

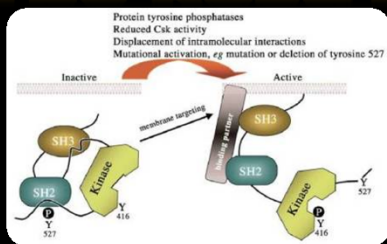
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CTD<sup>2</sup> Network

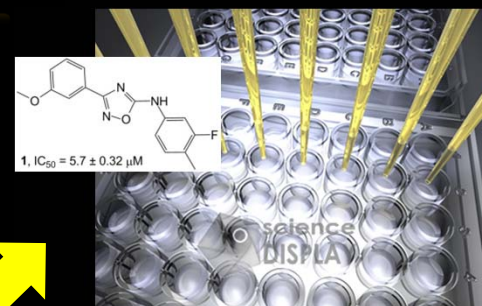
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Systems Biology of Tumor Progression and Drug-Resistance

# The Road to Drug Development

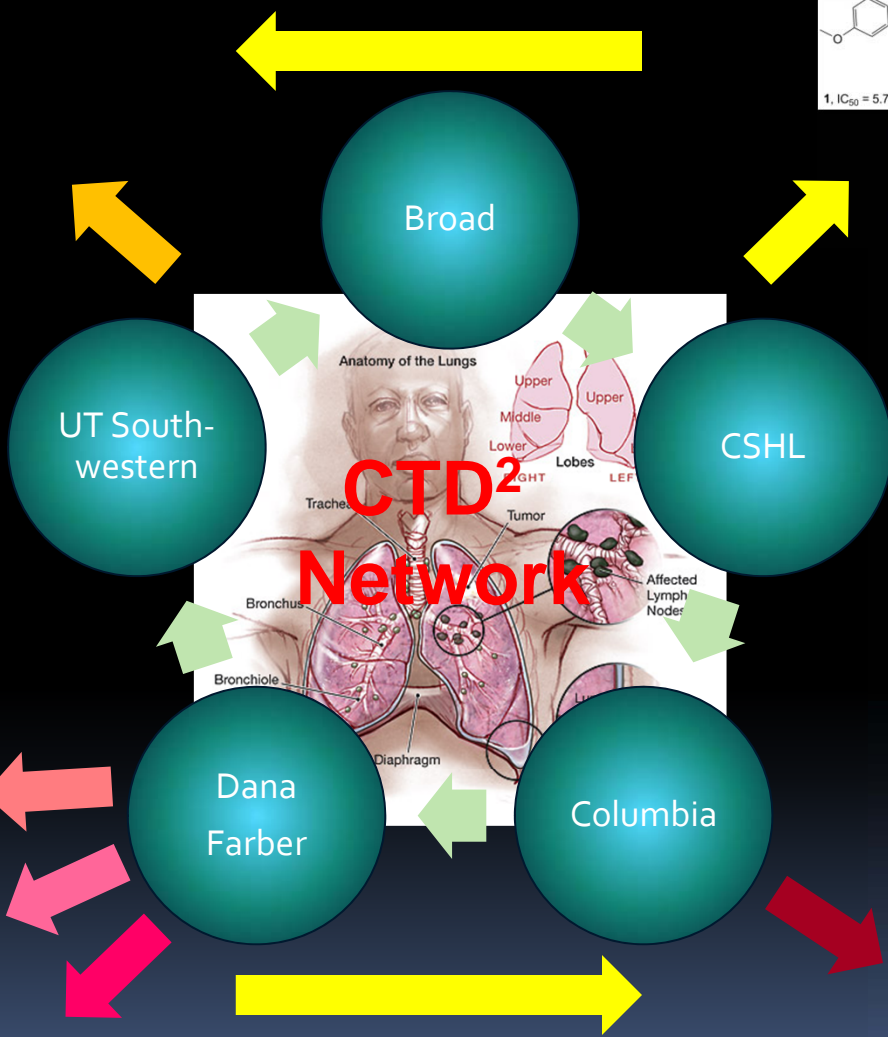


Mechanism of Action



Hit compound

Biomarkers:  
Response/Efficacy

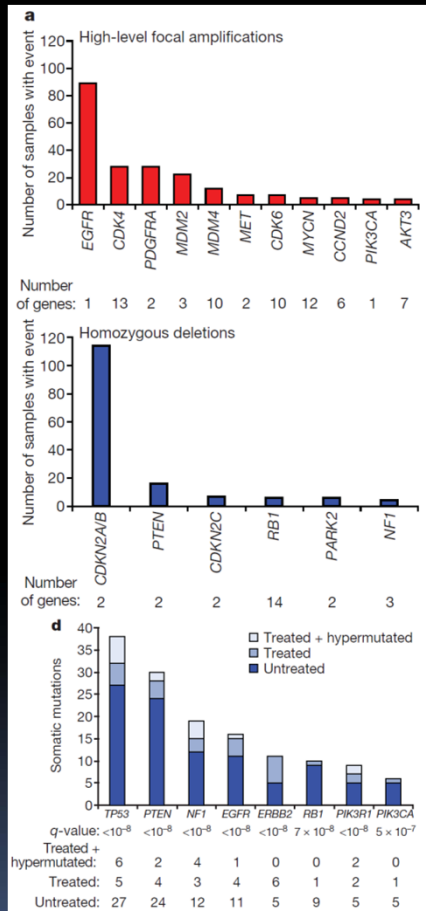


Clinical Trials

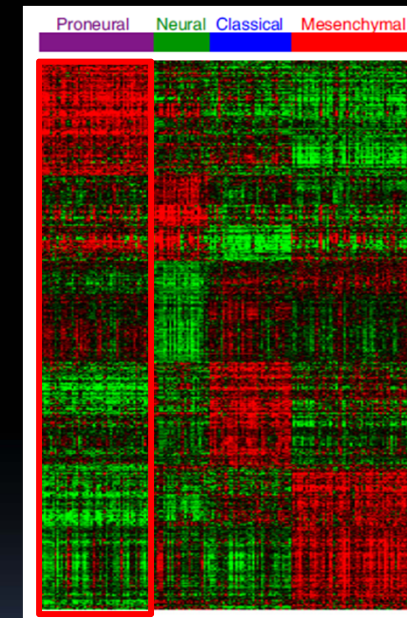


# How many tumor types are there?

## (Epi-)Genetic Alterations



## Subtype Signature



Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network. Comprehensive genomic characterization defines human glioblastoma genes and core pathways. *Nature*. 2008 Oct 23;455(7216):1061-8

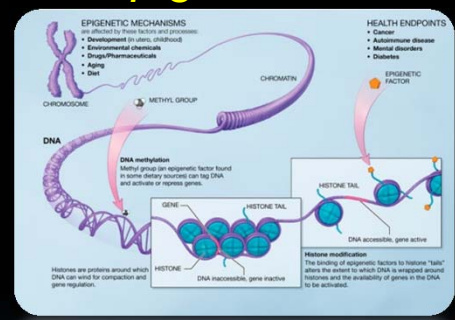
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# Changing the model

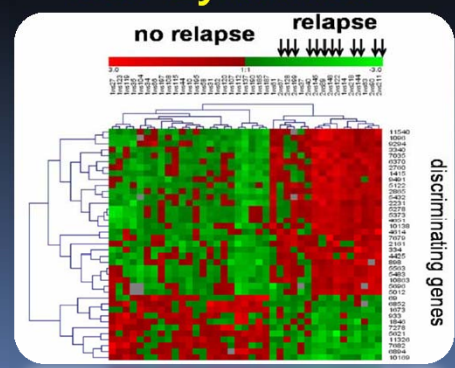
## Genetics



## Epigenetics

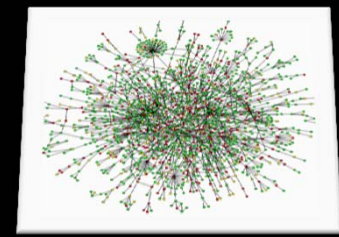


## Cell Dynamics

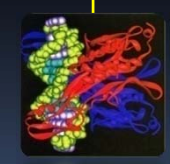
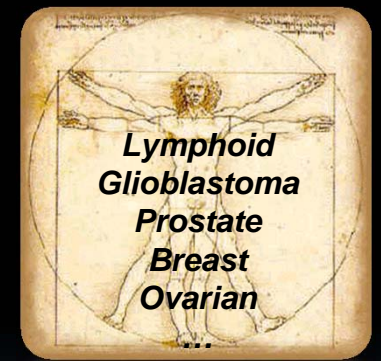


# The Harsh Reality of Cancer Genetics

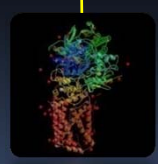
## Cell Regulatory Logic



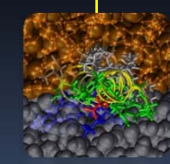
## Human Cancer



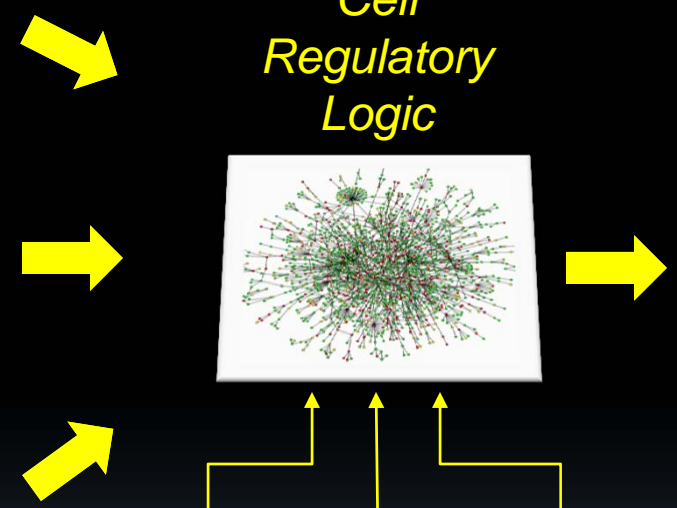
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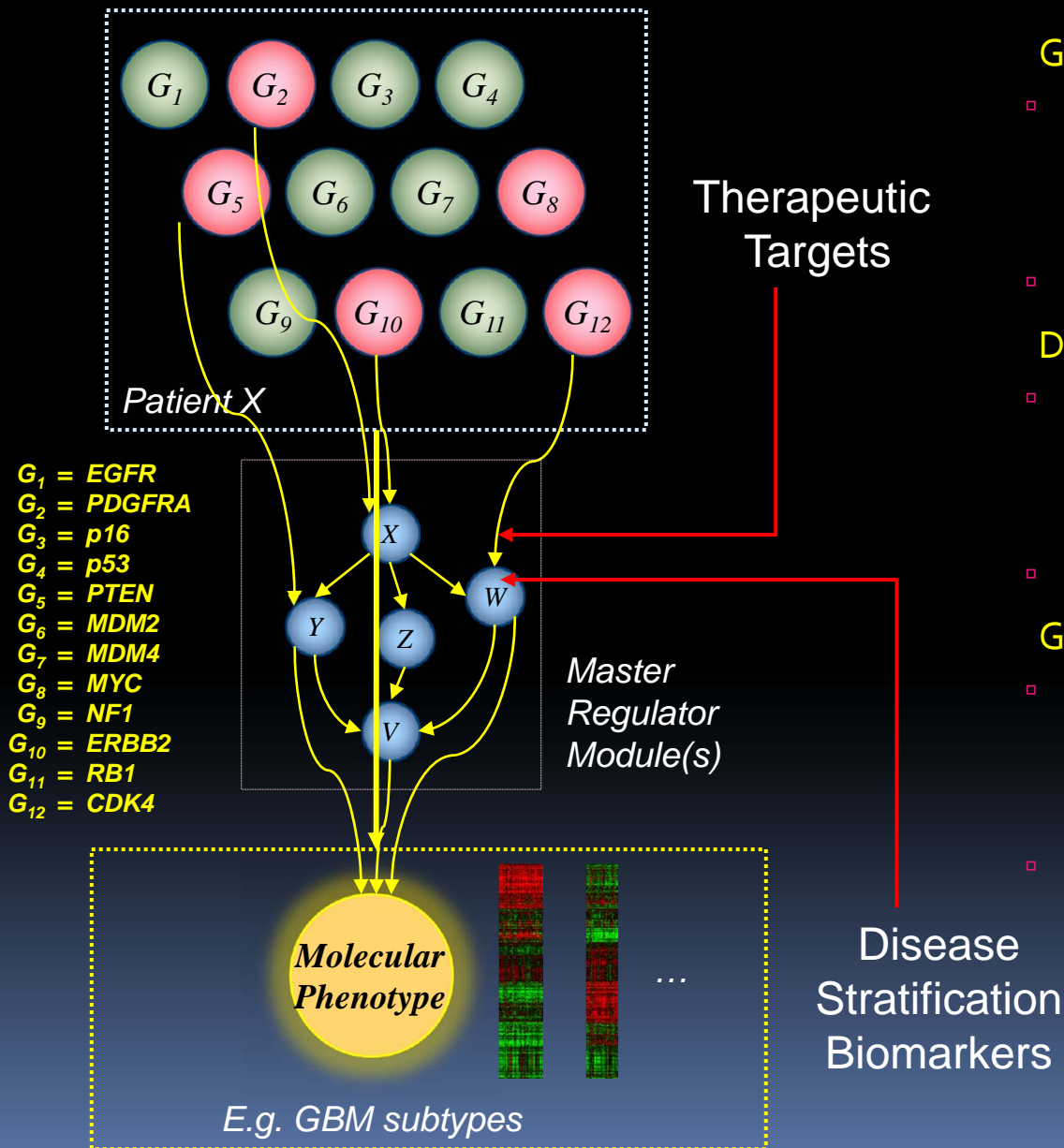
Protein Protein



Protein Membrane



# GBM (Epi)Genetic Alteration Spectrum



## Glioblastoma:

- Carro MS et al. *The transcriptional network for mesenchymal transformation of brain tumours*. Nature. 2010 Jan 21;463(7279):318-25.
- **Master Regulators: C/EBP + Stat3**

## Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma:

- Compagno M et al. *Mutations of multiple genes cause deregulation of NF-kappaB in diffuse large B-cell lymphoma*. Nature. 2009 Jun 4;459(7247):717-21
- **Master Regulator: Nf-kB pathway**

## GC-Resistance in T-ALL:

- Real PJ et al. *Gamma-secretase inhibitors reverse glucocorticoid resistance in T cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia*. Nat Med. 2009 Jan;15(1):50-8.
- **Master Regulator: NOTCH1 pathway**

# Oncogene(s) Addiction

- Identify and validate tumor-acquired **Gene and Pathway Dependencies** (Oncogene/Oncopathway addiction)

- Identify their **Small-Molecule Modulators**

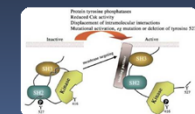


- Characterize their associated **Biomarkers of Response**

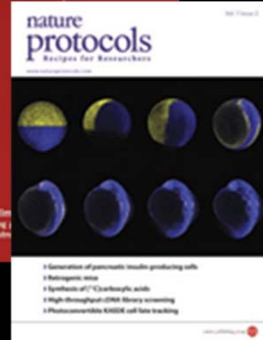
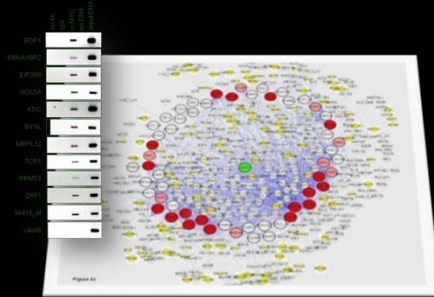


- Characterize their associated **Biomarkers of Treatment Efficacy**

- Characterize the **Mechanism of Action** of their small-molecule modulators

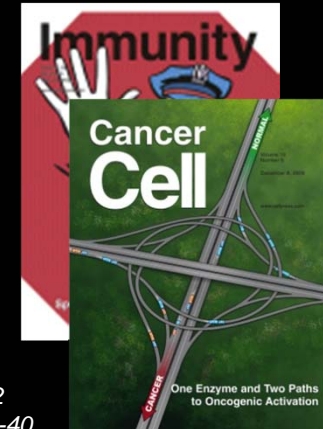
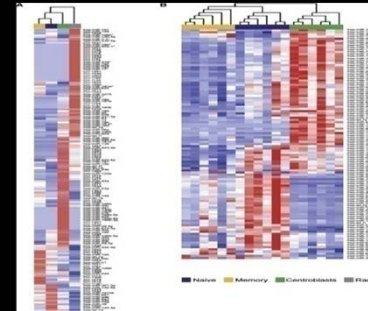


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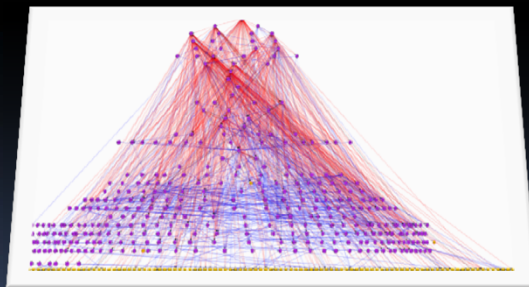
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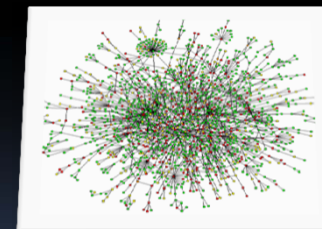
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## MASTER REGULATORS AND MECHANISM OF ACTION

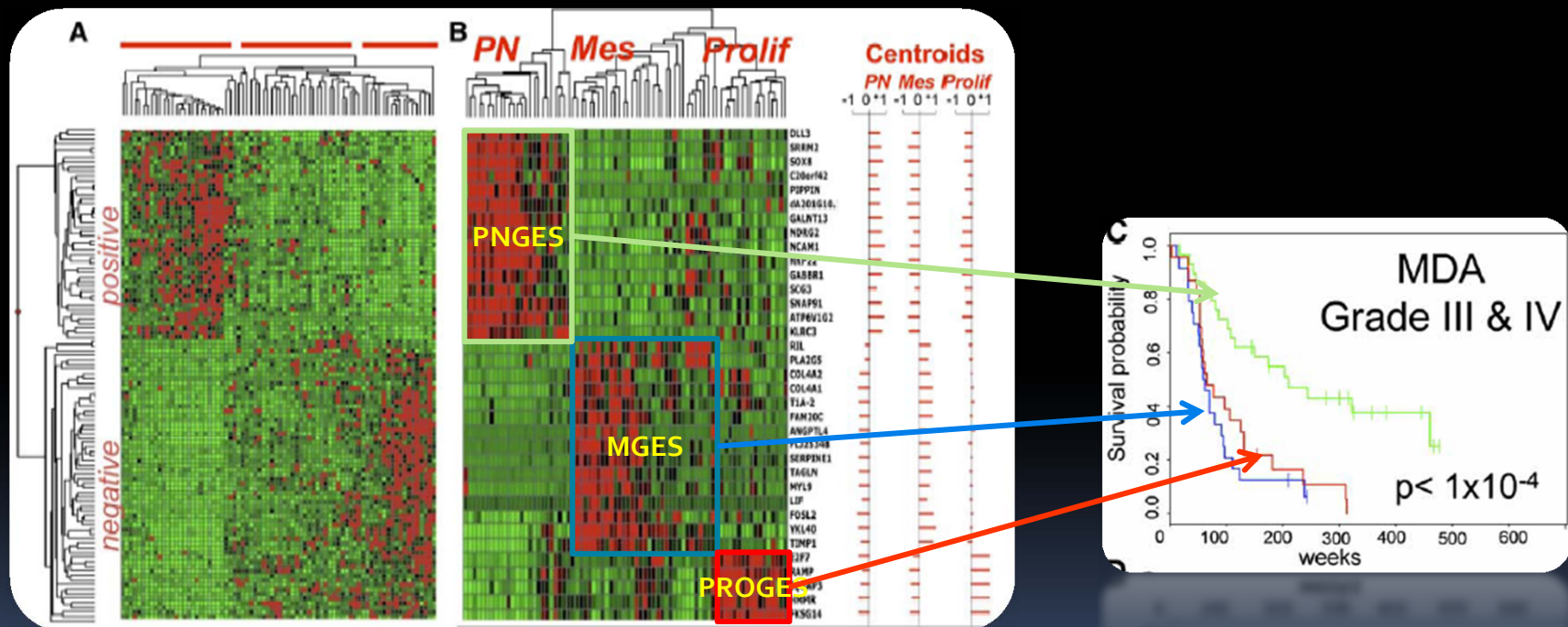


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# Mesenchymal Subtype of High-Grade Gliomas

Unsupervised clustering of 76 high grade tumors by expression of 108 genes that are positively or negatively associated with survival reveals 3 tumors classes (Proneural (PN), Mesenchymal (Mes) and Proliferative (Prolif)).

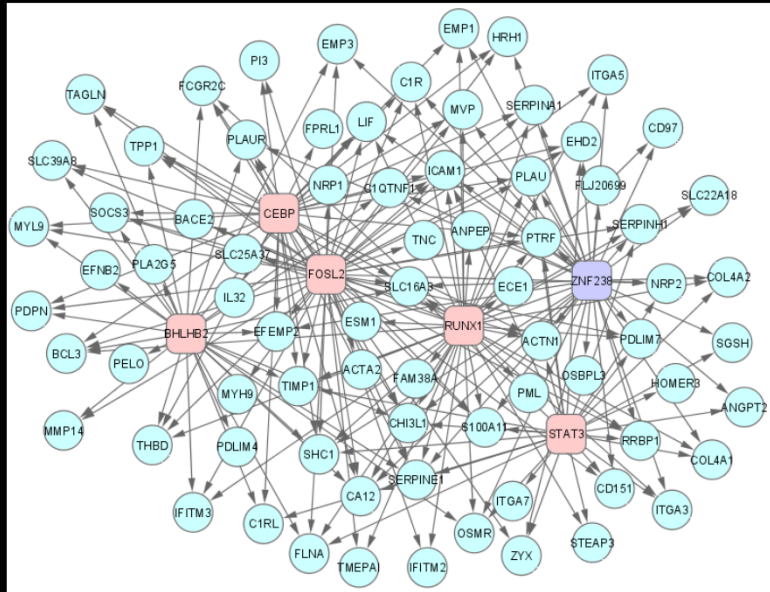
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Malignant gliomas belonging to the mesenchymal sub-class express genes linked to the most aggressive properties of glioblastoma (migration, invasion and angiogenesis).



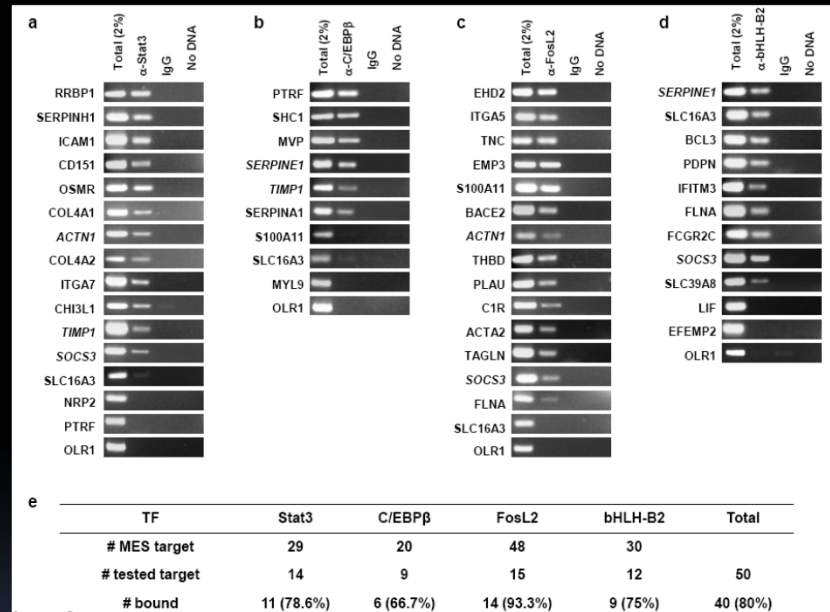
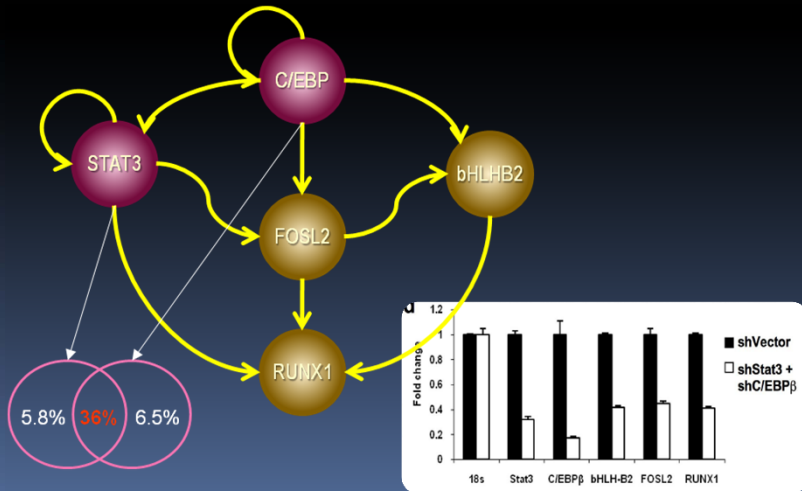
# Identification of a mesenchymal regulatory module



● Mes signature genes  
■ Activator  
■ Repressor

Master Regulators control >75% of the Mesenchymal Signature of High-Grade Glioma

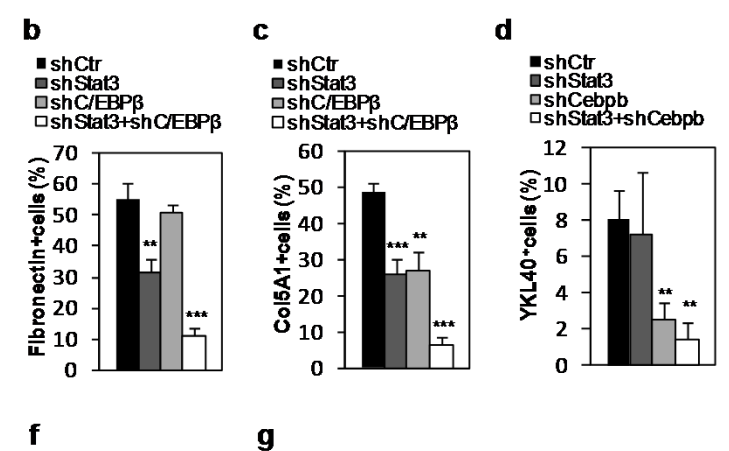
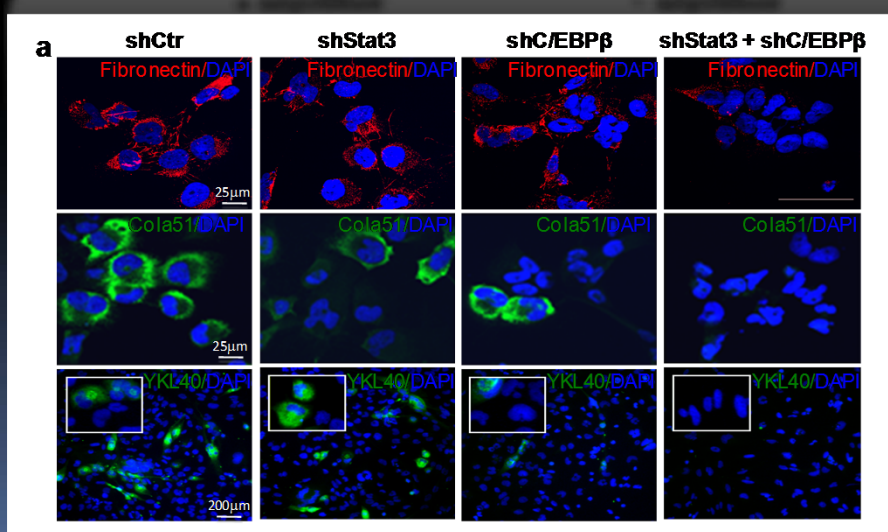
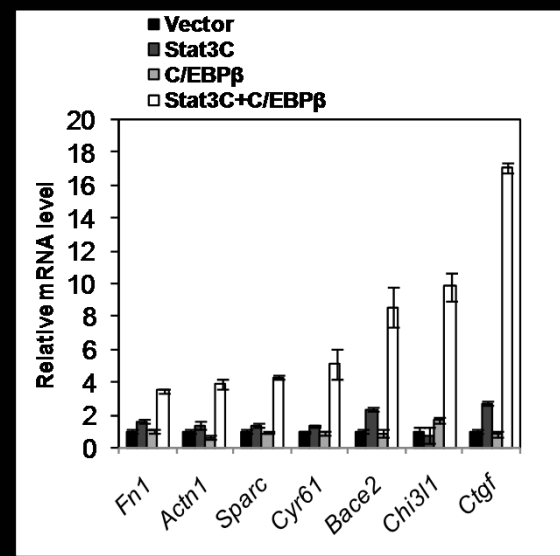
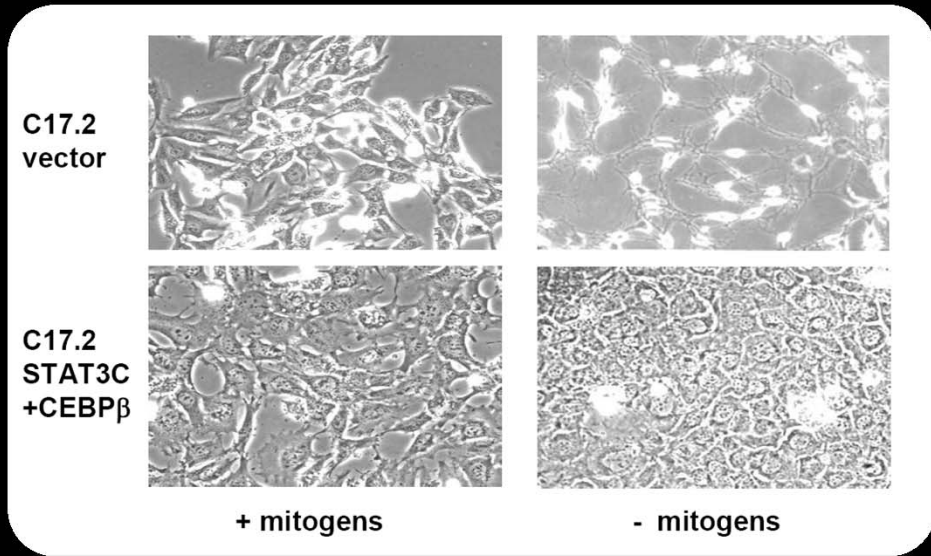
## Hierarchical Regulatory Module



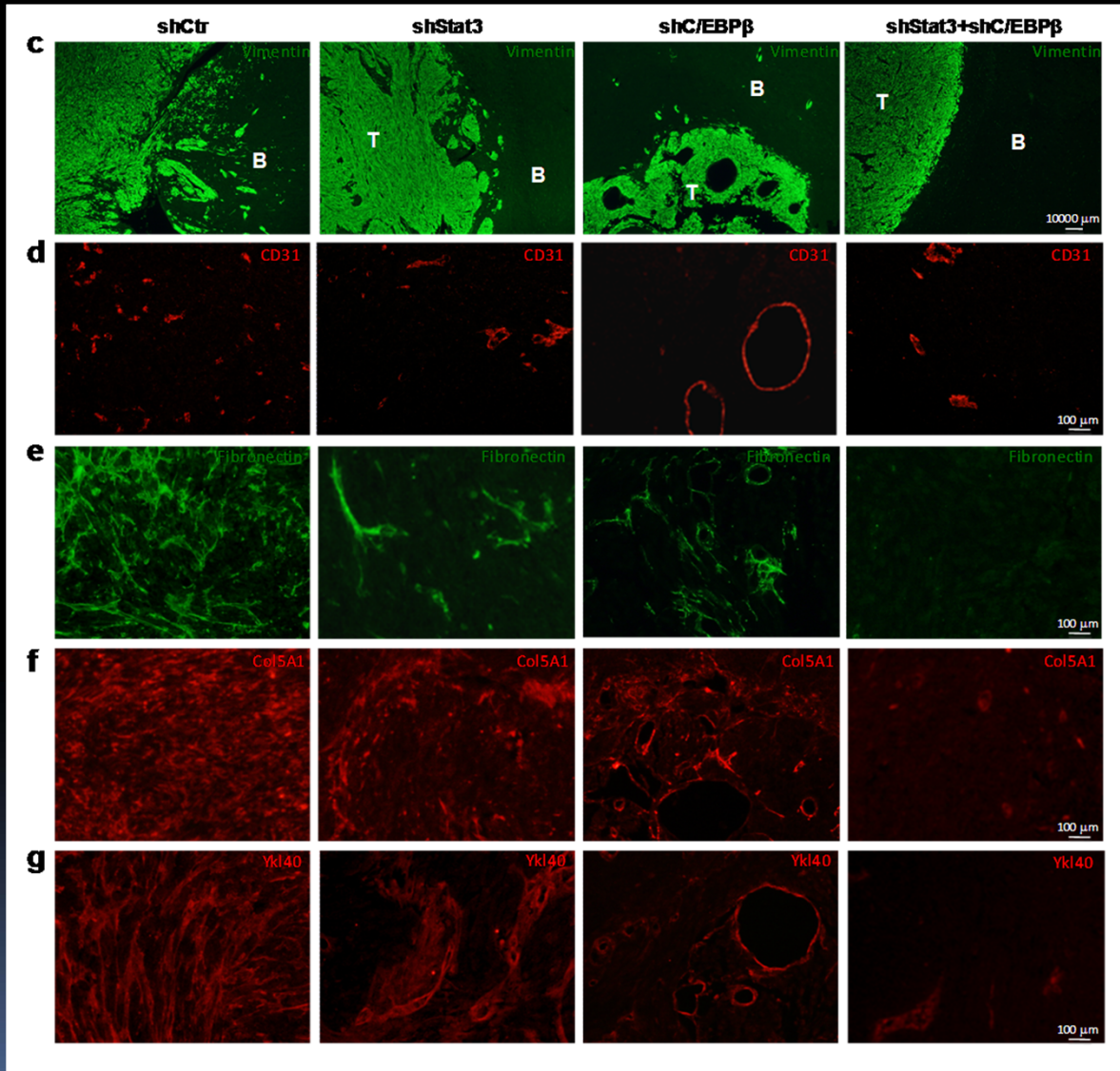
Biochemical Validation of ARACNe Inferred Targets of Stat3, C/EBPβ, FosL2, and bHLH-B2

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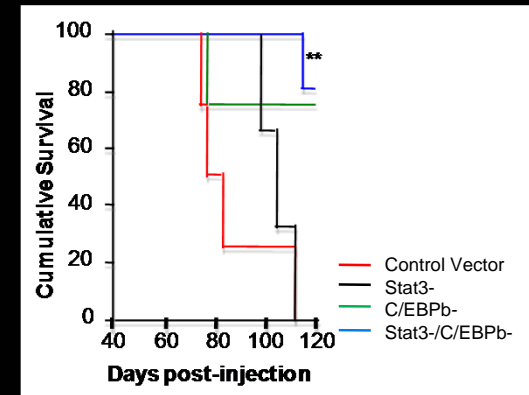
# C/EBP $\beta$ and Stat3 modulate mesenchymal lineage in mouse neural stem cells and human glioma cells



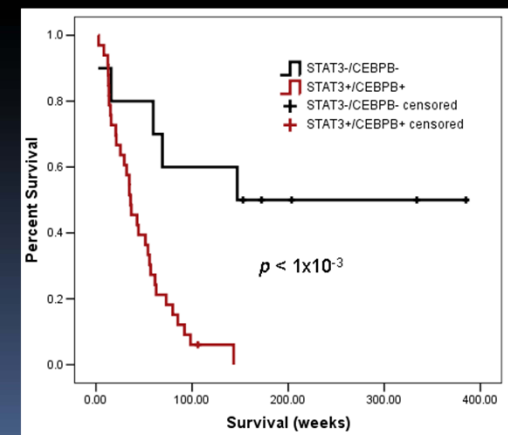
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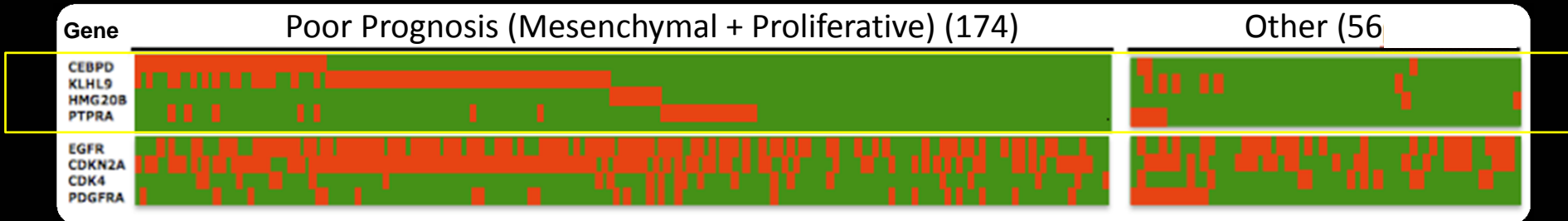
# Mouse



# Human

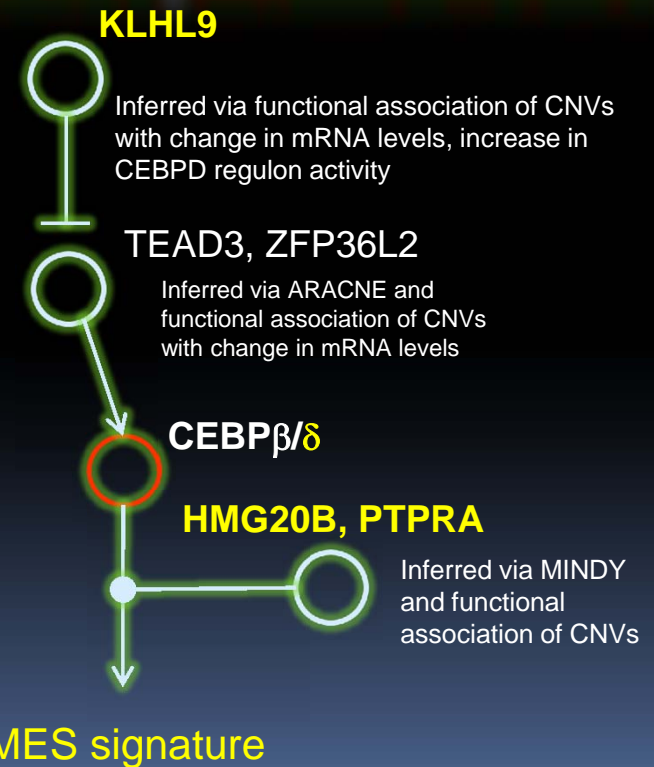


# Pathway-Wide Association Study (PWAS)



Mutation		CHR	OR	p-value
<b>C/EBPδ (amp) TF</b>	Master Regulator	8	4.61	0.004
<b>PTPRA (amp)</b>	MINDy Modulator of C/EBP subunits (YP)	20	4.78	0.032
<b>HMG20B (amp)</b>	MINDy Modulator of C/EBP subunits (TF)	19	2.83	0.042
<b>KLHL9 (del)</b>	Ubiquitin Conjugating Ligase. Modulates TEAD3, which is a Transcriptional Activator of C/EBP subunits	9	4.70	0.018

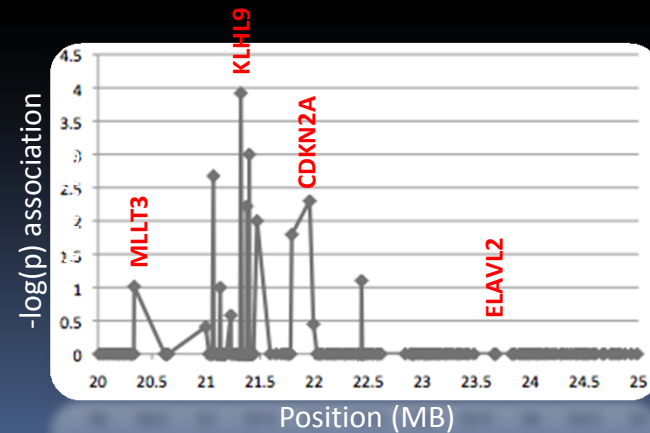
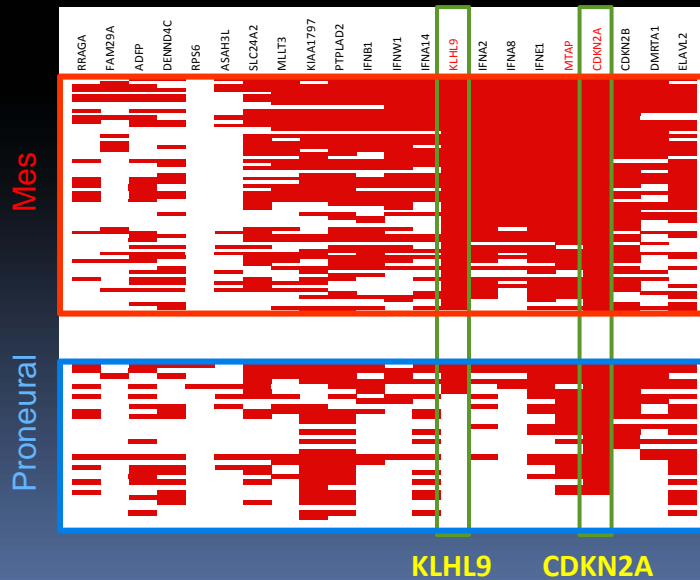
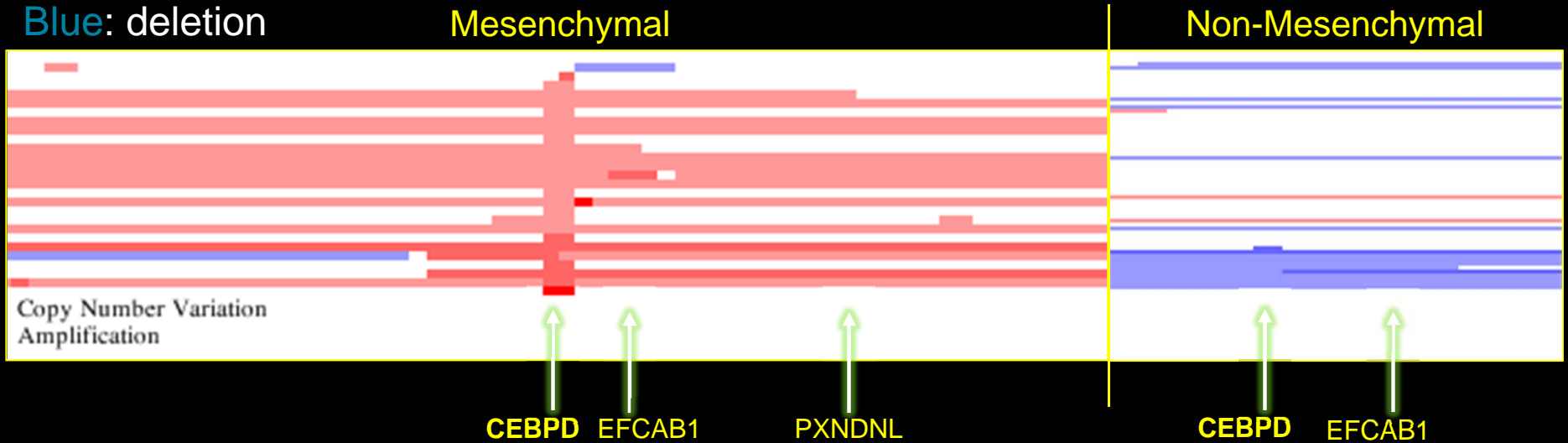
Odd Ratio = 5.405, p-value = 1.12e-6



# Focal Amplification of C/EBP $\delta$ locus

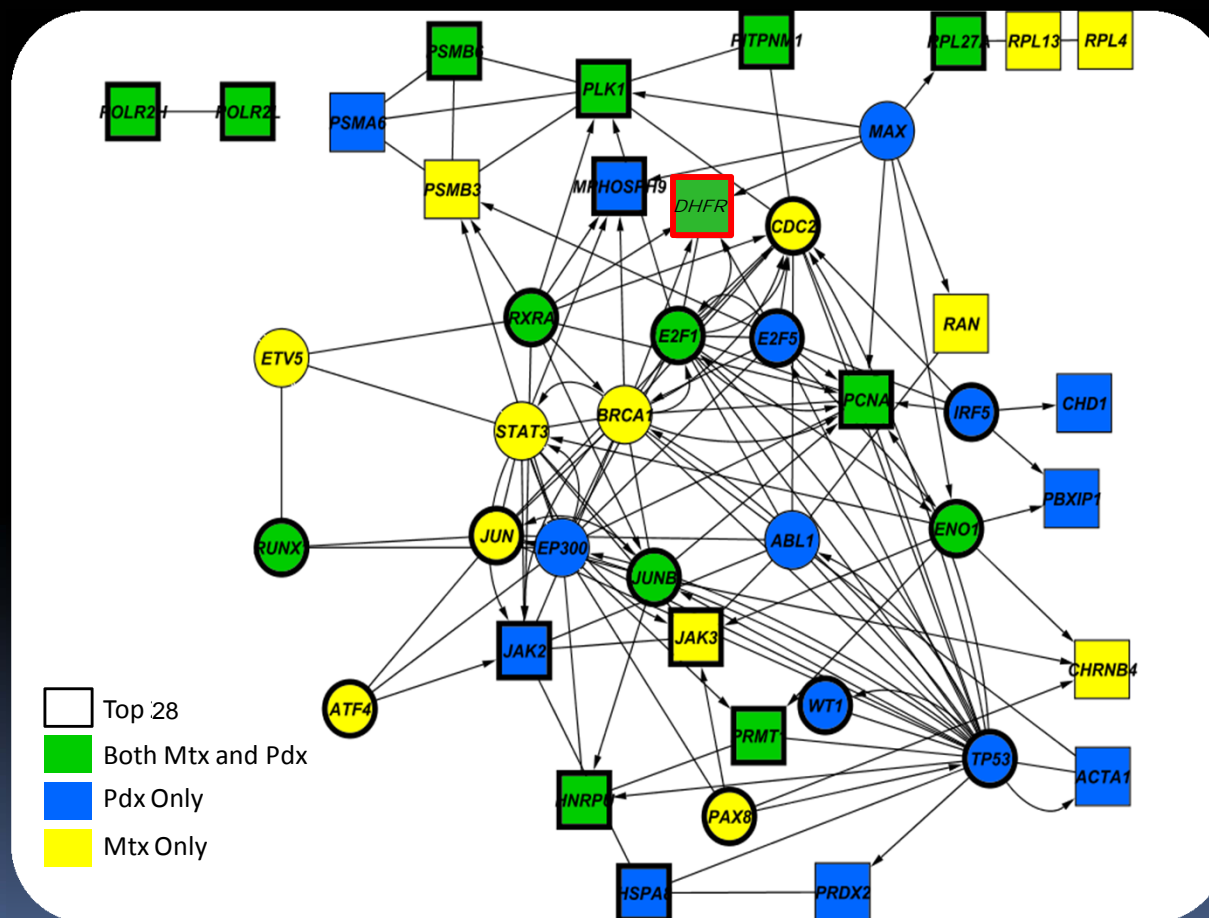
Red: amplification

Blue: deletion



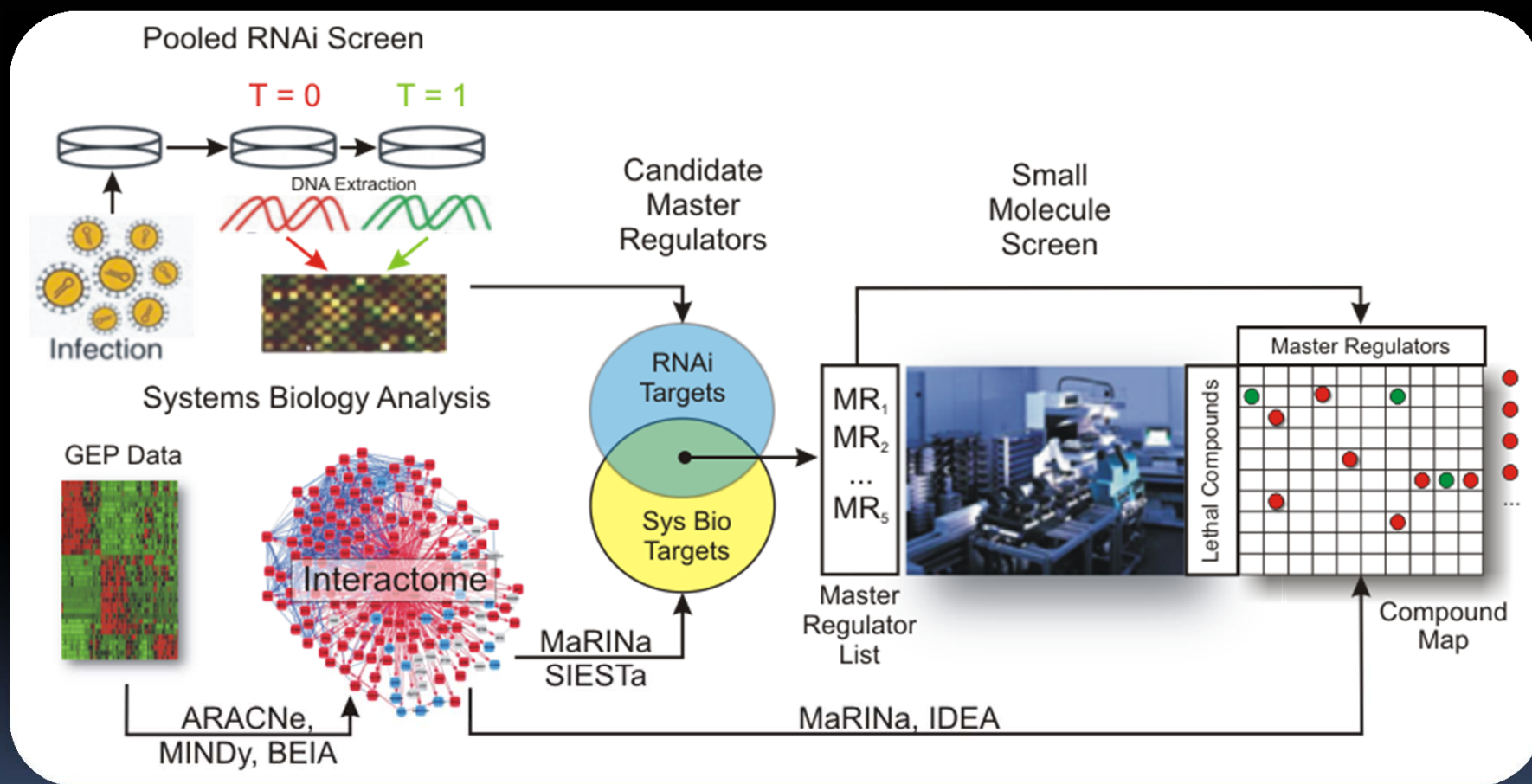
# The Network Address of a compound

Network-based Activity Signature for Methotrexate and Pralatrexate (both are DHFR inhibitors): NetMoA



# CTD<sup>2</sup>: Cancer Target Discovery and Development Network

## Systems Pharmacology at Columbia University



A Califano (PI), R. Dalla-Favera, A. Ferrando,  
A. Iavarone, B. Stockwell, J. Silva

# Network Collaborations

- **Collaboration with the Broad Institute (S. Schreiber)**
  - Identification of Small-molecule inhibitors of Stat3 and C/EBP
- **Collaboration with UT Southwestern (M. White, J. Minna)**
  - Validation of synergistic oncopathway dependencies in tyrosine kinase signaling networks, in Non Small Cell Lung Cancer
- **Collaboration with Dana Farber (B. Hahn, L. Chin, R. DePinho) and the Broad Institute (S. Schreiber)**
  - Identification and validation of oncopathway addiction in ovarian cancer
- **Collaboration with CSHL (S. Powers, S. Lowe)**
  - Prioritization of genetic aberrations as drivers of oncogenesis in ovarian cancer from Genome Wide Association Studies



# CTD<sup>2</sup> Conclusions

## Traditional Discovery

- Linear discovery pipeline
- Individual Technological Platform
- Potential for Translation
- Small Individual functional datasets
- Partial data sharing
- Investigator Excellence



## CTD<sup>2</sup> Model

- Parallel discovery pipeline
  - Target(s) + small-molecule modulators + biomarkers + MoA
- Integrated, State-of-the-Art Technological Platforms
  - RNAi + Systems Biology + Chemistry + HT Screening + Functional Genomics
- Direct Path to Translation
- Large-Scale functional datasets in vitro and in vivo
- Complete, network-validated data + model + reagent sharing
- Investigator Network Excellence