



Downstream Analysis of Microarray Data: Beyond the genelist

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TYPICAL RESULT OF PRIMARY ANALYSIS

- Differential gene expression analysis e.g. Limma + selection of genes at FDR and/or FC cutoff
- Classification/ clustering

WHAT NEXT?

- Annotation
- Exploratory analyses
- Focussed biological questions



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HOWEVER ...

- Manual annotation of genes a HIGHLY resource intensive process!

“ ... biomedical research literature accumulates at a rate far surpassing that at which anyone can read it, let alone assimilate it.”

“... at the current rate, one would need to scan in excess of 130 journals and read in excess of 27 papers a day to keep up with the field of Breast Cancer Genes”

- Baasiri et al. *Oncogene* (1999)



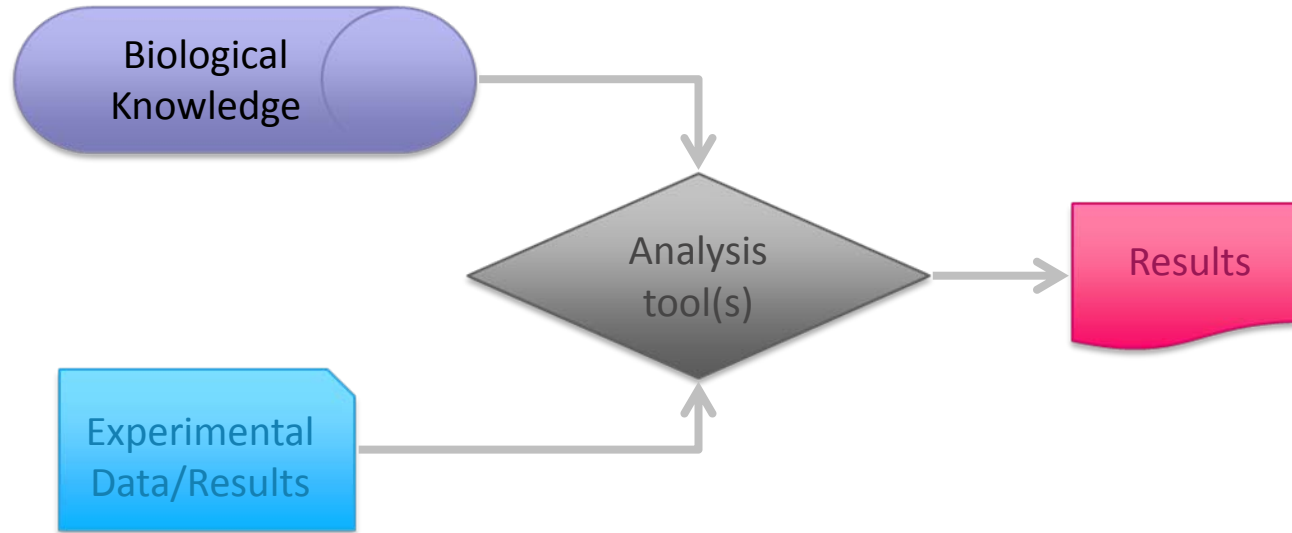
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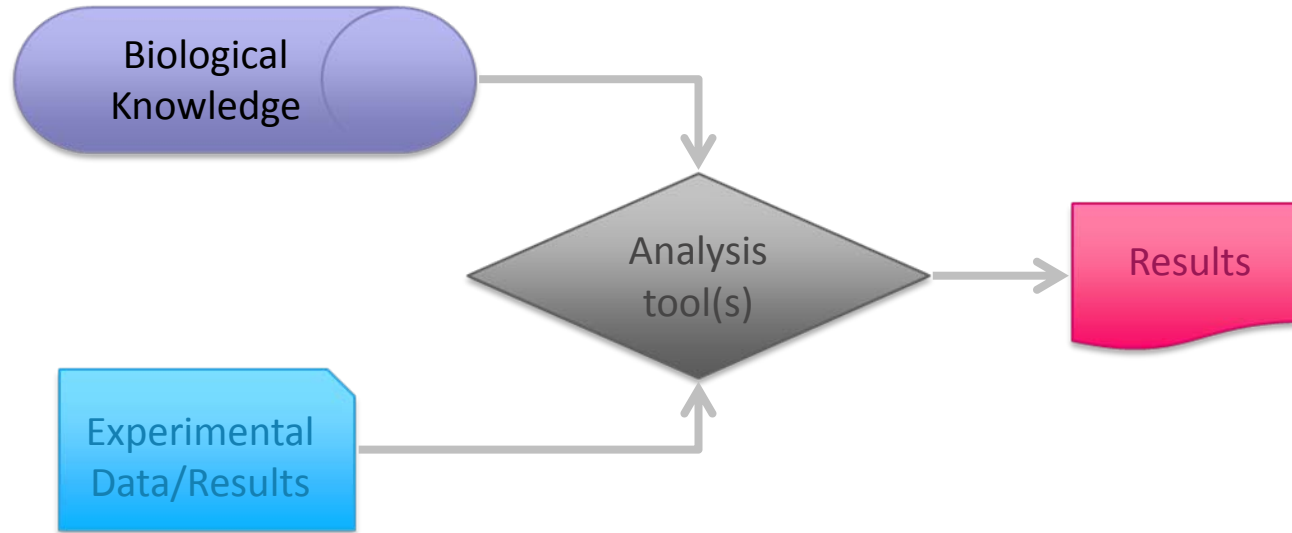
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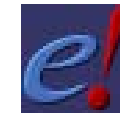
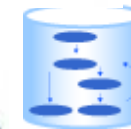


DEEPER BIOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING OF DATA

- Quickly
- Quantitative and structured results
- Reproducibility

Databases of Biological Knowledge

- Biomedical literature
- Biochemical pathways
- Functional annotation
- Ontologies
- Sequence information
- Interaction data
- TF/regulatory information
- Experimental data



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INTEGRATION WITH OTHER DATASETS/TECHNOLOGIES:

- E.g. Do my DE genes also exhibit differential transcription factor binding? (integrate with ChIP-Seq data)

Selecting a downstream analysis workflow

DEPENDENT ON THE BIOLOGICAL QUESTION!

- Not the other way around: This could cause confusion and difficulties in inference

CONCATENATE WORKFLOWS FOR MORE COMPLEX QUESTIONS

- E.g. Enrichment analysis of over-represented themes in a network of highly inter-connected genes

YOU ARE ONLY LIMITED BY YOUR IMAGINATION!

- ... And the availability of the right data in the right format
- ... And the application of appropriate statistics

ENRICHMENT OF BIOLOGICAL THEMES

Enrichment of Biological Themes

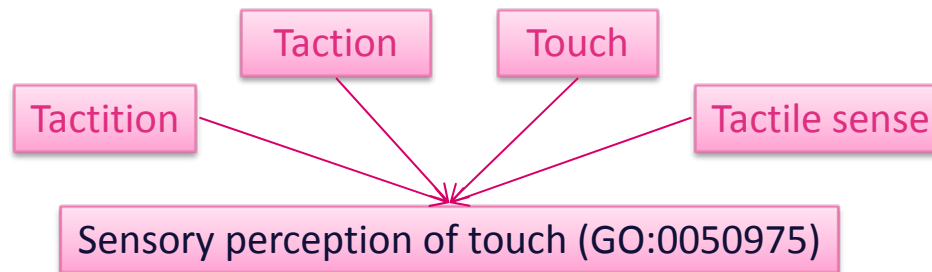
WHAT IS A THEME?

- A list of genes representing some aspect of biology
 - Biochemical pathways
 - Locations: subcellular compartments, chromosome band
 - Transcription factor targets
 - Gene interaction networks (experimental or literature based)
 - Experimental results
 - differentially expressed genes
 - genes near ChIP-Seq binding sites

Enrichment of Biological Themes

GENE ONTOLOGY

- Controlled vocabulary to describe gene function
 - One word can mean many things; many words can mean the same thing
 - Structured annotation

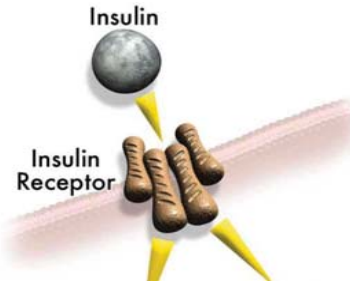


- Capture biological in computable form
 - Allows for quantitative analyses

Gene Ontology

1. Molecular Function

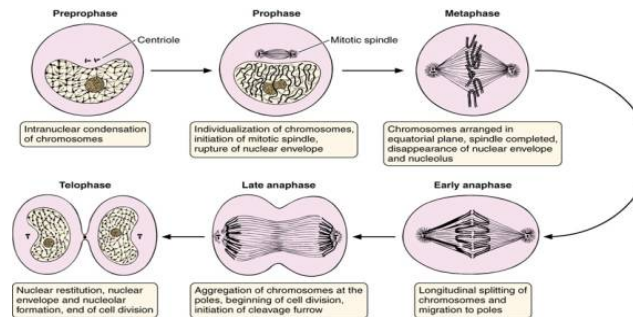
An elemental activity or task or job



- protein kinase activity
- insulin receptor activity

2. Biological Process

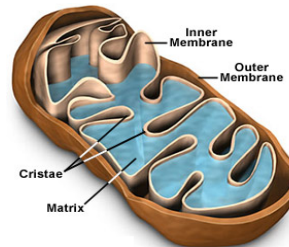
Commonly recognized series of events



- cell division

3. Cellular Component

Where a gene product is located



- mitochondrion
- mitochondrial matrix

Enrichment Analysis Methodologies

OVER-REPRESENTATION ANALYSIS

- ‘Threshold-based’: require definition of a statistical threshold to define list of genes to test (e.g. $\text{FDR} < 0.01$)
- Hypergeometric test, Fisher’s Exact test

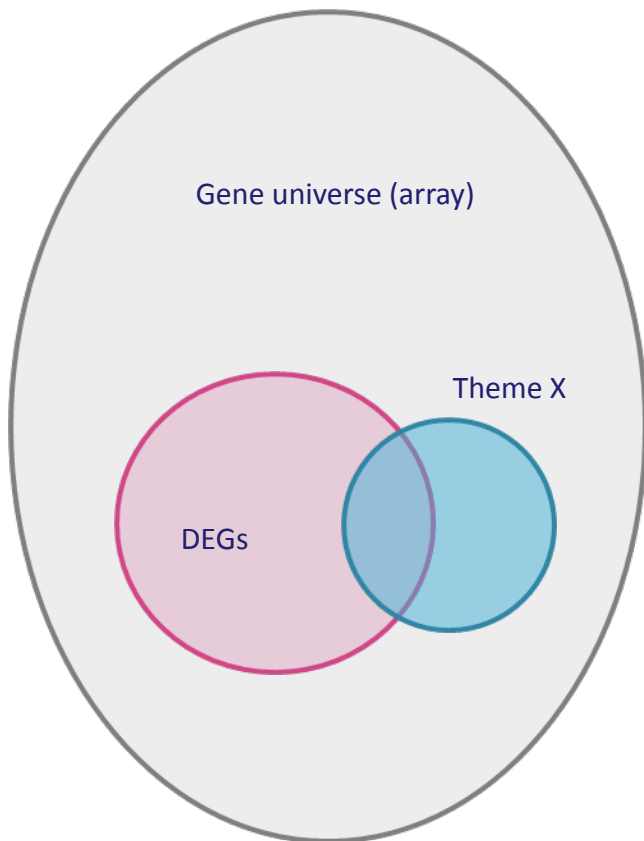
FUNCTIONAL CLASS SCORING

- ‘Threshold-free’: typically test all genes in dataset
- Gene Set Enrichment Analysis(GSEA), GlobalTest

PATHWAY TOPOLOGY BASED METHODS

- More complex analyses incorporating more data
- Signalling Pathway Impact Analysis (SPIA)

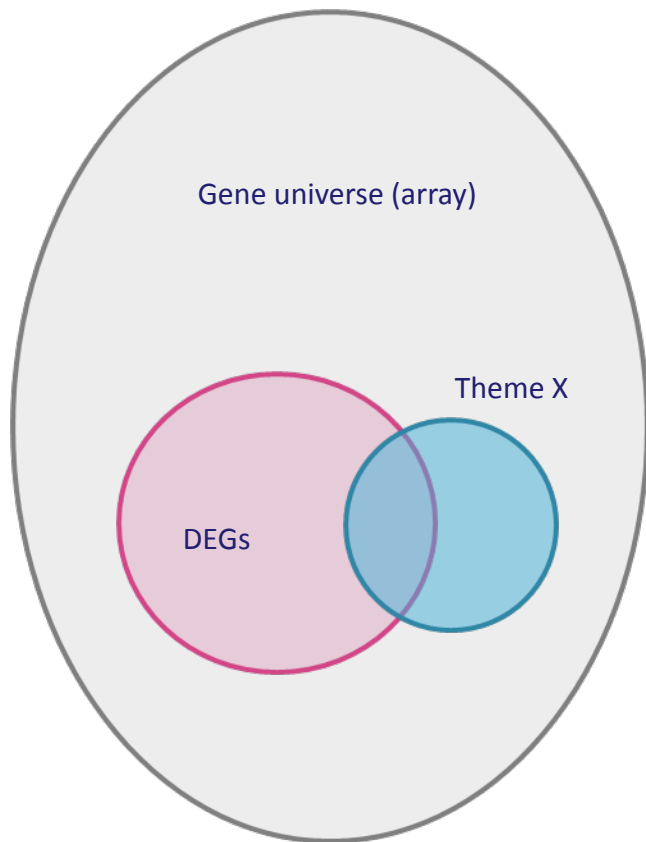
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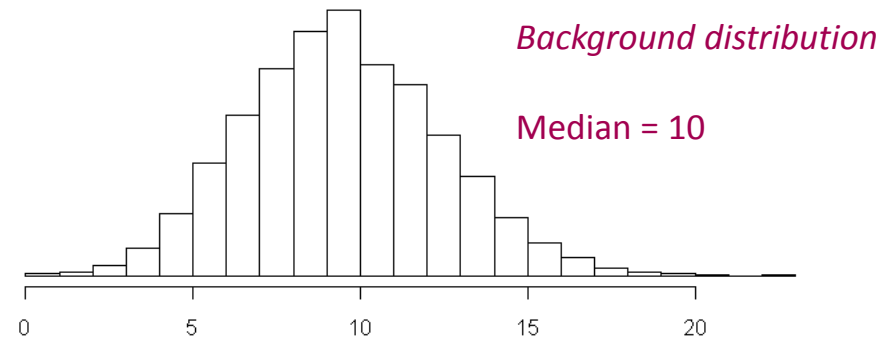
Are the number of DEGs associated with Theme X significantly greater than what might be expected by chance alone?

- 2000 genes on array
- 200 DEGs (10% of array)
- 100 genes associated with Theme X
- **Expected** size of overlap
= 10% of Theme X = 10 genes

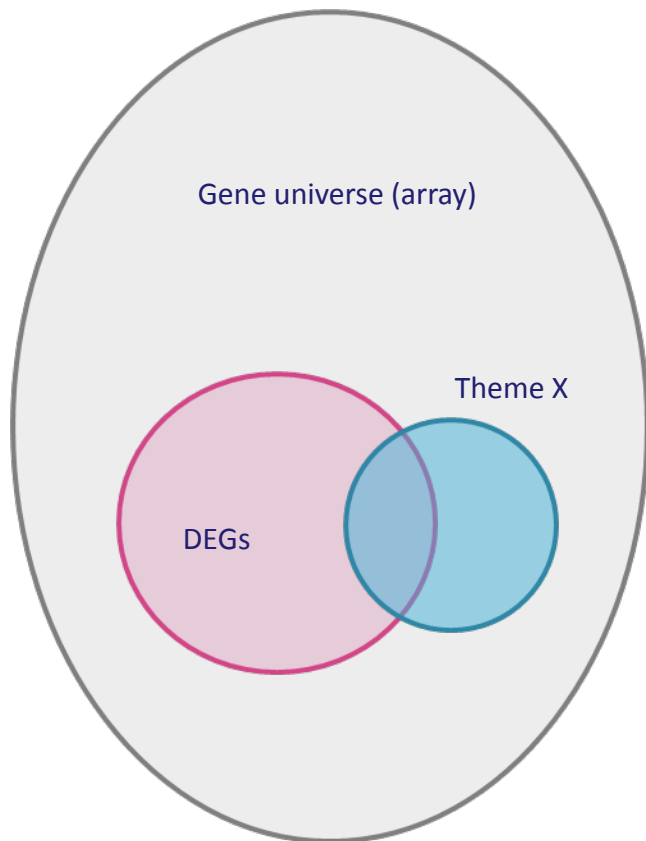
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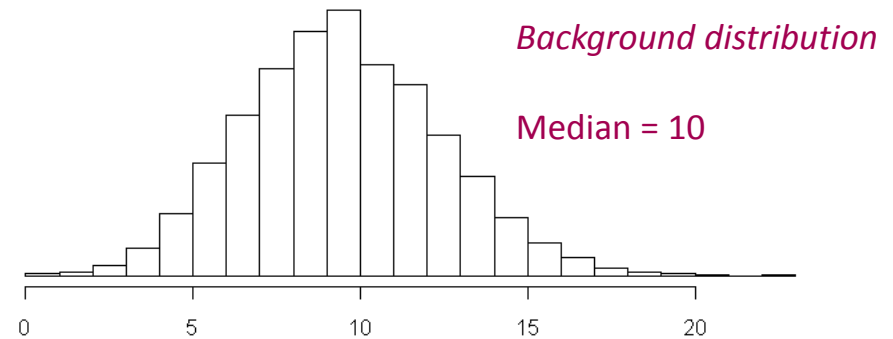
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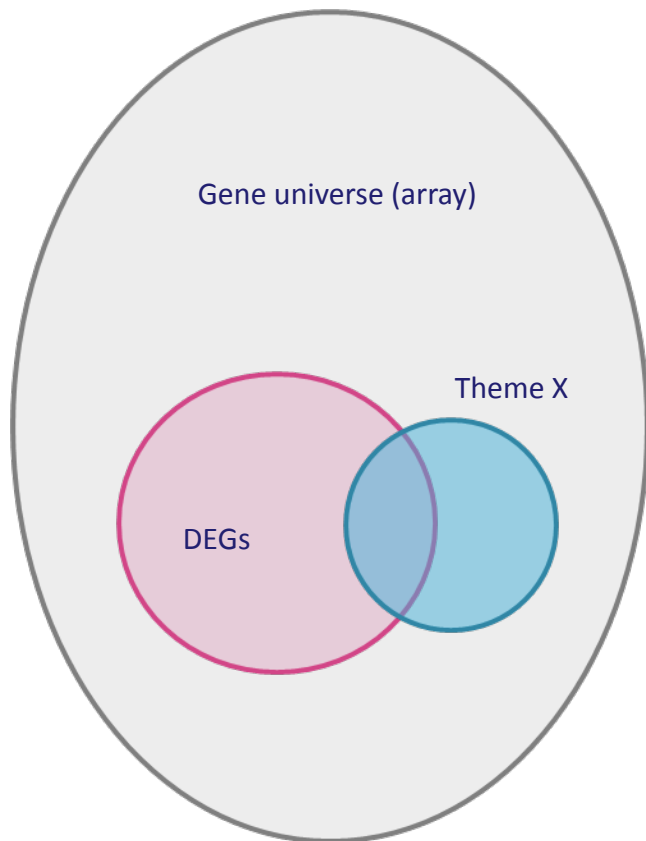
≥ 5 : 9779 ($/10000 = 0.9779$)

≥ 10 : 5544 ($/10000 = 0.5544$)

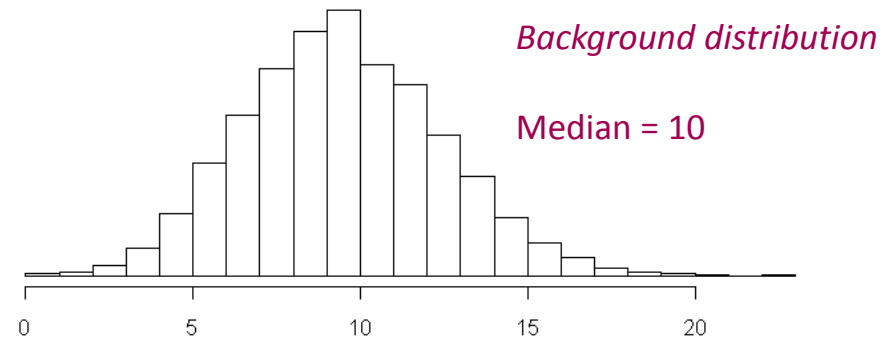
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p-values

Over Representation Analysis

HOWEVER:

- The statistical models are simple and make lots of assumptions
- E.g. All genes in the array are equally likely to be DE
 - but only ~50% of genes are expressed in any tissue at any particular time
- Increased likelihood of false positives
 - larger overlaps expected in a smaller universe

CONSTRAINING UNIVERSE SIZE IS IMPORTANT

- Non-specific filtering
- E.g. Using only the 50% most variable genes on the array

Over Representation Analysis

AN EXAMPLE (EXAGGERATED FOR EFFECT)

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- Overlap size of 10 with universe size of 2000 : $p = \sim 0.55$
- Overlap size of 20 with universe size of 2000: $p = \sim 0.002!$

Over Representation Analysis

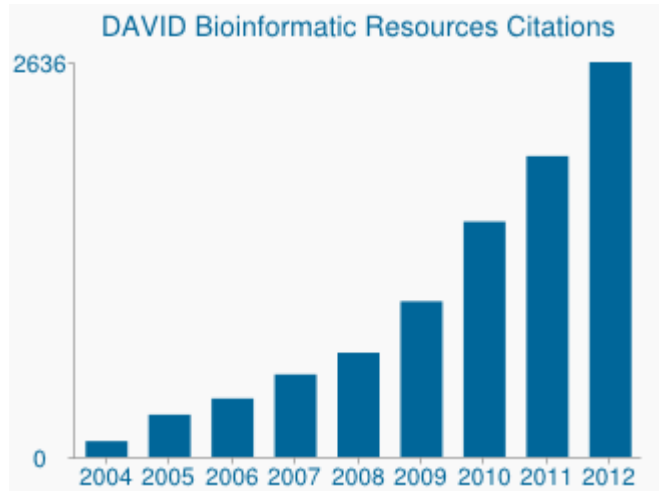
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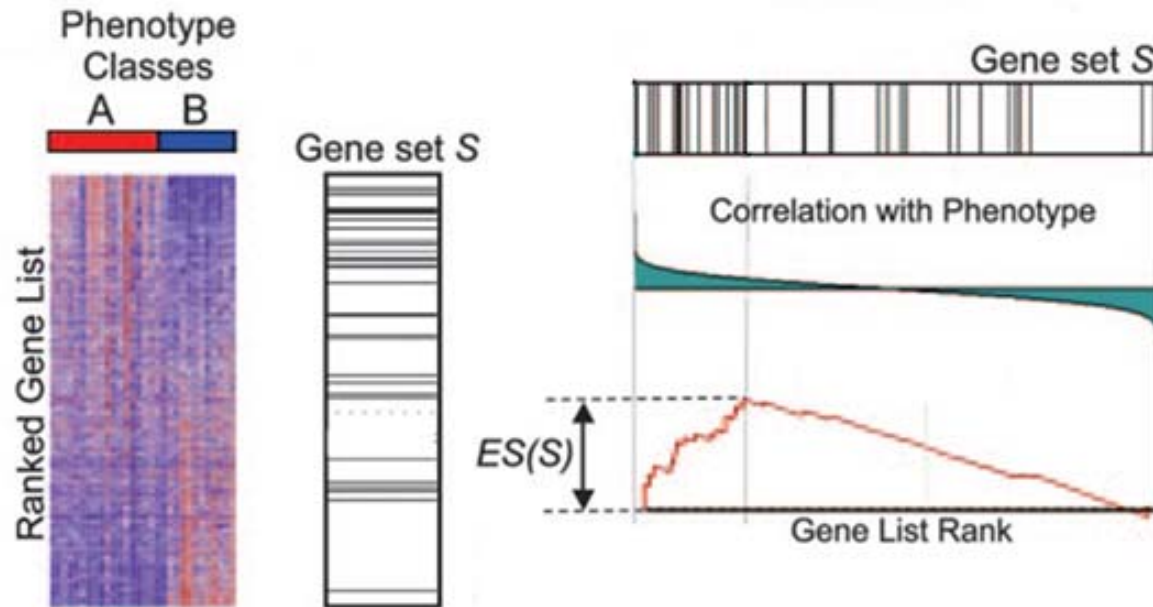
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- >10,000 citations
- Daily Usage: ~1200 gene lists from ~400 unique researchers.
- Total Usage: ~800,000 gene lists from >5,000 research institutes world-wide
- Wide range of themes covered
- Clustering of redundant annotation terms
- Other useful tools e.g. Gene ID converter

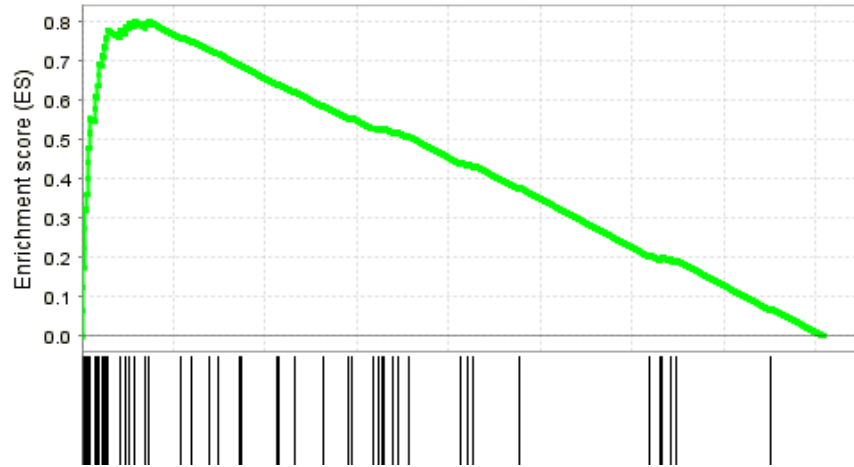
Gene Set Enrichment Analysis

- Avoids having to define which genes to test: uses all genes
- Useful for dirty data: theoretically more robust



Images from Subramanian et al, *PNAS* 2005

Gene Set Enrichment Analysis



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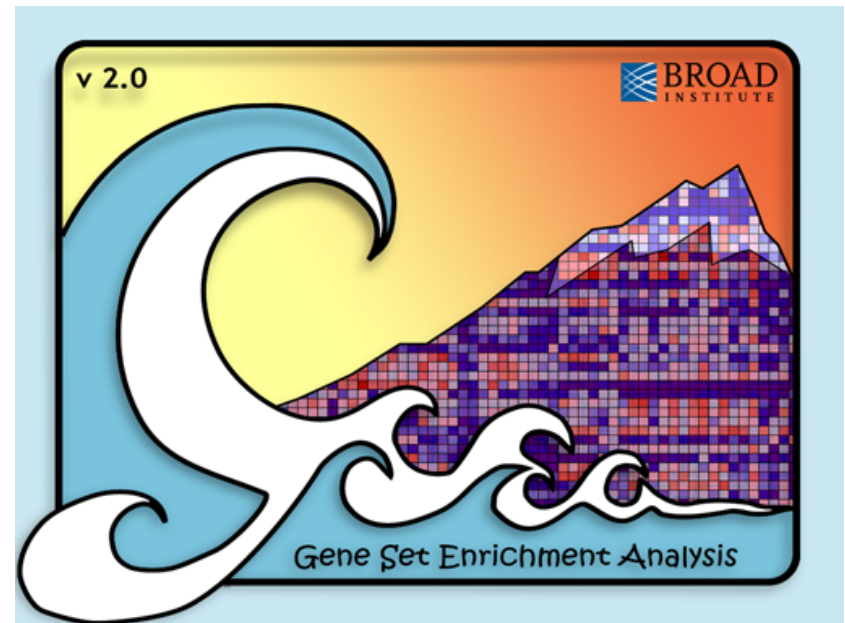
USING GSEA: <http://www.broadinstitute.org/gsea/index.jsp>

- Java application
- Will require formatting input data in R/Excel
- Use default gene ranking (input all data) or lists of ranked genes with weighting (GSEAPreranked Tool)

Moderated T-statistic

Signed $-\log_{10}$ p-value

Log fold change



MOTIF ANALYSIS

What is a motif?

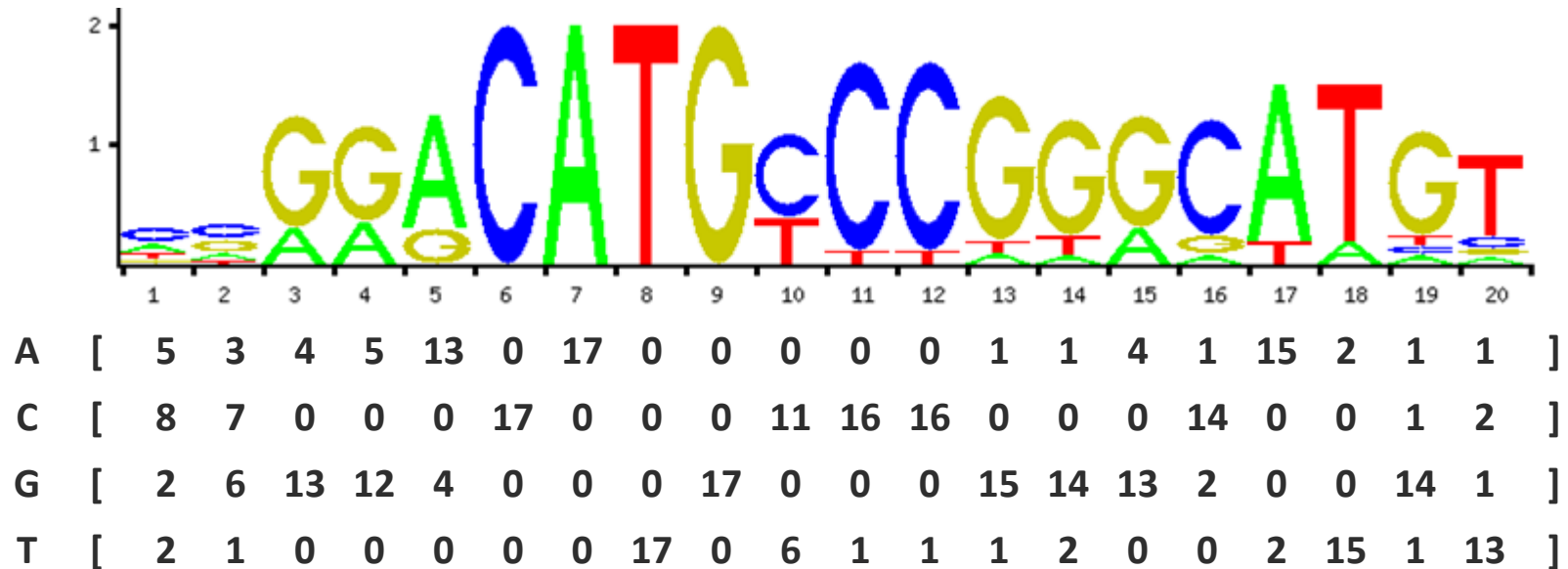
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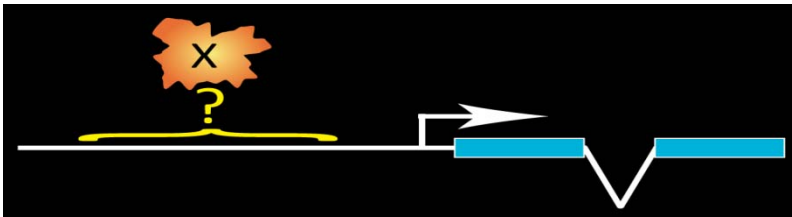
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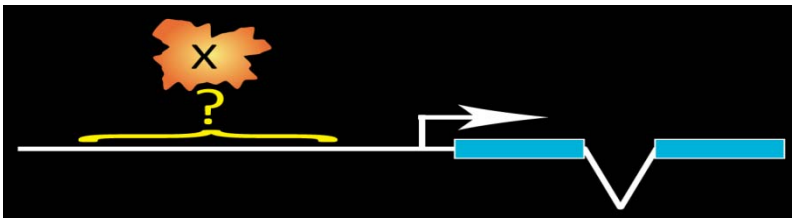
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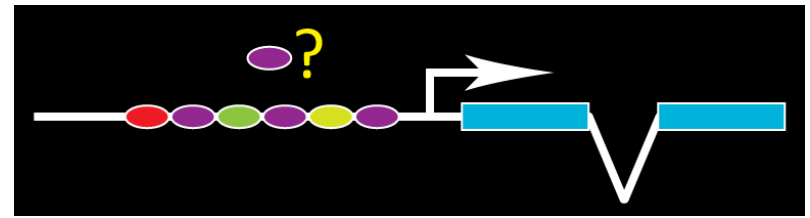
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PATTERN DISCOVERY: FINDING UNKNOWN MOTIFS



- Are there common motifs upstream of my genes?
- What are these motifs?

Motif Analysis Tools: PScan

<http://159.149.160.51/pscan/>

PATTERN MATCHING

Insert Gene/Sequence ID list: ([help](#)) **Pscan**

Select Organism:

Select Region:

Select Descriptors: ☒ Jaspar ☐ Jaspar_Fam ☐ Transfac ☐ User Defined

Messages:



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Pscan Web Interface

[Ver. 1.1 \(Last update: 13 January 2010\)](#)

Use the input form on the left to set up your query. The results will be displayed in this window.

[If you need HELP please click here.](#)

Source:
[Download Pscan source code](#)

Reference:
F.Zambelli, G.Pesole, G.Pavesi
[Pscan: Finding Over-represented Transcription Factor Binding Site Motifs in Sequences from Co-Regulated or Co-Expressed Genes.](#)
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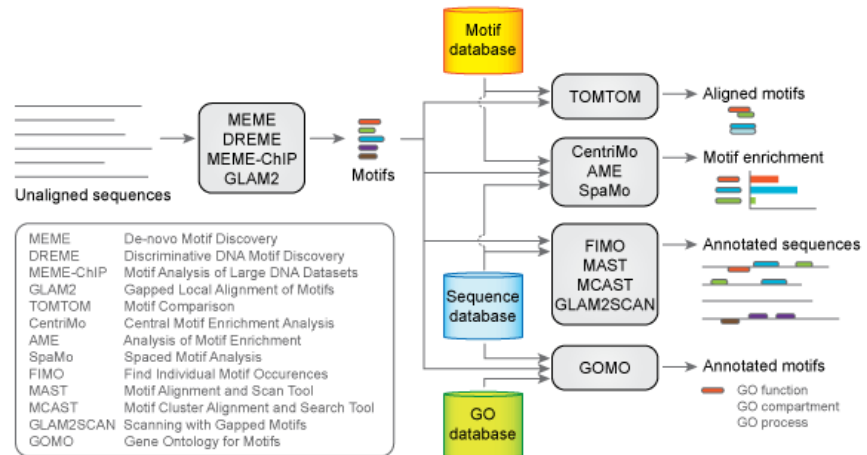
Motif Analysis Tools: The MEME Suite

<http://meme.nbcr.net/meme/intro.html>

PATTERN
DISCOVERY
(AND VARIOUS
OTHER
FUNCTIONS)

The MEME Suite

Motif-based sequence analysis tools



MEME
Multiple Em for Motif Elicitation

MAST
Motif Alignment & Search Tool

TOMTOM
Motif Comparison Tool

GOMO
Gene Ontology for Motifs

GLAM2
Gapped Local Alignment of Motifs

GLAM2SCAN
Scanning with Gapped Motifs

FIMO
Find Individual Motif Occurrences

MCAST
Motif Cluster Alignment and Search Tool

MEME-ChIP
Motif Analysis of Large DNA Datasets

SPAMO
Spaced Motif Analysis Tool

DREME
Discriminative DNA Motif Discovery

CentriMo
Central Motif Enrichment Analysis

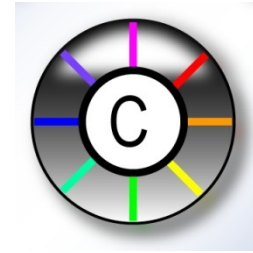
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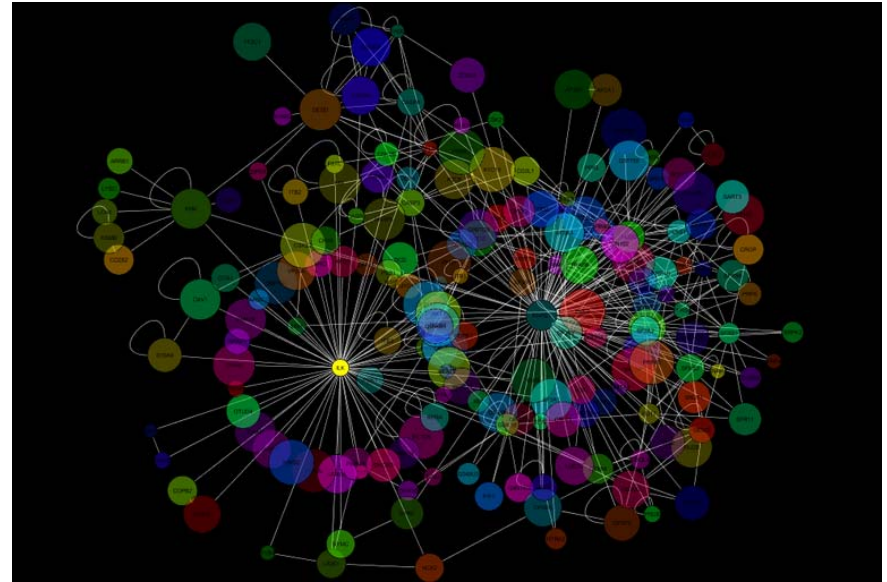
NETWORK ANALYSIS WITH CYTOSCAPE

Network Analysis using Cytoscape

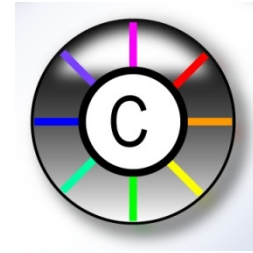


WHAT IS CYTOSCAPE?

- Interactive tool for visualisation and manipulation of network data
- Free and open source
- Java (cross platform)
- Plugins extend functionality
- Large developer community



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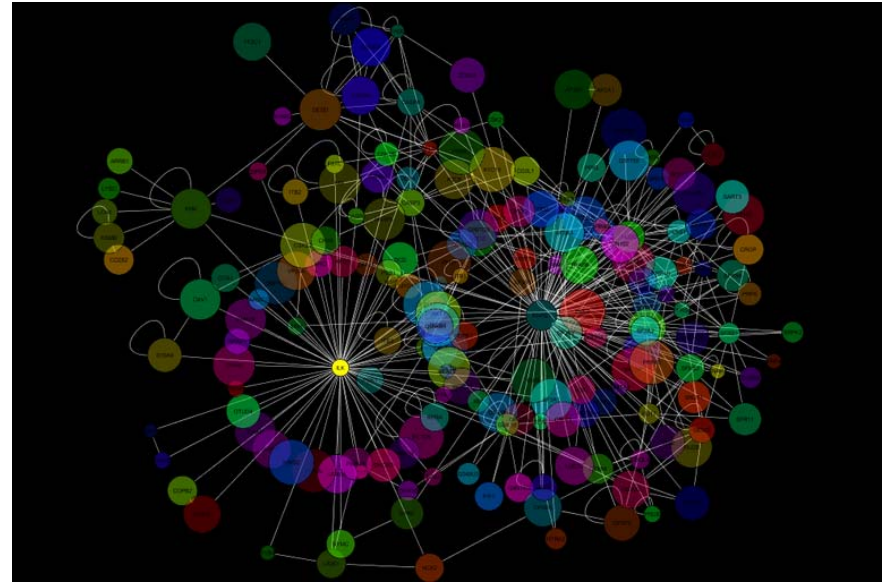


DATA RETRIEVAL AND INTEGRATION

Interaction data, pathways, literature searches etc.

VISUALISATION, EXPLORATION AND MANIPULATION

VizMapper, VistaClara plugins



DATA ANALYSIS

MCODE, BinGO plugins



Network Analysis using Cytoscape

FURTHER INFORMATION

- Integration of biological networks and gene expression data using Cytoscape. Cline et. al. Nature Protocols 2, - 2366 - 2382 (2007)
- Cytoscape: a software environment for integrated models of biomolecular interaction networks. Shannon et. al. Genome Research 13(11):2498-504. (2003)
- Exploring biological networks with Cytoscape software. Curr Protoc Bioinformatics. 2008 Sep;Chapter 8:Unit 8.13.

<http://www.cytoscape.org>

CROSS-DATASET INTEGRATIVE ANALYSES

Cross-dataset integrative analyses: Important considerations

DEFINE THE BIOLOGICAL QUESTION!!

- Which datasets to integrate?
- Integrate data at what level?
 - **Normalised data? Primary or secondary results?**
- How to translate across datasets? (e.g. Cross-platform/cross-technology analyses)
- What statistical tests/ metrics to use?

An Example: Integrating ChIP-Seq and Expression Microarray Data



GATA3 acts upstream of FOXA1 in mediating ESR1 binding by shaping enhancer accessibility

Vasiliki Theodorou, Rory Stark, Suraj Menon, et al.

Genome Res. published online November 21, 2012
Access the most recent version at doi:[10.1101/gr.139469.112](https://doi.org/10.1101/gr.139469.112)

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THE DATA

- ChIP-Seq: Differentially bound sites for ESR1 in Control v GATA3 KD conditions in MCF7 cells ('Stronger' and 'Weaker')
- Array: Differentially expressed genes (DEGs) for Control v GATA3 KD in MCF7 cells (Up- and down-regulated genes)

THE CONCEPT

- Link the differentially bound sites with the DEGs
- Illustrate that ESR1 re-programming wrt GATA3 is 'functional'

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DATA INTEGRATION

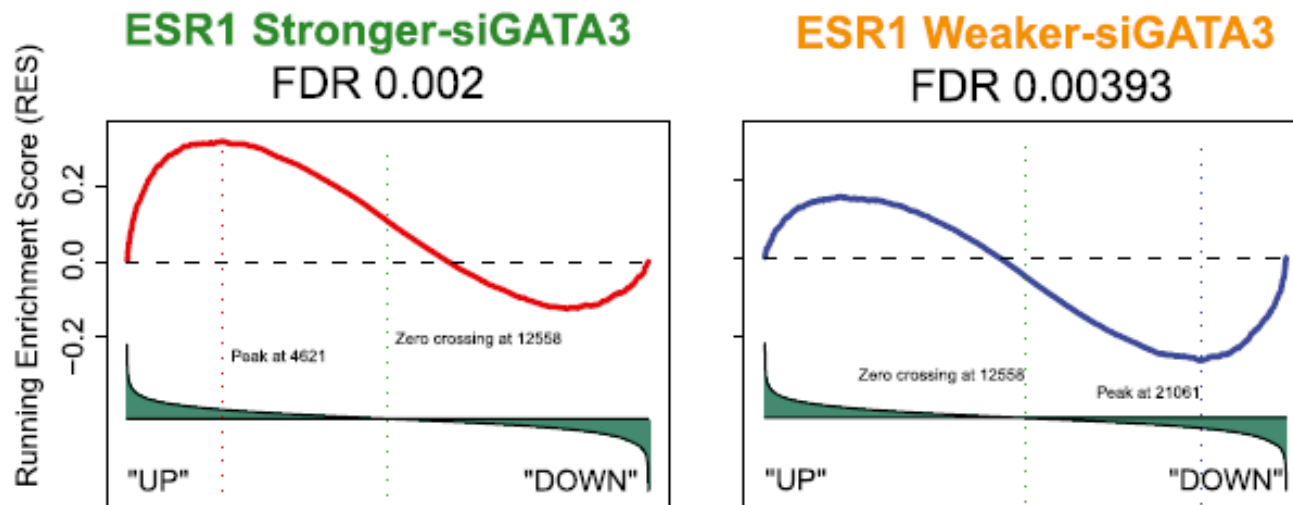
- Arrays: Probe -> Gene Symbol
 - Select most variable probe per gene symbol (IQR)
- ChIP-Seq: Differentially bound sites -> Gene Symbol
 - Overlap sites with 50KB window around gene TSS

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

- GSEA (ChIP lists v ranked array genes)
- Hypergeometric testing (ChIP lists v DEGs)

An Example: Integrating ChIP-Seq and Expression Microarray Data

GSEA (Integrated analysis of ChIP-Seq and expression datasets)



Another Example: Integrating ChIP-Seq and Expression Microarray Data

DIFFERENT
METHODOLOGY

DIFFERENT DATA

DIFFERENT QUESTION!



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Rcade

R-based analysis of ChIP-seq And Differential Expression - a tool for integrating a count-based ChIP-seq analysis with differential expression summary data.

Bioconductor version: Release (2.13)

Rcade (which stands for "R-based analysis of ChIP-seq And Differential Expression") is a tool for integrating ChIP-seq data with differential expression summary data, through a Bayesian framework. A key application is in identifying the genes targeted by a transcription factor of interest - that is, we collect genes that are associated with a ChIP-seq peak, and differential expression under some perturbation related to that TF.

Author: Jonathan Cairns

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COMMERCIAL SOFTWARE

Commercial Software

METACORE:

<http://thomsonreuters.com/metacore/>

INGENUITY PATHWAY ANALYSIS (IPA):

<http://www.ingenuity.com/products/ipa>

Functions/Tools

- Enrichment Analyses – pathways, disease/metabolic/drug target networks
- Network Analyses
- Knowledgebase search

Advantages

- High quality, manually curated (!) data
- High quality reporting and visualisation
- Highly interactive
- User friendly
- Comprehensive help and documentation

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