

Copy number variation detection on Affymetrix microarrays

implementation in the BeNeLux countries

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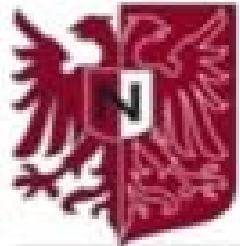
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Layout presentation

- General introduction
- Mental retardation and arrays
- Using the 250K Affymetrix SNP array for diagnostics
- Developments

Old NIJMEGEN a. J. West.

HISTORY OF NIJMEGEN
 OLDEST CITY OF THE NETHERLANDS
 STICHTING NOVIOMAGUS.NL




Department of Human Genetics part of the RUNMC



- Largest department of Human Genetics in Netherlands
- From bed to bench side in one building: Clinical genetics, genome diagnostics, genome facilities and genome research
- Offer genome diagnostics for all possible diseases to local population of 3 million people as well as external diagnostics requests (16-17,000/year)
- Offer genome facilities (sequencing/microarrays) to all scientists in University as well as external collaborators
- Wide variety of research topics: Focus on genetics underlying brain disorders. Excellent clinical cohorts!

Organization in the Netherlands

- License system for genetic testing

-8 clinical genetic centers are allowed to offer post- and pre-natal genetic testing, no commercial labs.

University Medical Center Groningen (Agilent *(Illumina)*)

University Medical Center Amsterdam (Agilent)

Free University Medical Center Amsterdam (Agilent/*Affymetrix*)

University Medical Center Leiden (*Affymetrix*)

Erasmus Medical Center Rotterdam (Agilent/*Affymetrix (Illumina)*)

University Medical Center Utrecht (Agilent *(Bluegnome)*)

University Medical Center Maastricht (*Affymetrix*)

University Medical Center Nijmegen (*Affymetrix*)



-Uniform way of re-imburement from the insurance companies (postnatal/prenatal) based on agreed numbers of tests per year

Cytogenetic diagnostics for patients with MR/MCA

Mental retardation (IQ<70) in 2 % of the population

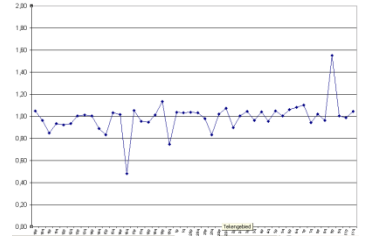
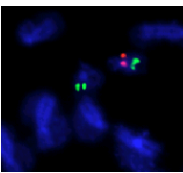
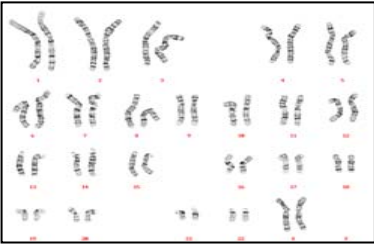
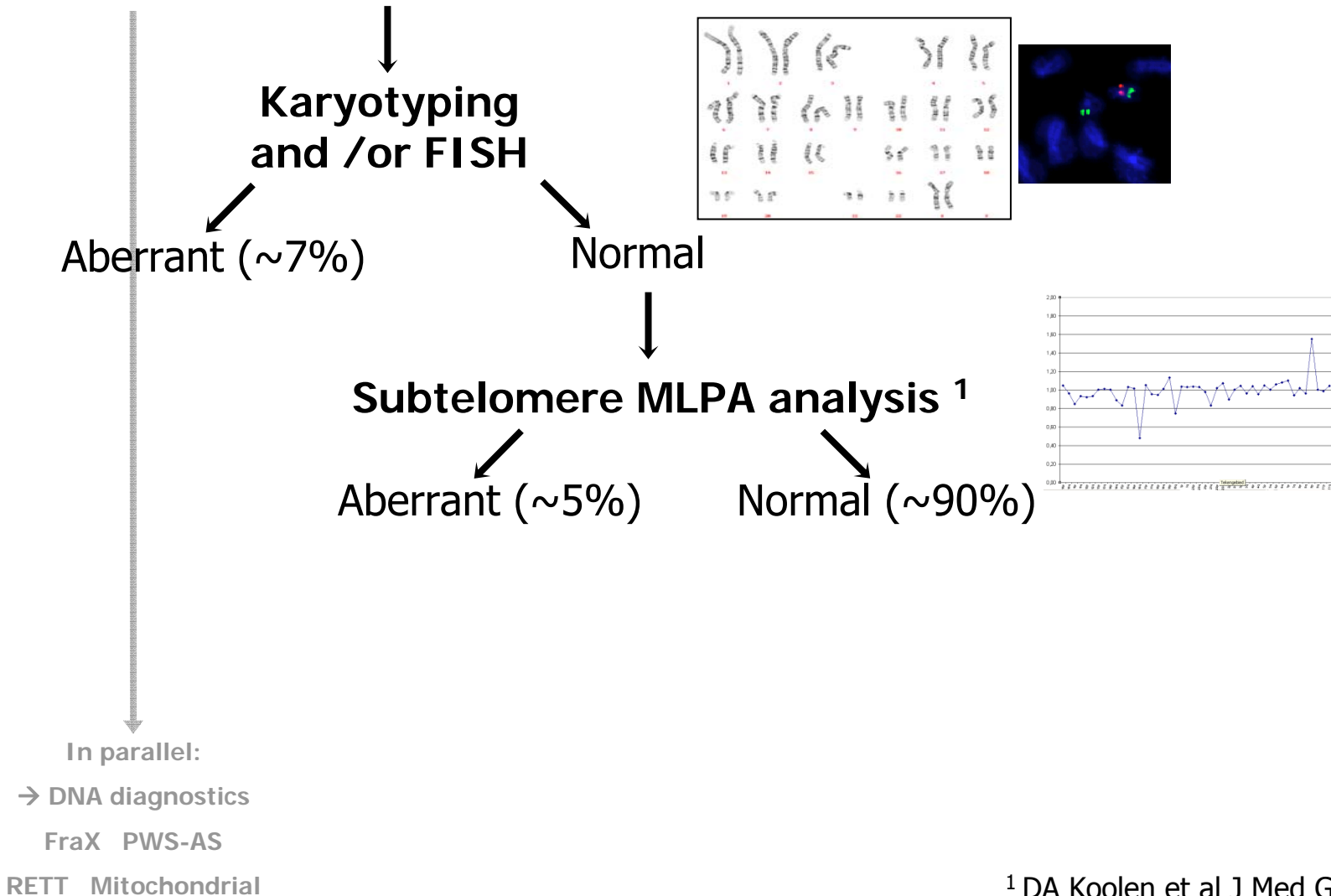
Dept Human Genetics Nijmegen annually 1200 MR +/- MCA patients for (cyto)genetic diagnostics

- Mild—IQ 50-75
- Moderate—IQ 35-55
- Severe—IQ 20-40
- Profound—IQ <20-25

Majority of patients not isolated MR
but part of more
Complex phenotype MR+ / MR+MCA

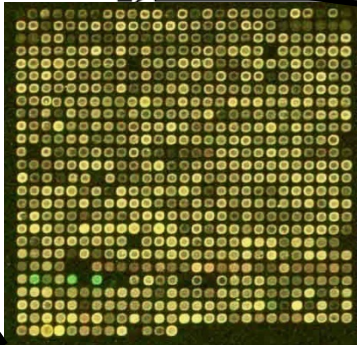
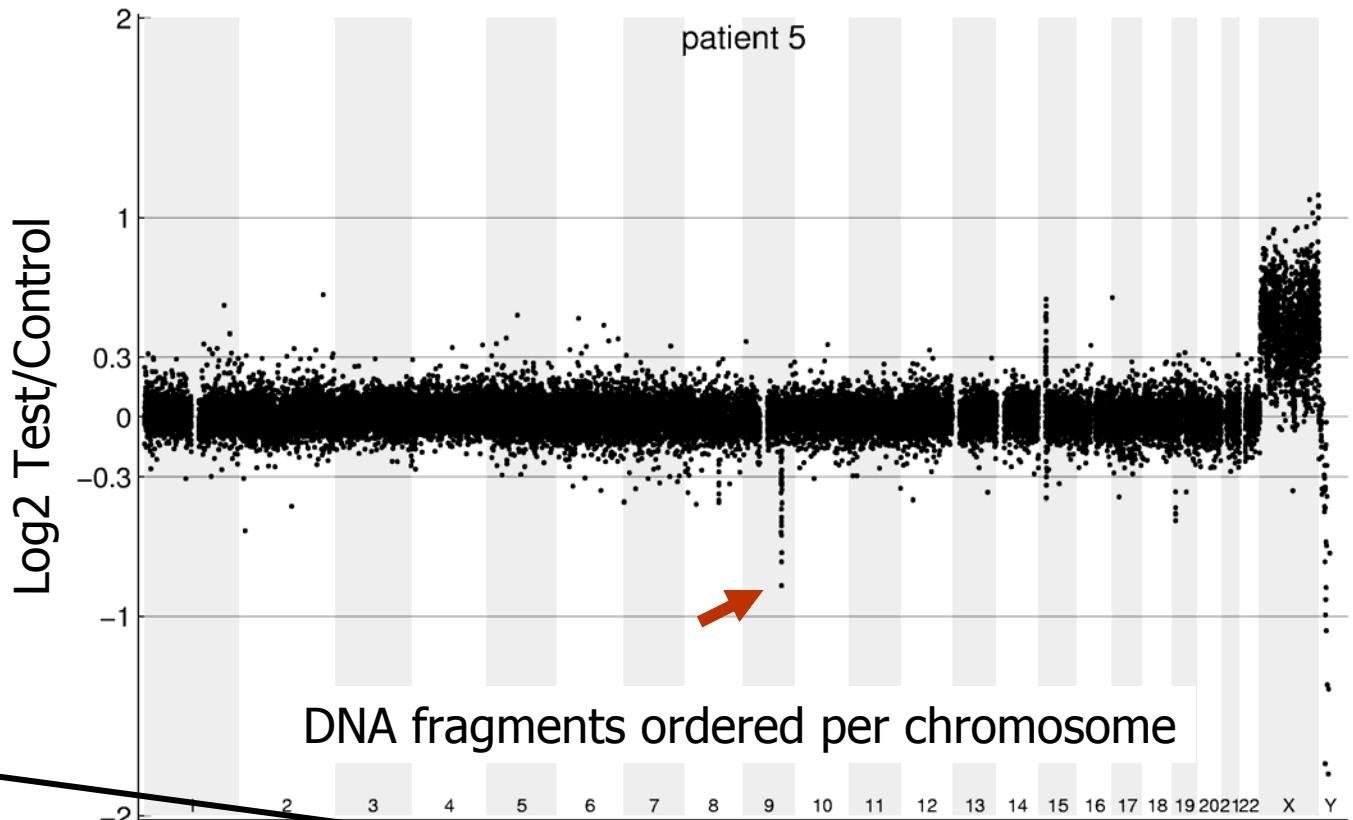
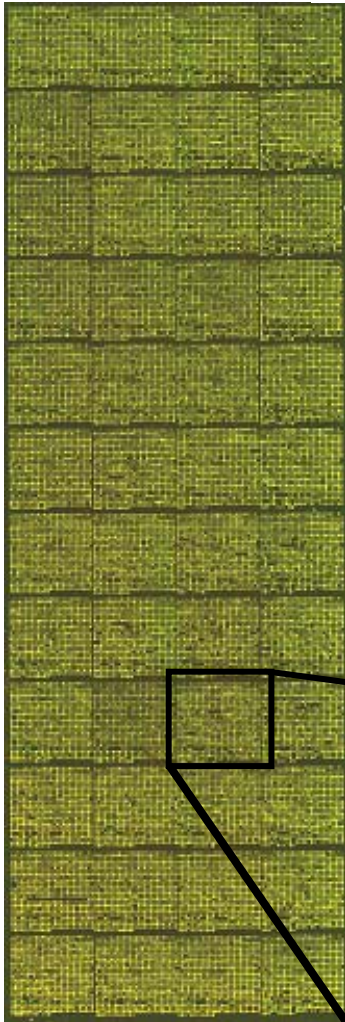


Diagnostic workflow for patients with mental retardation (MR) and / or Multiple Congenital Anomalies (MCA)

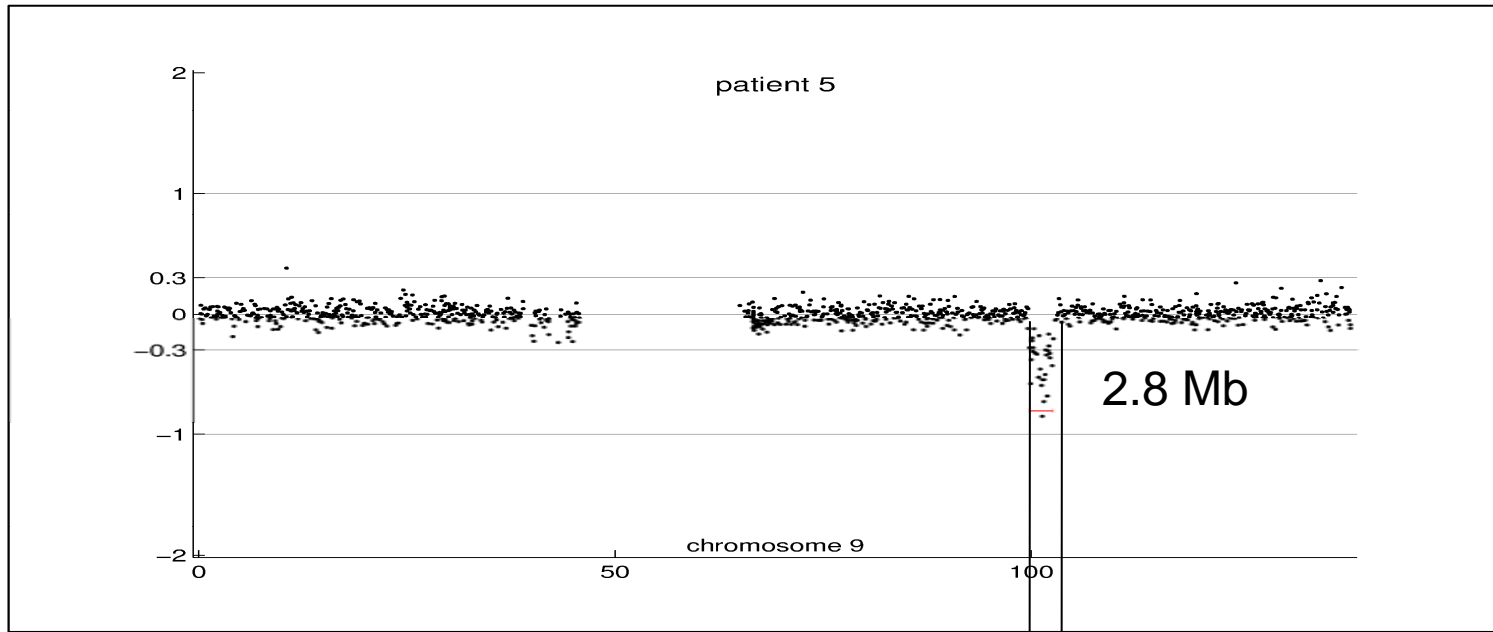


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CNV detection in 2005; Home-made 32k BAC arrays after regular karyotyping and STD-MLPA

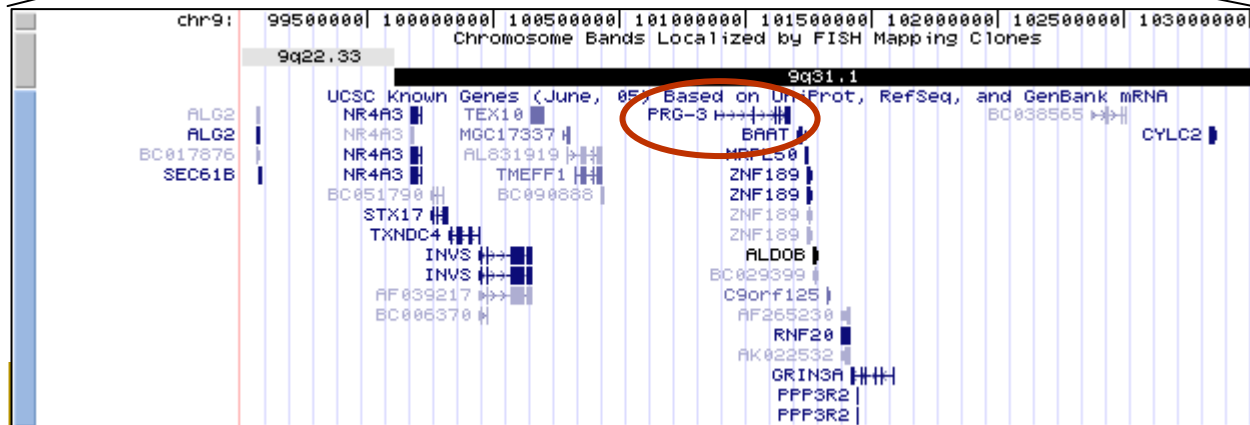


Detail of Copy Number Variation on chromosome 9

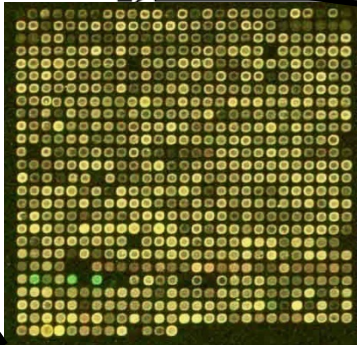
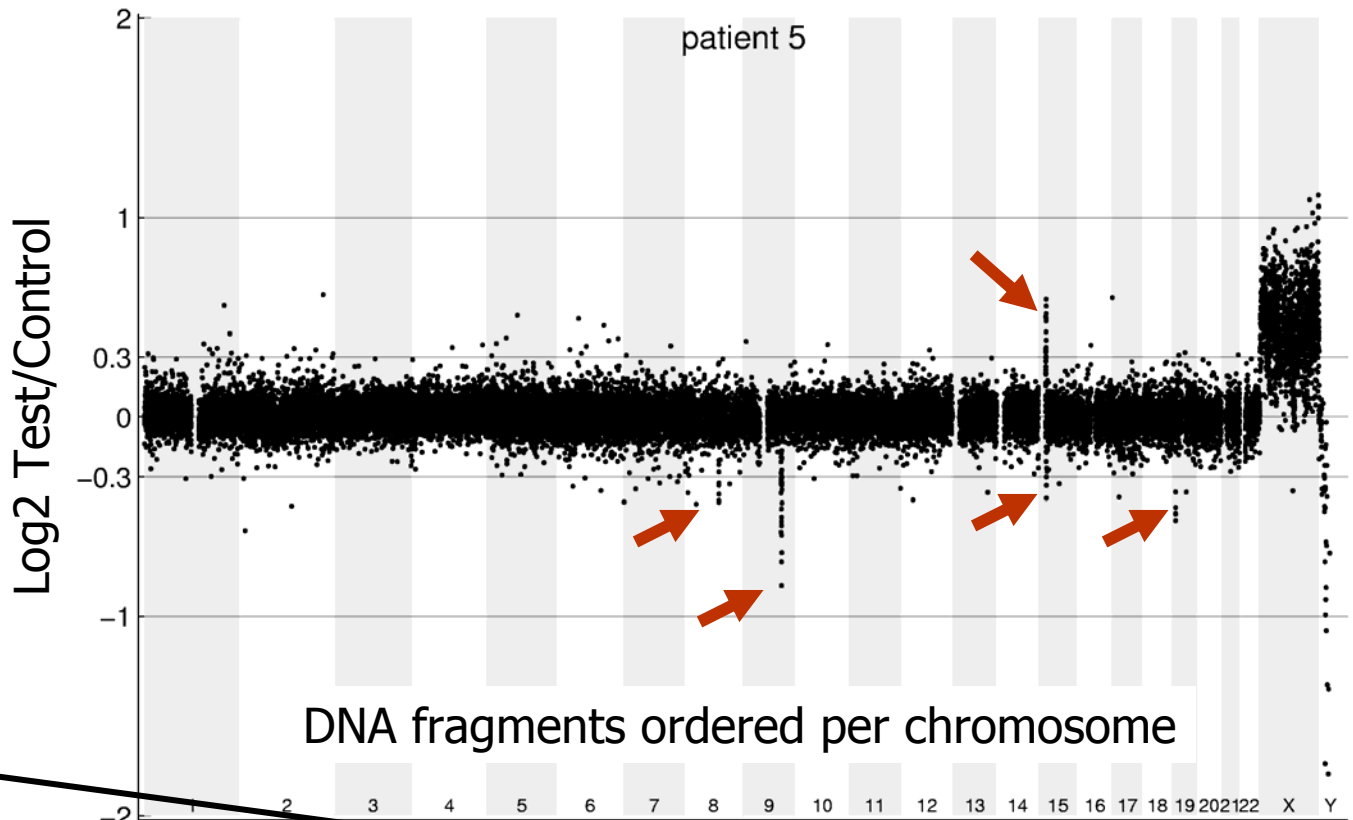
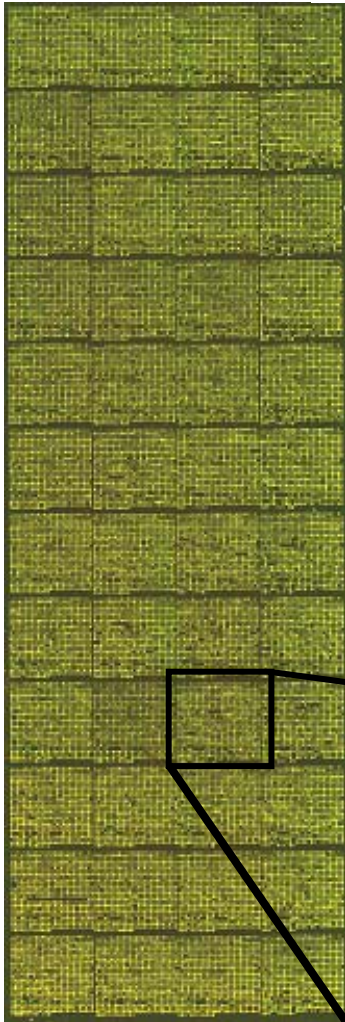


Plasticity-related gene 3 is involved in neuronal plasticity.

This gene is strongly expressed in brain. It shows dynamic expression regulation during brain development and neuronal excitation.

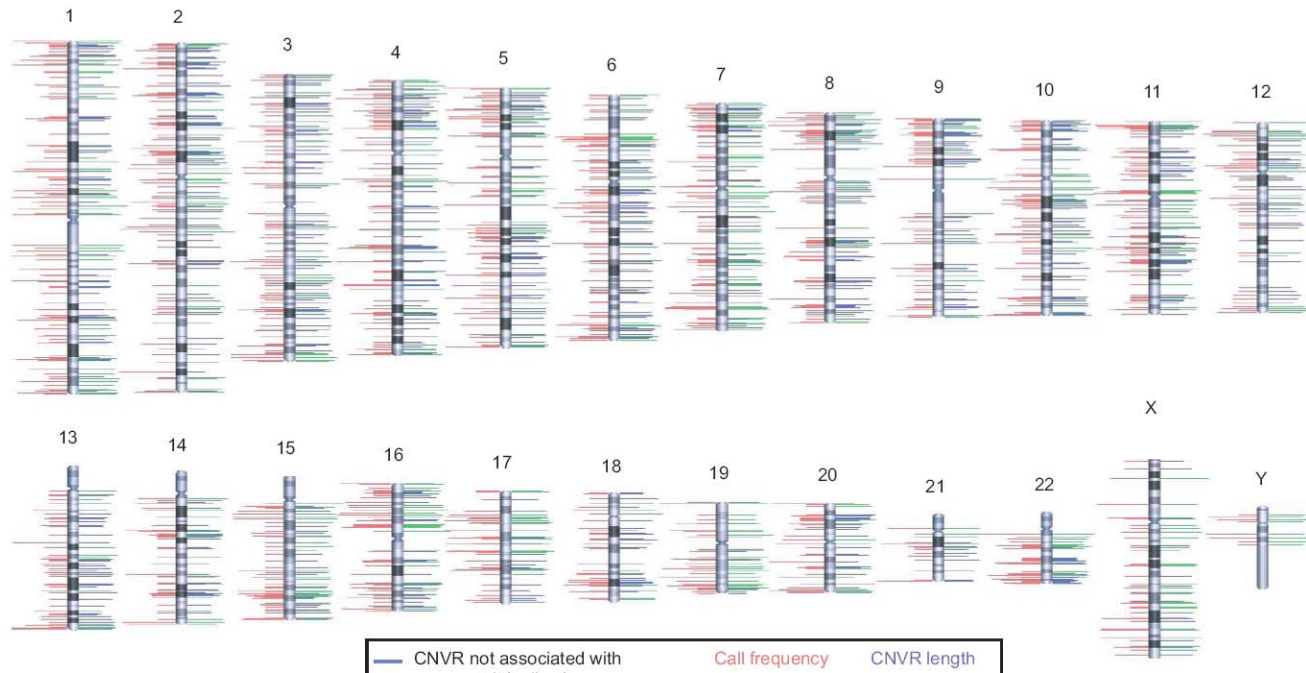


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Apparently benign CNVs are common

- Benign, mostly inherited CNVs > 1 kb occur all over genome



Redon *et al.* Nature 2006

Availability of good control data and parental samples is crucial for data interpretation!

Genomic microarrays in mental retardation

Application and validation of clinical use

Am. J. Hum. Genet. 77:606–616, 2005

Diagnostic Genome Profiling in Mental Retardation

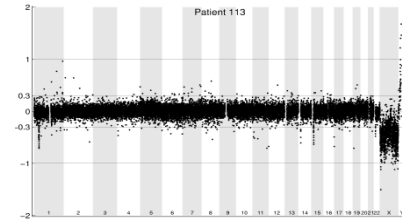
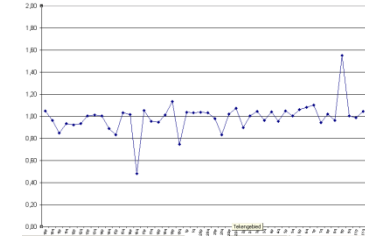
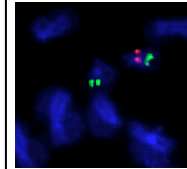
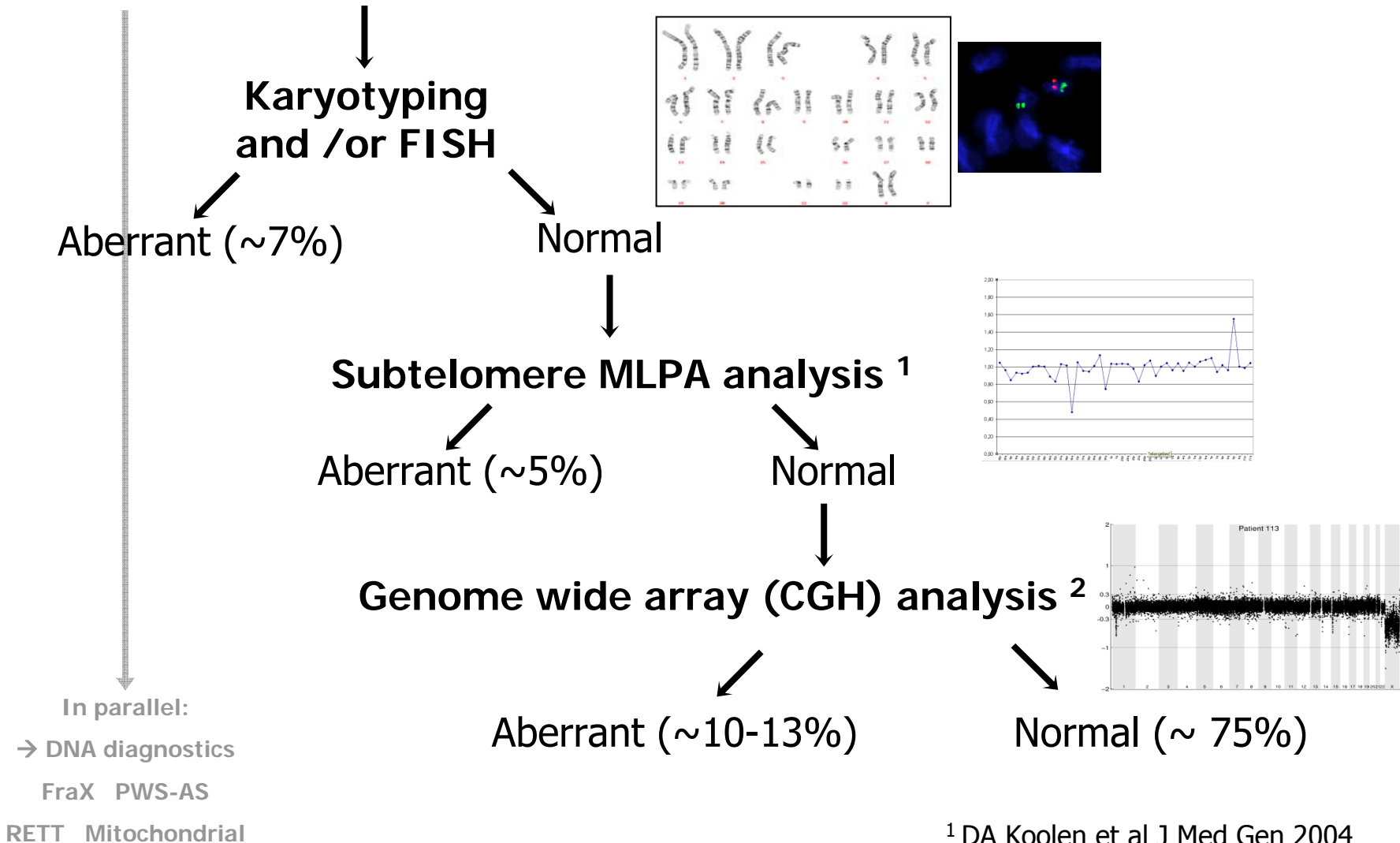
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- 100 patients with unexplained MR, normal karyotype
 - Hybridize DNA to 32k BAC array
 - Test parental DNAs to determine inheritance
 - Validate findings by FISH/MLPA/QPCR
- ➔ Rare *de novo* CNVs in 10% of cases!!!!!!

Diagnostic workflow for patients with mental retardation (MR) and / or Multiple Congenital Anomalies (MCA)

2005-2008



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Started with diagnostic application of 500K SNP array in 2007

CNV analysis with SNP arrays has a lot of diagnostic advantages

- Sample mix-up can be detected in trio data
- Non-paternity can be detected in trio data
- Parent-of-origin of aberrations can be determined in trio data
- Uniparental disomies can be detected in single and/or trio data
- Incomplete trio's can still be conclusive (de novo?)
- Consanguinity can be detected
- Homozygosity mapping for recessive loci is possible
(Walker Warburg, Leigh, hereditary retinal dystrophies)
- Can be combined with SNP-based association study

Example SNP array procedure:

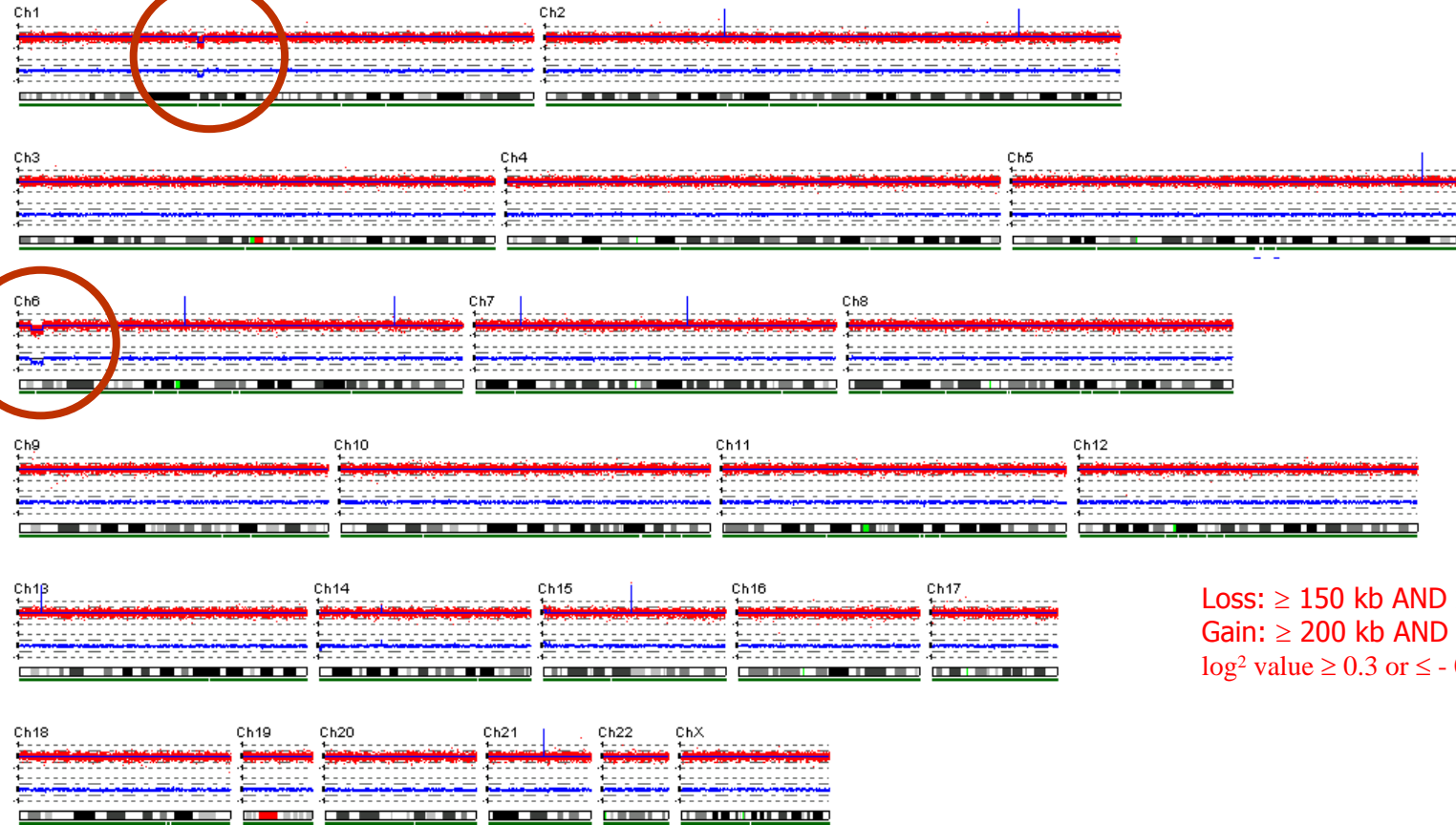
Patiënt PN07-0013



Girl dob. 08/2004
Moderate mental retardation
Hypertelorism
ASD (hart defect)
Syndactyly
Cutis marmorata

Whole genome view:

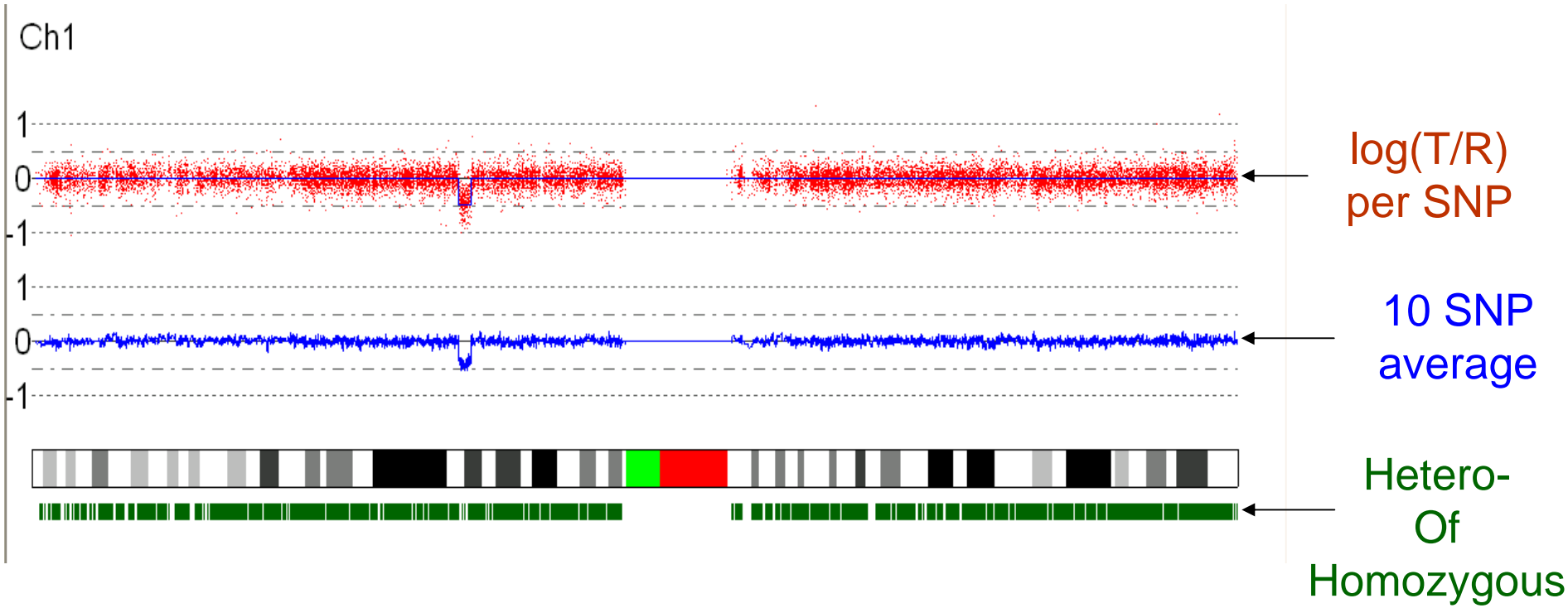
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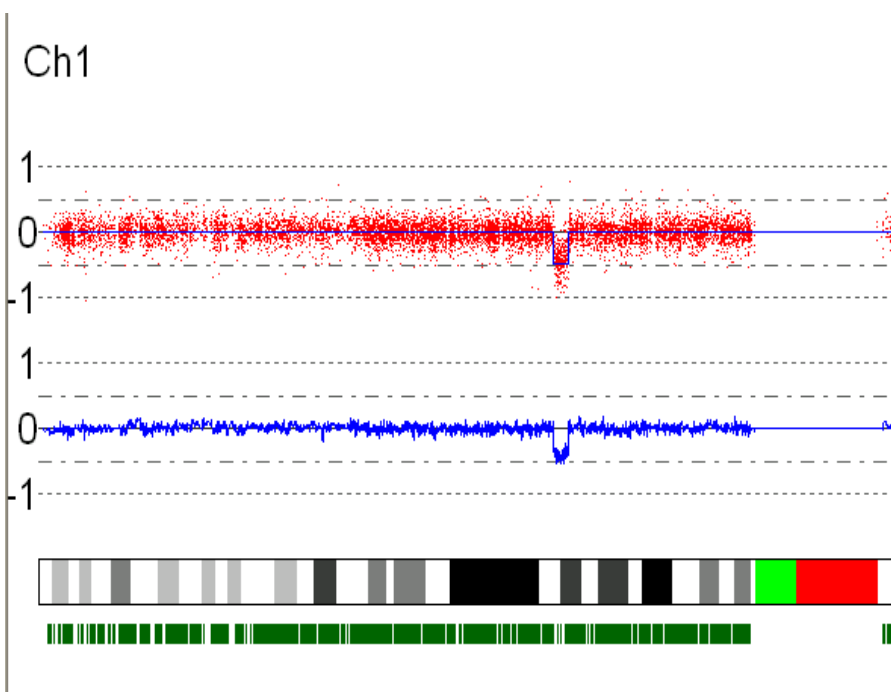


A copy number variant (CNV) is considered a normal genome variant IF the same or similar CNV has been encountered several times in unaffected individuals:

- i) In ≥ 2 in-house analysed controls (unaffected parents)
- ii) In ≥ 3 controls reported elsewhere (i.e. in <http://projects.tcag.ca/variation/>)

Zoom of chromosome 1





statistics ✖

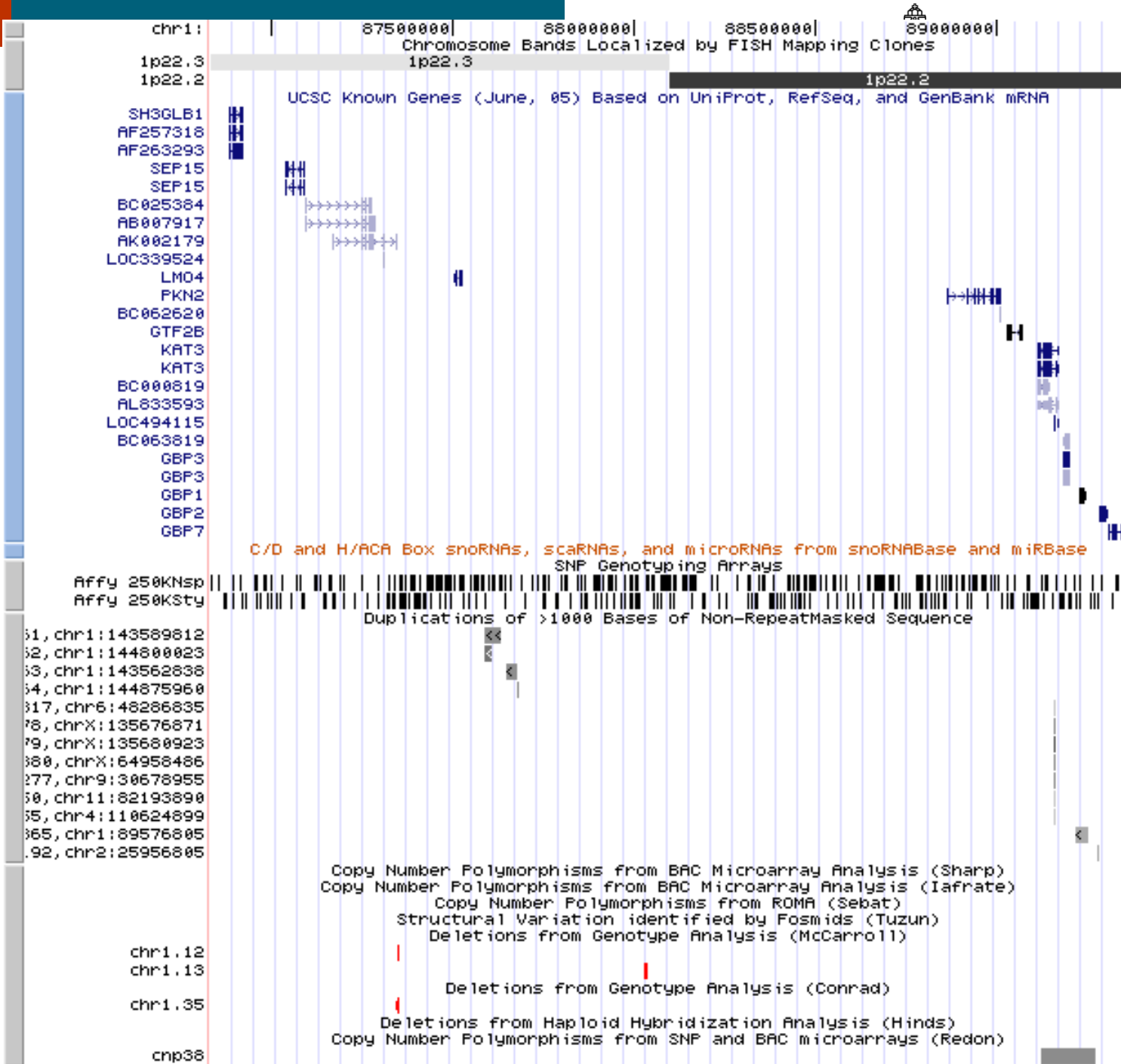
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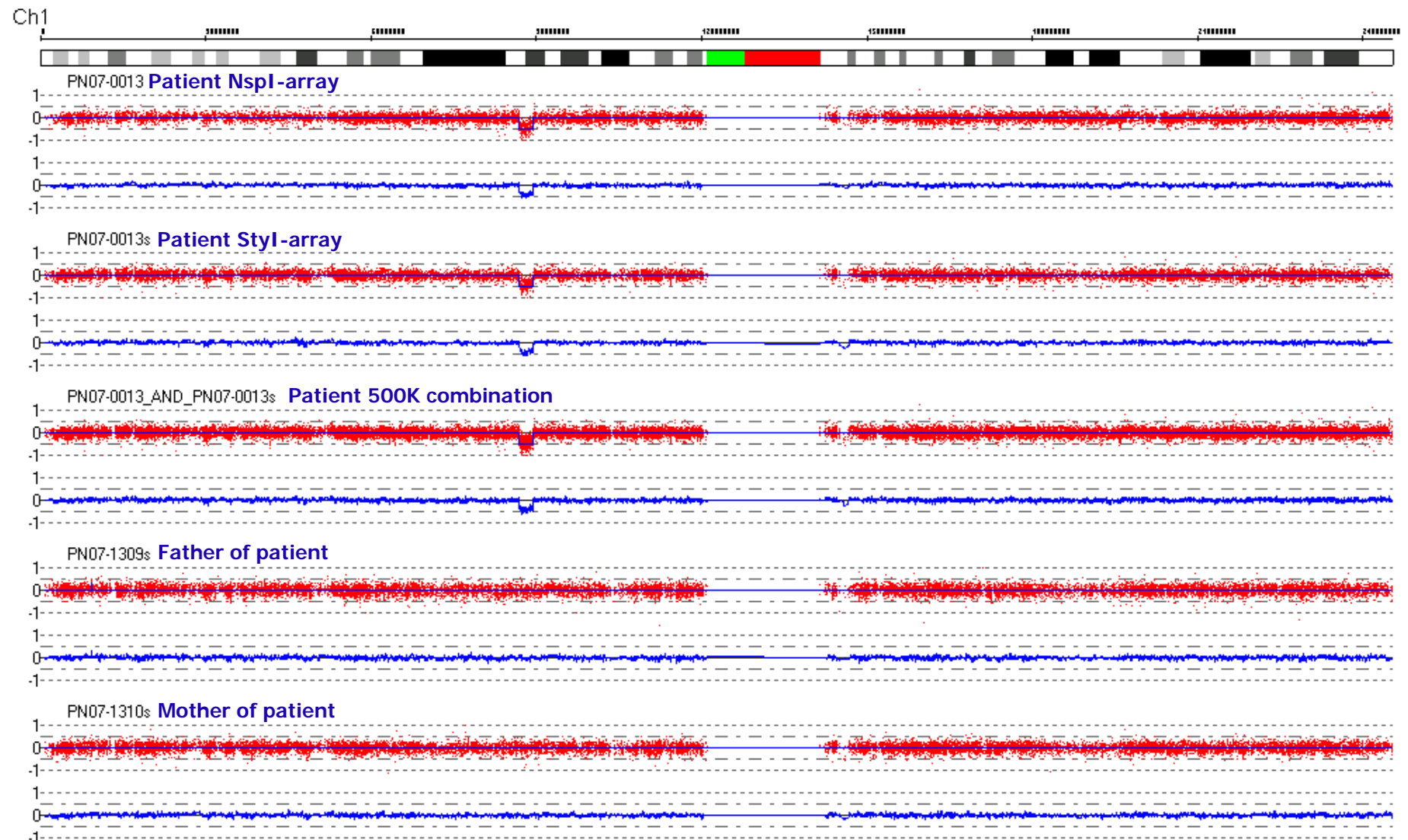
End SNPnumber= 245430
 Position= 89354171
 Cytoband= p22.2

Length= 2519436
 SNP Number: 266
 log2
 Rate AB: Average: -0.414596 SD: 0.189308
 linear
 Rate AB: Average: 1.513194 SD: 0.195296





Profile of the patient is compared to the profile of the parents for the region of interest:

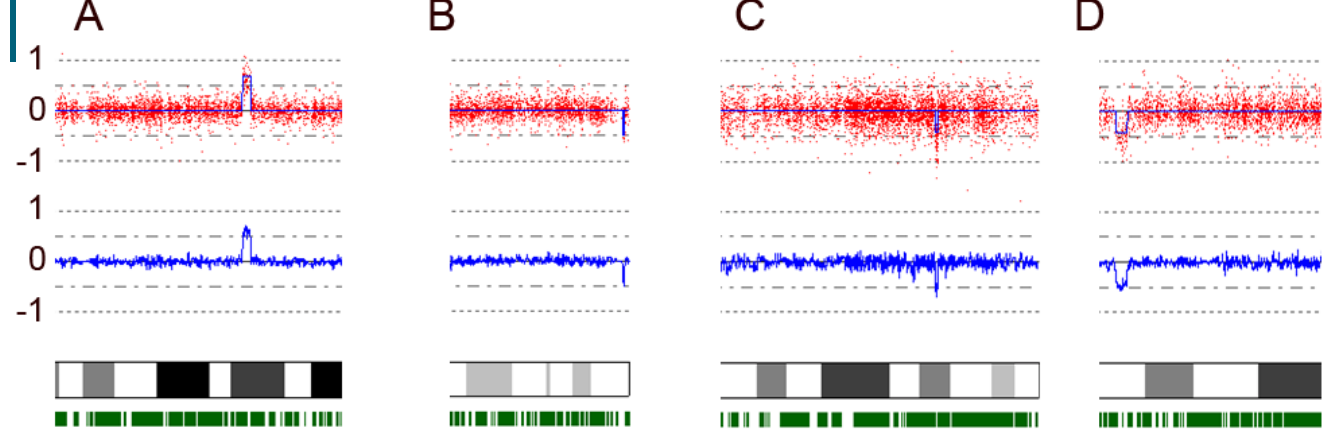


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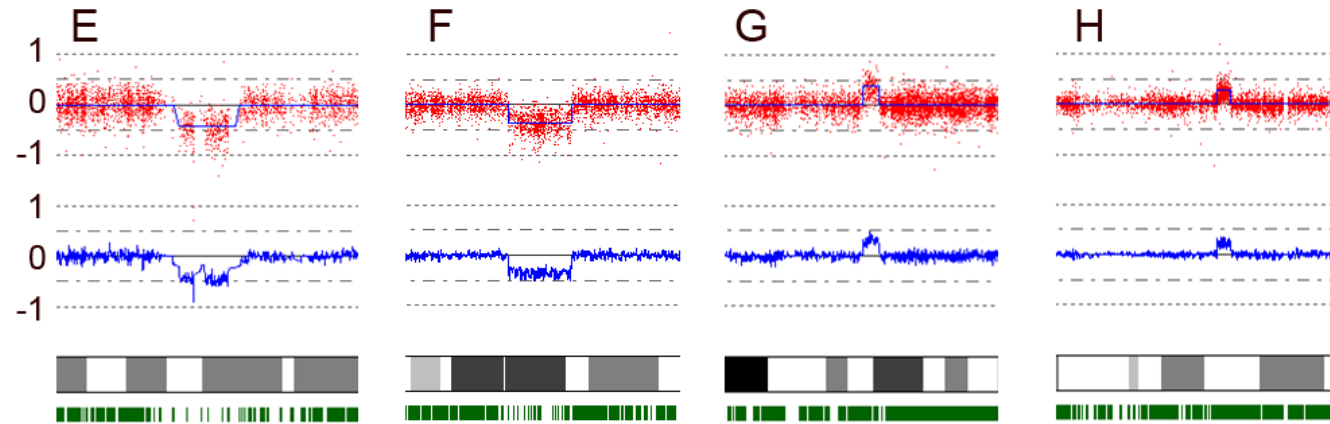
- POR analysis to determine the parent of origin
- Mendelian analysis to determine
 - sample correctness
 - paternity
 - exclude UPD's

Examples of

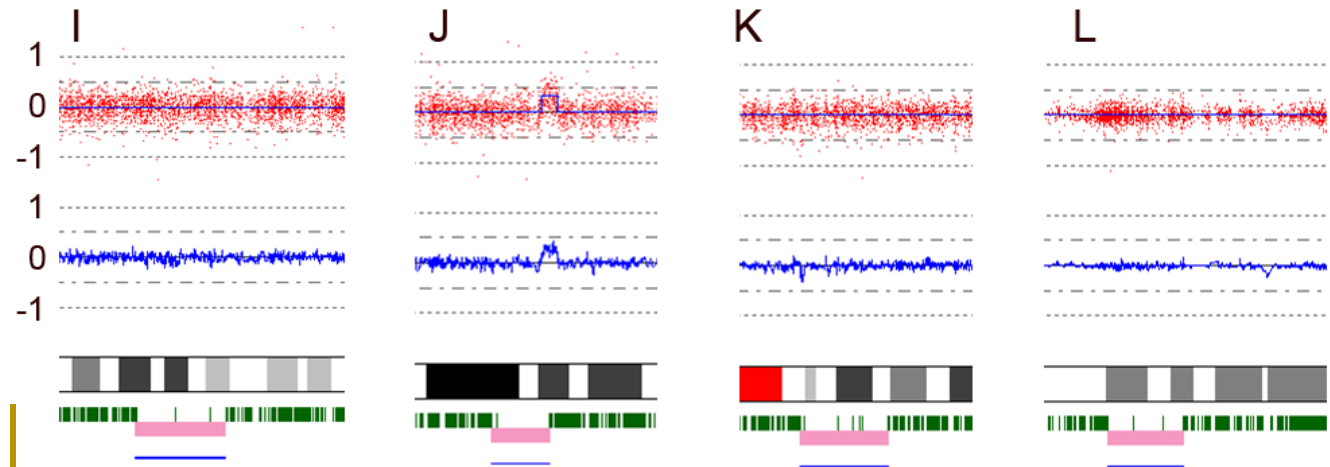
Rare de novo
CNVs < 1 Mb



Rare inherited
CNVs > 1 Mb

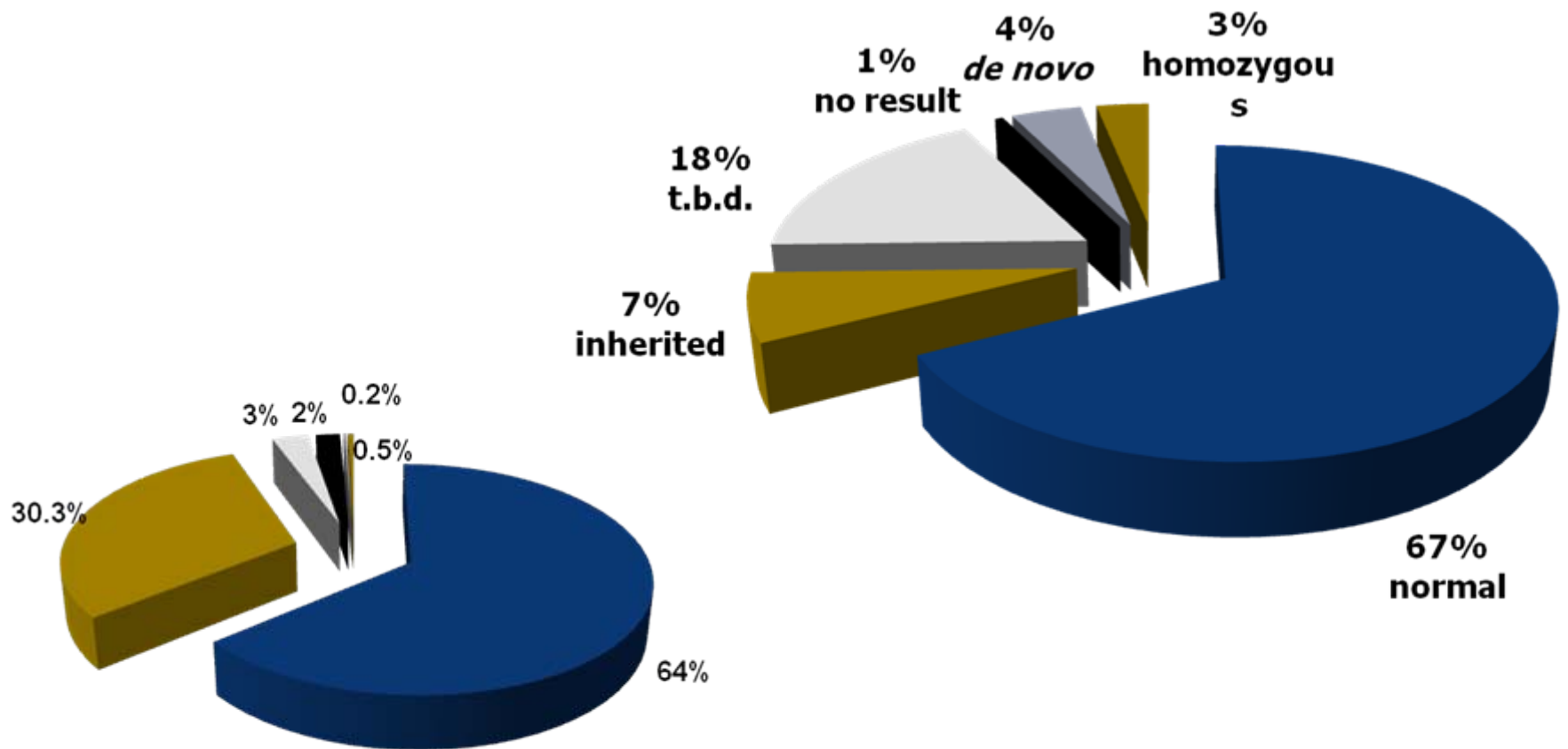


Rare homozygous
region > 1 Mb



Genome wide SNP array analysis in mental retardation (MR) and / or multiple congenital anomalies (MCA)

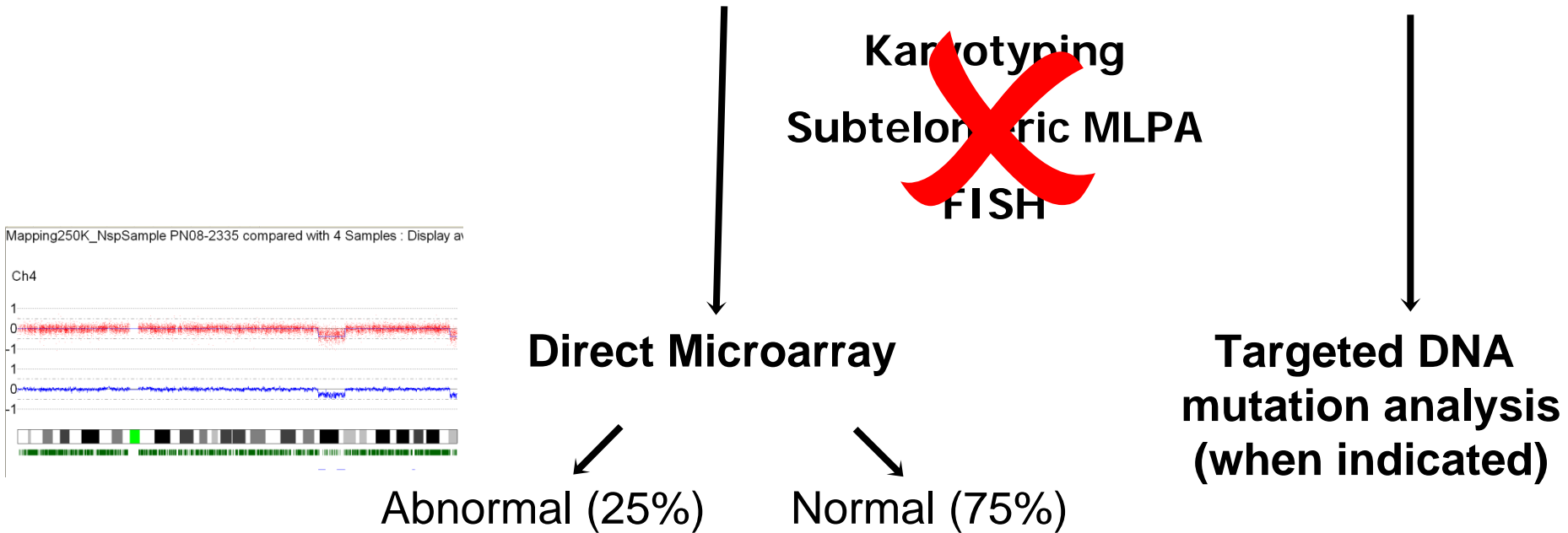
SNP array in MR / MCA (n = 1,707)



SNP array in parents (n = 421)

MR diagnosis in Nijmegen

Approach as of 2009

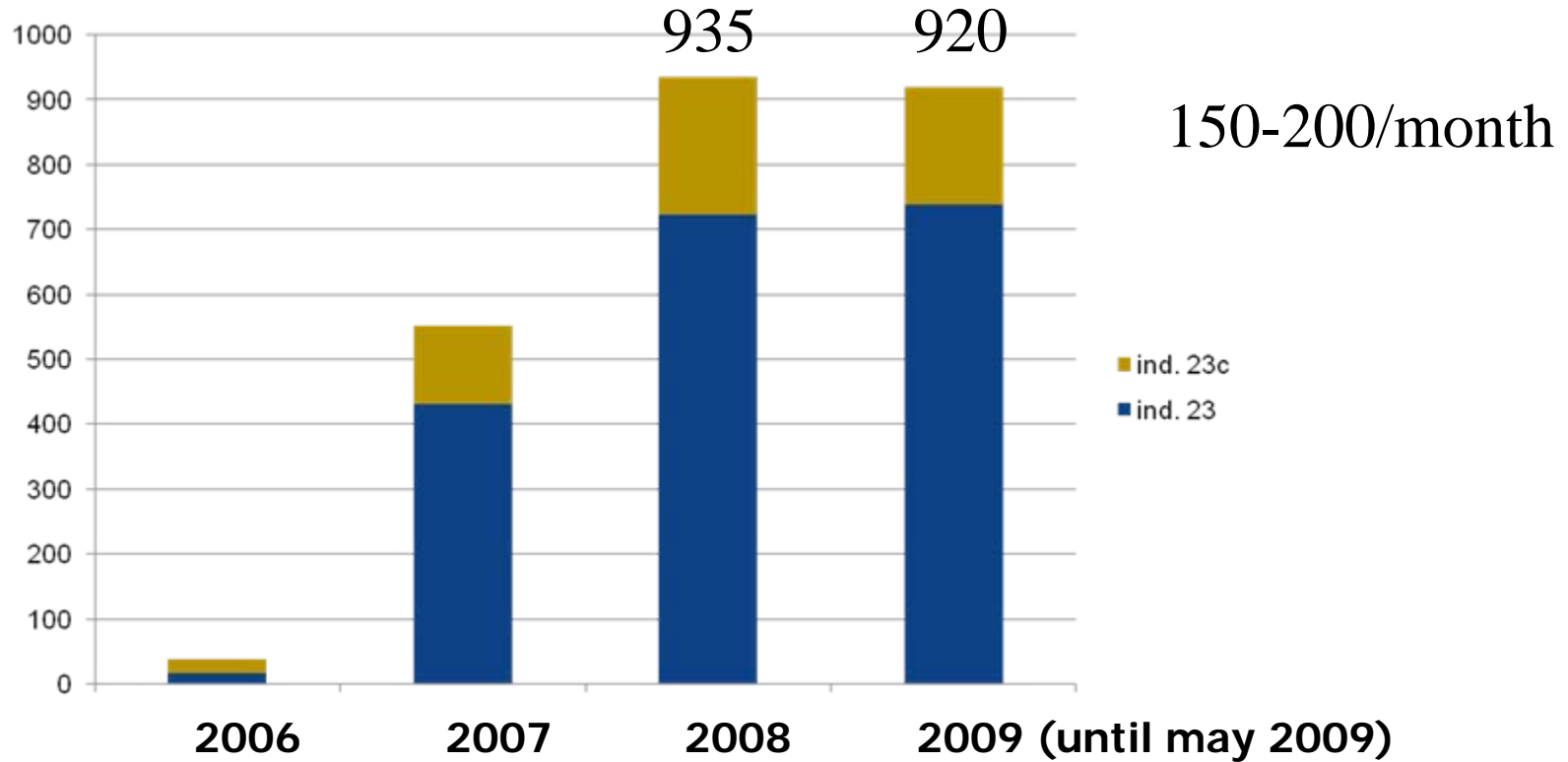


- Pros of single test:
- fast diagnosis, no culturing required
 - no duplicate analyses
 - cheaper

- Cons:
- misses balanced translocations/inversions

Array diagnostics 2009 - 250k SNP array

MR referrals in Nijmegen 1200/year????

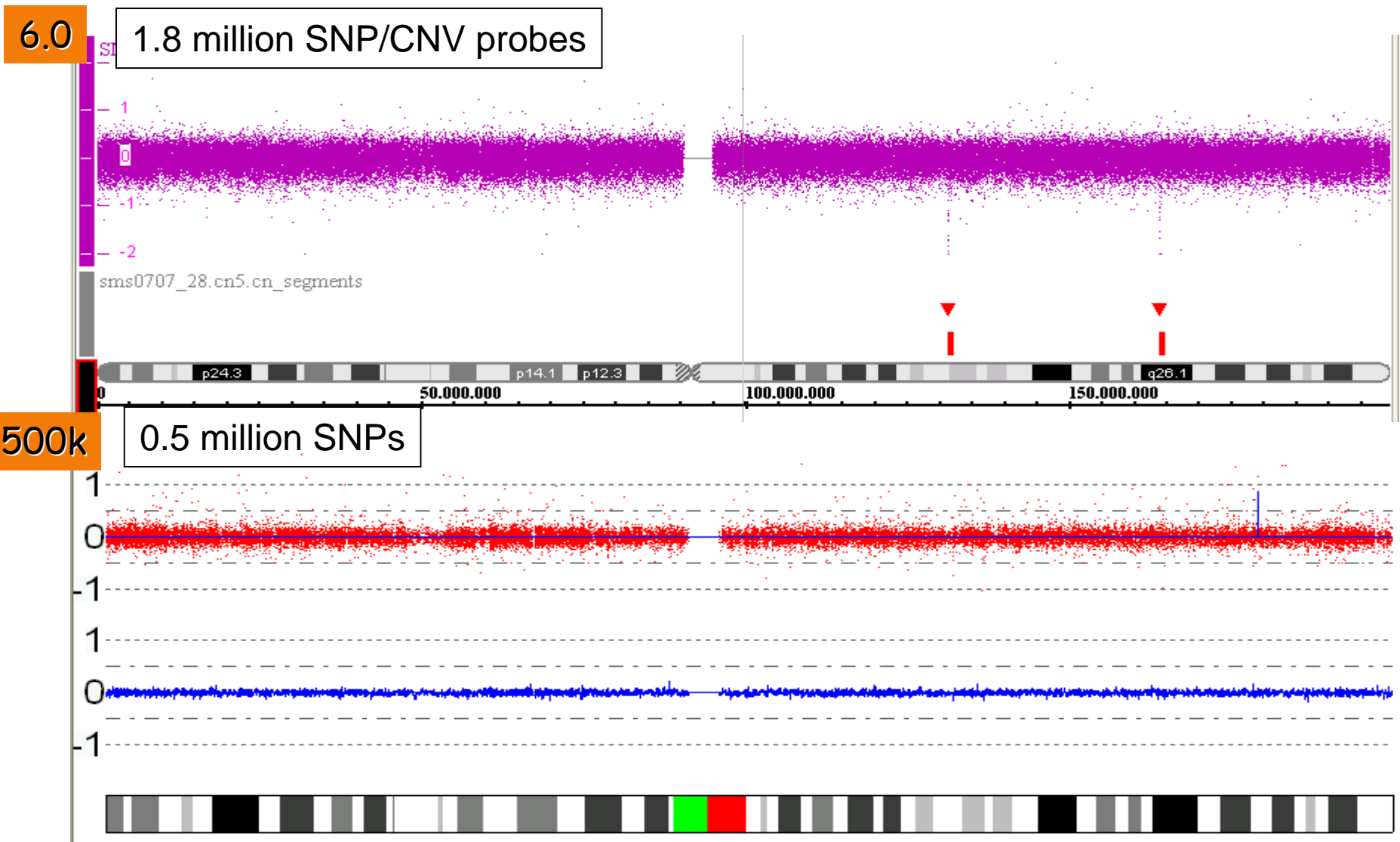


From the moment array became the first pass diagnostic test the number of array requests exploded



Developments

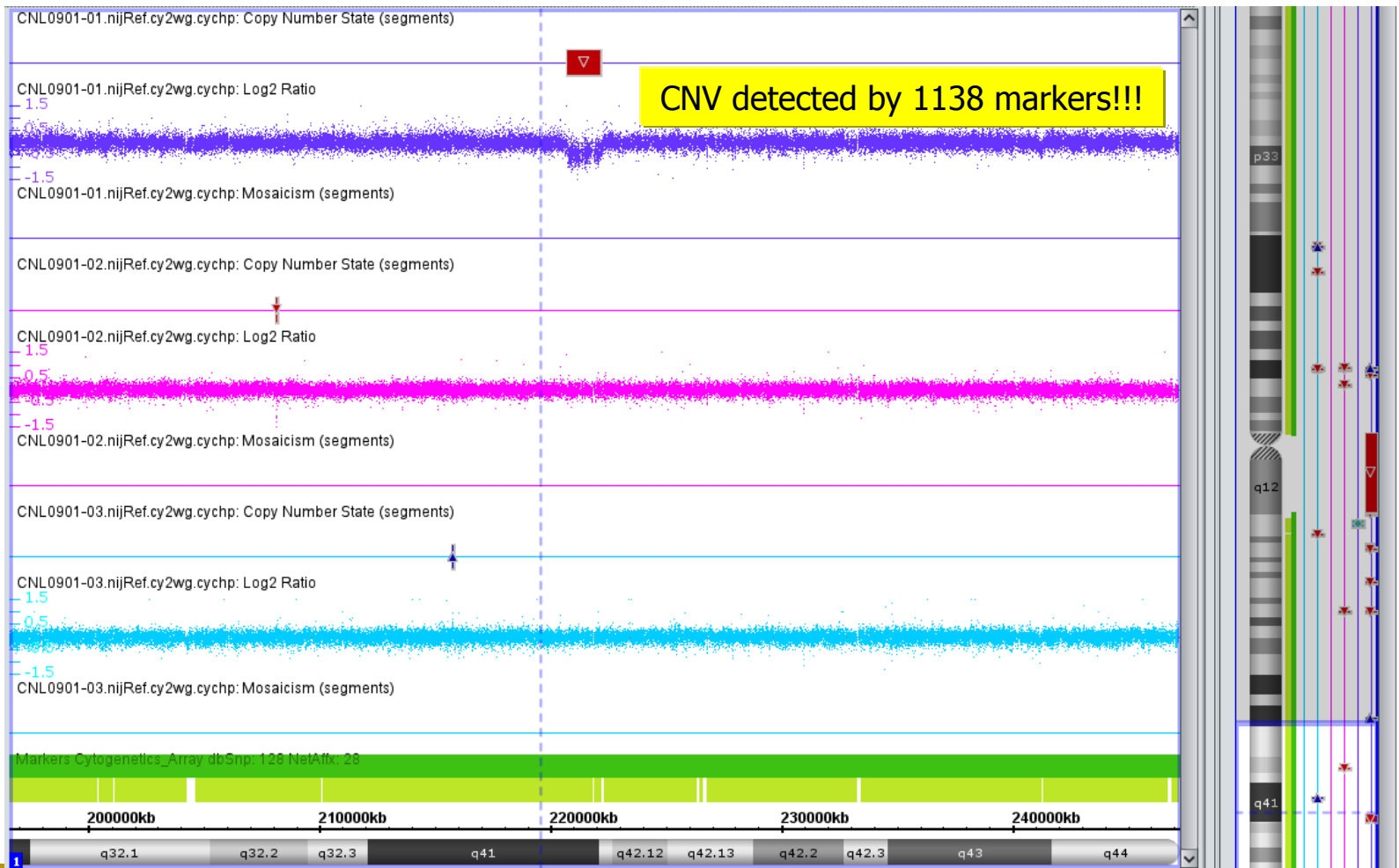
Latest generation SNP arrays detects even smaller CNVs



Currently validating and implementing the new 2.7M array 2,300,000 CNP/ 400,000 SNP

Example trio: 1.4 Mb *de novo* 1q41 deletion

Patient



Mother

Father

General Conclusions

- Rare *de novo* CNVs explain a significant proportion of mental retardation
- Microarray-based CNV profiling will soon be the first and is most cases the only diagnostic genetic test in mental retardation and or MCA
- Many very good platforms available, with/without genotype info
- A large control dataset is required for clinical interpretation!

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