











Automatic quantification of subtle cellular phenotypes in microscopybased high-throughput experiments

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van Leeuwenhoek's microscope (late 1600s)



Image data are exciting.

You should join us in working on them.



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The Broad Institute's unusual organization



Faculty member + lab



Imaging platform



Chemical biology platform



Faculty member + lab



Sequencing platform

Faculty member + lab



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[phdcomics.com]

The Imaging Platform at the Broad Institute



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CellProfiler—why was new software needed?

Assay-specific pre-packaged commercial software

Fast

Poor results on crowded cells or unusual cell types

Designed for standard assays

Cell adhesion Neurite outgrowth Micronucleus formation Protein translocation Cell cycle analysis Adipogenesis Reporter gene analysis Cell viability Apoptosis Cell migration Often inflexible

Proprietary methods

Expensive



IMAGING Platform







Published raw source code

Advanced algorithms

Heavily customized, not generalizable

Requires programming skills + a lot of time to adapt to new situations

Rarely applied outside the originating lab

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rgLoG=fspecial('log',LoGDim,LoGHW); imLoGout=imfilter(double(imDAPlin),rgLoG); imLoGoutW=wiener2(imLoGout,wiendim); rgNegCurve=imLoGoutW<-1;

%set outsides rgNegCurve([1 end],1:end)=1; rgNegCurve(1:end,[1 end])=1;

%Throw out noise, label regions rgArOpen=bwareaopen(rgNegCurve,MinArea,4);



Typical CellProfiler pipeline



Measure everything first, ask questions later



"Cytological profile": collection of measurements describing the appearance of a cell



Data plot: Noa Shefi 12

Successful image-based assays

Phenotypes:

Cell count Cell size DNA content Nuclear speckles Cytoplasm/nucleus localization Membrane localization Protein or phospho-protein levels Metastasis Wound healing Metaphase Anaphase/telophase Prophase Shape/texture Crescent-shaped nuclei Peas-in-a-pod Cells-on-the-move Long projections Crooked projections Hyphae-like fingers Actin at contractile ring/cell junctions Internal actin Actin circles Large spread cells Phospho-histone H3 nuclear dots **Bi/multinucleate**

Cell types:

Drosophila Kc167 cells Drosophila S2R+ cells Drosophila epithelial tissue Drosophila embryo Human HT29 cells Human A549 cells Human TOV21G cells Human H1299 lung carcinoma cells Human biopsied prostate gland tissue Human adult mesenchymal stem cells Mouse NIH/3T3 cells Mouse neural precursor cells derived from embryos Mouse lung tissue sections Mouse isolated germ cells Rat H9c2 cells C. elegans worms (preliminary) Neurons (preliminary) S. cerevisiae cells Yeast colonies Yeast growth patches Array grids



www.cellprofiler.org



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CellProfiler around the world



CellProfiler is downloaded 400x/month, 11,000x total (~50% USA, 90% non-profit institutions).



The CellProfiler project

free, at www.CellProfiler.org



CellProfiler's is the 5th most-accessed Genome Biology paper of all time



Experiments we have completed recently

Biological process/ phenotype	Laboratory	Samples tested	Number of fields of view (images) processed	
Meiosis	Terry Orr-Weaver (Whitehead)	RNAi	84,000	
Mitochondria	Vamsi Mootha (HMS/MGH)	chemicals	100,000	
Morphology	AstraZeneca	chemicals	109,200	
Cell cycle	AstraZeneca	chemicals	109,200	
Breast cancer/Heregulin	Eric Lander (Broad)	RNAi	144,798	
Tuberculosis	Deb Hung (Broad)	chemicals	164,000	
Glioma	David Sabatini & Bill Hahn (Whitehead, Harvard, Dana-Farber)	RNAi	286,000	
Polyploidy: AMKL	John Crispino (Northwestern University)	chemicals, some RNAi	530,000	
Hematopoetic stem cells	David Scadden and Stuart Schreiber (HMS, MGH, Broad)	chemicals, some RNAi	465,448	
Leukemic stem cells	Gary Gilliland (BWH/HMS)	chemicals, some RNAi	1,040,098	
Hepatotoxicity	Sangeeta Bhatia (MIT)	chemicals	1,135,093	

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Screens



Thousands of samples

Add thousands of chemicals or RNAi agents, each one in a different sample





Phosphorylated histone H3 – Mean





DAPI and mean pHH3





"Simple" phenotypes: one or two features is enough



X-axis: DNA content



Example of complex phenotype: motile T47D cells

Normal T47D cells

Features associated with cell motility: lamellipodia, filopodia, polarized cell shape, F-actin nucleation at filapodia, less clumping





Challenges

- How to get and crossvalidate with rare phenotypes?
- How to make classifier interpretable by biologist?
- Normalization of features?
- Dimensionality reduction?
- Prevent overfitting?
- Avoid having to tune parameters?



Rare phenotypes: HT29 colon cancer cells



[Jones et al., PNAS, 2009]

Iterative machine learning



Incorporated into CellProfiler Analyst

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	Fetch 20 random cells from experiment Fetch!	
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ROAD IMAGING	CellProfiler Analyst data exploration software	

Rules for distinguishing HRG-stimulated T47D cells

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Unstimulated

Stimulated by heregulin



Built training set of ~300 cells

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Why cut out the human?



Labeling for automatic training set



Unstimulated

Stimulated by heregulin

45 % motile cells

55 % motile cells

35

Two ways to improve the classifier

Training set size

Random Fourier features

$$\cos(\omega'\mathbf{x}+b)$$

Kernel Name	$k(\Delta)$	$p(\omega)$
Gaussian Laplacian	$e^{-rac{\ \Delta\ _2^2}{2}} e^{-\ \Delta\ _1}$	$(2\pi)^{-rac{D}{2}}e^{-rac{\ \omega\ _2^2}{2}} \ \Pi_d rac{1}{\pi(1+\omega^2)}$
Cauchy	$\prod_d \frac{2}{1+\Delta_d^2}$	$e^{-\ \Delta\ _1}$

[Rahimi and Recht, NIPS, 2007] $_{\rm _{37}}$

Random features

Linear discriminant on random features

7.6 million training cells,130 measurements

Mapped into 250dimensional random feature space

Trained Fisher's linear discriminant

Automatic vs. hand training

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Expected likelihood kernel

$$k(A,B) = \int \Pr(x|A) \,\Pr(x|B) \,\mathrm{d}x$$

[Jebara et al., 2004]

z(x) projection of x into random-feature space

$$\langle z(a), z(b) \rangle \approx k(a, b)$$

$$v_A = \frac{1}{|A|} \sum_{x \in A} z(x)$$

$$\approx \int \Pr(x|A) \Pr(x|B) dx$$

Correlation coefficient of dot products

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Histone deacetylases

- 11 enzymes
- Component of chromatin-regulating complexes
- Also target many non-histone proteins
- Broad relevance to cell signaling and cell state
- Induce differentiation and inhibit proliferation in cancer models
- Inhibitors used clinically for cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, others in trials for other cancers

Screening question: find specific HDAC inhibitors

Inhibition potency data from biochemical assays

Training

Samples

 $T = K X^{-1}$

Testing

Cells

Convert scores to soft labels by logistic transform

Proportions of cells for each topic

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Correlations between classes match HDAC phylogeny

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