

High-speed Recognition of Micro-array Genomic Images Using Multi-scale Representations

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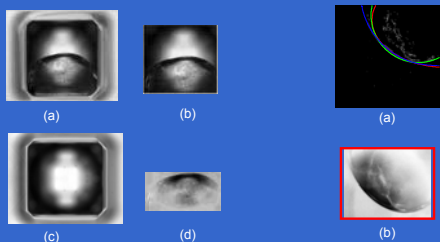
INTRODUCTION

- This project is part of the Northeast Structural Genomics Consortium (NESG). The goal of this consortium is to develop efficient and integrated technologies for high-throughput (HTP) protein production and 3D structure determination.
- This project focuses on the design of an image analysis system to classify protein crystal structures in a production oriented environment.
- The method performs classification of microscopic images as clear droplets versus non-clear droplets (precipitates and crystals).
- Using expert classification for ground truth, current results show high classification accuracy with a large image datasets.

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METHODOLOGY

1. Preprocessing of Microscopic Images

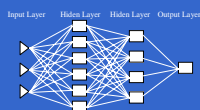


(a) Original image with an oil droplet containing precipitates. (b) Cropped image with Radon transform. (c) Background image cropped with the minimal rectangular area encompassing the three ellipses. (d) Pre-processed image with Ellipsoidal Hough transform.

(a) Ellipsoidal Hough transform [1] to detect the three most probable ellipses, plotted over the edge map of the pre-filtered image. (b) Pre-processed image cropped with the minimal rectangular area encompassing the three ellipses.

2. Feature Extraction with Laplacian Pyramidal Expansion [2]

3. Classification with a Feed-Forward Neural Network



4. We used the quantitative shape descriptions of a first-order histogram combined with the power spectrum and autocorrelation information:

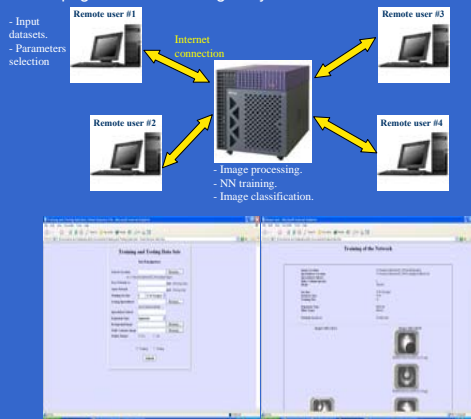
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mean:} & S_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i P(b_i) \\ \text{Standard Deviation:} & S_1 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - \bar{b})^2 P(b_i)} \\ \text{Skewness:} & S_2 = \frac{1}{\sigma^3} \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - \bar{b})^3 P(b_i) \\ \text{Kurtosis:} & S_3 = \frac{1}{\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - \bar{b})^4 P(b_i) - 3 \\ \text{Entropy:} & S_4 = -\sum_{i=1}^n P(b_i) \log_2 P(b_i) \\ \text{Entropy:} & S_5 = -\sum_{i=1}^n P(b_i) \log_2 [P(b_i)] \\ \text{Power:} & S_6 = \sum_{i=1}^n f(i) |f(i)|^2 \\ \text{Autocorrelation:} & S_7 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \text{Im}(i) \cdot \text{Im}(j) \end{aligned}$$

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METHODOLOGY

5. Remote Application Server

Web page interface managed by a Matlab® Server.



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DATA

- Microscopic images were acquired with a CGD camera under robotic control.
- Gray scale 8-bits images saved in tiff format.
- Image Database of 5,000 manually classified images:
 - 2500 drops containing precipitates and/or crystals.
 - 2500 clear drops (clear, skin, etc)



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DISCUSSION

- Introduction of robotic manipulation of the crystals for HTP protein production requires the automation of image analysis of crystallization experiments for classification of solution content.
- The proposed feed forward neural network showed promising results in classifying microscopic images.
- Most features of representation were computed from Laplacian pyramid expansion histograms. The histogram made the features invariant to orientation which was a desirable feature in order to be able to characterize the diversity and complexity of precipitate appearances.
- The Laplacian expansion provided a representation of the image edge and texture patterns at different scales with extremely fast implementation.

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RESULTS

1. Classification with the Database

► Image Features for Neural Network

Quantitative shape descriptors: first-order Laplacian pyramid coefficients histogram combined with the power spectrum and autocorrelation information. 8 statistics for each Laplacian subset with totally 5 subsets. (8*5=40)

► Binary classification

0 = clear drop, 1 = not a clear drop

► Training data set

100, 500, 1000, 1500, 2000 images with precipitates, 1/2 clear drops, 1/2 drops without precipitates

► Testing experiments

200 images with precipitates, 200 images with clear drops

► Definition of the classification system

Accuracy = (TP+TN)/2 = (TP+TN)/2

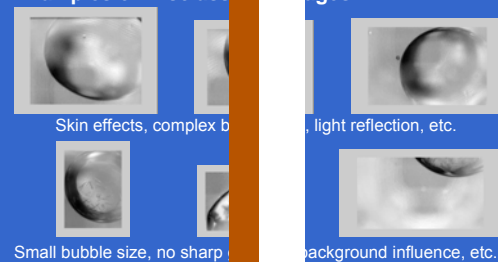
TP = True Positive (Percent of images with precipitates correctly classified)

TN = True Negative (Percent of images with clear drops correctly classified)

FP = False Positive (Percent of images with precipitates incorrectly classified)

FN = False Negative (Percent of images with clear drops incorrectly classified)

2. Examples of Misclassified Images



Skin effects, complex bubbles, light reflection, etc.

Small bubble size, no sharp edges, background influence, etc.

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CONCLUSION

- We are working on further development of the microscopic image database to separate crystals and precipitates.
- A parallel task of this project is the creation of a web-based infrastructure for testing and development. An experimental testbed is currently under development.

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