Disease Genomics: Thoughts on Genome Annotation, Prioritizing Variants, Highlighting Dysregulation & the Application of all of these to Cancer



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Estimated numbers of **new cases** of invasive cancer in the United States in 2019 by sex and cancer type

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			Males	Females		
Prostate	174,650	20%		Breast	268,600	30%
Lung & bronchus	116,440	13%		Lung & bronchus	111,710	13%
Colon & rectum	78,500	9%		Colon & rectum	67,100	8%
Urinary bladder	61,700	7%		Uterine corpus	61,880	7%
Melanoma of the skin	57,220	7%		Melanoma of the skin	39,260	4%
Kidney & renal pelvis	44,120	5%		Thyroid	37,810	4%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	41,090	5%		Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	33,110	4%
Oral cavity & pharynx	38,140	4%		Kidney & renal pelvis	29,700	3%
Leukemia	35,920	4%		Pancreas	26,830	3%
Pancreas	29,940	3%		Leukemia	25,860	3%
All Sites	870,970	100%		All Sites	891,480	100%

~4,800 new cases per day



THE PRECISION MEDICINE INITIATIVE



"Doctors have always recognized that every patient is unique, and doctors have always tried to tailor their treatments as best they can to individuals. You can match a blood transfusion to a blood type — that was an important discovery. What if matching a cancer cure to our genetic code was just as easy, just as standard? What if figuring out the right dose of medicine was as simple as taking our temperature?"

- President Obama, January 30, 2015

Much Interest in Precision Oncology

- Analysis of the exact somatic mutations in a individual
- Highlighting key mutations
- Targeting treatment

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https://obamawhitehouse.archives.g ov/blog/2016/02/25/precisionmedicine-health-care-tailored-you

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Millions of variants in a personal genome Thousands, in a cancer genome Different contexts for prioritization

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Thus: Need to find & prioritize high impact variants. Particularly hard for non-coding regions.

Human Genetic Variation



* Variants with allele frequency < 0.5% are considered as rare variants in 1000 genomes project.

The 1000 Genomes Project Consortium, Nature. 2015. 526:68-74 Khurana E. et al. Nat. Rev. Genet. 2016. 17:93-108

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Protein Coding Regions: Part of the genome we can "see" < 2% of the genome



The Noncoding Regions: Dark Matter in the Genome

- >98% of the genome
- Host ~90% of disease risk loci
- contains extensive regulatory information



Non-coding Annotations: Overview

Features are often present on multiple "scale" (eg elements and connected networks)

Sequence features, incl. Conservation

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Functional Genomics

Chip-seq (Epigenome & seq. specific TF) and ncRNA & un-annotated transcription



Summarizing the Signal: "Traditional" ChipSeq Peak Calling



Now an update: "PeakSeq 2" => MUSIC

Background on computationally annotation

• Peak calling:

✓ PeakSeq, SPP, MACS2, Hotspot ...

✓ ENCODE Encyclopedia

- Genome segmentation: partition the genome into regions (states) with distinct epigenomic profiles, then assign each state a functional label.
 - ✓ ChromHMM: Multivariate Hidden Markov Model
 - ✓ Segway: Dynamic Bayesian Network Model
- Supervised regulatory prediction: learn predictive models from labeled dataset of regulatory elements.
 - ✓ CSI-ANN: Time-Delay Neural Network
 - ✓ RFECS: Random Forest
 - ✓ DEEP: Ensemble SVM + Artificial Neural Network
 - ✓ REPTILE: Random Forest
 - ✓ gkm-SVM: Gapped k-mer

Target finding

✓ Ripple, TargetFinder, JEME, PreSTIGE, IM-PET





Genetic variant annotation: coding and noncoding

DeepSEA

Tools developed specifically for coding variants:

✓PolyPhen-2

✓SnpEff

✓ SIFT

√...

Tools developed specifically for noncoding variants:

✓RegulomeDB

√HaploReg

✓DeepSEA

✓GWAVA

√...

• Tools for both coding and noncoding variants:

✓CADD

✓ANNOVAR

✓VEP

✓FATHMM-MKL

✓







Variant position

J. Zhou, O.G. Troyanskaya, Nat. Methods, 2015

Major takeaway from annotation experience for disease studies: *less is more*





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Disease	Scale				
rare	a few with high impact				
common	many with weak effect				
cancer	a few drivers				

Example of power issue in disease studies



Coding and non-coding elements may synergistically contribute to cancer



[McGillivray et al., Ann. Rev. Biomedical Data Science ('18)]

Major Challenges:

• Many levels of dysregulations related to disease status



Regulator to target gene directional
 Regulator co-regulation unidirectional
 Regulator
 Active proximal elements
 Active distal elements
 Inactive proximal elements
 inactive distal elements
 gene
 Epigenetic information

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Mutation recurrence



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violation of the constant mutation rate assumption



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ENCODE Resource

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ENCODE Resource ▼ External Resource

ENCODE Euro



▼ External Resource



External Resource

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Unique shape associated histone signals flanking active enhancers identified through STARR-seq



Arnold, et al., Science

Shlyueva, et al., Nat Rev Genet

Matched Filter recognize shape patterns



Score STARR-seq regulatory regions VS random negatives





-200 0 200 400

Positives

Negatives







[biorxiv.org/content/early/2018/08/05/385237]

Integrate matched filter scores of multiple features

	Model	AUROC	AUPR					
	Random Forest	0.96 (0.95)	0.91 (0.79)					
Ridge Regression		0.95 (0.94)	0.90 (0.77)					
	Linear SVM	0.96 (0.95)	0.91 (0.78)					
	Naive Bayes	0.95 (0.93)	0.89 (0.72)					
Promoter Enhancer								
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Large scale STARR-seq experiment data helps to improve the performance of integrated model



[biorxiv.org/content/early/2018/08/05/385237]

Validation with transgenic mouse enhancer assay



Matched-Filter can be applied across different organisms



0.10

Percentage overlapped with FANTOM5 enhancers

0.05

0.00

0.0

0.1

0.15

of-the-art methods

[biorxiv.org/content/early/2018/08/05/385237]

0.4

0.2

Percentage of FANTOM5 enhancers overlapped

0.3

Constructing a high-confidence set of cell-specific enhancers



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Funseq: a flexible framework to determine functional impact & use this to prioritize variants



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Finding "Conserved" Sites in the Human Population:

Negative selection in non-coding elements based on Production ENCODE & 1000G Phase 1





Differential selective constraints among specific sub-categories

Sub-categorization possible because of better statistics from 1000G phase 1 v pilot

[Khurana et al., Science ('13)]

Power-law distribution



Hubs Under Constraint: A Finding from the Network Biology Community

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- Not under positive selection
- No data about
 positive selection

[Nielsen et al. *PLoS Biol.* (2005), HPRD, Kim et al. PNAS (2007)]

- <u>More Connectivity, More Constraint:</u> Genes & proteins that have a more central position in the network tend to evolve more slowly and are more likely to be essential.
- This phenomenon is observed in many organisms & different kinds of networks
 - **yeast PPI** Fraser et al ('02) Science, ('03) BMC Evo. Bio.
 - Ecoli PPI Butland et al ('04) Nature
 - Worm/fly PPI Hahn et al ('05) MBE
 - miRNA net Cheng et al ('09) BMC Genomics





- Info. theory based method (ie annotation "surprisal") for weighting consistently many genomic features
- Practical web server
- Submission of variants & precomputed large data context from uniformly processing large-scale datasets

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RNA Binding Proteins (RBPs)



Nature Reviews | Molecular Cell Biology

Nat Rev Mol Cell Biol. 2018 May;19(5):327-341. doi: 10.1038/nrm.2017.130. Epub 2018 Jan 17.



 ENCODE3 did ~350 focused eCLIP expt. for >110 RBPs on HepG2 & K562 (Van Nostrand...Yeo. Nat. Meth. '16; Van Nostrand...Graveley, Yeo (submitted in relation to ENCODE3))



[Zhang*, Liu* et al., Genome Biology (in review '18)]

Schematic of RADAR Scoring



[Zhang*, Liu* et al., Genome Biology (in review '18)]



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High Phastcon in RBP-overlapped annotations

Rare DAF

RNA Structure Cons. from Evofold



Co-binding of RBPs form biologically relevant complexes



[Zhang*, Liu* et al., Genome Biology (in review '18)]

Hub Number (Hotness)

RADAR Scores enriched in COSMIC genes and recurrently mutated regions



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Upstream open reading frames (uORFs) regulate translation are affected by somatic mutation



- uORFs regulate the translation of downstream coding regions.
- This regulation may be altered by somatic mutation in cancer.
- In Battle et al. 2014 data uORF gain & loss assoc. protein level change.





From a "Universe" of 1.3 M pot. uORFs

The population of functional uORFs may be significant



- Ribosome profiling experiments have low overlap in identified uORFs.
- This suggests high false-negative rate, and more functional uORFs than currently known.

Prediction & validation of functional uORFs using 89 features

- All near-cognate start codons predicted.
- Cross-validation on independent ribosome profiling datasets and validation using in vivo protein levels and ribosome occupancy in humans (Battle et al. 2014).





A comprehensive catalog of functional uORFs



- Predicted functional uORFs may be intersected with disease associated variants.
- **180K**: Large predicted positive set likely to affect translation
- Calibration on gold standards, suggests getting ~70% of known

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Cancer Somatic Mutation Modeling

PARAMETRIC MODELS

Model 1: Constant Background Mutation Rate (Model from Previous Work) $x_i : Binomial(n_i, p)$

Model 2a: Varying Mutation Rate with Single Covariate Correction

- x_i : Binomial (n_i, p_i)
- p_i : Beta $(\mu | R_i, \sigma | R_i)$
- $\mu | R_i, \sigma | R_i$: constant within the same covariate rank

Model 2b: Varying Mutation Rate with Multiple Covariate Correction x_i : Binomial (n_i, p_i)

- p_i : Beta $(\mu | \mathbf{R}_i, \sigma | \mathbf{R}_i)$
- $\mu | \mathbf{R}_i, \sigma | \mathbf{R}_i$: constant within the same covariate rank

- Suppose there are k genome elements. For element i, define:
 - n;: total number of nucleotides
 - *x_i*: the number of mutations within the element
 - p: the mutation rate
 - $-R_i$: the covariate rank of the element
 - Non-parametric model is useful when covariate data is missing for the studied annotations
 - Also sidesteps issue of properly identifying and modeling every relevant covariate (possibly hundreds)

NON-PARAMETRIC MODELS

Assume constant background mutation rate in local regions.

Model 3a: Random Permutation of Input Annotations

Shuffle annotations within local region to assess background mutation rate.

Model 3b: Random Permutation of Input Variants

Shuffle variants within local region to assess background mutation rate.

[Lochovsky et al. Bioinformatics in press]

[Lochovsky et al. NAR ('15)]

MOAT-a: Annotation-based permutation



[Lochovsky et al. Bioinformatics in press]

MOAT-v: Variant-based Permutation



[Lochovsky et al. Bioinformatics in press]

MOAT-s: a variant on MOAT-v

- A somatic variant simulator
 - Given a set of input variants, shuffle to new locations, taking genome structure into account

original variantspermuted variants

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Binning whole genome
Marking equivalence classes (bins with similar covariate vectors)



LARVA Model Comparison

- Comparison of mutation count frequency implied by the binomial model (model 1) and the beta-binomial model (model 2) relative to the empirical distribution
- The beta-binomial distribution is significantly better, especially for accurately modeling the over-dispersion of the empirical distribution



LARVA Results



MOAT: recapitulates LARVA with GPU-driven runtime scalability

Gene Name	Documented role with cancer	Pubmed ID
SLC3A1	Cysteine transporter SLC3A1 promotes breast cancer tumorigenesis	28382174
ADRA2B	reduce cancer cell proliferation, invasion, and migration	25026350
SIL1	subtype-specific proteins in breast cancer	23386393
TCF24	NA	NA
AGAP5	significant mutation hotspots in cancer	25261935
TMPRSS13	Type II transmembrane serine proteases in cancer and viral infections	19581128
ERO1L	Overexpression of ERO1L is Associated with Poor Prognosis of Gastric Cancer	26987398

MOAT's high mutation burden elements recapitulate LARVA's results & published noncoding cancer-associated elements.

Computational efficiency of MOAT's NVIDIA[™] CUDA[™] version, with respect to the number of permutations, is dramatically enhanced compared to CPU version.

Number of permutations	Fold speedup of CUDA version
1k	14x
10k	100x
100k	256x

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Network rewiring analyses: key cancer-associated regulator identification through network comparisons

Fact	$TF \rightarrow gene \text{ regulation is important}$
Hypothesis	Disease-associated TFs have target gain or loss events
Method	Latent Dirichlet Allocation







50k target genes Metabolic pathway Cell cycle pathway p53 signaling pathway

Biology Intuition

<u>Sparse & noisy</u> network: ~50k target genes in total, <10% active in one cell type

Interpretability: natural units are molecular pathways (unobserved)

<u>Soft clustering</u>: may have significant overlapping between pathways

De-noising process by dimension reduction



From $TF \rightarrow gene (109 \times 50,000)$ to $TF \rightarrow pathway (109 \times 50)$

> Hidden Layer (50 biological pathways?)

> > Challenge: how to define appropriate pathways?

[Zhang et al. ('19), biorxiv.org]

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 $TF \rightarrow gene$ network



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Disease Network : Principles dotted line = lost edge



Direct target gain/loss





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Regulatory Potential of RBPs derived from regression between gene network and expression levels



[Zhang*, Liu* et al., Genome Biology (in review '18)]



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