Unsupervised data analysis for the regulated proteome



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- Introduction: regulation of proteins
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What controls protein subcellular localization and stability?

- "Signals" in the primary amino acid sequence
 - Now often called motifs

controlled by postranslational modifications (often Molecular Cell Review phosphorylation)

intrinsically disordered (IDRs)

Regulatory parts of proteins are often

A Million Peptide Motifs for the Molecular Biologist





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inner membrane

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signal sequence

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Intrinsically disordered proteins in

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Determinants of localization to no regulation ${\bullet}$ membrane bound organelles are not currently understood **Cell**Press

> Review Protein Phase Separation: A New Phase in Cell Biology

Regulation of p27 (aka KIP1, CDKN1B)

p27

- 1 MSNVRVSNGSPSLERMDARQAEHPKPSACRNLFGPVDHEELTRDLEKHCRDMEEASQRKW
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Zeng et al. 2002

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High-throughput cell biology



 GFP-tagging of all yeast proteins in 2003 articles

Global analysis of protein localization in budding yeast

, Luke C. Gerke¹, Adam S. Carroll¹, Russell W. Howson¹, Jonathan S. Weissman^{1,2} & Erin K. O'Shea

 Recent advances in automated microscopy and genetics



Per experiment:

Raw: 10⁵ images, 50GB Processed: 10⁶ to 10⁷ data points

10¹ to 10² image features

In each cell, Srs2 appears green Srs2 Srs2

For each strain, ~200 cells are imaged at high resolution

Handfield et al. PLoS Comp. Biol. 2013

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Per experiment:



Per experiment:





change detection



Dissecting DNA damage response pathways by analysing protein localization and abundance changes during DNA replication stress

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A novel single-cell screening platform reveals proteome plasticity during yeast stress responses

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No automated detection of changes in subcellular localization patterns reported... images were examined by *eye*

JCB 2013

Why is automated change detection in microscopy images so hard?

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wt

The inferred bud neck indicated in white

ELM1 Δ

The inferred cell boundary indicated in blue

Gre3 (example of a real change)

- Mutation causes cells to grow in long chains
- Cells are smaller and not as round
- Segmentation algorithm (trained on wt cells) is totally confused
- Some cells are unaffected

Naïve statistics in the feature space identify 1000s of changes that are biased by the localization class

Lu & Moses PLoS One 2016

Why is automated change detection in microscopy images so hard?

- "Global effects", a type of covariate shift such that all localization patterns look a little bit different
 - Mutation or drug causes overall change in cell shape
 - Cell growth, nutritional differences, technical differences in microscopes, laser age etc.
 - Effect on feature space is heterogeneous
 - E.g., Nuclear proteins may be affected differently than cell membrane
- Cell to cell variability (incomplete penetrance)
 - Not all cells in the image display the same type of change

Global effects





Patterns of localization change from 280,000 images

Magnitude of change (relative to local expectation)



4143 yeast GFP-fusion proteins RFP labelled cytoplasm 281,724 images 15.5 million cells



Cyclops database (Koh et al. G3 2015)

Global view of localization changes across many experiments

Patterns of localization change from 280,000 images

Magnitude of change (relative to local expectation)





Changes for arbitrary localization classes

Patterns of localization change Magnitude of change (relative to local expectation) Magnitude of change

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Patterns of localization change Magnitude of change (relative to local expectation) Magnitude of change (relative to local expectation)

0.400-0-0040 0.400-0-000-000-00 Mcm7 WT2 HU (160 min) AF (180 min) Lap4 RAP (220 min) WT2

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Guilt by association identifies Rtg3 as a "pulsing" stress transcription factor

How to generalize unsupervised automated image analysis?

- Data integration across image collections seems to work even with changes in cell morphology Lu et al. eLife 2018
- But segmentation and image features used were designed for RFP labelled yeast cells (bud and mother, distance to budneck, etc.)
- Can we apply this to other datasets?
- Use generalized segmentation and image features



Neural networks

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Lu et al. *eLife* 2018 Cyclops database (Koh et al. *G*3 2015)

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Lu et al. *eLife* 2018 Cyclops database (Koh et al. *G*3 2015)

4143 yeast GFP-fusion proteins RFP labelled nuclear pore ~35,000 images ~4 million cells.



Tkatch et al. Nat. Cell Bio. 2012

~4000 yeast GFP-fusion proteins Bright field background 11895 images 0.566 million cells.



Weill et al. *J. Mol. Biol.* 2018 LoQate database (Breker et al. *NAR* 2014)



Human Protein Atlas

12,068 Proteins 81,312 Images 638,640 Single Cells

Thul et al. Science 2017

And many other datasets that have been analyzed by looking at images one by one

General cell segmentation tools



Got a microscopy image of yeast cells that you need to segment? Upload an image file and get downloadable segmentation results within minutes.



Submit Query

Questions? Check out our FAQ.

For examples of how to upload output of this webtool into Python, Matlab, or R for subsequent analysis, check out our example postprocessing scripts.

http://beergoggles.csb.utoronto.ca/



Mask R-CNN trained on human nuclei easily segments yeast across imaging modalities

Lu & Moses submitted 2019

How to get morphology and microscopy independent features?

- Our "designed" features relied on prior knowledge of cell morphology and RFP
- CNNs are known to produce good features
- CNNs can work very well for microscopy image classification Kraus et al. MSB 2017
 - Supervised classification, so features are likely to be most sensitive to what we trained on
 - Impractical to label training sets for each cellular perturbation
- Self-supervised learning: train the CNN on a "proxy" task

- Teach the model indirectly by exploiting the structure of the data

Context Encoders: Feature Learning by Inpainting

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Abstract

We present an unsupervised visual feature learning algorithm driven by context-based pixel prediction. By analogy with auto-encoders, we propose Context Encoders – a convolutional neural network trained to generate the contents of an arbitrary image region conditioned on its surroundings. In order to succeed at this task, context encoders need to both understand the content of the entire image, as well as produce a plausible hypothesis for the missing part(s). When training context encoders, we have experimented with both a standard pixel-wise reconstruction loss, as well as a reconstruction plus an adversarial loss. The latter produces much sharper results because it can better handle multiple modes in the output. We found that a context encoder learns a representation that captures not just appearance but also the semantics of visual structures. We quantitatively demonstrate the effectiveness of our learned features for CNN pre-training on classification, detection, and segmentation tasks. Furthermore, context encoders can be used for semantic inpainting tasks, either stand-alone or as initialization for non-parametric methods.



(a) Input context

(b) Human artist



(c) Context Encoder (L2 loss) (d) Context Encoder (L2 + Adversarial loss)



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New Results

Learning unsupervised feature representations for single cell microscopy images with paired cell inpainting

Alex Lu, Oren Z Kraus, Sam Cooper, Alan M Moses doi: https://doi.org/10.1101/395954

This article is a preprint and has not been peer-reviewed [what does this mean?].



Lu et al. submitted 2018

Outperforms other feature sets



Single cell classification benchmark (Kraus et al. *MSB* 2017)



Overall accuracy approaches supervised CNN



Proteome-scale pattern of localization is recovered from all these datasets



Alex Lu unpublished

Rediscovers most known human patterns



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Vesicles



Alex Lu unpublished

Discover rare, difficult patterns



Features seem highly robust to morphological variation



Lu et al. submitted 2018

Paired-Cell Inpainting

- For any multi-channel cell microscopy dataset, we can now generate a single cell feature representation *without training data*
- Change detection and other applications:
 - Quantify cell to cell variation
 - Identify cell-type-specific localization patterns
 - Integrate data across imaging modalities
- What about the generative capacity of the model?

Applications approach science fiction



"Inpaint" more markers to highlight cell components?

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 localization changes in microscopy images
 - Local statistics & data integration
 - Patterns of localization change to cell biology Lu & Moses PLoS One 2016
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Use evolutionary comparisons to understand regulation of proteins

 Intrinsically disordered regions (IDRs) are mostly highly diverged

Saccharomycetales

- ~1/3 known motifs are conserved, only 5% of total IDR amino acids are conserved in sequence alignments
- Low complexity?
- Repetitive?





Are IDRs mostly "junk"?

- Yes (Norman Davey, personal communication)
 - IDRs are just inert "linkers" to hold motifs
 - Many can be greatly shortened

The Robustness of a Signaling Complex to Domain Rearrangements Facilitates Network Evolution

Paloma M. Sato, Kogulan Yoganathan, Jae H. Jung, Sergio G. Peisajovich*

- No way! (Julie Forman-Kay)
 - "bulk properties" (such as low-complexity, repeats, charge) are the key to phase
 Phosphorylation of the FUS low-complexity



Phosphorylation of the FUS low-complexity domain disrupts phase separation, aggregation, and toxicity

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• Let's find out (Taraneh Zarin, PhD Student)

If bulk sequence properties are important they should be preserved by evolution...

Ste50 as a typical IDR

MAPK signaling network

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Zarin et al. PNAS 2017

Phosphorylation sites are needed for normal morphology



Morphology







Quantify abnormal morphology using a twocomponent mixture model

Other species' IDRs rescue morphology



Morphology







Zarin et al. PNAS 2017

Other species' IDRs rescue morphology



Other species' IDRs support normal growth



Other species' IDRs support normal signaling



Signaling reporter (flow cytometry!)

Mutation of phosphorylation sites appears to be a gain of function

Zarin et al. PNAS 2017

Correlation of signaling with charge?



Make lots of mutants and measure reporter expression



Turns out charge might be what's important...

Zarin et al. PNAS 2017

Non-phosphorylatable <u>WT-charge mutant</u> SSSAPINTHGVSTTVPSSNNTIIPSSDGVSLSQTD YFDTVHNRQAPSRREAPVTVFRQPSLSHSKSLH KDSKNKVPQISTNQSHPSAVSTANEEGPEEN



Turns out charge might be what's important...







Zarin et al. PNAS 2017

A test for unusual evolution in IDRs



Simulate evolution of disordered regions and compare the charge in the real orthologs to what we see in the simulations

At least in the case of the Ste50 IDR, this points to constraint on charge

Nguyen Ba *et al. PLoS Comp. Bio* 2014 Zarin *et al. PNAS* 2017

Test for other conserved properties that are not visible in sequence alignments

 Recent studies report experimental evidence for functional "bulk" properties in IDRs

Sequence Determinants of Intracellular Phase Separation by Complex Coacervation of a Disordered Protein

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Sequence Determinants of the Conformational Properties of an Intrinsically Disordered Protein Prior to and upon Multisite Phosphorylation

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Cryptic sequence features within the disordered protein p27^{Kip1} regulate cell cycle signaling

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Test for other conserved properties that are not visible in sequence alignments

• 82 molecular features from literature that we can compute from protein sequences



Number of significant molecular features per IDR

Most IDRs in the yeast proteome have many molecular features that deviate from the expectation

Taraneh Zarin unpublished

Evolution of molecular features is a "signature"





Taraneh Zarin unpublished

We can quantitatively compare IDRs



Evolutionary signatures can measure similarity of IDR sequences, even when there is no detectable similarity in alignments

Other proteins' IDRs can rescue signaling!?



Taraneh Zarin unpublished

Other proteins' IDRs can rescue signaling!?





Taraneh Zarin unpublished



Evolutionary patterns of molecular features are associated with specific biological functions



Cox15 IDR (a.a. 1-45) and orthologs



[KR] positively charged residues[DE] negatively charged residues[LIVF] hydrophobic residues

144/165 IDRs in this cluster are in mitochondrial proteins



No clear motifs or detectable, sequence similarity, or evolutionary conservation

Evolutionary patterns of molecular features are associated with specific biological functions

Taraneh Zarin unpublished

These IDRs are clearly targeting signals





Cox15-GFP precursor peptide

Other proteins' IDRs can rescue targeting





Other proteins' IDRs can rescue targeting









Intrinsically disordered regions (IDRs) (n=4646)





Compartmentation of the Nucleolar Processing Proteins in the Granular Component Is a CK2-driven Process

Emilie Louvet,* Henriette Roberte Junéra,* Isabelle Berthuy, and Danièle Hernandez-Verdun

Transcription

Membrane component

Stress-activated signaling Cell cycle regulated

E.R. targeting signal Mitochondrial targeting signal Hundreds of proteins may be regulated by CKII in a similar manner





Signatures of function in IDRs

- Rapidly evolving IDR sequences contain rich biological information
 - Mitochondrial targeting signals
 - Postranslational modifications associated with nucleolus
- Seems to rule out "mostly junk" hypothesis
- Shared molecular features must be due to convergent evolution
 - E.g., mitochondrial targeting peptides
- Should be possible to predict IDR function from sequence as is now done for folded protein domains
 - Won't work using BLAST or HMMer

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 - Evidence for conservation of bulk properties in highly diverged disordered regions
 - Evolutionary signatures of function





What about Ste50?

- Ste50 IDR is in one of the clusters associated with transcription: 18/39 proteins are sequence-specific transcription factors
- Signature for this cluster is very complicated:

