Variant prioritization

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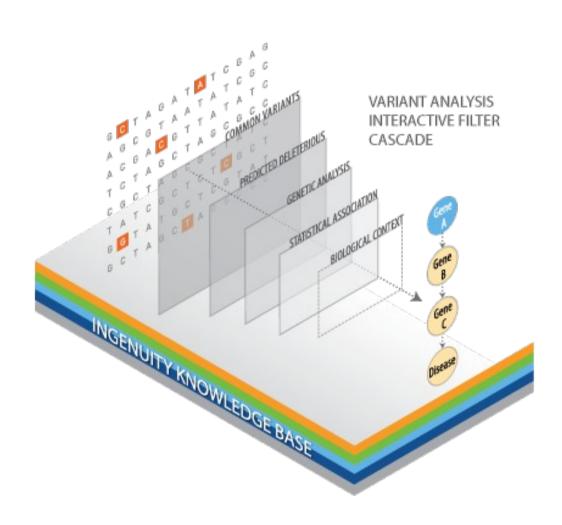


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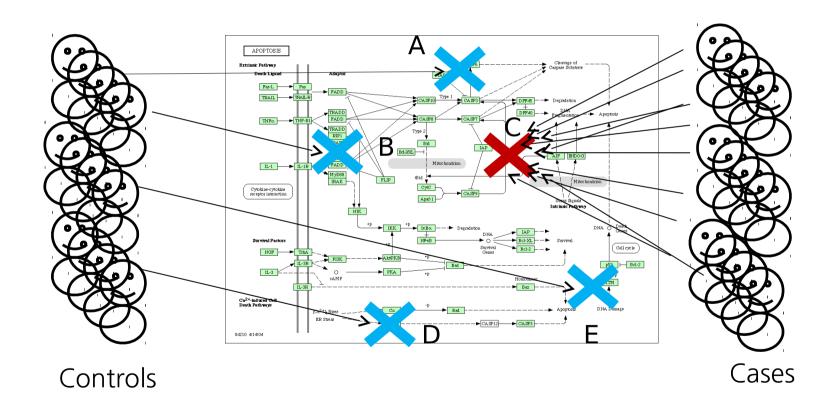
The objective



And now what?

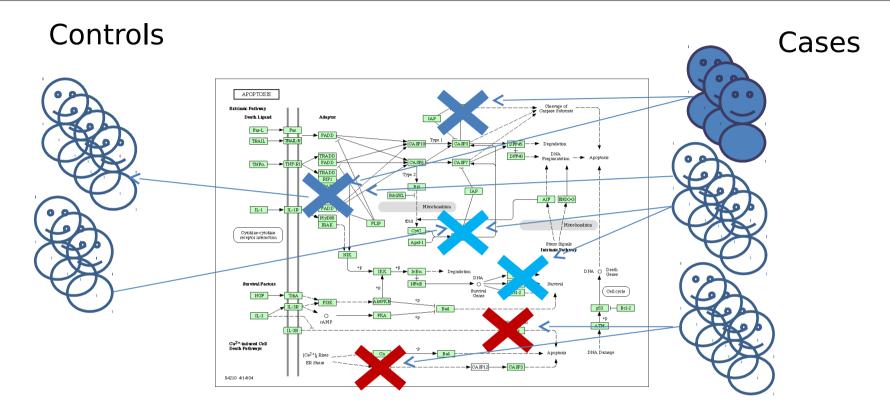
Finding the mutations causative of diseases

The simplest case: monogenic disease due to a single gene



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Clear individual gene associations are difficult to find in some diseases

Same phenotype can be due to **different mutations and different genes** (or combinations)

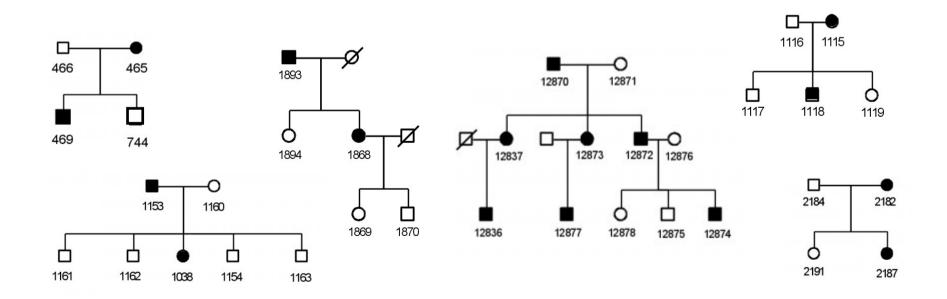
Many cases have to be used to obtain significant associations to many markers

The only common element is the pathway (yet unknown) affected

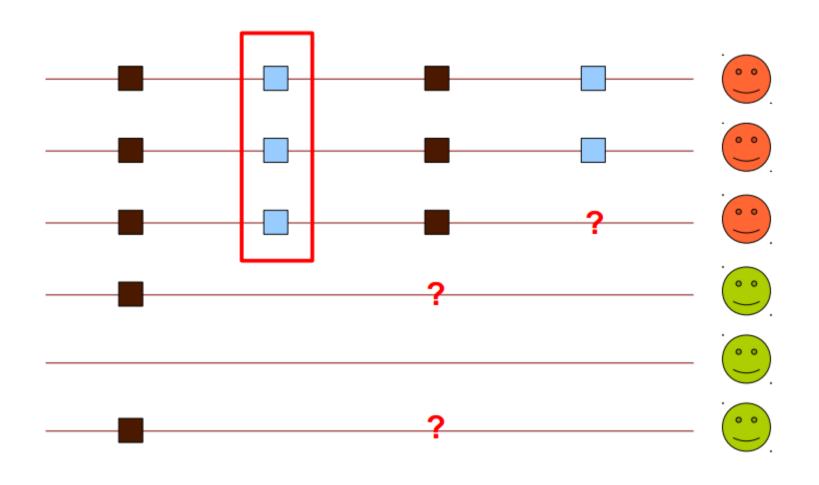
Strategies

- Filtering using family information
- Network (Systems biology) approaches
 - PPIs
 - Gene regulatory elements (miRNAs, Tfs)
 - GO terms
- GWAS

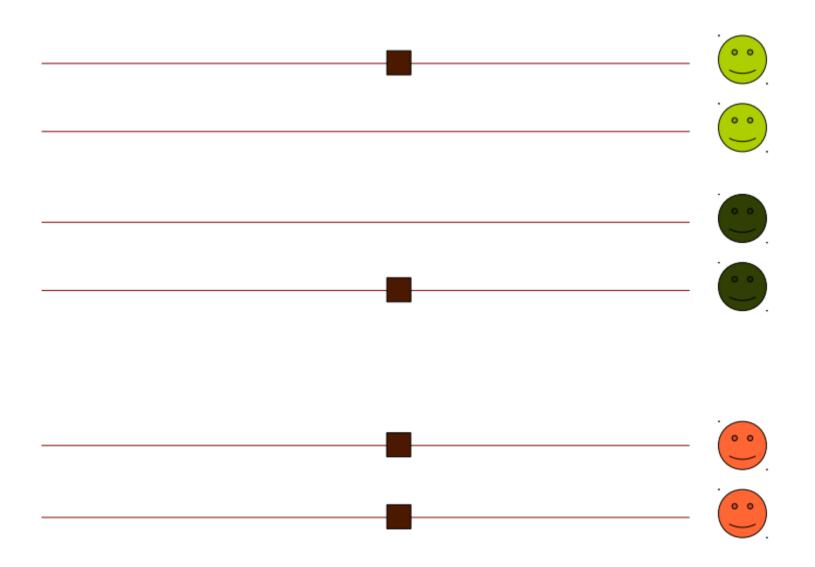
- Families containing control and disease individuals can help us to reduce the number of variants obtained
- Individuals from the same family → less variability
- Filter variants present in healthy people



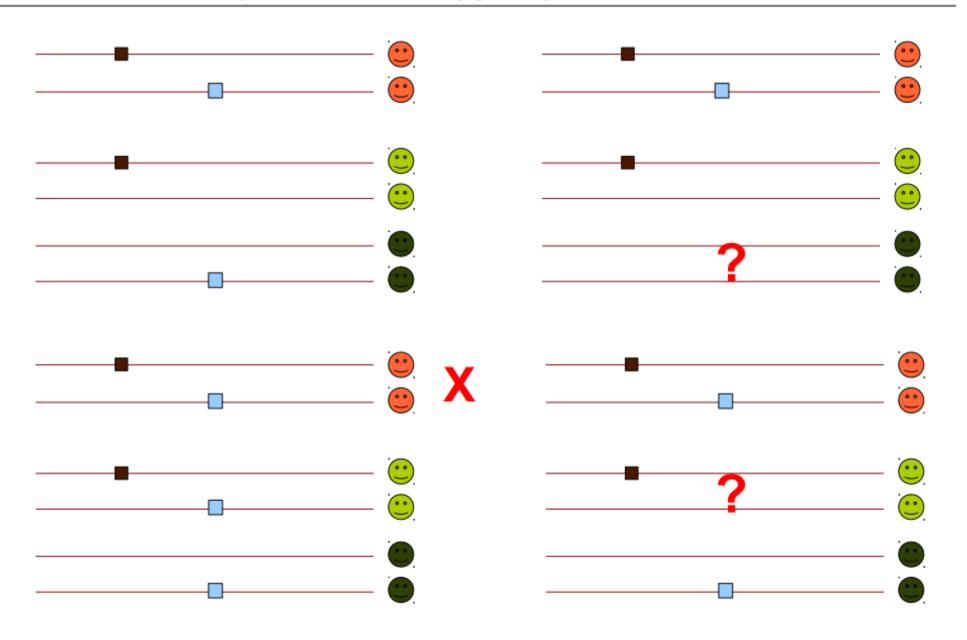
Dominant inheritance



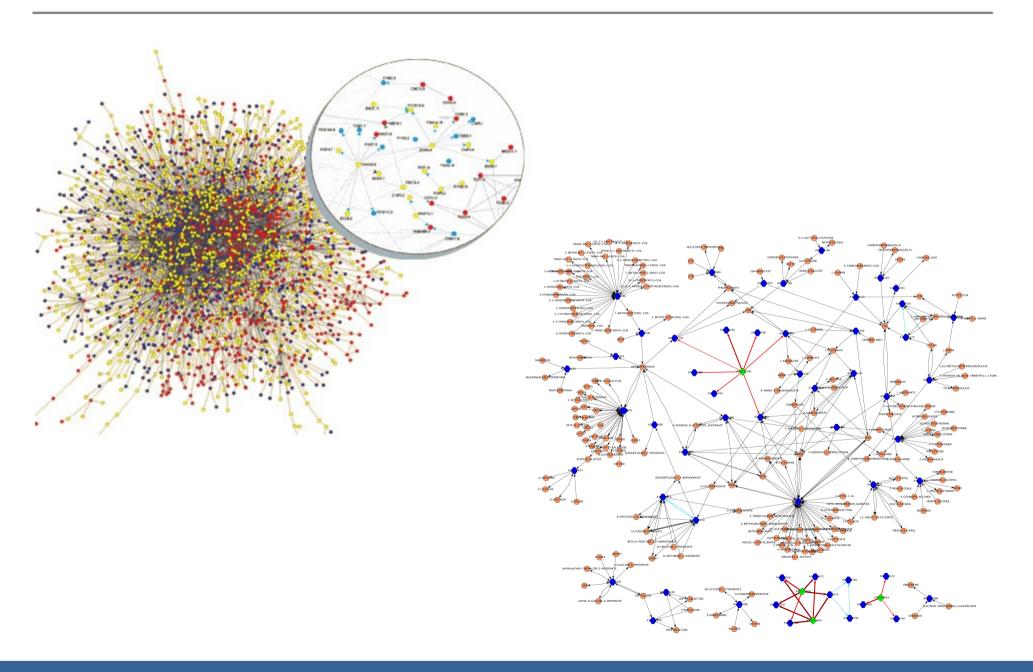
Recessive homozygous



Recessive - Compound heterozygosity



Using network information

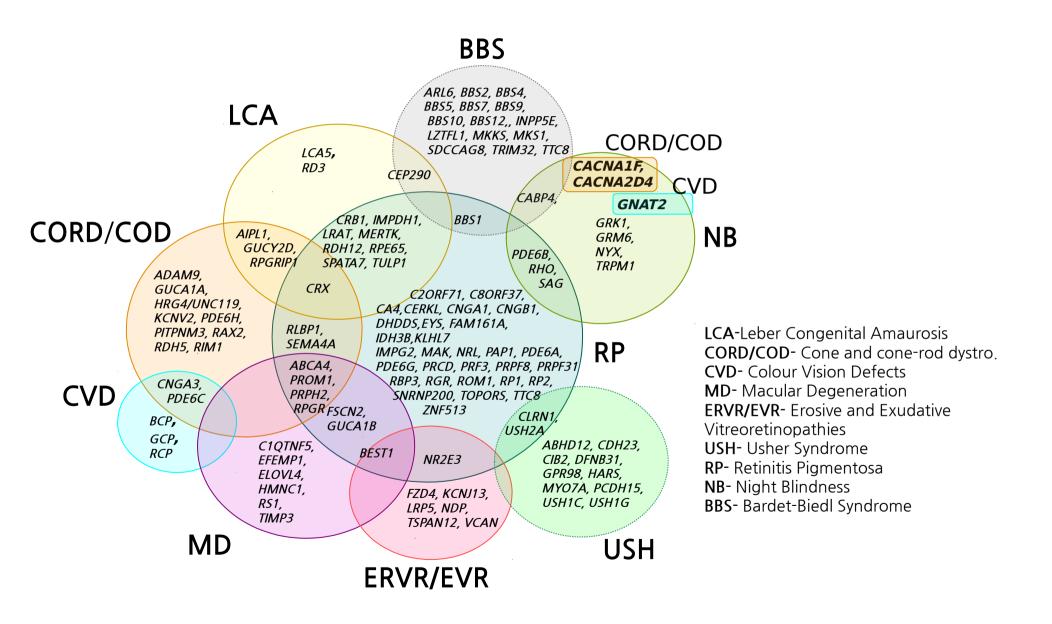


Example with Inherited Retinal Dystrophies (IRD)

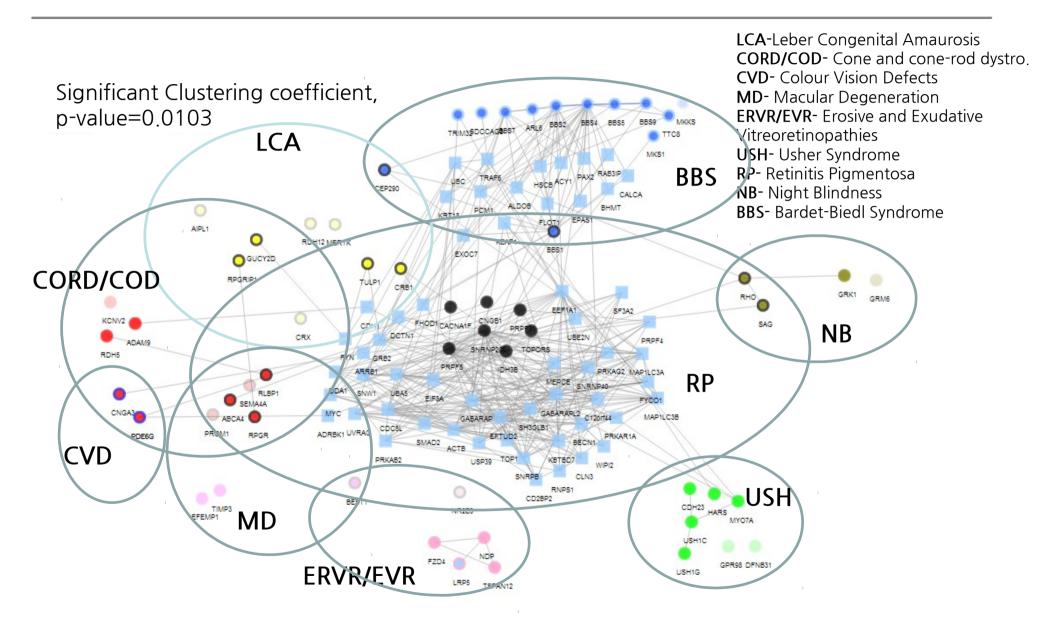
- Prevalence 1 in 3000
- Clinically and genetically very heterogeneous
- 190 GENES account for aprox. 50% of IRDs.

Is genetic overlapping among IRDs related to protein interaction?

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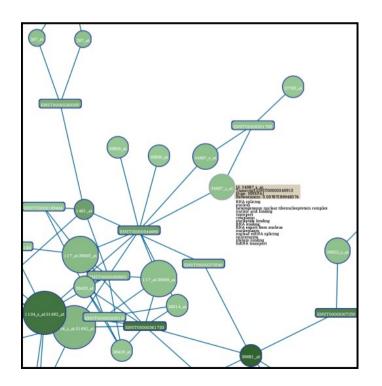
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SNOW Tool. Minguez et al., NAR 2009 Implemented in Babelomics (http://www.babelomics.org)

SNOW

- The SNOW tool introduces protein-protein interaction data into the functional profiling of genomic data
 - Evaluates role of the list within the interactome: identifies hubs in the list of proteins/genes (nodes) and evaluates the topological parameters of the within the interactome
 - Evaluates the list's cooperative behaviour as a functional module



http://babelomics.bioinfo.cipf.es/functional.html

NetworkMiner

Prioritizing disease candidate genes

Scenario

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You have:

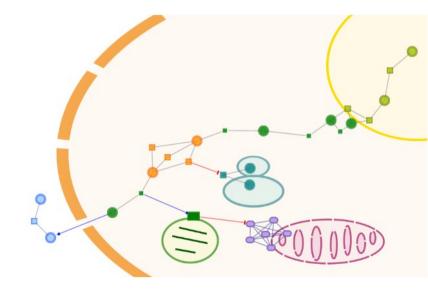
- 1. a list of disease candidates (ranked by their populational frequency)
- 2. a list of genes that are known to be associated to the disease

You want to see:

which of your candidates are functionally related or interacting with the known disease genes

NetworkMiner Study

Tests whether any of the candidates is significantly located in the neighborhood of the known disease genes



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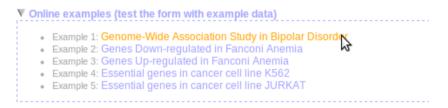
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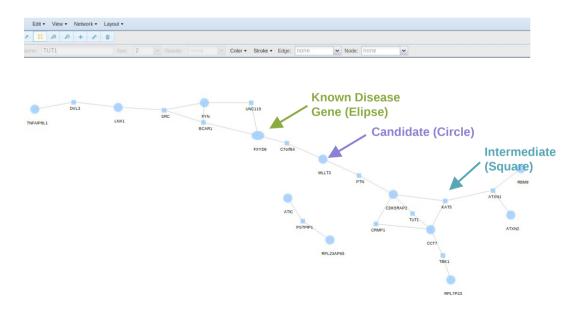
Example: Genome-Wide Association Study in Bipolar Disorder

Seed list: Genes associated to Bipolar Disorder

Ranked list: Genes ranked according the association degree in a Case-Control Association Study

Network Miner





RENATO (REgulatory Network Analsis TOol)

Identifying common regulatory elements

- Sometimes, the problem is not in the gene
- Example: Mutation in the DNA binding domain of a TF
- Tool for the interpretation and visualization of transcriptional (TFs) and post-transcriptional (miRNAs) regulatory information
- Designed to identify common regulatory elements in a list of genes
- RENATO maps these genes to the regulatory network, extracts the corresponding regulatory connections and evaluate each regulator for significant over-representation in the list.

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