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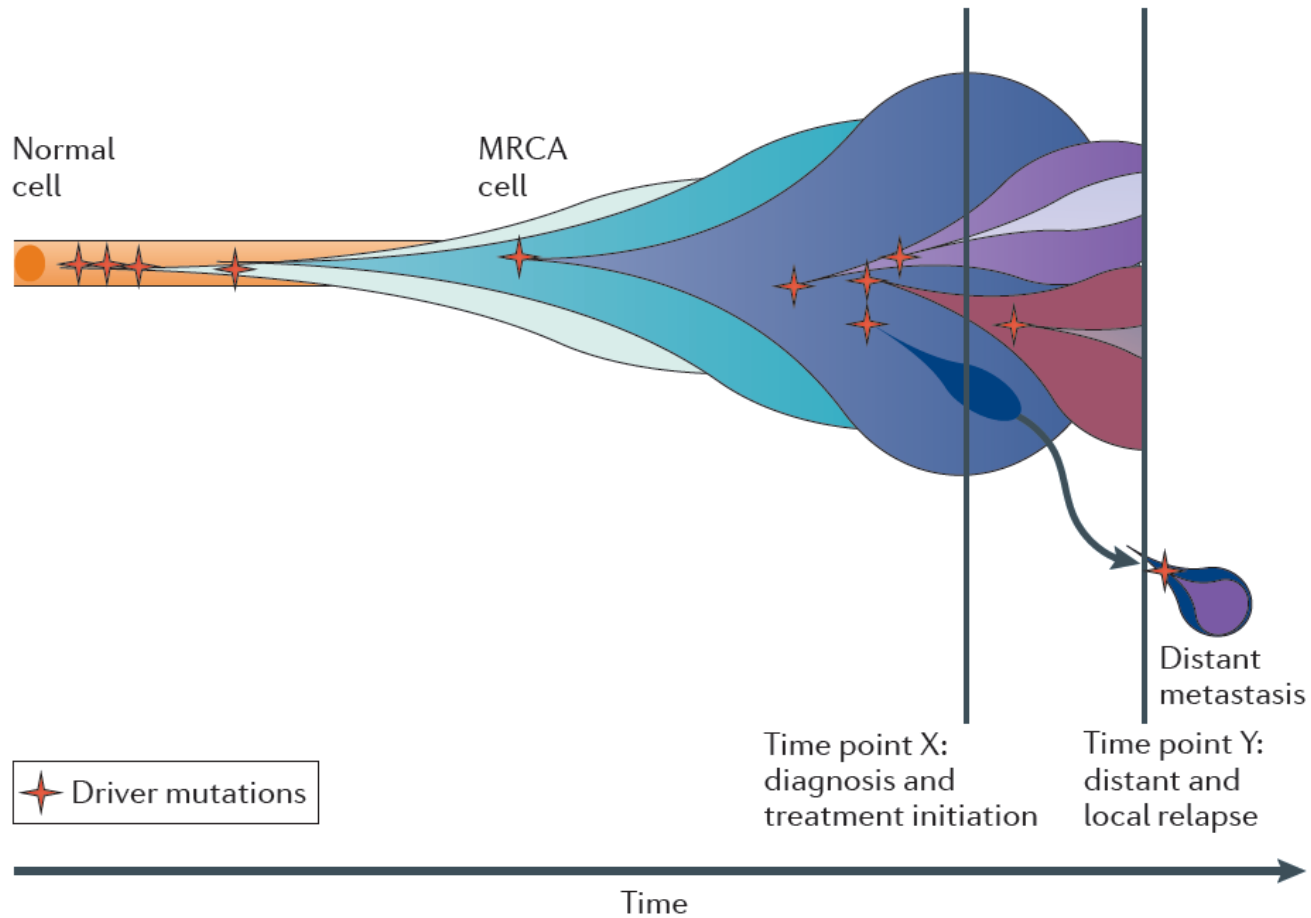
Modeling cancer evolution from genomic data

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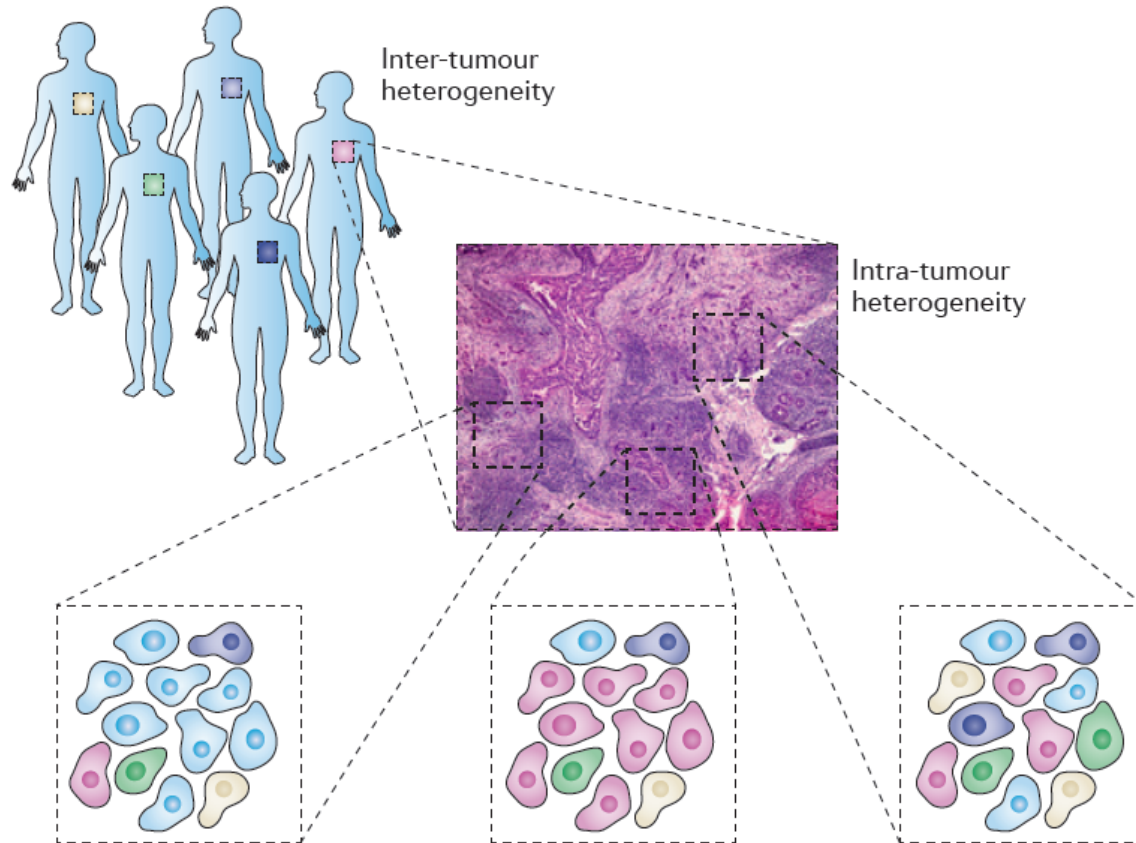
Cancer is an evolutionary process



Clonal expansion



Intra-tumor heterogeneity

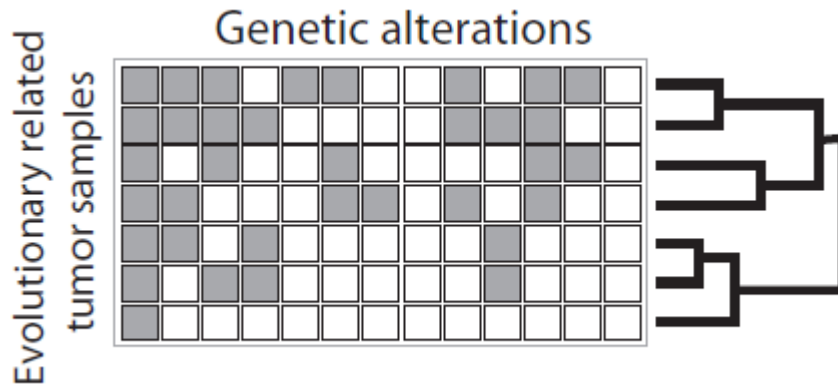


Some challenges

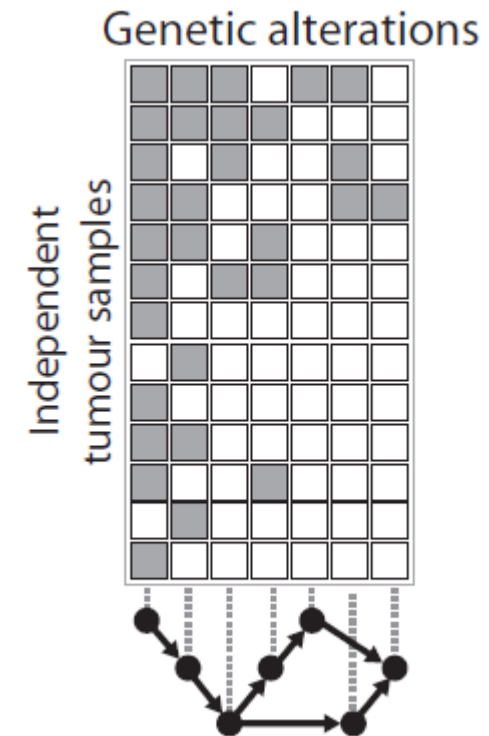
1. Mutation calling
2. Predicting the phenotypic effects of mutations
3. Reconstructing the evolutionary history of a tumor
4. Predicting cancer evolution and progression

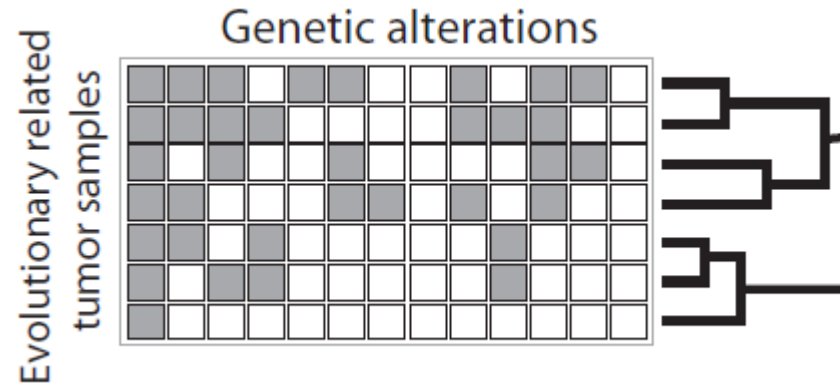
Phylogenetic vs. oncogenetic models

Phylogenetic models



Oncogenetic models

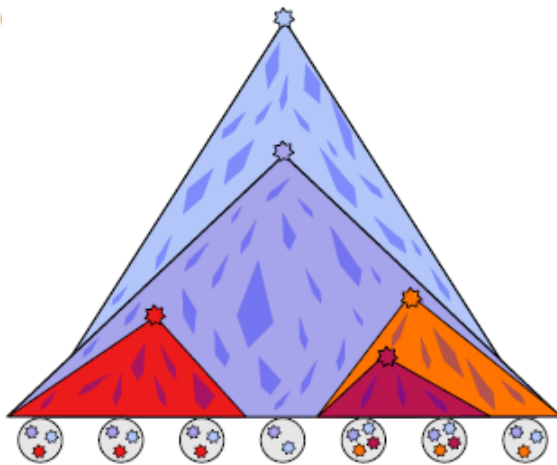




SCITE: Tree inference for single-cell data

Katharina Jahn, Jack Kuipers (RECOMB 2016)

Intra-tumor phylogeny

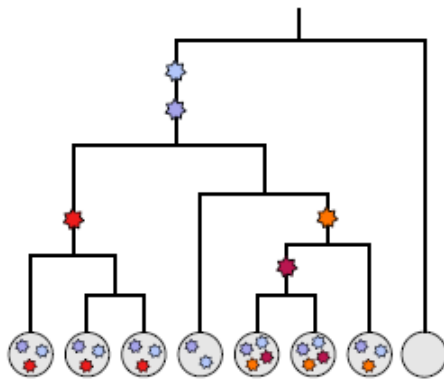


cells

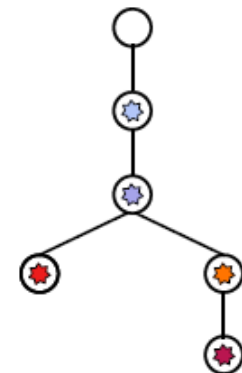
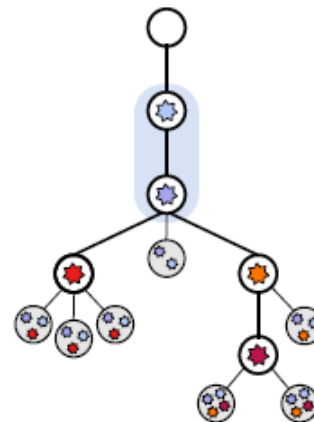
mutations		1	1	1	1	1	1
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
	0	0	0	0	1	1	0

cells

mutations		1	1	-	1	1	-
	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
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	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
	0	0	-	0	0	1	0



infinite sites assumption



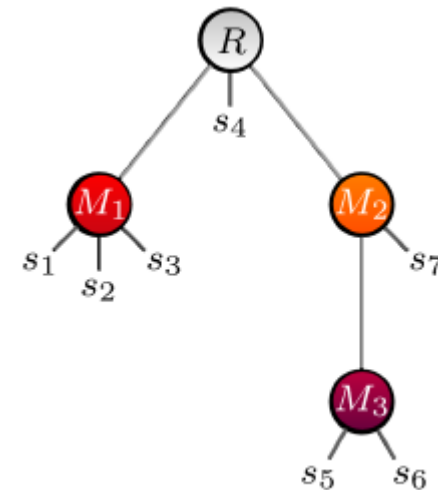
Observation error

$$E =$$

	s_1	s_2	s_3	s_4	s_5	s_6	s_7
M_1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
M_2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
M_3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0

$$D =$$

	s_1	s_2	s_3	s_4	s_5	s_6	s_7
M_1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
M_2	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
M_3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0



α = false positive rate
 β = false negative rate

$$P(D_{ij} = 1 | E_{ij} = 0) = \alpha, \quad P(D_{ij} = 0 | E_{ij} = 0) = (1 - \alpha)$$

$$P(D_{ij} = 0 | E_{ij} = 1) = \beta, \quad P(D_{ij} = 1 | E_{ij} = 1) = (1 - \beta)$$

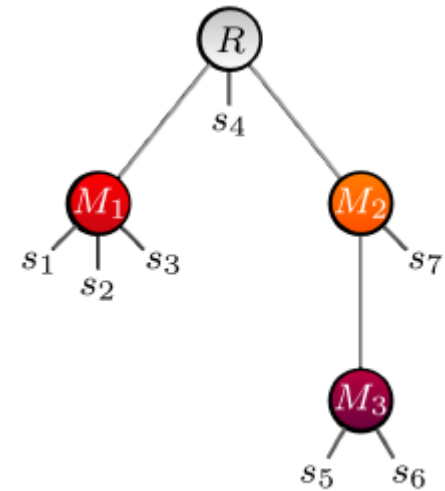
Likelihood

- n mutations, m samples
- Tree topology, T
- Attachment of samples, σ
- Error rates, $\theta = (\alpha, \beta)$
- Likelihood:

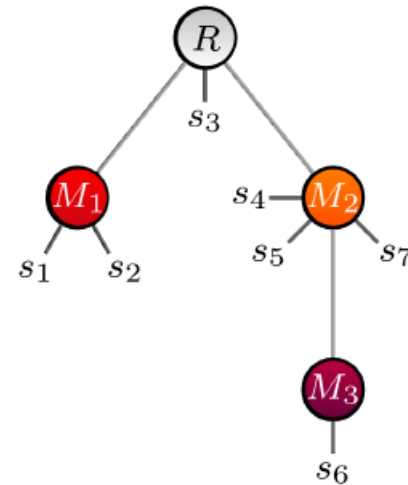
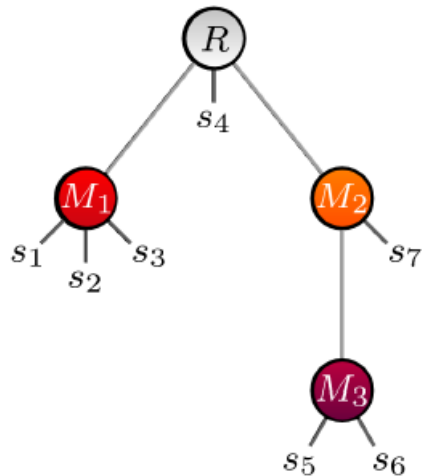
$$P(D|T, \sigma, \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^m P(D_{ij}|E_{ij})$$

- Posterior:

$$P(T, \sigma, \theta|D) \propto P(D|T, \sigma, \theta) \underbrace{P(T, \sigma, \theta)}_{P(\sigma|T, \theta)P(T, \theta)}$$



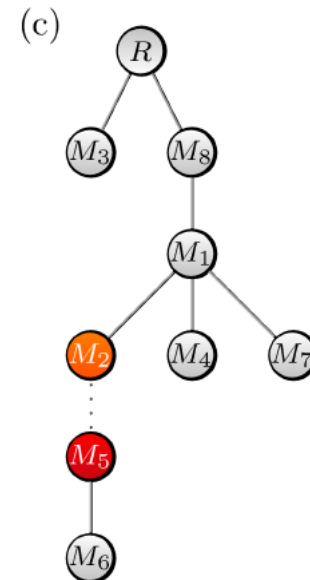
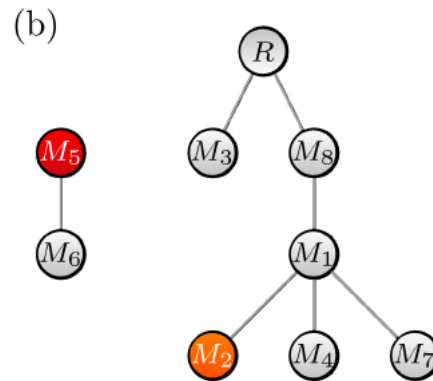
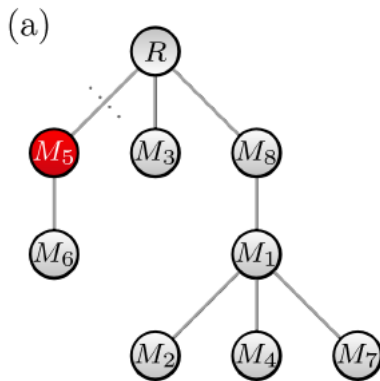
Attachment of samples



$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{P(T, \theta | D)}{P(T, \theta)} &\propto \sum_{\sigma} \prod_{j=1}^m \left[\prod_{i=1}^n P(D_{ij} | A(T)_{i\sigma_j}) \right] P(\sigma_j | T, \theta) \\
 &= \prod_{j=1}^m \sum_{\sigma_j=1}^{n+1} \left[\prod_{i=1}^n P(D_{ij} | A(T)_{i\sigma_j}) \right] P(\sigma_j | T, \theta) \quad O(nm)
 \end{aligned}$$

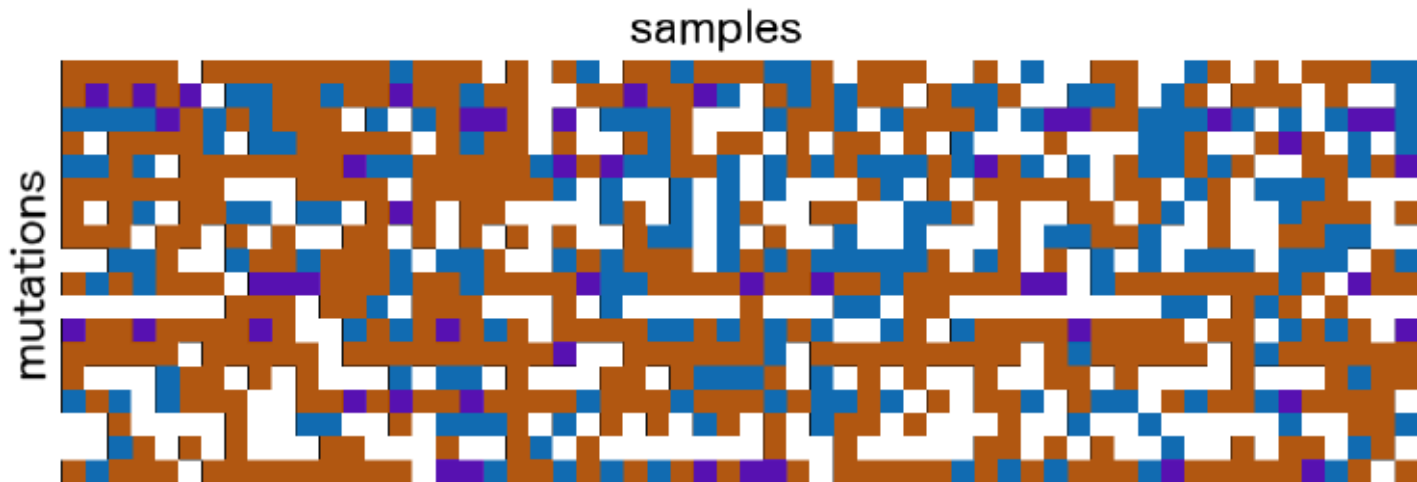
Inference

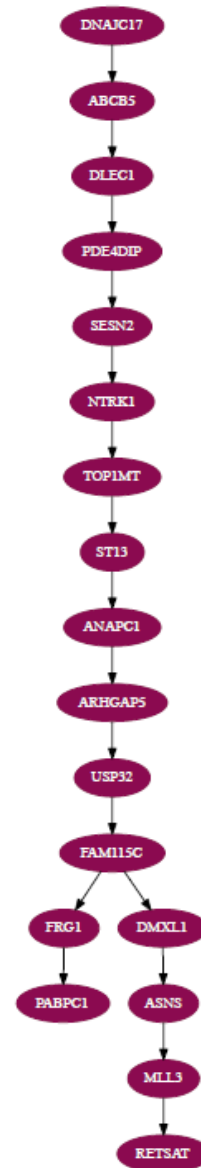
- For n mutations and m samples, the search space is $[(n + 1)^{(n-1)}] \times [(n + 1)^m] \times \mathbf{IR}^2$
- and $[(n + 1)^{(n-1)}] \times \mathbf{IR}^2$ after marginalization
- MCMC:

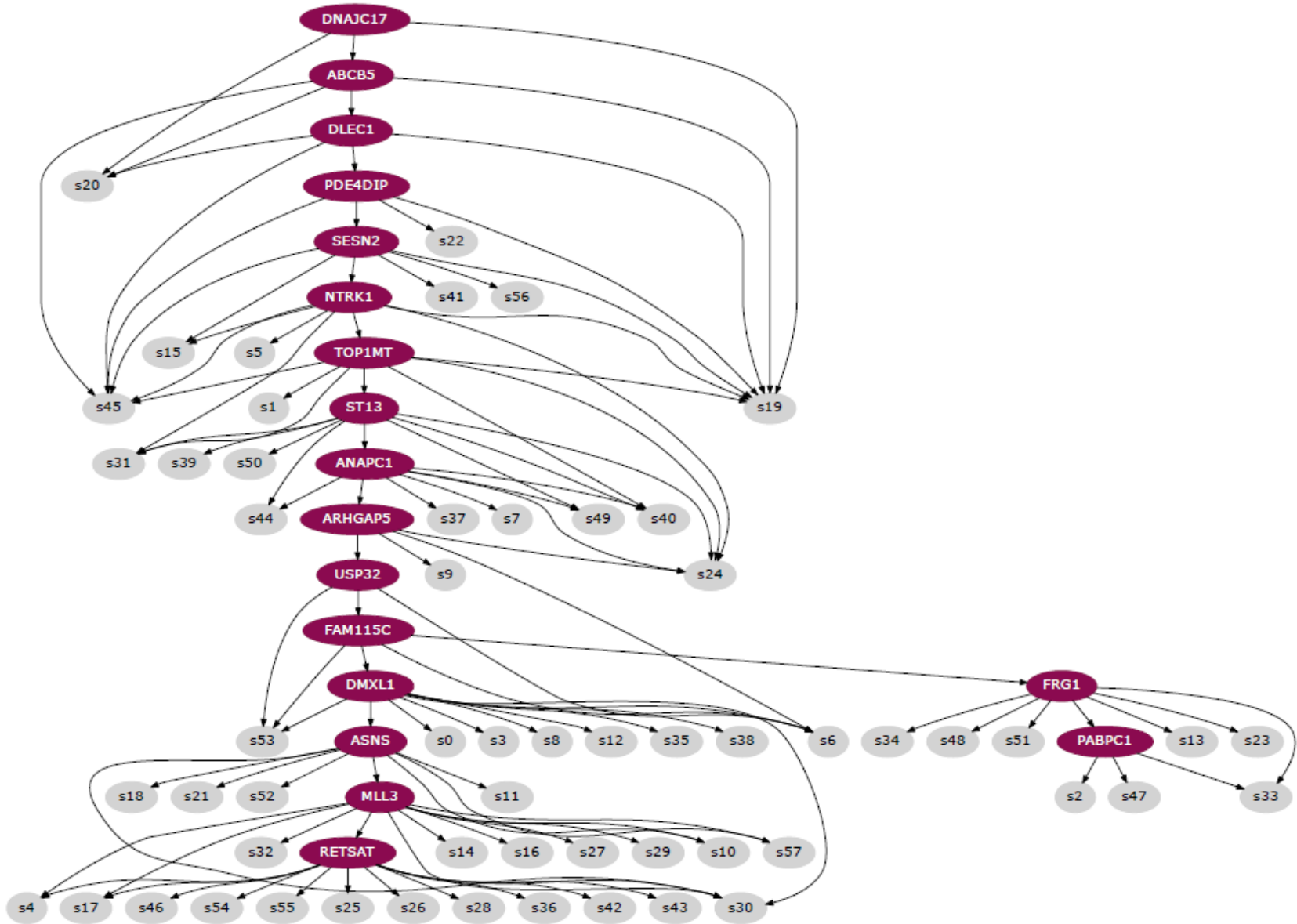


Single-cell sequencing of a myeloproliferative neoplasm (Hou et al., Cell 2012)

- WES of 58 cancer cells
- 18 selected mutations
- 45% missing data
- $\alpha = 6.04 \times 10^{-5}$, $\beta = 0.43$

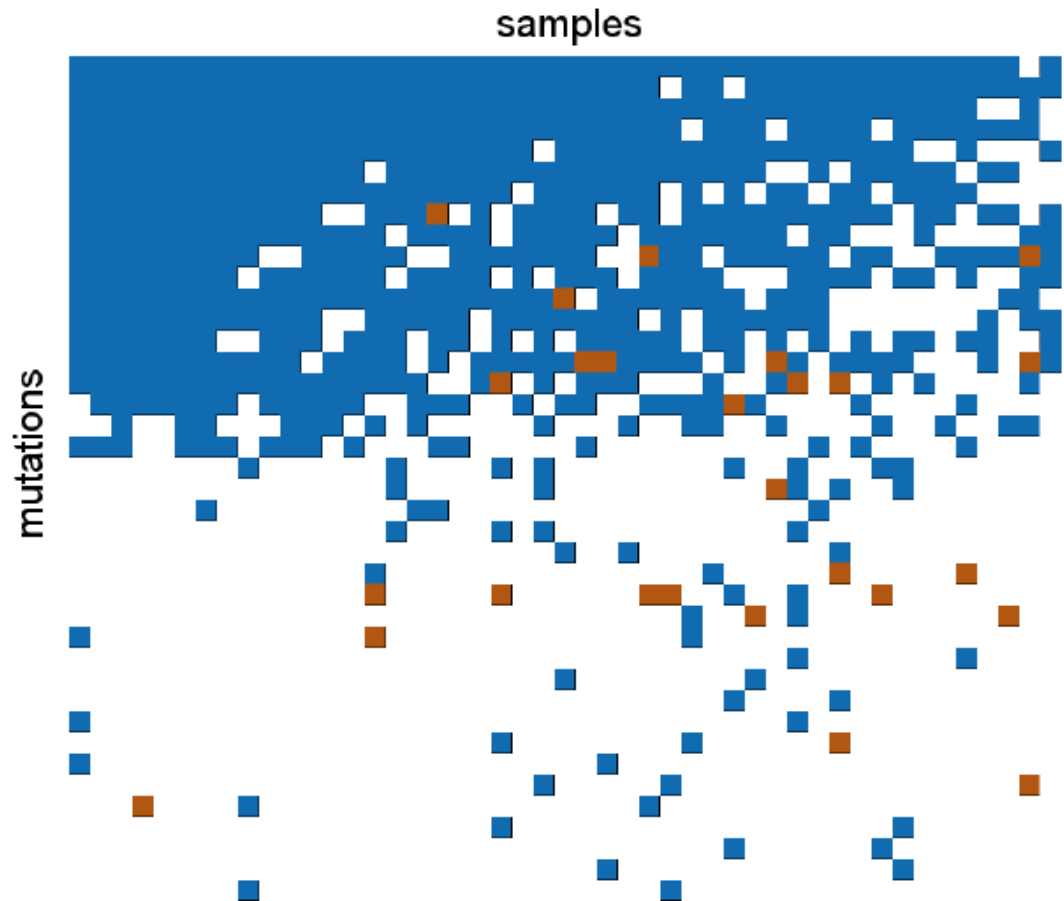


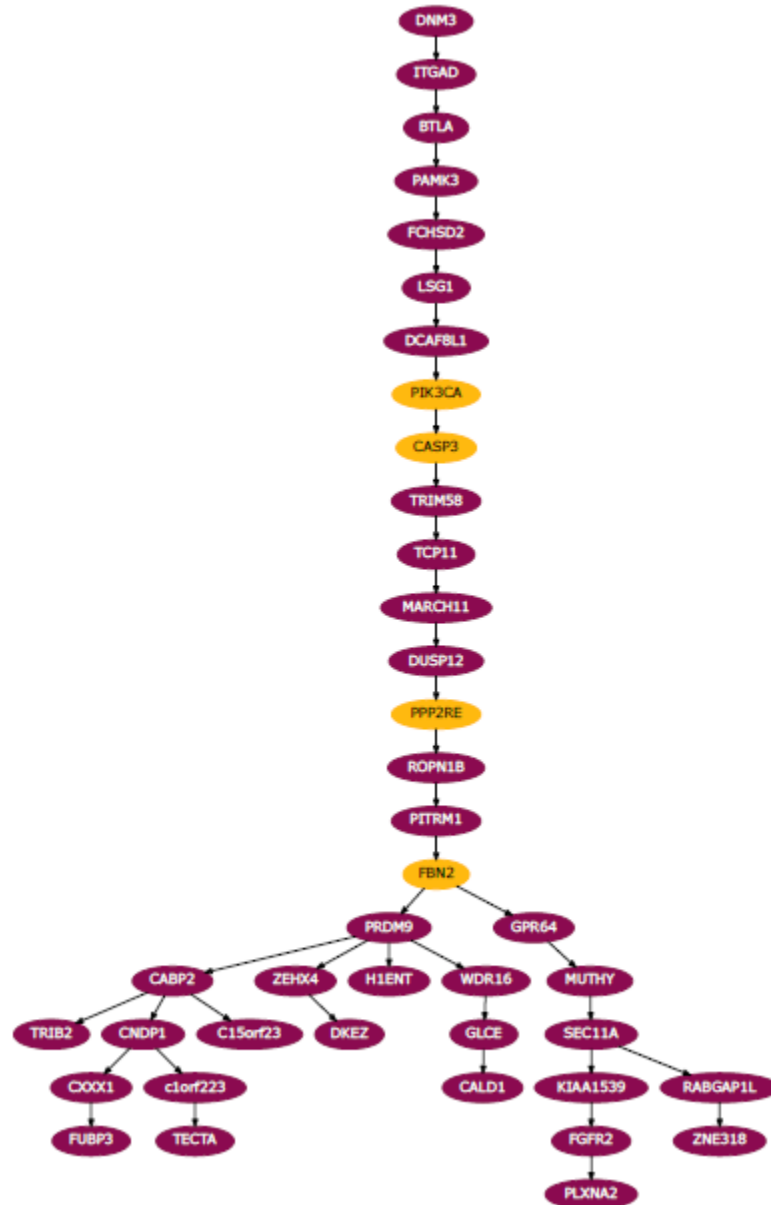


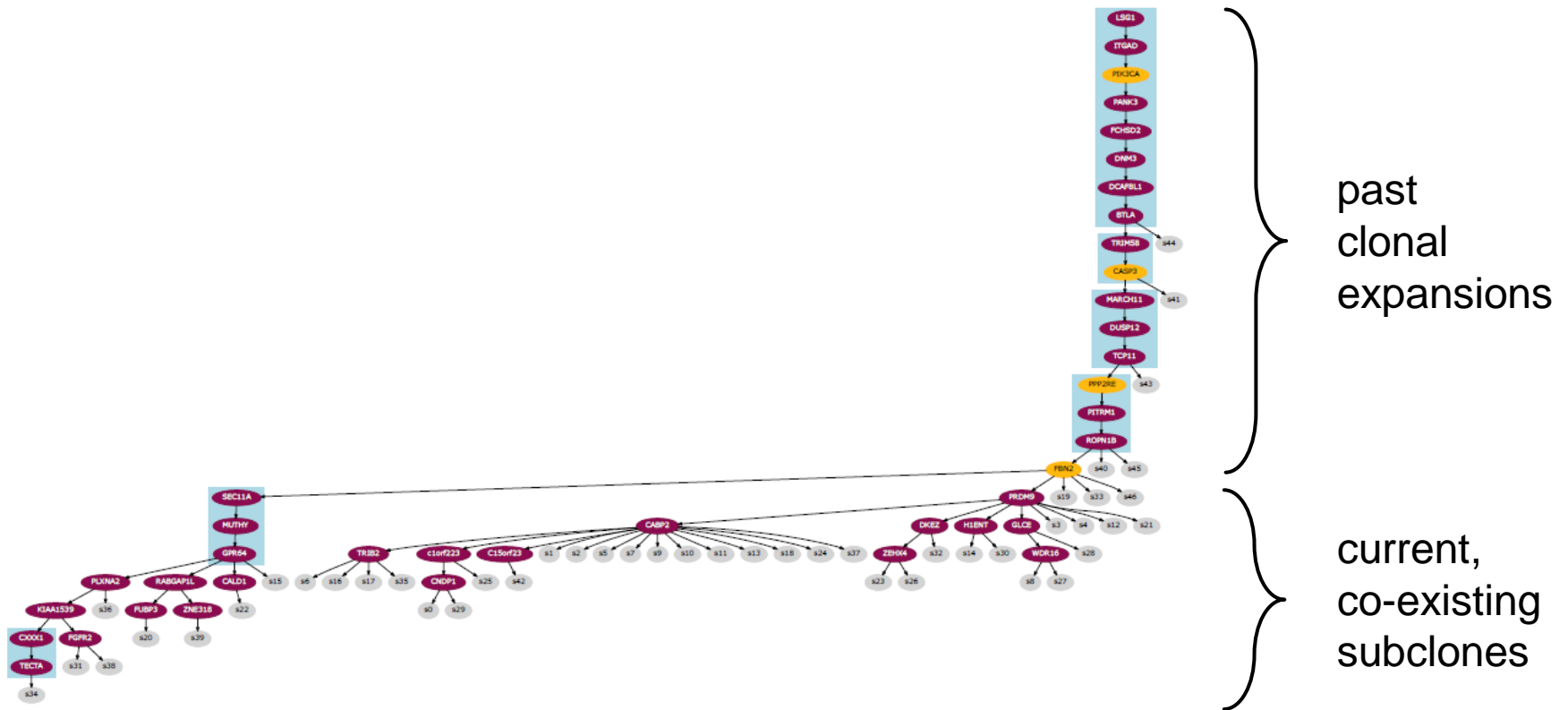


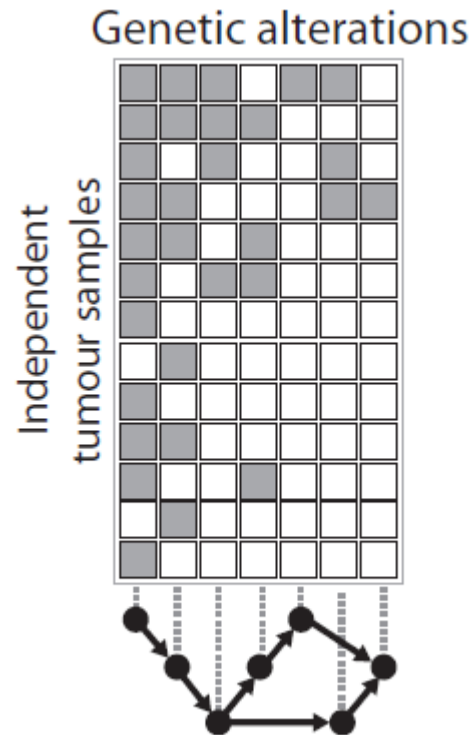
Single-cell sequencing of an ER⁺ breast tumor (Wang et al., Nature 2014)

- nuc-seq of 47 cells
- 40 mutations
- 1.4% missing data
- $\alpha = 1.24 \times 10^{-6}$
- $\beta = 0.097$





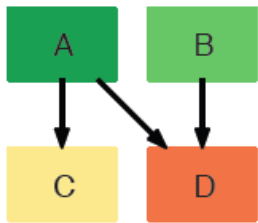




pathTiMEx: Mutually exclusive cancer pathways and their dependencies in tumor progression

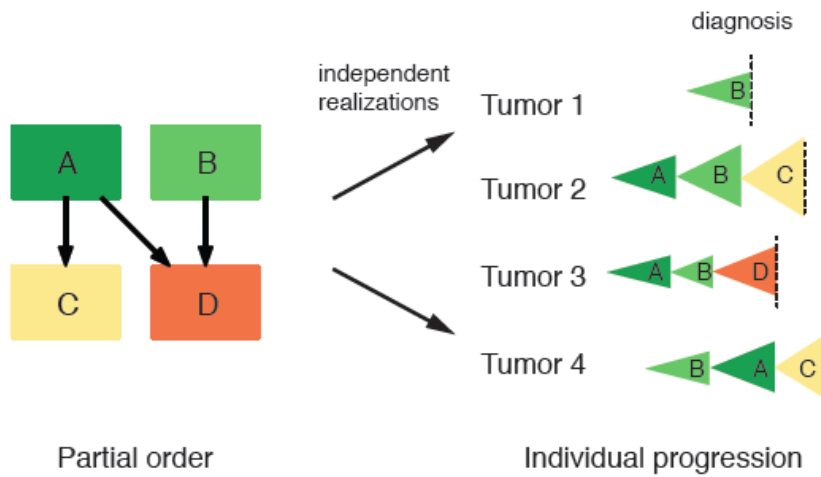
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Partial order among pathways

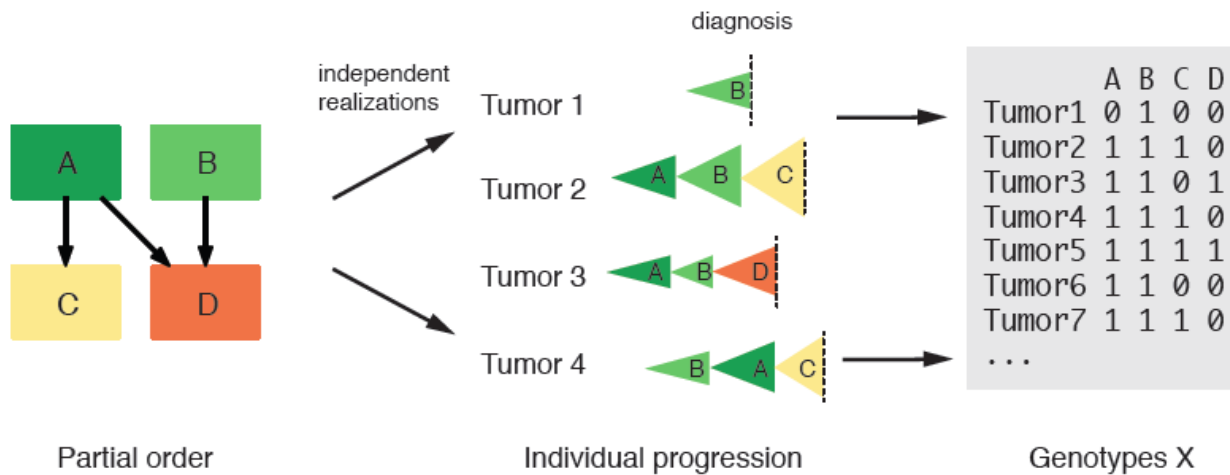


Partial order

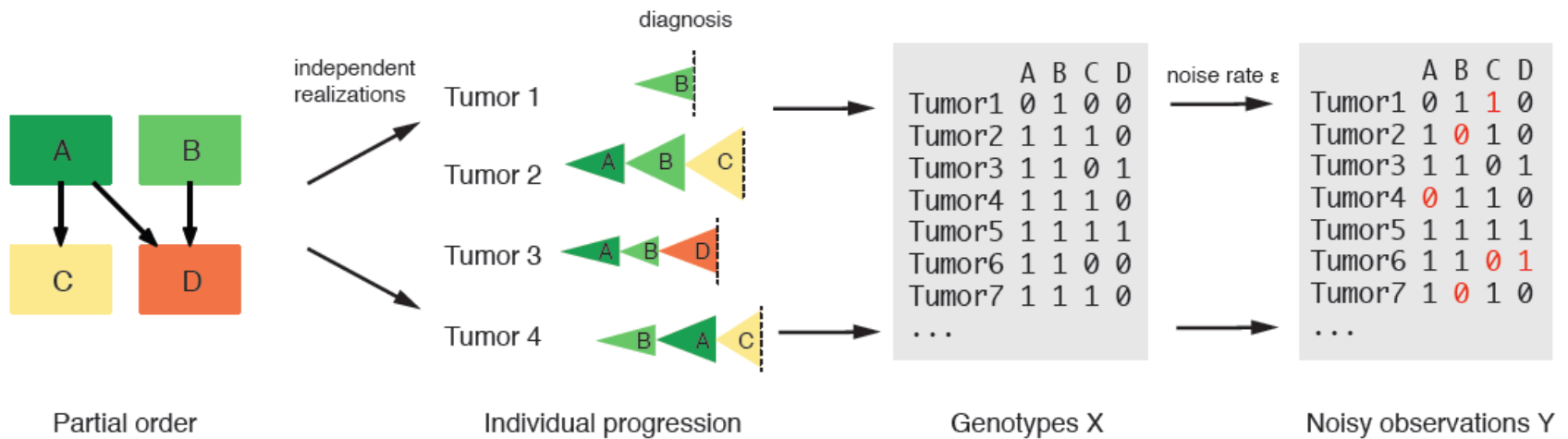
Individual progression



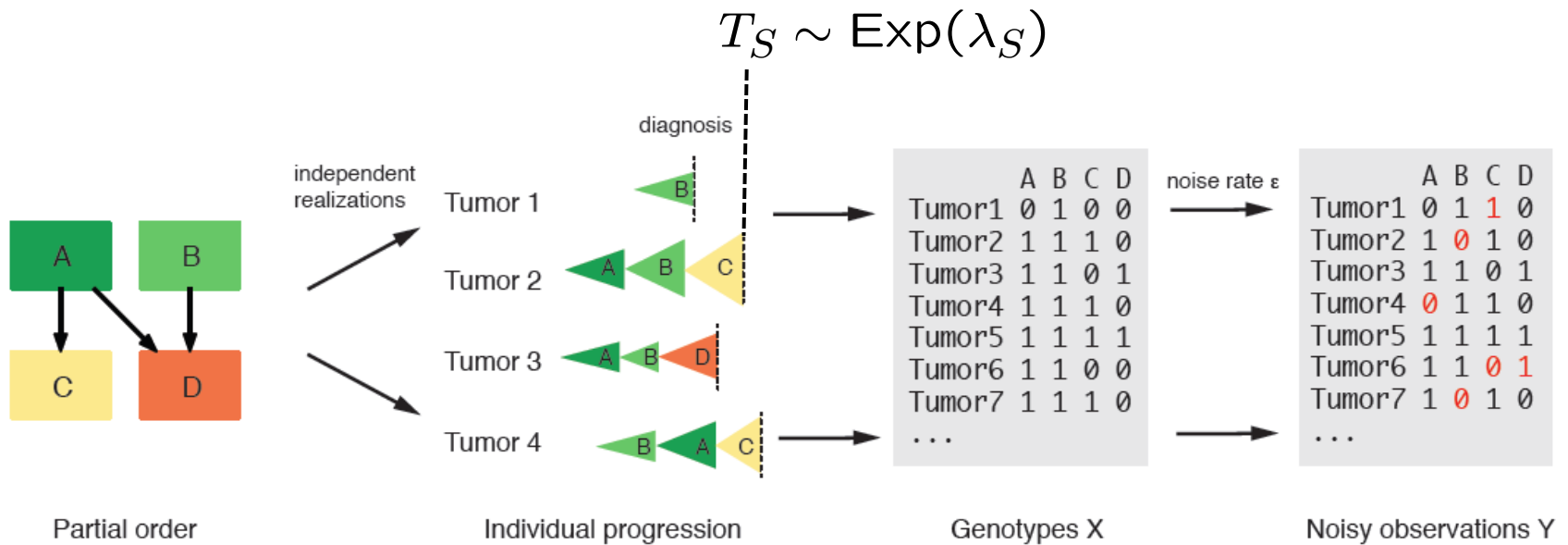
Genotypes at diagnosis



Observed genotypes



Waiting time distribution



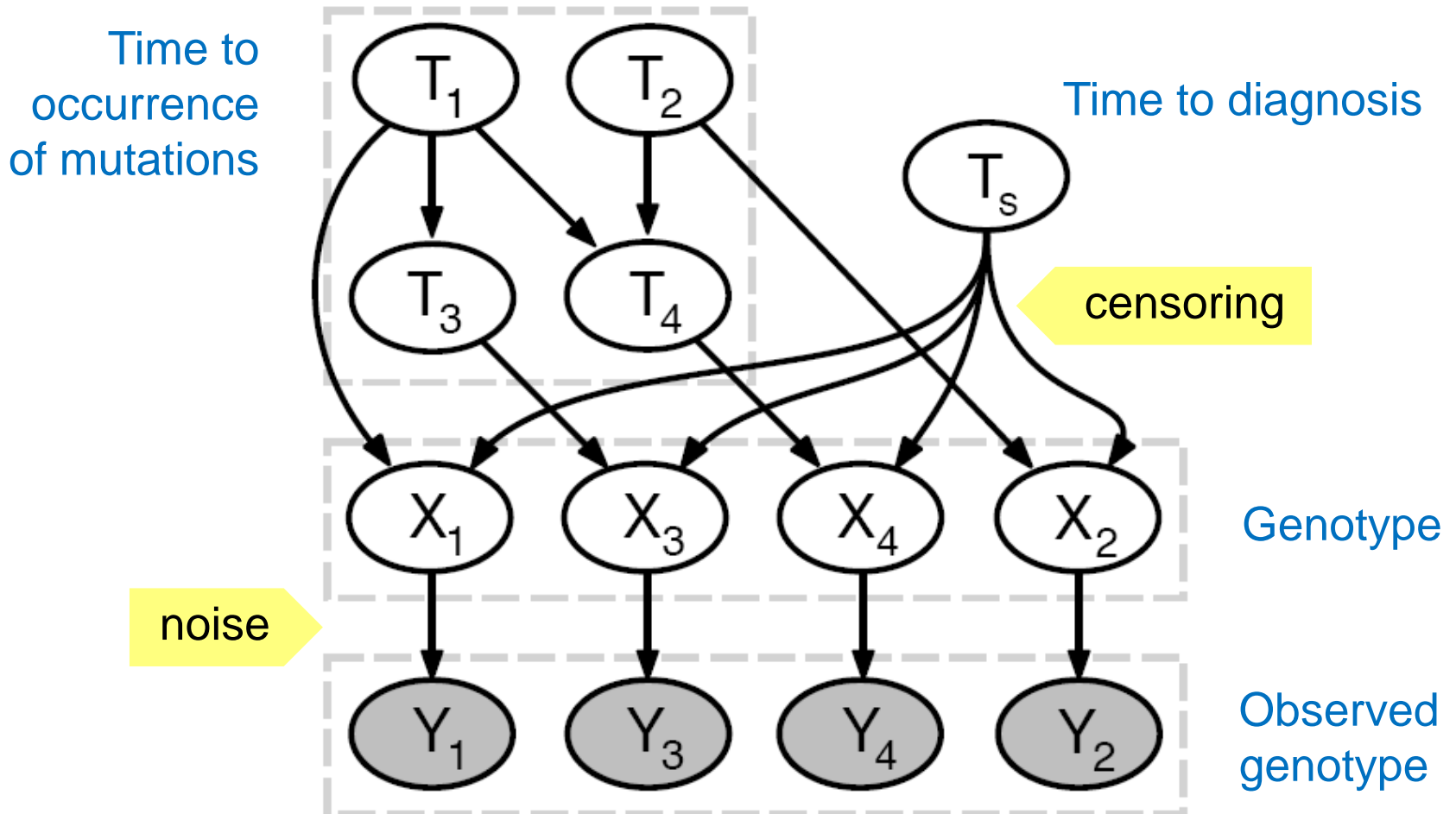
$$T_A \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_A)$$

$$T_B \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_B)$$

$$T_C \sim T_A + \text{Exp}(\lambda_C)$$

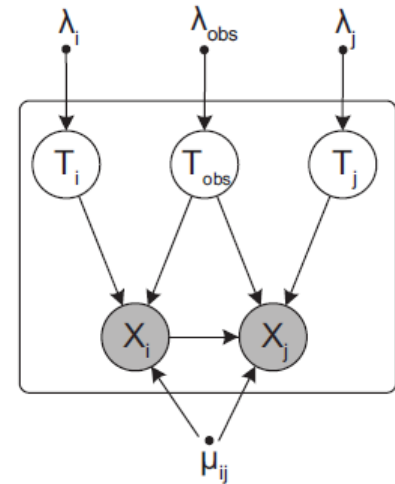
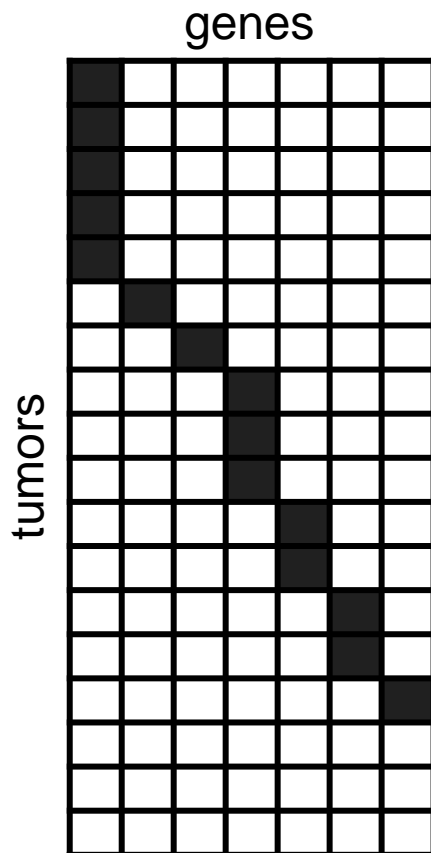
$$T_D \sim \max(T_A, T_B) + \text{Exp}(\lambda_D)$$

Hidden conjunctive Bayesian network (H-CBN)



Can we find pathways de novo?

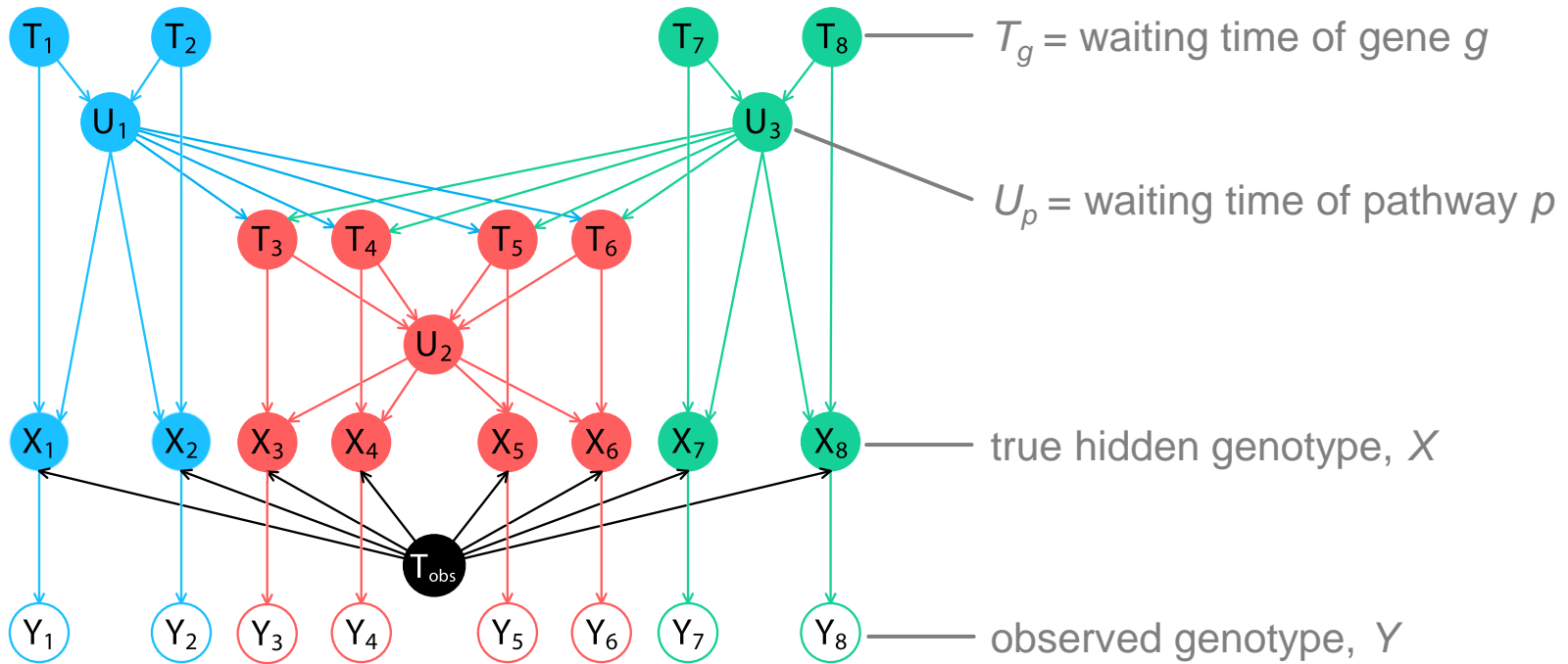
- For example, as groups of mutually exclusive genes:



$$\mu_N P \left(T_K < \min_{i \in N \setminus K} (T_i, T_{\text{obs}}) \right) + (1 - \mu_N) P \left(T_K \leq T_{\text{obs}} < \min_{i \in N \setminus K} T_i \right)$$

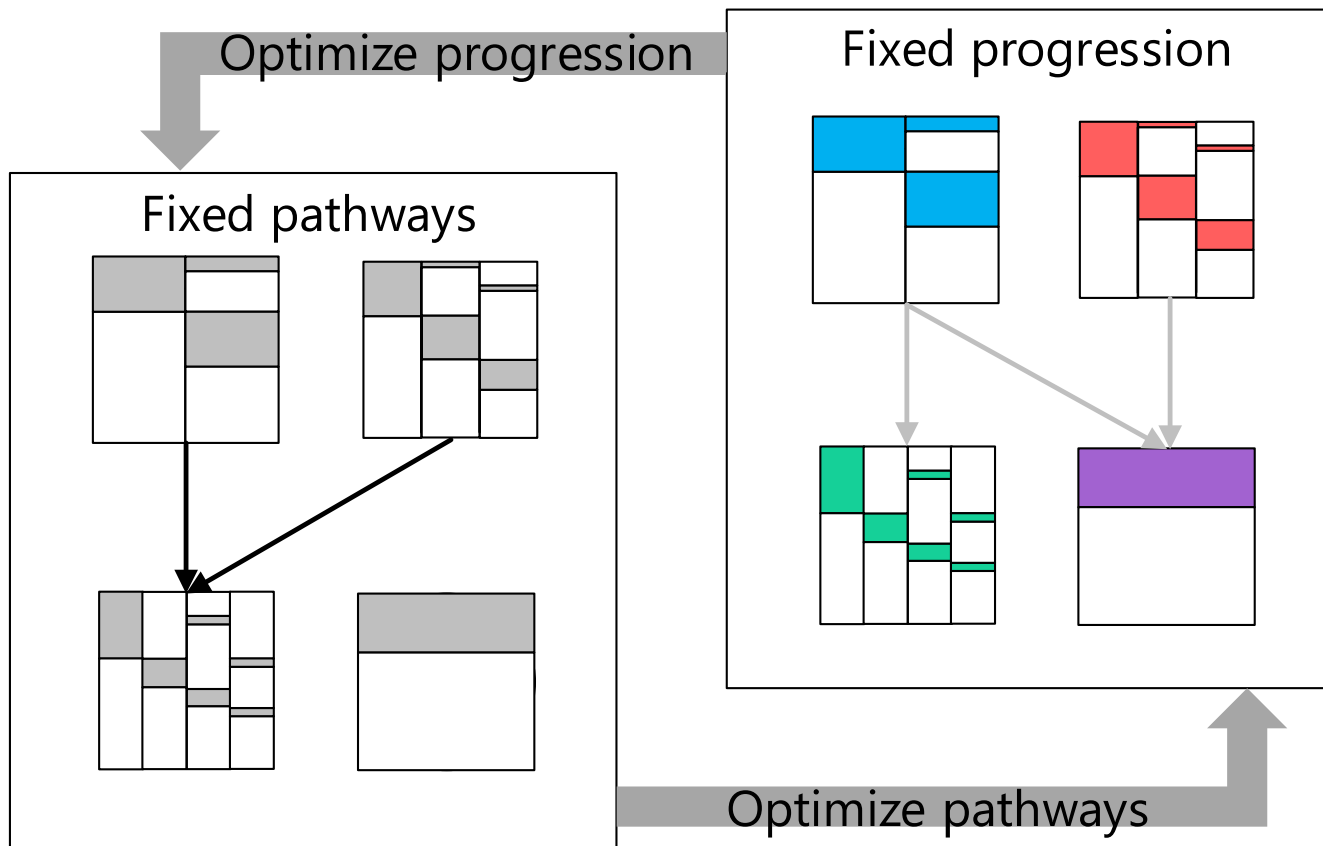
$$P(g_{\emptyset} \mid \theta_{\text{ME}}) = P \left(T_{\text{obs}} < \min_{i \in N} T_i \right)$$

Pathways and their dependencies

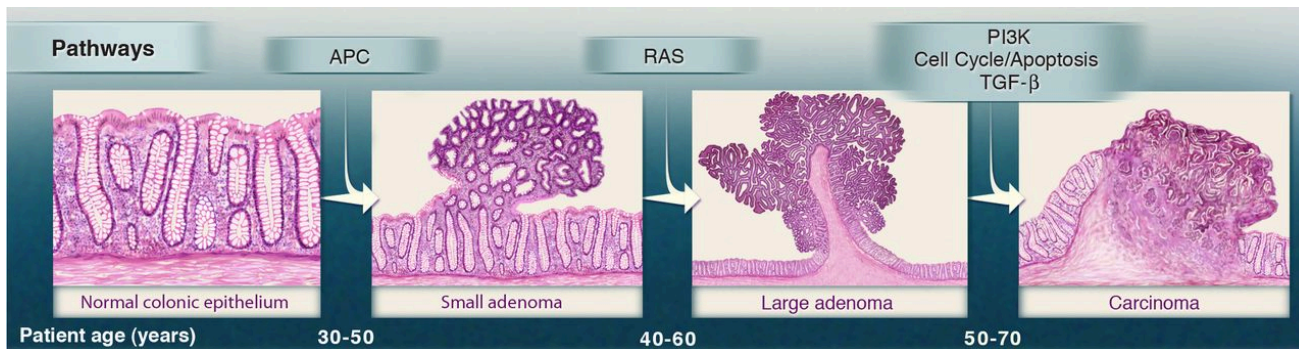
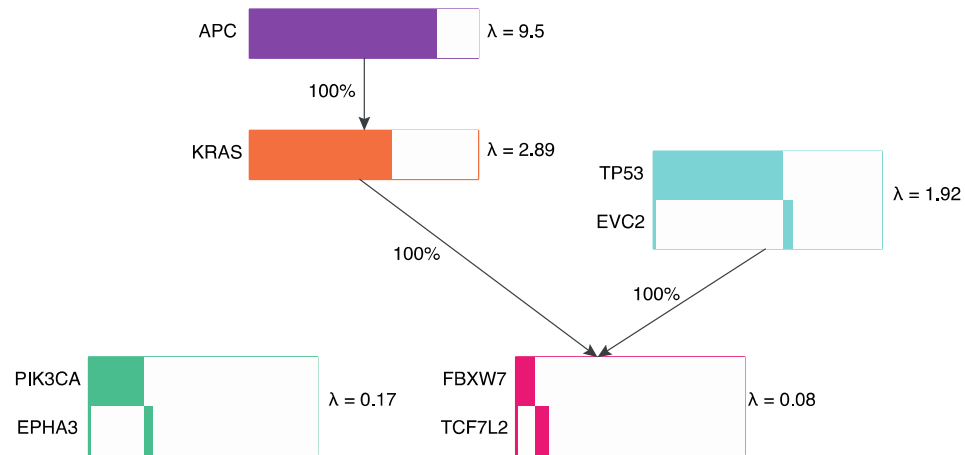


- A pathway is altered as soon as one of its genes is altered.
- Genes depend on upstream pathways.

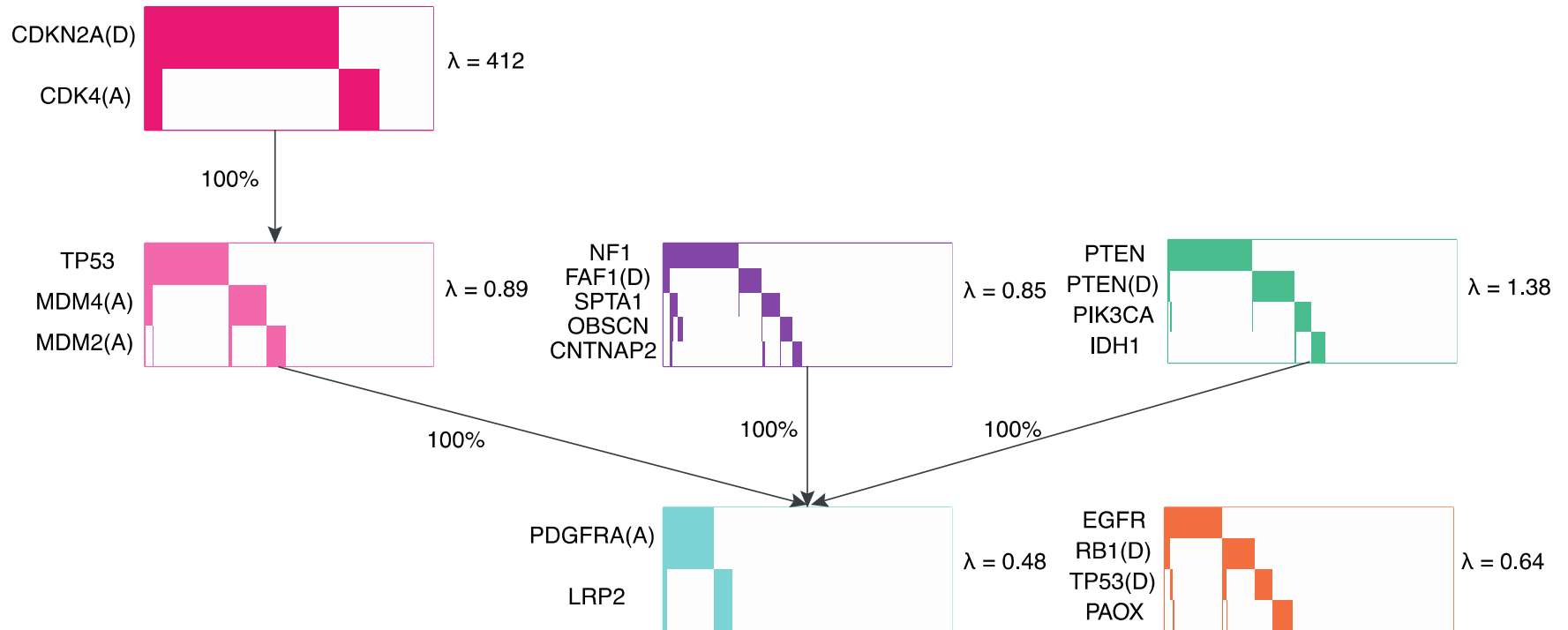
Joint inference



Progression in colorectal cancer



Progression in glioblastoma



Conclusions

- **SCITE**, <https://gitlab.com/jahnka/SCITE>
 - Single-cell sequencing data can be used to reconstruct the evolutionary history of individual tumors.
 - Two intra-tumor phylogenies support an evolutionary model of successive clonal expansions in which subclones co-exist until one of them reaches fixation.
- **pathTiMEx**, <https://github.com/cbg-ethz/pathTiMEx>
 - Tumor evolution is constrained by (partial) orders of gene and pathway alterations.
 - Mutually exclusive gene groups and their dependencies can be inferred jointly from observed mutation profiles.

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