

## Automated Mitosis Detection in Color and Multispectral High-Content Images in Histopathology: Application to Breast Cancer Grading in Digital Pathology

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#### Context

- Digital Pathology
- Breast Cancer Grading
- Research Contributions
  - Mitosis Detection Framework for Color Images
  - Mitosis Detection Framework for Multispectral Images
  - Dynamic Sampling Framework for WSI analysis
- Conclusion & Future works

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## Digital Pathology

### Slide Preparation

- Dissection / extraction
- Chemical processing
- Sectioning
- Staining Hematoxylin & Eosin (H&E), Immunohistochemistry (IHC)

### Imaging & Visualization

- Microscope
- Slide Scanner



Biopsy glass slide



Scan at 40X Resolution: 0.2456µm per pixel





## Pathology vs Digital Pathology

#### Pathology

- Manual analysis is labor intensive work
- Inter and intra-reader variations

#### Digital Pathology

- Location independence
- Virtual slide sharing with clinicians
- Enables automated analysis techniques





Breast Cancer Grading

#### Breast Cancer

- Origin Ductal, lobule or stromal tissues
- Proliferation Carcinoma in Situ, Invasive
- Worldwide, Breast Cancer accounts for 22.9% of all cancer in women [1]
- I in 8 US women estimated to develop Invasive Breast Cancer over the course of her lifetime [2]

#### ➢ Nottingham Grading System for Invasive Breast Cancer

- International grading system recommended by the World Health Organization
- 3 Criteria [3]:
  - I. Gland Formation
  - 2. Nuclear Atypia / Pleomorphism
  - 3. Mitosis Count
- I) Peter Boyle, et al. World cancer report 2008. IARC Press, International Agency for Research on Cancer, 2008.
- 2) US Breast Cancer Statistics, 2013 (<u>http://www.breastcancer.org/symptoms/understand\_bc/statistics</u>).
- 3) CW Elston & I O Ellis, Pathological prognostic factors in breast cancer. Histopathology, 19(5):403-410, 1991.



#### Mitosis Count

- Scan sections to find area with most mitotic activity (often at tumor edge)
- ➢ Count mitosis in 10 consecutive high power fields (HPFs) of selected area
- ➢ Skip fields with few carcinoma cells or obvious necrosis
- ➢ Score I ( < 10 Mitosis )</p>
- ➢ Score 2 ( 10 ~ 19 Mitosis )
- Score 3 ( > 19 Mitosis )

HPF is an area of microscope field diameter of 58mm (or a digitized square image 512 \* 512 μm<sup>2</sup>).



- I. State-of-the-art in nuclei detection, segmentation and classification
  2. Color Framework
  - Selection of color channels for different tissue component
  - Intensity (Ist order statistical) and texture (2nd order statistical) features
  - Region vs patch based texture features analysis for mitosis discrimination
  - An inspection of over-sampling method for balancing the training set
- 3. Multispectral Framework
  - Spectral absorption responses of different tissue components
  - Multispectral-statistical features in selected Spectral Bands (SBs)
- 4. Whole Slide Image Analysis Framework
  - Robust strategy to explore WSI using a dynamic sampling framework
  - Extension of ITK QuadEdgeMesh data structure to handle duality of meshes
- 5. Proof of concept in MICO platform



### MITOS Benchmark (ICPR 2012)

- ➢ 5 breast cancer biopsy slides (H&E stained) provided by [4]
- ➤ In each biopsy slide, I0 HPFs at 40X magnification are selected
- ➤ 35 Training HPFs 226 mitotic nuclei (69.3%)
- ► I5 Evaluation HPFs I00 mitotic nuclei (30.7%)

Scanners	Resolution per pixel	HPF dimension to cover area of 512 × 512 $\mu$ m <sup>2</sup>	
Aperio Scanner	0.2456 µm	2084 ×2084 pixels	
Hamamatsu Scanner	0.2273 × 0.22753 µm	2252 ×2250 pixels	
Multispectral Microscope	0.185 µm	2767 × 2767 pixels	

4) Team of Prof. Frederique Capron, head of Pathology department, Pitie-Salpetriere Hospital Paris.



### Mitosis Detection – A Challenging Problem

#### Mitosis Detection – A Challenge

- Mitotic nuclei have
  - large variety of shape configuration
  - Texture variation
  - Low frequency of appearance in HPF
  - Similarity with other types of objects
    - (e.g., apoptosis, necrosis, dust particles etc.)



Dust particles



Apoptosis



Mitosis



#### Mitosis Detection – A Challenge

> Which one is mitotic nuclei and which is not?





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Intensity, Texture & Morphology based Mitosis detection in Color images (ITM<sup>2</sup>C) Framework



ITM<sup>2</sup>C Framework



#### Histogram of Selected Channels on Aperio Dataset





#### Histogram of Selected Channels on Hamamatsu Dataset







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### ITM<sup>2</sup>C Framework Step 3

- Morphology Features (5 Features)
  - Area, Perimeter, Roundness, Elongation, Equivalent spherical perimeter
- Intensity Features (5 Features)
  - ► Mean, Median, Standard Deviation, Skewness, Kurtosis
- Texture Features (18 Features)
  - ➢ Co-occurrence Features (8 Features)
    - Correction, cluster shade, cluster prominence, energy, entropy, Hara-correlation, inertia, difference moment
  - ➢ Run-Length Features (10 Features)
    - SRE, LRE, GLN, RLN, LGRE, HGRE, SRLGE, SRHGE, LRLGE, LRHGE
- Compute intensity and texture features for each color channel (total eight channels)
- Total Features =  $5 + \frac{8}{17}(5 \times 18) = 189$



Threshold & Morphology Segmentation & Candidate Selection • Feature Computation Feature Normalization & Selection ٠ Handling Imbalance Training set Classification

### ITM<sup>2</sup>C Framework Step 4

Feature Normalization

 $f\uparrow' = f - f\downarrow min \ / f\downarrow max - f\downarrow min$ 

where ff' is normalized feature, f is actual feature

• Feature Selection using Consistency subset evaluation method

 $Consistency \downarrow s = 1 - \sum_{j=0}^{j=0} \int J = \frac{D \downarrow_j}{|D \downarrow_j|} - \frac{M \downarrow_j}{|N|}$ 

where *s* is a feature subset, *j* is the number of distinct combination of features for s, |Dlj| is the number of occurrences of the *j*<sup>th</sup> feature combination, |Mlj| is the cardinality of the majority class for the *j*<sup>th</sup> feature combination and *N* is the total number of instances

Use these subsets in conjunction with a hill climbing search method, augmented with backtracking





### ITM<sup>2</sup>C Framework Step 5

#### Handling Imbalanced Training Set

- High degree of imbalance in training set (mitosis vs non-mitosis)
- Down-sampling of non-mitosis
- Over-sampling of mitosis using Synthetic Minority Over-sampling TEchnique (SMOTE)
  - 2 neighbors are selected from 5-nearest neighbors
  - New instance is generated in the direction of selected 2 neighbors











#### ITM<sup>2</sup>C Classification Results using Single Channel Features



On Aperio Dataset

On Hamamatsu Dataset



#### ITM<sup>2</sup>C Result using All vs Selected Features on Evaluation set

		Aperio Dataset			Hamamatsu Dataset		
Features	Classifiers	TPR	PPV	FM	TPR	PPV	FM
	DT	65%	71%	67.71%	60%	62%	60.91%
	MLP	68%	69%	68.34%	60%	61%	60.61%
All realures	LSVM	72%	66%	68.57%	61%	62%	61.31%
	NLSVM	58%	83%	68.24%	53%	73%	61.27%
	DT	67%	73%	69.79%	61%	64%	62.56%
Selected	MLP	66%	74%	69.84%	60%	66%	62.83%
Features	LSVM	74%	71%	<u>72.55%</u>	63%	66%	<u>64.62%</u>
	NLSVM	59%	84%	69.41%	55%	74%	63.22%

TPR = True Positive Rate PPV = Predictive Positive Value FM = F-Measure



#### Different Patch Sizes for Feature Computation

Patch Size in pixels	Aperio Dataset (µm)	Hamamatsu Dataset (µm)	
Patch 80 × 80	<b>19.648</b> × 19.648	18.184 × 18.202	
Patch 70 × 70	$17.192 \times 17.192$	$15.911 \times 15.927$	
Patch 60 × 60	$14.736 \times 14.736$	$13.638 \times 13.652$	
Patch 50 × 50	12.28 × 12.28	11.365 × 11.377	
Patch 40 × 40	9.824 × 9.824	9.092 × 9.101	



Mitosis Patch from Aperio Dataset

Mitosis Patch from Hamamatsu Dataset



#### Region vs Patch Features based Classification using LSVM Classifier

• Both scanners have different information on same patch size.



On Aperio Dataset

On Hamamatsu Dataset



#### Comparison of Results with ICPR MITOS Contest 2012





Candidate Classification on Aperio Dataset (TP=Green, FP=Yellow, FN-Blue)





### Mitosis Detection in Multispectral Images

#### Multispectral Dataset

- 10 Spectral bands
- 17 Focal Planes (layer Z-stack)
- 4 images per HPF
- | HPF = 4 \* |7 \* |0 = 680 images
- Image resolution =  $251.6 \times 251.6 \mu m^{12}$ an area of  $0.063 mm^{12}$
- Total 50 HPF (322 mitosis)
  - 35 Training set (244 mitosis)
  - 15 Evaluation set (98 mitosis)



Spectral bands (SBs) of multispectral microscope and example of each SB



Multispectral Intensity, Texture & Morphology-based Mitosis detection in Multispectral images (MITM<sup>3</sup>) Framework



#### MITM<sup>3</sup> Framework



### Mitosis Detection in Multispectral Images

#### Spectral Band Selection

#### Method I – Tissue Spectral Absorption



Multispectral Image (SB 8)

Color (RGB) Image



Normalized average gradient spectra of four tissue components



#### Spectral Band Selection

Method 2 – H & E Spectral Absorption



Normalized plot of the Hematoxylin (Blue line) and Eosin (Red line) dye absorption spectra and difference of Hematoxylin and Eosin (green line)



#### Spectral Band Selection

Method 3 – SBs Selection using Minimum redundancy and Maximum Relevance (mRMR)

- Relevance  $D=1/|S| \sum s \downarrow i \in S^{\uparrow} MI(s \downarrow i; c \downarrow j)$
- Redundancy  $R=1/|S|/2 \sum s \downarrow i, s \downarrow j \in S^{\uparrow} MI(s \downarrow i; s \downarrow j)$
- Mutual Information

 $MI(S;C) = -\sum s \downarrow i \in S \uparrow = p(s \downarrow i) \log \downarrow 2 \ (p(s \downarrow i)) + \sum s \downarrow i \in S \uparrow = \sum c \downarrow j \in C \uparrow = p(s \downarrow i, c \downarrow j) \log \downarrow 2 \ (ps \downarrow i c \downarrow j)$ 

• Incremental search method is used to find the *n* SBs from the set  $\{S\downarrow T - S\downarrow n-1\}$  by maximizing  $\max_{\tau} s\downarrow i \in S\downarrow T - S\downarrow (n-1) [MI(s\downarrow i; c) - 1/n - 1 \sum s\downarrow j \in S\downarrow (n-1) \uparrow MI(s\downarrow i; s\downarrow j)]$ 

S = SBs set, C = class label,  $p(s\downarrow i)$  = probability density function of SB  $s\downarrow i$ ,  $ps\downarrow i c\downarrow j$  = conditional probability density function of SB  $s\downarrow i$  and class label  $c\downarrow j$ 



#### Spectral Band Selection

Method 3 – SBs Selection using Minimum redundancy and Maximum Relevance (mRMR)

SBs	MI	Accumulated MI	Accumulated MI%
SB 8	3.60	3.60	33%
SB 9	3.59	0.95	42%
SB 7	3.58	0.94	51%
SB 6	3.18	0.93	60%
SB 2	3.16	0.92	69%
SB I	3.11	0.91	78%
SB 3	3.05	0.89	86%
SB 0	2.99	0.88	91%
SB 4	2.94	0.85	95%
SB 5	2.85	0.82	100%



#### 3 Rankings of Spectral Bands

Method I – Tissue Absorption Spectra		Method 2 – H&E Absorption Spectral		Method 3 – mRMR	
SBs	Mitosis-Cytoplasm	SBs	H-E	SBs	MI
SB 7	0.47	SB 7	0.96	SB 8	3.60
SB 8	0.45	SB 8	0.91	SB 9	3.59
SB 9	0.36	SB 9	0.64	SB 7	3.58
SB 3	0.33	SB I	0.39	SB 6	3.18
SB 2	0.31	SB 6	0.33	SB 2	3.16
SB 6	0.30	SB 0	0.23	SB I	3.11
SB I	0.30	SB 2	0.23	SB 3	3.05
SB 4	0.29	SB 3	0.21	SB 0	2.99
SB 0	0.28	SB 5	0.04	SB 4	2.94
SB 5	0.27	SB 4	0	SB 5	2.85

• Selected SBs are 8,9,7,6,2,1,3 and 0.



#### Region vs Patch Features based Classification Results



Region vs Patch features based classification results using LSVM classifiers



#### MITM<sup>3</sup> Classification on Evaluation Set

		All SBs Features			Selected 8 SBs Features		
Features	Classifiers	TPR	PPV	FM	TPR	PPV	FM
	DT	67%	53%	59.1%	62%	62%	62.24%
Region	MLP	64%	56%	59.72%	62%	66%	63.10%
Features	LSVM	63%	60%	61.69%	64%	62%	63.32%
	NLSVM	54%	68%	60.23%	59%	69%	63.74%
	DT	61%	71%	65.57%	65%	70%	67.72%
Patch size	MLP	63%	67%	64.92%	66%	70%	68.06%
Features	LSVM	69%	75%	<u>71.96%</u>	74%	73%	<u>73.74%</u>
	NLSVM	55%	77%	64.29%	59%	77%	67.05



Plot of TPR, PPV and FM using Single SB Features with LSVM classifier





Plot of FM using Accumulated Features from the order of mRMR Selection





Results on different subsets of Features using 5-Fold Cross Validation



MorF = Morphology Features MSIF = Multi-Spectral Intensity Features MSTF = Multi-Spectral Texture Features MSITF = Multi-Spectral Intensity & Texture Features MMSF = Morphological & Multispectral Statistical Features



Comparison of MITM<sup>3</sup> Framework with ICPR 2012 MITOS Contest





#### Comparison of ITM<sup>2</sup>C and MITM<sup>3</sup> Frameworks





## Whole Slide Image (WSI) Analysis

#### Switching from HPF to WSI Analysis





#### Orientable 2-Manifold Meshes and Existing Data Structure

- *itk::QuadEdgeMesh* existing data structure in ITK can handle discrete 2-manifold surfaces
- A constant complexity local access on modifications





#### Orientable 2-Manifold Meshes and NewData Structure

- Proposed an extension of existing ITK data structure for Orientable 2-manifold meshes to handle duality
- *itk::QuadEdgeMeshWithDual* new data structure and a filter that transform primal mesh to primal/ dual mesh

		Old Structure	New Structure
Changes	OriginRefType	Point ID, Cell ID	Pair< Point, Cell >, Pair< Cell, Point >
Additions	Dual Containers	-	Dual Pointers, Cells and EdgeCells Containers





Planer Delaunay/Voronoi Mesh and Non-Planer Triangulation/Simplex Mesh





### MICO Project (ANR TecSan)

- COgnitive virtual MIcroscope for Breast Cancer Grading (MICO) Project
  - Funded by French National Research Agency (ANR)
  - Launched in Feb, 2011 Jul, 2014 (3.5 Years)







MICO 2.0 Architecture









#### Dynamic Sampling applied over WSI: Incrementally Voronoi Diagram





### Stereology Framework for evaluation of ITM<sup>2</sup>C framework in MICO

- > TerritoryExtractor
- ➢ FrameGenerator
- ➢ FrameSampler 3×3
- FrameSampler 4×4
- ➢ ITM2C Framework
- MitosisScorer



Stereology Flow used for Mitosis Score over a ROI



#### WSI analyzed by ITM<sup>2</sup>C Framework are displayed on Calopix platform

The color code is based on the number of mitosis detected in the frame (from blue for zero mitosis to red for 10 or more mitosis.





#### Mitosis Detector Integration in Calopix





### Conclusion & Future works

#### Summary

- Proposed automated mitosis detection framework for different scanners and multispectral microscope
- Efficient and generic strategies (Stereology & Dynamic Sampling) to explore WSI
- Evaluation of these frameworks in MICO platform

#### Future work

- Expand proposed frameworks from two-class problem to multi-class problem and classify other microscopic objects like lymphocytes, apoptosis, normal nuclei, cancer nuclei
- Main area of Interests:
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#### Intellectual Property

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# Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve of patch based features with LSVM Classifier



#### On Aperio Dataset

#### On Hamamatsu Dataset



Candidate Classification on Hamamatsu Dataset TP=Green, FP=Yellow, FN-Blue)





Classification Results with White, Red, Green and Blue SBs using 5-Fold Cross Validation

Features	Classifiers	TPR	PPV	FM
	DT	51%	63%	56.11%
Red SBs	MLP	48%	71%	57.46%
(SB 0,8,9)	LSVM	67%	56%	61.19%
	NLSVM	49%	75%	59.19%
	DT	50%	68%	57.55%
Green SBs	MLP	50%	65%	56.84%
(SB 5,6,7)	LSVM	65%	58%	61.14%
	NLSVM	48%	78%	59.39%
	DT	43%	59%	49.82%
Blue SBs	MLP	46%	69%	55.49%
(SB 2,3,4)	LSVM	54%	60%	56.81%
	NLSVM	46%	75%	56.65%
	DT	42%	65%	51.32%
White SB	MLP	44%	74%	55.15%
(SBI)	LSVM	56%	52%	54.11%
	NLSVM	44%	77%	55.84%







#### Dynamic Sampling for Cyto-Nuclear Atypia Score

- A dynamic sampling framework was developed based on computational geometry for Cyto-Nuclear Atypia (CAN) evaluation to avoid exhaustive analysis on WSI
- Main steps of method are:
  - I. Pathologest annotated territories by observing WSI using Calopix user interface
  - 2. Territories are extracted from WSI and split into several HPF frames
  - 3. 50 HPF are randomly selected for computation CNA scores using Christophe and Maria method [5]
  - 4. These scores are used for initialization of Voronoi diagram
  - 5. Next HPF is selected based on two criteria
    - I. At least one of its neighboring Voronoi cells has a high score that control the convergence of method towards areas with high score
    - 2. The distance between the new sample and its neighbors is not too short that prevents oversampling
  - 6. The final overall CNA score is the grade of the most atypia frame
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#### Dynamic Sampling Algorithm

Input: Current frames E, Voronoi Diagram VD<sub>F</sub>, p, d, max<sub>F</sub> **Output:** updated frames E, Voronoi Diagram VD<sub>F</sub>, max<sub>F</sub> Compute V<sub>F</sub> Sort  $V_{\rm F}$  according to decreasing distance to E for every  $x \in VE$  do if Distance(x, E) > d then if  $MaxScore(x) > p \times max_F$  then  $\mathsf{E} = \mathsf{E} \cup \{x\}$ Update VD<sub>F</sub>  $\max_{F} = \max(S(x), \max_{F})$ break loop end if

#### Else

Break loop

End if

End for