Modeling Calcium Dynamics in T Cells

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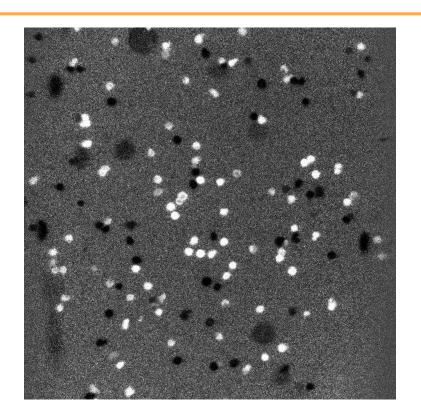
Activation of T Cells

Part of the immune response

Necessary to be able to divide and perform immune response

Connection between t cell and antigen presenting cell

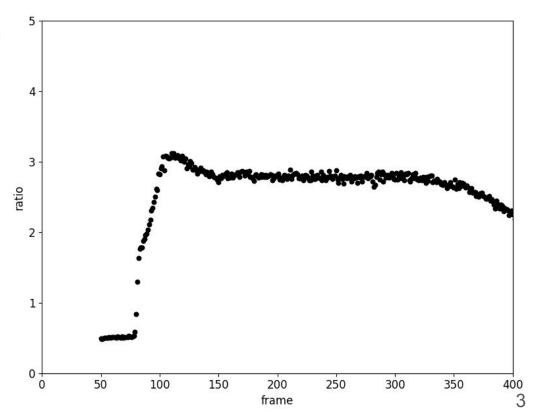
Correlation to calcium concentration



Calcium Concentration during Activation

Activation detected by hand or with subjective conditions

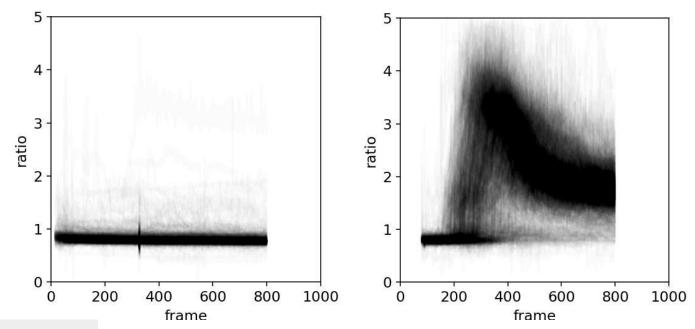
Objective: find algorithm which says whether t cell is activated without need for user input



Input Data

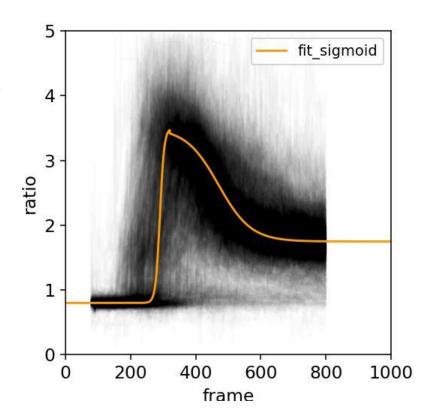
Positive and Negative Control of both mouse and human cells

Time series with about 700 values per t cell



Idea: Approximate Time Series with Simple Function

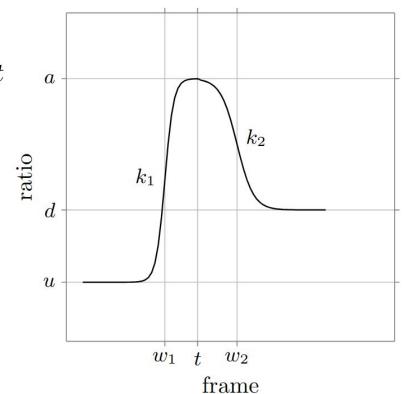
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Reduced 700 values into 7 values for each t cell!



Least Square Problem

Minimize
$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} |g_a(x_k) - y_k|^2$$

Gauss-Newton

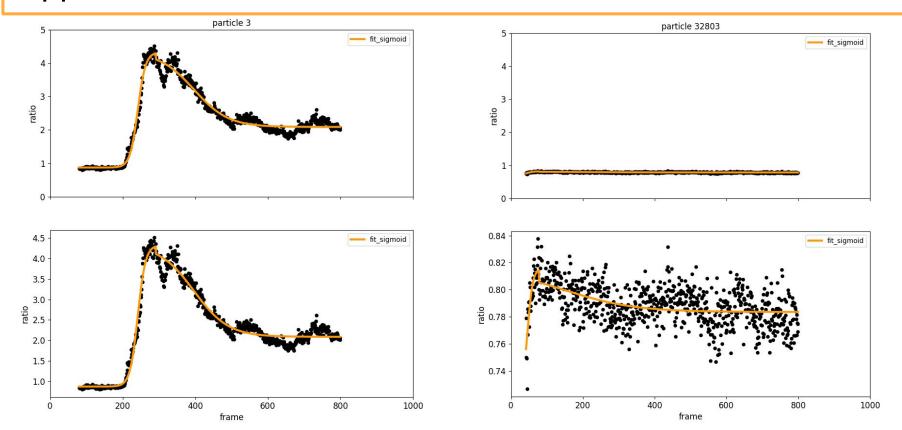
Levenberg-Marquardt

Bounded Problems

Trust Region Reflective

Dogleg Algorithm with Rectangular Trust Regions

Approximation



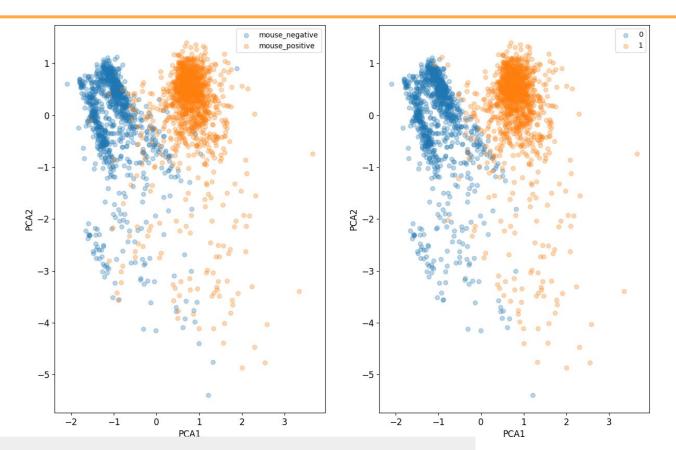
From Parameters to Measure of Activation

Clustering all 7 dimensional data points (hopefully) yields activation clusters

Gaussian Mixture Model gives means and std of normal distributions producing these clusters

KMeans gives means such that variances within a cluster are minimal

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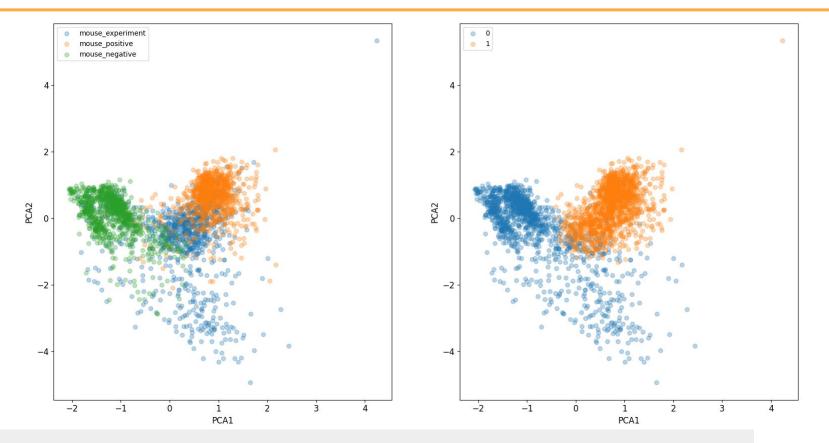
Proposed Algorithm

- 1. Get positive control, negative control and experiment recordings
- 2. Transform each t cell to parameters by using the approximation
- 3. Cluster parameters of negative and positive control into 2 clusters
- 4. Predict the membership of the experiment t cell parameters to the clusters to get a prediction of activation

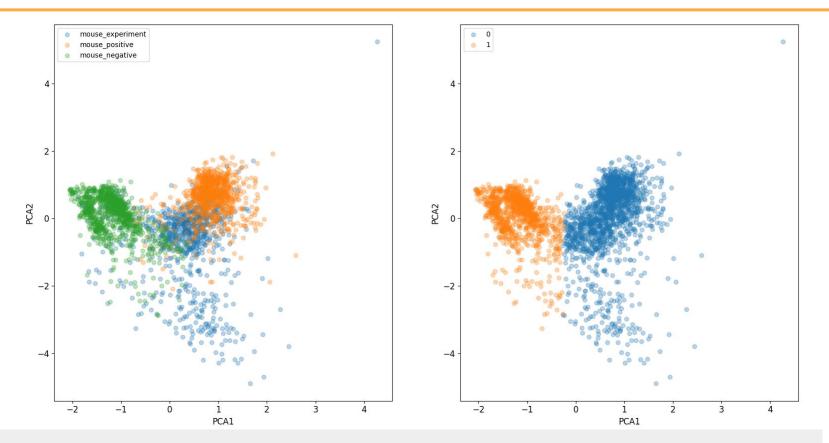
Classification Results

percentage activated	KMeans output	Gaussian Mixture output
0%	5.5%	4%
25%	27.5%	26%
50%	49.5%	49.5%
75%	72%	70.5%
100%	96%	97.5%

Gaussian Mixture Model Applied



KMeans Applied



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Objective algorithm for counting number of activated t cells

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- Accuracy?
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Accuracy Measure - Cohen's Kappa

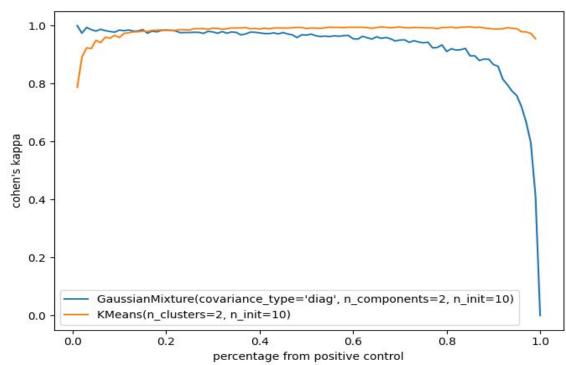
Confusion matrix to a single value via Cohen's Kappa

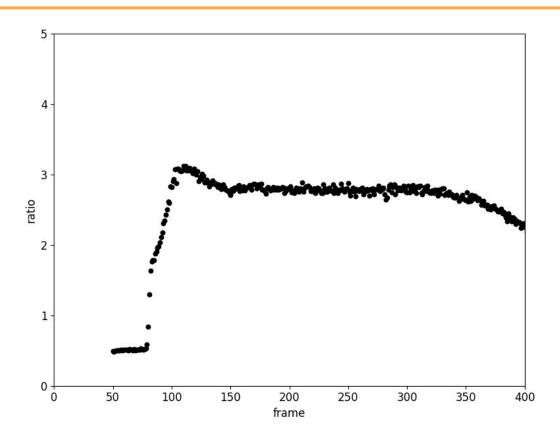
TP	FN
FP	TN

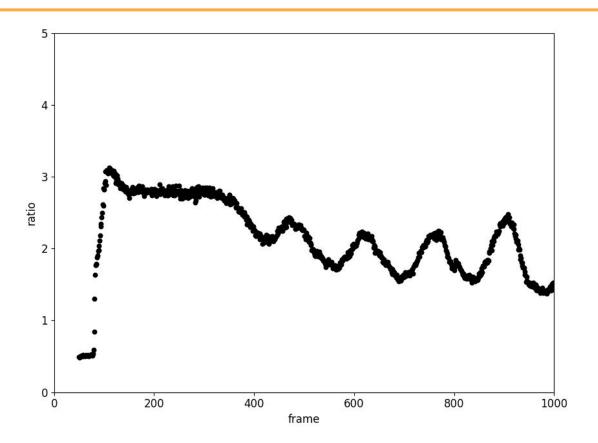
$$\kappa \equiv rac{p_o - p_e}{1 - p_e} = 1 - rac{1 - p_e}{1 - p_e}$$

Po ...Observed agreement

 p_e ...Probability of agreement by chance



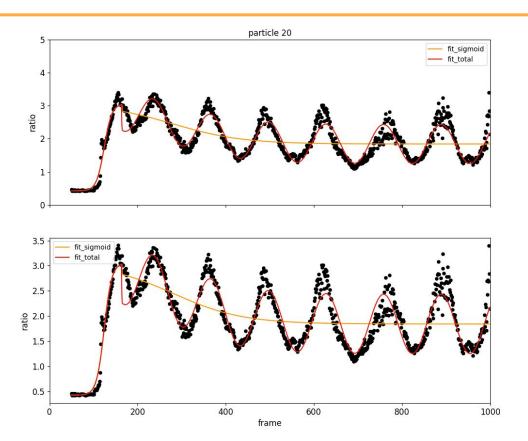




Fast Fourier Transformation to get initial guess for frequency

Approximate sin function as before

$$f(x, A, w, p) := A \cdot \sin(w \cdot t + p)$$



Components of T Cells

Relevant to changes in calcium concentration during activation

