

# Clustering and displaying microarray data

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# Why?

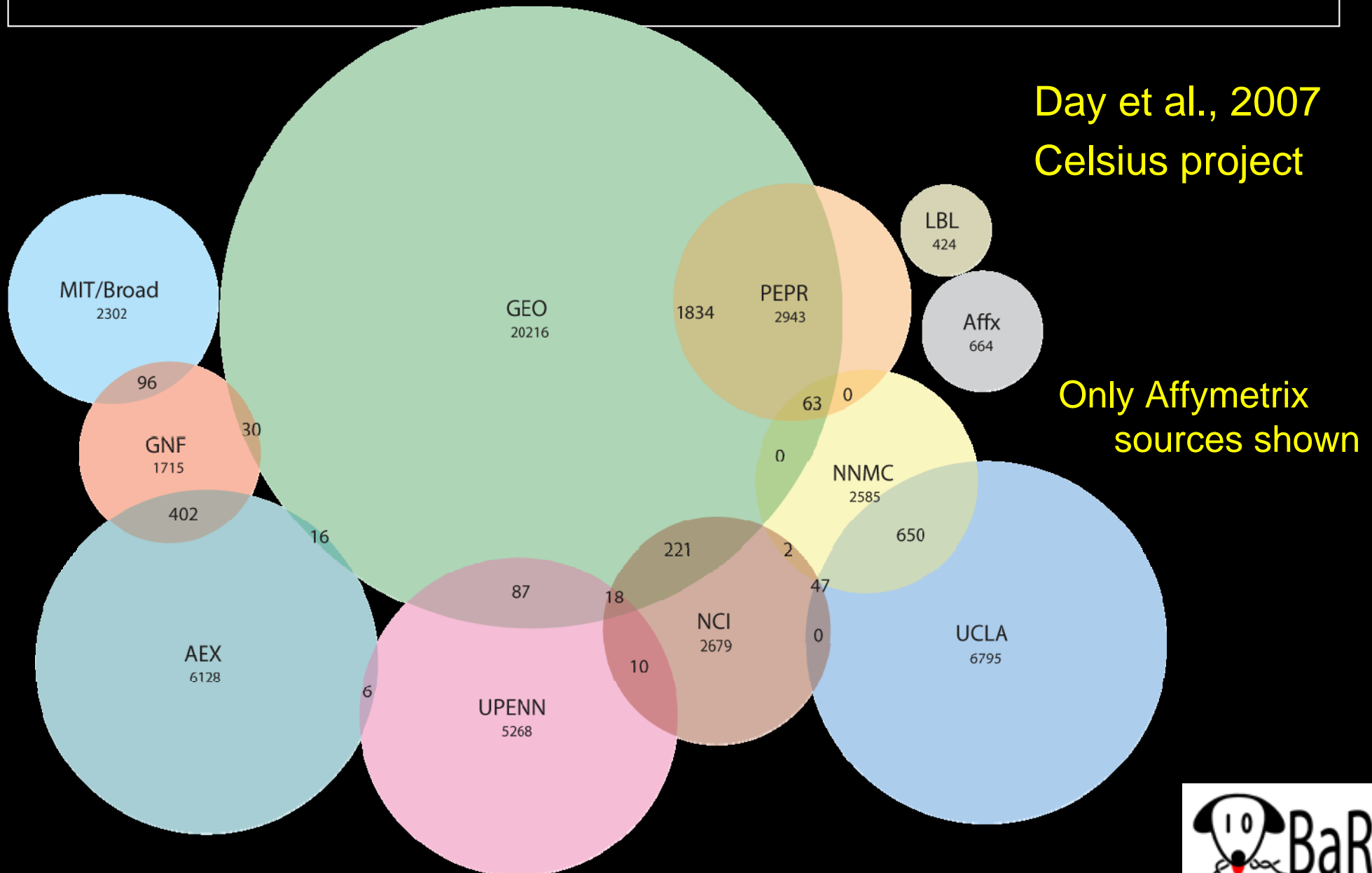
- Explore a large amount of expression or other data
- Get experiment-wide look at interesting subset of data
- Visually identify patterns for further analysis
- Order genes and/or experiments in a sensible way
- Split genes and/or experiments into a predefined number of groups

# Why not?

- Clustering is not a substitute for rigorous statistics
- Clustering cannot identify
  - differentially expressed genes
  - profiles that are correlated with a reference profile
- Any data – even noise – can be clustered
- Clustering is not an essential step for most analyses

# Where to get the data?

Day et al., 2007  
Celsius project



# Types of data

- Single-color arrays (mainly Affymetrix)
  - Data reported as expression values
  - Raw values or log<sub>2</sub>-transformed values (RMA; GCRMA)
- Two-color arrays
  - Data reported as expression ratios
  - Raw ratios or log<sub>2</sub>-transformed ratios

# Clustering with Cluster 3.0

- Based on original clustering program by Michael Eisen
- Code updated by Michiel de Hoon
- Runs on Windows, Mac, and Linux
- Free from  
<http://bonsai.ims.u-tokyo.ac.jp/~mdehoon/software/cluster/software.htm>
- Hierarchical, k-means, SOMs
- Other option for large datasets:
  - XCluster, a command-line tool by Gavin Sherlock

# Getting Cluster 3.0

Open source Clustering software - Mozilla Firefox

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**CLUSTER 3.0**  
(FOR WIN, MAC AND LINUX)

Cluster 3.0 is an enhanced version of Cluster, which was originally developed by [Michael Eisen](#) while at [Stanford University](#). Cluster 3.0 was built for the Microsoft Windows platform, and later ported to Mac OS X (Cocoa build for Mac OS X v10.0 or later) and to Linux/Unix using Motif. In addition to the GUI program, Cluster 3.0 can also be run as a [command line program](#). For more information, please consult the [online manual](#).

**Installation:**

For [Microsoft Windows](#) and [Mac OS X](#), use the appropriate installer. The Cluster 3.0 executables `cluster.com` (on Windows) or `cluster` (on Mac OS X) can be used both as a GUI program and as a command line program.

For Cluster 3.0 on Linux/Unix, you will need the Motif libraries, which are already installed on many Linux/Unix computers. You will need a version compliant with Motif 2.1, such as [OpenMotif](#). Cluster 3.0 can then be installed by typing

```
./configure  
make  
make install
```

The resulting executable `cluster` can be run as a GUI program and as a command line program. For the latter, you will need to use the appropriate [command line options](#). If you are not interested in the GUI, and you want to run Cluster 3.0 as a command line program only, you can install a command-line only version of Cluster by typing

```
./configure --without-x  
make  
make install
```

If you install Cluster 3.0 as a command-line only program you do not need the Motif libraries.

**Download** (last update March 8, 2008; C Clustering Library version 1.38):

- [Installer for Microsoft Windows;](#)
- [Installer for Mac OS X \(Universal binary for PowerPC and Intel processors\)](#) (you may need to remove `/Library/Receipts/Cluster.pkg` if you have an older version of Cluster 3.0 installed);
- [Linux/Unix source code;](#)
- [manual in PDF format.](#)

Gene Cluster 3.0

File Help

File loaded

Job name

Data set has

Rows

Columns

Filter Data | Adjust Data | Hierarchical | k-Means | SOMs | PCA

Genes

Cluster

Calculate weights

Similarity Metric

Correlation (uncentered)

Arrays

Cluster

Calculate weights

Similarity Metric

Correlation (uncentered)

Clustering method

Centroid linkage | Single linkage | Complete linkage | Average linkage

# Cluster data import

- Minimal matrix (text, not Excel format)

Probe	Amygdala	Heart	Kidney	Liver	Lung
1000_at	0.85	0.19	-0.92	-0.32	-0.27
1009_at	0.02	0.44	0.32	0.53	-0.80
1014_at	-0.25	0.17	-5.83	-5.83	0.93
1030_s_at	-0.25		0.13	-2.09	0.21
1031_at	-0.35	-0.19	-0.22	-5.00	

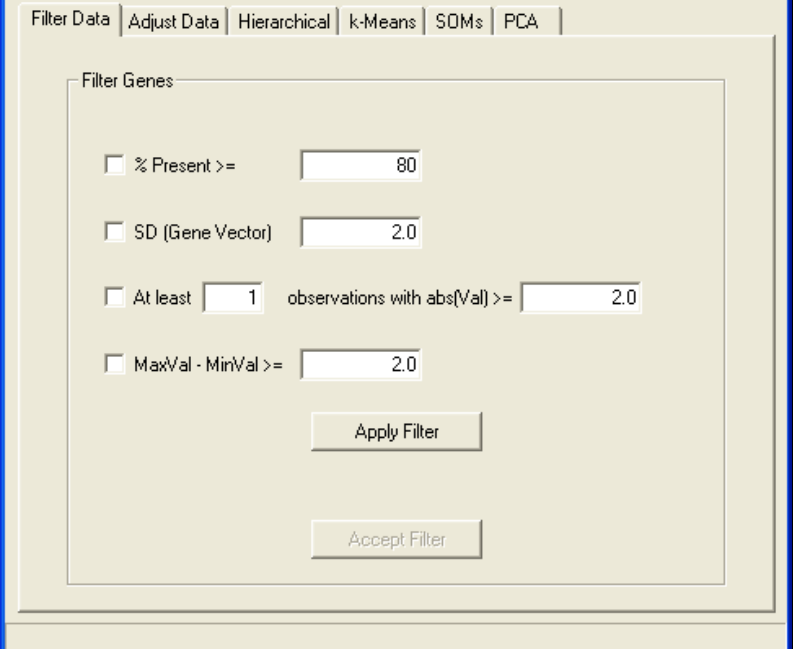
- Matrix with annotation and cluster weights

GeneID	NAME	GWEIGHT	Amygdala	Heart	Kidney	Liver	Lung
EWEIGHT			0	0	1	1	1
1000_at	MAPK3	1	0.85	0.19	-0.92	-0.32	-0.27
1009_at	HINT1	1	0.02	0.44	0.32	0.53	-0.80
1014_at	POLG	1	-0.25	0.17	-5.83	-5.83	0.93
1030_s_at	TOP1	0	-0.25		0.13	-2.09	0.21
1031_at	SRPK1	0	-0.35	-0.19	-0.22	-5.00	



# Data filtering

- Why filter?
  - Noise (unexpressed or uninteresting genes) can hide signal
  - A complete dataset is too much to visually process
- What are you looking for?
  - Differentially expressed genes
  - Most variable genes
  - Most interesting profile (expression pattern)
- Select list of genes of interest
- Select set of genes with GO annotation of interest
- Do in spreadsheet or Cluster (“Filter Data” tab)



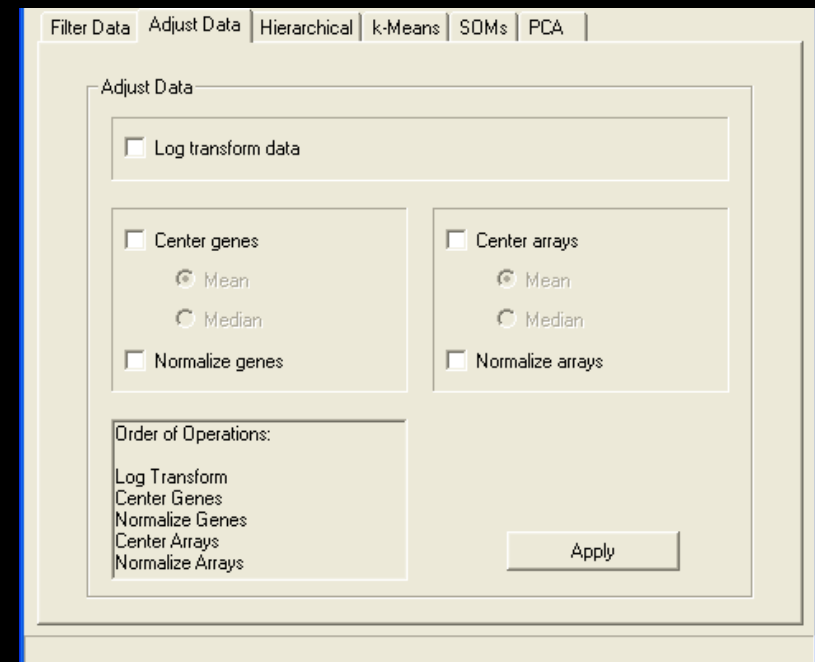
The screenshot shows a software interface with a 'Filter Data' tab selected. Below the tab are several other options: 'Adjust Data', 'Hierarchical', 'k-Means', 'SOMs', and 'PCA'. The main area is titled 'Filter Genes' and contains the following settings:

- % Present >=
- SD (Gene Vector)
- At least  observations with abs(Val) >=
- MaxVal - MinVal >=

At the bottom of the dialog are two buttons: 'Apply Filter' and 'Accept Filter'.

# Transforming data

- Do in spreadsheet or Cluster (“Adjust Data” tab)
- Common methods
  - Log-transformation
  - Converting values into ratios
  - Centering:
    - value – mean (row or column)
    - value – median (row or column)
  - Many normalization methods (from elsewhere)

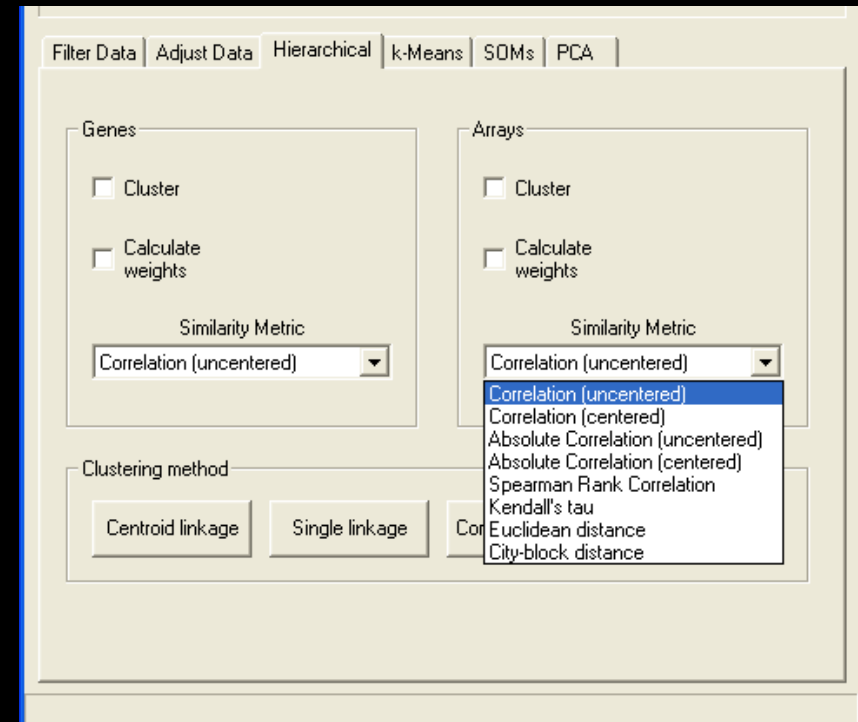


# Clustering goals and caveats

- Potential goal: organize a set of data to show relationships between data elements
- With microarray analysis: genes and/or chips
- Most data does not inherently exist in clusters
- Most effective with optimal quantity of data
- Interpretation of data in obvious clusters: is it filtered?
- Clustering vs segmenting

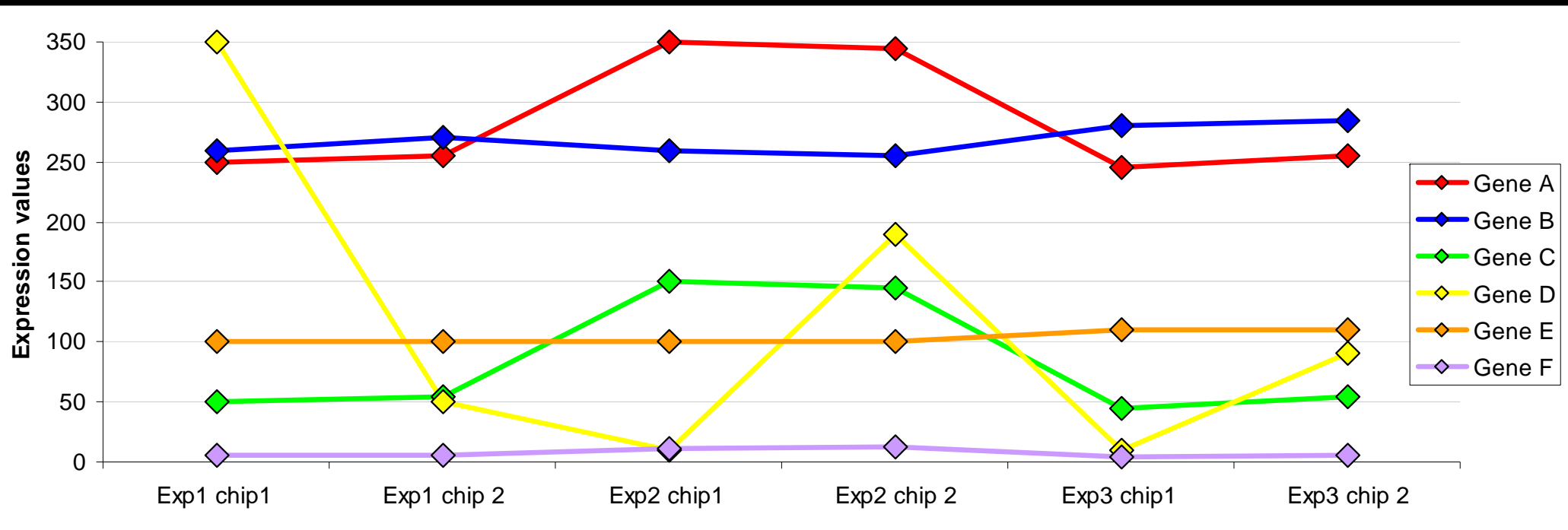
# Hierarchical clustering

- Agglomerative, unsupervised analysis
- Steps
  1. Create an all vs. all distance matrix
  2. Fuse closest objects
  3. Compare fused object to all others
  4. Repeat steps 2-3 until one inclusive cluster is created
- Can be performed on genes and/or arrays
- Efficiency =  $O(n^2m)$
- Need to select:
  - Similarity Metric
  - Clustering method



# Measuring similarity between profiles

- Similarity (distance) metric is an important choice when comparing genes and/or experiments
- What are you trying to group?



# Common similarity metrics

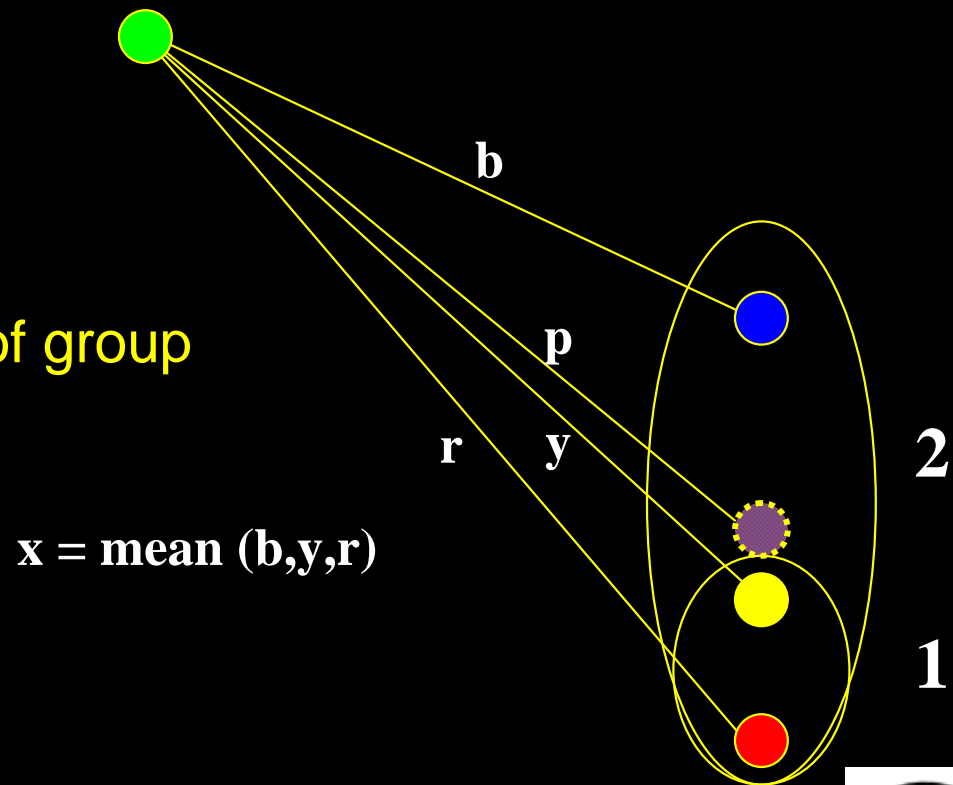
- **Pearson correlation**
  - Measures the difference in the shape of two curves
  - modifications:
    - uncentered correlation: for offset profiles, coefficient  $< 1$
    - absolute correlation: opposite profiles cluster together
- **Euclidean distance: multidimensional Pythagorean Theorem**
  - Measures the distance between two curves
- **Nonparametric or Rank Correlation**
  - Similar to the Pearson correlation but data values are replaced with their ranks
  - Ex: Spearman Rank, Kendall's Tau
  - Good idea if distribution of data is not normal
  - More robust (against outliers) than other methods

# Clustering methods

How can groups of objects be represented?

How is distance measured to a cluster of objects?

- Single linkage ( $b$ )
  - minimum distance
- Complete linkage ( $r$ )
  - maximum distance
- Centroid linkage ( $p$ )
  - distance to “centroid” of group
- Average linkage ( $x$ )
  - average distance



Weighting?

- GWEIGHT, EWEIGHT

# Cluster data output

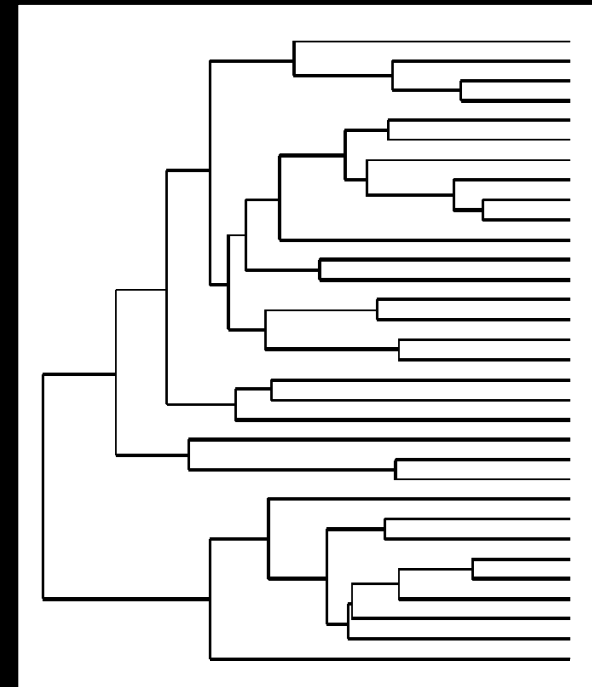
- For hierarchical clustering by genes and arrays, 3 output files are created:
  - .cdt (“clustered data table”)
  - .gtr (“gene tree”)
  - .atr (“array tree”)
- All are tab-delimited text and can be opened as a spreadsheet
- Create your own ‘cdt’ file and bypass Cluster 3.0:
  - Tab-delimited text
  - First 2 columns are gene identifiers

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# Representation of clustered data

- Hierarchical clustering produces a dendrogram(s) showing relationships between objects
- Order of leaves:  $2^{N-1}$  choices
- How can objects be partitioned into groups?
  - k-means clustering
  - self-organizing maps
  - How many clusters (k)?
- Are the data really hierarchical?
- Original distance matrix may be informative



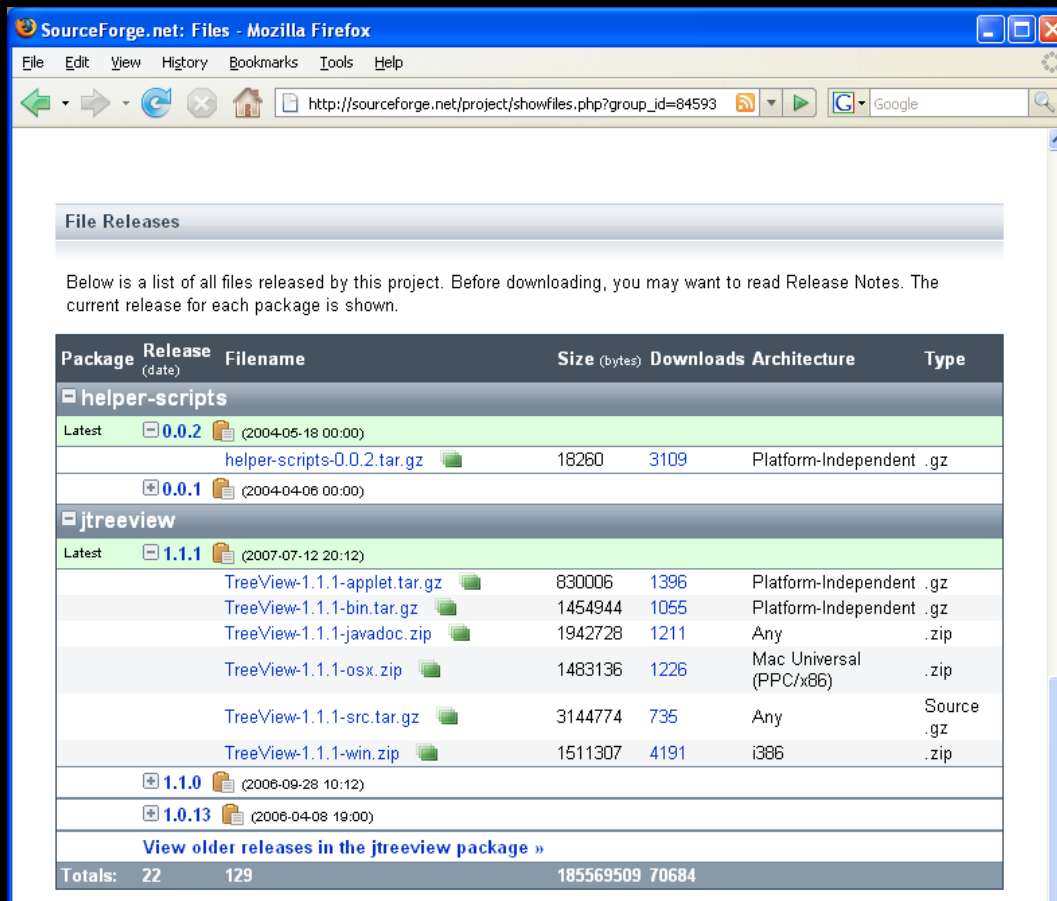
# Visualizing clustered data with Java TreeView

- Based on original clustering program by Michael Eisen
- Code updated by Alok Saldanha
- Runs on Windows, Mac, and Linux
- Free from

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# Getting Java TreeView

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SourceForge.net: Files - Mozilla Firefox

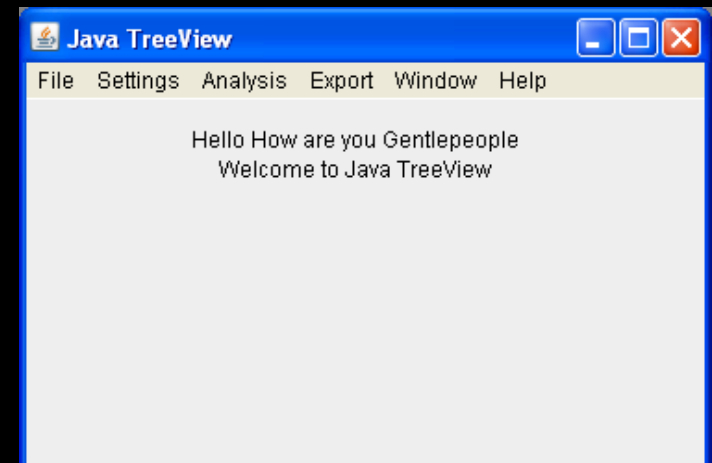
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File Releases

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<b>helper-scripts</b>						
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	0.0.1	(2004-04-06 00:00)				
<b>jtreeview</b>						
Latest	1.1.1	(2007-07-12 20:12)				
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		TreeView-1.1.1-src.tar.gz	3144774	735	Any	Source .gz
		TreeView-1.1.1-win.zip	1511307	4191	i386	.zip
	1.1.0	(2006-09-28 10:12)				
	1.0.13	(2006-04-08 19:00)				
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Java TreeView

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Hello How are you Gentlepeople  
Welcome to Java TreeView

# Java TreeView main view



# Java TreeView: settings

The screenshot displays the Java TreeView application window. The title bar reads "Java TreeView : C:\George\BaRC\_Group\Hot\_topics\Clustering\Su\_ratios.cdt". The menu bar includes "File", "Settings", "Analysis", "Export", "Window", and "Help". The "Settings" menu is open, showing options: "Pixel Settings...", "Url Settings...", "Font Settings...", "Annotations...", and "Presets".

The main window contains a dendrogram on the left and a heatmap on the right. A yellow rectangle highlights a specific region in the heatmap. A "Pixel Settings" dialog box is overlaid on the heatmap, with the following settings:

- Global:**
  - X:  Fixed Scale 5.0,  Fill
  - Y:  Fixed Scale 2.0,  Fill
- Zoom:**
  - X:  Fixed Scale 12.0,  Fill
  - Y:  Fixed Scale 12.0,  Fill
- Contrast:** Value: 3.0
- Colors:**
  - Positive (Red)
  - Zero (Black)
  - Negative (Green)
  - Missing (Grey)
  - Buttons: Load..., Save..., Make Preset
  - Buttons: RedGreen, YellowBlue

The dialog box also features a "Close" button at the bottom.

# Java TreeView: exporting images

The screenshot shows the Java TreeView application window titled "Java TreeView : C:\George\BaRC\_Group\Hot\_topics\Clustering\Su\_ratios.cdt". The menu bar includes File, Settings, Analysis, Export, Window, and Help. The main interface is divided into several panes:

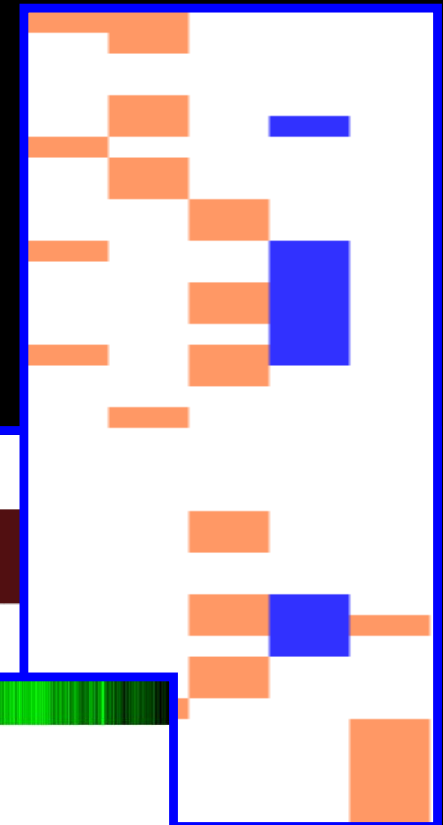
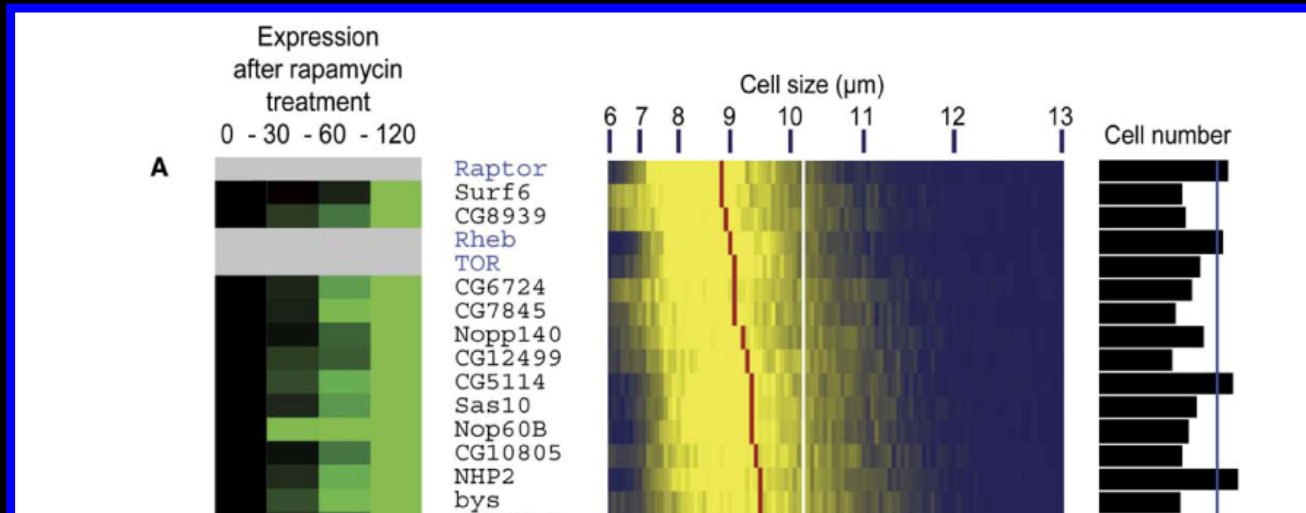
- Dendrogram**: A hierarchical tree structure on the left side.
- View Status**: A text box on the left with the instruction "Select Node to view annotation."
- Heatmap**: A large central area displaying a color-coded data matrix (green, red, black) with a yellow rectangular selection box.
- Usage Hints**: A text box on the right stating "Click to select node" and "- use arrow keys to navigate tree".

An "Export to Image" dialog box is open in the foreground, containing the following options and fields:

- Gene Headers**: A list with "NAME" selected.
- Array Headers**: A list with "AID" selected.
- Include**:
  - Selection Only
  - Gene Tree
  - Array Tree
  - Data Matrix
- Preview**: A section with a "Check Box to Display Preview" and a "Draw Preview" checkbox.
- Scale and Border**:
  - x scale: 12.0
  - y scale: 12.0
  - Border: 0.0
- Use apple key to select multiple headers**: A label above the "Below Tree?" checkbox.
- Below Tree?**:
- Total Size**: 648.0 x 4361.0 (pixels)
- Export To**: C:\George\BaRC\_Group\Hot\_topics\Clustering\Su\_ratios.png
- Image Format**: png
- Append Extension?

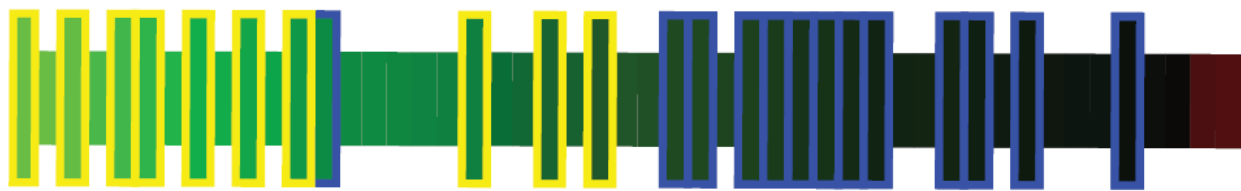
Buttons for "Save", "Cancel", and "Browse" are visible at the bottom of the dialog.

# Displaying other types of data



DTF

SFT



$\log_2$  expression ratio

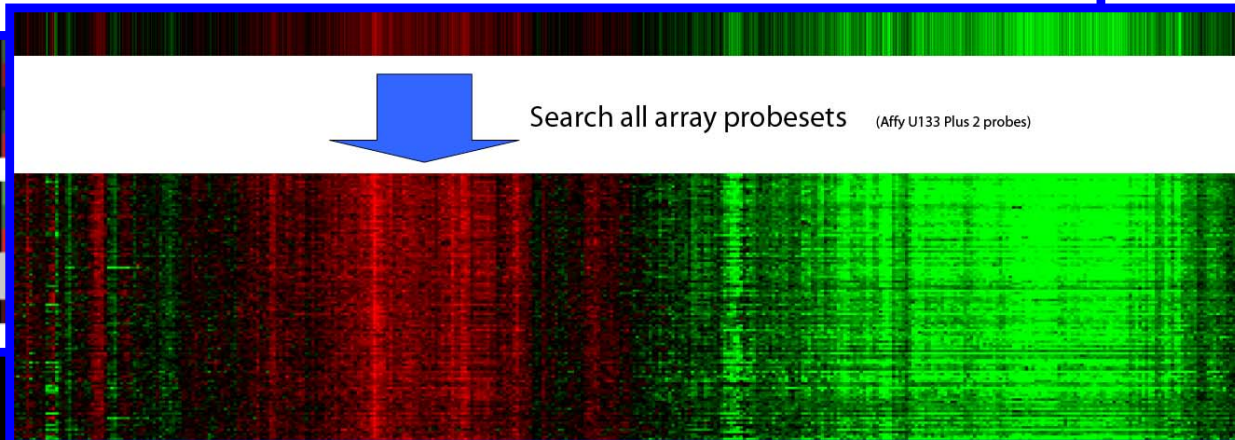
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Search all array probesets (Affy U133 Plus 2 probes)



Demo ?