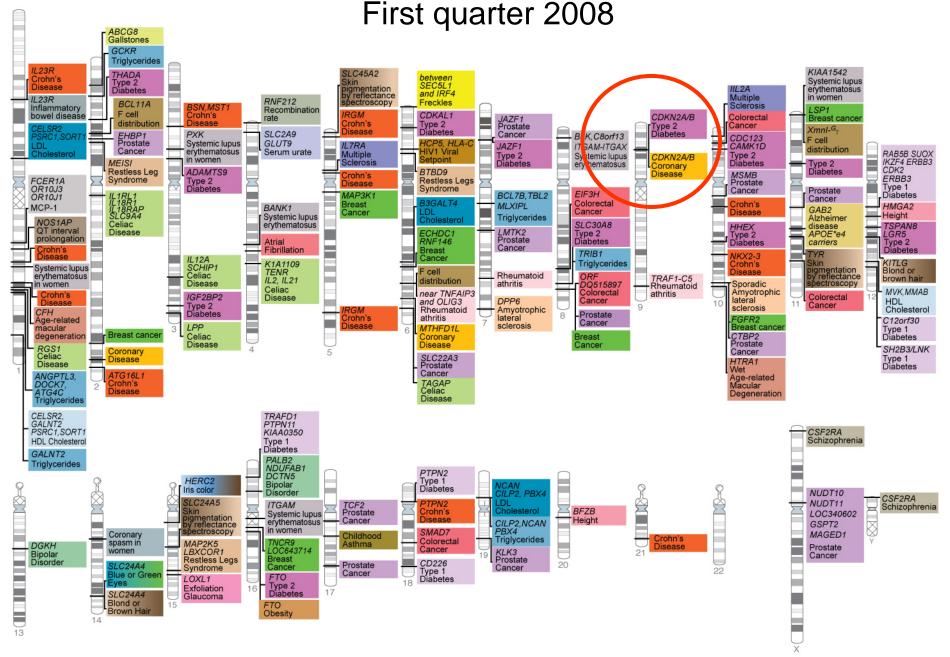


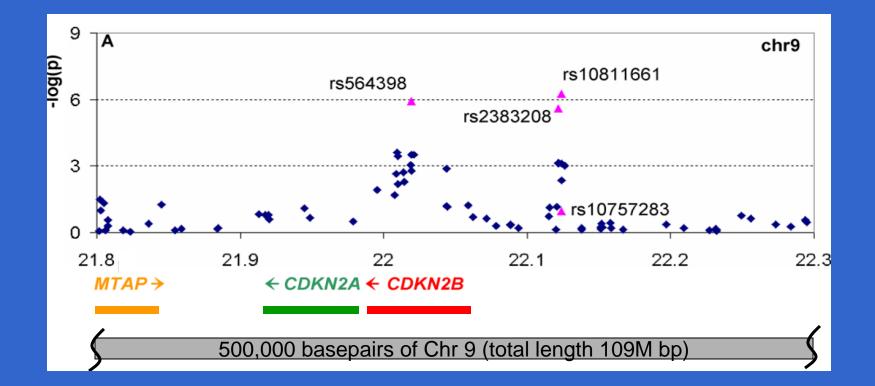
The 1000 Genomes Project:

obtaining a deep catalogue of human genetic variation with new sequencing technology



Manolio, Brooks, Collins, J. Clin. Invest., May 2008

Chromosome 9p21: diabetes, coronary heart disease. Three genes, multiple SNPs



Zeggini et al, Science 2007; 316:1336-1341.

After GWAS "hit", what next? (remember, these are associations, not causes)

One region (~Mb), multiple genes, or sometimes no genes (!), multiple SNPs to sort through

Which is the right gene? What is the "causal" variant?

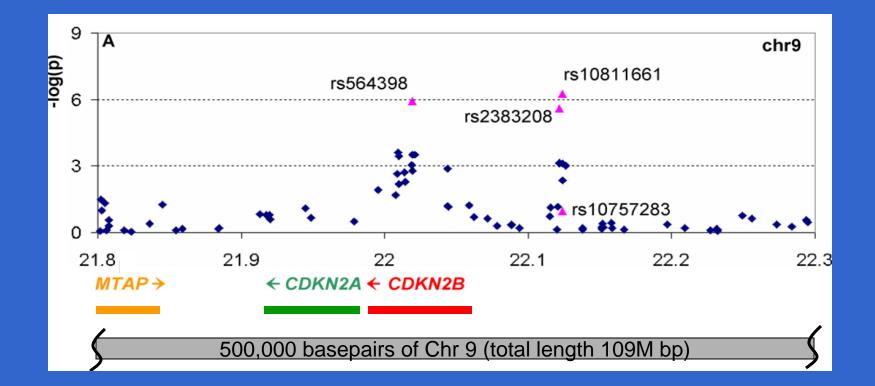
The current SNP catalog is not complete – may not have the causal variant

After a GWAS "hit", what next?

- One could get lucky (gene is a likely candidate based on previously known function*; a known associated SNP is a variant that prevents any gene function)
- Gene expression correlates with believed function (e.g. tissue specific, disease specific)
- Conservation of sequence between genomes of many mammals
- Get a complete list of variants in the region, and one of them will be right. Need to sequence the associated region in many people.

*CDKN: evidence for a role in islet cell growth. Also a tumor suppressor.

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Good bet on the gene, but what is the cause?

1000 Genomes Project: A resource for aiding human genetics studies

- An essentially complete list of all variants in human populations
- To provide a catalog of almost all variants in regions of all possible GWAS hits (i.e., the whole genome) ahead of time, so studies do not need to sequence their samples

(Gives the complete list of candidates, but still have to follow up on all candidate variants!)

Other potential benefits for Whole Genome Association studies

- The new variants will be associated by LD context with all existing variants, increasing the power of GWAS
- Better design of future assays for variation
- Access to lower frequency variants than current designs, e.g. down to 1%. (At what frequency do disease-causing variations occur in the population?)
- Can find alternate alleles in region of interest (disease could be caused by more than one variant in a single gene)

1000 Genomes primary goals: how many more variants?

"Essentially all" (not just a lot of) common variation genome-wide: any variant occurring in the population down to 1% allele frequency.

Deeper in gene regions (0.5%-0.1%)

All variant types (SNPs, insertions/deletions, and structural variants)

Place variants in their haplotype context (what other variants are they associated with?)

Do this in multiple populations—enough people at random that "all" (medically relevant) variation will be represented

How to do?

- Sequence in three populations to start: European, Africa, East Asian*; 500 individuals each
- Need to understand exactly how much sequence needed from each individual to build haplotype information
- A one-year pilot phase to test theory and technology:
 - What will it take for the new platforms to produce data that are useful for this?
 - How much sequence from each individual is needed?
 - Do we have enough from each population?
 - Build analytical infrastructure
- Two year main project

*Samples are mostly those already collected for HapMap under appropriate consent for fully anonymous release of genomic data. Some new anonymous samples will be needed.

1000 Genomes Pilots

Started Feb 2008, ~ 300 Gb data already

- Pilot 1: 180 samples @ less sequence each:
 CEU (European) 4x, YRI (African) 2x, CHB/JPT (East Asian) 2x
- Pilot 2: CEU and YRI families (two parents, one child) @ high levels of sequence (20X)
- Pilot 3: 1000 genes in 1000 people
- Test multiple platforms/protocols
- Develop and evaluate methods for data collection and analysis

CEU trio mostly complete YRI trio in progress

Starting

Simulations of trios, 1000 people at 2x, plus samples at 4x, 8x

Additional goals

Not just SNPs: structural variation (2bp to >1M bp)

Population genetic studies

- Identifying regions under selection (now or in the past)
- Studies of processes of mutation and recombination
- Population differentiation and history

Improvement of the human reference sequence

- Find and fix errors
- The current reference sequence, and any one individual, is missing sequence present in others
- Coordinate with the Human Genome Reference Consortium to represent all unique human sequence

Impractical without new sequencing technologies

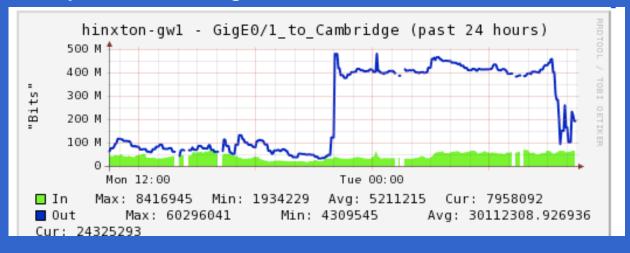
Project requires ~18,000 Gb

• "Old" tech (2006): >\$1B

New tech (2008): ~\$50M

Challenges in "drinking from the firehose"

 Data handling, informatics resources: a LOT of data—the *initial* deposition increased the total sequence data available in the public domain by 10%, overnight



- Analysis, analysis, analysis...
- Samples, with appropriate consent for use in genomic studies and <u>data release</u>

1000 Genomes Consortium

Production: Sanger Institute, Beijing Genomics Institute, Baylor College of Medicine, Broad Institute, Washington University of St Louis
Analysis: many statistical and population geneticists
Data Coordination: European Bioinformatics Institute, National Center for Biotechnology Information
Samples/ELSI: expertise in ethics and population sampling
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A Public Resource

 Data publicly available shortly after it is produced

> -raw sequence data in the Short Read Archive

-SNPs and other variant data in dbSNP

• Cell lines available

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Medical Sequencing

- Finding sequence variants that underlie disease
- Ideal: Sequence whole genomes of patients vs. healthy people, identify differences
- Reality: Too expensive now
- Challenge: Too many variants to sort through
- Solution: Pick candidate regions (e.g., GWAS; by function; by other previous findings); or "exomes" (practical very soon).

Medical Sequencing

Example: Autism

- Choose candidates based on function e.g., in neuronal synapses
- Sequence those genes in multiple affected and unaffected individuals
- Follow-up all differences (will find many differences, so this step needs to be relatively easy)