

Learning from oncogenomic data

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 - ▶ k-means and PAM
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- ▶ model evaluation
- ▶ survival analysis
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different approaches

► unsupervised approach

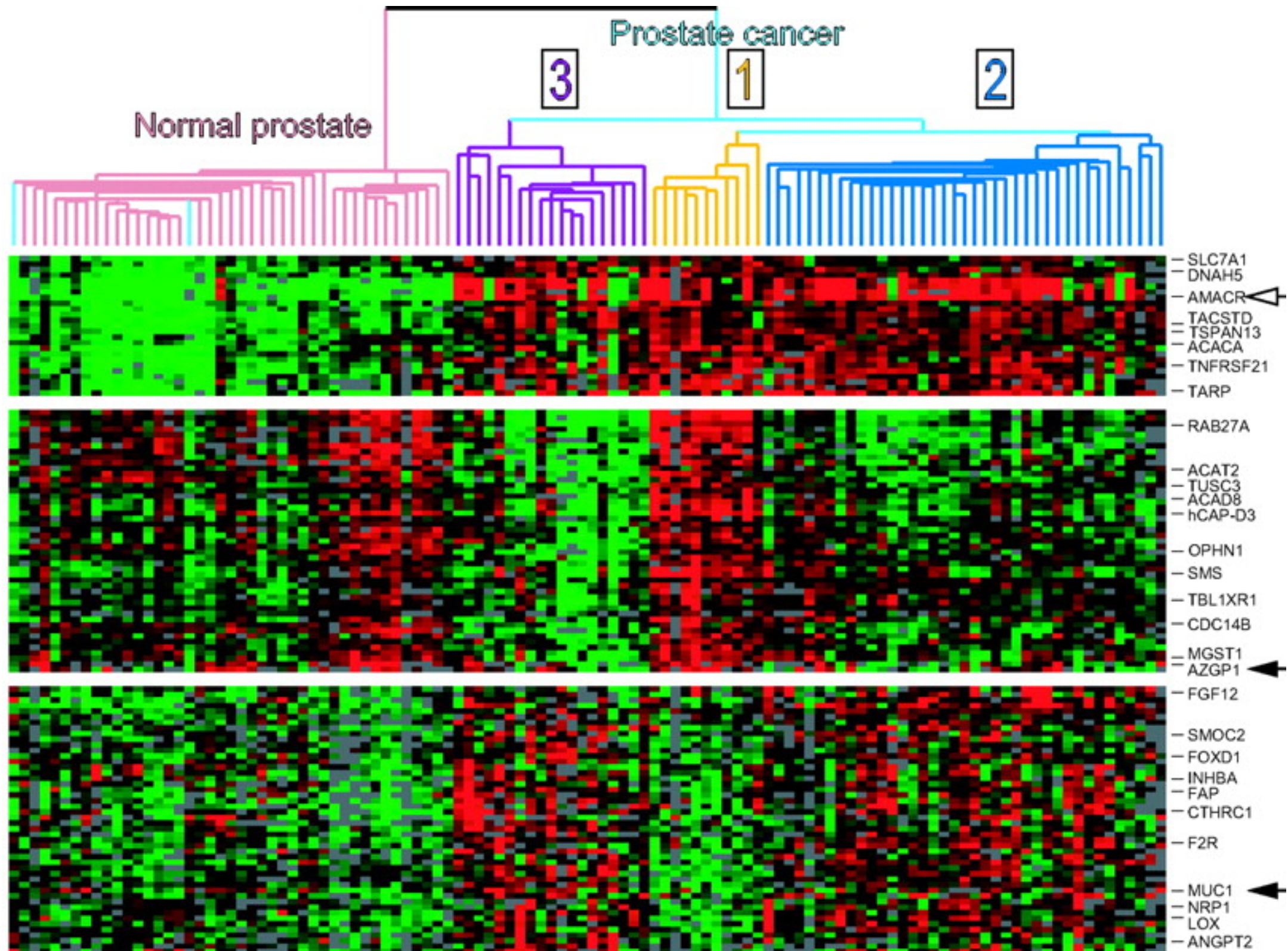
- unbiased, no assumptions
- hierarchical clustering
- classification of the data into biologically meaningful subtypes

► supervised approach

- partition data according to clinical end point
 - drug resistance, prognosis
- detect the genes that explain the best the difference between groups

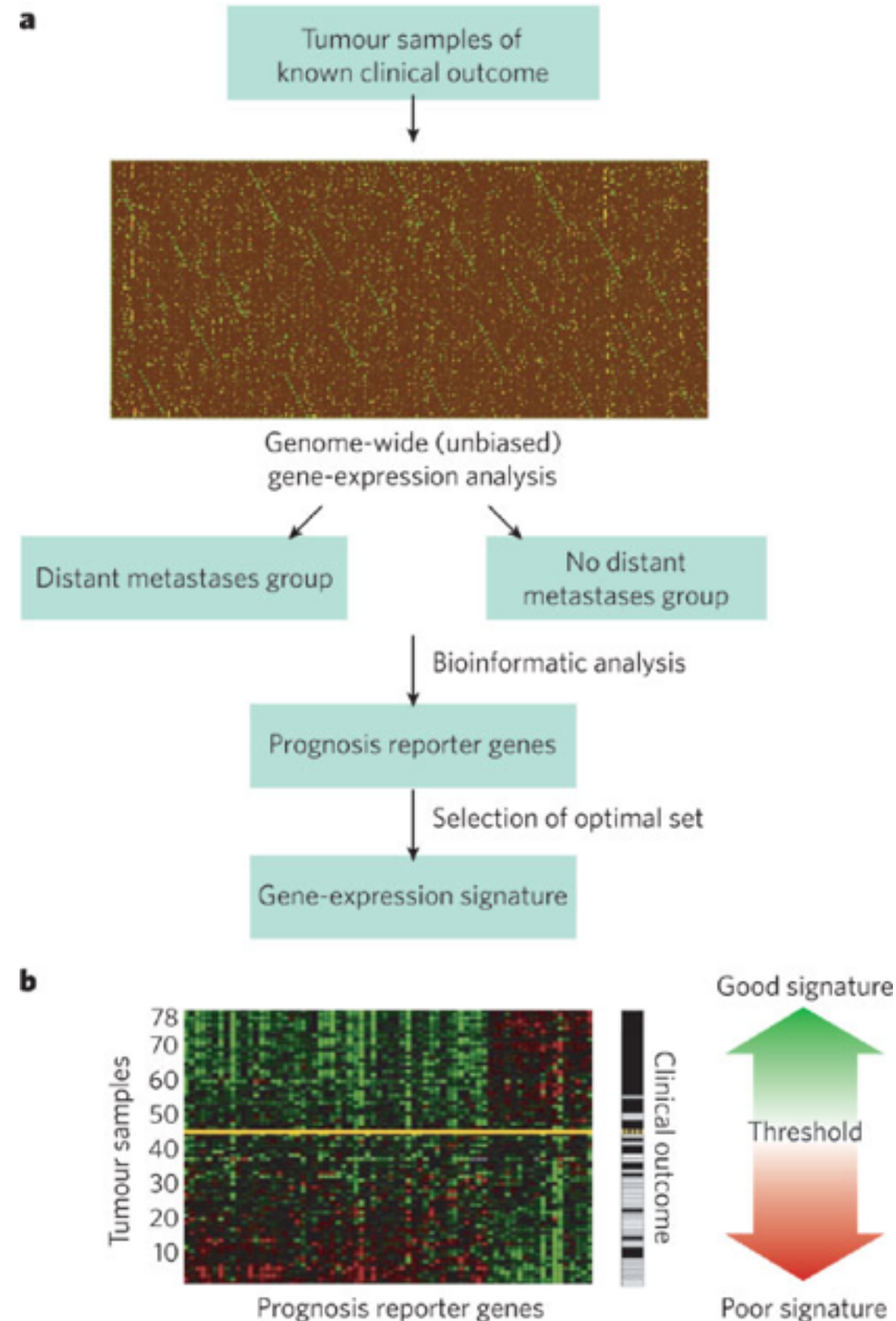
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unsupervised approach



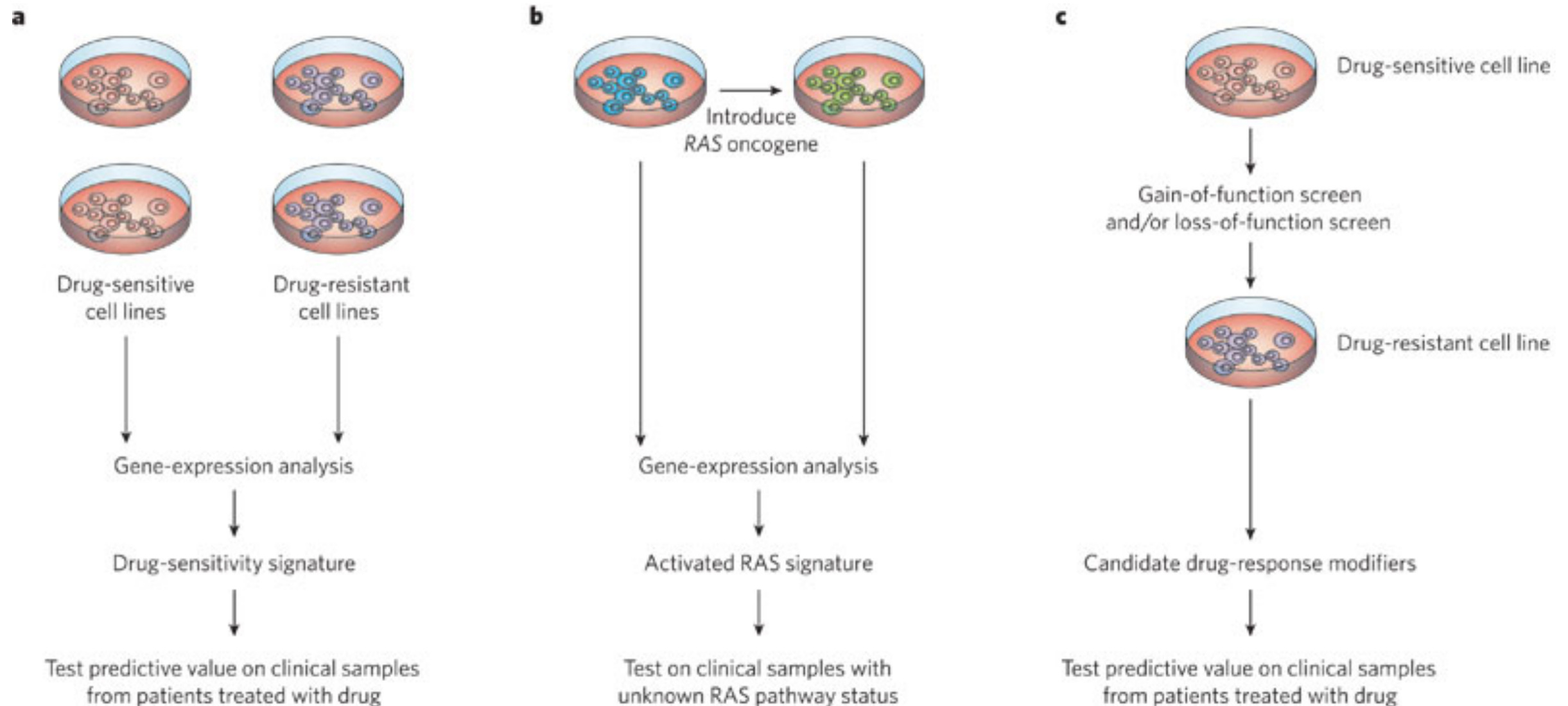
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- Bild AH et al., Nature, 2006
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unsupervised approach: clustering

- ▶ **Cluster:** a collection of data objects
- ▶ **Cluster analysis:** grouping a set of data objects into clusters such that the data objects are
 - ▶ similar to one another within the same cluster
 - ▶ dissimilar to the objects in other clusters
- ▶ The quality of a clustering result depends on
 - ▶ similarity measure (distance metric)
 - ▶ clustering method
- ▶ unsupervised (no training set, no predefined classes)

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clustering: requirements

- ▶ scalability
- ▶ ability to deal with different types of attributes
- ▶ discovery of classes with arbitrary shape
- ▶ minimal requirements for domain knowledge to determine input parameters
- ▶ able to deal with noise and outliers
- ▶ high-dimensionality
- ▶ incorporation of user-specified constraints
- ▶ interpretability and usability

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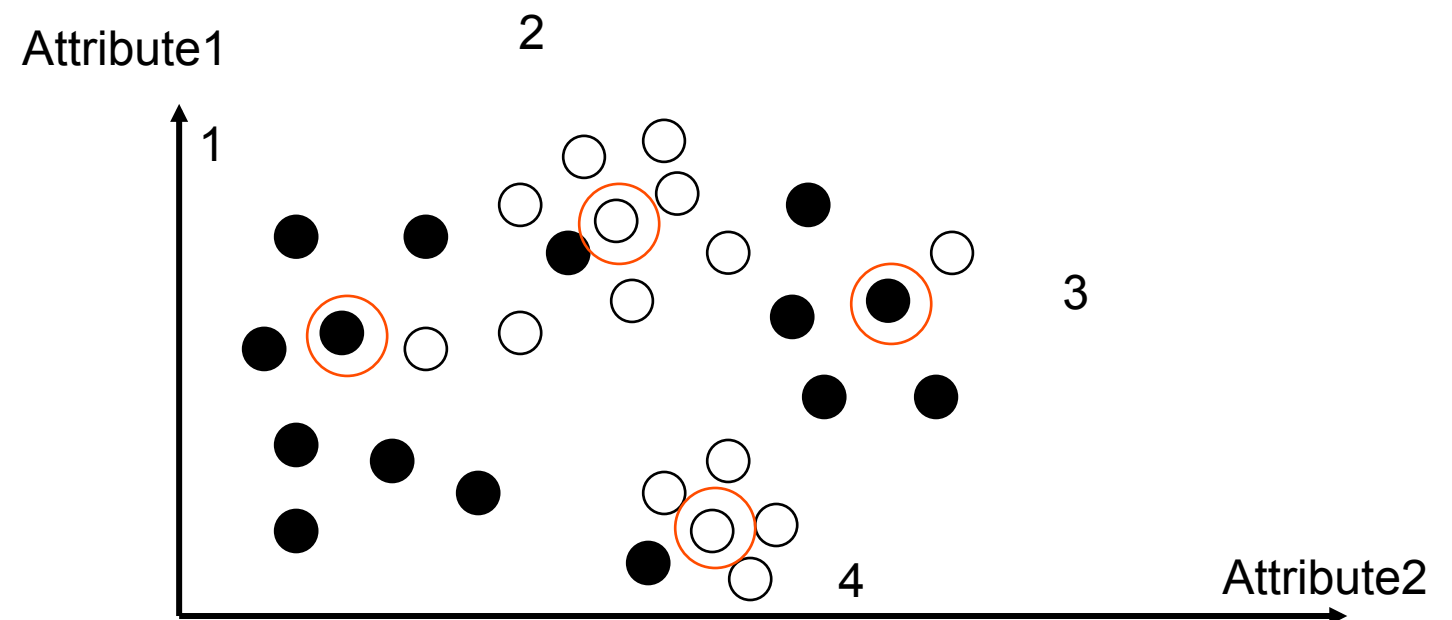
major clustering approaches

- ▶ partitioning algorithms/representative-based/prototype-based:
construct various partitions and then evaluate them by some criterion
- ▶ hierarchical clustering
create a hierarchical representation of the data set using some criterion
- ▶ density-based
based on connectivity and density functions
- ▶ grid-based
based on a multiple-level granularity structure
- ▶ model-based
hypothesize a model for each cluster and find the best fit that model
each

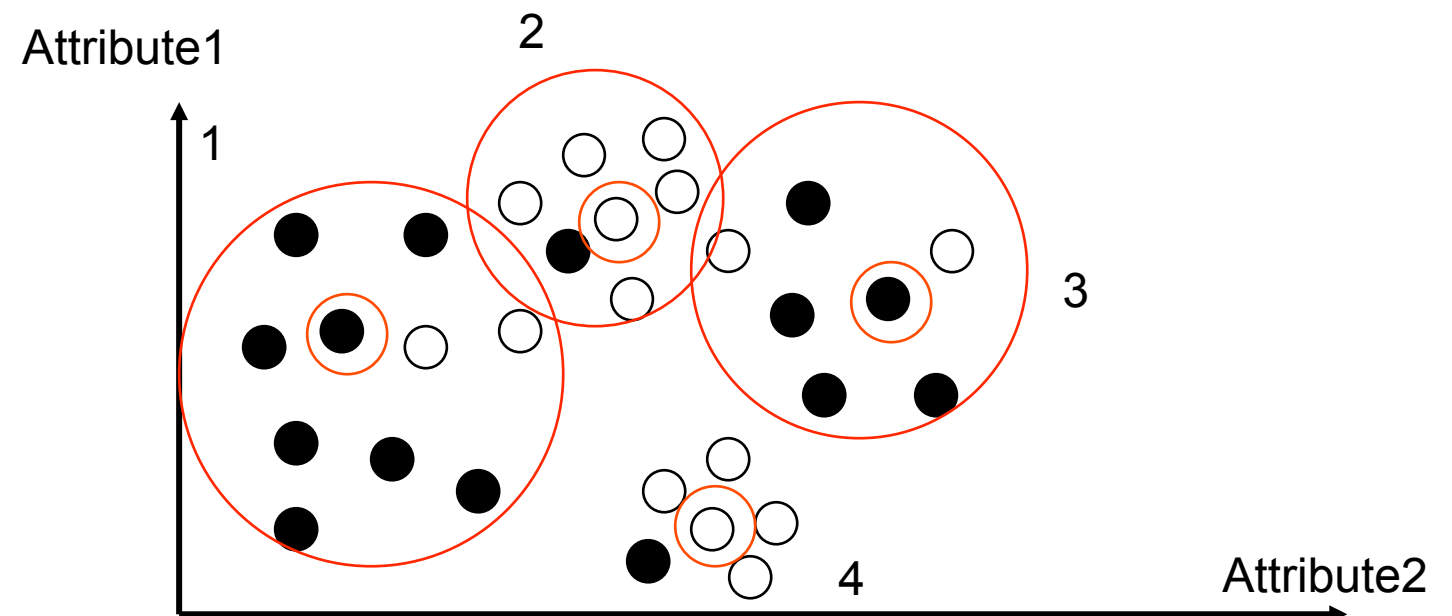
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representative-based clustering

► find *representatives*



► cluster the remaining
around *representatives*

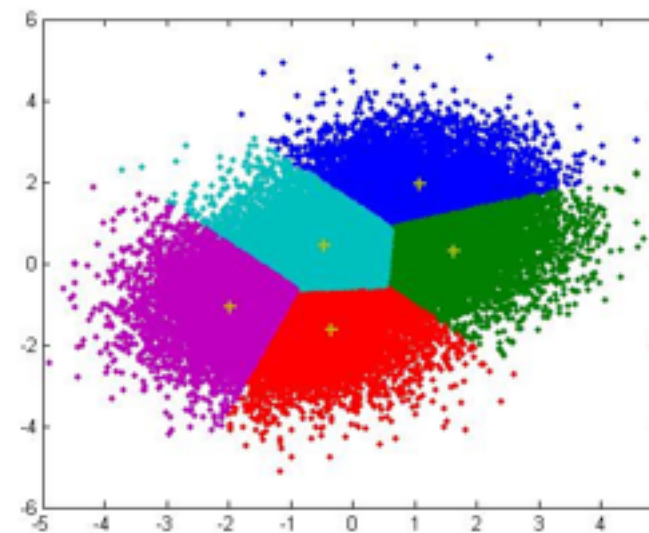


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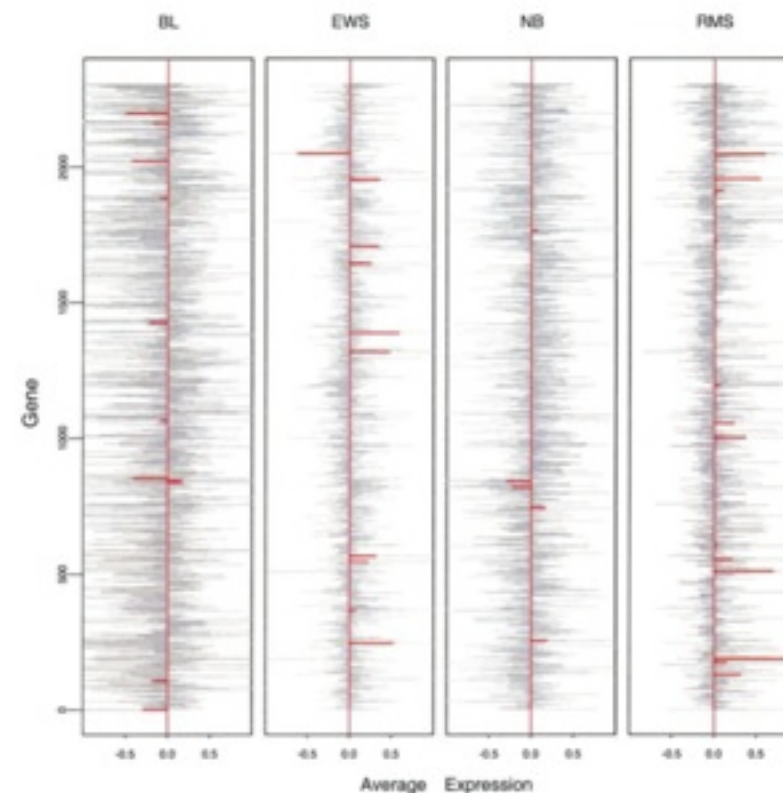
representative-based clustering

- ▶ construct a partition of n objects into a set of k clusters
- ▶ given a k , find a partition of k clusters that optimizes the partition criterion
- ▶ examples:

- ▶ **K-MEANS**: each cluster is represented by the center of the cluster



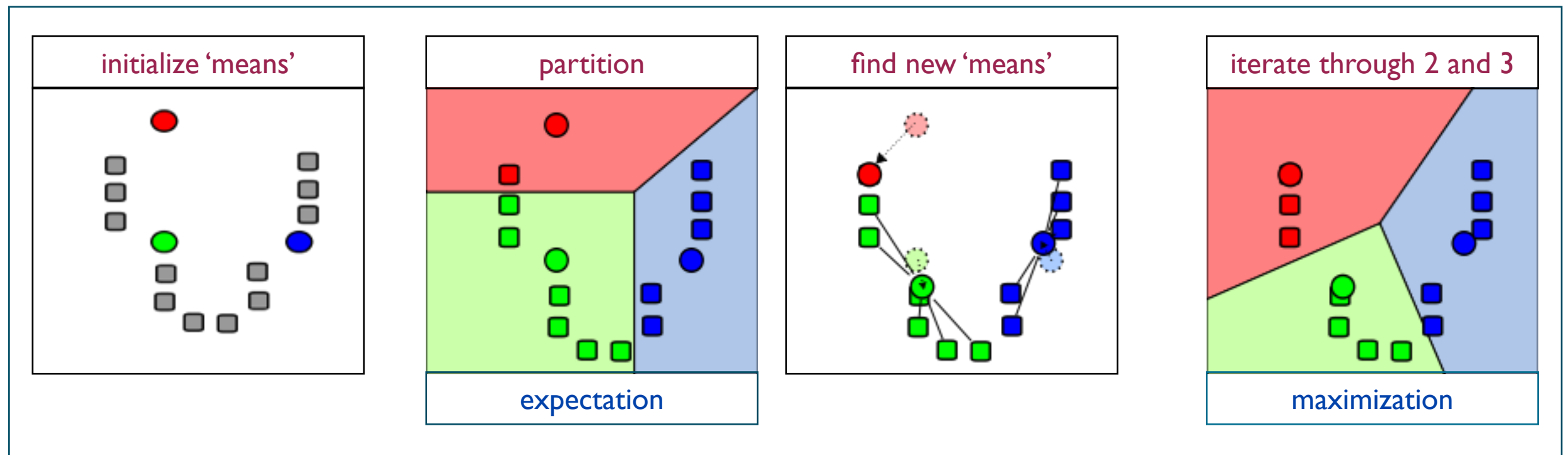
- ▶ **PAM**: each cluster is represented by one of the objects in the cluster



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representative-based clustering: k-means

pros	▶ easy to use; well-studied ▶ when the number of clusters are known ▶ applicable to binary data
cons	▶ cluster number is used-defined ▶ heuristic (local vs. global optimum) ▶ sensitive to noise and outliers ▶ sensitive to initialization



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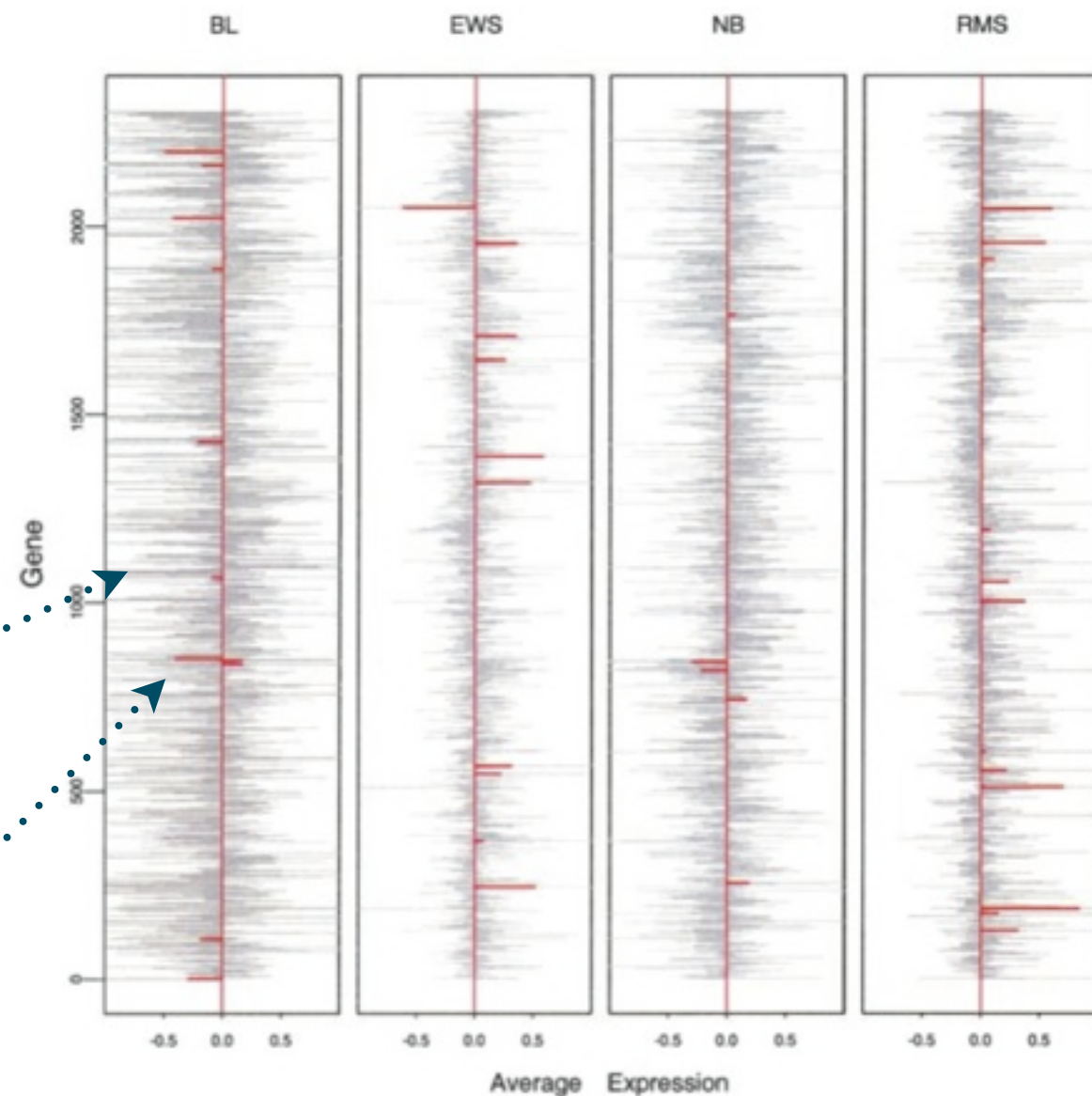
representative-based clustering: PAM

- ▶ nearest shrunken centroids and **PAM** (prediction analysis of microarrays - Tibshirani R et al. PNAS 2002)
- ▶ shrink the class centroids towards to the overall centroids after standardizing by the within-class stdev

$$d_{ik} = \frac{\bar{x}_{ik} - \bar{x}_i}{m_k \cdot (s_i + s_0)},$$

centroids

shrunken
centroids

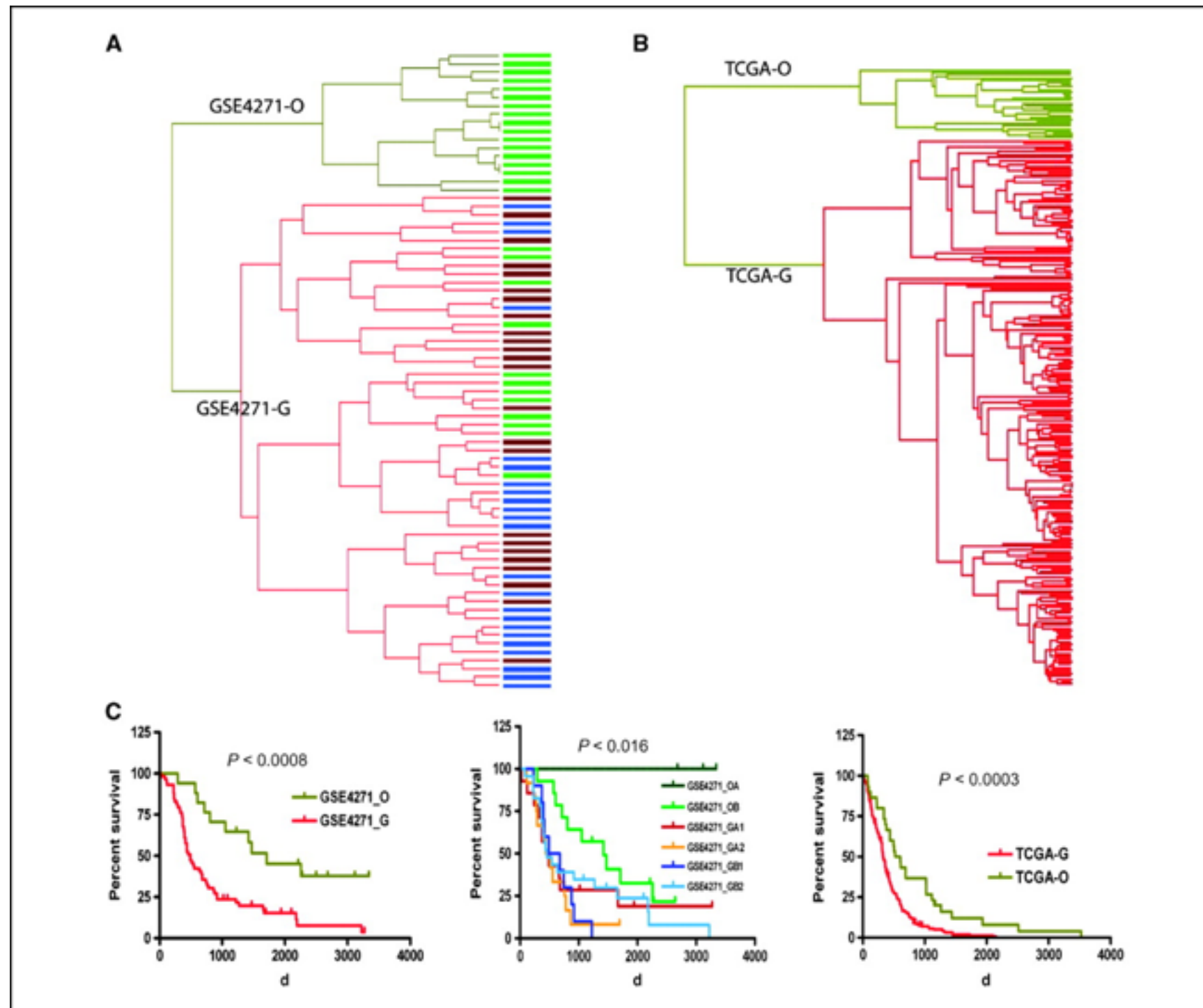


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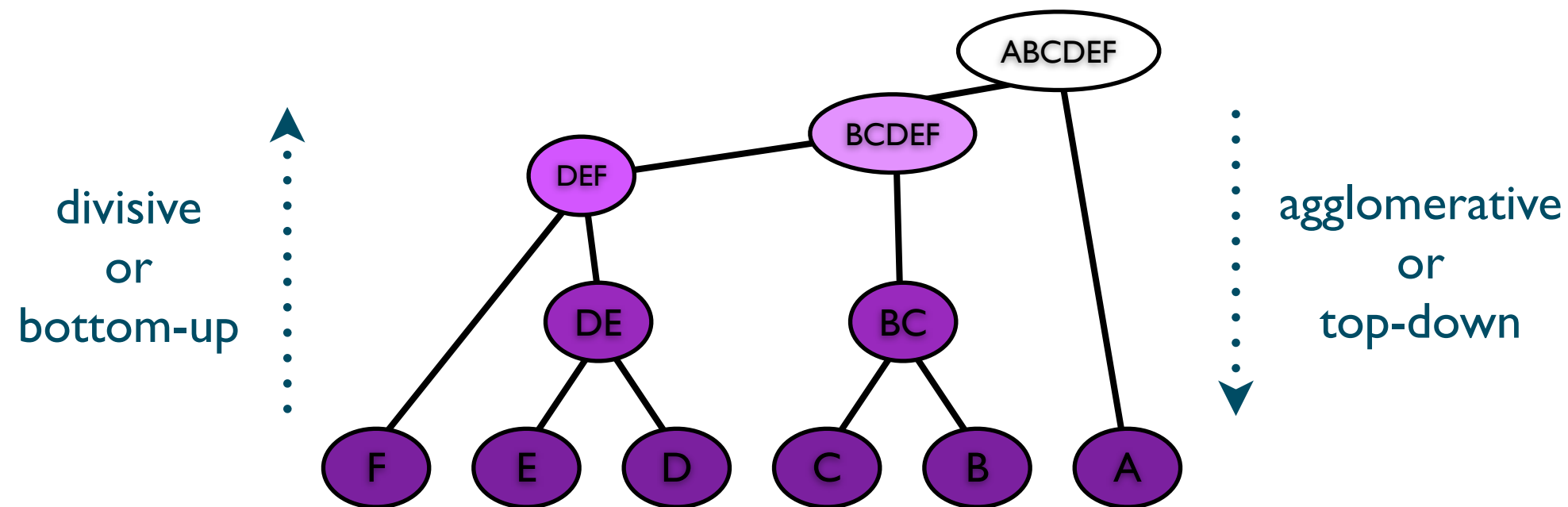
► k-means and NMF identified two main glioma subtypes:

G (glioblastoma) and O (oligodendroglial) among other 6 Glioma Subtypes



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hierarchical clustering

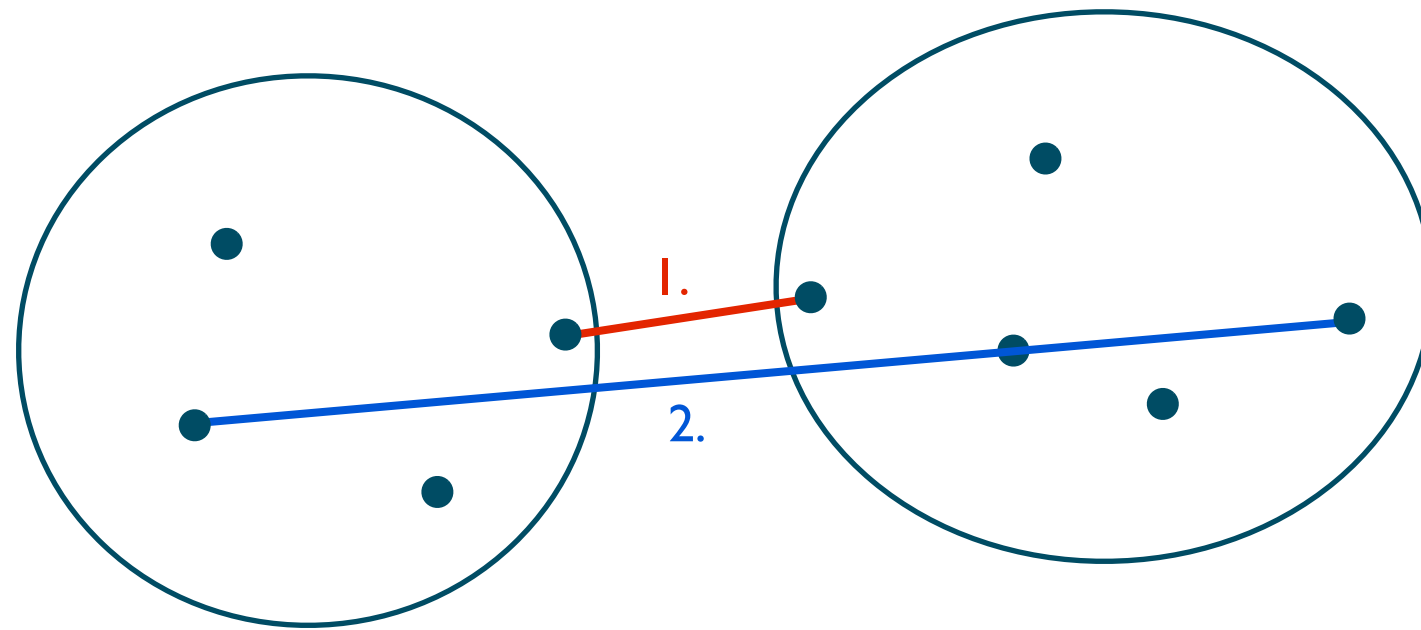


HIERARCHICAL	
USEFUL	▶ intuitive visualization ▶ any distance measure can be used ▶ easy, fast and well-known
DRAWBACK	▶ tree structure imposed on data ▶ cannot handle partially observed data

dif. approaches
1. linkage algorithms 2. probabilistic models 3. More Bayesian approaches

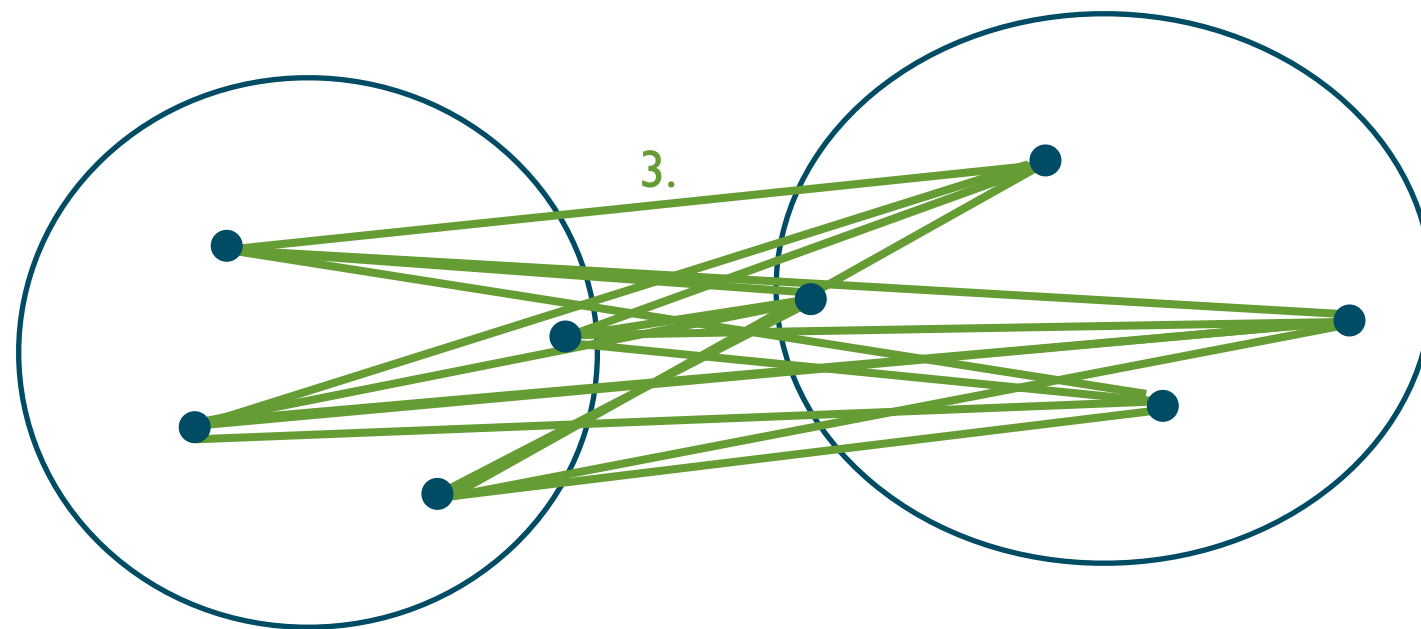
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by linkage criterion

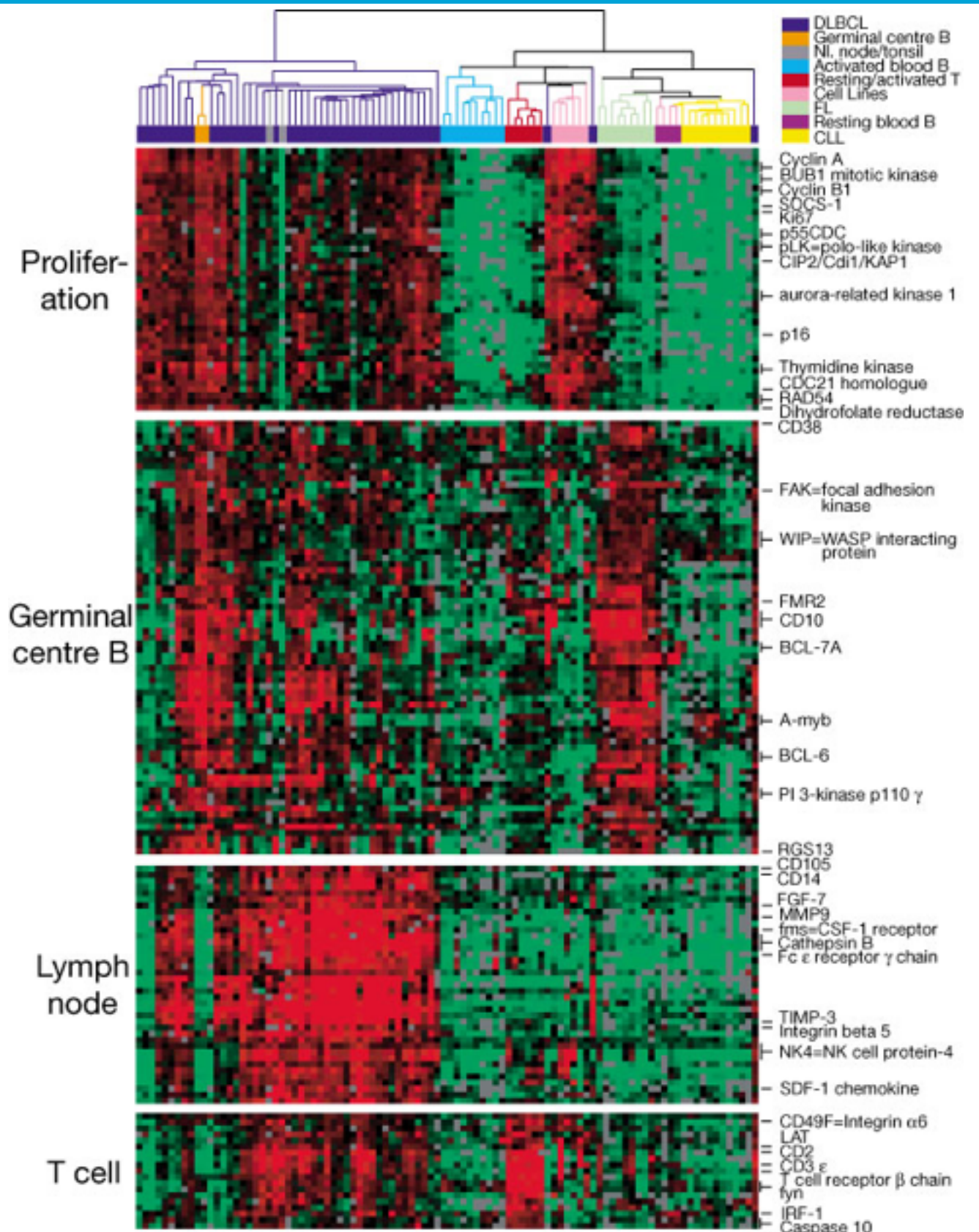
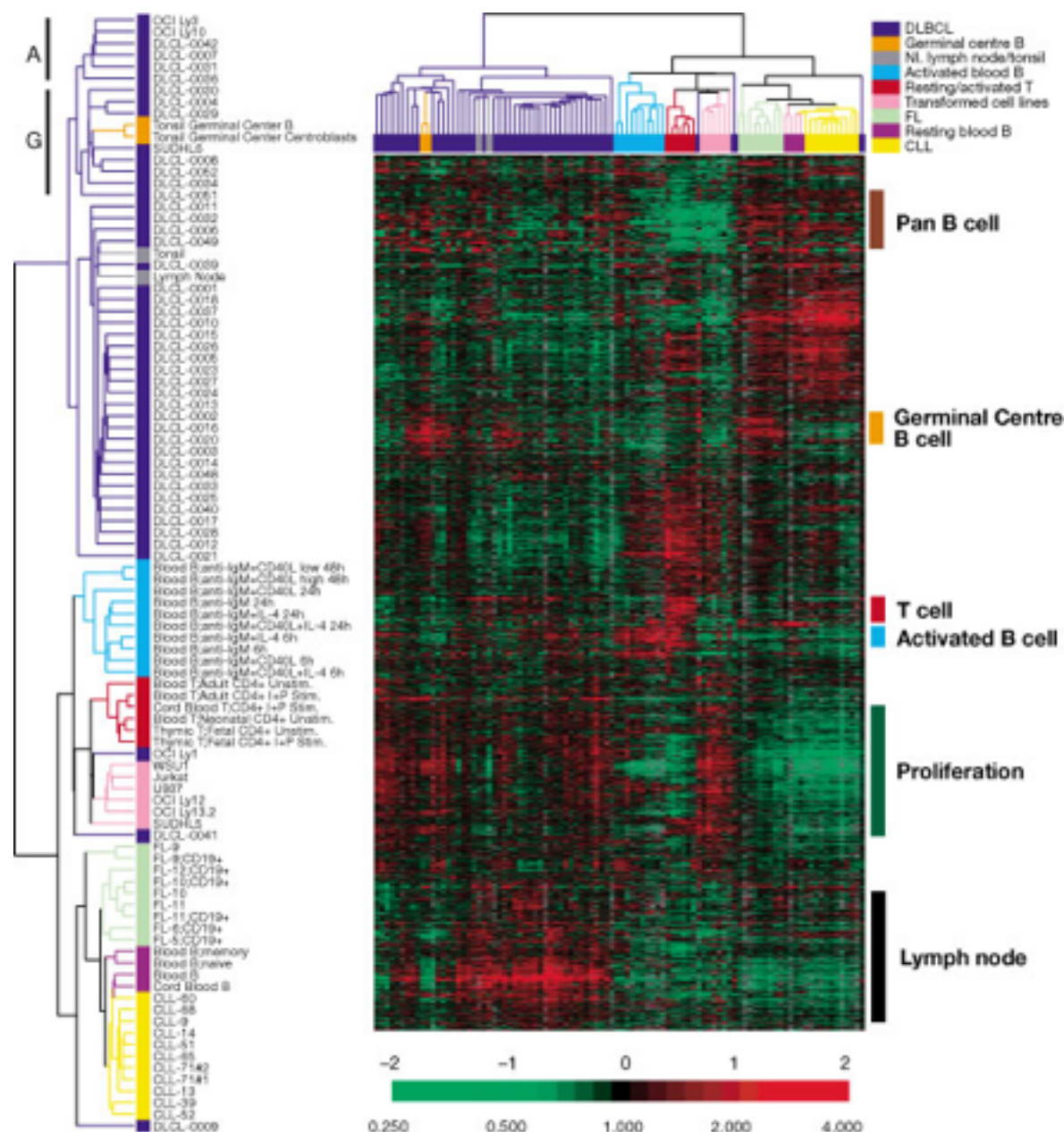
- 1. minimum or single linkage
- 2. maximum or complete linkage
- 3. mean or average linkage



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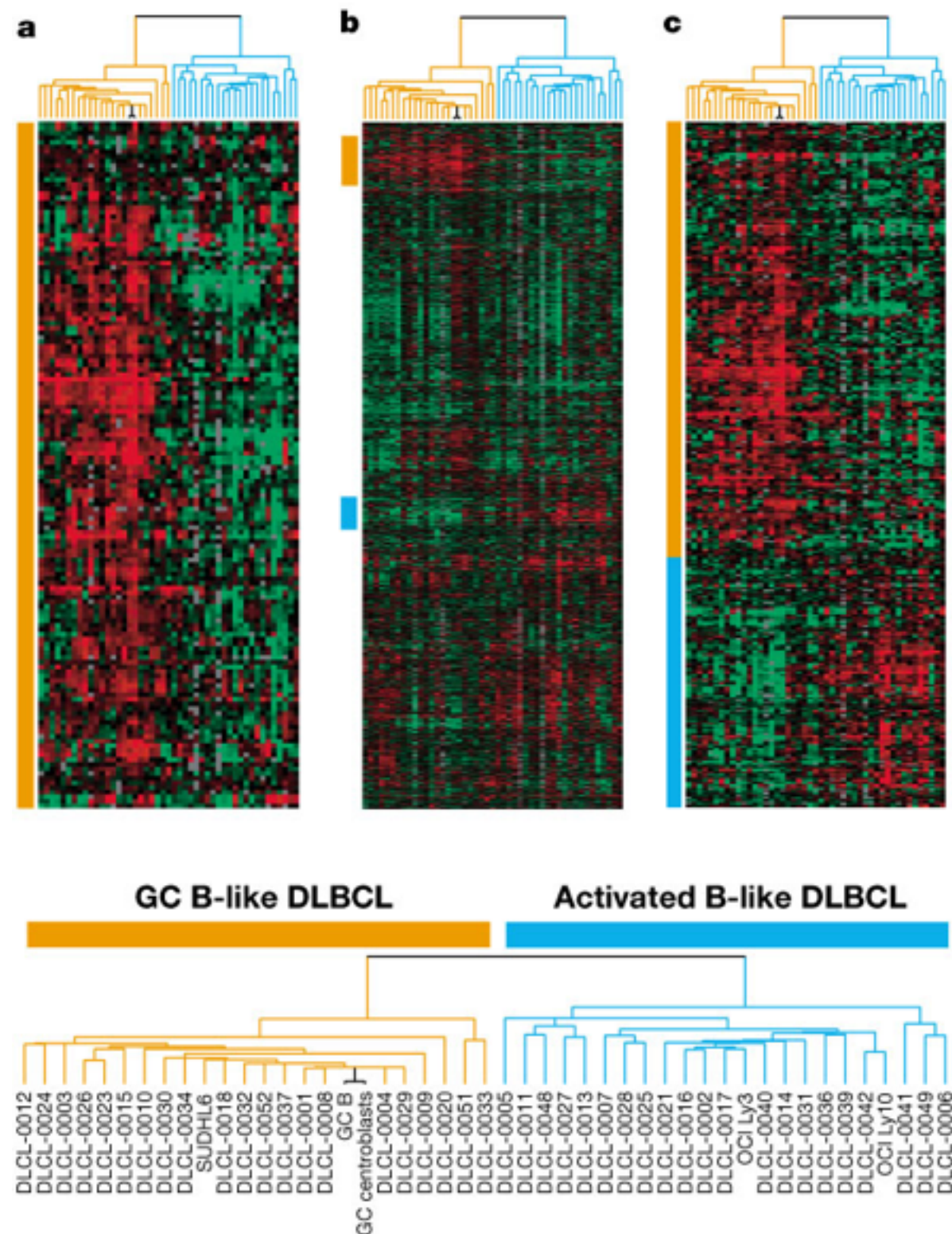
- Distinct types of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma identified by gene expression profiling



Alizadeh AA et al., Nature, 2000

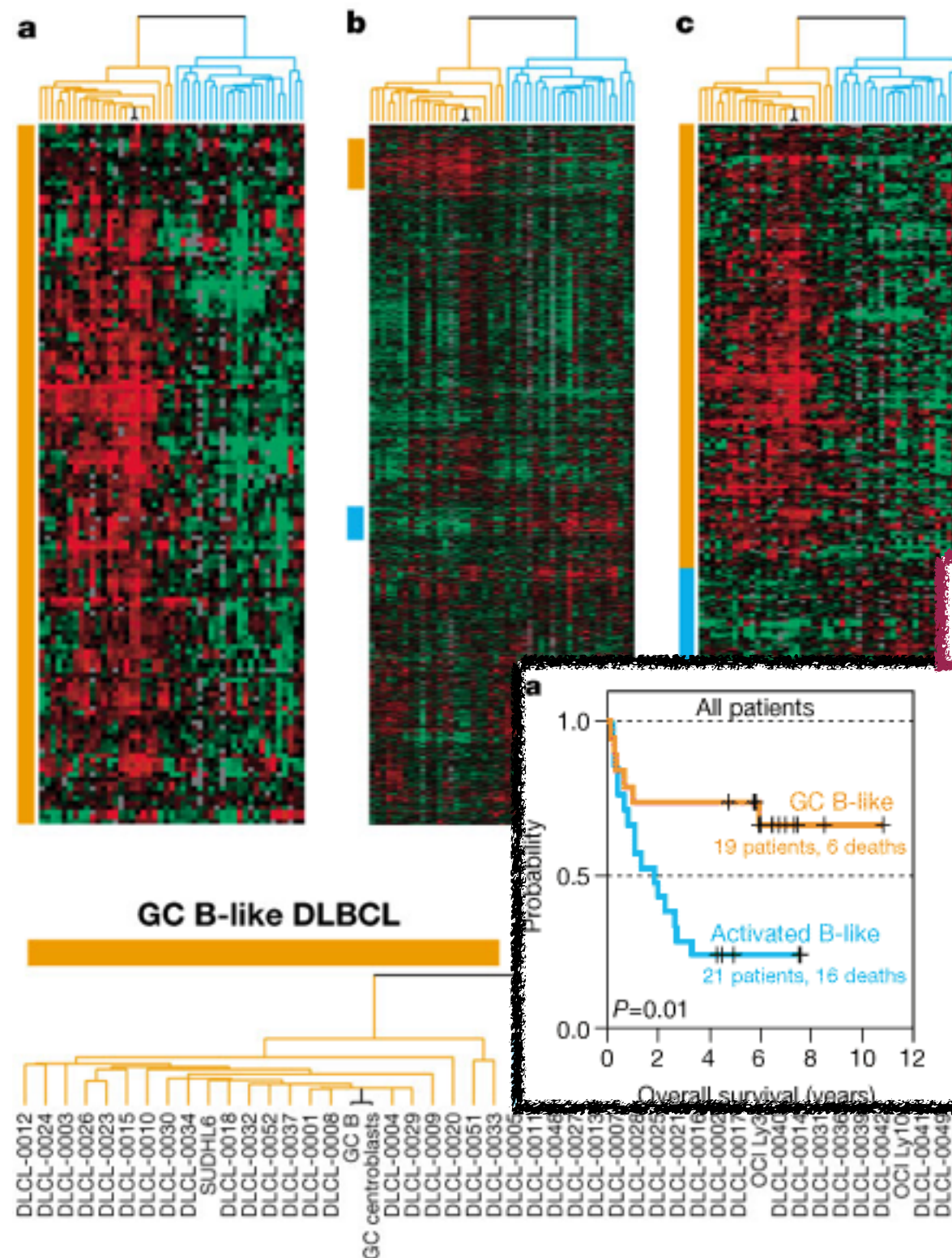
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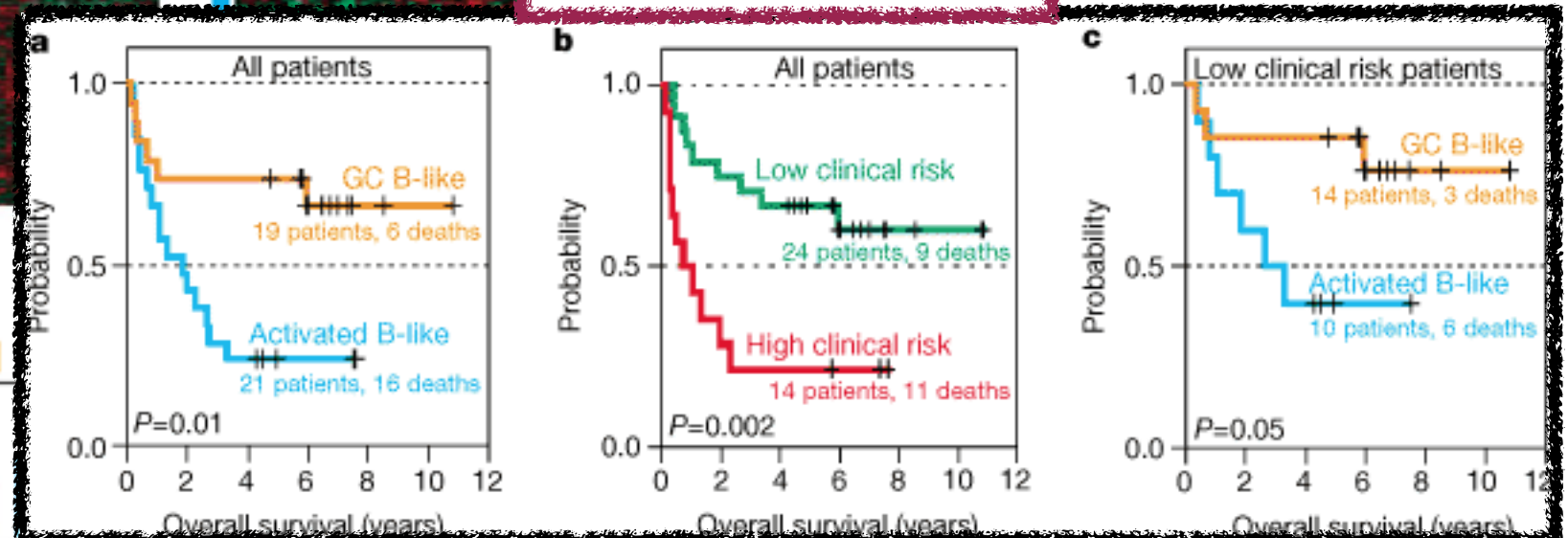


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supervised approach: classification

- ▶ Given a collection of records (*training set*)
 - ▶ Each record contains a set of *attributes*, one of the attribute is the *class*
- ▶ Find a *model* for the class attribute as a function of the values of other attributes.
- ▶ Goal: previously unseen records should be assigned a class as accurately as possible
 - ▶ A *test set* is used to determine the accuracy of the model.
 - ▶ Usually the data set▶ *test set* to build the model
.....
.....▶ *training set* to validate the model

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supervised approach: methods

- ▶ decision tree based methods
- ▶ rule based methods
- ▶ memory based reasoning, instance-based learning
- ▶ neural networks
- ▶ Naive Bayes and Bayesian Belief Networks
- ▶ Support Vector Machines
- ▶ Ensemble methods

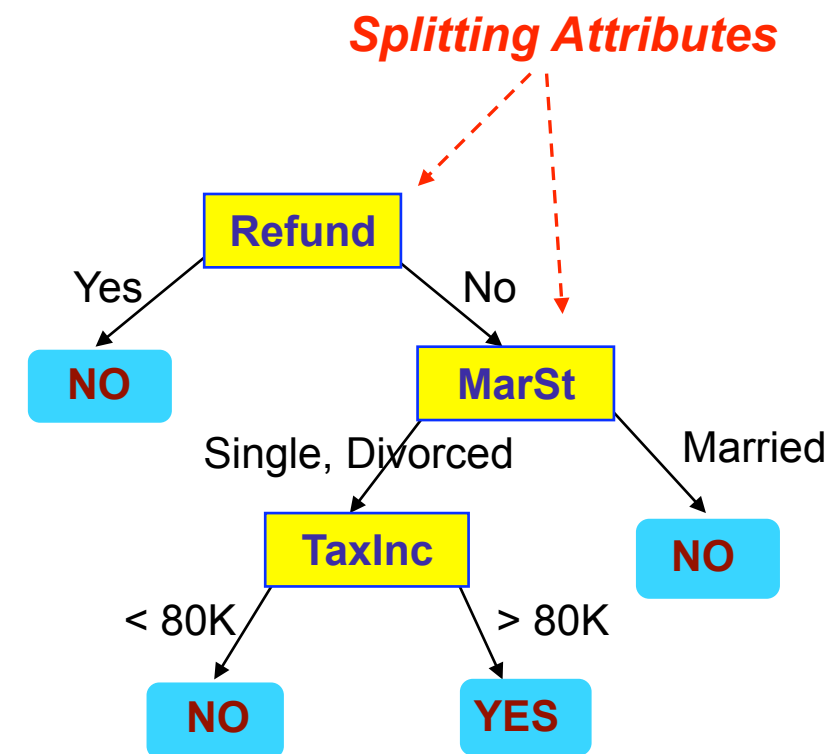
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decision trees: a simple example

<i>Tid</i>	Refund	Marital Status	Taxable Income	Cheat
1	Yes	Single	125K	No
2	No	Married	100K	No
3	No	Single	70K	No
4	Yes	Married	120K	No
5	No	Divorced	95K	Yes
6	No	Married	60K	No
7	Yes	Divorced	220K	No
8	No	Single	85K	Yes
9	No	Married	75K	No
10	No	Single	90K	Yes

training data

...
induction

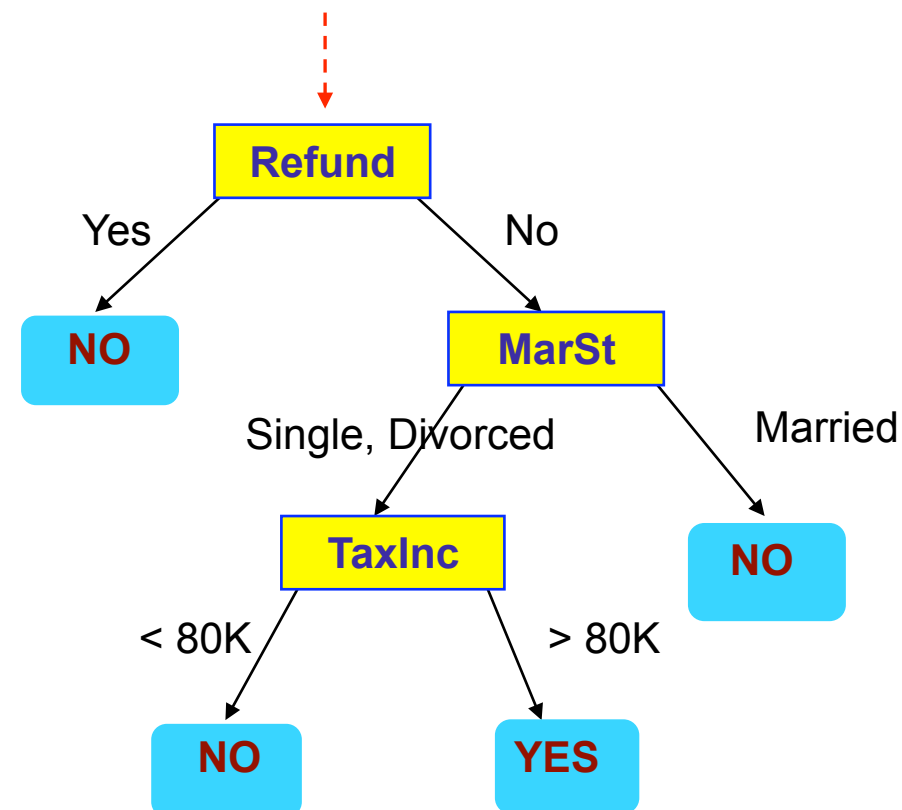


Model: decision tree

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decision trees: a simple example

Start from the root of tree.



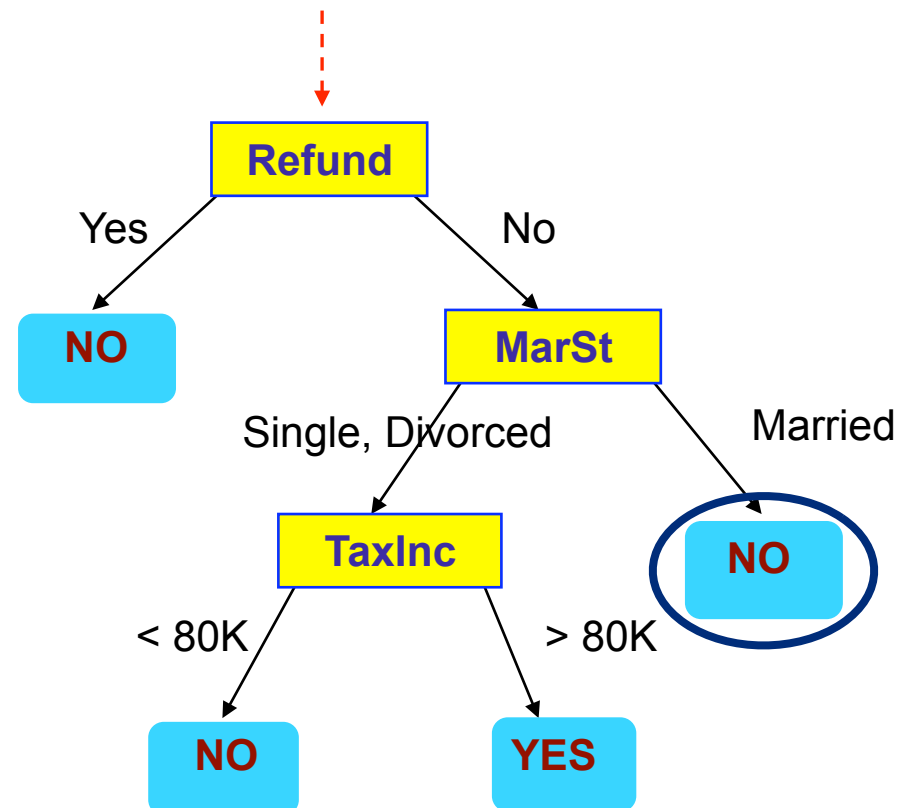
Test Data

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No	Married	80K	?

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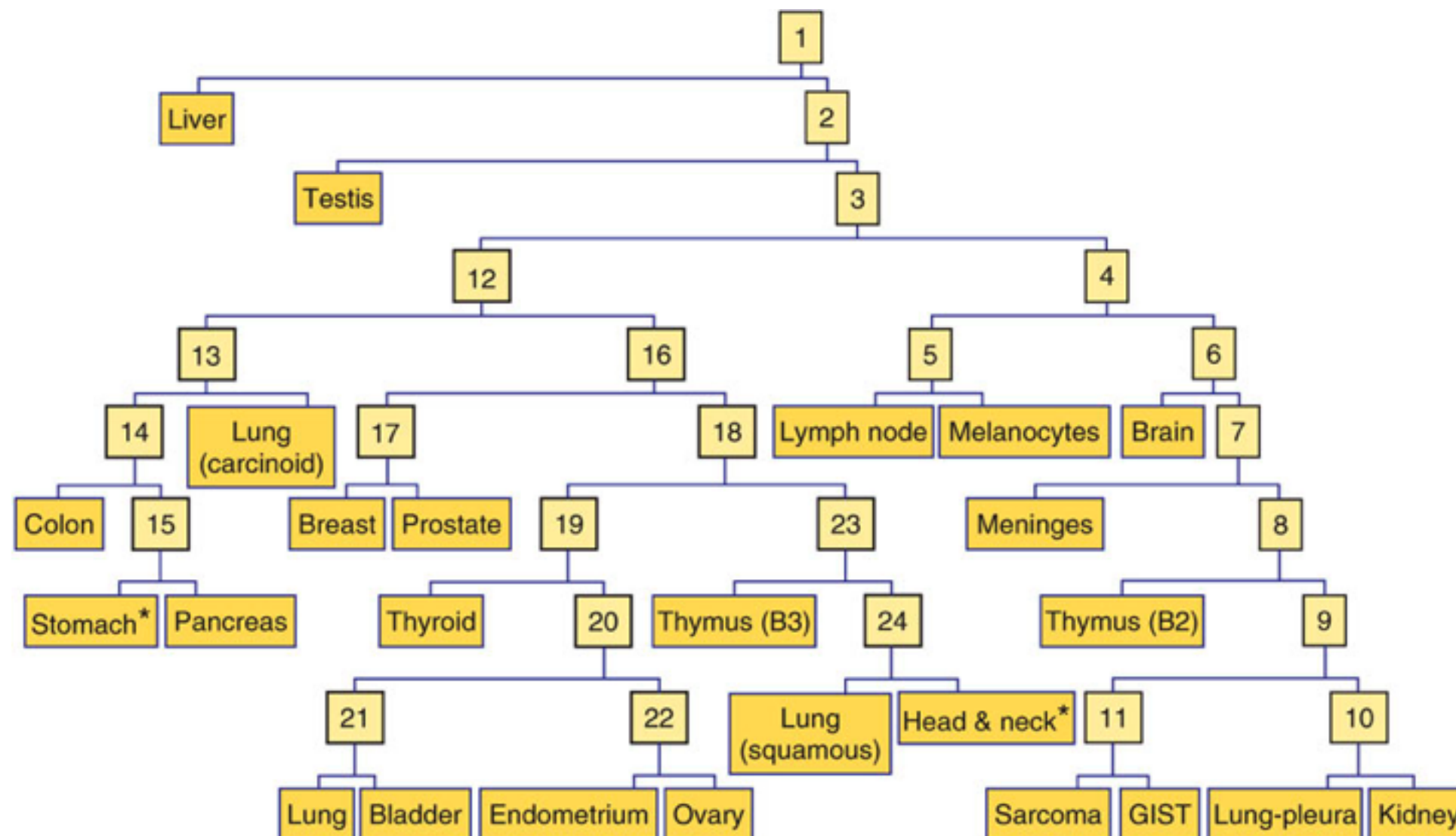
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deduction

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decision trees: real life

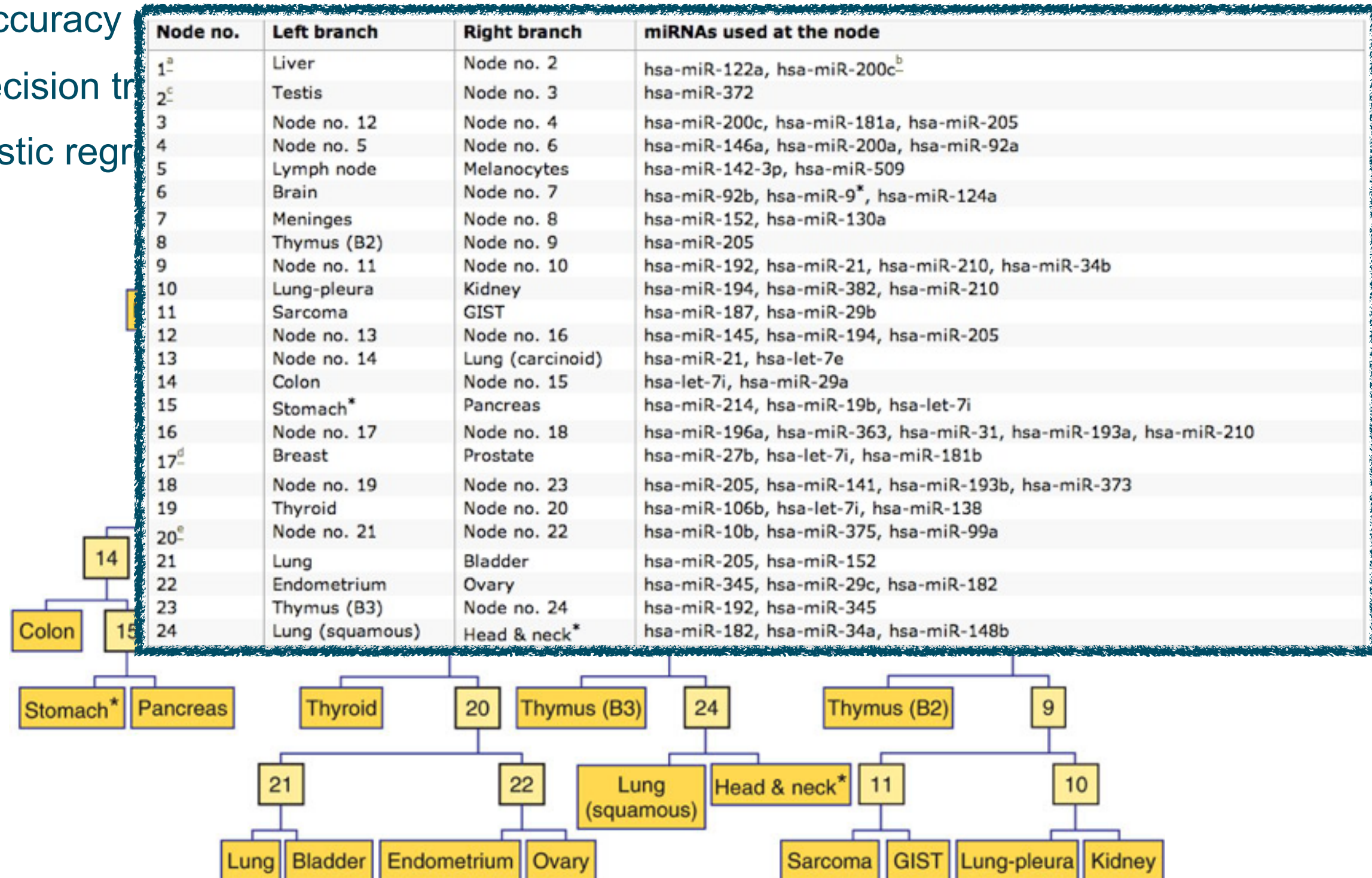
- ▶ a classifier of only 48 miRNA markers among 22 tissues
- ▶ overall accuracy of 90%
- ▶ binary decision tree
- ▶ uses logistic regression to assign a probability of belonging to one of the two branches of a node



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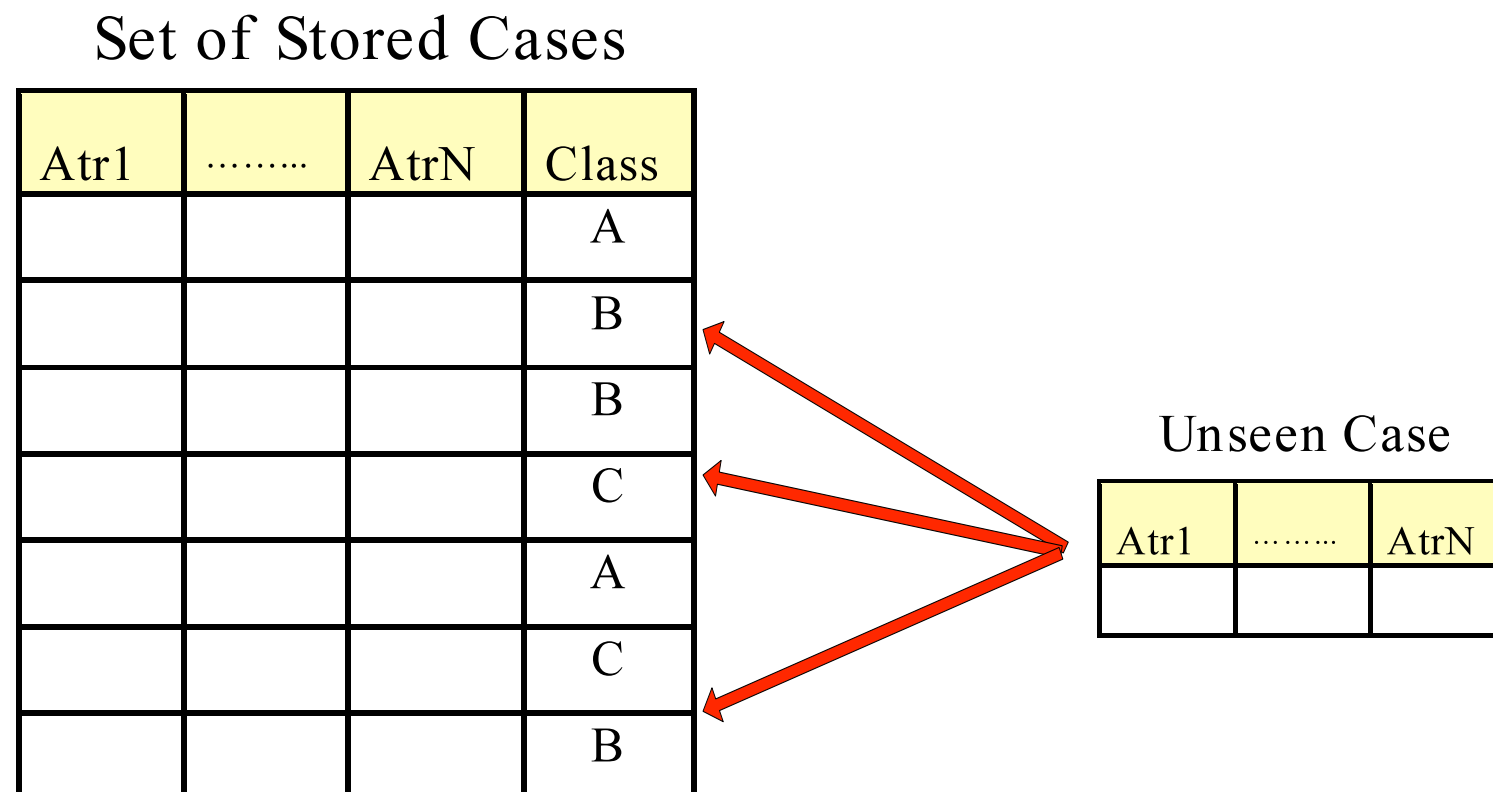
decision trees: pros and cons

- ▶ :) inexpensive to construct and extremely fast at classification
- ▶ :) can handle both continuous and symbolic attributes
- ▶ :) a standard method
- ▶ :) no need for distance functions
- ▶ :(relies on rectangular approximation

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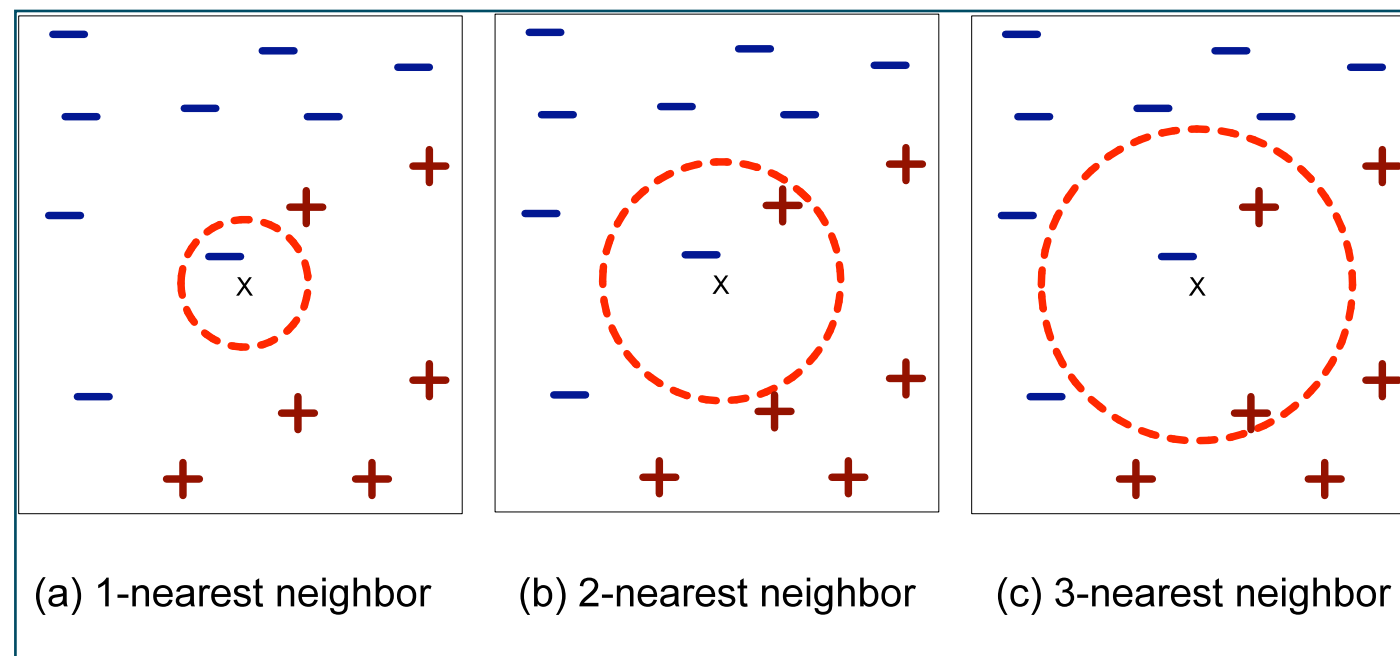
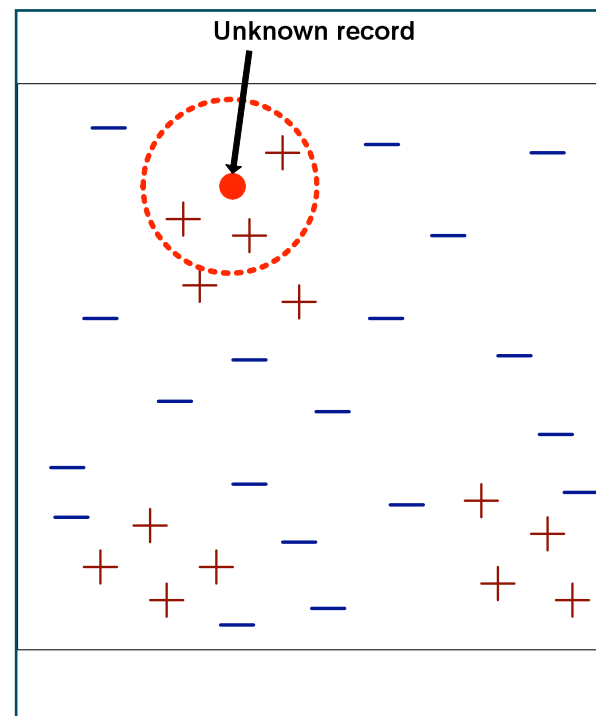
instance-based methods

- ▶ does not create a model but use training examples directly to classify unseen example (*'lazy'* classifiers)
- ▶ examples:
 - ▶ nearest neighbor
 - ▶ chooses k 'closest' point (nearest neighbors)



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k-NN



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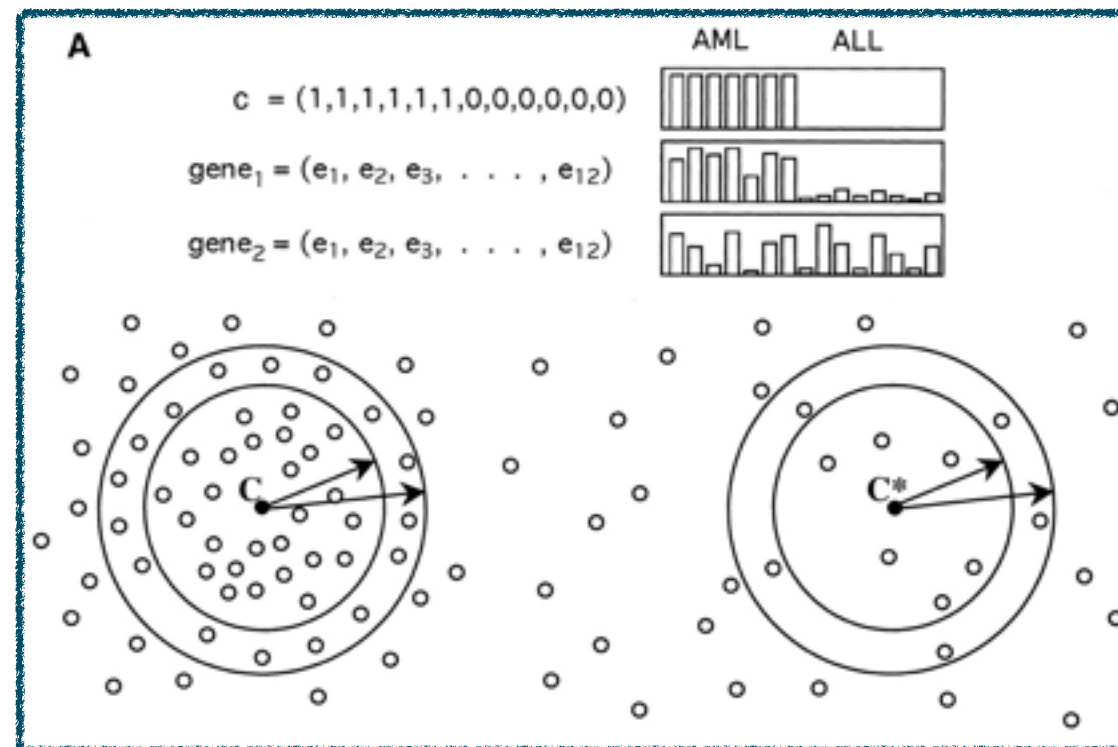
k-NN: pros and cons

- choose k
 - ▶if too small, sensitive to noise
 - ▶if too large, indistinct class boundaries
 - ▶use techniques like cross validation
- sensitive to noise, so scaling or selecting features is important
- the quality of the distance function
 - ▶large margin nearest neighbor
- better-represented classes may dominate the prediction
 - ▶weighing
- nearest neighbor search can be expensive
 - ▶linear search, space partitioning, etc.
- ✓high accuracy
- ✓quite popular

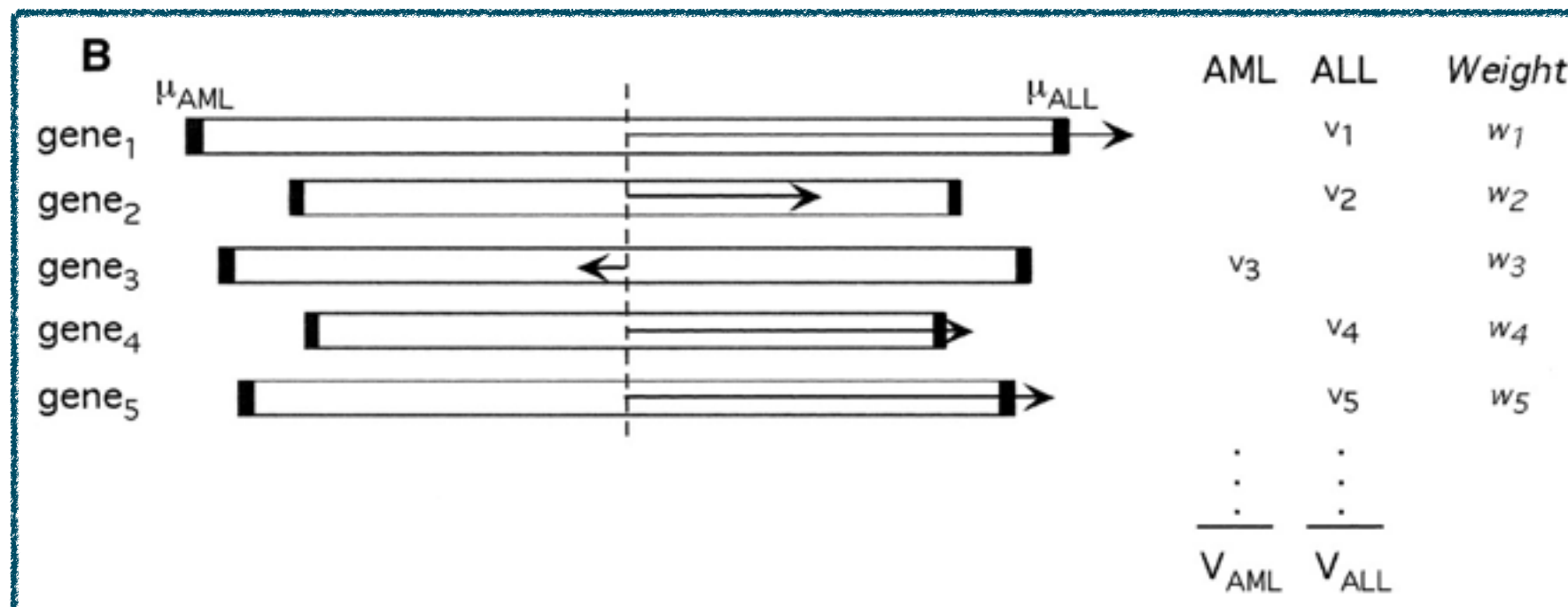
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k-NN: pros and cons

- ▶ to create a 'class predictor' to classify new, unknown cases of AML and ALL
- ▶ **'neighborhood analysis'**, the closeness of the gene to idealized expression patterns



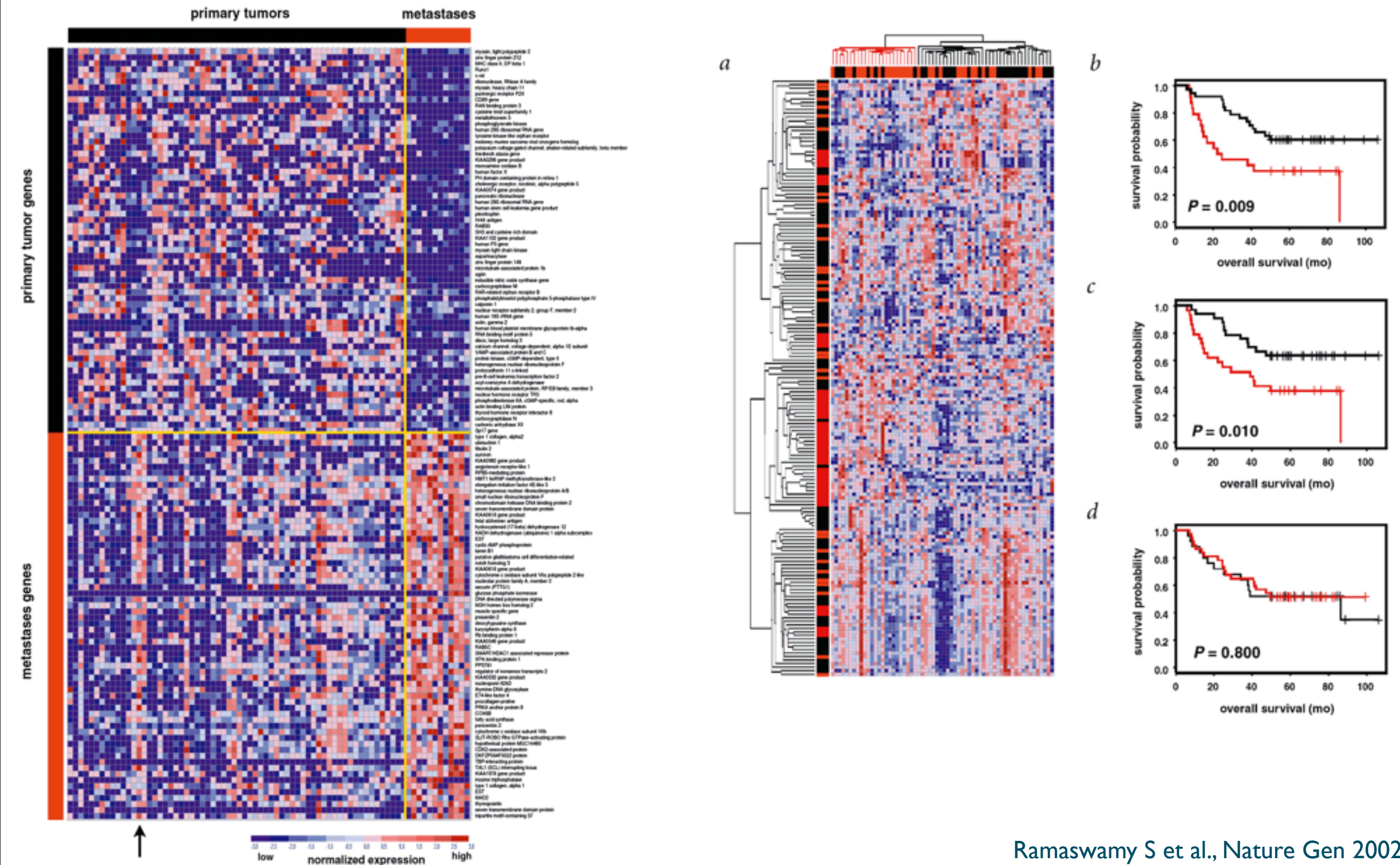
random idealized expression patterns



Golub TR et al., Science 1999

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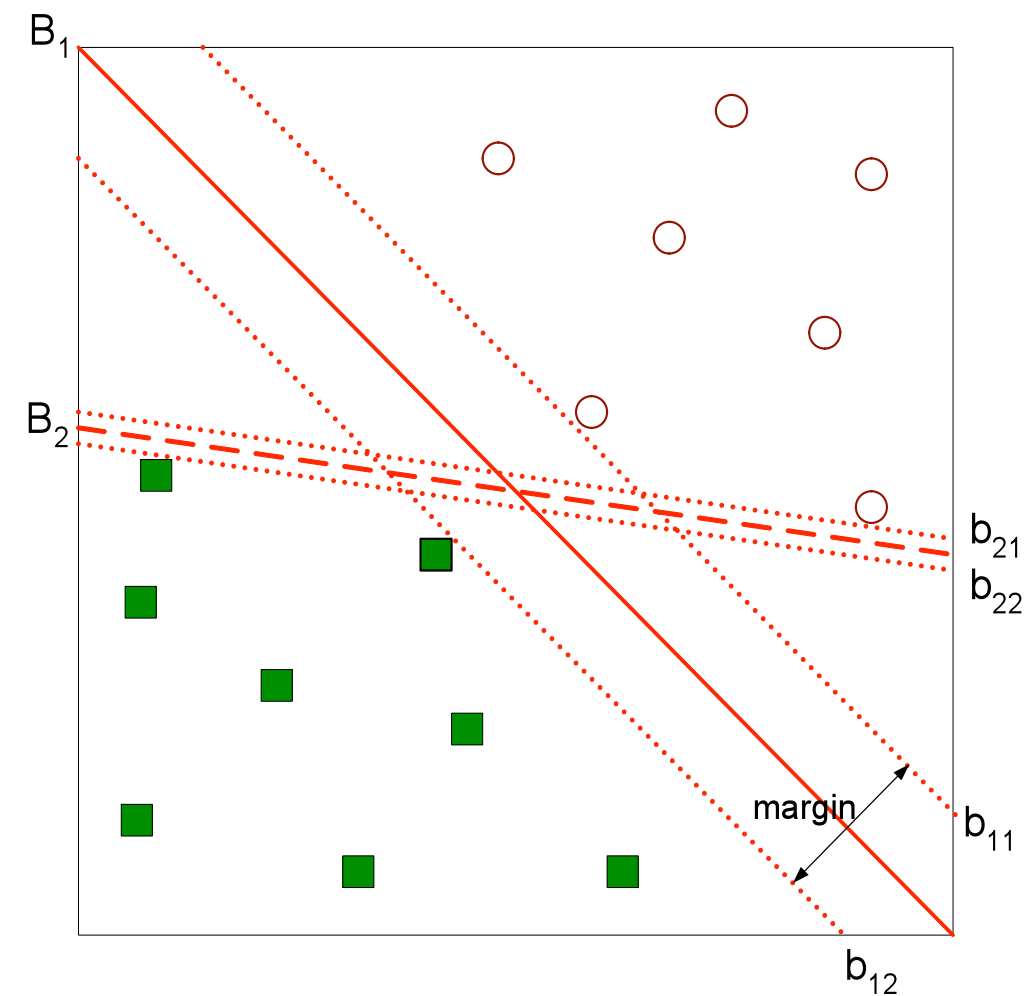
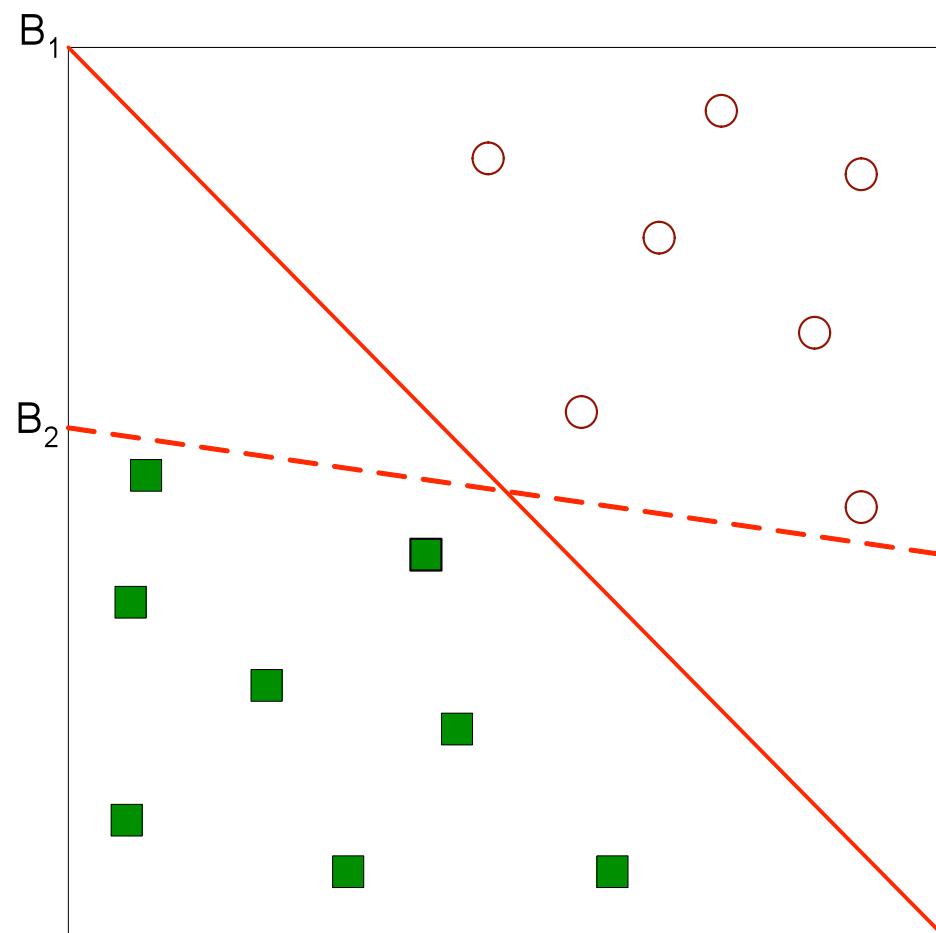
neighborhood analysis



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support vector machines

- constructs a hyperplane or a set hyperplanes in a high or infinite dimension space for classification, regression or other tasks



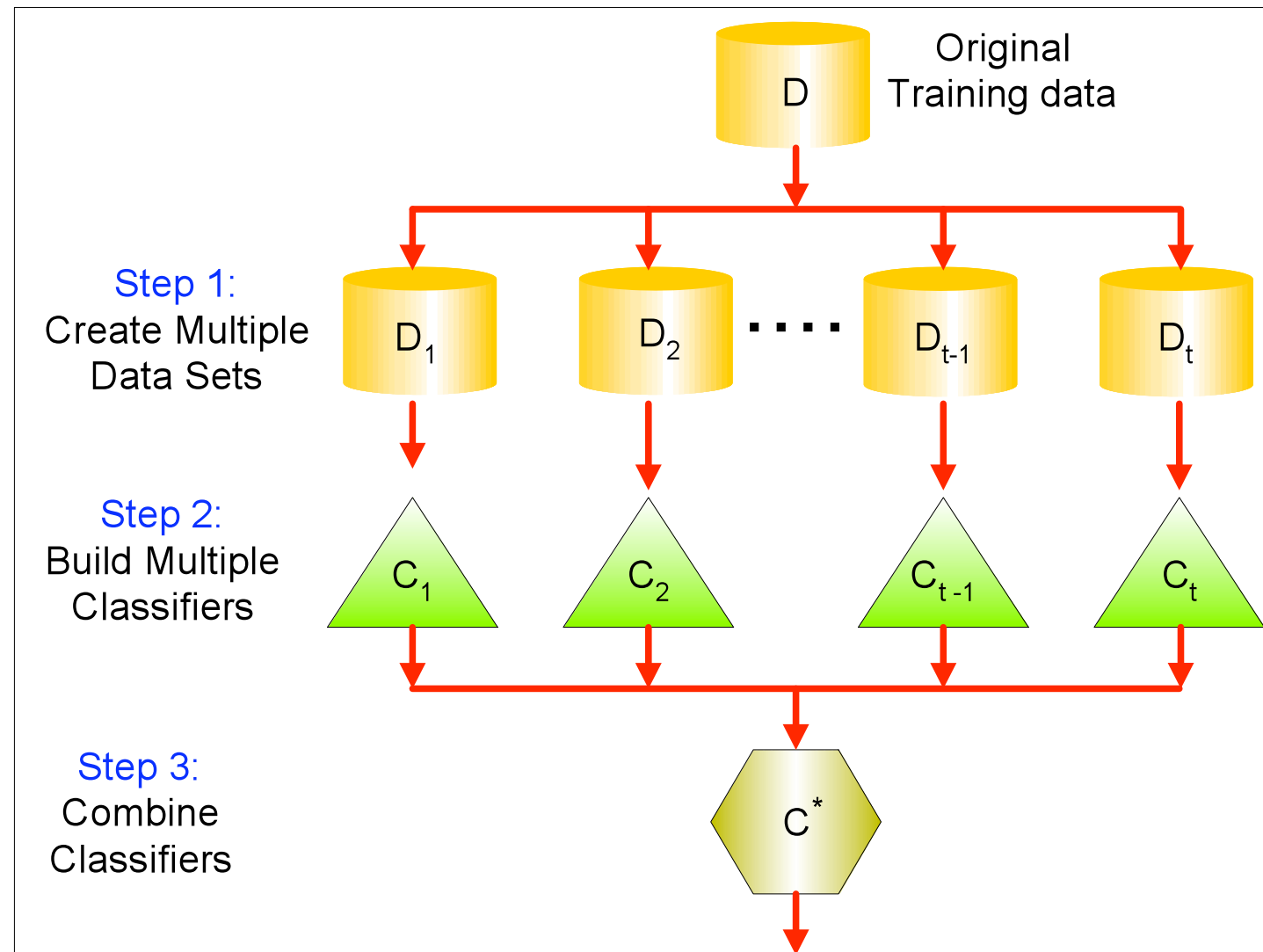
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support vector machines

- optimization process is quite slow
- uncalibrated class membership probabilities
- only directly applicable for two-class tasks
 - ▶ multi-class SVM
- ✓ high accuracy

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ensemble methods



► if you have 25 independent classifiers with error rate $\epsilon = 0.35$

► the error rate of the ensemble is $\sum_{i=13}^{25} \binom{25}{i} \epsilon^i (1 - \epsilon)^{25-i} = 0.06$

► examples: bagging (sampling with replacement) and boosting (adaptively change the distribution of training data by focusing on previously misclassified records)

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one example to describe it all

A, B) consensus clustering (Monti et al. 2003)



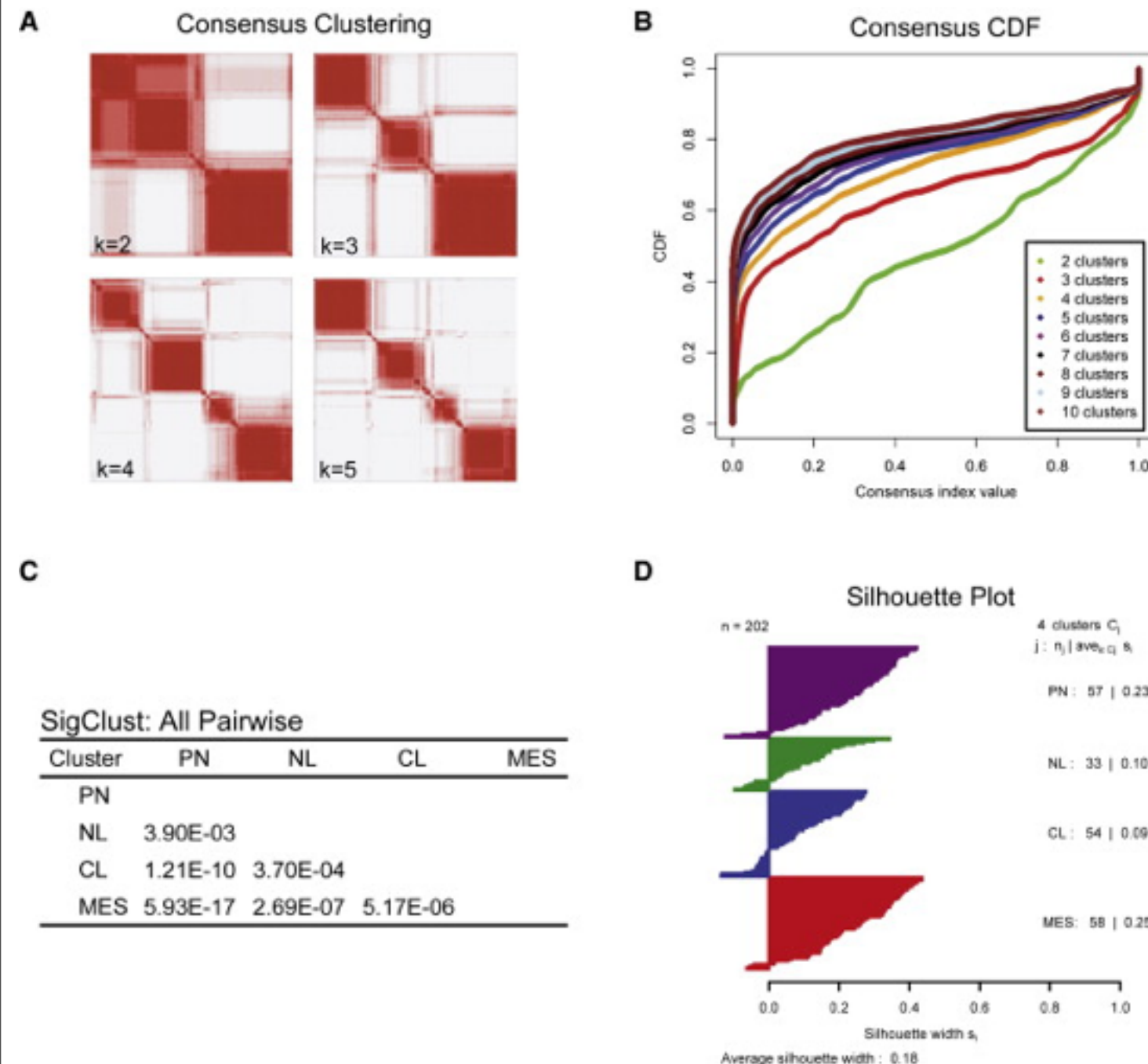
C) SigClust for evaluation of cluster significance (Liu et al. 2008)



D) silhouette plots to detect core samples

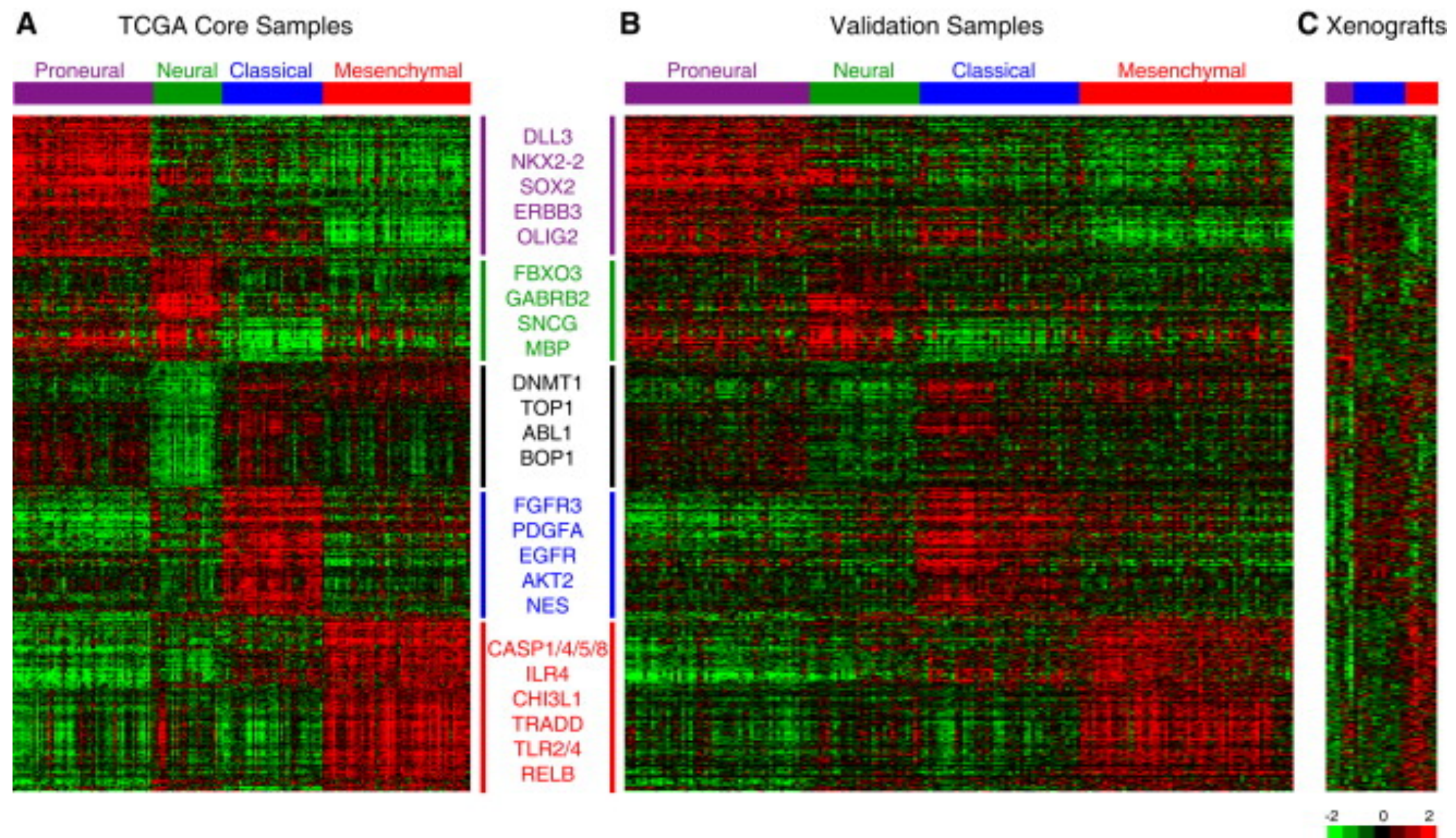


ClaNC to build a 840-gene classifier



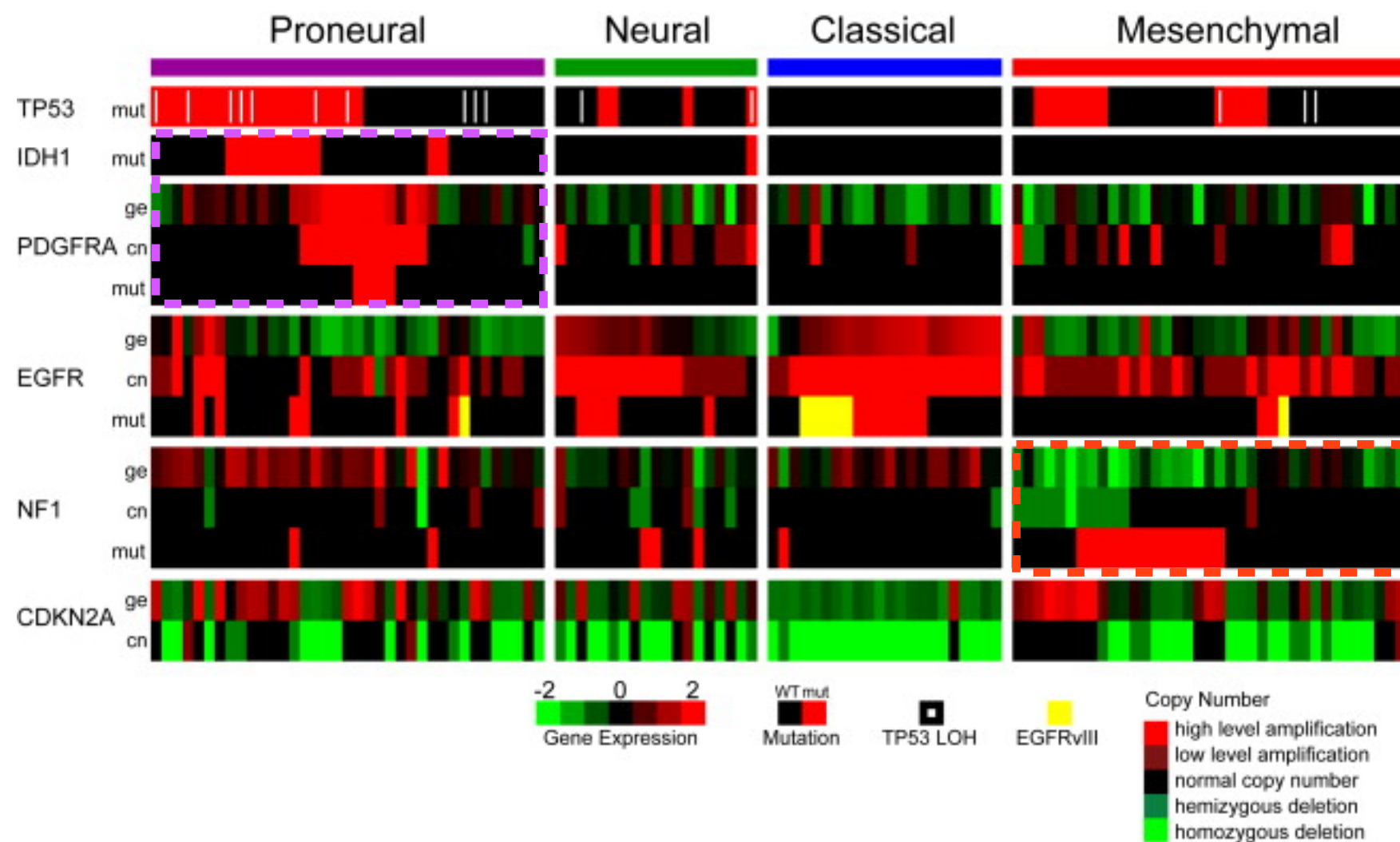
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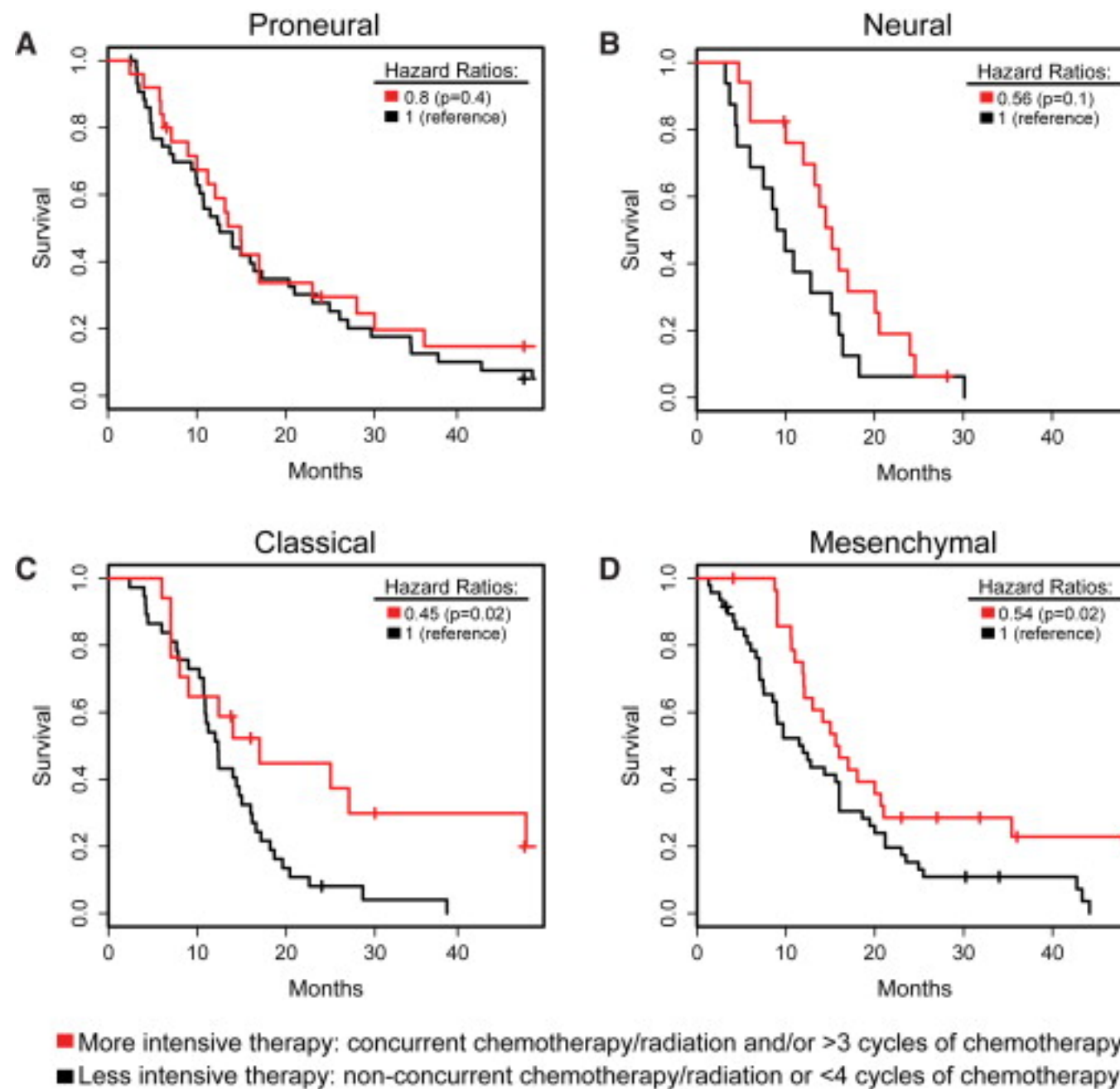
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model evaluation

THE IDEA: to focus on the predictive capability of a model

- ▶ metrics for performance evaluation
- ▶ methods for performance evaluation/estimation
- ▶ methods for model comparison

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metrics

confusion matrix

	PREDICTED CLASS		
ACTUAL CLASS		Class=Yes	Class=No
	Class=Yes	a (TP)	b (FN)
	Class=No	c (FP)	d (TN)

TP: true positive

FN: false negative

FP: false positive

TN: true negative

the most popular

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{a + d}{a + b + c + d} = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

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metrics

- ▶ **ACCURACY** can be **MISLEADING**:
- ▶ 2-class problem:
 - ▶ Class 0 = 9990
 - ▶ Class 1 = 10
- ▶ if the model everything to be of Class 0, then
 - ▶ $\text{accuracy} = 9990/1000 = 99.9\%$

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cost-sensitive

$$\text{Precision (p)} = \frac{a}{a + c}$$

$$\text{Recall (r)} = \frac{a}{a + b}$$

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accuracy vs. precision



high accuracy
low precision



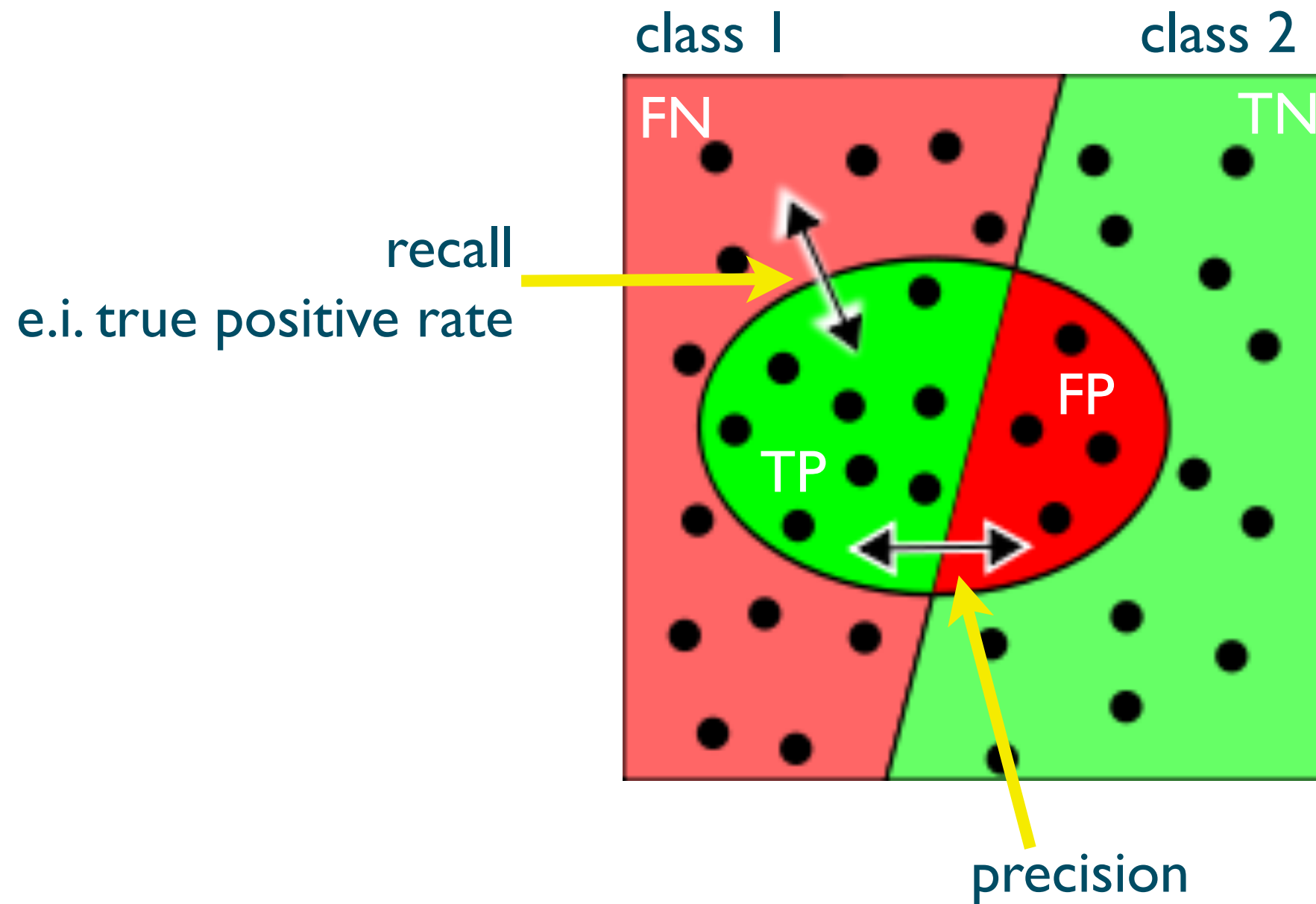
low accuracy
high precision



high accuracy
high precision

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precision and recall



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performance estimation

- ▶ holdout
 - ▶ reserve 2/3 for training and 1/3 for testing
- ▶ random subsampling
 - ▶ repeated holdout
- ▶ cross validation
 - ▶ partition data into k disjoint subsets
 - ▶ k -fold: train on $k-1$ partitions, test on the remaining
 - ▶ leave-one-out: $k=n$
- ▶ stratified sampling
 - ▶ over-sampling vs under-sampling
- ▶ bootstrap
 - ▶ sampling with replacement

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survival analysis

- ▶ a variety of methods for analyzing the timing of events (death, failure, recurrence, etc.)
- ▶ outline
 - ▶ the survival function and the Kaplan-Meier estimator

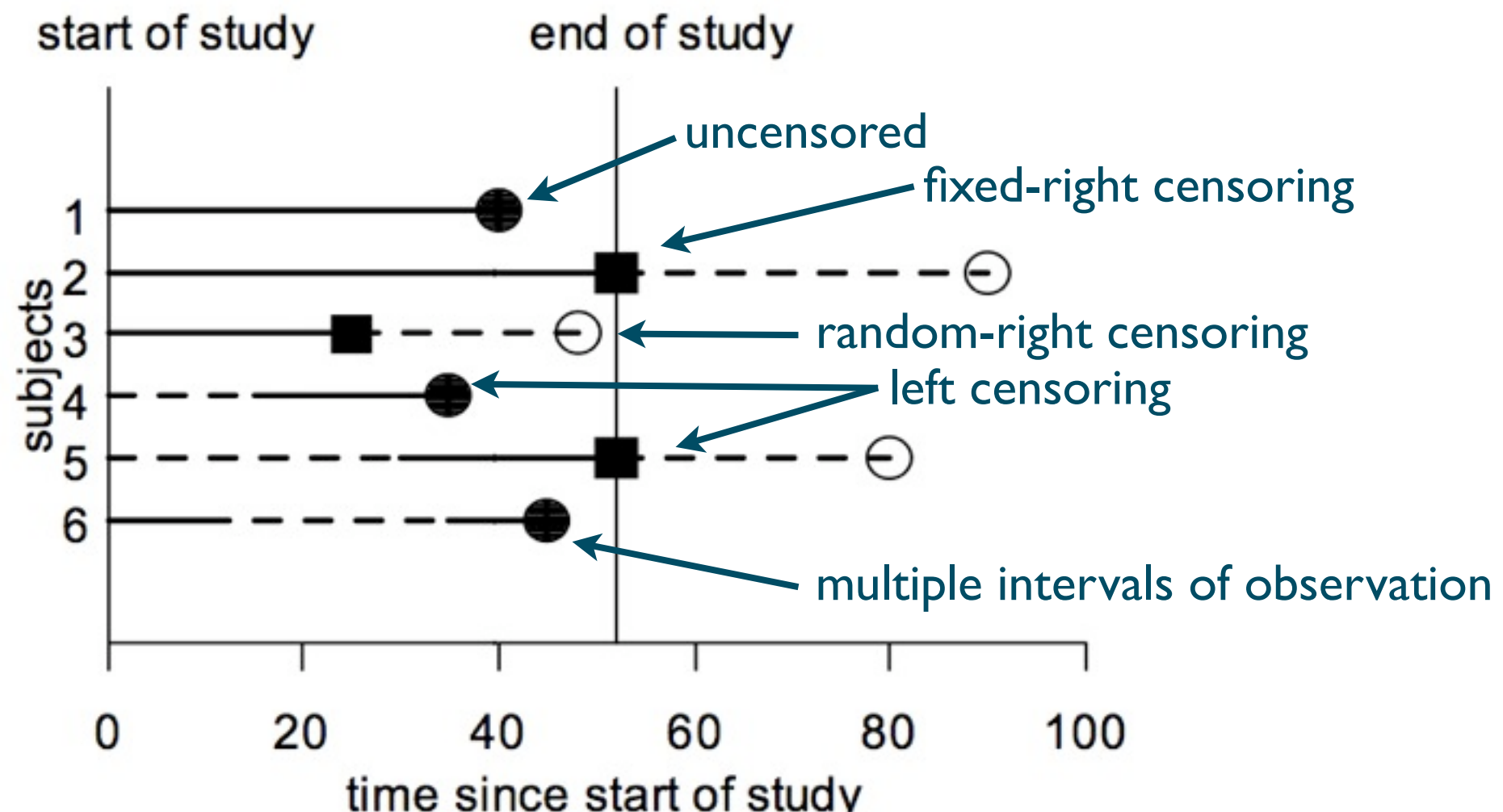
▶ ASSUMPTIONS:

- ▶ those under study are representative of *all* subjects
- ▶ at survival time t those subjects who are under observation at that survival time are “*at risk for an event*”
- ▶ censoring mechanism is unrelated to survival to survival time

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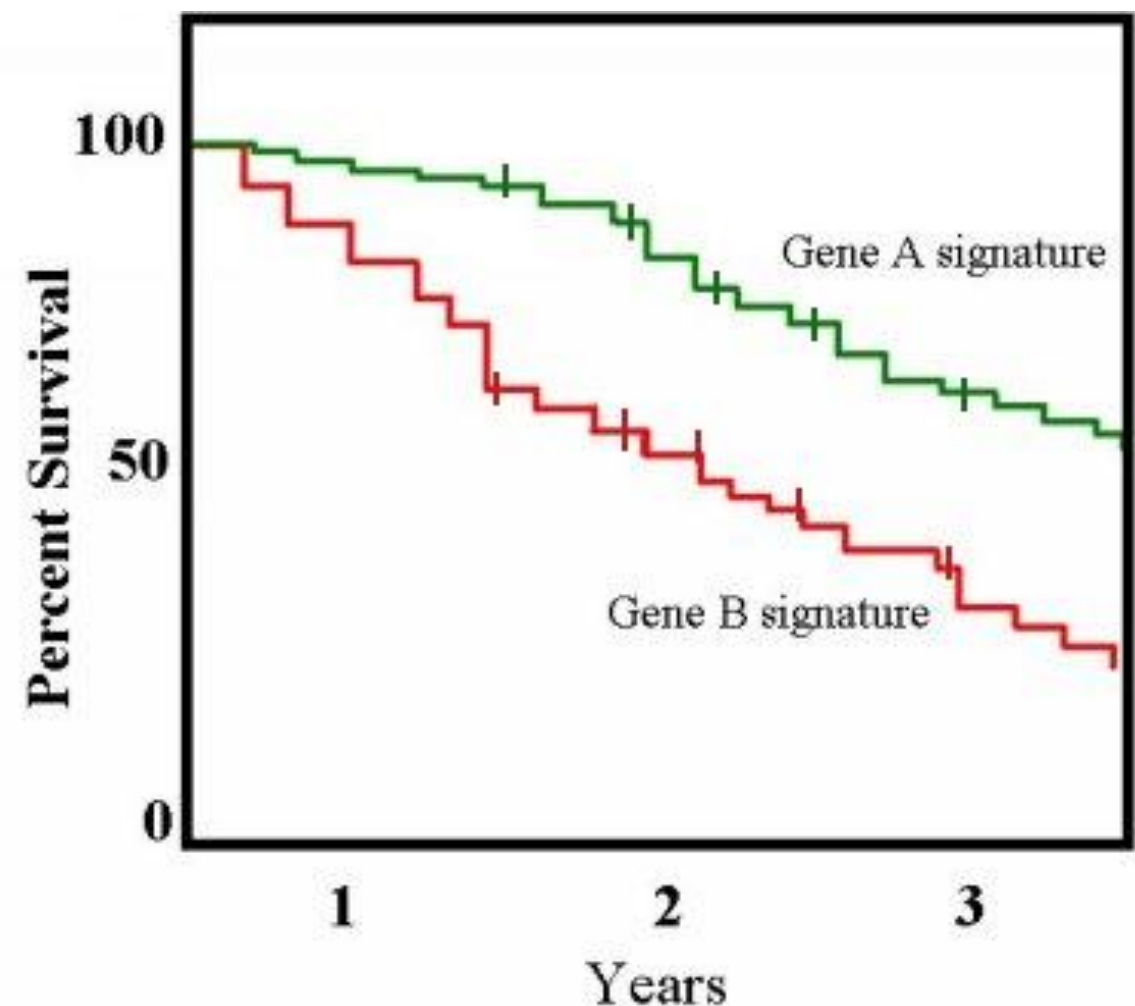
- ▶ right-censored time consists of
 - ▶ survival time
 - ▶ censored/uncensored
 - ▶ explanatory variables thought to influence survival time



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survival function & Kaplan-Meier Estimator

- ▶ **SURVIVAL FUNCTION**: the probability that a patient will survival beyond a specified time
- ▶ **KAPLAN-MEIER ESTIMATOR**: estimates the survival function for life-time data
 - ▶ to measure the fraction of patients that lives or stays free of recurrence beyond a specified time
 - ▶ can handle censored data
 - ▶ ticks mark right-censoring



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batch effects

“**BATCH EFFECTS** are sub-groups of measurements that have qualitatively different behaviors across conditions and are unrelated to the biological or scientific variables in a study”

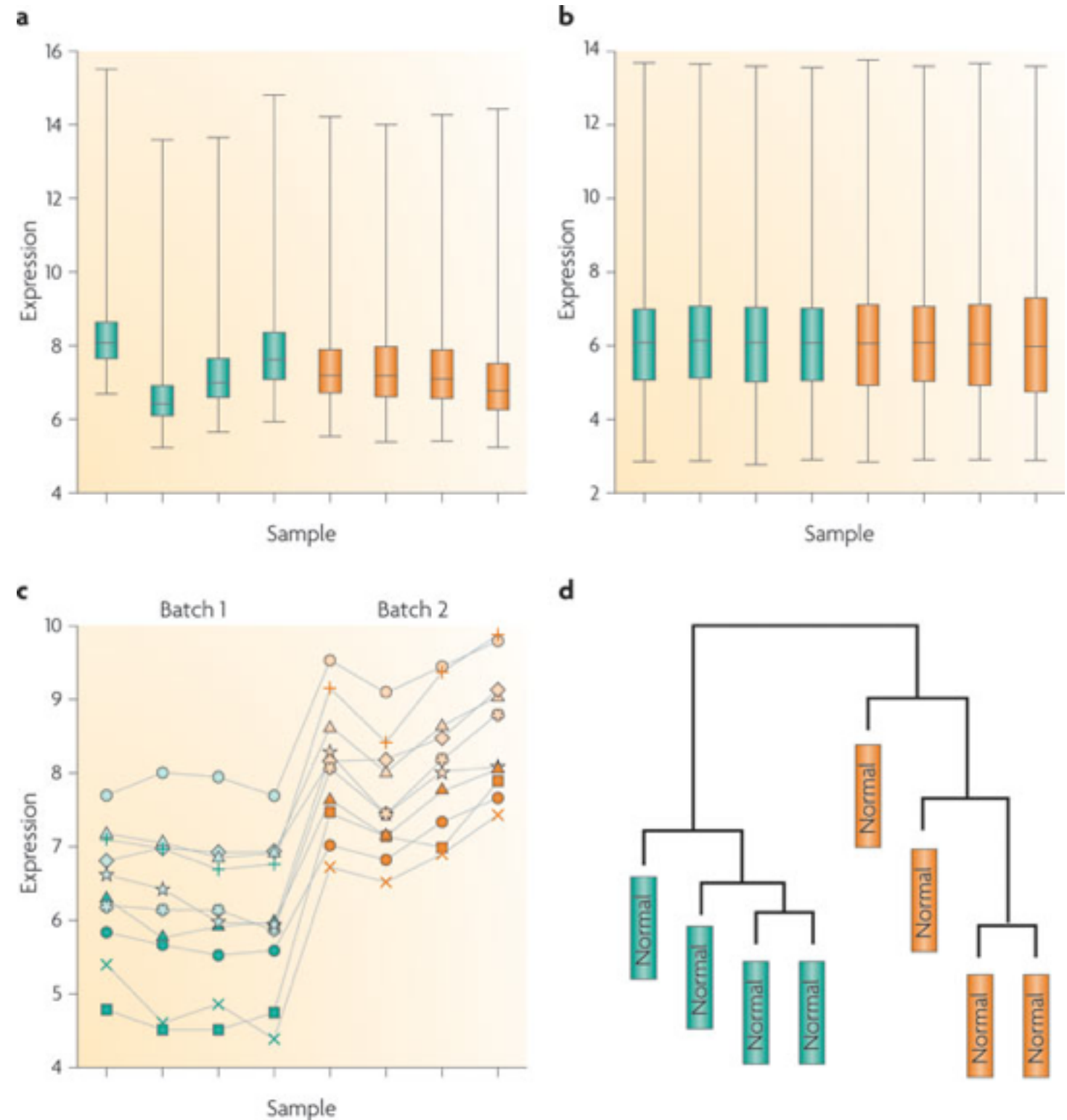
WE DON'T LIKE THEM BECAUSE

- ▶ increased variability and decreased power to detect a real biological signal
- ▶ correlation between features

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batch effects

microarray expression profiling of superficial transitional cell carcinoma of bladder cancer samples with or without surrounding carcinoma in situ



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Study description *	Known variable used as a surrogate			Principal components used as a surrogate			Association with outcome Significant features (%) ^{††}	Refs
	Surrogate [‡]	Confounding (%) [§]	Susceptible features (%)	Principal components rank of surrogate (correlation) [¶]	Principal components rank of outcome (correlation) [#]	Susceptible features (%) ^{**}		
Data set 1: gene expression microarray, Affymetrix ($N_p = 22,283$)	Date	29.7	50.5	1 (0.570)	1 (0.649)	91.6	71.9	Dyrskjot L et al., Cancer Res 2004 Spielman RS et al., Nature Gen 2007 Petricoin EF et al., Lancet 2002 HapMap, Nature 2003 Dick DM et al., AJHG 2003 TCGA, Nature, 2008 1000 Genomes Project
Data set 2: gene expression, Affymetrix ($N_p = 4167$)	Date	77.6	73.7	1 (0.922)	1 (0.668)	98.5	62.2	
Data set 3: mass spectrometry ($N_p = 15,154$)	Processing group	100	51.7	2 (0.344)	2 (0.344)	99.7	51.7	
Data set 4: copy number variation, Affymetrix ($N_p = 945,806$)	Date	29.2	99.5	2 (0.921)	3 (0.485)	99.8	98.8	
Data set 5: copy number variation, Affymetrix ($N_p = 945,806$)	Date	12.2	83.8	1 (0.553)	1 (0.137)	99.8	74.1	
Data set 6: gene expression, Affymetrix ($N_p = 22,277$)	Processing group	NA	83.8	5 (0.369)	NA	97.1	NA	
Data set 7: gene expression, Agilent ($N_p = 17,594$)	Date	NA	62.8	2 (0.248)	NA	96.7	NA	
Data set 8: DNA methylation, Agilent ($N_p = 27,578$)	Processing group	NA	78.6	3 (0.381)	NA	99.8	NA	
Data set 9: DNA sequencing, Solexa ($N_p = 2,886$)	Date	24.2	32.1	2 (0.846)	2 (0.213)	72.7	16.9	

Irizarry R et al., Nature Rev Gen 2010

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WHAT TO DO?

- ▶ experiment design solutions
 - ▶ distribute batches and other sources of variation across biological groups
 - ▶ record information about changes in personnel, reagent, storage, etc.
- ▶ statistical solutions

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Exploratory analyses

Hierarchically cluster the samples and label them with biological variables and batch surrogates (such as laboratory and processing time)



Plot individual features versus biological variables and batch surrogates



Calculate principal components of the high-throughput data and identify components that correlate with batch surrogates

Downstream analyses

Do you believe that measured batch surrogates (processing time, laboratory, etc.) represent the only potential artefacts in the data?

Yes



Use measured technical variables as surrogates for batch and other technical artefacts



No



Estimate artefacts from the high-throughput data directly using surrogate variable analysis (SVA)



Perform downstream analyses, such as regressions, t-tests or clustering, and adjust for surrogate or estimated batch effects. The estimated/surrogate variables should be treated as standard covariates, such as sex or age, in subsequent analyses or adjusted for use with tools such as ComBat

Diagnostic analyses

Use of SVA and ComBat does not guarantee that batch effects have been addressed. After fitting models, including processing time and date or surrogate variables estimated with SVA, re-cluster the data to ensure that the clusters are not still driven by batch effects