Data Mining For Genomics

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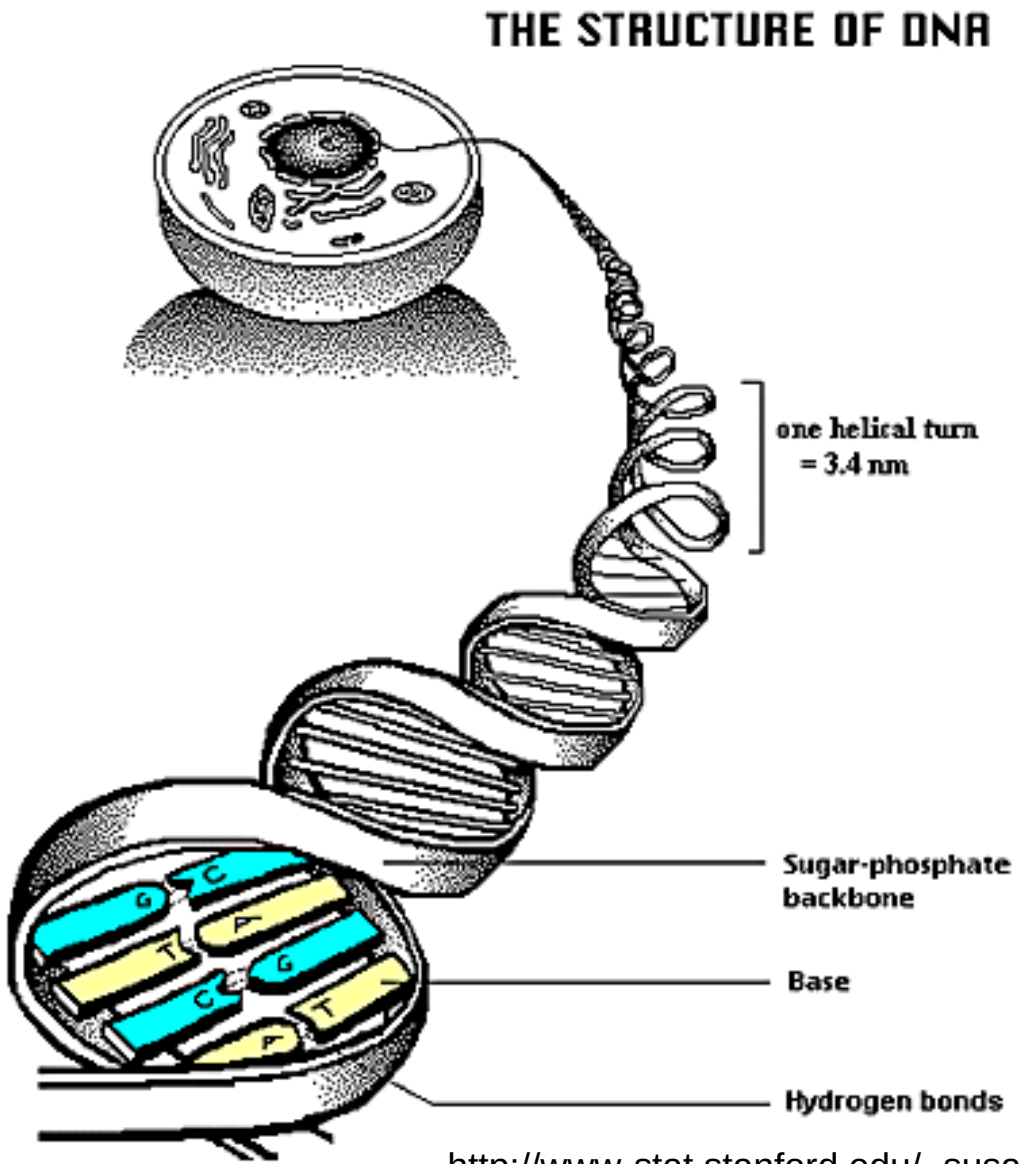
1. Biotechnology Overview
2. Gene Microarray Technology
3. Mining the genomic database
4. The post-genomic era

I. Biotechnology Overview

- **Genome:** All the DNA contained in an organism**.** The operating system/program for gene structure/function of an organism.
- **Genomics:** investigation of structure and function of very large numbers of genes undertaken in a simultaneous fashion.
- **Bioinformatics:** Computational extraction of information from biological data.
- **Data Mining:** Algorithms for extracting information from huge datasets using user specified criteria.



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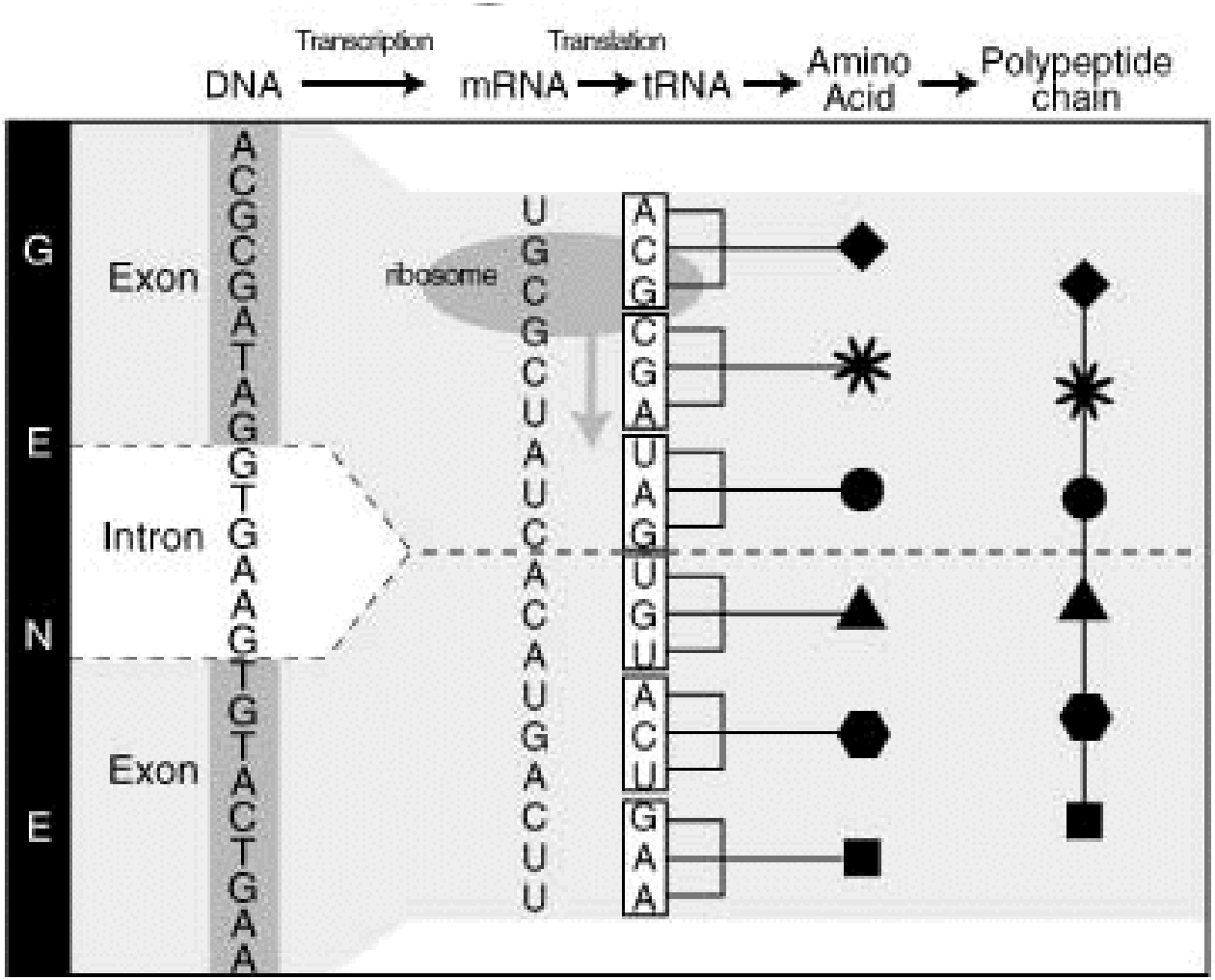
Central Dogma: From Gene to Protein



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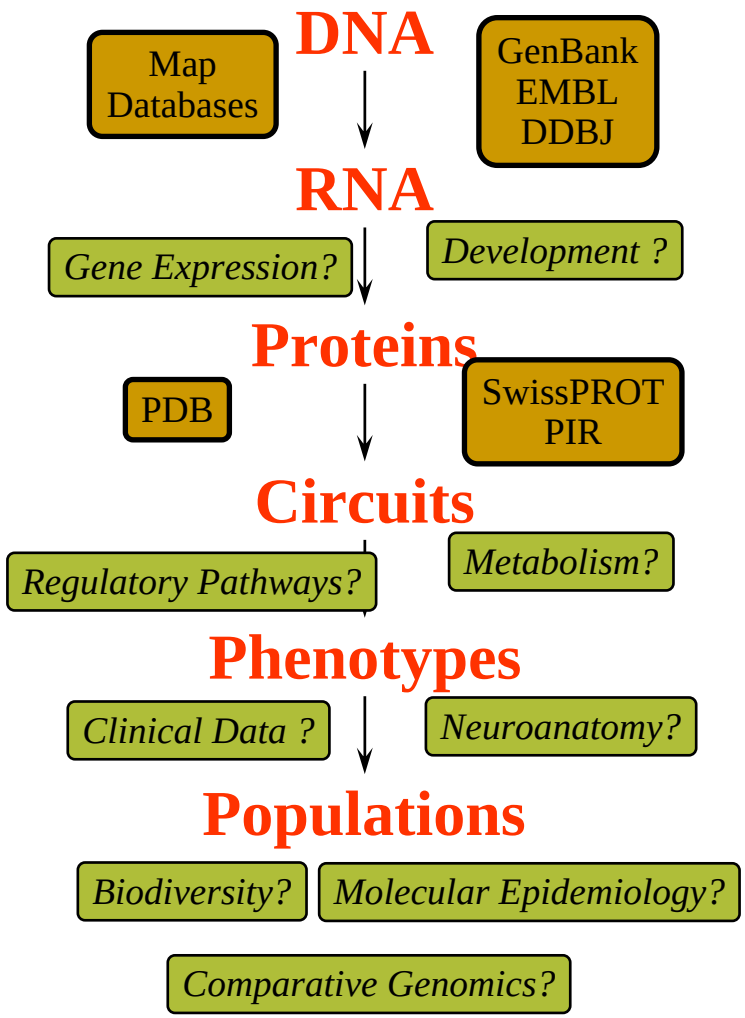
Towards a unified theory….



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Hierarchy of biological questions

- Gene sequencing: what is the sequence of base pairs in a DNA segment, gene, or genome?
- Gene Mapping: what are positions (loci) of genes on a chromosome?
- Gene expression profiling: what is pattern gene activation/inactivation over time, tissue, therapy, etc?
- Genetic circuits: how do genes regulate (stimulate/inhibit) each other's expression levels over time?
- Genetic pathways: what sequence of gene interactions lead to a specific metabolic/structural (dys)function?

Sequencing Milestones

Organism	#of genes	% genes with inferred function	sequencing complete
E. Coli	4,288	60	1997
Yeast	6,600	40	1996
C. Elegans	19,000	40	1998
Drosophila	12,000-14,000	25	1999
Arabidopsis	25,000	40	2000
Mouse	26,000-40,000	10-20	2002
Human	26,383-39,114	10-20	2001

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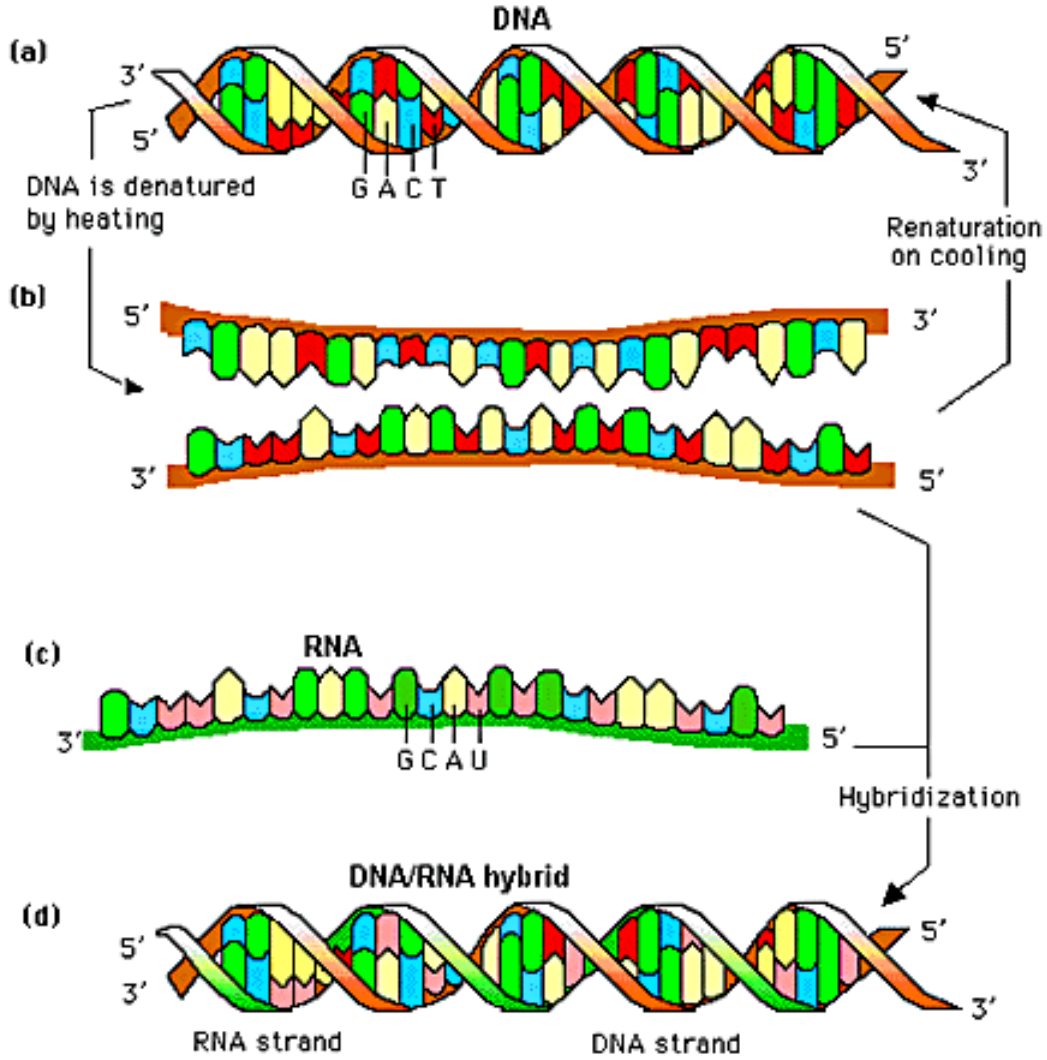


Nucleic Acid Hybridization

II. Gene Microarray Technologies

- High throughput method to probe DNA in a sample
- Two principal microarray technologies:

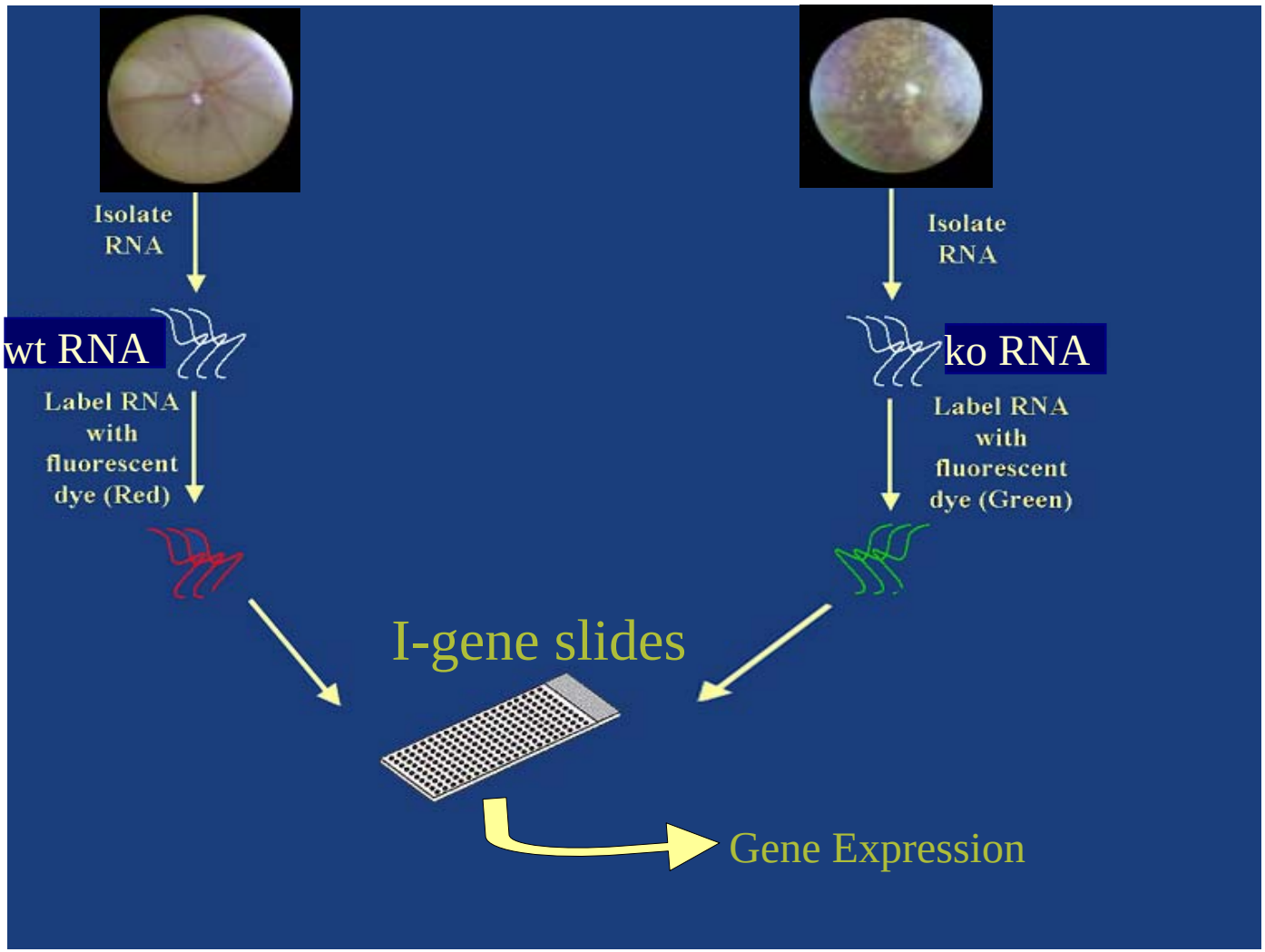
  1) Affymetrix GeneChip
  2) **cDNA spotted arrays**

- Main idea behind cDNA technology:

  1) Specific complementary DNA sequences arrayed on slide
  2) Dye-labeled RNA from sample is distributed over slide
  3) RNA binds to probes (hybridization)
  4) Presence of bound RNA-DNA pairs is read out by detecting spot fluorescence via laser excitation (scanning)

- Result: 10,000 50,000 genes can be probed at once

Specialized cDNA Array: Eye-Gene



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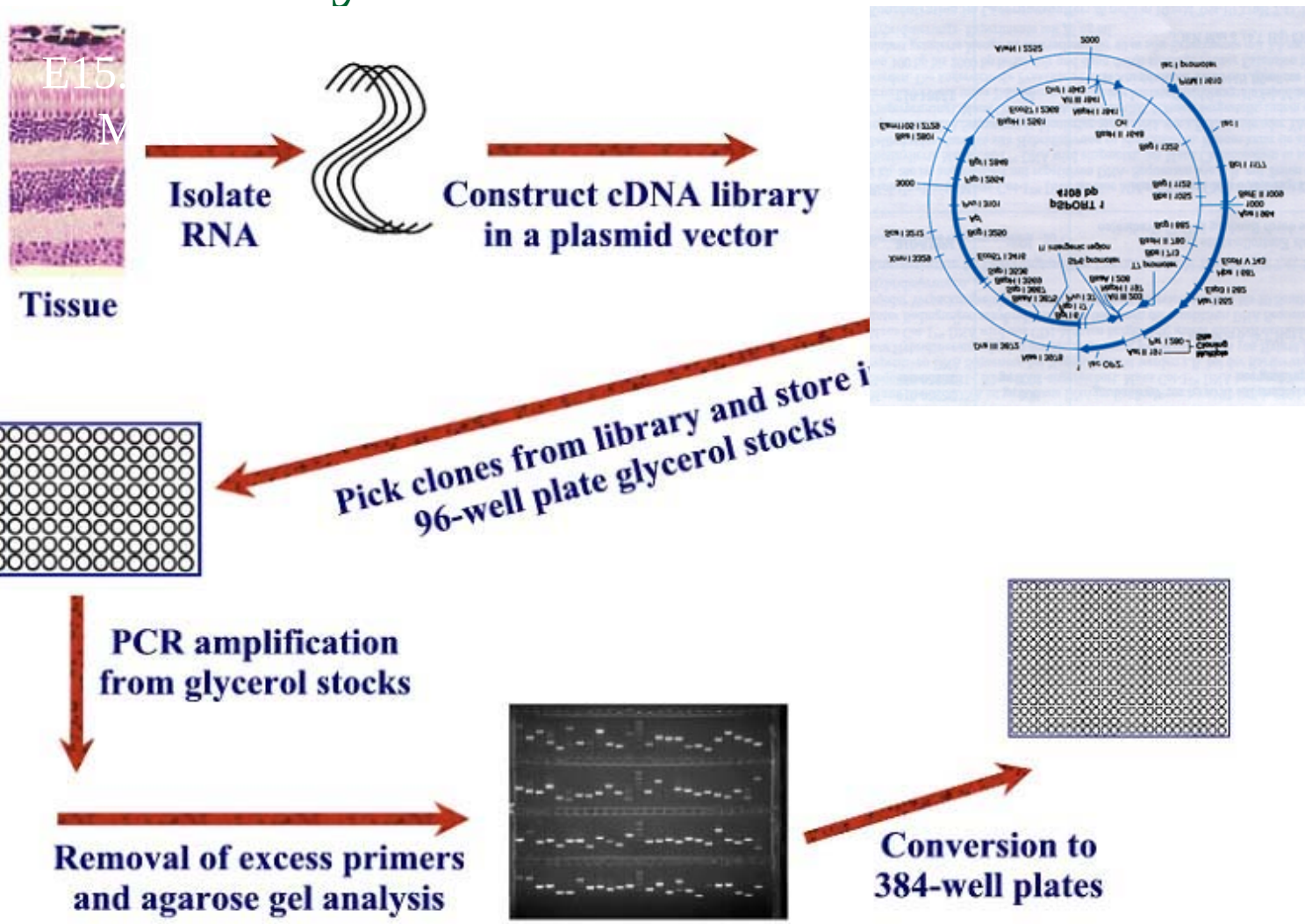
I-Gene Array: Probe Generation



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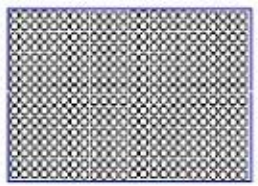
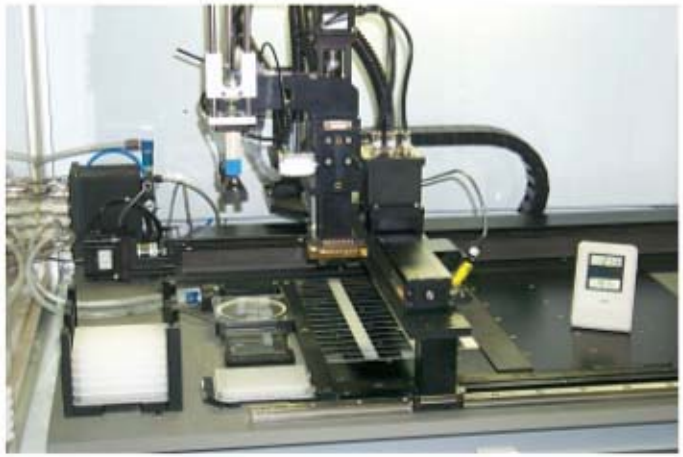
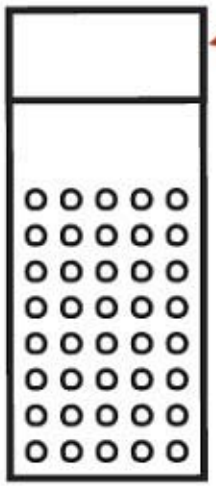
I-Gene Array: Printing and Processing



384-well plate

cDNAs printed
on glass slides





Slide processing

1. Target labeling
2. Hybridization
3. Scanning
4. Data Analysis

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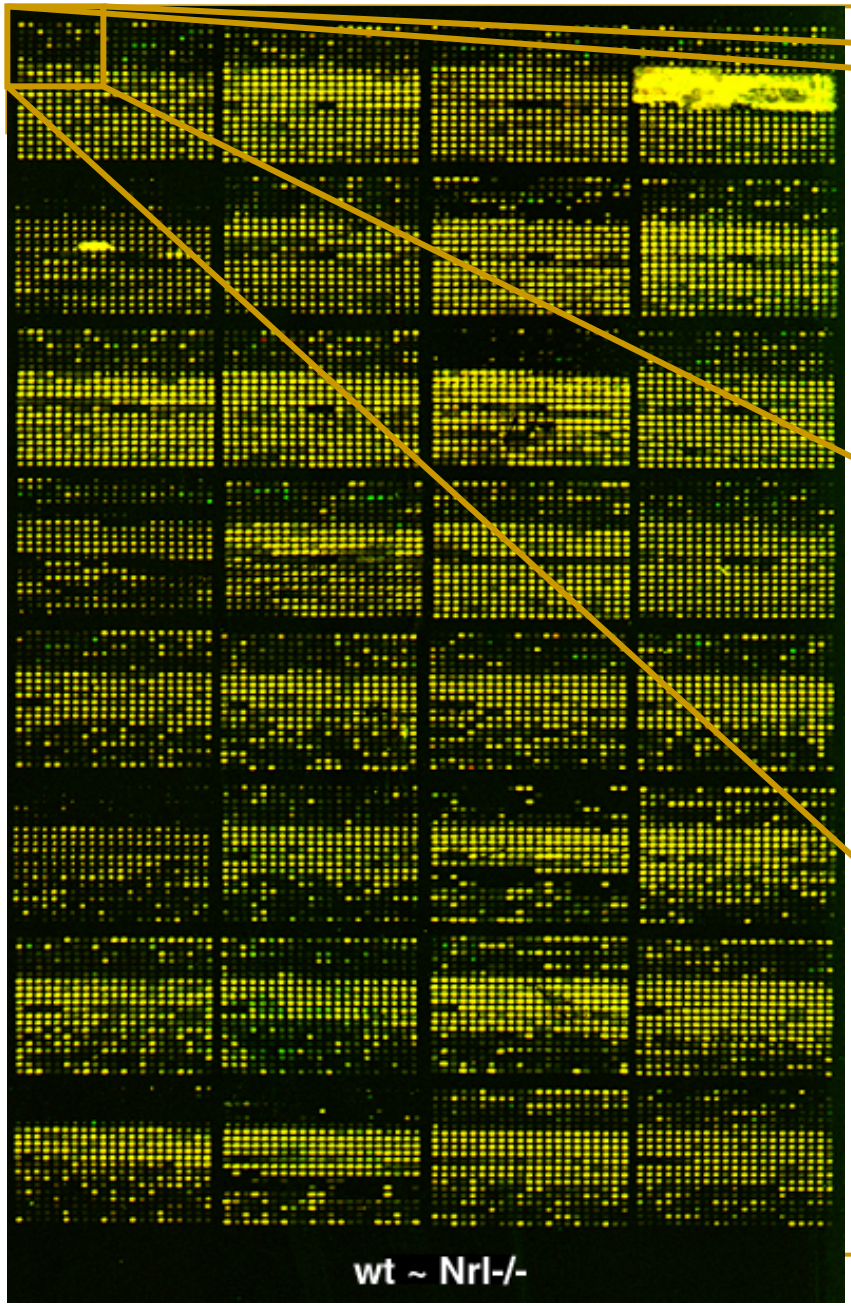
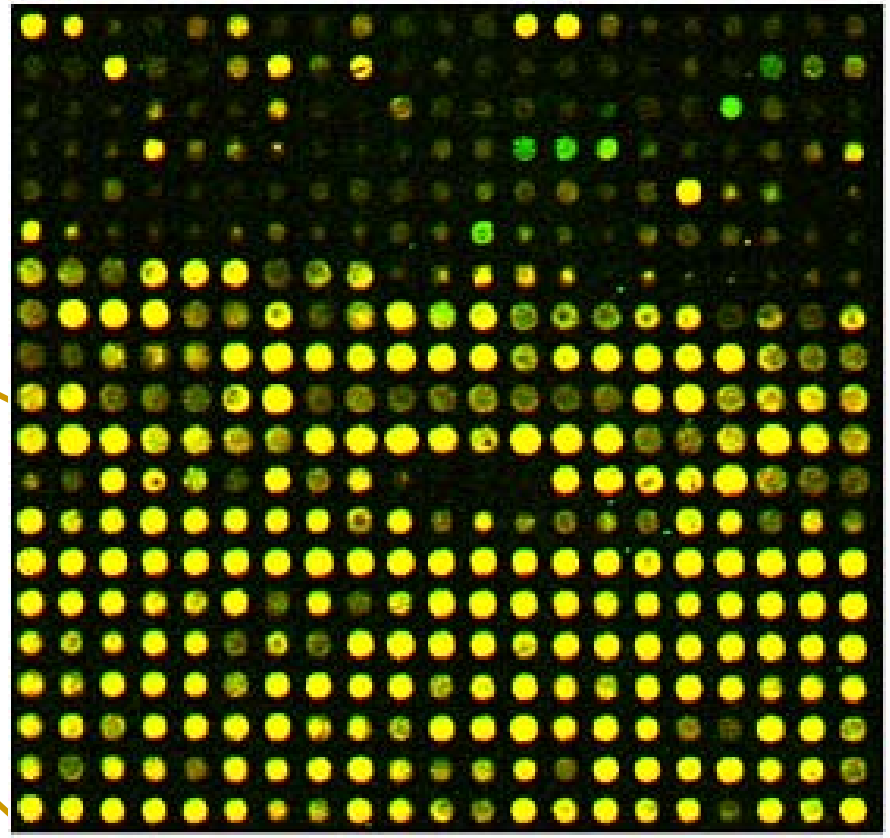
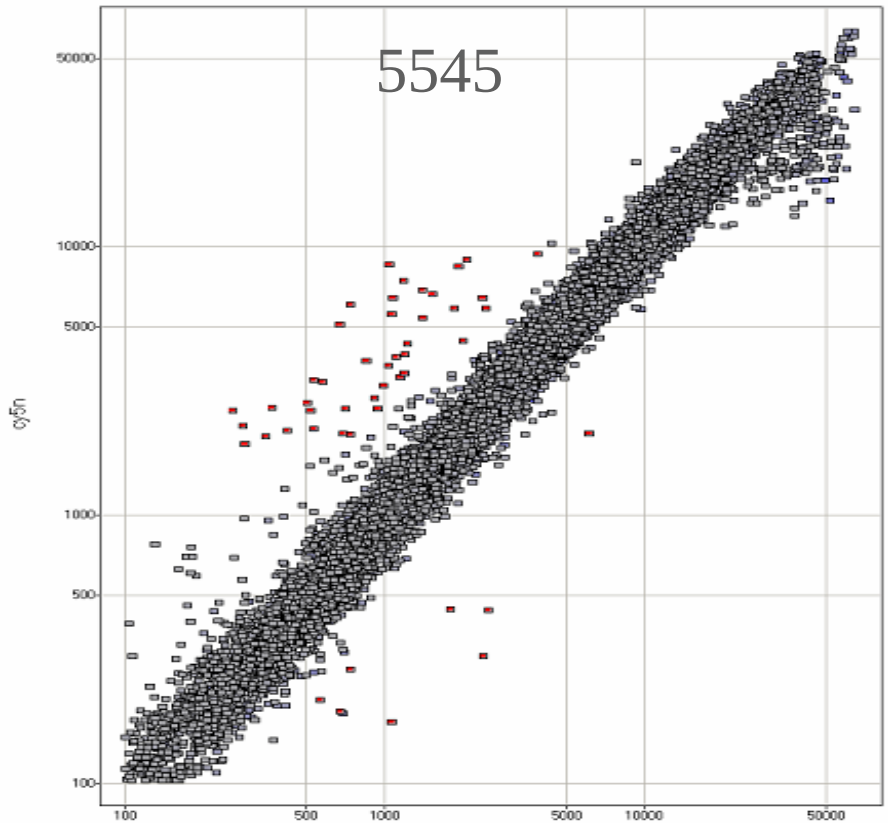
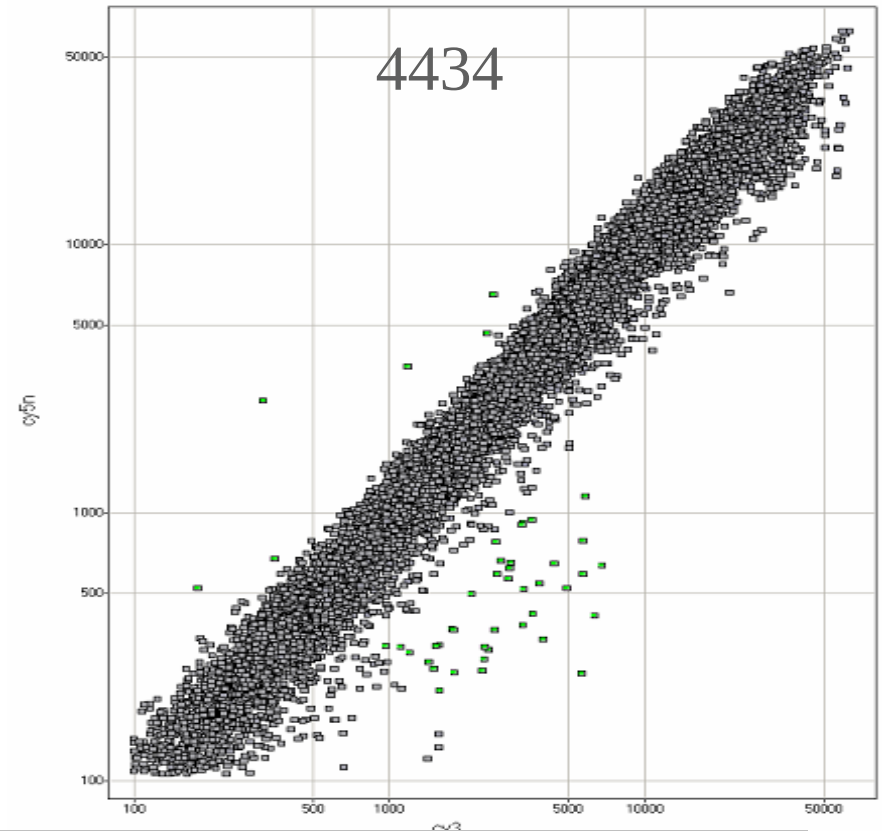




- Treated sample labeled red (Cy5)
- Control data labeled green (Cy3)

Single-Chip Raw Data Analysis





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Problem: Experimental Variability

- **Population** – too wide genetic diversity
- **Cell lines** - poor sample preparation
- **Slide Manufacture** – slide surface quality, dust deposition
- **Hybridization** – sample concentration, wash conditions
- **Cross hybridization** – similar but different genes bind to same probe
- **Image Formation** – scanner saturation, lens aberrations, gain settings
- **Imaging and Extraction** – misaligned spot grid, segmentation

Microarray data is intrinsically Statistical!

III. Mining Statistical Genomic Data. Questions:

- How to estimate true Cy5 and Cy3 from raw data?
- How to compensate for experimental variability?
- How to extract expression profile ratios from a set of up to 50,000 probe responses?
- How to specify gene profile selection criteria for mining in this data?
- How to discover complex genetic pathways to disease, aging, etc?

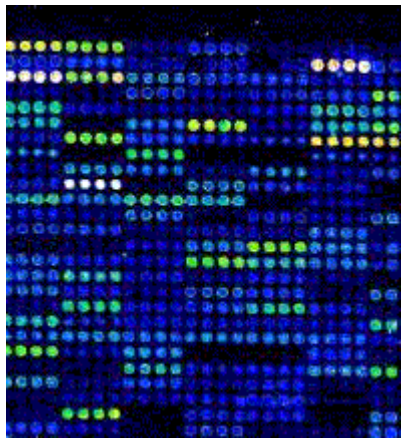
Mining Statistical Genomic Data. Answers:

- Spot Extraction: Estimate Cy3 and Cy5 concentrations
  - Image processing, image segmentation, anova models
- Comparing between microarray experiments
  - Statistical invariance, equalizing transformations, normalization
- Gene filtering and screening
  - Simultaneous statistical inference, T tests, FDR
- Discovery of genetic pathways
  - Clustering, dependency graphs, HMM's

Spot Extraction Issues

- Technical noise and variability
- Laser gain and calibration
- Cy3/cy5 channel bleedthrough
- Image formation gain
- Spot gridding algorithm
- Spot segmentation algorithm

Technical Noise and Variability



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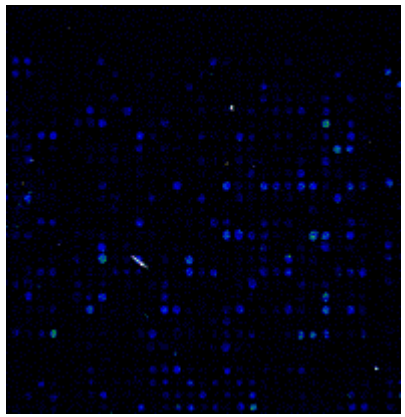
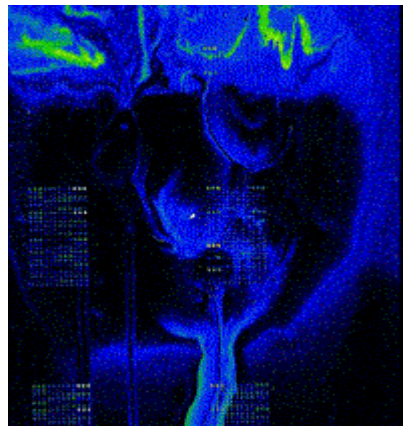
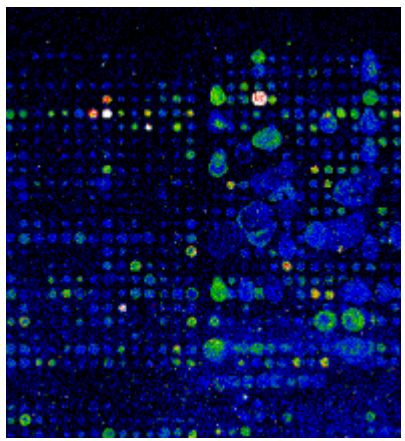


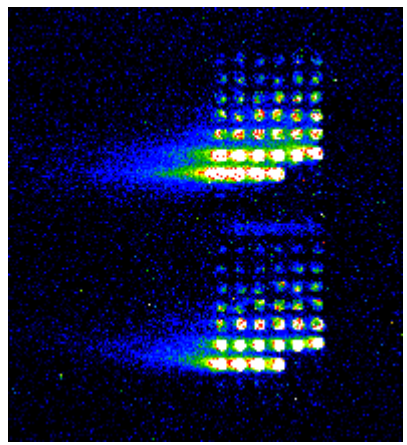
Weak Signal



Streaks



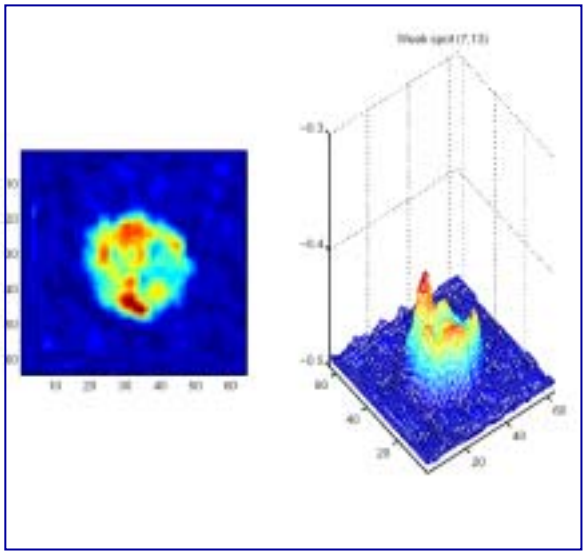
Irregular Spots



Comet Tails

Source: http://stress-genomics.org/

Gain Effects



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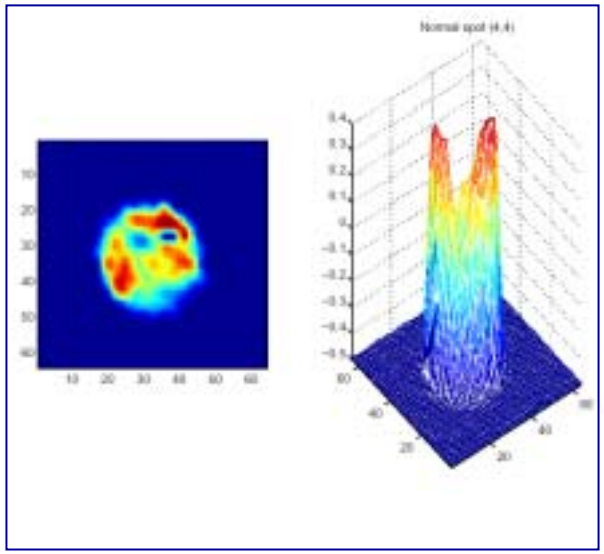

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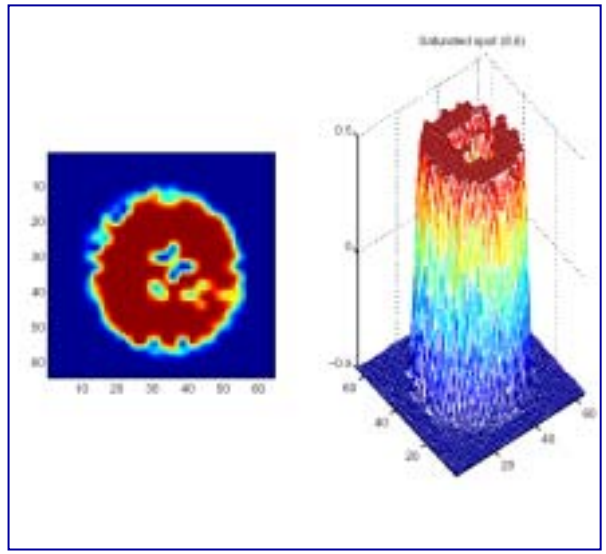
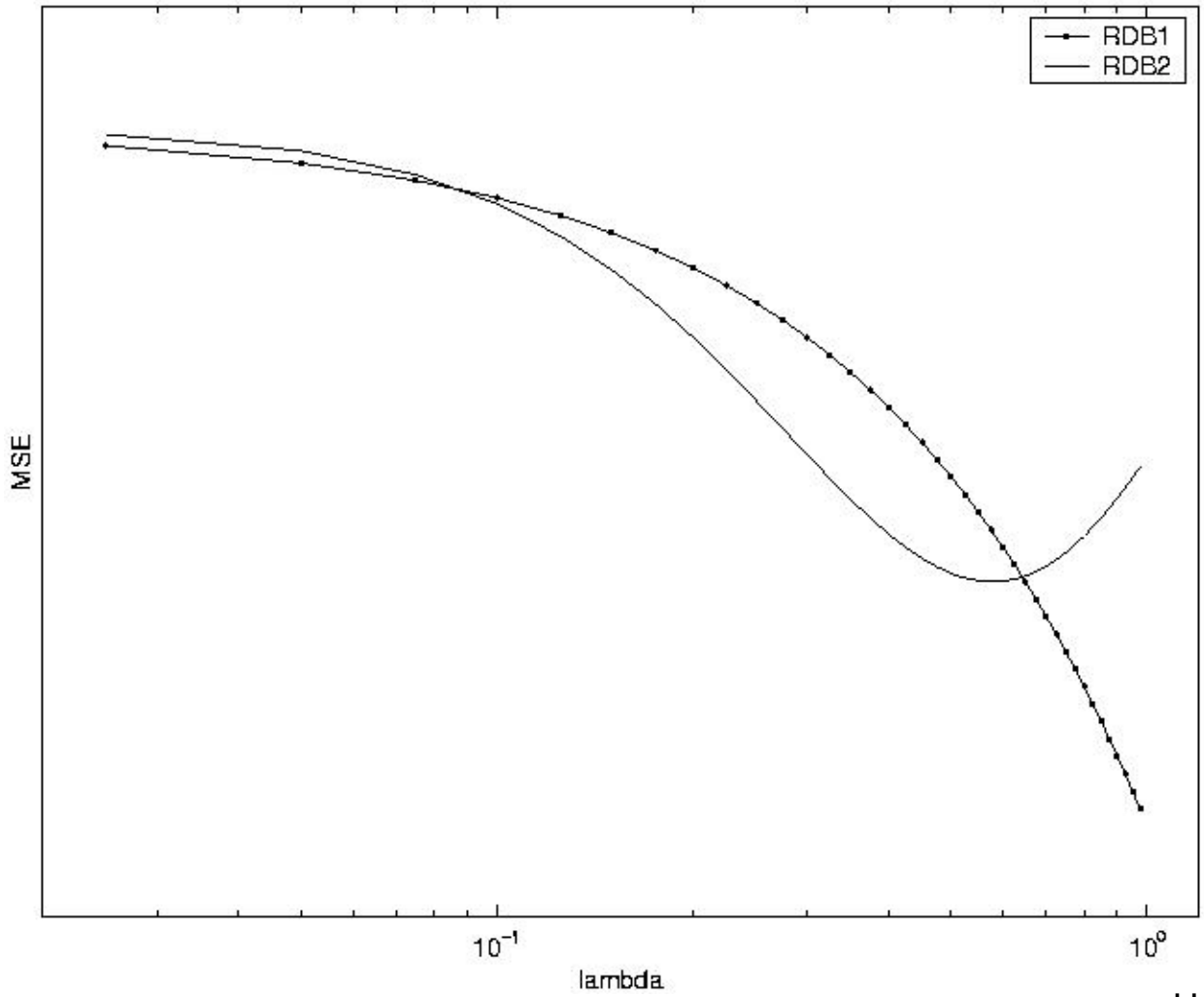


Saturated

Optimal gain can be studied by information theory

Rate Distortion Lower Bound

MSE



Gain

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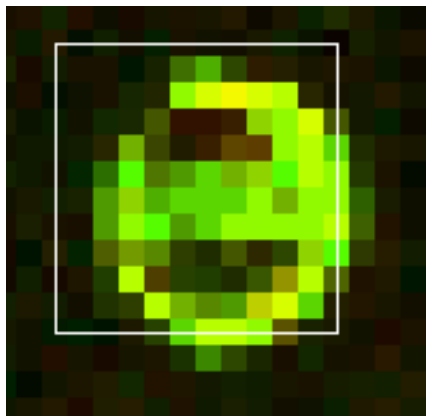
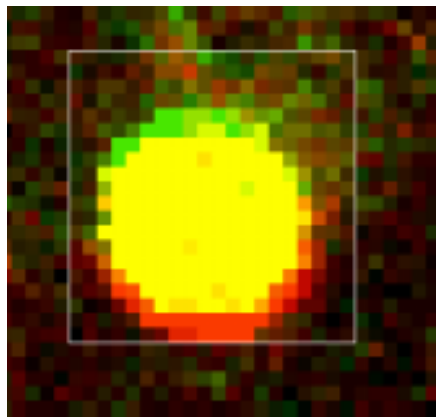
Standard Spot Segmentation Method

- **Addressing** – Locate “center of description” for each spot
- **Spot Segmentation** – Classification of pixels either as signal or background.
- **Spot Quantification** – Estimation of hybridization level/ratio of spot



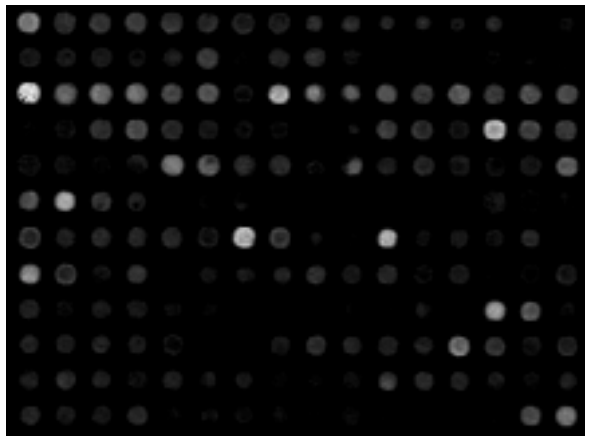
Grid misalignment



Laser Misalignment

Source: C. Ball, Stanford Microarray Database

Segmentation via Morphological Operators



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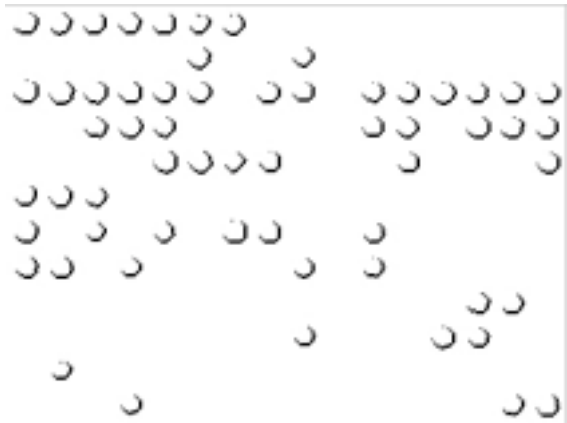
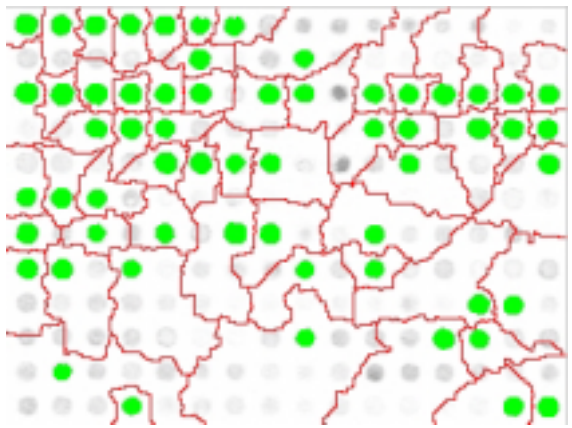
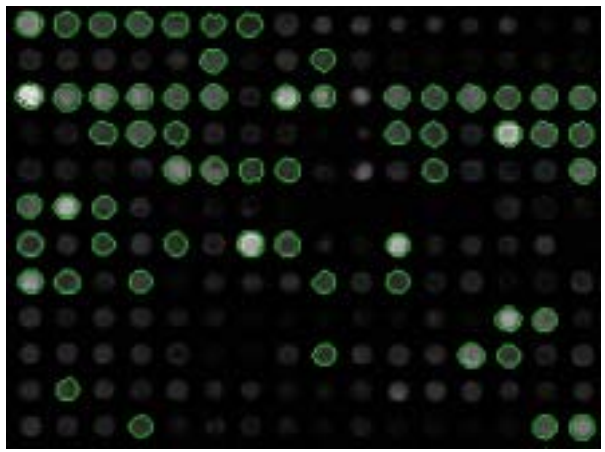


Alternate-Sequential Filtered

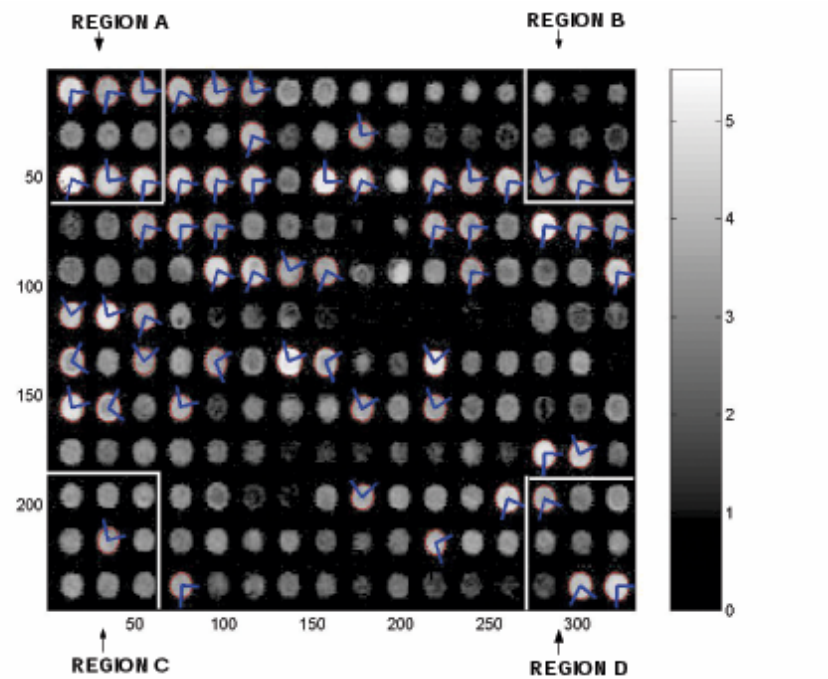


Watershed Transformed



Final Segmented Image

Spot EigenAnalysis



- Gray level covariance matrix over each spot boundary is calculated
- Eigen analysis of each covariance matrix is performed
- Trends in direction of eigenvectors indicate systematic bias in spot printing

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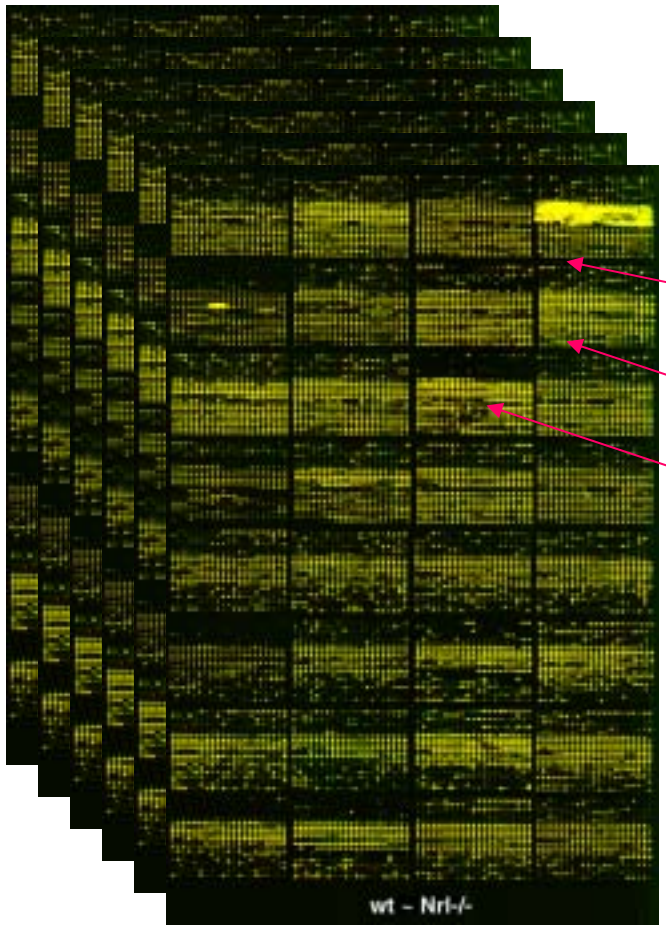
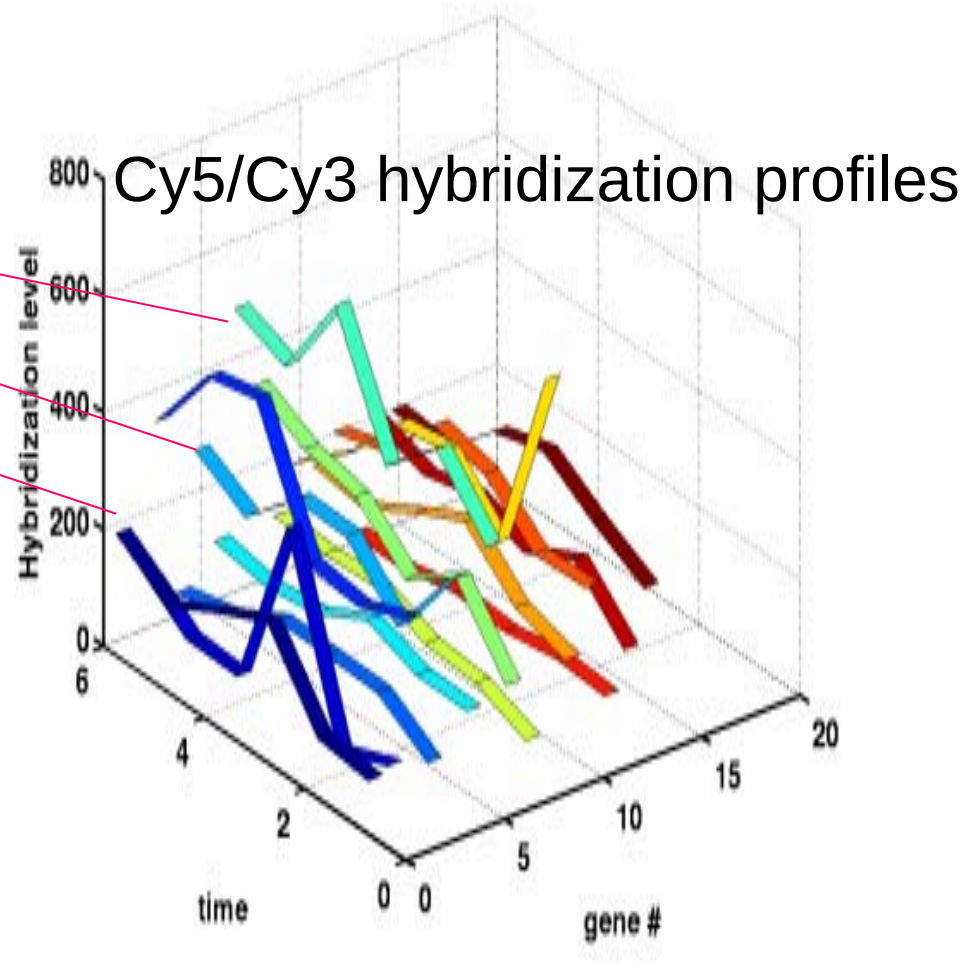
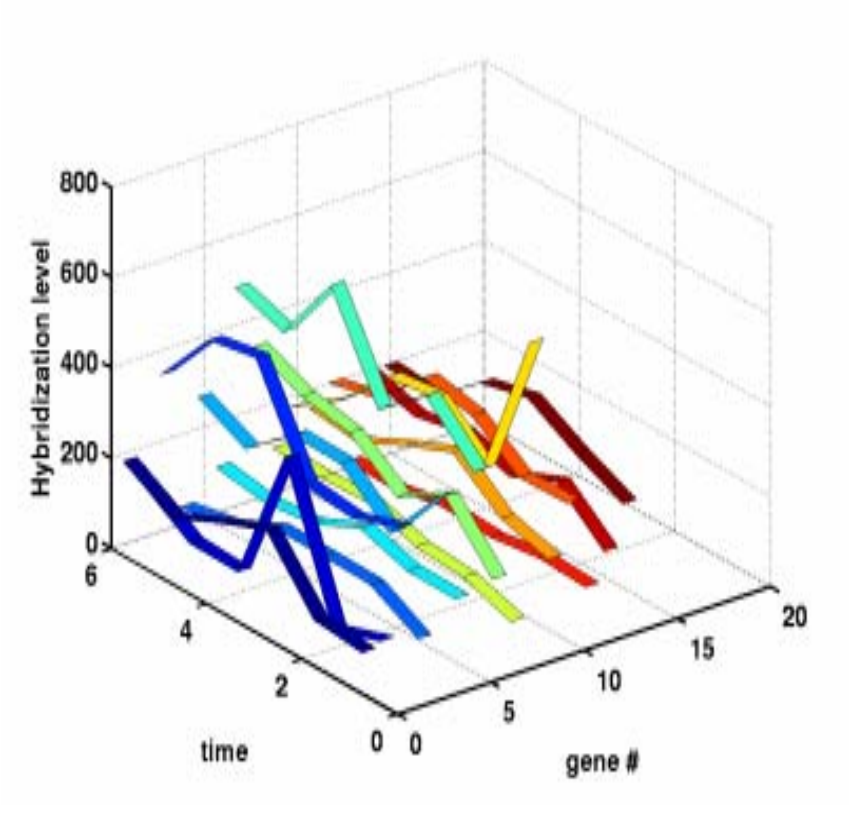
Add Dimension: Expression Profiles

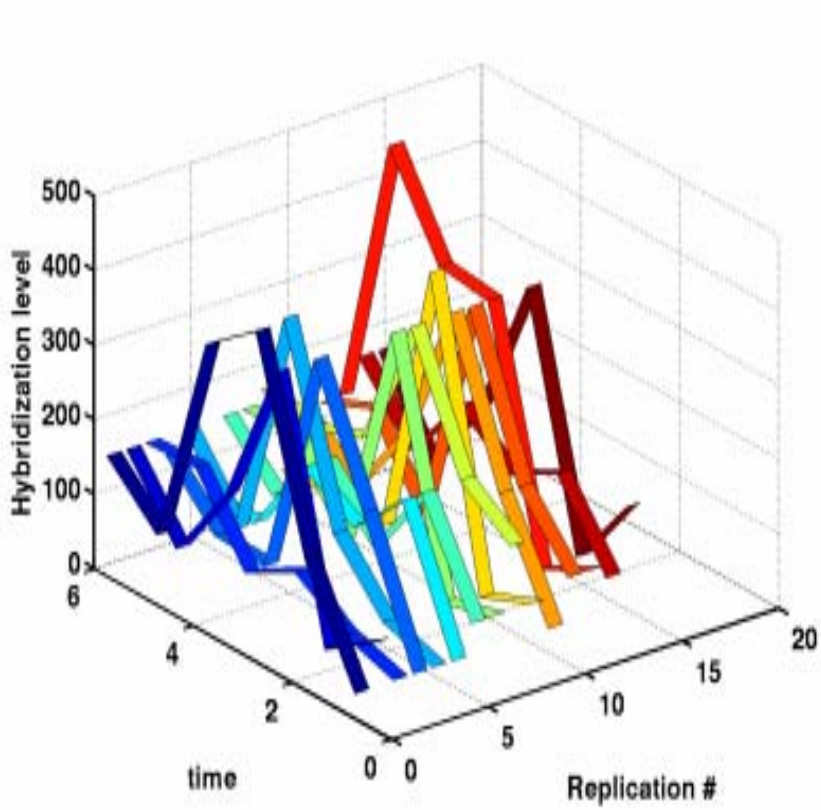




Problem: Intrinsic Profile Variability

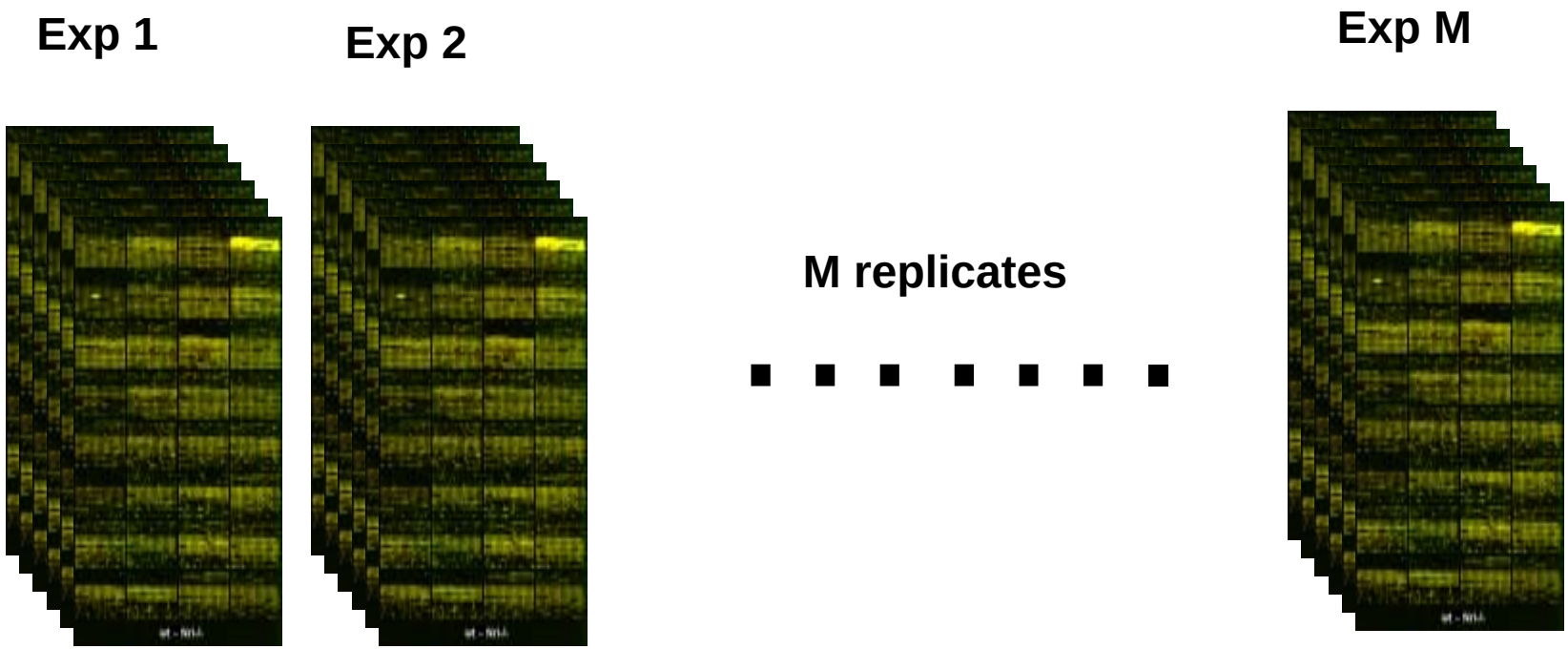


Across gene variability



Within gene variability

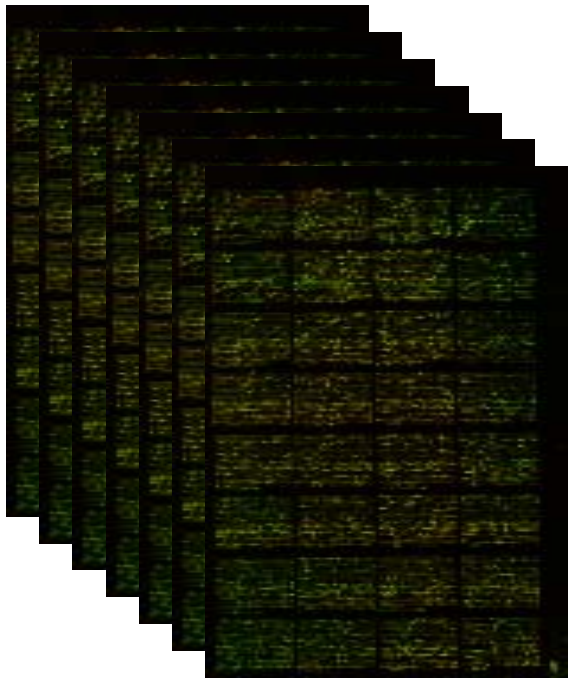
Solution: Experimental Replication



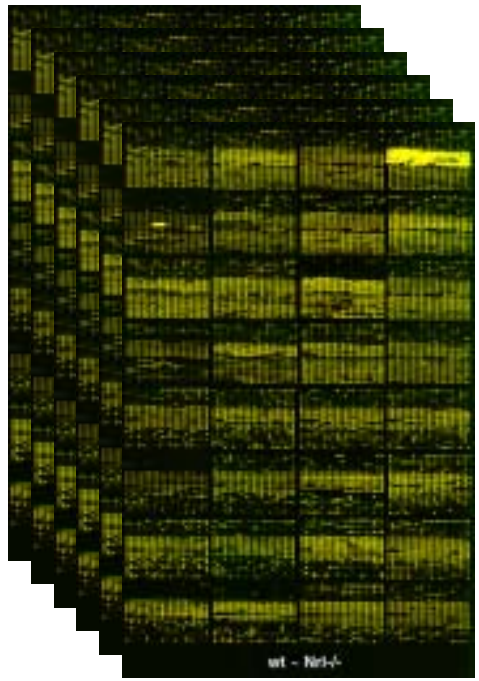
Issues:

- Control by experimental replication is expensive
- Surplus real estate allows replication in layout
- Batch and spatial correlations may be a problem

Comparing Across Microarray Experiments



Experiment A

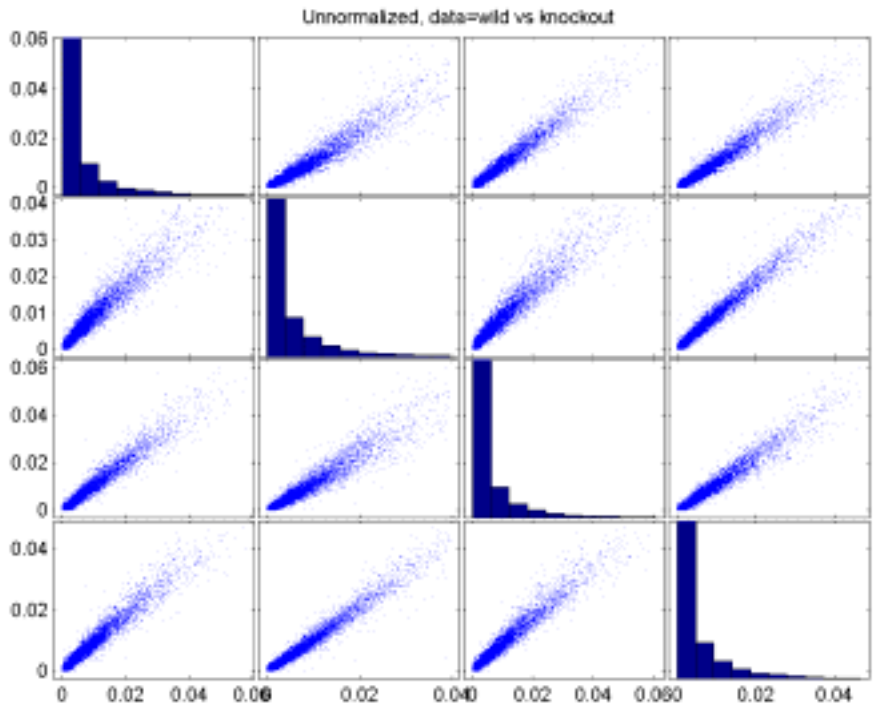


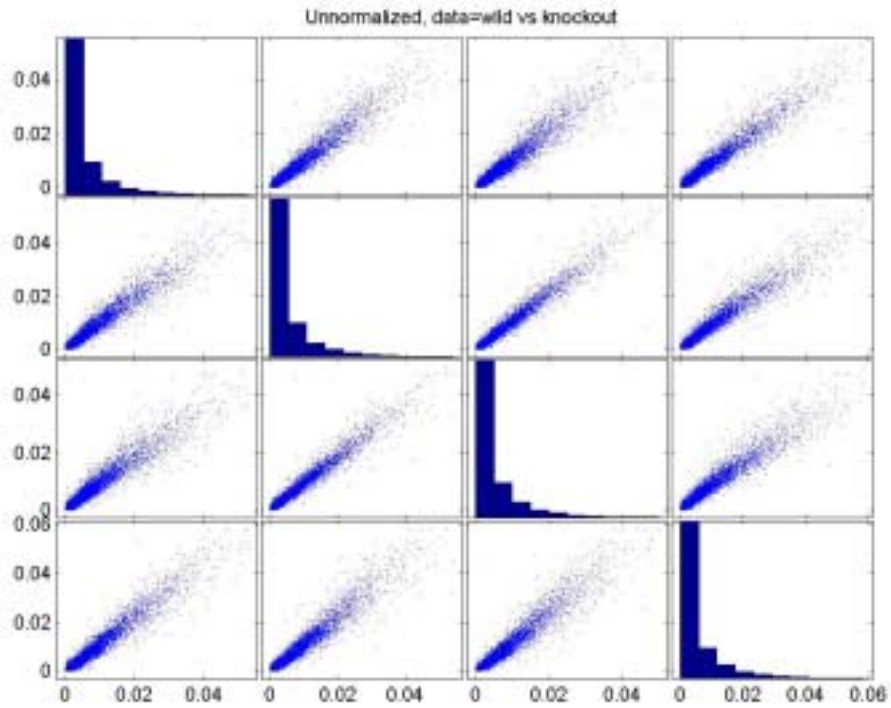
Experiment B

Question: How to combine or compare experiments A and B?

Un-Normalized Data Sets

Within experiment intensity variations mask A B differences:





Experiment A (Wildtype)

Experiment B (Knockout)

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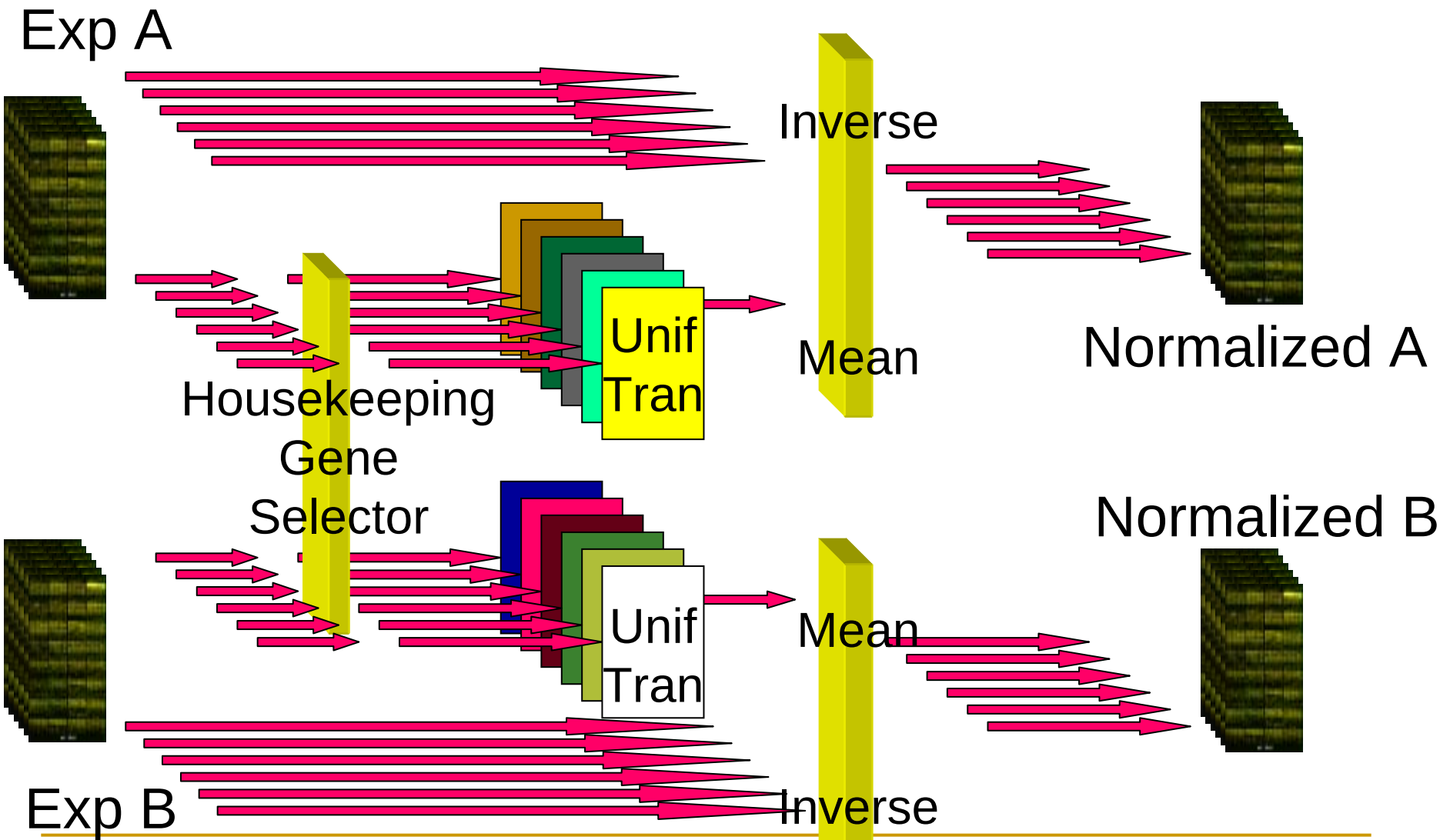
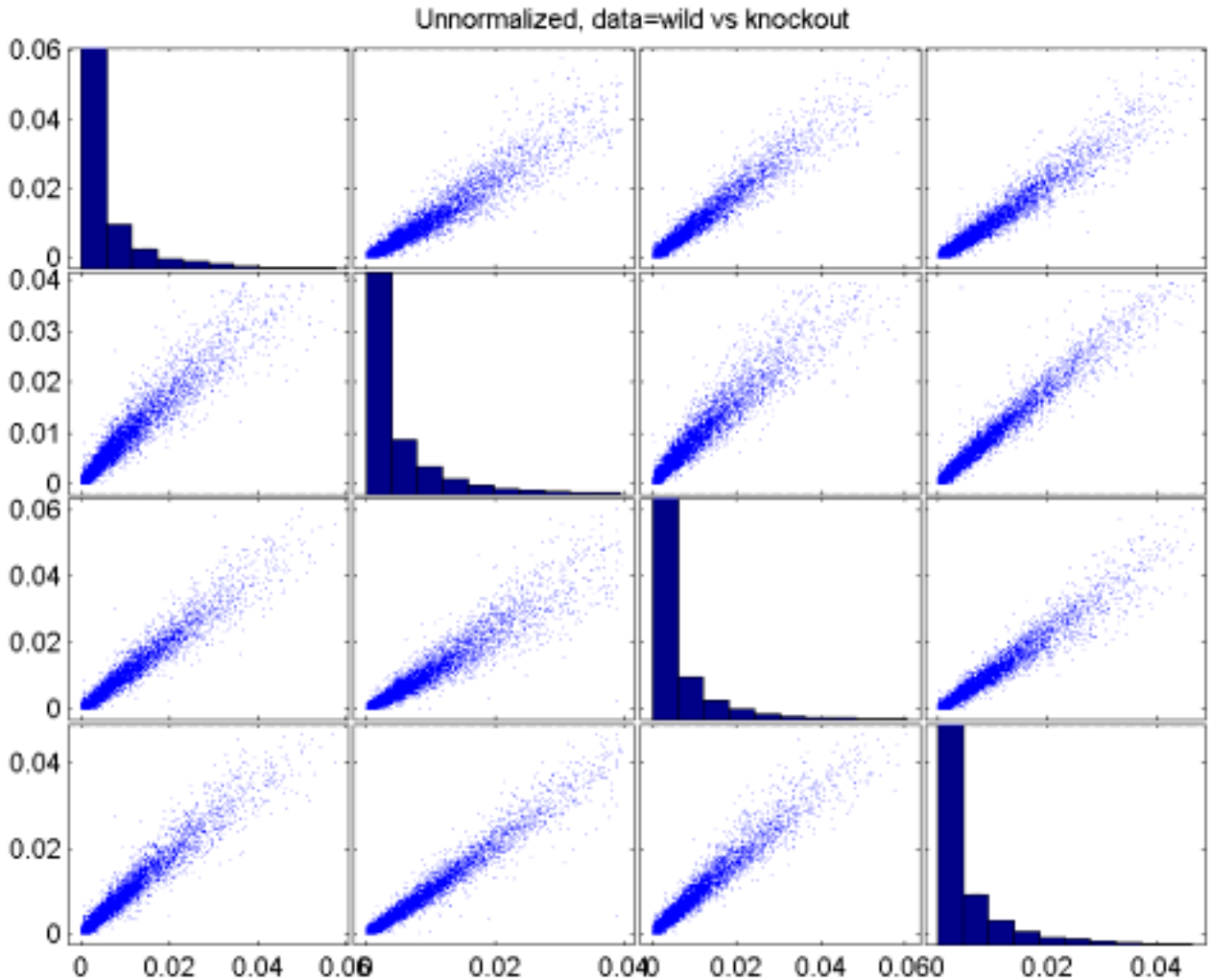
Two Approaches

- If quantitative gene profile comparisons are required:
  - must find normalization function to align all data sets within an experiment to a common reference.
- If only ranking of gene profile differences is required:
  - No need to normalize: can apply rank order transformation to measured hybridization intensities

A vs B Microarray Normalization Method



Un-Normalized Data Set (Wildtype)



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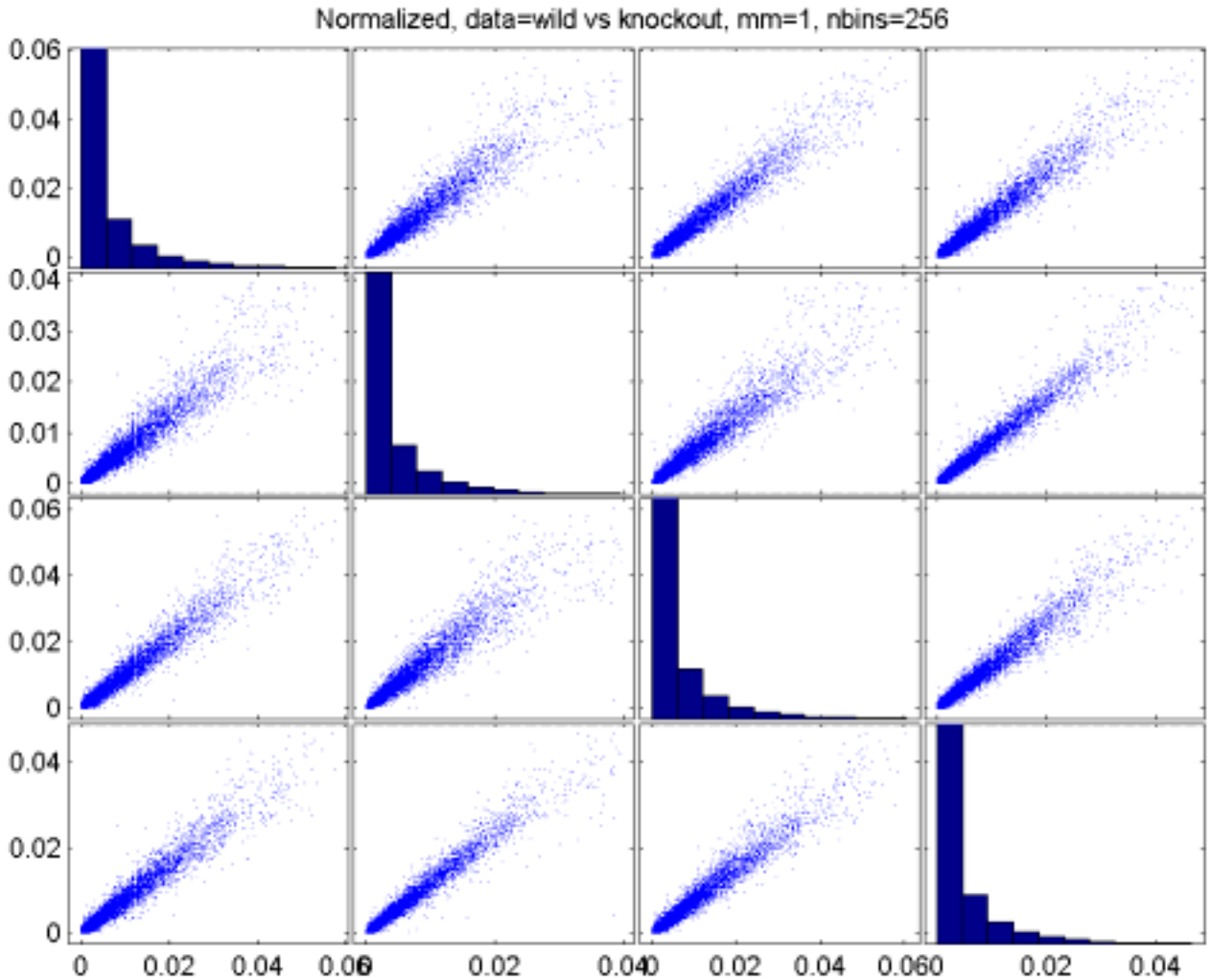

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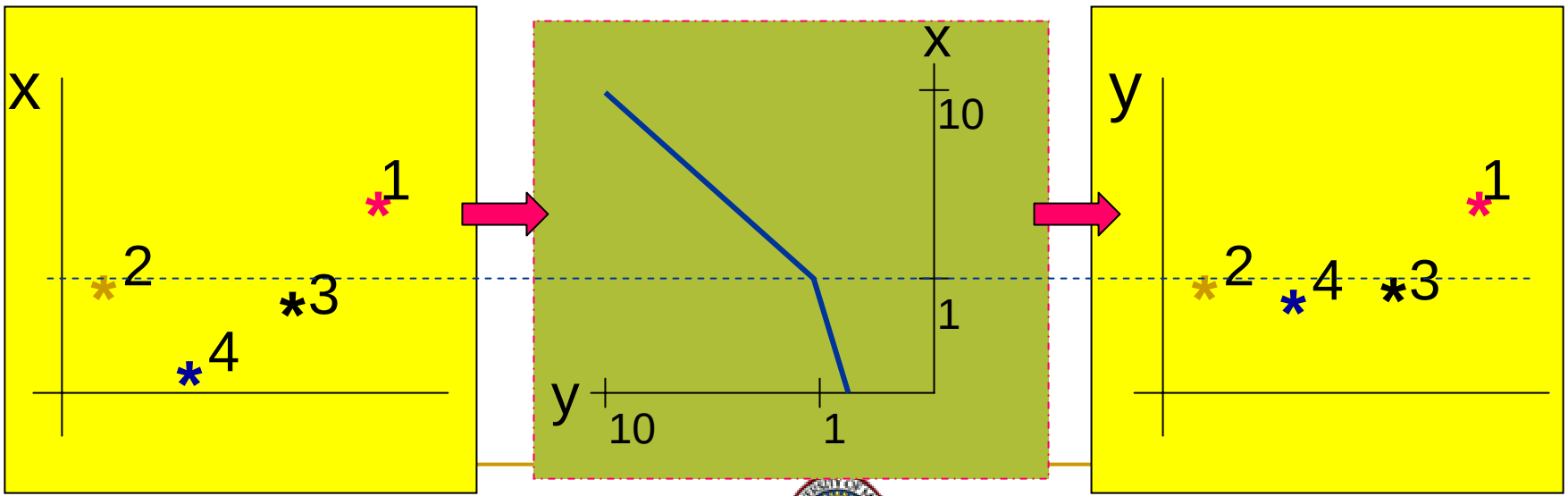
Rank Order Statistical Transformation

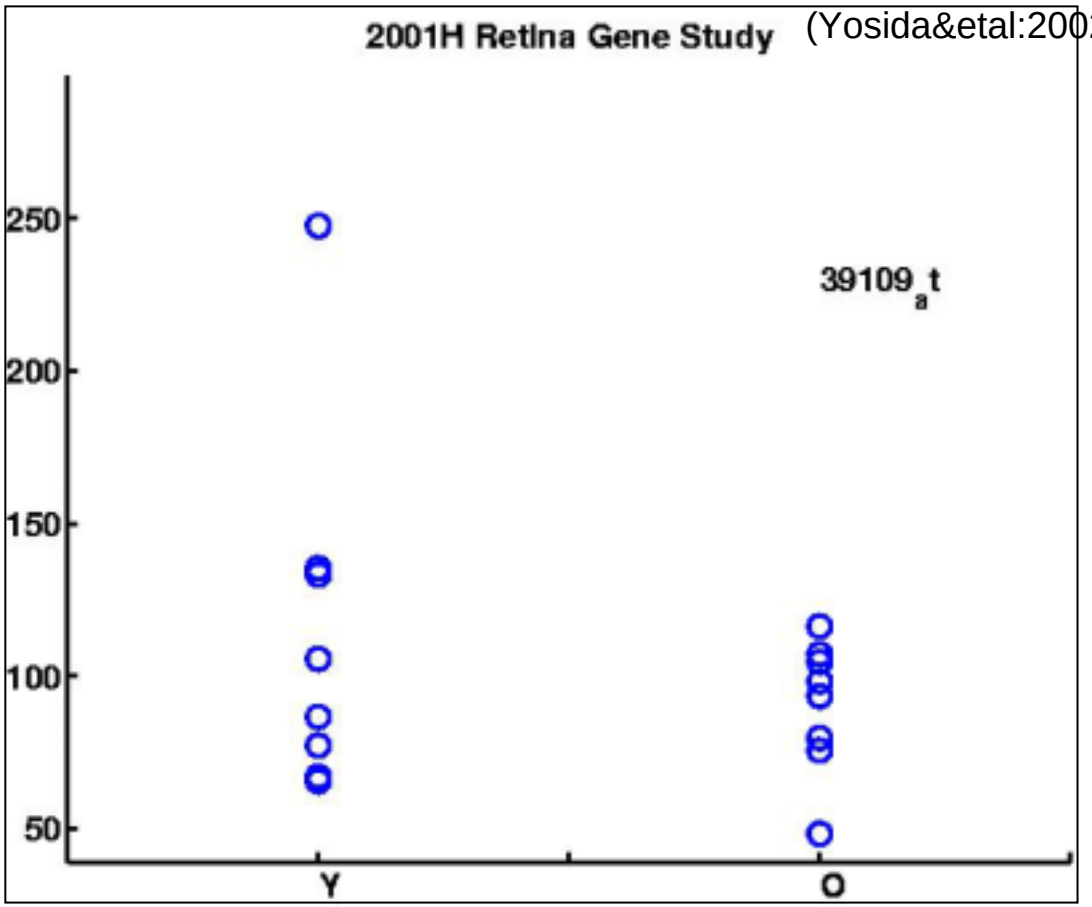
- Rank order algorithm: at each time point replace each gene intensity with its relative rank among all genes
  - The relative ranking is preserved by (invariant to) arbitrary monotonic intensity transformations.



Mining Gene Expression Data

- Issues
  - Feature space
  - Feature selection criteria
  - Statistical robustification
  - Cross-validation
  - Experimental Validation

Y/O Human Retina Study



16 individuals in

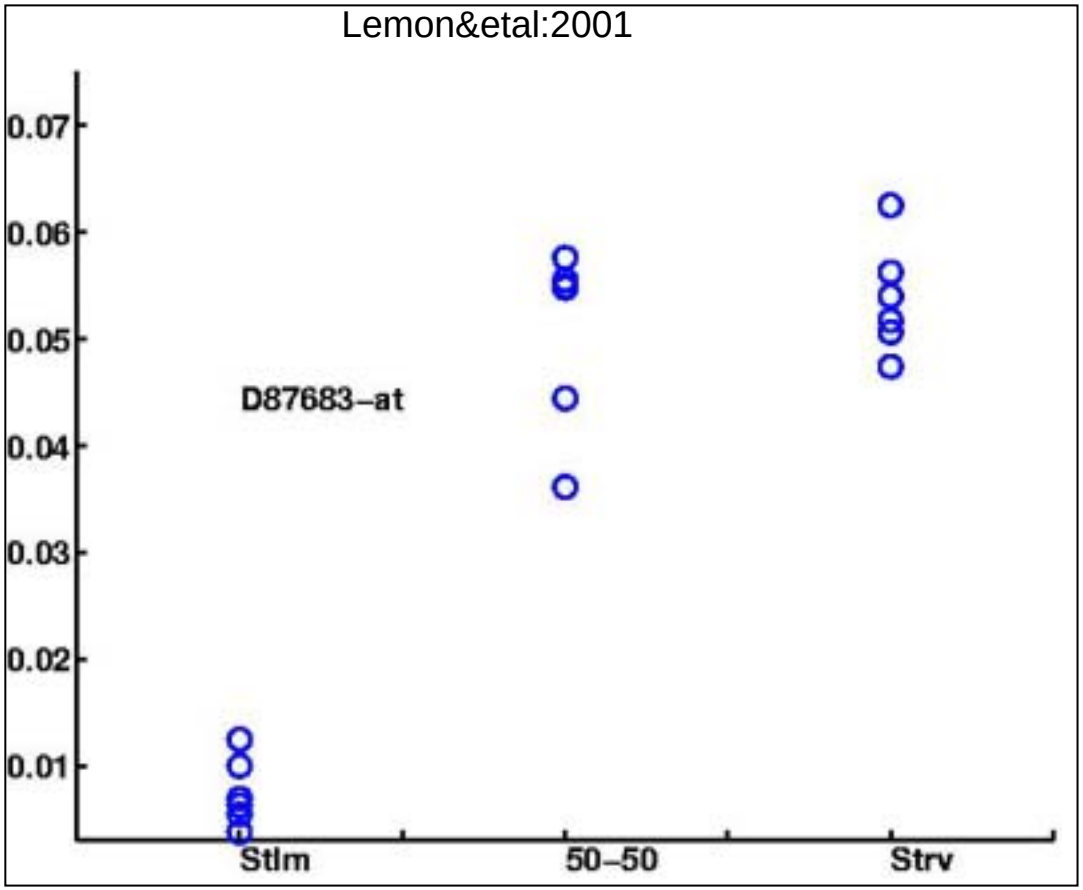
2 groups of 8 subjects

Selection criteria:

$$\xi_1(g) = |\overline{O}(g) - \overline{Y}(g)|$$

$$\xi_2(g) = \sqrt{(\sigma^2_{\overline{O}}(g) + \sigma^2_{\overline{Y}}(g))/2}$$

Fred Wright's Human Fibroblast Data



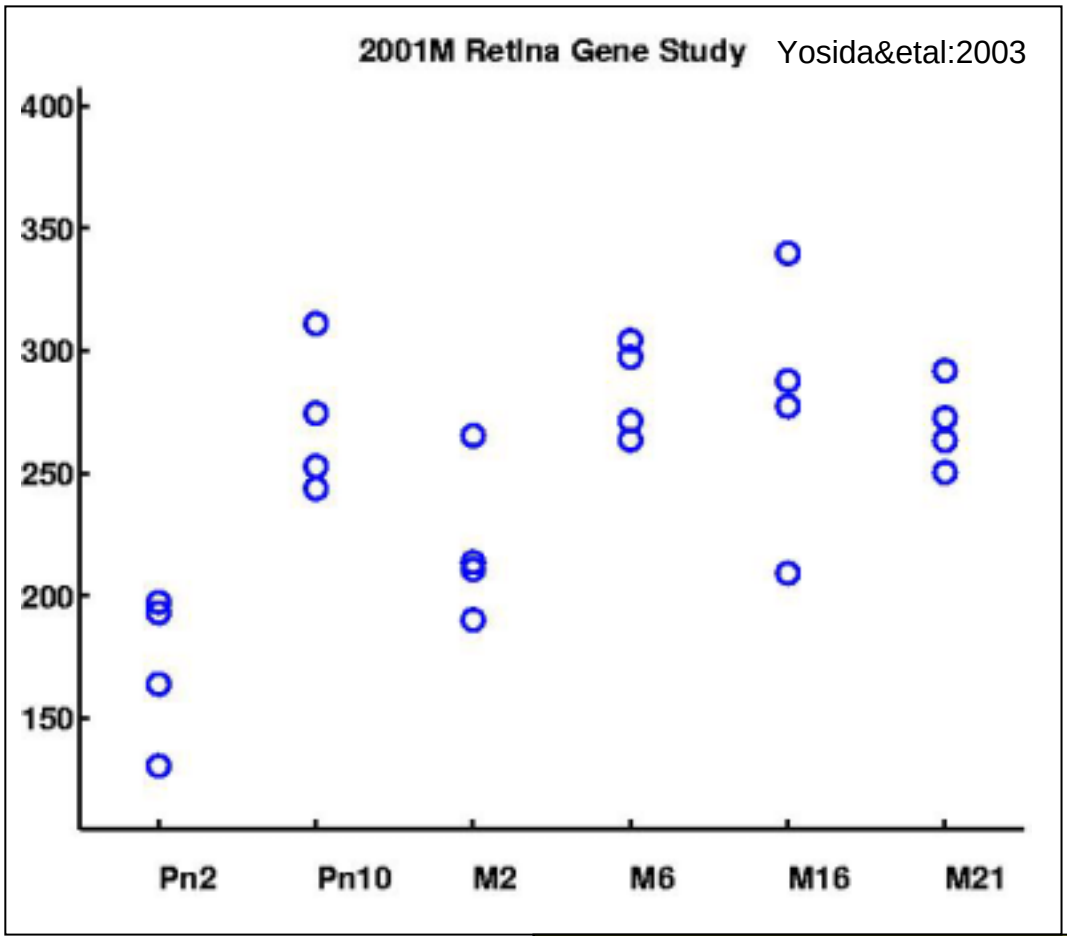
18 individuals in

3 groups of 6 subjects

Selection criteria:

$$\xi_1(g) = (\mu_{100}(g) - \mu_{50})(g))(\mu_{50}(g) - \mu_0(g))$$
$$\xi_2(g) = (\sigma^2_{100}(g) + \sigma^2_{\bar{5}0}(g) + \sigma^2_0(g))/3$$

Mouse Retinal Aging Data



24 mice in

6 groups of 4 subjects

Selection criteria:

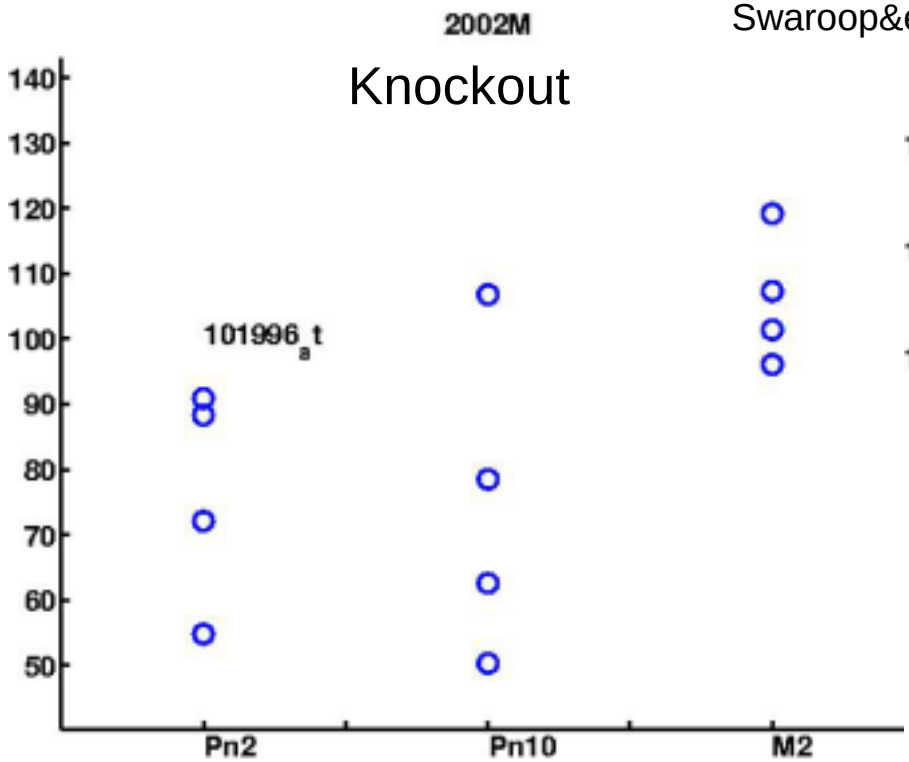
$$\xi_1(g) = \Delta_{M21,M2}(g) = (\mu_{M21}(g) - \mu_{M2})(g))^2$$

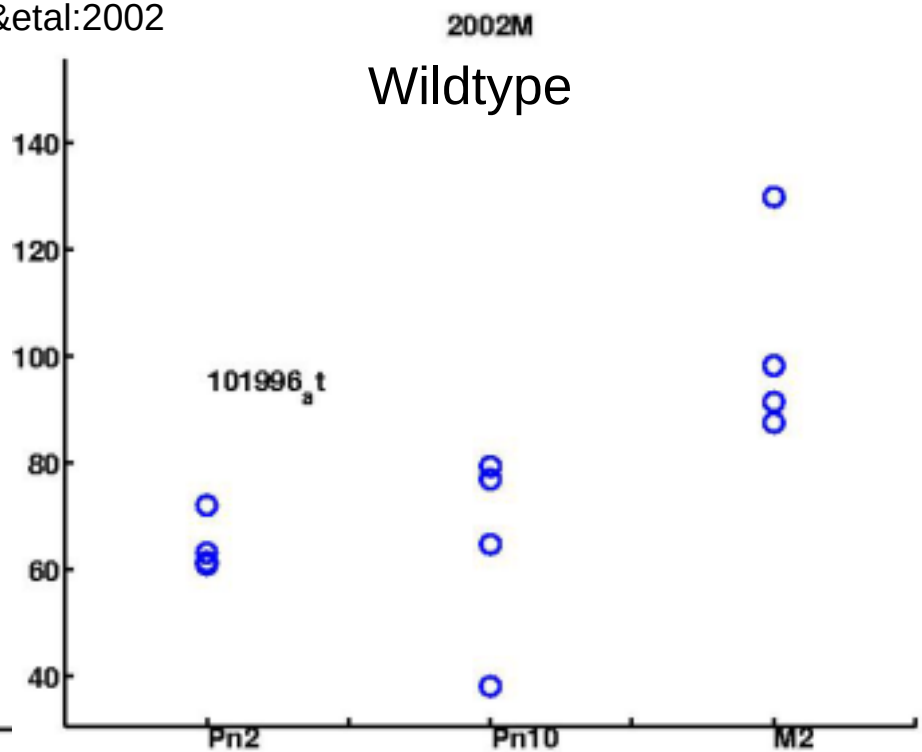
$$\xi_2(g) = \max_{t=3,\ldots,6} \{\text{var}(\Delta_{t+1,t})(g)\}$$

NRL Knockout vs Wildtype Retina Study

12 knockout/wildtype mice in 3 groups of 4 subjects

Swaroop&etal:2002





Selection criteria:

$$\xi_1(g) = \Delta^2_{K,W}(g) = \|\mu_K(g) - \mu_W)(g)\|^2$$
$$\xi_2(g) = \max\{\text{var}_K(g), \text{var}_W(g)\}$$

Data Mining with a Single Criterion

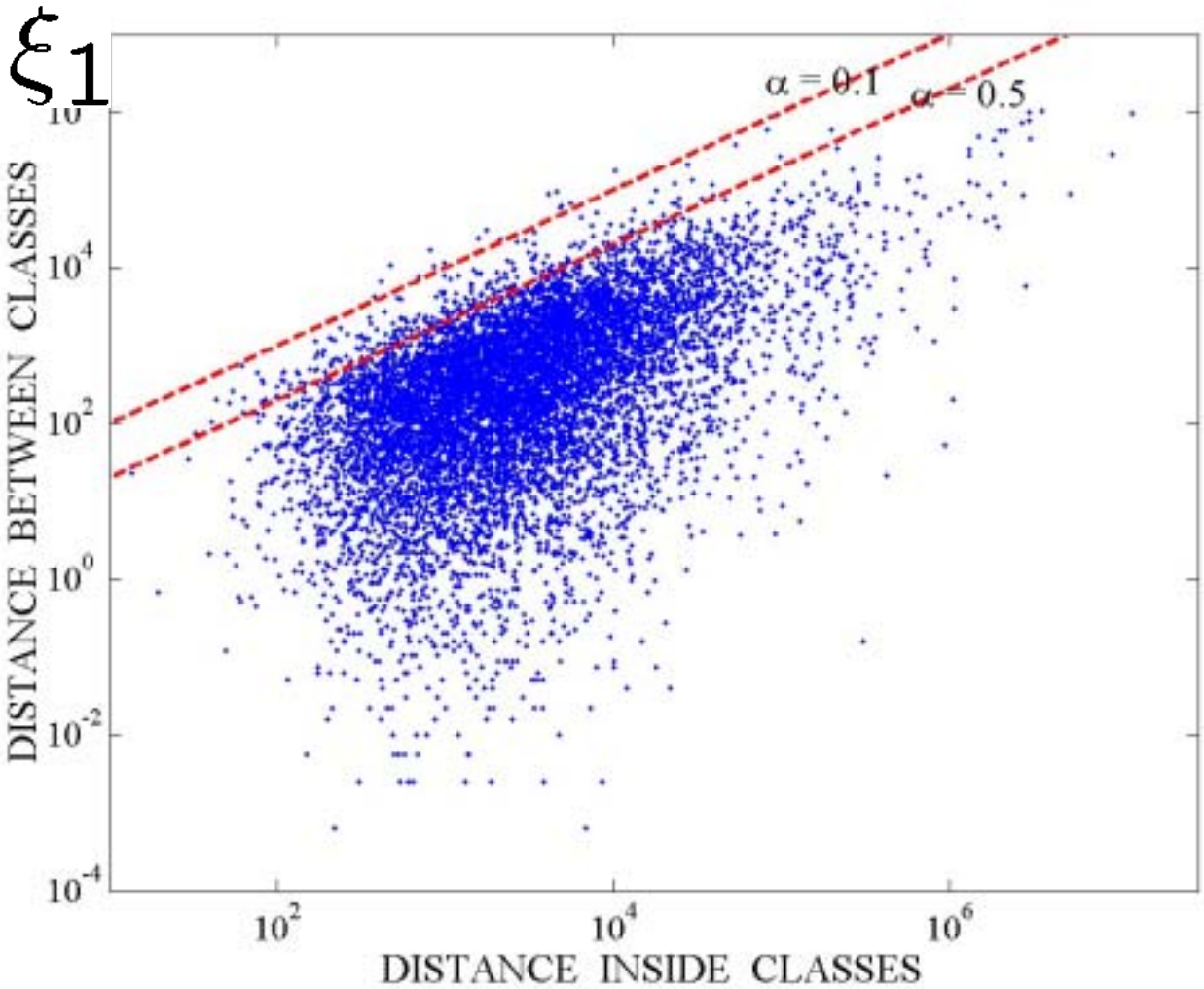
- Paired t-test with False Discovery Rate:

$$T(g) = \frac{\xi_1(g)}{\xi_2(g)} \begin{matrix} > \\ < \end{matrix} \mathcal{T}^{-1}_{2(m-1)}(1-\alpha/2)$$

- For Y/O Human study:

$$T(g) = \frac{|\overline{O}(g) - \overline{Y}(g)|}{\sqrt{(\sigma^2_O(g) + \sigma^2_Y(g))/2}}$$

Multicriterion scattergram: Paired t-test



8226 Y/O retina genes plotted in multicriteria plane

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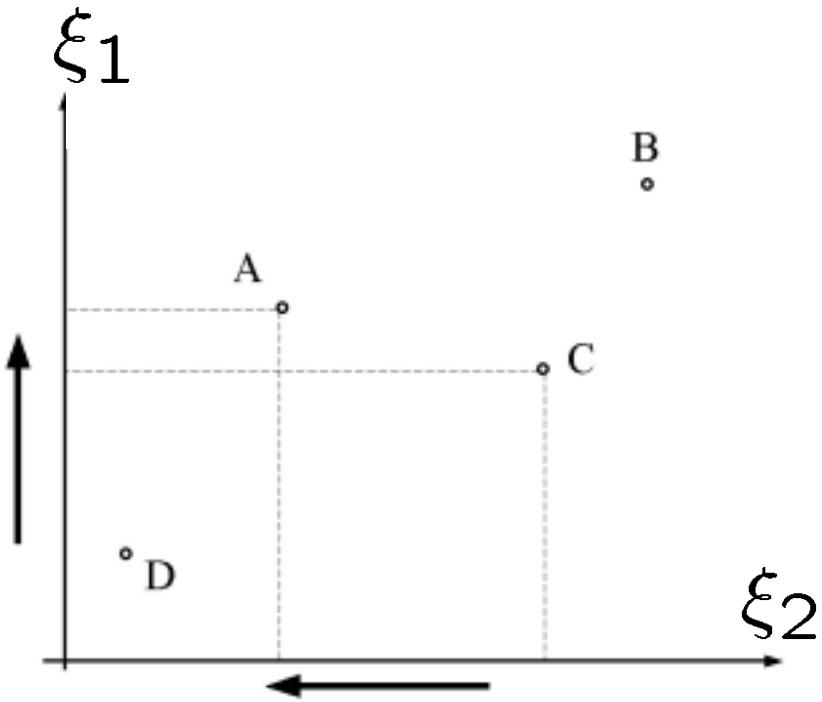
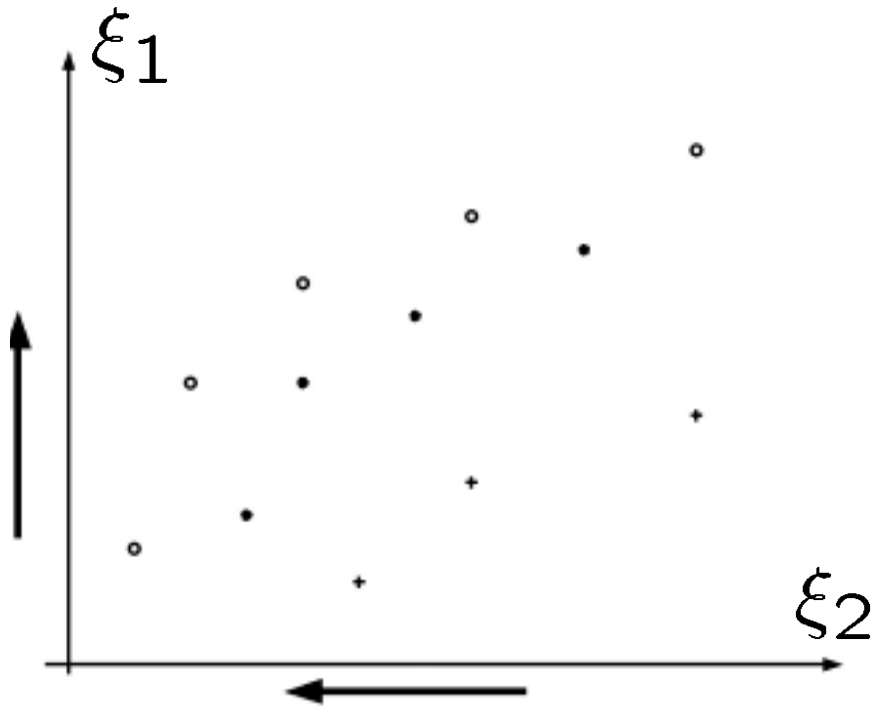
Multicriterion Selection Criteria

- Seek to find Pareto-optimal genes which strike a compromise between two criteria

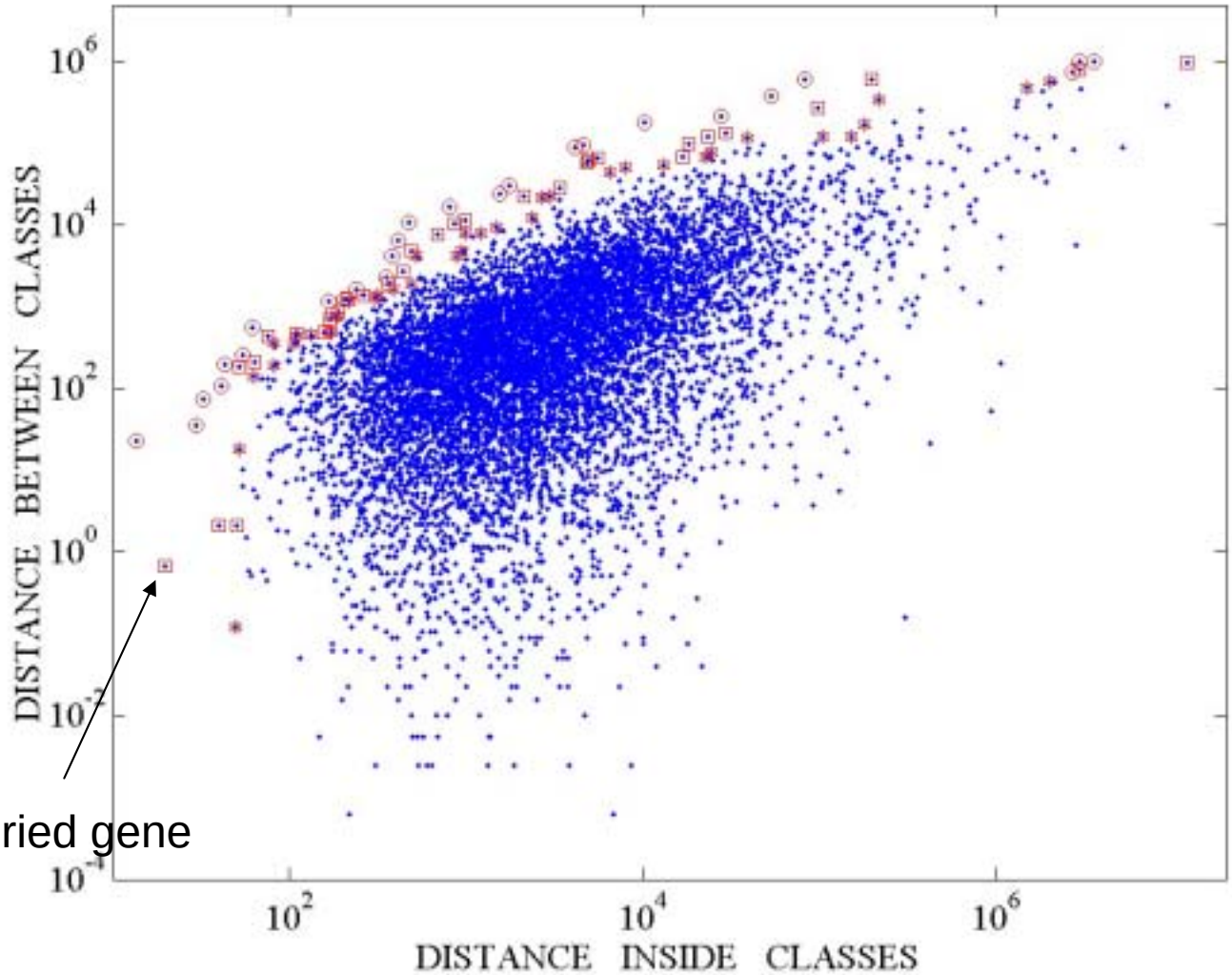


A,B,D are Pareto optimal



Pareto Fronts

Multicriterion scattergram: Pareto Fronts



Buried gene

Pareto fronts

- ○ *first*
- □ *second*
- ☆ *third*

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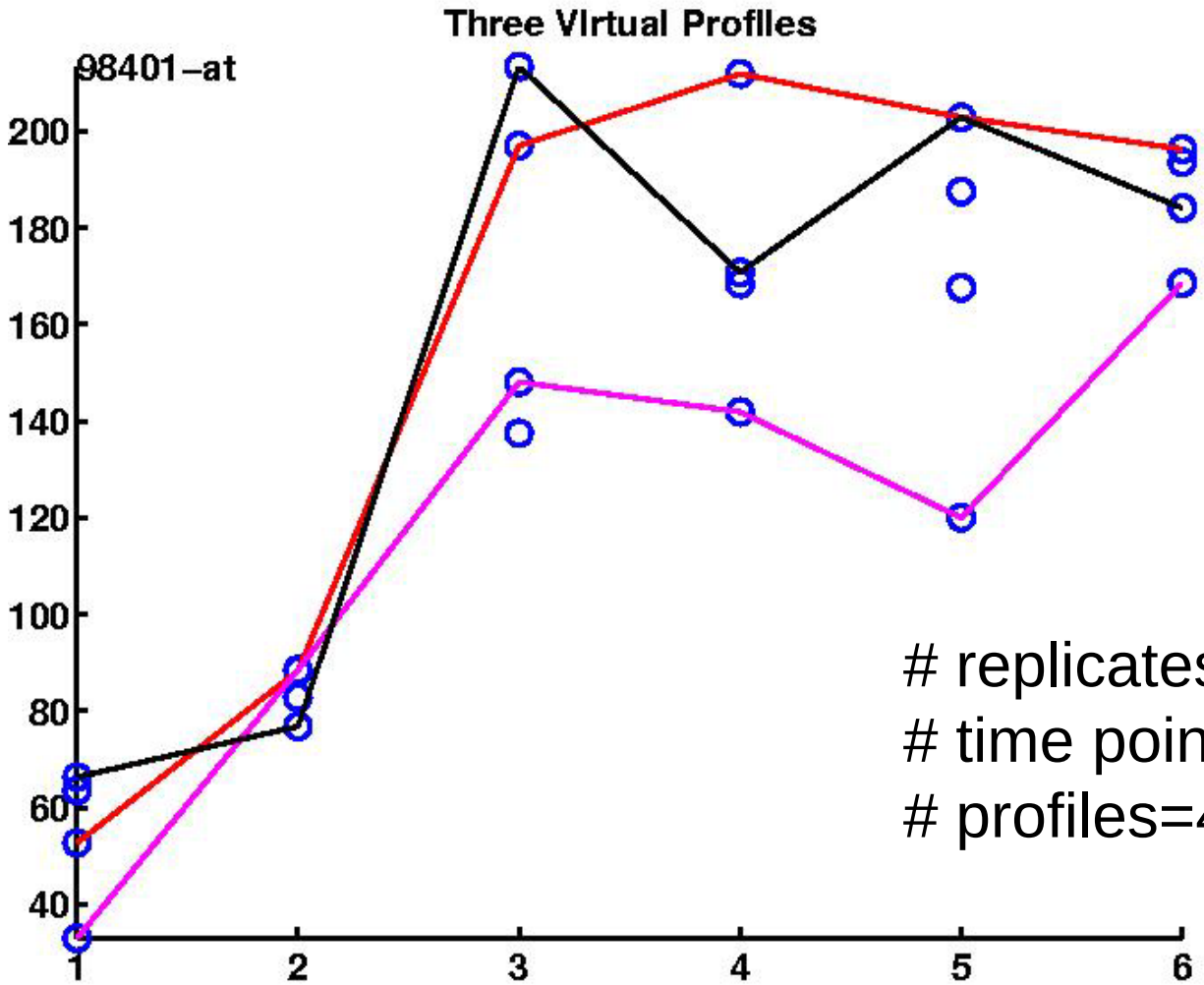
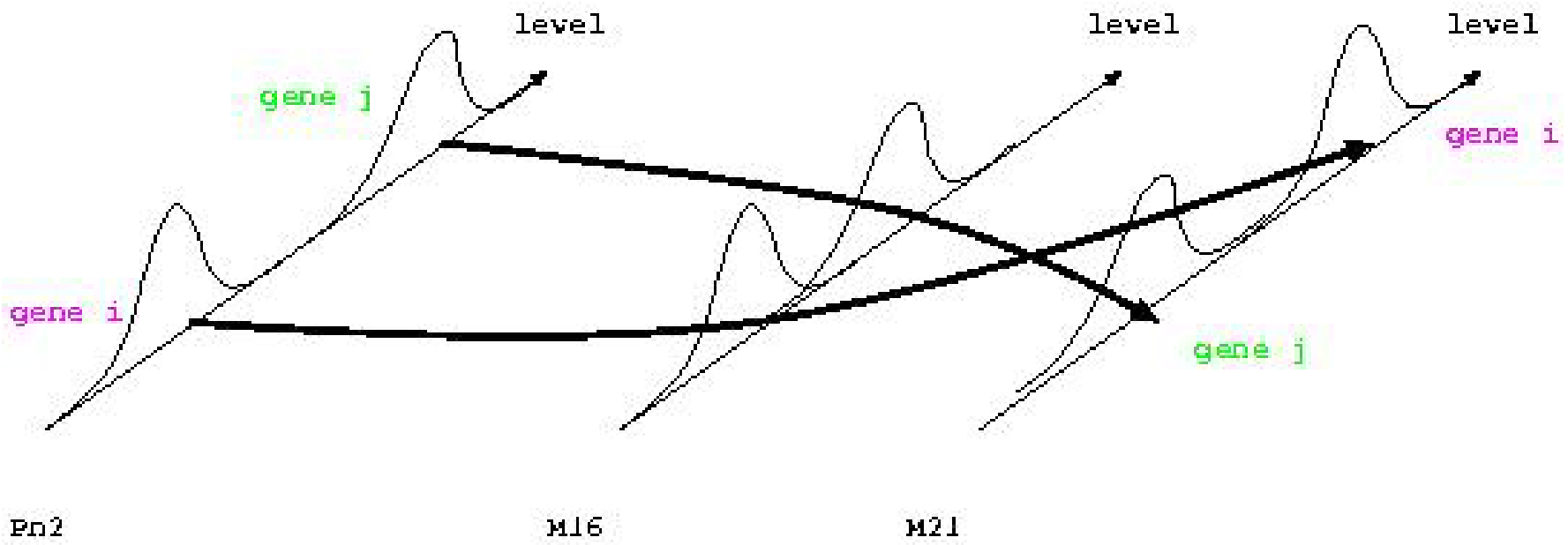
Cross-Validation Approach: Resampling



replicates=m=4
time points=t=6
profiles=4^6=4096

Bayesian approach: Posterior Analysis

$$P(i|Y) = P(\text{gene } i \text{ on PF} \mid \text{data } Y)$$



Pareto Front Likelihood table

PPF linear contrast	P(i|Y)	RPF linear contrast	P(i|Y)	RPF non-parametric	P(i|Y)
AFFX-ThrX-5-at	0.999	AFFX-DapX-5-at	1	U14394-at	0.944
HG3342-HT3519-s-at	0.998	AFFX-ThrX-5-at	1	U23435-s-at	0.694
AFFX-DapX-5-at	0.998	AFFX-ThrX-M-at	1	AFFX-PheX-M-at	0.685
HG831-HT831-at	0.996	HG3342-HT3519-s-at	1	AFFX-LysX-3-at	0.662
AFFX-ThrX-M-at	0.986	HG831-HT831-at	1	AFFX-LysX-M-at	0.648
X69111-at	0.984	U14394-at	1	AFFX-HSAC07/X00351-5-at	0.352
U14394-at	0.974	V00594-at	1	AFFX-ThrX-5-at	0.301
AFFX-LysX-3-at	0.962	X69111-at	1	AB000115-at	0.287
V00594-at	0.955	U45285-at	0.944	AFFX-DapX-5-at	0.245
U45285-at	0.932	AFFX-LysX-3-at	0.917	U53003-at	0.176
AB000115-at	0.899	AFFX-HSAC07/X00351-5-at	0.806	M92934-at	0.111
AFFX-HSAC07/X00351-5-at	0.866	AB000115-at	0.417	D29992-at	0.083
U73379-at	0.837	U73379-at	0.13	HG831-HT831-at	0.069
AFFX-DapX-M-at	0.678	V00594-s-at	0.074	S79522-at	0.042
Y09912-rna1-at	0.67	U75362-at	0.037	V00594-s-at	0.042
U75362-at	0.56	AFFX-PheX-5-at	0.028	D43636-at	0.032
AFFX-DapX-3-at	0.555	U03399-at	0.009	U22377-at	0.032
V00594-s-at	0.554			U75362-at	0.028
HG1980-HT2023-at	0.483			S70585-rna1-at	0.014
HG3044-HT3742-s-at	0.441			L02320-at	0.009
D43636-at	0.389			L05515-at	0.009
L27624-s-at	0.387			V00594-at	0.009
U03399-at	0.378			X69111-at	0.009
S69370-s-at	0.321			AFFX-PheX-5-at	0.005
AFFX-PheX-5-at	0.315			HG174-HT174-at	0.005

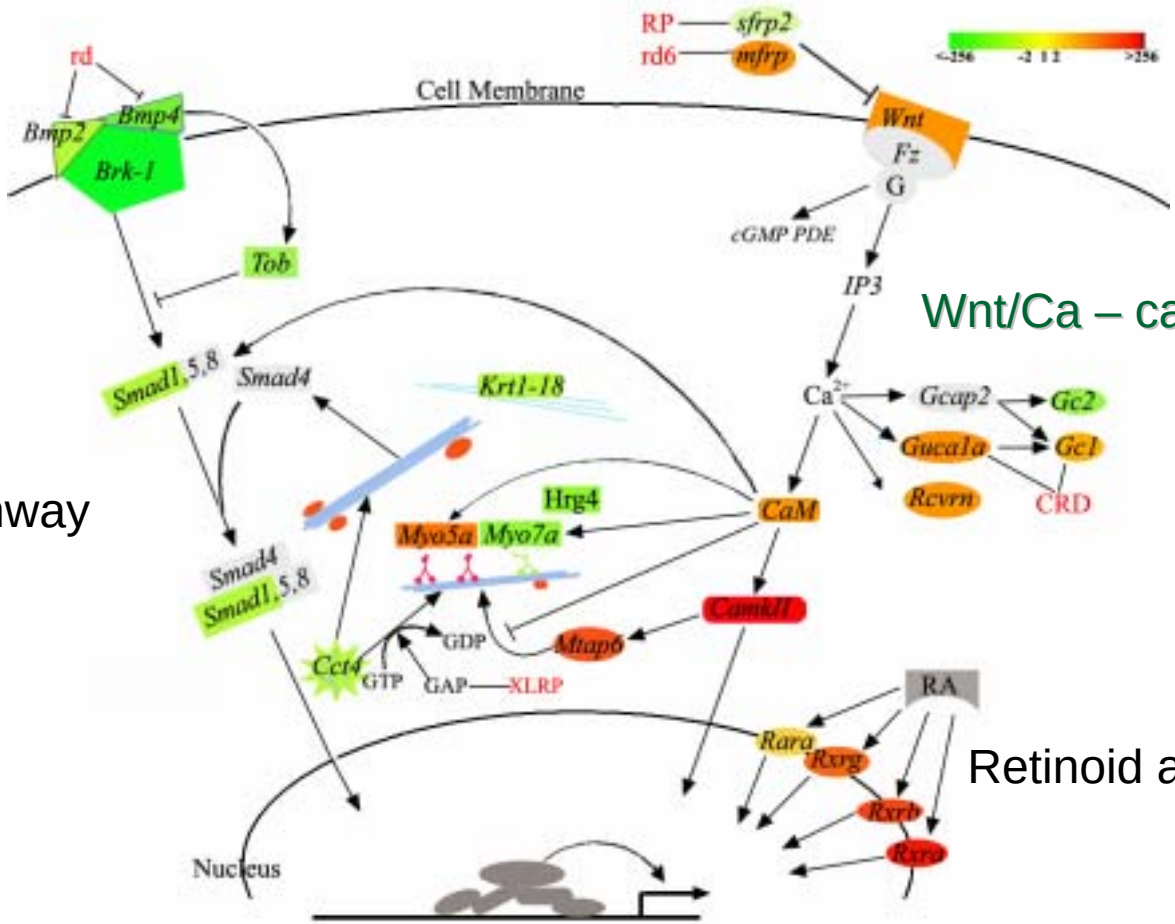
Robustification and Validation Issues

- Cross-validation recomputes Pareto fronts over resampled virtual profiles (Fleury&etal:2002).
- Bayesian Pareto front also robustifies to prior uncertainty in data (Hero&Fleury:2002).
- Computational issues:
  - Cross-validated fronts: completely data-driven but computation is exponential in # replicates (m) and # time points (t).
  - Bayesian Pareto fronts: requires joint density of criteria and marginalization. Computation is linear.

The Post-Genomic Era

- Whole genomes of species will be mapped
- Genetic pathways to structure, metabolism, disease, will remain as open questions
- Pathway analysis: what are the important gene interactions?
  - Requires performing many more experiments than zero-interaction analysis
  - Computational load is exponentially increasing in number of genes in pathway
  - New algorithms and models are needed

Draft Pathways for Photoreceptor Function



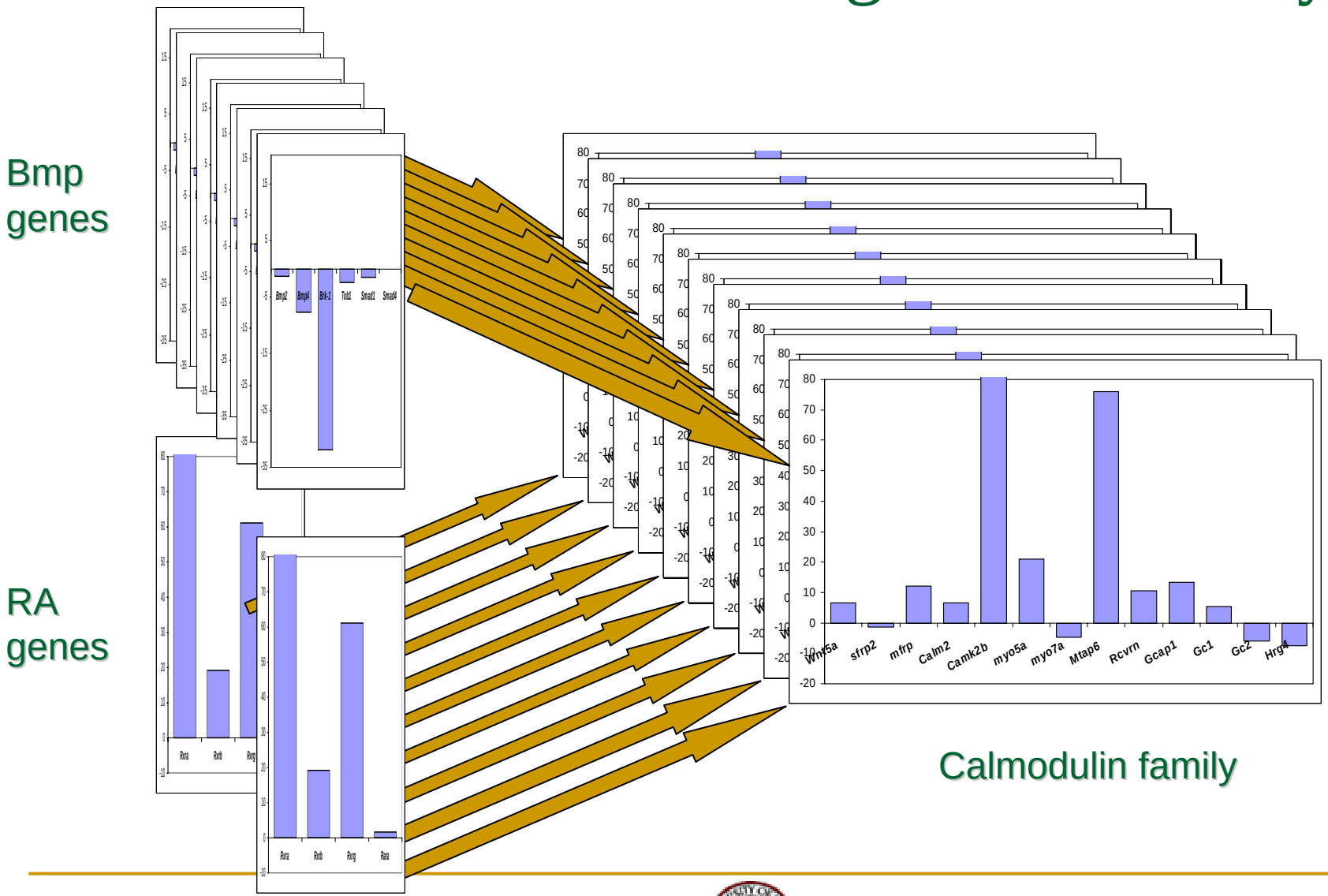
Bmp pathway

Wnt/Ca – calmodulin pathway

Retinoid acid pathway

Source: J. Yu, UM BioMedEng Thesis Proposal (2002)

Each Link: Gene Co-regulation Study



Conclusions

- Signal processing, math, computer science, statistics: ever-increasing role in genomics
- New frontiers:
  - Protein arrays
  - Mass Spect
  - Molecular Imaging
- Bottleneck will remain: computational and statistical inadequacies!

Dawning of Post-Genomic Era

Post-Post-Genomic Era?