

# Massive Data Analysis



## Introduction

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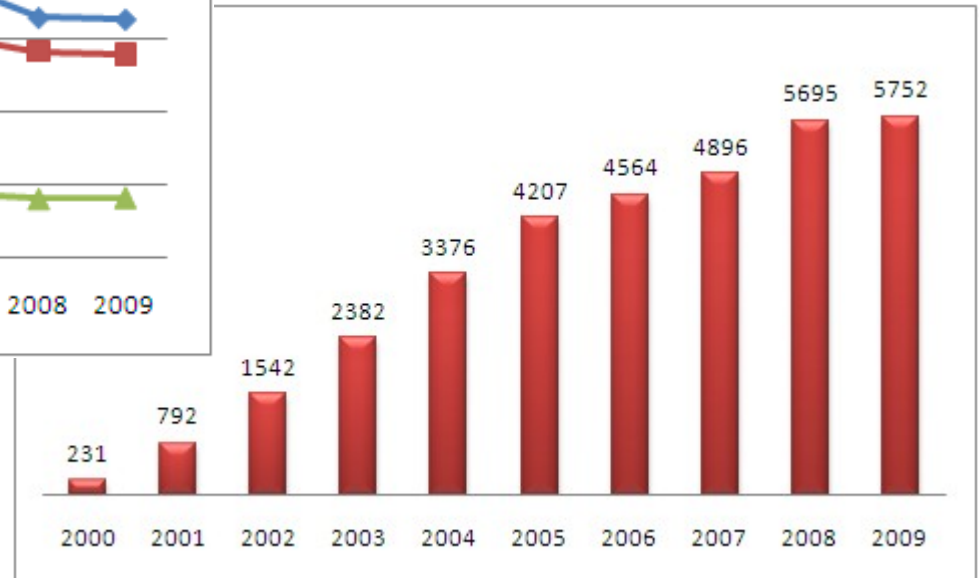
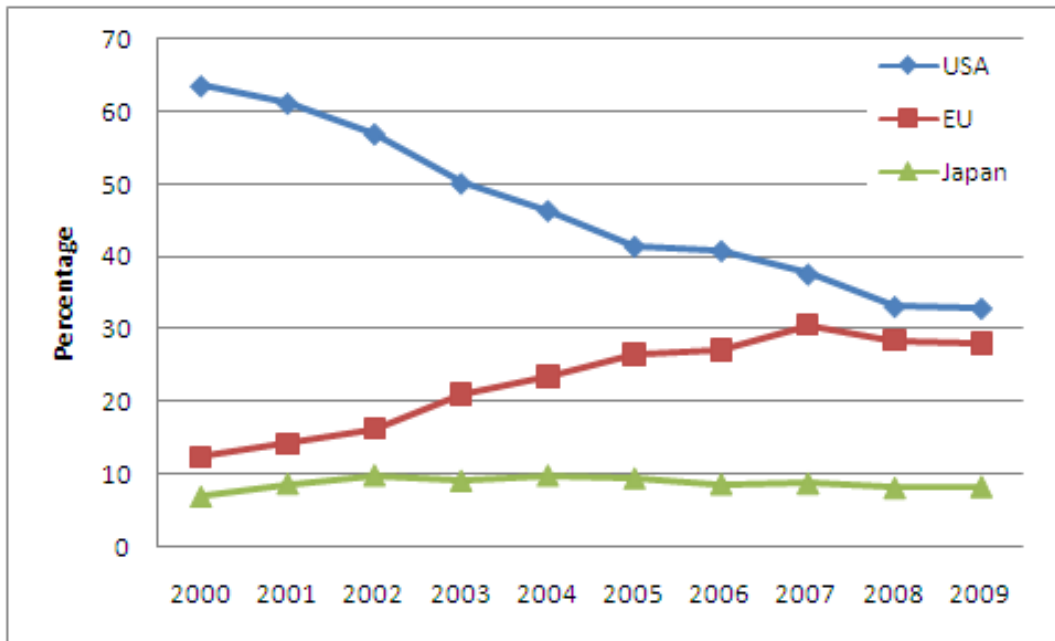
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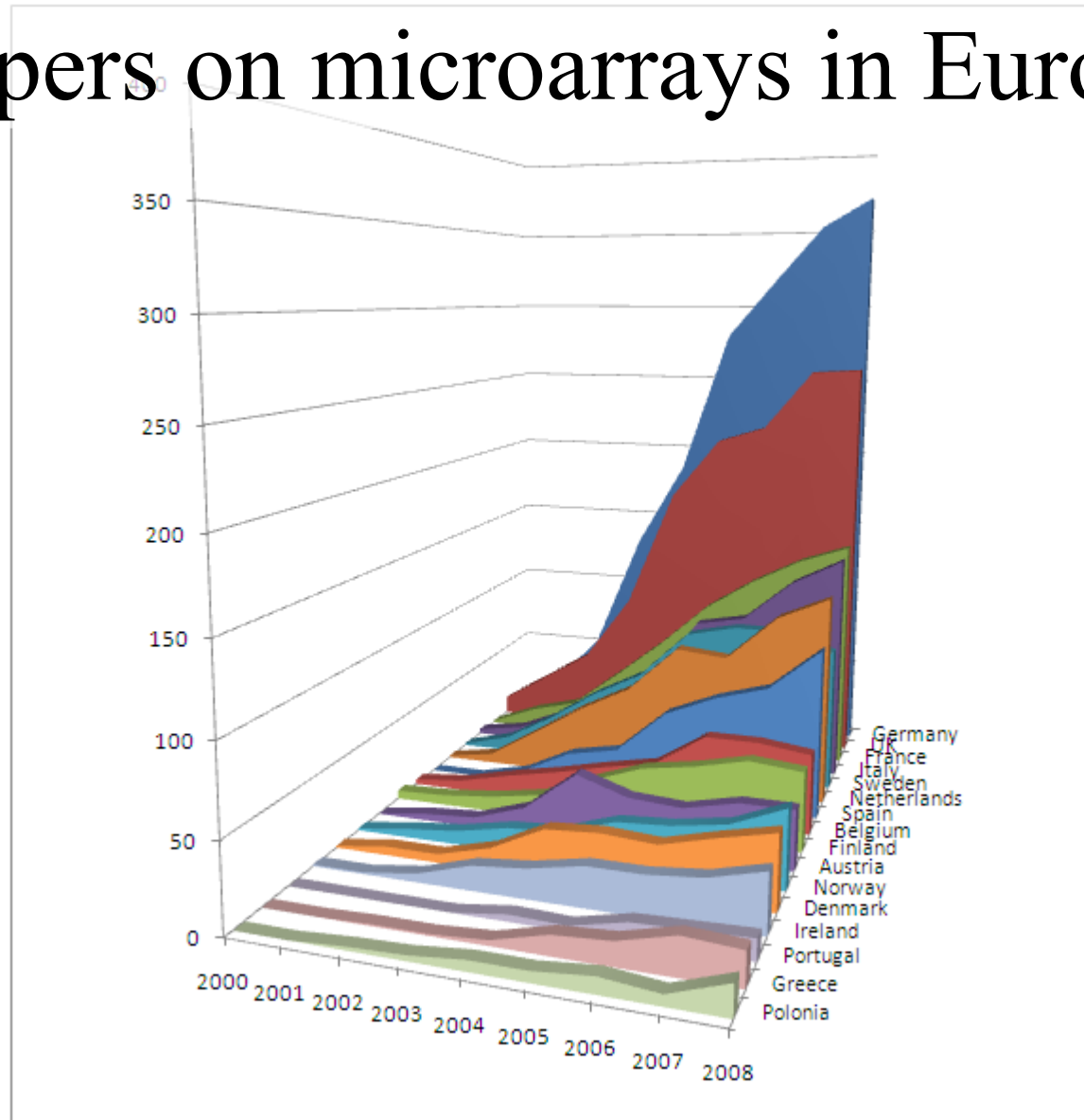


# Evolution of the percentages of published papers on microarrays



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# Evolution of the percentages of published papers on microarrays in Europe

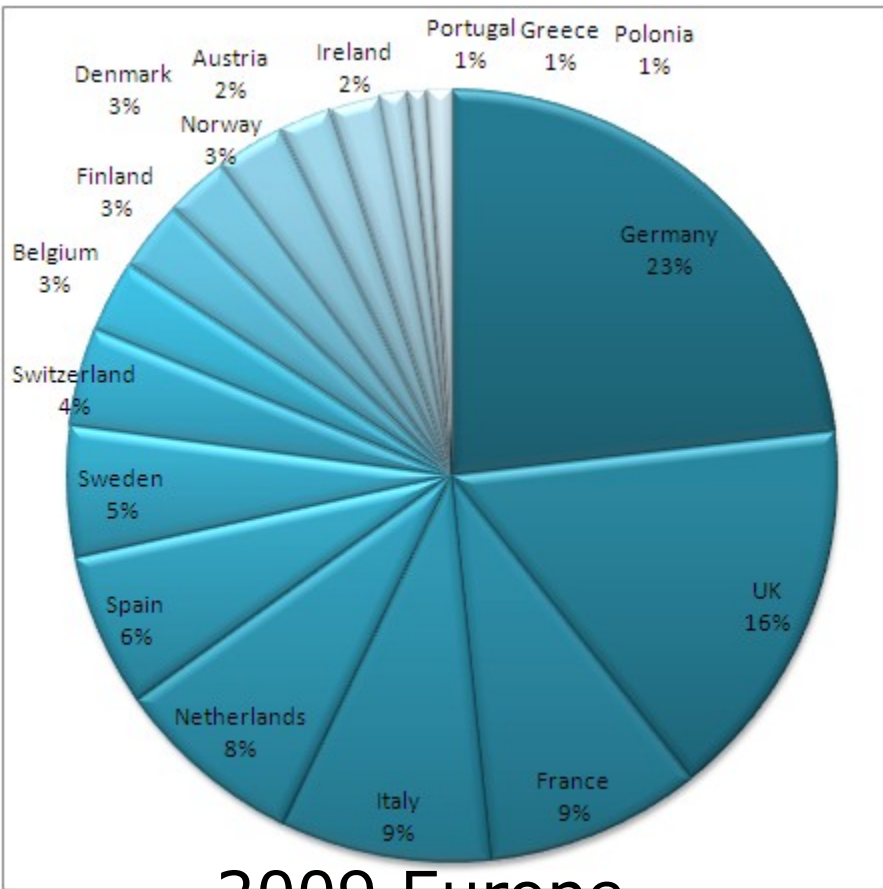


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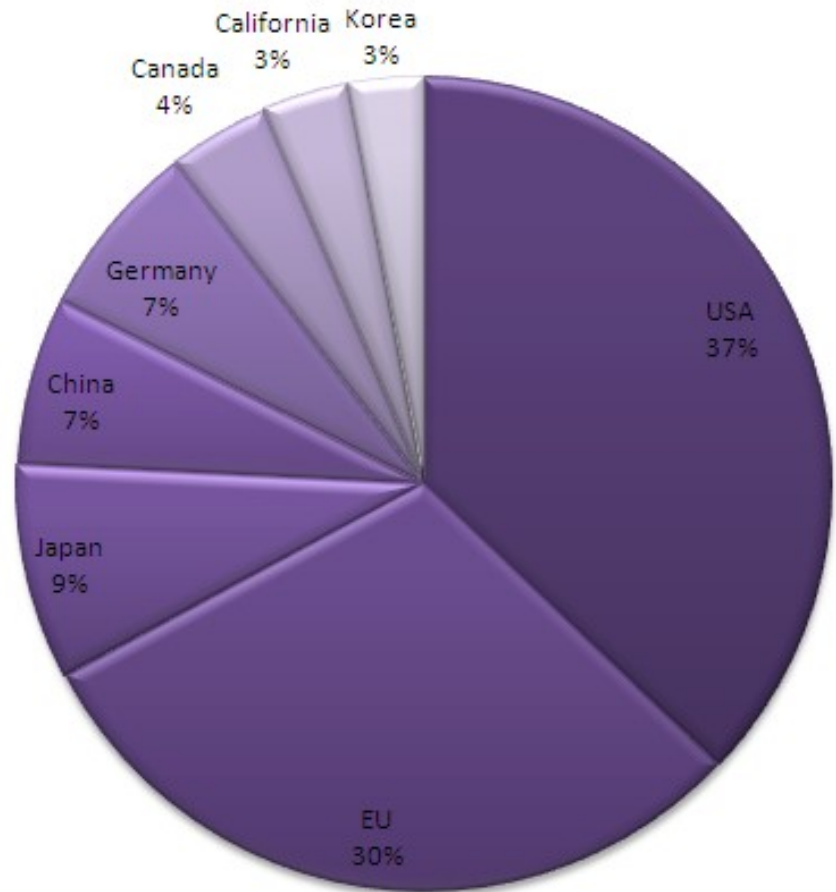
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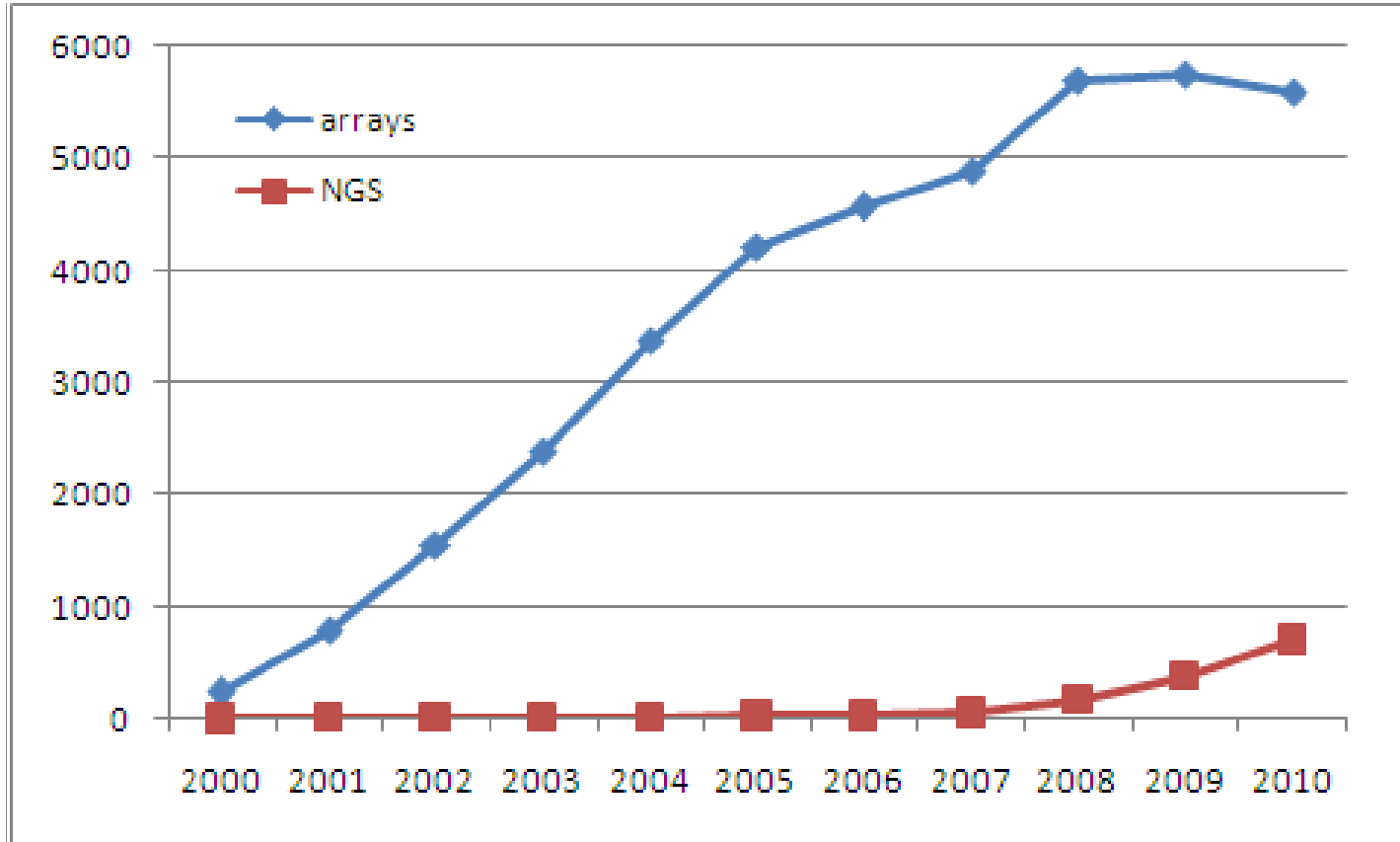
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## 2009 Worldwide



# Trends in publications



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# Some numbers

451 papers cite GEPAS (215 are SOTA cites)

632 papers cite Babelomics (442 are FatiGO cites)

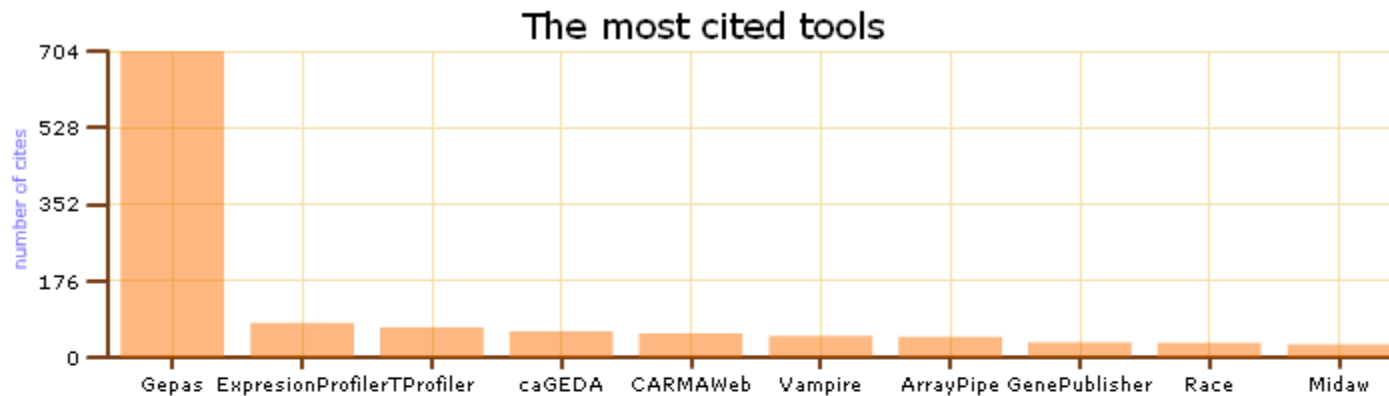
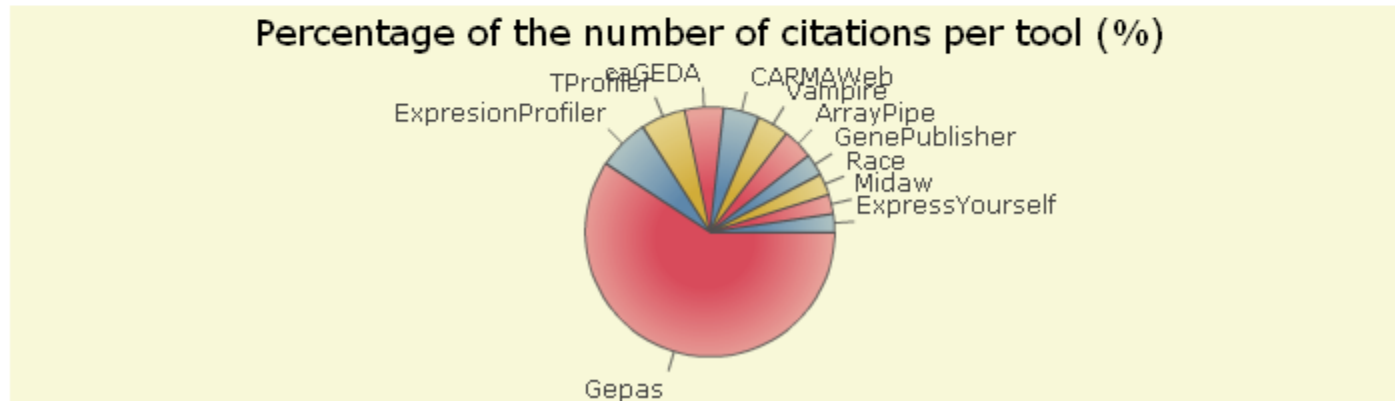
*(source ISI Web of Knowledge, May 2010)*

More than 150,000 experiments analysed during the last year.

More than 1000 experiments per day.

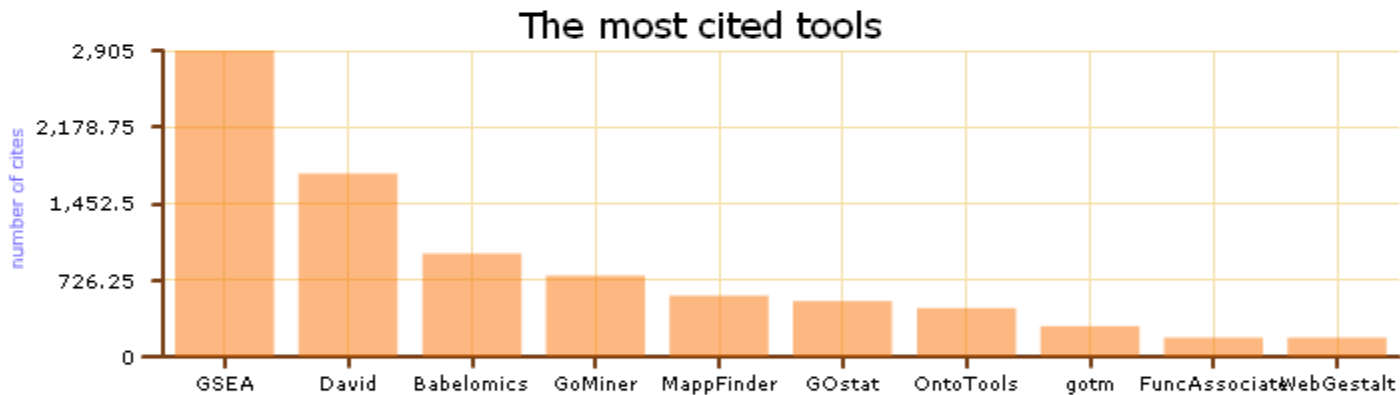
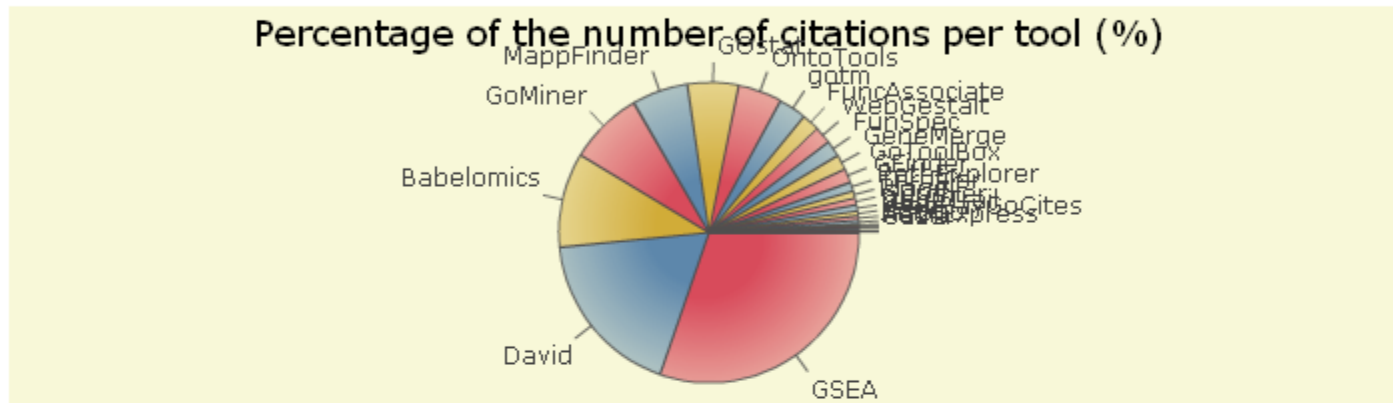


# Tools for gene expression analysis





# Tools for functional profiling



# Structure of the course

Theoretical

Hands-on **GEPAS**

## Introduction

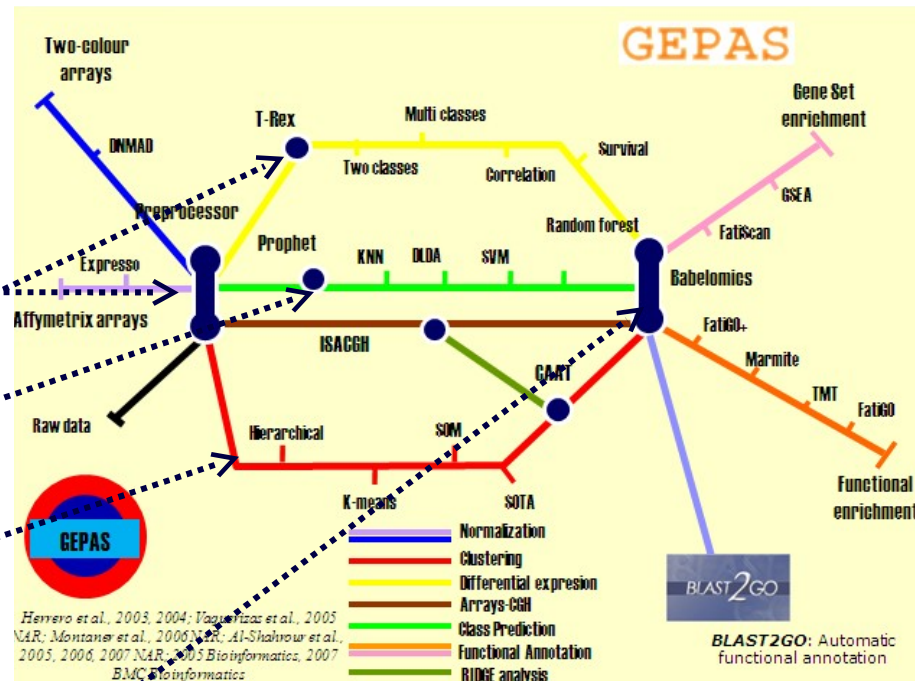
Normalization

Gene selection

Predictors

Clustering

Functional interpretation



# Background

**The road of excess leads to  
the palace of wisdom**

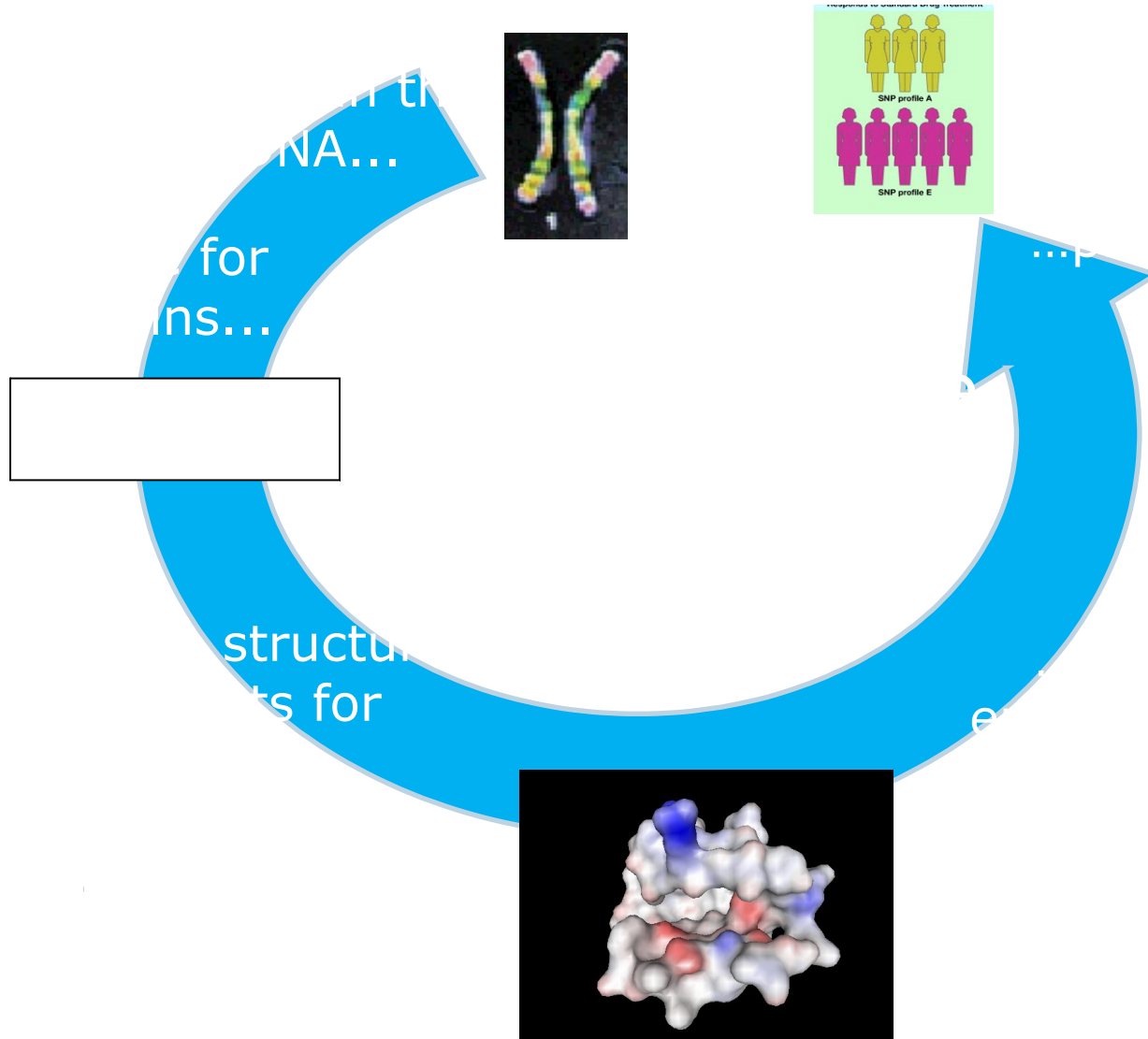
*(William Blake, 28 November 1757 – 12  
August 1827) poet, painter, and printmaker)*



The introduction and popularisation of high-throughput techniques has drastically changed the way in which biological problems **can** be addressed and hypotheses **can** be tested.

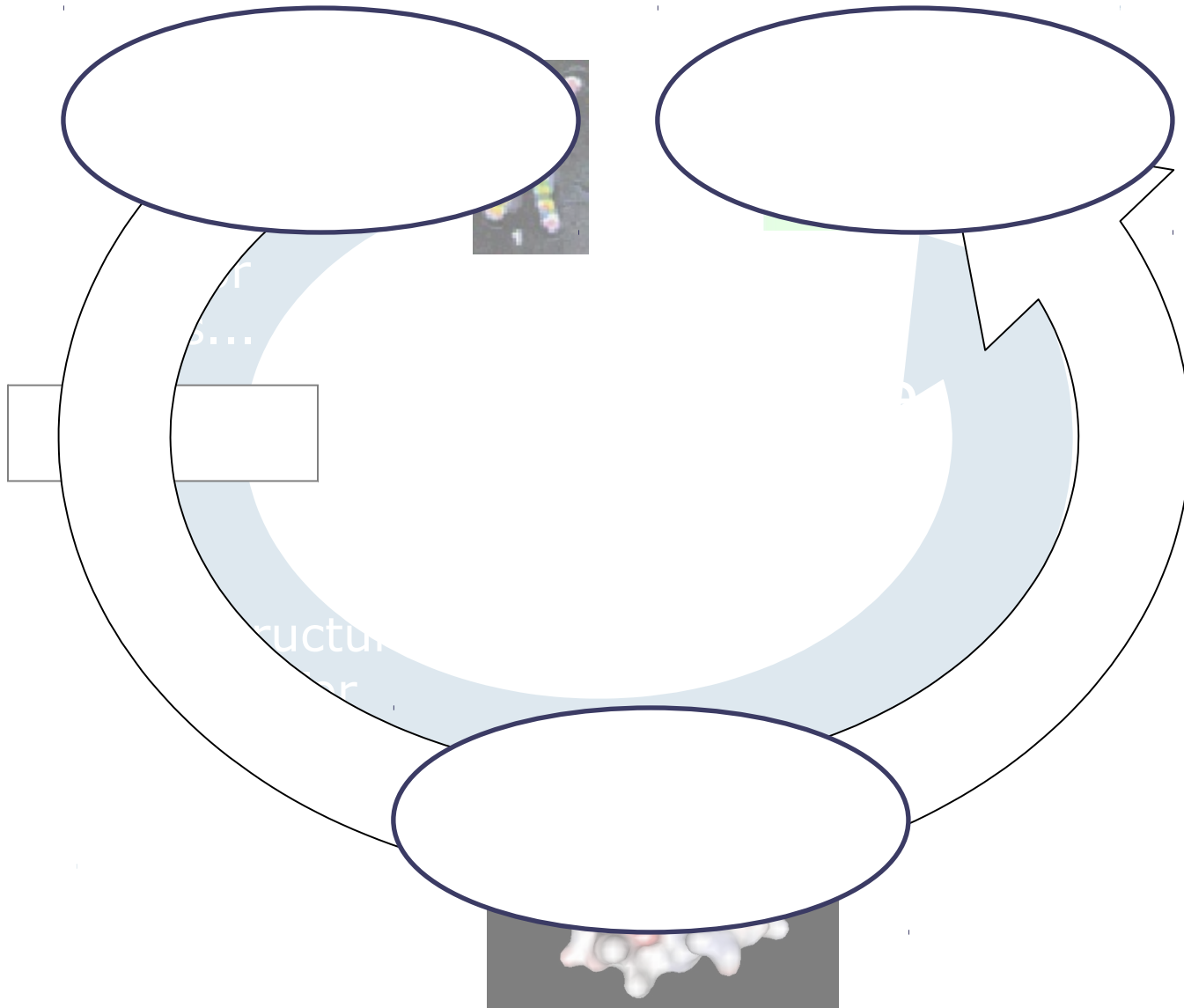
But not necessarily the way in which we really address or test them...

# Where do we come from? The pre-genomics paradigm





Reduccionistic approach to link causes (genome) to effects (phenotype) through actions (function)





Holistic approach. Causes and effects remain essentially the same. The concept of function has changed

Causes

Effects

...whose final effect configures the phenotype...

# From genotype to phenotype

(in the functional genomics scene)

Function (modules of proteins)

complexes...

interaction with other proteins...

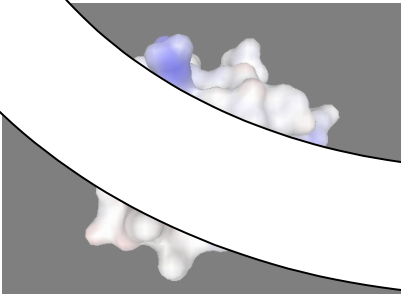
...when expressed in proper place

A typical tissue is expressing among 5000 and 10000 genes



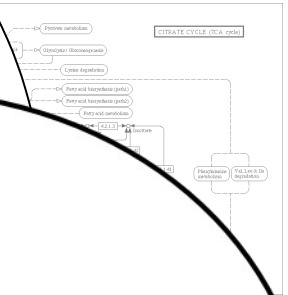
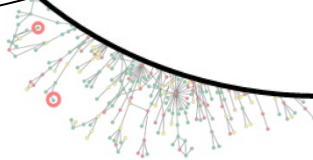
...code proteins.

That undergo post-translational modifications, somatic recombination... 100K-500K proteins



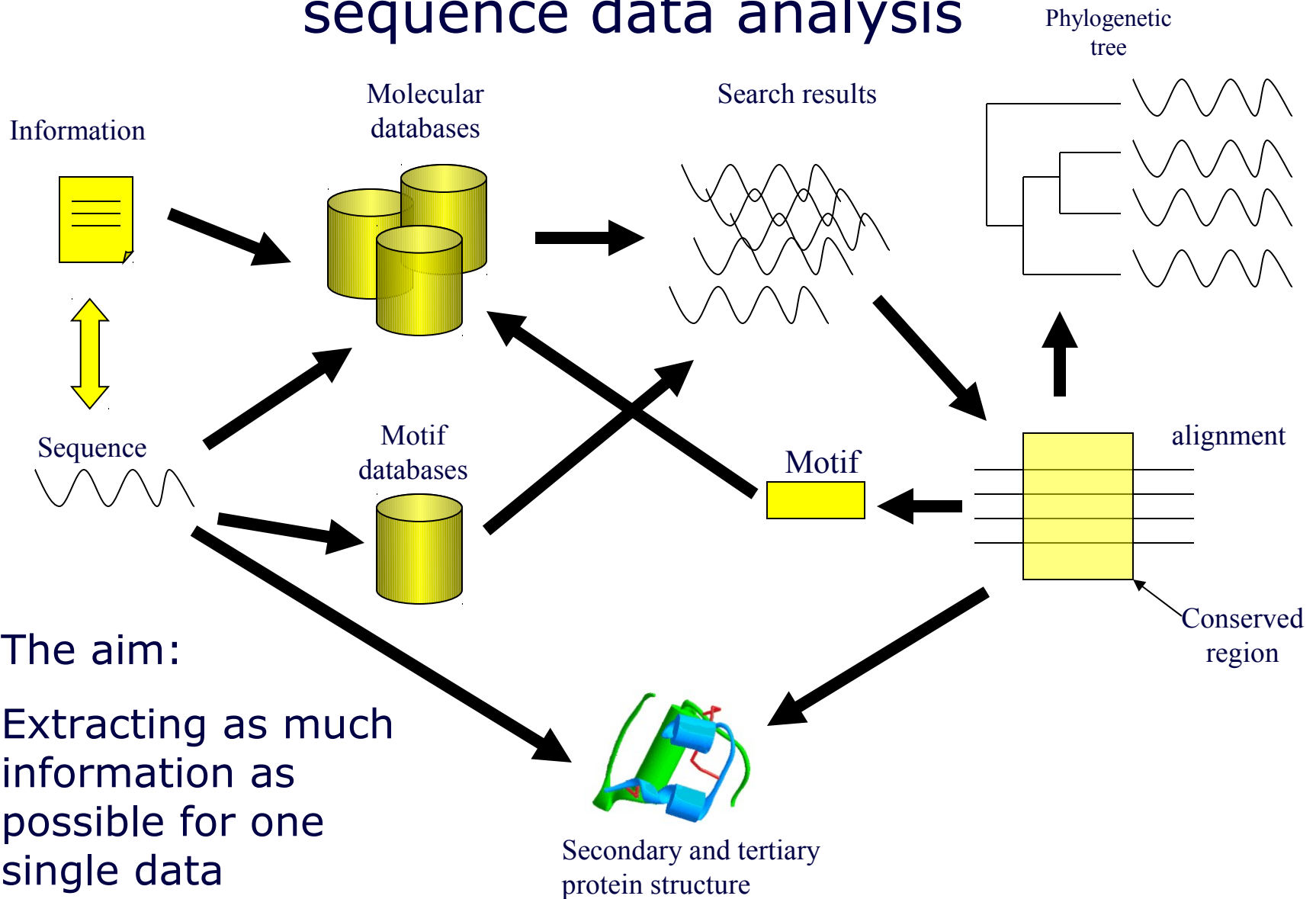
...whose structures account for function...

Each protein has an average of 8 interactions



>protein kinase  
...atagctgatct

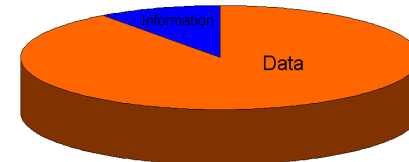
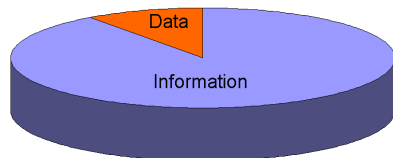
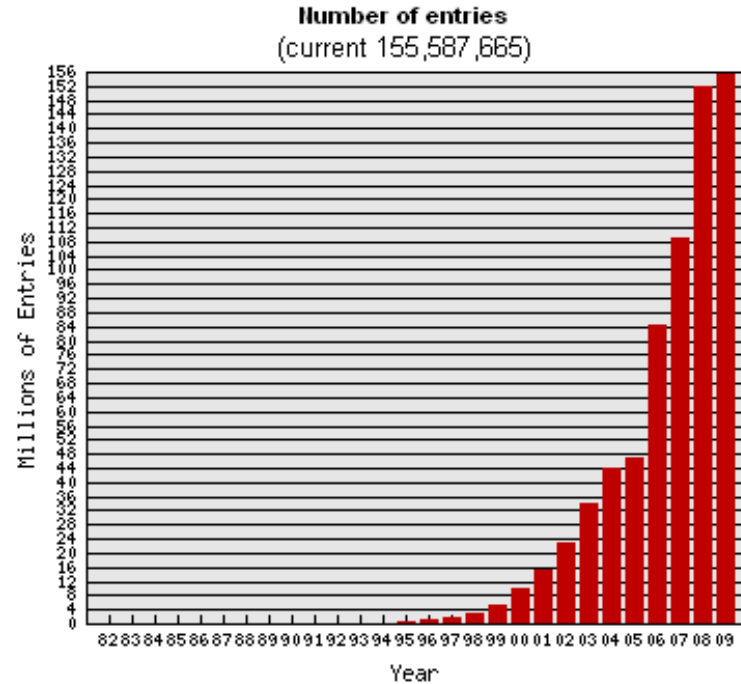
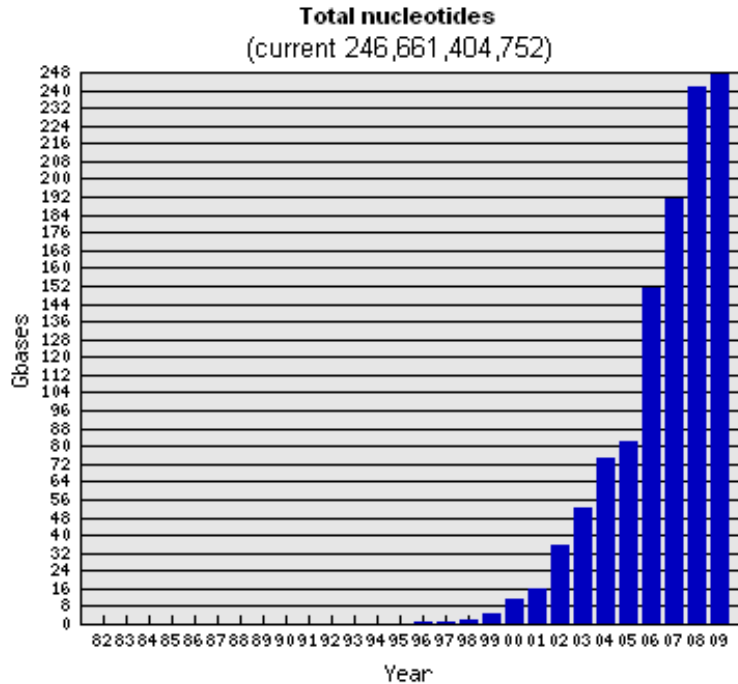
# Bioinformatics tools for pre-genomic sequence data analysis





# Post-genomic vision

## EMBL database growth (March 2009)



# Genome scale data and a note of caution on associations, correlations or patterns discovered:

Genome-wide technologies allows us to produce vast amounts of data.

But... dealing with many data (omic data) increase the occurrence of spurious associations due to chance

Hypothesis  $\longrightarrow$  Experiment  $\longrightarrow$  test

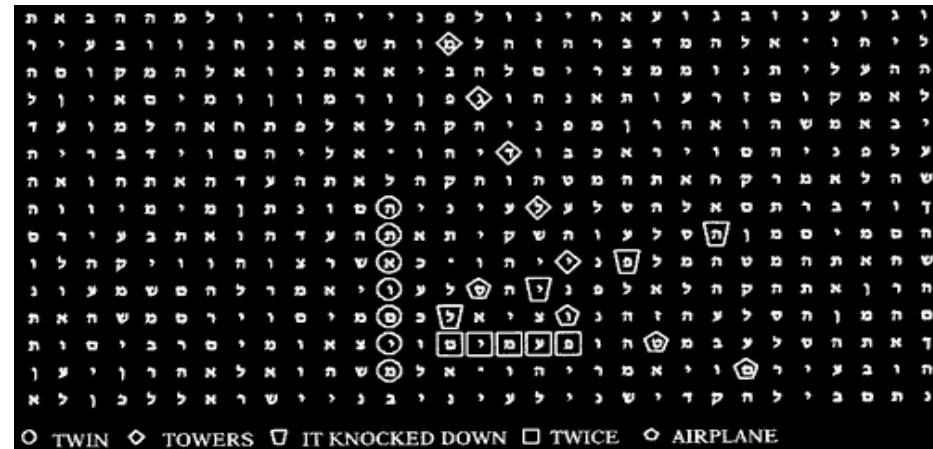
Is gene A involved in process B?

Experiment  $\longrightarrow$  (sometimes) test  $\longrightarrow$  Hypothesis

Is there any gene (or set of genes) involved in any process?

Sure, but... Is it real? (many hypotheses are rejected while this one is accepted *a posteriori*: numerology)

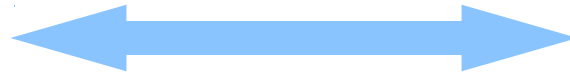
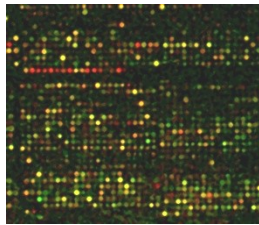
The test is dependent on the hypothesis and not *vice versa*



# Gene expression profiling.

## Historic perspective

Differences at phenotype level are the visible cause of differences at molecular level which, in many cases, can be detected by measuring the levels of gene expression. The same holds for different experiments, treatments, strains, etc.



- **Classification of phenotypes / experiments.** Can I distinguish among classes (either known or unknown), values of variables, etc. using molecular gene expression data? (**sensitivity**)
- **Selection of differentially expressed genes** among the phenotypes / experiments. Did I select the relevant genes, all the relevant genes and nothing but the relevant genes? (**specificity**)
- **Biological roles the genes are carrying out in the cell.** What general biological roles are really represented in the set of relevant genes? (**interpretation**)

# Microarrays arrive to an acceptable level of reproducibility

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The MicroArray Quality Control (MAQC) project shows inter- and intraplatform reproducibility of gene expression measurements

MAQC Consortium\*

Over the last decade, the introduction of microarray technology has had a profound impact on gene expression research. The publication of studies with dissimilar or altogether contradictory results, obtained using different microarray platforms to analyze identical RNA samples, has raised concerns about the reliability of this technology. The MicroArray Quality Control (MAQC) project was initiated to address these concerns, as well as other performance and data analysis issues. Expression data on four titration pools from two distinct reference RNA samples were generated at multiple test sites using a variety of microarray-based and alternative technology platforms. Here we describe the experimental design and probe mapping efforts behind the MAQC project. We show intraplatform consistency across test sites as well as a high level of interplatform concordance in terms of genes identified as differentially expressed. This study provides a resource that represents an important first step toward establishing a framework for the use of microarrays in clinical and regulatory settings.

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# FDA approves the first predictor based on microarrays

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the FDA website. The address bar shows the URL: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2007/NEW01555.html>. The page header features the FDA logo and the text "U.S. Food and Drug Administration" along with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services logo. Below the header are navigation links: [FDA Home Page](#), [Search FDA Site](#), [FDA A-Z Index](#), and [Contact FDA](#).

The main content area is titled "FDA News" and contains the following information:

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**FDA Clears Breast Cancer Specific Molecular Prognostic Test**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) today cleared for marketing a test that determines the likelihood of breast cancer returning within five to 10 years after a woman's initial cancer. It is the first cleared molecular test that profiles genetic activity.

The MammaPrint test uses the latest in molecular technology to predict whether existing cancer will metastasize (spread to other parts of a patient's body). The test relies on microarray analysis, a powerful tool for simultaneously studying the patterns of behavior of large numbers of genes in biological specimens.

The recurrence of cancer is partly dependent on the activation and suppression of certain genes located in the tumor. Prognostic tests like the MammaPrint can measure the activity of these genes, and thus help physicians understand their patients' odds of the cancer spreading.

MammaPrint was developed by Agendia, a laboratory located in Amsterdam, Netherlands, where the product has been on the market since 2005.

"Clearance of the MammaPrint test marks a step forward in the initiative to bring molecular-based medicine into current practice," said Andrew C. von Eschenbach, M.D., Commissioner of Food and Drugs. "MammaPrint results will provide patients and physicians with more information about the prospects for the outcome of the disease. This information will support treatment decisions.

Agendia compared the genetic profiles of a large number of women suffering from breast cancer and identified a set of 70 genes whose activity confers information about the likelihood of tumor recurrence. The MammaPrint test measures the level of activity of each of these genes in a sample of a woman's surgically removed breast cancer tumor, then uses a specific formula, known as an algorithm, to produce a score that determines whether the patient is deemed low risk or high risk for spread of the cancer to another site. The result may help a doctor in planning appropriate follow-up for a patient when used with other clinical information and laboratory tests.

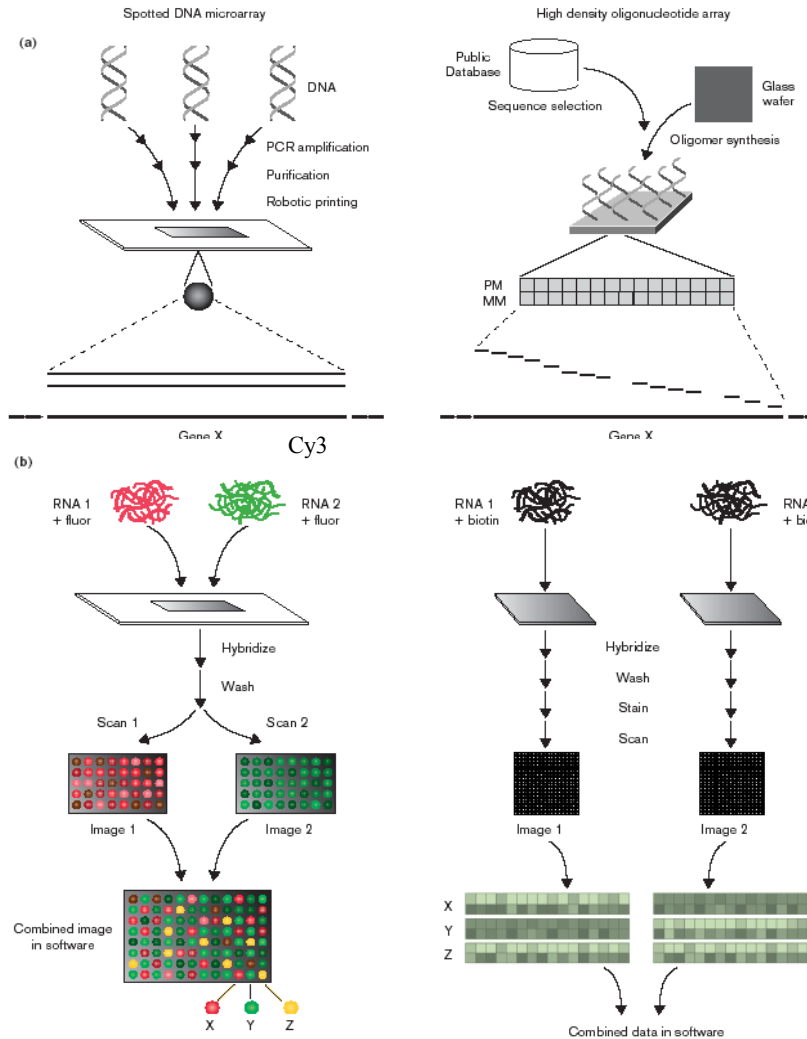
The MammaPrint is the first cleared in vitro diagnostic multivariate index assay (IVDMIA) device. Several months ago, FDA issued a draft guidance document concerning the need for these complex molecular tests to meet pre-market review and post-market device requirements even when the tests are developed and used by a single laboratory. Although FDA regulates diagnostic tests sold to laboratories, hospitals and physicians, it uses discretion when regulating tests developed and performed by single laboratories.

On February 8, FDA will hold a public meeting to discuss its draft guidance document describing its regulatory approach to this type of test.

"There have been rapid advances in microarrays and other pioneering diagnostics, and a corresponding increase in the use and impact of these complex tests. This

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# DNA microarrays: the paradigm of a post-genomic technique



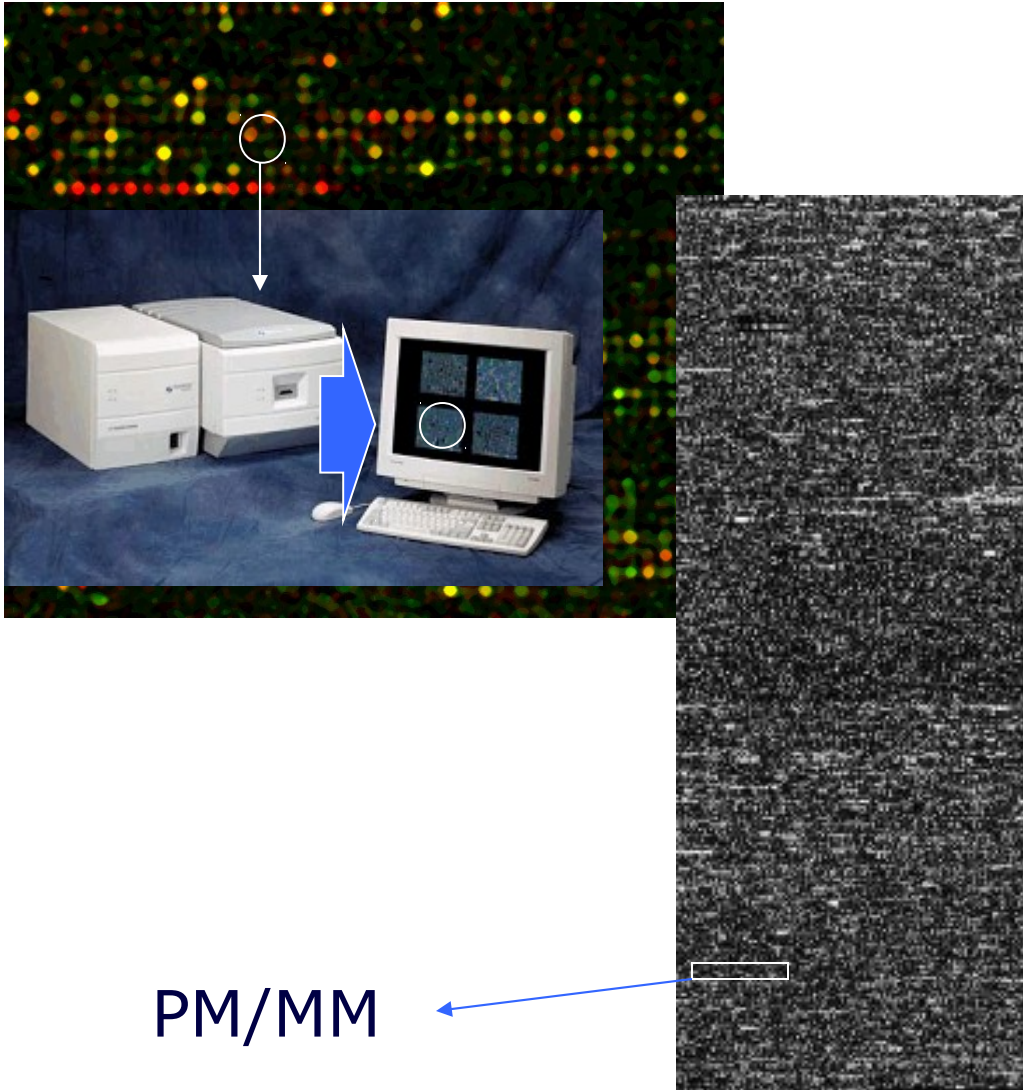
Competitive hybridization (two colors)

One color

# Primary analysis

- Transform images corresponding to hybridization intensities into numbers
- Convert all the numbers to a common scale that makes them comparable across experiments.

# Transforming images into numbers



## Two-color

Test sample labeled red (**Cy5**)

Reference sample labeled green (**Cy3**)

Red : gene overexpressed in test sample

Green : gene underexpressed in test sample

**Yellow** - equally expressed

**red/green** - ratio of expression

## One color

**Intensity** of a gene using the probes

## Affymetrix

**Intensity** of a gene using the probes PM and in MM

Scanners generate a graphic file.

Software analyzes the file: GenePix Pro (by Axon Instruments, Inc.) or Imagen (By Biodiscovery, Inc.)

There are free systems too: TIGR Spotfinder, ScanAlyze, etc

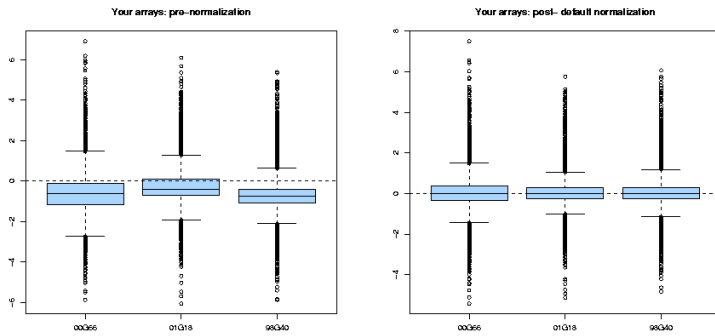
# Normalisation

There are many sources of error that can affect and seriously bias the interpretation of the results.

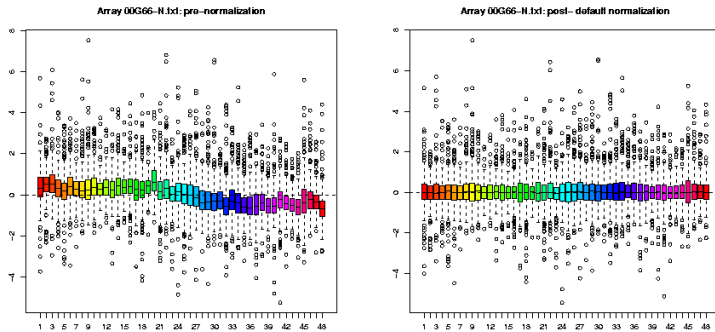
Differences in the efficiency of labelling, the hybridisation, local effects, etc.

Normalisation is a necessary step before proceeding with the analysis

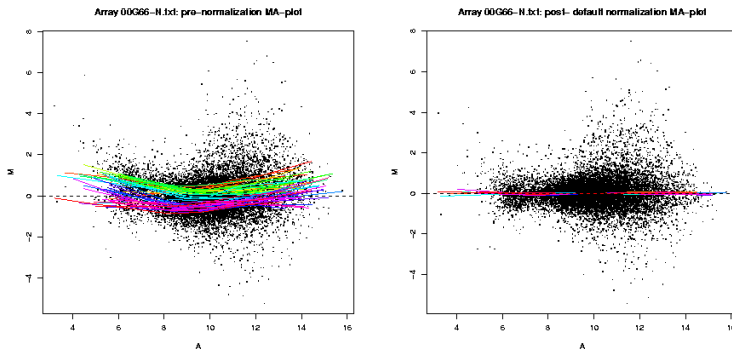
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B

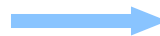
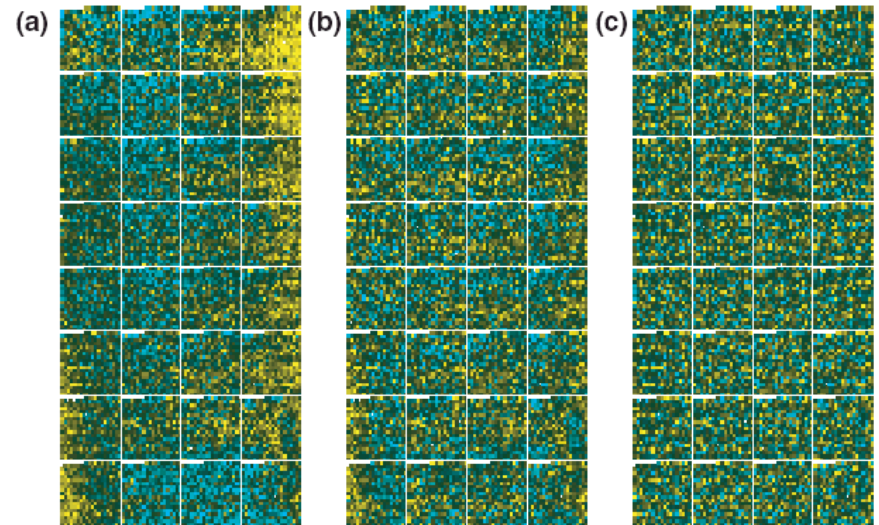


C



Before (left) and after (right) normalisation. A) BoxPlots, B) BoxPlots of subarrays and C) MA plots (ratio versus intensity)

(a) After normalization by average (b) after print-tip lowess normalization (c) after normalisation taking into account spatial effects



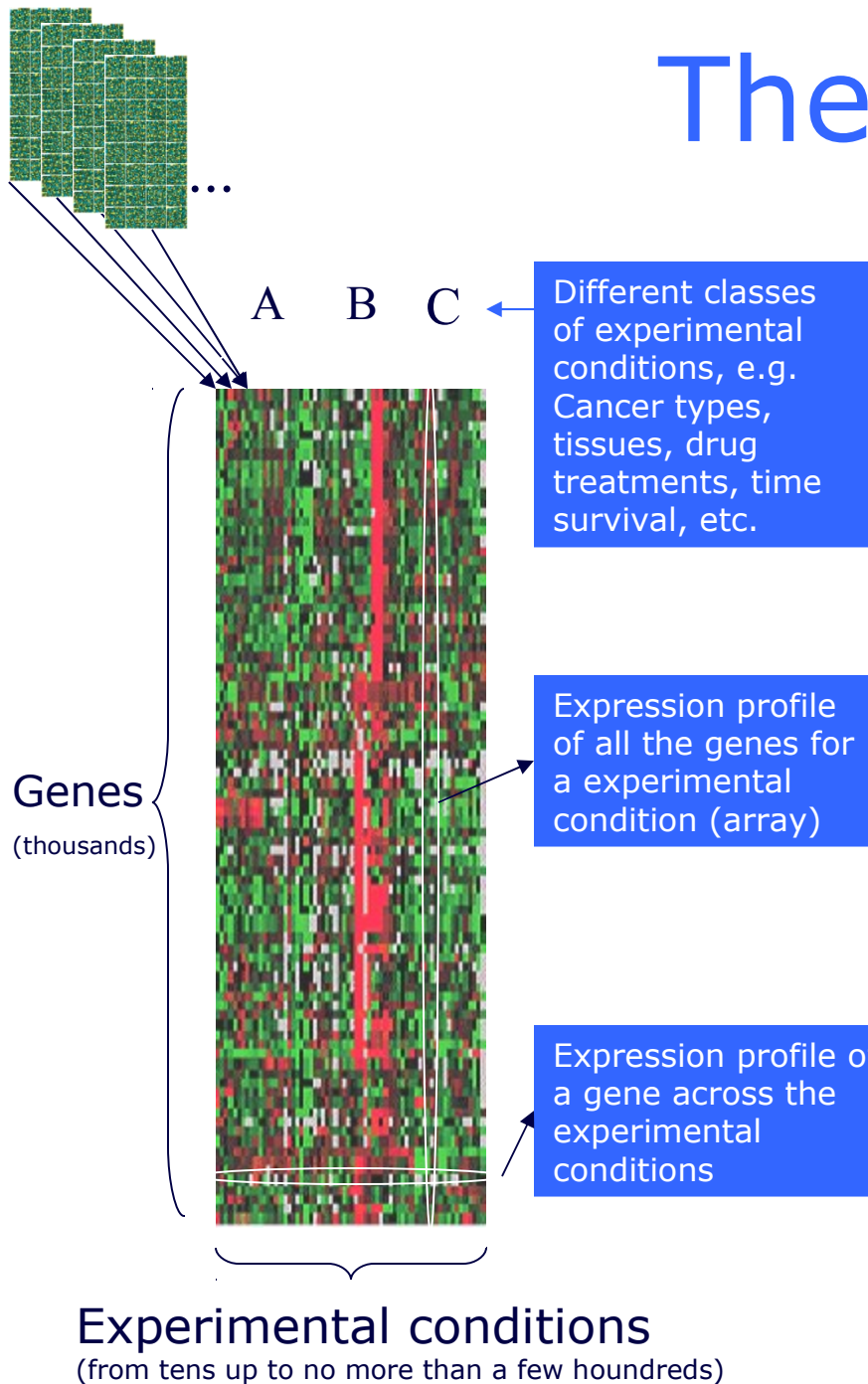
# Secondary analysis

Once the measurements are in a common, comparable scale the results can be studied.

Diferent studies can be made that include class discovery, classification, gene selection, etc.



# The data



## Characteristics of the data:

- We NEVER deal with individual arrays, we deal with collections of arrays obtained for a given experimental design
- Most of the genes are not informative with respect to the trait we are studying (account for unrelated physiological conditions, etc.)
- Number of variables (genes) is several orders of magnitude larger than the number of experiments
- Low signal to noise ratio

# Studies must be hypothesis driven.

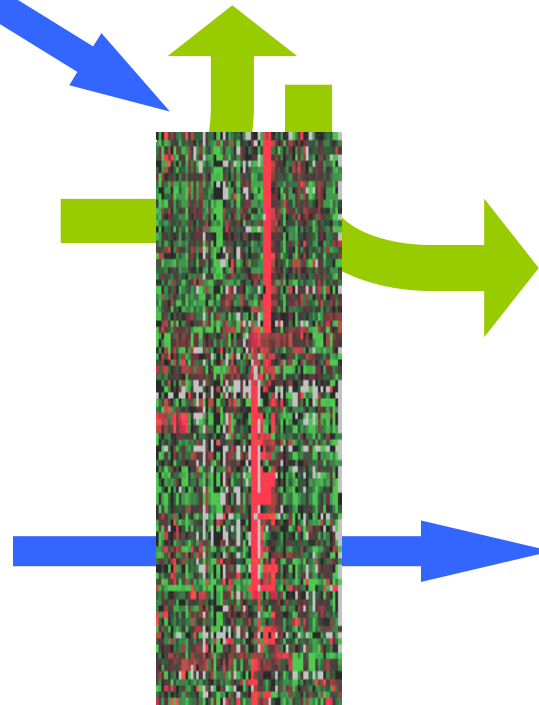
What is our aim? Class discovery? sample classification? gene selection? ...

Can we find groups of experiments with similar gene expression profiles?

Molecular classification of samples

Co-expressing genes...

Different classes...



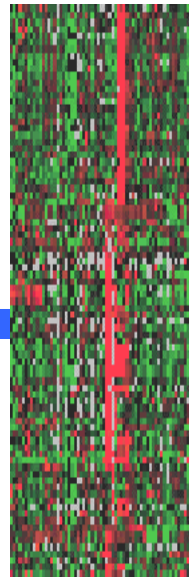
What genes are responsible for?

What do they have in common?

# Unsupervised problem: class discovery

Our interest is in discovering clusters of items (genes or experiments) which we do not know beforehand

Can we find groups of experiments with similar gene expression profiles?



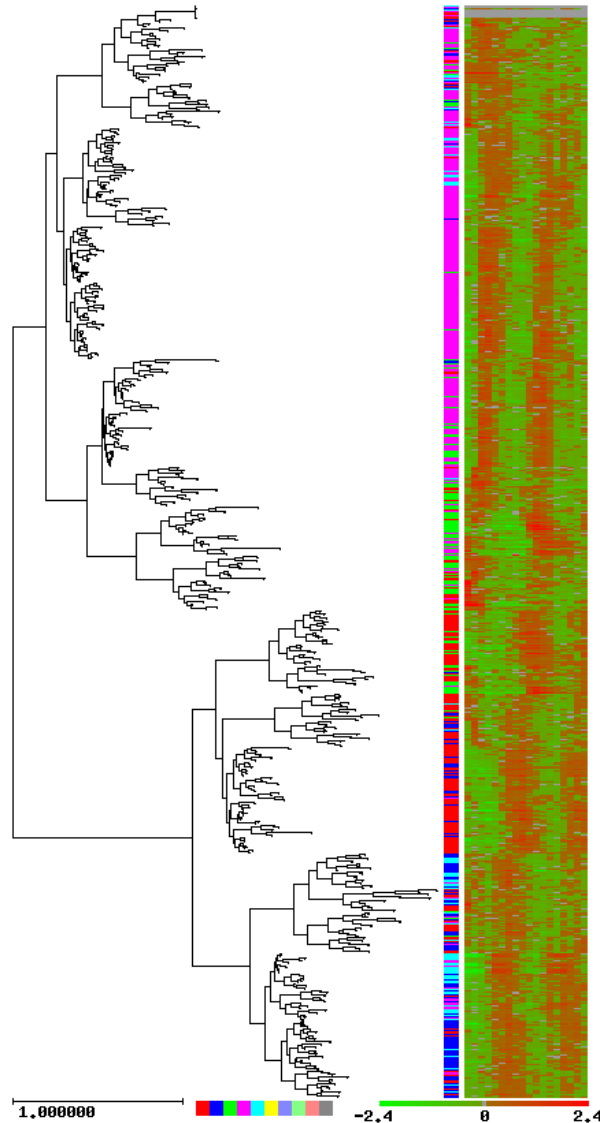
Co-expressing genes...



- What genes co-express?
- How many different expression patterns do we have?
- What do they have in common?
- Etc.



# An unsupervised problem: clustering of genes.



- Gene clusters are previously unknown
- Distance function
- Cluster gene expression patterns based uniquely on their similarities.
- Results are subjected to further interpretation (if possible)





# Clustering of experiments: The problems

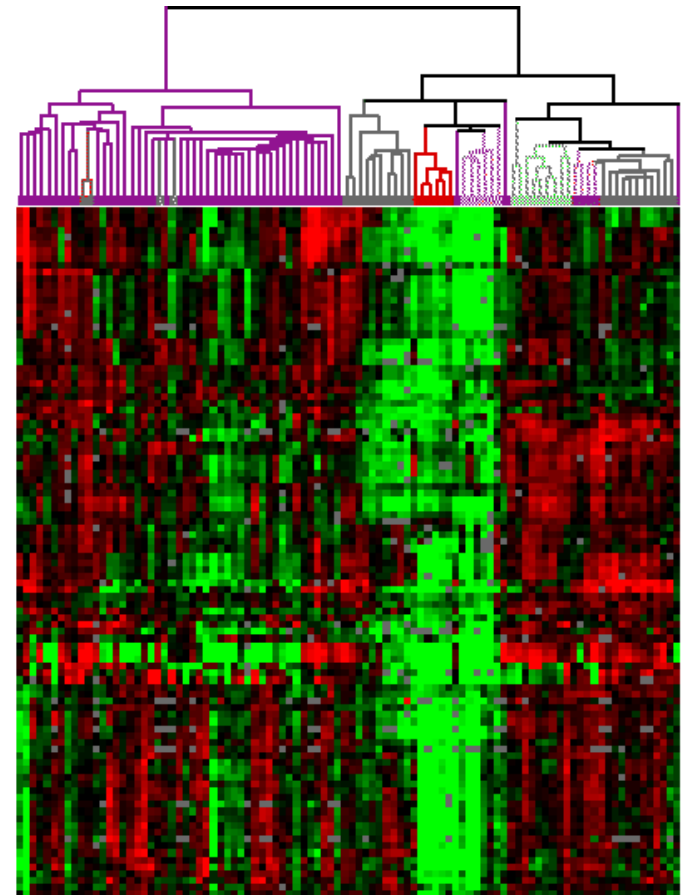
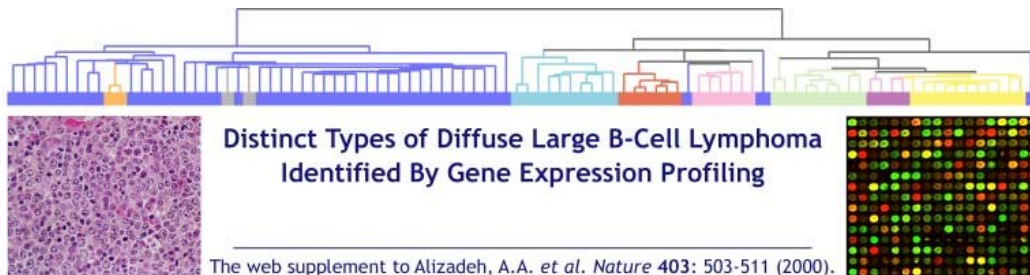
Any gene (regardless its relevance for the classification) has the same weight in the comparison.

If relevant genes are not in overwhelming majority we will find:

Noise

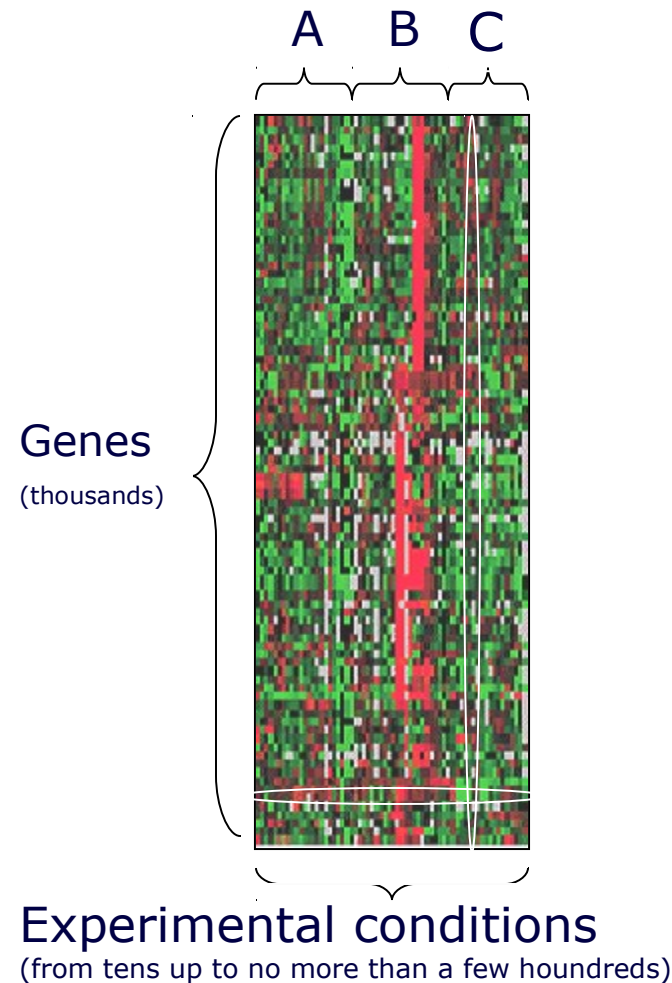
and/or

irrelevant trends



# Supervised problems: Class prediction and gene selection, based on gene expression profiles

Information on classes (defined on criteria external to the gene expression measurements) is used.



Problems:

How can classes A, B, C... be distinguished based on the corresponding profiles of gene expression?

How a continuous phenotypic trait (resistance to drugs, survival, etc.) can be predicted?

And

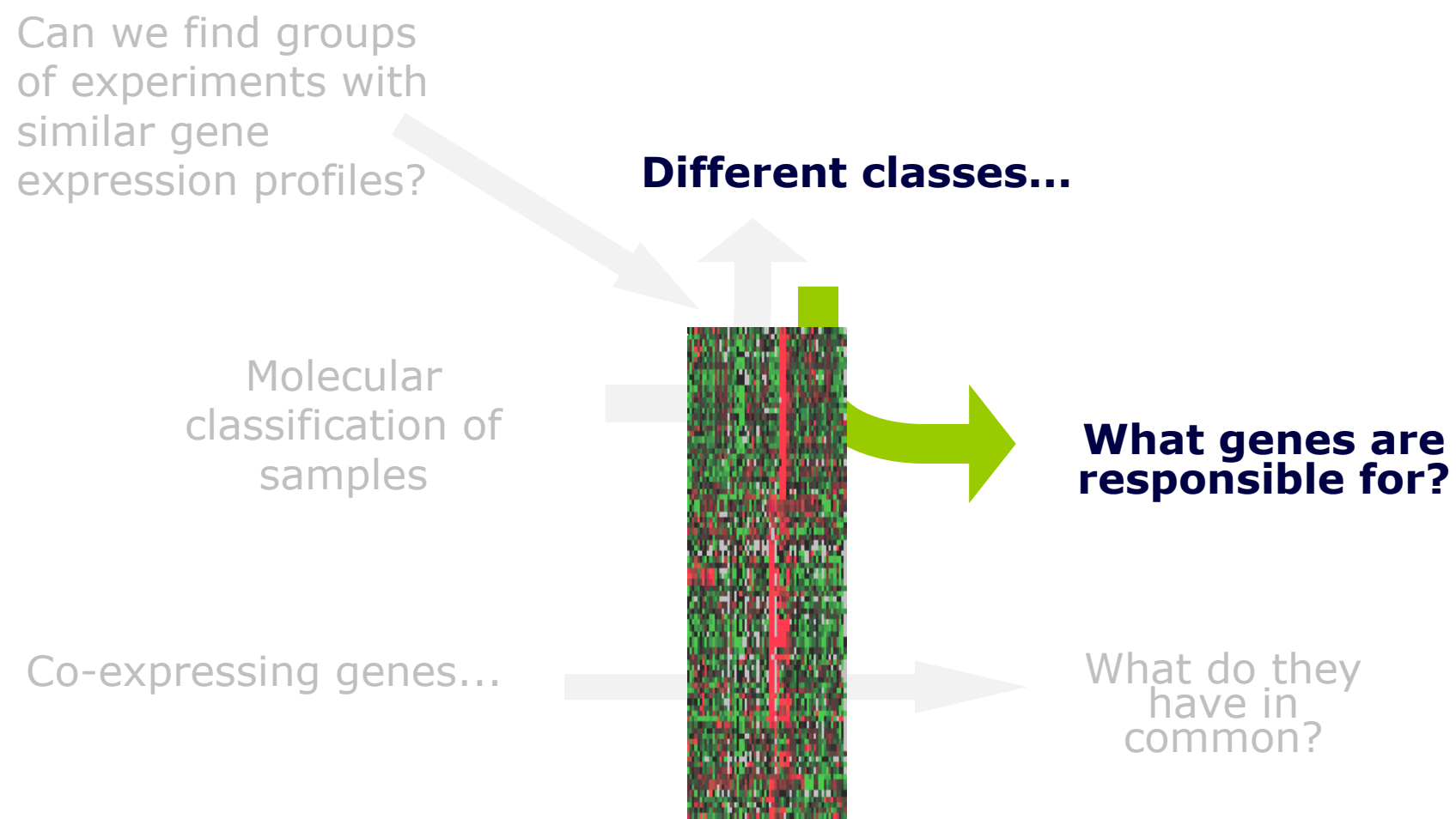
Which genes among the thousands analysed are relevant for the classification?

Class prediction

Gene selection

# Studies must be hypothesis driven.

## gene selection



# Gene selection.

The simplest way: univariate gene-by-gene.  
Other multivariate approaches can be used

- **One class**

Limma

- **Two classes**

T-test

Limma

Fold-change

- **Multiclass**

Anova

Limma

- **Continuous variable  
(e.g. level of a  
metabolite)**

Pearson

Spearman

Regression

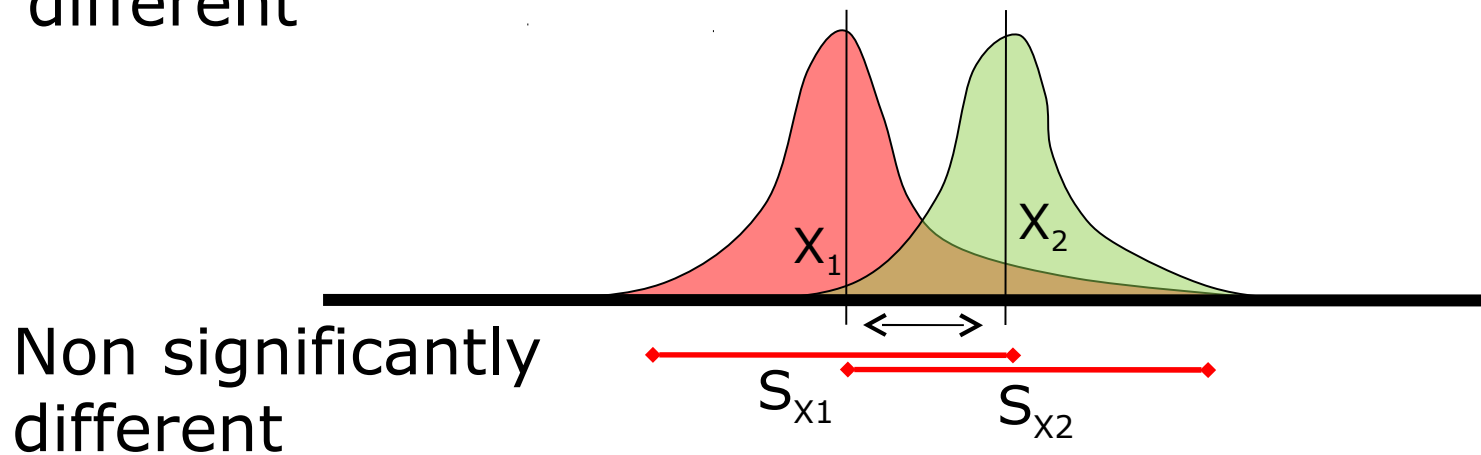
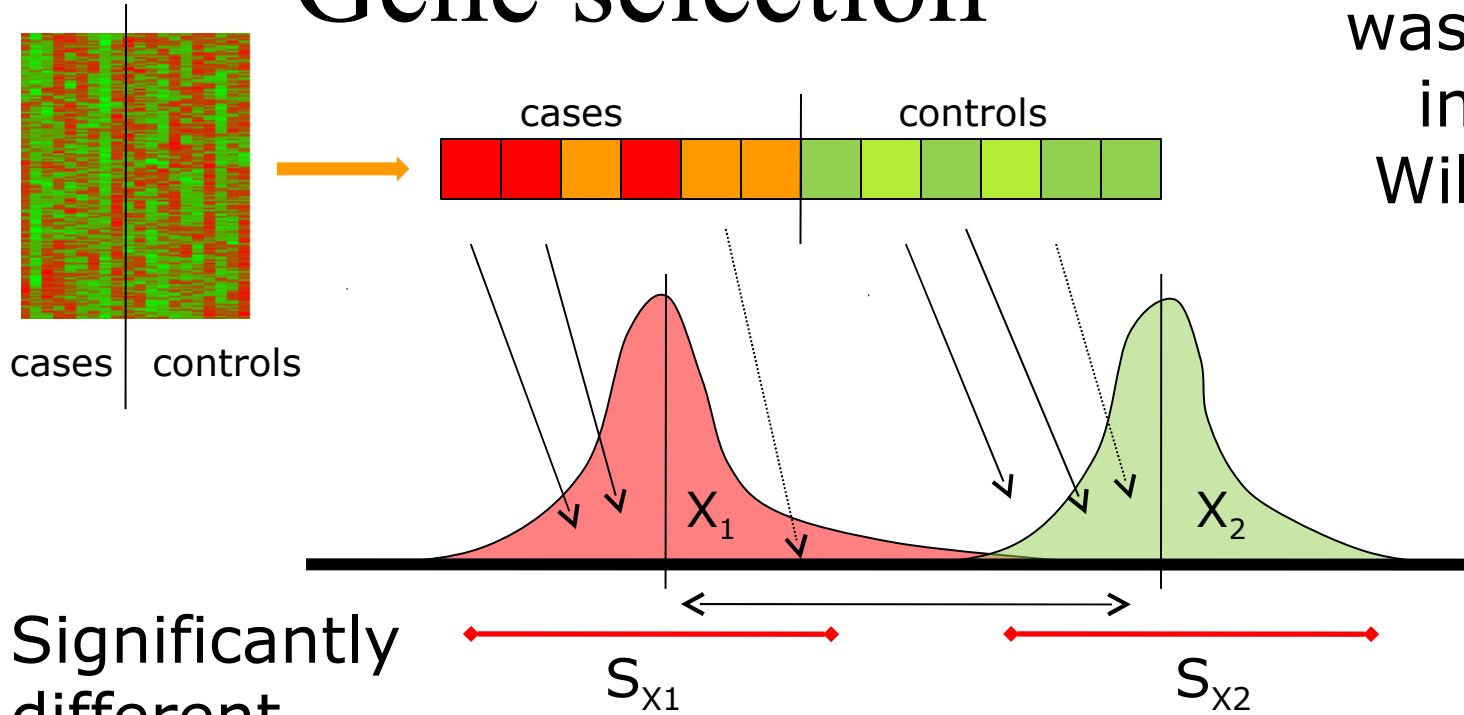
- **Survival**

Cox model

- **Time Course**

# Gene selection

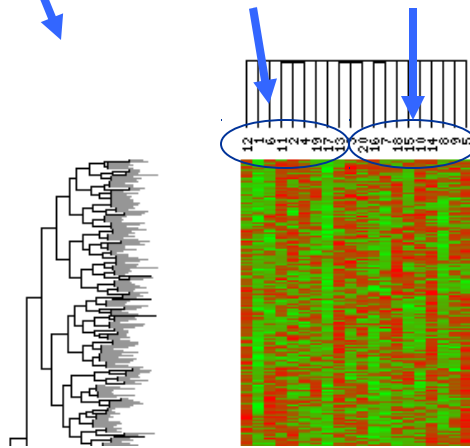
The t-statistic was introduced in 1908 by William Sealy Gosset



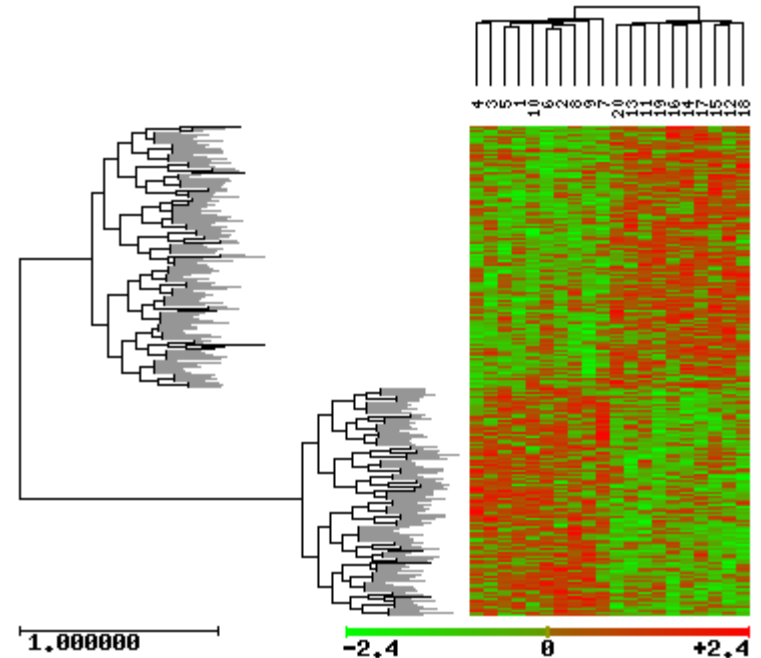
$$t = \frac{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2}{S_{X_1 X_2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2}{n}}} \quad \text{being} \quad S_{X_1 X_2} = \sqrt{\frac{S_{X_1}^2 + S_{X_2}^2}{2}}$$

# A simple problem: gene selection for class discrimination

~15,000 genes  
Case(10)/control(10)



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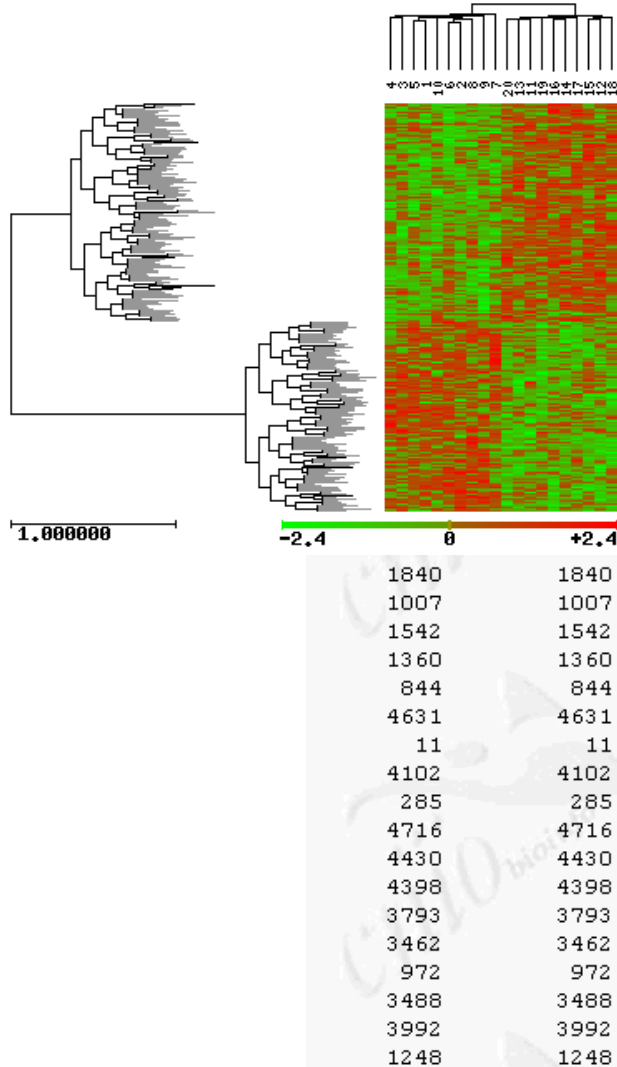


Genes differentially expressed  
among classes (t-test), with p-  
value < 0.05



# Sorry... the data was a collection of random numbers labelled for two classes

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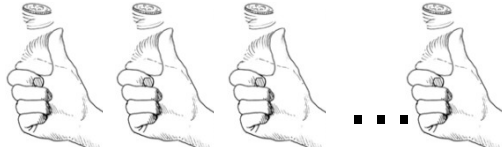
So... Why do we find good p-values?

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0.00019998	0.746225	0.49995	1	4.49902
0.0009999	0.983002	0.861025	1	4.01726
0.00149985	0.986401	0.861025	1	3.99374
0.00129987	0.9959	0.861025	1	3.86046
0.00169983	0.9996	0.861025	1	3.7251
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0.00219978	1	0.861025	1	3.35909
0.0029997	1	0.861025	1	3.35235
0.00439956	1	0.8888	1	3.28286
0.00669933	1	0.8888	1	3.2427
0.00559944	1	0.8888	1	3.23225
0.00279972	1	0.861025	1	3.22175
0.00429957	1	0.8888	1	3.19595
0.0039996	1	0.8888	1	3.19547
0.0069993	1	0.8888	1	3.12957
0.00849915	1	0.8888	1	3.0987
0.00779922	1	0.8888	1	3.09834

You were not interested *a priori* in the first (whatever), best discriminant, gene.

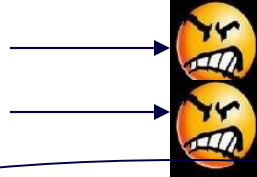
Adjusted p-values must be used!

# On the problem of multiple testing



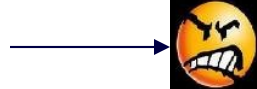
= 10 heads.  $P=0.5^{10}=0.00098$

Take one coin, flip it 10 times. Got 10 heads? Use it for betting



10 heads !!!

⋮



1000 coins

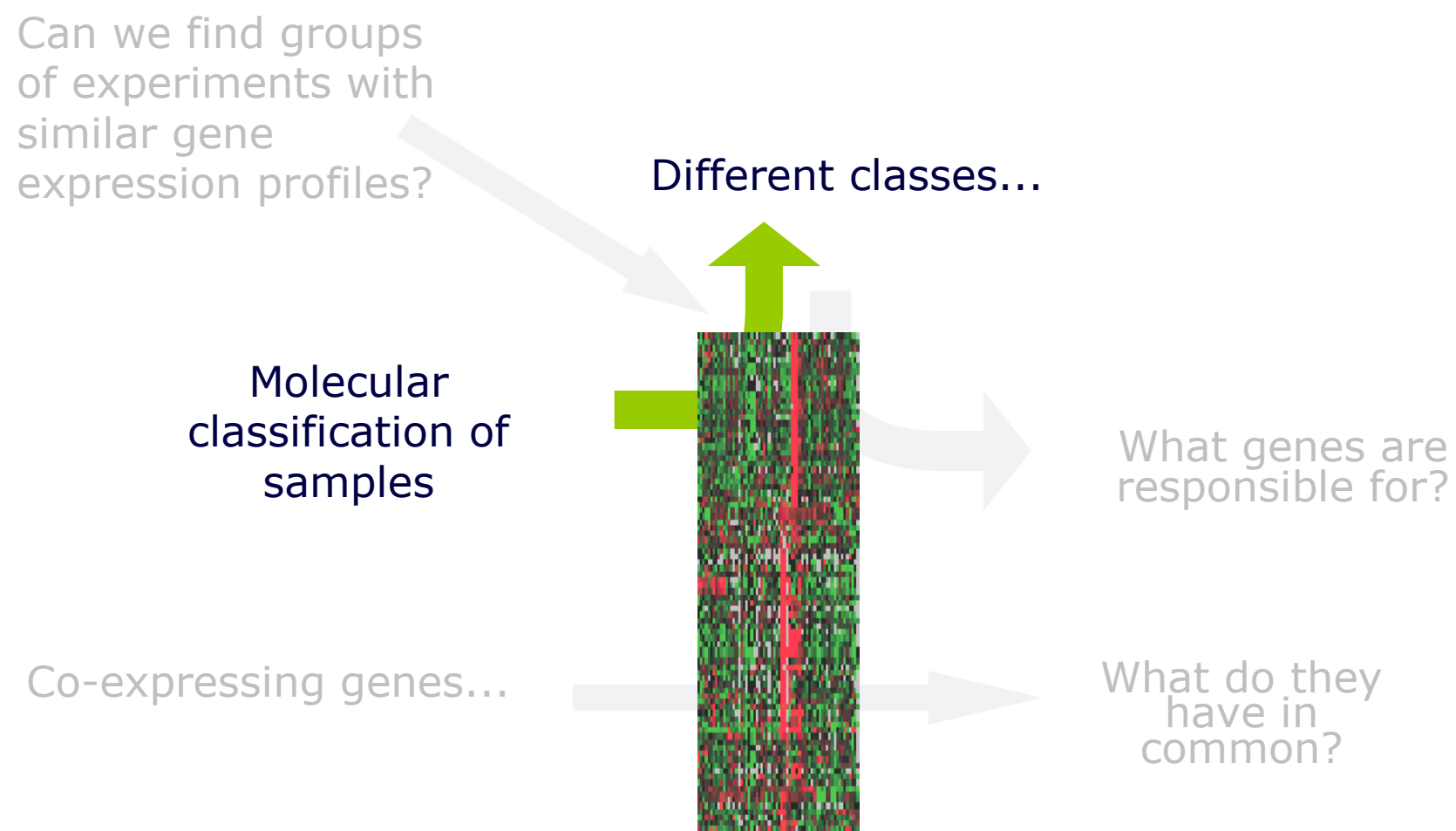
$$P = 1 - (1 - 0.5^{10})^{1000} = 0.62$$

It is not the same getting 10 heads with **my** coin than getting 10 heads in **one among** 1000 coins

Will you still use this coin for betting?

# Studies must be hypothesis driven.

## sample classification



# Context: personalized medicine and what is the future

Big challenge for the pharma industry in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

Driven by academy and regulatory authorities

Relies on pharmacogenomic tests that properly stratifies patients

In the years coming, new tests based on different “omics” methodologies will open new avenues for new personalized drugs and treatments

# FDA approves the first predictor based on microarrays

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the FDA website. The address bar shows the URL: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2007/NEW01555.html>. The page header features the FDA logo and the text "U.S. Food and Drug Administration" along with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services logo. Below the header are navigation links: [FDA Home Page](#), [Search FDA Site](#), [FDA A-Z Index](#), and [Contact FDA](#).

The main content area is titled "FDA News" and contains a news release dated February 6, 2007. The release is for immediate release (P07-13) and discusses the FDA's approval of a new breast cancer prognostic test based on microarray analysis. The test, MammaPrint, is developed by Agendia and is used to predict the likelihood of breast cancer recurrence. The release includes a quote from Andrew C. von Eschenbach, M.D., Commissioner of Food and Drugs, and provides information about a public meeting on February 8, 2007.

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**FDA Clears Breast Cancer Specific Molecular Prognostic Test**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) today cleared for marketing a test that determines the likelihood of breast cancer returning within five to 10 years after a woman's initial cancer. It is the first cleared molecular test that profiles genetic activity.

The MammaPrint test uses the latest in molecular technology to predict whether existing cancer will metastasize (spread to other parts of a patient's body). The test relies on microarray analysis, a powerful tool for simultaneously studying the patterns of behavior of large numbers of genes in biological specimens.

The recurrence of cancer is partly dependent on the activation and suppression of certain genes located in the tumor. Prognostic tests like the MammaPrint can measure the activity of these genes, and thus help physicians understand their patients' odds of the cancer spreading.

MammaPrint was developed by Agendia, a laboratory located in Amsterdam, Netherlands, where the product has been on the market since 2005.

"Clearance of the MammaPrint test marks a step forward in the initiative to bring molecular-based medicine into current practice," said Andrew C. von Eschenbach, M.D., Commissioner of Food and Drugs. "MammaPrint results will provide patients and physicians with more information about the prospects for the outcome of the disease. This information will support treatment decisions.

Agendia compared the genetic profiles of a large number of women suffering from breast cancer and identified a set of 70 genes whose activity confers information about the likelihood of tumor recurrence. The MammaPrint test measures the level of activity of each of these genes in a sample of a woman's surgically removed breast cancer tumor, then uses a specific formula, known as an algorithm, to produce a score that determines whether the patient is deemed low risk or high risk for spread of the cancer to another site. The result may help a doctor in planning appropriate follow-up for a patient when used with other clinical information and laboratory tests.

The MammaPrint is the first cleared in vitro diagnostic multivariate index assay (IVDMIA) device. Several months ago, FDA issued a draft guidance document concerning the need for these complex molecular tests to meet pre-market review and post-market device requirements even when the tests are developed and used by a single laboratory. Although FDA regulates diagnostic tests sold to laboratories, hospitals and physicians, it uses discretion when regulating tests developed and performed by single laboratories.

On February 8, FDA will hold a public meeting to discuss its draft guidance document describing its regulatory approach to this type of test.

"There have been rapid advances in microarrays and other pioneering diagnostics, and a corresponding increase in the use and impact of these complex tests. This

At the bottom of the browser window, the status bar shows "Listo" and "Internet".



## **The MicroArray Quality Control (MAQC) Project: An FDA-Led Effort Toward Personalized Medicine**

**MAQC Website: <http://edkb.fda.gov/MAQC/>**

***MAQC-II Objective:***

***Reaching consensus on the “best practices”  
(Data Analysis Protocol, DAP) in developing  
and validating microarray-based predictive  
models (classifiers) for clinical and  
preclinical applications.***

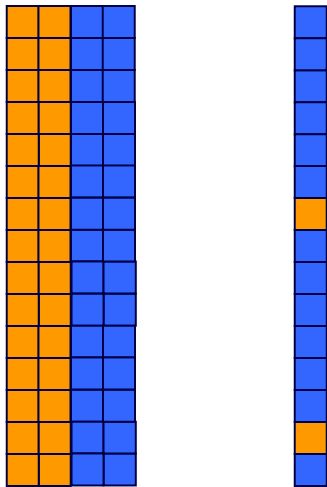
A international consortium of 36 data analysis teams submitted prediction results from 18,202 models for 6 datasets to the MAQC-II



# Of predictors and molecular signatures

What is a predictor?

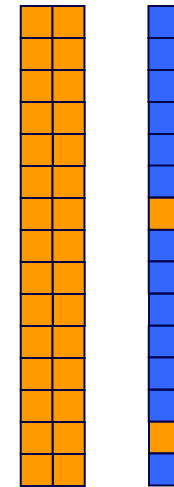
A B X



Is X, A  
or B?

$$\text{Diff (B, X) = 2}$$

Intuitive notion:



$$\text{Diff (A, X) = 13}$$

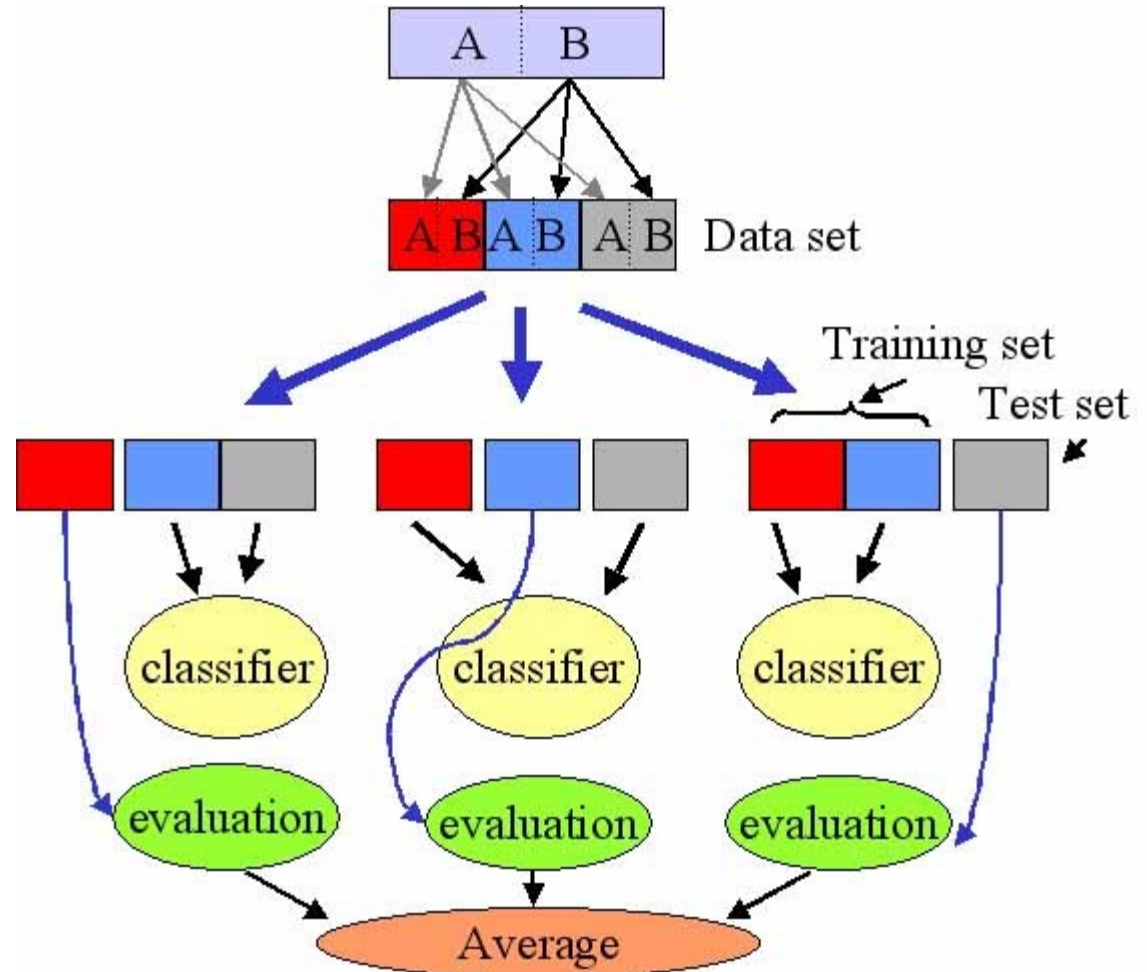
Most probably X belongs to class B

Algorithms: DLDA, KNN, SVM, random forests, PAM, etc.

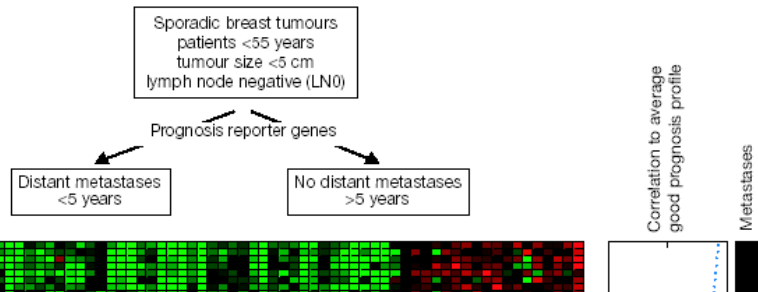
# Cross-validation

The efficiency of a classifier can be estimated through a process of cross-validation.

Typical are three-fold, ten-fold and leave-one-out (LOO), in case of few samples for the training



# Predictor of clinical outcome in breast cancer



Genes are arranged to their correlation with the prognostic groups

Pronostic classifier with optimal accuracy

*van't Veer et al., Nature, 2002*

# Functional profiling of genome-scale experiments in the post-genomic era

My data...

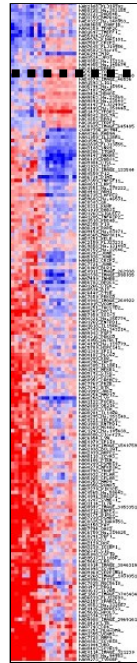
How are structured?

What are these groups?

What is this gen?

	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
65	578.6*		1.4	0.26	M12481	Mouse cytoplasmic beta-actin mRNA (5, M, 3)	represe			
66	534.9*		-1.6	0.22	M12481	Mouse cytoplasmic beta-actin mRNA (5, M, 3)	represe			
67	403.6*		-1.5	0.15	X61366	SGD: YELU02C	Yeast S. cerevisiae WBP1 Oligosaccharyl			
68	535.2*		-1.6	0.22	U18530	SGD: YELD16W	Yeast S. cerevisiae Protein of unknown fu			
69	-567.7*		-1.6	-0.27	M23316	SGD: YELU24C	Yeast S. cerevisiae RIP1 Rieske non-sulfur			
70	-114.5*		-1.1	-0.03	K02207	SGD: YELU21W	Yeast S. cerevisiae URA3 gene coding for			
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75	-847.4		-1.3	-0.21	Cluster Incl AW123542	U1-M-BH2-1-agg-f01-0-U1 s1	Mus musculus c			
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77	192.5*		-1.2	0.05	Cluster Incl AB006361	Mus musculus mRNA for prostaglandin D s				
78	2990.2*		-1.4	1.63	Cluster Incl AB006361	Mus musculus mRNA for prostaglandin D s				
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81	753.2*		1.2	0.1	Cluster Incl U97170	Mus musculus protein kinase inhibitor gamma				
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85	3310.9		1.2	0.24	Cluster Incl AB025408	Mus musculus mRNA for sid470p, complet				
86	-1291		-1.5	-0.42	Cluster Incl AF059735	Mus musculus C-terminal binding protein 2				
87	-263.3*		-1.3	-0.09	Cluster Incl AF053454	Mus musculus tetraspan TM4SF (Tspan-6)				
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93	1465.4*		-2.7	0.76	Cluster Incl A123636	Mus musculus mRNA for nucleoside diphos				
94	838.2		1.1	0.1	Cluster Incl U70475	Nuclear, factor, erythroid derived 2, like 2 /cds				
95	4939.4*		-6.7	8.84	Cluster Incl AF045673	Mus musculus F1J-LRR associated protein-				
96	148.3*		-1.2	0.04	Cluster Incl AB91475	u63a06.x1	Mus musculus cDNA, 3' end /cd			

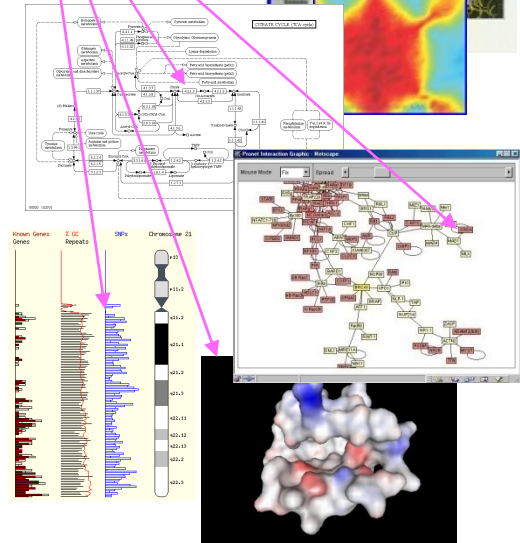
A B



Cell cycle...

DBs Information

- I19380 Calmodulin 3 /cds=(109,568) /gb=M19380 /gi=469419
- AB42320 U1-M-AH1-agg-b-11-0-U1 s1
- A124263 Mus musculus mRNA for calpactin 2 precursor /cds
- U12620 Dipeptidylpeptidase 4 /cds=(17,2399) /gb=U12620 /g
- M13444 Mouse alpha-tubulin isoform M-alpha-4 mRNA, compl
- I11027 Mus musculus C57BL/6J Srd61 protein complex gam
- J03926 Phosphofruktokinase, liver, B-type /cds=(42,2394) /g
- Z8745 M. musculus mRNA for phosphatase 2A catalytic subu
- U8932 Serine/threonine kinase 6 /cds=(48,1235) /gb=U8932
- U47024 Maternal embryonic message 3 /cds=(137,2401) /gb=
- AF075136 Mus musculus Sima-associated protein (sap30) mR
- M25944 (Mouse) carbonic anhydrase II (CAII) mRNA, 3' end /cd
- X74671 Neurofibrominosis 2 /cds=(676,2366) /gb=X74671 /g
- M12648 Mouse myb proto-oncogene mRNA encoding 71 kd m
- AW125458 U1-M-BH2-2-agg-a-07-0-U1 s1
- Mus musculus cDN
- U84903 Ribosomal protein L23 /cds=(61,501) /gb=U84903 /gi=
- U35141 Mus musculus retinoblastoma-binding protein (mRb) g
- U19521 Mus musculus vesicle transport protein (nucl-15) ml
- M15268 Aminolevulinic acid synthase 2, erythroid /cds=(0,179
- M25149 Tissue specific transplantation antigen P91A /cds=(0,
- X66449 Calcyclin /cds=(159,428) /gb=X66449 /gi=50271 /g



Analysis

Functional profiling

Links

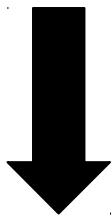
**Genome Annotation**

**Structural Annotation**   **Functional Annotation**

**Biological Databases**



**Gene Annotation**



**Gene Set Annotation**

*Aedes aegypti*  
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*Anopheles gambiae*  
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*Bos taurus*  
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**Protein-Protein interactions**

**KEGG pathways**

**Protein Structure**

**Keywords Swissprot**

**Biocarta pathways**

**Gene Ontology**  
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Cellular Component

**Motifs Domains**

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**Gene Expression Modules**

**Regulatory elements**  
miRNA  
CisRed  
Transcription Factor Binding Sites  
**mSigDB**

**Reactome**



# Gene Ontology **CONSORTIUM**

<http://www.geneontology.org>

- The objective of GO is to provide controlled vocabularies for the description of the molecular function, biological process and cellular component of gene products.
- These terms are to be used as attributes of gene products by collaborating databases, facilitating uniform queries across them.
- The controlled vocabularies of terms are structured

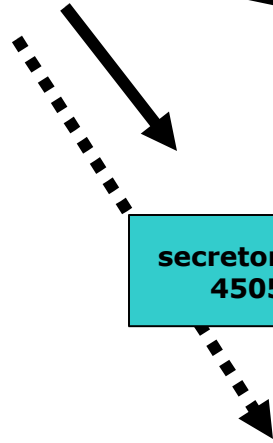
# GO is a DAG

More general information



More detailed information

Levels



**biological process**  
78842 genes

**physiological process**  
55602 genes

**cellular process**  
29557 genes

**cell growth and/or maintenance**  
21215 genes

**transport**  
11722 genes

**secretory pathway**  
4505 genes

**vesicle-mediated transport**  
1525 genes

**intracellular transport**  
2255 genes

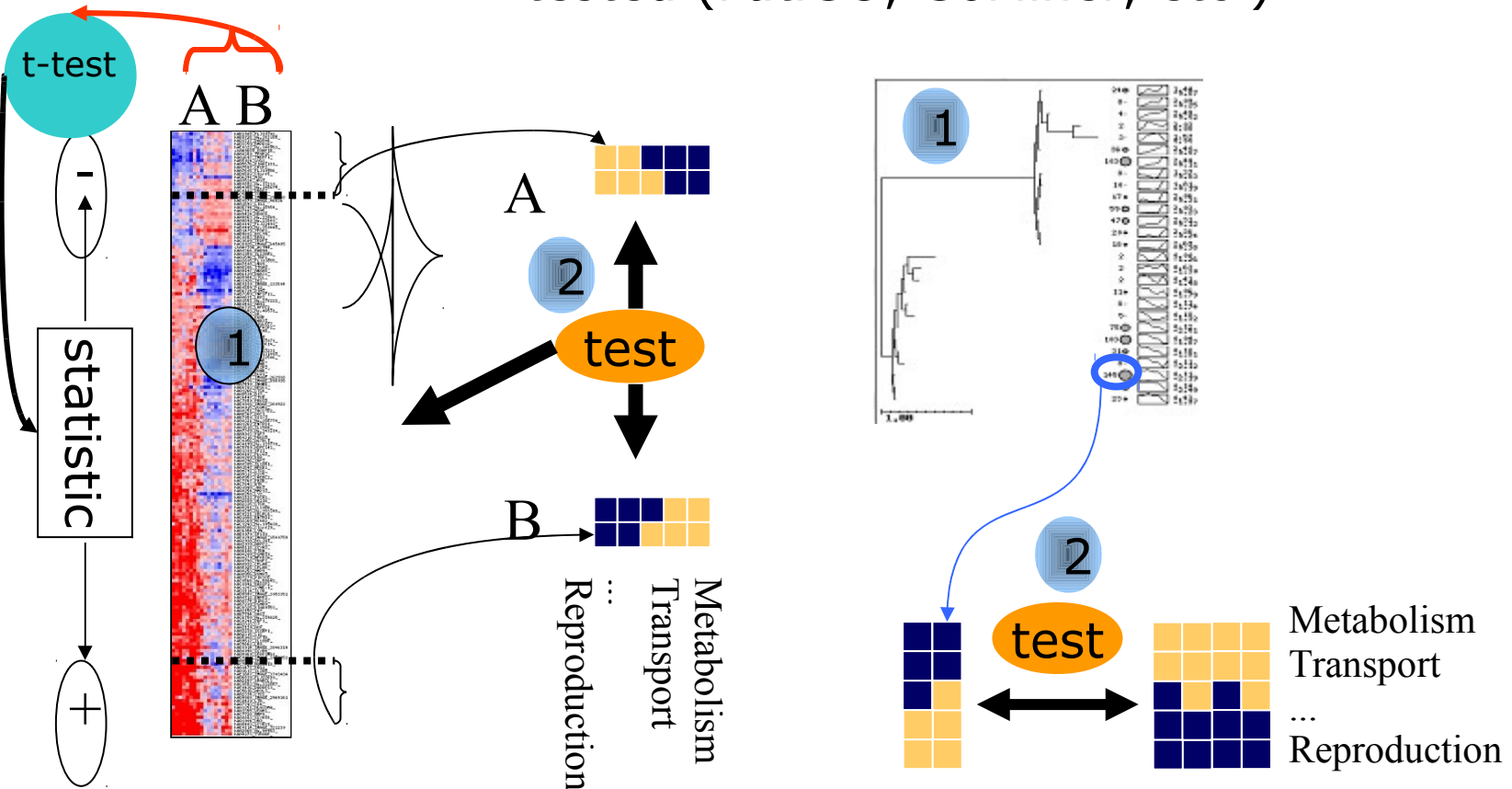
**Golgi vesicle transport**  
442 genes

**ER to Golgi transport**  
190 genes



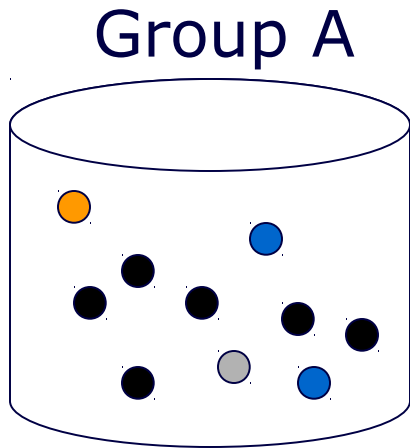
# Two-steps functional interpretation

- 1 Genes are selected based on their experimental values and...
- 2 Enrichment in functional terms is tested (FatiGO, GoMiner, etc.)

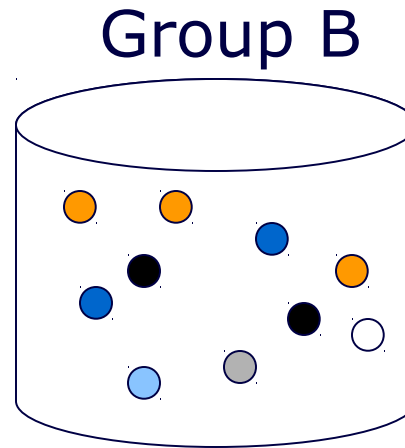


# Testing two GO terms

(remember, we have to test thousands)



Are this two groups of genes carrying out different biological roles?



	Biosynthesis	Other	
	6	4	A
	2	8	B

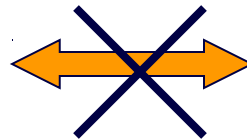
The popular Fisher's test

Biosynthesis 60% ●



Biosynthesis 20% ●

Sporulation 20% ●



Sporulation 20% ●

Genes in group A have significantly to do with biosynthesis, but not with sporulation.

# GO terms found in sets of 50 genes

GO	Definition	p-value	Adjusted p-value
GO:0006790	sulfur metabolism	0.0595683	1
GO:0042592	homeostasis	0.0157944	0.300094
GO:0016265	death	0.116317	1
GO:0050874	organismal physiological process	0.151987	1
GO:0008152	metabolism	0.129865	1
GO:0019058	viral infectious cycle	0.016503	0.181353
GO:0019059	initiation of viral infection	0.0123062	0.459417
GO:0009056	catabolism	0.0276032	1
GO:0006766	vitamin metabolism	0.00875837	0.604328
GO:0007155	cell adhesion	0.122953	1

Each row corresponds to a random selection of 50 genes from the *E. coli* genome, compared with respect to the rest of the genome.

GO terms in blue (p-value < 0.05 in individual test) have asymmetrical distributions by chance (see adjusted p-values).

# How to test significant differences in the distribution of biological terms between groups of genes?

## FatiGO: GO-driven data analysis

Provides a statistical framework able to deal with multiple-testing hypothesis

The image shows two overlapping browser windows. The left window displays the Gene Ontology (GO) homepage, which includes a navigation menu on the left, a search bar, and a 'Popular Links' section. The right window displays the FatiGO tool page, which provides a detailed description of the tool and its capabilities. An orange arrow points from the 'Tools for using GO' link in the Gene Ontology 'Popular Links' section to the FatiGO tool page.

**Gene Ontology Home**

The Gene Ontology project provides a controlled vocabulary to describe product attributes in any organism. [Read more...](#)

**Popular Links**

Search the Gene Ontology Database

gene or protein name  GO term or ID

This search uses the browser [AmiGO](#). [Browse](#) the Gene Ontology using AmiGO.

**GO website**

- [GO downloads](#): including [ontology files](#), [annotations](#) and the [GO database](#).
- [Tools for using GO](#)

**ermineJ** is a tool for the analysis of gene sets (user defined or those defined by GO terms) in expression data. The software is designed to be used by biologists with little or no informatics background. A command-line interface is available for users who wish to script the use of ermineJ. Several different methods for scoring gene sets are implemented, with a focus on methods that don't rely on simple "over-representation" measures.

**FatiGO**

[Bioinformatics Department](#) at the Centro de Investigacion Principe Felipe (Spain) [[PubMed abstract](#)]

[FatiGO](#) assigns representative functional information (under-represented or over-represented Gene Ontology terms) to a given set of genes. Statistical significance is obtained using multiple-testing correction. FatiGO has been designed for functional annotation in the context of DNA microarray data analysis, and is linked to the [Gene Expression Pattern Analysis Suite](#). FatiGO uses gene IDs from the major genomic and proteomic databases (GeneBank, UniProt, Unigene, Ensembl, etc.). FatiGO can also be used for functional annotation of any type of large-scale experiment.

**FuncAssociate**

[Roth Computational Biology Laboratory, Harvard Medical School](#) [[PubMed abstract](#)]

[FuncAssociate](#) is a web-based tool that accepts as input a list of genes, and returns a list of GO attributes that are over- (or under-) represented among the genes in the input list. Only those over- (or under-) representations that are statistically significant, after correcting for multiple hypotheses testing, are reported. Currently 10 organisms are supported. In addition to the input list of genes, users may specify a) whether this list should be regarded as ordered or unordered; b) the universe of genes to be considered by

**Al-Shahrour et al., 2004 Bioinformatics (3rd most cited paper in computing sciences. Source: ISI Web of knowledge.)**

**Al-Shahrour et al., 2005 Bioinformatics. Al-Shahrour et al., 2005 NAR**

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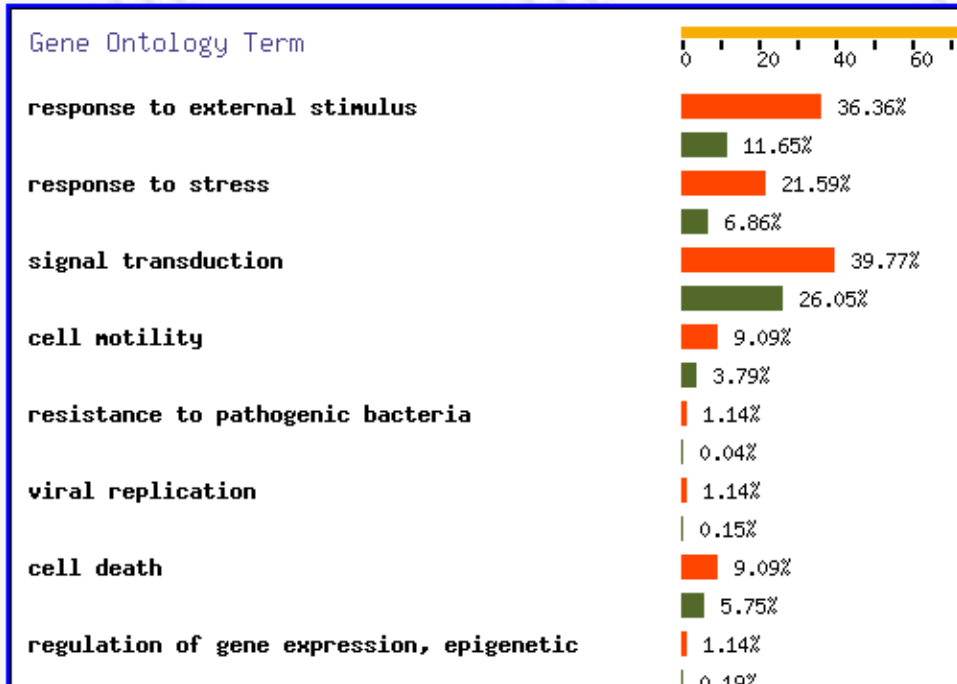
# Compilation of tools for functional interpretation of sets of genes

Tool	Statistical model	Correction for multiple experiments	Functional labels	Site (web-based applications)	Reference
Babelomics	Fisher's exact test, t-test, Kolmogorov-Smirnov	FDR, q-value	GO, KEGG, protein domains, swissprot keywords, Transfac motifs, CisRed motifs, chromosomal location, tissues, bioentities (text-mining)	<a href="http://www.babelomics.org">http://www.babelomics.org</a>	(Al-Shahrour et al., 2006; Al-Shahrour et al., 2005)
BayGO	hypergeometric	bayesian	GO		(Vencio et al., 2006)
DAVID / EASEonline	Fisher's exact test	Bonferroni	GO, pathways, diseases, protein domains, interactions	<a href="http://david.abcc.ncifcrf.gov/">http://david.abcc.ncifcrf.gov/</a>	(Dennis et al., 2003; Hosack et al., 2003)
FatiGO+	Fisher's exact test	step-down minP, FDR	GO, KEGG, protein domains, swissprot keywords, Transfac motifs, CisRed motifs, chromosomal location, tissues	<a href="http://www.fatigo.org">http://www.fatigo.org</a>	(Al-Shahrour et al., 2004)
FuncSpec	hypergeometric	Bonferroni	GO, phenotypes, protein interactions, etc. (only for yeast)	<a href="http://funspec.med.utoronto.ca/">http://funspec.med.utoronto.ca/</a>	(Robinson et al., 2002)
GeneMerge	hypergeometric	Bonferroni	GO, KEGG, chromosomal location, other.	<a href="http://genemerge.bioteam.net/">http://genemerge.bioteam.net/</a>	(Castillo-Davis & Hartl, 2003)
GO:TermFinder	hypergeometric	Bonferroni	GO		(Boyle et al., 2004)
GoMiner	Fisher's exact test	FDR	GO		(Zeeberg et al., 2003; Zeeberg et al., 2005)
GOstat	X2 Fisher's exact test	FDR, Holm	GO	<a href="http://gostat.wehi.edu.au/">http://gostat.wehi.edu.au/</a>	(Beissbarth & Speed, 2004)
GoSurfer	X2	q-value	GO		(Zhong et al., 2004)
GOToolBox	hypergeometric, binomial, Fisher's exact test	Bonferroni	GO	<a href="http://crfb.univ-mrs.fr/GOToolBox/index.php">http://crfb.univ-mrs.fr/GOToolBox/index.php</a>	(Martin et al., 2004)
Ontology Traverser	hypergeometric	FDR	GO	<a href="http://franklin.imgen.bcm.tmc.edu/rho-old/services/OntologyTraverser/">http://franklin.imgen.bcm.tmc.edu/rho-old/services/OntologyTraverser/</a>	(Young et al., 2005)
Onto-Tools	X2, binomial, hypergeometric Fisher's exact test	Sidak, Holm, Bonferroni, FDR	GO, KEGG	<a href="http://vortex.cs.wayne.edu/projects.htm">http://vortex.cs.wayne.edu/projects.htm</a>	(Draghici et al., 2003; Khatri et al., 2005)
FuncAssociate	Fisher's exact test	--	GO	<a href="http://llama.med.harvard.edu/cgi/func/funcassociate">http://llama.med.harvard.edu/cgi/func/funcassociate</a>	(Berriz et al., 2003)
GOTM	hypergeometric	--	GO	<a href="http://bioinfo.vanderbilt.edu/gotm/">http://bioinfo.vanderbilt.edu/gotm/</a>	(Zhang et al., 2004)
CLENCH	Hypergeometric, X2, binomial	--	GO (only for <i>A. thaliana</i> )	--	(Shah & Fedoroff, 2004)



# Biological processes shown by the genes differentially expressed among PTL-LB

	Cluster Query	Cluster Reference
Total number of initial genes:	162	4764
Total number of genes no repeated:	129	4731
Total number of Cluster IDs retired - their currents Cluster IDs	7 - 23	449 - 1627
Total number of genes no repeated with current Cluster IDs:	145	5909
Total number of genes no repeated with GO at level 3 and biological_process:	88	2610
Total number of genes no repeated with GO but NOT at level 3 and ontology		
Total number of genes no repeated without GO annotated:		



Obvious? NO

- 1) You now know that there are no other co-variables (e.g. age, sex, etc)
- 2) If you do not have previously a strong biological hypothesis, now you have an explanation

0.1702	0.9912	1	1
0.1806	0.9940	1	1



# Weaknesses of the two-steps, functional enrichment approach

Low sensitivity of conventional gene selection methods

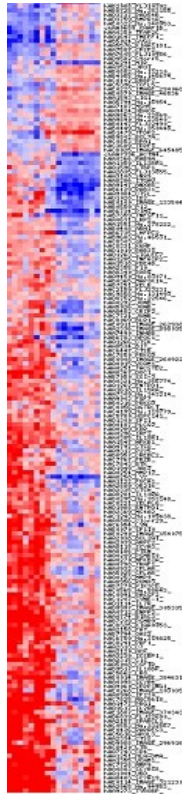
A B

A

8 with impaired tolerance (IGT)  
+ 18 with type 2 diabetes mellitus (DM2)

B

17 with normal tolerance to glucose (NTG)

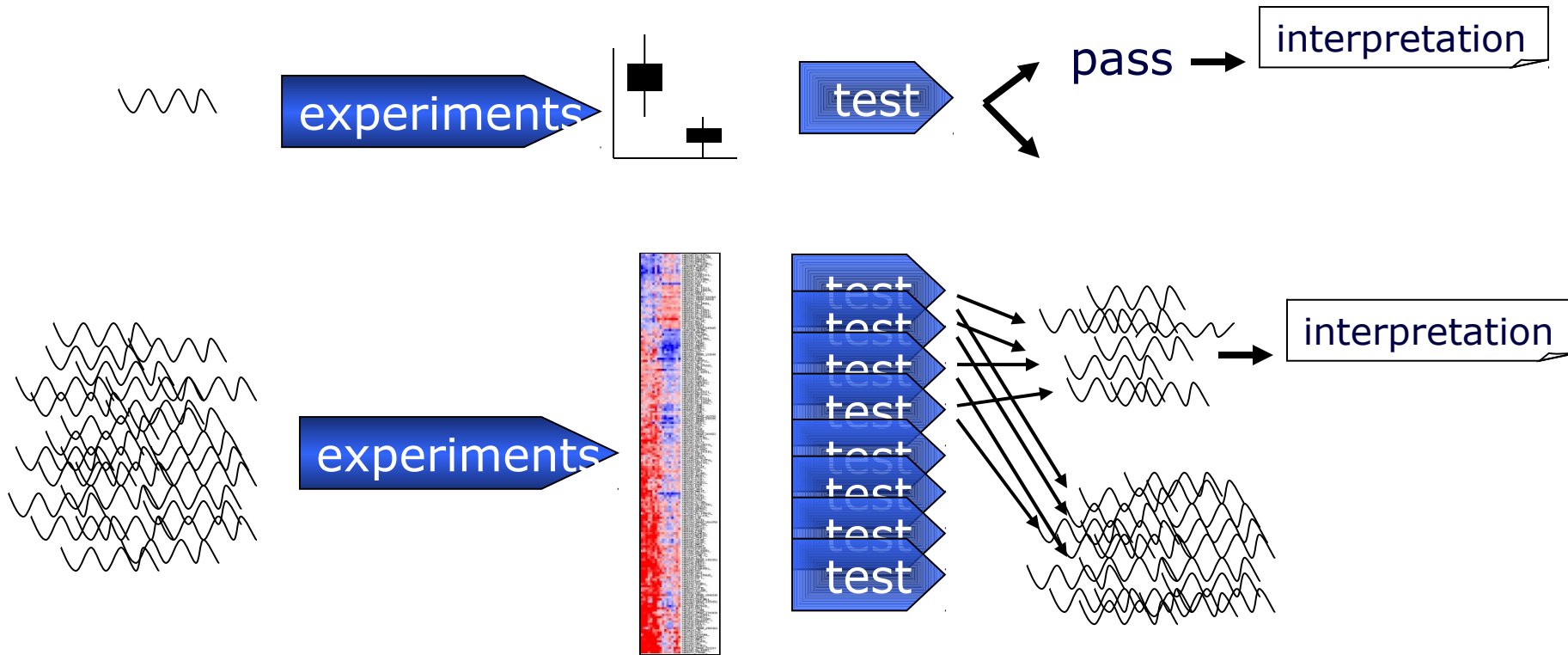


Instability of molecular signatures. Variable selection with microarray data can lead to many solutions that are equally good from the point of view of prediction rates, but that share few common genes (Ein-Dor 2006 PNAS)

Platform comparison. There are still some concerns with the cross-platform coherence of results. Paradoxically, despite the fact that gene-by-gene results are not always the same, the biological themes emerging from the different platforms are increasingly consistent (Bammler 2005 Nat Methods)

*(Mootha et al., 2003)*

# Functional enrichment approach reproduces pre-genomics paradigms



Context and cooperation between genes is ignored

# So, what is wrong with what we are doing?

We seek for the functions activated/deactivated in our experiment

To find them we firstly seek for genes activated/deactivated one at a time (independently)

Then we look among them for enrichment in functions (cooperative activities) using a second test that consider functions independent.

Therefore... is all wrong with this.  
The test we conduct is implicitly answering a question different to the one we want to ask.

# So, what is wrong with what we are doing? (II)

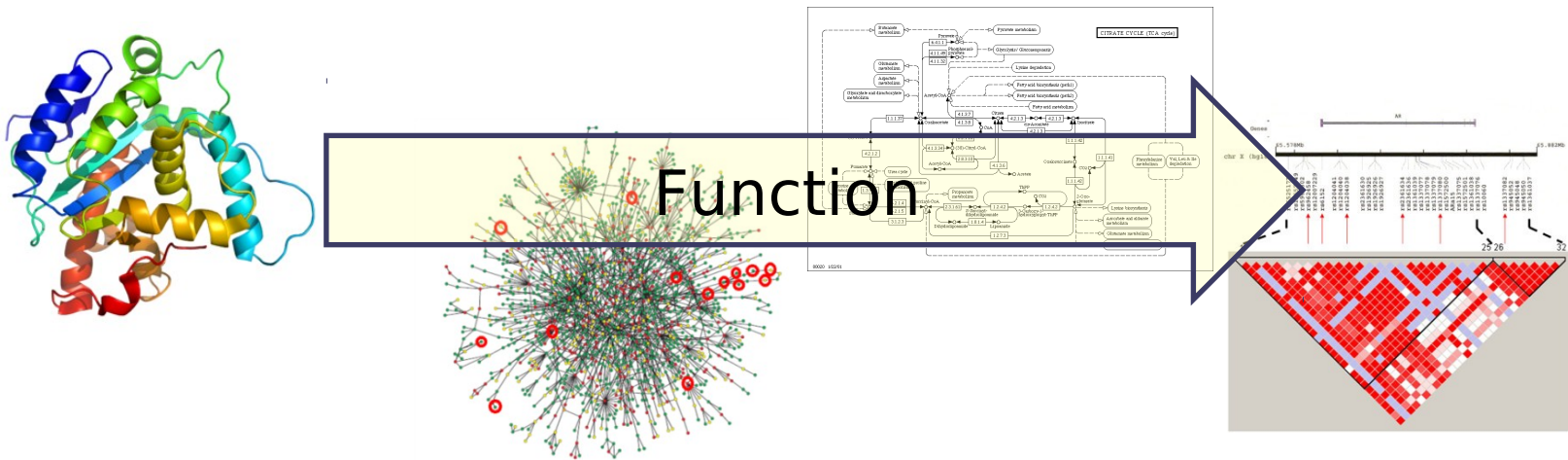
The testing strategy we are conducting is implicitly answering a question different to the one we want to ask.

# The true proxies of function

Are we asking the proper questions?

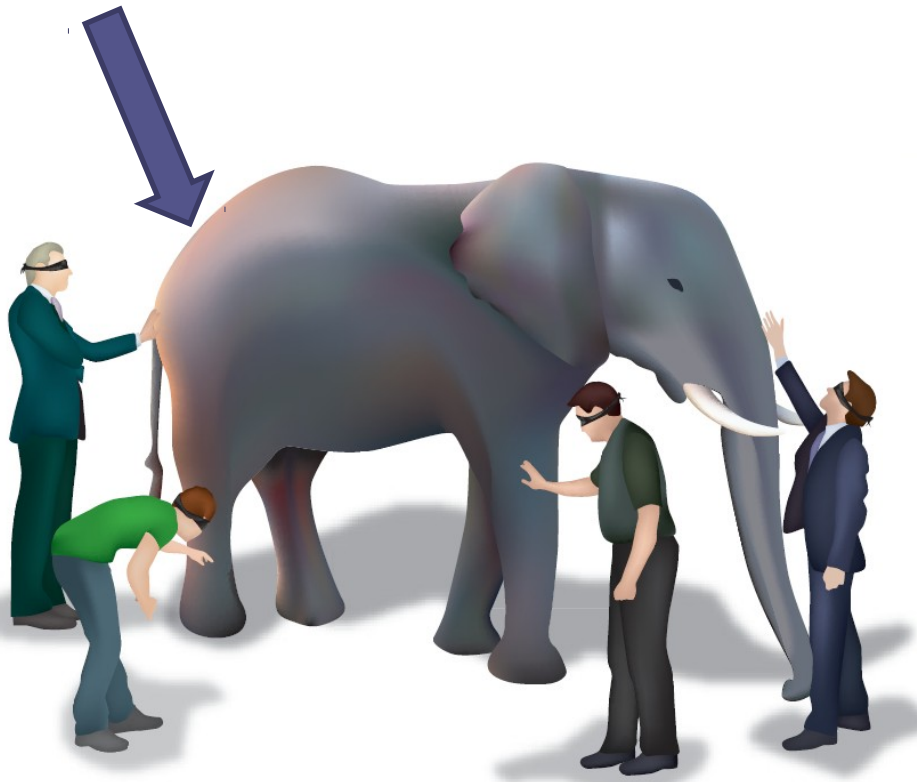
Why do we think in terms of genes?

What are the real bricks that account for the cellular behaviour and for the phenotype or the response to stimulus represented in our experiment? The genes or other higher level units?



# What is the entity that accounts for functionality at the cell level?

Experiment



Blindfolded men (**dots in the array**) are the reporters of the individual parts (**genes**), but the reaction (**function altered**) is carried out by the elephant (**functional module, e.g. pathway**)

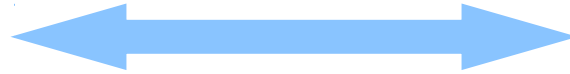
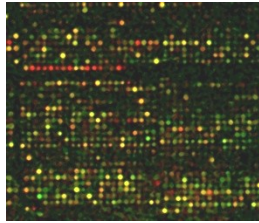
The wise but blindfolded men could not agree on a description of the elephant's phenotype

Therefore, why not to observe the elephant?

# Functional genomics.

## Historic perspective and future

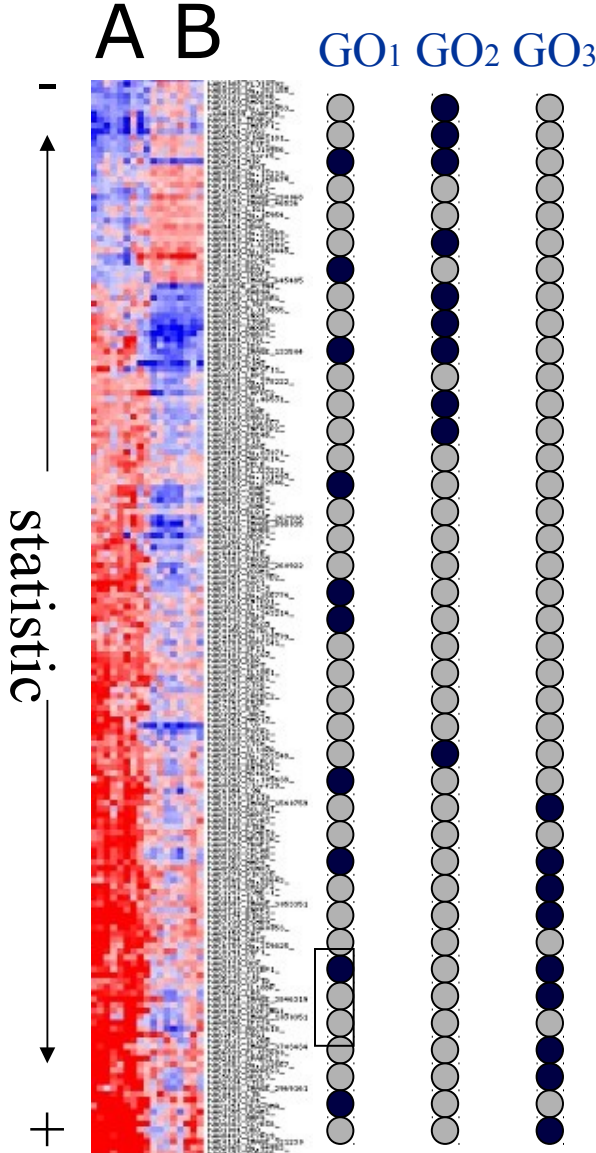
Differences at phenotype level are the visible cause of differences at molecular level which, in many cases, can be detected by measuring the levels of gene expression. The same holds for different experiments, treatments, strains, etc.



- Classification of phenotypes / experiments. **Sensitivity**
- Selection of differentially expressed genes **Specificity**
- Biological roles the genes are carrying out in the cell. **Interpretation**
- Reformulating the questions. Are we asking the proper questions? What are the real bricks that account for the cellular behaviour and for the phenotype or the response to environmental stimuli? The genes or other higher level units?



# Cooperative activity of genes can be detected and related to a macroscopic observation



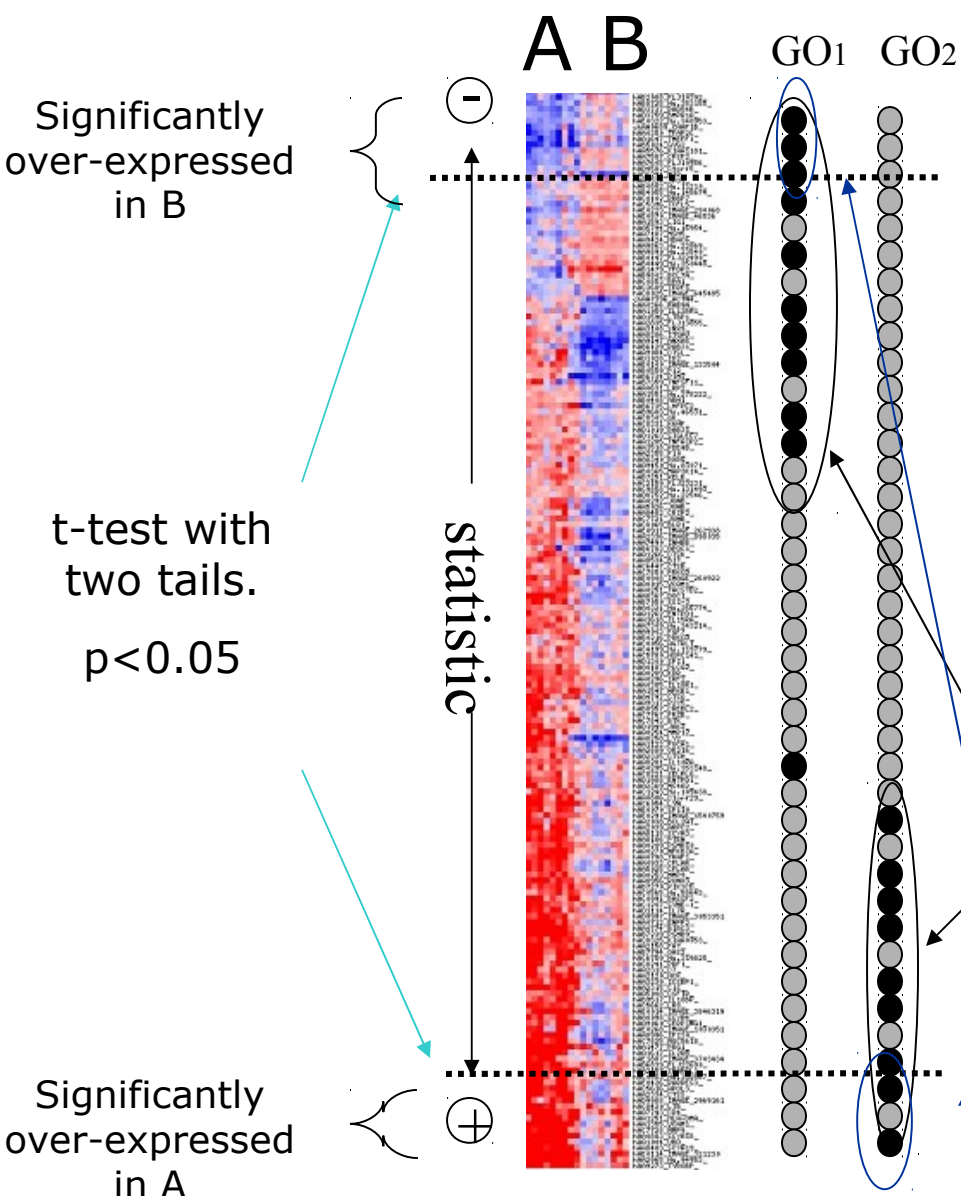
**Ranking:** A list of genes is ranked by their differential expression between two experimental conditions **A** and **B** (using fold change, a t-test, etc.)

**Distribution of GO:** Rows GO1, GO2 and GO3 represent the position of the genes belonging to three different GO terms across the ranking.

The first GO term is completely uncorrelated with the arrangement, while GOs **2** and **3** are clearly associated to high expression in the experimental conditions **B** and **A**, respectively.

Note that genes can be multi-functional

# A previous step of gene selection causes loss of information and makes the test insensitive

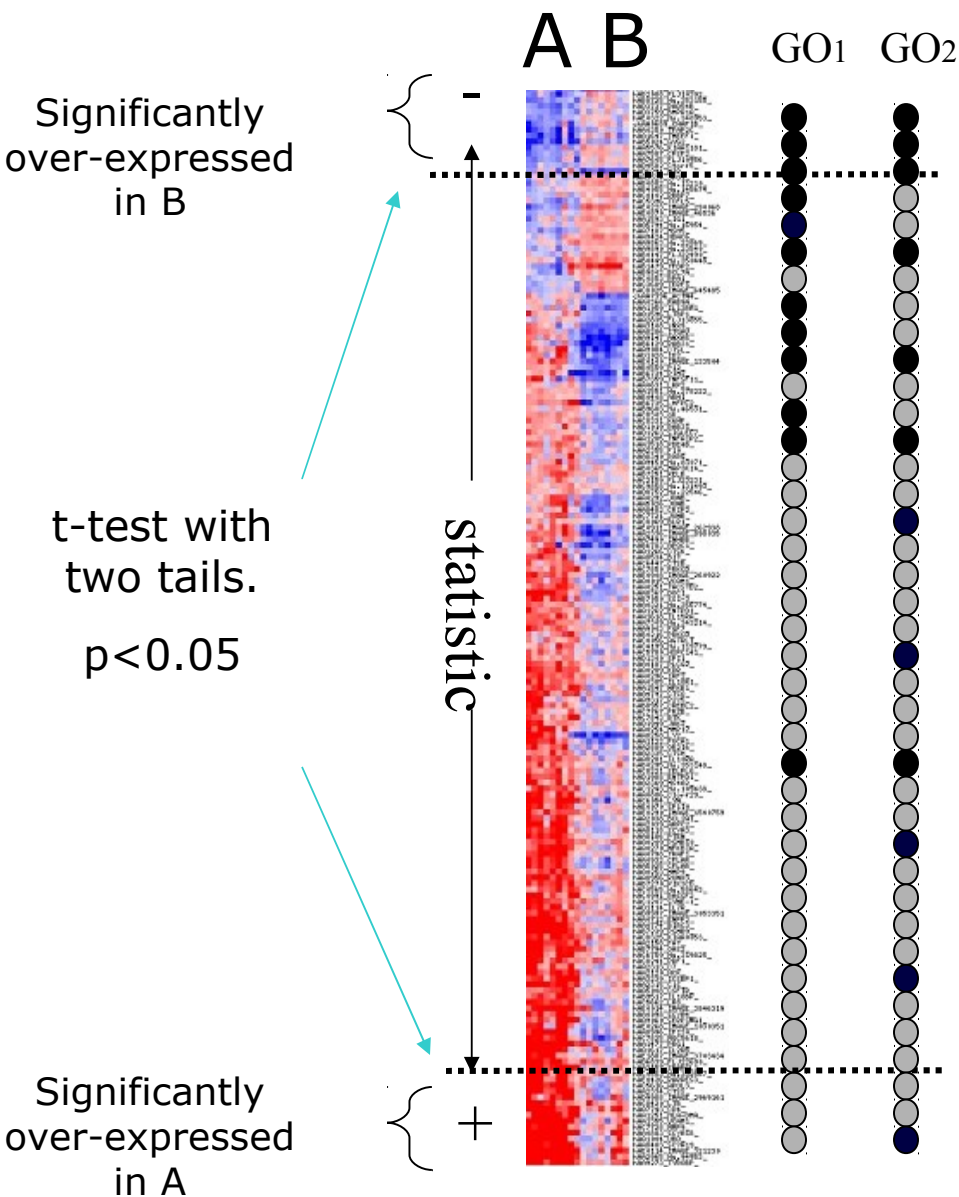


If a threshold based on the experimental values is applied, and the resulting selection of genes compared for over-abundance of a functional term, this might not be found.

Classes expressed as blocks in A and B

Very few genes selected to arrive to a significant conclusion on GOs 1 and 2

# A previous step of gene selection causes loss of information and makes the test insensitive



The main problem is that the two-steps approach cannot distinguish between these two different cases.

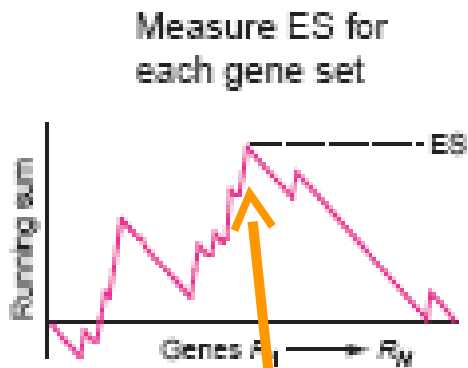
We put both sides of the partition into two bags and destroy the structure of the data.

	up	down
GO	3	9
no GO	0	25

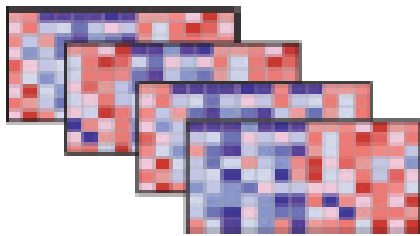
Same contingency table for  $GO_1$  and  $GO_2$  !!

# Gene-set enrichment methods

GSEA



Permute class labels (1,000 times)

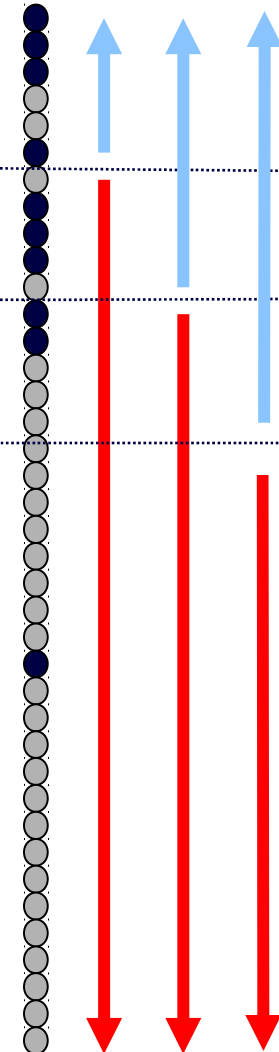
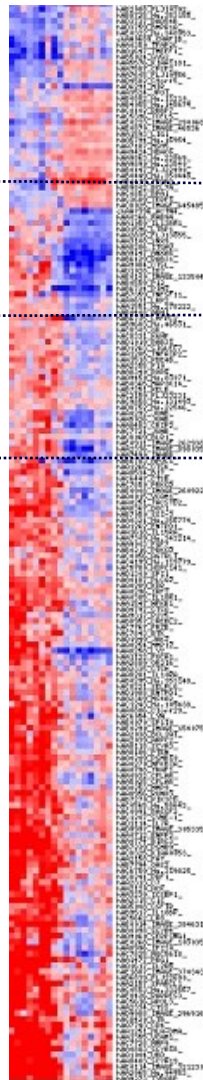


A B

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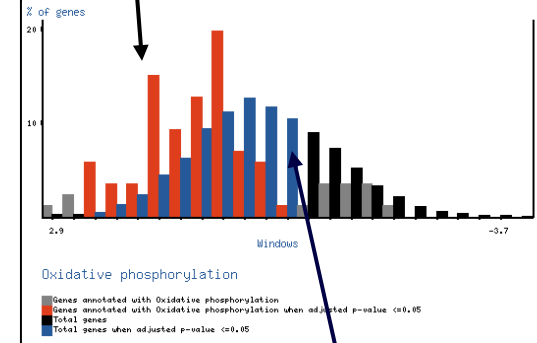
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FatiScan

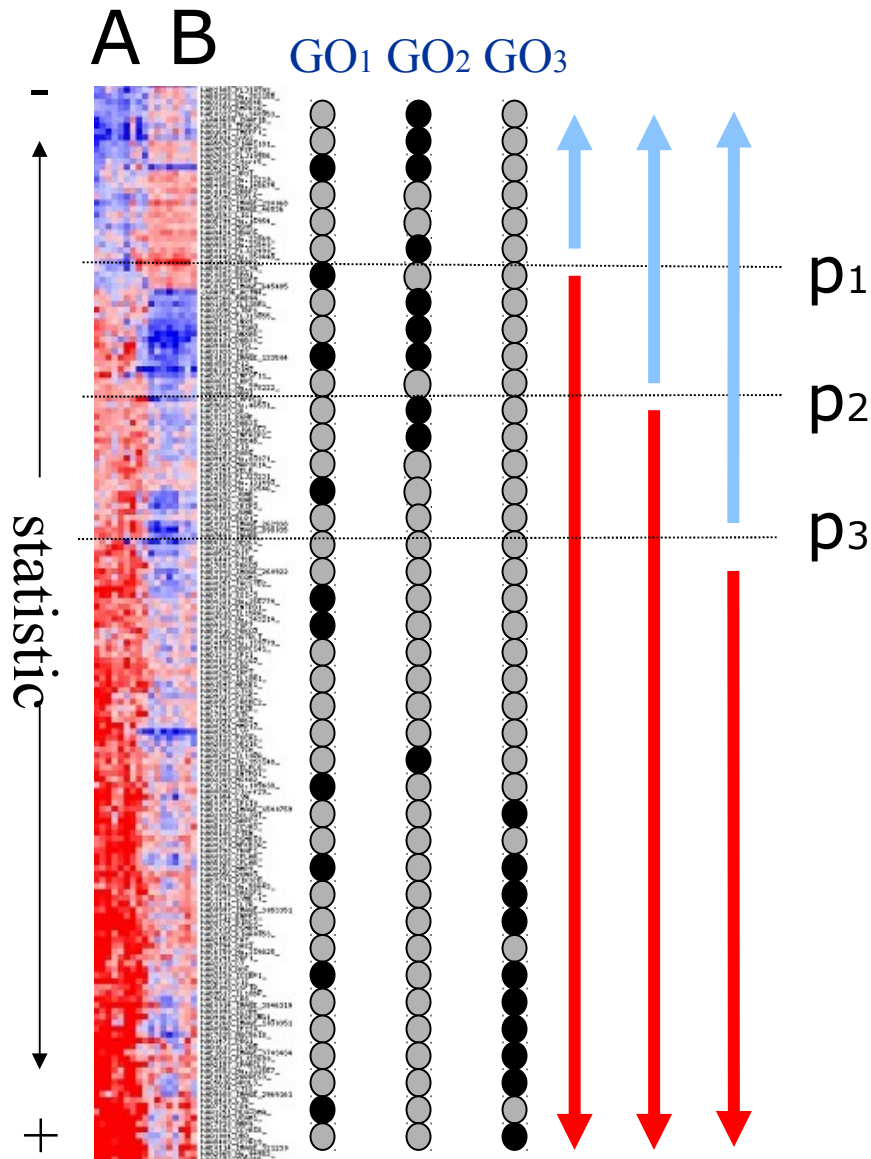
Gene set



background

**Independent of the experimental design**

# FatiScan, a segmentation test, provides an easy approach to directly testing functional terms



E.g., term GO<sub>2</sub>,  
partition p<sub>1</sub>

	up	down
GO	4	6
no GO	2	30

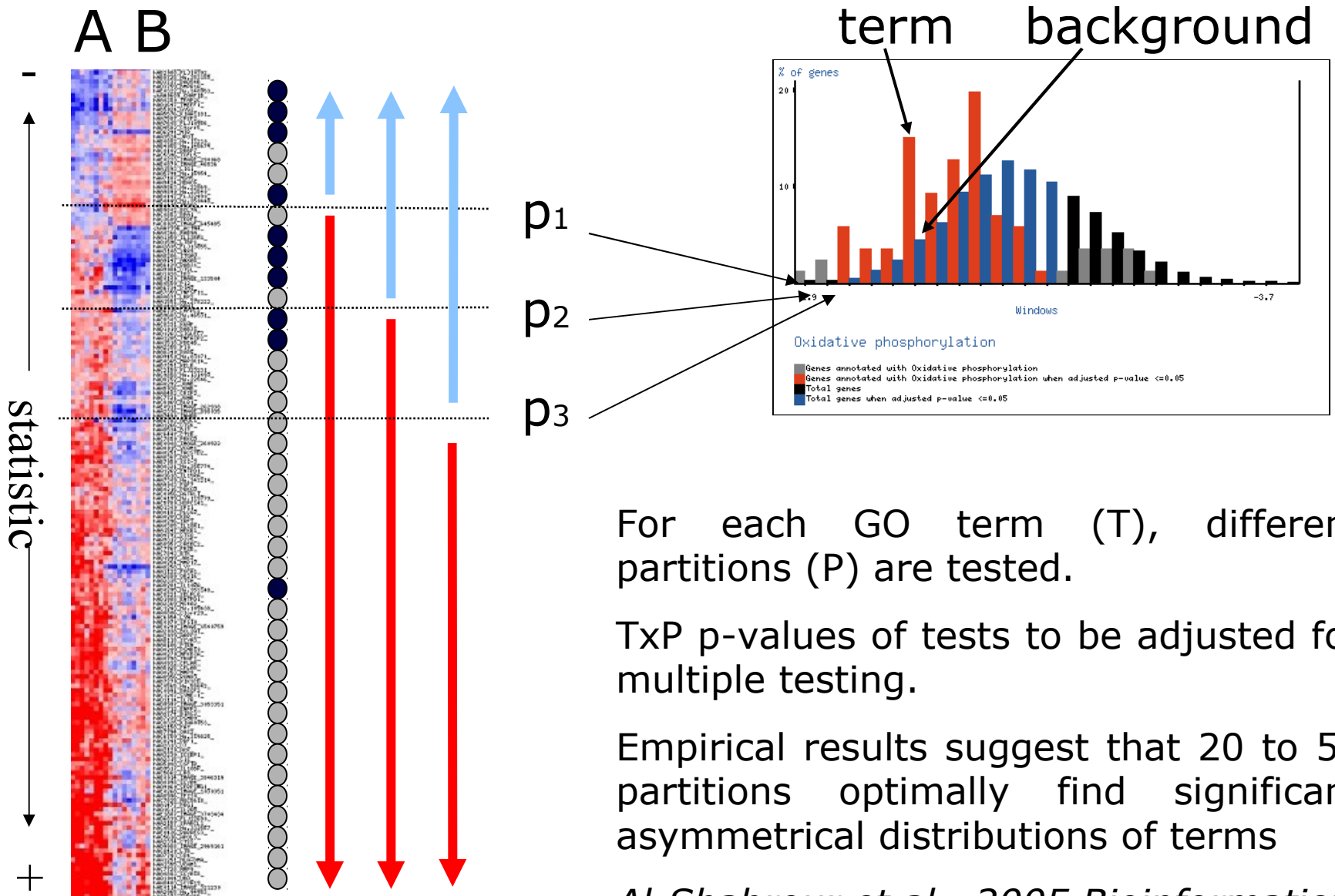
GOs can be directly tested by a segmentation test. A series of partitions of the list are performed (**p<sub>1</sub>**, **p<sub>2</sub>**, **p<sub>3</sub>**...) and the GO terms for each functional class in the upper part are compared to the corresponding ones in the lower part by a Fisher test. Asymmetrical distributions of terms towards the extremes of the list will produce significant values of the test.

Finally, p-values are adjusted by FDR

***Al-Shahrour et al., 2005 Bioinformatics***



# Obtaining significant results



For each GO term (T), different partitions (P) are tested.

TxP p-values of tests to be adjusted for multiple testing.

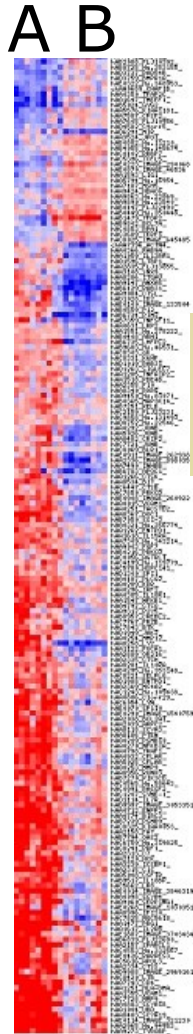
Empirical results suggest that 20 to 50 partitions optimally find significant asymmetrical distributions of terms

*Al-Shahrour et al., 2005 Bioinformatics*

# Case study: functional differences in a class comparison experiment

A

8 with impaired tolerance (IGT) + 18 with type 2 diabetes mellitus (DM2)



No one single gene shows **significant** differential expression upon the application of a t-test



Healthy vs diabetic	Functional class	Repository		
		GO	KEGG	Swissprot keyword
Up-regulated	Oxidative phosphorylation	X	X	
	ATP synthesis		X	
	Ribosome		X	
	Ubiquinone			X
	Ribosomal protein			X
	Ribonucleoprotein			X
	Mitochondrion	X		X
	Transit peptide			X
	Nucleotide biosynthesis	X		
	NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) activity	X		
Dow-regulated	Nuclease activity	X		
	Insulin signalling pathway		X	

B

17 with normal tolerance to glucose (NTG)

Nevertheless, many pathways, and functional blocks are **significantly** activated/deactivated



# Beyond discrete variables: Survival data

Since FatiScan depends only on a list of ordered genes, and not on the original experimental values, it can be applied to different experimental designs

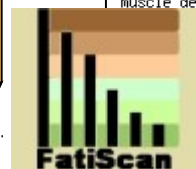
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34 samples from  
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hypopharyngeal  
cancer (GEO  
GDS1070)



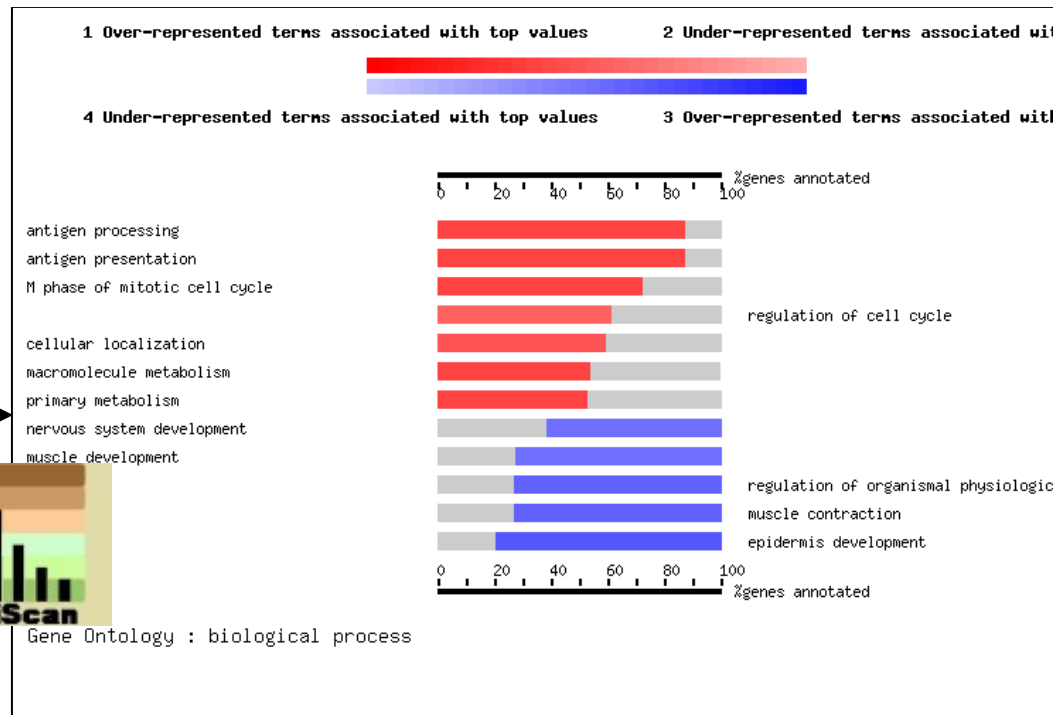
Gene  
selection

**- Survival**

Gen	risk
Gen1	5.8
Gen2	5.6
Gen3	5.4
Gen4	5.2
Gen5	5.2
Gen6	5.0
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....
Gen1000	-6.0
Gen1001	-6.3



**+ Survival**



**Cox Proportional-Hazards model** to study how the expression of each gene across patients is related to their survival

# Comparison of gene set methods at a glance

Healthy vs diabetic	Functional class	Repository				Method			
		GO	KEGG	Swissprot keyword	Defined in GSEA	FatiScan	GSEA	PAGE	Tian et al.
Up-regulated	Oxidative phosphorylation	+	+		+	yes	yes	yes	yes
	ATP synthesis		+			yes	-	-	-
	Ribosome		+			yes	-	-	-
	Ubiquinone			+		yes	-	-	-
	Ribosomal protein			+		yes	-	-	-
	Ribonucleoprotein			+		yes	-	-	-
	Mitochondrion	+		+	+	yes	yes	yes	yes
	Transit peptide			+		yes	-	-	-
	Nucleotide biosynthesis	+			+	yes	yes	yes	yes
Down-regulated	NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) activity	+				yes	-	-	-
	Nuclease activity	+				yes	-	-	-
	Insulin signalling pathway		+			yes	-	-	-

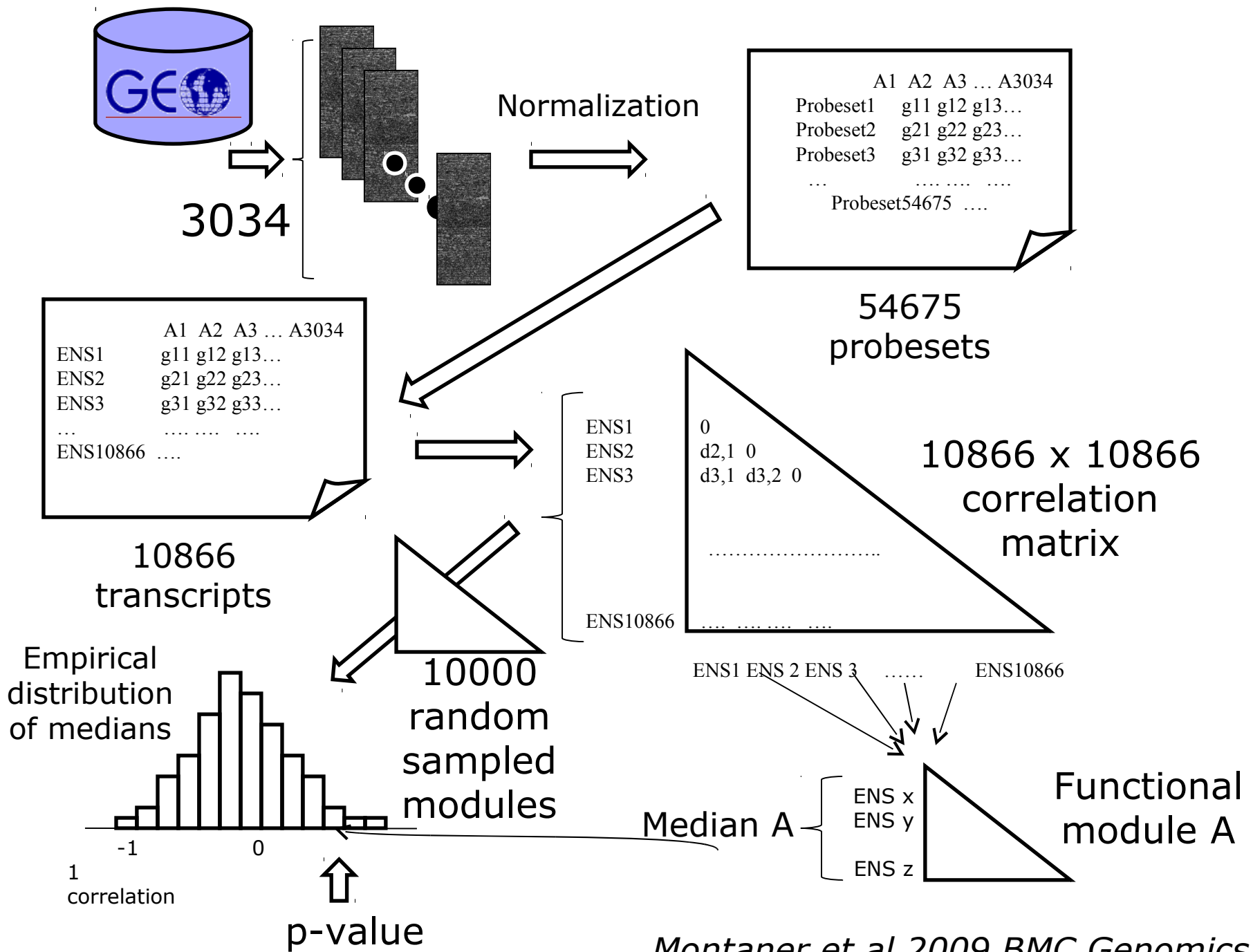
Terms from distinct repositories, reported by different methods in the diabetes dataset (Mootha et al., 2003)

Still one more problem...  
are functional modules defining  
real co-expression classes?

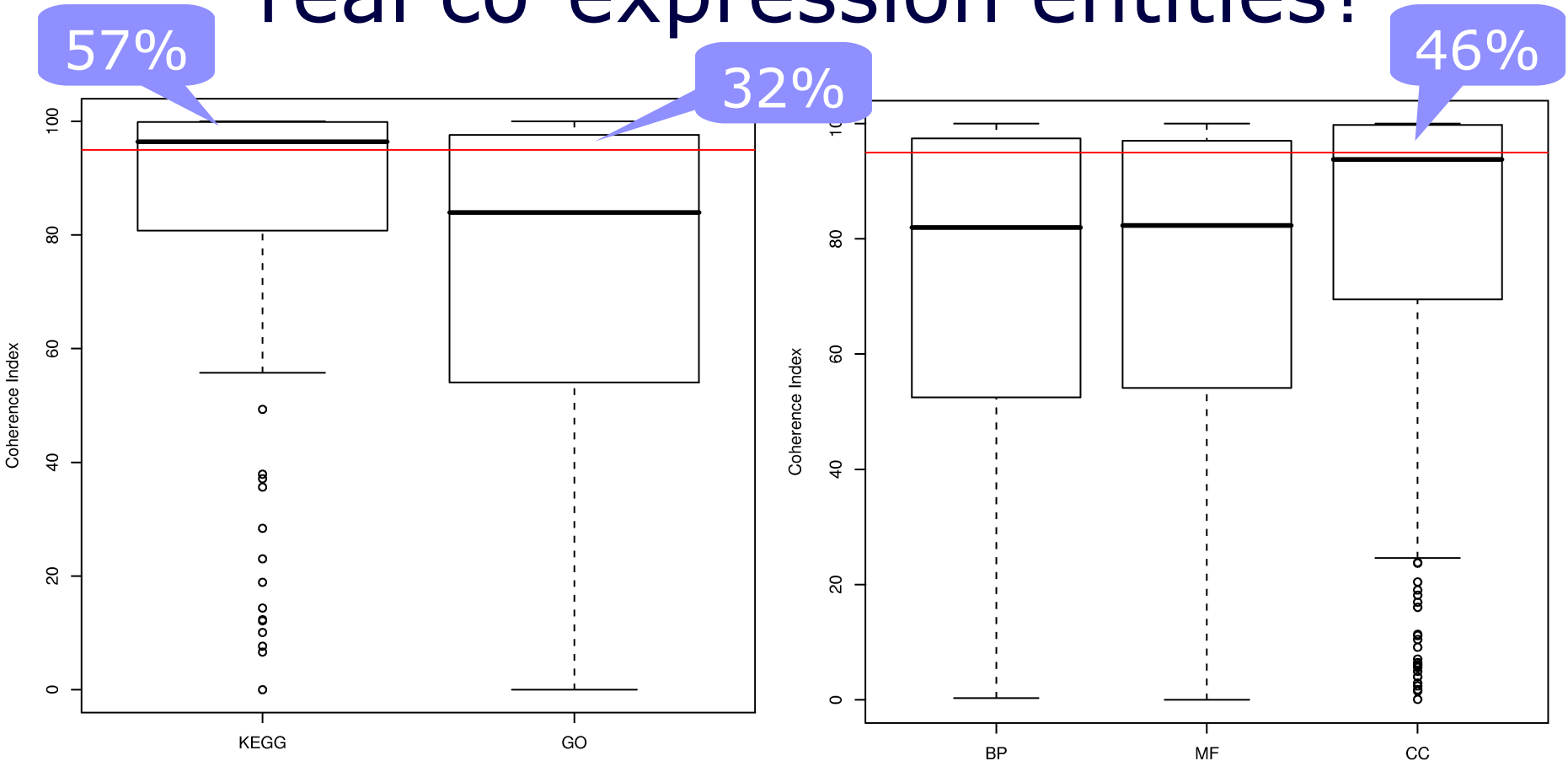
Not a naïve and trivial question.

Functional enrichment methods and gene set analysis methods rely on the assumption that the modules tested do **coexpress**

There are tens of thousands GO terms and hundreds of KEGG pathways



# But are functional modules defining real co-expression entities?



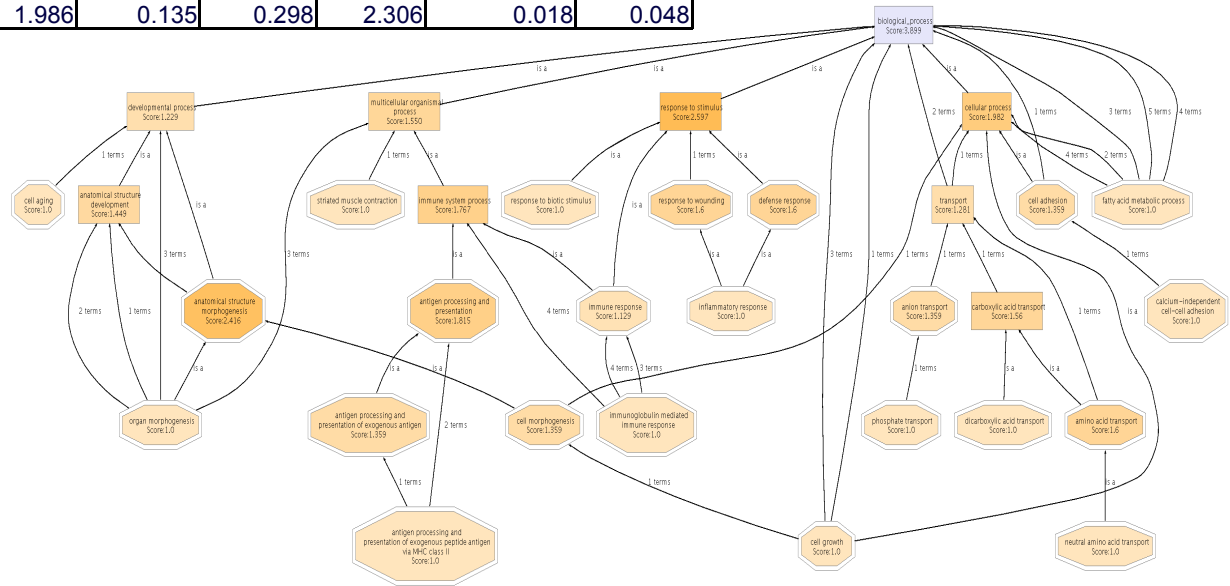
Coherence index:  $(1-p\text{-value}) \times 100$ .

CI > 95% means internal co-expression significantly higher than random co-expression

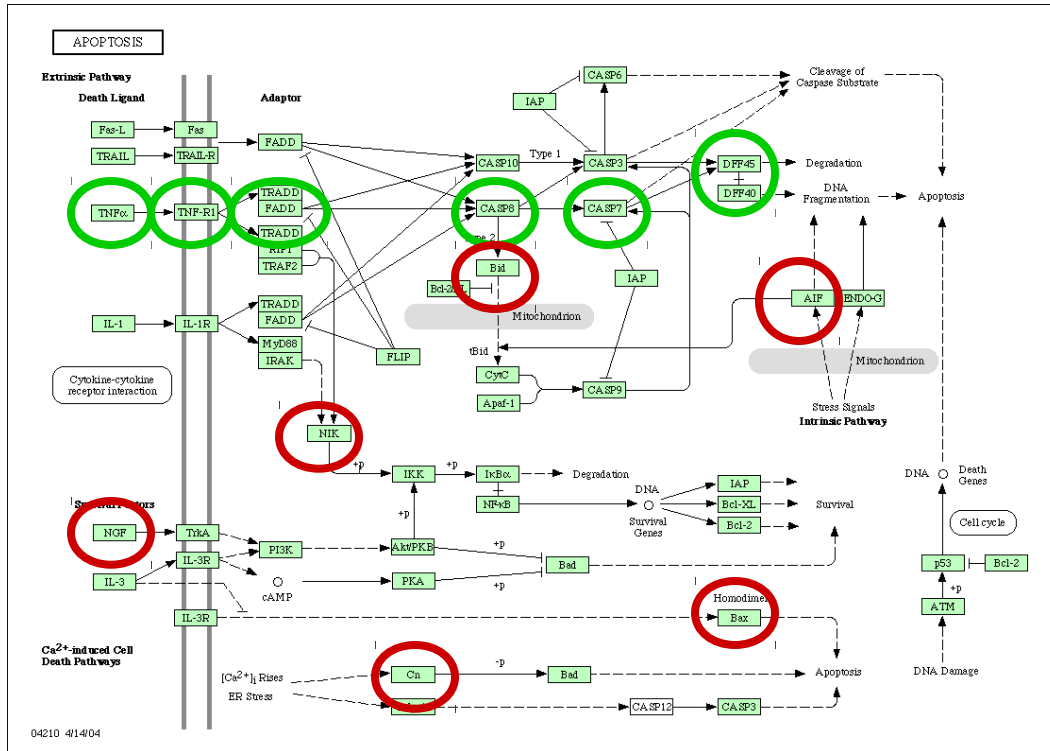
# Weighting gene module membership by co-expression

KEGG pathway	Unweighted test			Weighted test		
	statistic	p-value	adjusted p-value	statistic	p-value	Adjusted p-value
Caprolactam degradation	2.741	0.059	0.289	3.124	0.003	0.034
<b>Cell cycle</b>	<b>2.588</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	2.711	0	0
Maturity onset diabetes of the young	2.517	0.075	0.289	2.734	0.008	0.034
RNA polymerase	2.497	0.077	0.289	2.657	0.009	0.034
One carbon pool by folate	2.497	0.077	0.289	2.766	0.007	0.034
Urea cycle and metabolism of amino groups	2.497	0.077	0.289	2.674	0.009	0.034
Heparan sulfate biosynthesis	2.478	0.078	0.289	2.818	0.006	0.034
Alanine and aspartate metabolism	2.386	0.087	0.289	2.497	0.012	0.04
Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)	2.386	0.087	0.289	2.91	0.005	0.034
beta-Alanine metabolism	2.318	0.094	0.289	2.668	0.009	0.034
Basal transcription factors	2.125	0.116	0.298	2.431	0.014	0.04
Benzoate degradation via CoA ligation	2.072	0.123	0.298	2.468	0.013	0.04
Limonene and pinene degradation	1.986	0.135	0.298	2.306	0.018	0.048

Very simple weight schema:  
 $W=2$  if correlation is positive  
 $W=0.5$  if negative  
 $W=1$  if not in the class



# Future directions



Testing hierarchies is better  
Functions and pathways are correlated.  
Testing models will increase our sensitivity

Pathways are not categorical variables

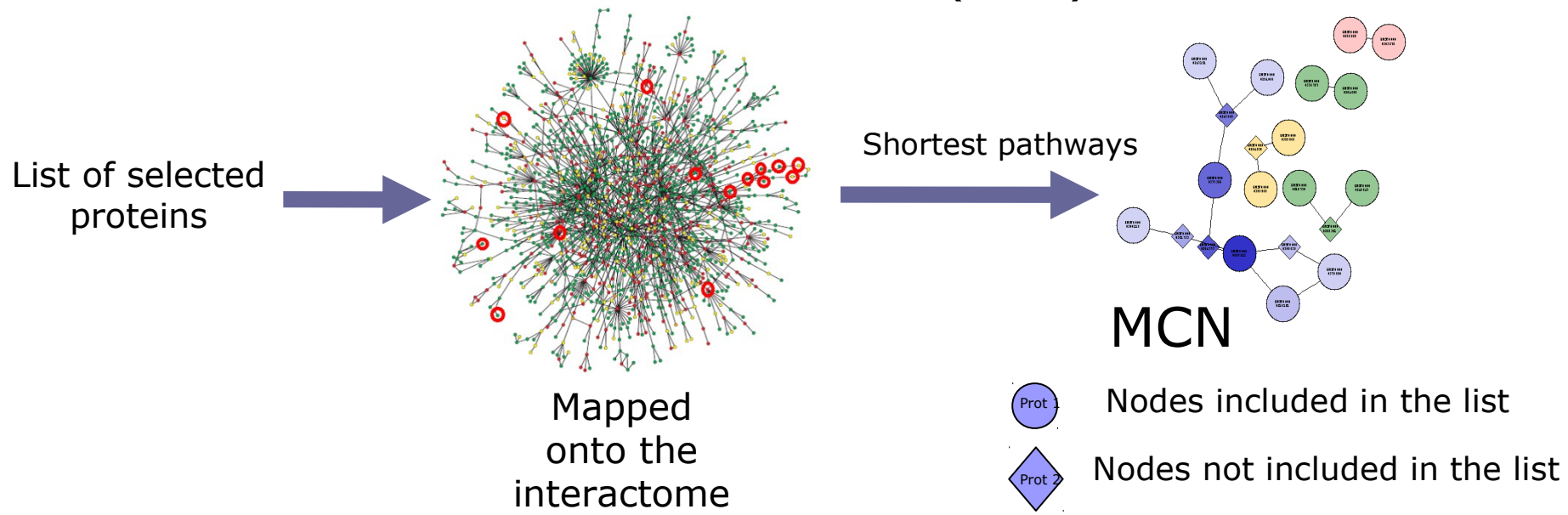
In general (systems) biology is behind. Our questions must be inspired directly by biology



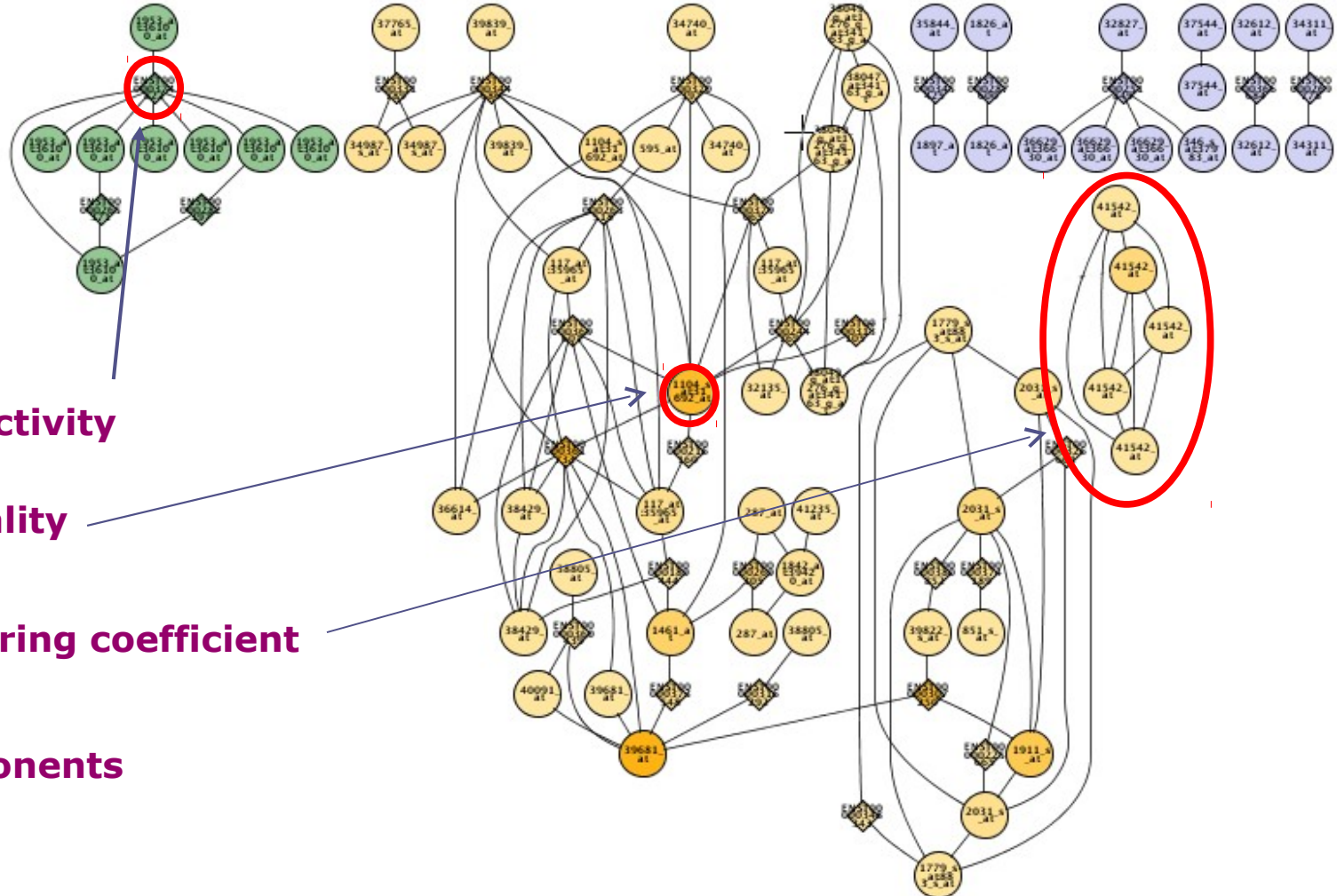
# Protein-protein interaction networks

## Evaluation of the cooperative behaviour of a list of genes

Shortest pathways between all pairs of nodes in the list.  
The minimum connection network (MCN)



# Network parameters



1 Connectivity

2 Centrality

3 Clustering coefficient

4 Components

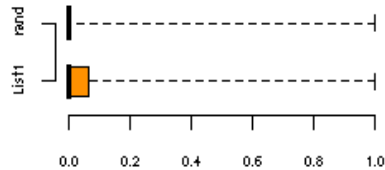
# Evaluation of the Minimum Connection Network (MCN)

**Parameters to evaluate:** connectivity, centrality, clustering coefficient, components

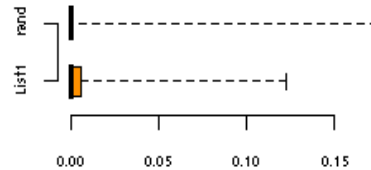
Distribution of the parameters' values versus distribution in random MCNs (compared through Kolmogorov-Smirnov tests)

## Network parameters

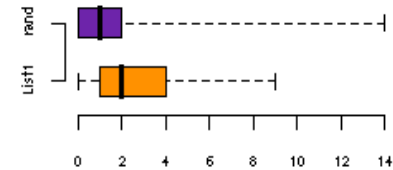
**Clustering Coeff:**  
List1 > Random pval=**1e-04**



**Betweenness:**  
List1 > Random pval=**2e-04**



**Connections:**  
List1 > Random pval=**0**



**Number of components [95% confidence interval]:**

**Number of components with more than 1 node:**

**Number of Bicomponents:**

**Articulation points:**

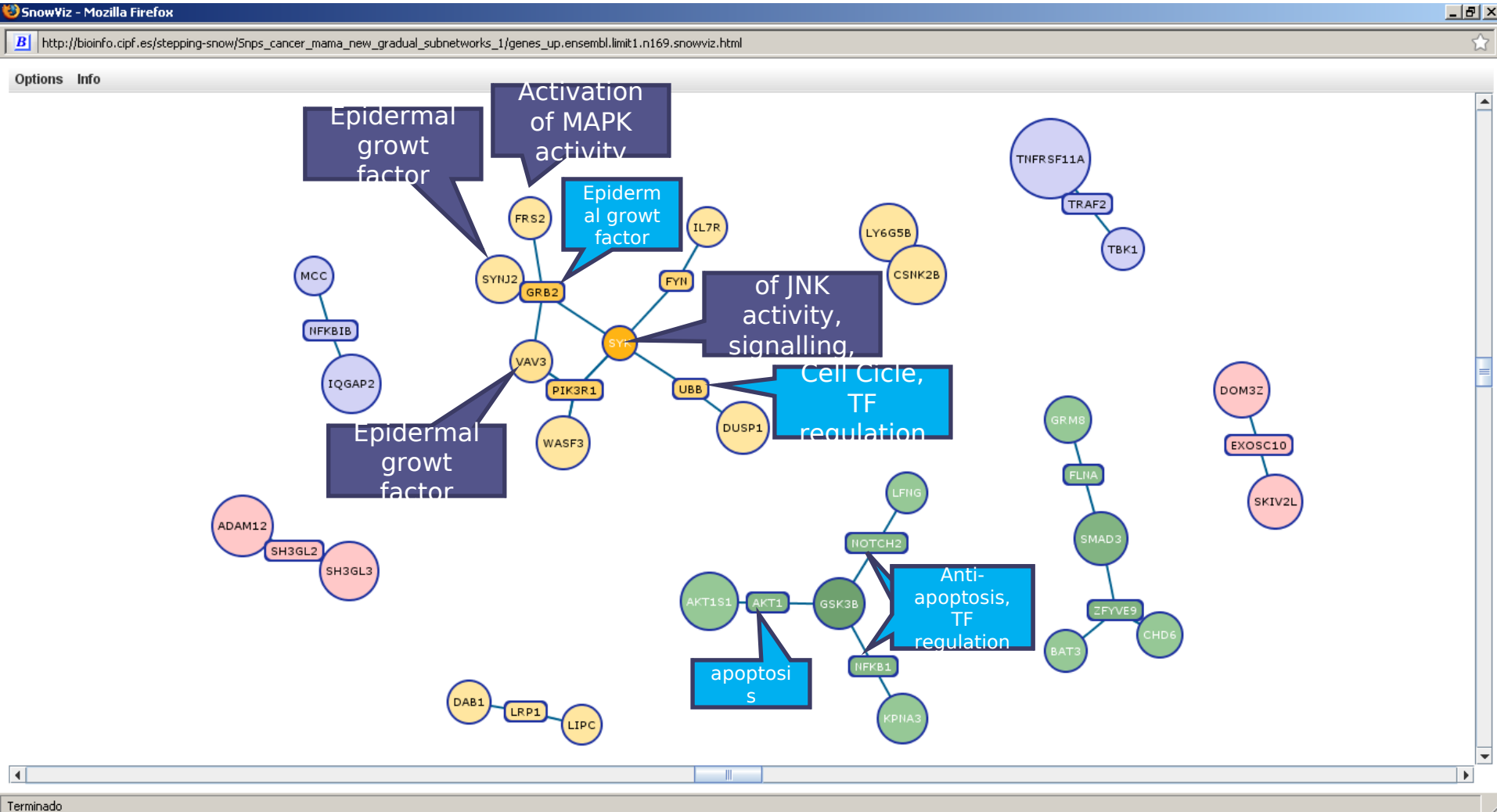
**List1: 38 [46-79]**

**List1: 8**

**List1: 41**

**List1: 56**

# Significant connections



# Babelomics

**BABELOMICS 4**  
gene expression and functional profiling analysis suite

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*We are proud to announce a new version of Babelomics. This is completely reengineered version of Babelomics 3 that includes all the GEPAS functionality and many more new features. You can still use the old version at: <http://babelomics3.bioinfo.cipf.es>*

## Overview

**Babelomics** is an integrative platform for the analysis of transcriptomics, proteomics and genomic data with advanced functional profiling. This new version of Babelomics integrates primary (normalization, calls, etc.) and secondary (signatures, predictors, associations, TDTs, clustering, etc.) analysis tools within an environment that allows relating genomic data and/or interpreting them by means of different functional enrichment or gene set methods. Such interpretation is made not only using functional definitions (GO, KEGG, Biocarta, etc.) but also regulatory information (from Transfac, Jaspar, etc.) and other levels of regulation such as miRNA-mediated interference, protein-protein interactions, text-mining module definitions and the possibility of producing de novo annotations through the Blast2GO system .

**Babelomics** has been extensively re-engineered and now it includes the use of web services and Web 2.0 technology features, a new user interface with persistent sessions and a new extended database of gene identifiers. Babelomics is available at <http://babelomics4.bioinfo.cipf.es>

In this release GEPAS and Babelomics have integrated into a unique web application with many new features and improvements:

- **Data input:** import and quality control for the most common microarray formats
- **Normalization and base calling:** for the most common expression, tiling and SNP microarrays (Affymetrix and Agilent).
- **Transcriptomics:** diverse analysis options that include well established as well as novel algorithms for normalization, gene selection, class prediction, clustering and time-series analysis.

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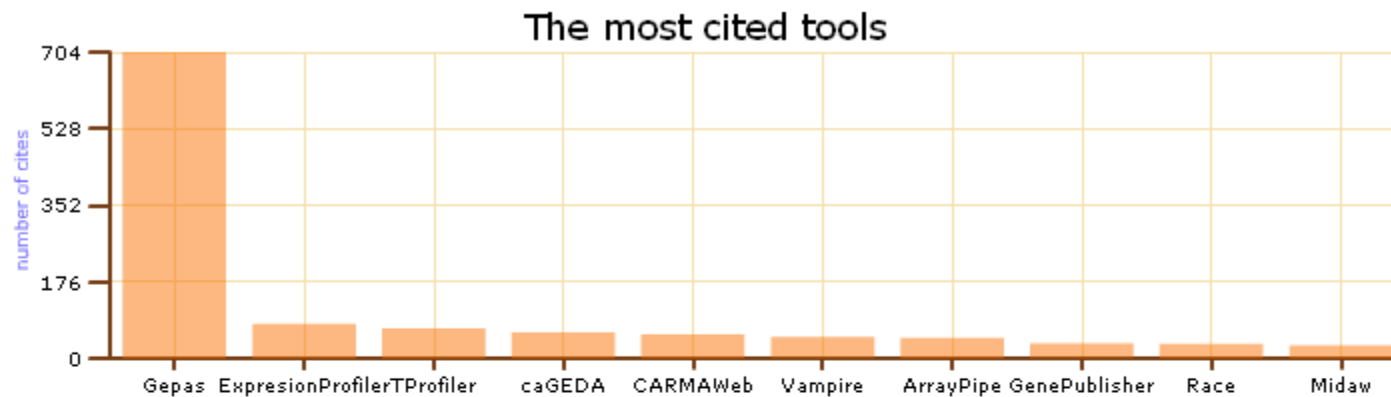
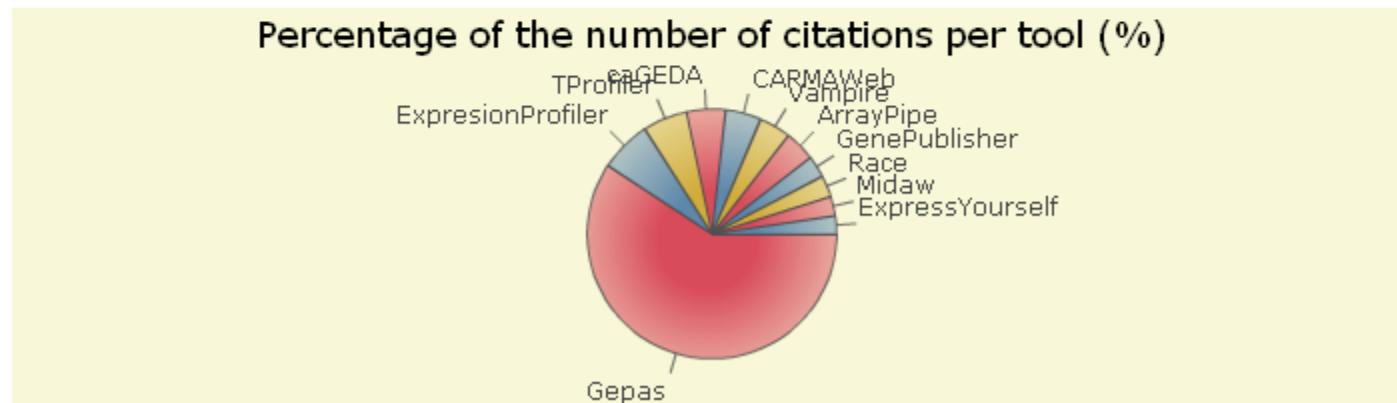
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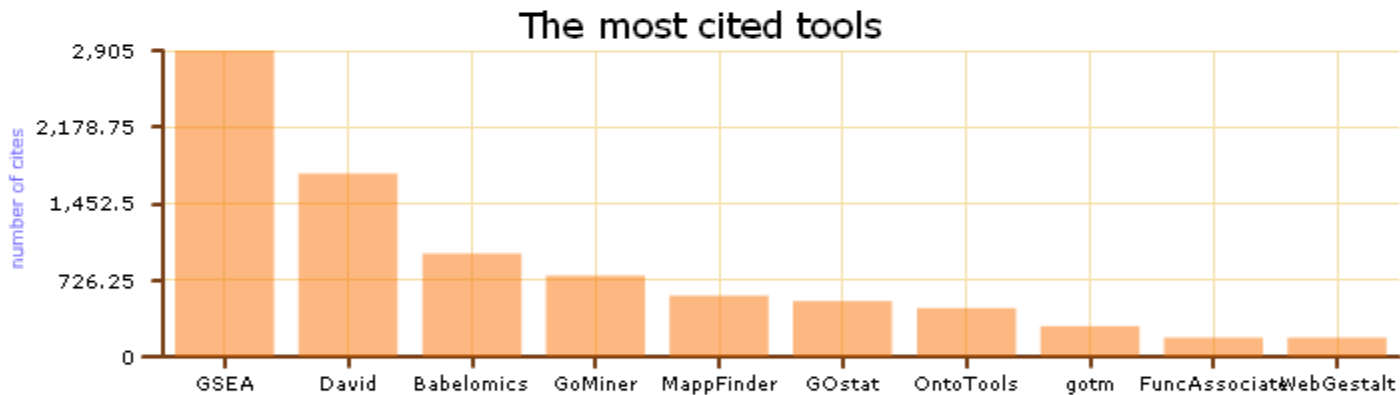
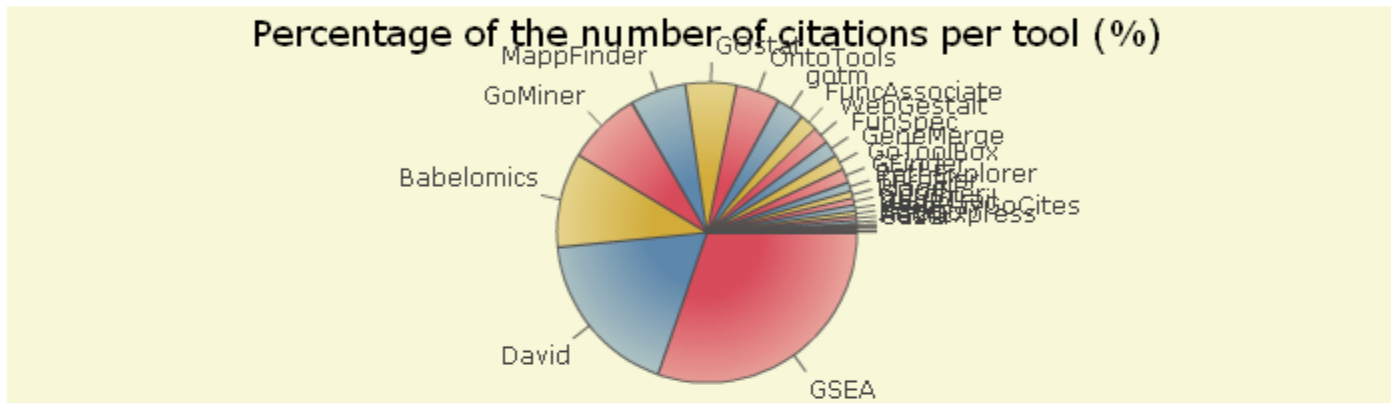


# Tools for gene expression analysis





# Tools for functional profiling



# Other tools (non-commercial)

To cover more specific analysis requirements

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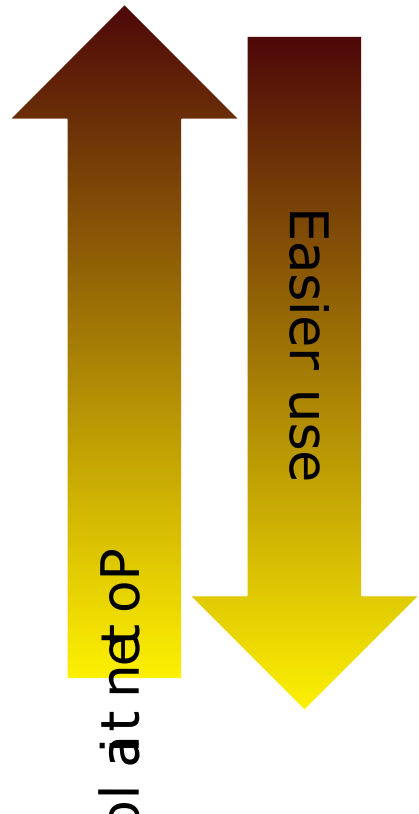
<http://www.bioconductor.org>

BRB tools:

<http://linus.nci.nih.gov/BRB-ArrayTools.html>

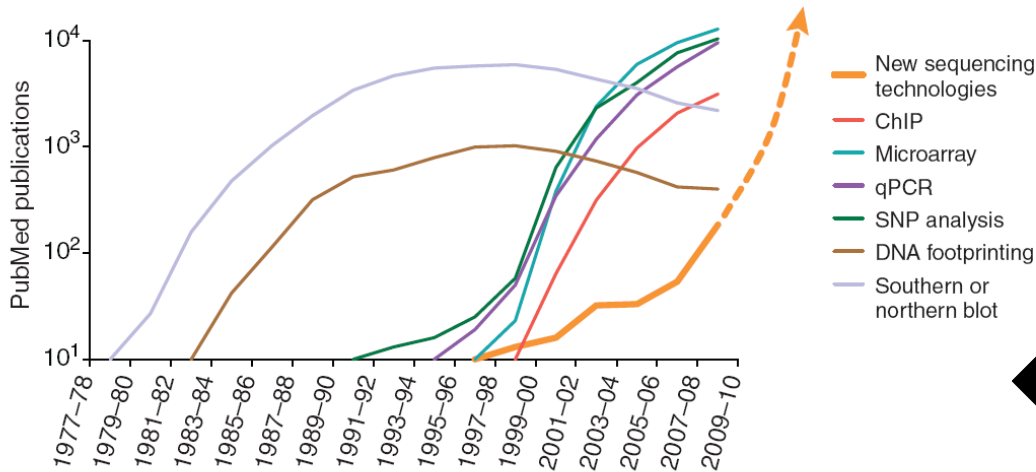
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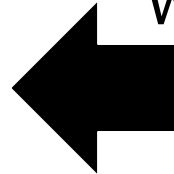




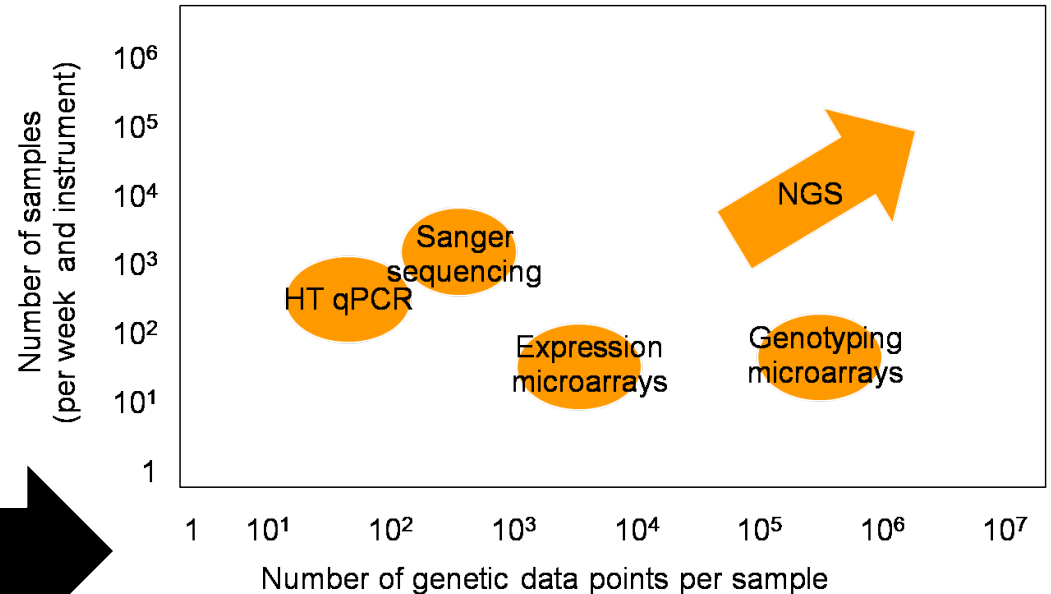
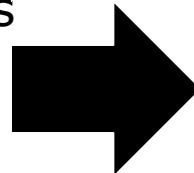
# Next generation technology is here



Observed and expected trend of publications in which NGS is being used.



Relative throughput of the different technologies. NGS emerges with a potential of data production that will, eventually wipe out conventional HT technologies in the years coming



# Some of the most common applications of NGS



RNA-seq  
Transcriptomics:  
Quantitative  
Descriptive  
(alternative  
splicing)  
miRNA

Resequencing:  
Mutation calling  
Profiling

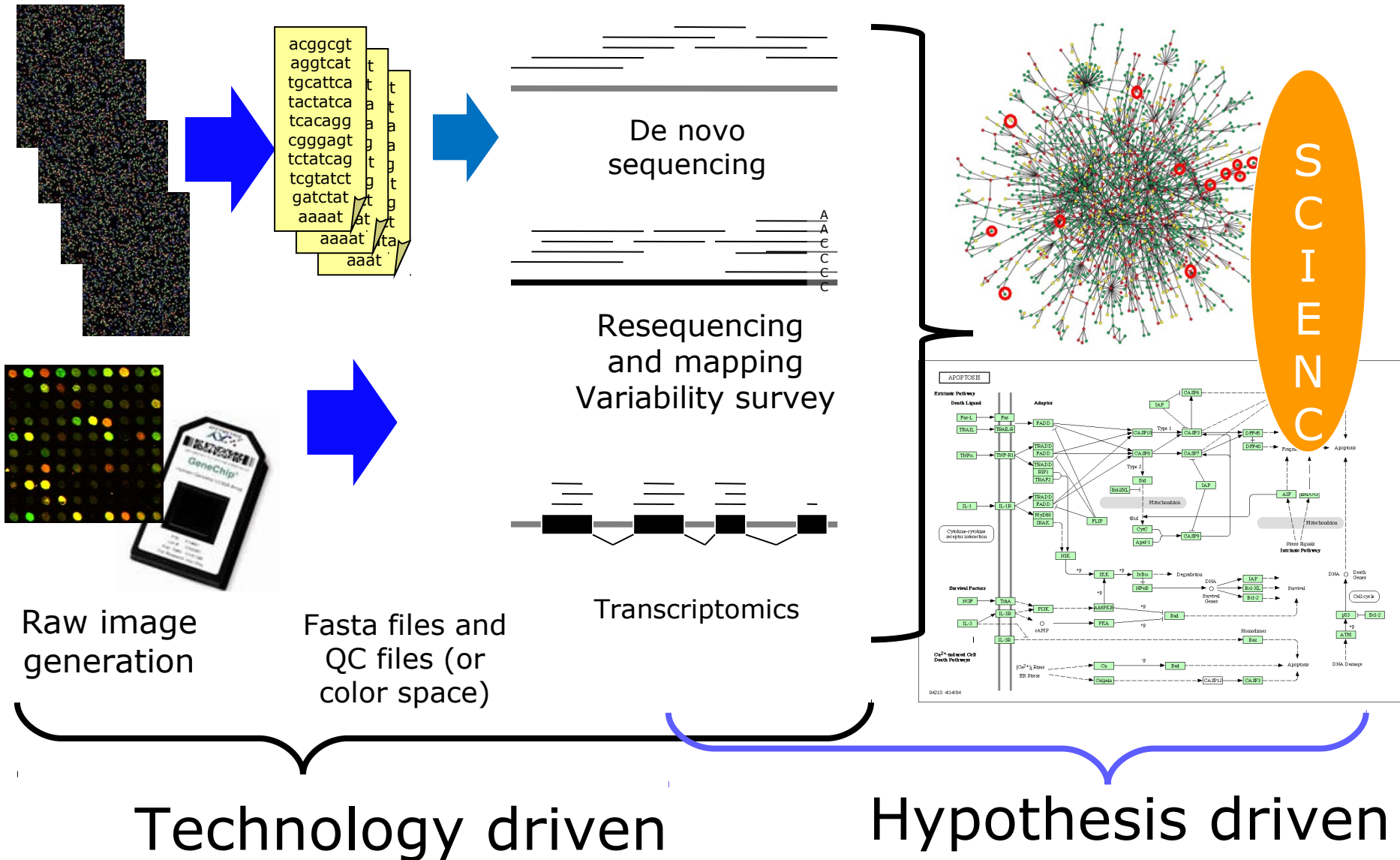
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sequencing

Chip-seq  
Protein-DNA interactions  
Active transcription  
factor binding sites

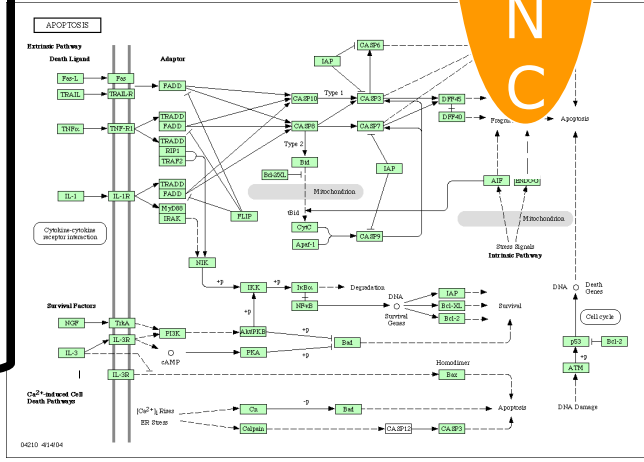
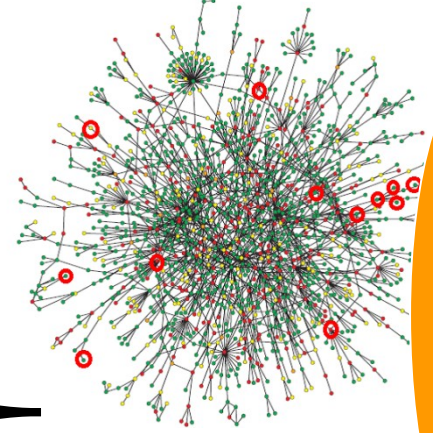
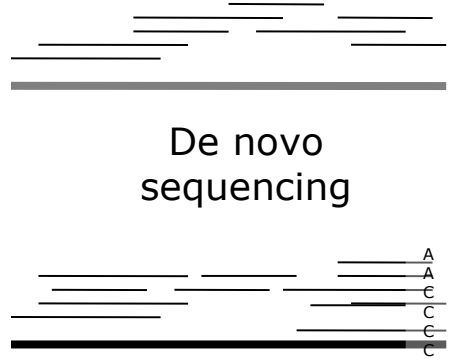
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Metagenomics  
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# Pipeline general of analysis



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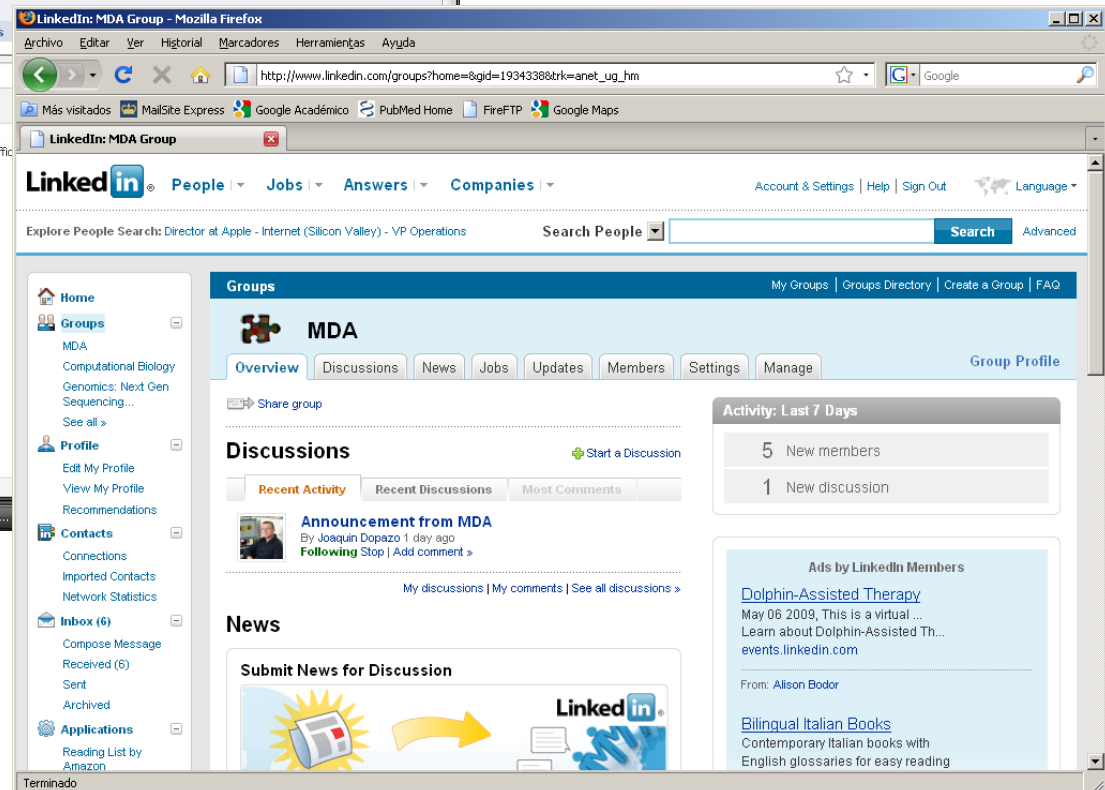
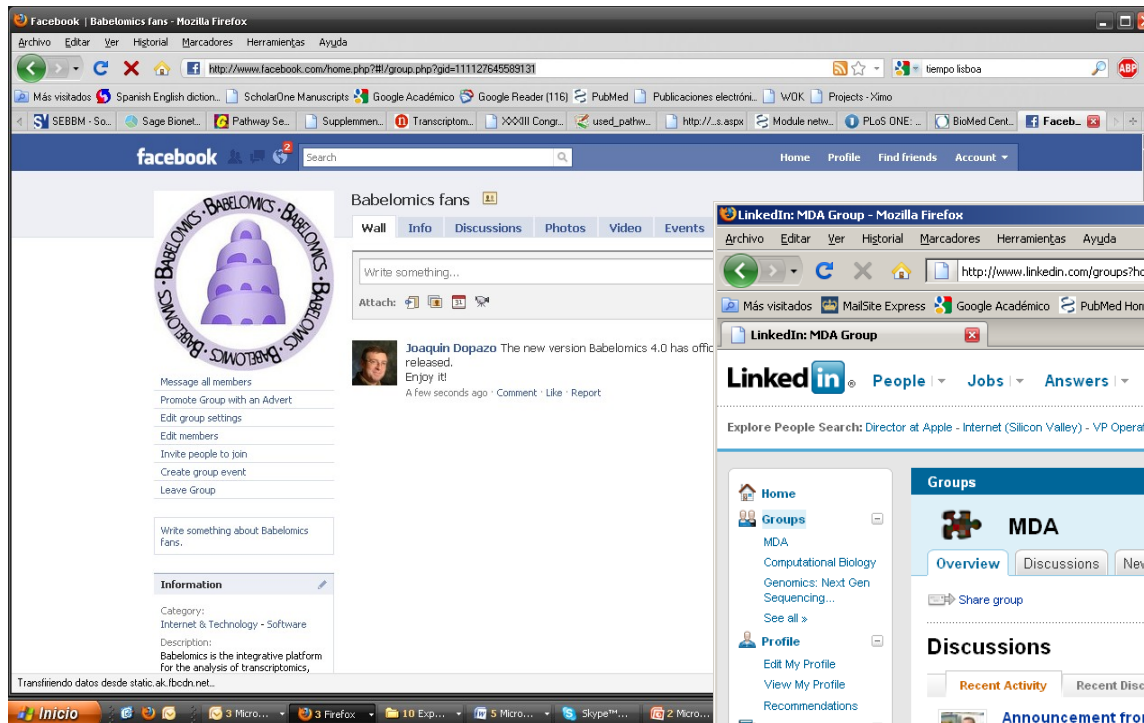
Technology driven

Hypothesis driven

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