

# BSC 4934: Q'BIC Capstone Workshop

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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  $B \Rightarrow$ 
  - $A$  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.

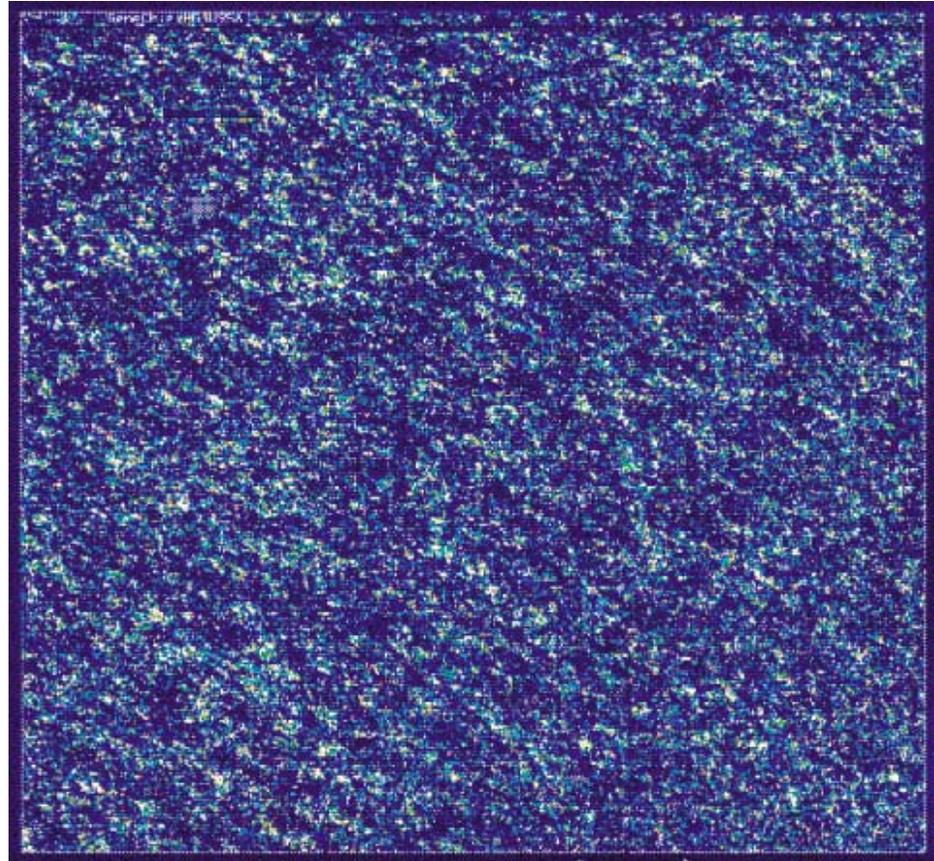
# Microarray/DNA chip technology

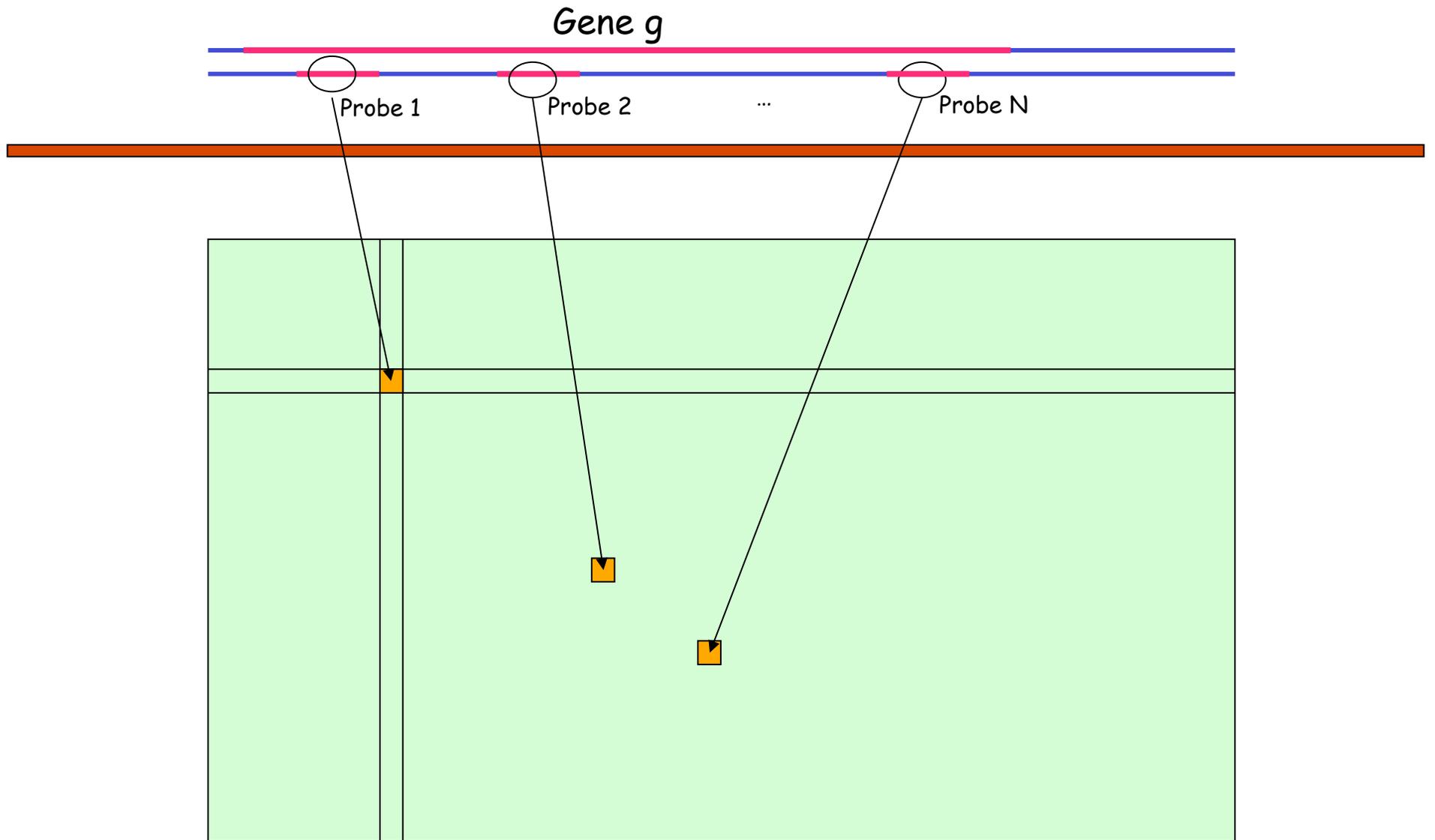
- High-throughput method to study gene expression of thousands of genes simultaneously.
- Many applications:
  - Genetic disorders & Mutation/polymorphism detection
  - Study of disease subtypes
  - Drug discovery & toxicology studies
  - Pathogen analysis
  - Differing expressions over time, between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

# Microarray Data

<i>Gene</i>	<i>Expression Level</i>
<i>Gene1</i>	
<i>Gene2</i>	
<i>Gene3</i>	
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# Gene Chips

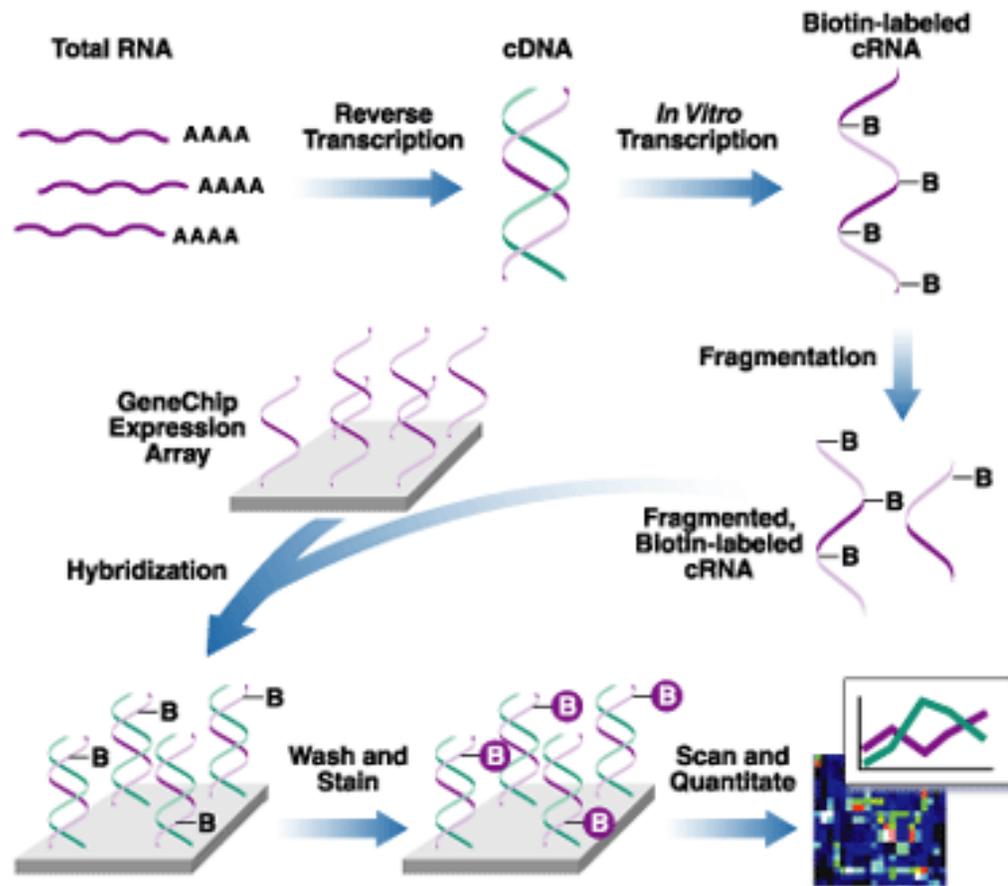




## Microarray/DNA chips (Simplified)

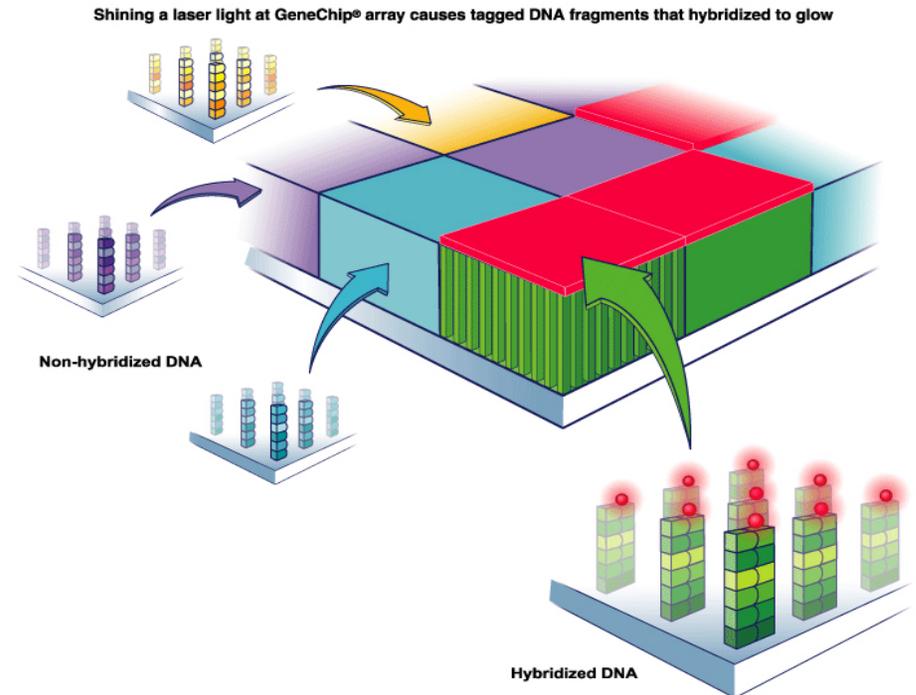
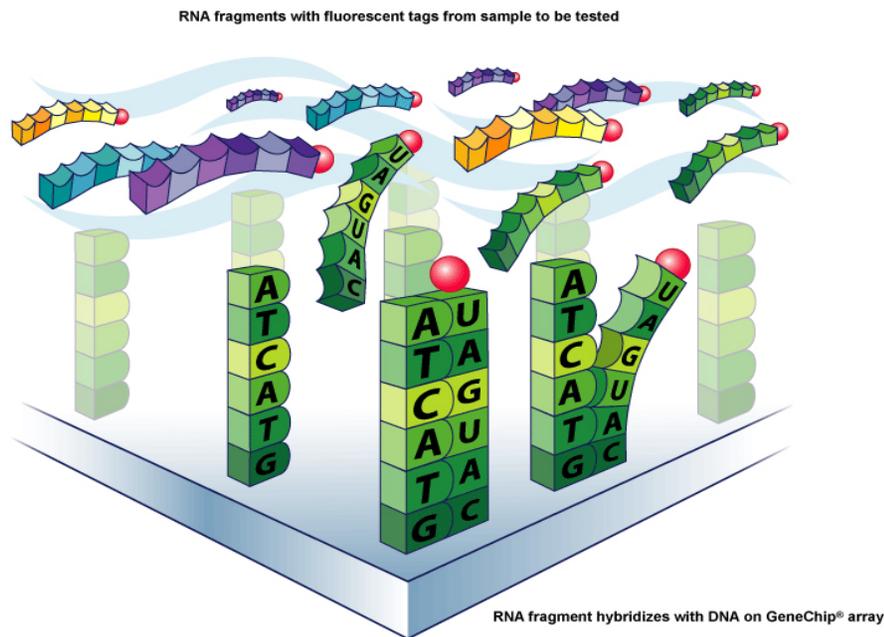
- ❑ Construct **probes** corresponding to reverse complements of genes of interest.
- ❑ Microscopic quantities of probes placed on solid surfaces at defined spots on the chip.
- ❑ Extract mRNA from sample cells and **label** them.
- ❑ Apply labeled sample (mRNA extracted from cells) to every spot, and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

# Affymetrix DNA chip schematic

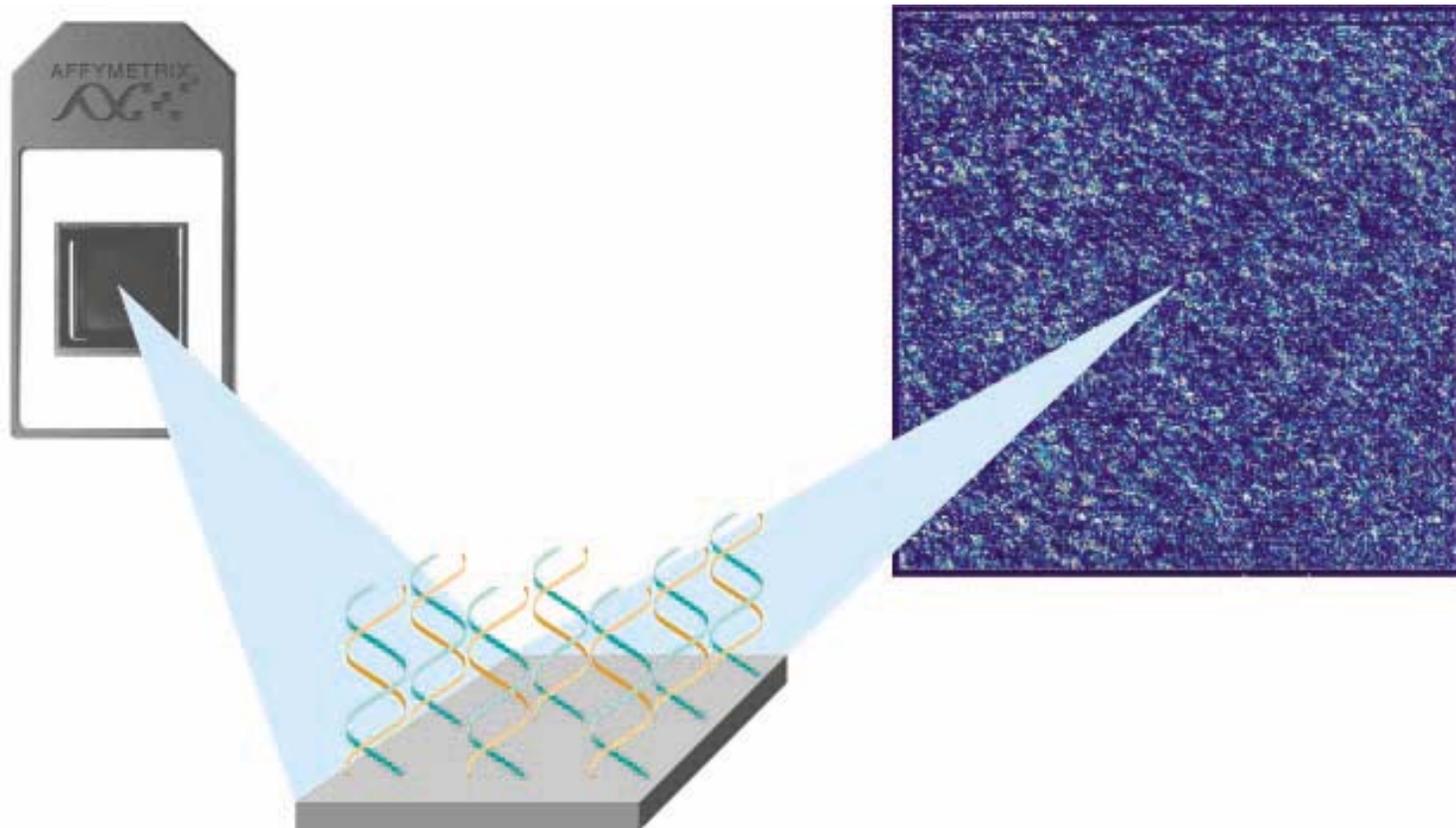


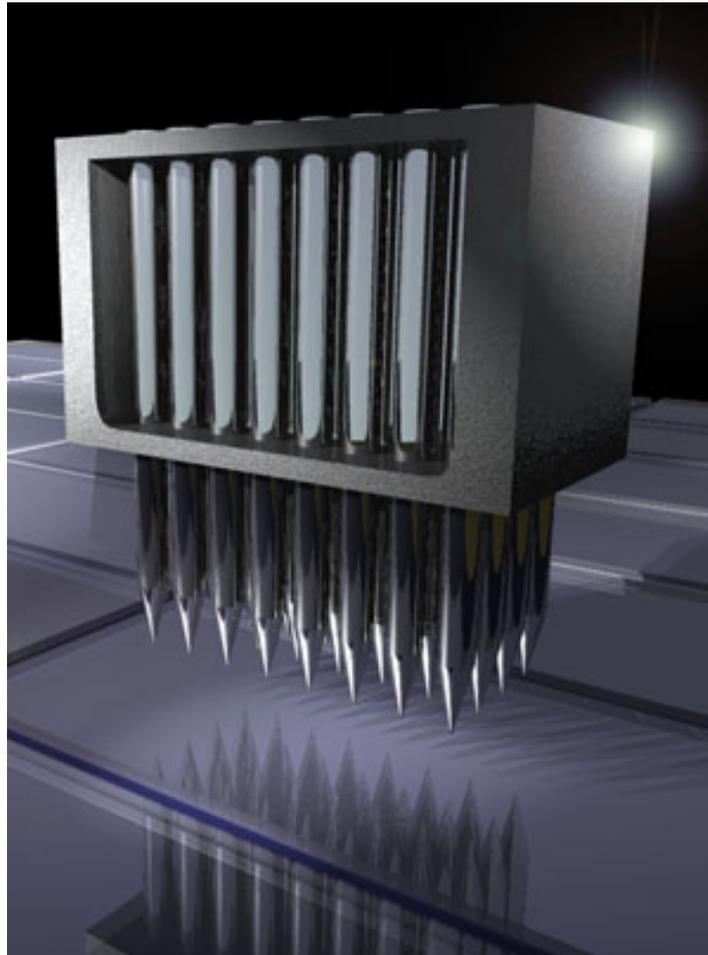
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# What's on the slide?



# DNA Chips & Images

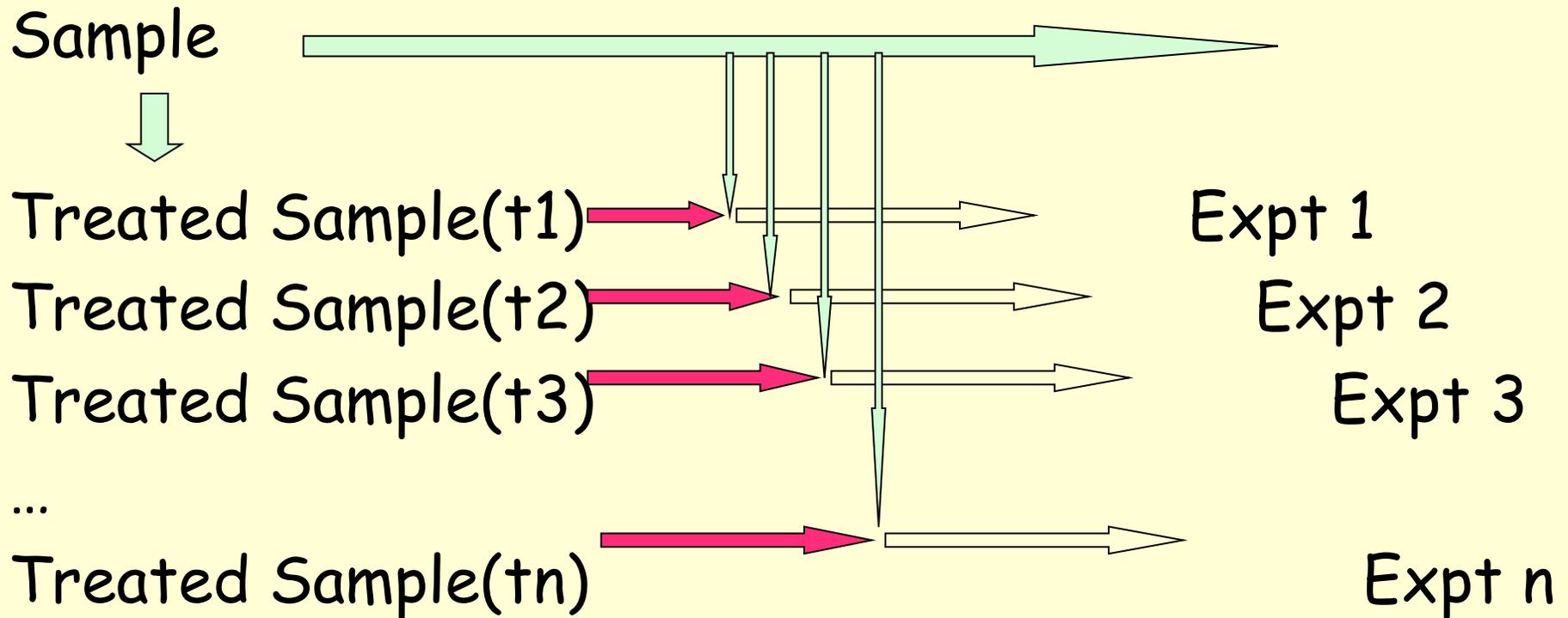




## Microarrays: competing technologies

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

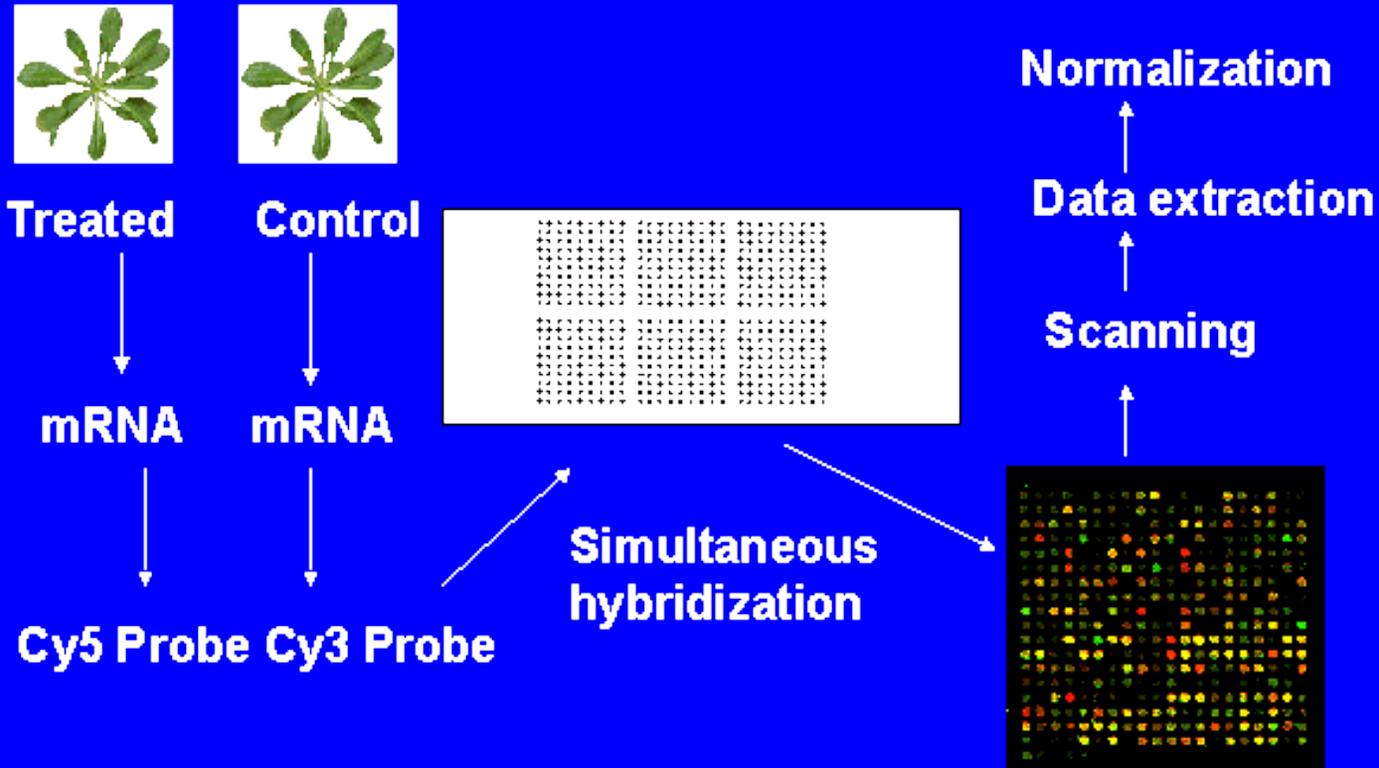
# Study effect of treatment over time





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# 2-color DNA microarray



# 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

# Analyzing Microarray Data

Genetics: Perou *et al.*

*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 96 (1999) 9213

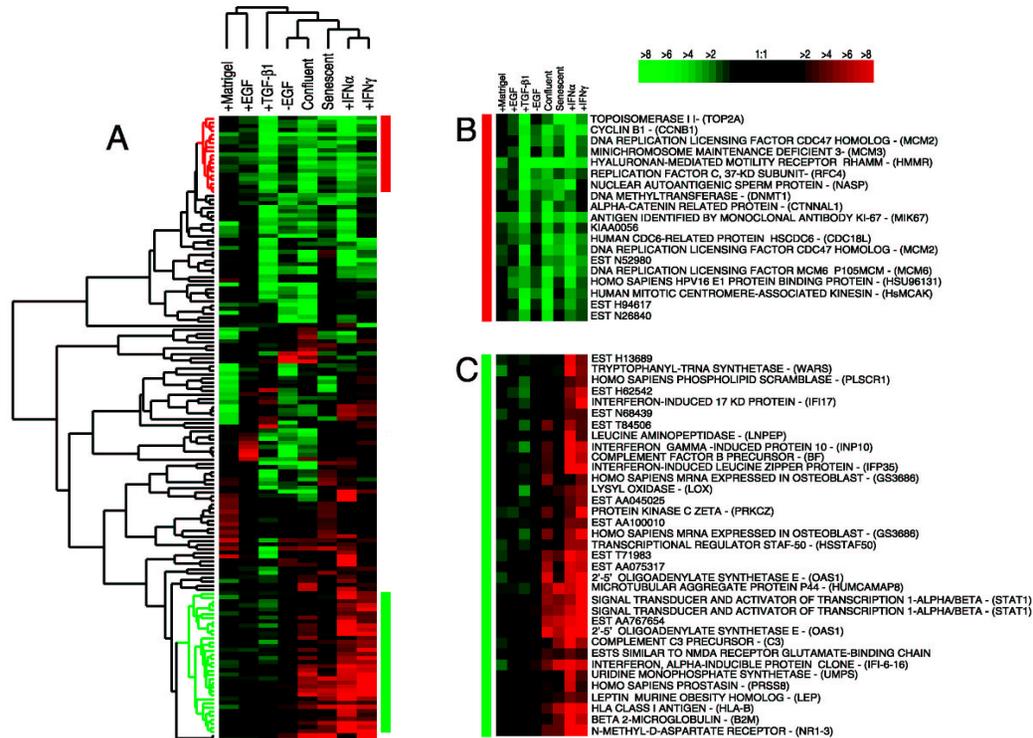
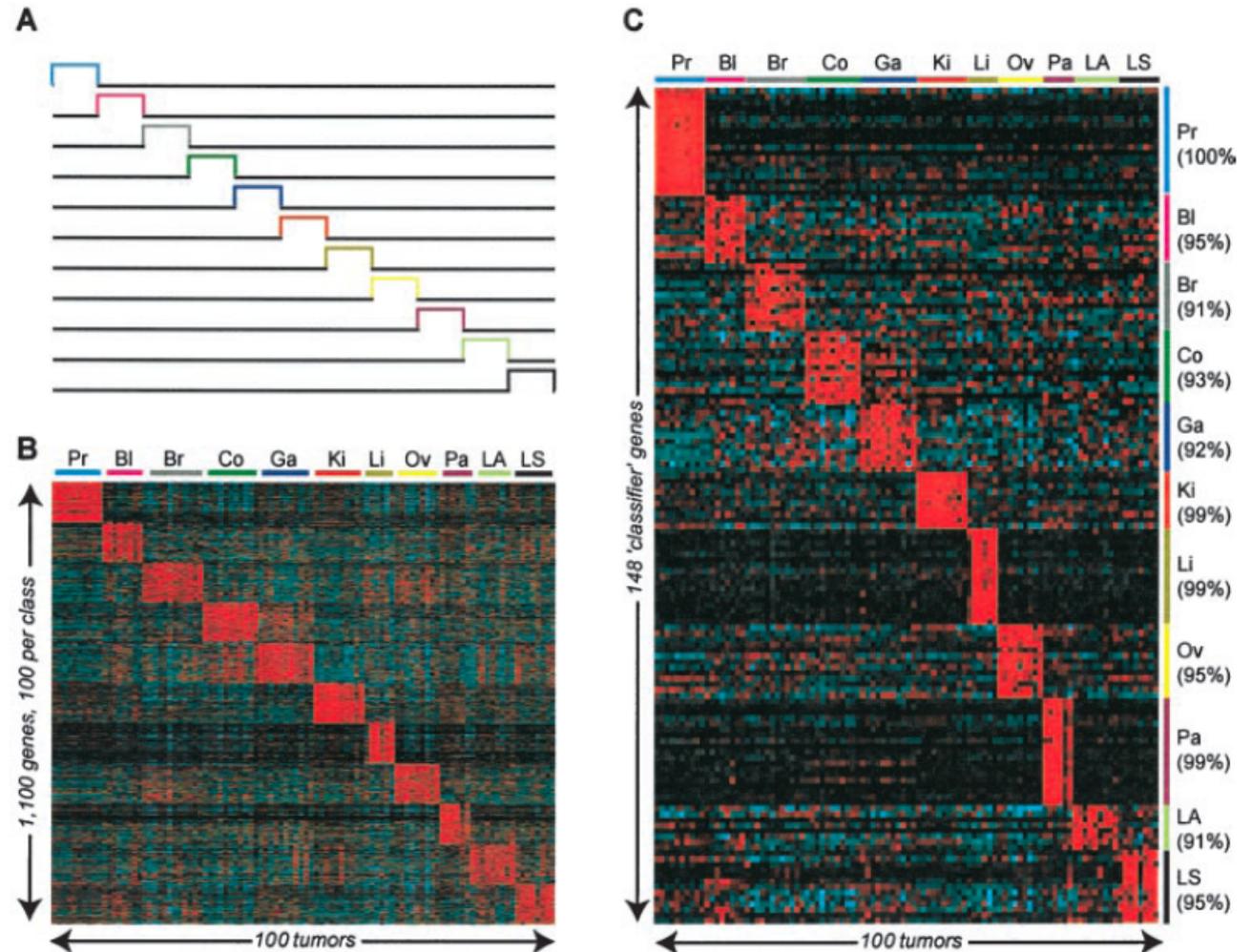


Fig. 1. (A) Cluster diagram of HMEC *in vitro* experiments. Each column represents a single experiment, and each row represents a single gene. Ratios of gene expression relative to HMEC control samples grown under standard conditions are shown. Green squares represent lower than control levels of gene expression in the experimental samples (ratios less than 1); black squares represent genes equally expressed (ratios near 1); red squares represent higher than control levels of gene expression (ratios greater than 1); gray squares indicate insufficient or missing data. The color saturation reflects the magnitude of the log/ratio [see scale at top right and Fig. 5 (see Supplemental data at [www.pnas.org](http://www.pnas.org)) for the full cluster diagram with all gene names]. (B) Expanded view of the subset of genes whose expression was decreased in association with reduced HMEC proliferation. (C) Expanded view of the IFN-regulated gene cluster. In many instances, multiple independent clones/cDNA representing the same gene were spotted on different locations on these microarrays, and in most cases, these copies usually clustered together, either very near each other or immediately adjacent to each other.

# Microarray Data Analysis: Subtyping

## MOLECULAR CLASSIFICATION OF HUMAN CARCINOMAS

Fig. 1. Selection of tumor-specific genes for cancer class prediction. *A*, schematic diagram depicting the idealized expression profile of tumor-specific genes that the method selects as classifiers. The shape of each profile represents genes that are highly expressed in each cancer type relative to all other tumors in the training set. *B*, 100 genes per tumor class (total, 1100) with the most significant scores in a Wilcoxon rank-sum test for equality were selected as likely candidates for tumor classifiers. *Pr*, prostate; *Bl*, bladder/ureter; *Br*, breast; *Co*, colorectal; *Ga*, gastroesophagus; *Ki*, kidney; *Li*, liver; *Ov*, ovary; *Pa*, pancreas; *LA*, lung adenocarcinomas; *LS*, lung squamous cell carcinoma. *C*, the final refined set of gene classifiers was generated after the genes in *B* were ranked by SVM/LOOCV accuracy. Annotations of the genes from which 110 “predictor” genes were bootstrapped are provided on our website.<sup>4</sup> For clarity, only 8 of 76 predictor genes for lung adenocarcinomas are depicted here. Levels of gene expression (depicted in each row) across all samples (columns) were median-centered and normalized by “Cluster” and output in “Treeview” (12). *Red*, increased gene expression; *blue*, decreased expression; *black*, median level of gene expression. The color intensity is proportional to the hybridization intensity of a gene from its median level across all samples.



# Differential Analysis

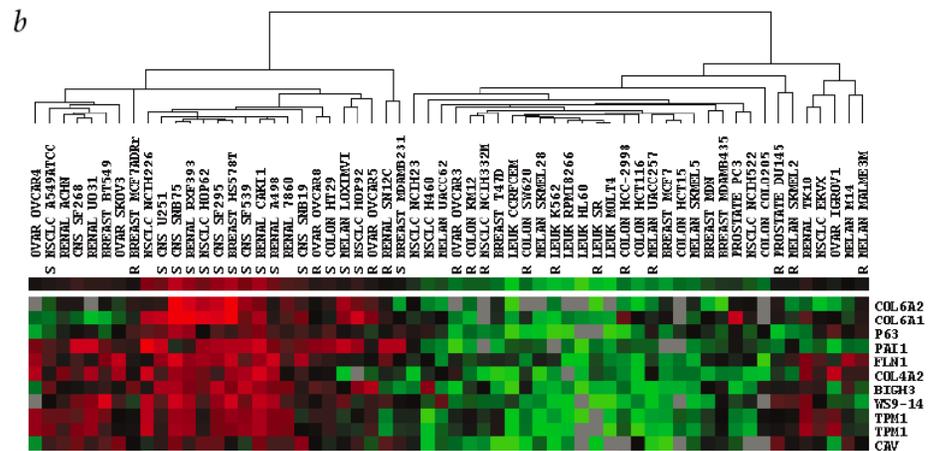
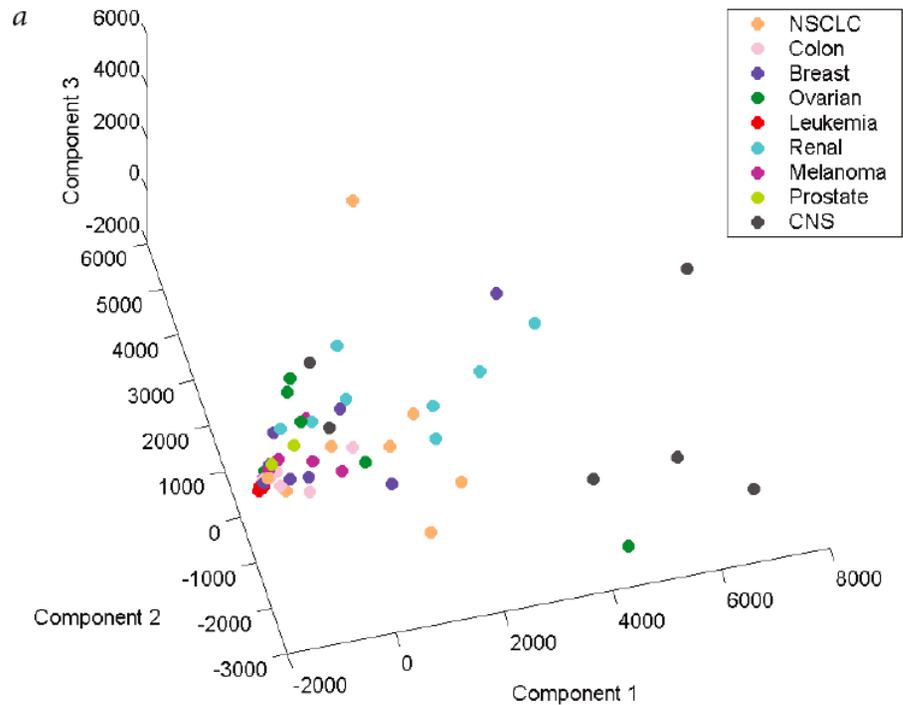
- Determine differentially expressed genes
  - Need for Replication and Normalization
  - Differential Analysis: test statistics
    - Fold-change (Sample vs Control)
    - t-test
    - F-statistic
    - Other Non-parametric rank-based statistics
  - Significance of observed statistic (Permutation test)
  - False Discovery Rate
    - Multiple test corrections
  - Pattern Discovery

# Pattern Discovery

- Dimensionality reduction
  - Principal Component Analysis
  - Multidimensional scaling
  - Singular-value decomposition
- Visualization methods

# Pattern Discovery

## Principal Component Analysis



**Fig. 2** Two pattern-discovery techniques. Data for both figures measure gene expression for 11 genes characterizing sensitivity to compound cytochalasin D in 60 cancer cell lines<sup>97</sup>. **a**, The first three principal components, plotted using Matlab software (Mathworks). Apparent features include a tight cluster of leukemia samples (red dots, nearly superimposed) and the more scattered outlying cluster of CNS tumors (black dots). A single lung cancer sample (NSCLC-NCH226) also appears as an outlier — the solitary orange dot at the top. **b**, Hierarchical clustering of the same data, using Cluster/TreeView (<http://rana.lbl.gov/EisenSoftware.htm>). Names of samples extremely sensitive or resistant to cytochalasin D (see Supplementary information) are prefixed 'S' and 'R' respectively. The samples fall into two main clusters, roughly, but not perfectly, separating the sensitive and resistant samples. As in **a**, fine structure shows a tight leukemia cluster (underlined in green) and a tight CNS cluster (underlined in red), but does not suggest that the CNS cluster or NSCLC-NCH226 (underlined in blue) are outliers. Apparent in both **a** and **b** is the relative heterogeneity of the breast cancer cell lines.

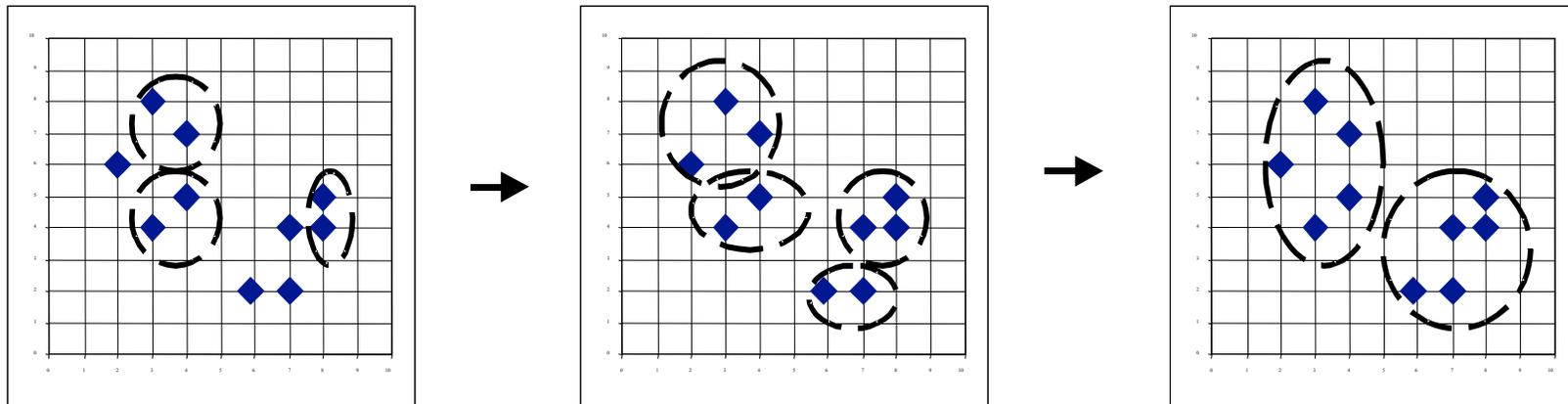
merging the two closest clusters is repeated until a single cluster remains. This arranges the data into a tree structure that can be broken into the desired number of clusters by cutting across the tree at a particular height. Tree structures are easily viewed and understood (Fig. 2b), and the hierarchical structure provides potentially useful information about the relationships between clusters. Trees are known to reveal close relationships very well. However, as

## Clustering

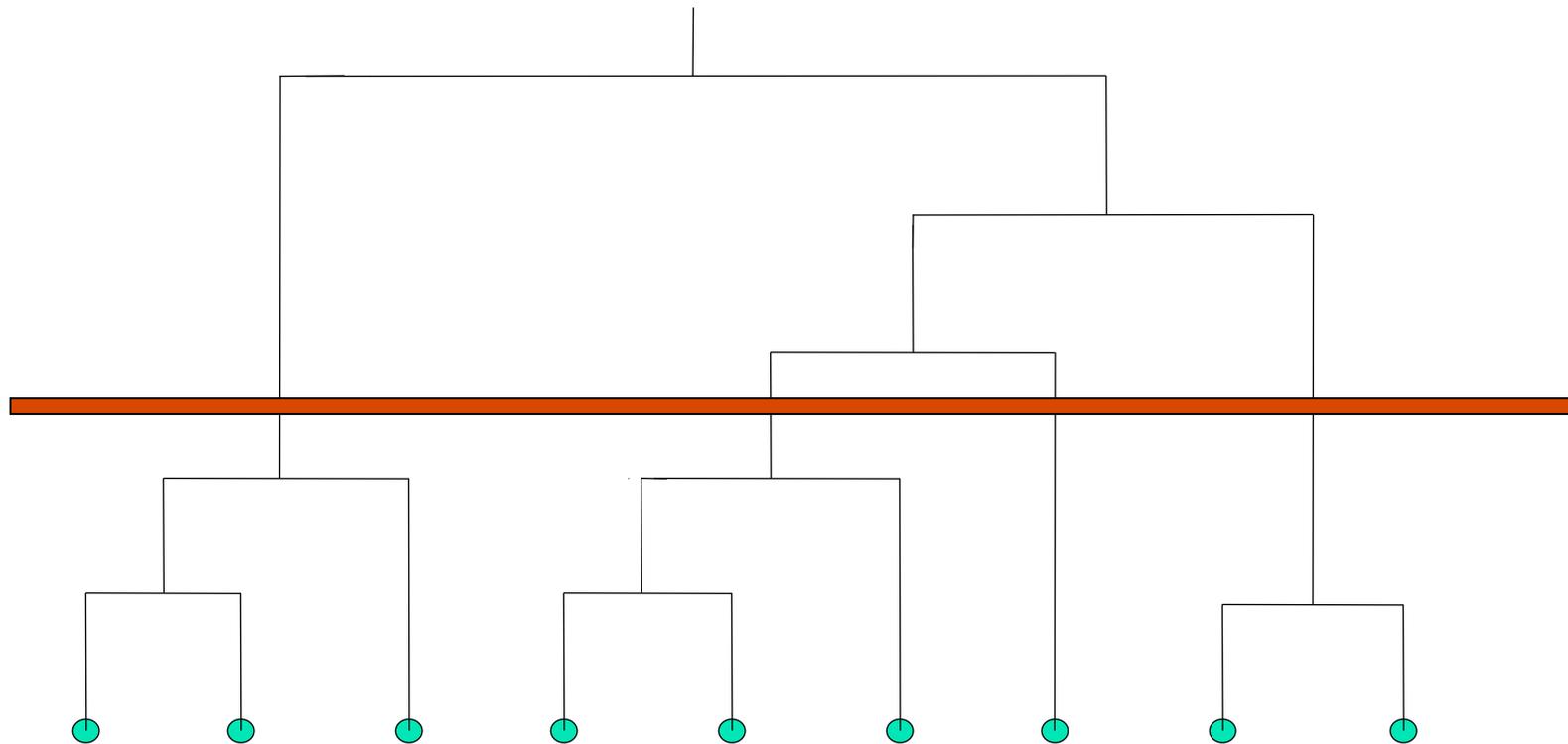
# Clustering

- 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]

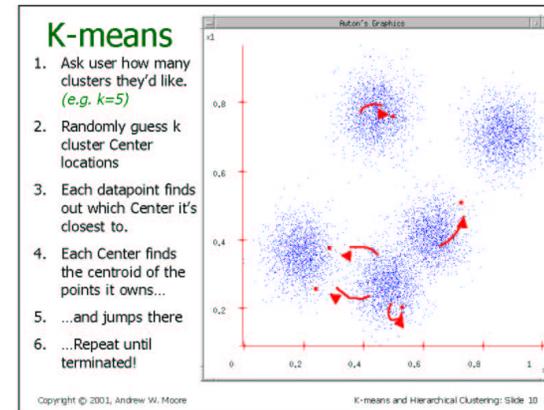
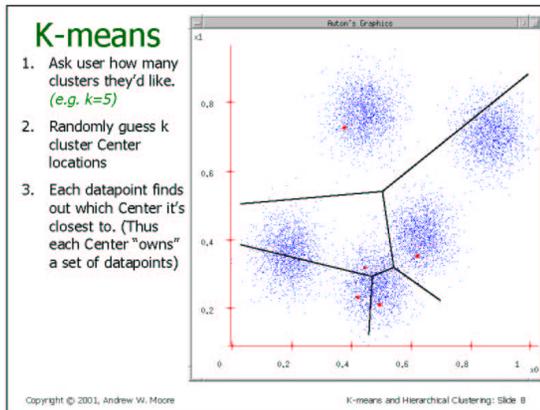
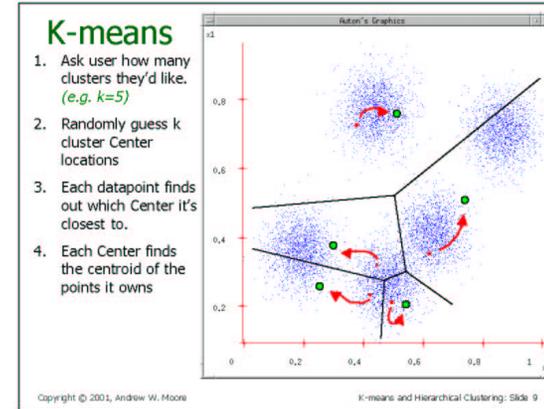
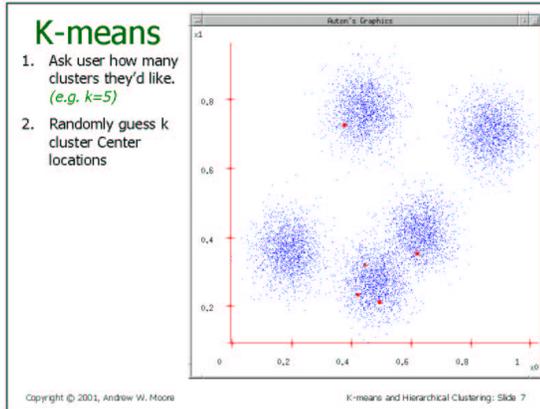
- Given  $n$  points in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , compute the distance between every pair of points
- While (not done)
  - Pick closest pair of points  $s_i$  and  $s_j$  and make them part of the same cluster.
  - Replace the pair by an average of the two  $s_{ij}$

Try the applet at: [http://home.dei.polimi.it/matteucc/Clustering/tutorial\\_html/AppletH.html](http://home.dei.polimi.it/matteucc/Clustering/tutorial_html/AppletH.html)

# K-Means Clustering: Example

Example from Andrew Moore's tutorial on Clustering.

Start



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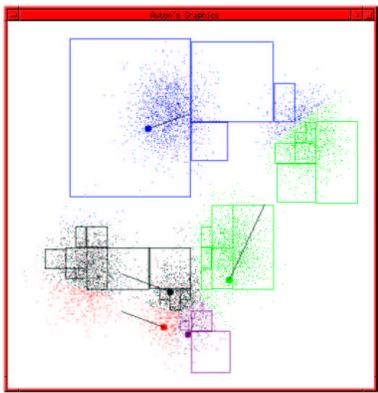
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## K-means Start

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Example generated by Dan Pelleg's super-duper fast K-means system:

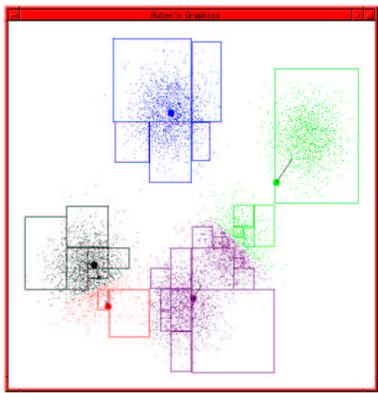
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## K-means continues

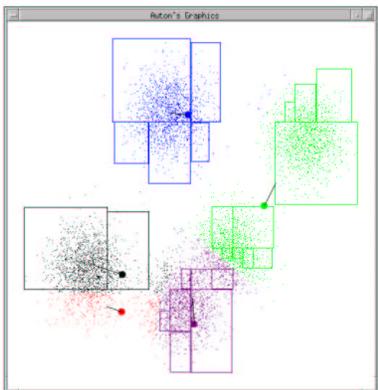
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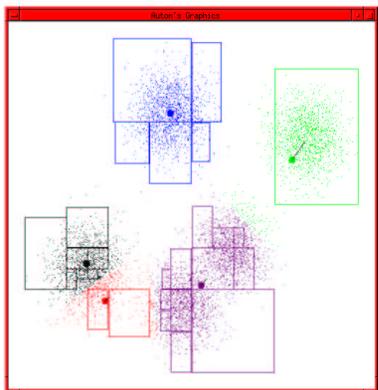
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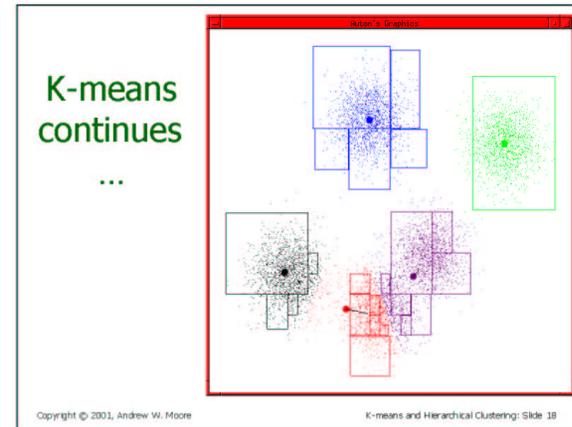
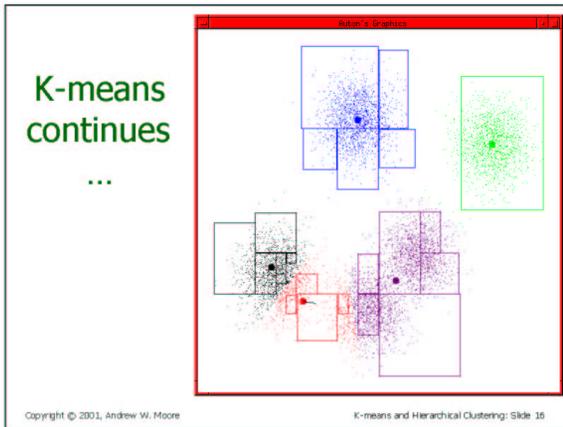
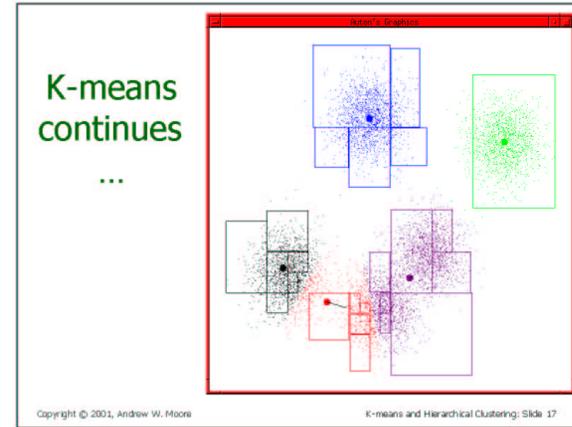
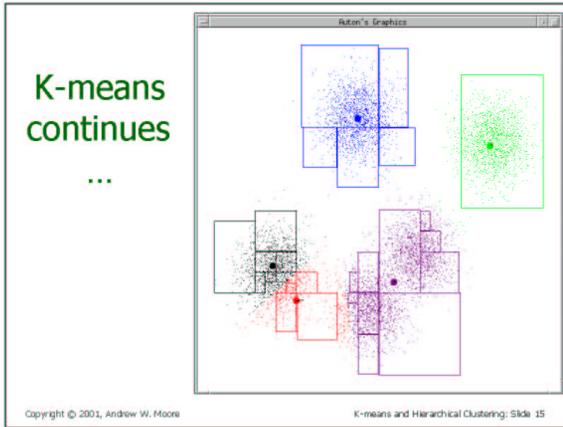
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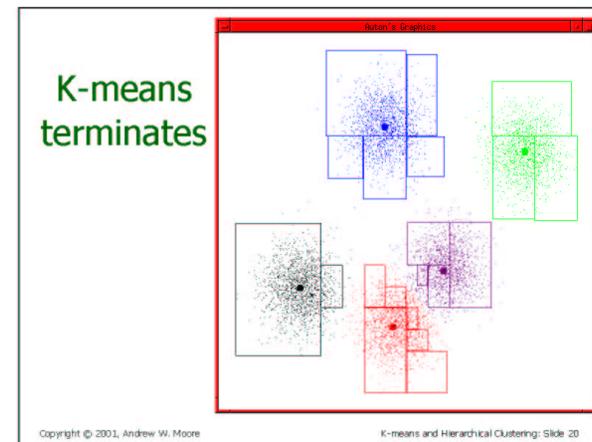
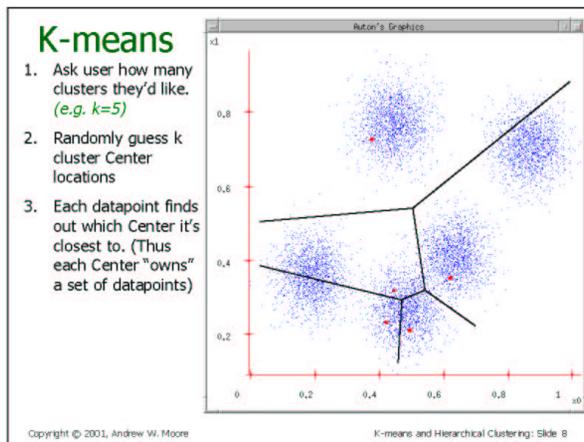
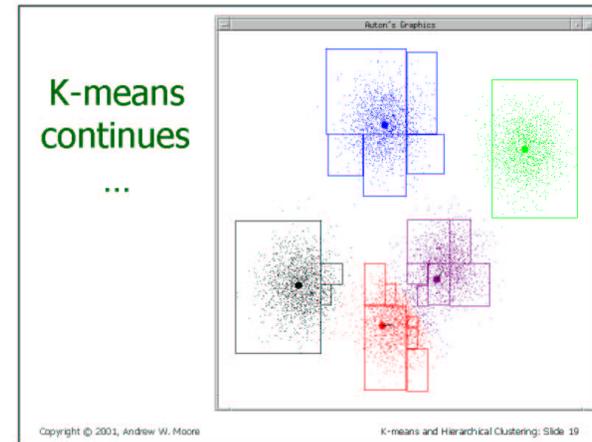
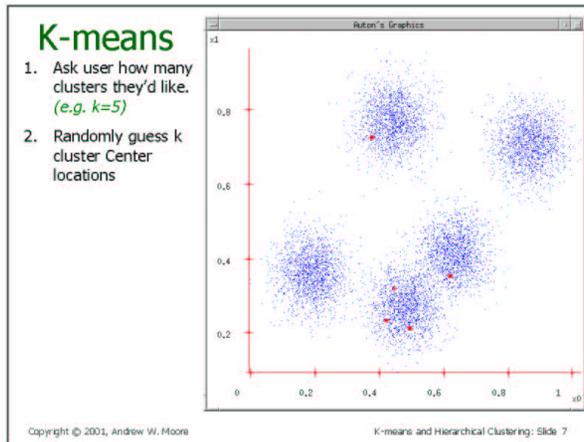
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Start



End

# K-Means Clustering [McQueen '67]

Repeat

- Start with randomly chosen cluster centers
- Assign points to give greatest increase in score
- Recompute cluster centers
- Reassign points

until (no changes)

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# Comparisons

## □ Hierarchical clustering

- Number of clusters not preset.
- Complete hierarchy of clusters
- Not very robust, not very efficient.

## □ K-Means

- Need definition of a **mean**. Categorical data?
- More efficient and often finds optimum clustering.

# Class Prediction

Start with  $n$  genes measured in  $m$  samples whose classes  $c$  are known

Randomly divide samples into training and test sets

Choose prediction method

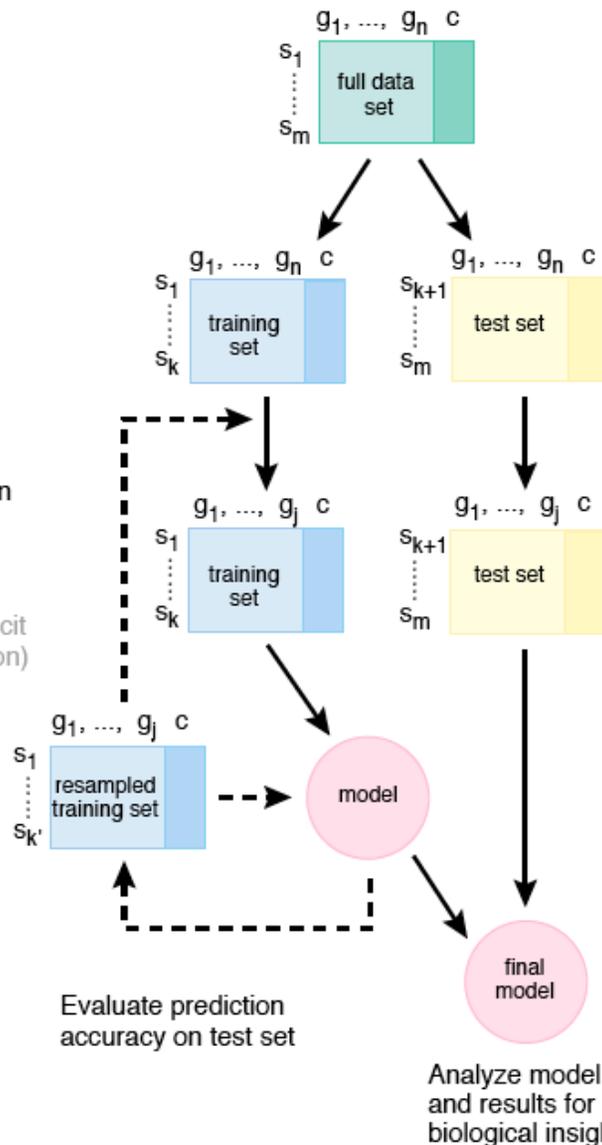
Is explicit gene selection appropriate?

Yes: select  $j$  genes.  
No: let  $j=n$  (i.e., no explicit gene selection)

Learn model

Optional: cross-validate to tune parameters and refine model

Choose final model



**Fig. 3** An overview of the process for building a prediction model to classify samples. The partition into training and test data is ideally chosen at random across the entire set of samples. Many prediction methods require tuning some parameter (such as the number of genes, the number of nearest-neighbors to consider, or the number of decision trees built). This choice is often evaluated by cross-validation — the process of repeatedly removing smaller test sets from the training set, building new models (starting with the gene selection process) with the remaining data, and evaluating performance across all the different models built. For example, “leave-one-out cross validation” (also called “ $n$ -way”) builds  $n$  models, each using  $n-1$  training examples and evaluated on the remaining one; the accuracy for predicting all  $n$  samples is reported. Observing that predictors may succeed by chance even in cross-validation, Radmacher et al. suggest using permutation testing to determine the significance of the observed results<sup>98</sup>. Ultimately the final model, perhaps chosen during the cross-validation process, is then tested on entirely new data not used in the model generation process. The model itself, as well as the prediction results and the influential genes, may yield new biological insights.

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# Class Prediction Methods

- Decision Trees
- Support Vector Machines (SVM)
- k-NN or k-nearest neighbor method
- Fisher's linear discriminant method
- Neural Networks
- Self-Organizing Maps
- Ensemble methods
  - Boosting
  - Bagging

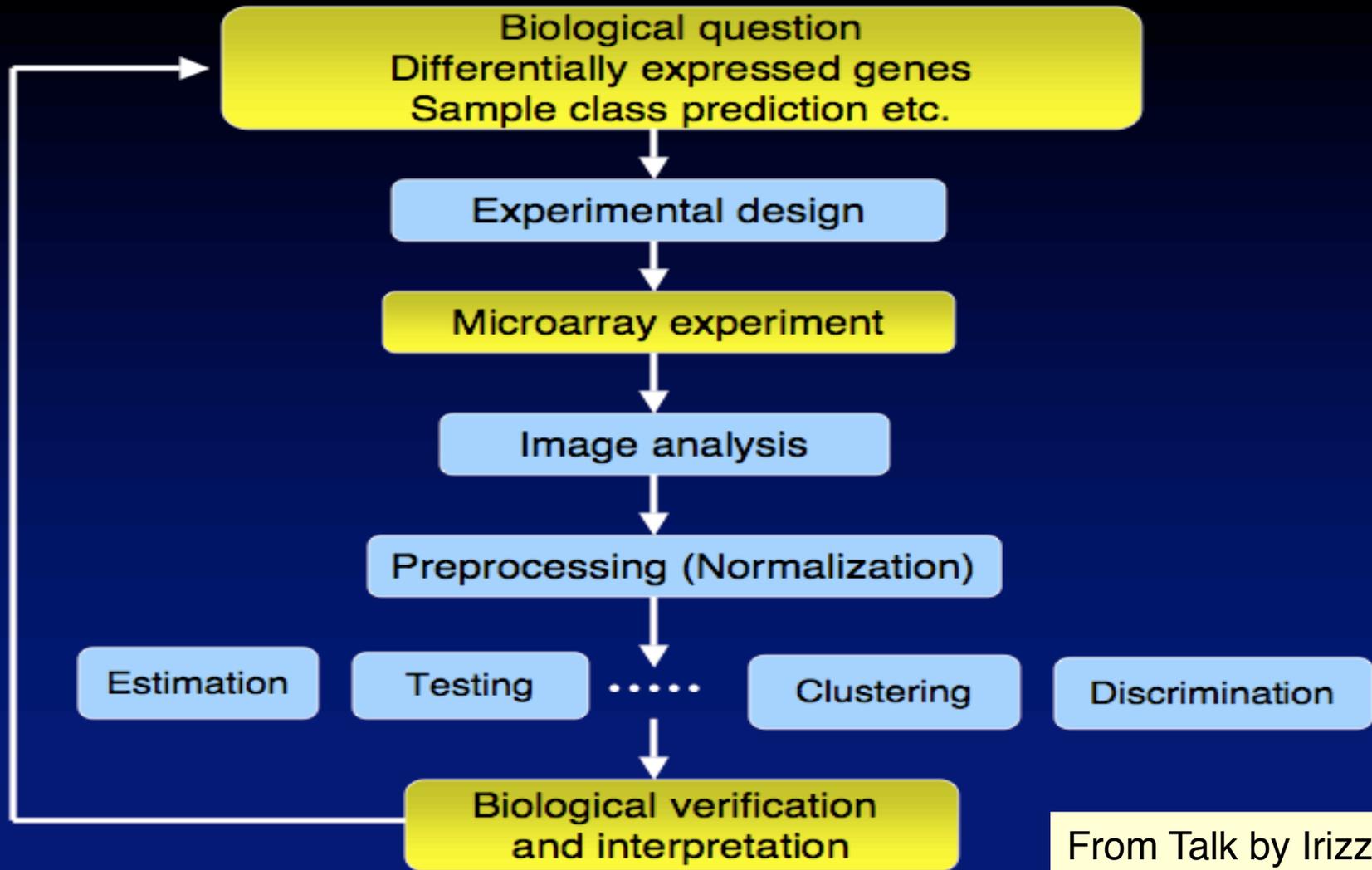
# Functional Biases, Pathways & Networks

- ❑ Over/Under-representation of functional groups of genes
- ❑ Over/Under-representation of genes involved in functional pathways
- ❑ Inferring of regulatory relationships
- ❑ Inferring of protein-protein interactions

# Reading

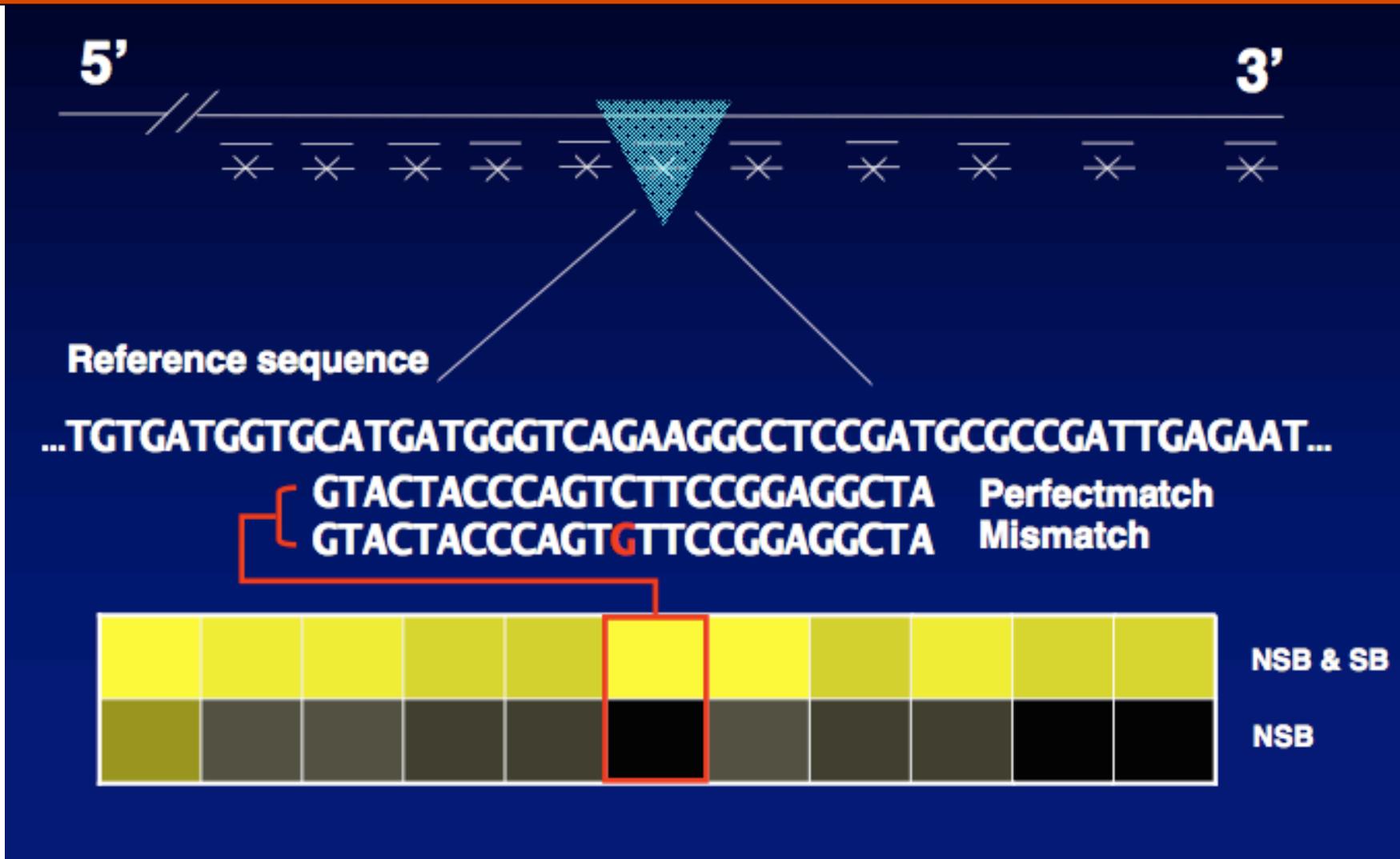
- ❑ The following slides come from a series of talks by Rafael Irizarry from Johns Hopkins
- ❑ Much of the material can be found in detail in the following papers from [<http://www.biostat.jhsph.edu/~ririzarr/papers/>]
  - Irizarry, RA, Hobbs, B, Collin, F, Beazer-Barclay, YD, Antonellis, KJ, Scherf, U, Speed, TP (2003) Exploration, Normalization, and Summaries of High Density Oligonucleotide Array Probe Level Data. *Biostatistics*. Vol. 4, Number 2: 249-264.
  - Bolstad, B.M., Irizarry RA, Astrand, M, and Speed, TP (2003), A Comparison of Normalization Methods for High Density Oligonucleotide Array Data Based on Bias and Variance. *Bioinformatics*. 19(2):185-193.

# Inference Process

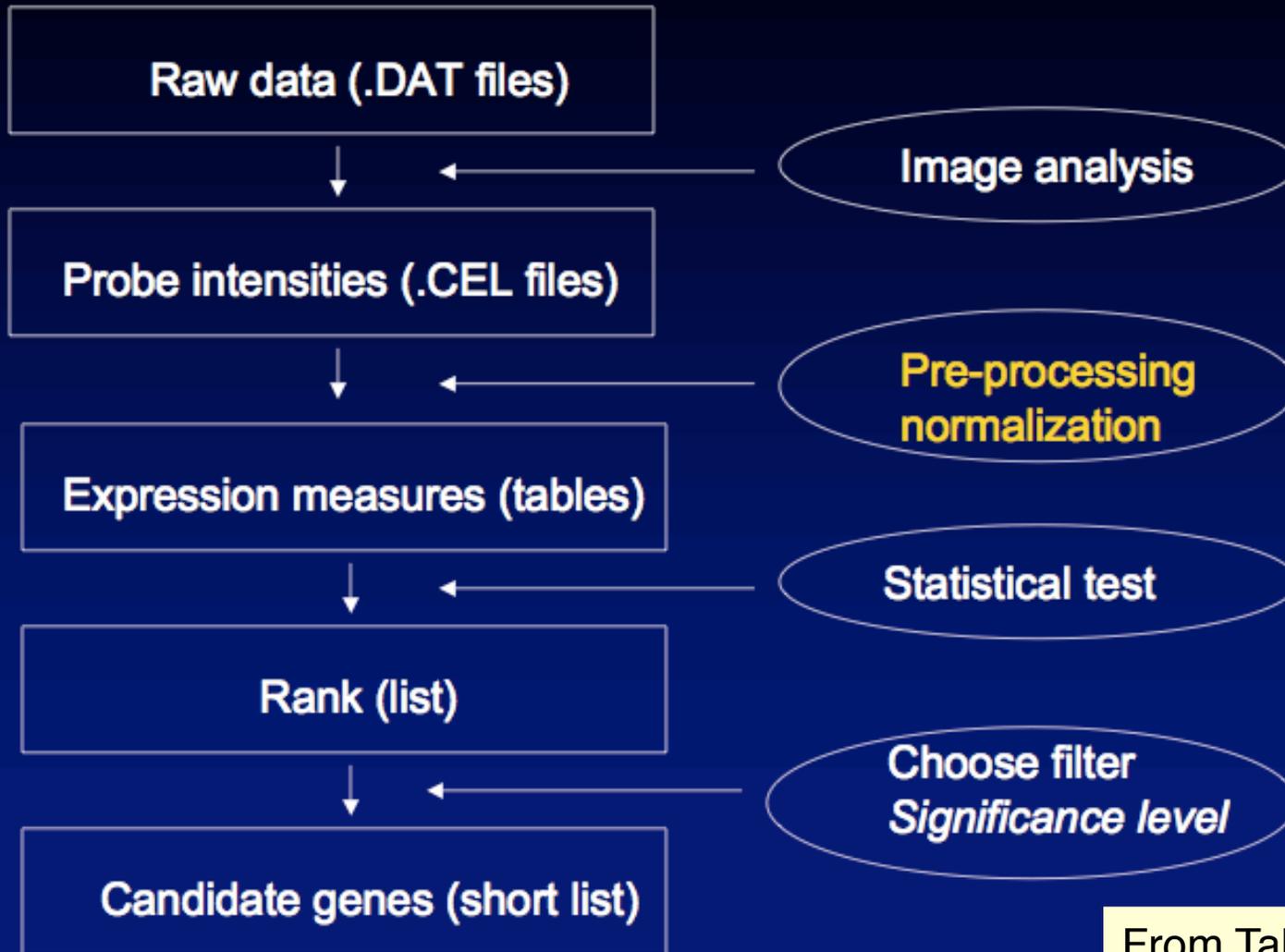


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# Affymetrix Genechip Design



# Workflow: Analyzing Affy data



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# Affy Files

- **DAT** file: image file, about 10 million pixels, 30-50 MB
- **CEL** file: cell intensity file with probe level PM and MM values
- **CDF** file: chip description file describing which probes go in which probe sets and the location of probe-pair sets (genes, gene fragments, ESTs)

From Talk by Irizzary

# Image analysis & Background Correction

- ❑ Each probe cell: 10 X 10 pixels
- ❑ Gridding estimates location of probe cell centers
- ❑ Signal is computed by
  - Ignoring outer 36 pixels leaving a 8 X 8 pixel area
  - Taking the 75 percentile of the signal from the 8 X 8 pixel area
- ❑ Background signal is computed as the average of the lowest 2% probe cell values, which is then subtracted from the individual signals

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# Standard Normalization Procedure

- ❑ Log-transform the data
- ❑ Ensure that the average intensity and the standard deviation are the same across all arrays.
- ❑ This requires the choice of a baseline array, which may or may not be obvious.

# Analyzing Affy data

## □ MAS 4.0

- Works with PM-MM
- Negative values result very often
- Very noisy for low expressed genes
- Averages without log-transformation

## □ dChip [Li & Wong, PNAS 98(1):31-36]

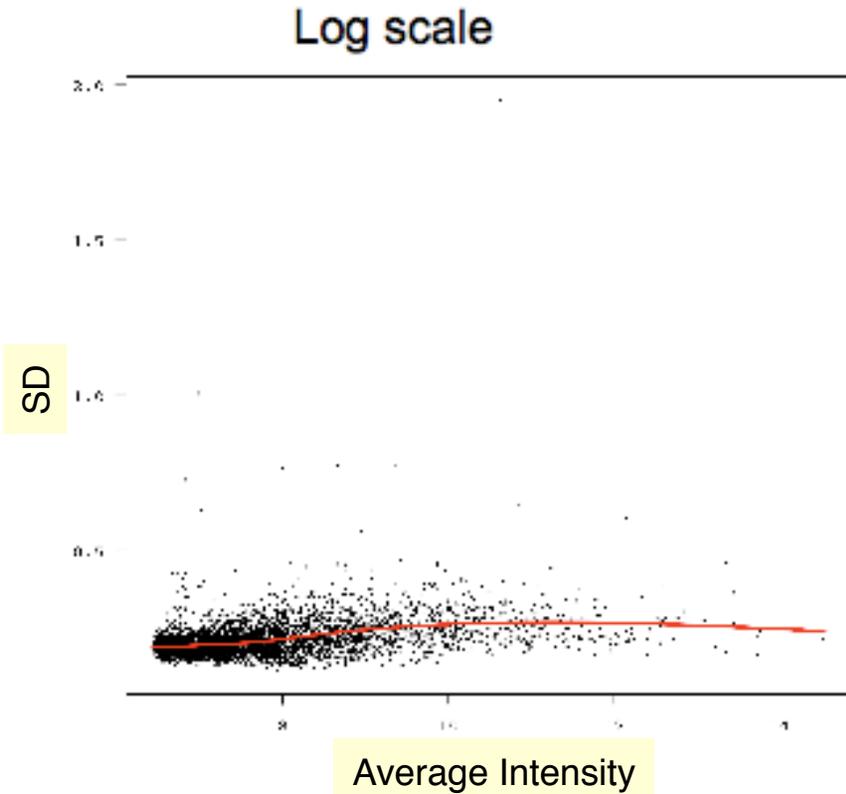
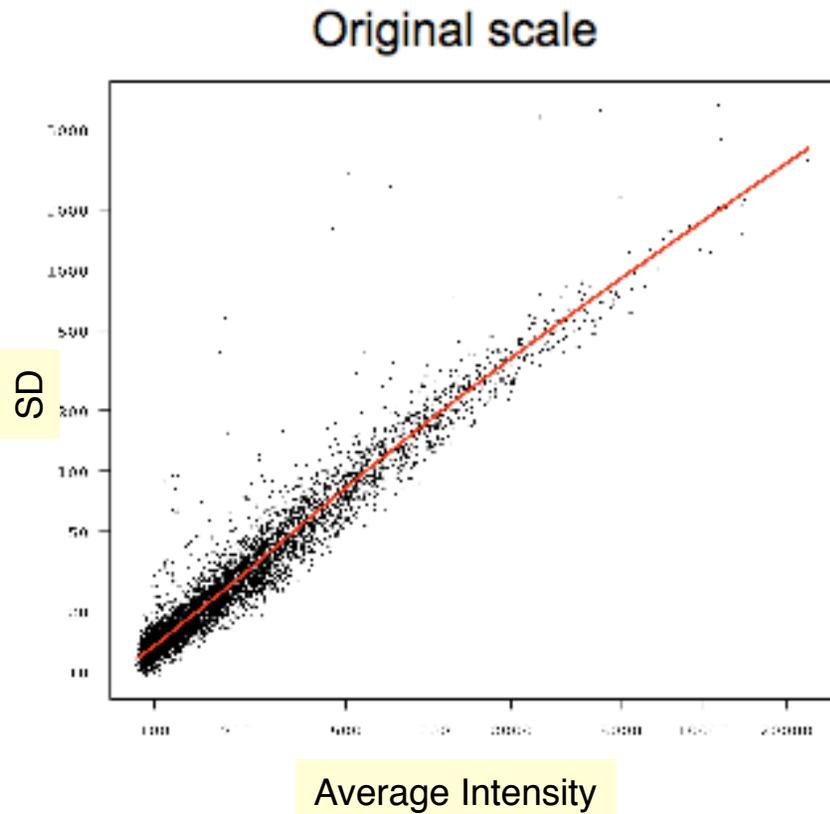
- Accounts for probe effect
- Uses non-linear normalization
- Multi-chip analysis reveals outliers

## □ MAS 5.0

- Improves on problems with MAS 4.0

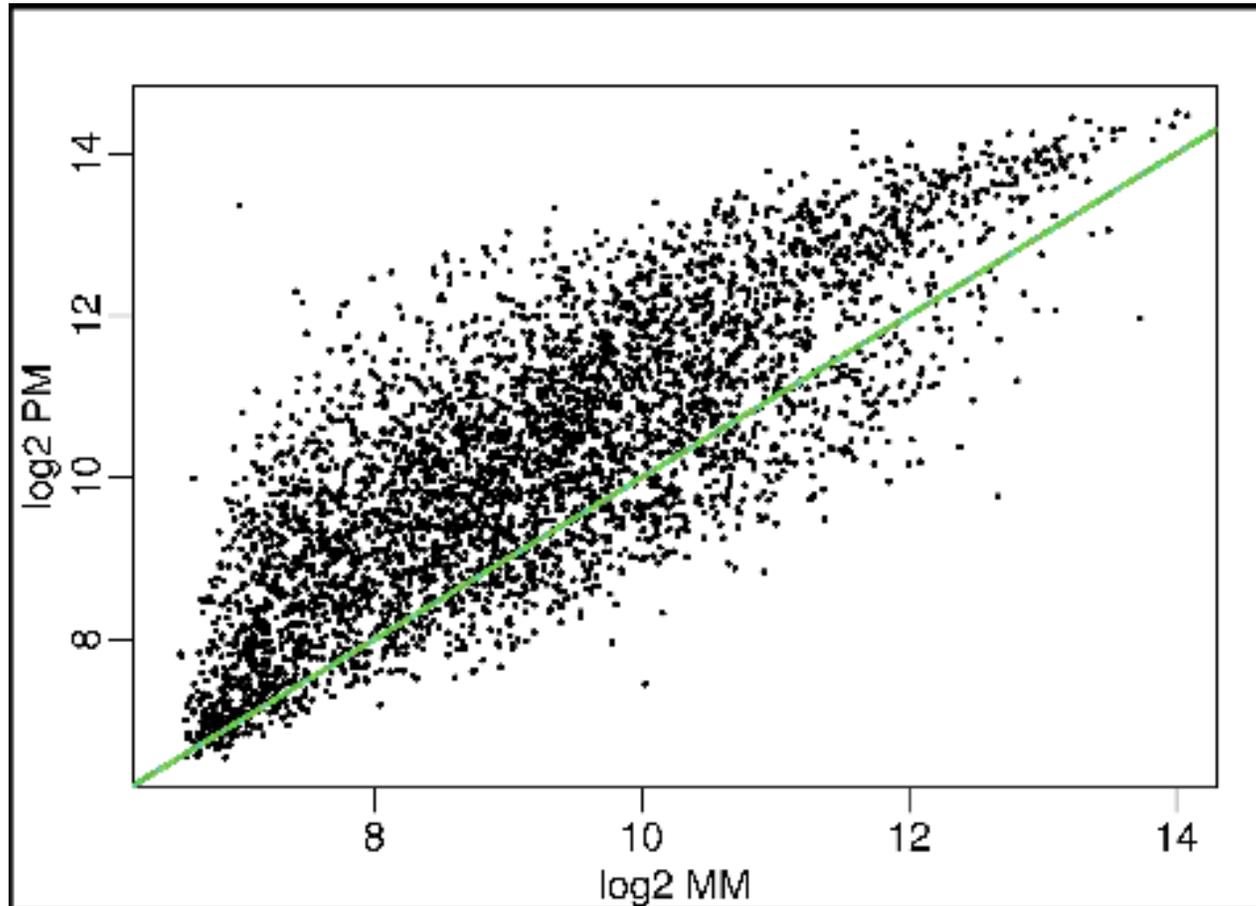
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# Why you use log-transforms?



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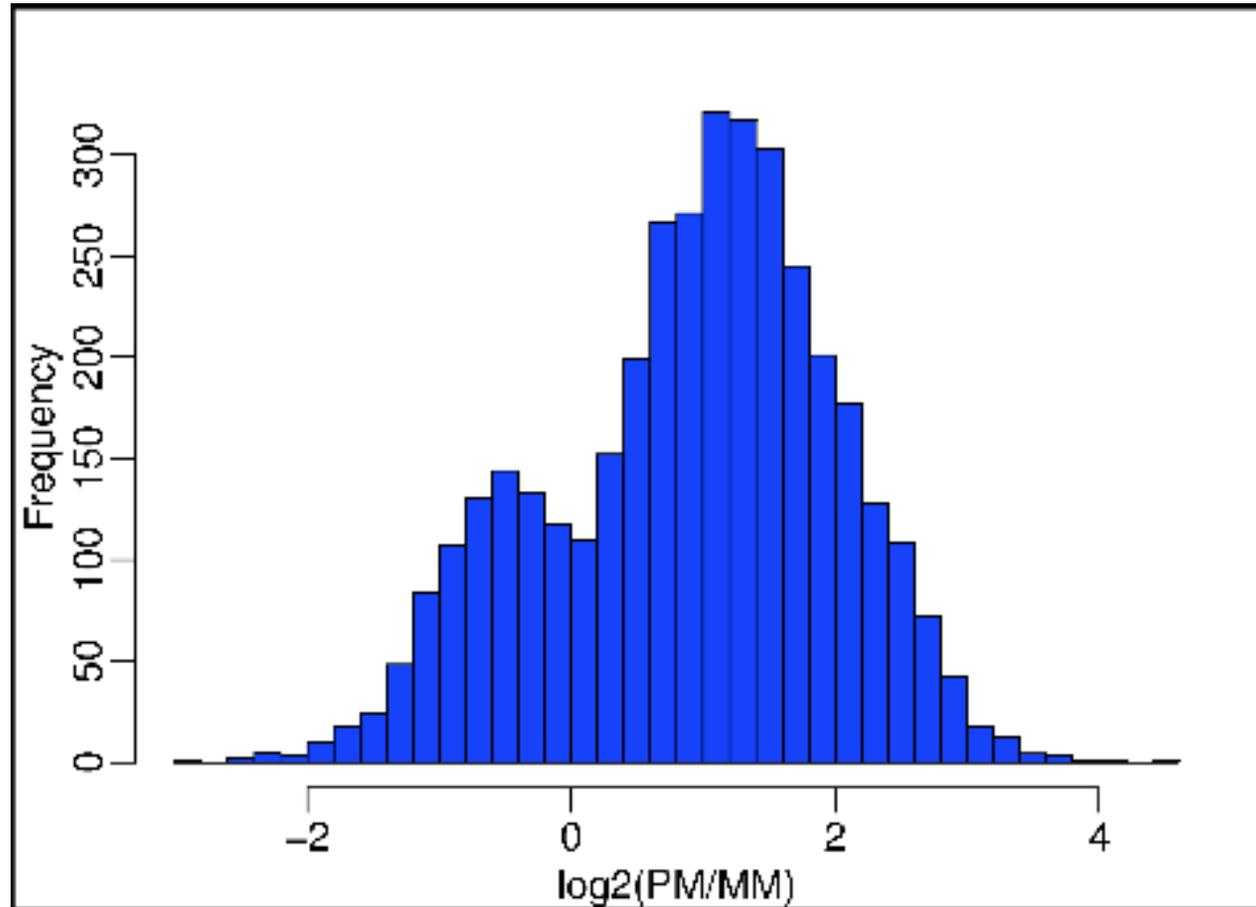
# Problem with using (transformed) PM-MM



Sometimes MM is larger than PM!

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# Bimodality for large expression values



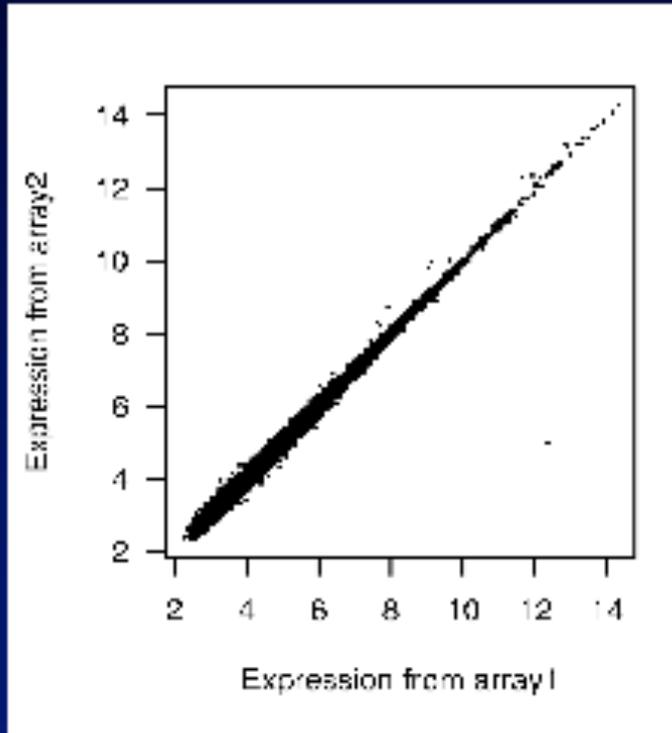
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# MAS 5.0

- ❑ **MAS 5.0** is Affymetrix software for microarray data analysis.
- ❑ Ad hoc background procedure used
- ❑ **Summarization**: Averaging over multiple probes
- ❑ For summarization, MAS 5.0 uses:
  - **Signal = TukeyBiweight{log(PM<sub>j</sub> - MM<sub>j</sub>\*)}**
  - Tukey Biweight:  $B(x) = (1 - (x/c)^2)^2$ , if  $x < c$   
= 0 otherwise
- ❑ Ad hoc scale normalization used

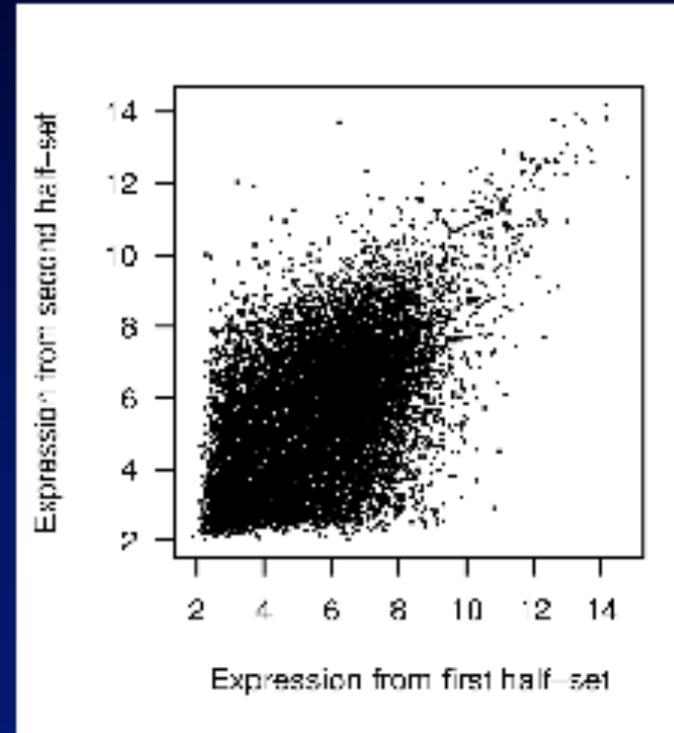
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PhD thesis by Astrand

## 2 replicate arrays



Expression from corresponding probes are highly correlated

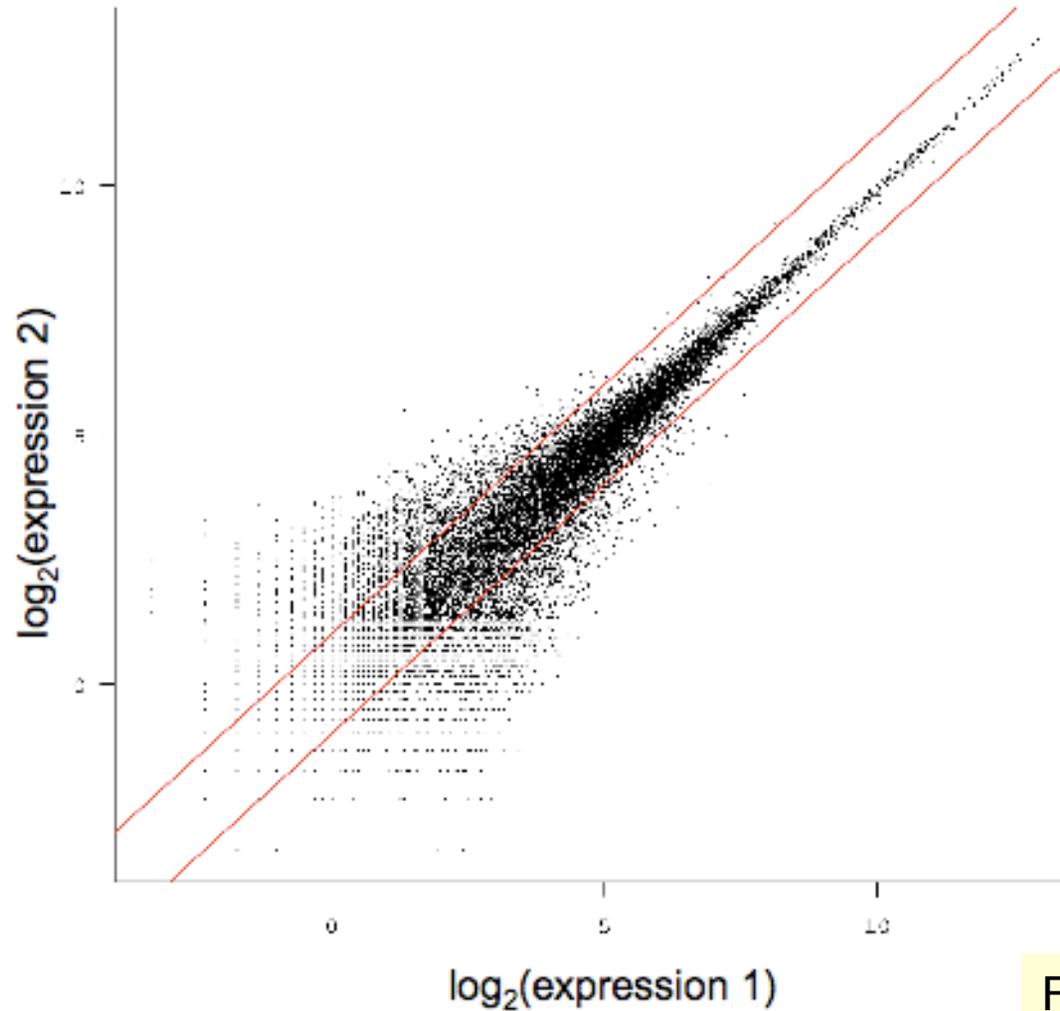
**Correlation is higher than 0.99**



Expression not correlated when probes randomly partitioned

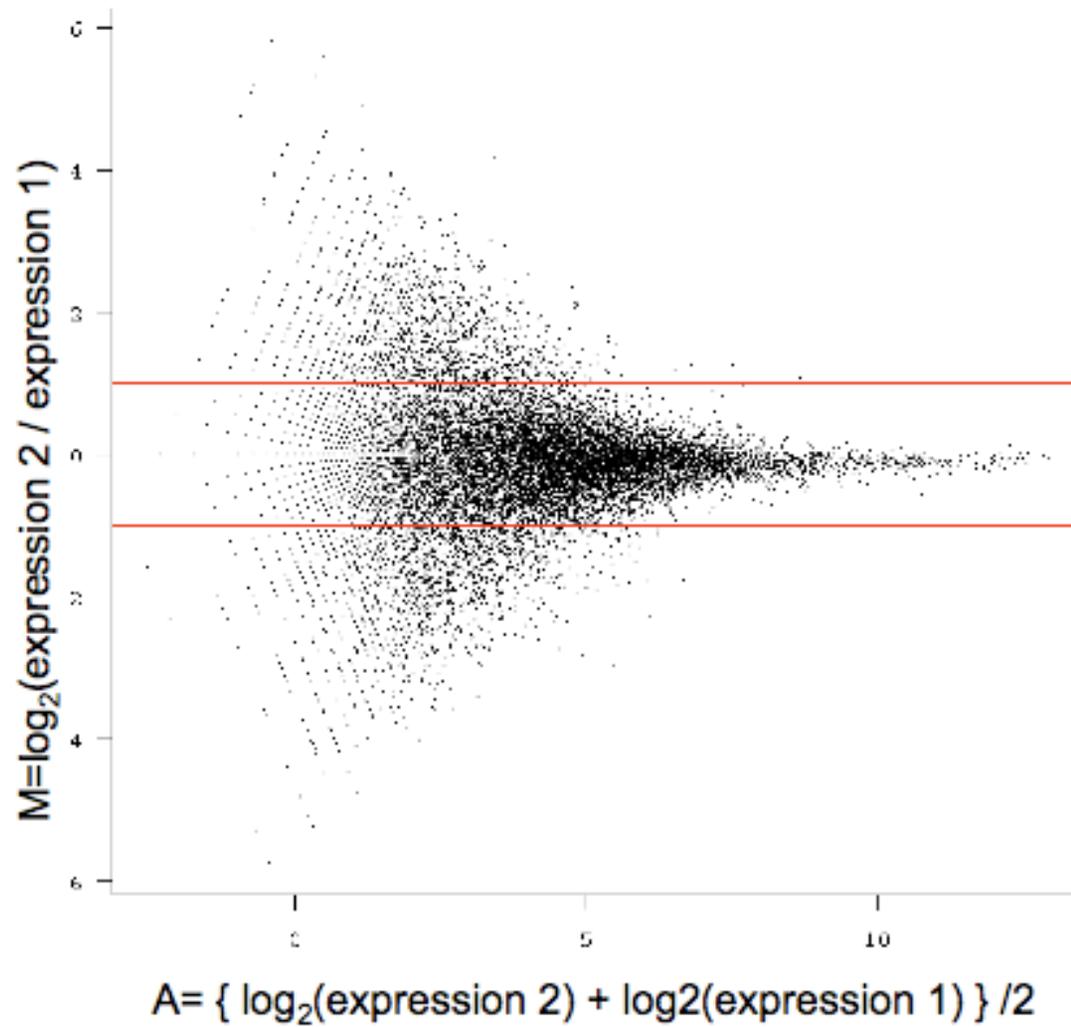
**Correlation drops to 0.55**

# We have to deal with **variations!**



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# MvA Plots

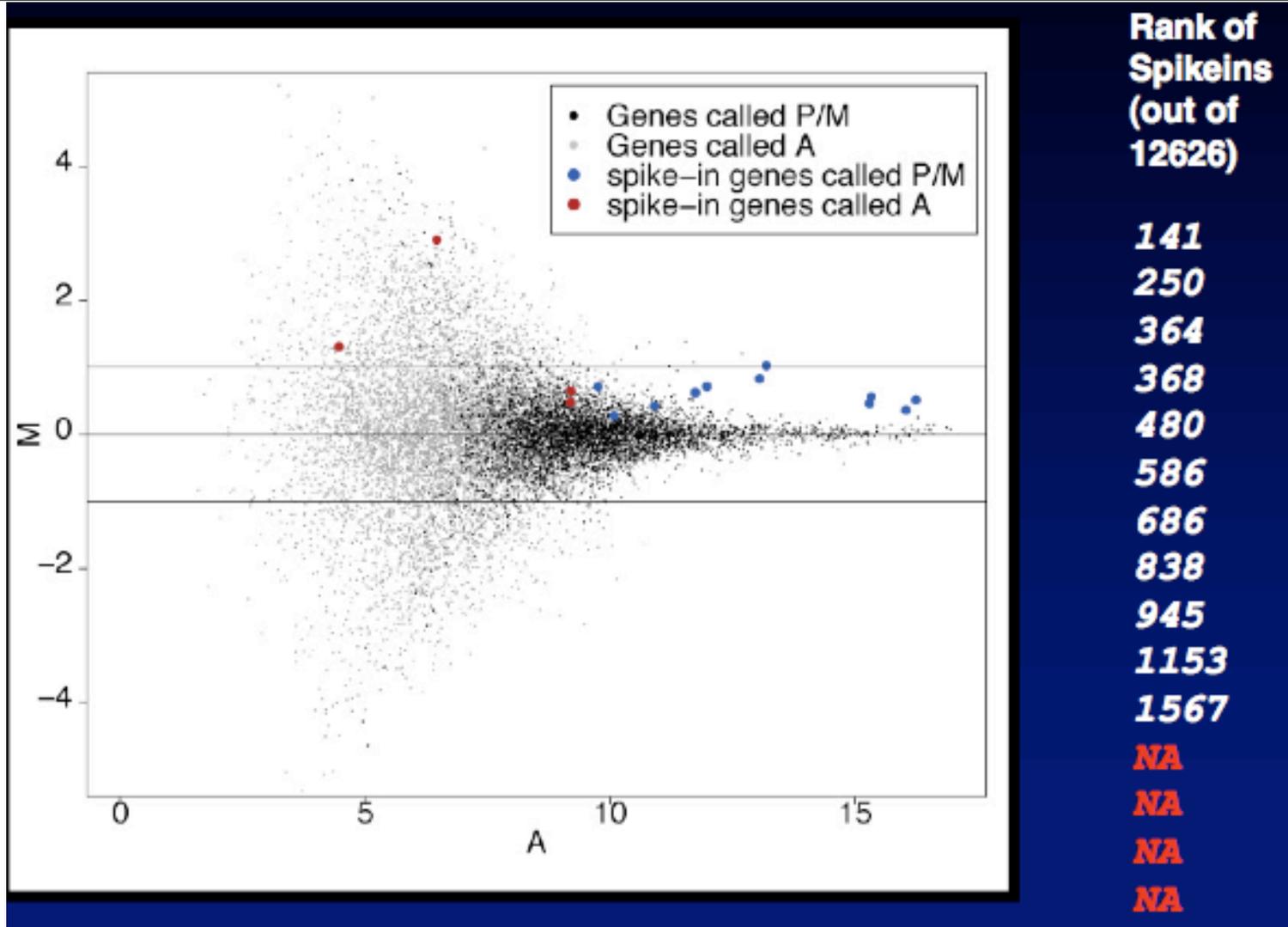


# Spike-in Experiment

- ❑ Replicate RNA samples were hybridized to various arrays
- ❑ Some probe sets were spiked in at different concentrations across the different arrays
- ❑ Goal was to see if these spiked probe sets “stood out” as differentially expressed

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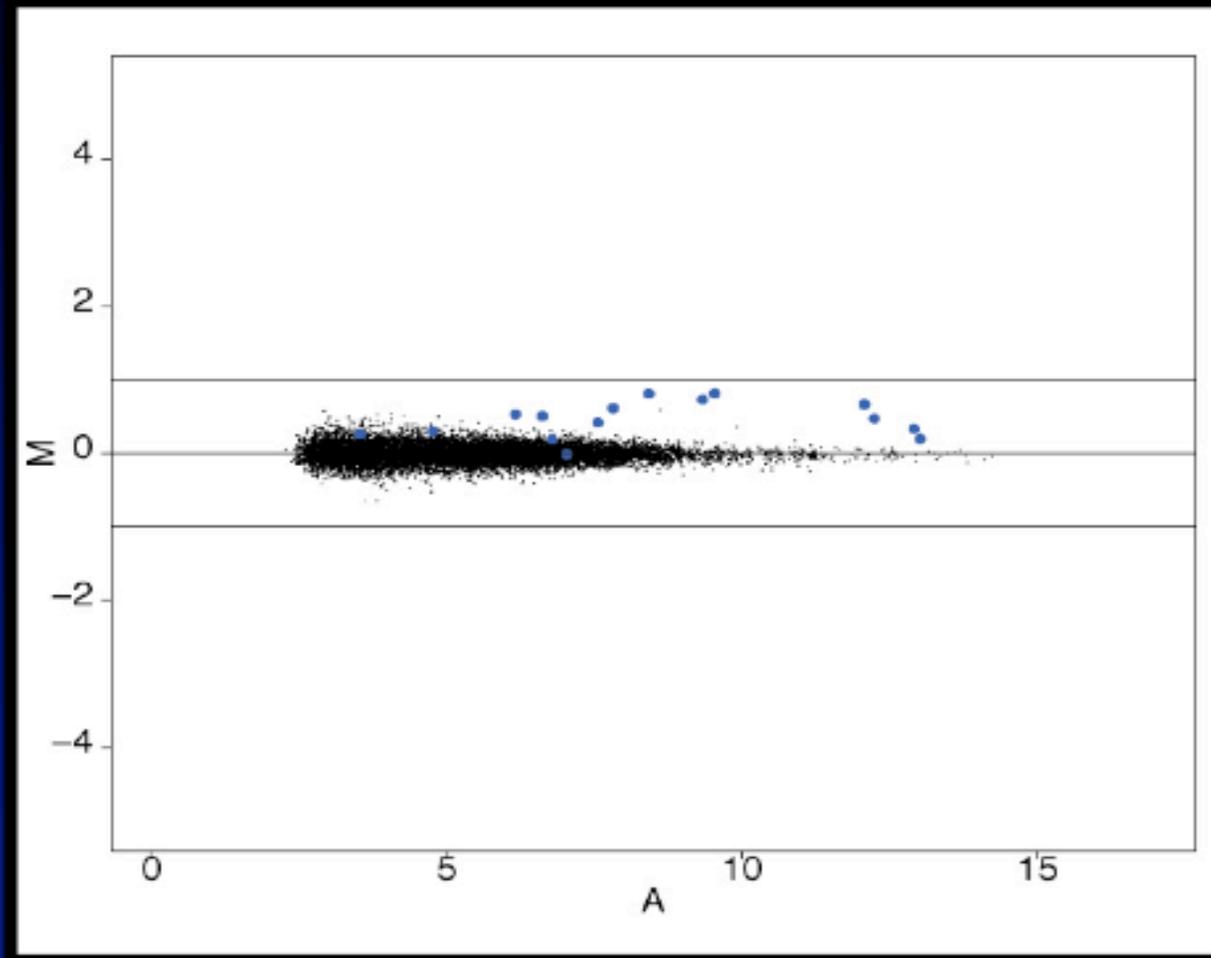
# Analyzing Spike-in data with MAS 5.0



# Robust Multiarray normalization (RMA)

- **Background correction** separately for each array
  - Find  $E\{\text{Sig} \mid \text{Sig} + \text{Bgd} = \text{PM}\}$
  - Bgd is normal and Sig is exponential
- Uses **quantile normalization** to achieve “identical empirical distributions of intensities” on all arrays
- **Summarization**: Performed separately for each probe set by fitting probe level additive model
- Uses **median polish** algorithm to robustly estimate expression on a specific chip
- Also see **GCRMA** [Wu, Irizzary et al., 2004]

# Analyzing Spike-in data with RMA

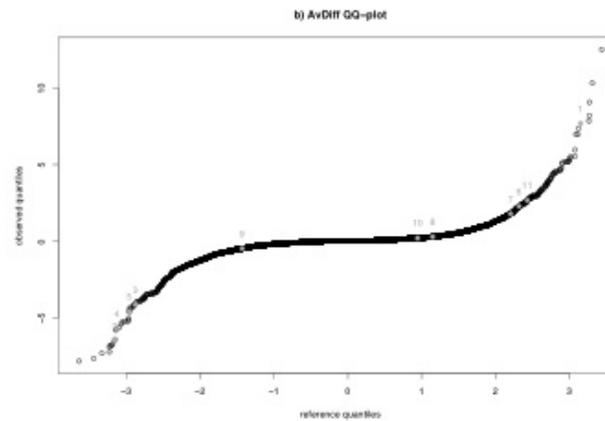
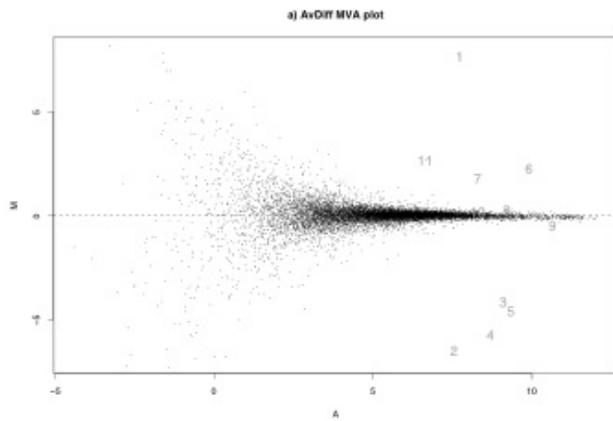


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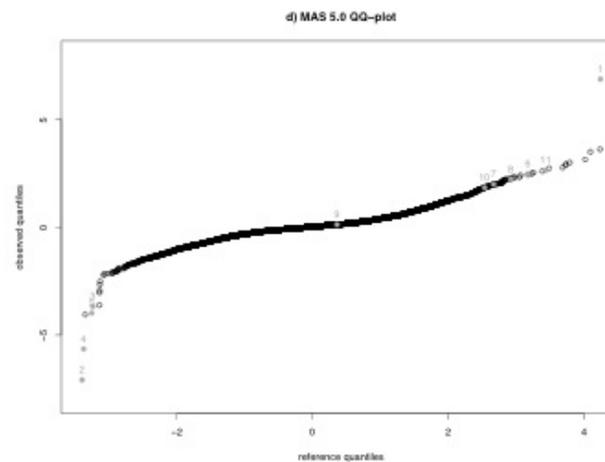
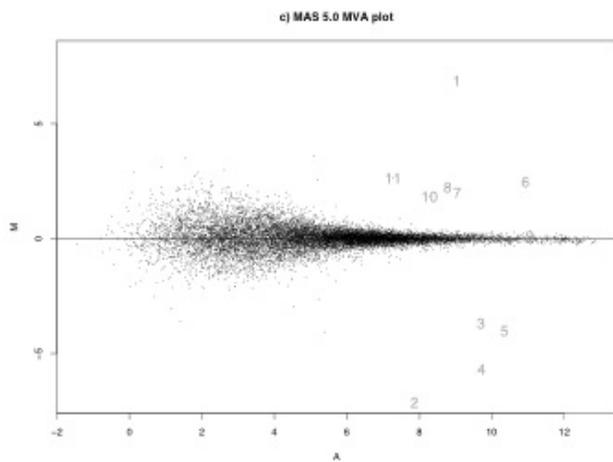
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Irizarry et al. (2003) *NAR* 31:e15

# MvA and q-q plots



MAS 4.0

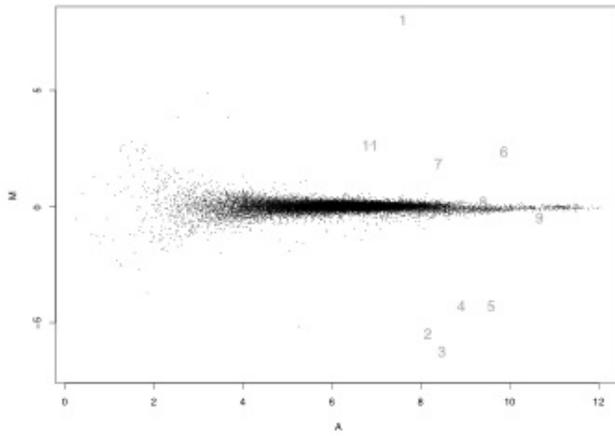


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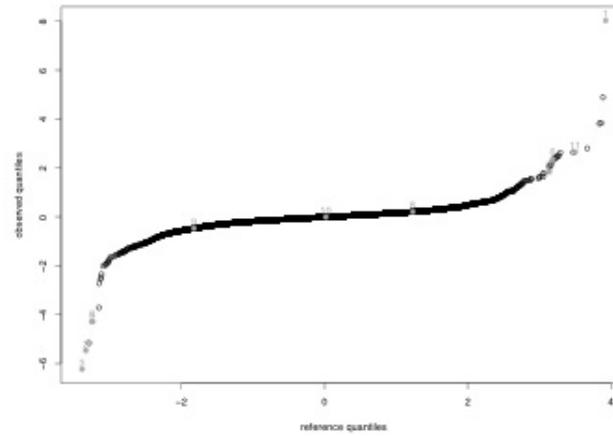
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# MvA and q-q Plots

e) LI and Wong's  $\beta$  MVA plot

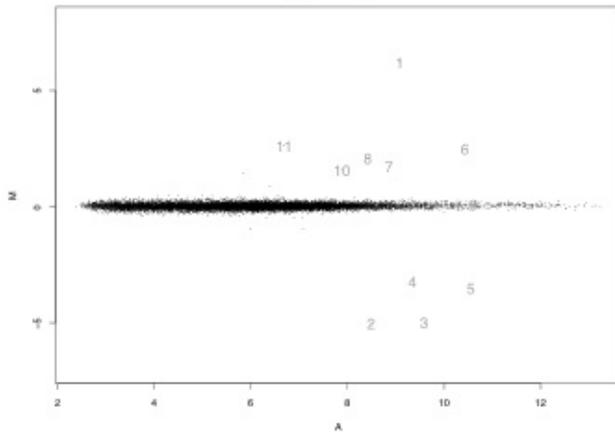


f) LI and Wong's  $\beta$  QQ-plot

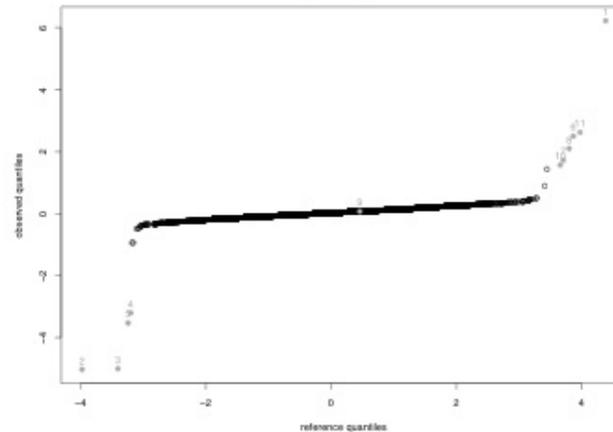


MBEI

g) RMA MVA plot



h) RMA QQ-plot



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# Before and after quantile normalization

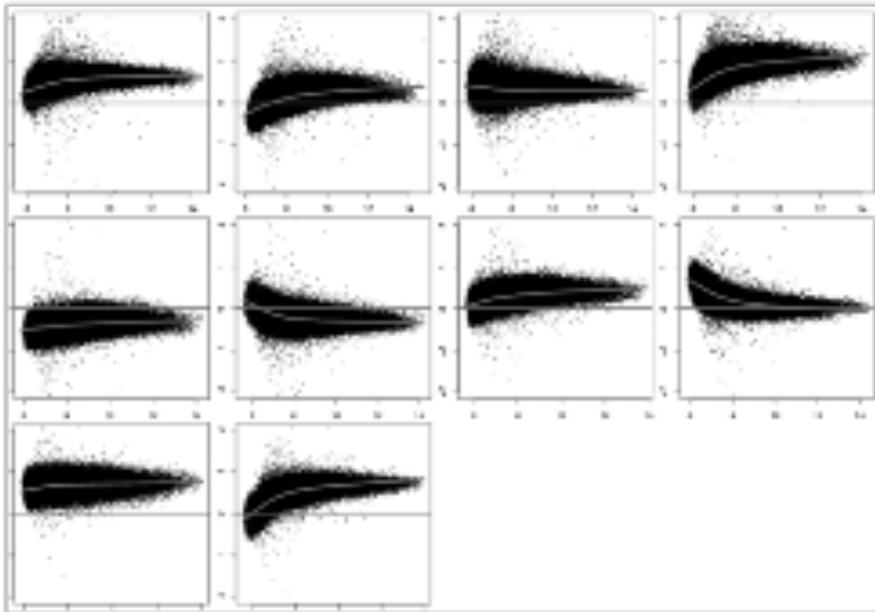


Fig. 2. 10 pairwise  $M$  versus  $A$  plots using liver (at concentration 10) dilution series data for unadjusted data.

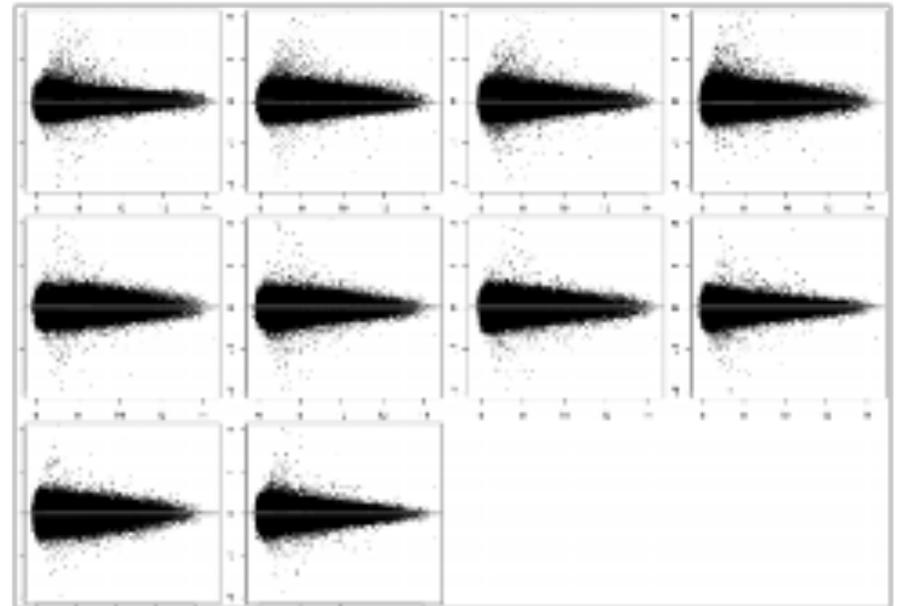


Fig. 3. 10 pairwise  $M$  versus  $A$  plots using liver (at concentration 10) dilution series data after quantile normalization.

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# Bioconductor

- ❑ **Bioconductor** is an **open source** and open development software project for the analysis of biomedical and genomic data.
- ❑ World-wide project started in 2001
- ❑ **R** and the **R package system** are used to design and distribute software
- ❑ Commercial version of Bioconductor software called **ArrayAnalyzer**

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# R: A Statistical Programming Language

- Try the tutorial at: [<http://www.cyclismo.org/tutorial/R/>]
- Also at: [<http://www.math.ilstu.edu/dhkim/Rstuff/Rtutor.html>]