## Role of network topology based methods in discovering novel disease-gene associations

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- variations in genetic sequence
- environmental factors
- epigenetic differences

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The physical manifestation of an organism

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## Variations in Human Genome

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Frazer et al., 2009

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## Human Genetic Variants and Diseases

- cancer
- autism
- diabetes
- asthma
- obesity
- Crohn's disease

- Alzheimer's Disease
- schizophrenia
- Parkinson disease
- haemophilia
- Hunter syndrome
- muscular dystrophy

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Shastry, 2002, Hirschhorn et al., 2002, Feuk et al., 2006, Eichler et al., 2007, Jr and Scherer, 2008, Stankiewicz and Lupski, 2010



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- show dysregulation patterns in the regulatory network (Ergun et al., 2007, Guo et al., 2007, Mani et al., 2008)



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- incorporating relationships between genes at various levels is indispensable to characterize such pathways (*Rhodes and Chinnaiyan, 2005, Joyce and Palsson, 2006*)

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## From Parts to Whole: Systems Biology



System consisting of biomolecules



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Systems biology studies **interactions between the components** of the biological system within the framework of the biological system as a whole

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## From Parts to Whole: Systems Biology



- metabolic
- regulatory
- genetic
- protein-protein

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Network biology is the study of these **coupled biological networks** giving rise to the behaviour of the cell (Barabasi and Oltvai, 2004)

## Protein-protein Interaction Networks



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PPI networks are scale-free (Albert et al., 2000, Barabasi and Oltvai, 2004)

- most nodes with small degrees
- a small number of "hubs"
- ultra "small world" property (Barabasi and Albert, 1999)

## Robustness of Biological Systems

Tolerance to internal mechanistic failures and external changes (*Kitano, 2004*)

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Trade-off between robustness and fragility (Carlson and Doyle, 2002, Kitano, 2004)

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- cancer
- diabetes
- HIV

Prioritize genes using "similarity" to known disease-genes (seeds)

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  - weighting by a diffusion kernel (Ma et al., 2007, Nitsch et al., 2010, Qiu et al., 2010)

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- candidate gene information (Navlakha and Kingsford, 2010)
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  - network quality (Erten et al., 2011)

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- Functional Flow (Nabieva et al., 2005) •
- Random walk with restart (Kohler et al., 2008)
- PageRank with priors (Chen et al., 2009)
- Network propagation (Vanunu et al., 2011)

### NetScore

• considers multiple shortest paths in-between the two nodes



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$$message = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} source \\ timestamp \\ path\_weight \end{array} \right\}$$

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• checks the "significance" of the neighborhood configuration





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#### NetShort







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#### NetCombo

- combines the scores of the three methods
- calculates a z-score for each node using the score distribution of each method
- averages the z-score from all three algorithms for each node

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$$score_{u}^{NetCombo} = \frac{1}{3} * \sum_{\substack{method \in \{NetScore, NetZcore, NetCombo\}}} \frac{score_{u}^{method} - \mu^{method}}{\sigma^{method}}$$

#### METHODS

#### Disease-gene Association Data

- OMIM (Hamosh et al., 2002)
  - expert curated human disease mutations
  - disorders merged using the first word
  - use merged sets containing at least 5 genes in the PPI network
- Goh (Goh et al., 2007)
  - 22 disorder classes w.r.t. the physiological system effected
  - manually group disease-gene associations from OMIM
- Chen (Chen et al., 2009)
  - collection of genes for 19 diseases from OMIM and GAD

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#### Disease-gene Association Data

- GAD: Genetic Association Database (Becker et al., 2004)
  - $\bullet\,$  disease-gene associations with both high & low significance
- CTD: Comparative Toxicogenomics Database (Davis et al., 2010)
  - direct: manually curated
  - indirect: inferred



**Creating Inferred Gene-Disease Relationships** 

 $image\ from\ ctdbase.org$ 

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#### METHODS

## Protein-protein Interaction Data

Protein-protein interaction (PPI) data is spread among various repositories





BIANA (Garcia-Garcia et al., 2010)

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#### Protein-protein Interaction Data



#### BIANA (Biological Interactions and Network Analysis)

Garcia-Garcia et al. 2010 ∧

- PPI network
  - human interactome integrated using BIANA

Database	Retrieval date
DIP	January, 2009
HPRD	September, 2007
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- Weighted bPPI network
  - bPPI network with edge weights from STRING

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### Protein-protein Interaction Data

- Goh network
  - two large scale Y2H data sets (Goh et al., 2007)
- ENTREZ network
  - PPI interactions from BIND and HPRD

#### Protein-protein Interaction Data

Network	Nodes	Edges	Avg. degree	Highest degree
PPI	12506	205966	32.9	792
bPPI	11250	59220	10.5	475
Goh	7279	21911	6.0	176
ENTREZ	10119	49826	9.8	333

### Evaluation of Classification Performance

- five-fold cross validation
- area under ROC curve (AUC)
- sensitivity at top 1%





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#### RESULTS

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	Sens.	20.69	19.62	15.41	21.46	22.31	10.76	14.64	23.24
Goh	AUC	67.32	61.45	55.36	67.08	54.78	52.39	49.35	54.74
	Sens.	11.61	11.05	4.88	11.34	6.22	4.00	5.69	8.66
Chen	AUC	75.92	72.80	63.11	78.41	63.56	65.30	61.78	69.07
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Guney and Oliva, 2012  $\sim$ 

Improvement over existing methods is significant

- for NetCombo in all three datasets
- for NetScore in Goh and Chen datasets

#### RESULTS

# Prioritization Accuracy Depends on the Interaction Network Quality





Guney and Oliva, 2012

# Prioritization Methods Depend on the Connectedness of Seeds Rather than the Number of Seeds

	Number of seeds	Average number of neighboring seeds	Average shortest path length between seeds
NetScore	-0.01 (0.86)	0.41 (1.1e-6)	-0.43 (2.1e-7)
NetZcore	-0.04 (0.65)	0.45 (6.7e-8)	-0.54 (2.1e-11)
NetShort	-0.38 (7.7e-6)	0.30 (4.8e-4)	-0.65 (6.6-17)
NetCombo	-0.22 (0.01)	0.31 (2.5e-4)	-0.56 (4.9e-12)
Func. Flow	-0.07 (0.43)	0.49 (1.8e-9)	-0.46 (2.4e-8)
PageRank	-0.10 (0.24)	0.53 (8.3e-11)	-0.58 (4.0e-13)
Random Walk	-0.14 (0.12)	0.53 (4.4e-11)	-0.51 (5.1e-10)
Network Prop.	-0.31 (2.5e-4)	0.43 (3.5e-7)	-0.55 (1.3e-11)

Guney and Oliva, 2012

# GUILD Scores Distinguish Disease-Genes from the Rest of the Genes



## Several Applications of GUILD

- implicating genes in AD (Guney and Oliva, 2012)
- extending apoptosis pathway using GUILD (Planas et al., 2012)
- prioritizing genes in bone metastatic breast cancer (Santana et al., submitted)
- drug repurposing using GUILD
- network-based prioritization of GWAS data
- disease comorbidity through common genes



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## High Scoring Subnetwork Implicated in AD



## Extending Apoptosis Pathway Using GUILD



# GUILD implicates ERP57 in Bone Metastatic Breast Cancer



#### Results

# GUILD implicates ERP57 in Bone Metastatic Breast Cancer







#### Santana et al., submitted

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## Drug Repurposing using GUILD



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### Network-based Prioritization of GWAS Data



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bPPI network
## Disease Comorbidity through Common Genes





#### High scoring subnetwork イロト 不得下 イヨト イヨト

#### OMIM seeds

## GUILD Web Server

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• free text search on UniProt, OMIM databases and GO for a given species

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- matching genes are retrieved and used as seeds
- the PPI network is compiled from DIP, HPRD, IntAct, MINT, MPact, BioGRID, BIND

## GUILDify

#### **GUILDify Web Server - Matching Proteins**

35 BIANA entries are found for the query alzheimer in Homo sapiens. 2 of these entries have no interactions (not in the network).

GUILDify! using selected entries below [ Options	1
NetScore (Repetition: 3 v Iteration: 2 v)	
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#### BIANA entries in the network

[Select All / None ]

## GUILDify

#### **GUILDify Web Server - Results**

Calculated scores for proteins in the BIANA Homo sapiens interactome: [Download all scores ] [Download seed proteins]

		Proteins 21	- 40 of 11238	<< Previous Next >>
Gene ID	UniProt ID	Gene Symbol	GUILD Score	Description
1509	P07339	seed CTSD	0.7507	Cathepsin D Cathepsin D light chain Cathepsin D heavy chain
22943	O94907	seed DKK1	0.7494	Dickkopf-related protein 1
4137	P10636	seed MAPT	0.7436	Microtubule-associated protein tau
4353	P05164	seed MPO	0.7216	Myeloperoxidase Myeloperoxidase Bi kDa myeloperoxidase Bi kDa myeloperoxidase Myeloperoxidase ght chain Myeloperoxidase heavy chain
10059	O00429	seed DNM1L	0.7209	Dynamin-1-like protein
9520	P55786	seed NPEPPS	0.7116	Puromycin-sensitive aminopeptidase
22883	094985	seed CLSTN1	0.7097	Calsyntenin-1 Soluble Alc-alpha CTF1-alpha
3077	Q30201	seed HFE	0.7075	Hereditary hemochromatosis protein
26574	Q9NY61	seed AATF	0.7056	Protein AATF
27122	Q9UBP4	seed DKK3	0.7002	Dickkopf-related protein 3
55103	Q86X27	seed RALGPS2	0.6962	Ras-specific guanine nucleotide-releasing factor RaIGPS
2186	Q12830	seed BPTF	0.6880	Nucleosome-remodeling factor subunit BPTF
4973	P78380	seed OLR1	0.6875	Oxidized low-density lipoprotein receptor 1 Oxidized low-density lipoprotein receptor 1, soluble form
5408	P54317	PNLIPRP2	0.6623	Pancreatic lipase-related protein 2
83999	Q96MU8	KREMEN1	0.6362	Kremen protein 1
1208	P04118	CLPS	0.5428	Colpase
8513	P07096	DKFZp666P126, LIPF	0.5245	Gastric triacylglycerol lipase
10102	P43897	TSFM	0.4981	Elongation factor Ts, mitochondrial
339175	Q96IZ6	METTL2A	0.4968	Methyltransferase-like protein 2A
55798	O6P109	METTL2B	0.4968	Methyltransferase-like protein 2B

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# Investigating Robustness of Prioritization Methods



Evaluation of network-based prioritization methods upon perturbations

- five-fold AUC performance
- bPPI network
- 19 disease phenotypes in OMIM  $\rightarrow$  seeds

# Investigating Robustness of Prioritization Methods

Three types of perturbation (at various levels; 10% to 80%)



$$AUC_{perturbed}^{D}(p) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n} AUC^{D}(N(p,k))$$

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#### Identification of Disease Modules



image from stanford.edu/~thkim7

- high-scoring subnetwork: proteins at top 5% and their interactions
- **disease modules**: modules in the high-scoring subnetwork identified by MCL (Enright et al., 2002) that contain at least 2 seeds ショック 川田 マール オーマット 二日 マー

### Functional Enrichment Analysis

- GO term enrichment: FuncAssoc2 web service (Berriz et al., 2009)
  - all the proteins in the network used as background
  - proteins mapped to gene symbols using UniProt
  - consider GO terms with *adjusted* p-value < 0.05
- seed GO terms: GO terms enriched among seeds of the disease
- non-redundant GO terms: GO terms at least 90% semantically similar to another GO term are removed using GOSemSim package (Yu et al., 2010)

## Differential Network Analysis

- differential network: get interactions from the networks 80% of whose interactions were randomly removed
  - interactions common to two best performing (in terms of AUC) randomly perturbed networks
  - excluding interactions common to two worst performing randomly perturbed networks

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# Investigating Network-centric Tolerance of Diseases

Network-centric tolerance of a disease

Incapacity to effect the disease with interventions in the underlying network

• Intervention: perturbations introduced in the interaction network

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• Evaluation: recoverability of disease genes through prioritization

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#### Categorizing diseases w.r.t. network-centric tolerance

Whether the disease can tolerate perturbing 50% of the interactions

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## Dependence on the Seed Set



Percentage of perturbed seeds

#### seed swapping

Guney and Oliva, submitted

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## Dependence Against Underlying Network



Percentage of permuted interactions



Percentage of pruned interactions

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#### interaction rewiring

#### interaction removal Guney and Oliva, submitted

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#### Results

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# Existance of Alternative Routes Connecting Disease-genes



## The Case of Alzheimer's Disease







#### interaction removal

AD data from Krauthammer et al., 2004 イロト 不得下 イヨト イヨト

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## Categorizing Network-centric Tolerance of Diseases

NetScore

- good overall AUC performance
- not robust to perturbations in the network

Pathophenotype		AUC	(%)		Pathophenotype	AUC (%)			
	org.	crit.	perm.	del.		org.	crit.	perm.	del.
alzheimer	78.3	64.2	62.5	62.8	lung cancer	85.0	67.5	65.8	68.4
anemia	70.3	60.2	56.4	57.9	lymphoma	79.7	64.9	62.3	71.8
ataxia	62.6	56.3	54.2	53.8	mental retardation	56.3	53.2	46.6	45.3
breast cancer	76.7	63.4	70.7	75.8	myopathy	86.0	68.0	67.3	72.0
cardiomyopathy	69.5	59.8	65.0	70.5	obesity	72.0	61.0	67.4	70.4
cataract	72.0	61.0	53.9	52.8	parkinson disease	80.0	65.0	70.9	78.5
diabetes	61.4	55.7	58.4	63.4	prostate cancer	68.0	59.0	52.7	62.7
epilepsy	62.1	56.1	47.4	47.4	schizophrenia	53.3	51.7	40.9	42.1
hypertension	70.0	60.0	47.7	51.8	systemic lupus erythematosus	86.3	68.2	64.2	72.7
leukemia	84.6	67.3	75.8	81.6					

#### Comparison Between Diseases



# of seeds 
$$(P = 0.27)$$

path length between seeds (P = 0.13)

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#### Comparison Between Diseases



# of seed GO terms per seed  $(P = 3.29e^{-3})$ 

# of GO terms in the high-scoring subnetwork (P = 0.03)

#### GO Terms Common to at Least 4 Diseases



#### Differential Network in Breast Cancer



cell cycle checkpoint cell cycle process cellular metabolic process cellular nitrogen compound metabolic process cellular response to stimulus cellular response to stress cellular senescence DNA damage checkpoint DNA damage response, signal transduction resulting in induction DNA integrity checkpoint DNA metabolic process DNA recombination DNA repair double-strand break repair double-strand break repair via homologous recombination induction of apoptosis by intracellular signals macromolecule metabolic process metabolic process nitrogen compound metabolic process nucleic acid metabolic process positive regulation of cellular metabolic process positive regulation of cellular process positive regulation of macromolecule metabolic process positive regulation of metabolic process primary metabolic process recombinational repair regulation of apoptosis regulation of cell cycle regulation of cell death regulation of nitrogen compound metabolic process regulation of programmed cell death replicative senescence response to DNA damage stimulus response to stimulus response to stress Module seeds Adule non-seeds

 $(P = 5.97e^{-7})$ 

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## Conclusions

- GUILD exploits the global topology to rank all the genes in the network
- Prioritization performance is correlated with the connectedness of the seeds
- Existence of alternative paths connecting seeds give rise to robustness of the prioritization methods

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• Functional diversity plays an important role in defining tolerance against perturbations in the network

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Questions & Comments

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# Associating Human Genetic Variants with Diseases





#### linkage analysis

Broeckel and Schork, 2004, Carlson et al., 2004



Hirschhorn et al., 2002, Altshuler et al.,

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2008, McCarthy et al., 2008

images from Kingsmore et al., 2008, genome.wellcome.ac.uk and wikipedia.com

# Associating Human Genetic Variants with Diseases

- confounding genetic factors
- problems with reproducibility
- small effect sizes
- variants not necessarily correspond coding sequence

Missing heritability

Frazer et al., 2009

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#### Disease-gene Association Databases

Database	URL				
Short variations					
1000 Genomes	www.1000genomes.org				
dbSNP	www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/projects/SNP				
HapMap	www.hapmap.org				
Structural variations					
dbVar	www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/dbvar				
DGV	projects.tcag.ca/variation				
DGVa	www.ebi.ac.uk/dgva				
General variants associated with phenotypes					
HGMD	www.hgmd.org				
OMIM	www.omim.org				
SwissVar	swissvar.expasy.org				
$GW\!AS$ and other $d$	association studies				
dbGaP	www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gap				
EGA	www.ebi.ac.uk/ega				
GAD	geneticassociationdb.nih.gov				
NHGRI GWAS Catalog	www.genome.gov/gwastudies				
Cancer genes and variants					
ICGC	www.icgc.org				
COSMIC	<pre>sanger.ac.uk/genetics/CGP/cosmic</pre>				
Cancer Gene Census	<pre>sanger.ac.uk/genetics/CGP/Census</pre>				
Cancer Gene Index	<pre>ncicb.nci.nih.gov/NCICB/projects/cgdcp</pre>				
TCGA	cancergenome.nih.gov				

#### Disease-gene Association Databases

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Database	URL				
Pharmacog	enomic genes and variants				
DrugBank	drugbank.ca				
PharmGKB	www.pharmgkb.org				
CTD	ctdbase.org				
KEGG	www.genome.jp/kegg				
Crowdsource	ced genes and variants				
Gene Wiki	en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portal:Gene_Wiki				
SNPedia	www.snpedia.com				
WikiGenes	www.wikigenes.org				
Computationally-derived / meta databases					
GeneCards	www.genecards.org				
PhenoGO	www.phenogo.org				
PhenomicDB	www.phenomicdb.de				
DisGeNet	ibi.imim.es/DisGeNET/DisGeNETweb.html				

Capriotti et al., 2012

## Disease-gene Prioritization

#### • Sequence, structure

- sequence conservation
- coding region length
- structural domains
- sequence motifs
- chromosomal location
- protein localization

#### • Non-human data (Orthology)

- information from other species
- Ontologies
  - gene, disease, phenotype and anatomic ontologies

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## Disease-gene Prioritization

- Literature
  - text-mining
- Mutations
  - existing knowledge / predictions on functional and structural effects of SNPs

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- Pathway involvement
  - pathways
  - experimental / predicted PPIs
  - functional association links such as gene co-expression

# Existing Approaches in Disease-gene Prioritization

Method	URL	Description
aGeneApart	www.esat.kuleuven.be/ageneapart	L
BITOLA	ibmi.mf.uni-lj.si/bitola	L
CAESAR	polaris.med.unc.edu/projects/caesar	ESPNOML
CANDID	dsgweb.wustl.edu/hutz/candid.html	ESPNL
DADA	compbio.case.edu/dada	PL
DomainRBF	bioinfo.au.tsinghua.edu.cn/domainRBF/gene	SOML
ENDEAVOR	www.esat.kuleuven.be/endeavour	ESPNOL
G2D	www.ogic.ca/projects/g2d_2	ESPOL
GeneDistiller	www.genedistiller.org	ESPNOL
GeneProspector	www.hugenavigator.net	SNML
GeneSeeker	www.cmbi.kun.nl/GeneSeeker	NL
GeneWanderer	compbio.charite.de/genewanderer/GeneWanderer	PNML
Genie	cbdm.mdc-berlin.de/tools/genie	ESPNL
Gentrepid	www.gentrepid.org	ESPL
MedSim	www.funsimmat.de	SPNOL
# Existing Approaches in Disease-gene Prioritization

Method	URL	Description
MimMiner	www.cmbi.ru.nl/MimMiner	SL
PGMapper	www.genediscovery.org/pgmapper	ESPL
PhenoPred	www.phenopred.org	SPO
PINTA	www.esat.kuleuven.be/pinta	EP
PRINCE	www.cs.tau.ac.il/~bnet/software/PrincePlugin	EP
PolySearch	wishart.biology.ualberta.ca/polysearch	L
PosMed	omicspace.riken.jp/PosMed	L
PROSPECTR	www.genetics.med.ed.ac.uk/prospectr	SNML
SNPs3D	www.snps3d.org	SPNOML
SUSPECTS	www.genetics.med.ed.ac.uk/suspects	ESPNML
ToppGene	toppgene.cchmc.org	ESPNOL
TOM	www-micrel.deis.unibo.it/~tom	EP
VAAST	www.yandell-lab.org/software/vaast.html	EM

Capriotti et al., 2012

### Network-based Prioritization of GWAS Data

Common drawbacks in GWAS;

- most SNPs are not causal variants
- rare variants are typically missed

Mapping SNPs to the genes (~functional units) and apply network-based prioritization methods

• Lee et al. 2011, Chron's disease and type 2 diabetes

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• Akula et al. 2011, height and Chron's disease

# Trade-off Between Robustness and Fragility in Biological Systems

Biological systems are robust, however

• prone to be disrupted by certain types of rare but specialized perturbations

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# Trade-off Between Robustness and Fragility in Biological Systems

Biological systems are robust, however

- prone to be disrupted by certain types of rare but specialized perturbations
- these perturbations leverage the fragility of the system

Carlson and Doyle, 2002, Kitano, 2004

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SUPPLEMENTARY BACKGROUND



### Functional Flow



• Propagates annotation over the edges of the network from higher scored nodes towards lower scored nodes

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Nabieva et al., 2005, Bioinformatics

### Random walk with restart

• simulates a random surfer model on the network where number of links a node has defines the transition (surfing) probability to that node:

$$p_{t+1} = (1-r) * Wp_t + r * p_0$$

where  $p_t$  is a vector where each element *i* holds the probability of being at node *i* of the network at time step *t*, *W* is the column normalized adjacency matrix and *r* is the restart probability.

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Kohler et al., 2008, Am. J. Hum. Genet.

### PageRank with priors



• similar to random walk where a random surfer is more likely to end up in initially relevant nodes:

$$PR_{t+1}(u) = (1-d) * PR_0(u) + d \sum_{v \in Neighbors(u)} \frac{PR_t(v)}{degree(v)}$$

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where u is current node in consideration, v is a node that gives link to u, d is *damping factor* 

Chen et al., 2009, BMC Bioinformatics

### Network propagation

• modifies random walk with restart algorithm such that the link weight is normalized not only by number of outgoing edges but also by number of incoming edges:

$$p_{t+1} = (1-r) * W' p_t + r * p_0$$

W is the adjacency matrix whose elements are normalized by the square root of the multiplication of node degrees of the nodes that define the edge at that cell.

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Vanunu et al., 2011, Plos Comp. Bio.

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### Evaluation of Classification Performance

• no negative data



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### Optimization of the Parameters of the Algorithms

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### Five-fold cross validation AUC using text-mining data

- Aneurysm
- Breast Cancer

SCAIView (Hofmann-Apitius et al., 2008)

### GO Term Enrichment Analysis

- FuncAssoc2 (Berriz et al., 2009)
- proteins mapped to gene symbols using UniProt
- all the proteins in the network used as background

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 $\bullet$  consider GO terms with adjusted  $p\text{-value} \leq 0.05$ 

### GUILD Framework

- NetScore, NetZcore, NetShort, Functional Flow and PageRank are implemented with C++ using BOOST Graph Library (BGL), with the exception of FFlow which uses a self-implemented graph algorithm
- Random walk with restart and network propagation are implemented in R
- Experimentation setup is written in Python
- R is used for statistical analysis (with ROCR package for ROC curve analysis) (Sing et al., 2005)

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## Phenotypic Characterization of Genes through Biological Data Integration



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# GUILD Predicts Disease-gene Association Better than Existing Network-based Prioritization Methods

Data Set	NetScore	NetZcore	NetShort	NetCombo	Func. Flow	PageRank	Random Walk	Network Prop.
OMIM	75.50	73.11	69.19	74.57	72.67	70.70	70.82	72.51
Goh	73.64	70.84	66.27	73.05	68.00	68.62	69.09	70.56
Chen	81.27	78.75	68.66	80.59	74.88	76.14	75.81	78.14

#### Weighted bPPI (bPPI with edge weights from STRING)

OMIM	73.78	72.03	68.69	76.51	62.48	61.73	58.09	69.71
Goh	72.09	66.92	59.81	71.97	59.37	56.01	51.02	57.46
Chen	83.07	80.69	69.16	84.30	69.29	72.09	66.40	73.44
Overall	74.67	71.45	66.09	76.51	62.83	62.08	57.70	66.53

Guney and Oliva, 2012

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Prioritization Methods Depend on the Connectedness of Seeds Rather than the Number of Seeds



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# GUILD Scores Distinguish Disease-Genes from the Rest of the Genes

#### CTD

	Average score of direct association group	Average score of indirect association group	Average score of no- association group	P-value of direct vs indirect $(P \le p)$	P-value of direct vs no- association $(P \le p)$
AD	0.134 (0.093)	0.069 (0.046)	0.054 (0.038)	5.8e-5	2.6e-6
Diabetes	0.089 (0.085)	0.058 (0.035)	0.049 (0.028)	1.3e-3	5.2e-5
AIDS	0.123 (0.075)	0.079 (0.032)	0.071 (0.029)	1.3e-3	2.6e-4

#### GAD

	Number of top- ranking genes (predictions)	Number of top- ranking genes in GAD	Number of GAD genes in the network	Number of genes in the network	P-value (P ≤ p)
AD	89	13	107	9469	1.6e-11
Diabetes	56	5	183	9432	4.5e-03
AIDS	102	3	11	9477	1.9e-04

Guney and Oliva, 2012

### Dependence on the Seed Set - Goh Network



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Percentage of perturbed seeds

#### seed swapping

# Dependence Against Underlying Network - Goh Network



Percentage of permuted interactions



Percentage of pruned interactions

interaction rewiring

interaction removal

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## Modularity and Functional Enrichment of High Scoring Subnetworks



# of modules

# of seed GO terms in modules

# Categorizing Network-centric Tolerance of Diseases



robust

non-robust

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### Comparison Between Diseases

# of modules



# of alternative paths

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### Functional Similarity Between Diseases



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# Transcription Factors Mediating Human Cell Differentiation







# of genes used as centroid



# of genes used as centroid (k)

Color Key

# Transcription Factors Mediating Human Cell Differentiation



Predicted state

# Transcription Factors Mediating Human Cell Differentiation



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### Prediction of Hot Spot at Protein-Protein Interfaces



Guney et al. 2008 ∧

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# Prediction of Hot Spot at Protein-Protein Interfaces

#### Interface 1yp2AB:

#### OVERALL CHARACTERISTICS

Protein 1y	p2: CRYS	TAL STRUC	TURE OF POT	TATO TUBER AI	P-GLUCOSE	PYROPHOSPHORYI
Interface 1yp2AB	# of Residues	# of Hot Spots	# of Conserved Residues	Avg. Conservation Score	Buried ASA (A°²)	
Chain A	34	16	16	6	1401	

 Chain A
 34
 16
 16
 6
 1401

 Chain B
 33
 15
 15
 6
 1410

 Total
 67
 31
 31
 6
 2811

External Links: 1yp2AB @ DAPPI (Interaction information)

C: Contact Residue	ing Interfa	ice	N: Neighb Residue	oring Interfac	e								
Interface	Residue		Conserv	ed Residue		Interface Hot Spot							
yp2A							lyp2B						
Position	Name	Cons. Score	ASA in Chain (A° <sup>2</sup> )	ASA in Complex (A <sup>o 2</sup> )	Туре	Hot Spot	Position	Name	Cons. Score	ASA in Chain (A°²)	ASA in Complex (A°²)	Туре	Hot Spot
47	PRO	7	6.74	6.74	N		47	PRO	7	6.96	6.96	N	
48	LEU	5	2.14	2.14	N		48	LEU	5	2.44	2.44	N	
49	GLY	7	3.86	0.46	С		49	GLY	7	5.21	0.12	С	
50	ALA	8	13.5	9.05	С		50	ALA	8	11.82	8.18	С	*
51	ASN	5	28.55	4.18	C		51	ASN	5	28.13	4.15	С	

### Functional Coverages of Protein-Protein Interfaces



Tuncbag et al., 2008

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### Towards Context-Specific Networks and Their Implications for Network Medicine

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identified parts, and (iii) the identification of compatible and mutually exclusive interactions at the network level.

### Towards Context-Specific Networks and Their Implications for Network Medicine

- Integration
  - proteomics
  - genetics
  - epigenetics
- Analysis
  - disease modules
  - common dysregulated pathways
  - optimum set of drugs & their targets

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### Network (Poly)Pharmacology

• optimal drug combinations (Vazquez, 2009, Wang et al., 2012)

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• disease comorbidity (Lee et al., 2008, Park et al., 2009)

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

### Finding Multiple Target Optimal Intervention in Disease-related Molecular Network



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