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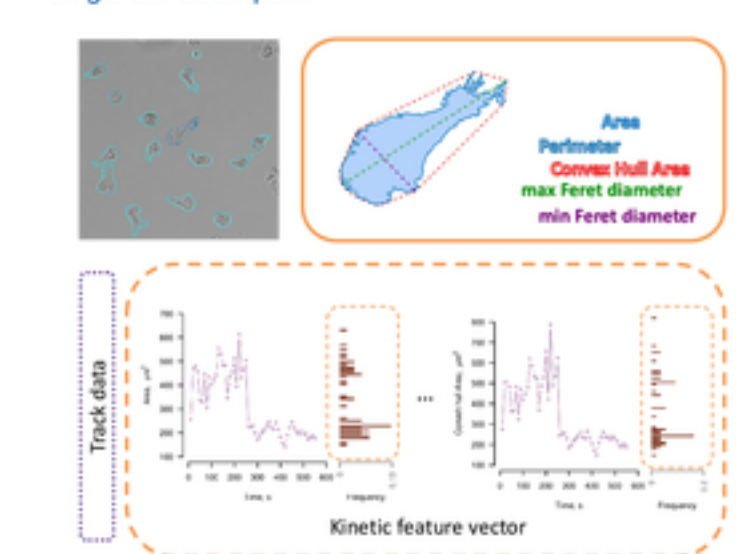
Project aim

Automated characterization of cells based on interpretable features, in order to construct classifier models based on dynamic cell properties.

Project outline

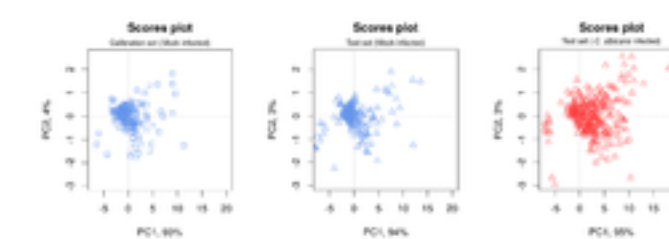


Single cell description



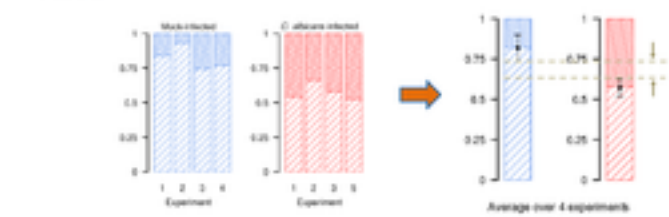
Classifier training

Based on visual inspection of live cell imaging data we introduced two types of morphological conditions for the cells (neutrophils): flattened and non-flattened. In the mock-infected scenario the last type dominates. This fact allows us to create a soft model of non-flattened cell using the data from mock-infected experiments and principal component decomposition.



Graphical representation of the model (left) and projections of new samples on this model (mid and right). The coloration and included 2D objects, the mock-infected test set included 200 objects. C. albicans infected set included 337 objects. The data sets included only the cells with track duration not less than 10 time points.

Results



Classification results for paired experiments for each of the test conditions. The decision rule based on 11 variables. Averaged results demonstrate that the fraction of flattened cells is significantly different between the test infection scenarios, because there is a clear change with bandwidth of about one standard deviation.

Next steps

Identification of minimal requirements for comprehensive analysis. Whole-blood infection model for other pathogens, immune cells and species.

