

HOW MACHINE LEARNING HELPS CANCER RESEARCH

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DNA

Yellow bar with a black chevron pointing left, followed by the letter A

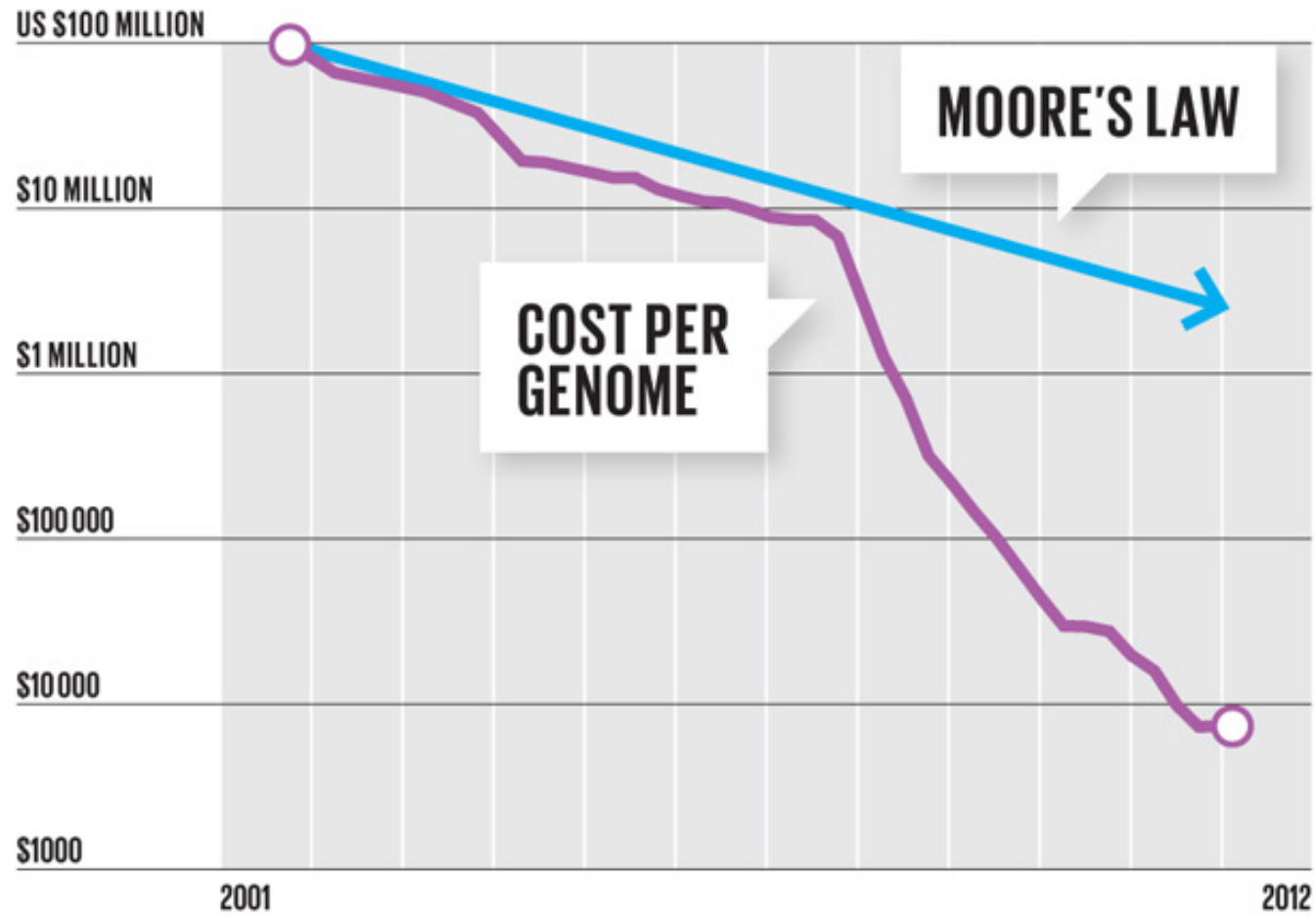
Green bar with a black chevron pointing right, followed by the letter T

Blue bar with a black chevron pointing left, followed by the letter C

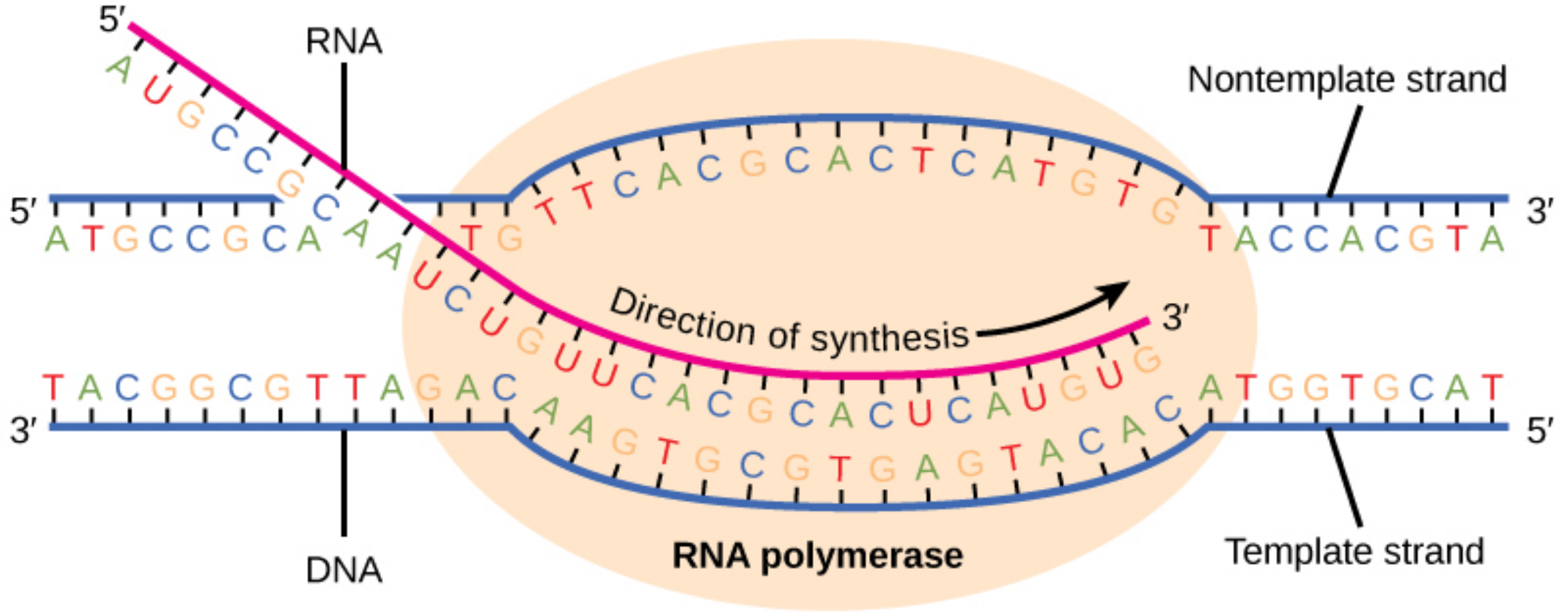
Red bar with a black chevron pointing right, followed by the letter G



DNA sequencing



DNA and genes

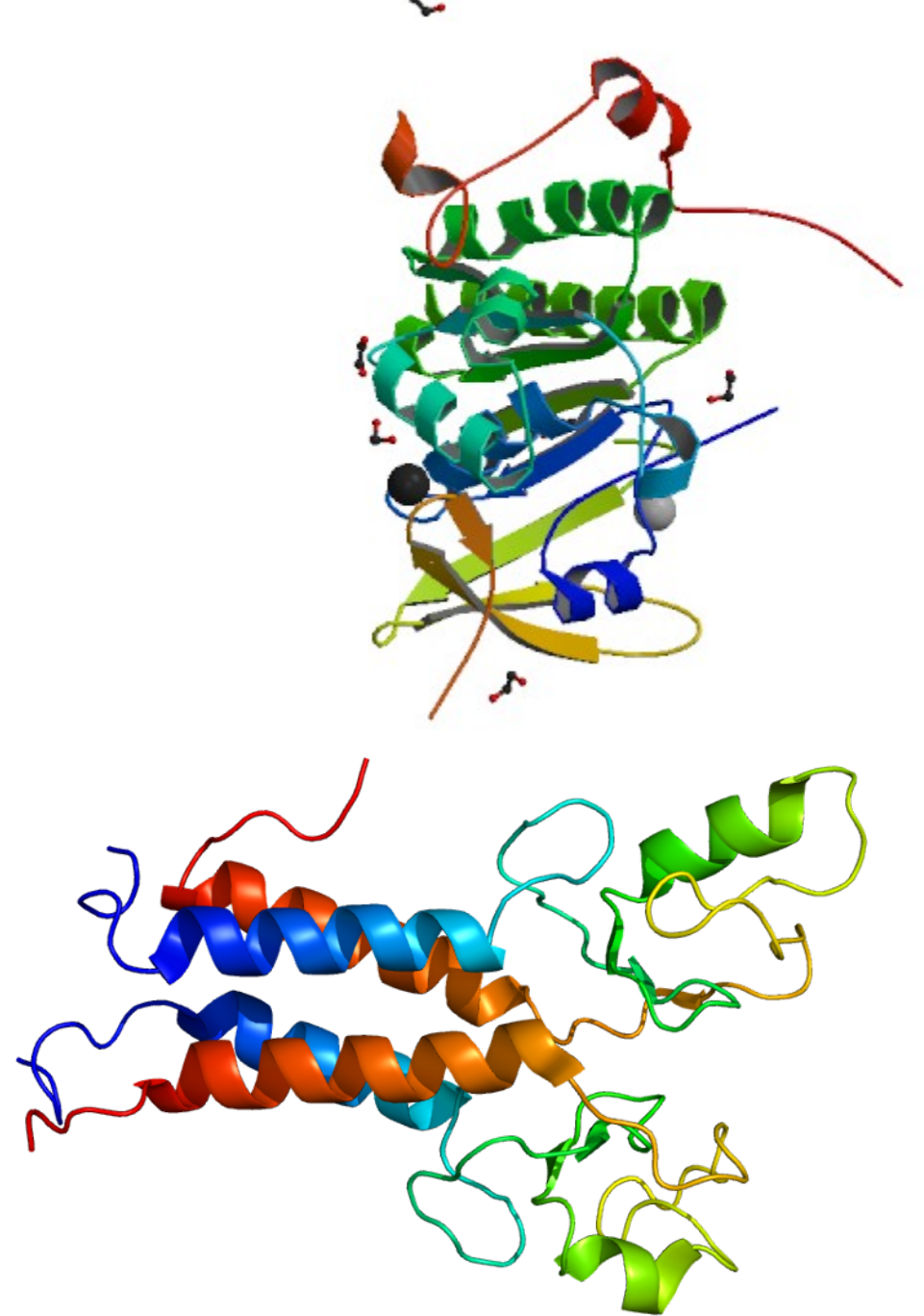


Cancer

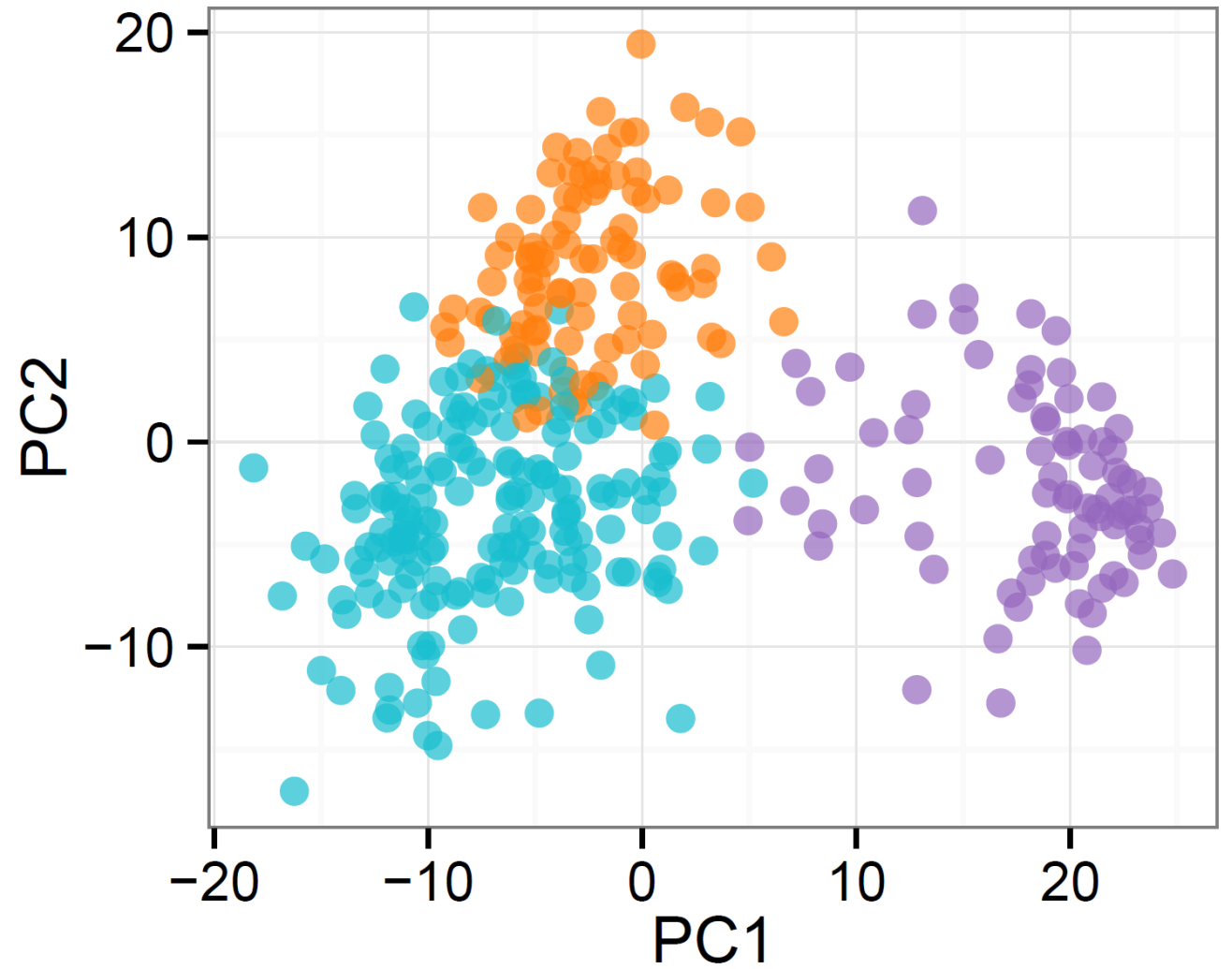
- Genetic mutations
- Oncogenes and tumour suppressors

BRCA1 and BRCA2 are
chromosome guardians

Cancer is not a single disease



CLUSTERING

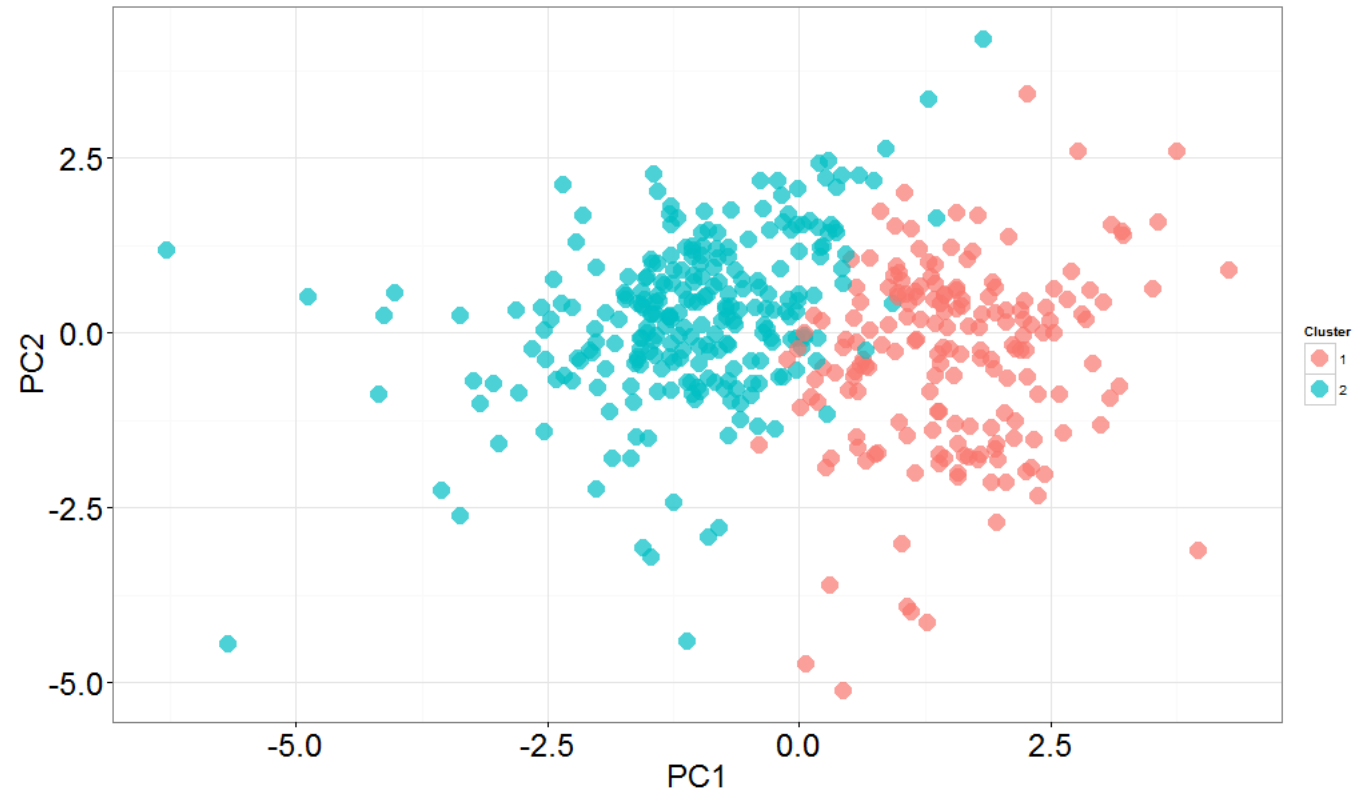


Example: clustering customers

440 wholesale customers

Annual spending on

- Fresh produce
- Milk products
- Grocery products
- Frozen products
- Detergents and paper
- Delicatessen



Customers



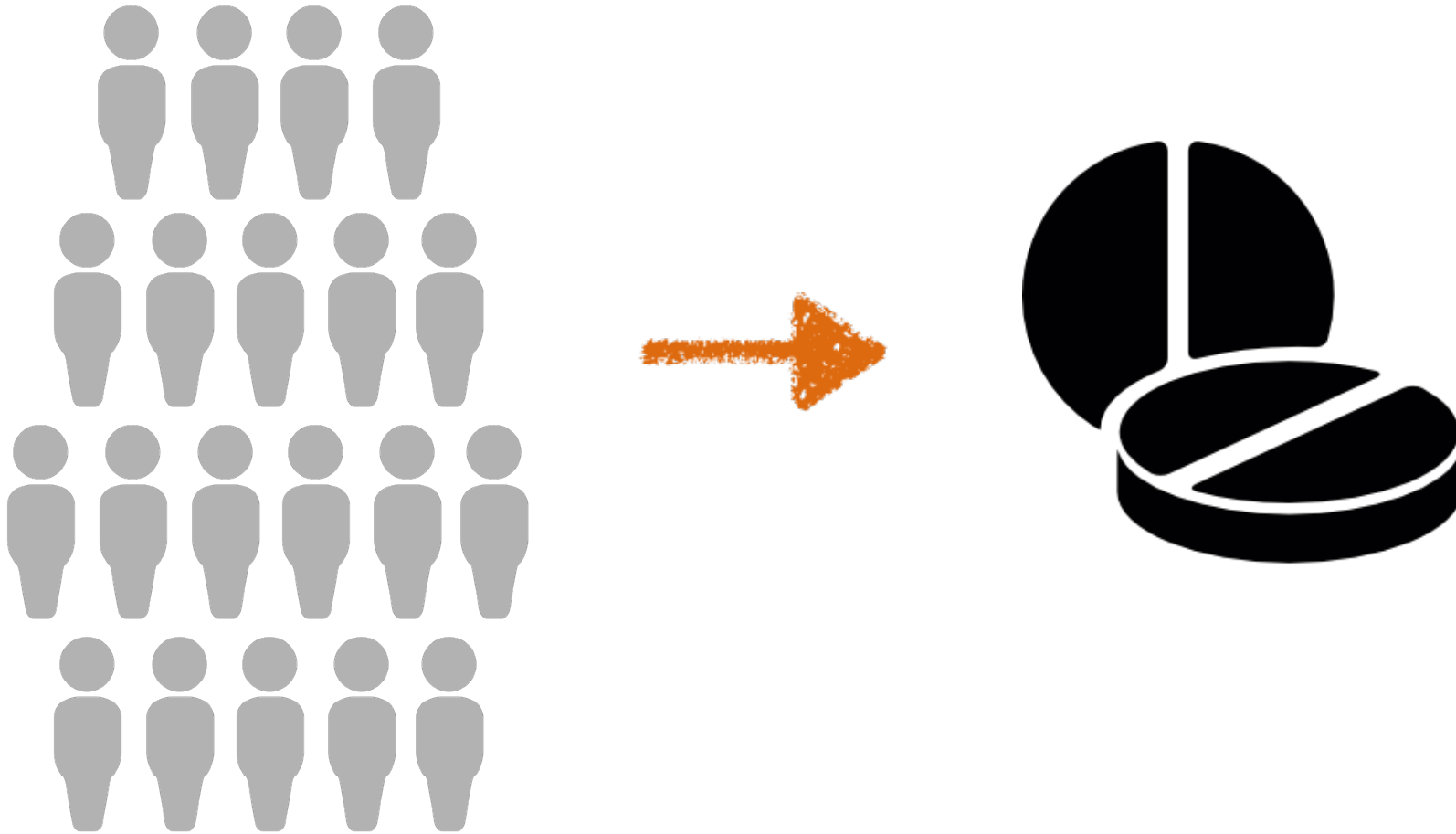
Genes

Products

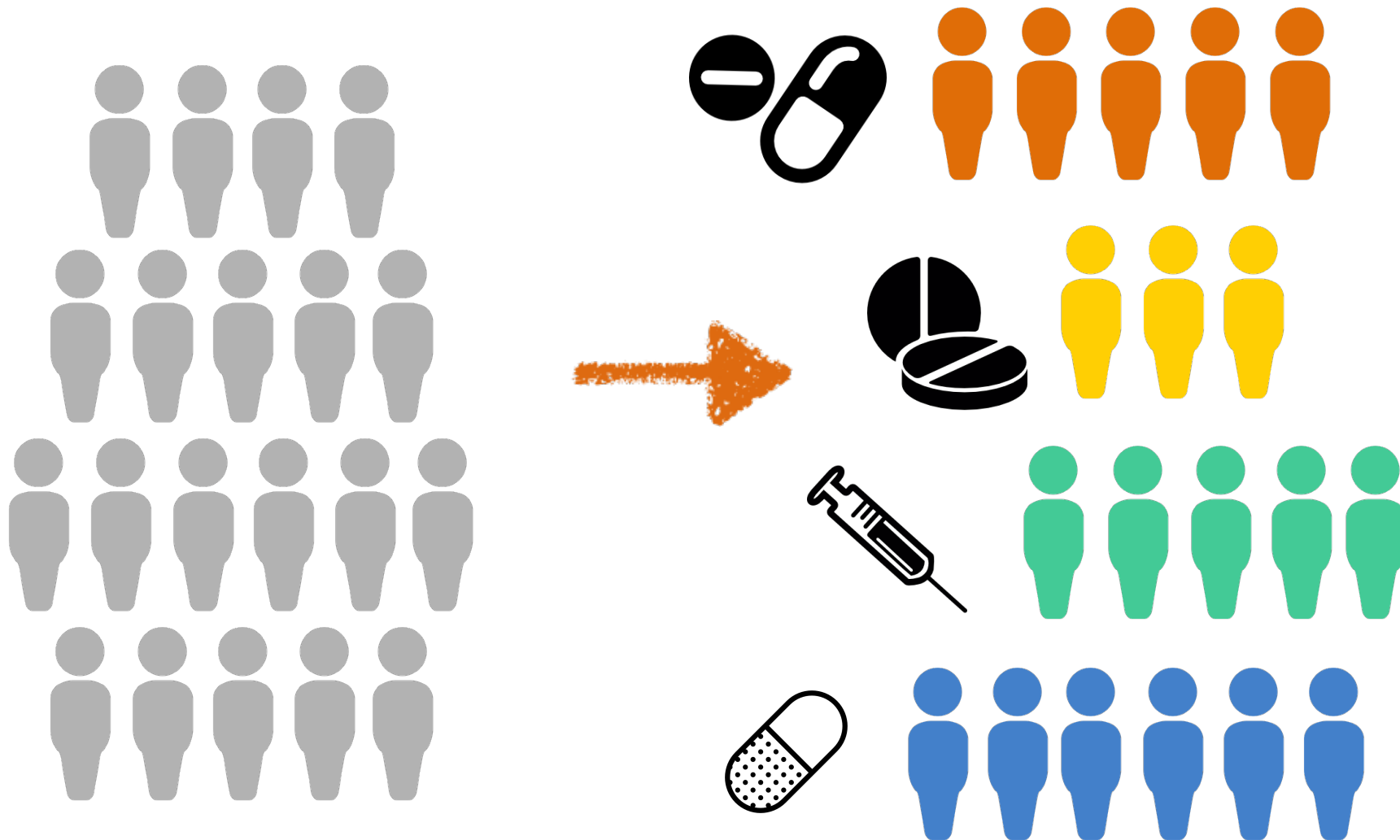


Expression

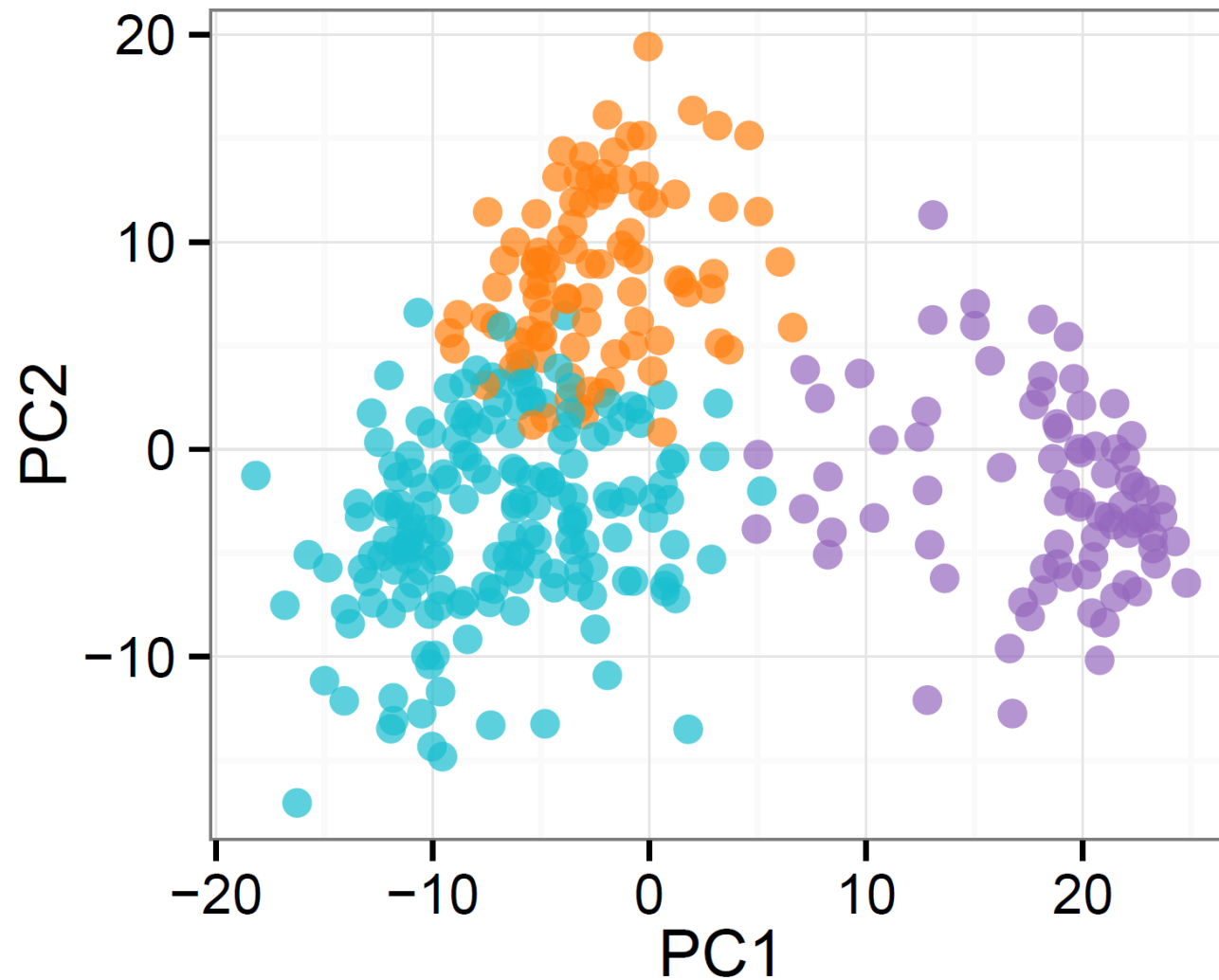
Conventional medicine



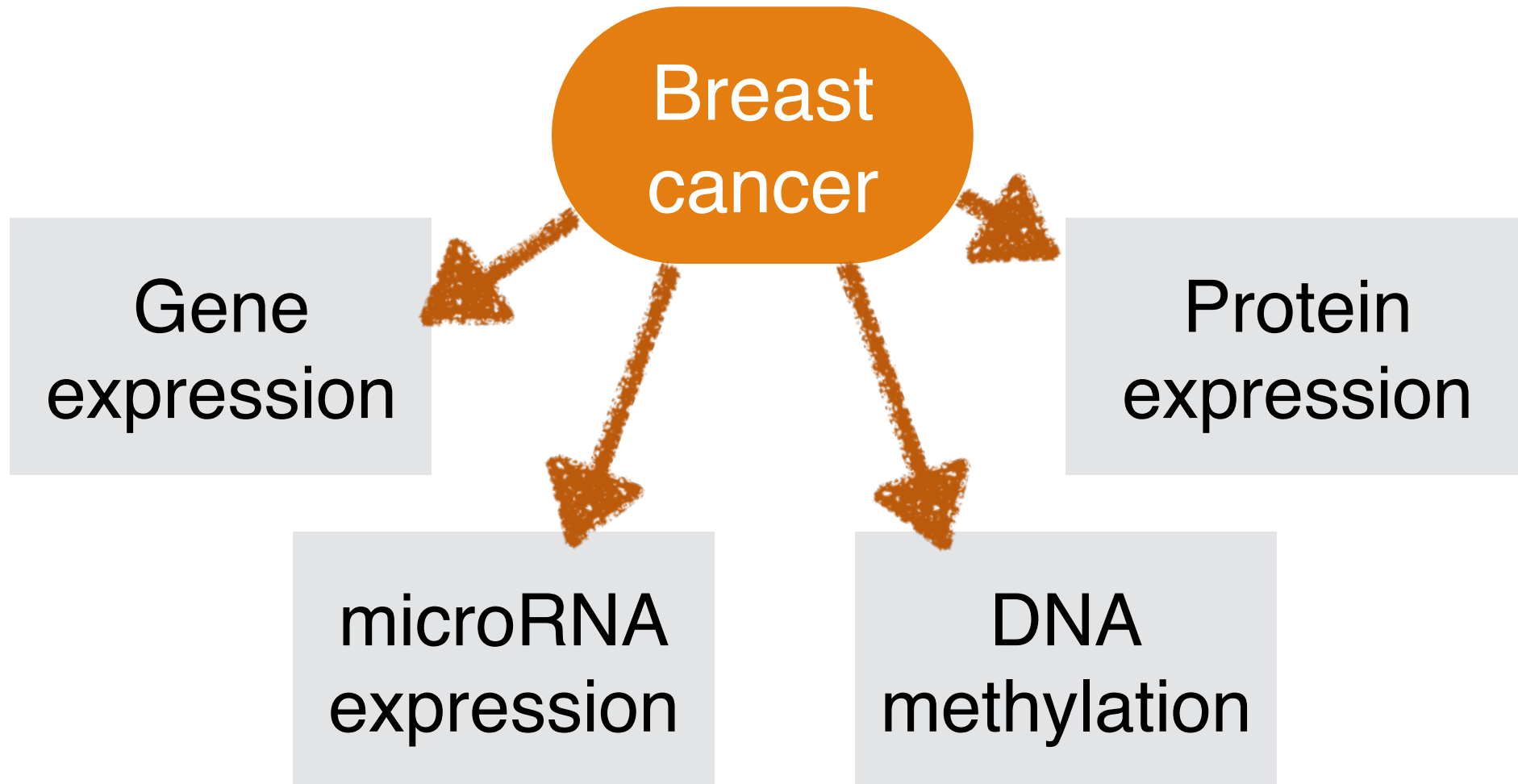
Precision medicine



Clustering in cancer research



Integrative clustering



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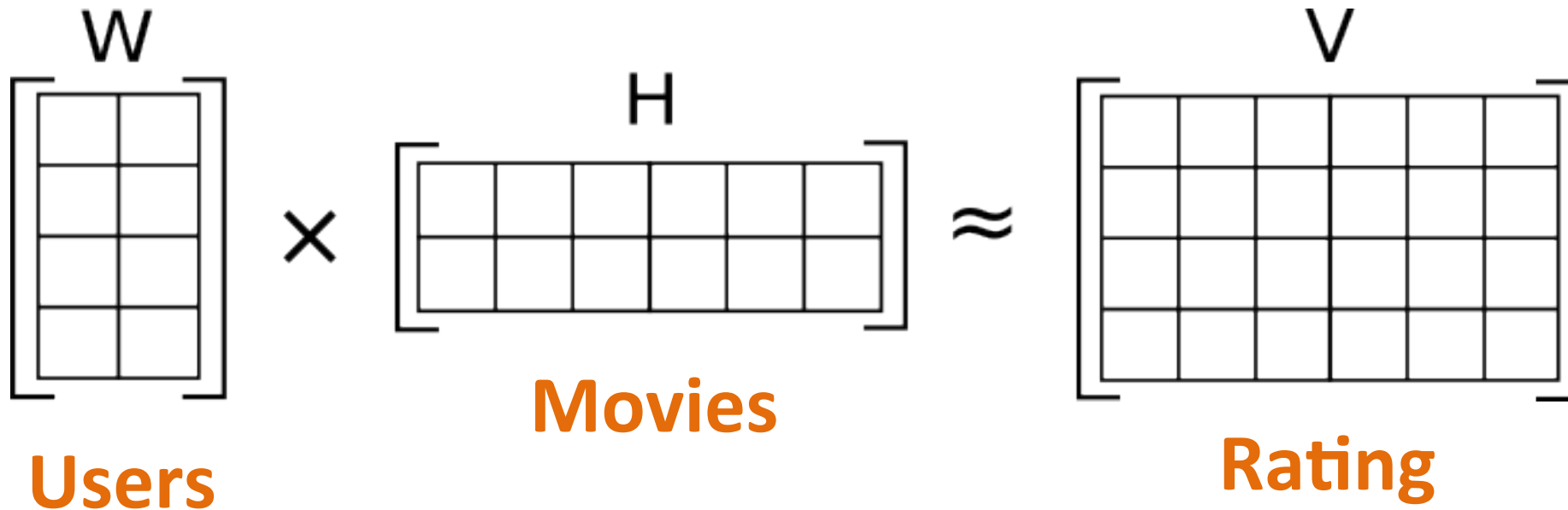
Collaborative filtering

Example: the Netflix prize

	Movie 1	Movie 2	Movie 3	Movie 4	Movie 5	Movie 6	Movie 7
Alice	★★★★★★		★★★★	★★★★	★★★		
Bob		★★★		★★★★	★★		
Carol	★★					★★★★★	★★★★
Dave			★★★★★★		?		



Matrix factorization



Users



Patients

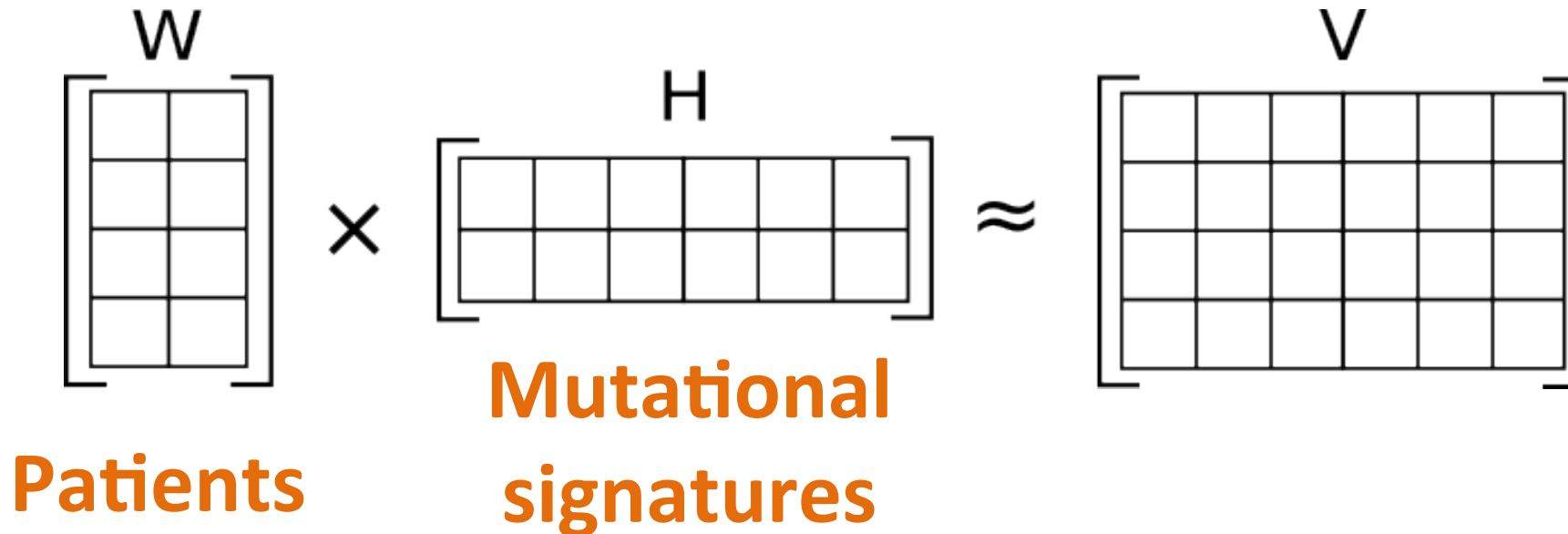
Ratings



Mutations

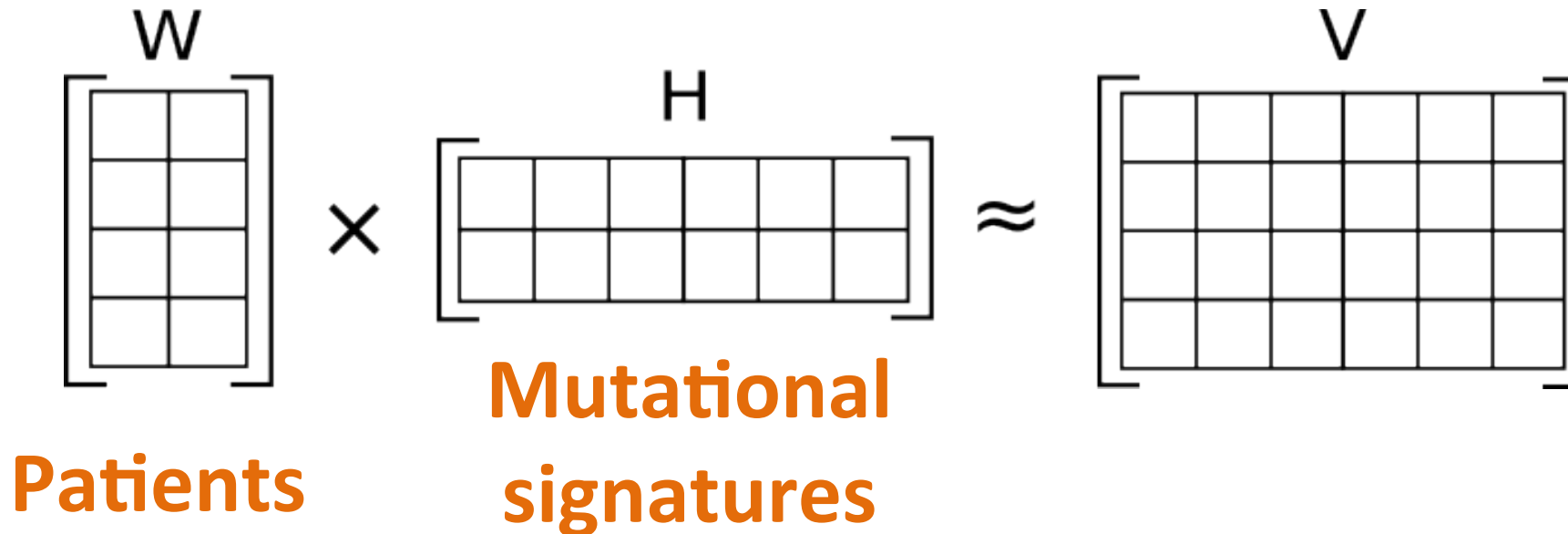
Matrix factorization in cancer research

	C → A	C → G	C → T	T → A	T → C	T → G
Alice	5	0	0	1	2	0
Bob	1	2	0	0	0	1
Carol	3	1	0	2	0	3
Dave	0	0	2	3	1	1



Matrix factorization in cancer research

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$$(A \vee \neg B) \wedge (\neg A \vee B)$$

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$A = \text{true}$

$B = \text{true}$

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$$((a > 3) \vee (b < 1))$$



$$((a < 5) \vee (b = 0))$$

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Satisfiability modulo theories

$$(A \vee \neg B) \wedge (\neg A \vee B)$$



$$((a > 3) \vee (b < 1))$$

$$((a < 5) \vee (b = 0))$$

$$a = 4$$

$$b = 0$$



Software verification

Preconditions

Postconditions

Loop conditions

Assertions

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SMT formulas

Z3 theorem prover

Software verification

```
static void Swap(int[]! a, int i, int j)
requires 0 <= i && i < a.Length;
requires 0 <= j && j < a.Length;
{
    int temp;
    temp = a[i];
    a[i] = a[j];
    a[j] = temp;
}
```

Spec#

Proving stability of biological systems

Proteins

Genes

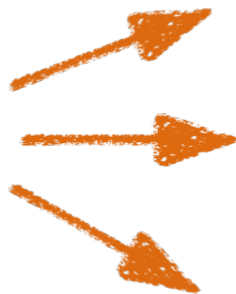
Receptors

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Variables

v



$v + 1$

if $v < T(v)$

v

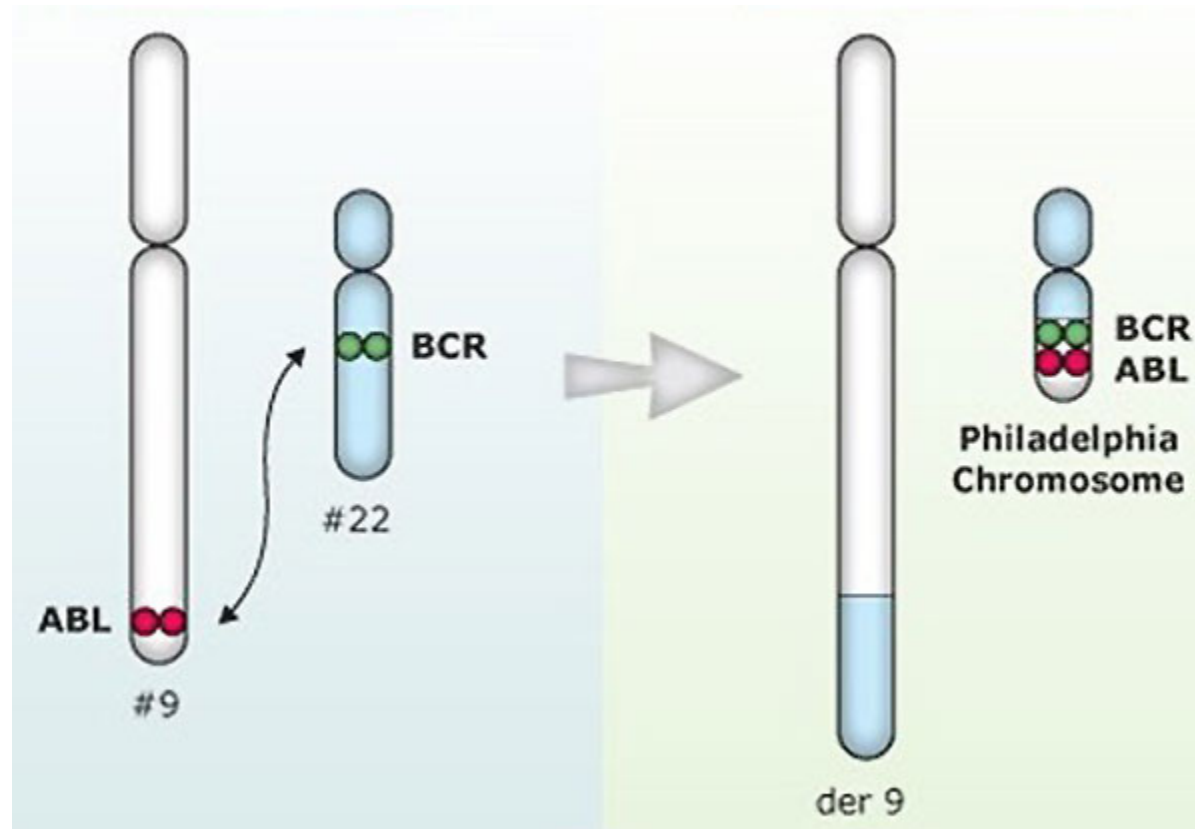
if $v = T(v)$

$v - 1$

if $v > T(v)$

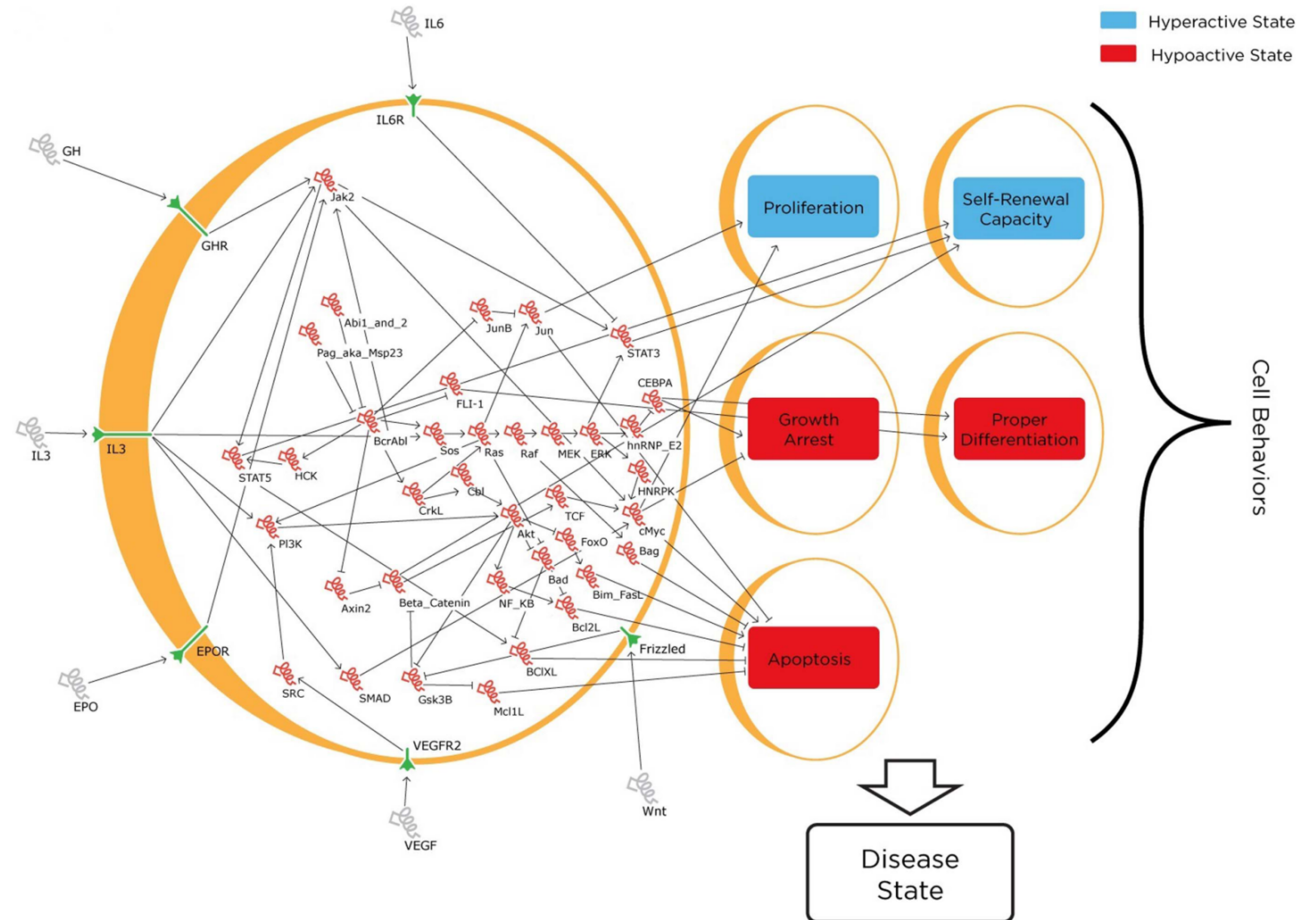


Chronic myeloid leukemia



Proving stability of biological systems

Chronic myeloid leukemia



Machine learning is not just
for targeted advertising
or
algorithmic trading



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Links

- MRC Cancer Unit, University of Cambridge <http://www.mrc-cu.cam.ac.uk/>
- Z3 code samples <https://github.com/evelinag/cancer-research-and-ML>
- Big Data: Astronomical or Genomical?
<http://journals.plos.org/plosbiology/article?id=10.1371/journal.pbio.1002195>
- Signatures of mutational processes in cancer
<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v500/n7463/full/nature12477.html>
- Proving stabilization of biological systems
<http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/um/cambridge/projects/terminator/biocheck11-final.pdf>
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<http://research.microsoft.com/apps/pubs/default.aspx?id=226356>
- Z3 theorem prover <https://github.com/Z3Prover>