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Behavioural profiling of mice living in groups - Applications to strain comparison and mouse models of autism

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Abstract:

Understanding complex behavioral traits such as decision-making or social interactions in mice requires high precision long-term individual following of mice. We present a real-time method for behavior analysis of mice housed in groups gathering computer vision, machine learning and Triggered-RFID identification to track and monitor animals over several days in enriched environments. This system - Live Mouse Tracker (LMT) - extracts a thorough list of individual and collective behavioral traits and provides a unique phenotypic profile for each animal. We applied LMT to build quantitative behavioral profiles of a large panel of mouse strains from the Collaborative Cross and of various mouse models carrying mutations associated with autism. Article and videos available as a pre-print on BioRxiv: https://doi.org/10.1101/345132