

# Progetto Ematologia Romagna

LA MULTICLONALITÀ DELLE MALATTIE ONCOEMATOLOGICHE E LA LORO EVOLUZIONE CLONALE: DA MGUS A MIELOMA MULTIPLO

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### Clonal evolution: not a new concept

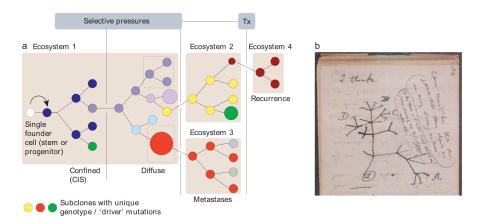
### \_This Week's Citation Classic<sup>®</sup>\_

Nowell P C. The clonal evolution of tumor cell populations. Science 194:23-8, 1976. [School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA]

### REVIEW

doi:10.1038/nature10762

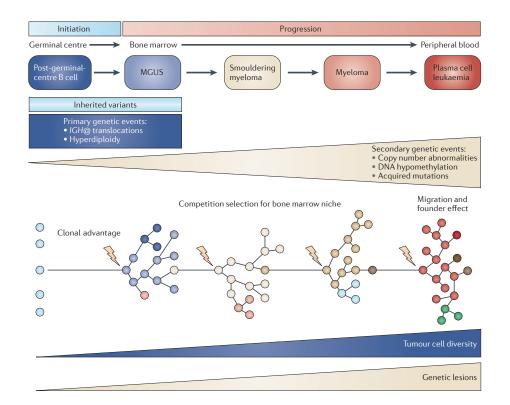
#### Clonal evolution in cancer



Greaves and Maley, Nature 2012



# Myeloma evolves in discrete steps that are clinically (and biologically?) recognizable



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## Recent acquisitions in myeloma "evolutionary biology" that support heterogeneity

Heterogeneity in SPACE and TIME of the disease:

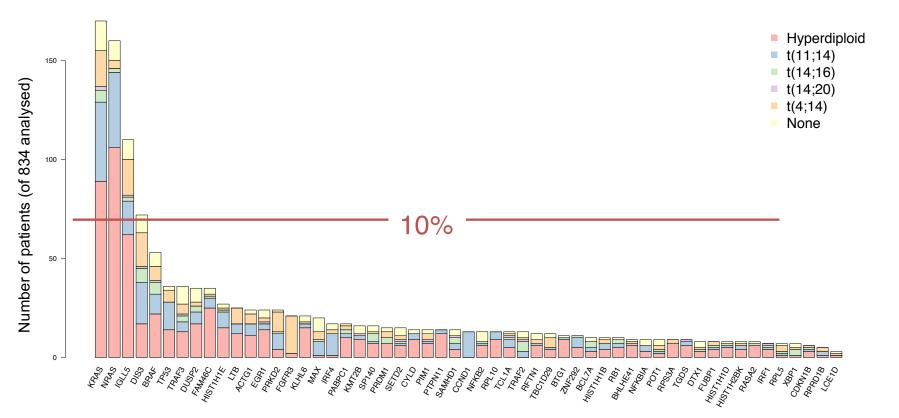
- Frequency of recurrence of driver mutations across patients
- Number of cells carrying a driver mutation
  - Mutations are often "late" events and present only in a fraction of cells
- Confounding effect of additional mutations carried by
  - The same cells
  - Different cells in the tumor
- Tumors evolve
  - Spontaneously (in situ or in different locations)
  - After treatment

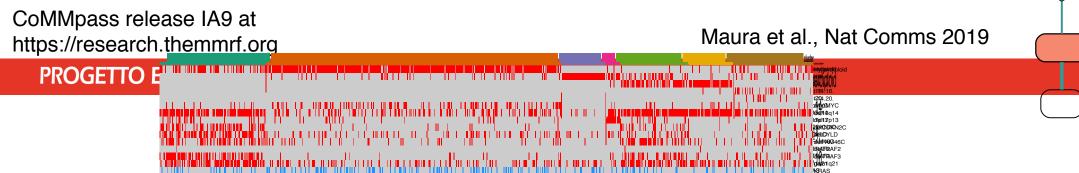
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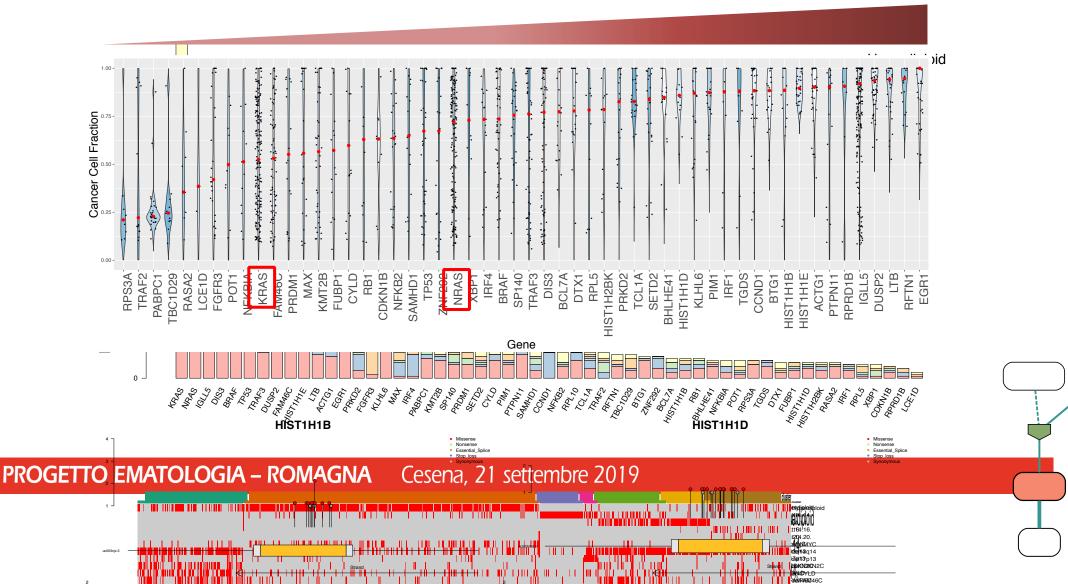
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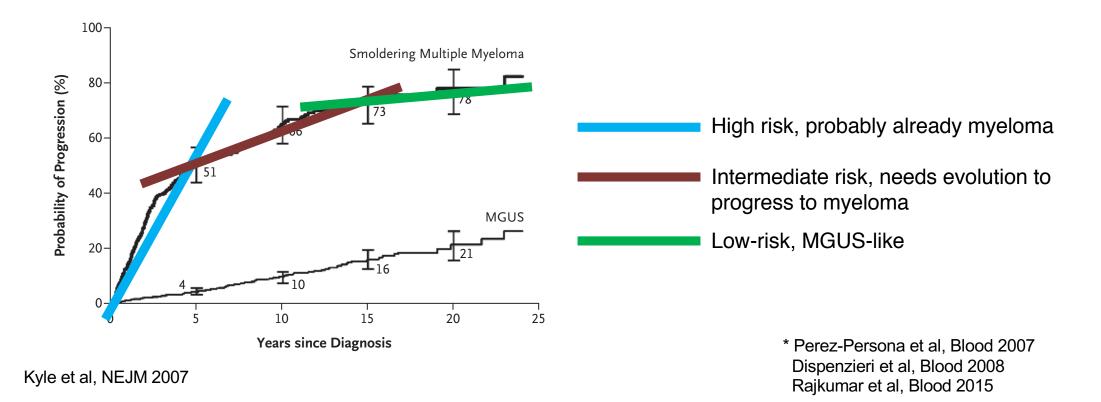




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# Clinical question: can genomics help predict the outcome of SMM at diagnosis?

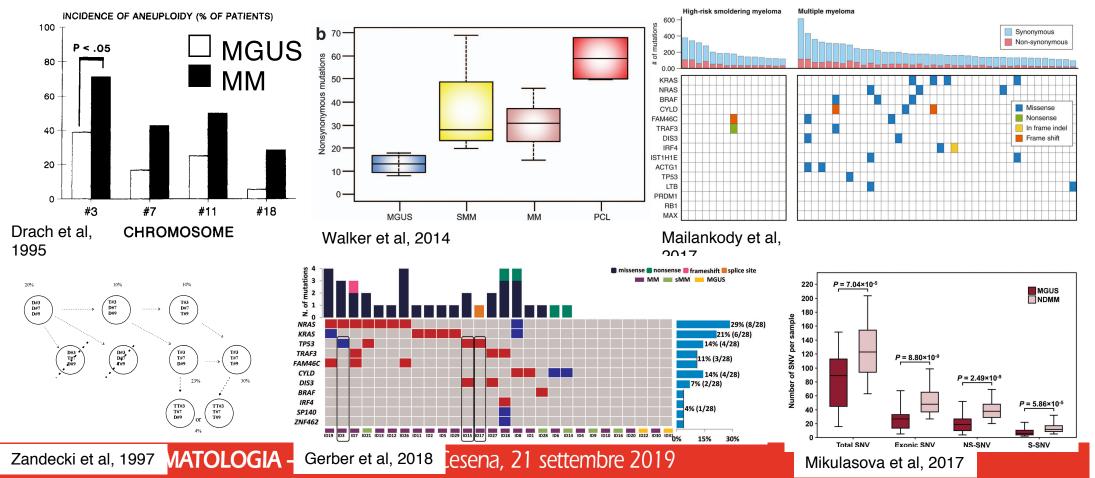


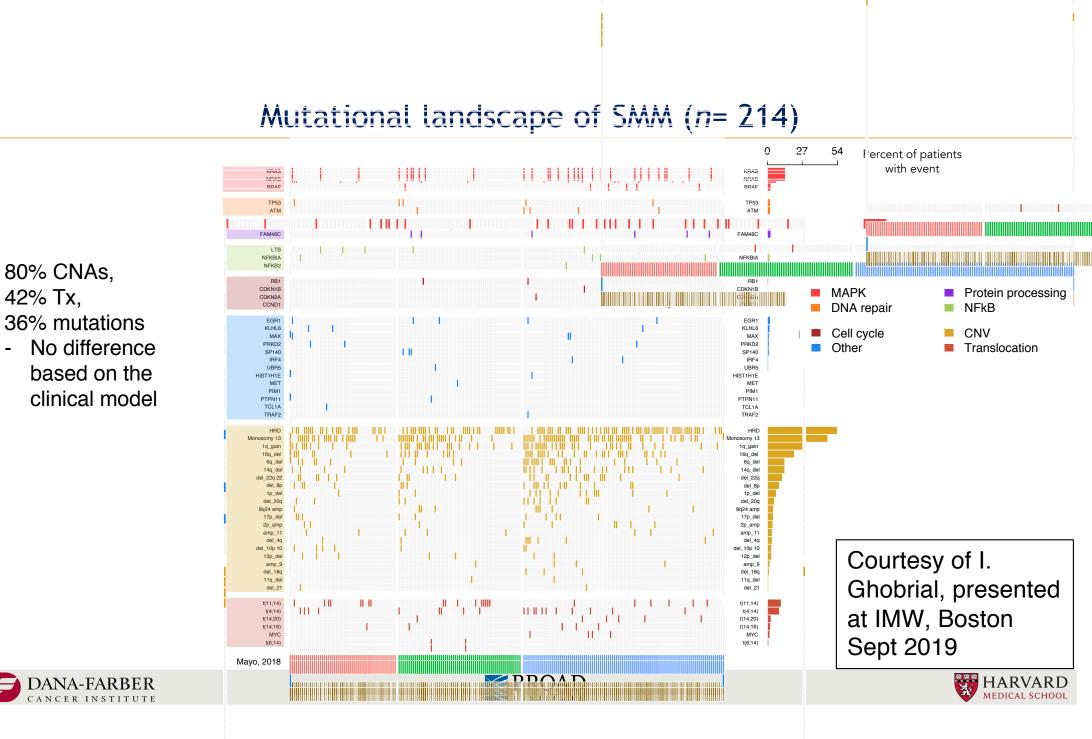
### Asymptomatic stages show a lower genomic complexity

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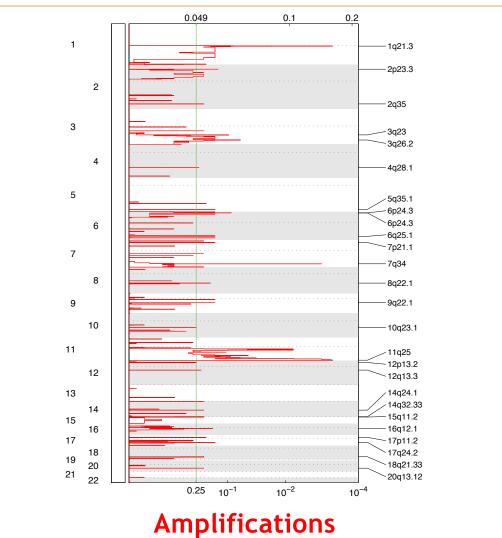
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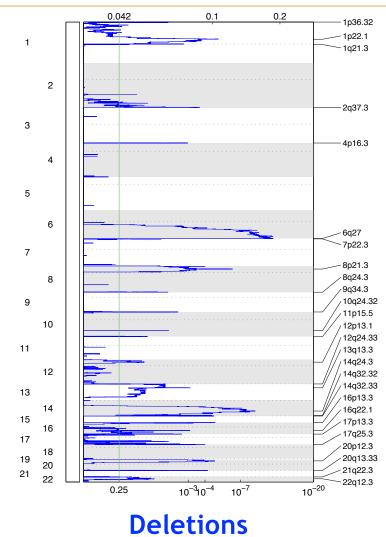
### NGS (whole exome, targeted)





### Significant arm level and focal CNAs



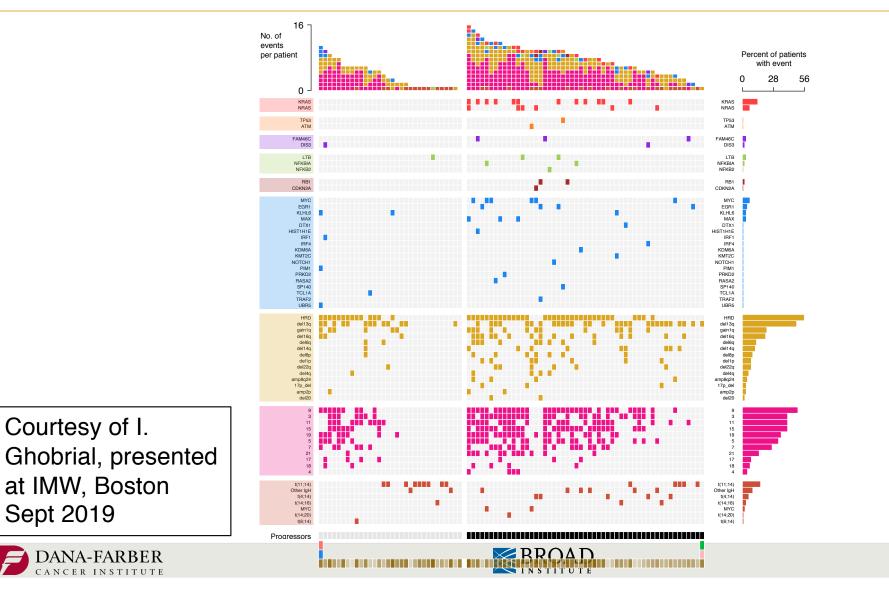




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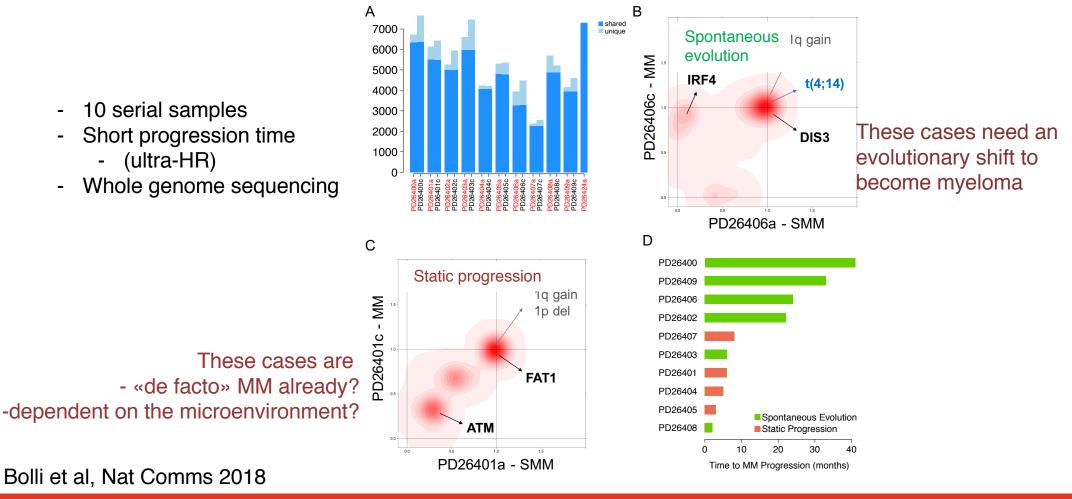


### Genomic landscape of progressors vs non-progressors (n = 85)





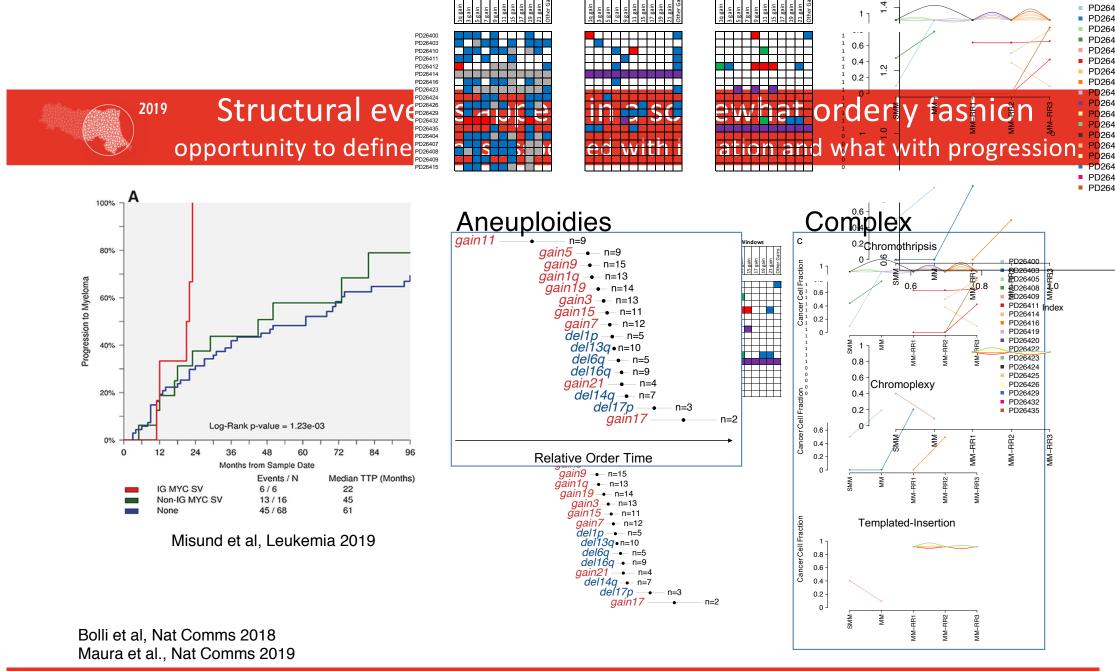
## Two genomic routes of evolution from SMM to MM



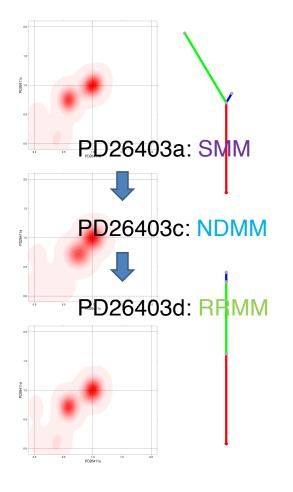
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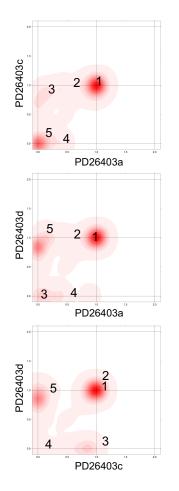
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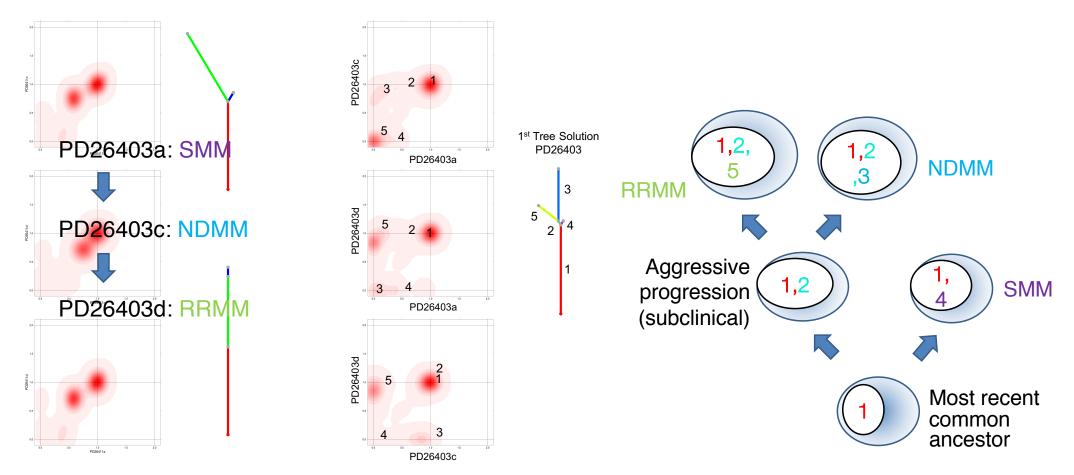


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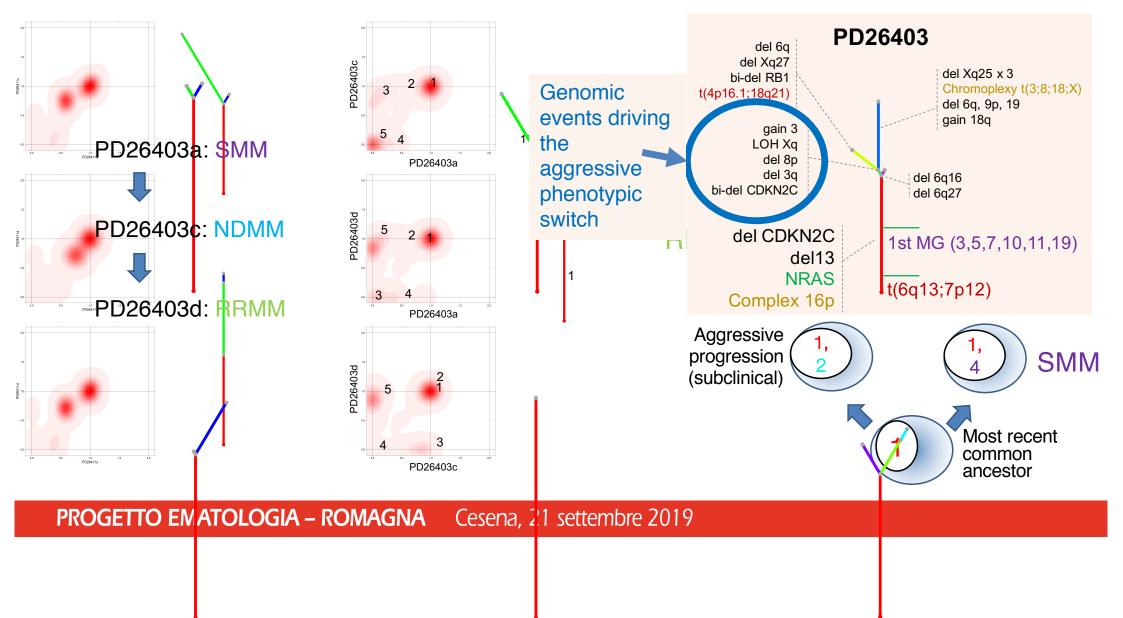




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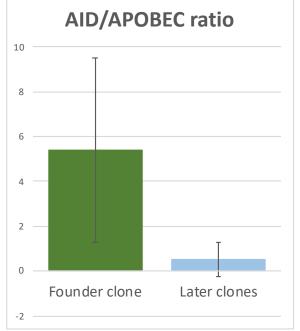


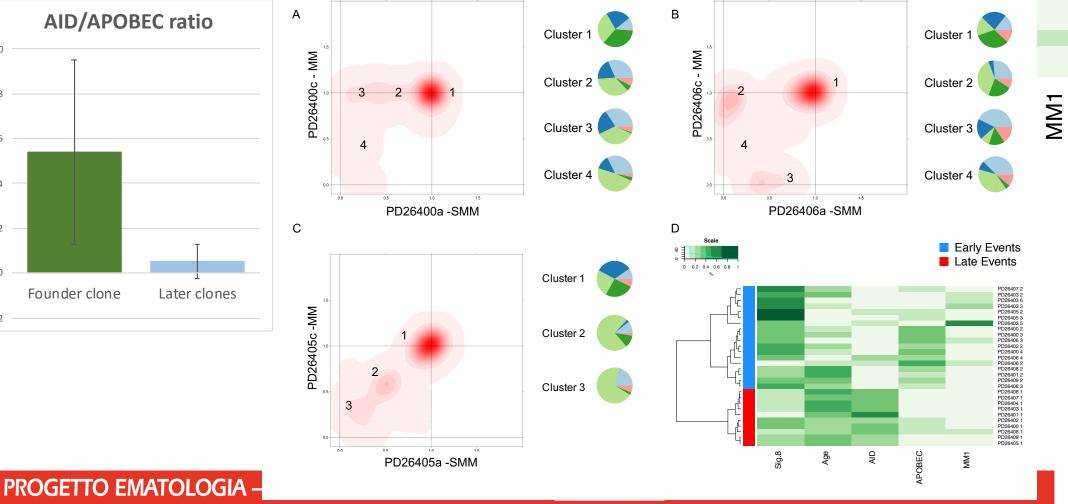
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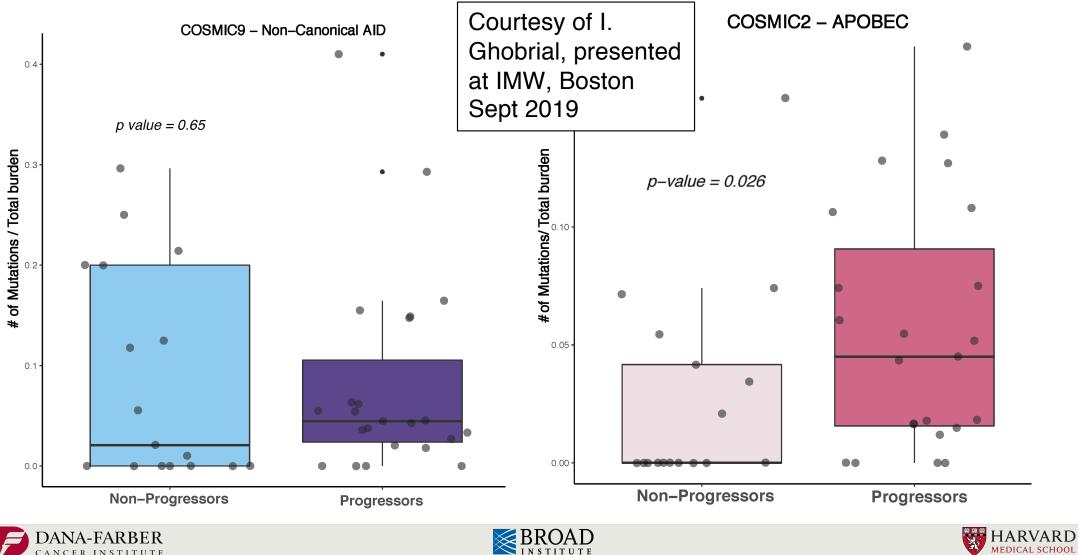
#### 2019 Differential activity of mutational signatures

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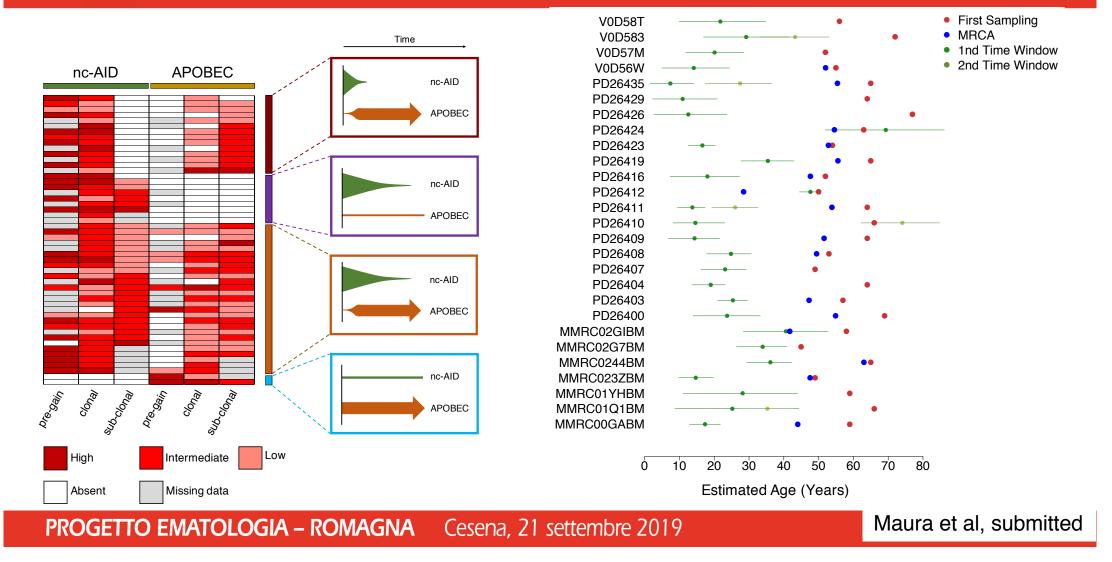


### Mutational signatures association with progression





## Insights into timing and modality of MM initiation



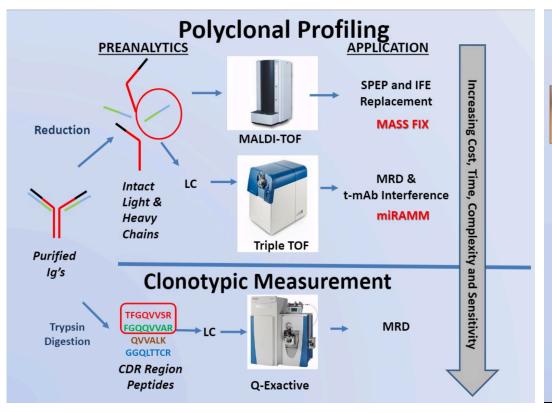
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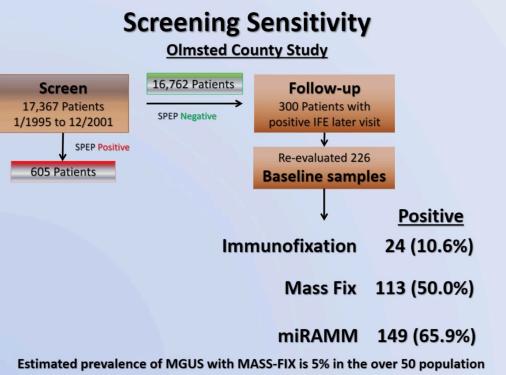
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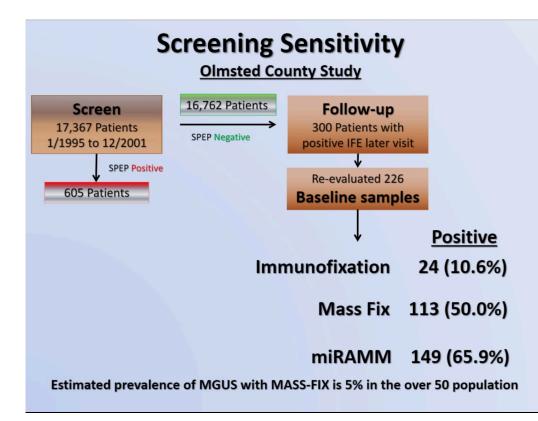
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## <sup>2019</sup> Mass spectrometry redefines the prevalence of MGUS

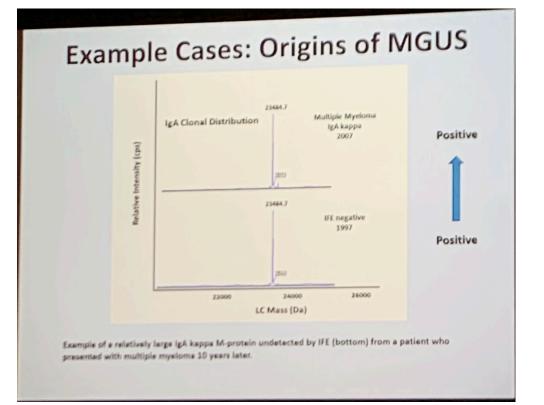




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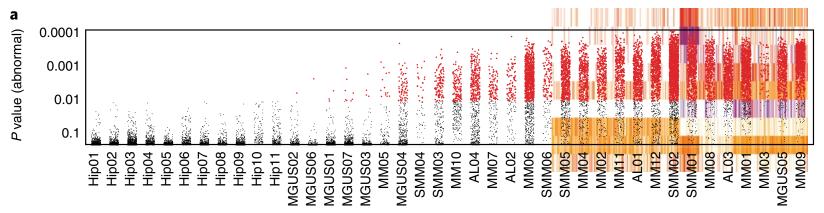


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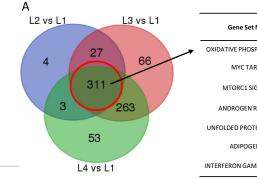


# <sup>2019</sup>Single cell RNAseq can identify aggressive PCs within an indolent clone

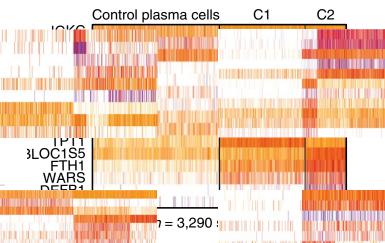
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Gene Set Name <sup>*</sup>	No. of Genes in Overlap	p-value
OXIDATIVE PHOSPHORYLATION	42	1.42 e <sup>-50</sup>
MYC TARGETS	27	2.61 e <sup>-27</sup>
MTORC1 SIGNALING	17	3.15 e <sup>-14</sup>
ANDROGEN RESPONSE	9	2.5 e <sup>-8</sup>
UNFOLDED PROTEIN RESPONSE	9	6.66 e <sup>-8</sup>
ADIPOGENESIS	11	1.06 e <sup>-7</sup>
INTERFERON GAMMA RESPONSE	10	9.69 e <sup>-7</sup>
* Hallmark gene set database		



Ledergor et al, Nat Med 2018 Jang et al, BCJ 2019



### Conclusions

- Intra-tumor and inter-tumor heterogeneity is higher than anticipated
  - Need for larger-scale studies and novel (single-cell) technologies to dissect heterogeneity
- Structural events more than gene mutations seem to drive evolution; however, genomic analyses still explain little of the transcriptional variability
  - > Need to integrate genomic studies with epigenetics, immune microenvironment etc
- Discrete steps of *clinical* evolution do not necessarily correlate with stages of *genomic* evolution
  - Opportunities to re-define risk of progression
- Is it time for clinical translation of these findings?
  - Probably not yet, but results encourage further research
    - Probability of SMM evolution
    - Risk of NDMM
    - $\circ~$  Genomic correlates of drug response



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