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Omics integration - General aspects

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Omics… which ones ?

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Nature Reviews | Genetics

Ritchie, M., Holzinger, E., Li, R. et al. Methods of integrating data to uncover genotype–phenotype interactions. Nat Rev Genet 16, 85–97 (2015).

But also ?

Other related data ?

- clinical data
- imaging data (full data or extracted characteristics)
- new omics fields : fluxomics, ionomics, microbiomics, glycomics...
- biological knowledge : DNA/protein, protein/protein interactions, DNA recombination
	- \rightarrow a priori in model definition/construction

(a) Axial slice

(b) Tissue segmentation

 $IntAct$.

- Take advantage of the vast amount of available data
	- Data access (local/national regulation, infrastructures...)
	- Data representation (structuration, ontologies...)
	- -> Need of common representation framework

- Improve our understanding of biological phenomena
	- Data heterogeneity (technology, format, biological meaning, stat. distribution...)
	- Data complexity (dependances/independances, ad-hoc assumptions...)
	- Amount a data (time/memory consuming)
	- -> Need of new analysis methods/algorithms

- Deep insights into biology phenomenon
- Subtyping and classification (disease, species, varieties)
- Biomarkers prediction : diagnostic, disease drivers, plant/animal selection...

Vasileios et al (2018). Drug and disease signature integration identifies synergistic combinations in glioblastoma. Nature Communications. 9. Mahmood et al (2022). Multi-omics revolution to

promote plant breeding efficiency. Front Plant Sci.

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PLOS Biology | DOI:10.1371/journal.pbio.1002195 July 7, 2015

Life science: 1600+ reference databases

\rightarrow integrating heterogeneous data A integrating neterogeneous data
and knowledge is (badly) needed!
The section of Semantic Web = framework for:

Editorial > Nucleic Acids Res. 2022 Jan 7;50(D1):D1-D10. doi: 10.1093/nar/gkab1195.

The 2022 Nucleic Acids Research database issue and the online molecular biology database collection

Daniel J Rigden¹, Xosé M Fernández² ffiliations + expand

- **- integrating** data and knowledge
- **querying**
- **reasoning**

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Unsupervised learning

find hidden patterns, analyze and organize unlabelled datasets. ex : clustering, dimension reduction, density estimation

- **Supervised learning**
- use labeled datasets and previous outputs to guess outcomes in advance (predictive model).
- ex : classification task (categorical/numerical), regression (numerical)

– Semi-supervised

Supervised learning

Curse of dimensionality

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P : number of features (genes, proteins, genetic variants…)

N : number of observations (samples, cells, nucleotides…)

Feature selection

 \rightarrow determine a smaller set of features minimizing (relevant) information loss

ex : filtering methods (correlation), recursive elimination, regularization

Feature extraction

 \rightarrow combine the input features into another set of variables in a linear or non-linear fashion

ex : PCA, PCoA, ICA…

+ regularization for sparse methods : sPCA, sNMF

Integration strategies

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Concatenate every omics datasets into a single large matrix.

Pros :

- conceptually simple
- easy implementation
- directly uncovers interactions between omics

Cons :

- technically complicated (noisy and high dimensional concatenated matrix)
- imbalanced omics datasets
- ignores the specific data distribution of each omics
- common definition space (rows or columns \rightarrow samples or features)

Transform independently each omics dataset into a simpler representation before integration.

Pros :

- new representation is less dimensional and less noisy
- less heterogeneity between omics
- classical approaches can be used on combined representation

Cons :

- choice of the transformation method is not trivial
- information loss during transformation
- correspondence between omics in the new representation space

Jointly integrate the multi-omics datasets without prior transformation.

Pros :

- reduce information loss
- discover the joint inter-omics structure
- highlight the complementary information in each omics

Cons :

- could require robust pre-processing step to reduce heterogeneity
- common latent space assumption

Apply machine learning models separately on each omics dataset and then combine results.

Pros :

- avoid (numerous) challenges of direct omics integration
- use tools designed specifically for each omics
- classical approaches can be used to combine results

Cons :

- cannot capture inter-omics interactions
- complementarity information between omics is not exploited

Include prior knowledge of omics relationships.

Pros :

- reduced complexity (sequential integration)
- integrate external knowledge

Cons :

- less generic than previous strategies

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Subramanian I, Verma S, Kumar S, Jere A, Anamika K. Multi-omics Data Integration, Interpretation, and Its Application. Bioinform Biol Insights. 2020

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Integration approaches : neural networks

Kang, M., Ko, E., & Mersha, T. B. (2022). A roadmap for multi-omics data integration using deep learning. Briefings in bioinformatics, 23(1).

Integration methods are not unique

- comparisons exist... for a given application
- parametrization need expertise
- make your own comparisons/expertise
- keep an eye open

Figure 5. Benchmarking of machine learning-based integration tools using the CCLE multi-omics data

Cai Z, Poulos RC, Liu J, Zhong Q. Machine learning for multi-omics data integration in cancer. iScience. 2022

Integration methods are not magic!

You will still need to:

- carefully check design and confounding factors
- perform specific data pre-processing for each omic
- impute missing values* (different meaning \rightarrow different strategy)
- choose your integration strategy based on your objective and your data (ex. matching between omics) \rightarrow still no standard pipelines
- some omics bring more noise than answers

Multi-omics data portal

Table 1. Key portals for accessing publicly available multi-omics datasets

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Web-applications

PaintOmics *(T. Liu et al. PaintOmics 4: new tools for the integrative analysis of multi-omics datasets supported by multiple pathway databases, Nucleic Acids Research, Volume 50, Issue W1, 2022.)*

3Omics *(K. Tien-Chueh et al. 3Omics: A web-based systems biology tool for analysis, integration and visualization of human transcriptomic, proteomic and metabolomic data. BMC systems biology. 7. 64, 2013)*

XCMSOnline *(EM. Forsberg et al. Data processing, multi-omic pathway mapping, and metabolite activity analysis using XCMS Online. Nat Protoc. 13(4):633-651, 2018)*

Galaxy-P project*(Galaxy-P Project. [galaxyp.org.](http://galaxyp.org/))*

OmicsNet *(G. Zhou et al., OmicsNet 2.0: a web-based platform for multi-omics integration and network visual analytics, Nucleic Acids Research, Volume 50, Issue W1, 5 , 2022.)*

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