

Building Cellular Models with Light Microscopy

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Why BioImage Analysis?

A very significant outcome of the genome projects is that they permit us, using recombinant genetics, to label any genomic entity of interest.



And we can observe these with current microscopes, to understand function, location, force, signaling, ...

Interpreting the seas of imagery so produced is computationally hard and increasingly more urgent.

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Tracking Centrosomes During Worm Embryogenesis

w. Steffan Jaench (Hyman & Jülicher)

SPD5-YFP3 multicell

Bioinformatics 26(12) (2010)

40 sec

frame#1



Errors 0% to 8 cells 6.2% to 16 cells

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movie

Layered Inference

Most heuristics can be tuned to report what is (almost) certainly false and what is (almost) certainly true.



FP Rate

Using a series of such heuristics, repeatedly enlarge what is true and/or eliminate more of what is false

Can base inferences on the knowledge within the <u>current</u> state



- * Find core subtracks you are sure of (spatial track = appearance track)
- * Learn statistics of true deltas
- * Extrapolate using learned statistics



Centrosome Size over Time

Centrosome Size Centrosome Size in Smaller AB Cells through Development Centrosome Volume [µm³] 12 8 1-cell 10 2-cell 6 8 4-cell 8-cell 6 4 16-cell 4 2 2 0L<u>--</u> -600 -300 150 -150 150 -450 -150 0 -450 -300 0 -600 Time relative to NEBD [sec] Time relative to NEBD [sec] 10 µm ani-2(RNAi) Wild-Type

Centrosome Volume [µm³]

What sets the size of a centrosome?





Limiting Component Hypothesis:

The available amount of one or more centrosome components in the cytoplasm determines centrosome size.

153 conditions1409 embryos5.5M images

- •Size proportional to cell volume
- •Size independent of cell type
- •Volume independent of # of centrosomes
- •Turning off transcription induces no change
- •spd-2, spd-5, air-1 all needed
- •up/down expression:

air-1 no, spd-2 yes, spd-5 no

Currents Biology 21 (2011)

The Structure Of A Fly's Brain I

Core Hemisphere 20K neurons

Optic Lobe 30K neurons

VNC 10K neurons

R19H07

Structure Of A Fly's Brain II



Vaa3D: w. H. Peng

A hemisphere = ~50 glia-isolated compartments

Structure Of A Fly's Brain III



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Several Lines In "Atlas"



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Neuron: If possible, test the 300K or so possible interacting pairs Interactions? resulting from the previous stage?



Atlas Processing Pipeline









3D Registration



Need to perform:

- Registration
- Neuron Color Separation
- Neuron/Lineage Tracing
- Compartment Analysis



3D Registration (w. H.Peng)

Nature Methods 8 (2011)

- Consensus mapping of landmarks.
- Figure of Merit (% of landmarks mapped).
- •95+% of all stacks pass alignment (>85% lm's match)
- Aligned consensus neuropil reveals sub-compartments often not visible in any single stack!



Compartment Analysis of GAL4 Lines



Multi-Color Separation



Color shift requires sub-pixel translations!





Multi-Color Neuron Editing & Curation





Neuron Tracing (w. H.Peng) Bioinformatics 27 (2011)









A discrete technique (from 1959), not typically used by CVers.





Another <u>combinatorial</u> idea. Each pixel covers a maximal disk of foreground, find minimum covering tree. Very fast, linear time.

Imaging and Reconstructing Individual Neurons in Whole Mouse Brains

The "Mouse Brain" Scope



Nathan Clack

Scale:

15 mm x 7 mm x 5 mm \Rightarrow 4.2 x 10¹² 0.5³µm voxels!

Specs:

@ 8.6Mv/sec collect ~13,000 sub-stacks in < 6 days (86X faster than a conventional 2P scope)

Scope:

2P, block face, with on-board vibratome and resonant x-mirror automatically executing:

Repeat until nothing left (1) Image an xy tiling of 200µm deep stacks (2) Cut away top 185µm (implies 15µm overlap)

Onboard Vibratome



Resonant X-Mirror



30µm Sagittal Slice of Cerebelum (Hantman)

A small set of projecting axons from the central brain are labeled (GFP).



Voxel Size: 0.4 x 0.4 x 1 µm

Acquision Time: <1 hr.



Acquisition Software



The MPI-CBG "Plan"

Technology — — — Experiment — Analysis — Model

Mol. Reagents

Optical Eng.DevelopmentalBioimageBioPhysicsMol. Reagents& Cell BiologyInformatics& "Sys. Bio."

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(a)Meso-scale interpretation & simulation of cellular phenomenon

(b)Platform to (perfectly) follow cell lineages through arcs of time (e.g. worms, fly embryos, fly wing development, z.fish embryos)

(c)Connecting (a) & (b)

We will:

- build (automated) microscopes,
- design algorithms for extracting information and models from images, and
- build computer-assisted interfaces for curation and analysis.

Optical Engineering



2P SI Besel beam scope for observing in vivo cell process at $\lambda/4$

Optical Engineering



P. Keller & R. Tomer

Next gen. DLSM scope to follow 24 hours of fly or fish development

Biolmage Analysis: Intracellular Processes





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BioImage Analysis: Worm Atlas & SCE

- Intestinal
 Body wall muscle
- Hypodermal
- Ventral motor neuron





Fuhui Long



Ord	Cell	Mean	Neighboring	Spacing	Size	Shape	
332	INDR1	X: 81.5257± 2.0397 Y: 2.6659± 0.4637 Z: 1.8412± 0.3335	HYP7ABPRAAPP PP, INDL1, BWMDR11, HYP7ABARPAAP PP, BWMDL10	3.8246 ± 1.1421 3.8407 ± 0.9327 4.3572 ± 0.7644 4.5065 ± 1.2958	9005 ± 993 (px) 1.5005 ±0.7195 (μm)	Aspect ratio 1.5243 ±0.2069 	
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Biolmage Analysis: Worm Development





Stephen Preibisch

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Mihail Sarov



Biolmage Analysis: Fly Wing Suzanne Eaton Lab

Tracking Lineages During Fly Embryogenesis

- 96 time points; 35secs/time point (TP)
- ~4800-9600 cells/TP
- CPU+GPU: 110 secs/TP



Fernando Amat

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Tracking Lineages During Fly Embryogenesis

• Lineage tree with arc-lengths, shape(t), and expression(t) of 1 or more agents.



- If can attain this goal then can go from developed structures backward in time to founder cells, and
- Can throw away Tb's of "raw data". The "lineage" can be encoded in a few Mb's.

Tracking Detail View



- Segmentation accuracy: 96.7% ± 1.0%
- Simple linkage accuracy:

- 99.2% ± 0.6%
- Cell division linkage accuracy*: 94.8% ± 2.6%
- Error-free lineages (approx): 74.5% (1502 trees)

How Hard is the Problem?

- At 99.9% tracking step accuracy and 2,880 steps (1 stack/30 sec.s),
 5.6% of lineages will be correct.
 - At 99.99%, 75%.
 - At 99.999%, 97%.
- We need better scopes (even 50% more rez will help), we need software that is 3 orders of magnitude more accurate than current solutions.
- We will always need to curate, so need computer-assisted GUI's that make that as efficient as possible.

I believe that direct *in-vivo* and *in-situ* observations of cells and cellular systems is going to lead to the most exciting and meaningful discoveries in molecular biology in the next decade. This belief is founded on two facts.

- 1. We can now label any protein, RNA, or other genetic element of interest within a model organism as we now have their DNA sequences.
- 2. Advances in microscopy enable us to view these labeled agents with greater fidelity, speed, and duration then every before.



A Technology Group: Microscopy & Bioimage Analysis Concept: 25% optics / 75% informatics

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