

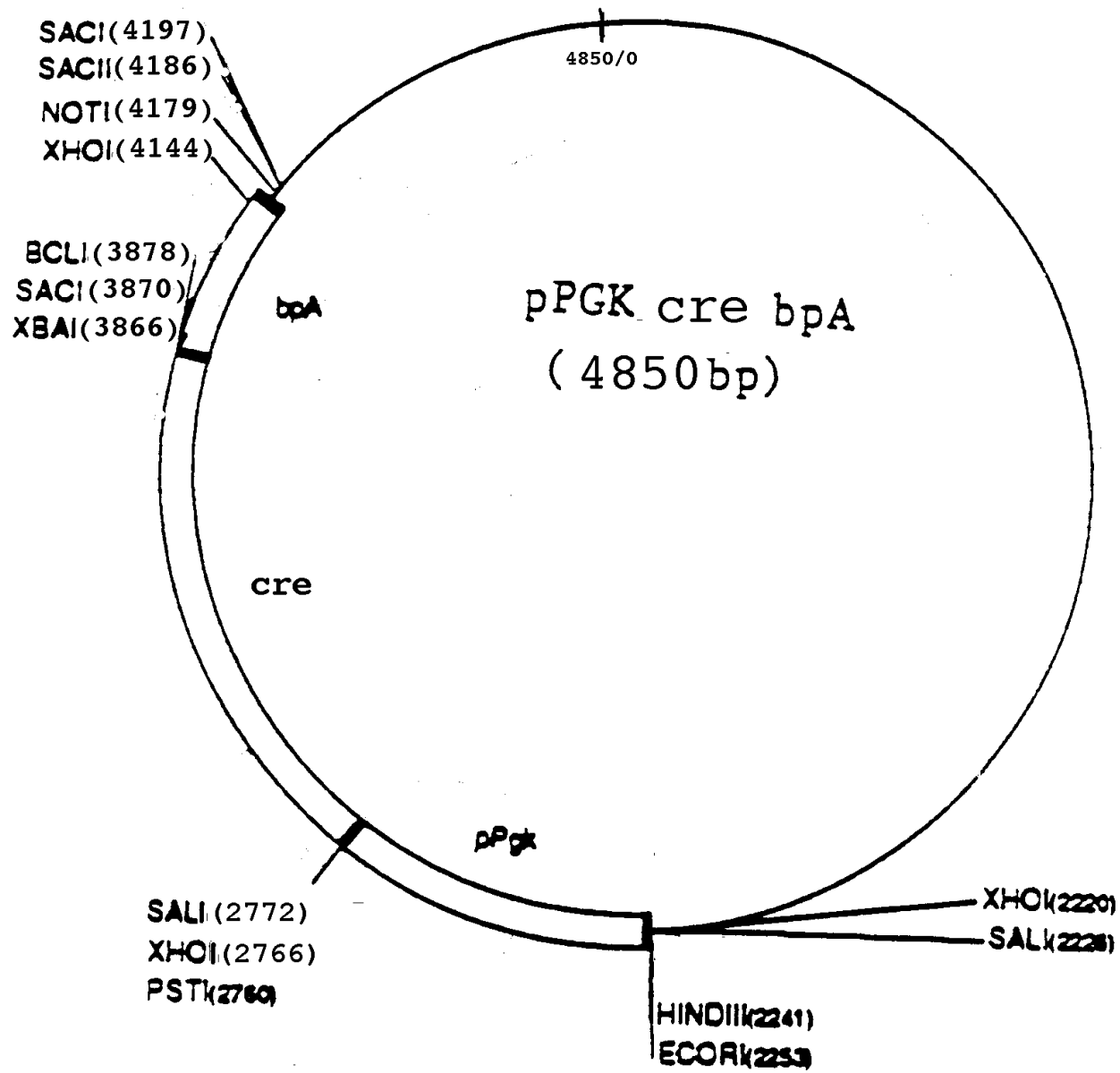
1. Why high-throughput (HT) data?

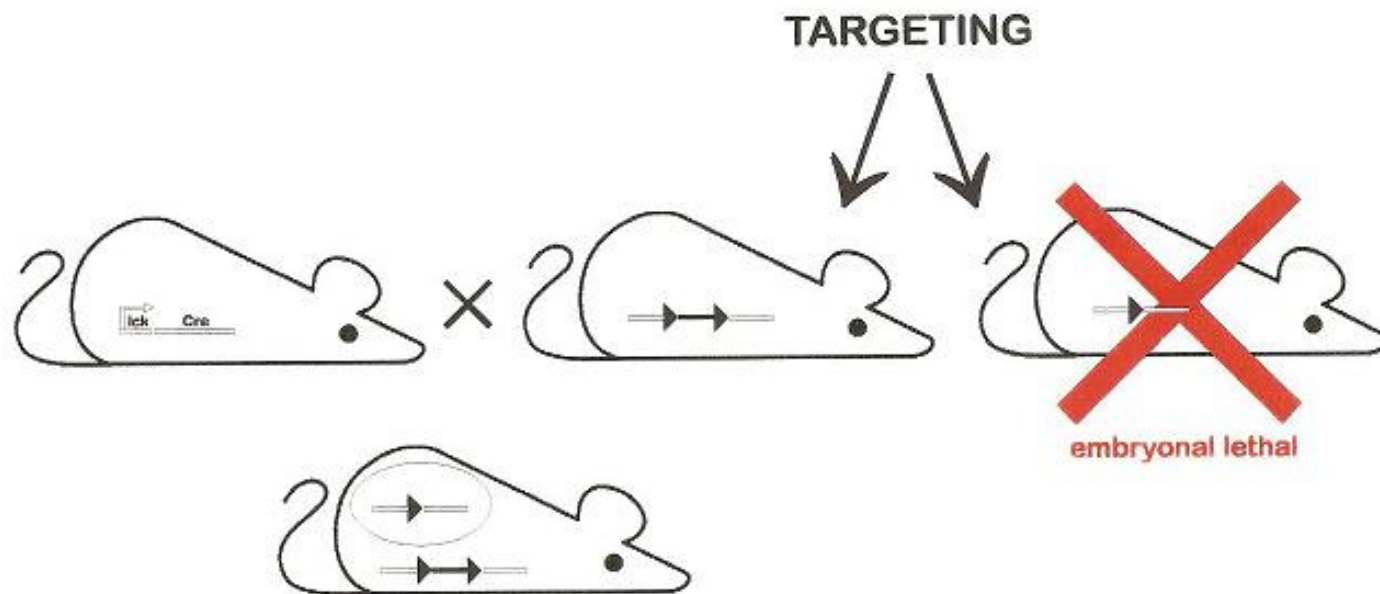
What is it that we cannot achieve by looking at only a few genes at a time?

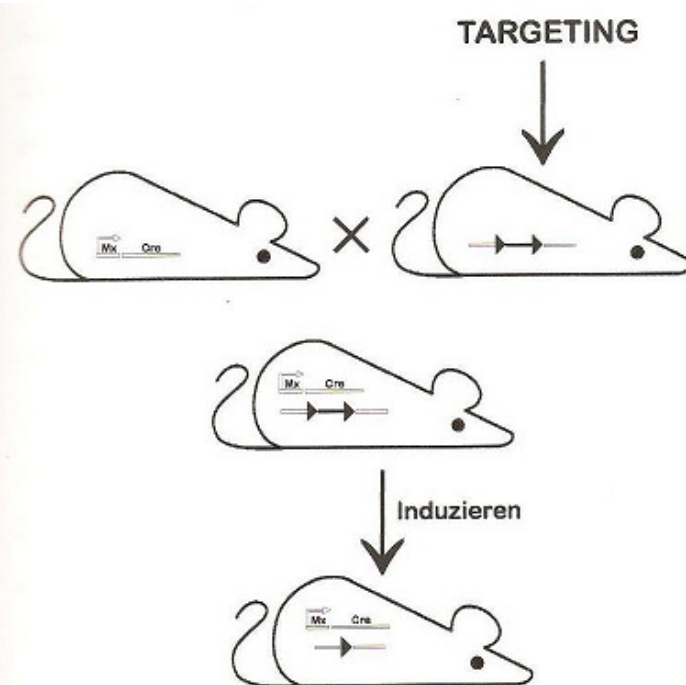
Why high-throughput (HT) data?

- 1st example:
Studying e.g. immunological coherences
by knocking out genes

cre for eukaryotic expression







Der interferonabhängige Mx-Promotor dient hier zur induzierbaren Ausprägung von Cre (Kuhn et al., 1995). Bei anderen auf Transkriptionsebene kontrollierenden Systemen kann Cre sowohl induzierbar als auch zelltypspezifisch ausgeprägt werden.

Abb. 1-3: Mx-cre System (Kuhn et al., 1995).

Often:

- ✓ make construct (“flox” gene)
- ✓ transfect ES cells
- ✓ transfer to blastocyst
- ✓ transfer to foster mother
- ✓ get germline transmission
- ✓ cross with cre mice
- ✓ induce
- ✓ get considerable knockout rate

at least
½ year
of work

☹ observing no phenotype

That sucks!

Why is that?

- Function of important genes is backed up by other pathways!
- In order to understand how that works
(→ systems biology)
one needs to know
the status of many genes

Why high-throughput (HT)?

- 2nd example:
cancer
- same problem:

About Cancer

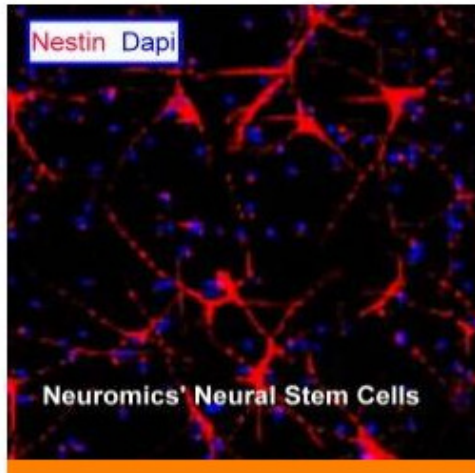
- Cancer is a genetic disease
 - Not monogenic like MD or CF, but multigenic
- Cancer is caused by mutations in somatic cells
- Cancer can be caused by mutagens, chemicals that damage DNA, or viruses
- Cancer is caused by an accumulation of mutations in different genes in a single cell
- Cancer is caused by altered expression of genes or by accumulation of mutations in a single cell

Five Major Pathways: Cancer Cells

- There are five major pathways that must be activated or inactivated in a cell for the cell to become a cancer cell
 - Growth stimulatory signals
 - Growth inhibitory signals
 - Apoptosis resistance
 - Infinite proliferative capacity
 - Angiogenic potential

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Danish and Belgian researchers have found a computer key that maps genes underlying heritable disorders, such as breast cancer, multiple sclerosis, and Alzheimer's disease. These results will possibly ease the discovery of new medicines and improve treatment in various disorders.

The results - which are published in the current issue of Nature Biotechnology - show that genes important for the development of diseases like Alzheimer's follow the same cellular rules as genes involved in fundamentally different disorders, such as heart disorders, multiple sclerosis, breast cancer, and Type 2 diabetes.

"Many disorders manifest themselves in fundamentally different ways, but the new surprising discovery is that the underlying genes play together after the same rules. Our results show that the genes that trigger diseases, regardless of the type of disease in question, are social team players who cooperate according to highly specific rules. These rules have now been mapped, and we have pointed at hundreds of new genes that are likely to be involved in disorders including multiple sclerosis, Parkinson, heart disorders, and diabetes", says Kasper Lage from [Technical University of Denmark](#), who is the project coordinator on this work.

Heritable disorders will be easier to interpret for clinicians using the new results. Furthermore, the identification of new genes likely to be involved in disorders will help patients with defects in these genes. For example, if you are a high risk carrier of a gene that underlies a disease such as Type 2 diabetes, physicians could prevent or delay the manifestations of the disease by dietary guidance early in life.

"This is a crucial breakthrough for our understanding of heritable disorders, and a breakthrough for systems biology as a research strategy in the field genetics and disease", says S?Brunak leader of Center for Biological Sequence analysis at the Technical University of Denmark. "We work with genes and proteins, but also with clinical literature describing the characteristics of different disorders. Then we let the computer integrate all of these data, and extract the pattern", he adds.

What HT data?

What is measured?

How?

- Genomics (DNA, → genome)
(e.g. by sequencers, microarrays, ...)
- Epigenetics (→ e.g. methylome)
(e.g. by microarrays)
- Transcriptomics (→ transcriptome)
(e.g. deep sequencing, microarrays, ...)
- Proteomics (→ proteome)
(e.g. 2D-gel electrophoresis, mass spectrometry, guess what – microarrays (AB or peptide chips))

First microarrays:

- cDNA
- on a nylon membrane
- prepared RNA reversely transcribed into cDNA (like today) ...
- ... using radioactively labelled nucleotides (today: mostly fluorescence labelling)

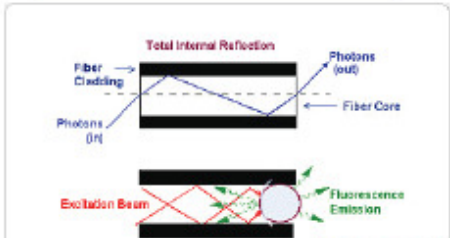


1975: Southern Blotting
Technology (Edward Southern)

2003: Illumina
Bead Arrays

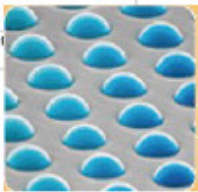
SAGE

1991: First high-density Nylon filter
Arrays (Lennon, Lehrach)



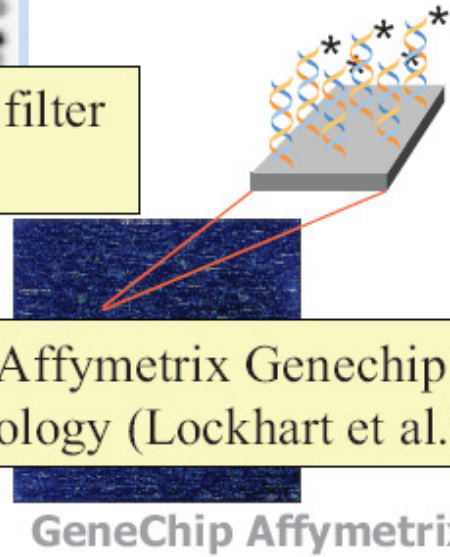
Individual fibers conduct light to enable data and quantitation of signal emitted by each

Illumina
Bead Array



Different Technologies for Measuring Gene Expression

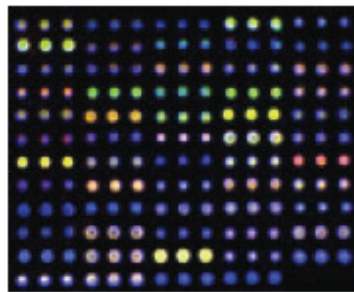
1996: Affymetrix Genechip
Technology (Lockhart et al.)



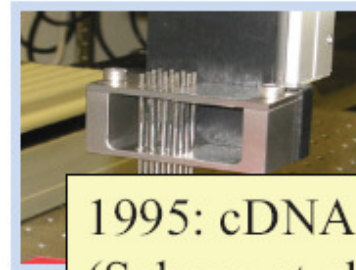
GeneChip Affymetrix



Agilent: Long oligo Ink Jet

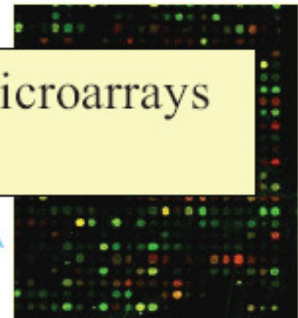


CGH

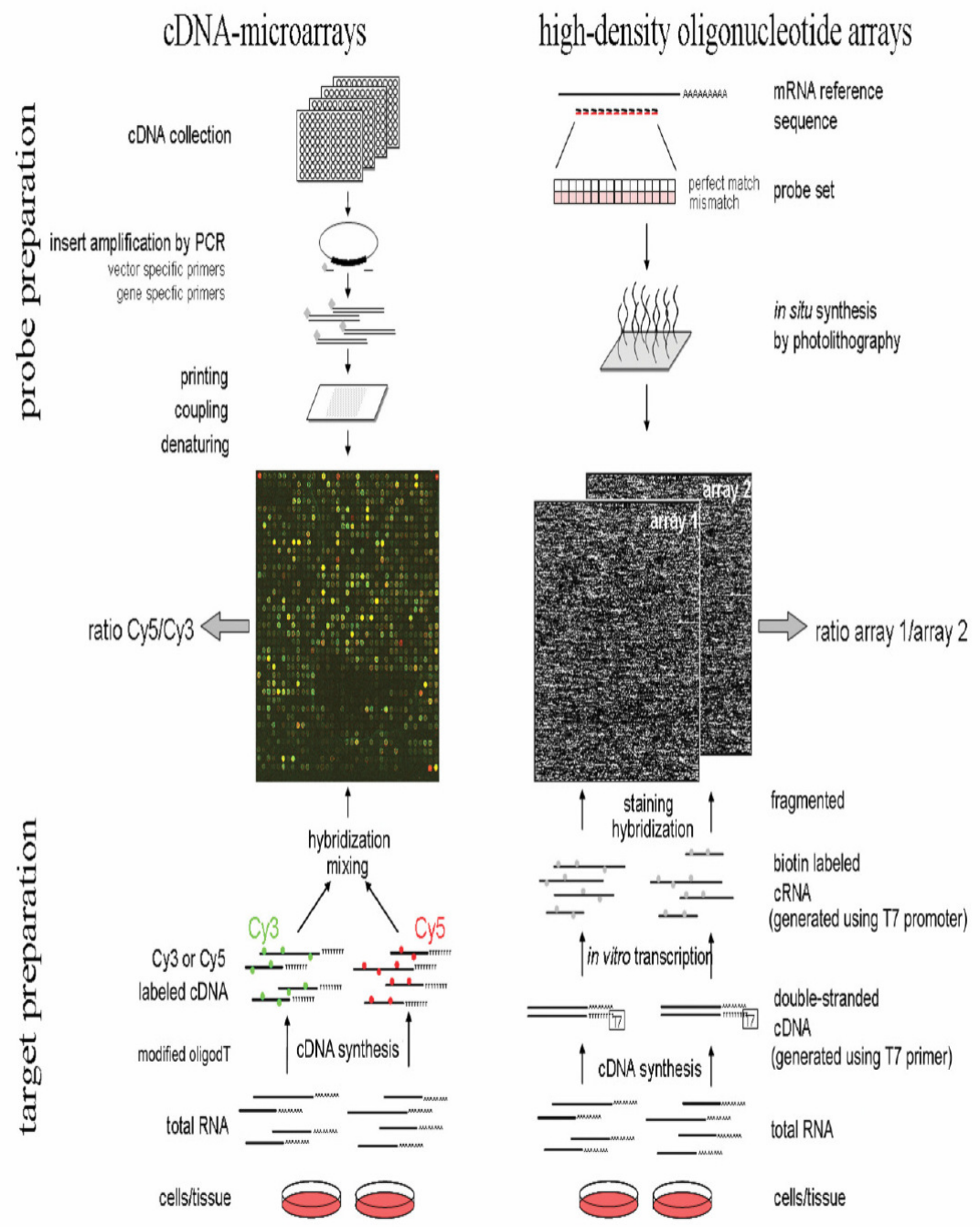


cDNA microarray

1995: cDNA-Microarrays
(Schena et al.)



two-channel



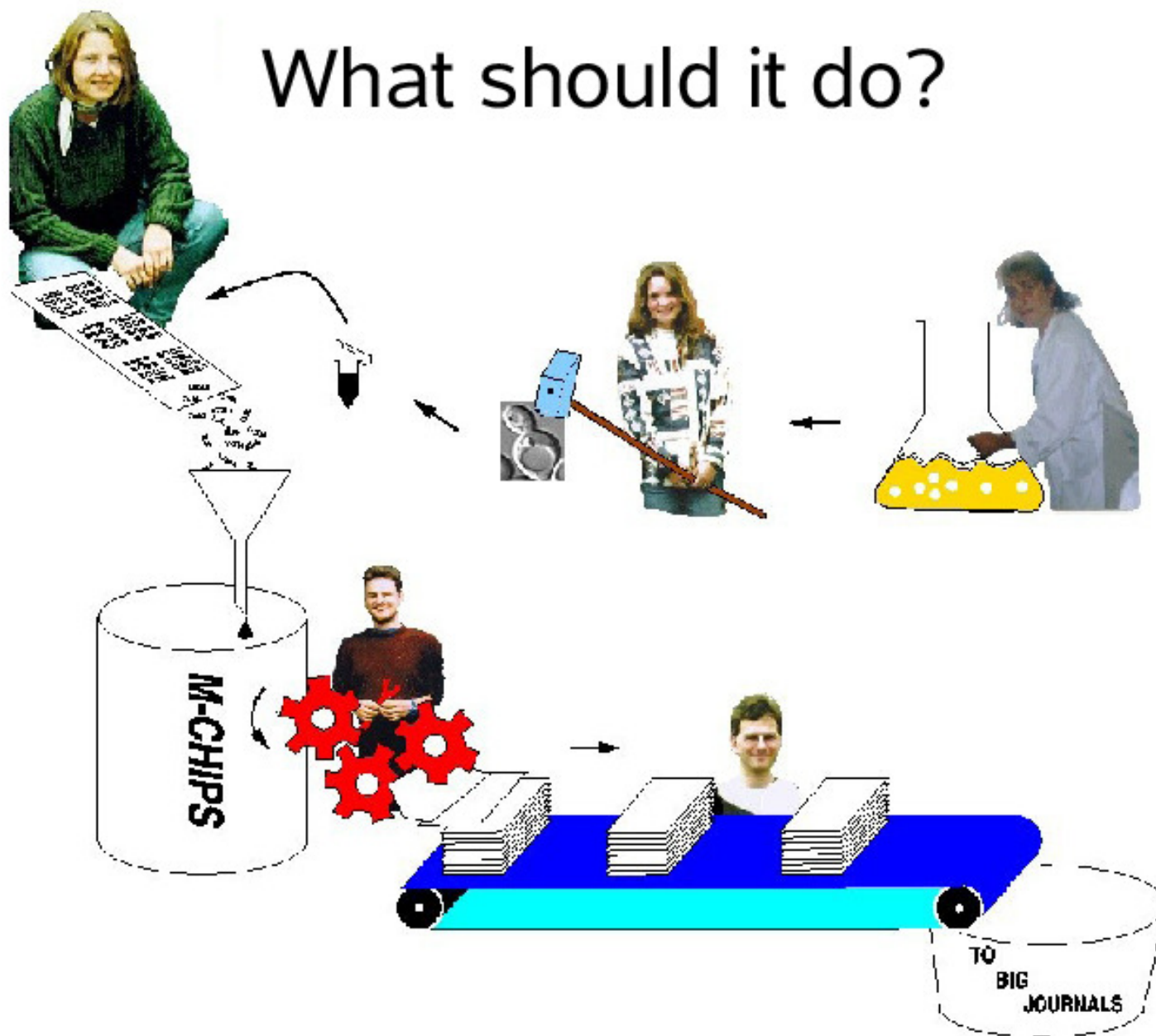
single channel

Microarray Experiment

Animation:

<http://www.bio.davidson.edu/Courses/genomics/chip/chip.html>

What should it do?



Experimental Cycle

Biological question
(hypothesis-driven or explorative)

Experimental design

To call in the statistician after the experiment is done may be no more than asking him to perform a post-mortem examination: he may be able to say what the experiment died of.

Ronald Fisher

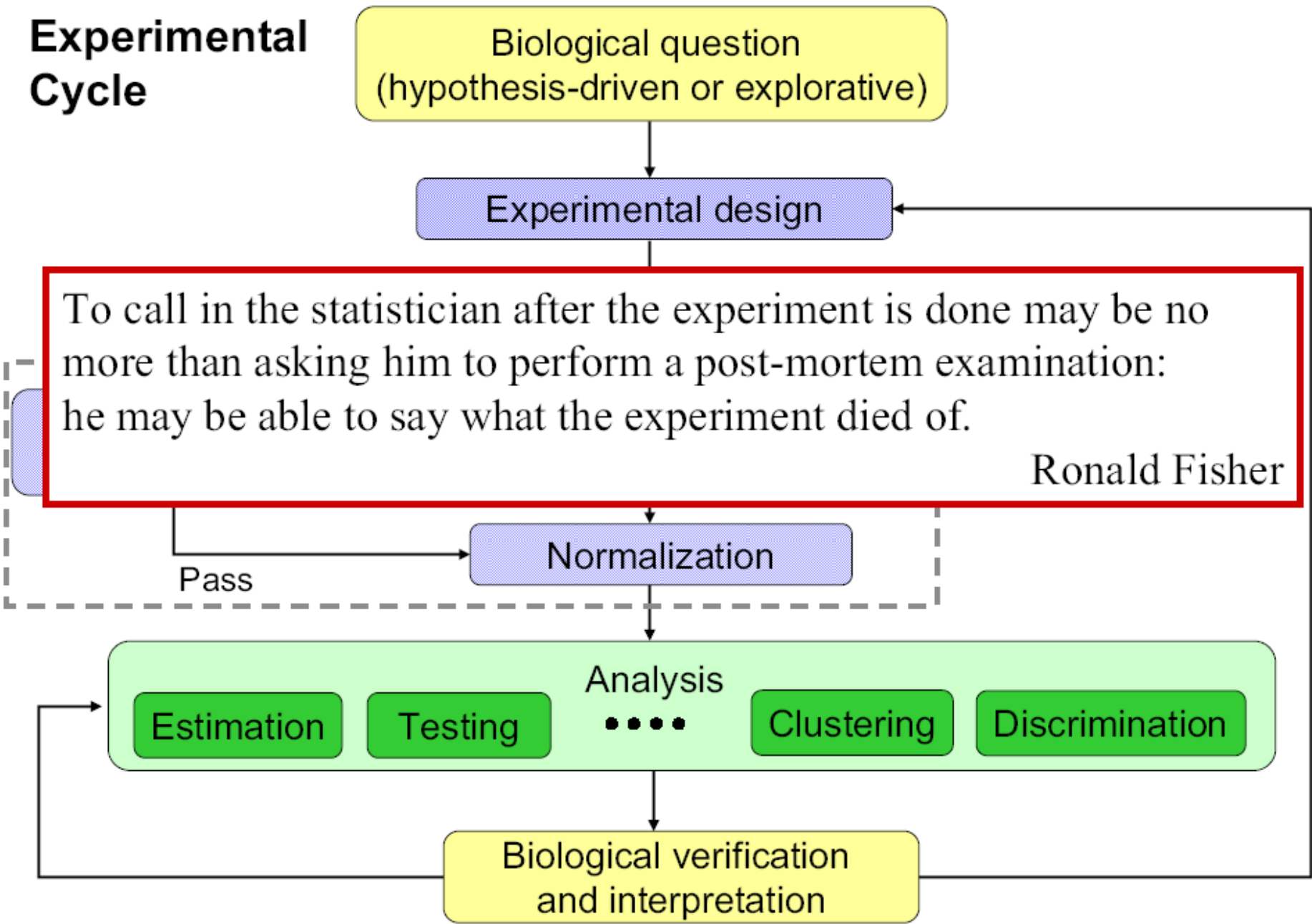
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Normalization

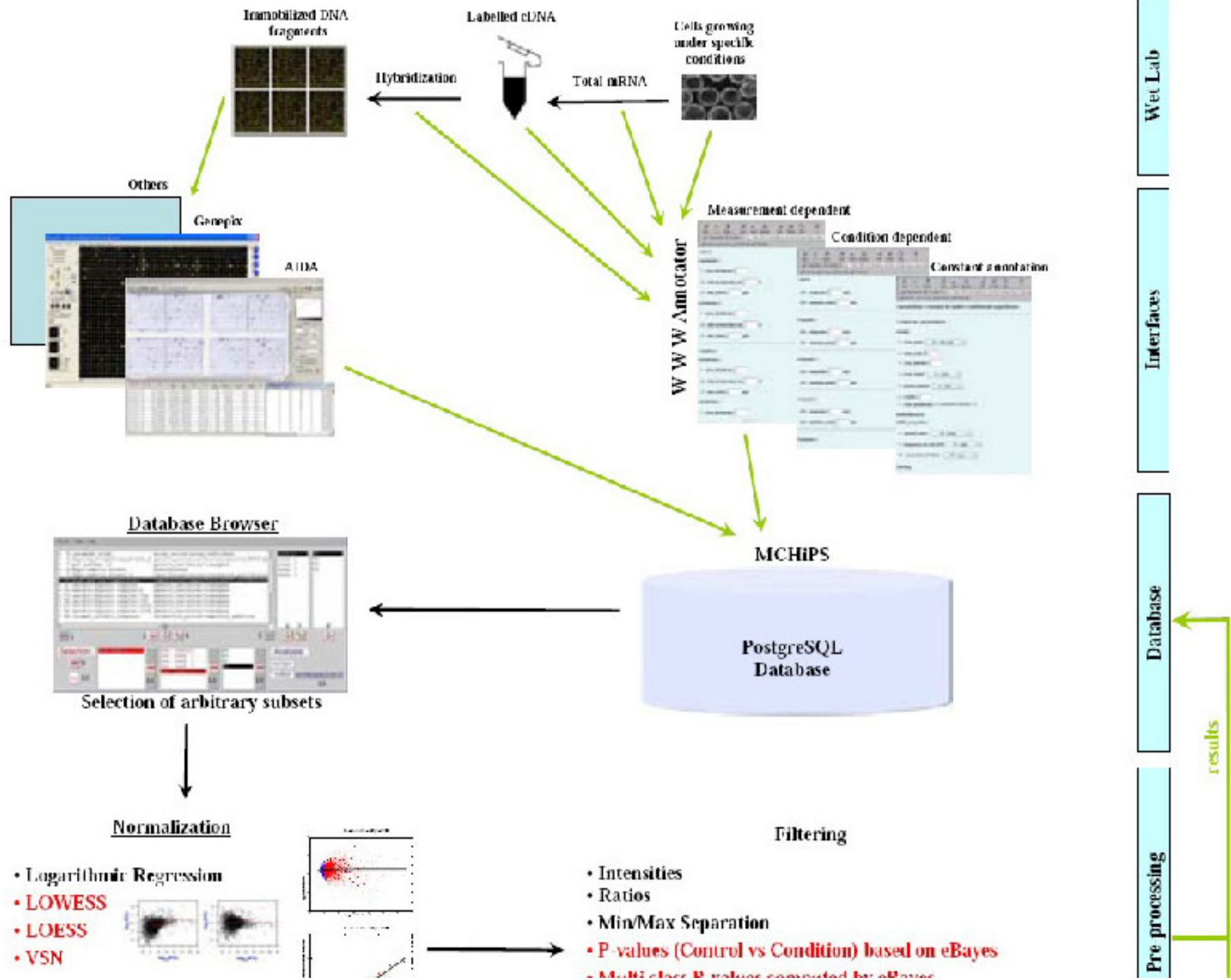
Analysis

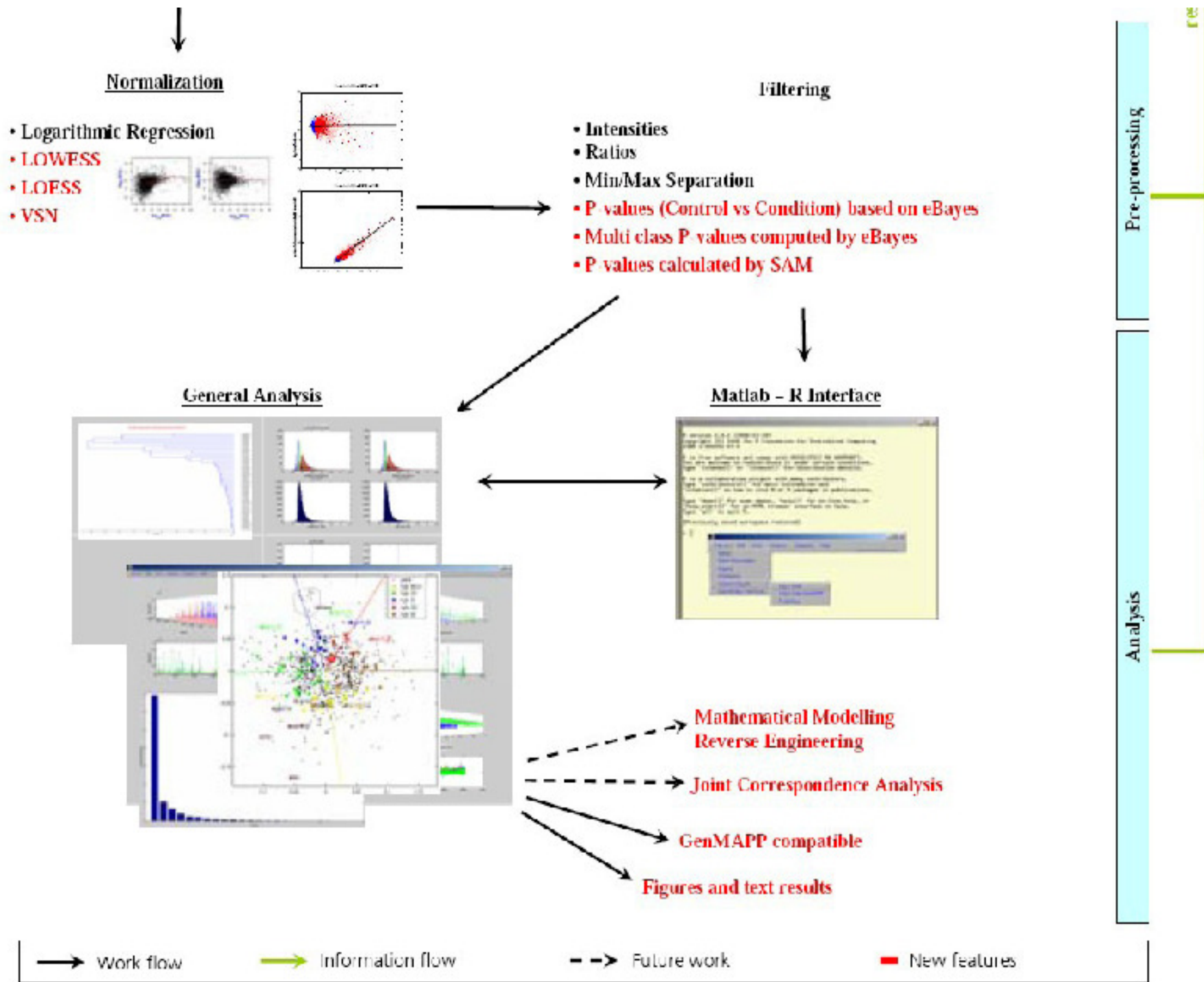
Estimation Testing ... Clustering Discrimination

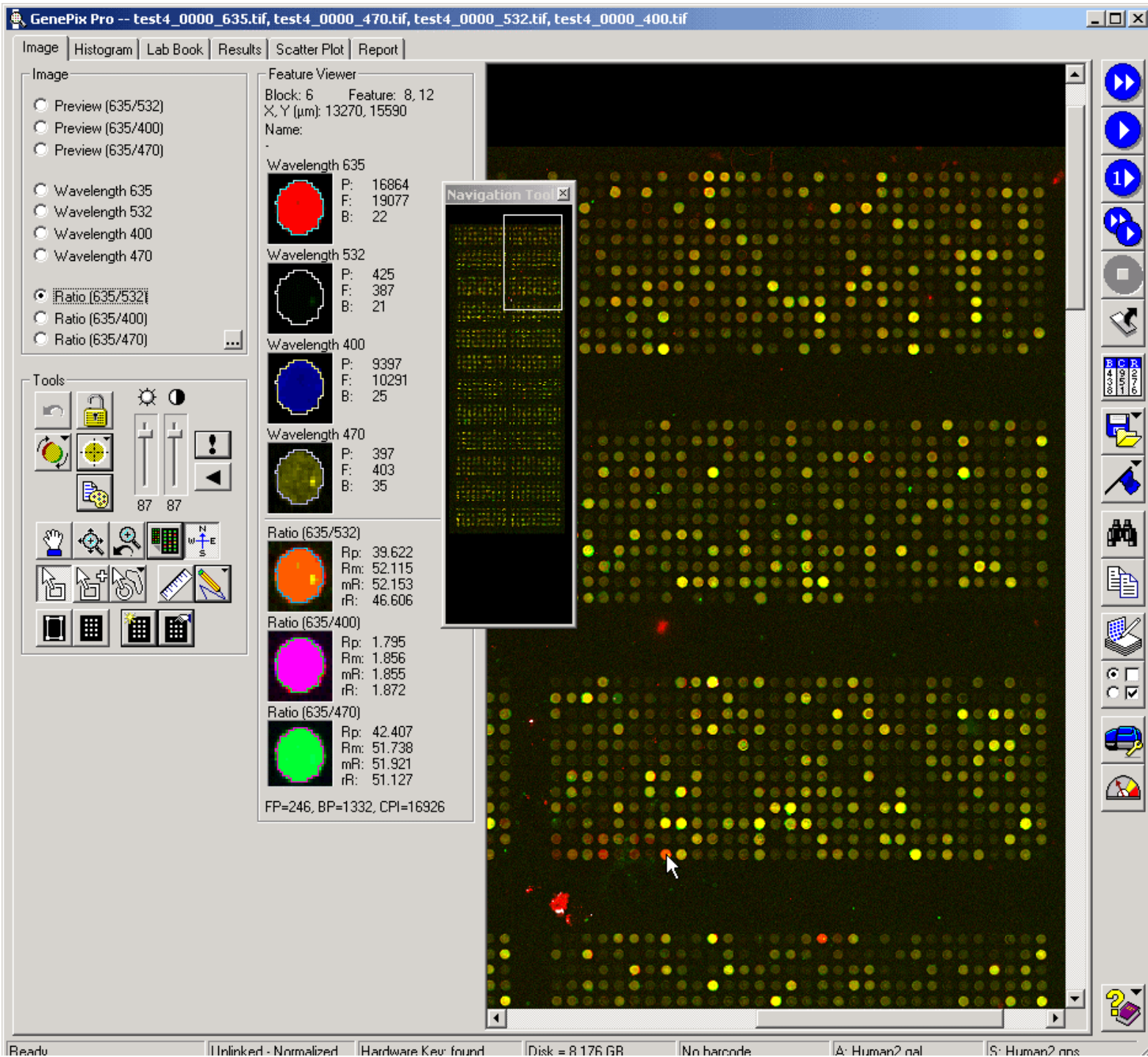
Biological verification
and interpretation



What is the biggest challenge?







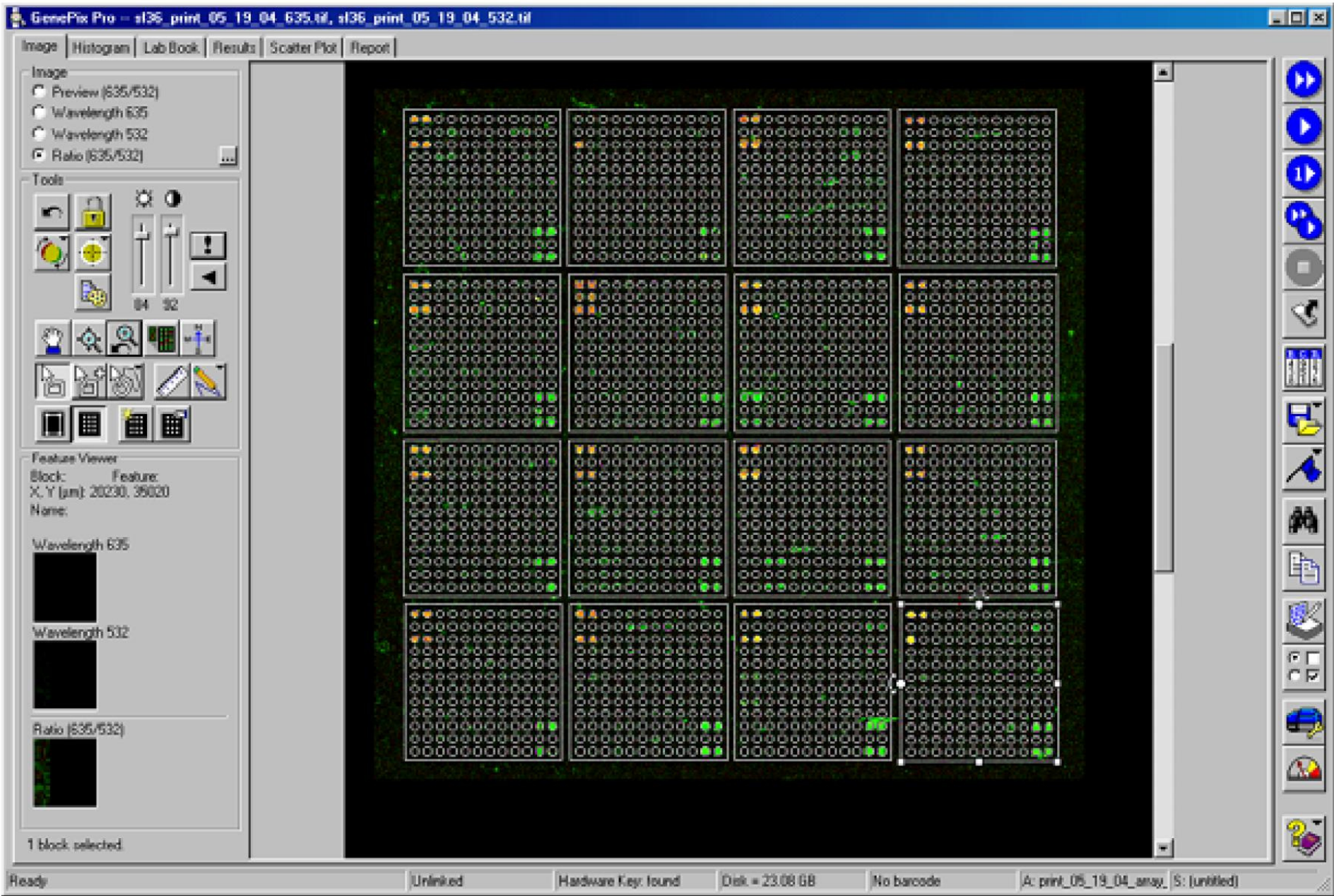


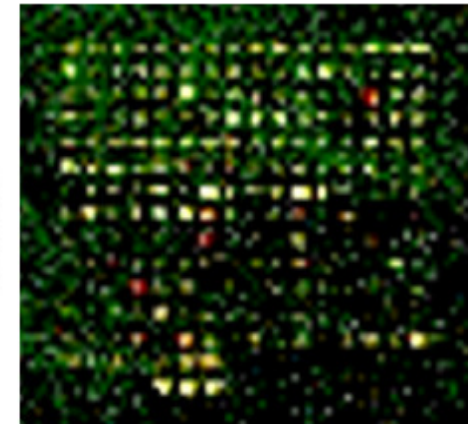
Image Analysis – Spot Identification

- The grid structure is provided by the manufacturer or generated individually for custom-made microarrays (e.g. GAL-files)
- The grid is overlaid by hand or automatically onto the image (beware of column/row displacement errors!)

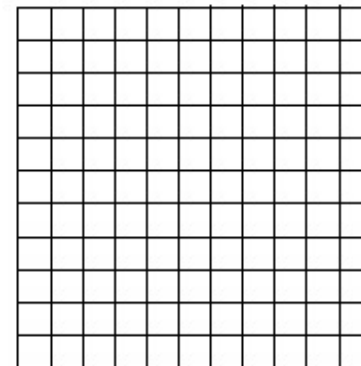


Columns

Rows

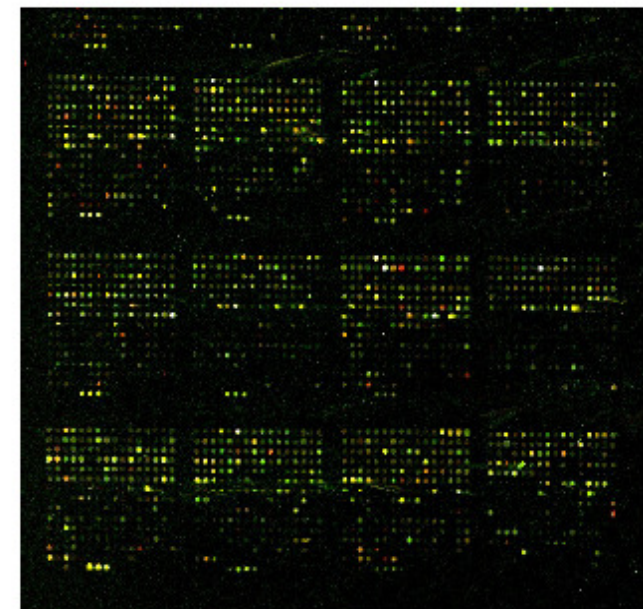


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GAL-file contains Clone-IDs and defines their position on the grid

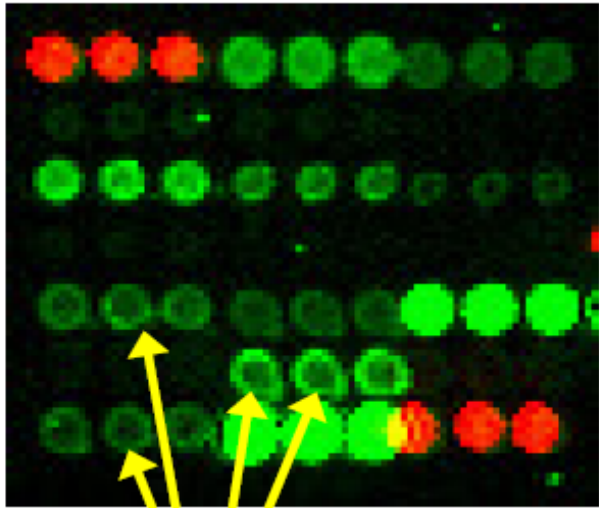
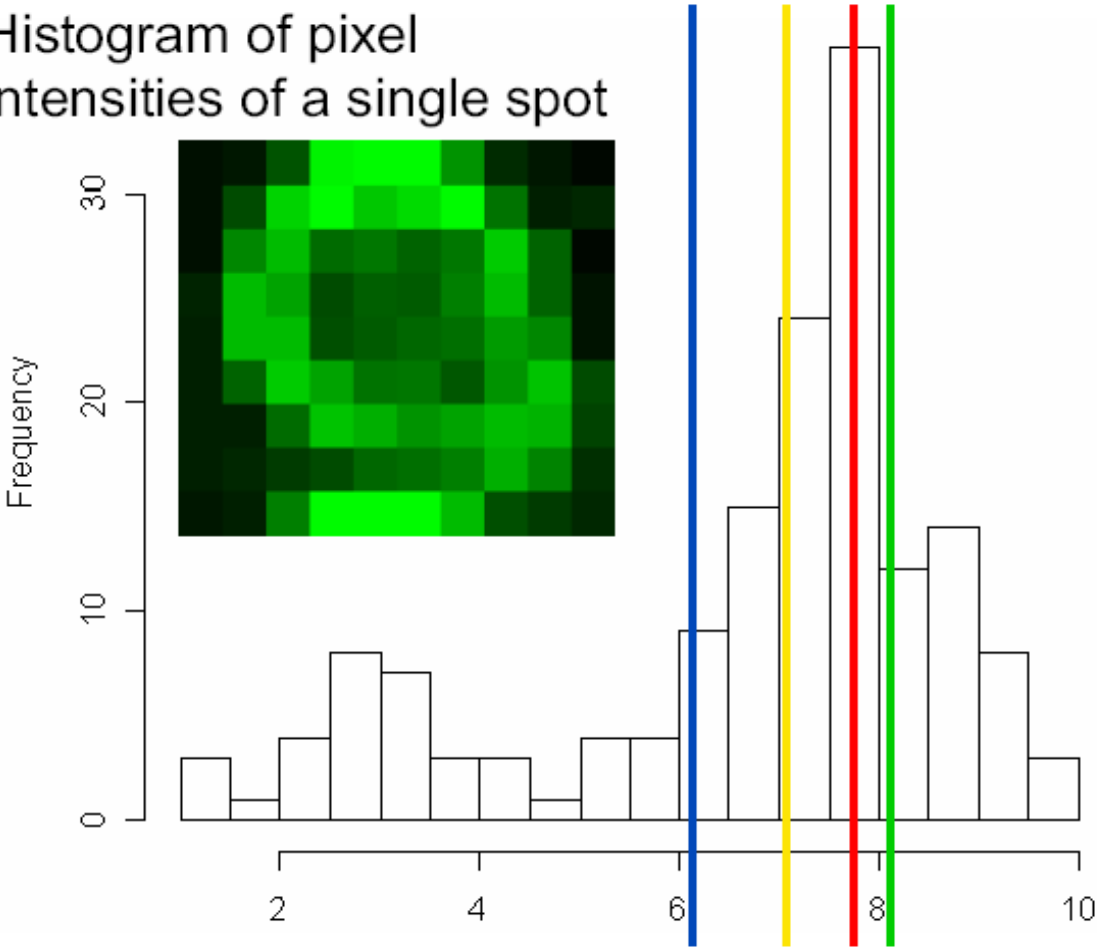
Blocks



Spot identification

- The signal of the spots is quantified.

Histogram of pixel intensities of a single spot

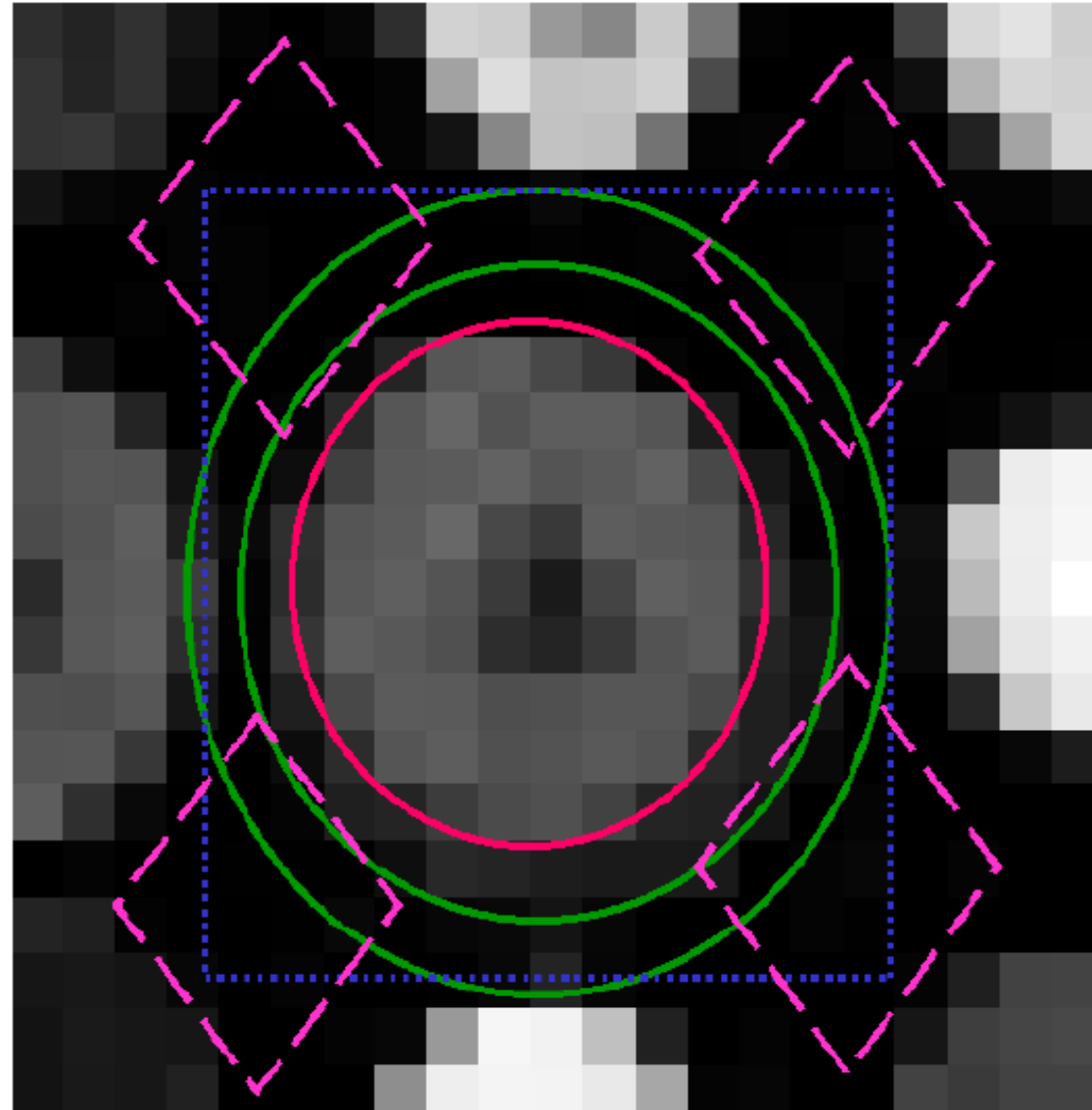


„Donuts“

Mean / Median / Mode / 75% quantile

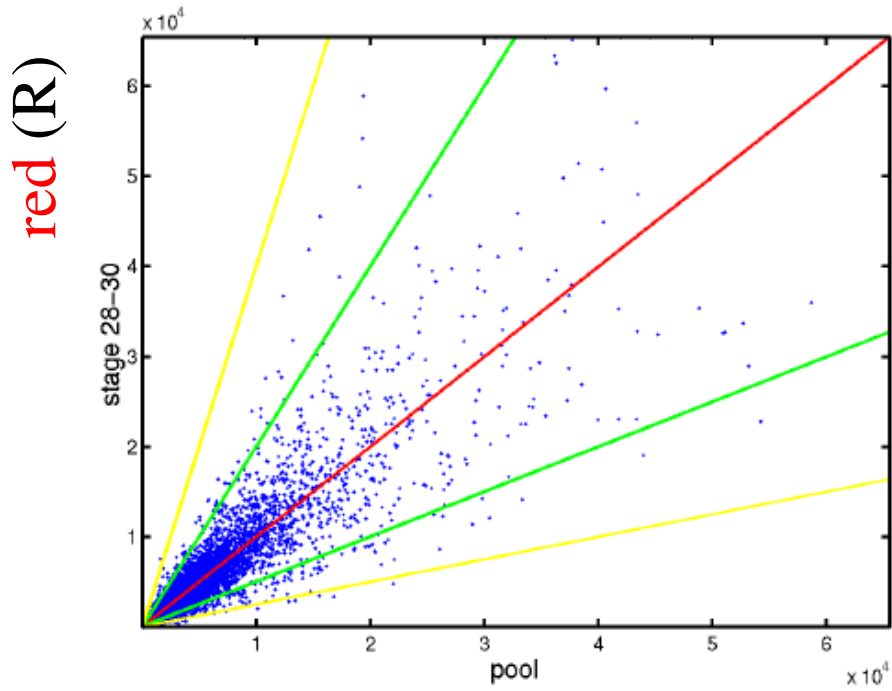
Different Regions around the spot are quantified to measure local background.

GenePix
QuantArray
ScanAlyse



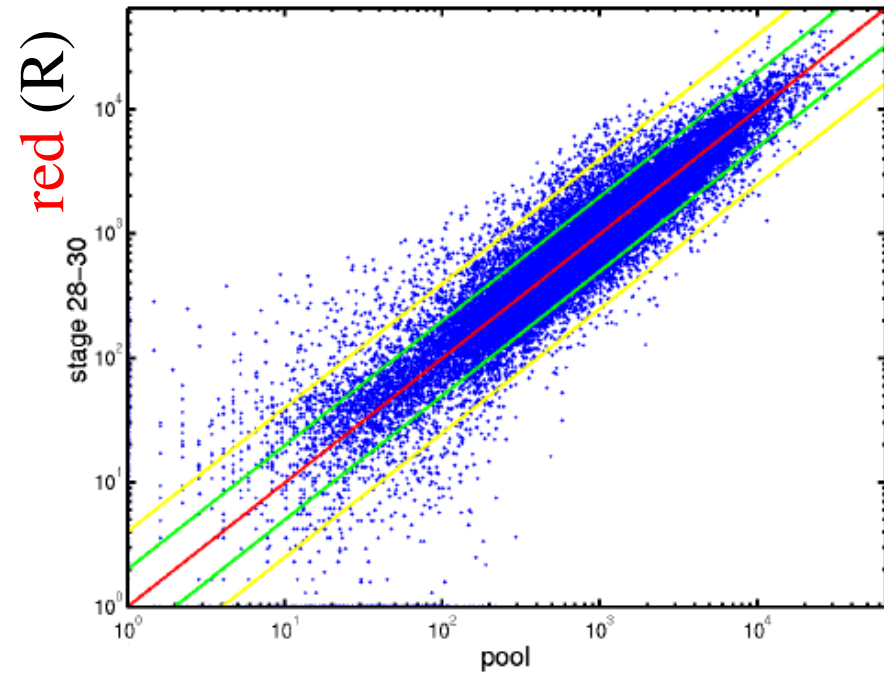
Scatterplot

Data



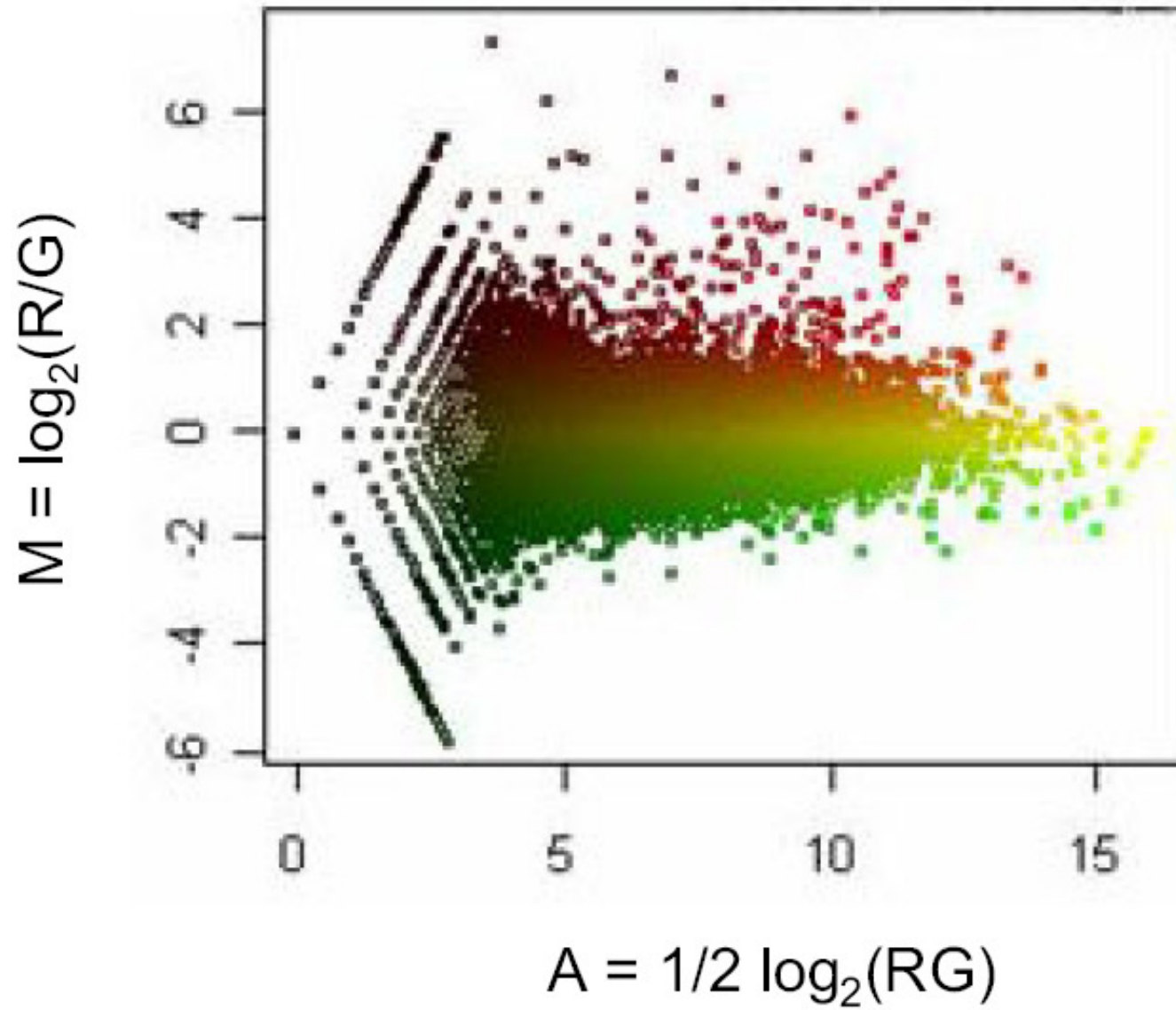
green (G)

Data (log scale)



green (G)

MA Plot



Computing

- Microarray data analysis does not need much processor time (interactive instead of batch processing)
- However, it needs considerable amounts of memory (RAM)

Computing, cont.

- Imaging or scatterplots
comprise one hybridization at a time
 - often done on PCs
 - mostly running Windows

Computing, cont.

- High level analyses
(classification, clustering, projection,
modelling, ...)
may comprise hundreds of hybridizations

→ often done on Servers
→ mostly running Unix



