# Using time-lapse video technology to understand satellite cell activities, etc

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#### connective tissue/ECM

#### vasculature

#### neurons

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## Purpose/Importance

- Understanding satellite cells will help improve current stem cell therapy for muscular diseases
- The ultimate goal of this research is to understand the mechanisms of satellite cells enough to find cures for muscular dystrophy

<u>First test of a "high-density injection" protocol for myogenic cell transplantation throughout large volumes of muscles in a Duchenne</u> <u>muscular dystrophy patient: eighteen months follow-up.</u>

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Very rare- I-6% of muscle-associated nuclei

- Located between the basal lamina and sarcolemma of the host fiber in uninjured muscle
- Quiescent in uninjured muscle (nonproliferative, minimal cytoplasm, minimal metabolism)
- Quiescence is maintained by isolation in the sublaminar compartment; activation must involve direct transmembrane signaling

Skeletal muscle is capable of many rounds of complete satellite-cell mediated regeneration

Muscle stem cells in development, regeneration, and disease. Shi X, Garry DJ. Genes Dev. 2006 Jul 1;20(13):1692-708. Review.



## Fibers

- Mouse hindlimbs are dissected the soleus, plantaris, and extensor digitorum longus are carefully removed and digested with collagenase
- Fibers float free and are then used in collagen gel to film the satellite cells



## Scope Collection

- Leica Inverted Scope
- Incubated chamber
- Images taken at same x y z every ten minutes
- stored as tif with data from program

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### Cell Rules

- Must be visable the whole movie
- Must not die nor the fiber
- Must be able to be defined the entire time
- Track all that meet these requirements
- If it divides randomly choose one-or sometimes only one stays in frame the whole time

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### Horizontal Division



### Vertical Division









### Myf-5 Association Totals



#### Wildtype Association Totals



### Conclusion

- Myf-5 and wildtype do not act the same (Myf-5 = less divisions, later division times, longer association, less movement)
- More horizontal divisions than vertical
- Vertical divisions typically happen earlier (chronologically)
- Divisions are not synchronous, and do not correlate with later divisions
- Association (both sister and non-sister) actually occurs
- Vertical divisions stay associated longer

### Goals

- Understanding movement patterns
- Extend the study of satellite cells in the 3D system
- Better assess the pattern with new kinds of measurements
- How to best use the data

# Agent Based Modeling

- computer modeling can be seen as a means of dynamic knowledge representation that can form a basis for formal means of testing, evaluating and comparing what is currently known within the research community.
- ABMs are not appropriate if the starting point is a mass of raw data; rather, one must have already had some idea of potential mechanisms that lead to the generation of the data.
- envision an iterative process by which inductive models are applied to large data sets, wet lab experiments are carried out to evaluate and refine the mechanisms inferred from the inductive model, and the experimentally confirmed mechanisms are used as a basis of an ABM which would close the discovery loop by recapitulating the original data set
  - ABM's incorporate space, parallelism, stochasticity
  - Possible platforms MASON, NetLogo, Repast, Swarm or can be statespace model

### New Direction

- Satellite cells on muscle fibers from the tibialis anterior of mice in vitro were observed to move extensively, divide frequently, and associate with other satellite cells by way of timelapse microscopy
- Limited success in satellite cell therapies due to engrafted cell death, rejection of new myoblasts, and minute migration of the injected stem cells
- Remains uncertain whether migration contributes to regeneration, but it seems directional motility is necessary for fixing localized injury because of the sparse distribution of quiescent satellite cells
- Previous data suggests that in vivo satellite cells do indeed move along and even between muscle fibers, but none of this data was quantified, only descriptional

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## Future Goals

- Re-examine satellite cell movement in vivo
- <u>Quantify</u> cell movement and gain further understanding into why and how they move
- Solve problem of stationary injected satellite cells, leading to more effective stem cell therapy

## Future Methods

- ROSA26 LacZ mice (Protein and promoter LacZ STOP protein surrounded by two loxP sites located behind ROSA promoter)
- Inject adenovirus containing Cre gene cuts out LacZ STOP to express LacZ gene (codes for B-galactosidase enzyme - expression detected with substrate X-gal)
- 26 days later: injure muscle with chemoattractive injection and use X-gal to determine movement of cells expressing B-gal (stain before sectioning) by sectioning the muscle
- Section tibialis anterior using cryostat and count sections expressing B-gal to measure length of injury and distance travelled by cells
- Stain with antibodies after sectioning for different purposes: recognize extent of injury and presence of satellite cells

### Expected Results/Significance

- Find out if native satellite cells will move within the muscle in a natural situation when injury occurs
- Purpose behind the movements
- Proceed in answering fundamental questions about the downfalls of satellite cell therapy if cells *in vivo* behave like the cells *in vitro*
- If not, pinpoint the extracellular signaling and pathways that are causing them to behave differently
- Once we can understand how and why satellite cells move and behave the way they do, we can begin to apply those understandings to fixing problems with stem cell treatment