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3PM in London (GMT), 12AM in Tokyo (GMT+9)

Novel Methods and Technologies

Moderator: Katy Börner, *Indiana University*

Presenters:

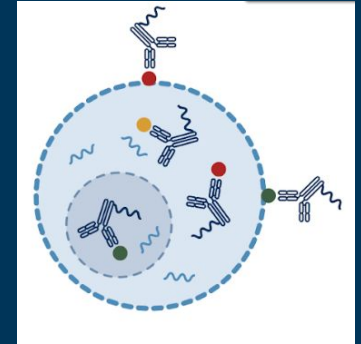
- Majd Ariss, *Single Cell Technologies*
- Jiang He, *Vizgen, Inc*
- Colles Price, *Takeda*
- Daniel Moline, *10x Genomics*
- Sarah Teichmann, *Cambridge Stem Cell Institute, UK*
(CIFAR co-director)
- Tobias Wenzel, *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile,*
Chile



**Majd Ariss, *Cell Signaling Technology,*
*Inc.***

Uncovering Signaling Pathways in Single-Cell RNA sequencing using the CST[®] InTraSeq[™] Technology

Majd Ariss, Ph.D. M.S
Senior Scientist
R&D - Single Cell Technologies



InTraSeq[™] Technology
Intracellular Proteins & Transcriptomic Sequencing



Main Benefits of Single Cell Analysis

Scientists believe the main benefits of single cell analysis are its ability to...



IDENTIFY HARD-TO-DETECT CELLS

“The primary advantage of single cell analysis is that one can **detect and describe** uncommon or low abundance cell types **that might go unnoticed in bulk analyses.**”
-Pharma / Biotech Scientist



REVEAL CELL HETEROGENEITY

“Single cell analysis enables the study of individual cells to **reveal the heterogeneity** of cell populations – that is, the **unique properties of different cells** within the same population”
-Pharma / Biotech Scientist



SHOW HOW INDIVIDUAL CELLS INTERACT WITH THEIR ENVIRONMENT

“Single cell sequencing can reveal the cell types present and how individual cells are **contributing to the function of complex biological systems**”
-Academic Scientist

These benefits can in turn help support improvements in healthcare such as...



Differences in
gene expression



Disease
identification



Drug discovery



Personalized
medicine



Single Cell RNA-sequencing uncovers the heterogeneity of the sample

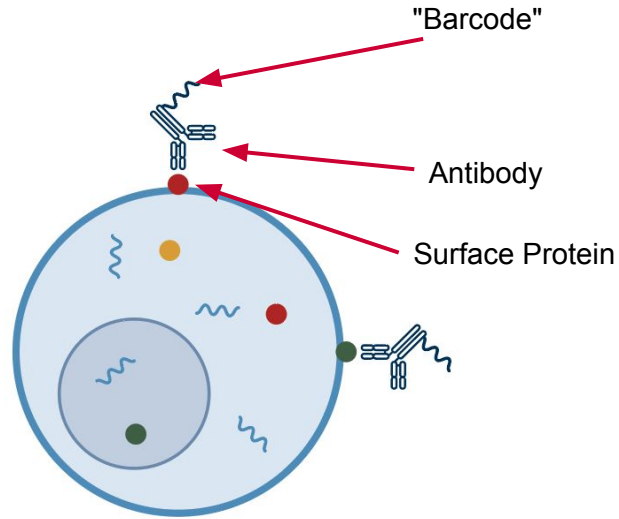
RNA based Clustering





CITE-seq

Cellular Indexing of Transcriptomes and Epitopes by Sequencing



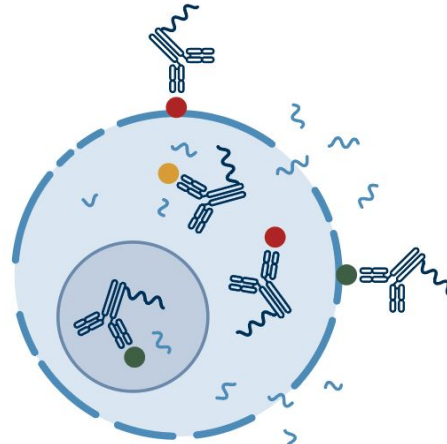
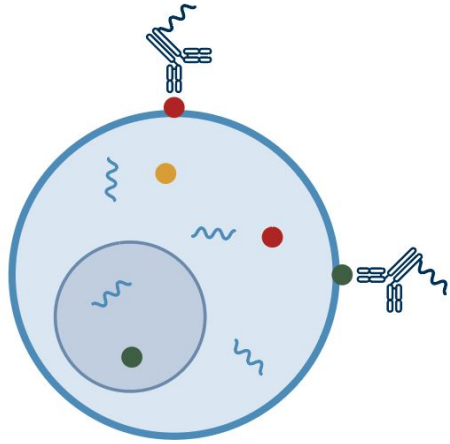
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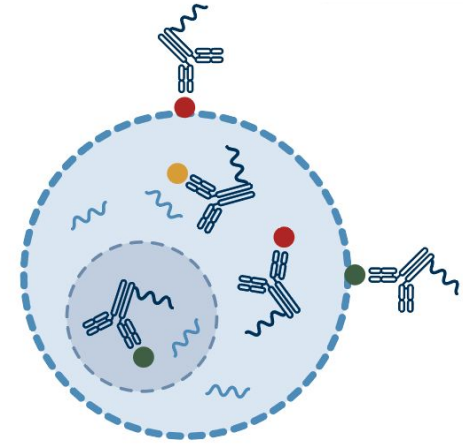




What Is the InTraSeq™ Technology?



Challenge of staining
intracellular proteins:
RNA degradation & loss

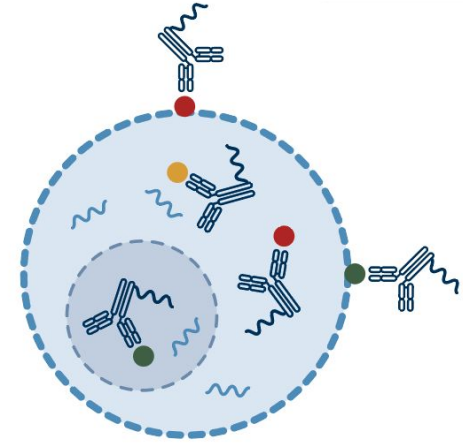


InTraSeq™ Technology
Intracellular Proteins & Transcriptomic Sequencing



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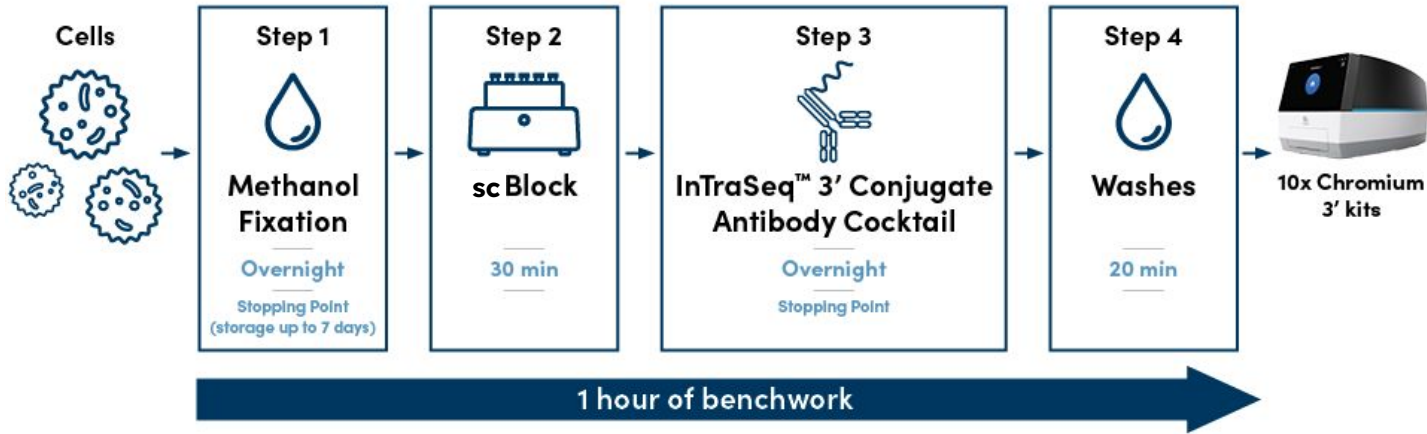
- Developed and validated by CST, using the 10x Genomic Chromium Single Cell 3' Reagent Kits with Feature Barcoding Technology
- To be used on 10x Genomic Chromium instruments



InTraSeq[™] Technology
Intracellular Proteins & Transcriptomic Sequencing



A 4-step Straightforward Immunostaining Protocol



Step 1: Fix the cells overnight. (~5 min benchwork)

- Cells can be stored in the freezer for up to 7 days

Step 2: Incubate with scBlock. (~10 min benchwork, ~30 min incubation)

- This step is optimized to obtain great quality single cell readout of [both](#) RNA and proteins

Step 3: Add CST InTraSeq™ 3' Conjugate Antibody Cocktail overnight. (~5 min benchwork)

Step 4: Wash the cells. (~20 min benchwork)

- At this point the cells are ready for a single cell 10x Genomics 3' kit experiment





InTraSeq - What can I learn using InTraSeq ?

InTraSeq™ Single Cell Analysis.
Seq What You've Been Missing.





InTraSeq™ Technology - Benefits (and Proofs)

Without InTraSeq

- RNA is unstable, prone to degradation

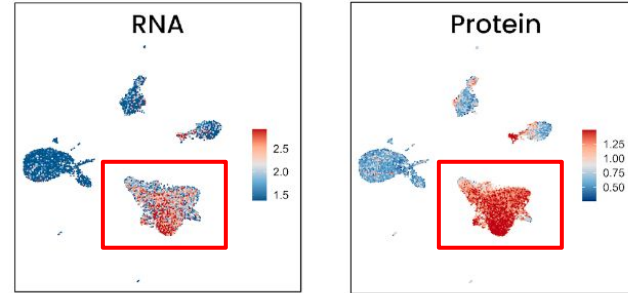


InTraSeq Benefit

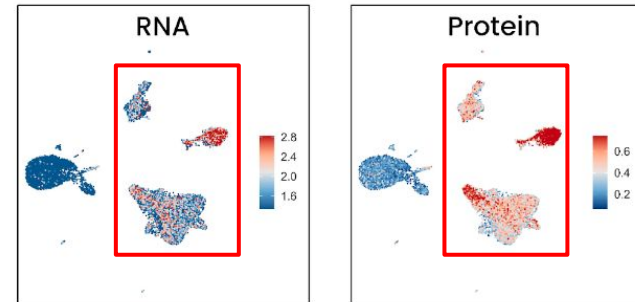
- While RNA expression is well detected, protein expression is **more uniform** than RNA expression
- A more **accurate representation of the target expression** at the protein level



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InTraSeq™ Technology - Benefits (and Proofs)

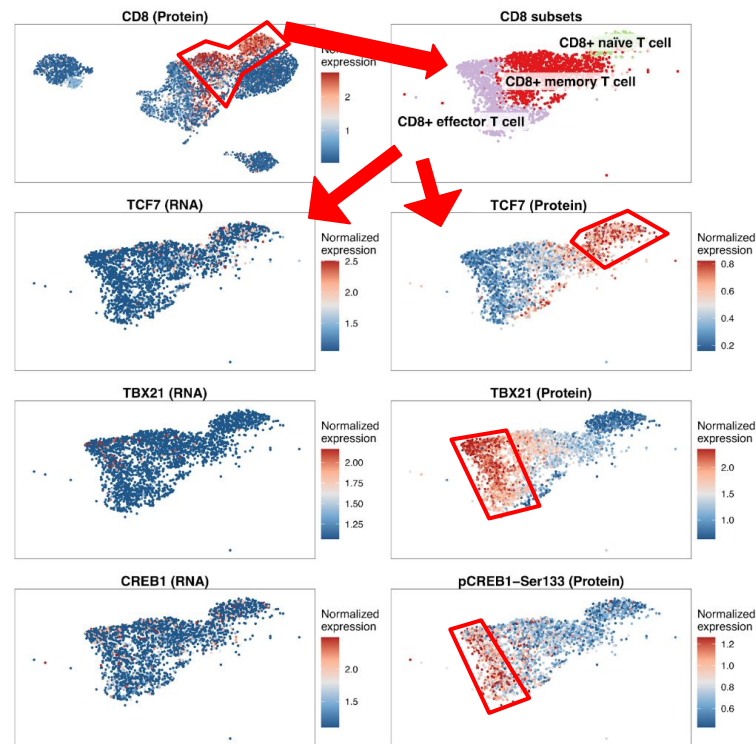
Without InTraSeq

- Difficult to identify cell states by analyzing RNA alone



InTraSeq Benefit

- Enables the categorization of **cell subpopulations** and **cell states** based on intracellular protein and PTM readout





Measuring Post-Translational Modifications in Your single Cell Data using InTraSeq™

Without InTraSeq

- Inability to obtain functional information about the protein state

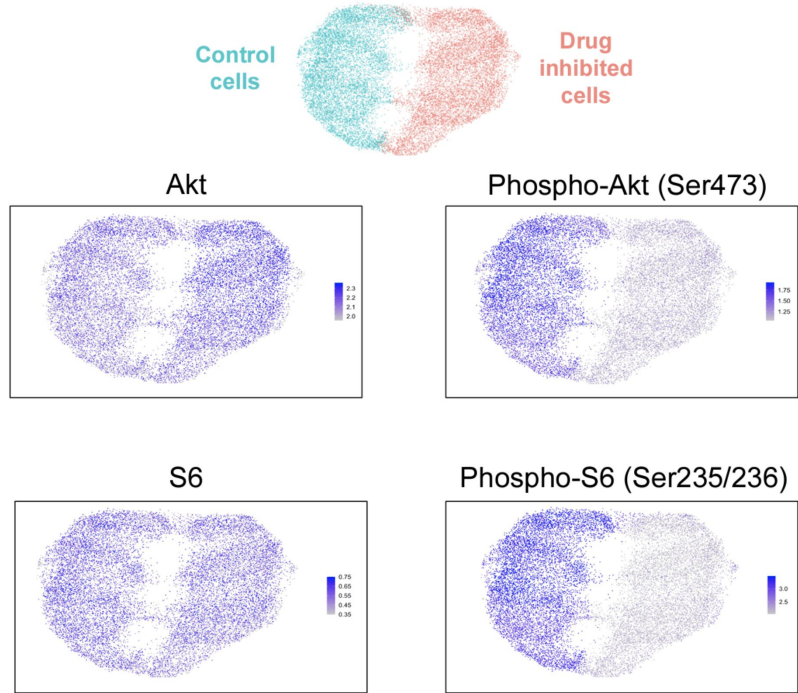


InTraSeq Benefit

- InTraSeq measures Post-Translational Modifications (PTMs) in a single cell assay and determines whether the **protein is in an active or inactive state**
- Offers **functional proteomics insights**



Acute PI3K inhibition in Jurkat cells using Wortmannin shows a decrease in p-Akt and p-S6 and **not** total Akt and S6 protein level






InTraSeq™ Technology - Benefits (and Proofs)

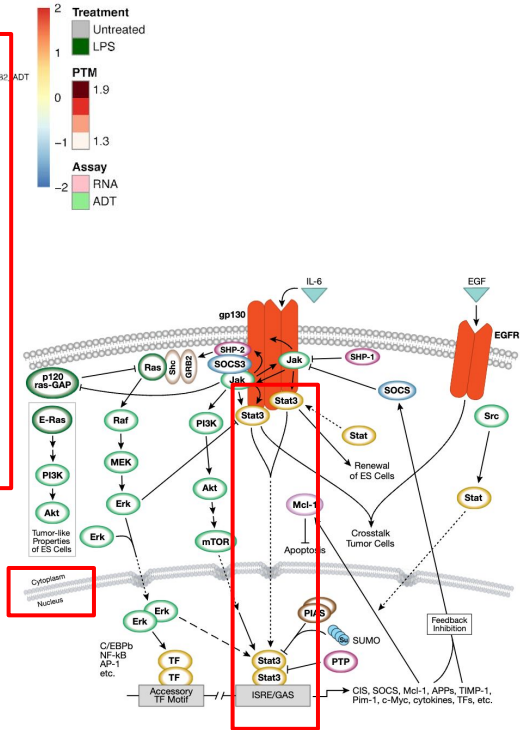
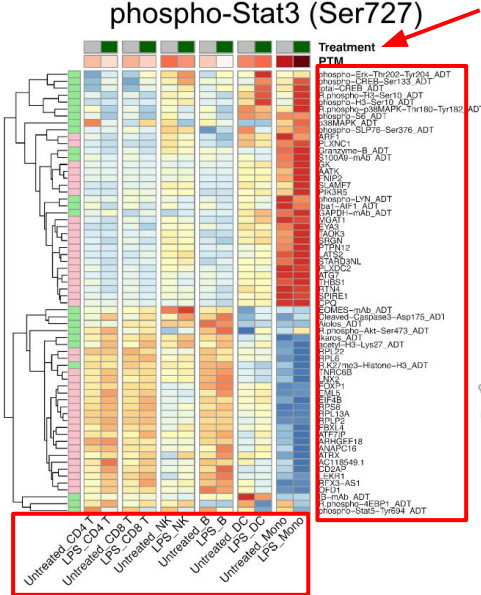

Without InTraSeq

- Difficult (if not impossible) to determine if the targets along the signaling pathway are affected, esp. for transcription factors, using only RNA data



InTraSeq Benefit

- Gaining a comprehensive understanding of **signaling pathways at the single cell resolution**





InTraSeq™ Technology - Benefits (and Proofs)

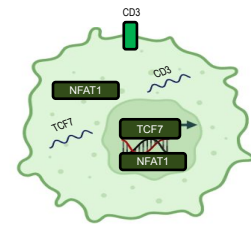
Without InTraSeq

- Cannot gain a full picture by using RNA data alone

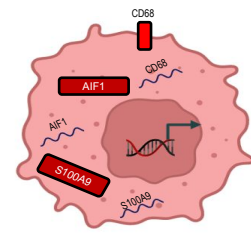


InTraSeq Benefit

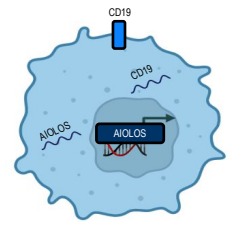
- Comprehensive analysis by **integrating RNA, surface markers, cytoplasmic proteins and nuclear proteins data** at single cell resolution



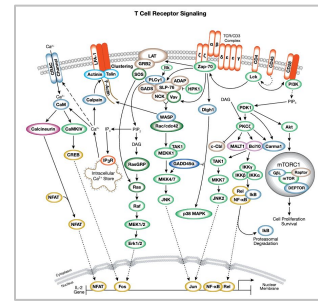
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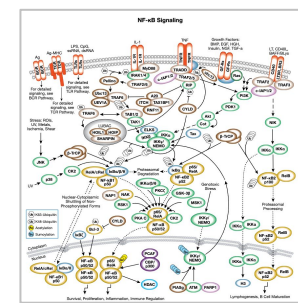
Monocytes



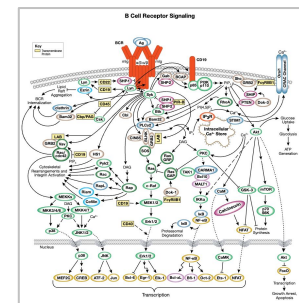
B cells



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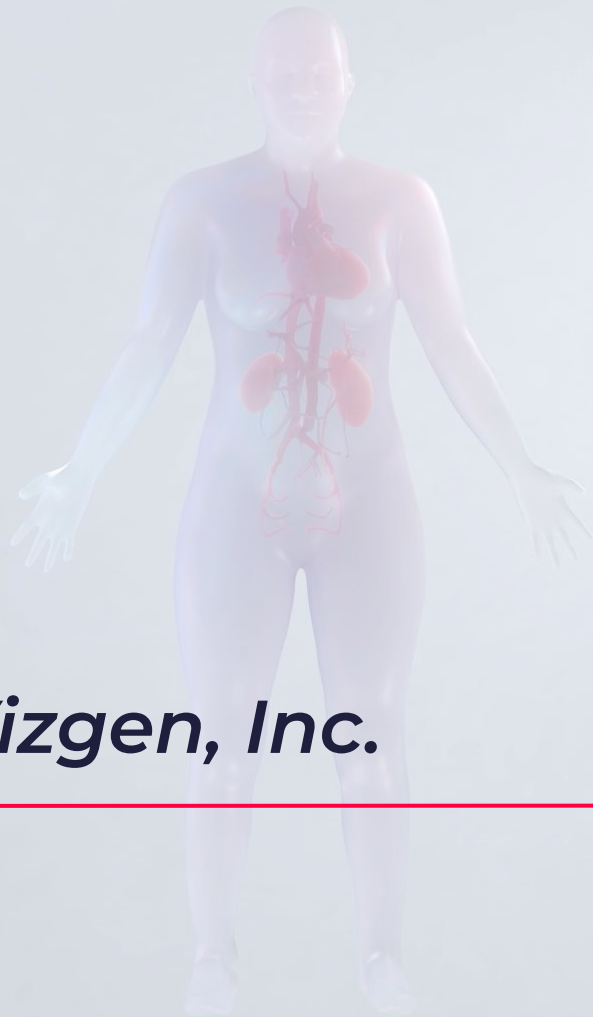
Thank you !



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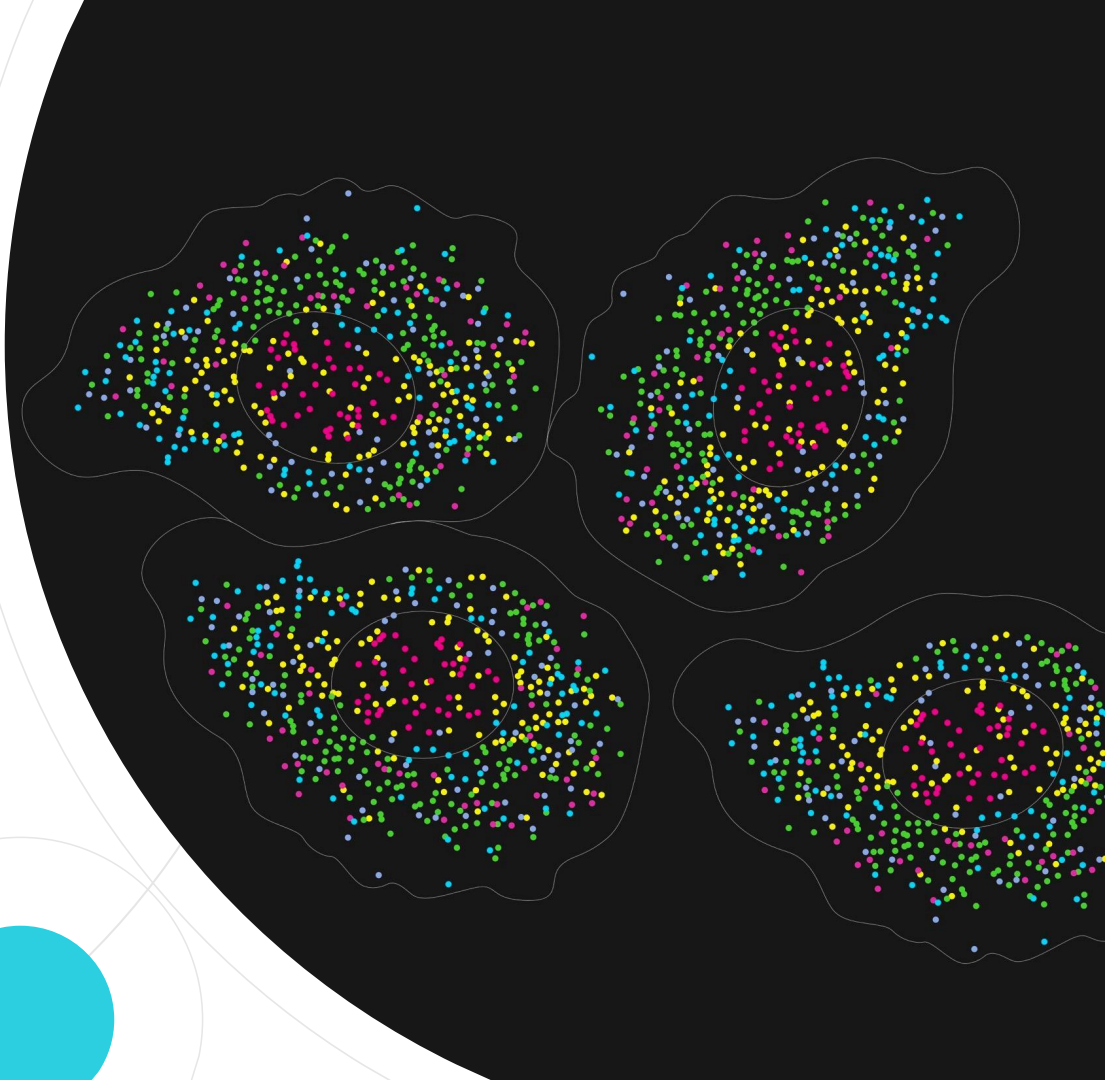


Jiang He, *Vizgen, Inc.*



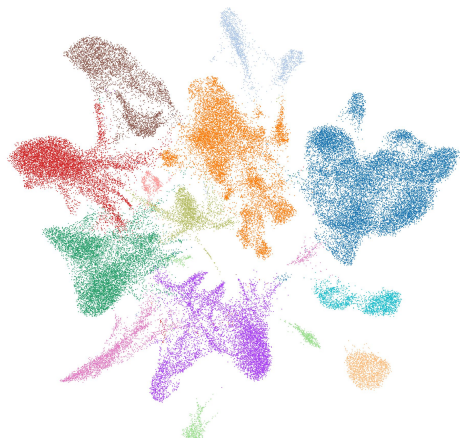
Mapping the Future of Spatial Genomics with MERSCOPE Ultra Platform

Jiang He, Co-founder and VP of R&D,
Reagents

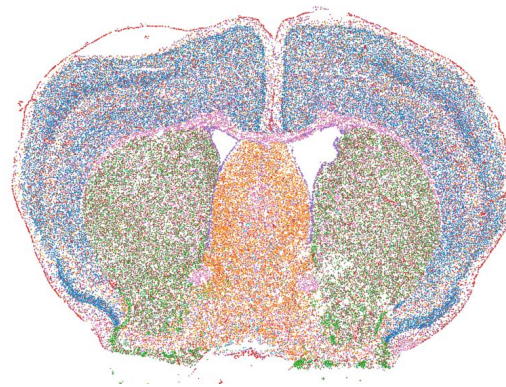


Bulk and single cell sequencing are fundamentally limited

Biological systems are intricately spatially organized



Bulk and single cell sequencing can show us parts



Spatial genomics with true single cell resolution offers highly multiplexed direct in situ detection and valuable insight into the bigger picture

Vizgen brings spatial genomics to labs with the MERSCOPE™ platform

COMPREHENSIVE

100s-1000s of genes in a single run

High sensitivity and accuracy

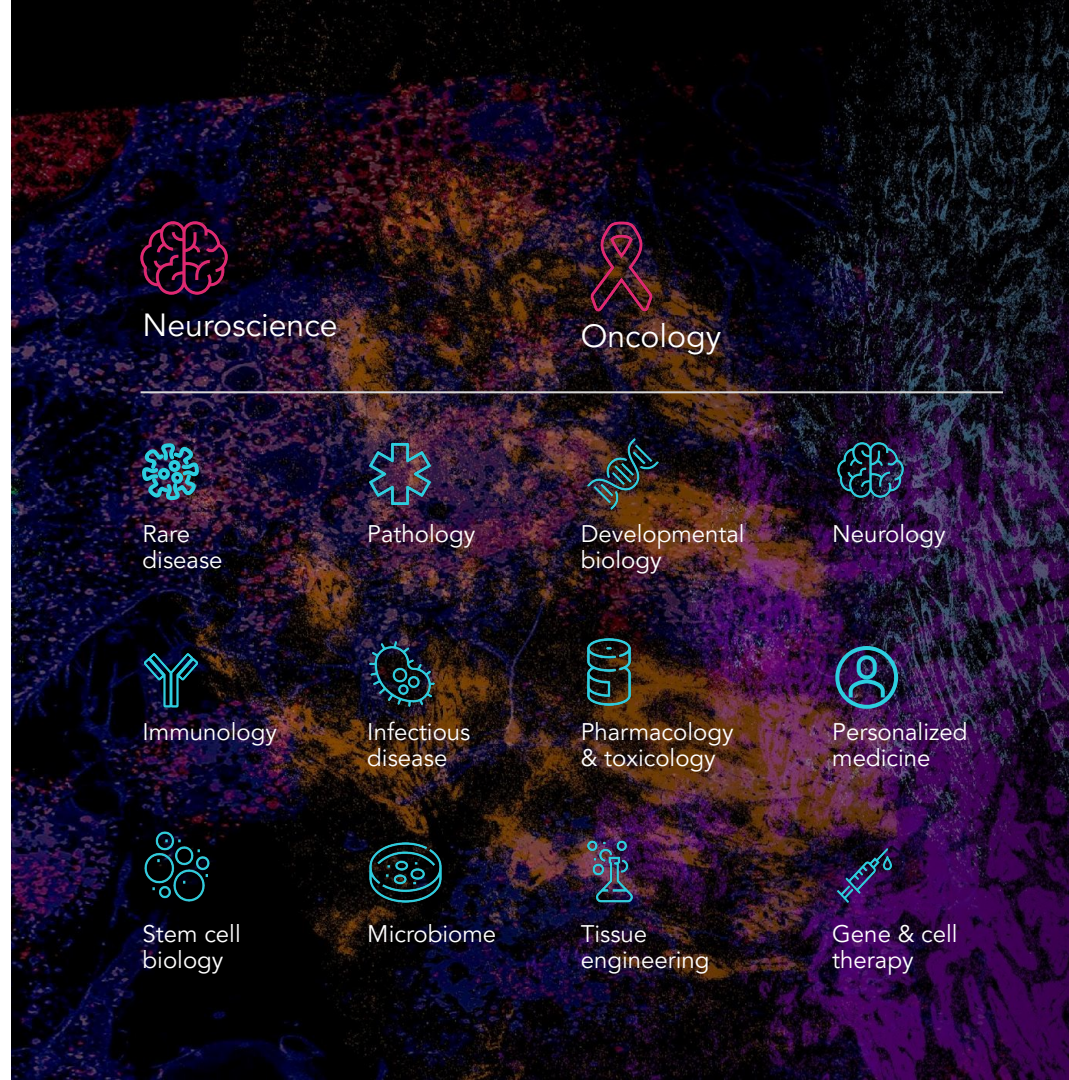
Large imaging area of 3 cm² and 100nm resolution

No need for sequencing

USER-FRIENDLY

Instrument and visualization software

Web-based gene panel application



Neuroscience



Oncology



Rare disease



Pathology



Developmental biology



Neurology



Immunology



Infectious disease



Pharmacology & toxicology



Personalized medicine



Stem cell biology



Microbiome



Tissue engineering



Gene & cell therapy

MERSCOPE

smFISH

Direct in situ RNA
quantification



Proprietary
Barcoding System



MERFISH

Highly multiplexed RNA
detection enabling single cell
analysis

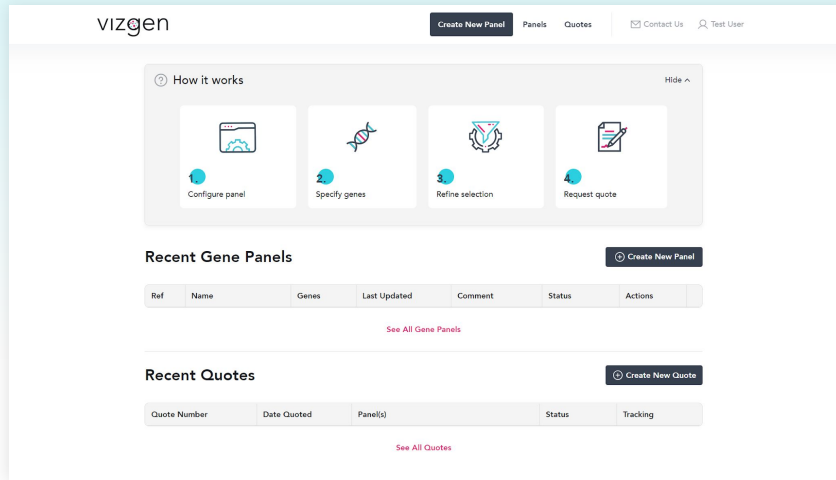
High accuracy and consistency
due to error robustness



An easy-to-use, fully automated platform

MERSCOPE is an end-to-end platform solution

Upstream

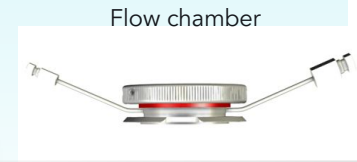


The screenshot displays the vizgen web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the vizgen logo, a 'Create New Panel' button, and links for 'Panels', 'Quotes', 'Contact Us', and 'Test User'. Below the navigation bar, a 'How it works' section features a four-step process: 1. Configure panel (with a computer icon), 2. Specify genes (with a DNA double helix icon), 3. Refine selection (with a shield icon), and 4. Request quote (with a document icon). Underneath, there are two tables: 'Recent Gene Panels' and 'Recent Quotes', each with a 'Create New' button. The 'Recent Gene Panels' table has columns for Ref, Name, Genes, Last Updated, Comment, Status, and Actions. The 'Recent Quotes' table has columns for Quote Number, Date Quoted, Panel(s), Status, and Tracking. Both tables include a 'See All' link.

Custom Gene Panel Design



Sample Preparation



Flow chamber

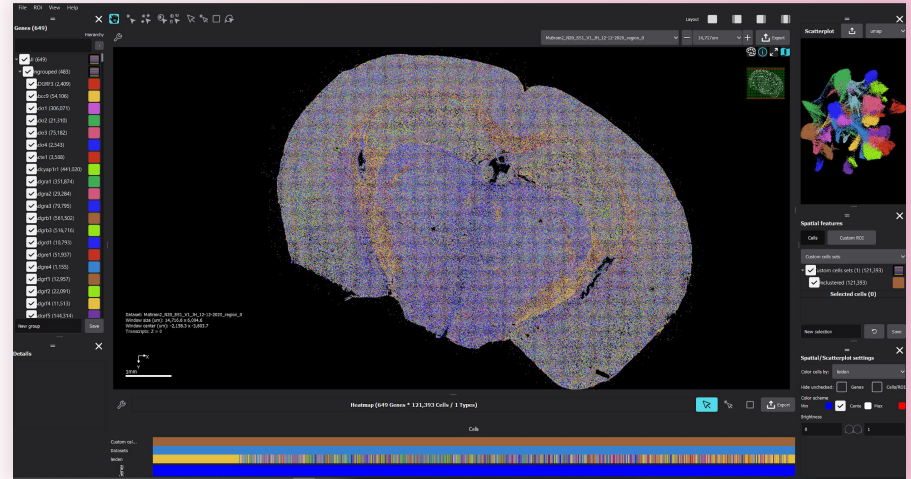


Reagent pack

MERSCOPE is an end-to-end platform solution



Downstream



Visualization software

Working with MERFISH involves three key stages

STAGE 1

Hybridization

Embedding 10,000s of unique encoding probe onto the sample.

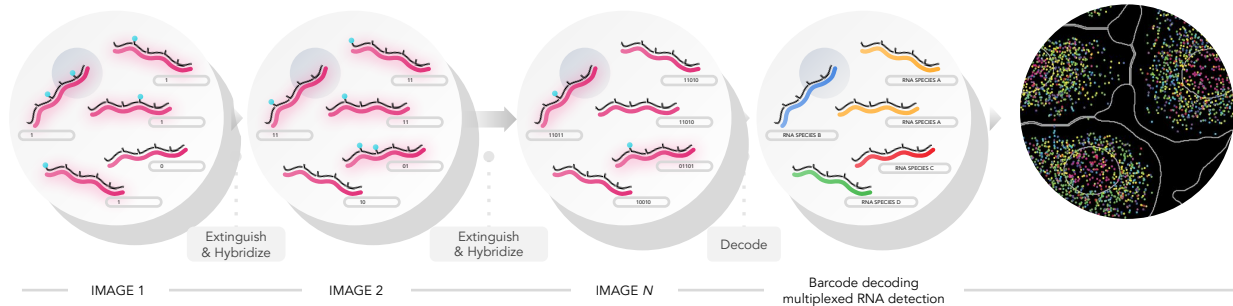
STAGE 2

Clearing

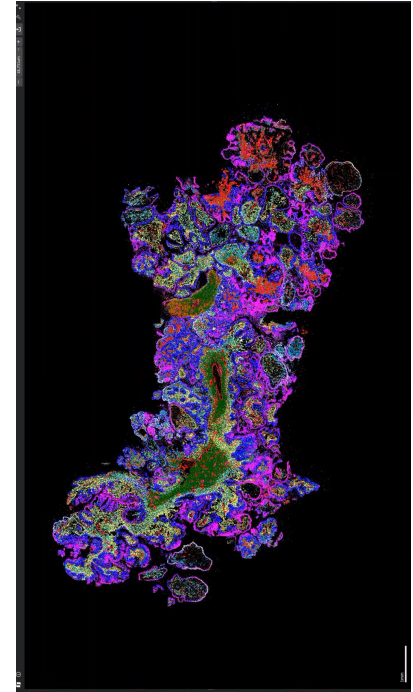
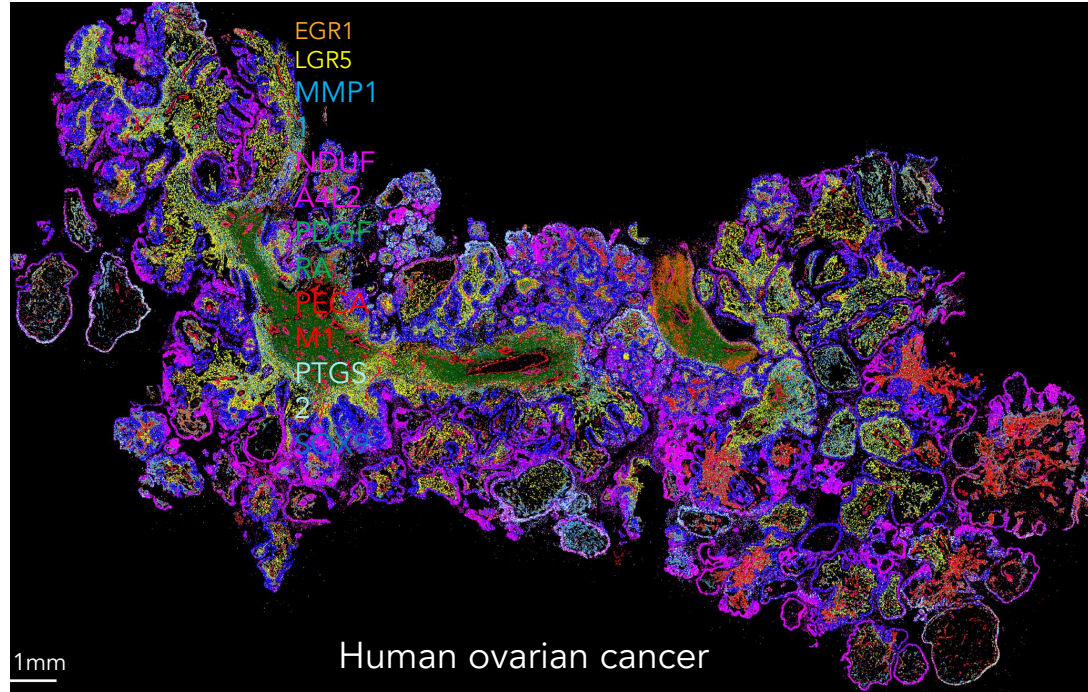
Utilizing a gel to remove unnecessary components of tissue that could interfere with measurement.

STAGE 3

Imaging



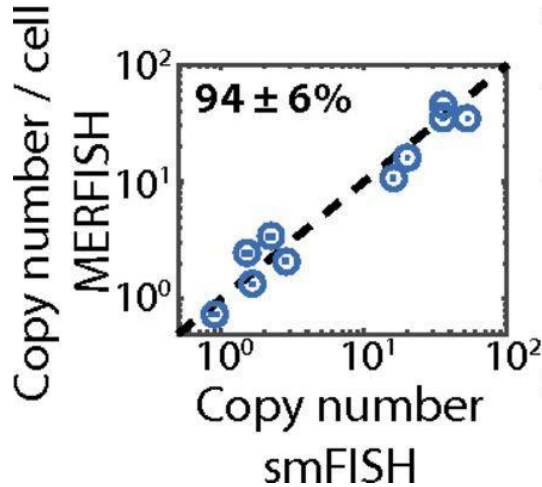
Profile gene expression *in situ*, from whole tissue, to sub-cellular



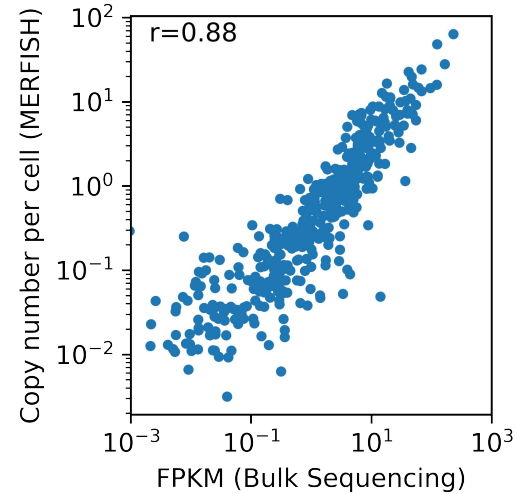
500 gene panel, 174 million RNA transcripts detected

MERSCOPE Advantages

Highly quantitative and accurate measurement



Moffitt et al, PNAS, 2016



Allows large dynamic range of expression for profiled genes (4 orders of magnitude)

Comparison of 6 spatial transcriptomics technologies shows MERSCOPE has the best performance

Independent evaluation

New Results [Follow this preprint](#)

Comparative analysis of multiplexed in situ gene expression profiling technologies

Austin Hartman, Rahul Satija
doi: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2024.01.11.575135>

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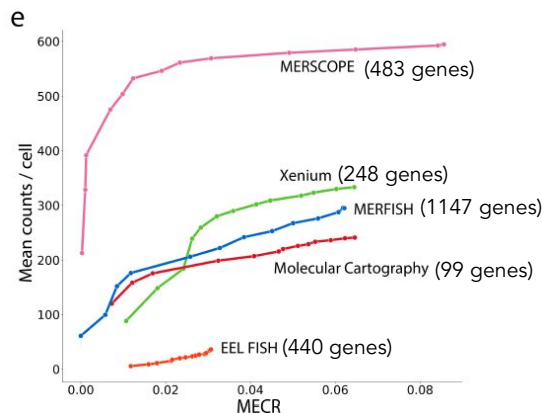
CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

A.H. was employed by 10x Genomics from July 2020 to September 2021 and owns stock in the company. In the past 3 years, R.S. has received compensation from Bristol-Myers Squibb, ImmunAI, Resolve Biosciences, Nanostring, 10x Genomics, Neptune Bio, and the NYC Pandemic Response Lab. R.S. is a co-founder and equity holder of Neptune Bio.

Rahul Satija Lab in New York Genome Center

No Affiliation with Vizgen

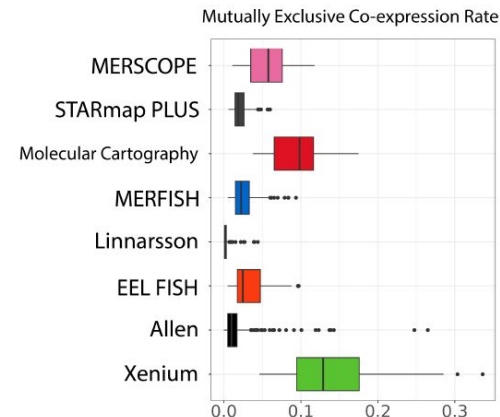
MERSCOPE has highest sensitivity



Highest sensitivity among all

2X more sensitive than Xenium

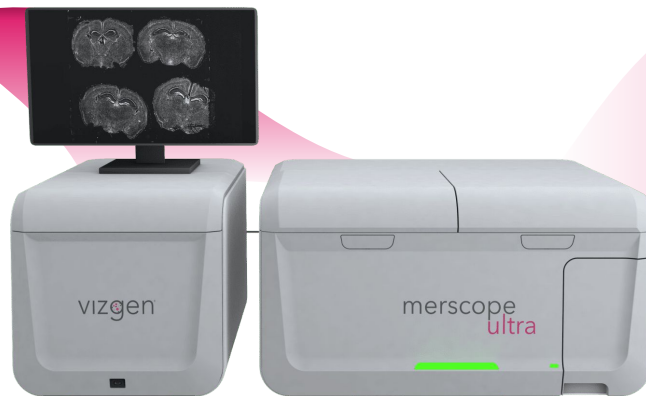
MERSCOPE has superior specificity



Excellent specificity


Optimal trade-off between sensitivity and specificity


MERSCOPE **Ultra** – a High Throughput Platform for Spatial Genomics




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Detect 1,000 Genes in 3cm² Tissue

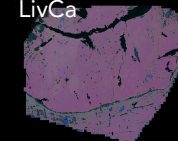
 3x Larger Imaging Area

 2x Faster Imaging

 Large and Std Flow Cells

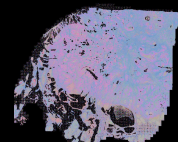
 New Compute, Storage and Analysis

FFPE human
LivCa



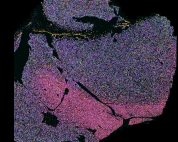
3.0cm² area
1 billion trx
321 counts/100um²
227 trx/cell

FFPE human BrCa



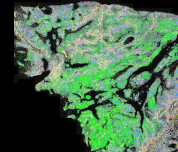
1.63cm² area
98 million trx
63 counts/100um²
220 trx/cell

FF human brain



1.85 cm² area
553 million trx
313 counts/100um²
261 trx/cell

FFPE human LuCa

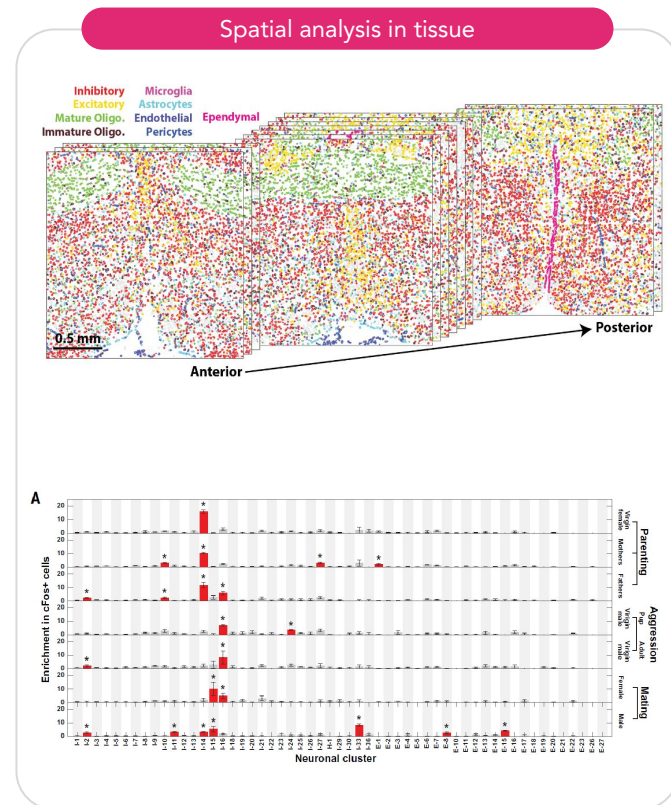
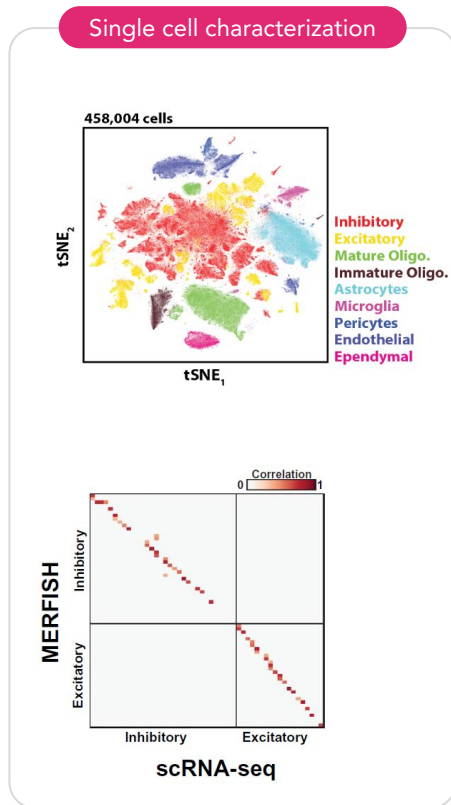


1.26 cm² area
194 million trx
162 counts/100um²
131 trx/cell

Enables true single cell atlasing

By profiling 155 genes in the preoptic region of the mouse hypothalamus, MERFISH was able to:

- Identify 75 cell types
- Map their spatial location
- Identify single neuronal types selectively activated during individual behaviors



Integration of transcriptome-wide single cell data

MERSCOPE data \times sc/snRNAseq data $=$ Transcriptome-wide spatial data

ARTICLES

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41592-021-01264-7>

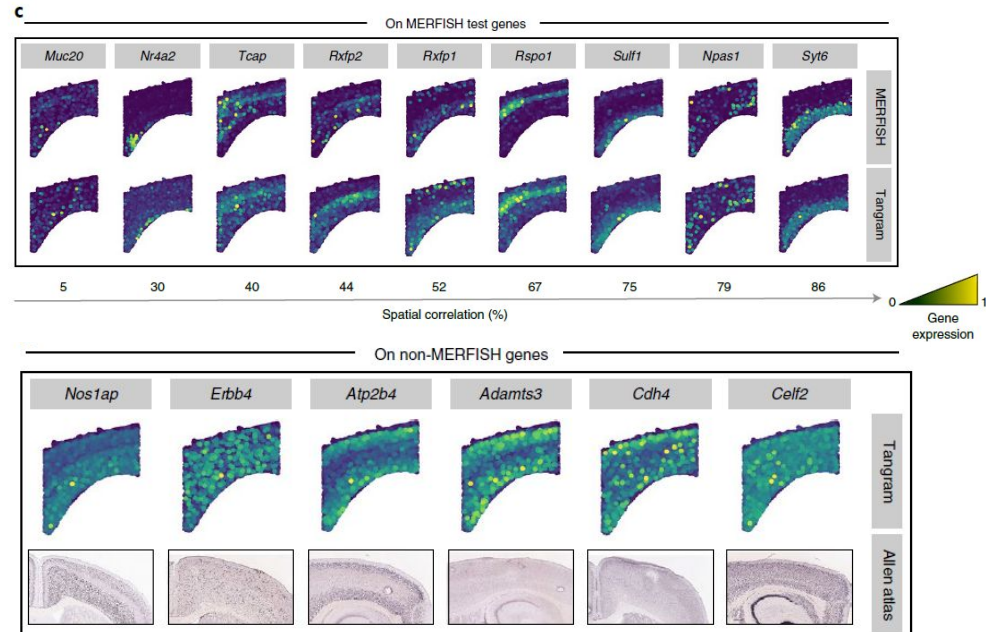
nature methods

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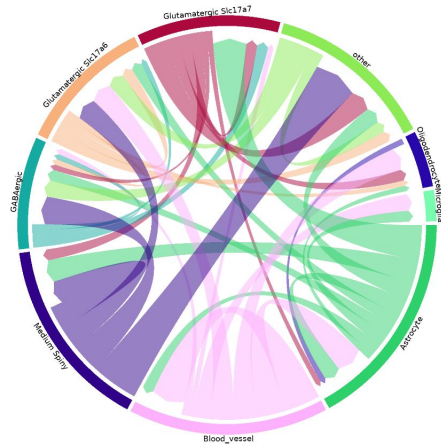
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Deep learning and alignment of spatially resolved single-cell transcriptomes with Tangram

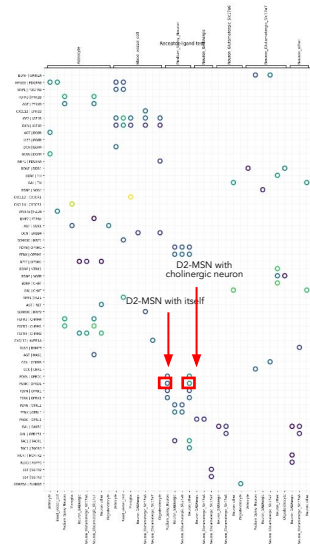
- Tangram, a method that aligns sc/snRNA-seq data to various forms of spatial data collected from the same region, was developed by Aviv Regev lab at Broad Institute
- Tangram maps cells with high-resolution MERFISH measurements and expands them to genome scale



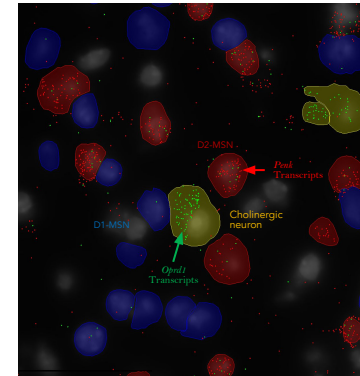
Ligand and receptor interactome analysis, with spatial context



Ligand-receptor interactome

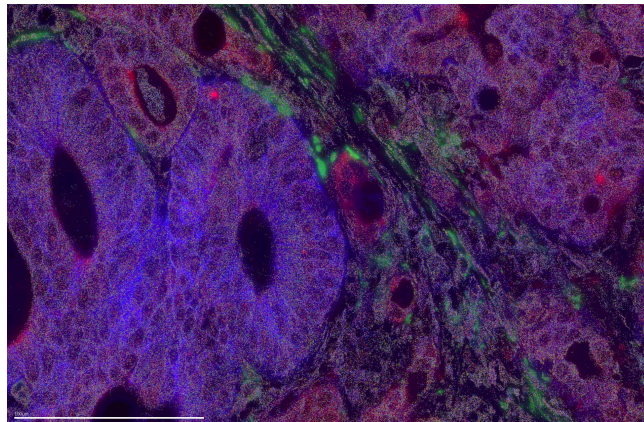
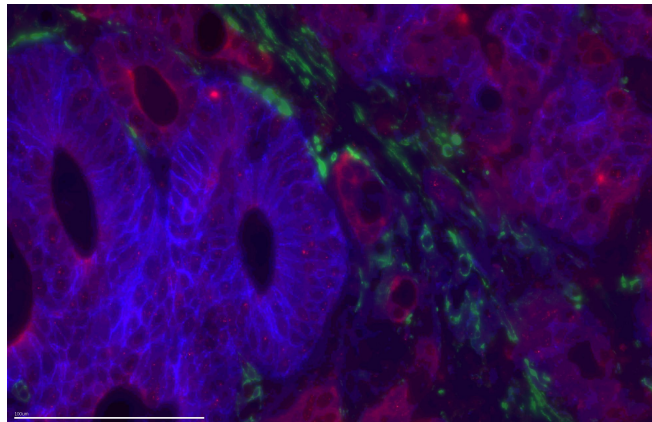
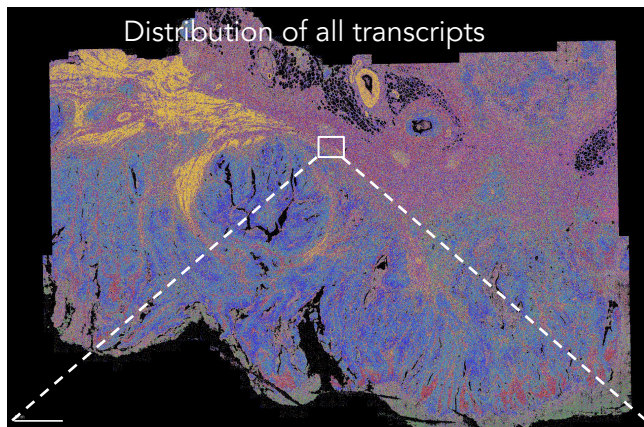
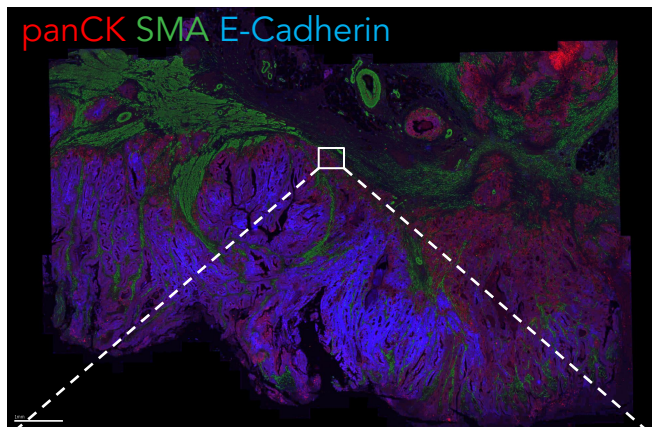


Ligand-receptor pairs



D2-MSN and cholinergic neuron interaction

Compatible with protein co-staining



Human Colon Cancer

- 347 genes
- 3 proteins
- 67,045,210 counts

vizgen
Leader in single-cell spatial transcriptomics
"dedicated to pioneering the next generation of genomics, providing tools that demonstrate the possibilities of in situ single-cell spatial genomics"

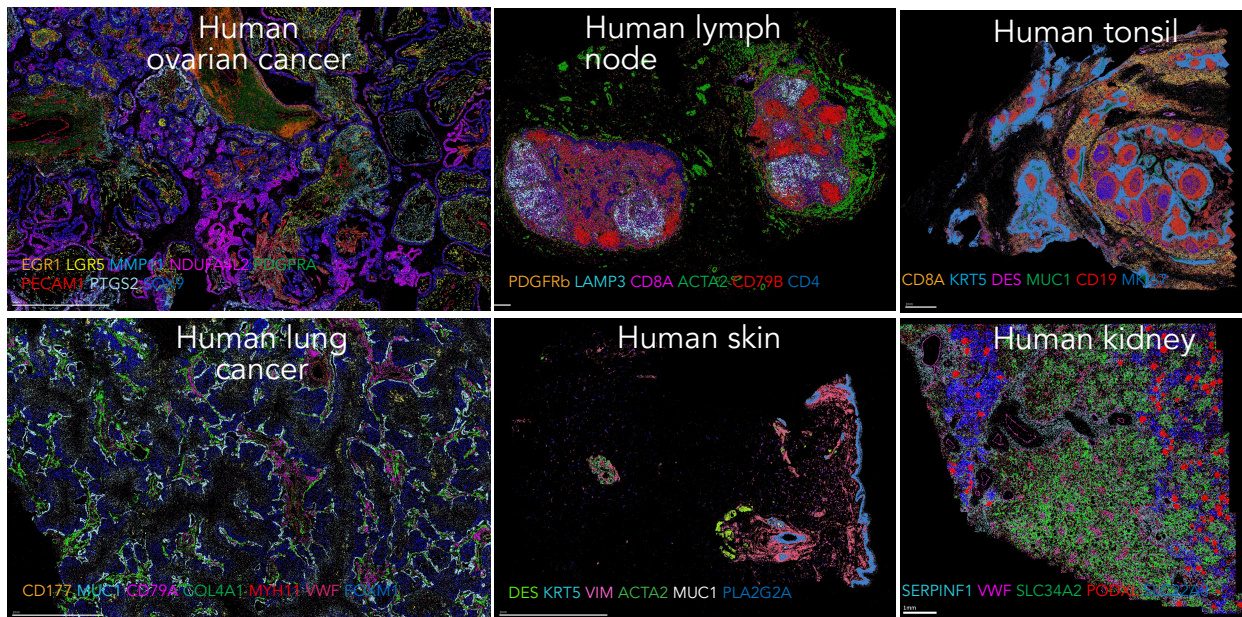
Ultivue
Leader in mid-plex spatial proteomics
"powering insights for the development of precision cancer therapies through AI-driven, quantitative spatial proteomics"

Stronger Together

Vizgen merged with Ultivue, a spatial proteomics company

Widely applicable across different sample types, including FFPE samples

Spatial distribution of select genes out of 244-plex gene panel



Validated in 60+ tissues, with 270+ peer reviewed publications and preprints
Compatible with cells, fresh/fixed frozen, FFPE tissue blocks

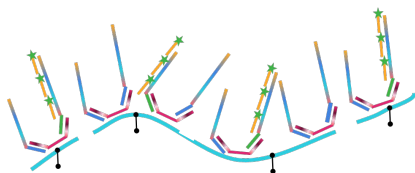
Introducing MERFISH 2.0 – Making the Best Better

MERFISH claims the highest RNA detection efficiency for good quality samples

But performance can decrease when detecting degraded RNA or running poor-quality samples



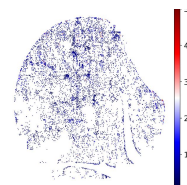
MERFISH 1.0



MERFISH 2.0

FFPE Human Colorectal Cancer

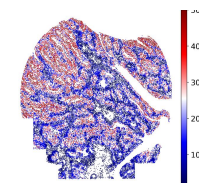
Total transcripts



UMAP



Spatial distribution of cell clusters



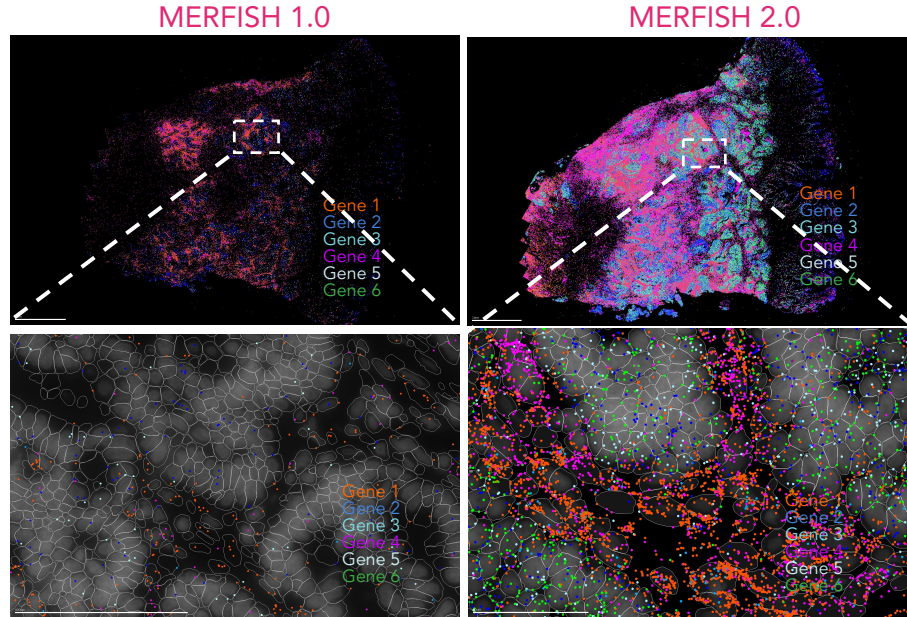
Increased sensitivity for degraded RNA

Enables detection in more challenging samples

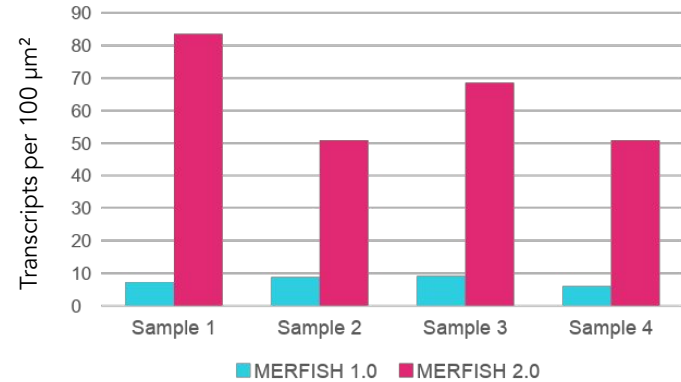
Improves differential gene expression analysis

Reduces cell drop out and improves spatial analysis

MERFISH 2.0 substantially improves transcript detection efficiency in FFPE human colorectal cancer samples



Comparison of detection efficiency



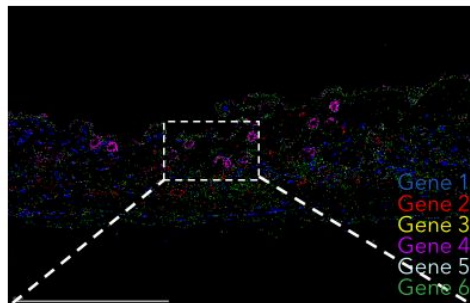
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We decided on MERFISH due to the high sensitivity and the relatively low requirements for tissue samples. Our expectations were greatly surpassed by the astonishing (subcellular) resolution of MERFISH 2.0, especially when compared to MERFISH 1.0. This will allow us to mechanistically test the main hypothesis of the project using this data alone, Thank you very much!!!!

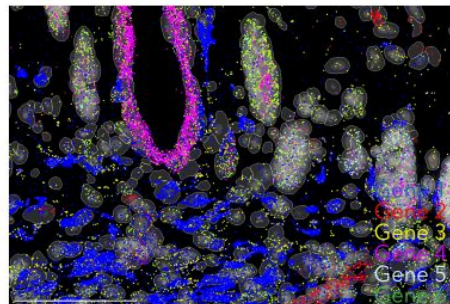
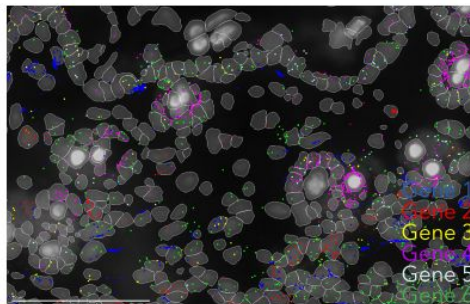
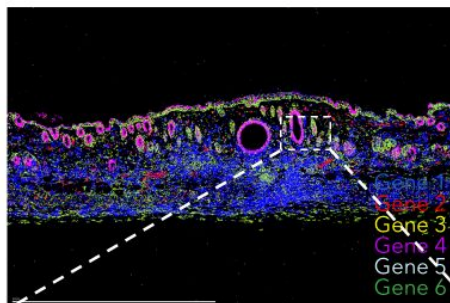
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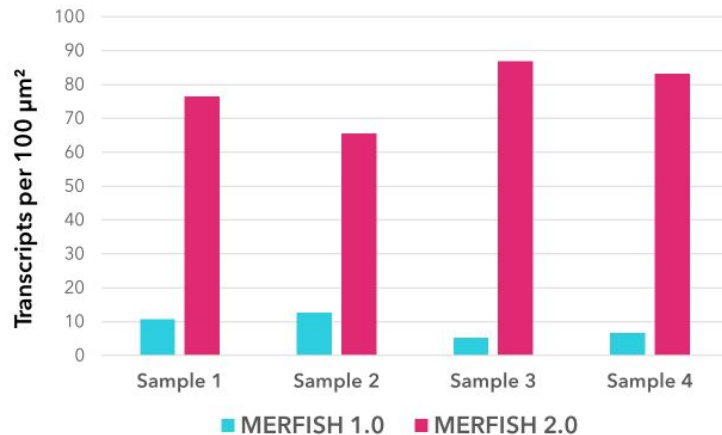
MERFISH 1.0



MERFISH 2.0



Comparison of detection efficiency



Biotech Customer, USA

MERSCOPE enables ground-breaking research



PROFILE

Gene expression
in situ across large
tissue areas

Clinically
relevant
samples



CHARACTERIZE

Cell
function
and state



ANALYZE

Intracellular
organization of the
transcriptome



DISCOVER

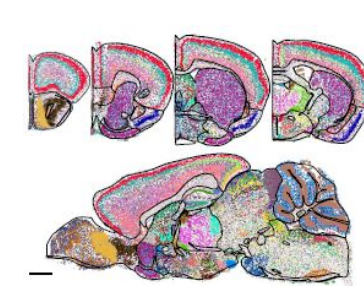
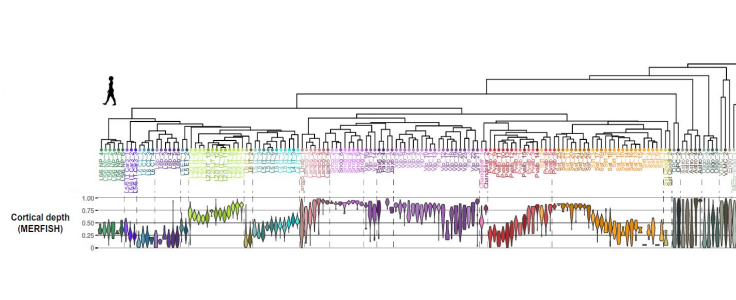
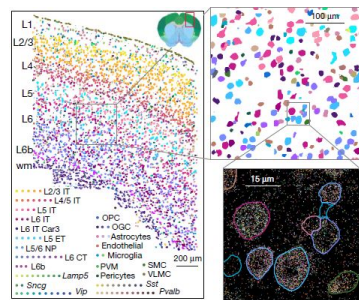
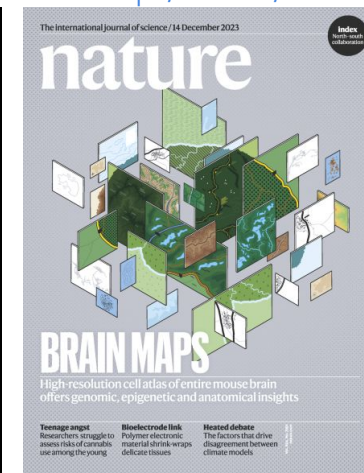
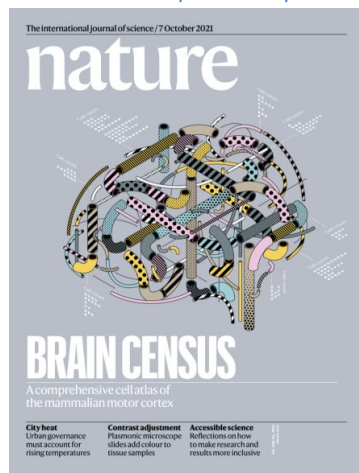
and map cell
types in complex
tissues

No Follow-Up Sequencing Needed

Cell atlasing in mouse, non-human primate, and the human brain

Brain Census, *Nature*, 2021 Brain Cell Census, *Science*, *Science Advances*, 2023

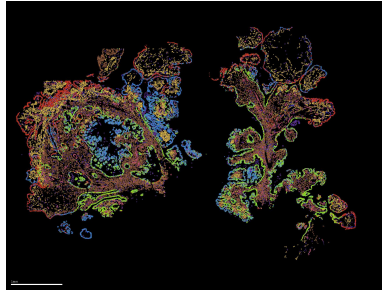
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A total of 7 *Nature* papers, 6 *Science* papers, and 1 *Nature Methods* paper used MERFISH and MERSCOPE

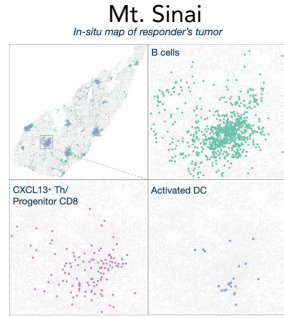
Spatially Resolved Single-Cell Transcriptomic Imaging in Oncology

Cancer cell atlasing



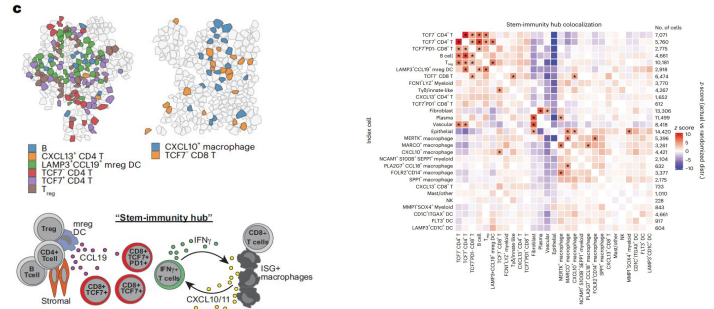
• <https://info.vizgen.com/merscope-fpe-solution>

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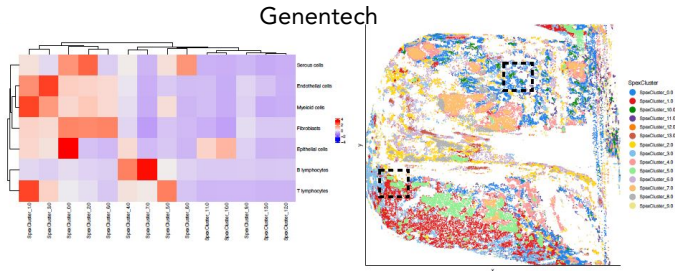
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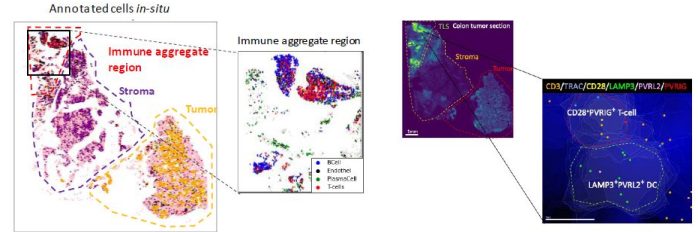
Cancer signaling pathway profiling and biomarker discovery



Pechuan-Jorge, et al, BioRxiv, 2022

Mechanism of action for novel therapeutic target

Compugen



Alteber et al, Cancer Immunology Research 2024

MERSCOPE Advantages

Pushing the boundaries of spatial transcriptomics

Cell Throughput

Up to millions of cells in a single sample and greatly reduced cost per cell

Flexibility

Ability to run on many sample or tissue types

Effective Multiplexing

Cover 100's or even 1,000's of genes in a single sample, custom gene panel, protein co-detection

Resolution

From whole tissue section to single cell and sub-cellular imaging

Sensitivity and Specificity

Highest detection efficiency for identifying RNA



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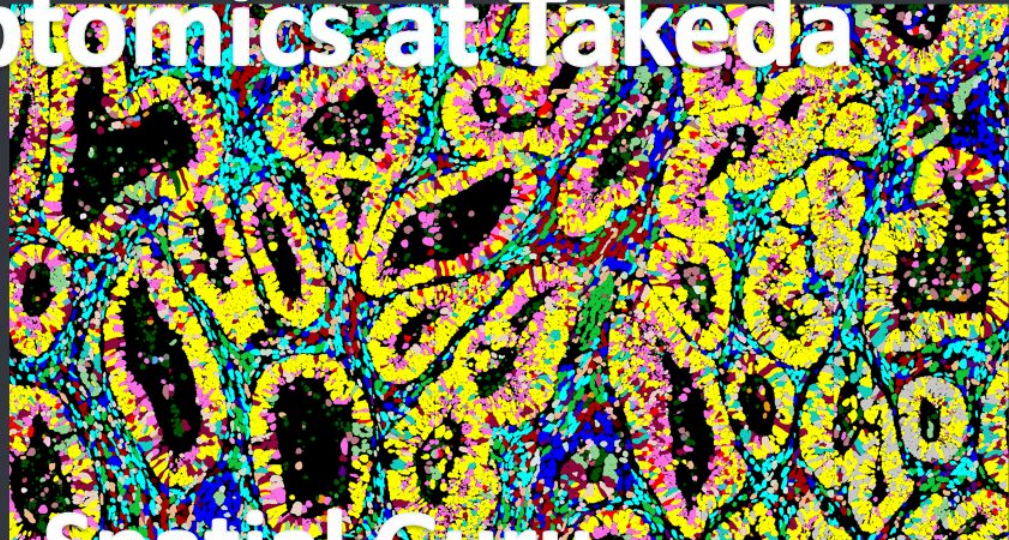
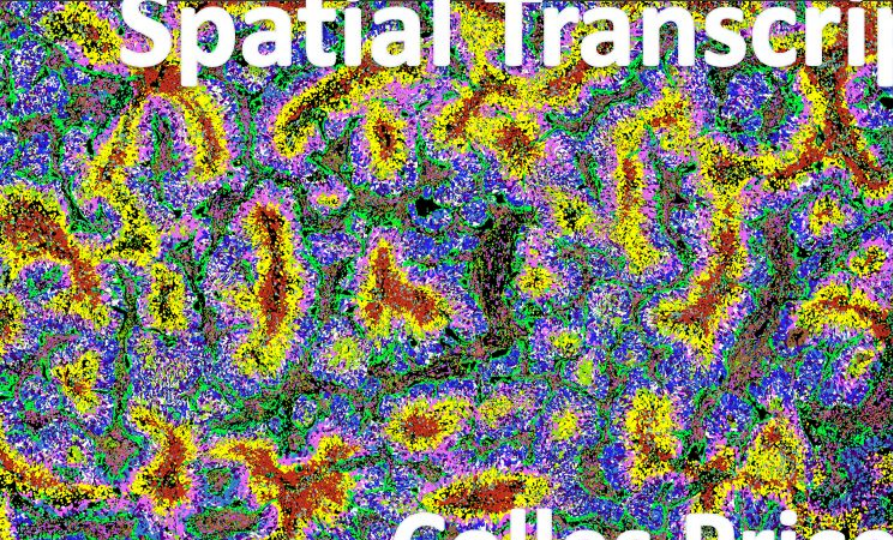
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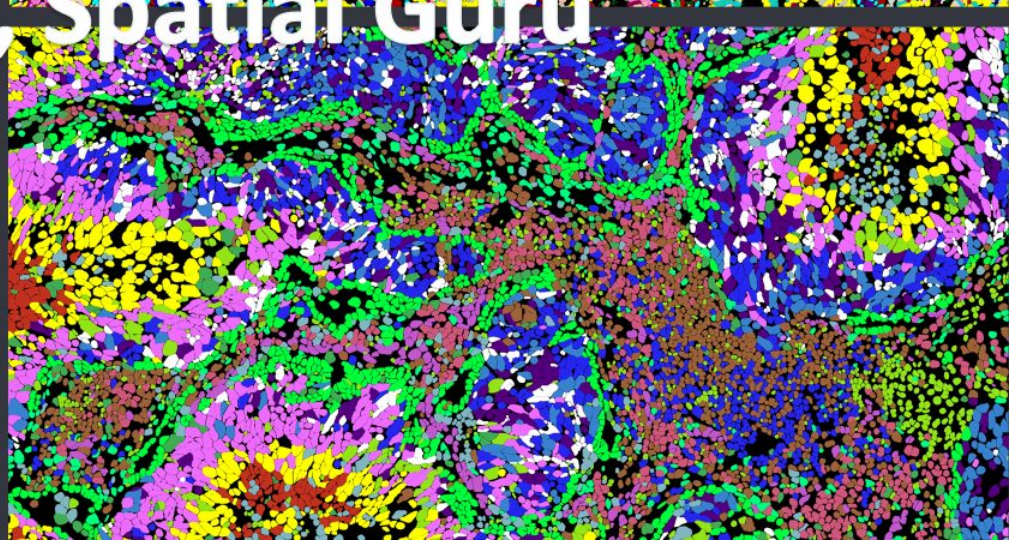
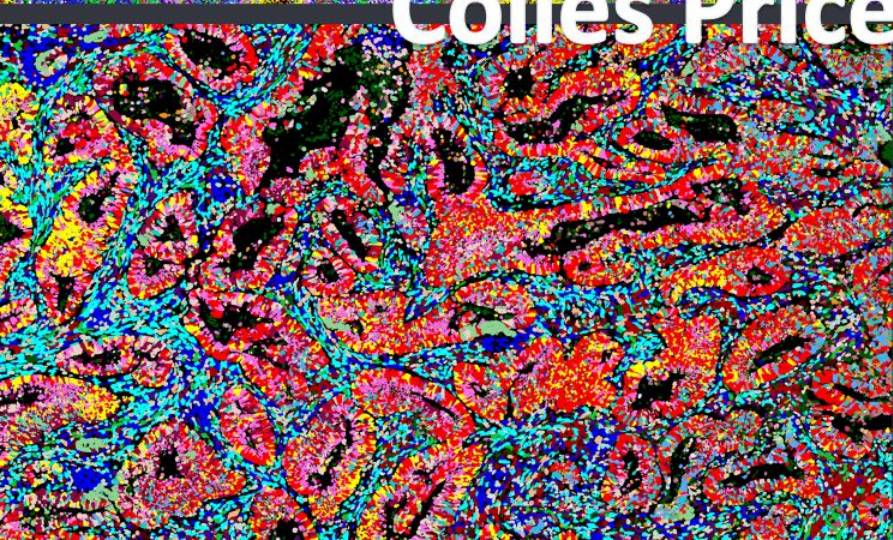
Price Colles, *Takeda*



Spatial Transcriptomics at Jakeda



Colles Price, Spatial Guru



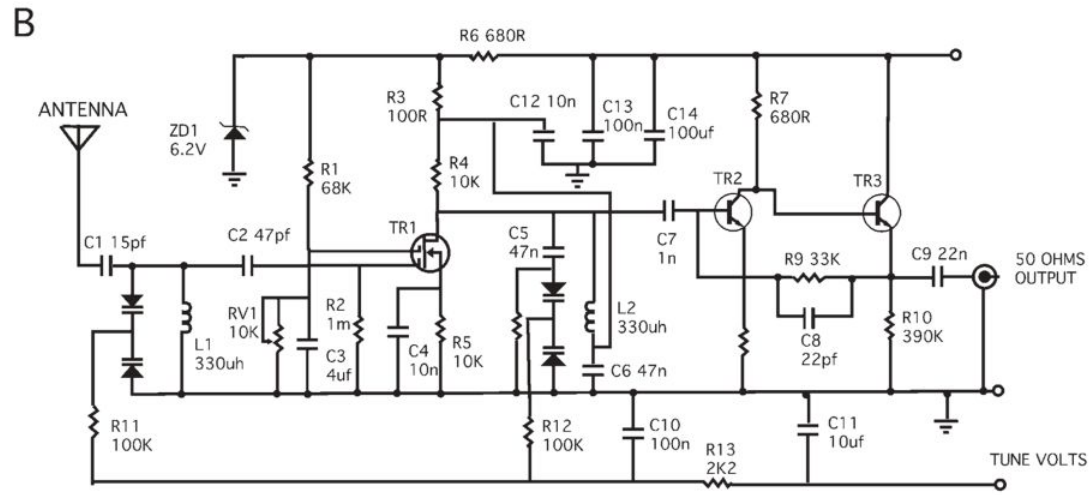
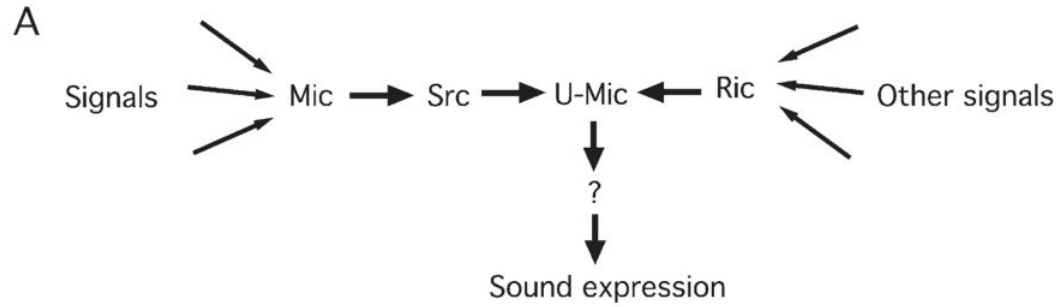


Figure 3. The tools used by biologists and engineers to describe processes of interest

As technologies and methods have evolved throughout the years we discovered how important context is to understanding human biology



Bulk



Single Cell

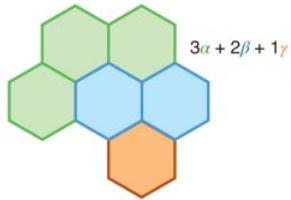


Spatial

Spatial Transcriptomics, broken into either sequencing or imaging based technologies, have been used for tissue atlases, cell-interactions and complex signaling

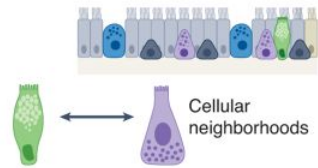
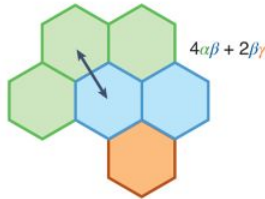
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Cell composition

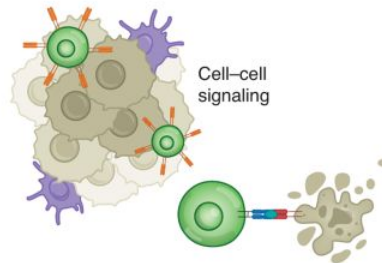
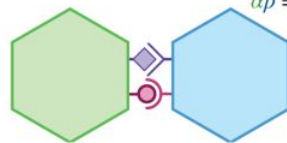


Tissue atlases

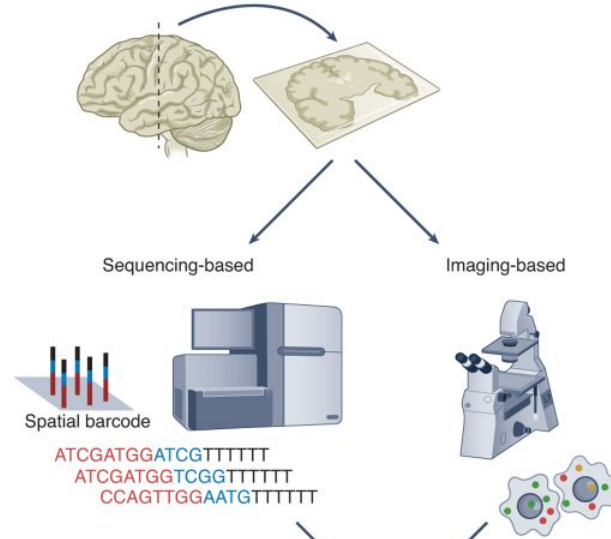
Cell-cell interactions



Molecular interactions



b



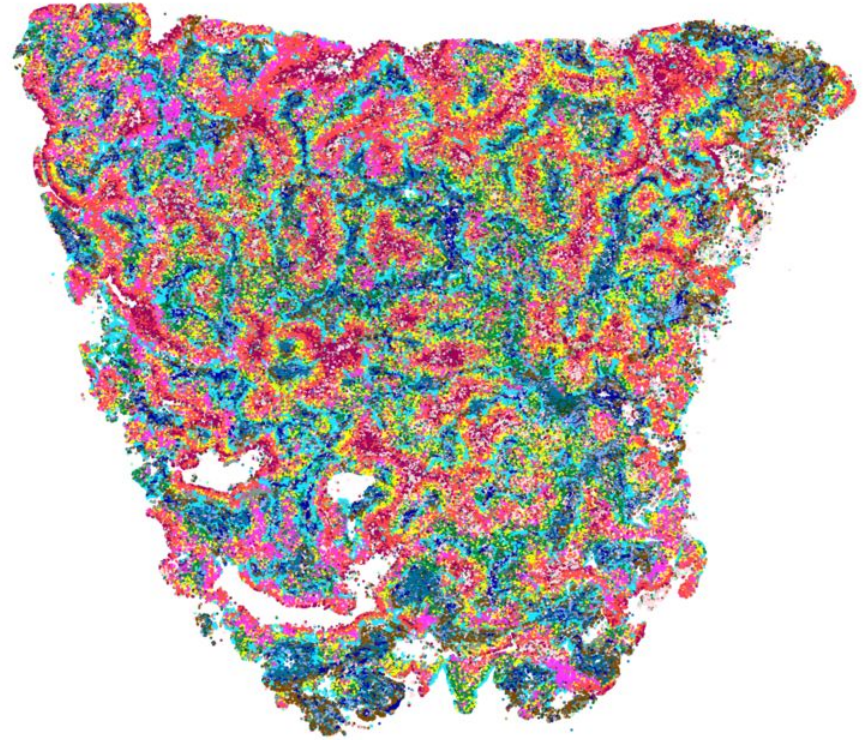
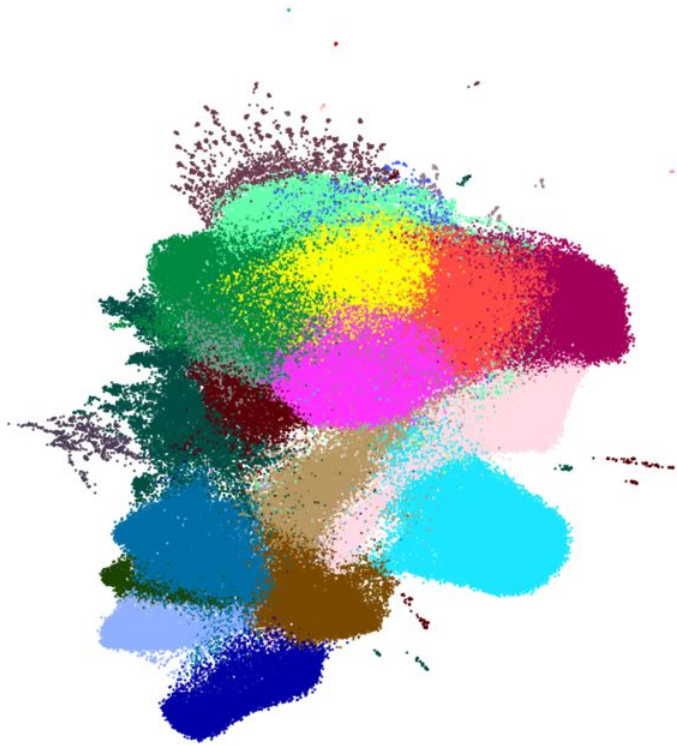
Gene expression matrix

	Gene 1	Gene 2	Gene N
Spot 1	10	5	6
Spot 2	5	21	20
...
Spot N	8	1	2

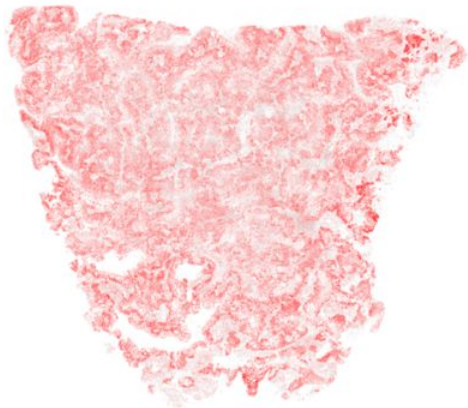
Spatial information

	x	y
Spot 1	141.2	511.4
Spot 2	514.9	219.9
...
Spot N	8	127.4

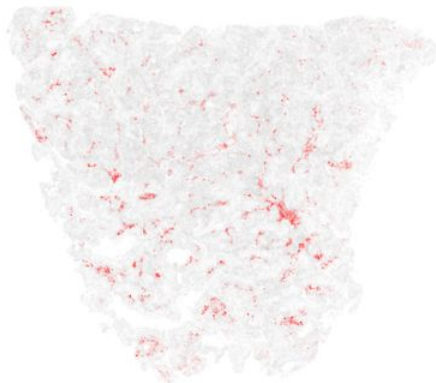
We can do generate UMAPs from spatial data and map those clusters onto the tissue



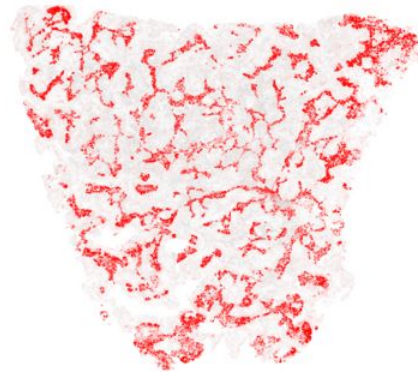
Spatial transcriptomics can visualize numerous genes individually or together on a tissue



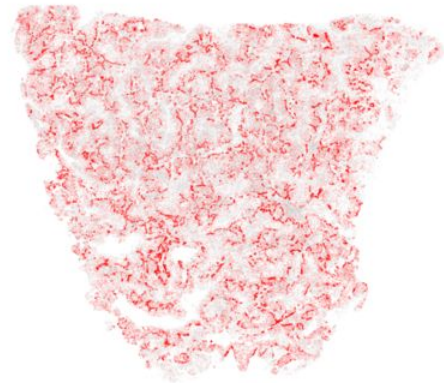
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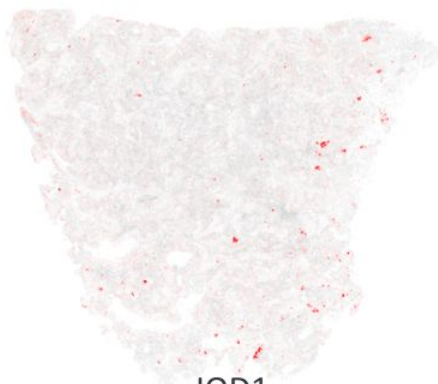
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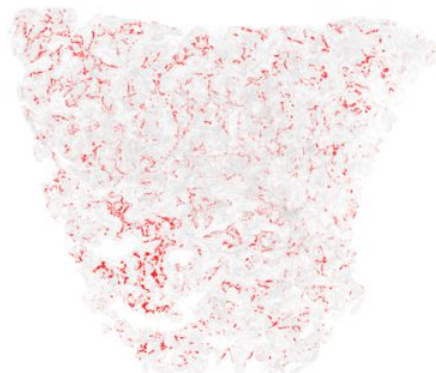
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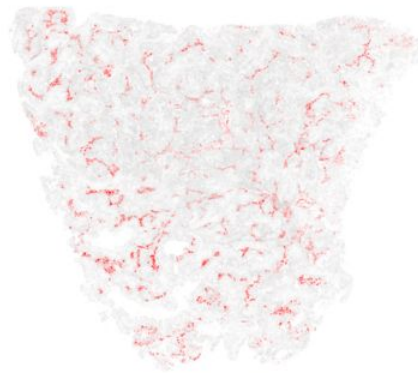
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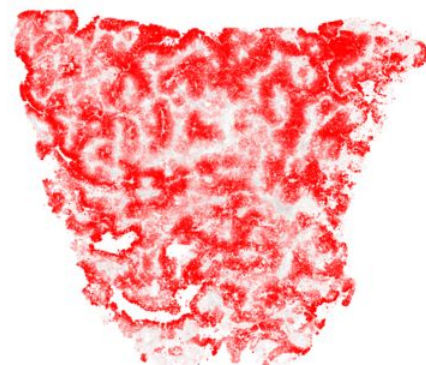
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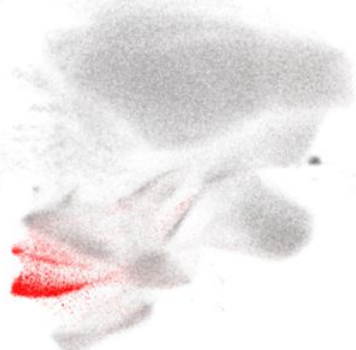


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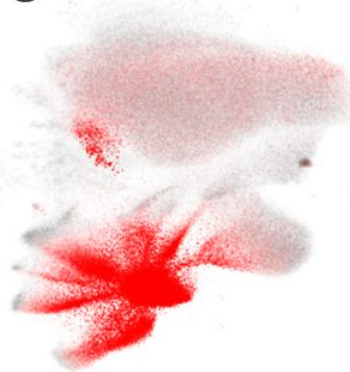
Spatial transcriptomics can visualize genes in their UMAP cluster



AKT1



CD79A



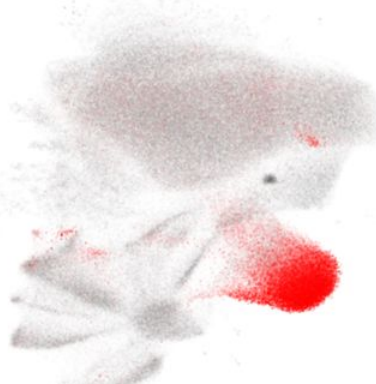
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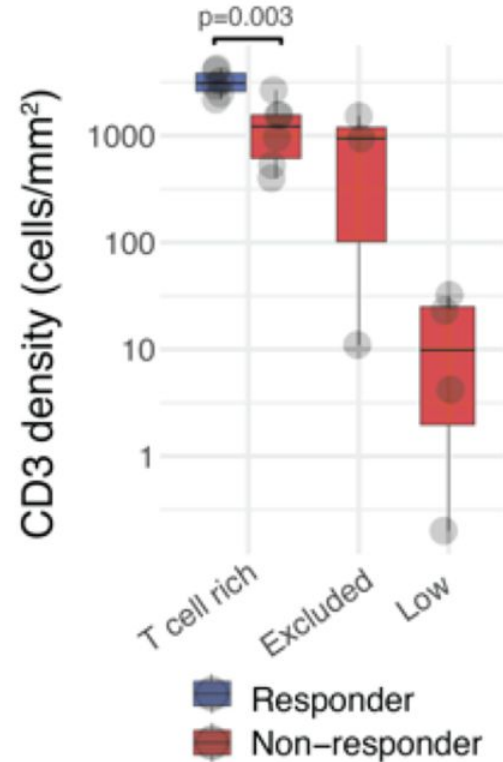
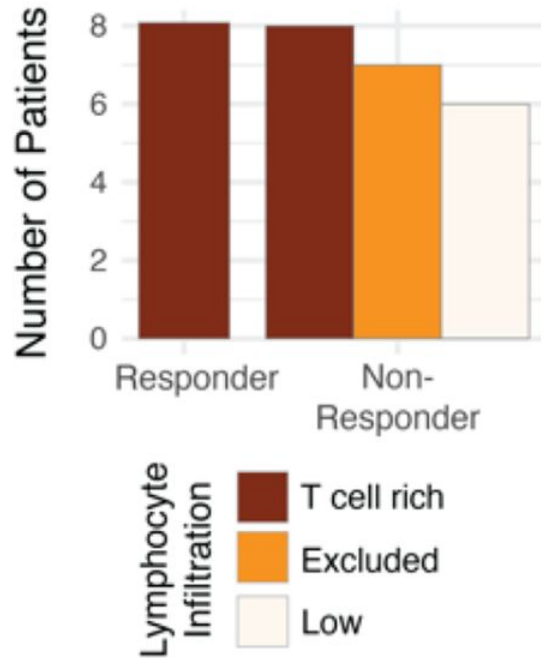


VEGFA



Spatial transcriptomics can be used clinically to identify patients who would best benefit from therapy

Despite presenting with a large amount of T cells some patients don't respond to immune checkpoint blockade (ICB)



Identify and profile the T-cell population within responders and nonresponders following immune checkpoint blockage in a clinical trial

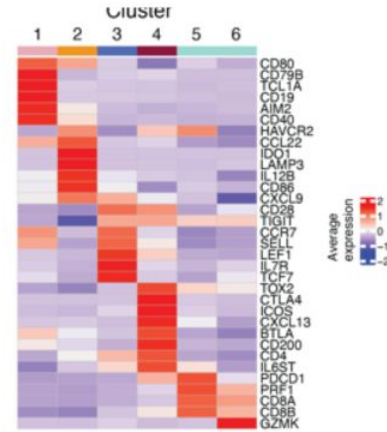



This study was able to reduce prediction of response to a single IHC marker which is now being used to help stratify patients in a new clinical trial (new manuscript pending)

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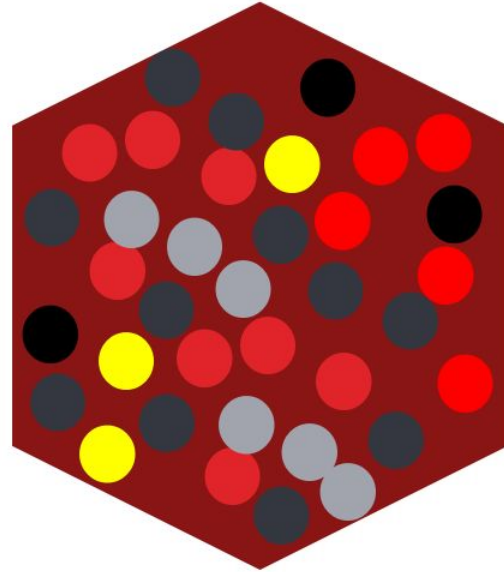
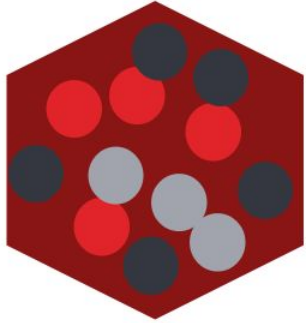
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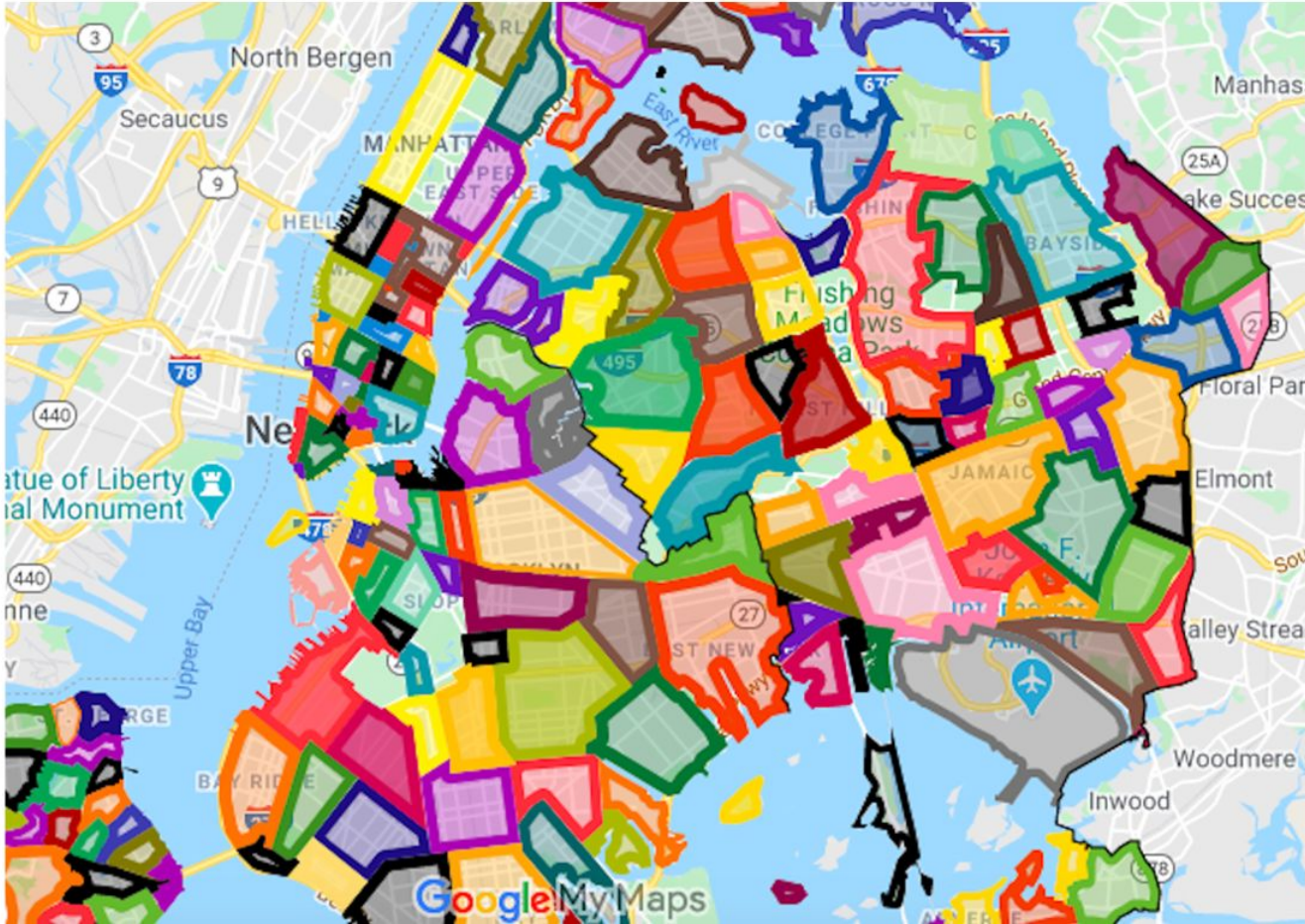


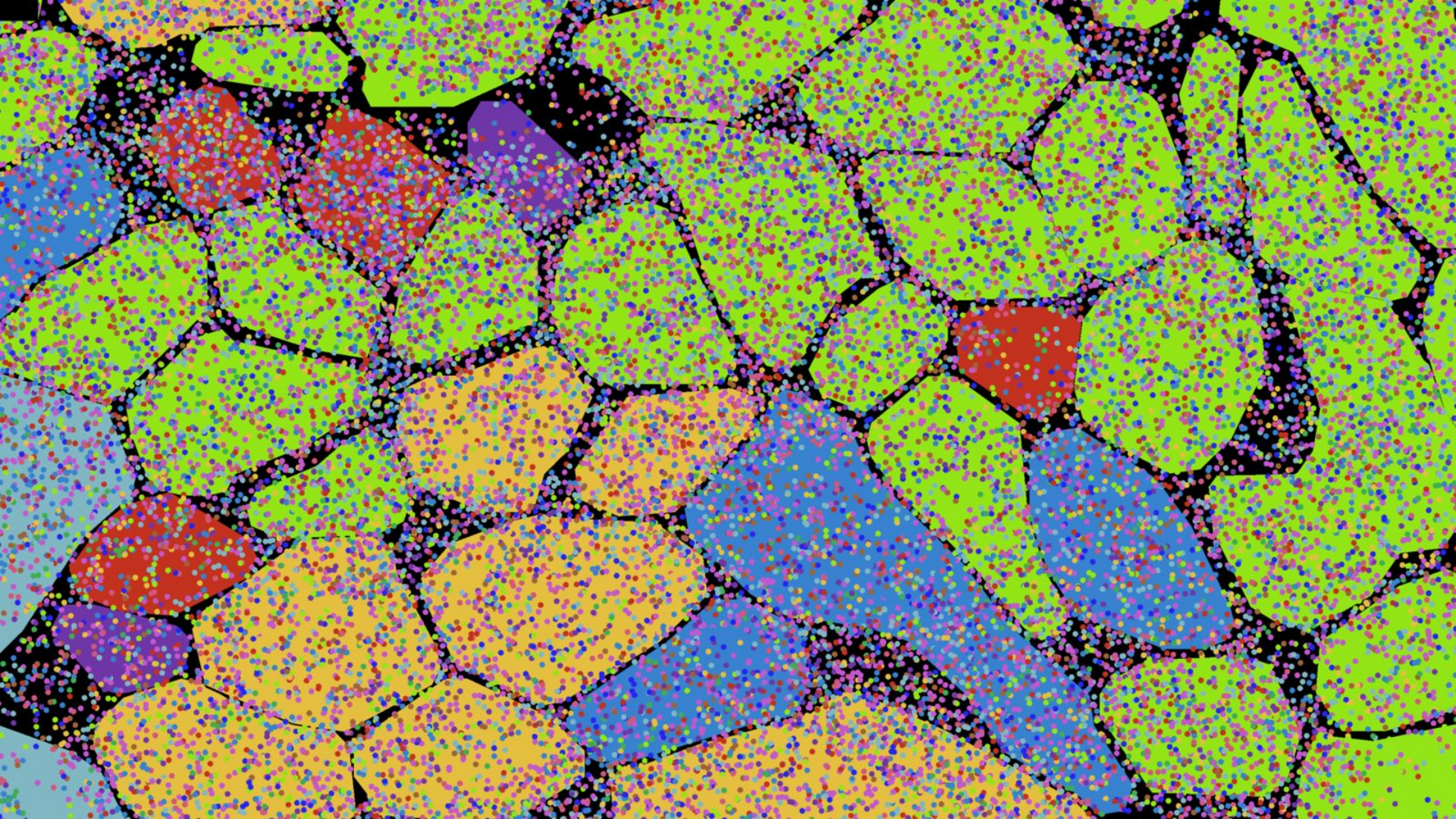
Different approaches to defining neighborhoods provides insight into human biology and human atlases

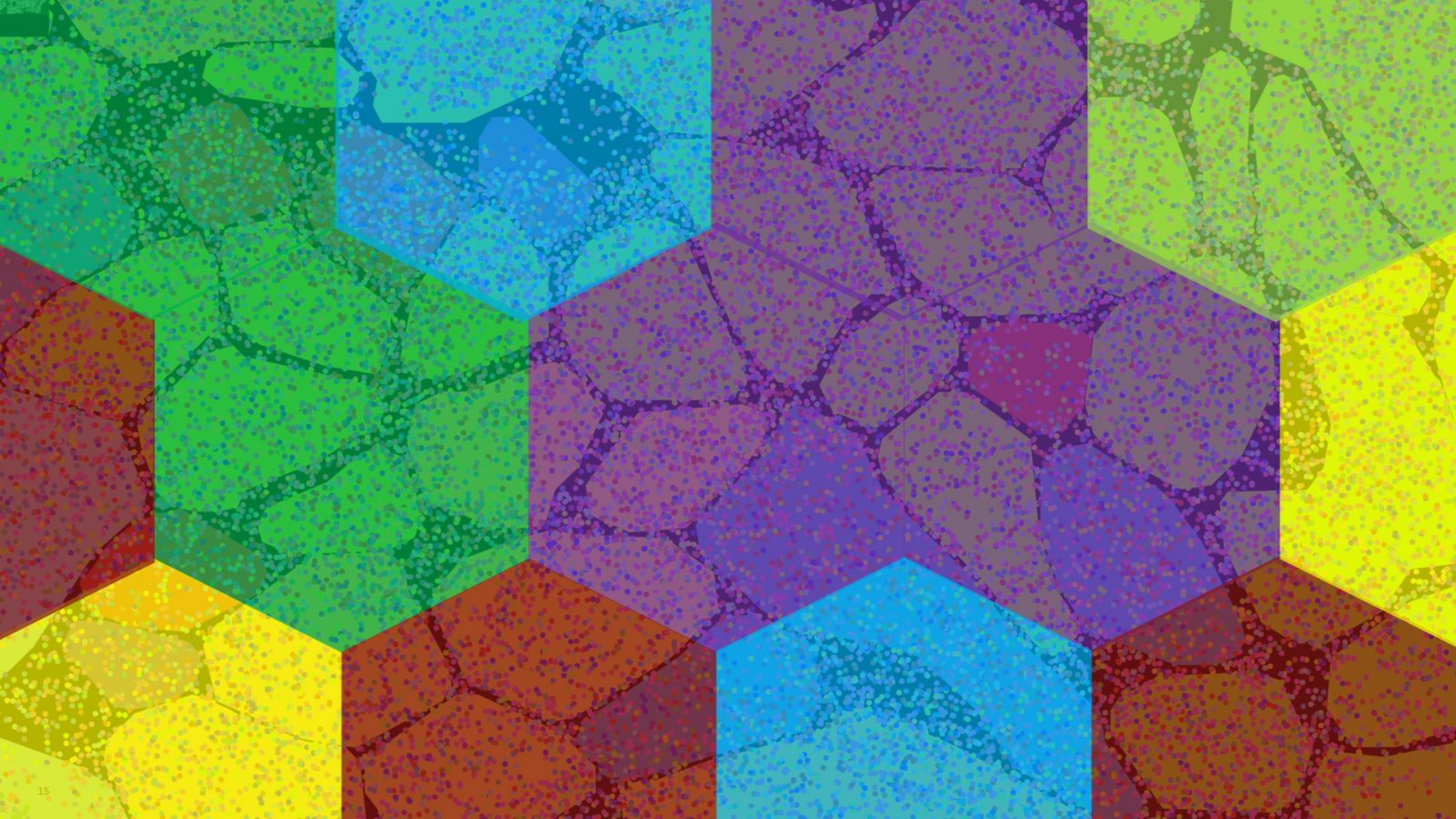
By defining a neighborhood of diverse cells and cell types we can look at how these communities interact with other communities or how communities interact within communities

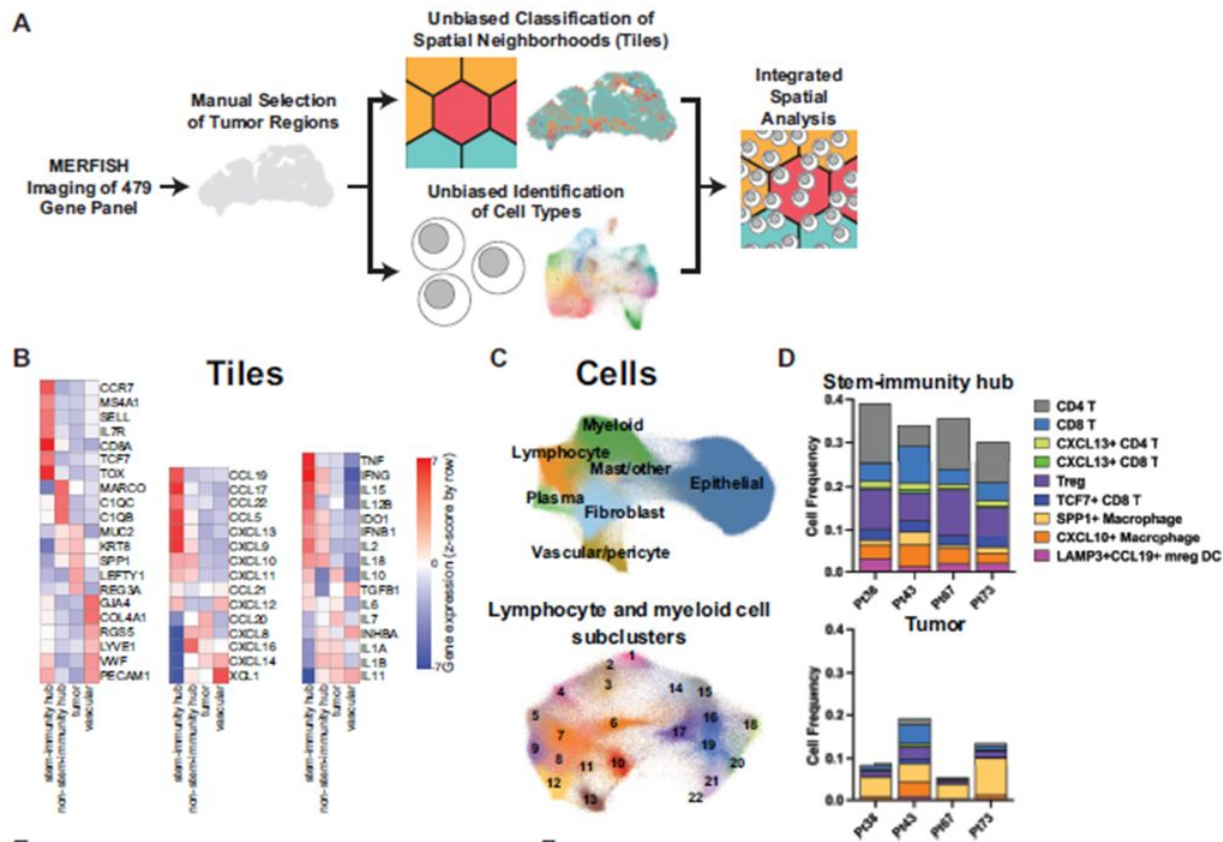


Similar concept – looking at the defined regions (neighborhoods) in NYC and identifying the populations within those regions

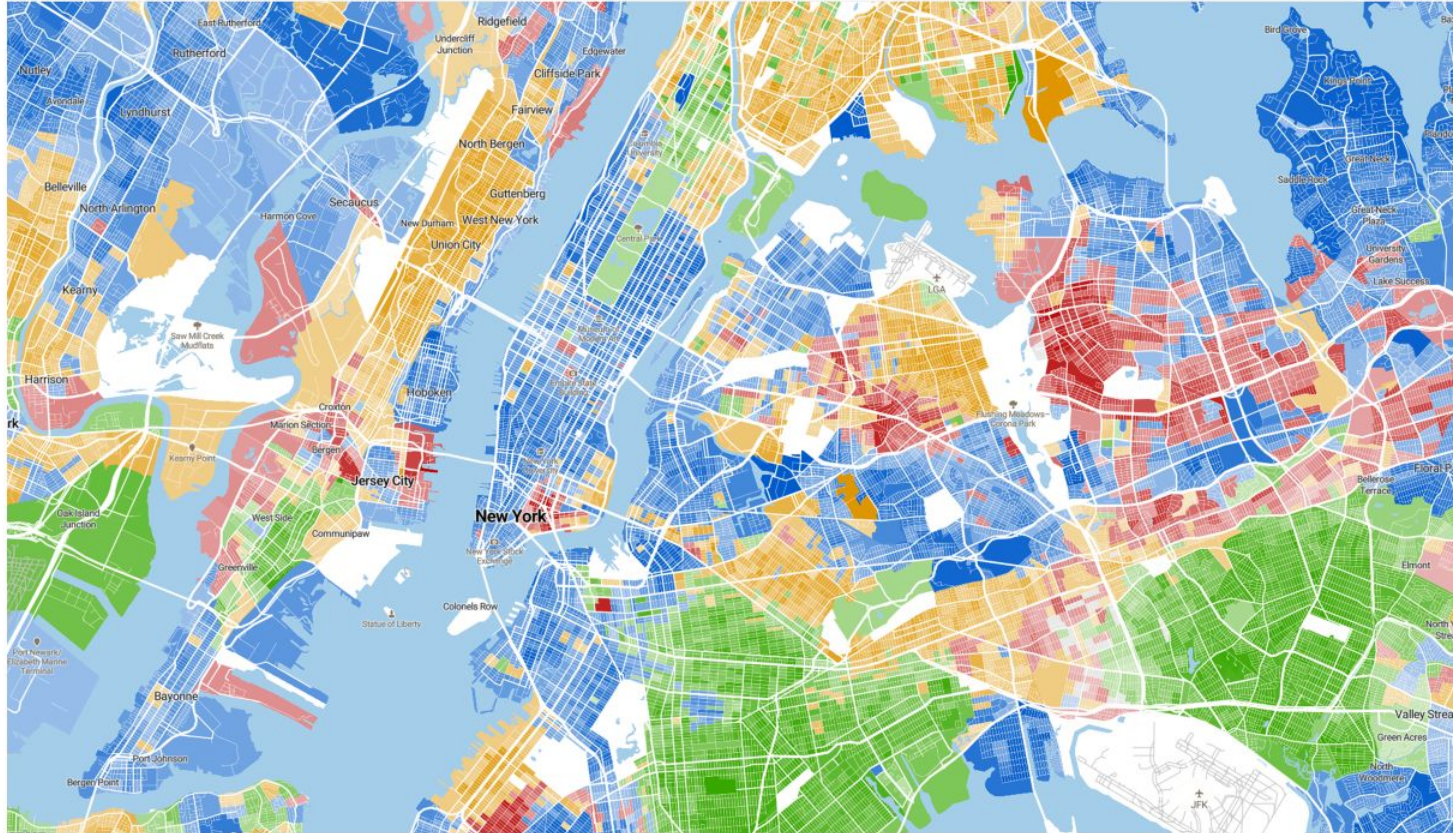








Similar approach is defining neighborhoods, not by regions but by demographics



How to build a neighborhood based on cellular demographics - alpha shape



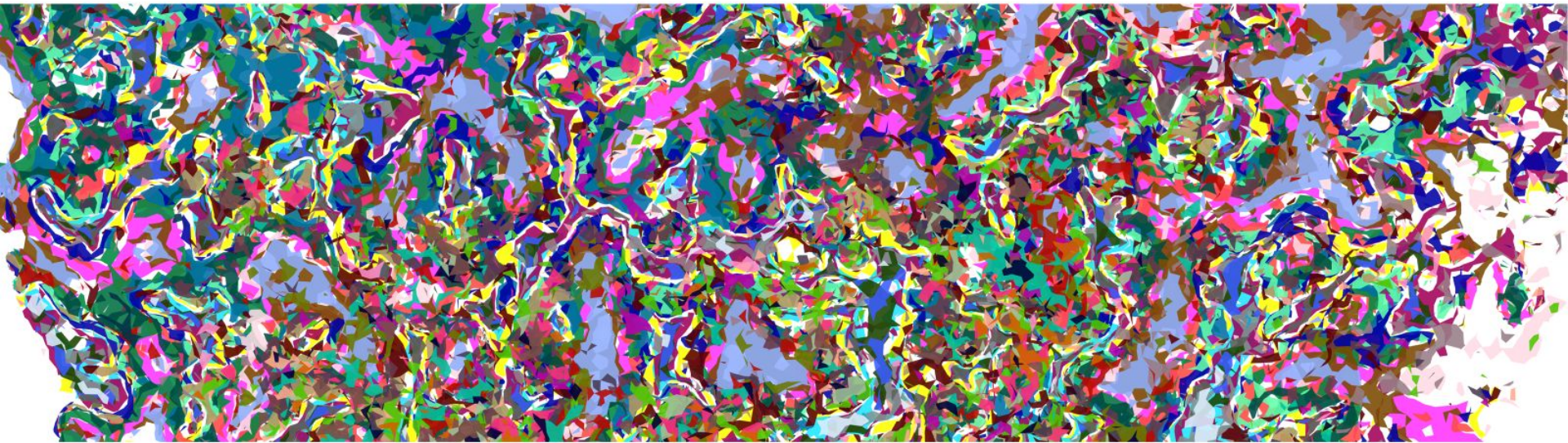
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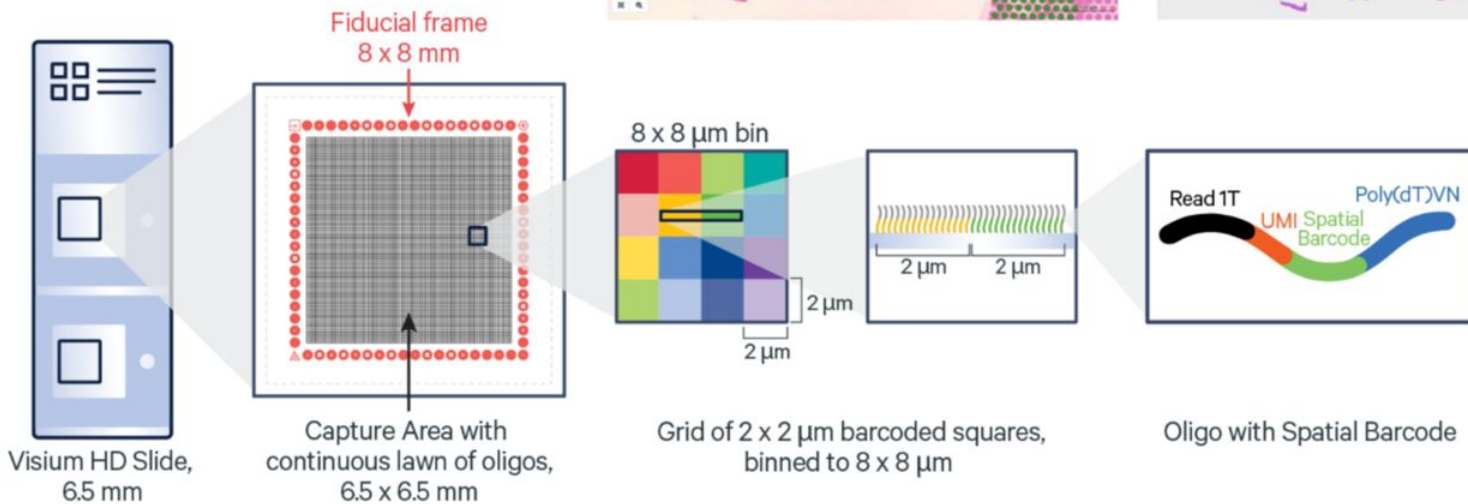
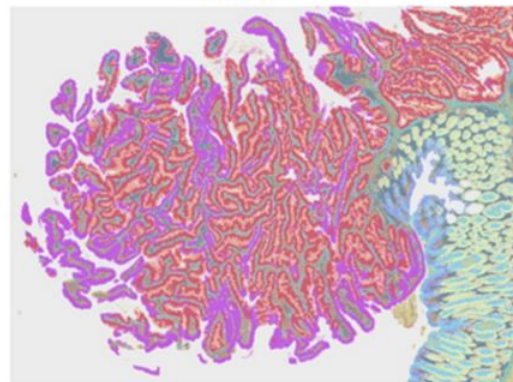
Imaging based spatial methods are incredibly powerful and provide a high resolution view in biology across an entire tissue but require previous knowledge to choose genes of interest. Sequencing based methods have significantly improved over the past few years

Visium HD is a dramatic increase in resolution compared to Visium (sequencing based assays)

Visium



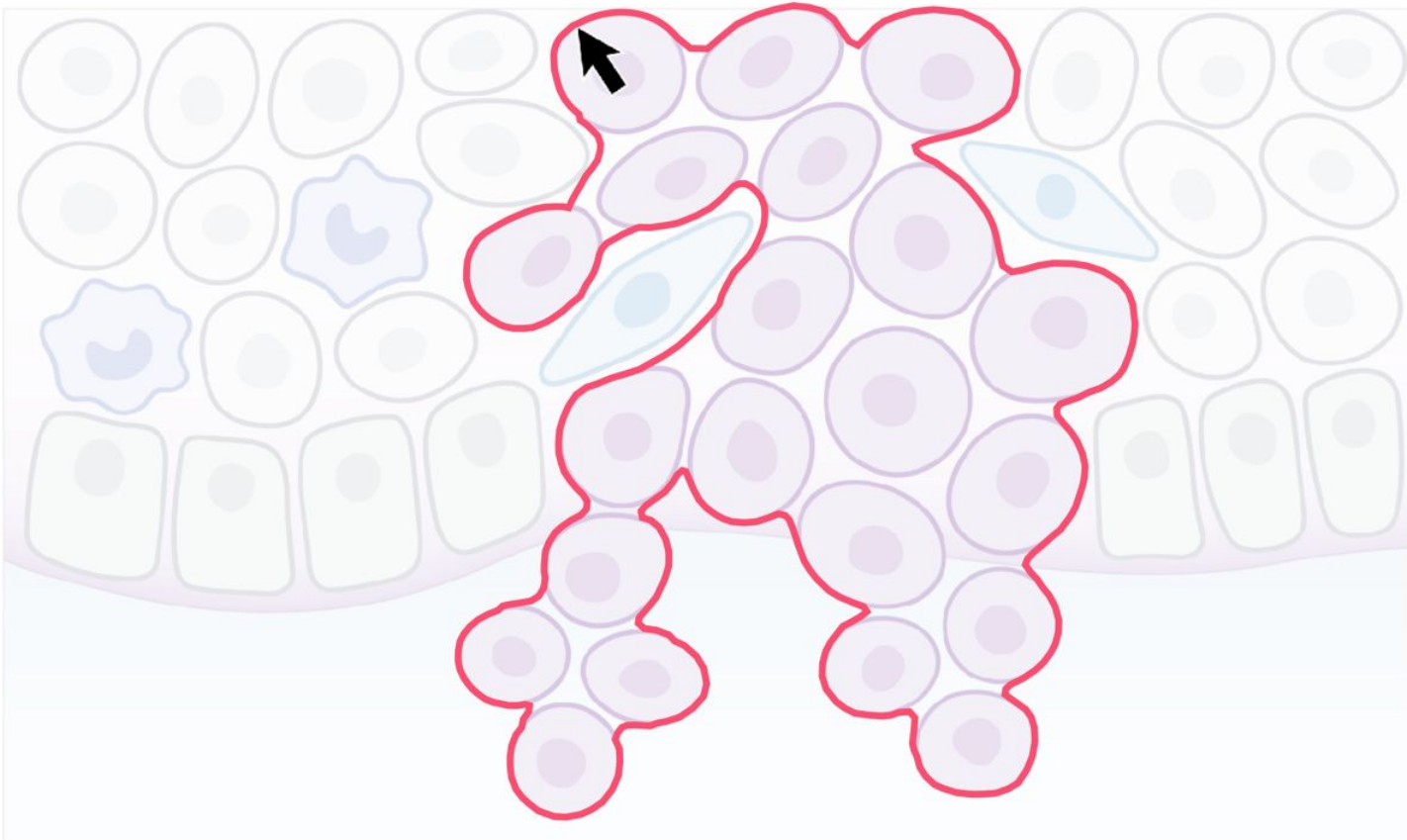
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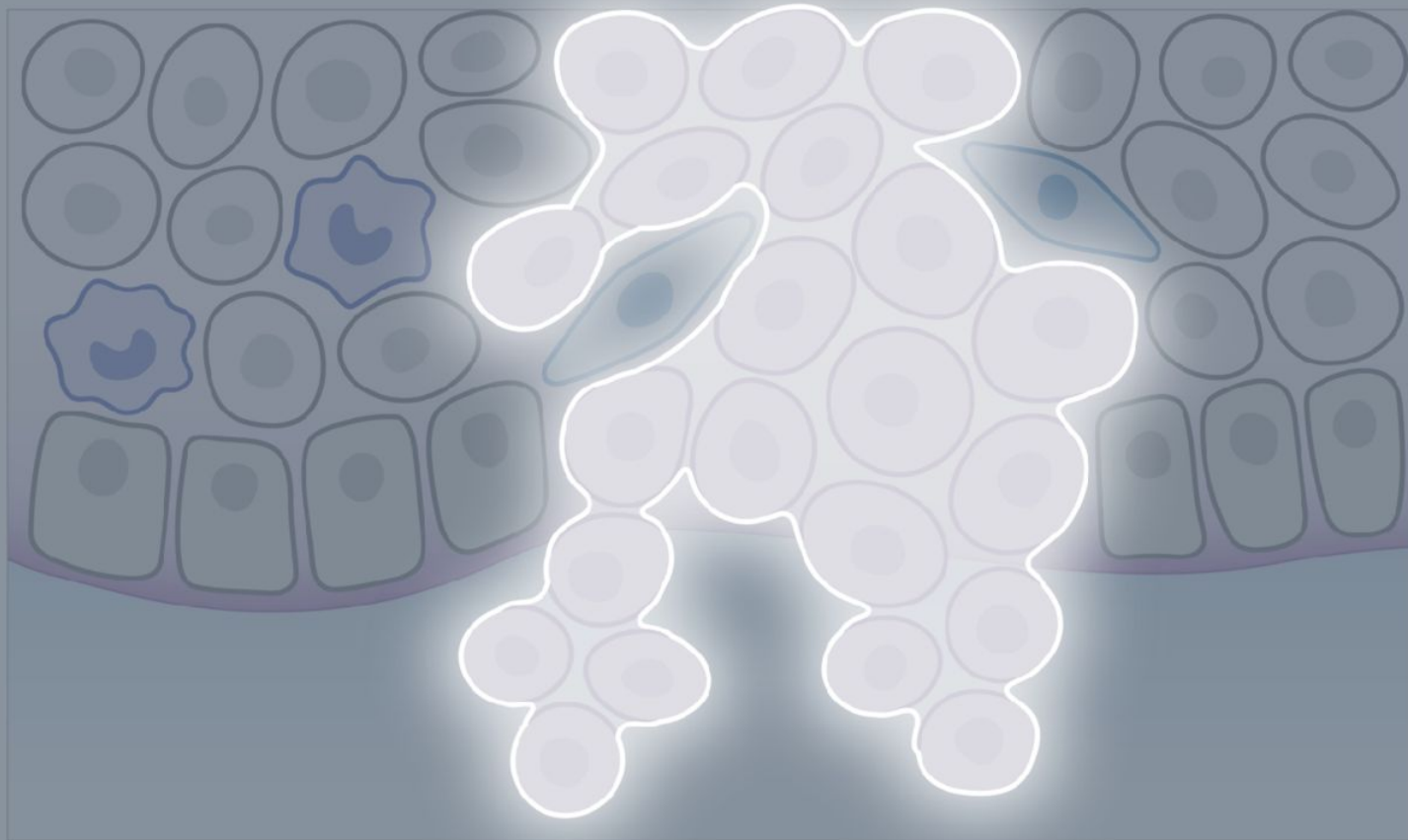




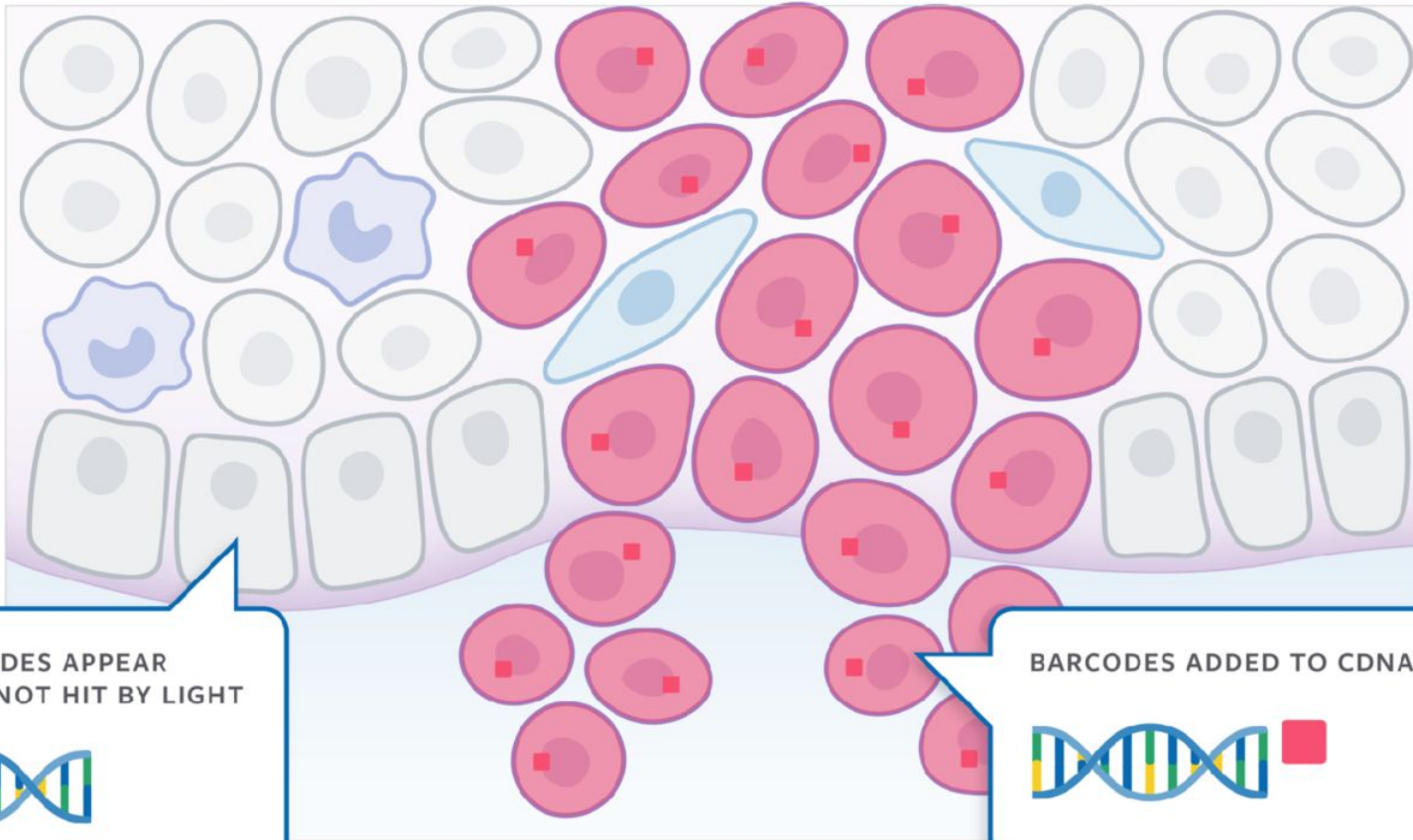
Sequencing based approaches can isolate different cellular populations on a tissue

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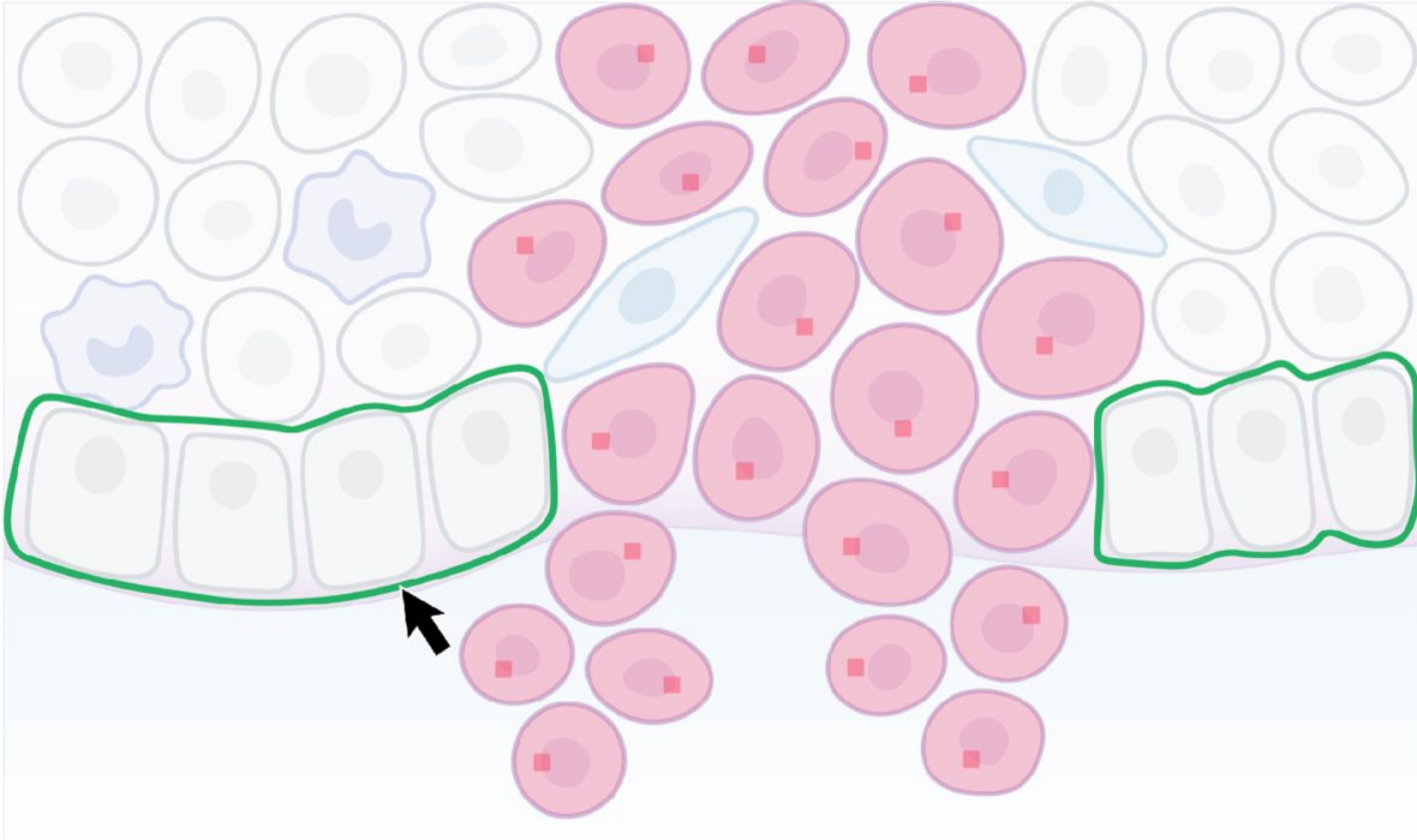


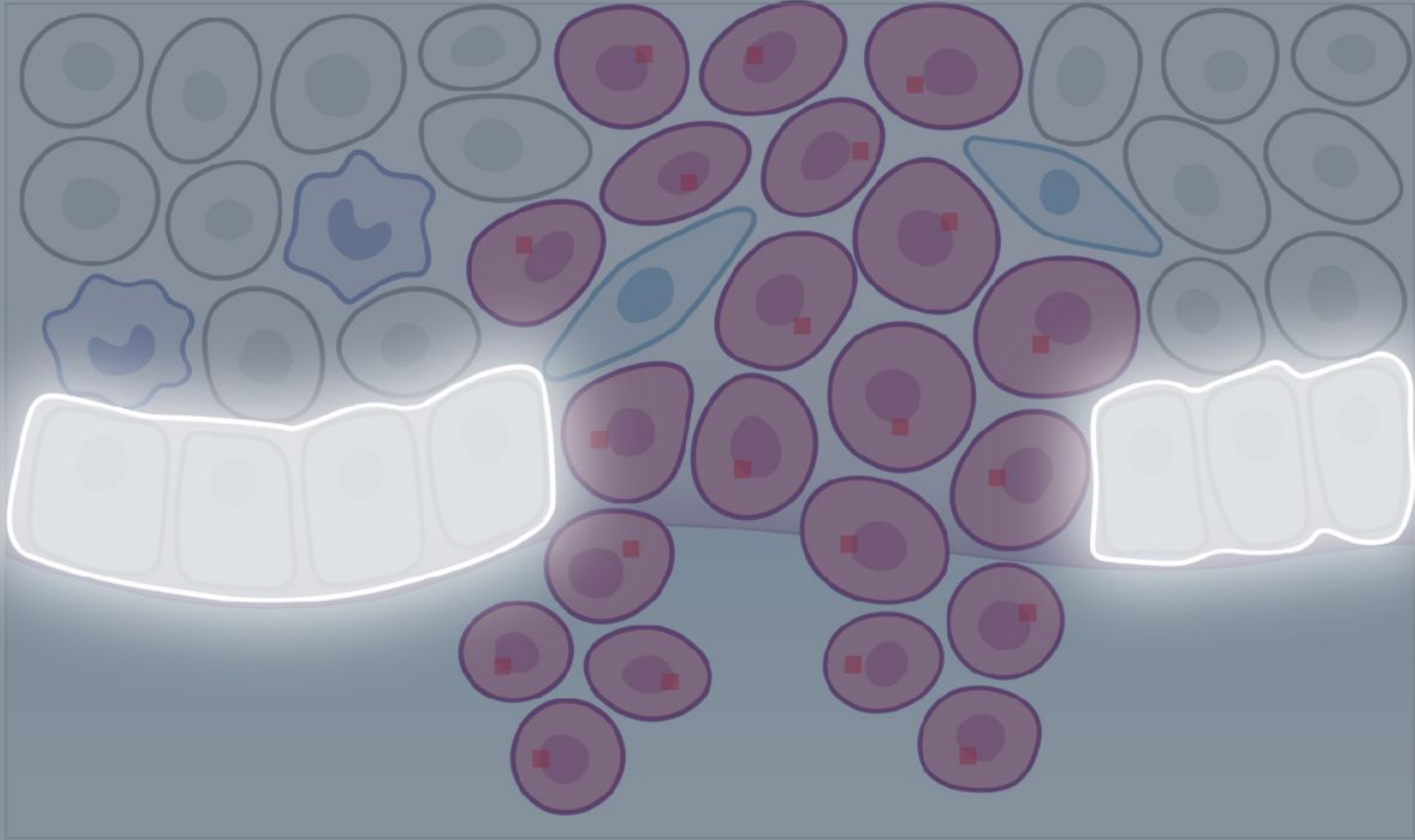
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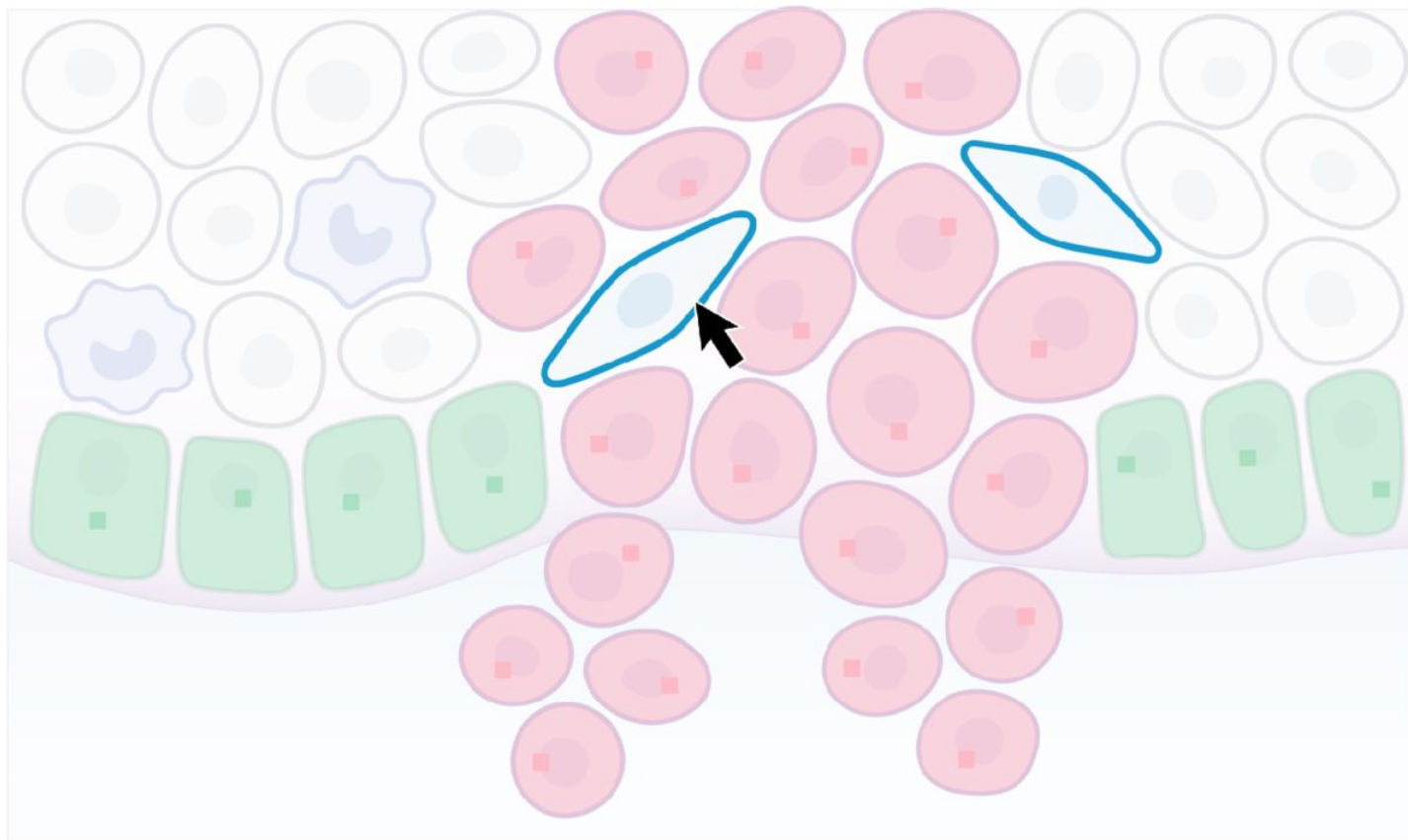


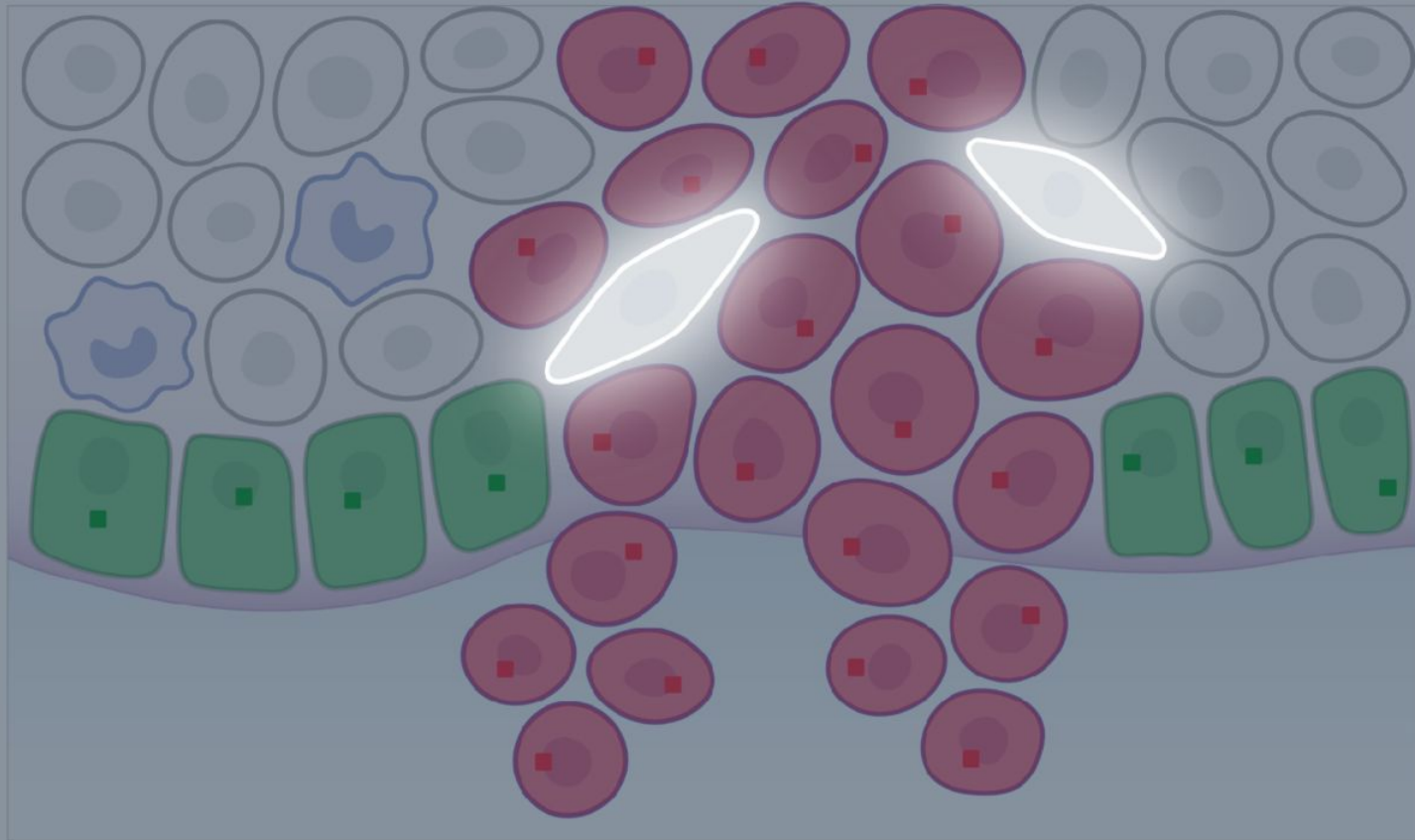
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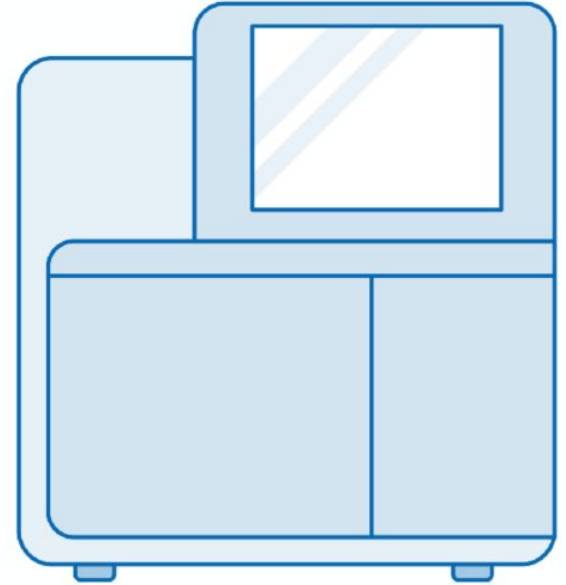
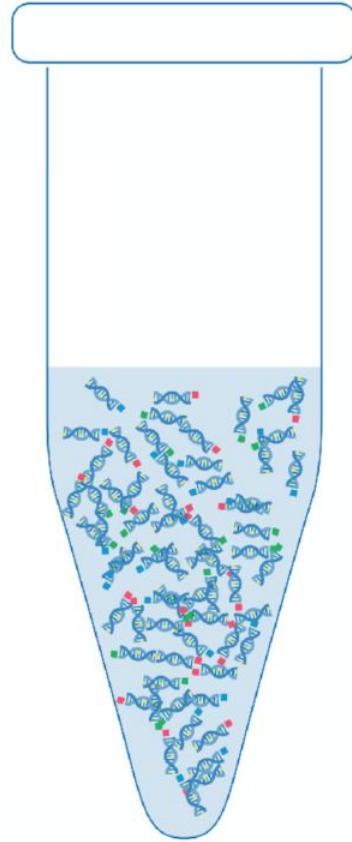
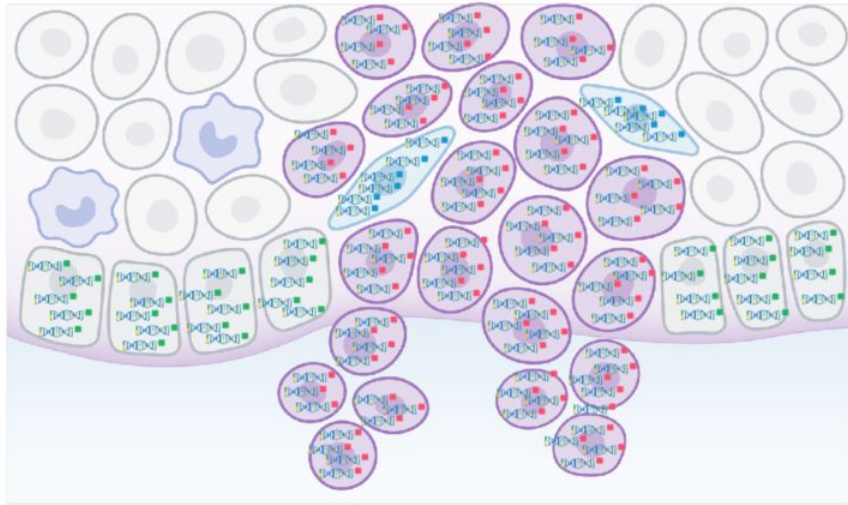








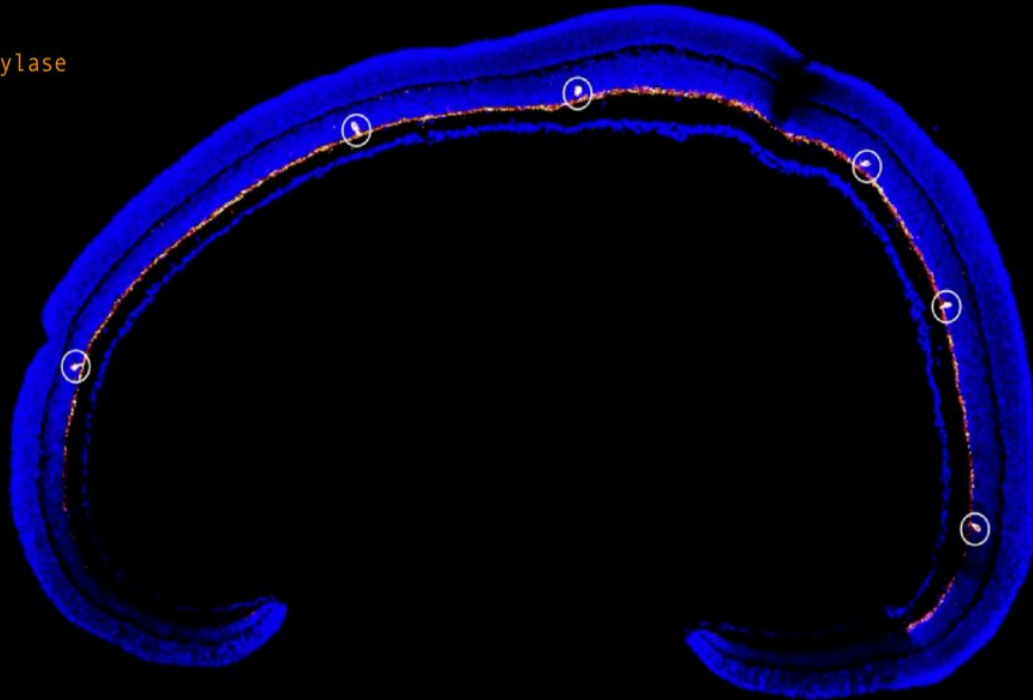




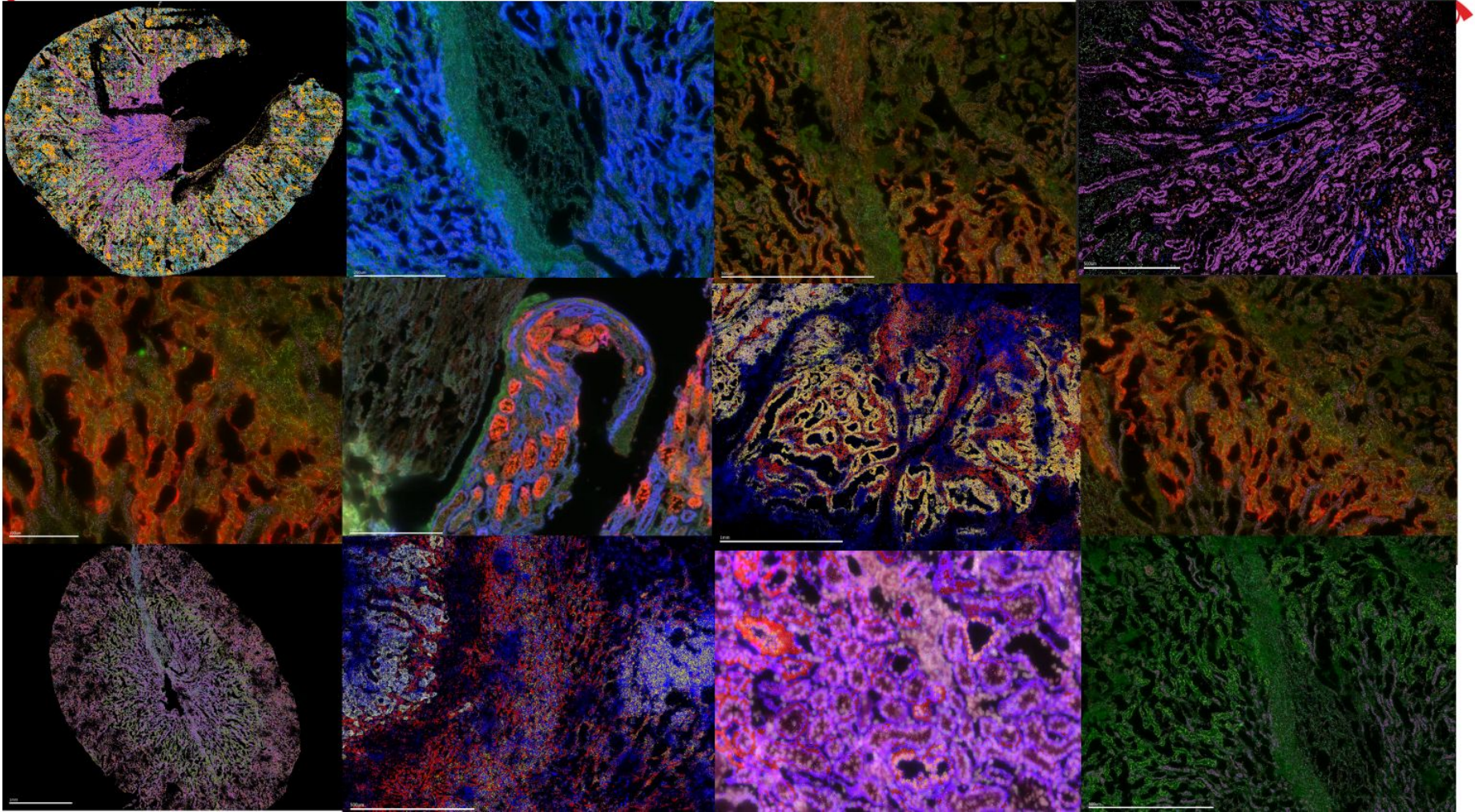
Dopaminergic amacrine cells represent 0.005% of all cells in the mouse retina,
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Nuclear Stain

Anti-Tyrosine Hydroxylase



Biology is incredibly intricate, complex and striking



The application of spatial technology to human biology is only limited by your mind and your question.



Tissue annotation

Cell Annotation

Nearest Neighbor Analysis

Cell Mobility and Chemokine signaling

Clustering of cells (and cellular deviation)

Subcellular quantification

Identification of cell states

Drug response (and other functional disruption)

Integration with other omic data

Three dimensional reconstruction

Generate beautiful images



“You want your technology limited by the question you ask, not the question you ask limited by your technology”



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-Colles Price

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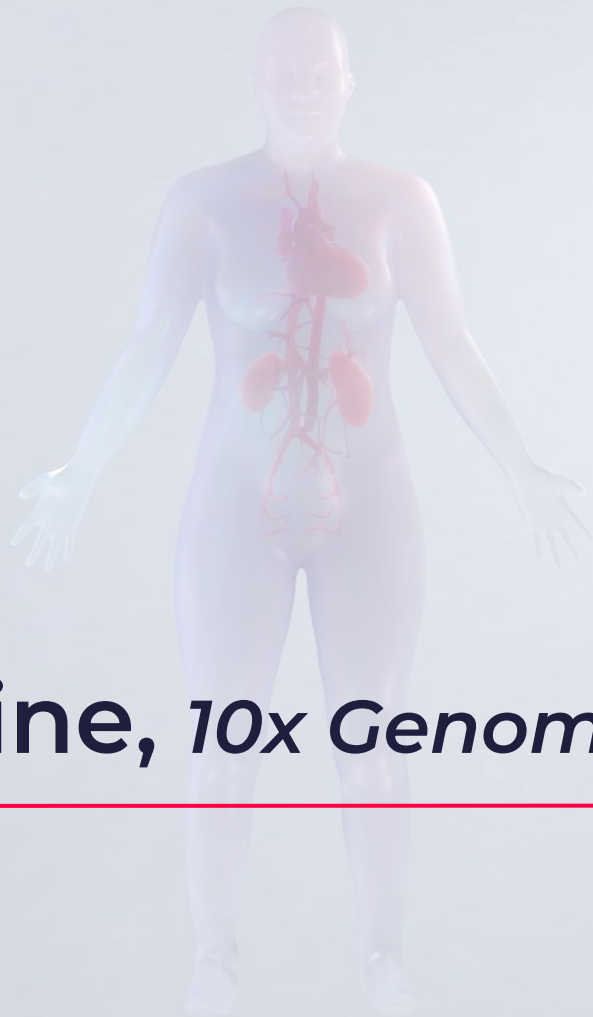
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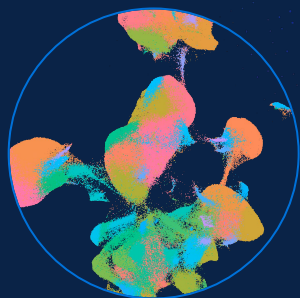


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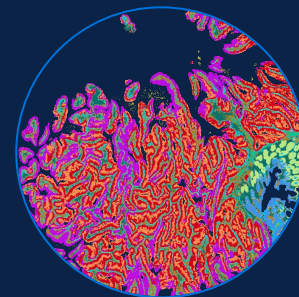
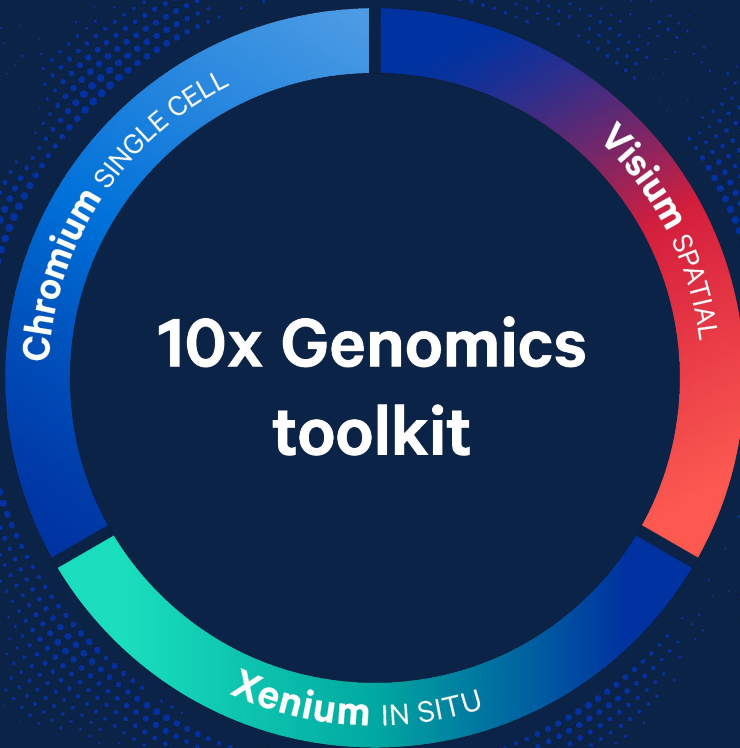
In-Depth Cell Profiling with the 10x Toolkit

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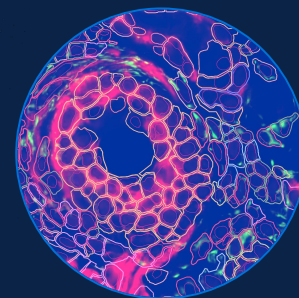
Three platforms to resolve biology's complexity



Chromium Single Cell



Visium Spatial



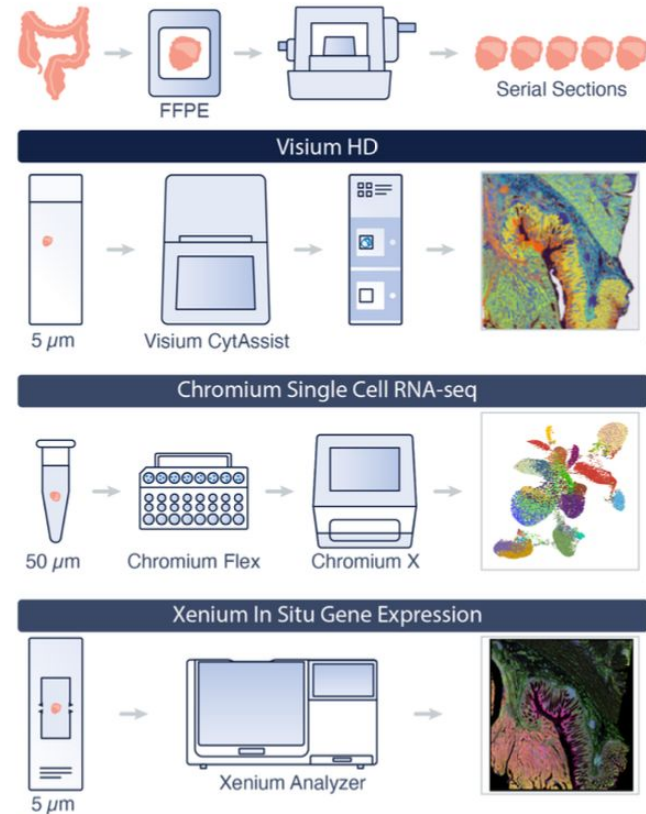
Xenium In Situ

Using Visium HD to investigate the tumor microenvironment in colorectal cancer

Characterization of immune cell populations in the tumor microenvironment of colorectal cancer using high definition spatial profiling

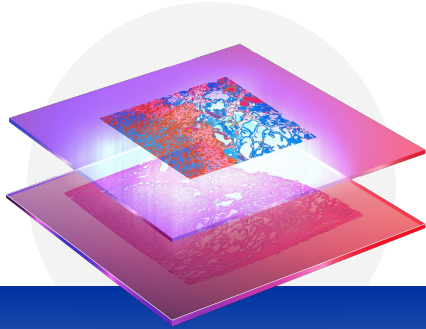
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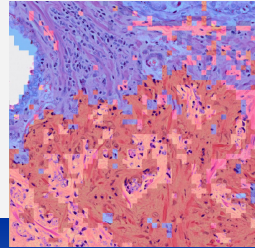
Introducing Visium HD

The spatial discovery power you want with the resolution and data quality you need



Unparalleled Spatial Discovery

Whole transcriptome gene expression analysis



Resolved at Single Cell Scale

Capture Area with continuous lawn of 2 x 2 μm barcoded squares



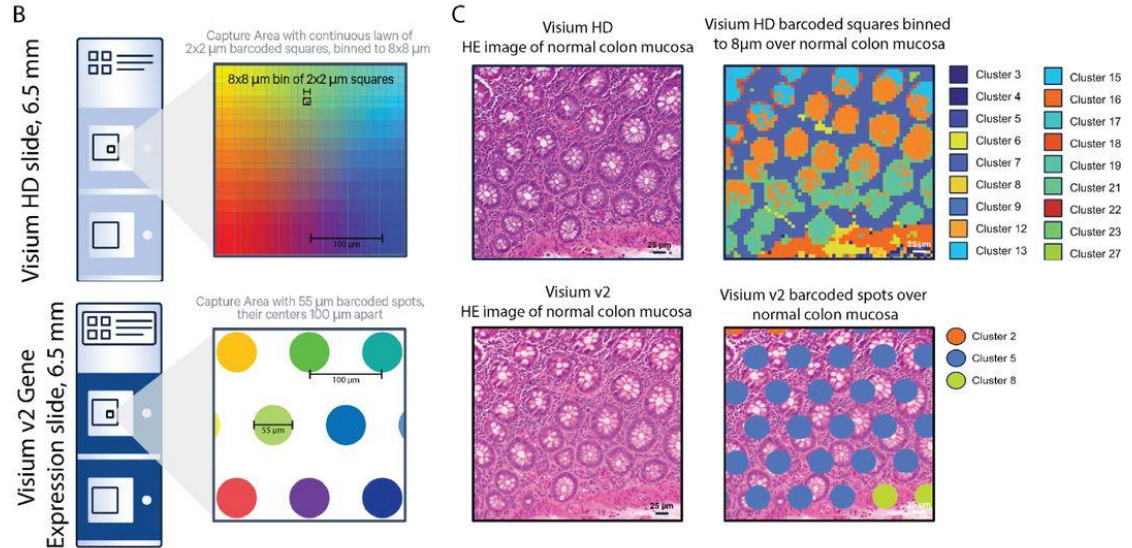
Data Quality You Can Trust

Accurate transcript localization enabled by Visium CytAssist

Visium HD spatially maps gene expression at high resolution

-Unbroken lawn of oligos avoids lost information

-Better conforms to tissue morphology



Comprehensive Toolkit for Single Cell Multiomics

Enabling the Broadest Range of Applications and Analytes

RNA expression

3' Gene Expression

Immune cell profiling + repertoire and clonotyping

5' Immune Profiling
(Gene Exp. + VDJ)

Functional genomics

CRISPR Screening
with Feature Barcoding

Proteomics

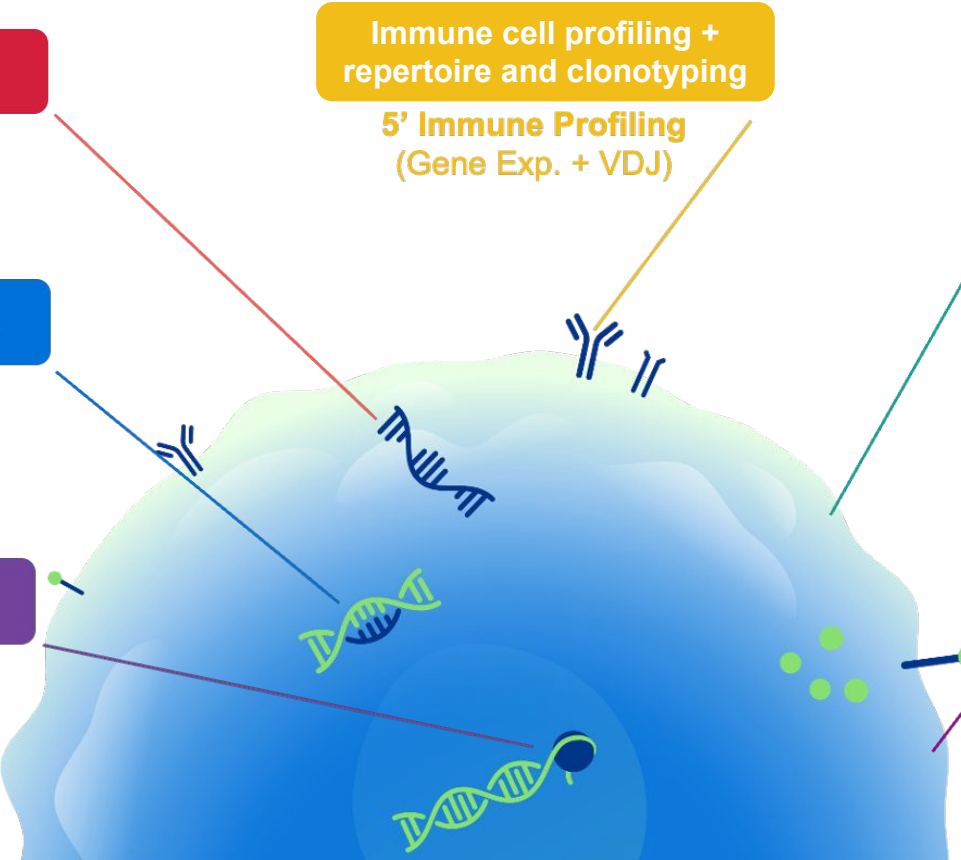
Cell Surface Proteins
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Epigenetics

Multome
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Fixed Samples

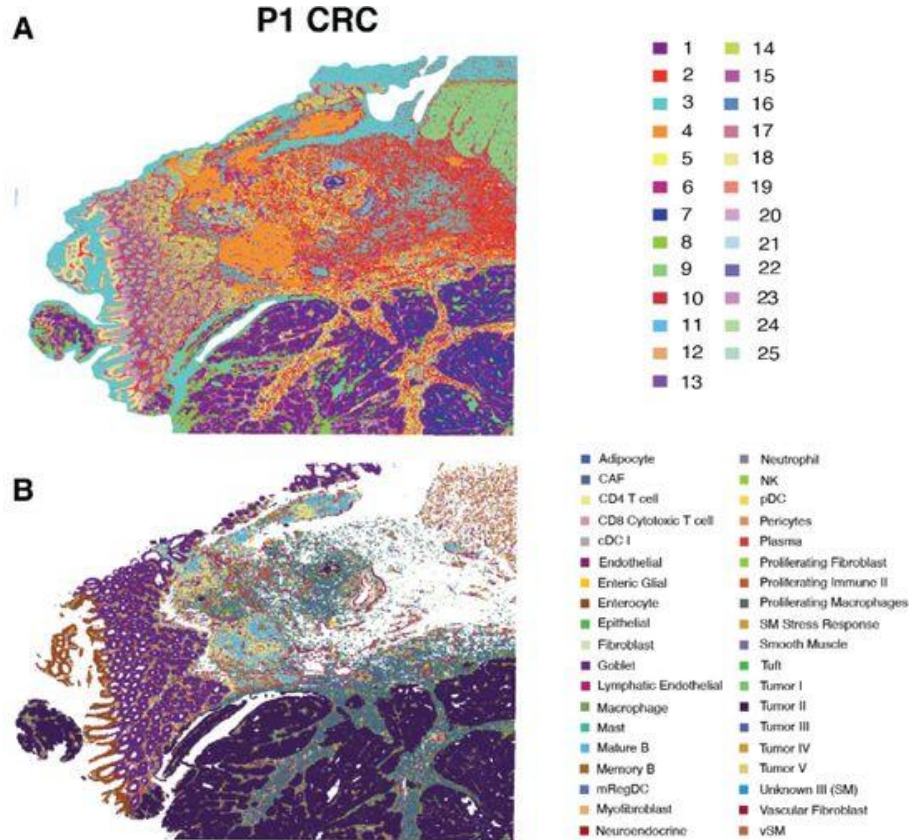
Gene Expression Flex
for fixed & FFPE



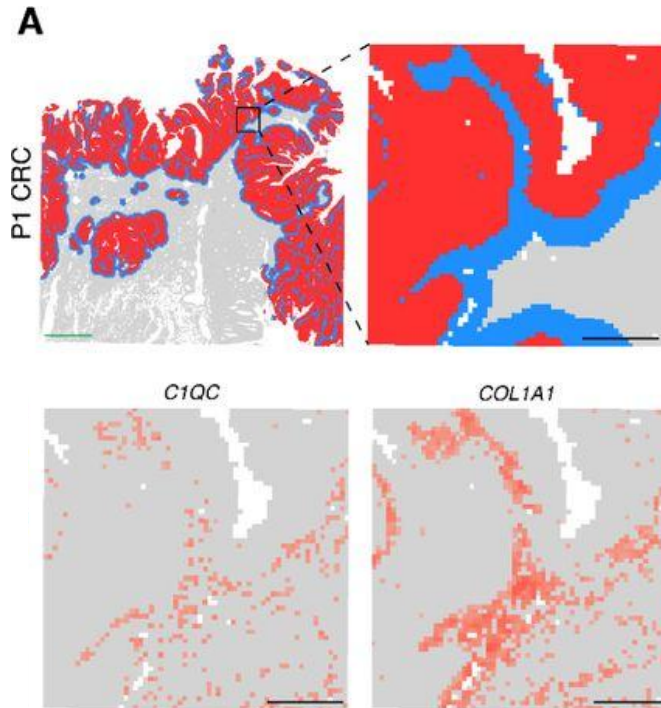
Identification of cell types aided by single cell data

-Single cell data provides ground truth for identification

-Also allows for removal of bins that sit under multiple cells



Macrophages and CAFs are prominent at tumor periphery



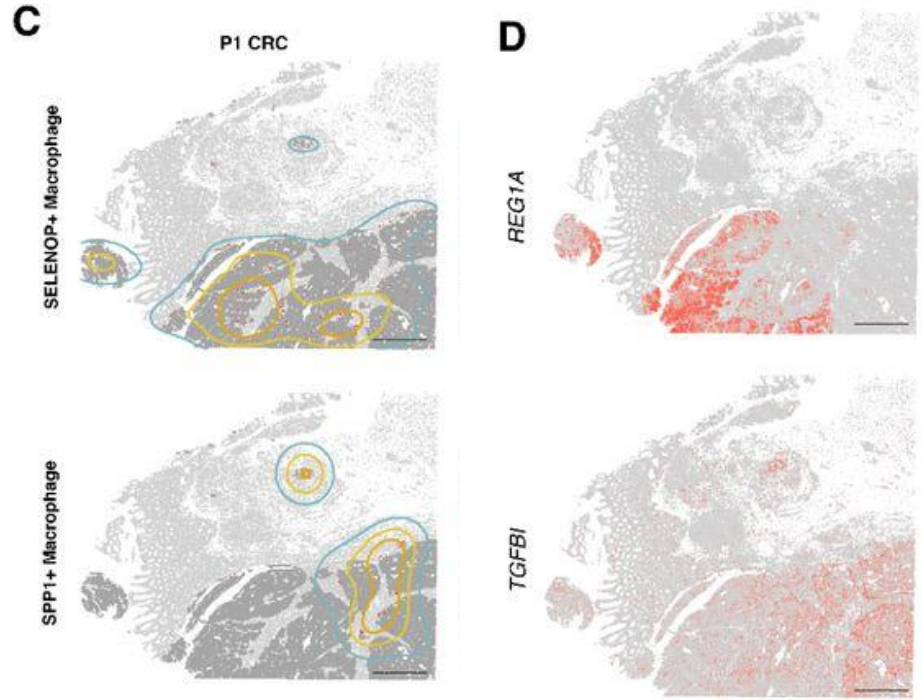
-After cell identification, wanted to focus on tumor periphery

-Is there diversity among the macrophages at the periphery?

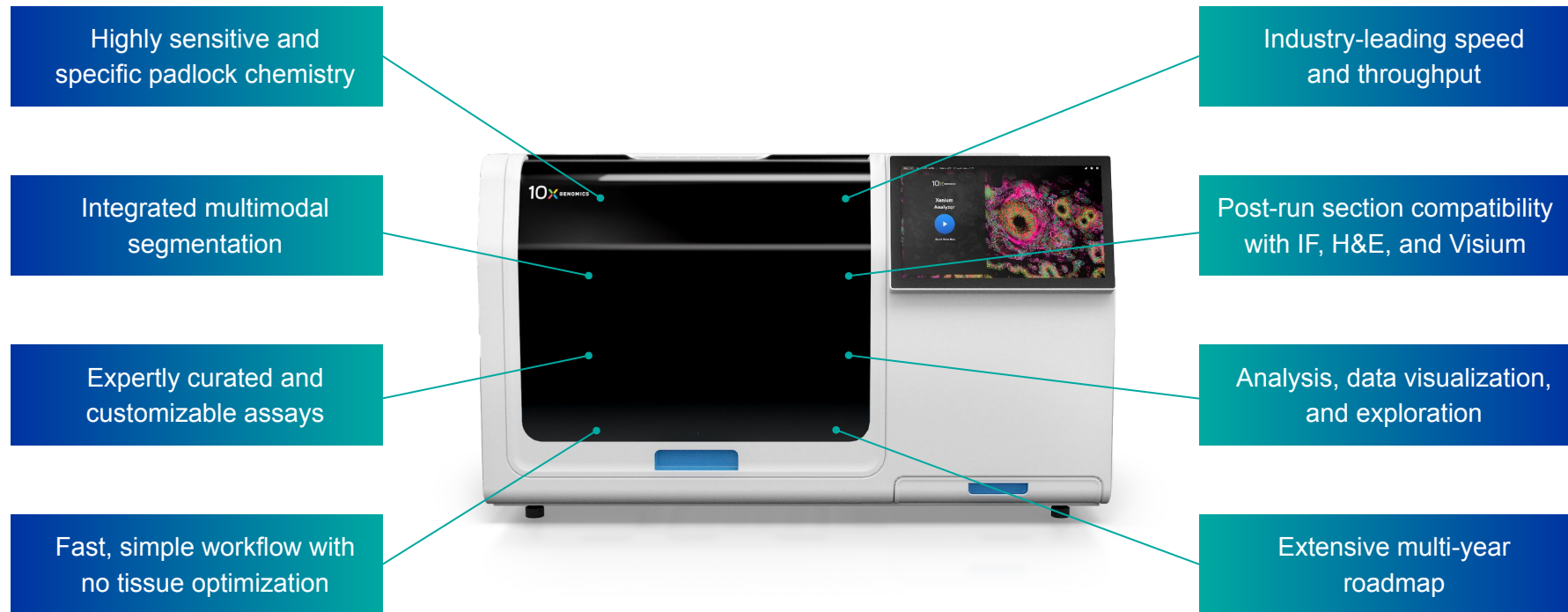
Macrophage populations localize independently

-Adjacent tumor cells showed differing expression patterns

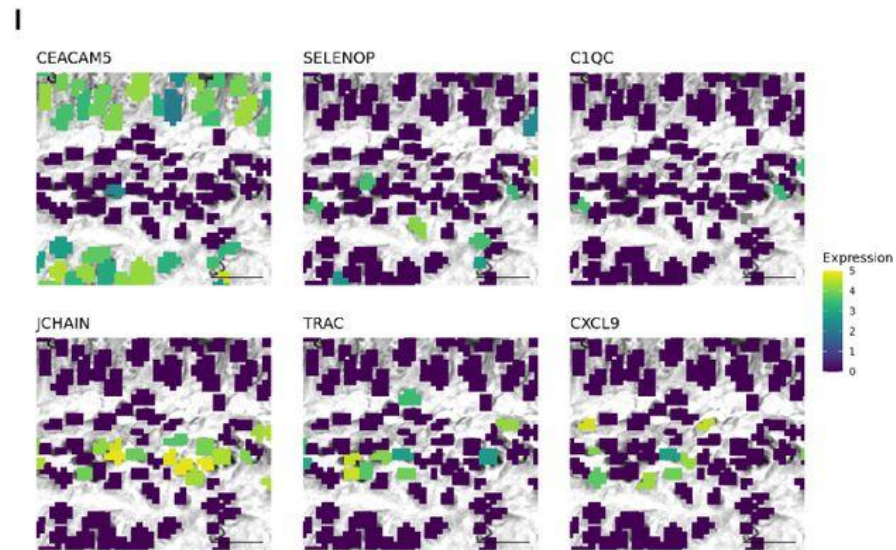
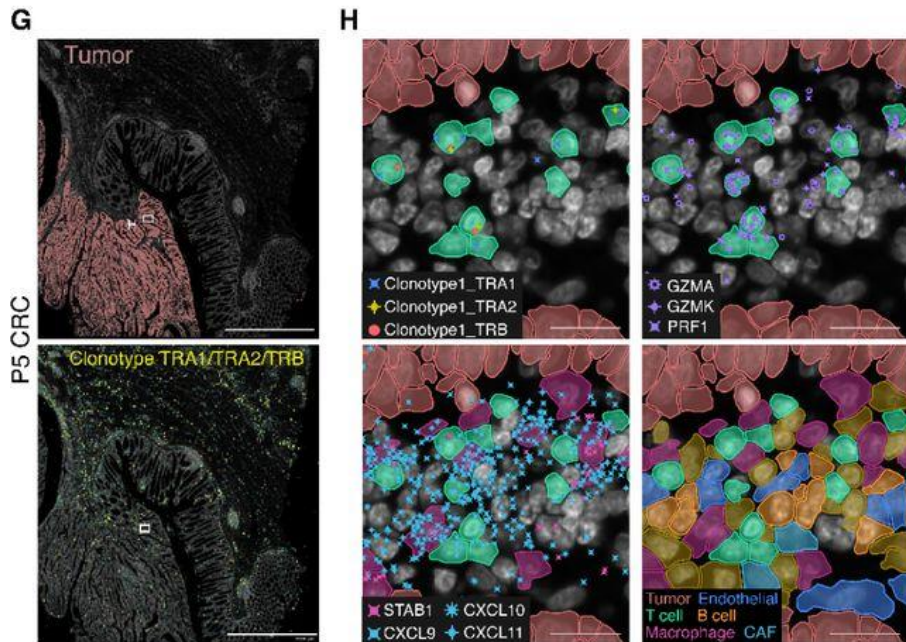
-REG1A upregulated near SELENOP+ cells, TFBI upregulated near SPP1+ cells



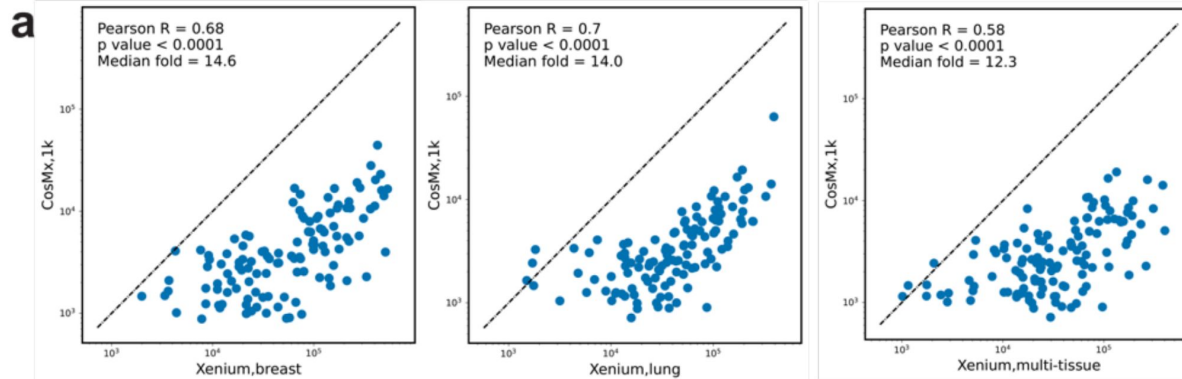
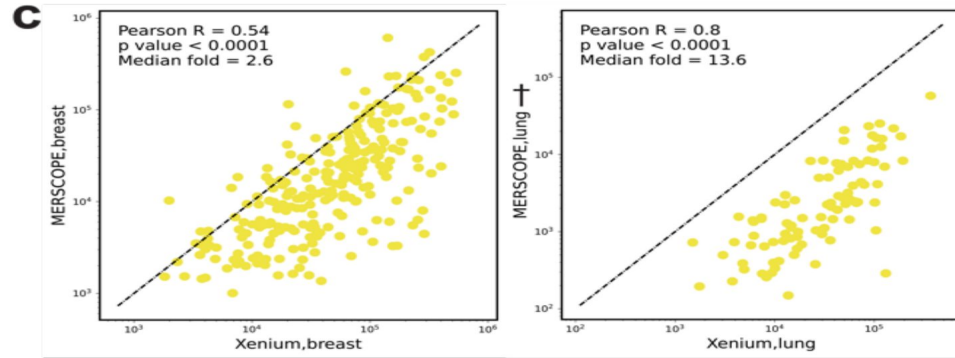
Sensitive and robust spatial analysis with Xenium In Situ



Xenium and Visium used together to localize peripheral T cells



Xenium Has Class-Leading Sensitivity

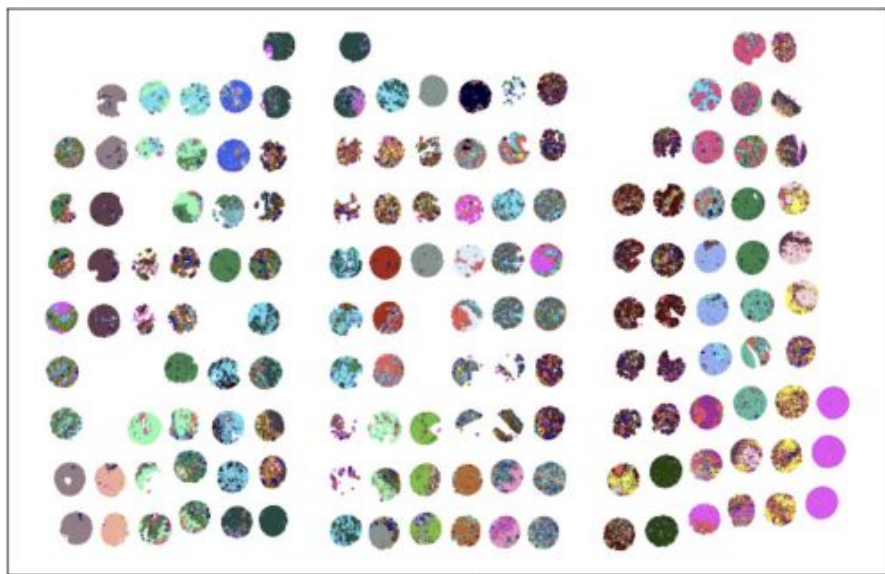


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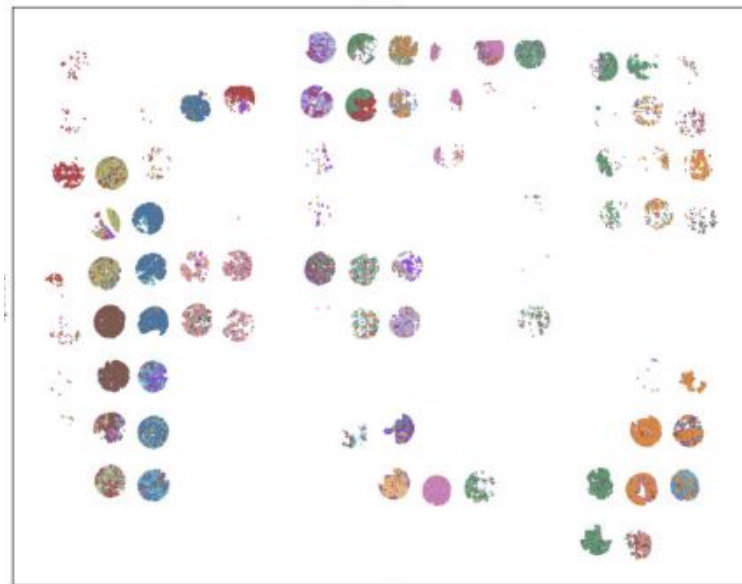
Robustness of Xenium is Revealed in FFPE TMA Images

“We focused on FFPE tissues as the standard method for sample processing and archival in pathology...goal was to determine the compatibility of iST platforms under typical workflows for biobanked FFPE tissues”

Xenium Lung Panel



MERSCOPE Lung Panel



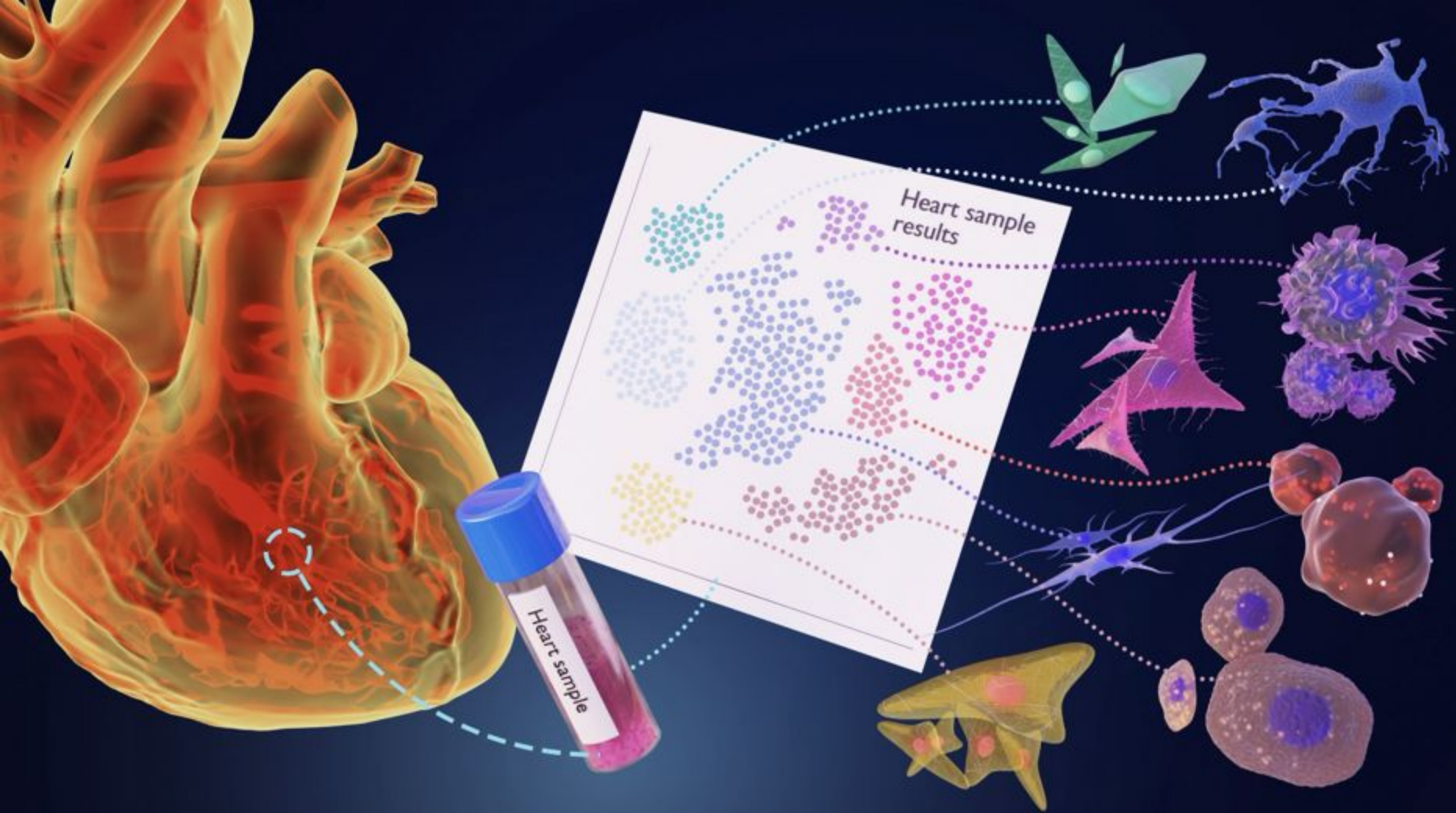
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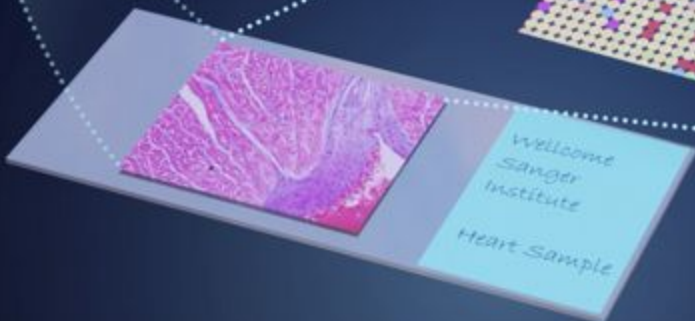
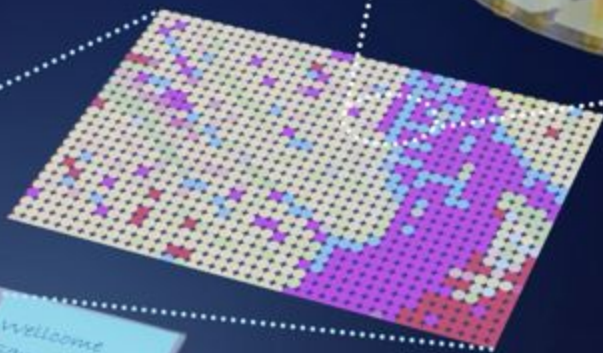
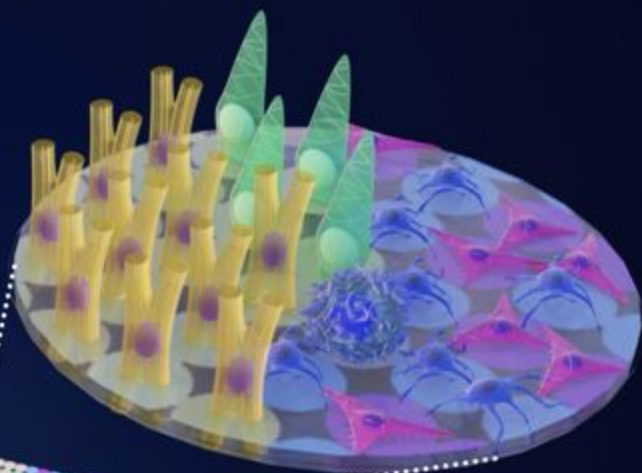
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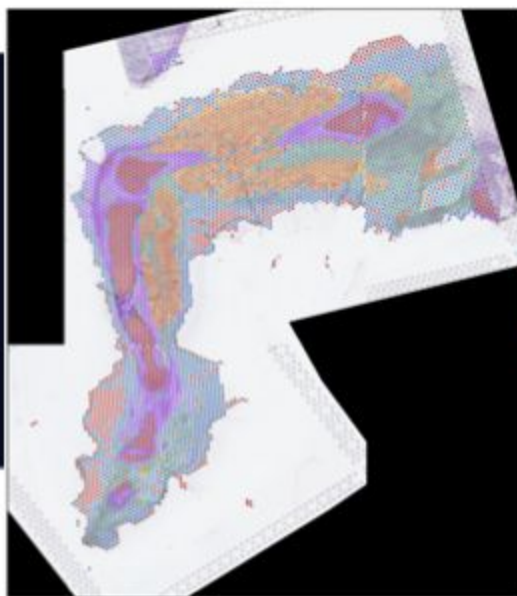


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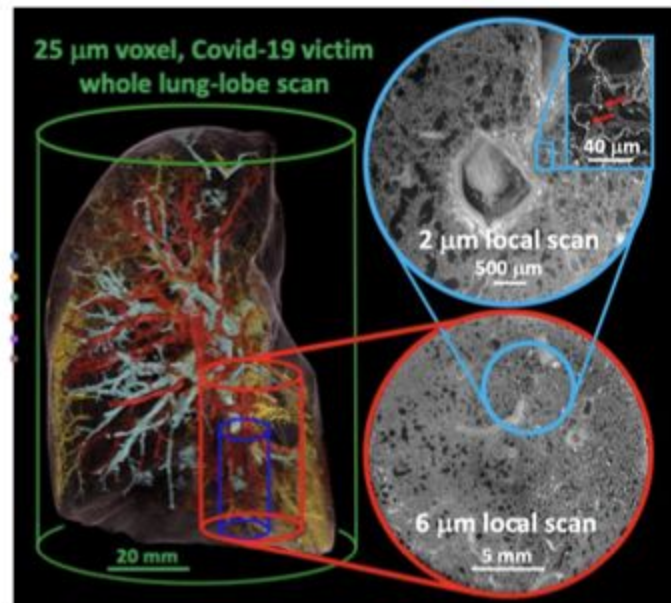
Suspension cell data: 0D



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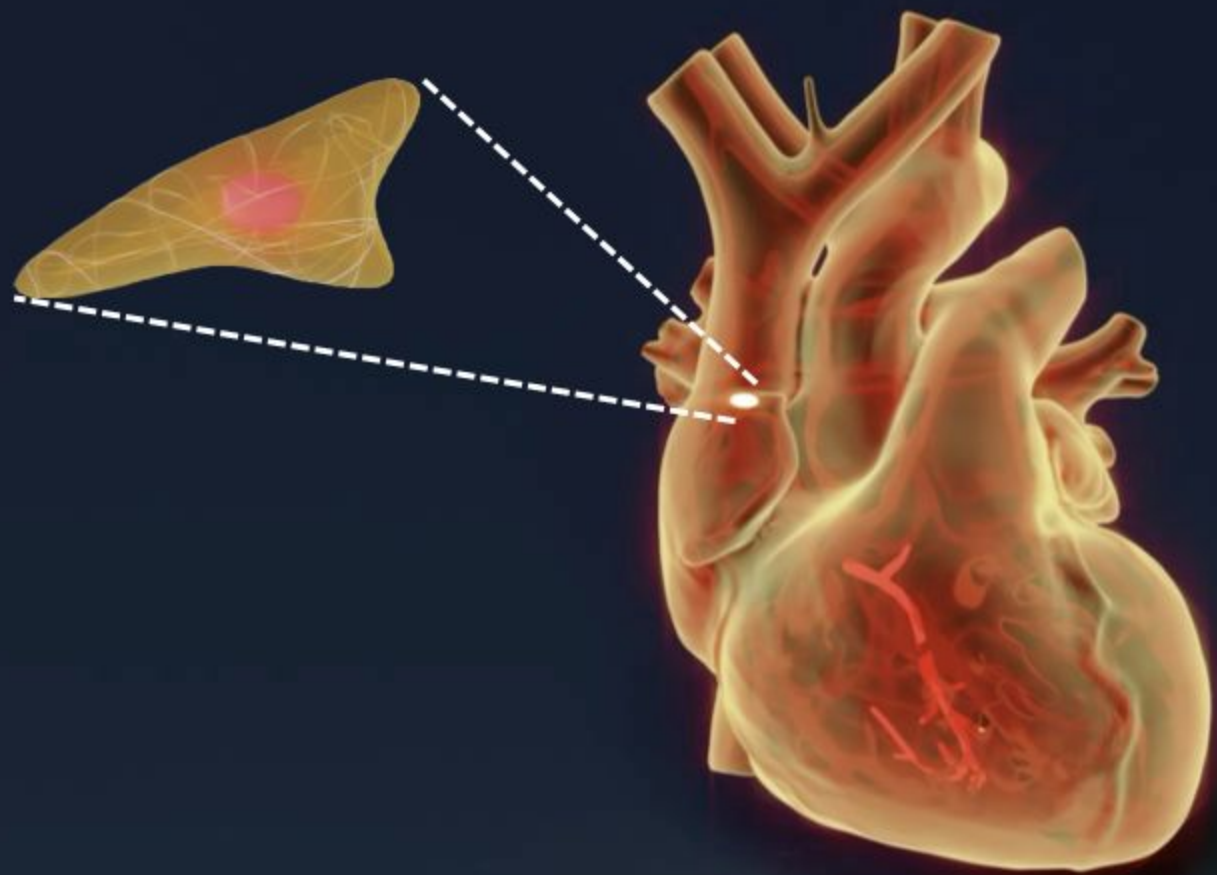
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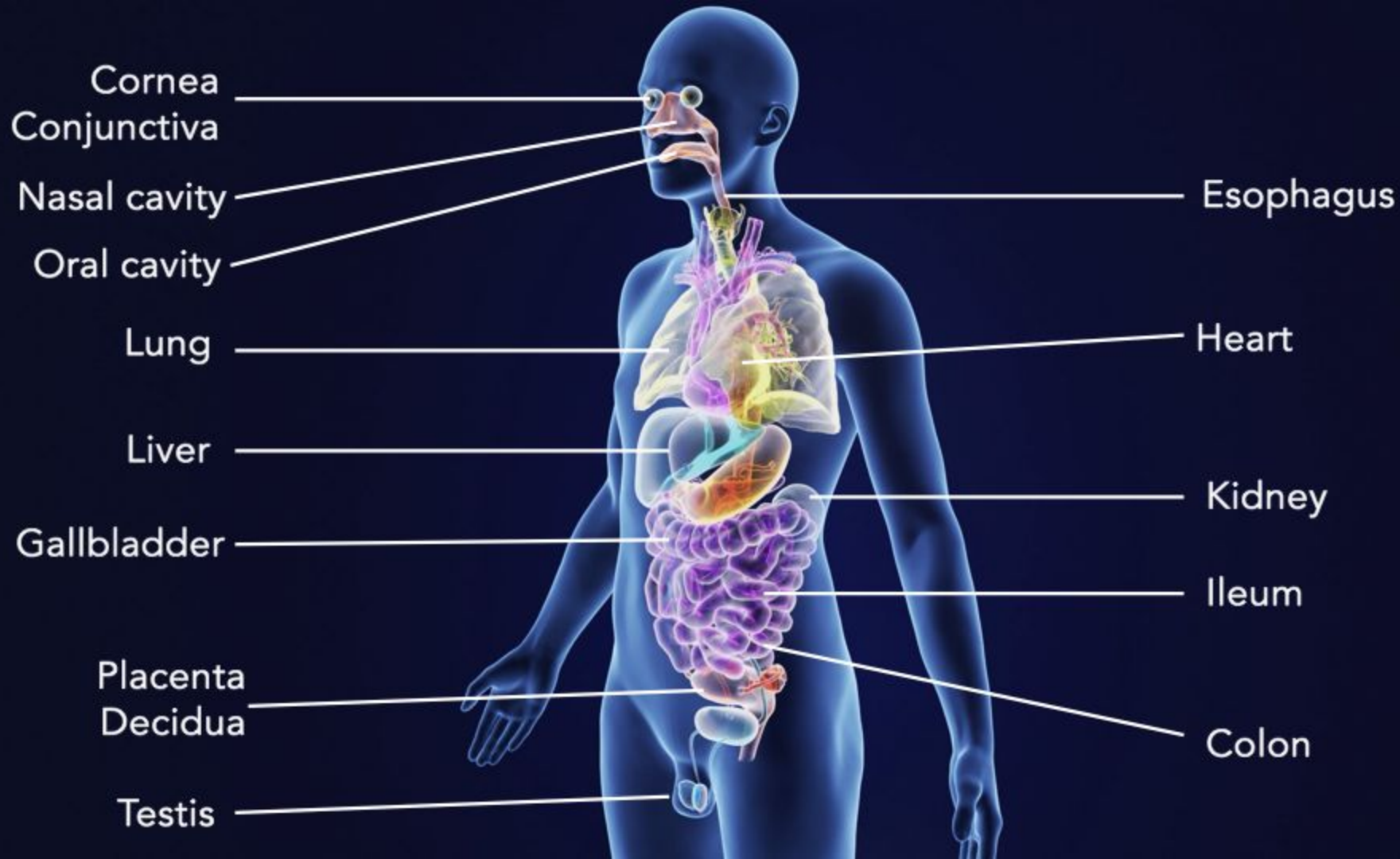
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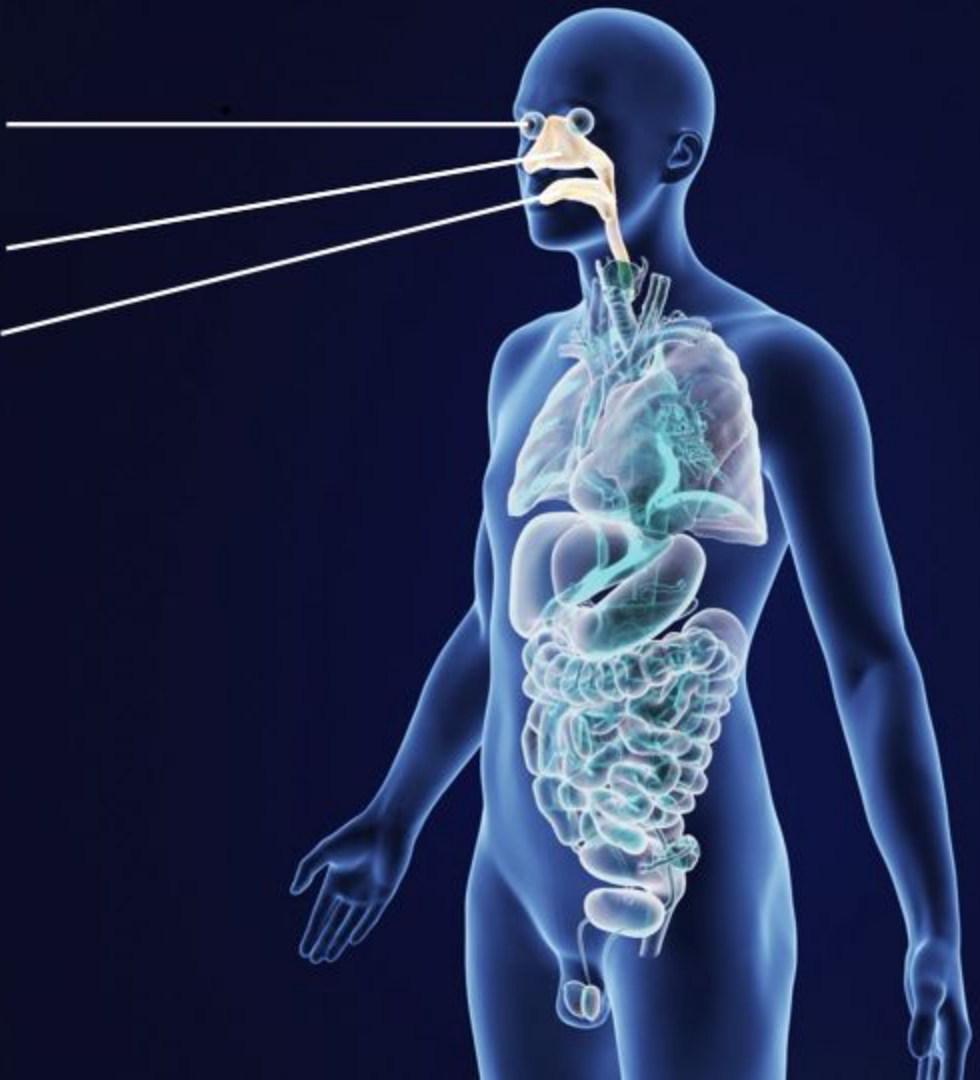
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Making organoid interaction studies accessible

Interaction studies in microfluidic droplets

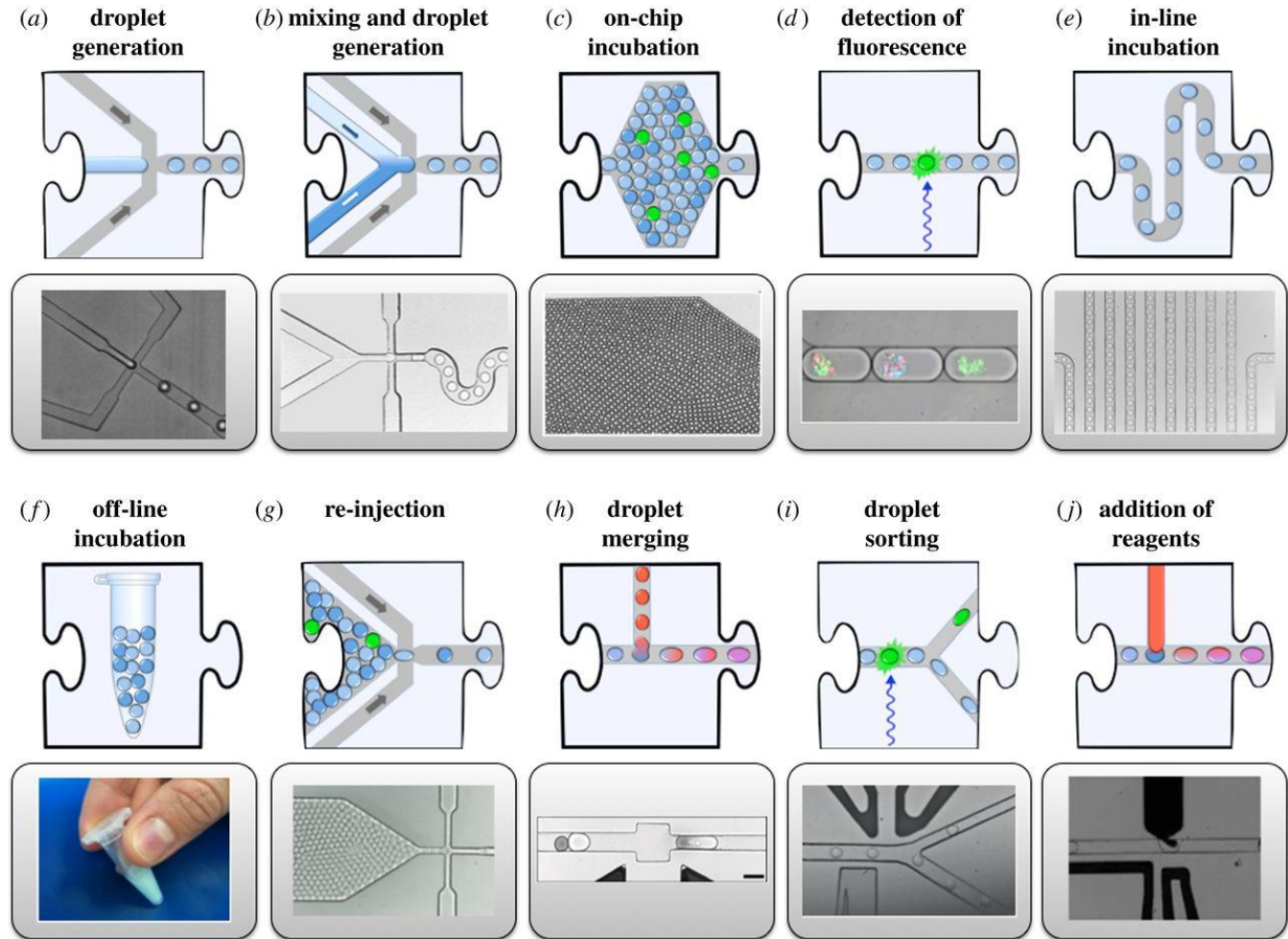
Organoid generation: More control and throughput with microfluidic droplets

Developing accessible open-source research platform to place the new methods in the hand of global bioscientists.



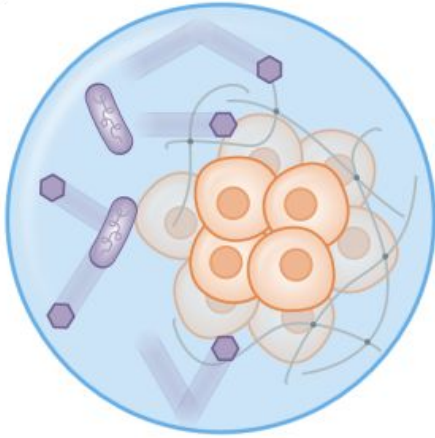
Droplet Microfluidics

- Ultra-high throughput
- Single cell control
- Less contamination
- Versatile
- Reagent efficient

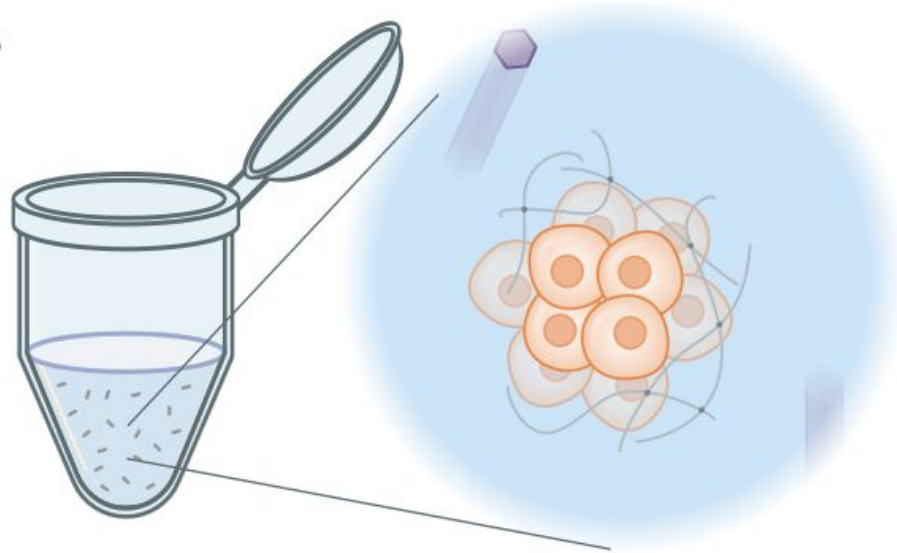


Interactions are best studied in droplets

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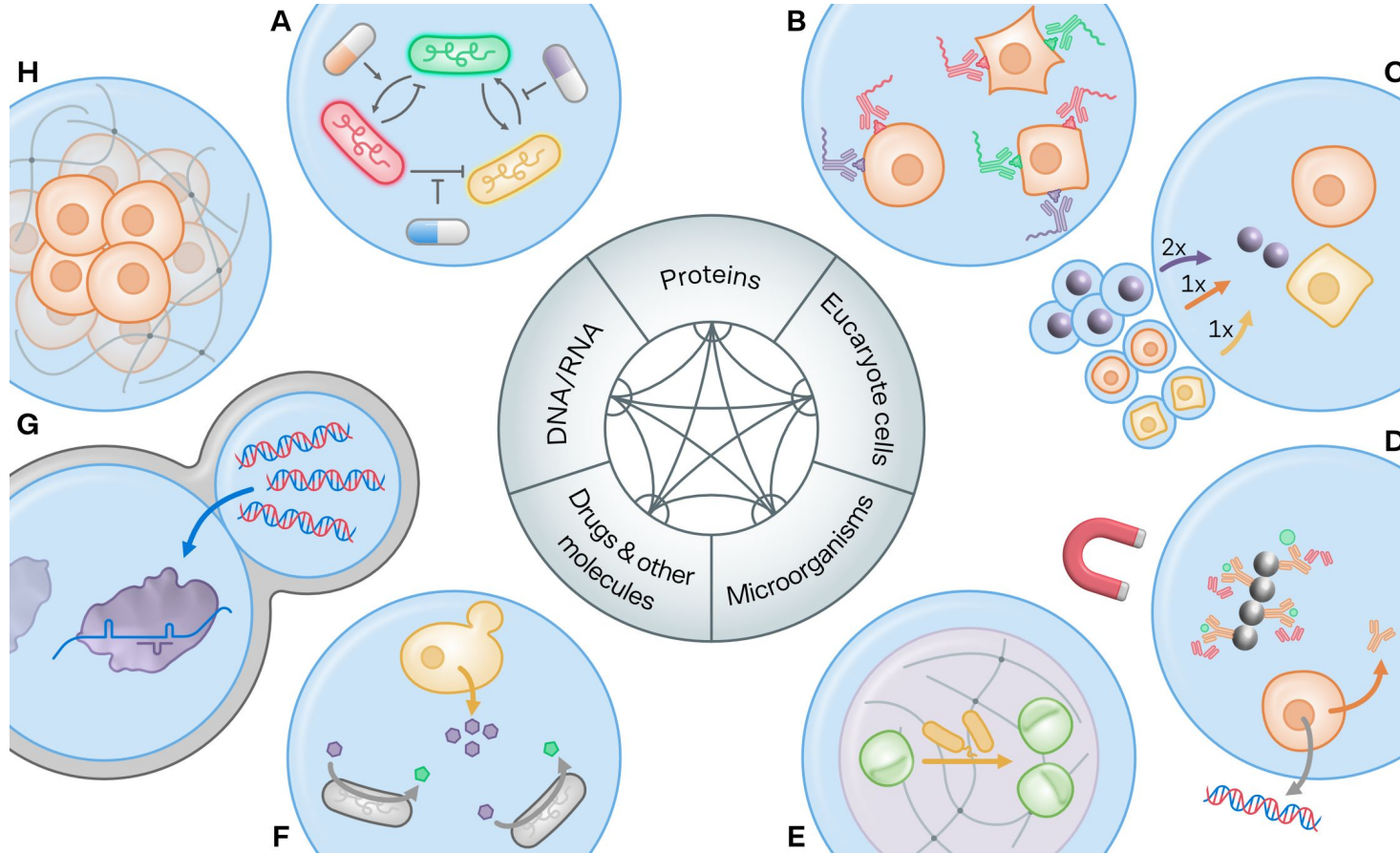
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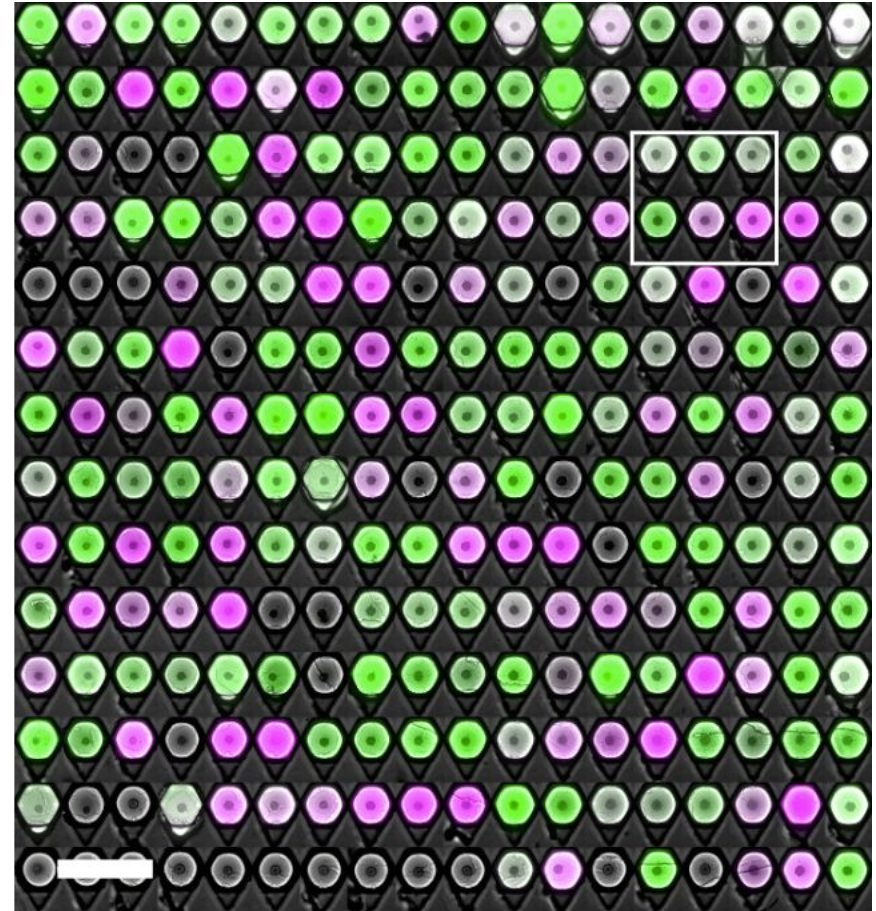
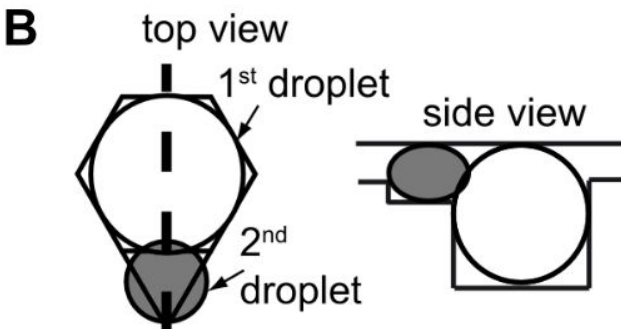
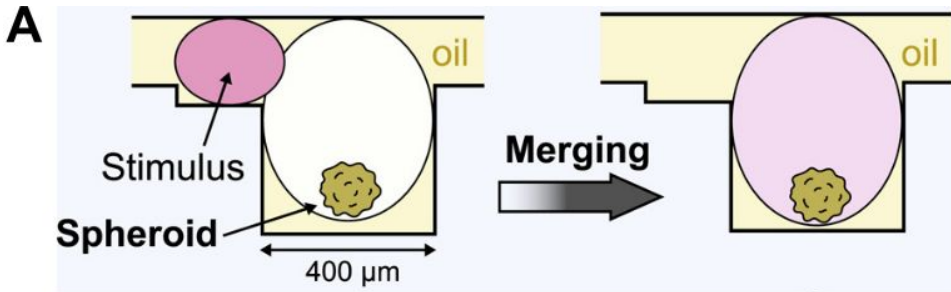
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Many interactions can be studied in droplets

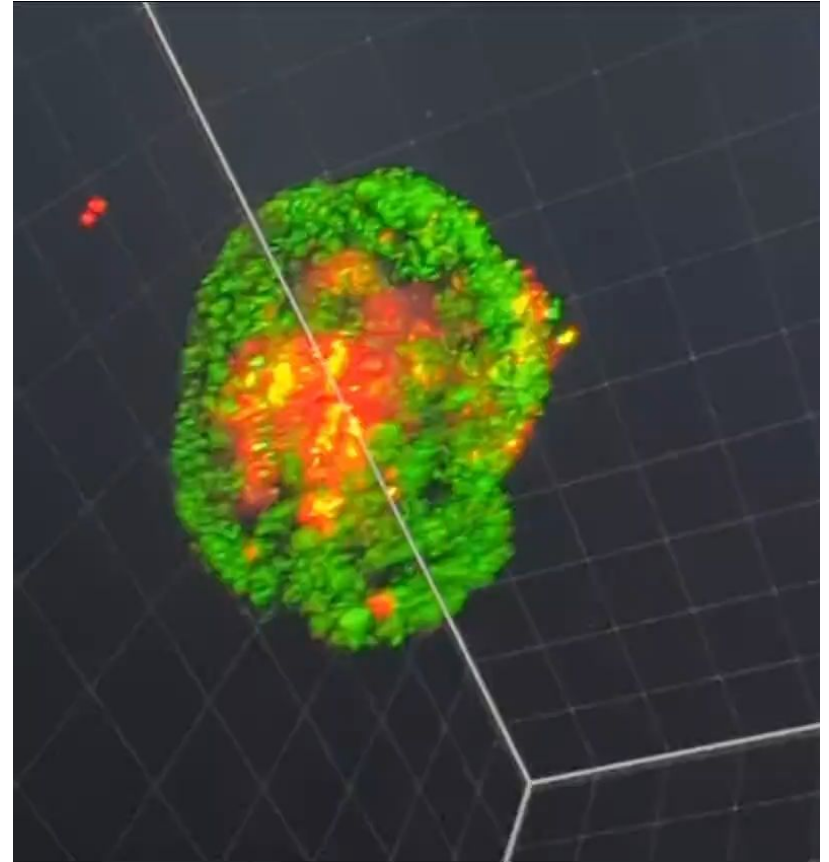
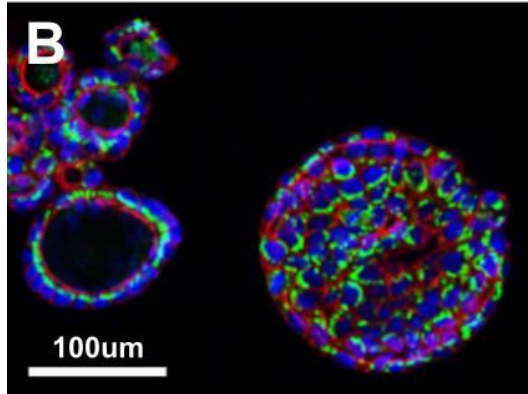
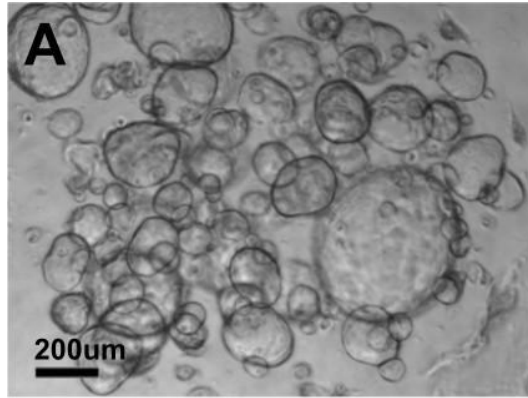


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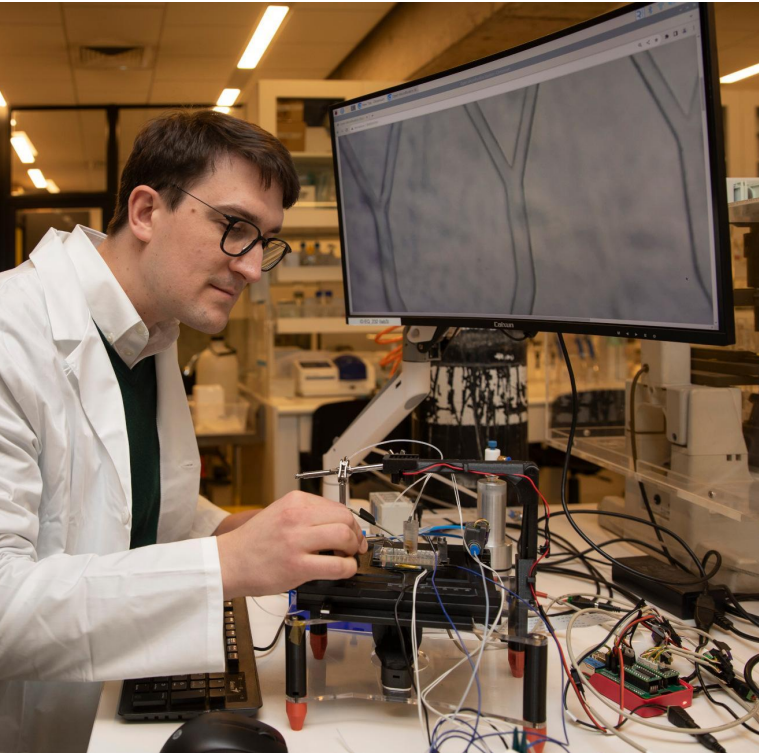
- High throughput analysis of host-pathogen interactions in droplets



Organoid cultivation under controlled conditions on chip



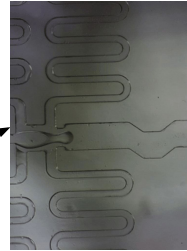
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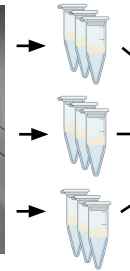
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GMDs



Collection



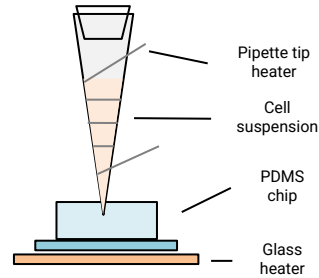
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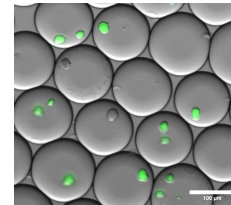
4 °C for > 30 min

Incubation

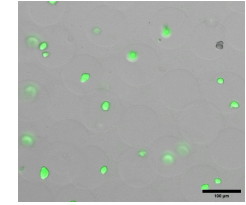
37 °C



sfGFP expressing *E. coli* colonies inside of gel microdroplets (Scaler bar: 100 μ m)



in oil



in buffer

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Strobe-enhanced microscopy stage

by Pierre Padilla-Huamantínco, Matías Hurtado-Labarca, and Tobias Wenzel
Latin American Hub for Bioimaging Through Open Hardware (LIBRE hub)

Strobe-enhanced microscopy stage

Build the 3-level microscopy stage

Print the plastic parts

Laser cut the acrylic
parts

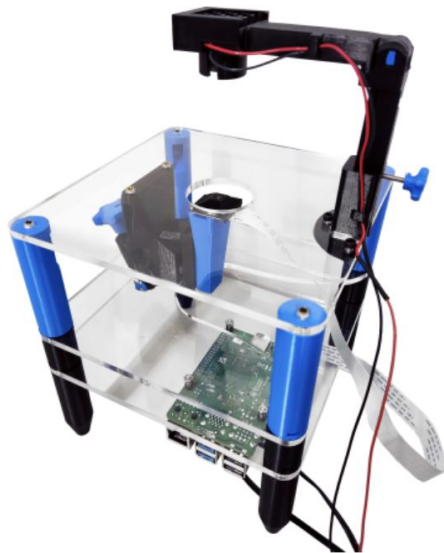
Assemble the focus
mechanism

Assemble the basics
optics module

Attach parts to the
top plate

Attach parts to the
middle plate

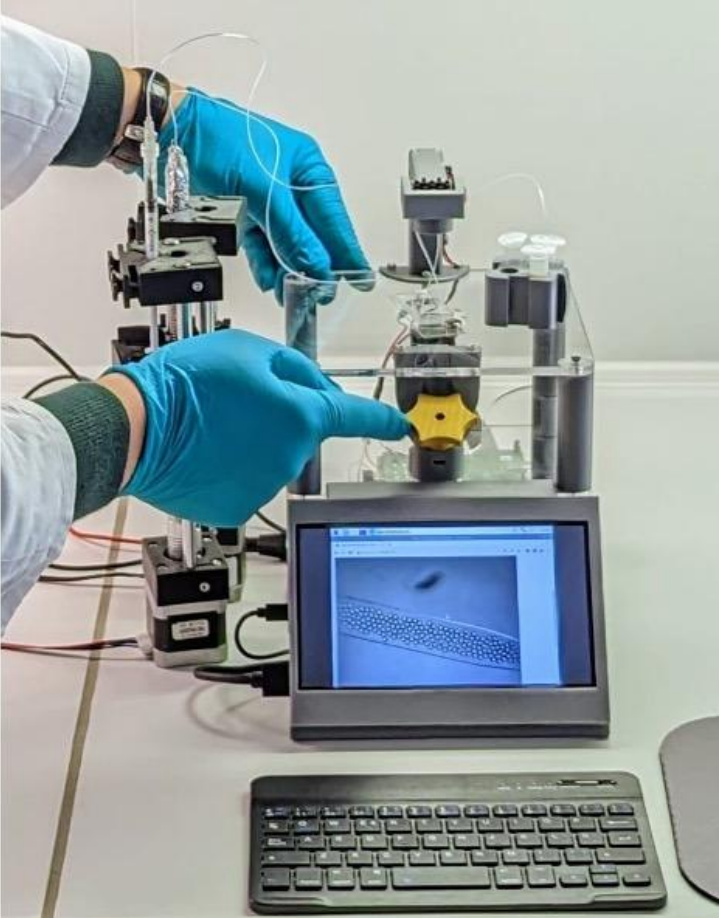
3-level microscopy stage



Before you start building the station, you will need to source all the components listed in our [bill of materials](#) ([HTML](#), [CSV](#)), which is given on the next page.

Instructions

Open Hardware Droplet Workstation



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Abstract

Open hardware solutions are increasingly being chosen by researchers as a strategy to improve access to technology for cutting-edge biology research. The use of DIY technology is already widespread, particularly in countries with limited access to science funding, and is catalyzing the development of open-source technologies. Beyond financial accessibility, open hardware can be transformational for the access of laboratories to equipment by reducing dependence on import logistics and enabling direct knowledge transfer. Central drivers to the adoption of appropriate open-source technologies in biology laboratories around the world are

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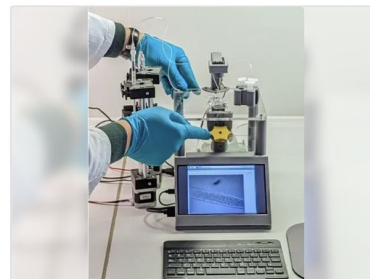
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All models



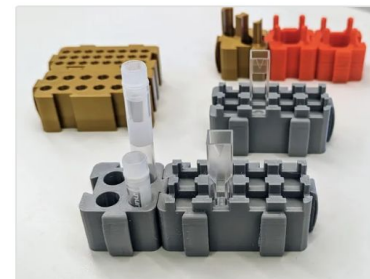
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Strobe-enhanced microscopy stage

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Moldular tube holders

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96 well-plate locator stand

♥ 41 ★ 5 ↓ 147 📌



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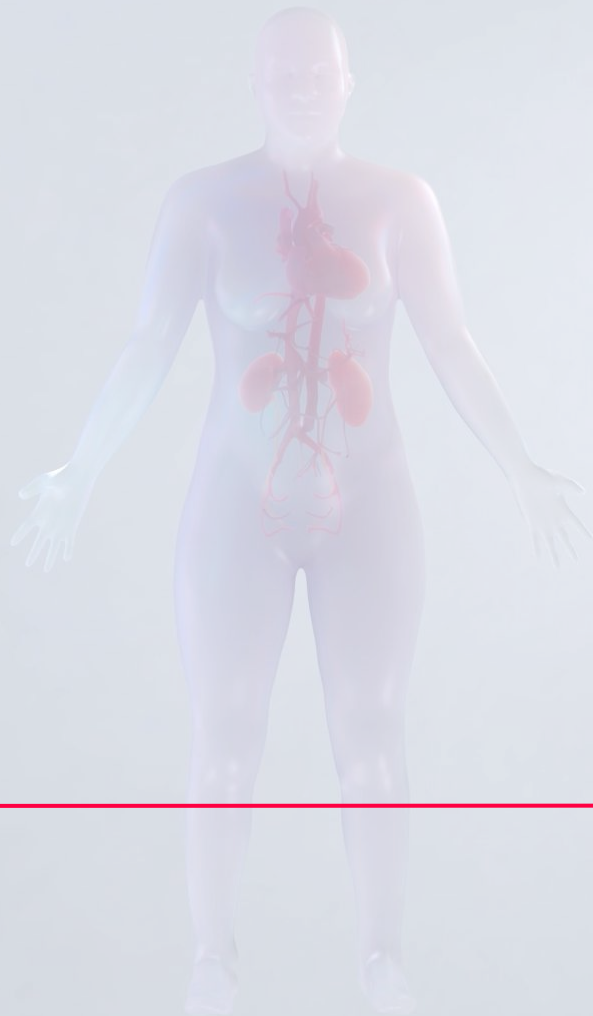
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