

# Reframing tumor heterogeneity gene mapping & precision treatments

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# Common diseases are heterogeneous

- Locus
  - Allelic
  - Tumor
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- Impacts
    - Gene discovery
    - Risk stratification
      - Prevention
      - Clinical management
    - Drug response –precision treatments

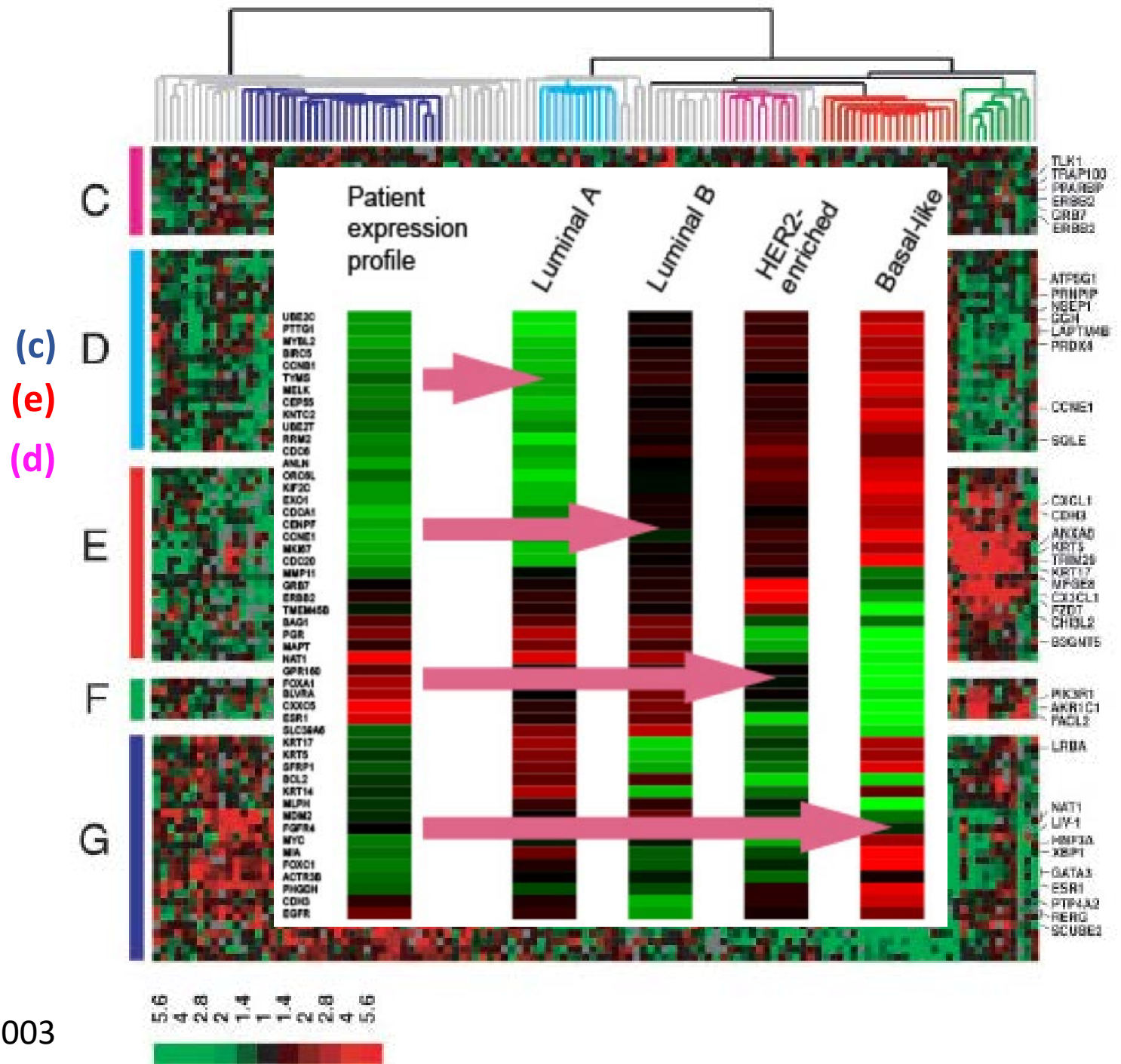
# Tumor heterogeneity

Universal approach = highest impact

- Goal –approach relevant for research across the translational spectrum
  - Discover inherited susceptibility
  - Pre-clinical modeling
  - Clinical trials
- 'Natural characteristics' -- variability across patients
  - Gene expression

# Breast tumors

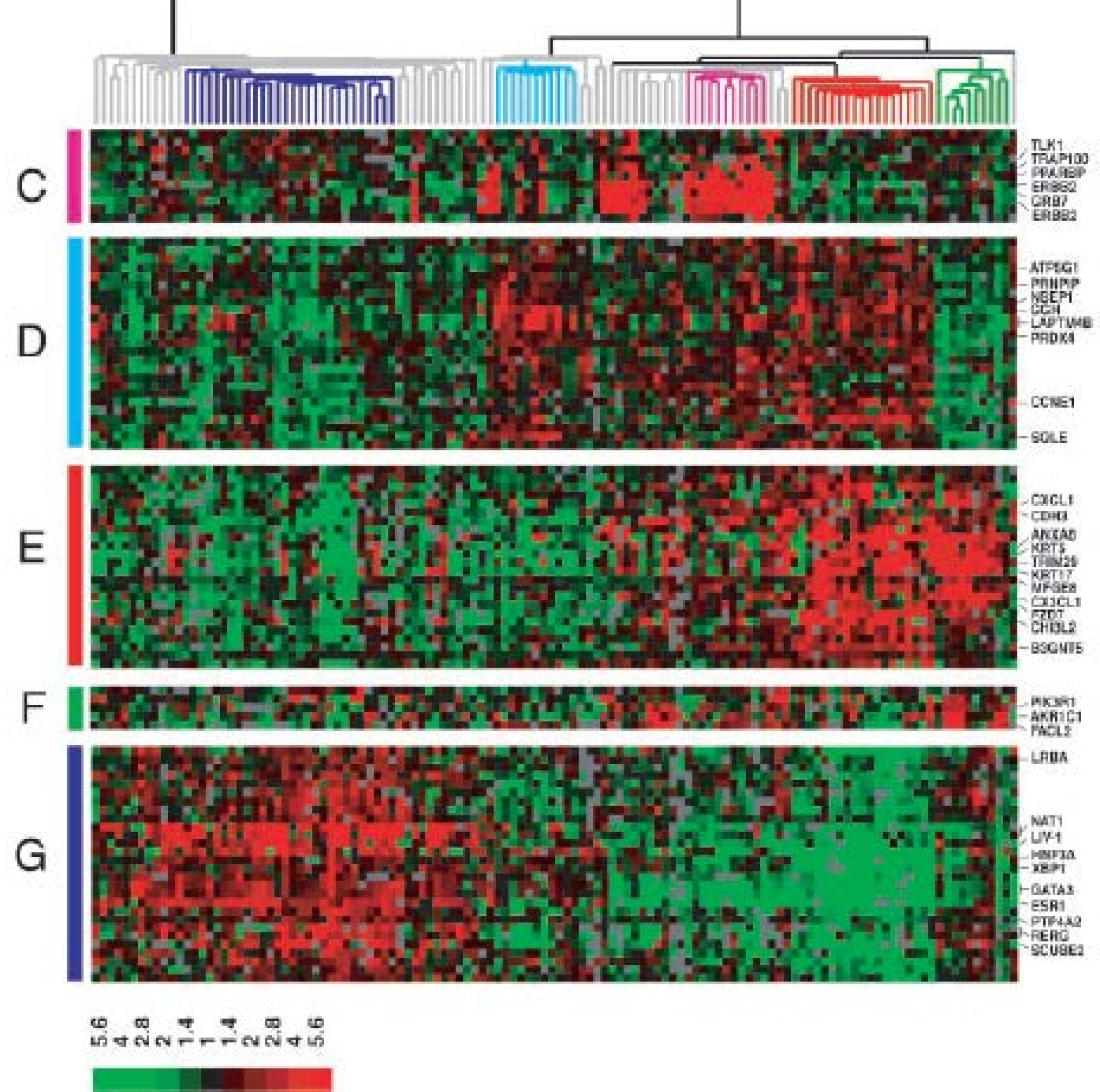
- natural groupings
  - 2 epithelial cell lines
    - Luminal / ER
    - Basal (mvoepithelial) KRT 5, 17
  - Erb
- Fine-t **prosigna™**
  - Luminal-A (G)
  - Luminal-B (D)
  - HER2-enriched (C)
  - Basal-like (E)
  - Normal-like (F)



Intrinsic characteristics

Could intrinsic subtype be the key to inherited susceptibility?

*BRCA1* carriers associated with the basal tumor subtype



Intrinsic characteristics

# Intrinsic subtypes in Utah high-risk pedigrees

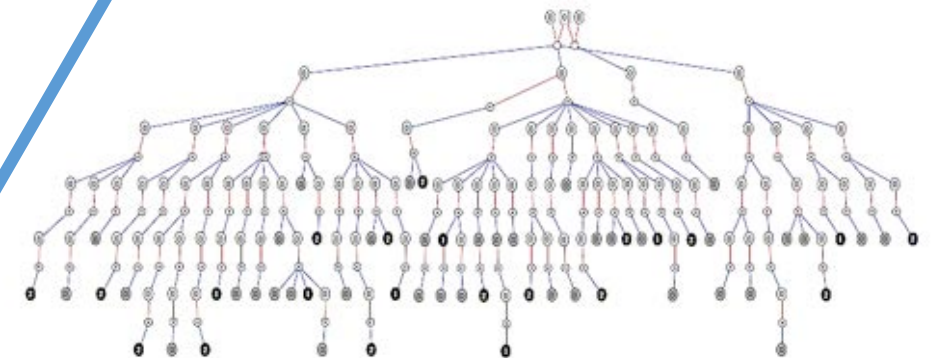
Pedigree	BC cases	Tumors
1817	138	35
1822	159	31
1819	114	26
1808	112	24
1800	66	20
1818	111	20
1820	68	20
1821	81	18
1801	57	17
1812	43	17
1809	50	15
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>243</b>



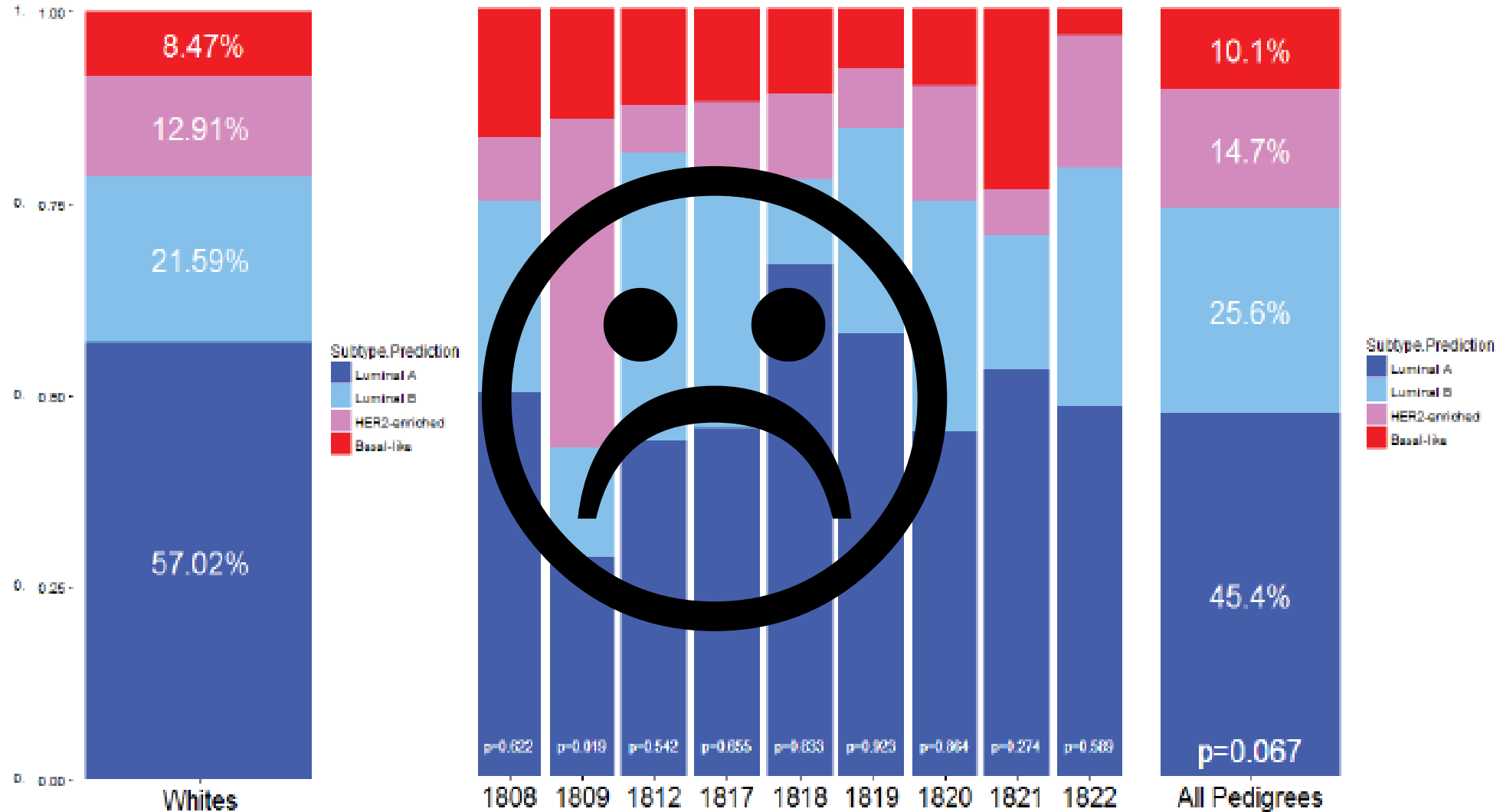
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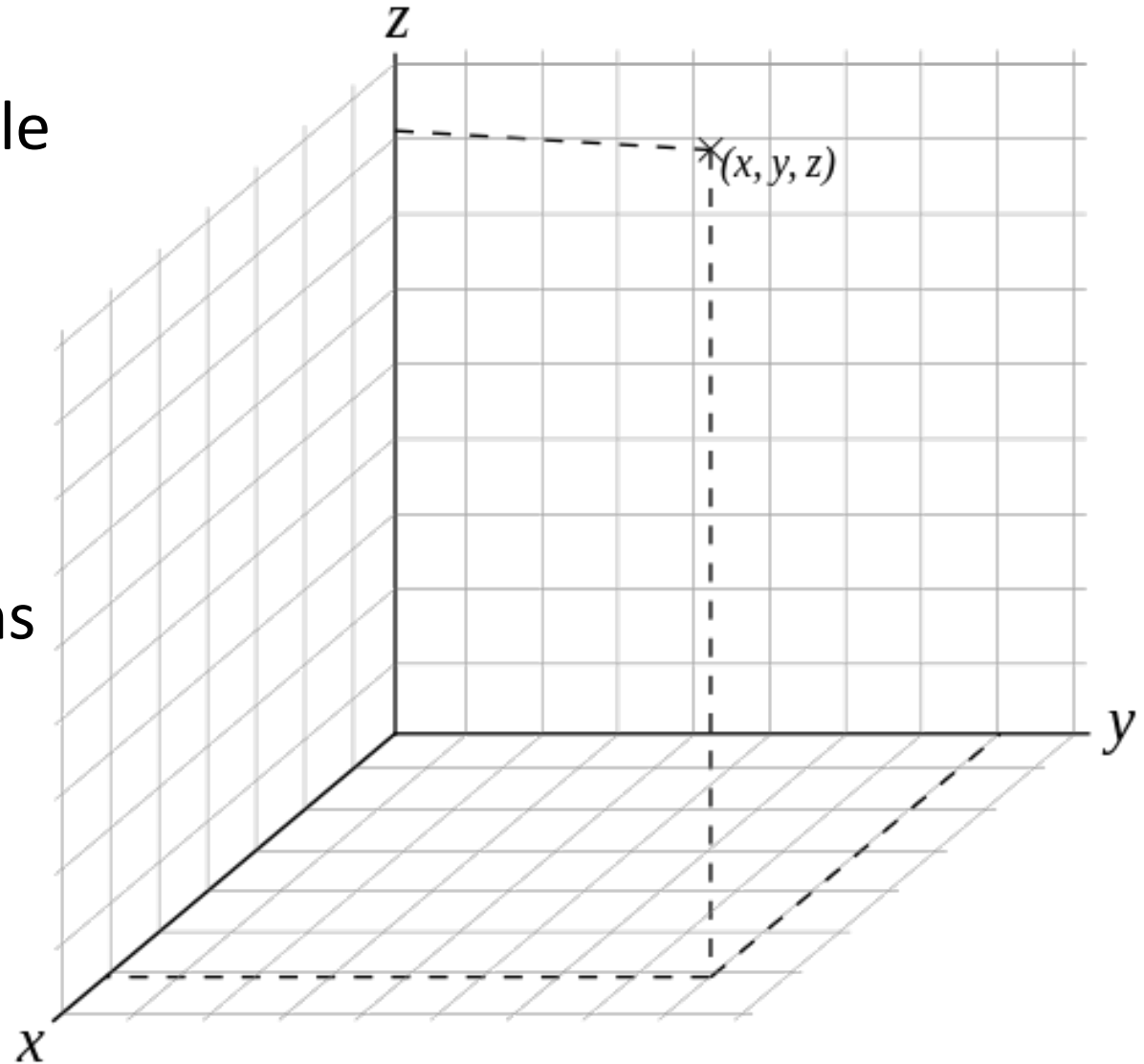


# Genesial Proportion of tumor on-BRCA1/2 pedigrees



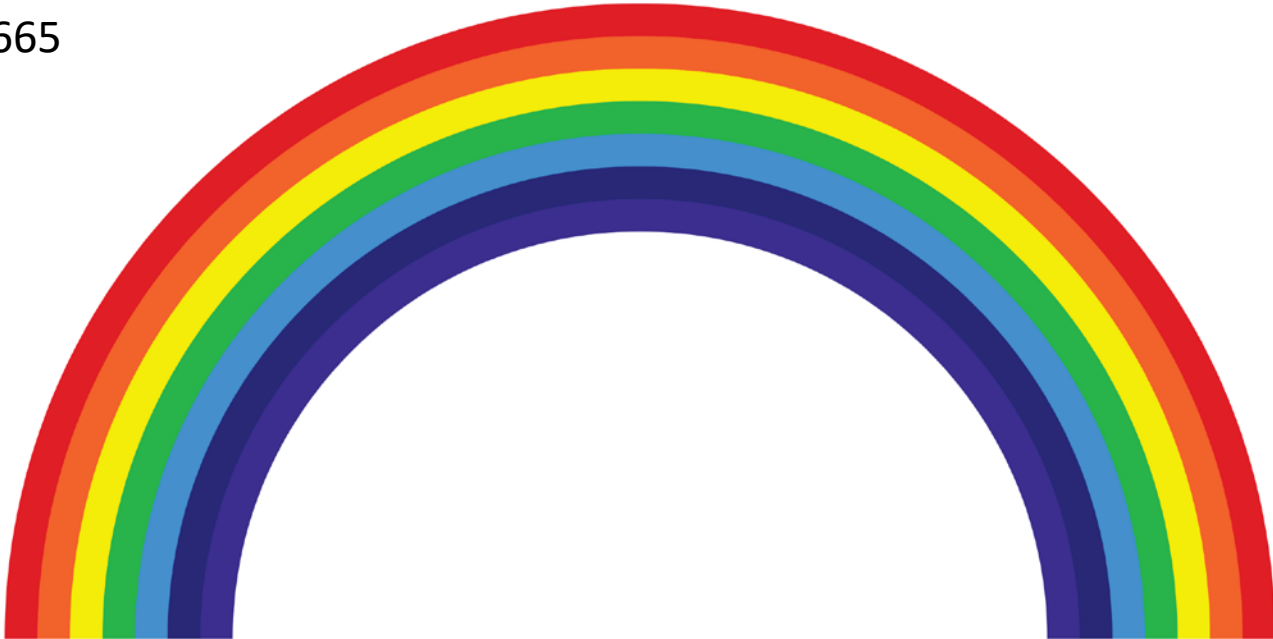
# Single dimension: sufficient to describe a tumor?

- Intrinsic subtype = 1 categorical variable
- ROR = 1 quantitative score
  
- More complex?
- Does the data require more dimensions to describe variability?





Newton's Color Theory, ca. 1665



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Orange

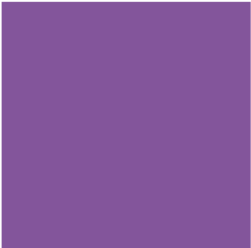
Yellow

Green

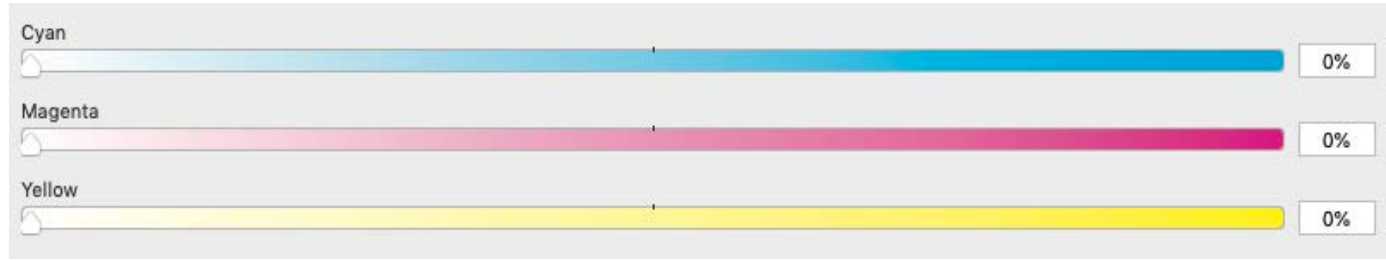
Blue

Indigo

Violet



Society of Physics, 1892  
 William Kurtz, 1893



“Hot pink”

C: 0.10  
 M: 0.73  
 Y: 0.03



“Purple”

C: 0.57  
 M: 0.78  
 Y: 0.07



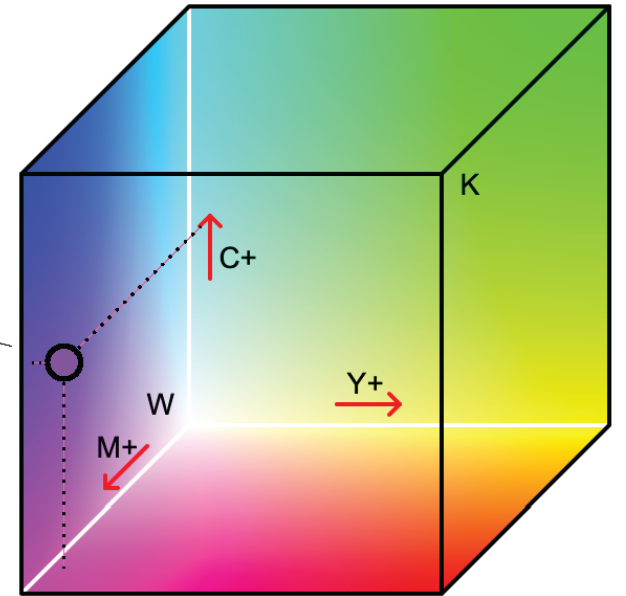
“Turquoise”

C: 0.58  
 M: 0.05  
 Y: 0.29



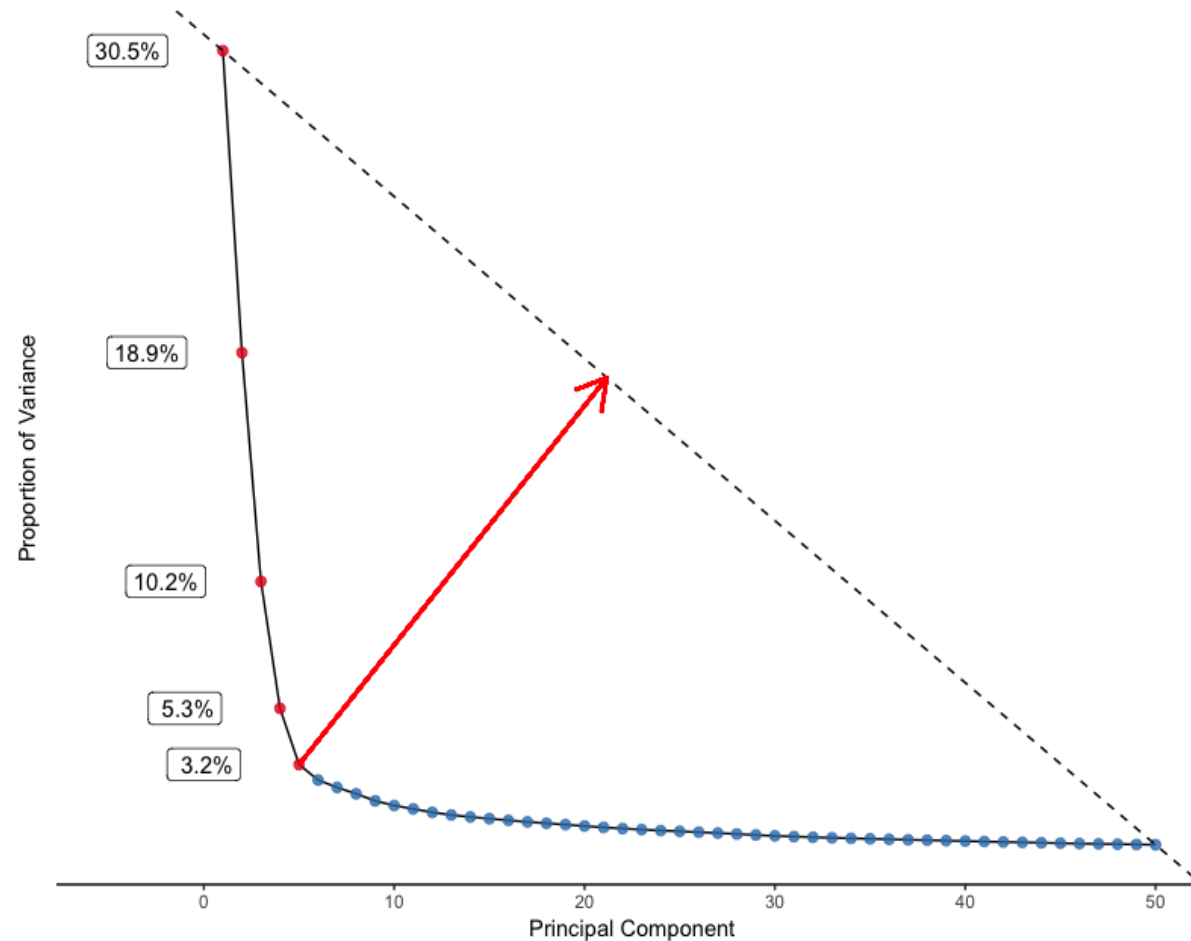
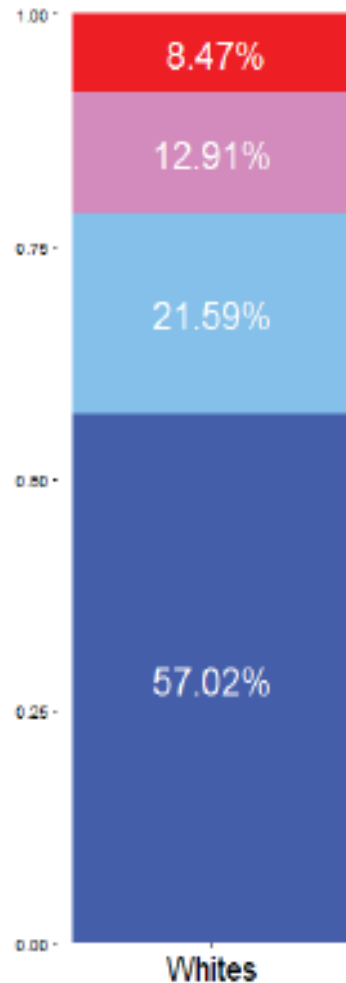
“Salmon”

C: 0.08  
 M: 0.63  
 Y: 0.49



# Multiple quantitative dimensions

- Principal component analysis

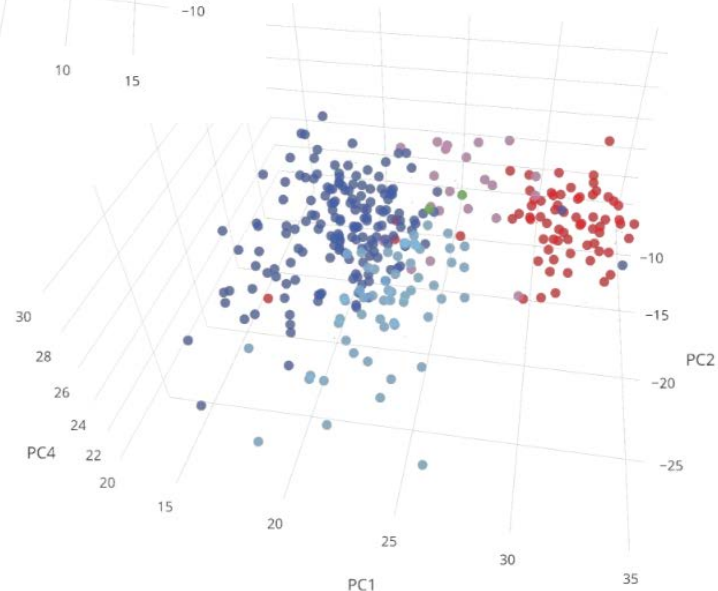
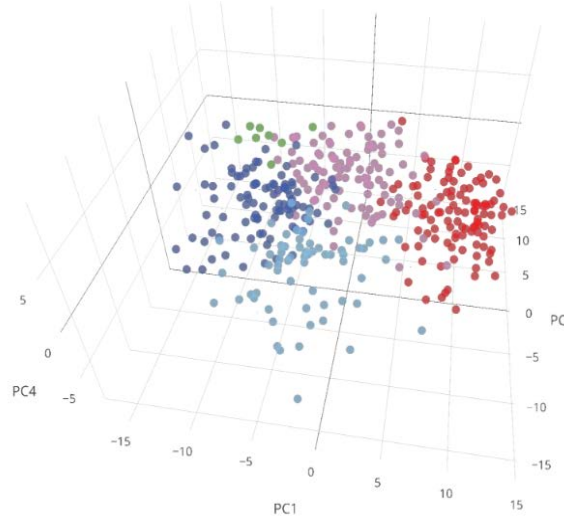
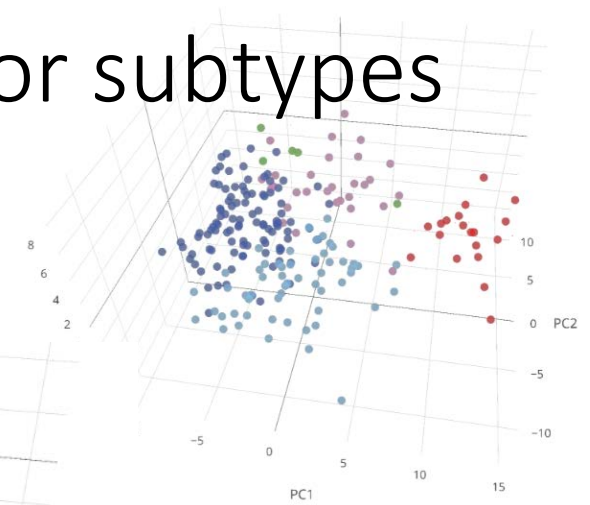
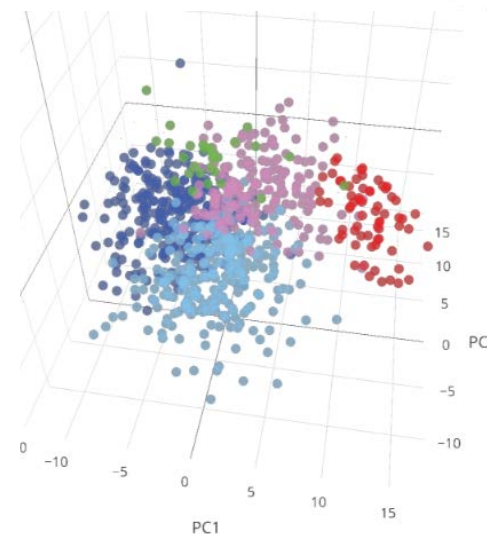
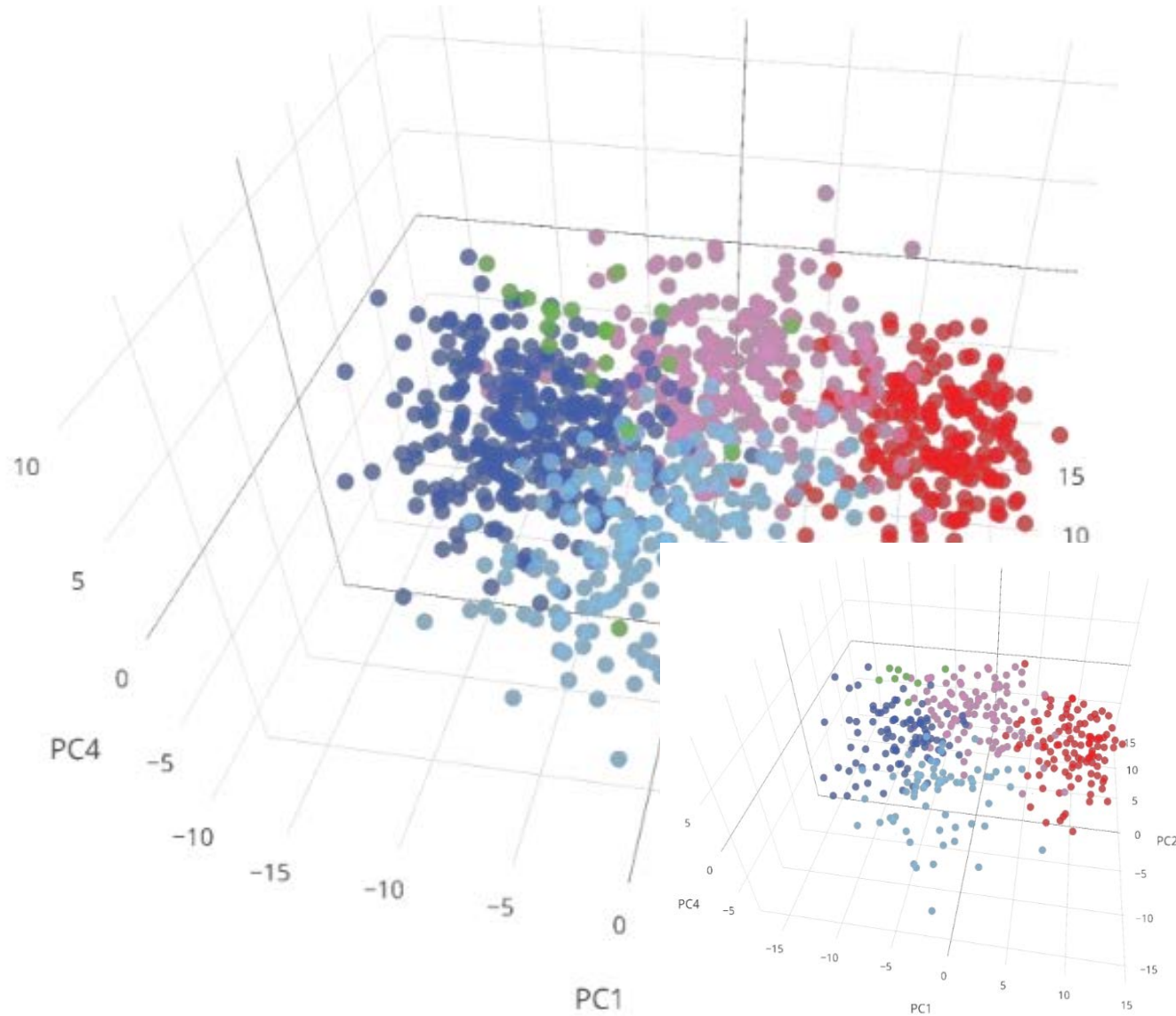


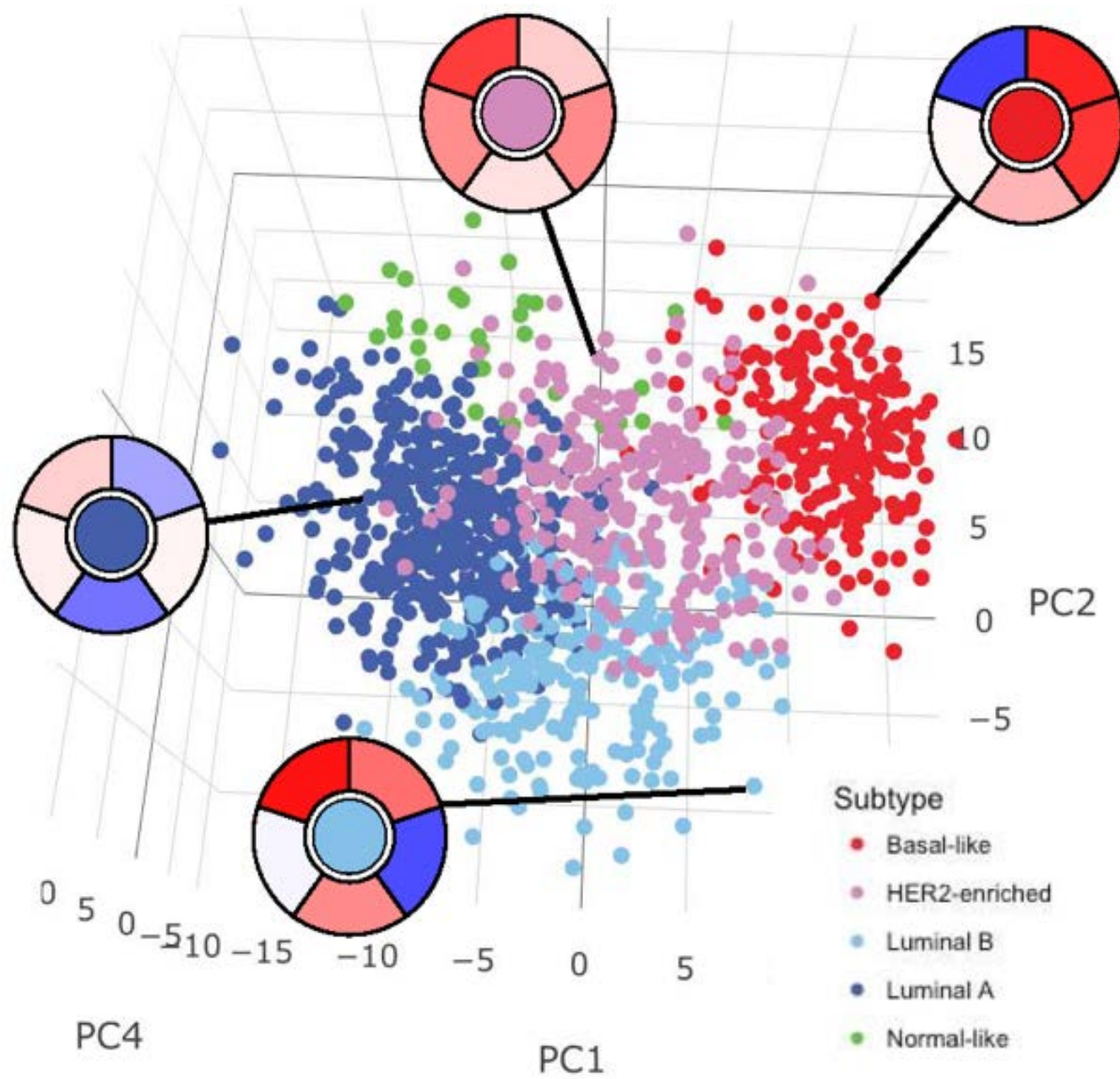
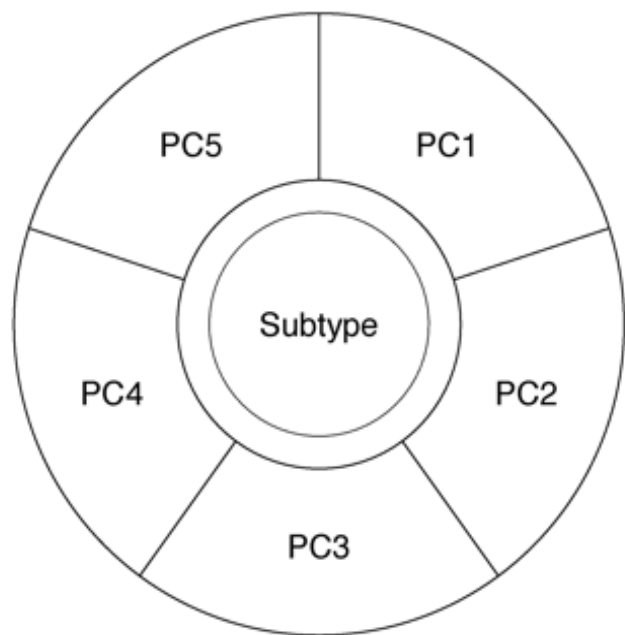
Myke Madsen, MSTAT



PC1	30.5%
PC2	18.9%
PC3	10.2%
PC4	5.3%
PC5	3.2%

# PC1, PC2, and PC5 quantitative framework for subtypes





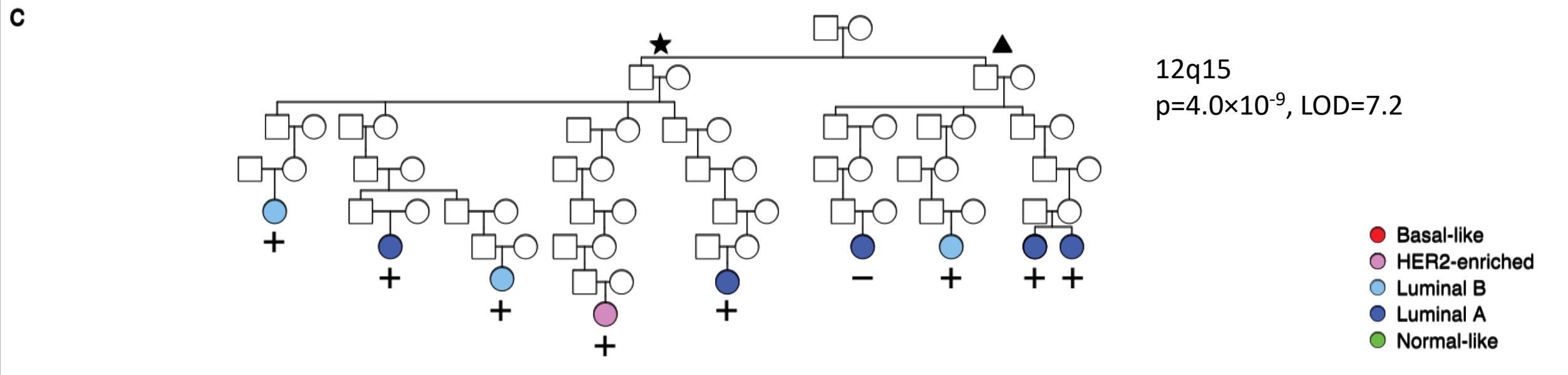
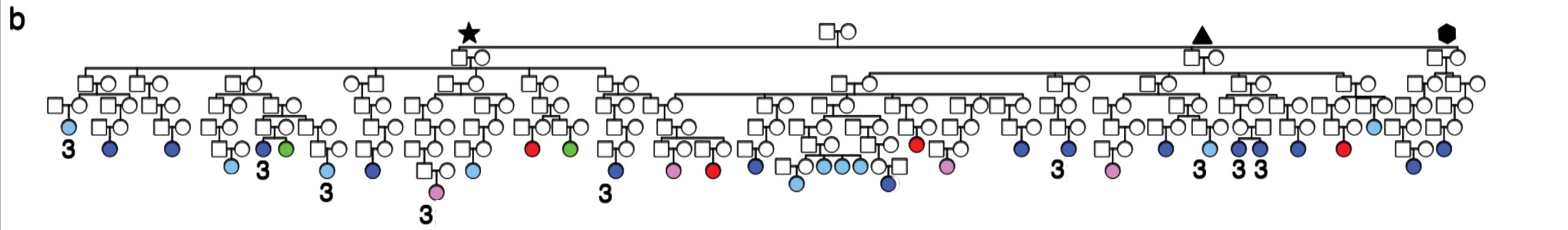
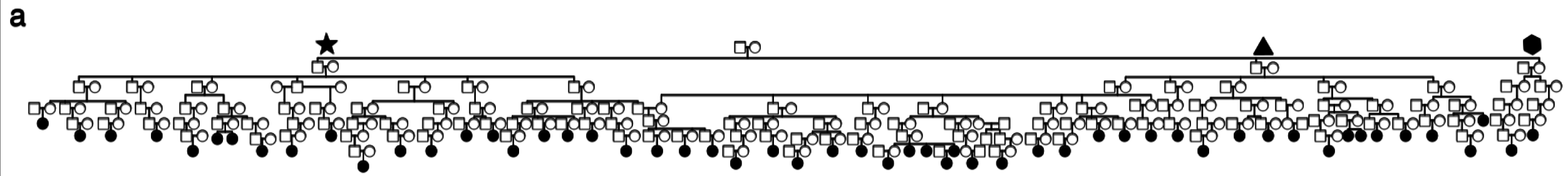
# Any evidence for familial clustering?

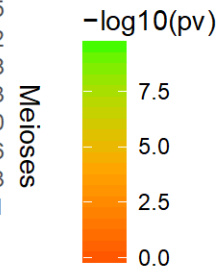
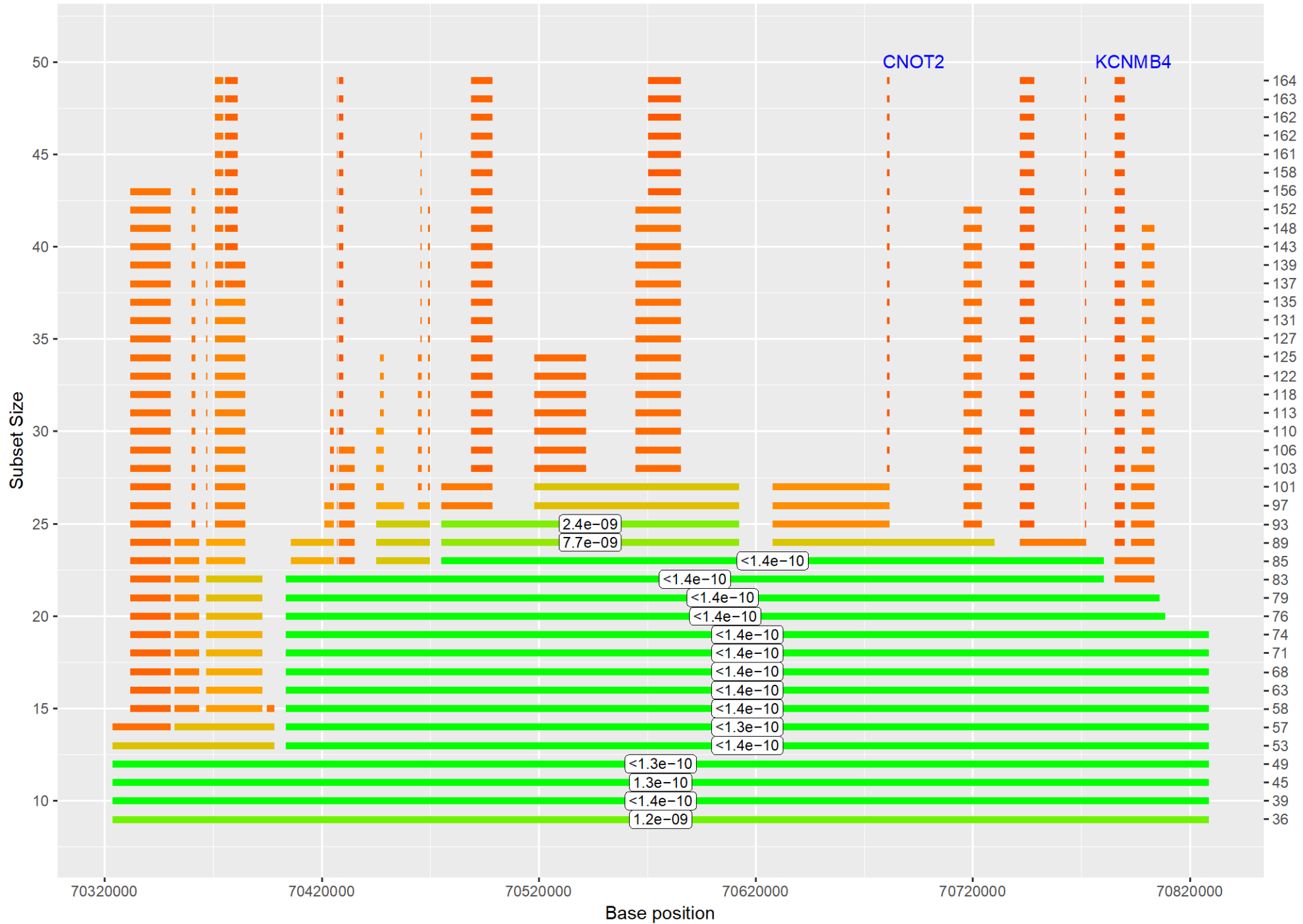
$p < 10^{-12}$   $p = 7.6 \times 10^{-8}$

Pedigree	n	PC3		PC5	
		p	t	p	t
1800	20	ns	1.44	ns	-1.609
1801	17	ns	2.03	ns	-2.311
1808	24	0.0006	4.76	0.0129	-3.674
1809	15	0.0778	3.13	ns	-2.468
1812	17	ns	2.12	ns	-0.305
1817	35	0.0006	5.55	0.0133	-3.508
1818	20	0.0147	3.72	ns	-0.230
1819	26	0.0001	5.05	ns	-1.437
1820	20	ns	1.60	0.0033	-4.352
1821	18	0.1014	2.92	ns	-1.735
1822	31	0.00004	5.54	ns	-0.184

*Comparing to the population (LACE/Pathways). Bonferroni correction already performed*

**Potentially promising for gene mapping!**





Gene mapping

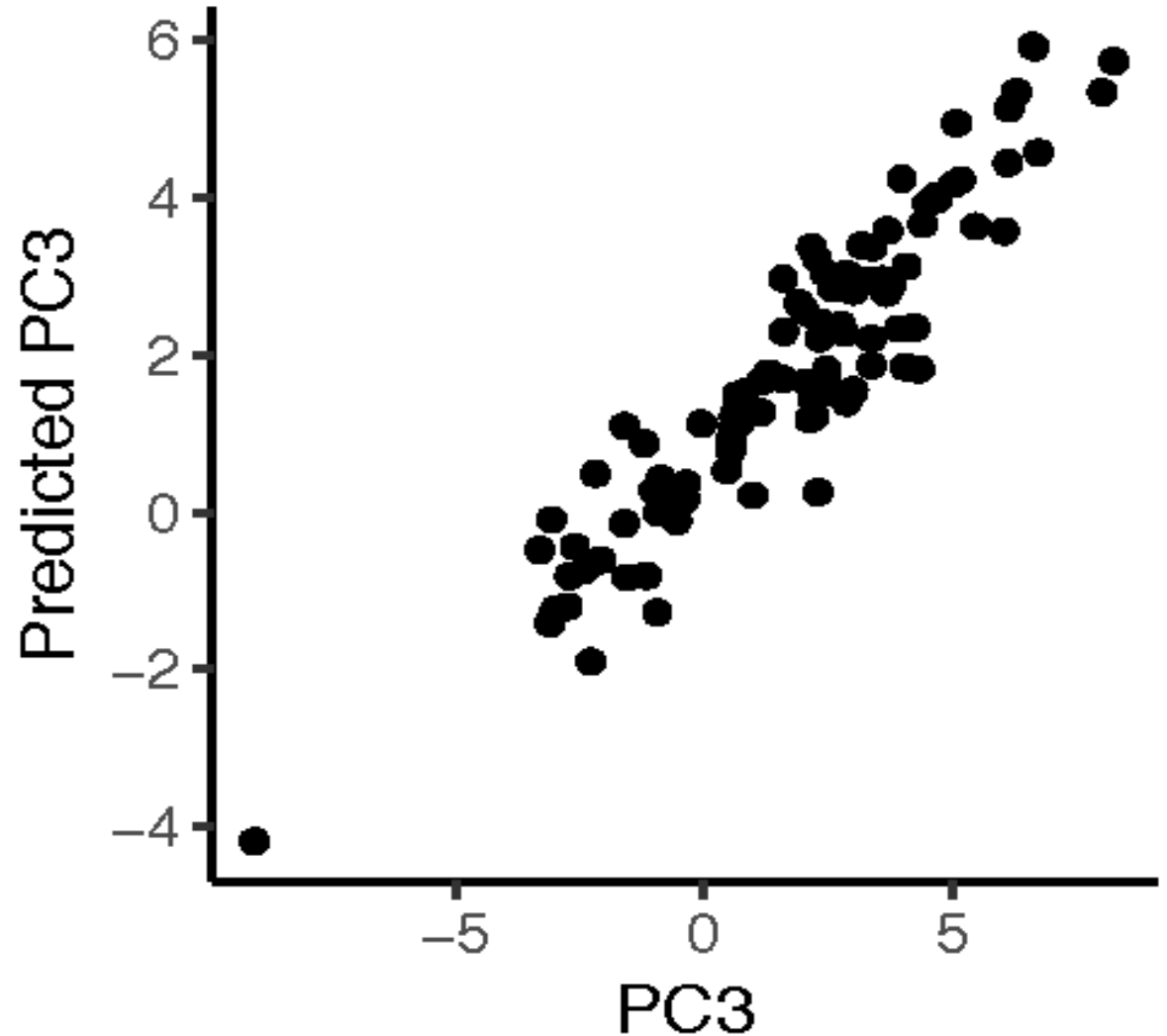
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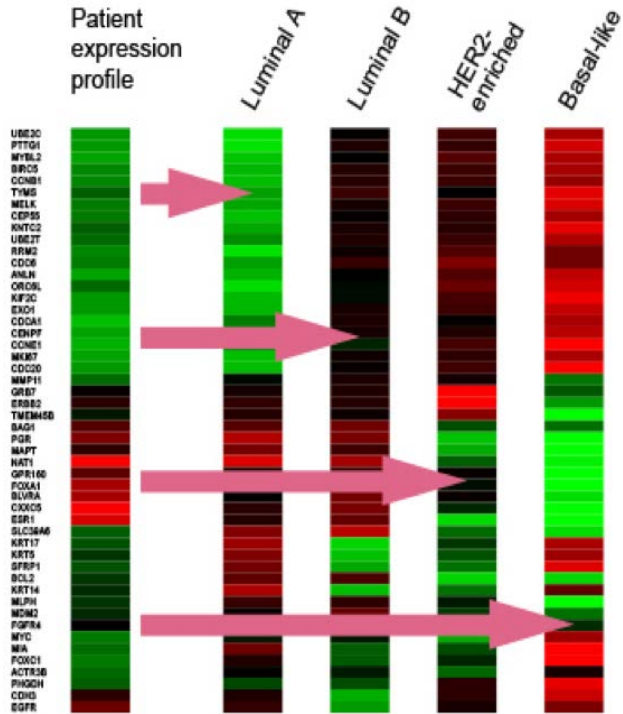
# Polygenic risk?

- 38 SNPs (from GWAS hits)
- Multivariate  $r^2=0.93$
  
- Precision risk?
- Prevention trials?

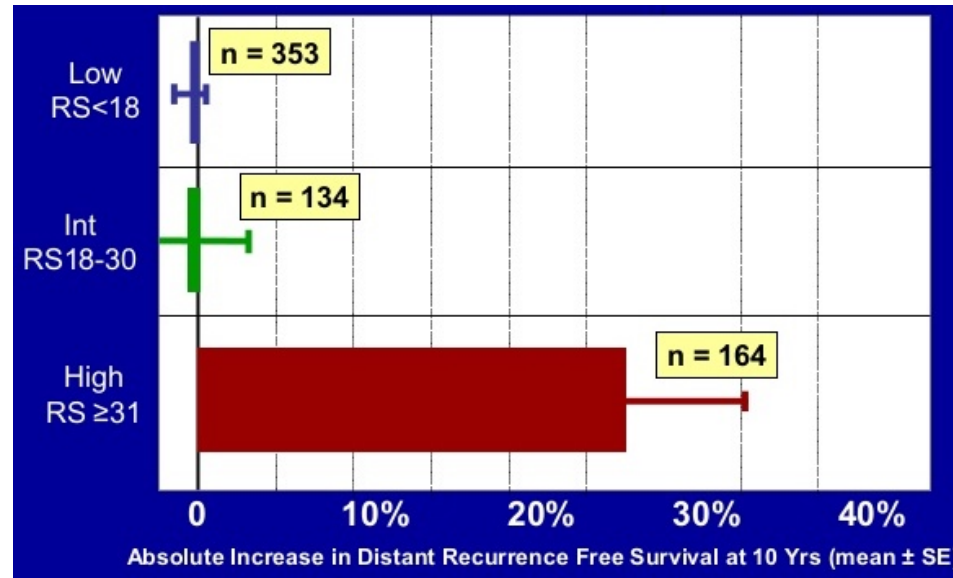


# Gene expression – prognosis and treatment modality

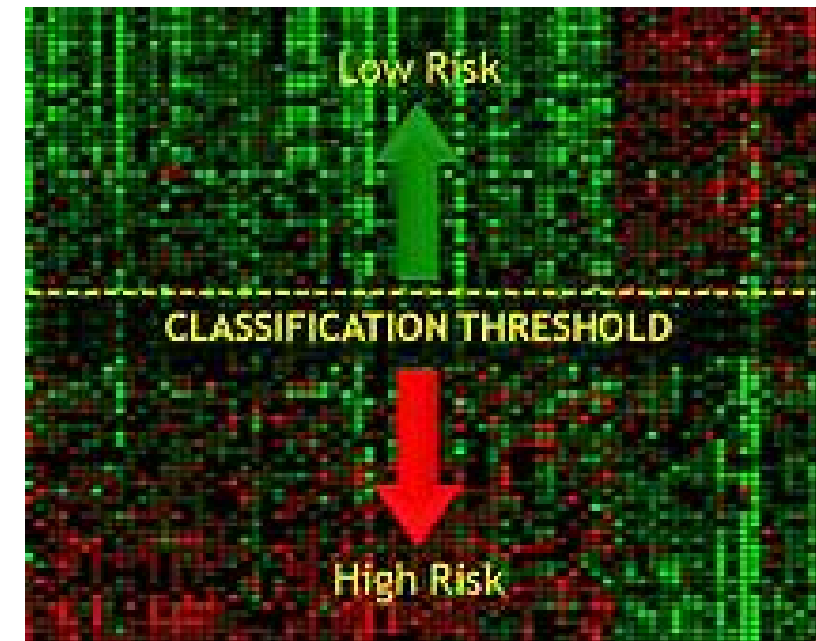
Poor prognosis disease. Informative for treatment modality



Kelly *et al* Oncologist 2012



Paik *et al* NEJM 2004

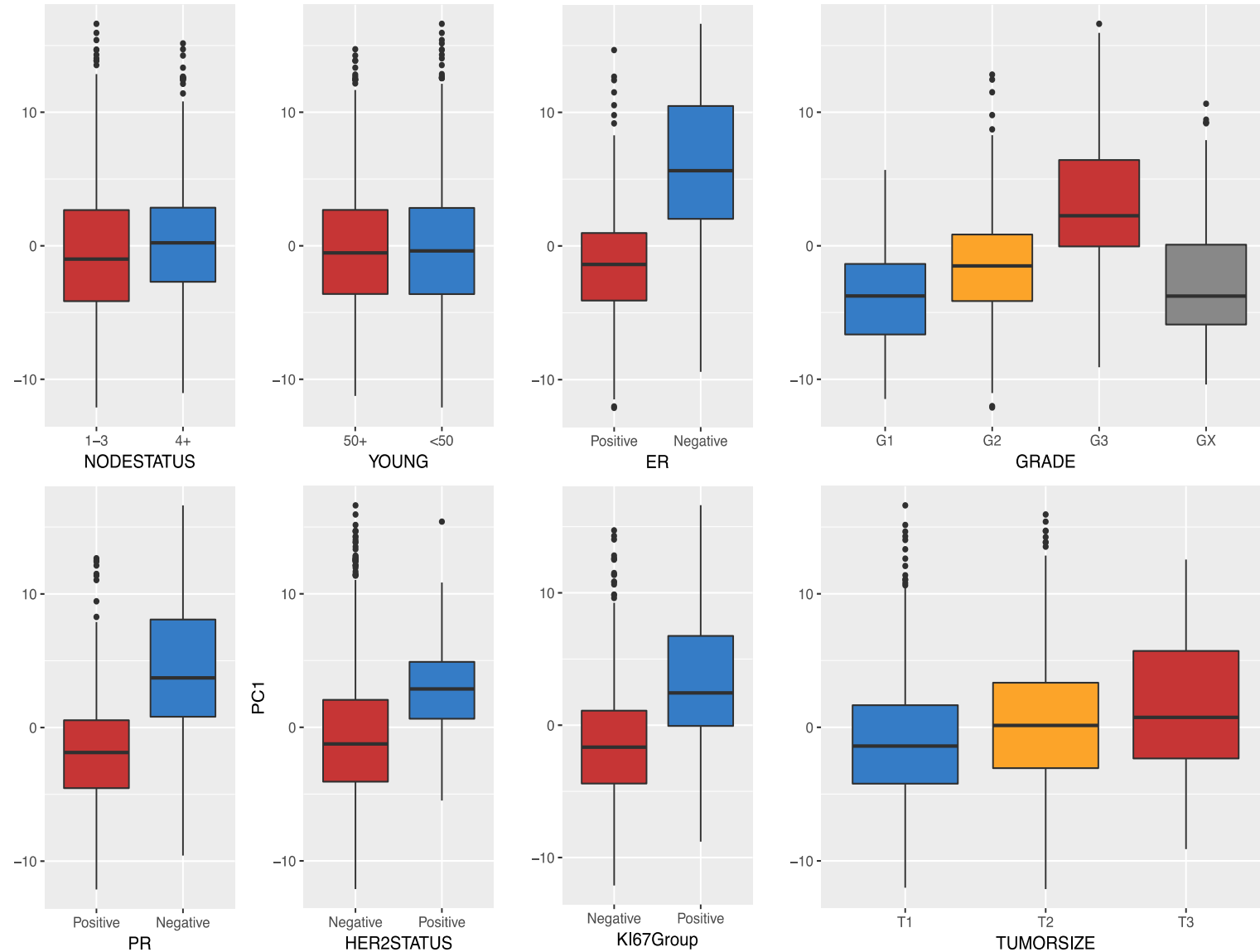
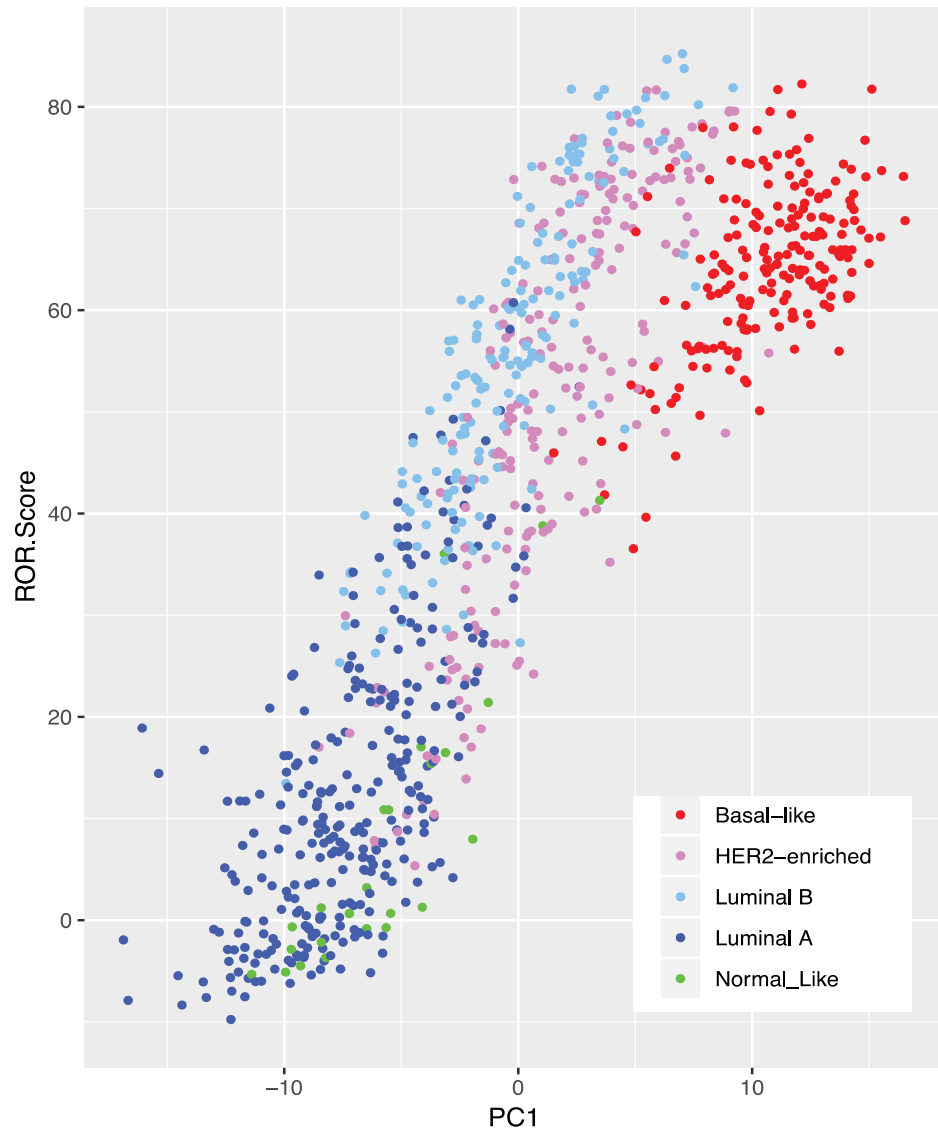


van 't Veer *et al* Nature 2002

**Precision therapy elusive** Unable to identify interactions with specific drugs

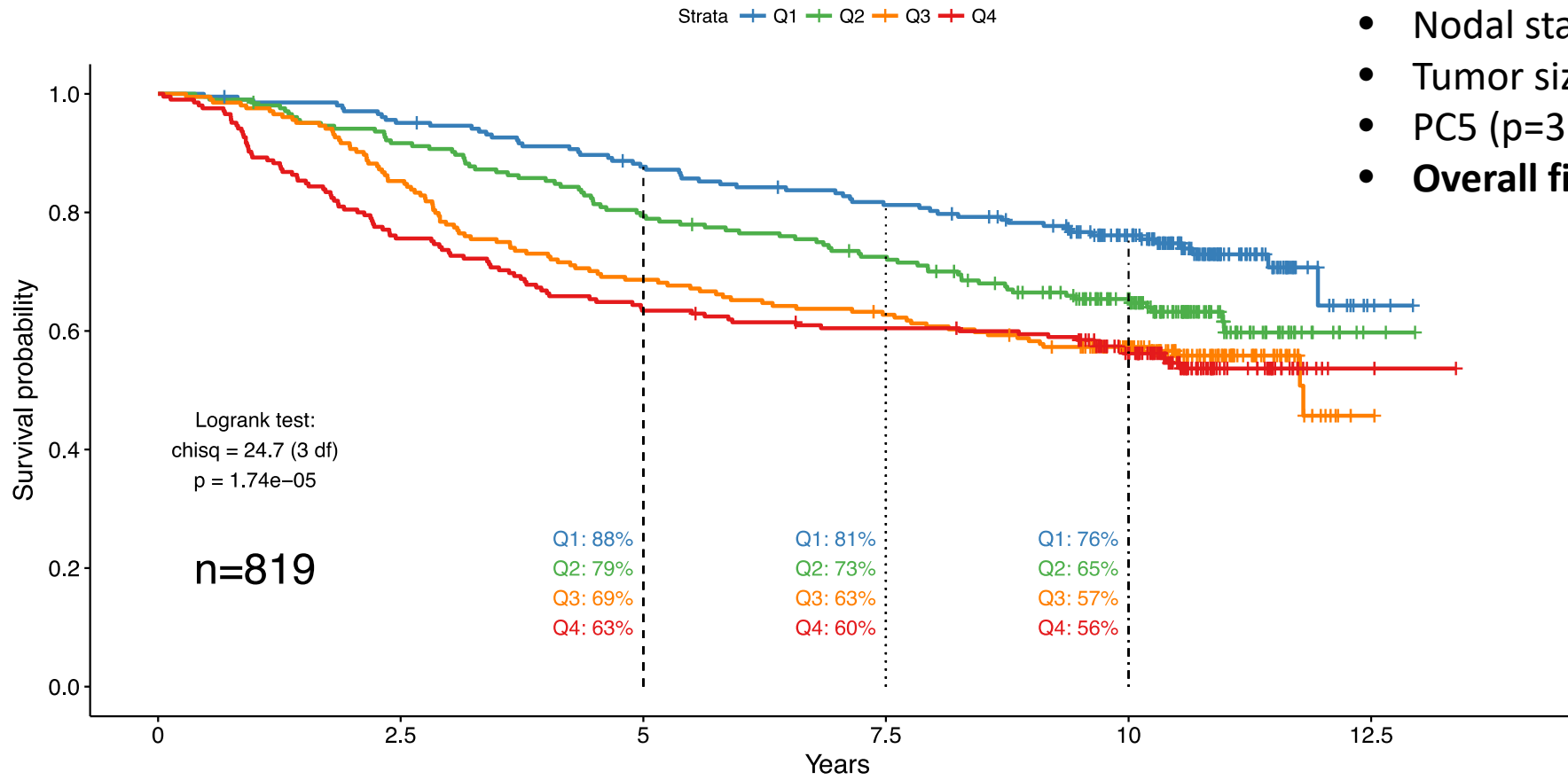
# PC1 is recurrence risk...

# prognosis



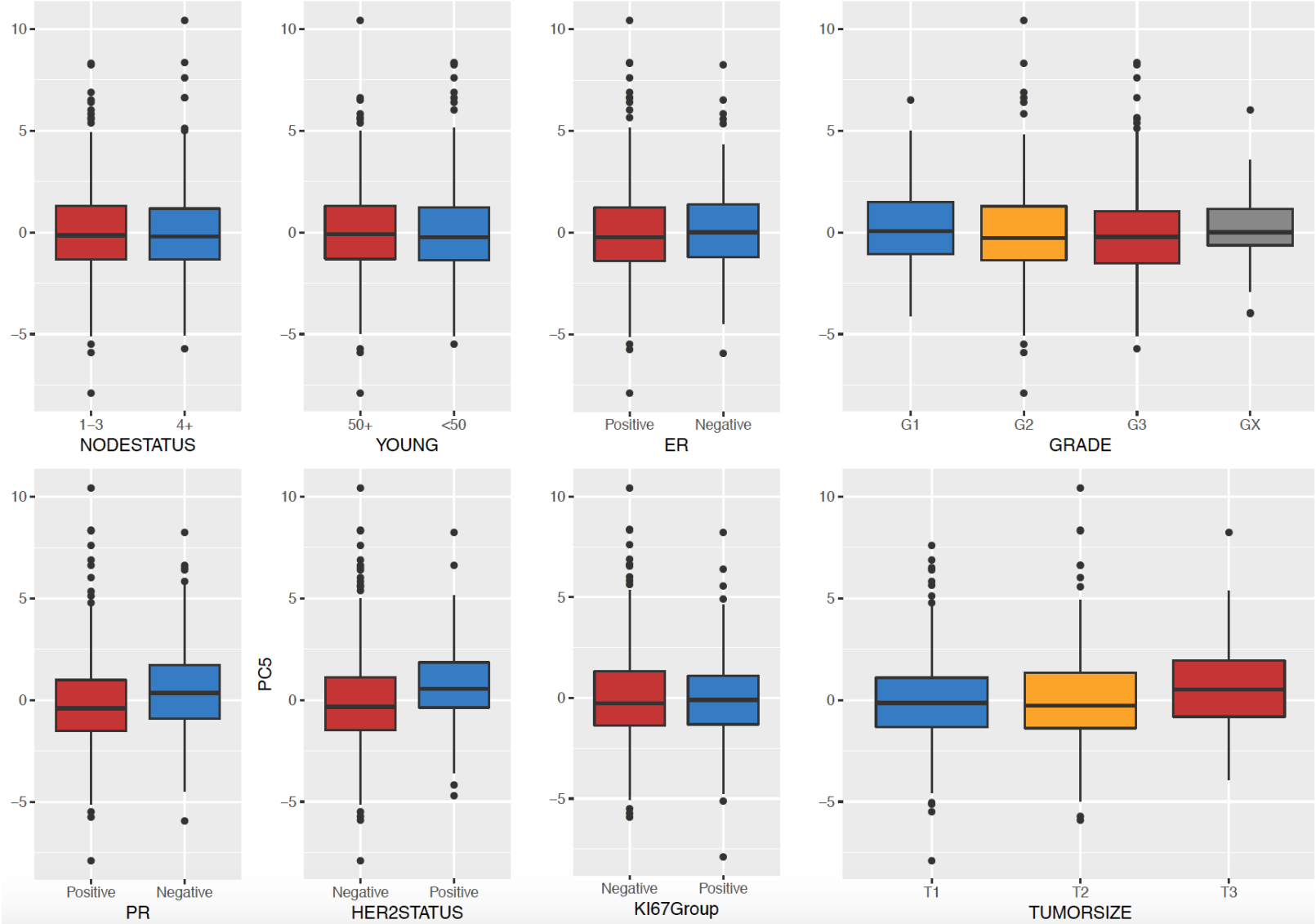
# PC1 and Disease-Free Survival

- In a best fitting model
  - PC1 ( $p=1.3 \times 10^{-6}$ )
  - Nodal status ( $p=2.7 \times 10^{-4}$ )
  - Tumor size ( $p=1.0 \times 10^{-3}$ )
  - PC5 ( $p=3.0 \times 10^{-3}$ )
  - **Overall fit  $p=2.5 \times 10^{-12}$**



Strata	0	2.5	5	7.5	10	12.5
Q1	205	194	177	163	125	3
Q2	205	187	162	146	102	2
Q3	204	174	140	127	96	1
Q4	205	155	130	122	93	2

# PC5 and clinical-pathological characteristics



More info for prognosis

# Main trial result: paclitaxel extends disease-free interval

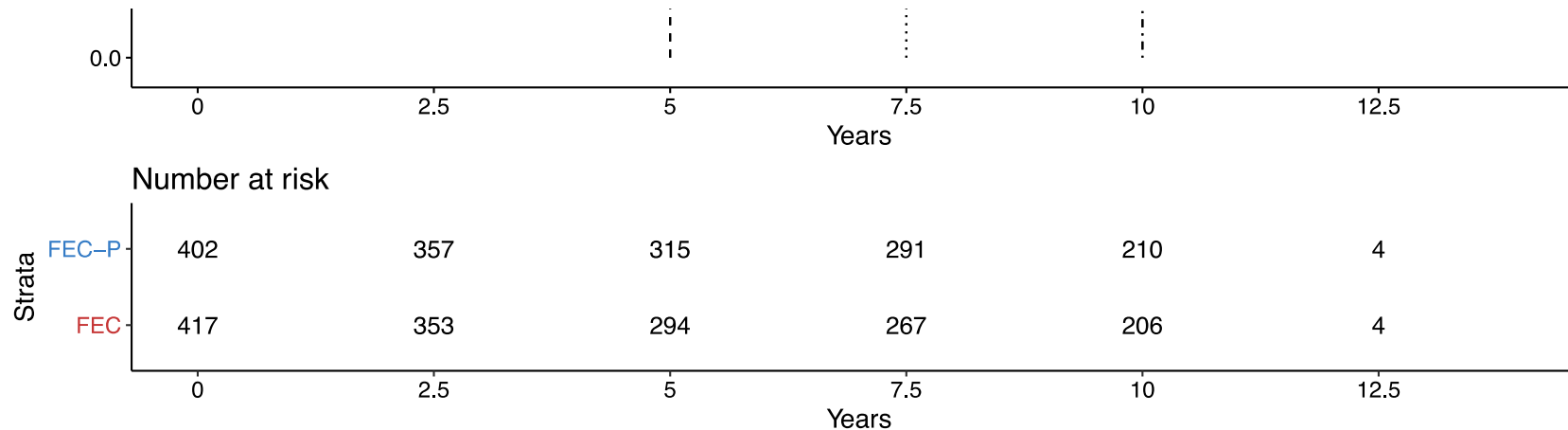
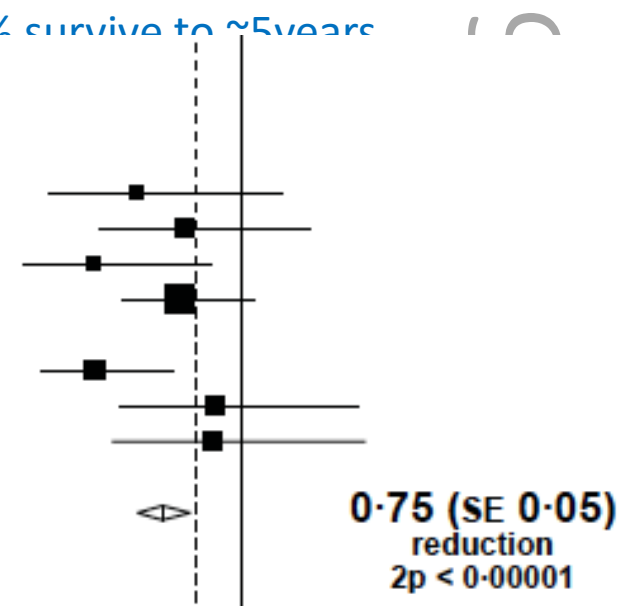
DFS by treatment arm

Strata + FEC-P + FEC

FEC: 80% survive to ~3years  
 FEC+P: 80% survive to ~5years

**(b) Taxane-plus-anthracycline-based regimen (taxane courses given alone) † vs MORE (but < doubled) non-taxane cytotoxic chemotherapy**

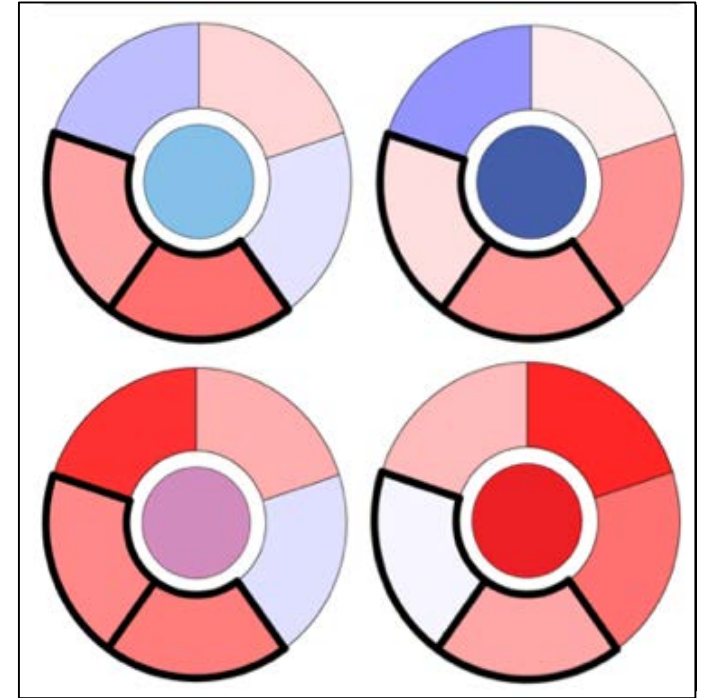
Study	Regimen	Comparison	Events	Events	HR	95% CI
00S WSG/AGO AM-02	4E90C600; 4D100 vs 6(F500E100C500)	†D100x4 E360 vs E600	E240	42/2063	59/1990	-9.8 24.4
95T HORG Greece	4D100; 4EC vs 6(F700E75C700)	†D100x4 E300 vs E450	E150	92/1548	105/1423	-8.5 43.2
00E FinHer/FBCG 00-01	3D(80/100); 3FEC vs 3Vrb25x3; 3(F600E60C600)	†D80x3 E180 vs E180	0≠	39/1470	69/1443	-14.8 23.8
98D1 BIG 02-98*	3A75; 3D100; 3CMFq4 vs 4A75; 3(C100x14M40x2F600x2)q4 or 4A60C600; 3CMFq4	†D100x3 A225 vs A270 (240/300)	A70	197/4376	245/4290	-22.0 102.0
99K GEICAM 9906 Spain	4FEC; 8(P100)q1 vs 6(F600E90C600)	†P100x8 E360 vs E540	E180	73/2265	134/2236	-28.5 46.5
97R HE1097 Greece	3Eq2; 3P250q2; 3CMFq2 vs 4(E110)q2; 4(C840M50F840)q2	†P250x3 E330 vs E440	E110	96/1271	100/1233	-3.5 42.3
00F1 NCIC MA.21*	6(E120C830)q2; 4P175 vs 6(C75x14E60x2F500x2)q4	†P175x4 E720 vs E720	0≠	74/1798	82/1829	-3.5 36.8
<b>(b) subtotal</b>				<b>613/14791 (4.1%/y)</b>	<b>794/14444 (5.5%/y)</b>	<b>-90.5 318.8</b>



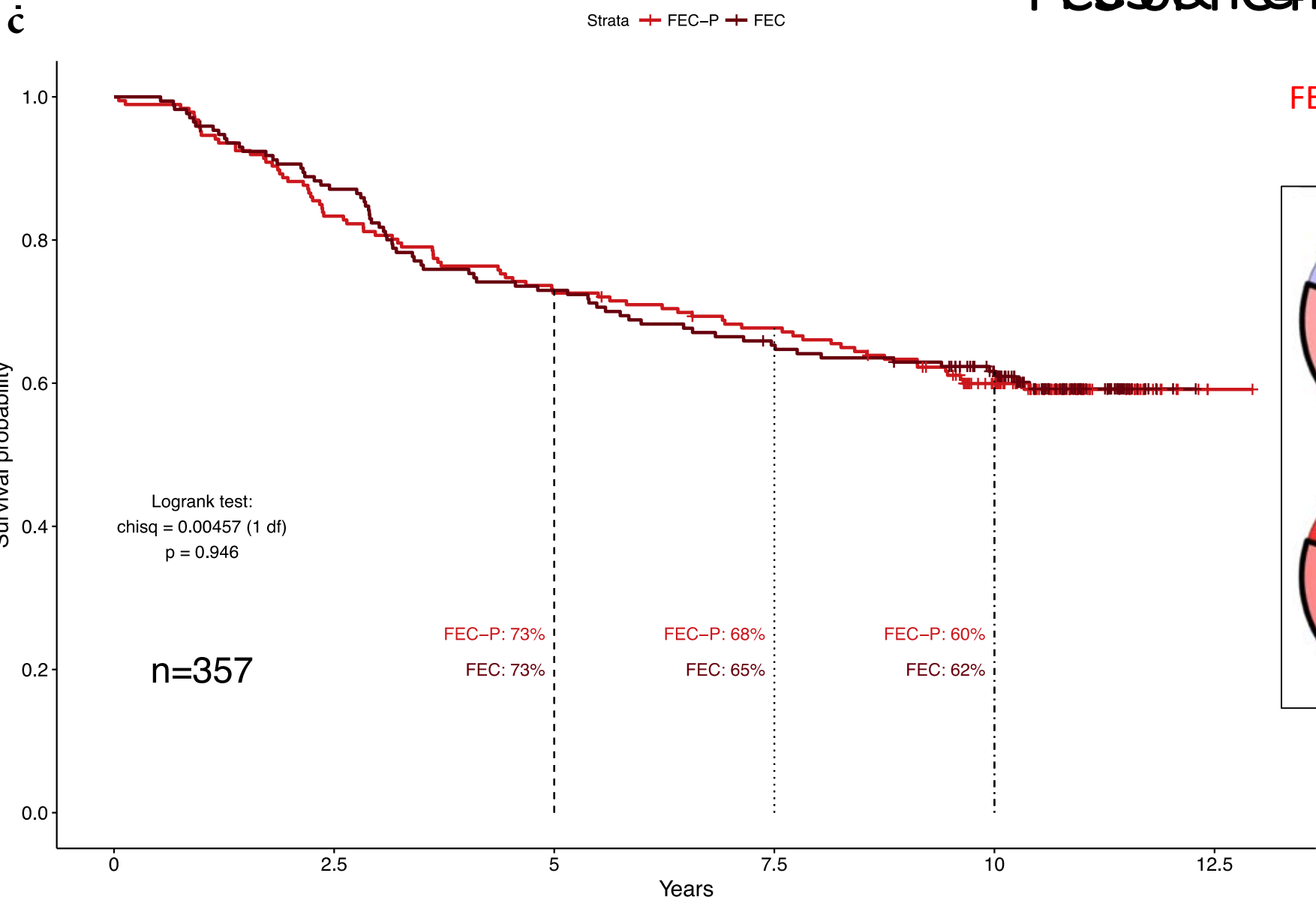
# Dimension x Drug interactions?

**PC3 & PC4 High (46.6% patients)**

**FEC & FEC-P: 80% survive to ~3 years**



**PC3 and PC4**  
 Significant interactions  
 with paclitaxel  
 Camp *et al* BCRT 2019

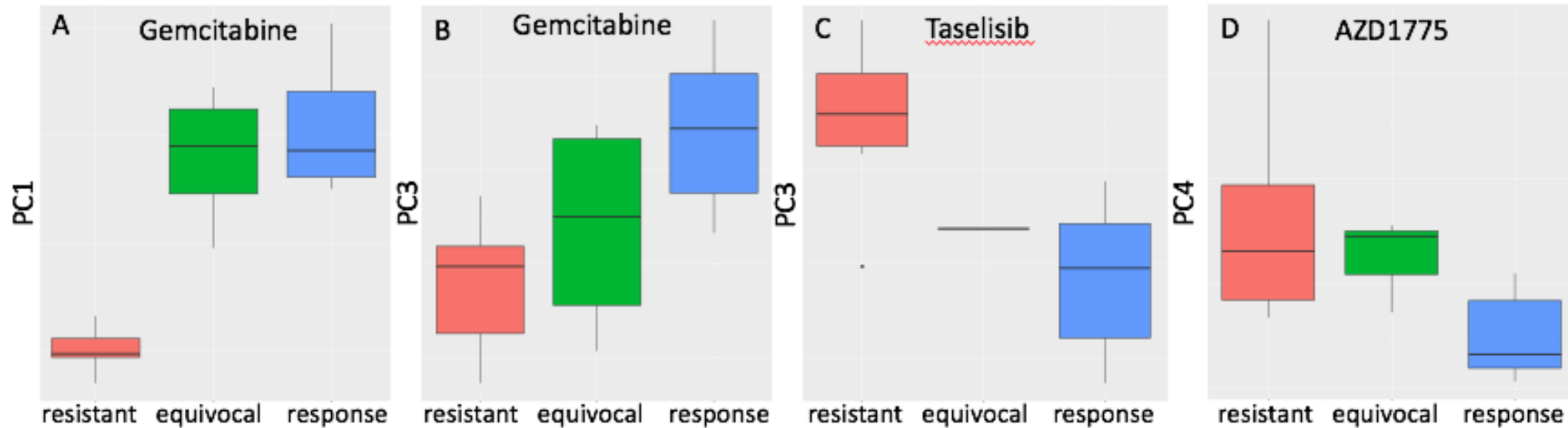


# Patient-derived organoid models

- Preliminary utility as a framework for drug screens



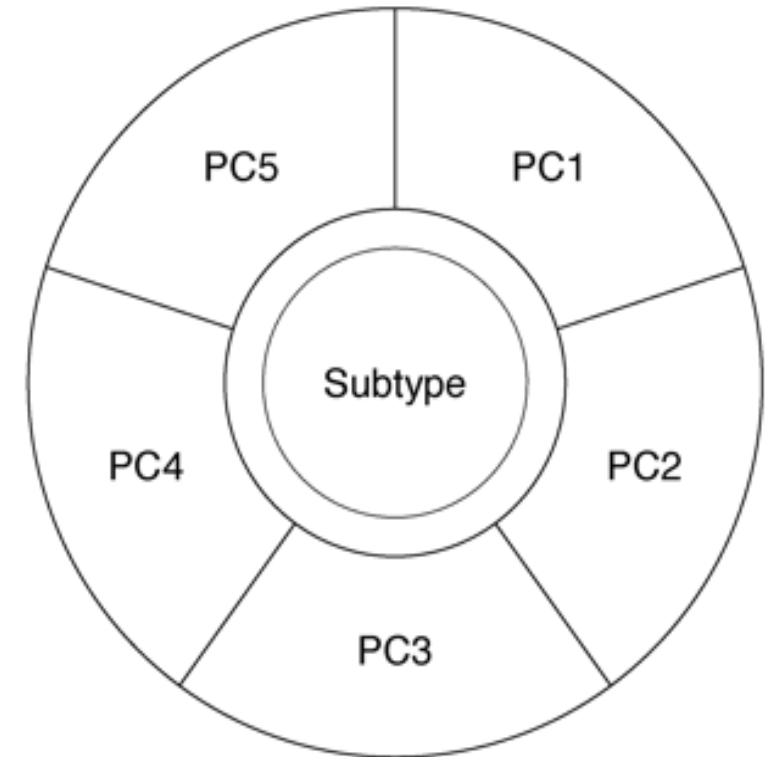
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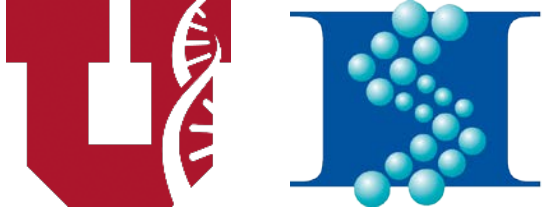
# Quantitative tumor dimension framework

- Dimensions add resolution
  - PC1-PC2-PC4 provides framework with increased resolution for categorical intrinsic subtypes
- Inherited susceptibility
  - Pedigree studies, PC3 and PC5 heritable
  - GWAS polygenic studies
- Precision risk
  - Precision prevention
- Survival analysis: Prognosis
  - PC1 and PC5 associated with prognosis
  - PC1 associated with risk of recurrence –Prosigna, Oncotype DX, MammaPrint
- Precision therapeutics
  - PC3 and PC4 proposed drug interaction with paclitaxel
- Preclinical models
  - Dimensions preserved in organoid and xenograft models



**Waller, poster #30, 2:30pm**

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