# Network-based stratification of tumor mutations

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# Stratification: dividing cancer into subtypes

Why stratify?

- Better patient prognostics
- A better understanding of tumor biology
- New subtype specific drug targets
- Better patient tailored treatment



# Efforts to stratify using gene expression



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Verhaak, R.G. *et al.* Integrated genomic analysis identifies clinically relevant subtypes of glioblastoma characterized by abnormalities in PDGFRA, IDH1, EGFR, and NF1. *Cancer Cell* **17**, 98-110 (2010).

# Four GBM subtypes associated with different survival odds



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# Clustering of gene expression in ovarian cancer (OV)



## No association to a clinical phenotype was reported (for these subgroups).

T.C.G.A.R.N. (TCGA), Integrated genomic analyses of ovarian carcinoma. Nature 474, 609-15 (2011).

### The cancer genome atlas (TCGA)

- +20 Cancer cohorts with 50-800 individuals
- Patient matched samples of different measurement types including:
  - mRNA expression
  - Copy number variations
  - Single nucleotide polymorphisms
  - Methylation
  - miRNA
  - Protein expression
  - Patient genomes (somatic mutations)



# Somatic mutations in high grade serous ovarian cancer

- 359 matched patient/tumor exome sequenced with Illumina GAIIx
- 11,231 somatic mutations







The Cancer Genome Atlas



# Why is it hard to cluster somatic mutation genotypes?



#### Improving stratification with networks

Regular Consensus Clustering NMF



Draw a bootstrap sample of genes from *G*(*patients x genes*) matrix.

Network smoothing:

For each patient project mutations onto a network (*A*) and propagate.

**Network clustering:** Cluster smoothed *F*(*patients x genes*) matrix using Network NMF

Repeat *N* times and aggregate into a (*patients x patients*) consensus matrix

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 Patient Genotype 1

Patient Genotype 2

 'Mixed' genotype from overlaying genotype 1 and 2

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### An intuition for network smoothing



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0,0.3,1,0.2,0.4,0.2,0,0,0.4,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,2,0.4,0.5,0...]

## Simulating 'network' data

#### Simulate background mutations:

- 1. Sample patients from dataset.
- 2. Permute mutated genes.
- 3. Divide patients into k subtypes.

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6. For each patient move m% of mutated genes to modules in the patient's subtype.

### Simulation - a different landscape

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## Network-based stratification on somatic mutations from TCGA ovarian cancer

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#### Association with patient survival

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### Comparing to other data types

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# Clinical translation of subtypes using expression signature

Measuring the expression of a gene set is easier than sequencing a genome.

- **1. Define subtypes** using somatic mutations which predict a clinical phenotype (survival, drug response).
- 2. Train a model on matched gene expression to predict subtypes on the same set of patients.
- **3. Predict subtypes** using expression on new patients.

#### Clinical translation of TCGA-OV subtypes

**Classification accuracy recovering NBS subtypes**  **Overall survival with expression recovered subtypes** 

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#### Clinical translation of TCGA-OV subtypes

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1 Tothill RW, *et al.*, Novel molecular subtypes of serous and endometrioid ovarian cancer linked to clinical outcome. *Clin Cancer Res* 2008, **14:**5198-5208.

#### A characteristic network for subtype 1

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<sup>[</sup>CANCER RESEARCH 59, 3077-3083, July 1, 1999]

#### Cisplatin-induced Apoptosis Proceeds by Caspase-3-dependent and -independent Pathways in Cisplatin-resistant and -sensitive Human Ovarian Cancer Cell Lines<sup>1</sup>

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#### Src inhibition enhances paclitaxel cytotoxicity in ovarian cancer cells by caspase-9-independent activation of caspase-3

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Ting Chen, Yolande Pengetnze, and Christopher C. Taylor

Department of Cell Biology, Vincent T. Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center, Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, District of Columbia largely the result of late presentation of patients due to clinically silent symptoms until disseminated and metastatic disease has been well established. Following tumor debulking, patients generally receive chemotherapy treatment with paclitaxel, platinum-based agents, or a combination of both (2, 3). These agents act via different mechanisms. Paclitaxel, hinds tubulin

SCML

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#### Inhibition of FGFR2 and FGFR1 increases cisplatin sensitivity in ovarian cancer

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Key words: ovarian cancer, fibroblast growth factor, fibroblast growth factor receptor, shRNAi, cisplatin

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### Conclusions

- Network-based stratification recovers biologically relevant subtypes of ovarian cancer.
- Somatic mutation subtypes are different from those recovered from other molecular profiles.
- These subtypes can be recapitulated using gene expression.
- Each subtype seems to have specific effected subnetworks.

### One slide summary

Regular Consensus Clustering NMF

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Thank you for listening...

# A similar clustering from different networks

Pathway Commons K = 4 Cluster 1 (49) Cluster 2 (30) Cluster 3 (150) Cluster 4 (116) Logrank P = 3.373e-05 Survival probablity 20 100 40 60 80 120 0 Time (months)

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p-value ( $\chi^2$ ) =3.98x10<sup>-27</sup>

#### Simulation results

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### Network regularized NMF

• NMF has been 'augmented' with many forms of regularizations:

$$\min_{W,H>0} \|X - WH\|_{F}^{2} + \alpha \|W\| + \beta \|H\|$$

• We suggest adding a term for 'network sparsity' of *W*. Let *K* be the graph laplacian of a nearest neighbors graph induced by given network.

$$\min \|X - WH\|_F^2 + \rho \cdot trace(W^T K W)$$

### Potential clinical covarites

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