

# Machine learning for patient stratification from genomic information

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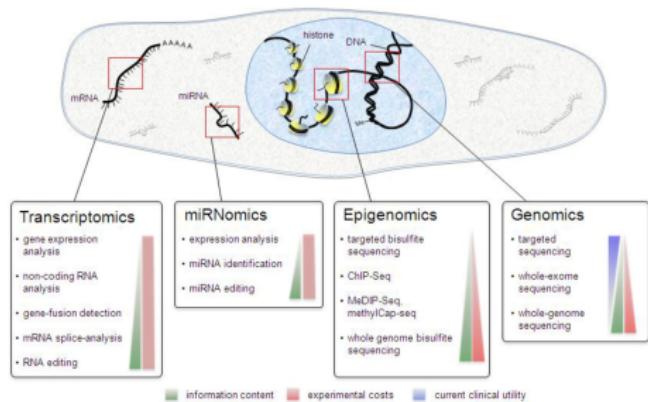
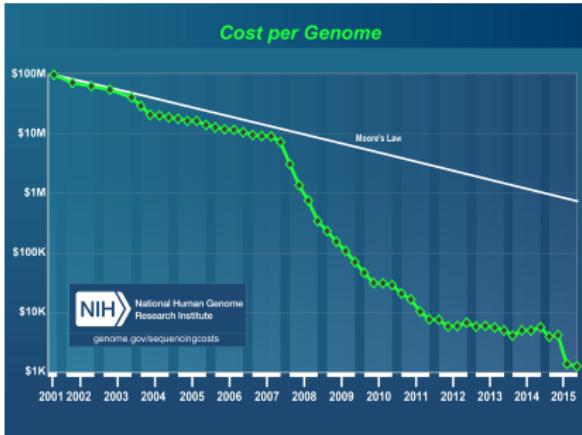
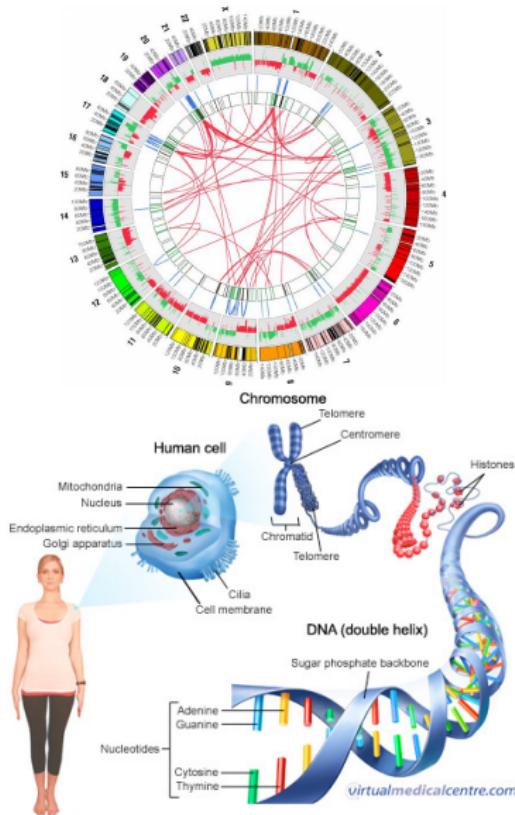
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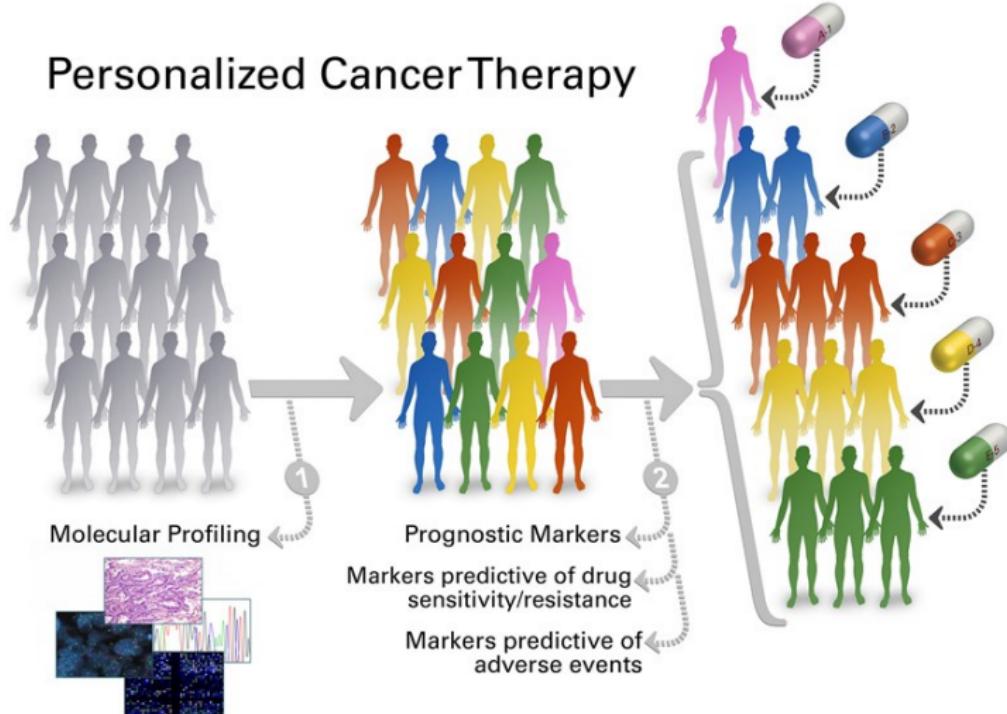


# Molecular data



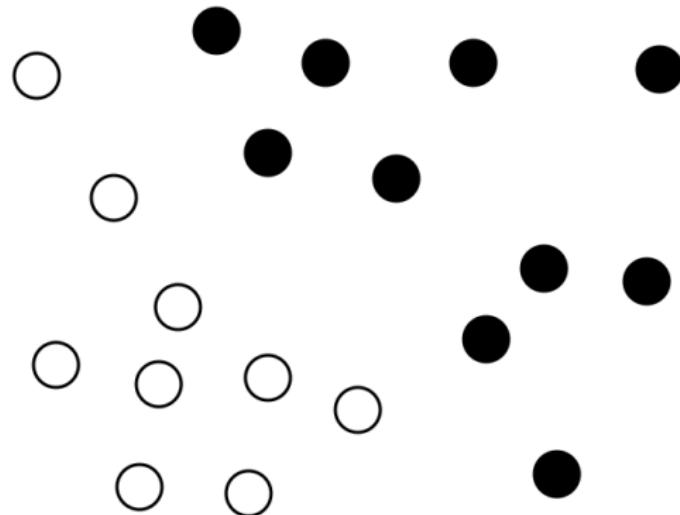
# Opportunity

## Personalized Cancer Therapy



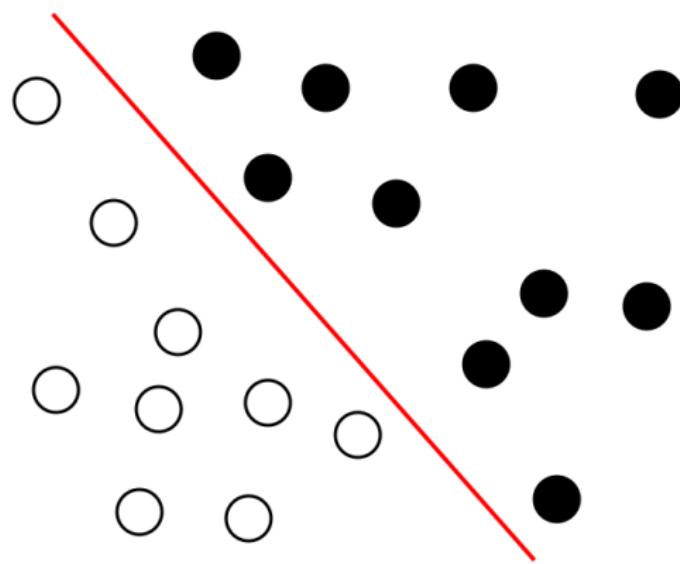
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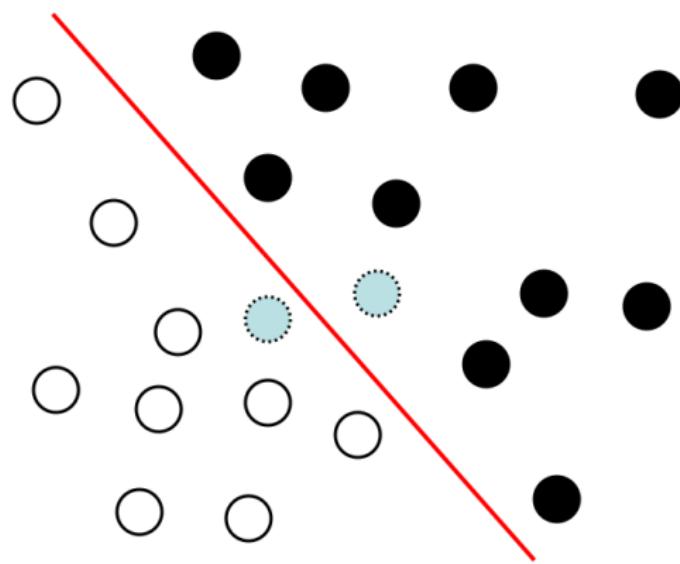
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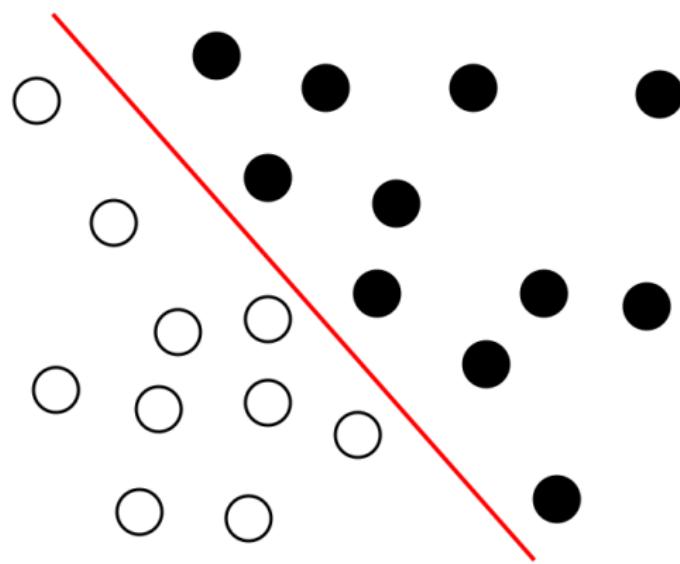
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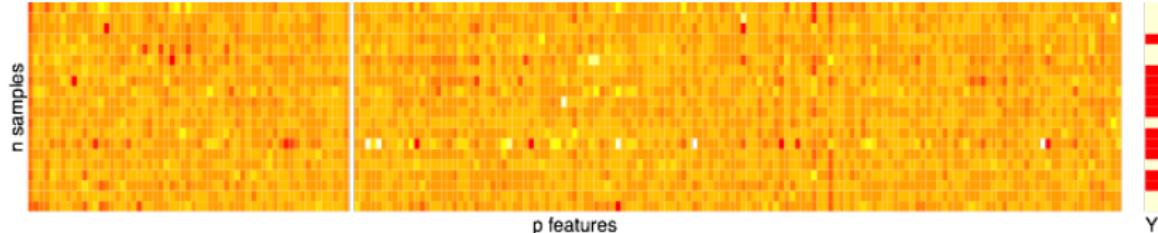
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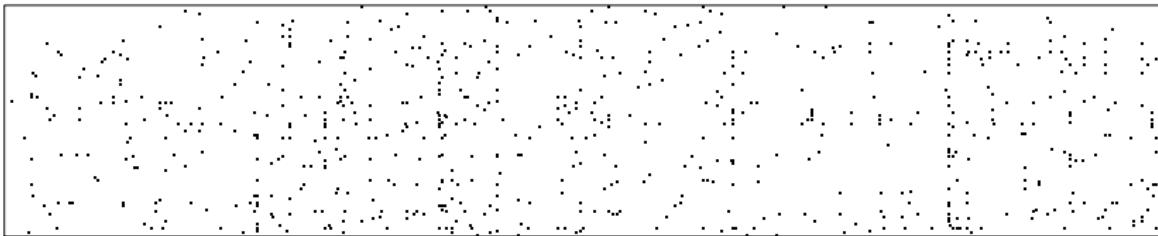


# Real data: $n \ll p$

- Gene expression



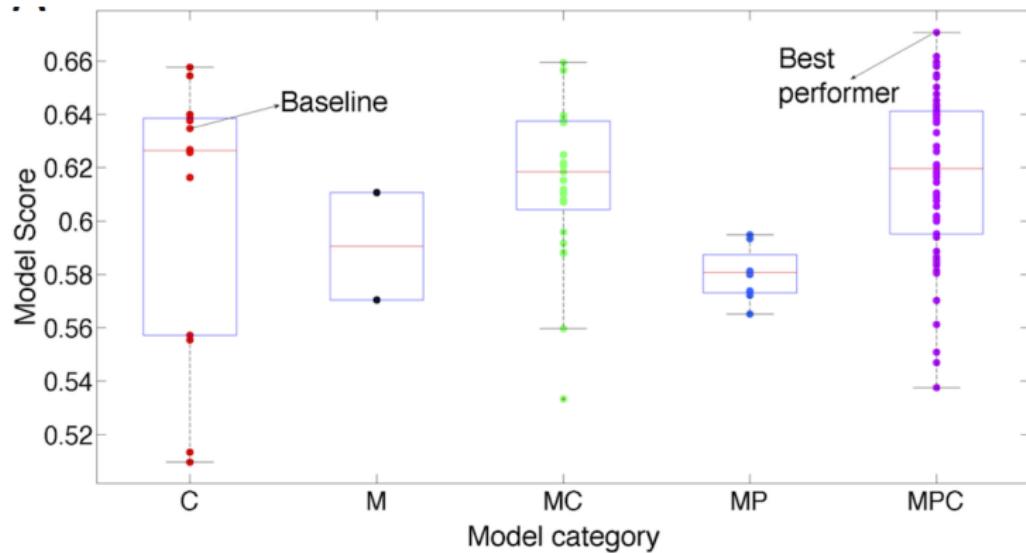
- Somatic mutations



- $n = 10^2 \sim 10^4$  (patients)
- $p = 10^4 \sim 10^7$  (genes, mutations, copy number, ...)
- Data of **various nature** (continuous, discrete, structured, ...)
- Data of **variable quality** (technical/batch variations, noise, ...)

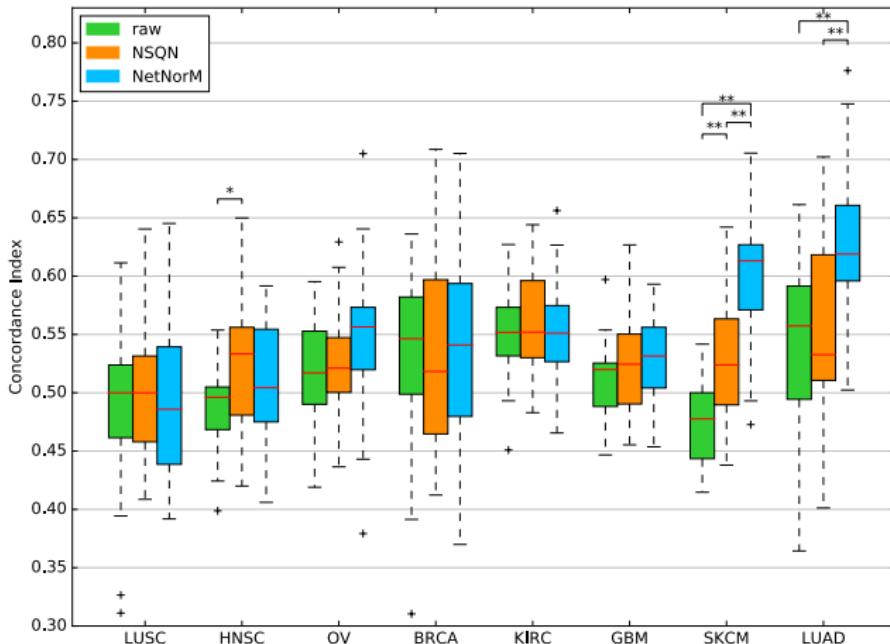
# Consequence: limited accuracy

Breast cancer prognosis competition,  $n = 2000$ , Bilal et al (2013)



- C: 16 standard clinical data (age, tumor size, ...)
- M: 80k molecular features (gene expression, DNA copy number)
- P: incorporate prior knowledge

# Example: survival prediction from somatic mutations



- Data from TCGA (3.3k samples, 8 cancer types, >10k genes)
- Survival SVM on raw binary data, or processed by NSQN (Hofree et al., 2013) or NetNorm (Le Morvan et al., 2016).

# Consequence: unstable biomarker selection

## Gene expression profiling predicts clinical outcome of breast cancer

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## Gene-expression profiles to predict distant metastasis of lymph-node-negative primary breast cancer

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70 genes (Nature, 2002)

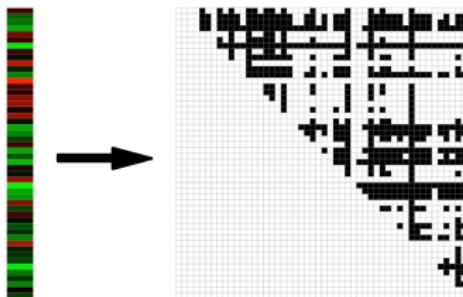
76 genes (Lancet, 2005)

3 genes in common

van 't Veer et al. (2002); Wang et al. (2005)

# Some research directions

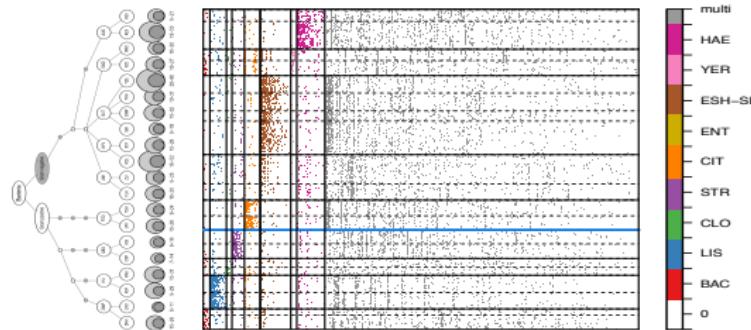
- Find a better representation



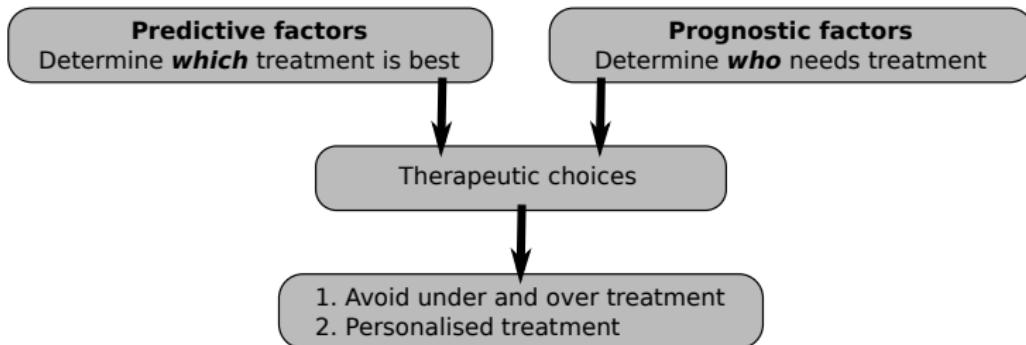
One sample  $x$   
 $p$  features

Mapping  $f(x)$   
 $p(p-1)/2$  bits

- Incorporate prior knowledge



# From prognostic to predictive models



- **Prognostic:**

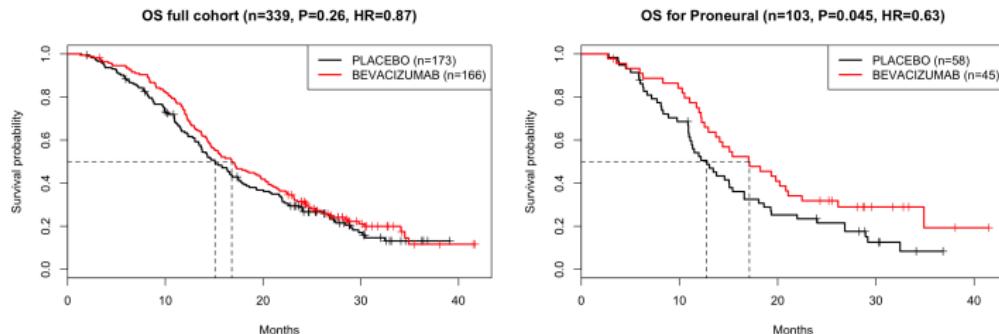
- Predict outcome  $Y$  of a disease on an untreated individual  $X$
- Standard supervised learning: model  $Y = f(X)$  from observations of  $(X_i, Y_i)$  pairs

- **Predictive:**

- Predict the benefit in outcome  $Y$  of a treatment  $A$  on an individual  $X$
- We observe  $(X_i, A_i, Y_i)$  but want to model  $Y = f(X, A_1) - f(X, A_2)$
- For each  $X$  we only observe the outcome  $Y$  under one treatment  $A$  (cf e-marketing)

# Clinical trials for precision medicine?

- 1 Meta-analysis of clinical trials (typically *A/B testing*) to estimate predictive models

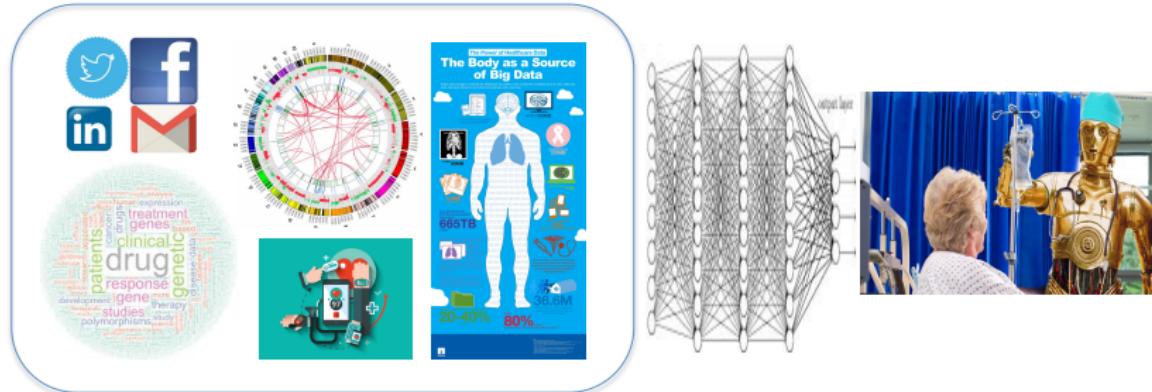


- 2 Dynamic trial to jointly optimize the predictive model and its performance (**contextual multi-armed bandit problem**)

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# Conclusion



- Lots of data
- $n \ll p$  is the rule, more and more...
- Limited impact so far for patients
- Active research
  - new **representations**  $x \rightarrow \Phi(x)$
  - new **learning techniques** (structured sparsity, regularization, ...)
  - new **experimental design** strategies (contextual bandit)

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