LARGE SCALE ANALYSIS OF GENE EXPRESSION

Evolution and Revolution

AFTER THE SEQUENCE:

WHOLE GENOME APPROACHES TO BIOLOGICAL QUESTIONS

GENE EXPRESSION

GENE VARIATION

GENE FUNCTION

MICROARRAYS PROVIDE A TOOL FOR WHOLE GENOME ANALYSIS

PRIMARY IMPACT: ACCELERATED DISCOVERY AND HYPOTHESIS GENERATION

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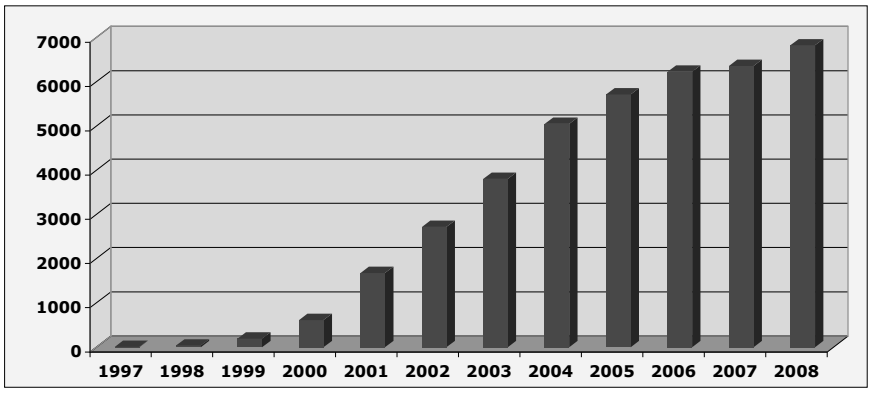

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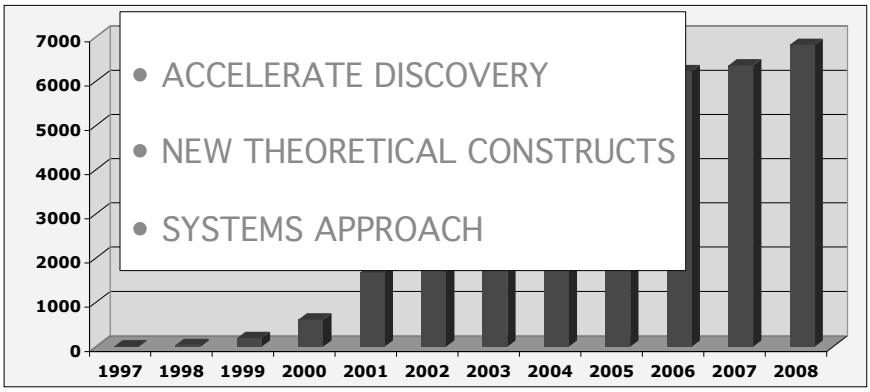


INCREASE IN FEATURE DENSITY

MICROARRAY TERMINOLOGY

- **Feature--an array element**
- **Probe--a feature corresponding to a defined sequence**
- **Target--a pool of nucleic acids of unknown sequence**

POSSIBLE ARRAY FEATURES

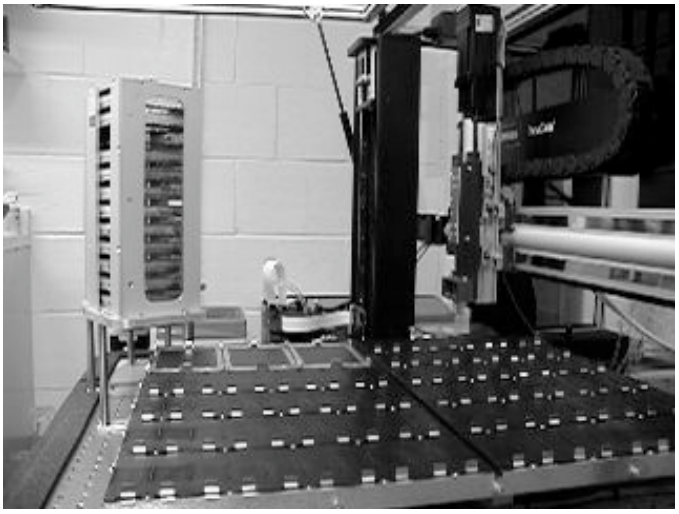
- **Synthetic Oligonucleotides**
- **PCR products from**
  - **Cloned DNAs**
  - **Genomic DNA**
- **Cloned DNA**

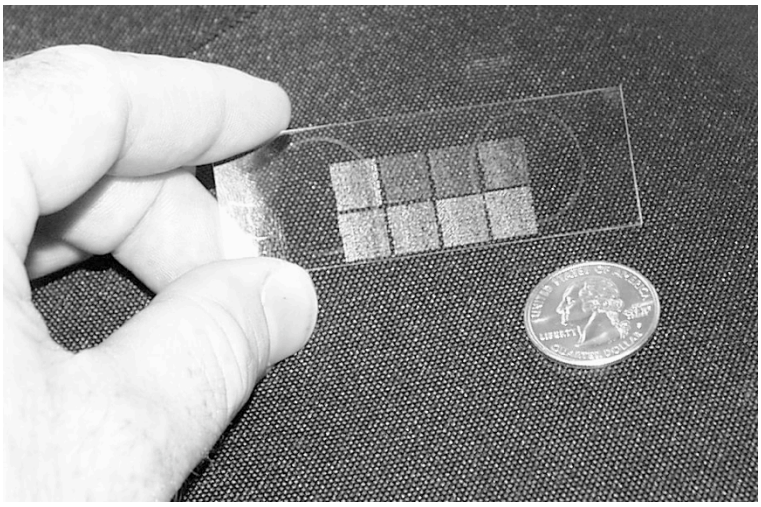
OLIGONUCLEOTIDE ARRAY DESIGN

- Extremely flexible
  - 3' bias
  - full length
  - exon specific
  - candidate transcripts
  - miRNAs
- Very high density possible
- Requires sequence data

Microarray Manufacture

- Printing

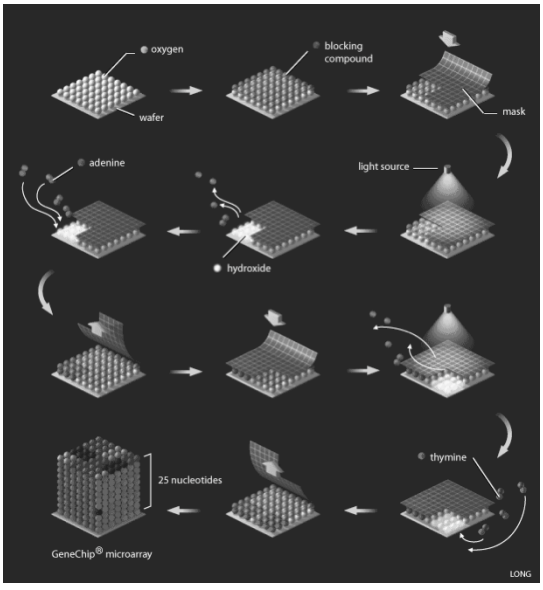




Microarray Manufacture

- **Printing**
- **Synthesis *in situ***
  - light directed
  - mechanically directed

LIGHT DIRECTED OLIGONUCLEOTIDE SYNTHESIS



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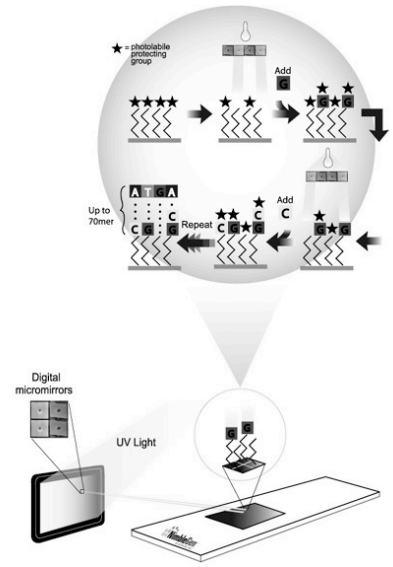

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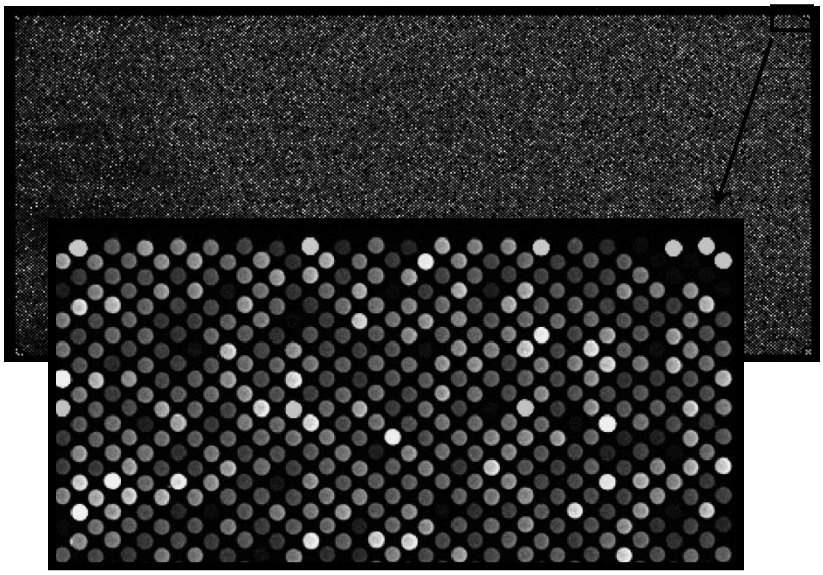
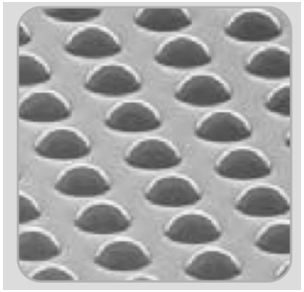
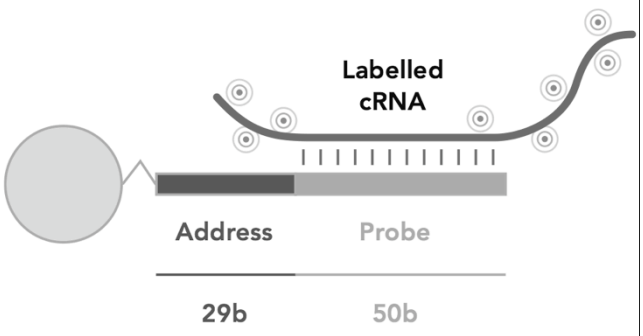




RANDOMLY POSITIONED HIGH DENSITY
ARRAYS OF ADDRESSABLE OLIGONUCLEOTIDES
COUPLED TO BEADS



MICROARRAY READOUT

- **Determine quantity of target bound to each probe in a complex hybridization**
- **Must have high sensitivity, low background**
- **High spatial resolution essential**
- **Dual channel capability useful**
- **Fluorescent tags meet these demands**

Building Microarrays

- **Methods are applicable to any organism**
- **Sequenced organisms: oligonucleotides**
- **Unsequenced organisms: cloned DNAs**

Building Microarrays

- **Density depends on specific technology**
- **Pin printing based methods limited to 40-50K**
- **In situ synthesis: millions**
- **Array design is linked to purpose.**

Laboratory Essentials

- **Arrays**
- **Scanner**
- **Software for processing array image**
- **Software for data analysis and display**
- **Bioinformatics collaborator**

DNA Microarray Applications

- **Gene Expression**
- **Comparative Genomic Hybridization**
- **Resequencing (SNPs)**
- **Transcription factor localization**
- **Chromatin/DNA modification**

Gene Expression ProfilingTechnologies

- cDNA library sequencing
- Serial analysis of gene expression (SAGE)
- MPSS (massively parallel signature sequencing)
- **Microarray hybridization**

Reports on Microarray Data Quality

Nature Biotechnology

September 2006

Accessing Expression Data

•Individual Lab and Journal Sites; public databases

GEO

Currently contains expression data on 342,783 samples

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/

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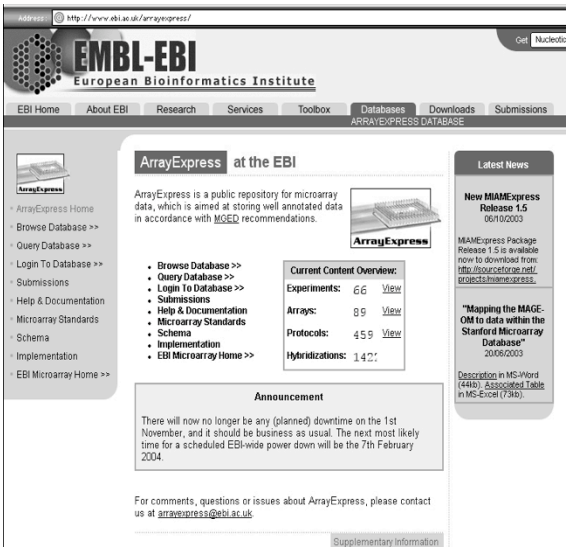


288524 assays Including 34,264 curated, reannotated Assays

http://www.ebi.ac.uk/microarray-as/ae/

Publishing Expression Data

•MIAME standard

Minimum Information about a Microarray Experiment

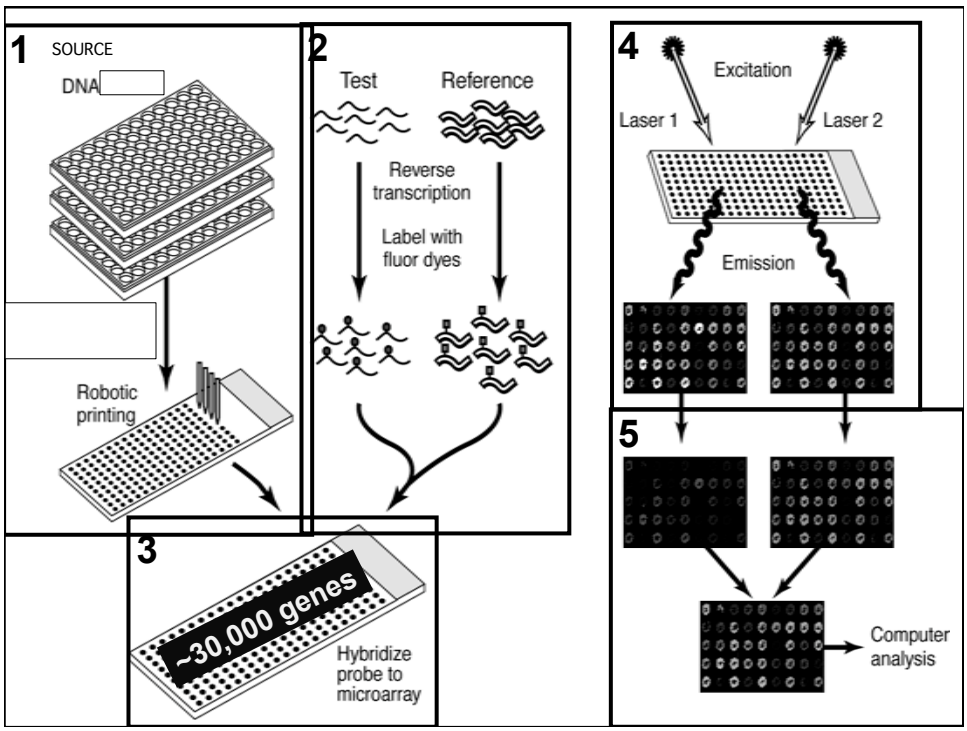
• Format required by many journals

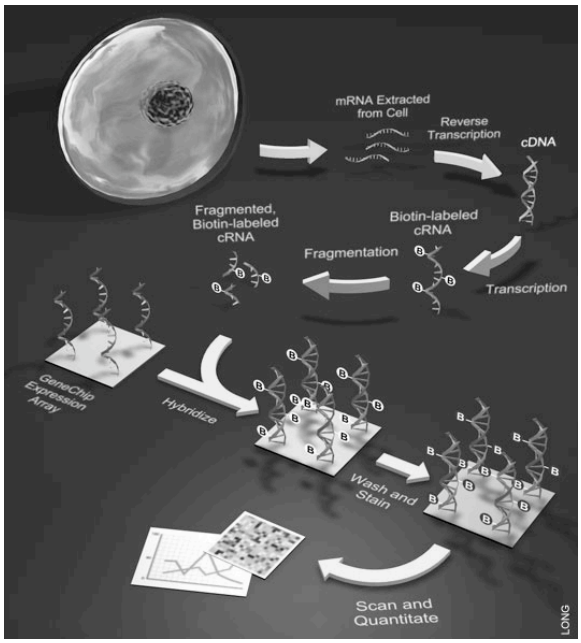
• Essential for database submissions

http://www.mged.org/Workgroups/MIAME/miame.html

STRATEGIES FOR SIGNAL GENERATION FROM mRNA

- **Fluorochrome conjugated cDNA**
- **Ligand substituted nucleotides with secondary detection (e.g. biotin-streptavidin)**
- **Radioactivity**
- **RNA amplification**





ONE COLOR HYBRIDIZATION ON AN OLIGO ARRAY

Output of Microarray Analysis:

expression ratio
(2 color hybridization)

or

relative expression level
(1 color hybridization)

Both types of data can be analyzed with essentially the same tools.

APPLICATIONS OF EXPRESSION ARRAYS

•Expression profiling

Power arises from increasing sample number

•Direct comparisons (Induction)

Biological system critical

•Genome Annotation

A RECURRING PROBLEM

Disease Genes

Transcription factors

Hormones/growth factors

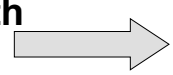
Drugs

Toxins

Infectious agents

Physical agents

siRNA's



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Downstream Genes

- **Direct targets**
- **Indirect targets**

EXPRESSION DATA ANALYSIS

- **Large amount of data**

Examples: 200 samples x 25000 probes= 5,000,000 data points

- **Requires analysis and visualization tools**

Recent overview of microarray bioinformatics:
Simon R, Curr Opin Biotechnol. 2008 Feb;19(1):26-9.

EXPRESSION DATA ANALYSIS

- **Check quality of individual experiments**
- **Preprocessing**
  - **Normalization**
  - **Remove genes which are not accurately measured**
  - **Remove genes which are similarly expressed in all samples**
- **Unsupervised Clustering**
- **Supervised Clustering**

Unsupervised Clustering

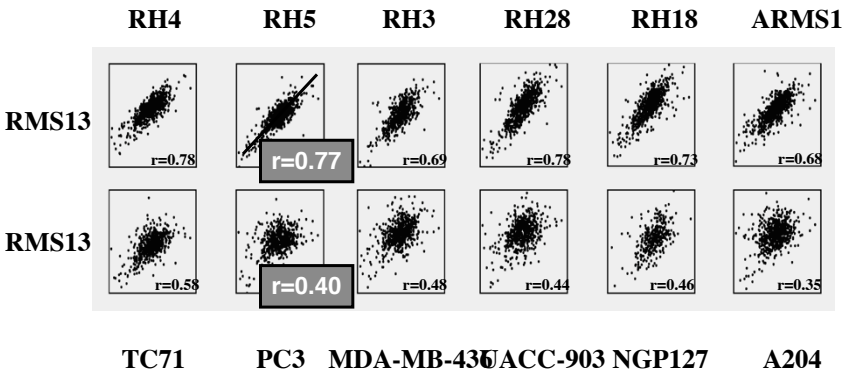
How do genes and samples organize into groups?

Powerful method of data display.

Does not prove the validity of groups.

- **Clustered Samples Are Biologically Similar**
- **Clusters of Co-expressed genes**
  - **May be functionally related**
  - **May be enriched for pathways**

UNSUPERVISED CLUSTERING IS BASED ON A GLOBAL SIMILARITY METRIC



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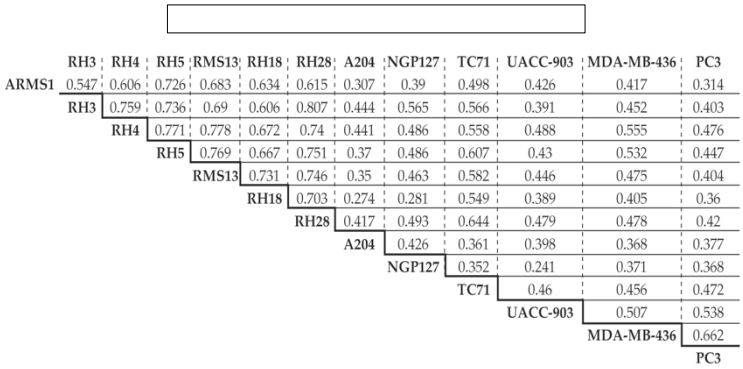
Matrix of Pearson Correlation Coefficients Distance Map



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RH3		0.759	0.736	0.69	0.606	0.807	0.444	0.565	0.566	0.391	0.452	0.403
RH4			0.771	0.778	0.672	0.74	0.441	0.486	0.558	0.488	0.555	0.476
RH5				0.769	0.667	0.751	0.37	0.486	0.607	0.43	0.532	0.447
RMS13					0.731	0.746	0.35	0.463	0.582	0.446	0.475	0.404
RH18						0.703	0.274	0.281	0.549	0.389	0.405	0.36
RH28							0.417	0.493	0.644	0.479	0.478	0.42
A204								0.426	0.361	0.398	0.368	0.377
NGP127									0.352	0.241	0.371	0.368
TC71										0.46	0.456	0.472
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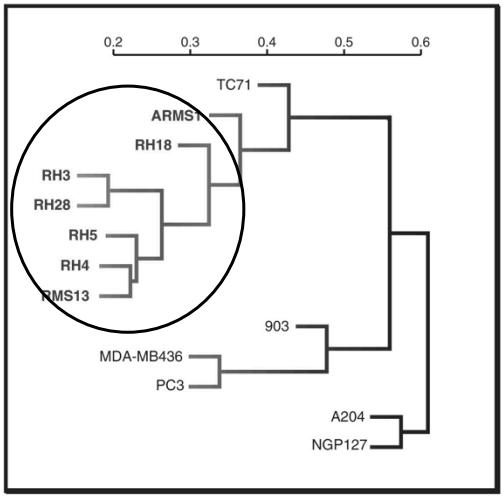
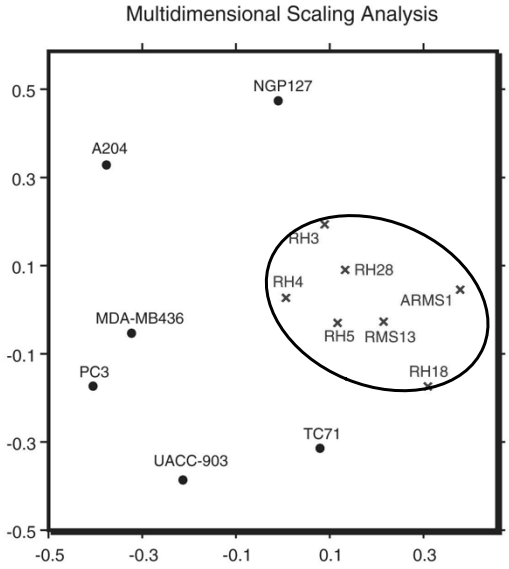
Hierarchical Clustering Dendrogram



DATA DISPLAY BY MULTIDIMENSIONAL SCALING



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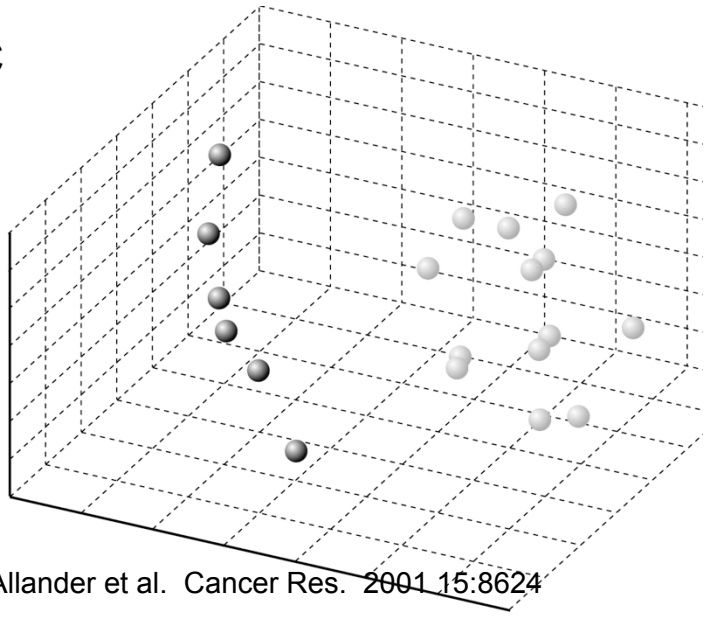

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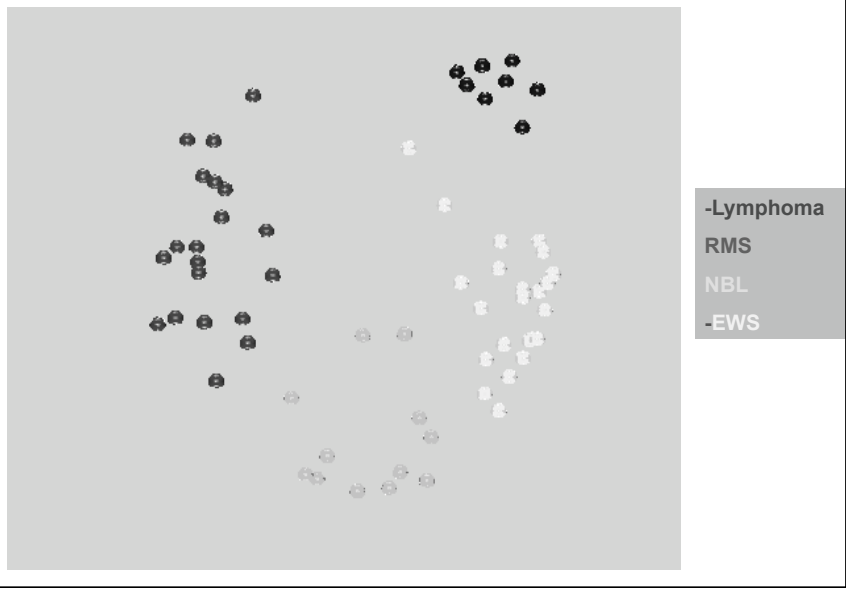

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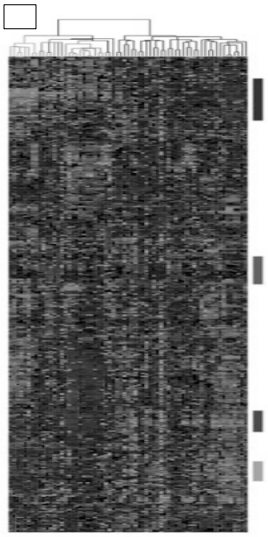
CLUSTERING GENES AND SAMPLES



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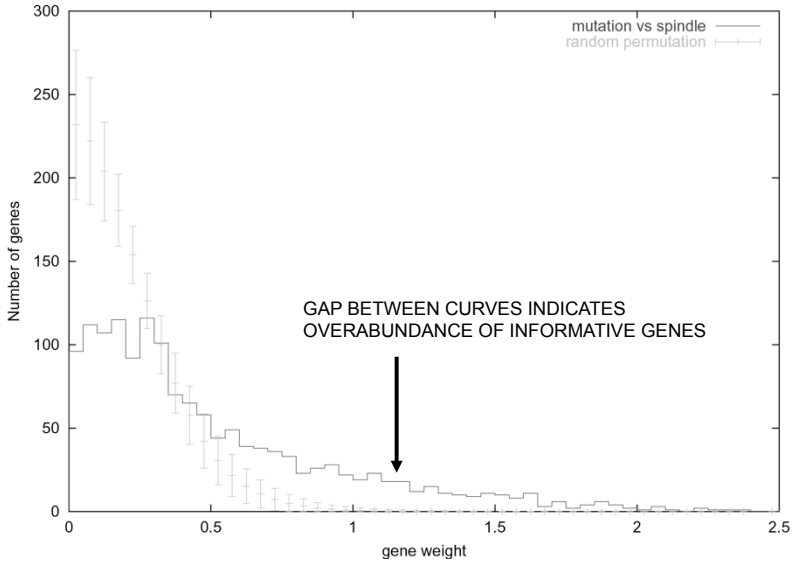
Supervised Clustering

What genes distinguish samples in selected groups from each other?

- **Choice of groups can be based on any known property of the samples.**
- **Many possible underlying methods: t-test or F-statistic frequently used.**
- **Output includes ranked gene list.**
- **Leads to the development of classifiers which can be applied to unknown samples.**
- **Must address the problem of false discovery due to multiple comparisons and discrepancy between sample/gene numbers.**

OVERABUNDANCE OF INFORMATIVE GENES DEMONSTRATED BY RANDOM PERMUTATION TEST



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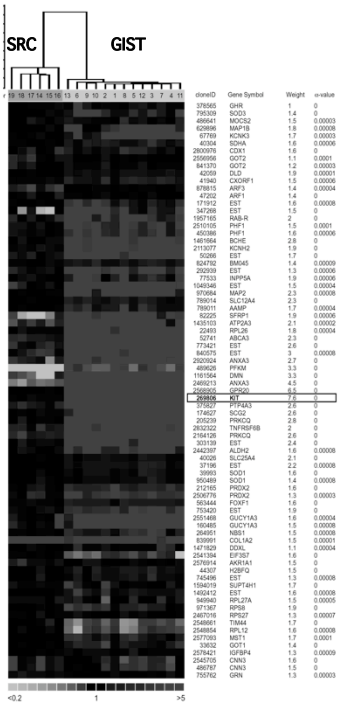
HIERARCHICAL CLUSTERING OF SAMPLES/GENES DISCRIMINATING GASTROINTESTINAL STROMAL TUMOR USING THE GENES SELECTED BY SUPERVISED ANALYSIS



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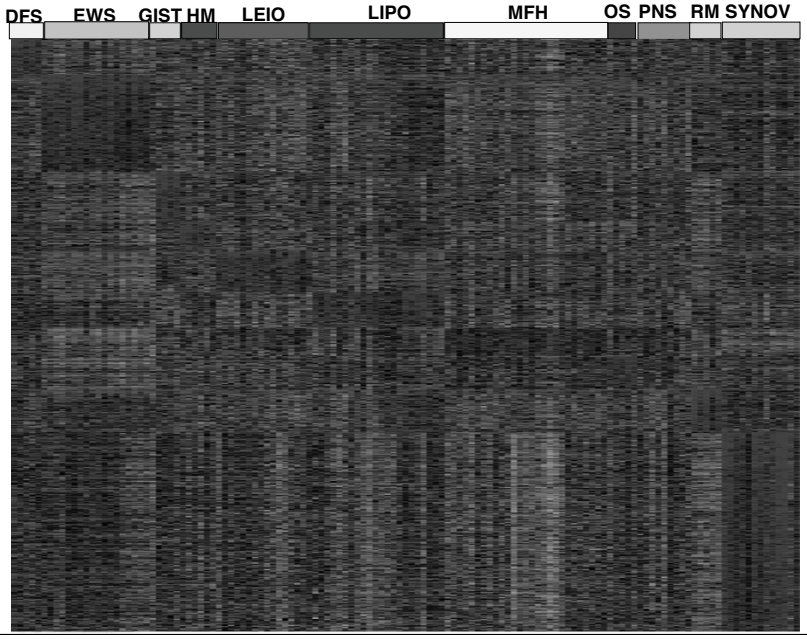
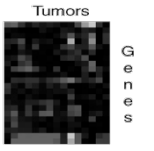
CHARACTERISTIC PATTERNS OF GENE EXPRESSION IN DIFFERENT SARCOMAS



GENOMICS FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE

WHOLE GENOME



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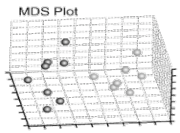

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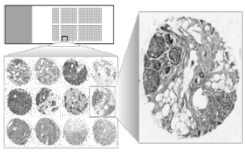

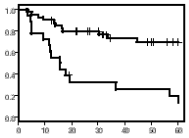

ASSAY DEVELOPMENT

SIGNAL STRENGTH VARIES IN TISSUE PROFILING EXPERIMENTS

THE MOST INTERESTING QUESTIONS TEND TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH WEAKER SIGNAL.

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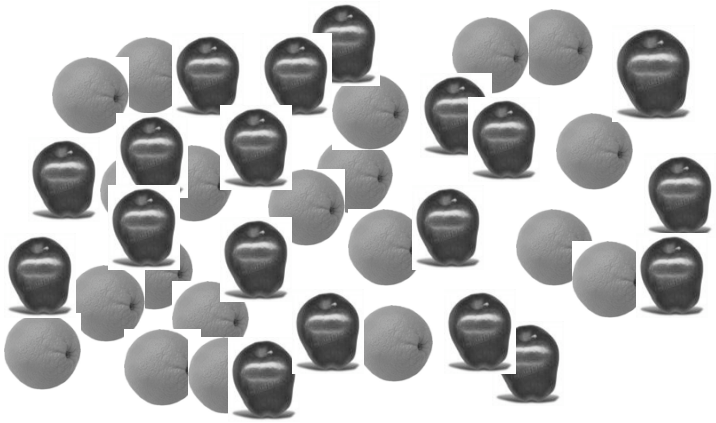

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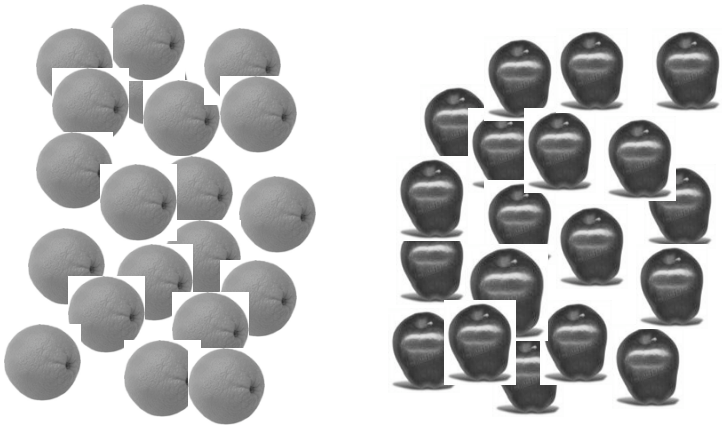

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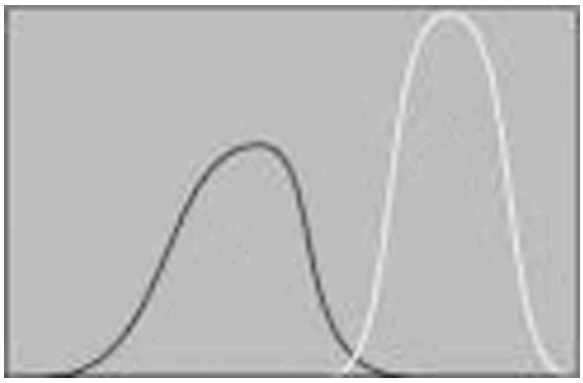
TUMORS



EXPRESSION LEVEL
(HIGHLY INFORMATIVE GENE)

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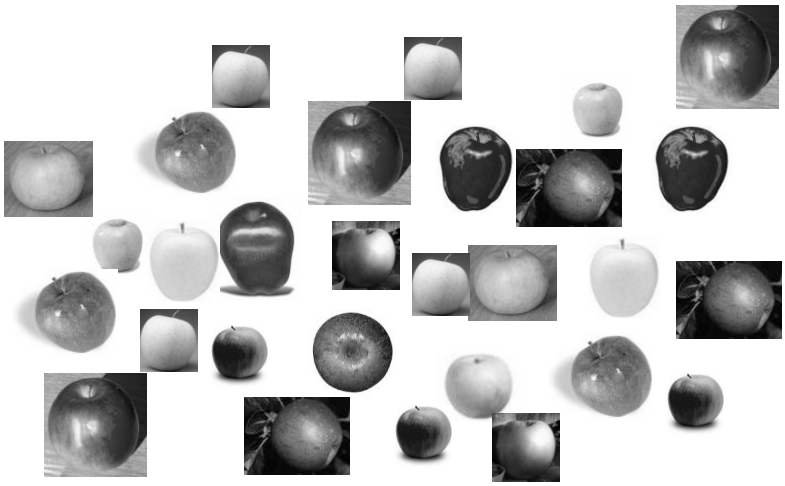

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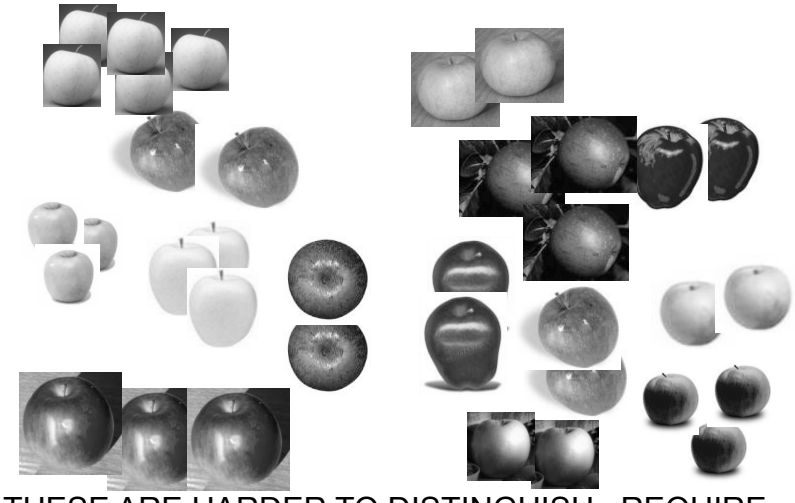

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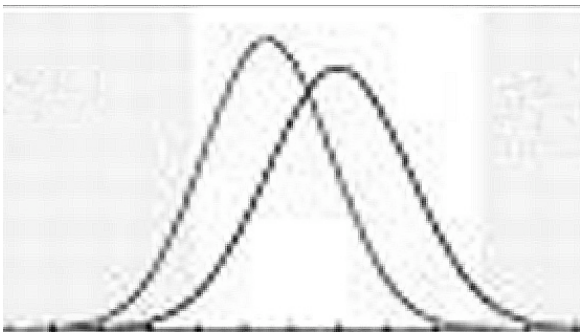


EXPRESSION LEVEL
(POORLY INFORMATIVE GENE)

THESE ARE HARDER TO DISTINGUISH. REQUIRE MORE THAN ONE MEASUREMENT PER INDIVIDUAL.

WE CAN TELL APPLES FROM ORANGES.

CAN WE DISTINGUISH DIFFERENT KINDS OF APPLES?

A CONTINUUM OF POSSIBLE OUTCOMES FROM MICROARRAY RESEARCH

• SOME FEATURES WILL SEPARATE TUMORS EASILY INTO CLASSES, AND MIGHT BE REDUCED TO SINGLE GENE TESTS, IMPLEMENTED IN A CONVENTIONAL FASHION.

• OTHERS WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT, AND REQUIRE MULTIPLE GENE MEASUREMENTS.

• MANY CLINICALLY RELEVANT FEATURES APPEAR TO FALL WITHIN THIS DIFFICULT GROUP.

A CONTINUUM OF POSSIBLE OUTCOMES FROM MICROARRAY RESEARCH

• SOME GENES WILL SHOW DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GROUPS OF SAMPLES BY CHANCE ALONE.

• THERE MAY BE NO ONE GENE WHICH SEPARATES GROUPS RELIABLY.

• FIND THE MOST INFORMATIVE GENES AND USE THEM IN COMBINATION .

RISK OF OVERFITTING IN CLINICAL STUDIES WITH SMALL SAMPLE SETS

NEED INDEPENDENT VALIDATION SETS.

MICROARRAY STUDIES GENERATE ORGANIZED LIST OF GENES

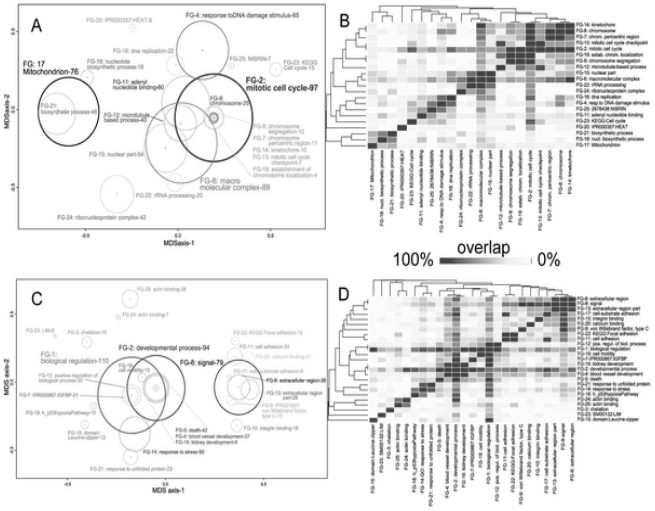
- **Often cryptic and hard to interpret.**
- **Hypothesis generating, but this is often rather subjective.**
- **Seldom provide strong evidence for a specific mechanism.**
- **Expression data is intrinsically limited.**

GETTING BEYOND GENE LISTS

- **Optimal use of gene annotations.**
  - **Gene Ontology**
    (http://david.abcc.ncifcrf.gov/)
- **Optimizing use of public data.**
  - **GEO, ARRAY EXPRESS, ACADEMIC DATA**
  - **GENE SIGNATURE BASED METHODS (Gene Set Enrichment Analysis).**

GENE ONTOLOGY AND PROMOTER DATABASES CAN HELP FIND BIOLOGY

GENE ONTOLOGY CATEFORIES AFFECTED BY ONCOGENE KNOCKDOWN IN EWING'S SARCOMA



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GETTING BEYOND GENE LISTS

- **Incorporating data from model systems.**
- **Linking expression data to sequence (e.g. Regulatory elements).**
- **Integrating other types of genome scale data.**

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN CLINICAL CORRELATIVE STUDIES USING MICROARRAYS

- WELL DEFINED QUESTION AND PATIENT SAMPLE.
- HIGH QUALITY ARRAY MEASUREMENTS (HARD TO ASSESS WITHOUT REFERENCE TO PRIMARY DATA---SHOULD BE MADE PUBLIC).
- APPROPRIATE AND RIGOROUS STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF ARRAY DATA.
- FORMAL CLASSIFIER THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO NEW SAMPLES.
- VALIDATION SAMPLE SET.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN CLINICAL CORRELATIVE STUDIES USING MICROARRAYS

- **GOAL SHOULD BE TO SEEK AND VALIDATE CLINICALLY RELEVANT SIGNATURES WITHIN DEFINED PATIENT GROUPS FOR WHICH NO CURRENT FEATURES ADEQUATELY ANSWER THE CLINICAL QUESTION POSED.**

EXPRESSION PROFILING IN THE CLINIC?

PROBLEMS:

- **SPECIALIZED TECHNOLOGY**
- **RNA IS UNSTABLE**
- **FROZEN TISSUE NOT PART OF USUAL OR SAMPLE FLOW**

EXPRESSION PROFILING IN THE CLINIC?

OPTIONS:

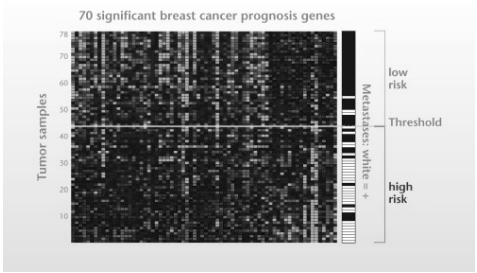
- **REFERENCE LABORATORIES**
- **RNA PRESERVATIVES**
- **USE OF PARAFFIN EMBEDDED MATERIALS.**

EXPRESSION PROFILING IN THE CLINIC?

- **COMMERCIAL TESTS BEGINNING TO APPEAR.**
- **FDA IS ADDRESSING MULTIPLEX GENE EXPRESSION TESTS.**
- **LIMITED CLINICAL VALIDATION SO FAR**

FDA APPROVED TESTS FOR BREAST CANCER BASED ON EXPRESSION STUDIES

70 GENE MICROARRAY SIGNATURE



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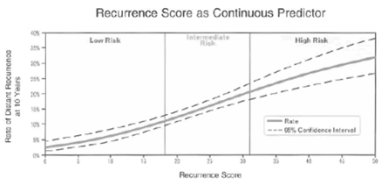

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ARRAYS VS. NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING

• ARRAY TECHNOLOGIES MEASURE THE RELATIVE ABUNDANCE OF NUCLEIC ACIDS OF DEFINED SEQUENCE IN A COMPLEX MIXTURE.

- SEQUENCING CAN ACCOMPLISH THE SAME THING.

ARRAYS VS. NEXT GENERATION SEQUENCING

MICROARRAYS	SEQUENCING
• READILY AVAILABLE MATURE TECHNOLOGY • RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE • EFFECTIVE WITH VERY COMPLEX SAMPLES • HUNDREDS OF SAMPLES PRACTICAL • CAN TARGET SUBSET OF GENOME	• WHOLE GENOME DATA • RELATIVELY UNIFORM ANALYTICALPIPELINE • FREE OF HYBRIDIZATION ARTIFACTS • POSSIBILITY OF ONE PLATFORM FOR ALL APPLICATIONS
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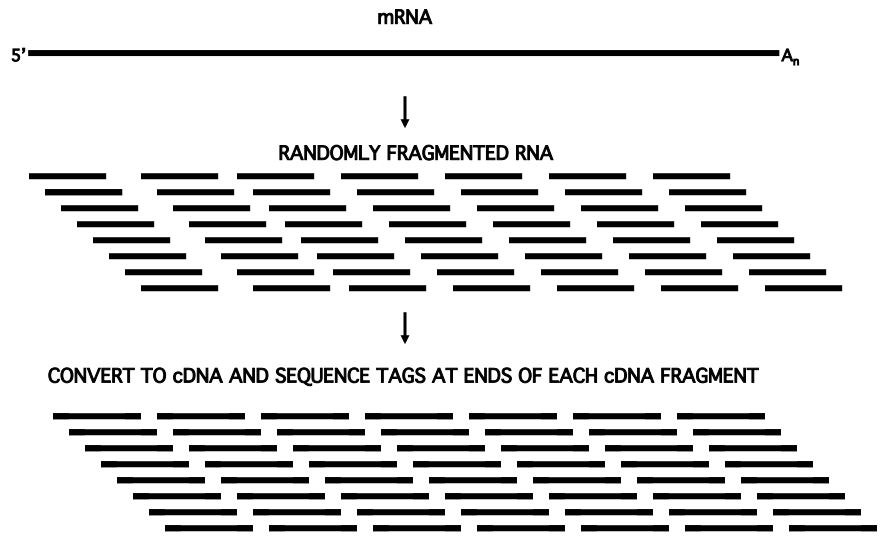
• REQUIRE PLATFORM AND APPLICATION SPECIFIC DATA PROCESSING • PRONE TO PLATFORM SPECIFIC ARTIFACTS • MANY SOURCES OF NOISE • WHOLE GENOME STUDIES GENERALLY REQUIRE MANY ARRAYS, INCREASING SAMPLE REQUIREMENTS AND COMPLICATING ANALYSIS	• IMMATURE TECHNOLOGY • HIGH COSTS • COMPUTATIONALLY INTENSIVE • LIMITED SAMPLE THROUGHPUT
MICROARRAYS	SEQUENCING

MEASURING GENE EXPRESSION BY RNA SEQUENCING

- TAG SEQUENCING (SAGE-LIKE)
- FULL LENGTH mRNA----RNA-Seq
- 3' fragment mRNA sequencing
- miRNA sequencing

MEASURING GENE EXPRESSION BY RNA SEQUENCING



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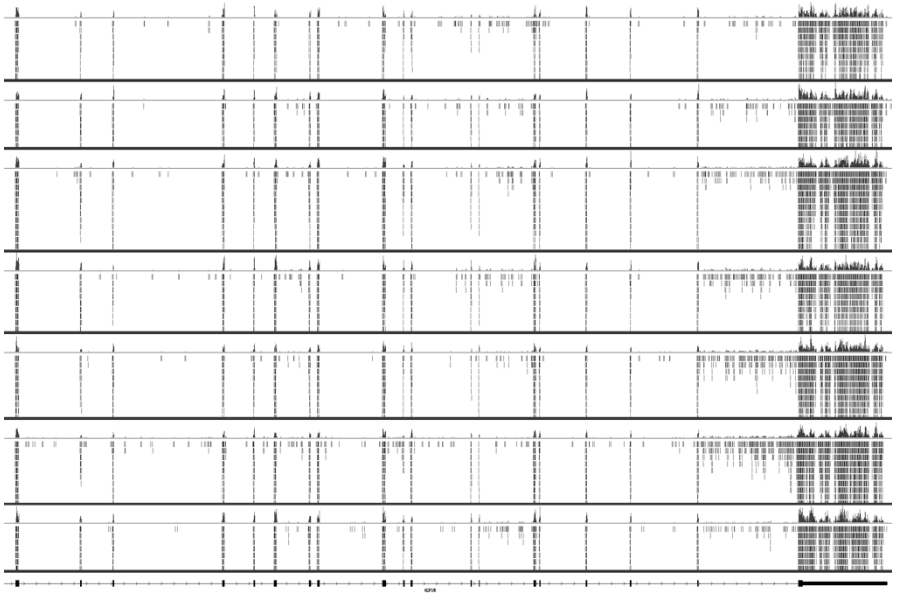


MEASURING GENE EXPRESSION BY
RNA SEQUENCING: PROS AND CONS

ADVANTAGES

- RNA SEQUENCE VARIATIONS DETECTED AT SINGLE NUCLEOTIDE RESOLUTION

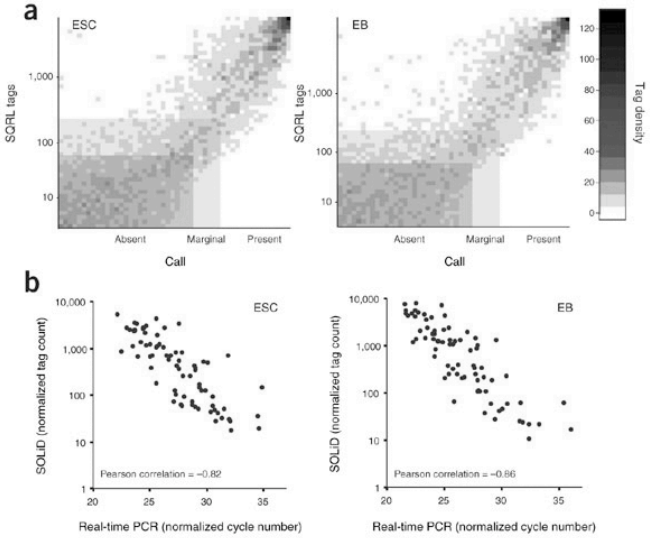
  -ALLELE SPECIFIC EXPRESSION
  -MUTATIONS

- RNA STRUCTURE: SPLICING, START SITES, TERMINATION SITES; REARRANGEMENTS

- DETECTED SIGNALS ARE RELATIVELY UNAMBIGUOUS; POTENTIAL TO OUTPERFORM MICROARRAY

- DE NOVO ASSEMBLY IS POSSIBLE

MEASURING GENE EXPRESSION BY RNA SEQUENCING



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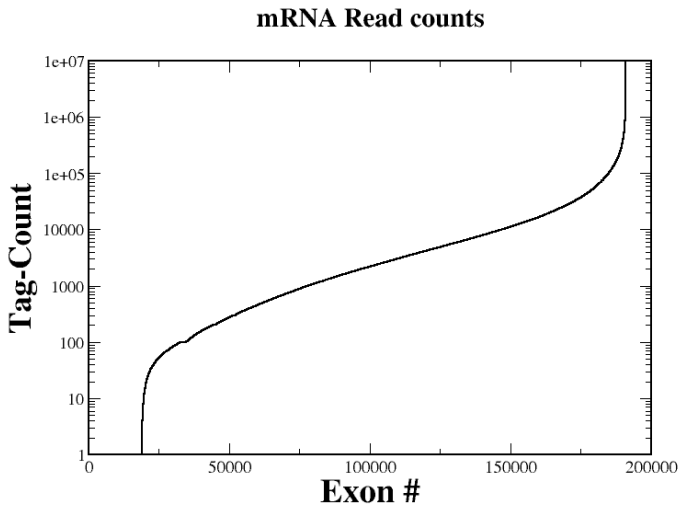
MEASURING GENE EXPRESSION BY RNA SEQUENCING: PROS AND CONS

LIMITATIONS

- LOWER LIMIT OF DETECTION IS CONSTRAINED BY THE mRNA ABUNDANCE DISTRIBUTION AND THE NUMBER OF ALIGNED READS PER SAMPLE.
- LARGE SAMPLE NUMBERS DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE, EXCEPT IN TAG MODE.
- SOFTWARE IS STILL DEVELOPMENTAL: REQUIRES SOPHISTICATED BIOINFORMATICS COLLABORATION. [For review see Pepke et al. Nat Methods 6:S22 (2009)]

mRNA ABUNDANCE VARIES OVER A LARGE DYNAMIC RANGE



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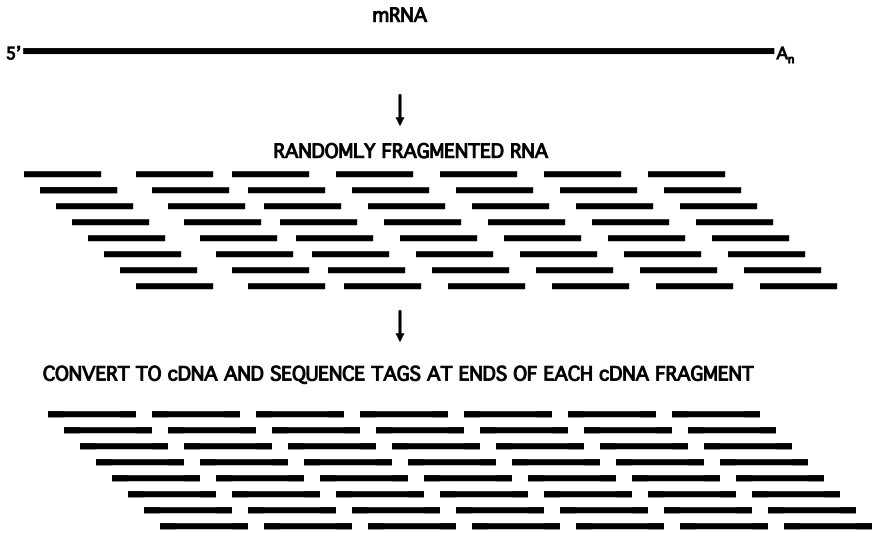
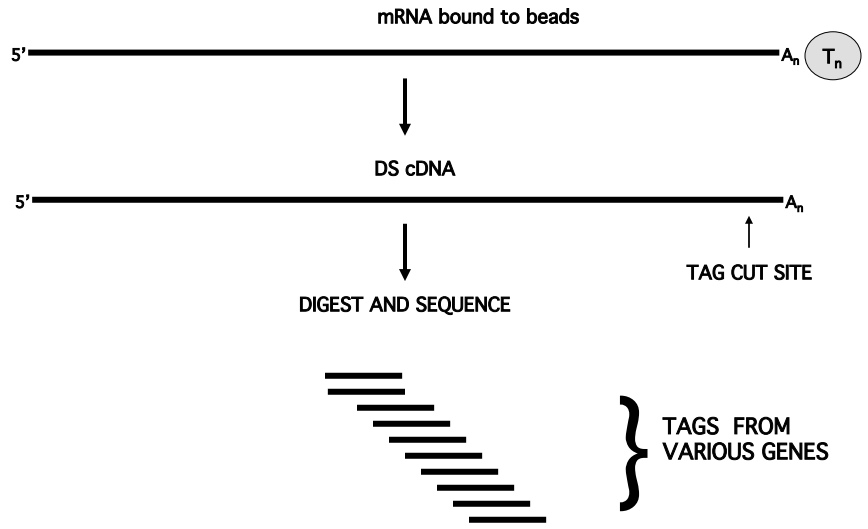


3' TAG SEQUENCING



3' TAG SEQUENCING

- SEQUENCES ALIGNED AND COUNTED
- LIBRARIES OF TAGS FROM MANY SAMPLES CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY ADDING A "BARCODE" AND POOLED BEFORE SEQUENCING
- POTENTIAL TO ANALYZE LARGE NUMBERS OF SAMPLES IN PARALLEL

THE FUTURE?

AS SEQUENCE THROUGHPUT INCREASES AND COSTS PER READ DECLINE, SEQUENCING IS LIKELY TO BECOME AN ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE TO MICROARRAYS IN MORE AND MORE APPLICATIONS.

USEFUL WEB SITES

MGEGD The Microarray Gene Expression Data Society:

http//www.mged.org/

NCBI Gene Expression Omnibus:

http://ncbi.nih.gov/geo/

NCBI Sequence Read Archive (SRA):

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra

EBI Microarray informatics:

http://www.ebi.ac.uk/microarray/index.html

Stanford Microarray Database:

http://smd.stanford.edu/

UCSF DeRisi lab:

http://derisilab.ucsf.edu/data/microarray/index.html

Broad Institute:

Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA)
http://www.broadinstitute.org/gsea/

Connectivity Map:

http://www.broadinstitute.org/cmap/