

Spatial Multi-Omics for Cancer Systems Biology Experimental & Computational Methods II

Session introduction and relating spatial features across assay platforms



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- Robert Krueger (NYU) Visual analytics for imaging-based spatial biology profiling
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Relating spatial features across spatial biology platforms





Hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) staining and images

- The most widely used stain in medical diagnosis
- Hematoxylin stains cell nuclei blue
- Eosin stains the extracellular matrix and cytoplasm pink
- H&E shows the general layout and distribution of cells and provides a general overview of a tissue sample structure
- "Whole slide" gigapixel images, e.g 100,000 x 100,000 pixels
- Stored in 3 (R,G,B) channels as tiled TIFF / SVS format



Machine Learning Prediction from H&E Images

- Immune cell regions from H&E images
- Cancer cell regions from H&E images, informed by IHC/IF
 - P53 HEMnet
 - panCK SHIFT
- Immune cell regions from H&E, informed by IHC/IF
 - CD45



Immune cells from H&E, informed by pathologist

TIL Map: Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocyte Map, Computational staining



- Predict lymphocytes from H&E
- H&E stained sections from The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA)
- Predictions on tiles/patches: 100 × 100 pixel (50 x 50 micrometer)
- Neural networks (VGG-16,ResNet-34 Inception-V4)
- 13 human cancers (2018)
- 23 human cancers (2022)



Cell Reports **2018** Apr 3;23(1):181-193. Joel Saltz *et al.* Front. Oncol., 15 Feb. **2022** Volume 11 - 2021 ; Shahira Abousamra *et al.*

TIL Map - prediction







TIL Map - training





TIL Map - predictions and structure



TIL Map assessment and correlates



Cancer cells from H&E, informed by IHC - HEMnet

HEMnet: H&E Molecular neural network

1. Label H&E images based on p53 stain







2. Split H&E images into labelled tiles



3. Train Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)



- Predict p53 (cancer) from H&E
- H&E and IHC of adjacent tissue sections
- Predictions on tiles: 224 × 224 pixel
- Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)
- Human colon cancer





npj Precision Oncology (2022) 6:14 ; Andrew Su et al.

HEMnet - Assessing performance





Cancer cells from H&E, informed by IF - SHIFT

SHIFT: speedy histological-to-immunofluorescent translation, a deep learning-based method for virtual IF staining of images containing histologically-stained tissues.



- Predict PanCK (cancer) from H&E
- Human pancreatic cancer
- H&E and IF of same section of tissue
- Predictions on tiles: 256x256 pixel
- Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)
- Generator network G generates virtual IF tiles conditioned on H&E tiles.
- The discriminator network D learns to discriminate between real and generated image pairs.



Nature Scientific Reports (2020) 10:17507, Erik A. Burlingame et al.

Prediction, Testing, and Architecture - SHIFT



Conditional GAN: *G* has extra element to fool *D*

G Network

architecture --->





Immune cells from H&E, informed by IHC



Train on CD45 (leukocytes) Prediction of tissue categories on "superpixels" Human breast cancer H&E and IHC of adjacent tissue sections

 Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

LR: Leukocyte-rich, EP: Epithelium, SR: Stroma, AD: Adipose, and BG: Background



J Pathol Inform Volume 7, Issue 1, January–December 2016, 38; Riku Turkki et al.

Very important things that we skipped completely

- Antibody properties/quality
- Multiplexed labeling and imaging
- Image quality
- Image normalization
- Image registration and alignment
- Selection of regions
- Selection of tiles

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- Selection of training and test sets
- Machine learning architectures
- Scoring/evaluation methods
- Other methods/publications



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- 15-minute Q&A All Speakers from Session Two

