

# Course Project Introduction

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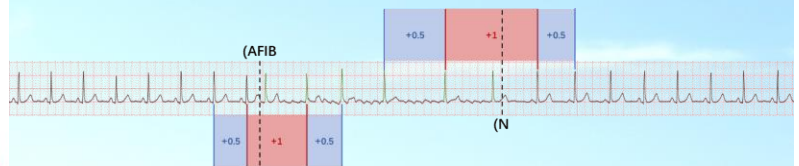
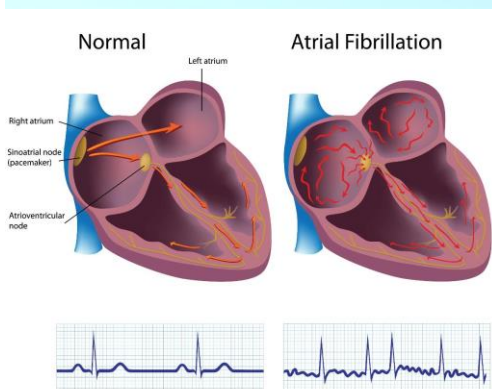
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## Course Project 1



- Disease Classification/Detection in ECG signals
  - Atrial Fibrillation 房颤



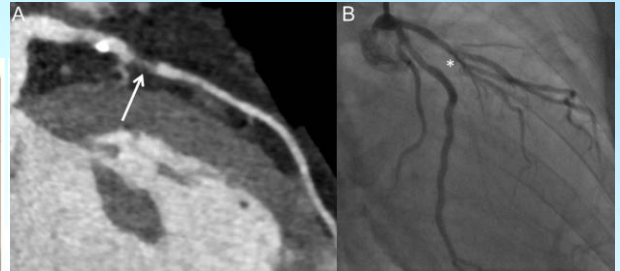
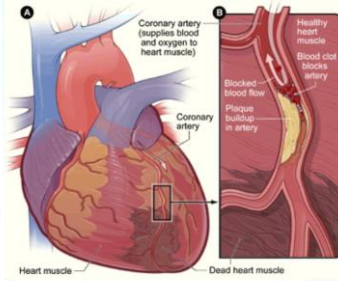
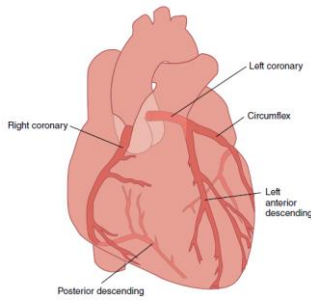
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## Course Project 2

- Coronary CT Angiography (CCTA) Image Segmentation
  - Coronary Heart Disease (CHD) 冠心病
  - Coronary CT angiography 冠脉CTA、冠脉CT增强扫描、冠状动脉成像
  - Need to find data first



**Coronary CT angiography (CCTA)** in the detection of coronary artery disease. CCTA was performed in a 59-year-old man with atypical chest pain, positive family history for coronary artery disease, hypercholesterolaemia and inconclusive stress test. Curved multiplanar reconstruction of the left anterior descending coronary artery (LAD) (A) shows a severe coronary lesion due to a non-calcified atherosclerotic plaque in the proximal part of the vessel (arrow). **Invasive coronary angiography** (B) confirms the obstructive coronary lesion in the LAD (star).

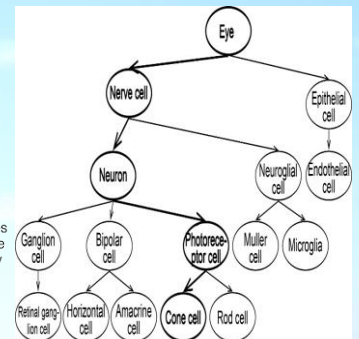
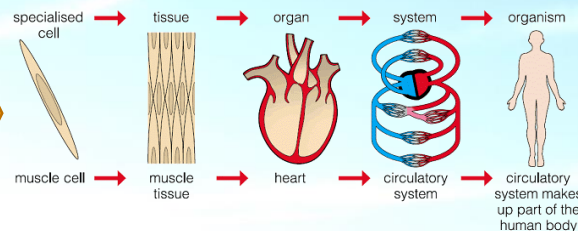
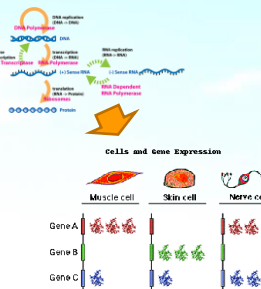
A. Rossi et al, Coronary CT angiography for patients with suspected coronary artery disease, *Heart*, 100: 976-984, 2014

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## Course Project 3

- Hierarchical Cell-type Classification
  - Same genes, different expressions → different cell types, tissues, organs
  - Hierarchical classification of cell types based on single-cell RNA-seq data



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## Course Project 4



- Self-defined Project
  - Requirements:
    - Be defined as a nontrivial machine-learning problem
    - Need comprehensive use of ML methods or development of new ML methods
    - Feasible to be completed reasonably well by the end of the semester
    - Data and background knowledge available
  - Proposal need to be approved
    - **Proposal submission (2-3 pages) due by Oct.20, 18:00 Beijing time**
    - Select among Projects 1-3 if proposal is rejected.

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## Logistics for Course Projects



- Project selection/proposal
  - Each group should be of 1~3 students.
  - Group-forming and project selection/proposal
    - Project 1 or 3, proposal submission (<0.5 page, with group members' planned roles) by Oct.20, 18:00
    - For Project 2, proposal submission (<3 pages) by Oct.27, 18:00, feedback by Oct.29, new selection (if rejected) by Oct.31, 18:00
    - For Project 4, proposal submission (2~3 pages) by Oct. 20. feedback by Oct.24, new selection (if rejected) by Oct. 27, 18:00

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## Logistics for Course Projects



- Project report:
  - A formal report by each group, in a format suitable for submission (either in English or Chinese)
  - Supplementary materials:
    - All information that are necessary for reproducing the work
- Scoring:
  - Course projects are real research, not competitions.
    - ✓ We will look at the performance, but will pay more attention to your method use or development, experiment design, result description, analyses and discussions.
    - ✓ Major evaluation is whether you have completed the task as a serious research project.



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TU 80250993 Machine Learning (Fall 2021) Course Project 1



## Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation (阵发性房颤) Event Detection from Dynamic ECG Recordings

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Modified from 4th China Physiological Signal Challenge 2021 (version 1.0.0)

PhysioNet



# Overview

- Electrocardiogram (ECG) is a signal of voltage versus time and can capture cardiac abnormalities.
- We have 1,425 two channels time-series ECG records sampled at 200 Hz, which are obtained from the normal, persistent AF ( $AF_p$ ) and paroxysmal AF ( $AF_p$ ) patients.
- You need to
  - **classify these records into three types**
  - **detect the onset and end locations of the abnormal heartbeat episode**



Atrial fibrillation (AF) is the most frequent arrhythmia. Early detection and classification of PAF is of great value for surgery options, drug intervention and diagnosis and treatment of various clinical complications.

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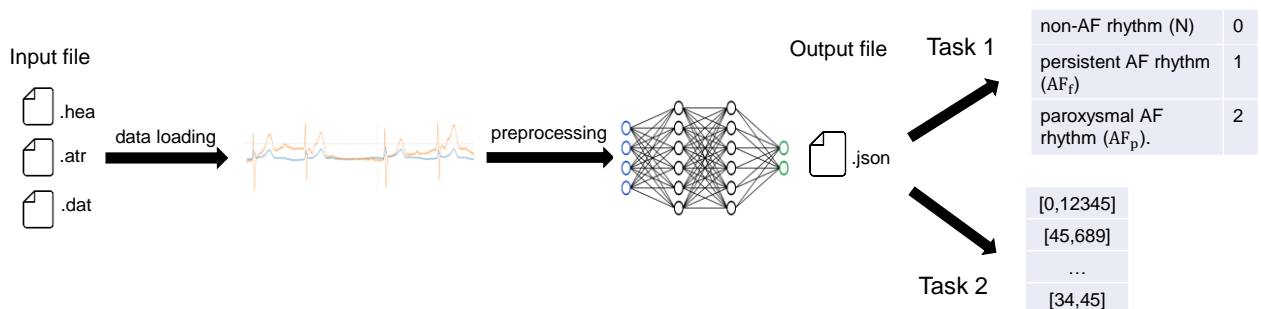
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## Pipeline

- Tasks
  - classify the heart rhythm
  - detect the location of onsets and ends of  $AF_p$  episodes in dynamic ECG



Wang, X., Ma, C., Zhang, X., Gao, H., Clifford, G., & Liu, C. (2021). Paroxysmal Atrial Fibrillation Events Detection from Dynamic ECG Recordings: The 4th China Physiological Signal Challenge 2021 (version 1.0.0). *PhysioNet*. <https://doi.org/10.13026/ksya-qw89>.

Goldberger, A., Amaral, L., Glass, L., Hausdorff, J., Ivanov, P. C., Mark, R., ... & Stanley, H. E. (2000). *PhysioBank, PhysioToolkit, and PhysioNet: Components of a new research resource for complex physiologic signals*. *Circulation [Online]*. 101 (23), pp. e215–e220.

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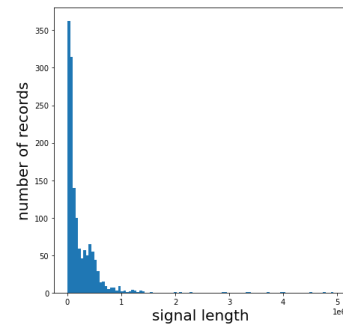
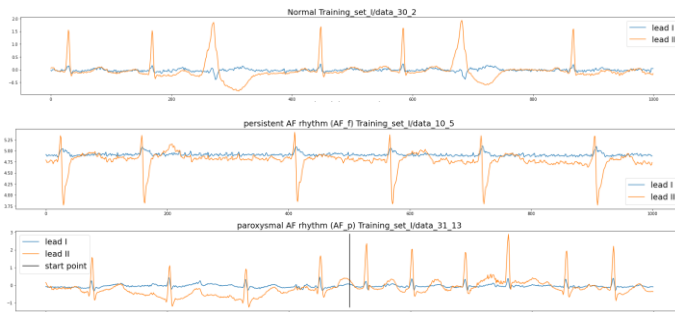
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# Data

- **1,425** (1,138 for training, 286 for testing) ECG records which are obtained from 12-lead Holter or 3-lead wearable ECG monitoring devices.
- Each ECG record extracted from **lead I** and **lead II** of the long-term dynamic ECGs and sampled at **200 Hz**. Most of the data have less than 1,000,000 time points.
- To avoid ambiguity in annotation, an AF episode is limited to contain **no less than 5** heartbeats.



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# Data

- Data format: WFDB MIT format
  - Signal files (.dat) : digitized signals
  - Header files (.hea) : classification label, signal length, signal frequency etc.
  - Annotation files (.atr) : the onset and end locations of the atrial fibrillation interval; the R peak location.
- You can use the **wfdb.rdsamp** and **wfdb.rdann** from python **wfdb** package to read these files: <https://wfdb.readthedocs.io/en/latest/wfdb.html>
- The training and test sample lists, sample code and all data are on the Tsinghua cloud: <https://cloud.tsinghua.edu.cn/d/5a65c16c3ac74741a747/>.
- Online visualization: <https://physionet.org/lightwave/?db=cpssc2021/1.0.0>



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# Tasks

## Task1

- To classify the rhythm types: non-AF rhythm (N), persistent AF rhythm (AF<sub>f</sub>) and paroxysmal AF rhythm (AF<sub>p</sub>).
- Evaluation:* The `ur_calculate` function in the `score_2021.py` can calculate the classification score using the scoring matrix below.

	Answer	Prediction		
		N	AF <sub>f</sub>	AF <sub>p</sub>
	N	+1	-1	-0.5
	AF <sub>f</sub>	-2	+1	0
	AF <sub>p</sub>	-1	0	+1

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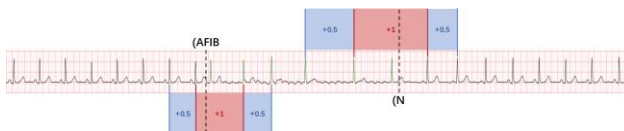
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# Tasks

## Task2

- To locate the onset and end points for all AF episode predictions.
- Evaluation:* There are only reward scores in this task. The `ue_calculate` function in the `score_2021.py` can calculate the task2 score ( $U_e$ ). And the final score  $U$  is the sum of the task1 and task2 score.



$$U = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left( U_{r_i} + \frac{M_{a_i}}{\max\{M_{r_i}, M_{a_i}\}} \times U_{e_i} \right)$$

$U_r$ - Task1 score

$U_e$ - Task2 score    N-number of records

$M_a$  the amount of annotated AF episodes

$M_r$  the amount of predicted AF episodes

**All these evaluation functions `ur_calculate` and `ue_calculate` can be found in the `score_2021.py`**

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# Input & Output

- **Input:** Note that you could only use the signal data as the input data, all the other information like R peak location etc. in the annotation files can only be used as the auxiliary label.
- **Output:** A JSON file for each record as the output of both two tasks. It contains the onset and end locations:

```
{'predict_endpoints': [[2169.0, 39395.0], [41344.0, 52822.0]]}
```

- If the ECG record is classified as **N**, the predict\_endpoints field should be an **empty list**. If the current ECG record is classified as **AF<sub>f</sub>**, the provided onset and end locations should be **the first and last** record points. Otherwise (**AF<sub>p</sub>**), the file will contain at least one pair of locations.



# Requirement

- You need to submit your code (python, Matlab or R) and report (PDF).
- Your final report should cover the details of your model and its performance on training and test datasets. Please report both your average classification score  $U_r$  and final score  $U$ .
- We suggest that you build your own model. You can use pre-trained models to improve its performance.
- Your code must be executable and contain a readme file. We may run your model and check the outputs and test accuracy.



# Course Project 2: Coronary CT Image Segmentation

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## Background



- Coronary heart disease (CHD) is the leading cause of death worldwide
- Coronary CT angiography (CCTA) is widely used in CHD diagnosis
- CT image provides high-resolution images of heart and blood vessels
- Accurate segmentation of coronary from CT images is clinically valuable

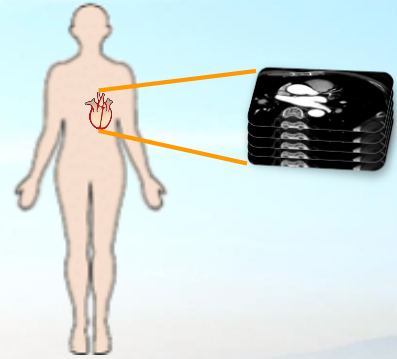
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# Introduction to CCTA



- Coronary CT angiography (CCTA)
  - CT visualizes certain part of human body with image slices
  - Blood becomes brighter than nearby tissues in CT image after injecting contrast agent
  - More detailed inspection of vessels using CCTA
  - Common data formats: .dcm, .nii, .mhd, etc.



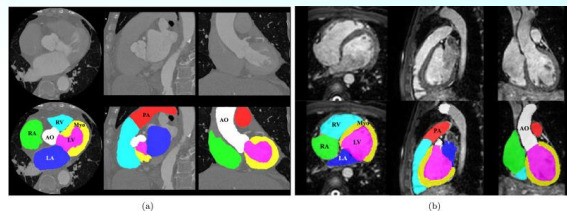
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## Tasks



- Train a segmentation model to predict the pixel-level location of coronary in CT images.
- Detect and calculate the proportion of coronary occlusion.
- (Optional) Design some other applications using the segmented coronary from task 1.



Example of image segmentation task

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## Data



- You need to propose your own dataset
  - The dataset should contain at least 25 samples.
  - Each sample should have paired CT images (3D) of heart and pixel-level masks of coronary.
  - Data can be collected from public datasets (if available) or other datasets you can get usage permission.

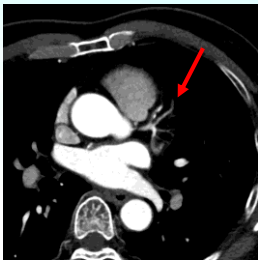
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## Examples



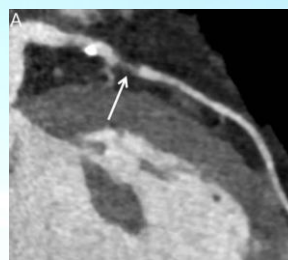
2D CT image of heart and coronary



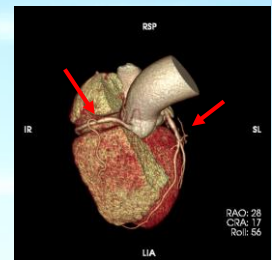
Normal coronary



Coronary with occlusion



3D reconstructed heart model



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## Requirements



- Write a proposal describing the collected dataset, experimental design and expected results.
- Proposal need to be approved
  - Proposal submission (< 3 pages) due by Oct.27, 18:00 Beijing time
  - Select among Projects 1-2 if proposal is rejected (announced by Oct.29, new selection due by Oct.31).
  - Discuss with TA Jiaqi Li (li-jq18@mails.tsinghua.edu.cn)

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# Hierarchical Cell-type Classification

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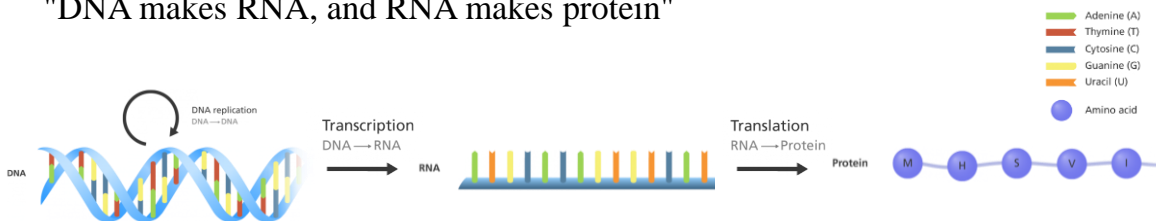
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## Background

### • Central Dogma

"DNA makes RNA, and RNA makes protein"



### • Gene

A basic unit of heredity. A sequence of nucleotides in DNA or RNA that encodes the synthesis of a gene product, either RNA or protein.

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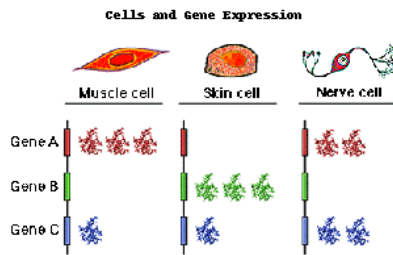
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# Background

## • Gene expression

The process by which the instructions in DNA are converted into a functional product, such as a protein, **through transcription and translation**.



Same genes, different expressions  
→ different cell types, tissues, organs

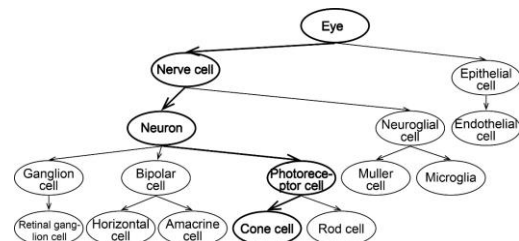
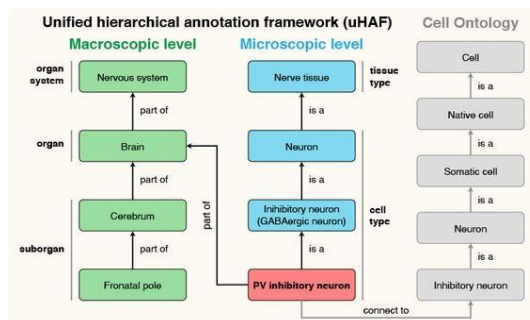
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# Background

- A unified hierarchical cell annotation framework (**uHAF**) can be used to organize cell types in a **hierarchical tree structure**



Chen, S. *et al.* A human ensemble cell atlas (hECA) enables in data cell sorting.  
<http://biorxiv.org/lookup/doi/10.1101/2021.07.21.453289> (2021)

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# Background

## • Hierarchical classification

A special classification task, where the **classes** involved in the problem are **hierarchically structured**.

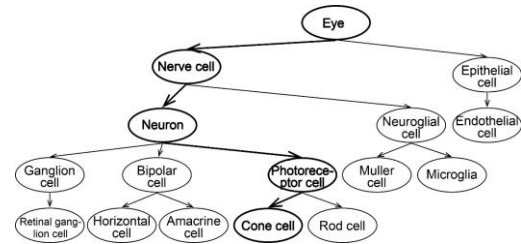
### ✓ Hierarchical single-label classification

A hierarchical classifier can assign **at most one class** at any given level of the hierarchy.

### • Hierarchical multi-label classification

A hierarchical classifier can assign **more than one class** at any given level of the hierarchy.

An example of hierarchical classification of cell types on uHAF tree:



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# Goal

- Hierarchical single-label classification of cell types on uHAF tree according to gene expressions

Cell	Gene					
	HLA-DQB1	TM6B10	SLC1A3R2	GNG11	SPARCL1	TM6B4K
GAGCTAAAGTAGCCAG-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TTTCGATGCTCCTGTT-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
GTTTCATTCAGCCTATA-1	0	3.265336	0	0	0	0
TAAACAGAGCTGGCT-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGTTCCCAACCGCTAG-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TGCGAGGAGTACTGGG-2	0	0	0	0	0	3.433006
GGCTGTATCTCTCTATG-1	0	0	0	0	2.64783	2.64783
GTGCGTGACCGCTAG-2	0	0	3.126168	0	0	0
GTACTAGTAGGCTT-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACGTACACACAATAG-1	0	1810617	0	0	0.995005	0
TGTACGGTACCGCTC-1	0	3.160117	0	0	0	0
TGGTTAGCTCTCAGG-2	3.388809	0	4.062003	0	0	0
GACAGCCCACTTGACA-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
GGCATCTCTCCGAGG-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
GGTGAAGAGATATGAC-2	0	0	3.400714	0	0	0
ACCTGAAGCTTTCTTA-2	0	1.903844	2.079179	0	0	2.70777
GAGTTGTGCTCTATG-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TCTACCGCATACTCG-1	0	2.959148	0	0	0	0
TTTGTTCAGTTTATCG-1	0	2.967317	0	0	0	0
ATCCACTCTCCCTAGG-2	0	0	0	0	0	0

Gene expressions of a cell

A machine learning model

Cell types in different levels in the hierarchy

cell_type_level1	cell_type_level2	cell_type_level3	cell_type_level4
GAGCTAAAGTAGCCAG-2	Nerve cell	Neuron	Ganglion cell
TTTCGATGCTCCTGTT-2	Nerve cell	Neuron	Photoreceptor cell
GTTTCATTCAGCCTATA-1	Nerve cell	Neuron	Ganglion cell
TAAACAGAGCTGGCT-1	Nerve cell	Neuron	Photoreceptor cell
AGTTCCCAACCGCTAG-1	Nerve cell	Neuron	Bipolar cell
TGCGAGGAGTACTGGG-2	Nerve cell	Neuron	Photoreceptor cell
GGCTGTATCTCTCTATG-1	Nerve cell	Neuron	Ganglion cell
GGCTGTATCTCTCTATG-1	Nerve cell	Neuron	Ganglion cell
GTACTAGTAGGCTT-1	Nerve cell	Neuron	Photoreceptor cell
ACGTACACACAATAG-1	Nerve cell	Neuroglial cell	Muller cell
TGTACGGTACCGCTC-1	Nerve cell	Neuroglial cell	Muller cell
TGGTTAGCTCTCAGG-2	Nerve cell	Ganglion cell	Retinal ganglion cell
GACAGCCCACTTGACA-2	Nerve cell	Neuron	Bipolar cell
GGCATCTCTCCGAGG-2	Nerve cell	Neuron	Photoreceptor cell
GCTGAAGAGTATGAC-2	Nerve cell	Neuron	Ganglion cell
ACCTGAAGCTTTCTTA-2	Nerve cell	Neuron	Bipolar cell
GAGTTGTGCTCTATG-1	Nerve cell	Neuron	Photoreceptor cell
TCTACCGCATACTCG-1	Nerve cell	Neuroglial cell	Muller cell
TTTGTTCAGTTTATCG-1	Nerve cell	Neuron	Ganglion cell
ATCCACTCTCCCTAGG-2	Nerve cell	Neuron	Bipolar cell

Hierarchical cell types of the cell

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# Data

## • Data overview

Data			
Dataset	Sample size	Feature data file	Label file
TrainingSet	14346	menon_train_data.csv	menon_train_label.csv
ValidationSet	4782	menon_validation_data.csv	menon_validation_label.csv
TestSet	21979	lukowski_test_data.csv	-
Organization of hierarchical-structured classes			
uHAF tree	classes_tree.csv		

\* TestSet may have labels that were not present in TrainingSet or uHAF tree.

Key point 1

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# Data

## • Data description

### uHAF tree file:

The hierarchical organization (4 levels) of cell types including all labels of samples in TrainingSet and ValidationSet.

Root	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Eye	Nerve cell	Neuron	Photoreceptor cell	Rod cell Cone cell
			Bipolar cell	Amacrine cell Horizontal cell
			Ganglion cell	Retinal ganglion cell
		Neuroglial cell	Muller cell Microglia	
	Epithelial cell	Endothelial cell		

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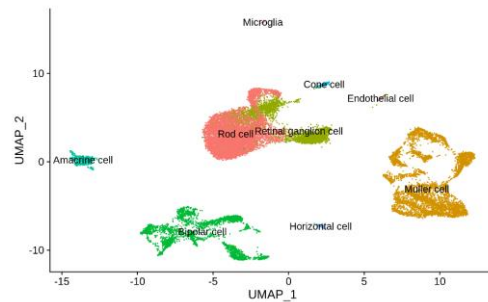
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## • Data description

### Feature data file:

A cell (sample)-by-gene (feature) matrix, or gene expression matrix.

Cell	Gene					
	HLA-DRB1	TM6SF1	SLC9A3R2	GNG11	SPARCL1	TM6SF4
GAAGTAAAGTAGCCAG-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TTTCGATGTCCCTGTT-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
GTTCATTCAGCCTATA-1	0	3.265336	0	0	0	0
TAACCCAGAGCTCGCT-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
AGTTCCCCACCGCTAG-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TCGCAGGAGTACTGGG-2	0	0	0	0	0	3.430606
CGCGTGACAAAGACGC-1	0	0	0	0	2.64783	2.64783
GTGCGTGACCGCTAG-2	0	3.126388	0	0	0	0
GTAGCTAGTAGCGTTT-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
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GACAGCCCACTTGAGA-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
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TTGTTCAAGTGTTCAG-1	0	2.987317	0	0	0	0
ATCCACCTCGCCTAGG-2	0	0	0	0	0	0



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# Data

## • Data description

### Label file:

- Only **TrainingSet** and **ValidationSet** were provided with the label file;
- Each cell has **at most one identity** in a hierarchy;
- Not all cells can be assigned to a leaf-node cell type. Some can **at most** be assigned to an **internal-node** cell type.

Key point 2

cell_id	cell_type_level1	cell_type_level2	cell_type_level3	cell_type_level4
GAAGTAAAGTAGCCAG-2	Nerve cell	Neuron	Ganglion cell	Retinal ganglion cell
TTTCGATGTCCCTGTT-2	Nerve cell	Neuron	Photoreceptor cell	Cone cell
CTTTCGGGTAGCCAGA-2	Epithelial cell	Endothelial cell		
AGTTCCCCACCGCTAG-1	Nerve cell	Neuron	Bipolar cell	
CGCGTGACAAAGACGC-1	Nerve cell	Neuron	Bipolar cell	Amacrine cell
GAAGGGTGACTCCGG-1	Nerve cell	Neuron	Bipolar cell	Horizontal cell

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# Tasks

Predict the hierarchical classes of ValidationSet and TestSet samples based on the model trained on TrainingSet. We require that:

**Key point 1:** the model should be able to decide **at which level in the hierarchy the classification should stop**, since not all samples can be assigned to a leaf-node class. However, the classification should be as fine as possible.

**Key point 2:** the model should consider the situation when **query samples belong to classes that were not present in any TrainingSet sample, and should label them as “Unclassified”** in the corresponding level in the hierarchy.

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# Requirements

- Submit **code** and **report (PDF)**. Submit **supplementary tables** containing the cell type prediction results on **ValidationSet** and **TestSet** (as “menon\_train\_label.csv”).
- Your final report should cover the details of your model and its performance on **ValidationSet**. Report  $F_1$  scores or AUROC scores in each level in the hierarchy.
- Please make sure to give clear and detailed descriptions on your algorithms in the report, especially addressing the two key points described in “Tasks”. **We will mostly judge according to your algorithm designs instead of the scores.**
- Your code must be executable and contain a **readme file**. We may run your model and reproduce the outputs.

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