

## Computational Techniques Applied to Mass Cytometry Data: Bead Normalization and Barcoding

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## Outline

- Normalization of Mass Cytometry Data with Bead Standards
  - Review of normalization algorithm
  - Demonstration of normalization software with updated beads
- Mass-Tag Cellular Barcoding
  - Single-cell deconvolution of barcoded populations
  - "Doublet-free" barcoding scheme

#### **Normalization of Mass Cytometry Data**

Goal: Reliably compare mass cytometry data across patients, conditions, tissues, etc.

Problem: Drifts in mass cytometry instrument sensitivity over time due to cellular debris, fluctuations in plasma temperature, and calibrations.

Solution: Normalization using internal bead standards measured concurrently with cell samples.



Bendall, Simonds, et al., Science, May 2011

time

#### Internal Bead Standards Generalize Normalization Capabilities

**Desirable Features for Internal Standard** 

- Independent of biological sample
- Not subject to variable staining
- Can be directly mixed with sample to monitor instrument sensitivity at all times

Metal-embedded polystyrene bead



- Span instrument mass and dynamic ranges
- Unique 5-element signature allows antibodies to be tagged with bead elements

#### Beads can be spiked into standard mass cytometry protocol



#### Beads are Identifiable from Cells Even When Measured on Overlapping Channels



No reduction in number of parameters since beads and element-tagged antibodies can be simultaneously measured on the same channel



#### **Bead Smoothing Removes Local Variance**





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time



#### **Normalization Reduces Bead Intensity Variation**



#### Gated PBMC Populations Validate Bead-Based Normalization



time (sec)

#### **Surface Marker Intensities Agree With Bead Slopes**



## **Normalization Aligns Surface Marker Histograms**



#### Internal Bead-based Normalization Corrects Intra-File Decay



#### Normalization Reduced Non-Biological Variation in Primary Pediatric ALL Bone Marrow Samples



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#### Normalization Software Example Using New Beads

#### 1. Adjust gates.



#### 2. Approve gates.



#### 3. Set bead removal threshold.



#### **Normalization Software Reports Bead Intensity Ranges**



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13-May-2013 16:29:56
Normalizing files in folder /Users/rachelfinck/Documents/MATLAB/four_metal_beads/for_slides/
20130424_FetalMb_cct.fcs
    1212 beads found (0.36624% of all events)
    (Ce140) bead boundary: [166.364 1759.69]
    (Eu151) bead boundary: [82.4513 2289.09]
    (Eu153) bead boundary: [136.45 1933.78]
    (Ho165) bead boundary: [136.45 2767.73]
    (Lu175) bead boundary: [136.45 1565.81]
    DNA bead boundary: [-5.75232 8.55567]
20130424_AdultMb_cct.fcs
    1429 beads found (0.99285% of all events)
    (Ce140) bead boundary: [166.364 1759.69]
    (Eu151) bead boundary: [82.4513 2289.09]
    (Eu153) bead boundary: [136.45 1933.78]
    (Ho165) bead boundary: [136.45 2767.73]
    (Lu175) bead boundary: [136.45 1565.81]
    DNA bead boundary: [-5.75232 8.55567]
20130424_62yoMuSC_cells_found.fcs
    659 beads found (2.0792% of all events)
    (Ce140) bead boundary: [166.364 1759.69]
    (Eu151) bead boundary: [82.4513 2289.09]
    (Eu153) bead boundary: [136.45 1933.78]
    (Ho165) bead boundary: [136.45 2767.73]
    (Lu175) bead boundary: [136.45 1565.81]
    DNA bead boundary: [-5.75232 8.55567]
Removing 1372 events from 20130424_FetalMb_cct.fcs with beadDist <= 8
Removing 1577 events from 20130424_AdultMb_cct.fcs with beadDist <= 8
Removing 769 events from 20130424_62yoMuSC_cells_found.fcs with beadDist <= 8
Bead Fractional Ranae Before = 1.34578
Bead Fractional Range After = 1.10784
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#### **Normalization Summary**

- the intensities of the normalization beads quantitatively monitor instrument sensitivity over acquisition time
- the effects of instrument variation on mass cytometry data are reduced by a correction derived from internal 5-metal bead standards
- normalization allows for the direct comparison of samples collected from multiple individuals and treated under different conditions





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# Multiplexed mass cytometry profiling of cellular states perturbed by smallmolecule regulators

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## **Cell Multiplexing/Barcoding Overview**



## Advantages:

- 1. Uniform Staining
- 2. Reduced Antibody Consumption
- 3. Reduced Acquisition Time
- 4. Improved Singlet Detection

Krutzik PO, Nolan GP. Fluorescent cell barcoding in flow cytometry allows highthroughput drug screening and signaling profiling. Nat Methods. 2006 May;3(5):361-8.

#### Combinatorial Cell Labeling by DOTA-Maleimide Mass-Tag Cell Barcode (MCB) Reagents





#### 7-metal Binary Cell Labeling Scheme for 96-well MCB Multiplexing



#### **Small Molecule Kinase Inhibitor Profiling**



Calculation of phosphorylation site dose responses to inhibitors after various stimulations in multiple cell types.

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#### 18,816 measurements from a single multiplexed tube



Per cell type

CD4<sup>+</sup>

CD4

CD8+

Dendritic

cells

T cells

#### 2,352 dose response curves



## Advances in MCB: Single-cell debarcoding and doublet-free barcoding schemes



#### **Barcodes Binned by Cell Length**



cell length, incremented by 20% of the total cells

## **Single-Cell Debarcoding**



For each cell:

- 1. Sort signal intensity of barcode channels
- 2. Find largest separation in each cell
- Check that signal intensity of first barcode above the largest gap is above a chosen cutoff
- Check that largest gap is greater than a chosen fold change cutoff
- 5. Assign cell a barcode, or discard it

#### "Doublet-Free" Barcoding Schemes Simplify Single-Cell Debarcoding



- Every well is labeled with exactly three barcode metals
- The combination of any two (or more) different barcodes is an "illegal" barcode
- Selecting only the events with legal barcodes filters out most doublets

Palladium barcode labeling does not overlap with antibody channels!

#### Single-Cell Debarcoding With a "Doublet-Free" Scheme



cell event

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#### **Doublets Removed via Debarcoding**



#### **Barcoding Update Summary**

- Single-cell debarcoding decreases cell size bias
- Doublet-free barcoding scheme improves accuracy of barcode deconvolution and singlet gating
- Palladium barcode labeling does not affect the number of available antibody channels



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#### **Bead Doublets Are Few**



#### **Multivariate Relationships are Preserved by Normalization** Pairwise Correlations Between Surface Markers in a Single File Before CD19 CD4 CD8 CD20 CD61 CD123 CD45RA CD45 Correlation CD33 CD11c CD14 CD16 CD38 CD3 HLA-DR DNA1 DNA2 GD19 OP ON DE DIS ON AN ON DE DIS DIS DIS DI CON DIS OS OF ANT MAN CDA

#### Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cell (PBMC) MCB Staining Panel

Surface Markers	<u>Phospho-proteins</u>
CD45	Stat1 (pY701)
CD20	Stat3 (pY705)
lgM	Stat5 (pY694)
HLA-DR	SHP2 (pY580)
CD3	Zap70/Syk (pY319/pY352)
CD4	Slp76 (pY128)/BLNK (pY 72)
CD7	BTK (pY551/pY511)/ltk (pY511)
CD33	LAT (pY226)
CD14	PLCγ (pY759)
CD123	Akt (pT308)
	S6 (pS235/pS236)
	Erk1/2 (pT202/ pY204)
	p38 (pT180/pY182)
	NEKB (nS529)

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#### Kinase Inhibitors Screened: Approved Drugs, Preclinical Compounds, and Chemical Tools



Crassin, H89 (PKA), Imatinib\* (BCR-ABL), SP600125 (JNK), Staurosporine (broad), Sunitinib (RTKs), VX-680\* (Aurora kinase)

#### **Dose Response Curve Website**



## PBMC In Vivo IC50s Strongly Correlate with In Vitro Percent Inhibition Values



Anastassiadis et al. Comprehensive assay of kinase catalytic activity reveals features of kinase inhibitor selectivity. Nat Biotechnol. 2011 Oct 30;29(11):1039-45.

Davis et al. Comprehensive analysis of kinase inhibitor selectivity. Nat Biotechnol. 2011 Oct 30;29(11): 1046-51.

#### How Does Our 96-well MCB In Vivo Analysis Compare to In Vitro Kinase Inhibition Assays?





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# **Re-Scaling of Barcode Channels**

We were assuming that barcode channels were on comparable scales, but what if they're not?



Normalize:



# **Re-Scaling of Barcode Channels**

**Before Normalization:** 



cell event

After Normalization:



cell event