

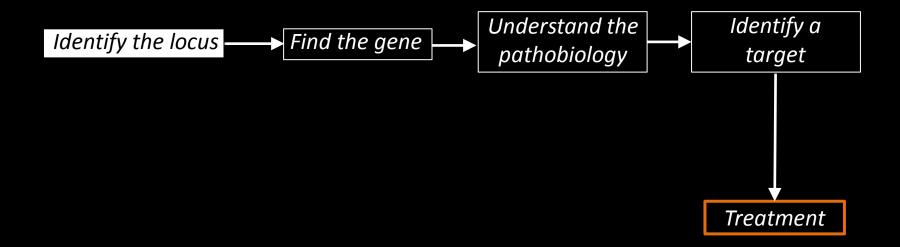
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## Our Priority — Diseases of Aging

- Alzheimer's disease
  - 5 million in the US currently affected (\$203 billion)
  - 15 million by 2050 (\$1.2 trillion)
- Parkinson's disease
  - 1 million in the US currently affected (\$25 billion)
  - 4 million by 2050 (~\$150 billion)
- Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
  - 30,000 in the US currently affected (\$300 million)



### Our Path

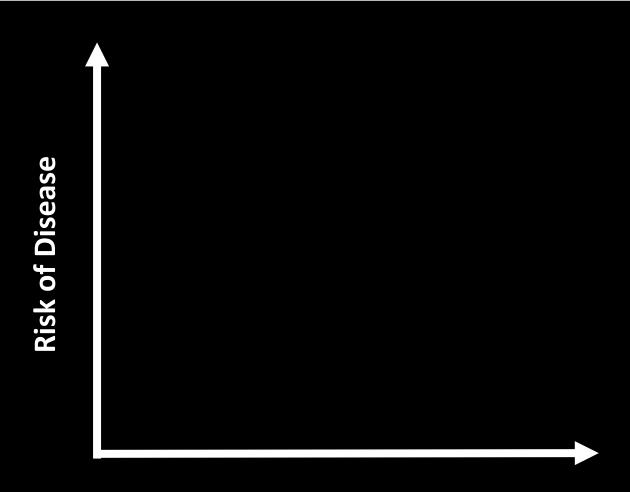


### Our Partners



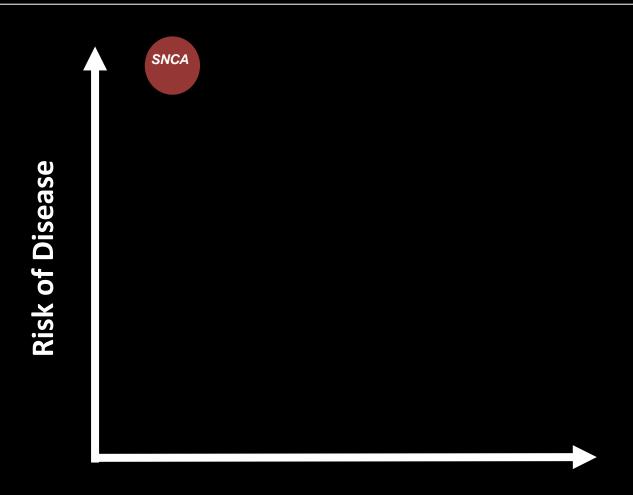


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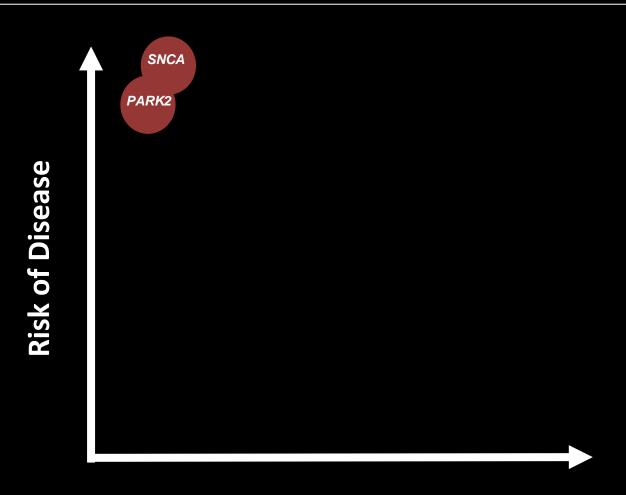




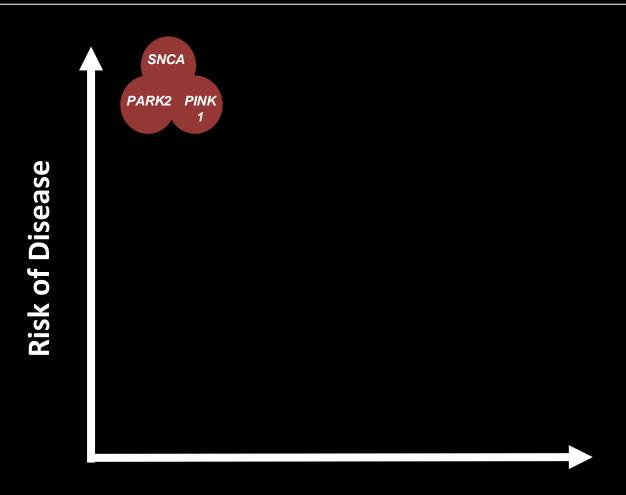
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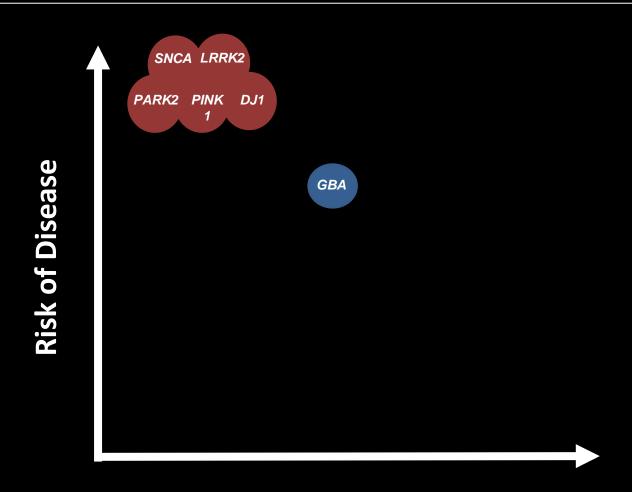




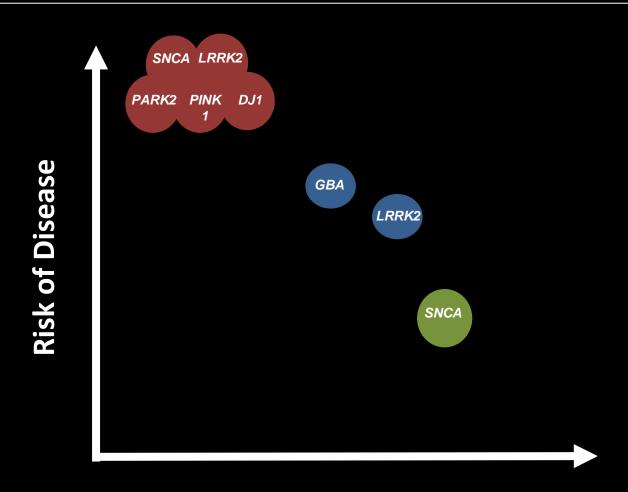




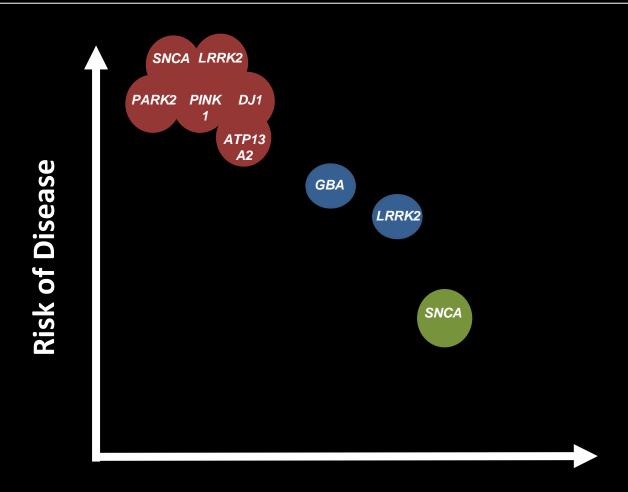




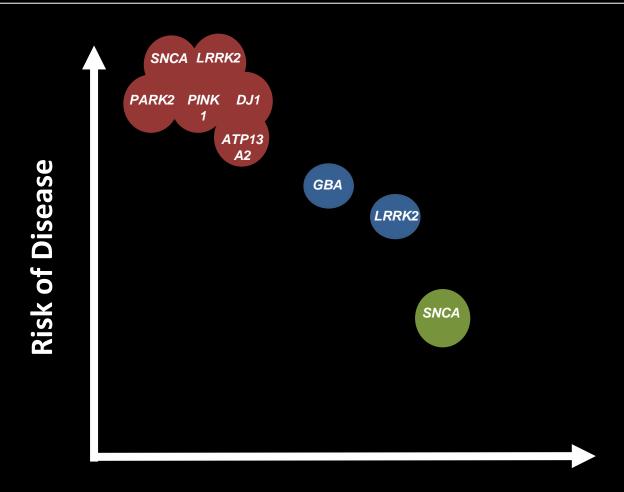




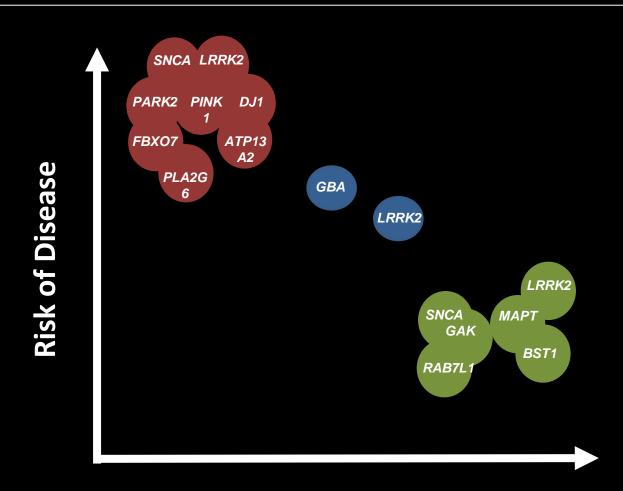




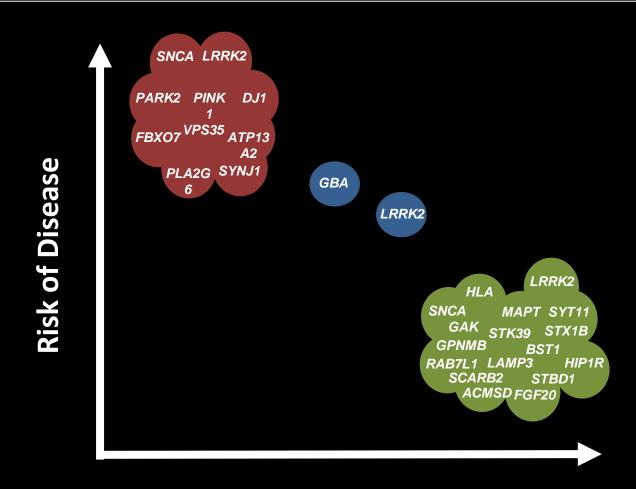














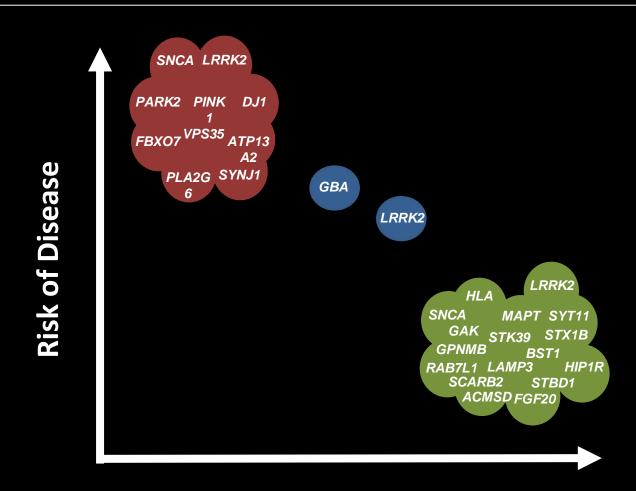
## Our Progress

- Massive international collaborative study
  - Collected DNA on 20,000 PD patients, and 80,000 people without disease
- Assessed variability in their genetic code (~20 million common changes)
- Looked for genetic variants that are more frequent in one group versus the other

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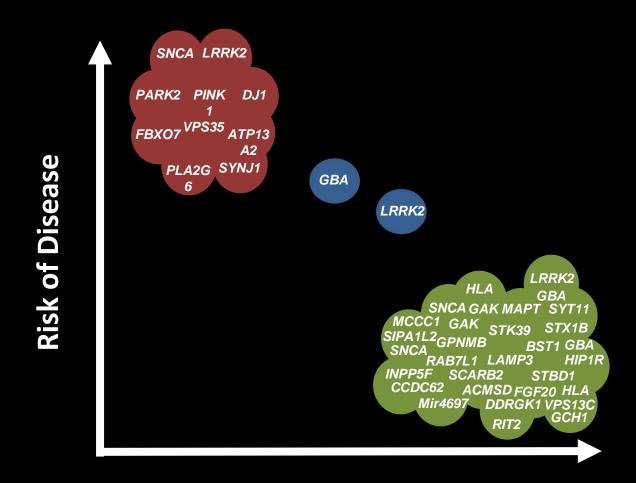
- Took 3 years of work at sites across the US
- Lead by our laboratory within the Intramural Research Program of NIA

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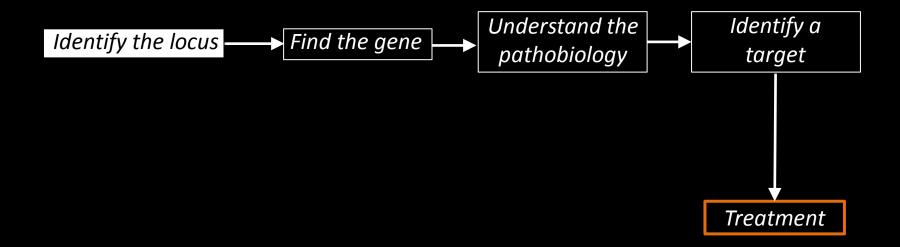


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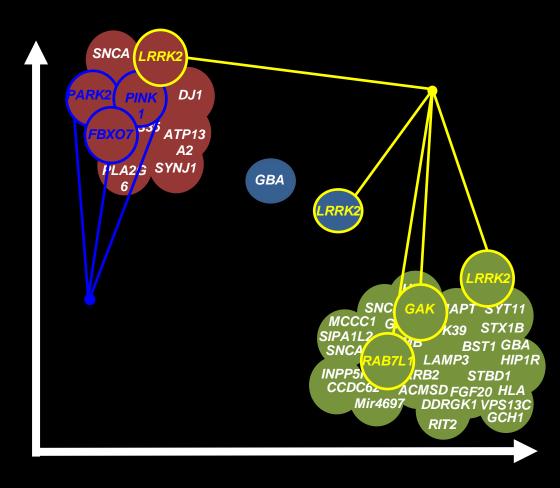


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### Pathways of Disease







#### Frequency in the population

## Summary

- We have made incredible progress in the genetics of age related disease
  - Still a great deal to do
  - We have the infrastructure and knowhow to finish this task
- Concurrently we must work to understand the molecular processes that are disease
  - An incredible challenge, but our surest route to an effective treatment



# Our People

