

Pathway recognition and augmentation by computational analysis of microarray expression data

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result

- they present a system, QPACA (Quantitative Pathway Analysis in Cancer)
 - supports data visualization and both fine- and coarse-grained specification
 - **addresses the problems of** *pathway recognition and pathway augmentation*

why ?

- there's quite a bit of experimental data, but is it always relevant ?
- same condition may be resulted from different causes (like cancer from different tumors).

method

- optimization

For 20 iterations:

choose a random subset of samples $S_{\text{init}} \subset S$.

number_iterations := 0

$S_{\text{current}} := S_{\text{init}}$

do until no change in S_{current} or number_iterations == 600:

$s_{\text{new}} :=$ pick random sample $s_{\text{new}} \in S \cap S_{\text{current}}$

$s_{\text{old}} :=$ pick random sample $s_{\text{old}} \in S_{\text{current}}$

$S_{\text{test}} := (S_{\text{current}} - s_{\text{old}}) \cup s_{\text{new}}$

 if score($G_{\text{path}}, S_{\text{test}}, E$) > score($G_{\text{path}}, S_{\text{current}}, E$)

$S_{\text{current}} := S_{\text{test}}$

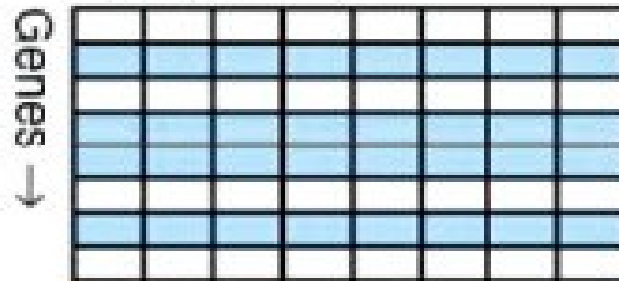
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if first iteration or score($G_{\text{path}}, S_{\text{current}}, E$) > score($G_{\text{path}}, S_{\text{path}}, E$)

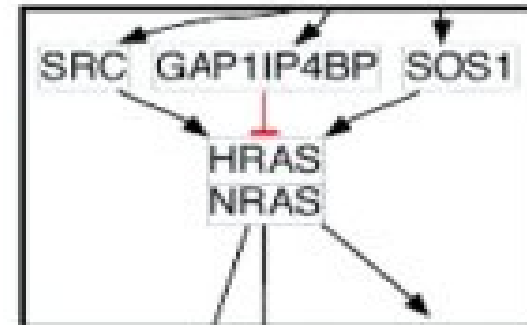
$S_{\text{path}} := S_{\text{current}}$

microarray data

Samples →

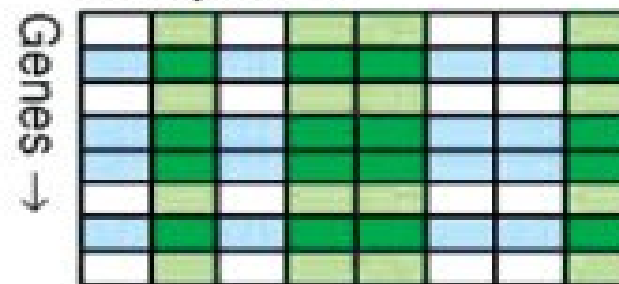


pathway



Subselection procedure

Samples →



a subset of experiments (green)
that is optimized for high score
among the pathway genes (blue)

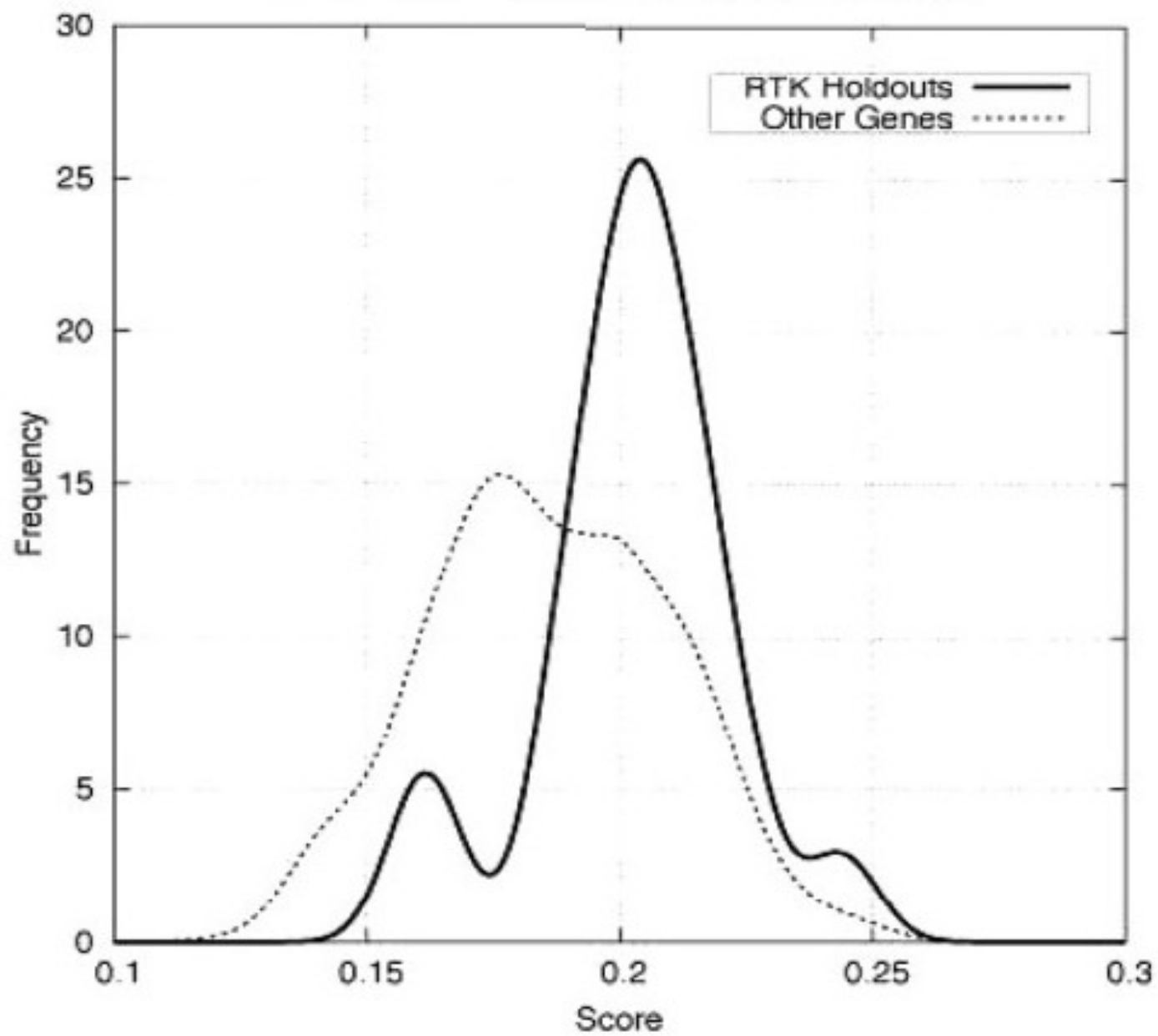
- performance evaluation
 - one possible application is to test whether a gene set is behaving in a coordinated fashion, and whether the coordination is relevant to our notion of a biological pathway
 - also can apply question of biological pathway augmentation
- datasets
 - yeast
 - human (cancer)

- Permutation testing and p -value calculation
 - scores resulting from randomly chosen gene sets of the same size as the pathway set in question
 - scores resulting from randomizing the gene expression data itself
 - scores resulting from randomly chosen gene sets of the same size as pathway set in question, restricted to genes represented within KEGG

- Cross-validation in biological pathway augmentation
 - pathways with all tree permutation-based p -value < 0.1 were excluded. (don't add anything if can't recognise pathway)
 - from rest 10 % of genes were heldout,
 - then scores calculated to those that left
 - added heldouts and background
 - ranked by score.

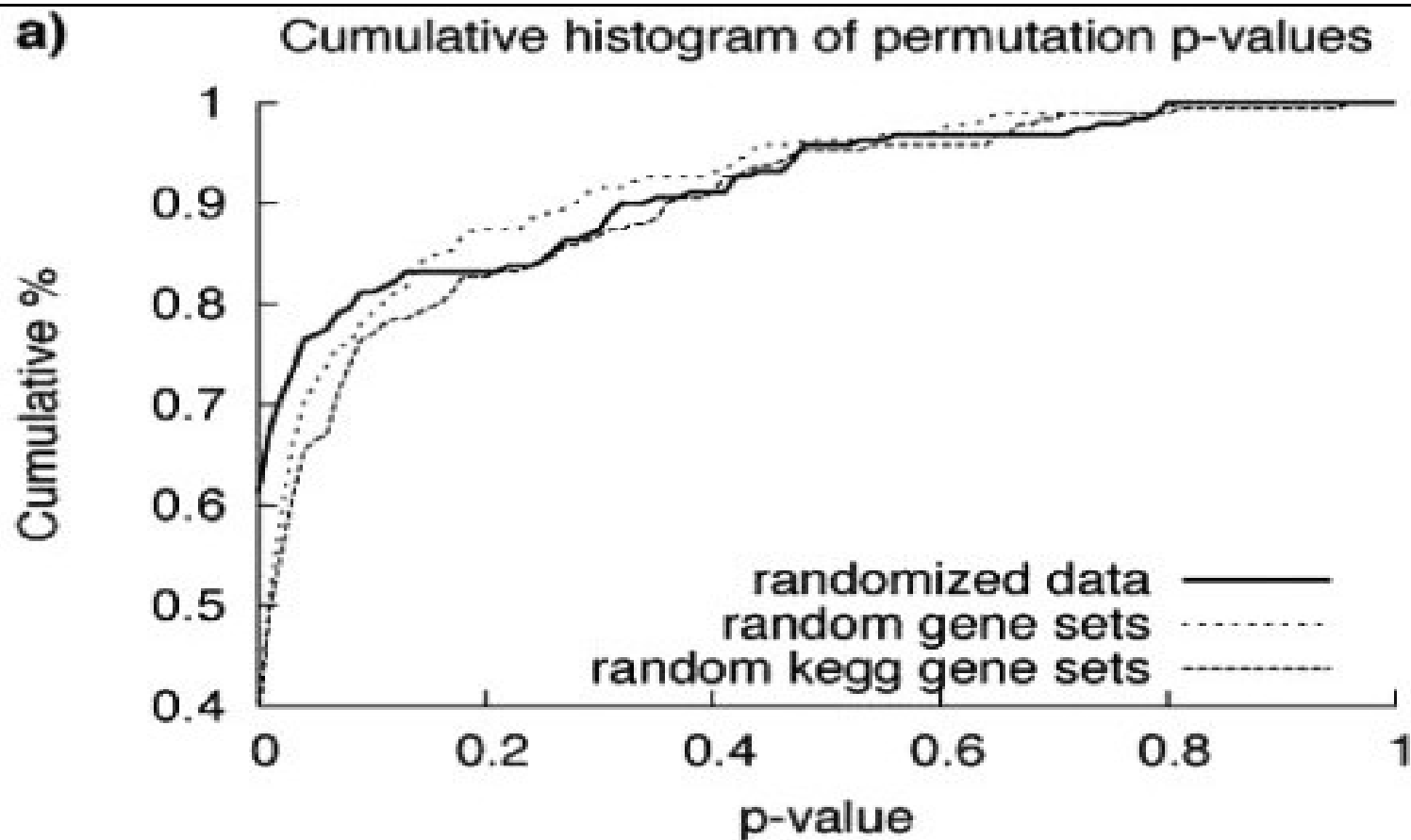
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RTK Holdout Genes versus Other Genes

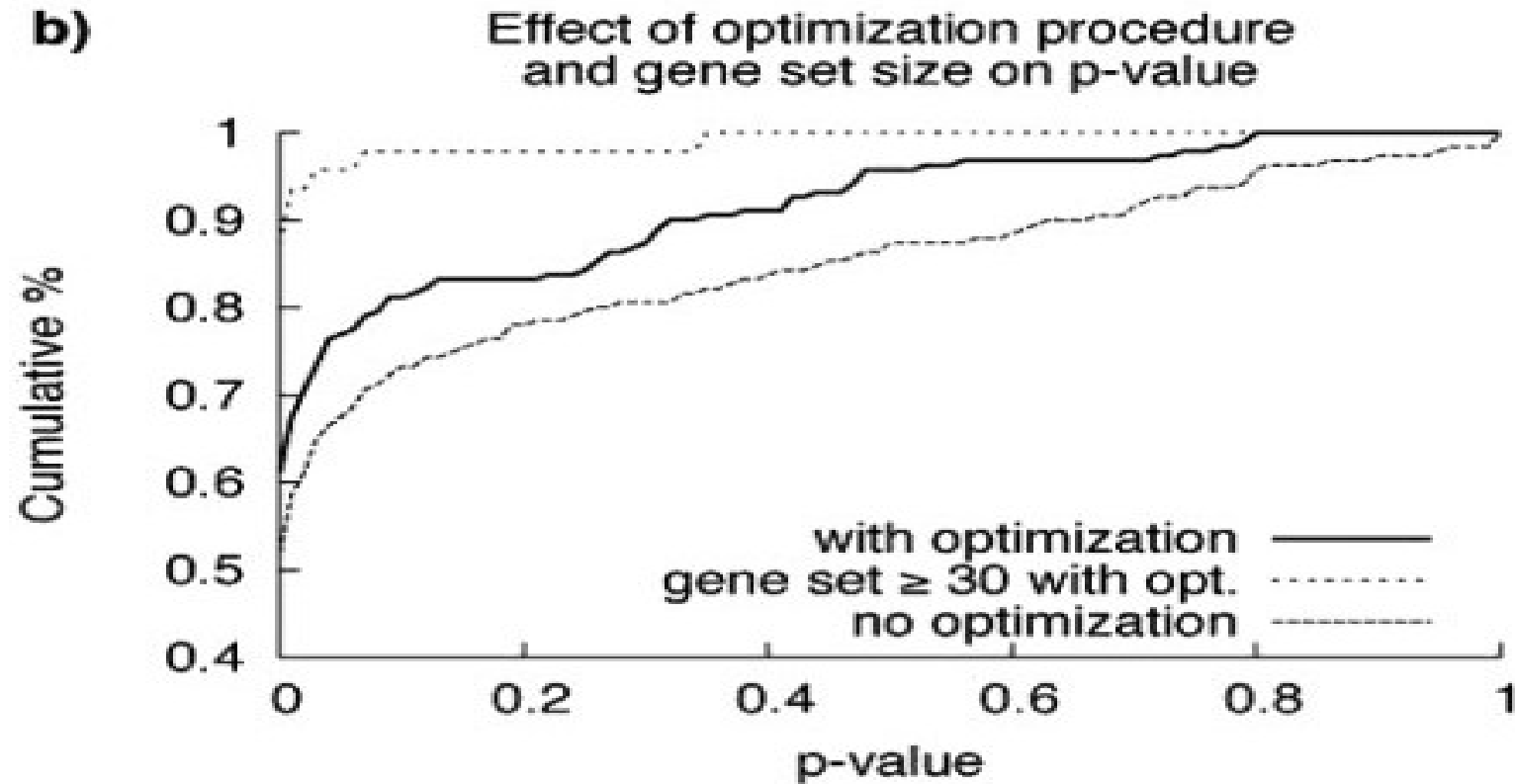


results

- p -value x can be interpreted as the probability that a random set of genes will yield a p -value of less than or equal to x



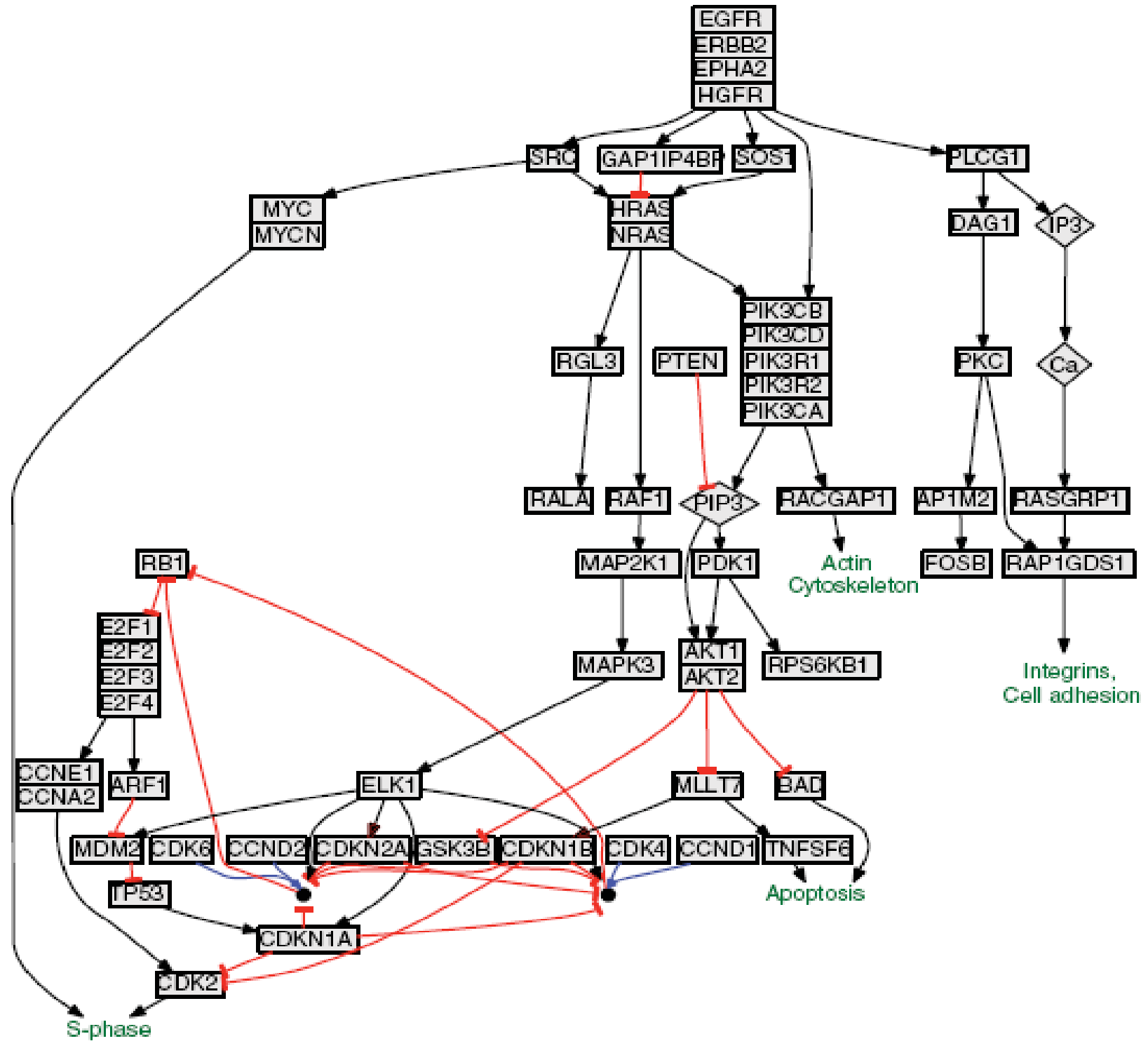
Cumulative histograms of permutation-based p -values for all analyzed pathways. Most pathways (117/191 or 61%) had significant scores ($p < 0.05$) under the most stringent of these methods, indicating that this method is reproducible over a large and varied set of pathways.



Cumulative histograms of the p -values with optimization for all pathways (solid line), all pathways without optimization (dotted line) and for those pathways with ≥ 30 genes using optimization (dashed line). For each case, the randomization permutation method was used. The optimization method clearly improves the p -value distribution over no optimization ($p \ll 0.001$ by Mann–Whitney), and restriction to larger gene set sizes also improves the p -value distribution ($p \ll 0.001$ by Mann–Whitney).

Thank you !

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