

Meeting abstract

Open Access

## Prediction of peptide drift time in ion mobility-mass spectrometry

Bing Wang<sup>1</sup>, Steve Valentine<sup>2</sup>, Sriram Raghuraman<sup>2</sup>, Manolo Plasencia<sup>3</sup> and Xiang Zhang\*<sup>1</sup>

Address: <sup>1</sup>Department of Chemistry, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 40292, USA, <sup>2</sup>Predictive Physiology and Medicine Inc. Bloomington, IN 47403, USA and <sup>3</sup>Department of Chemistry, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405, USA

Email: Xiang Zhang\* - xiang.zhang@louisville.edu

\* Corresponding author

from UT-ORNL-KBRIN Bioinformatics Summit 2009  
Pikeville, TN, USA. 20–22 March 2009

Published: 25 June 2009

BMC Bioinformatics 2009, 10(Suppl 7):A1 doi:10.1186/1471-2105-10-S7-A1

This abstract is available from: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2105/10/S7/A1>

© 2009 Wang et al; licensee BioMed Central Ltd.

### Background

Understanding the proteome, the structure and function of each protein, and the interactions among proteins will give clues to search useful targets and biomarkers for pharmaceutical design. Peptide drift time prediction in IMMS will improve the confidence of peptide identification by limiting the peptide search space during MS/MS database searching and therefore reducing false discovery rate (FDR) of protein identification. A peptide drift time prediction method was proposed here using an artificial neural networks (ANN) regression model. We test our proposed model on three peptide datasets with different charge state assignment (see Table 1). The results can be found in Figure 1, where a higher prediction performance was achieved, over 0.9 for C1 and C2, as well as 0.75 for C3.

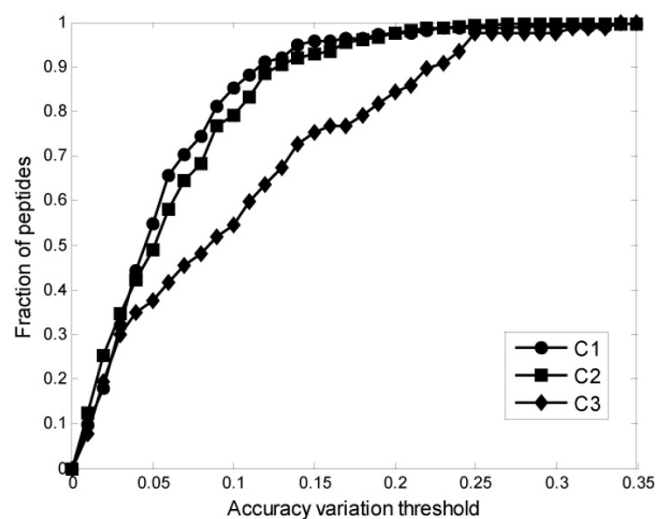
### Conclusion

In this study, an ANN regression model was developed to predict peptide drift time in IMMS. Three peptide datasets with different peptide charge states were used to train the

**Table 1: Experimental datasets with different charge state assignment**

Dataset	Charge state assignment	Number of peptides
C1	+1	212
C2	+2	306
C3	+3	77

predictor to capture the differences of drift time among the varied peptides. The high performance of predictor indicated the capacity of our proposed method. In addition, a simple net architecture, which consisted of an input layer with four neurons, a hidden layer with four nodes and an output layer with one neuron, make our



**Figure 1**  
Fraction of peptides vs. prediction accuracy variation threshold. The diagram shows the number of peptides which can be predicted in different accuracy variation levels.

model more effective for application of protein identification.

## Acknowledgements

This project was funded by IR4IRR024306.

## References

1. Petritis K, Kangas LJ, Yan B, Strittmatter EF, Monroe M, Qian W, Adkins JN, Moore RJ, Xu Y, Lipton MS: **Improved peptide elution time prediction for reversed-phase liquid chromatography-MS by incorporating peptide sequence information.** *Analytical Chemistry* 2006, **78**:5026-5039.
2. McLean JA, Ruotolo BT, Gillig KJ, Russell DH: **Ion mobility-mass spectrometry: a new paradigm for proteomics.** *International Journal of Mass Spectrometry* 2005, **240**:301-315.
3. Oh C, Zak SH, Mirzaei H, Buck C, Regnier FE, Zhang X: **Neural network prediction of peptide separation in strong anion exchange chromatography.** *Bioinformatics* 2007, **23**:114-118.

Publish with **BioMed Central** and every scientist can read your work free of charge

*"BioMed Central will be the most significant development for disseminating the results of biomedical research in our lifetime."*

Sir Paul Nurse, Cancer Research UK

Your research papers will be:

- available free of charge to the entire biomedical community
- peer reviewed and published immediately upon acceptance
- cited in PubMed and archived on PubMed Central
- yours — you keep the copyright

Submit your manuscript here:  
[http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/publishing\\_adv.asp](http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/publishing_adv.asp)

