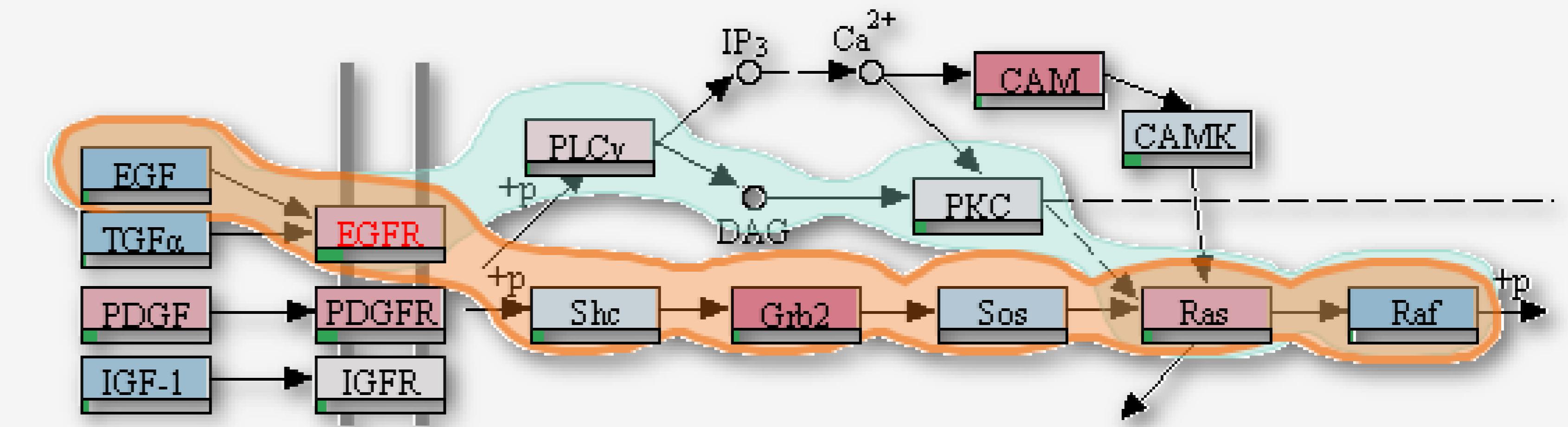
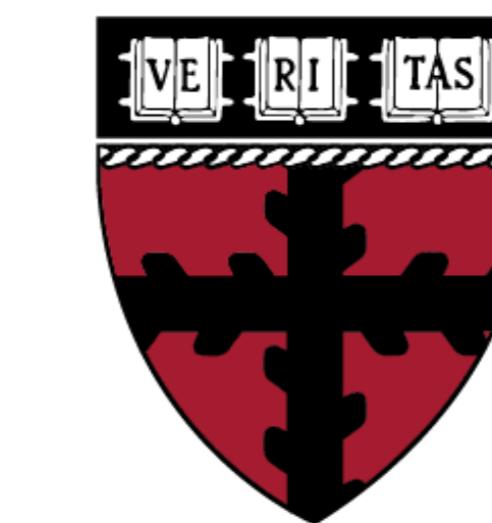


Visualization Approaches for Biomolecular Data

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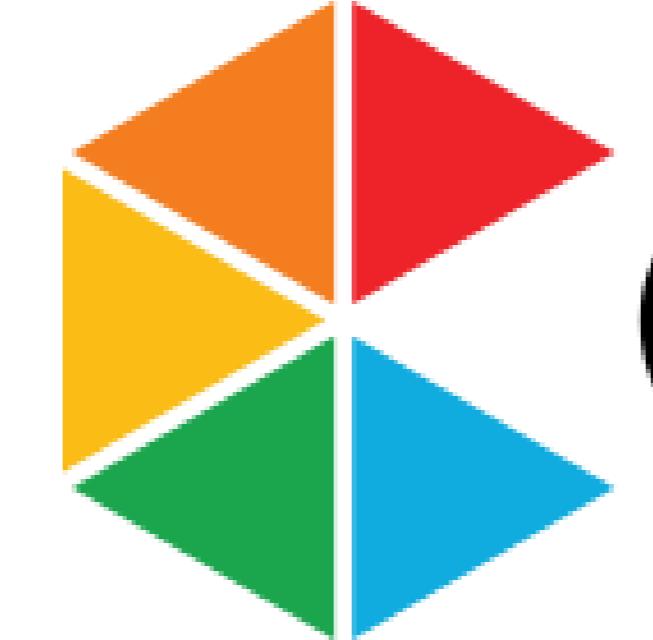
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What is



CALEYDO ?

Software for analyzing molecular biology data

Software for doing research in visualization

**Quest for compromise between
academic prototyping and ready-to-use software**

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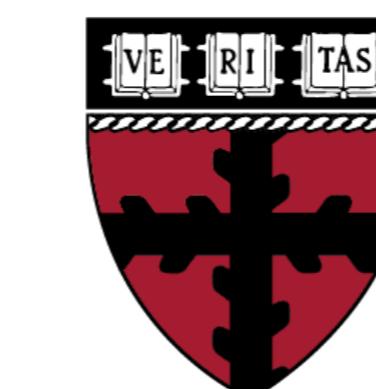
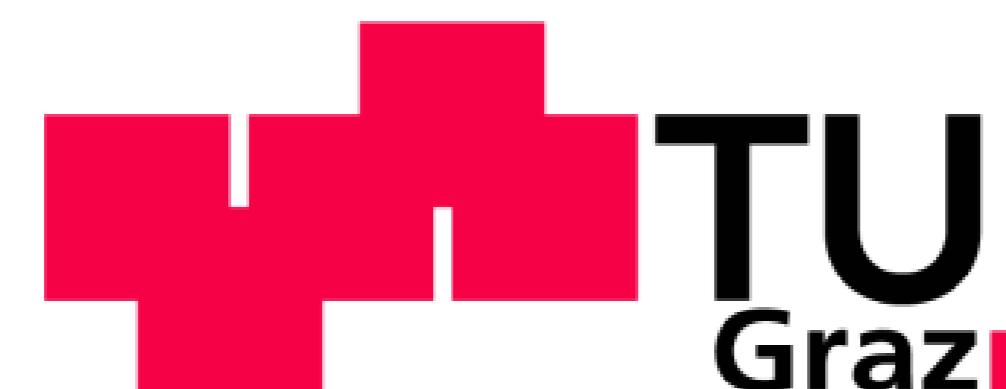
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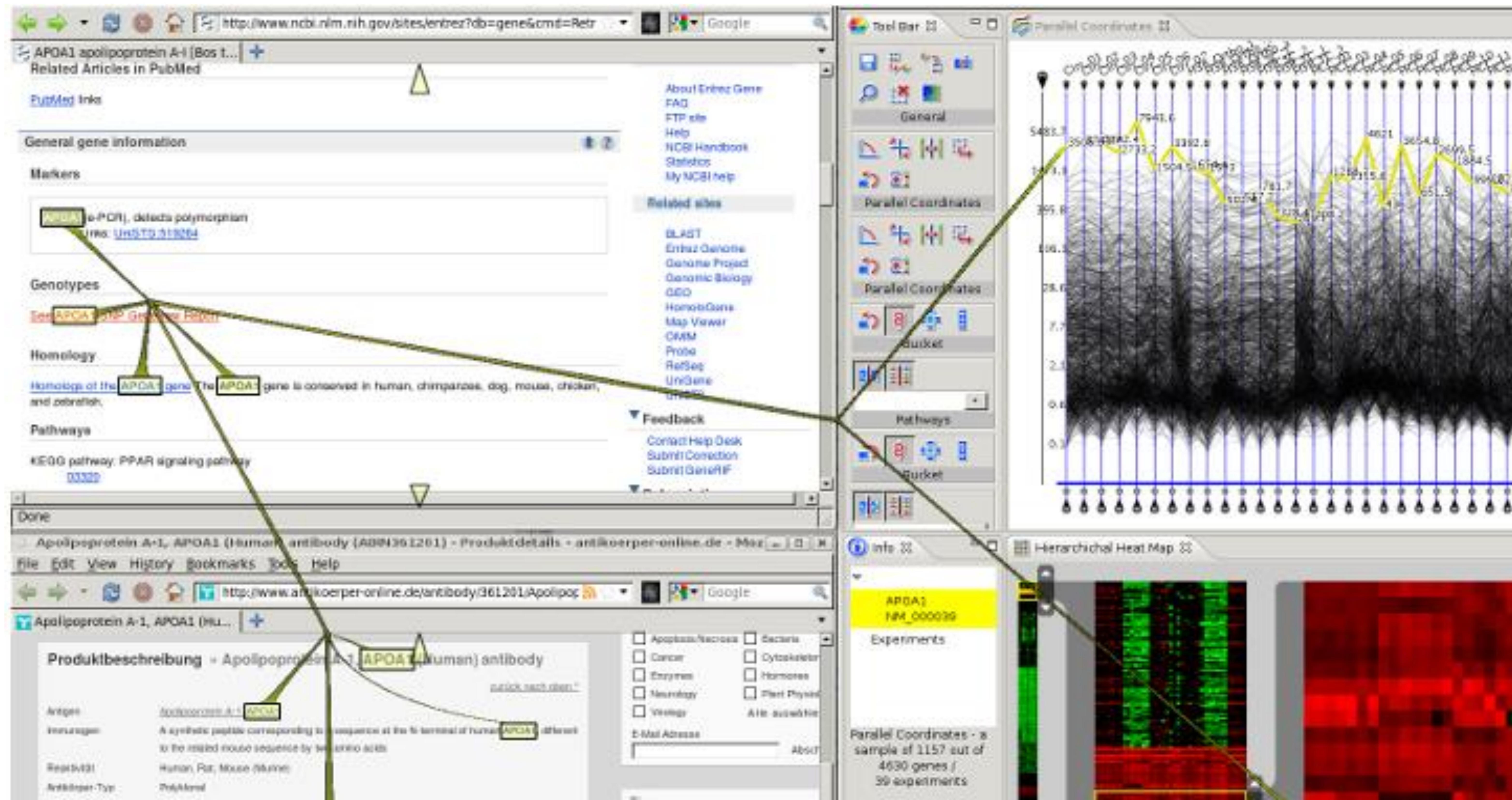
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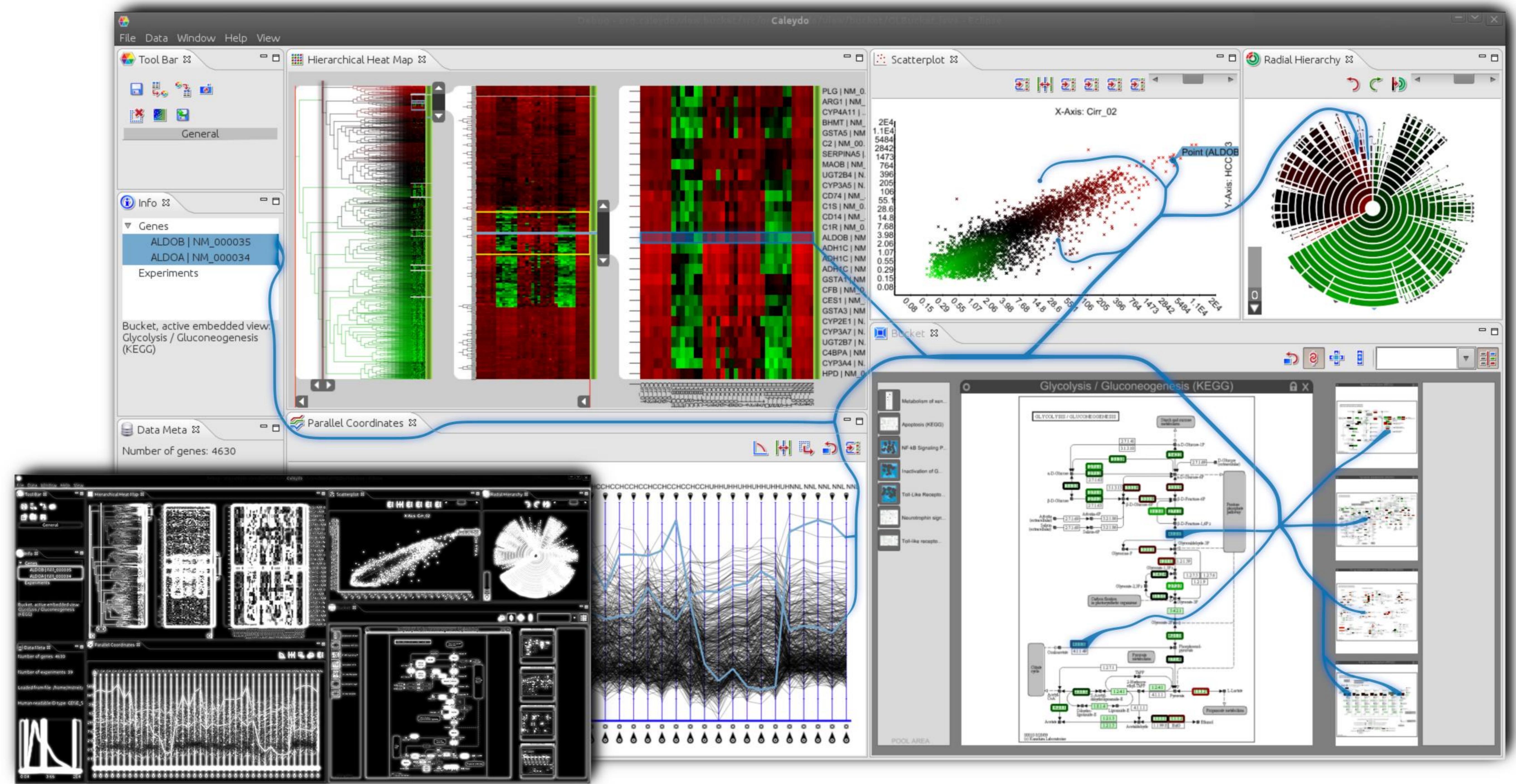


Visual Linking Across Applications



[Waldner GI'10]
Best Paper Award

Context Preserving Visual Links

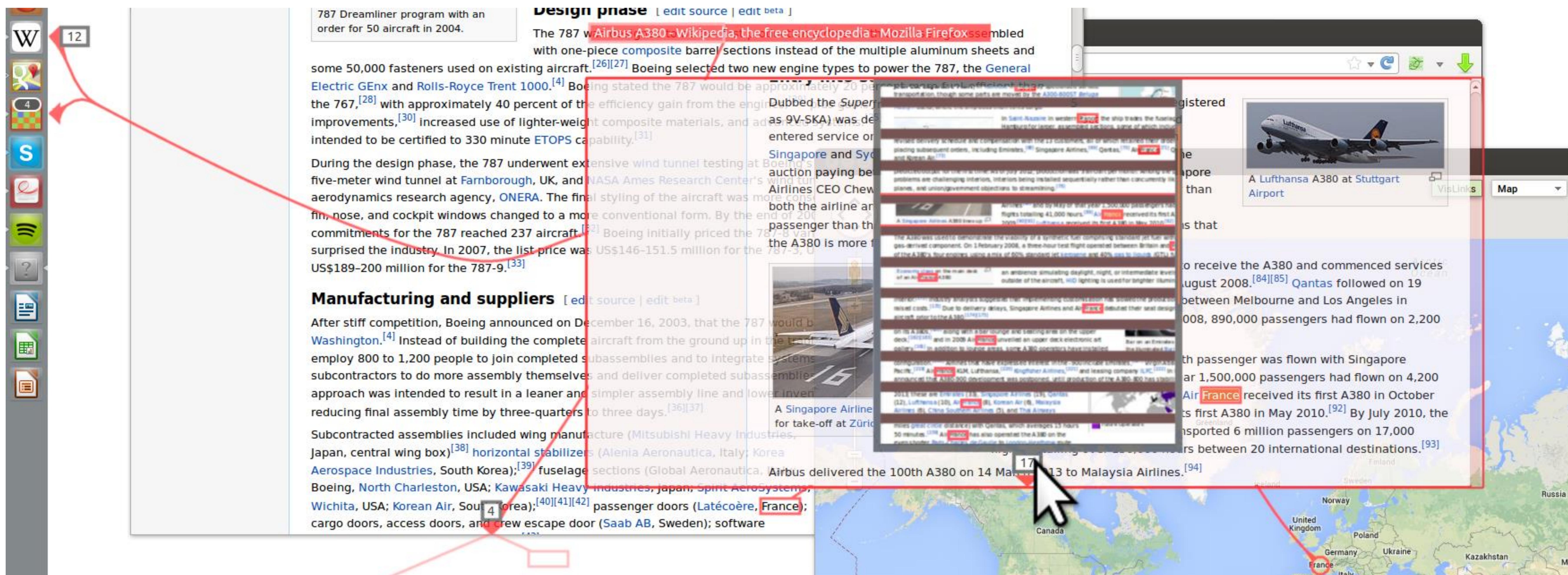


[Steinberger InfoVis'11]
Best Paper Award

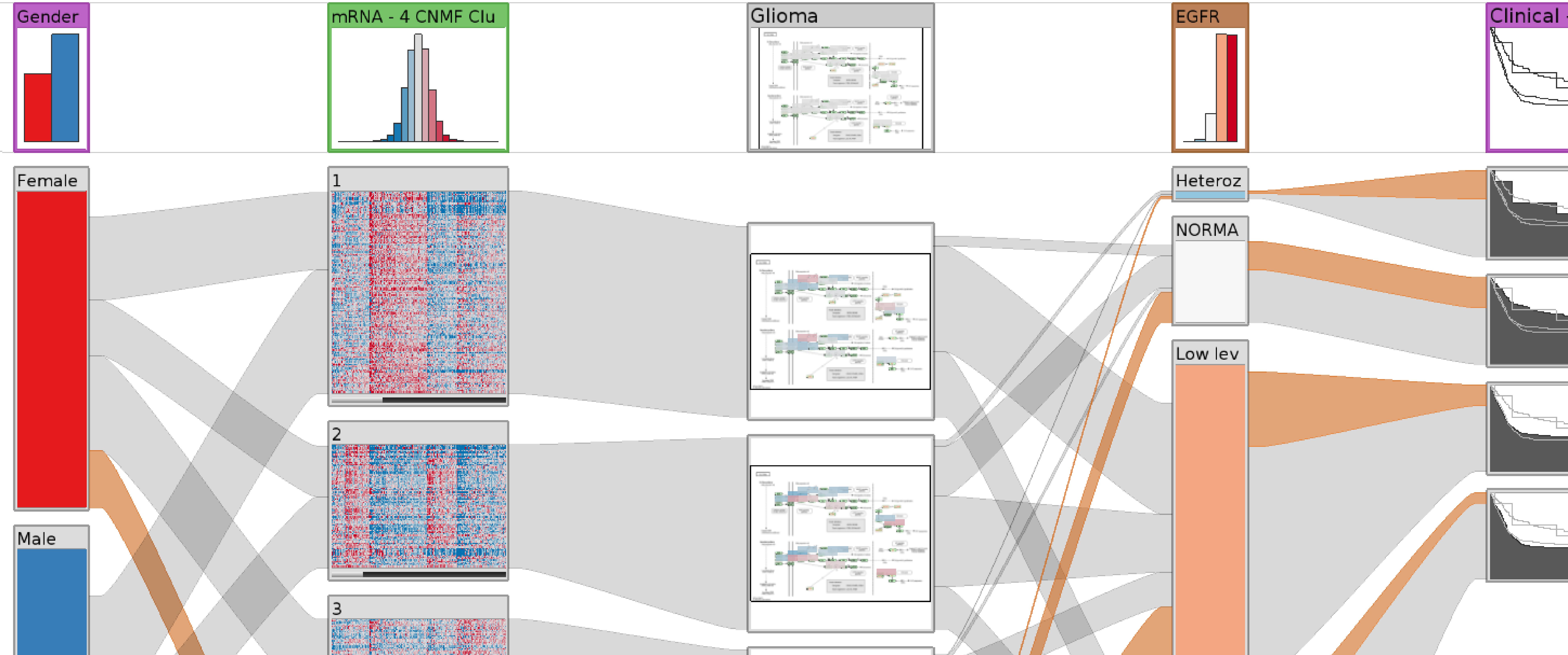
Visualizing Hidden Content

[Geymayer CHI'14]

Honorable Mention Award



Heterogeneous Data Cancer Subtypes



**biology research requires
understanding data**

but there is so much of it...

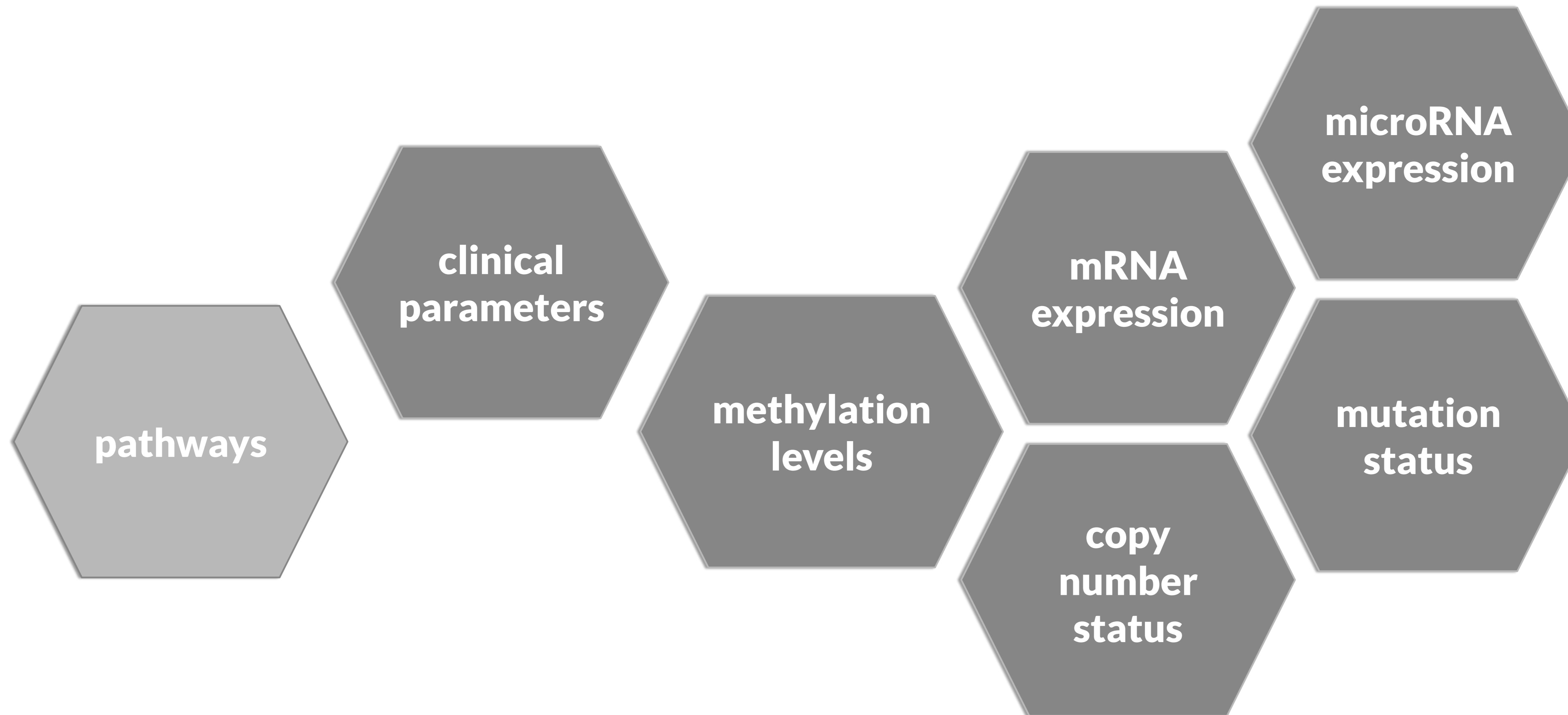
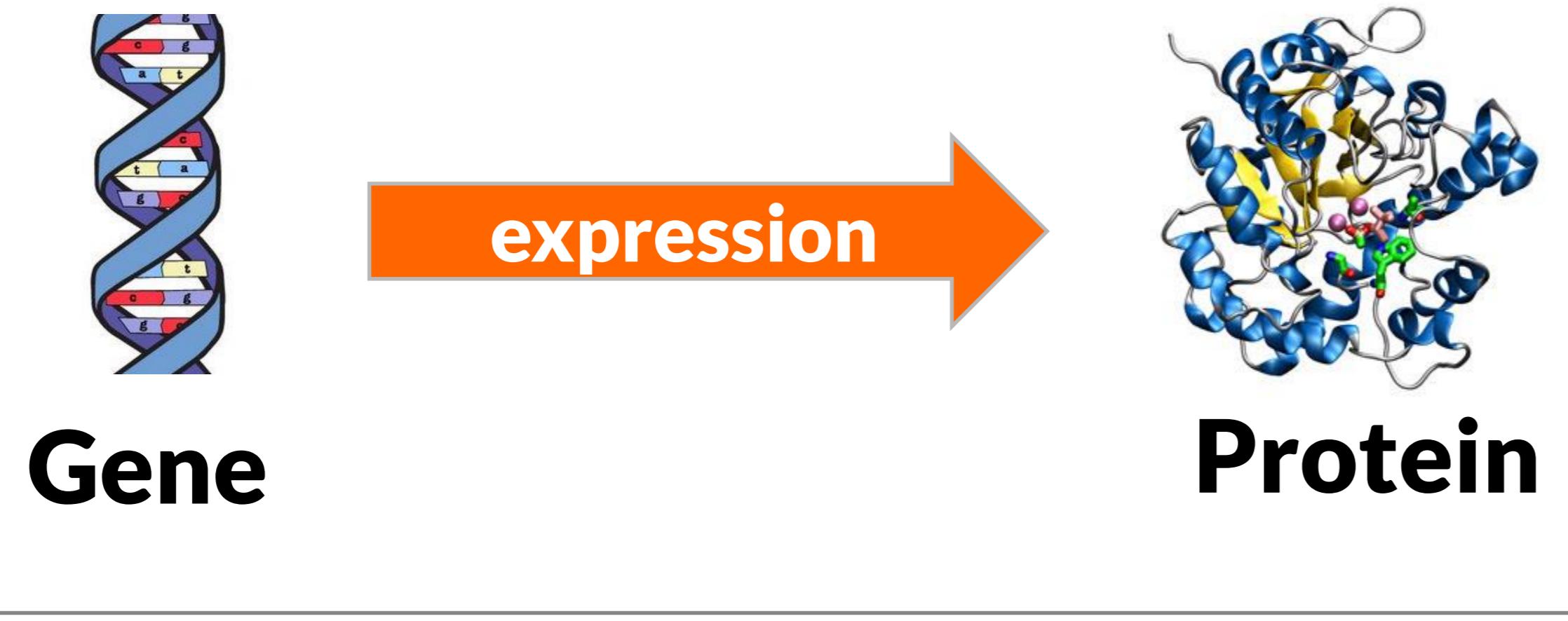
Data Visualization

... makes data accessible

... combines strengths of
humans and computers

... enables insight

... communicates



Cancer Subtypes

Cancer is not homogeneous
different histology
different molecular alterations
Subtypes have serious implications
different treatment for subtypes
prognosis varies between subtypes

Cancer Subtype Analysis

many different types of data

for

large numbers of patients.

StratomeX

visualizes...

- ... the relationships between multiple heterogeneous datasets**
- ... the data within the datasets**
- ... alternative clusterings & groupings**
- ... the effect of groupings on clinical parameters & biological processes**

Stratifying Patients

Cluster A1

Cluster A2

Cluster A3

**Subtypes are identified
by stratifying datasets, e.g.,**

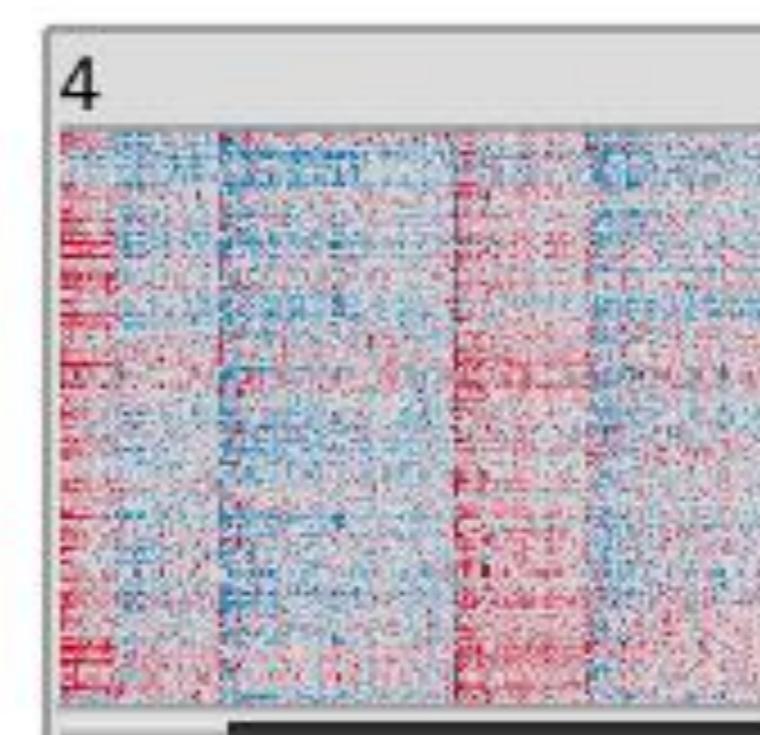
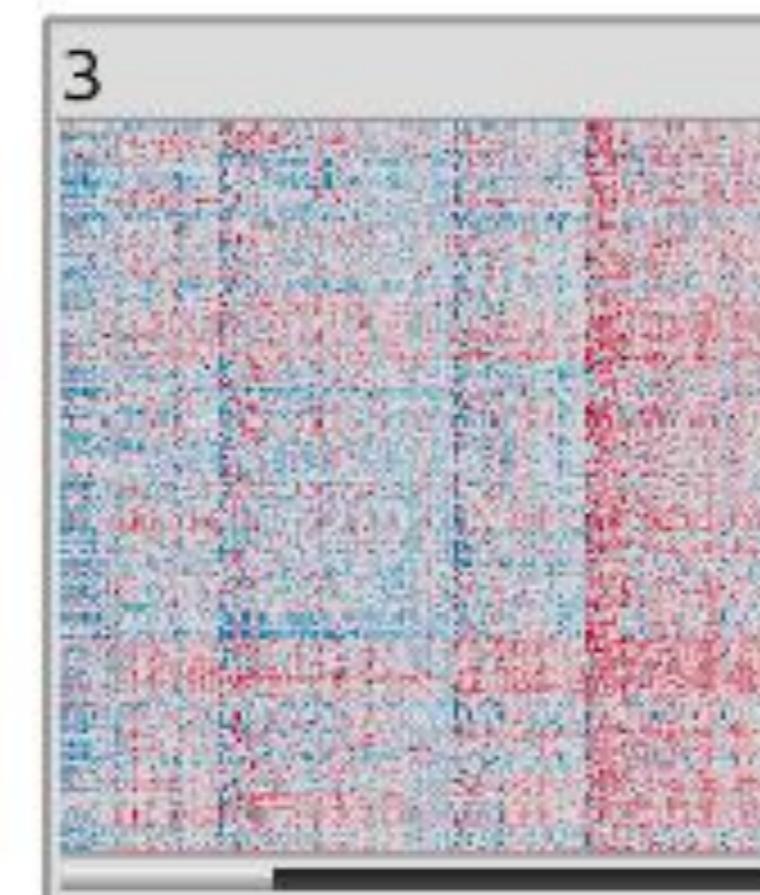
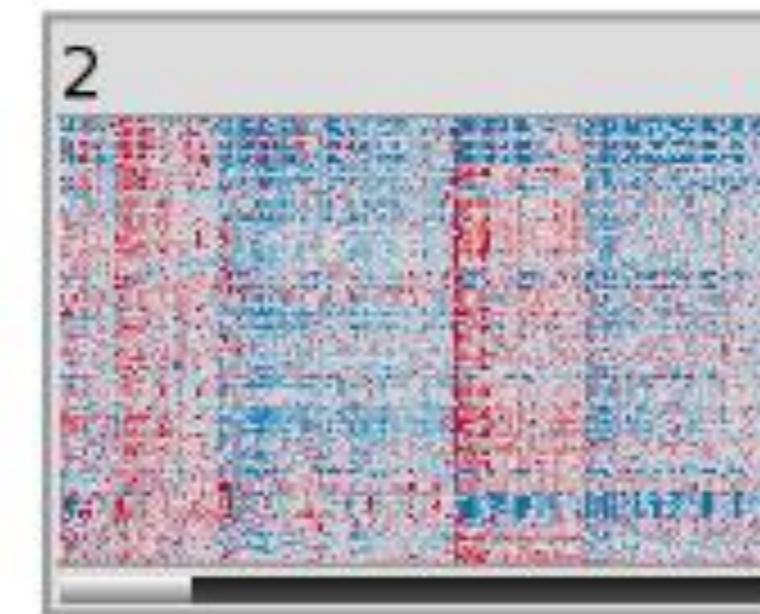
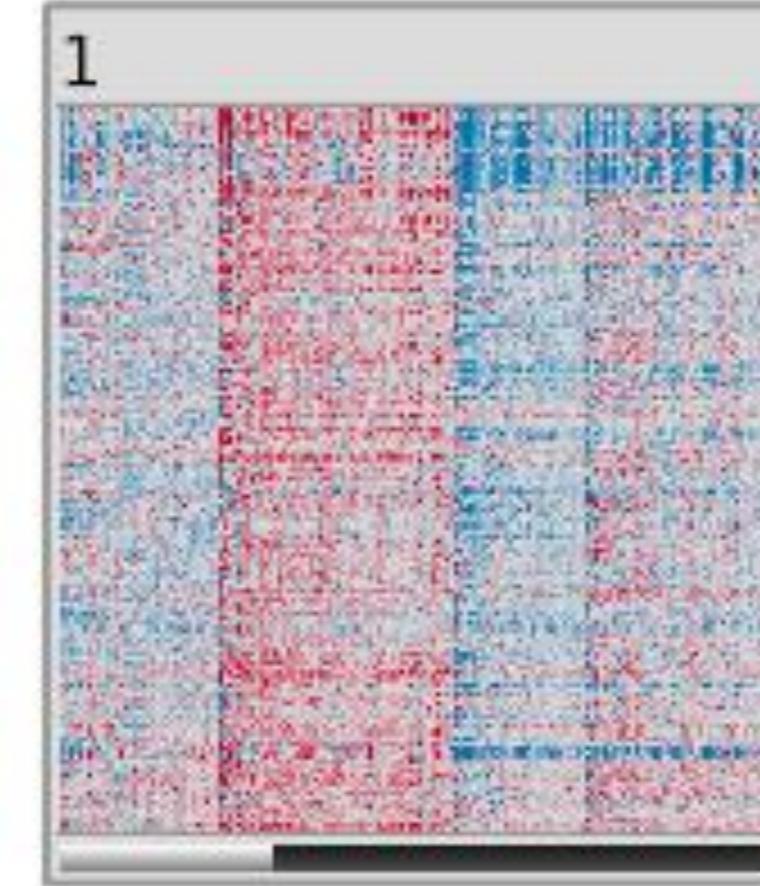
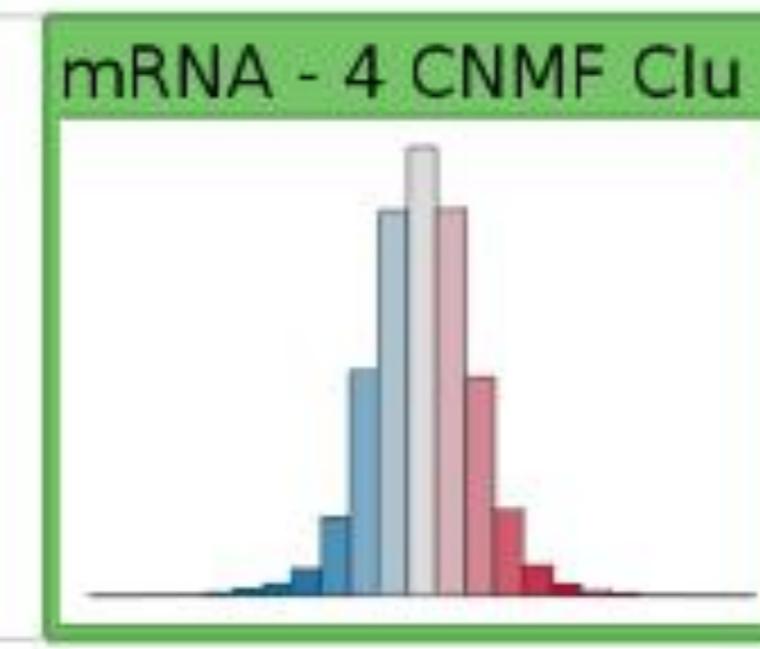
based on an expression pattern

a mutation status

a copy number alteration

a combination of these

**Header /
Summary of
whole Stratification**



Patients

Genes

**Candidate Subtype /
Heat Map**

Comparing Stratifications

Cluster A1

Cluster A2

Cluster A3

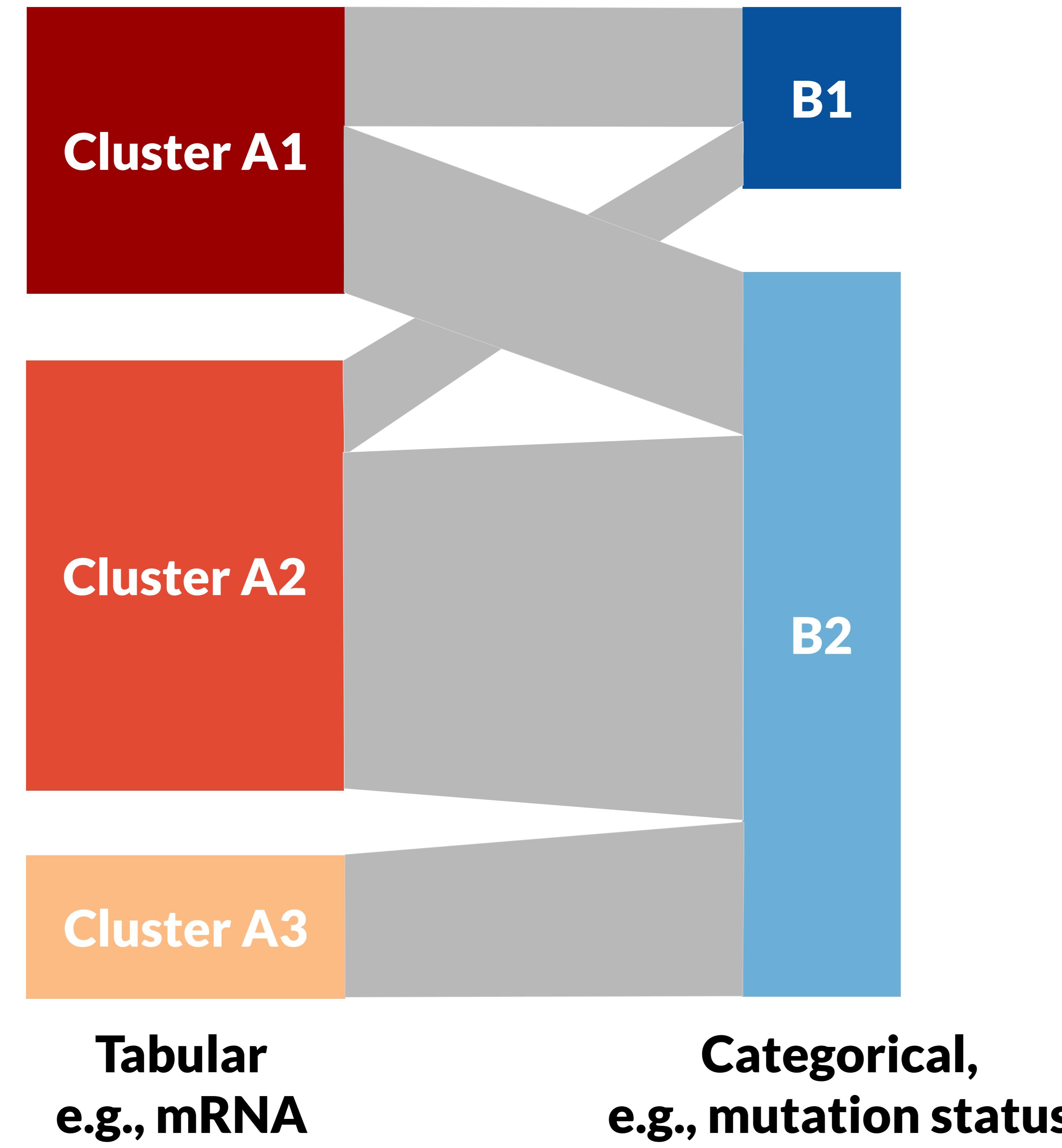
Tabular
e.g., mRNA

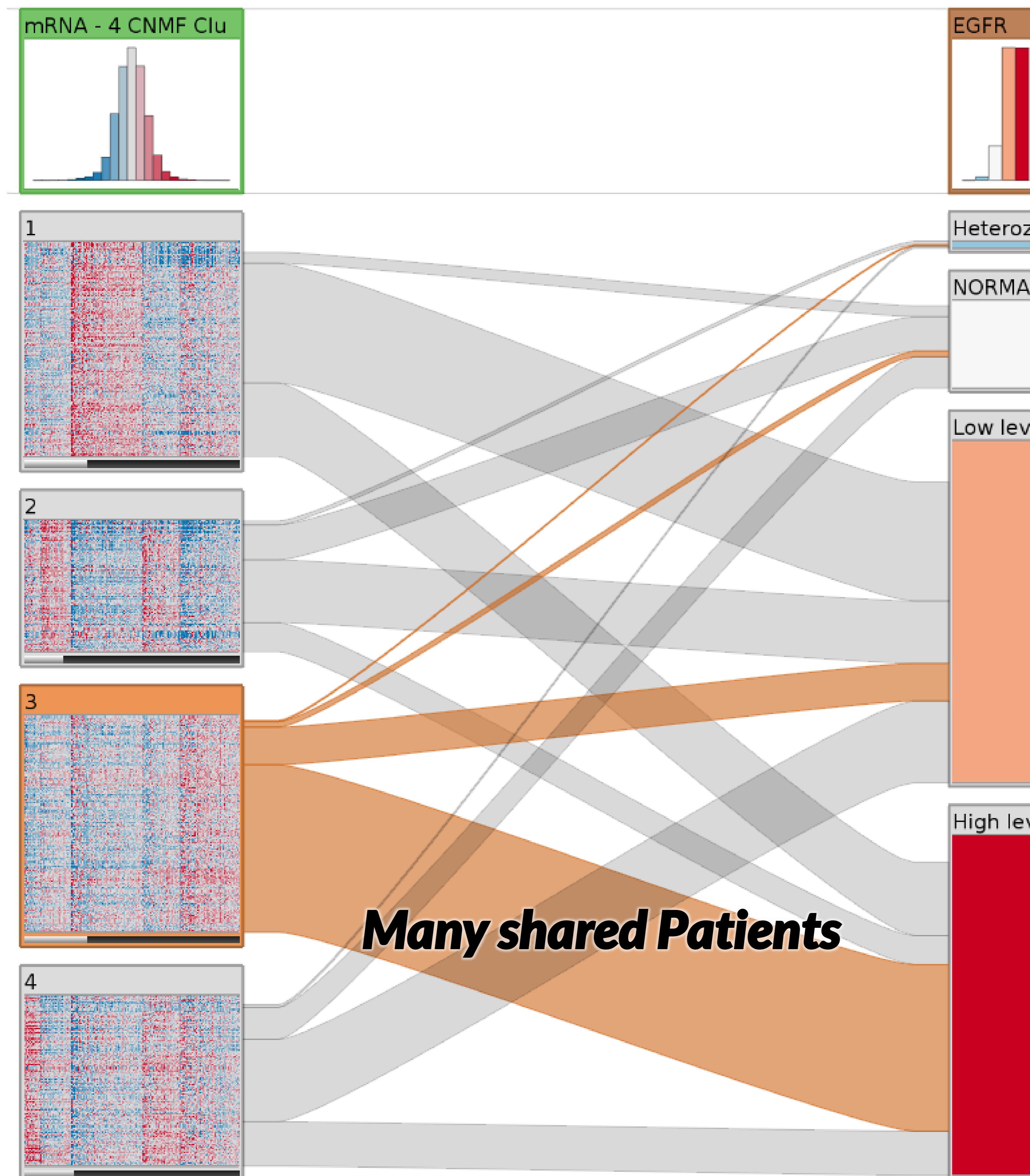
B1

B2

Categorical,
e.g., mutation status

Comparing Stratifications

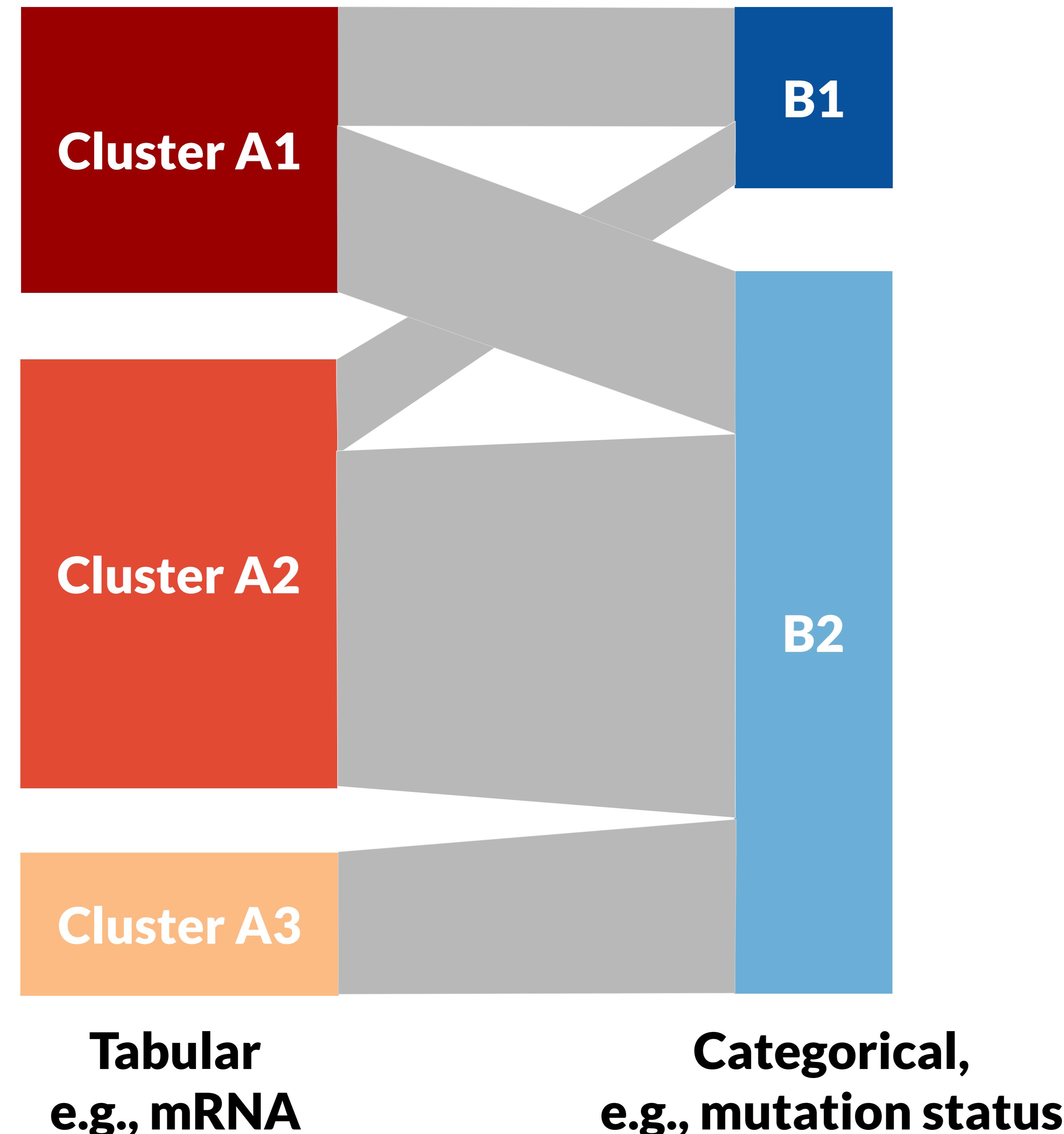




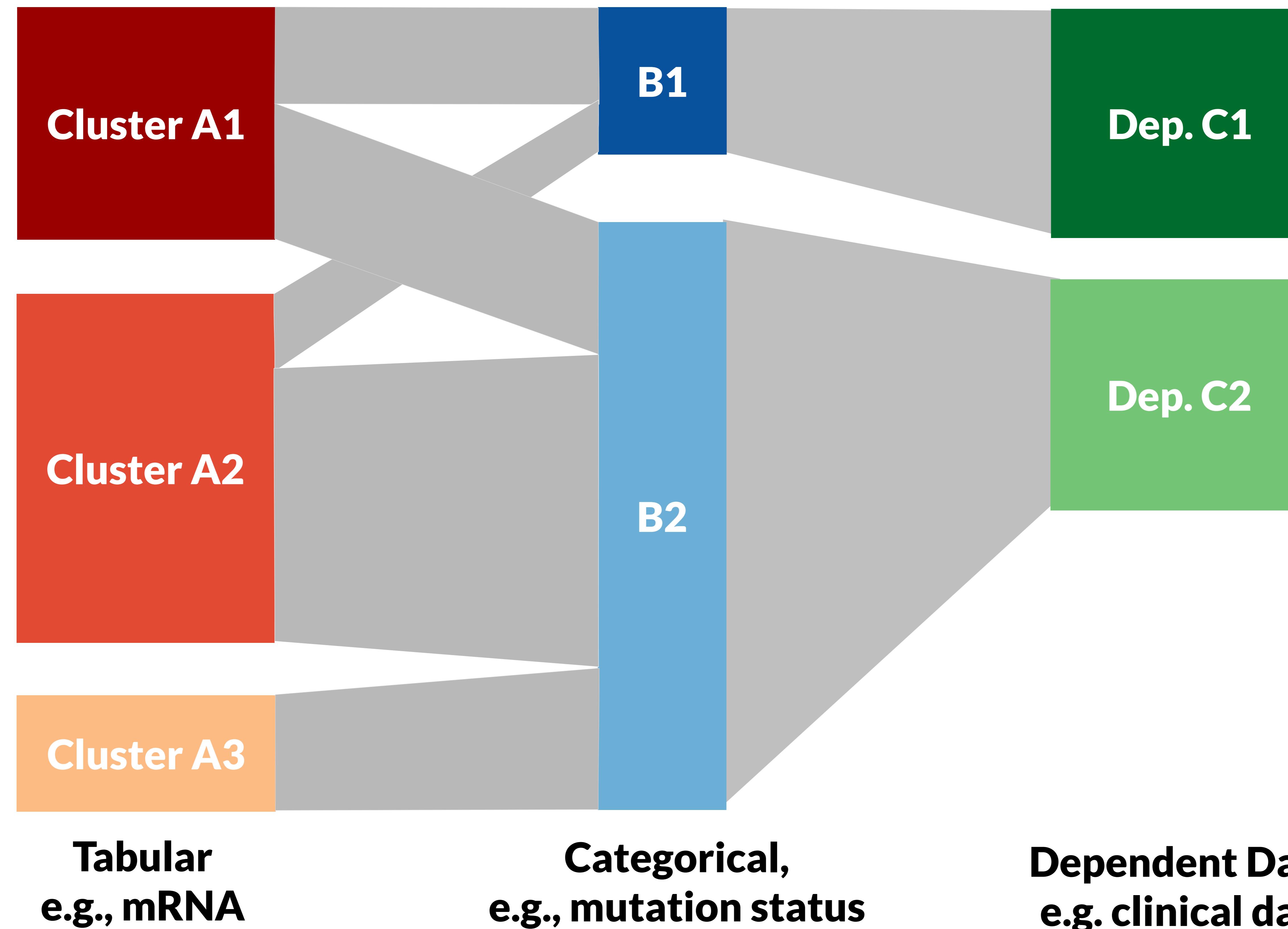
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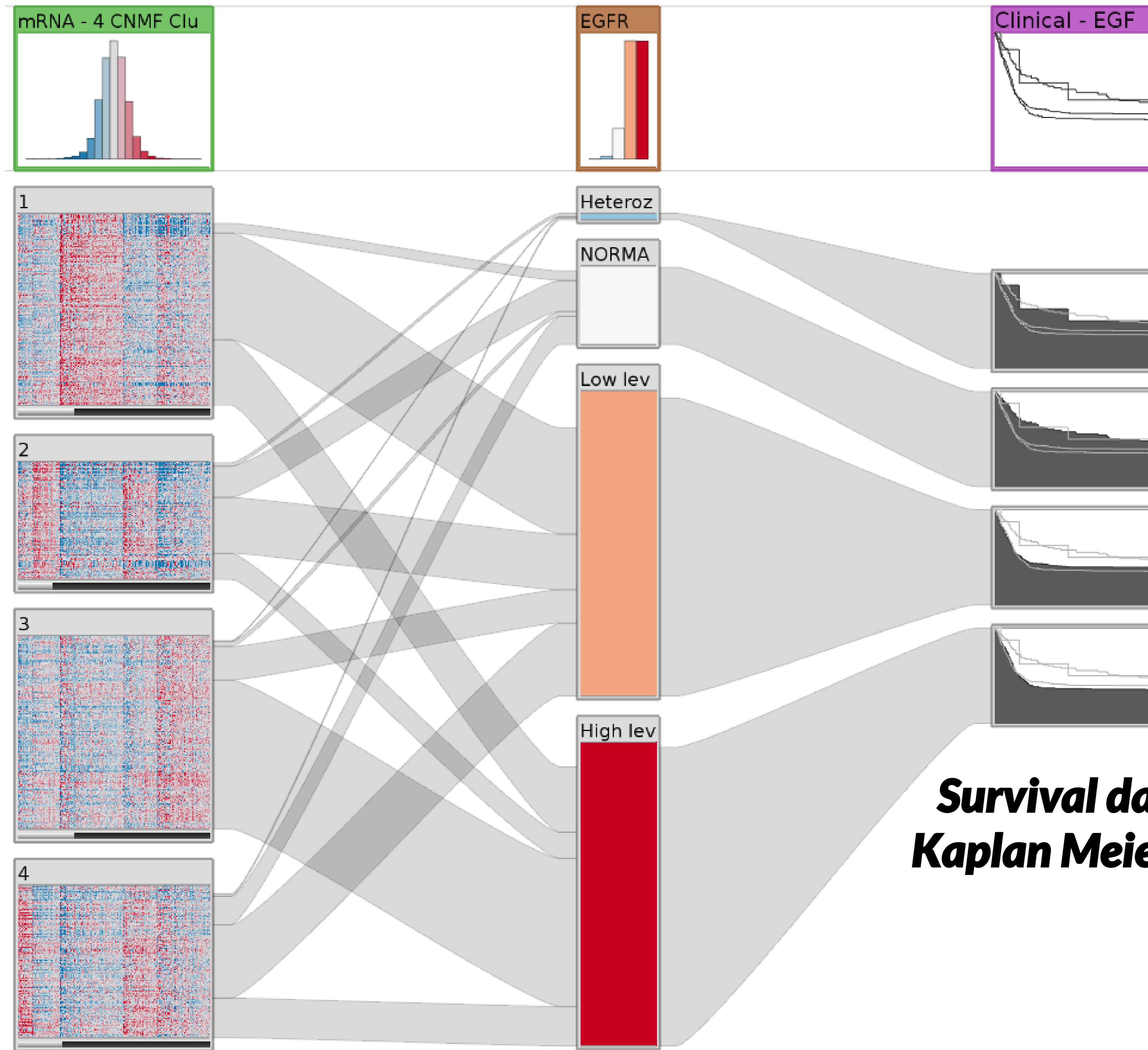
**Stratification on
Copy Number Status**

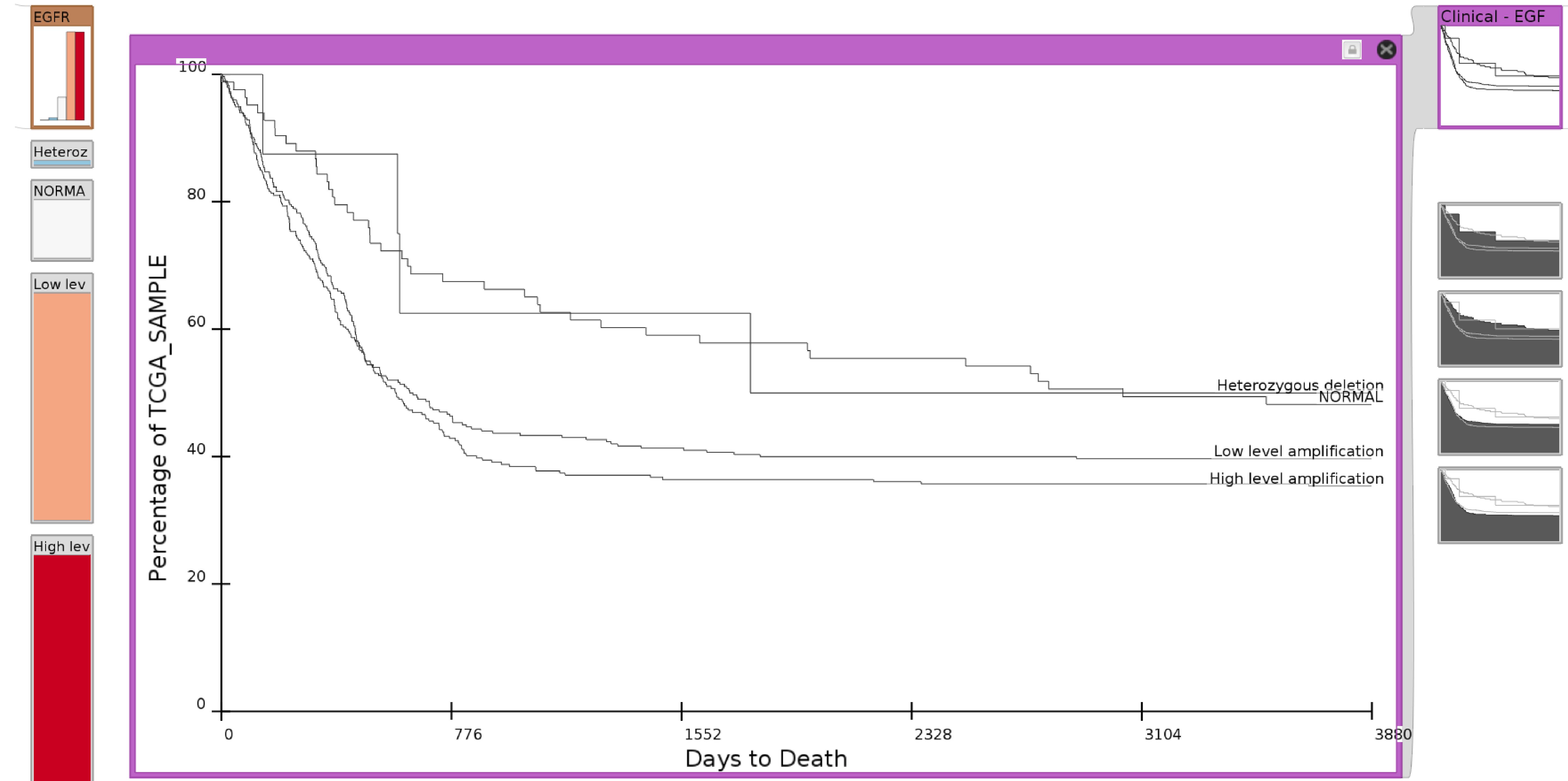
Other Data – Same Stratification



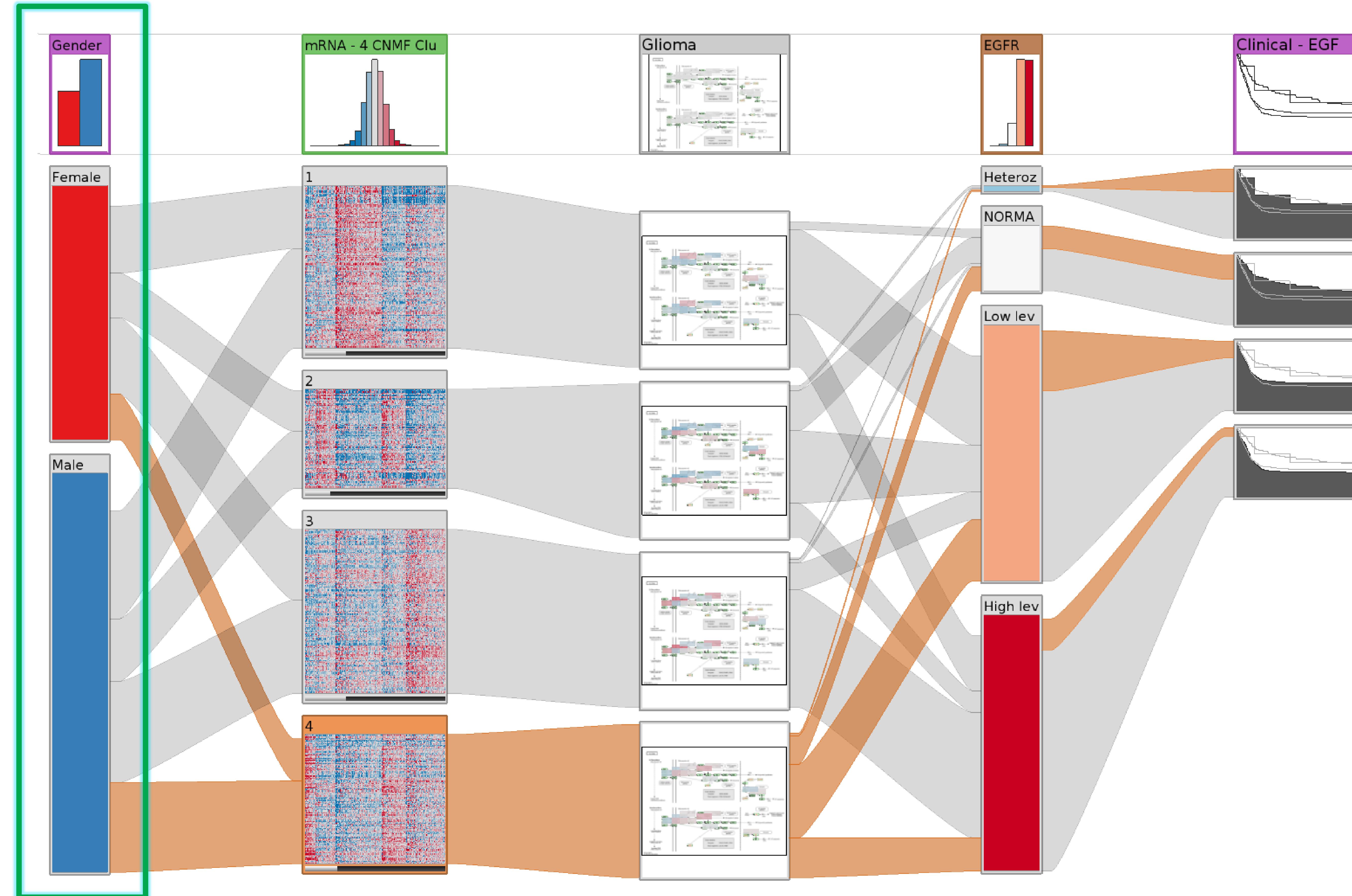
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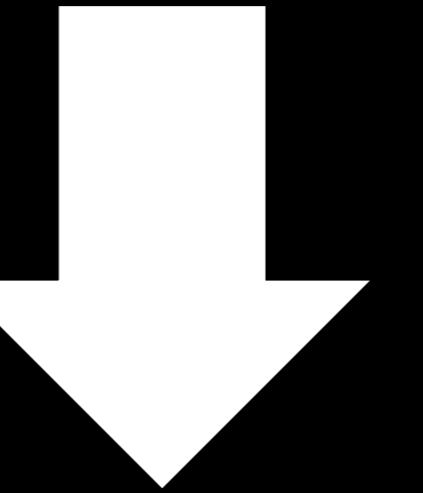


Detail View



**Stratification based on
clinical variable (gender)**

Knowledge Driven Approach



Data Driven Approach

Finding Relevant Stratifications

- ~ 10 datasets
- ~ 15 clusterings per matrix
- ~ 15,000 stratifications for copy number & mutations
- ~ 500 pathways
- ~ 20 clinical variables

Calculate scores for matches

Rank the results

Considered Datasets



Ranked Stratifications

[Under Review at Nature Methods]

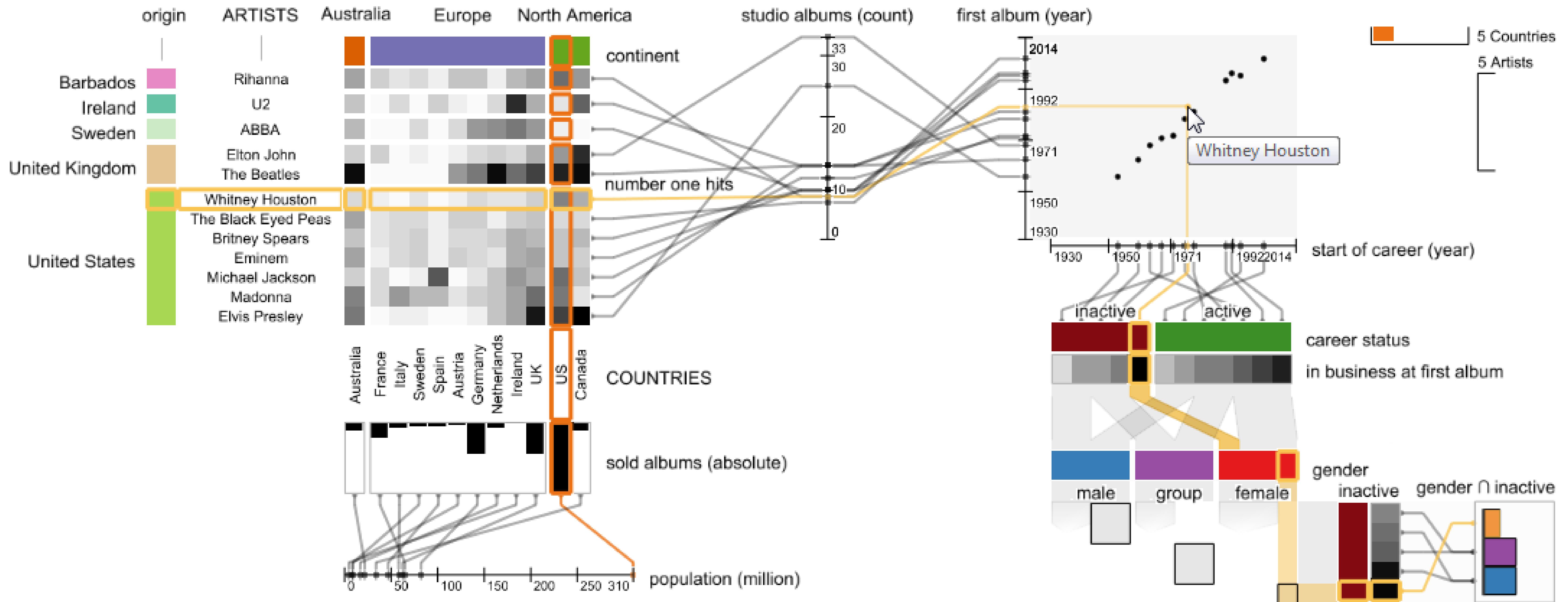
Algorithms for finding..

- ... matching stratification**
- ... matching subtype**
- ... mutual exclusivity**
- ... relevant pathway**
- ... stratification with effect in survival**
- ... high/low structural variation**

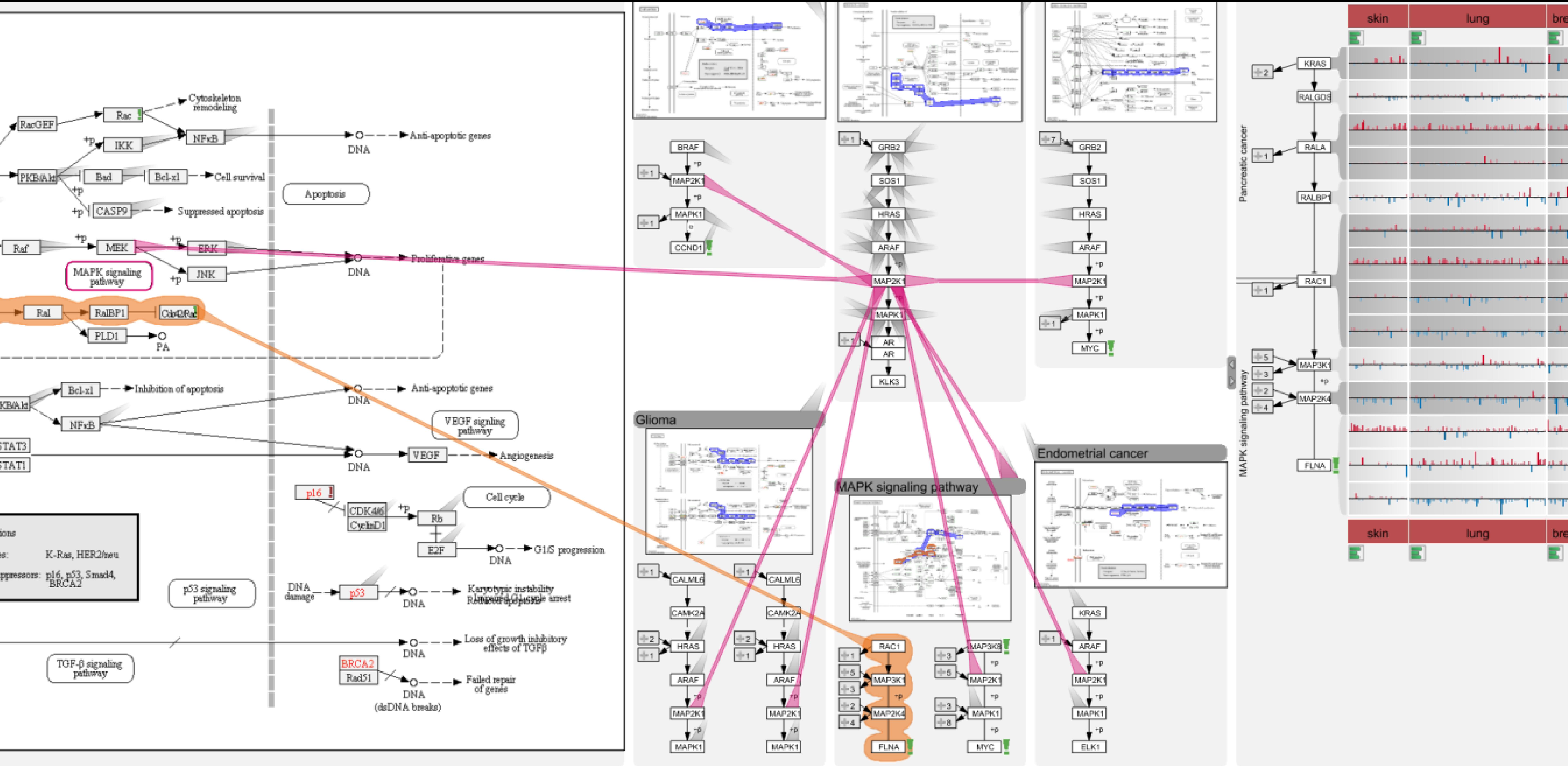
Live-Demo!

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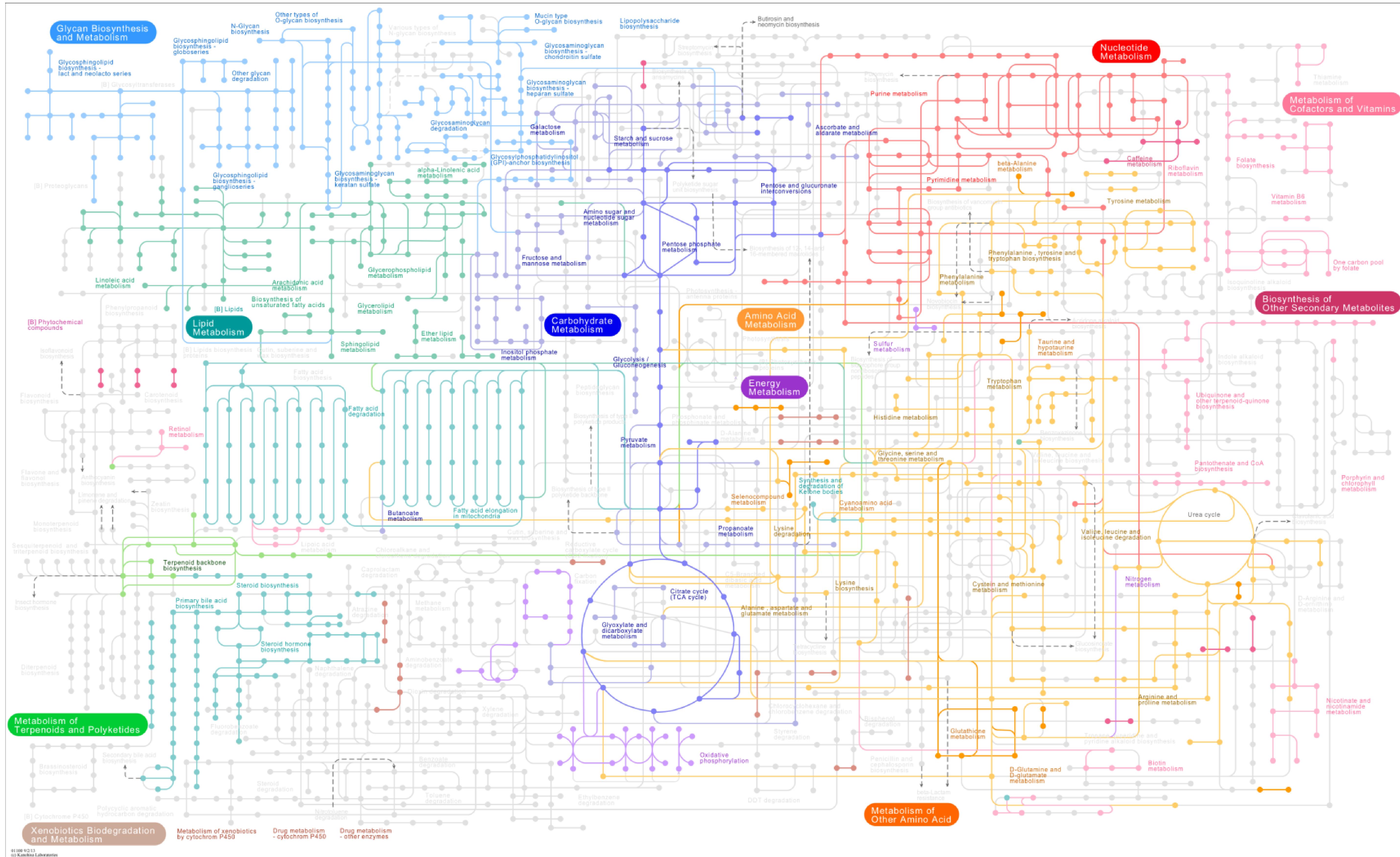
Current Developments: Generalization



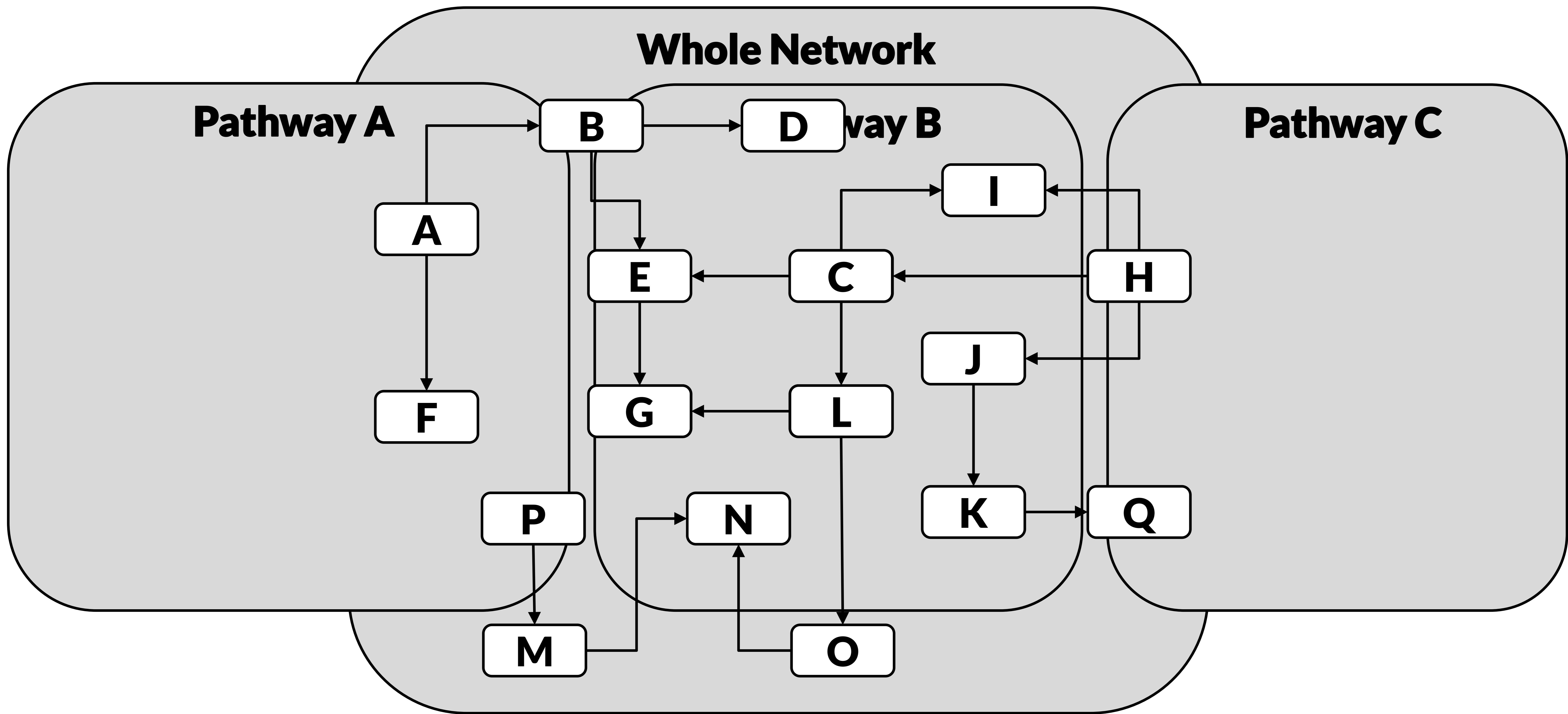
Pathways



Background



Background



Entourage

[Lex, InfoVis '13]

many pathways
pathway cross-connections
(large graphs)

enRoute

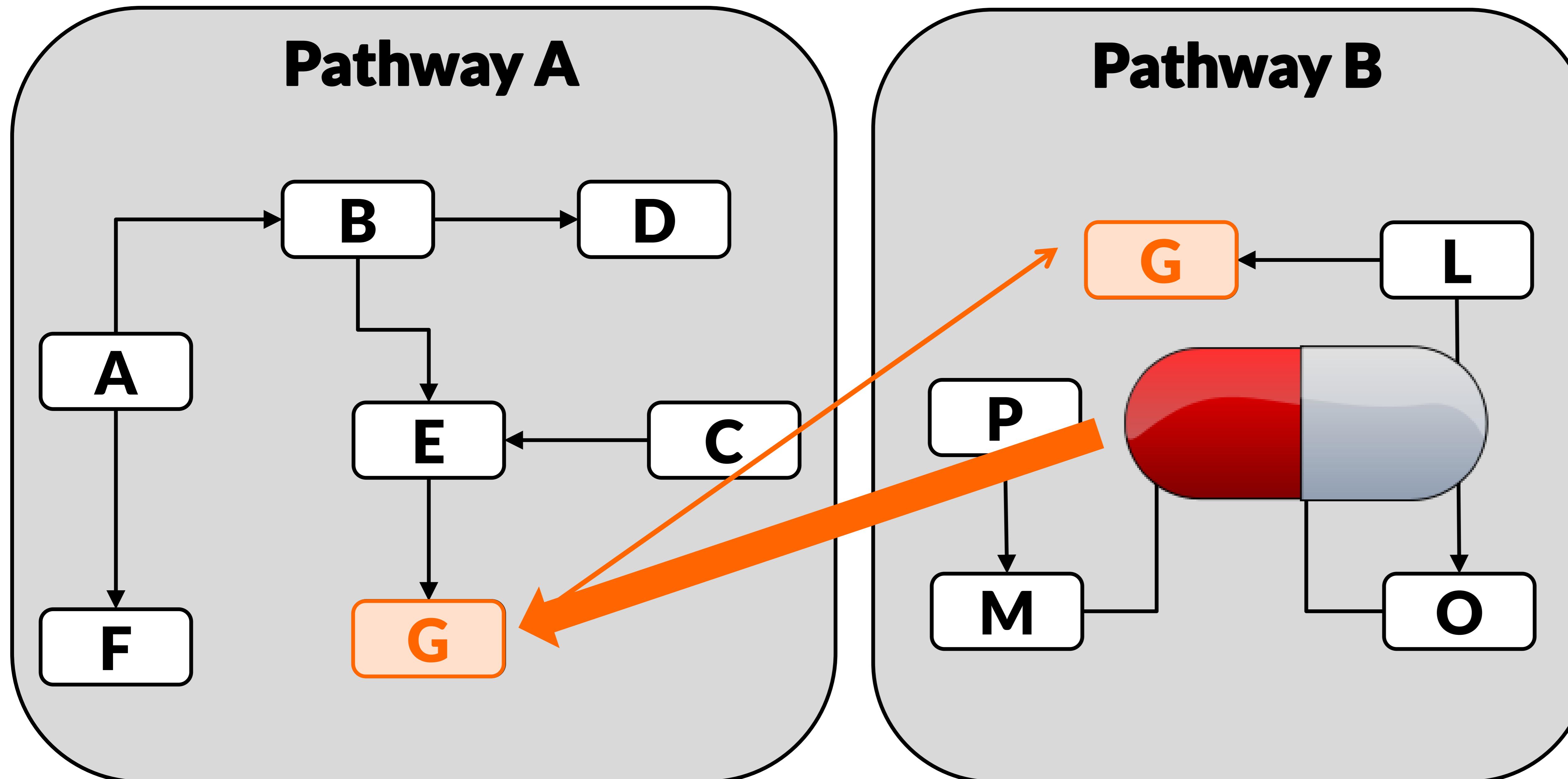
[PartI, BioVis '12]

Best Paper Award

[PartI, BMC Bioinformatics '13]

experimental data on pathways
(multi-variate graphs)

Challenges

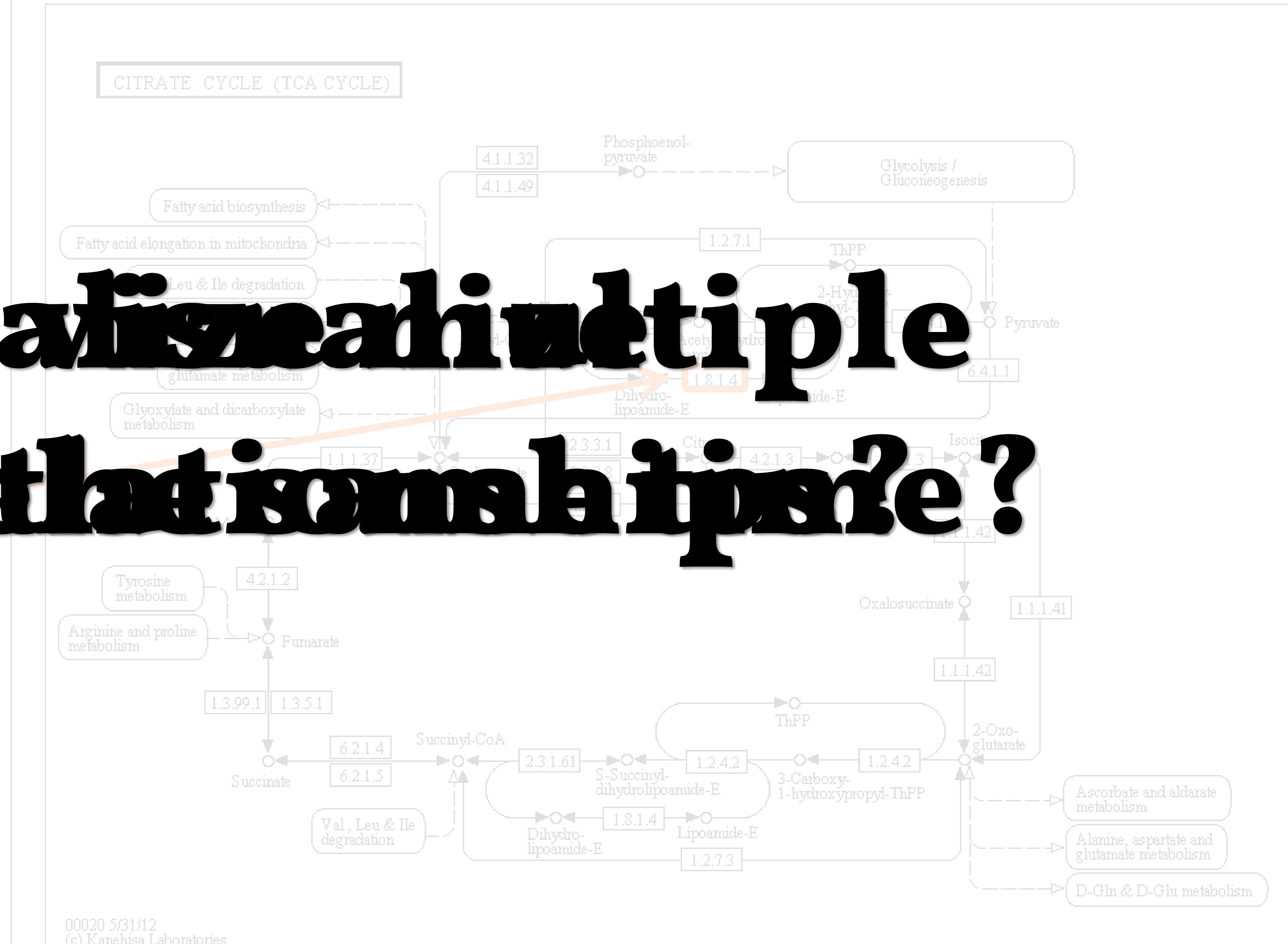
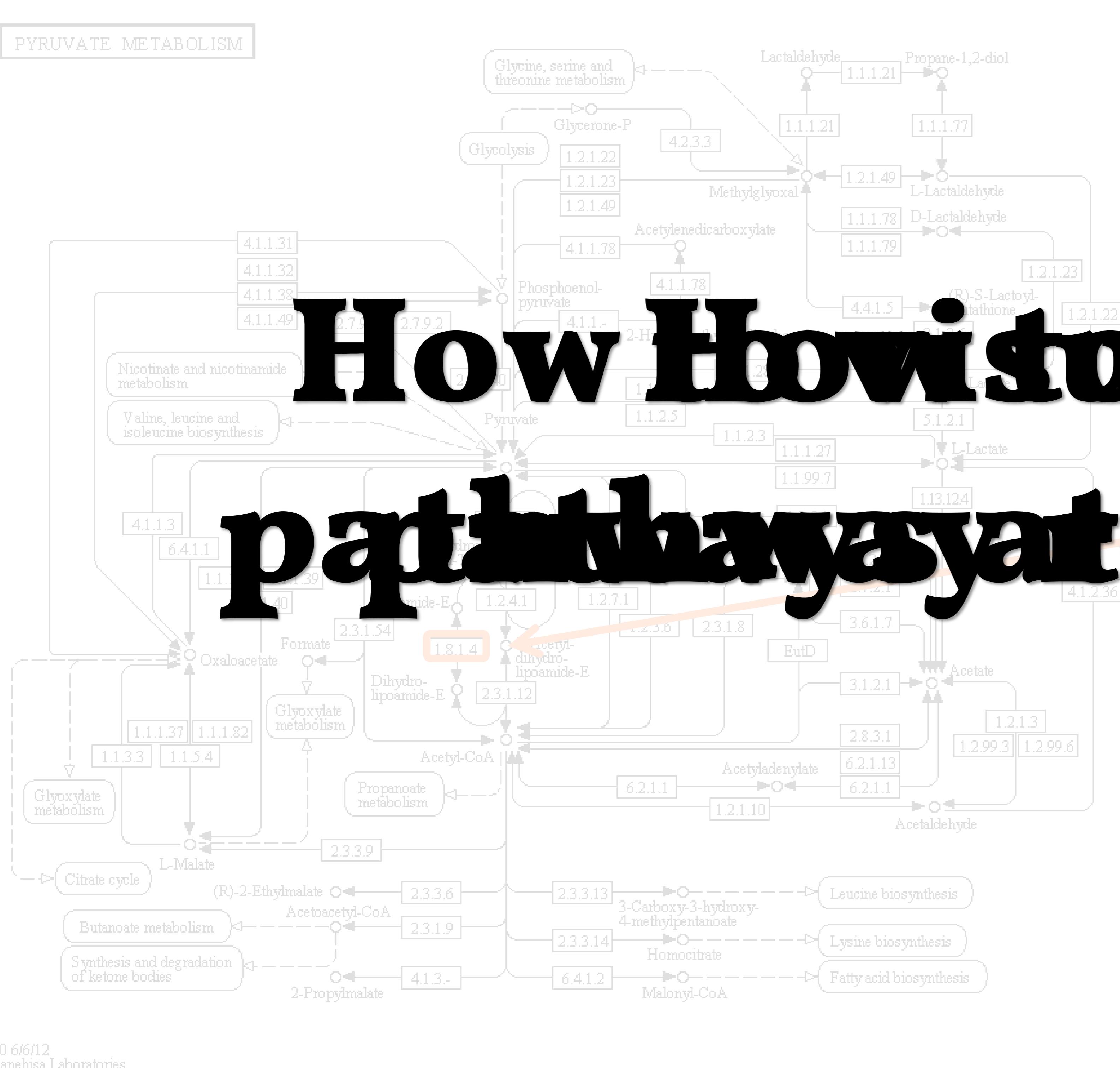


Drug side-effects

Drug repositioning

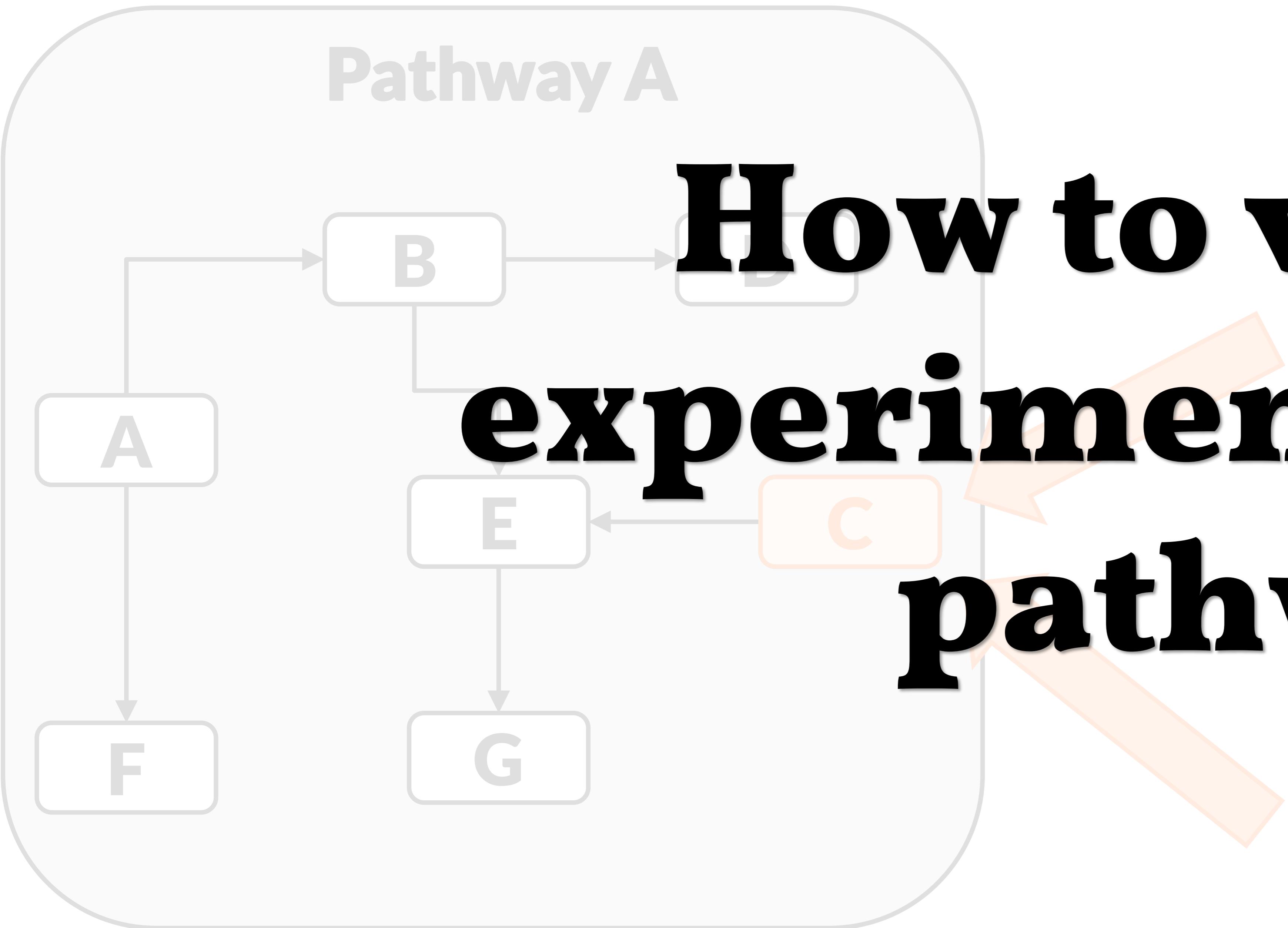
Challenges

How to analyze multiple
pathways at the same time?



Challenges

Pathway A



**How to visualize
experimental data on
pathways?**

Node	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	...
A	0.55	0.95	0.83	...
B	0.12	0.42	0.16	...
C	0.33	0.65	0.38	...
...

Node	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	...
A	low	low	very high	...
B	normal	low	high	...
C	high	very low	normal	...
...

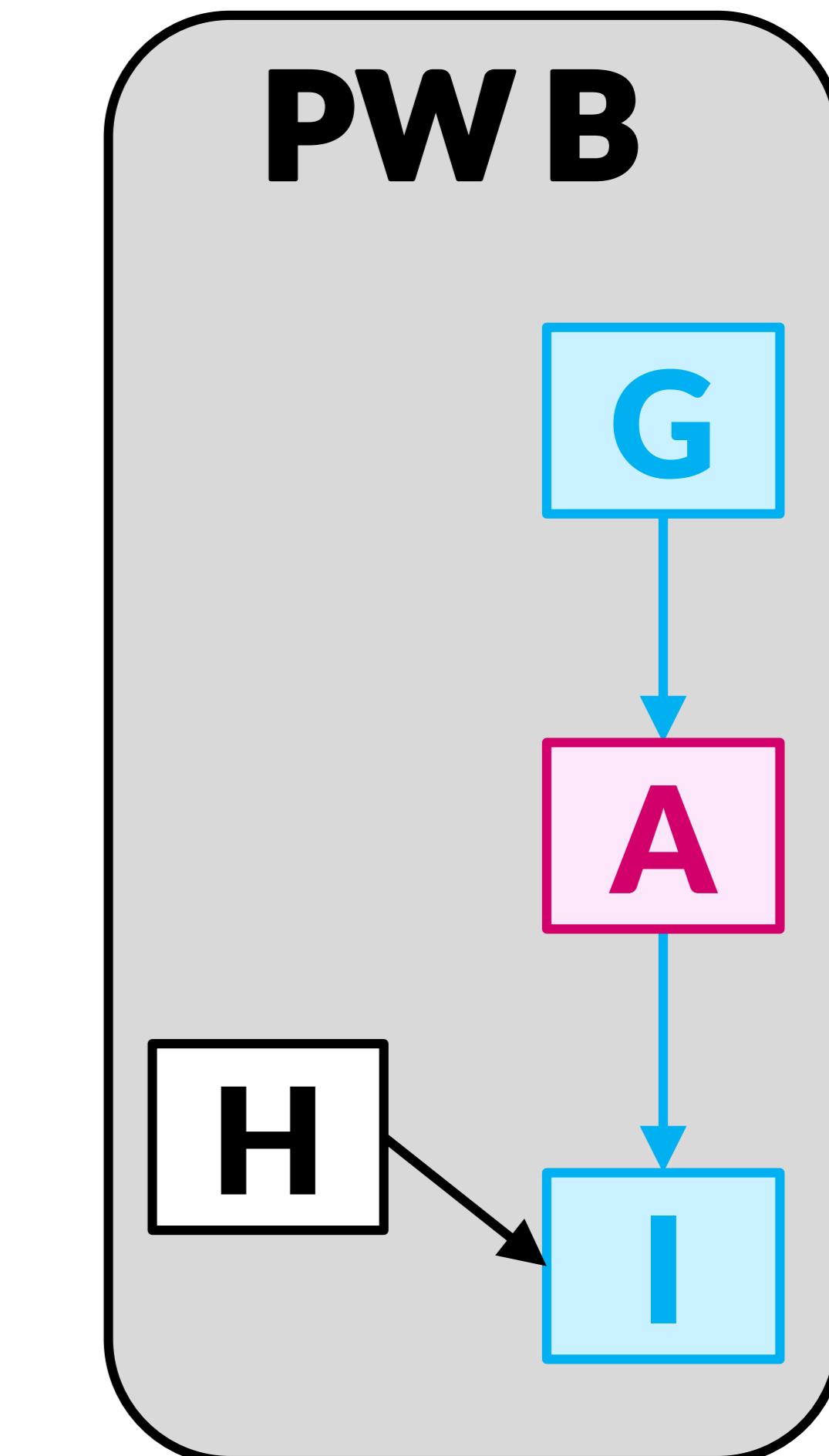
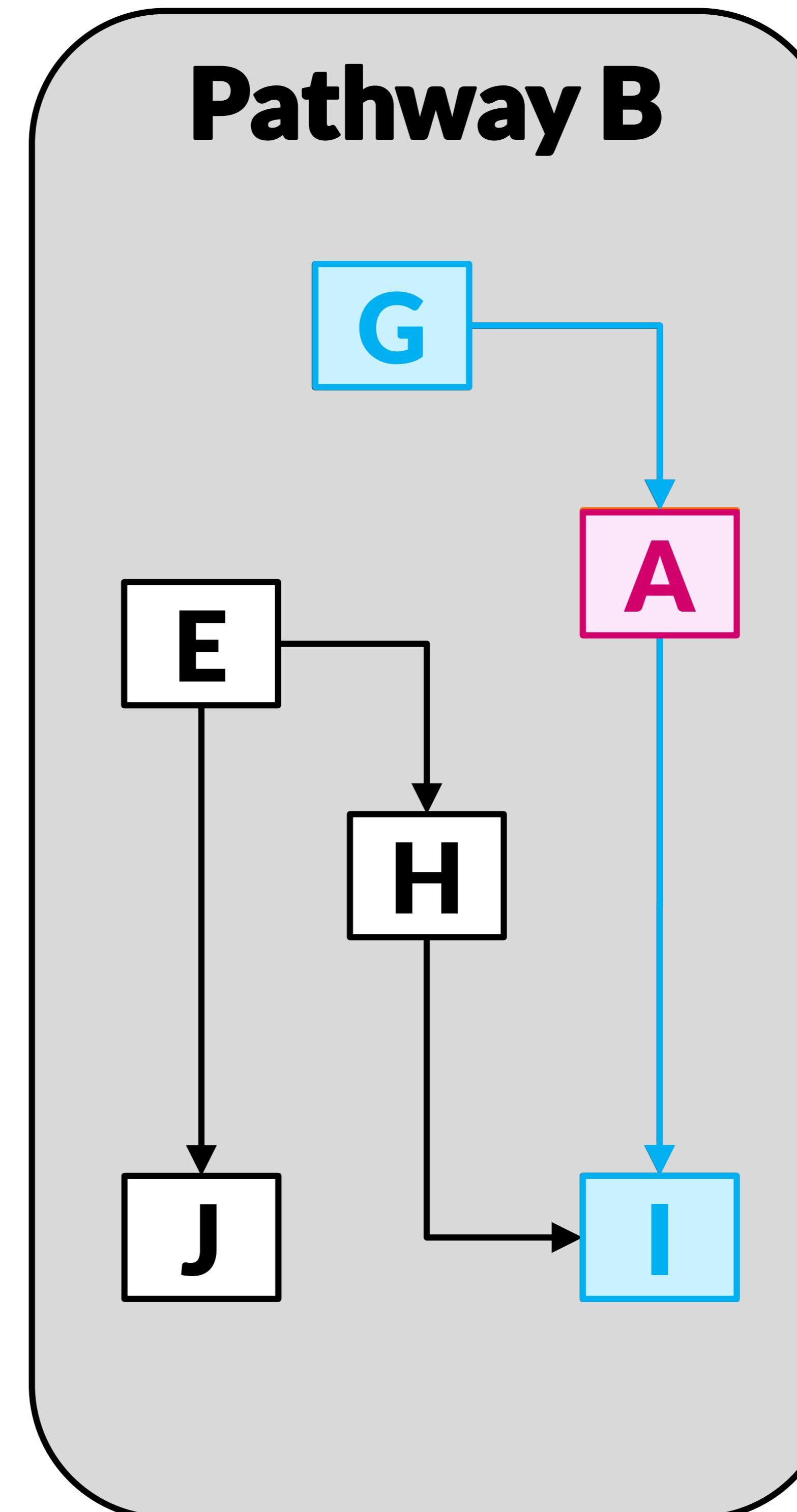
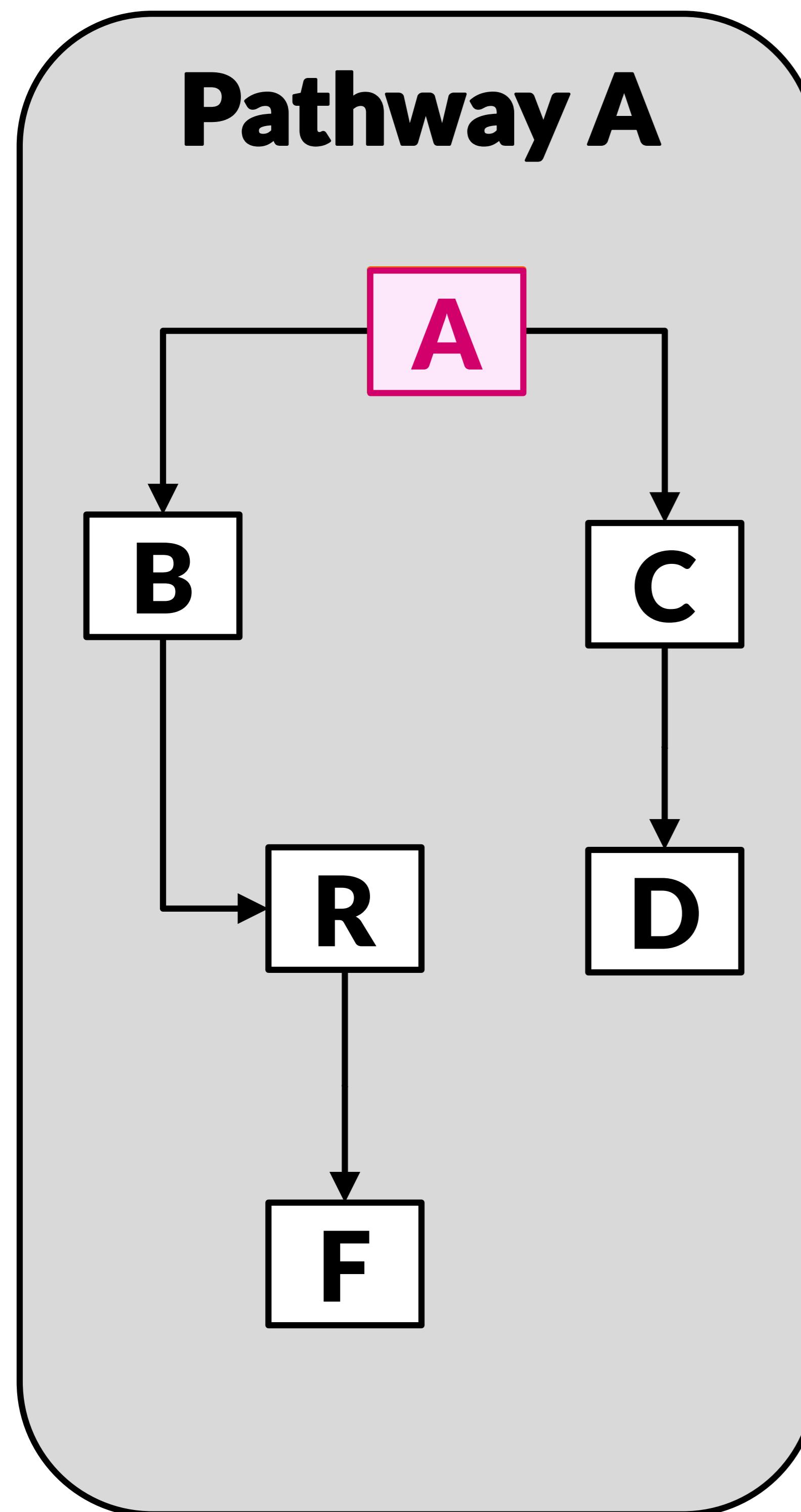
Experimental data analysis

**How to visualize multiple pathways
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**How to visualize
pathway relationships?**

**How to visualize
experimental data on pathways?**

Contextual Subsets



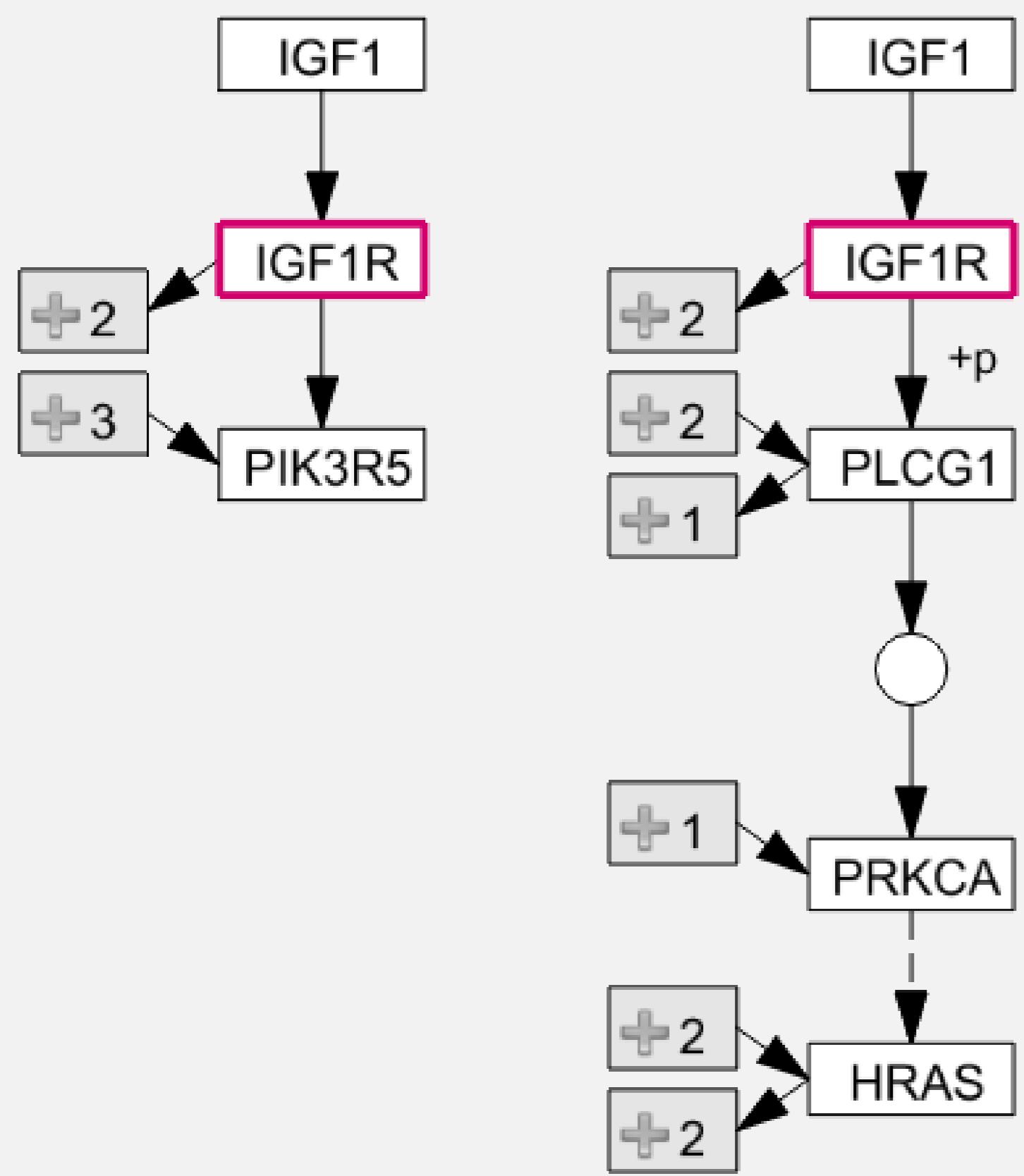
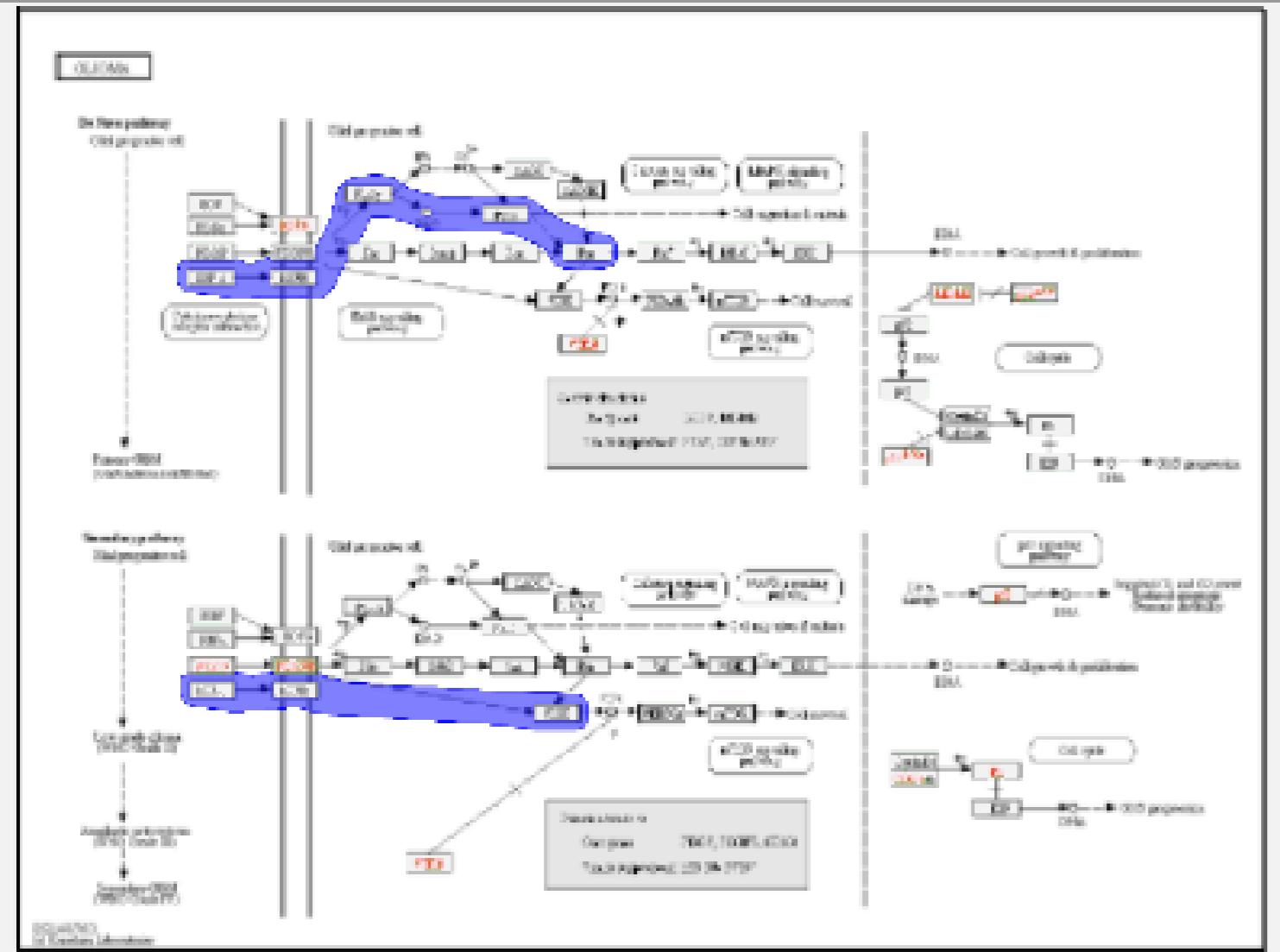
Contextual Subset

Focus Pathway

Context Pathway

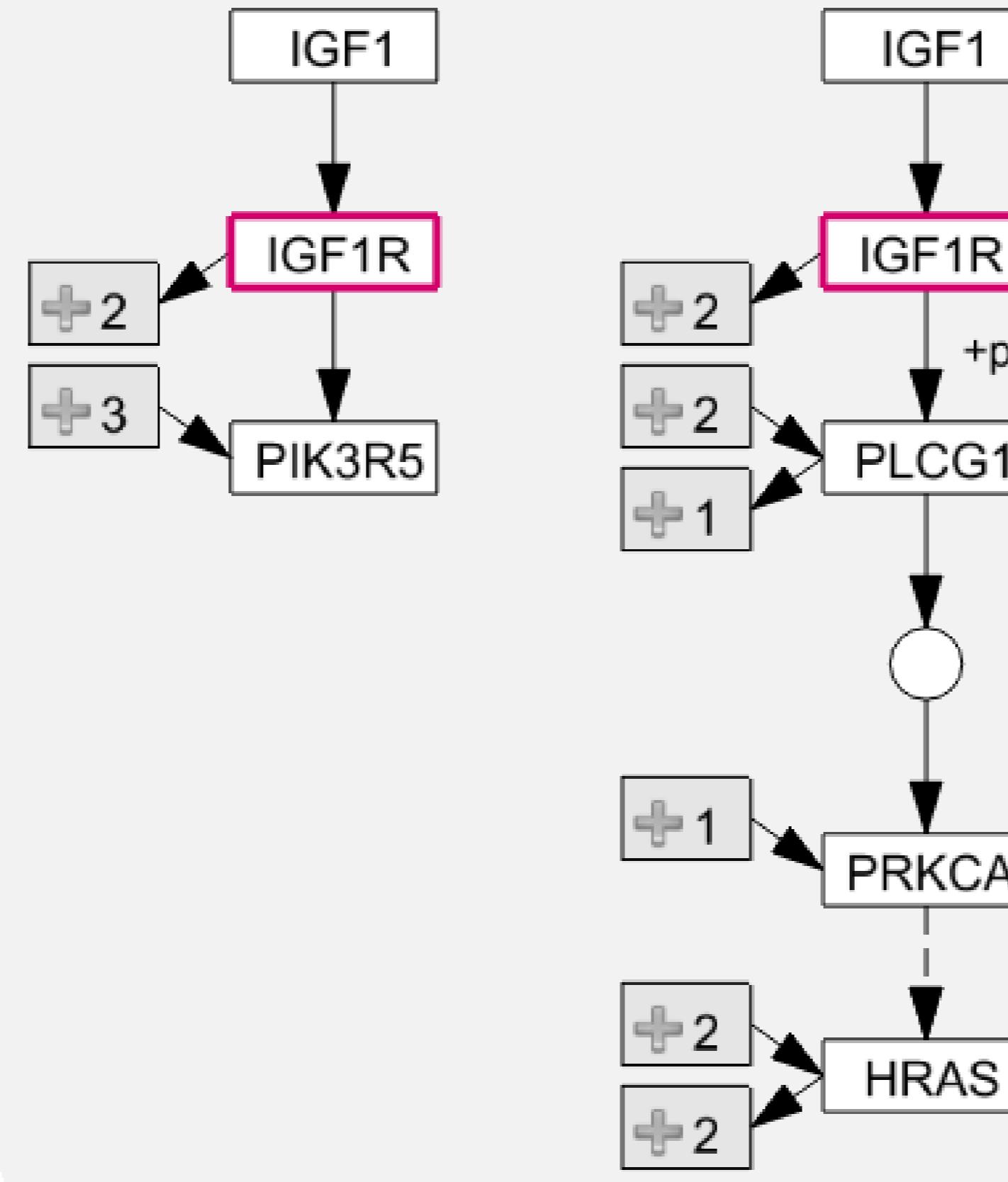
Levels of Detail

Glioma



High

Glioma

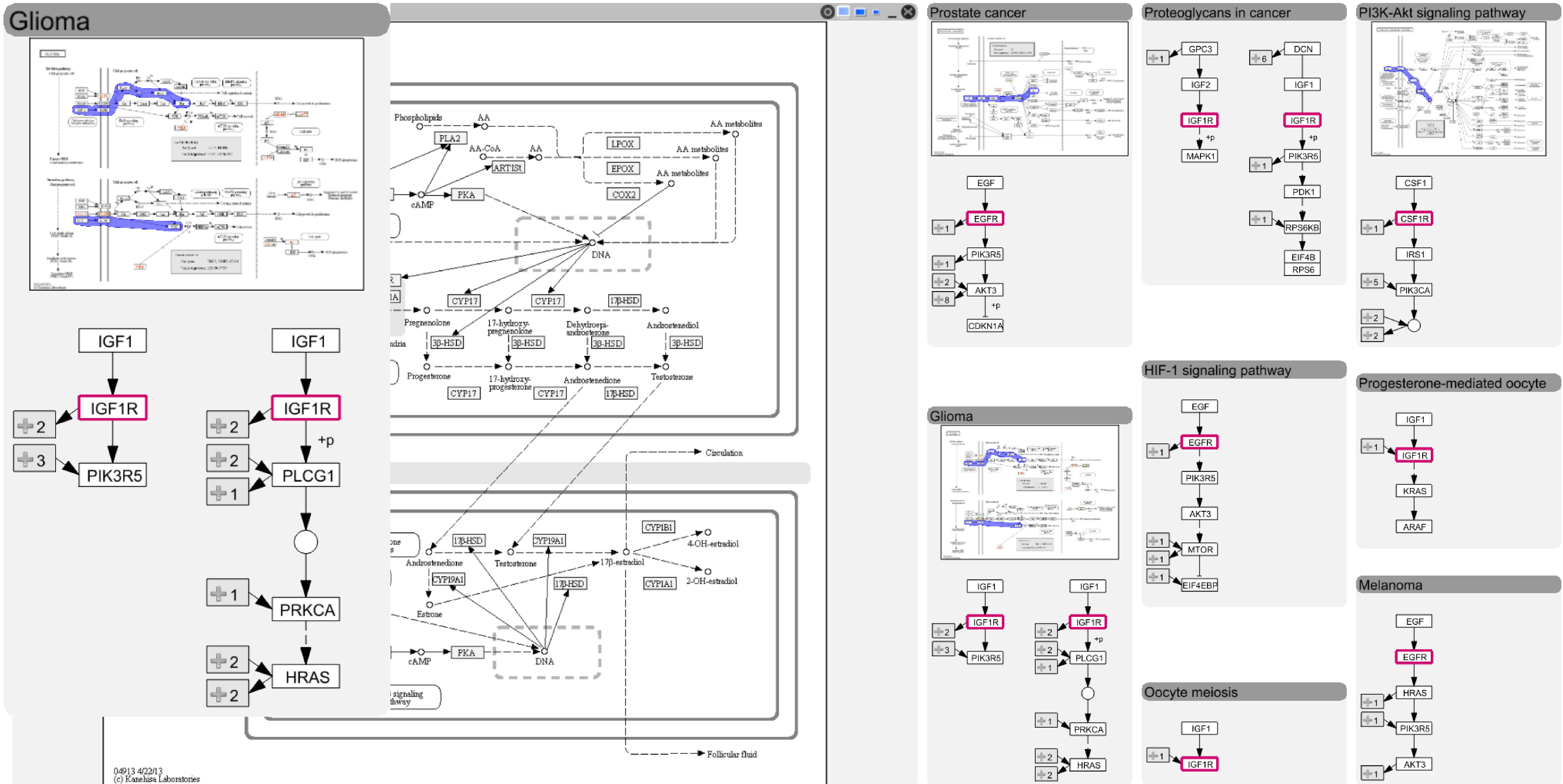


Medium

Glioma

Low

Layout

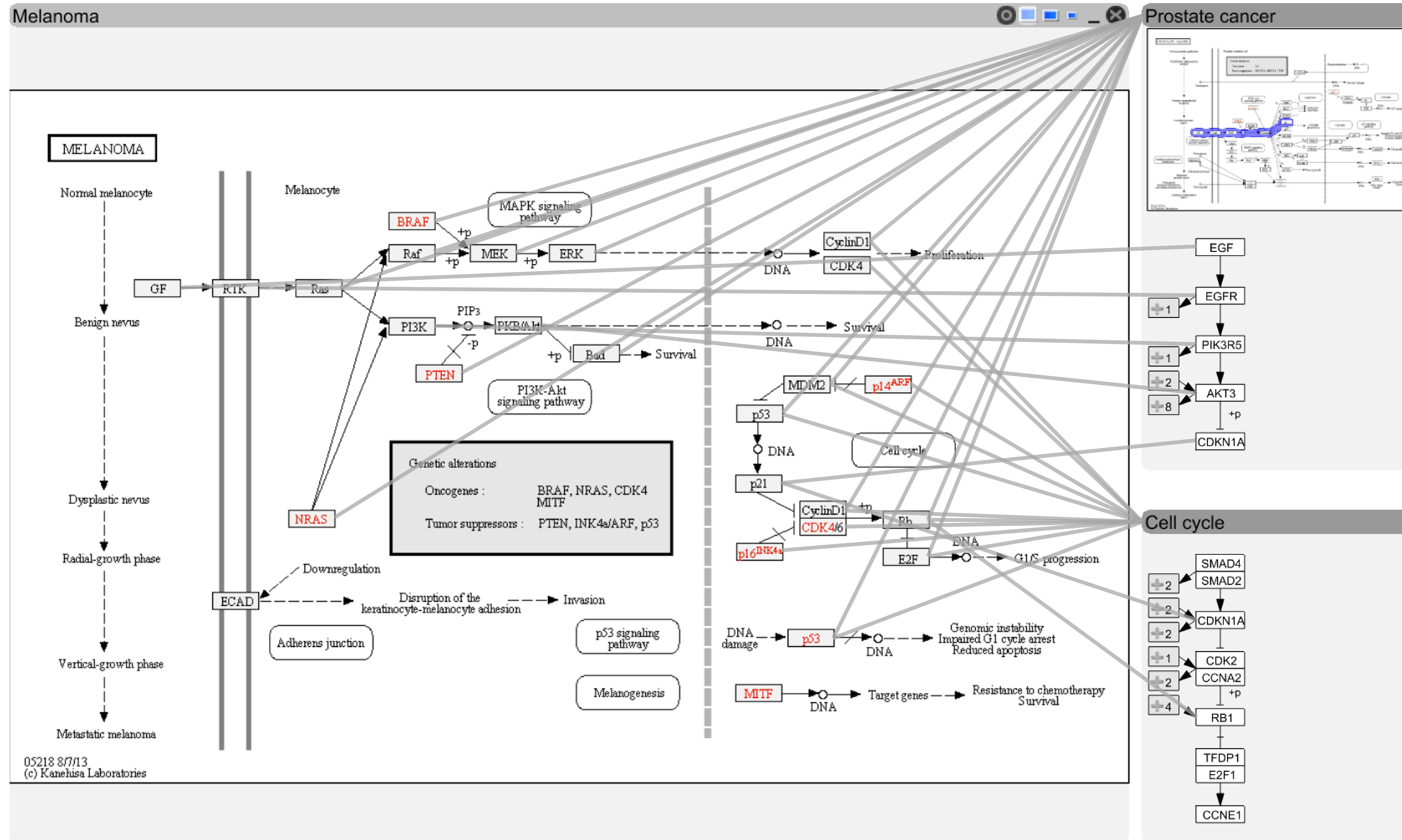


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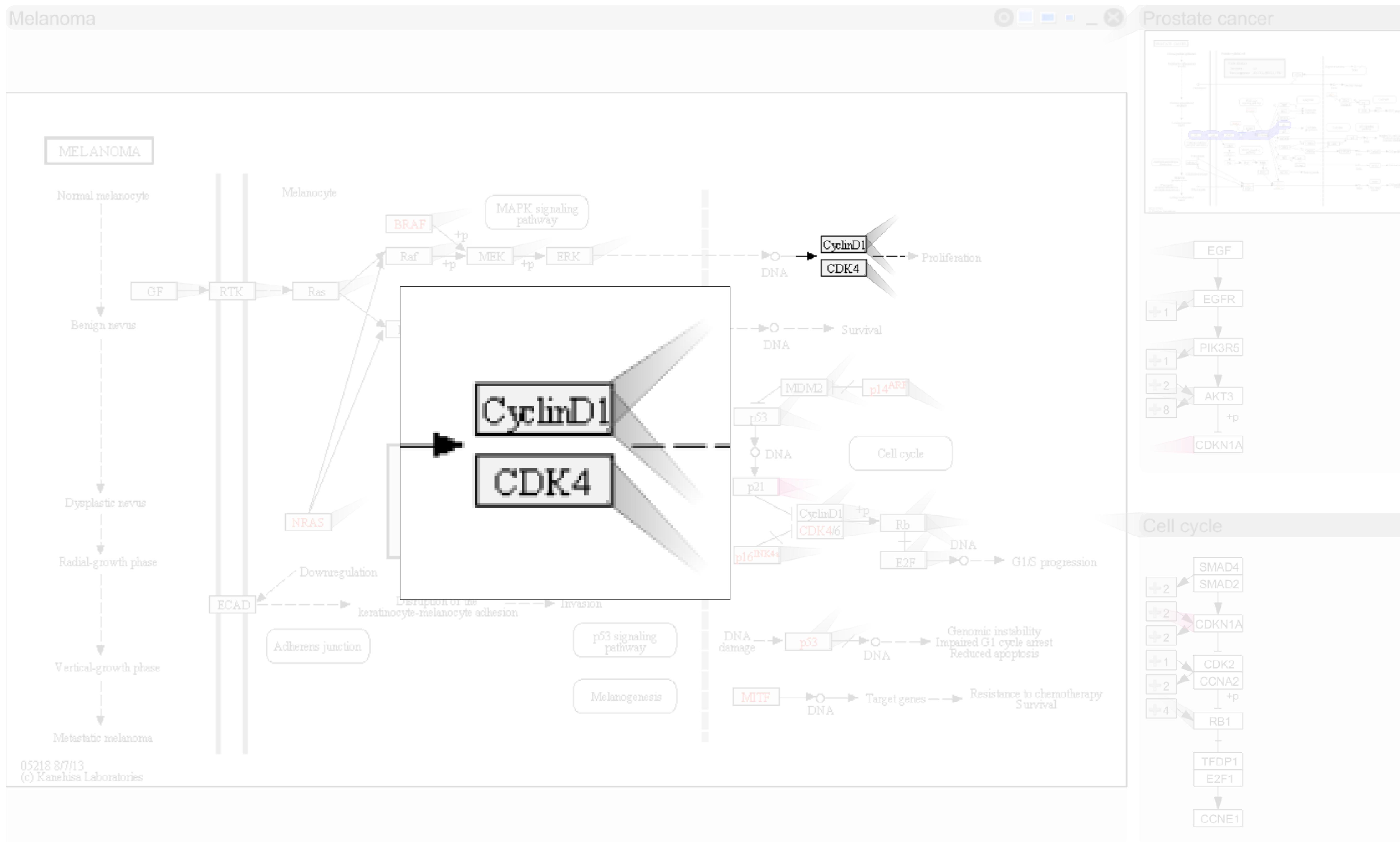
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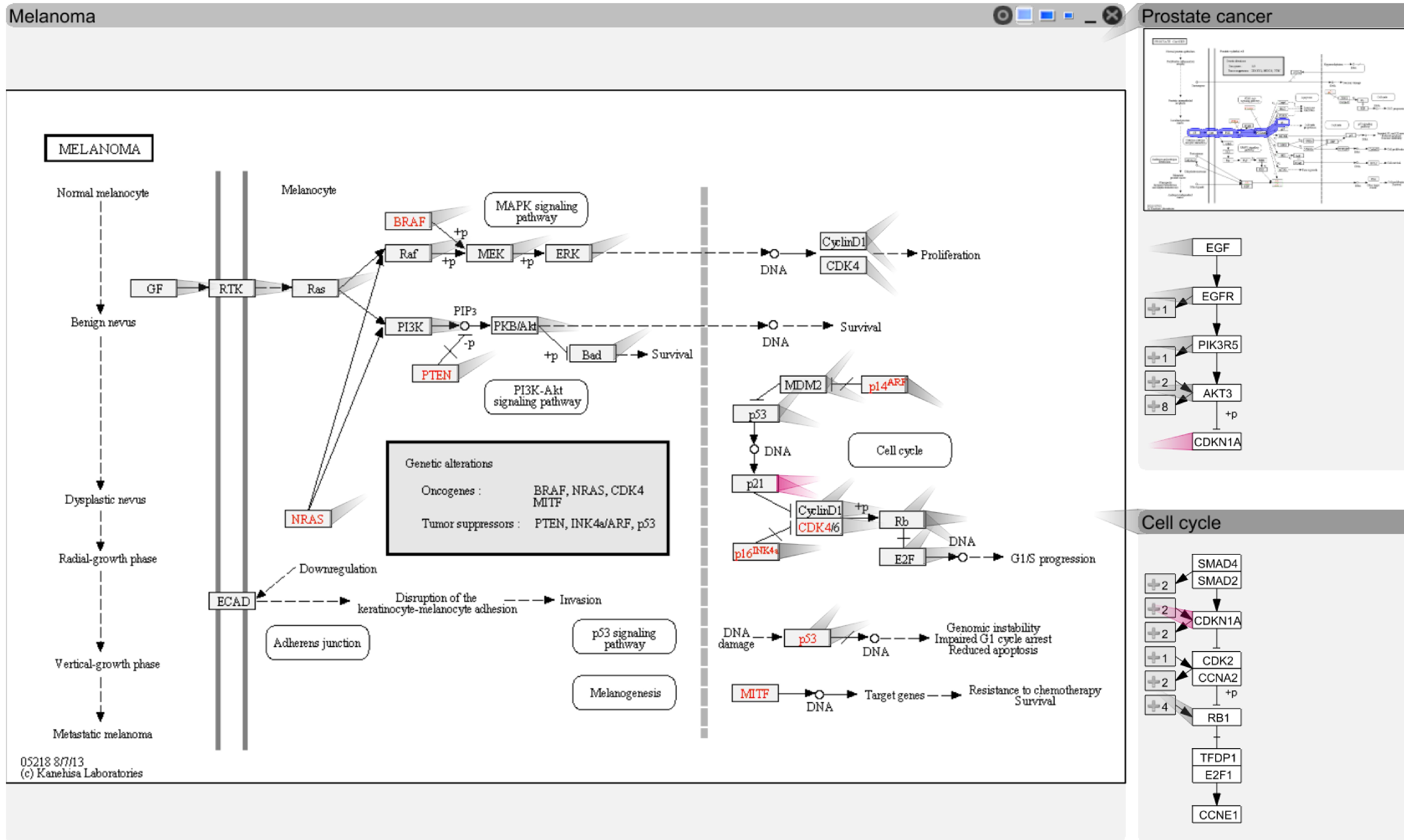
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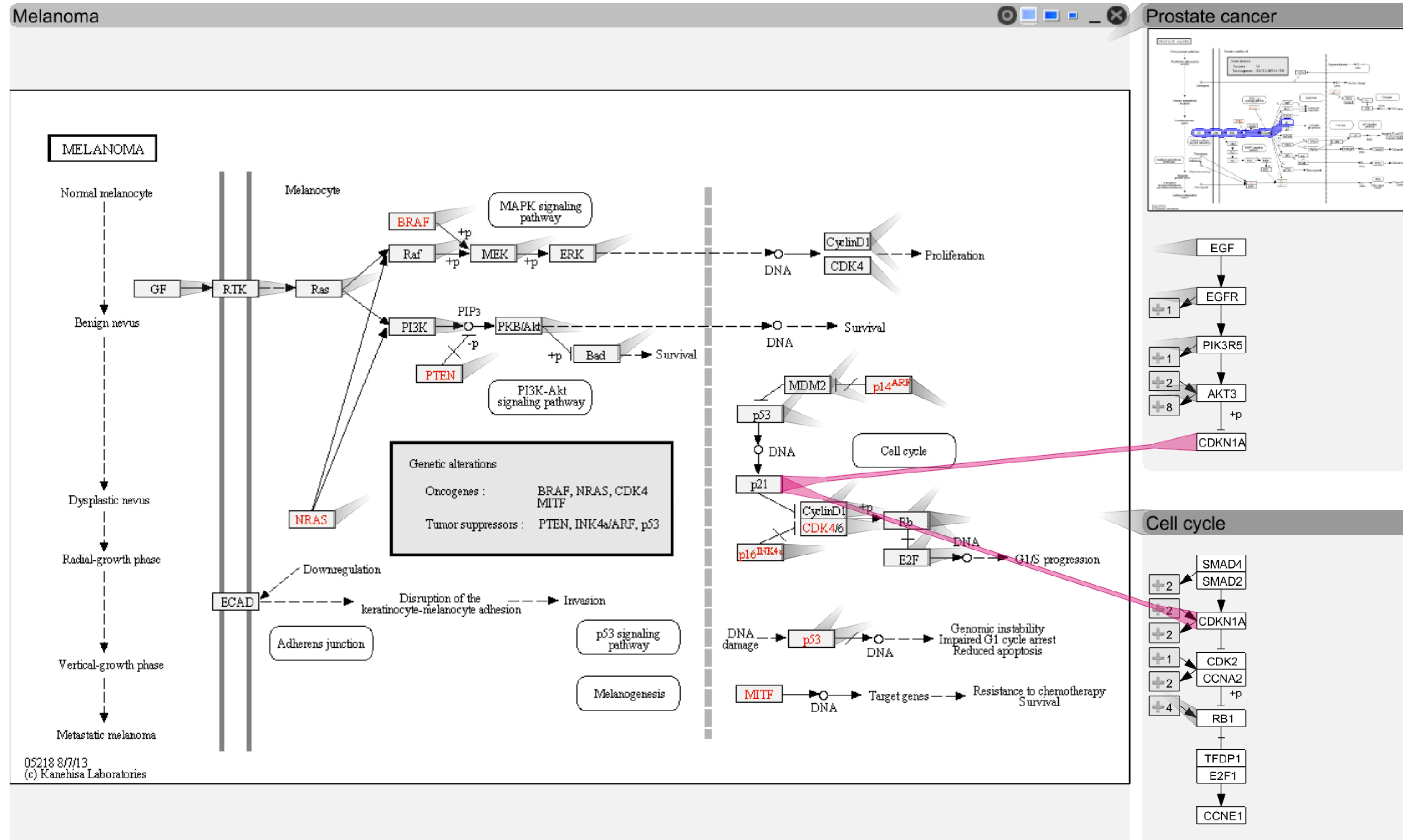
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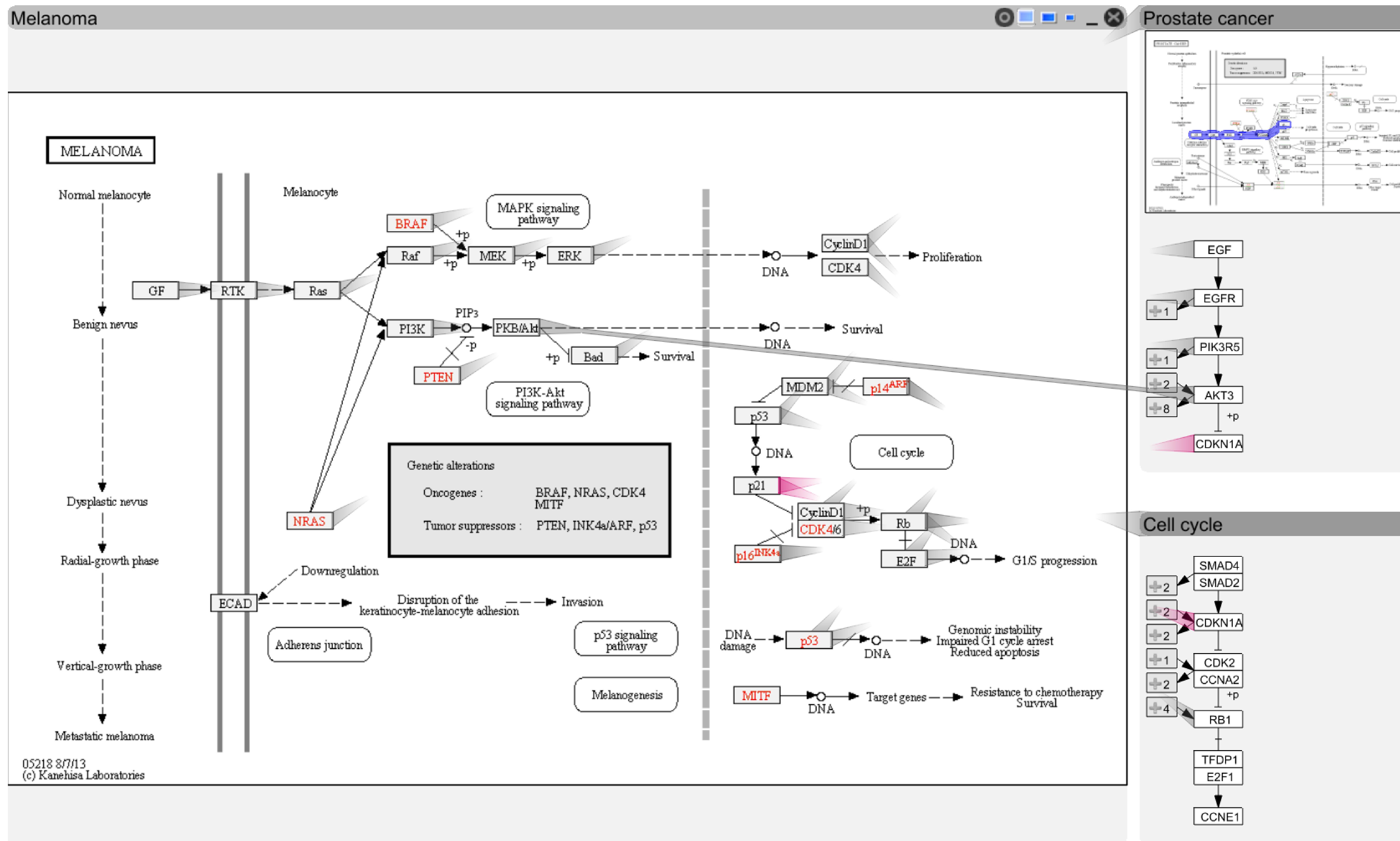
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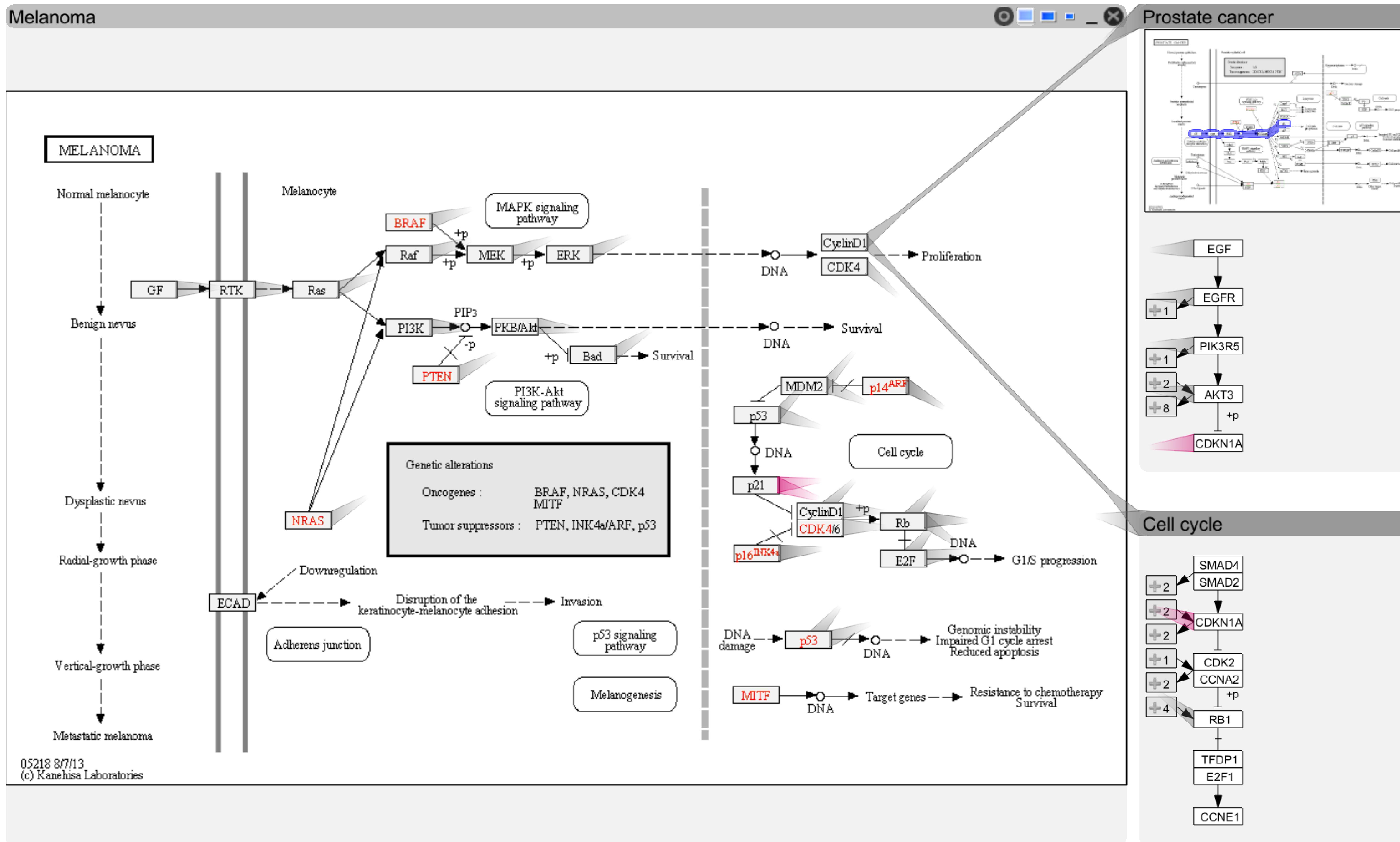
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Experi- mental Data and Pathways

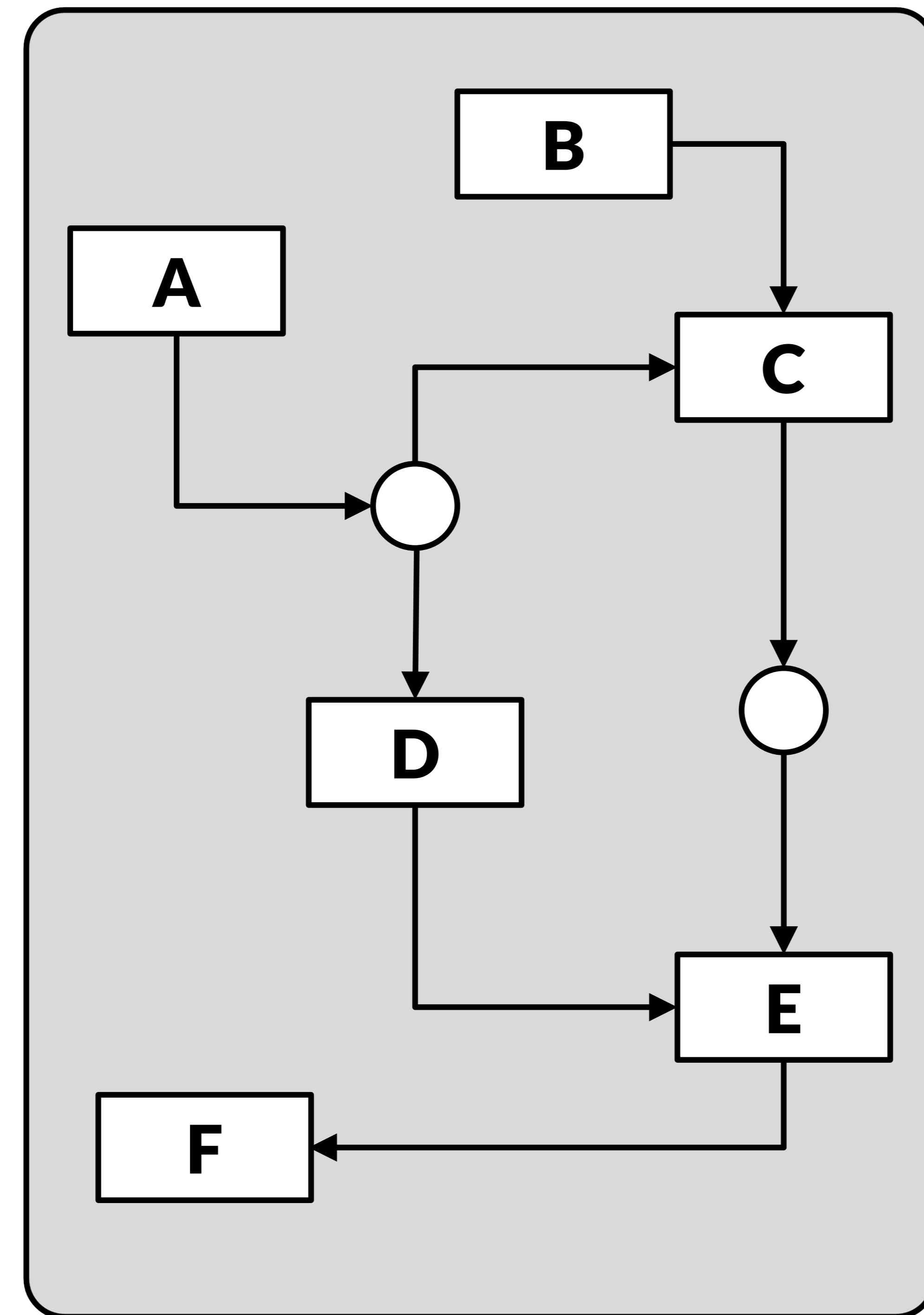
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[PartI, BioVis '12]

Cannot account for **variation** found in real-world data

Branches can be **(in)activated** due to mutation,
changed gene expression,
modulation due to drug treatment,
etc.

Good Old Color Coding



A	-3.4
B	2.8
C	3.1
D	-3
E	0.5
F	0.3

Challenge: Data Scale & Heterogeneity

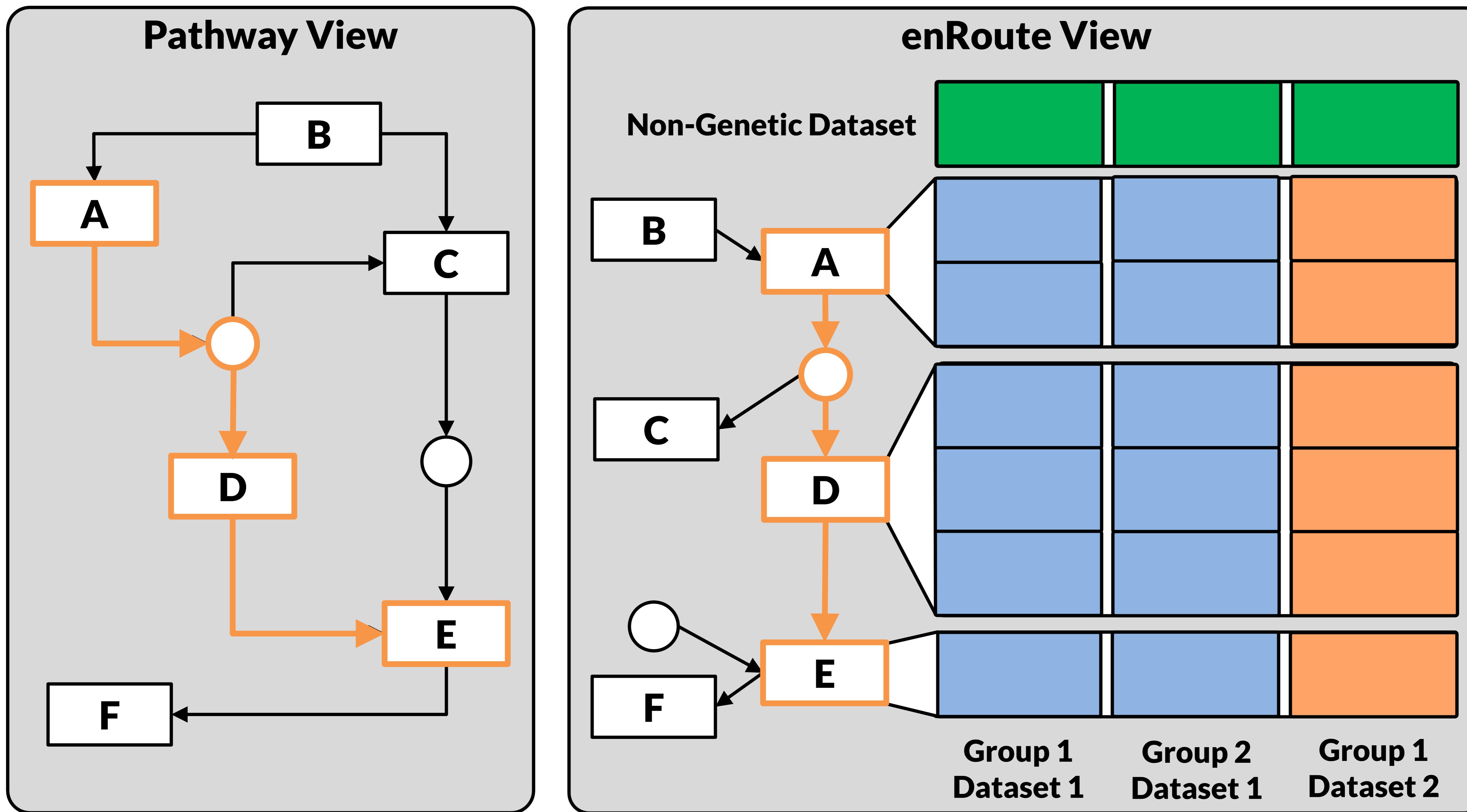
Large number of experiments

Large datasets have more than 500 experiments

Multiple groups/conditions

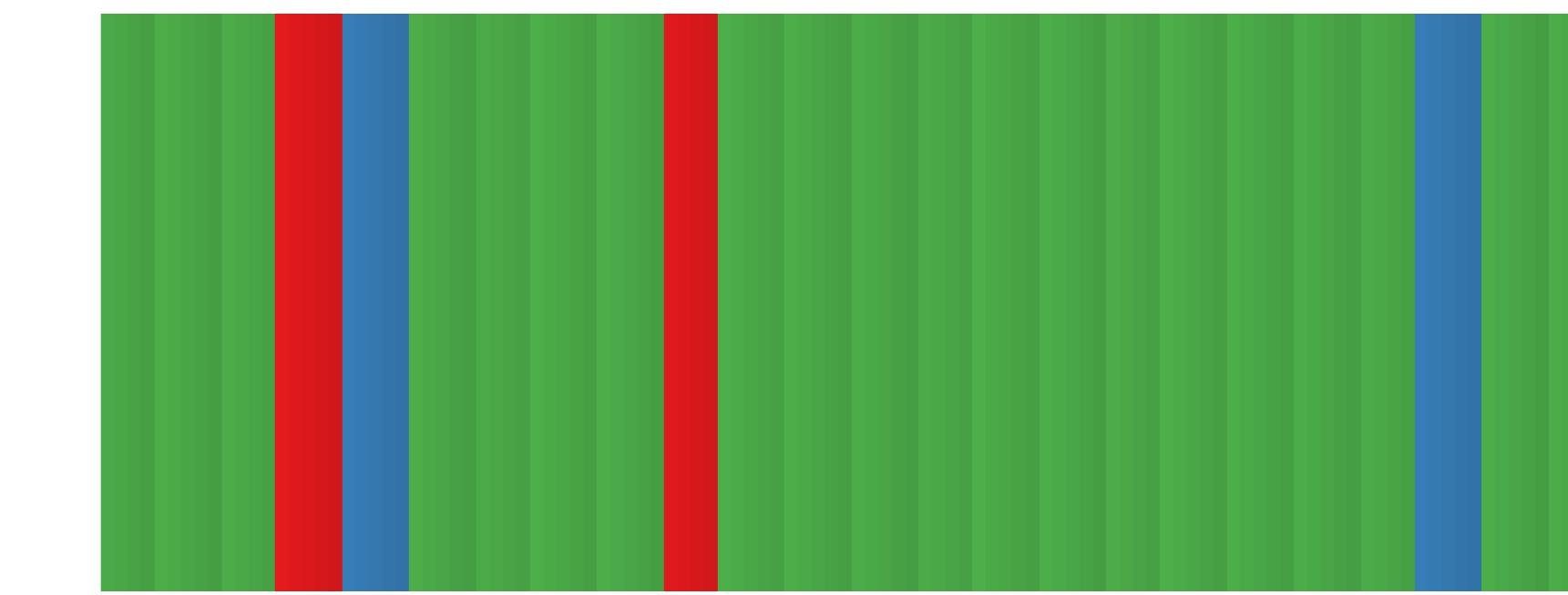
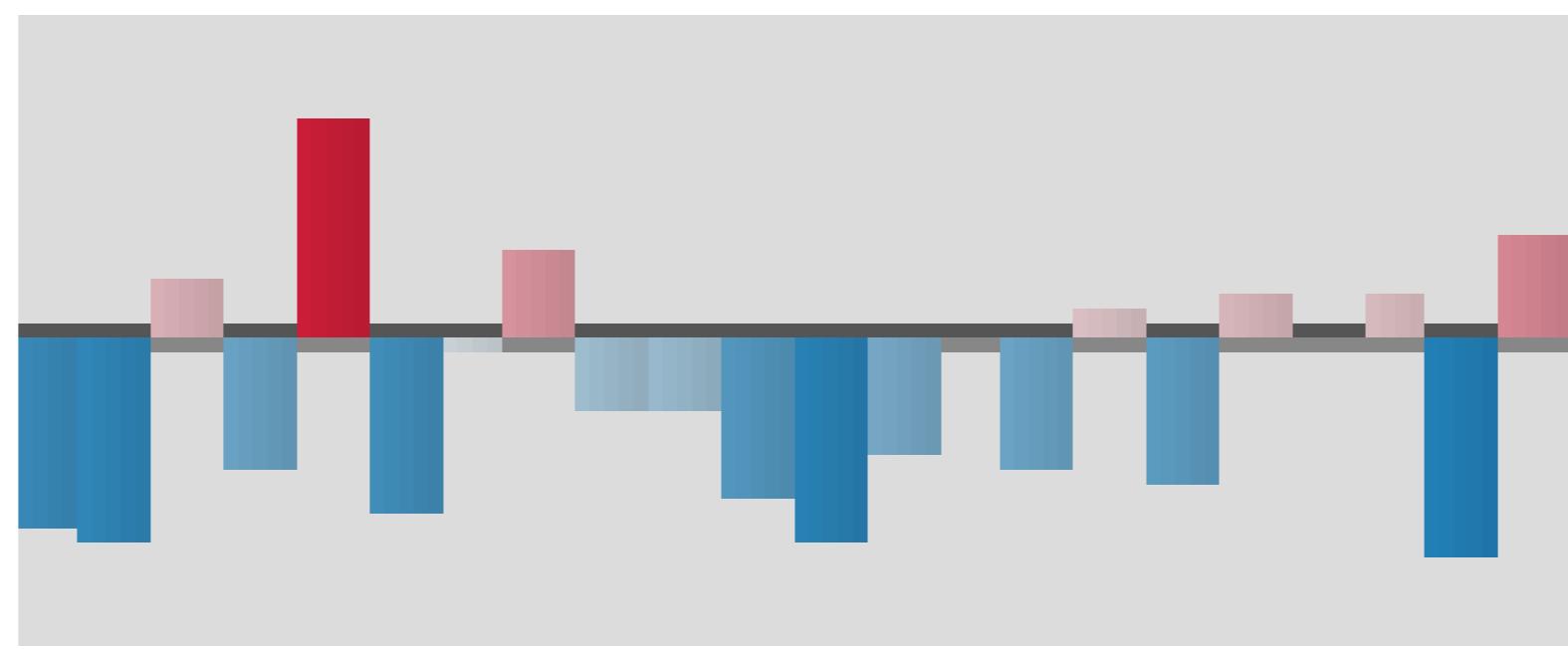
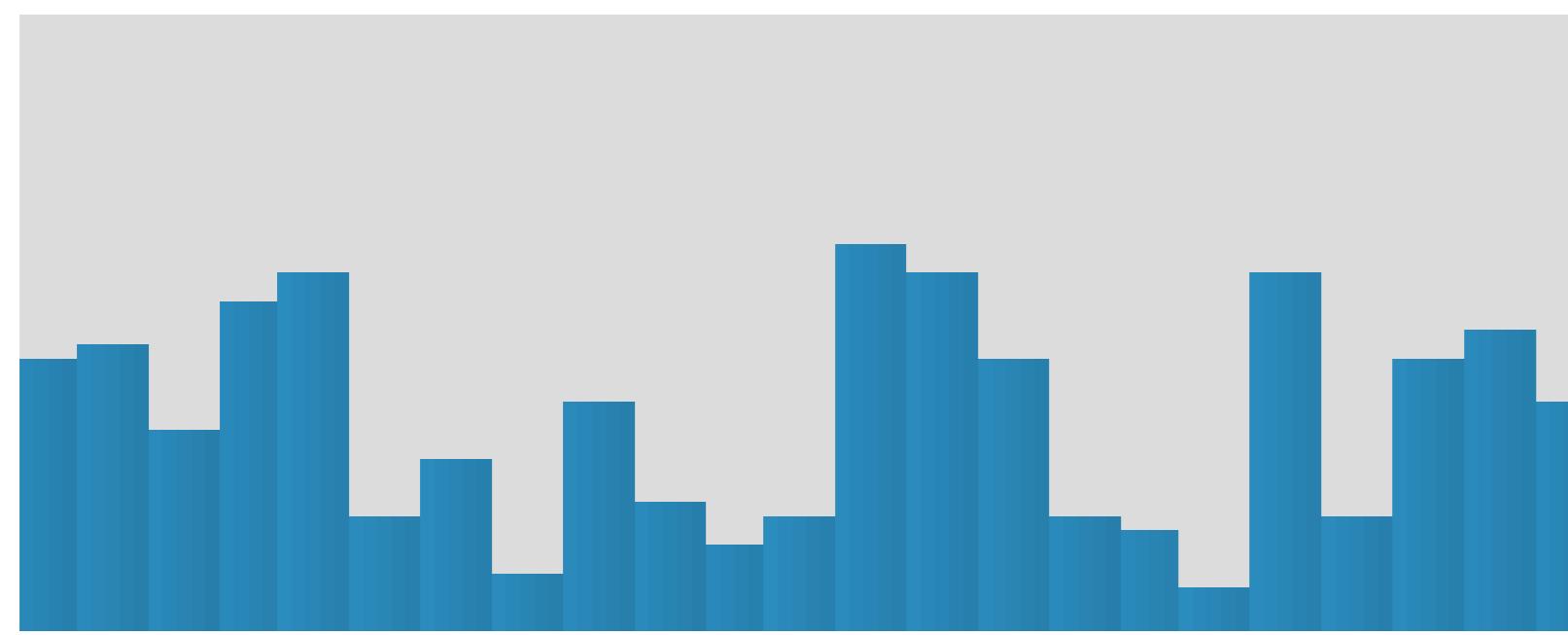
Different types of data, require different visualization techniques

Concept

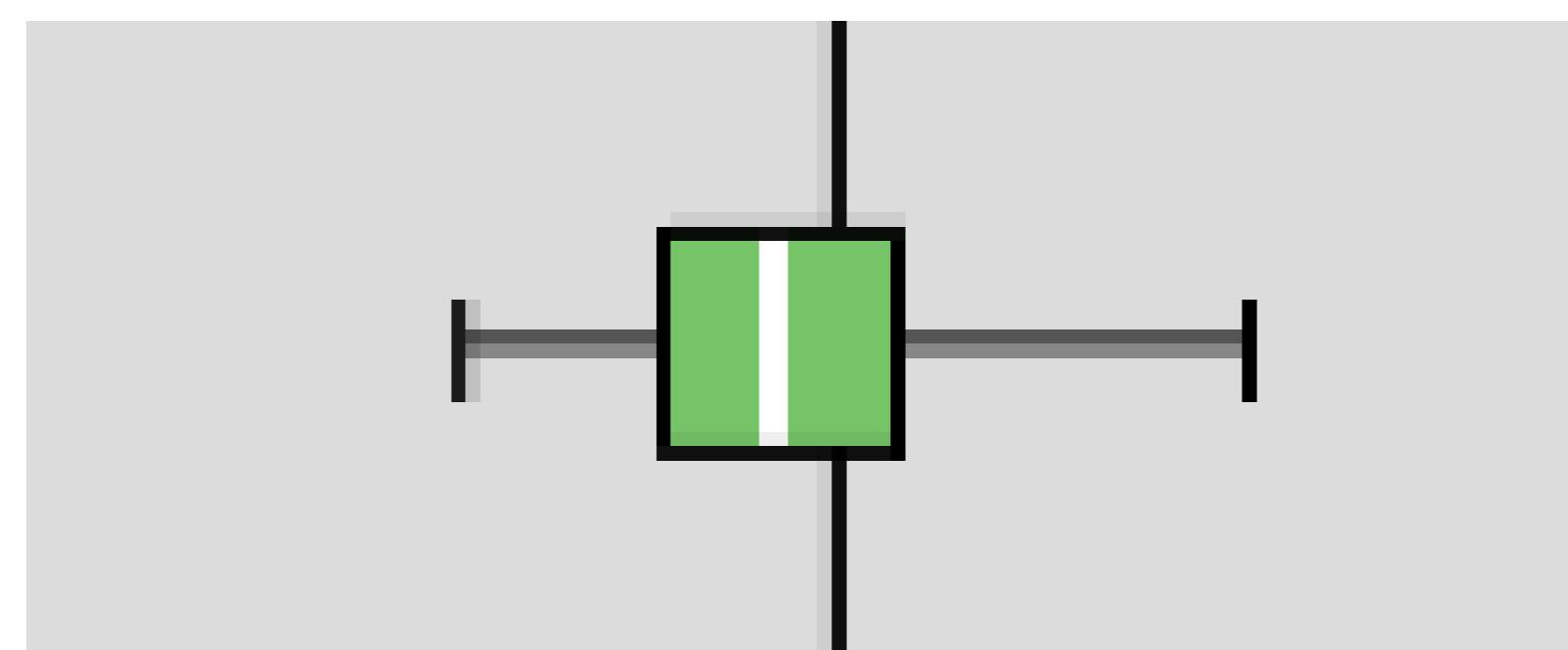
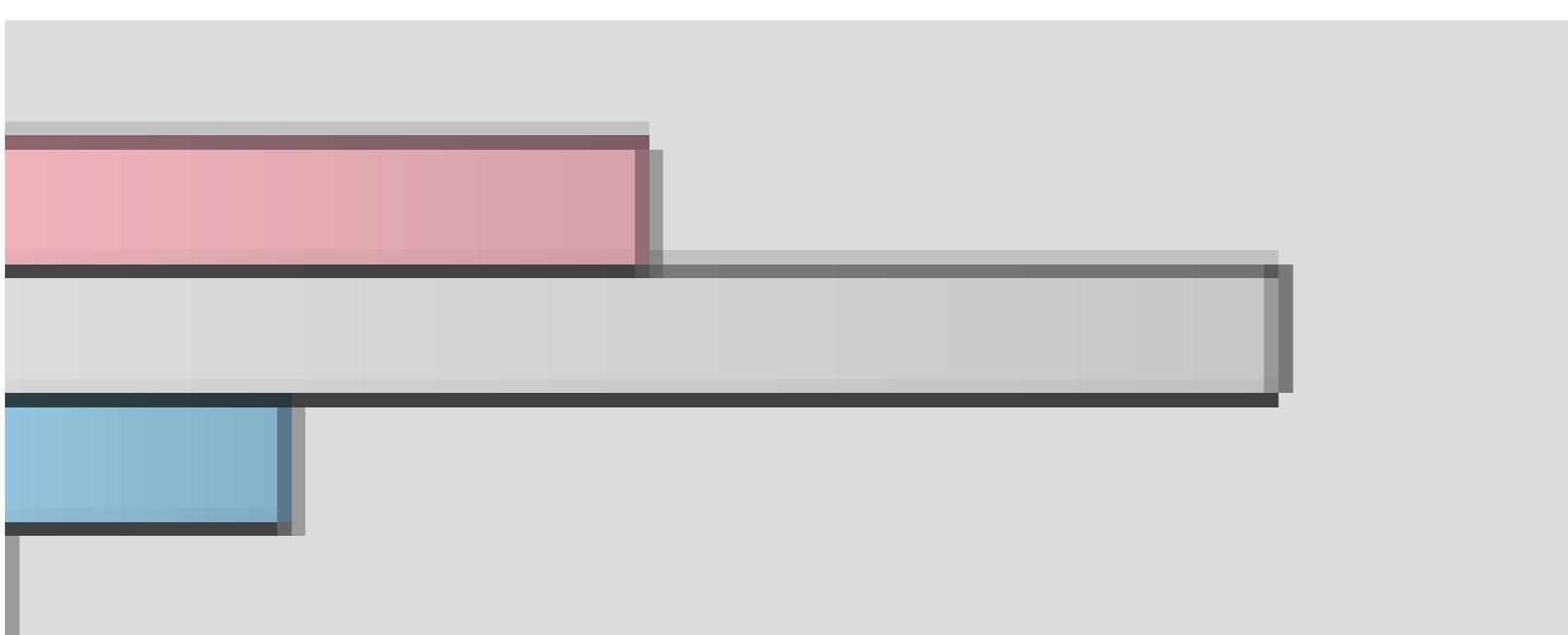


Experimental Data Representation

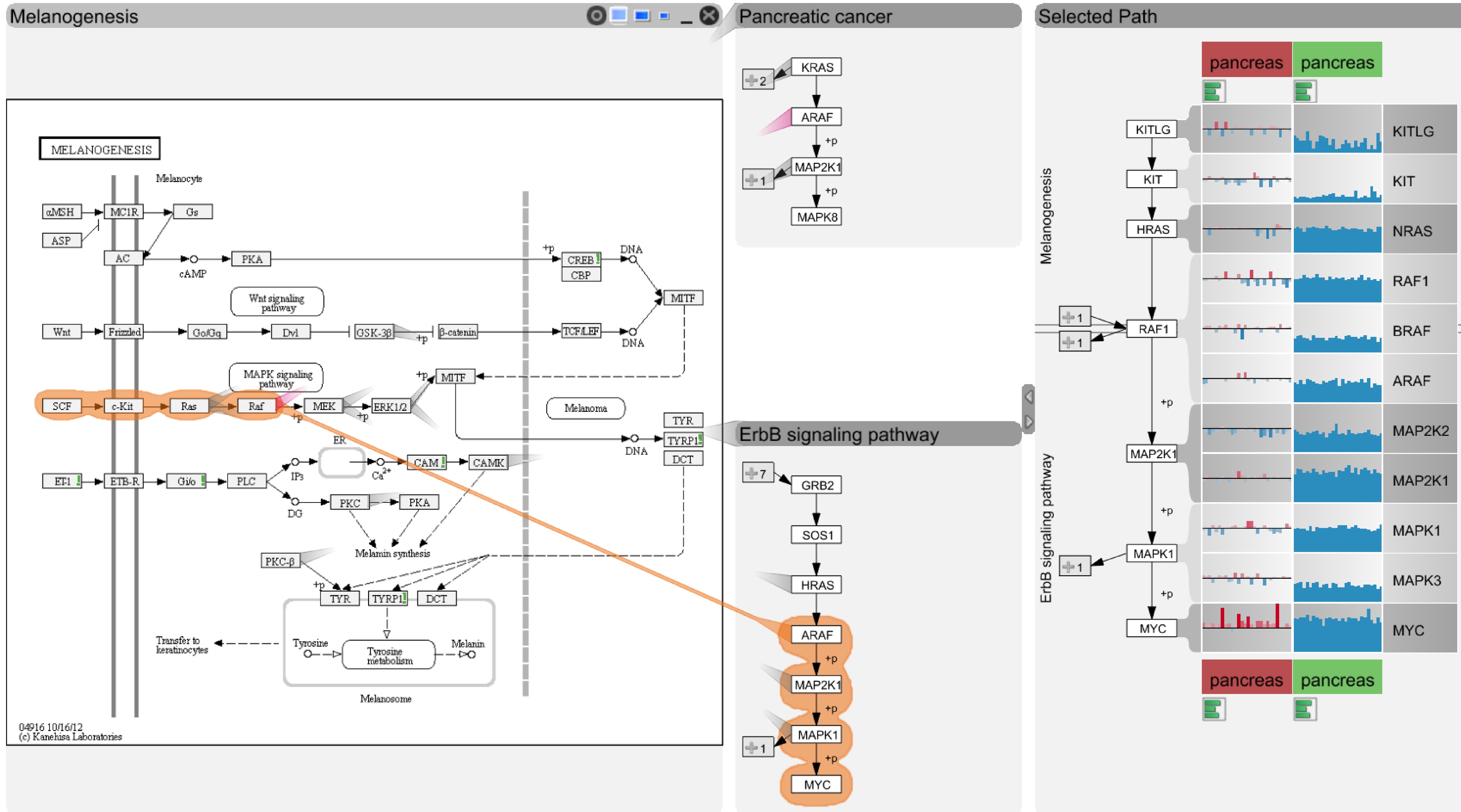
Individual Dimensions



Summary Representations



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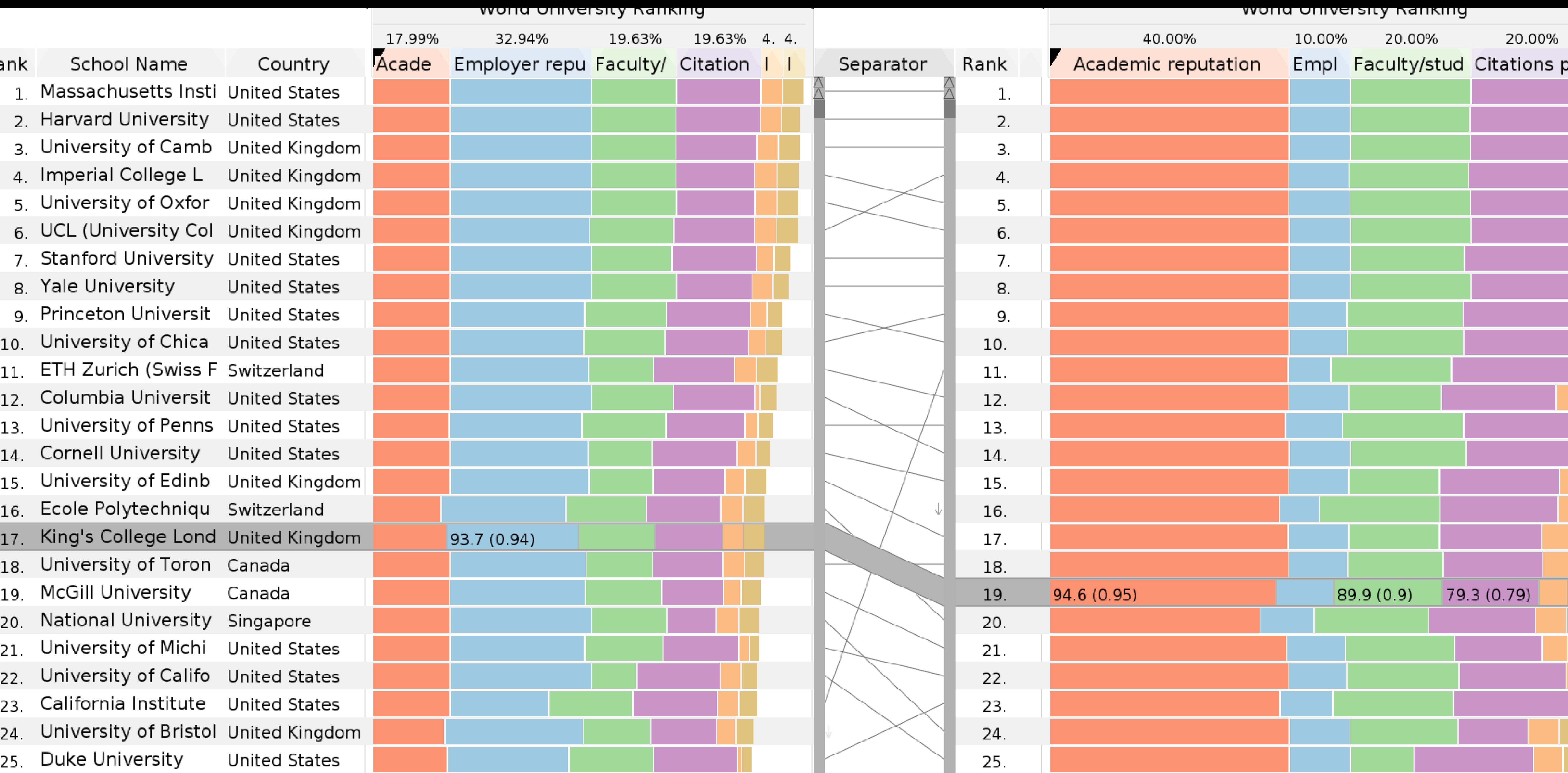


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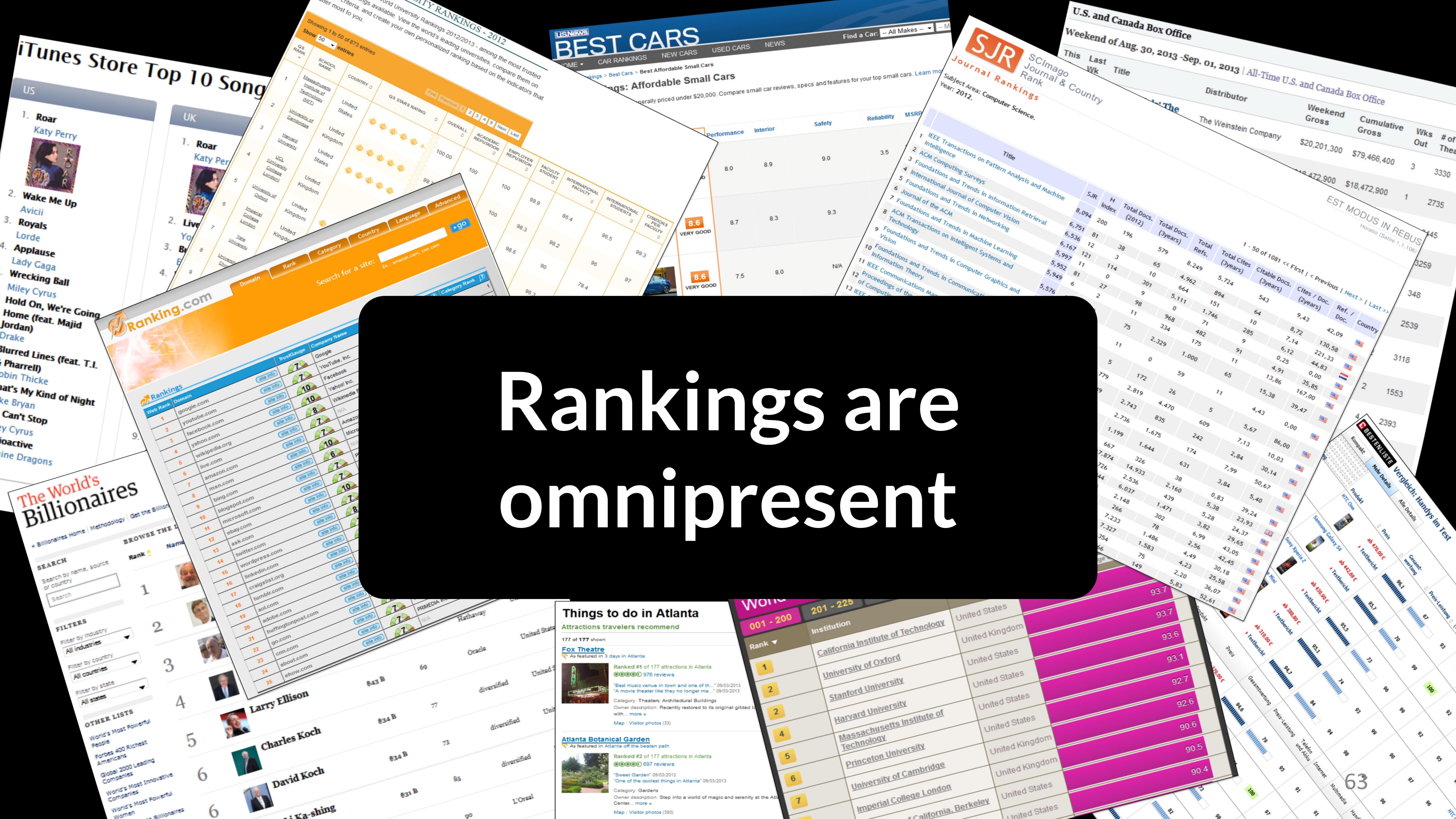
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Rankings



Rankings are omnipresent



Goal

Intuitive
Interactive
Multi-Attribute
Ranking Visualization
To Create
Refine
Explore

10 Requirements

University

MIT, USA

Harvard, USA

Princeton, USA

Cambridge, UK

Oxford, UK

10 Requirements

Encode Rank

10 Requirements

1. Encode Rank

Encode Rank

Rank	University
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1. MIT, USA
2. Harvard, USA
3. Princeton, USA
4. Cambridge, UK
5. Oxford, UK

10 Requirements

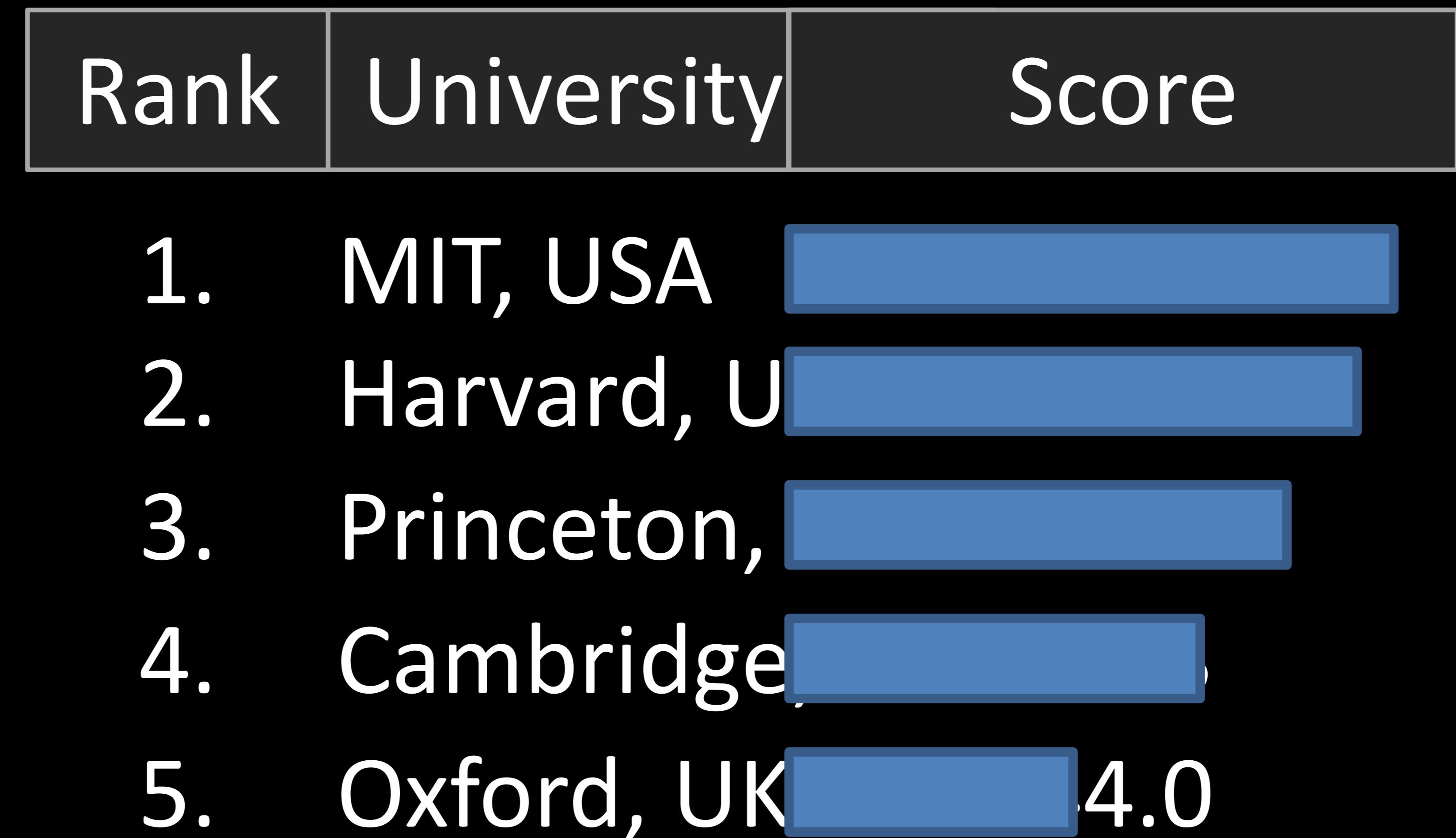
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Encode Cause of Rank

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Support Multiple Attributes

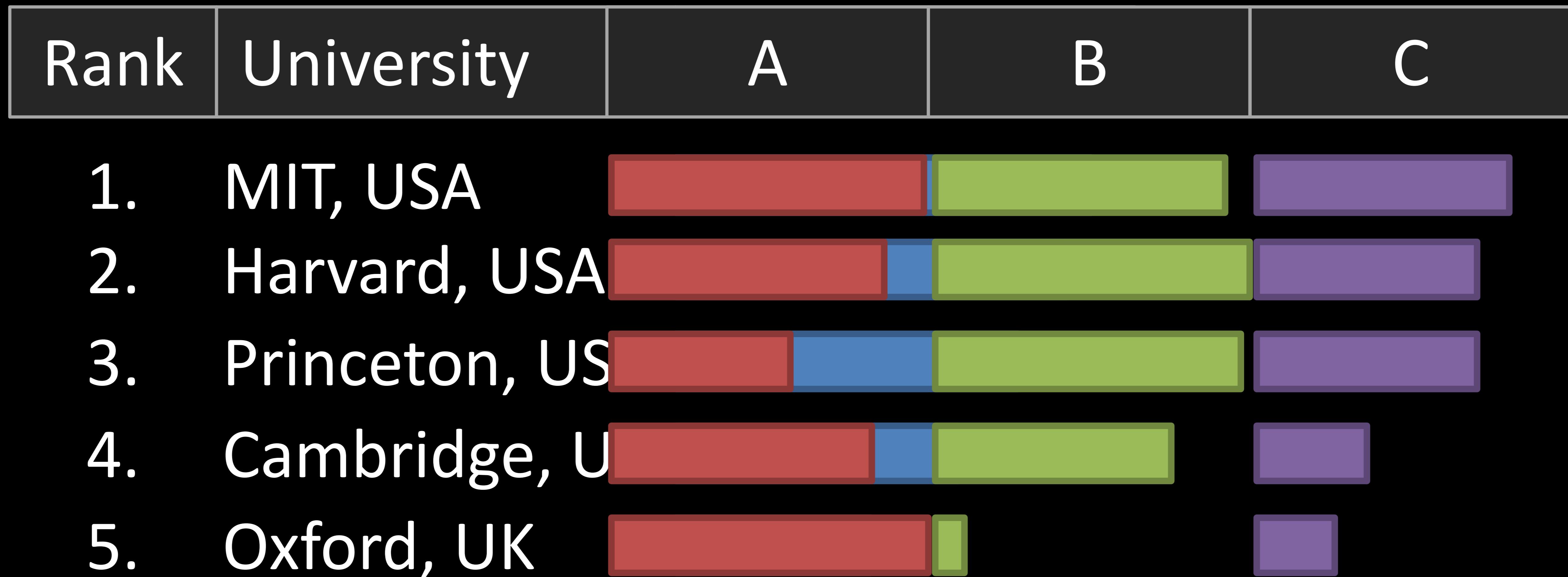
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Support Multiple Attributes

$$\text{Score} = f(A, B, C)$$



Combiner functions: $f(A,B,C)$

(Weighted) sum

$$\text{Score} = w_a A + w_b B + w_c C$$

→ Serial

Maximum

$$\text{Score} = \max(A, B, C)$$

→ Parallel

Product

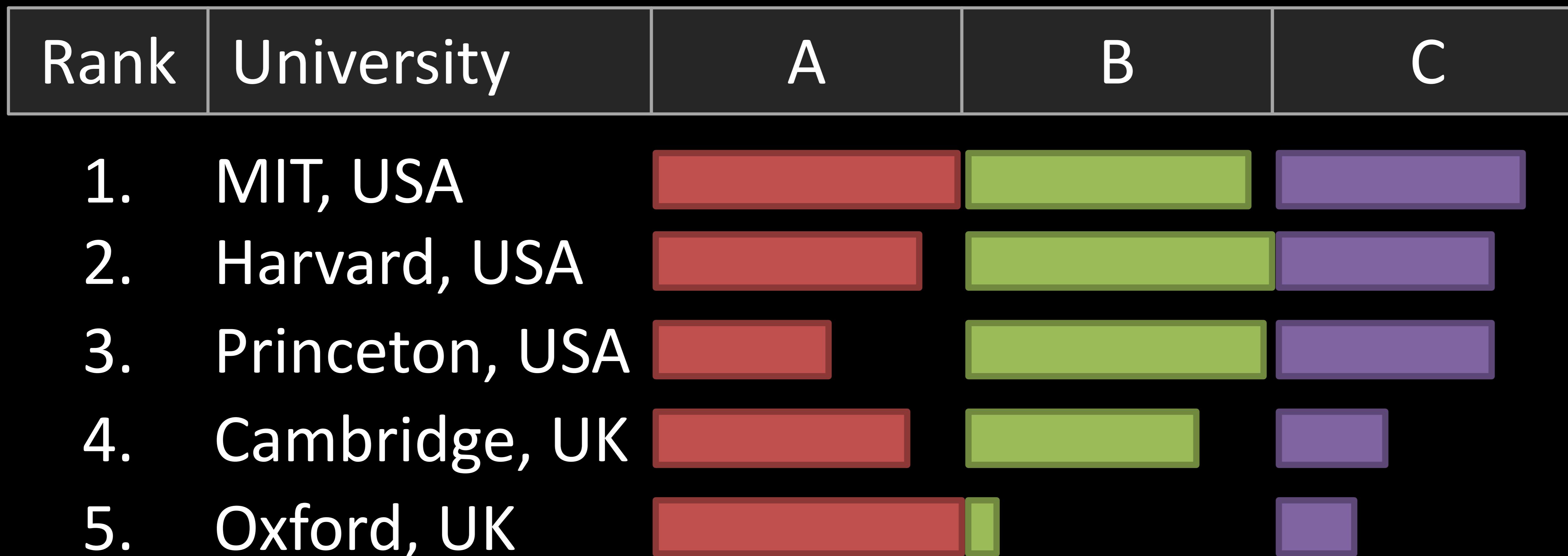
Nesting

...

Complex
Combiners

Serial Combiner (as Stacked Bar)

$$w_a A + w_b B + w_c C$$



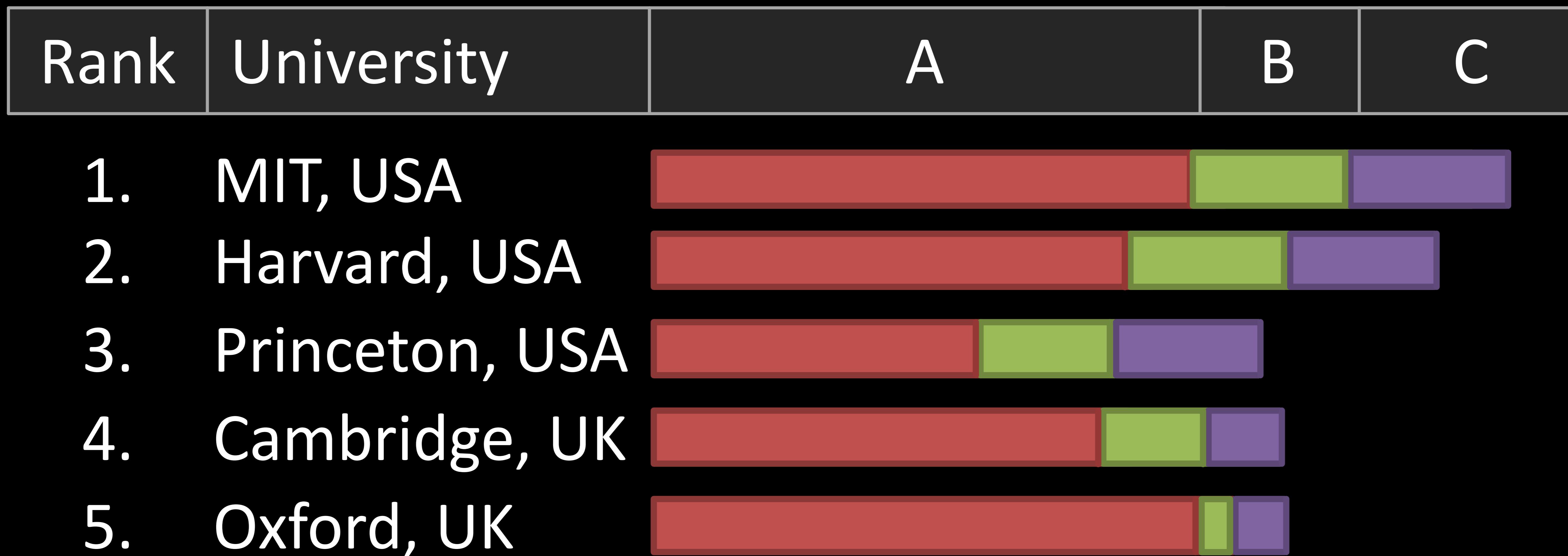
Serial Combiner (as Stacked Bar)



Rank	University	A	B	C
1.	MIT, USA			
2.	Harvard, USA			
3.	Princeton, USA			
4.	Cambridge, UK			
5.	Oxford, UK			

The table lists five universities ranked from 1 to 5. Each row contains the rank, university name, and a corresponding stacked bar. The bars are composed of three segments: red (A), green (B), and purple (C). The length of each segment represents the weight w_a , w_b , or w_c respectively, contributing to the total score for that university. The total length of the bars decreases as the rank number increases, indicating a decreasing total score.

Serial Combiner (as Stacked Bar)

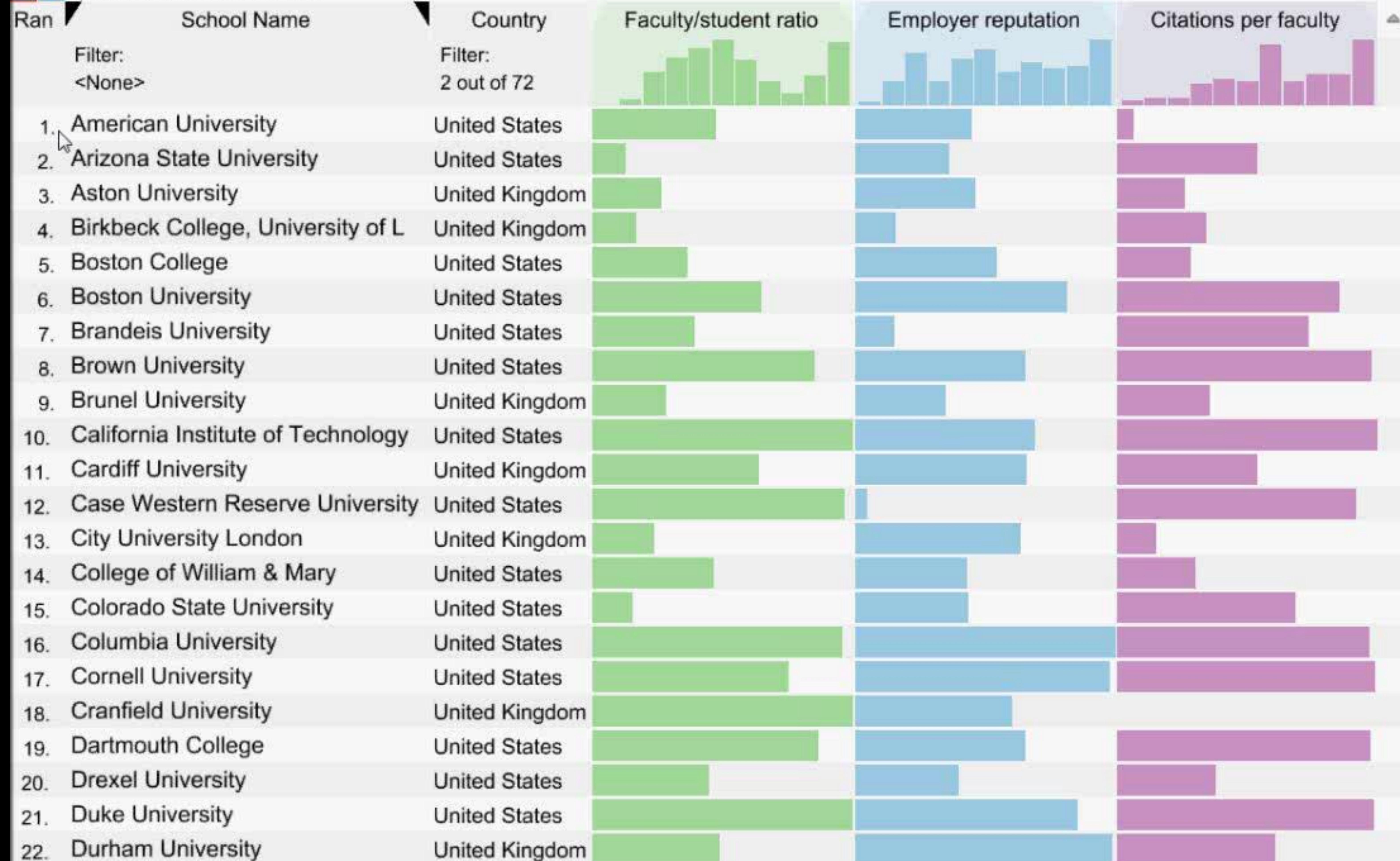
 $w_a A$ $+ w_b B + w_c C$ 

10 Requirements

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2. Encode Cause of Rank
3. Support Multiple Attributes
**Interactive Refinement
and Visual Feedback**

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3. Support Multiple Attributes
4. Interactive Refinement and Visual Feedback

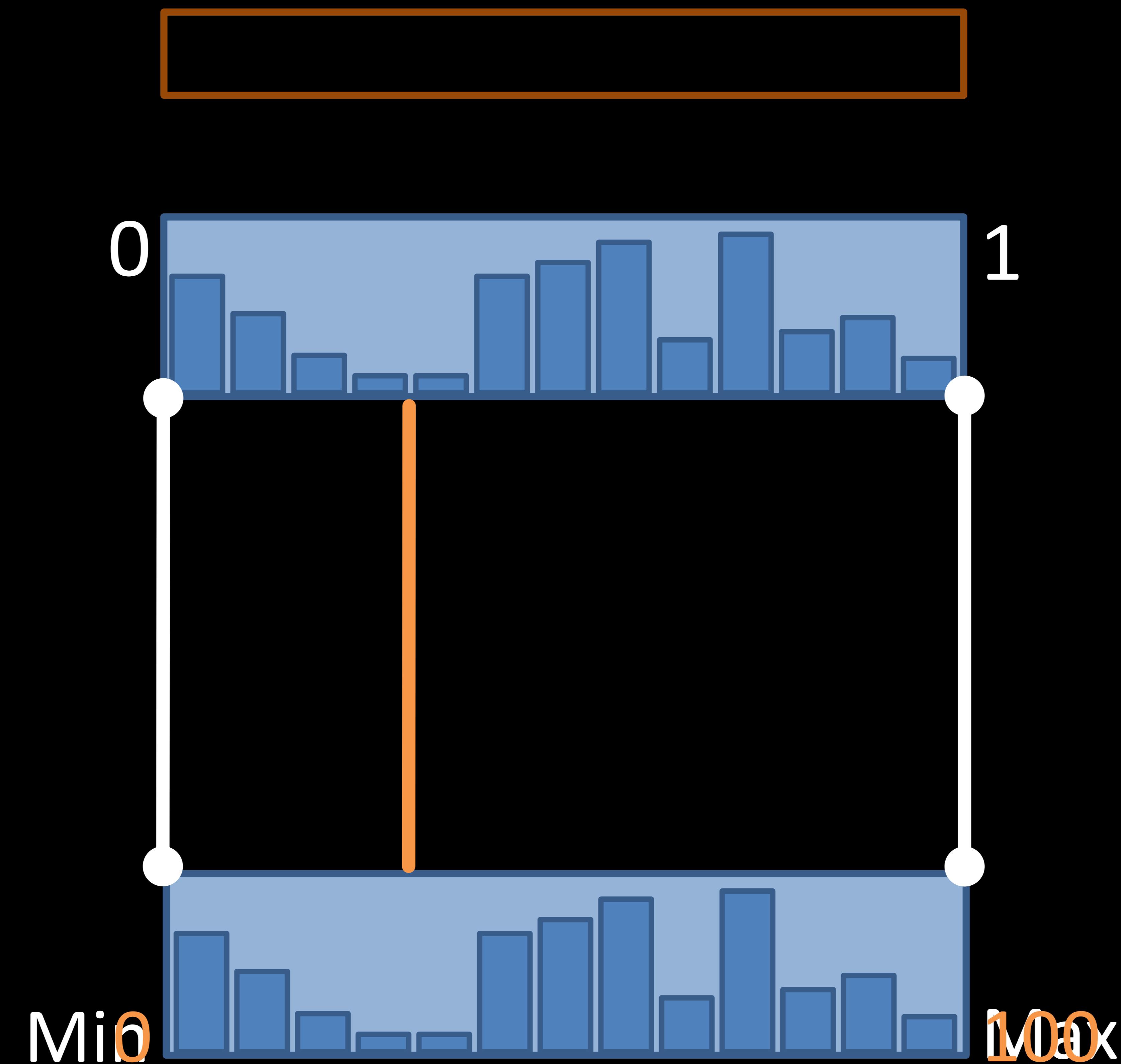


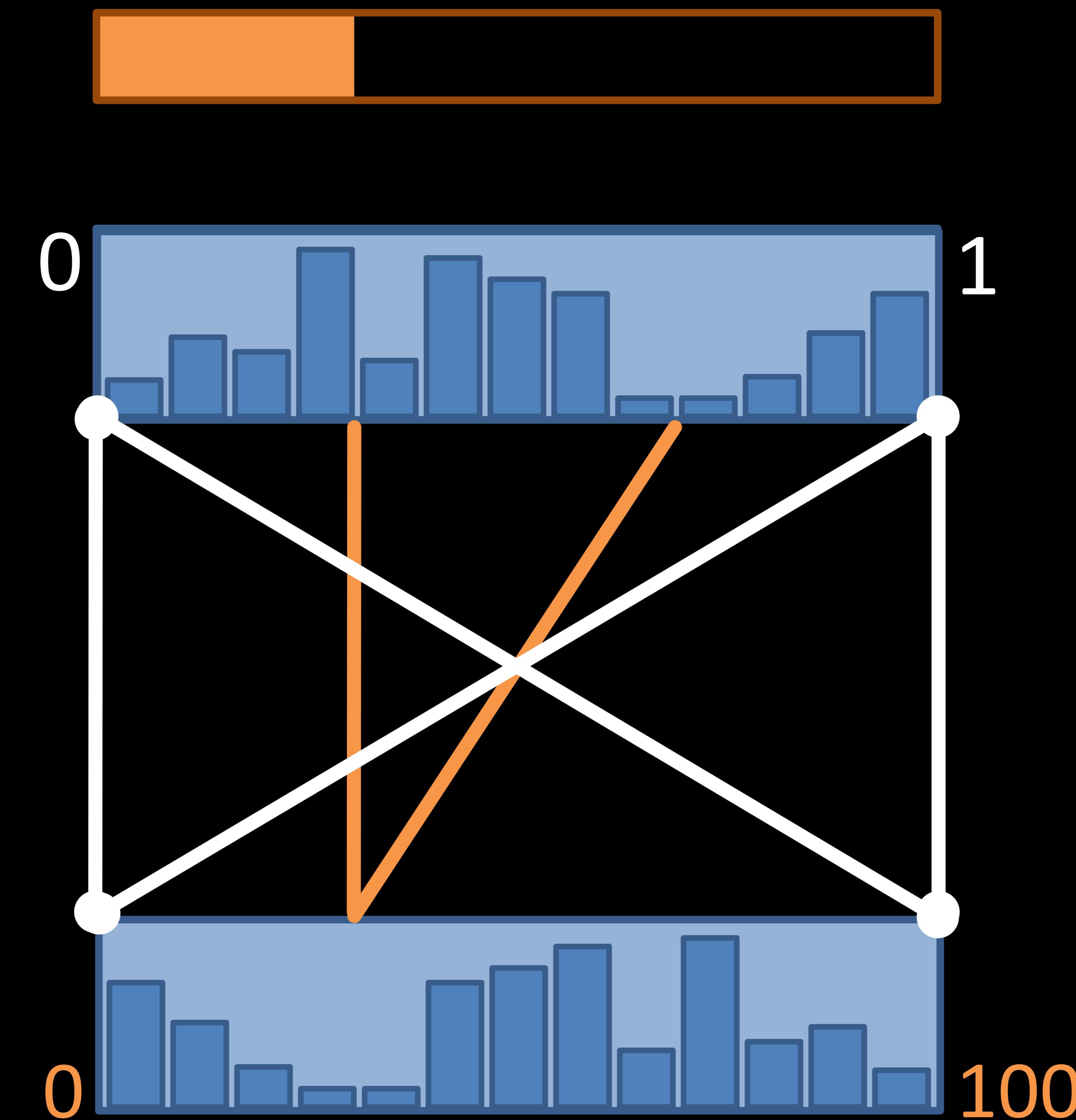
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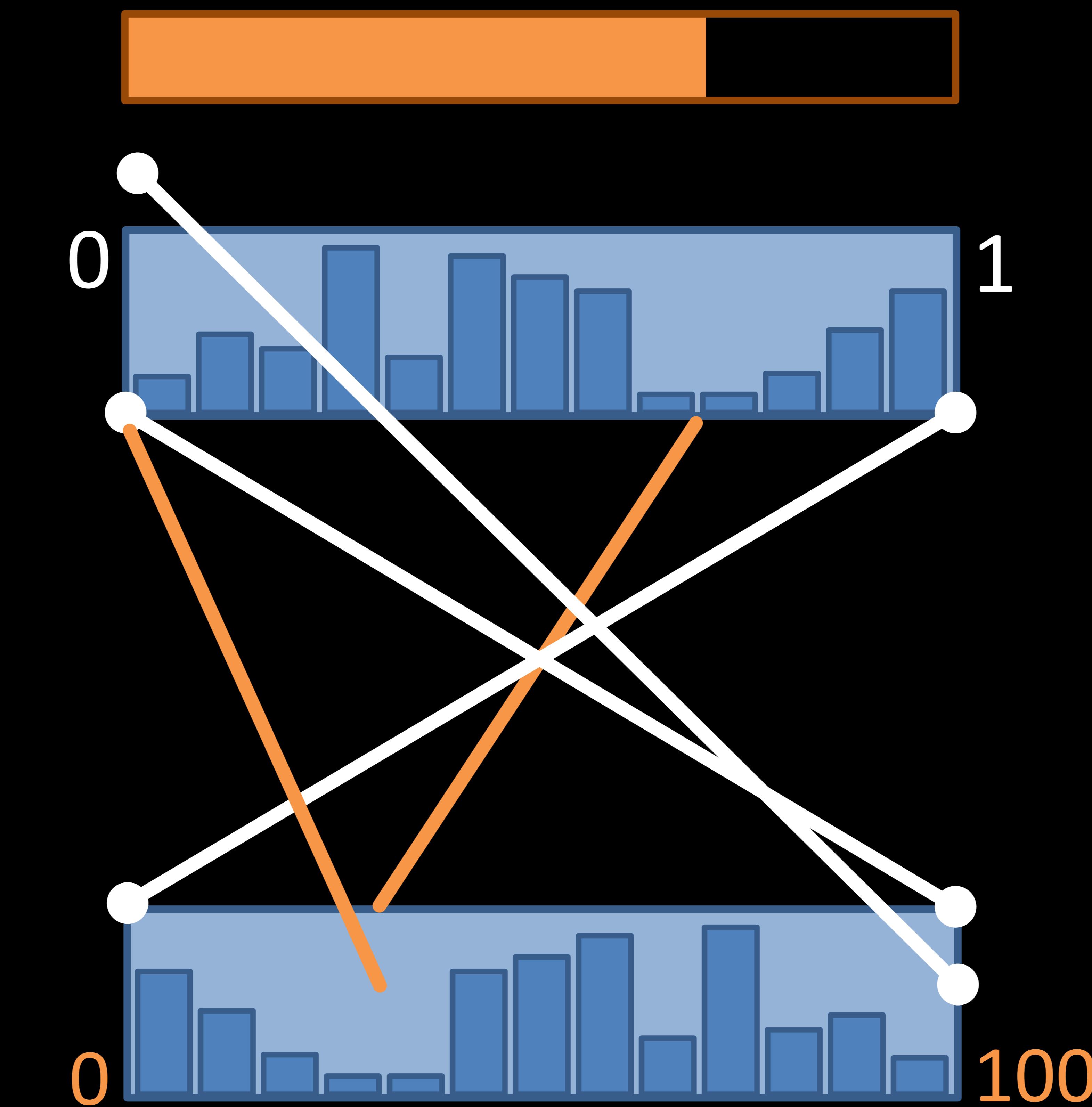
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- Flexible Mapping of Attributes to Scores and Visual Feedback**

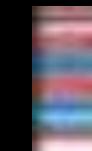
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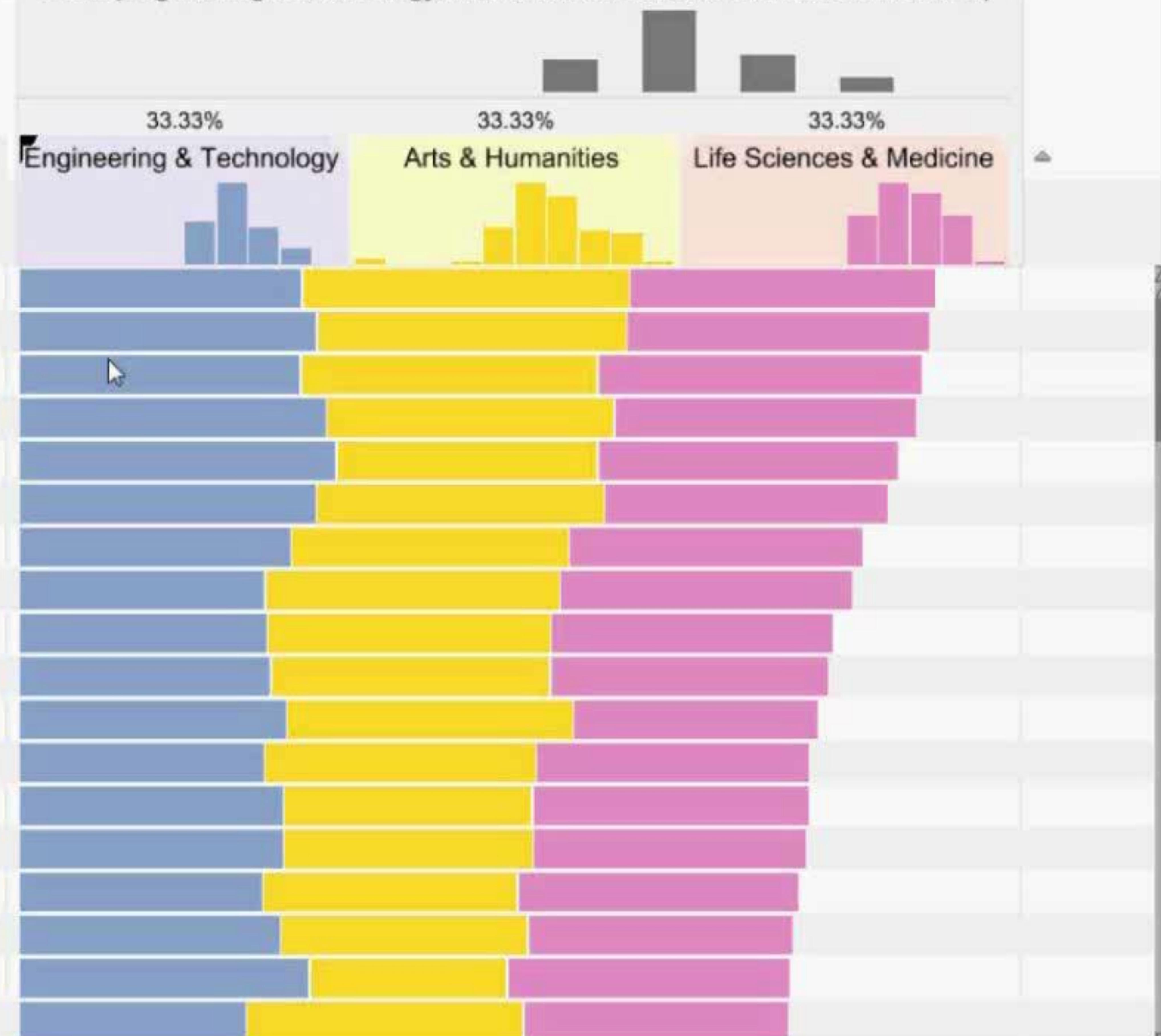


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6.	University of California, Berkeley (UCB)	United States
7.	University of California, Los Angeles (UCL)	United States
8.	Yale University	United States
9.	UCL (University College London)	United Kingdom
10.	Columbia University	United States
11.	Princeton University	United States
12.	University of Edinburgh	United Kingdom
13.	University of Michigan	United States
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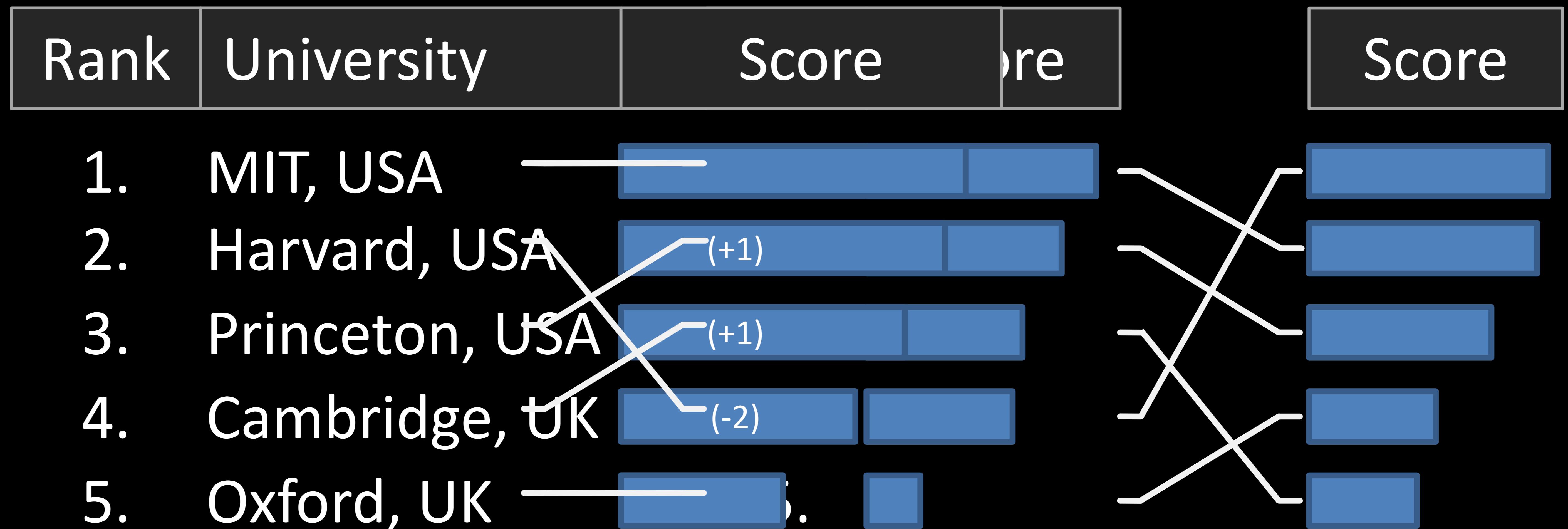
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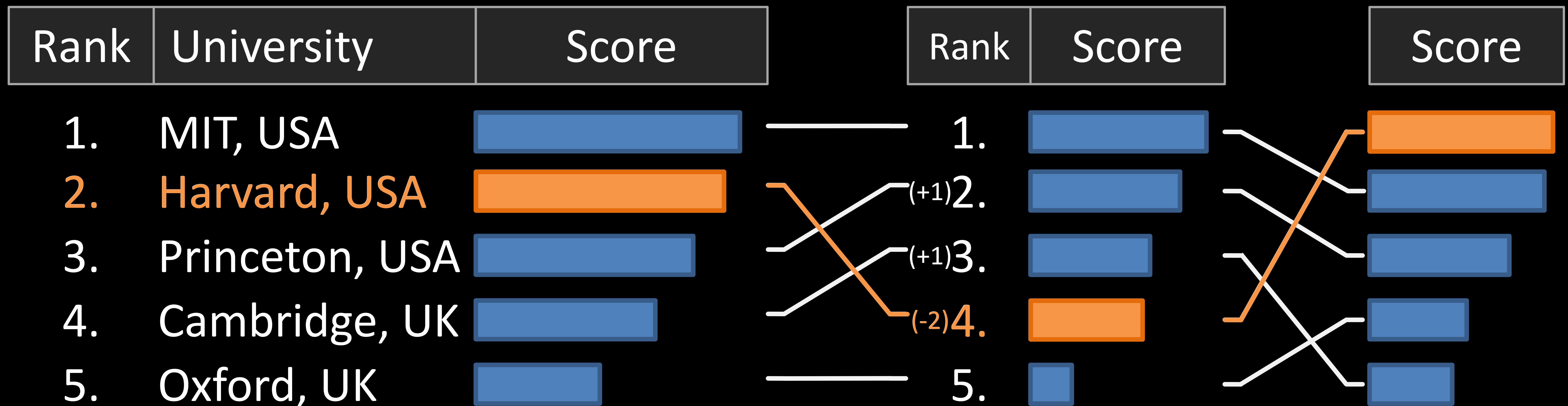
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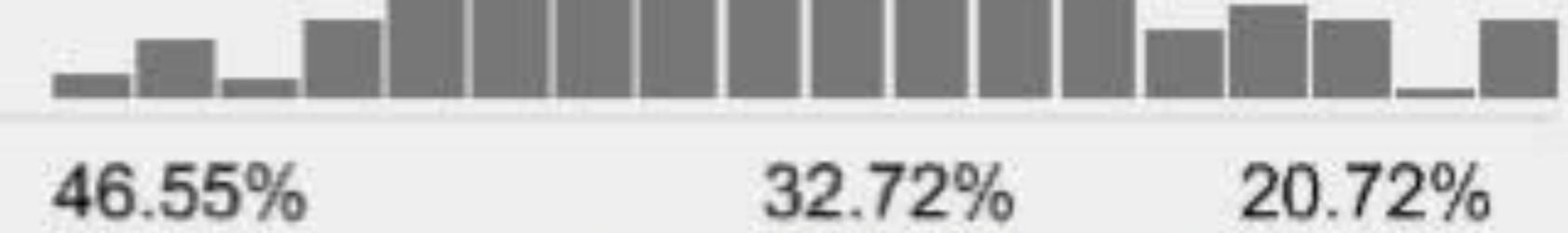
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World University Ranking



Rank	School Name	MAX (Academic re Faculty/stud)	Academic re Faculty/stud	Citations
1.	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	46.55%	32.72%	20.72%
2.	California Institute of Technology	46.55%	32.72%	20.72%
3.	Harvard University	46.55%	32.72%	20.72%
4.	University of Cambridge	46.55%	32.72%	20.72%
5.	UCL (University College London)	46.55%	32.72%	20.72%
6.	University of Oxford	46.55%	32.72%	20.72%
7.	Princeton University	46.55%	32.72%	20.72%
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12.	Duke University	46.55%	32.72%	20.72%
13.	University of Pennsylvania	46.55%	32.72%	20.72%
14.	Johns Hopkins University	46.55%	32.72%	20.72%
15.	Yale University	46.55%	32.72%	20.72%
16.	University of Michigan	46.55%	32.72%	20.72%
17.	Ecole normale supérieure, Paris	46.55%	32.72%	20.72%
18.	Northwestern University	46.55%	32.72%	20.72%

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7. Scalability
8. Filtering
9. Handle Missing Values
10. Optimization

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WHAT IS NEXT?

Large & Heterogeneous Data

Research Approach: Semantic Subsets

Interpretable Division (why is this a subset?)

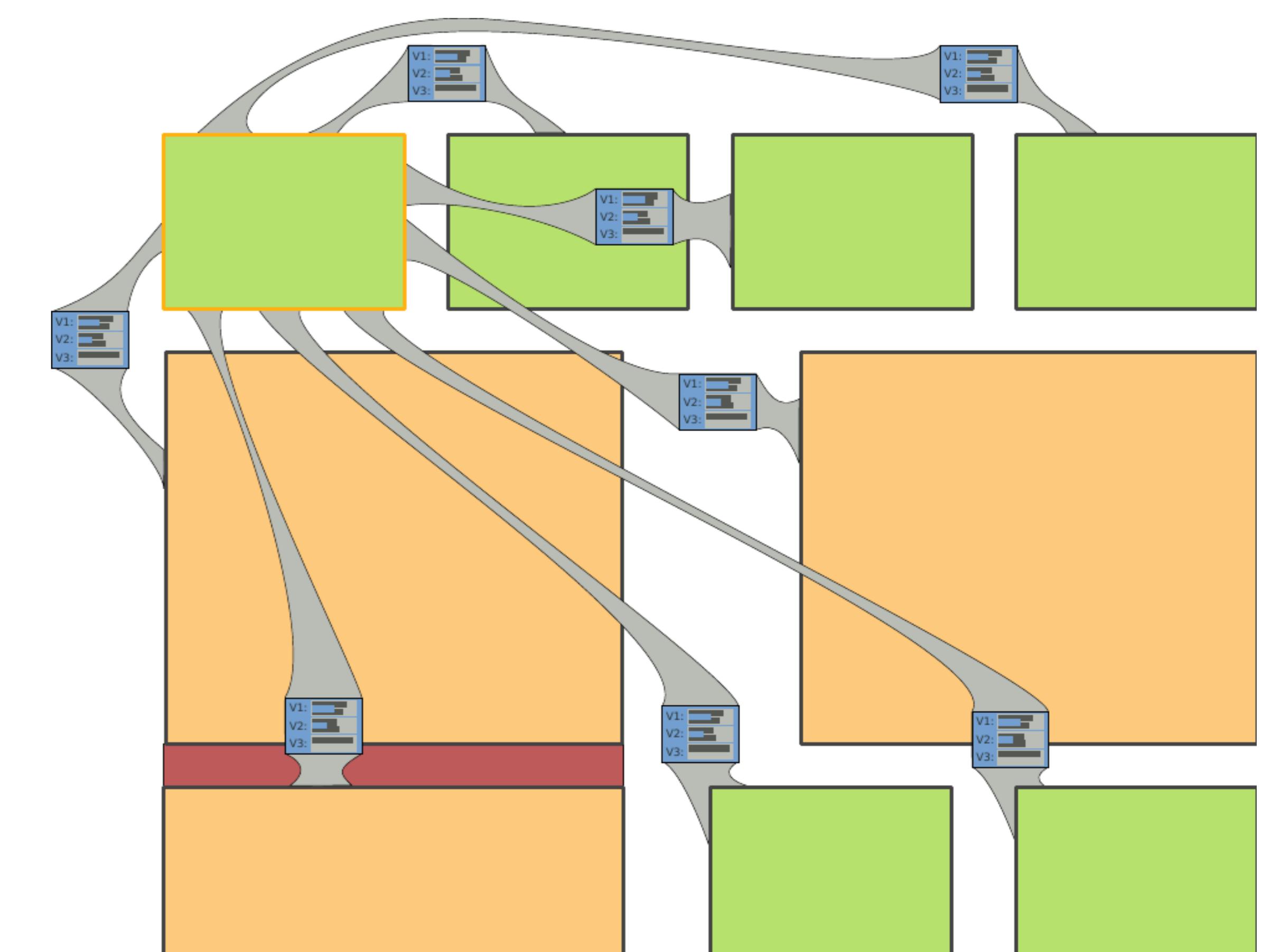
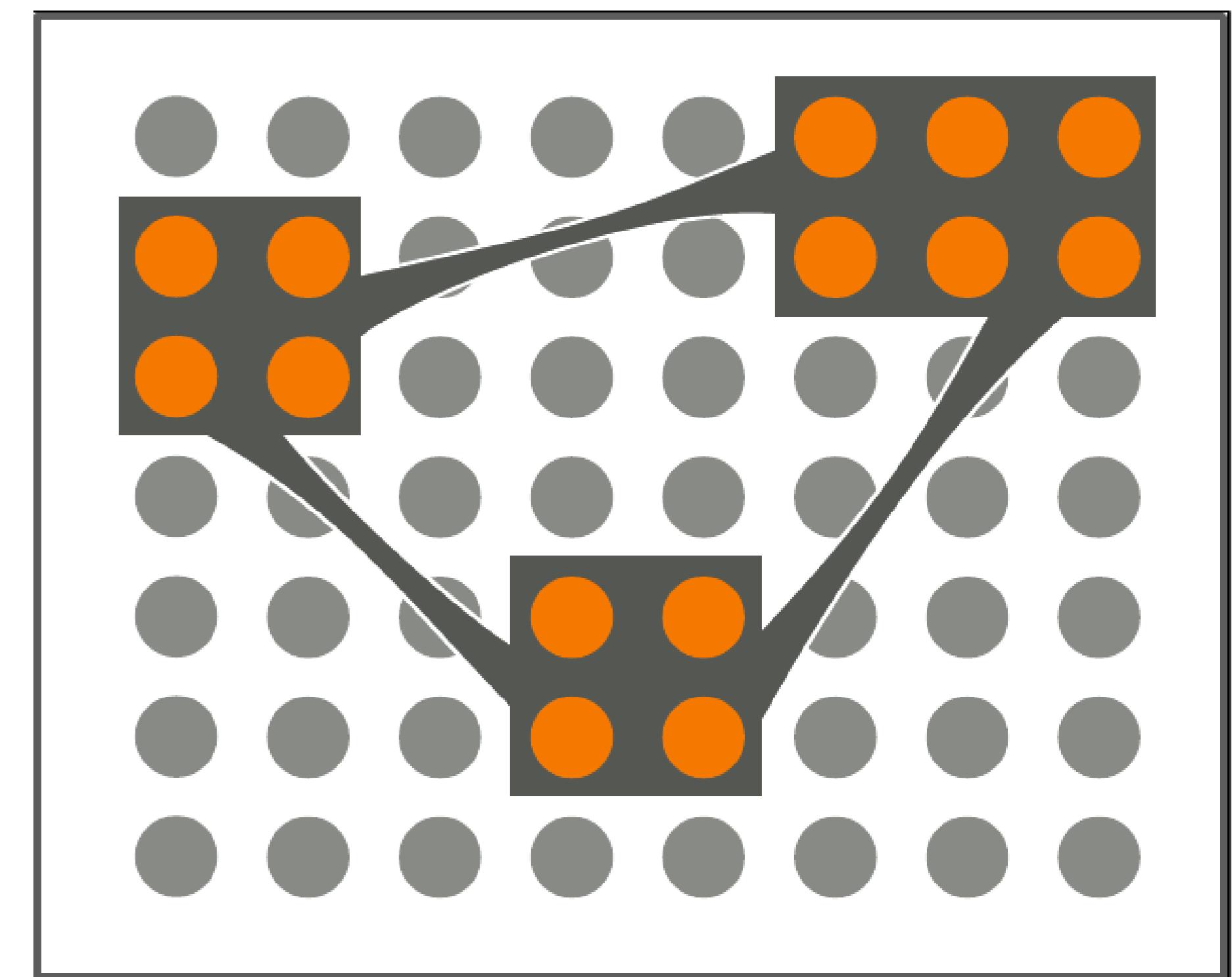
Representing Data on Multiple Levels of Detail

Visualizing Relationships

Ensuring Coverage

Uncertainty and Ambiguity

High-Impact Domain Problems



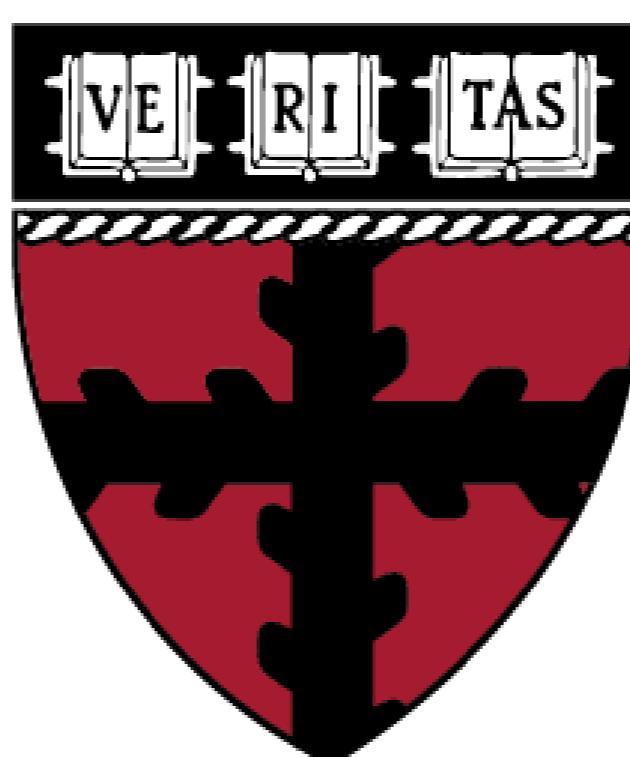


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