

## Interactive Visual Analysis of Biological Data

Tutorial: Interactive Visual Analysis of Scientific Data

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# Interactive Exploration of 3D Gene Expression Data

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### **Analysis of 3D Gene Expression Patterns**







### **Multiple Views For Different Aspects of Gene Expression**



*Physical views* show gene expression as spatial patterns in relation to the embryo



*Expression space views* show the relationship between expression of different genes





## **3D Embryo View**



ftz eve hb

ftz eve hb sna tll

- Each cell represented by a 3D object at the physical cell location
- Usage:
  - Qualitative analysis of gene expression levels
  - Analysis and comparison of gene expression patterns





### **Unrolled View**



- Entire embryo in one cylindrical projection
- Third dimension can be used for display of additional information





### **3D Offset Surfaces**





#### ftz eve



- Small differences in expression visible
- Quantitative analysis of gene expression





### **2D/3D Scatter Plots**



• Identify relationships between gene expression levels





### **Correlate Views vis "Show & Brush"**

- *Brushing*: Select a subset of cells in one view
  - By "painting" on embryo in physical view
  - By choosing expression level ranges in expression space views
- *Linking:* Highlight selected cells in all other views
- Fundamental Idea:
  - Select "interesting expression properties" in one view and examine properties of this subset in other views.





## **Brushing and Linking Example – Scatterplot**









## **Brushing and Linking Example – Brushing**









### **Brushing and Linking Example – Linking**









### **Parallel Coordinates**



• Support analysis of relationship of more than three genes

[Rübel et al., Eurographics/IEEE VGTC EuroVis Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 2006]





### **Brushing in Parallel Coordinates**



• Selection of expression range along each parallel coordinate axis possible





### Linked Views – Combining Selections



[Weber et al., IEEE TCBB, 2009]





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### **Clustering of 3D Gene Expression**





#### How do gene regulatory networks define the expression pattern of a gene?

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How does the expression pattern of a single gene vary?





## Analysis of ChIP-chip Data

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### Motivation

- Most analyses of ChIP-chip *in vivo* binding focused on qualitative description: region bound by certain factor or not
- Increasing evidence suggests that
  - Factors bind in highly overlapping manner on same genomic regions
  - Quantitative differences critical determinants of different biological specificity of factors
- Need tool to facilitate quantitative visualization of differences between transcription factors and genomic regions they bind to understand each factor's unique roles in the network
- Build this tool based on IVA
- Interesting example since no "physical" / 3D views





### **ChIP-chip Data**

• ChIP-chip data describe interaction between protein and DNA *in vivo*, e.g., location of binding

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### **ChIP-chip Data**







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### **Input and Data Processing**

- Input:
  - ChIP-chip data
  - Peak locations
- Processing:
  - Data smoothing
  - Correlation computation
    - i. Choose a transcription factor (TF), fa, as the base
    - ii. Pick a subset of its primary peaks
    - iii. Look up corresponding ChIP-chip scores of other TFs at these peak locations
    - iv. Pick another TF as the new base and repeat step i~iii





### Overview



### **Correlation table**

Transcr	≥0.60							
	bcd_1	gt_2	kr_2	hb_1	sna_2	twi_2	shn_2	
bcd_1	1.00	0.25	0.25	0.22	-0.10	-0.15	-0.01	
gt_2	0.24	1.00	0.36	0.09	0.04	-0.00	-0.01	0.30
kr_2	0.31	0.33	1.00	0.39	-0.05	-0.13	0.01	
hb_1	0.45	0.38	0.48	1.00	-0.03	0.03	0.22	0.00
sna_2	0.11	-0.02	-0.09	0.11	1.00	0.52	0.30	
twi_2	0.12	0.16	0.10	0.17	0.49	1.00	0.22	-0.30
shn_2	0.14	-0.04	-0.03	-0.09	0.32	0.14	1.00	
0.2157	≤-0.60							





### **Scatter Plots**









### **Track View**







### **Parallel Coordinates**









### **Parallel Coordinates**







### Case Study (1/5)







### Case Study (2/5)

- Eve
  - *α*: stripe 2, *bcd* & *hb* activate
  - $\beta$ : stripe 4/6, *hb* represses
  - *γ*: stripe 1, *bcd* activates





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### Case Study (3/5)

Higher correlation with other A-P factors



Still have regions bound to high *hb* and moderate D-V factors





### Case Study (4/5)



- α is bound strongly not only by bcd and hb, but also by kr and gt (two factors known to be important for defining the expression boundaries of eve stripe 2)
- γ (eve stripe 1 enhancer) is only strongly bound by bcd





### Case Study (5/5)



β (eve stripe 4/6) is only strongly bound by hb





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