



Functional differentiation of goat mammary epithelium. A microarray preliminary approach

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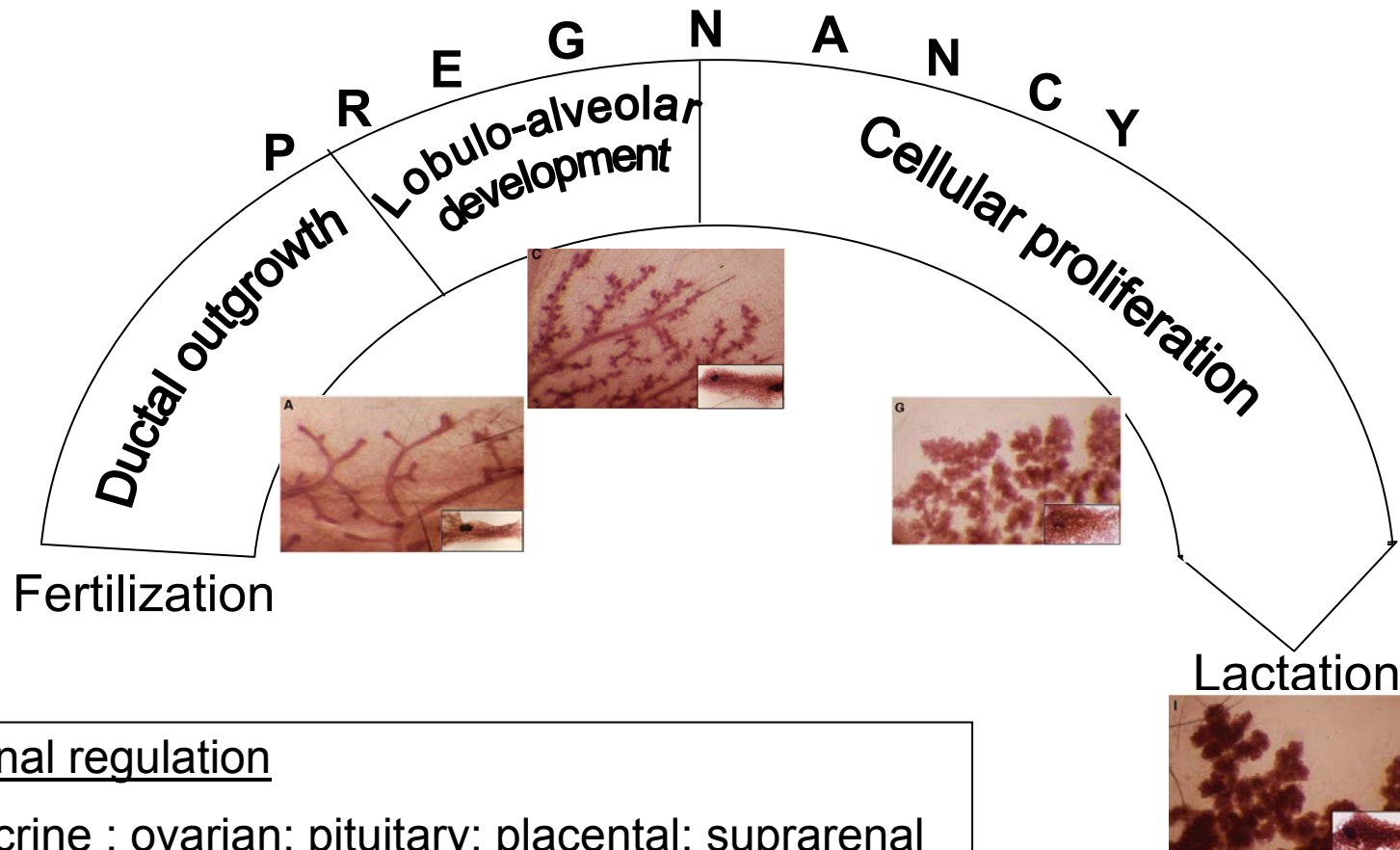
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Introduction : mammary gland differentiation during pregnancy

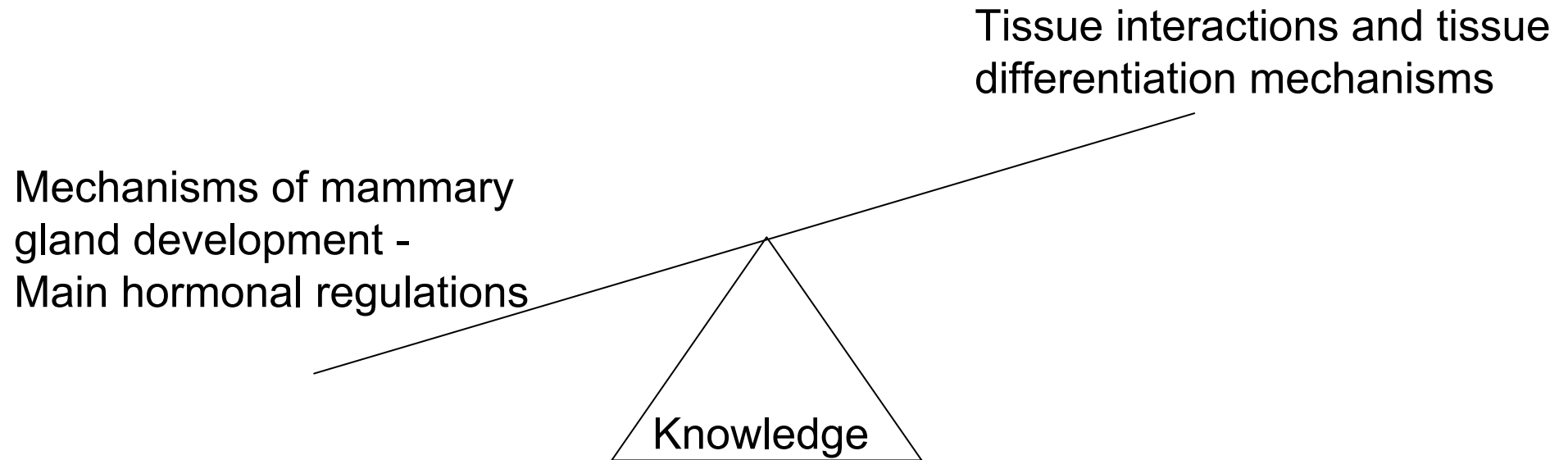


Hormonal regulation

- Endocrine : ovarian; pituitary; placental; suprarenal
- Paracrine

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Main issue

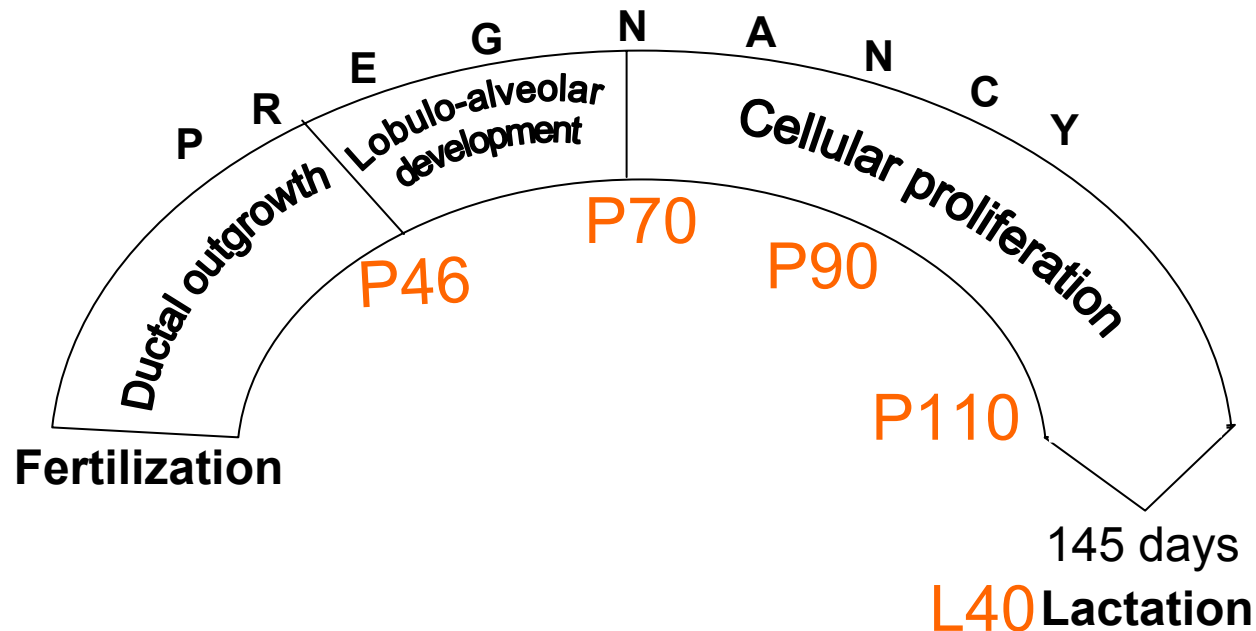


What are the main functional networks operating in the mammary tissue during its differentiation?

How to proceed ?

By drawing expression profile of genes during goat pregnancy

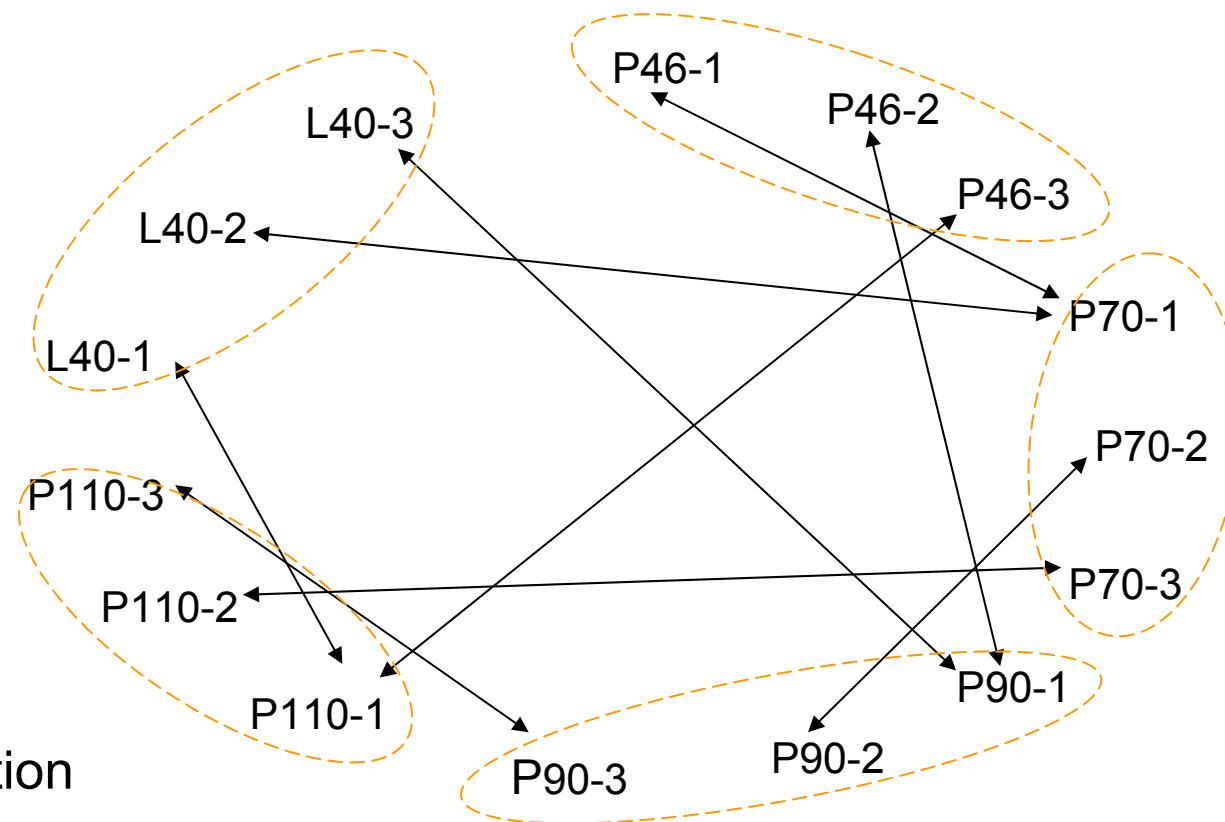
- 4 developmental stages (P46, P70, P90, P110)
- 1 lactation stage (L40)



- 3 primiparous goats for each developmental stage
- Transcriptomic approach : microarray experiment

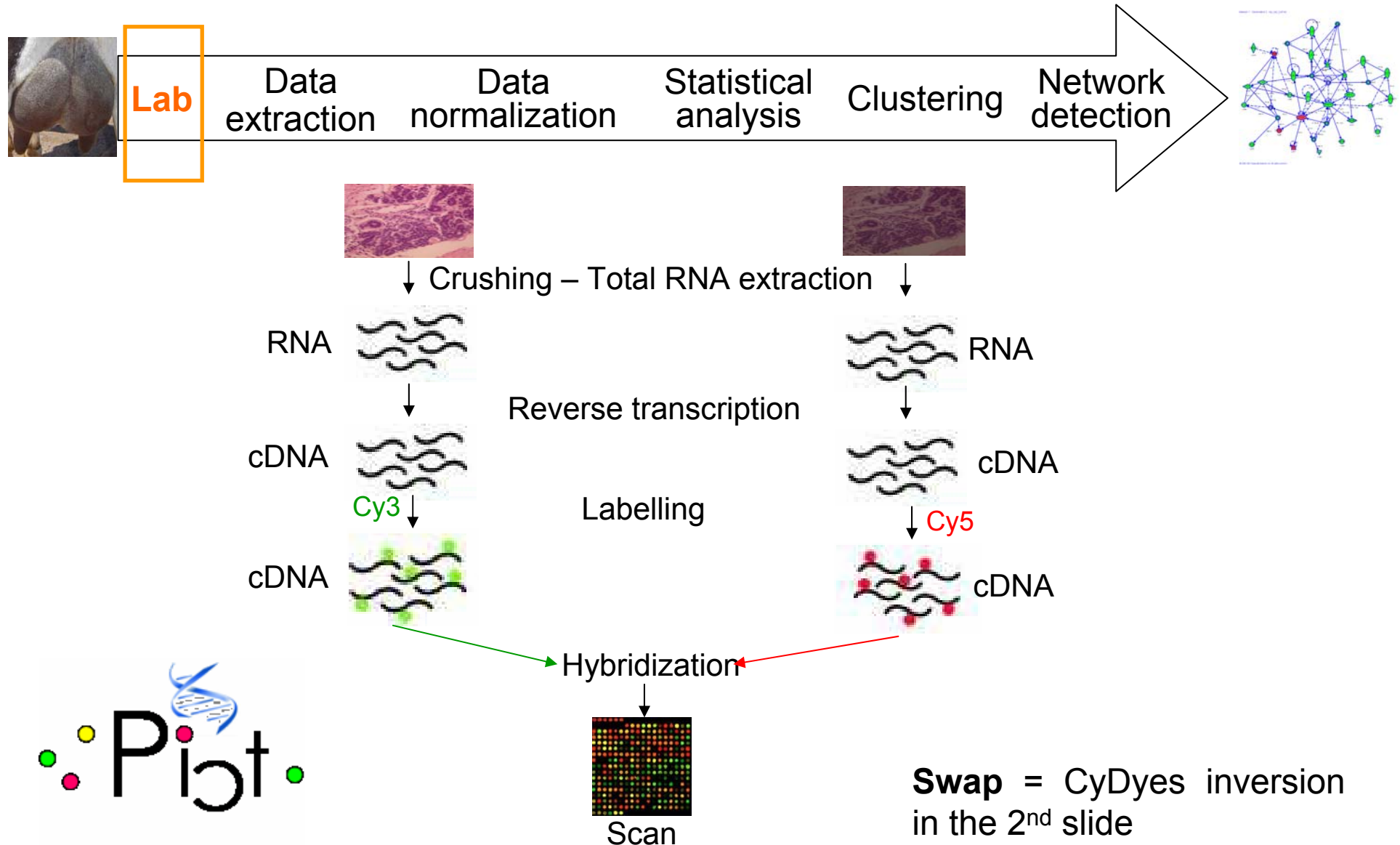
Materials and methods : animals and experimental plan

- 18 oligoarrays (22 k, Operon and Illumina bovine sets, CRB INRA Jouy-en-Josas, France)
- Mammary tissue harvesting
- Loop experimental design (kinetic approach)
- 9 dye-swaps



Optimization by
variance minimization

Materials and methods : microarray experiment



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- Feature Extraction software (Agilent Technologies)

All flag* settings were taken into account

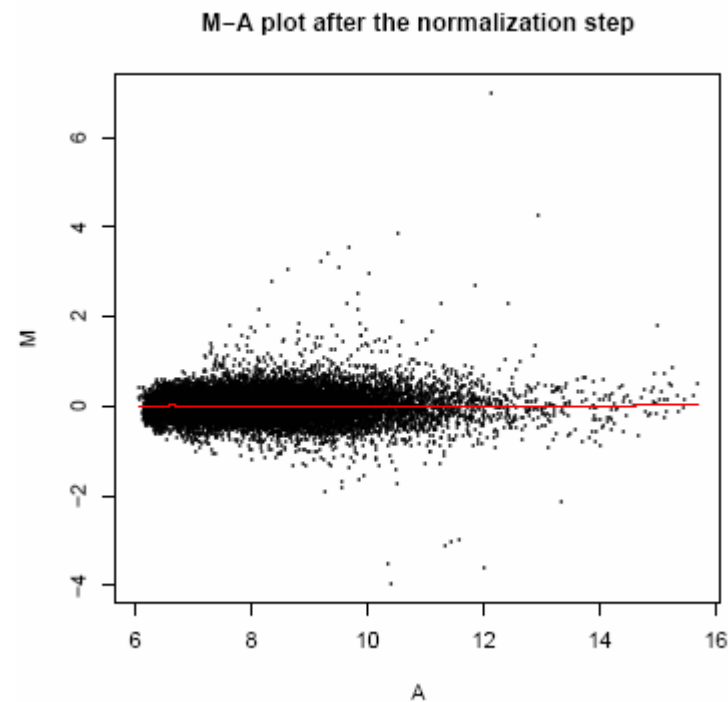
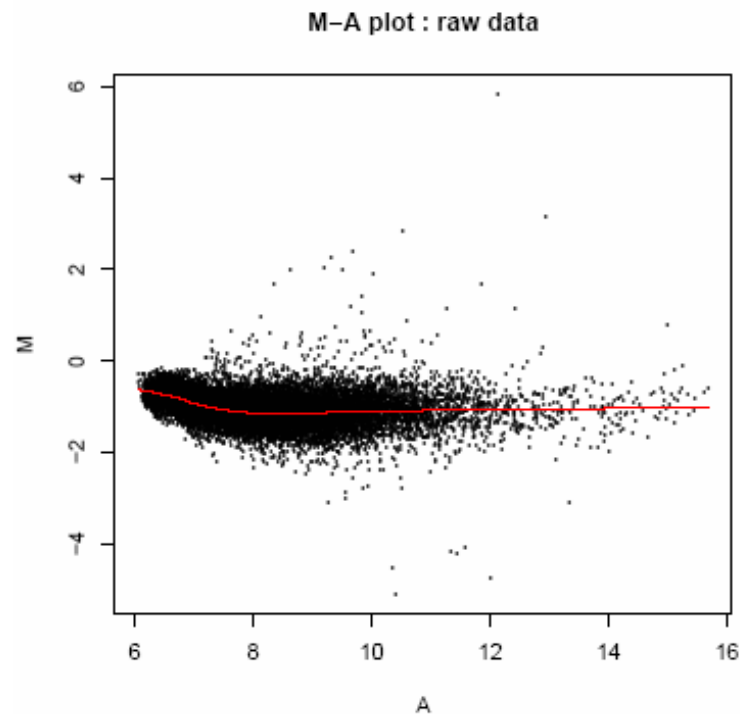


* Flag = elimination

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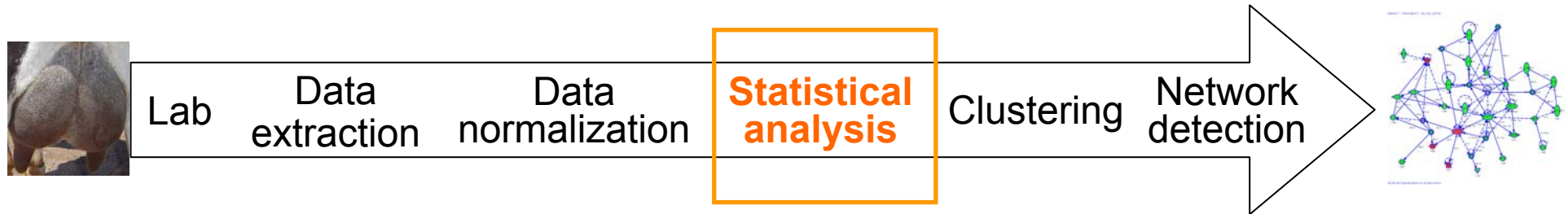


- Lowess normalization method (R, Anapuce library, J. Aubert)



$$M = \log(\text{Cyanine 5}) - \log(\text{Cyanine 3})$$
$$A = (\log[\text{Cyanine 5}] + \log[\text{Cyanine 3}]) / 2$$

Materials and methods : microarray experiment



- Linear regression :

$$Y = X\Theta + E$$

Y : signal $\log(\text{Cyanine 5}/\text{Cyanine 3})$

X : experimental design

Θ : difference between stage n+1 and stage n

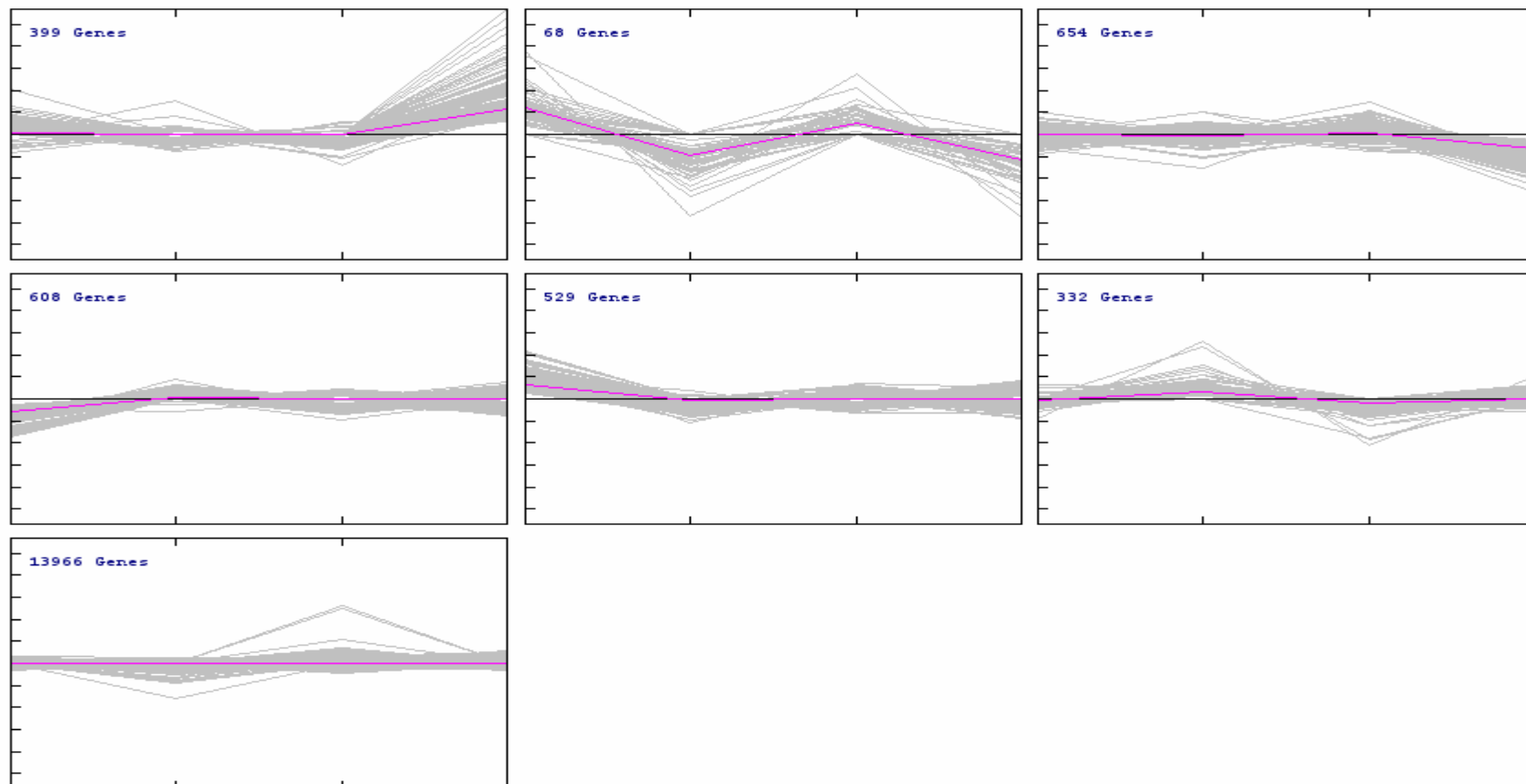
E : residual

Significance threshold : 0.05

Materials and methods : microarray experiment



- K means clustering (selection of 7 clusters, TMeV software)



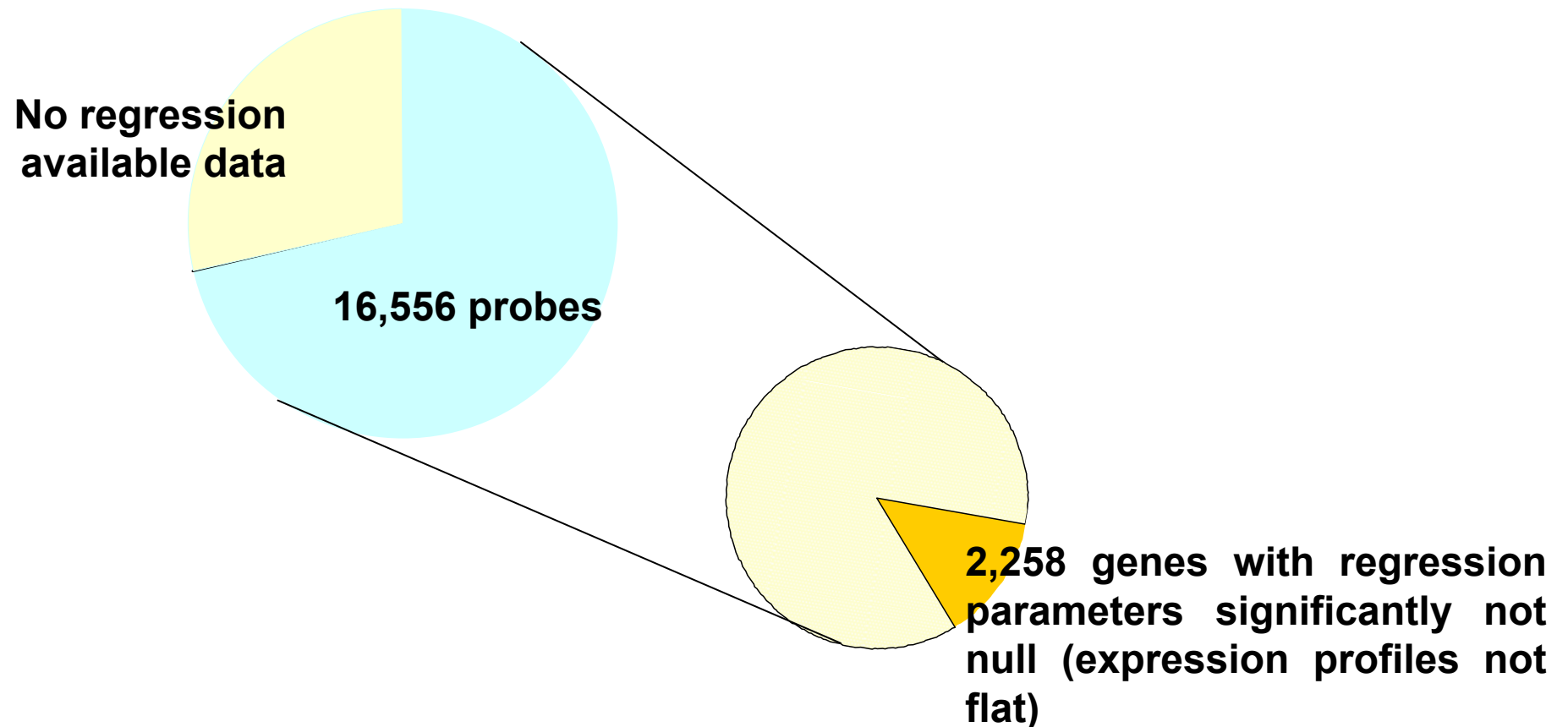
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- Ingenuity Pathways Analysis web data base

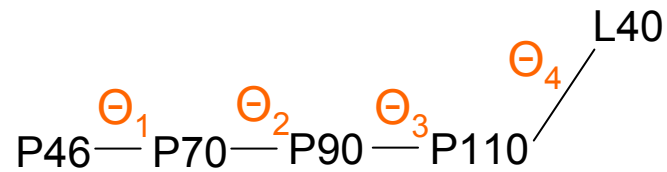
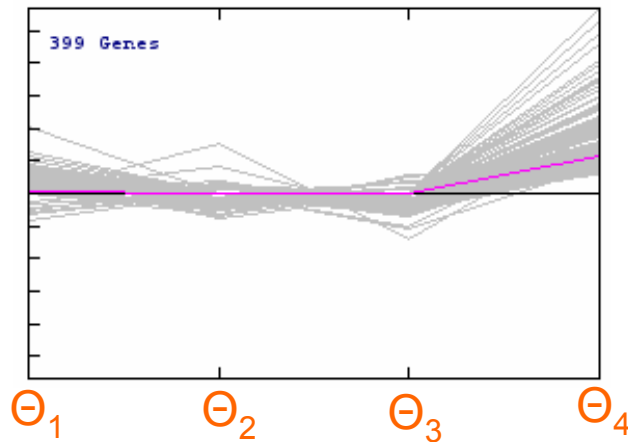
Results : general data information

Amongst 23,232 probes



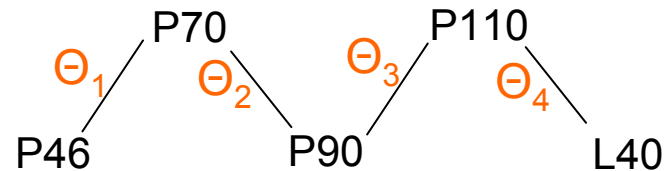
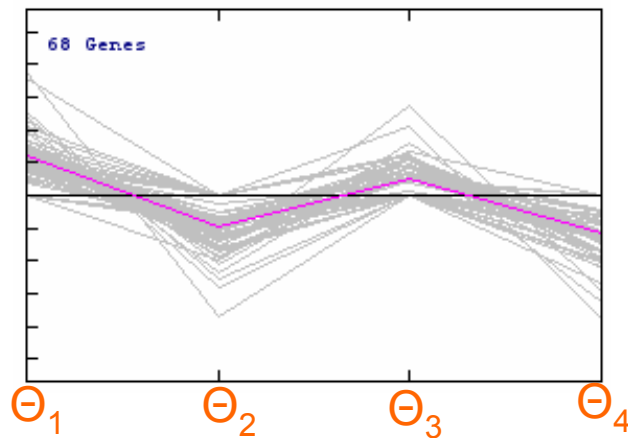
Results : overview of 5 clusters

Cluster 1 (399 probes)



Lipid metabolism

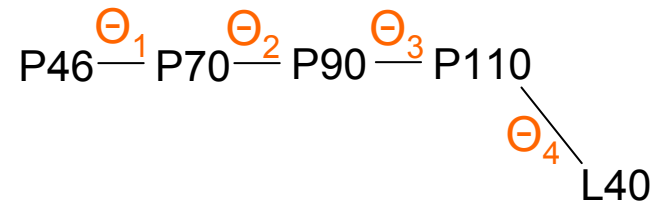
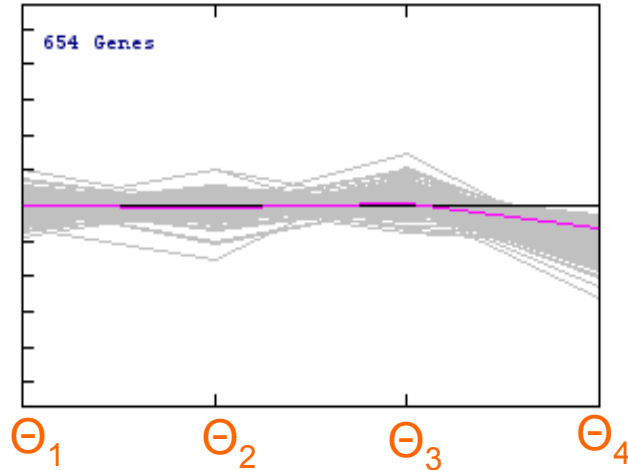
Cluster 2 (68 probes)



Immune response

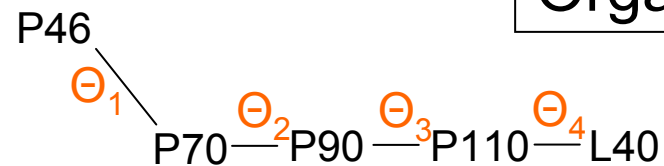
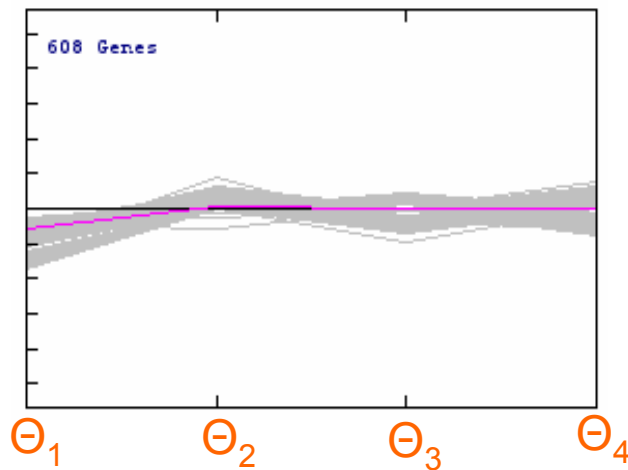
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Cluster 3 (654 probes)



Cell cycle

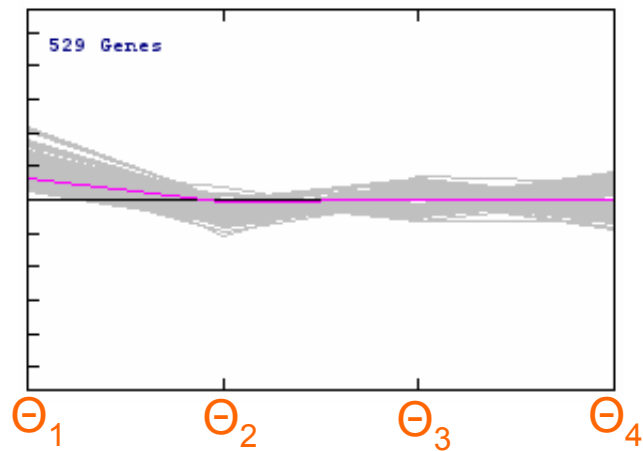
Cluster 4 (608 probes)



Tissue development
Organ development

Results : overview of 5 clusters

Cluster 5 (529 probes)



Θ_1 / P46
 Θ_2 P70— Θ_3 P90— Θ_4 P110—L40

Energy production
Carbohydrate metabolism

Discussion : results validation

- DAVID database using GO-Biological Process (Dennis et al., 2003, Genome Biology)
- Literature validation (Rudolph et al., 2003, Clarkson et al., 2004)
- Determination of key genes in functional networks and validation of their expression profile by RT-PCRq

Discussion : oncoming prospects

- Search tools to understand and characterize the **Immune response** observed in Ingenuity functional network at P70 and P110
- Proteomic study to validate the mRNA-protein transition
- **From tissue to cell** : Laser Capture Microdissection as tool to specifically characterize the mammary epithelial cell differentiation