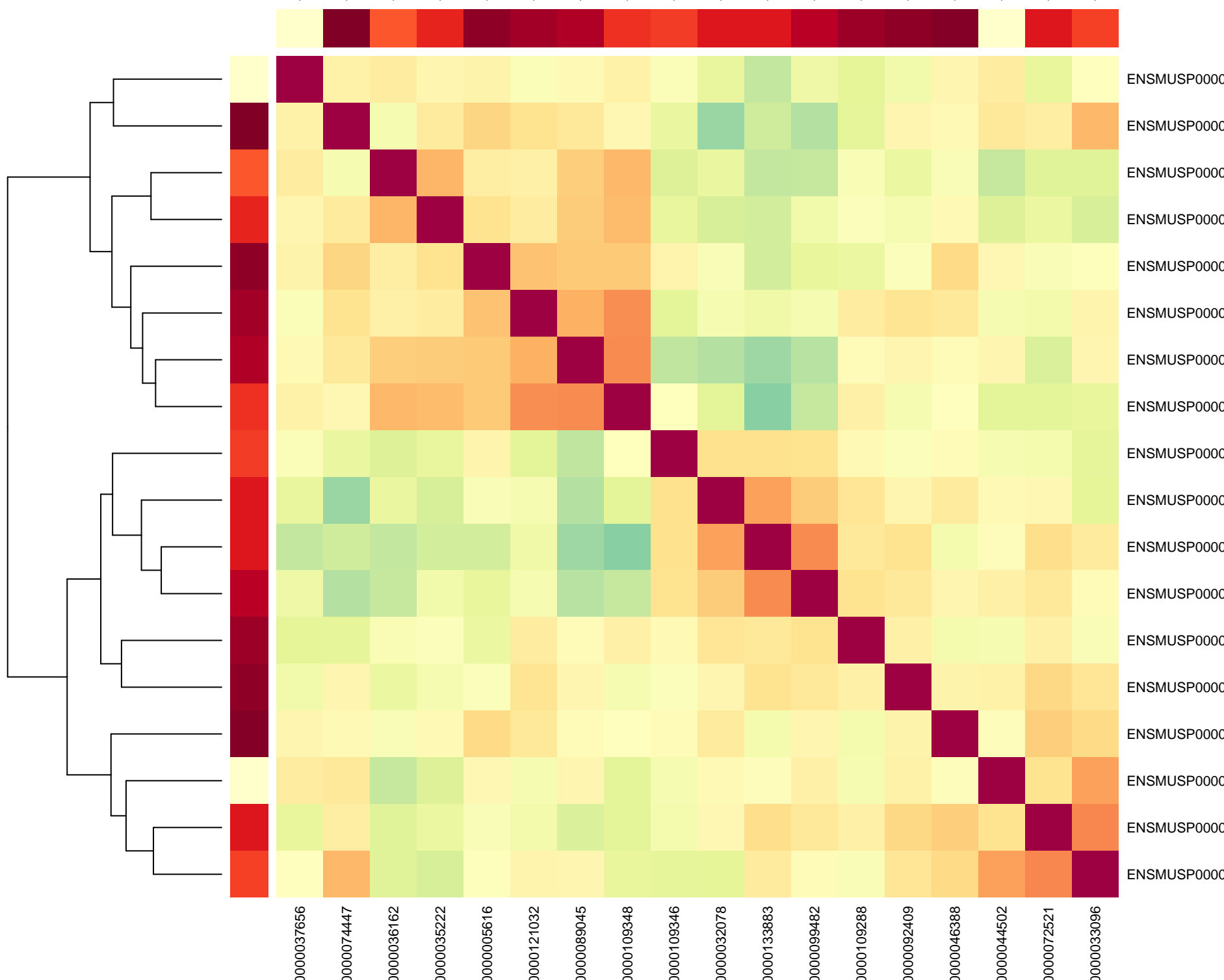


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The diagram illustrates the recursive splitting of an array into two halves. On the left, three overlapping rectangles of decreasing width and increasing height represent the splitting of the left half of the array. On the right, another three overlapping rectangles of decreasing width and increasing height represent the splitting of the right half of the array. The rectangles are arranged to show the recursive nature of the algorithm, where each half is further divided until single elements are reached.

