# Real-world applications of clinical AI + genomics

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### **Overview**

- A brief primer on genetics
- **Break** (?)
- Assessing the interplay between genetic ancestry and disease risk
  - Leveraging genomic diversity for discovery in an EHR-linked biobank-- the UCLA ATLAS Community Health Initiative (Johnson et al. Genome Medicine 2022)
- Predicting rare disease through EHR signatures
  - Electronic health record signatures identify undiagnosed patients with Common Variable Immunodeficiency Disease (Johnson et al. medRxiv 2022)

### What does precision medicine with genomics entail?

#### INNOVATIVE MEDICINE: PERSONALISED MEDICINE

Cancer patients with e.g. colon cancer receive a personalised therapy based on their biomarkers



# Genomic medicine is a key component for individualized diagnoses and treatments

#### Genomic medicine

Pharmacogenomics Monogenic disease risk assessment

#### **Translational genomics**

PRS PheRS Rare disease diagnosis

#### **Genome science**

Analytic methods: GWAS, PheWAS

Resources: biobanks, reference genomes, variant knowledge bases

#### Phenome science

Analytic methods: e-phenotyping, natural language processing, machine learning

Resources: EHR data repositories, ontologies

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# A key goal of genomic medicine is identifying genes that cause a disease

*Monogenic* diseases are typically caused by a single gene

- Cystic fibrosis
- Sickle cell anemia
- Huntington disease
- Duchenne muscular dystrophy

many, many more!





### Numerous genes across the genome contribute to disease risk for most common diseases

Complex traits/diseases are polygenic (many genes contribute)

- Coronary heart disease
- Type I and Type II diabetes
- Breast cancer
- Height and BMI

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Genotyping	Exome sequencing	Whole genome sequencing	RNA-sequencing
~650K common SNPs and small indels	exons (protein coding regions)	all variants (including very rare) in exons and introns and large structural variants	Captures cellular content of RNAs
~\$100	~\$8K - \$11K	~\$10K - \$20K	~10K - \$50K+
studying complex traits/diseases and common genetic variation	Studying rare genetic diseases	Ultra rare genetic diseases, including de novo mutations	Understanding transcriptome, i.e. connecting genes to functional proteins









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## Disease phenotypes are a combination of genetic and environmental components



## Some SNPs have no physiological effect, while others are linked to changes in phenotype



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Hypothesis test at the m<sup>th</sup> SNP

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#### **OUTPUT**

genetic effects environment β e  $X_2$  $X_3$ X genotypes phenotypes **y**<sub>1</sub> **y**<sub>2</sub> **y**<sub>3</sub> INPUT

 $\boldsymbol{\beta} \sim N(0, I\sigma_g^{2})$ , for heart disease  $\boldsymbol{e} \sim N(0, \sigma_e^{2})$  $\boldsymbol{y}_i = \boldsymbol{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{e}$ , for i<sup>th</sup> individual (assumes phenotypes [y] are i.i.d.)

#### Disease risk is spread throughout the genome Coronary heart disease: 250+ regions Heart disease Type I and Type II diabetes: 60+ and 500+ regions Breast cancer: 200+ regions Height and BMI: 700+ and 250+ regions СТ ТΤ \*\*\*\*\*\* 15 -log<sub>10</sub>(P) More significant 5 0 Chromosome

 $\rightarrow$  Identified variants are NOT always causal! Functional validation is needed to confirm causality.

## Polygenic risk scores provide individual-level predictions to identify patients with heightened disease risk



Vaura et al. 2021

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#### • Is it equitable? PRS does not have uniform performance across all patient populations.

### Take 5 min break

### Part 2

## Assessing the interplay between genetic ancestry and disease risk

#### Majority of genetic studies focus on European ancestry individuals



Martin et al. Nat Genet 2019

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# Explicitly considering genetic ancestry is key to precision medicine efforts

- Genetic ancestry provides specific information about key patterns of genetic variation, making it an important factor in numerous healthcare decisions
  - e.g. Carbamazepine is highly associated with adverse side effects in individuals with the <u>HLA allele B\*1502</u> allele



HLA allele B\*1502 allele frequency

## Evolutionary forces created a variety of genetic landscapes across continents





Historical patterns of migration influenced the global distribution of genetic variation through gene flow and genetic drift

The out-of-Africa migration led to a bottleneck effect that reduced genetic variation across non-African ancestry populations

# Differential genetic architecture across ancetries affects disease risk across populations





#### HbS allele frequency



Malaria endemicity

Piel et al. Nat Comm 2010

### Population structure can lead to spurious associations



Balding Nat Rev Genet 2006

## Population structure confounds the association between genotypes and phenotypes



### Principal component analysis captures population structure



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## Principal component analysis captures population structure at the continental and subcontinent level



Novembre et al Nature 2008



### **UCLA ATLAS** captures the vibrant diversity of Los Angeles

#### Los Angeles Census



ATLAS self-identified race/ethnicity

Within ATLAS, about 40% of individuals self-identify as a race other than White, with appreciable sample sizes in the Hispanic Latino and Asian American populations

## Self-identified race/ethnicity (SIRE) and genetically inferred ancestry (GIA) are not analogous

**Genetically inferred ancestry (GIA):** genetic characterization of individuals within a group who likely share recent biological ancestors as inferred by a method of choice and a given reference panel

Self-identified **Race** and **Ethnicity** (SIRE) have no direct biological implications




#### No clear 1:1 correspondence between SIRE and GIA

- Hispanic Latino American GIA group splits into multiple SIREs
- Significant proportion of individuals in the European American GIA group self-identify as one of the multiple other SIREs





#### PCA reveals notable differences between GIA and SIRE



- Cline between African and European ancestry, and those who self-identify as African American along almost all of PC2
- GIA form a much tighter cluster, leaving many of the individuals who self-identified as African American outside this boundary.

#### PCA reveals notable differences between GIA and SIRE



• There are also a large number of individuals that could not be assigned a GIA cluster and race/ethnicity information does not reveal any patterns either

# Projecting individuals' preferred language onto PCs reveals individuals likely with Middle Eastern ancestry



 Additional EHR information such as "Language" can help elucidate uncharacterized GIA groups

# **Projecting individuals' preferred language onto PCs reveals substructure within continental GIA clusters**



 Within the East Asian American GIA group, there are a variety of different languages represented, such as Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, and Tagalog

#### PCA identifies fine-scale population structure within the East Asian American GIA group



Using information from 1000 Genomes, we can see distinct clusters of individuals of Japanese, Vietnamese, and Chinese descent, but there are two distinct clusters that could not be characterized.

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Self-identified race information projected onto these clusters reveals that these are likely individuals of Korean and Filipino descent

# Associations between GIA and phenotypes remain even after accounting for SIRE

logit (phecode) =  $\beta_0 + \beta_1$ genetic\_ancestry\_group +  $\beta_2$ sex +  $\beta_3$ age +  $\beta_4$ SIRE [over all ATLAS individuals]



Associating each GIA group with disease status across 1,800 EHR-derived phenotypes (phecodes) yields a total of **259 significant associations** even after accounting for SIRE (*p*-value <  $1.12 \times 10^{-5}$ )

# Extensive genetic diversity within populations is intertwined with disease risk

- Enrichment in the East Asian American group is driven by the Filipino and Korean American groups
- Potential protective effect in the Chinese and Japanese American groups



# Characterizing genetic ancestry as a continuum is particularly relevant for admixed populations



Neither reference panel nor demographic information can elucidate any clusters of population structure in the Hispanic Latino American GIA group

# Population structure beyond discrete clusters in the Hispanic Latino American GIA group



Population substructure is better characterized by the clines of European and Native American ancestry along PC1

#### Disease prevalence varies with genetic admixture proportions

**424 significant ancestry proportion - phenotype associations** out of 1,800 phecodes x 4 ancestry tests: European, African, East Asian, Native American (p-value < 2.08x10<sup>-5</sup>)

0.4 0.4Prevalence Prevalence .3 0.3 0.20.20 0 0.0 0.0 100.8 2 Ω 08 0 n 0.6Ω Δ 06 1 0 Prop Native American ancestry Prop European ancestry

Nonalcoholic liver disease

Considering the actual proportion of ancestry when assessing disease risk can be more informative.

#### Conclusions

- •There are marked differences between race/ethnicity and genetically inferred ancestry, emphasizing that the populations defined by these two criteria are not analogous
- •There is substantial disease risk

heterogeneity across subgroups of the same continental genetic ancestry group, both across subcontinental ancestry and genetic admixture

•Association analyses show possible differential genetic architecture across populations



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Leveraging genomic diversity for discovery in an electronic health record linked biobank: the UCLA ATLAS Community Health Initiative

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#### Part 3

#### **Predicting rare disease through EHR signatures**

# Current diagnostic odyssey for rare diseases is often prolonged by years due to misdiagnosis



Diagnostic odyssey causes the biggest delay in initiating treatment for rare disease patients

#### **CVID** is a rare, heterogenous immunodeficiency disorder

- Common Variable Immunodeficiency Disorders (CVID) is broadly characterized by recurrent viral and bacterial infections, but clinical manifestations are very heterogeneous
- Occurs 1 in 25,000 to 1 in 50,000 people
- Genetic basis of CVID is highly variable and largely unknown
- Majority of cases have an unknown cause and there are currently no specific mutations associated with a diagnosis



# Heterogeneity of clinical manifestations leads to a diagnostic delays of **5-15 years**

- Clinical phenotypes of CVID intersect with virtually all medical specialties, making it difficult to pin down the immunogenic basis of the diagnosis
- Guidelines for recognizing CVID are very broad and limited as no single lab test can definitively determine a diagnosis
- Patients get 'lost' in specialty clinics where only a subset of their symptoms are treated



Primary Immunodeficiency (PI) causes children and adults to have infections that come back frequently or are unusually hard to cure. 1:500 persons are affected by one of the known Primary Immunodeficiencies. If you or someone you know is affected by two or more of the following Warning Signs, speak to a physician about the possible presence of an underlying Primary Immunodeficiency.

- 1 Four or more new ear infections within 1 year.
- **2** Two or more serious sinus infections within 1 year.
- 3 Two or more months on antibiotics with little effect.
- **4** Two or more pneumonias within 1 year.
- **5** Failure of an infant to gain weight or grow normally.
- 6 Recurrent, deep skin or organ abscesses.
- **7** Persistent thrush in mouth or fungal infection on skin.
- 8 Need for intravenous antibiotics to clear infections.
- 9 Two or more deep-seated infections including septicemia.
- **10** A family history of PI.



#### 0.01% of patients at UCLA diagnosed with CVID

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#### Aggregating phenotypes prioritizes patients with CVID

Acute upper respiratory infections of multiple or unspecified sites – All: 13%



Chronic sinusitis – All: All: 4.45%

Asthma – All: 10% Bronchiectasis - All: 0.6%



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Chronic sinusitis – All: All: 4.45% (CVID: 48%)

Asthma – All: 10% (CVID: 42%)

Bronchiectasis -All: 0.6% (CVID: 23%)



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# EHR-signatures describe key characteristics of a disease and how it is represented in the EHR

A major bottleneck is identifying a set of EHR-derived features that characterize CVID-- no one test or feature within the medical data that definitievely describes individuals with CVID



Need to look at the combination of various phenotypes in the medical record, not just the absence or presence of a single set

# Obtaining high-quality labeled cases is challenging and time-consuming



- Initial set of patients with any type of immunodeficiency are selected and then are manually reviewed to determine the diagnosis
- Extreme case data imbalance: **197** cases, **1** million controls
- A key concern is overfitting, where the model can simply 'memorize' the cases because there are so few of them and so many features in the EHR

#### Feature selection to identify a set of features to accurately predict CVID

#### **OMIM clinical description**



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- The OMIM database provides 34 EHR-derived features without ever looking at the training data

#### UCLA-specific data capture unique phenotyping patterns



# PheNet scores reflect how closely patients' EHR matches patterns of CVID

Score weights are inferred by performing a marginal regression for each feature



#### PheNet model maintains interpretability of the results

Clinical predictions require a lot of trust and transparency for both clinicians and patients



#### PheNet outperforms previous state-of-the art methods



- PheNet performs 17%-31% better when comparing AUC-ROC and 42%-66% better when comparing AUC-PR
- Top 10% of individuals with the highest PheNet score captures 60% of CVID cases whereas previous methods only captures 24%-45% of cases.

#### **Retrospective study shows PheNet can identify CVID patients** before their formal clinical diagnosis

- PheNet would have identified 64% of individuals with CVID before their original diagnosis
- Average gap between the date of diagnosis and the date identified by PheNet 244 days (SD: 374).

Identified by PheNet prior to original clinical diagnosis 1 yr atter

Patients with > 1 yr data before diagnosis (N=56)

# Example patient shows patterns of CVID months before diagnosis



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# Top ranked PheNet patients have probable CVID according to an immune specialist blinded chart review



### PheNet identifies prospective CVID patients across 5 UC institutions through a \$5 million grant



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**Run in Python in Databricks environment** 

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#### Coordinating a multi-site collaboration Exome sequencing Run in Python in Azure VM UCLA Data Discovery Repository (de-identified) UCDAVIS UC San Diego Health **UC<sub>SF</sub> Health** UCLA Health HEALTH Full clinical workup by Full clinical workup by Full clinical workup by SOL for model immunologist Train immunologist immunologist features prediction (UCLA data model vocab) Clinician contacts Clinician contacts Clinician contacts patients' PCP patients' PCP patients' PCP Convert to OMAP format SQL to pull model Medical charts Medical charts Medical charts ... Frozen model features (identified site-specific IDs) (identified site-specific IDs) (identified site-specific IDs) (OMAP data weights (.csv) vocab) UCSD honest UCD honest broker broker UCSF honest broker UC Data Warehouse (identified) UCLA Health UC San Diego Health **UC-wide honest** broker UCI Health UCsF Health Top 100 Top 100 patients HEALTH patients per site per site (identified) (de-identified)

Run in Python in Databricks environment

# PheNet identifies prospective CVID patients across 5 UC institutions through a \$5 million grant



## Conclusions

•EHR-signatures leverage common patterns of phenotypes to prioritize patients with rare disorders

•64% of CVID patients could have been identified by PheNet more than 8 months earlier than they had been clinically diagnosed

PheNet is validated across 5 additional UC
 health systems to identify new CVID patients

Electronic health record signatures identify undiagnosed patients with Common Variable Immunodeficiency Disease

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## Questions, Comments, Concerns?

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## A brief recap of genomics since the Human Genome Project...



## Genetics contribute to the whole spectrum of disease risk



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## PCA is extremely computationally intensive



FlashPCA2: principal component analysis of Biobank-scale genotype datasets @

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