# Deep Learning Model for Base Calling of MinION Nanopore Reads

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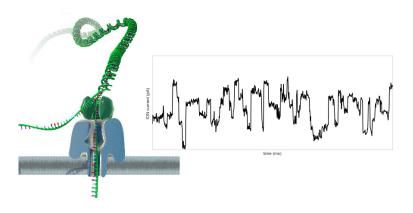
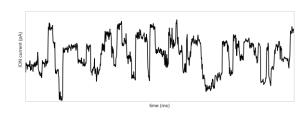
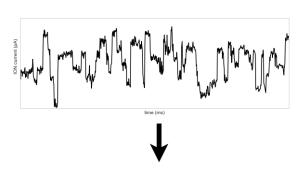


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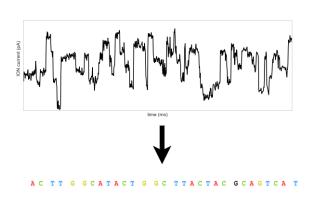
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- open-source
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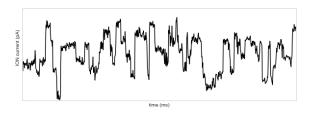


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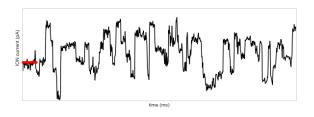


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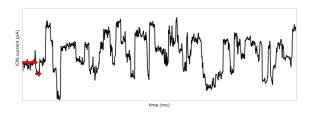


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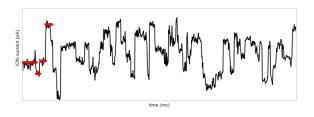


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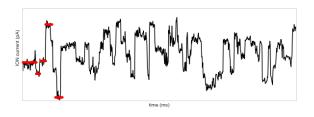


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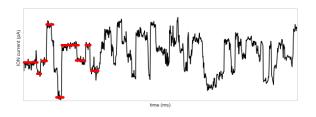


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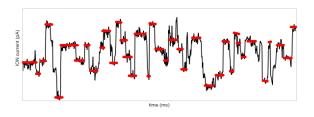


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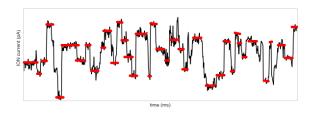


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- Signal segmentation event detection
- RNN, HMM (older version of *Metrichor* and *NanoCall*)

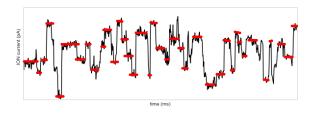


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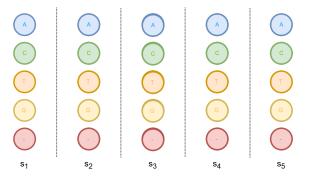


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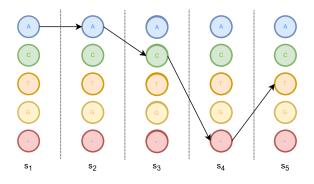


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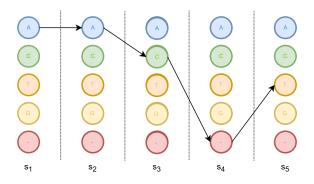


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$$P(Y|X) = \sum_{\pi \in decode^{-1}(Y)} P(\pi|X)$$
(3)

Given the dataset  $D = \{(X_i, Y_i)\}$ , training objective is the maximization of the likelihood of each training sample which is the same as the minimization of negative log likelihood:

$$L(D) = -\sum_{(X,Y)\in D} InP(Y|X) \tag{4}$$

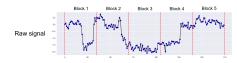


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Figure 7: Preprocess

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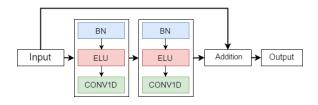


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- Maxpool every 24 blocks, reduction of dimensionality by factor 8

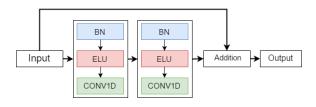


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#### Ground truth? Per read metrics

Table 1: Alignment specifications of E. Coli R9 basecalled reads

|           | Match % (median) | Mismatch % (median) | Insertion % (median) | Deletion %<br>(median) |
|-----------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| DeepNano  | 90.254762        | 6.452852            | 3.274420             | 11.829965              |
| Metrichor | 90.560455        | 5.688105            | 3.660381             | 8.328271               |
| Nanonet   | 90.607674        | 5.608912            | 3.652791             | 8.299046               |
| resdeep   | 91.408591        | 5.019141            | 3.477739             | 7.471608               |

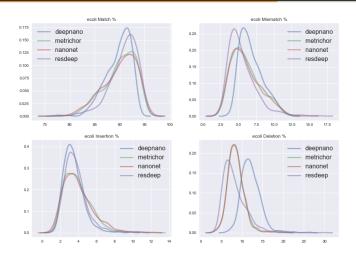


Figure 9: KDE plot of alimnment operations for E. Coli

Table 2: Ecoli R9 basecalled read lengths in base pairs

|           | median | mean        | std         |
|-----------|--------|-------------|-------------|
| DeepNano  | 5526.5 | 8126.694000 | 7406.554786 |
| Metrichor | 5809.5 | 8933.275000 | 9189.709720 |
| Nanonet   | 3286.5 | 4874.406582 | 4803.182344 |
| resdeep   | 5784.0 | 8990.988989 | 9297.972688 |

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Table 3: Consensus specification of E. Coli R9 basecalled reads

|           | Total called [bp] | Correctly called [bp] | Match<br>% | Snp<br>% | Insertion<br>% | Deletion<br>% |
|-----------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------|----------|----------------|---------------|
| DeepNano  | 1510244.0         | 1493242.0             | 98.8742    | 1.0044   | 0.1214         | 0.9041        |
| Metrichor | 1515893.0         | 1502588.0             | 99.1223    | 0.7464   | 0.1313         | 0.6300        |
| Nanonet   | 1414237.0         | 1385515.0             | 97.9691    | 1.5700   | 0.4609         | 1.5158        |
| MinCall   | 1517828.0         | 1506233.0             | 99.2361    | 0.6474   | 0.1165         | 0.5510        |

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Table 4: Assembly and consensus results for E. Coli

|                       | Metrichor        | resdeep          | Nanonet         |  |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--|
| Aln. bases ref. (bp)  | 4639641(100.00%) | 4639612(100.00%) | 4639031(99.99%) |  |
| Aln. bases query (bp) | 4604787(100.00%) | 4614351(100.00%) | 4599745(99.99%) |  |
| Avg. Identity         | 98.76            | 99.06            | 98.47           |  |
| Edit distance         | 60418            | 46686            | 74341           |  |

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# Results - basecalling speed

Table 5: Base calling speeds measured in base pairs per second<sup>3</sup>

|                    | resdeep | Nanonet | DeepNano |
|--------------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Speed CPU(bp/s)    | 1363.34 | 897.49  | 692.37   |
| $Speed\;GPU(bp/s)$ | 6571.76 | 3828.39 | -        |

 $<sup>^3</sup> Tested$  on server with two 8-core Intel(R) Xeon(R) E5-2640 v2 CPUs, NVIDIA Titan X Black GPU, 6GB

### Conclusion

- end2end basecaller, open-source, fast and accurate
- R9 data only, R9.4 in progress

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```
def selu(x):
    with ops.name_scope('elu') as scope:
        alpha = 1.6732632423543772848170429916717
        scale = 1.0507009873554804934193349852946
        return scale*tf.where(x>=0.0, x, alpha*tf.nn.elu(x))
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Figure 10: SELU implementation

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