#### The Pros and Cons of siRNA Use in HCS

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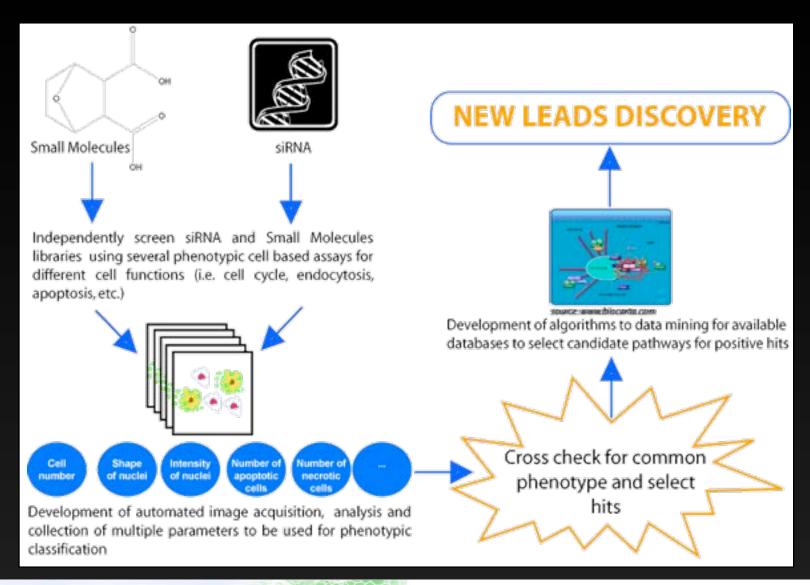
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#### Why RNAi in HCS



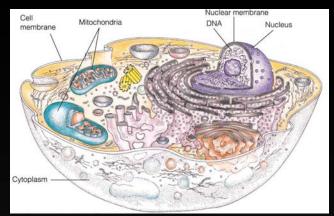


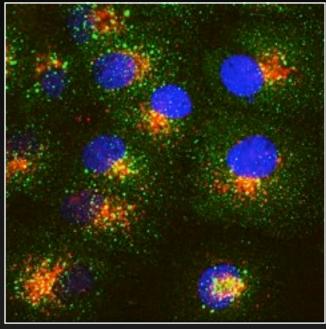


#### High Content: the cell as a test tube

#### Advantages in using cells as "test tube":

- Relevant physiological read-out
- Spatial Information: Proteins sub-cellular localization
- In situ "molecular biology" (Protein-Protein interactions)
- Toxicity data embedded in the system
- Bio-availability of compounds (membrane permeability, metabolic activity etc.)
- Multiparametric
- Multiplexing
  - Several markers simultaneous read-out
  - Several cell type
- Cell population study
  - Quantitative multi-parametric phenotypic changes measurements
- Single-cell and/or sub-cellular level study

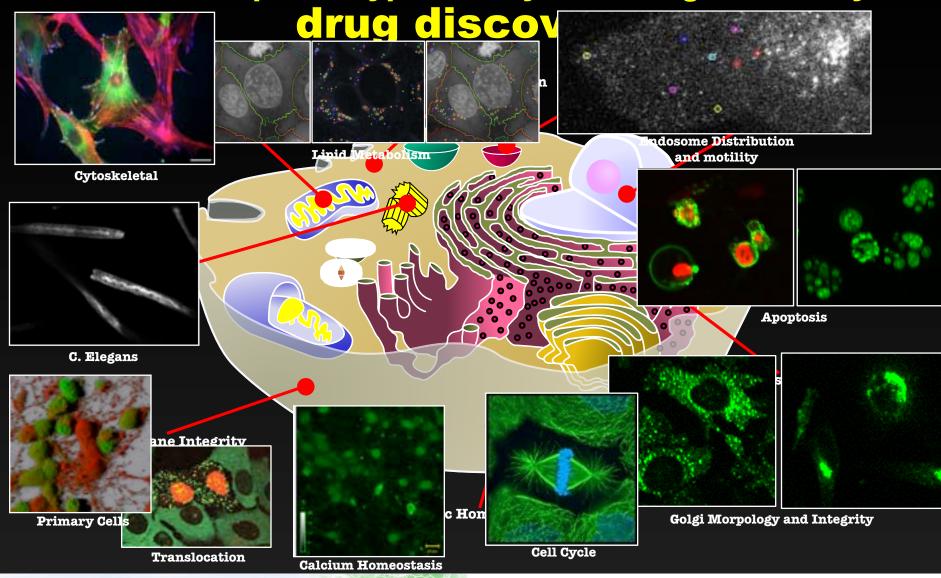








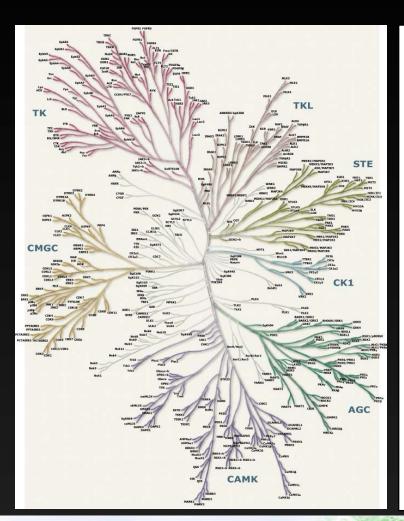
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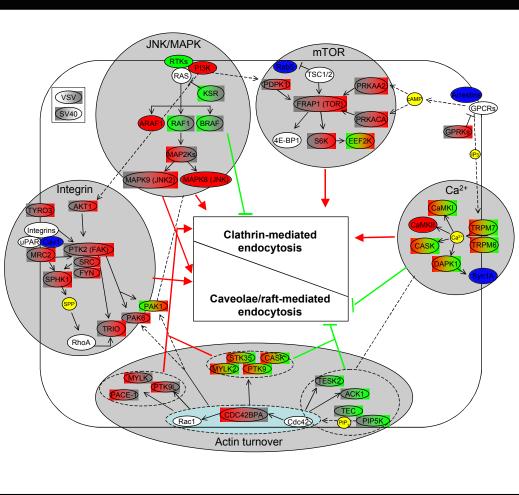






#### RNAi in HCS proof of Principle



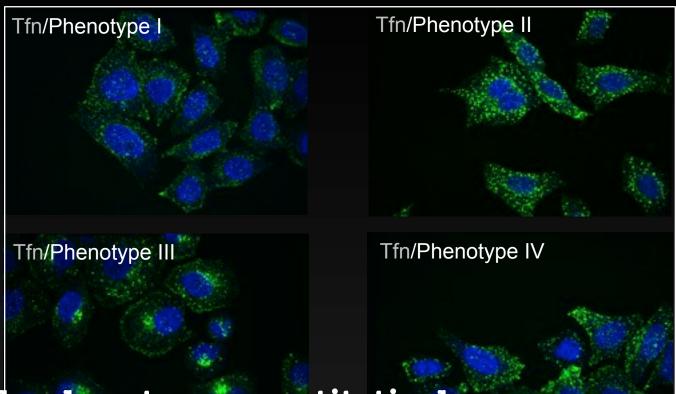




Pellkmans et al. Nature 2005



# Lesson I: We need non supervised Automated Image Analysis



- Describe phenotypes quantitatively
- Deduce endocytic system alterations from distribution
- Analyze dynamic process with end point assay





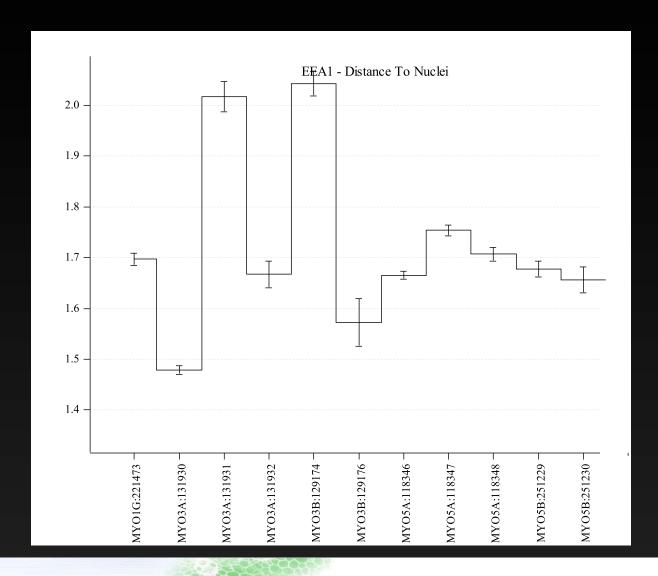
#### Lesson II: how to handle RNAi off target

siRNA 1 siRNA 2 siRNA 3





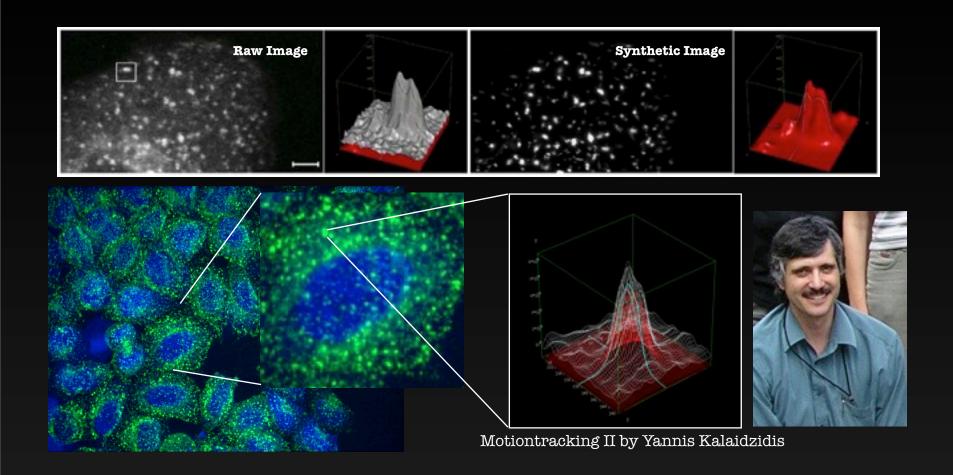
## Lesson III: single parameter analysis will not be sufficient to get out from the troubles







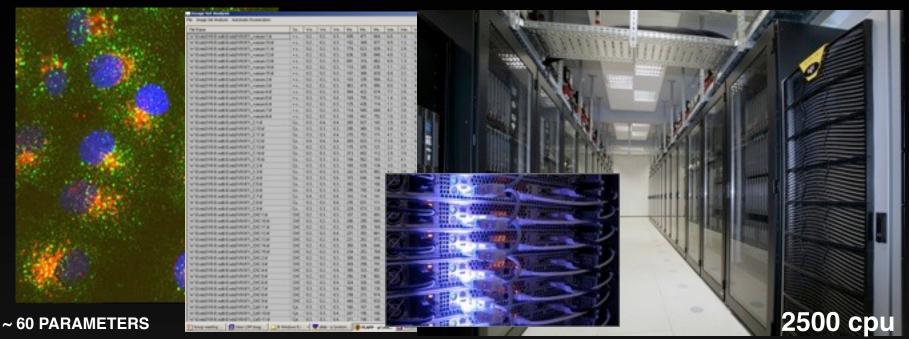
#### **Automated image Analysis:**







#### **Super Computing and Multi-parameter Analysis**



- Total fluorescence intensity → Total signal in the image
- Number of vesicles
- · Weighed mean size of vesicles
- Weighed mean intensity → Mean vesicle brightness
- Total integral vesicles intensity → Total signal associated with vesicles per image
- Mean integral intensity → Average total signal associated with vesicle per vesicle
- Peer to peer distance→ Endosome clustering, size of cluster
- Distance to the nucleus → Average vesicle distance

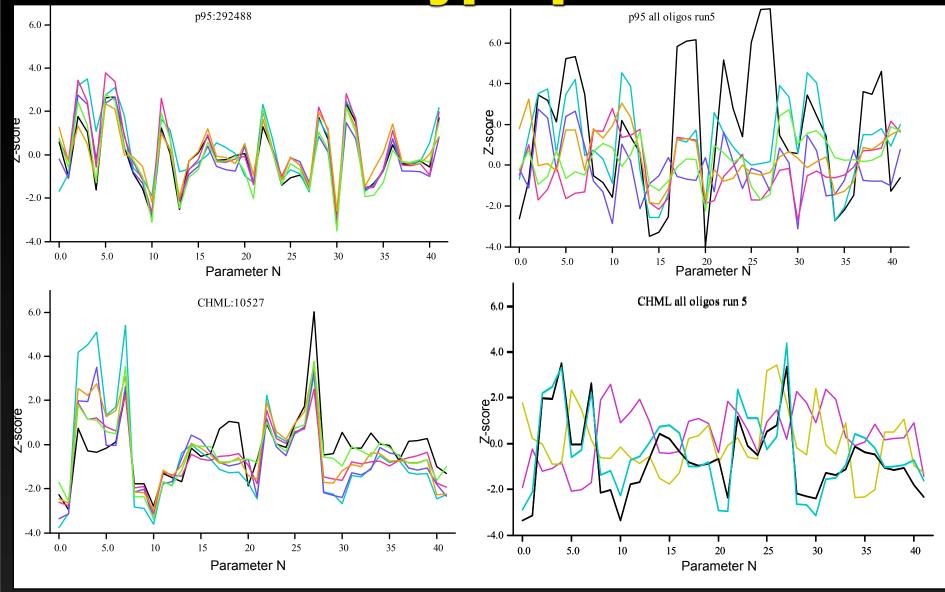


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### Phenotype profile

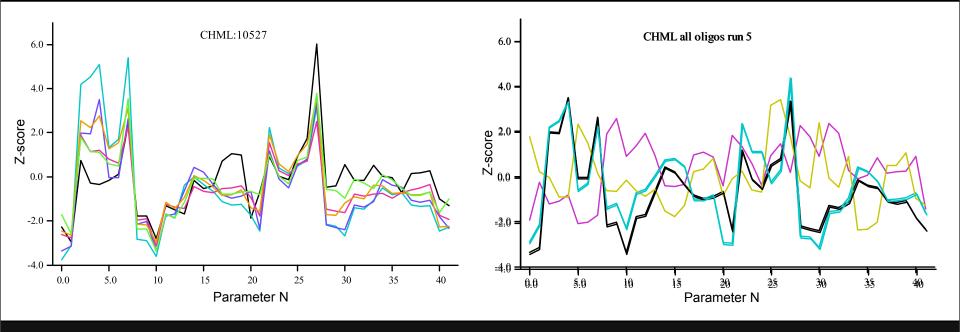






# Phenotype profile Same siRNA repeated 5 times 5 siRNA in or

5 siRNA in one experiment

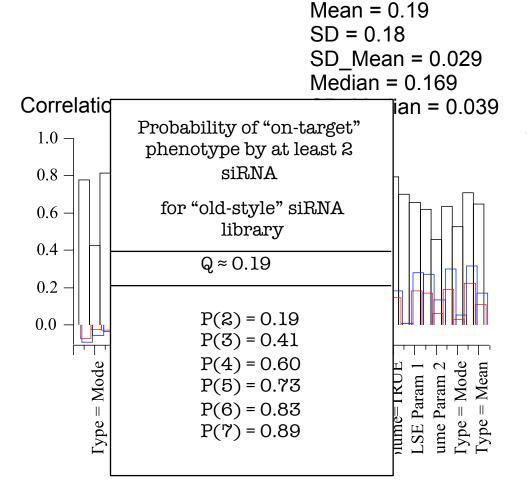








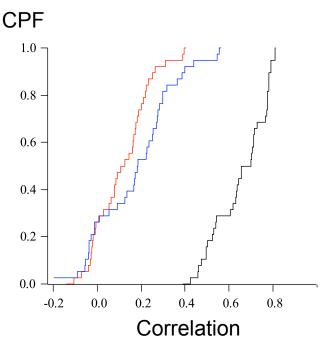
## Pearson Correlation Coefficients for siRNA Kinome library (1206 gens, 3343 non-lethal siRNA)



Correlation of Replicates

Correlation of siRNAs

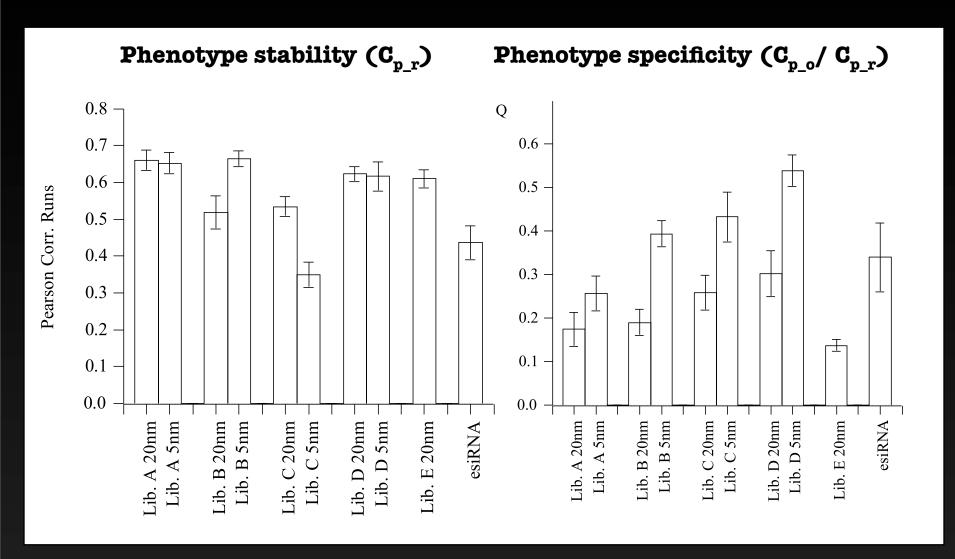
Ratio of Correlations







#### Library quality comparison

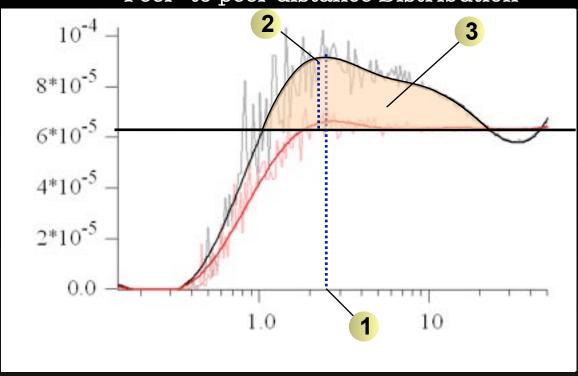






#### **Endosome Distribution Analysis**

Peer- to peer distance Distribution



- 1.: Peak position
- = Mean radius of clusters
- 3.: Integral
- = Proportional to clustered fraction
- 2.: Amplitude
- = Peak Density in cluster (n of endosomes)
- 4.: Mean Distance to Nucleus
- = subcellular position of Clusters



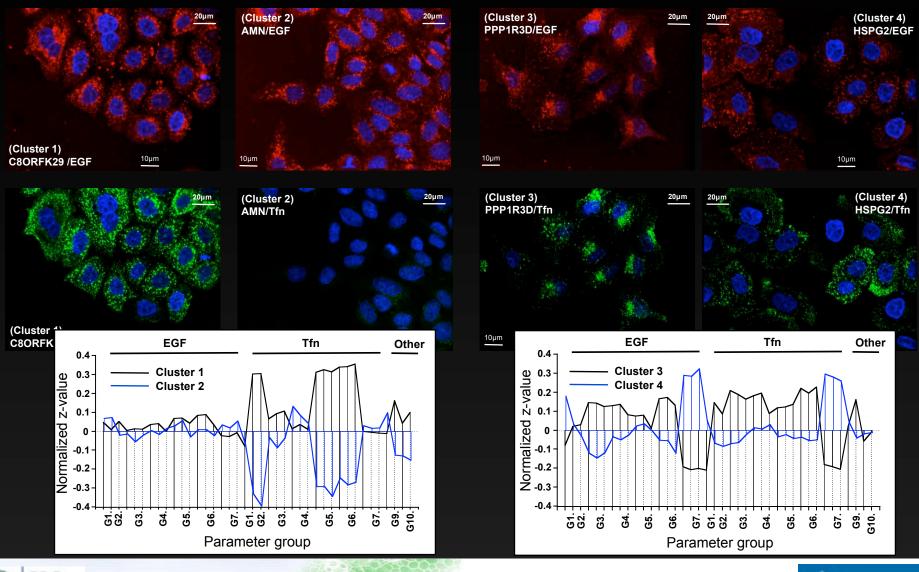


#### System Survey of Endocytosis by siRNA

- We performed a GWS on EGF and Tfr endocytosis
- We use 161.500 oligos
- We acquired and store
   2.4 Milions images
- We generate 18 TB of Data
- The calculation used
   3 milions of cpu hours

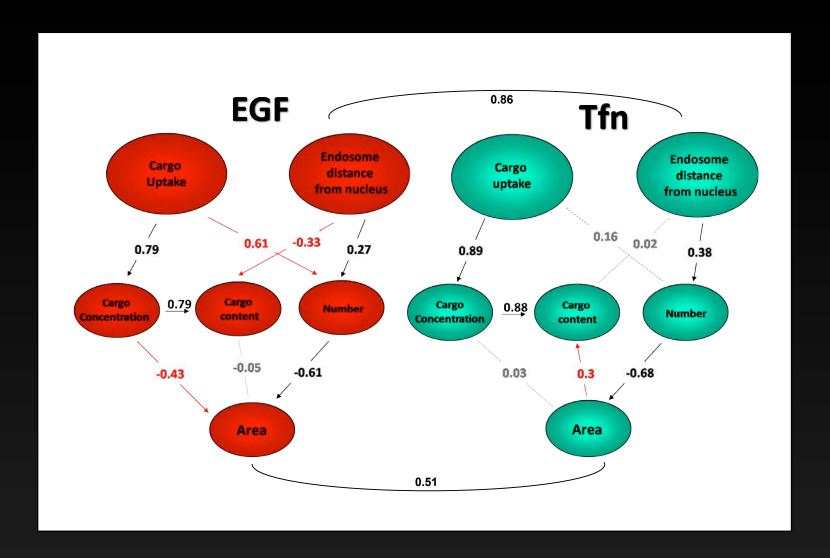
















| CG | Description  | Hits |
|----|--|------|
| 1  | Selective up-regulation of Tfn endocytosis   | 932  |
| 2  | Selective down-regulation of Tfn endocytosis   | 88   |
| 3  | Specific effect on subcellular localization: endosomes appear clustered in the cell centre                 | 801  |
| 4  | Specific effect on subcellular localization: endosomes appear dispersed in the cell periphery              | 260  |
| 5  | Opposite effects on EGF and Tfn endocytosis: EGF endocytosis is increased and Tfn endocytosis is decreased | 224  |
| 6  | Opposite effects on EGF and Tfn endocytosis: EGF endocytosis is decreased and Tfn endocytosis is increased | 143  |
| 7  | Effects on endocytosis of both markers: increased EGF and Tfn endocytosis                                  | 137  |
| 8  | Effects on endocytosis of both markers: decreased EGF and Tfn endocytosis                                  | 799  |
| 9  | Selective up-regulation of EGF endocytosis   | 178  |
| 10 | Selective down-regulation of EGF endocytosis   | 324  |
| 11 | Selective up-regulation of EGF endocytosis with accumulation of endosomes in cell centre                   | 271  |
| 12 | Reduced Tfn endocytosis with endosomes accumulated in the cell centre                                      | 204  |
| 13 | Selective increase in EGF endosomes number and elongation  | 38   |
| 14 | Increase in elongation of Tfn endosomes with mild increase of Tfn endocytosis                              | 37   |



