An Introduction to Single-Cell Genomics

(Actually, mostly transcriptomics)

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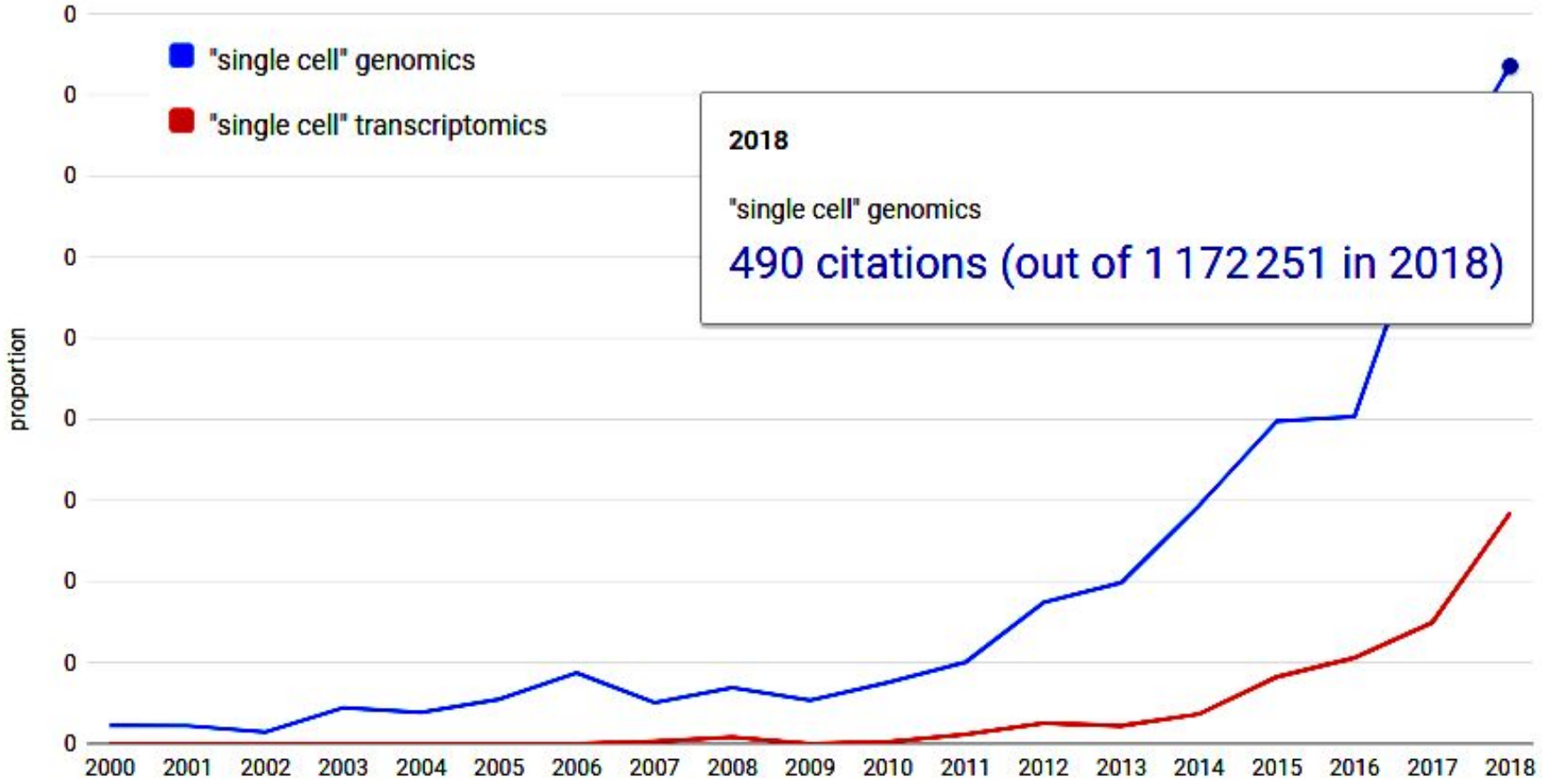
So you say you've heard about single cell ?

Single cell in peer-reviewed publications (2018)



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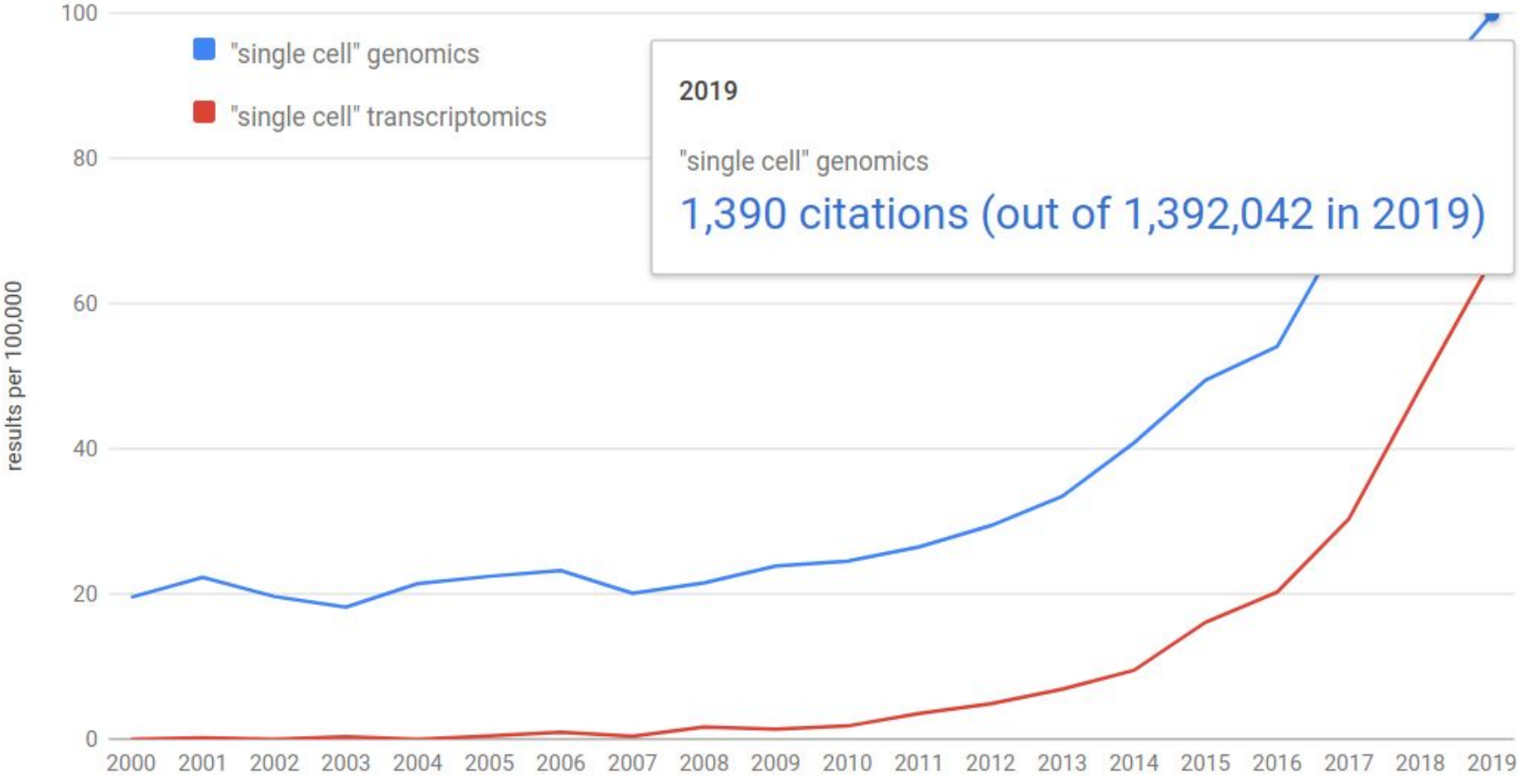

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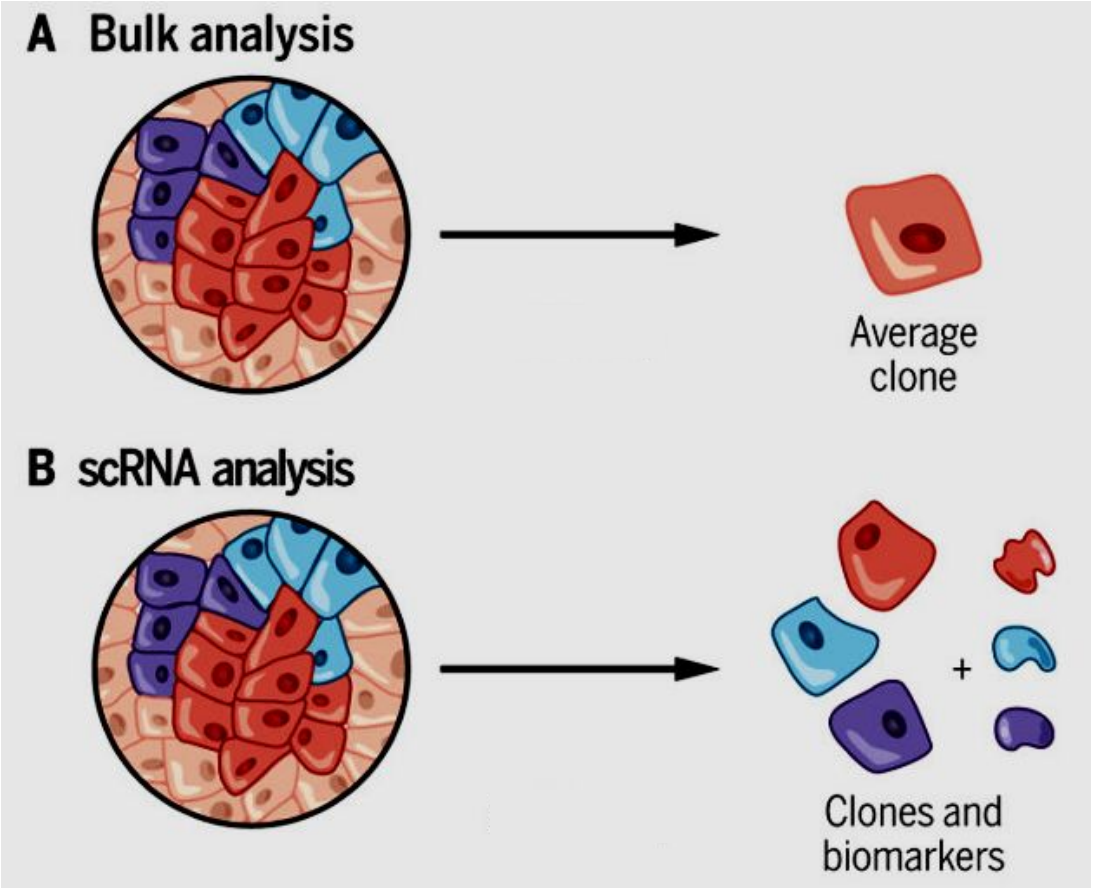
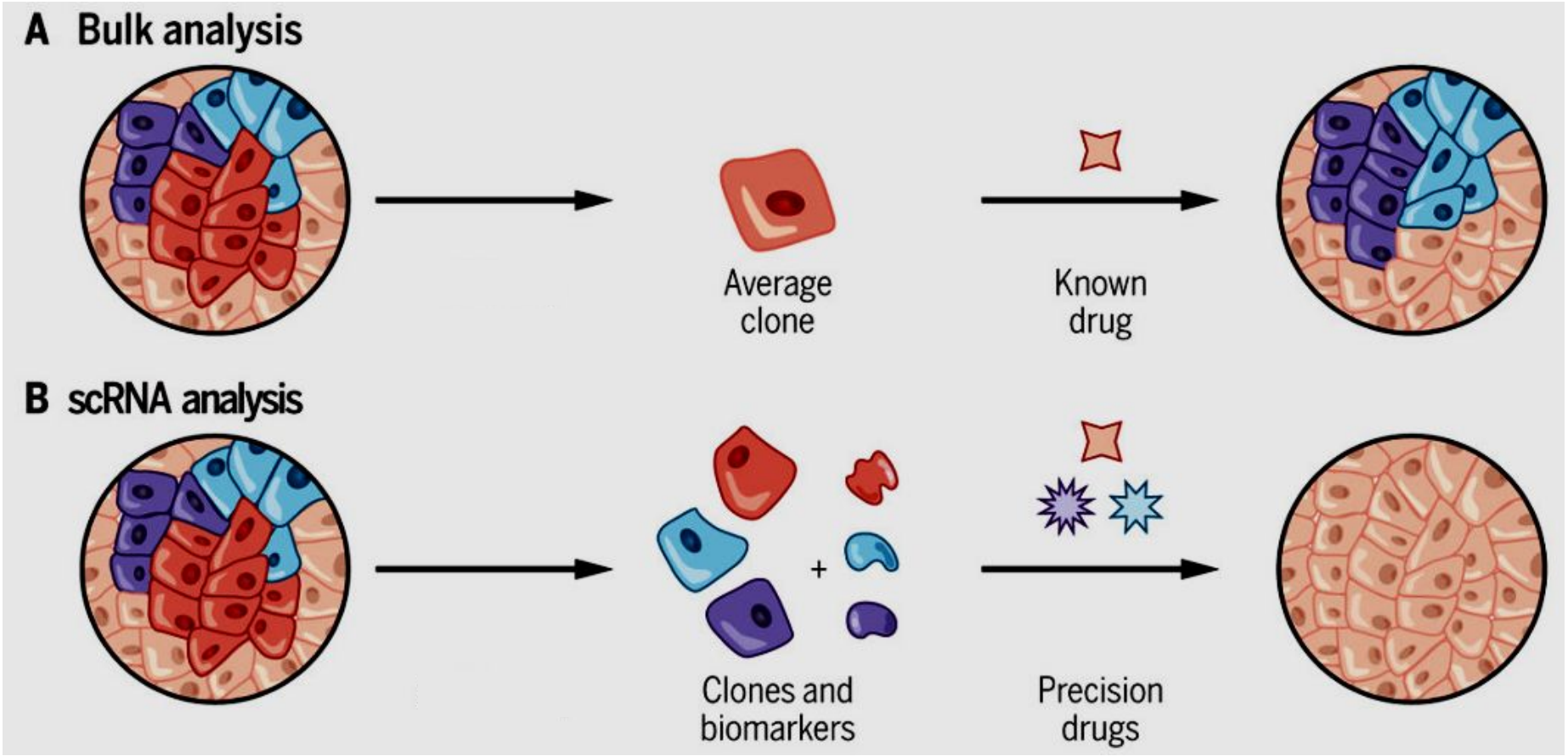
Why so much hype ?



Shalek and Benson, 2017

Why so much hype ? (pathology)



Shalek and Benson, 2017

Why so much hype ?

Bulk

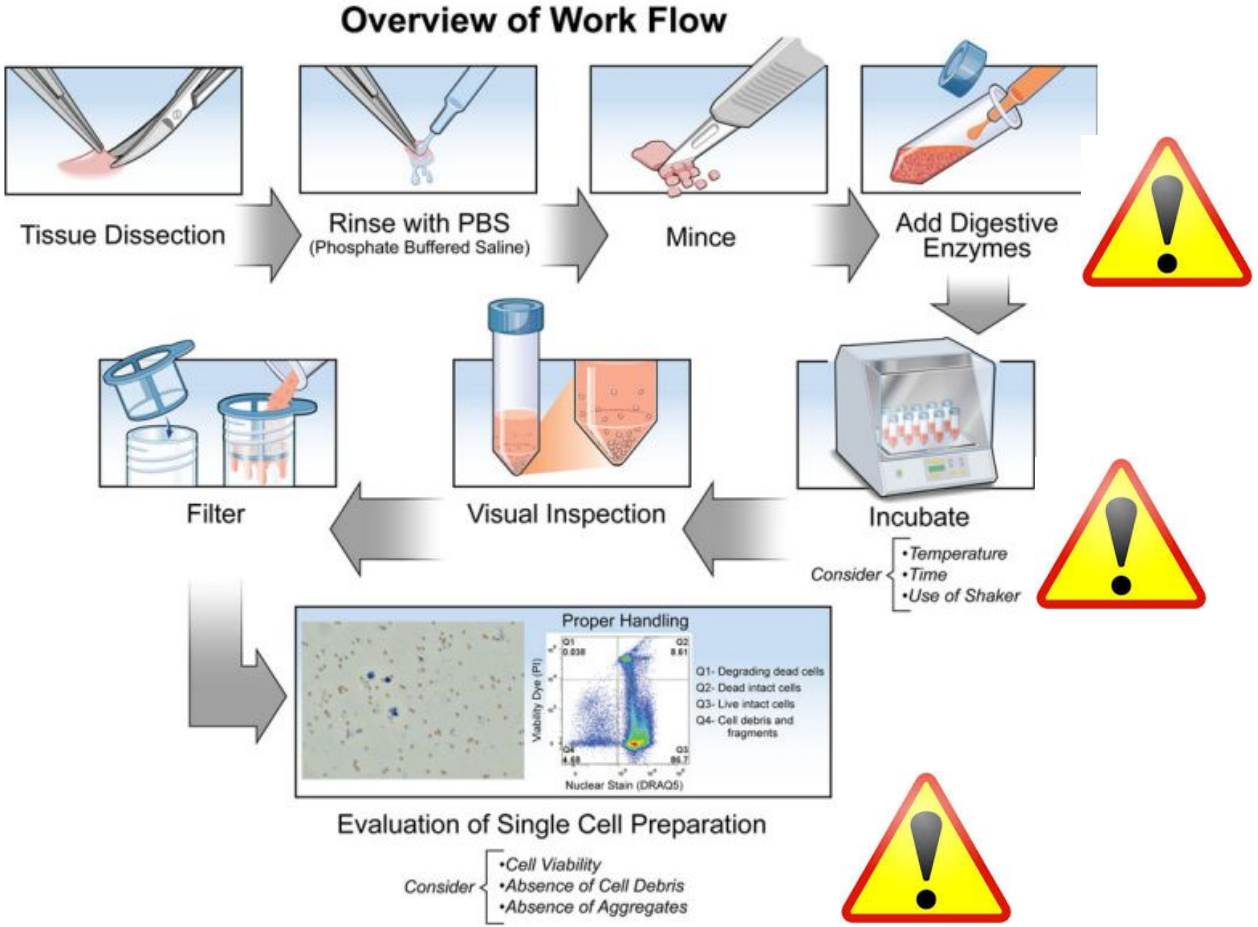
Single cell

Spatial single cell

Based upon Shalek and Regev, 2016

From broad tissue to isolated cells

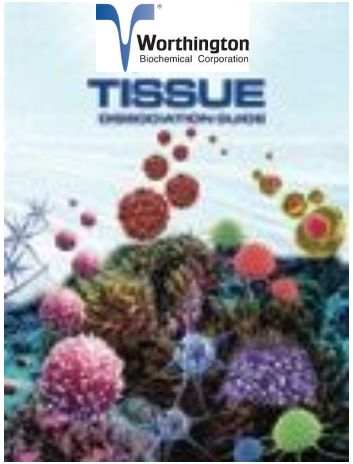
Cells health and dissociation



Reichard & Asosingh, Cytometry (2018)

Cells health and dissociation : Worthington helpdesk

1. Type of tissue
2. Species of origin
3. Age of the animal
4. Genetic modification(s) (knockouts, etc.)
5. Dissociation medium used
6. Enzyme(s) used
7. Impurities in any crude enzyme preparation used
8. Concentration(s) of enzyme(s) used
9. Temperature
10. Incubation times



Tissue Tables (references, grouped by tissue type and species)

Adipose/Fat	Adrenal	Bone	Brain
Cartilage	Colon	Endothelial	Epithelial
Eye	Heart	Intestine	Kidney
Liver	Lung	Lymph nodes	Mammary
Miscellaneous	Muscle	Neural	Pancreas
Parotid	Pituitary	Prostate	Reproductive
Scales	Skin	Spleen	Stem
Thymus	Thyroid/Parathyroid	Tonsil	Tumor

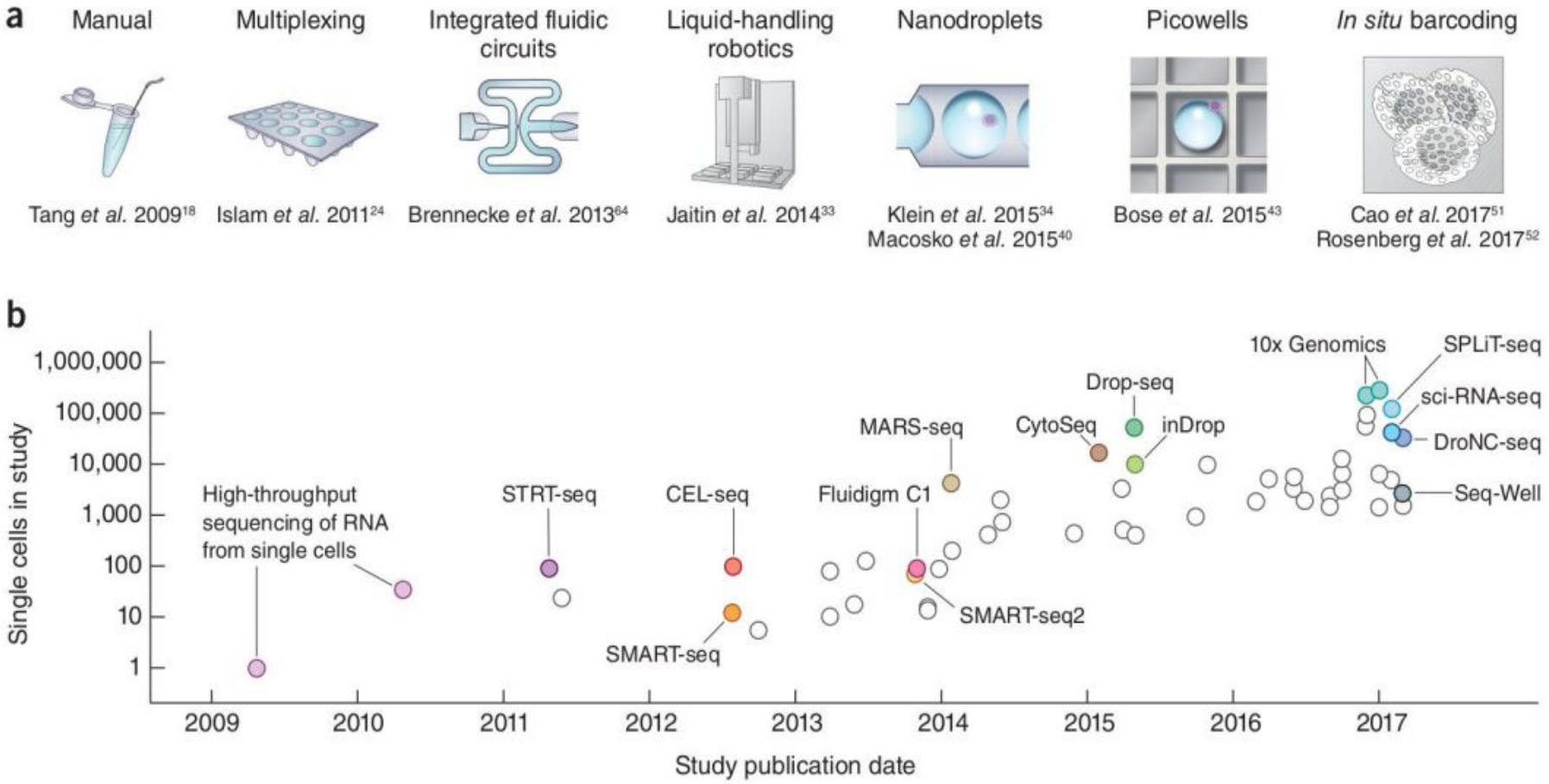
II. Cell Isolation Theory
- Tissue Types
  - Epithelial Tissue
  - Connective Tissue
- Dissociating Enzymes
  - Collagenase
  - Trypsin
  - Elastase
  - Hyaluronidase
  - Papain
  - Chymotrypsin
  - Deoxyribonuclease I
  - Neutral Protease (Dispase)
  - Trypsin Inhibitor
  - Animal Origin Free (AOF) Enzymes
  - Celase® GMP

III. Cell Isolation Techniques
- Methods & Materials
  - Working With Enzymes
  - Basic Primary Cell Isolation
  - Equilibration with 95%O_2:5%CO_2
  - Trituration
  - Enzymatic Cell Harvesting
  - Cell Adhesion and Harvesting
  - Trypsin for Cell Harvesting
  - Cell Release Procedure
- Optimization Techniques
  - General Guidelines
  - Optimization Strategy
  - Cell Quantitation
  - Measure of Viability

IV. Use-Tested Cell Isolation Systems

http://www.worthington-biochem.com/tissuedissociation/default.html

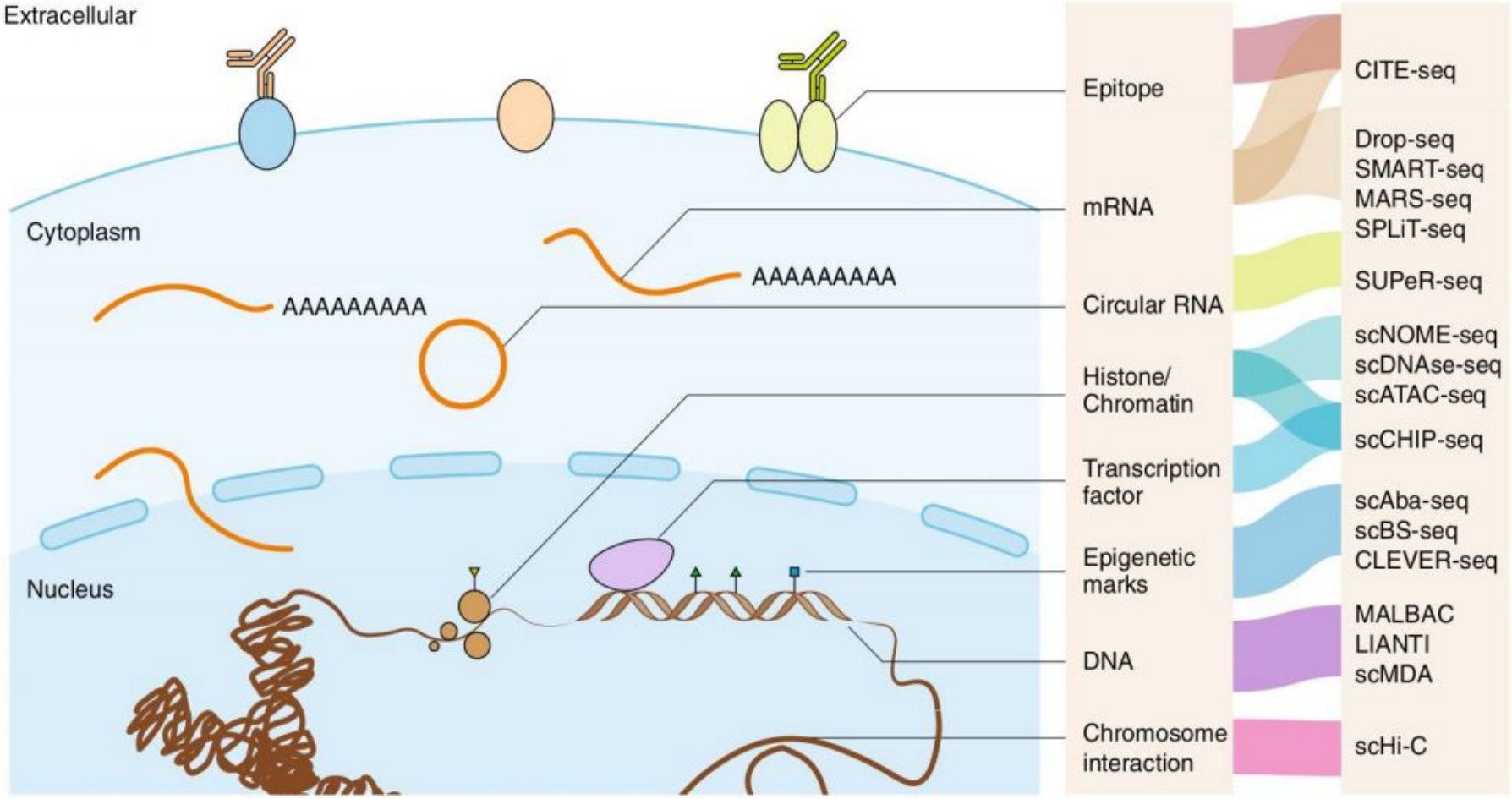
Cells isolation : technologies over the last decade



Svensson et al. Nature protocols (2018)

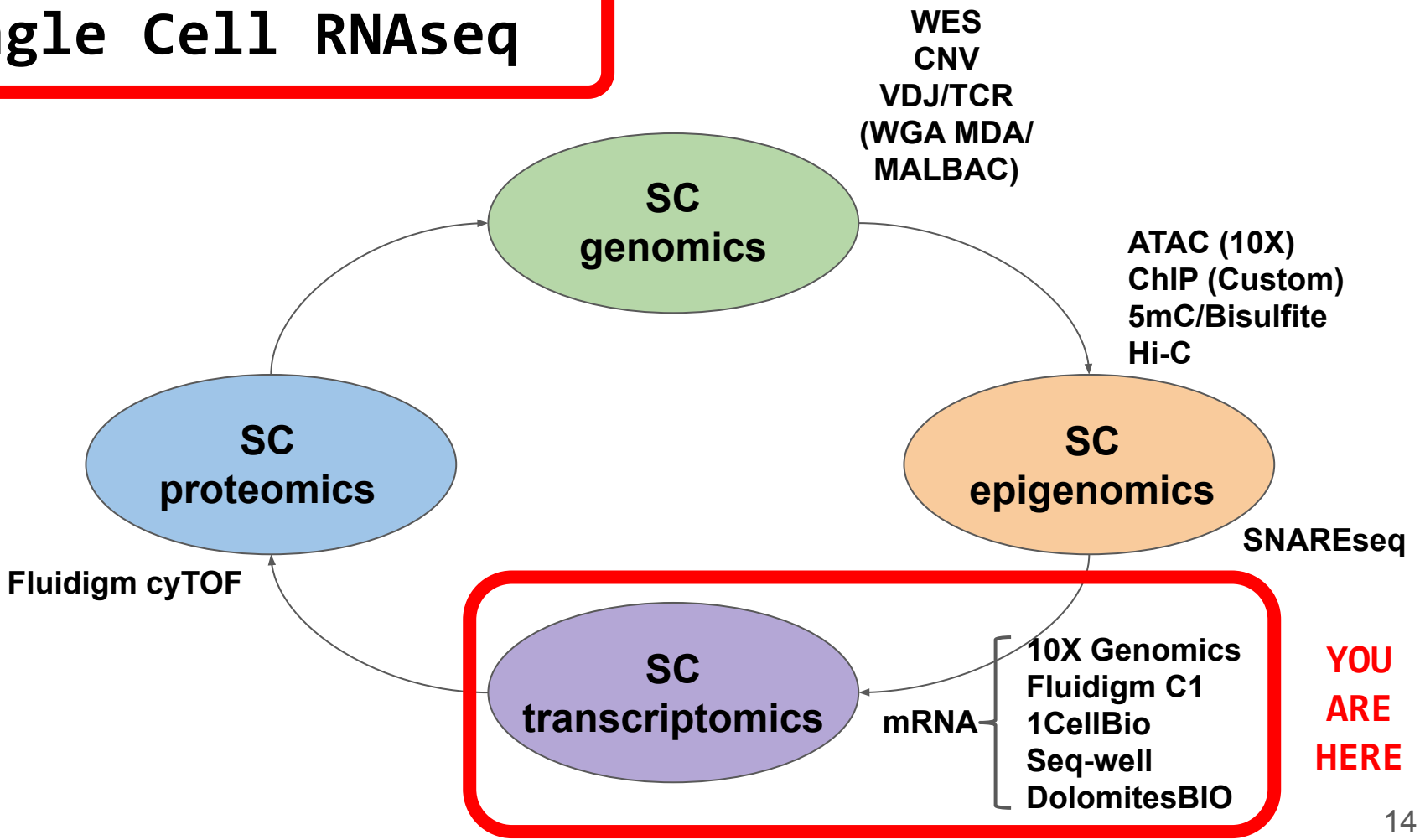
From isolated cells to nucleotide sequences

Several protocols for several purposes

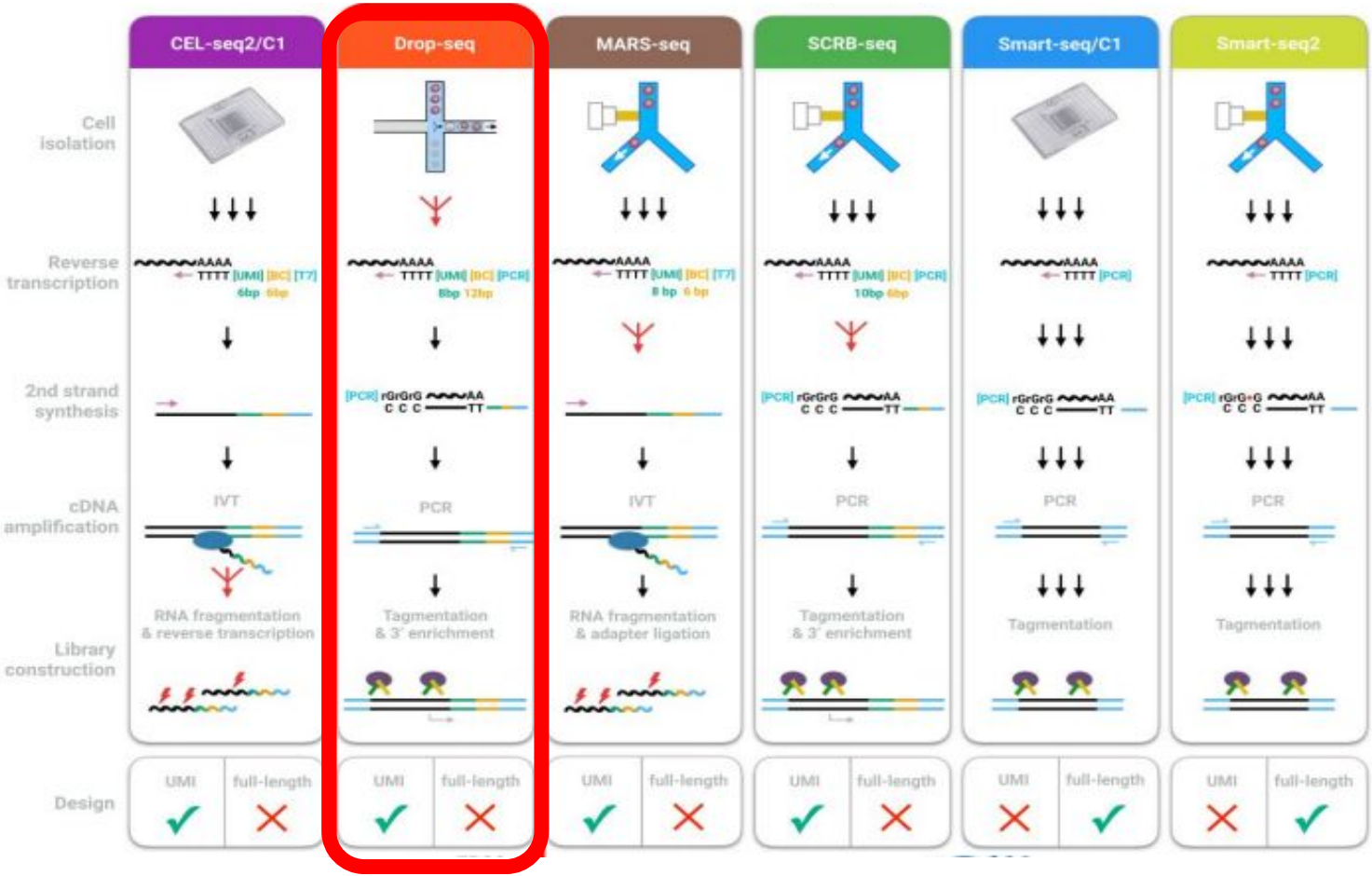


Ren et al. Genome Biology (2018)

Single Cell RNAseq

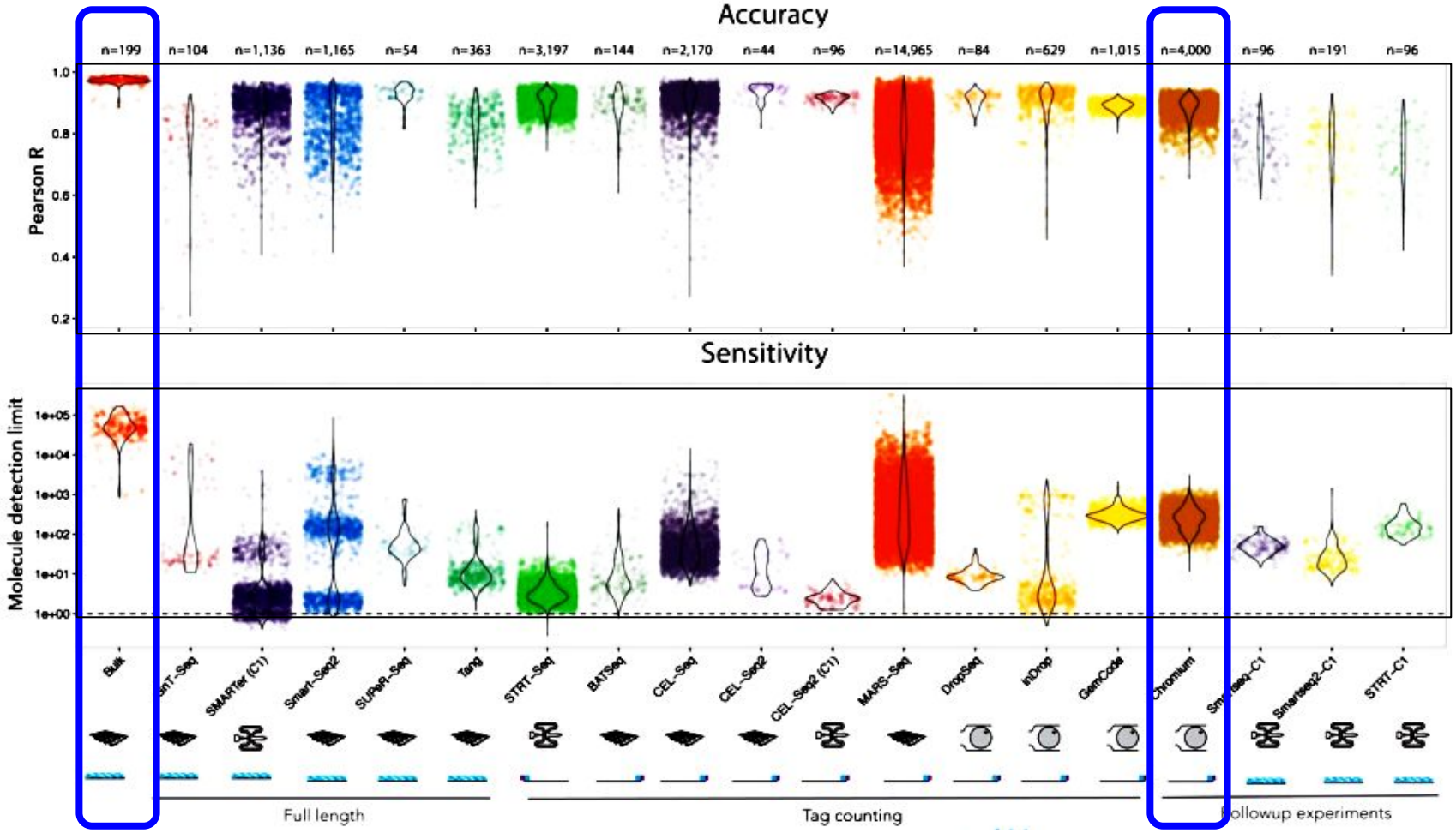


From isolated cells to sequences (Drop-seq / 10X)



Ziegenheim et al. Molecular Cell (2017)

Bulk **10X**



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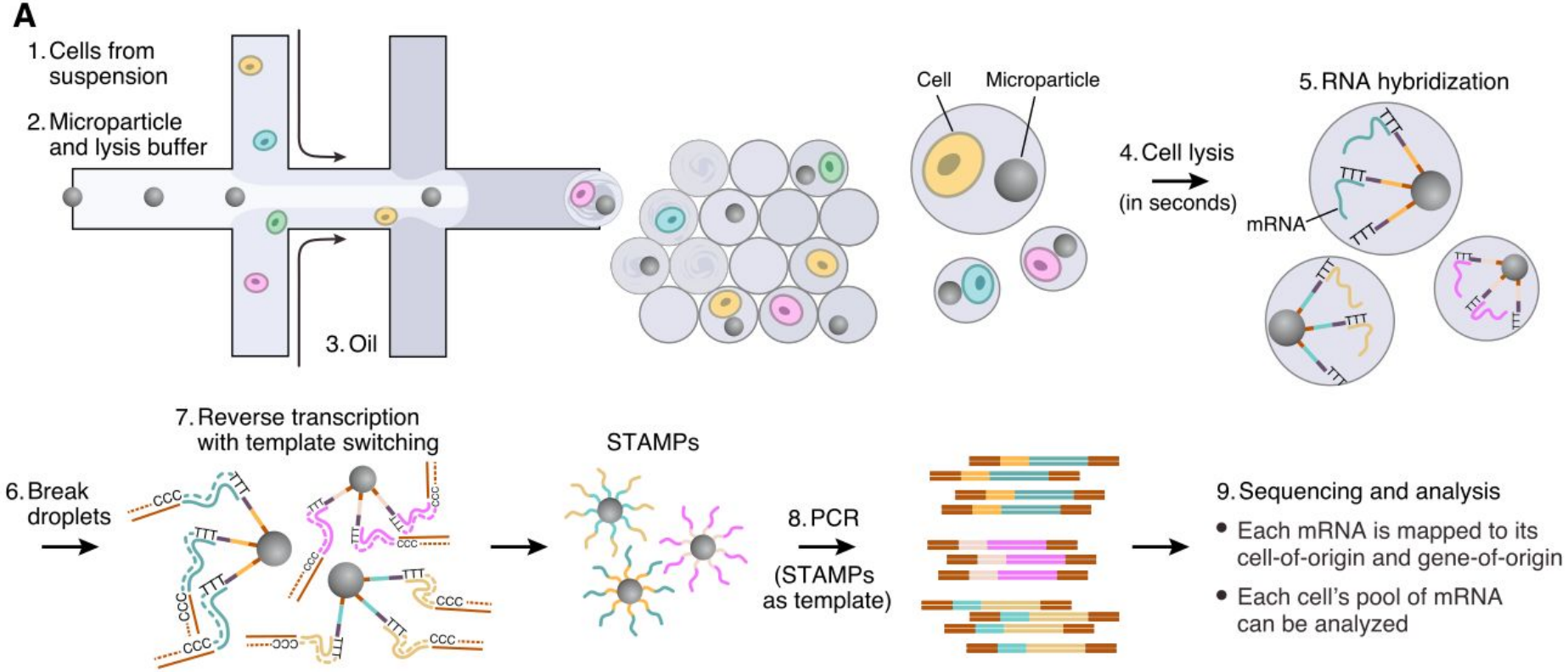
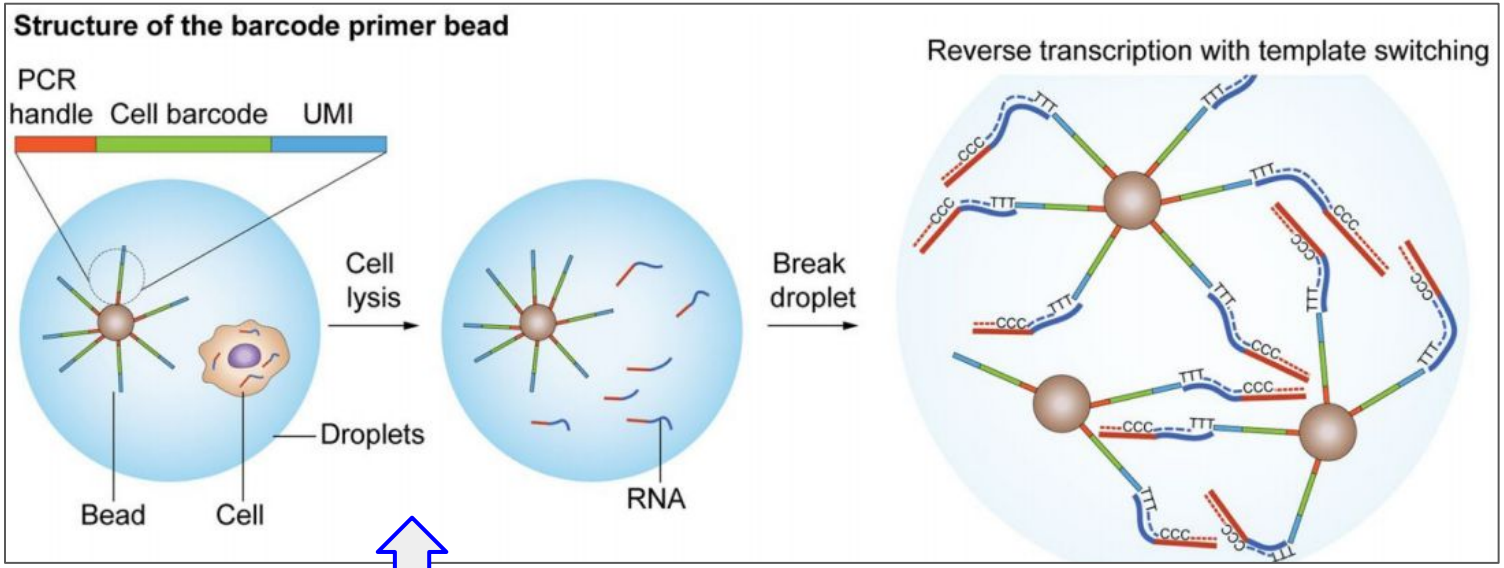
Drop-seq



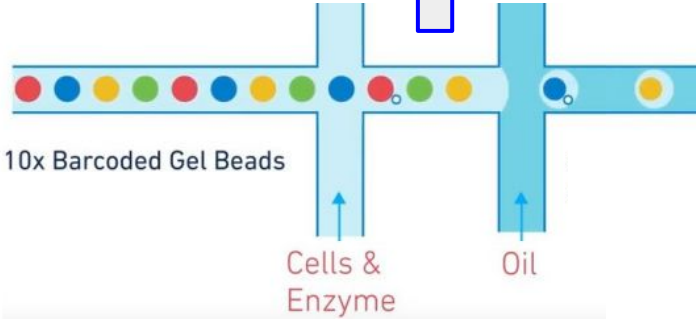
Macosko 2015

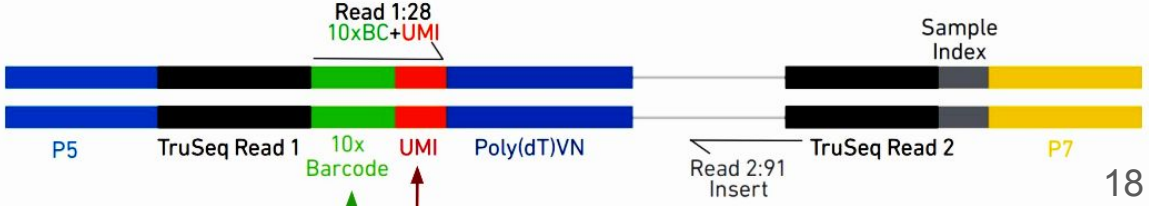
STAMPs = single-cell transcriptomes attached to microparticles

10X Chromium (3’)



Sequencing





From nucleotide sequences (reads) to count matrix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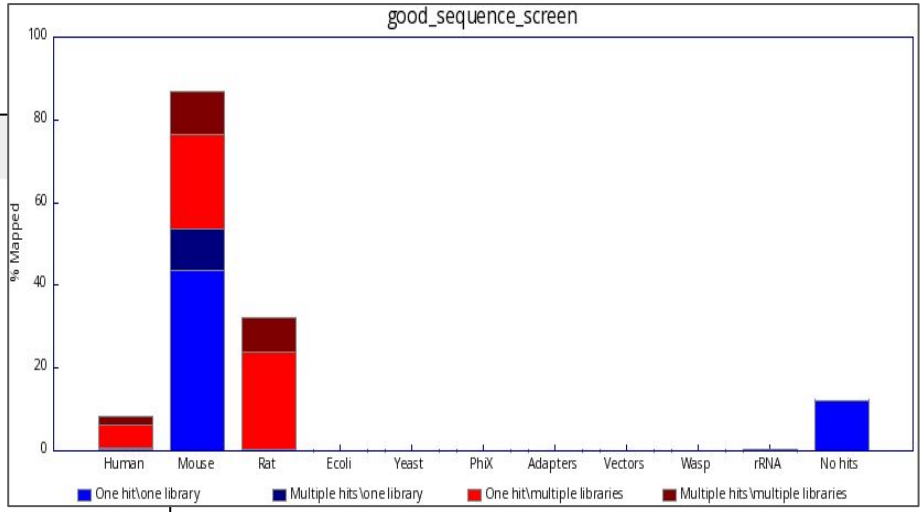
Reads QC



FastQC Report

Summary

- Basic Statistics
- Per base sequence quality
- Per tile sequence quality
- Per sequence quality scores
- Per base sequence content
- Per sequence GC content
- Per base N content
- Sequence Length Distribution
- Sequence Duplication Levels
- Overrepresented sequences
- Adapter Content

Basic Statistics

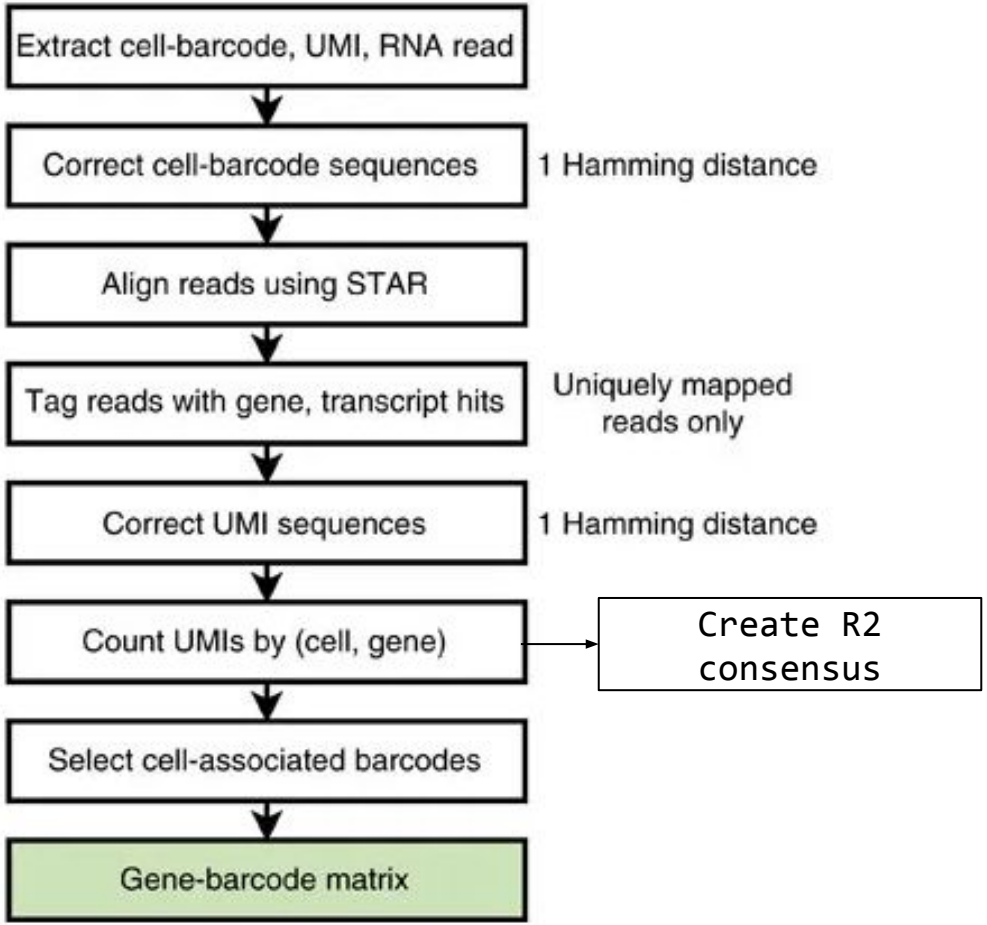
Measure	Value
Filename	BC_392_1_S29_R2_001.fastq.gz
File type	Conventional base calls
Encoding	Sanger / Illumina 1.9
Total Sequences	109443265
Sequences flagged as poor quality	0
Sequence length	91
%GC	43

Per base sequence quality

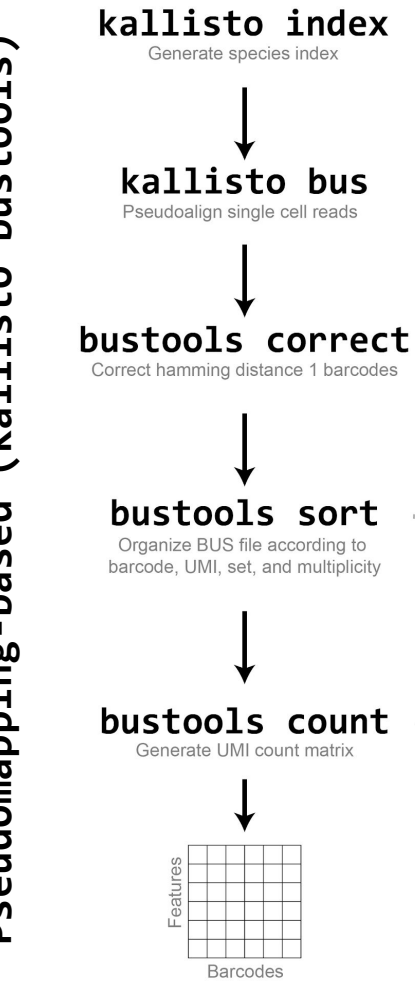
- As usual : FASTQC, FastqScreen, …
- 10x :
  - Special attention to R1 : cell barcode + UMI (no N)
  - Control of the 4 sample libraries

Reads processing workflows

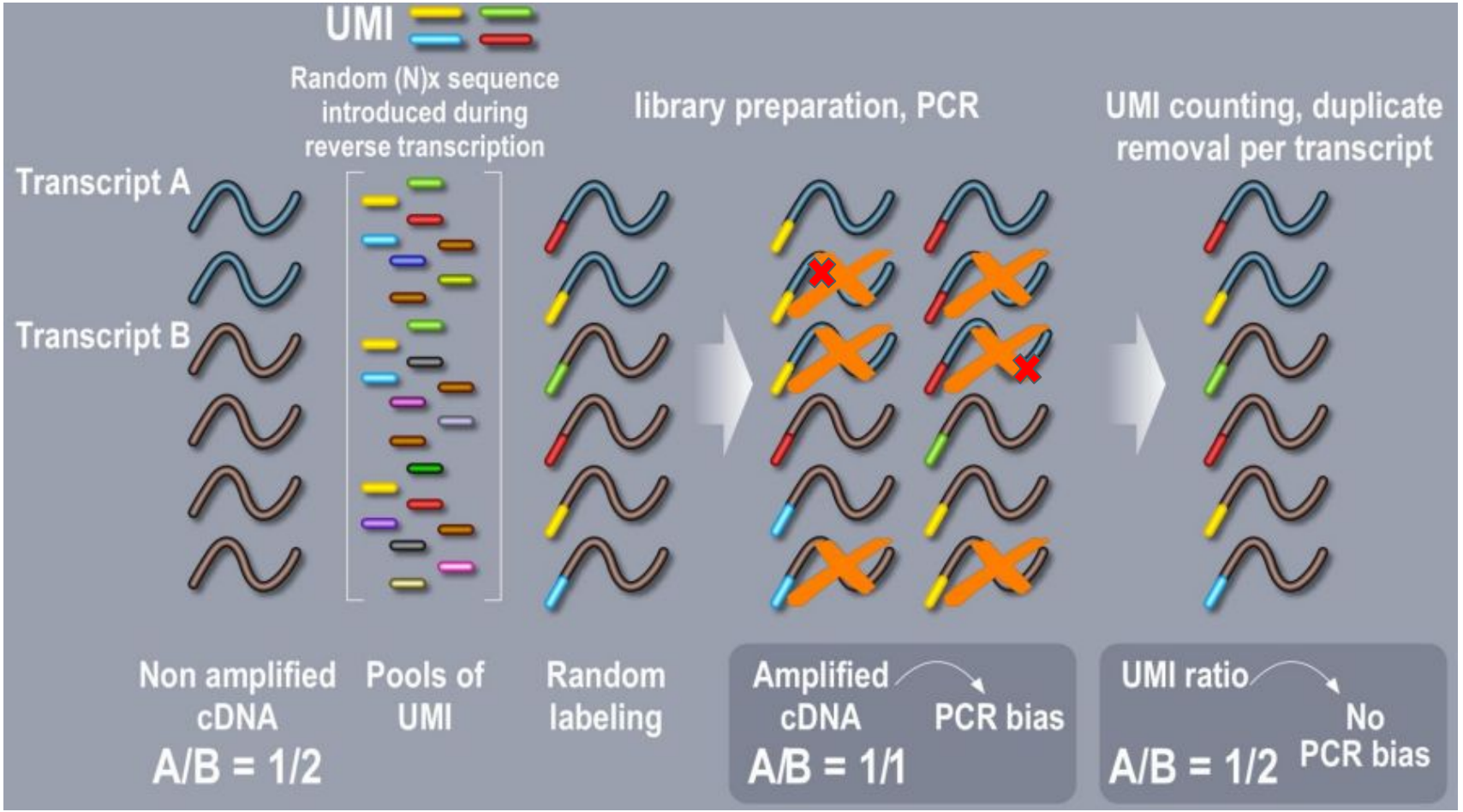
Mapping-based (STAR)



Pseudomapping-based (kallisto bustools)

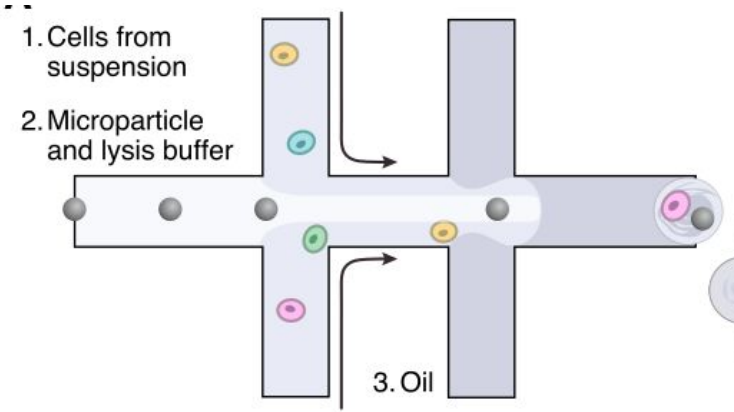


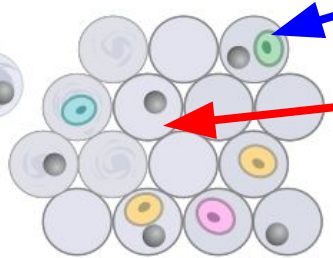
Focus on : Unique Molecule Identifiers



Islam et al., Nature Methods (2014)
Study by Agnès Paquet

Focus on : Empty droplets filtering

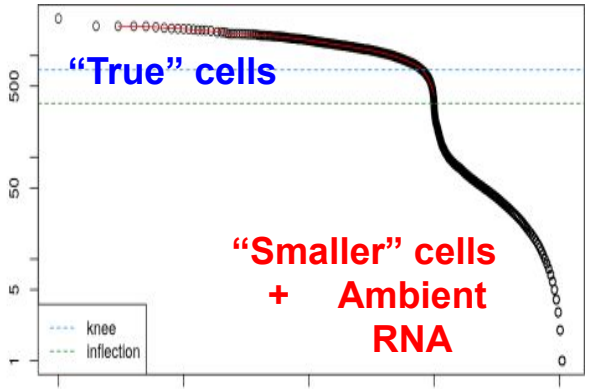




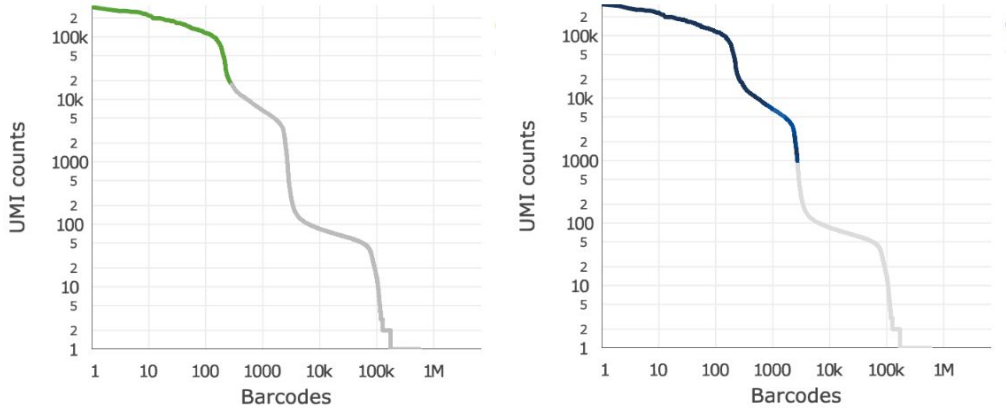
THERE IS RNA HERE
(CELL IN GEM)

THERE IS RNA HERE TOO !
(NO CELL = AMBIENT)

Kneeplot



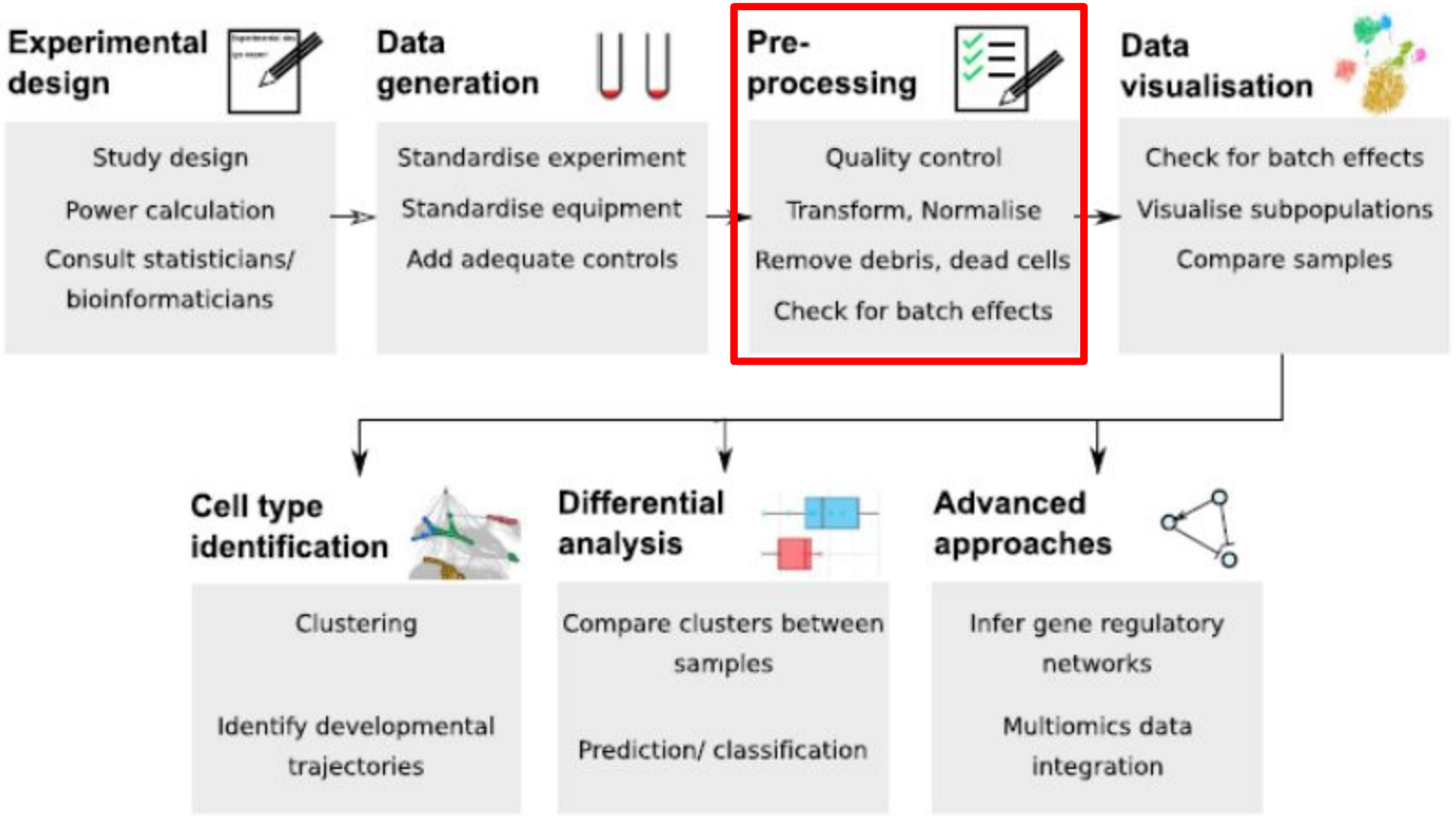
EmptyDrops



Lun et al. Genome Biology (2019)

From raw count matrix to normalized data

Standard analysis pipeline

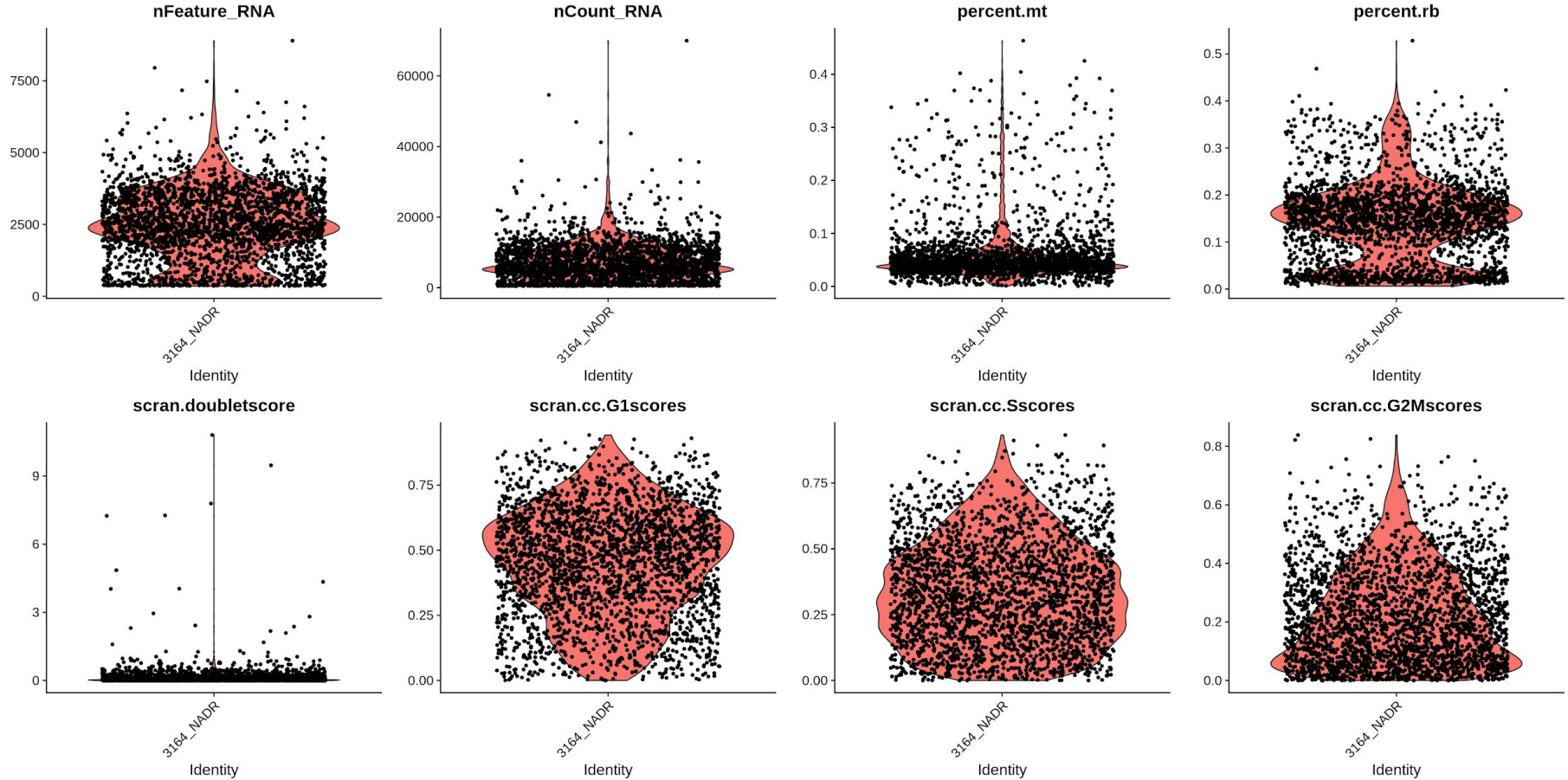


Cell QC considerations

- The number of unique genes detected in each cell :
  - Low-quality cells or empty droplets will often have very few genes
  - Cell doublets or multiplets may exhibit an aberrantly high gene count
- Similarly, the total number of molecules detected within a cell (correlates strongly with unique genes)
- The percentage of reads that map to the mitochondrial genome :
  - Low-quality / dying cells often exhibit extensive mitochondrial contamination
- Other QC criteria to measure :
  - Cell cycle phase / score
  - Nuclear riboprotein-coding genes expression

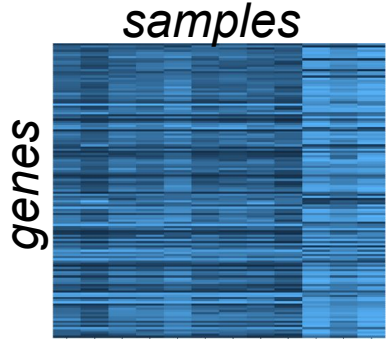
Ilicic et al. Genome Biology (2016)

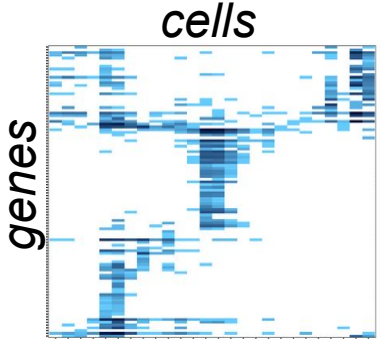
Cell QC : metrics



Matrix normalization : Houston, we have a problem...

	BULK	SINGLE-CELL
Total RNA	100 ng (~10.000 cells)	10 pg (per cell)
mRNA	~ 5 ng (~10.000 cells)	<< 1 pg (per cell)
Reads	~100 million	~ 50 k (per cell)





SC MATRIX IS SPARSE ! (ie, mostly filled with zeros)

Matrix normalization : different levels

- Process of identifying and removing systematic variation not due to real differences between RNA treatments i.e. differential gene expression.
- Cell-specific effects
- Gene-specific effects

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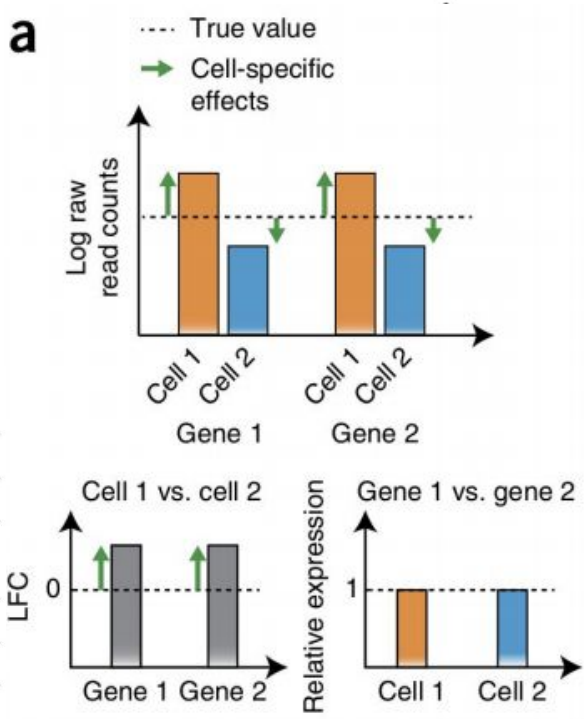
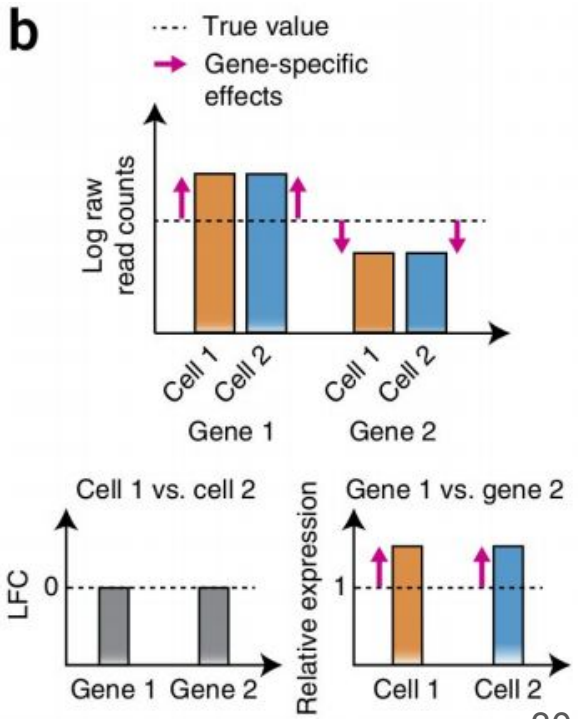
	Cell-specific effects	Gene-specific effects	Not removed by UMIs
Sequencing depth	✓		✓
Amplification	✓	✓	
Capture and RT efficiency	✓	✓	✓
Gene length		✓	
GC content	✓	✓	✓
mRNA content	✓		✓





Bulk normalization methods are KO

- **RPKM/FPKM** (Reads/Fragments per kilobase of transcript per million reads of library) : Normalize for sequencing depth and transcript length at the same time => **KO if you DO NOT have full-length data**

- **Global scaling** (eg: Upper Quartile) : **KO if you have too many zeros**

- **Size factors** calculation (eg: Estimation of library sampling depth) :
  - DESeq2, edgeR suppose that >=50% of genes are **NOT DE**
  - **KO if you have too many zeros**

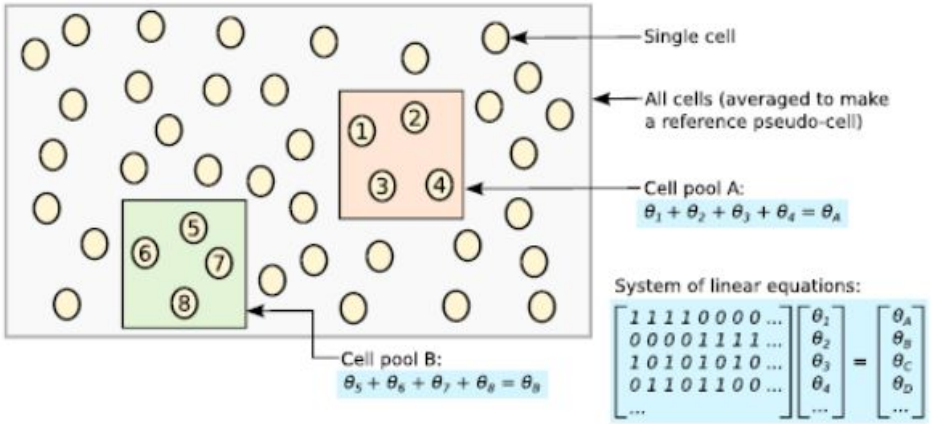
- **TPM/CPM** : **KO** if a **small number of genes** carry **most of the signal**

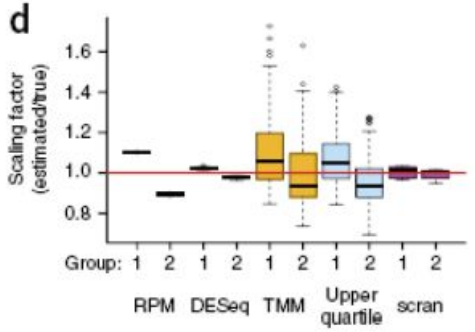
  => Rough solution : global log-normalization / Z-scoring

Paquet 2018

Matrix normalization : scaling by factors

- Alternative method to compute the size factors
- Pool cells to reduce the number of zeros
- Estimate the size factors for the pool
- Repeat many time and use deconvolution to estimate each cell size factor
- Implemented in **scater/scran** packages



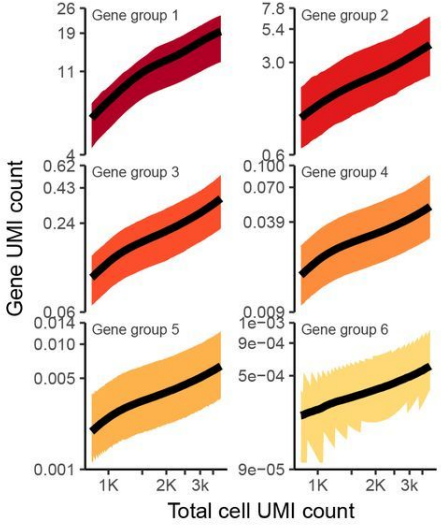


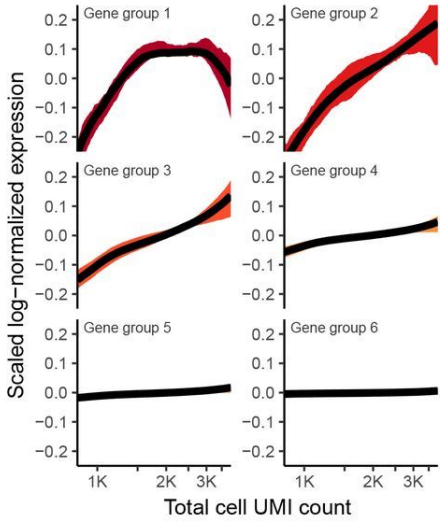
Vallejos C, 2017

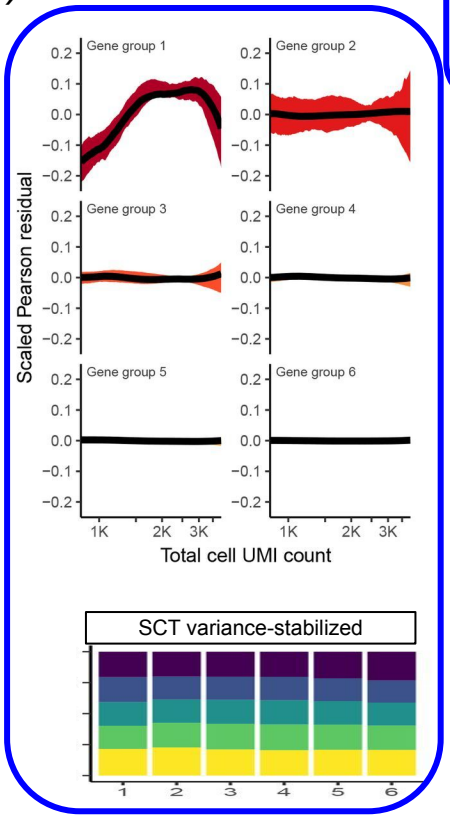
Lun et al (2018)

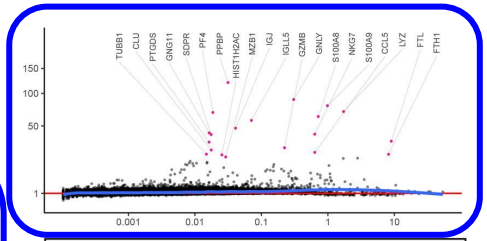
Matrix normalization : variance stabilization

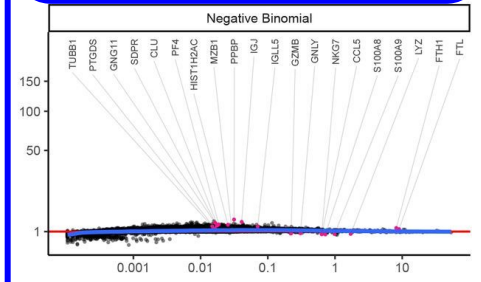
- Regularized negative binomial regression
- Implemented in **sctransform** *(Seurat)*

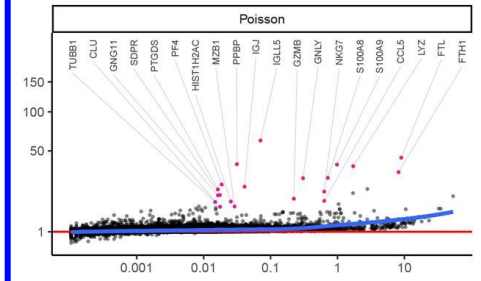


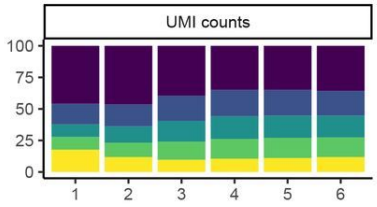


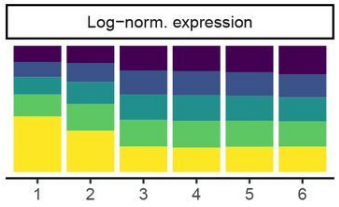


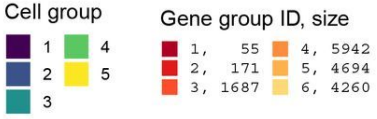








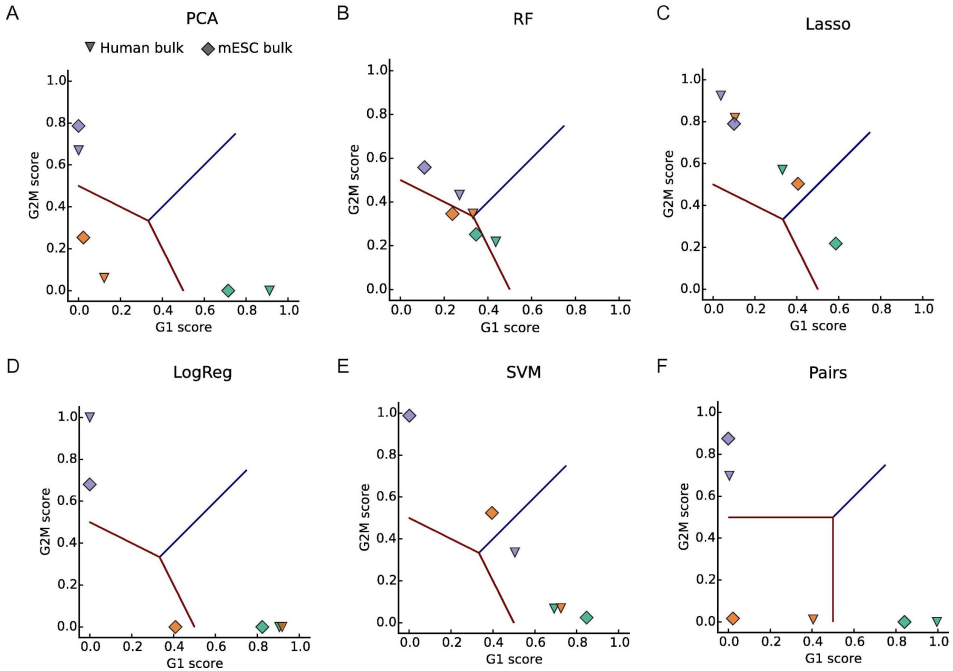


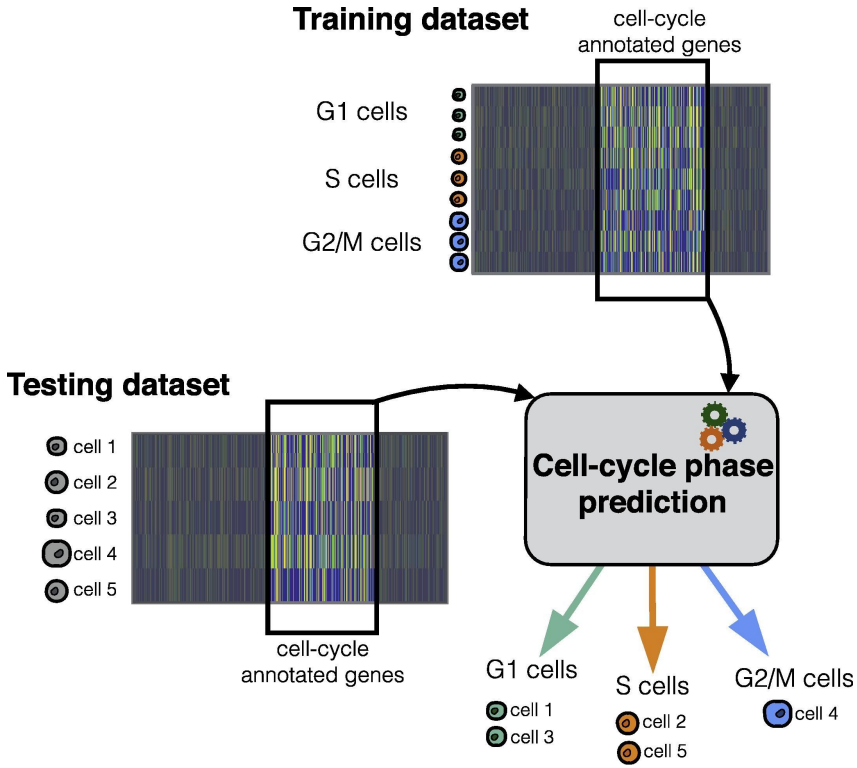


Hafemeister et al, BioRxiv (2019)

Other factors : Cell cycle phase

- Training on reference set with the 3 phases identified
- Use pairs of differential genes
- Apply model pairs to new dataset and assign phases
- Implemented in **cyclone** *(scran)*

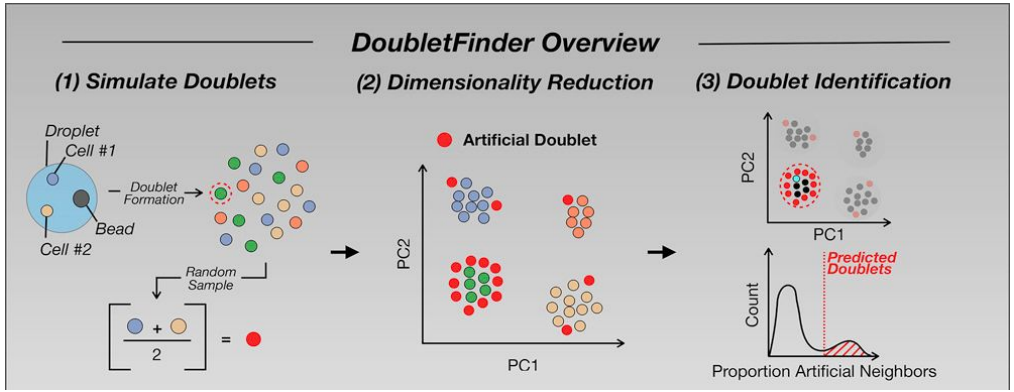


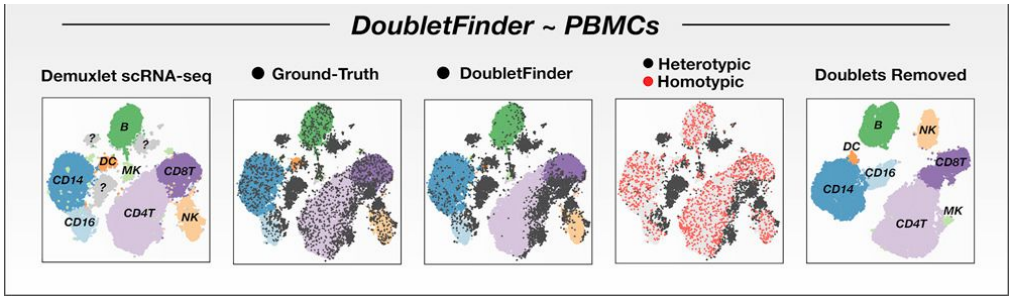


Scialdone et al., Methods (2015)

Other factors : Cell doublets

- Two types of doublets :
  - Cells of the same type => higher global expression
  - Cells of the different types => artificial hybrid
- Methods : generate random artificial doublets, capture all





McGuinnis et al., Cell Sys (2019)

	AUC	pAUC90	pAUC95	pAUC97.5	AUPRC
ch_cell-lines					
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features	0.60	0.55	0.54	0.53	0.19
dblCells	0.64	0.62	0.61	0.60	0.37
cxds	0.65	0.59	0.57	0.55	0.26
dblDetection	0.66	0.66	0.65	0.65	0.44
scrublet	0.69	0.65	0.64	0.63	0.41
dblFinder	0.69	0.66	0.65	0.65	0.45
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bcds	0.70	0.66	0.64	0.62	0.43
ch_pbmc					
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cxds	0.78	0.69	0.65	0.61	0.54
features	0.79	0.62	0.57	0.54	0.45
bcds	0.81	0.71	0.66	0.60	0.58
hybrid	0.82	0.73	0.67	0.62	0.61
dblDetection	0.82	0.75	0.69	0.62	0.63
dblFinder	0.84	0.74	0.68	0.62	0.64
demuxlet					
dblCells	0.79	0.70	0.65	0.60	0.46
libsize	0.81	0.58	0.55	0.53	0.30
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scrublet	0.87	0.74	0.68	0.62	0.53
cxds	0.89	0.71	0.63	0.57	0.49
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dblDetection	0.91	0.79	0.69	0.58	0.57
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hg-mm					
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dblDetection	0.99	0.99	0.98	0.98	0.97
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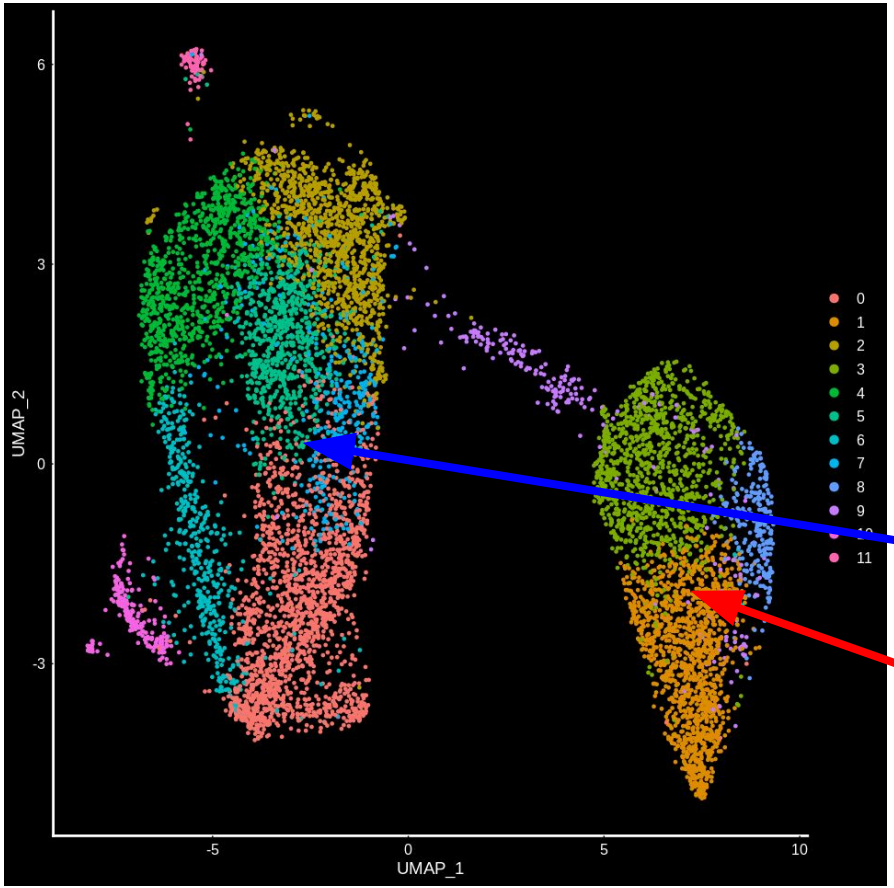
Bais et al., BioRxiv (2019)

Normalization : other biological factors

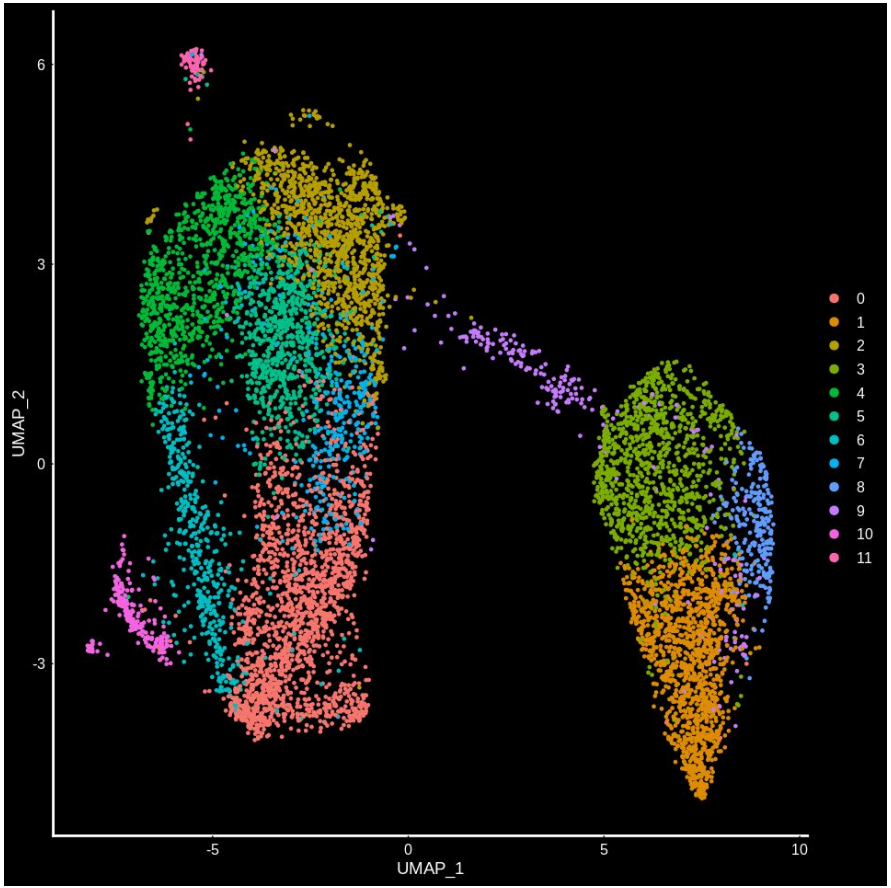


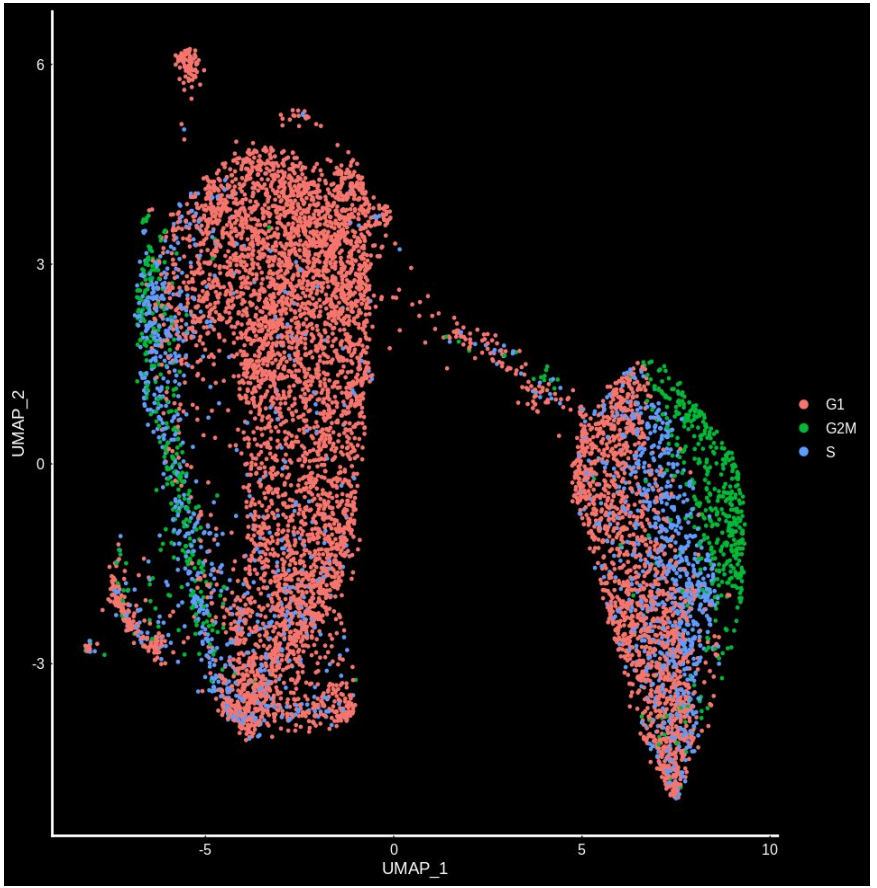
- 10X 3’ scRNAseq
- Osteosarcoma metastasis
- 8911 cells x 18613 genes
- PCA (109 PCs retained)
- Louvain clustering
  - 12 clusters
- uMAP representation

Osteoblasts

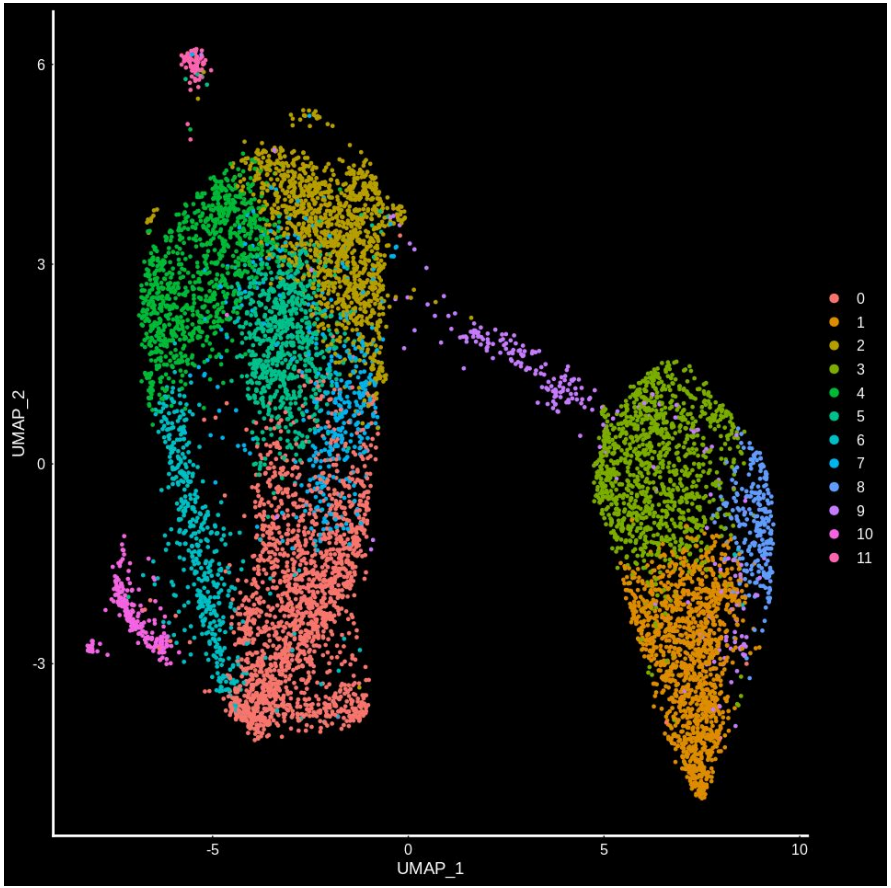
Osteoclasts

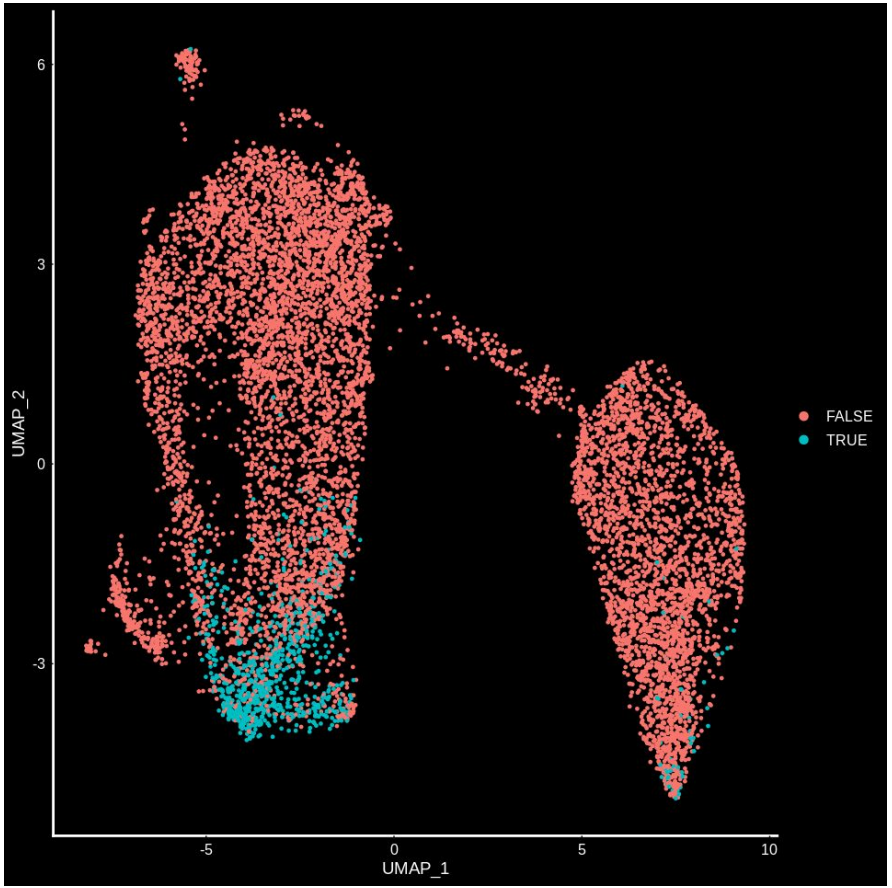
Bias : Cell cycle phases / scores





Bias : Dying cells status / score





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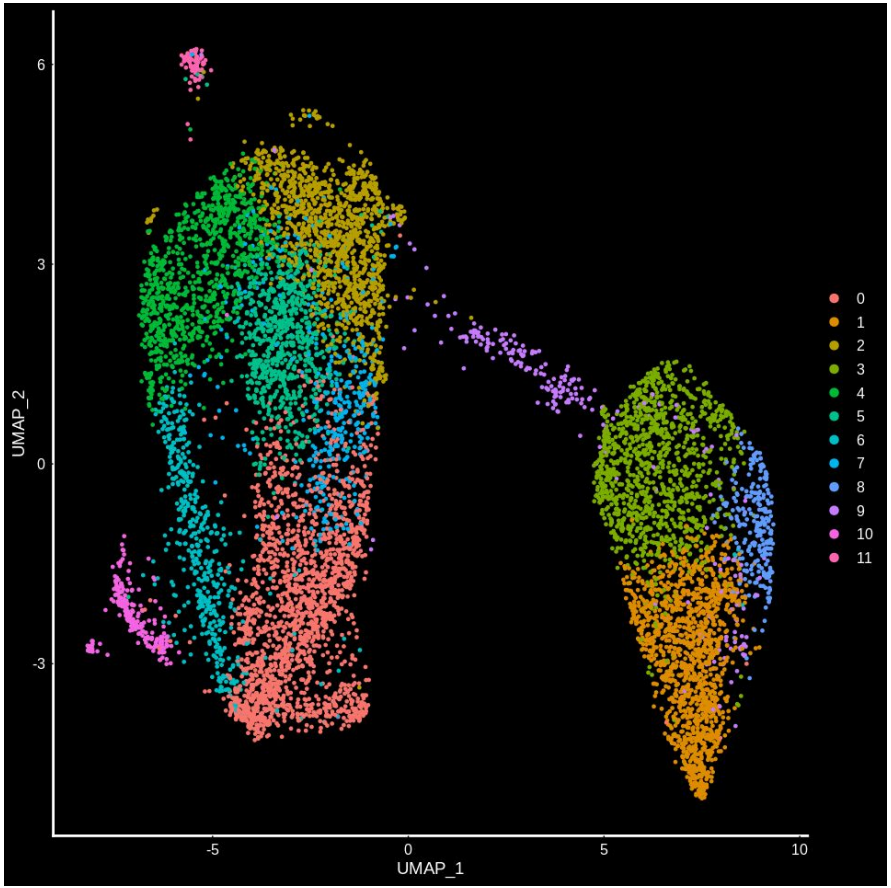
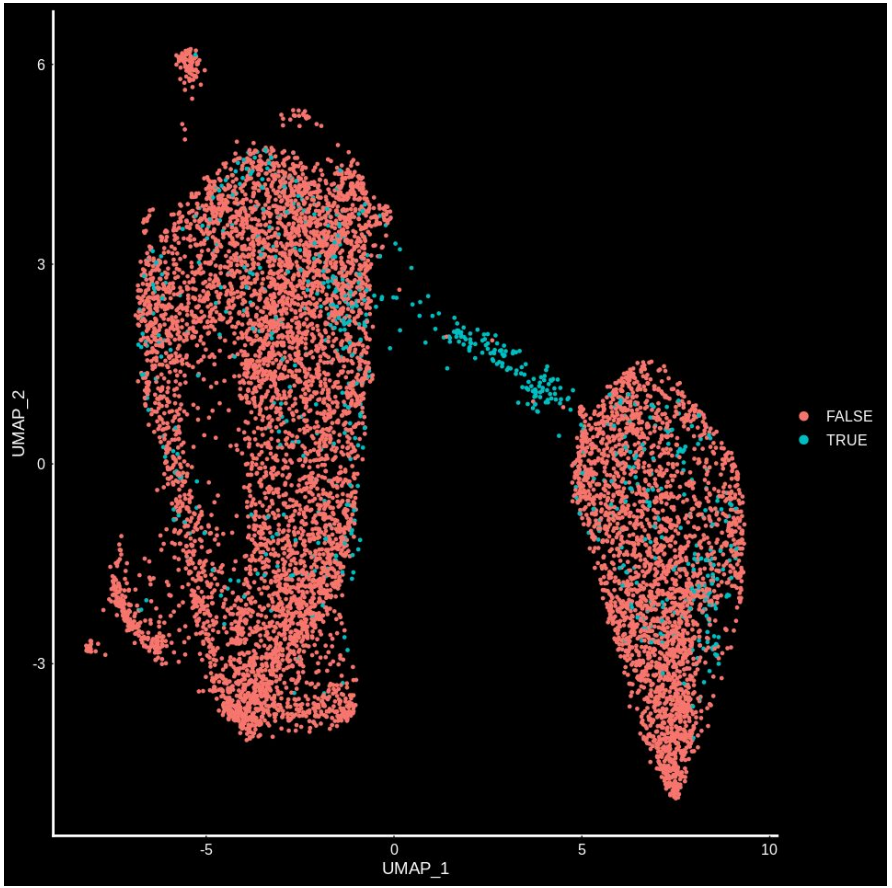
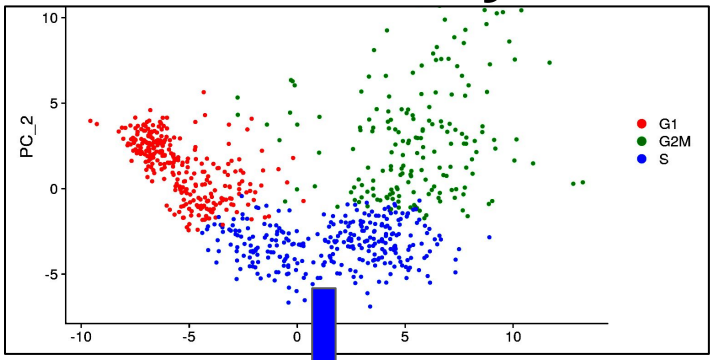


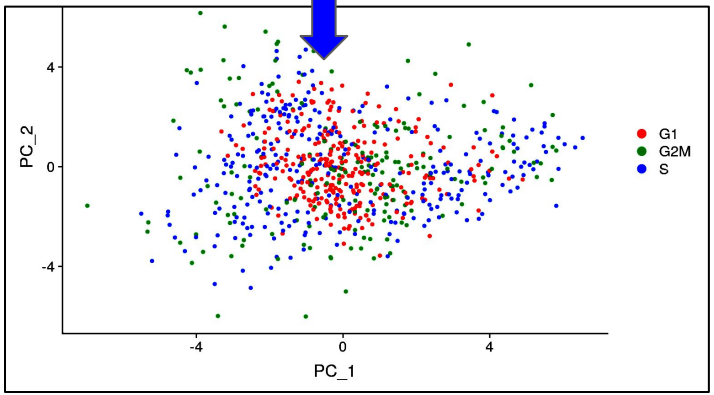


Bias normalization : regression / deblocking

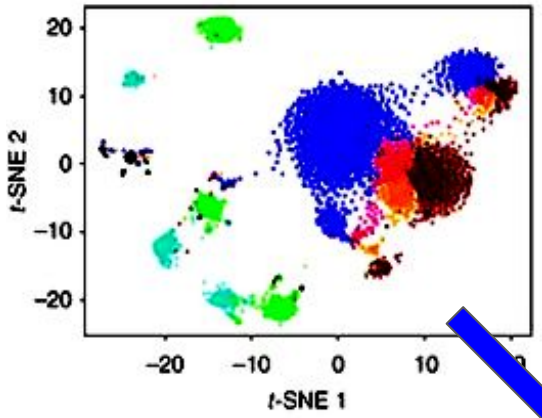
Ex : Cell cycle



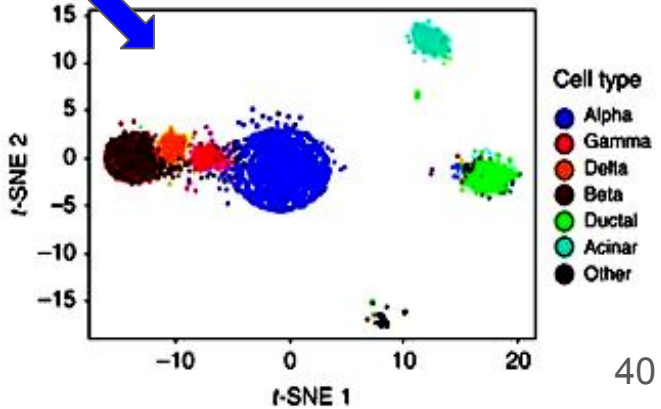
Regression



Ex : Batch effect



Deblocking



Seurat tutorial

Haghverdi et al. Nature Biotech (2018) (MNN)

From a normalized matrix to a reduced space

Feature selection : Highly variable genes (HVGs)

Postulate : genes with the highest variability should be the most useful to

1. Assess effect of unwanted sources of variation (cell to cell variation)
2. Quantify true biological differences (population to population variation)

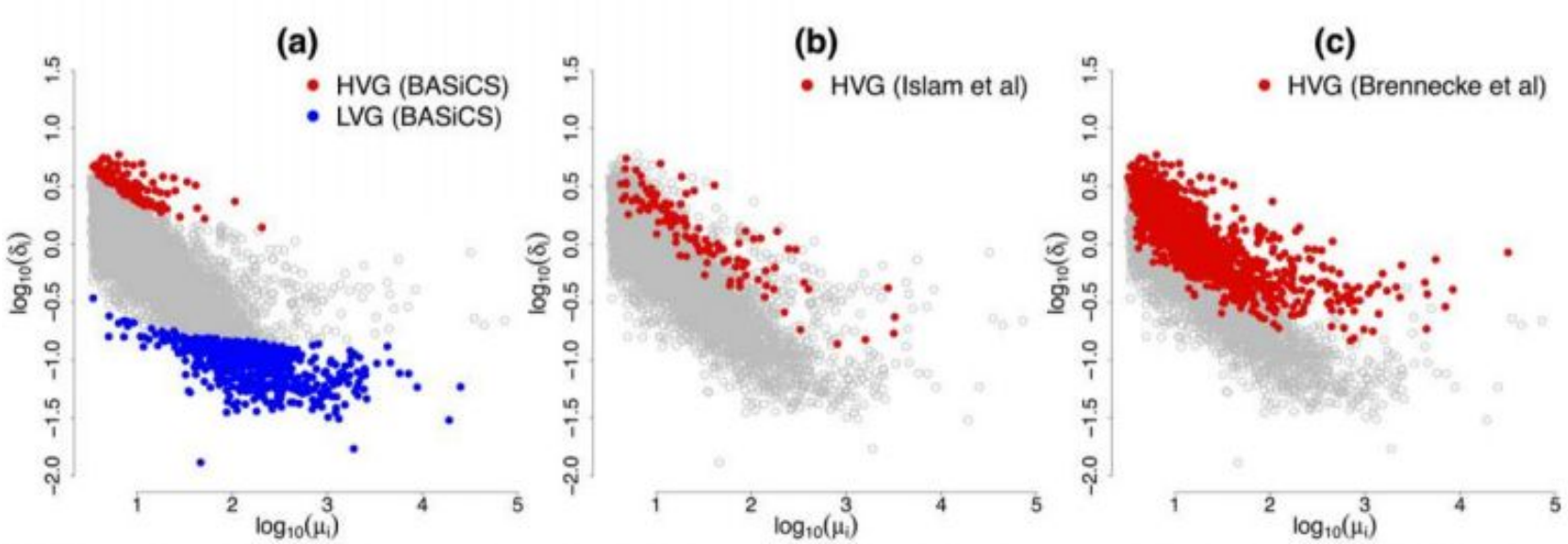


Fig 8. Comparison of HVG detection among different methods. For each of the 7,895 biological genes, posterior medians of biological cell-to-cell heterogeneity term δ_i (log scale) against posterior medians of expression level μ_i (log scale). While the methods described in [16] and [5] only provide a characterisation of HVG, BASiCS is able to detect those genes whose expression rates are stable among cells.

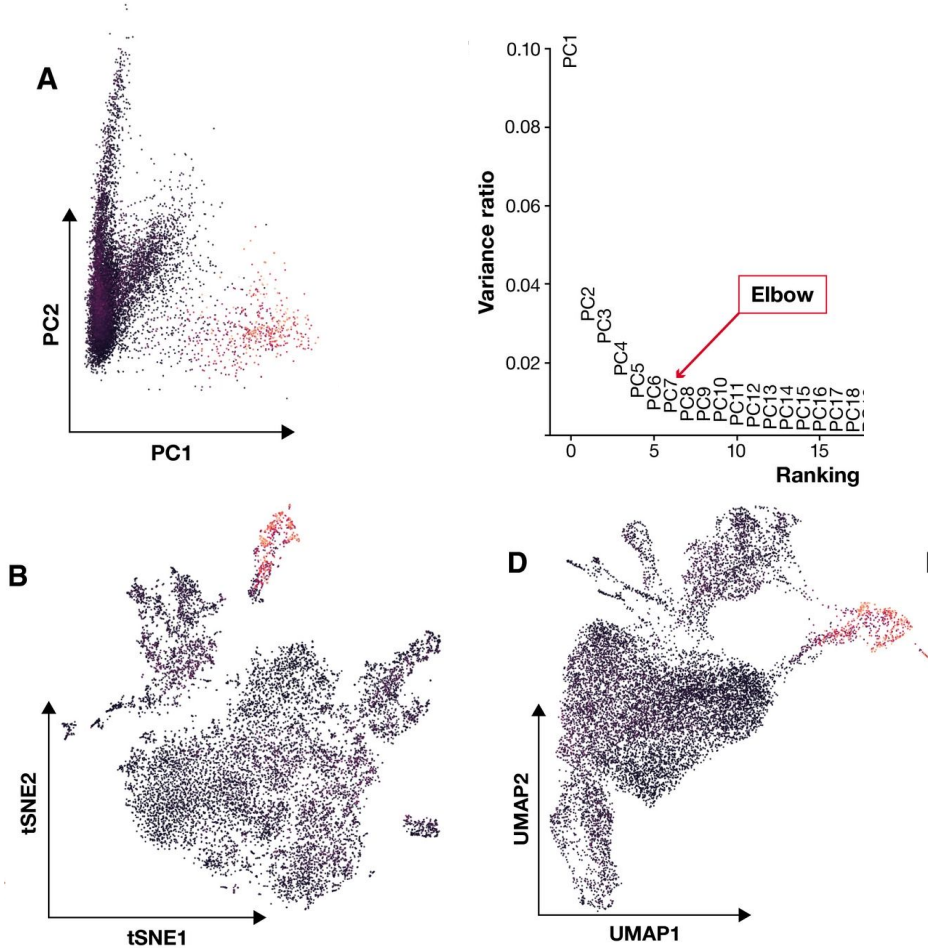
Vallejos et al. Plos Comp Biol (2015)

Dimensionality reduction : simplification

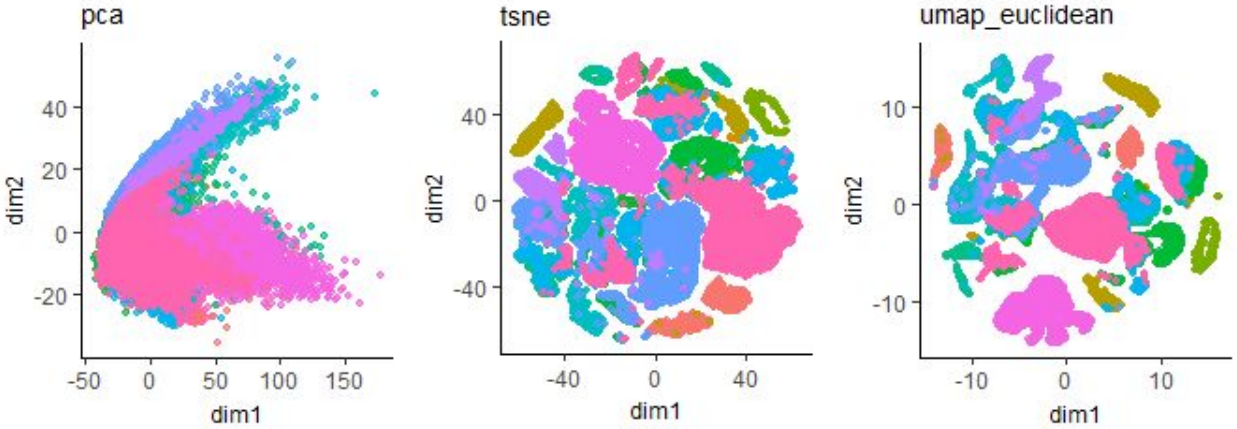
1. Need of an orthogonal space
2. Minimize curse of dimensionality
3. Filter out noise
4. Allow visualization
5. Reduce computational load

Popular methods used for single-cell data analysis:

1. PCA
2. ICA
3. tSNE
4. UMAP
5. Others : Diffusion map, Isomap



Dimensionality reduction : PCA / tSNE / uMAP

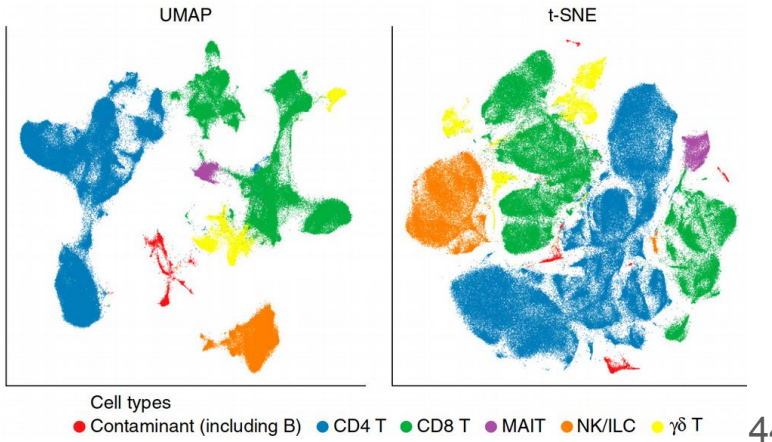


Reduction :

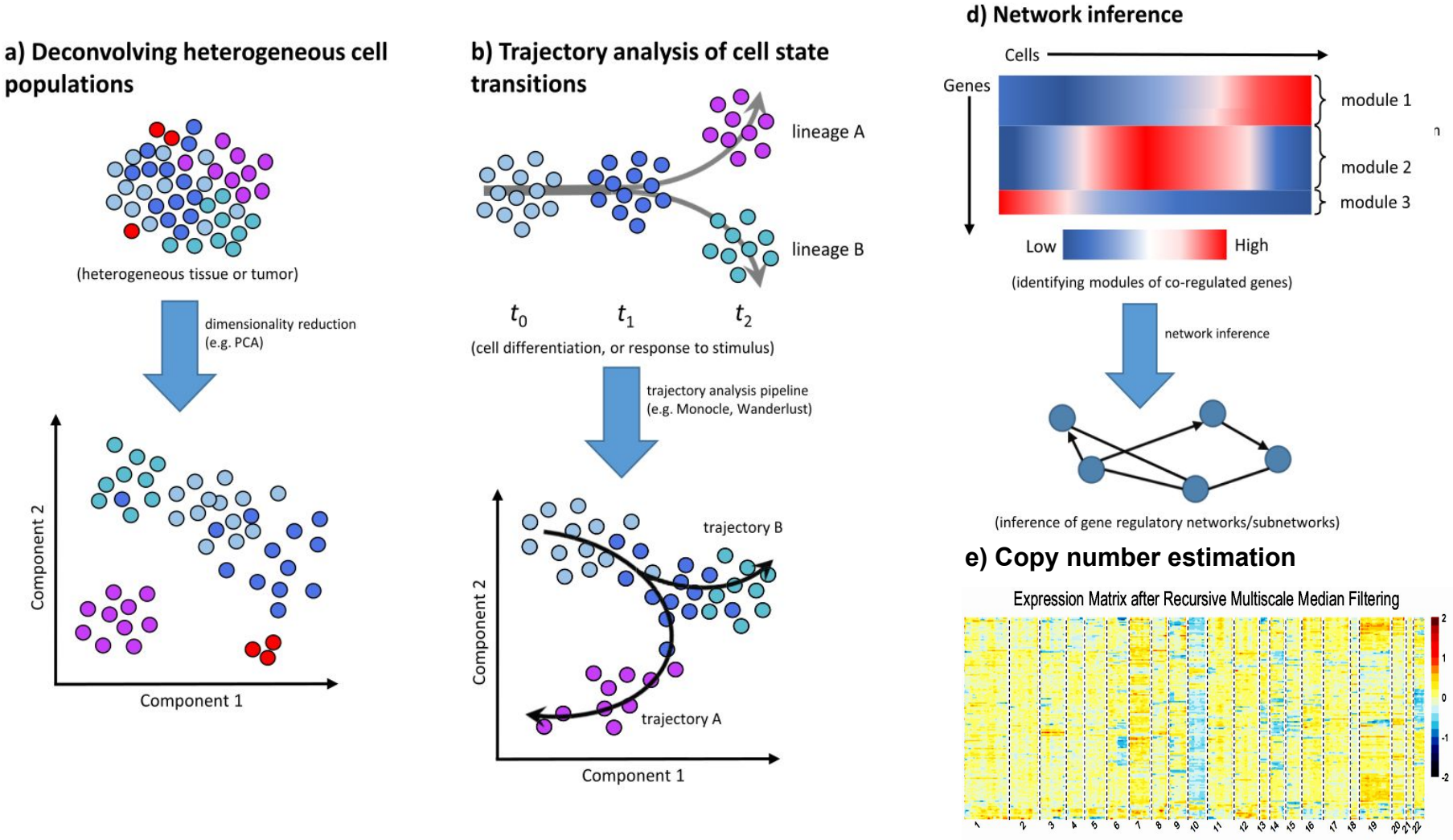
- PCA (on single cell data) is unable to concentrate relationships in 2-3 dimensions only

Visualization : uMAP > tSNE

- Better compaction
- Mostly retains inter-cluster distances
  - Subpopulations
  - Trajectory
- More robust to parameter modifications
- (Slightly faster to generate)

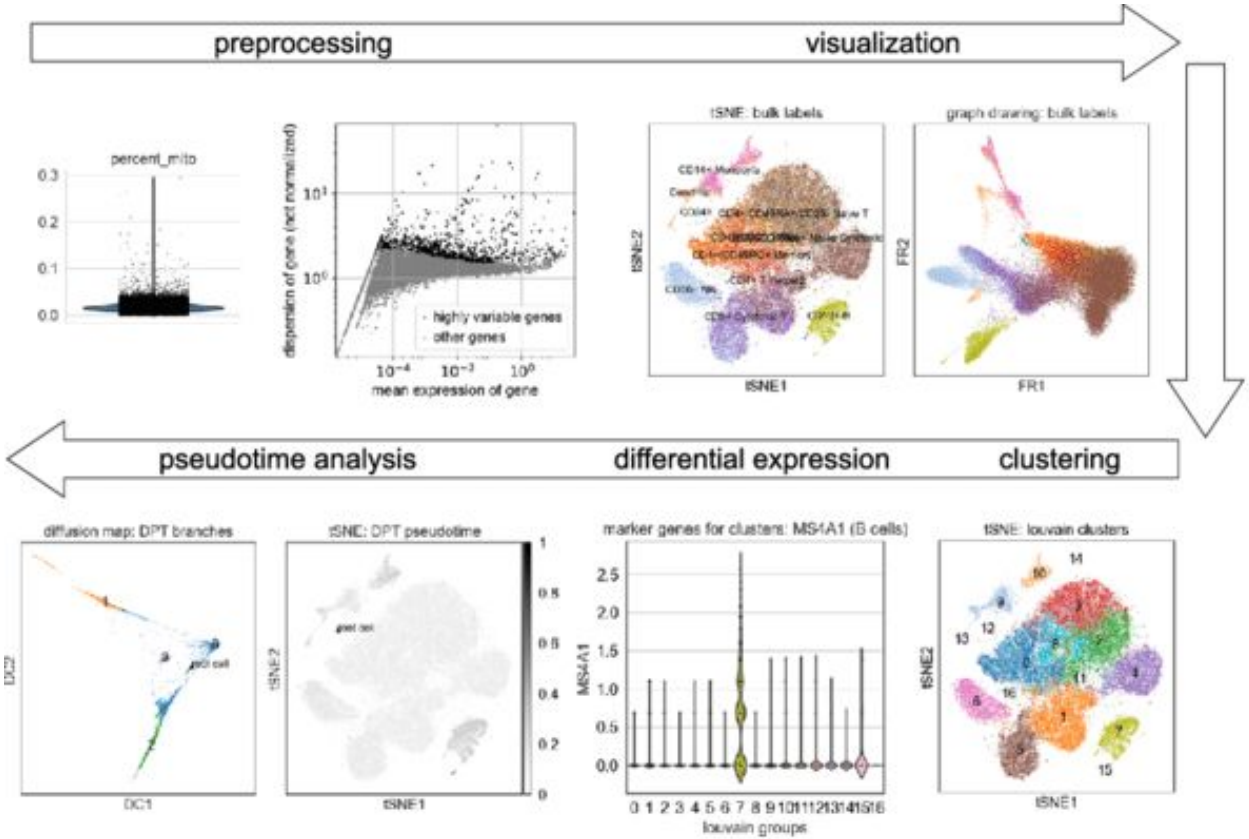


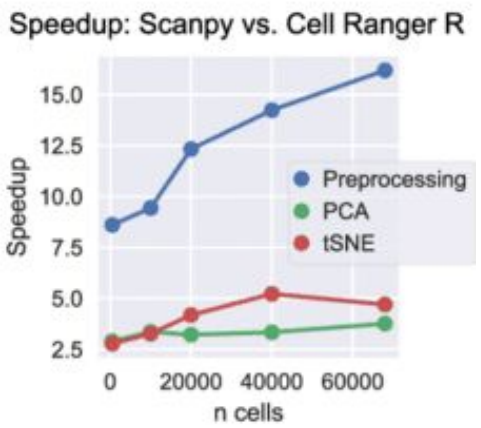
From a reduced space to …
… actually what you initially wanted !

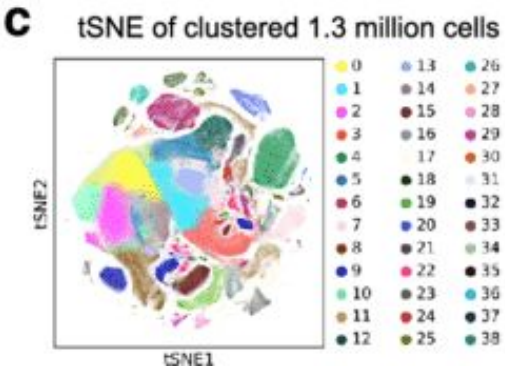


Liu and Trapenll 2016

The all-in-one **Python** toolbox : Scanpy



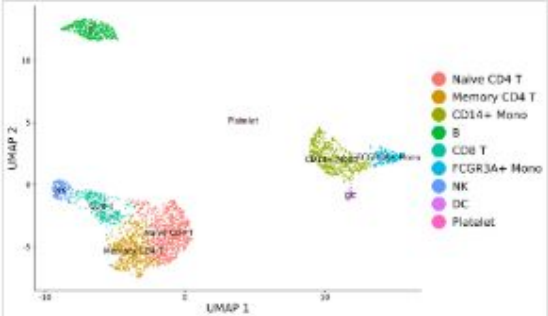




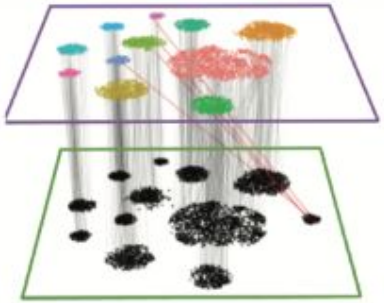
Wolf et al. Genome Biology 2018

The all-in-one **R** toolbox : Seurat (v3)

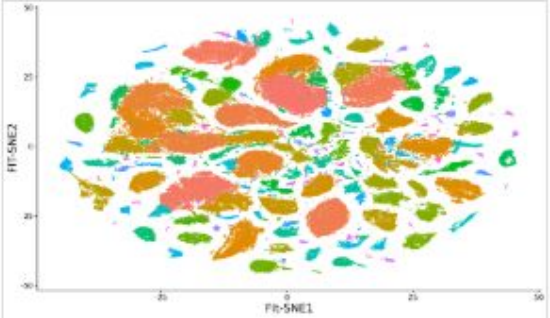
Guided tutorial --- 2,700 PBMCs



Multiple Dataset Integration and Label Transfer

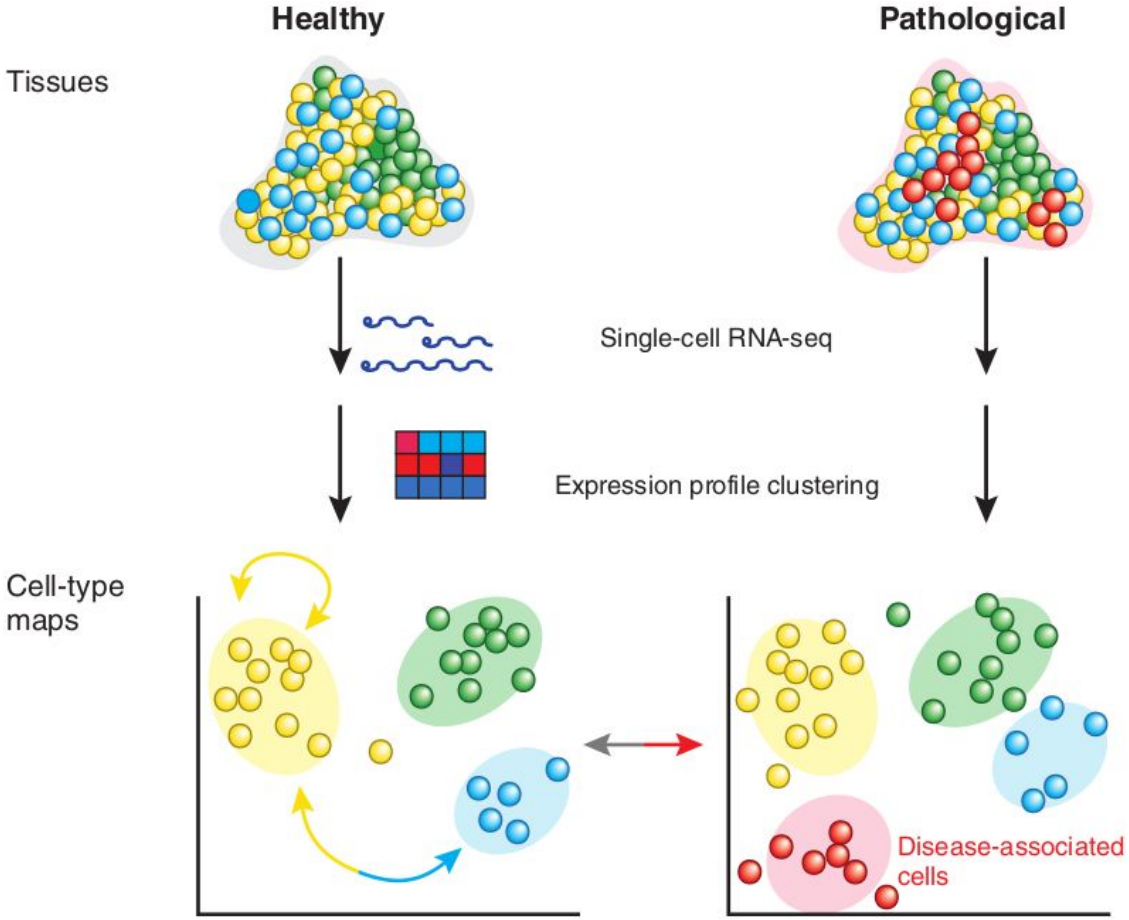


Mouse Cell Atlas, 250K cells



Stuart et al. BioRxiv 2018

Cell clustering



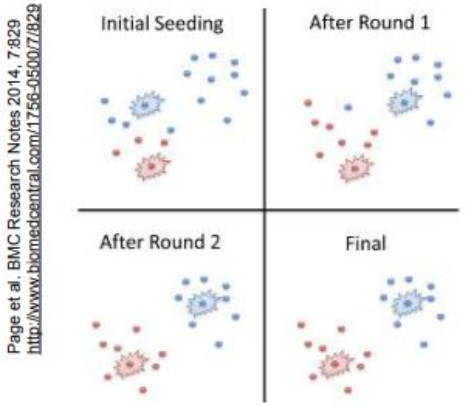
Within cell type
- Stochasticity, variability of transcription
- Regulatory network inference
- Allelic expression patterns
- Scaling laws of transcription

Between cell types
- Identify biomarkers
- (Post)-transcriptional differences

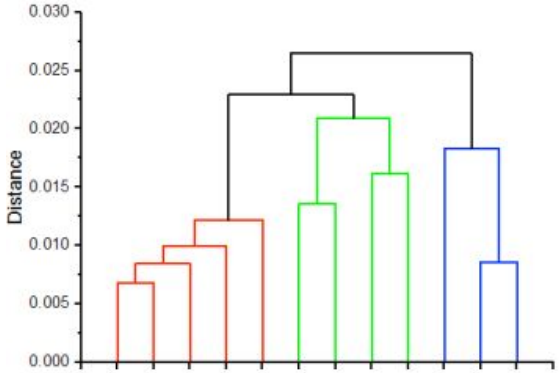
Between tissues
- Cell-type compositions
- Altered transcription in matched cell types

Cell clustering : methods

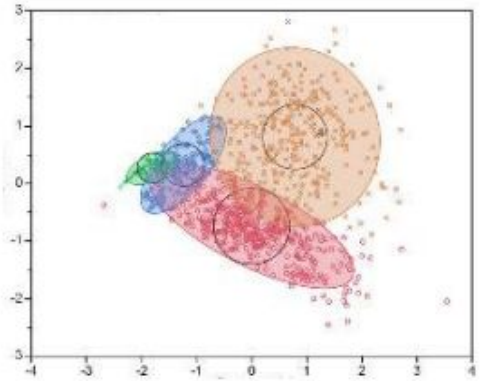
1) K-means based



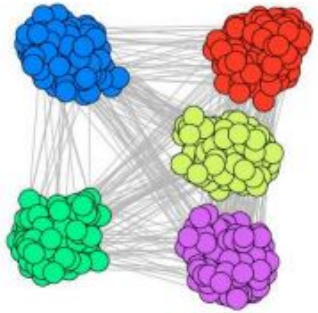
2) Hierarchical clustering



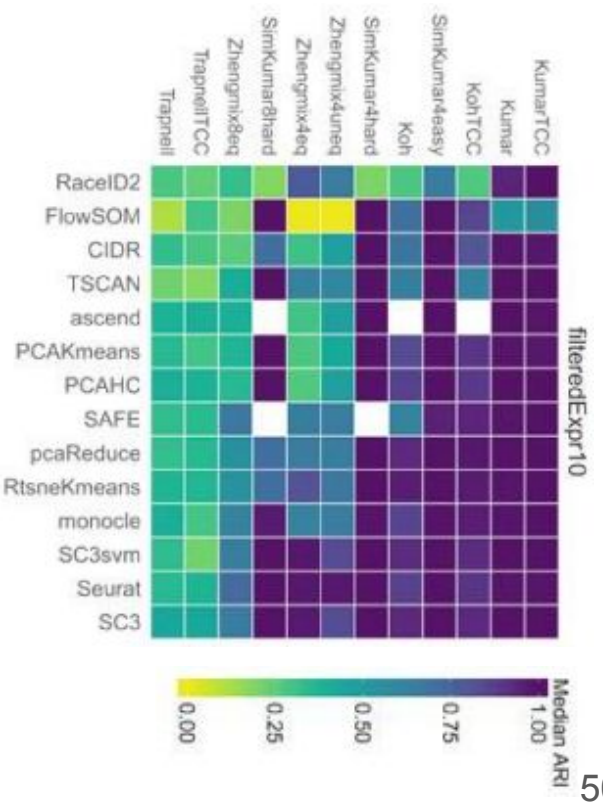
3) Model-based clustering (Mclust)



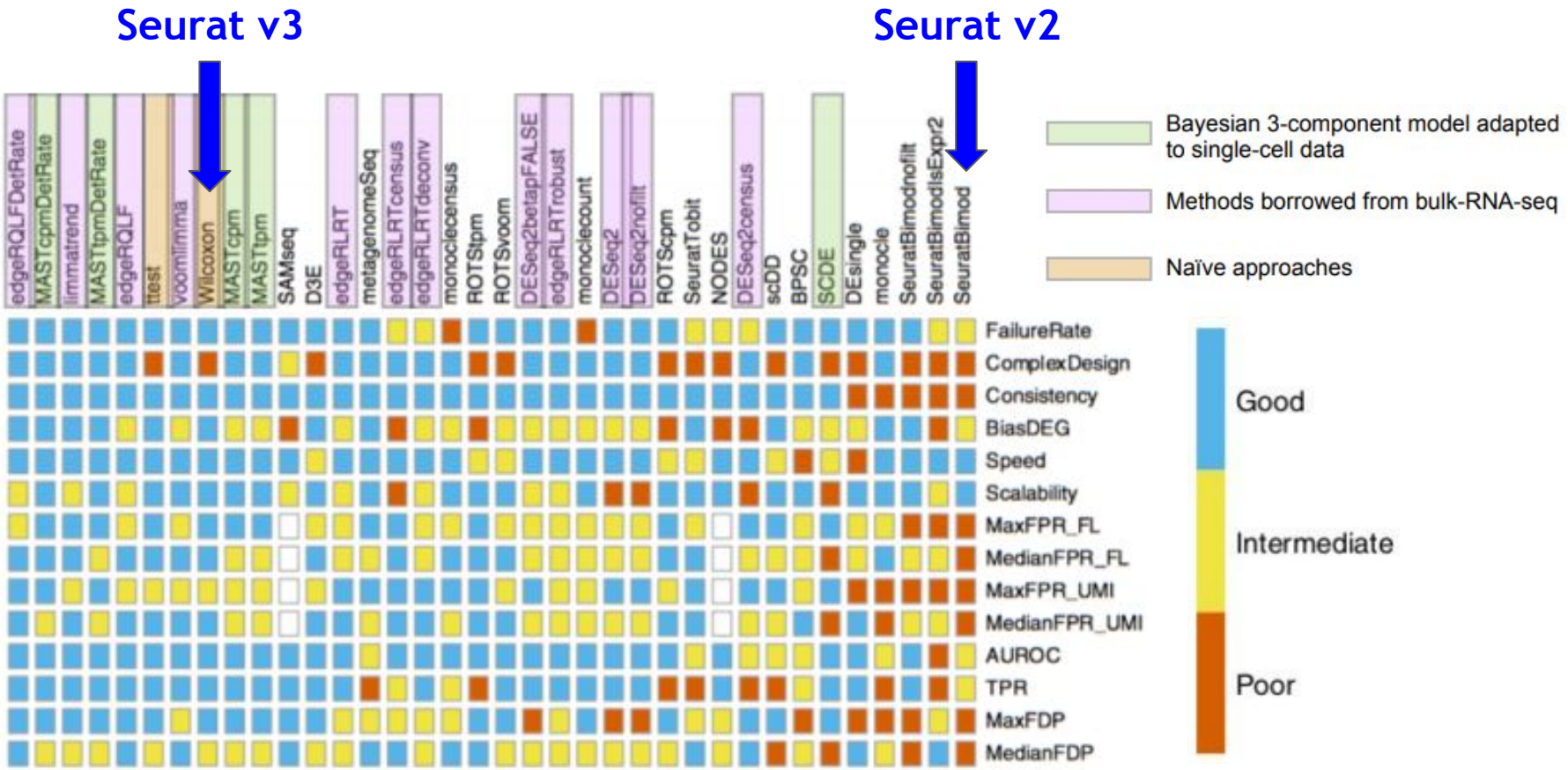
4) Graph-based clustering



5) Single-cell specific methods

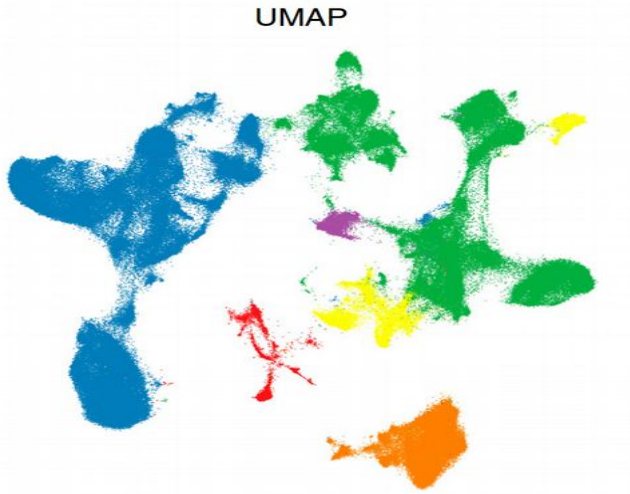


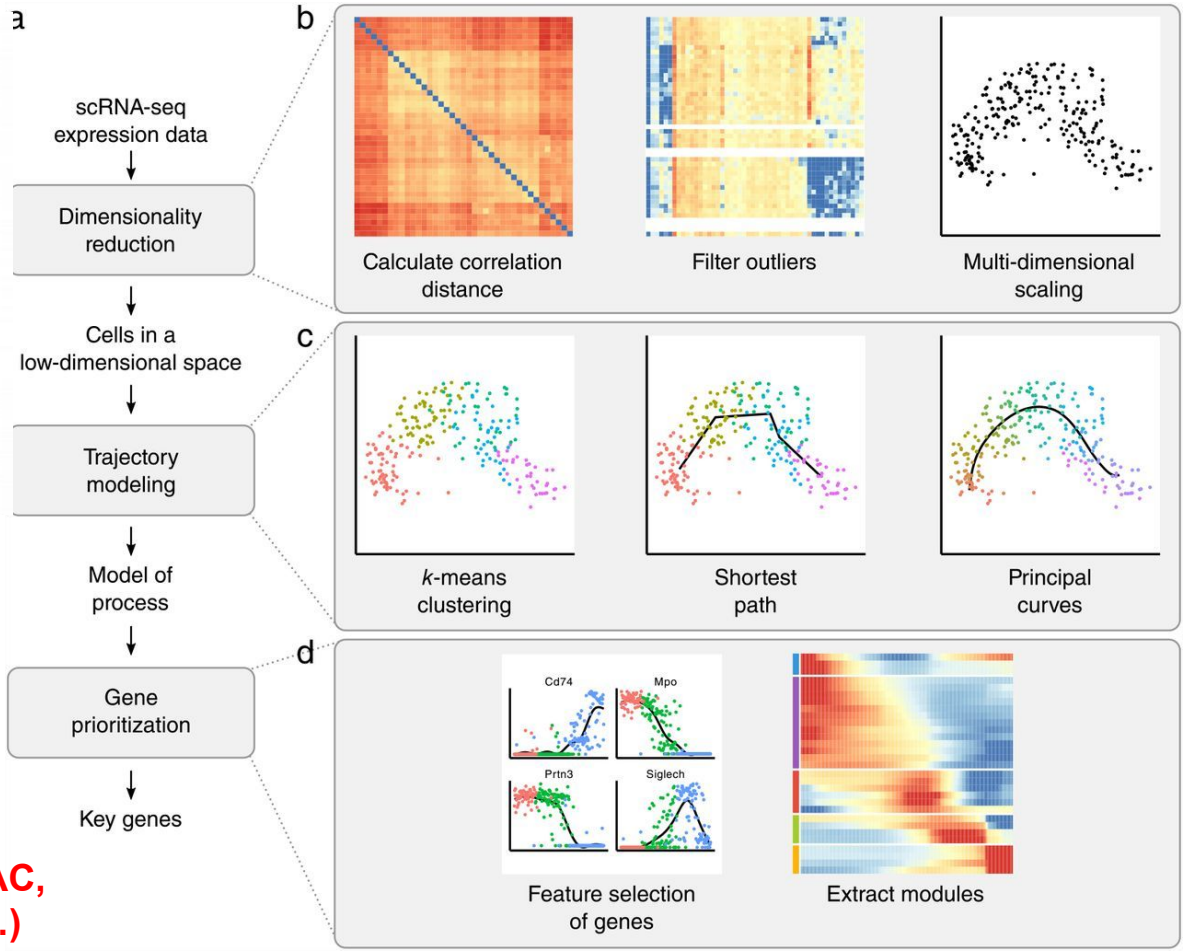
Differential expression analysis



Soneson & Robinson 2018

Cell trajectory : methods





Most adopted tools :

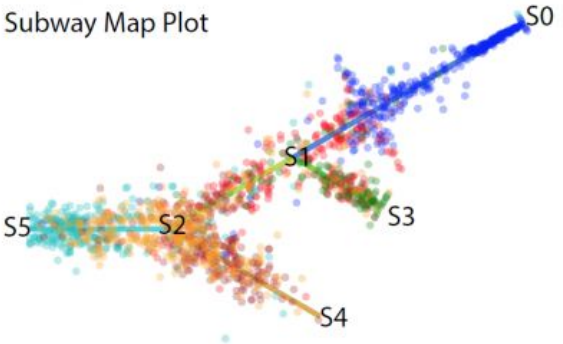
- Monocle 3
- PAGA
- STREAM
- Scorpius
- Slingshot

Not limited to scRNAseq ! (ATAC, CITE, multiomics, imagery-based …)

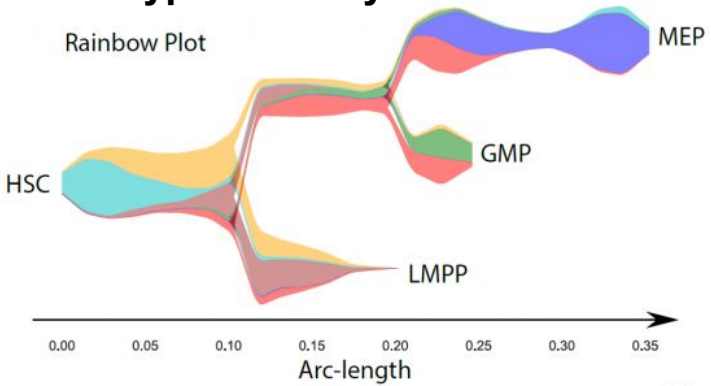
SCORPIUS, bioRxiv (2016)

Cell trajectory : visualization

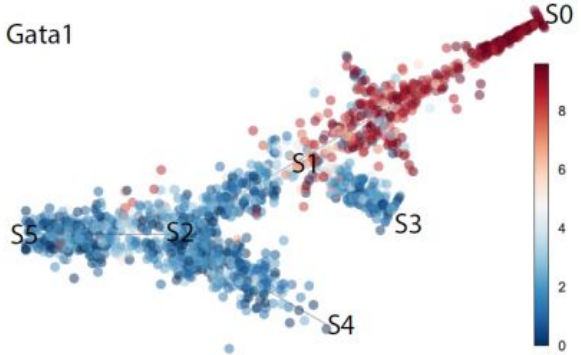
Cell distance to path + cell types



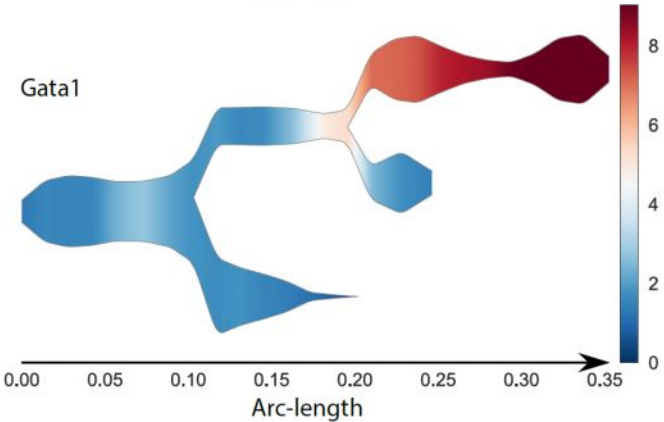
Cell types density



Cell distance to path + gene expression

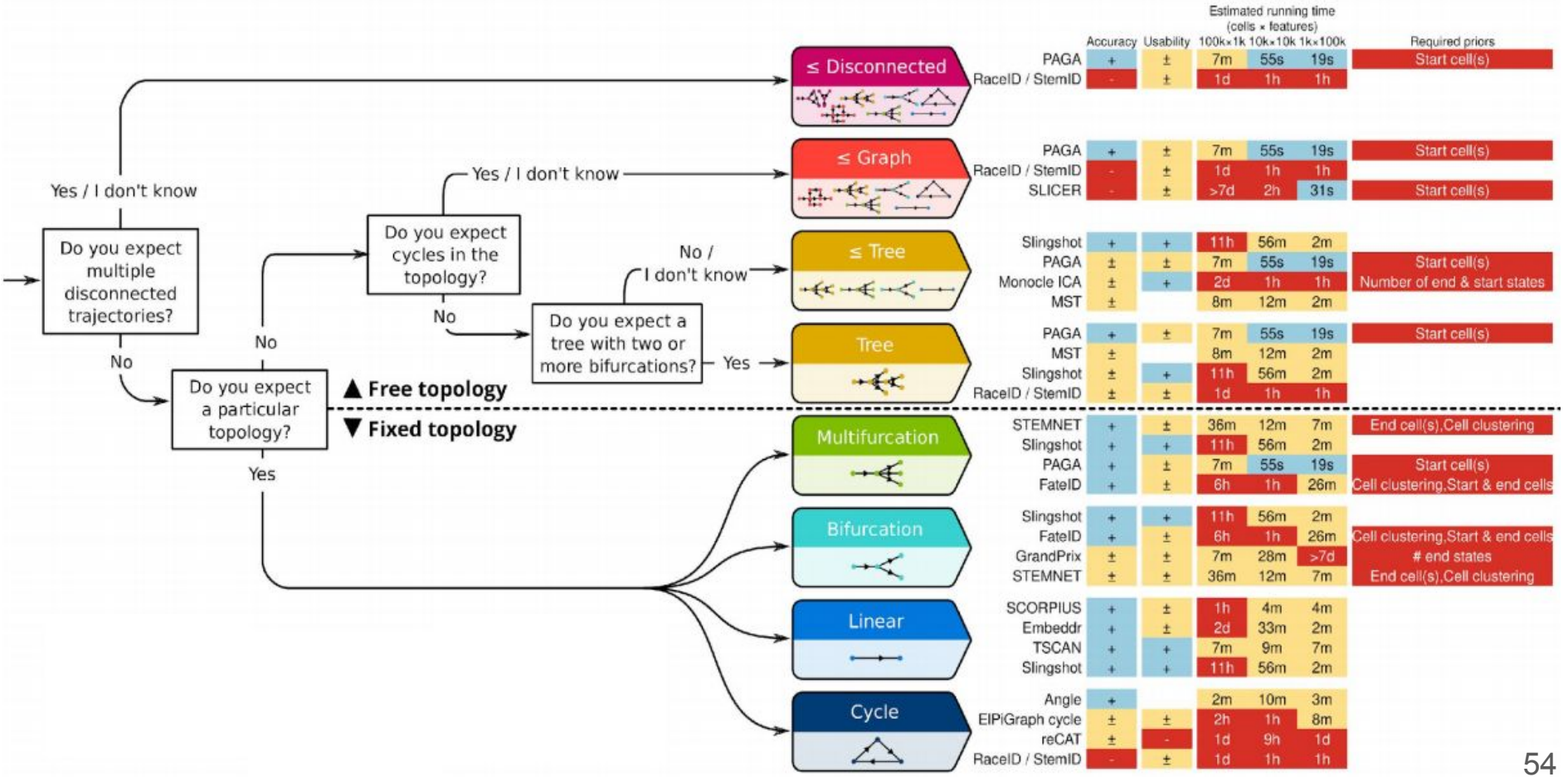


Cells density + gene expression



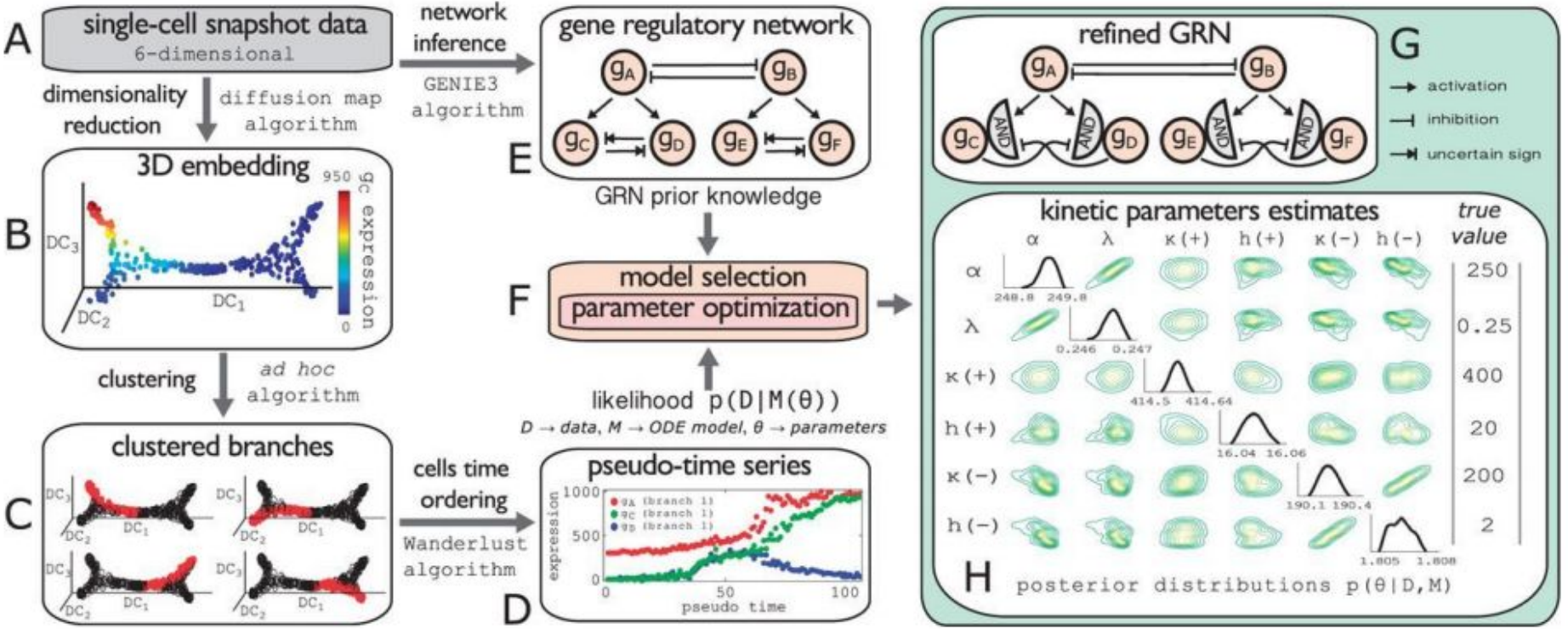
STREAM (Pinello Lab)

Cell trajectory : Contexts



Network inference

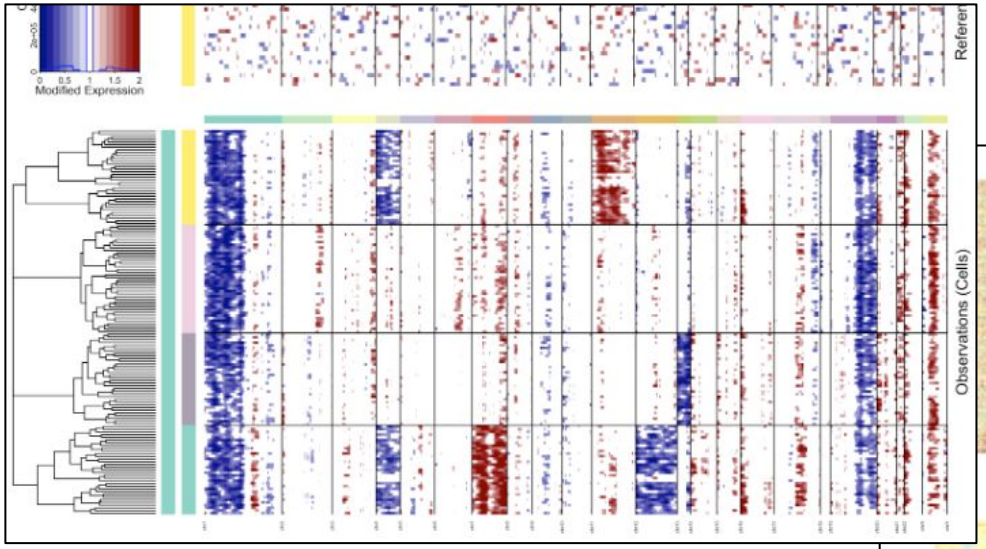
Using cell ordering from trajectory analysis + co-occurring / correlated genes



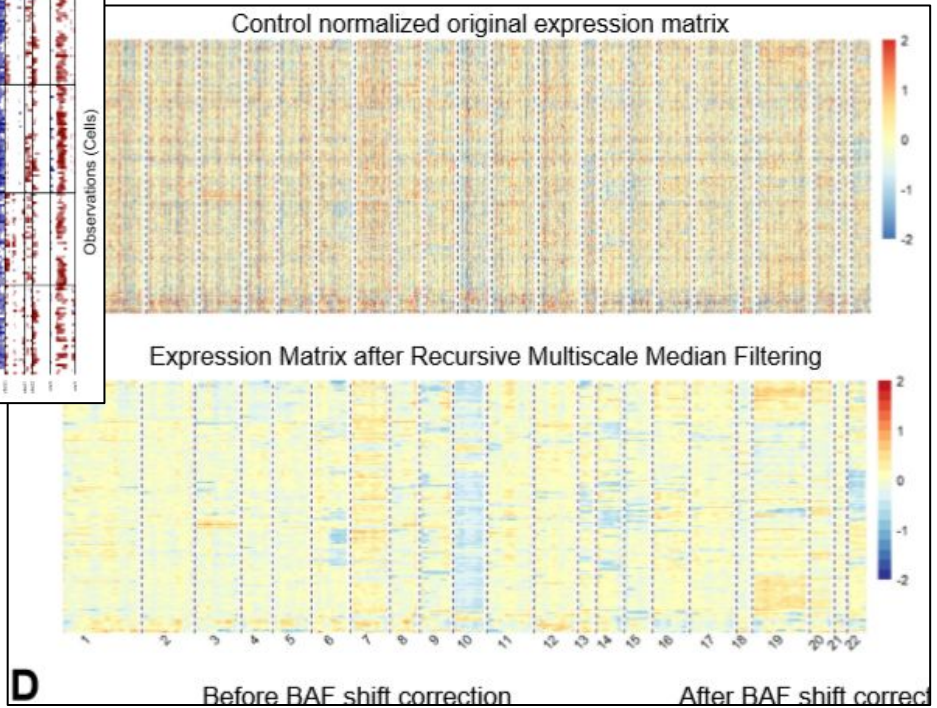
Ocone et al. Bioinformatics (2015)

Copy number estimation from scRNAseq

InferCNV (Broad Institute)



CaSpER (Armanci et al, BioRxiv 2019)



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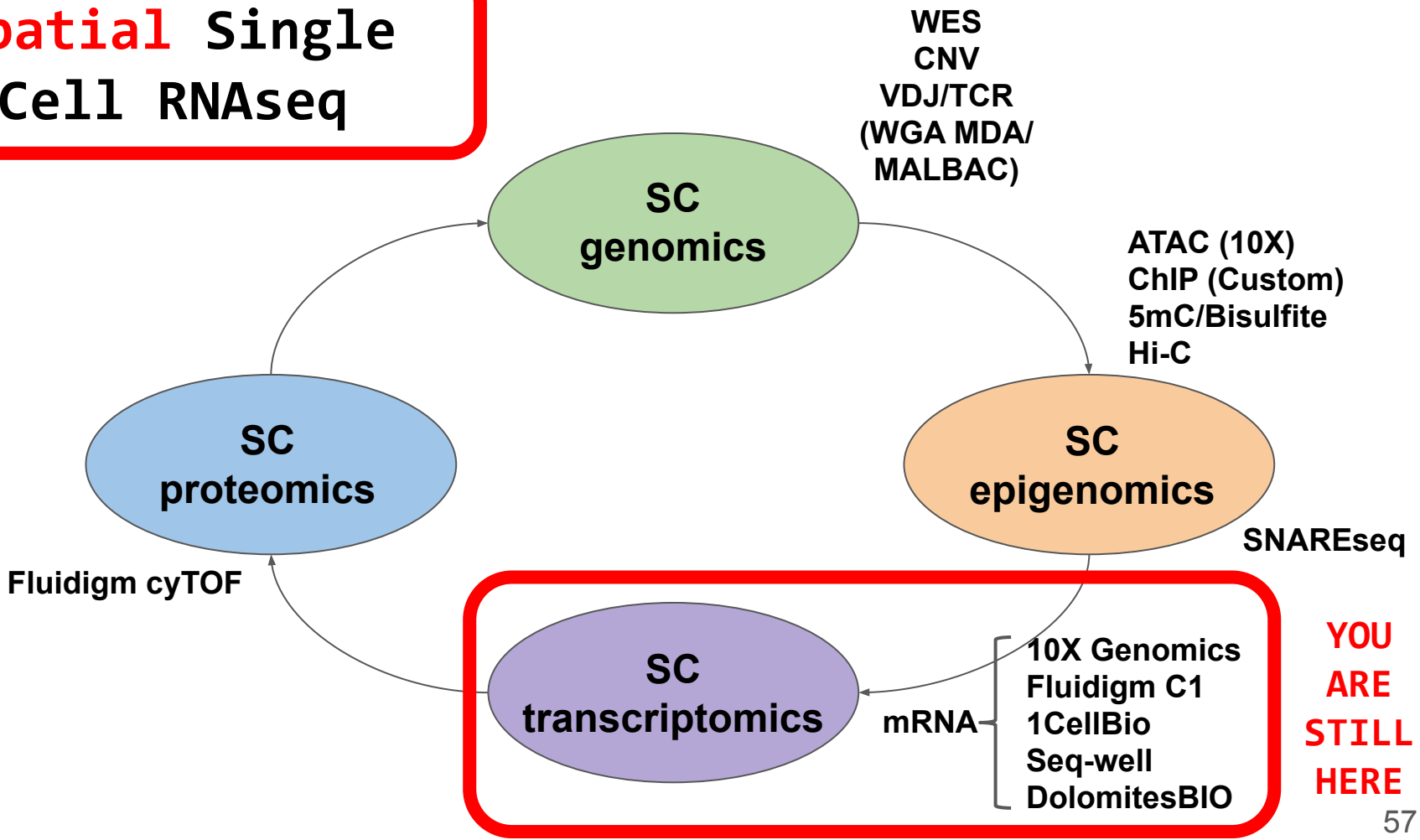
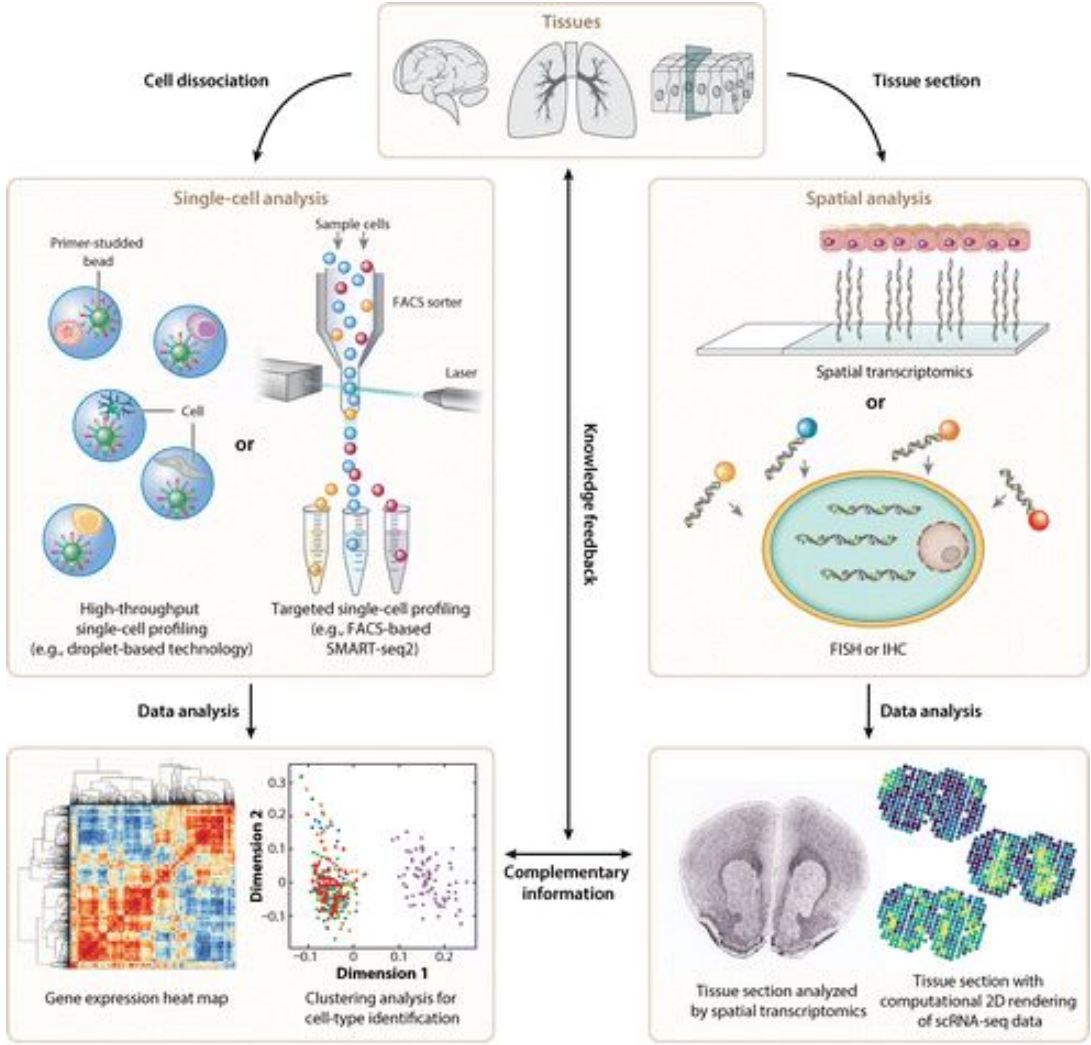
- Requires > 75,000 reads / cell

Spatial Single Cell RNAseq




Tissues
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Tissue section
Single-cell analysis
Primer-studded bead
Cell
or
Sample cells
FACS sorter
Laser
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Targeted single-cell profiling (e.g., FACS-based SMART-seq2)
Spatial analysis
Spatial transcriptomics
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FISH or IHC
Knowledge feedback
Data analysis
Data analysis
Dimension 2
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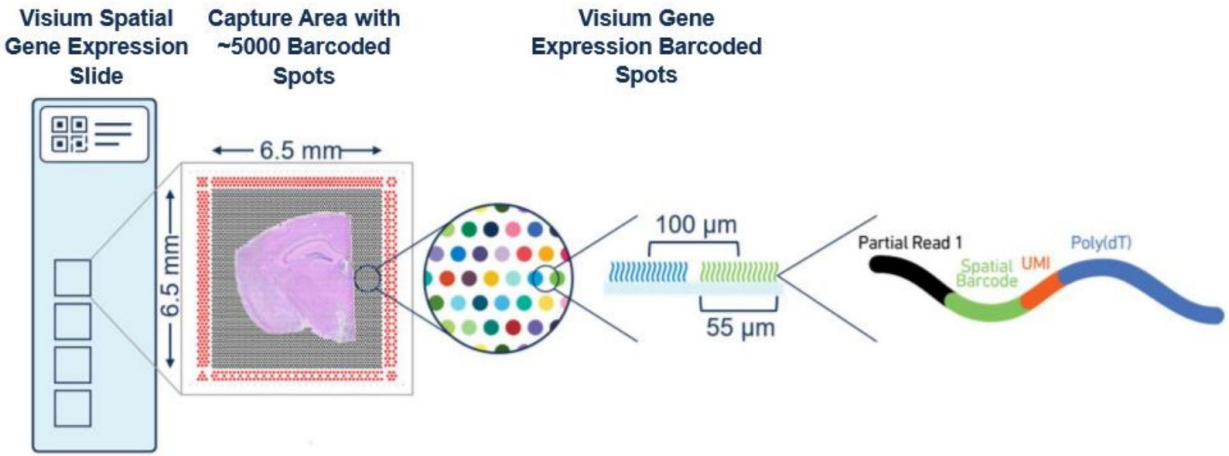
Gene expression heat map
Clustering analysis for cell-type identification
Complementary information
Tissue section analyzed by spatial transcriptomics
Tissue section with computational 2D rendering of scRNA-seq data

10x Genomics Visium



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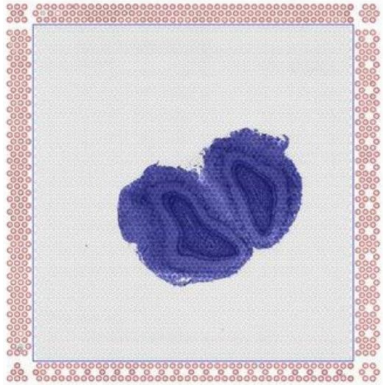

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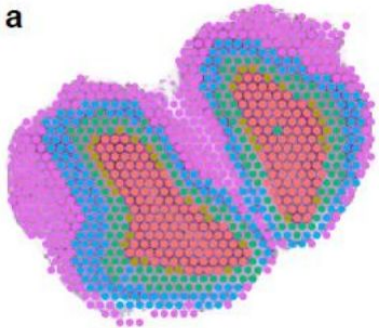
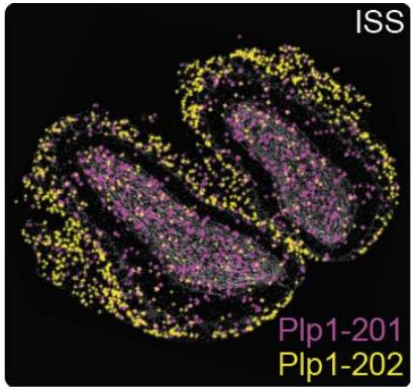
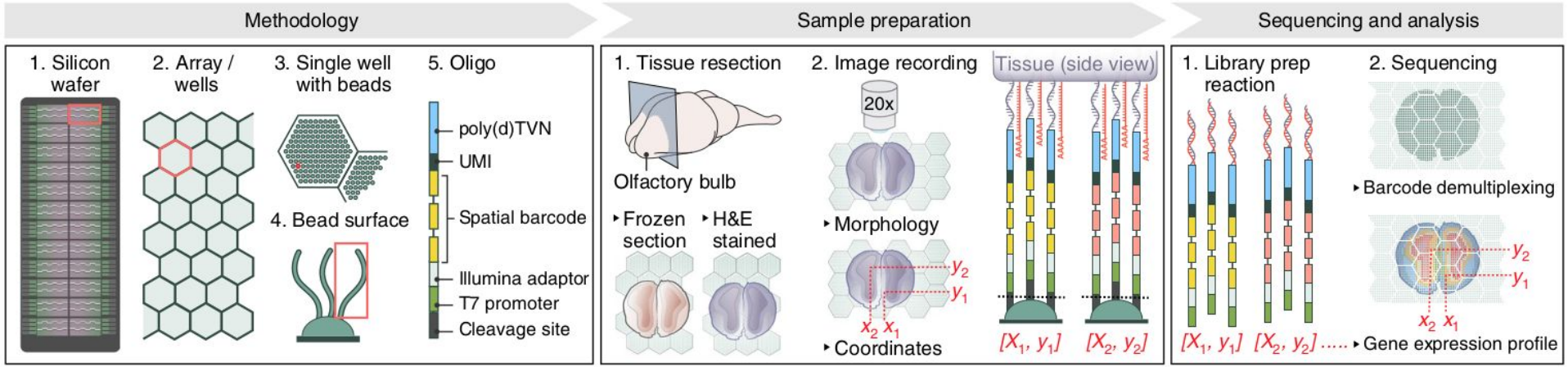


RNA FISH

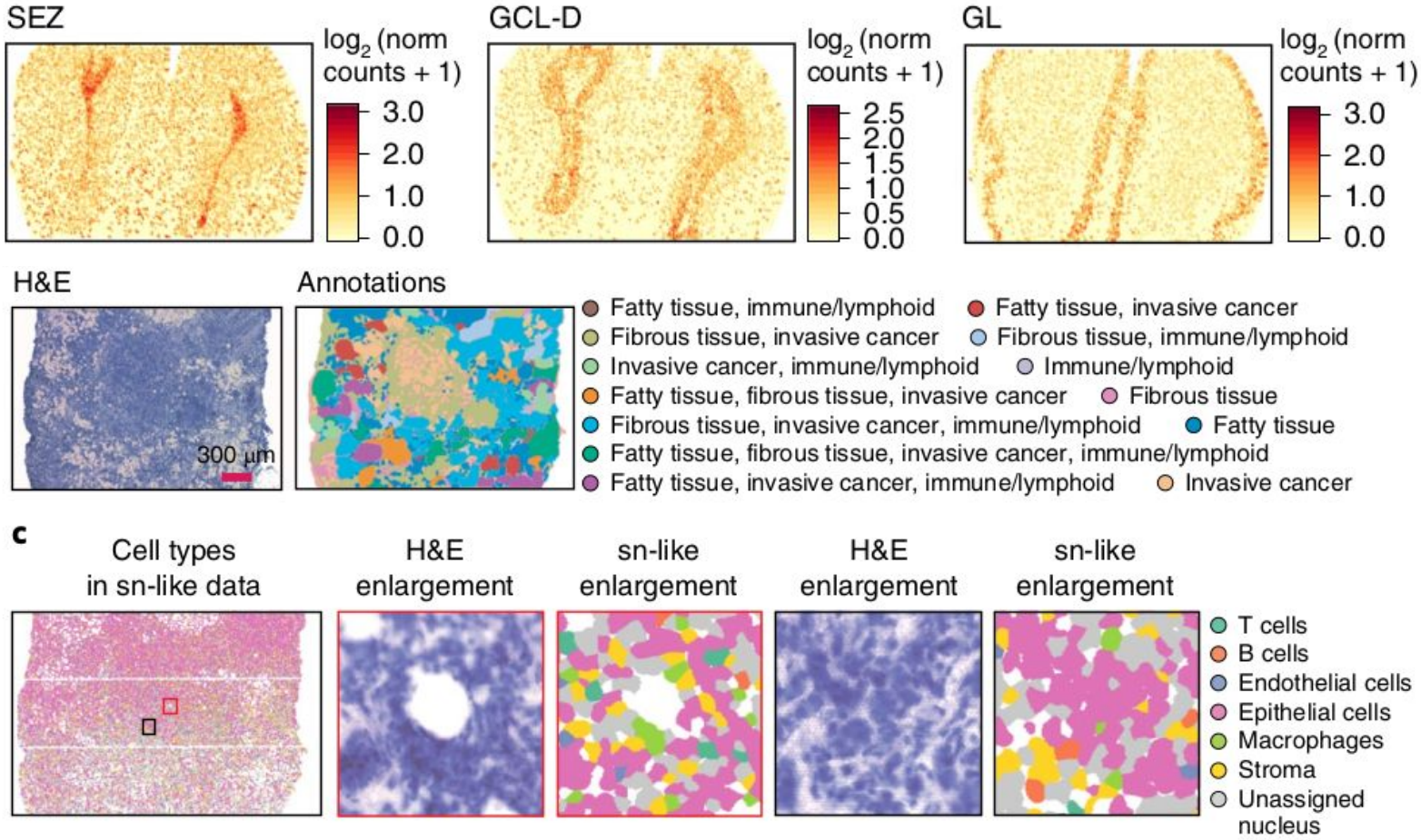


Illumina “HD Spatial Transcriptomics”



- **2,893,865 individual barcoded beads**
- **1,4 M wells**
- **Well diameter ~ 2 µm**
  - **<< median cell diameter (20 µm)**
  - **~ 1,400 x higher resolution than “standard” ST**
  - **~ 25 x compared to SLIDE-seq**
- **Array reading time ~ 3 H**
- **Challenging analysis strategy (low capture rate) …**
- **Commercially available in 2020**

Illumina HDST



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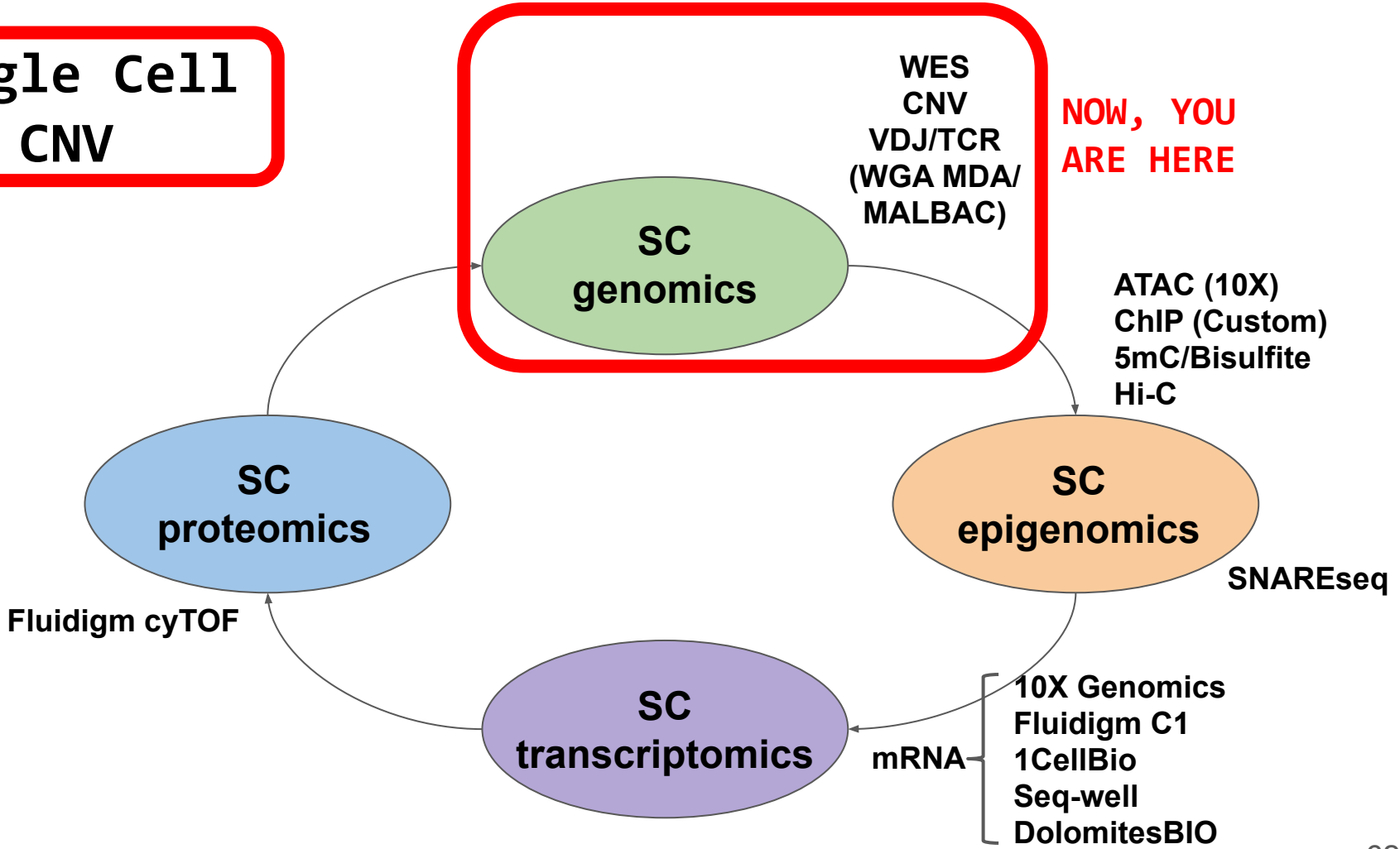
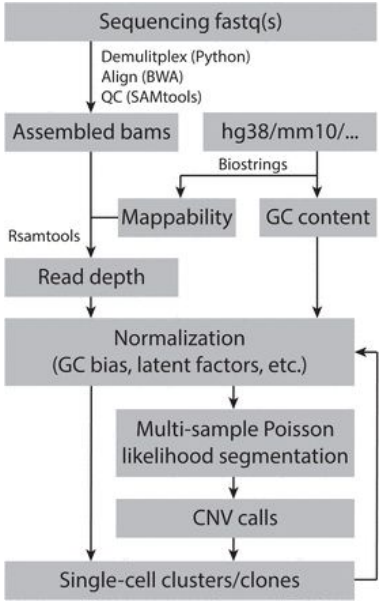
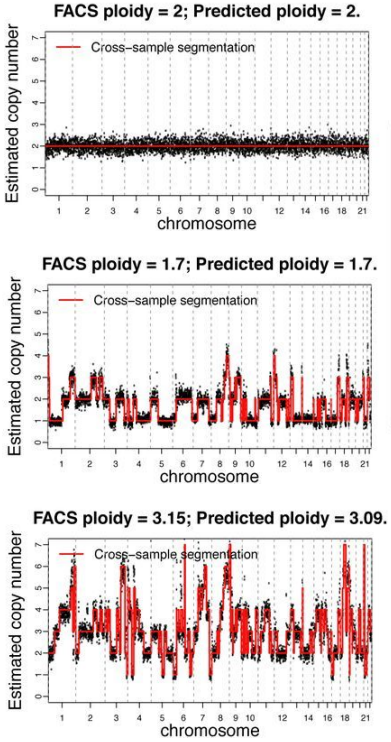
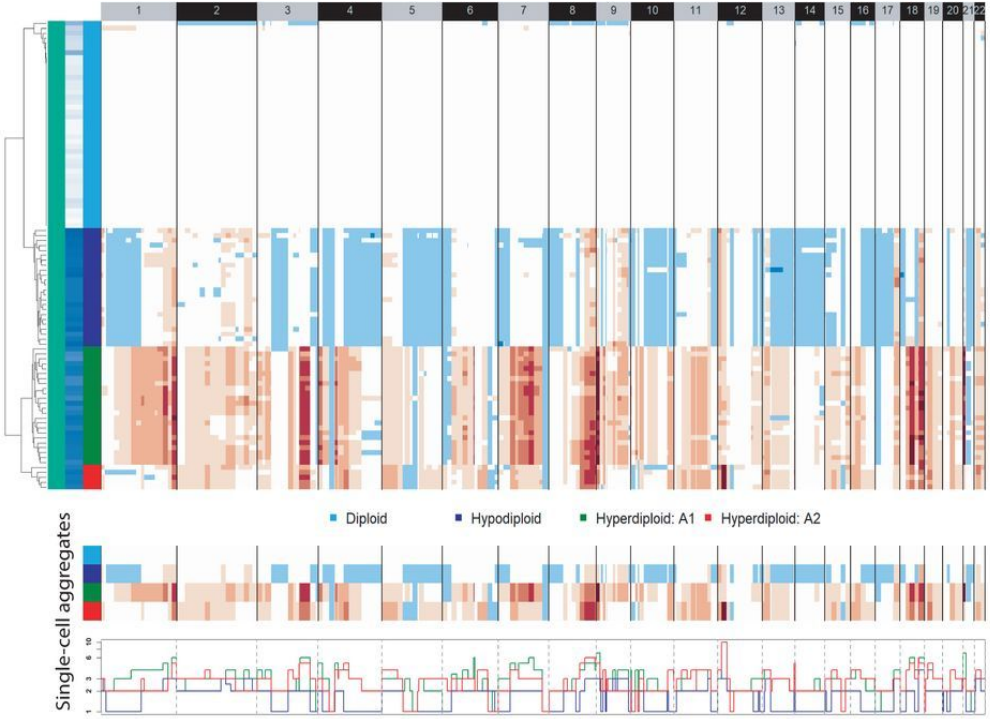


scCNV results (SCOPE)







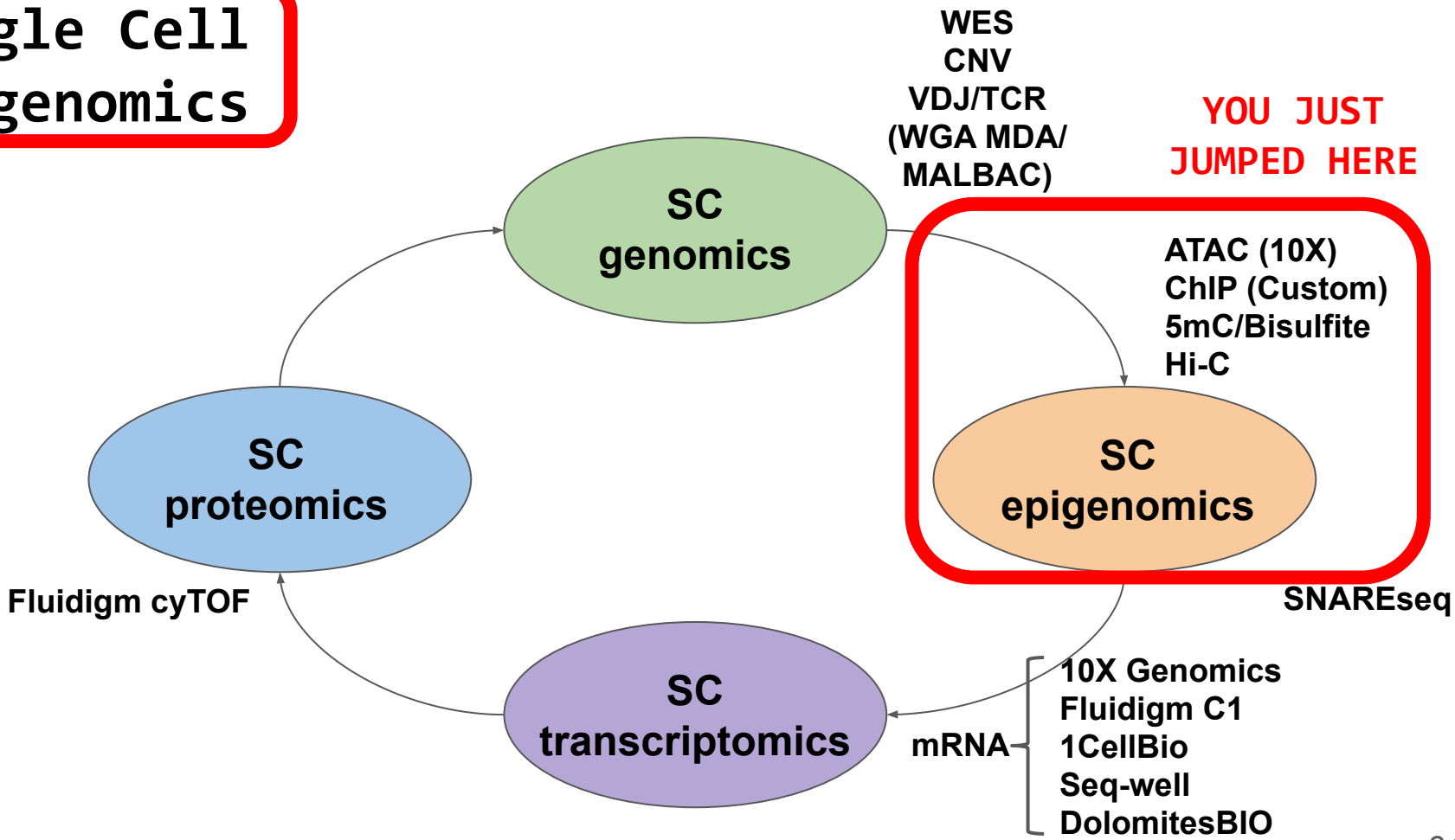
SCOPE Rujin Wang et al., bioRxiv, 2019/03

WARNING :

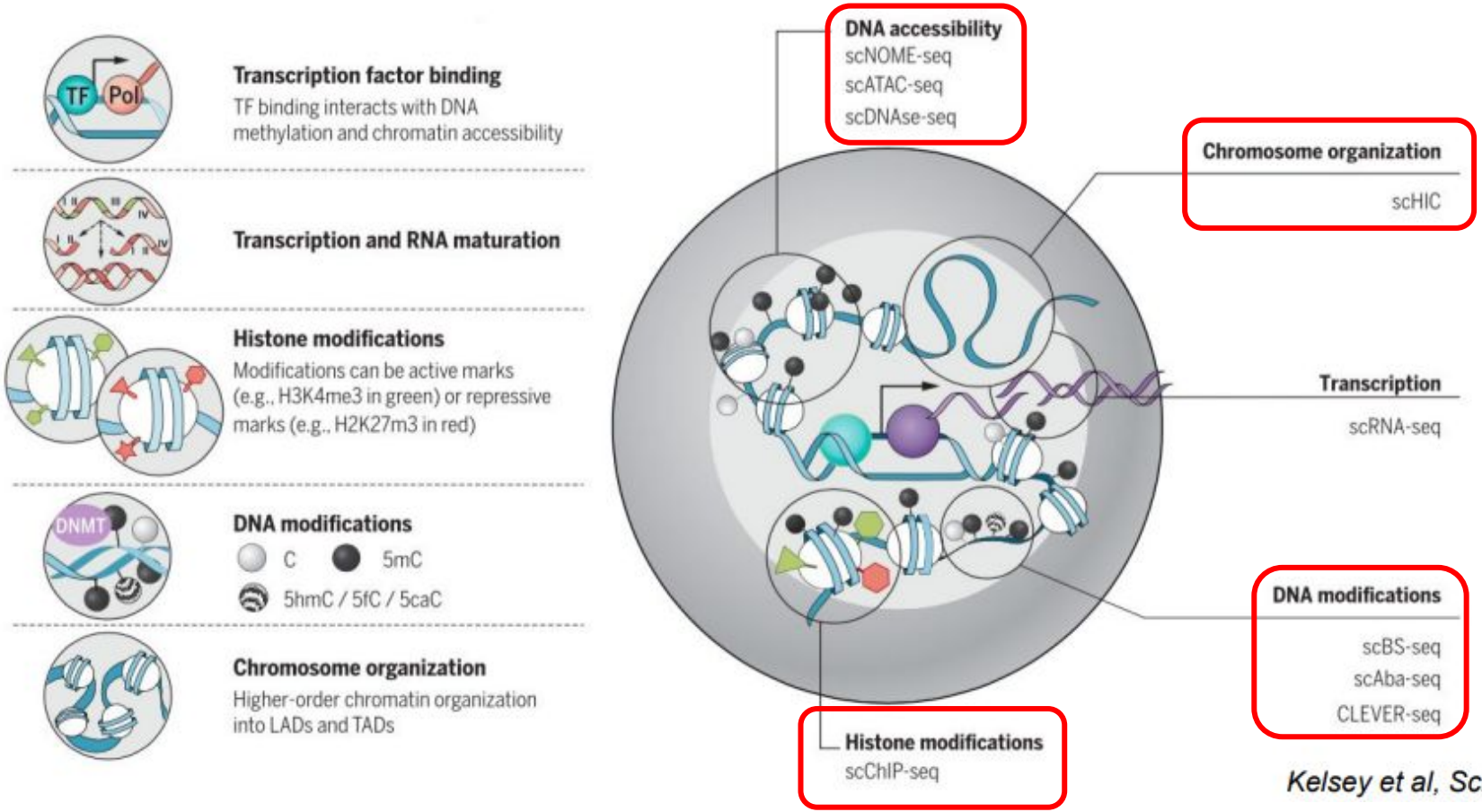
- Limited resolution : > 2 Mb (binning)
- Requires > 750,000 reads / cell

ALSO : SCYN

Single Cell Epigenomics



Overview of scEpigenomics techniques



Kelsey et al, Science, 2017

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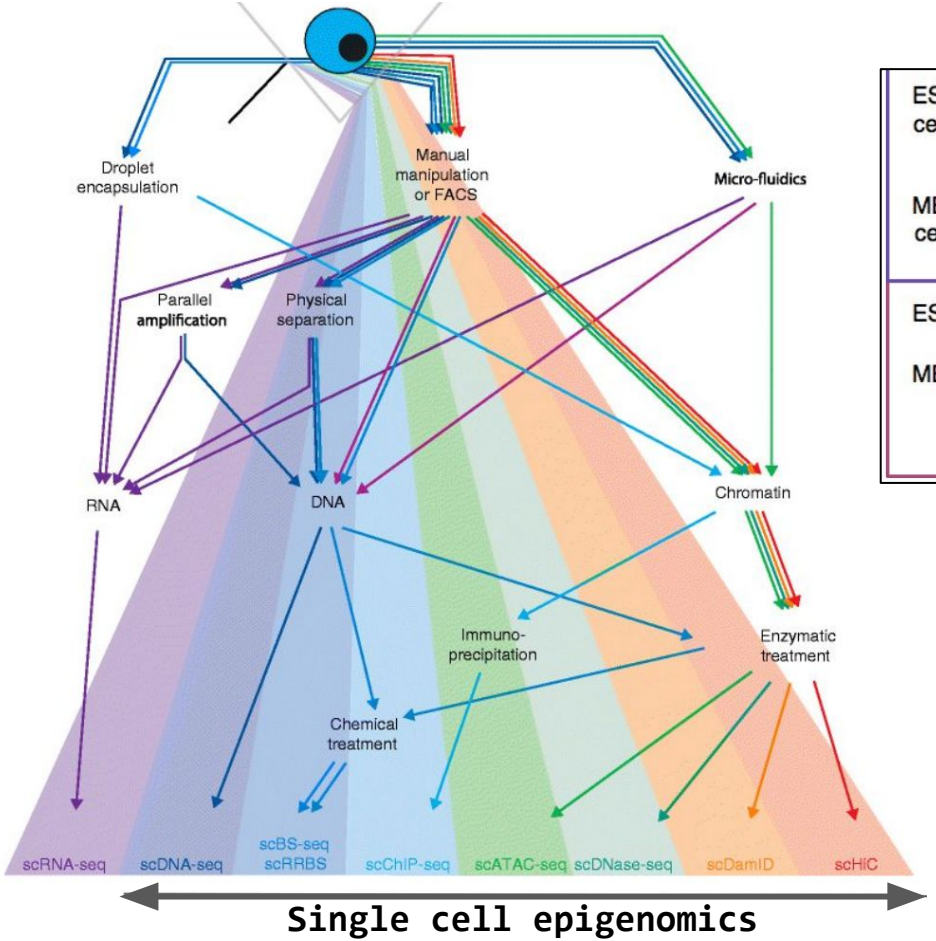
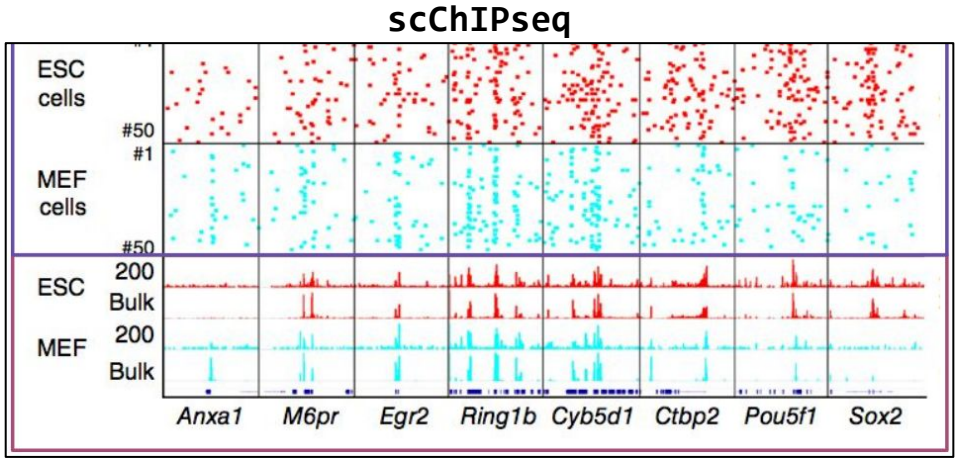




- scChIP : improvements in 2019
- scMeth : low coverage, low sensitivty (<20% CpG read)
- scHi-C : stable protocol & analysis still needed
- scATAC : most popular technology, numerous tools available

Single Cell (RNAseq) Resources
(some)

Tabula Muris

- ~100k cells
- 20 organs
- 2 techniques :
  - Droplet 3', short reads
  - FACS, long reads

ARTICLE

https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-018-0590-4

Single-cell transcriptomics of 20 mouse organs creates a *Tabula Muris*

The Tabula Muris Consortium*

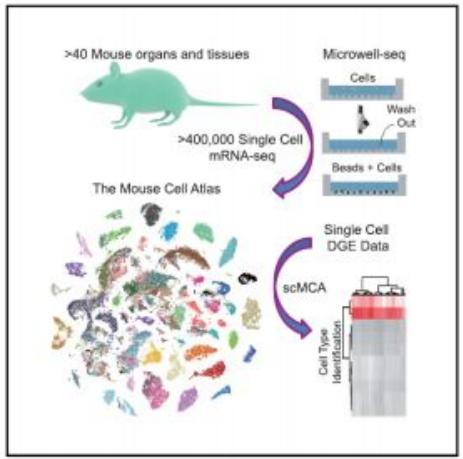
MCA browser
http://bis.zju.edu.cn/MCA/

Resource

Cell

Mapping the Mouse Cell Atlas by Microwell-Seq

Graphical Abstract



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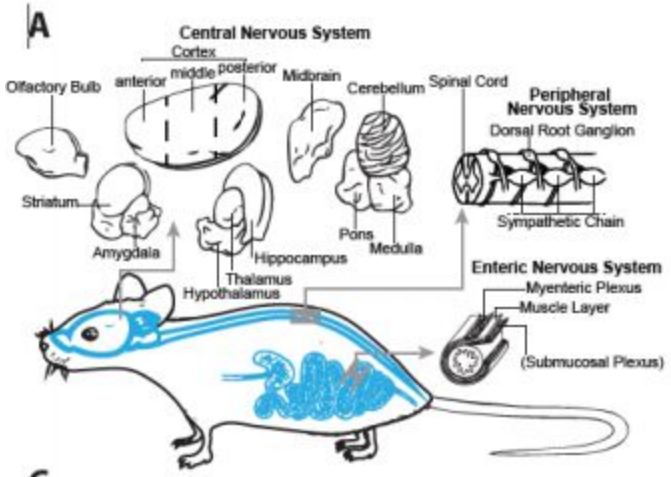
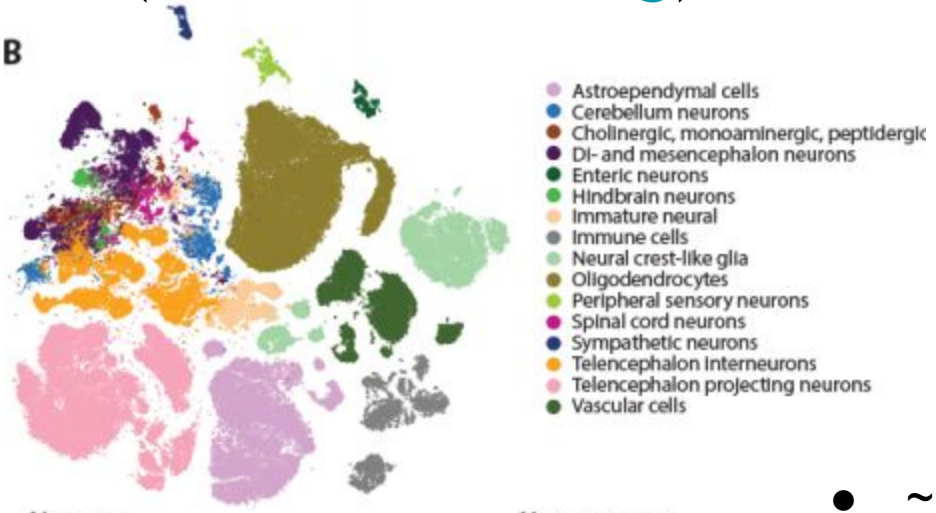
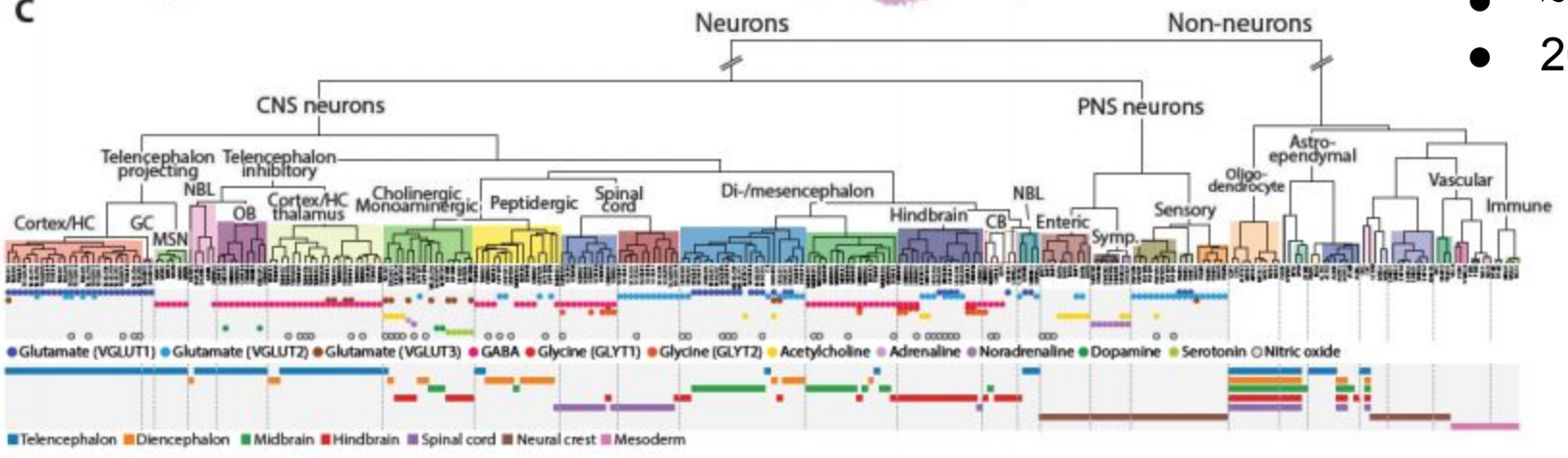
In Brief

Development of Microwell-seq allows construction of a mouse cell atlas at the single-cell level with a high-throughput and low-cost platform.

The Mouse Brain Atlas (mousebrain.org)

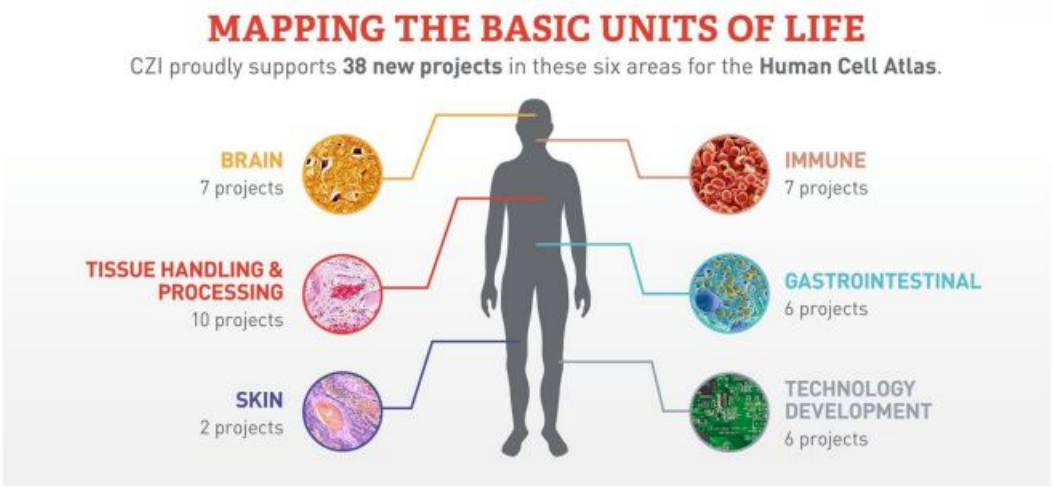






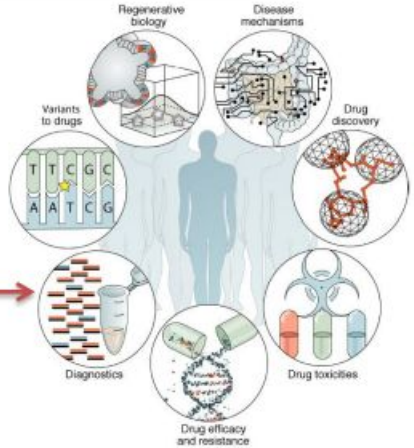
- ~160k cells
- 20 subtypes

The Human Cell Atlas (humancellatlas.org)

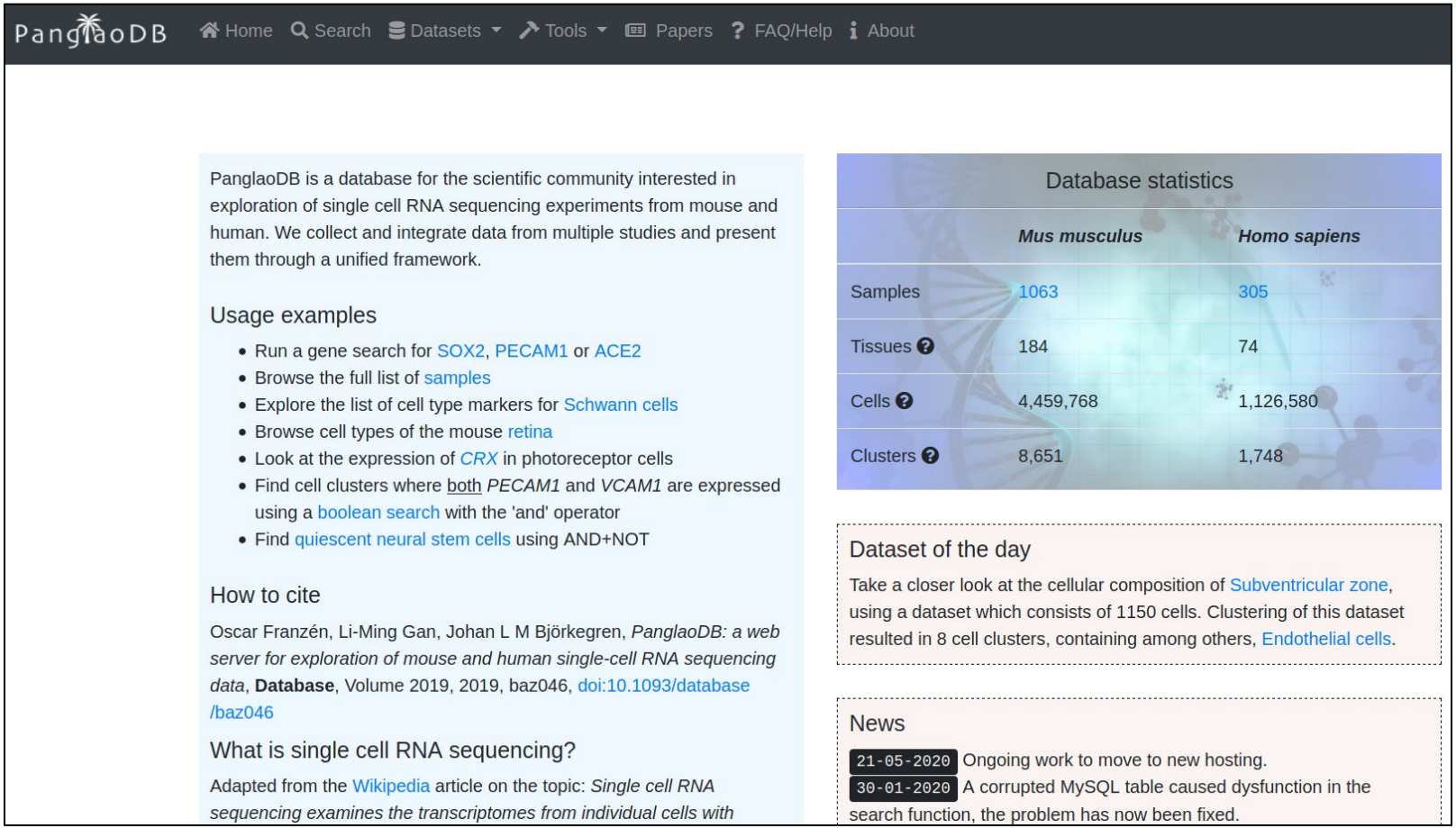


HUMAN CELL ATLAS

- Every cell type in the body
- First: define how to proceed
  - Best experimental practice / organ
  - Best bioinformatics methods
- Data will be made available to all



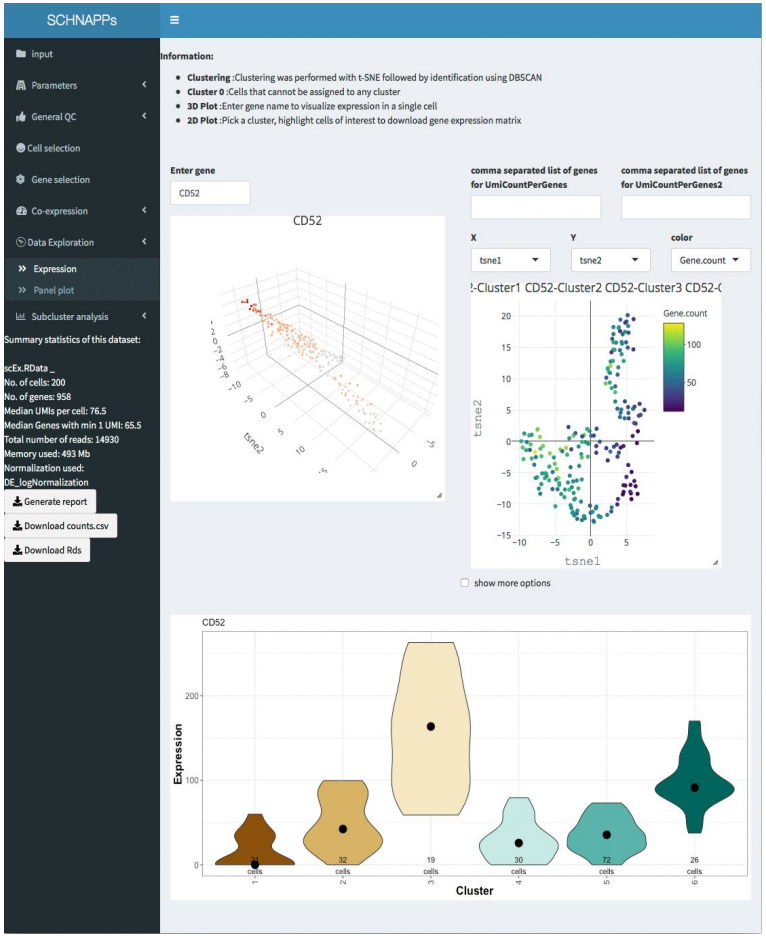
PanglaoDB

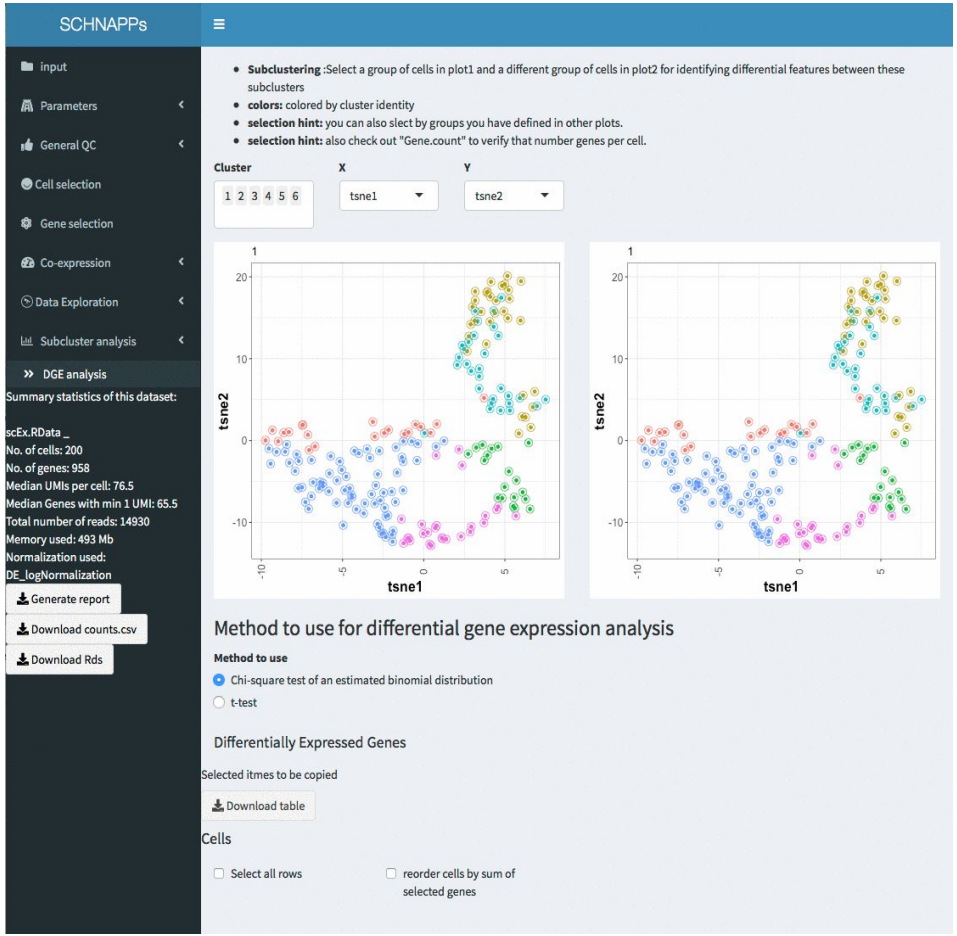


https://panglaodb.se/

WYSIWYG Analysis Frameworks
(mainly for scRNAseq)

SCHNAPPS : A R-shiny app for biologists





By Bernd Jagla (Pasteur Paris)

https://c3bi-pasteur-fr.github.io/UTechSCB-SCHNAPPs

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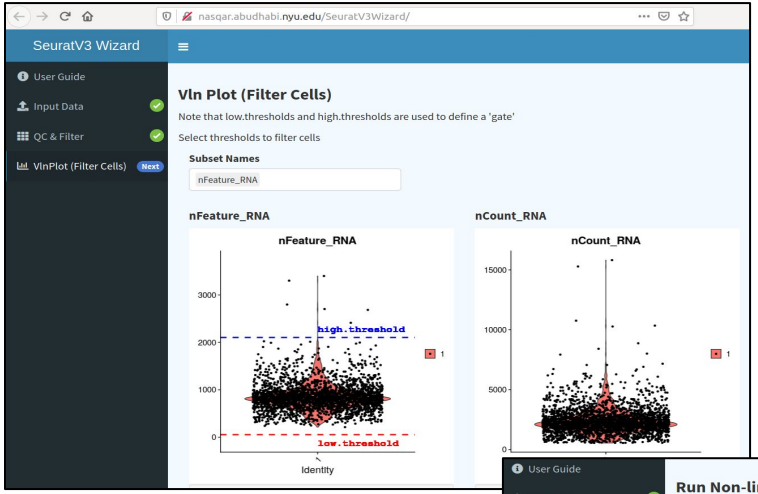
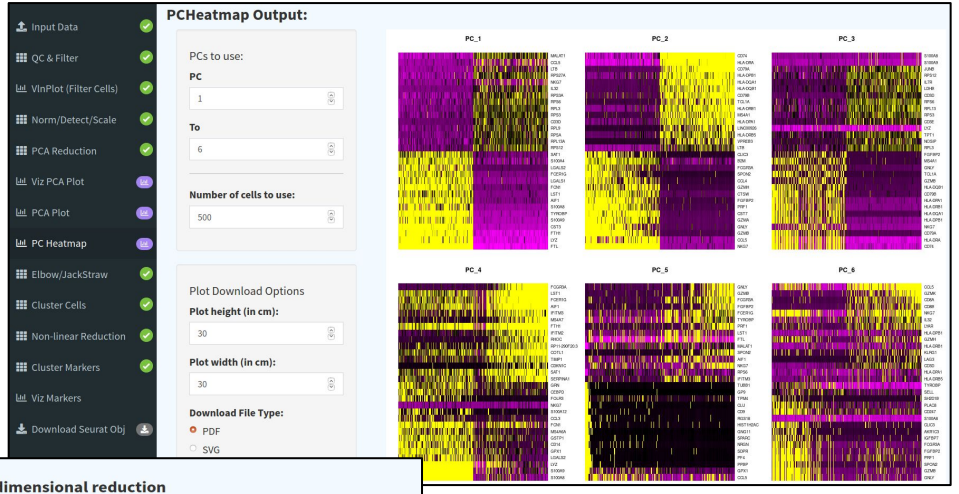
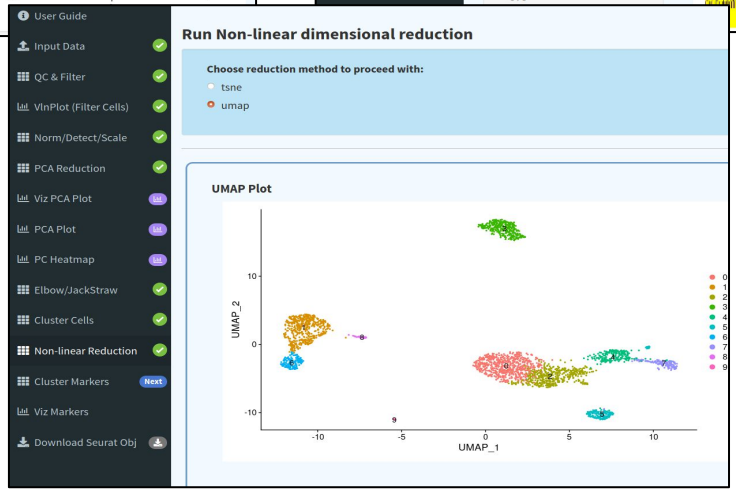
SeuratV3Wizard



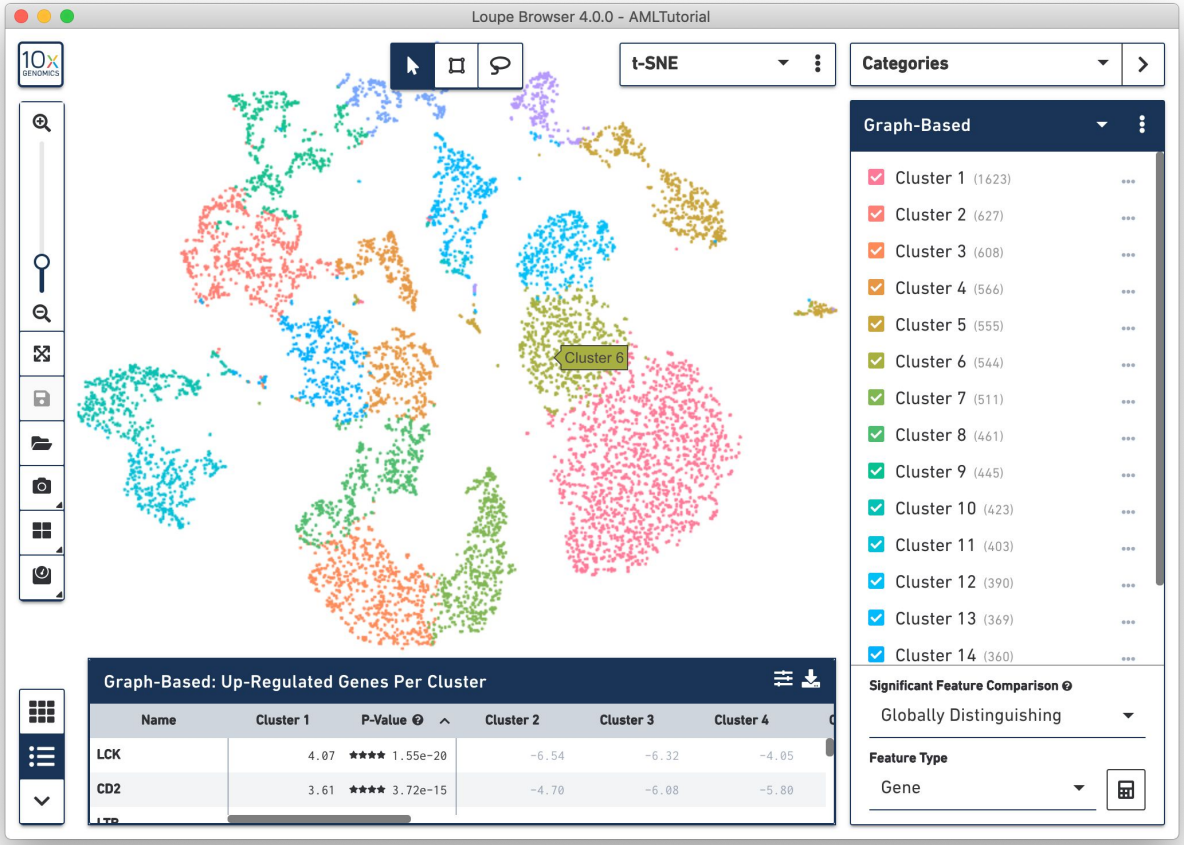




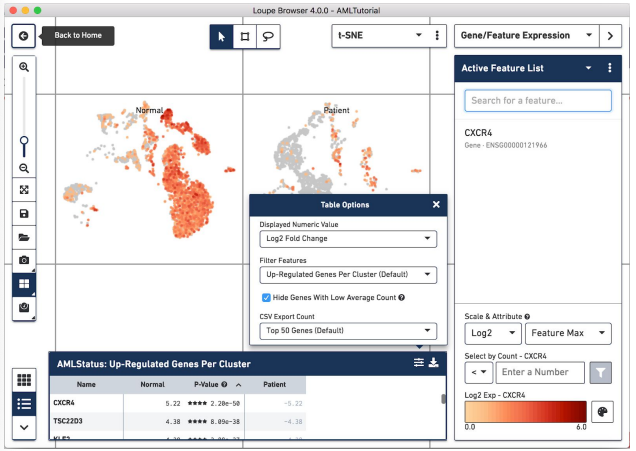
http://nasqar.abudhabi.nyu.edu/SeuratV3Wizard/

Visualization tools
(mainly for scRNAseq)

10x Genomics Loupe Browser



- Compatible with output from 10x Cell Ranger (“cloupe” files)
- Linux / OSX
- Supports Visium (Spatial)

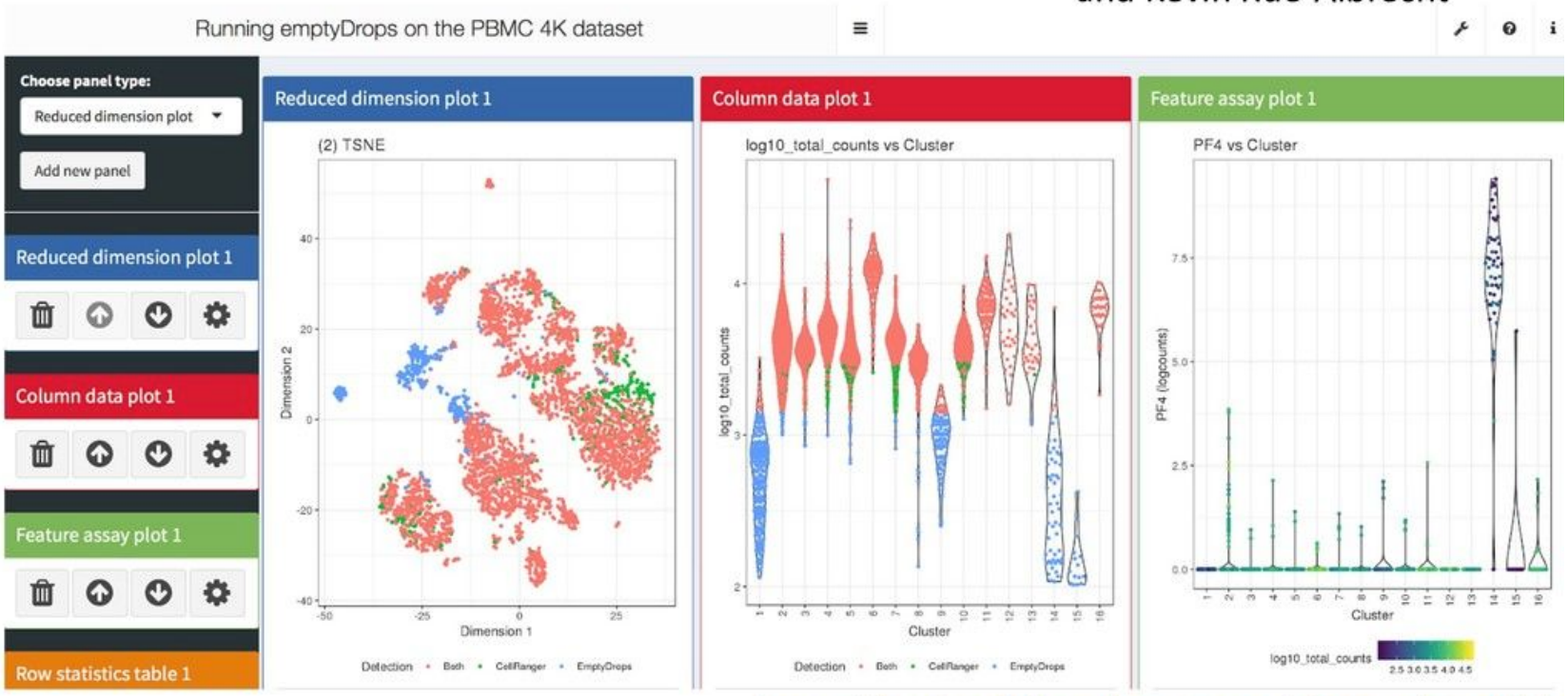


https://support.10xgenomics.com/single-cell-gene-expression/software/visualization/latest/what-is-loupe-cell-browser

iSee

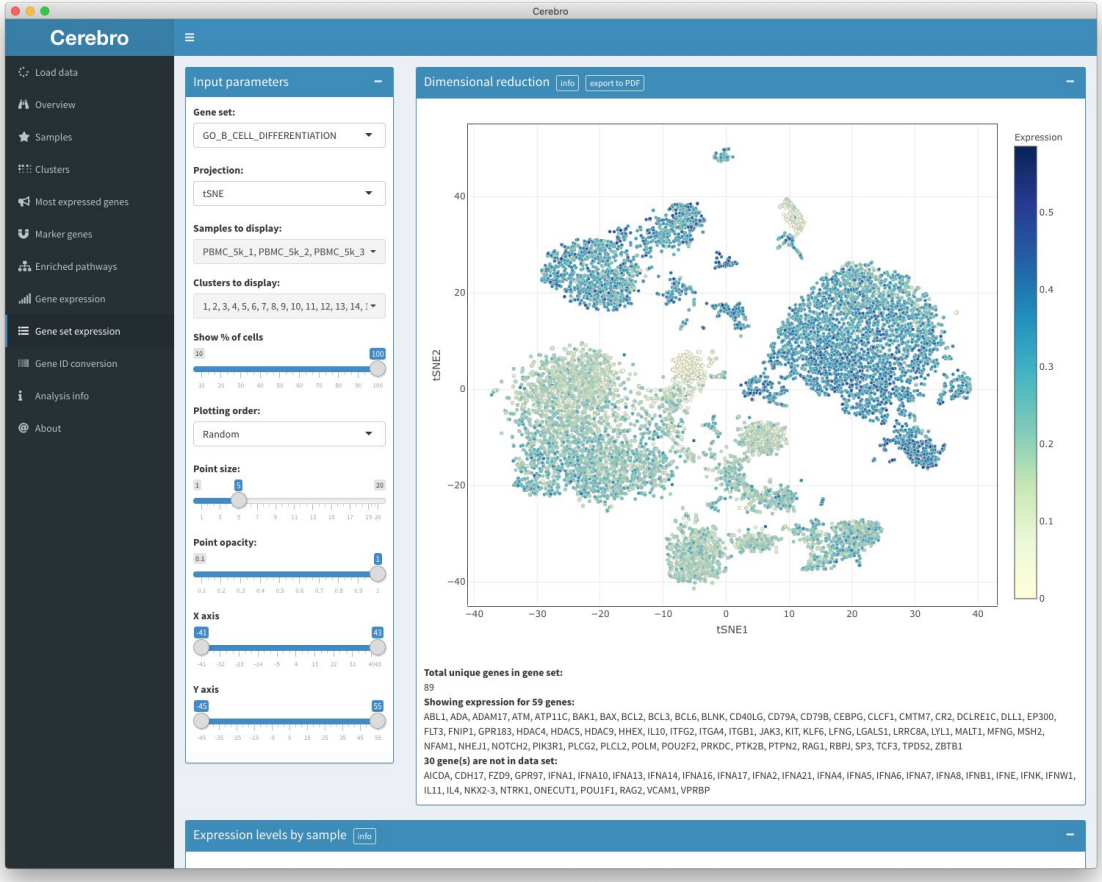
Interactive Data Visualization (iSEE)

Creators: Federico Marini, Aaron Lun, Charlotte Soneson, and Kevin Rue-Albrecht



https://marionilab.cruk.cam.ac.uk/iSEE_pbmc4k/

CerebroApp

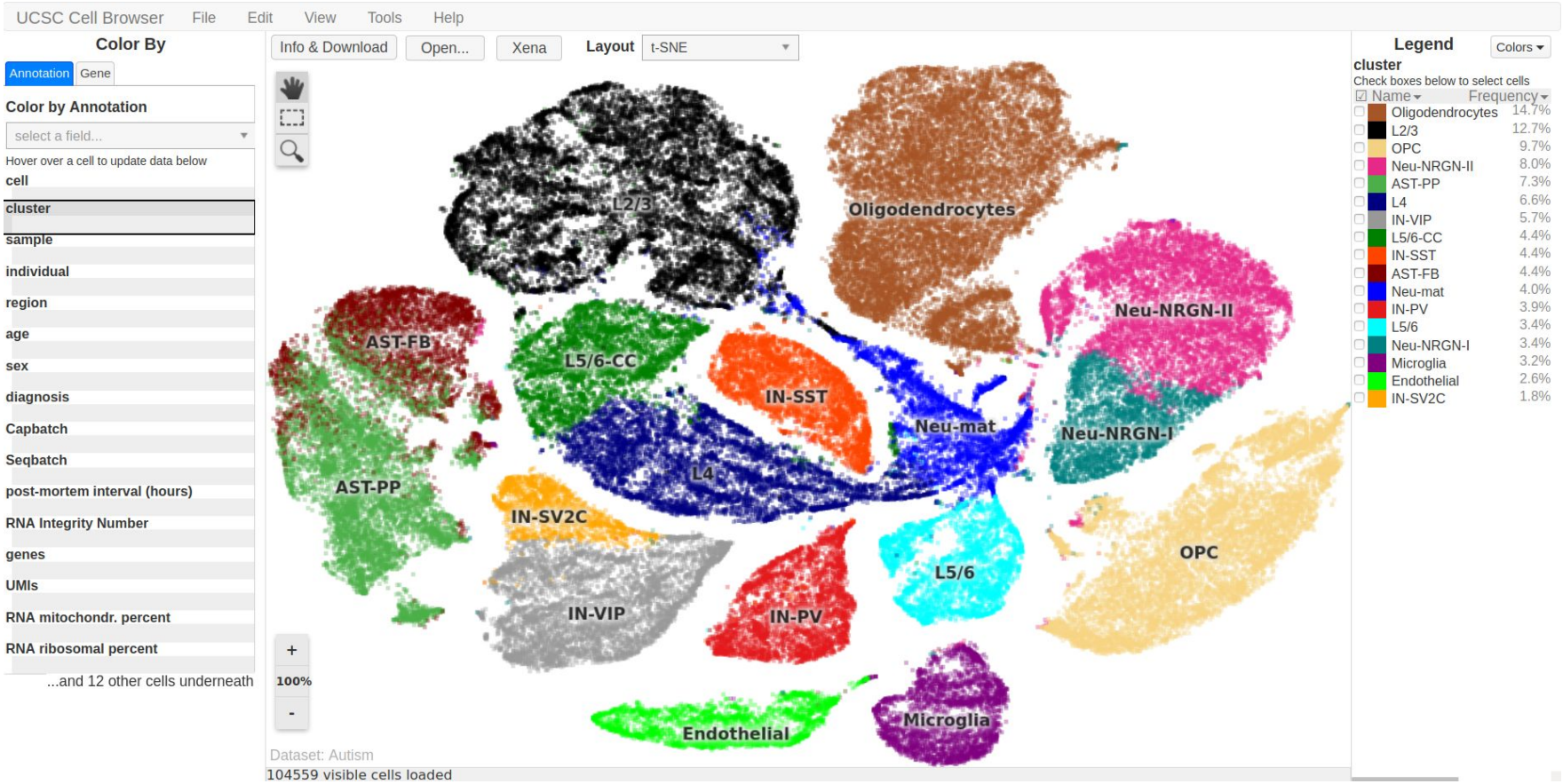


- ShinyApp (web GUI over some R)
- Binary format (CRB), converted from SeuratObject / SCE
- From QC to trajectory

(my favorite one)

https://romanhaa.github.io/projects/cerebro/

UCSC Cell Browser



https://github.com/maximilianh/cellBrowser (demo : https://cells.ucsc.edu)

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SINGle-cellING in the RAINaseq (1952)
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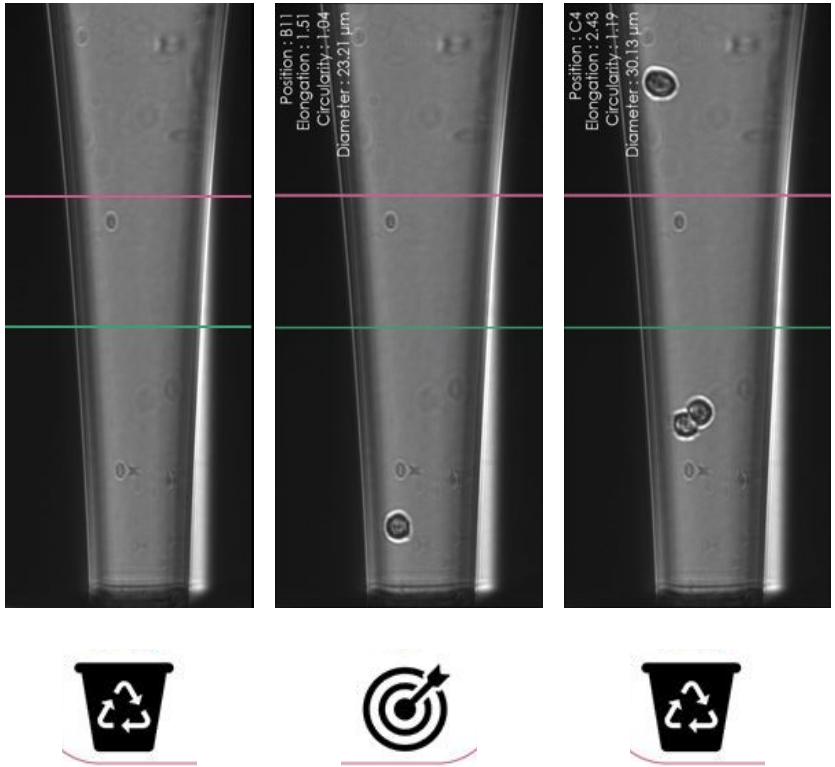
APPENDIX

Some things I muted

- scRNAseq :
  - RNA velocity
  - Protein activity modelization
  - Stemness scoring
  - Variants detection
  - Integration:
    - Multiple samples
  - Multiple omics data
  - All non-droplet methods !
- sc Epigenomics : quite everything !
- Other :
  - Genomic :
    - Long reads
  - Non-genomic :
    - Imagery
- ERCCs ...

Alternative isolation method : Cellenion IBSCI™ (**I**mage **B**ased **S**ingle **C**ell **I**solation)

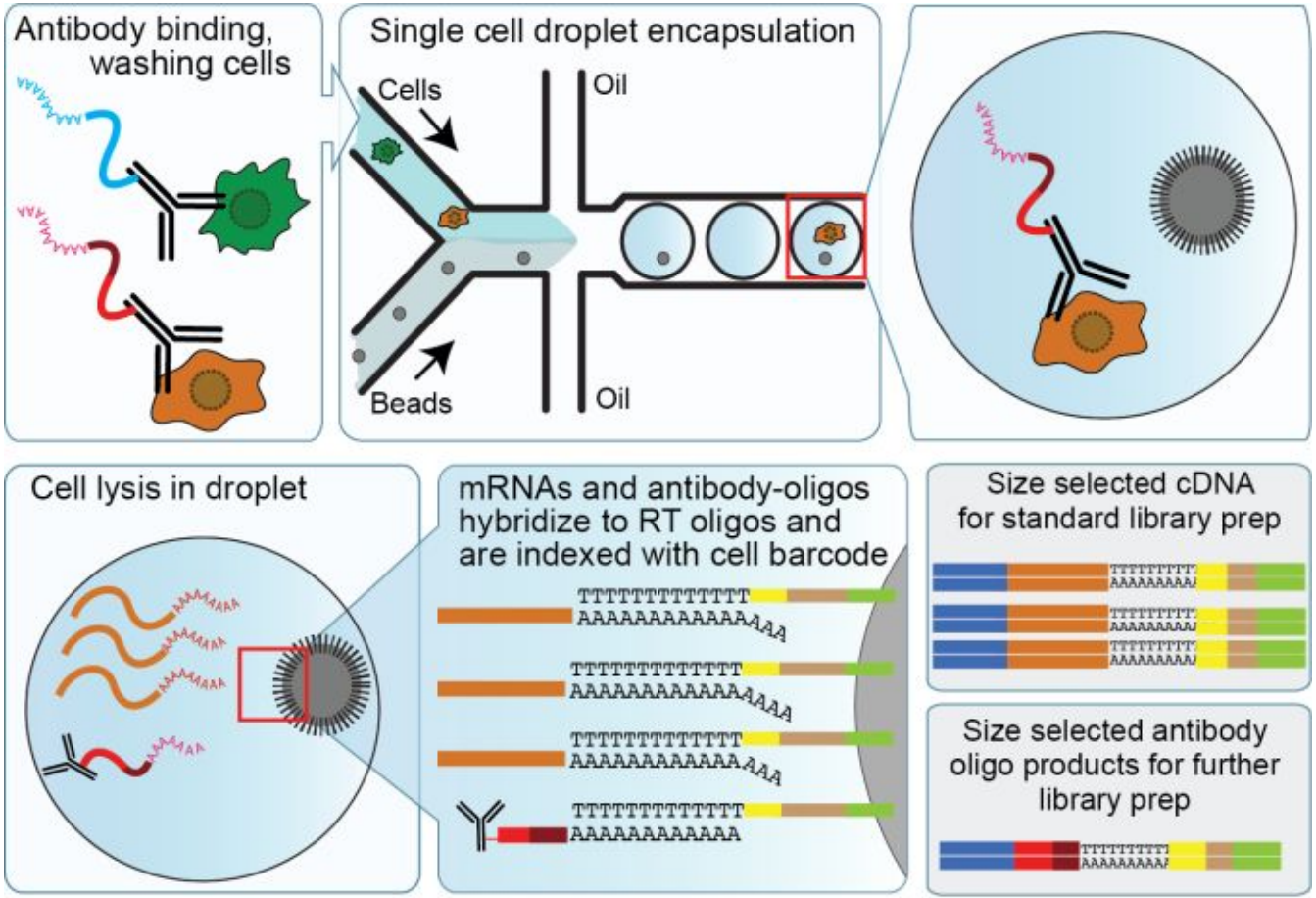
- Capillary real-time **video** recording :
  - Cell or no cell ?
  - More than 1 cell ?
  - Cell size ?
- Acoustic dispersion (more gentle)
- Middle scale :
  - Plate-based
  - Up to 1532 cells
- Cell recovery rate over 95%
- Open platform
  - Scalable, compatible
  - Custom reaction kits

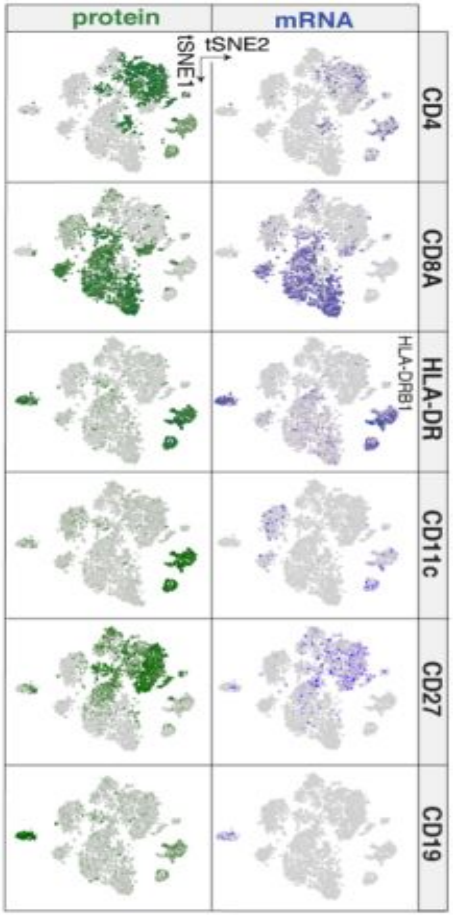


CITE-seq

(scRNAseq + proteins)

Cellular Indexing of Transcriptomes and Epitopes by Sequencing





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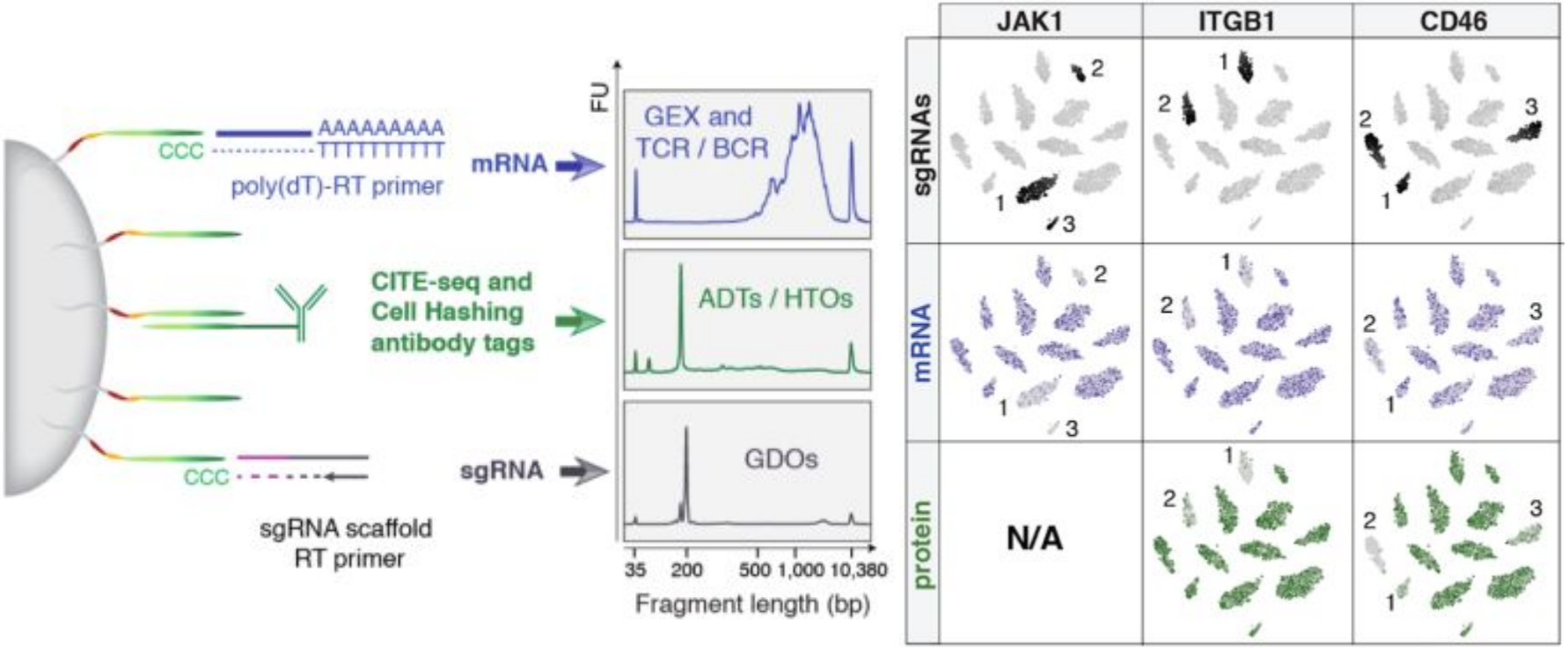
ECCITE-seq

(scRNAseq + proteins + CRISPR gRNA)

Extended **C**RISPR-compatible **C**ellular **I**ndexing of **T**ranscriptomes and **E**pitopes by **Seq**uencing (5’)



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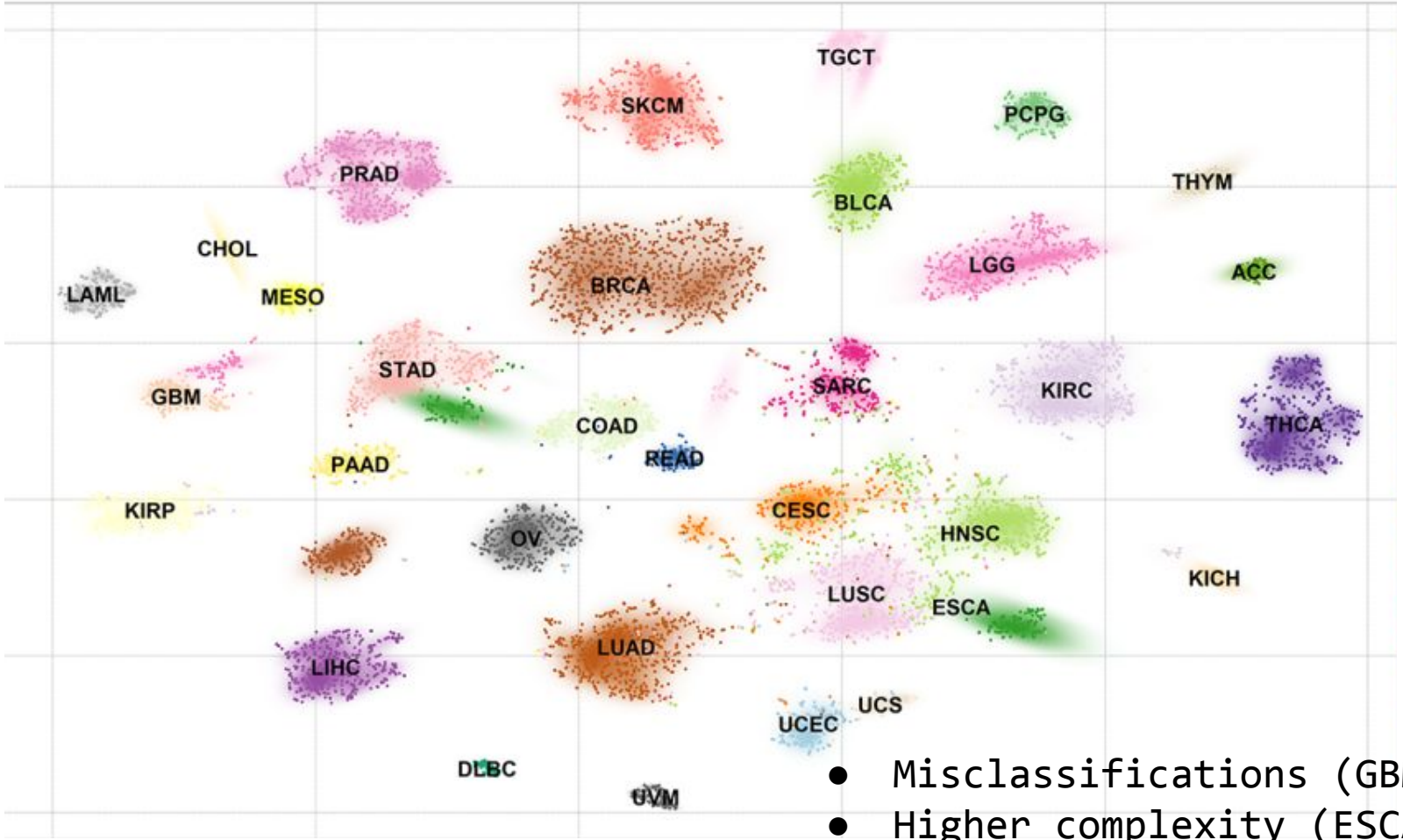
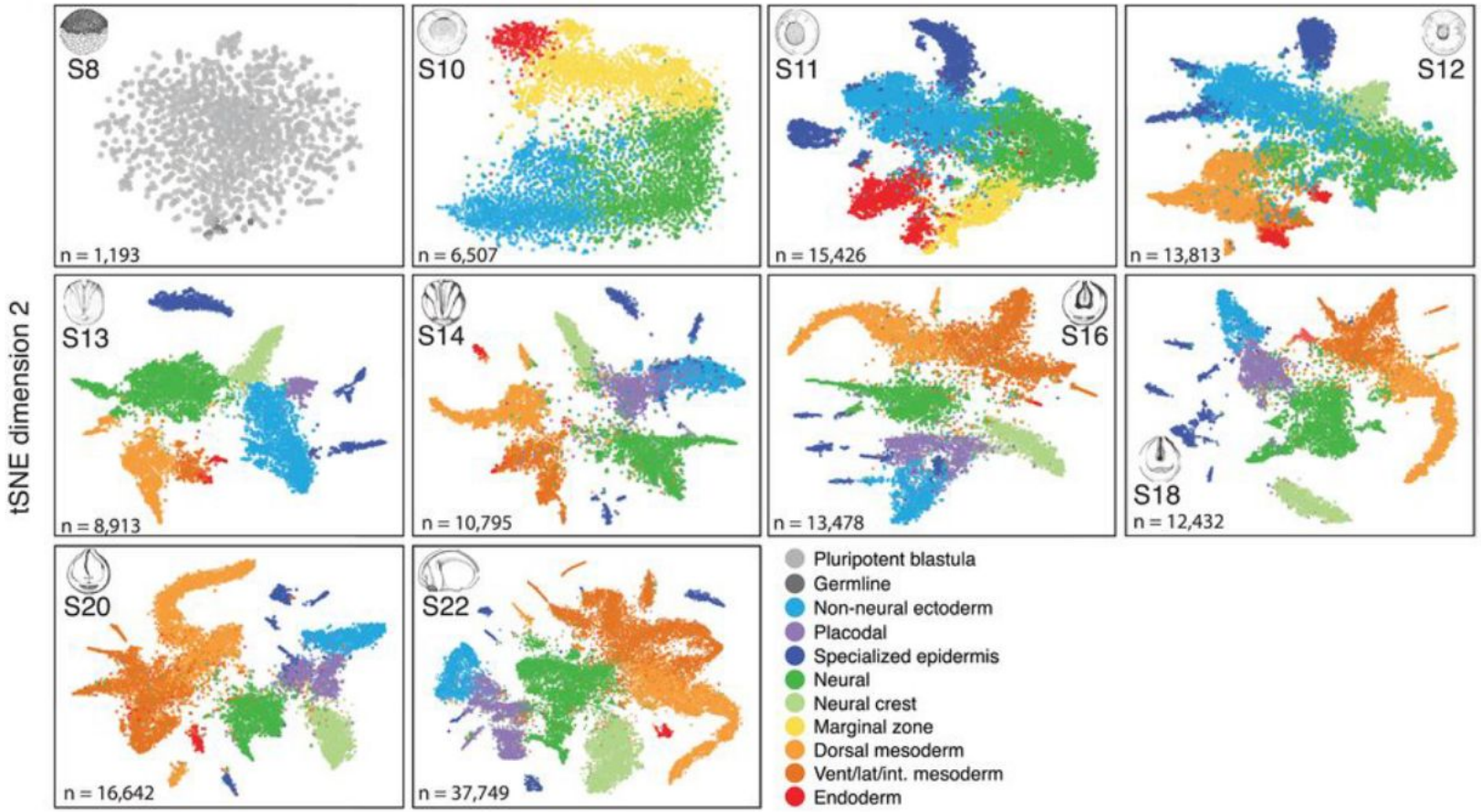
Some sweeties

t-SNE of the whole TCGA project (not SC)

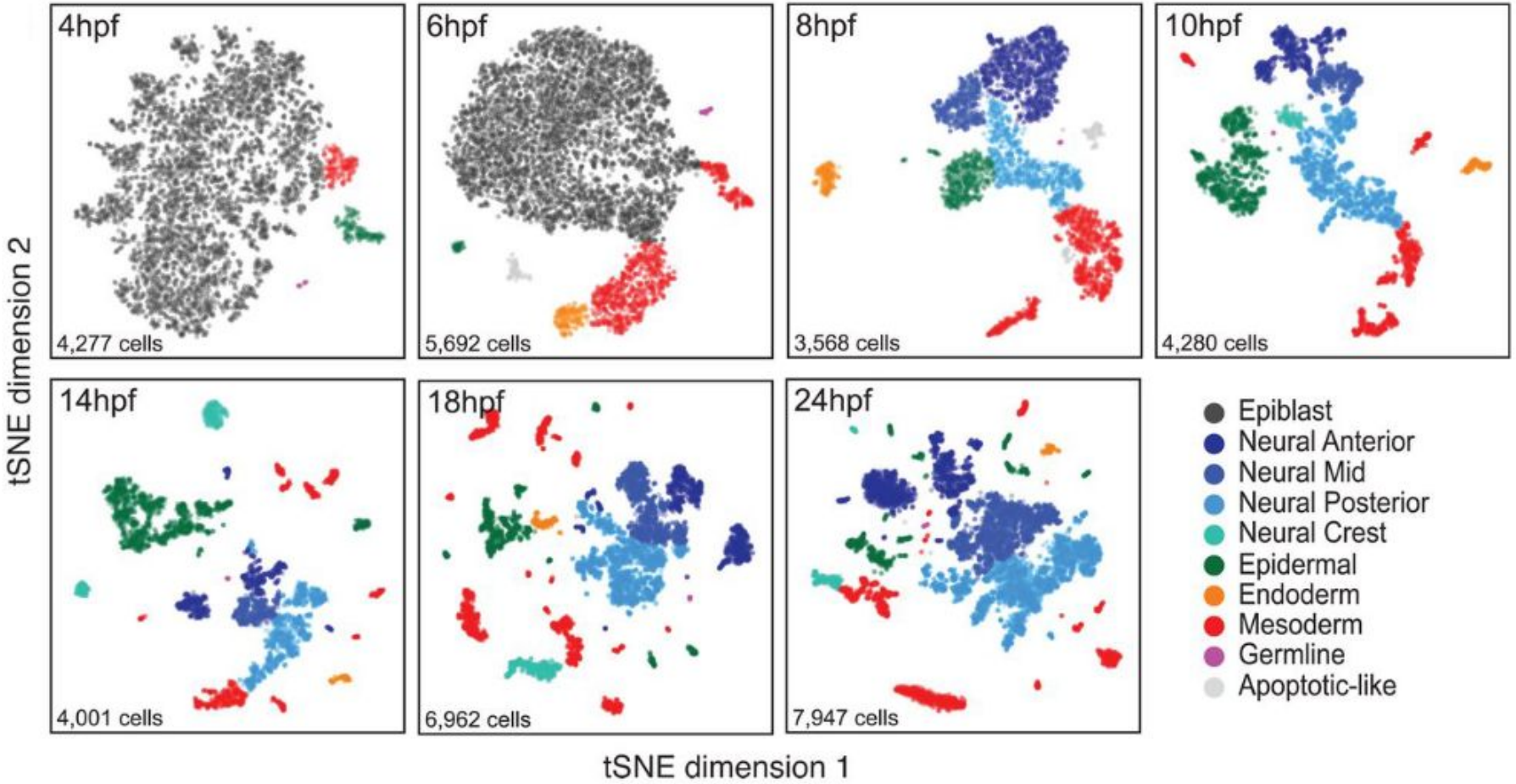


- Misclassifications (GBM-LGG)
- Higher complexity (ESCA-STAD)

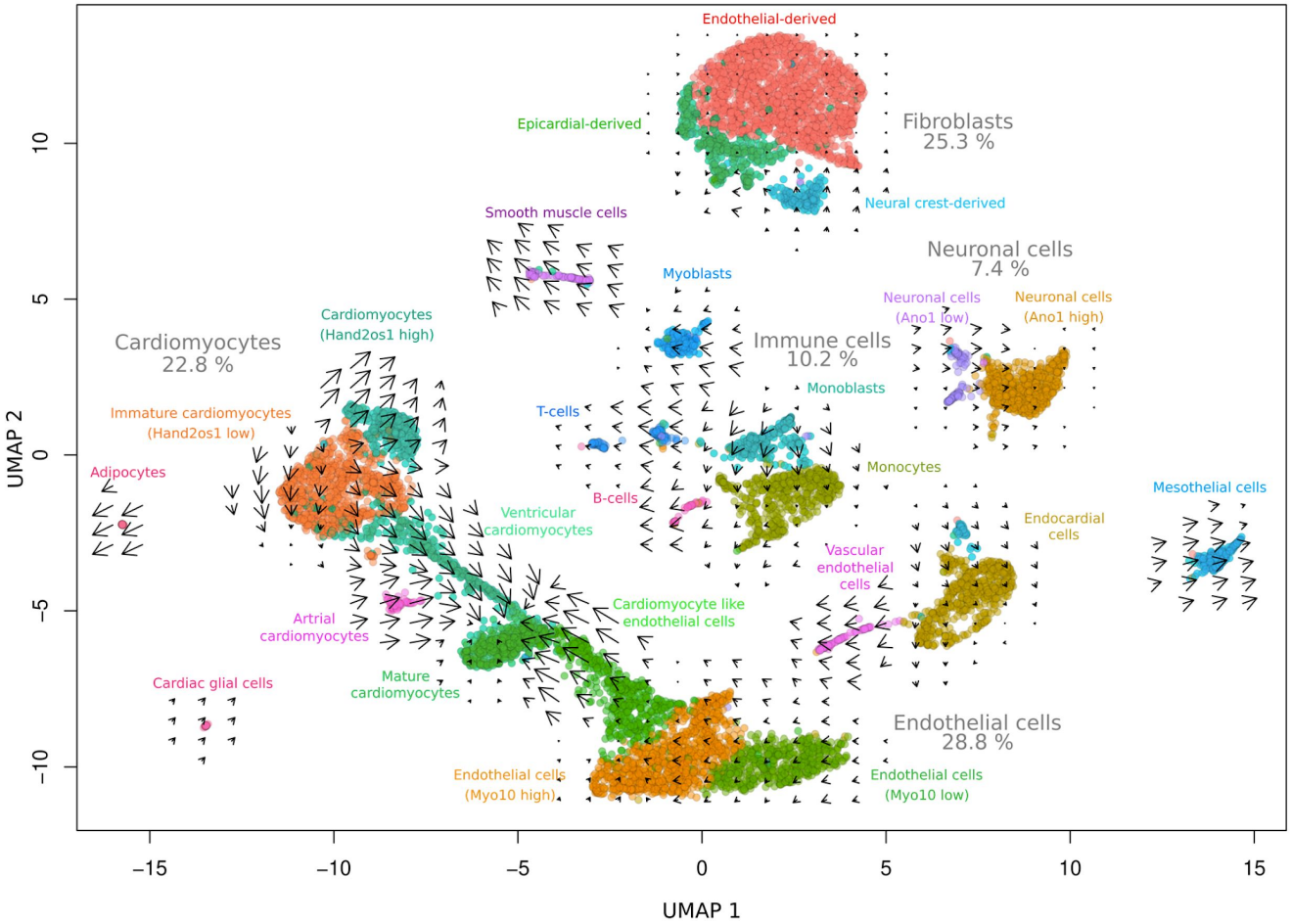
Xenopus embryo development



Zebrafish embryo development



Entire mouse heart : expression & velocity



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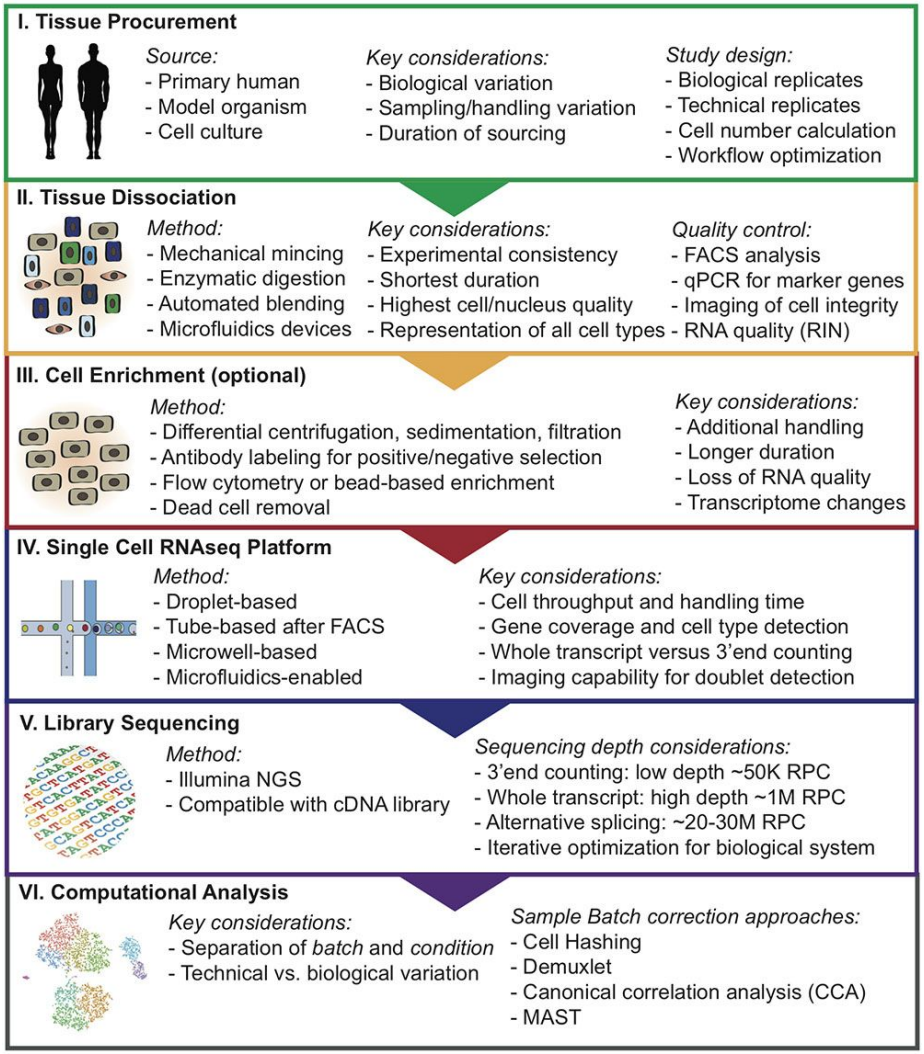
A little single scRNAseq cheatsheet



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