4%
•Increased risk	9	6%
•Reduced risk	3	2%
•Susceptibility	14	9%
Complex Disease	47	30%
Mendelian Disease	19	12%
Metabolic Trait	17	11%
Pharmacological Trait	14	9%
Other Traits	20	13%

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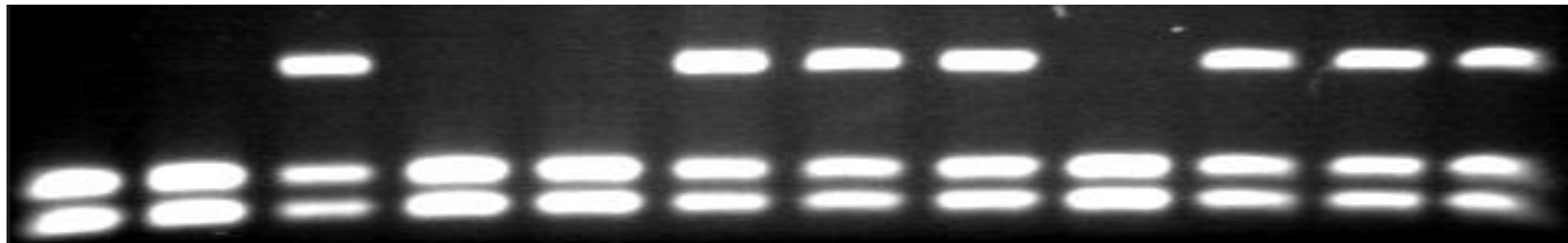


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**Proband @
~30X coverage**



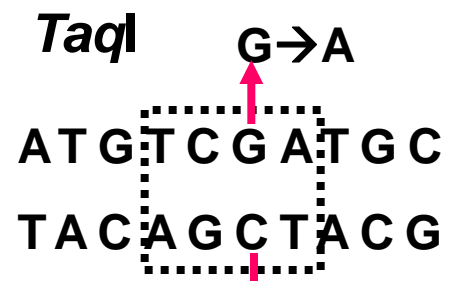
G→A
chr5:
148,386,628nt
WT



Y169

<i>H sapiens</i>	LVEDTEIQVSVDDKHLETIYLGLLIQEGHFPCR
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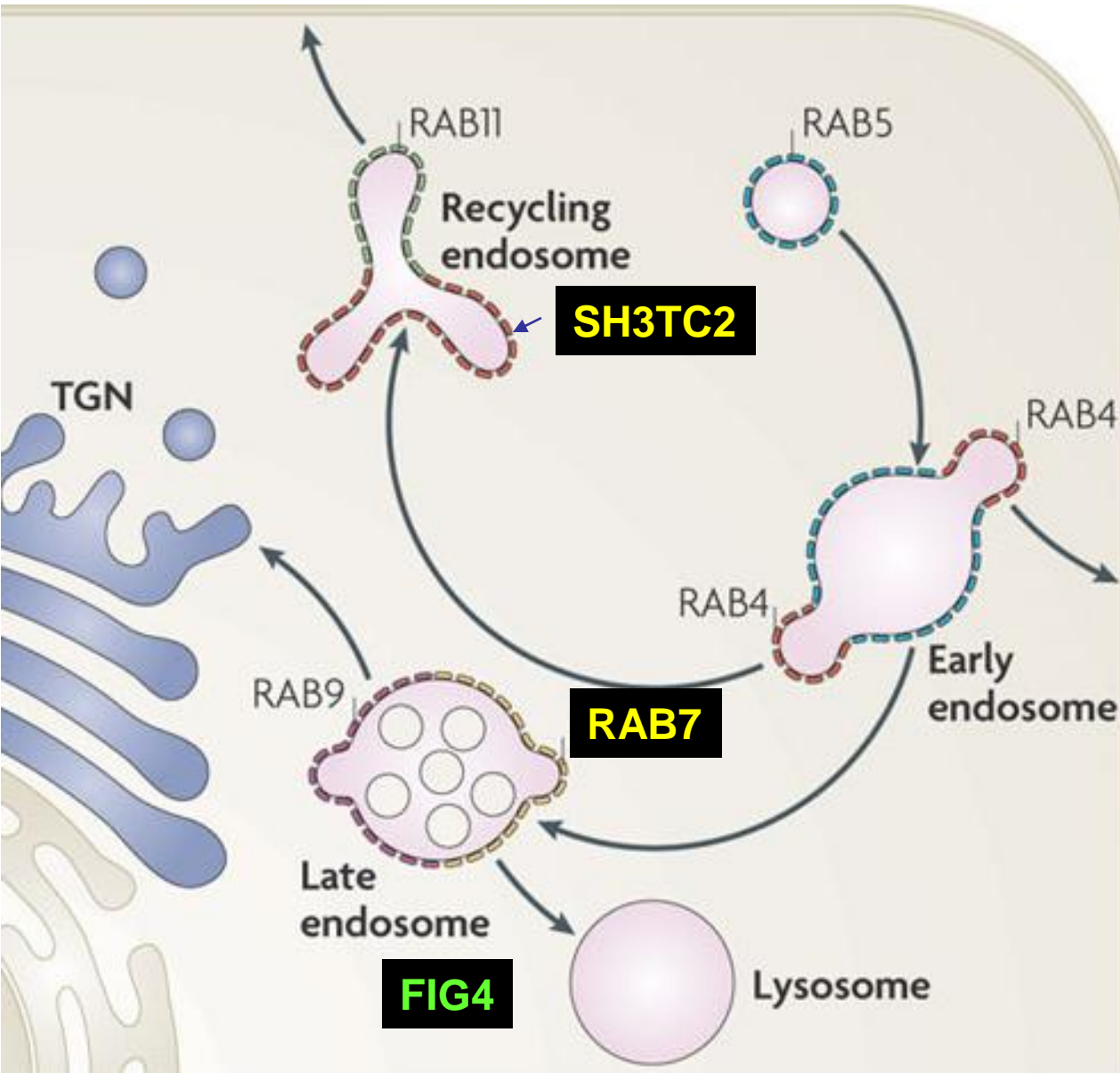
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***SH3TC2* mutations cause AR CMT4C**

- **SH3TC2 protein contains SH3 and TPR motifs**
- **TPR mediate assembly of protein complexes binding to proline-rich proteins**
- **CMT4C associated patient mutations implicate endocytic and membrane trafficking pathway**
- **Sh3tc2 expressed in Schwann cells localizes to plasma membrane**
- ***Sh3tc2*^{-/-} show abnormal node of Ranvier organization**
- **Possible function in myelination and/or in regions of axon-glia interactions**
- **Recent data suggest involvement in endocytic recycling**

SH3TC2 plays a role in the endocytic recycling pathway

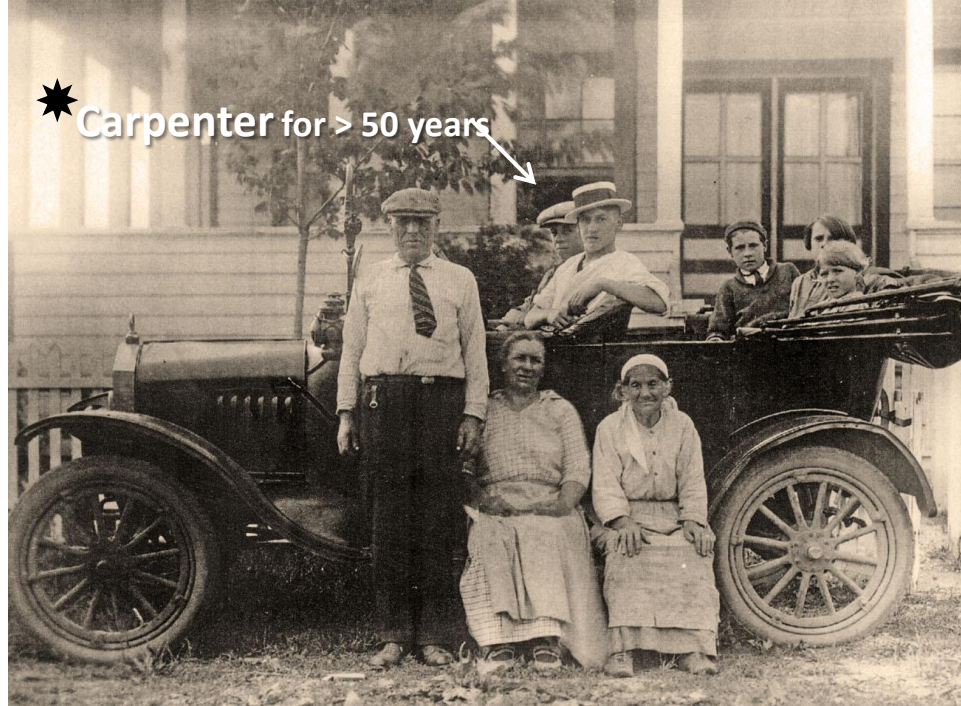


Pathogenic missense and nonsense mutations in *SH3TC2* apparently cause failure to localize to the recycling endosome and associate with Rab11.

Roberts, RC, et. al, *Hum Mol Genet*, 2010.

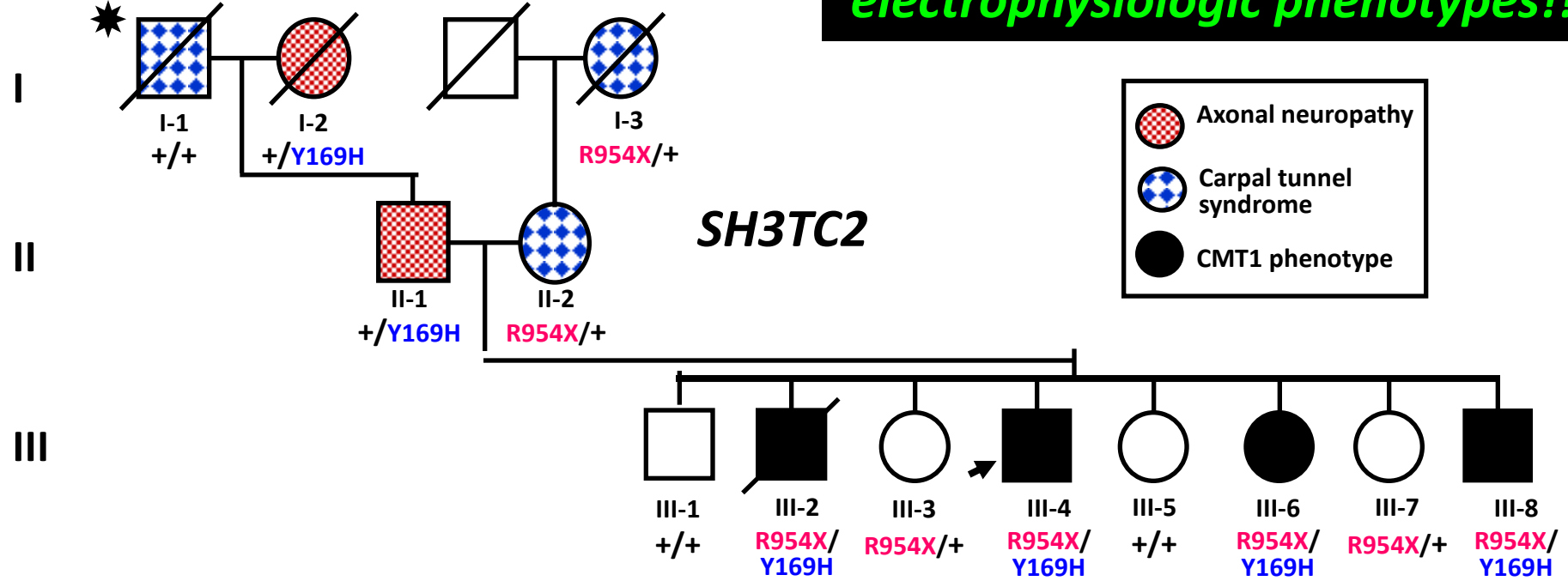
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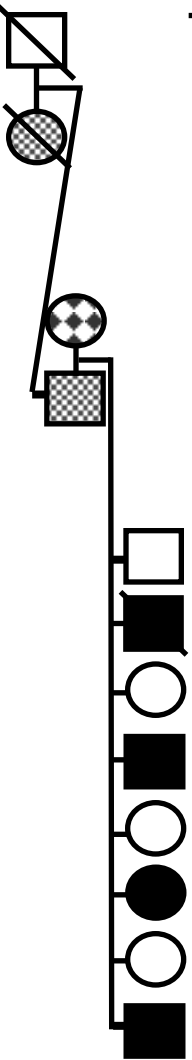
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acquired
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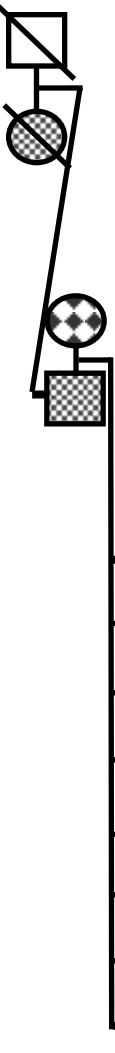
NCV studies distinguish three electrophysiologic phenotypes!!!





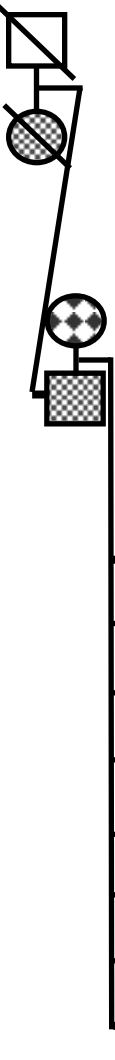
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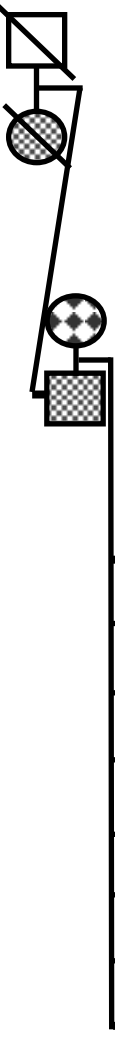
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

Whole-genome sequencing may revolutionize medical diagnostics through rapid identification of alleles that cause disease. However, even in cases with simple patterns of inheritance and unambiguous diagnoses, the relationship between disease phenotypes and their corresponding genetic changes can be complicated. Comprehensive diagnostic assays must therefore identify all possible DNA changes in each haplotype and determine which are responsible for the underlying disorder. The high number of rare, heterogeneous mutations present in all humans and the paucity of known functional variants in more than 90% of annotated genes make this challenge particularly difficult. Thus, the identification of the molecular basis of a genetic disease by means of whole-genome sequencing has remained elusive. We therefore aimed to assess the usefulness of human whole-genome sequencing for genetic diagnosis in a patient with Charcot–Marie–Tooth disease.

METHODS

We identified a family with a recessive form of Charcot–Marie–Tooth disease for which the genetic basis had not been identified. We sequenced the whole genome of the proband, identified all potential functional variants in genes likely to be related to the disease, and genotyped these variants in the affected family members.

RESULTS

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CONCLUSIONS

As shown in this study of a family with Charcot–Marie–Tooth disease, whole-genome sequencing can identify clinically relevant variants and provide diagnostic information to inform the care of patients.

Disease Cause Is Pinpointed With Genome Decoding Cost Drops to \$50,000 a Patient

By NICHOLAS WADE

Two research teams have independently decoded the entire genome of patients to find the exact genetic cause of their diseases. The approach may offer a new start in the so far disappointing effort to identify the genetic roots of major killers like heart disease, diabetes and Alzheimer's.

In the decade since the first full genetic code of a human was sequenced for some \$500 million, less than a dozen genomes had been decoded, all of healthy people.

Geneticists said the new research showed it was now possible to sequence the entire genome of a patient at reasonable cost and with sufficient accuracy to be of practical use to medical researchers. One subject's genome cost just \$50,000 to decode.

"We are finally about to turn the corner, and I suspect that in the next few years human genetics will finally begin to systematically deliver clinically meaningful findings," said David B. Goldstein, a Duke University geneticist who has criticized the current approach to identifying genetic causes of common diseases.

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Whole-Genome Sequencing Offers Clues to Diseases

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sequenced the whole genome of his colleague Dr. James R. Lupski, a prominent medical geneticist who has a nerve disease, Charcot–Marie–Tooth neuropathy.

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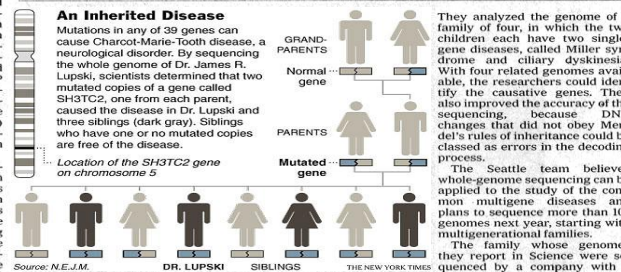
More common diseases, like cancer, are thought to be caused by mutations in several genes, and finding the causes was the principal goal of the \$3 billion human genome project. To that end, medical geneticists have invested heavily over the last eight years in an altering shortcut.

But the shortcut was based on a premise that is turning out to be incorrect. Scientists thought the mutations that caused common diseases would themselves be common. So they first identified the common mutations in the human population in a \$100 million project called the HapMap. Then they compared patients' genomes with those of healthy genomes on ingenious devices called SNP chips, which scan just a tiny portion of the genome. (SNP, pronounced "snip," stands for single nucleotide polymorphism.) These projects, called genome-wide association studies, each cost around \$10 million or more.

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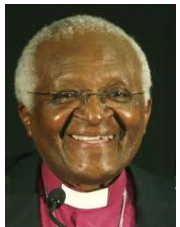
Whole-genome sequencing (WGS): *milestones in the path to personal medical genomics*



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Individual variation



Desmond Tutu
(Khoisan & Bantu genomes)
Nature (2010) 463:943-947.



Population variation



Jim Lupski
New Engl J Med (2010) 362:1181-1191.



Identification of medically actionable, disease-causing variants



Beery twins
Sci Transl Med (2011) 3(87);87re3.



Medical management & therapeutic modifications based on personal variation



CONCLUSIONS-What have we learned?

Rare variants, genetic heterogeneity, total mutational load (SNV + CNV; inherited + *de novo*) can explain at least some common and complex traits

To what extent will 'exon dropout CNV' and 'CNV of non-coding regions' account for "missing heritability"

WGS can identify causative alleles for a Mendelian AR trait; CMT4F

WGS can inform clinical observations - mis vrnt segregates with NCV observed axonal neuropathy in CMT family.

SH3TC2 & *PMP22* haploinsufficiency, the latter via HNPP del, can confer susceptibility to the carpal tunnel syndrome - a complex trait

WGS may be a cost effective way to screen for mutant alleles in a very genetically heterogeneous trait (e.g. deafness, retinitis pigmentosa, mental retardation, CMT, etc.)

Personal genome sequencing



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