

mini-DREAM Challenge: Welcome & Overview

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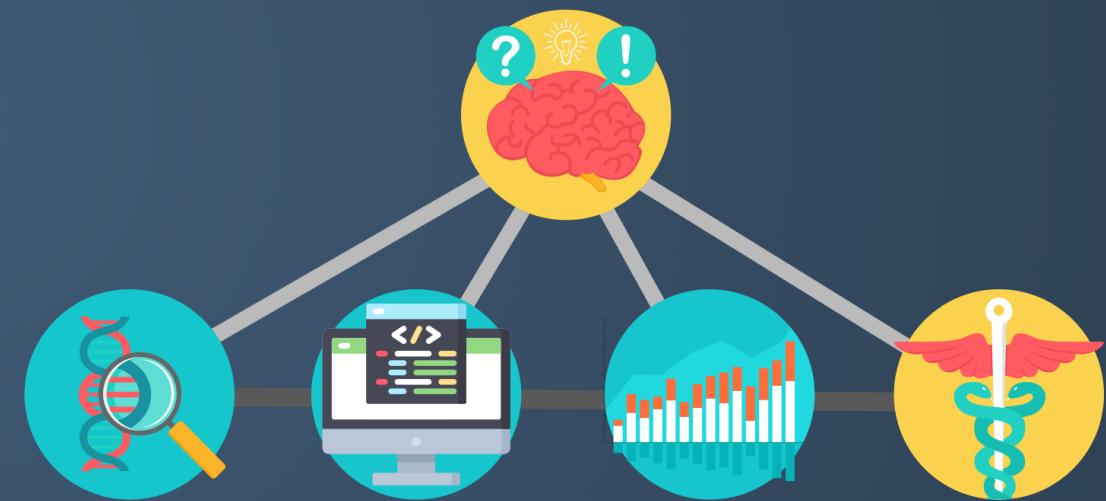
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The 2018 mini-DREAM Challenge



Why are you here?

- To complement your research projects with the **CSBC/PS-ON Summer Research Program...**
- Our goals for the **mini-DREAM Challenge** are to:
 - Introduce you to **data analysis** and **basic model building**
 - Educate you on **cancer** and some specific biology related to breast cancer, motility, and metastasis
 - Guide you through realistic analysis activities to solve problems



But what's a “challenge”?

- Crowd-sourced data challenges (e.g., Kaggle): participants submit their own attempts to answer complex questions from a common dataset

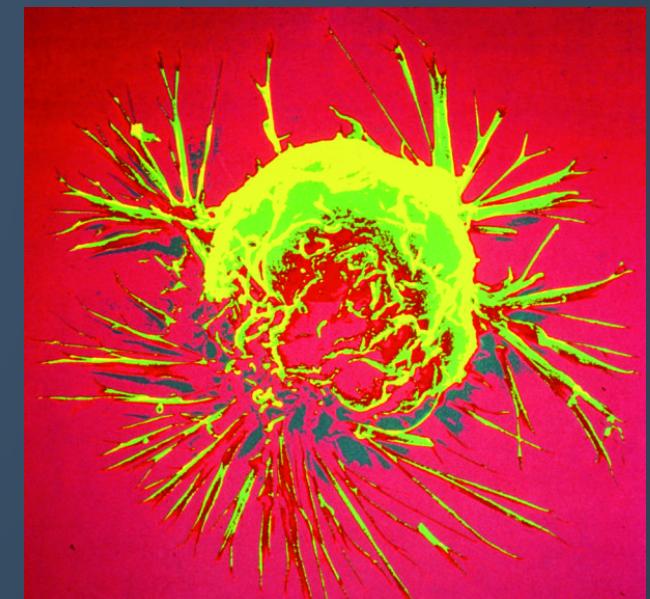


- **DREAM Challenges** ([website](#)): focused on biomedical datasets and questions, with the goal of improving ability to understand and predict disease outcomes
- Open, incentivized competitions through DREAM have led to important insights and benchmarks

Breast Cancer Prognosis DREAM Challenge

(an example)

- Goal: assess accuracy of computational models designed to predict **breast cancer survival** based on clinical information as well as genome-wide molecular measurement data
- Solutions improved over duration of the challenge; results and lessons from challenge published in 2013:
 - Margolin, et al. *Science Translational Medicine*
 - Cheng, et al. *Science Translational Medicine*



More info here

CSBC/PS-ON mini-DREAM Challenge

2018 Edition

- Similar data and questions to the original Breast Cancer Prognosis DREAM Challenge — looking at motility and metastasis
- **You** will work with real data and step through the process of building models to better understand cancer metastasis
- Module lectures will cover basics of concepts related to computational modeling and breast cancer

Course Roadmap

Challenge topics

What to expect (see **Challenge Modules**, **Challenge Timelines** pages):

- **Module 0:** Cancer biology overview and activity environment orientation
- **Module 1:** Programming and modeling for life sciences
- **Module 2:** Exploring relationships among biological variables & observations
- **Module 3:** Understanding data in reduced dimensions
- **Module 4:** Integrating biological domain knowledge
- **Module 5:** Predictive modeling for cancer prognosis
- **Module 6:** Computational modeling of biophysical processes
- **Module 7:** Informing cell models with genomics analysis

If this doesn't make sense to you right now, that's OK!

Module activities

- Each module includes a hands-on programming activity in **R** or **Matlab**. We'll use a shared cloud workspace — no installation required!



- As part of activities, you'll submit your own answers as part of a mini-DREAM Challenge exercise
- Results show up on scoreboards, but this **isn't a competition!** Scoreboards are a way for us to provide feedback.

Coding for the mini-DREAM Challenge

- ***No prior programming knowledge required!***
- Most mini-DREAM activities will provide code you can point and click; you'll be prompted to write some on your own, but we'll help!
- Goal is to show you what code does and how it can help you, not teach you how to program (which could take an entire summer by itself)
- **Know how to code already?** Real emphasis of the course is on working with and analyzing data — hopefully plenty of new, cool stuff for everyone. If you want to learn more or go beyond module activities, talk to us!

Beyond mini-DREAM

What to do after this course?

- Learn more about programming, data science, and computational biology! (lots of free resources online — and we'll try to add links to more of these on the Synapse site)
- Use these approaches in your own research!
- Participate in a real DREAM Challenge

Navigating the mini-DREAM Synapse site

Important locations

Some notes on how to find things...

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- Synapse ID:** syn12105406
- Storage Location:** Synapse Storage
- Challenge Type:** Breast Cancer Metastasis mini-DREAM Challenge
- Summer 2018 Statistical & Mechanistic Modeling of Cell Line and Patient Data**
- Enabled By:** CANCER SYSTEMS BIOLOGY CONSORTIUM, PHYSICAL SCIENCES in ONCOLOGY, NIH NCI@Frederick, SageBionetworks
- Description:** The CSBC/PS-ON mini-DREAM Challenge is an 8 week program designed to introduce basic concepts in programming, statistics, and cancer biology. The goal of the mini-DREAM program is for students to participate in educational modules, complete activities, ask questions, and to come away from the course with a greater awareness of what it means to apply computational approaches to biomedical problems.
- Timeline:** Signup Open: June 5th, 2018; Launch: June 7th, 2018; Close: July 31st, 2018
- Participants:** Number of Registered Participants: 18. Click [here](#) to see where in the world solvers are coming from.

Important locations – Getting started

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Important locations – Home page

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Getting Started page

Step 1. Sign Up

Sign up for the Challenge through Synapse. Please follow the steps [here](#) to complete the signup process.

Step 2. Access Course Materials

Find out where to locate pages and materials for challenge modules as well as any reference information for the **mini-DREAM Challenge**. Check [this page](#) for an overview of how this site is organized.

Step 3. Share Ideas and Ask Questions

Get help from Challenge Organizers, discuss ideas with other students, or share information that might be interesting and relevant to the challenge. See how to use the Synapse Discussion boards [here](#).

Important locations – Modules

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Synapse ID: syn12105406 Storage Location: Synapse Storage

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Challenge Modules

The mini-DREAM Challenge is divided into 8 modules, covering different topics related to breast cancer, genomics data analysis, and predictive modeling. **Module 0** will provide an introduction and orientation to the environments and resources that will be used throughout the course.

Challenge Modules

We're Profound on DREAM Challenges and the Breast Cancer

Module 0: Cancer biology overview and activity environment orientation – Andrea Bild, James Eddy

We'll provide an overview of the mini-DREAM course and its goals, give some background on DREAM Challenges and the Breast Cancer Prognosis DREAM Challenge. We'll also show you how to find your way around this site, and introduce you to the programming environment you'll be using for challenge activities.

Module 1: Programming and modeling for life sciences – Andrew Gentleman

We'll introduce you to some of the central concepts and data types related to cancer systems biology. We'll show you how to load and

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 - Module 0 - Cancer biology overview and activity environment orientation
 - Module 1 - Programming and modeling for life sciences
 - Module 2 - Exploring relationships among biological

Other important locations

- Discussion boards — read, post, and answer questions
- Scoreboards — more on this later...
- Additional resources — other links to supplement module topics

What next?

Module 0

(Thursday June 7th)

- **Cancer biology overview and activity environment orientation**
 - Introduction to breast cancer [presentation]
 - Introduction to R Markdown & R Notebooks [activity]
- If you haven't already...
 - Sign up for a Synapse account (and become a certified user)
 - **Join the Synapse team** to which you were invited
 - **Sign up for the mini-DREAM Challenge** ([mini-DREAM Signup page](#))
 - Explore the mini-DREAM site (<https://www.synapse.org/miniDREAM2018>)

Thanks!!

We look forward to working with you!