



# Advanced Topics in Single Cell Omics

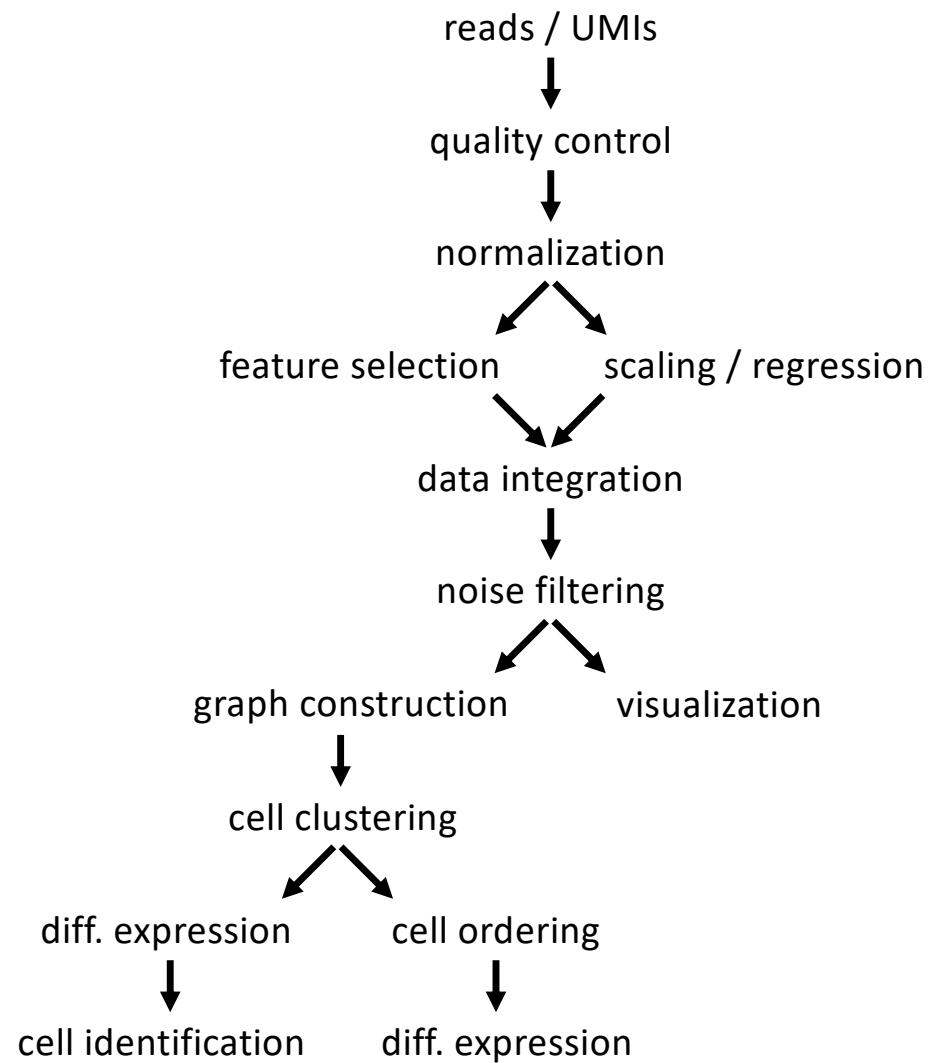
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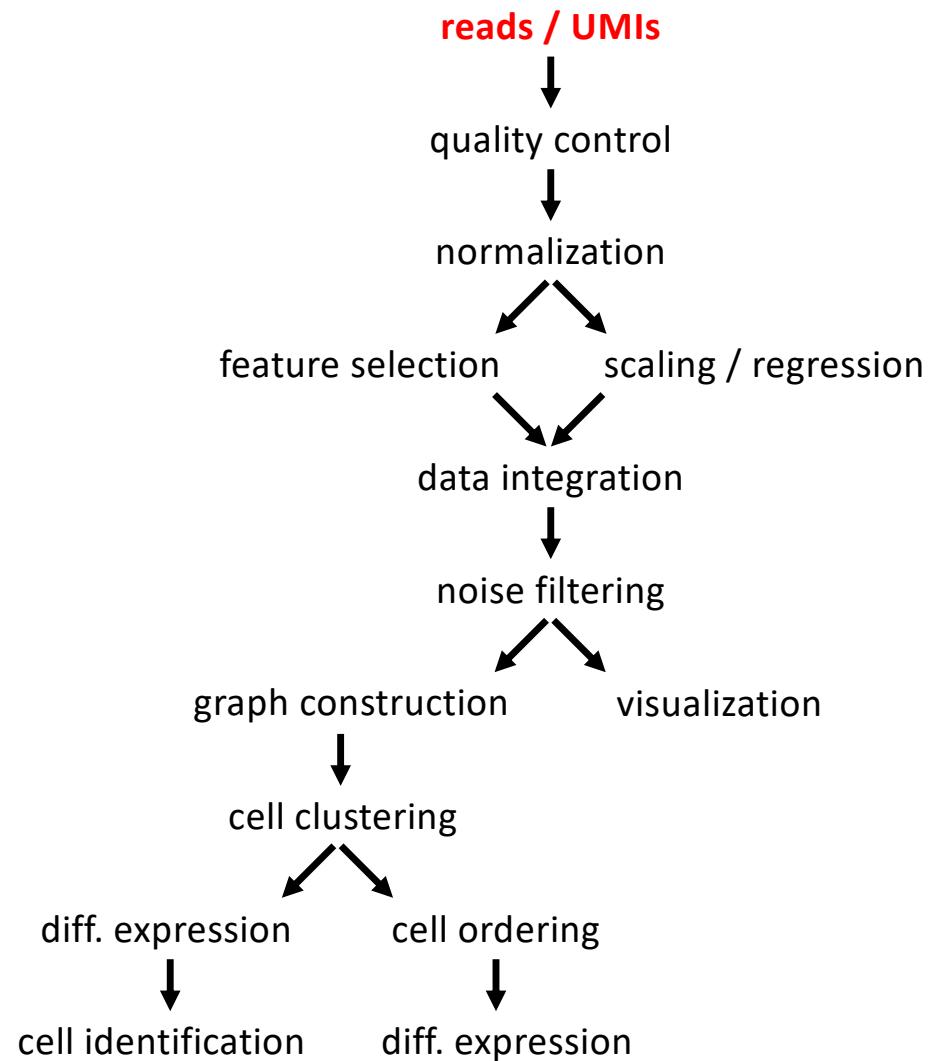
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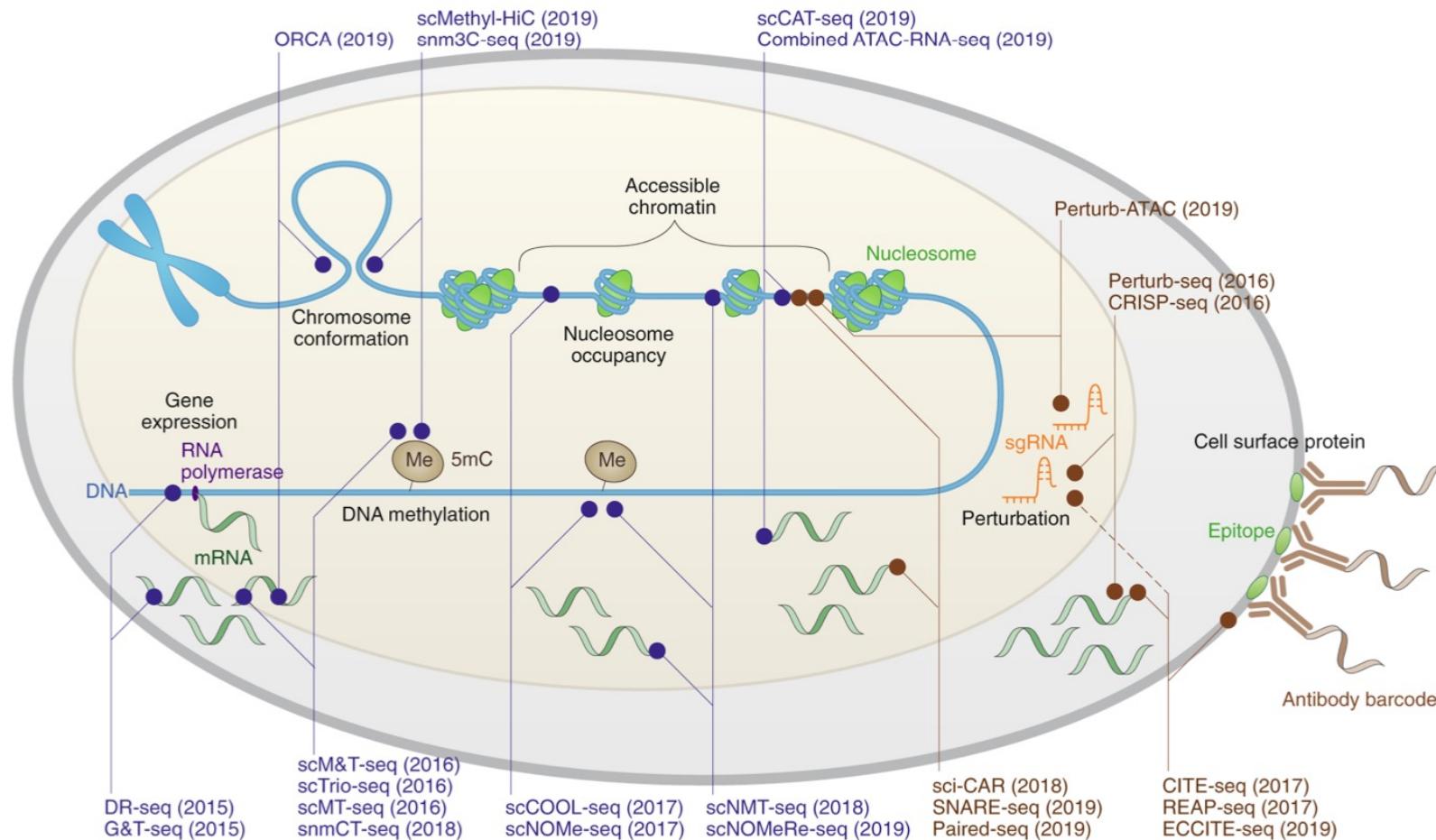
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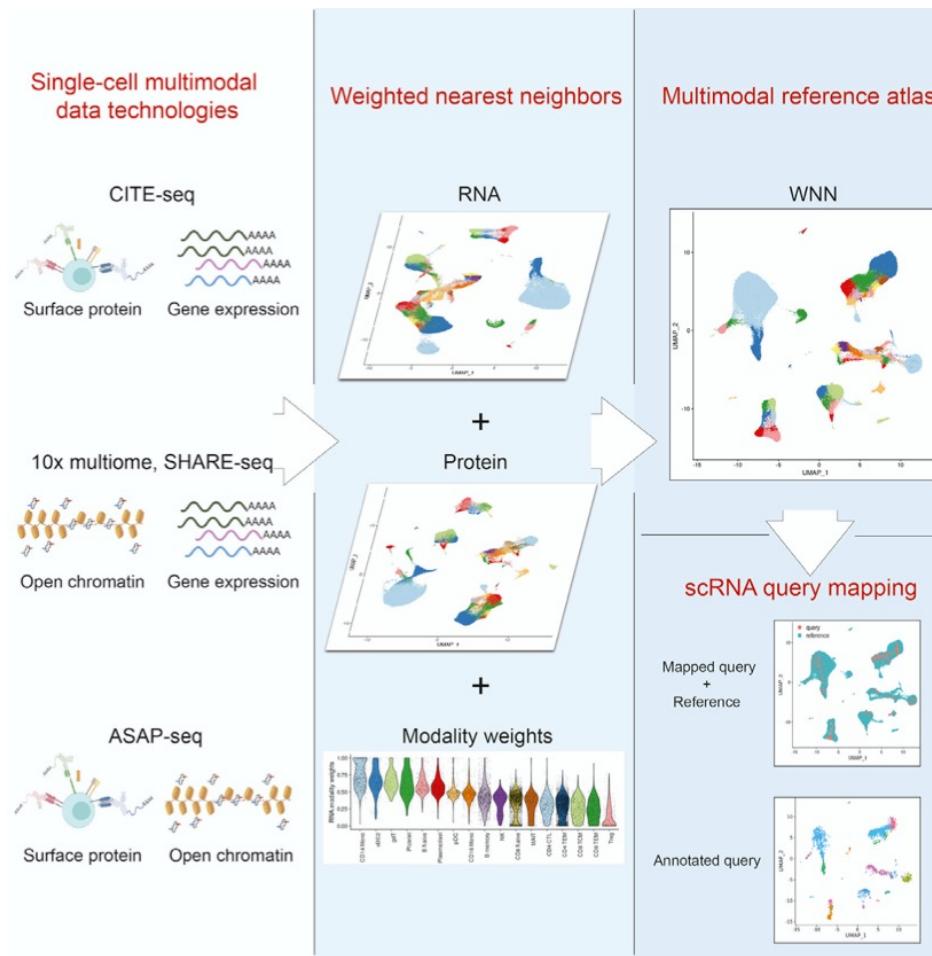


# scRNA-seq technologies



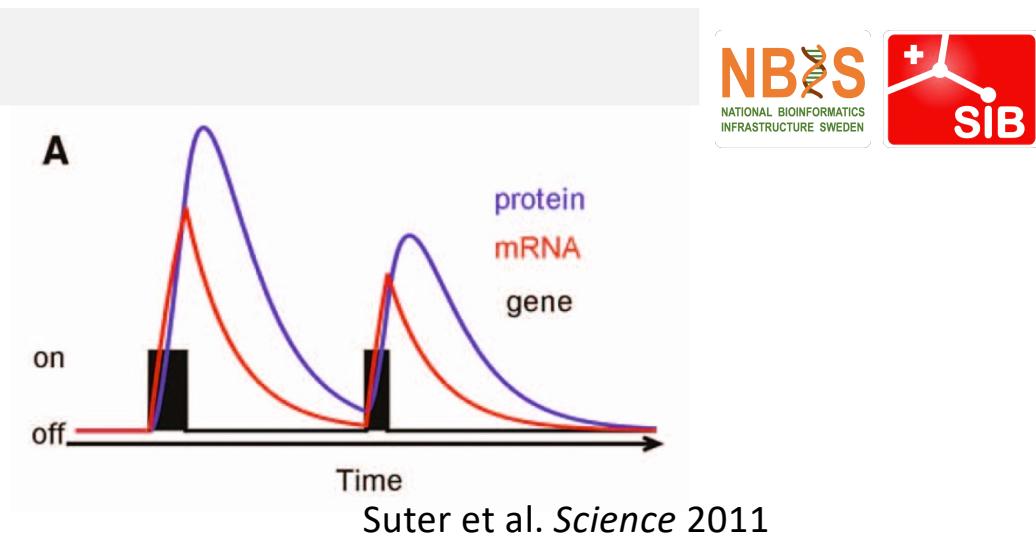
Zhu et al, Comment in Nature Methods, 2020

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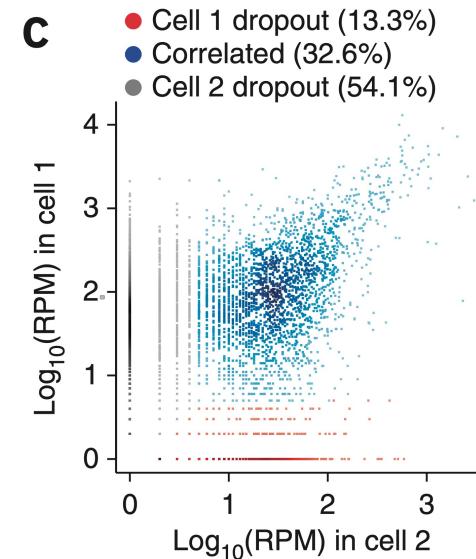


# scRNA-seq biases

- Amplification bias
- Drop-out rates
- Transcriptional bursting
- Background noise
- Bias due to cell-cycle, cell size and other factors
- Often clear batch effects
- Dissociation protocols may introduce transcriptional artifacts
- Ambient RNA

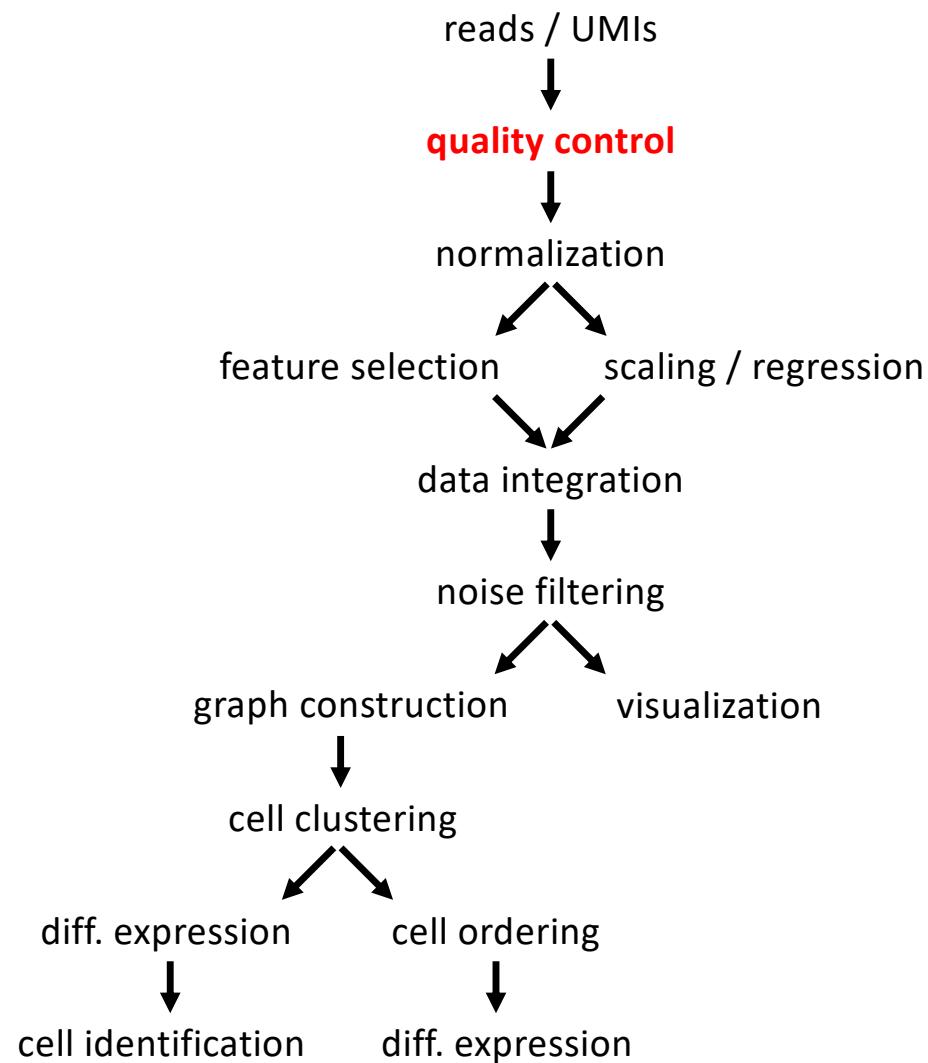


Suter et al. *Science* 2011



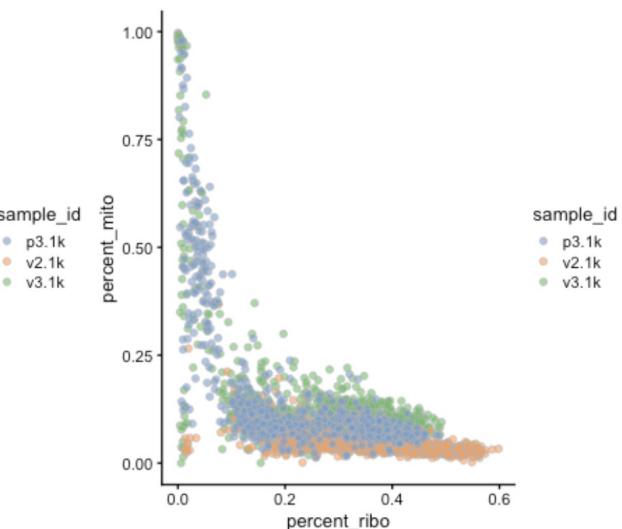
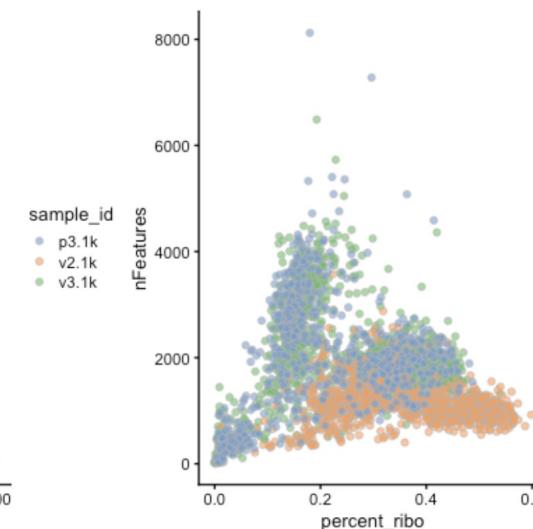
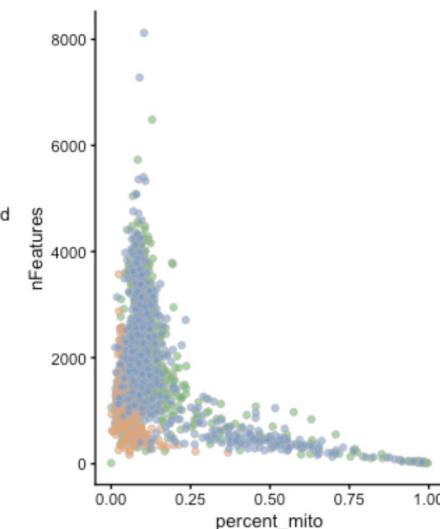
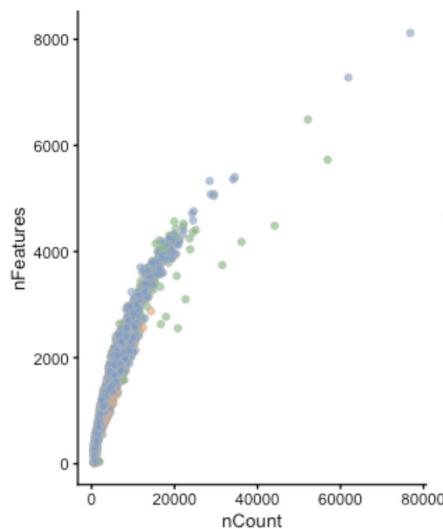
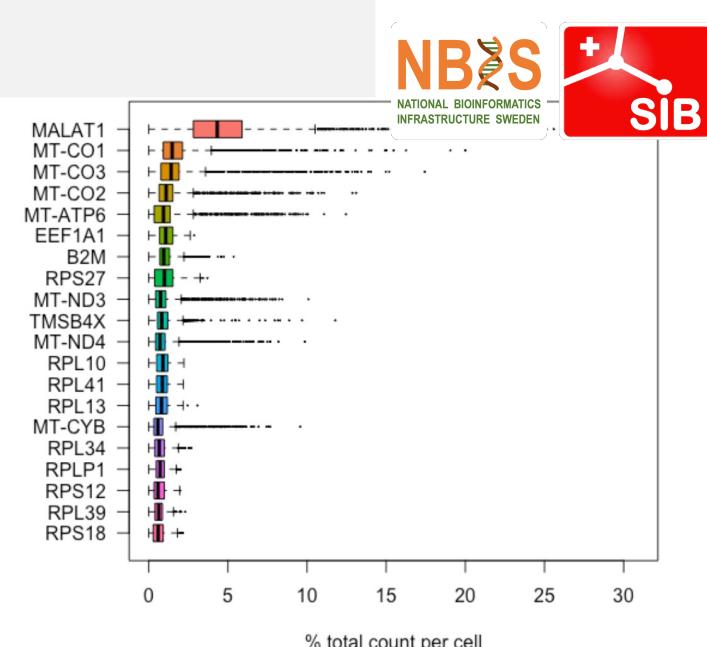
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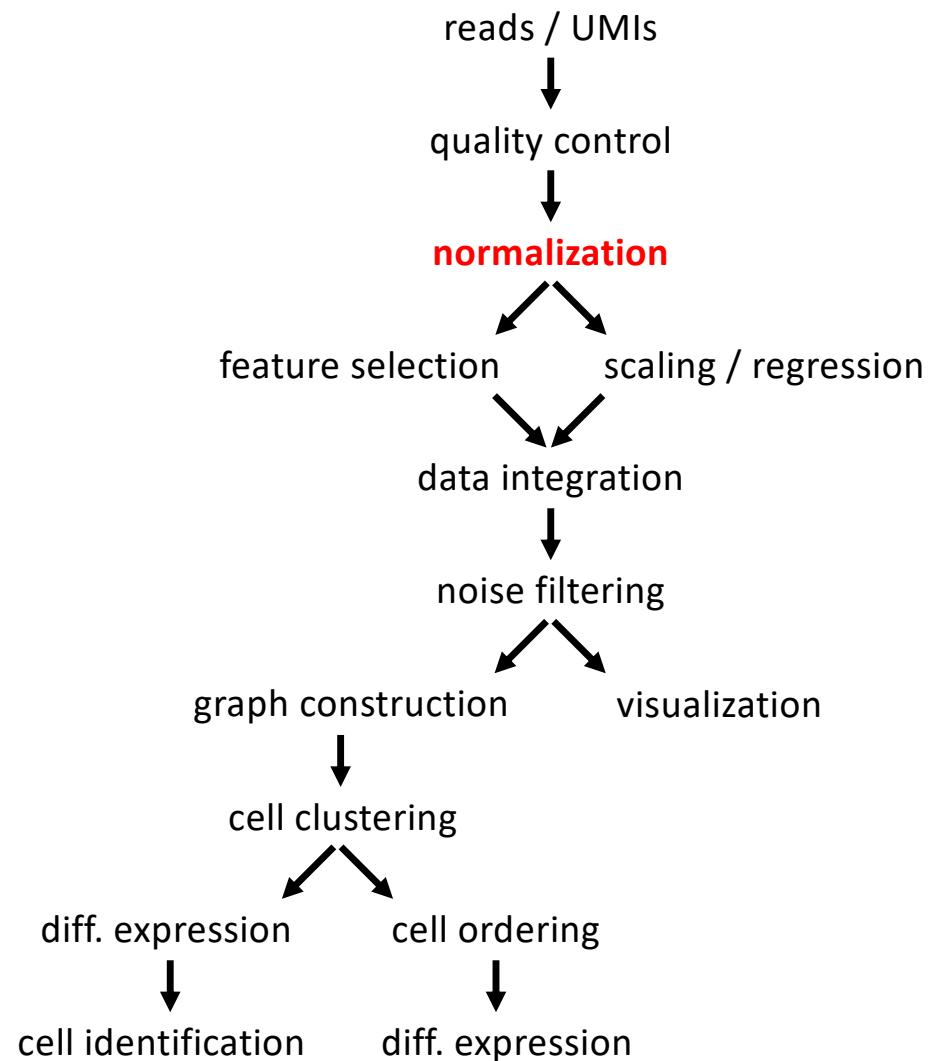


# scRNA-seq quality control

- Mapping statistics (% uniquely mapping)
- Cell cycle biases
- 3' bias – for full length methods like SS2
- mRNA-mapping read percentage
- Number of UMIs/read counts
- Number of detected genes
- Spike-in detection
- Mitochondrial percentage
- ribosomal percentage
- Protein-coding percentage



# scRNA-seq analysis workflow



# scRNA-seq normalization

## Count normalization (UMI and read counts)

for uneven sequencing depth

- CPM -  $\log[CP10K+1]$

## Gene length normalization (read counts)

for differences in gene detection due to gene length

- TPM (closer to UMI counts)
- FPKM

## Drop-out rate normalization (UMI and read counts)

for differences in RNA content / drop-out rates

- Deconvolution/Scran(Pooling-Across-Cells)
- SCnorm(Expression-DepthRelation)
- SCTransform
- Census
- Linnorm
- ZINB-WaVE
- ...

bulk

$$CPM = \log\left(\frac{counts}{library_{size}} \cdot 10^6 + 1\right)$$

single-cell

$$\log[TP10K + 1] = \log\left(\frac{counts}{library_{size}} \cdot 10^4 + 1\right)$$

Most common for UMI data / fast

$$FPKM = \log\left(\frac{counts}{library_{size} \cdot transcript_{length}} \cdot 10^4 + 1\right)$$

$$TPM = \log\left(\frac{counts}{transcript_{length}} \cdot \frac{10^4}{\sum \frac{counts}{transcript_{length}}} + 1\right)$$

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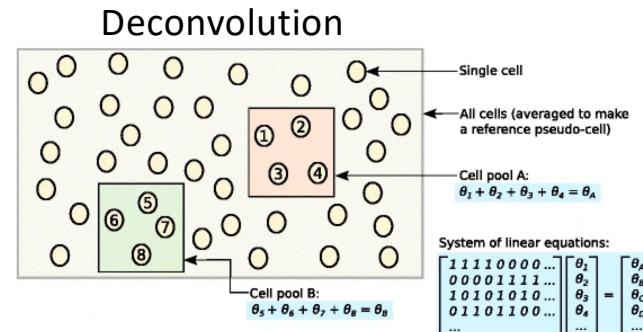
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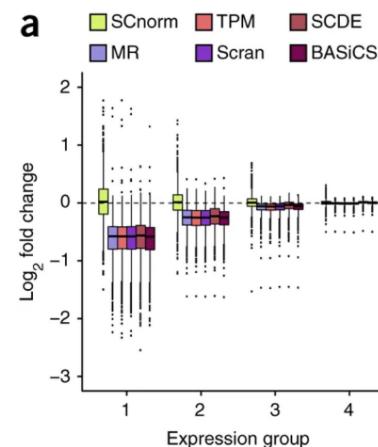
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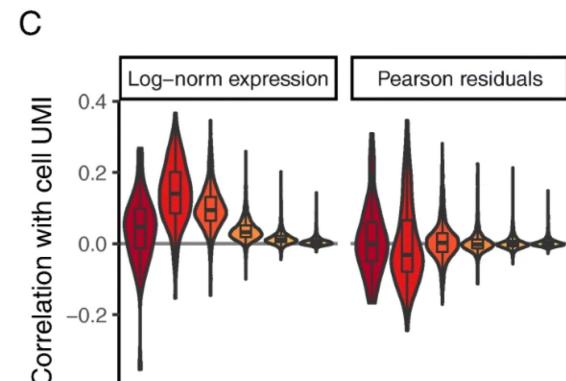
Lun et al. Genome Biol. 2016

## SCnorm



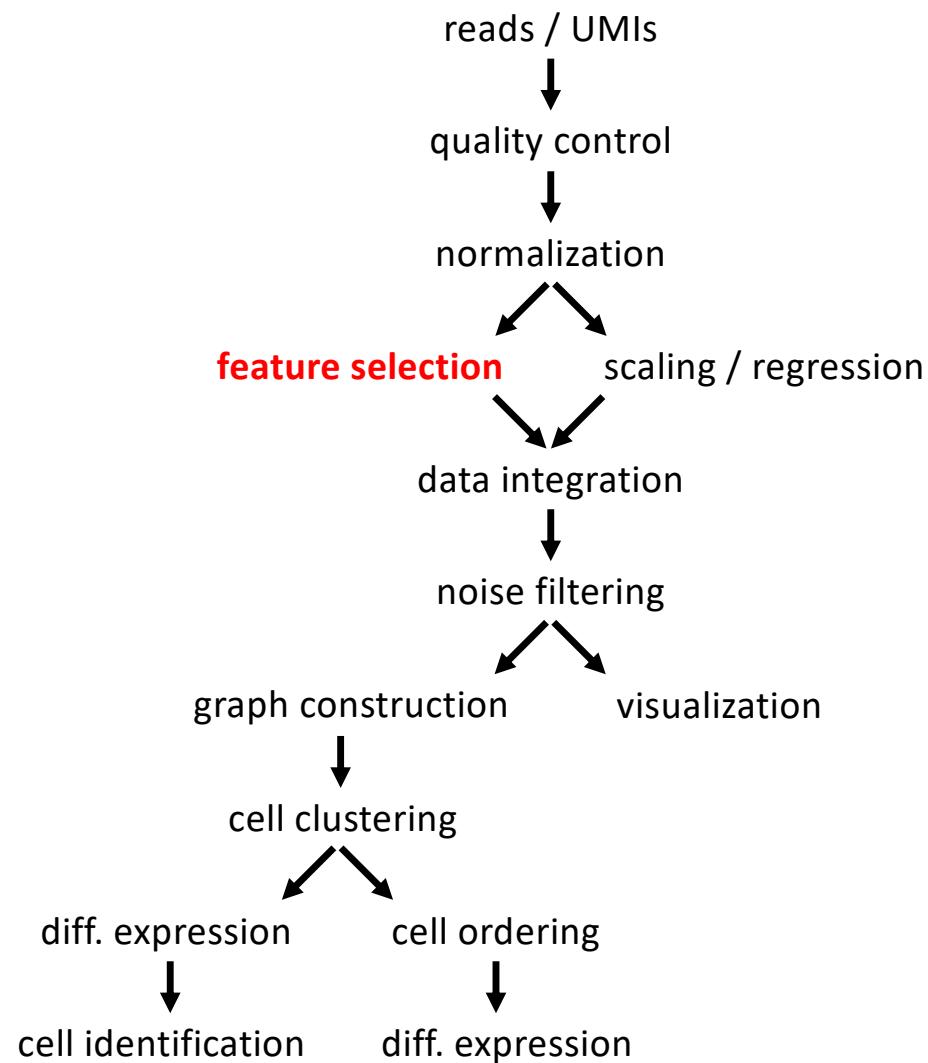
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## SCTransform



Hafmeister &  
Satija Genome Biology 2019

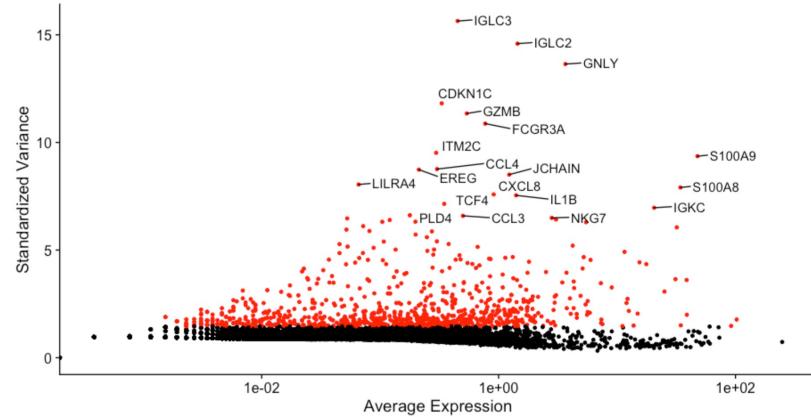
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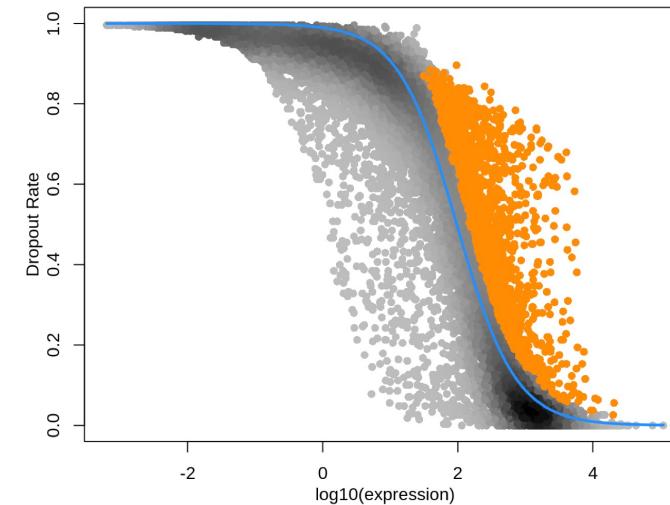
# scRNA-seq feature selection

Not all genes are important to define your cell types

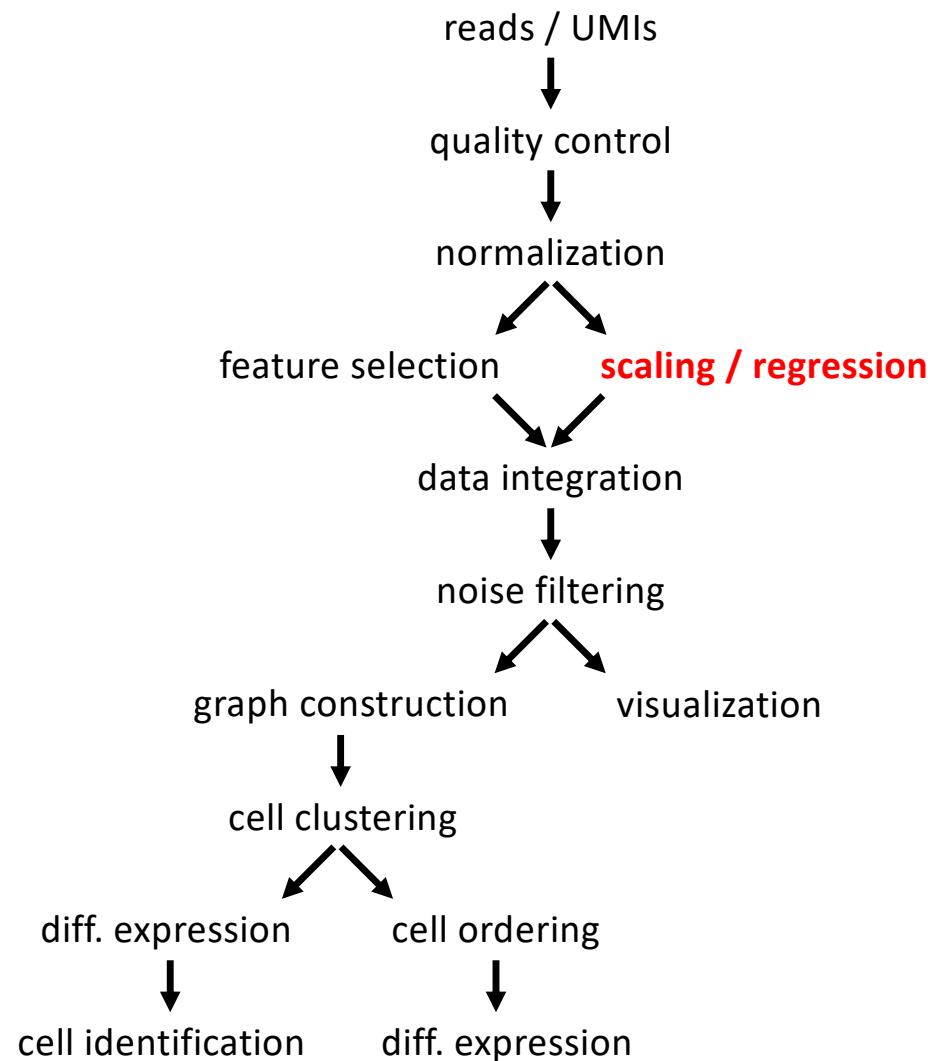
$$HVG = \frac{variance}{\log(meanExpression)}$$



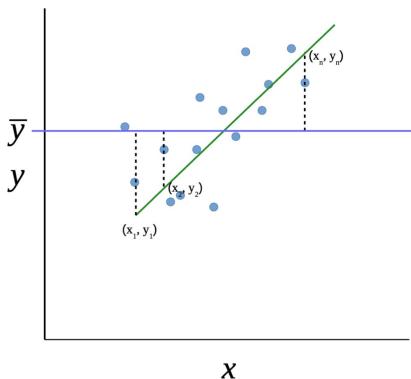
$$HVG = \frac{\log(meanExpression)}{dropout_{rate}}$$



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# scRNA-seq scaling and regression of biases



Any source of variation that you do not expect to give separation of the cell types can be regressed out.

- Fit a line to the gene expression *vs* variable of interest
- Calculate residuals
- Remove variance explained by the variable of interest by taking the residuals.
- Linear / Negative Binomial / Poisson distributions

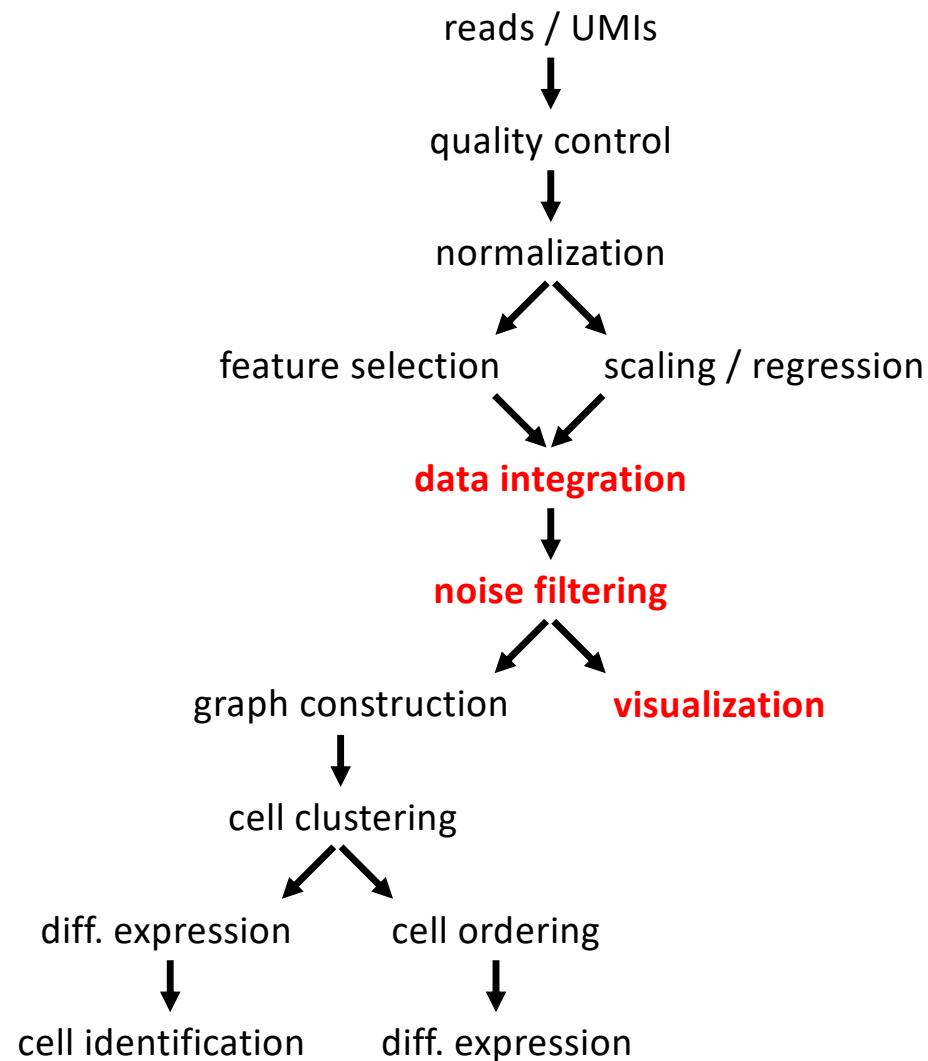
logNormalized counts follows a log-linear distribution

↓  
**fast**

↓  
**slower (but more accurate)**

Regressing counts directly is better with count-based distributions

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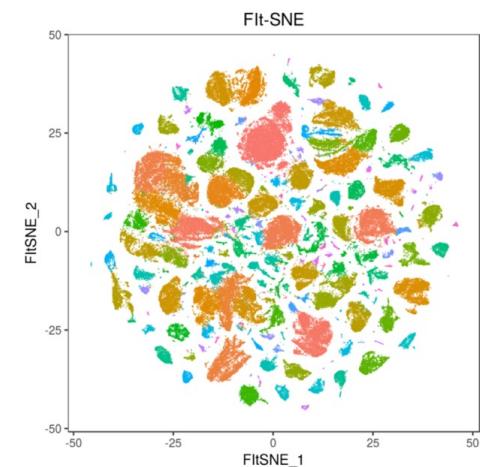
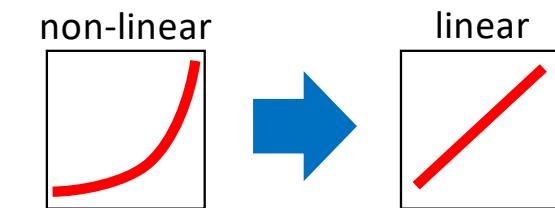
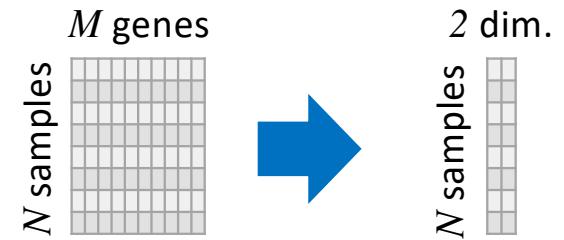


# scRNA-seq dimensionality reduction

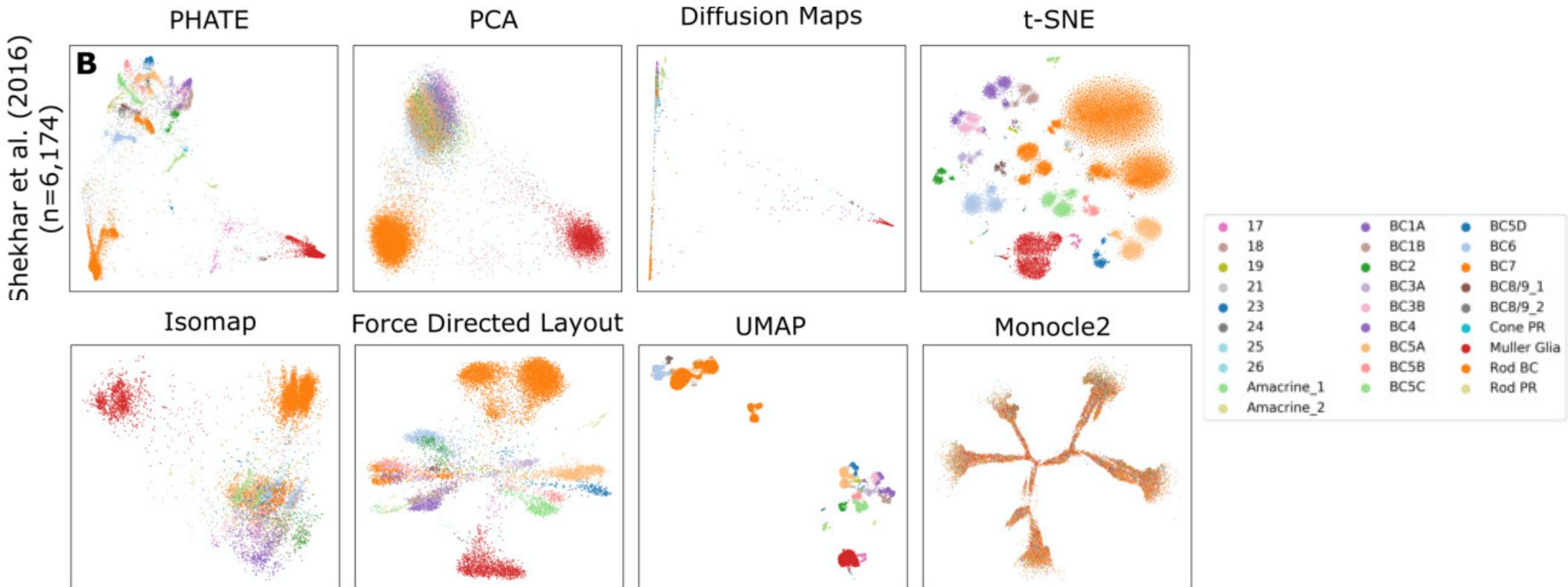


- Simplify complexity, so it becomes easier to work with.  
Reduce number of features (genes)  
In some: Transform non-linear relationships to linear
- “Remove” redundancies in the data
- Identify the most relevant information (find and filter noise)
- Reduce computational time for downstream procedures
- Facilitate clustering, since some algorithms struggle with too many dimensions
- Data visualization

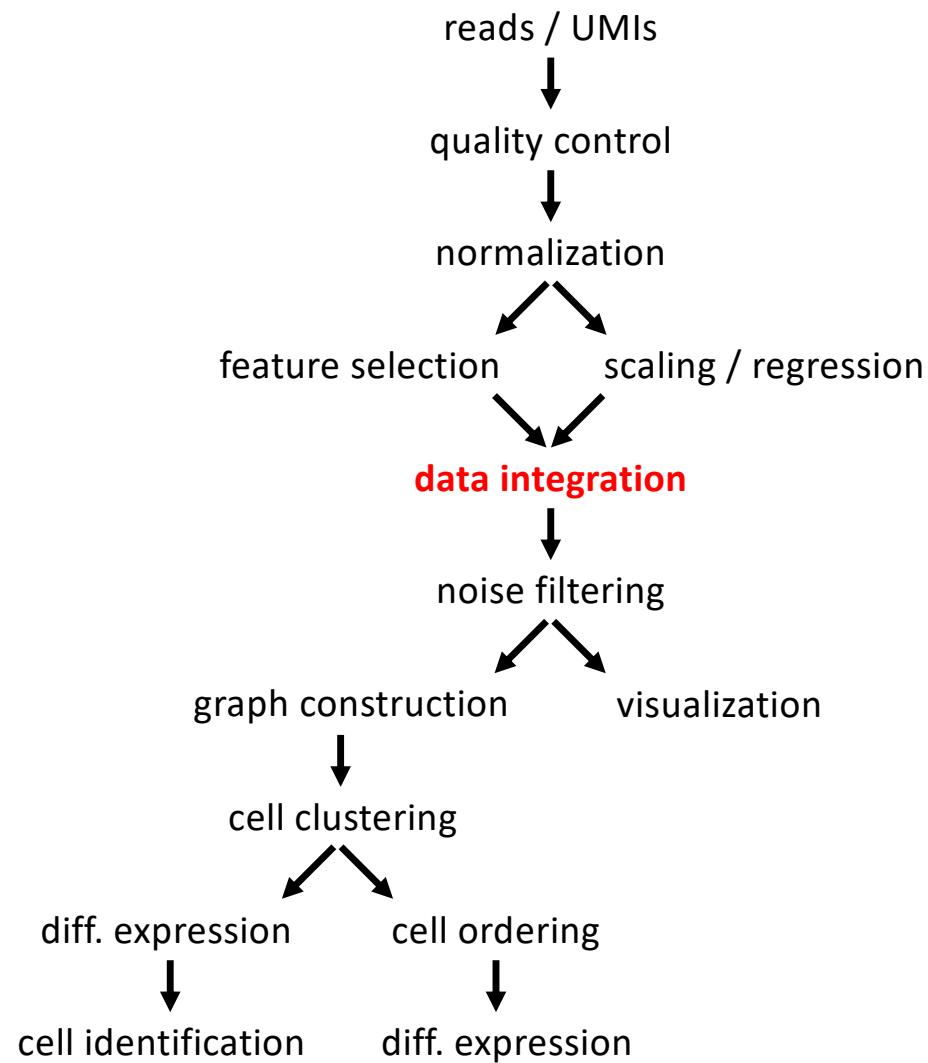
... and more ...



# Some dimensionality reduction methods



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# scRNA-seq data integration

We wish to obtain corrected data where the following goals are met:

## Goal:

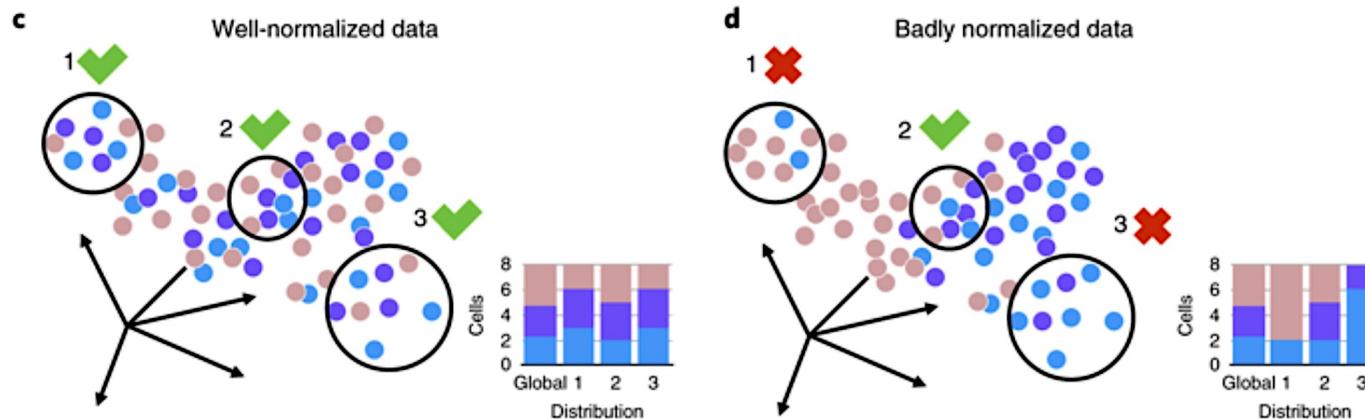
1. The batch-originating variance is erased
2. Meaningful heterogeneity is preserved
3. No artefactual variance is introduced

## What it practically means:

Similar cell types are intermixed across batches

We are not mixing distinct cell types (across or within batches)

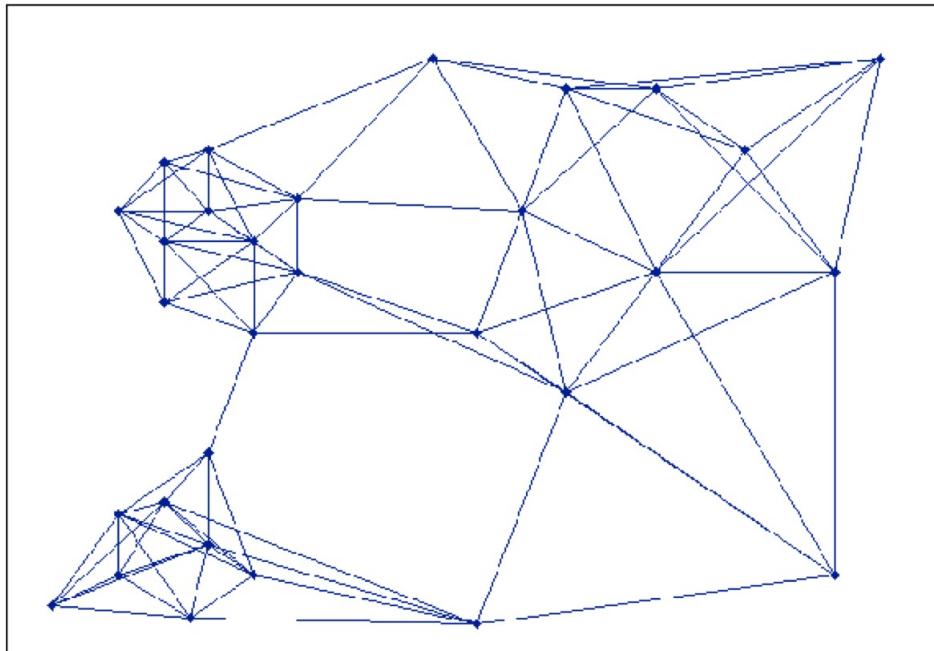
We do not separate similar cells within batches



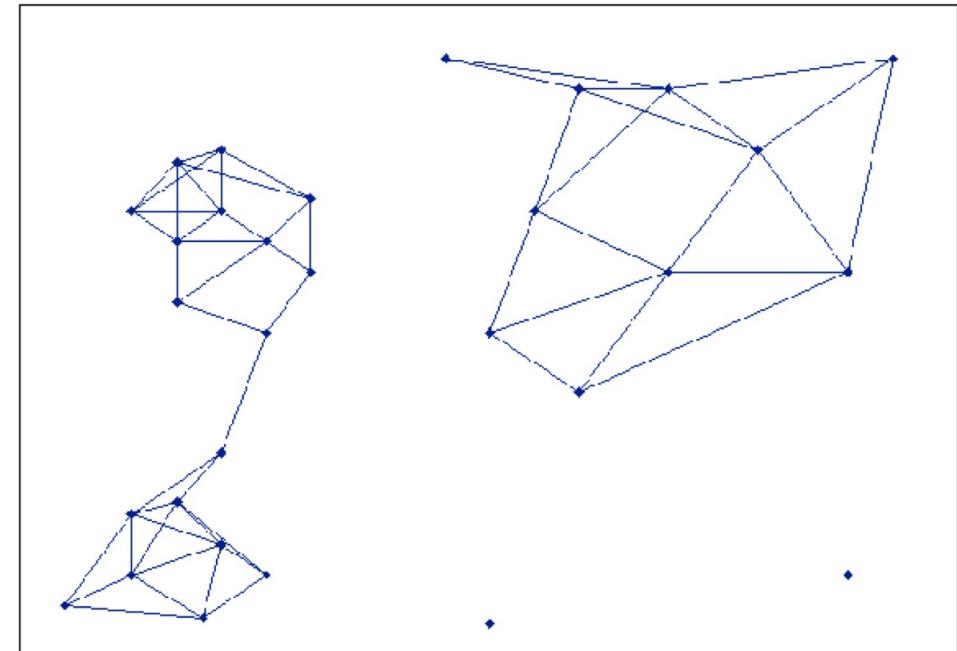
Büttner, et al (2019) *Nat Methods*

# scRNA-seq graph construction

The  **$k$ -Nearest Neighbor ( $k$ NN)** graph is a graph in which two vertices  $p$  and  $q$  are connected by an edge, if the distance between  $p$  and  $q$  is among the  $k$ -th smallest distances from  $p$  to other objects from  $P$ .



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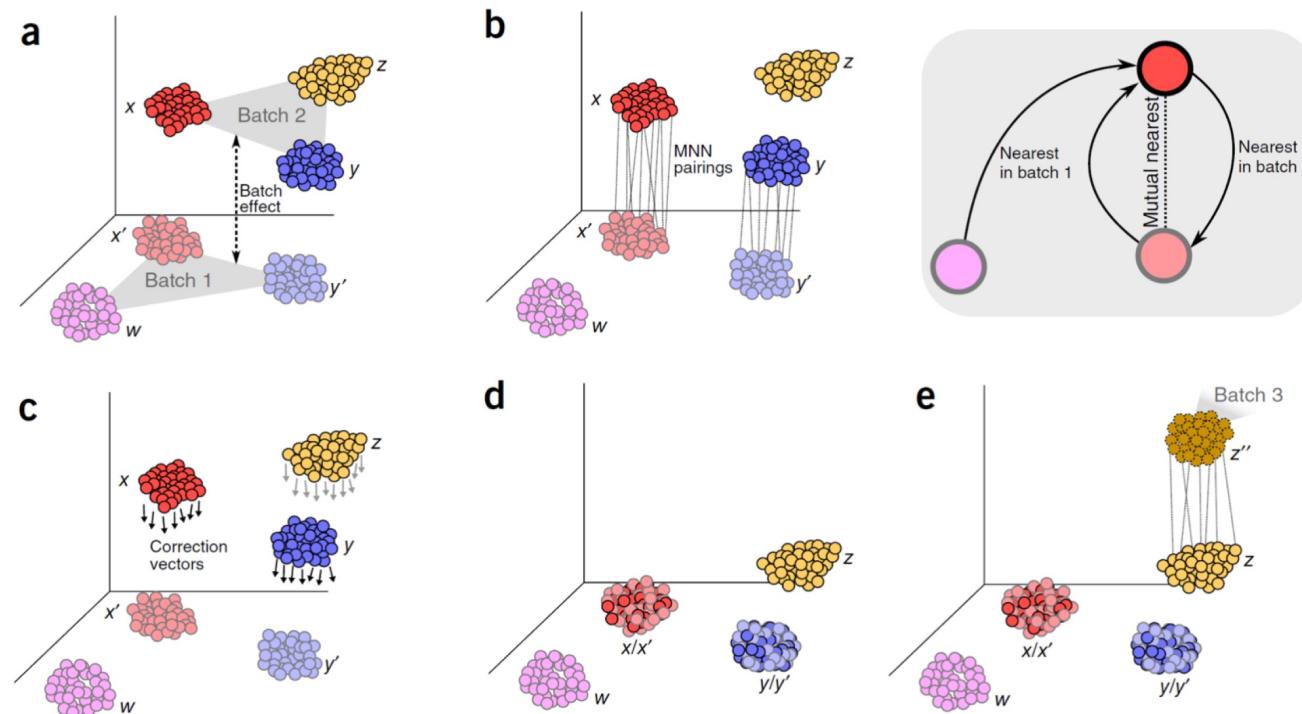
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Regression based bulk-RNAseq batch correction methods are slow and assume the batch is constant across cells

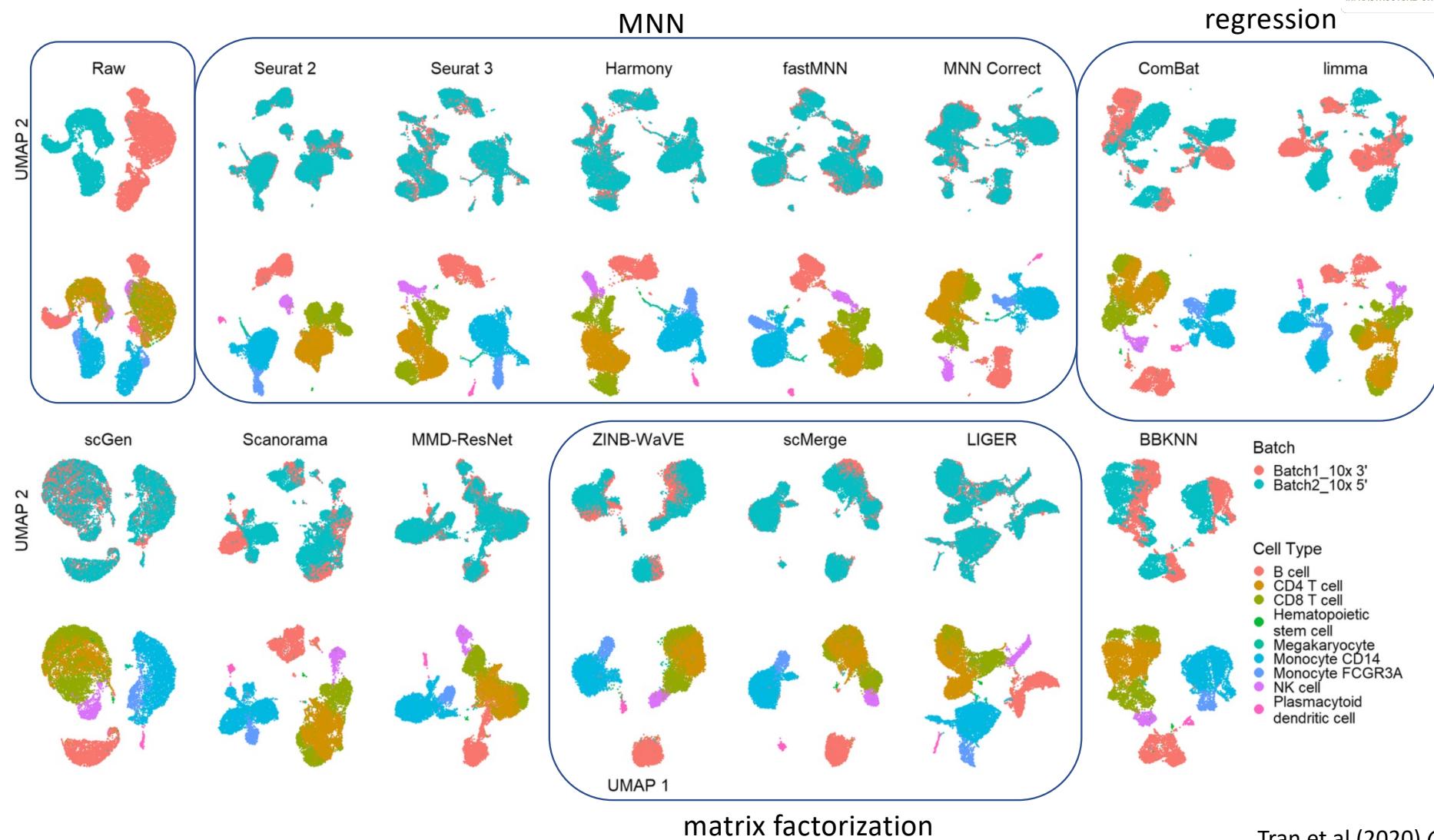
Modern data integration methods are based on the same principle:

- find MNN (mutual nearest neighbours) across datasets and correct each cell individually
- Done on a graph: much faster

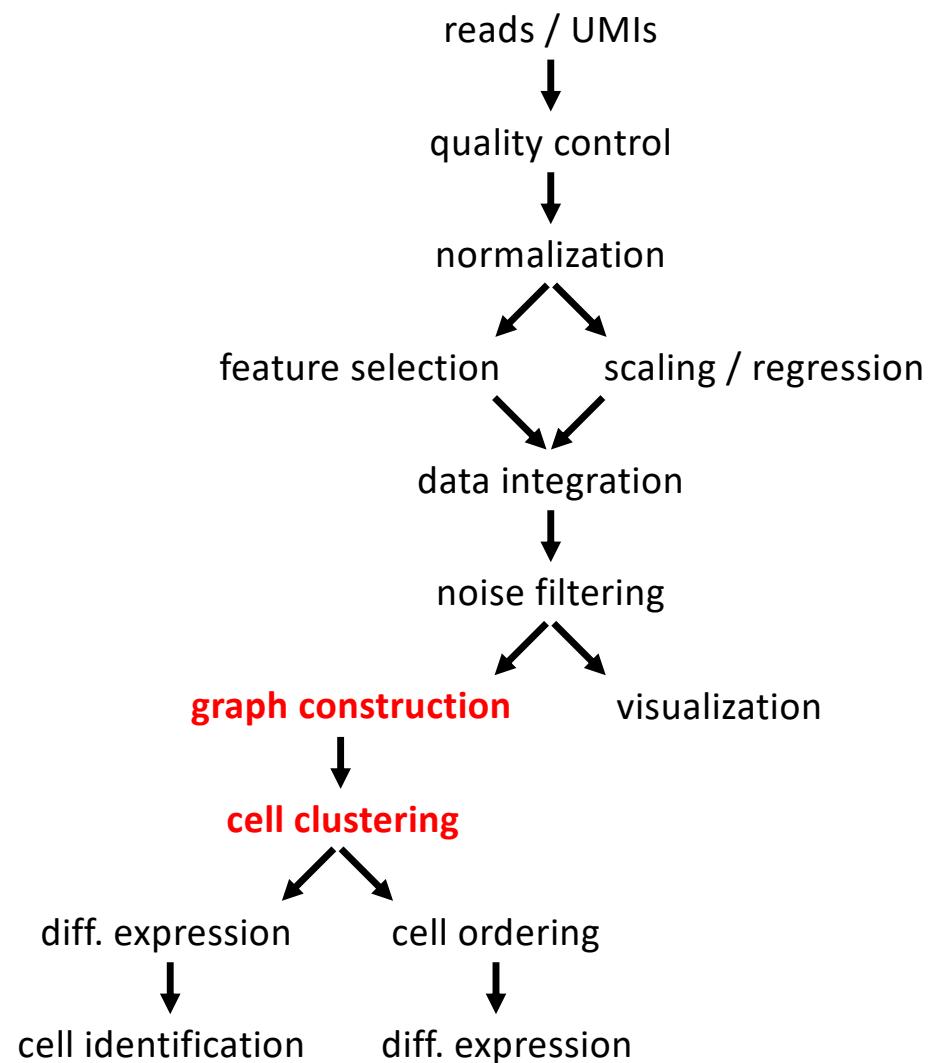


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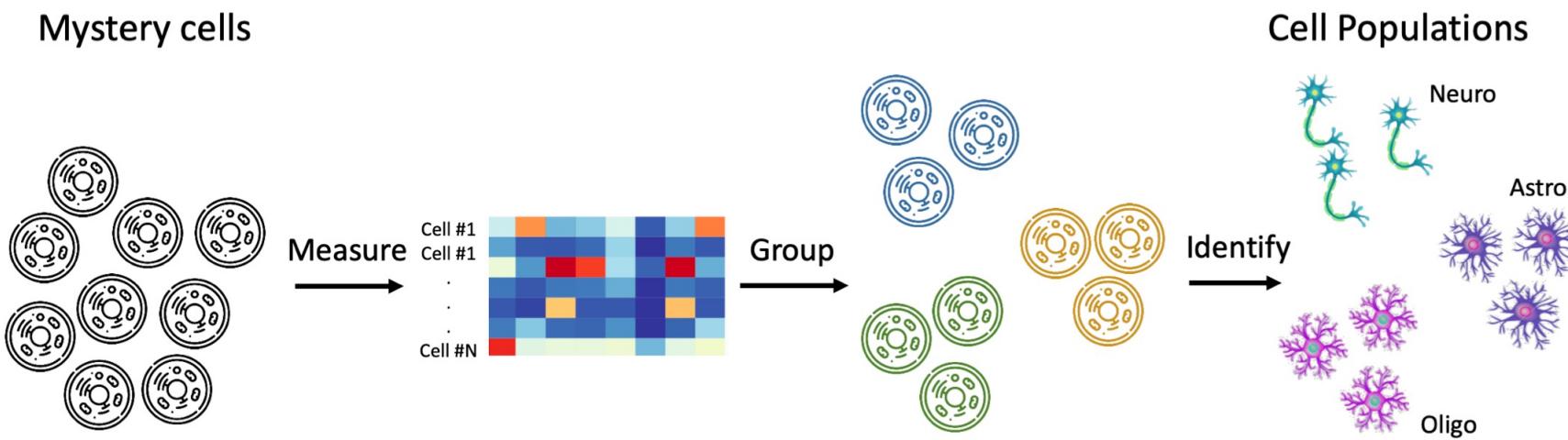
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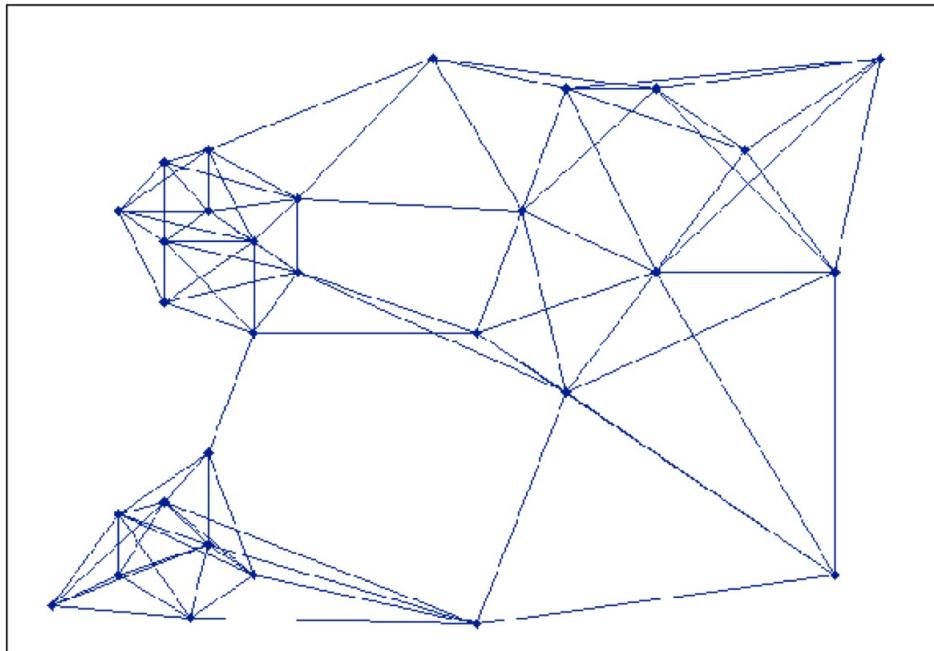


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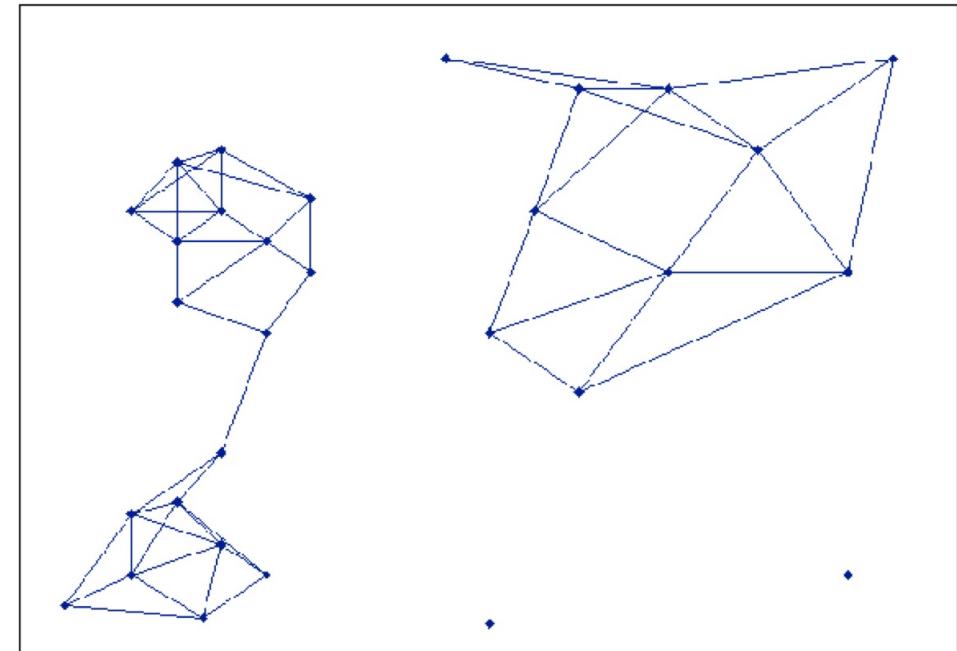


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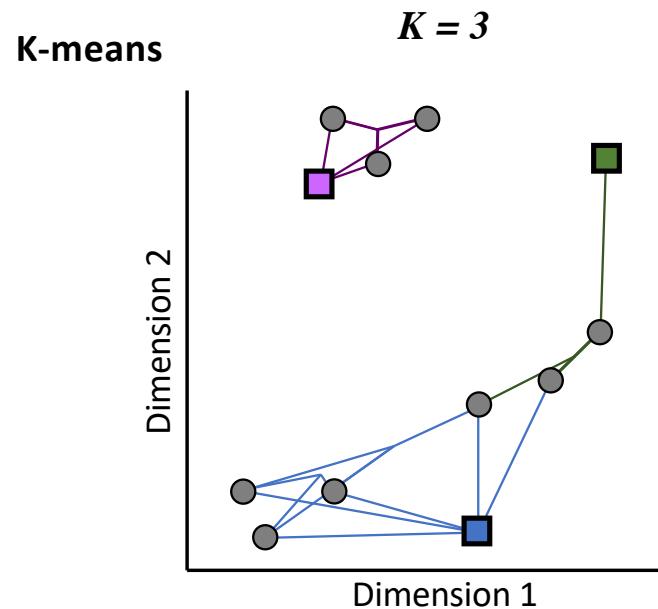
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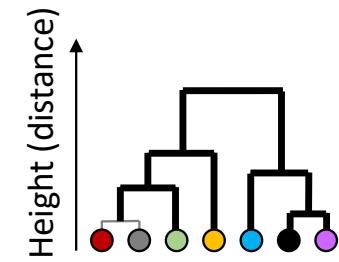
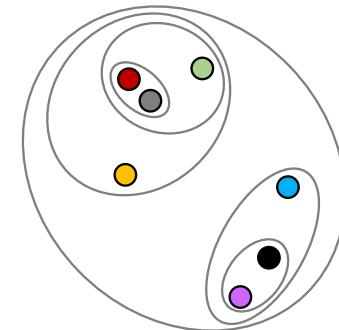
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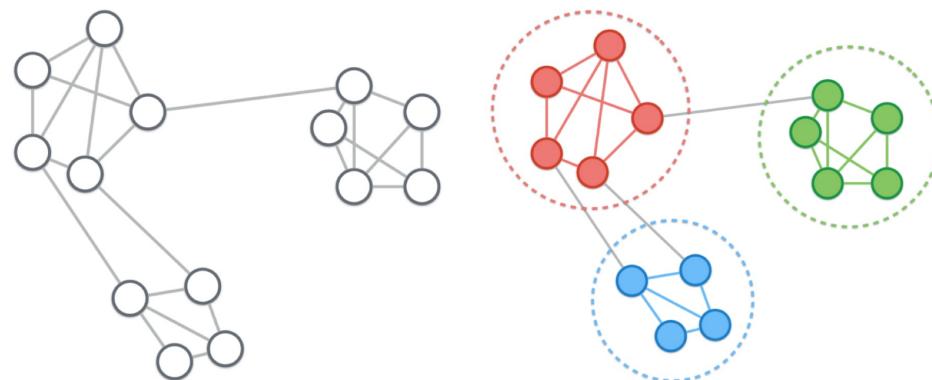
## Hierarchical Clustering



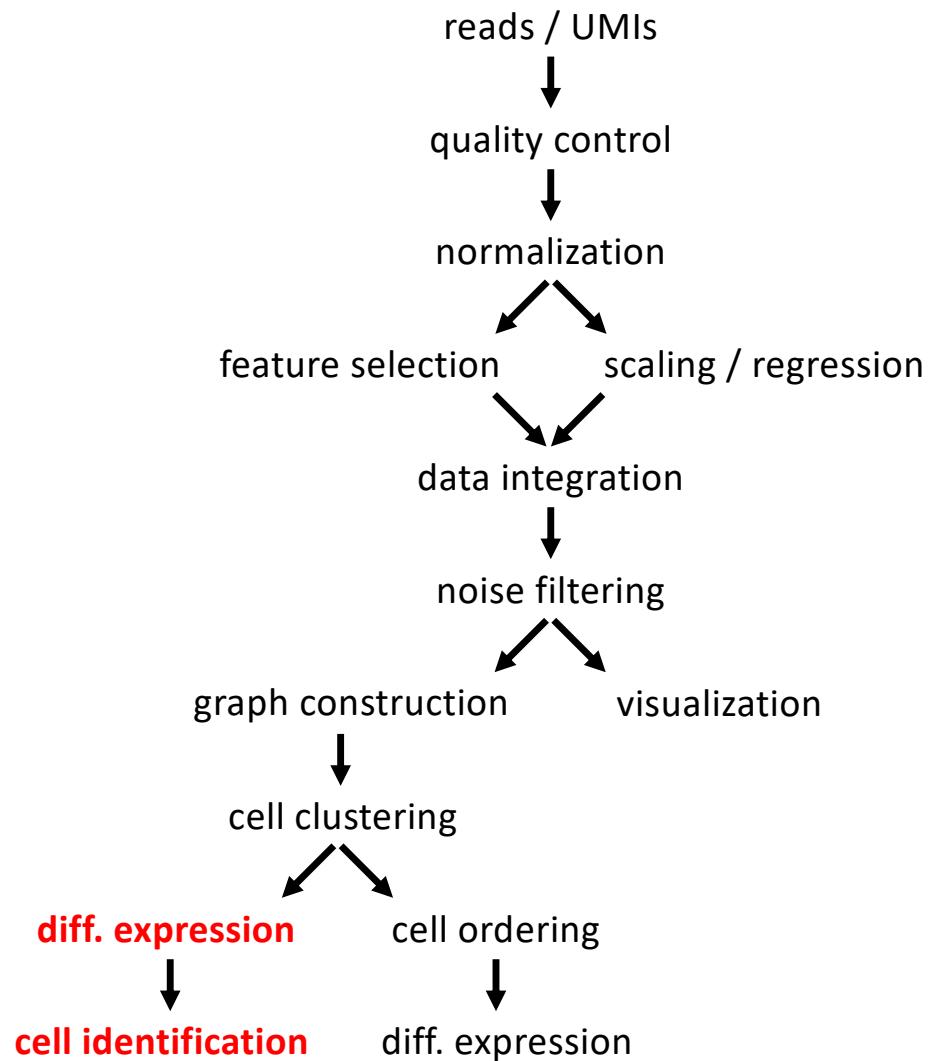
## GRAPH

### Louvain / Leiden community detection

Communities, or clusters, are usually groups of vertices having higher probability of being connected to each other than to members of other groups.



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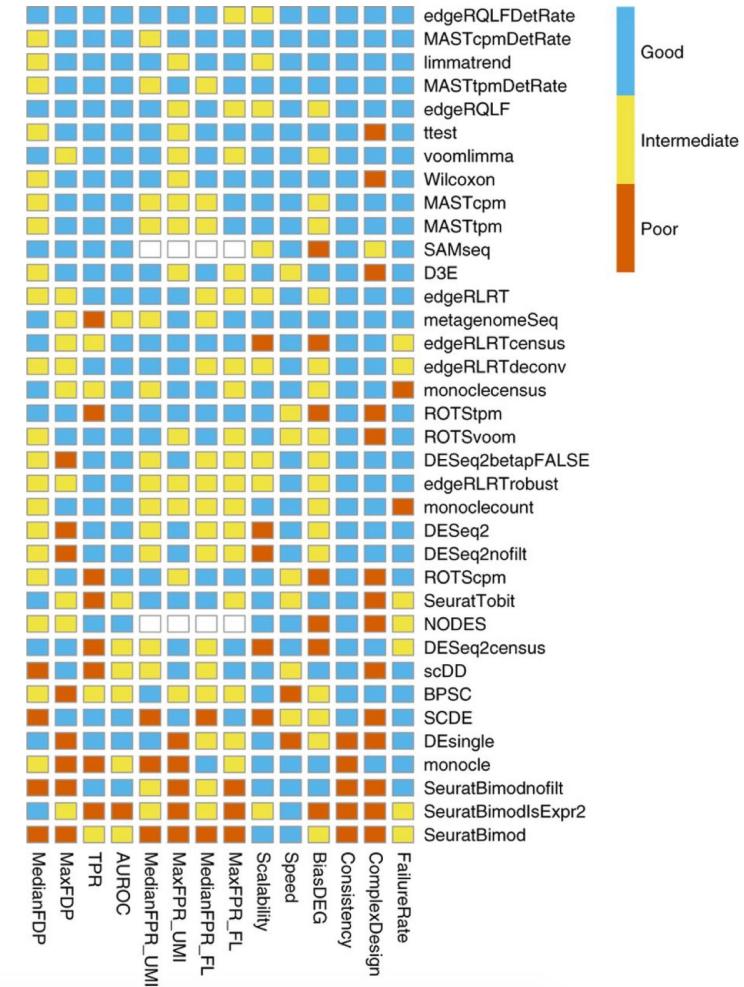


# scRNA-seq differential gene expression

Typically we have more than two clusters in a data set

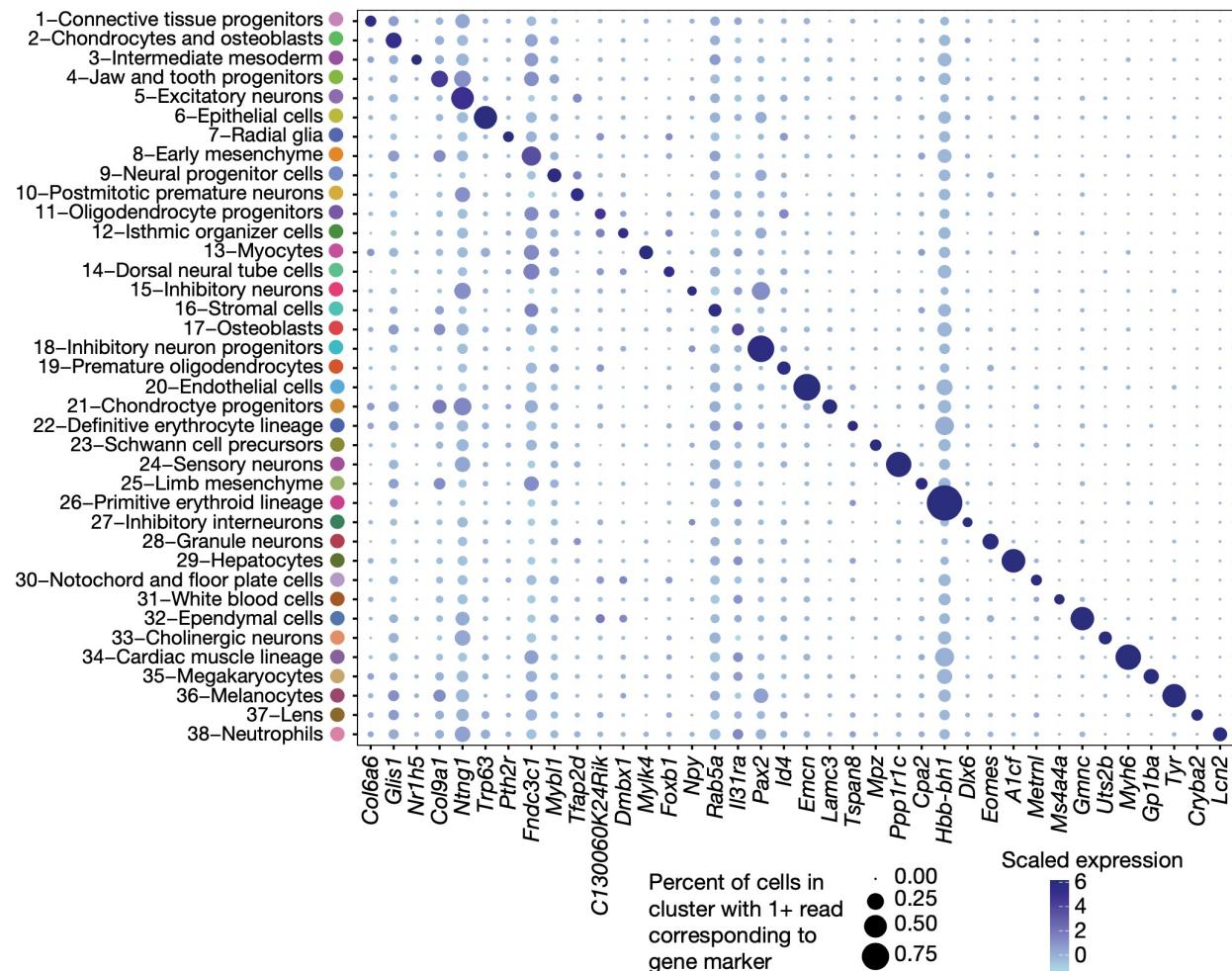
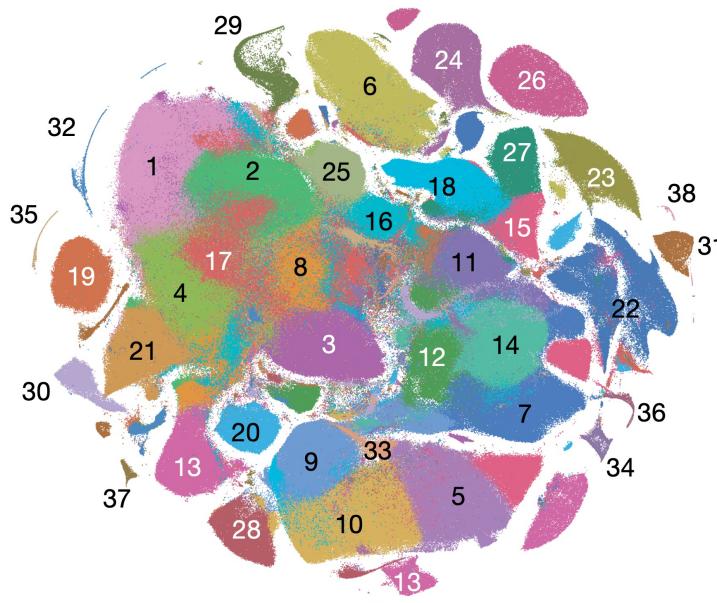
For a given cluster, are we interested in “marker genes” that are:

- **DE compared to all cells outside of the cluster (most common)**
- DE compared to at least one other cluster
- DE compared to *each* of the other clusters
- DE compared to “most” of the other clusters



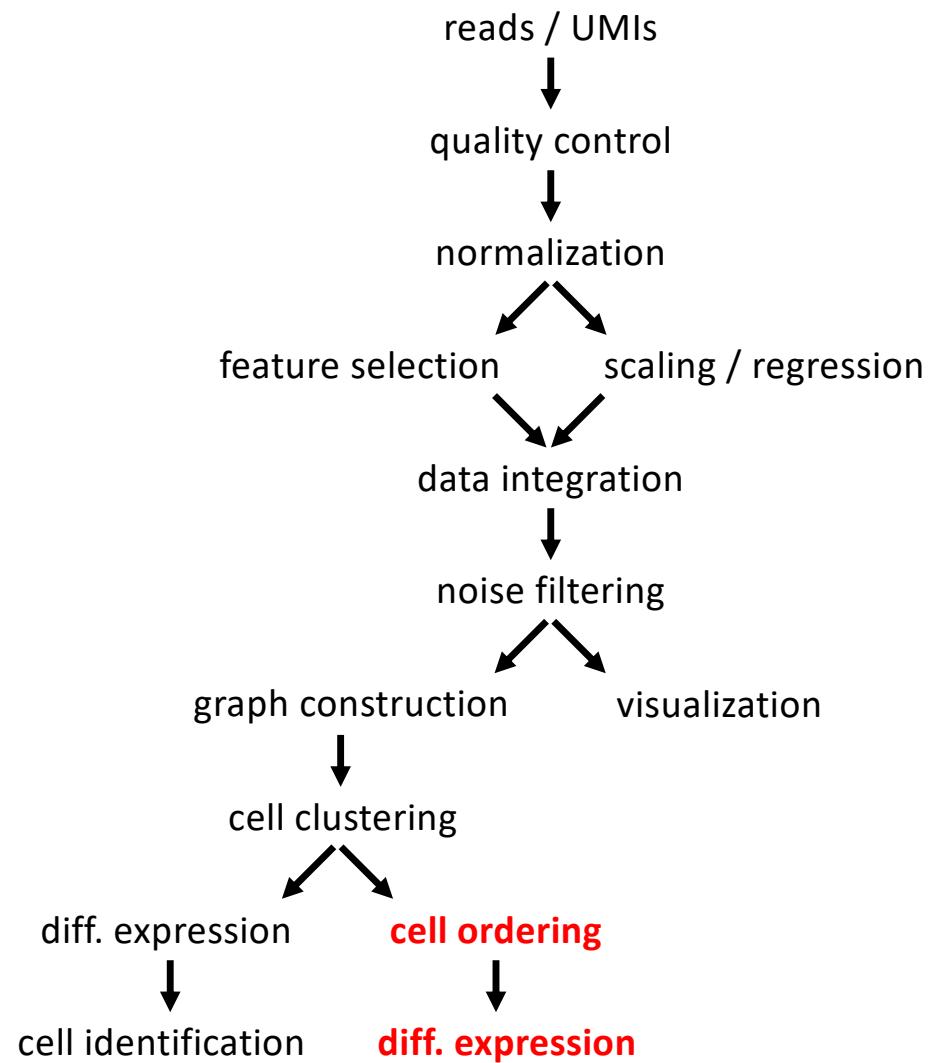
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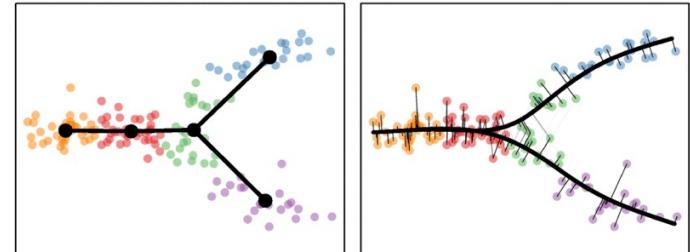
# scRNA-seq analysis workflow



# scRNA-seq trajectory inference



Are you sure that you have a trajectory?



Street et al (2018) *BMC Genomics*

Do you have intermediate states?

Do you believe that you have branching in your trajectory?

! Be aware, any dataset can be forced into a trajectory without any biological meaning!

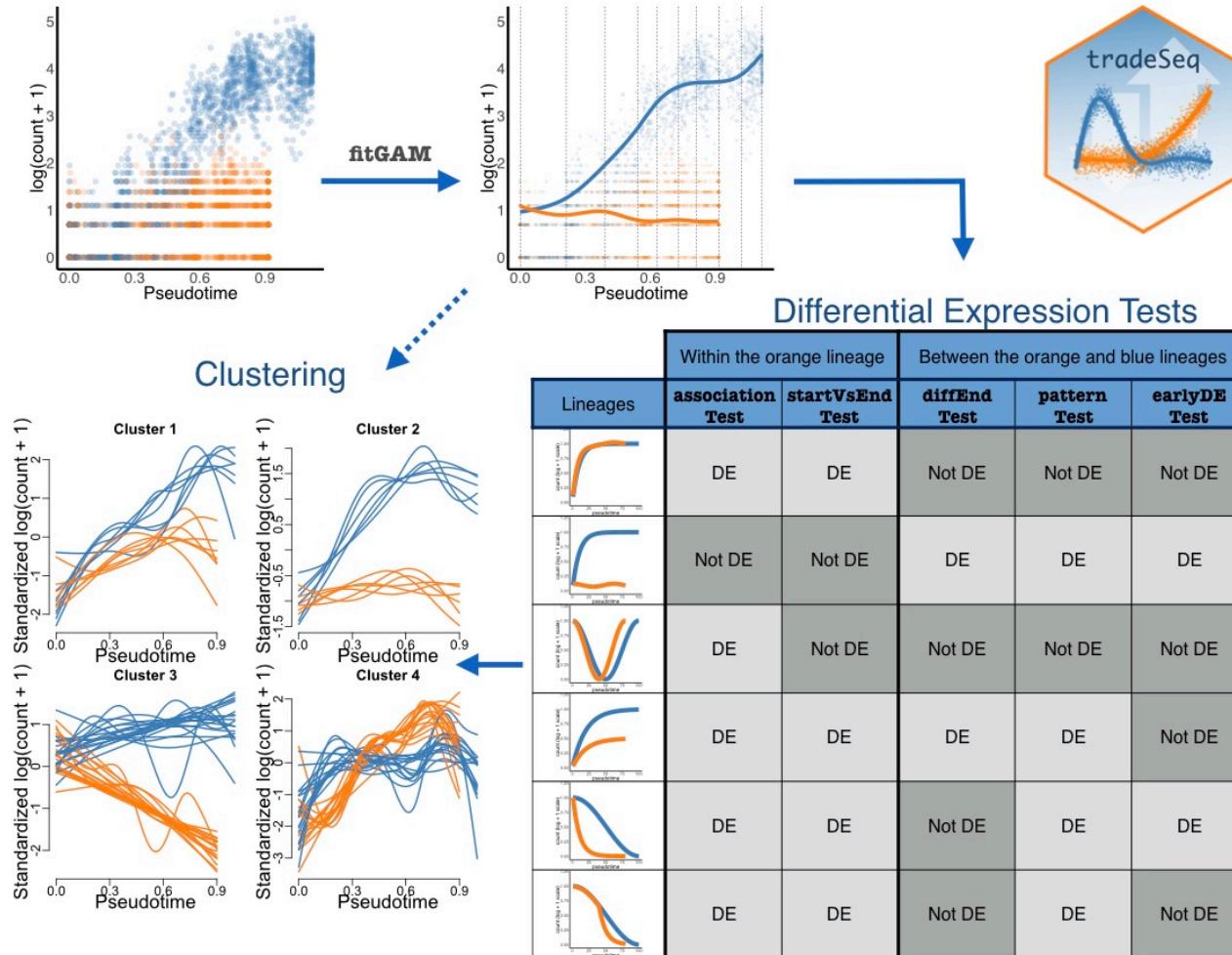
! First make sure that gene set and dimensionality reduction captures what you expect.

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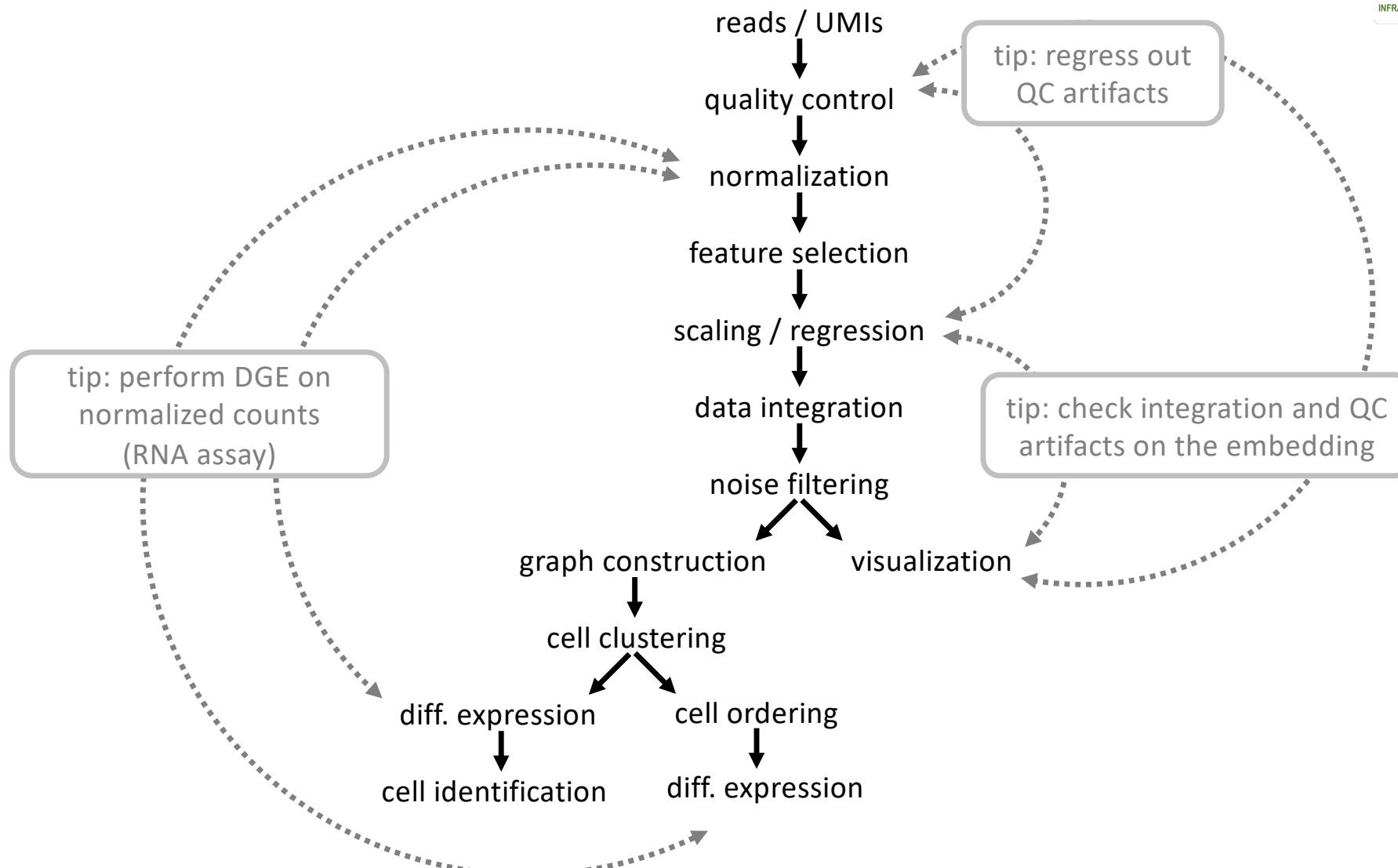
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# scRNA-seq trajectory inference



Berge et al 2020 *Nat Communication*

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# scRNA-seq mini projects



Spatial  
transcriptomics



RNA  
velocity

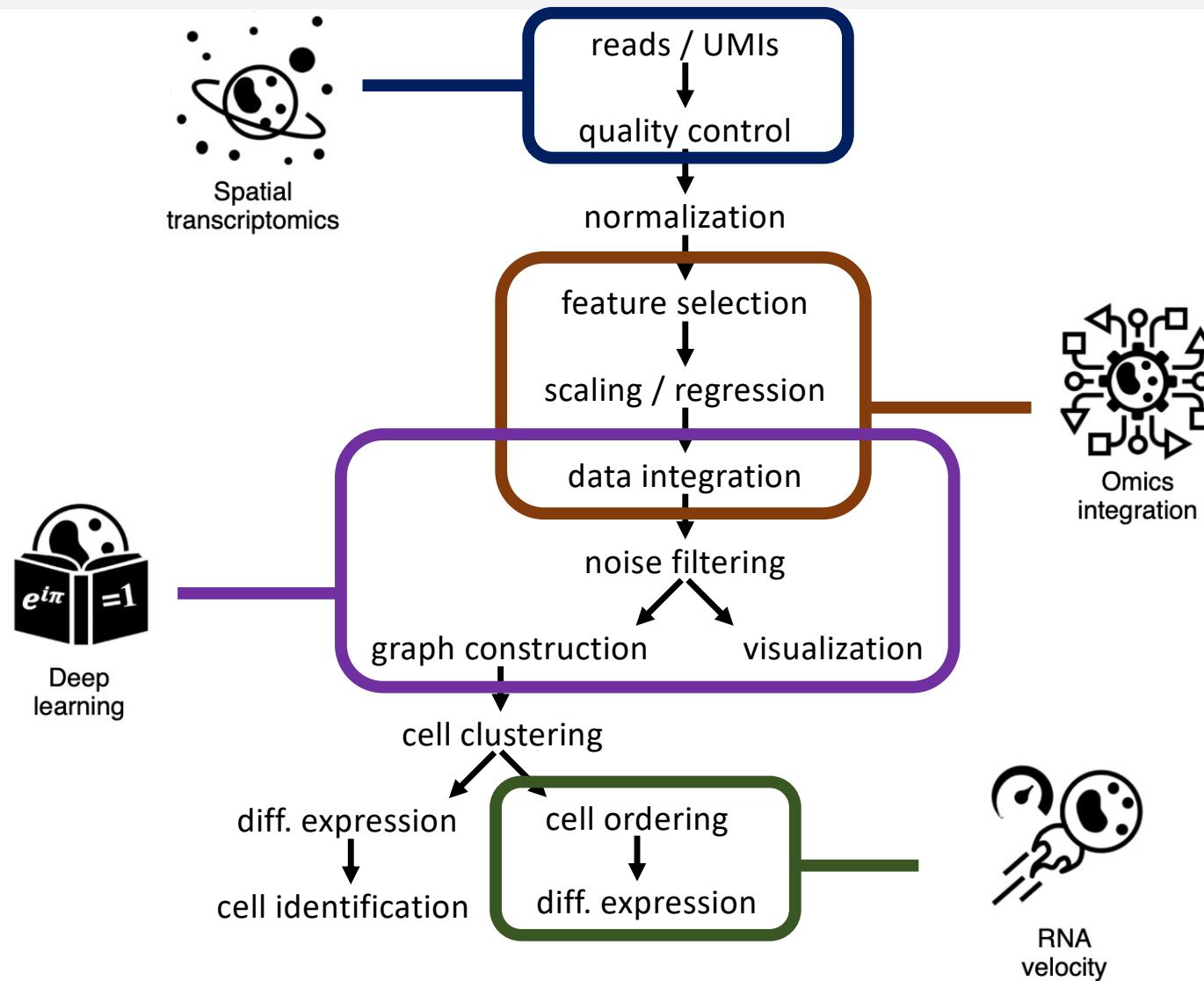


Omics  
integration



Deep  
learning

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# Project-based learning (PBL)

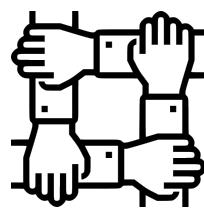


Please read the material at:

[https://nbisweden.github.io/single-cell\\_sib\\_scilifelab\\_2021/projects.html](https://nbisweden.github.io/single-cell_sib_scilifelab_2021/projects.html)



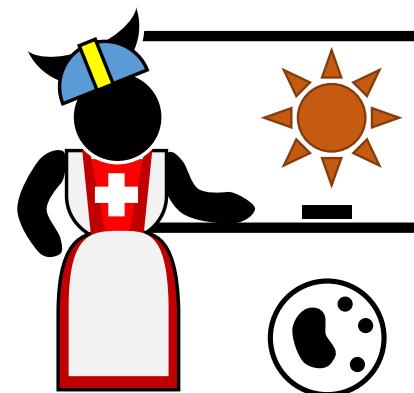
## Learning Strategy



## Working in Groups



## Tips for a good dynamic



# Project-based learning (PBL)

## Report.Rmd



### Load and merge datasets

- Consult the Glossary or additional sources for help
- Which file format do we have the data in?
- Describe in form of text the rational for this step in your markdown report.



## Glossary



### Reading files

There are many formats available in which one can store single cell information, many of which cannot all be listed here. The most common formats are:

[...]

How to run it:

```
# From .csv .tsv .txt format
raw_matrix <- read.delim(
  file = "data/folder_sample1.csv",
  row.names = 1 )
```

```
# From .mtx format
sparse_matrix <- Seurat::Read10X(
  data.dir = "data/folder_sample1")
```

```
# From .h5 format
sparse_matrix <- Seurat::Read10X_h5(
  filename = "data/matrix_file.h5",
  use.names = T)
```

[...]

## Report.Rmd



### # Loading data

We first load the single cell RNA-seq dataset supplied from the ` `.h5` format in order to create a Seurat object.

```
```{r}
data <- Seurat::Read10X_h5( filename =
  "data/colon_dataset.h5", use.names = T)
```
```





Thank you!

<https://czarnewski.github.io/czarnewski/index.html>