Variant prioritization

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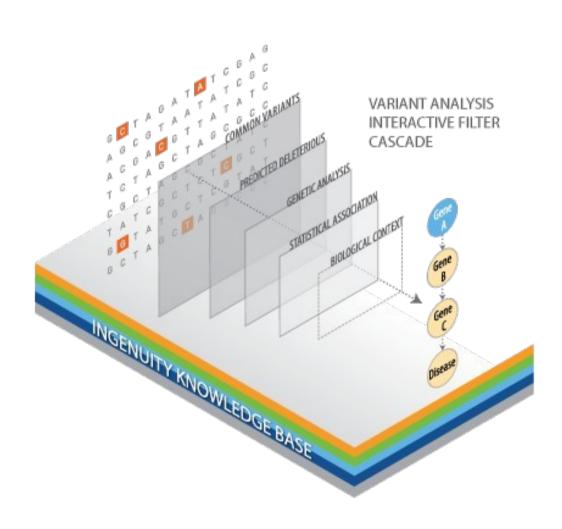


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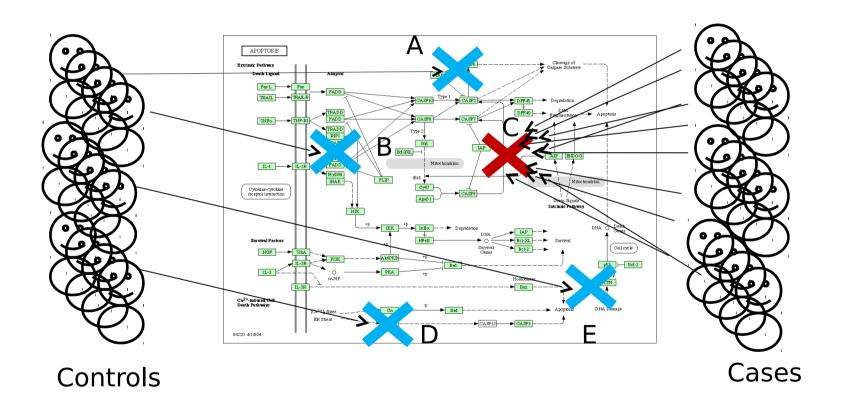
The objective



And now what?

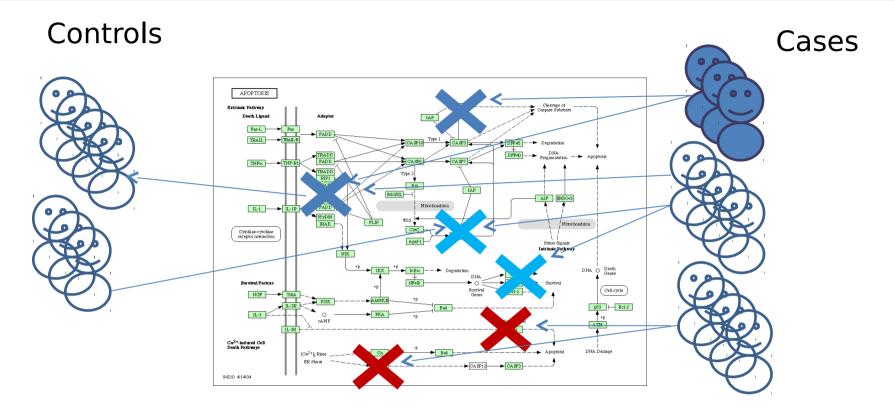
Finding the mutations causative of diseases

The simplest case: monogenic disease due to a single general



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Clear individual **gene associations are difficult to find** in some diseases

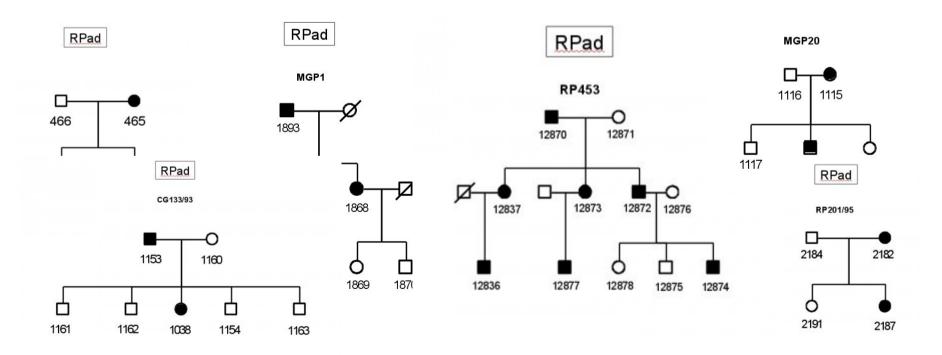
Same phenotype can be due to **different mutations and different genes** (or combina **Many cases** have to be used to obtain significant associations to many markers

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

Strategies

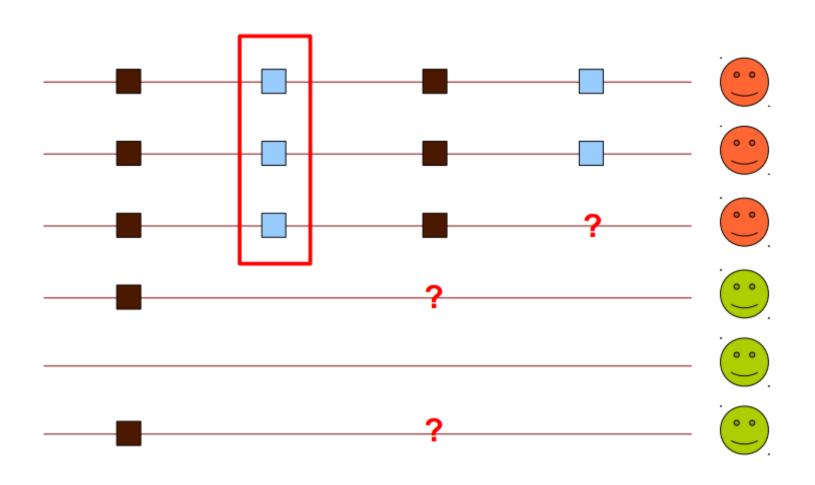
- Filtering using family information
- Network (Systems biology) approaches
 - PPIs
 - Gene regulatory elements (miRNAs, Tfs)
 - GO terms
- GWAS
- Burden tests for rare variants....

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

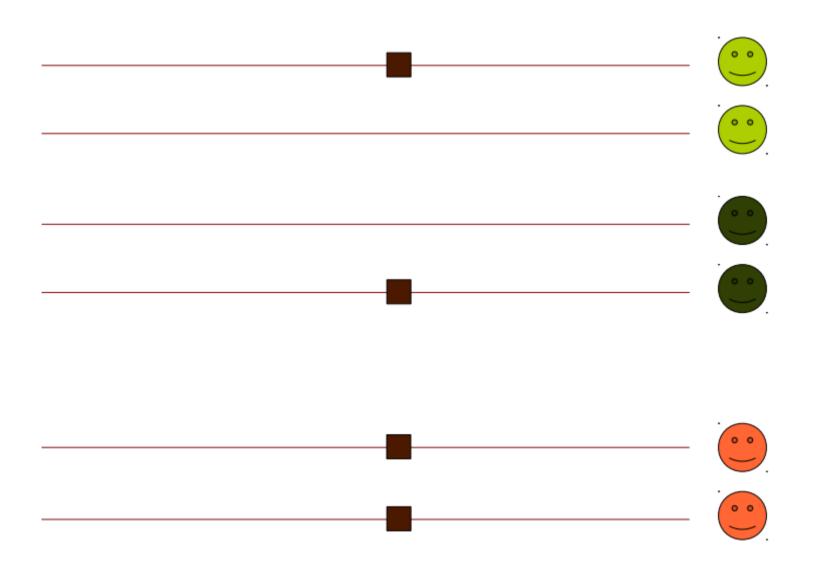


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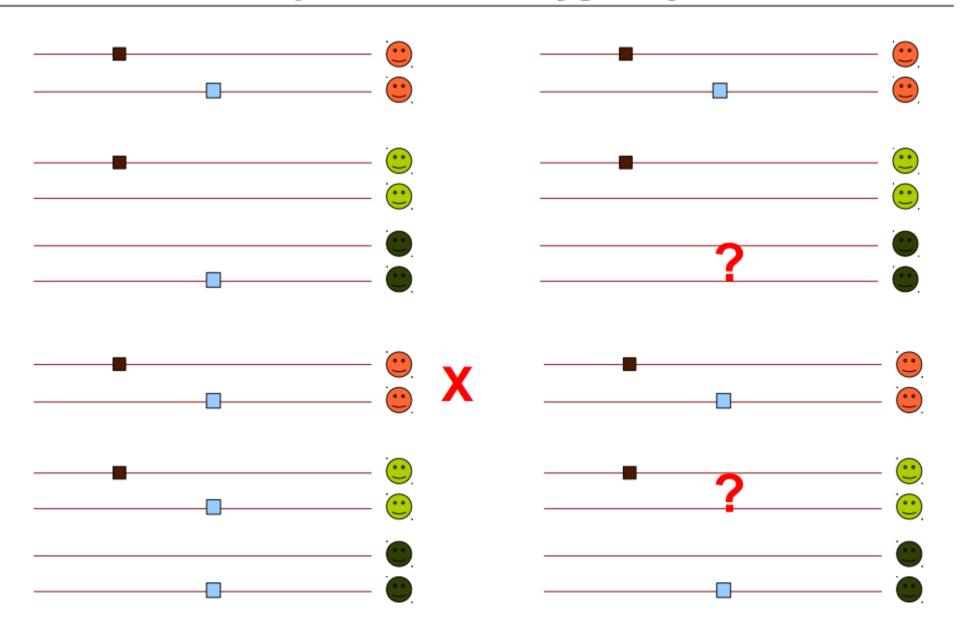
Dominant inheritance



Recessive homozygous

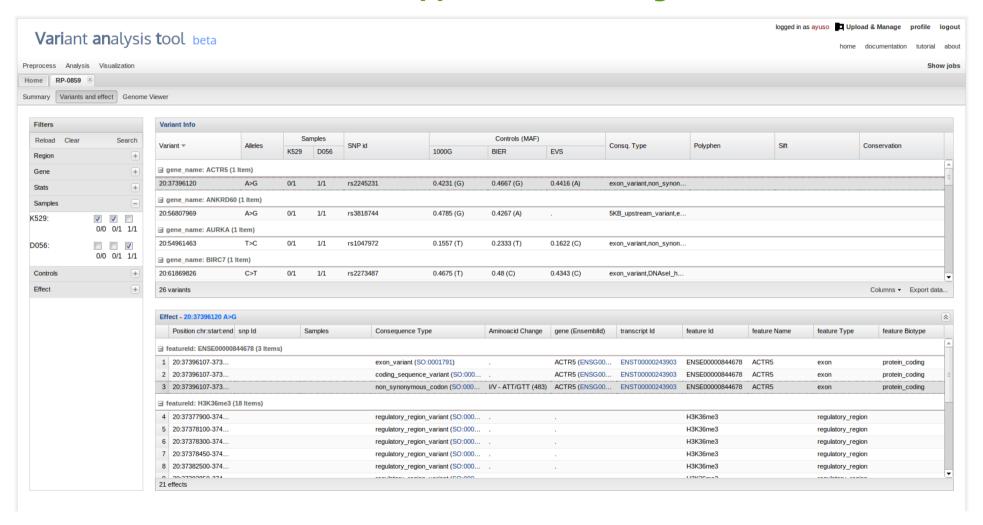


Recessive - Compound heterozygosity

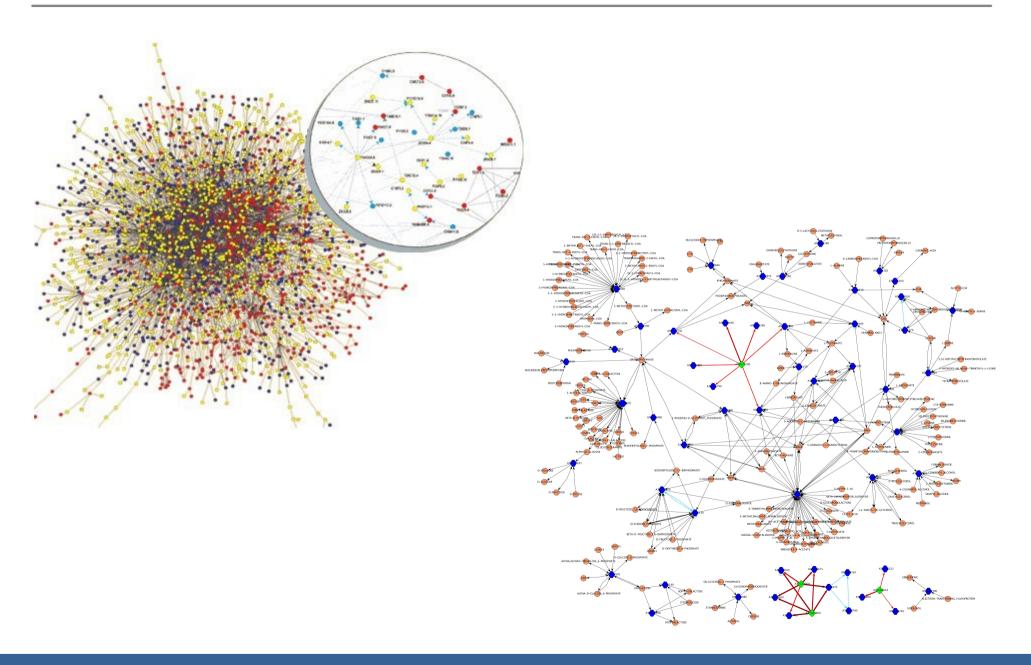


BierApp

Bierapp.babelomics.org



Using network information

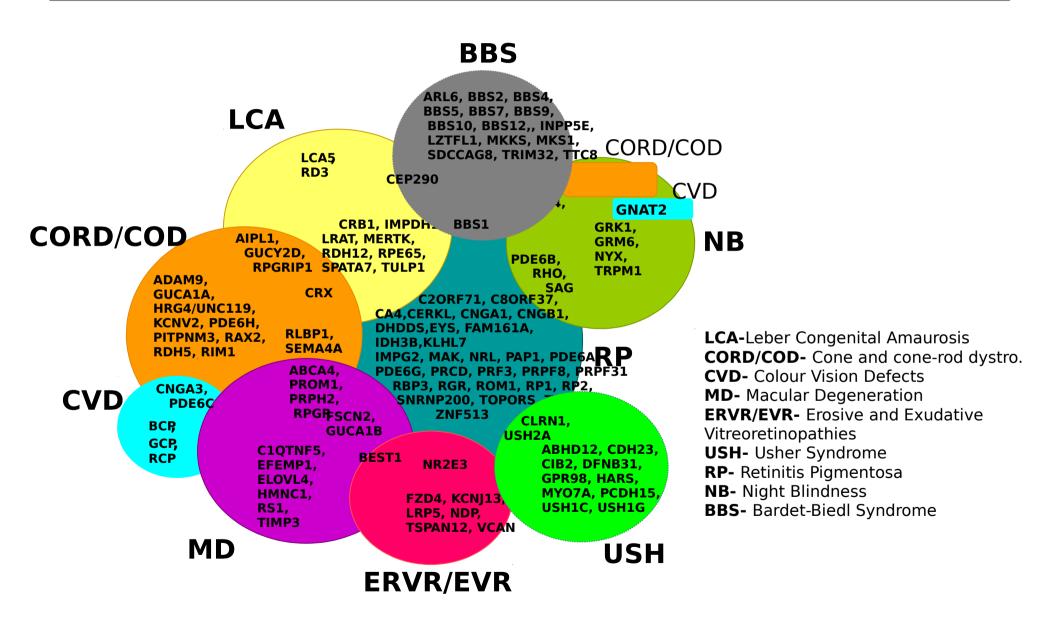


Example with Inherited Retinal Dystrophic

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

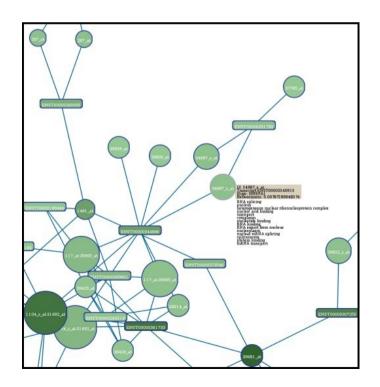
Is genetic overlapping among IRDs related to protein in

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SNOW

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



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NetworkMiner

Prioritizing disease candidate genes

Scenario

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You have:

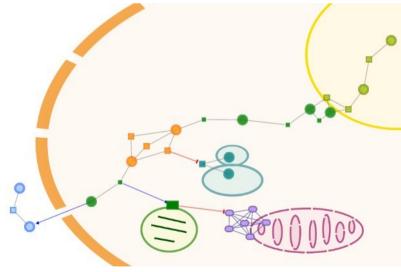
- 1.a list of **disease candidates** (ranked by their populational frequency)
- 2.a list of **genes** that are known to be associated to the disease

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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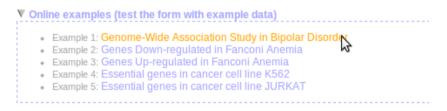
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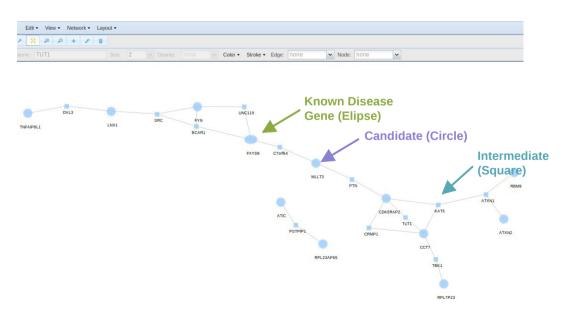
Example: Genome-Wide Association Study in Bipolar Disorder

Seed list: Genes associated to Bipolar Disorder

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

Network Miner





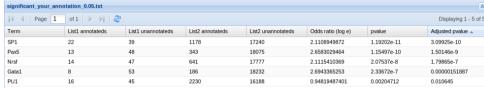
RENATO (REgulatory Network Analsis TOo

Identifying common regulatory elements

Sometimes, the problem is not in the gene but in its regulators

http://renato.bioinfo.cipf.es

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.

