Finding Rare Variants of Large Effects Related to Complex Disease

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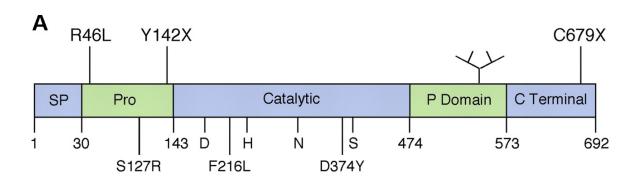


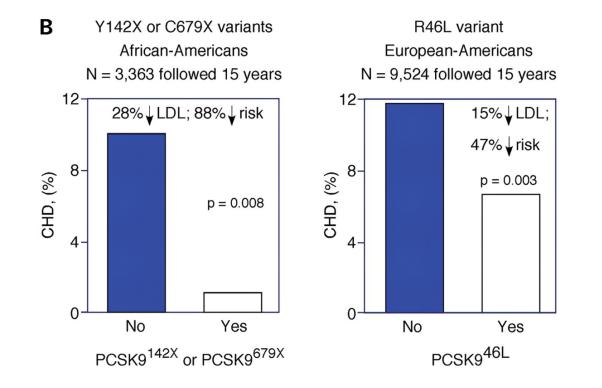


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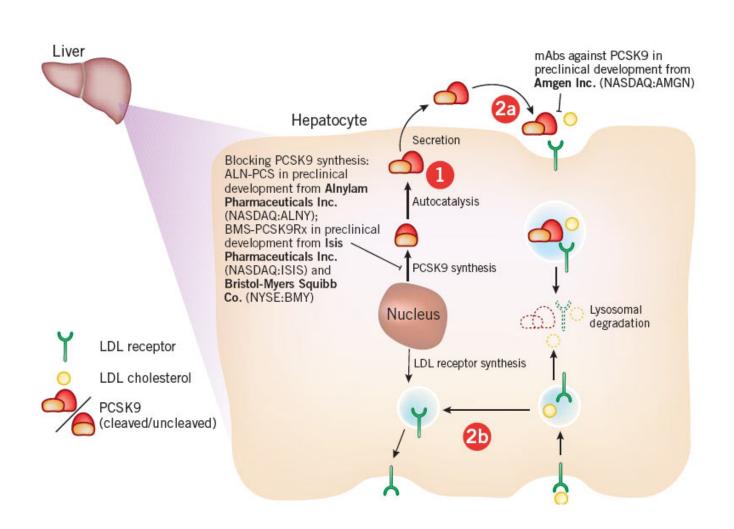


PCSK9 schematic of nonsense mutations associated with low LDL cholesterol





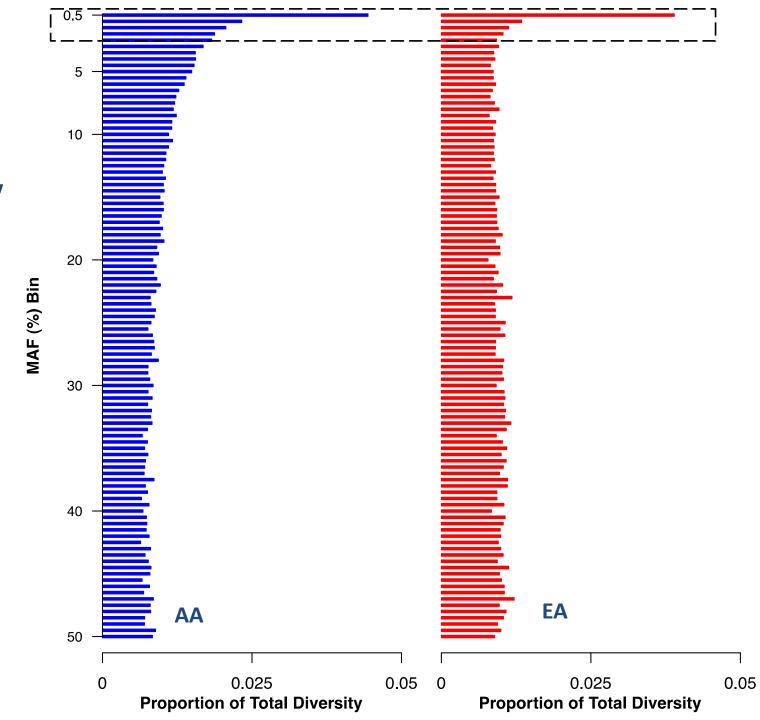
PCSK9 as a Therapeutic



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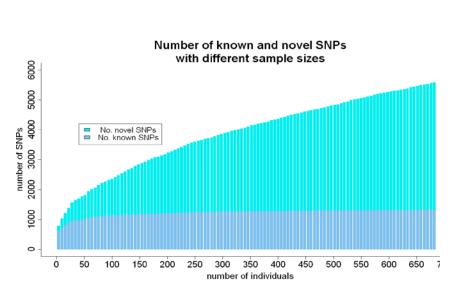


Rare variation makes a significant contribution to genetic diversity

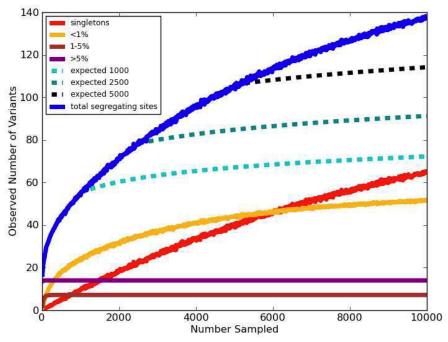


How many rare variants?

(Predicting nth Genome)



ENCODE 3 Sequence Data700 samples. 1 Mb each

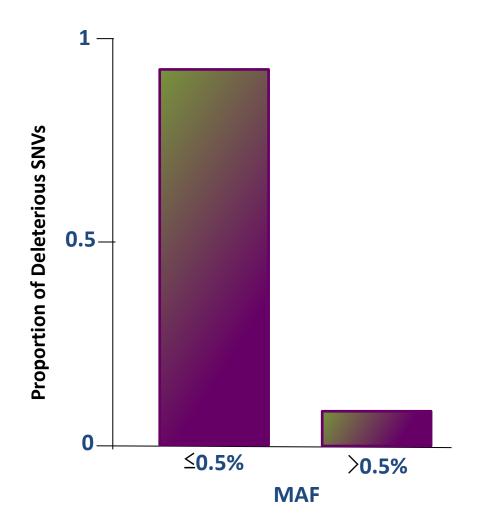


ARIC: ~ 11,000 samples, ~ 25 kb

~ 10-300 novel ns / genome!

~90% of Predicted Deleterious Alleles are Rare

15% of SNVs (77,746) are predicted to be functionally important

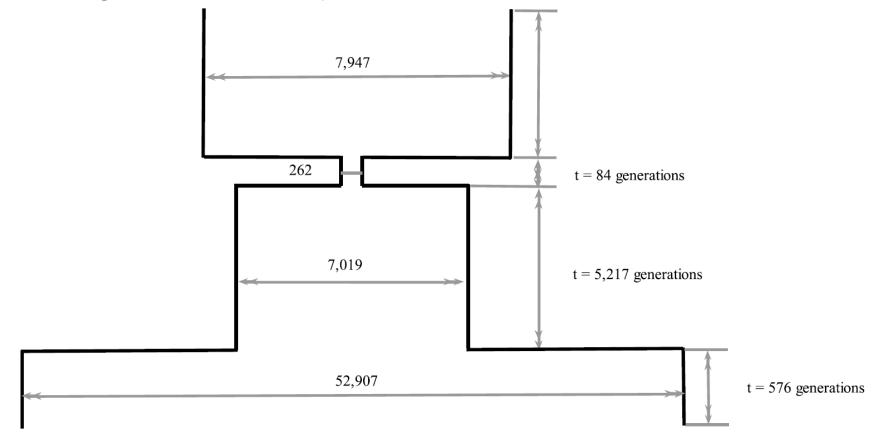


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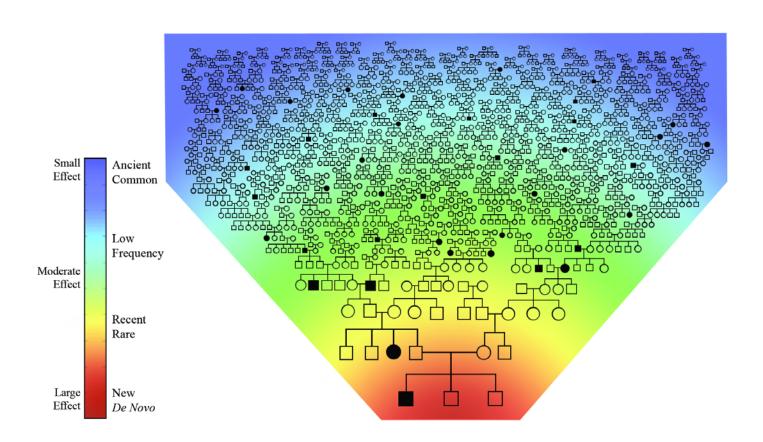
Simulation of Variant Data

Demographic history of European population



 Population genetic model incorporating demographic change (Boyko et al PloS Genet 2008)

Genomics in a Historic Context



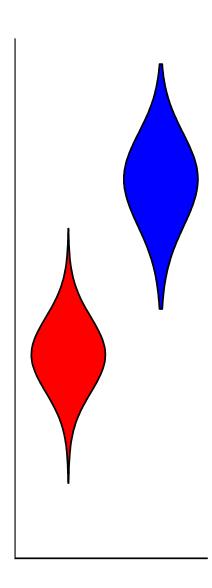
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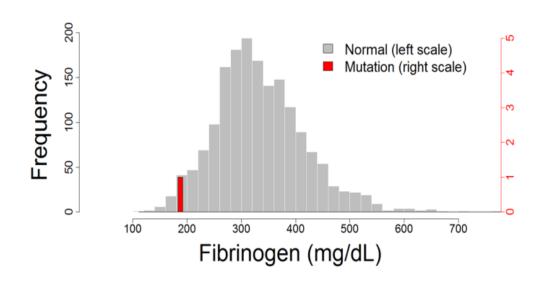
How Many Deleterious SNVs Do We Carry?

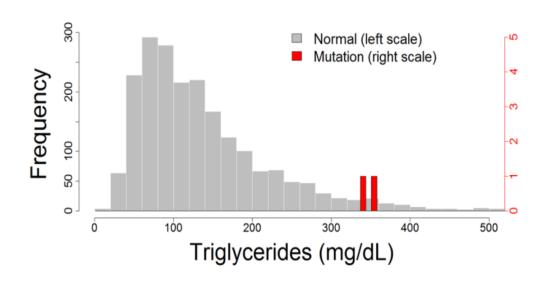






Two Preliminary Examples





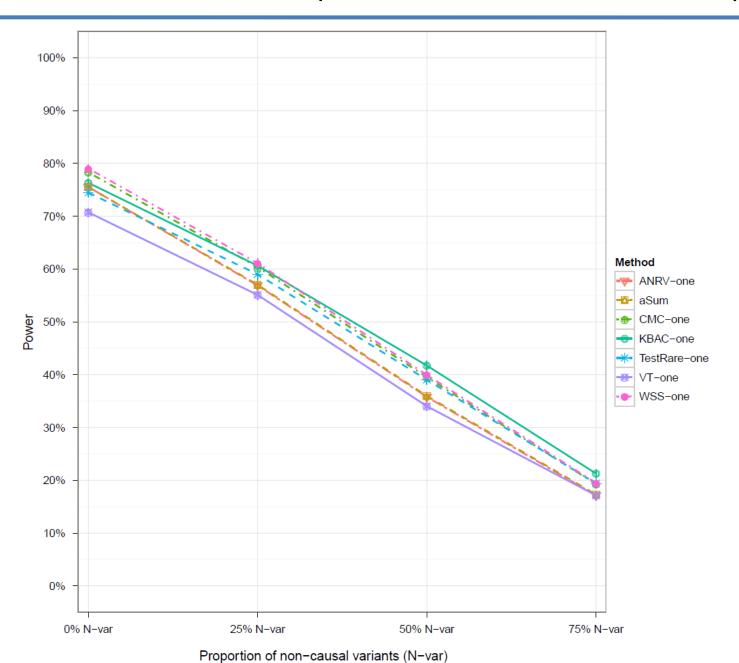
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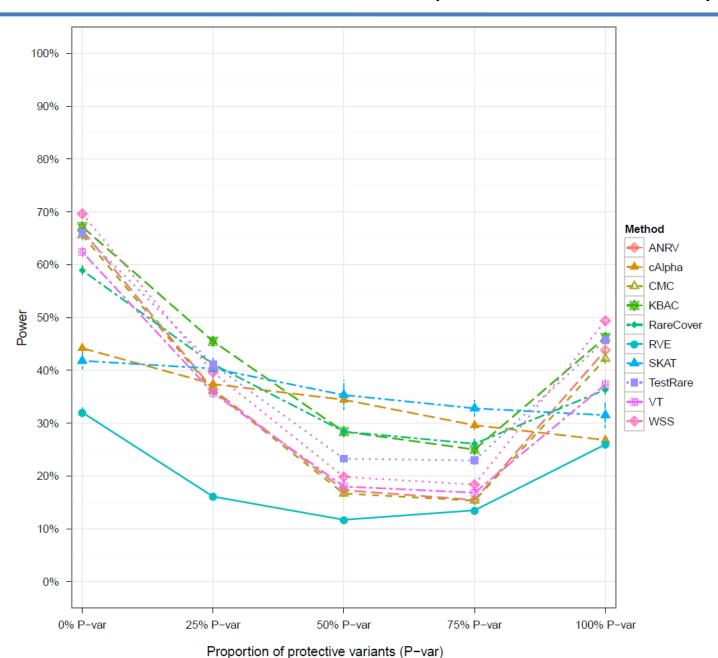
NS Allele count for top protective gene: NBEAL1

	Cases	Controls				
European ancestry	9	22 8				
African Americans	1					
Uncorrected P	2 x 10 ⁻⁴					

Impact of Non-Causal Variants (tests for detrimental variants)



Detrimental and Protective Variants ("two-sided" tests)



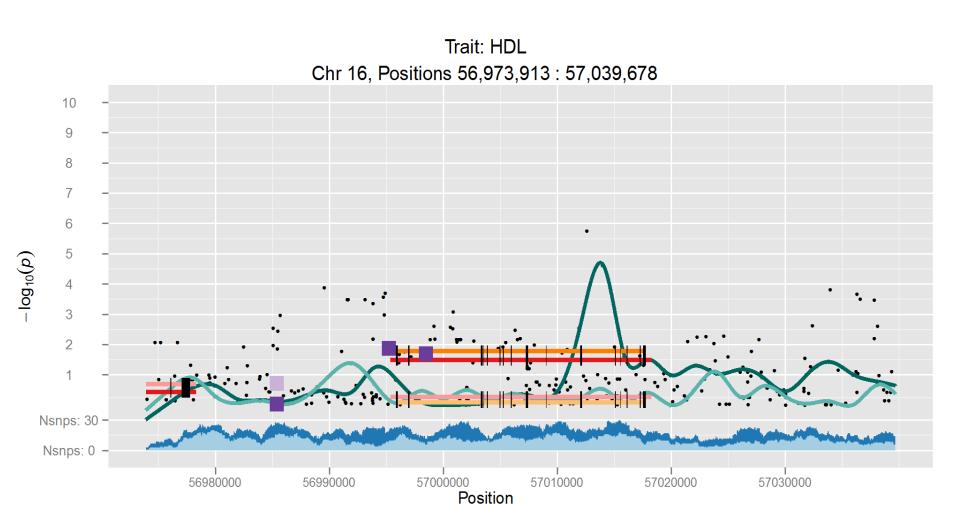
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Whole Genome Sequence Variation (N=990)

Chr	#var	#mono	#single	#double	%MAF>.01	%MAF>.05	%Novel	TiTv	TiTv-singletons
1	2093374	141080	775364	175532	0.378	0.378	0.544	2.07	2.019
2	2388603	172173	902211	200964	0.368	0.368	0.538	1.986	1.968
3	2000450	146724	754784	168949	0.368	0.368	0.533	1.973	1.982
4	2084913	165137	785378	174737	0.368	0.368	0.539	1.945	1.977
5	1827054	137193	691946	152439	0.37	0.37	0.539	1.973	1.978
6	1772868	124536	639915	143292	0.395	0.395	0.516	2.039	2.004
7	1614398	111886	594679	133168	0.386	0.386	0.531	2.019	1.97
8	1551600	105194	580819	131643	0.375	0.375	0.527	1.856	1.885
9	1233030	87525	456776	100802	0.38	0.38	0.539	1.914	1.91
10	1334721	84208	476347	107987	0.4	0.4	0.51	2.058	2.011
11	1347518	90082	498092	110821	0.386	0.386	0.524	1.988	1.973
12	1300915	86964	476183	109475	0.387	0.387	0.518	2.066	1.999
13	1025342	79869	386227	84437	0.375	0.375	0.539	2.02	2.011
14	899366	61431	329197	74412	0.386	0.386	0.525	2.038	1.978
15	784724	49117	282976	63790	0.395	0.395	0.52	2.003	1.961
16	830172	40649	294231	69934	0.403	0.403	0.501	1.846	1.796
17	710857	33871	249763	60821	0.406	0.406	0.5	2.254	2.044
18	780205	55099	286866	64334	0.384	0.384	0.522	2.043	2.02
19	550002	19172	178085	44026	0.454	0.454	0.472	2.186	1.957
20	570402	28374	201379	47880	0.412	0.412	0.485	2.186	2.041
21	373298	24933	133630	30665	0.396	0.396	0.521	2.089	2.003
22	342159	13967	113253	27538	0.442	0.442	0.479	2.285	2.017
Total	27415971	1859184	10088101	2277646	0.384	0.384	0.526	2.008	1.975

Annotation and Analysis of Whole Genomes



Thank You

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