

# The evolving role of systemic therapies in NSCLC: Targeting tumor addiction

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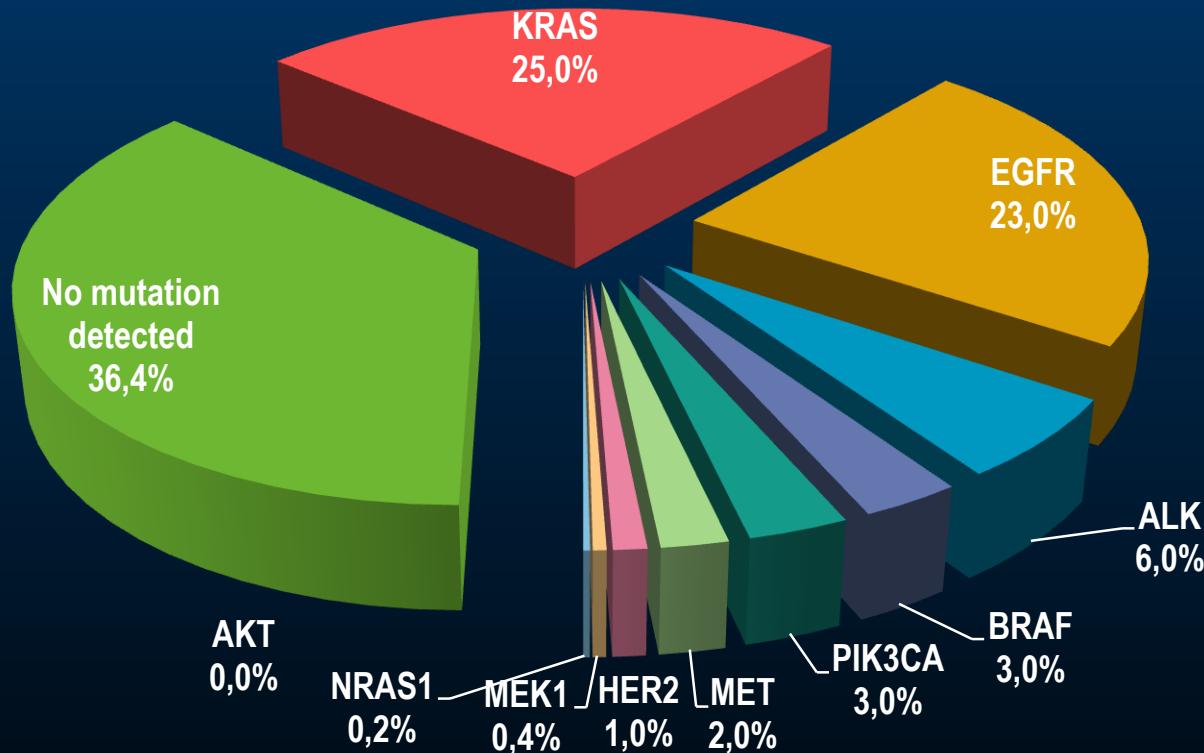
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## *Analysis of Lung Adenocarcinomas*

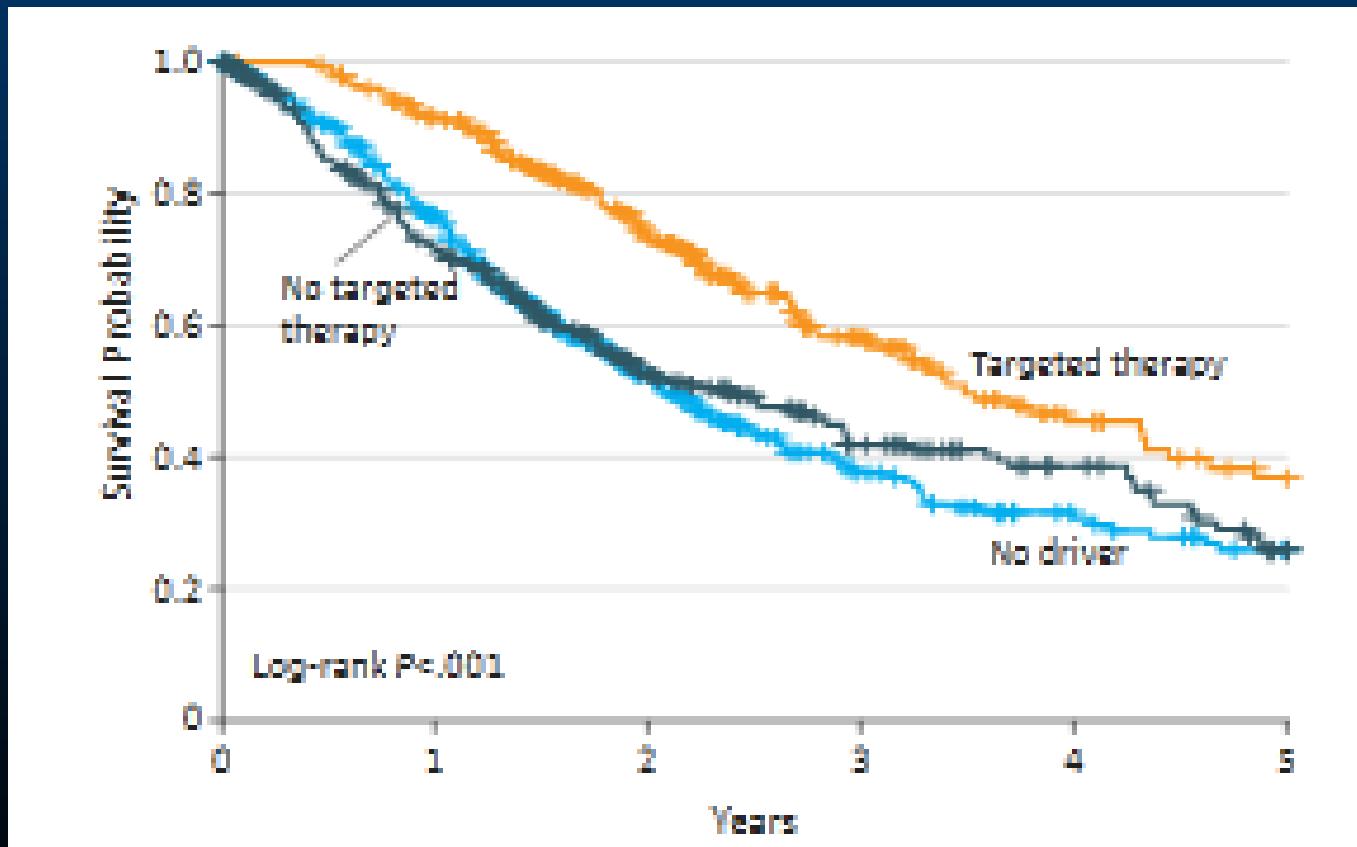


**Driver mutations found in 60% (252/422) of tumours completely tested**

ALK, anaplastic lymphoma kinase; EGFR, epidermal growth factor receptor; HER2, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2; KRAS, Kirsten rat sarcoma viral oncogene homologue; NRAS, neuroblastoma RAS viral oncogene homologue; PIK3CA, phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase catalytic subunit.  
Johnson BE, et al. *J Thoracic Oncol.* 2011;6(Supplement 2):abstract O16.01; Kris MG, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2011;29(Suppl):abstract CRA7506.

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*Survival of patients with targetable alterations vs. others*



# „Oncogene-addicted” vs. „non-addicted”

## NSCLC



### „Oncogene-addicted” NSCLC:

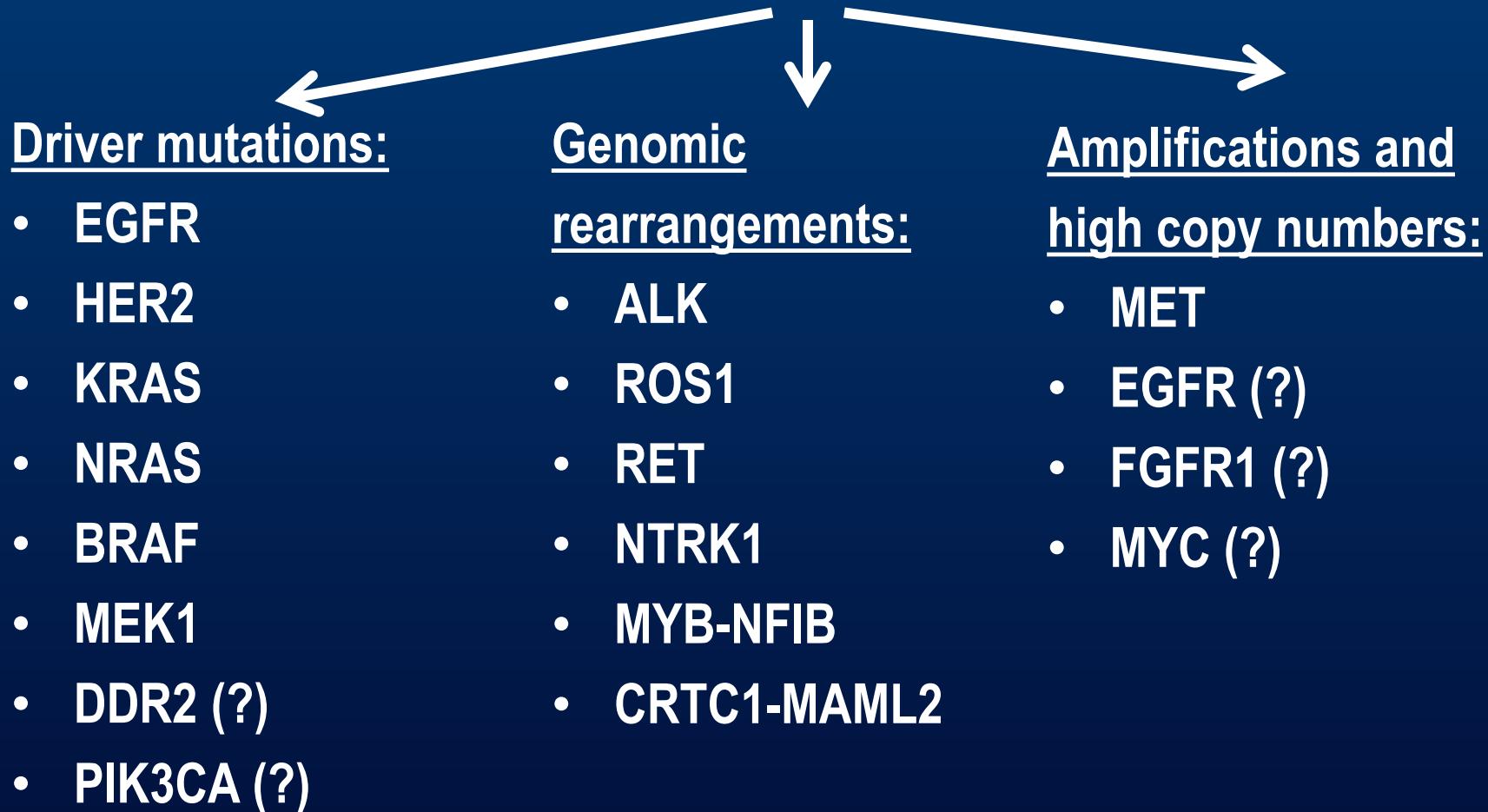
- Fulfill preclinical criteria of oncogene addiction
- Long-term responses in the clinical trials
- Targeted therapies preferably used in the first-line setting
- Monotherapy more common than combination therapies w/cytotoxics

### „Non-oncogene addicted” NSCLC:

- No proof of single abnormality driving tumor proliferation
- Targeted therapies much less effective, usually targeting mechanisms of progression, used in the second/third-line setting and in combination w/cytotoxics

# „Oncogene-addicted” NSCLC

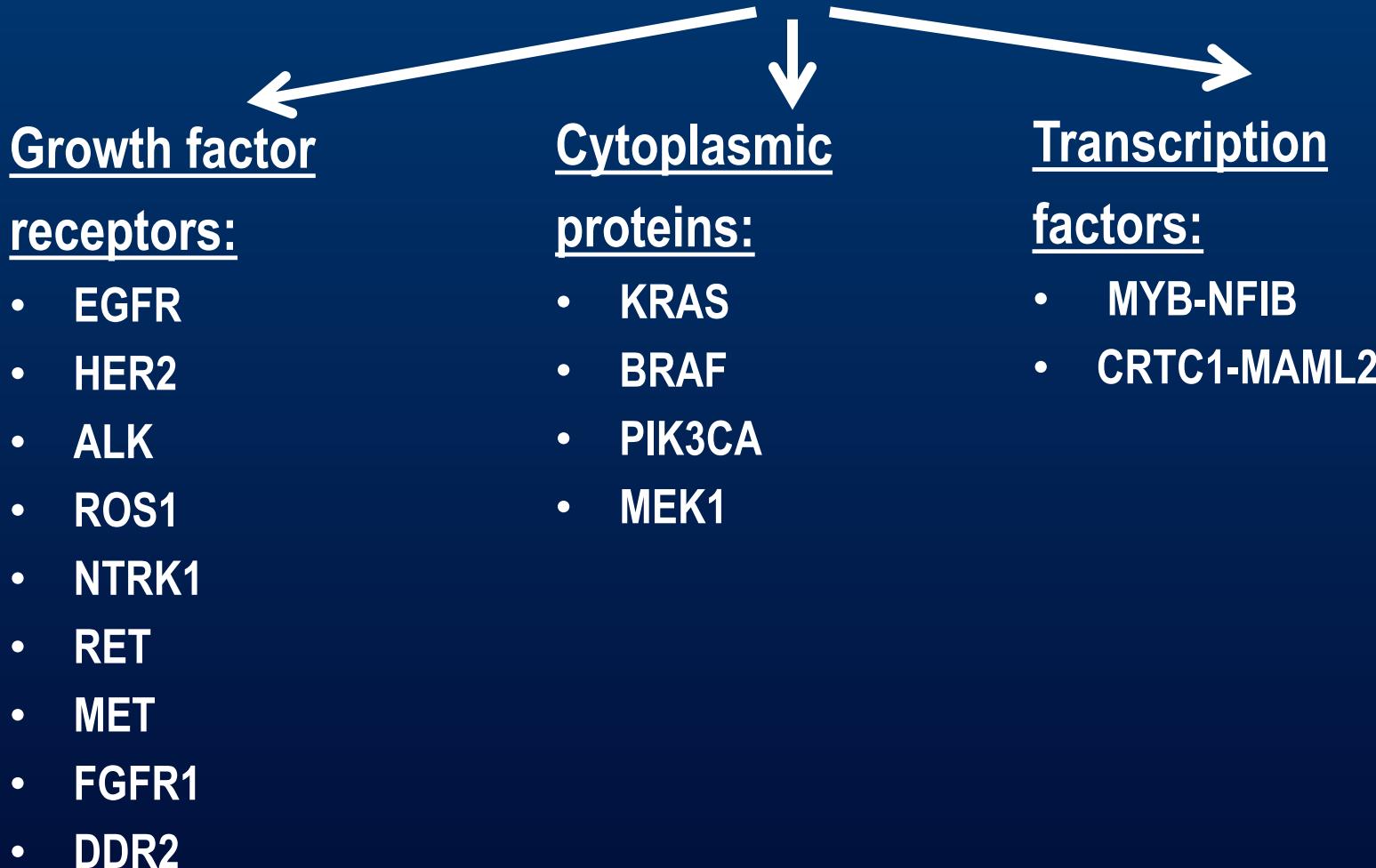
## Type of molecular alteration



cAMP, cyclic adenosine monophosphate; CRTC1, cAMP response element binding protein-regulated transcription coactivator 1; DDR2, discoidin domain-containing receptor 2; FGFR1, fibroblast growth factor receptor 1; NFIB, nuclear factor 1 B-type; MAML2, mastermind-like protein 2.

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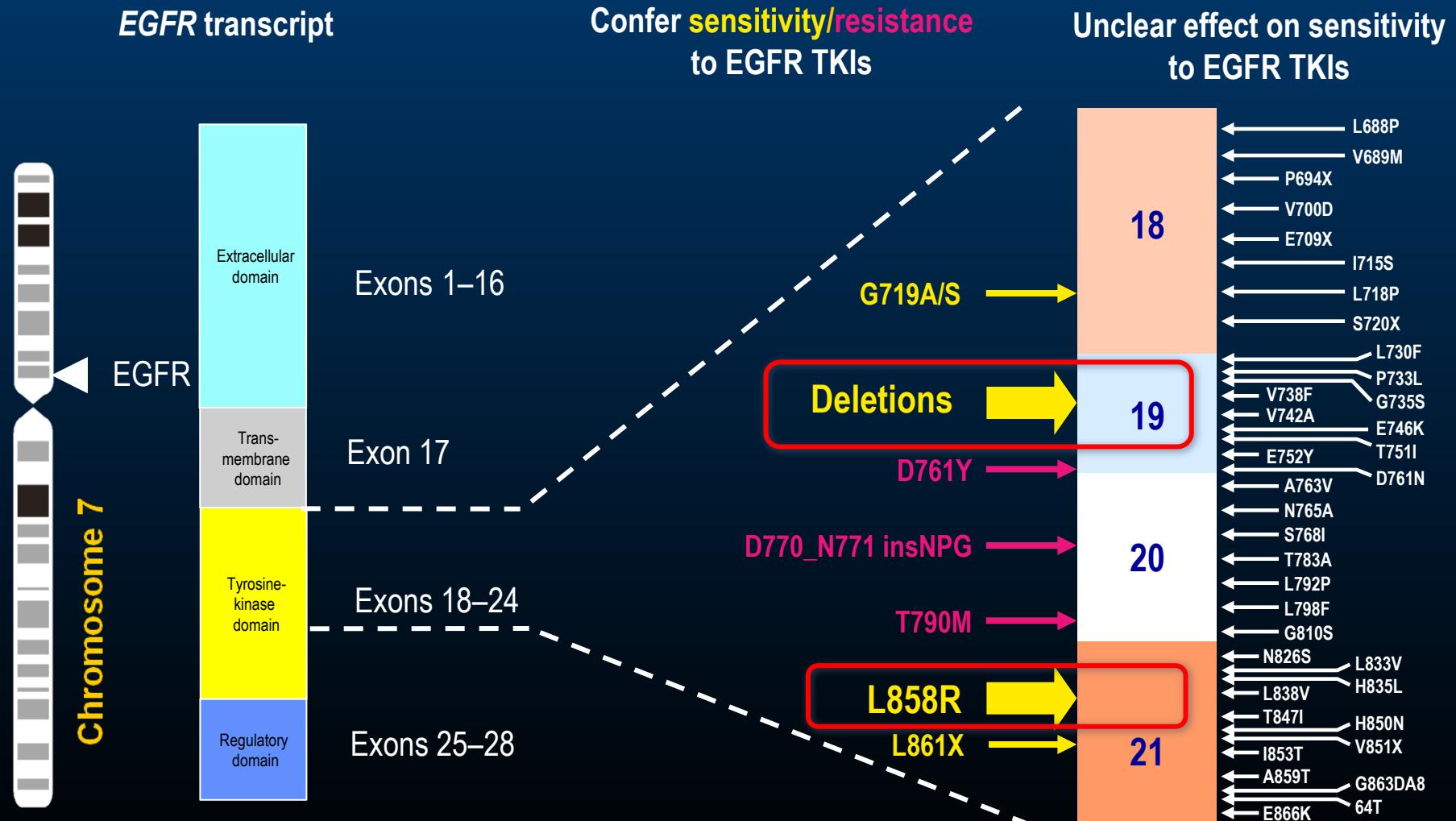
## Role of molecular target



# **Quick Overview of Targetable „Oncogene Addiction” Pathways in NSCLC**

# Oncogene addiction: EGFR (10-15%)

## Common and Rare EGFR Mutations



# Oncogene Addiction: EGFR

## *First-line Trials of EGFR TKI vs Chemotherapy*

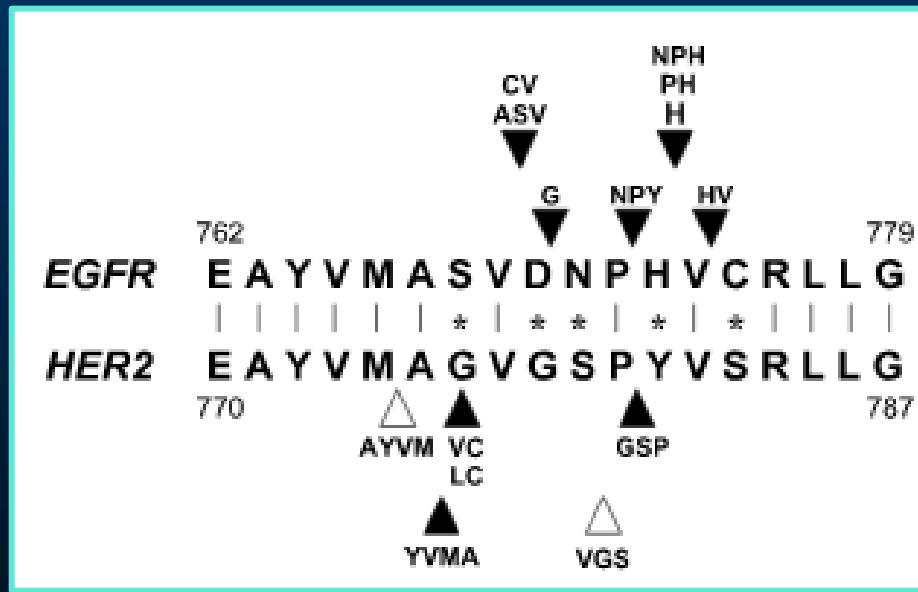
Trial	EGFR TKI	Comparator	N	EGFR mut(+)	RR, %	PFS, months	OS, months
IPASS <sup>1,2</sup>	Gefitinib	Carboplatin/paclitaxel	1217	261	71 vs 47 P=0.0001	9.5 vs 6.3 HR 0.48 (0.36-0.64)	21.6-21.9 HR 1.0 (0.76-1.33)
First-SIGNAL <sup>3</sup>	Gefitinib	Gemcitabine/cisplatin	309	42	85 vs 38 P=0.002	8.0 vs 6.3 HR 0.54 (0.27-1.10)	27.2 vs 25.6 HR 1.04 (0.50-2.18)
NEJ 002 <sup>4</sup>	Gefitinib	Carboplatin/paclitaxel	224	224	74 vs 31 P<0.001	10.4 vs 5.5 HR 0.36 (0.25-0.51)	30.5 vs 23.6
WJTOG 3405 <sup>5</sup>	Gefitinib	Cisplatin/docetaxel	172	172	62 vs 32 P<0.0001	9.2 vs 6.3 HR 0.5 (0.34-0.71)	30.9 vs NR HR 1.64 (0.75-3.6)
OPTIMAL <sup>6</sup>	Erlotinib	Gemcitabine/carboplatin	154	154	83 vs 36 P<0.0001	13.1 vs 4.6 HR 0.16 (0.10-0.26)	Not mature
EURTAC <sup>7</sup>	Erlotinib	Chemotherapy	173	173	58 vs 15	9.7 vs 5.2 HR 0.37 (0.25-0.54)	19.3 vs 19.5 HR 1.04 (0.6-1.68)
LUX-Lung 3 <sup>8</sup>	Afatinib	Cisplatin/pemetrexed	345	345	56 vs 23 P<0.0001	11.1 vs 6.9 HR 0.58 (0.43-0.78)	Not mature

EURTAC, European Randomized Trial of Tarceva versus Chemotherapy; HR, hazard ratio; IPASS, Iressa Pan-Asian Study; mut(+), mutation-positive; NEJ, North East Japan; NR, not reached; OS, overall survival; PFS, progression-free survival; RR, response rate; WJTOG, West Japan Thoracic Oncology Group.

<sup>1</sup>Mok T, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2009;361(10):947–957; <sup>2</sup>Fukuoka M, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2011; 29(21):2866–2874; <sup>3</sup>Han JY et al. *J Clin Oncol.*

2012;30(10):1122–1128; <sup>4</sup>Maemondo M, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2010;362(25):2380–2388; <sup>5</sup>Mitsudomi T, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2010;11(2):121–128; <sup>6</sup>Zhou C, et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2011;12(8):735–742; <sup>7</sup>Rosell R et al. *Lancet Oncol.* 2012;13(3):239–246; <sup>8</sup>Sequist JC, et al. *J Clin Oncol.* 2013;31(27):3327–3334.

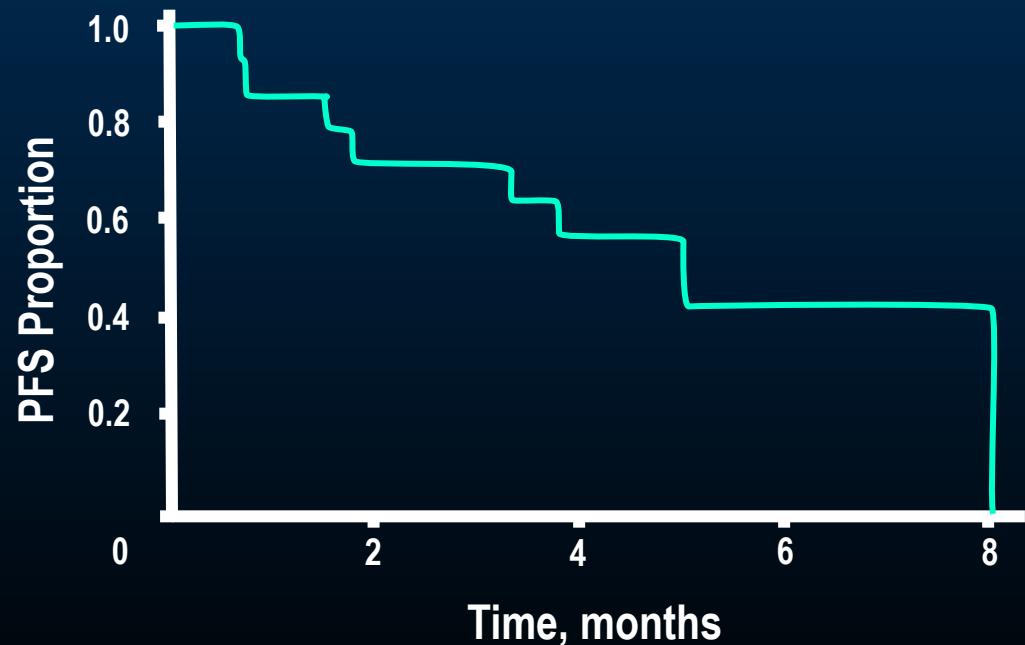
# Oncogene Addiction: *HER2* Mutations (2-3%)



Insertions/duplications of 3 – 12 bp in exon 20  
~2,8% lung adenocarcinomas

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- Trastuzumab +/- chemotherapy (taxanes or vinorelbine)
- Afatinib
- Lapatinib (low efficacy)



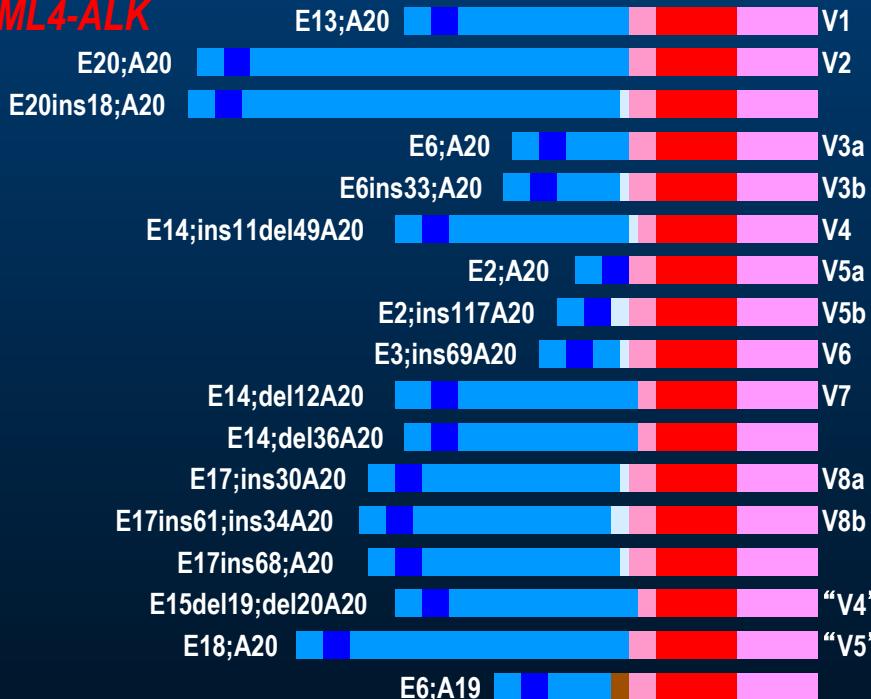
PFS, progression-free survival.

Mazieres J, et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2013;31(16):1997-2003.

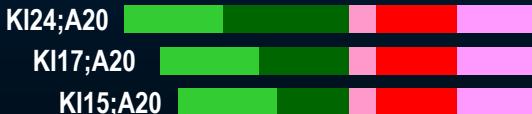
# Oncogene Addiction:

## *ALK Fusion Transcripts (3-5%)*

### *EML4-ALK*



### *KIF5B-ALK*



### *KLC1-ALK*



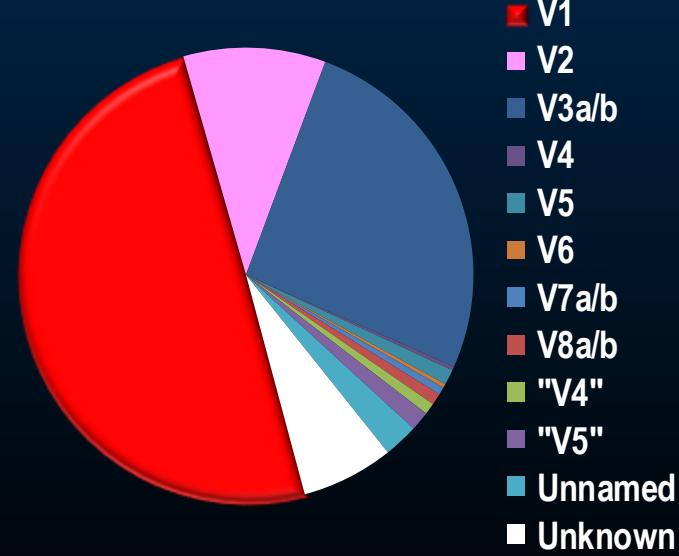
### *TFG-ALK*



### *ALK-PTPN3*



- Several *EML4-ALK* fusion variants have been identified in NSCLC that demonstrate gain-of-function properties
- ALK tyrosine kinase activity is required for transforming activity
- ALK inhibitors promote tumour shrinkage *in vivo*, and suggests oncogene addiction, and the potential target for therapeutic intervention

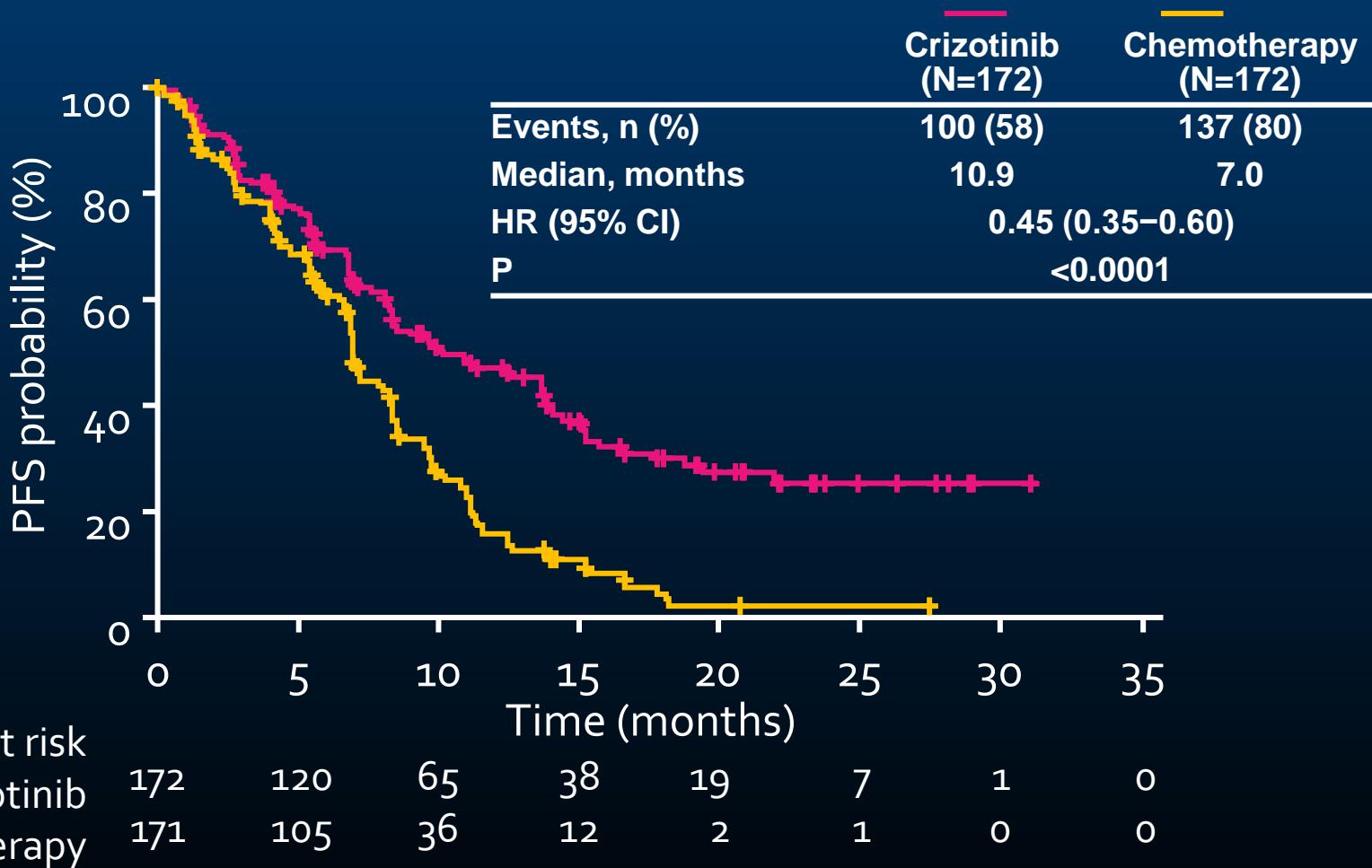


■ ALK Kinase domain

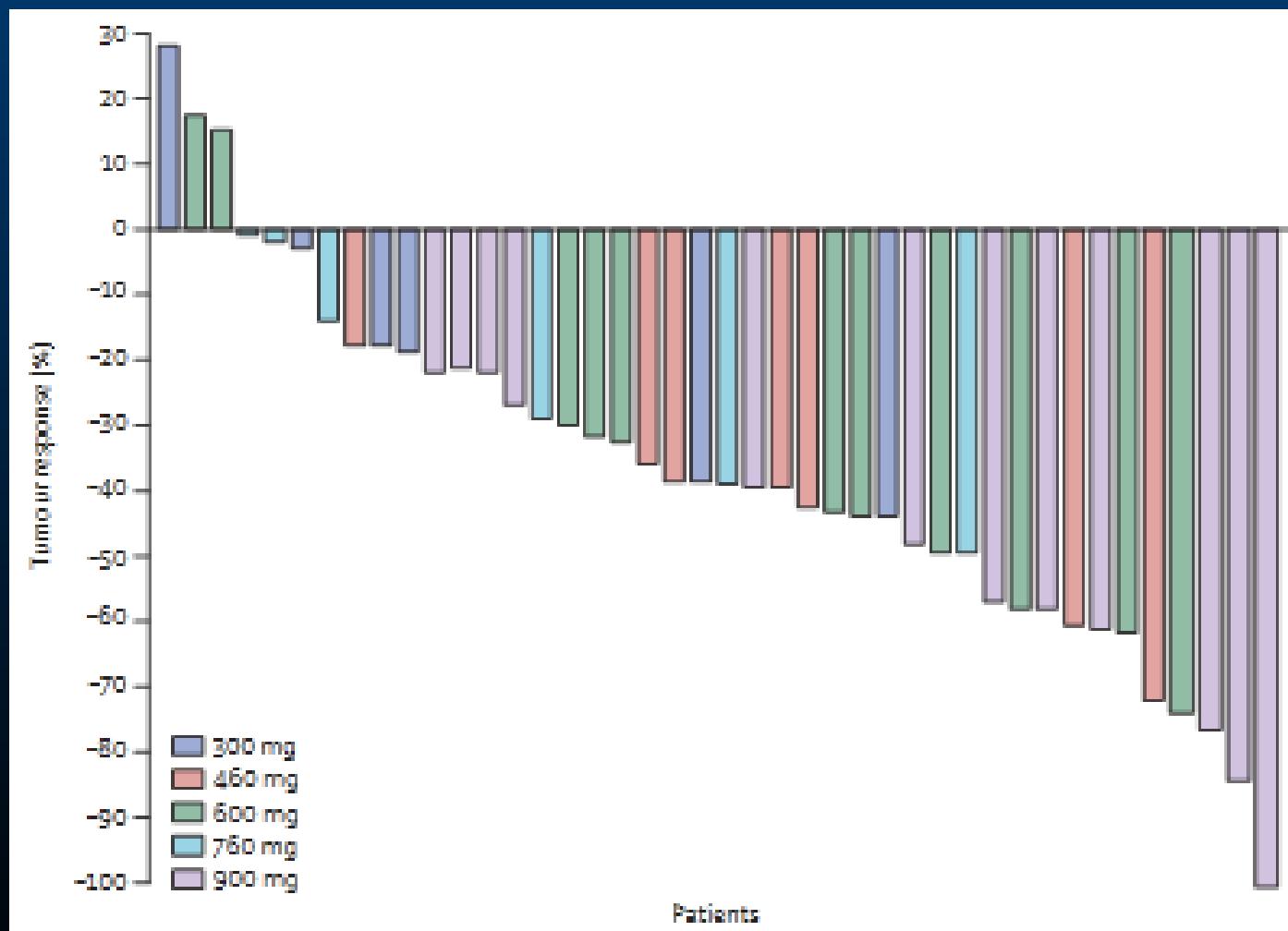
V, variant.

Ou SH, et al. *Oncologist*. 2012;17(11):1351-1375.

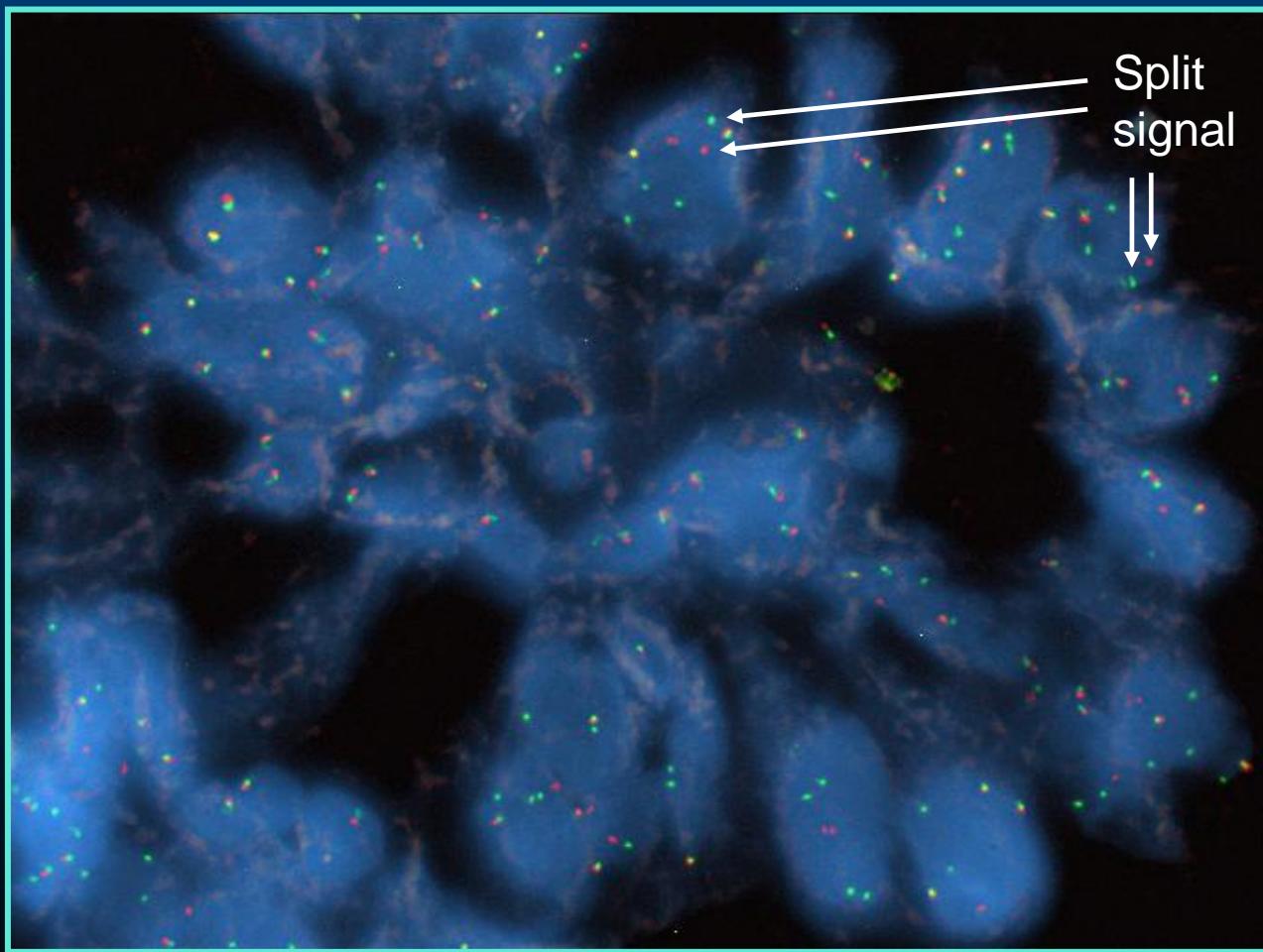
# **PROFILE 1014 Results: First-line crizotinib vs. PEM/CIS or PEM/CARBO**



# Alectinib in crizotinib-pretreated ALK+ NSCLC patients; phase 1 data



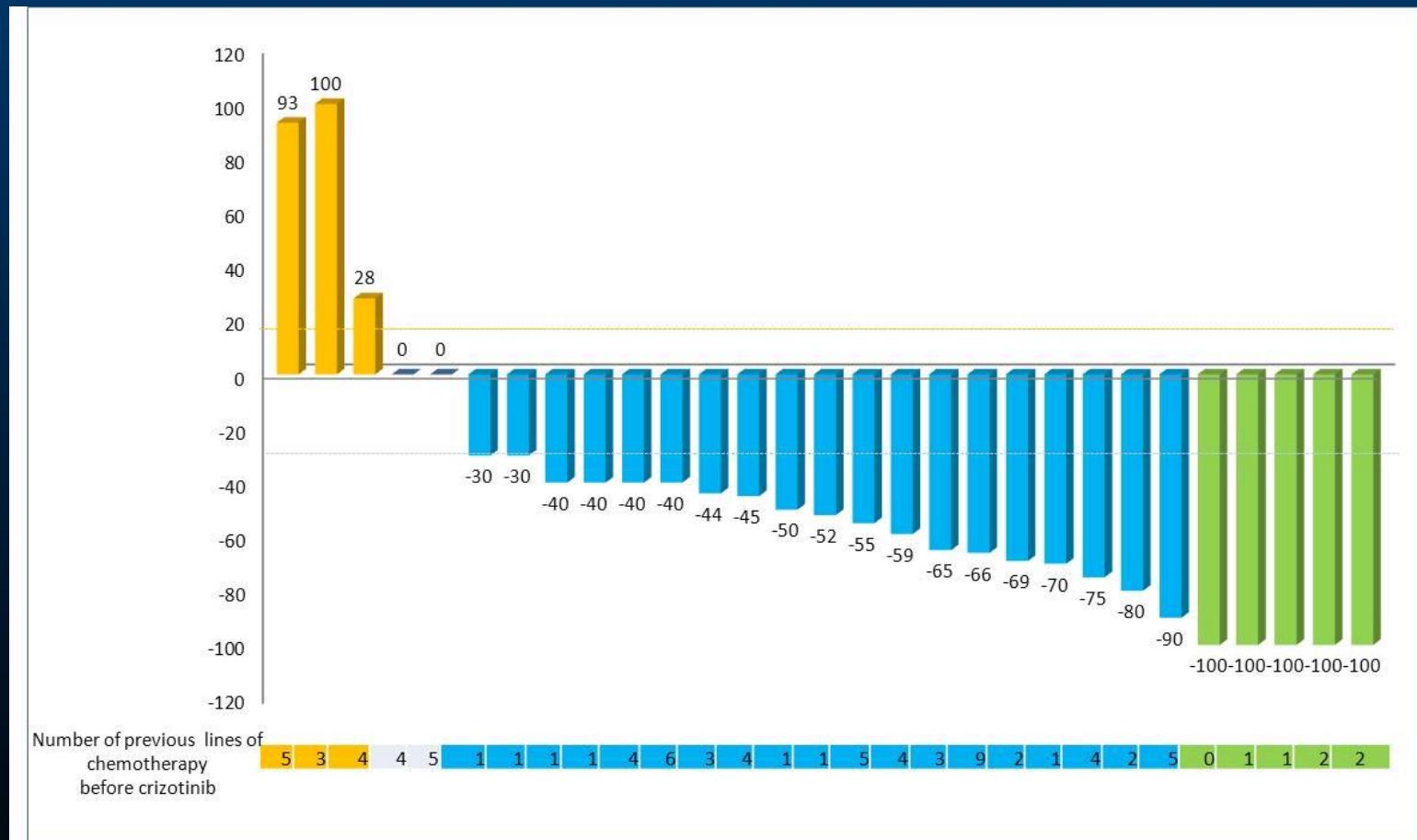
# Oncogene Addiction: ROS1 (1-2%)



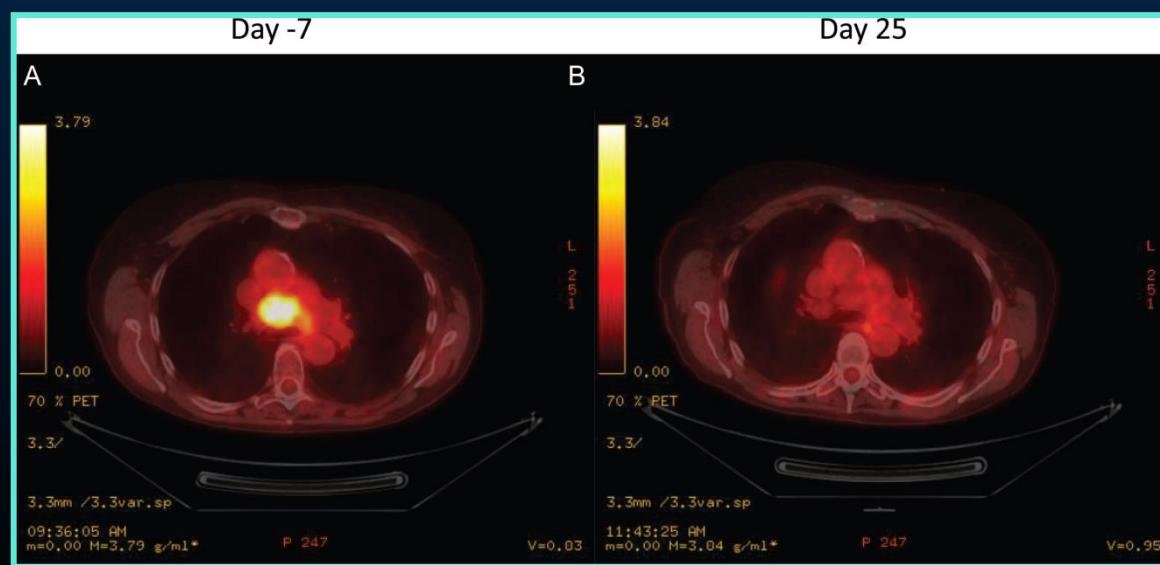
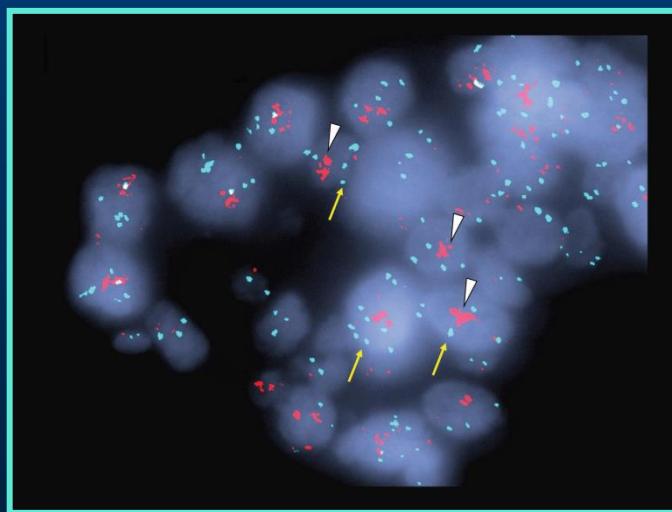
ROS1 rearrangement in a tumour from a 38-year-old patient  
with advanced lung adenocarcinoma

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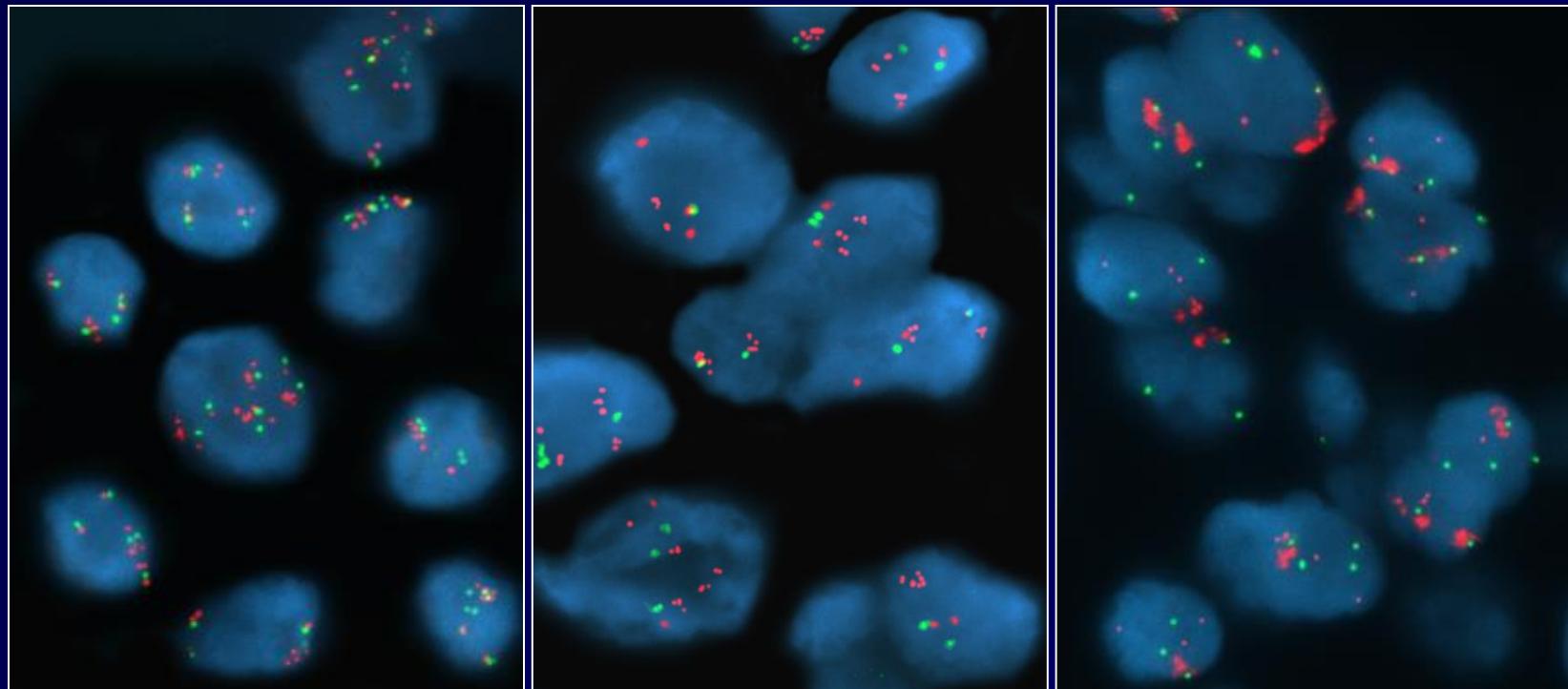
*European cohort of ROS1+ patients treated with crizotinib*



# Oncogene Addiction: *MET* Amplification (2-4%)



# ASCO 2014 #8001: *MET* amplification cohorts determined by FISH



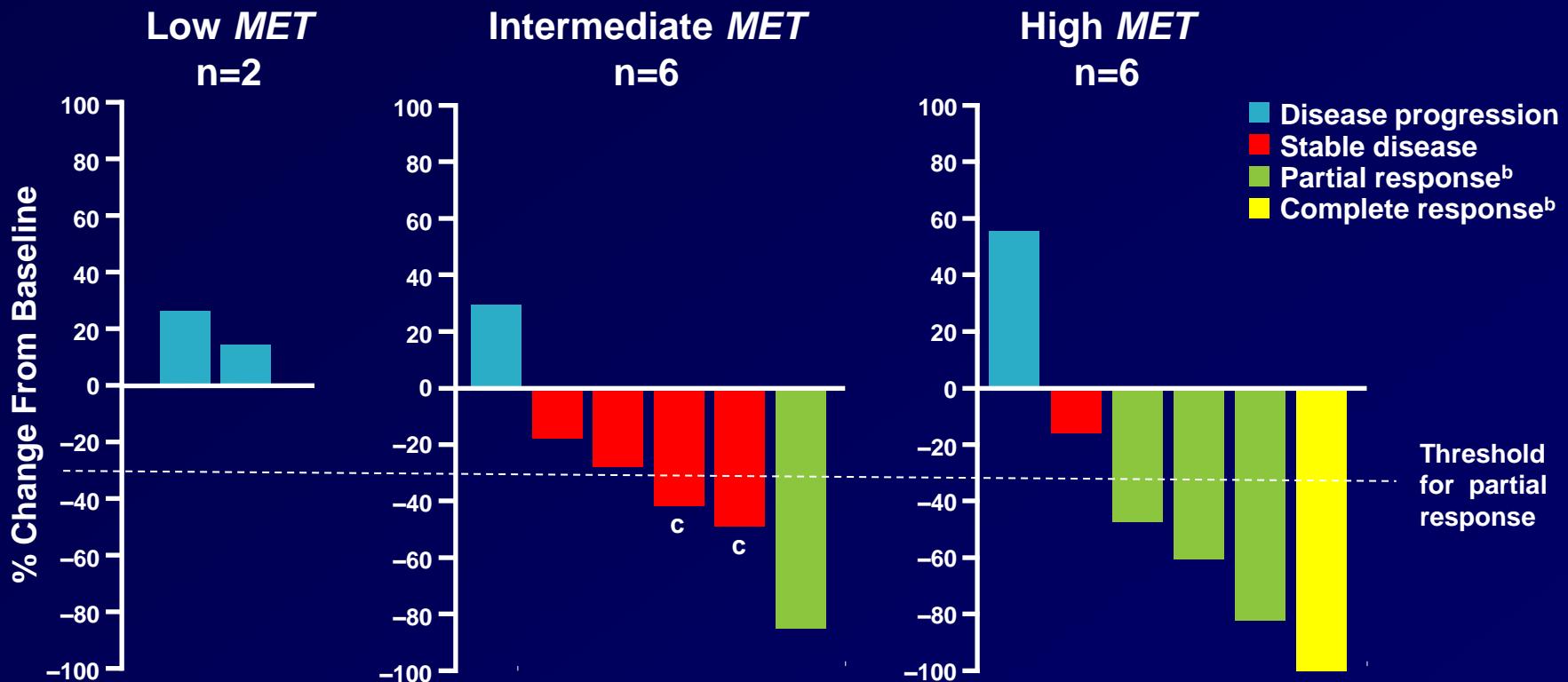
**Low *MET* level**  
*MET/CEP7* ratio  $\geq 1.8 - \leq 2.2$   
Mean *MET* cell: 9.0  
Mean *CEP 7* cell: 4.7  
Ratio: 1.9

**Intermediate *MET* level**  
*MET/CEP7* ratio  $> 2.2 - < 5.0$   
Mean *MET* cell: 7.0  
Mean *CEP 7* cell: 2.1  
Ratio: 3.3

**High *MET* level**  
*MET/CEP7* ratio  $\geq 5$   
Mean *MET* cell: 15.7  
Mean *CEP 7* cell: 2.8  
Ratio: 5.6

# ASCO 2014 #8001: Tumor Shrinkage Seen in Intermediate and High *MET* Cohorts

Best percent change from baseline in target tumor lesions<sup>a</sup> by patient

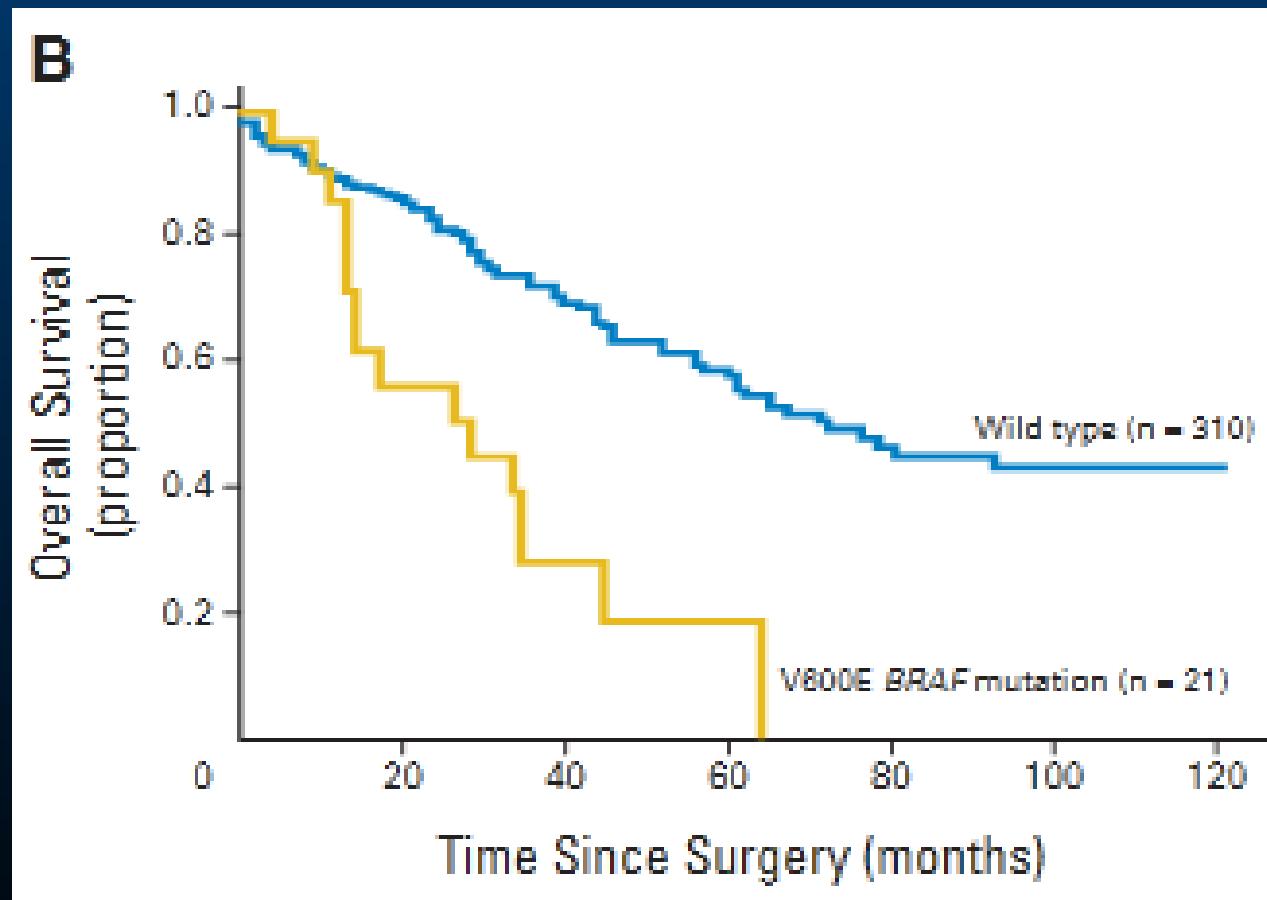


<sup>a</sup>Confirmed objective responses.

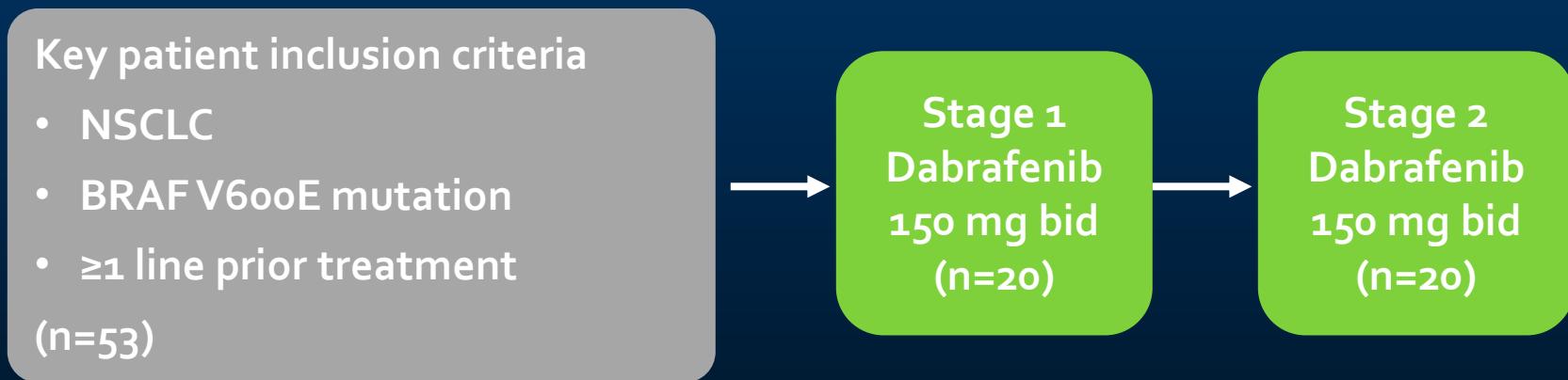
<sup>b</sup>Based on investigator assessment.

<sup>c</sup>Two patients in the intermediate *MET* group had an unconfirmed PR that was not confirmed in a second assessment.

# Oncogene Addiction: *BRAF* Mutation (1-3%)



# ASCO 2013 #8009: Interim results of phase II study BRF113928 of dabrafenib in BRAF V600E mutation– positive NSCLC patients



## Primary endpoint

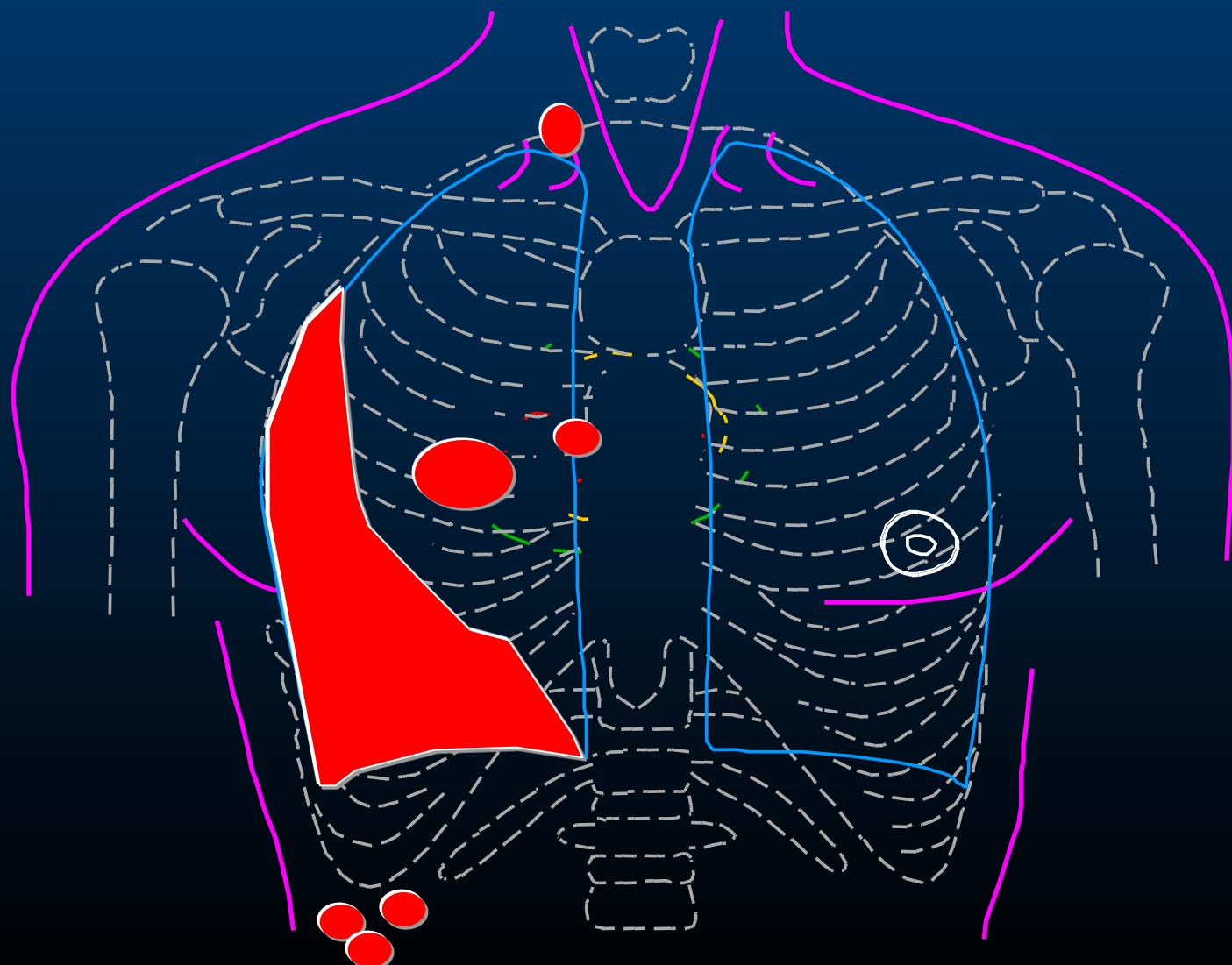
ORR (investigator assessed) = 40%

# **What have we learned about oncogene-addicted NSCLC over the last decade?**

# Lessons learned

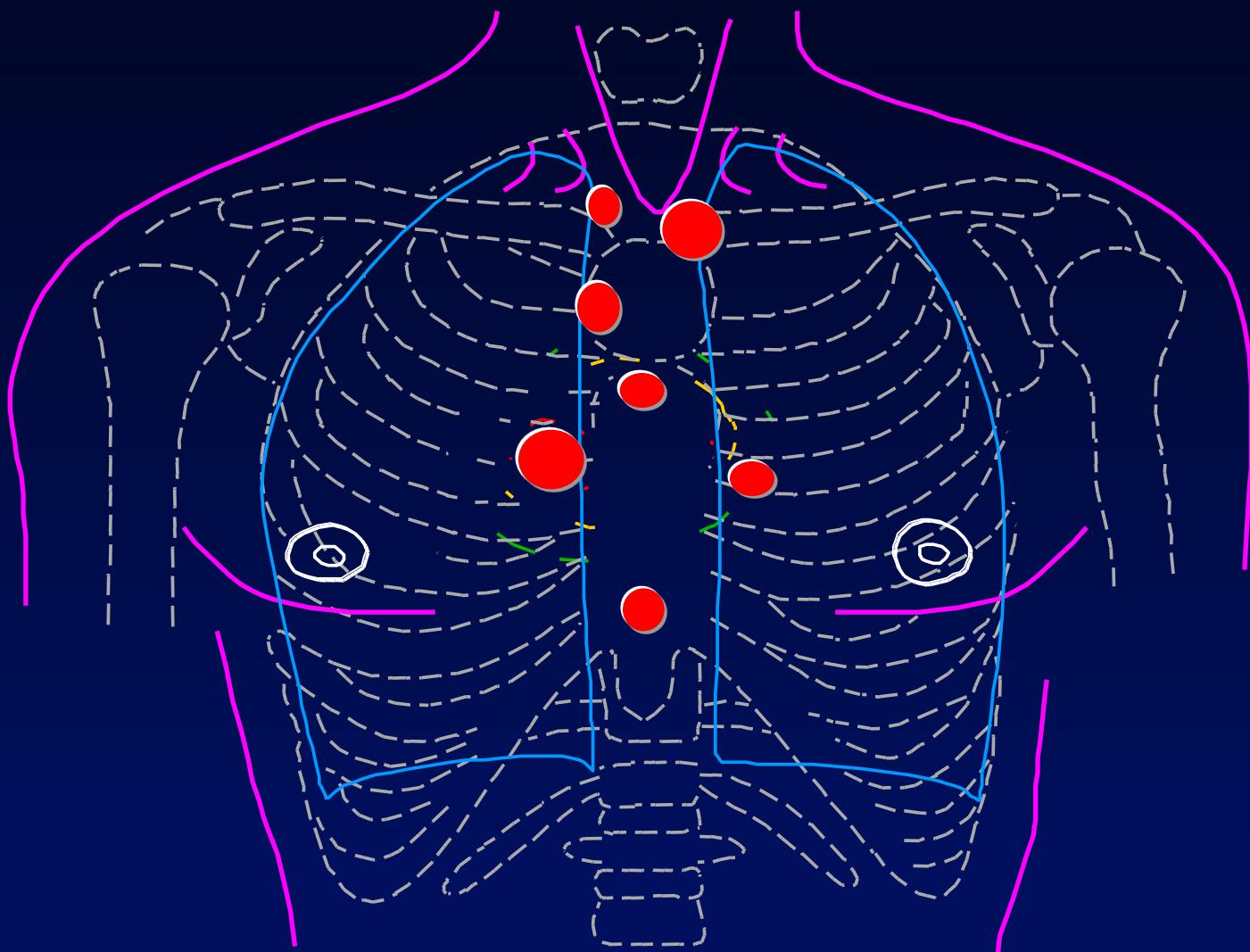
1. Quick and reliable multiplex molecular testing is essential for proper identification of molecular aberrations to guide treatment decisions.
2. Each molecularly defined cohort is related to different presentation, prognosis, sensitivity to chemotherapy / radiation and targeted agents.
3. There is wide geographical variation in proportion of patients with driving molecular abnormality.

# Patient 1+2+3 (35 y.o., 38 y.o., 42 y.o.) ALK+ initial presentations

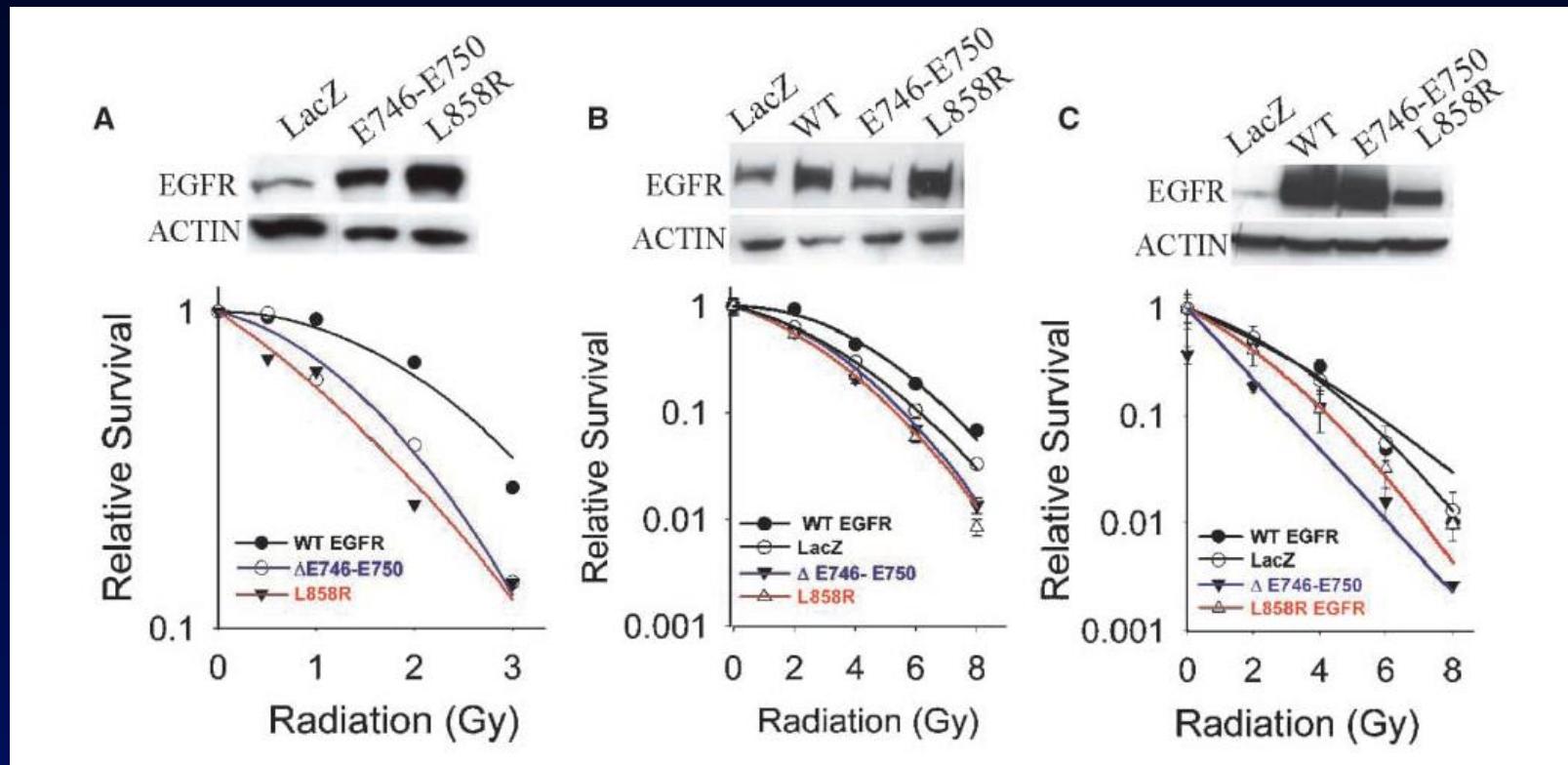


# Patient 4 (42 y.o.)

## - ALK+ initial presentation



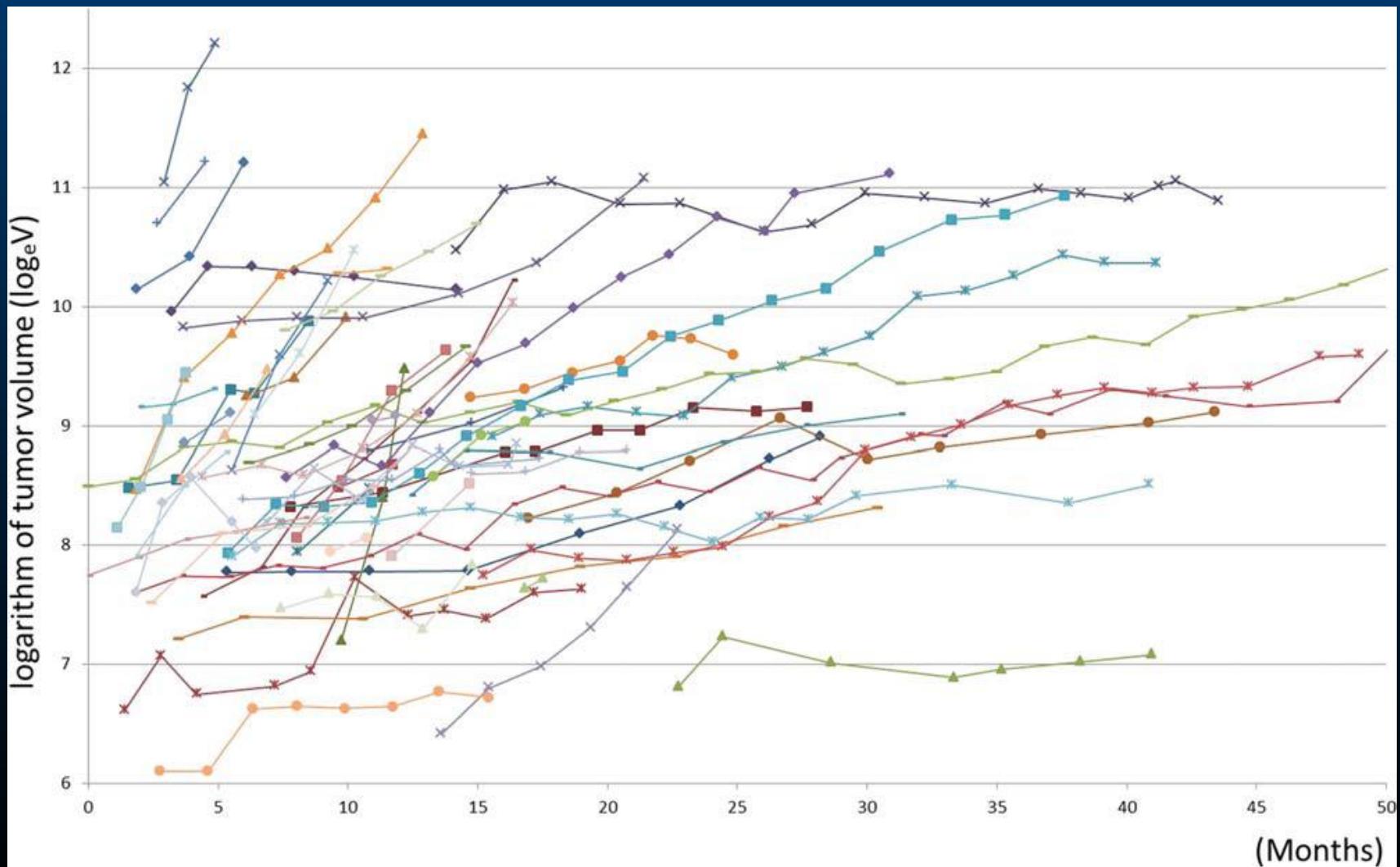
# Exon 19 or 21 Mutant *EGFR* cell lines have markedly increased radiation sensitivity



# Lessons learned

4. Different types of progression: CNS only („pharmacodynamic”), oligometastatic, wide-spread systemic.
5. Treatment beyond progression may provide additional benefit
6. Upon resistance, tumors are often still dependent on the target

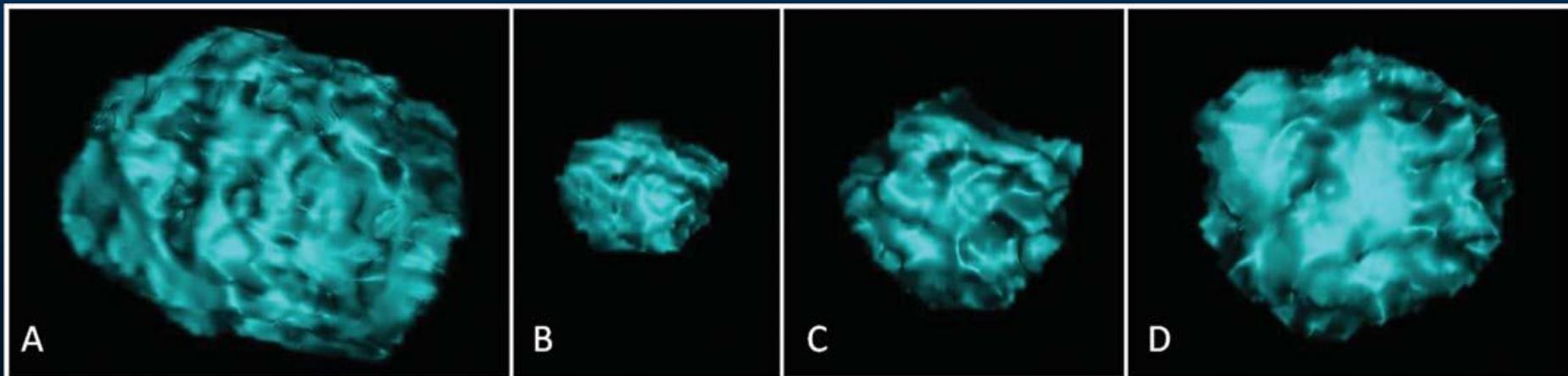
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Example of rapidly growing target nodule

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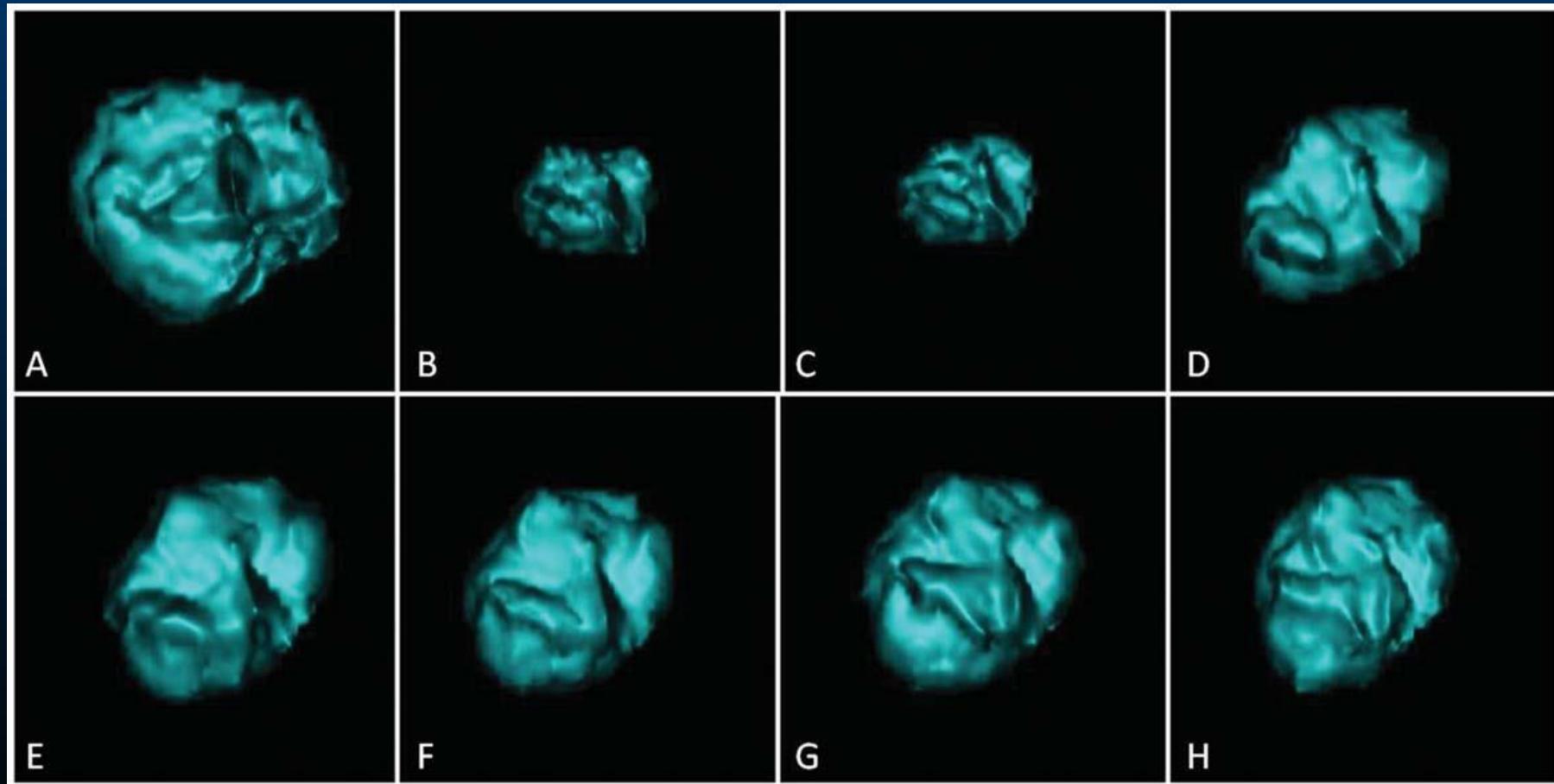


$$\log_e V = 0.22 \text{ mm}^3/\text{month}$$

$$\log_e V = 0.33 \text{ mm}^3/\text{month}$$

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Example of slowly growing target nodule



$$\log_e V = 0.09 \text{ mm}^3/\text{month}$$

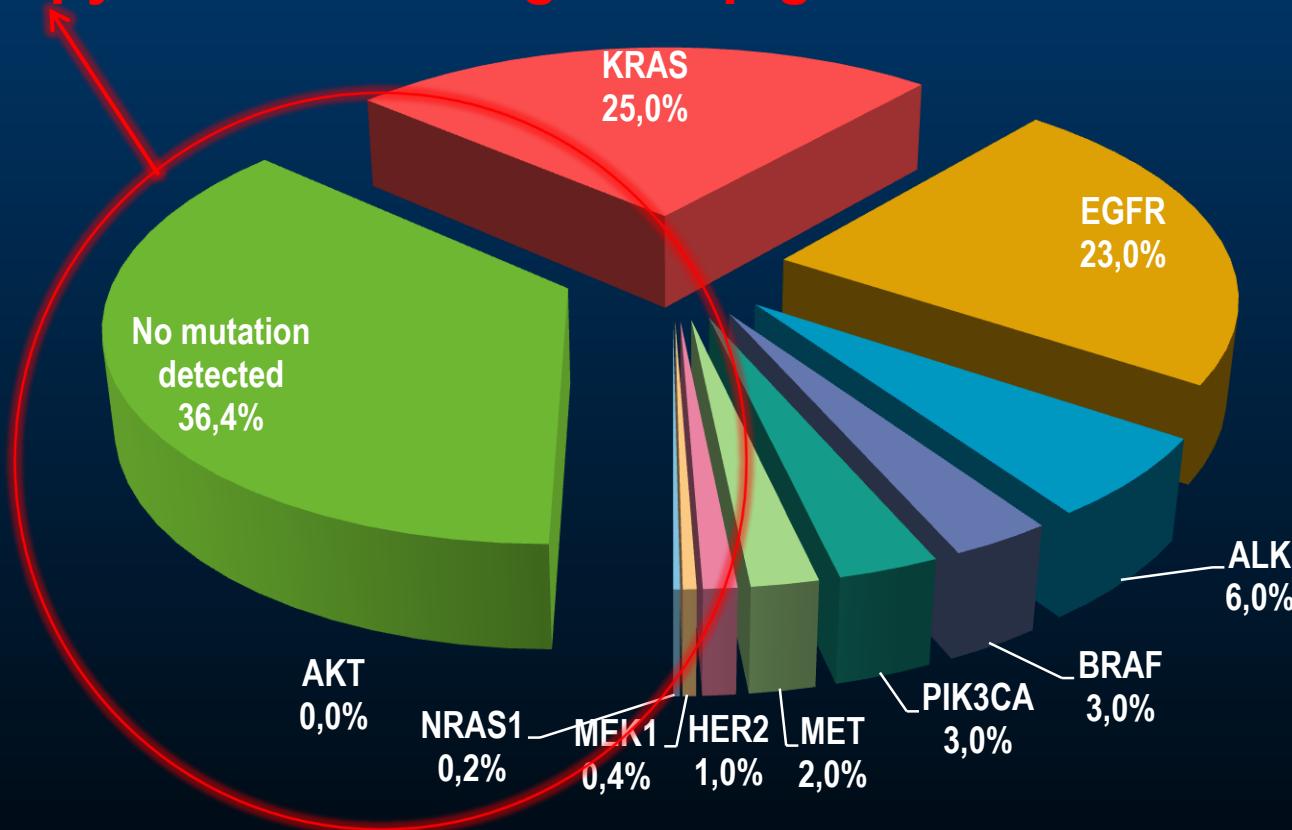
# **What is the evidence to use EGFR TKIs beyond progression? When to stop?**

- Current limited data suggest that treatment beyond progression may offer additional benefit to selected asymptomatic patients
- RECIST progression criteria not very useful; other criteria are being defined ( $\log_e V > 0.15 \text{ mm}^3/\text{month}$ )
- Treatment should be stopped and switched to chemotherapy upon symptomatic progression, rapid tumor growth, decline of performance status

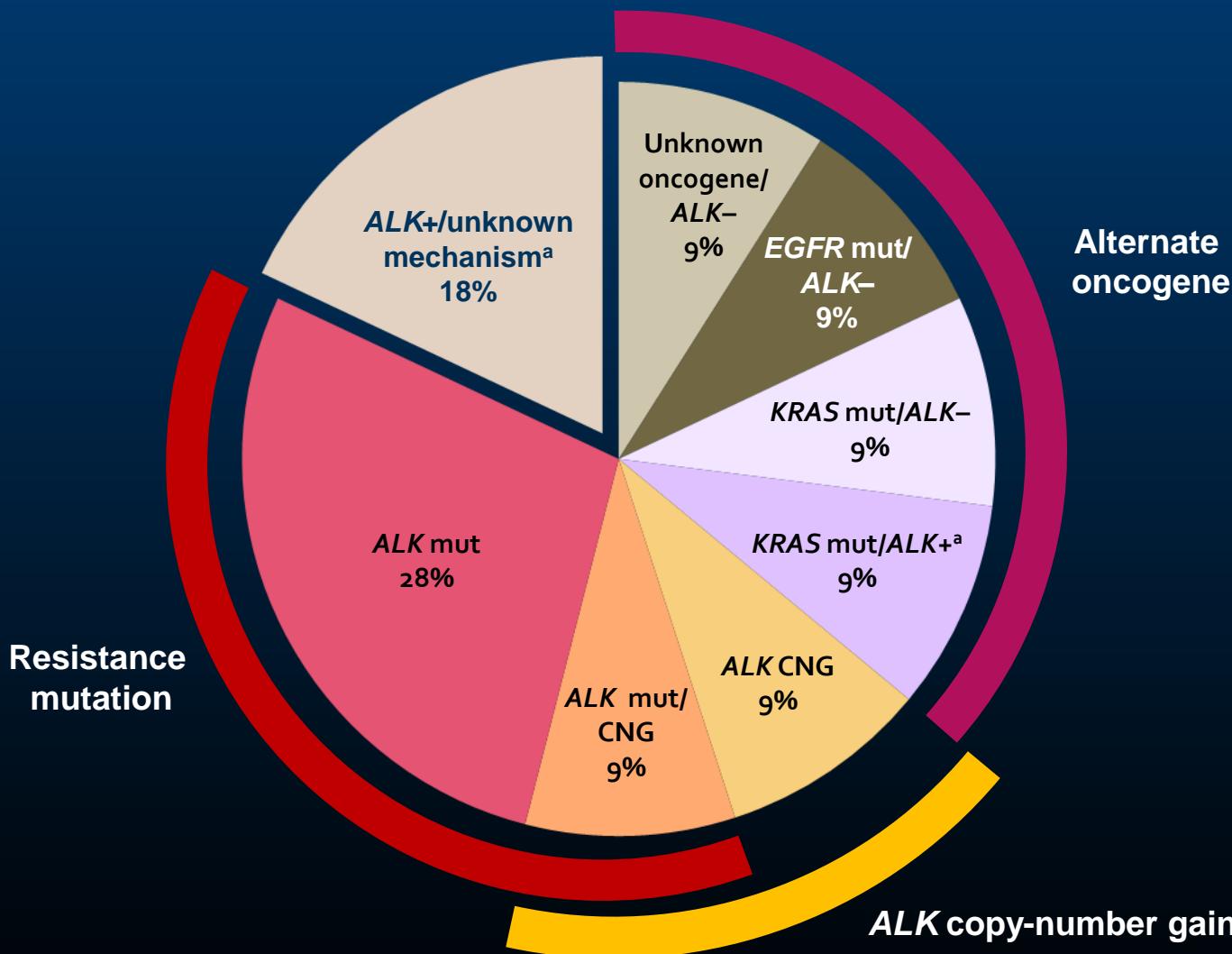
# **Questions for the future**

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Other oncogenes? Tumor suppressor genes?  
Gene copy number changes? Epigenetic?



# Questions for the future: Resistance mechanisms (example: crizotinib)



CNG, copy-number gain; mut, mutation

<sup>a</sup>One patient had intrinsic resistance within this category

Doebele RC, et al. Clin Cancer Res 2012;18:1472–1482

# Questions for the future: Optimal place of a „super-drug”?

PFS

1st generation inhibitor →

1) NEW generation inhibitor („SUPER-DRUG”) → ?

2) 1st generation inhibitor →  
↓ Molecular testing at progression? (~60%)  
NEW generation inhibitor („SUPER-DRUG”) → ?

# Take-home messages

- Identification of oncogene-addicted NSCLC subsets becomes essential part of routine practice with clear impact on patient's outcomes
- Understanding the mechanisms of resistance is a key to further success
- Place of novel „super-drug” inhibitors needs to be properly tested in view of sequencing issues
- Second biopsies and liquid biopsies will become part of routine care in the next decade