

and region-specific cis-regulatory elements in addiction neurobiology

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How do genetic variants influence the predisposition to substance use disorders?



We use computational models and experimental genomic tools to predict how a mutation is going to impact the neural circuit



Exploring genetic signal of substance use phenotypes.

1. Addiction GWAS encode cell type-specific reward pathways

Interpreting multiple large, confident addiction-associated risk loci



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Fullard et al., Genome Res 2018

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Fullard et al., Genome Res 2018; Volkow and Morales, Cell 2015

GWAS variants enrich for in single nucleus open chromatin of human occipital cortex (scTHS-seq)



Lake et al., Nat Biotech 2018

GWAS enrichment of macaque striatum cell type markers identified by single-nucleus RNA-seq





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Cell type-specific *cre* mouse lines allow for ATAC-seq of PV+ nuclei using INTACT

All Neurons PV+ neurons Tagged cells for isolation



Cellular localization of Sun1-GFP







Method adapted from Mo et al., Neuron, 2015

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Cactus, HAL, HALPER: Multi-Species Alignments maps orthologous enhancer regions from mouse to hg38



Cactus, HAL, Hickey et al., Bioinformatics 2013

14 HALPER, Irene Kaplow, Erin Zhang, Morgan Wirthlin

Mouse genetic tools dissect inhibitory neuronal enrichments using cell type-specific ATAC-seq







Leveraging computational tools for predicting functional SNPs.

2. From GWAS to gene regulation

LD block of Smoking Initiation SNPs within **SUFU** gene (Suppressor of Fused)



SUFU, rs10786689: Fine-mapping addiction loci with cross-species cell-type specific epigenetics



Fullard et al., Genome Res 2018, Mo et al., Neuron, 2015

Can we we predict the impact that the SNP is going to have on PV enhancer function?



LS-GKM predicts PV+/- enhancers



LS-GKM: Ghandi, Lee *et al., PLOS Comp Biol,* 2014 Mo *et al., Neuron,* 2015

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Assessing ML models on SNP functional effects with MPRA

3. Validating ML SNP predictions

Lymphoblastoid cell lines (LCL)

- Human GM12878
 - Mormon Utah mother (HapMap project)
 - B-lymphocyte + Epstein-Barr Virus
 - Benchmark for genomic assays & population genetics
- Mouse CH12.LX
 - Immortalized B-cell lymphoma
- ENCODE DNase hypersensitivity
 - Stam & Crawford labs (GM12878), Stam lab (CH12.LX)
 - ATAC-seq pipeline (w/ DNase setting)

ENCODE project PMID: <u>22955616</u>, <u>29126249</u>,



LCL for addiction genomics?

1. How well do ML methods predict enhancer activity?

- 2. Do models from mouse LCL predict human SNP function?
- 3. How well do ML models predict MPRA SNP function?





Tewhey et al., Cell 2016

ML models for enhancer activity

Gapped k-mer SVM



Convolutional Neural Network



Ghandi, Lee et al., PIOS Comp Bio 2014; Lee, D. Bioinformatics 2016

Positives & Negatives

- Positive set
 - DNA-seq open chromatin peaks
 - Train **167bp** enhancer sequences
 - Summit centered—most informative
- Negative set
 - GC & repeat matched genomic sequences
- Parameter tuning
 - Learning rate, convolution filter size, k-mer length

Which ML methods are better?

Top models trained within each sample, ranked by F1-score.



How well does model trained in {Species X} predict test set from {Species Y}?



Cross-species prediction w/ top 5 models



GM12878 SNP-MPRA design



Tewhey et al., Cell 2016, from figures 1, 3, 4

Both models make similar enhancer activity predictions

Enhancer prediction of SNP alleles



GM12878 models learn different sequences of enhancers from CH12.LX



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Do models predict enhancer activity? log2FC(RNA/DNA)



Both species predict cluster 1 SNP enhancer activity well



GM12878 models poorly predicts enhancer activity of cluster 2 SNPs

Other cluster prediction vs. MPRA CNN SVM 5 4 GM12878 3 MPRA log2(RNA/DNA) count 12 9 6 5 3 CH12.LX 3 2 1 0 -5.0 2.5 -3 -2.5 0.0 -4 -2 1 Predicted Enhancer Score

Both models predict similar SNP effects

SNP predictions of all ref alleles



CNN: score_{Alt} – score_{ref} SVM: w/ deltaSVM method

Do ML models predict allelic skew?



Fine-tune CNN regression models



Learnable

Param

Frozen

Param

Split Tewhey MPRA SNPs 50/50 for training & testing.

Fine-tuned regression models predict enhancer activity better than classifiers



Fine-tuned regression models aren't great at predicting allelic skew either

ML SNP impact prediction vs. MPRA allelic skew



Conclusions

- 1. Addiction-associated GWAS SNPs encode the reward epigenome
- 2. Addiction-associated variants enrich for human, macaque, and mouse cell type-specific enhancers
- 3. ML models trained on mouse cell-type specific epigenomes may infer enhancer activity at SNPs

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