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KEYNOTE TALKS**Interoperability of clinical, pathological and omics data to execute personalised medicine**

Anita Grigoriadis, King's College, London, UK.

Translational research has seen an increasing trend towards omics techniques imaging approaches, in combination with clinical and pathological data. Multifactorial data, both large in sample size and heterogeneous in context, needs to be integrated in a standardised, cost-effective, secure manner so that it can be utilised and searched by researchers and clinicians. Small- to moderate-sized research groups need to find solutions to handle and administer enormous data volumes whilst researching for new discoveries.

Here, I represent solutions to support data management, the integration of digital microscopy and pathology, and illustrate the utility of R-shiny to make high-throughput data searchable.

Disease comorbidities and network approaches

Alfonso Valencia, Barcelona Supercomputing Center (CBS), Spain.

Abstract not available.

Making genomics Come true: How can we achieve real acceleration of genomics into medicine?

Winston Hide, University of Sheffield, UK, and Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, Boston, USA.

We are now rapidly moving from single human genomes to deca-, centi- and even milligenome projects. With more ways to compare gene variation against a background, comes new methods to select variants and genes for their potential in prediction and impact for a disease. Gene hunting is still very much a fashion and genes represent tempting targets for drug development.

But like David Bowie we need to push the boundaries to embrace the growing realisation that genes work in cohorts and it is the interaction of these cohorts that drive the disease phenotype. Identifying and targeting pathways and processes that drive disease is the new black. To action discovery, we need to address ways in which to benchmark selection of disease genes, pathways and processes. In turn we need to develop more efficient (read less ineffective) ways to select therapeutics that are likely to be acceptable for real health interventions.

The talk will present how we address these challenges through commoning for data sharing, provenance, reproducibility and workflows, benchmarks for assessment of approaches, standardisation for pathway activity, and integrative approaches to discovering the relationships between therapeutic target prioritisation, network topology, pathway interaction, genome variation, disease modelling and drug repurposing.

Atlas of Cancer Signaling Network and NaviCell: Systems Biology resources for studying cancer biology

Inna Kuperstein, Institut Curie, Paris, France

Studying reciprocal regulations between cancer-related pathways is essential for understanding signaling rewiring during cancer evolution and in response to treatments. With this aim we have constructed the Atlas of Cancer Signaling Network (ACSN), a resource of cancer signaling maps and tools with interactive web-based environment for navigation, curation and data visualization. The content of ACSN is represented as a seamless 'geographic-like' map browsable using the Google Maps engine and semantic zooming. The associated blog provides a forum for commenting and curating the ACSN maps content. The integrated NaviCell web-based tool box allows to import and visualize heterogeneous omics data on top of the ACSN maps and to perform functional analysis of the maps. The tool contains standard heatmaps, barplots and glyphs as well as the novel map staining technique for grasping large-scale trends in numerical values projected onto a pathway map.

To demonstrate applications of ACSN and NaviCell we show a study on drug sensitivity prediction using the networks. We performed a structural analysis of Cell Cycle and DNA repair signaling network together with omics data from ovary cancer patients resistant to genotoxic treatment. Following this study we retrieved synthetic lethal gene sets and suggested intervention gene combinations to restore sensitivity to the treatment. In another example, analysis of cell lines multi-level omics data, interpreted in the context of signaling network

maps, highlighted different DNA repair molecular profiles associated with sensitivity to each one of the drugs, rationalizing combined treatment in some cases.

Analysis of multi-omics data together with cell signaling information helps finding personalized treatments. In additional study we show how epithelial to mesenchymal transition (EMT) signaling network from the ACSN collection has been used for finding metastasis inducers in colon cancer through network analysis. We performed structural analysis of EMT signaling network that allowed highlighting the network organization principles and complexity reduction up to core regulatory routs. Using the reduced network we modeled single and double mutants for achieving the metastasis phenotype. We predicted that a combination of p53 knock-out and overexpression of Notch would induce metastasis and suggested the molecular mechanism. This prediction lead to generation of colon cancer mice model with metastases in distant organs. We confirmed in invasive human colon cancer samples the modulation of Notch and p53 gene expression in similar manner as in the mice model, supporting a synergy between these genes to permit metastasis induction in colon.

GUEST TALKS

Getting Beyond Proof of Principle for Big Data Technologies in Bioinformatics: MapReduce Algorithmic, Programming and Architectural issues

Raffaele Giancarlo, University of Palermo, Italy.

High Performance Computing (HPC) in Bioinformatics has a classic architectural paradigm: shared-memory multi-processor. With the advent of Cloud Computing, such a new way of managing Big Data has been considered for Bioinformatics. Initially, with Proof of Concept results investigating the advantages of the new computational paradigm. They have been followed by an increasing number of specific Bioinformatics tasks, developed mainly with the use of the MapReduce programming paradigm, which is in turn supported by Hadoop and Spark Middleware.

A careful analysis of the State of the Art indicates that the main advantage of those Big Data Technologies is the perception of boundless scalability, at least in terms of time. However, how effectively the computing resources are used in the Cloud... is rather cloudy, as most of the software available almost entirely delegates the management of the distributed workload to the powerful primitives of Hadoop and Spark. On a private cloud, i.e., a physical computing cluster that can be configured at will by the user, one can show that carefully designed MapReduce algorithms largely outperform the ones that naively “delegate” to Hadoop and Spark. In the public cloud, e.g., virtual clusters (for instance created via OpenStack) with a dynamic and instance-dependent allocation of physical resources, issues of an architectural nature or related to configuration of the virtual cluster, largely oblivious to the end-user, may translate in a lack of data locality that results in a poor MapReduce performance with respect to the resources used.

In order to obtain resource-effective, portable, Cloud-based software for Bioinformatics pipelines, the issues mentioned earlier must be carefully studied and accounted for, in particular to have an impact for Personalized Medicine. As a matter of fact, the need is so pressing and apparently the expected demand so high that Edico genome and Amazon have started a collaboration that makes available Bioinformatics pipelines that are highly engineered to take advantage of FPGA programmability and the Cloud. The objective is to take the already highly performing shared-memory multi-processor based solutions offered by Edico genome in order to make them “real time”. Fortunately, this is only the “high end” of the spectrum where a transition from the old HPC paradigm to the new of Cloud Computing one has gone beyond Proof of Concept.

Walking pathways in cancer

Alexander Kel, GeneXplain, Germany

Huge regions of non-coding DNA in genomes are the source of high adaptability of molecular genomic systems of multicellular eukaryotic organisms (such as human) to varying external conditions. We think, that such high adaptability is provided, first of all, through structural plasticity of gene regulatory networks. Binding of highly variable complexes of transcription factors to their highly fluctuating opened chromatin regions in genome (epigenomic variations) underlies the fundamental basis for such structural plasticity of gene regulatory networks. In this talk we will discuss the evolutionary advantages of such structural plasticity of gene regulatory networks as well as the high price such systems have to pay for this plasticity – terrible diseases such as cancer. We think, that often non-reversible structural changes of the regulatory networks due to an epigenomic “evolution” of genome regulatory regions cause transformations in the system switching the normal state to a

disease state. We call such structural network changes as “walking pathways”. The analysis of this phenomenon helps us to understand the mechanisms of molecular switches (e.g. between programs of cell death and programs of cell survival) and to identify prospective drug targets to treat cancer. Such structural plasticity of regulatory networks observed in genomes of higher eukaryotes, in our view, is the result of an evolutionary “aramorphose” towards emergence of completely new mechanism of evolution of multi-cellular organisms.

Empirical information about the interaction of transcription factors and the regulated target genes, obtained by either conventional or high-throughput methods, has been collected in the TRANSFAC database since 28 years, and statistical models inferred from this information have been included as positional weight matrices (PWMs) and made available for the prediction of regulatory sites as well. New extension includes syntax (relevant combinations) and semantics (regulated processes) of regulatory sites. Extended annotation of gene-disease associations is available in the Human Proteome Survey Database (HumanPSD), connected with signaling pathways that control the activity of TFs (TRANSPATH database). All this carefully curated information can be used in full power to analyze disease related multi-omics data using recently created geneXplain platform, which helps to decipher the molecular mechanisms of disease often on very early stages of its progression.

Finally, in this talk we will present an “upstream analysis” strategy for causal analysis of such multiple “-omics” data. It analyzes promoters using the TRANSFAC database, combines it with an analysis of the upstream signal transduction pathways and identifies master regulators as potential drug targets for a pathological process. We applied this approach to a complex multi-omics data set that contains transcriptomics, proteomics and epigenomics data. We identified the following potential drug targets against induced resistance of cancer cells towards chemotherapy by methotrexate (MTX): TGFalpha, IGFBP7, alpha9-integrin, and the following chemical compounds: zardaverine and divalproex as well as human metabolites such as nicotinamide N-oxide.

Open Data is Essential for Personalized Medicine

Francis Ouellette, Génome Québec, Canada

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Big data and cognitive computing in healthcare: weathering the perfect storm

Matthias Reumann, IBM Research - Zurich, Switzerland

Big data in healthcare is experiencing the perfect storm: the volume is increasing exponentially with accelerating speed, the variety of data ranges from multi-omics information to lifestyle measures with the help of mobile devices backed by cloud infrastructures. State of the art analytical methods are generally limited by computational approaches. Furthermore, the convergence of data analytics, sophisticated modelling approaches and cognitive computing gives promise to solve the big data challenges in healthcare and lifescience. Data analytics especially in today's omics era yield results of large volumes given computational challenges are overcome. Sieving through the results requires expert and translational knowledge. Cognitive computing can play a significant role in making transparent results. Cognitive computing tools can be used to create hypotheses to guide experimental studies but also as prior knowledge that drives data analytics. The increasing amount of data requires a larger amount of computation that can at some point only be tackled using supercomputers. In biophysical modelling we have already shown how the computational challenge can be overcome using high performance computing systems. The sophistication of computer modelling of biophysical processes has made the transition from basic research to translational science and medicine. It is feasible today that data in healthcare will be augmented by simulation of biophysical models tailored to each patient. Cognitive computing is a promising path to make the analytical results transparent. The IBM Watson™ technology allows analysis results to be represented within a global context of accumulated knowledge of published literature. To view data and analysis in that global context will not only enable verification of results, but also helps accelerate discovery and identification of, for example, new targets in drug discovery. The combination of data-driven and knowledge-based analytics in a cognitive computing environment becomes a powerful way to create hypothesis and to limit the search space so that it can efficiently be tested using traditional laboratory methods. The IBM Watson™ technology allows one to find “the needle in the haystack” of today's big data challenge. Hence, the power of big data can only be unleashed by embracing new approaches in data-driven analysis within a cognitive computing environment. This creates a holistic view that places big data analytics into the context of the accumulated knowledge of the scientific community.

ELIXIR-IIB – the Italian Infrastructure for Bioinformatics: a growing support to national and international research in life sciences

Luana Licata, ELIXIR-IIB, Italy

ELIXIR (<https://www.elixir-europe.org/>) unites Europe's leading life science organisations in managing and safeguarding the increasing volume of data being generated by publicly funded research, and coordinates, integrates and sustains bioinformatics resources across its member states (ELIXIR nodes).

ELIXIR-IIB (<http://elixir-italy.org/>), the ELIXIR Italian node and infrastructure for bioinformatics, is coordinated by the National Research Council and currently includes 17 centres of excellence among which are research institutes, universities and technological institutions.

The infrastructure supports the exchange and development of skills, and the integration of publicly available and internationally recognised Italian bioinformatics resources within the European infrastructure.

ELIXIR-IIB, which aims to bring together all the Italian researchers working in the field of bioinformatics, is striving to assume a pivotal role for the national and international life science communities. This is reflected by the growing number of bioinformatics services, initiatives and projects supported or participated by ELIXIR-IIB, including H2020 grants, and the development of the ELIXIR-IIB Training Programme (<https://elixir-iib-training.github.io/website/>), which is building a thriving community who strongly believes that quality training in bioinformatics is essential to achieve excellence in life science research.

Topological Field Theory of Data: a new venue for Biomedical Big Data Analysis

Emanuela Merelli, University of Camerino, Italy

In her talk, she will challenge the current thinking in IT for the Big Data question, proposing a program aiming to construct an innovative methodology to perform data analytics that goes beyond the usual paradigms of data mining rooted in the notions of Complex Networks and Machine Learning. The method presented – at least as scheme – that returns an automaton as a recognizer of the data language, is, to all effects, a Field Theory of Data.

She will discuss, by using biomedical case studies, how to build, directly out of probing the data space, a theoretical framework enabling to extract the manifold hidden relations (patterns) that exist among data as correlations depending on the semantics generated by the mining context.

The program, that is grounded in the recent innovative ways of integrating data into a topological setting, proposes the realization of a Topological field theory of data, transferring and generalizing to the space of data notions inspired by physical (topological) field theories and harnesses the theory of formal languages to define the potential semantics necessary to understand the emerging patterns.

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