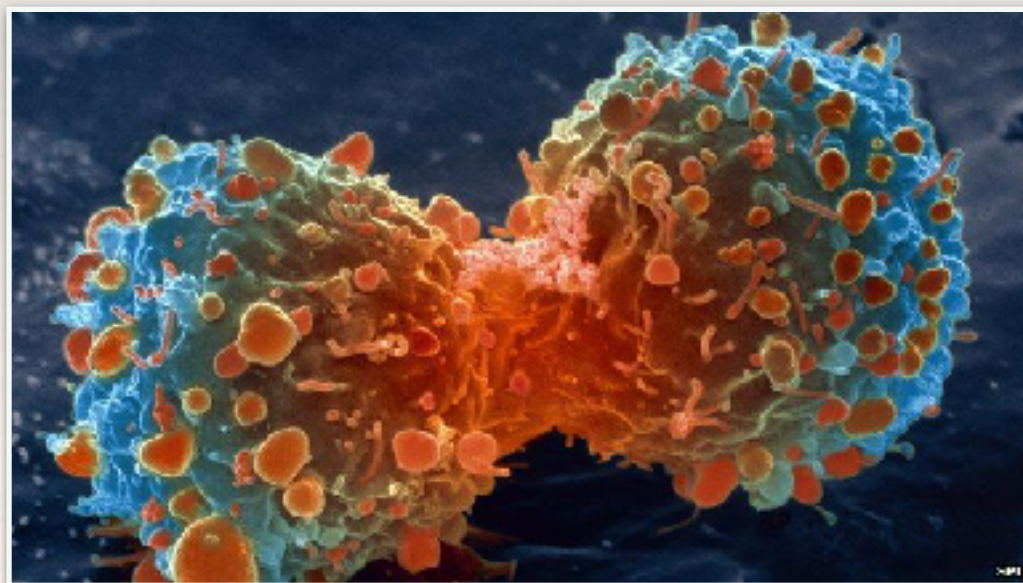


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# Microarrays

Grundlagen der Bioinformatik  
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# Agenda



1.mRNA: Genomic background

2.Overview: Microarray

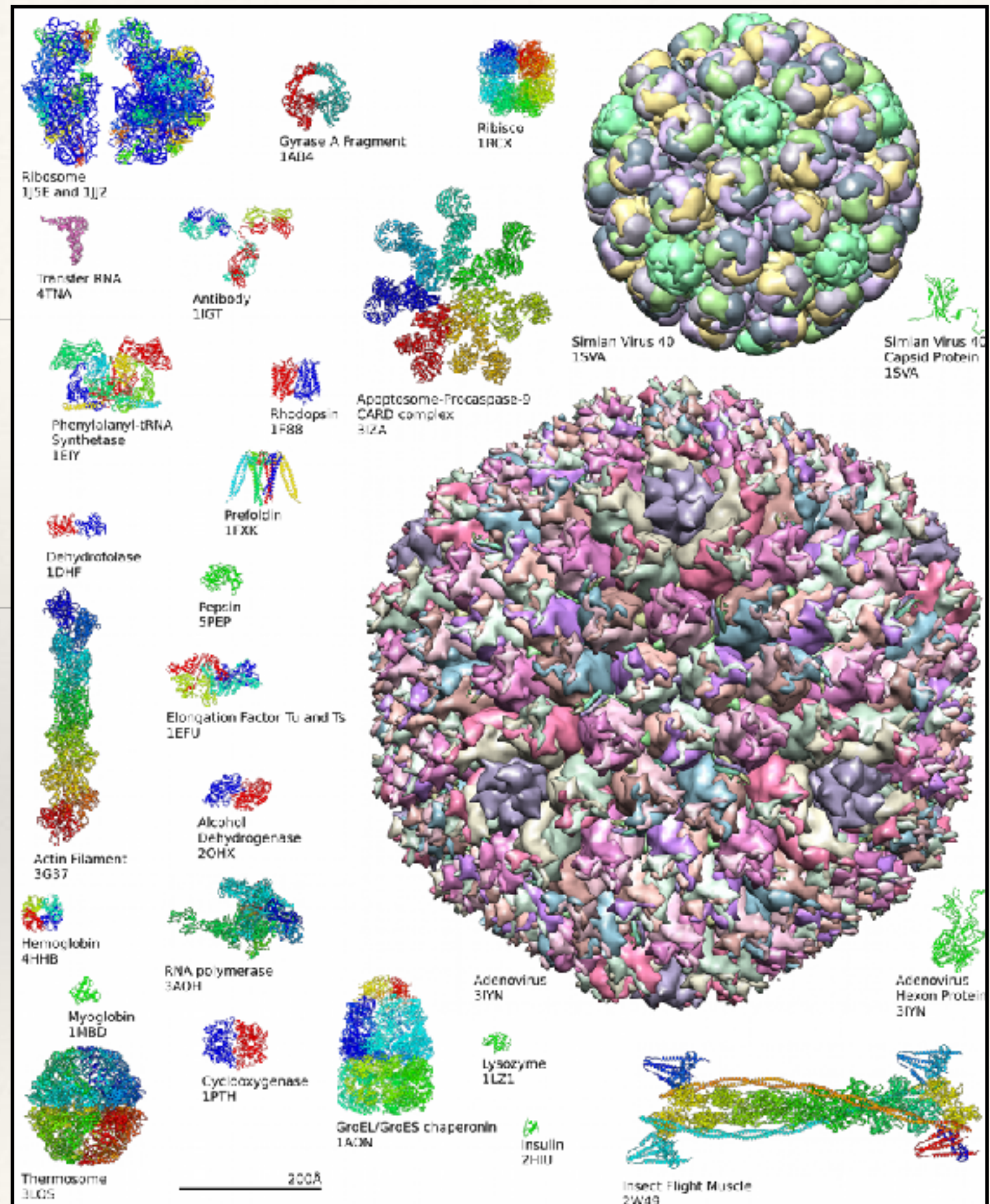
3.Data-analysis: Quality control & normalization



# Proteins

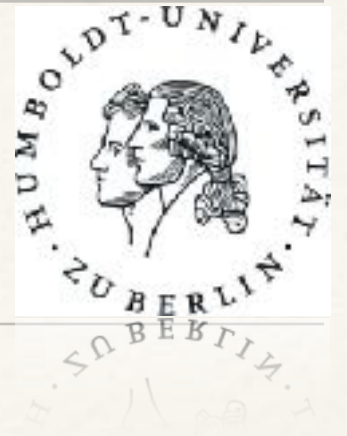
Based on mRNA

Fit particular purpose and vary  
with the tasks of the protein

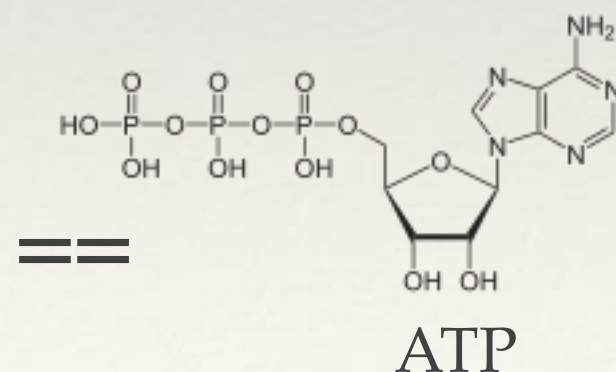
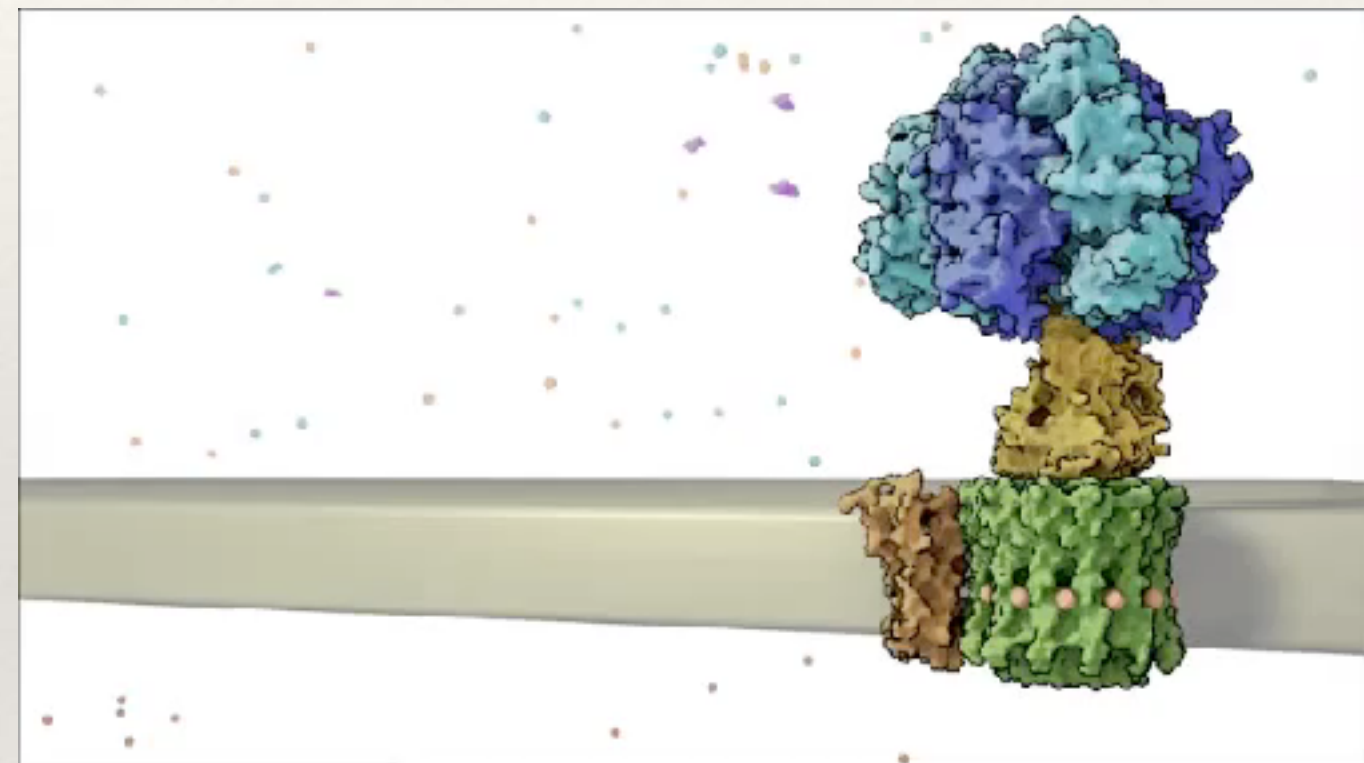
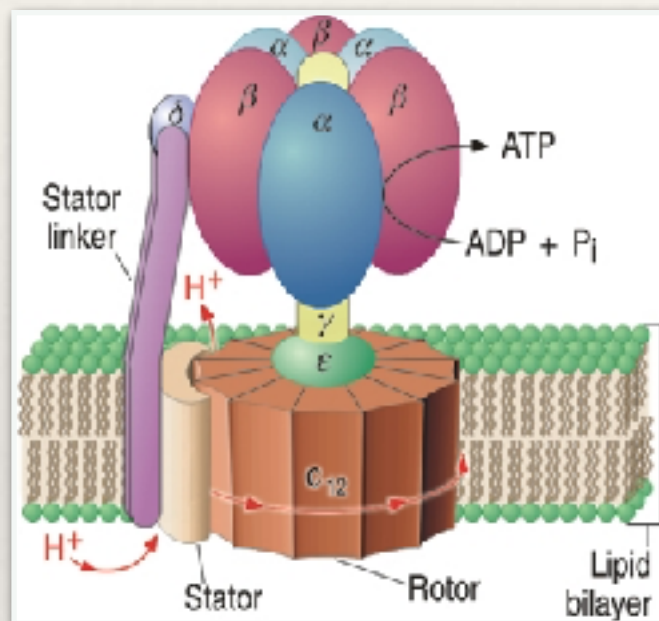




# Example: Energy production



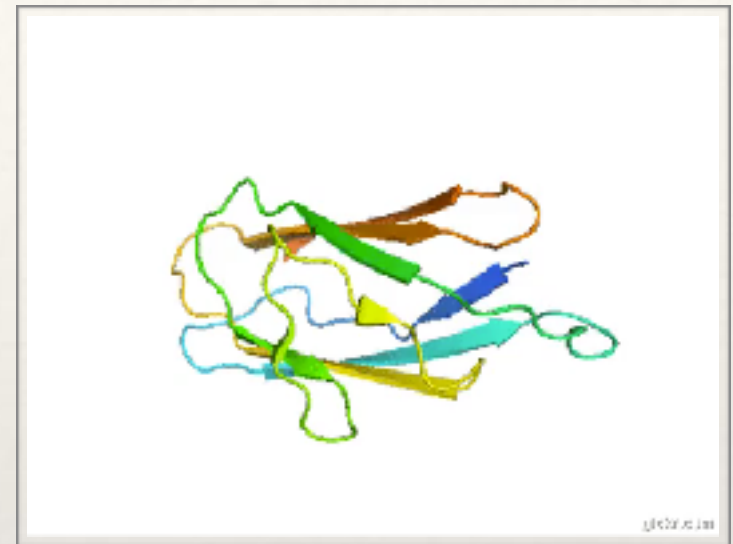
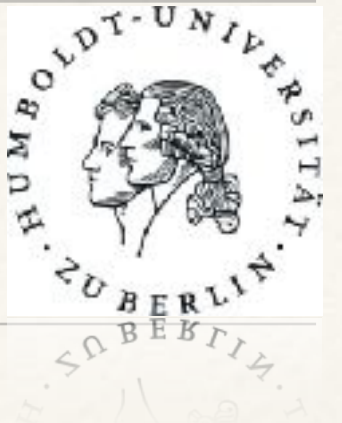
## Making money (ATP)



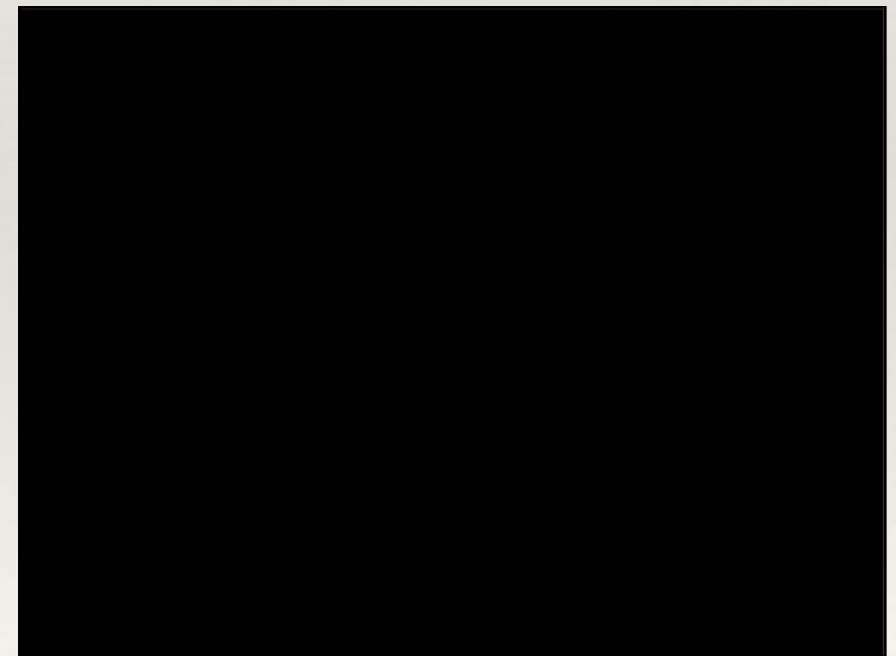
## Money-press (ATP)



# Example: Transport



- ❖ Proteins transport molecules



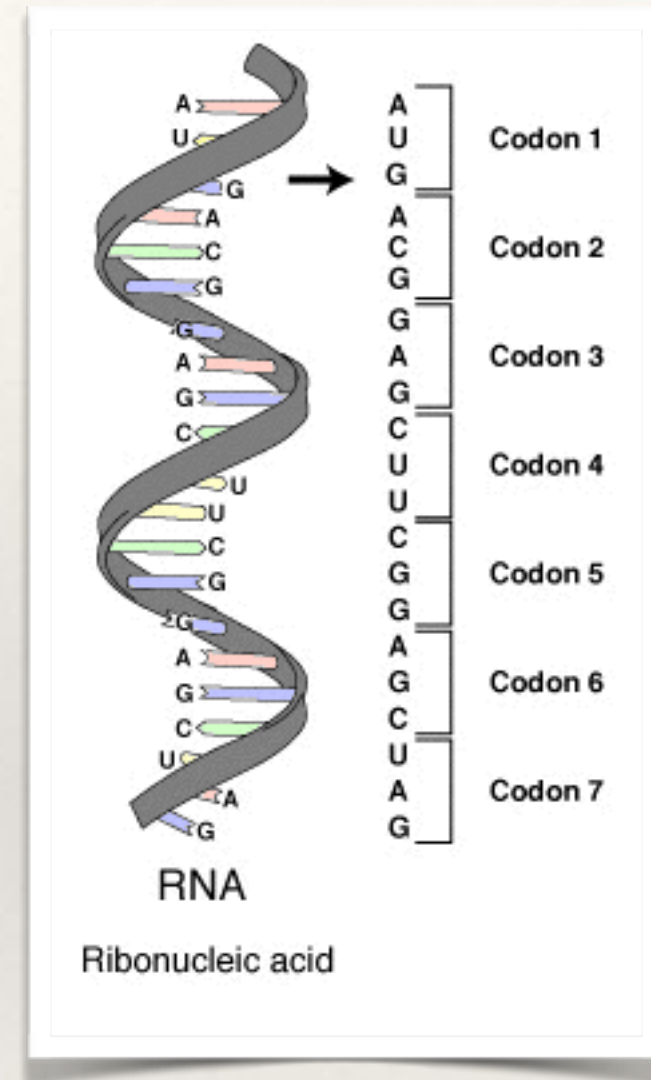
Example Proteins



# Connection DNA-protein



- ❖ DNA codes for proteins
- ❖ One gene, one protein (but different iso-forms)



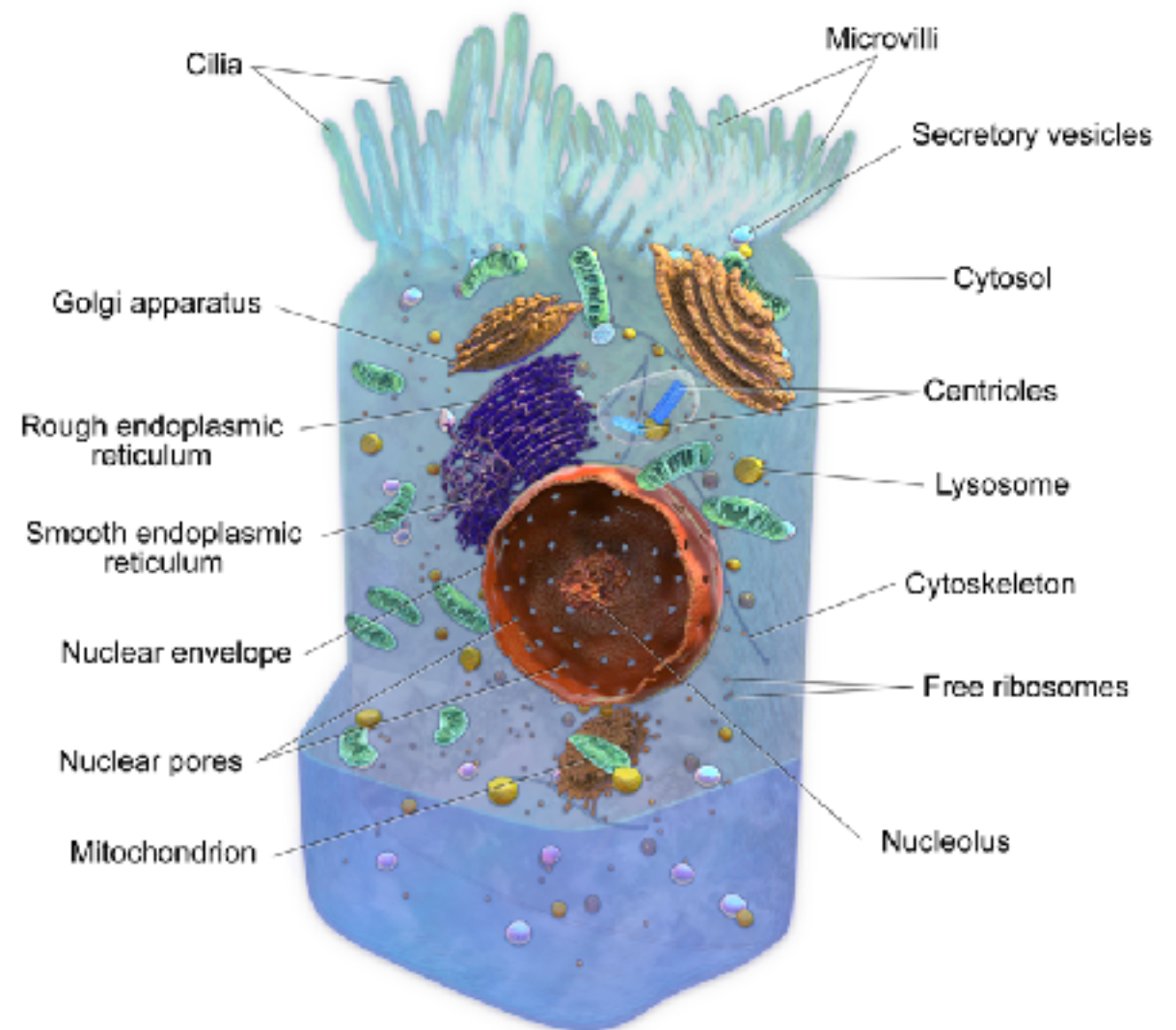
DNA -> mRNA -> Amino acids -> Protein

"RNA-codons" by TransControl - <http://en.wikipedia.org/skins-1.5/common/images/magnify-clip.png>.  
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# Connection DNA-protein

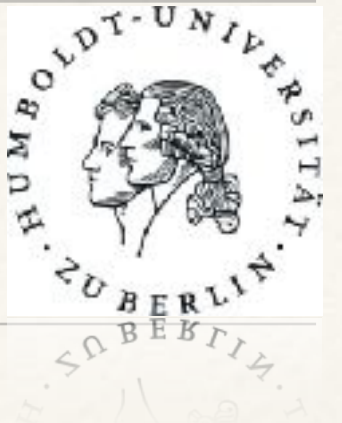
- ❖ Arrays quantify mRNA  
located in cytosol & nucleus



**Anatomy of a Cell**  
(Only Eukaryotes)



# Polymerases



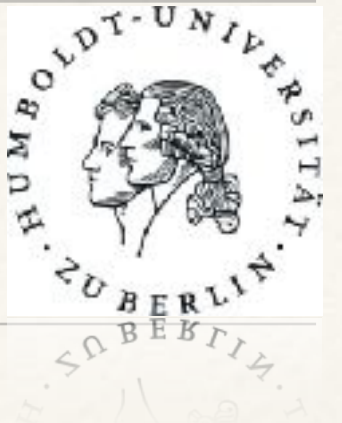
- ❖ Polymerases **read DNA** and **write mRNA**
- ❖ Gene activity  $\sim$  mRNA production



A polymerase creates a new protein (primary sequence/ mRNA)



# Ribosome - a protein factory



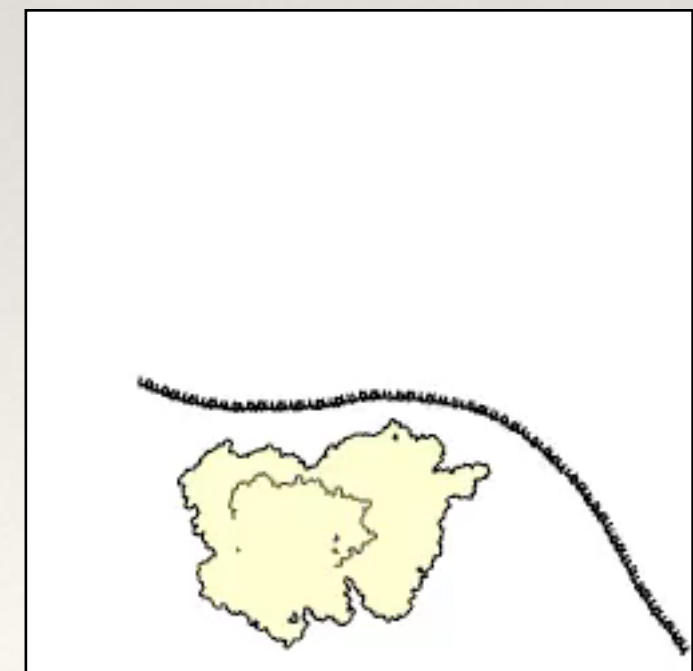
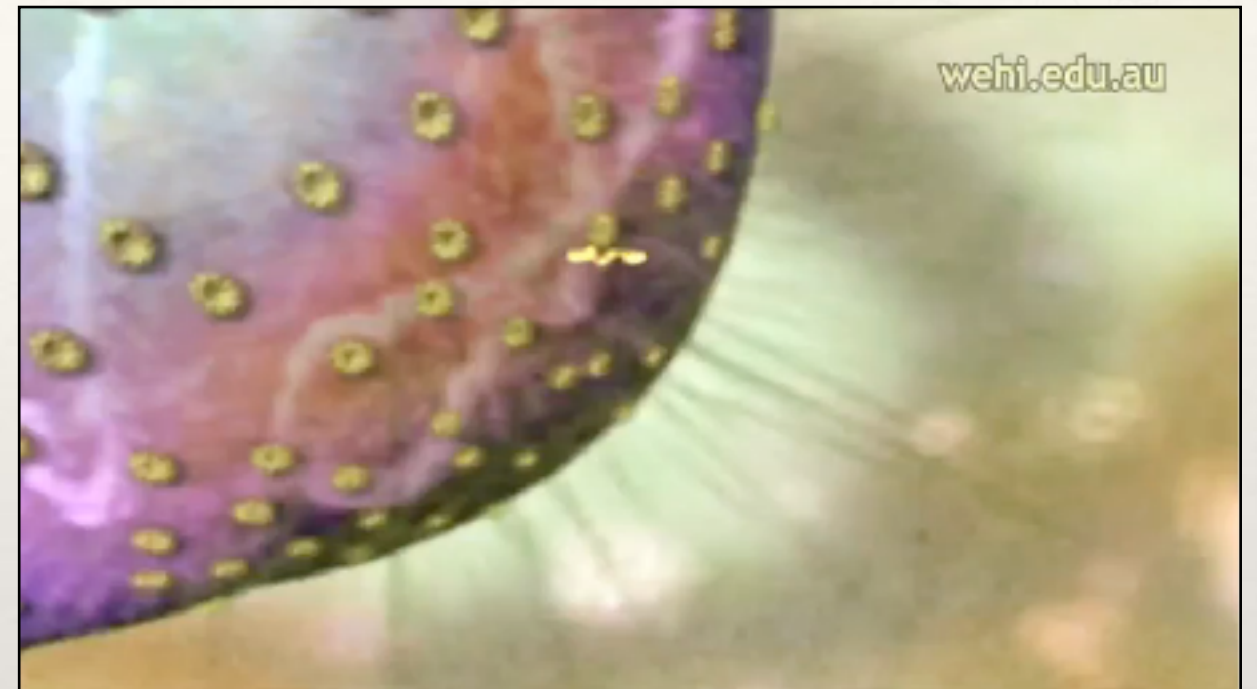
1. Export mRNA from nucleus

into cytosol

2. Attach ribosome

3. Make compose amino acids

into protein





# Summary Biology



- Gene activity  $\sim$  mRNA expression
- Measure mRNA to assess gene-activity



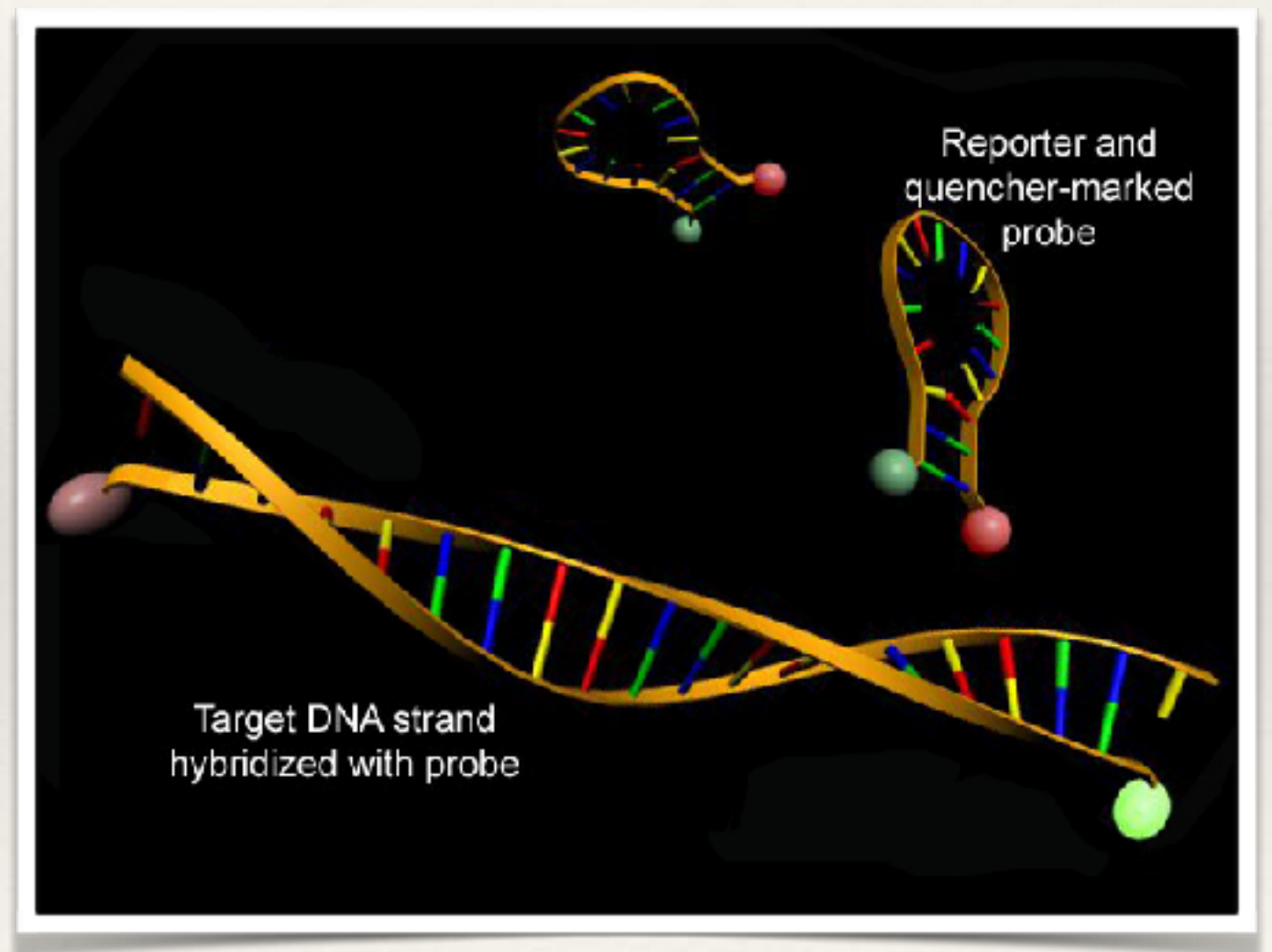
# Ideas how to measure mRNA?



# qPCR



- ❖ Color (quench) the mRNA
- ❖ Old-school
- ❖ More light == more mRNA



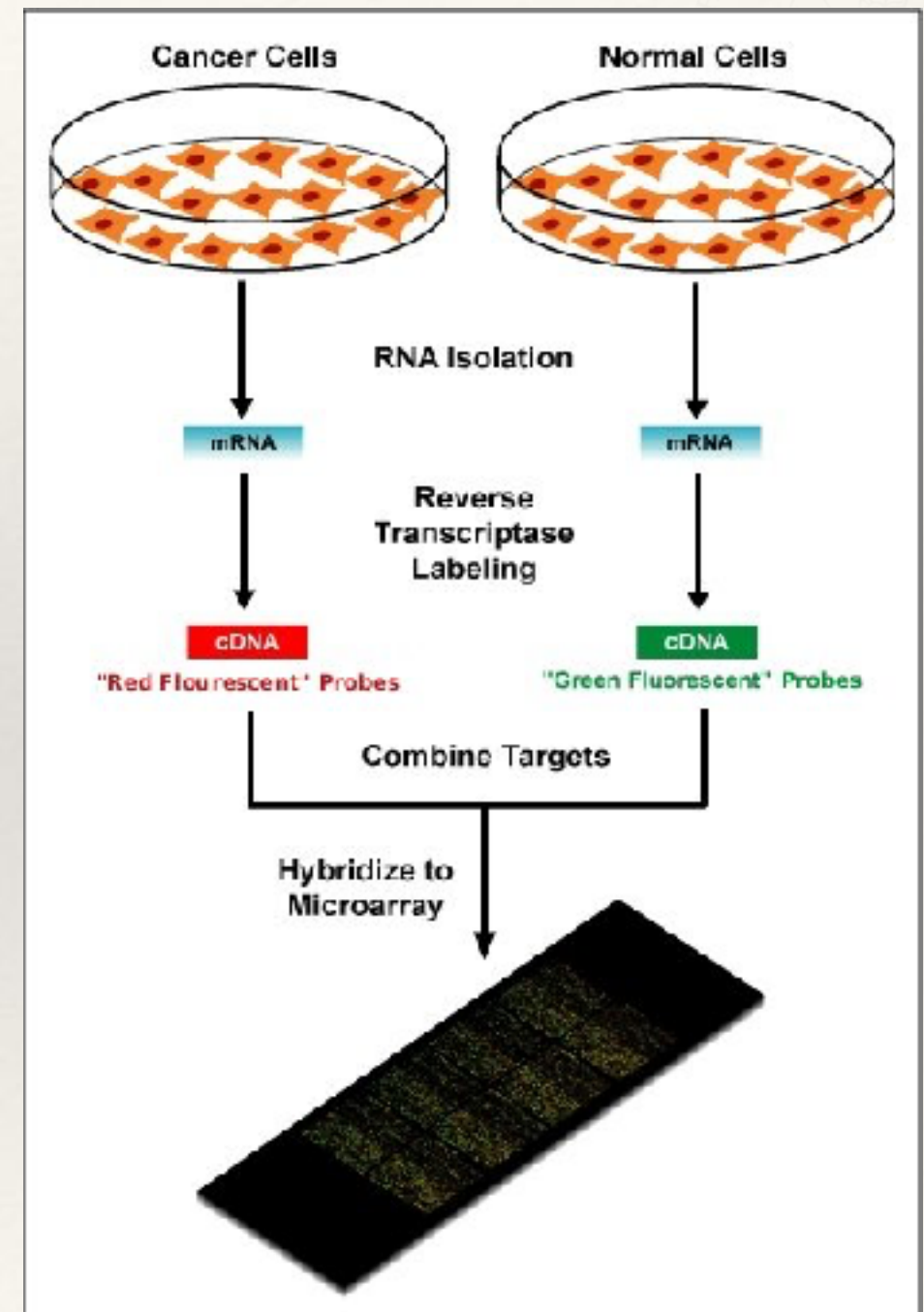
Add shiny molecules to quantify



# Connection experiment and data

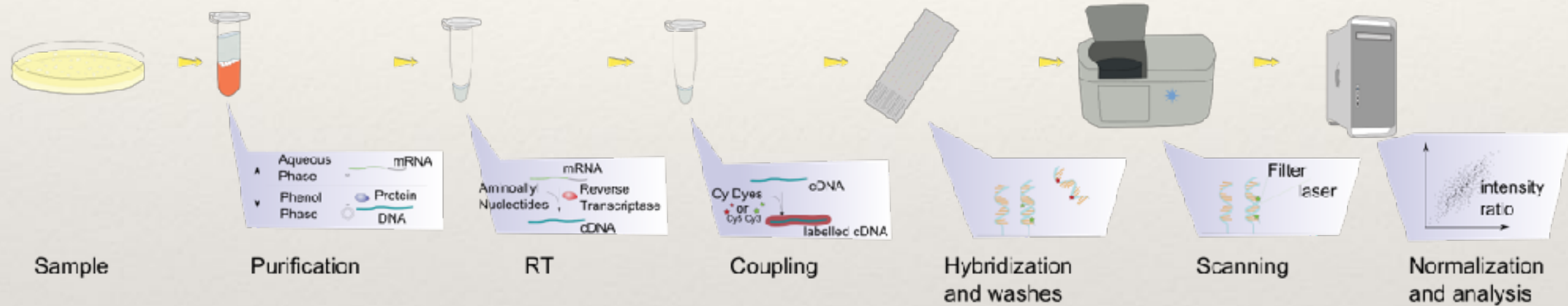


- ❖ Identify expression differences between cohorts
- ❖ Cancer vs healthy
- ❖ Two types:
  - ❖ Relative and absolute measurement





# From mRNA to data



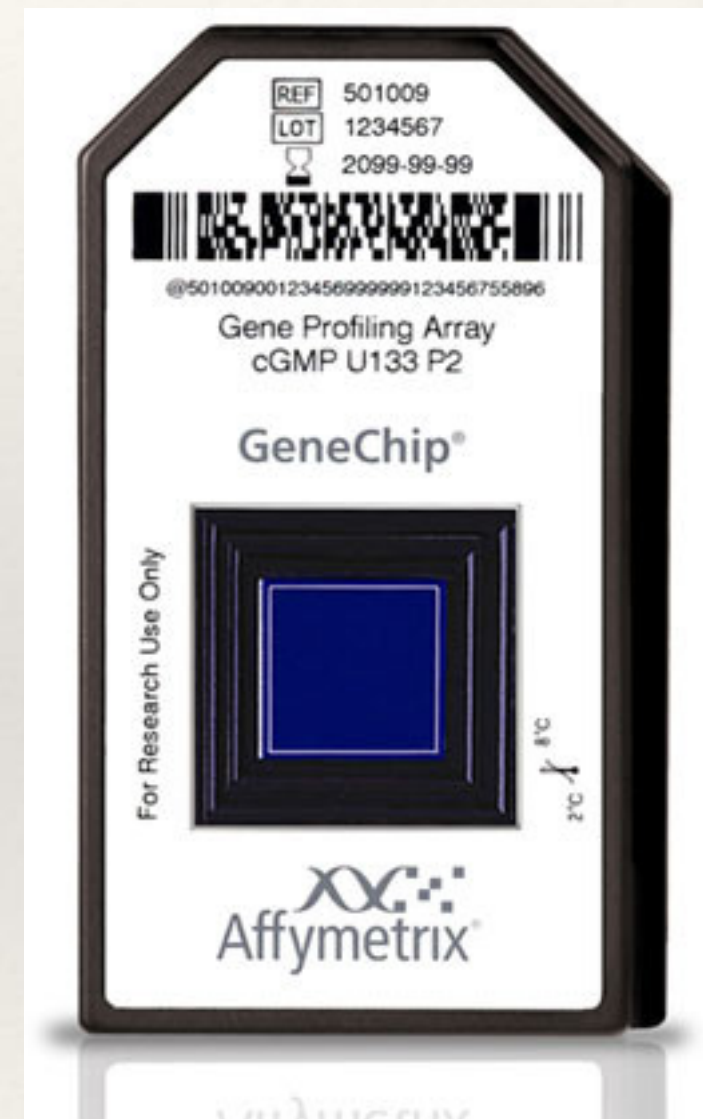
Today's topic



# mRNA arrays



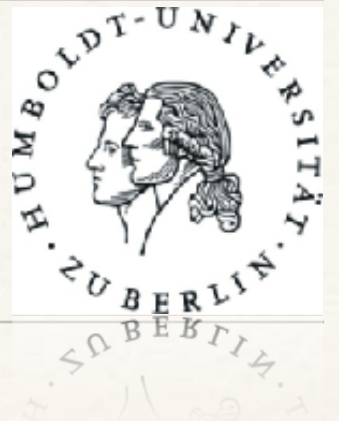
- ❖ Same light-principle as qPCR
- ❖ Fixed RNA sequences on a chip
- ❖ mRNA binds to chip
- ❖ More binding => more signal



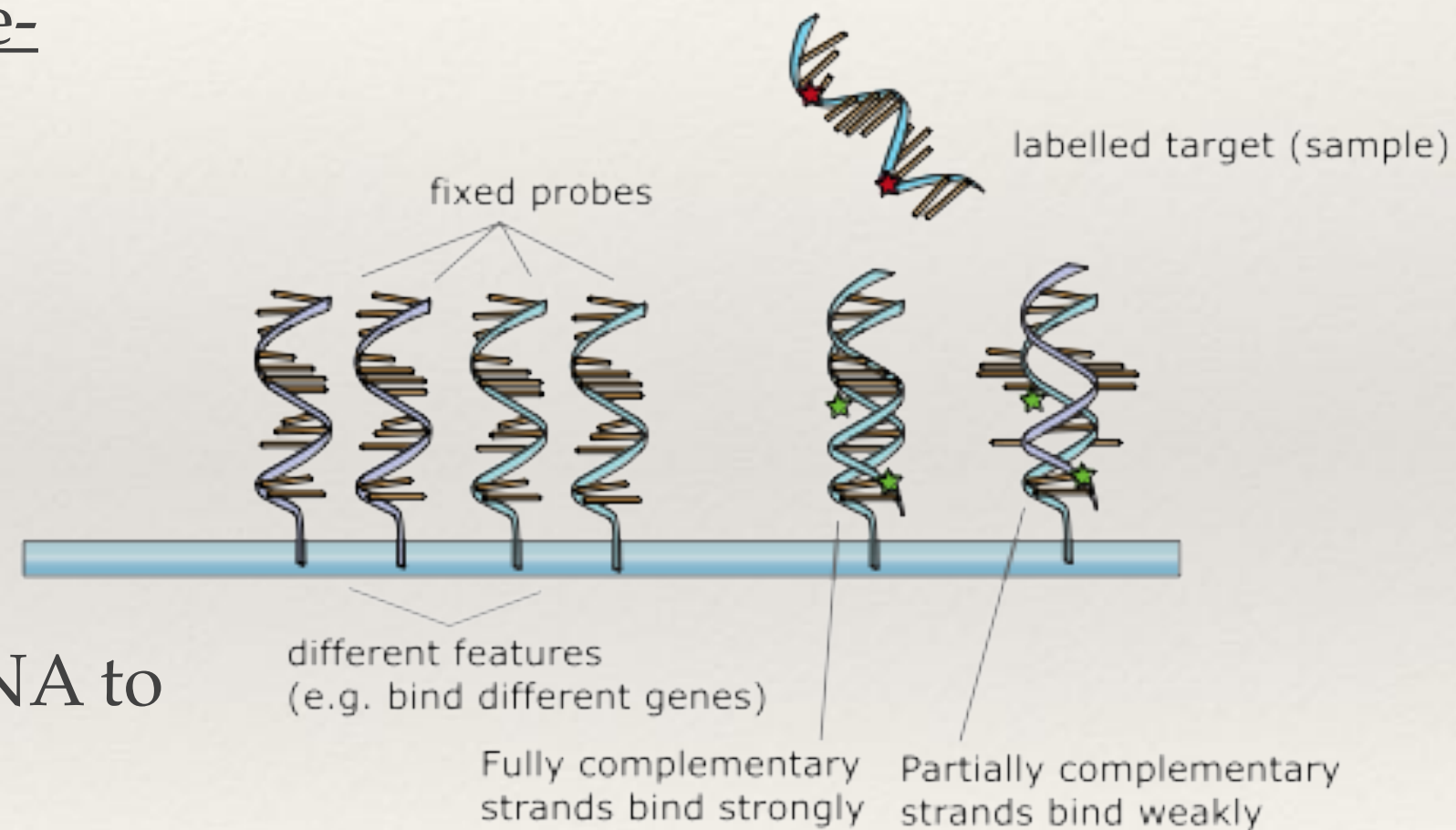
Affymetrix mRNA Array



# Hybridization

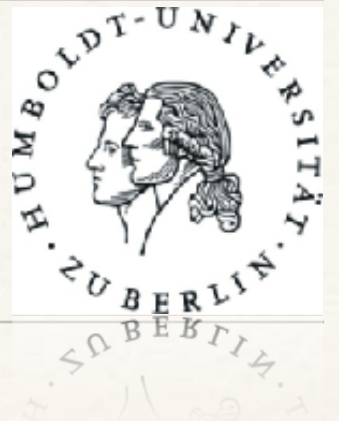


- ❖ Chip is collection of single-strand DNA-sequences
- ❖ mRNA labeled
- ❖ **Hybridization** binds mRNA to probes

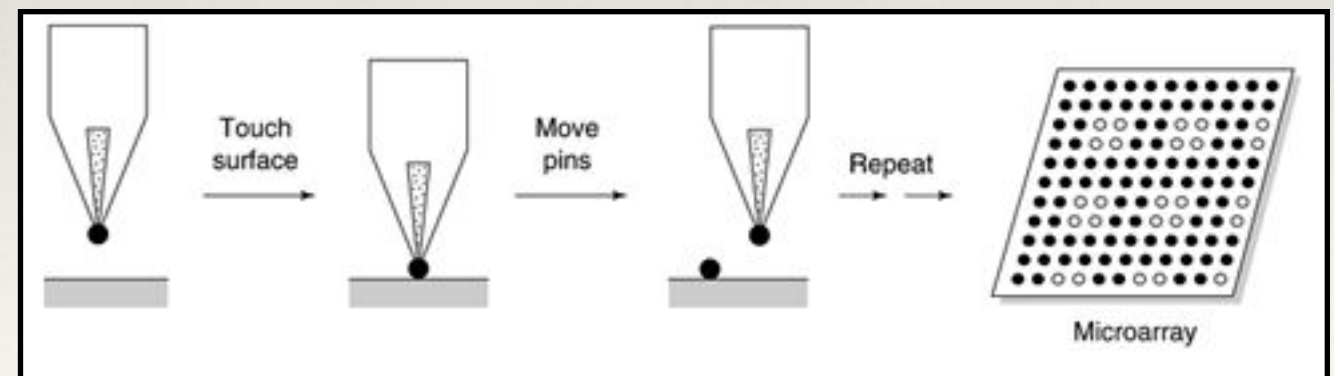
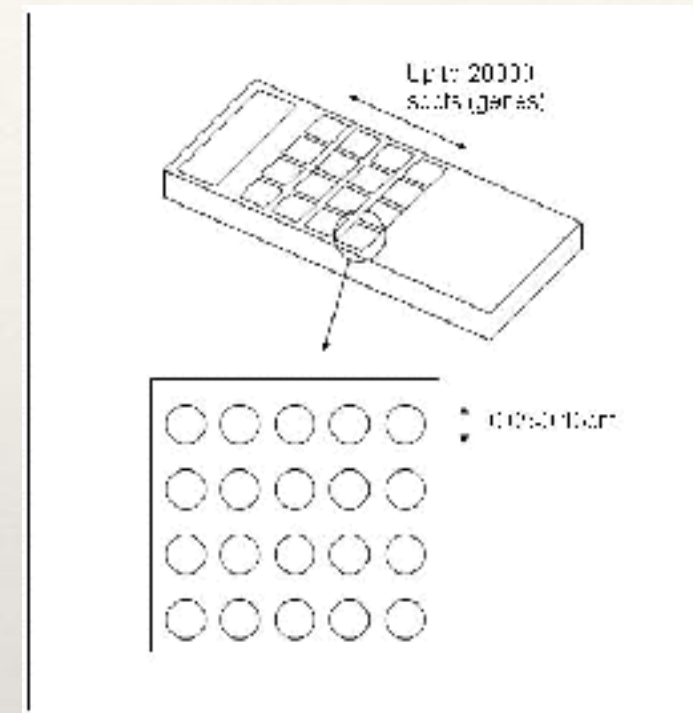




# cDNA (spotted) array



- ❖ One (long) probe = one gene
- ❖ Perfect match probe to gene
- ❖ Generic background correction



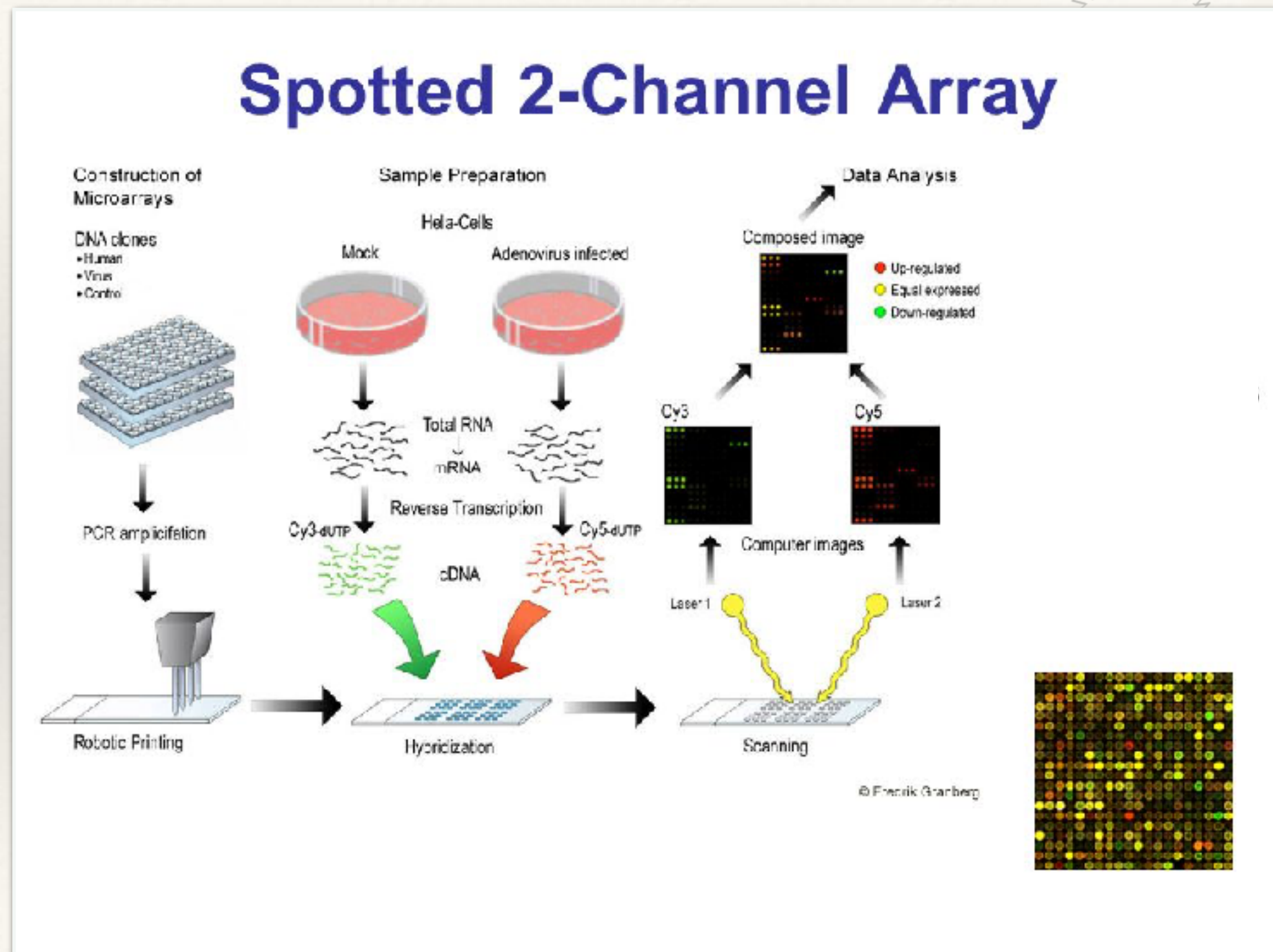
Construction: Print it!



# Relative mRNA measurement



- ❖ Two samples
- ❖ Measure on same chip
- ❖ Color shows differences





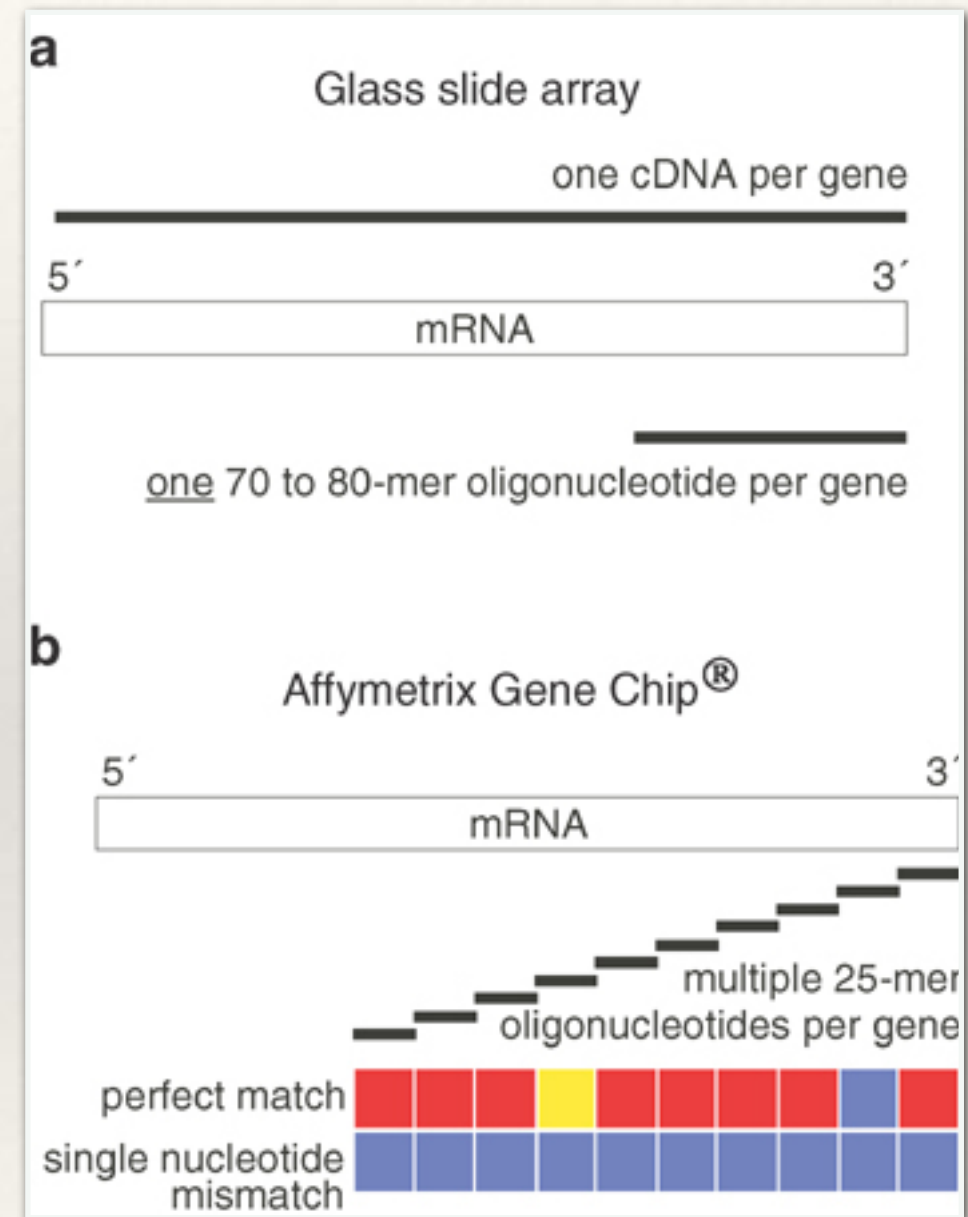
# Oligonucleotide array



- ❖ Probes cover only parts of genes
- ❖ Probes short: 25-60 nucleotides
- ❖ Mismatches build into probe



Probes contain mismatch



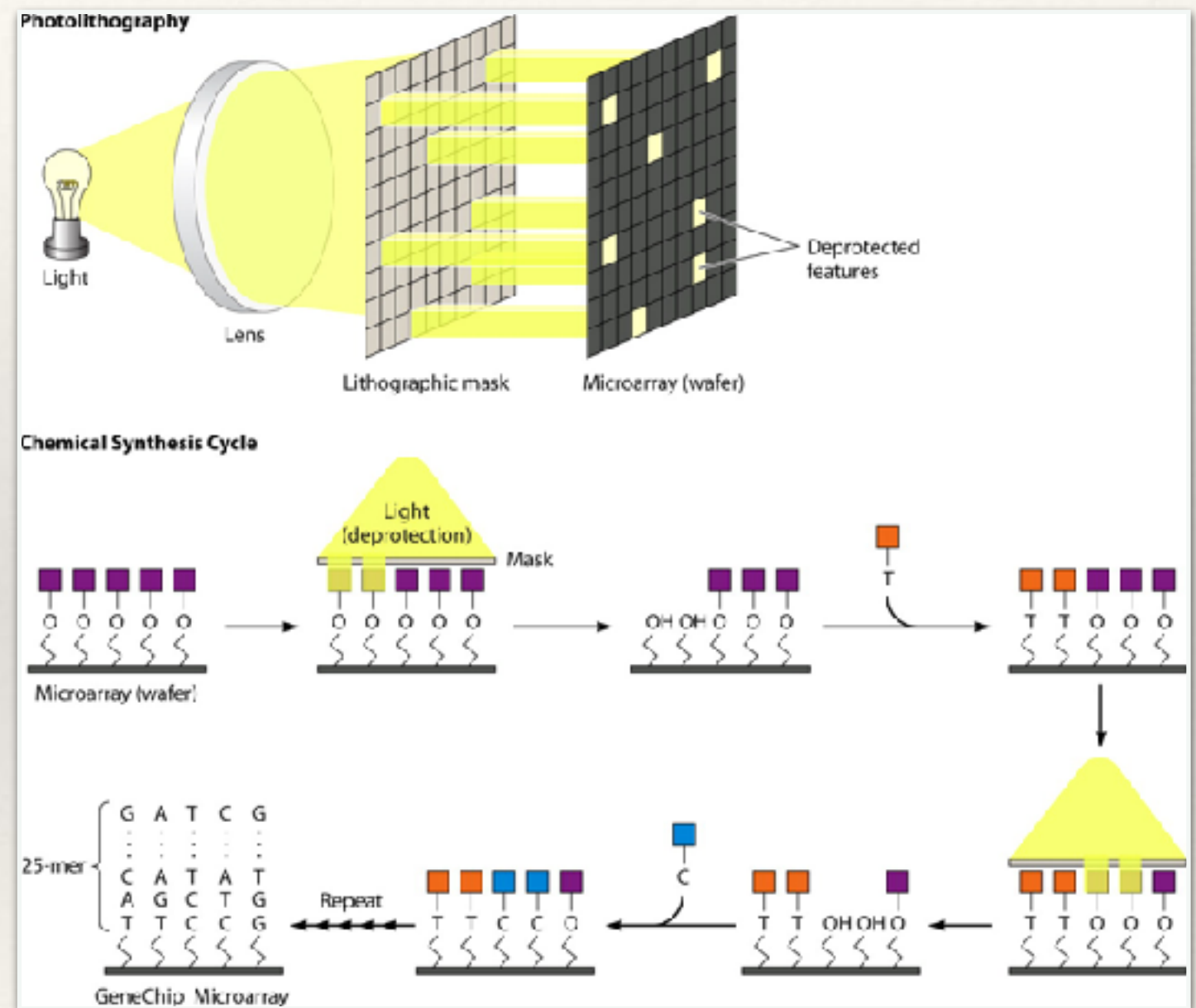
Difference oligo vs spotted



# Constructing an oligo-Array



- ❖ Build probes piece by piece (nucleotide)
- ❖ Block e.g. all but As and add As
- ❖ Let As connect, wash and go to e.g. Cs

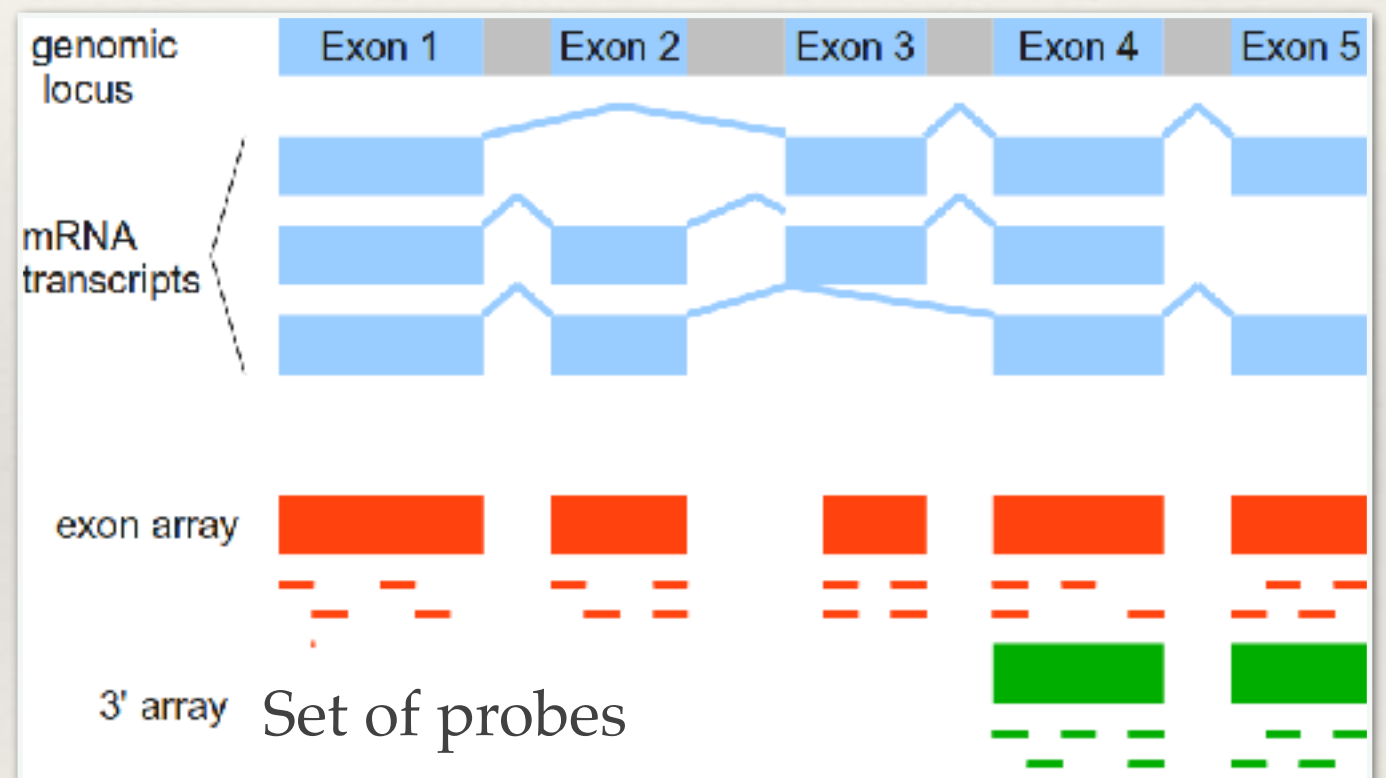




# Exon Arrays



- ❖ Exon arrays
- ❖ Measure mRNA-exons
- ❖ Allows detection of gene-isoforms



Focus measurement on exons



# Quality control



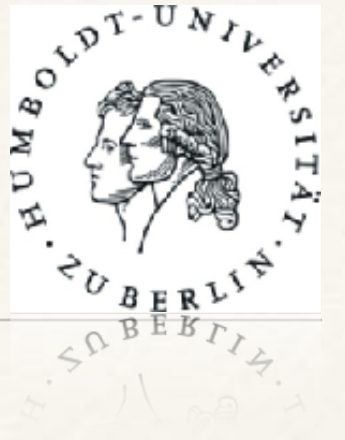
**Controlling for noise, biases and errors is critical**

Biological source

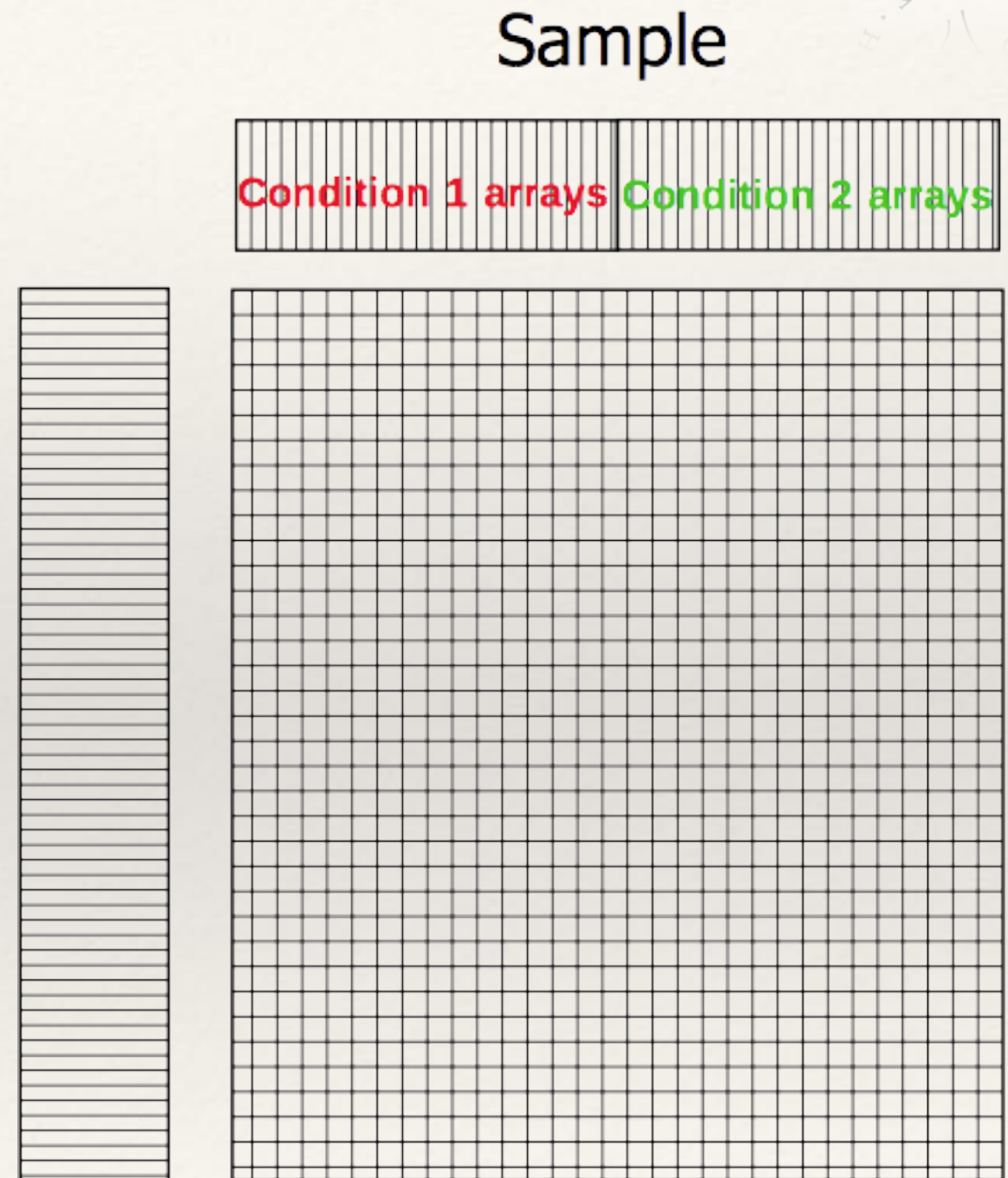
Technical source



# Analytical challenges



- ❖ Separate signal from noise
- ❖ High variance within cohorts and samples
- ❖ Technological differences
- ❖ Curse of high numbers



Cohort-concept



# Benchmark



- ❖ How to measure Array performance

$$SN = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

Sensitivity:

Correctly count number of mRNA-molecules

- ❖ Various criteria:

- ❖ Sensitivity
- ❖ Specificity
- ❖ Biases etc.

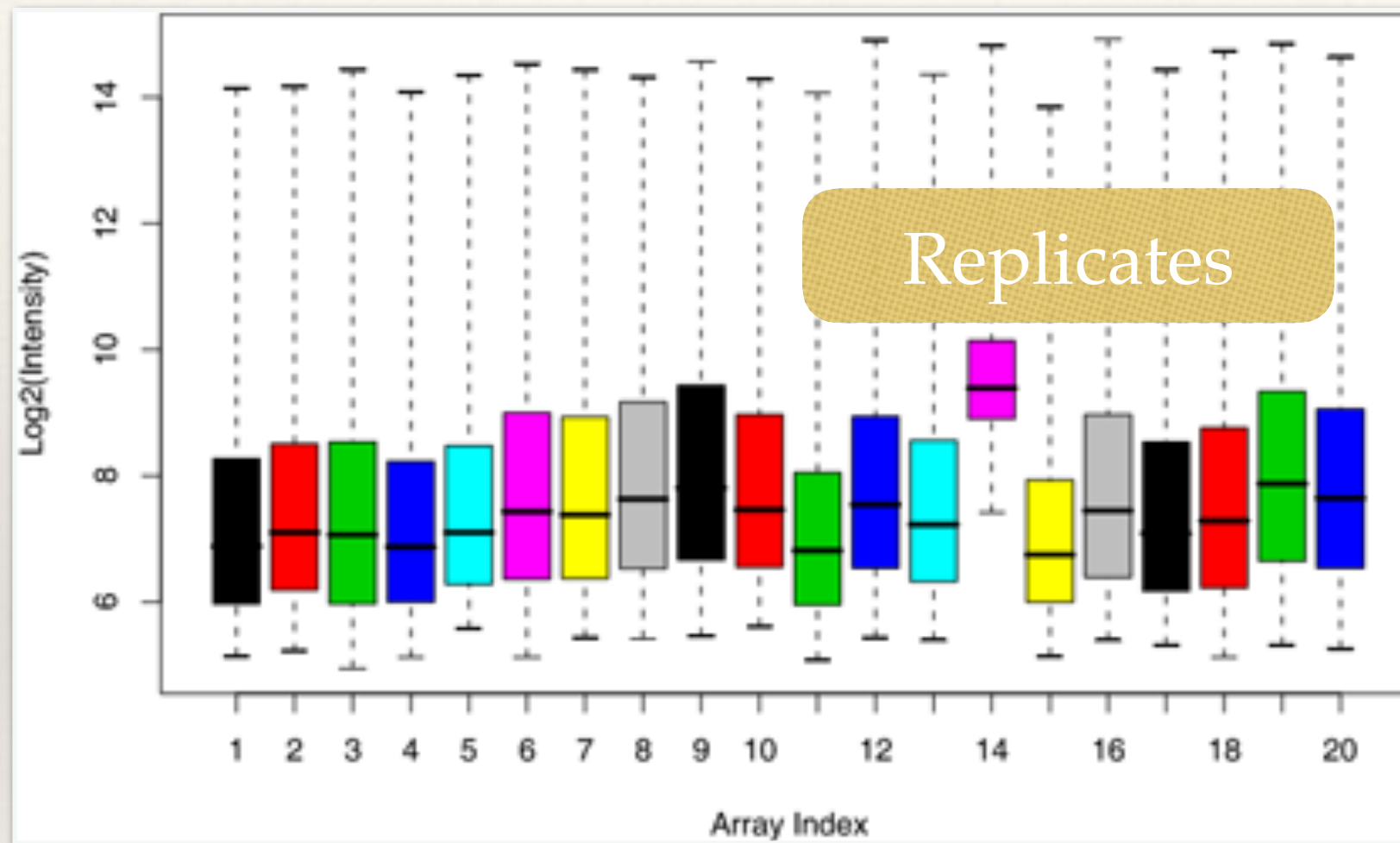
$$SP = \frac{TN}{TN + FP}$$

Specificity:

Do not count other mRNA-molecules



# Quality control



Compare raw signal within cohort  
Identify e.g. outlier



**OUTLIER** Greater than 3/2 times the upper quartile



**MAXIMUM** Greatest value, outliers not included



**MEDIAN** Middle of the dataset



**LOWER QUARTILE** 25% data less than this value



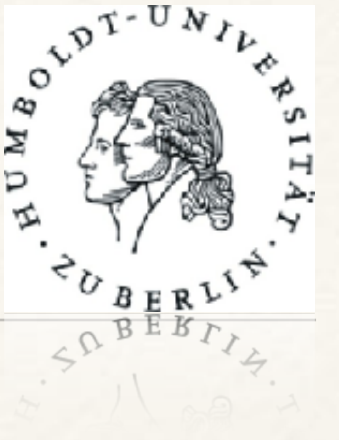
**MINIMUM** Least value, outliers not included



**OUTLIER** Less than 3/2 times the lower quartile



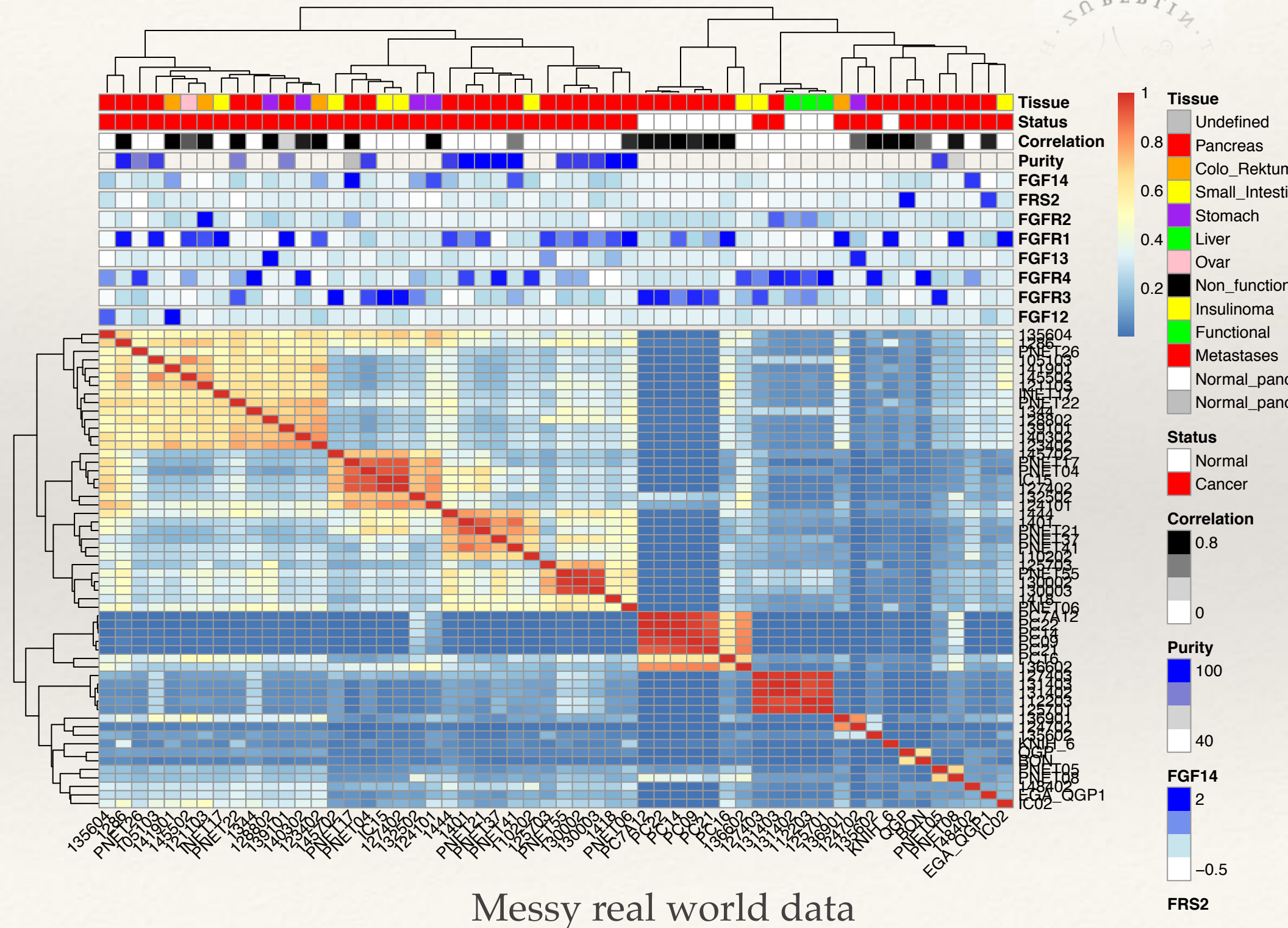
# Replication



- ❖ Compensate noise
- ❖ Understand biology
- ❖ Variance-estimation
  - ❖ Technical replicate
    - ❖ Estimate technical variance
  - ❖ Biological replicate
    - ❖ Estimate biological variance



# Correlation plot



- ❖ Group similar samples
- ❖ Correlation allows interpretation

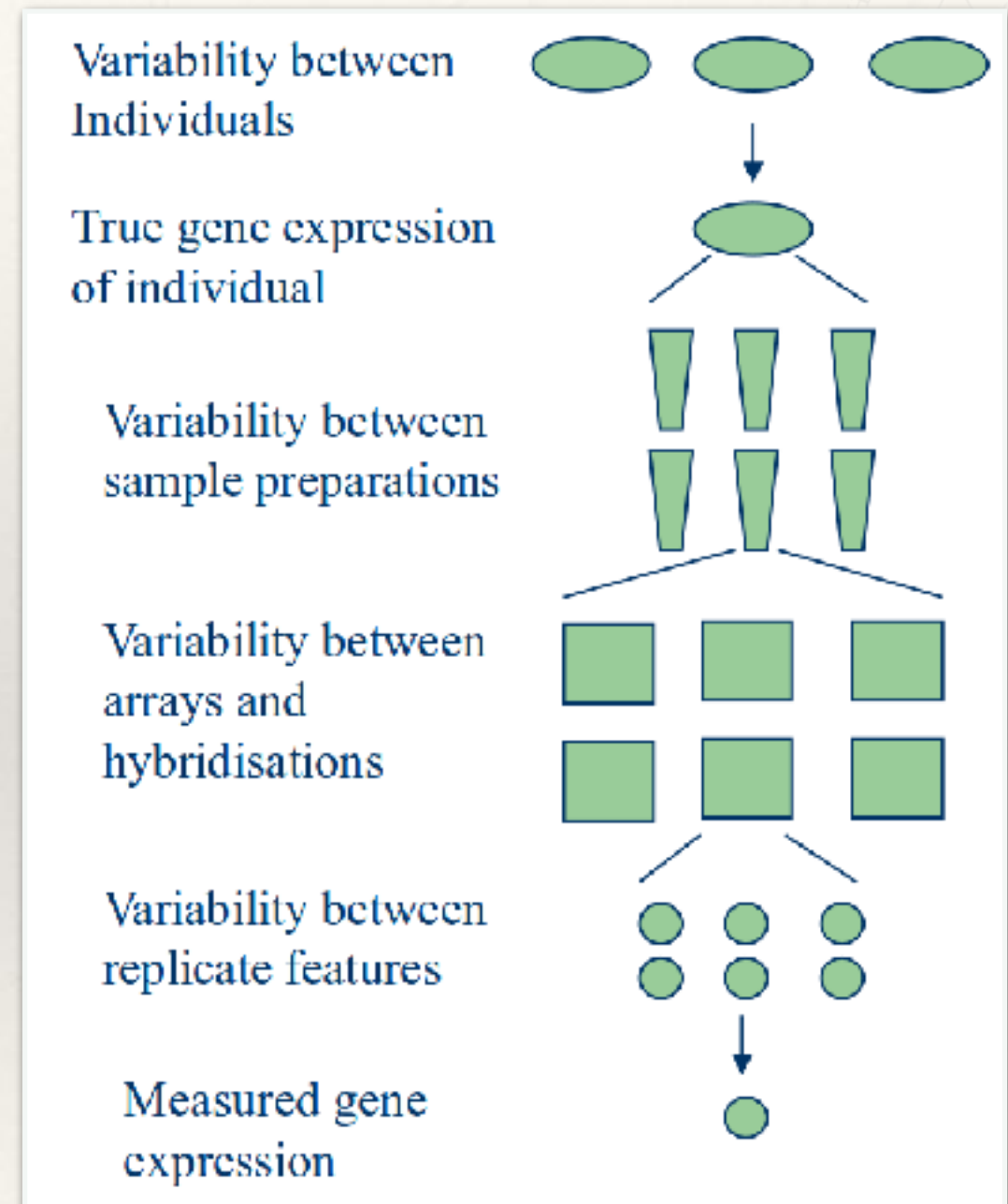
Messy real world data



# Data-normalization



- ❖ Make data comparable
- ❖ Data is not directly comparable
- ❖ Identify true values
- ❖ Identify true variance



Make your data great again



# Data-normalization



*Key assumption*

- ❖ E.g. 2 x mRNA amount leads to 2 x signal intensity

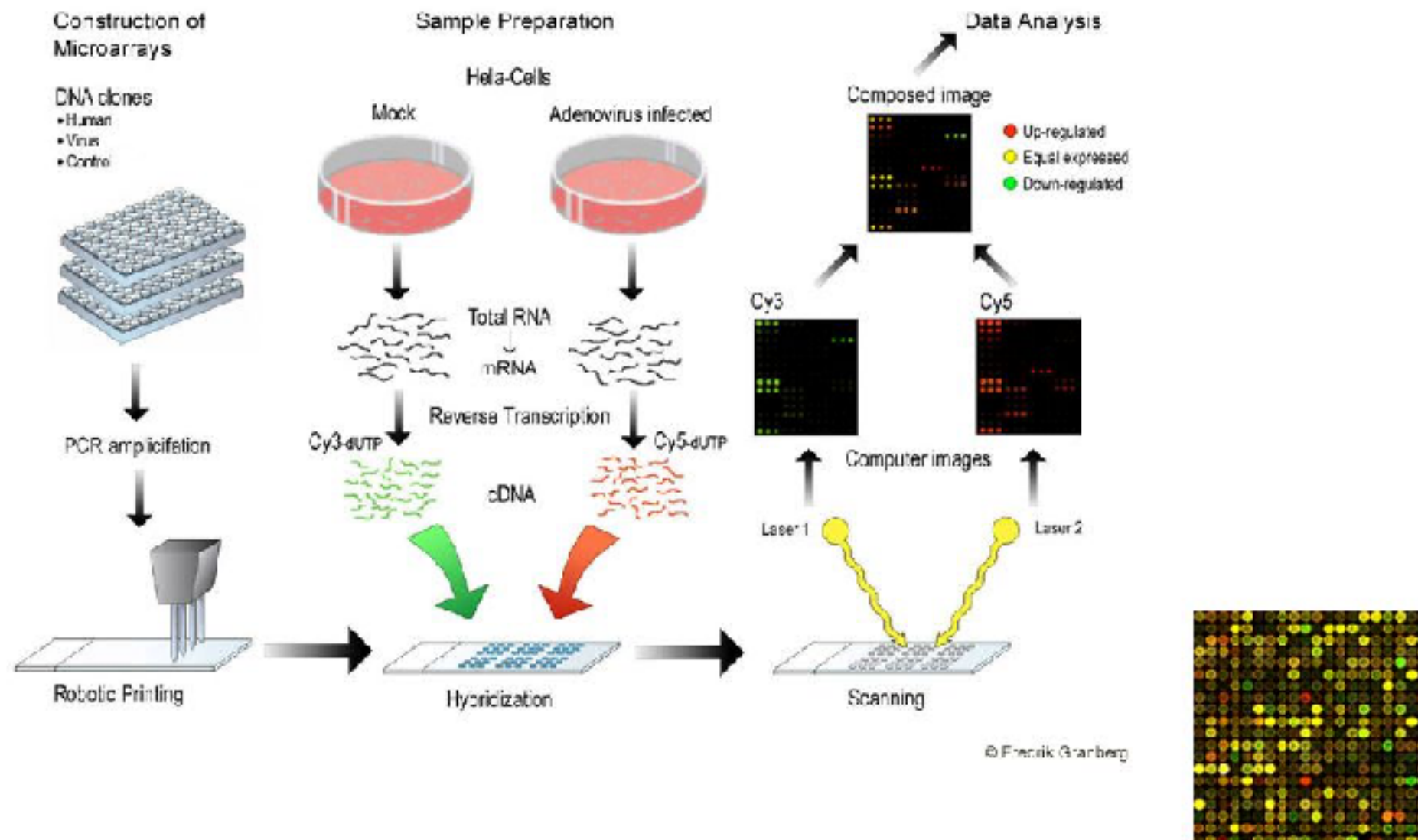
*Noise and bias are linear effects*

- ❖ Quantify the linear effects and correct them



# Reminder

## Spotted 2-Channel Array

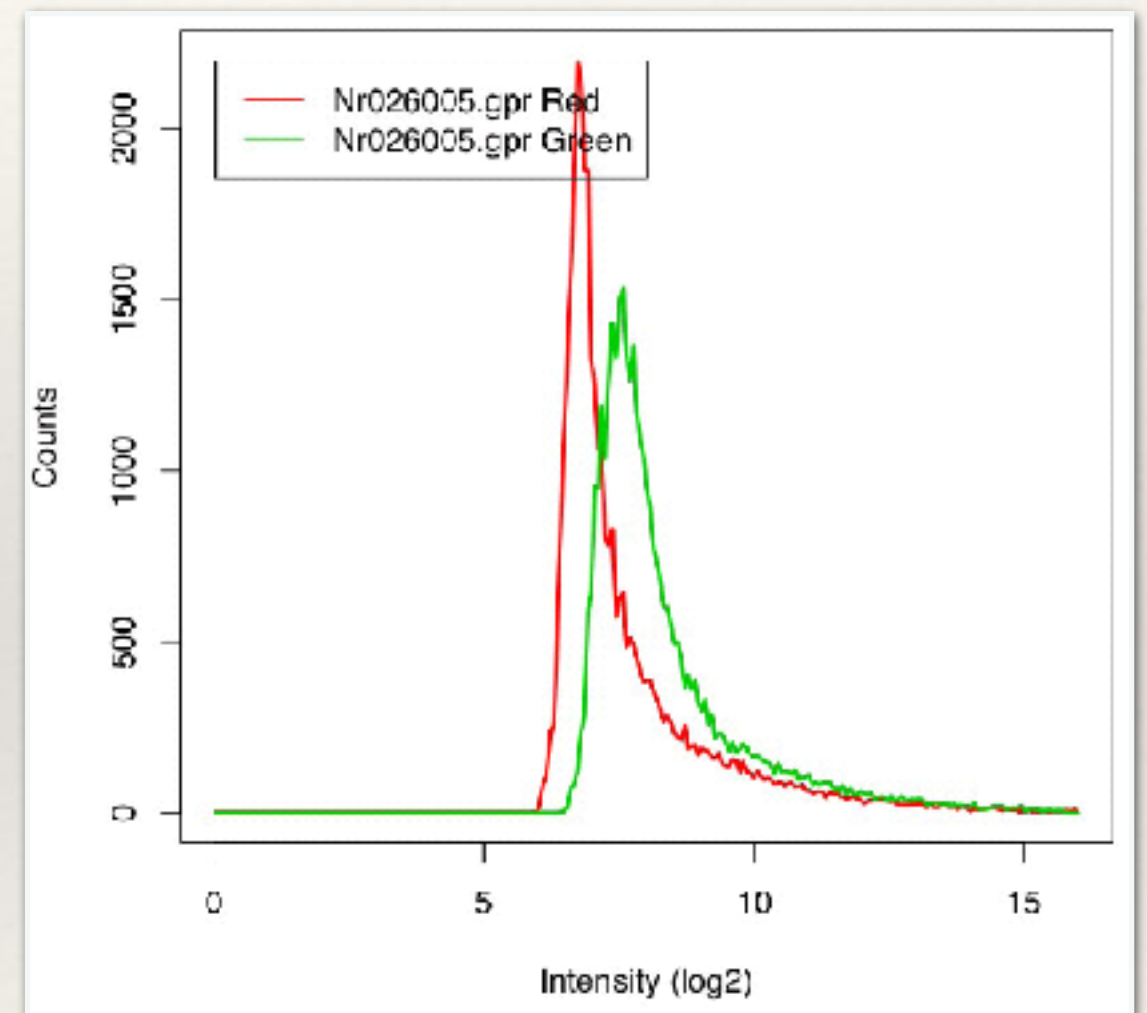




# Example Dye-correction



- ❖ 2-color spotted array
- ❖ Green dye brighter than red

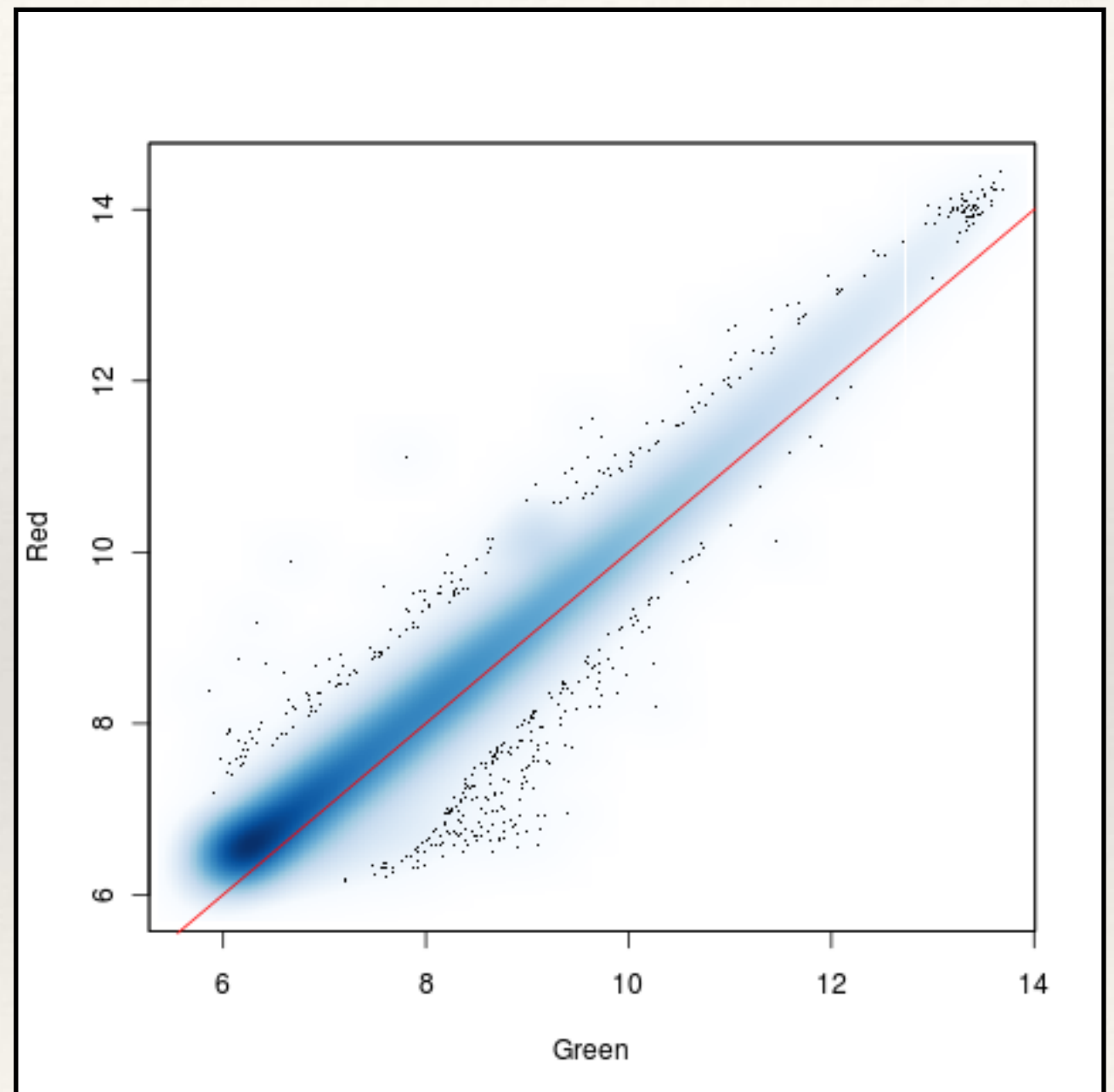




# Scatter plot



- ❖ Dot = Gene
- ❖ Describe data
- ❖ Visualize bias



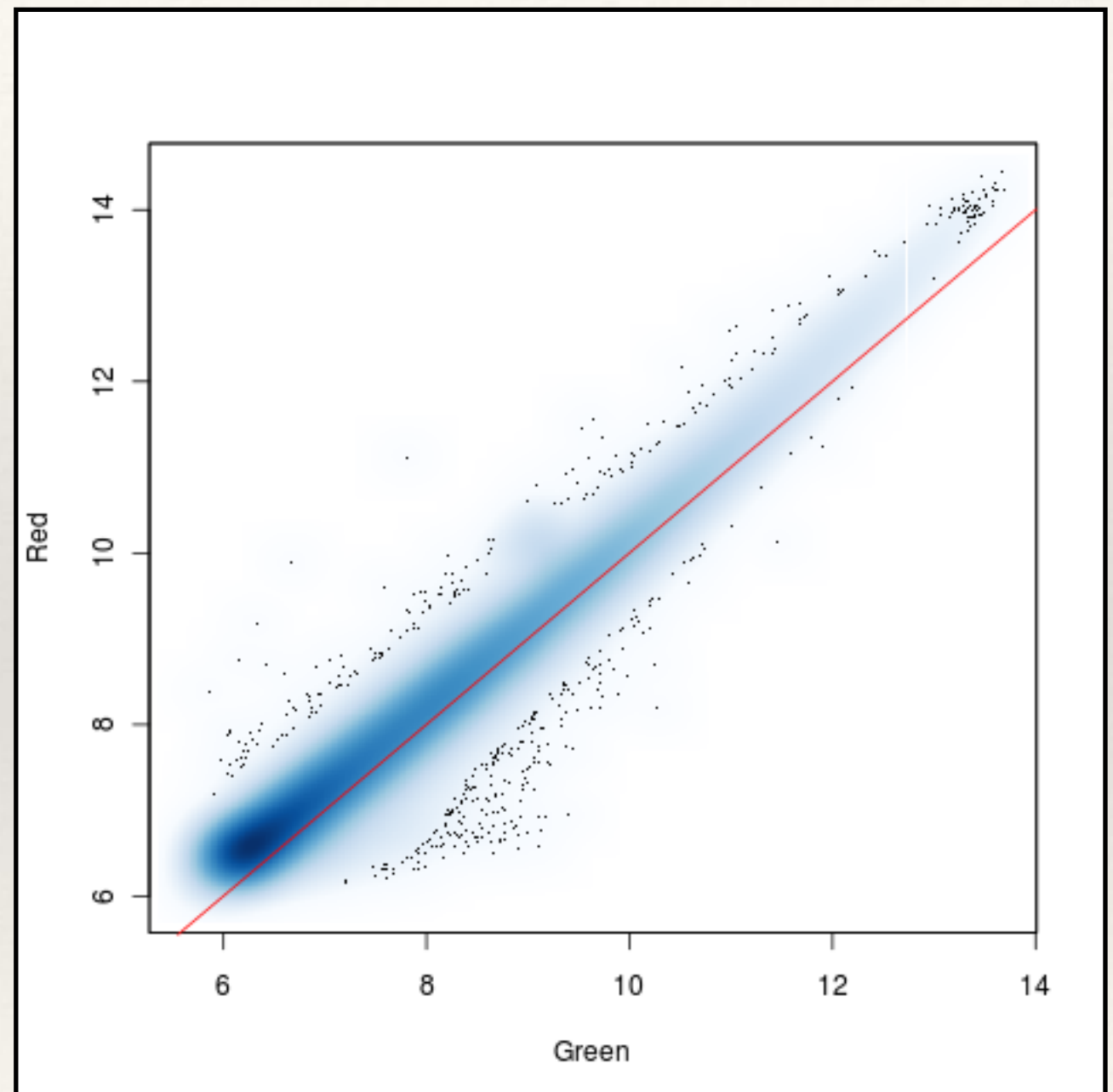
Shown: Same input, different channel



# Solution compensate by calculation



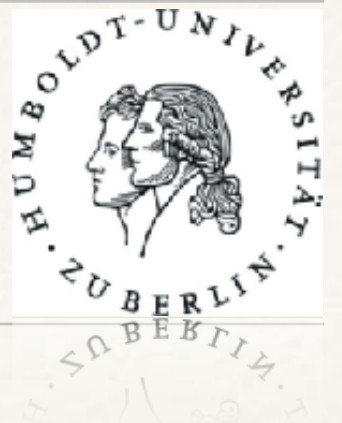
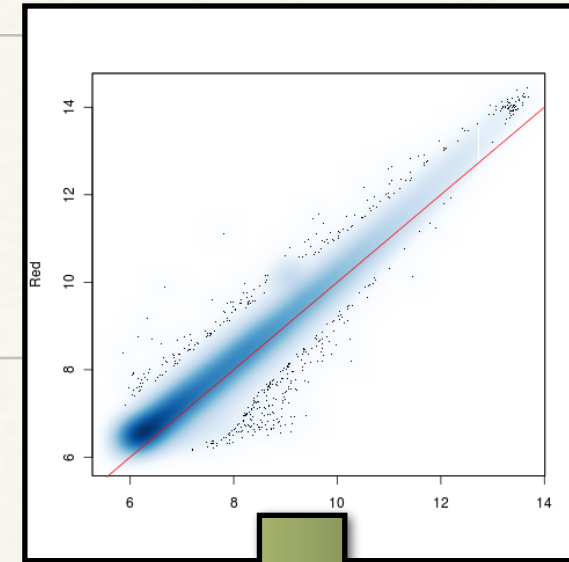
1. Find formula to describe bias
2. „Correct’ bias (fiddle numbers)



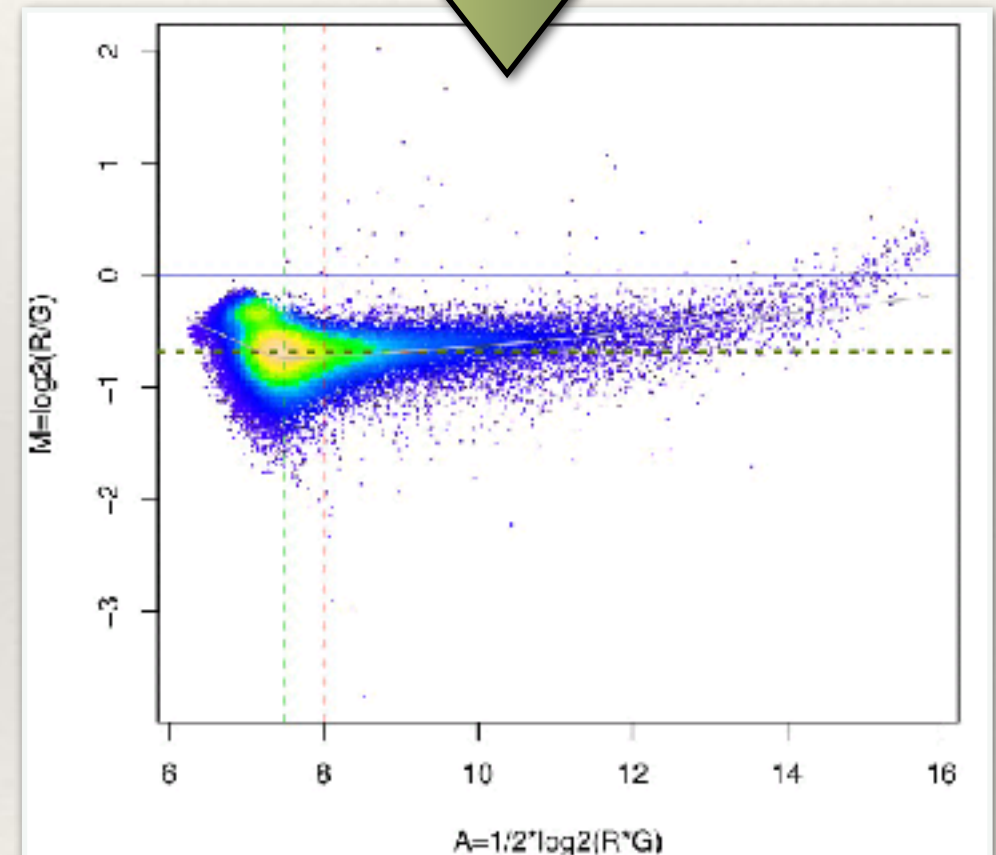
Shift the signal according to intensity



# MA-Plot



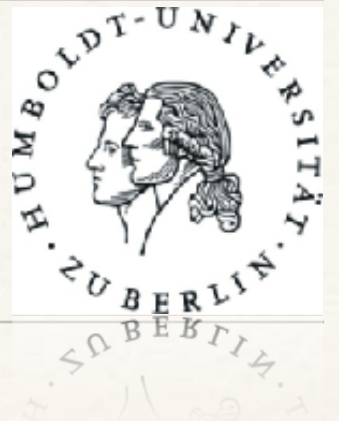
- ❖ Difference-to-intensity plot
- ❖ Discretizes bias
- ❖ Limited by data-quality



Shift the signal according to intensity



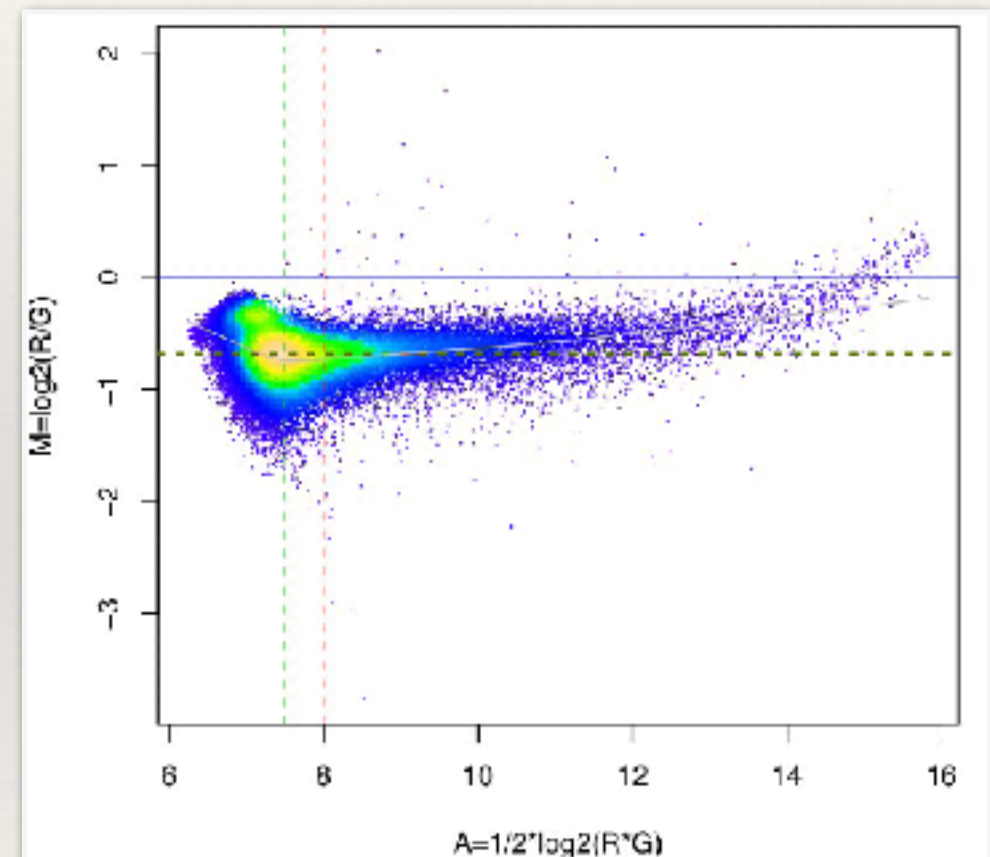
# M-part



## M-Part

1. Log2 of expression  
difference-ratio

$$M = \log_2(R/G) = \log_2(R) - \log_2(G)$$



Shift the signal according to intensity



# A-part



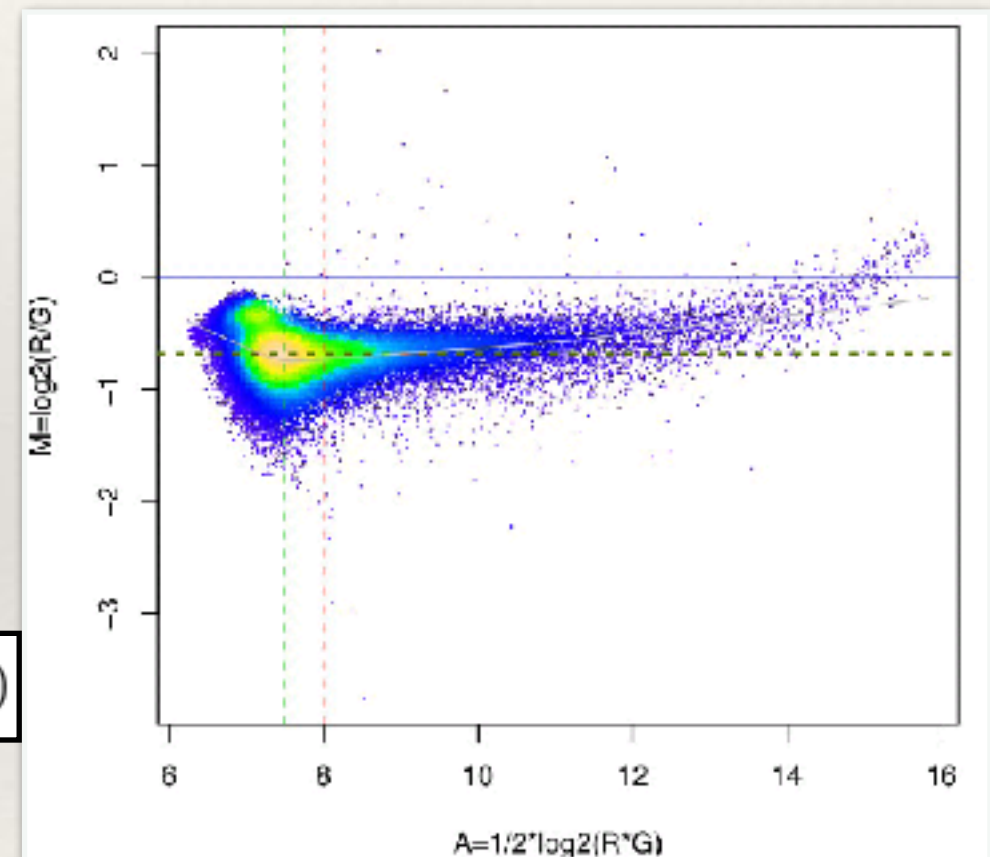
## A-Part

1. Log2 of expression  
difference-ratio

$$M = \log_2(R/G) = \log_2(R) - \log_2(G)$$

2. Logarithm of intensity  
mean value

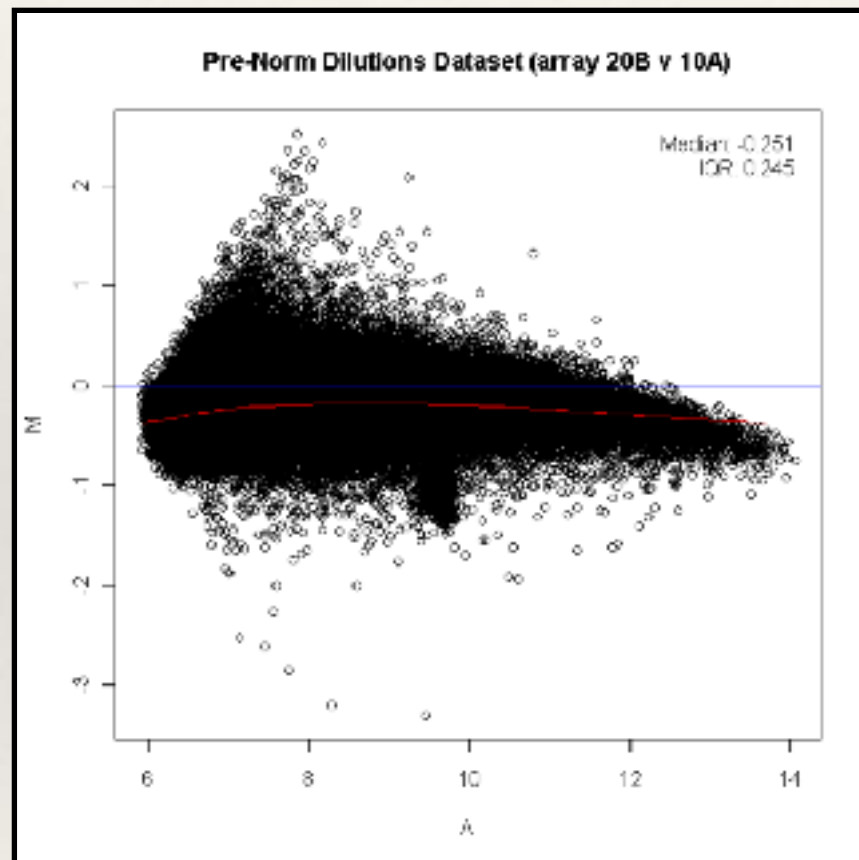
$$A = \frac{1}{2} \log_2(RG) = \frac{1}{2} (\log_2(R) + \log_2(G))$$



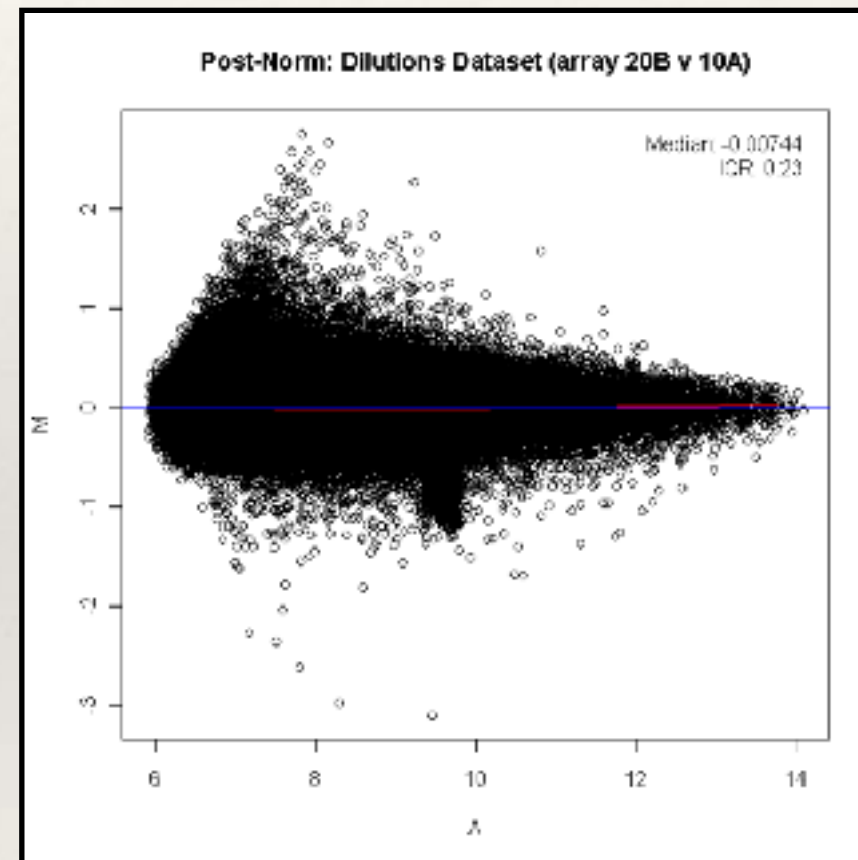
Shift the signal according to intensity



# Result MA (LOESS)-correction



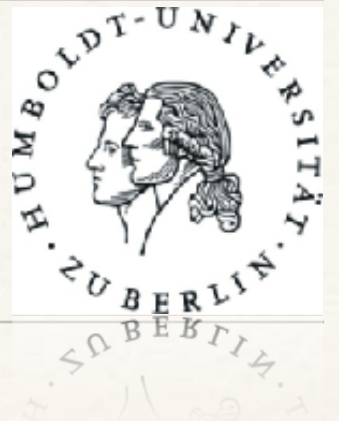
Before



After



# Z-transformation



$$z = (x - \text{mean}_{\text{est}}) / \text{sd}_{\text{est}}$$

- ❖ Normalization requires z-scaling of samples

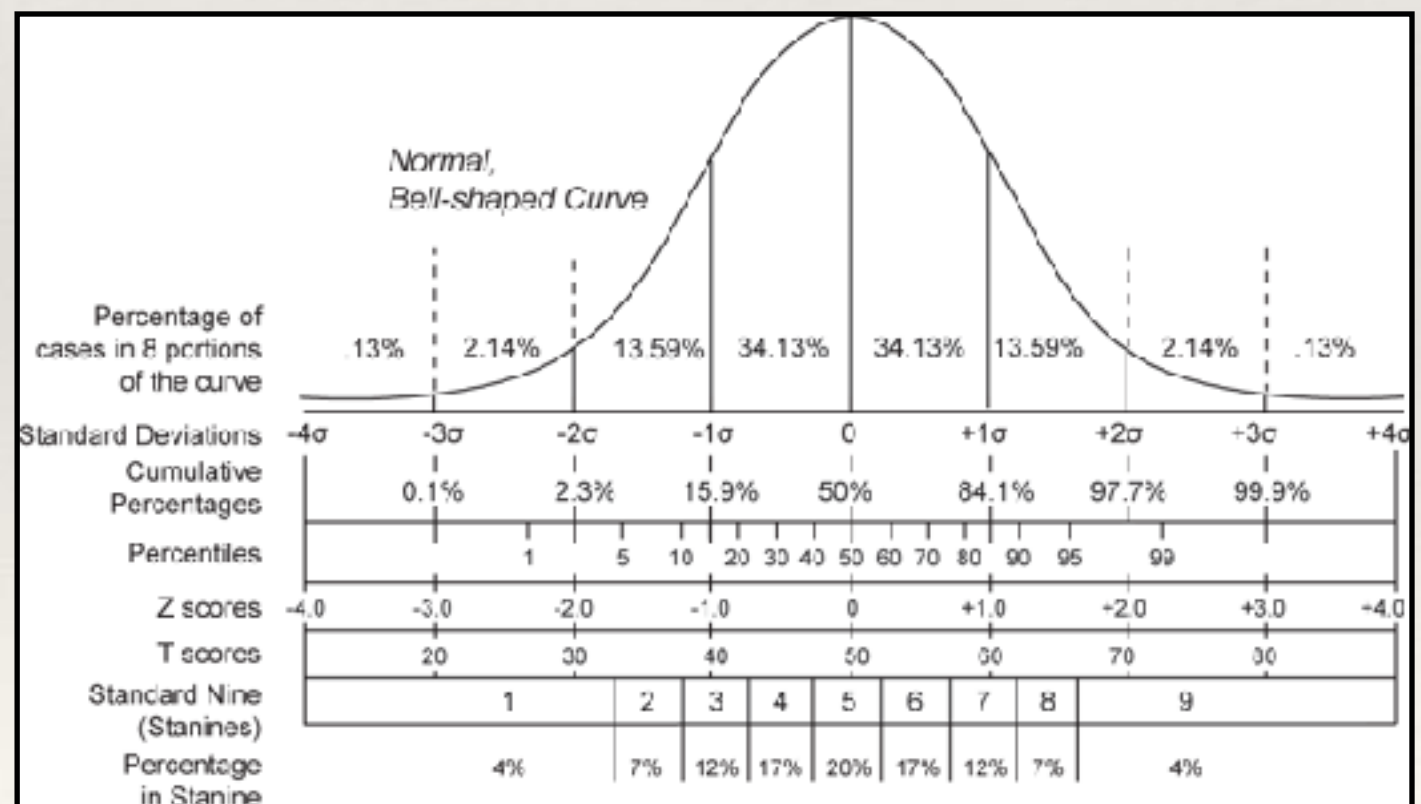
Standardized  
value

Sample  
mean

Sample  
deviance

- ❖ Independent of units

- ❖ Allows identification of distribution



Outlook: P-values and standardized values



# Quantile-Normalization



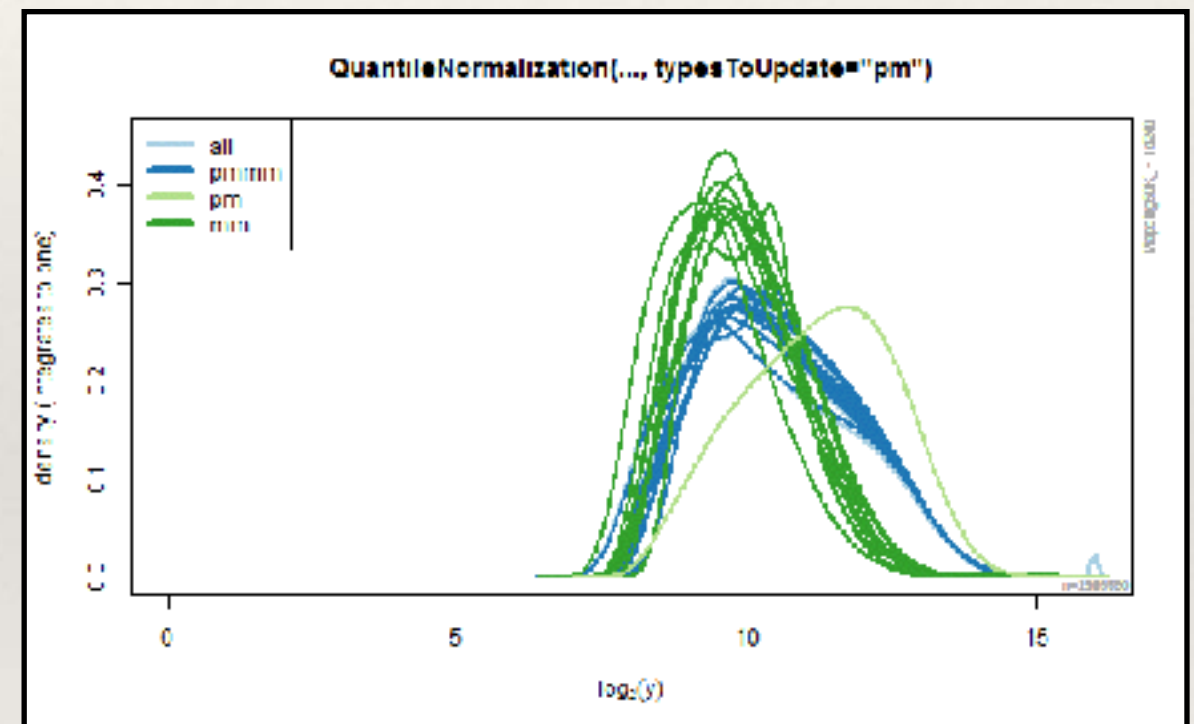
1. Create genes-samples matrix

2. Z-transformation

3. Sort columns

4. Replace values by row-median

5. Reorder (unsort) values



Raw array data incomparable



# Quantile-Normalization



Vaues

Indices

	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5
V1	1	11	13	29	26
V2	15	17	5	8	14
V3	21	2	12	20	25
V4	10	19	16	24	4
V5	18	28	3	22	27
	7	23	30	6	9
	1	1	1	1	1
	2	2	2	2	2
	3	3	3	3	3
	4	4	4	4	4
	5	5	5	5	5
	6	6	6	6	6

Sort

E1	E2	E3	E4	E5
21	28	30	29	27
18	23	16	24	26
15	19	13	22	25
10	17	12	20	14
7	11	5	8	9
1	2	3	6	4
3	5	6	1	5
5	6	4	4	1
2	4	1	5	3
4	2	3	3	2
6	1	2	2	6
1	3	5	6	4

Replace

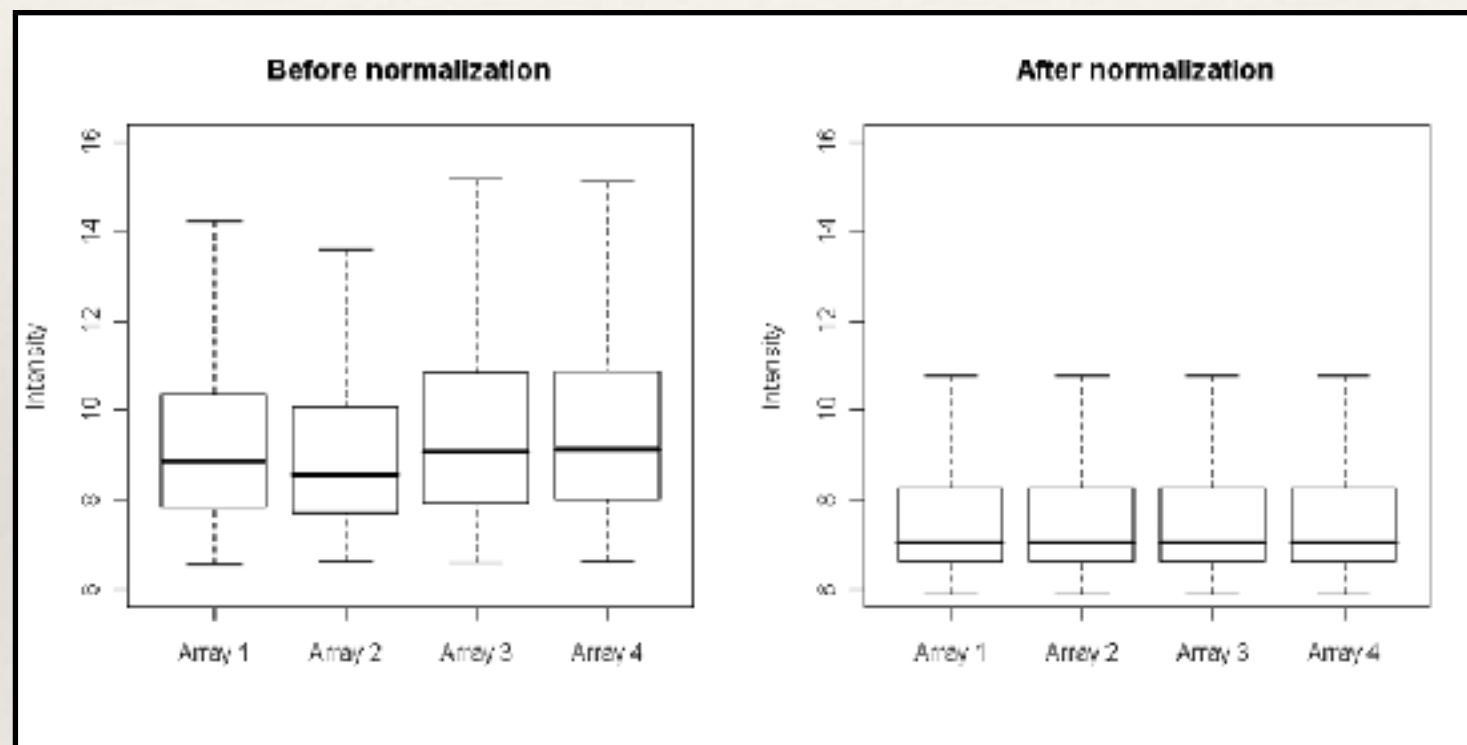
E1	E2	E3	E4	E5
28	28	28	28	28
23	23	23	23	23
19	19	19	19	19
14	14	14	14	14
8	8	8	8	8
3	3	3	3	3
3	5	6	1	5
5	6	4	4	1
2	4	1	5	3
4	2	3	3	2
6	1	2	2	6
1	3	5	6	4

Reorder

	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5
V1	3	8	19	28	23
V2	19	14	8	8	14
V3	28	3	14	14	19
V4	14	19	23	23	3
V5	23	28	3	19	28
	8	23	28	3	8



# Array data-analysis results



Quantile-normalization



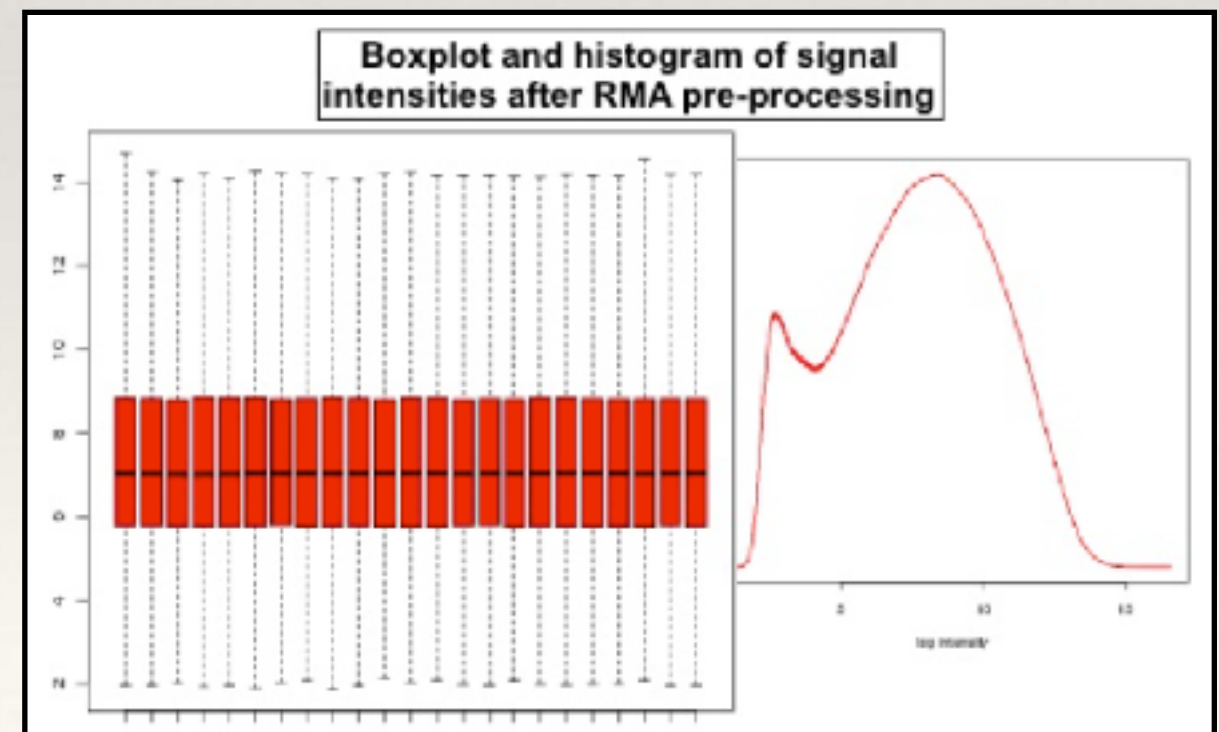
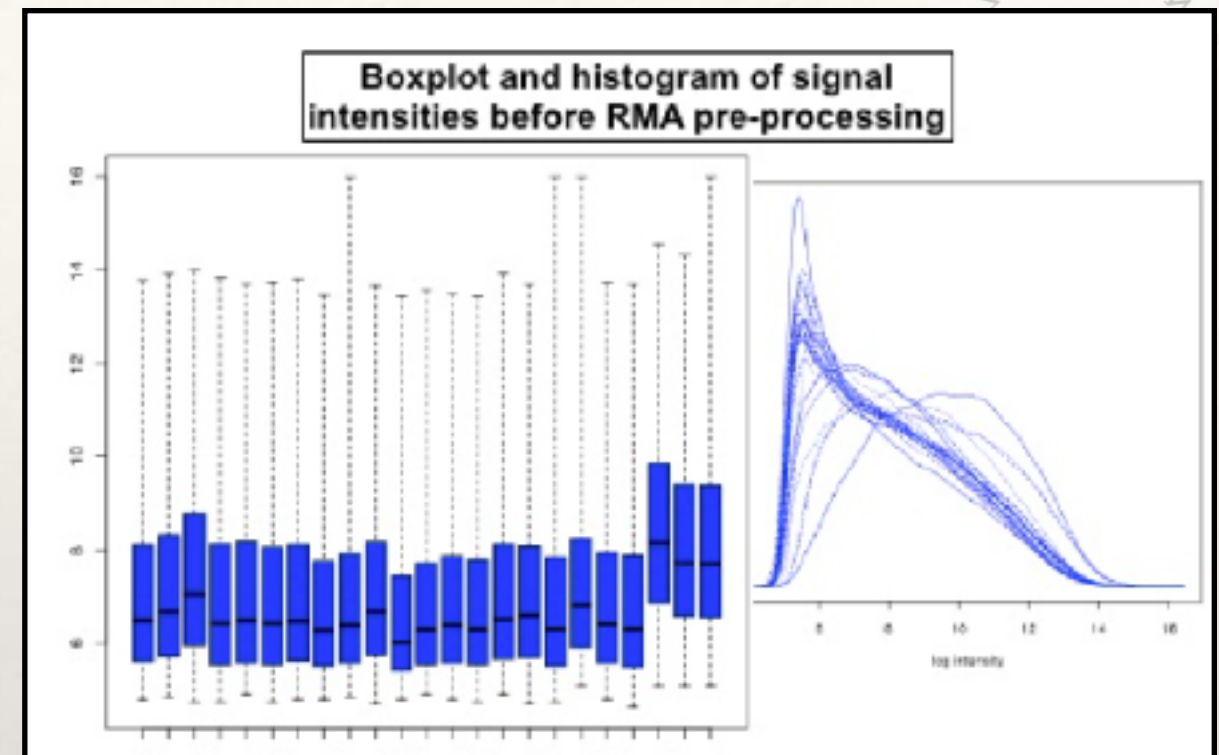
# Outlook - RMA



❖ Exercise next week:

Robust Multichip Average  
(RMA) algorithm

1. Z-score transformation
2. Background-correction
3. Quantile-normalization
4. Media-polish





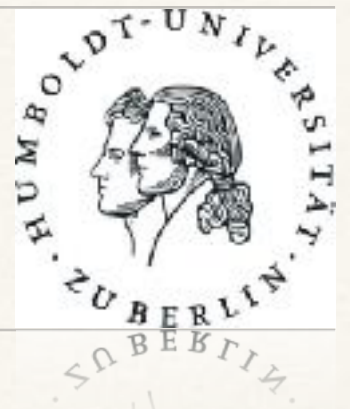
# Today's summary



- ❖ Biology:
  - ❖ mRNA expression = gene-activity
  - ❖ Explain cause of e.g. cancer by
    - ❖ Comparing cohorts
- ❖ Technology:
  - ❖ Arrays measure mRNA-expression
  - ❖ Numerous challenges e.g. biases -  
> require correction



# Try it yourself



❖ [www.fold.it](http://www.fold.it)

❖ Fold proteins' secondary and tertiary structure

