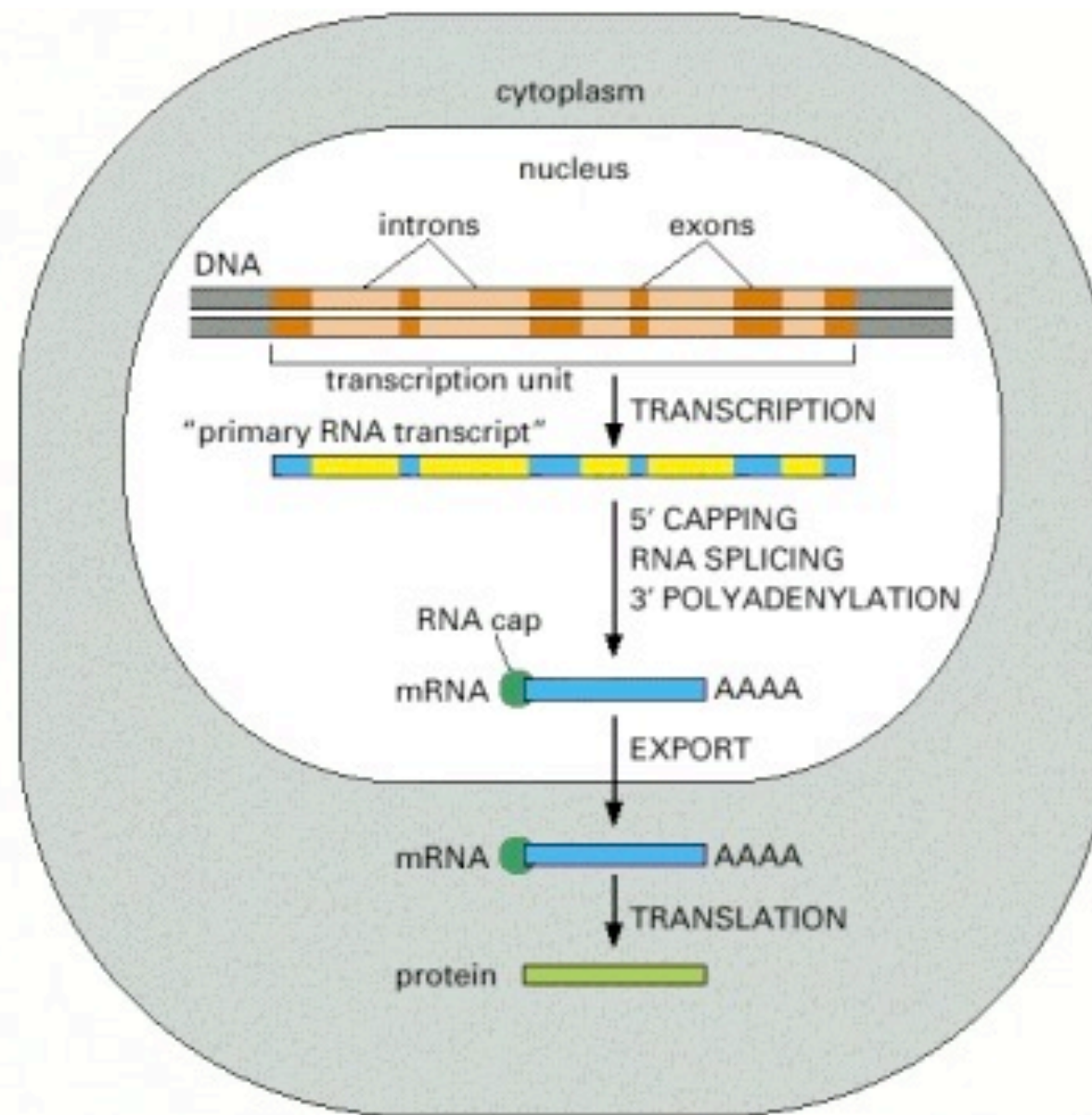
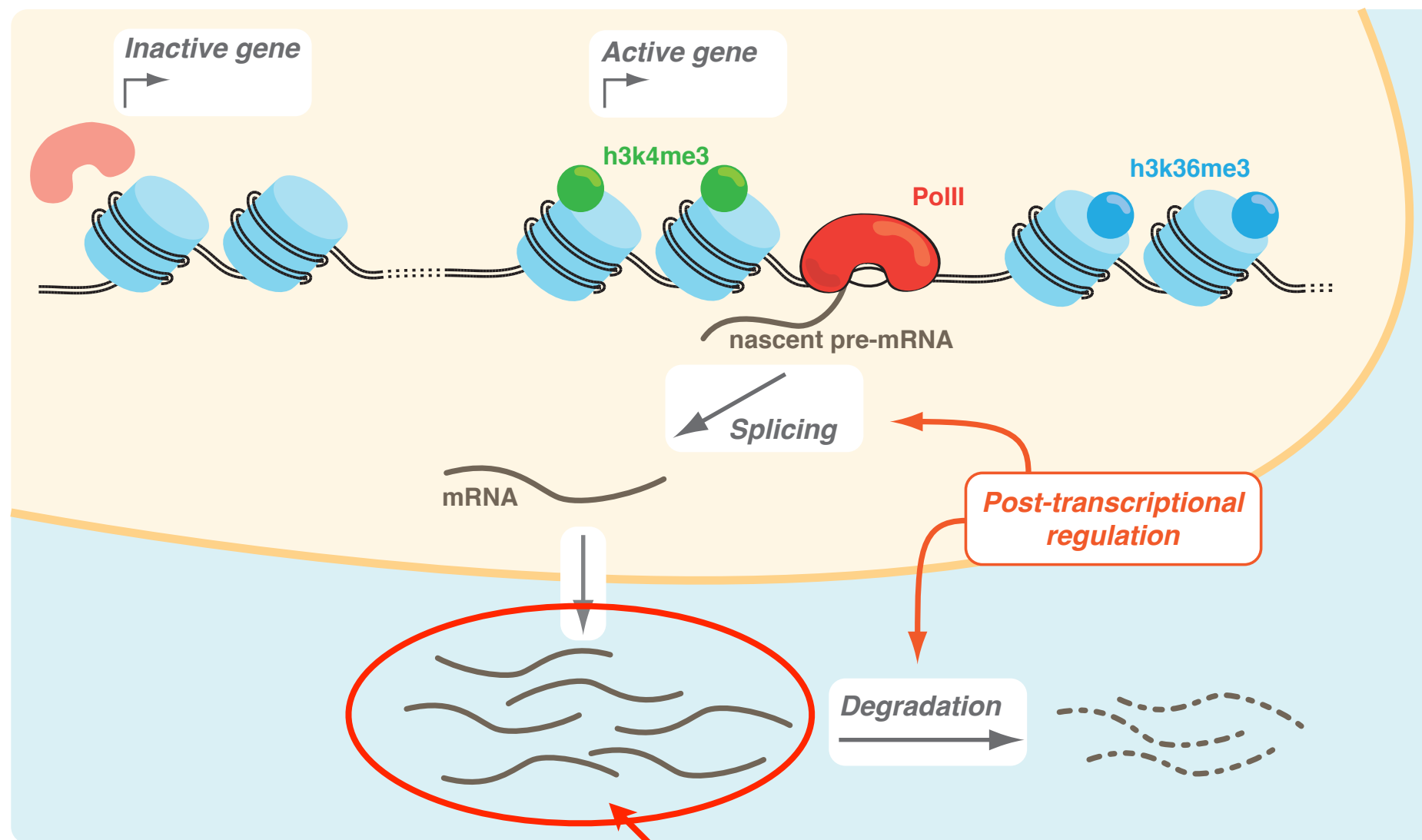


Transcription



Figures from Alberts and co, Mol Biol Cell.

Transcription



Equilibrium pool of
mRNA for each gene

Simplest model

Transcription rate: $P(t)$ [#mRNA/time]

mRNA pool: $m(t)$ [#mRNA]

Degradation rate: γ [1/time]

$$\dot{m}(t) = P(t) - \gamma m(t) .$$

Case 1: $P(t) = P_0$

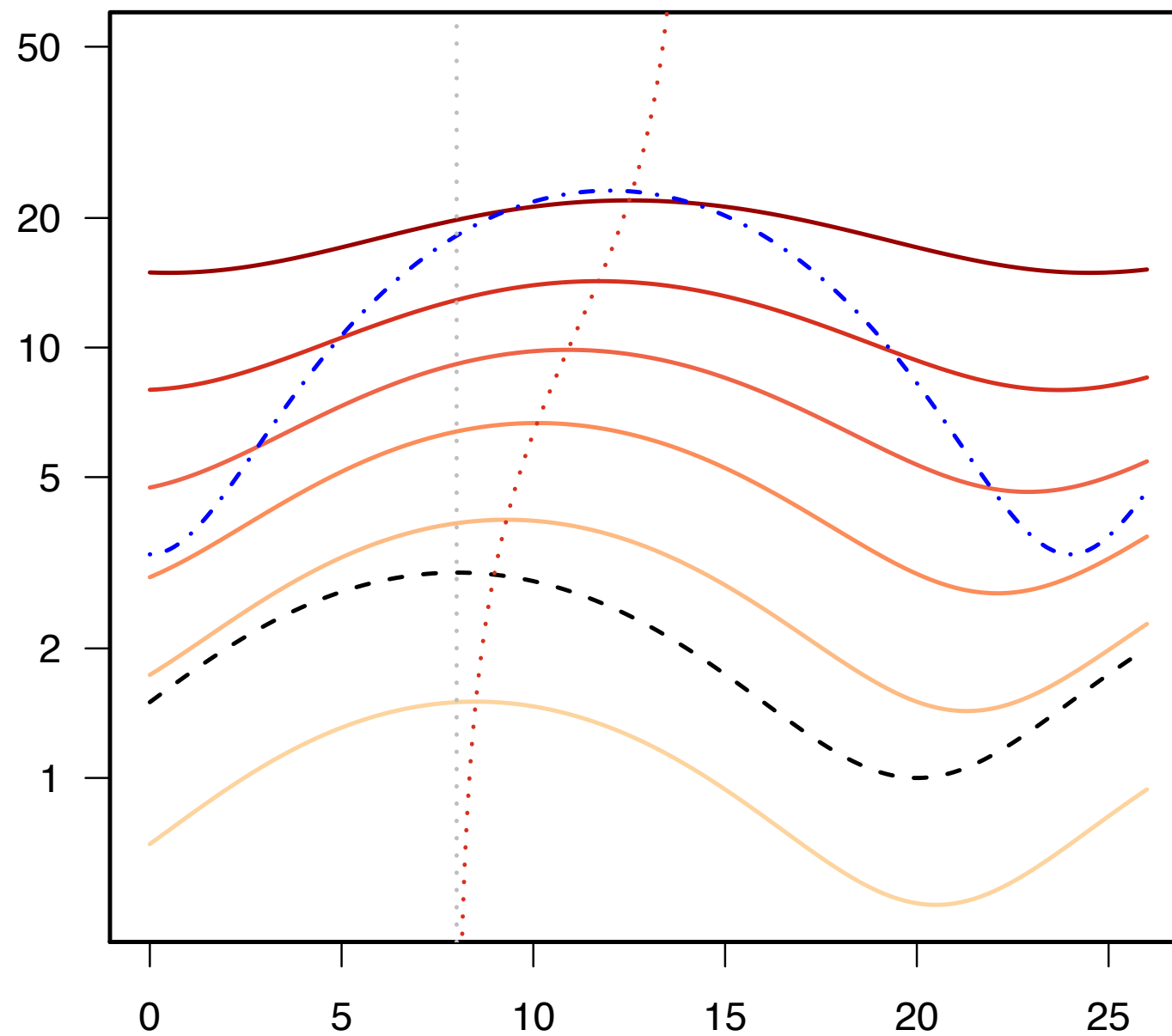
$$m(t) = \frac{P_0}{\gamma}(1 - e^{-\gamma t}) + e^{-\gamma t}m(0) \rightarrow \frac{P_0}{\gamma} .$$

Case 2: $P(t) = P_0 + \cos(\omega t)$

$$m(t) \rightarrow \frac{P_0}{\gamma} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 + \omega^2}} \cos(\omega(t - \tau)) .$$

$$\text{with } \sin \omega \tau = \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{\gamma^2 + \omega^2}}$$

Simplest model

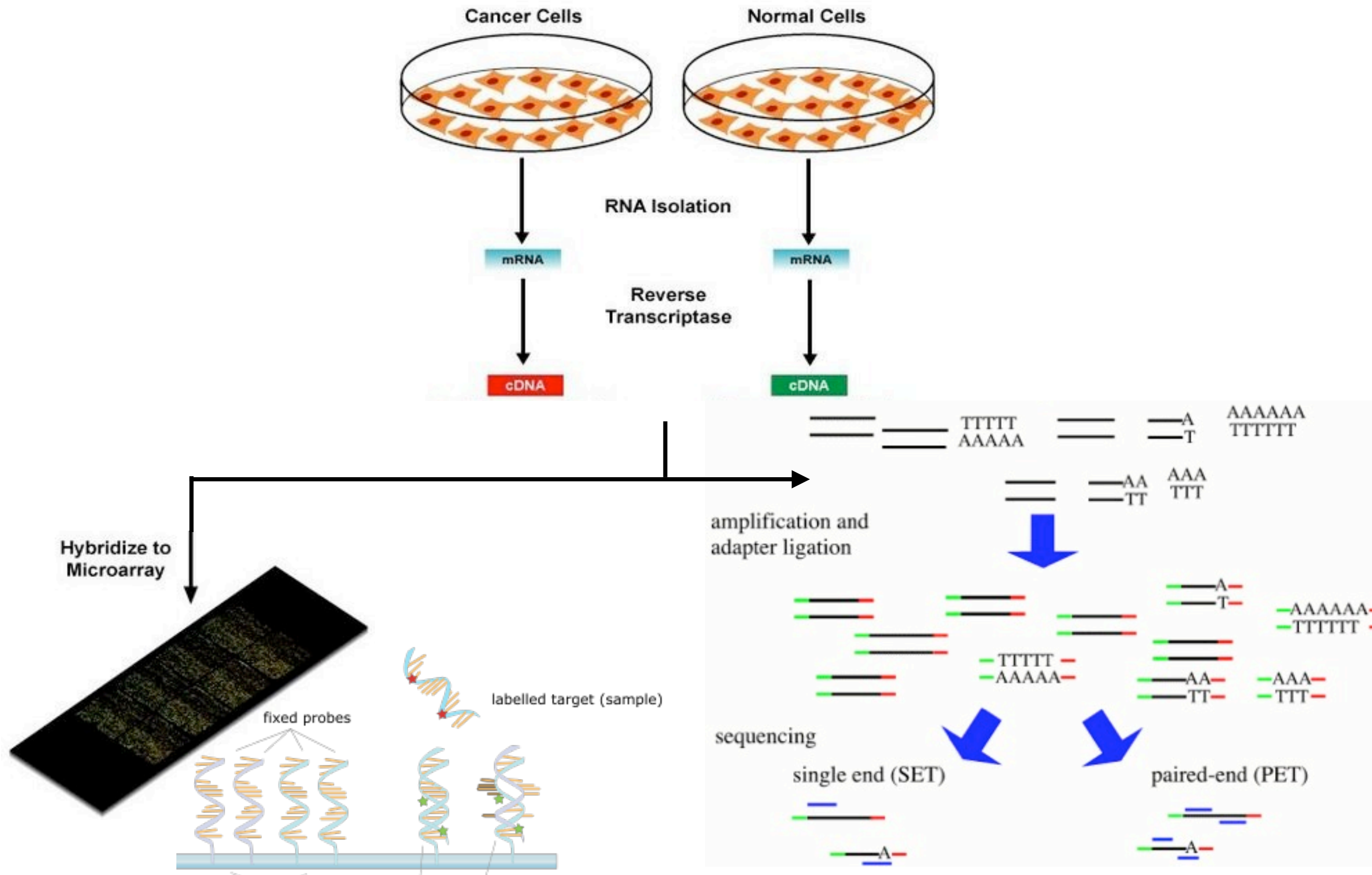


--- pre-mRNA
-.-.- post-trans. regulation

mRNA half-life [hr]

| | |
|---|-----|
| — | 0.3 |
| — | 0.9 |
| — | 1.6 |
| — | 2.5 |
| — | 3.9 |
| — | 6.4 |

Measuring expression

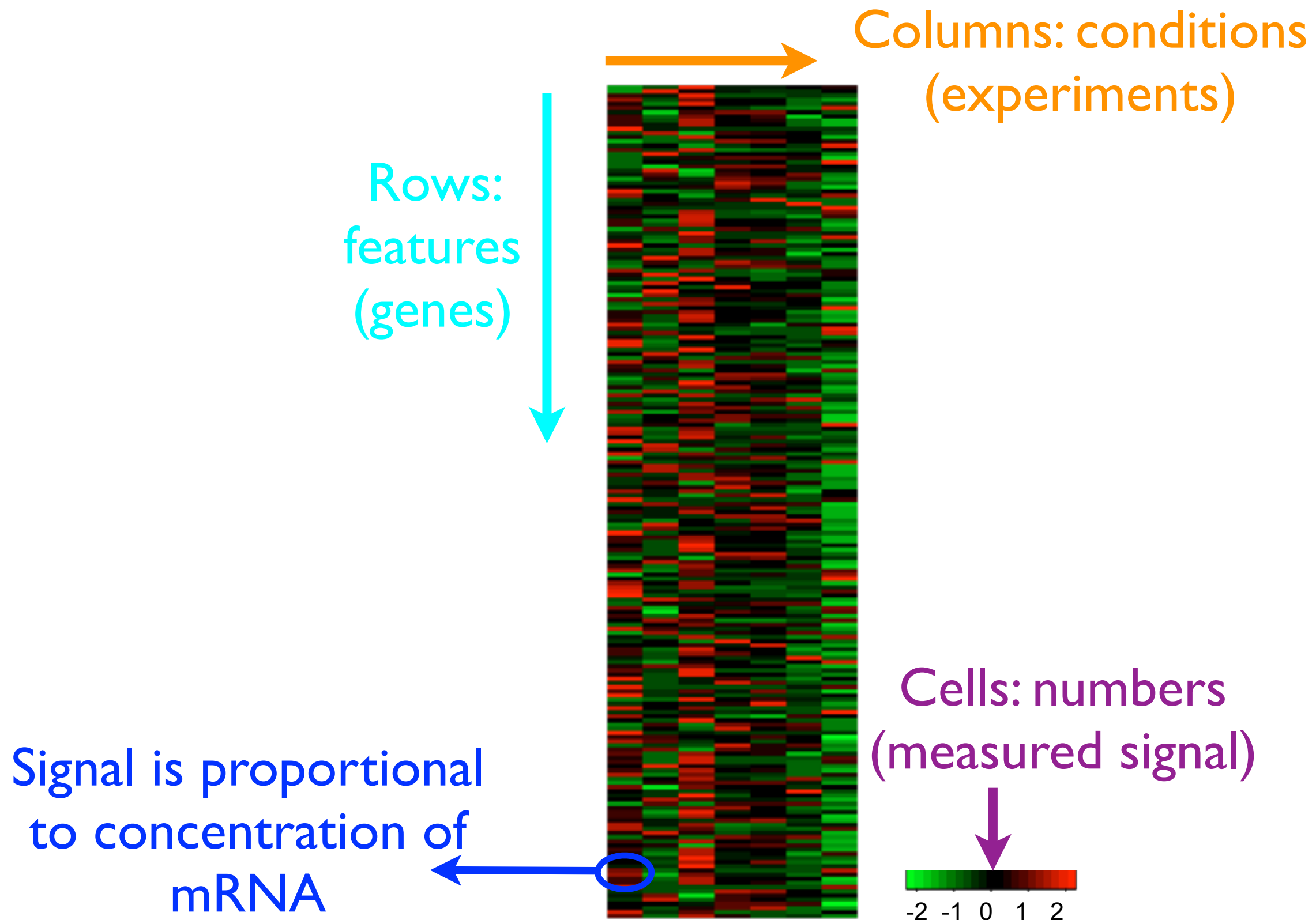


Measuring expression

- Goal: for each possible transcript **T**, estimate number of copies of **T** per cell
- We start from a large (10^6 - 10^7) population of cells and take a sample of the total mRNA pool
- We then measure a signal which is proportional to the abundance of **T** in the sample
- We generally do not know the calibration but we can deduce ratios:

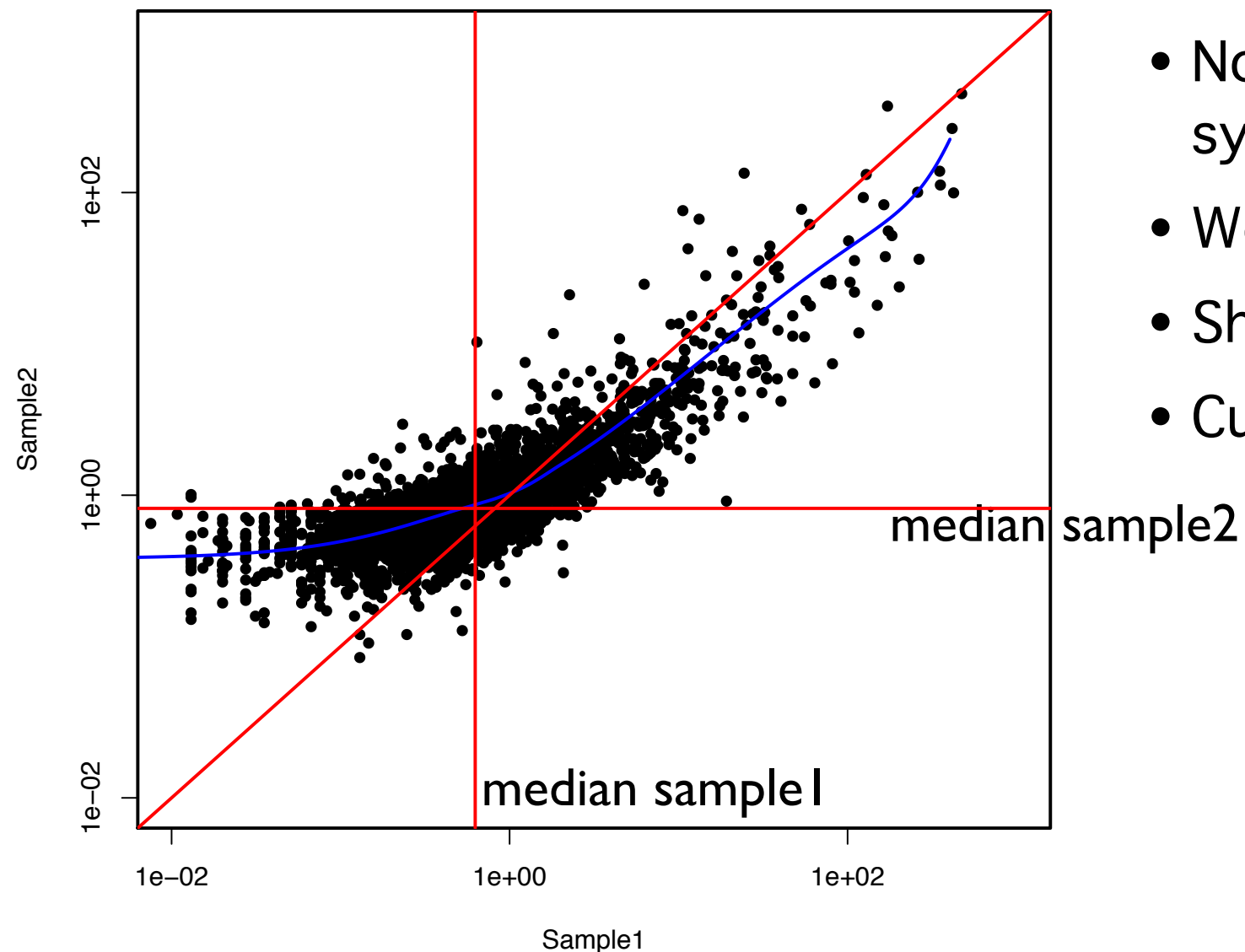
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\text{Expr}(g_1)}{\text{Expr}(g_2)} &= \frac{N_{\text{copy}}(g_1)/N_{\text{cell}}}{N_{\text{copy}}(g_2)/N_{\text{cell}}} \\ &= \frac{\alpha \text{Signal}(g_1)/N_{\text{cell}}}{\alpha \text{Signal}(g_2)/N_{\text{cell}}} \\ &= \frac{\text{Signal}(g_1)}{\text{Signal}(g_2)}\end{aligned}$$

Output



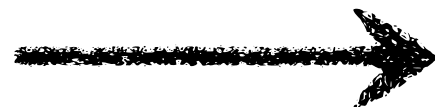
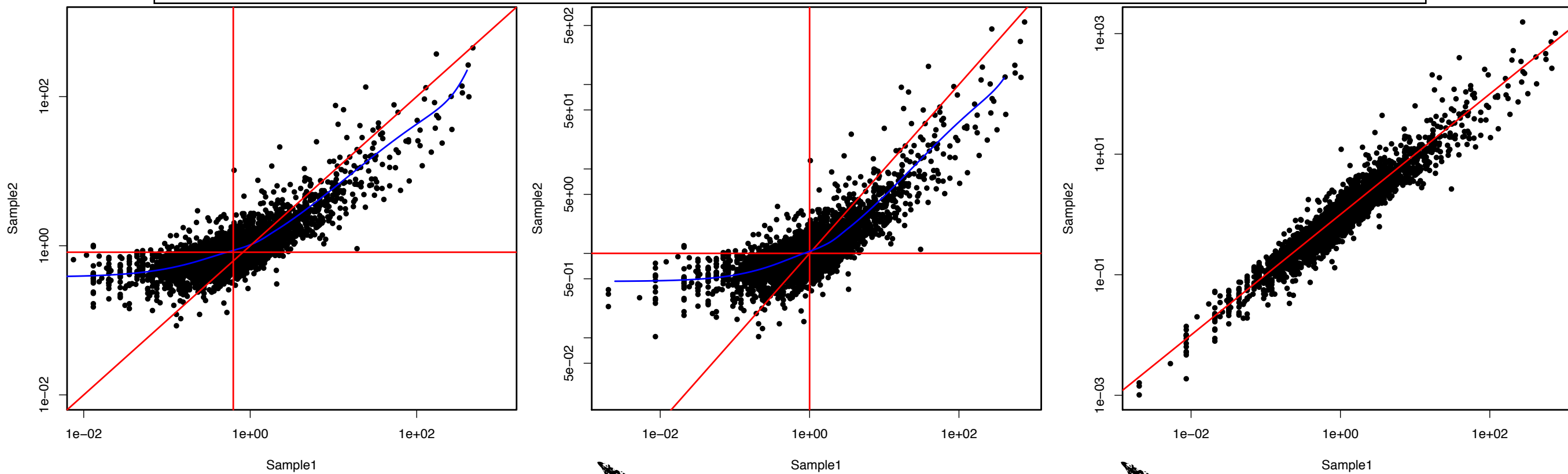
Normalization

Average variation between any 2 conditions is 0:
Systematic variation MUST BE technical artifact



- Normalization consists in removing systematic variations
- Work in log-log coordinates
- Shift in medians
- Curved shaped

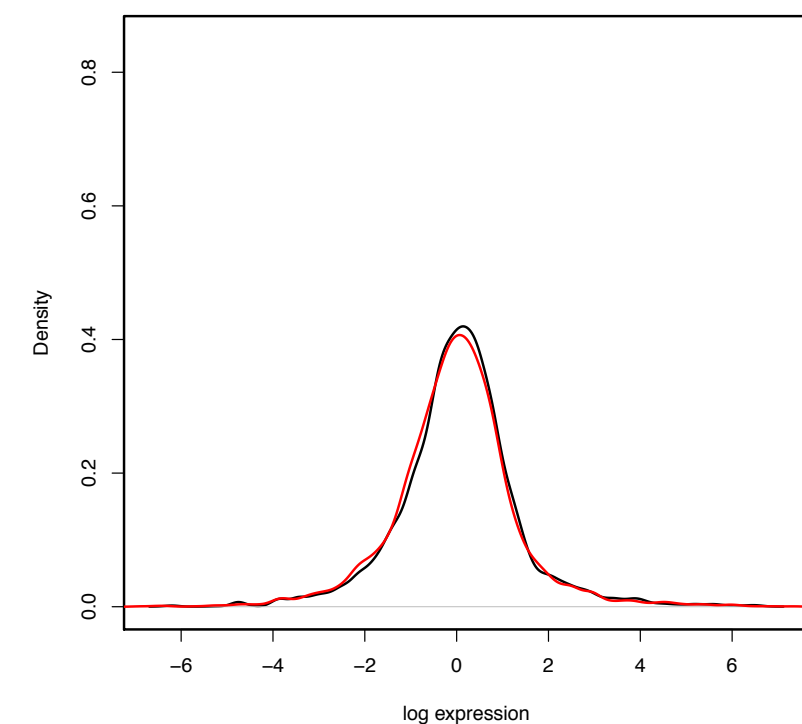
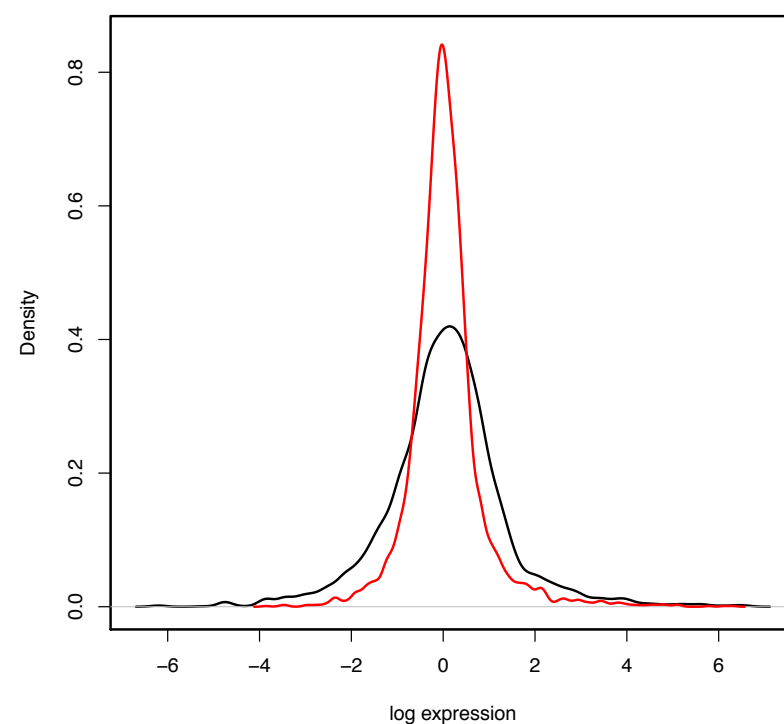
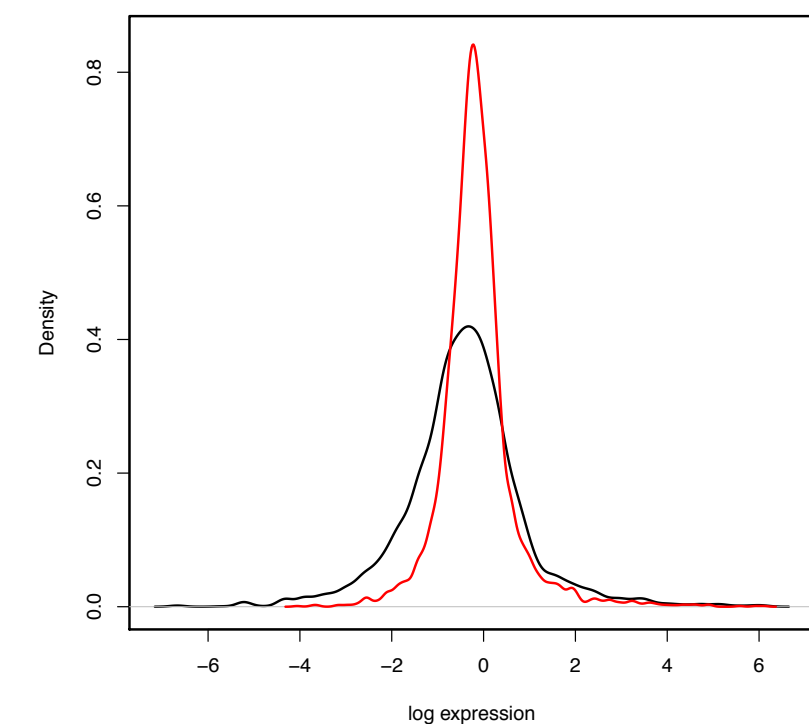
Normalization



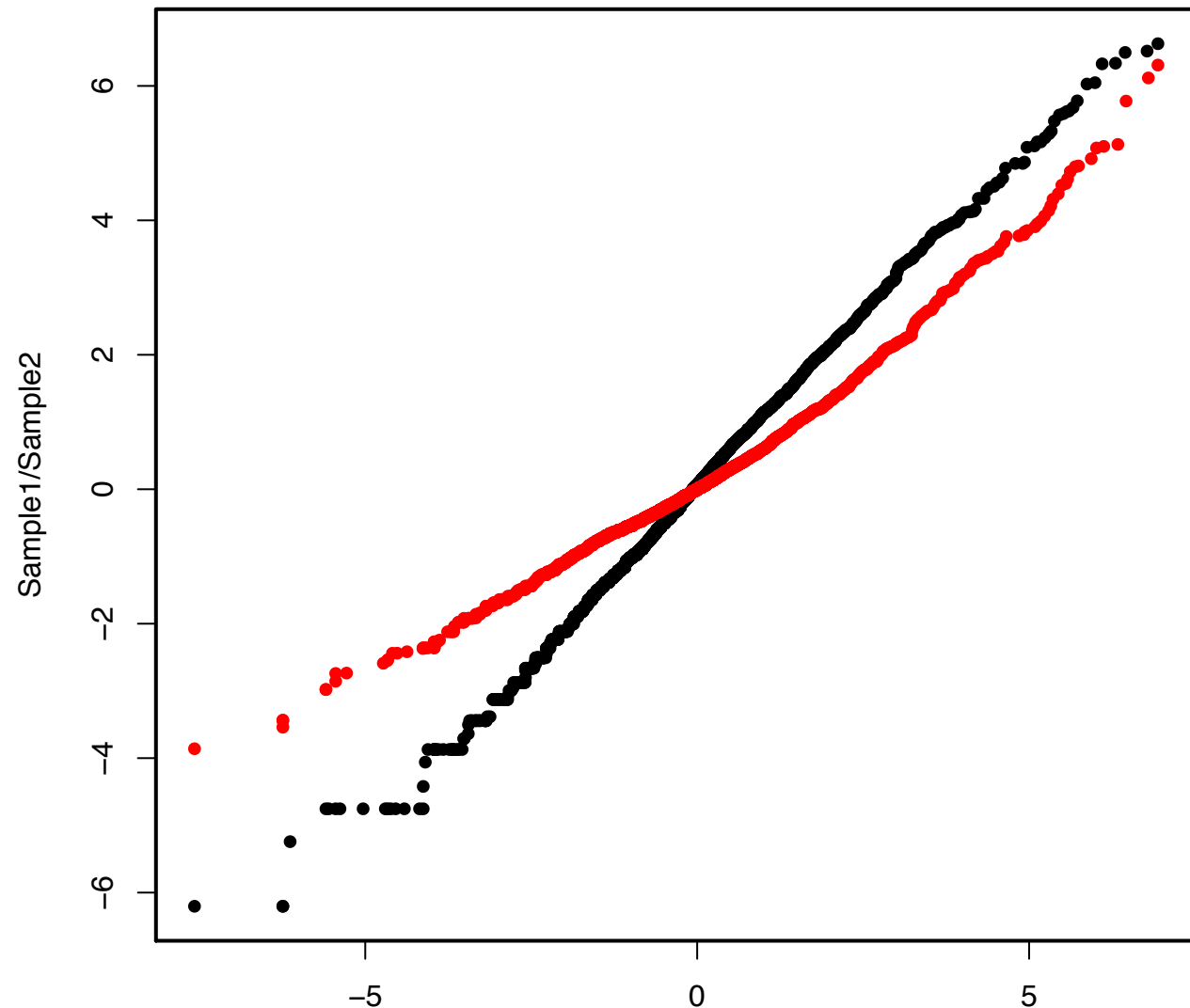
$\text{sample} = \text{sample} / \text{median}(\text{sample})$



$\text{sample2} = \text{sample2} / \text{fit} * \text{sample1}$

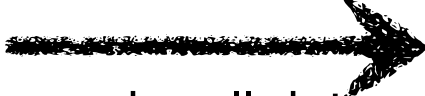


Quantile normalization



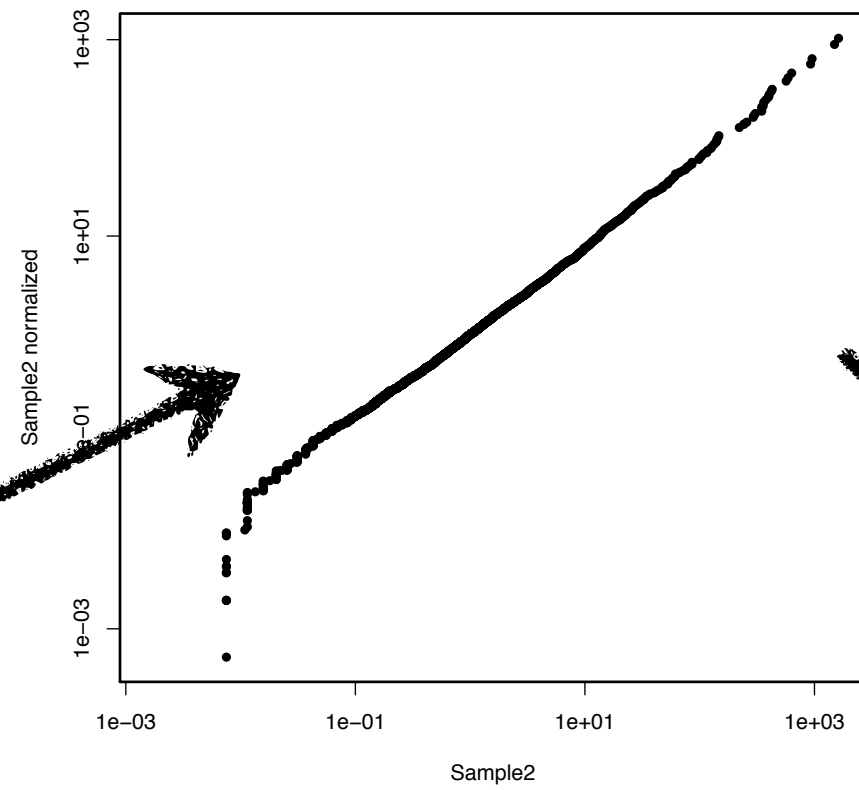
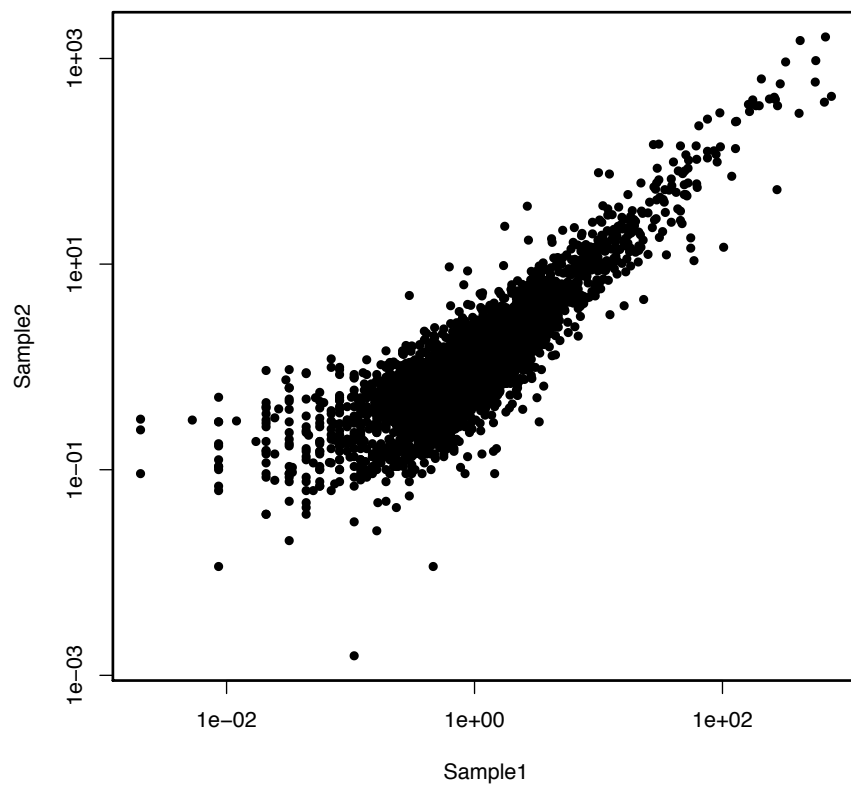
- Substitute ordered values from every sample with ordered values from average (or from specific distribution, e.g. gaussian)

order all data

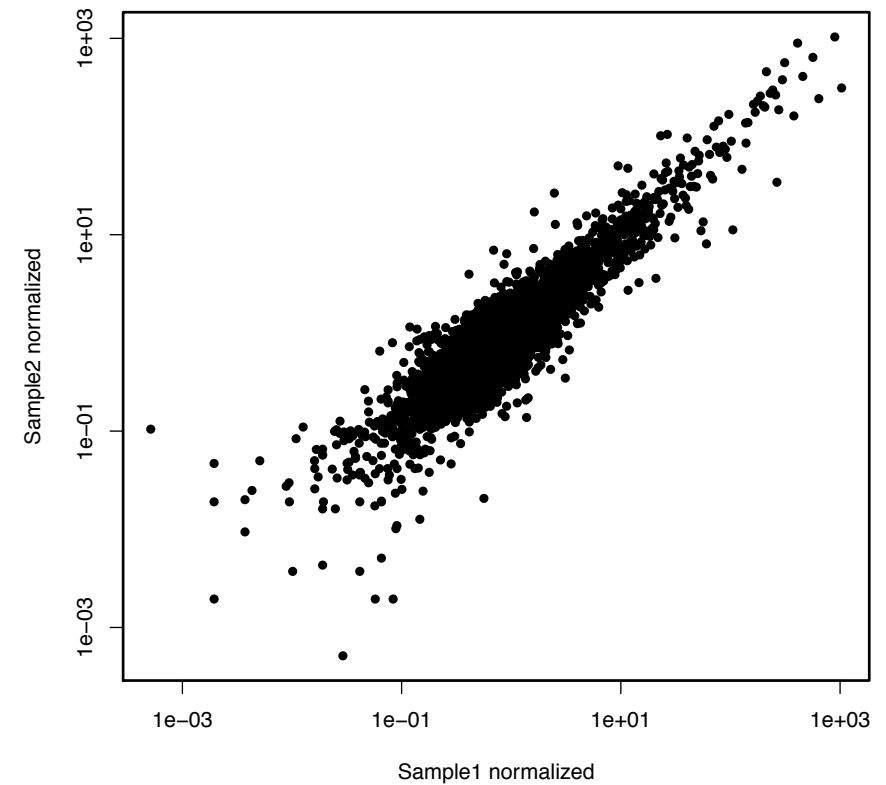


Quantile normalization

before normalization

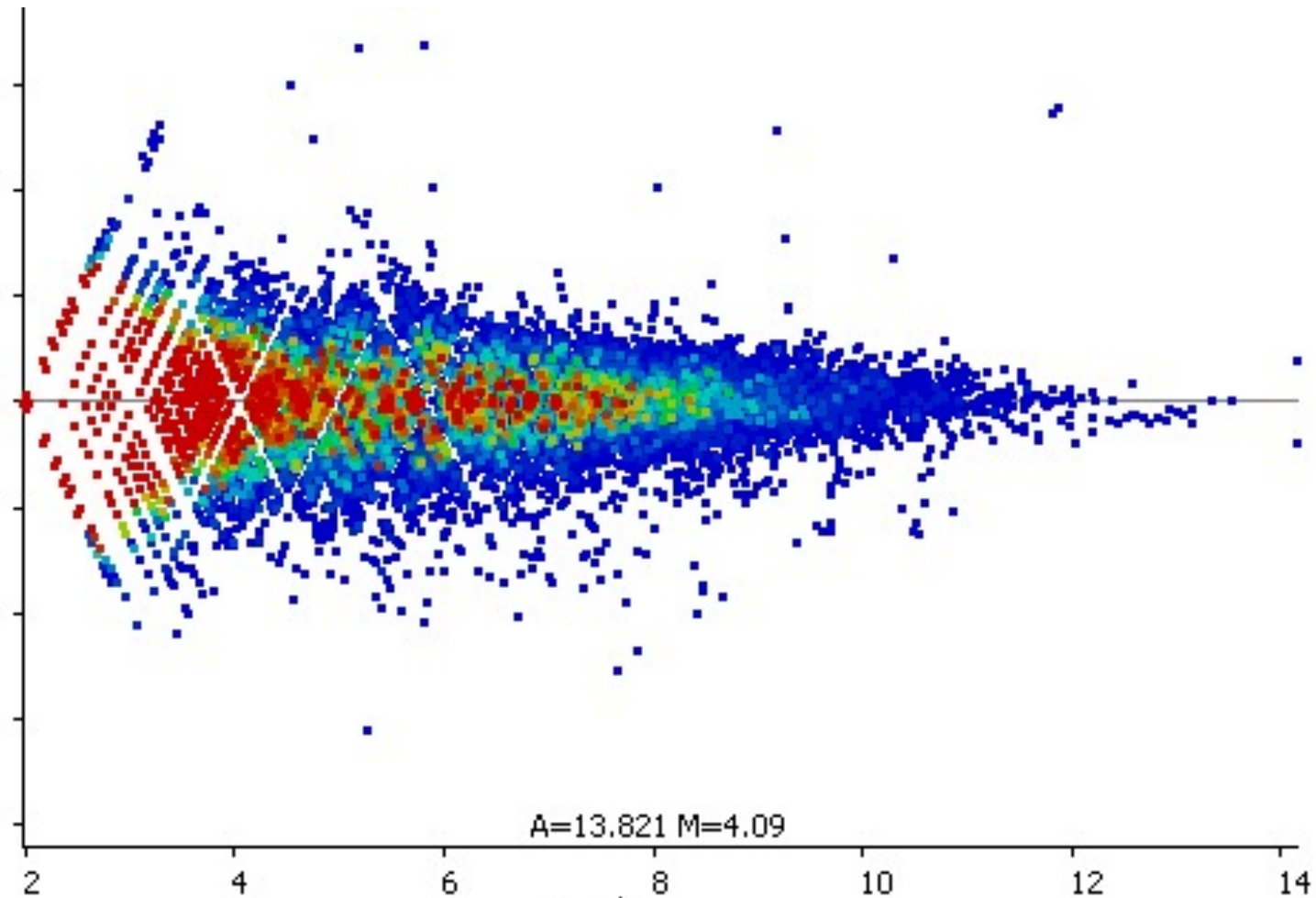


after normalization



MA plot: differential expression

$\text{Log}_2(\text{Sample1}/\text{Sample2})$

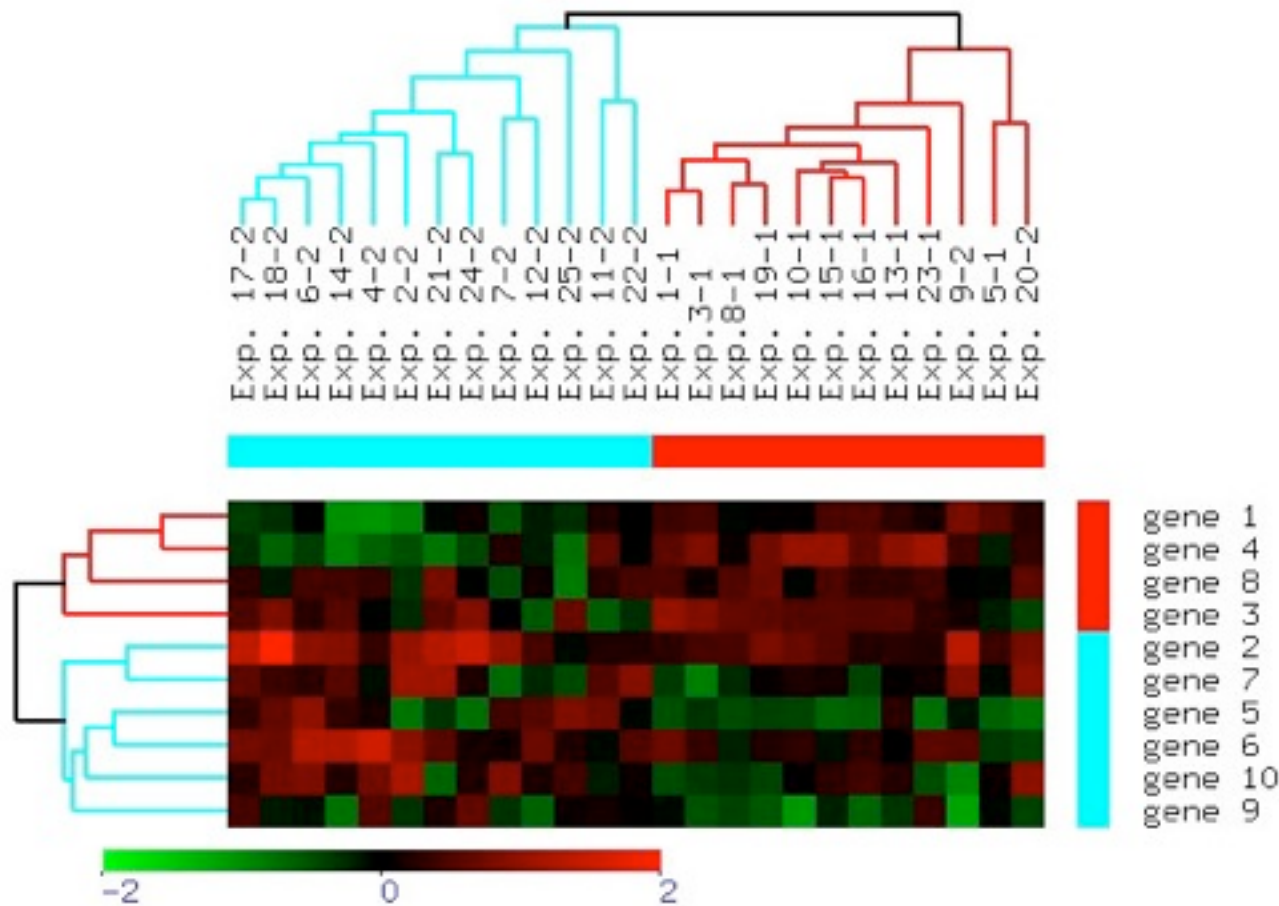


differential expression

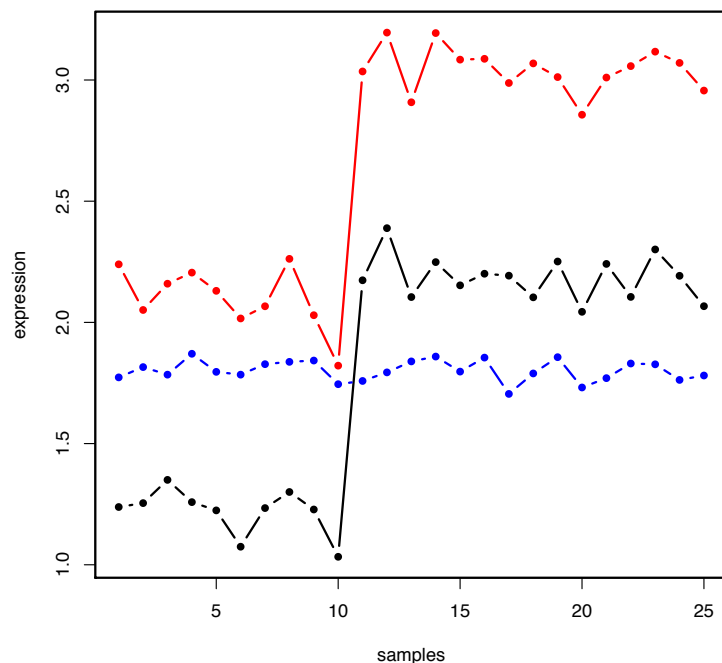
$\text{Log}_{10}(\text{Sample1} * \text{Sample2}) / 2$

absolute expression

Clustering



- Same algorithm as UPGMA
- Distance matrix is $1 - \text{cor}(\text{gene}_i, \text{gene}_j)$
- Update matrix with distance to average of two groups weighted by size
- Do the same for columns (rotate matrix)



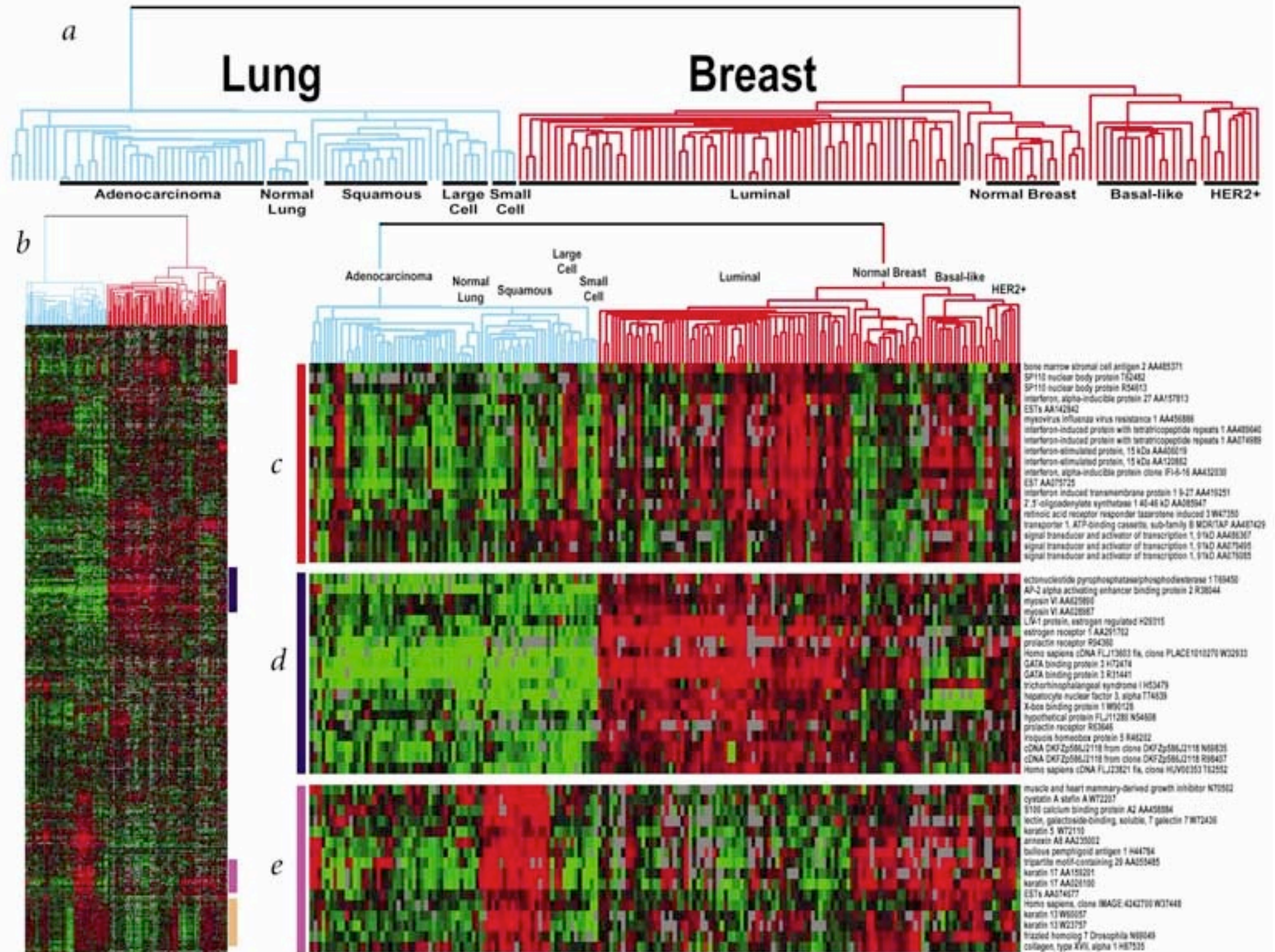
distance

| | 1 | 2 |
|---|-----|-----|
| 2 | 4.3 | |
| 3 | 2.4 | 4.9 |

correlation

| | 1 | 2 |
|---|-------|-------|
| 2 | 0.99 | |
| 3 | -0.06 | -0.03 |

Clustering



Clustering



- Similar expression patterns across many conditions probably imply a common set of regulators
- Looking for a shared set of functional annotations can help find the regulators

Linear models

| | treat+WT | treat+KO | no treat+WT | no treat+KO |
|---|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| g | M_{11} | M_{12} | M_{13} | M_{14} |

For each gene, make a linear relation between effect (expression) and factors (conditions)

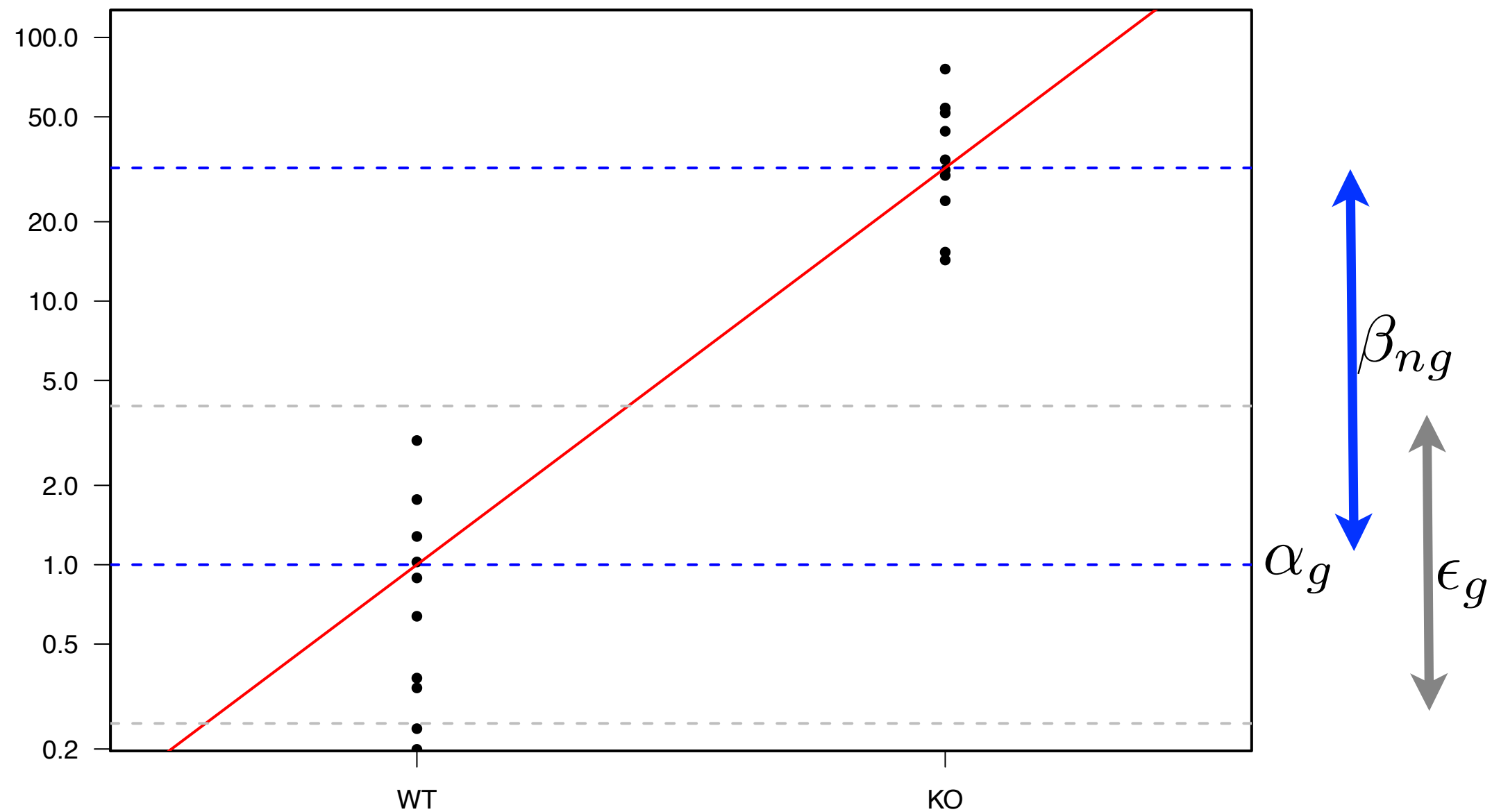
$$\log(M_{cg}) = \alpha_g + \sum_n I_{cn} \beta_{ng} + \epsilon_g ,$$

Design matrix:

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|-------|---|---|---|---|
| treat | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| KO | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Linear models

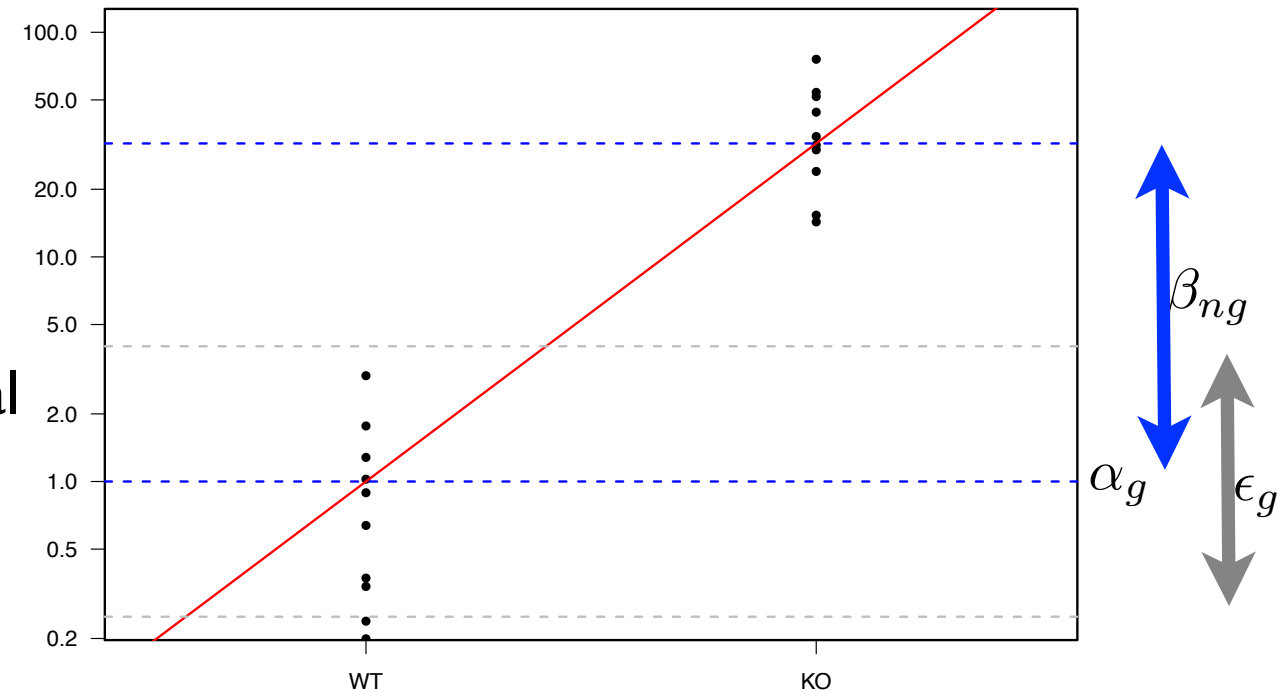
$$\log(M_{cg}) = \alpha_g + \sum_n I_{cn} \beta_{ng} + \epsilon_g$$



Hypothesis Testing

- “Null Hypothesis” H_0 :
 - average expression of g in WT and KO are equal
- Compute a “statistic”:

$$t(g) = \frac{\beta^2}{\epsilon_{WT}^2 + \epsilon_{KO}^2}$$



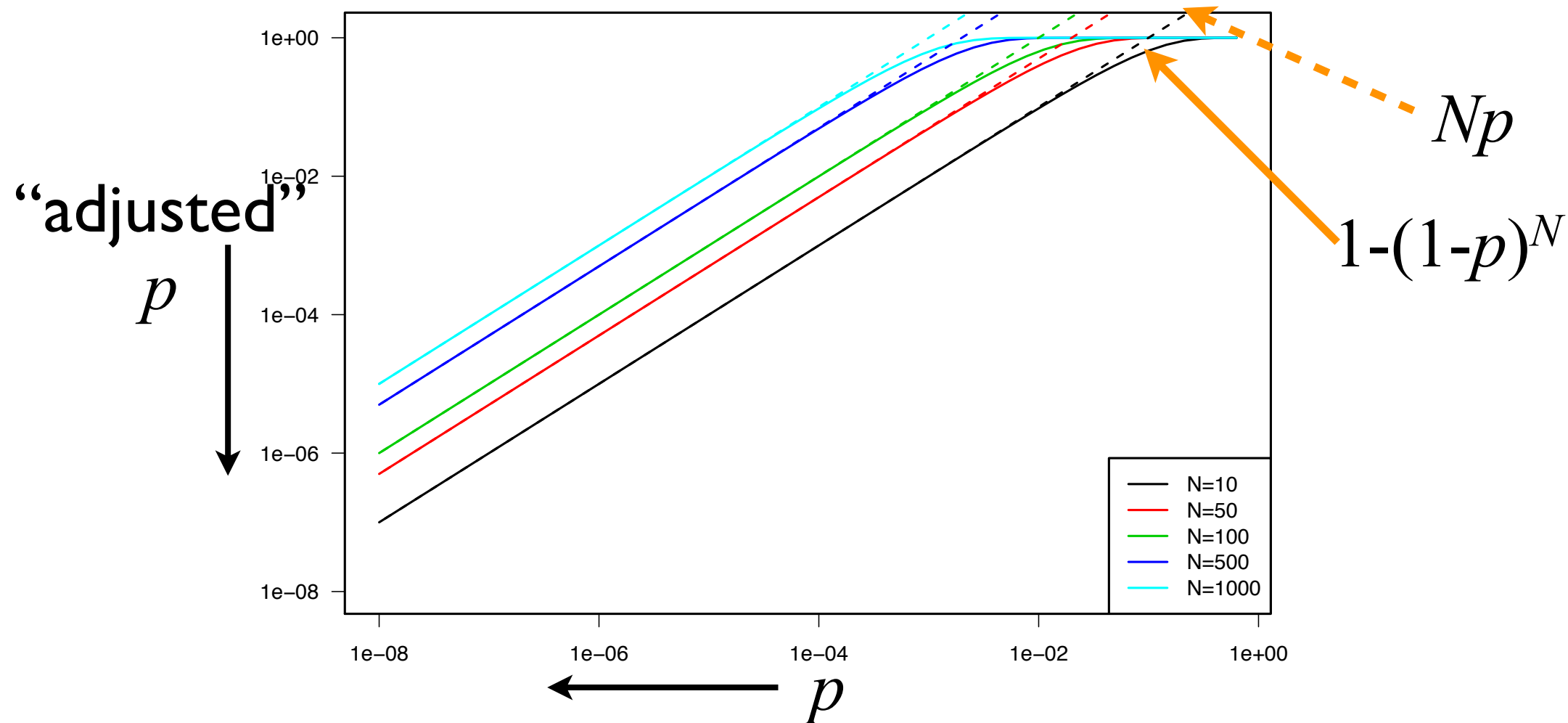
- Model the data (normal distribution), compute a “p-value”:
 - probability of observing a variation larger than $t(g)$ if H_0 AND the model are true

$$p(g) = \text{Prob}(t \geq t(g) | H_0)$$

Multiple testing

- 25'000 genes \Rightarrow 25'000 p-values. Suppose all tests are independent:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prob}(\exists n : t(g_n) \geq t | H_0) &= 1 - \text{Prob}(\forall n : t(g_n) < t | H_0) \\ &= 1 - (1 - \text{Prob}(t(g) \geq t | H_0))^N \end{aligned}$$



False Discovery Rate

- If we detect 200 differential genes out of 25'000, we may accept a small proportion of false positive
- False Discovery Rate (FDR): proportion of True H0 among set of 200
- Benjamini–Hochberg procedure: find largest k such that $P(g_k)/k < FDR/N$

