

Managing information flow in the molecular diagnostics laboratory

~The oncology perspective & adventures with Soft Computing

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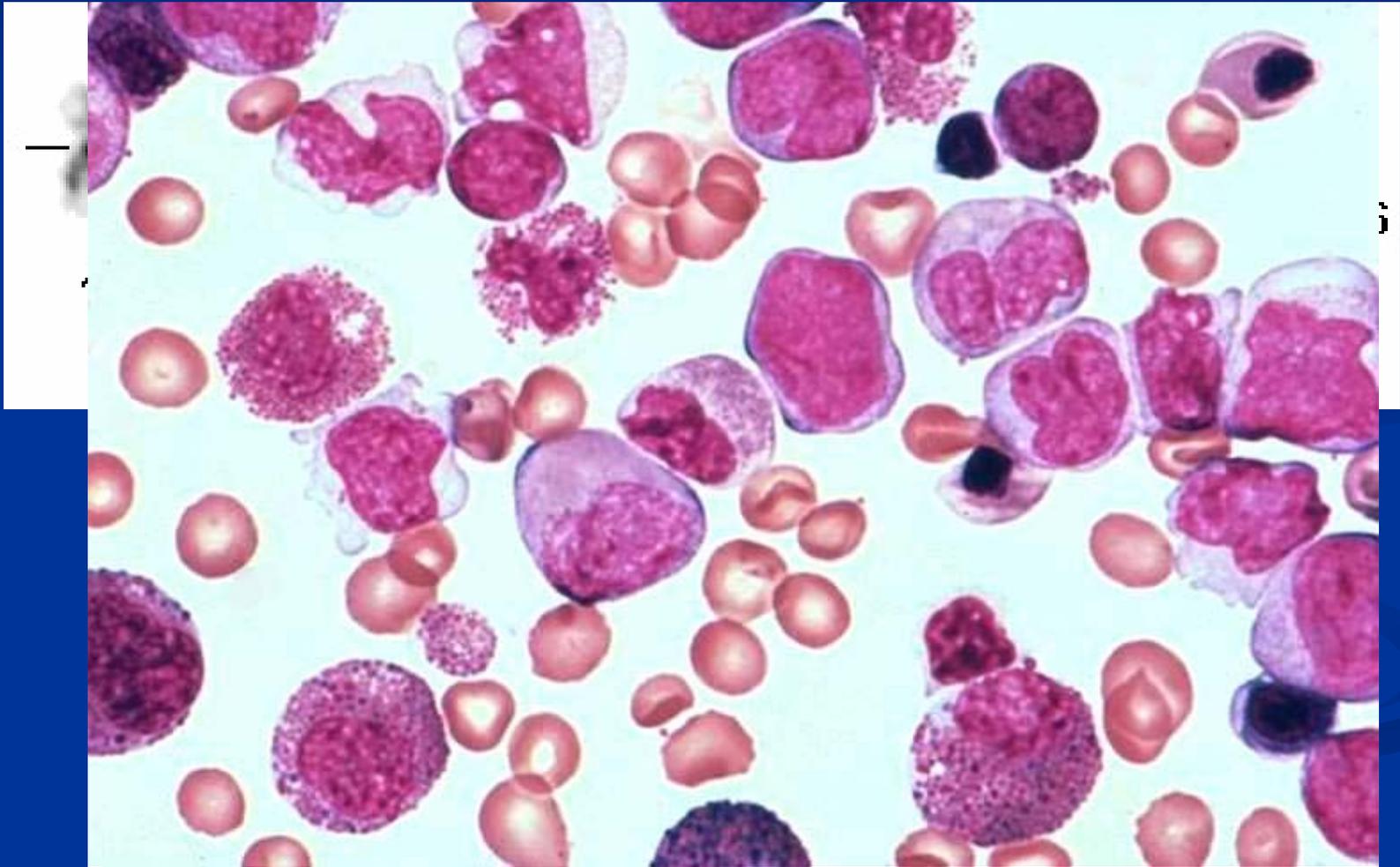
Biotage

Novartis

SCC

AML-M4Eo: inv16 (CBFb:MYH11)

Old school molecular diagnostics



Not so simple anymore...

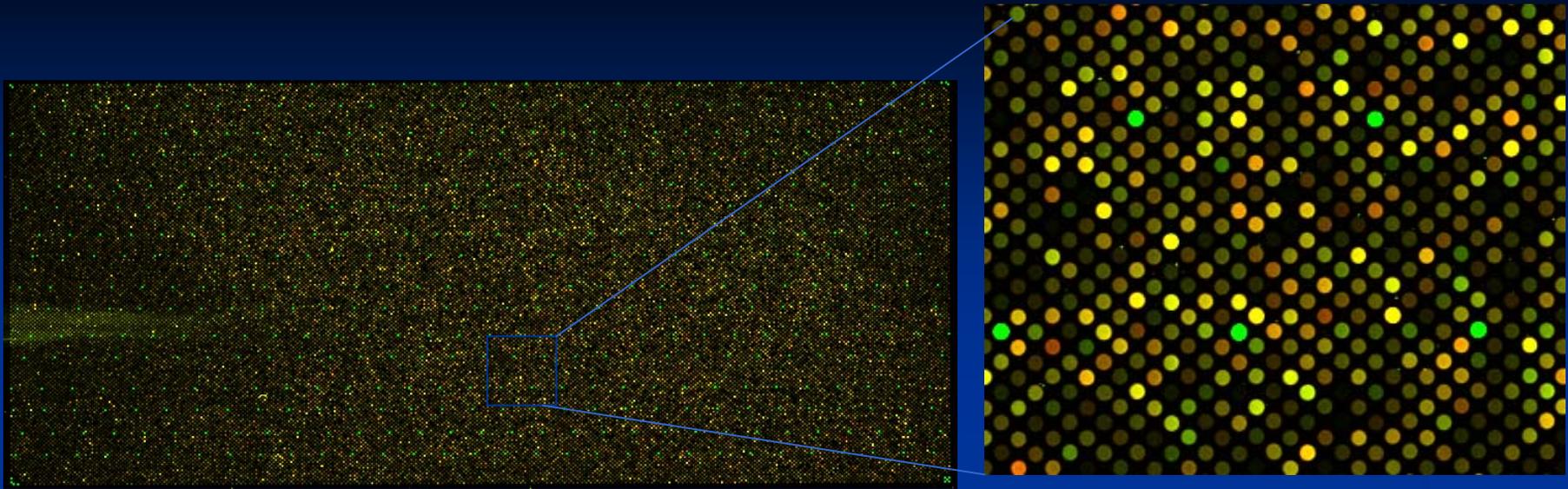
Goals of molecular testing in oncology

- **Germline testing**
 - *Cancer risk prediction (inherited susceptibility)*
 - *Pharmacogenetics (polymorphisms in drug metabolizing genes)*
- **Diagnostic assays**
- **Prognostic assays**
- **Diagnostic and prognostic assays**
- **Diagnostic and minimal residual disease monitoring**
- **Therapeutic response predictors**
 - *Pharmacogenomics (how an individual tumor might respond)*

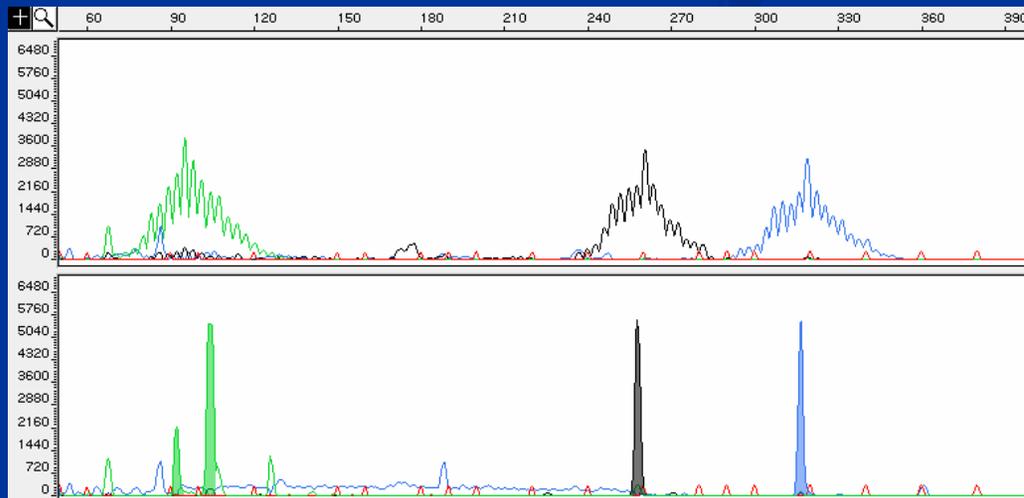
Always changing...

M. D. Anderson molecular oncology test panel

- Leukemia
 - AML1-ETO/t(8;21), RNA-PCR & quant
 - BCR-ABL, quantitative PCR & competitive PCR
 - BCR-ABL, mutational analysis, sequencing
 - BCR-ABL MUTATION, QUANT
 - CBFb-MYH11/inv16, RNA-PCR & quant
 - FIP1L1-PDGFR (hypereosinophilic syndrome/mast cell disease), RNA-PCR
 - FLT3 mutational analysis, PCR
 - JAK2 mutational analysis, quant sequencing
 - PML-RARA/t(15;17), RNA-PCR & quant
 - Somatic hypermutation analysis, IGH/CLL, sequencing
 - KIT mutational screening (mast cell disease/leukemia)
 - Acute leukemia translocation panels
- Lymphoma
 - BCL1/cyclin D1/t(11;14), PCR
 - BCL2/t(14;18), quantitative PCR
 - IgH Gene rearrangement, PCR
 - NPM-ALK/t(2;5) (ALCL), PCR
 - T-cell clonality (TCR-gamma), PCR
 - T-cell receptor beta spectrotyping
- Solid tumors
 - 18q LOH (colon cancer), PCR
 - BRAF mutational analysis (mel,GI, lung), sequencing
 - EGFR mutational analysis (lung), sequencing
 - 1p19q LOH (glioma), quantitative PCR
 - Microsatellite instability (GI, Gyn), PCR
 - MLH1 methylation, PCR (hereditary colon)
 - KRAS mutational analysis (mel,GI, lung), sequencing
 - KIT mutation (sarcoma)
 - MGMT methylation, PCR (gliomas)
 - UGT1A1 polymorphism
- Transplant
 - Chimerism analysis (post-transplant), with lineage-specific cell sorting for T and Myeloid cells, Post Transplant
 - Microchimerism analysis
 - HLA-A, B, C, DR/DQ/DP
 - KIR genotyping



Types of molecular information



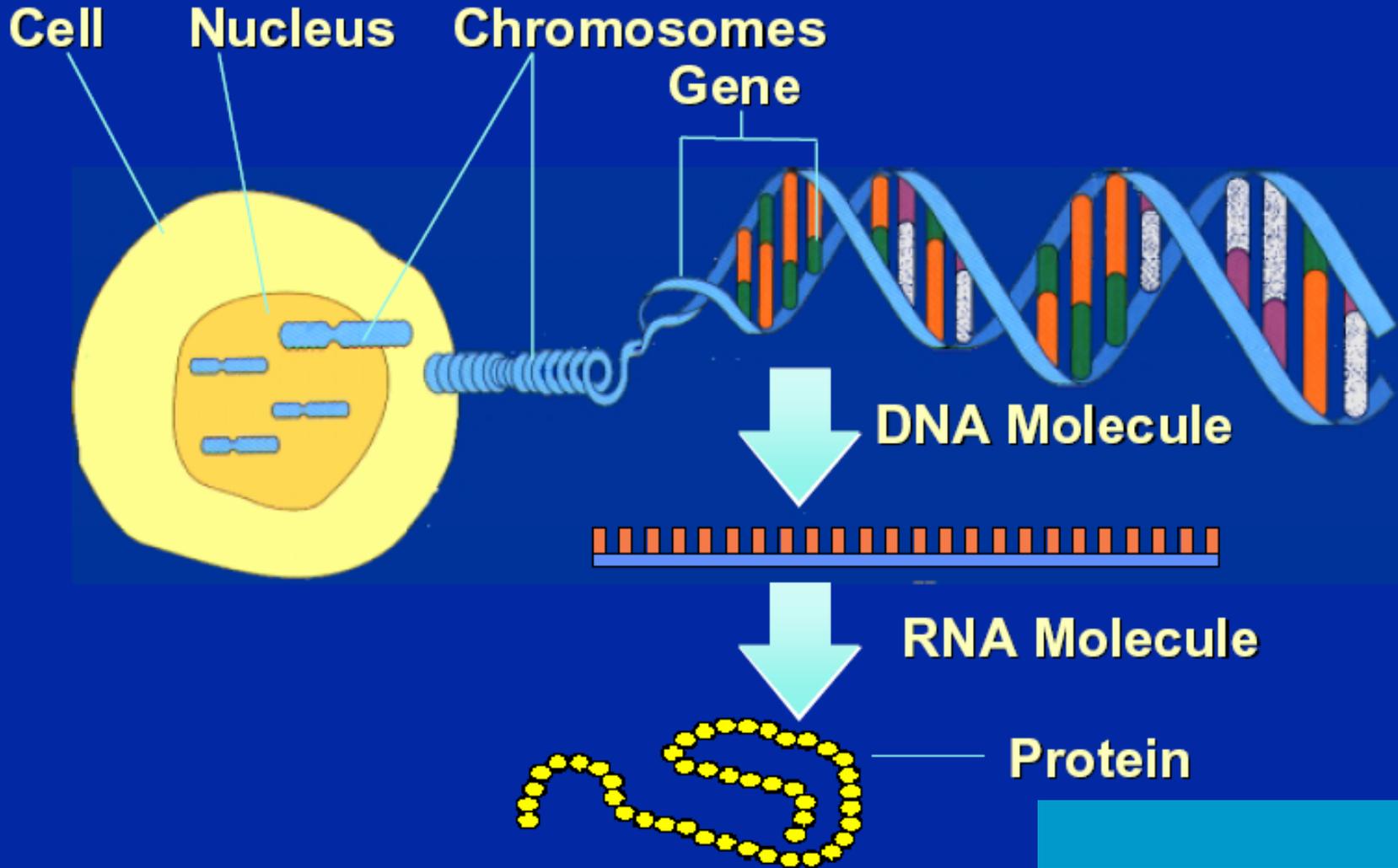
PCR

FISH

RT-PCR

Southern blot

SNP typing



SKY

MS-MS

CGH

CISH

ELISA

cDNA array

Sanger sequencing

G- banding

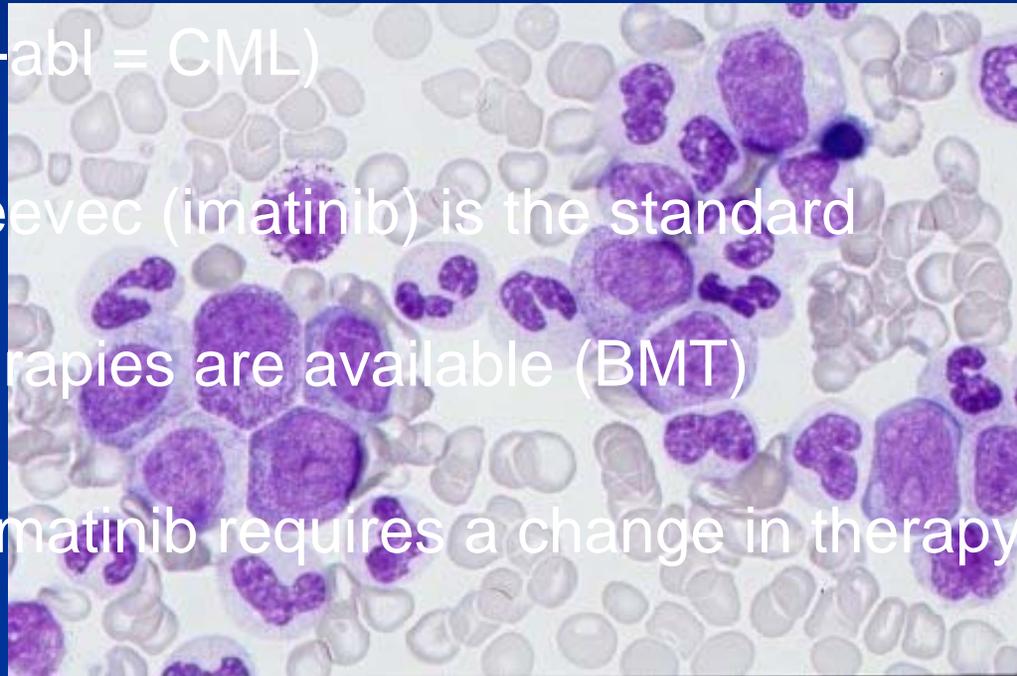
The model disease: Chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML)

Molecular definition (bcr-abl = CML)

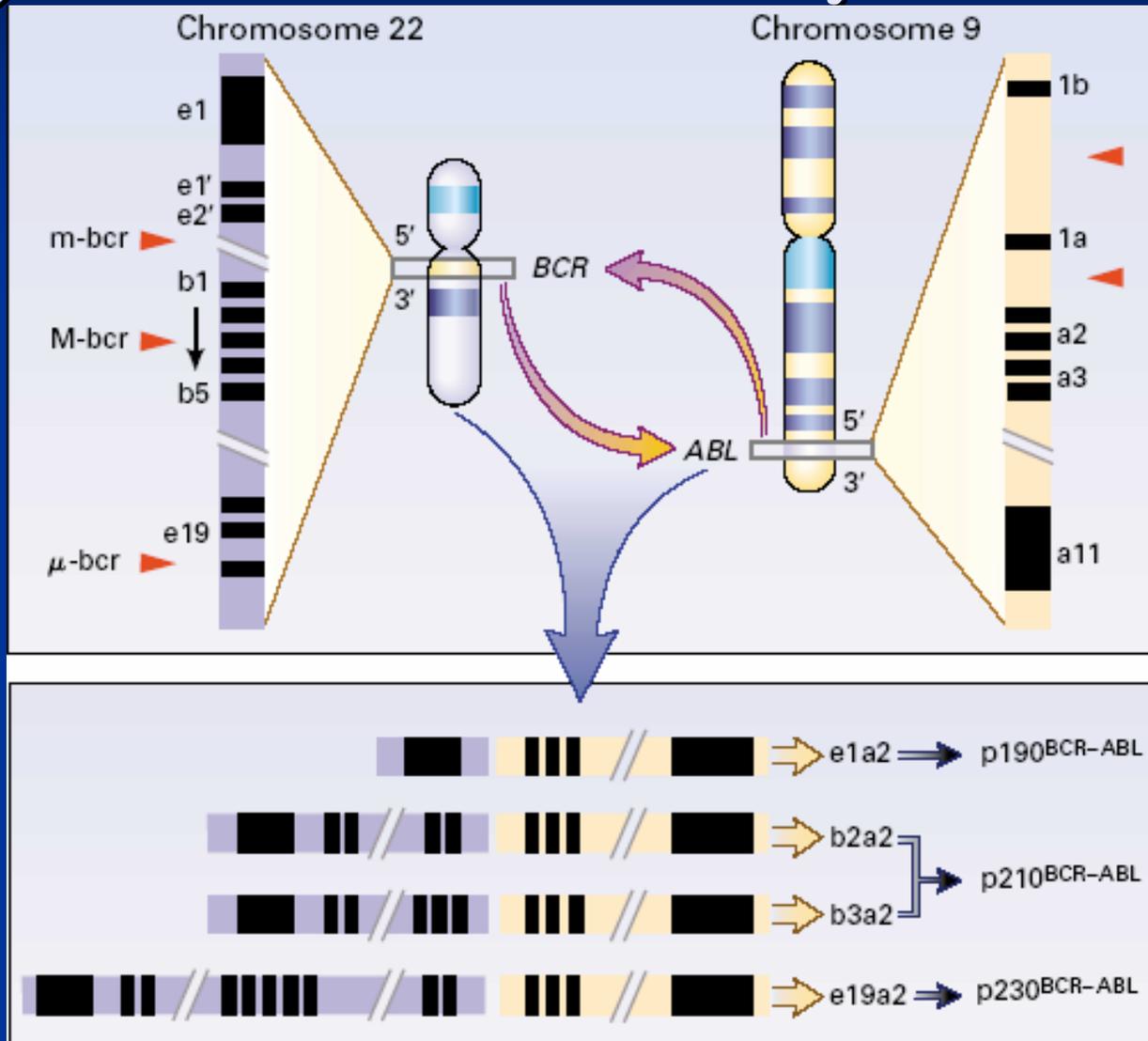
Monotherapy with Gleevec (imatinib) is the standard

Other (curative) therapies are available (BMT)

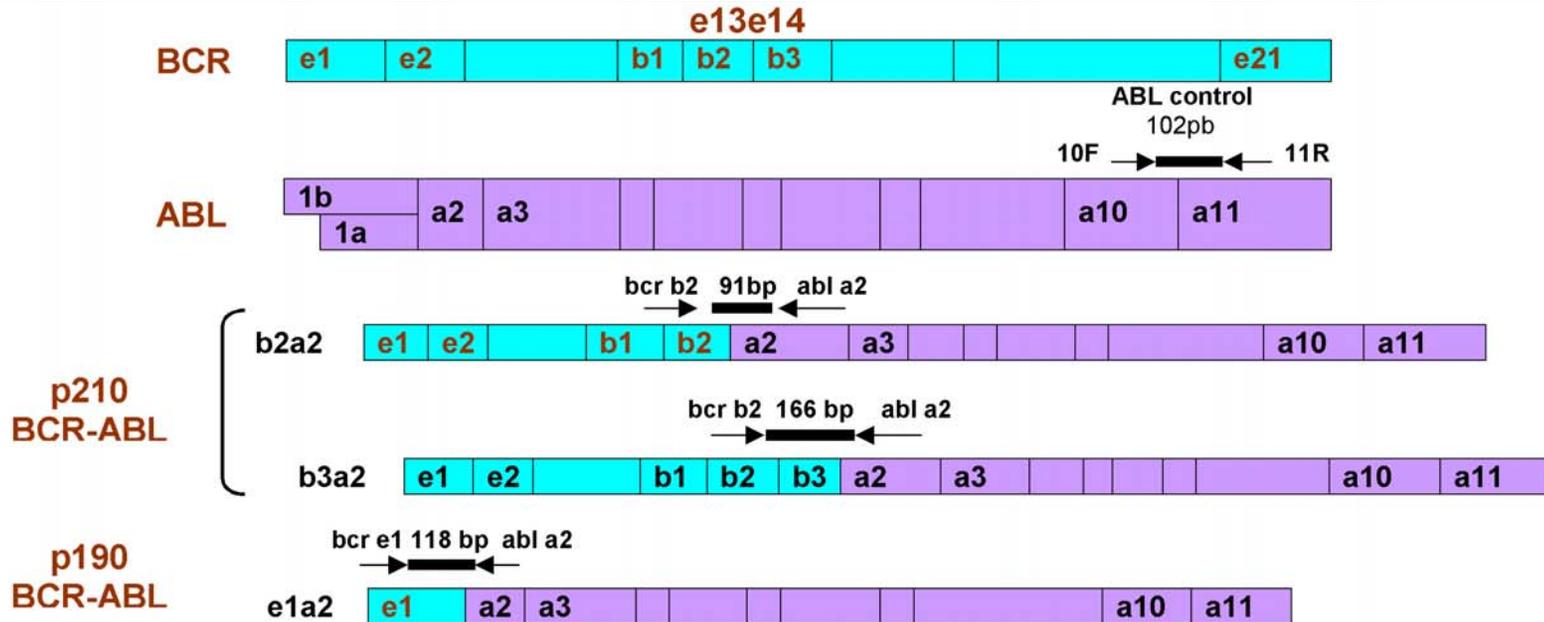
Resistance to imatinib requires a change in therapy



**CML = Philadelphia chromosome =
t(9;22) = chimeric bcr-abl tyrosine kinase**



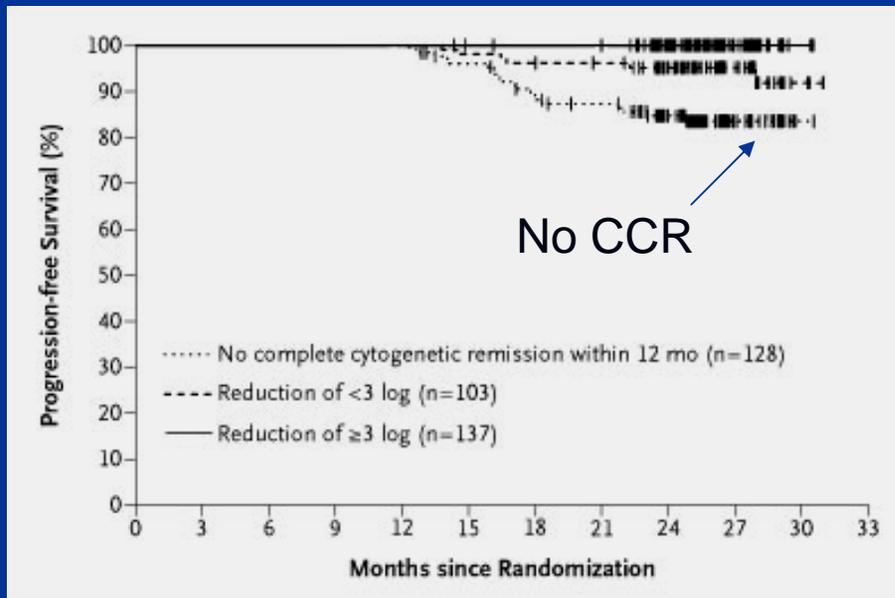
Quantitative RT-PCR for bcr-abl



1. Single tube assay (10 ml PB, 3 ml BM aspirate)
2. Samples run in duplicate
3. TaqMan probe detection (1;100,000 lower limit)
4. Post-PCR sizing to detect transcript type

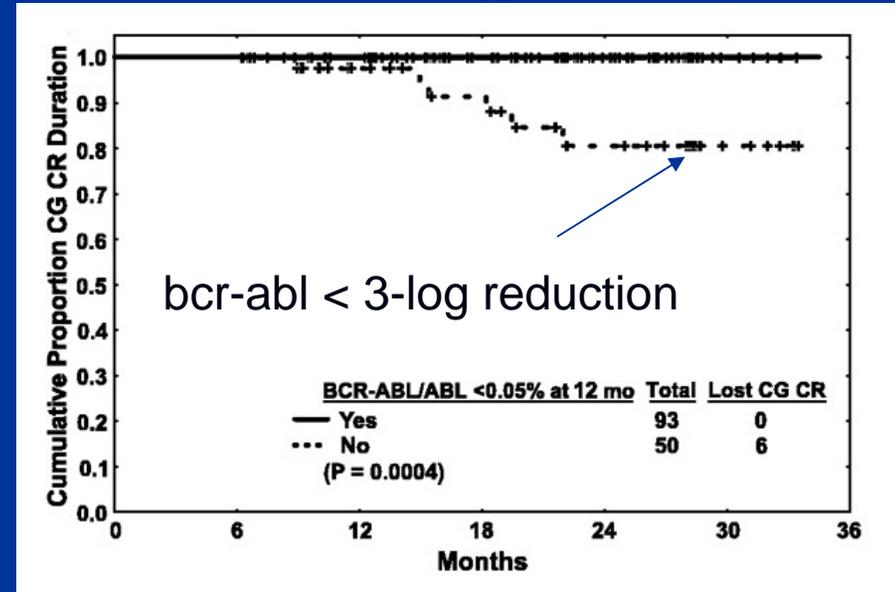
Molecular monitoring to assess effects of imatinib

- Failure to achieve 3-log or 4-log fold reduction from baseline in bcr-abl transcript levels within 6 months, as assessed by quantitative reverse transcription PCR (RT-qPCR), identified those at risk for resistant disease



IRIS Trial

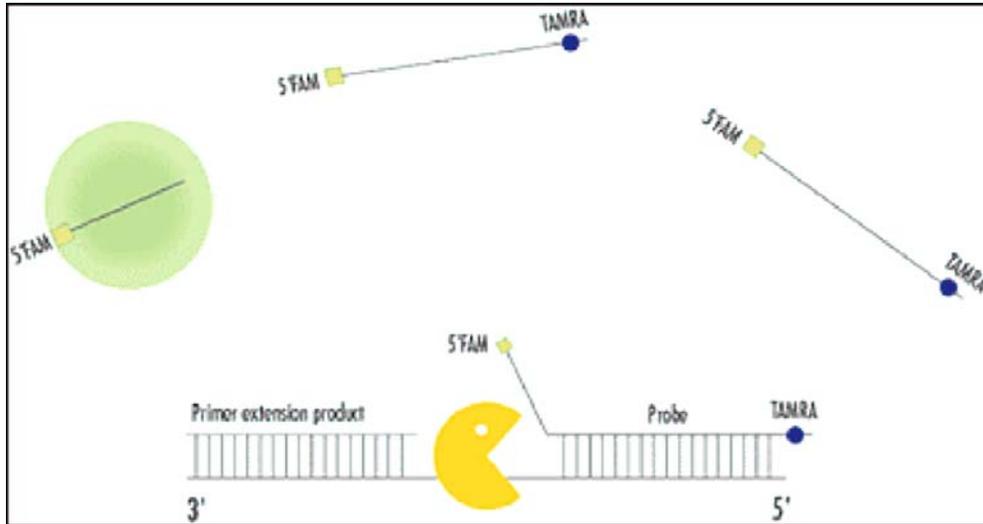
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MD Anderson cumulative experience

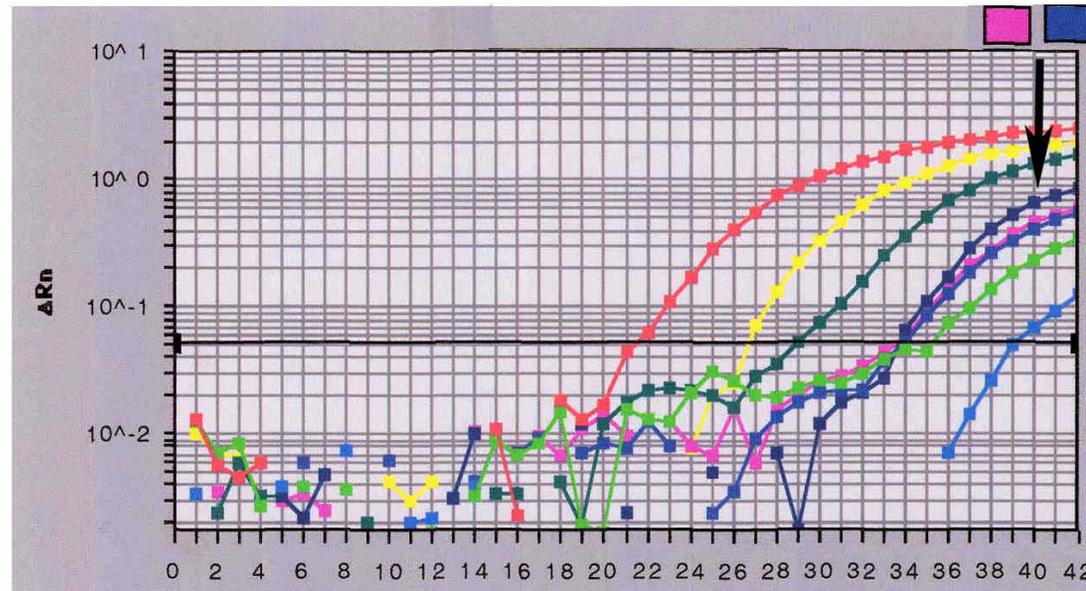
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Step 1. Run quantitative PCR with samples and standards on each run

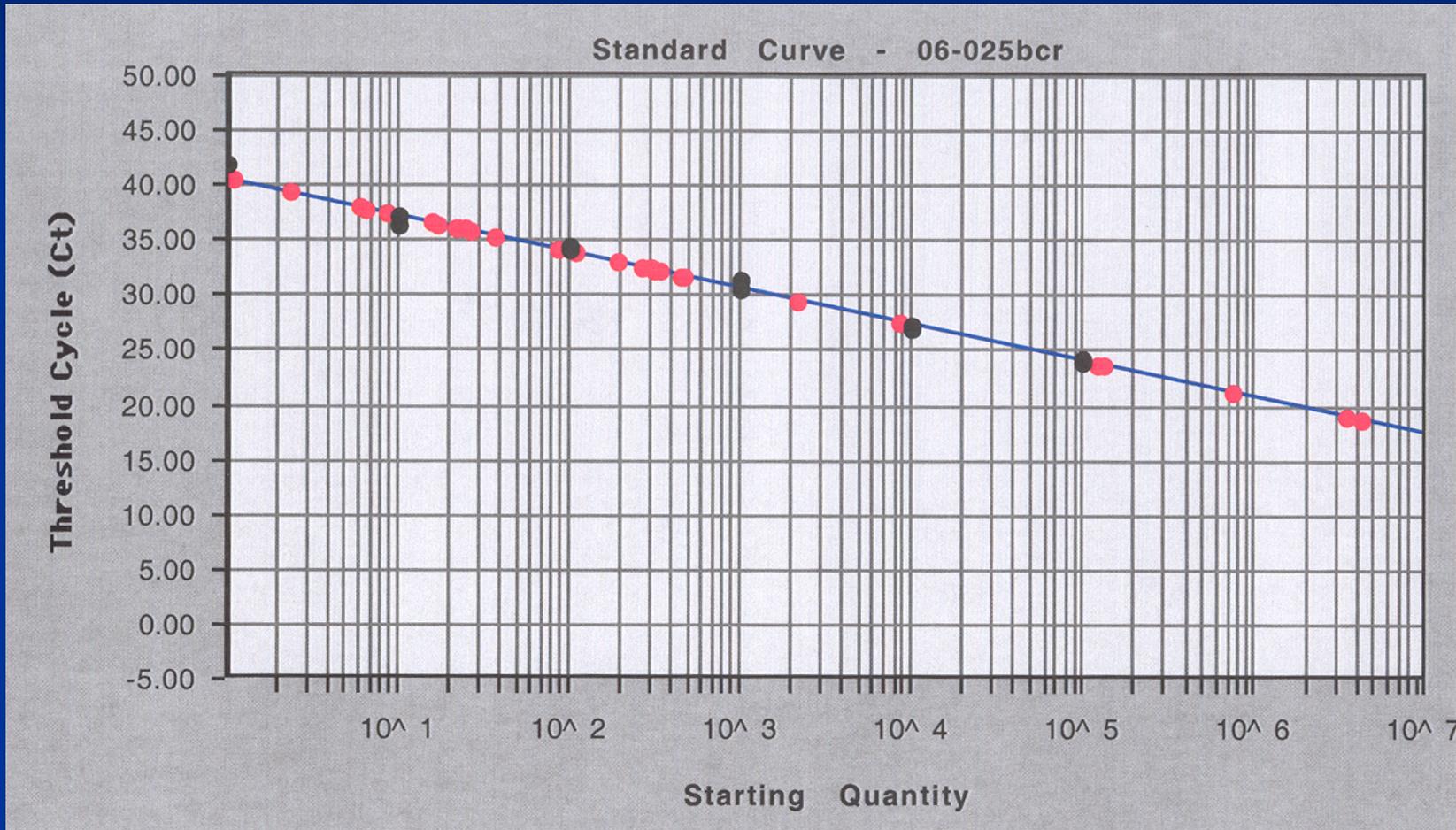


TaqMan chemistry (ABI)

- Primers
- Probe(s) with reporter & quencher fluorochromes
- Hydrolysis of reporter by Taq polymerase

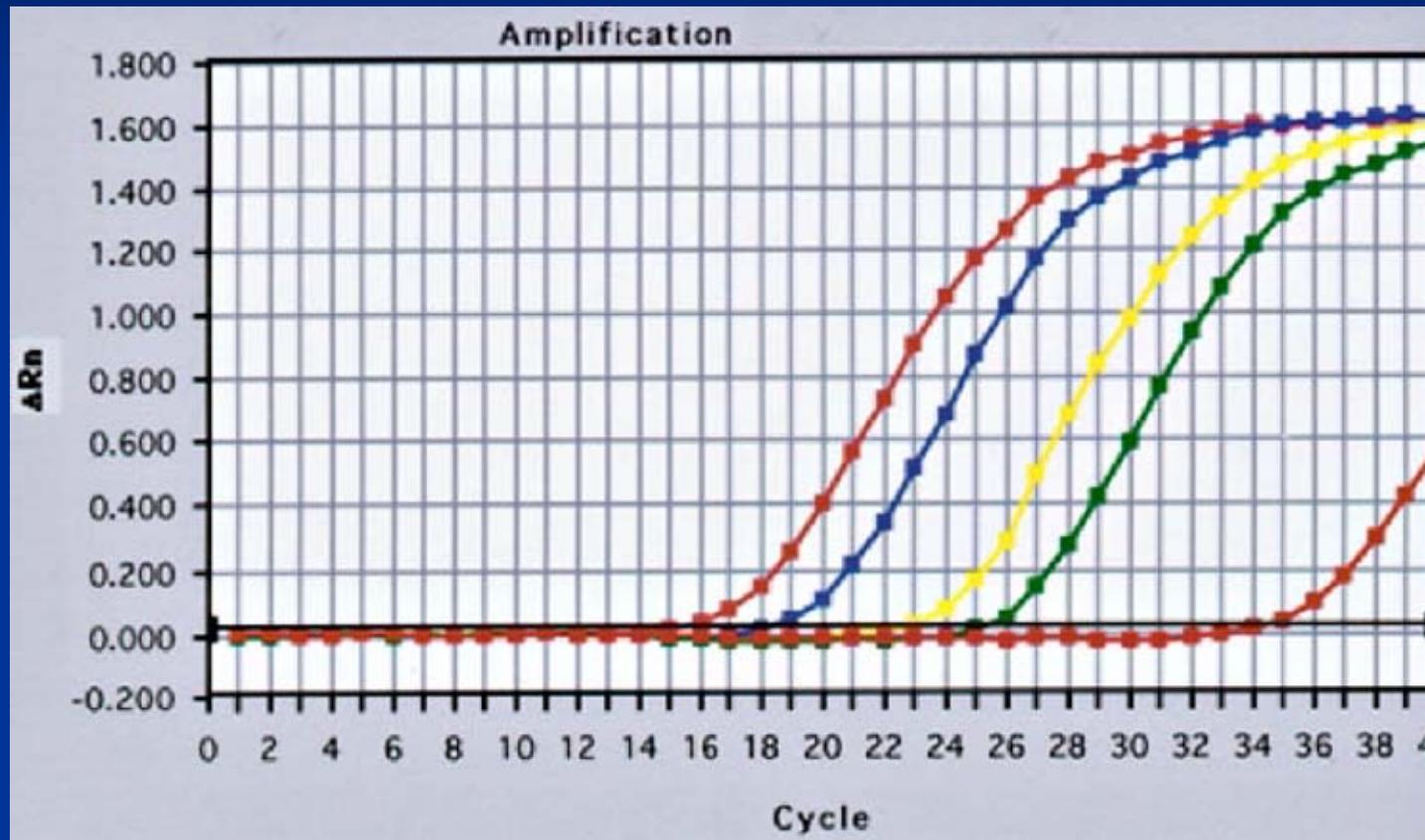


Step 2. Derive absolute copy number by plot of C_t vs. log (control amt)



...reject if variables fall outside the acceptable range

Step 3. Run a normalizing to control for input cell number



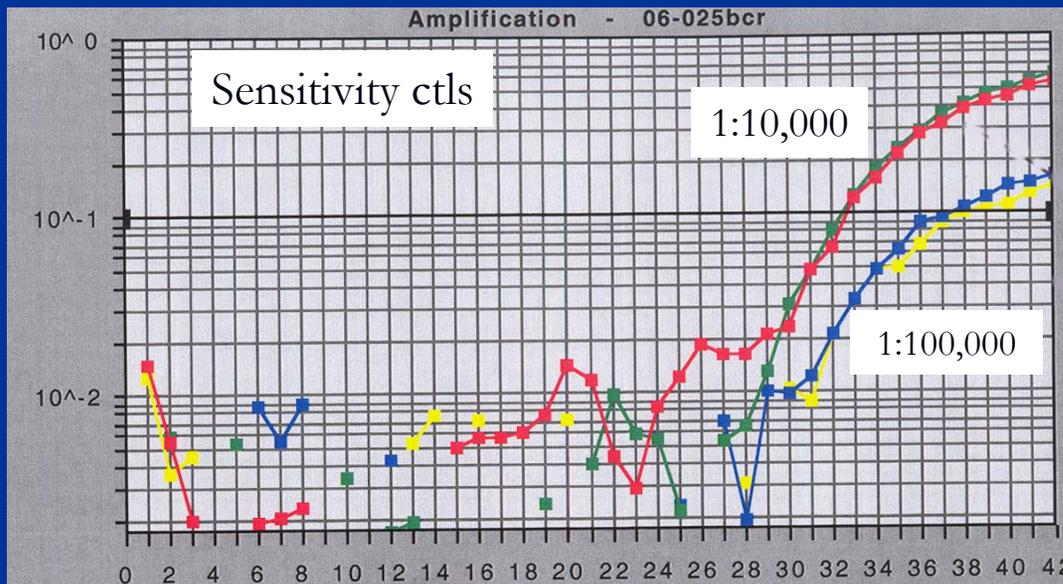
- Metrics on a range of normalizing genes may be required
- Transcript stability, cell range, expression level

Step 4. Calculate normalized copy # of gene

Well	Reporter	Type	Baseline		Ct	Quantity	Log 10	Qty Mean	Sample Name	FAM Qty	Ratio
			StdDev	deltaRn							
25	VIC	CY	3.38E-03	2.88E-01	24.98	100000	5	100000	5	100000	
26	VIC	CY	2.71E-03	3.17E-01	24.94	100000	5		5	100000	
27	VIC	CY	2.68E-03	2.92E-01	28.51	10000	4	10000	4	10000	
28	VIC	CY	2.25E-03	3.24E-01	28.29	10000	4		4	10000	
29	VIC	CY	2.69E-03	2.61E-01	32.67	1000	3	1000	3	1000	
30	VIC	CY	2.97E-03	3.00E-01	31.8	1000	3		3	1000	
31	VIC	CY	2.51E-03	2.37E-01	35.66	100	2	100	2	100	
32	VIC	CY	1.87E-03	2.05E-01	37.85	100	2		2	100	
1	VIC	CY	3.88E-03	2.22E-01	19.98	1601825	6.20	1616056	69910	3	0.0002
2	VIC	CY	3.88E-03	2.29E-01	19.95	1630287	6.21		69910		
3	VIC	CY	2.85E-03	2.36E-01	19.91	1669026	6.22	1502155	69912	223	0.0124
4	VIC	CY	2.91E-03	2.29E-01	20.29	1335284	6.13		69912	149	
5	VIC	CY	2.23E-03	2.57E-01	21.32	729378	5.86	672285	69917		
6	VIC	CY	3.41E-03	2.60E-01	21.61	615192	5.79		69917		
7	VIC	CY	3.07E-03	2.43E-01	19.99	1592448	6.20	1376120	69986		0.0000
8	VIC	CY	3.38E-03	2.13E-01	20.53	1159793	6.06		69986	0	
13	VIC	CY	2.44E-03	2.04E-01	21.12	820251	5.91	1126501	69813	75	0.0053
14	VIC	CY	2.27E-03	2.29E-01	20.17	1432750	6.16		69813	44	
17	VIC	CY	1.99E-03	2.31E-01	20.75	1019264	6.01	1069457	posct	5573	0.4942
18	VIC	CY	2.00E-03	2.54E-01	20.59	1119650	6.05		posct	4998	
19	VIC	CY	2.69E-03	2.04E-01	21.18	791860	5.90	395930	nc		
20	VIC	CY	2.03E-03	-1.82E-02	42	0	0.59		rc		

Most labs use excel calculations, or stored procedures in home-grown tools

But how quantitative is it, anyway?



Accuracy: reference samples

Precision: run-to-run variability

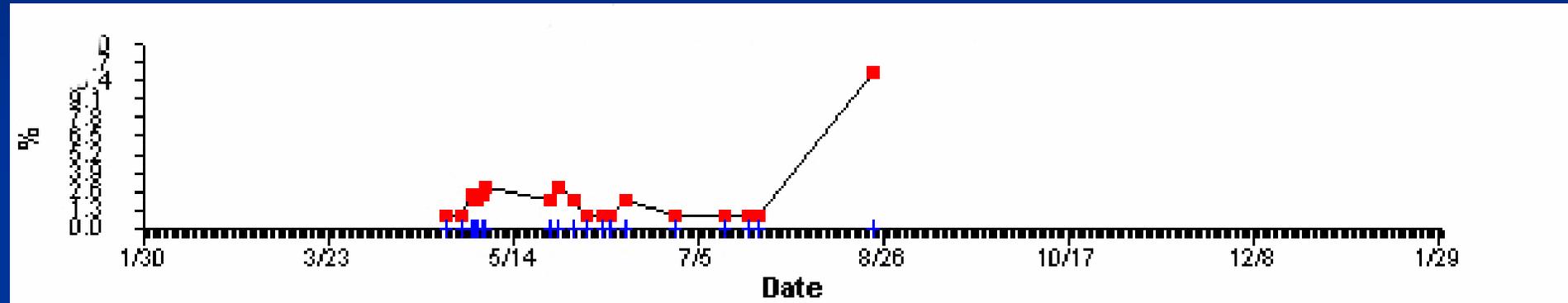
Analytical sensitivity: dilution studies and assignment of baselines

Analytical specificity: minimizing false-positives; confirmatory technique

In addition to the old standbys of:

Diagnostic Specificity
Diagnostic sensitivity

Monotherapy with imatinib produces resistant disease (2-5%/year)



Related to overcoming imatinib blockade (i.e. bcr-abl dependent):

Point mutations in bcr-abl kinase domain (KD)

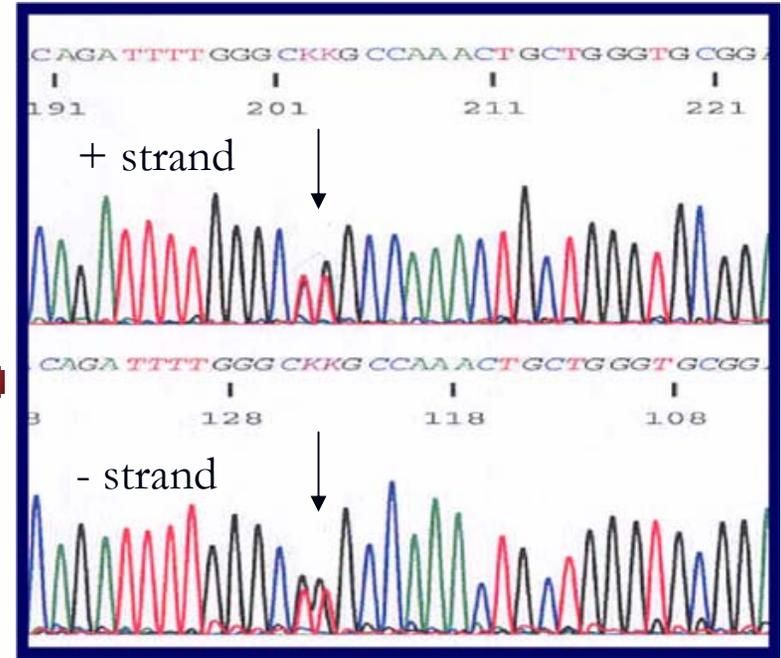
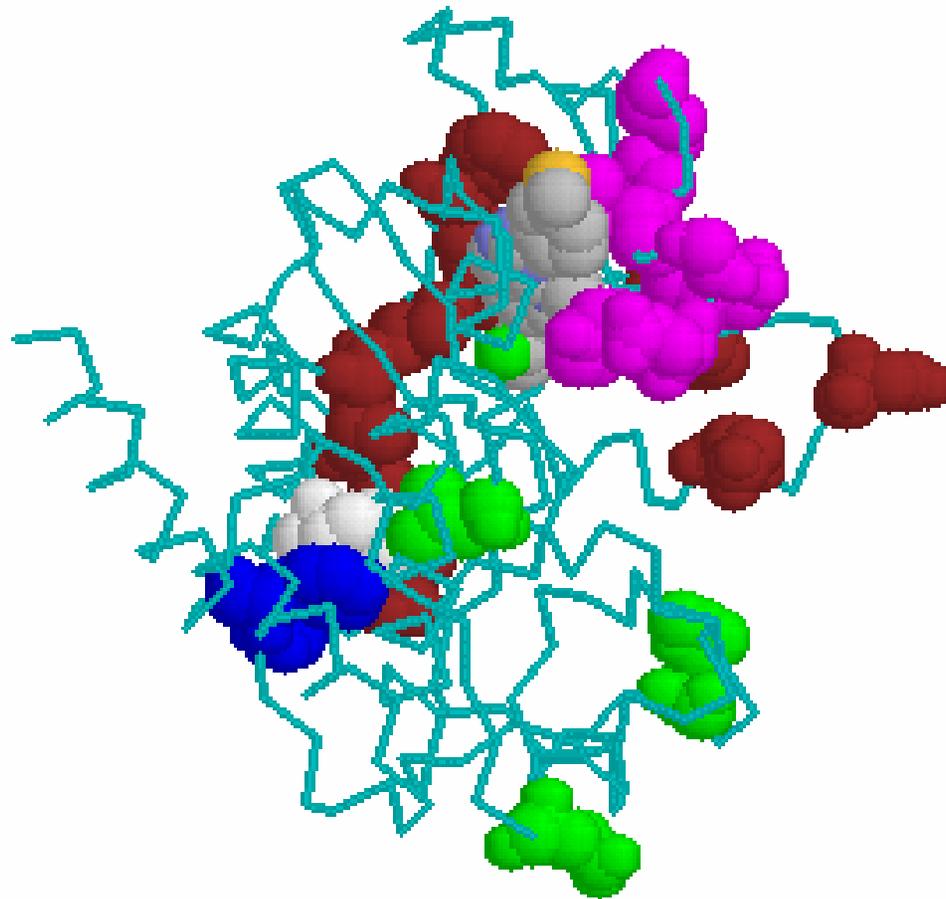
Amplification of the bcr-abl locus (FISH)

Related to bypassing imatinib (i.e. bcr-abl independent mechanisms):

Activation of others kinases besides bcr-abl (signal bypass)

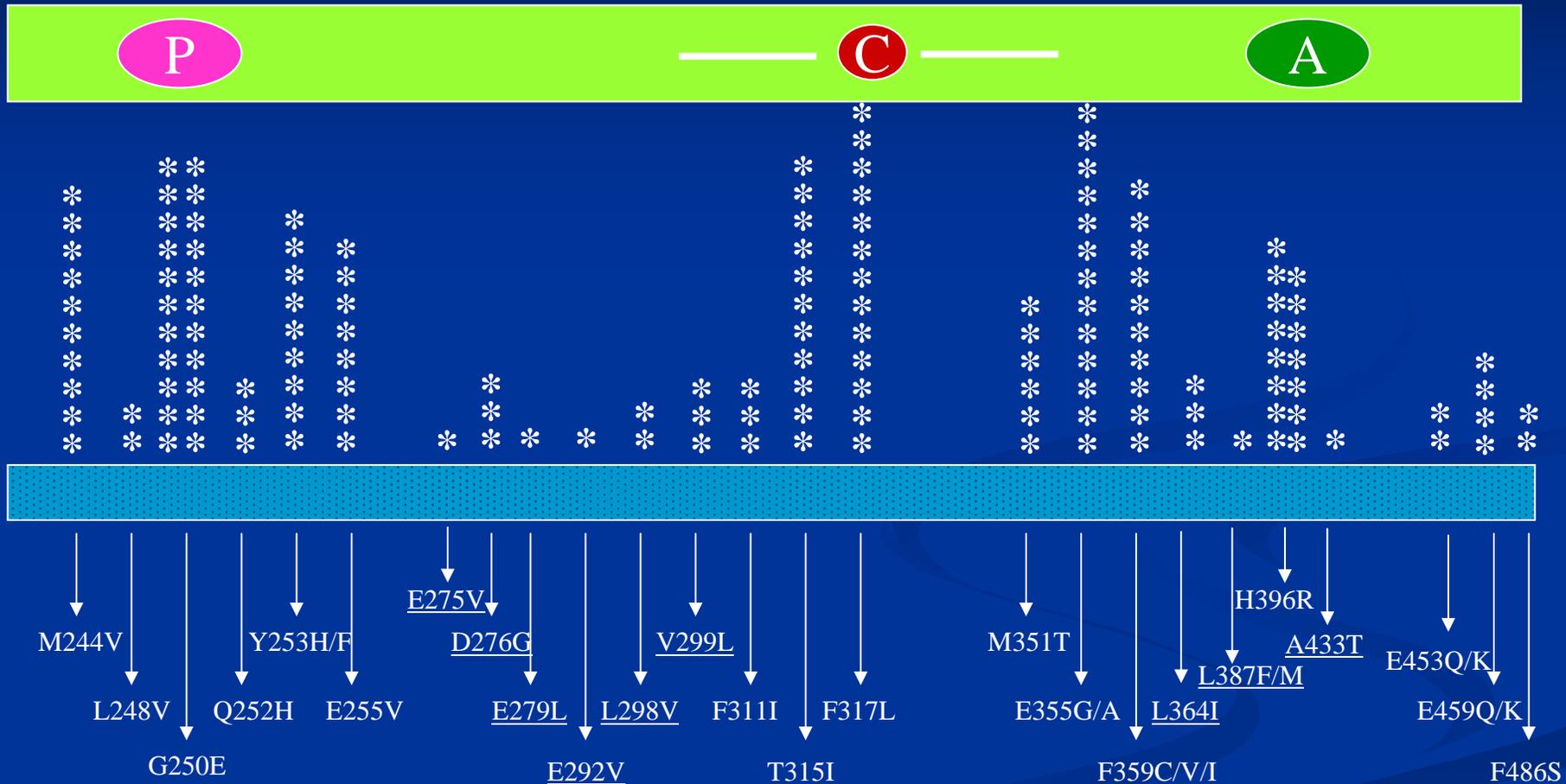
Clonal evolution (CGH array)

Point mutations in the ABL kinase domain of BCR-ABL mediate ~50% of imatinib resistance



Green: Activation loop, Blue: C-terminal loop, Magenta: P-loop, Brown: Activation/catalytic domain, White: SH2 contact, Gray: imatinib present in binding pocket

Localization of ABL kinase domain point mutations in cases of CML with imatinib resistance

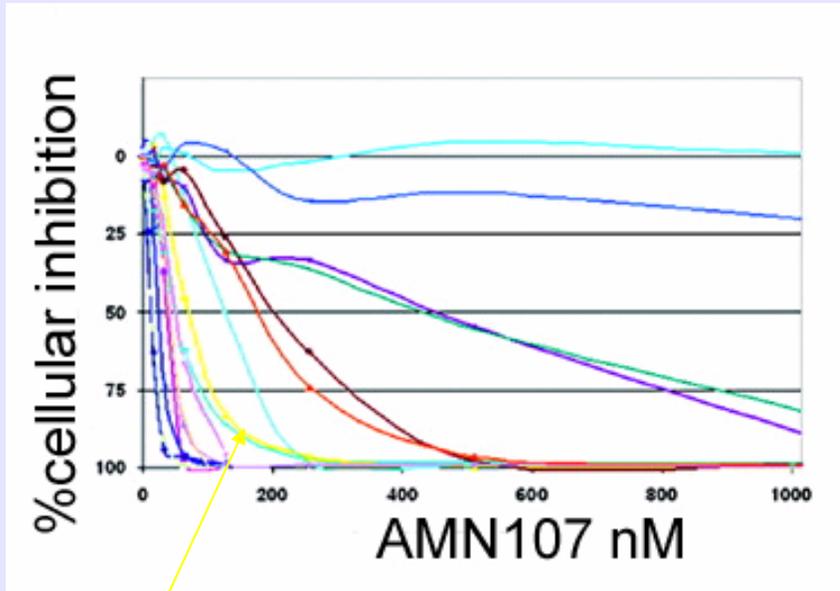


15% of imatinib-resistant CML have 2 mutations, 5% have 3 or more

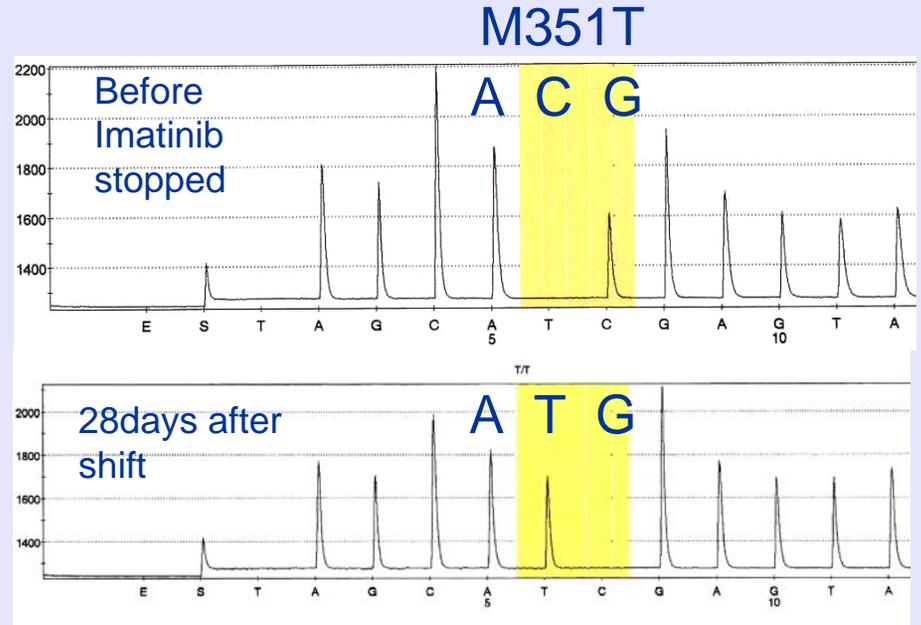
Tracking mutation site & response following switch to a new kinase inhibitor

In vitro predicted response

Actual in vivo response



M351T



Reversion to wild-type at codon 351

Pyrosequencing technique

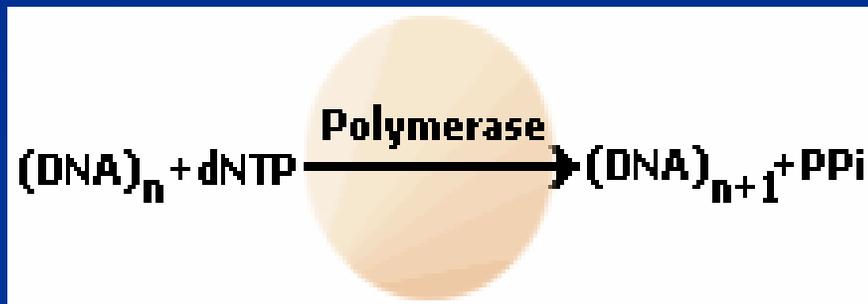
BCR-ABL mutational analysis:

M351T detected in bcr-abl kinase. Seen in 4% of CML with 2nd imatinib resistance

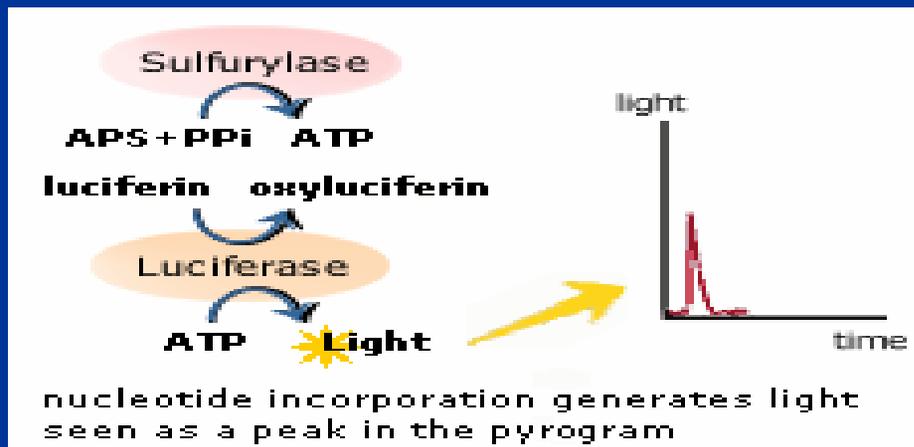
Predicted response to new inhibitors: AMN107: 40%, dasatinib: 53%

Pyrosequencing as a 96-well high-throughput technique for defined mutations

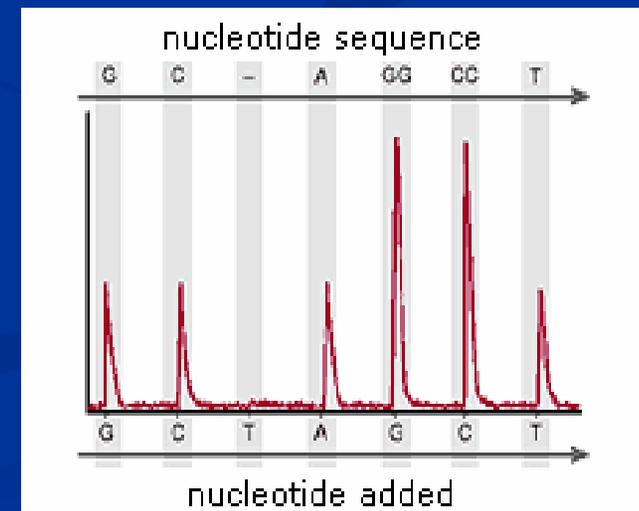
1. PCR with biotin-primer, purify with avidin beads, annealing of sequencing primer to single stranded template
2. Incorporation of each tested nucleotide with release of PPI



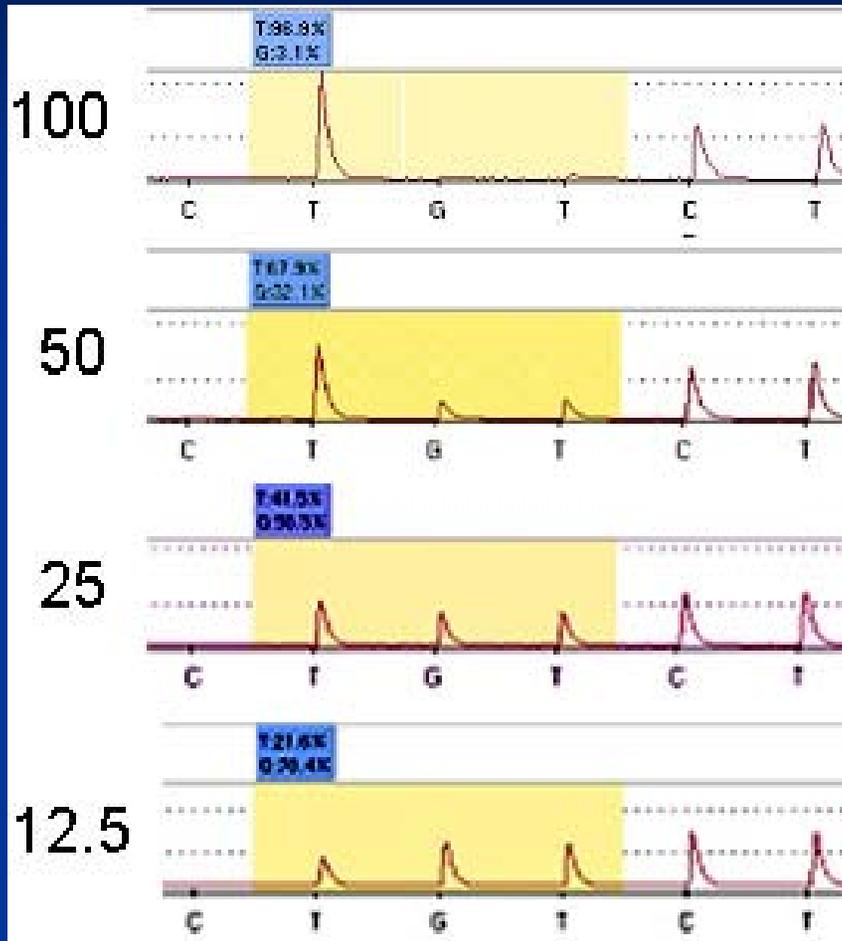
3. Conversion of PPI to ATP to generate visible light



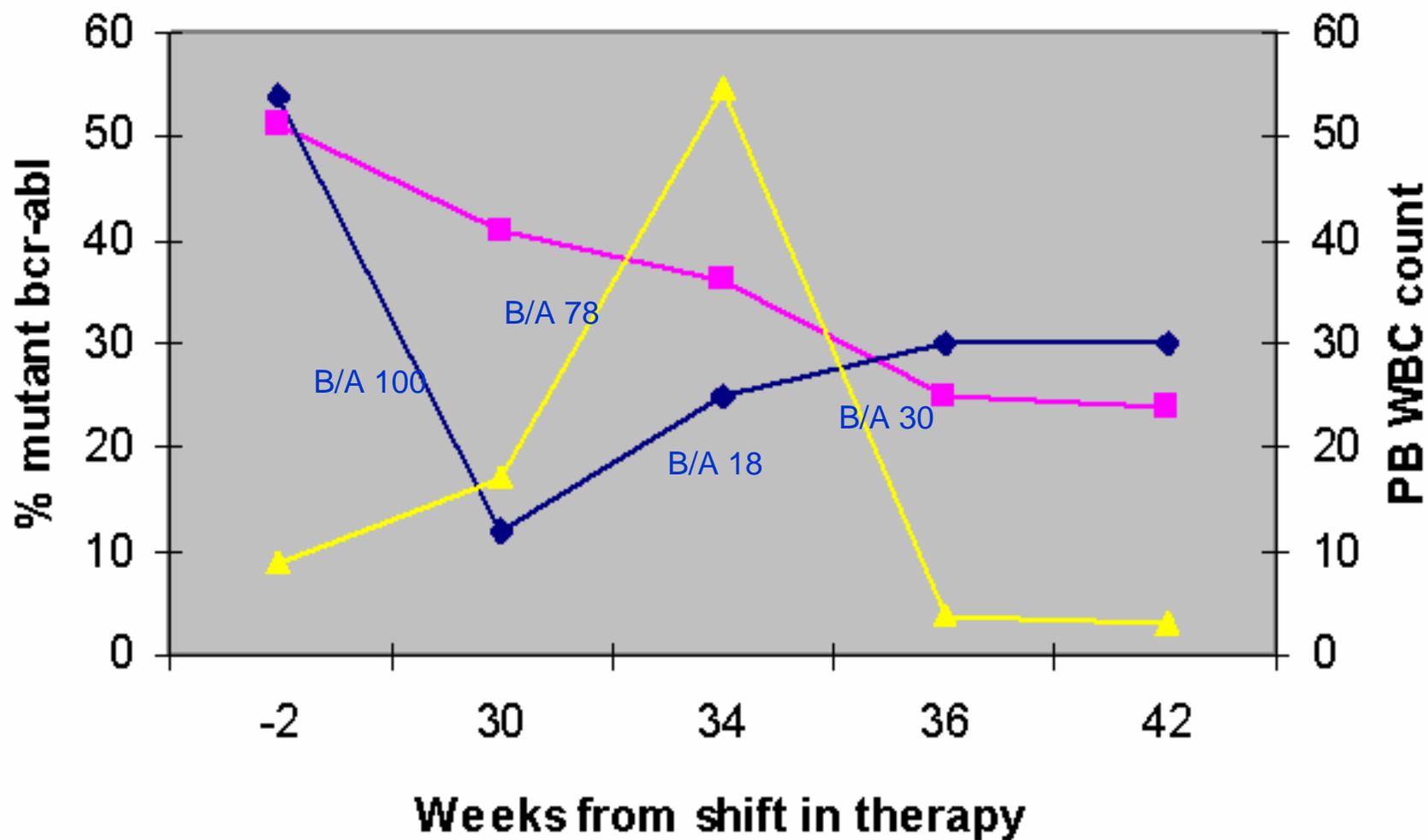
4. Pyrogram (peak height is quantitative)



Quantitative detection of mutations by pyrosequencing

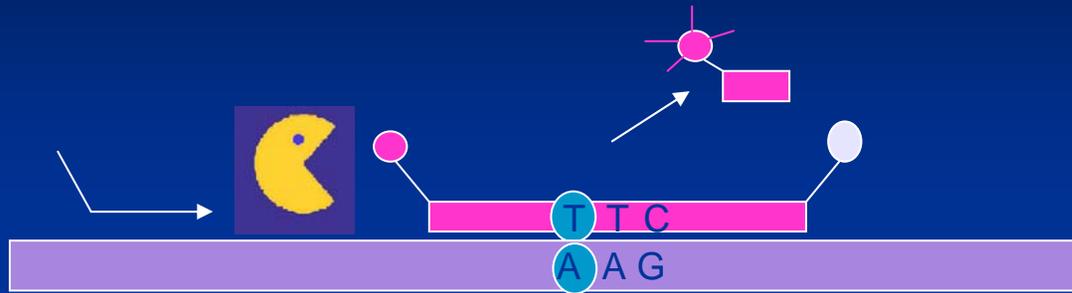


- Dilution studies establish 1:10 maximal quantitative sensitivity of Pyro technique
- Rapid; useful for monitoring treatment response
- Effective therapies will require more sensitive techniques for monitoring

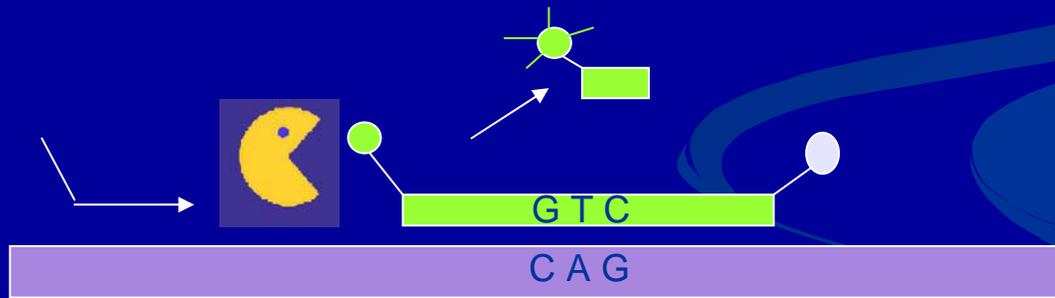


■ F359I % (pyro)
 ◆ G250E % (pyro)
 ▲ WBC count

Allelic discrimination by quantitative real-time PCR

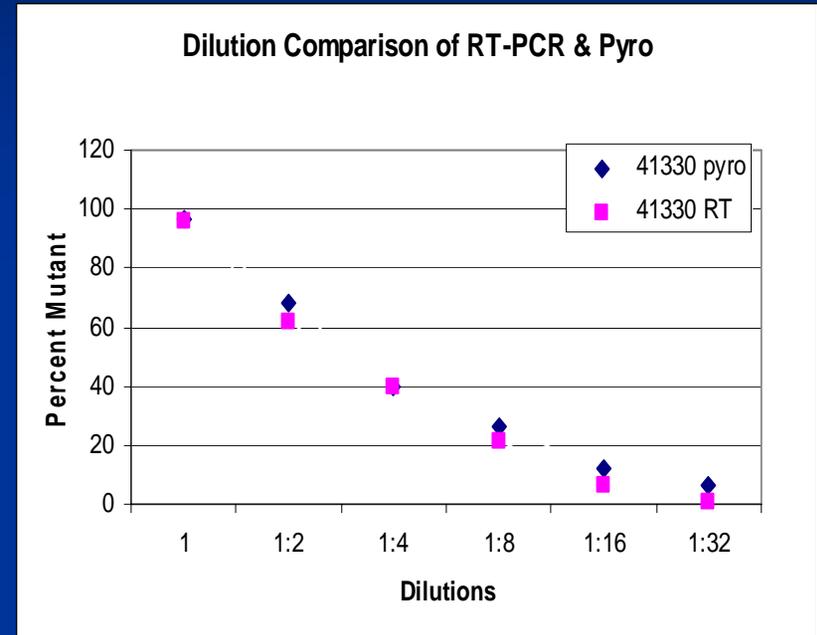
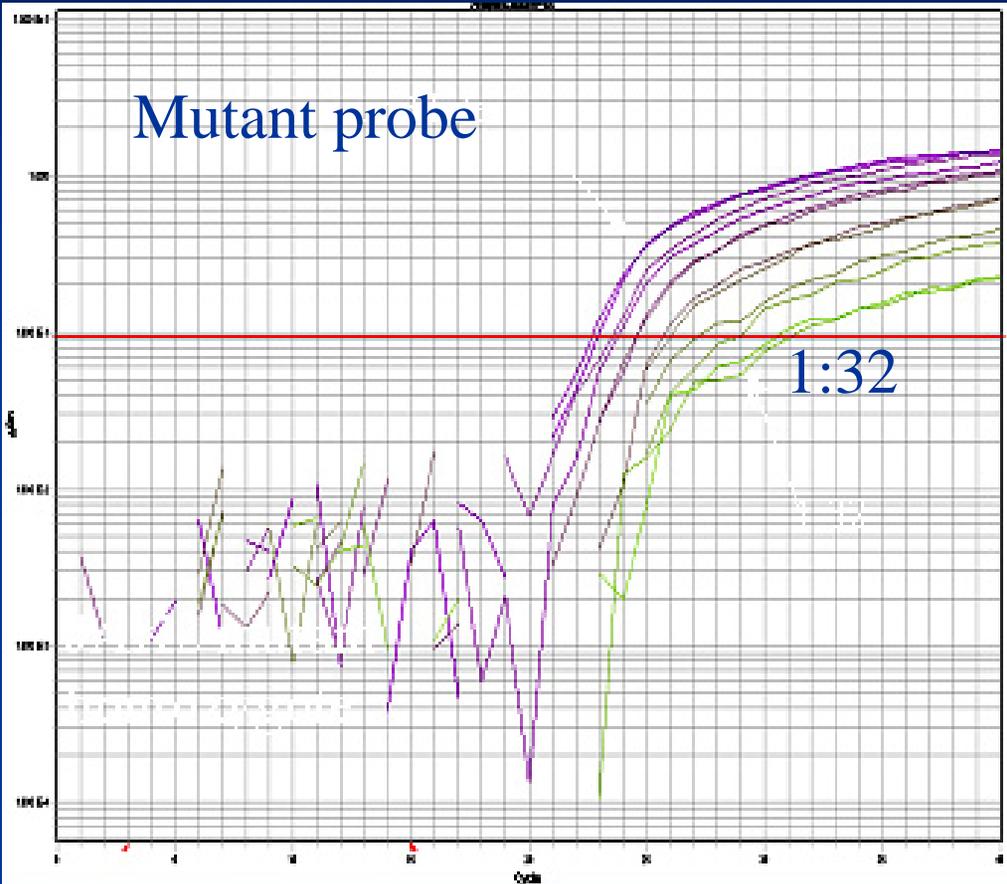


Mutated sequence

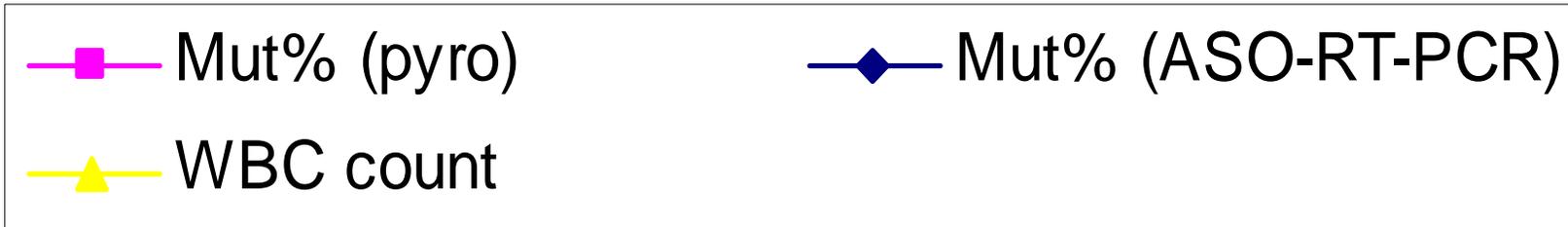
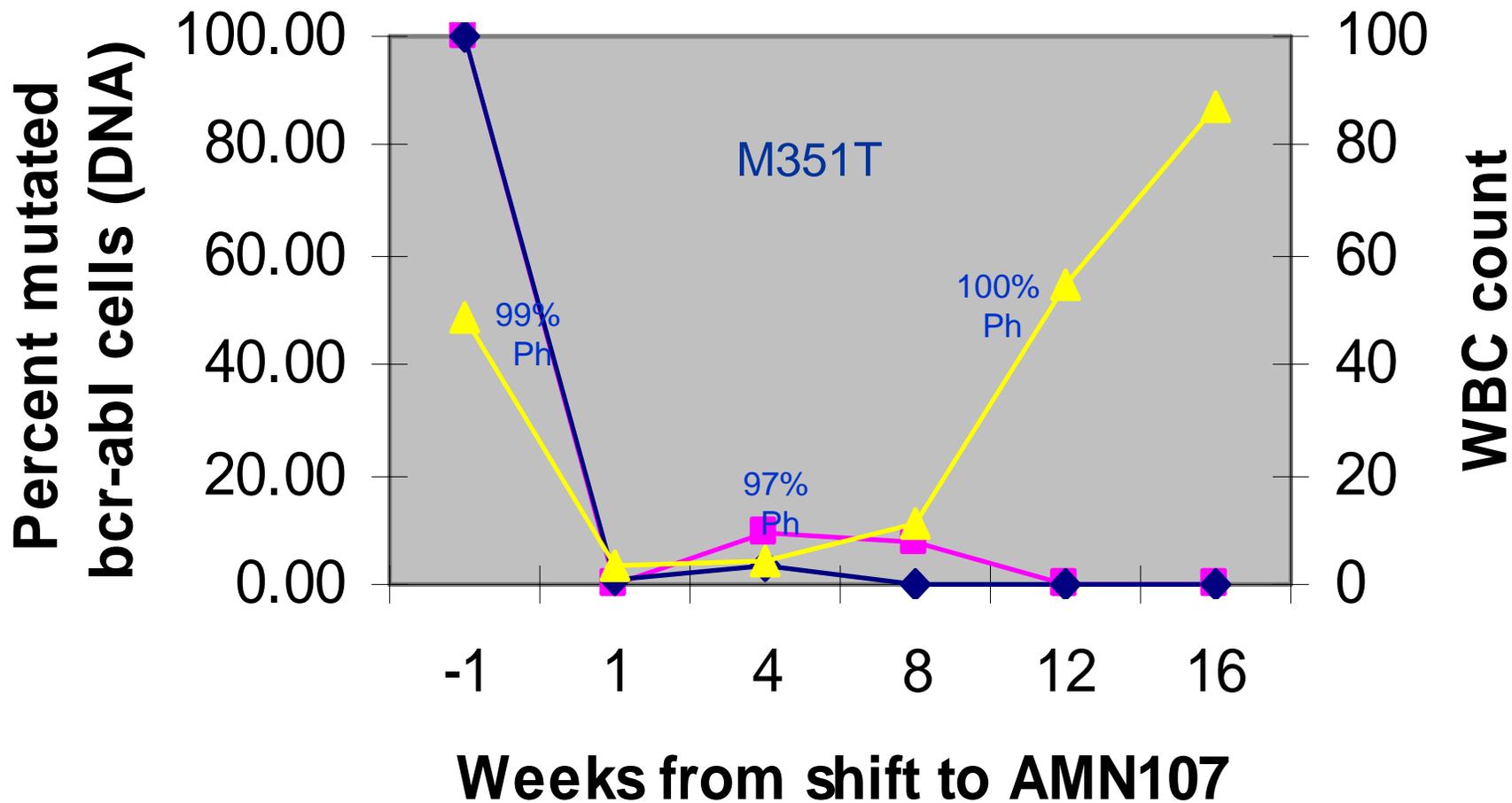


Wild type sequence

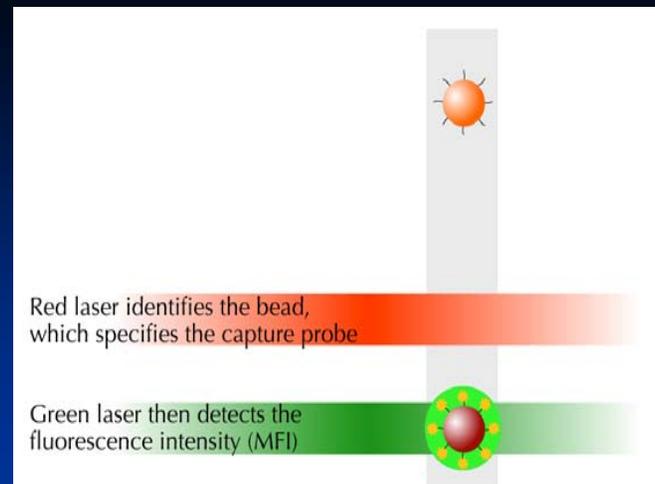
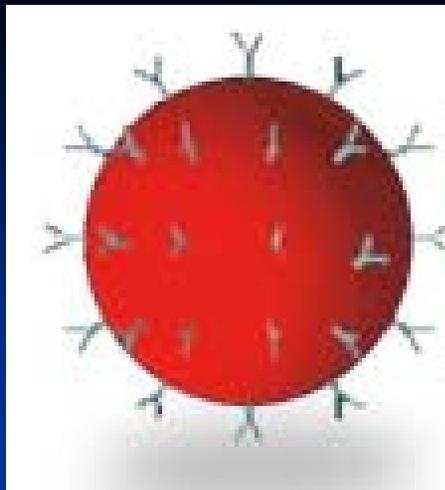
ASO-PCR/Pyro are comparable done to 10% with real-time PCR having more sensitivity



Quantitation based on standard curve



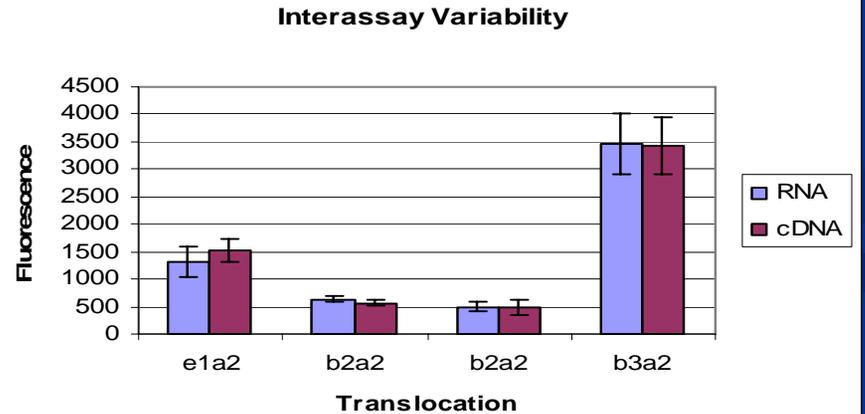
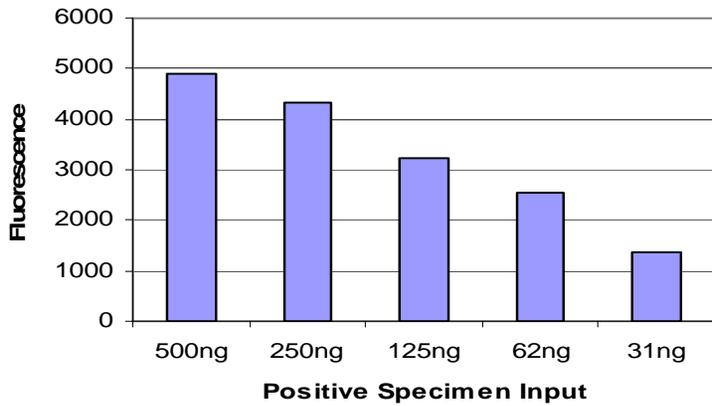
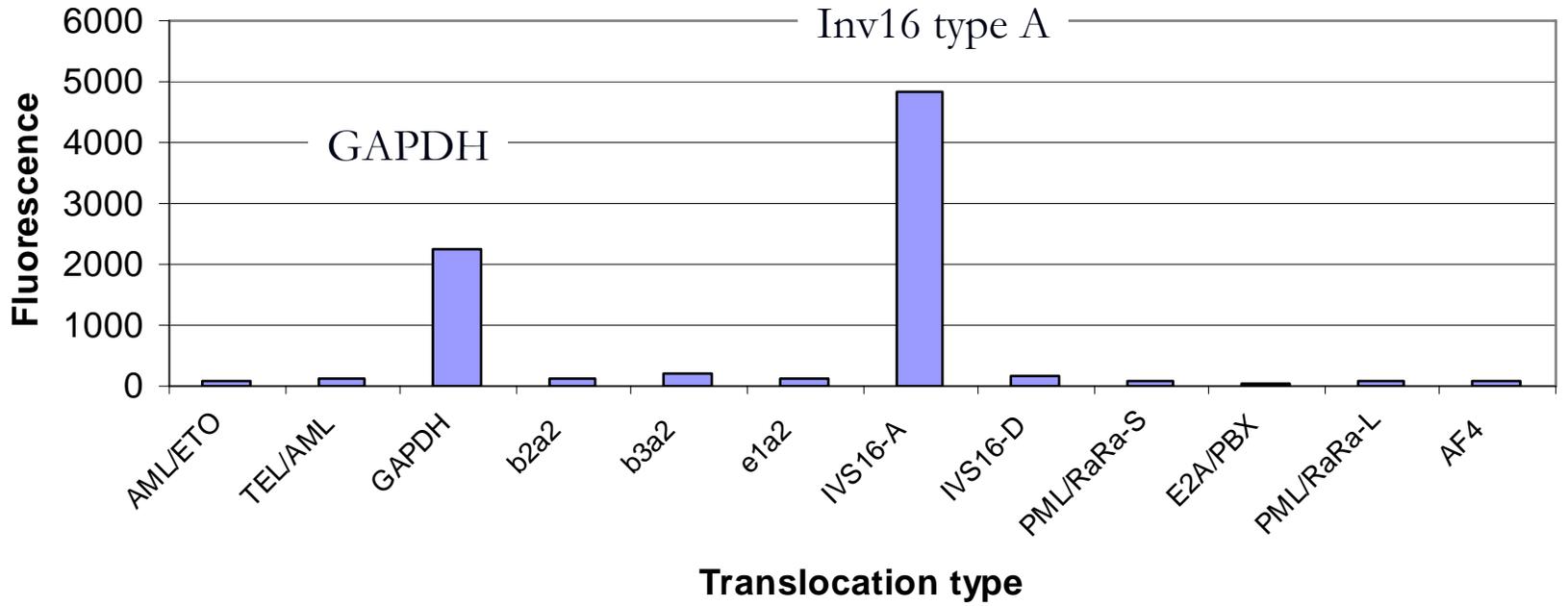
**Moving molecular data from single
analyte measurements to
multiplexing platforms**



LTx Assay (Asuragen): Panel of acute leukemia translocations

- Luminex cytometer
- **BCR/ABL – b3/a2, b2/a2,**
- BCR/ABL – e1/a2
- E2A/PBX1 – t(1;19)
- TEL/AML1 – t(12;21)
- MLL/AF4 – t(4;11)
- PML/RARA (LF, SF)
- CBFB/MYH11 (A, D)
- AML1/ETO – t(8;21)
- GAPDH

LTx Complete Panel

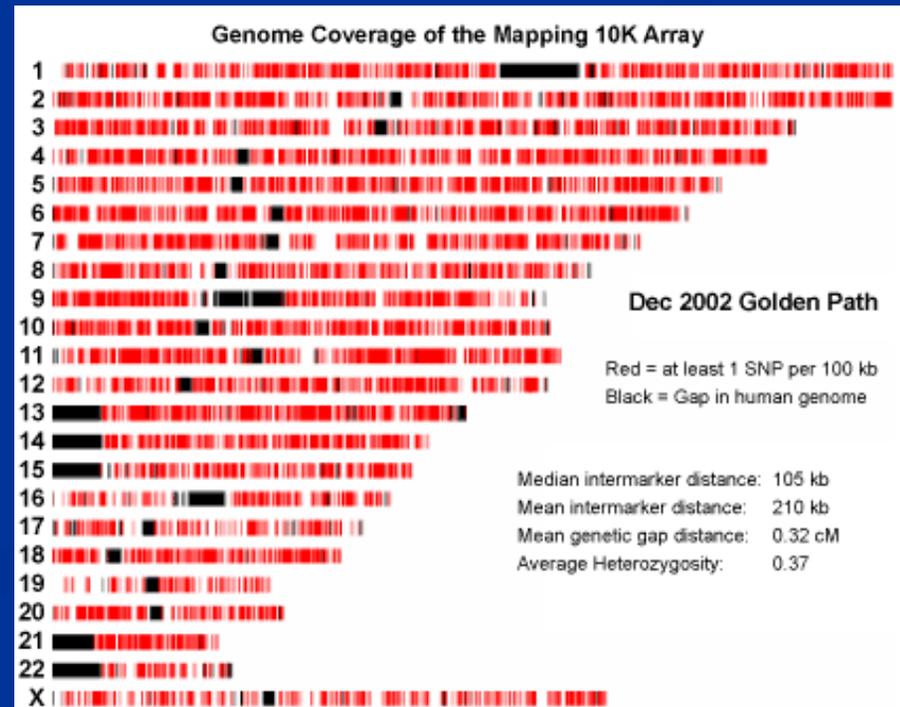
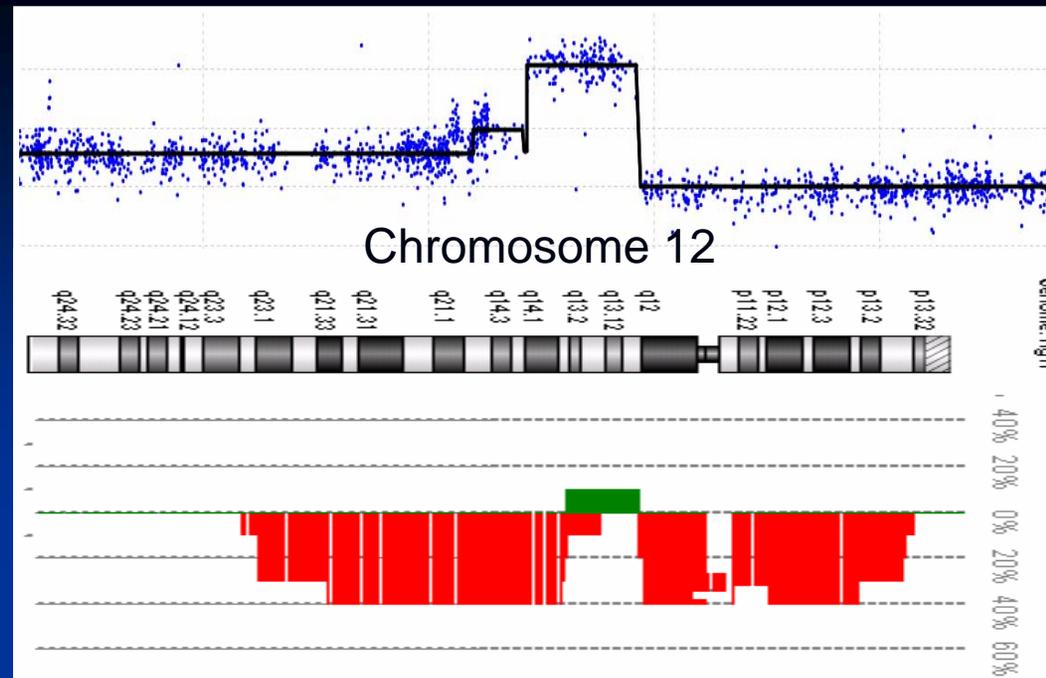


Scaling up to genomics

- Array CGH
- SNP profiling
- Expression microarrays
- Mass spectrometric

The rules for large-scale multiplexing are in evolution

1. Metrics to evaluate runs
 - Range of statistical tests
2. Fixed analysis methods
 - Data masking
3. Graphical representation



The time has arrived for a fully functional molecular module in the LIS

Our partnership with
SCC on SoftGene

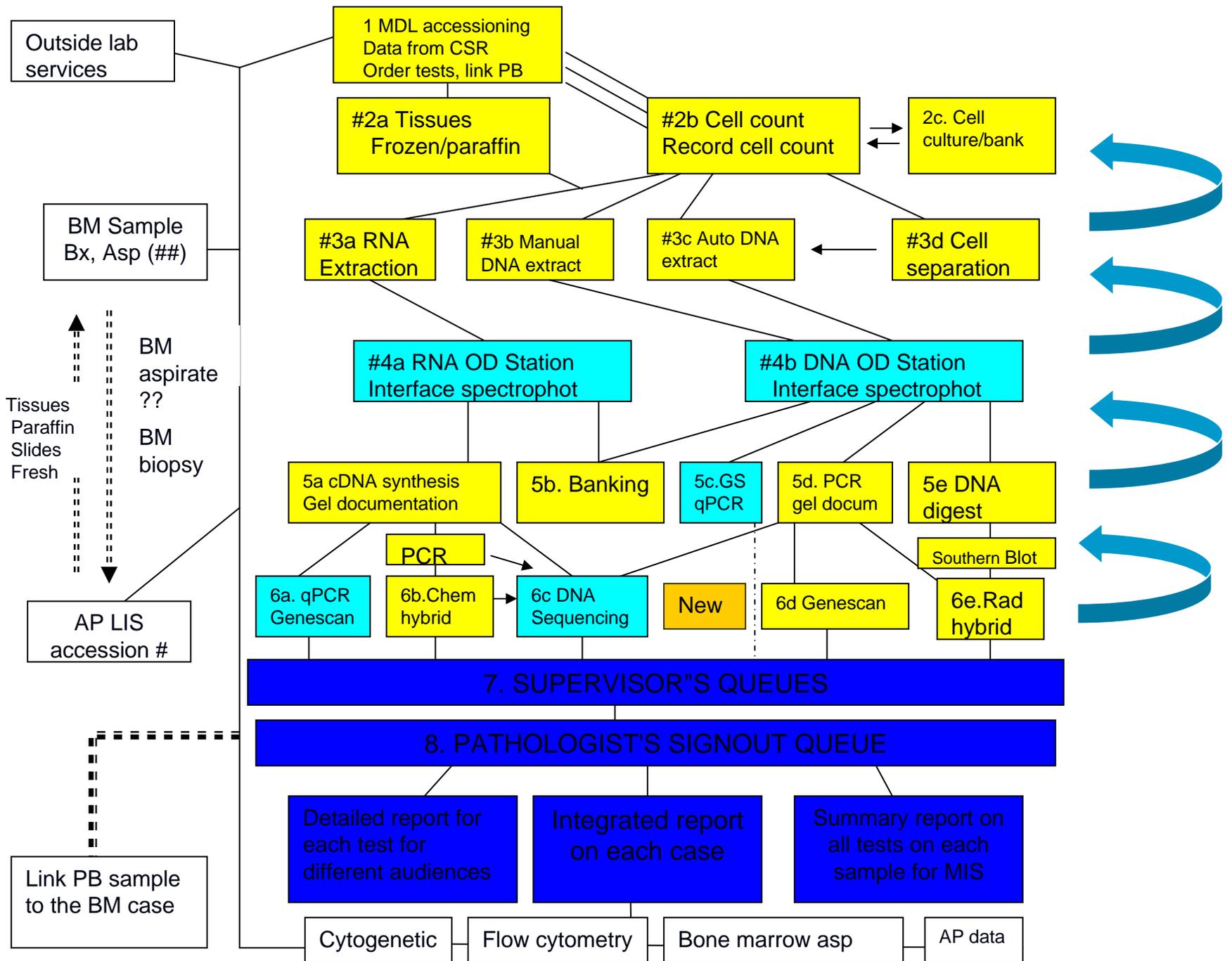
...and our own attempts
to improve processes in
the molecular lab

Why?

15,000 samples

35,000 oncology tests





The sample processing station: Where the molecular lab succeeds...or fails



Sample processing station: Where the molecular lab succeeds...or fails

■ The problems

- Correcting mistaken orders
 - Confusion about which test to do when
 - Tests that was previously informative: t(14;18) PCR if –ve before
- Avoiding redundant orders
 - One-time tests (somatic hypermutation in CLL)
 - PB/BM duplicates
 - MRD samples outside of time-frame for clinical protocols
- Limited sample quantities
 - Competing requirements for DNA, RNA, protein assays
 - Paraffin-embedded fixed material

■ The solutions

- Internal tracking of prior laboratory results
- Smart “banking” solutions
- Optimization of extraction techniques

Patient Information is verified.

MRN

282273

Go

ADT Verify

Last Name

TEST

First Name

PATIENT

Middle

T

Ongoing molec history: 1-line EMR

D.O.B.

08/24/1948

Gender

F

Status

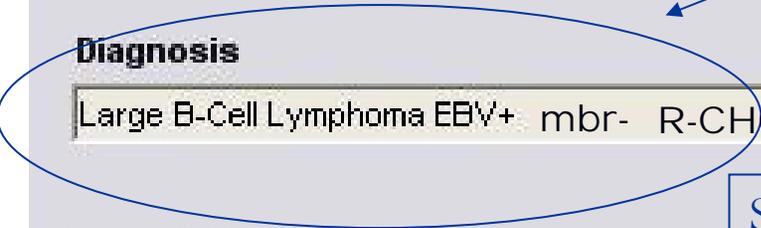
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Clear

Next

Diagnosis

Large B-Cell Lymphoma EBV+ mbr- R-CHOP abmt bmt



Setting sample priorities

Best test
Baseline sample

Secondary Diagnosis

Gliosis

Cytogenetics

8:14 del6q

MRD Tests

IGH(61616)

Primary Physician

Friedman

Extra Sample

BANK



Cancel

Next

- Tools**
- Sample Login
 - Update Sample
 - Update Transplant

- Patient
- Donor

MRN / MUD

282273

Chimerism

Accession #

TestAccession

Received Date

02/23/2006

(##/##/####)

Collection Date

(##/##/####)

Ordering Physician

Sample Type

Sample Type 2

Transplant Status

Sample Cell Count

Comments

Bank

Supervisor Review

Order Test...

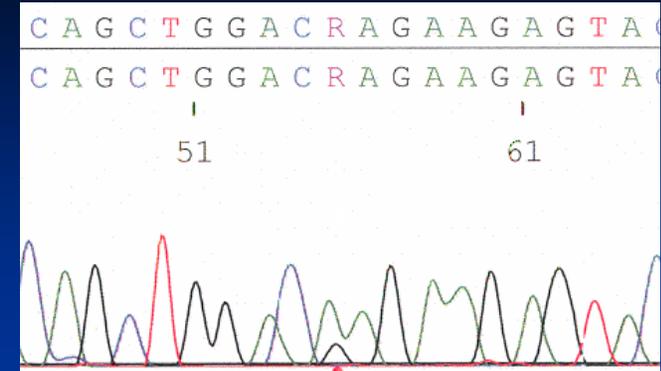
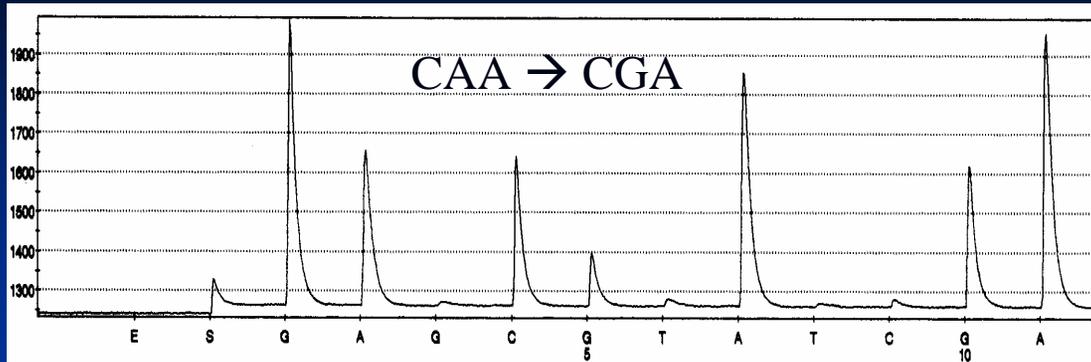
Finish

Cancel

Previous Samples

	MDL	Accession	Transplant St	Collected	Received	Sample Type	Sample Type	Tumor Cell C	Tumor Type	Comments
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	1099150	www	PRE	1/1/1900	2/6/2006	BM		(null)	(null)	2
	1099153	wiley		1/1/1900	2/10/2006			(null)	(null)	
	1099154	boat		1/1/1900	2/10/2006			(null)	(null)	
	1099155	hola		1/1/1900	2/10/2006			(null)	(null)	
	2000000005			1/1/1900	2/20/2006			(null)	(null)	
	2000000006			1/1/1900	2/20/2006	CSF	Cell Pallet	43	B-Cell Lymph	Partial Hemol
	2000000007			1/1/1900	2/21/2006			(null)	(null)	

RAS mutational analysis of melanoma by DNA sequencing



The Basic Case Process

1. Tissue slides \Rightarrow microdissected
2. DNA extracted (WS)
3. OD taken \Rightarrow amount/purity (WS)
4. PCR (WS)
5. Pyrosequencing (WS)
6. Repeat PCR
7. Sample cleanup
8. Cycle sequencing (WS)
9. CE run
10. Analysis
11. Integration with other data
12. Report generation

The Wish List

1. Slide archiving/image of area chosen
2. Instrument interface,
3. Amount of sample remaining
4. QC on reagents (enzyme, primers)
5. Instrument interface, scheduling
6. Rules for repeats
7. Product tracking/barcoding
8. Cycle sequencing (WS)
9. Project management
10. Integrated viewers
11. Tracking of other results in lab
12. Viewing data in other labs

Settings

[-] PCR primers

Code	Acti...	Tar...	Sto...	Color	Type	Amt
BCRB2	BCR...			F	T	
BCRE1	BCR...			B	T	
ABLA2	BCR...			I	I	
ABL10	BCR...			B	I	
ABL11	BCR...			B	I	

[-] PCR reagents

Code	Activity	Amt
BCRAB	BCR Specific PCR	125
ABL10	BCR Specific PCR	10
UMM2X	BCR Specific PCR	1
H2O	BCR Specific PCR	2

[-] Results expected per sample

Activity	Product	Size	Comment
BCR-Electr...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	123	XYZ

Print	Rxs/Sample
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Test Columns

Result Columns

Available Columns:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	H2O_VOL	Water Added

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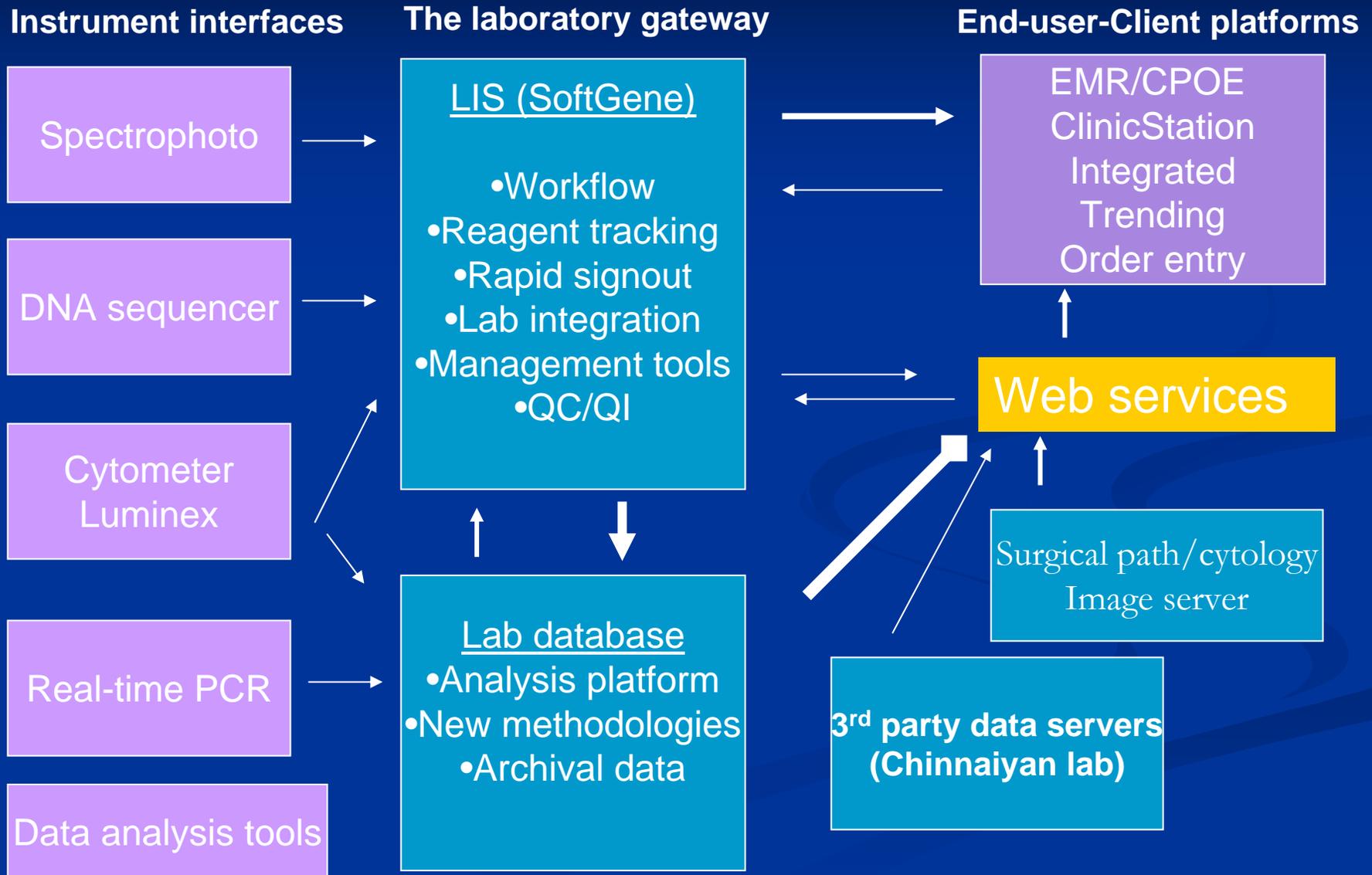
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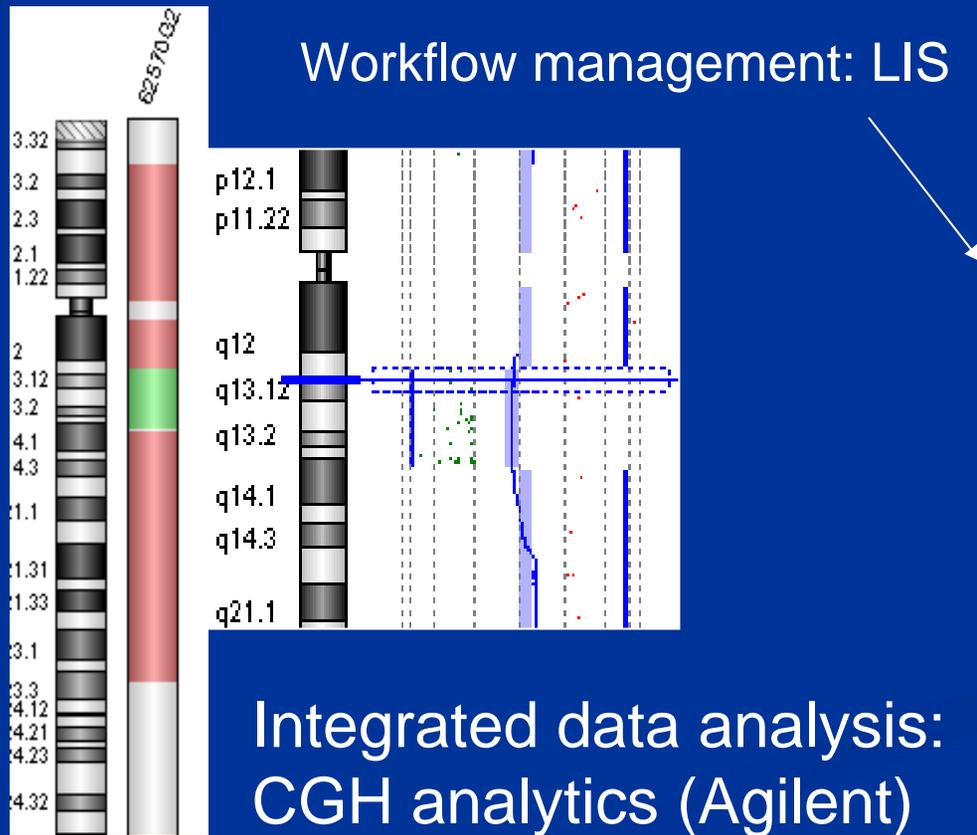
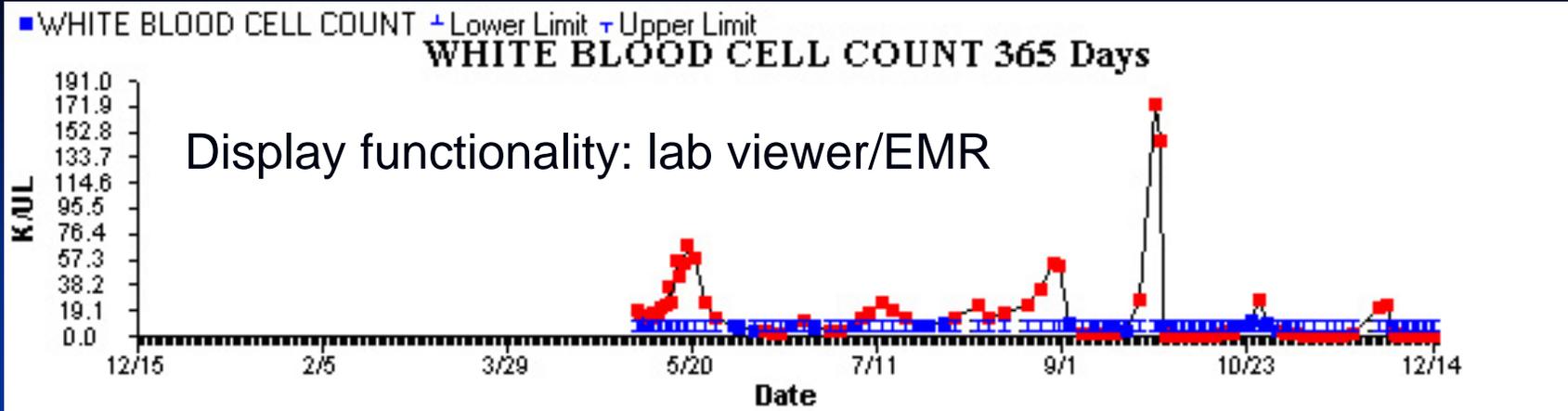
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A complex & flexible model to data integration





SoftMolecular - [Manager's Dashboard]

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Adminis...			MOL-05-00008
Charge ...			MOL-05-00009
Director			MOL-05-00026
Geneticist			MOL-05-00031
Instrum...			MOL-05-00034
Patholo...			MOL-05-00035
Senior ...			MOL-05-00036
technol...			MOL-05-00040
			MOL-05-00041
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Order #: Indication: Requested by: Test:

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ANNA, ...	0	AMLAT	MOL-05-00002	Routine	BARNHOUSE STEPHANIE	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Res...	10/13/2005	
EVA, S...	0	CGEMC	MOL-05-00006	Routine	JONES ANN B	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Res...	10/20/2005	
Admins...	4	SCC	MOL-05-00008	Routine	CHOO LEE BETTY	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Res...	10/20/2005	
Charge ...			MOL-05-00009	Routine	BARNHOUSE STEPHANIE	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Res...	10/20/2005	
Director			MOL-05-00026	Routine	FERGUSON LENA	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Res...	11/30/2005	
Geneticist			MOL-05-00031	Routine	KELLER HELEN T	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Res...	12/16/2005	
Instrum...			MOL-05-00034	Routine	CHOO EVE	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Res...	12/19/2005	
Patholo...			MOL-05-00035	Routine	MICAL ANDRZEJ TEST	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Res...	12/19/2005	
Senior ...			MOL-05-00036	Routine	VETERE KRISTDN	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Res...	12/19/2005	
technol...			MOL-05-00040	Routine	RACKHAM ROBERT	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Res...	12/19/2005	
			MOL-05-00041	Routine	NOLTE CHET	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Res...	12/20/2005	
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			MOL-05-00043	Routine	JONES ANN B	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Res...	12/20/2005	
			MOL-05-00044	Routine	JACKSON GENA LEA	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Res...	12/21/2005	
			MOL-05-00045	Routine	LEE CHOU O	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Res...	12/21/2005	12/22/2005

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Orders assigned to TEAM

Order #	Priority	Patient Name	Item	TAT	Activity	Reg Date	Last Assign Date
MOL-05-00021	Routine	LEE CHOU O	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Re...	11/15/2005	2/28/2006
MOL-05-00025	Routine	GEARITY LISA	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Re...	11/30/2005	2/28/2006
MOL-05-00019	Routine	JONES ANN B	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Re...	11/15/2005	2/28/2006
MOL-05-00014	Routine	TOWN BETTY LOU	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Re...	10/21/2005	2/28/2006
MOL-05-00018	Routine	WHITE BETTY JEAN	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Re...	11/11/2005	2/28/2006
MOL-05-00016	Routine	JONES ANN B	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Re...	11/1/2005	2/28/2006
MOL-05-00030	Routine	NAY KIMBERLY	Final Report	⬇	Interpretation Re...	12/9/2005	2/28/2006

Assignment History

General design principles for complex (molecular) technologies

- Workflow and test-building functionalities belong in the LIS (not the EMR, middleware)
- Data analysis belongs in 3rd party applications
- Internal lab reports & data stored in each laboratory will never match the EMR
 - Essential elements for process improvements, new technology development must be hidden since many of these values hold “less truth” than the reported values
- In-house informatics is essential

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