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Reported Assay



Lenti MPRA



LentiMPRA compares differences with/without genomic context



Inoue et al Genome Res

Nature Biotech: MPRA to test enhancer regions

MPRA in Nature Biotech paper. The regions tested in the paper based on ChromHMM segmentations



Manolis Nature Biotech 2016 The core regions of active element is about 150bp

New viewpoint about MPRA/Luciferase Assay



Weak cell-specific effect and Weak chromatin stat effect;

What we want to model

Plasmid Vector in luciferase assay



Allele1 ATGCAGCTT



Allele2 ATGCGGCTT

What we want to model



Constrains: active element and ref allele has expr regulatory effect: more reads count for vector with ref allele active element than (Cell paper: either of allele has expr regulatory effect)

Target variable Y =Significant regulatory change(expression) for Ref/Alt allele (logSkew).

Dataset

Dataset ever tried:

► Ryan cell paper expression-modulating variants(emVar) VS all non-emVar

All dataset depend on Ryan Cell paper, currently only SNVs(27005) are considered. It also require the reference sequence has potential expression modulation activity, which required more reads count for either ref/alt allele than that from a control vector;

The all SNVs contains unknown state (NA) variants and after filtering, only 4.5k SNVs left with significance estimation.

The SNV without overlapping with any tested histone and tf peaks were removed and 3k+ variants left

Part 1: Dataset exploration



Evolutionary Scores across Datasets

Evolution features: GERP, Phastcons and Phylop. Inter dataset difference is larger than intra pos and negative dataset.

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More motif binding event enriched in emVar.

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The motif break score in emVar group is larger than non-emVar group

Part 2: predict LogSkew using regression methods



Regression problem

(target variable: $LogFC \frac{ref \text{ or alt}}{null}, orLogFC \frac{ref}{alt}$)





Allele1 ATGCGGCTT

Predictors:DeepBind Profile (DP)

DeepBind profile score(DP) from Deepbind, which learns binding preferences from SELEX, ChIP-Seq.

515 features in total was used to learn.



Linear regression, $Y:\textit{LogFC}\frac{\text{ref or alt}}{\textit{null}} \sim \textit{DP}_{\text{ref or alt}}$

Train using ref allele information, then test on alt allele



Pearson.cor=0.62(train), 0.51(test) Spearman.Cor=0.55, 0.42

Lasso regression $Y : LogFC \frac{ref}{alt} \sim DP_{ref} - DP_{alt}$



R²: 0.29(DP), 0.39(DP+Hist+TF+CAGE+GERP)

Feature selection



Top 20 factors in all the feature selection frameworks, sorted by the average value.

ChIP-Seq TF binding features are cell-specific. that will limite the application in other cell lines.



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▶ In vitro binding potential (SELEX) features don't include cell line information

MSE	Lasso 1se	SVR	RandomForest
ChIPseq + SELEX	0.106	0.105	0.102
SELEX	0.111	0.108	0.107

However, we need outlier sensitive regressor:



the target variable: log2 based fold change between mut and ref allele. In the cell paper, The lowest —log2skew— in emVar is 0.11. (or |skew| = 1.08 will be significant

Adaboost

Adaboost are more outlier sensitive, ensemble a series of week regressors. The overfitting problem of tree-based algorithm caused: too many features and depth of tree, we tried forward selection using SVR: ELK1 ,CREB3, IRF5, NKX6-1, SRF, H3k27me3, FEV, NHLH1, TEAD1



Regressor

Comparison with other tools

No direct way to compare, train a 10-fold cross-validation SVR and RandomForest model using output from different tools



smaller is better

Part 3 Classification

State-of-the-art using the same dataset (CAGI 4)



State-of-the-art using the same dataset (CAGI 4)

Participant (Lab-Submission)	LogSkew Spearman corr.	emVar auPRC	emVar auROC
4 (EnsembleExpr)	0.449760	0.452561	0.655261
5-1	0.333893	0.409730	0.626850
Published state-of-the-art	Not Applicable	0.389	0.589
5-2	0.342004	0.369083	0.577220
7	0.007343	0.431639	0.562854
6-1	0.217845	0.345064	0.561953
6-2	0.190123	0.354726	0.561776
1-3	NaN*	0.311243	0.556499
1-1	NaN*	0.305258	0.550820
1-2	0.030243	0.295886	0.550048
2-3	-0.015476	0.303051	0.545206
1-5	0.056143	0.284863	0.541216
1-4	0.079049	0.293321	0.530856
3	0.030049	0.284356	0.511181
1-6	0.105376	0.286584	0.510103
2-2	-0.007377	0.249473	0.479746
2-1	-0.024347	0.234723	0.477301
2-5	-0.023092	0.233144	0.472651
2-6	-0.023092	0.233144	0.472651
2-4	-0.023092	0.233144	0.472651

*: every variant was assigned the same score, leading to incalculable Spearman correlations

A novel k-mer set memory (KSM) motif representation improves regulatory variant prediction

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AUROC = 0.668, AUPRC=0.479

Features



FDR distribution

LASSO and Logistic Regression directly using features



The AUC for classification is 0.5-0.6

Definition of Positive and Negative dataset (PN learning)

FDR distribution of Log skewness for Ref/Alt Positive dataset: FDR <= 0.05; and Negative dataset: FDR > 0.1



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INPUT: \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{U}, K = \text{size of bootstrap samples, } T = \text{number of bootstraps}
OUTPUT: a score s : \mathcal{U} \to \mathbb{R}
Initialize \forall x \in \mathcal{U}, \ n(x) \leftarrow 0, \ f(x) \leftarrow 0
for t = 1 to T do
Draw a bootstrap sample \mathcal{U}_t of size K in \mathcal{U}.
Train a classifier f_t to discriminate \mathcal{P} against \mathcal{U}_t.
For any x \in \mathcal{U} \setminus \mathcal{U}_t, update:
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f(\mathbf{x}) \leftarrow f(\mathbf{x}) + f_t(\mathbf{x}),
n(\mathbf{x}) \leftarrow n(\mathbf{x}) + 1.
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end for

Return s(x) = f(x)/n(x) for $x \in U$

AUC: 0.6158824



Allele2 ATGCGGCTT



In a 2x2 categorical analysis: $logSkew = log(odds) \approx Norm(log(odds), var(log(odds))))$ $log(odds) = logFC_{mut} - logFC_{ref} = log(\frac{n2}{n1} / \frac{n4}{n3})$ $var(log(odd)) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n1} + \frac{1}{n2} + \frac{1}{n3} + \frac{1}{n4}}$ $log FC \text{ is directly calculated from experiment count; log Skew rely on the second sec$ Both the log Skew and Var(log Odds) associate with the positive and negative dataset

The original paper use DESeq2 to correct experiment count and get Log FC and then use Wald test to define emVar and non-emVar. The definition of positive and negative set is dispersion-awared



Target: significant odds

The diagram of our model




Step 1: The log FC classification



0.8

0.6

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Directly from logFC, not log Odds (log Skew)

Define positive and negative using Log2FC for wild type and mutant element. Then train model to do classification.

The motif binding profile can easily identify the elements with high expression regulation effect with very high AUC and AUPR (10 fold cv).

logSkew correlate with predicted log Odds

The predicted log Odds is defined as: $log2odds = log2(\frac{p_{mut}}{1-p_{mut}}) - log2(\frac{p_{ref}}{1-p_{ref}})$



Step2: Cell specific Bias (CSB)



We define a binding effectaware cell specific bias feature (CSB):





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Learning Cell specific bias using TF binding and expression features

Both regression and classification were tried, but we use classification by taking out the two extreme quantile of response to define positive and negative dataset.



TF binding motif still be the best predictor, TF expression ranking is better then random.

Last Step: Lasso using predicted log Odds and CSB



AUCROC: 0.685, AUPRC=0.479 better than the state-of-the-art (AUROC = 0.668, AUPRC=0.479)

Part 4: Experiment validation



The prediction of Log FC has high accuracy but log2 Odds is not well predicted. Morevoer, the luciferase assay results have very high noise and dispersion.

Conclusion

- Transcription factor binding is the most important feature in both regression and classification models
- The experimental precedure of reporter gene assay indicates the genomic context including chromatin status might not play indispensible role in the regulatory results, but cell specific TF binding and expression still have contributions.
- Just use TF binding can preciesely predict LogFC.
- The target variable for classification (significant change between mut_ref, need statistics analysis and cutoff) is not directly reflected from the experiment but some statitical analysis that may further introduce bias.
- Another dataset issue is the training set is not representable for the popluation set.

If still have time, then go to ENGINE

Biological of enhancer gene linkage



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Classic problem: enhancer-promoter interaction. Biological compatibility(sequence feature and motif); spatial compatibility (3d interaction); local environment (epigenomic marks)

Enhancer identification

 $\mathsf{STARR}\text{-}\mathsf{Seq}$: enhancers can function independently of their relative positions.



Enhancer can be very close to a gene(target)/in a gene, and also can be far from a target gene(distal enhancer), how to know their target?

3D genome techniques

Enhancers, esp. distal enhancers, may need 3d chromosome structure to activate its target gene.



IM-PET: Consider information from 3D gnome interactions, DIST(distance) constrain is a triky feature, boosting AUC from 0.7+ to 0.9+.





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Sequence-based PromoterEnhancer Interaction with Deep learning(SPEID)



Figure 1: Diagram of our deep learning model SPEID.

Sequence information alone can do prediction very well



PETModule: a motif module based approach for enhancer target gene

Distance is the most important.

Enhancer promoter interactions are encoded by complex genomic signatures on looping chromatin



Data source in summary:

name	Source code	Enh-pair train	prediction	year
IM-PET	yes	No, but desc	yes	2014
PETModule	yes	No	Yes(in 4d genome)	2016
PreSTIGE	No	No	yes	2014
TargetFinder	Yes	Yes	Yes	2016
SPEID	yes	Raw, same as TF	weight	2016
JEME	Yes	K562	Yes	2017
LDA??	Yes	No	Yes	??

Dynamics



Expression and function of genes correlate with dynamic loop type and distal chromatin state

$1.\ {\rm Data}\ {\rm source}\ {\rm cross}\ {\rm validation}\ {\rm and}\ {\rm comparison}\ {\rm for}\ {\rm positive}\ {\rm and}\ {\rm negative}\ {\rm dataset}.$

Papers use HiC, or ChIA-PET, or Fantome, or kind of combined to define positive dataset, which will affect the negative set definition. How to utilize and combine these dataset to get a reliable (related to positive dataset) and complete(close to complete, related to negative dataset)

2. Connection between 3D interaction and enhancer target regulation.

Some interactions related to enhancer target regulation, the others not, what is the connection between 3d interaction and distal enhancer target regulation? We will focus on the comparison and explore the differences between structural and regulation interaction, and stable and dynamics.

3. MultiClass learning and comparison with the-State-of-the-art.

The traditional way is to define negative dataset from all position non-interacting pairs and it is limited: 1) the interaction is not randomly happened but dynamics, from the practical, it is not just tell the positive dataset from negative dataset from the genomic context; 2) machine learning can only learn the largest deviation between positive and negative dataset, which is bias if we will not known the machanism, and how many parts or elements get involved. So here need a multiple class learning, not only include a positive and negative dataset

4. **Reinforcement learning to study the possible enhancer target dynamics.** Even we have a multiclass learning, there is have a question left, how this happened and how the dynamics happened? Loop extrusion? We setup a deep reinformce learning algorithms to study the potential mechanism underling

5. Downstream analysis.

Given the above, we want to further investigate more in the downstream analysis including network analysis, cellcycle or differential, supper enhancer , variants or other related analysis

Part 1

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Summary of Hic, ChIA-PET and Fantom



The high quality of EP pair tend to enriched in the intersection of Hic and ChIAPET dataset



The genes tend to have relative higher correlation in fantom specific EP pair if they shared a same enhancer with the genes in the intersection set of EP pairs with Hic



pv= 0.00113008294789171

This indicate the potential problem of fantom dataset is the coexpression of genes will affect enhancer promoter target definition

How the loop number close to a enhancer promoter pair affect the expression level of target genes?





Gene expression activation negatively correlate with EP loop count.
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Questions: Why loops have small fraction of EP pair (EP loop), mostly are non EP loop?

- Because arbitrary cutoff, such as anchor size(Hi-C resolution), or Loop qvalue cutoff?
- Different pattern of EP loops or nonEP loops? functional difference? (Functional vs structural)
- Dynamics and stable for EP loops and nonEP loops?
- ► From Hierachical structure, relationship of EP and nonEPloops.

keywords: Anchor, EP loop, nonEP loop, HOT region, Distance to Anchor

Summarieqs



14635 EP loop and 183516 No EP loop with one hot region for each anchor

Loop distance vs EP to loop anchor distance

Compare all the HOT overlap loops, loopsize(inner size) and qvalue (related to contact frequency):



For HOT overlapped loops, EP loops tend to have larger loopsize and lower qvalue(more dynamic) 52

Loop size versus EP pair

For all the loops with qvalue less than 0.1, extend both sides with 250k, find the closest EP pair, and the distance to anchor is the average of E or P center to anchor center.



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Cutoff bias: closest distance distribution of EP pair



FitHic loop without EP pairs within $5k_{\rm b}^{54}$ bins

Cutoff bias: closest distance distribution of EP pair



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FitHic loop with EP pairs within 5kb bins

Cutoff bias: closest distance distribution of EP pair



FitHic loop with EP pairs within 5kb bins, vs loops without EP pairs

TF peak overlap

Colored by Odd ratio Colored by p-value 0.7 0.7 0 ELF1 IKZF1 0.6 0.6 POLR2AMAZ 0.5 0.5 MXISPI EP loop ratio EP loop ratio 0.4 0.4 FOXM 0.3 0.3 165 0 0.2 0.2 JUNE 0.1 d 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 Non EP loop ratio Non EP loop ratio

Take loop with one HOT for both side:





ds.cbind.rf

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SIX5			0			
ZBTB40			.			
HDGE		0				
SP1		0				
ZNE143		0				
NBN		0				
SPI1		0				
MILT1		0				
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