

Introduction to Single-cell RNA-Seq



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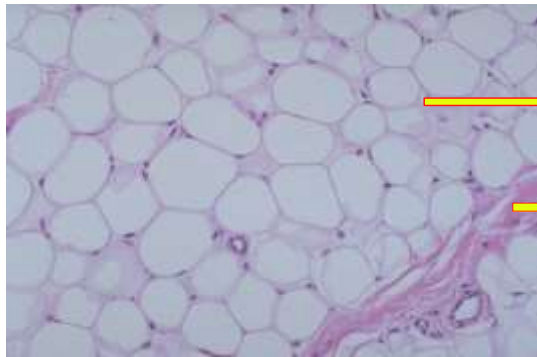
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Introduction to single-cell RNA-Seq

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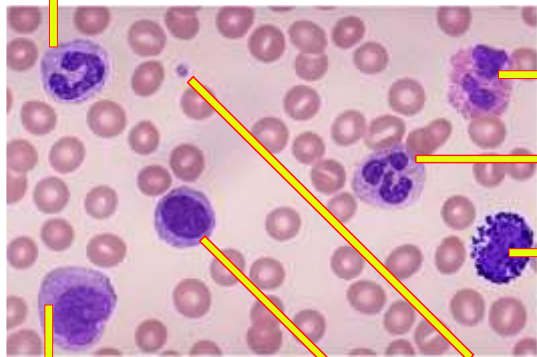
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Normal Peripheral Blood



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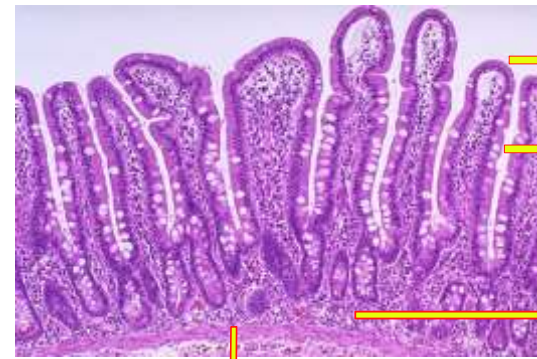
Segmented Neutrophil

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Epithelial cells

Goblet cells

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Cell Identity is More Than Histopathology

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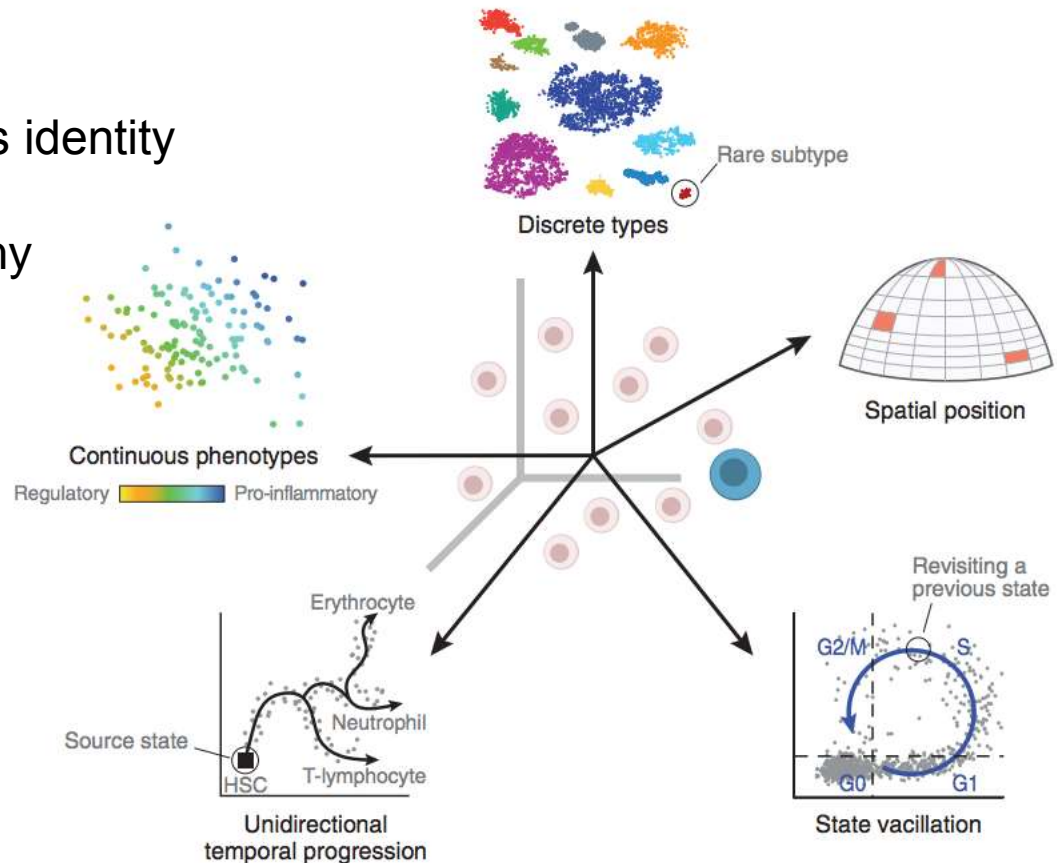
Revealing the vectors of cellular identity with single-cell genomics

Allon Wagner¹, Aviv Regev^{2,3,5} & Nir Yosef^{1,4,5}

A cell participates in multiple cell contexts.

Multiple factors shape a cell's identity

- Membership in a taxonomy of cell types
- Simultaneous time-dependent processes
- Response to the environment
- Spatial positioning



Before We Get Started



- Single-cell RNA-Seq (scRNA-Seq) analysis methodology is developing.
 - Give you a feel for the data.
 - Perform some analysis together.
- There is a vivid diversity of methodology.
 - These technique will grow as the field does.
 - Why were these specific tools chosen?
- This is a guided conversation through scRNA-Seq analysis.
 - Breadth and targeted depth.
 - There may be other opinions, if you have one, please speak up so we can all learn from it.

Before We Get Started

- Sections will be hands-on.
 - Much can be applied to other analysis.
 - Strengthen those R ninja skills!
 - If you need, cut and pasting is available.
 - `cut_and_paste.txt`
- There will be many cute corgi pictures.



We Will Attempt to Cover



- Describe scRNA-Seq assays.
- Comparing assays.
- Sequence pipelines.
- How do measured counts behave?
- Concerns over study design.
- Initial data exploration.
- Gene and cell filtering.
- Plotting genes.
- Dimensional Reduction and plotting cells.
- Differential expression.
- Communicating your study.

Section: scRNA-Seq Assays



- There are many scRNA-Seq Assays, each differs:
 - Some commercialized
 - Full transcriptome vs 3'
 - Less or more automated
 - Different levels of throughput
 - Differences in cost



BRIEF COMMUNICATIONS

Smart-seq2 for sensitive full-length transcriptome profiling in single cells

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Single-cell gene expression analyses hold promise for characterizing cellular heterogeneity, but current methods compromise on either the coverage, the sensitivity or the throughput. Here, we introduce Smart-seq2 with improved reverse transcription, template switching and preamplification to increase both yield and length of cDNA libraries generated from individual cells. Smart-seq2 transcriptome libraries have improved detection, coverage, bias and accuracy compared to Smart-seq libraries and are generated with off-the-shelf reagents at lower cost.

Several methods exist for constructing full-length cDNAs from

template switching, provides more even read coverage across transcripts than poly(A)-tailing methods⁷, consistent with the common use of template switching in applications designed to capture RNA 5' ends^{8,10}. Despite widespread use of single-cell transcriptome profiling methods, no systematic efforts have been made to improve cDNA library yield and average length from single-cell amounts.

We systematically evaluated a large number of variations in reverse transcription, template-switching oligonucleotides (TSOs) and PCR preamplification (for a total of 457 experiments) and compared the results to those from commercial Smart-Seq (hereafter called SMARTer) in terms of cDNA library yield and length from 1 ng of starting total RNA (Supplementary Table 1). In particular, exchanging only a single guanylate for a locked nucleic acid (LNA)¹¹ guanylate at the TSO 3' end (rGrG+G) led to a two-fold increase in cDNA yield relative to that obtained with the SMARTer II A oligo ($P = 7.2 \times 10^{-3}$, $n \geq 8$, Student's t-test; Fig. 1a, Supplementary Table 2 and Supplementary Fig. 1). This is likely a consequence of the increased thermal stability of LNA:cDNA base pairs (1–8 °C per LNA monomer). Additionally, we found that the presence of the methyl group donor betaine¹² in combination with higher MgCl₂ concentrations significantly increased yield (by two- to fourfold; $P \leq 1.3 \times 10^{-3}$, $n \geq 6$, Student's t-test,

PROTOCOL

Full-length RNA-seq from single cells using Smart-seq2

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Emerging methods for the accurate quantification of gene expression in individual cells hold promise for revealing the extent, function and origins of cell-to-cell variability. Different high-throughput methods for single-cell RNA-seq have been introduced that vary in coverage, sensitivity and multiplexing ability. We recently introduced Smart-seq for transcriptome analysis from single cells, and we subsequently optimized the method for improved sensitivity, accuracy and full-length coverage across transcripts. Here we present a detailed protocol for Smart-seq2 that allows the generation of full-length cDNA and sequencing libraries by using standard reagents. The entire protocol takes ~2 d from cell picking to having a final library ready for sequencing; sequencing will require an additional 1–3 d depending on the strategy and sequencer. The current limitations are the lack of strand specificity and the inability to detect nonpolyadenylated (polyA-) RNA.

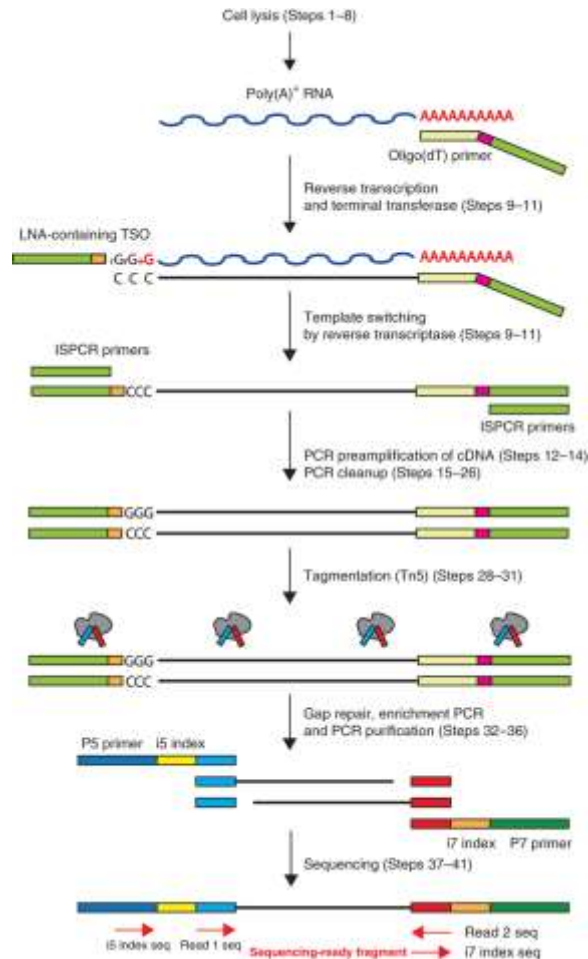
Smart-Seq2: Description



Full transcript scRNA-Seq

- Developed for single cell but can performed using total RNA.
- Selects for poly-A tail.
- Full transcript assay.
 - Uses template switching for 5' end capture.
- Standard illumina sequencing.
 - Off-the-shelf products.
- Hundreds of samples.
- Often do not see UMI used.

Smart-Seq2: Assay Overview



- Poly-A capture with 30nt polyT and 25nt 5' anchor sequence.
- RT adding untemplated C
- Template switching
- Locked Nucleic Acid binds to untemplated C
- RT switches template
- Preamplification / cleanup
- DNA fragmentation and adapter ligation together.
- Gap Repair, enrich, purify.

Smart-Seq2: Equipment

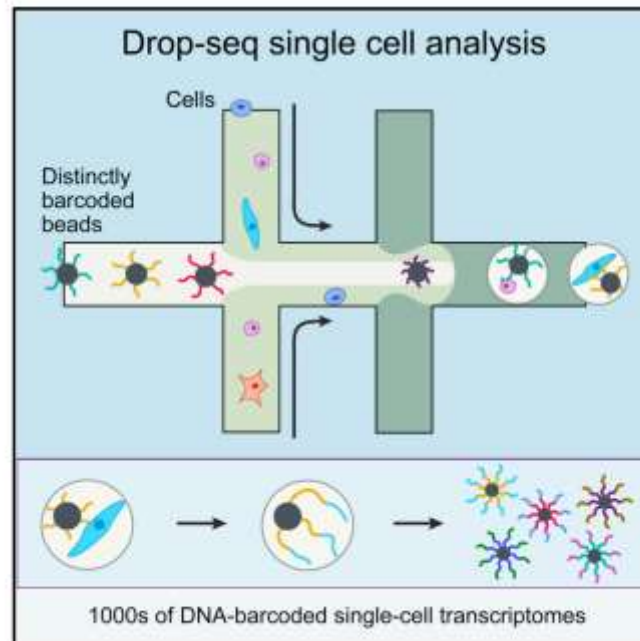


Cell

Resource

Highly Parallel Genome-wide Expression Profiling of Individual Cells Using Nanoliter Droplets

Graphical Abstract



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In Brief

Capturing single cells along with sets of uniquely barcoded primer beads together in tiny droplets enables large-scale, highly parallel single-cell transcriptomics. Applying this analysis to cells in mouse retinal tissue revealed transcriptionally distinct cell populations along with molecular markers of each type.

Drop-seq: Description



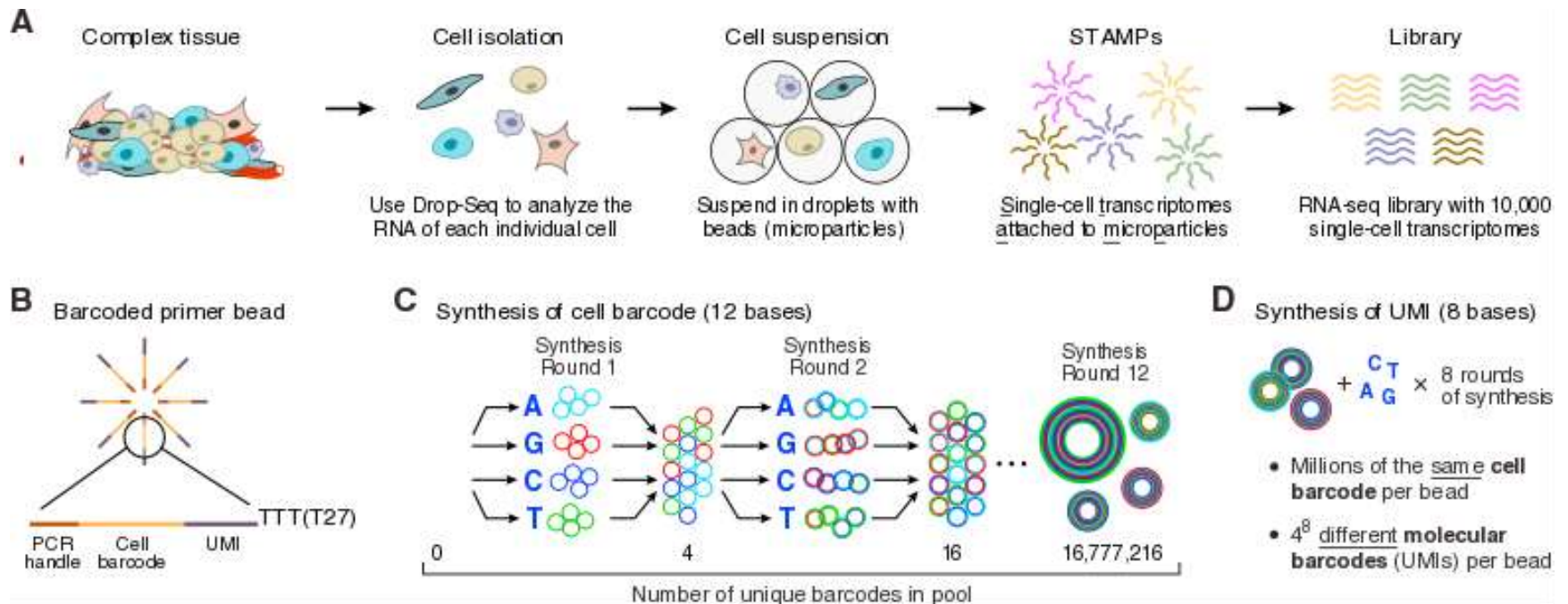
- Moved throughput from hundreds to thousands.
- Droplet-based processing using microfluidics
- Nanoliter scale aqueous drops in oil.
- 3' End
- Bead based (STAMPs).
- Single-cell transcriptomes attached to microparticles.
- Cell barcodes use split-pool synthesis.
- Uses UMI (Unique Molecular Identifier).
- RMT (Random Molecular Tag).
- Degenerate synthesis.

Drop-seq: Overview

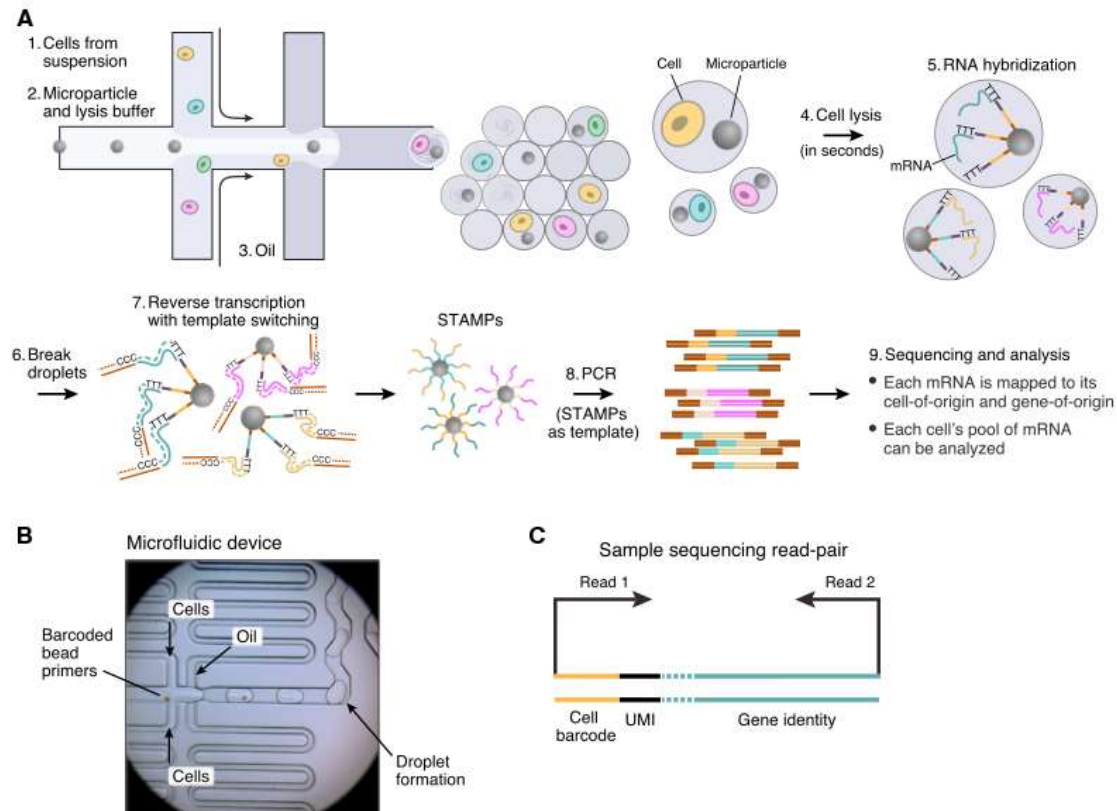


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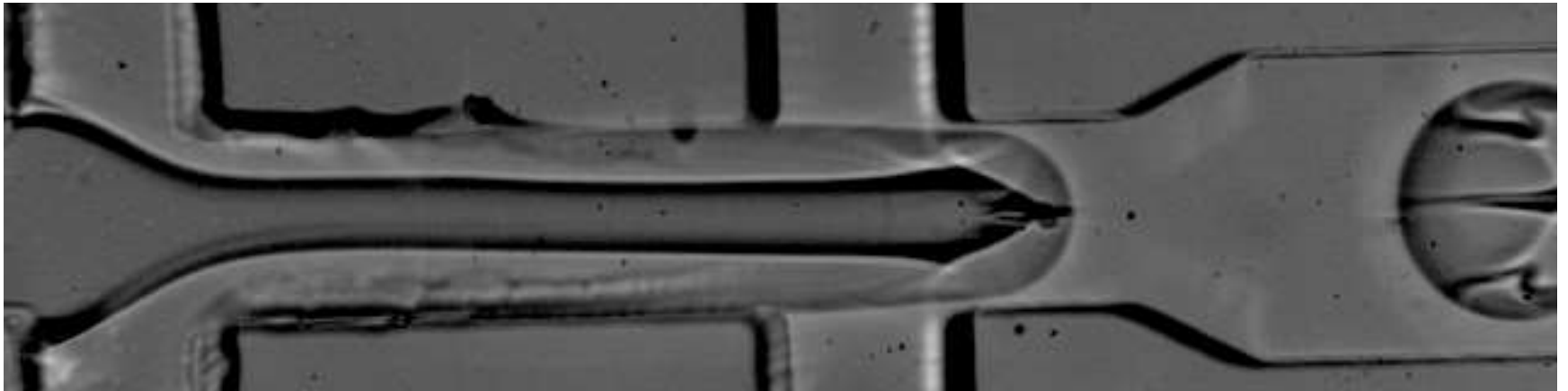
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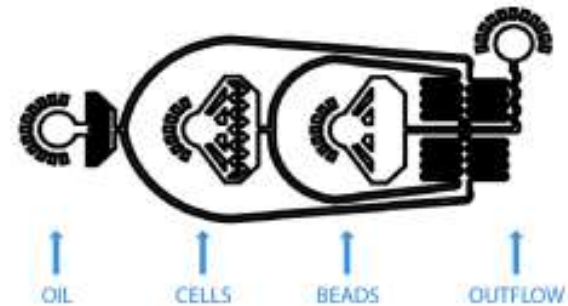
Drop-seq: Assay Overview



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Drop-seq: Equipment



Drop-seq: Pointers

- Droplet-based assays can have leaky RNA.
- Before library generation wash off any medium (inhibits library generation).
- Adding PBS and BSA (0.05-0.01%) can protect the cell.
 - Too much produces a residue making harvesting the beads difficult.
- Filter all reagent with a 80 micron strainer before microfluidics.
- Some purchased devices add a hydrophobic coating.
 - Can deteriorate (2 months at best).
 - Recoating does work (in-house).

10X: Massively Parallel Sequencing



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New Results

Massively parallel digital transcriptional profiling of single cells

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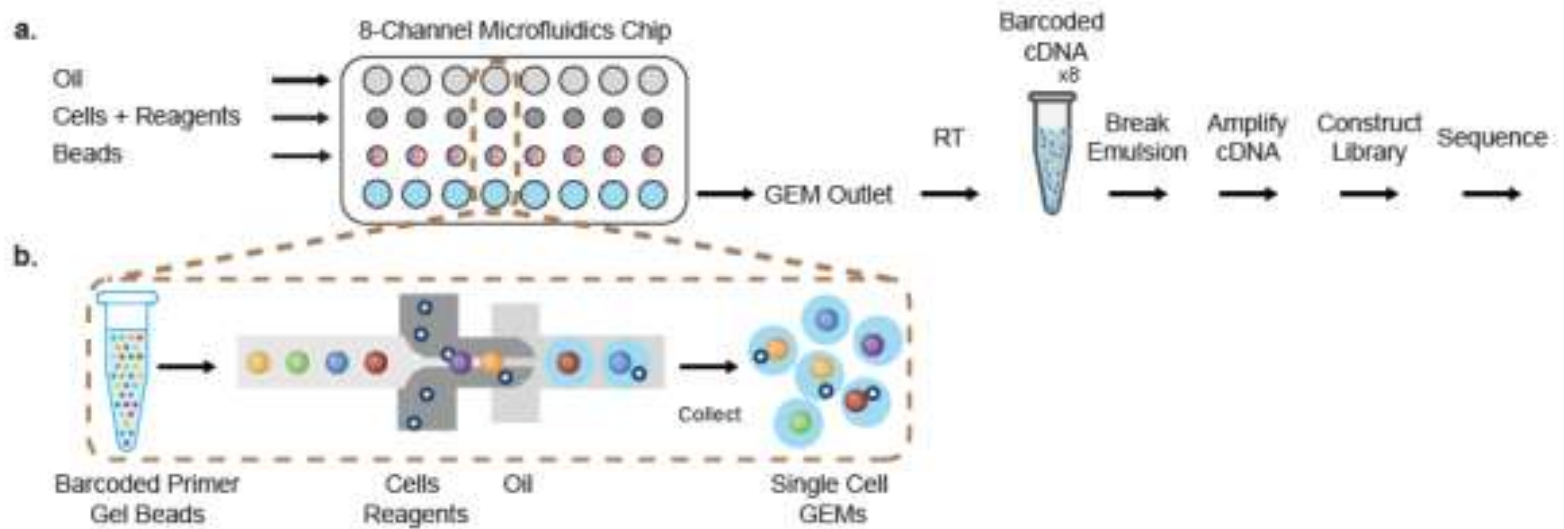
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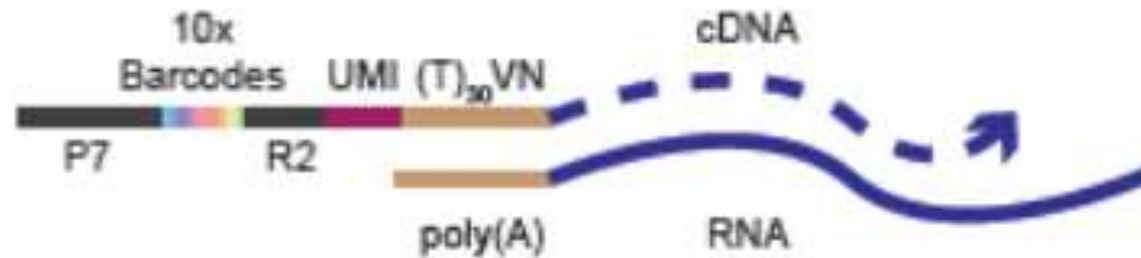
- Droplet-based, 3' mRNA.
 - GEM (Gel Bead in Emulsion)
- Standardized instrumentation and reagents.
- More high-throughput scaling to tens of thousands.
- Less processing time.
- Cell Ranger software is available for install.

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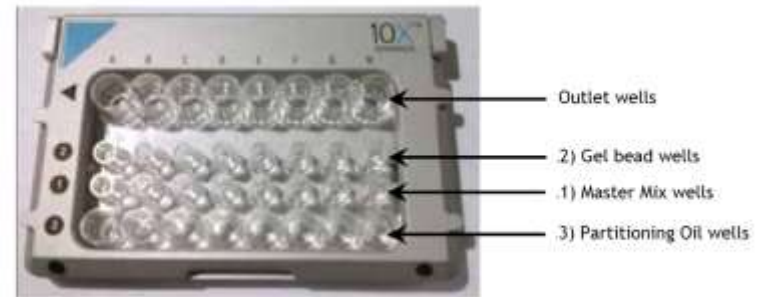
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10X: Equipment



A Word on Sorting



- After disassociating cells cells can be performed.
- Know your cells, are they sticky, are they big?
 - Select an appropriate sized nozzle.
- Don't sort too quickly (1-2k cells per second or lower)
 - The slower the more time cells sit in lysis after sorting
 - 10 minutes max in lysis (some say 30 minutes)
- Calibrate speed of instrument with beads
 - Check alignment every 5-6 plates
- Afterwards spin down to make sure cells are in lysis buffer
 - Flash freeze
- Chloe Villani on sorting [\[click here\]](#)

Section: Comparing scRNA-Seq Assays



scRNA-Seq Assay Performance



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Power Analysis of Single Cell RNA-Sequencing Experiments

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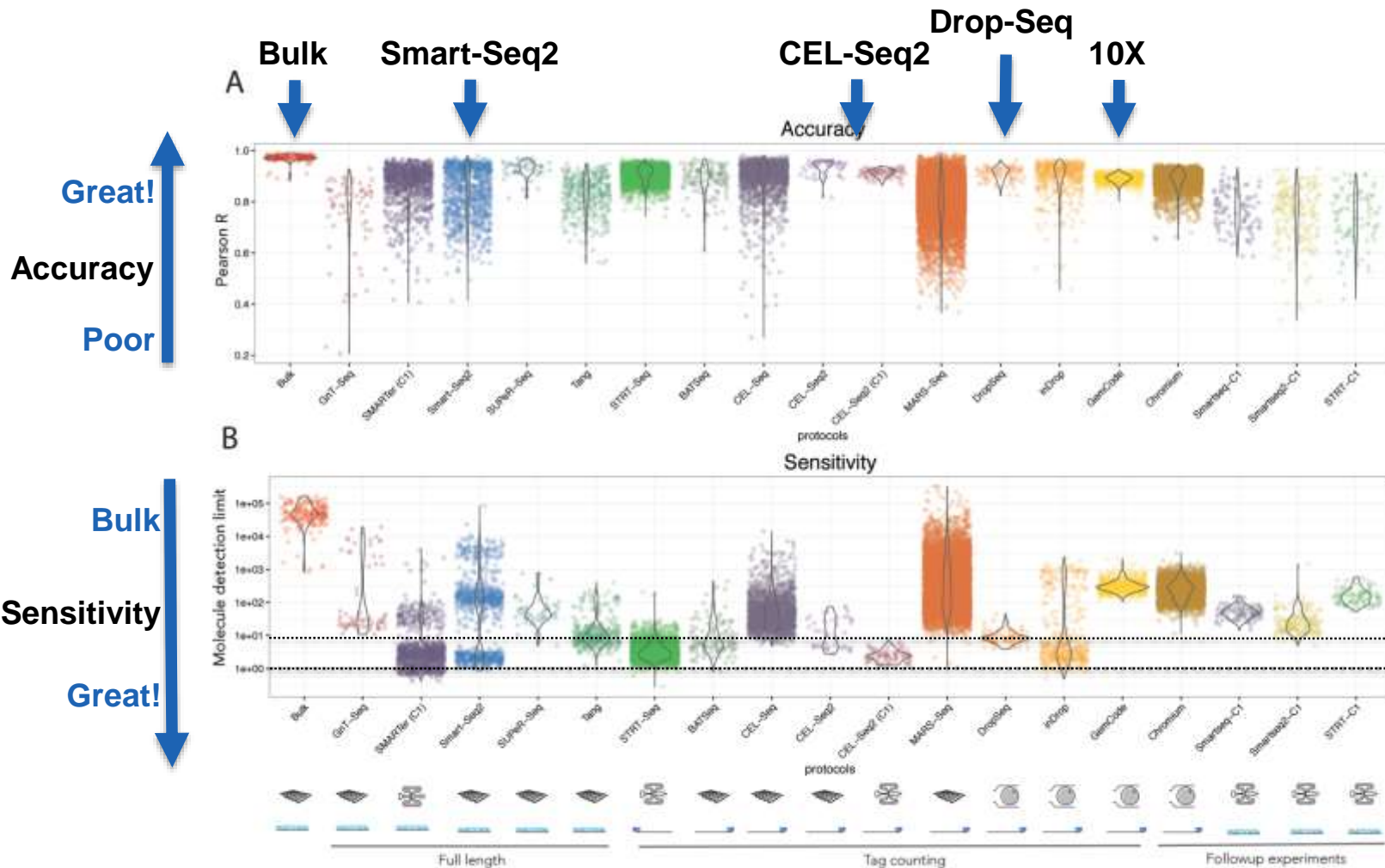
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ERCC-based Benchmarking



- Based on ERCC spike-ins.
 - Exogenous RNA-Spikins
 - No secondary structure
 - 25b polyA Tail
 - May be a conservative measurement given endogenous mRNA will have ~250b polyA.
- Accuracy
 - How well the abundance levels correlated with known spiked-in amounts.
- Sensitivity
 - Minimum number of input RNA molecules required to detect a spike-in.

Sensitivity and Specificity



Final Thoughts



- Different assays have different throughput.
 - SmartSeq2 < Drop-seq < 10X
- SmartSeq2 is full transcript.
- Plate-based methods get lysed in wells and so do not leak.
 - Droplet-based can have leaky RNA.
- In Drop-seq assays RT happens outside the droplets
 - Can use harsher lysis buffers.
 - 10X needs lysis buffers compatible with the RT enzyme.
- 10X is more standardized and comes with a pipeline.
 - Drop-seq is more customizable but more hands-on.
- Cost per library varies greatly.

Section: scRNA-Seq Pipelines



Sequences Differ So Pipelines Differ



- scRNA-Seq assays are different and produce different sequences
 - The sequence pipelines must be tailored to the sequence of interest.
 - Many pipelines are NOT compatible but many show similarities.



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Assays Differ in FASTQ Contents

ACGTACGTACGT

SmartSeq2

Left (R1)

Paired Transcript Sequence

Dropseq

Left (R1)

Cell Barcode UMI PolyT

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Cell Barcode

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Right (R2)

Paired Transcript Sequence

Right (R2)

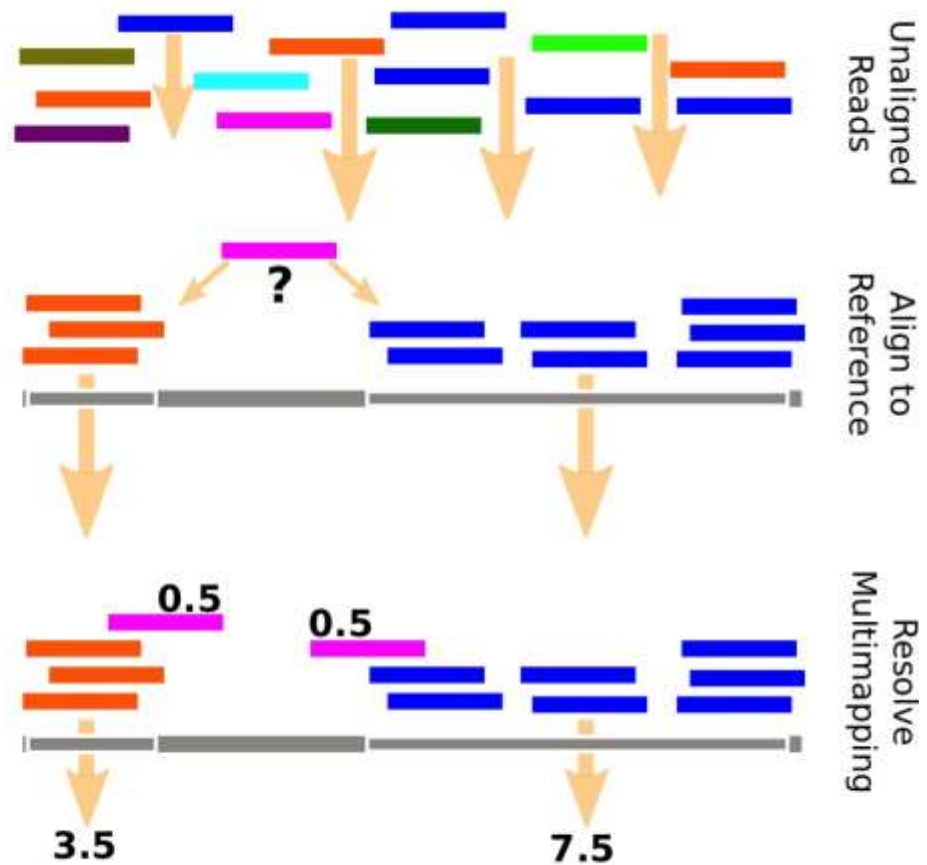
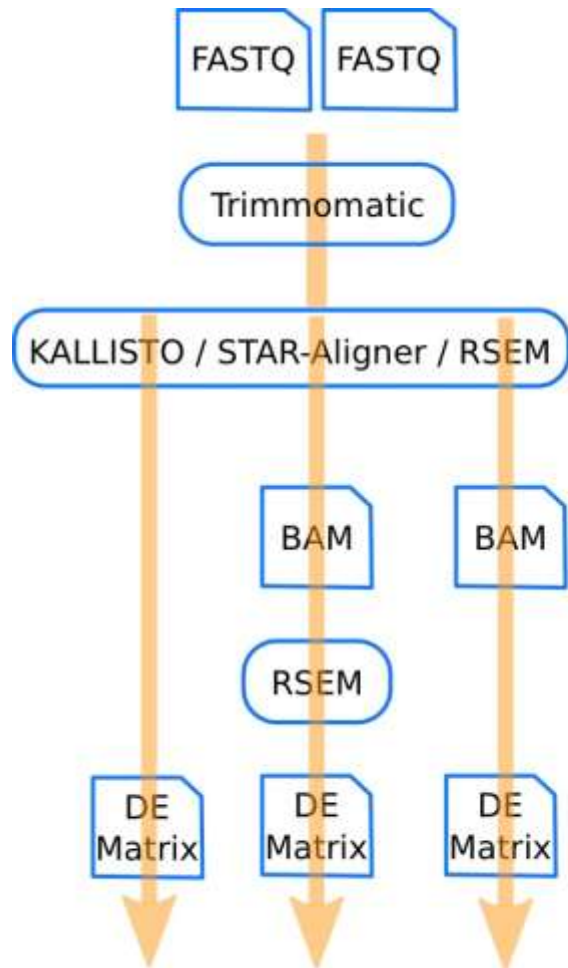
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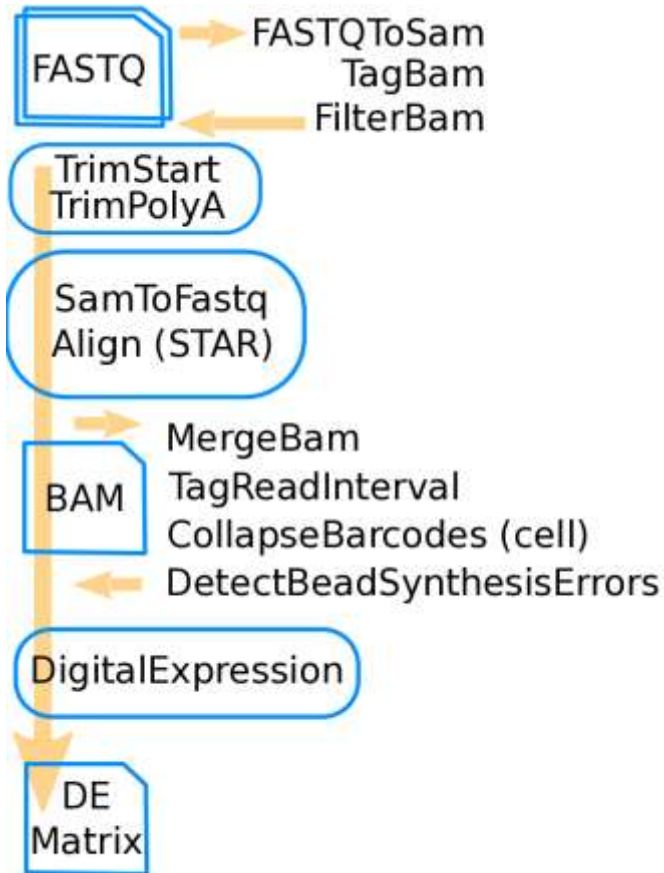
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UMI

SmartSeq2: Pipeline Overview



Drop-seq: Pipeline Overview



- Common functionality: trimming, alignment, generating count matrix.
- Adds book keeping for cell barcodes and UMIs, bead error detection, cell barcode collapsing, UMI collapsing.

Drop-seq: Further Help




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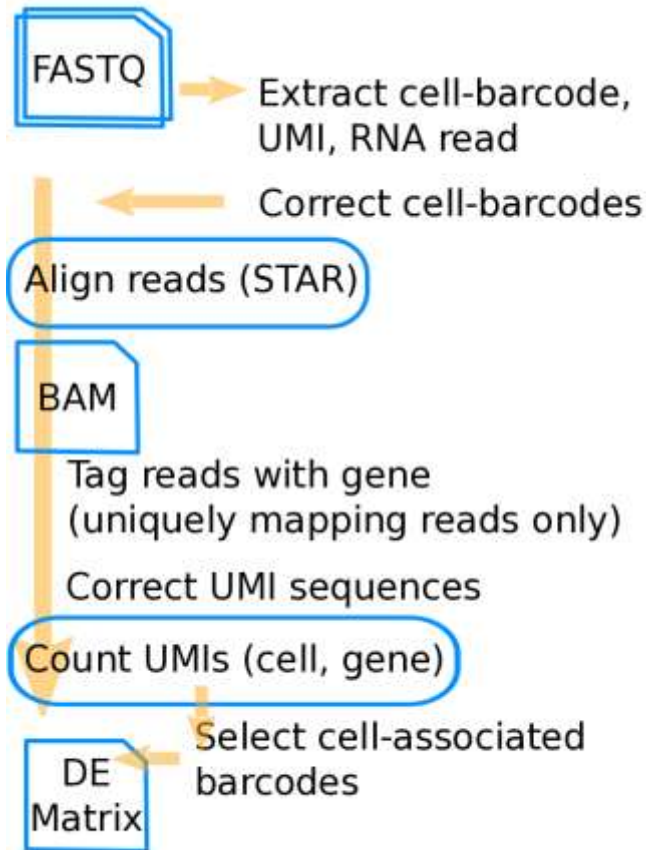


Welcome to Drop-seq!

Drop-seq is a technology that allows biologists to analyze genome-wide gene expression in thousands of individual cells in a single experiment. This work is described in [Macosko et al., Cell, 2015](#)¹. This site provides interested users with resources to implement Drop-seq in their own labs. We hope you do amazing things with Drop-seq. Tell us about it!

If you would like to be informed of new protocol optimizations, discussion forums, etc., please send an email to dropseq@gmail.com and we'll put you on the list.

10X: Pipeline Overview



- Steps conceptually similar to the Drop-seq pipeline.

10X: Further Help



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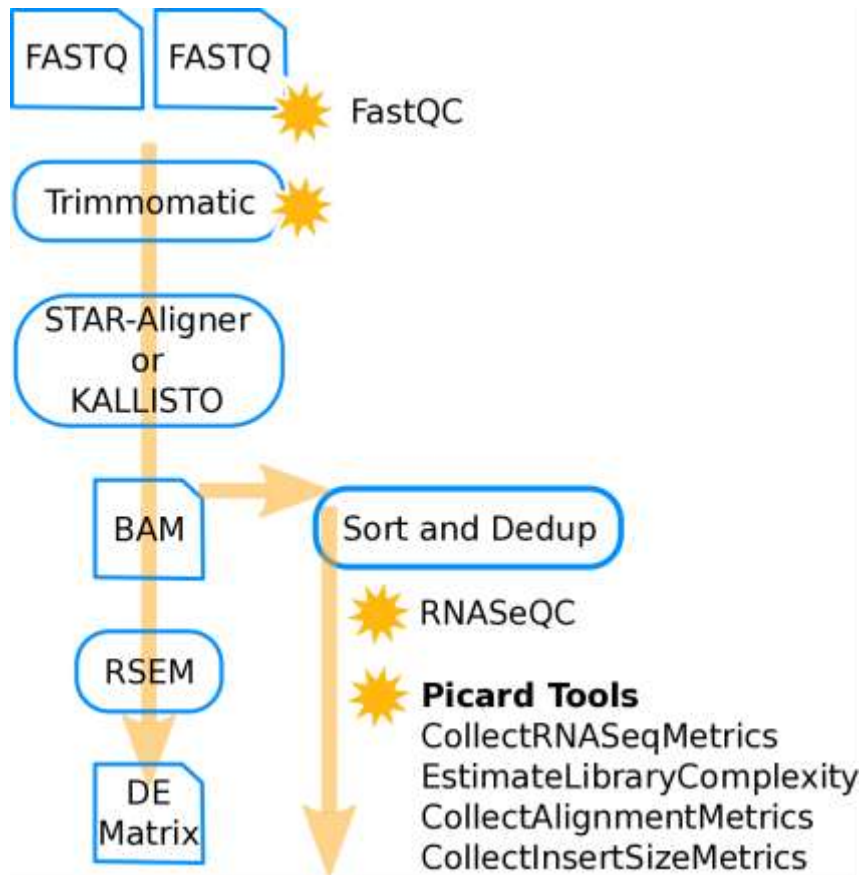
Overview of Single Cell Software

The Chromium Single Cell Software Suite is a complete package for analyzing and visualizing single cell 3' RNA-seq data produced by the 10x Chromium Platform. The package includes:

- **Cell Ranger: Pipelines**
A set of analysis pipelines that perform sample demultiplexing, barcode processing, and single cell 3' gene counting.
- **Cell Ranger: R Kit**
R package for secondary analysis of Cell Ranger matrix data, including PCA and t-SNE projection, and k-means clustering. A user-friendly guided tutorial is also available.

If your question is not here, please email us support@10xgenomics.com

Sequence Level Quality Control



- Much of the QC that is performed is using traditional tools.

Pipeline Section Summary



- Single-cell RNA-Seq is a diverse ecosystem of assays.
 - Each assay has pros and cons.
- Sequences derived from these assays are complex and vary.
- Different pipelines are needed to address different sequence formats.
 - Common steps include:
 - Aligning
 - QC
 - Read counting.

Section: scRNA-Seq Count Data

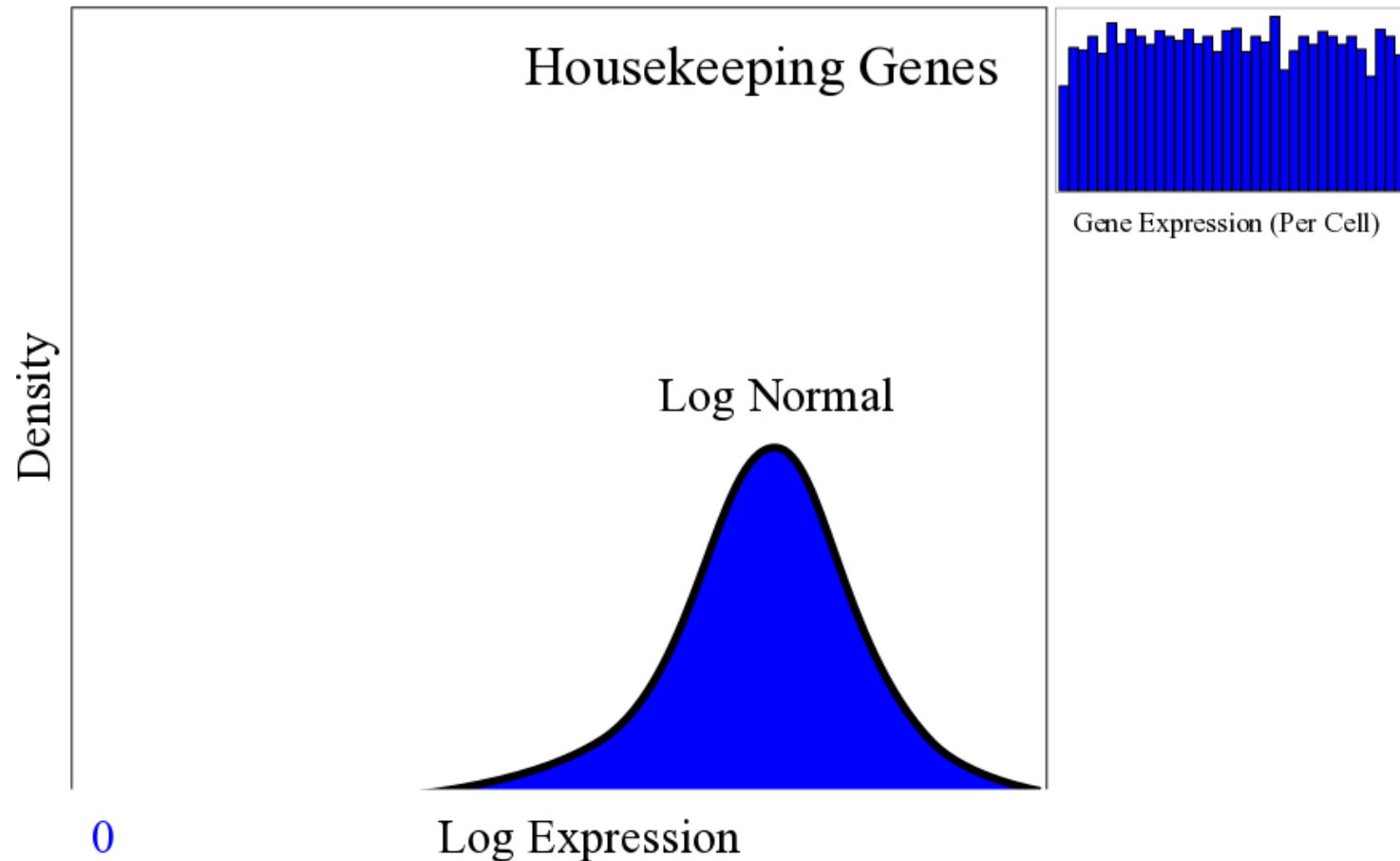




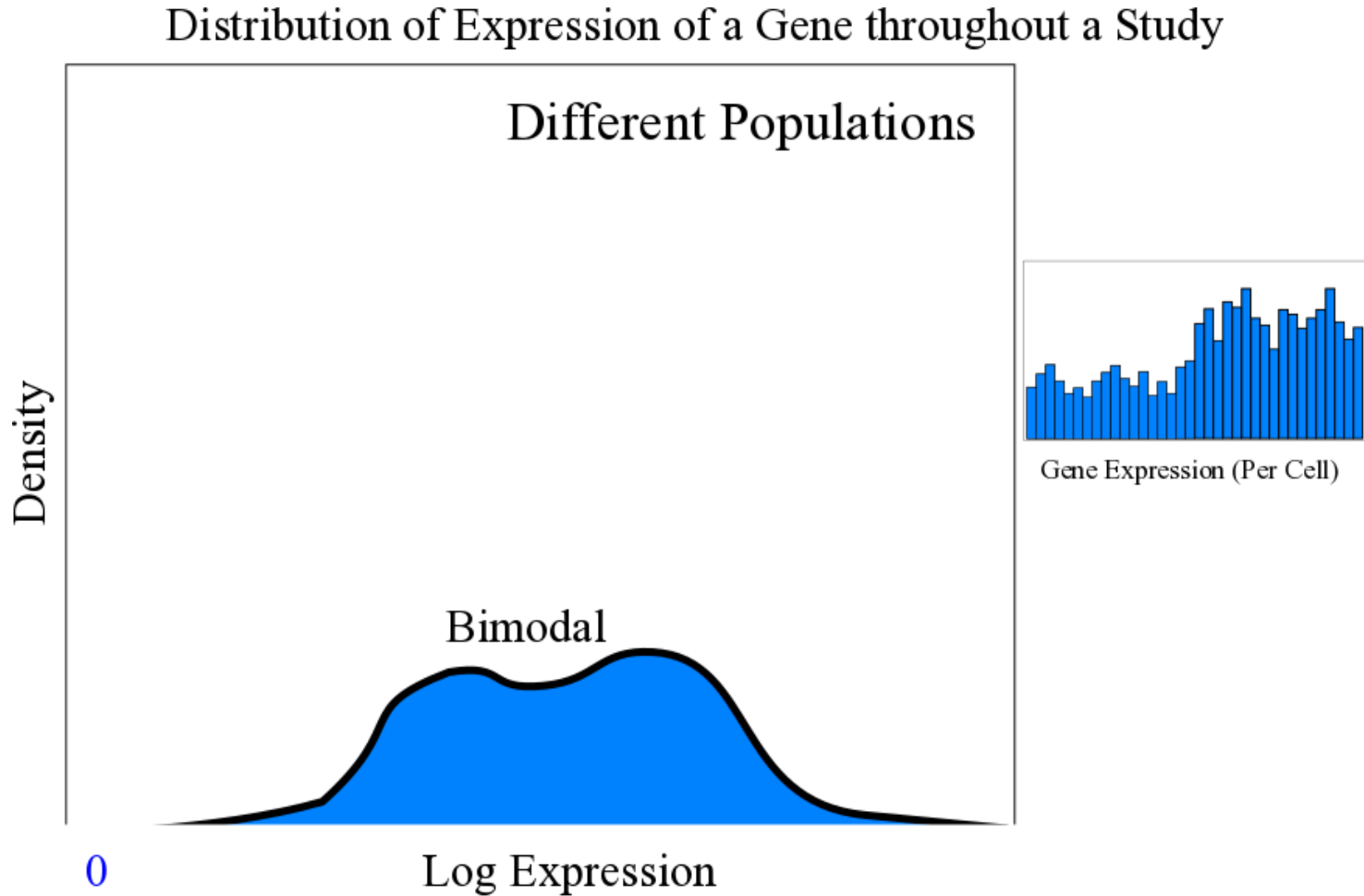
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Genes Have Different Distributions

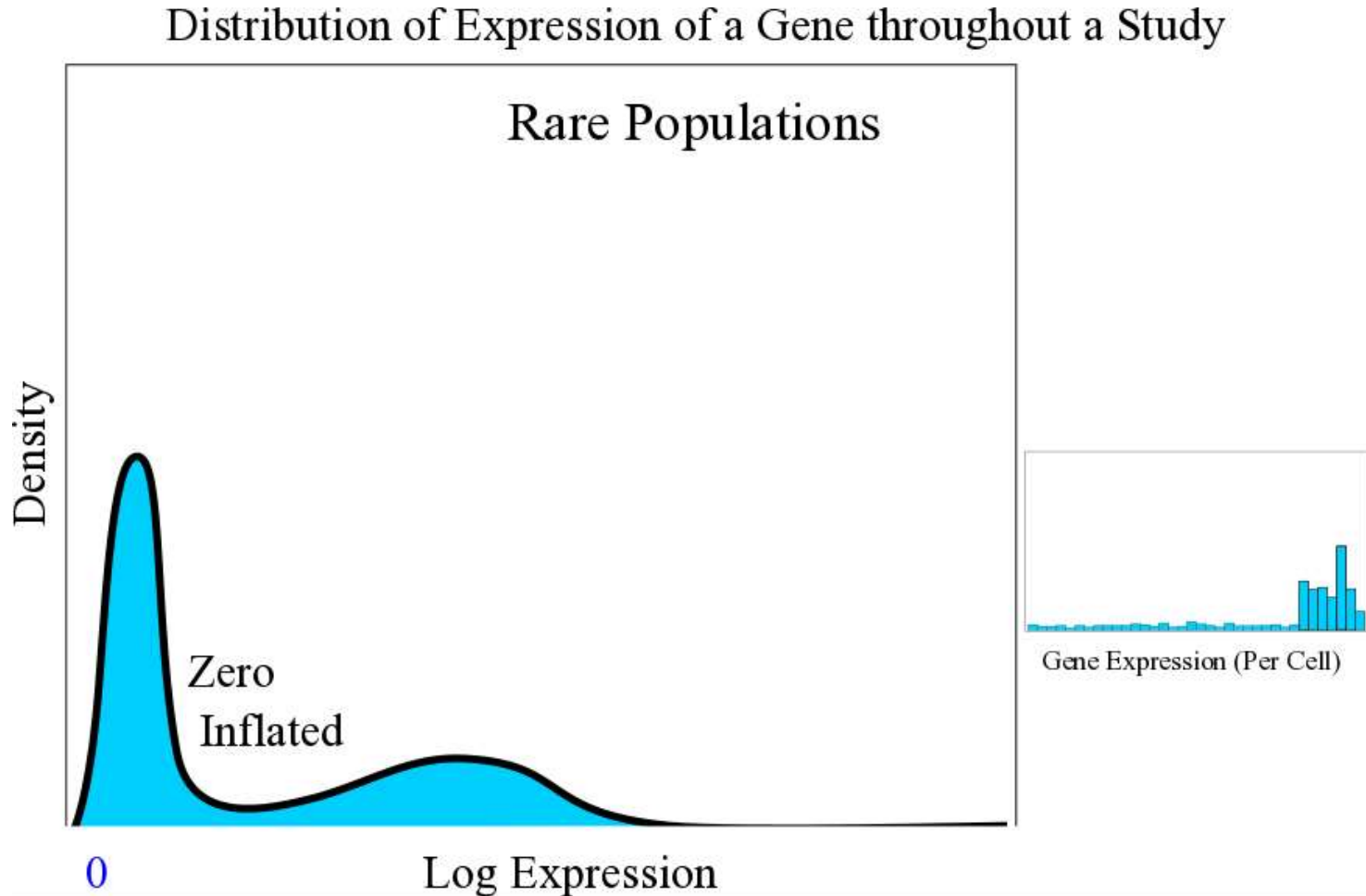
Distribution of Expression of a Gene throughout a Study



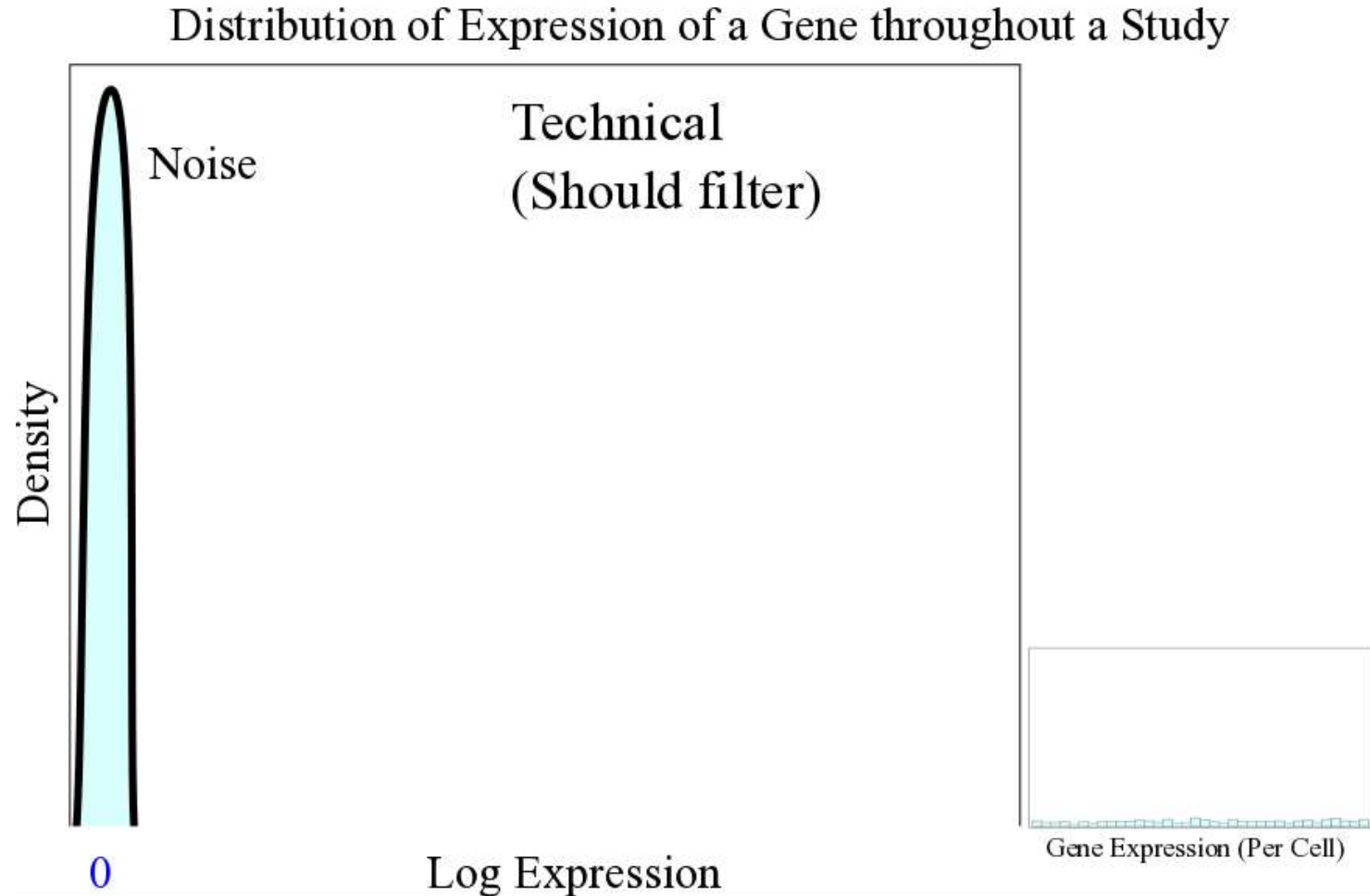
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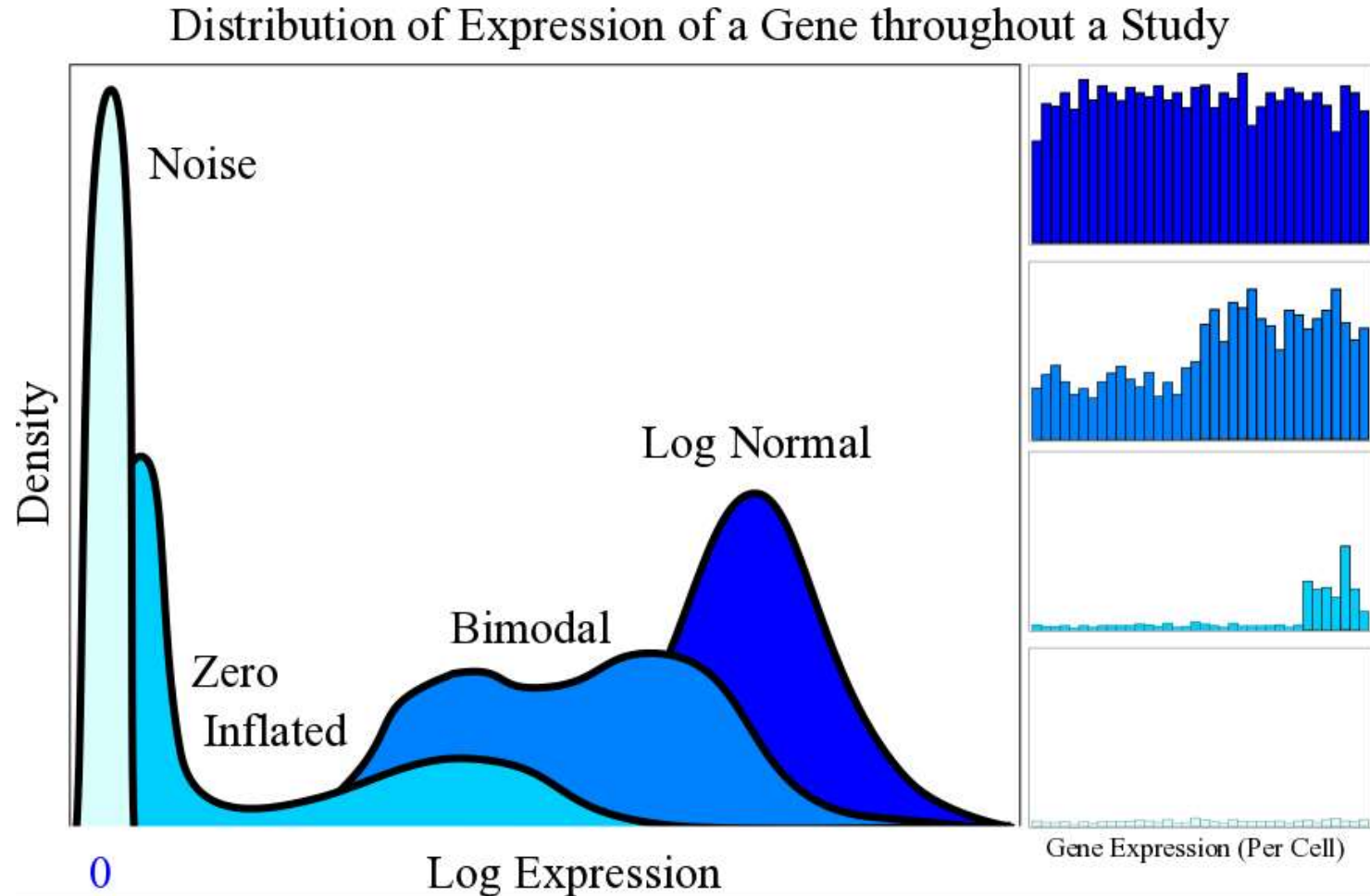
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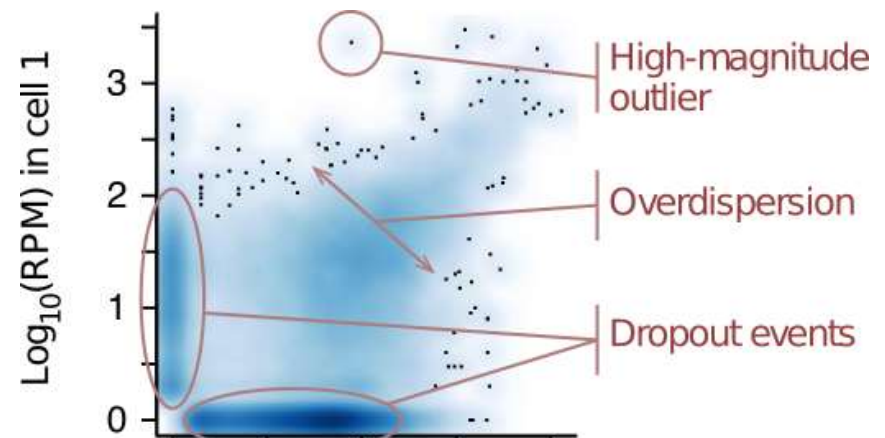


Genes Have Different Distributions



Underlying Biology

- Zero inflation.
 - Drop-out event during reverse-transcription.
 - Genes with more expression have less zeros.
 - Complexity varies.
- Transcription stochasticity.
 - Transcription bursting.
 - Coordinated transcription of multigene networks.
 - Over-dispersed counts.
- Higher Resolution.
 - More sources of signal



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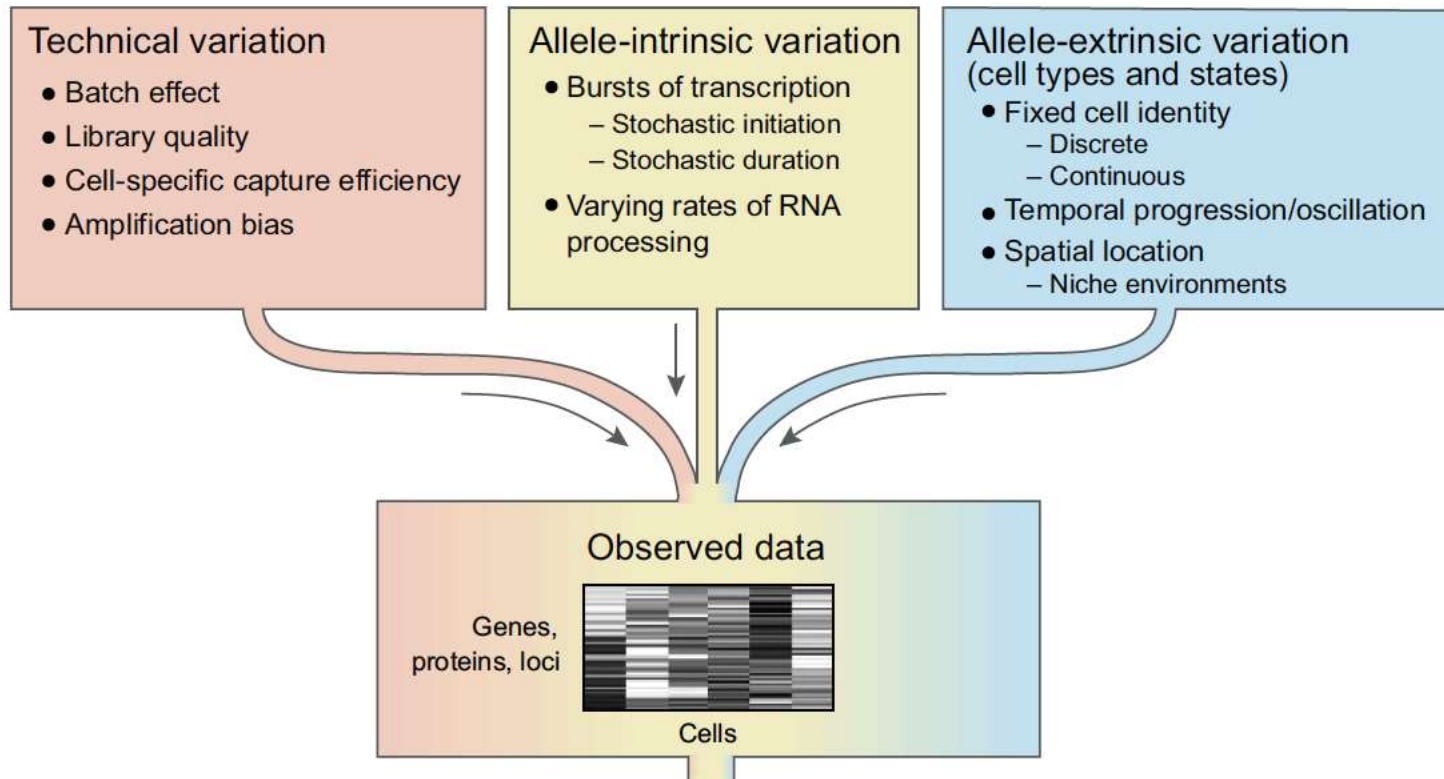
Bayesian approach to single-cell differential expression analysis



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Expression has Many Sources per Cell



REVIEW

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Revealing the vectors of cellular identity with single-cell genomics

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Data Analysis with UMIs



Read Counts

A4GALT	0	0	0	0	0
AAAS	20	22	1	5	9
AACS	15	4	2	3	1
AADAT	14	5	3	5	24
AAED1	33	16	4	46	12
AAGAB	19	19	13	5	0
AAK1	5	5	1	5	0
AAMDC	90	26	10	10	7
AAMP	56	45	28	24	36
AANAT	0	0	0	0	0

Counts by UMI

A4GALT	0	0	0	0	0
AAAS	10	5	1	2	3
AACS	3	2	1	2	1
AADAT	4	2	2	1	8
AAED1	8	7	1	10	4
AAGAB	8	6	3	3	0
AAK1	3	2	1	2	0
AAMDC	27	10	3	4	3
AAMP	21	21	13	11	16
AANAT	0	0	0	0	0

Collapsed but Not Linear

Summary of the Data



- We are still understanding scData and how to apply it.
 - Data can be NOT normal.
 - Data can be Zero-inflated.
 - Data can be very noisy.
 - Cells vary in library complexity.
 - Can represent many “basis vectors” or sources of expression simultaneously.
- Keeping these characteristics in analysis assumptions.
- Tend to filter more conservatively with UMIs.

Section: Study Design and scRNA-Seq



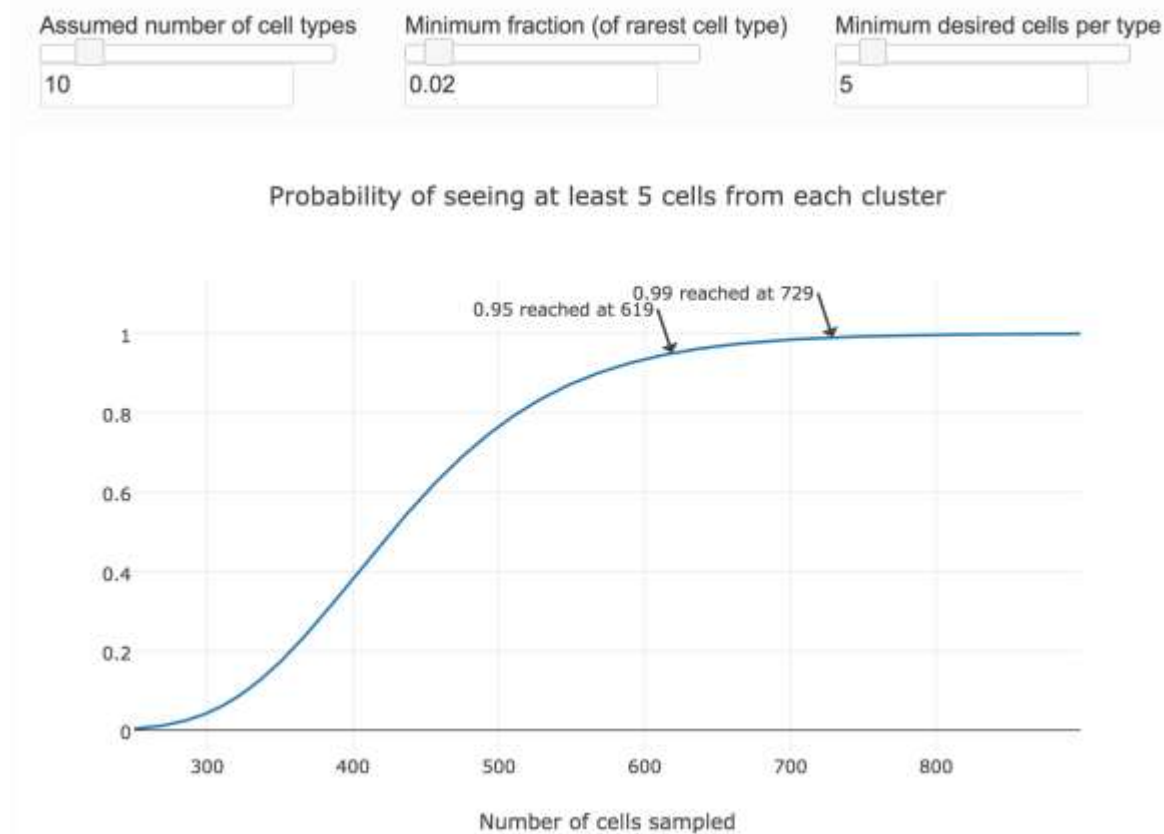
scRNA-Seq Study Design



- How many cells?
 - Can change depending on the variability of the biology and the expectation of finding rare populations.
- How to design cell capture?
 - Single cell RNA-Seq is especially prone to technical batch affects (due to processing).
- Use of UMIs
- Use of ERCC spike-ins

How Many Cells?

- Satija lab online tool
 - satijalab.org/howmanycells



Single Cell RNA-Seq and Batch Affects



New Results

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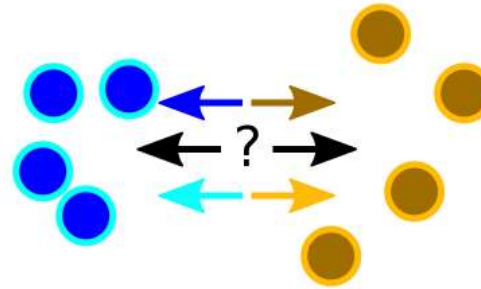
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What is Study Confounding?

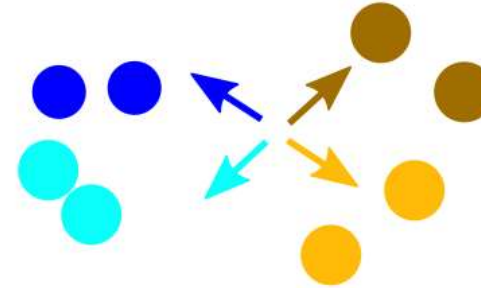
Cell | Site | Treatment

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8	Remote	B



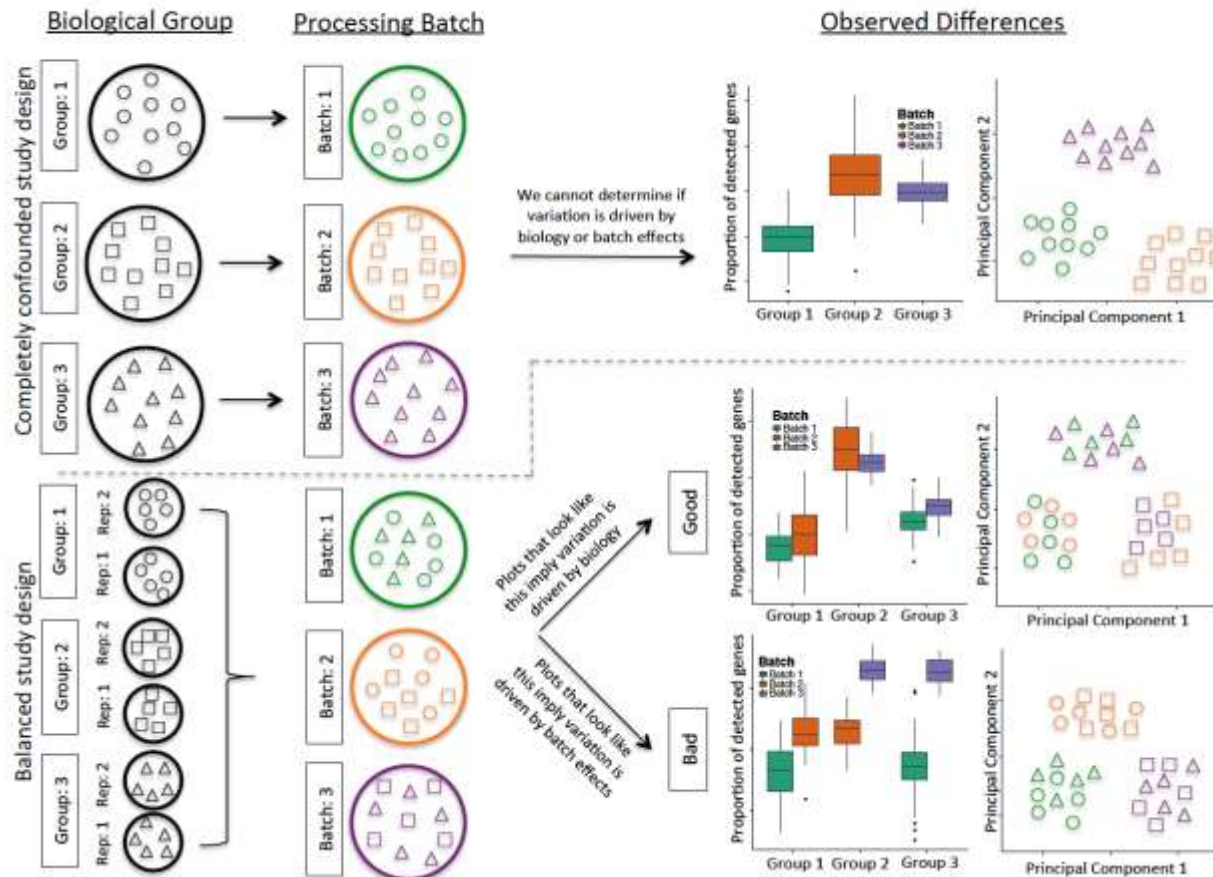
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Confounding by Design

The Problem of Confounding Biological Variation and Batch Effects



Section: Initial Data Analysis

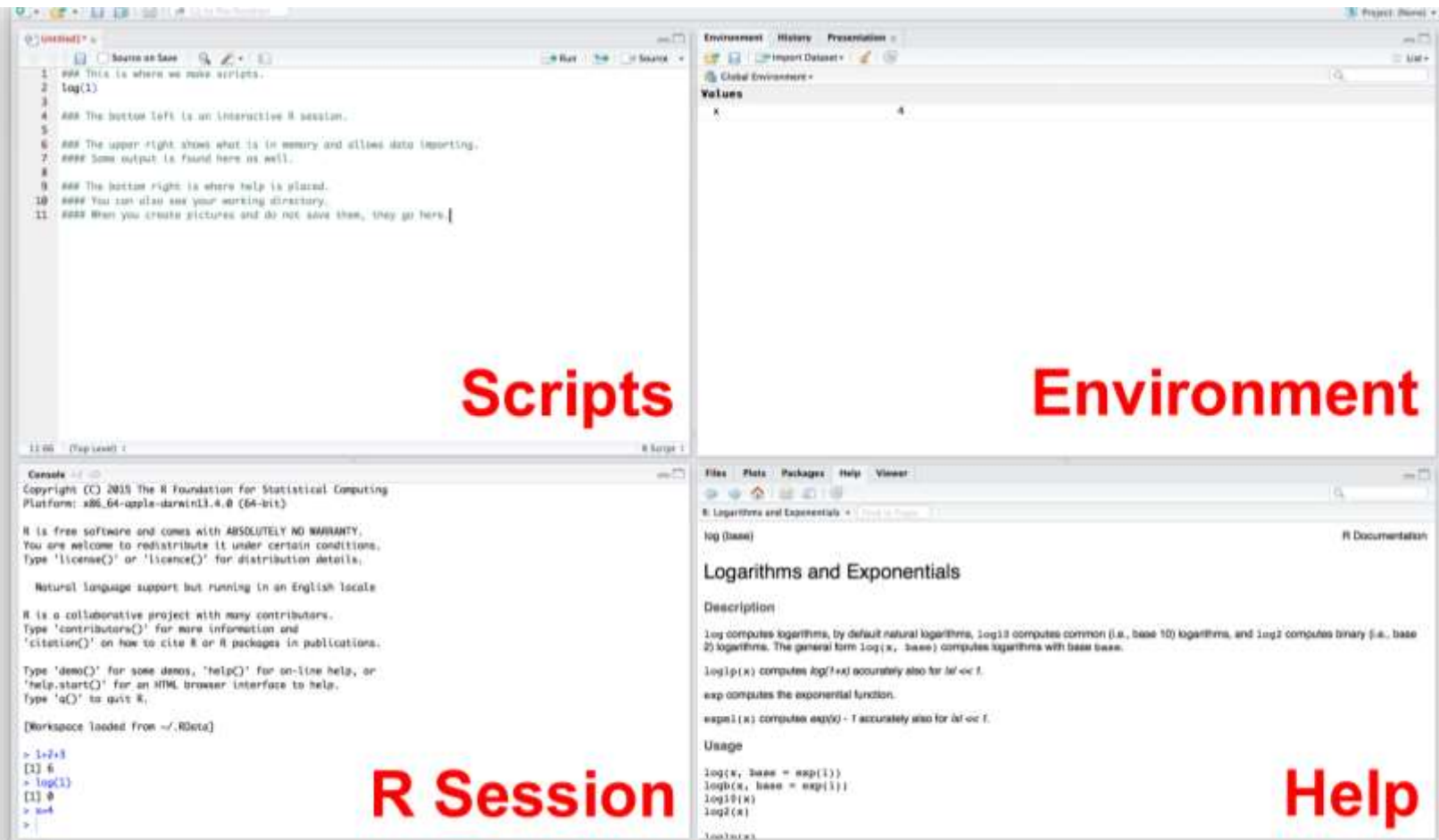


Motivation: Why Am I Using R?

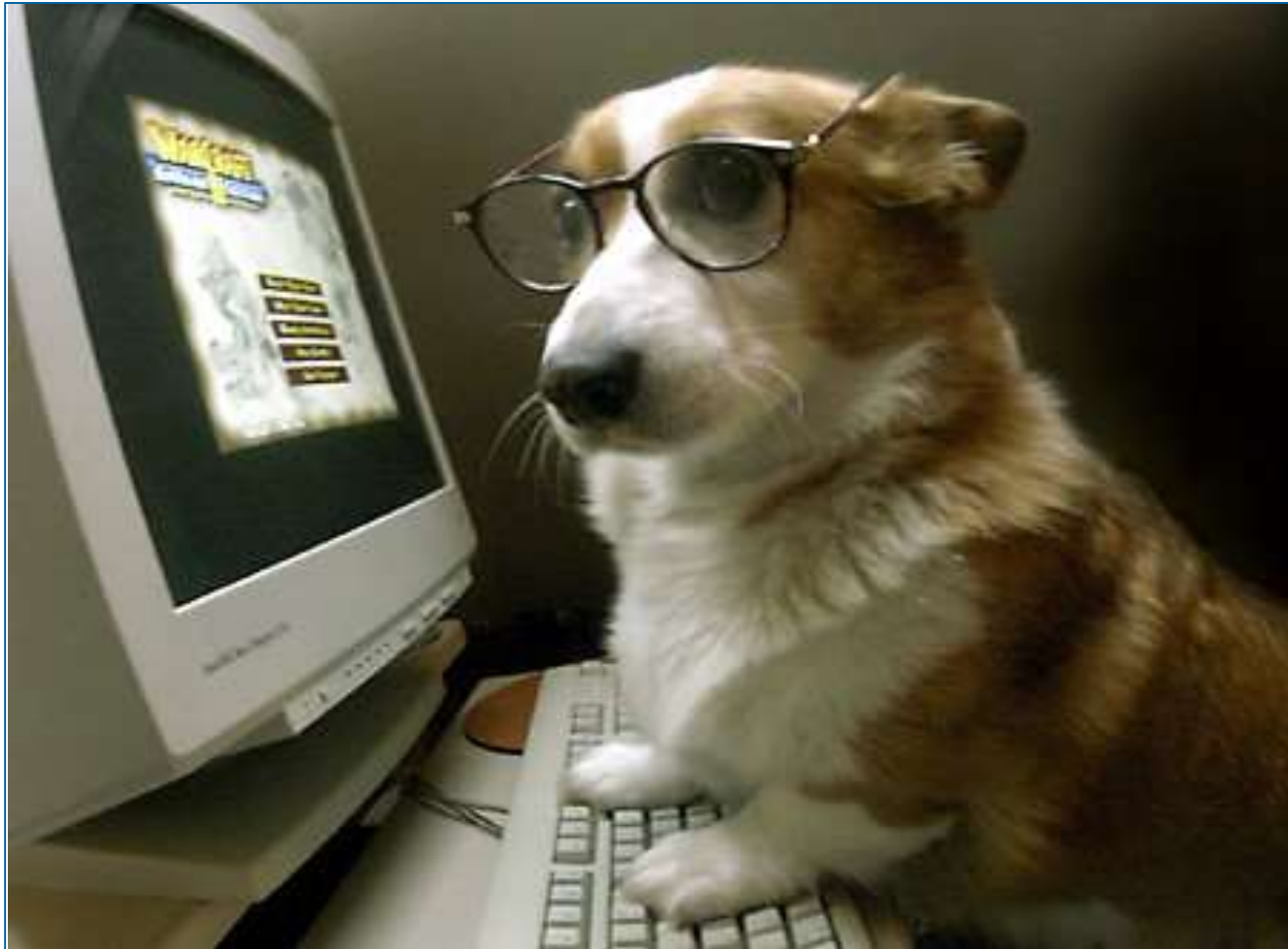


- A lot of method development is happening in R.
- Free / open source / open science.
- Many supplemental computational biology packages.
- Data science is an art.
 - Data often requires one to create and manipulate analysis.
- This will allow you to experience key concepts in analysis.

RStudio (IDE)



Initial Data Exploration



Today's Data

Comprehensive Classification of Retinal Bipolar Neurons by Single-Cell Transcriptomics

Karthik Shekhar¹, Sylvain W. Lapan², Irene E. Whitney³, Nicholas M. Tran, Evan Z. Macosko, Monika Kowalczyk, Xian Adiconis, Joshua Z. Levin, James Nemesh, Melissa Goldman, Steven A. McCarroll, Constance L. Cepko⁴, Aviv Regev⁵, Joshua R. Sanes¹⁰

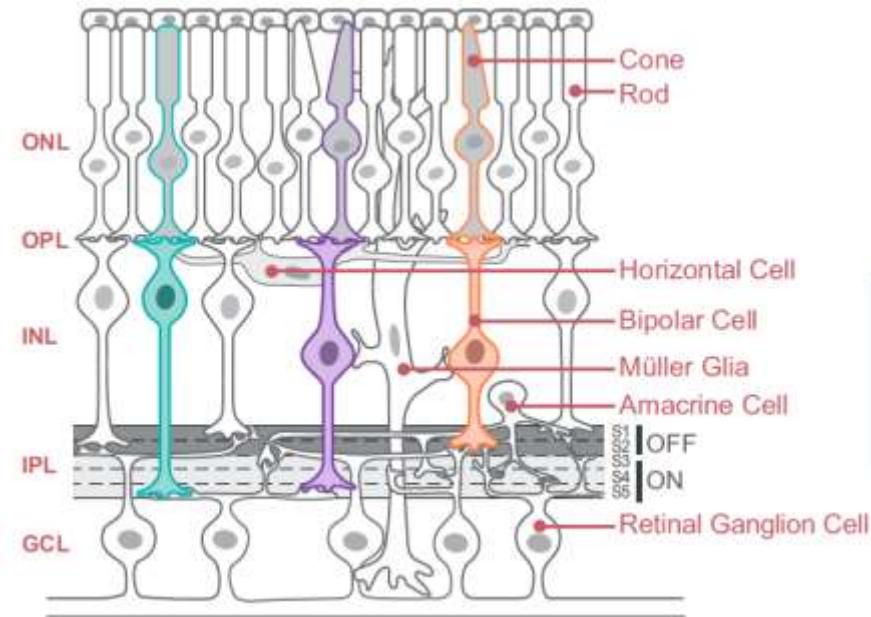
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¹⁰ Lead Contact

DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.cell.2016.07.054>

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- To generate a comprehensive, validated classification scheme for the bipolar cells of the mouse retina.
 - Cone or rod type, ON or OFF, 9-12 subtypes (morphological)
- ~44k cells from a transgenic mouse line marking BCs
 - After filtering 27k (we use 5k)



Logistics: Importing Code Libraries



- R Exercise

Representing Sparse Matrices



- R Exercise

What is a Sparse Matrix?



- Sparse Matrix
 - A matrix where most of the elements are 0.
- Dense Matrix
 - A matrix where most elements are not 0.
- Many ways to efficiently represent a sparse matrix in memory.
 - Here, the underlying data structure is a coordinate list.

2D Arrays vs Coordinate Lists



Can be optimal for dense matrices

More optimal for sparse matrices

2D Arrays

vs

Coordinate List

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6

2	2	1
6	3	2
8	6	3



Spatial reconstruction of single-cell gene expression data

Rahul Satija^{1,7,8}, Jeffrey A Farrell^{2,8}, David Gennert¹, Alexander F Schier^{1-5,9} & Aviv Regev^{1,6,9}

Cell

Resource

Highly Parallel Genome-wide Expression Profiling of Individual Cells Using Nanoliter Droplets

<https://github.com/satijalab/seurat>

Create a Seurat Object



- R exercise

Expression: Bulk RNA-Seq Definition



In bulk RNA-Seq we learned counts are not expression.

- Some counts belong to sequences which could go to many genes.
- Some transcripts are longer than other so they get sequenced more.
- Some samples are more deeply sequenced.
- The data is not normally distributed.

Depending on the scRNA-Seq assay these may be important.

Seurat has assumptions it makes with it's defaults

- More appropriate for 3 prime assays.

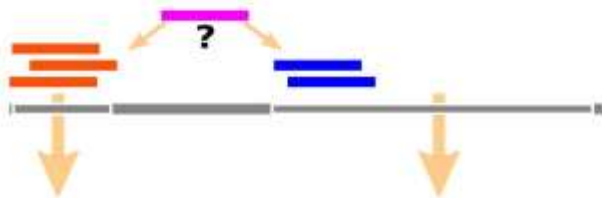
Count Preparation is Different Depending on the Source



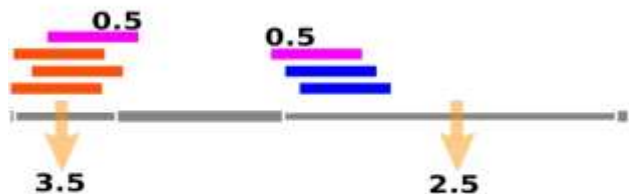
Unaligned Reads 3' Sequencing



Align to Reference



Resolve Multimapping

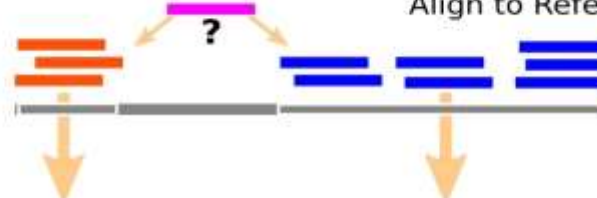


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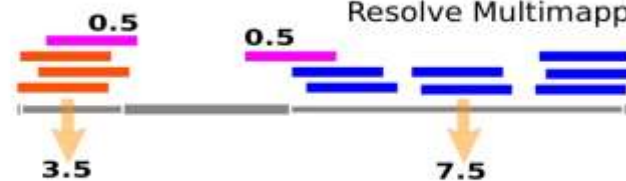
Full Transcript Unaligned Reads



Align to Reference



Resolve Multimapping



RSEM
KALLISTO

No transcript length correction

$$3.5 / 1 = 3.5$$

Correct For Transcript Length

$$7.5 / 3 = 2.5$$

TPM

Seurat

Correct for Sequencing Depth
 $X / \text{Column Total} * 1E5 \text{ or } 1E6$

Correct for Sequencing Depth

TPM

Seurat

$\text{Log2}() + 1$

$\text{Log2}() + 1$

Seurat

Prepping Counts For Seurat



3 prime-

- Expected by Seurat.
- Counts collapsed with UMIs.
- Log2 transform (in Seurat).
- Account for sequencing depth (in Seurat).

Full Transcript Sequencing-

- Can be used in Seurat.
- TPM +1 transformed counts.
- Log2 transform (in Seurat).
- Sequencing depth is already accounted.

Sometimes Averages are Not Useful

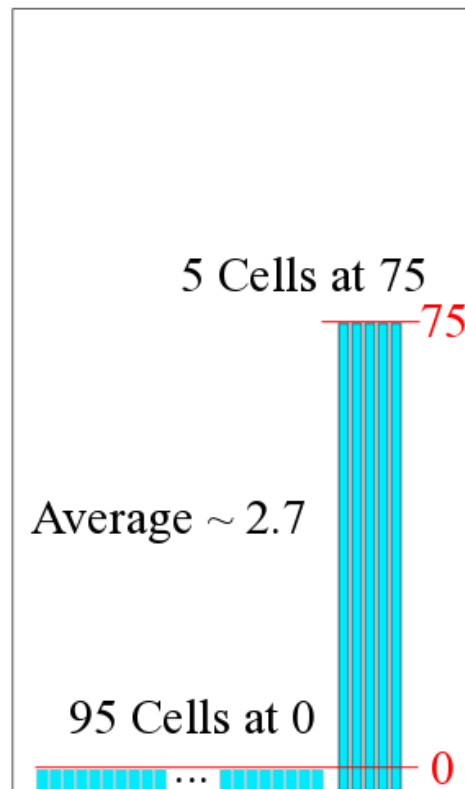


Say you were standing with one foot in the oven and one foot in an ice bucket. According to the percentage people, you should be perfectly comfortable. –Bobby Bragan

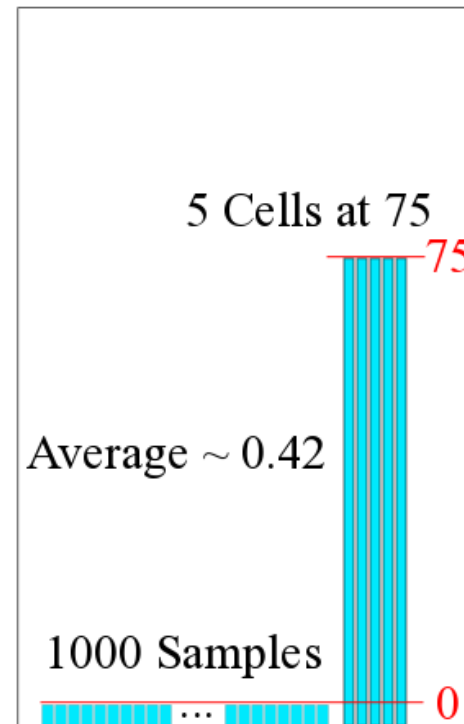
Filtering Genes: Averages are Less Useful



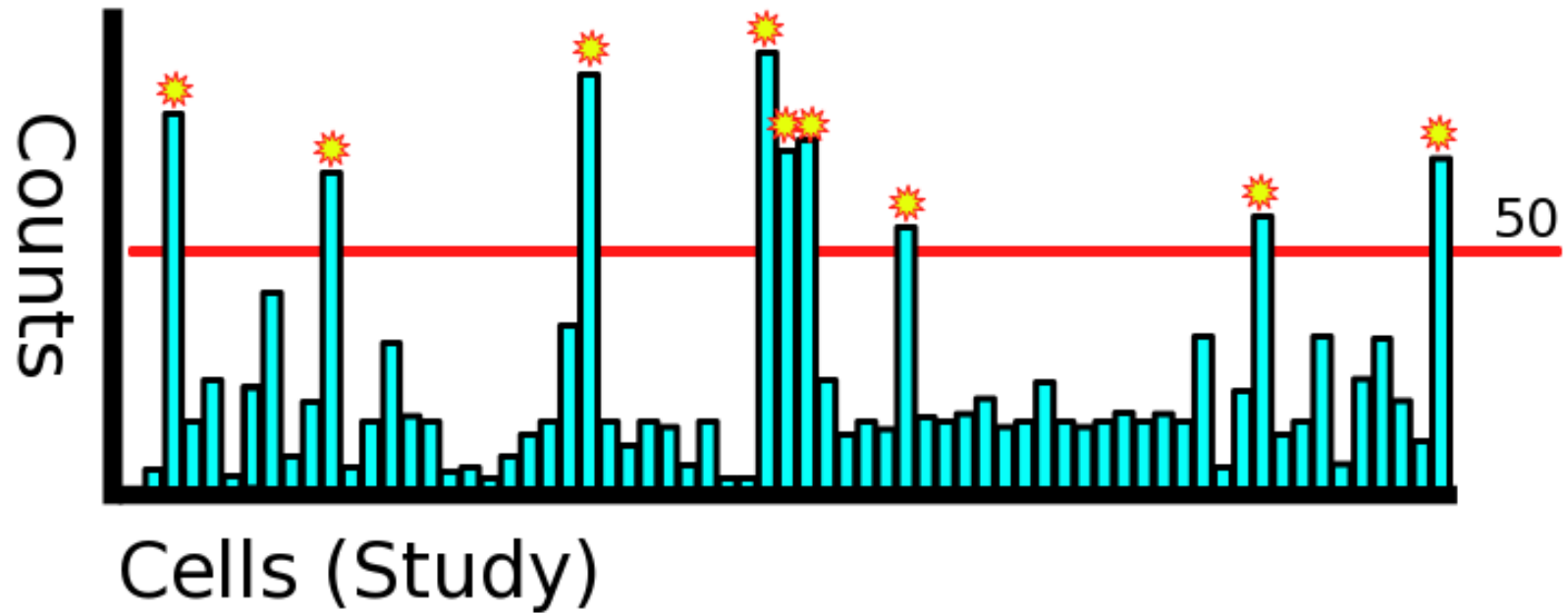
0s pull down average



Amount of 0s is arbitrary
(study size, diversity)

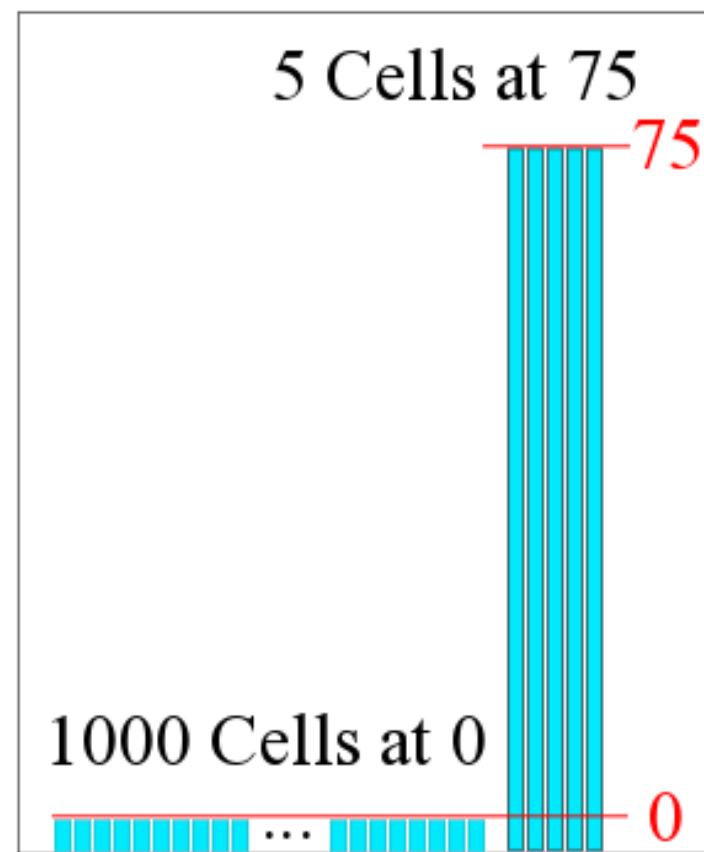
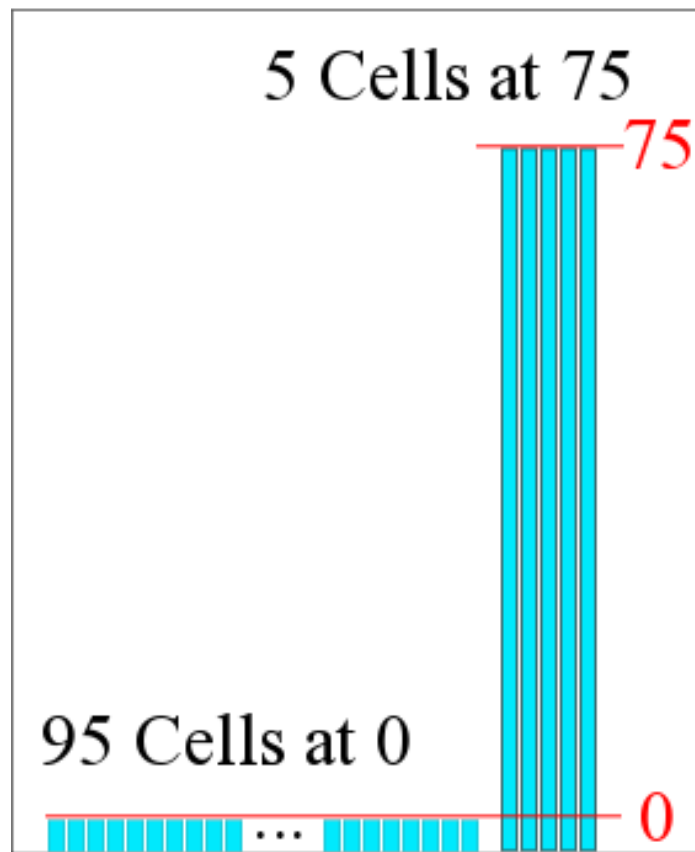


Filtering Genes: Using Prevalence



Filtering Genes: Using Prevalence

Filter: 5 cells must have 10 expression



Filtering Using Metadata



What is Metadata?



Other information that describes your measurements.

- Patient information.
 - Life style (smoking), Patient Biology (age), Comorbidity
- Study information.
 - Treatment, Cage, Sequencing Site, Sequencing Date
- Sequence QC on cells.
 - Useful in filtering.

Filtering Cells: Removing Outlier Cells



- Bulk RNA-Seq studies often do not remove outliers cells
 - scRNA-Seq often removes “failed libraries”.
- Outlier cells are not just measured by complexity
 - Percent Reads Mapping
 - Percent Mitochondrial Reads
 - Presence of marker genes
 - Intergenic/ exonic rate
 - 5' or 3' bias
 - other metadata ...
- Useful Tools
 - Picard Tools and RNASeQC

Seurat: Filtering on Metadata



- R Exercise

Section: Plot Genes



Seurat: Viewing Specific Genes



- R Exercise

Section: Working with Batch Affects



Normalization and Batch Affect Correction



- The nature of scRNA-Seq assays can make them prone to confounding with batch affects.
 - Normalization and batch affect correction can help.
- Some are moving away from relying on a specific method.
 - Exploring the idea of combining or selecting from a collection of normalization or correction methods best for a specific study.
- Some believe UMI based analysis need not be normalized between samples given the absolute count of the molecules are being reported.
 - Be careful not to remove biological signal with good experimental design (avoiding confounding by design).

Seurat and Batch Affect Correction



- Using linear models one can regress covariates.
 - `scale.data` hold the residuals after regressing (z-scored)
- Dimensionality reduction and clustering.
- We use metadata we have.
 - One could imagine creating a metadata for cell cycle.

Seurat and Batch Affect Correction



- R exercise

Section: Dimensionality Reduction and Plotting Samples



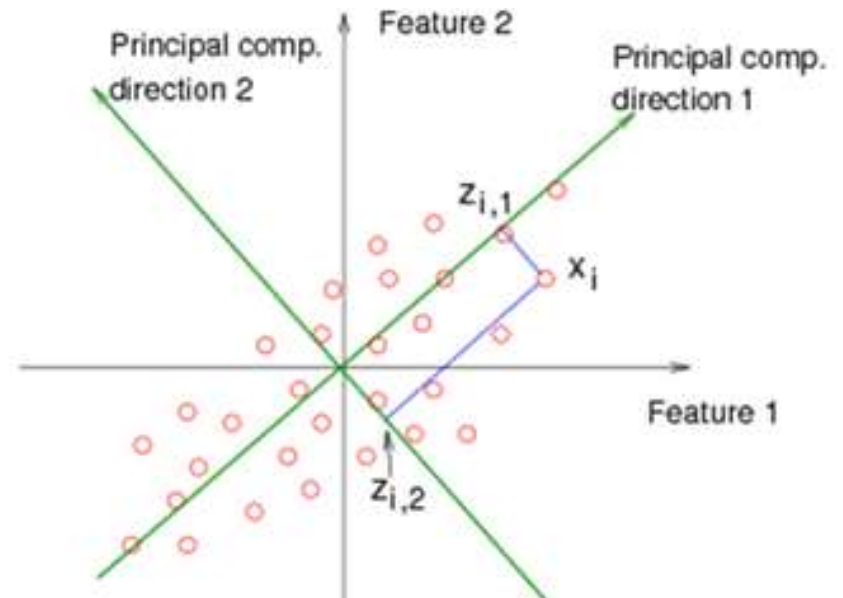
Dimensionality Reduction



- Start with many measurements (high dimensional).
 - Want to reduce to few features (lower-dimensional space).
- One way is to extract features based on capturing groups of variance.
- Another could be to preferentially select some of the current features.
 - We have already done this.
- We need this to plot the cells in 2D (or ordinate them)
- In scRNA-Seq PC1 may be complexity.

PCA: in Quick Theory

- Eigenvectors of covariance matrix.
- Find orthogonal groups of variance.
- Given from most to least variance.
 - Components of variation.
 - Linear combinations explaining the variance.



PCA: an Interactive Example



- [PCA Explained Visually](#)

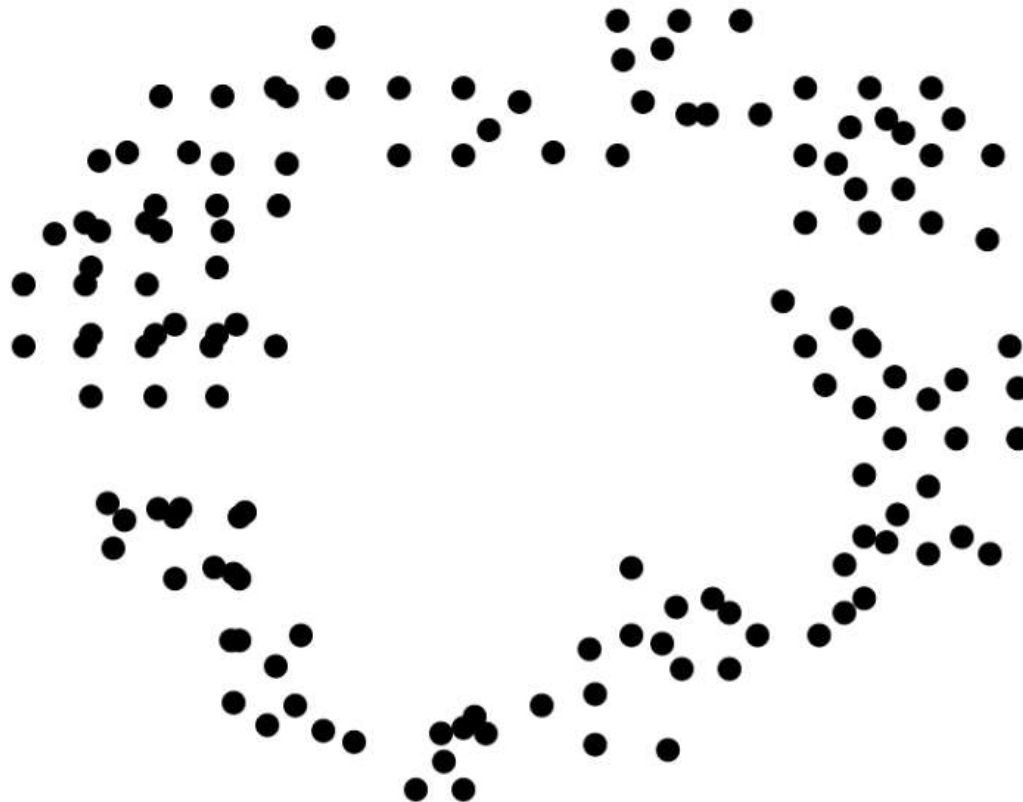
PCA: in Practice



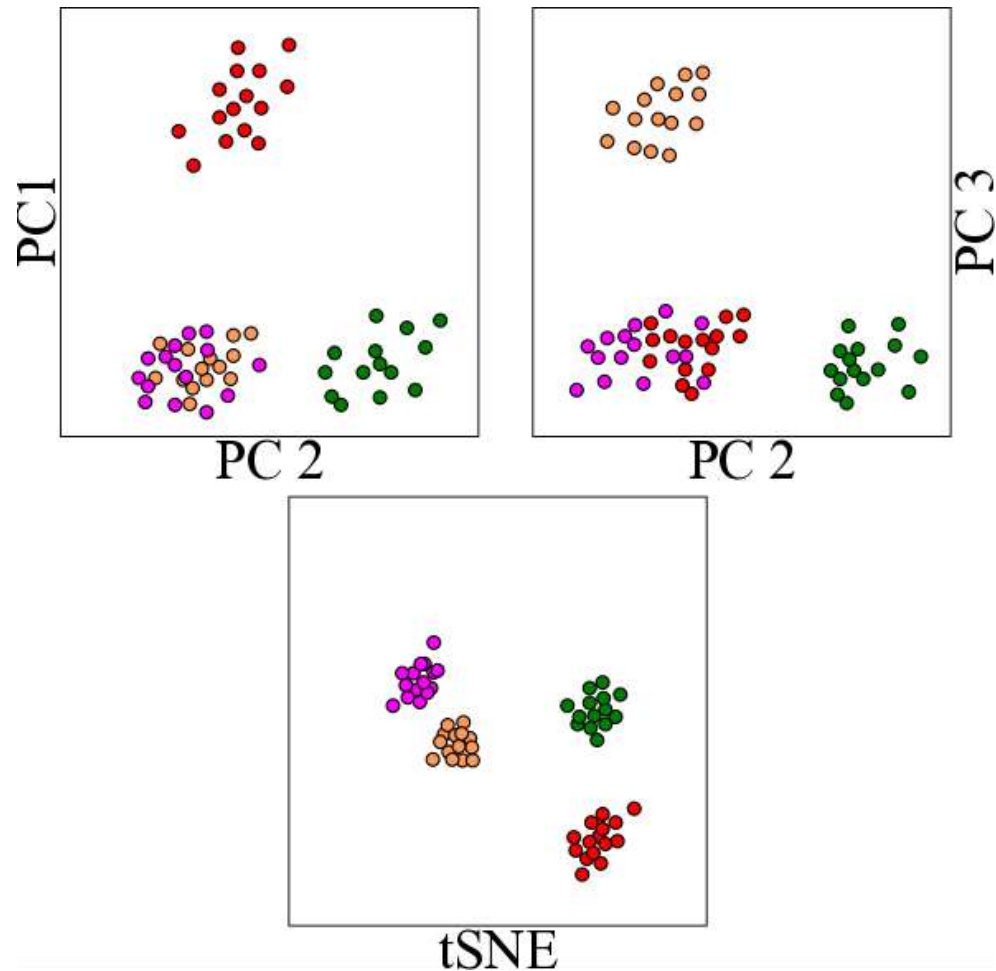
Things to be aware of-

- Data with different magnitudes will dominate.
 - Zero center and divided by SD.
 - (Standardized).
- Can be affected by outliers.
- Data is often first filtered to remove noise.

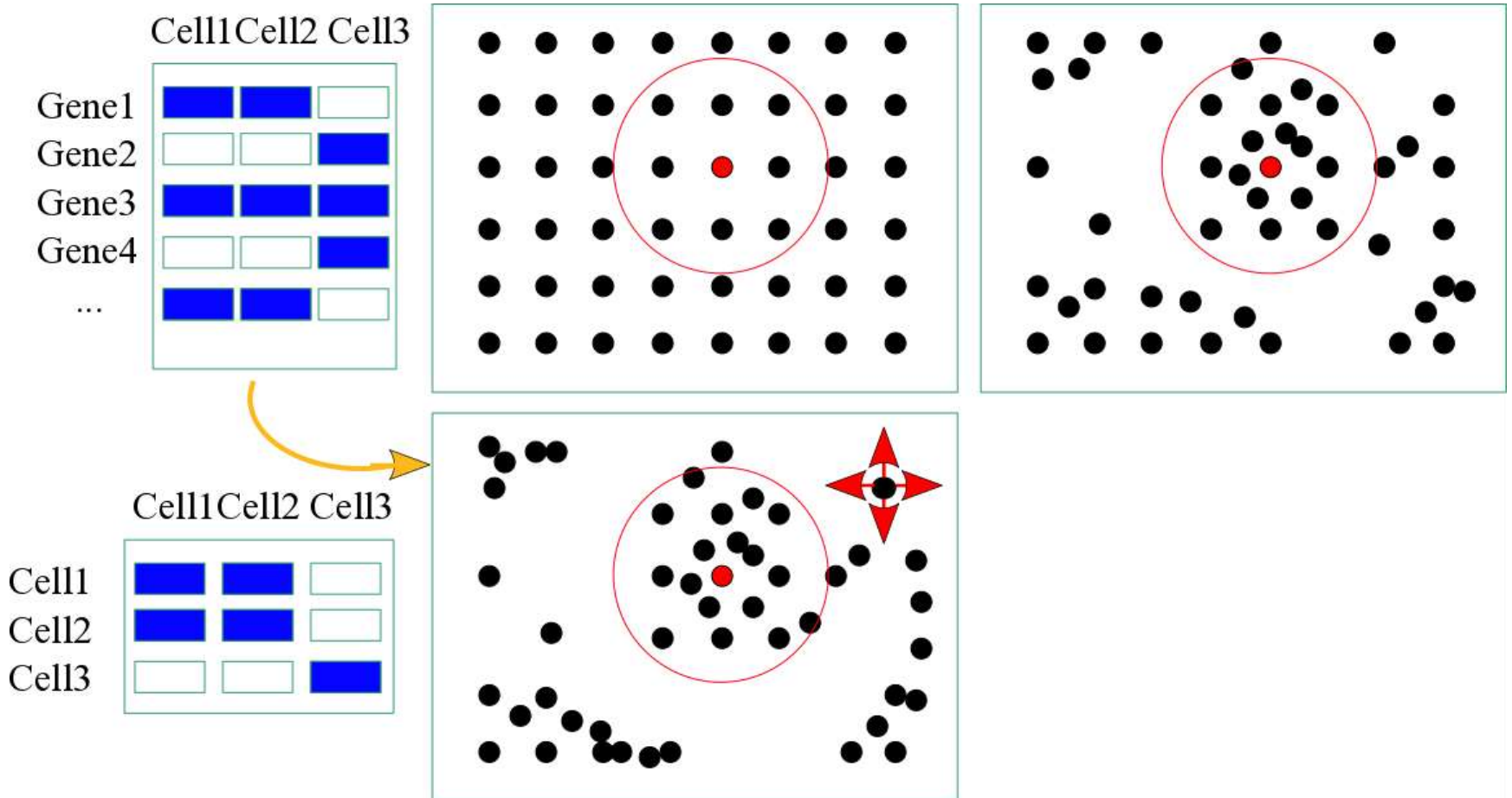
t-SNE: Nonlinear Dimensional Reduction



t-SNE: Collapsing the Visualization to 2D



t-SNE: How it works.



PCA and t-SNE Together



- Often t-SNE is performed on PCA components
 - Liberal number of components.
 - Removes mild signal (assumption of noise).
 - Faster, on less data but, hopefully the same signal.

Learn More About t-SNE



- Awesome Blog on t-SNE parameterization
 - <http://distill.pub/2016/misread-tsne>
- Publication
 - https://lvdmaaten.github.io/publications/papers/JMLR_2008.pdf
- Nice YouTube Video
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJVL80Gg3lA>
- Code
 - <https://lvdmaaten.github.io/tsne/>
- Interactive Tensor flow
 - <http://projector.tensorflow.org/>

Plotting Cells



Plotting Cells and Gene Expression



- R exercise.

Defining Clusters through Graphs



The European Physical Journal B
November 2013, 86:471

A smart local moving algorithm for large-scale modularity-based community detection

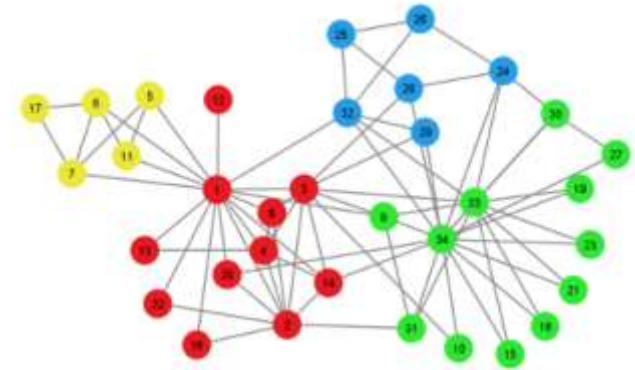
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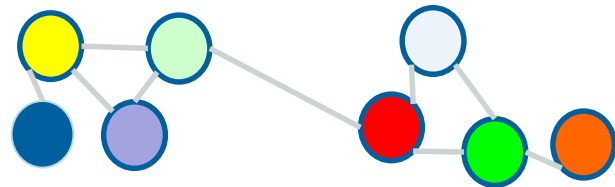
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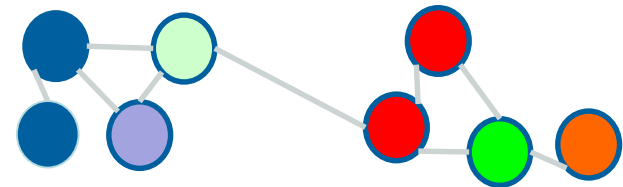
- Smart Local Moving (SLM) algorithm for community (cluster) detection in large networks.
 - Can be applied to 10s of millions cells, 100s of millions of relationships.
 - Evolved from the Louvain algorithm

<http://www.ludowaltman.nl/slm/>

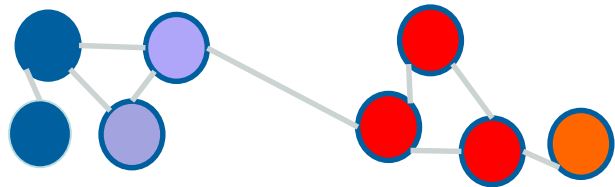
Local Moving Heuristic



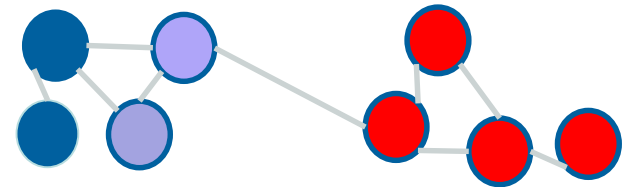
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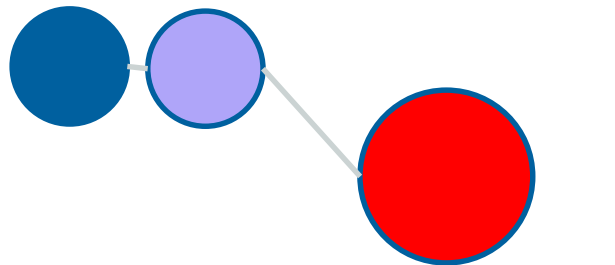
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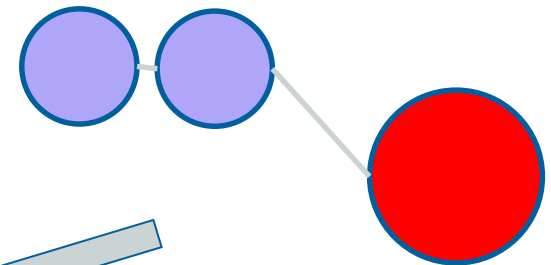


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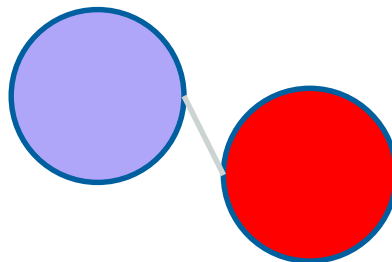


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Section Summary



- Dimensionality reduction help reduce data while hopefully keeping important signal.
 - t-SNE on PCA is often used in analysis
- Created several types of plot often seen in publications.
 - Plotting genes (through subgroups).
 - Ordinating cells in t-SNE space.
 - Heat maps of genes associated with PC components.
 - Plotting metadata on projects of data is an important QC tool.
- Cluster of cells are currently defined through graph, separate from the ordination (t-SNE / PCA).

Section: Differential Expression



Seurat: Differential Expression



- Default if one cluster again many tests.
 - Can specify an ident.2 test between clusters.
- Adding speed by excluding tests.
 - Min.pct - controls for sparsity
 - Min percentage in a group
 - Thresh.test - must have this difference in averages.

Seurat: Many Choices for DE



- bimod
 - Tests differences in mean and proportions.
- roc
 - Uses AUC like definition of separation.
- t
 - Student's T-test.
- tobit
 - Tobit regression on a smoothed data.

Seurat: DE and Plotting DE Genes



- R Exercise.

Dot plots

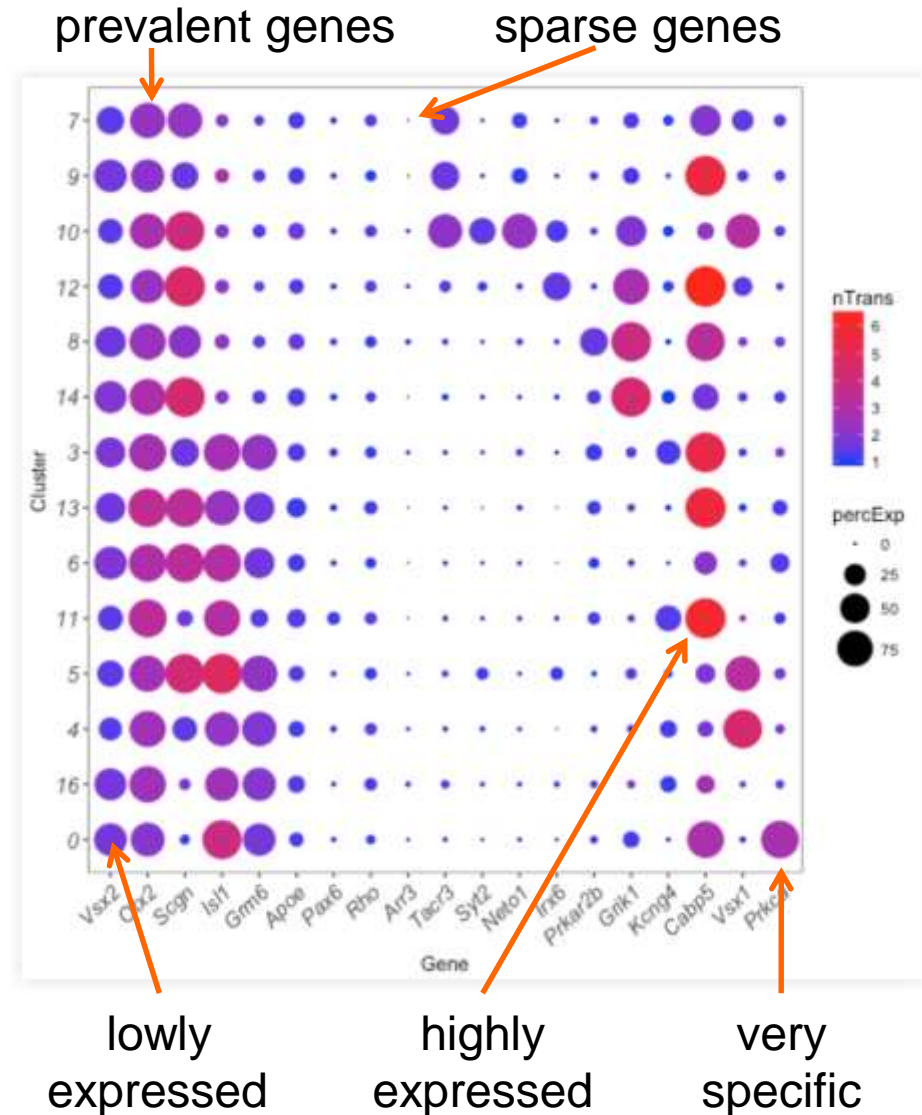
Size of circle

- Gene prevalence in cluster.

Color of circle

- More red, more expressed in cluster.

Scales well with many cells.



- Uses hurdle model
 - Two part generalized linear model to address both rate of expression (prevalence) and expression.
 - GLM means covariates can be used to control for unwanted signal.
- CDR: Cellular detection rate
 - Cellular complexity
 - Values below a threshold are 0

Finak et al. *Genome Biology* (2015) 16:278
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Genome Biology

METHOD

Open Access



MAST: a flexible statistical framework for assessing transcriptional changes and characterizing heterogeneity in single-cell RNA sequencing data

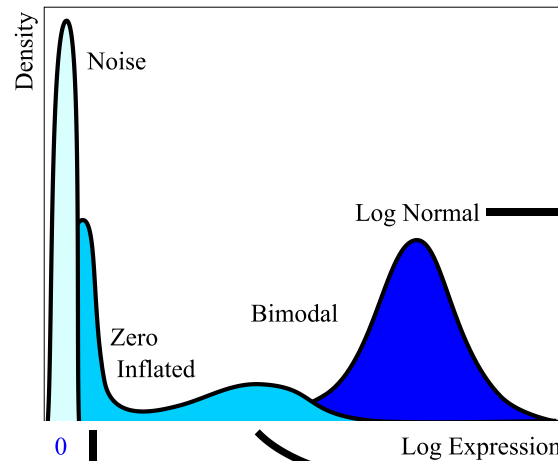
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- Additionally introduces a GSEA method.

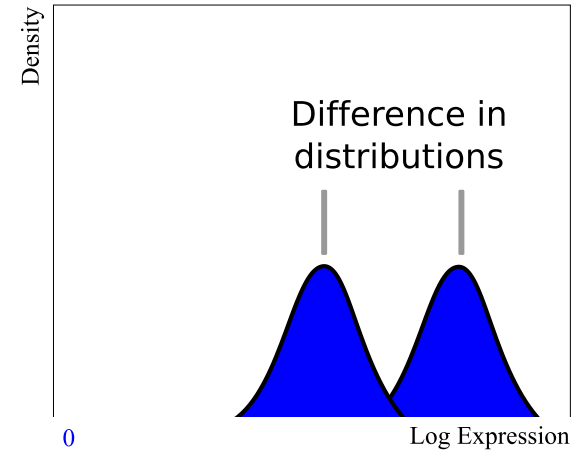
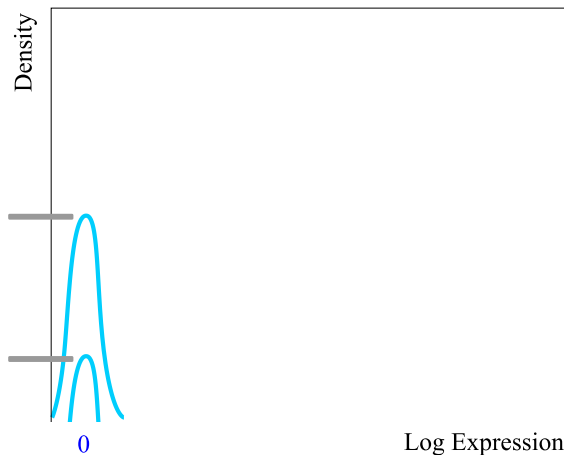
<https://github.com/RGLab/MAST>

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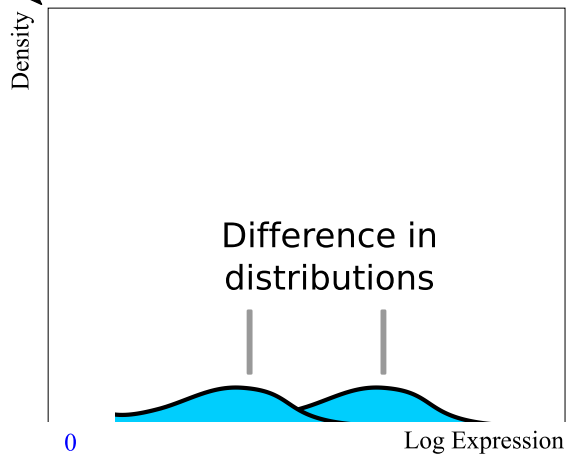
Distribution of Expression of a Gene throughout a Study



Logistic Regression



Gaussian Linear Model



Mast: DE and Plotting DE Genes



- R Exercise.

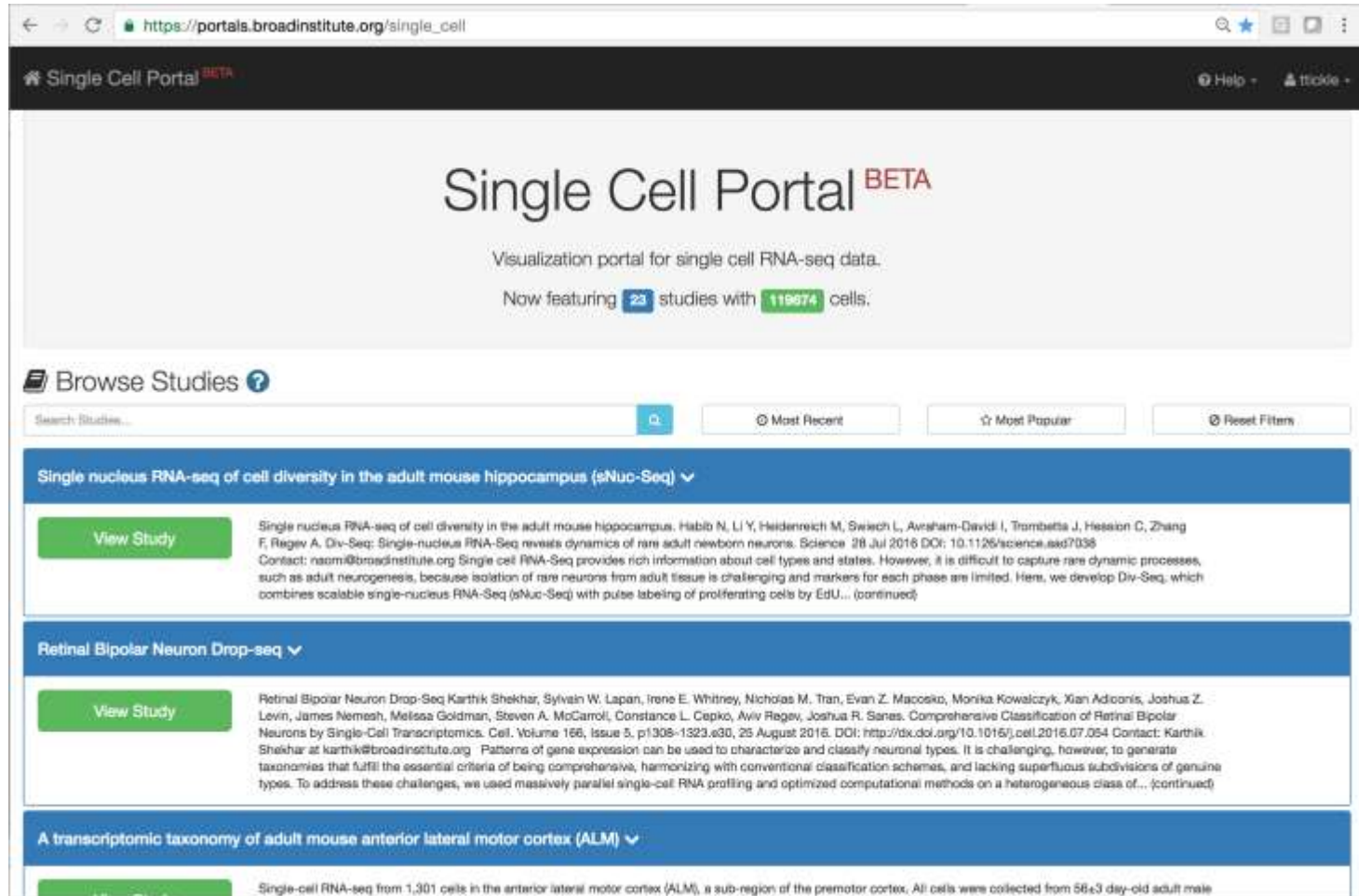
Section: Communicating Results to Collaborators



- Designing a study.
- Writing a grant.
- Performing experiments.
- Collecting data.
- Running sequencing pipelines.
- Performing some preliminary analysis.
- **Sharing ideas with private collaborators.**
- Refining analysis.
- Completing a paper.
- **Sharing analysis publicly.**

The Single Cell Portal

https://portals.broadinstitute.org/single_cell



The screenshot shows the Single Cell Portal website. The header includes the site name "Single Cell Portal" with a "BETA" badge, a search icon, and a "Help" link. The main content area features the title "Single Cell Portal" with a "BETA" badge, the subtitle "Visualization portal for single cell RNA-seq data.", and a statistic "Now featuring 23 studies with 119674 cells." Below this is a "Browse Studies" section with a search bar and filters for "Most Recent", "Most Popular", and "Reset Filters". Three study entries are visible, each with a "View Study" button and a brief description.

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Visualization portal for single cell RNA-seq data.

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Single nucleus RNA-seq of cell diversity in the adult mouse hippocampus (sNuc-Seq) ▾

View Study

Single nucleus RNA-seq of cell diversity in the adult mouse hippocampus. Habib N, Li Y, Heidenreich M, Swich L, Avraham-David I, Trombetta J, Hession C, Zhang F, Regiv A. Div-Seq: Single-nucleus RNA-Seq reveals dynamics of rare adult newborn neurons. Science 28 Jul 2016 DOI: 10.1126/science.1250358 Contact: naom@broadinstitute.org Single cell RNA-Seq provides rich information about cell types and states. However, it is difficult to capture rare dynamic processes, such as adult neurogenesis, because isolation of rare neurons from adult tissue is challenging and markers for each phase are limited. Here, we develop Div-Seq, which combines scalable single-nucleus RNA-Seq (sNuc-Seq) with pulse labeling of proliferating cells by EdU... (continued)

Retinal Bipolar Neuron Drop-seq ▾

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A transcriptomic taxonomy of adult mouse anterior lateral motor cortex (ALM) ▾

View Study

Single-cell RNA-seq from 1,301 cells in the anterior lateral motor cortex (ALM), a sub-region of the premotor cortex. All cells were collected from 56-day-old adult male

The Single Cell Portal

Study Descriptions Can Be Created

Single Cell Portal BETA

> Study Overview

Help

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Study: Single nucleus RNA-seq of cell diversity in the adult mouse hippocampus (sNuc-Seq)

1402 cells

Overview

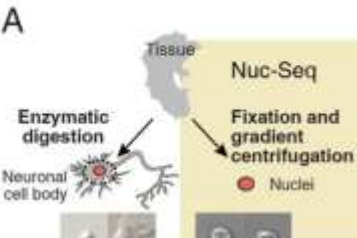
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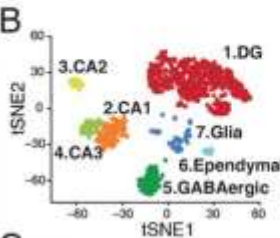
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Using sNuc-Seq, we analyzed 1,367 single nuclei from hippocampal anatomical sub-regions (DG, CA1, CA2, and CA3) from adult mice, including enrichment of genetically-tagged lowly abundant GABAergic neurons (9). sNuc-Seq robustly generated high quality data across animal age groups (including 2 years old mice), detecting 5,100 expressed genes per nucleus on average, with comparable complexity to single neuron RNA-Seq from young mice (1, 2, 3). Analysis of sNuc-Seq data revealed distinct nuclei clusters (Fig. 1B-D shown below) corresponding to known cell types and anatomical distinctions in the hippocampus.

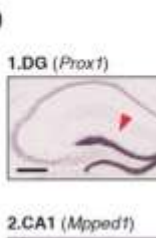
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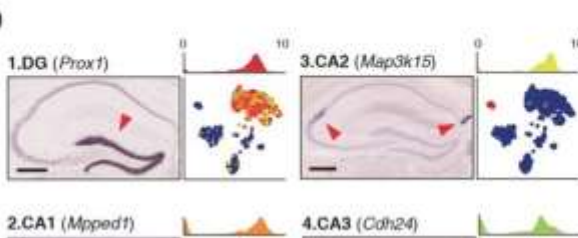
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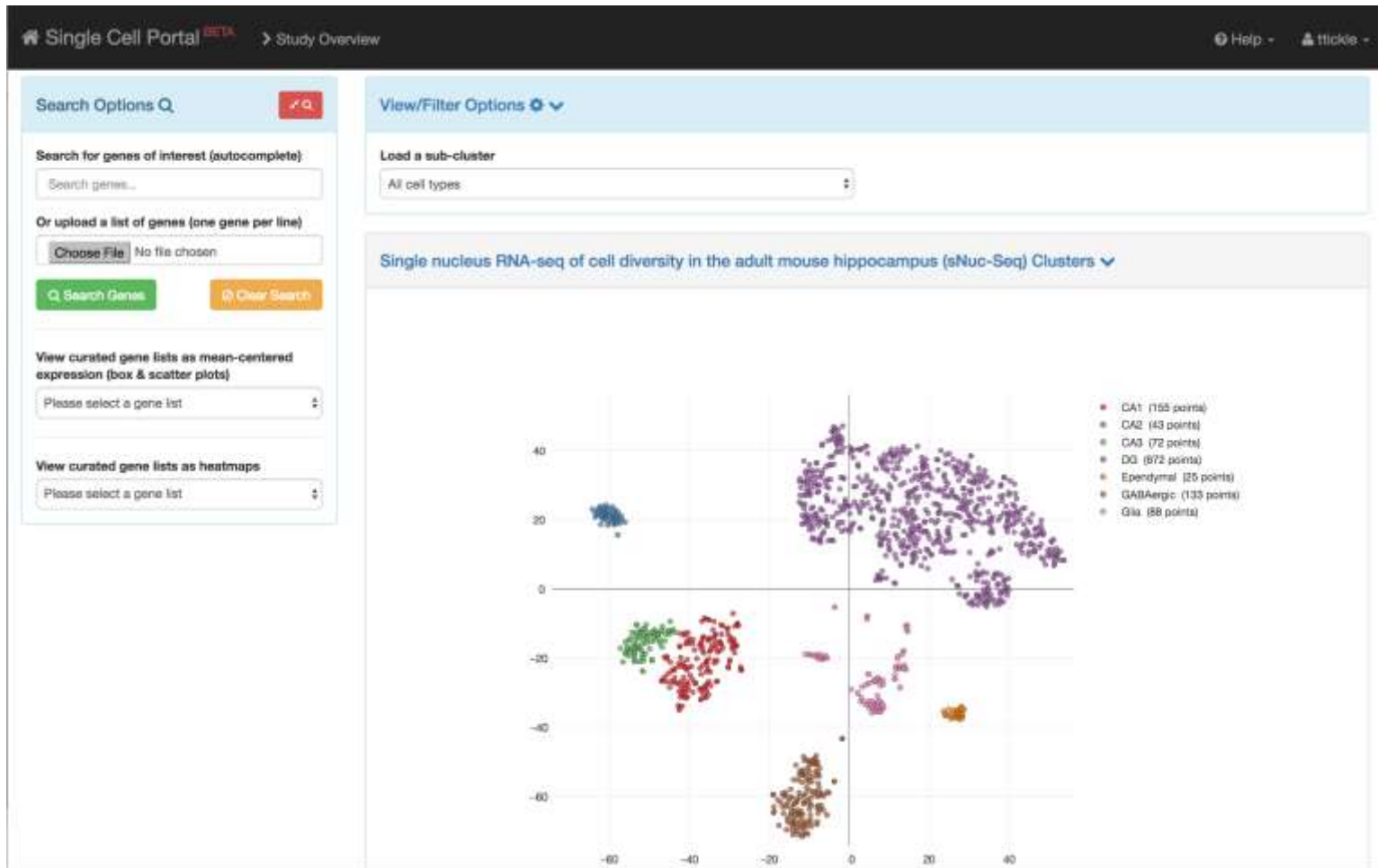


Data Can Be Shared

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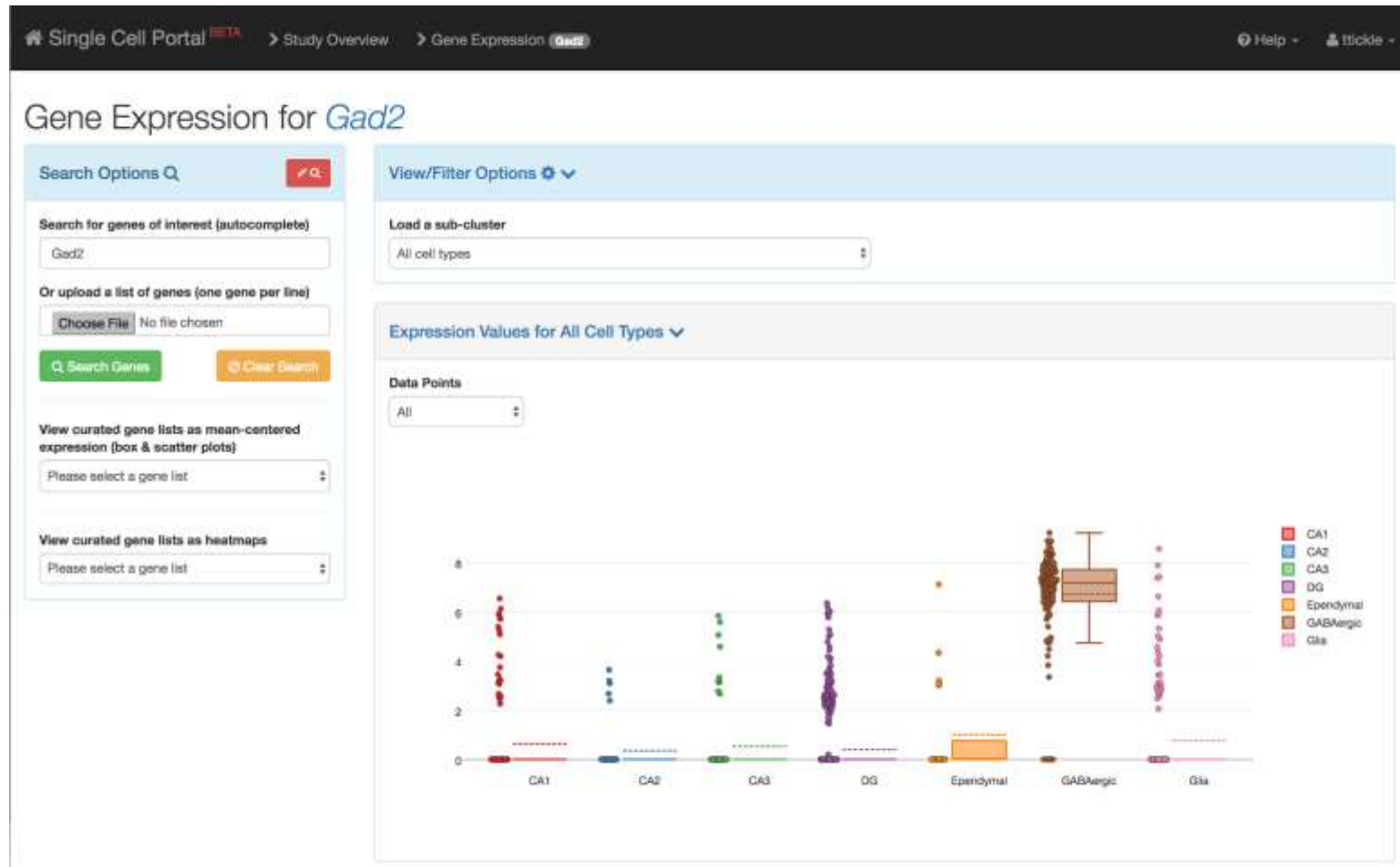
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One Can Interact with Cell Clusters



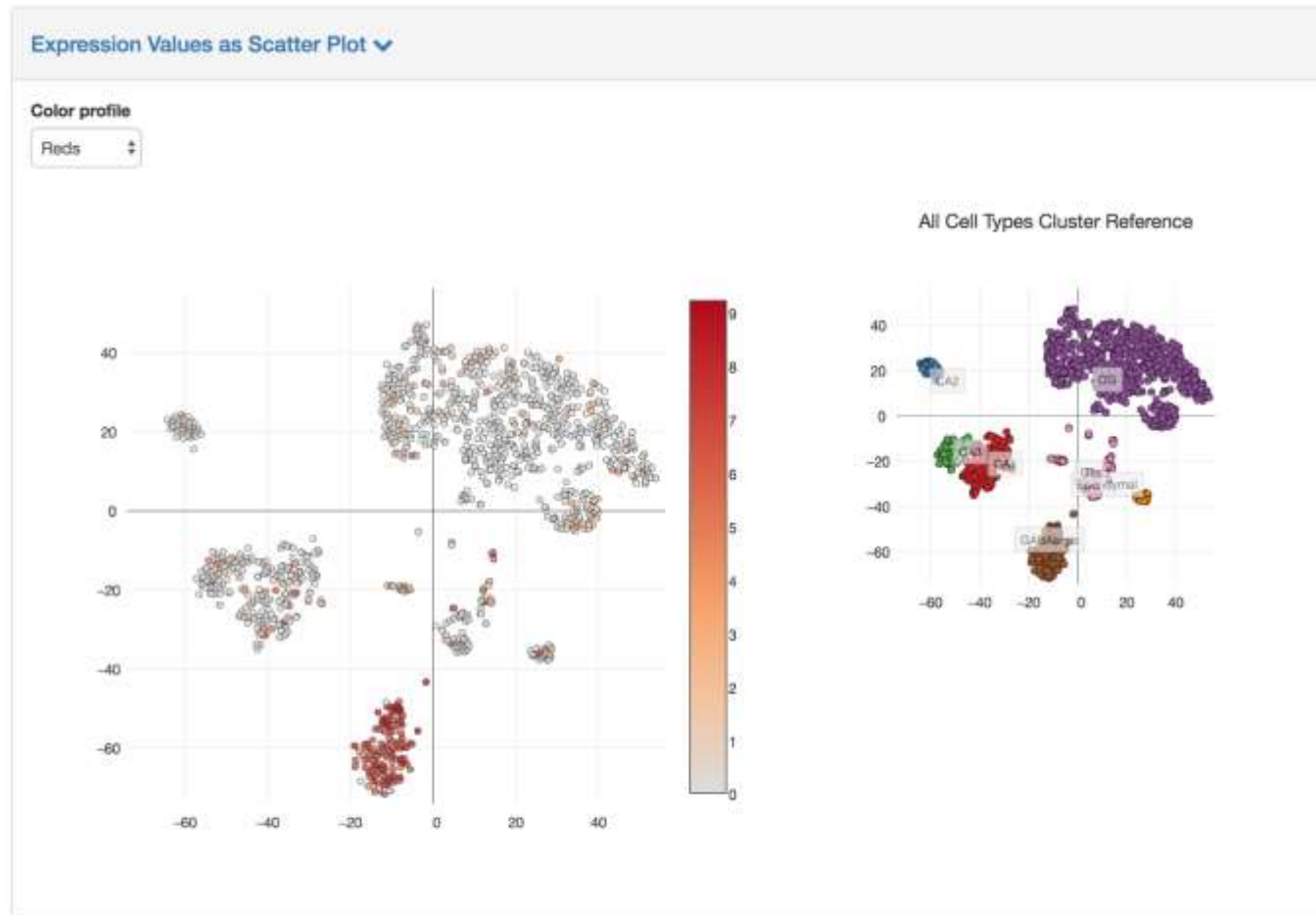
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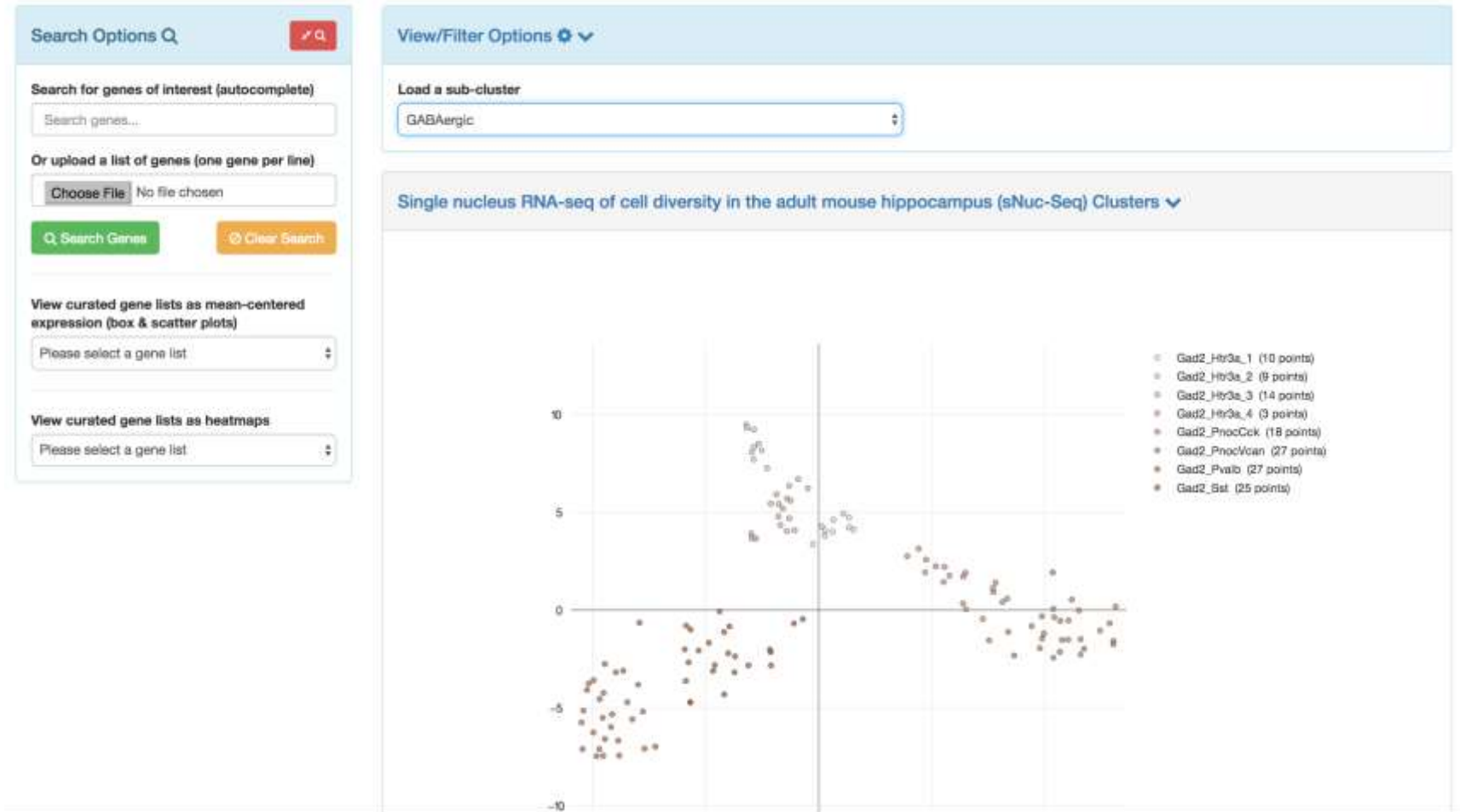
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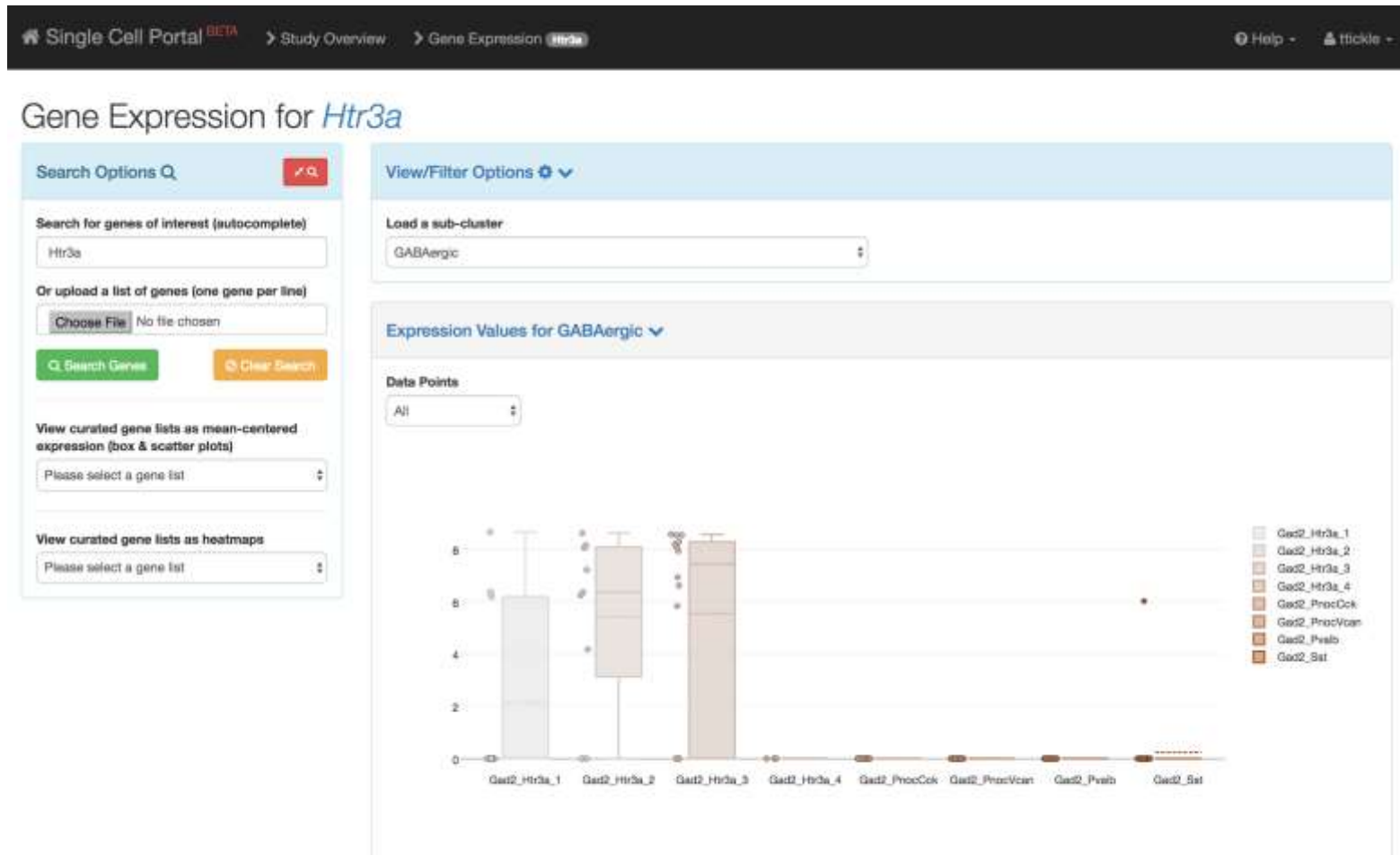
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Multiple Clustering Can be Used



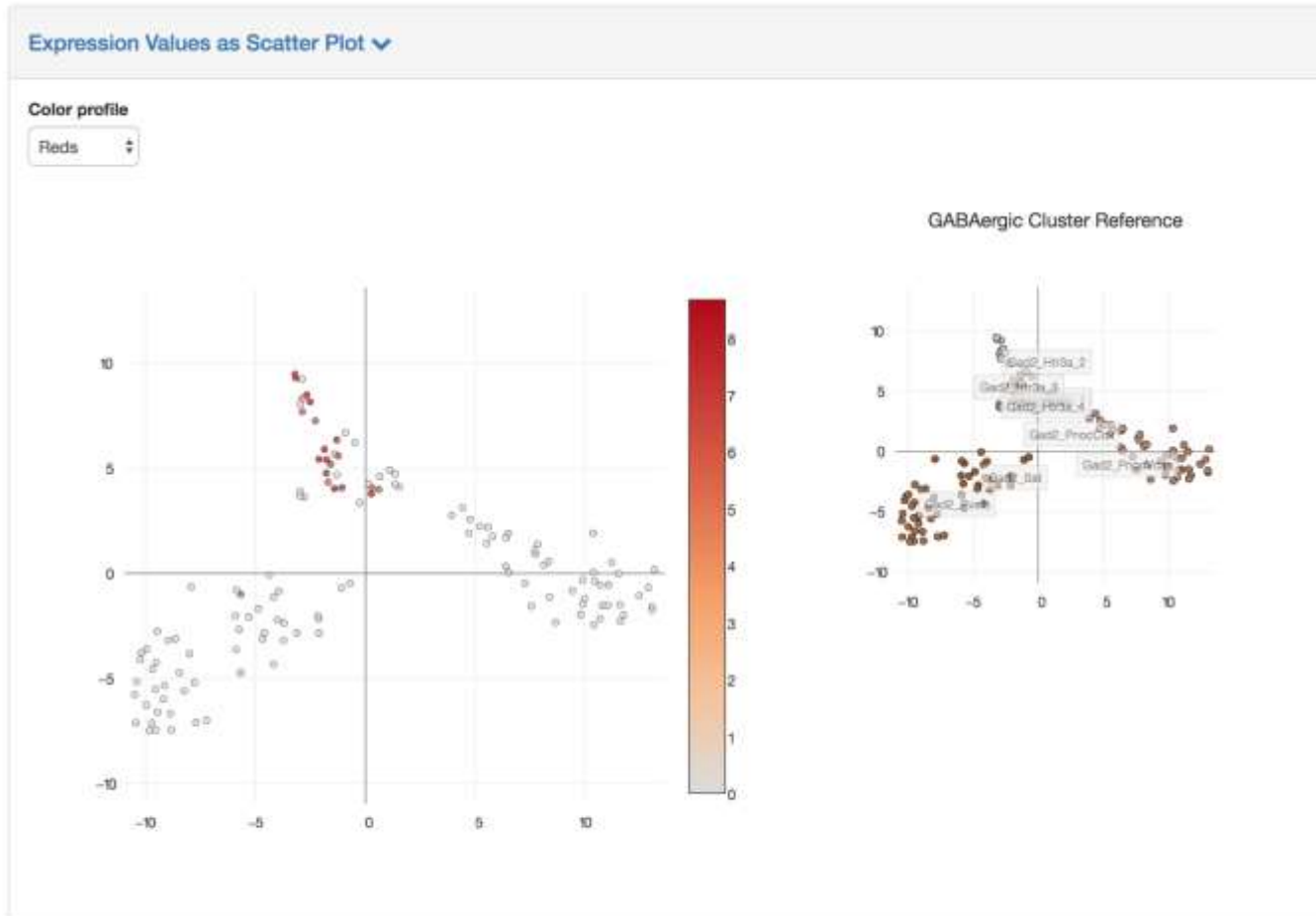
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Genes Can Be Viewed in Many Clusters



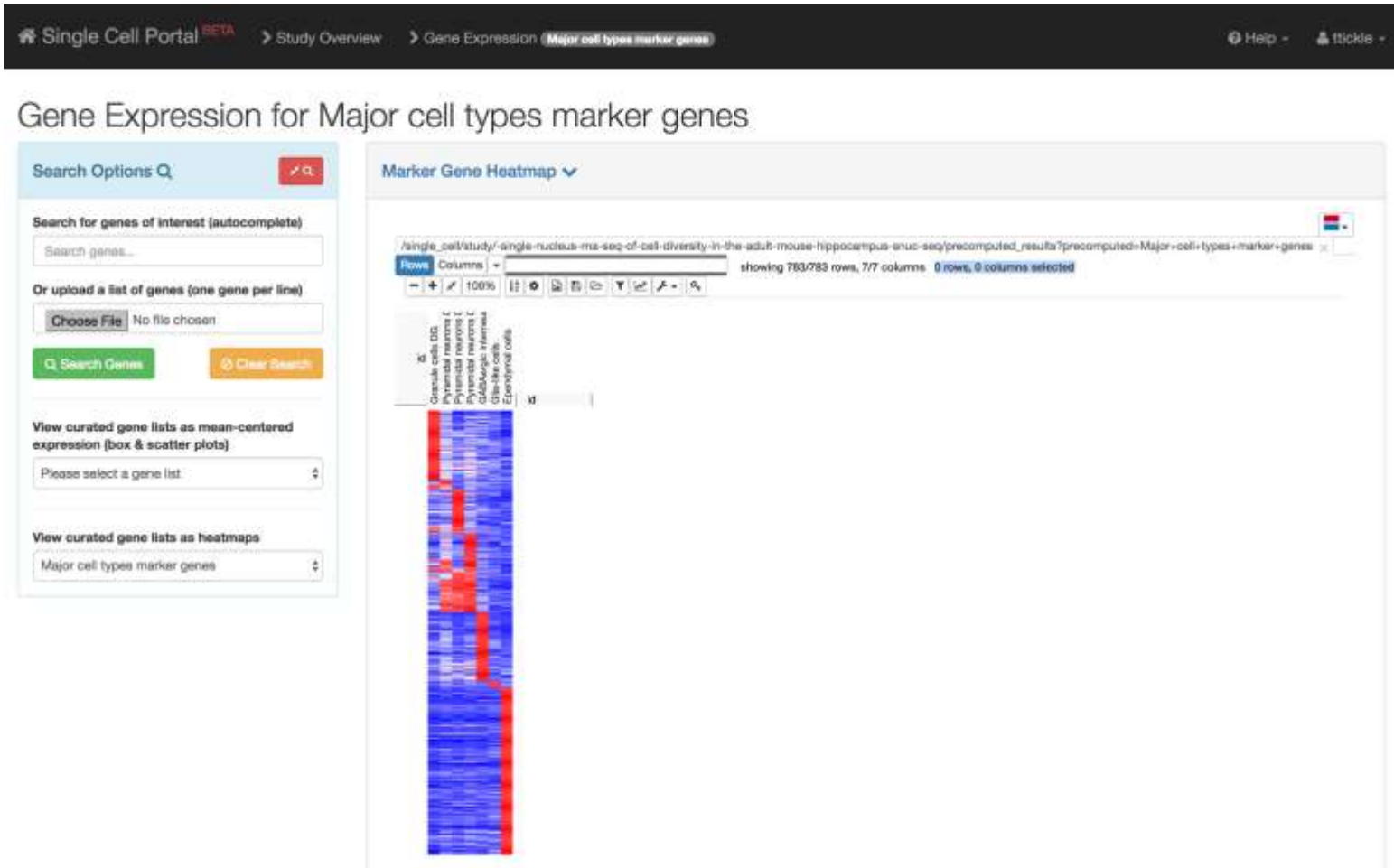
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Expression Can Be Shown in Many Clusterings



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Expression in Clusters Can Also Be Shown as Heatmaps



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- Studies can be ...
 - Private
 - Private but shared privately
 - Public but with data inaccessible
 - Public

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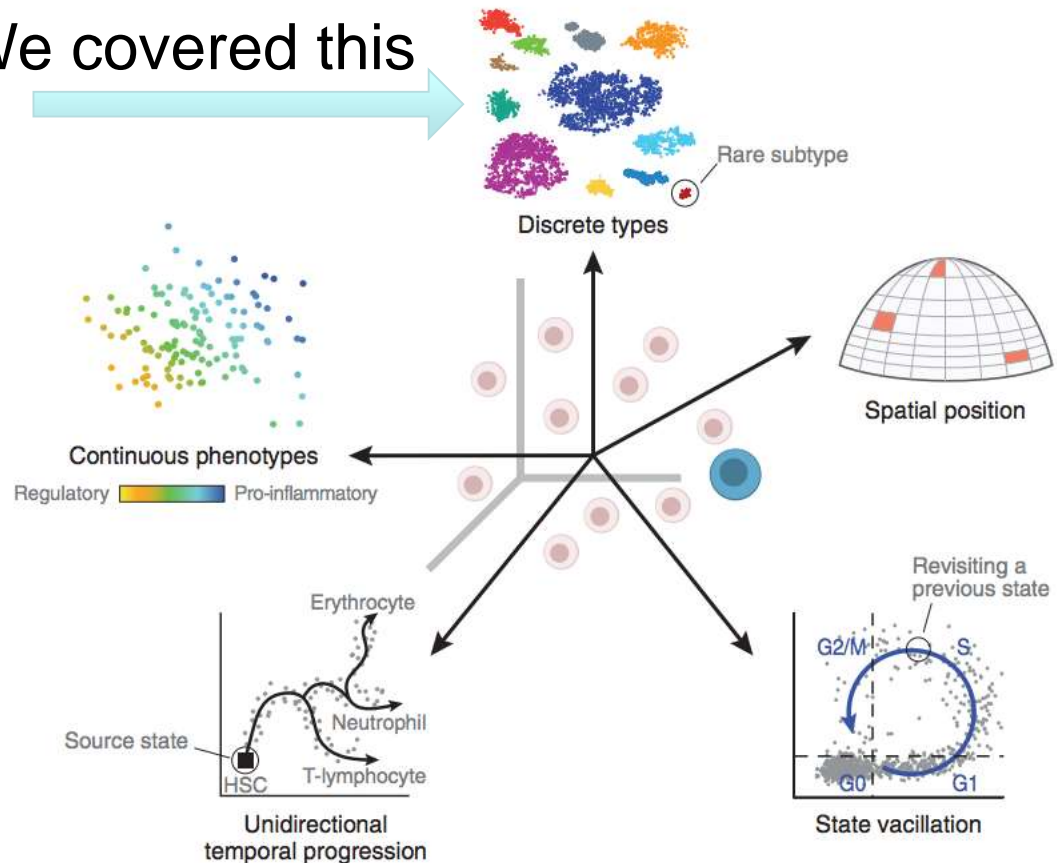
REVIEW

Revealing the vectors of cellular identity with single-cell genomics

Allon Wagner¹, Aviv Regev^{2,3,5} & Nir Yosef^{1,4,5}

So much more to learn!

We covered this



Awesome List



<https://github.com/seandavi/awesome-single-cell>

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the repository 'seandavi / awesome-single-cell'. At the top, there are navigation links: Personal, Open source, Business, Explore, Pricing, Blog, and Support. A search bar is present with the text 'This repository' and a 'Search' button. To the right are 'Sign in' and 'Sign up' buttons. Below the navigation bar, the repository name 'seandavi / awesome-single-cell' is displayed. To the right of the name are buttons for 'Watch' (25), 'Star' (86), and 'Fork'. Below the repository name, there are tabs for 'Code', 'Issues' (0), 'Pull requests' (0), 'Projects' (0), 'Pulse', and 'Graphs'. The 'Code' tab is currently selected.

List of software packages for single-cell data analysis, including RNA-seq, ATAC-seq, etc.

awesome-single-cell

List of software packages (and the people developing these methods) for single-cell data analysis, including RNA-seq, ATAC-seq, etc. [Contributions welcome...](#)


Software packages

RNA-seq

- [anchor](#) - [Python] - Find bimodal, unimodal, and multimodal features in your data
- [BackSPIN](#) - [Python] - Biclustering algorithm developed taking into account intrinsic features of single-cell RNA-seq experiments.

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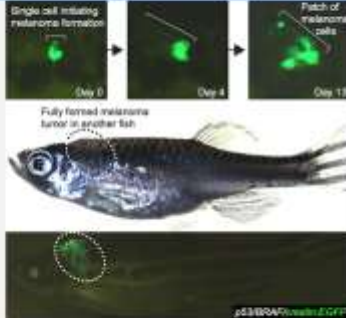
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Tracking cancer development at the single cell resolution

A study from the Zon lab by Kaufman et al (*Science* 2016) demonstrates that a *single melanocyte* reactivates the neural crest progenitor state to give rise to cancer.



Top: A single cell expressing crestin:EGFP expands into a small patch over the course of 2 weeks, capturing the initiation of melanoma formation. **Bottom:** A fully formed melanoma specifically expresses crestin:EGFP, whereas the rest of the fish remains EGFP-negative



Single cell initiating melanoma formation
Day 0
Day 4
Day 13
Patch of melanoma cells
Fully formed melanoma tumor in another fish
pS1BRAP/crestin:EGFP

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JUL 07 2018 Launch of HMS single cell droplet core
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OCT 31 2018 Single cell analysis of fixed and permeabilized cells
Hello Networkers,
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JUL 03 2016 What did you do to improve first strand synthesis today?
Hey, folks! I wonder if anyone has spent some time to optimize the first strand synthesise step...
DISCUSSION

Thank You



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