## **Extensions to Hierarchical Clustering**

- Major weaknesses of hierarchical clustering methods
  - Can never undo what was done previously
  - Do not scale well
    - $\square$  Time complexity of at least  $O(n^2)$ , where n is the number of total objects
- Other hierarchical clustering algorithms
  - □ BIRCH (1996): Use CF-tree and incrementally adjust the quality of sub-clusters
  - □ CURE (1998): Represent a cluster using a set of well-scattered representative points
  - CHAMELEON (1999): Use graph partitioning methods on the K-nearest neighbor graph of the data