

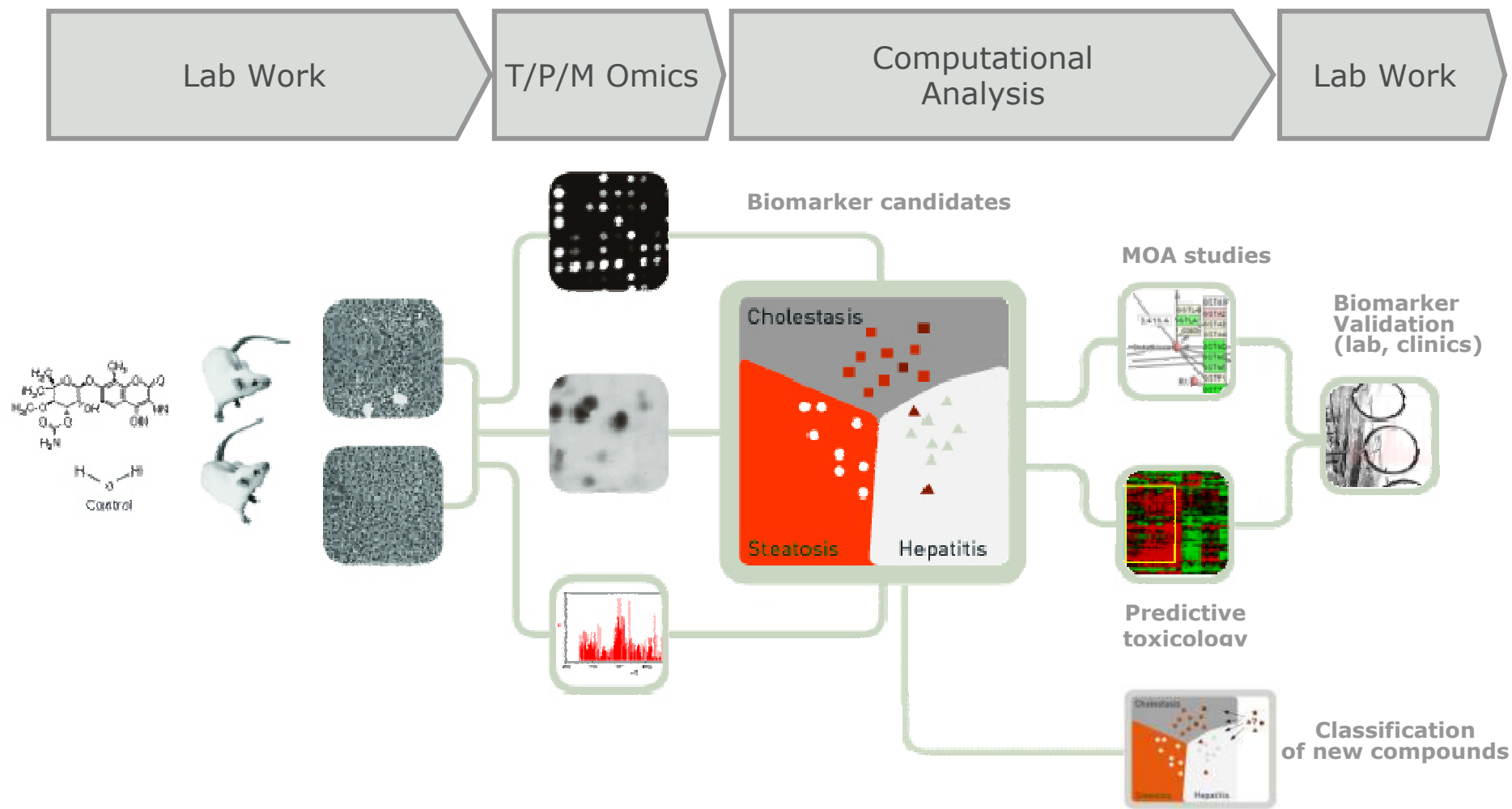
In silico toxicity evaluation and mode of action prediction based on reference compendia

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- + Ideally, safety and efficacy of a new drug is determined simultaneously, enabling qualified decisions for the likelihood of success early in the discovery process
- + Toxicogenomics is the study of how genomes respond to environmental stressors or toxicants
- + Toxicogenomics combines classical toxicology and the technologies of -omics and bioinformatics to identify and characterize mechanisms of action of known and suspected toxicants
- + Goals of toxicogenomics:
 - Prediction of long-term toxicity
 - Understanding of toxic effects (MOA or MOT)
 - Identification of cross-species biomarkers
 - Prediction of MOA of new compounds

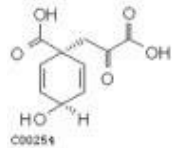
Research process



Predictive Tox Database

Compounds

- Compound
- Compound class
- Concentration
- Treatment time
- Dosing route
- Dosing frequency
- Vehicle
- Endpoints
- ...



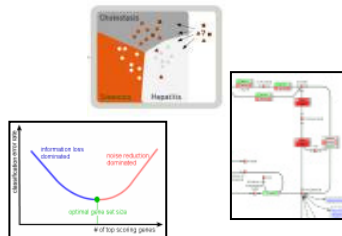
Animals

- Species
- Strain
- Sex
- Age
- Weight
- Observations
- ...



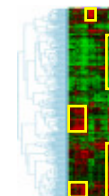
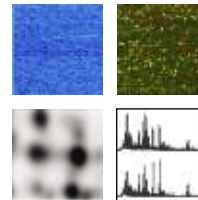
MOA, Tox Prediction

- MOA
- Biomarker candidates
- Tox Mechanism
- Tox Prediction
- ...



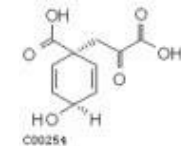
-omics data

- 1 channel data
- 2 channel data
- 2D gel
- LC/MS, GC/MS
- NMR
- Raw data
- Processed data
- Expression values
- Classification
- ...



Treated animals

- Tissue
- Histopathology
- Clinical endpoints
- Serum chemistry
- Urine chemistry
- Hematology
- ...



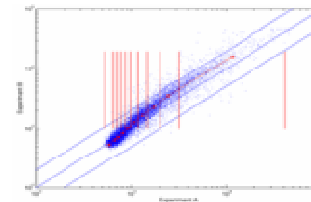
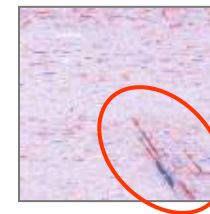
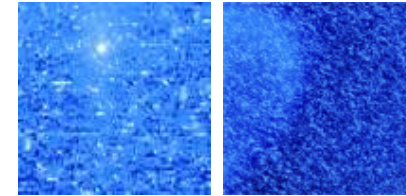
Data quality control and data normalization

- + Toxicogenomics is crucially dependent on high quality expression data

- + Data quality control has to ensure:
 - ↪ Data quality assurance over large experimental series
 - ↪ High throughput analysis with standardized data processing
 - ↪ Diagnosis of technically conditioned effects
 - ↪ Enabling of consortial work and the submission of toxicogenomics data

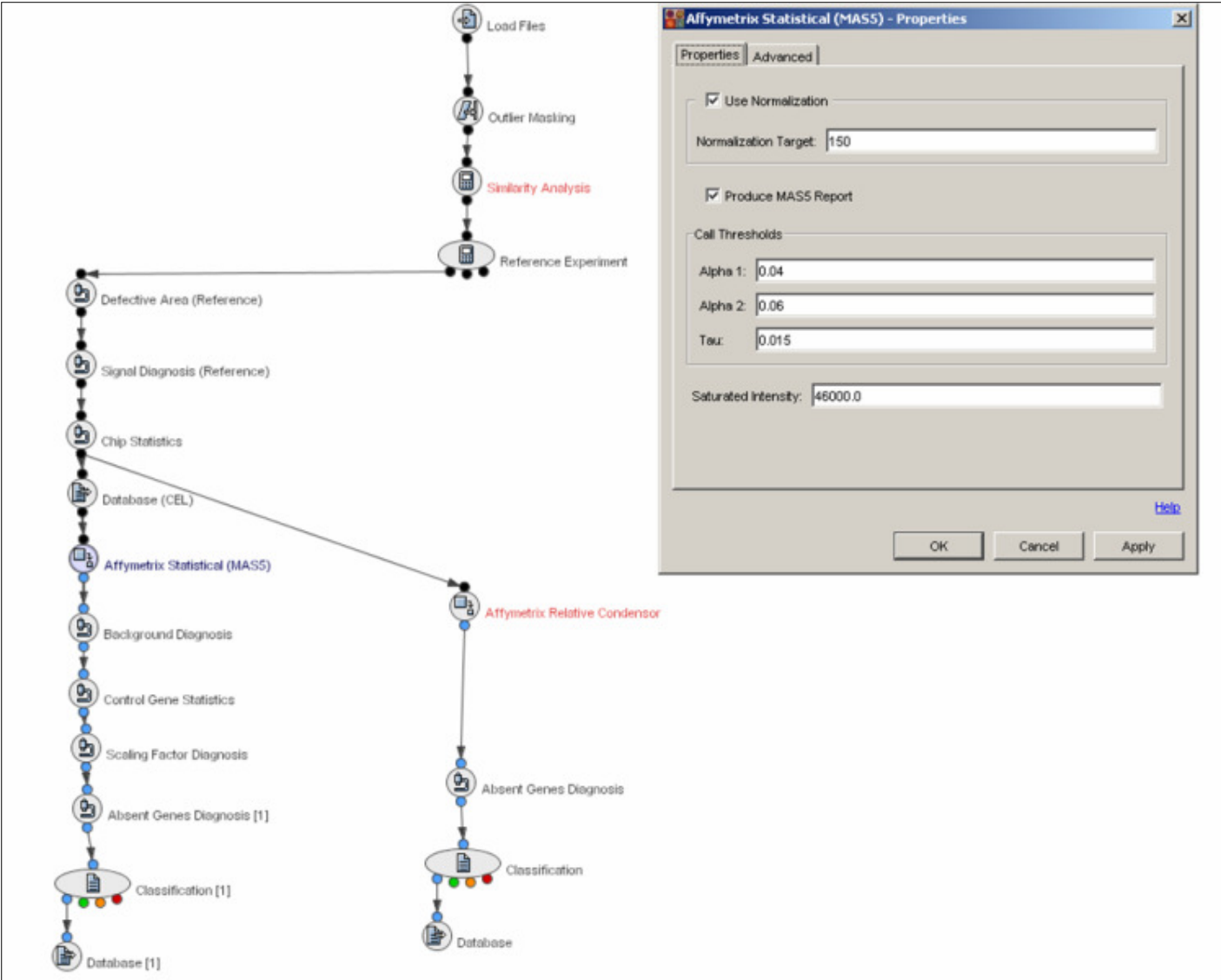
Refiner Transcriptomics

- + Detection and correction of defects on microarrays
- + Automated data quality control:
 - ▢ Loads uncondensed raw data
 - ▢ Detects and masks defective regions
 - ▢ Detects and corrects gradients and distortions
 - ▢ Condenses the data (MAS5, Li-Wong, RMA, GC-RMA)
 - ▢ Generates a quality classification for each chip
 - ▢ Saves condensed data into database



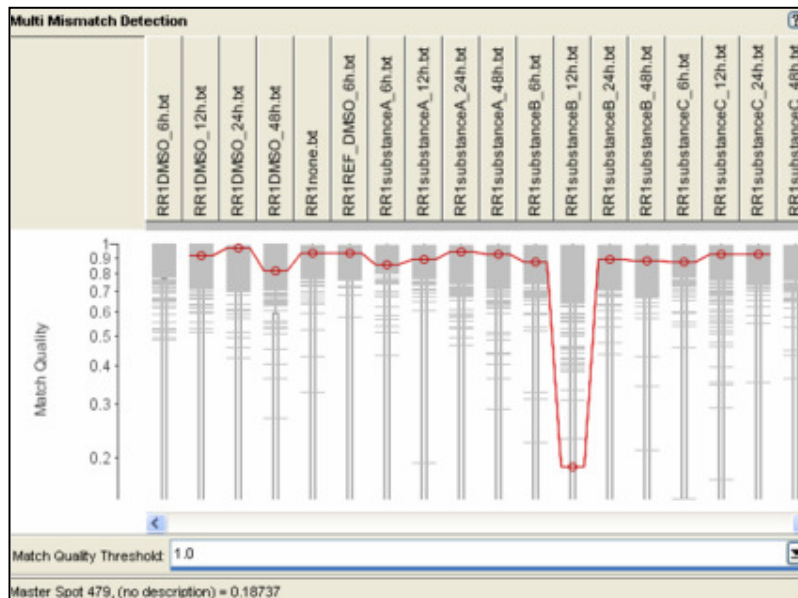
| Classification | Gradient Severity | Distortion Severity | Masked Area (%) |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
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| 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.10 |
| 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.11 |
| 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.16 |
| 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.17 |
| 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.21 |
| 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.29 |
| 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.30 |
| 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.55 |
| 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.62 |

Workflow for data quality assessment for one-channel data

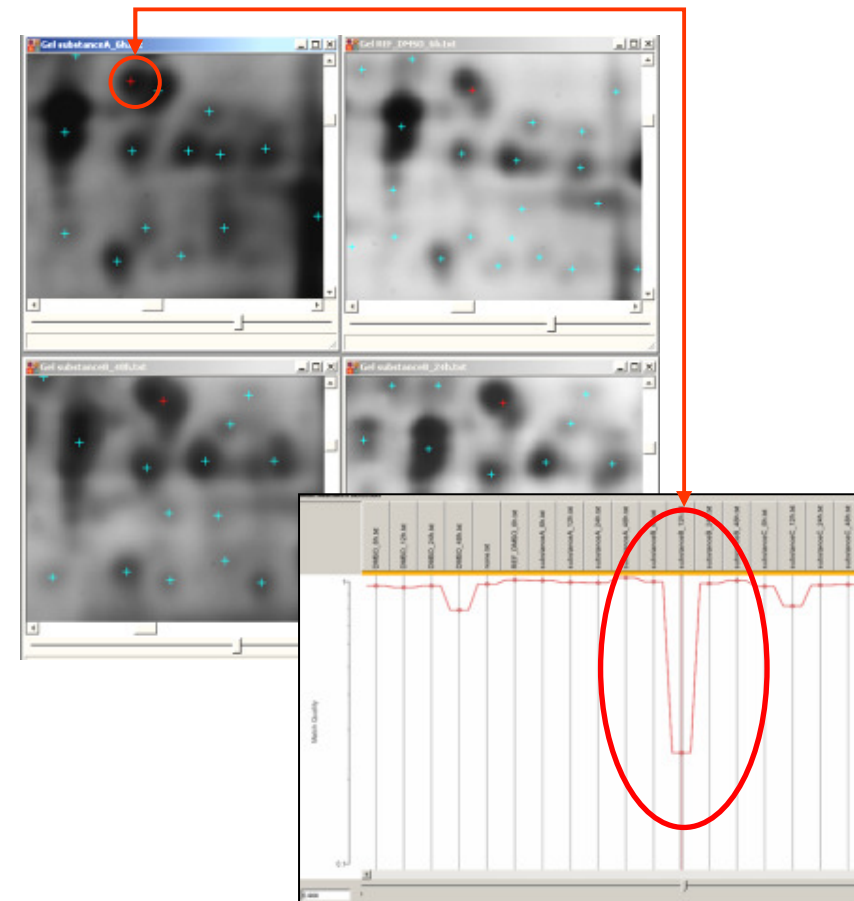


Refiner Proteomics

Compares location of spots over complete gel data set

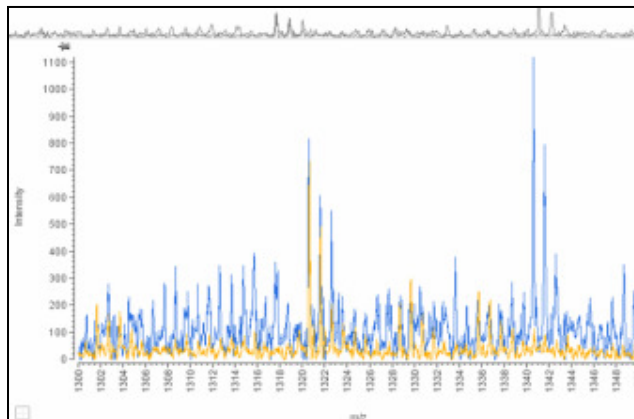
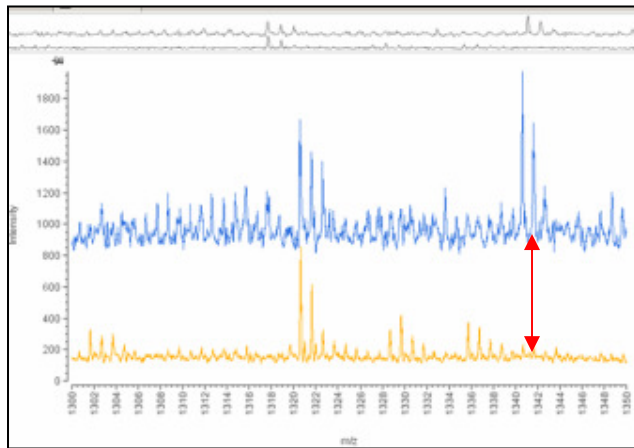


Automated mismatch detection based on calculation of standardized match scores

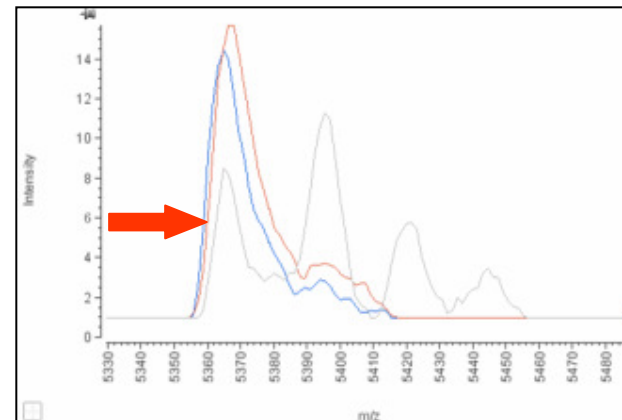
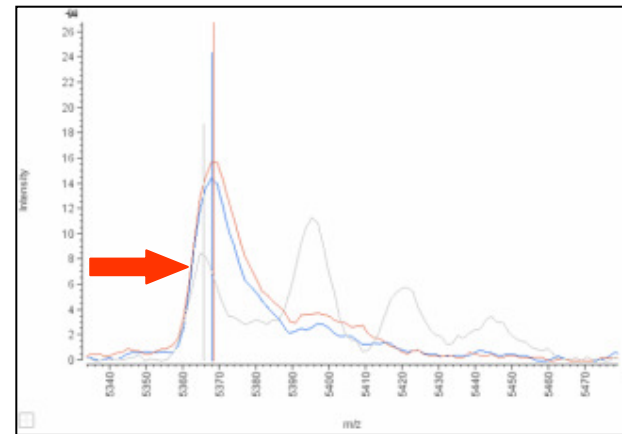


Refiner Metabolomics

Baseline subtraction increases the comparability of spectra



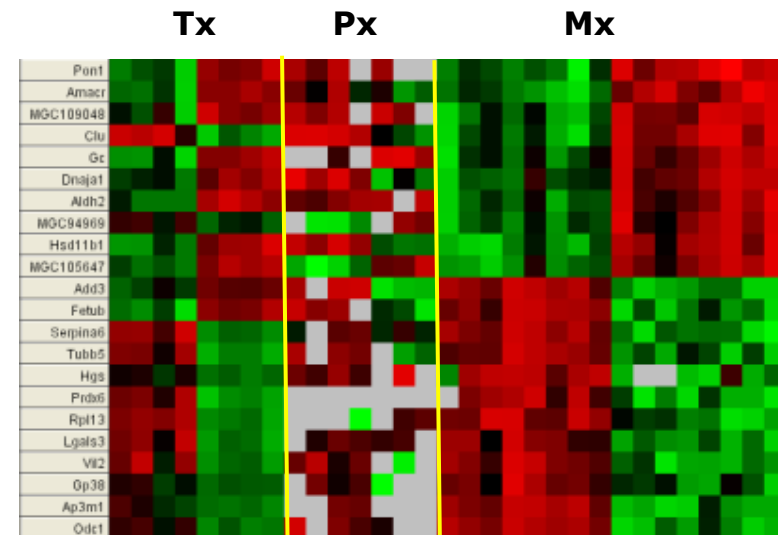
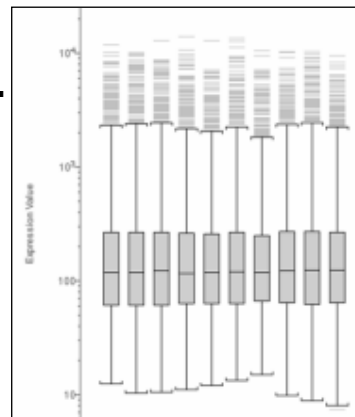
m/z alignment prevents false positives in biomarker detection



Mapping and normalization

- + Integration and simultaneous analysis of:
 - ▭ Different Affymetrix chips (e.g. HG-U95 and HG-U133)
 - ▭ Chips from different providers (e.g. Affy and Agilent)
 - ▭ Chips covering different species (e.g. Mouse and human)
 - ▭ Different technologies (transcripts, metabolites, proteins)

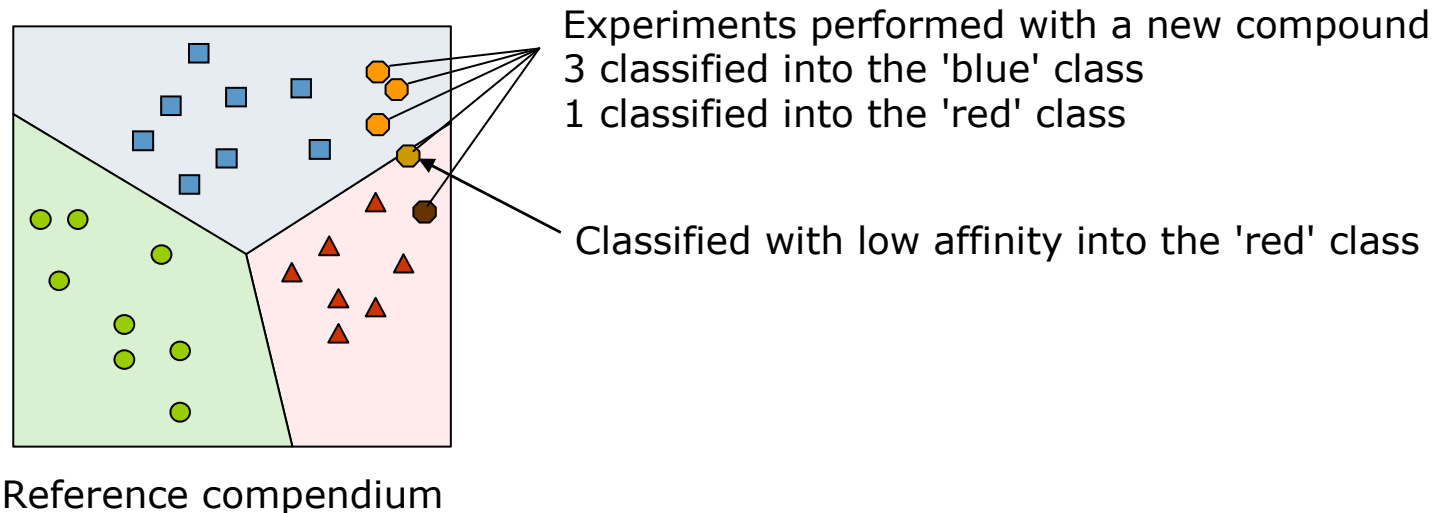
- + Normalization:
 - ▭ Arithmetic Mean
 - ▭ Logarithmic Mean
 - ▭ Median
 - ▭ Pointwise Division
 - ▭ LOWESS
 - ▭ Half Z-Norm.
 - ▭ Z-Norm.



Mapping of data into a gene symbol space

Reference compendium for toxicity prediction

- + Expression profiles of known, well-described compounds applied under diverse conditions frame a reference compendium
- + The idea of a reference compendium is to predict the 'toxicity' of a new compound (with unknown toxicity) by assigning it to the Tox class of the compounds in the reference compendium with the 'closest' expression profile

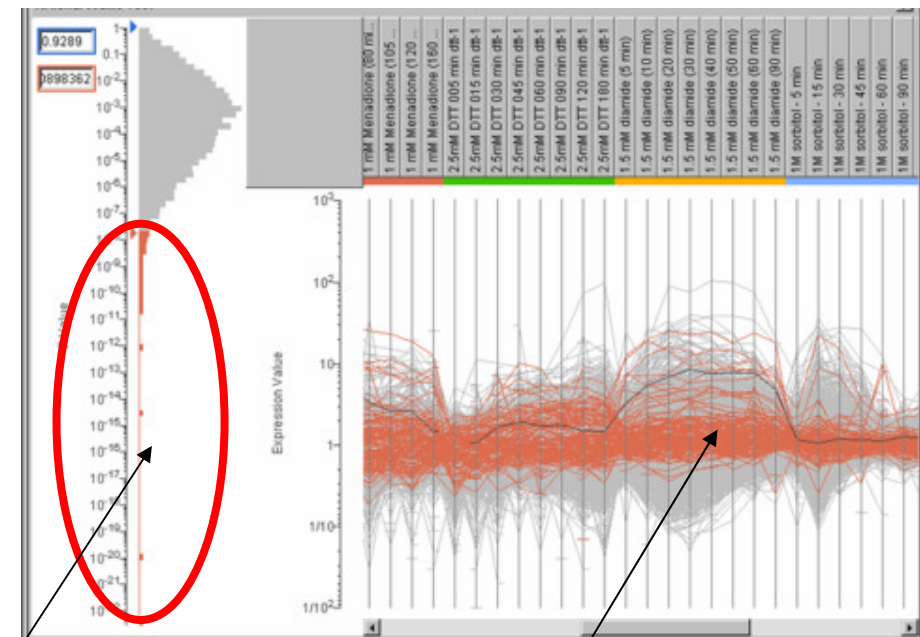


Detection of significant genes by unsupervised learning algorithms

+ Unsupervised computational methods can be used to arrange transcripts/proteins/metabolites in groups or clusters based solely on the similarity of their expression

- + Unsupervised learning algorithms
 - ANOVA (analysis of variance)
 - N-way ANOVA
 - Kruskal Wallis ranking test
 - Principal Components Analysis
 - Hierarchical clustering
 - Self-organizing maps
 - K-means clustering

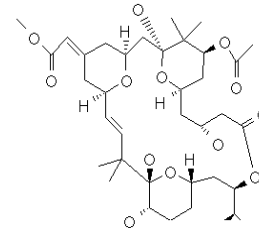
ANOVA



Gene-specific p-value reflecting the discriminative power as a marker gene

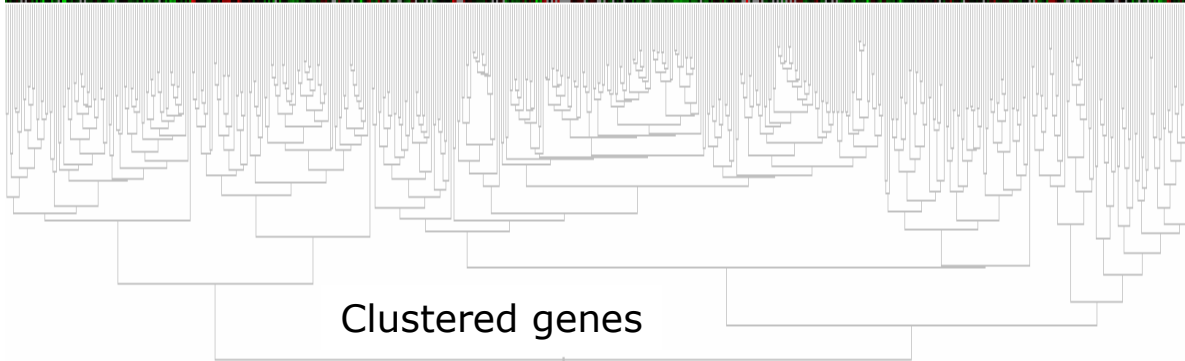
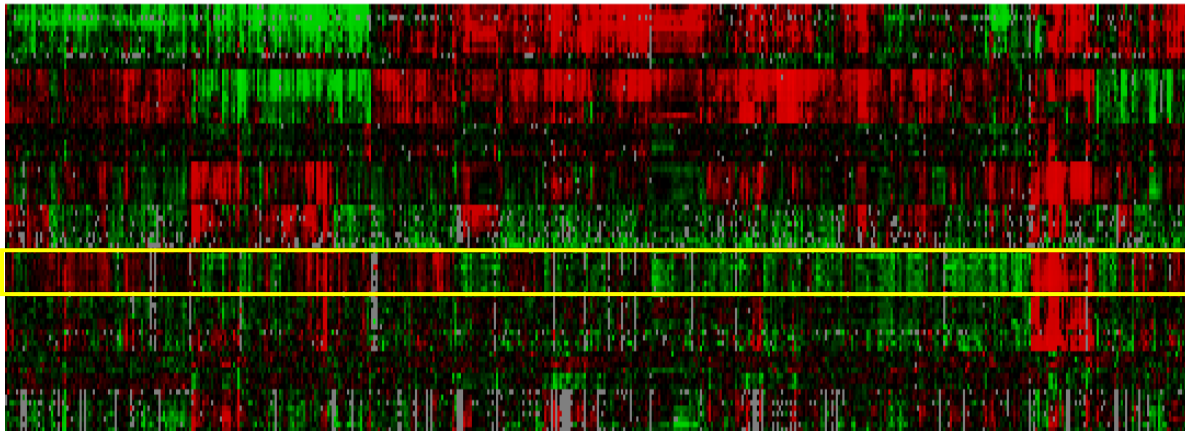
mRNA changes characteristic for a certain toxic mechanism

Prediction of toxicity of a new compound using unsupervised learning methods

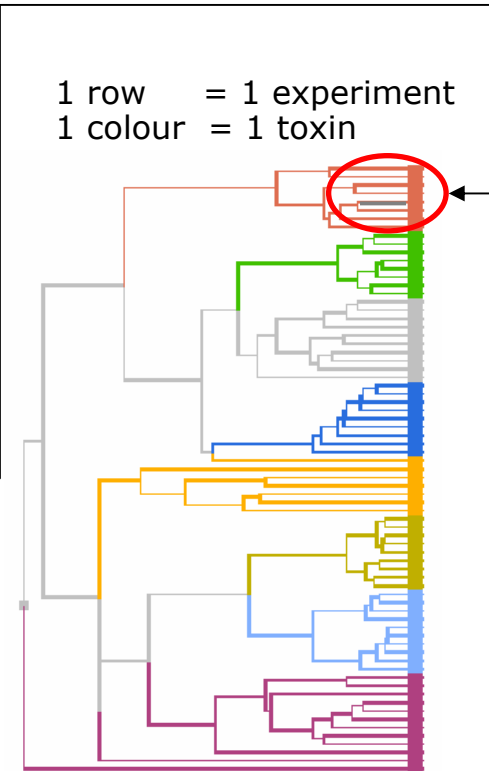


Drug candidate

Expression profile of drug candidate



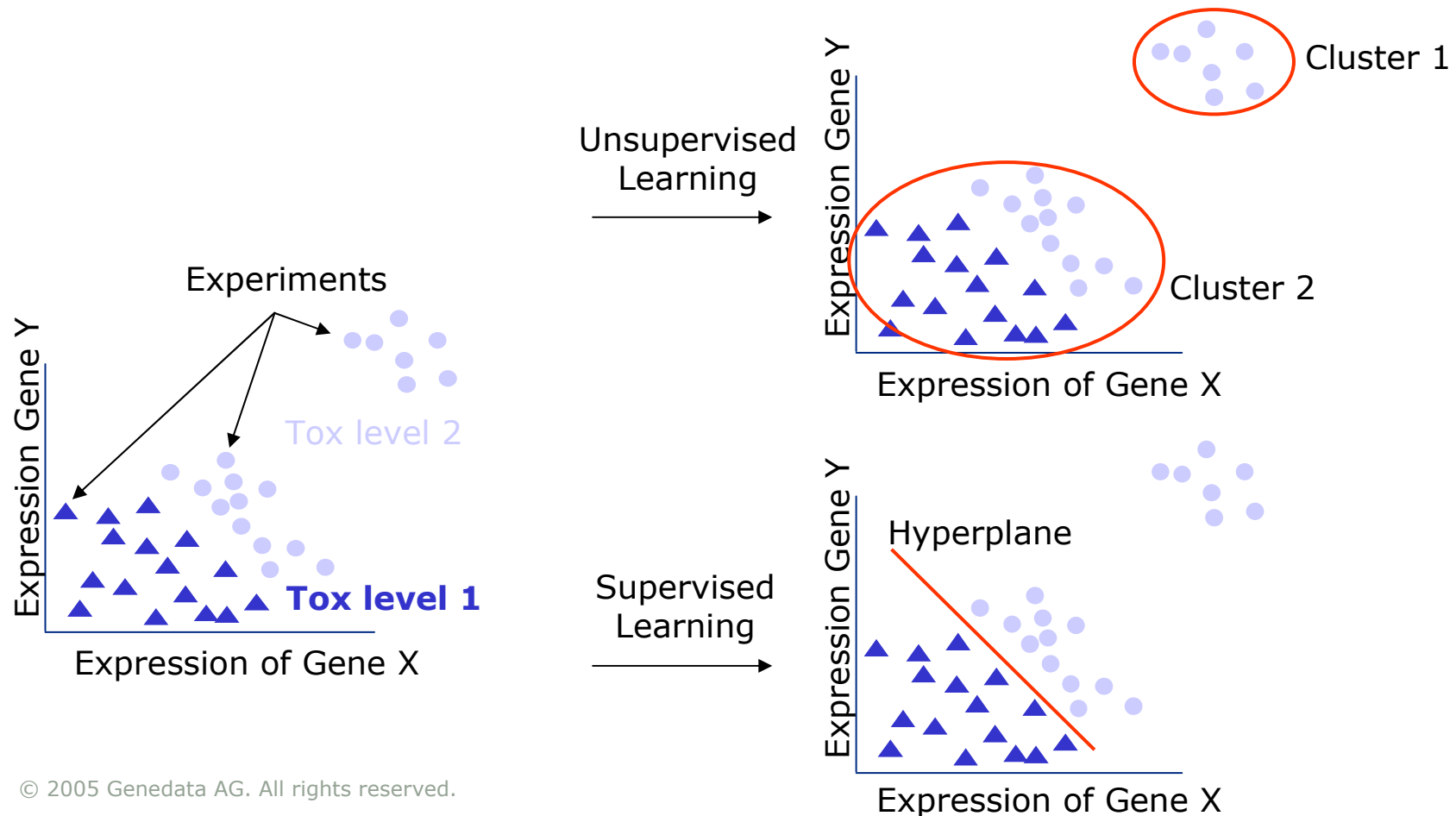
1 row = 1 experiment
1 colour = 1 toxin



Clustering of experiments

Detection of significant genes by supervised learning algorithms

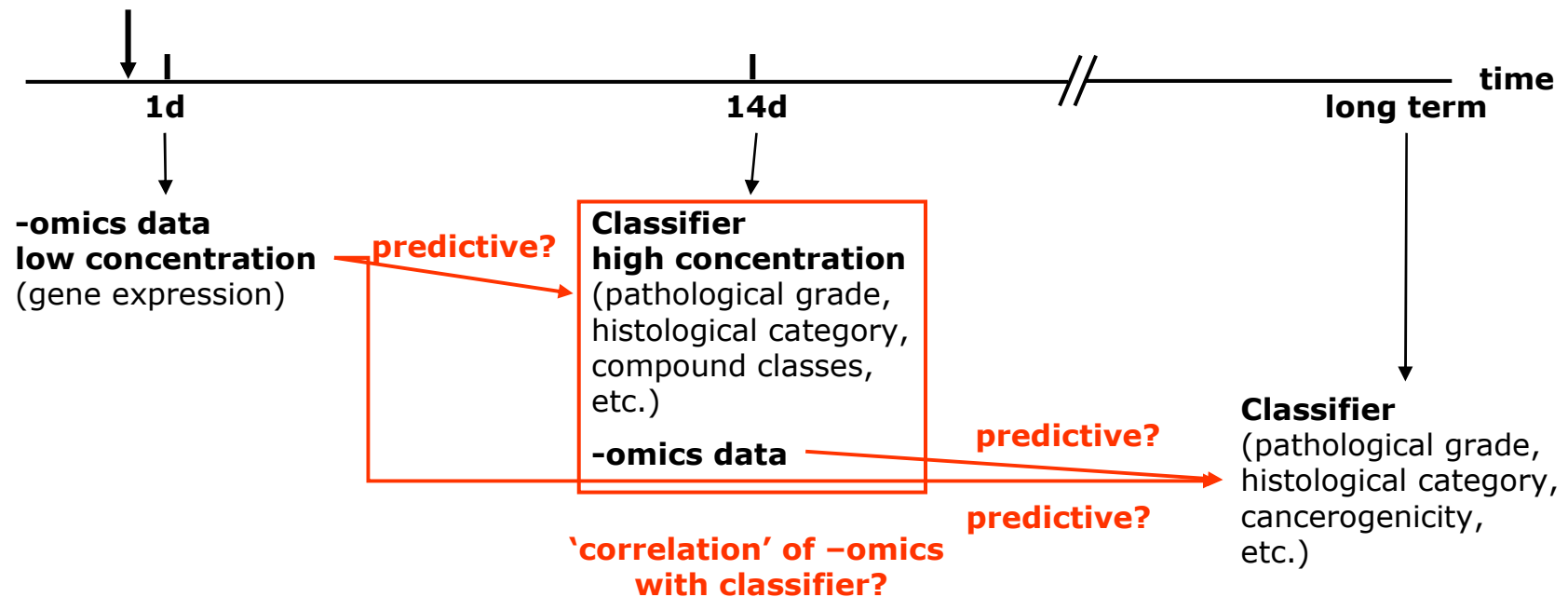
- + Supervised learning algorithms predict an output variable (e.g. a toxicity level) from input data (e.g. transcript, protein or metabolite expression)
- + In contrast to unsupervised learning methods a priori knowledge on compounds' 'toxicity' can be taken into account



Hypothesis-driven correlation

- + Identification of relevant associations between sample phenotypes (a priori knowledge) and expression

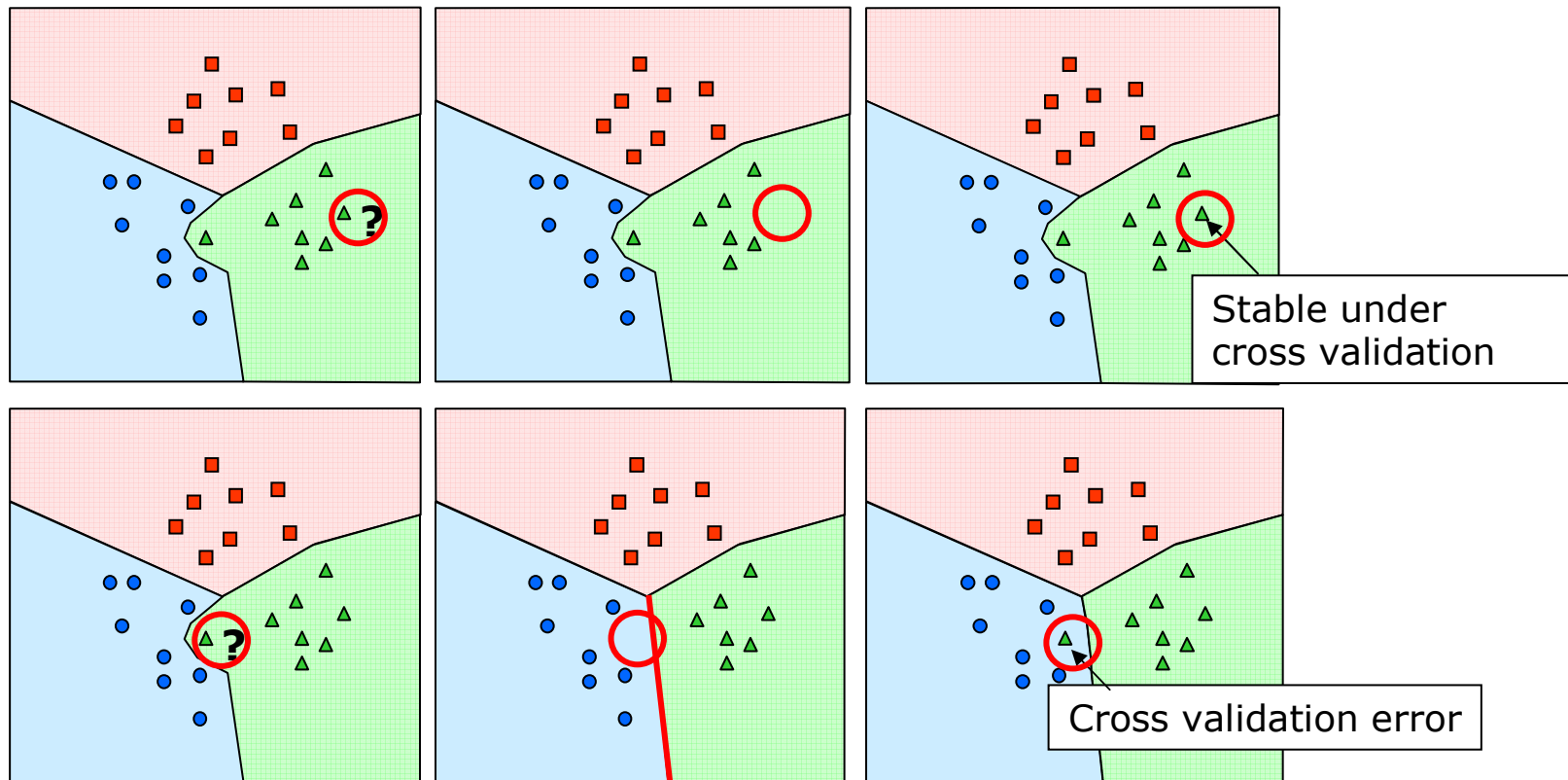
**Start treatment
low and high concentration**



- + What shall be predicted? Careful selection of hypothesis-driven classifier!

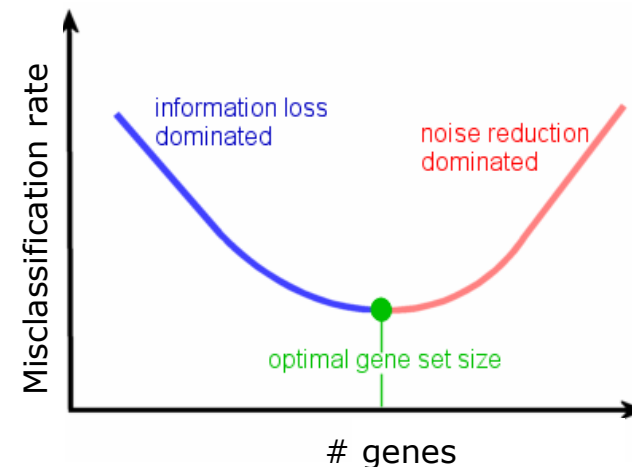
Cross validation of reference compendium

- + Cross validation is a widely used method for estimating the prediction error of a reference compendium
- + The goal of this intrinsic validation is to evaluate whether the reference compendium can be used for predicting the output variable of a compound based on the expression profile



Determination of the optimal set of genes

- + Besides the problem of estimating the prediction error, there also exists the issue to identify the set of genes that minimizes the prediction error and are therefore the best 'toxicity' predictors
- + Genes from optimal set of genes are potential biomarkers
- + Supervised learning
 - ▭ Support Vector Machine
 - ▭ Sparse Linear Discriminant Analysis
 - ▭ Fisher Linear Discriminant Analysis
 - ▭ K-Nearest Neighbours
- + Gene ranking methods
 - ▭ Sparse Linear Ranking
 - ▭ Supervised Gene Shaving
 - ▭ Recursive Feature Elimination
 - ▭ Support Vector Machine
 - ▭ ANOVA / Kruskal Wallis



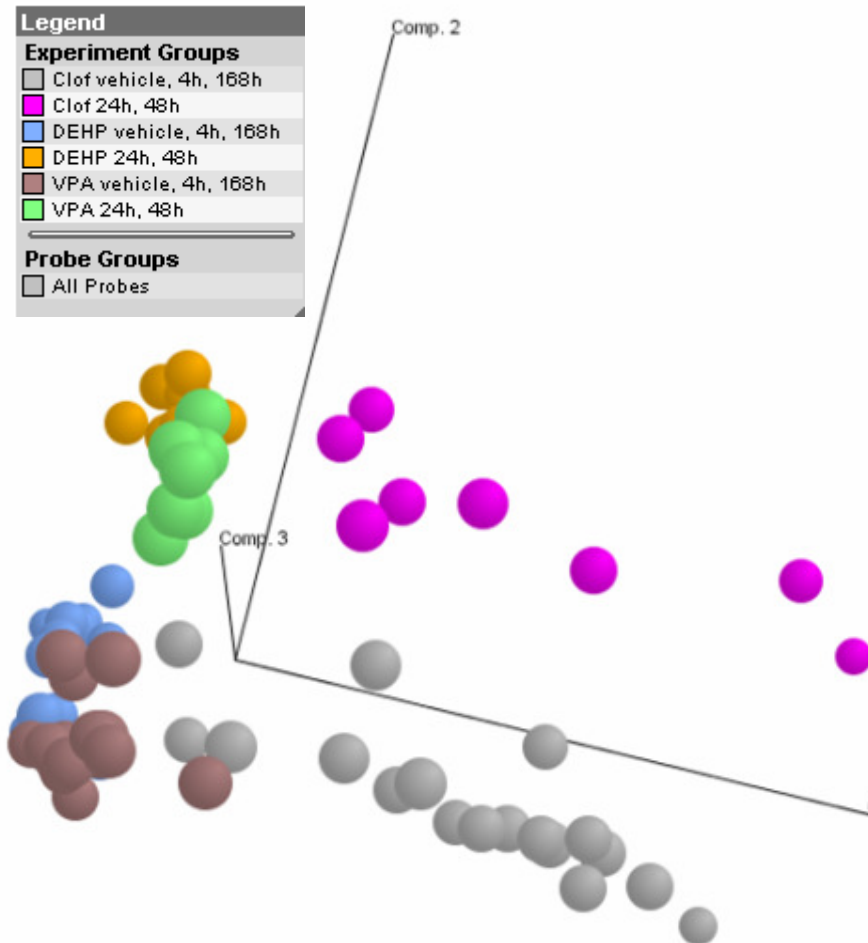
Case study

- + Compounds
 - Clofibrate in 0.9% saline 1 g/kg
 - DEHP (Diethylhexyl phthalate) in distilled water 20 g/kg
 - VPA (Valproic acid) in distilled water 2 g/kg

- + Single dose (oral administration)
- + Doses selected to obtain acute hepatotoxicity
- + Time points: 4h, 24h, 48h, 168h (vehicles: 48h, 168h)
- + 3 - 5 animals / compound and time point
- + Isolation of total RNA from liver
- + Hybridization to Affymetrix RG_U34A arrays
 - Each sample hybridized to a microarray
 - Samples from each compound and time point pooled and pool hybridized to microarrays

- + R. A. Jolly, et al., (2005)
Pooling samples within microarray studies: a comparative analysis of rat liver transcription response to prototypical toxicants
 Physiol Genomics, 22, 3, 346-55
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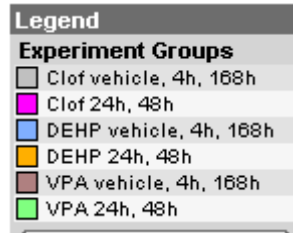
Principal Components Analysis of all experiments



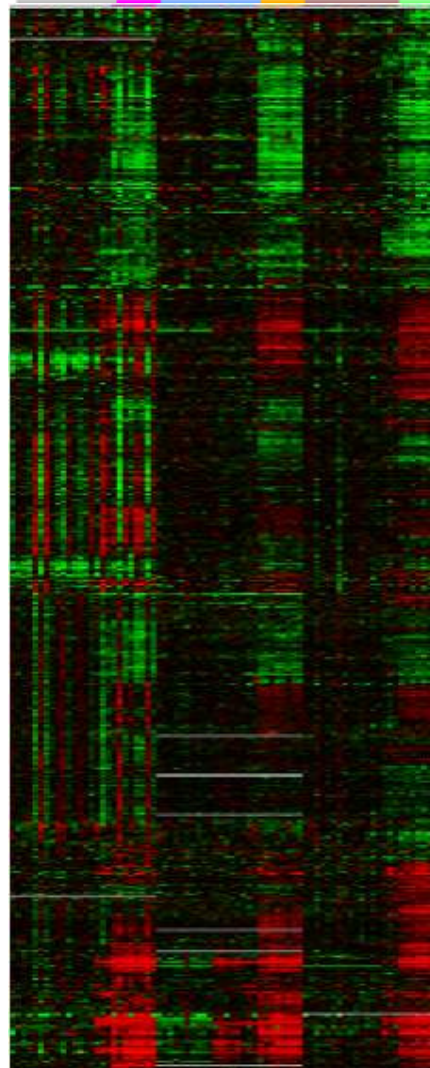
- + PCA with 3241 transcripts (detection p-value < 0.04, 50% valid values per group)
- + Clofibrate experiments separated from DEHP and VPA experiments along axis of component 1
- + 24h and 48h experiments separated from vehicle, 4h and 168h experiments along axis of component 2
- + Weak response after 4h
- + Recovery after 168h
- + 4h and 168h experiments similar to 48h and 168h vehicle experiments
- + 24h and 48h experiments not clearly separated

Vehicle, 4h, 168h experiments
= same colour for each compound
24h and 48h experiments
= same colour for each compound

Clustering of all experiments

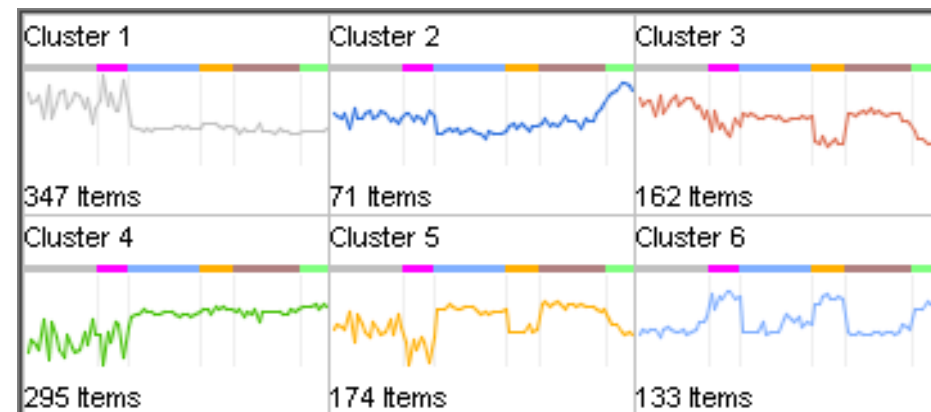


Hierarchical clustering



- + Hierarchical clustering and K-means with 1205 transcripts after ANOVA (p-values < 0.001, fold change ≥ 2 , detection p-value < 0.04, 50% valid values per group)
- + Most up- or down-regulated transcripts after 24h and 48h
- + Clofibrate experiments separated from DEHP and VPA experiments

K-means clustering

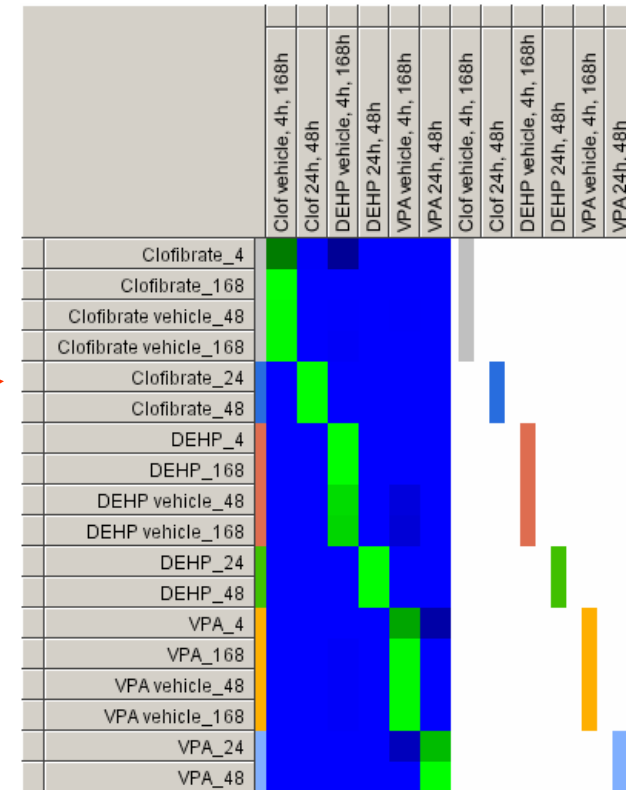


Which data should be selected to build a reference compendium?

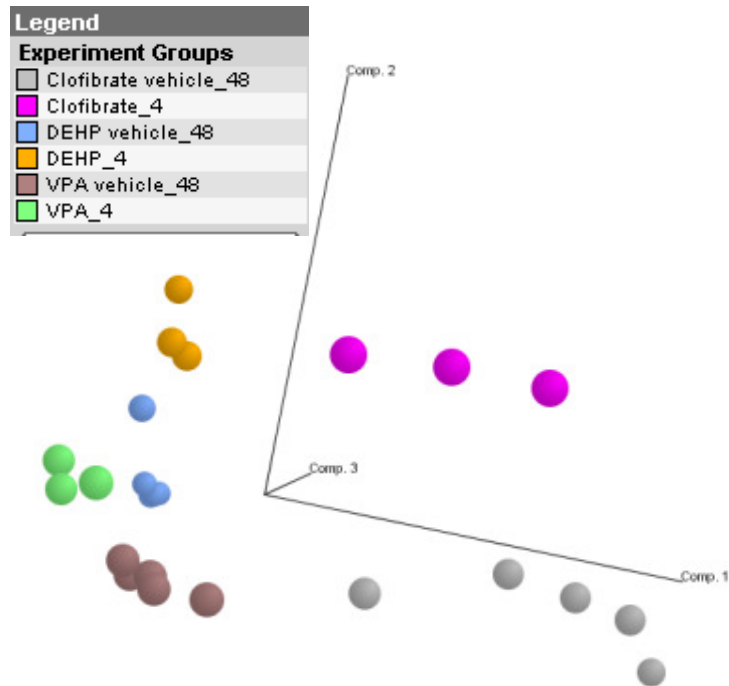
- + Highly up- or down-regulated transcripts after 24h and 48h
- + Experiment groups 'no or low expression' (4h, 168h, 48h vehicle, 168h vehicle) and 'high expression' (24h, 48h) could be used to build a reference compendium
- + Misclassification rate $\sim 0\%$

Questions:

- + Is there enough information in the expression profiles of the 4h and 48h vehicle experiments to use these experiments for a reference compendium?
- + Can these early time points be used to predict outcomes at later time points?



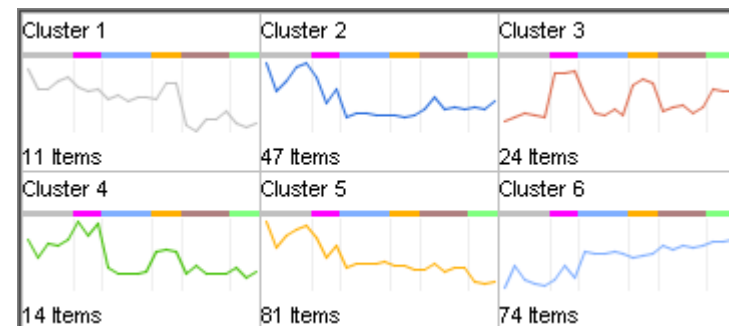
Analyses of vehicle and 4h experiments with transcripts selected from ANOVA



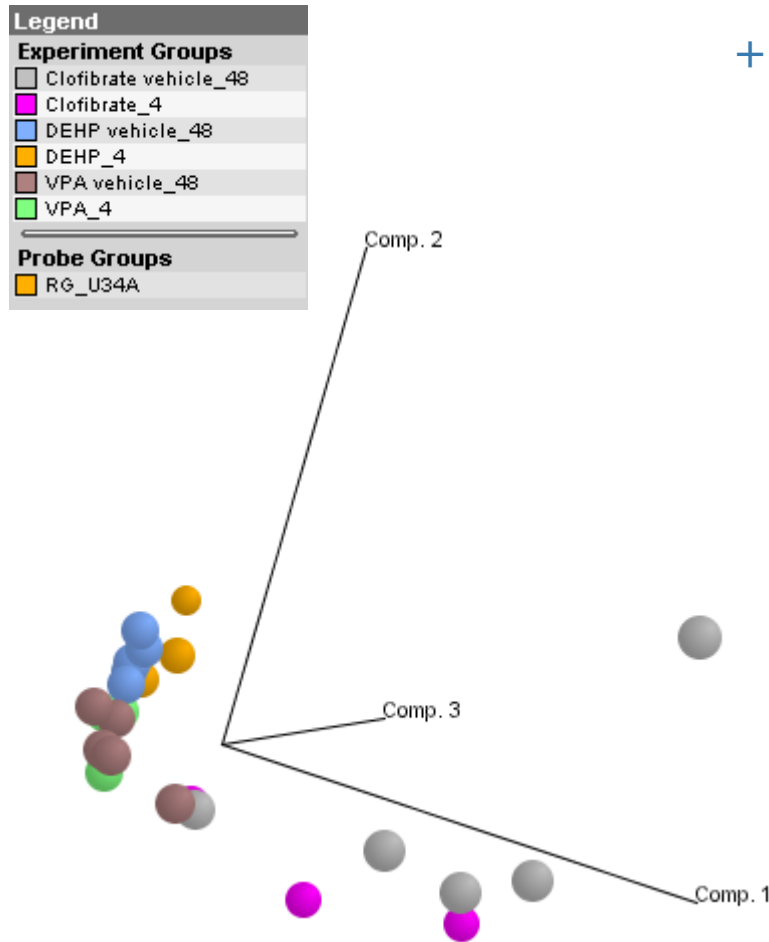
Hierarchical clustering

- + PCA, K-means and hierarchical clustering with 251 transcripts after ANOVA
(p-values < 0.001, fold change ≥ 2 , detection p-value < 0.04, 50% valid values per group)
- + 4h experiments separated from vehicle experiments
- + Clofibrate experiments separated from DEHP and VPA experiments

K-means clustering



Principal Components Analysis of vehicle and 4h experiments

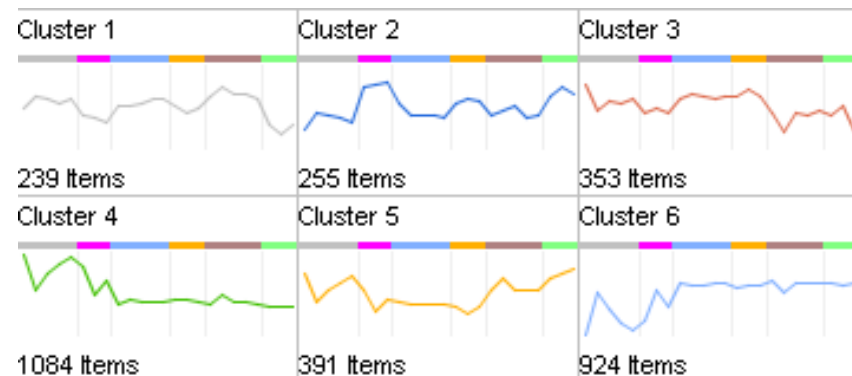


+ PCA and K-means with 3241 transcripts (detection p-value < 0.04, 50% valid values per group)

Clofibrate experiments separated from DEHP and VPA along axis of component 1

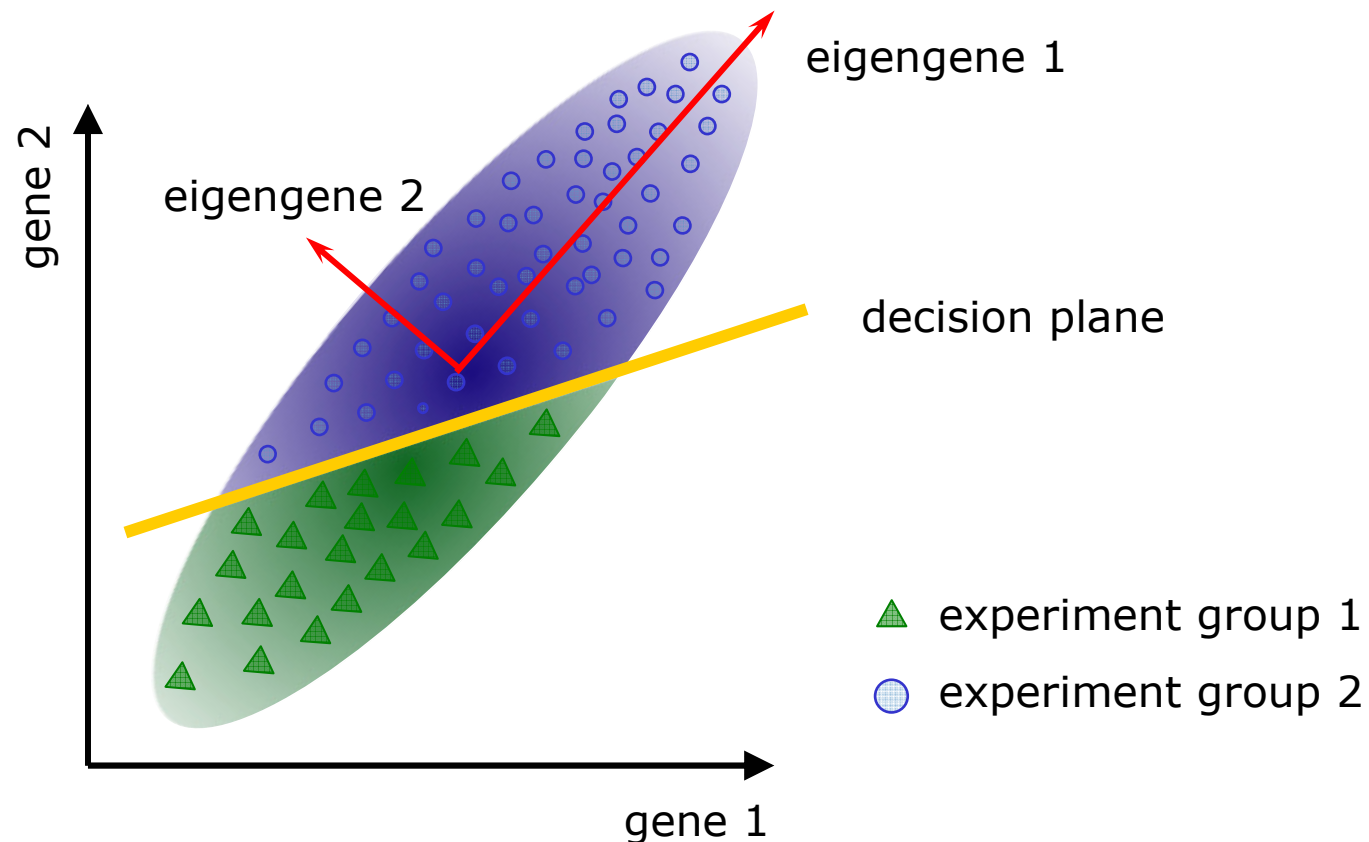
No clear separation between vehicle and 4h experiments

K-means clustering



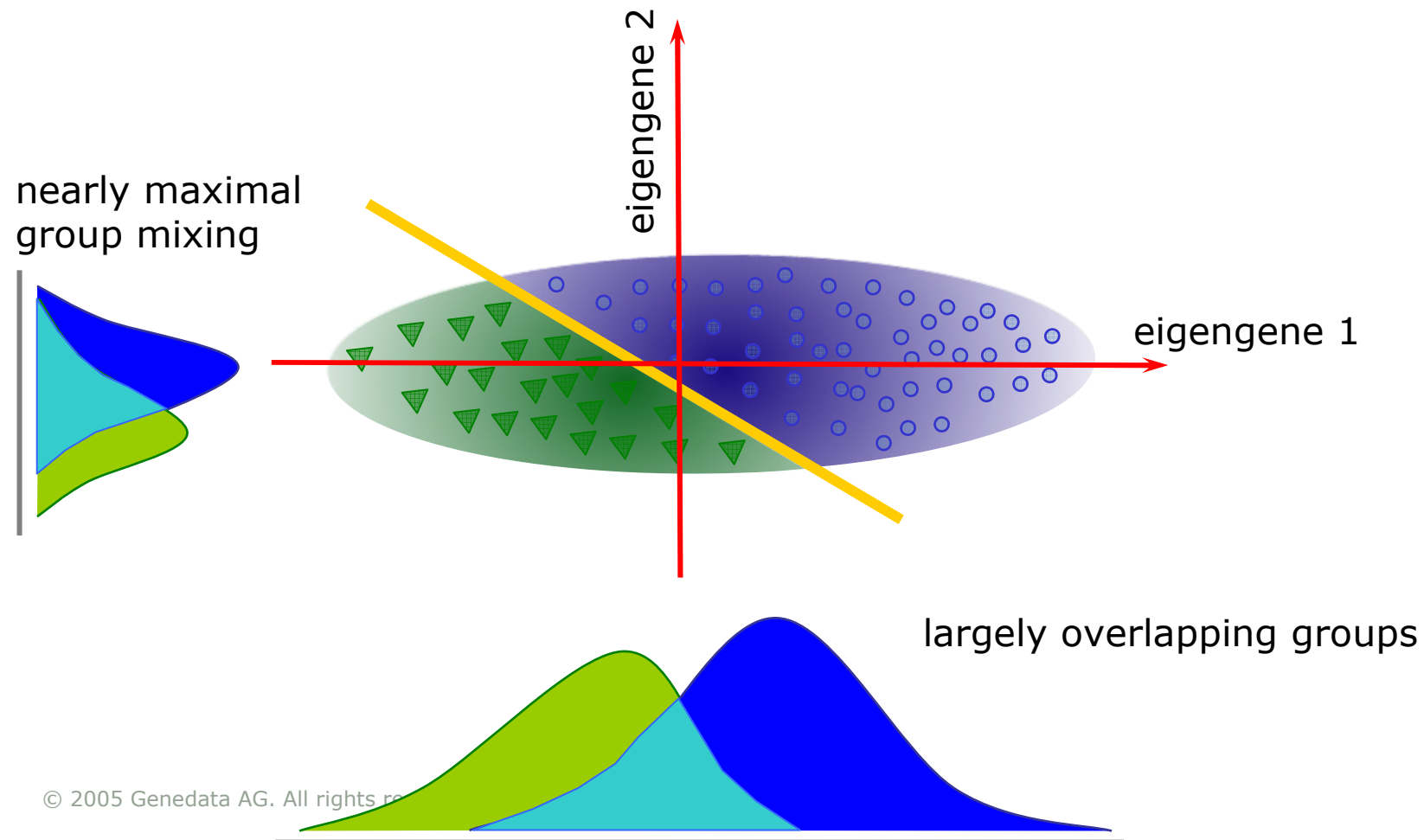
PCA vs. supervised learning

- + PCA is in general not the best method to classify experiment groups as can be seen from the following example
- + The group separation line (decision plane) is in general not parallel to any of the genes or eigen-directions



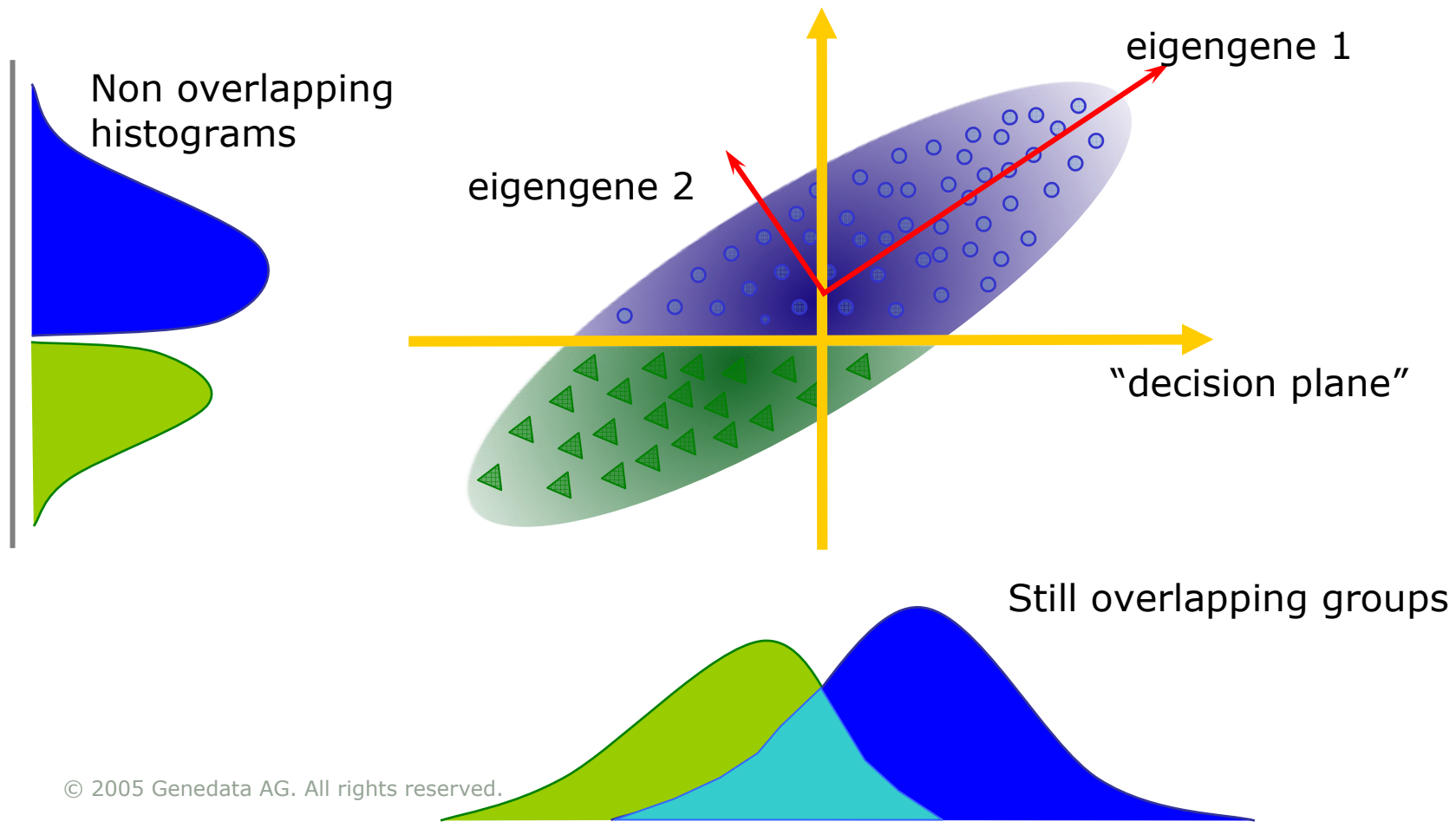
PCA: Classification using PCA

- + A rotation to the eigenspace therefore does not solve the classification problem

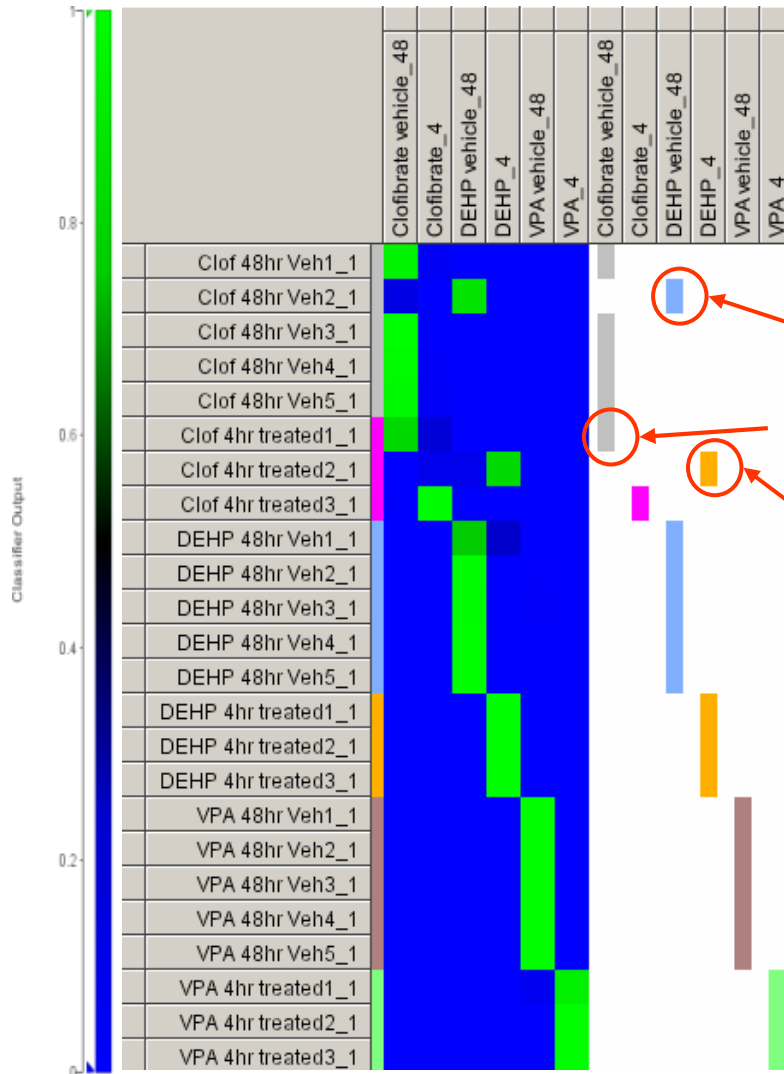


PCA vs. supervised learning

- + A complete separation of groups is possible by using the coordinate system obtained from the classifier



Cross-validation of vehicle and 4h experiments



- + Classifier: KNN
all genes (~ 8800)
Distance: Positive Correlation
K: 1
Test Set Fraction: 25
Number of Repeats: 500

- + Misclassification rate ~ 13%

Clof 48h vehicle classified as DEHP vehicle 48h

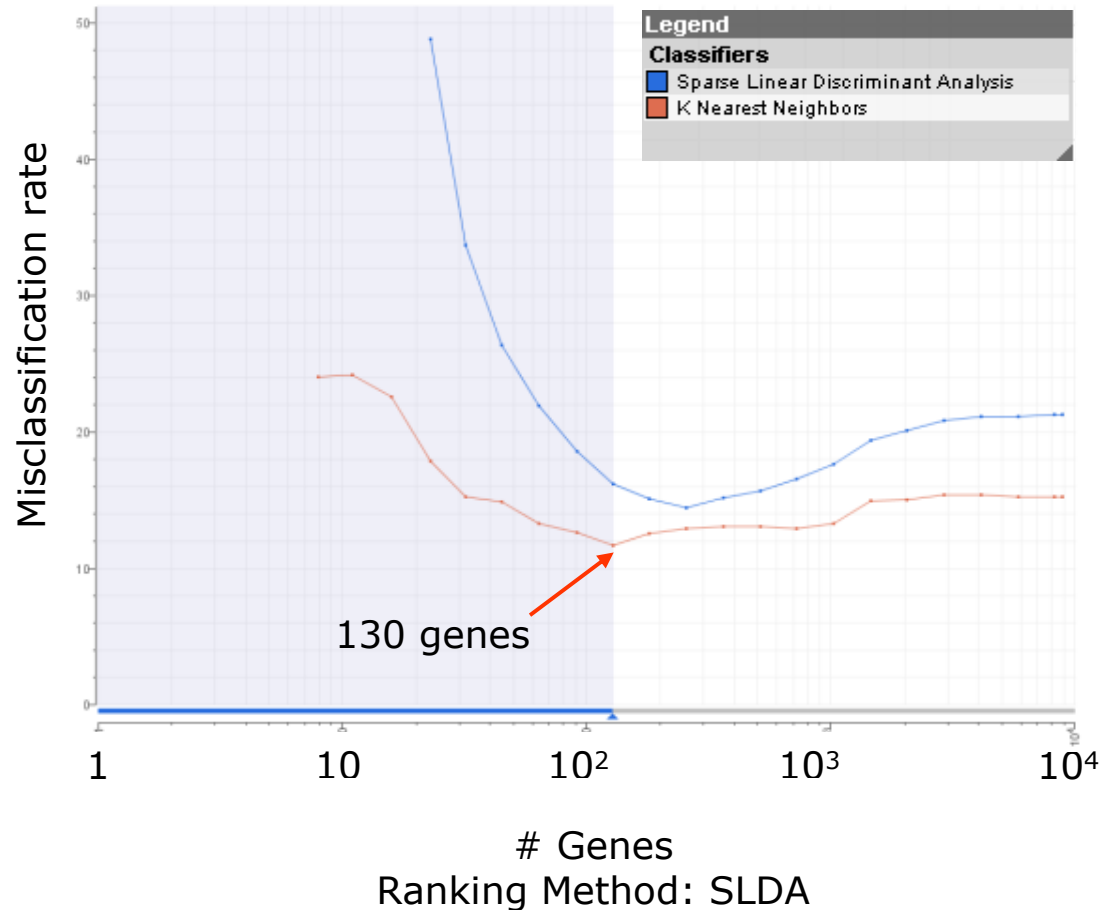
Clof 4h classified as Clof vehicle 48h

Clof 4h classified as DHEP 4h

- + Acceptable misclassification error in reference compendium consisting of vehicle and 4h experiments
- + Reference compendium can be used for predicting the output variable of a compound based on the expression profile

Gene ranking to define optimal marker gene set

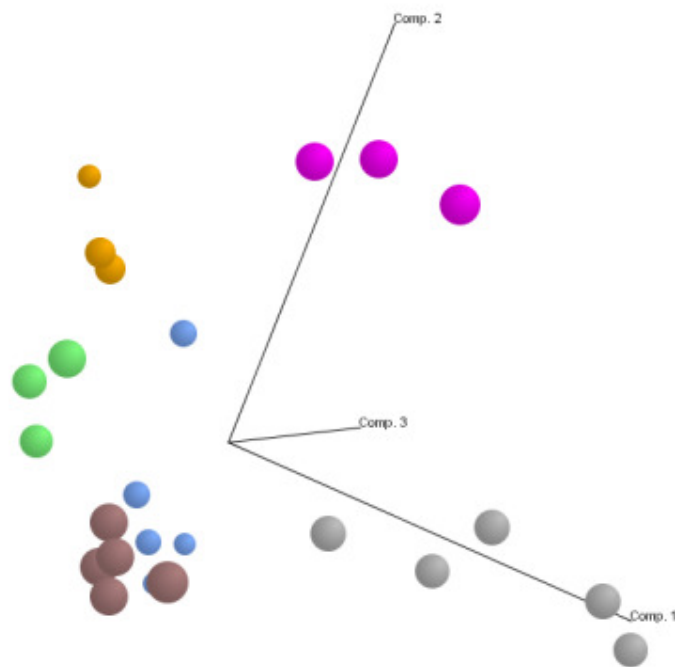
Gene ranking and cross validation



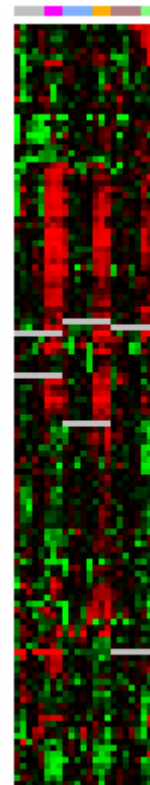
- + Classifiers: KNN and SLDA
all genes (~ 8800)
Test Set Fraction: 25
Number of Repeats: 500
Ranking: Sparse Linear Ranking
Kernel for SLDA: Linear
Distance for KNN: Positive Correlation
K: 1
- + Prediction error ~ 15 %
- + Optimal marker gene set consists of ~ 130 genes
- + Prediction error ~ 12 %
- + No significant reduction of prediction error but reduction in number of significant transcripts

Analyses of vehicle and 4h experiments with optimal marker gene set

| Legend | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Experiment Groups | |
| Grey square | Clofibrate vehicle_48 |
| Magenta square | Clofibrate_4 |
| Blue square | DEHP vehicle_48 |
| Yellow square | DEHP_4 |
| Brown square | VPA vehicle_48 |
| Green square | VPA_4 |



Hierarchical clustering



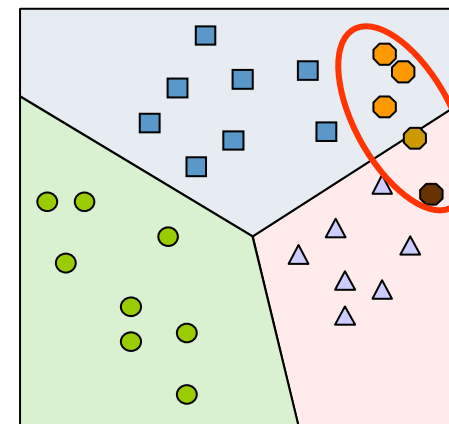
- + PCA, K-means and hierarchical clustering with optimal marker gene set consisting of 130 transcripts (detection p-value < 0.04, 50% valid values per group)

K-means clustering



Classification of 'Unknown' compounds

- + Pooled vehicle and 4h experiments classified into compendium consisting of individual vehicle and 4h experiments
- + Experiment is assigned to the group with highest affinity

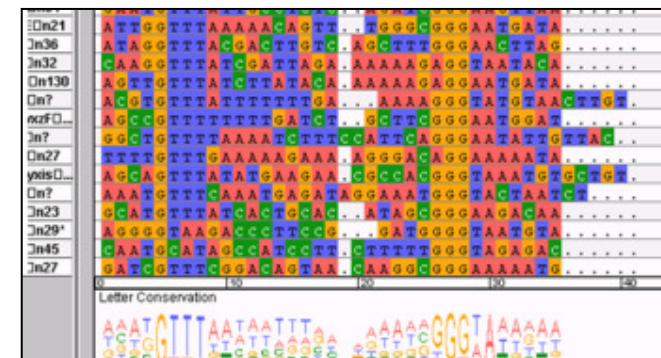
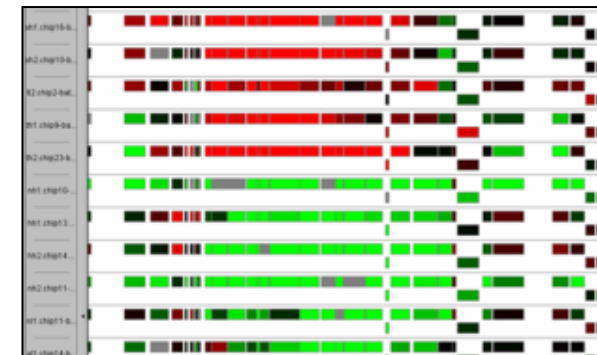
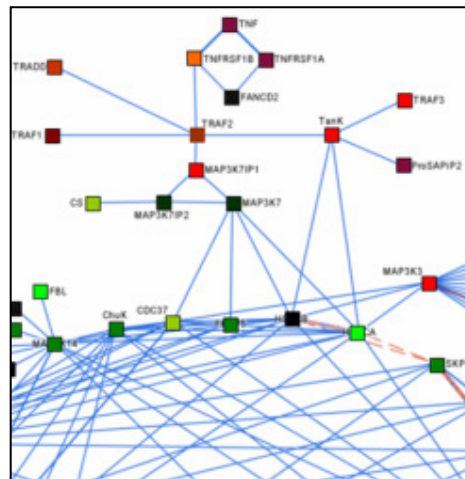
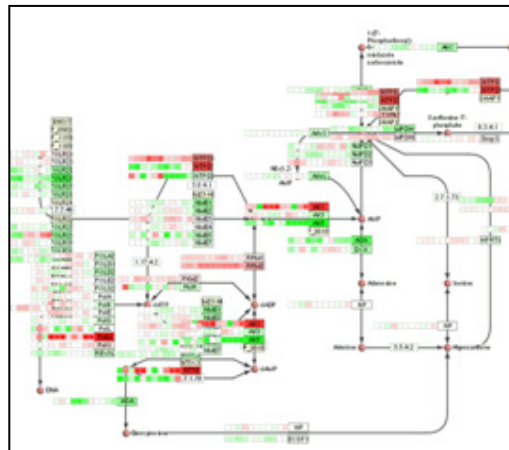


| | Clofibrate vehicle_48 | Clofibrate_4 | DEHP vehicle_48 | DEHP_4 | VPA vehicle_48 | VPA_4 | Clofibrate vehicle_48 | Clofibrate_4 | DEHP vehicle_48 | DEHP_4 | VPA vehicle_48 | VPA_4 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------|----------------|-------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------|----------------|-------|
| Clof 4hr treated POOLE... | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clof 48hr Veh POOLED_1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DEHP 4hr treated POOL... | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DEHP 48hr Veh POOLE... | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VPA 4hr treated POOLE... | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VPA 48hr Veh POOLED_1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

- + Classifier: K Nearest Neighbours
Distance: Positive Correlation
K: 1
- + No misclassified experiment

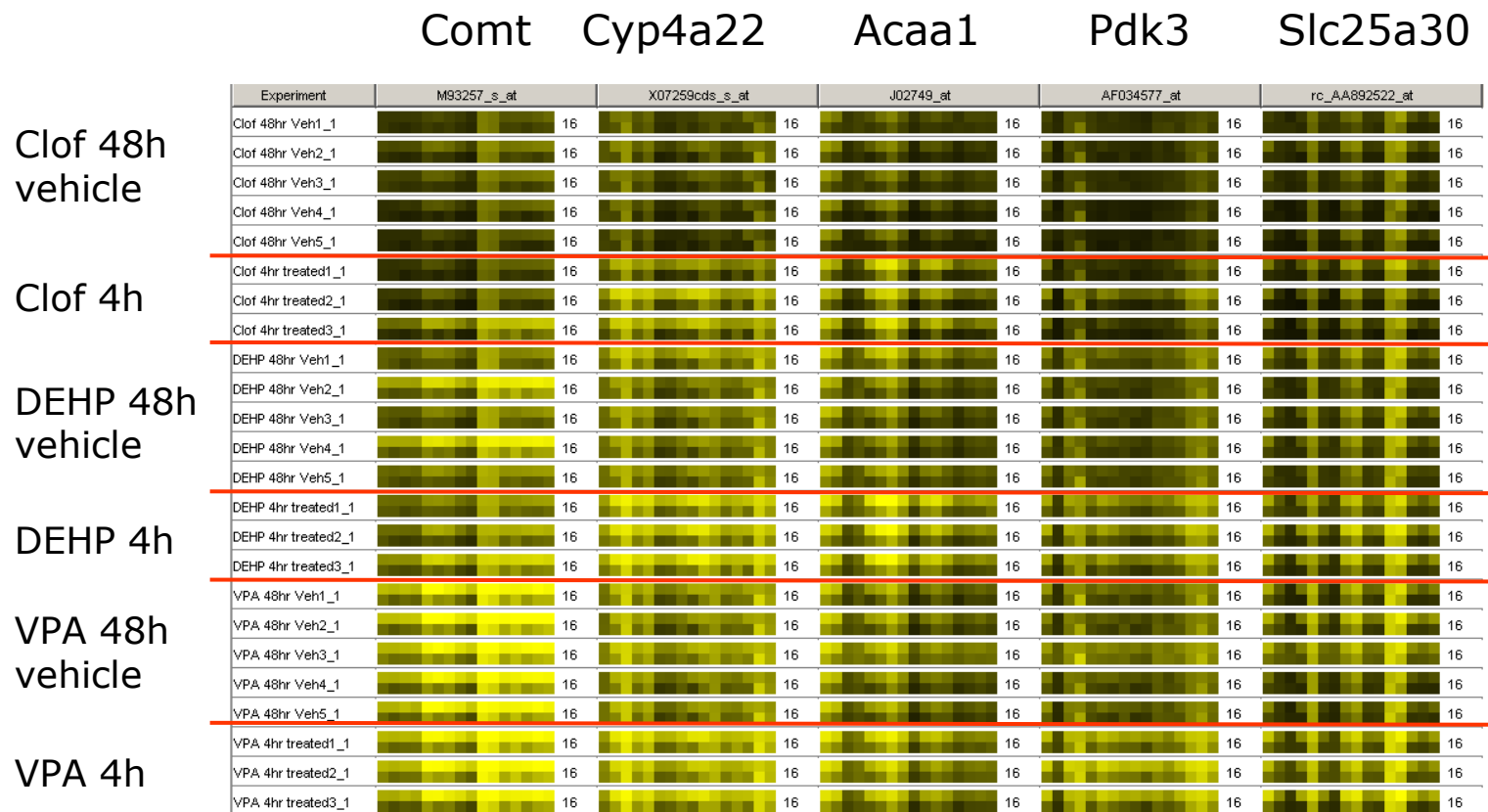
Pathway characterization and biomarker characterization

- + The reference compendium and the optimal gene set provides the ideal foundation for developing sophisticated MOA models and potential biomarker identification
 - Pathway analysis
 - Genomic analysis
 - Promoter analysis
 - Protein interaction analysis, etc.



Visualization of hybridization values on individual Affymetrix Chips

- + Visualization of vehicle and 4h experiments hybridization values on probe sets of some transcripts from optimal gene set
- + Highly reproducible expression signals
- + Small differences between vehicle and 4h experiments



Fisher's exact test using GO annotation

- + The Fisher's Exact Test is a statistical counting test that assigns statistical significance to statements about the over- or under-representation of properties in a selection group when compared to a so-called universe group.
- + Comparison of optimal gene set from gene ranking against all transcripts





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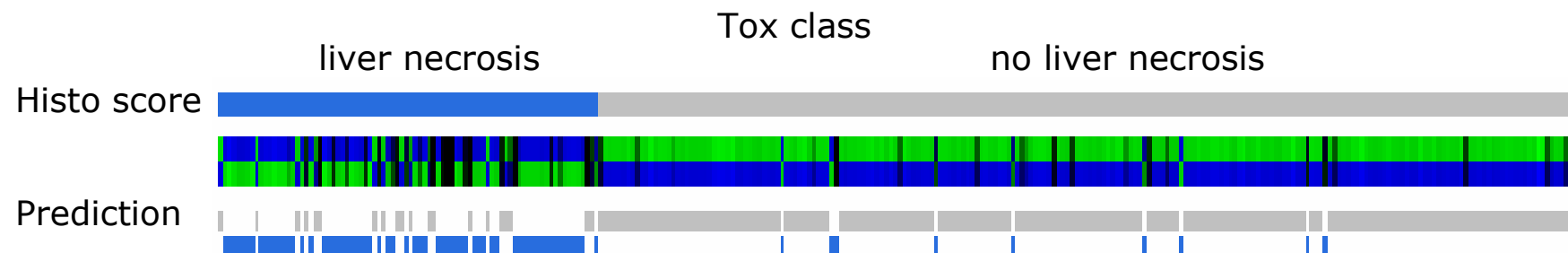
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Consulting study: Prediction of histopathology 'liver necrosis'

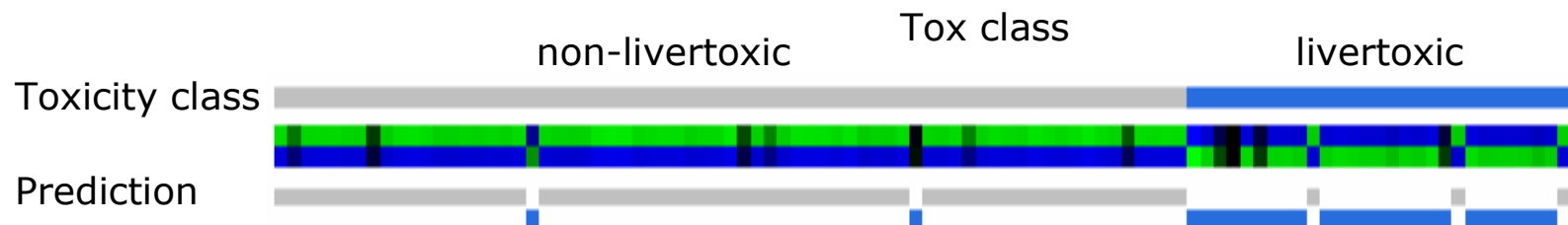
- + 52 compounds tested
- + Compounds applied at a low and a high concentration
- + Samples taken after 6h, 24h and 72h
- + Experimental data set included 1597 experiments
- + Histopathological scores assigned to each experiment



- + **Prediction error: ~ 10%**
















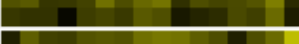








Consulting study: Prediction of liver toxicity

- + 33 compounds
- + Compounds applied at a low and a high concentration
- + Samples taken after 6h, 24h and 72h
- + Experimental data set included 958 experiments
- + Toxicity class assigned to each experiment

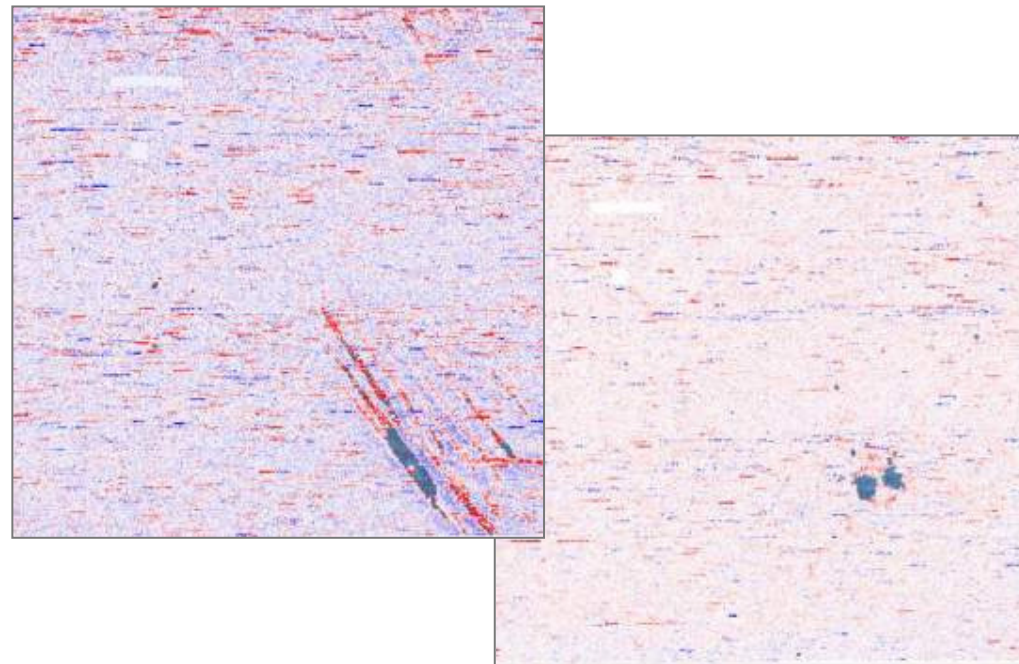


- + **Prediction error: ~ 5%**

Defect detection and masking (perceived as 'spots')

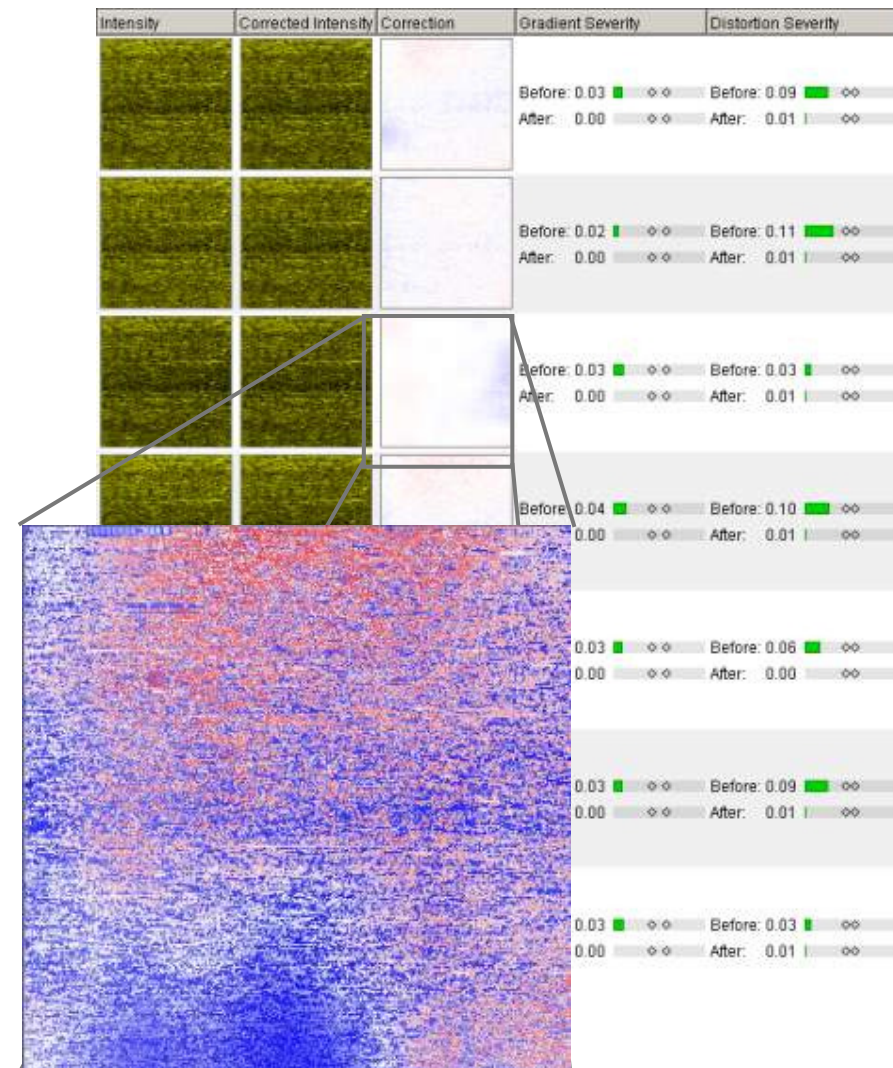
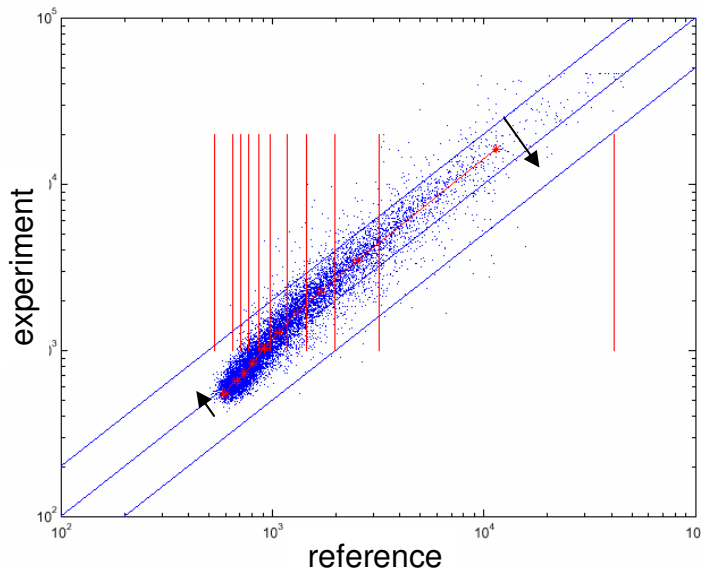
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|---|----|-------------------|
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|  | 16 | U47316_s_at |
|  | 16 | U47317_at |
|  | 16 | U49729_at |
|  | 16 | U55849_at |
|  | 16 | U59809_s_at |
|  | 16 | U64451_at |
|  | 16 | U68562mRNA#2_s_at |
|  | 16 | U70210_at |
|  | 16 | U70988cds_s_at |
|  | 16 | U71089cds_at |
|  | 16 | U72632_at |
|  | 16 | U73174_at |
|  | 16 | U73174_g_at |
|  | 16 | U75689_s_at |
|  | 16 | U75899mRNA_at |
|  | 16 | U75899mRNA_g_at |
|  | 16 | U76635mRNA_at |
|  | 16 | U76635mRNA_g_at |
|  | 16 | U84410_s_at |
|  | 16 | U86635_at |

- + Compares the experiments against the corresponding 'reference', identifies systematic deviations as defects and masks them
- + Both dark and bright defects are detected and masked



Signal correction

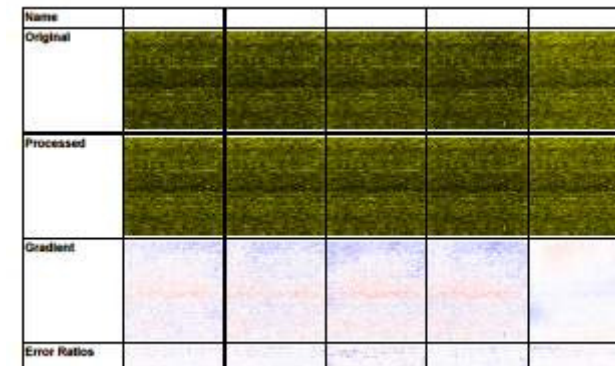
- + Divides the reference signal range into stripes
- + In each stripe, determines the median of experiment signals
- + Force this median line to be the diagonal of the new point cloud



Quality classification and reports

- + Quality control reports are archived and directly accessible
- + Quality control values are stored in database and accessible for data analysis

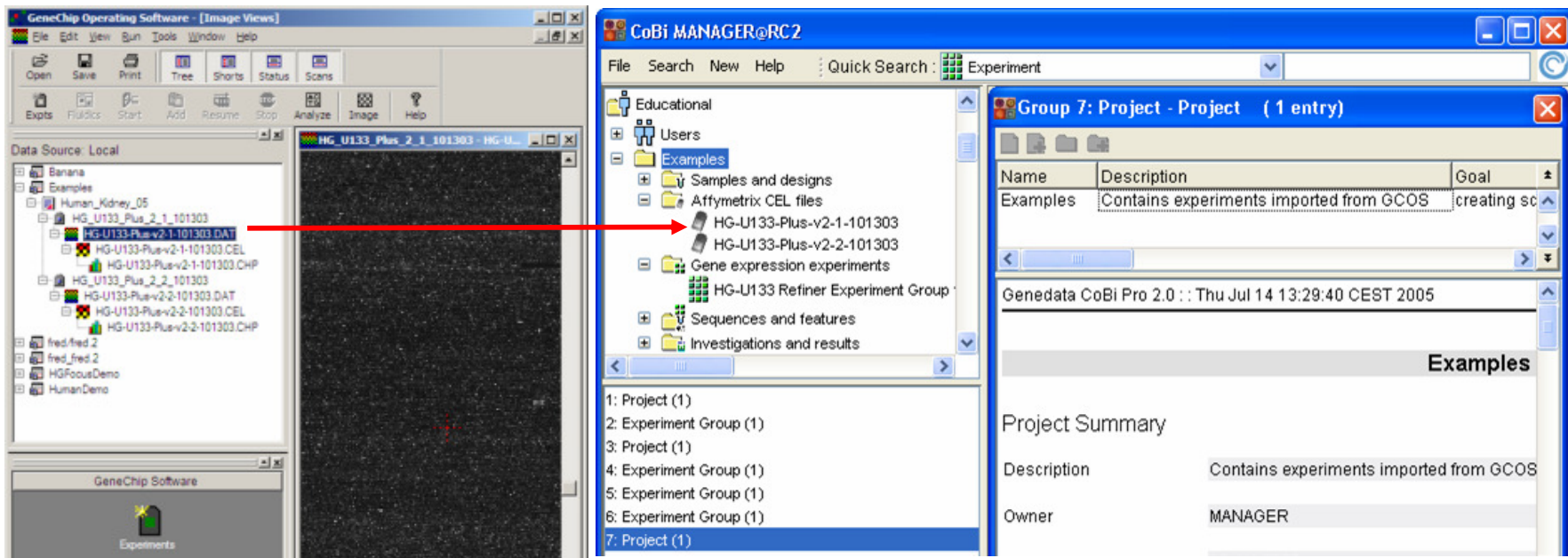
| Classification | Gradient Severity | Distortion Severity | Masked Area (...) |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Good | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.08 |
| Good | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.10 |
| Good | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.11 |
| Good | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.14 |
| Good | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.16 |
| Good | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.17 |
| Warning | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.21 |
| Warning | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.29 |
| Warning | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.30 |
| Bad | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.55 |
| Bad | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.62 |



| Processing Results | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Set 1 of 3: | | | | |
| Activity | Result Type | 1_bipl_2 | 2_bipl_2 | 4_bipl_2 |
| Load Files | Masked Area (%) | 0.10 | 0.16 | 0.10 |
| Chip Statistics | Masked Area (%) | 0.10 | 0.16 | 0.10 |
| | Outlier Area (%) | 0.10 | 0.16 | 0.10 |
| | Average Intensity | 1678.2 | 2076.6 | 1673.9 |
| Outlier Masking | Masked Area (%) Before Correction | 0.10 | 0.16 | 0.10 |
| | Masked Area (%) After Correction | 0.10 | 0.16 | 0.10 |
| Similarity Analysis | Disimilarity Threshold | 0.30 | 0.30 | 0.30 |
| | Group ID | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| | Within-Group Disimilarity | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.21 |
| | Within-Group Distortion | 0.24 | 0.19 | 0.23 |
| Reference Experiment | | | | |
| Defect Masking (Reference) | Masked Area (%) Before Correction | 0.10 | 0.16 | 0.10 |
| | Masked Area (%) After Correction | 0.18 | 0.17 | 0.11 |
| Signal Correction (Reference) | Gradient Severity Before Correction | 0.06 | 0.03 | 0.04 |
| | Gradient Severity After Correction | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Distortion Severity Before Correction | 0.28 | 0.20 | 0.27 |
| | Distortion Severity After Correction | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.03 |
| Classification | | Good | Good | Good |
| RMA | Mean Expression | 2055.1 | 2069.7 | 2111.6 |
| | Gene Outliers (%) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Feature Outliers (%) | 0.228 | 0.263 | 0.192 |
| Report | | | | |

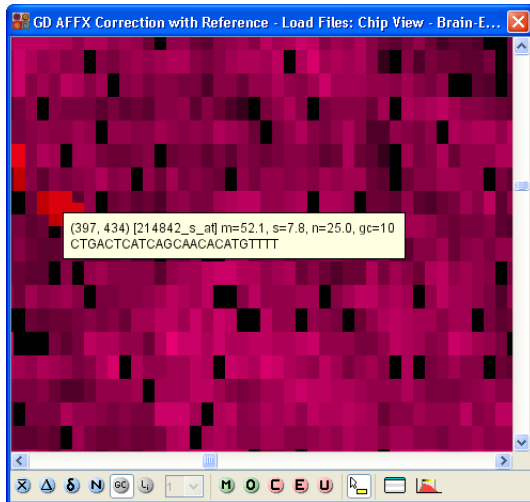
Tight integration with Affymetrix GCOS

- + Expressionist offers seamless automated import, pre-processing and analysis of data from GCOS enabling streamlined efficient microarray research
- + Project structure from GCOS is conserved in Expressionist for automated standardized management of huge data sets

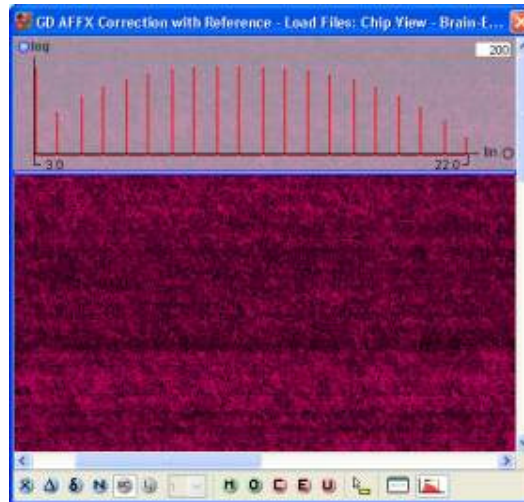


FASTA information for Affymetrix GeneChips

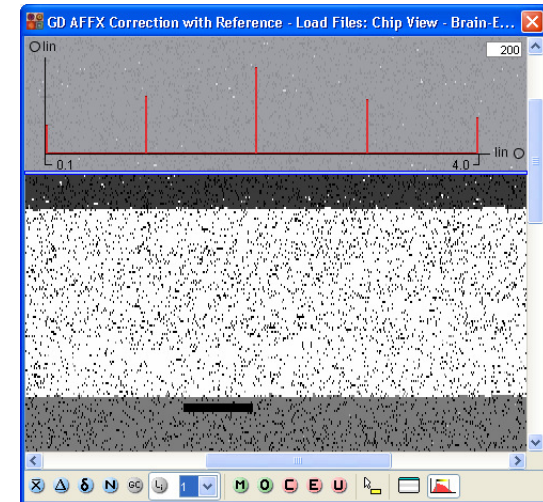
- + Expressionist provides FASTA information for all Affymetrix GeneChips for in-depth analysis and interpretation of gene expression measurements on the nucleotide level



Tooltip view of probe set
nucleotide sequence

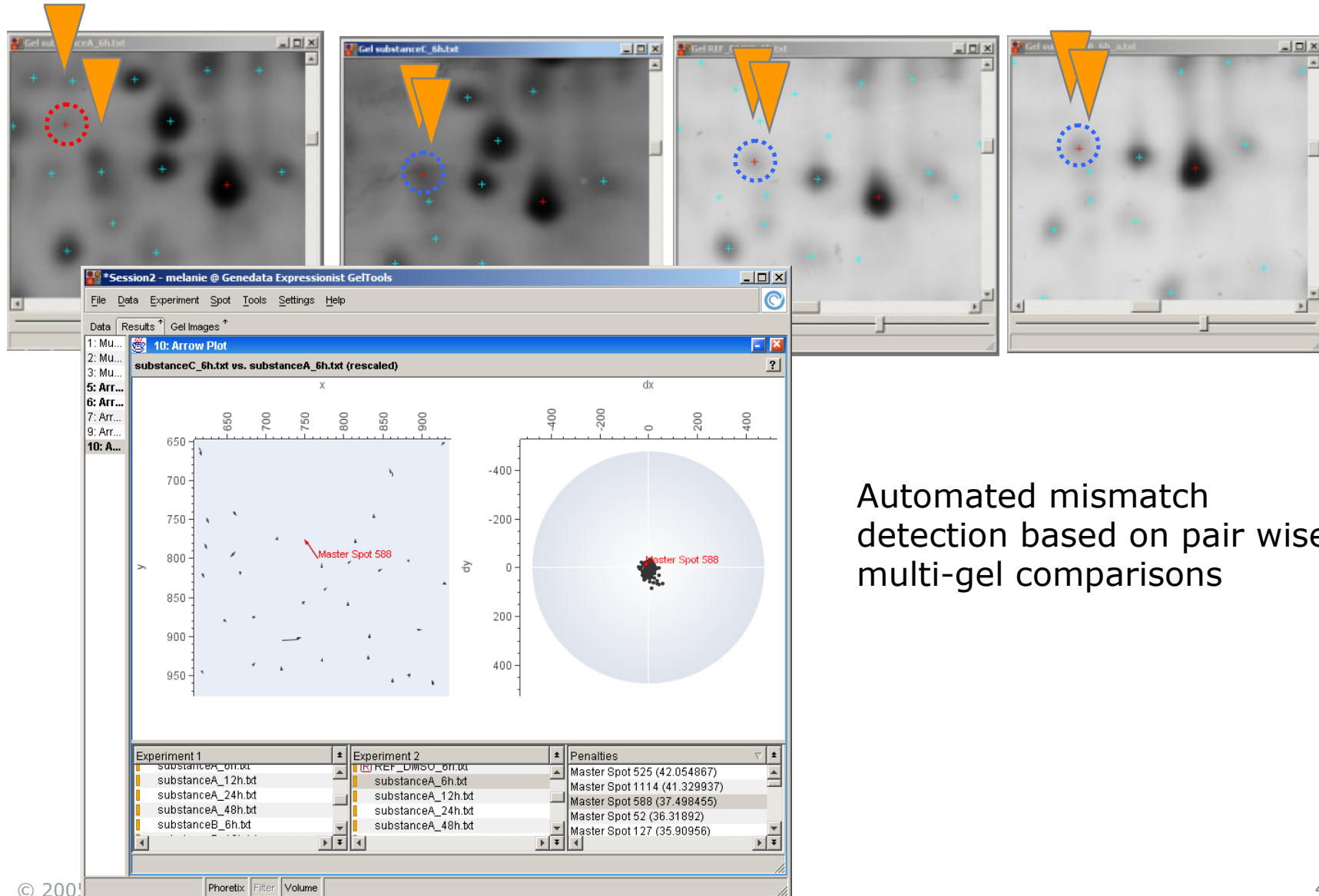


GC content view



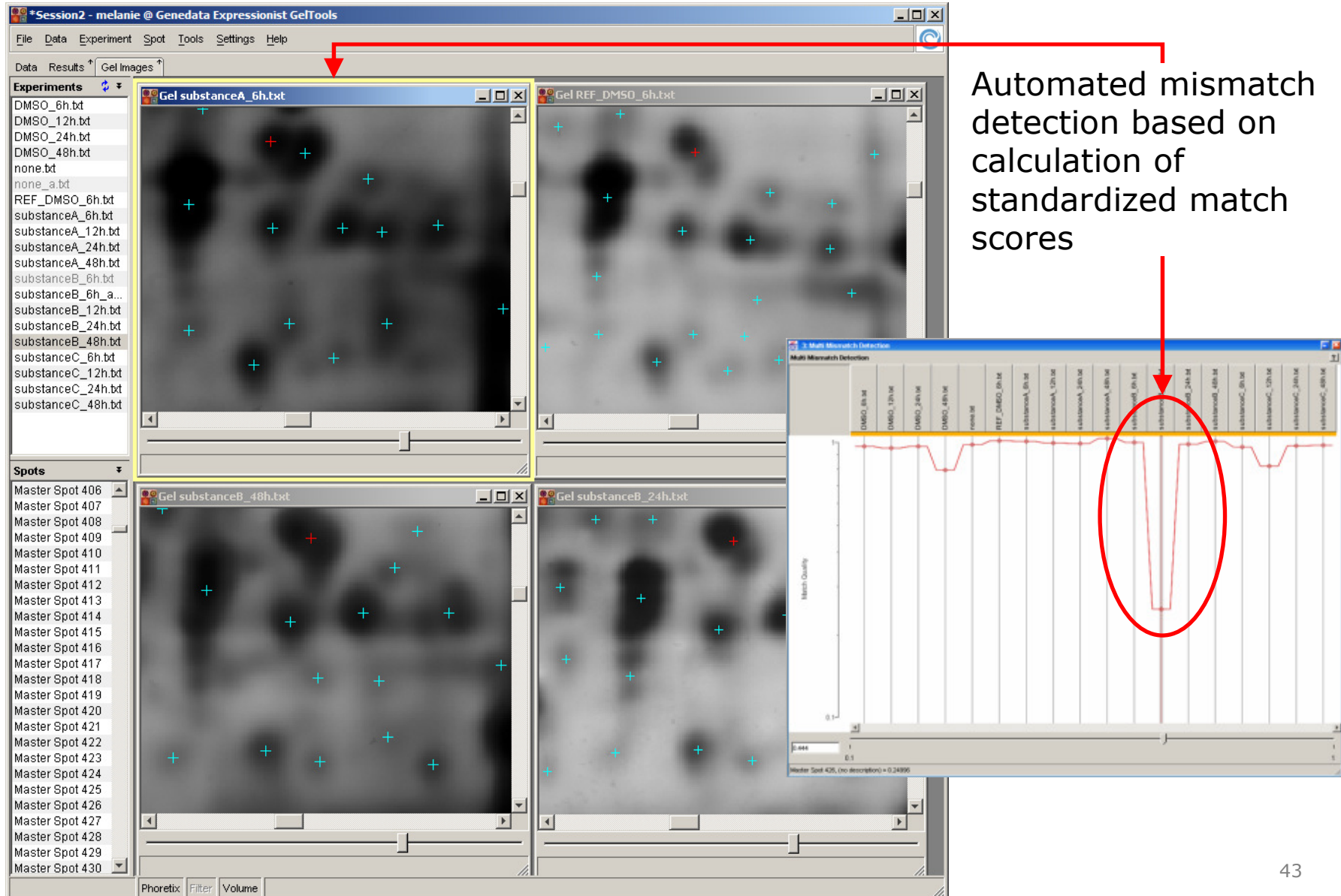
Oligo layer view

Data quality improvement



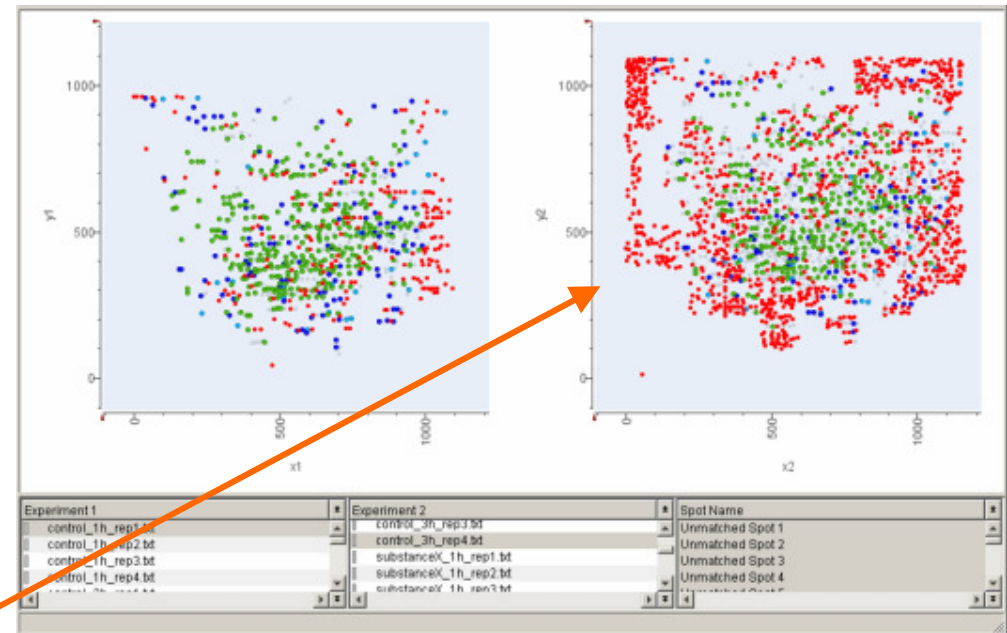
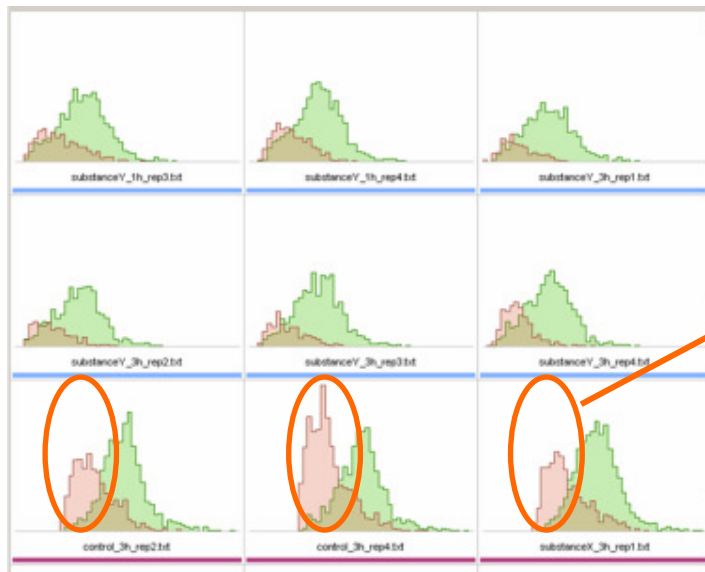
Automated mismatch detection based on pair wise multi-gel comparisons

Comprehensive mismatch analysis



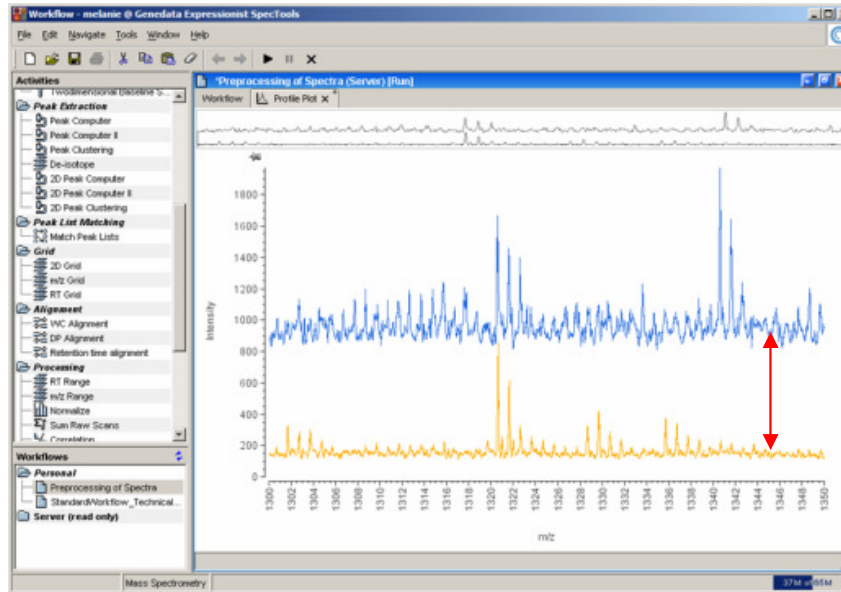
Signal distribution

- + Localization of experimental peculiarities:
 - Low match rates due to accumulation of unmatched faint spots in a subset of gels

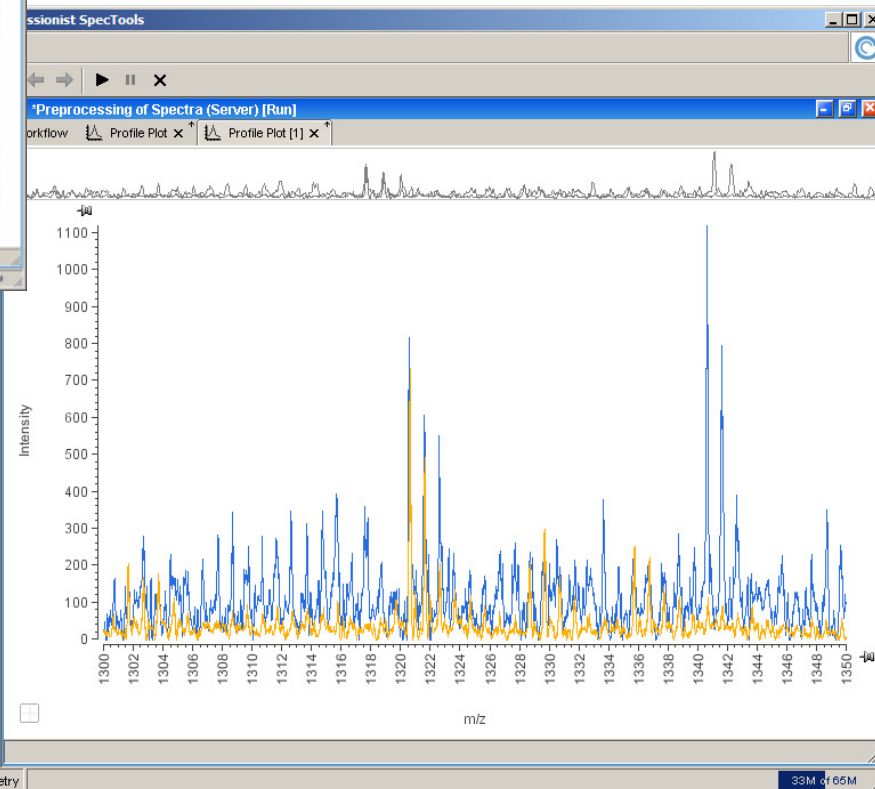


Baseline adjustment

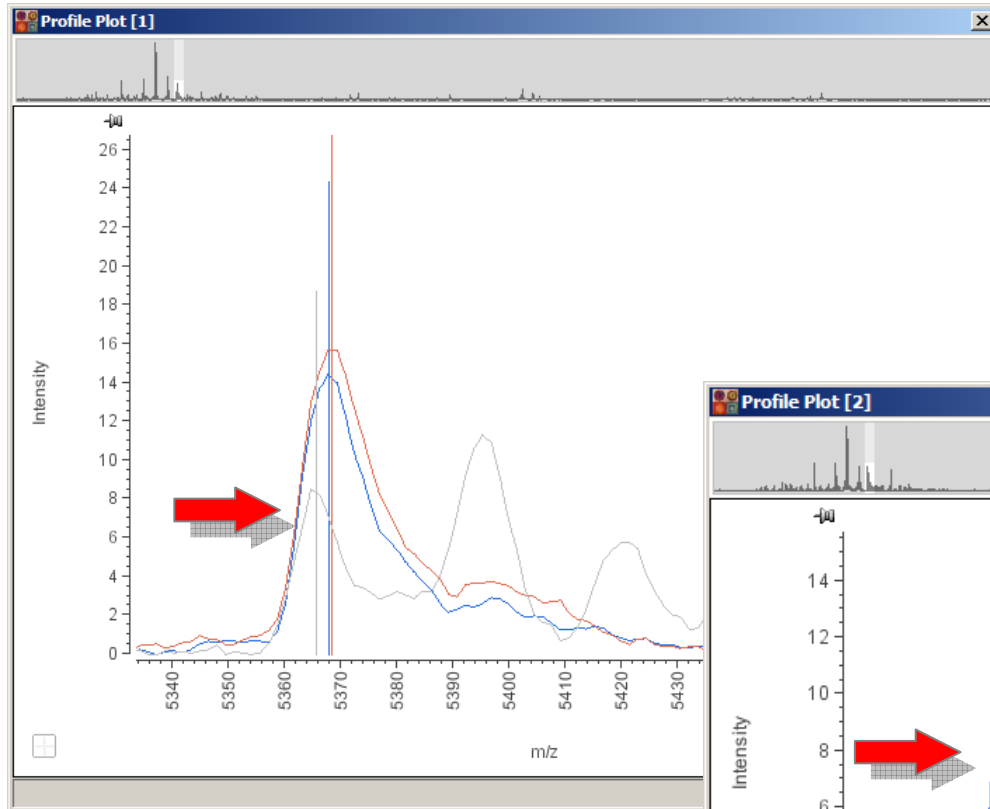
Baseline subtraction increases the comparability of spectra



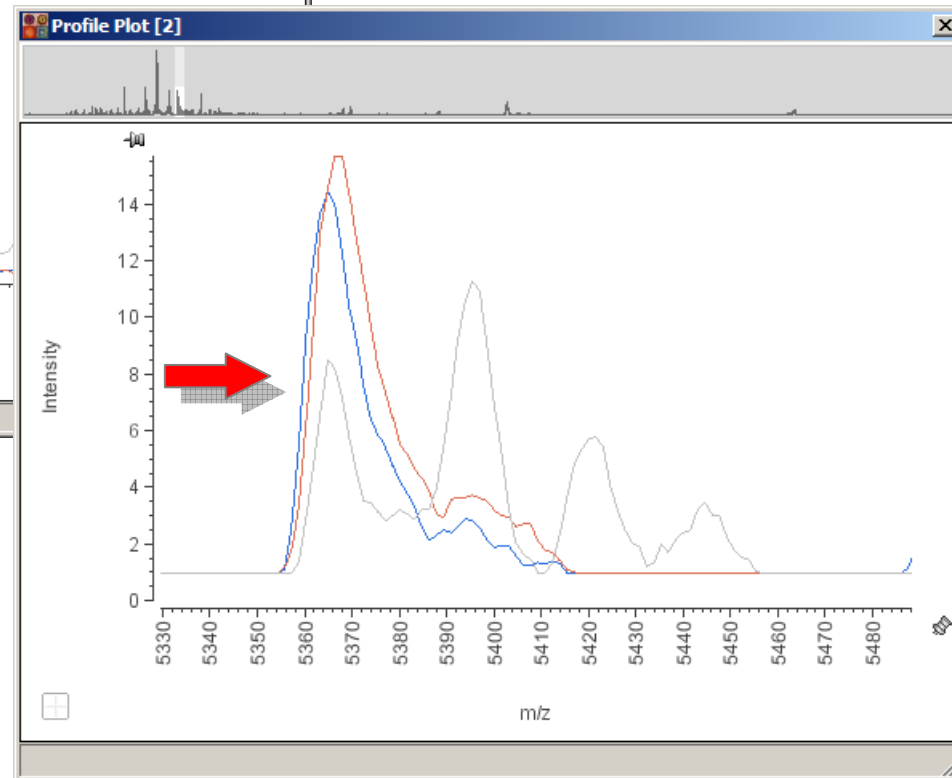
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 - RT Range
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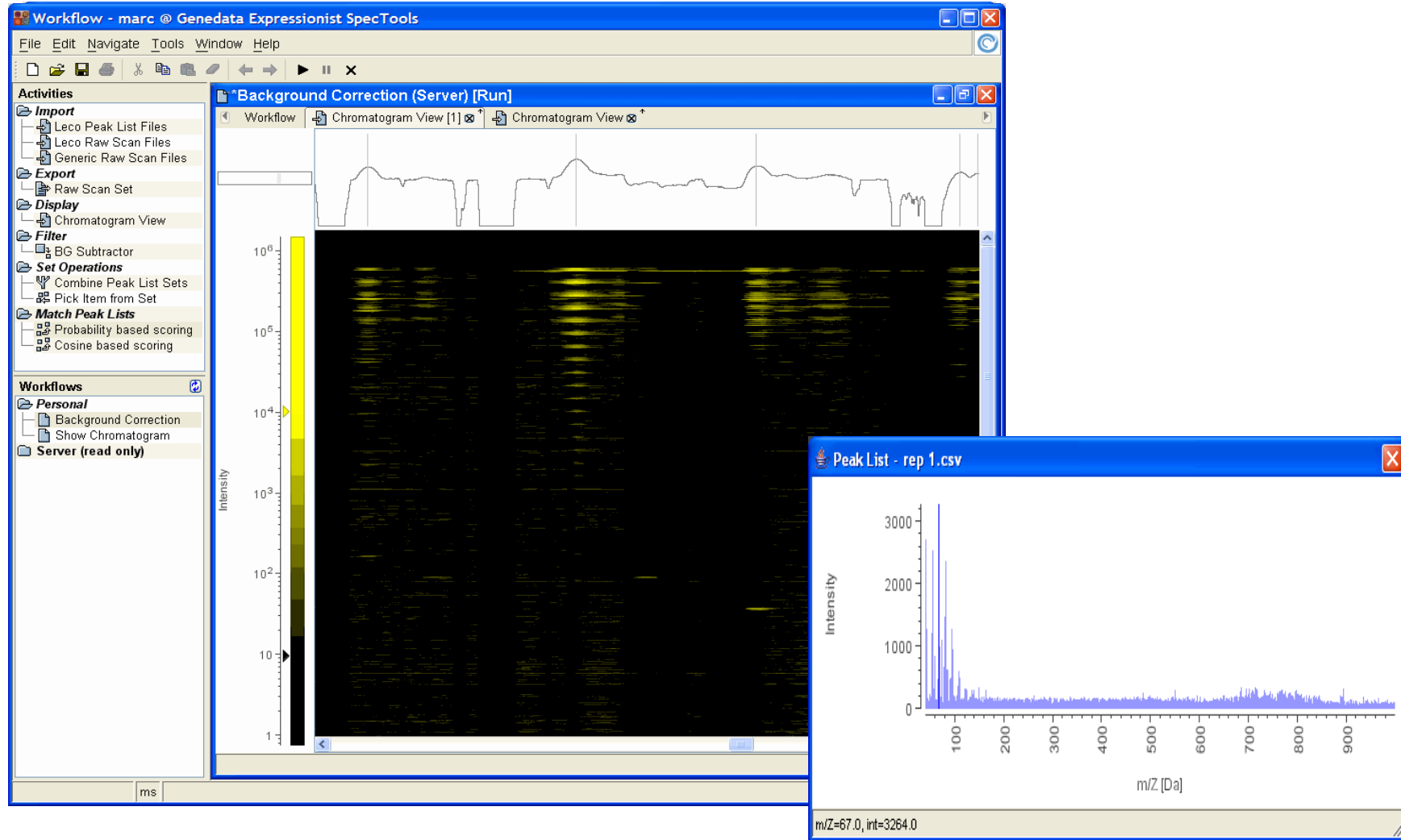
m/z alignment



m/z alignment prevents false positives in biomarker detection



Background correction



Activities in toxicogenomics

- + Collaborative projects with pharmaceuticals

- + Bioinformatics Partner of several EU funded Tox-related Consortia, including
 - BioCop: New technologies to screen multiple chemical contaminants in foods
 - NewGeneris: Newborns and genotoxic exposure risks
 - InnoMed: Predictive toxicology using systems biology approach

Facilitation of teamwork & project management

- + Share work in progress
- + Document and report results
- + Annotation, publications, wet-lab results

The screenshot shows the Genedata software interface with a sidebar on the left containing a tree view of projects and experiments. The main window displays a 'Report Collection' for a project named 'Lung Oncology @ Nobel Prize Owners Club'. It lists various gene groups such as 'Posttranslational modification, protein turnover, chaperones', 'DNA replication, recombination and repair', and 'Cell envelope biogenesis, outer membrane biogenesis'. A table below lists specific genes like YGR124W, YGR138C, and YHR208W with their descriptions.

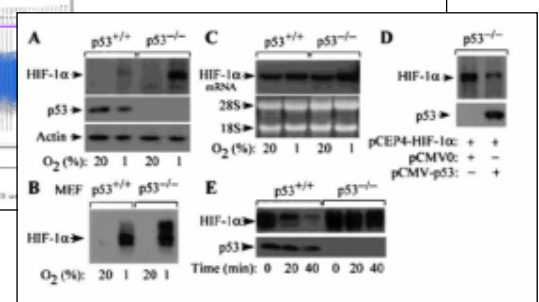
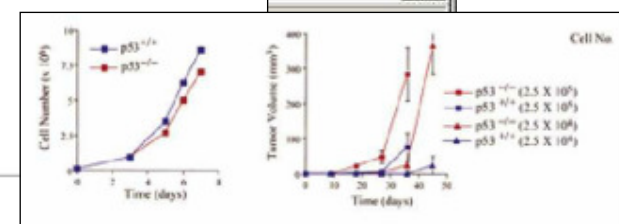
This screenshot displays the 'Analysis Result Summary' for the 'Lung Oncology @ Nobel Prize Owners Club' project. It shows 2 groups of genes and provides options for analysis, including available tests like T-Test, Welch, Kolmogorov-Smirnov, and Wilcoxon. It also shows group normalization settings and exported graphics, including a heatmap and a scatter plot.

Abstract No. 48
EXPRESSION OF HYPOXIA-INDUCIBLE FACTOR-1 AND -2α DURING BOVINE PREIMPLANTATION EMBRYO DEVELOPMENT
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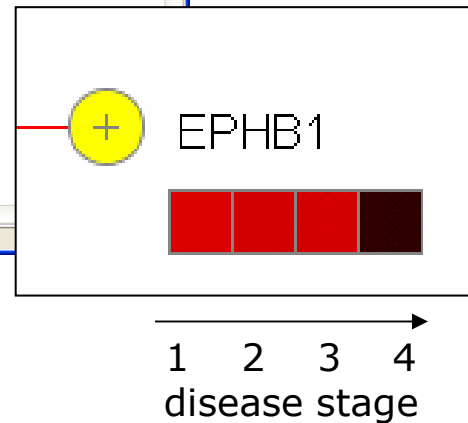
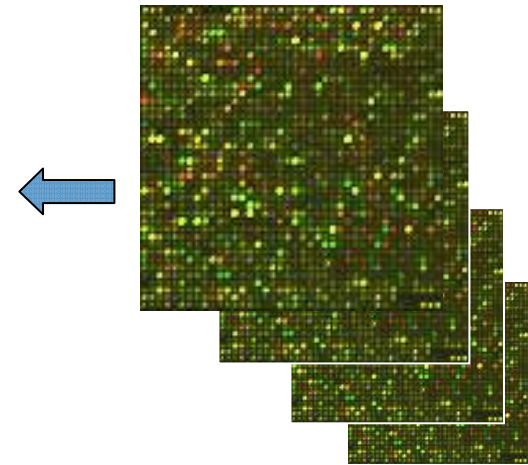
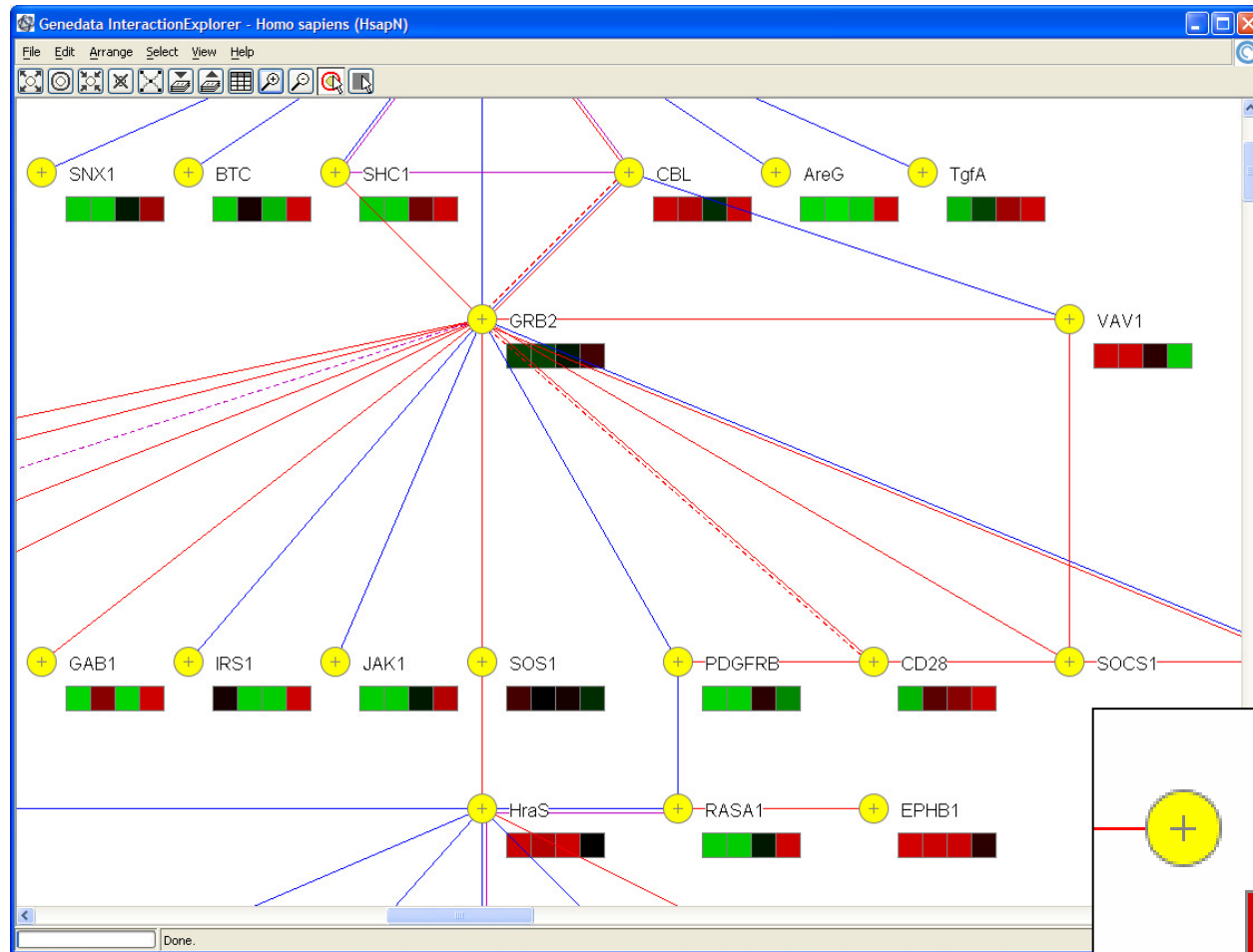
Introduction
Oxygen availability plays a major role in the regulation of many different genes including glycolytic enzymes, glucose transporters and vascular growth factors necessary for the maintenance of haemostatic under hypoxic conditions. Hypoxia inducible factor 1α (HIF-1α) is a NFE2L3 transcription factor instrumental in the oxygen-dependent regulation of these genes (1). HIF-2α (also known as HIF-1β factor, or endothelial PAS domain protein 1) shares 80% homology with the HIF-1α sequence and activates several genes associated with the response to hypoxia (2). Oxygen concentration has a significant effect on embryo development in vitro, whereby lower (5-7%) concentrations enable greater numbers of embryos to develop to the blastocyst stage. Recently it was shown that post-conception embryo development was further enhanced when O₂ levels were reduced from 7% to 2% (3). The aim of this study was to determine if bovine embryos express HIF-1 and -2α, thereby possessing a molecular mechanism to respond to increasing levels of hypoxia.

Materials and Methods
Bovine embryos were generated using standard protocols...

Results
We have established for the first time, that HIF-1α is differentially expressed in bovine embryos, indicating post-conception stages possess a molecular mechanism to respond to decreasing O₂ levels. This supports the hypothesis proposed by Thompson et al. (3) that a hypoxic in-vitro environment from conception is beneficial for bovine embryo development. Both ovarian and follicular tissue express two forms of HIF, demonstrating that hypoxia may be encountered during oocyte growth and maturation. Results indicate that bovine embryos differ from avian cells in that expression of HIF-1α occurs under conditions...

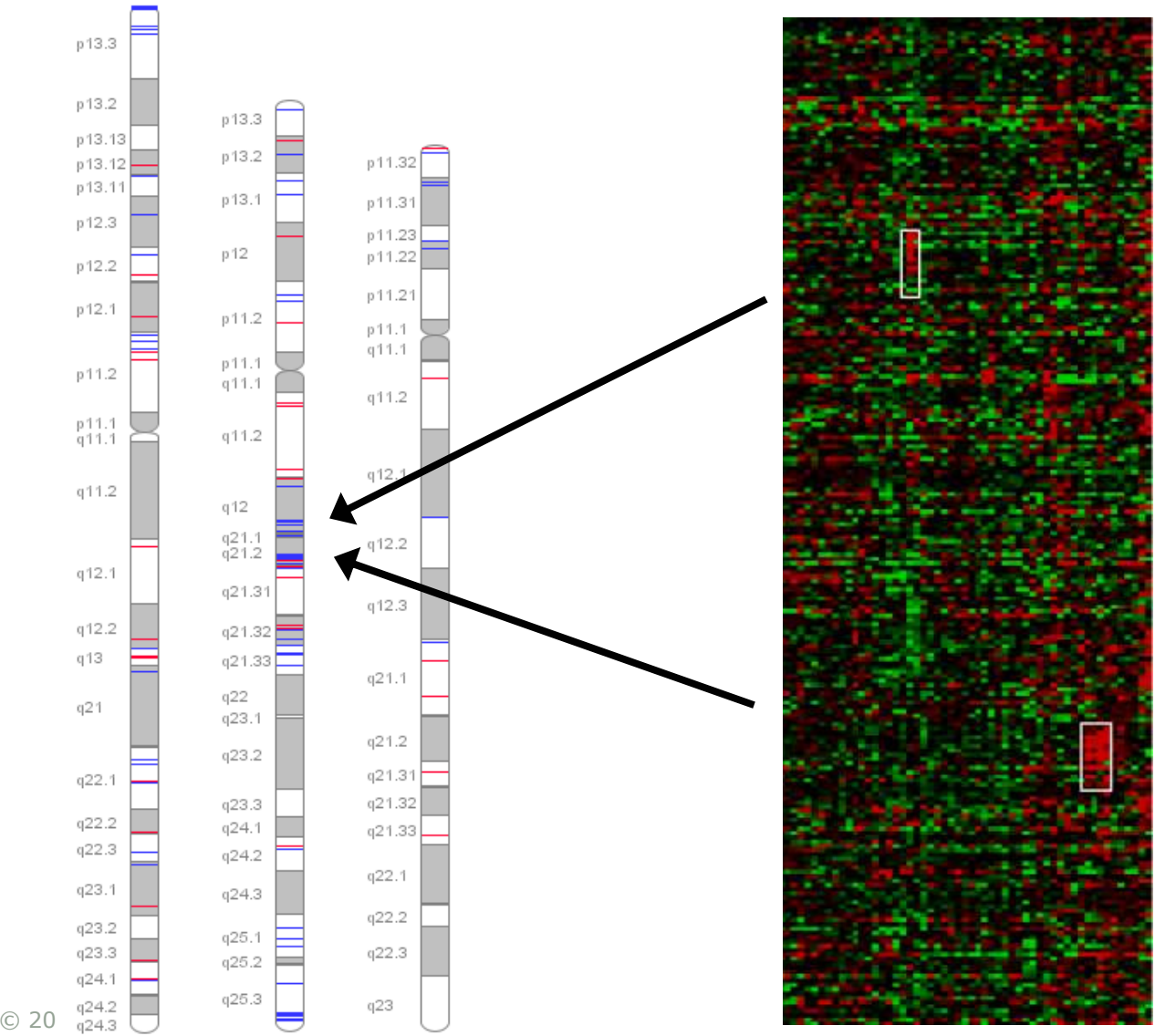


Elucidate molecular disease mechanisms - Cellular regulation



Example: Induction of androgen receptor via the MAPK signalling pathway

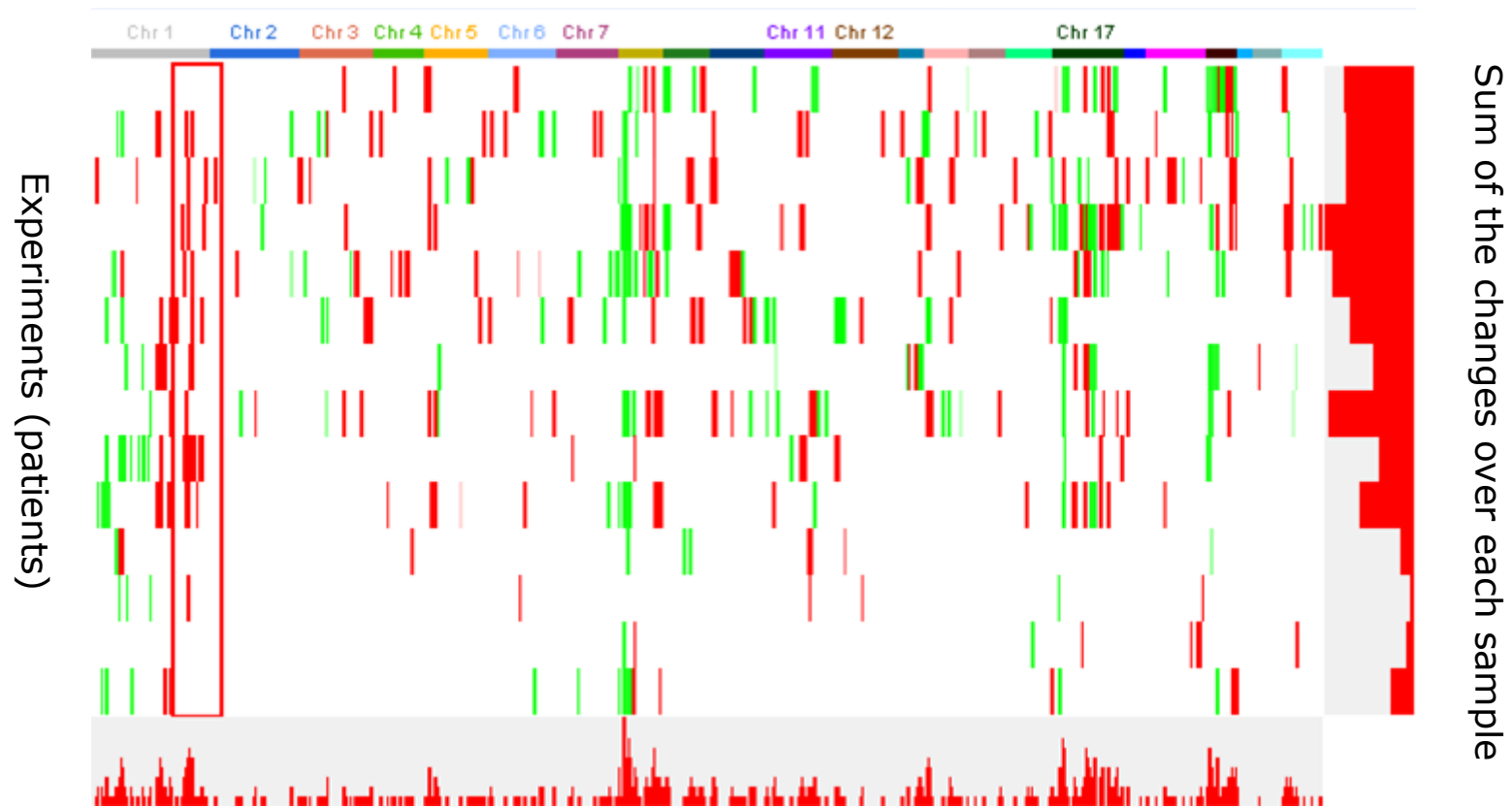
Elucidate molecular disease mechanisms - Genomic duplications



Amplicon identification

- + Global view on copy number alterations

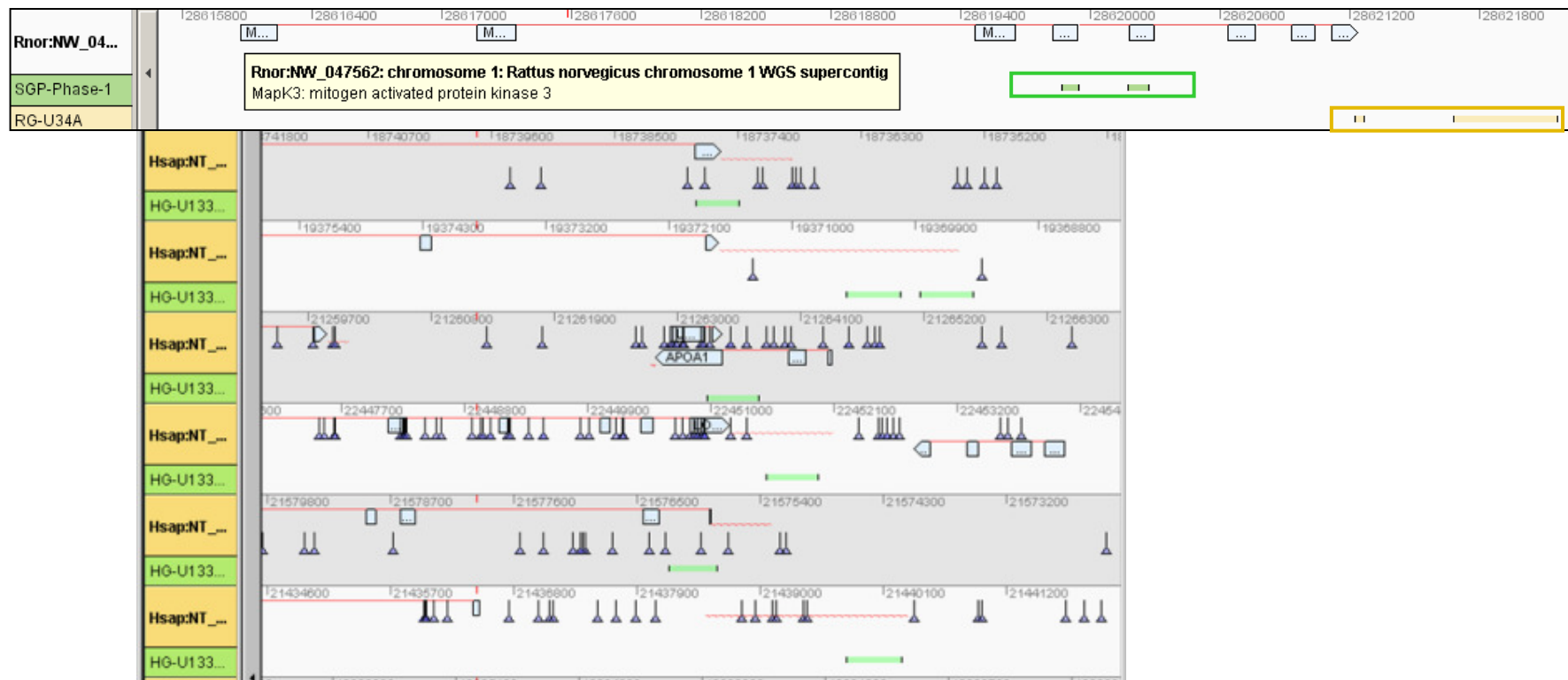
Simultaneous Amplicon identification of several experiments



Sum of the changes in specific chromosomal regions over all experiments

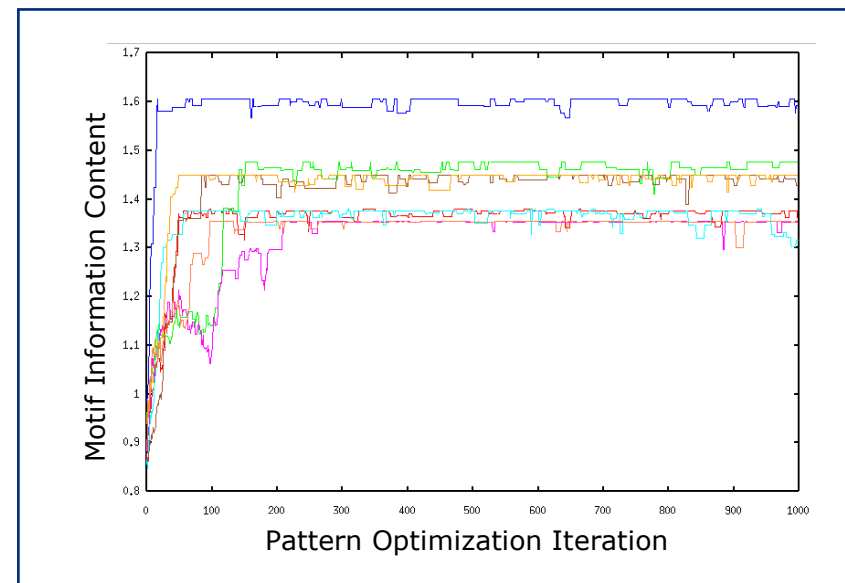
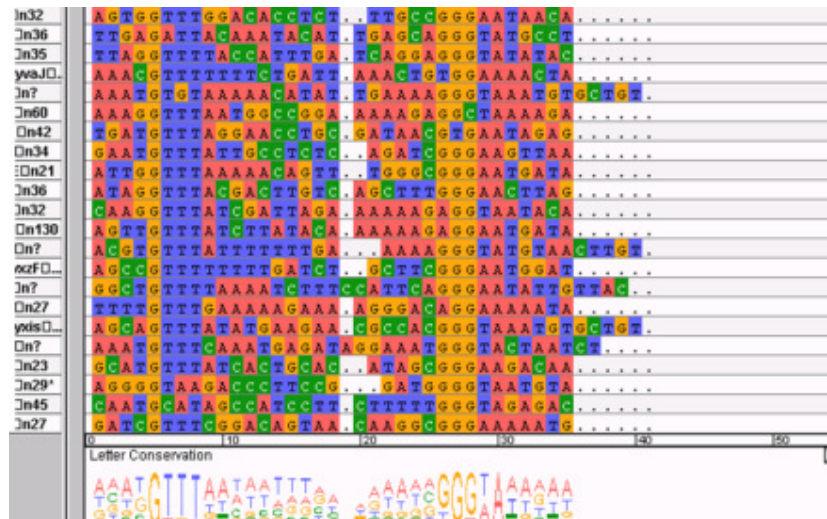
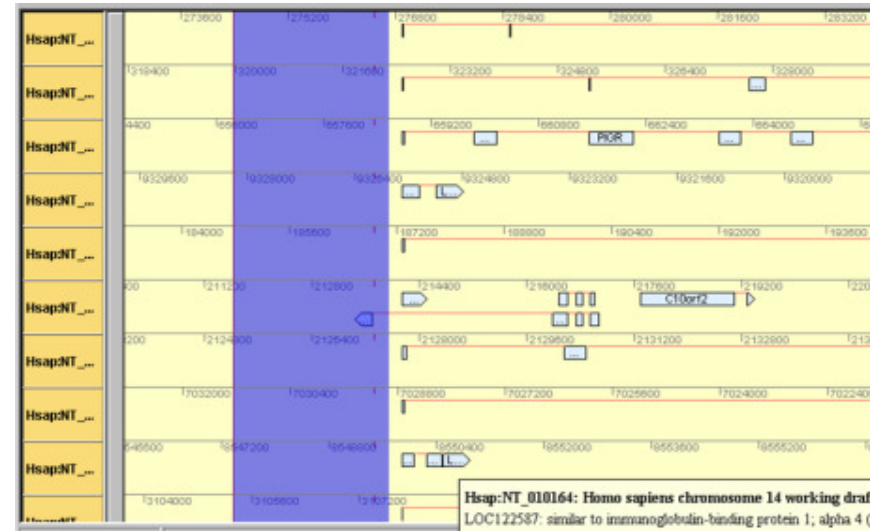
Gene expression values may depend on selected microarray sequences and on SNPs

- + Match all sequences represented on the microarray onto the genome
- + Investigation of SNPs that may affect the oligonucleotide binding specificity, resulting in reduced hybridization signals



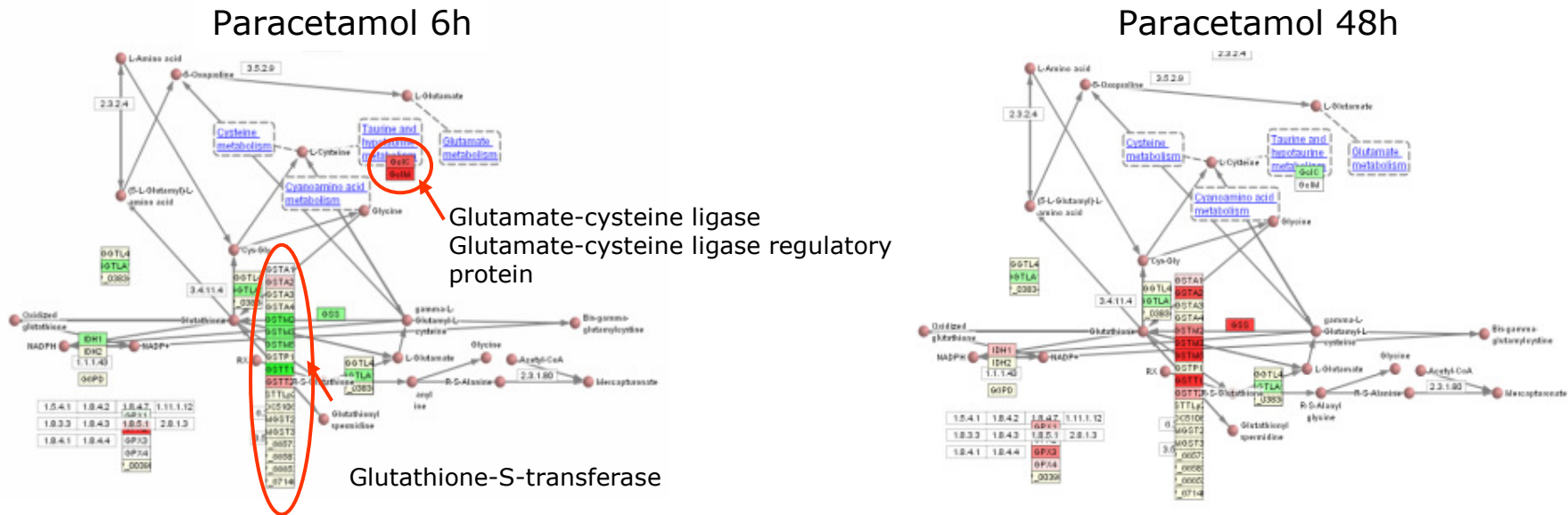
Potential transcription factor binding sites

- + Mapping and alignment onto genome and identification of upstream regions
- + Selection of upstream regions of co-regulated genes for further analysis
- + Identification of motifs for transcription factor binding sites



Changes of gene expression of enzymes in metabolic pathways

- + Storing, editing and viewing standard and custom pathway maps, as well as mapping mRNA profiles onto metabolic or regulatory pathways
- + Time series expression profiling

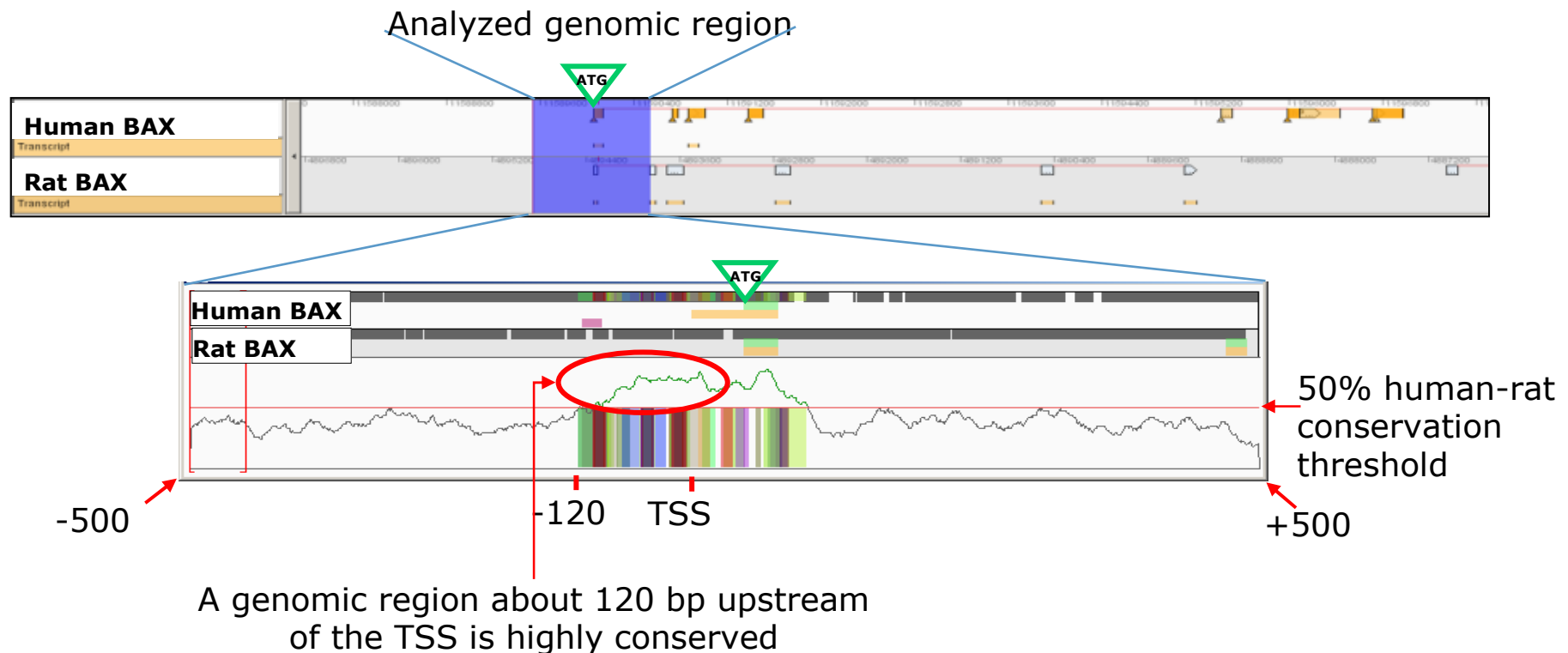


Analysis of co-expression and co-regulation

- + A number of genes in rat liver were found to be de-regulated by genotoxic hepatocarcinogens [Ellinger et al. 2004]
- + Transcription of a small set of genes behaves similarly (co-expression), suggesting a common molecular mechanism for gene regulation (co-regulation)
- + A subset of the co-expressed genes are known p53 targets
- + Are there other transcription factors that might synergize with p53 to coordinate the expression of genes that are induced by genotoxic hepatocarcinogens?
- + To generate new hypotheses different in silico-approaches were used to characterize the promoters of those genes
 - Genome-genome comparisons (“phylogenetic footprinting”) a powerful method to deduce regulatory regions in orthologous regions from different species
 - Use of libraries of experimentally derived Transcription Factor Binding Site (TFBS) models for predicting putative TFBSs

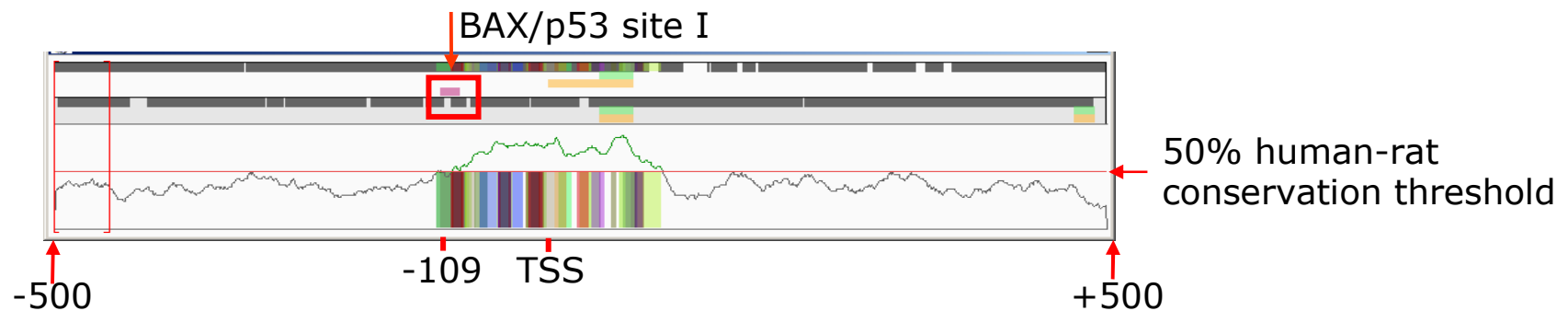
Comparison of the human and rat BAX gene and identifying conserved upstream regions

- + One major application of phylogenetic footprinting is to screen for biologically relevant Transcription Factor Binding Sites (TFBS) based on Position Weight Matrices (PWMs)



Identification of human-rodent conserved p53 DNA-binding sites

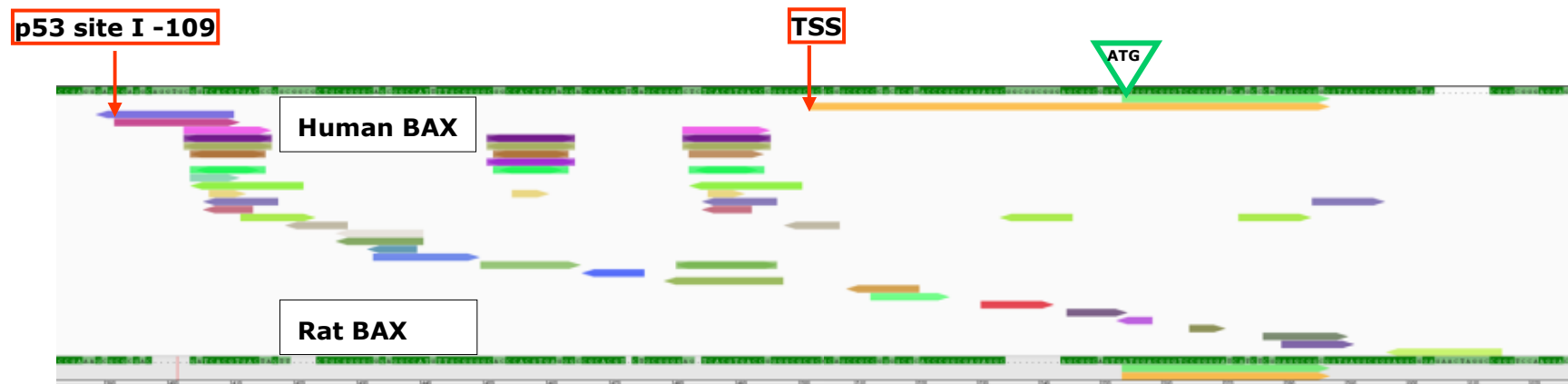
- + In the BAX promoter region one putative well conserved p53 binding site could be identified upstream of the TSS (site I)



- + Two other p53 binding sites can be identified in less conserved regions. One is located further upstream of the TSS (-421 bp; site II), and another in the first intron (+329 bp; site III)
- + **Phylogenetic footprinting pinpointed an additional p53 binding site candidate (site III)**
- + **Future investigation might reveal the functional relevance of this site**

Identification of additional relevant TFBSs

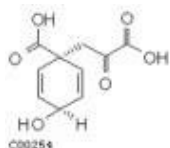
- + The in-silico analysis suggests that besides p53 other mammalian transcription factors that bind in the vicinity of the p53 site might be involved in the regulation of BAX



- + **At least 16 TFBS sites could be found in the vicinity of p53 sites that are significantly overrepresented in the regulatory regions of genes shown to be co-expressed under genotoxic stress**
- + **These factors might cooperate with p53 in the transcriptional activation caused by genotoxic hepatocarcinogens**

Compounds

- Compound
- Compound class
- Concentration
- Treatment time
- Dosing route
- Dosing frequency
- Vehicle
- Endpoints
- ...



Animals

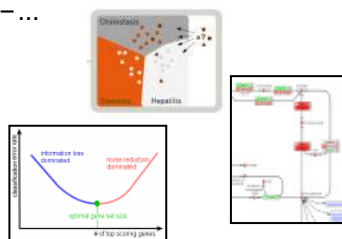
- Species
- Strain
- Sex
- Age
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- ...



**MOA, MOT
Biomarkers
Predictability**

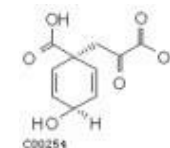
MOA, Tox Prediction

- Transcript/protein/metabolite annotation
- Experiment annotation
- MOA classification
- Biomarker candidates
- Tox Mechanism
- Tox Prediction
- ...



Treated animals

- Tissue
- Histopathology
- Clinical endpoints
- Clinical chemistry
- Serum chemistry
- Urine chemistry
- Hematology
- ...



-omics data

- 1 channel data
- 2 channel data
- 2D gel
- LC/MS, GC/MS
- NMR
- Raw data
- Processed data
- Expression values
- Classification
- ...

