

# Novel Molecular Markers in MPN: Use for diagnosis and prognosis



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# Myeloproliferative Neoplasms (MPNs)

- **Polycythemia vera (PV)**
  - erythrocytosis
  - thrombocytosis
  - leukocytosis
- **Essential Thrombocythemia (ET)**
  - thrombocytosis
- **Primary Myelofibrosis (PMF)**
  - anemia
  - thrombocytopenia
  - leukopenia

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- clonal hematopoietic disorders
- cytokine independent colony growth
- thromboses
- propensity to develop acute leukemia
  - molecular causes complex ( $JAK2^{V617F}$ )
    - targeted therapies only palliative

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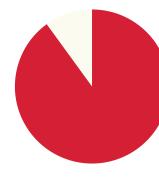
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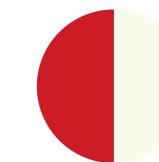
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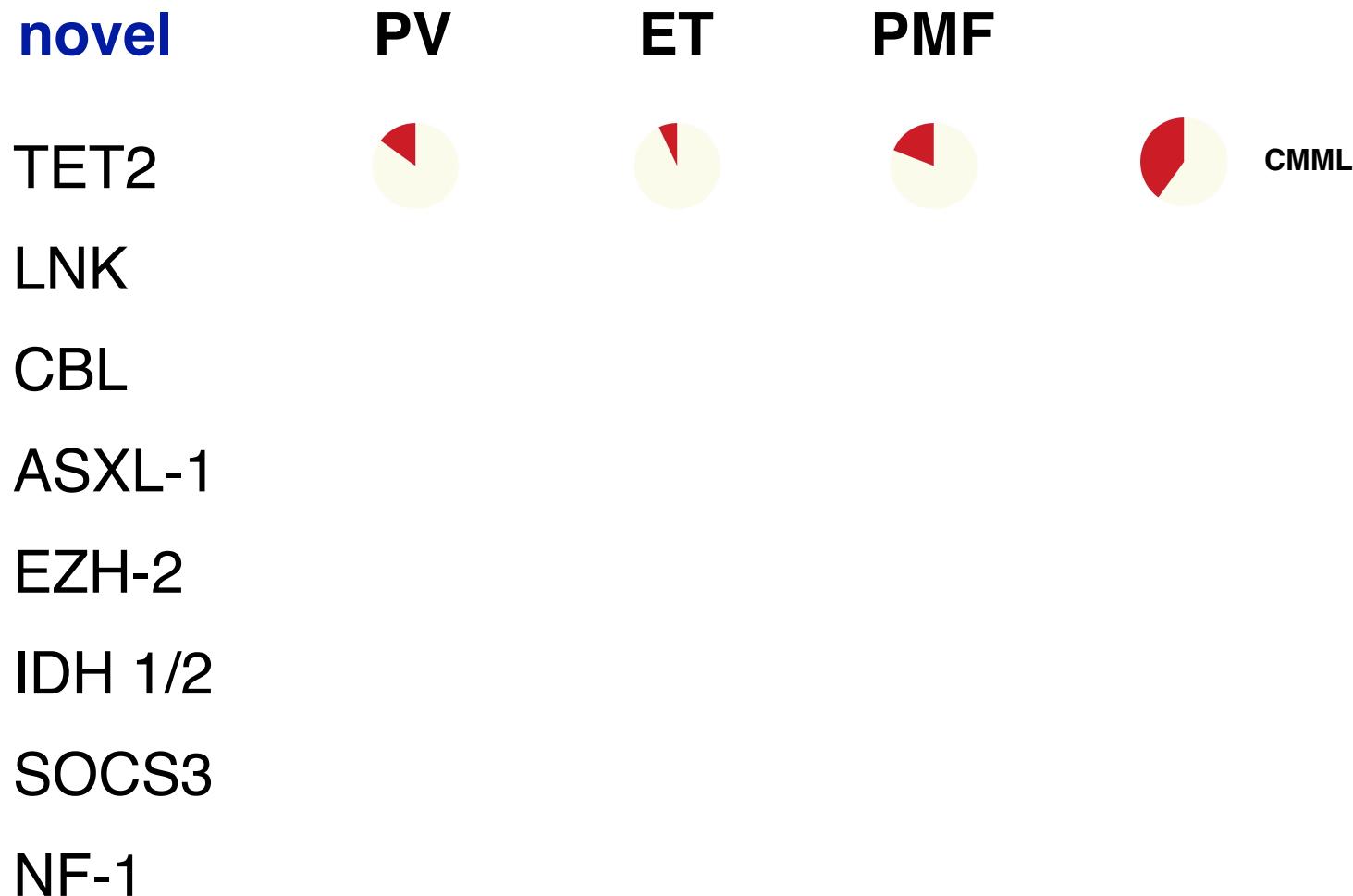
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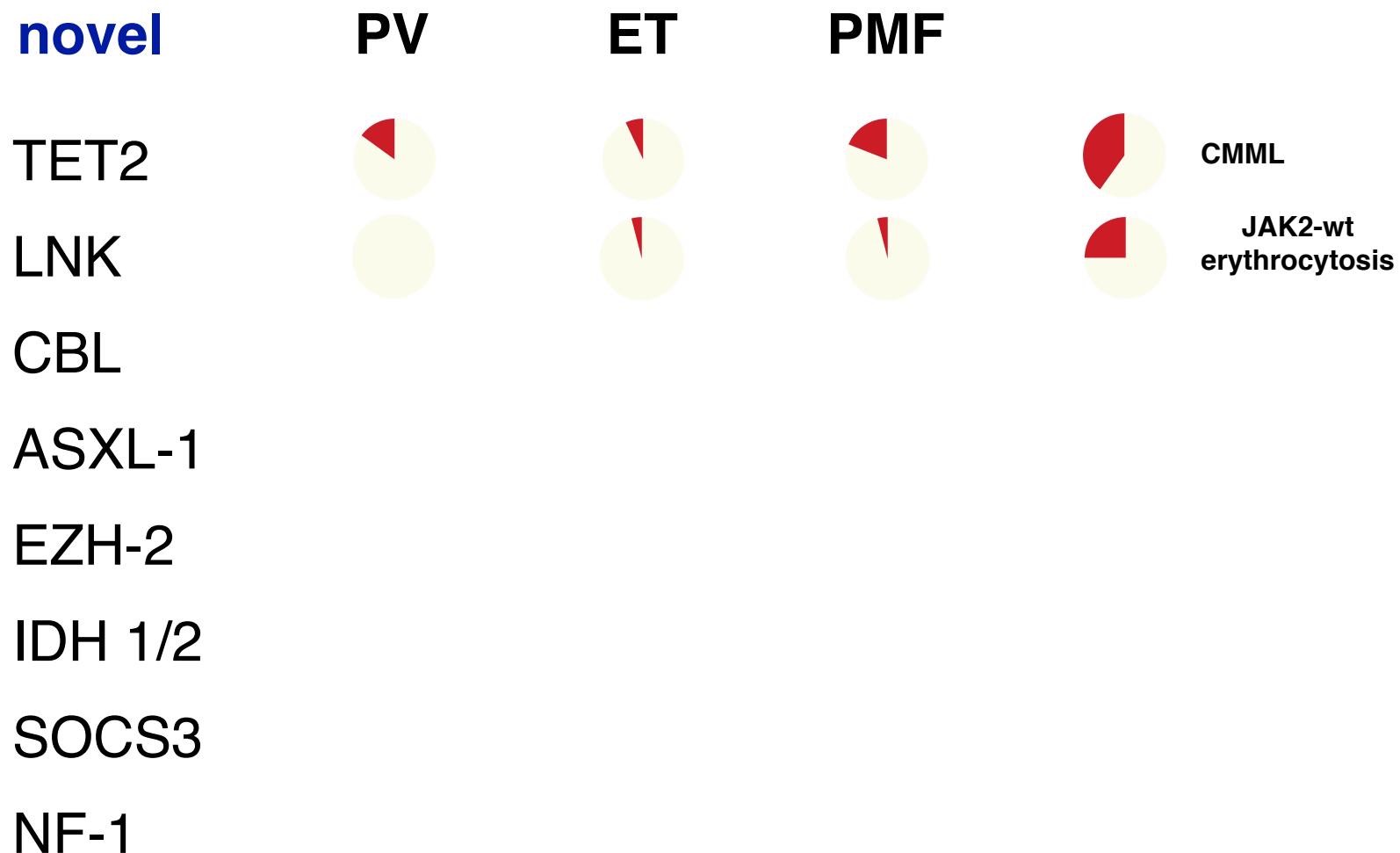
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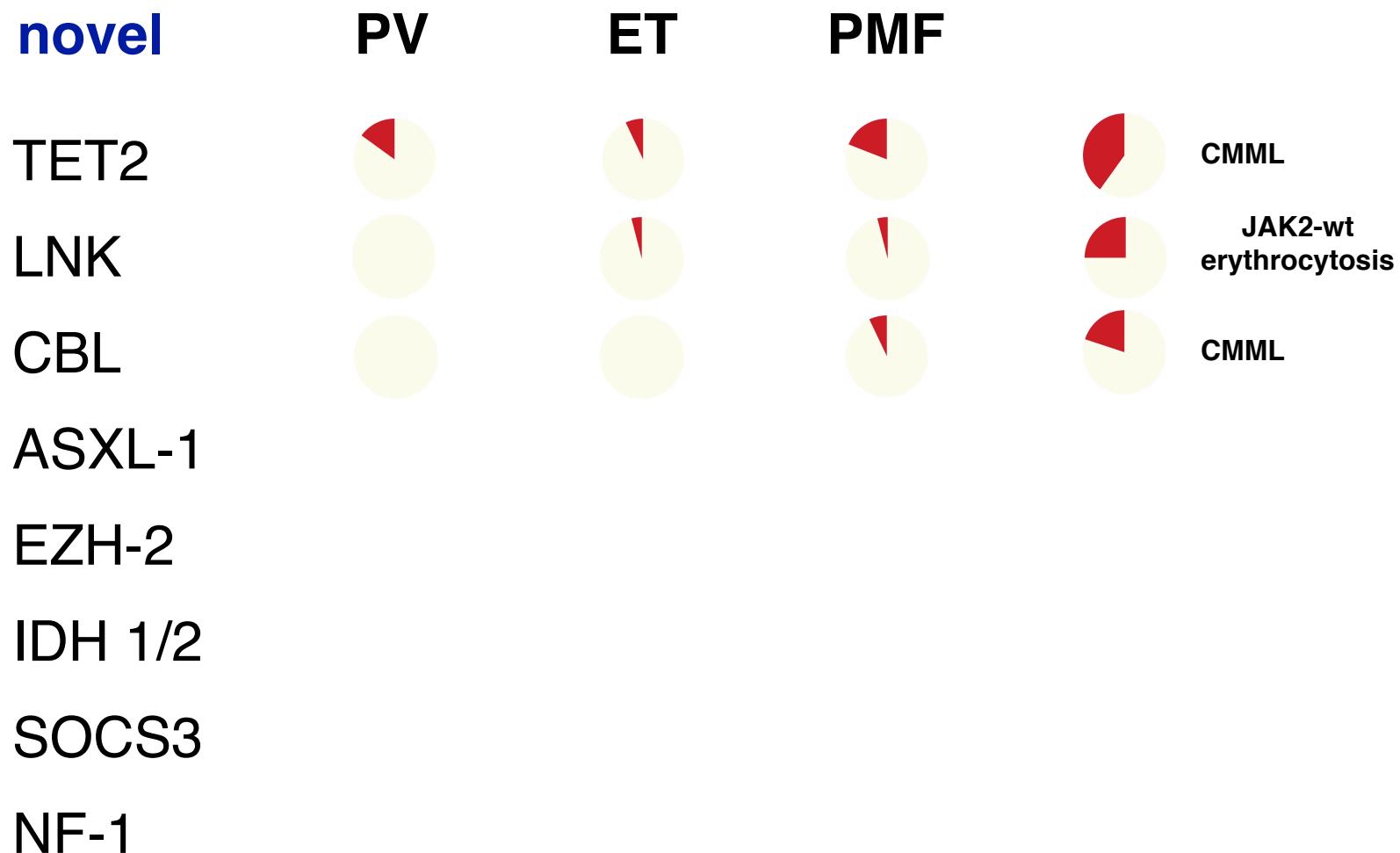
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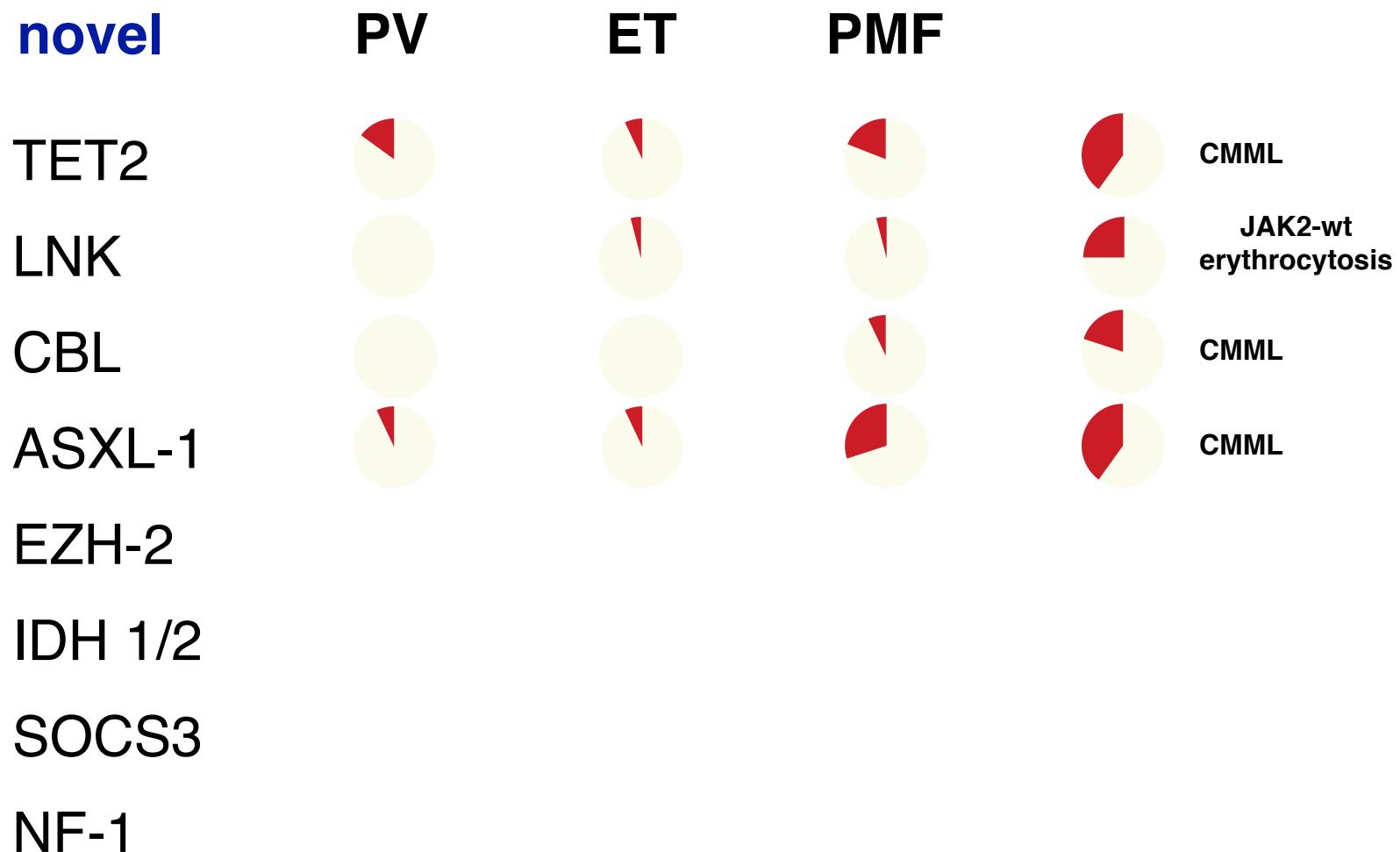
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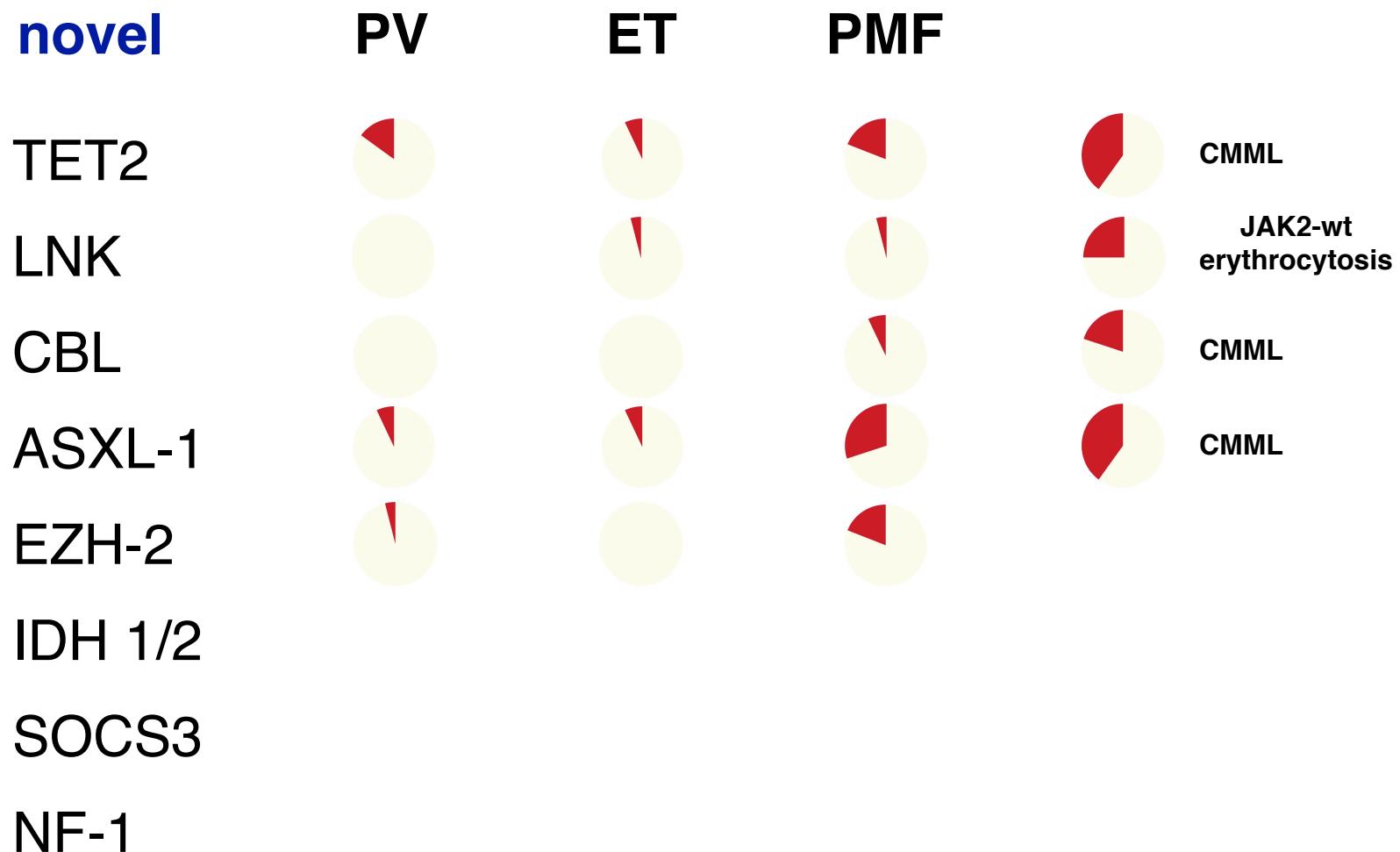
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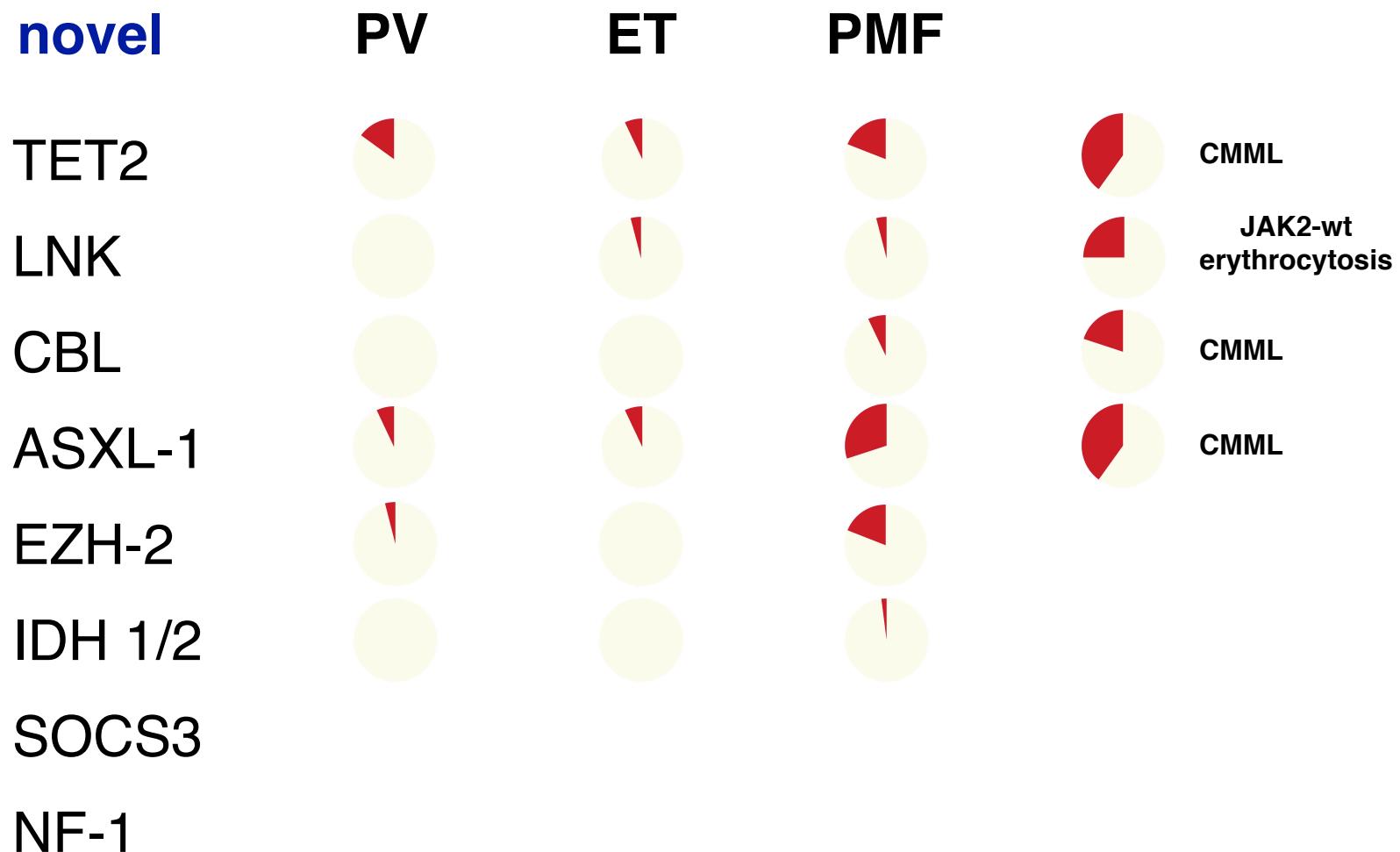
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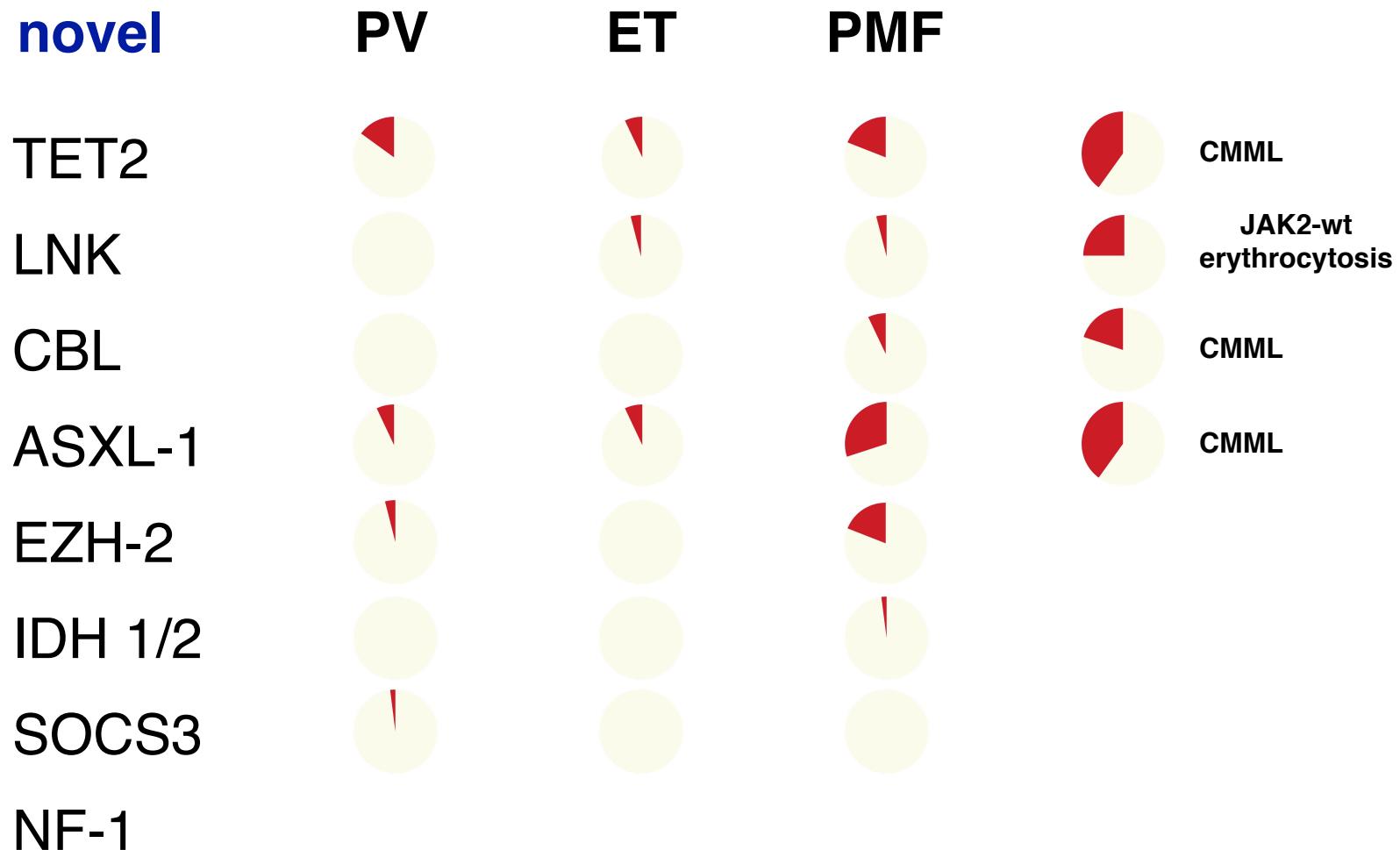
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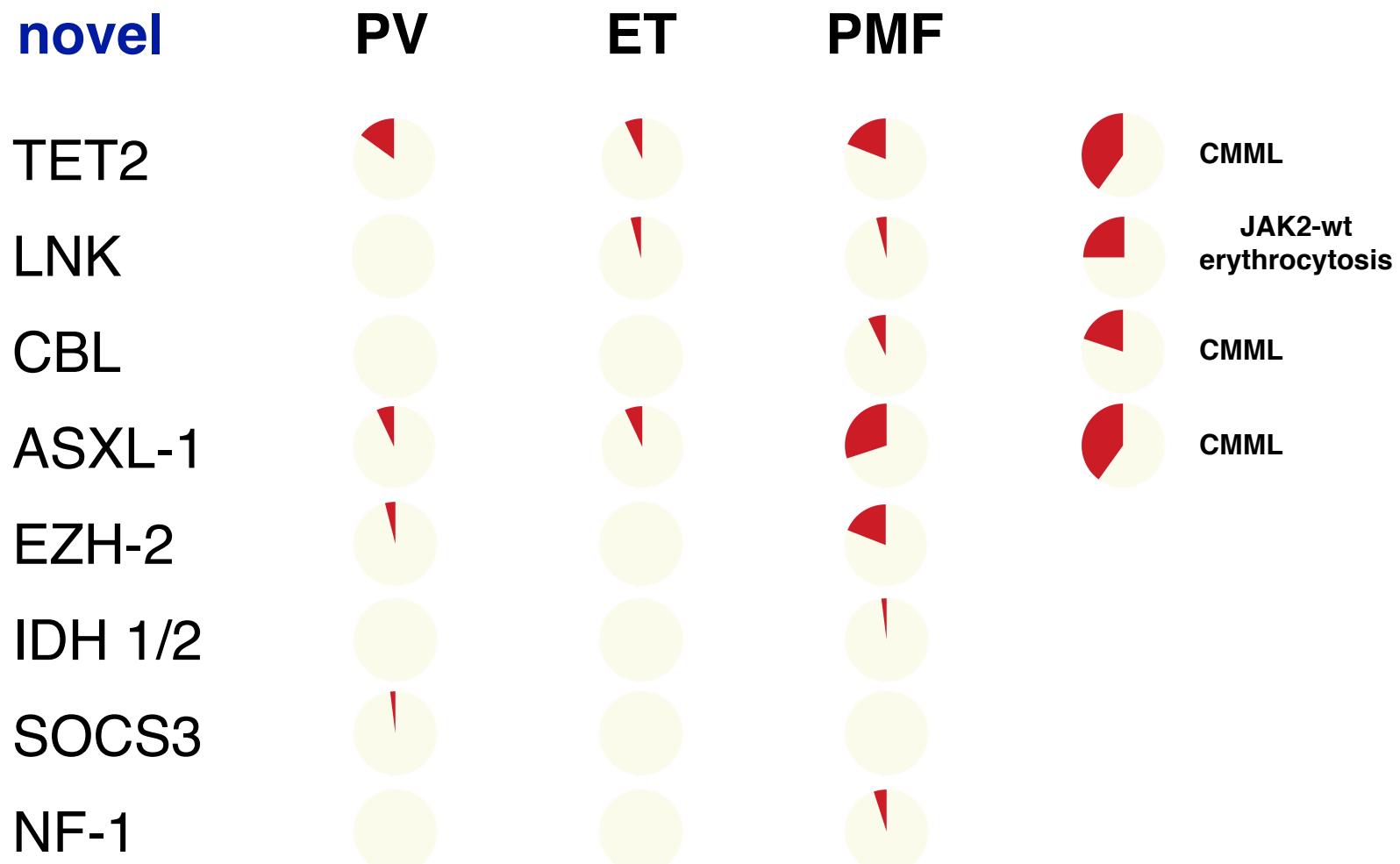
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Diagnosis  
Follow up

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## What about the new MPN markers ?

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- there is no data to support the use of novel MPN markers
  - for Dx in JAK2-positive cases
  - for decisions on therapy

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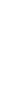
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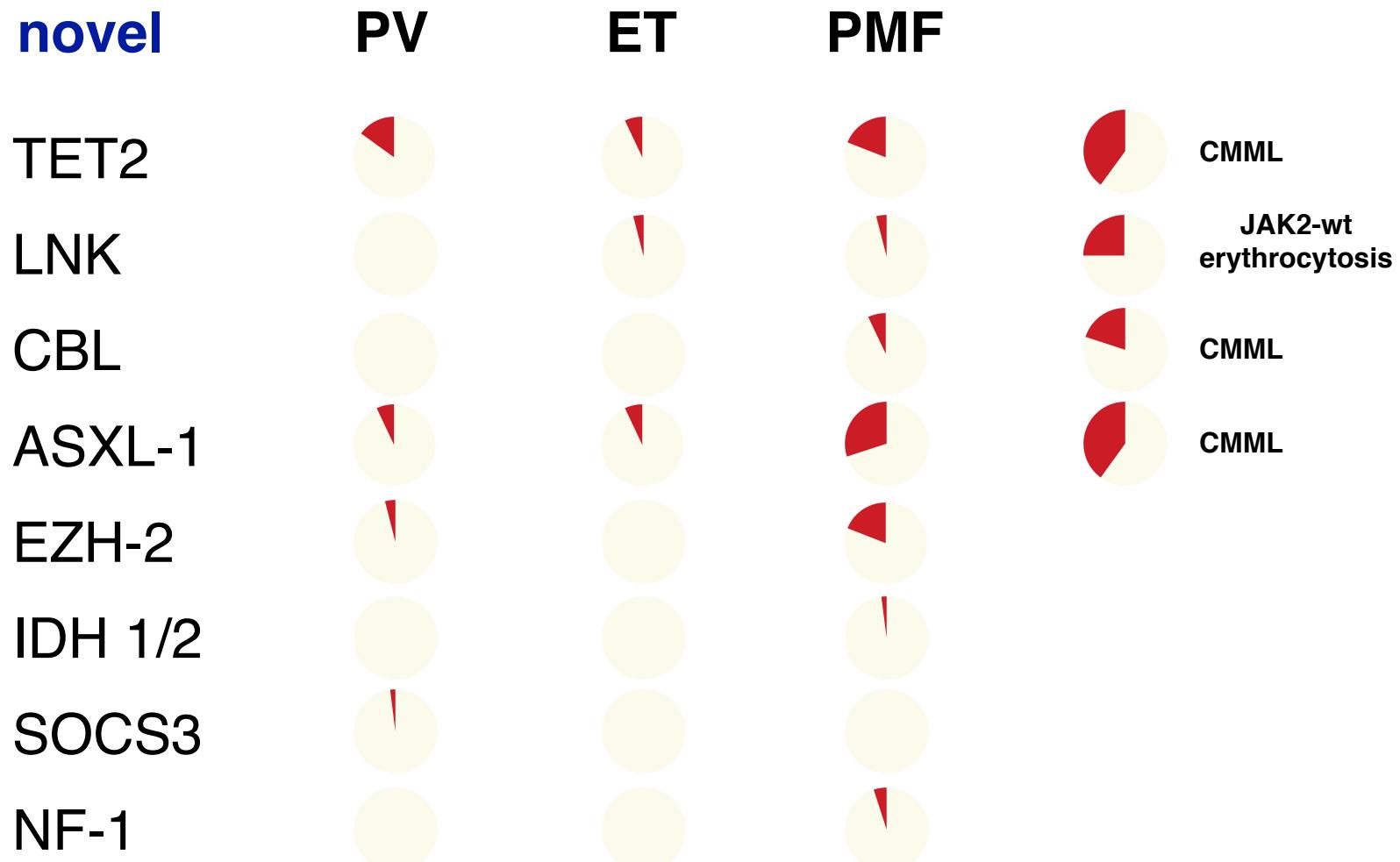
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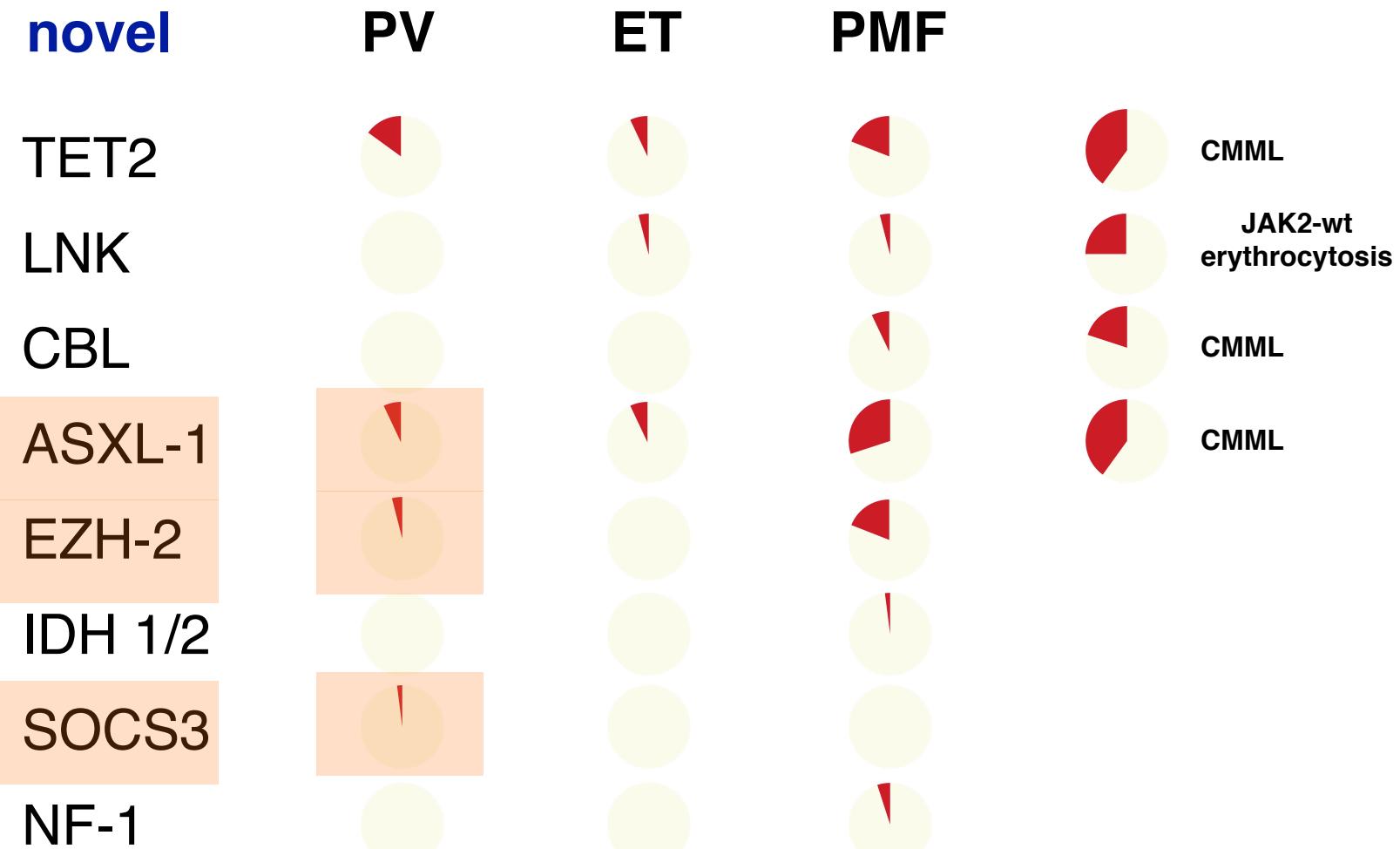


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## The use of novel MPN markers for diagnosis

- challenging clinical cases of MPN
- JAK2 V617F and JAK2 Exon 12 – negative
  - not evaluated under IFN treatment

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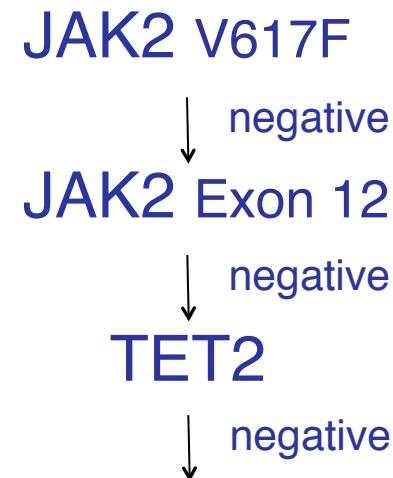
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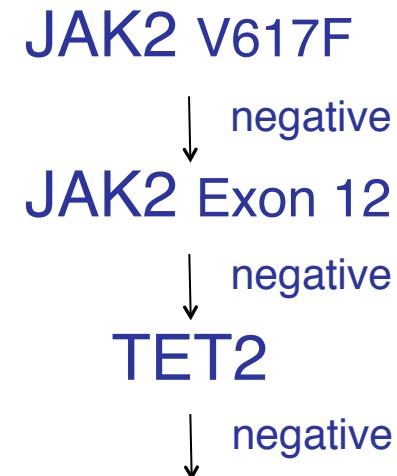
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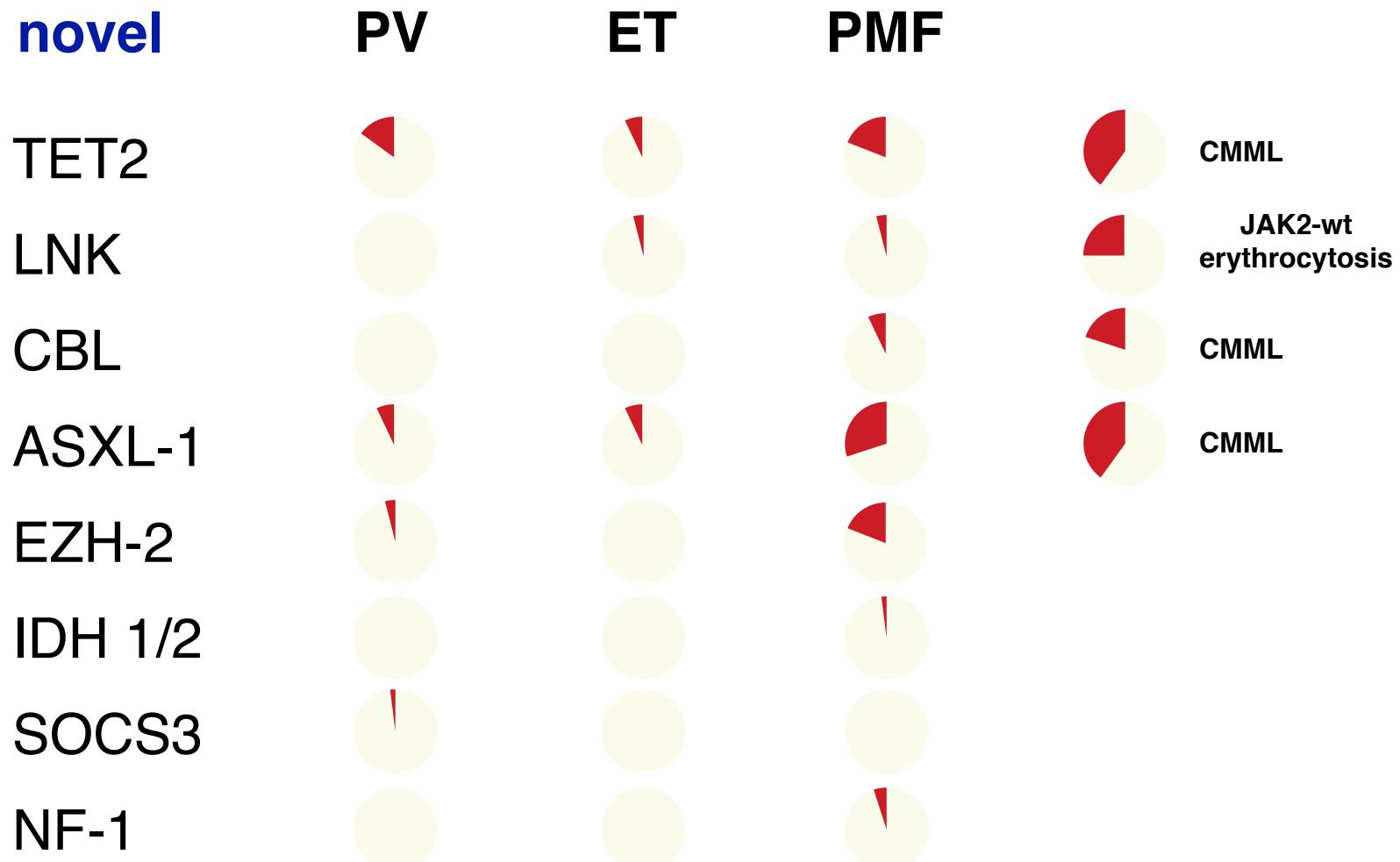
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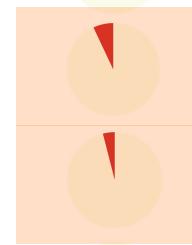
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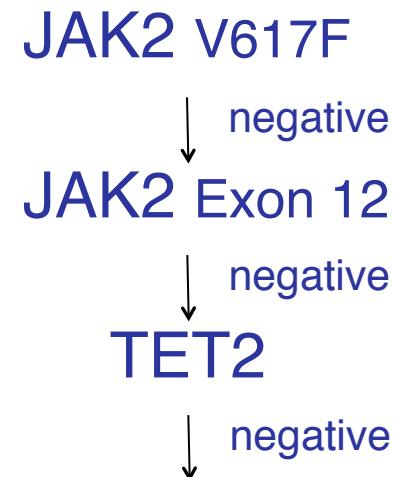


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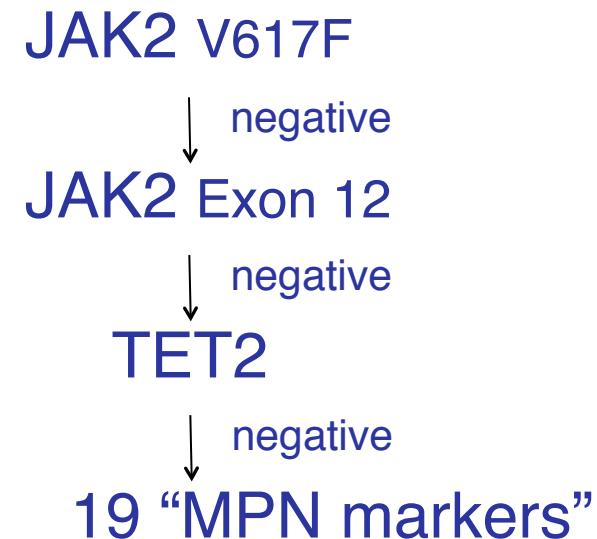


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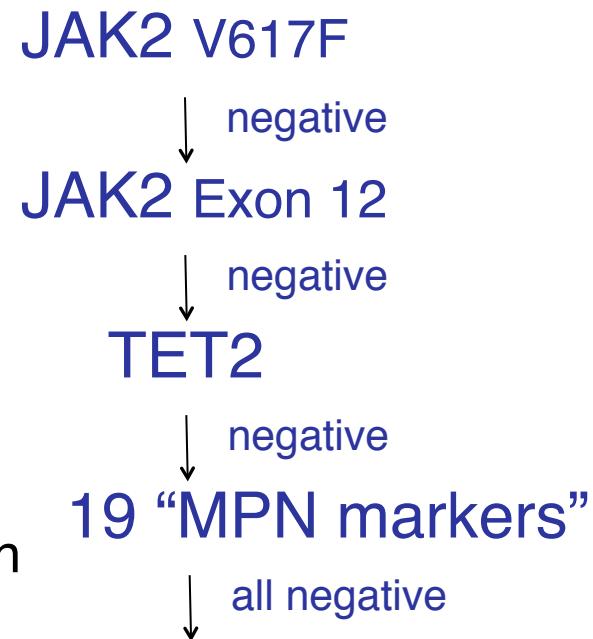
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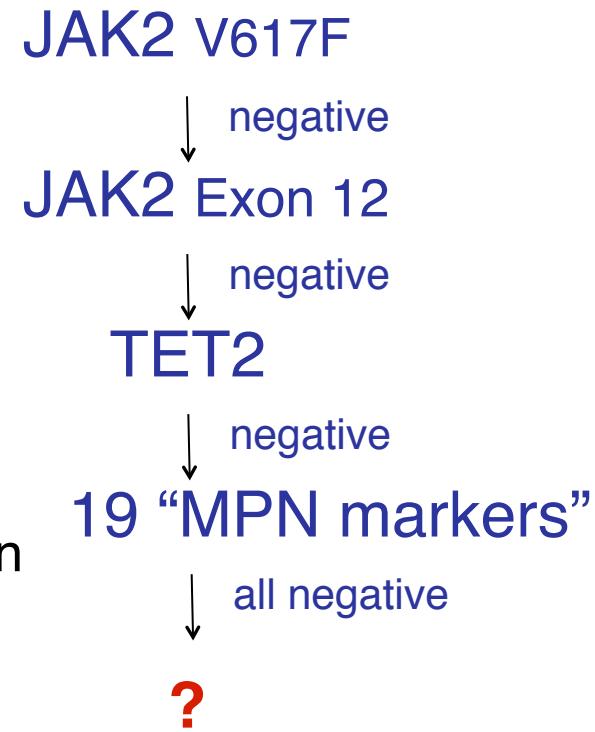
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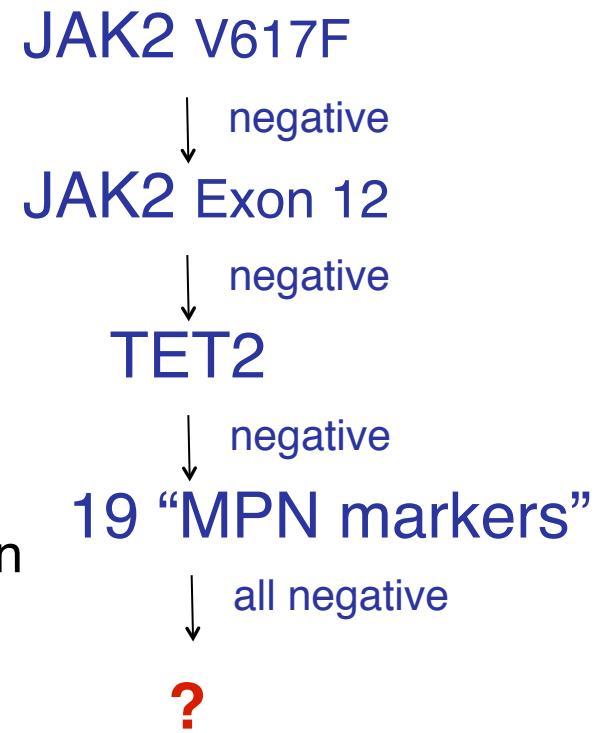
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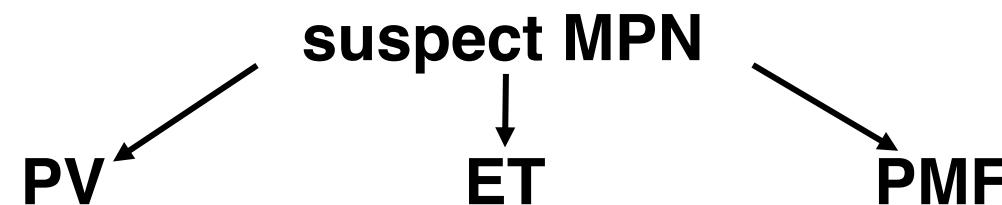
# The use of novel MPN markers for diagnosis

- challenging clinical cases of MPN
- JAK2 V617F and JAK2 Exon 12 – negative
  - not evaluated under IFN treatment
- secondary causes of erythrocytosis and thrombocytosis ruled out
  - a molecular marker is no substitute for a good clinical work up
  - new markers should compliment,  
not replace old pathophysiological truths

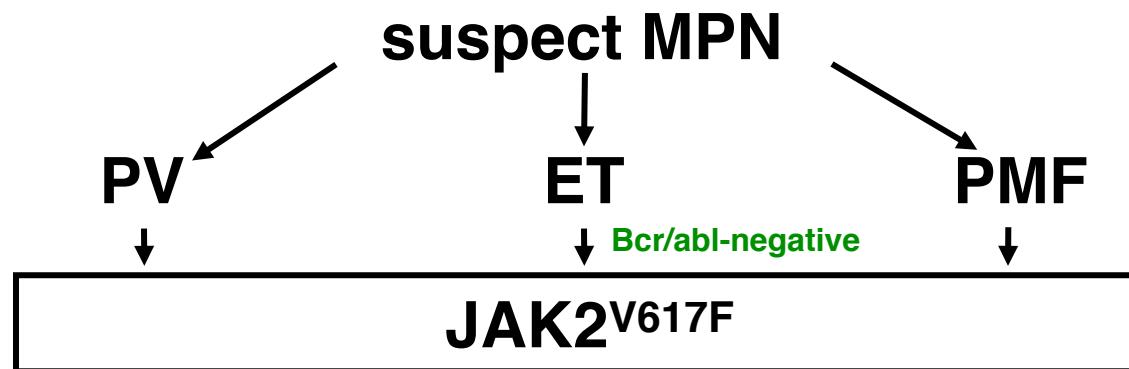


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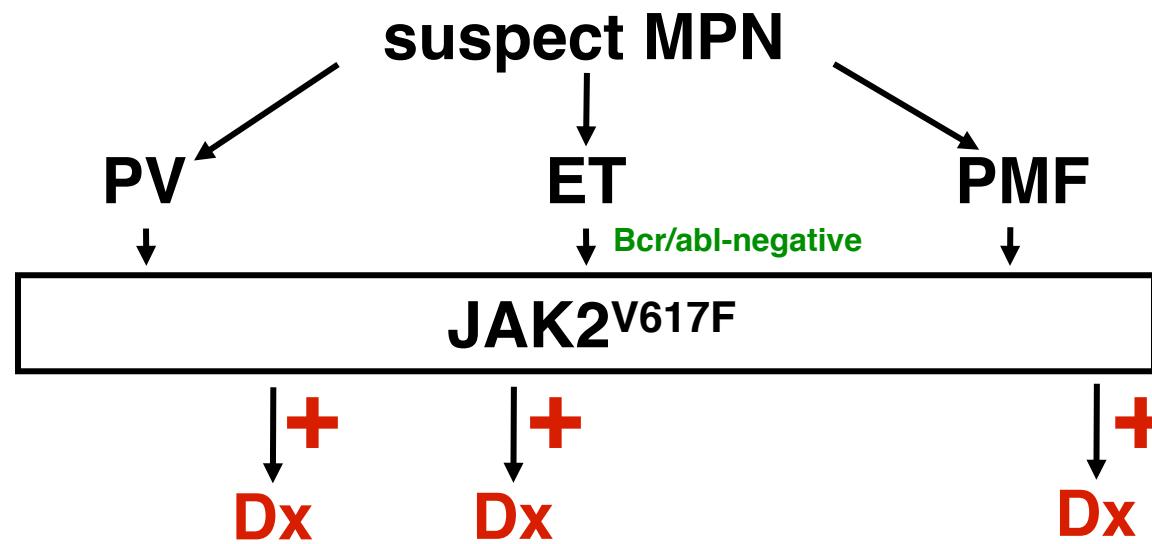
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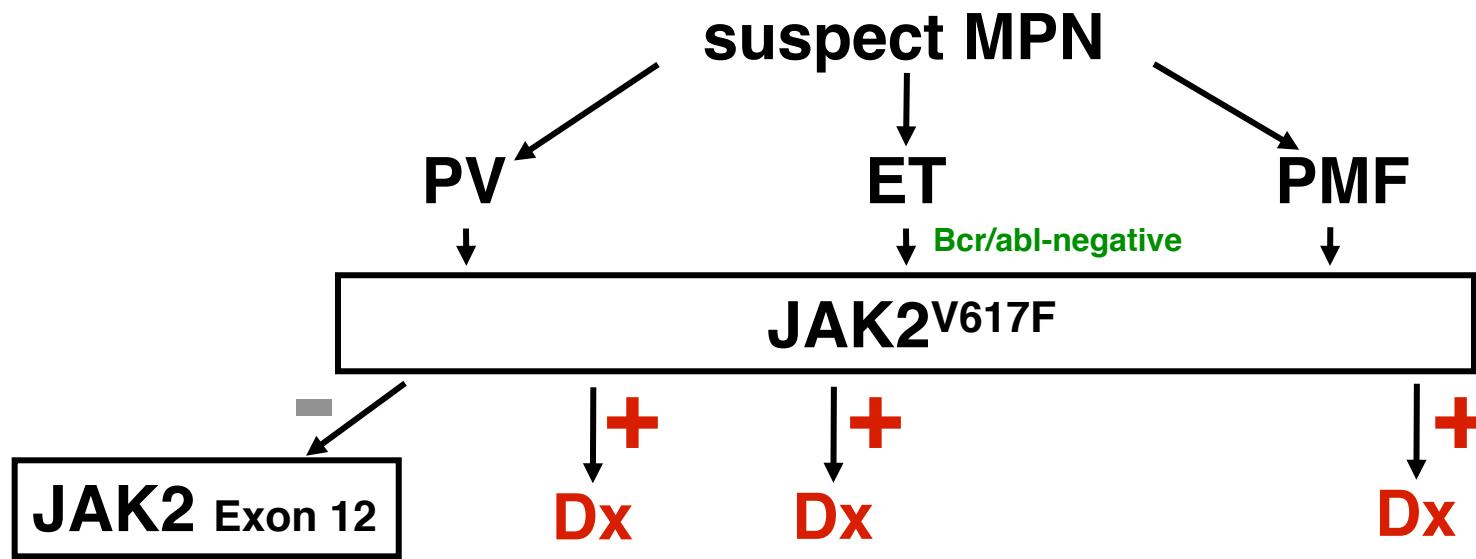
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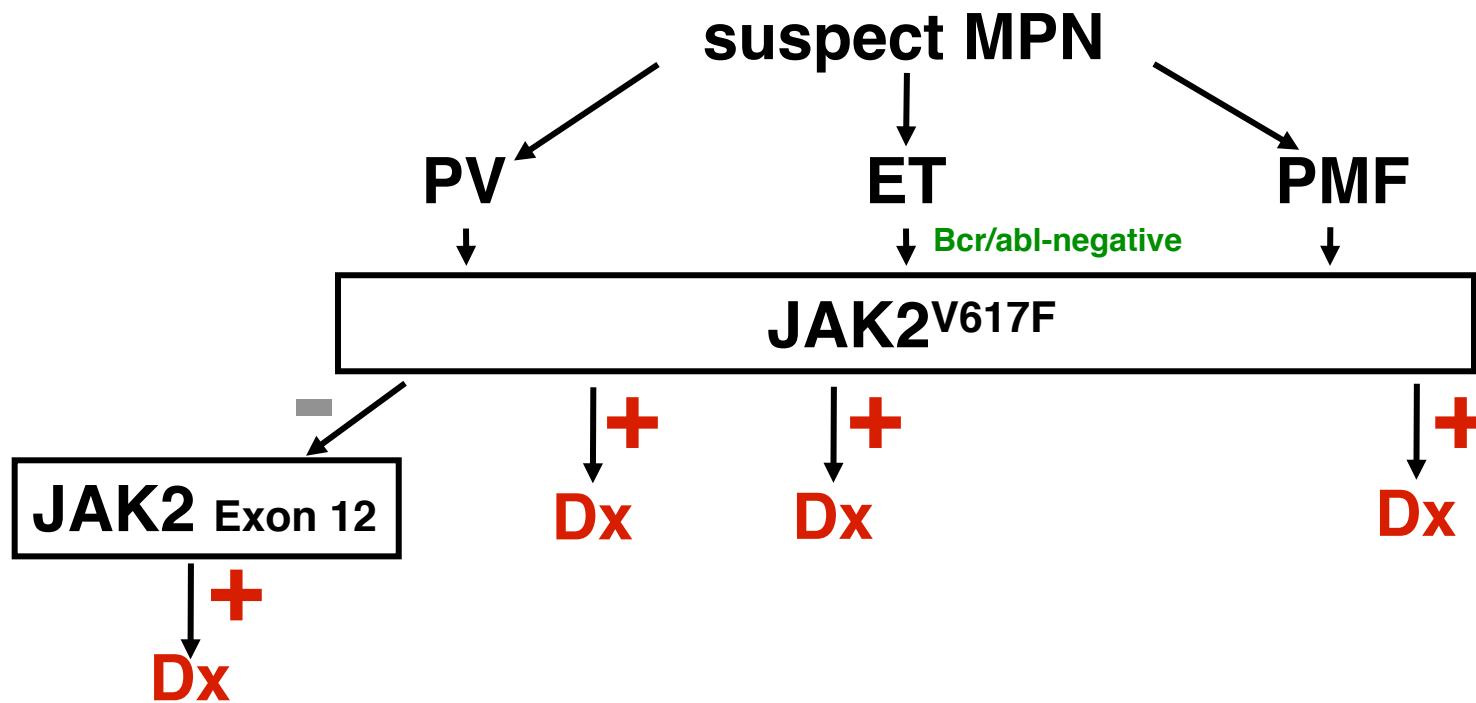
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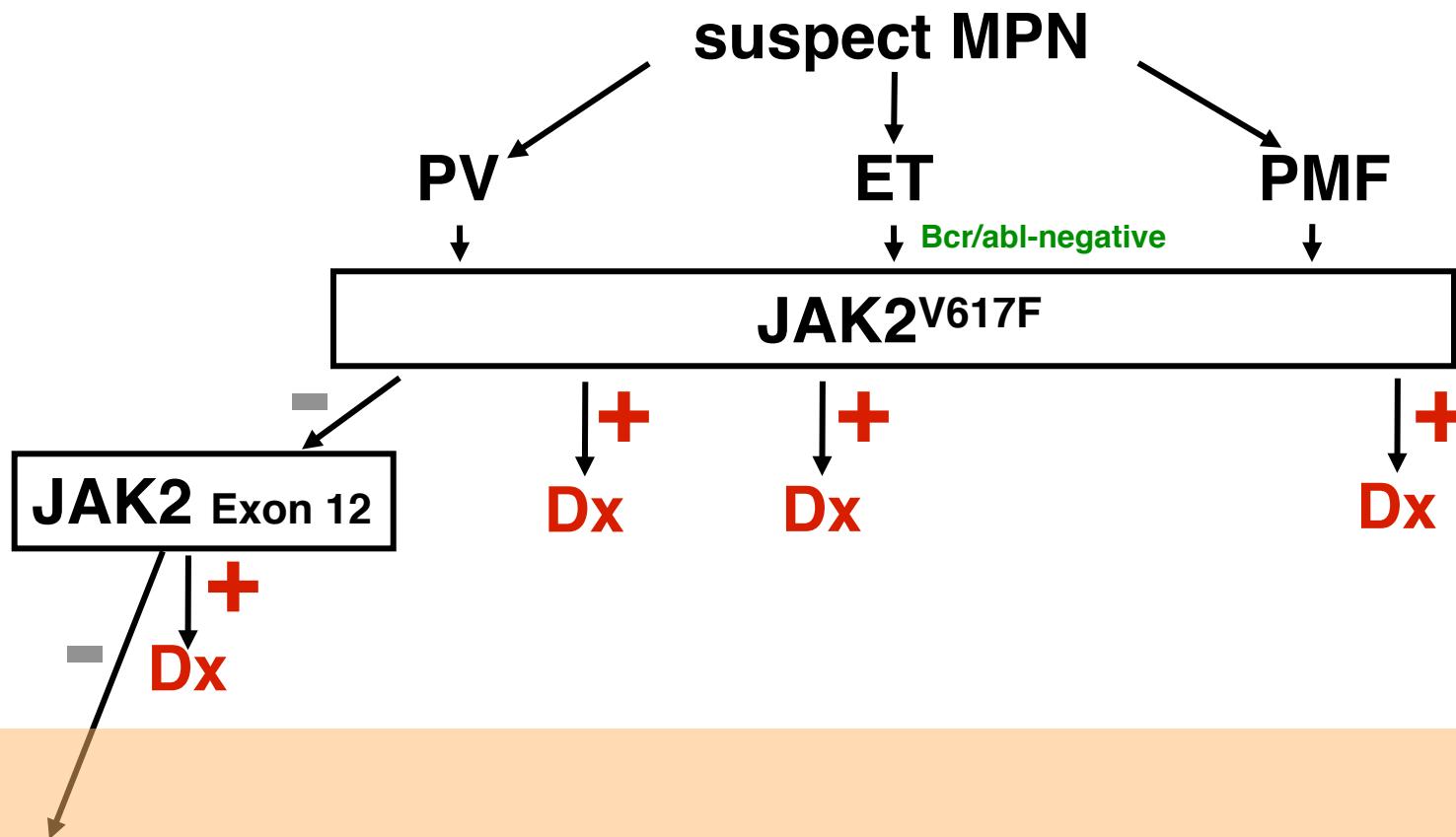
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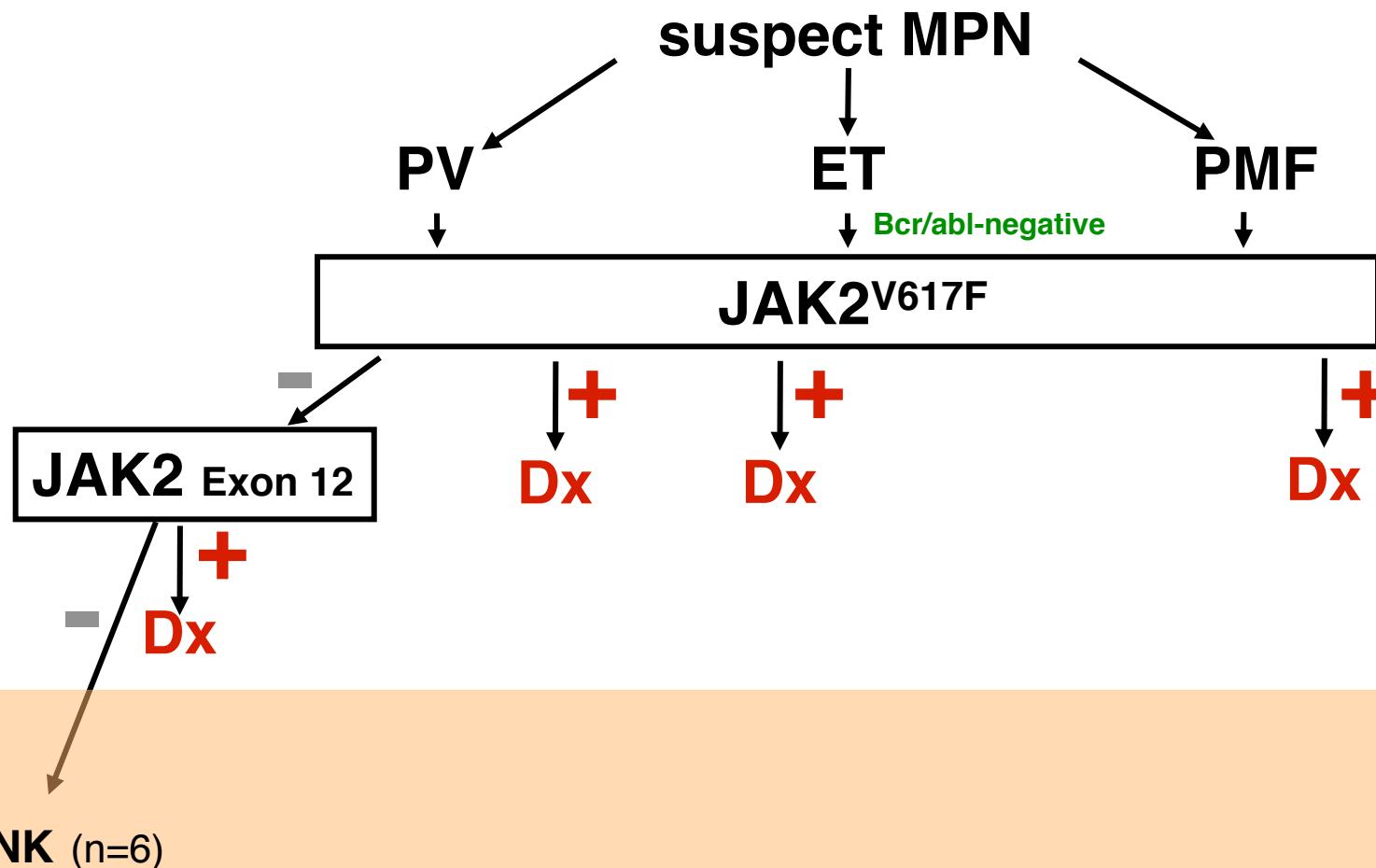
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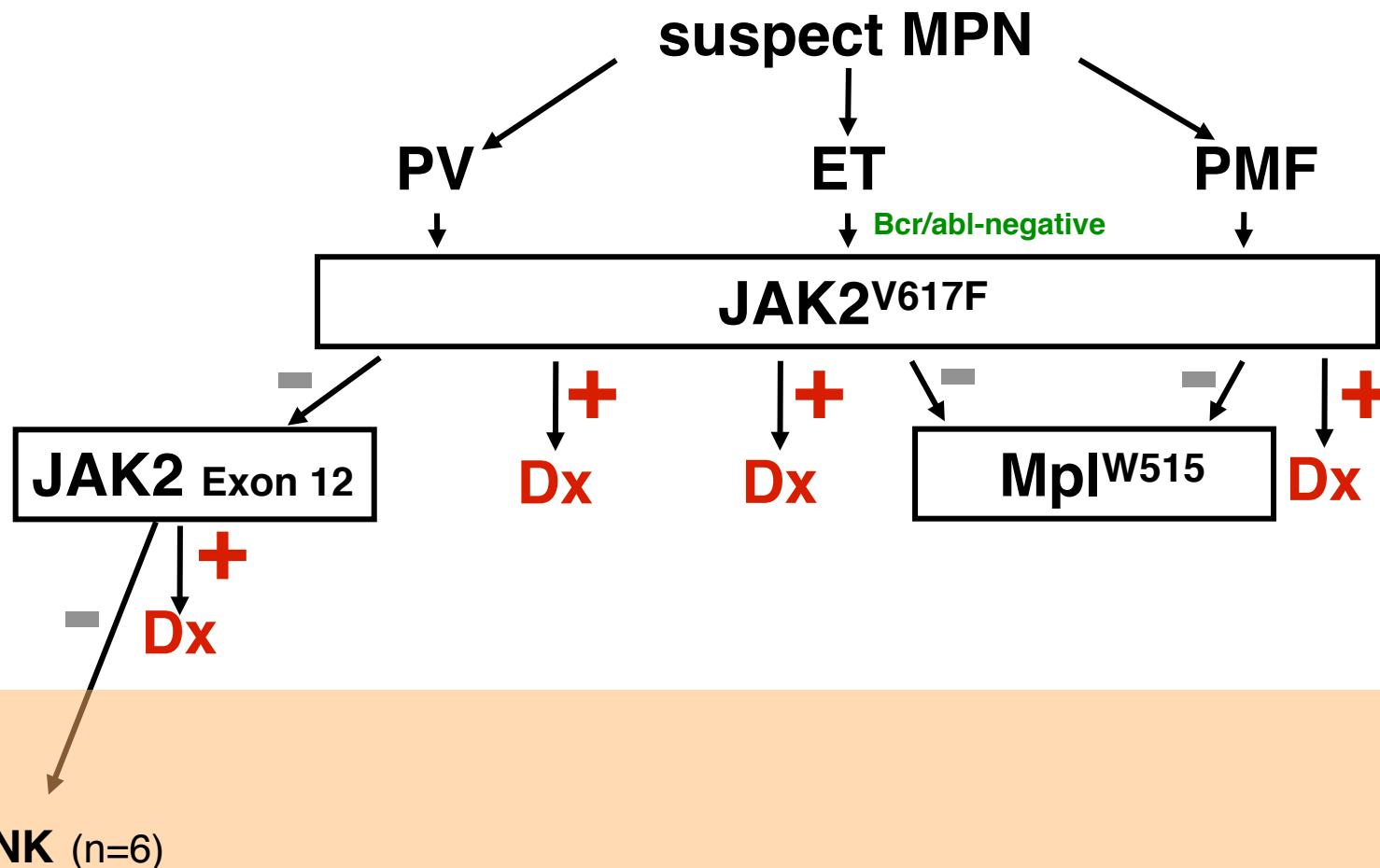
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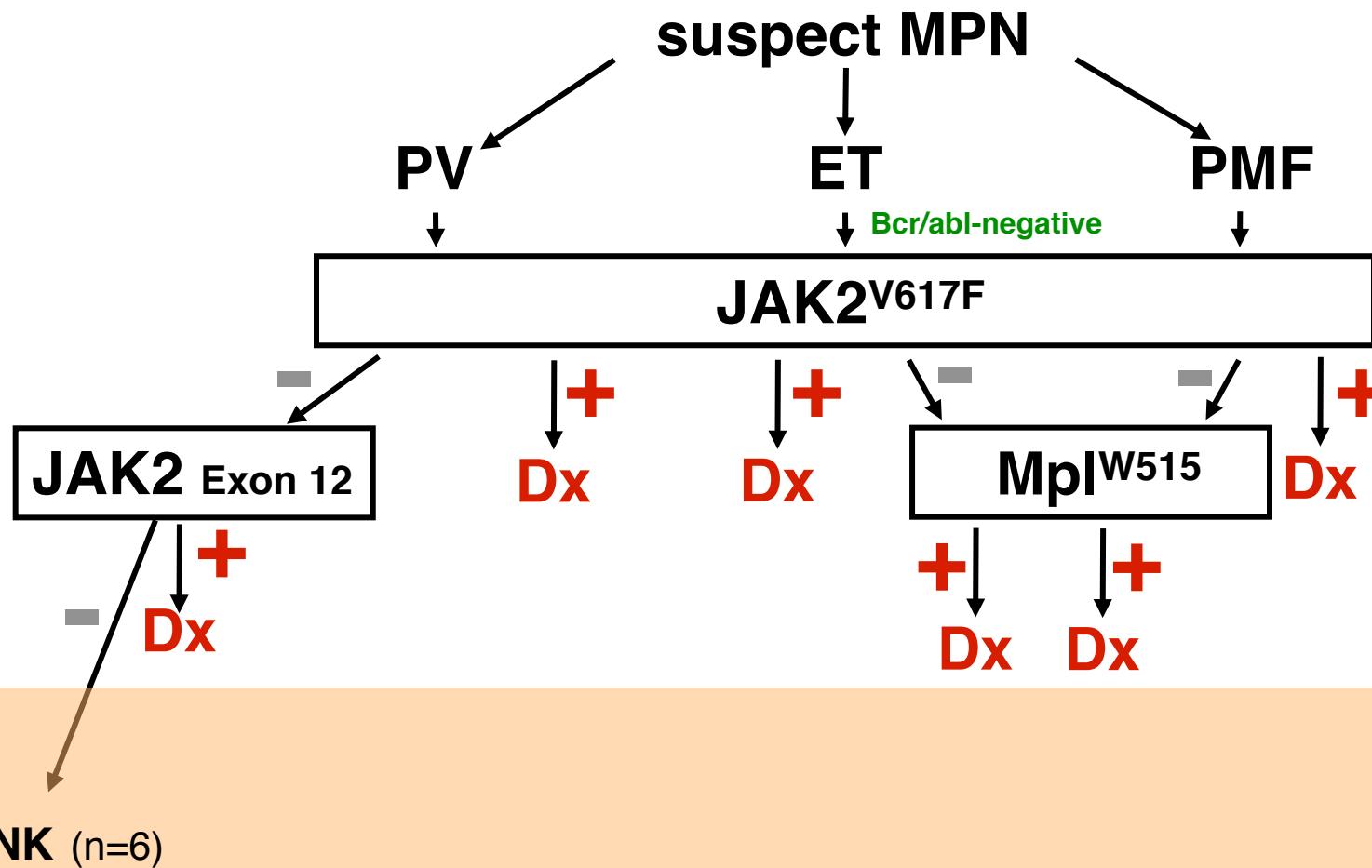
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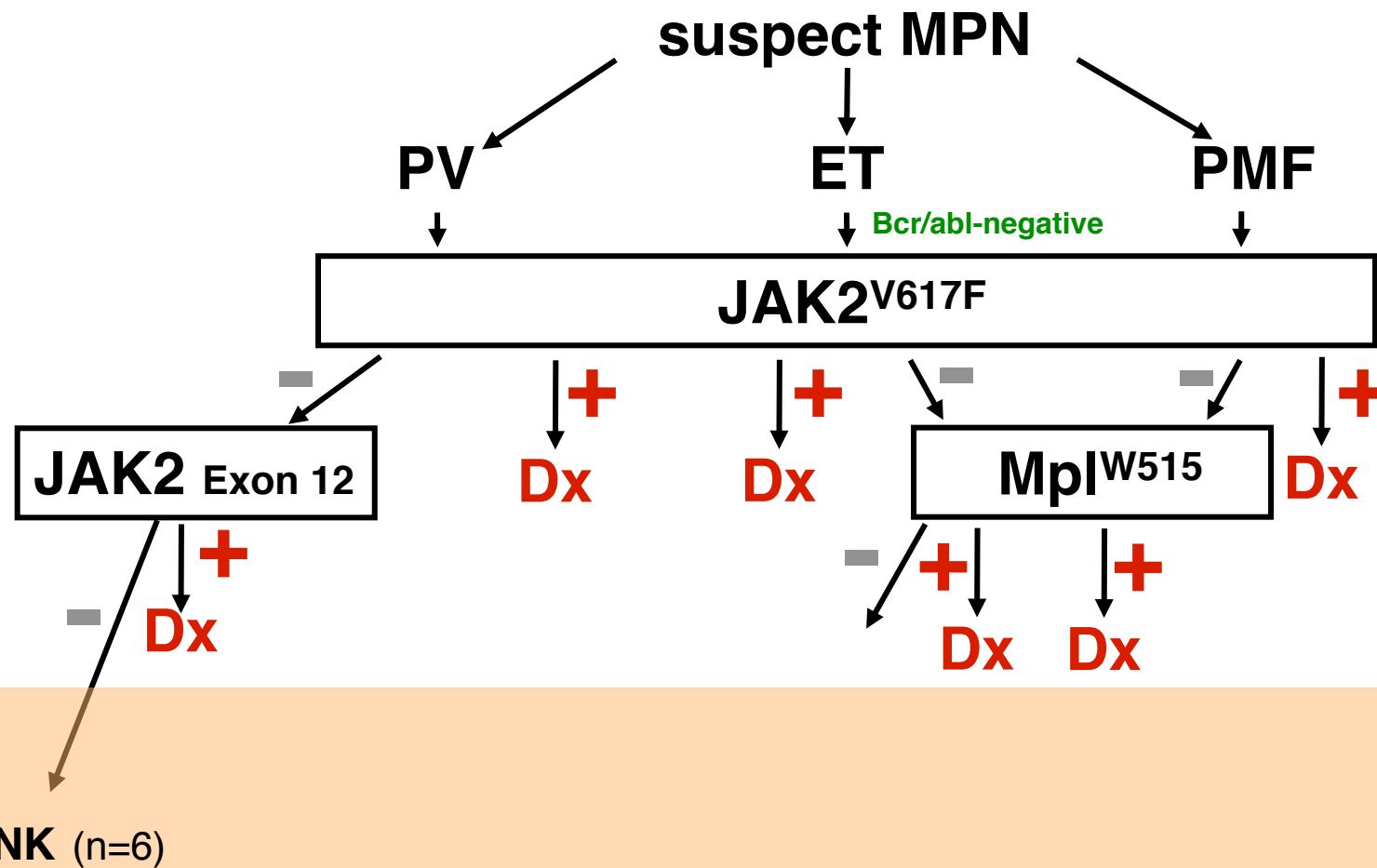
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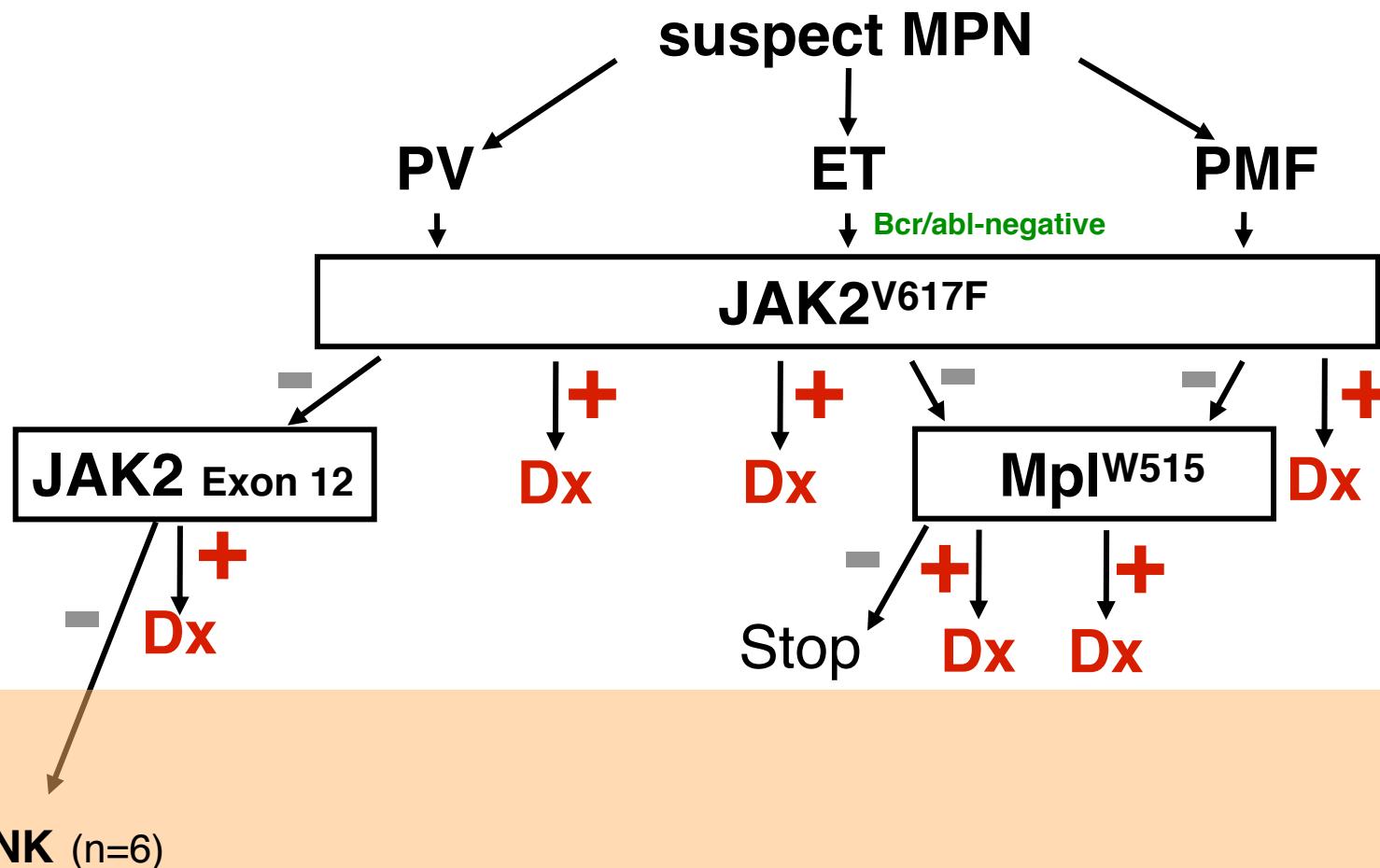
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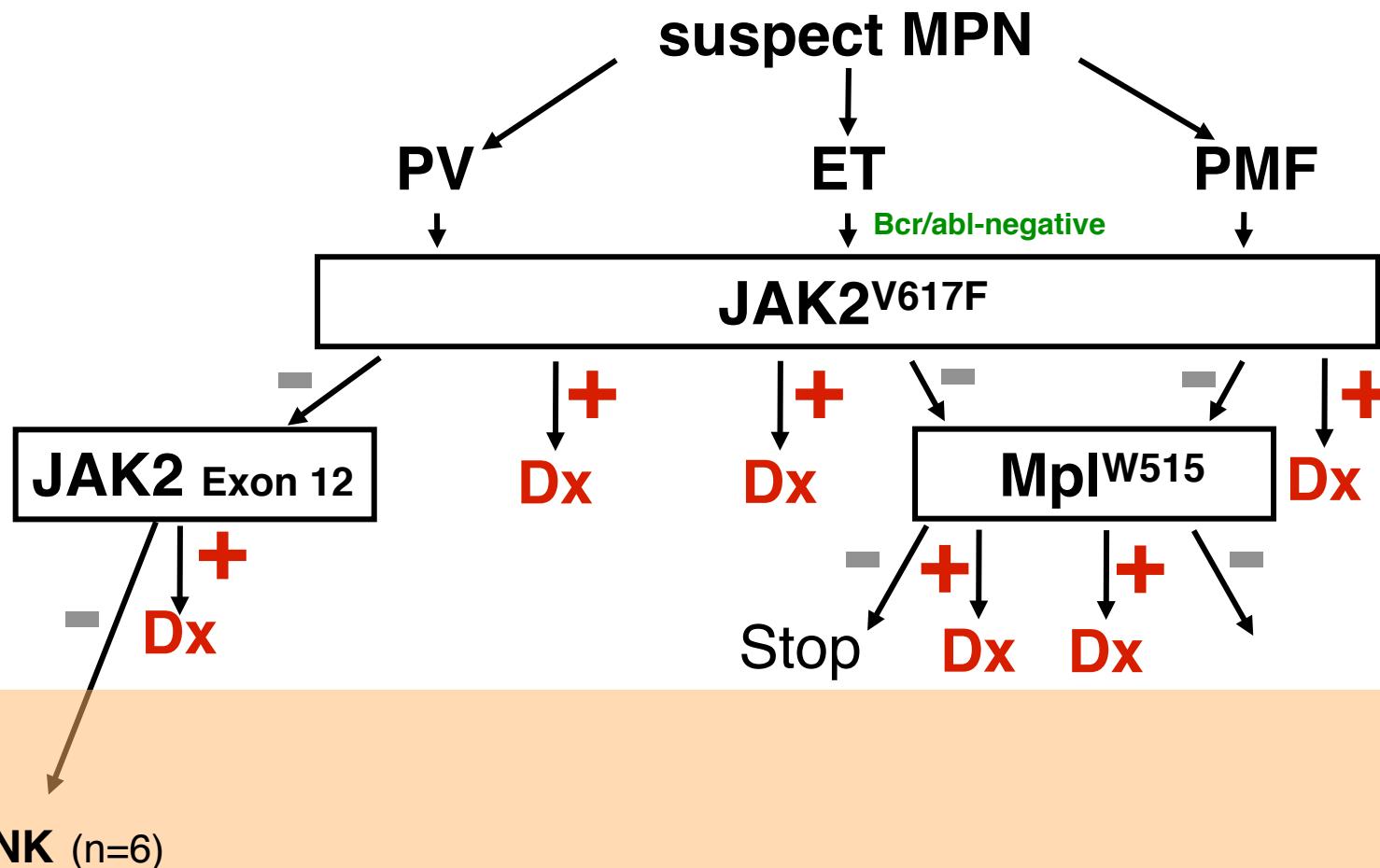
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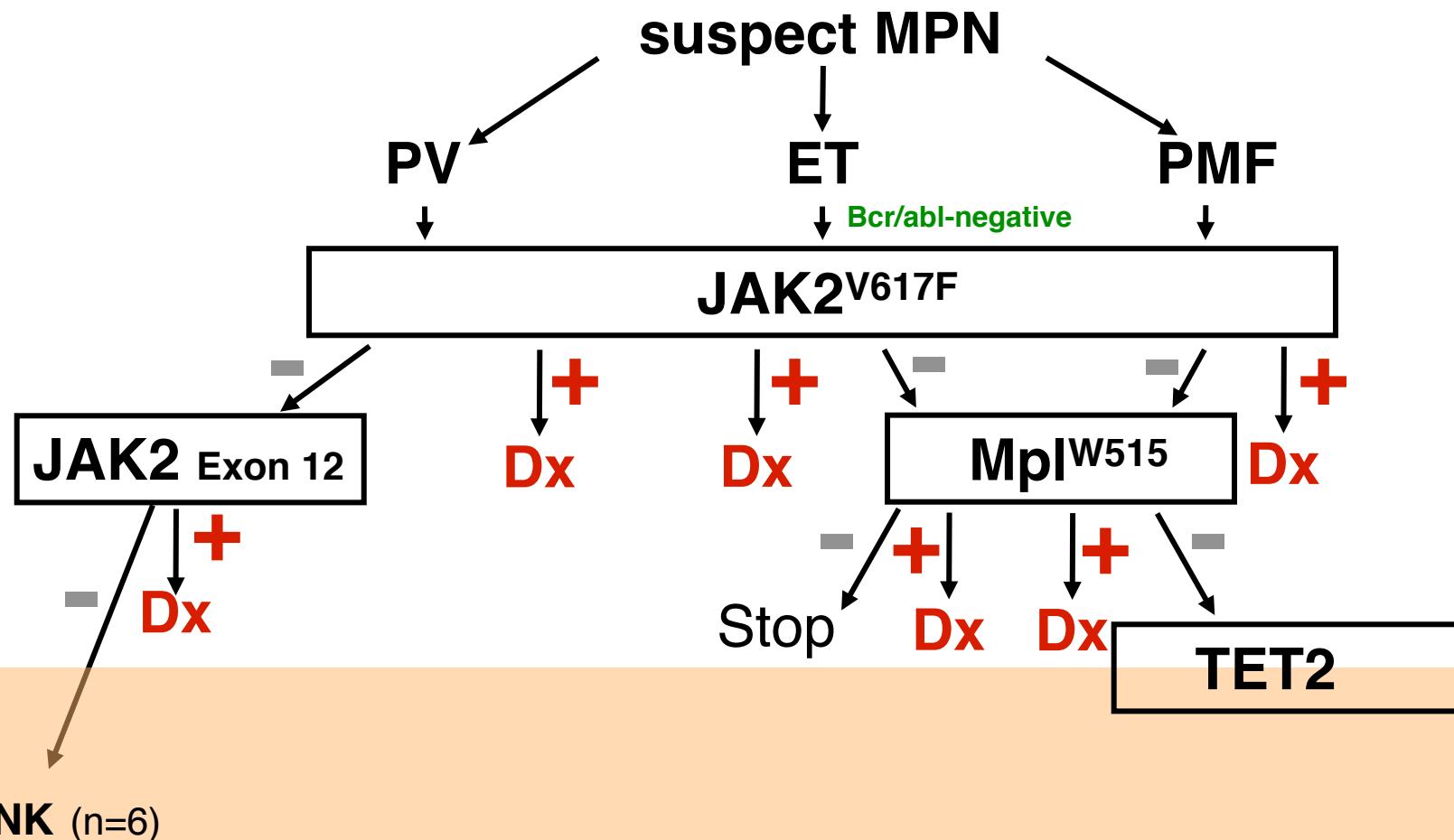
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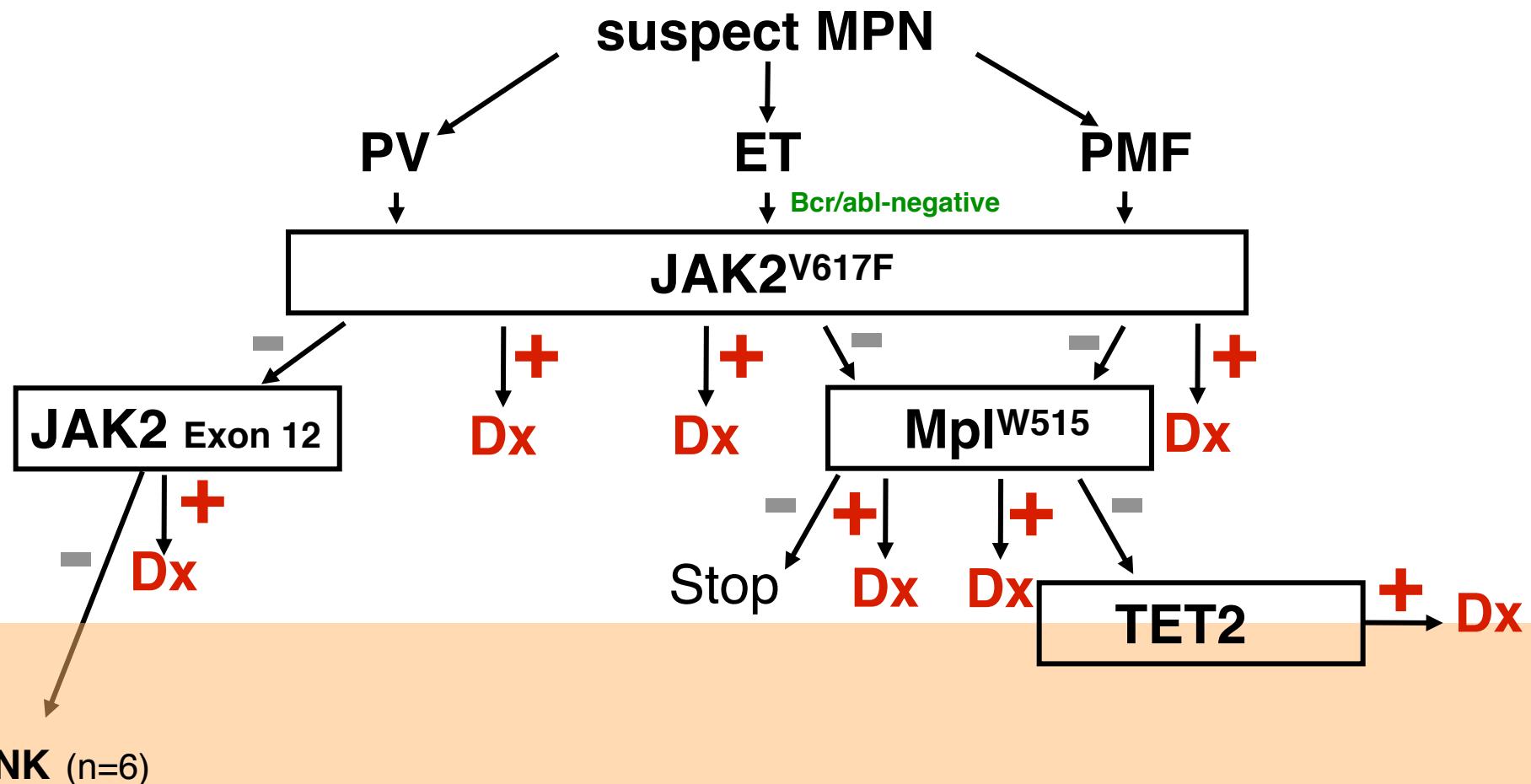
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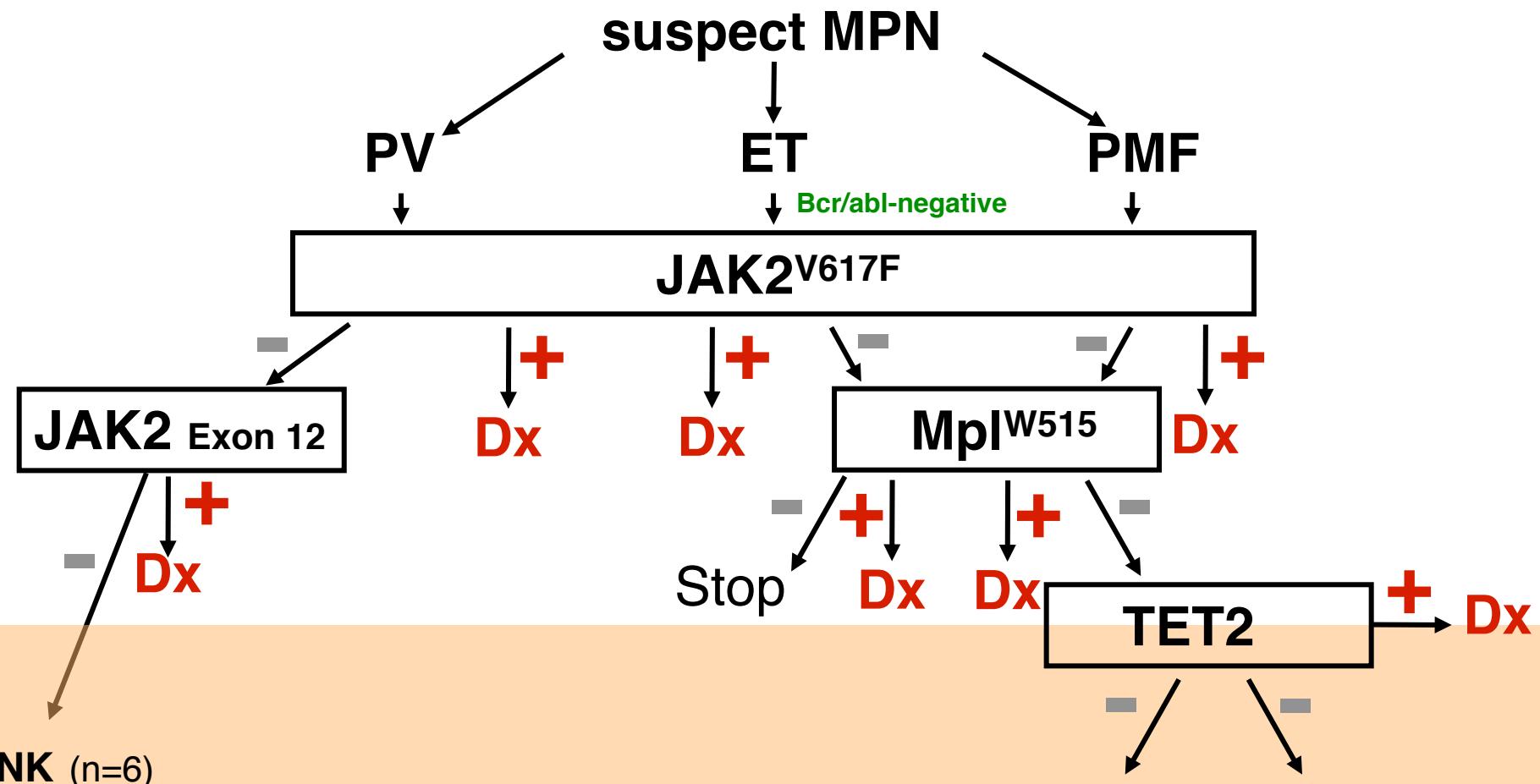
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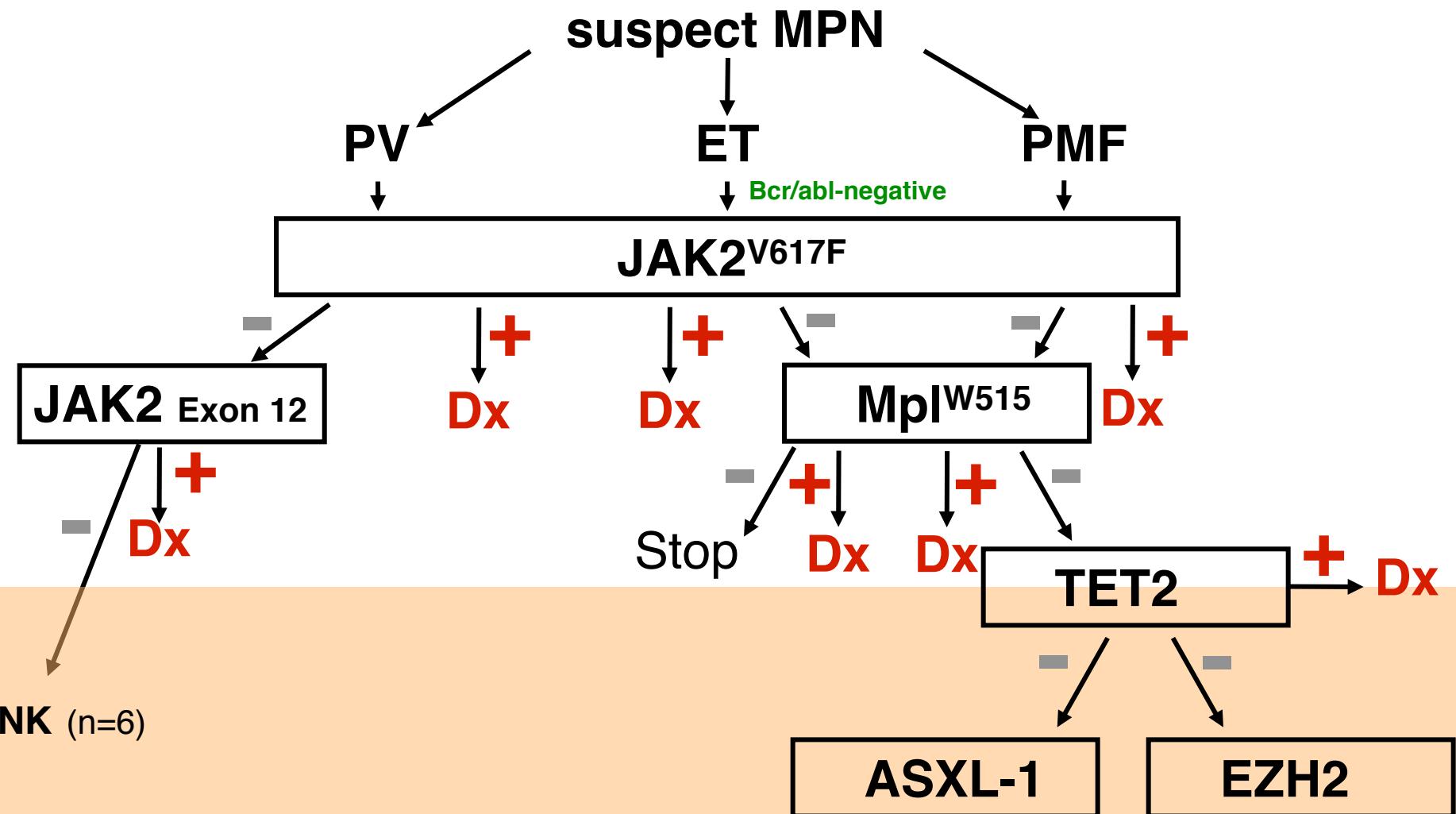
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## The use of MPN markers for follow up

- JAK2 v617F decreases with IFN treatment
  - treatment discontinuation based on JAK2 v617F - negativity has not been studied in a large cohort of patients
- there are no reports on the response of **novel** MPN markers to therapy in large series of patients
  - currently no indication for follow up measurements

# Molecular Markers in MPN used wisely

- For diagnosis
  - one marker is sufficient
  - PV
    - expand clinical workup before using novel markers (>98% positive: JAK2 v617F and Exon12 mutations)
  - ET
    - “marker negative” ET is a well worked up patient
  - PMF
    - diagnosis may be facilitated by novel markers
      - availability
      - costs / insurance

## Molecular Markers in MPN used wisely

- For follow up
  - only during IFN treatment
    - implication for discontinuation of therapy unclear

## Molecular Markers in MPN used wisely

- For clinical trials
  - large clinical trials using novel molecular markers are needed
    - to establish
      - prognostic consequences
      - differences in response to therapy
  - results from these trials will change recommendations for routine use
    - the previous slides will change by 2013