CAP 5510: Introduction to Bioinformatics
CGS 5166: Bioinformatics Tools

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In Memoriam

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Gene Expression

- Process of transcription and/or translation of a gene is called gene expression.
- Every cell of an organism has the same genetic material, but different genes are expressed at different times.
- Patterns of gene expression in a cell is indicative of its state.

Hybridization

- If two complementary strands of DNA or mRNA are brought together under the right experimental conditions they will hybridize.
- A hybridizes to B ⇒
  - A is reverse complementary to B, or
  - A is reverse complementary to a subsequence of B.
- It is possible to experimentally verify whether A hybridizes to B, by labeling A or B with a radioactive or fluorescent tag, followed by excitation by laser.

Measuring gene expression

- Gene expression for a single gene can be measured by extracting mRNA from the cell and doing a simple hybridization experiment.
- Given a sample of cells, gene expression for every gene can be measured using a single microarray experiment.

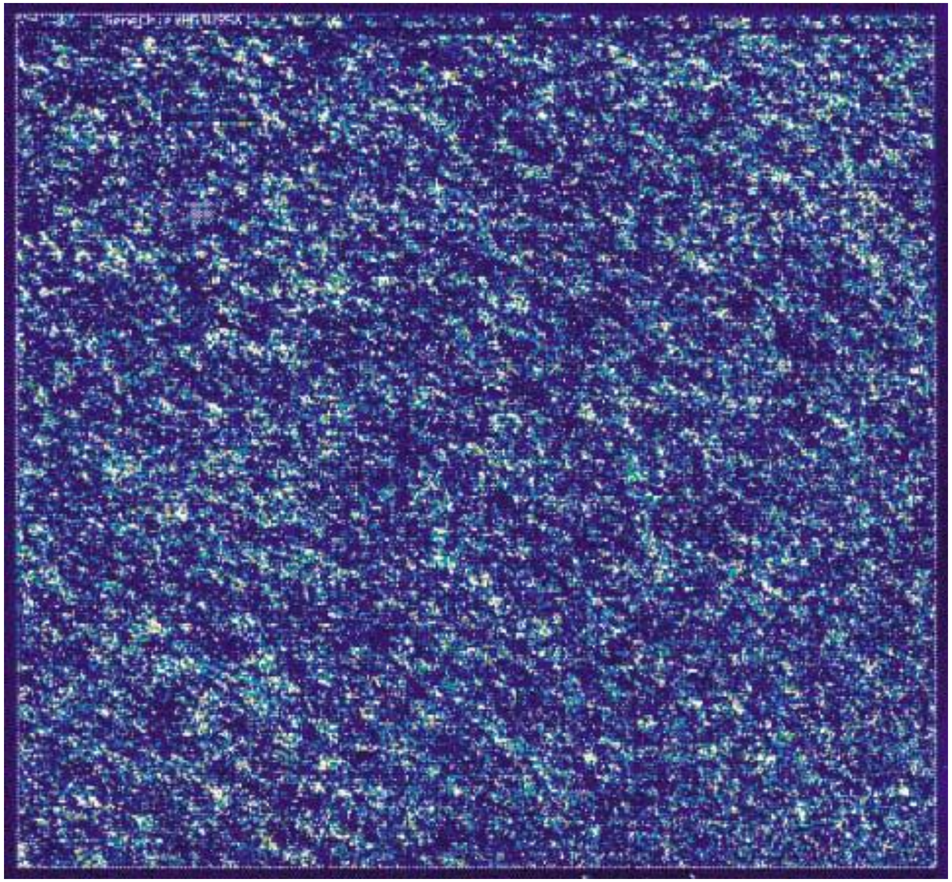
Microarray/DNA chip technology

- High-throughput method to study gene expression of thousands of genes simultaneously.
- Many applications:
  - Genetic disorders & Mutation/polymorphism detection
  - Study of disease subtypes
  - Drug discovery & toxicology studies
  - Pathogen analysis
  - Differing expressions over time, between tissues, between drugs, across disease states

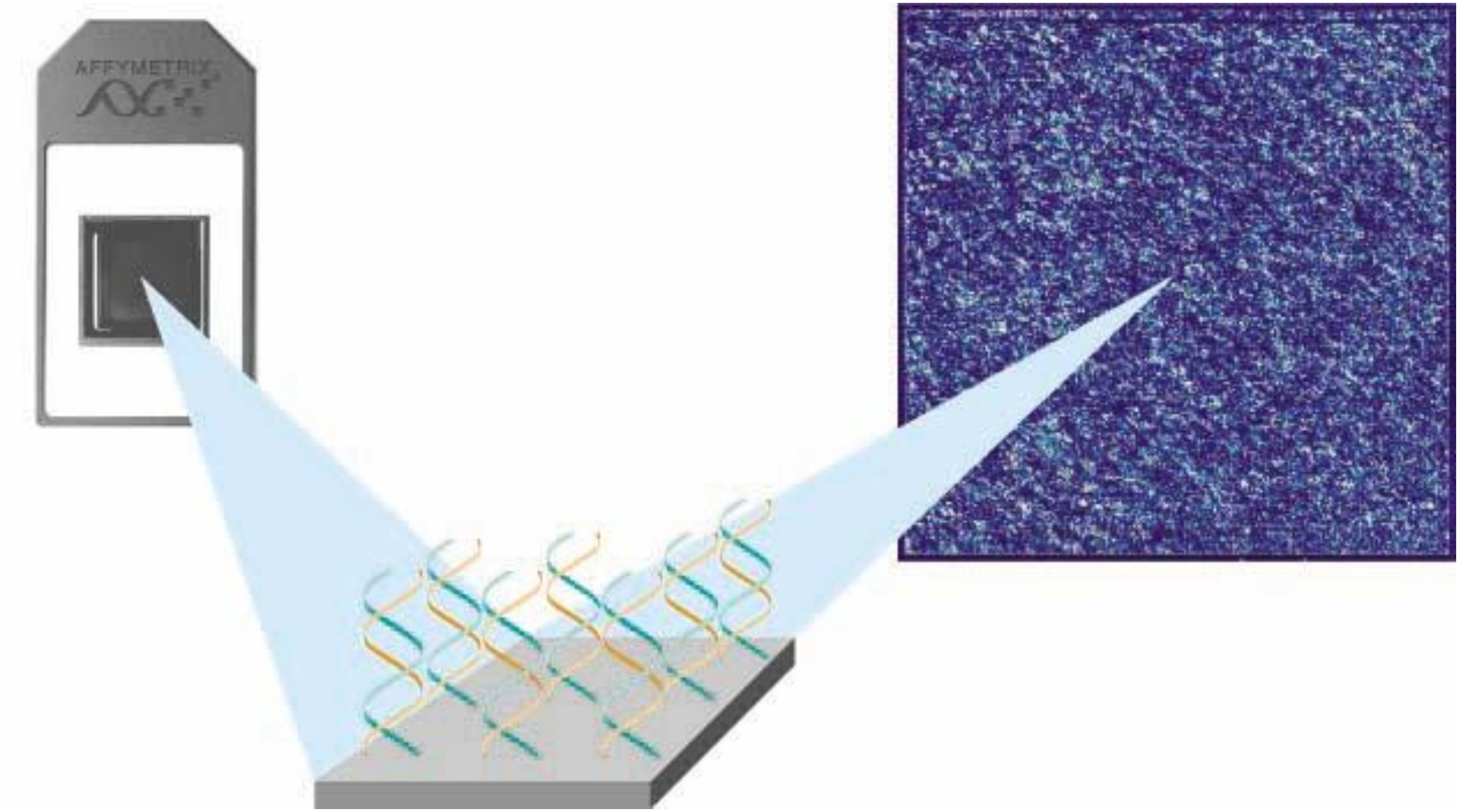
Microarray Data

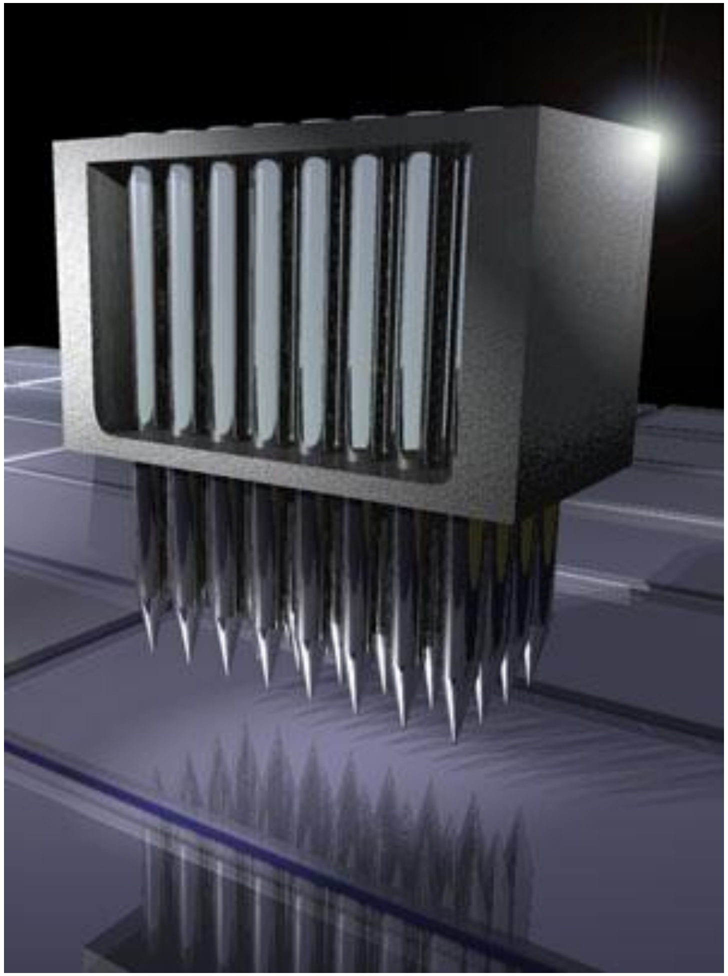
Gene	Expression Level
Gene1	
Gene2	
Gene3	
…	

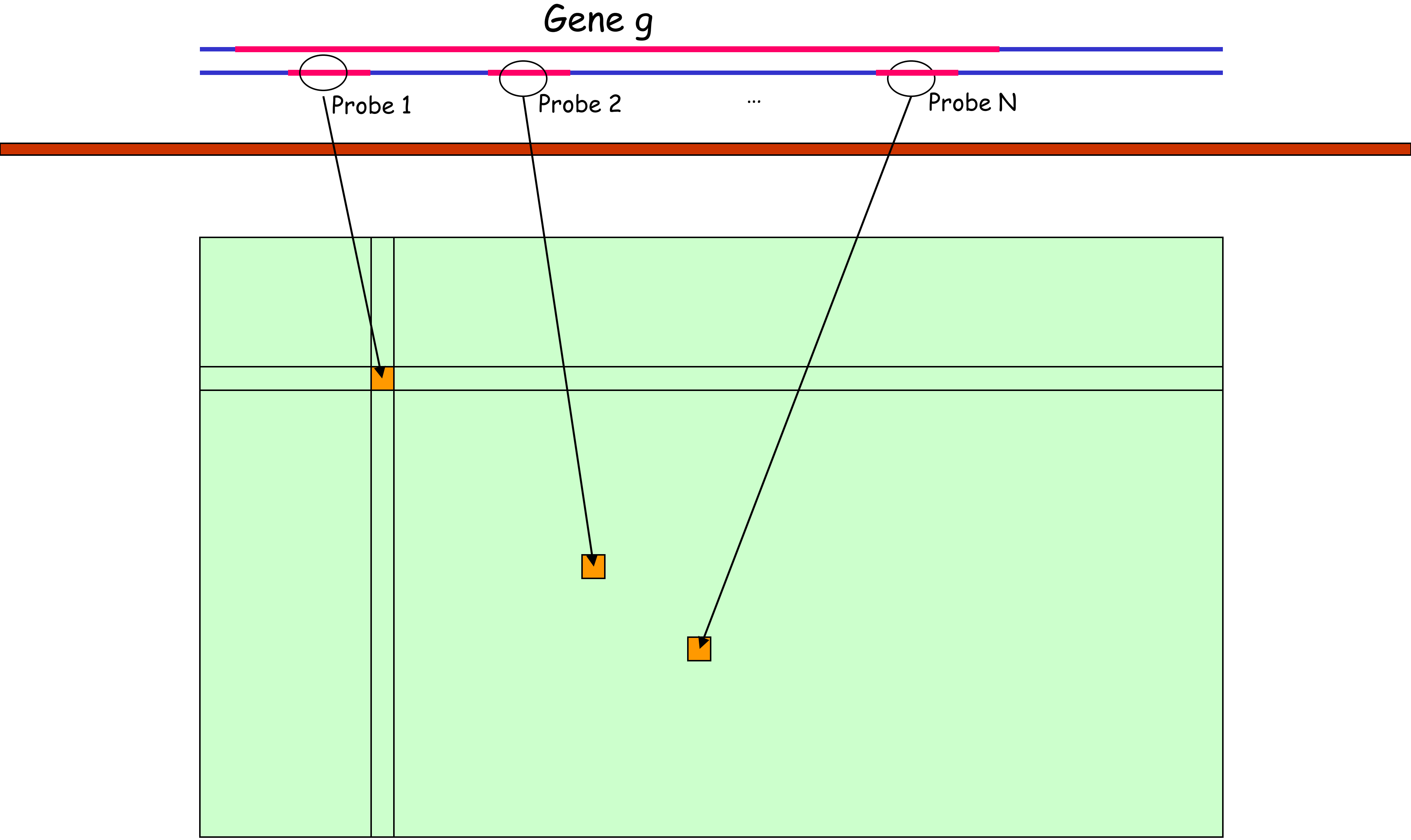
Gene Chips



DNA Chips & Images



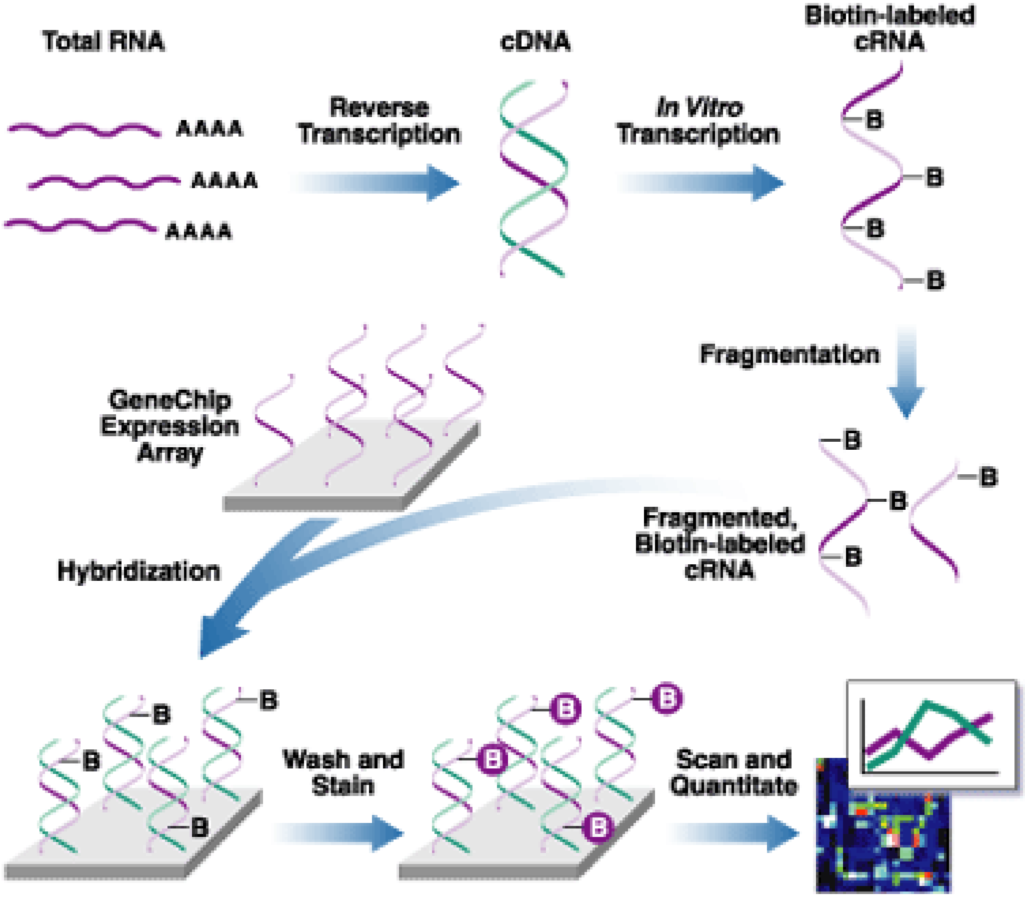



Gene g
Probe 1
Probe 2
...
Probe N

Microarray/DNA chips (Simplified)

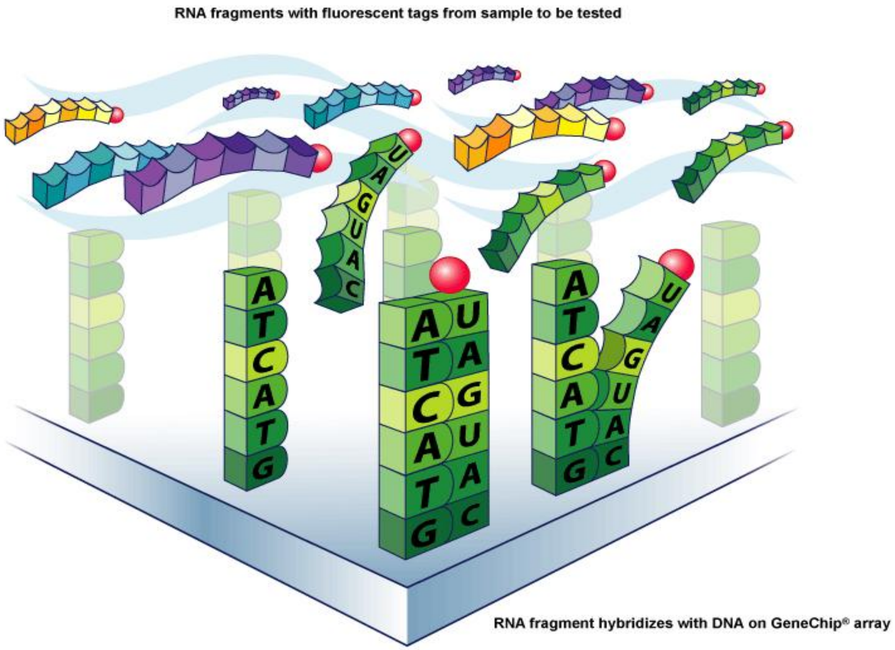
- Construct probes corresponding to reverse complements of genes of interest.
- Microscopic quantities of probes placed on solid surfaces at defined spots on the chip.
- Extract mRNA from sample cells and label them.
- Apply labeled sample (mRNA extracted from cells) to every spot, and allow hybridization.
- Wash off unhybridized material.
- Use optical detector to measure amount of fluorescence from each spot.

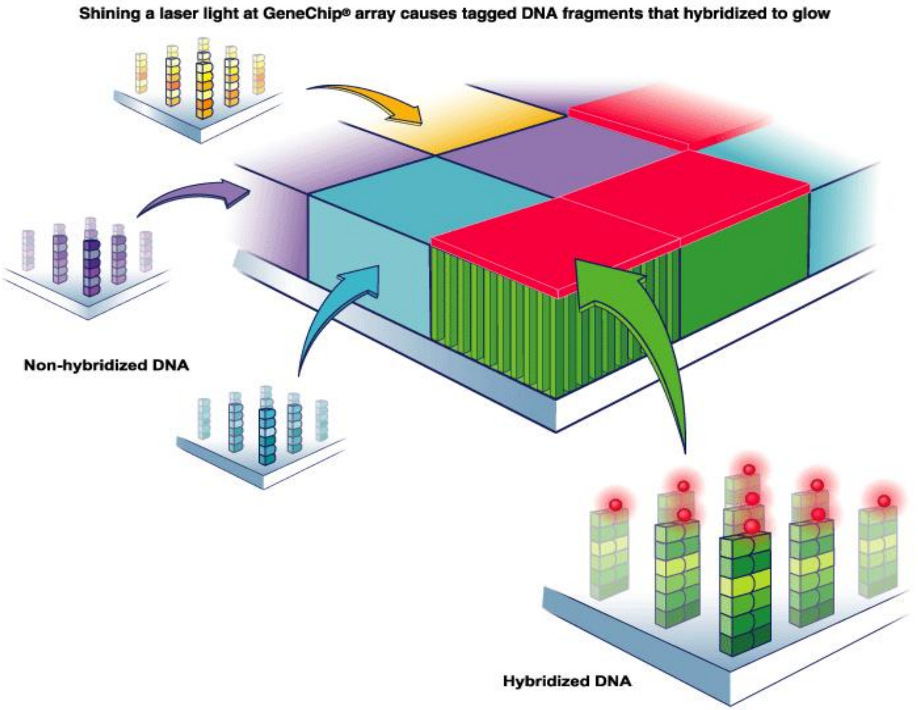
Affymetrix DNA chip schematic



www.affymetrix.com

What’s on the slide?

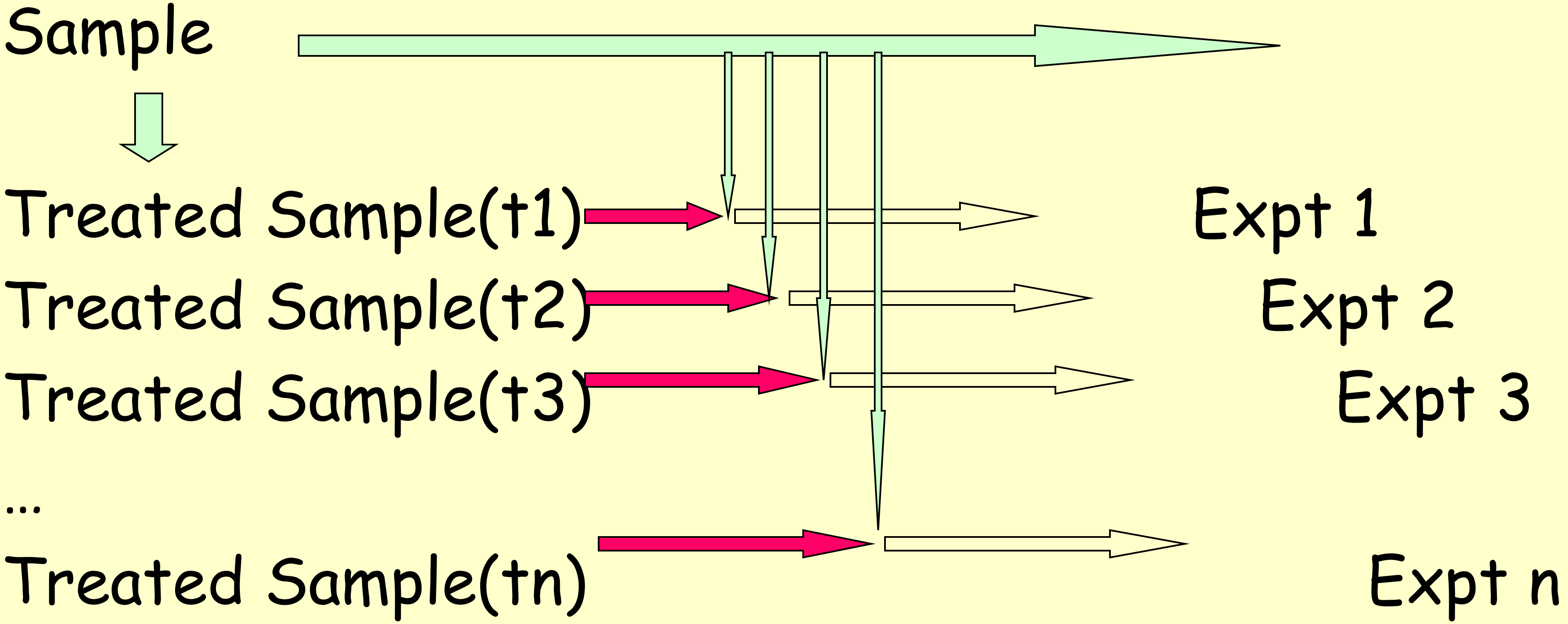

RNA fragments with fluorescent tags from sample to be tested
U A G U A C
A T C A T G
A T C A T G
U A G U A C
A T C A T G
U A G U A C
RNA fragment hybridizes with DNA on GeneChip® array


Shining a laser light at GeneChip® array causes tagged DNA fragments that hybridized to glow
Non-hybridized DNA
Hybridized DNA

Microarrays: competing technologies

- Affymetrix & Agilent
- Differ in:
  - method to place DNA: Spotting vs. photolithography
  - Length of probe
  - Complete sequence vs. series of fragments

Study effect of treatment over time



Sample

Treated Sample(t1)

Treated Sample(t2)

Treated Sample(t3)

...

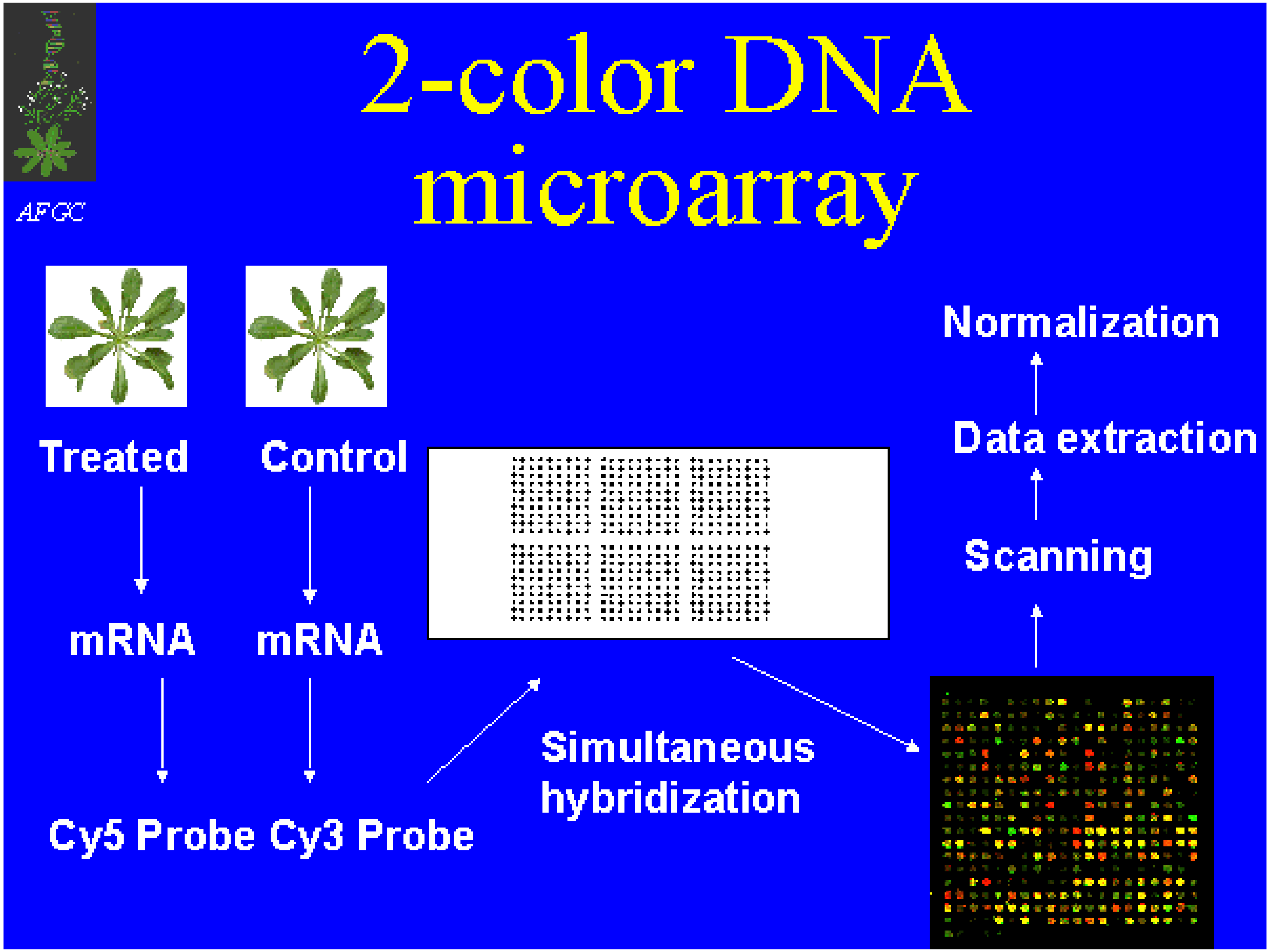
Treated Sample(tn)

Expt 1

Expt 2

Expt 3

Expt n



AFGC

2-color DNA microarray

Treated

mRNA

Cy5 Probe

Control

mRNA

Cy3 Probe

Simultaneous hybridization

Scanning

Data extraction

Normalization

http://www.arabidopsis.org/info/2010_projects/comp_proj/AFGC/RevisedAFGC/Friday/

How to compare 2 cell samples with Two-Color Microarrays?

- mRNA from sample 1 is extracted and labeled with a red fluorescent dye.
- mRNA from sample 2 is extracted and labeled with a green fluorescent dye.
- Mix the samples and apply it to every spot on the microarray. Hybridize sample mixture to probes.
- Use optical detector to measure the amount of green and red fluorescence at each spot.

Sources of Variations & Experimental Errors

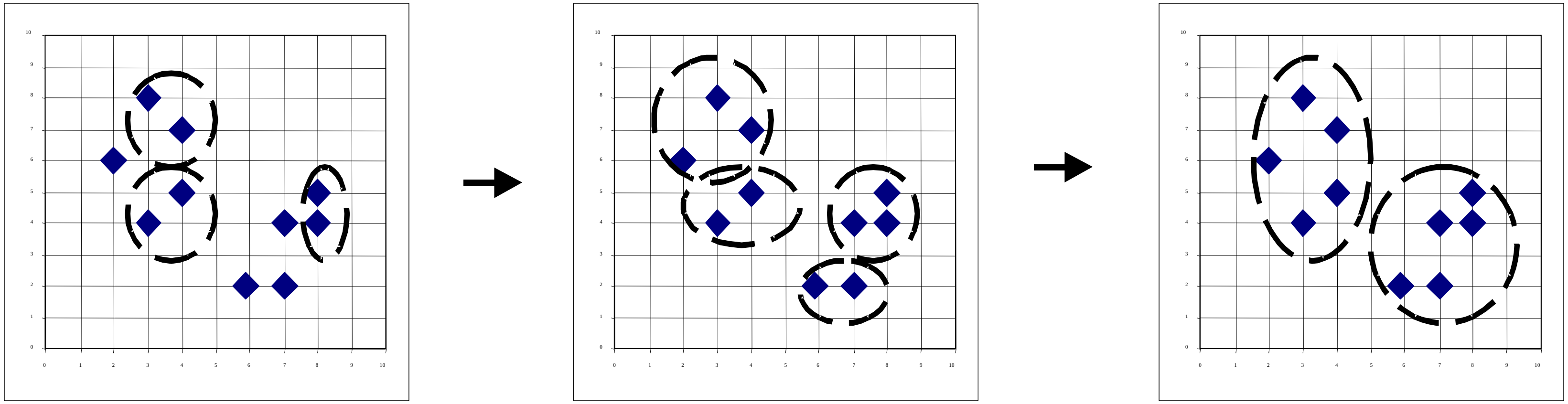
- Variations in cells/individuals
- Variations in mRNA extraction, isolation, introduction of dye, variation in dye incorporation, dye interference
- Variations in probe concentration, probe amounts, substrate surface characteristics
- Variations in hybridization conditions and kinetics
- Variations in optical measurements, spot misalignments, discretization effects, noise due to scanner lens and laser irregularities
- Cross-hybridization of sequences with high sequence identity
- Limit of factor 2 in precision of results
- Variation changes with intensity: larger variation at low or high expression levels

Need to Normalize data

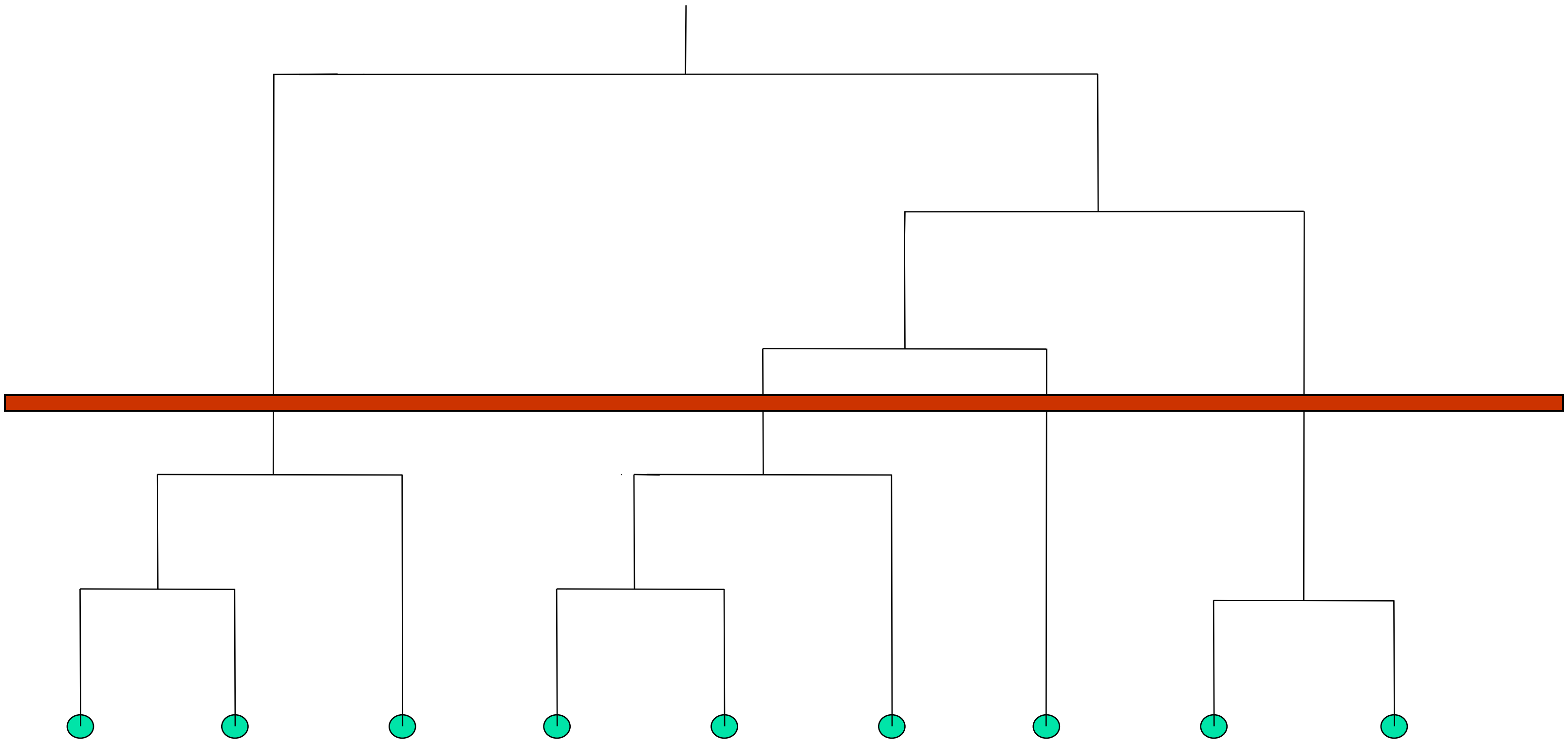
Clustering

- Clustering is a general method to study patterns in gene expressions.
- Several known methods:
  - Hierarchical Clustering (Bottom-Up Approach)
  - K-means Clustering (Top-Down Approach)
  - Self-Organizing Maps (SOM)

Hierarchical Clustering: Example



A Dendrogram



Hierarchical Clustering [Johnson, SC, 1967]

- Given n points in R^d, compute the distance between every pair of points
- While (not done)
  - Pick closest pair of points s_i and s_j and make them part of the same cluster.
  - Replace the pair by an average of the two s_{ij}

Try the applet at:

http://home.dei.polimi.it/matteucc/Clustering/tutorial_html/AppletH.html

Distance Metrics

- For clustering, define a distance function:
  - Euclidean distance metrics

$$D_k(X,Y) = \left[\sum_{i=1}^{d} (X_i - Y_i)^k \right]^{1/k}$$

k=2: Euclidean Distance

  - Pearson correlation coefficient

$$\rho_{xy} = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^{d} \left(\frac{X_i - \overline{X}}{\sigma_x} \right) \left(\frac{Y_i - \overline{Y}}{\sigma_y} \right)$$

$-1 \leq \rho_{xy} \geq 1$

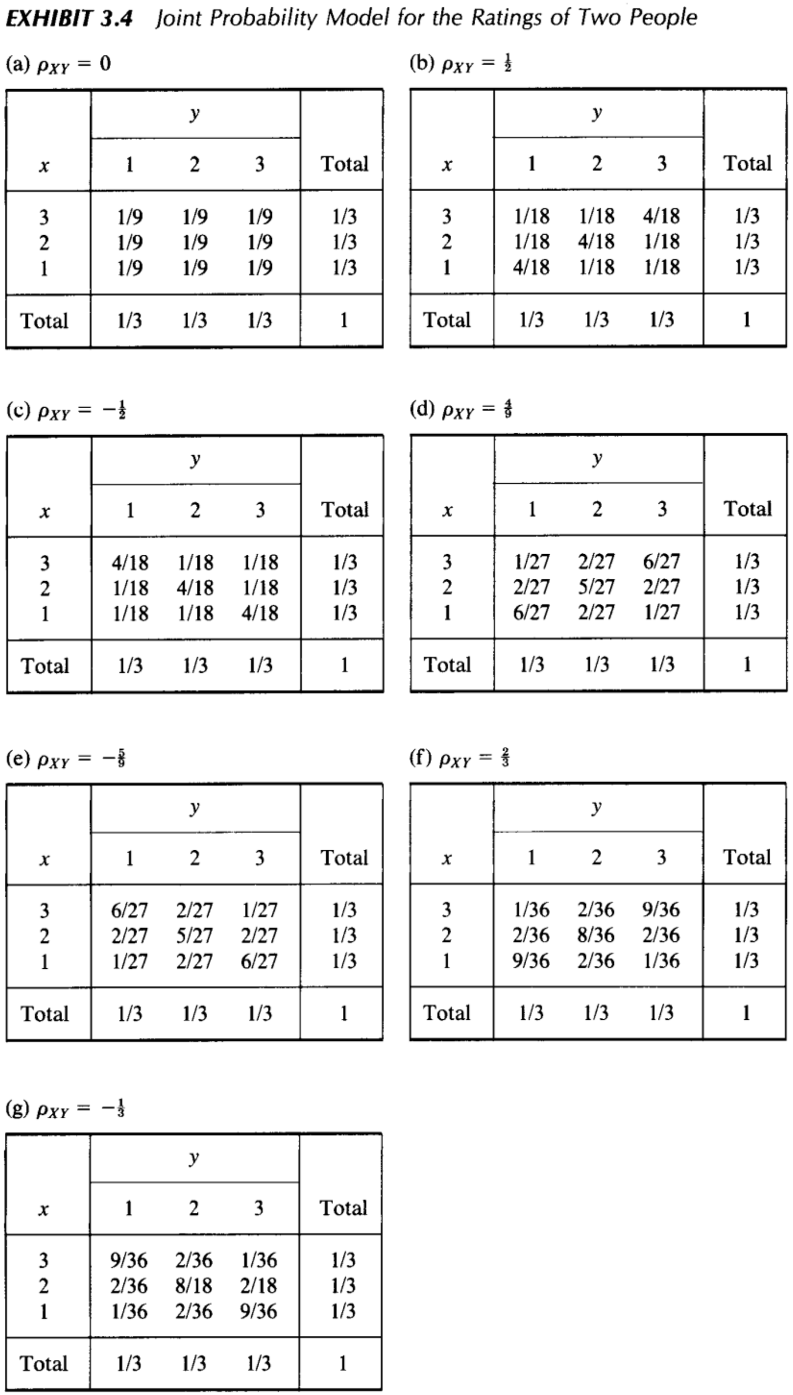


EXHIBIT 3.4 *Joint Probability Model for the Ratings of Two People*

(a) $\rho_{XY} = 0$

	y			
x	1	2	3	Total
3	1/9	1/9	1/9	1/3
2	1/9	1/9	1/9	1/3
1	1/9	1/9	1/9	1/3
Total	1/3	1/3	1/3	1

(b) $\rho_{XY} = \frac{1}{2}$

	y			
x	1	2	3	Total
3	1/18	1/18	4/18	1/3
2	1/18	4/18	1/18	1/3
1	4/18	1/18	1/18	1/3
Total	1/3	1/3	1/3	1

(c) $\rho_{XY} = -\frac{1}{2}$

	y			
x	1	2	3	Total
3	4/18	1/18	1/18	1/3
2	1/18	4/18	1/18	1/3
1	1/18	1/18	4/18	1/3
Total	1/3	1/3	1/3	1

(d) $\rho_{XY} = \frac{4}{9}$

	y			
x	1	2	3	Total
3	1/27	2/27	6/27	1/3
2	2/27	5/27	2/27	1/3
1	6/27	2/27	1/27	1/3
Total	1/3	1/3	1/3	1

(e) $\rho_{XY} = -\frac{5}{9}$

	y			
x	1	2	3	Total
3	6/27	2/27	1/27	1/3
2	2/27	5/27	2/27	1/3
1	1/27	2/27	6/27	1/3
Total	1/3	1/3	1/3	1

(f) $\rho_{XY} = \frac{2}{3}$

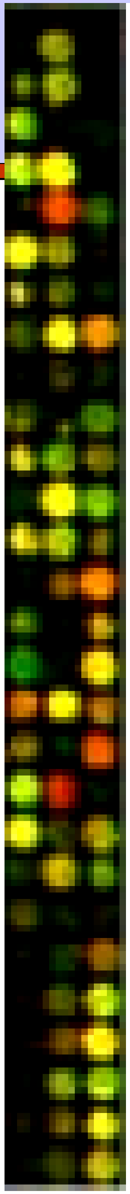
	y			
x	1	2	3	Total
3	1/36	2/36	9/36	1/3
2	2/36	8/36	2/36	1/3
1	9/36	2/36	1/36	1/3
Total	1/3	1/3	1/3	1

(g) $\rho_{XY} = -\frac{1}{3}$

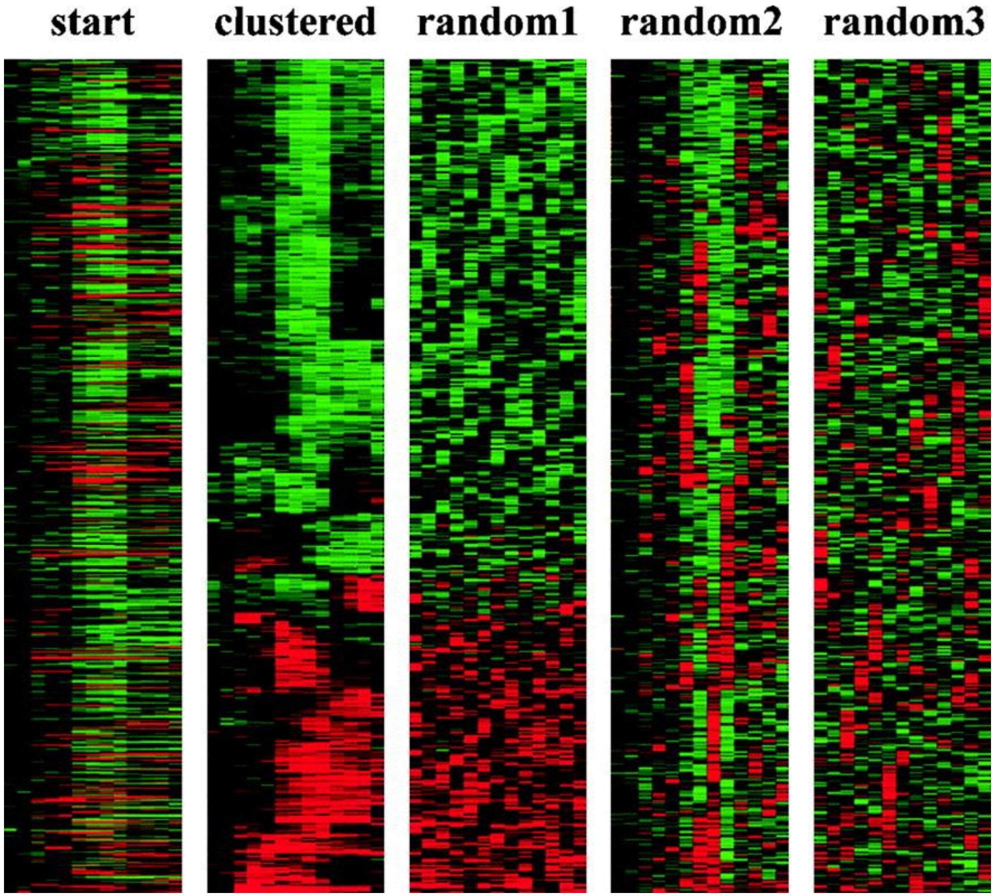
	y			
x	1	2	3	Total
3	9/36	2/36	1/36	1/3
2	2/36	8/18	2/18	1/3
1	1/36	2/36	9/36	1/3
Total	1/3	1/3	1/3	1

Clustering of gene expressions

- Represent each gene as a vector or a point in d-space where d is the number of arrays or experiments being analyzed.



Clustering Random vs. Biological Data



From *Eisen MB, et al, PNAS 1998 95(25):14863-8*

K-Means Clustering: Example

Example from Andrew Moore’s tutorial on Clustering.