

PGC Worldwide Lab Call Details

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PRESENTER: Kevin Egan, PhD, Professor in the Department of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology, Harvard University.

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Stem Cell Program Mission Statement

- **Our Mission** is to utilize human stem cell biology and reprogramming technologies to create model systems that allow us to study and understand the function of genetic variants that underlie psychiatric conditions.

Outline

- A small human stem cell “genome project”.
- An automated approach to iPS cell generation.
- Generation and characterization of a prototype human pyramidal neuron.
- An Armamentarium for understanding the regulation of implicated genes.

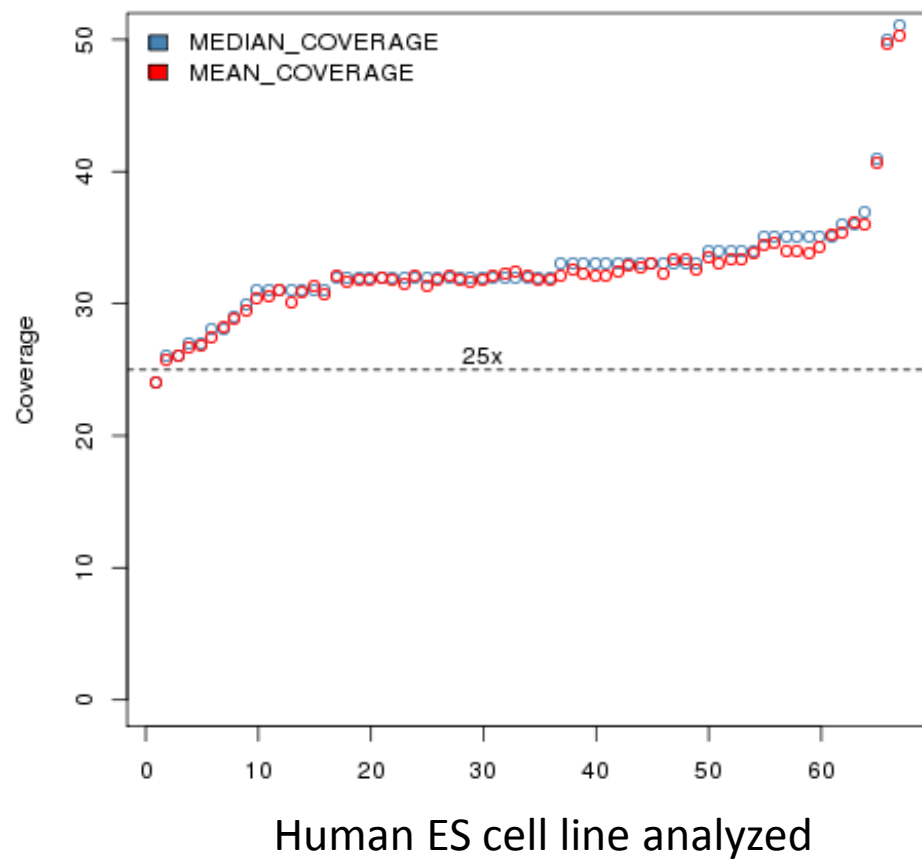
ESC Genome Project Goals

- What is the genetic make up of commonly used ES Cell lines?
- Given extensive cell culture, what is their mutational load?
- Catalog the haplotype structure of cell lines for study of regulatory variation.

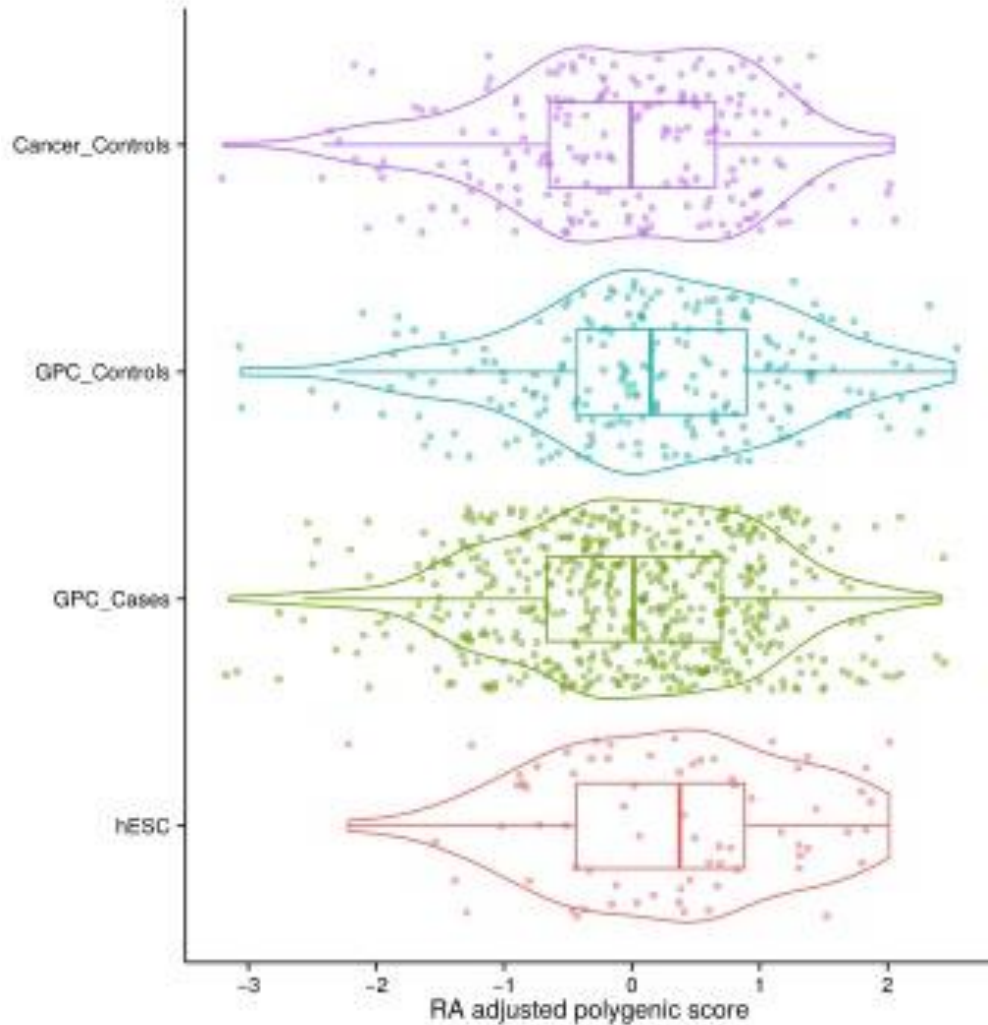
Cell Line Acquisition and Seq Plan

- Requested ~150 lines from the NIH registry.
- Successfully obtained and banked >100 lines.
- Goal: 30X WGS on Illumina X10 platform and deeper exome sequence for each line.

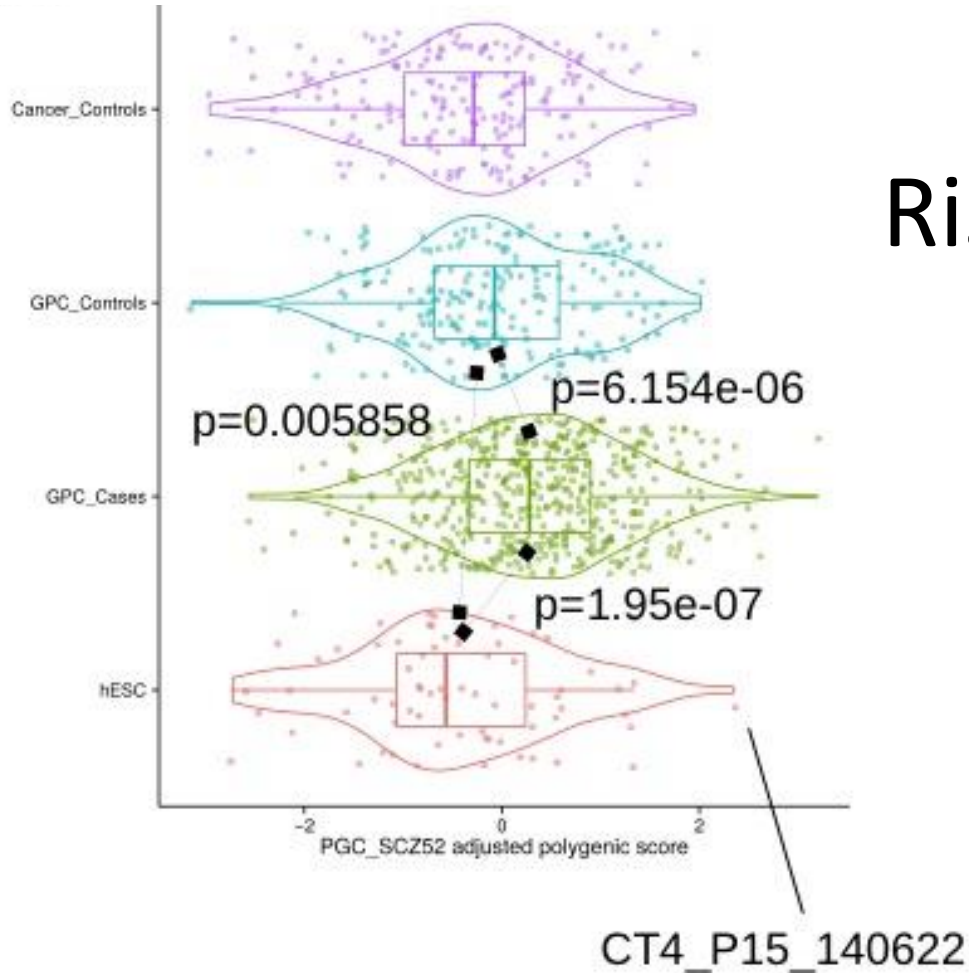
Mean & Median covergae



Polygenic Risk of Arthritis



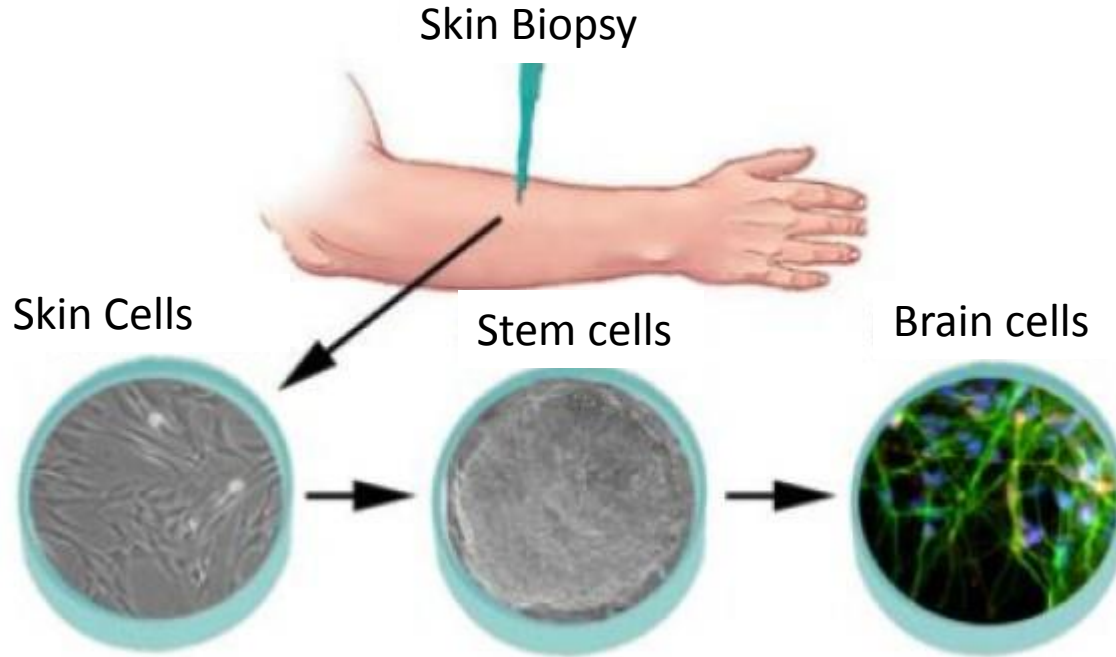
Polygenic Risk of Schizophrenia



Initial impressions from sequences

- Lines are surprisingly intact.
- Small number of shared CNVs, mostly known.
- On average, 1-2 private mutations per line.
- While lines are on average depleted of risk, many cell lines harbor risk variants of interest for study.
- Ongoing deposition in dbGaP for data sharing.

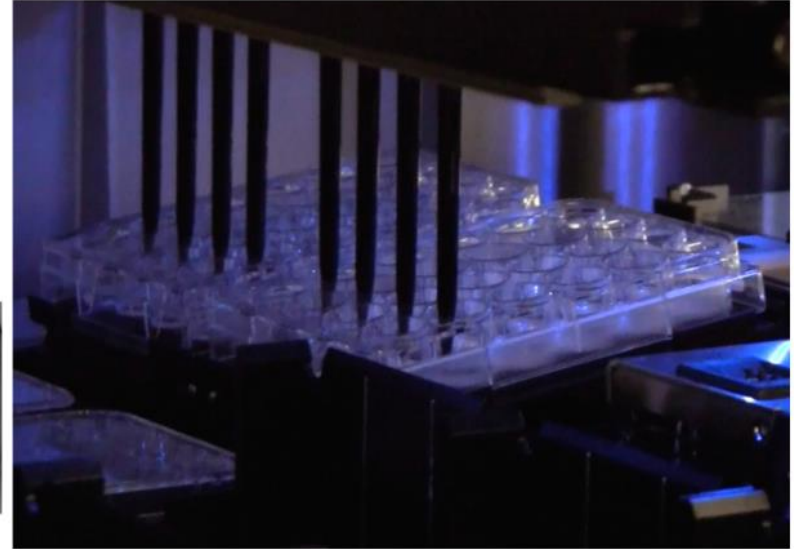
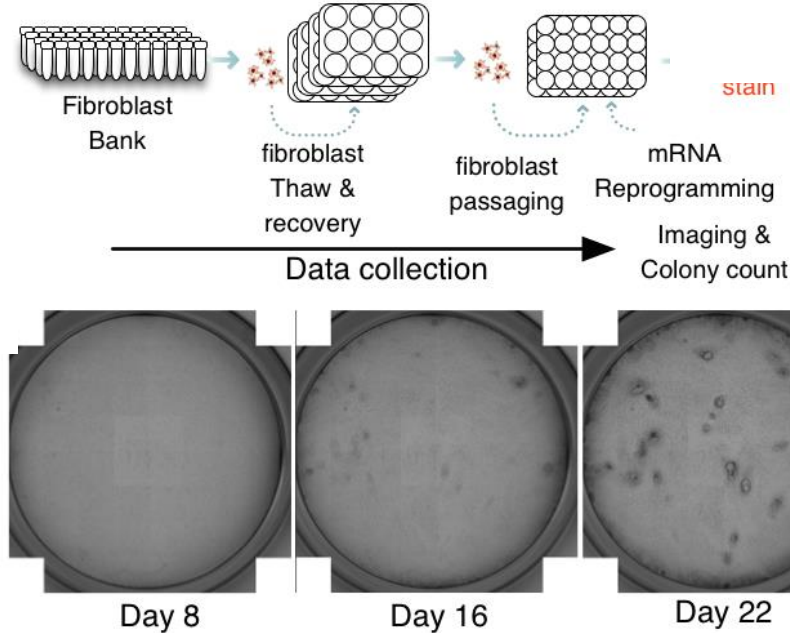
Reprogramming Breakthrough



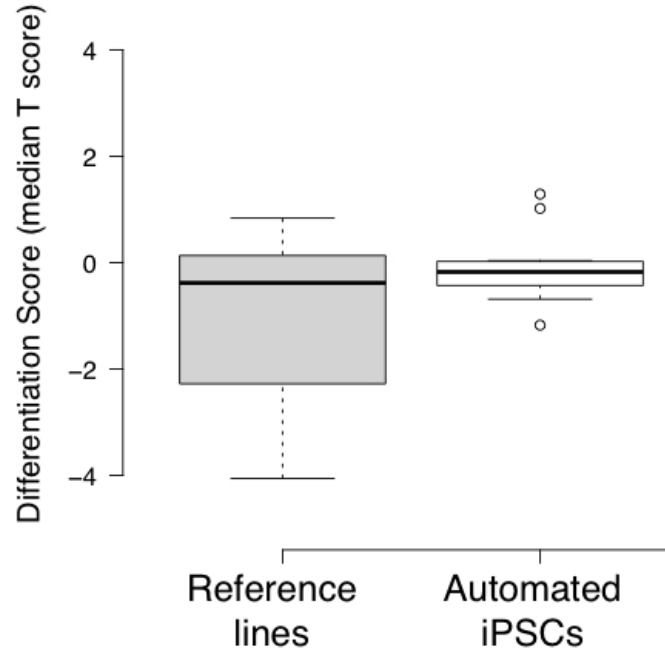
The Challenge: Artisanal Production



Robotic Production of iPS Cells



Automation Reduces Stem Cell Performance



A Growing Collection of Somatic Samples

<u>Diagnosis</u>	<u>Subjects Collected</u>
Bipolar Disorder:	101
Schizophrenia:	81
Schizoaffective Disorder:	43
Healthy Controls:	58

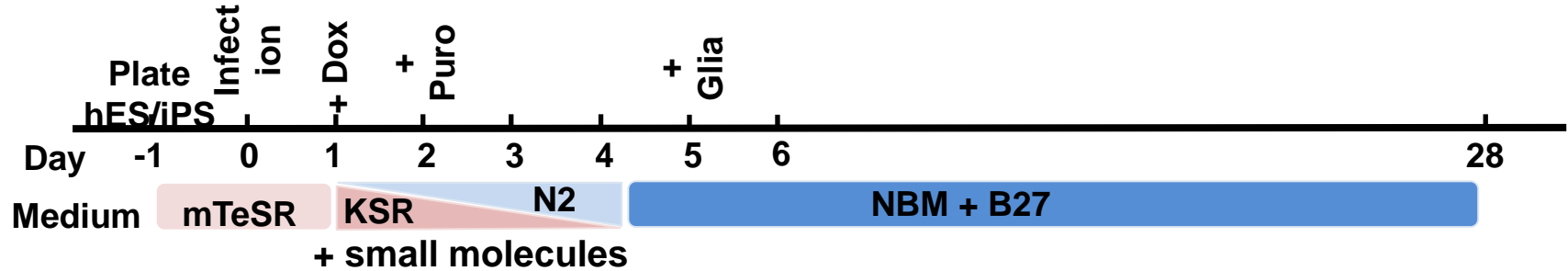
Reprogramming Progress Report

- 100 individuals to be reprogrammed in 2015.
- Initial focus on high/low levels of polygenic risk and calcium channel genotypes.
- Group conversation ongoing concerning which Swedish high-risk individuals to collect/study.
- Intent to distribute these iPS cells broadly.

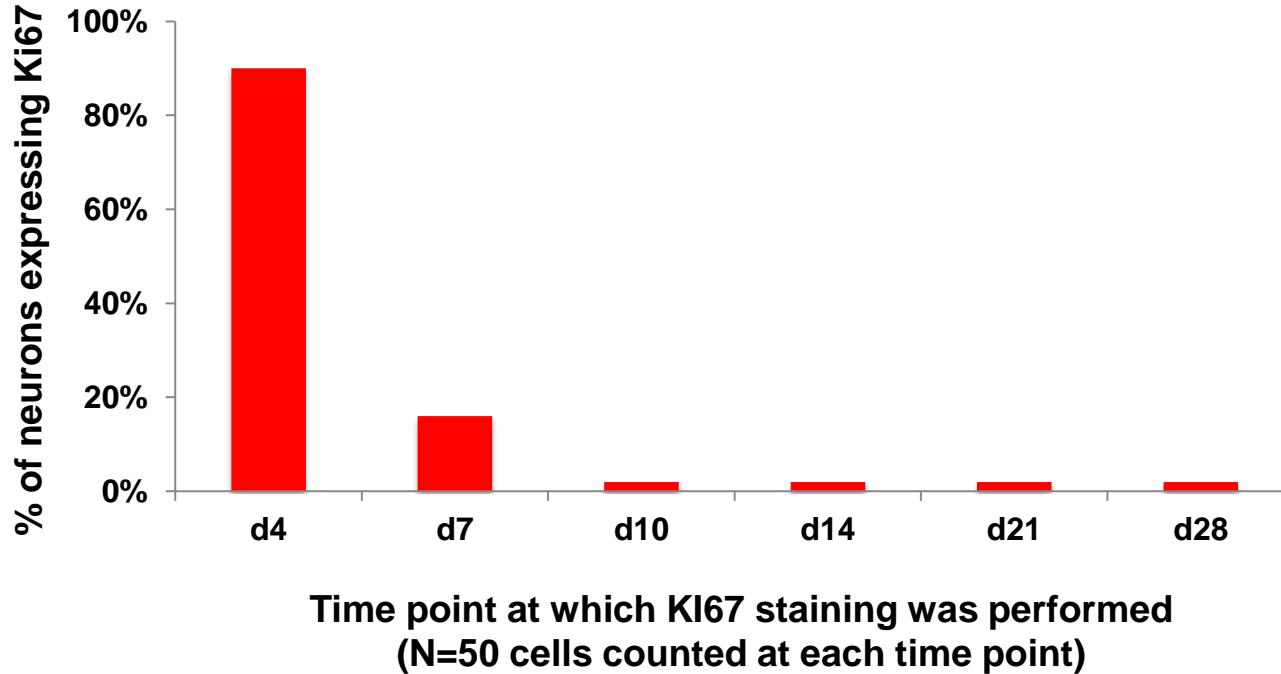
A prototype pyramidal neuron

- Sudhof and Wernig labs reported that forced expression of *NGN2* drives neuronal specification of human pluripotent stem cells (Zhang *et al* 2013).
- What are the reproducible qualities of these neurons?
- Can we use these as a stable baseline for evaluation of variants implicated in psychiatric disease?

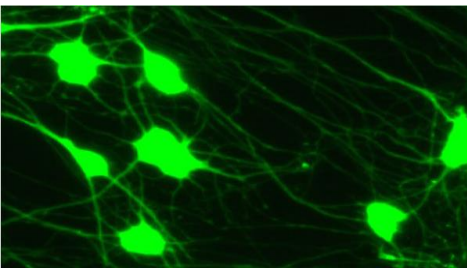
The NGN2 rapid differentiation protocol



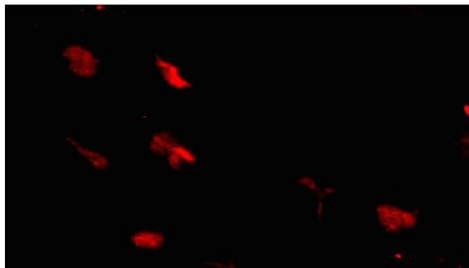
Ngn2 neurons exit cell cycle by day 10



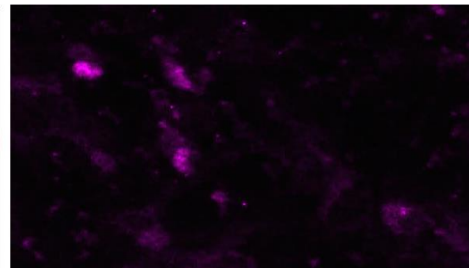
Ngn2-derived neurons express markers of superficial cortical layers



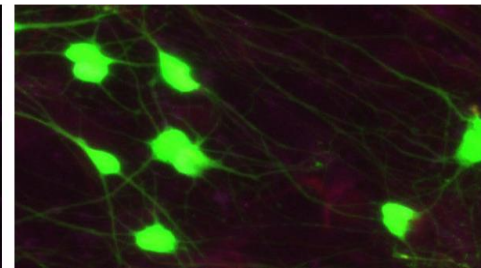
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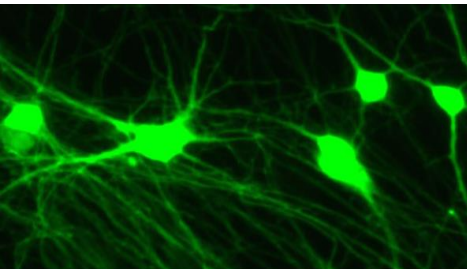
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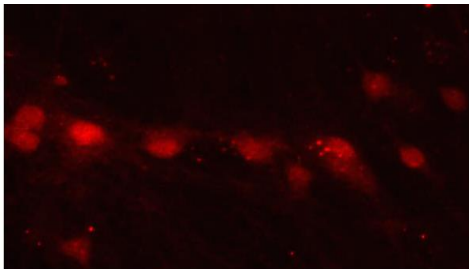
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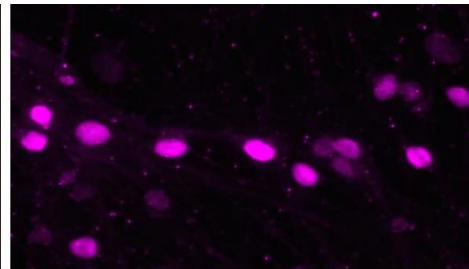
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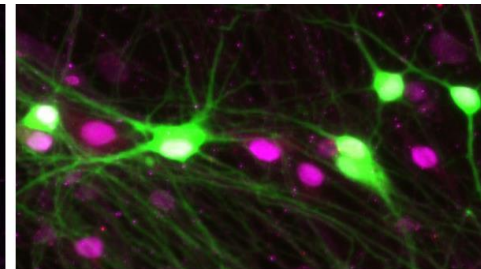
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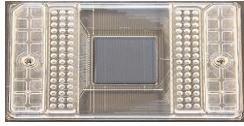


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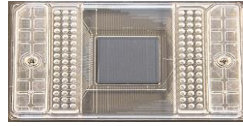
Analysis of gene expression in single cells using the Fluidigm Biomark



CHIP 1

Cell Identity

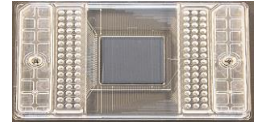
- ✓ Pluripotency
- ✓ Neural Crest
- ✓ Forebrain progenitors
- ✓ Other neuronal progenitors
- ✓ Astro-Glial markers
- ✓ Pan Neuronal
- ✓ Cortical Projection Neurons
- ✓ Corticospinal/Corticofugal PN



CHIP 2

Neuronal Maturity

- ✓ Forebrain progenitors
- ✓ Astro-Glial markers
- ✓ Pan Neuronal
- ✓ Cortical Projection Neurons
- ✓ Corticospinal/Corticofugal PN
- ✓ Interneuron
- ✓ Migratory
- ✓ Synaptic/Neurochemical



CHIP 3

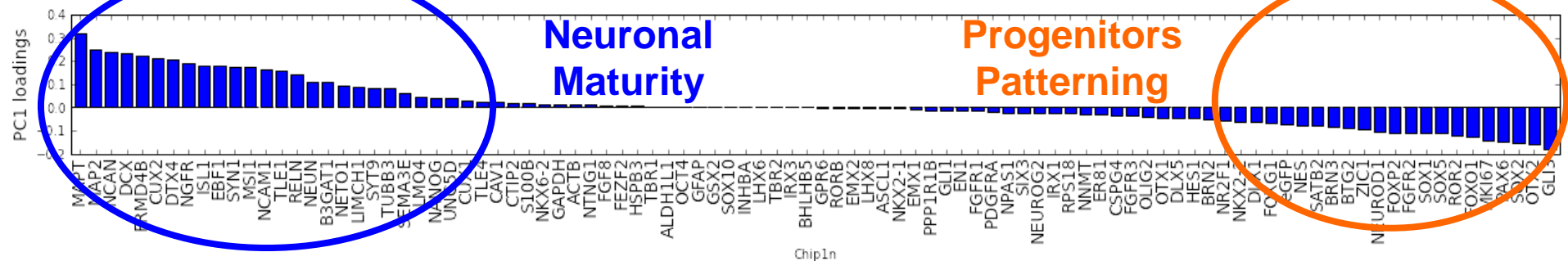
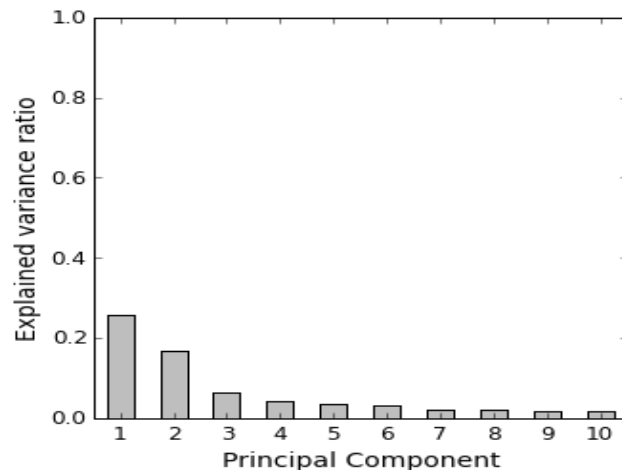
Emerging GWAS genes

- ✓ “Single” gene haplotypes
- ✓ “Two” gene haplotypes
- ✓ “Autism” genes
- ✓ Controls

Cells show a strong transcriptional signal of maturation over time in culture (chip 1)

Number of cells assayed

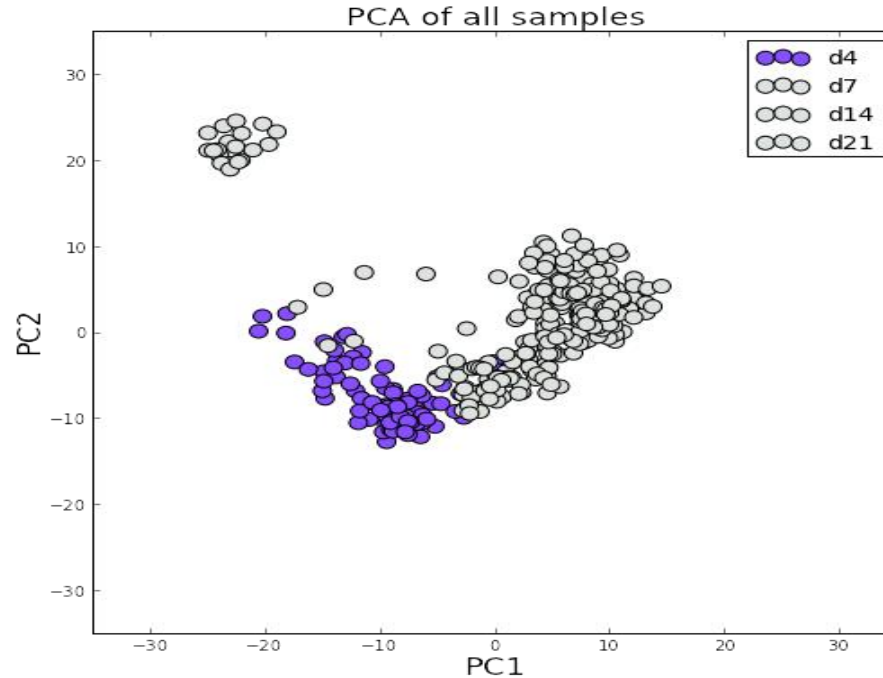
Novartis d4	90
Novartis d7	88
Novartis d14	84
Novartis d21	89



PCA analysis of NGN2 cells over 21 days of culture

d4 cells:

Express progenitor markers (including Ki67), some neuronal markers, some CPN markers (such as Brn2 and Satb2).

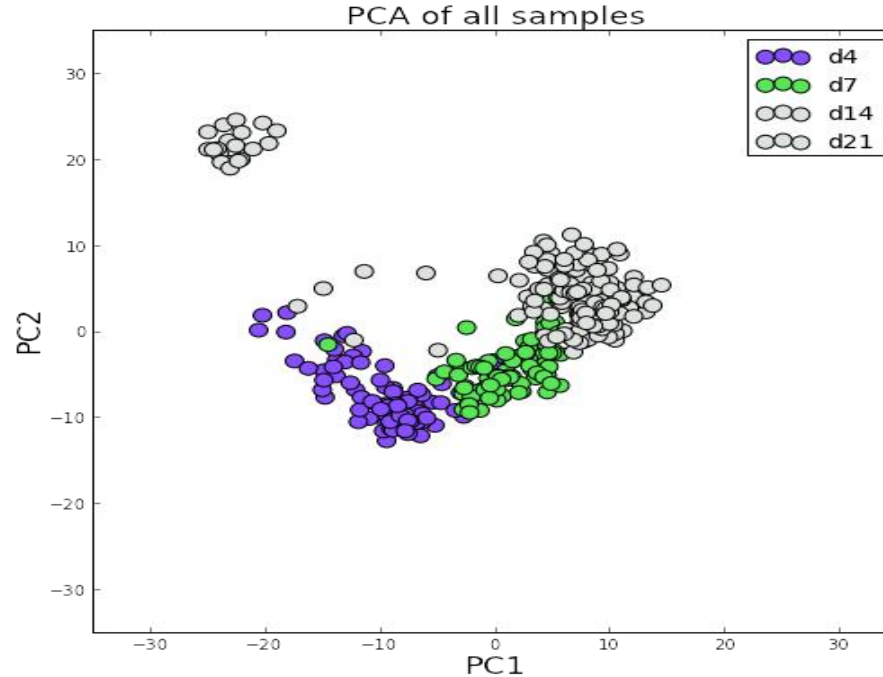


Less mature

More
mature

PCA analysis of NGN2 cells over 21 days of culture

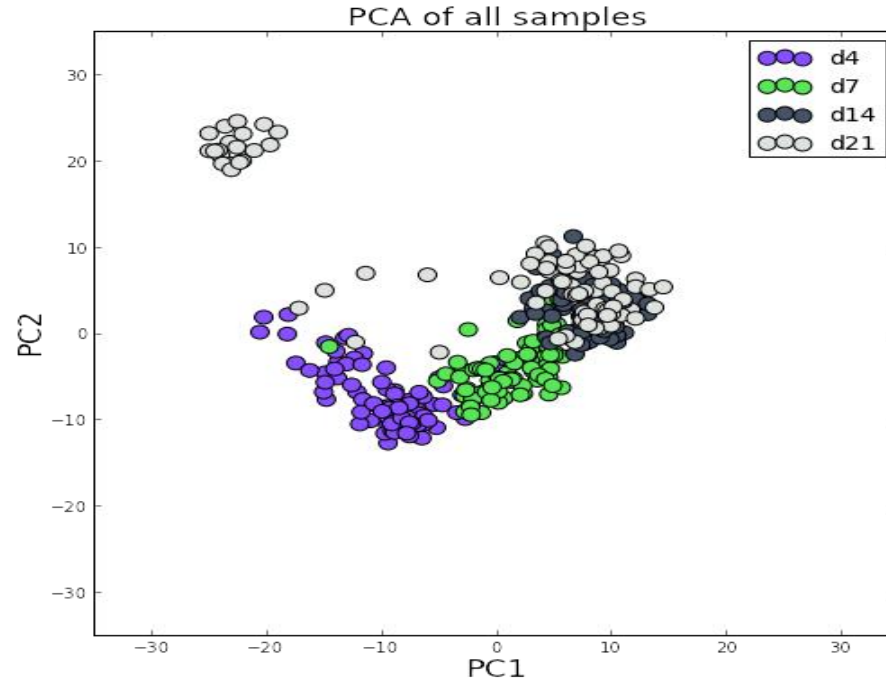
d7 cells:
cells become more
neuronal



Less
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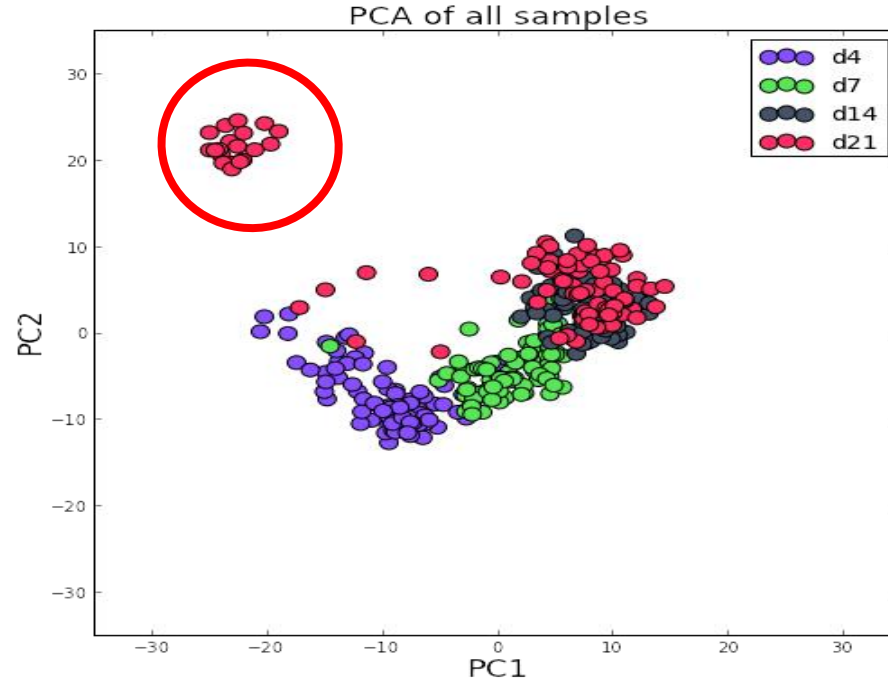


d14: even more neuronal. Cells express CPN, and some deep layer markers

Less
mature

More
mature

PCA analysis of NGN2 cells over 21 days of culture



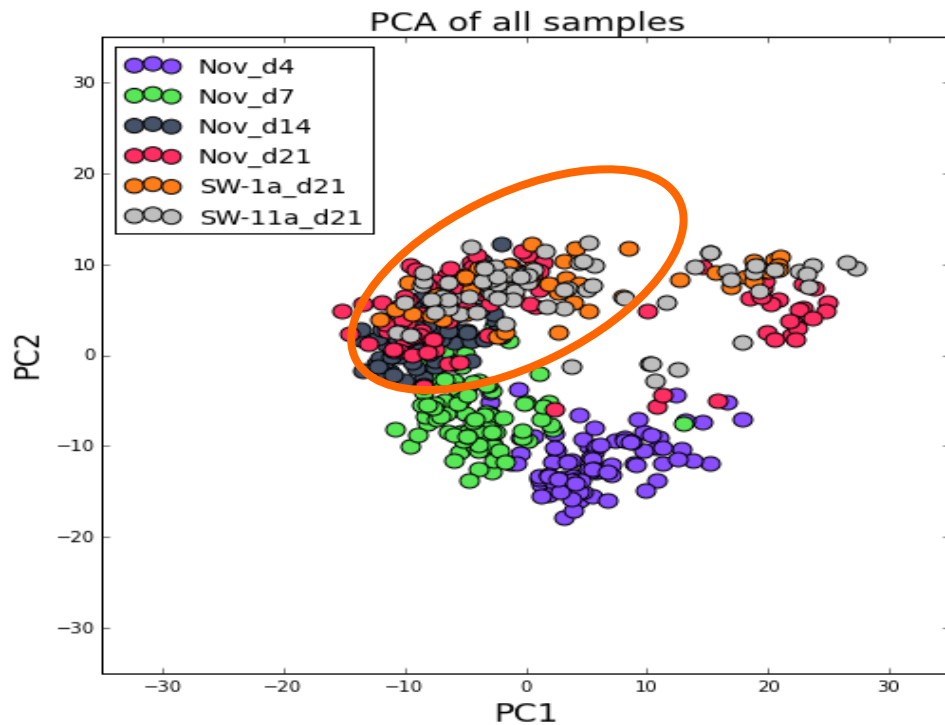
d21: most cells are neuronal

However, a progenitor population appears (20% of cells)

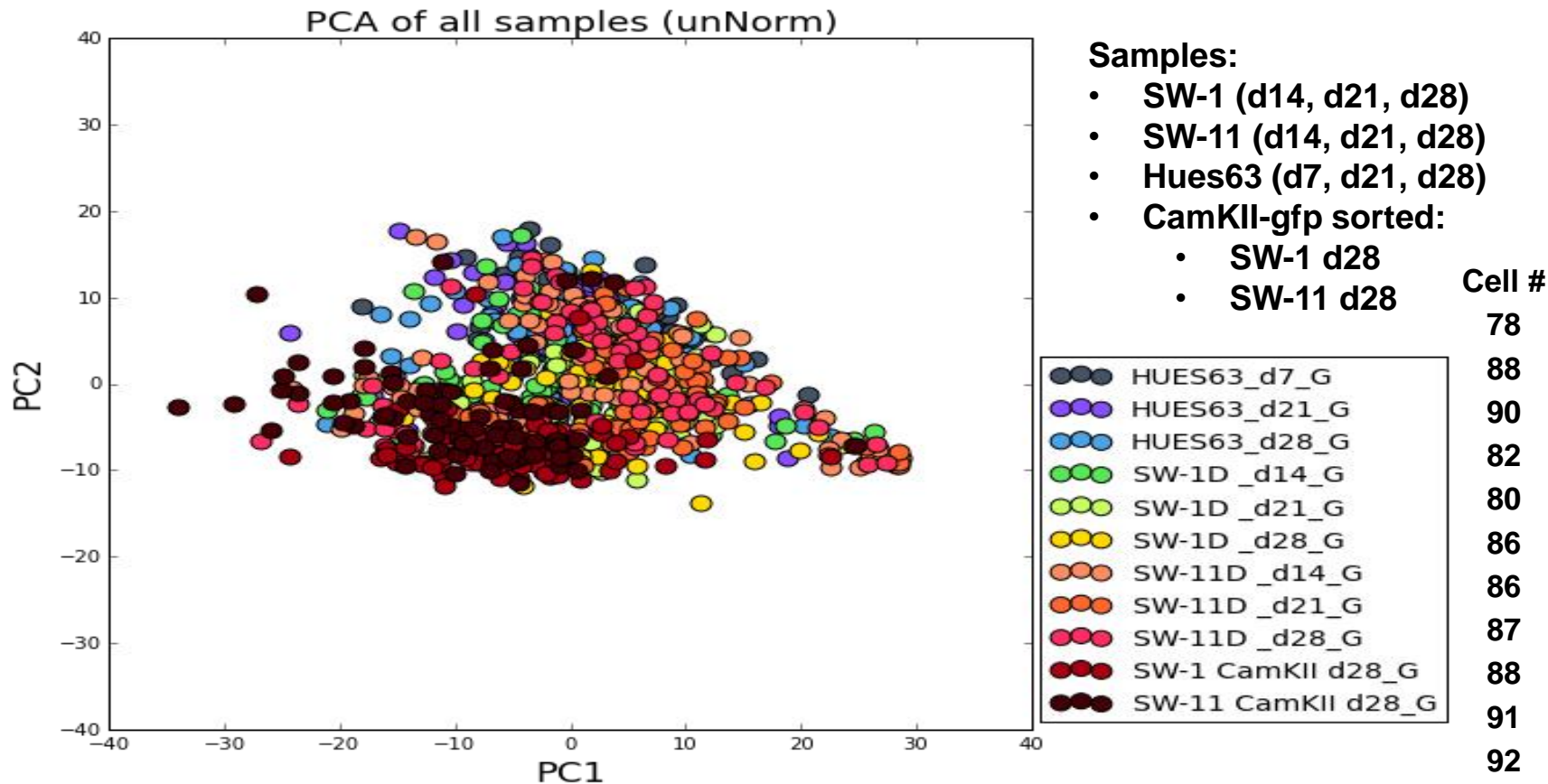
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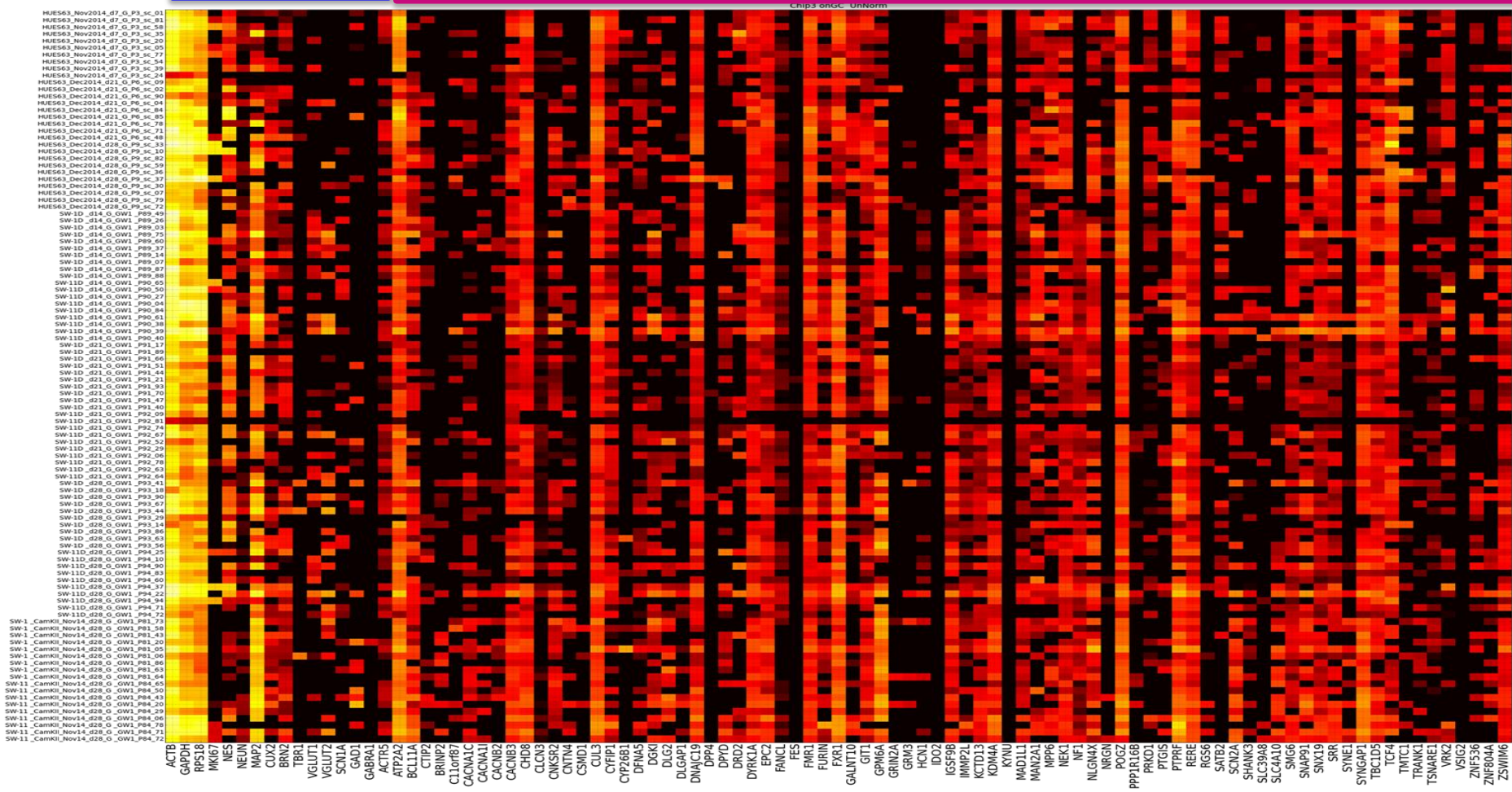
Reproducible gene expression across line, site



Chip3 (SCZ GWAS) comparisons



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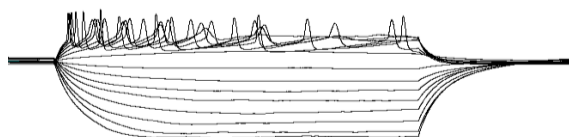


Whole-cell patch clamp of the Ngn2 neurons

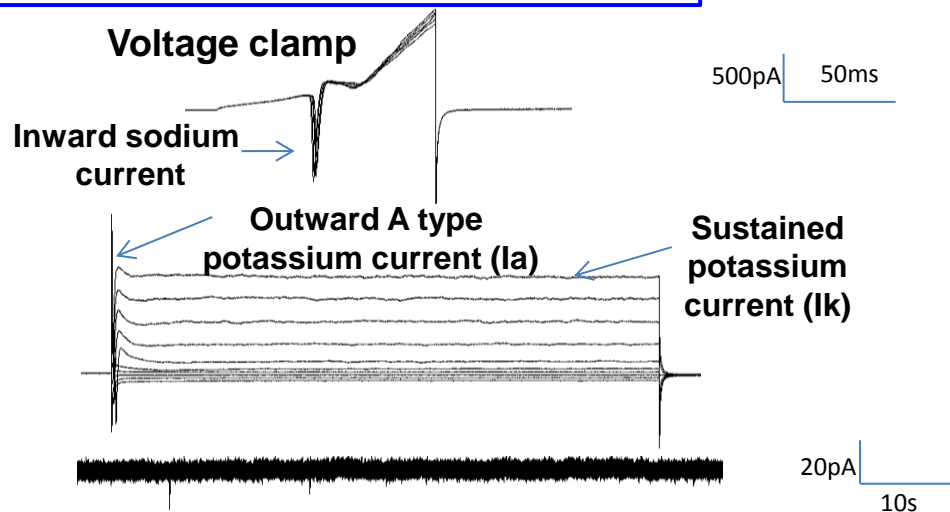


d14: Repetitive action potential firing and sodium currents

d14 SW7388-1



Current clamp



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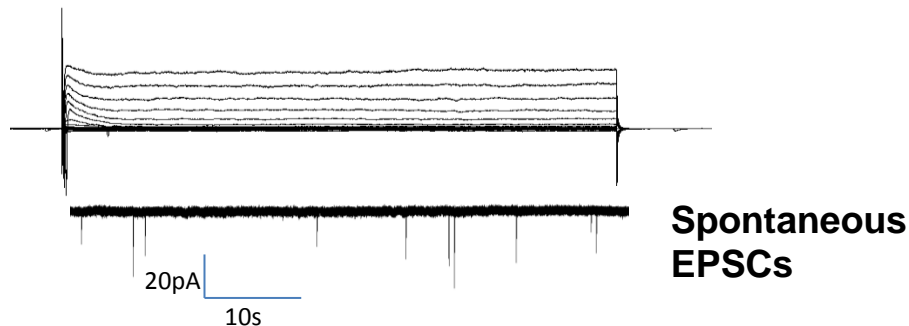
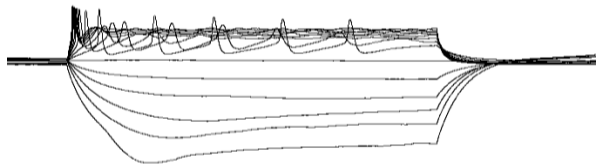
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Cells appear to be mature at **d28** and **d35**

- “Large” synaptic transmission events

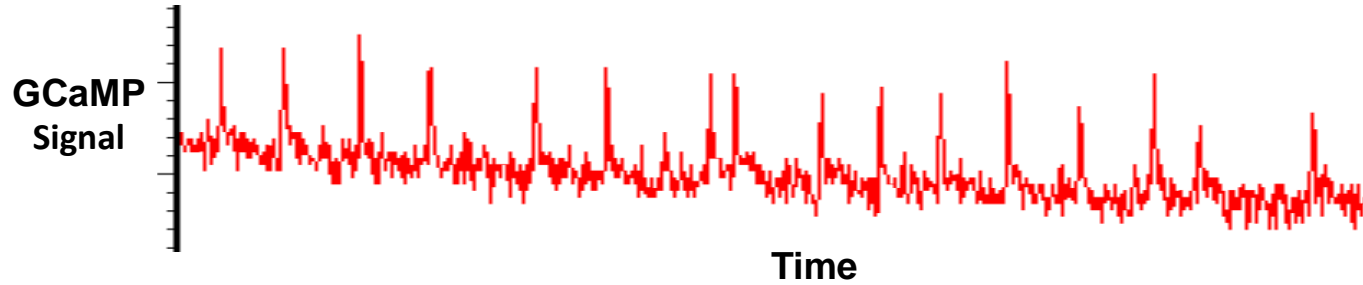
d28 SW7388-1



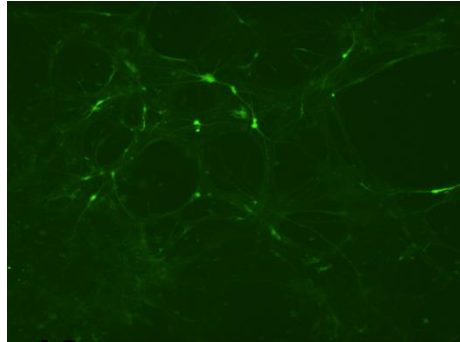
Monitoring activity in electrode array



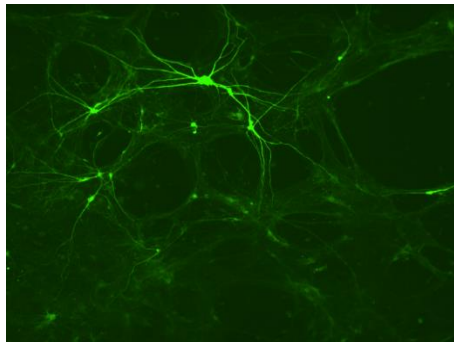
GCaMP6 reporter shows NGN2 neurons fire synchronously



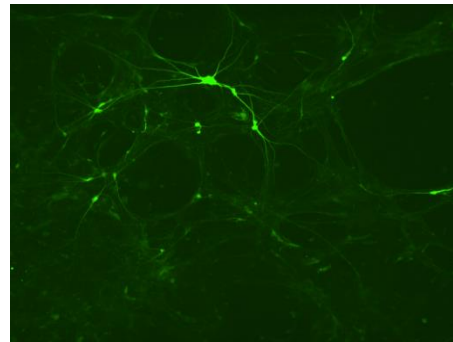
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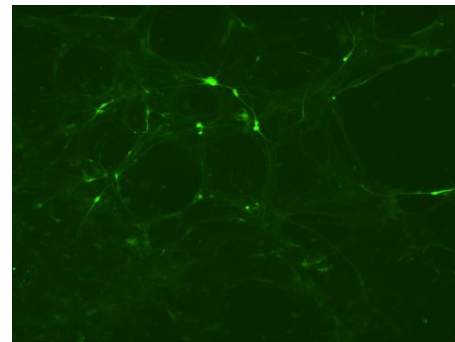
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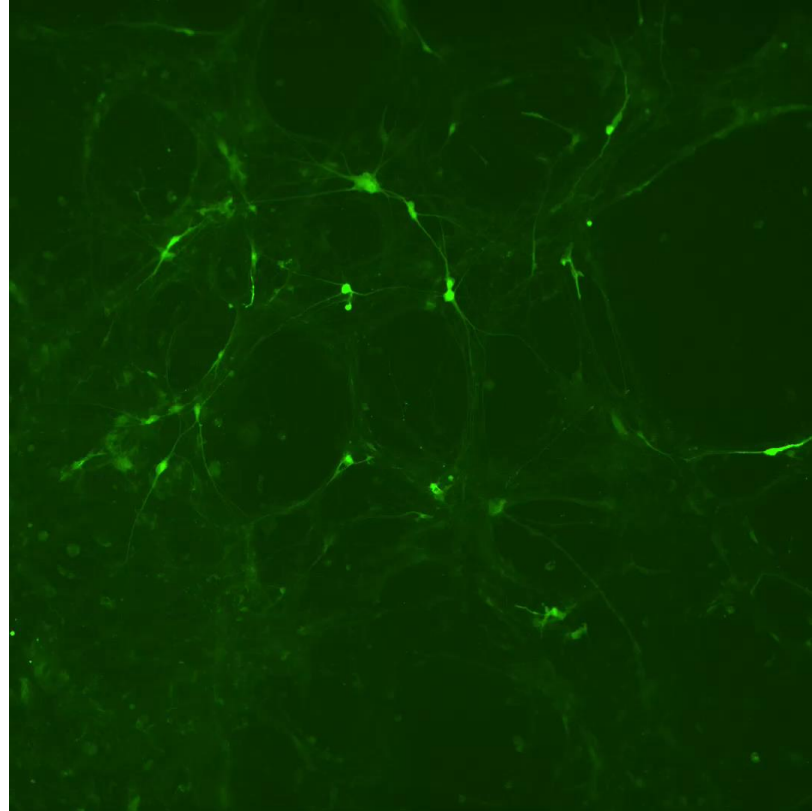


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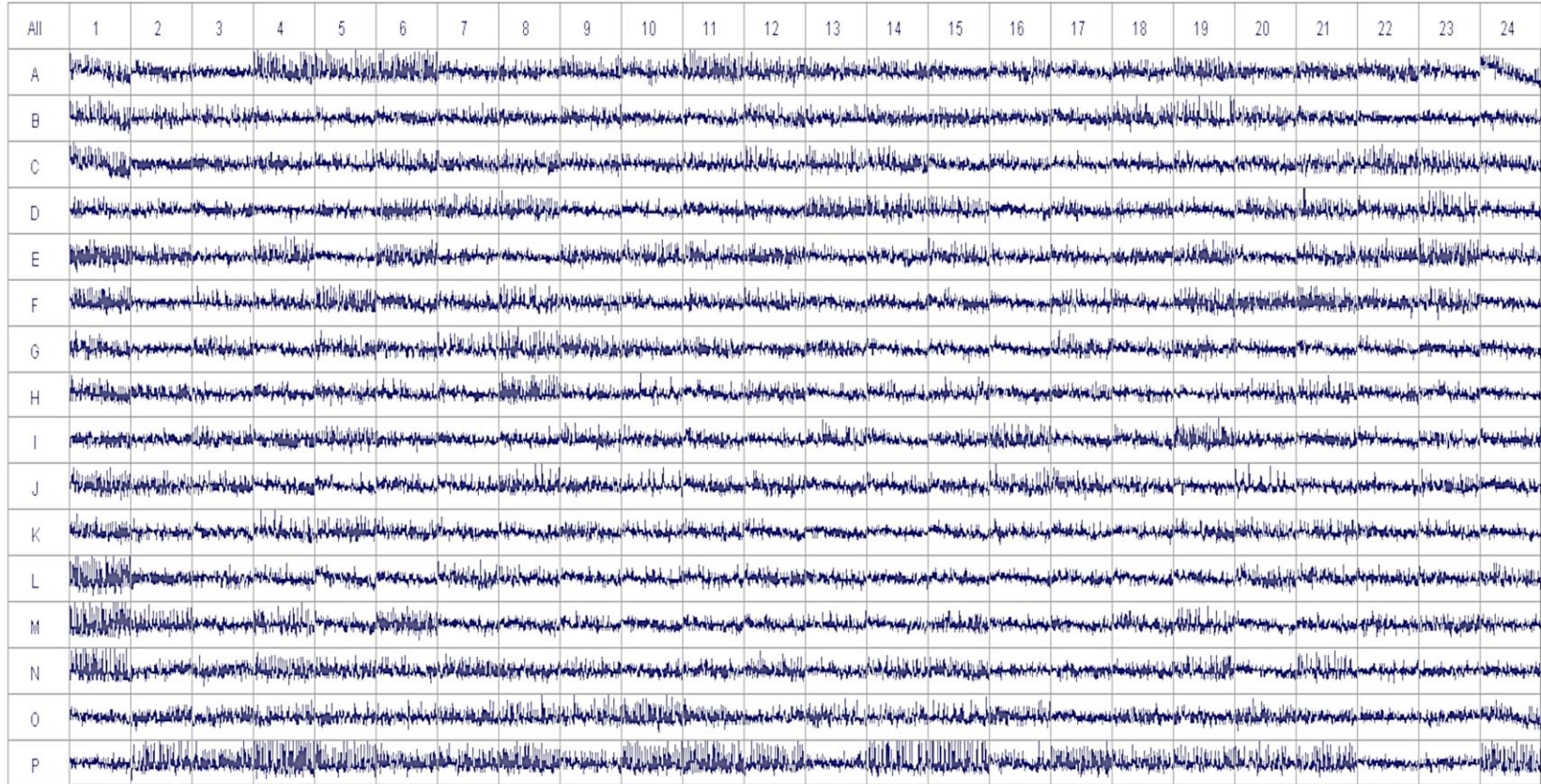


10x

GCaMP6 reporter shows NGN2 neurons fire synchronously

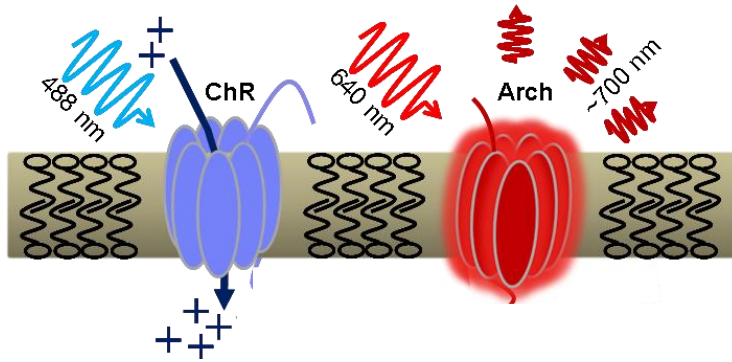


“Bursting” of NGN2 neurons in 384 plate format

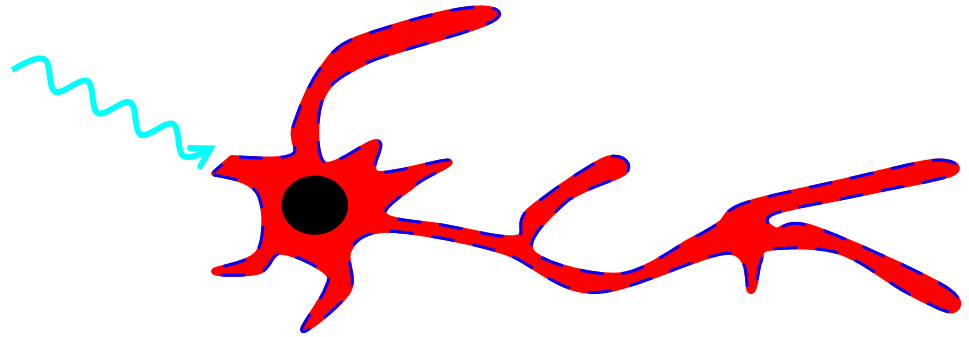


Probing Activity with Light

Co-express **Actuator** and **Voltage indicator**



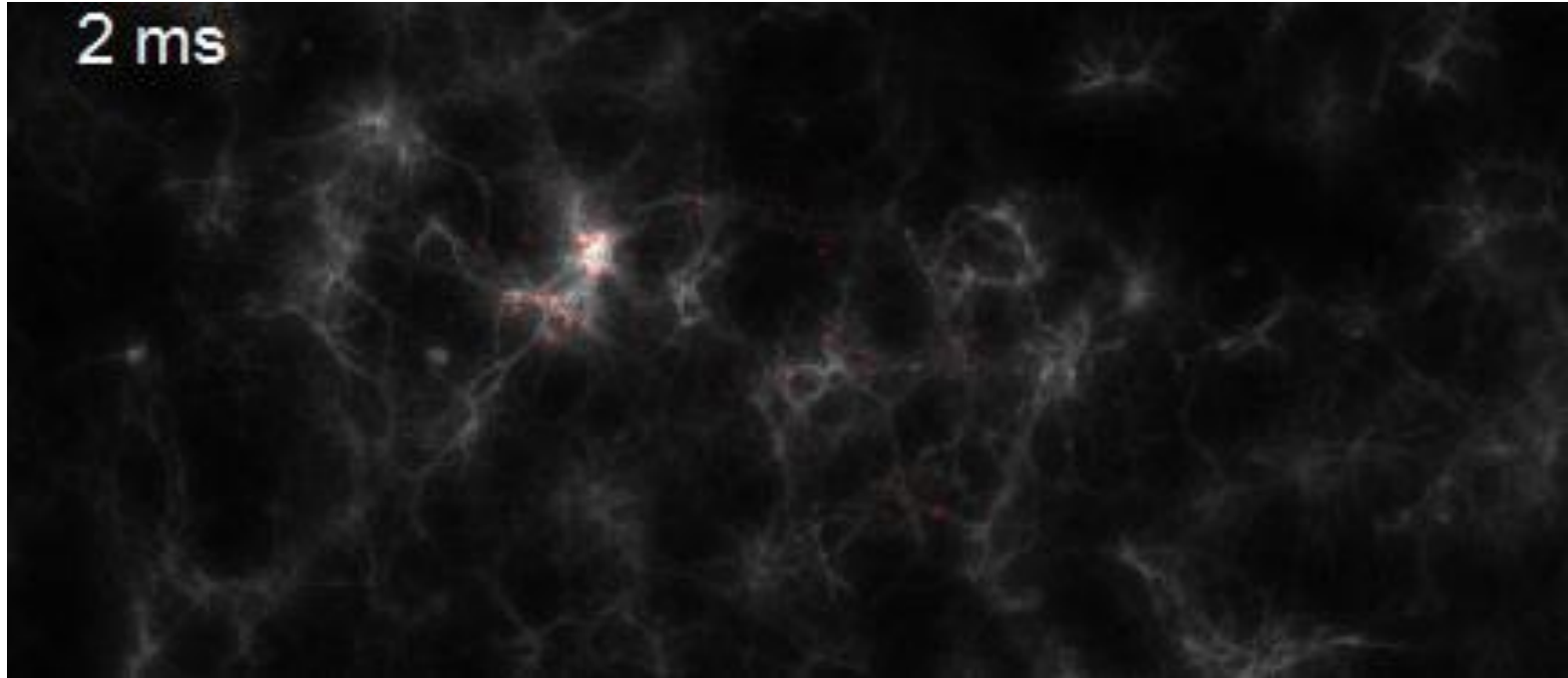
Blue light triggers neural activity.



Red light probes the response.

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Visualizing Neuronal Activity

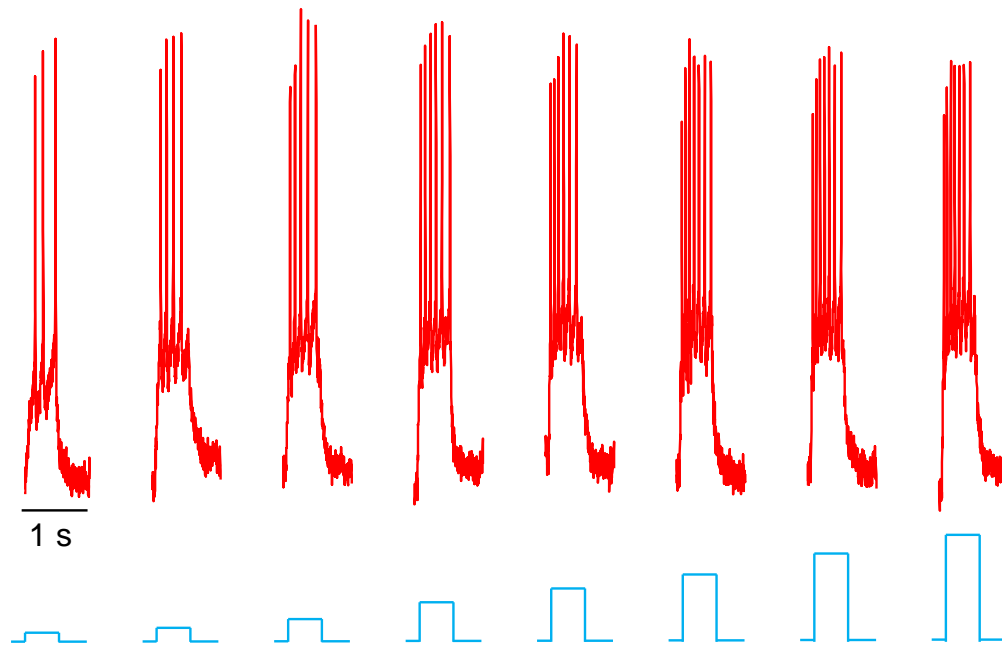


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NGN2 neurons can be optically stimulated and recorded from

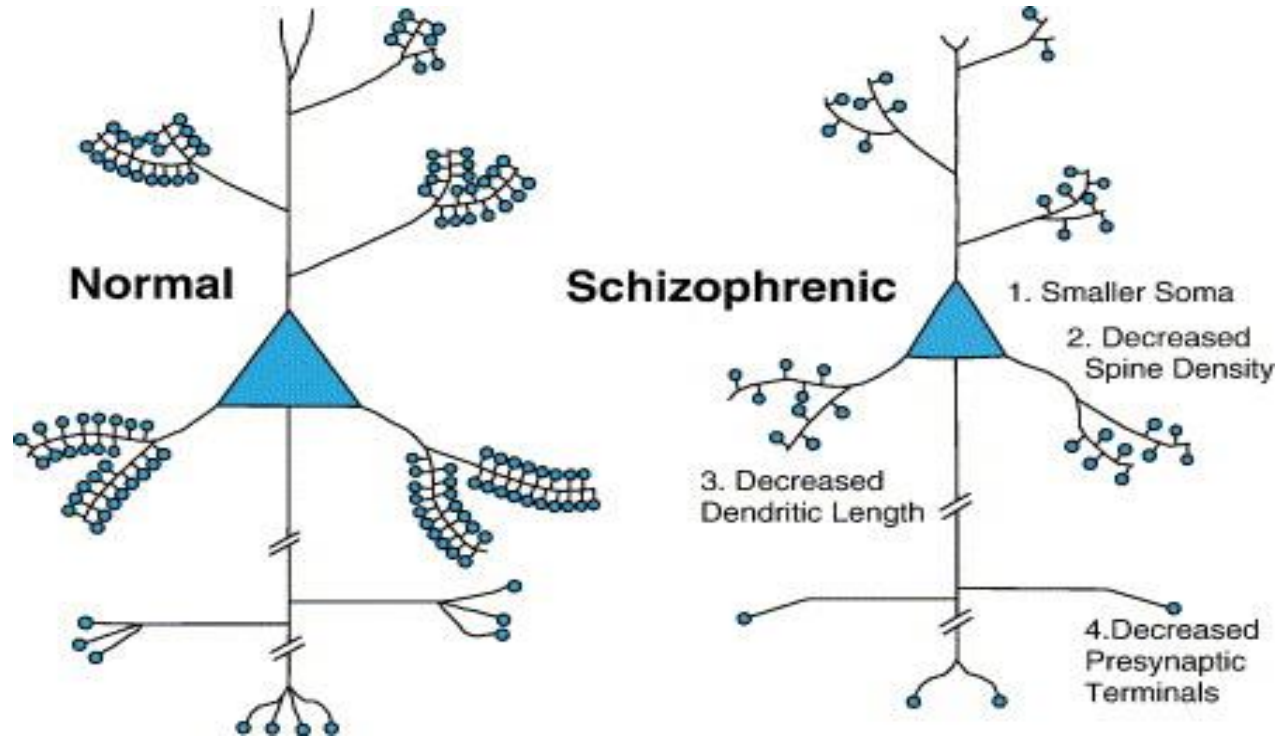
Optical
response:

Blue light
Stimulation:



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The Challenge: Modeling Patients



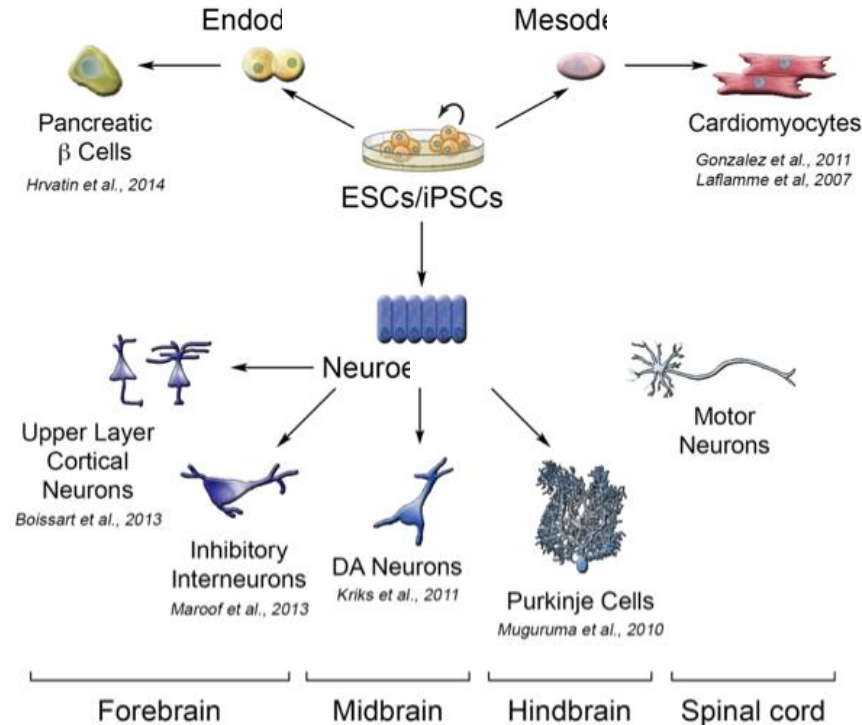
NGN2 Progress Report

- Show promising functionality, reproducibility.
- Good substrate for studying emerging genes.
- Goal: move from characterization to making rugged assays for interrogating gene function.
- Carry out similarly extensive characterization of “interneuron” preparations in 2015.

Hotter Colder/Up Down

- Determine whether given cell types are particularly burdened by expression of emerging genes.
- Determine the magnitude and sign of effects of regulatory variants across cell types and states of maturation.

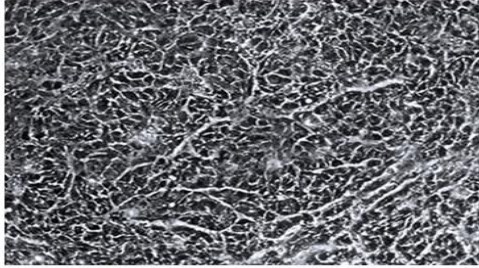
A Menagerie of Human Cell Types



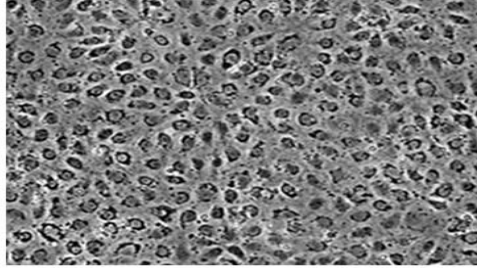
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Quantified outcomes

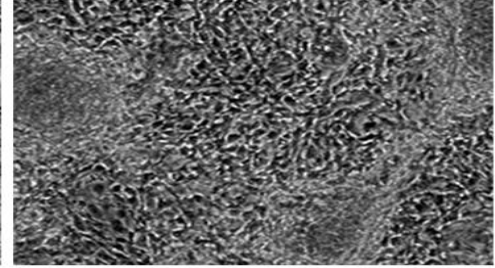
Pancreatic Endoderm



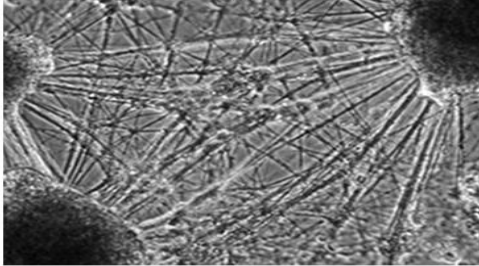
Hematopoietic Cells



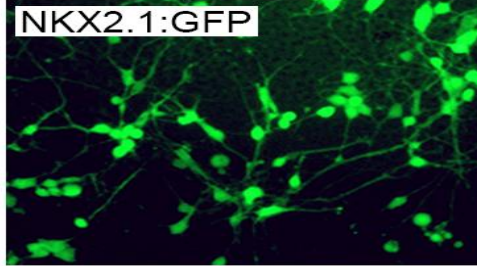
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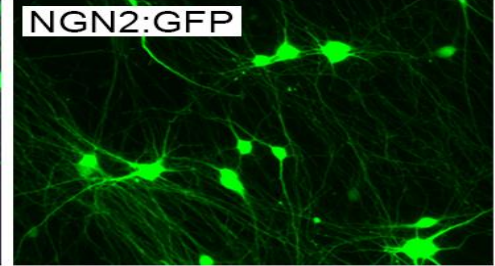
Dopaminergic Neurons



Inhibitory Interneurons

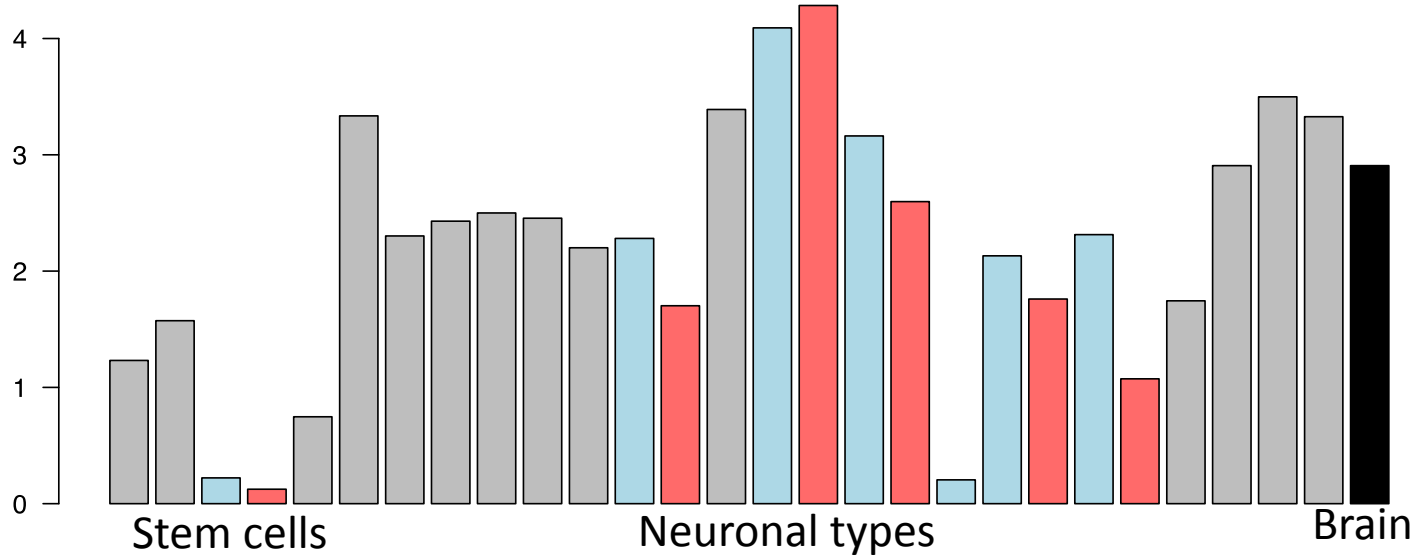


Excitatory Neurons



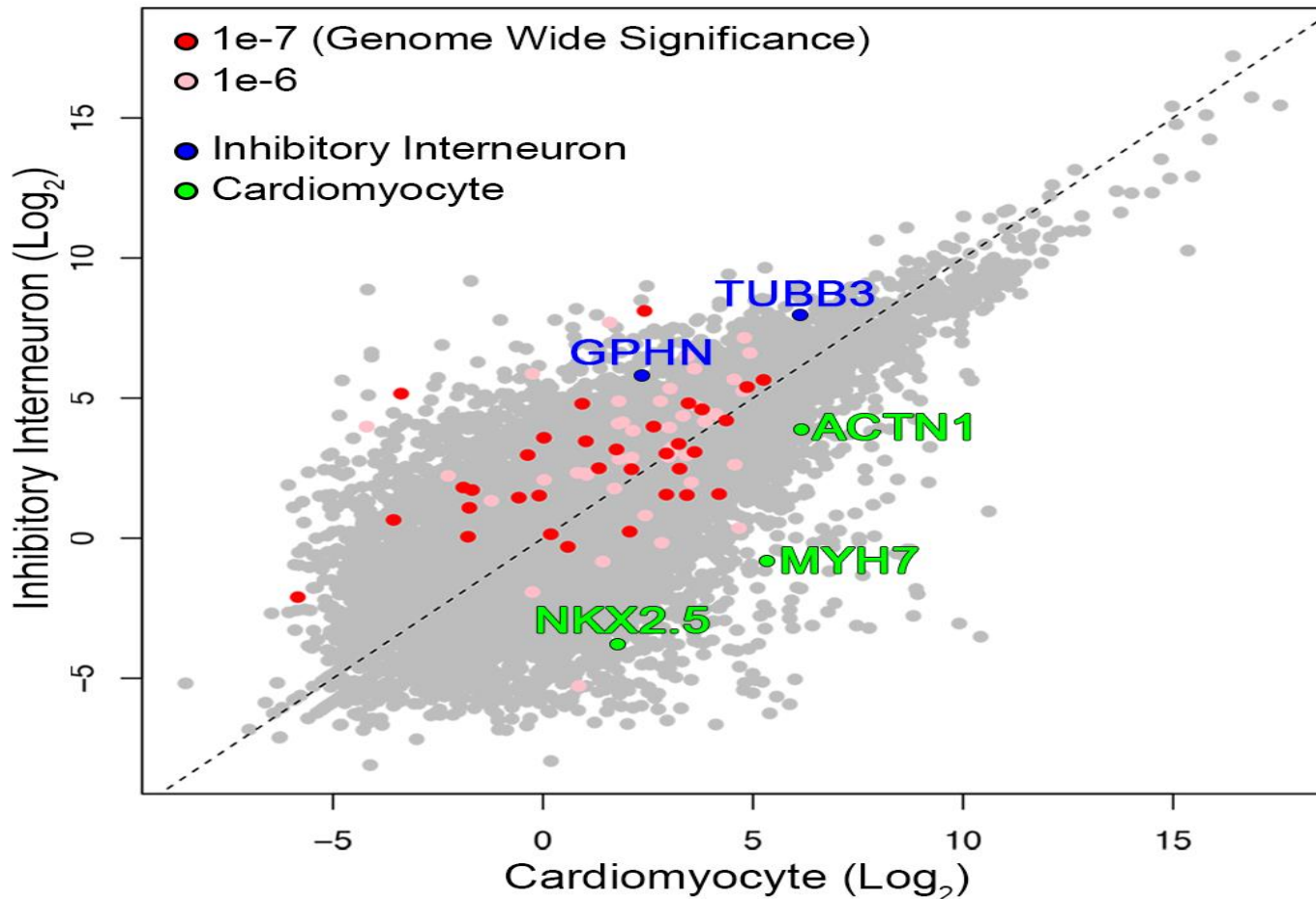
-RT-PCR, immunostaining quantification for key differentiation indicators

Mapping a Calcium Channel:

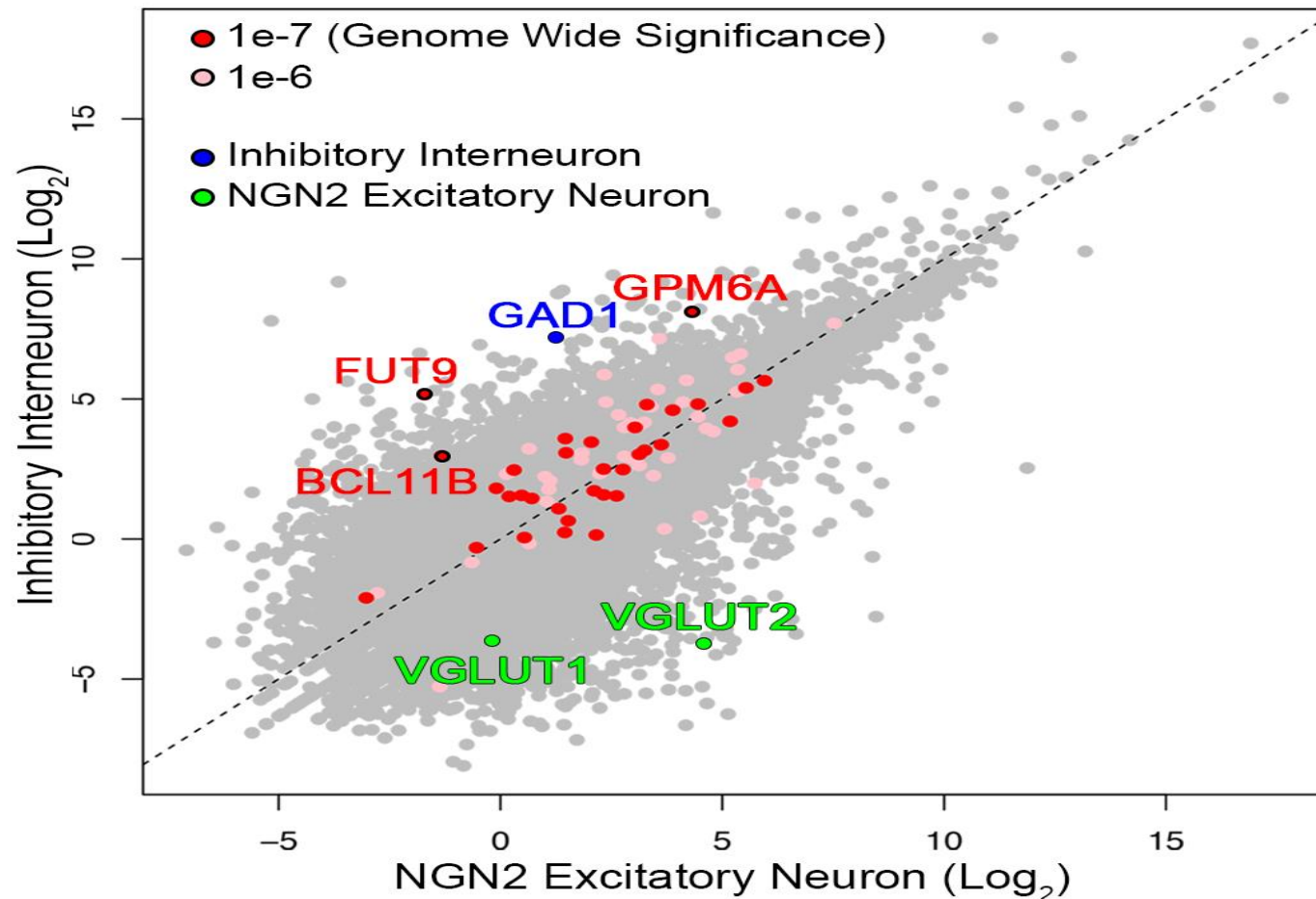


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Inhibitory Interneuron vs. Cardiomyocyte



Inhibitory Interneuron vs. NGN2 Neuron



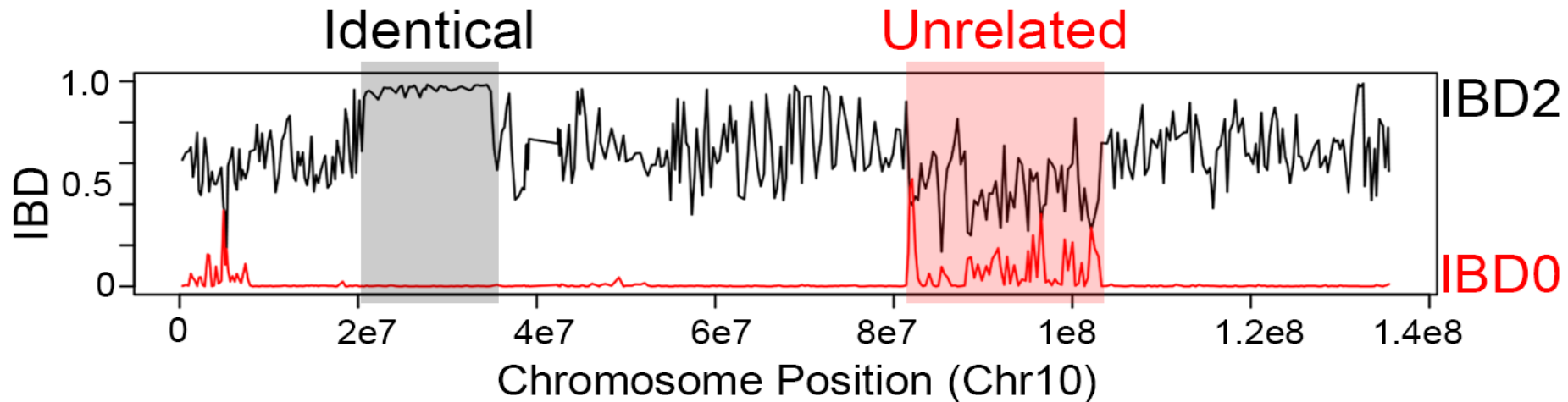
Initial focus on 5 cell lines

HUES62 } Sibling
HUES63 } Trio
HUES64 }

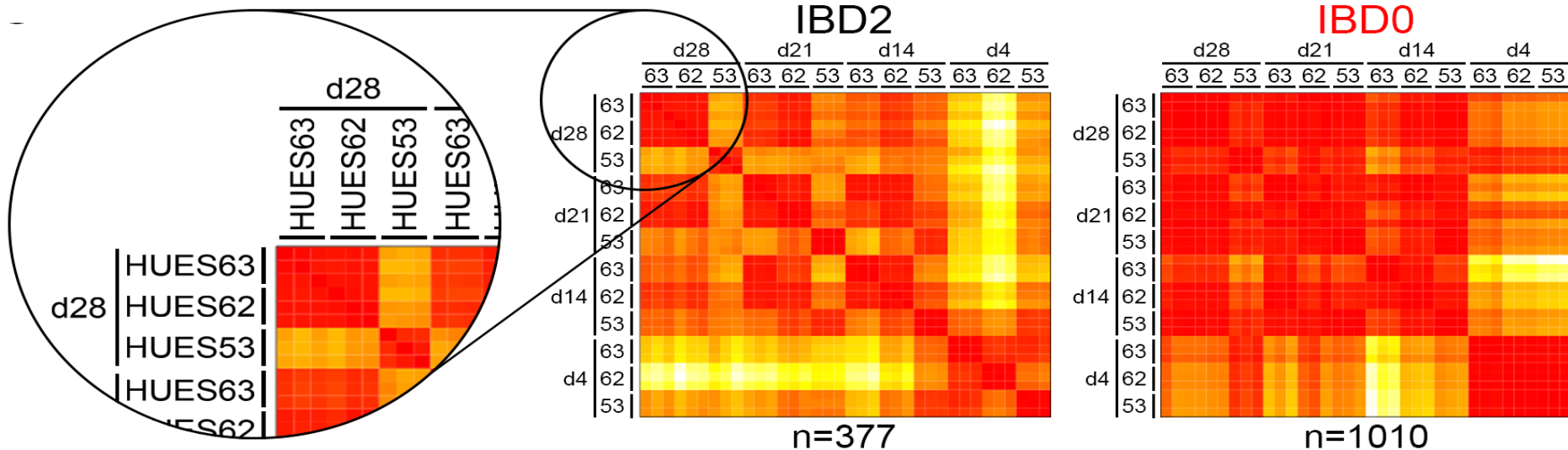
HUES53

HES3-NKX2.1:GFP

IBD: HUES62 and HUES64

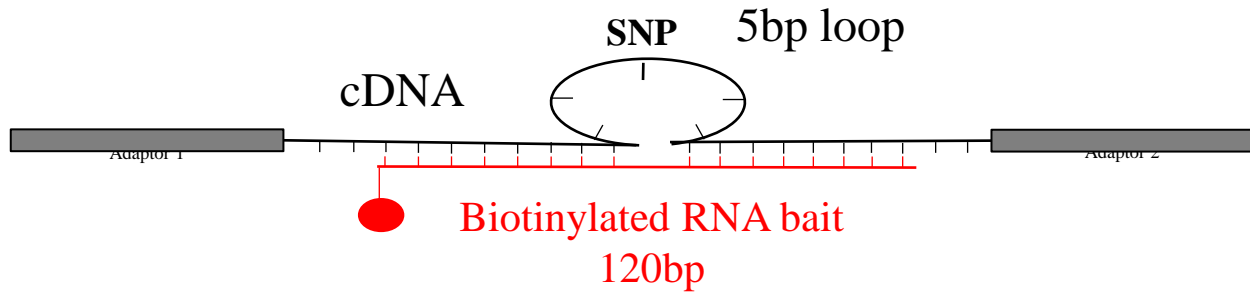


Transcription More Correlated in Regions of Identity



Further directions

- Look at allelic skew to detect regulatory effects more sensitively with HetSeq enrichment



- Establish Direction of skew
- *in silico* phasing of sibling genome sequences
- *in vitro* phasing via single-haplotype limiting dilution in droplets (collaboration with X10)

Hotter Colder/Up Down Progress

- >400 RNA and het seq libraries in process.
- Initial focus has been on population seq to understand sample quality and composition.
- Het seq initiated.
- Need environment to share emerging data.

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