

**Supplementary Materials for “Deep Data Analytics for Genetic Engineering of Diatoms
Linking Genotype to Phenotype via Machine Learning”**

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Genetic manipulations and testing.

Figure S1 shows a schematic of the gen modification process, as it is described in Methods section

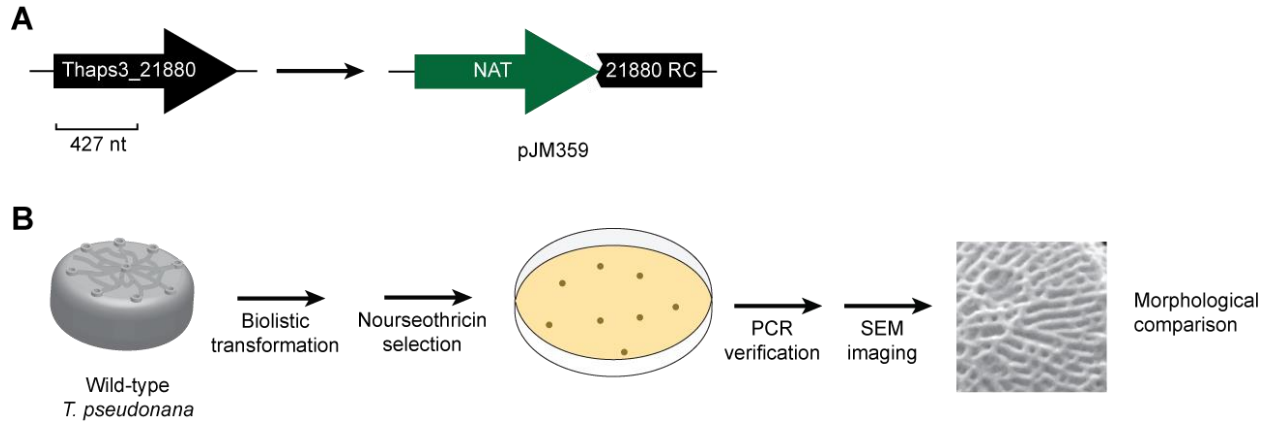


Figure S1. Schematic of the gen modification process. (A) To construct the antisense RNA construct, the first 427 nucleotides of the gene encoding Thaps3_21880 were placed in the reverse orientation downstream of the nourseothricin resistance marker NAT to make plasmid pJM359. (B) The engineered plasmid was transformed into *T. pseudonana* by particle bombardment, followed by selection for nourseothricin resistance. Resistant colonies were verified by colony PCR and then imaged by scanning electron microscopy (SEM).

Class activation maps (CAMs) explaining operation of NN 1.

Figure S2 shows additional examples of CAMs of the diatoms. Images are displayed in pairs (*e.g.*, a and b, c and d, etc.) showing the same frame of the diatom image. Top images always highlight the regions that prompt wild activation class (AC), while bottom images emphasize the regions that prompt modified AC. Whiter color corresponds to higher AC intensity, as shown by the heatbar. CAMs reveal that the NN 1 pays attention to the pores as one of the main features to distinguish wild and modified diatoms and, in such a manner, it emphasizes the importance of

pore-related parameters. It is important to note that achieved accuracy of NN 1 is 94 %. Therefore, as shown in Figure S2a and S2b, there is a small chance of NN 1 making a mistake when assigning a label (wild or modified) to an image. Despite that, NN 1 still highlights pores as a main feature of the morphology.

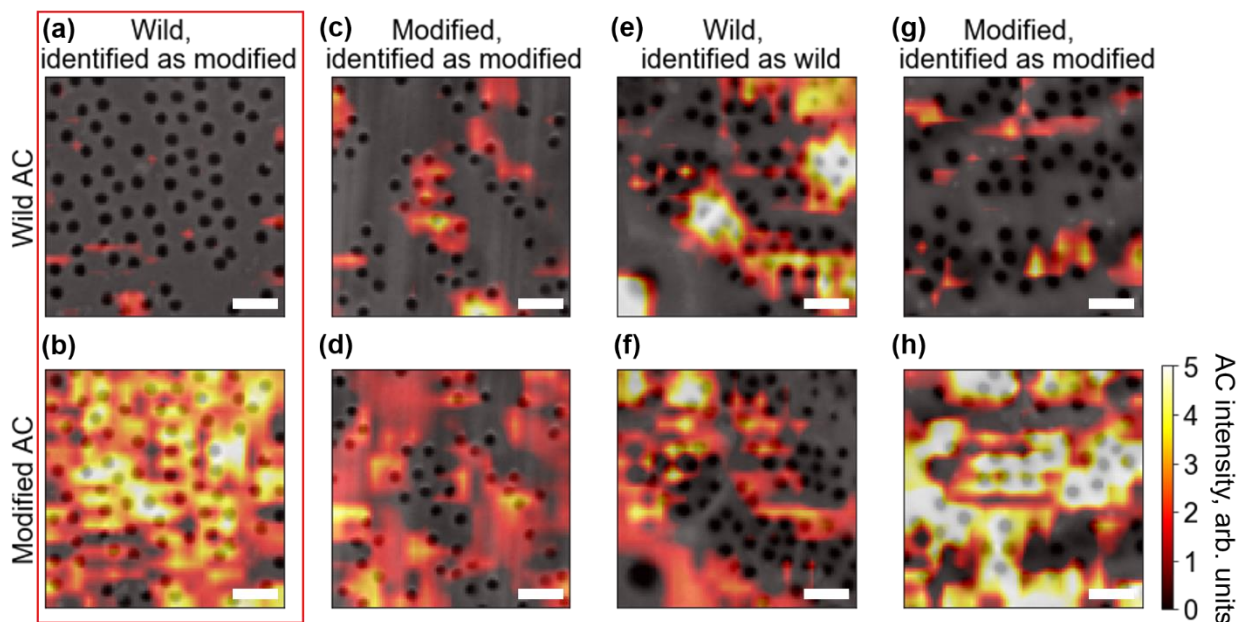


Figure S2. Class activation maps explaining operation of NN 1. Top row shows regions of the diatom images that prompt wild activation class (AC); bottom row shows regions of corresponding images that prompt modified AC. Scale bar is 50 nm.

Additional SEM images of wild diatoms.

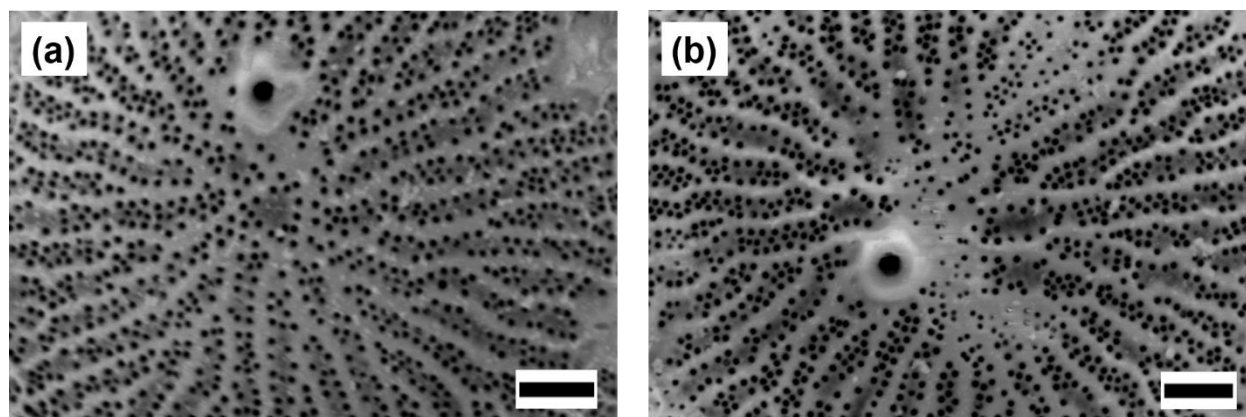


Figure S3. SEM images of wild diatoms. (a) Example 1, (b) Example 2. Scale bar is 300 nm

SEM images of modified diatoms.

In addition to the SEM images of wild diatoms shown in Figure 1, examples of SEM images of modified diatoms can be seen in Figure S4.

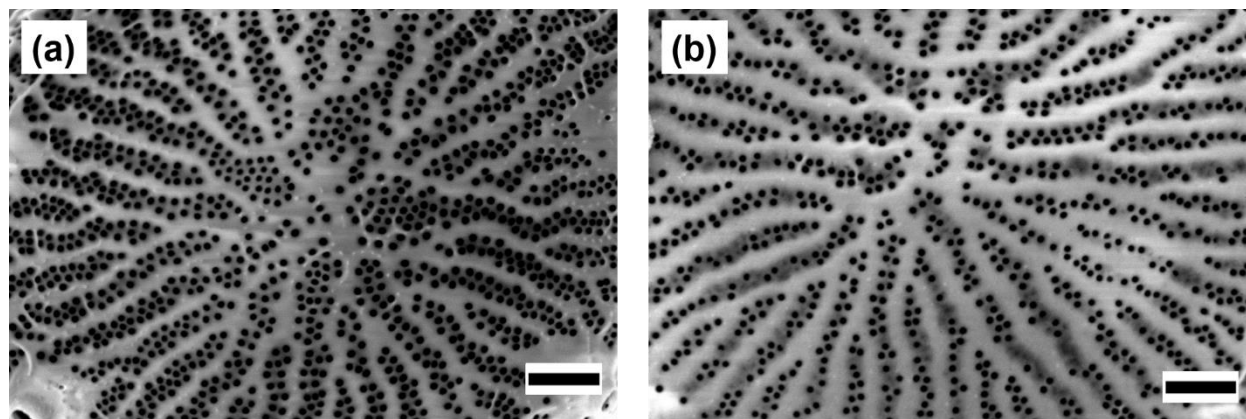


Figure S4. SEM images of modified diatoms. (a) Example 1, (b) Example 2. Scale bar is 300 nm

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