

Project Presentation

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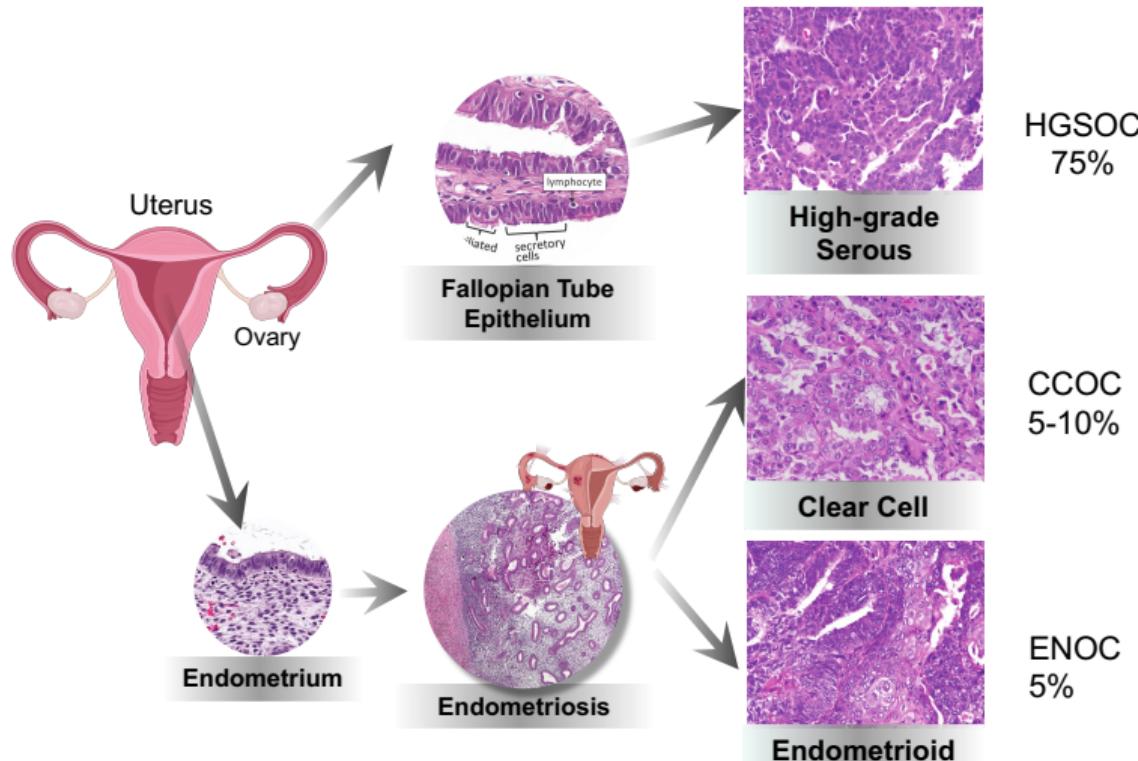
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Background

Introduction

- **Group Name:** Packing the Bits
- **Group Members:** Jacob Morrison
- **Project Title:** Investigating Tissue Differences in the Human Fallopian Tube across Ovarian Cancer Subtypes

Ovarian Cancer Overview

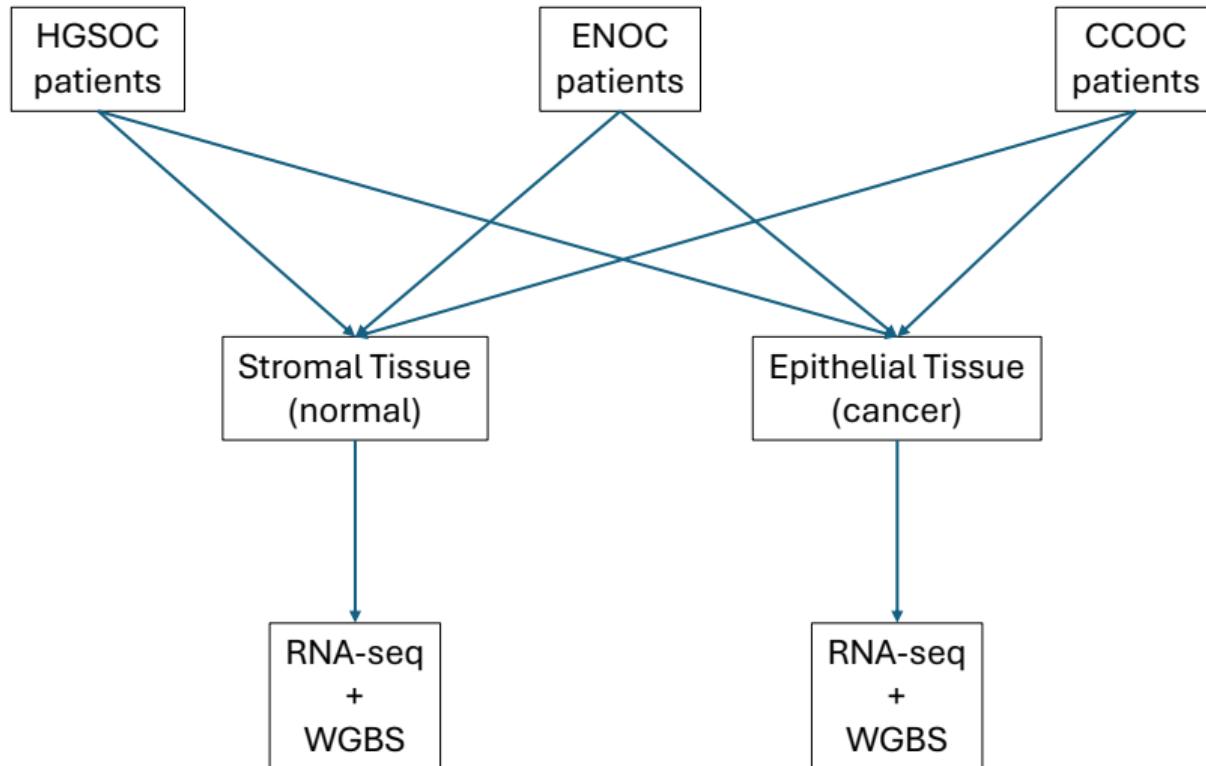


HGSOC=High grade serous ovarian carcinoma | ENOC=Endometrioid Ovarian Carcinoma | CCOC=Clear Cell Ovarian Carcinoma // Photo credit: Paige Matusiak

Related Work

- Previous results in the lab showed that differences between ENOC and CCOC are driven by cell state rather than cell type
- But, this was done with bulk tumor samples
 - This makes it hard to distinguish between normal cells and cancer cells
- To better understand differences, new tumor samples were collected and laser capture microdissection was performed
 - Allows for precise separation of normal and tumor samples
- Initial analysis showed that differences in the normal tissue was not driven by the type of cancer, but rather by another set of factors

Sample Overview



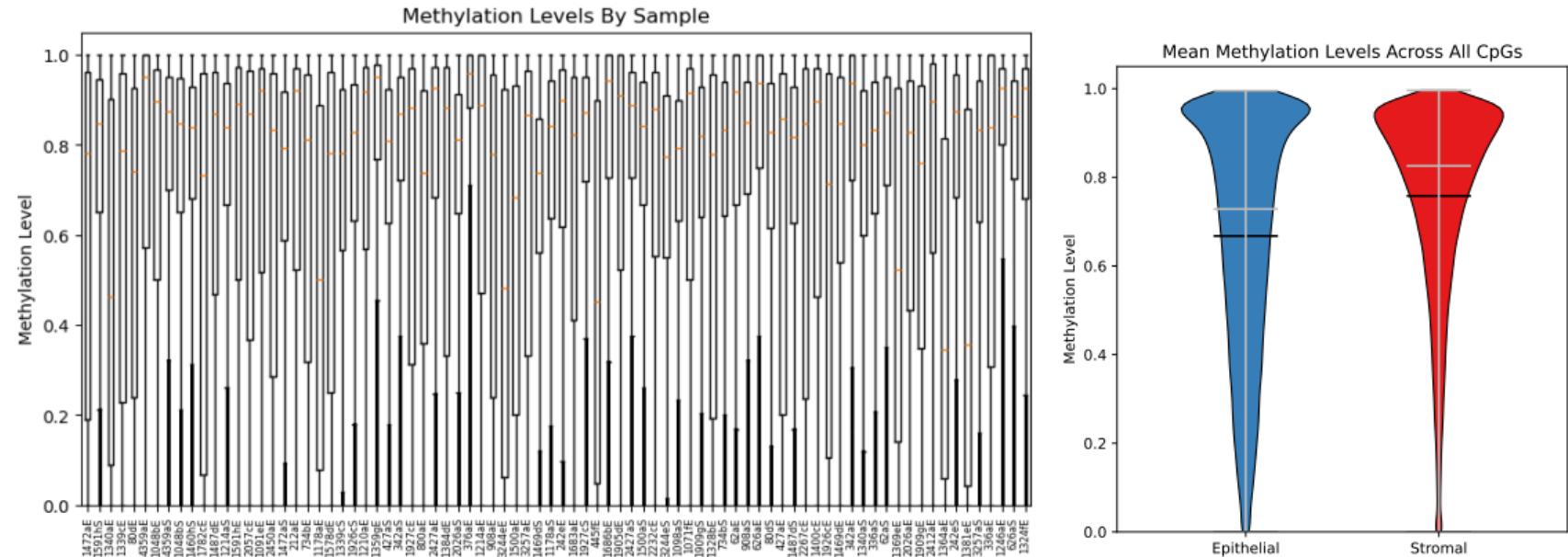
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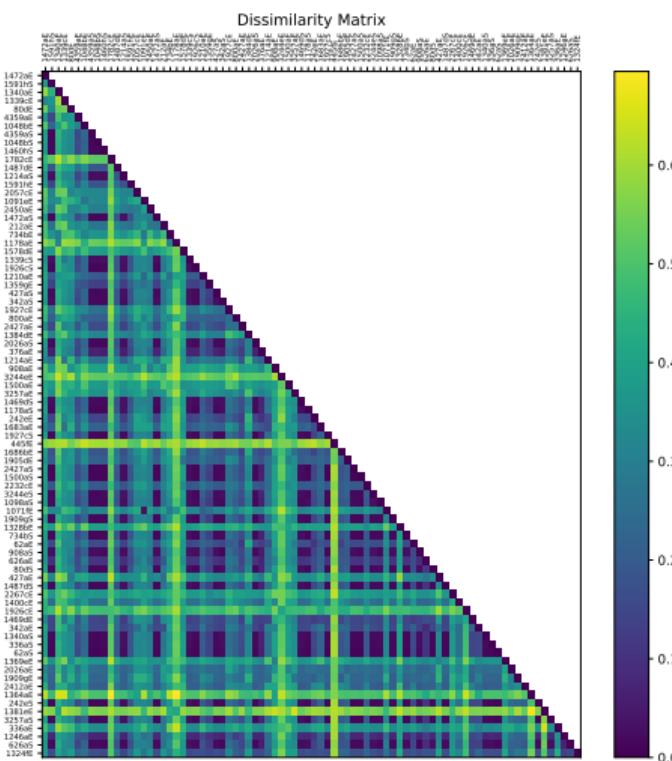
- Sample filtering
 - Started with 92 samples
 - Removed 10 samples due to contamination
- File processing
 - Data read in with pandas
 - Raw data points retained and logit-transformed values calculated
 - Data points removed that had coverage < 10 or were not on the canonical chromosomes (chr. 1-22, X, Y, or mitochondria)
 - Only positions found in all samples were retained to eliminate missing data
- Analysis notes
 - Dissimilarity metric used: $1 - \frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}}{||\vec{x}|| \times ||\vec{y}||}$, used the 10,000 most variable positions
 - PCA used the logit-transformed values and retained 2 dimensions (~30% of variance explained)

Results

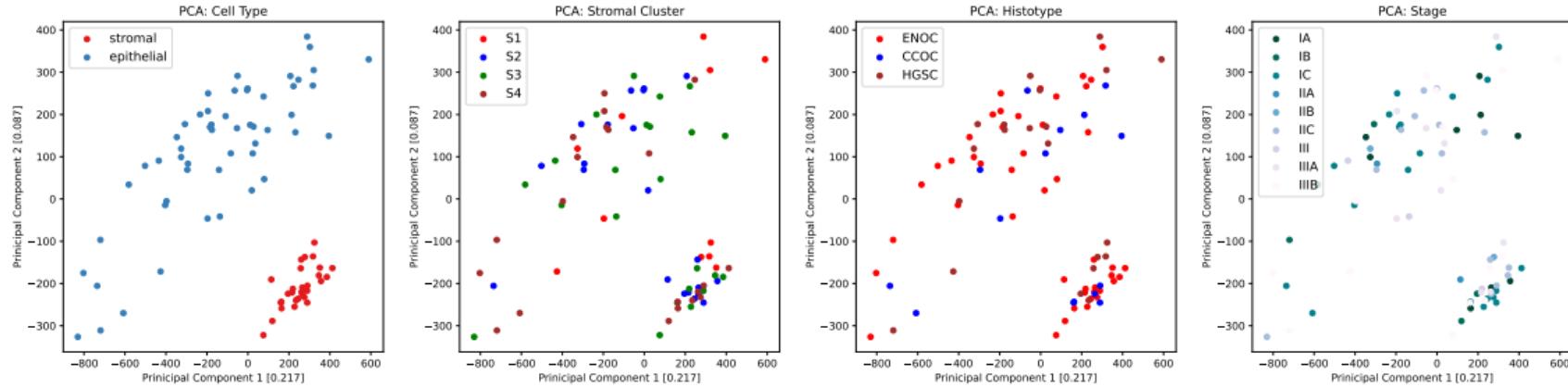
Descriptive Statistics



Dissimilarity



PCA



Conclusion

Summary and Future Work

- Limitations and Future Work
 - Need to overcome differences of cancer versus normal samples → separate stromal and epithelial samples within PCA
 - All data compared across entire genome → look at biologically relevant regions of interest
- Summary
 - Broadly confirmatory of data quality rather than noteworthy results
 - Tumor samples differ from normal samples
 - Some samples do stand out as interesting to explore in more detail