



## 10AM

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*

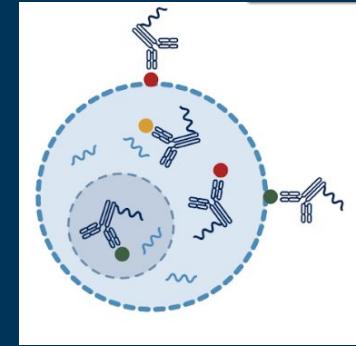
The background of the slide features a complex, abstract illustration of biological neurons. These neurons are depicted with translucent, glowing membranes and intricate internal structures. They are primarily colored in shades of blue, green, and pink, creating a vibrant, organic feel. Interspersed among the neurons are numerous small, circular particles of various sizes, some with internal glow patterns, resembling neurotransmitters or cellular components. The overall effect is one of a microscopic view of a living, active neural network.

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

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

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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

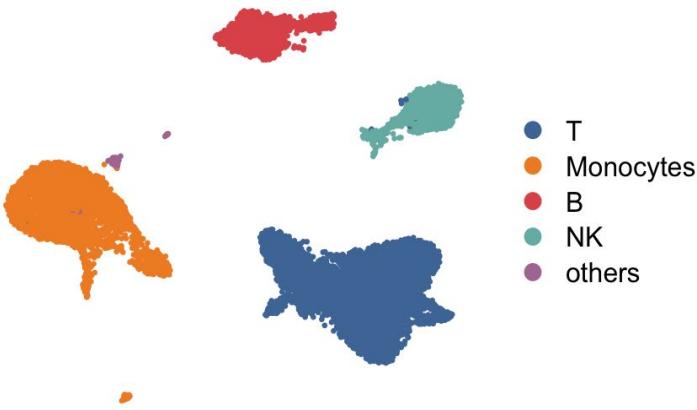


### Personalized medicine



# Single Cell RNA-sequencing uncovers the heterogeneity of the sample

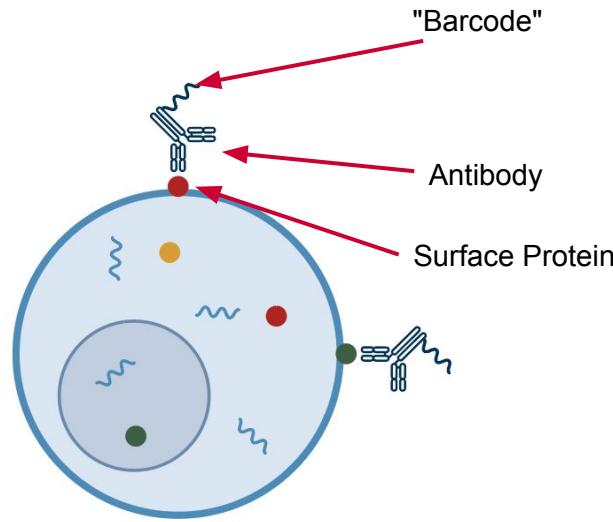
## RNA based Clustering





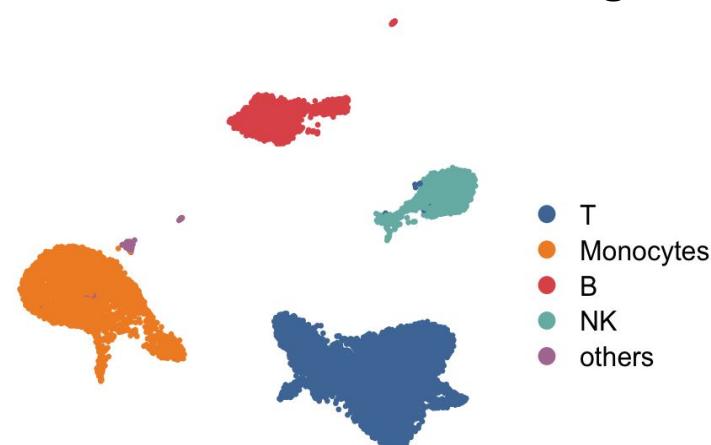
# CITE-seq

## Cellular Indexing of Transcriptomes and Epitopes by Sequencing



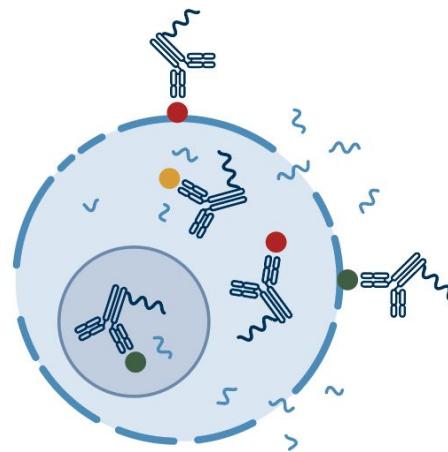
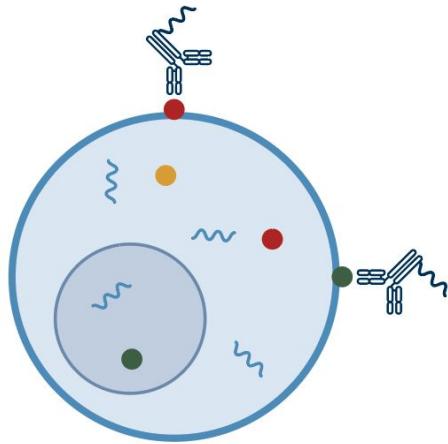
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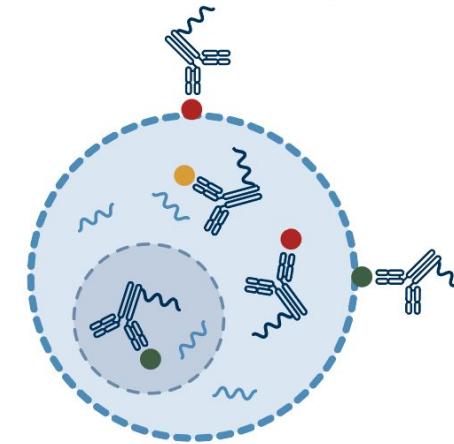




# What Is the InTraSeq™ Technology?



Challenge of staining  
intracellular proteins:  
RNA degradation & loss

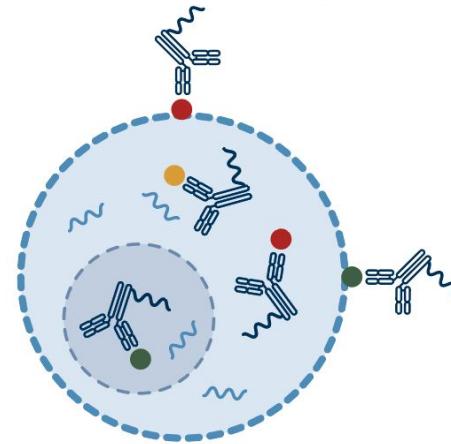


**InTraSeq™ Technology**  
Intracellular Proteins & Transcriptomic Sequencing



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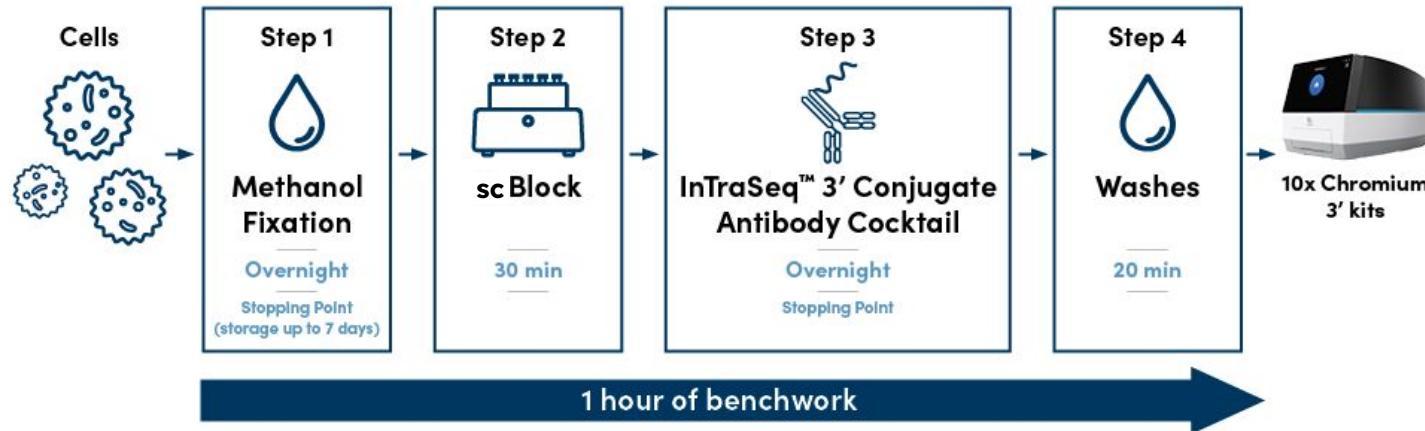
- Developed and validated by CST, using the 10x Genomic Chromium Single Cell 3' Reagent Kits with Feature Barcoding Technology
- To be used on 10x Genomic Chromium instruments



**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

~1h of  
benchwork!!



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





# InTraSeq™ Technology - Benefits (and Proofs)

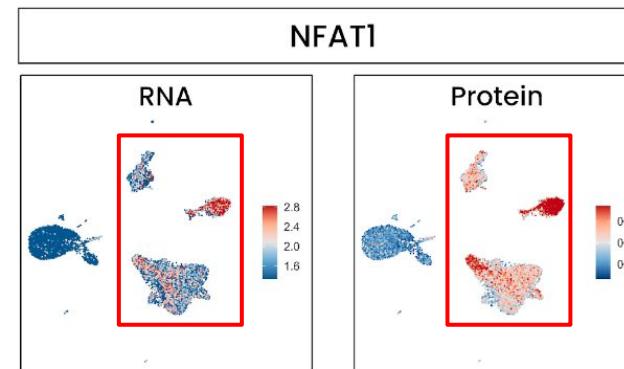
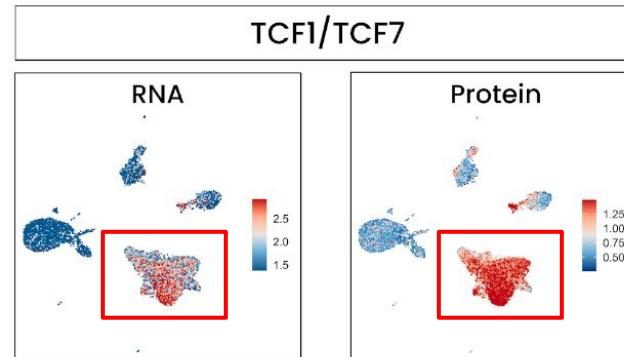
## Without InTraSeq

- 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





# InTraSeq™ Technology - Benefits (and Proofs)

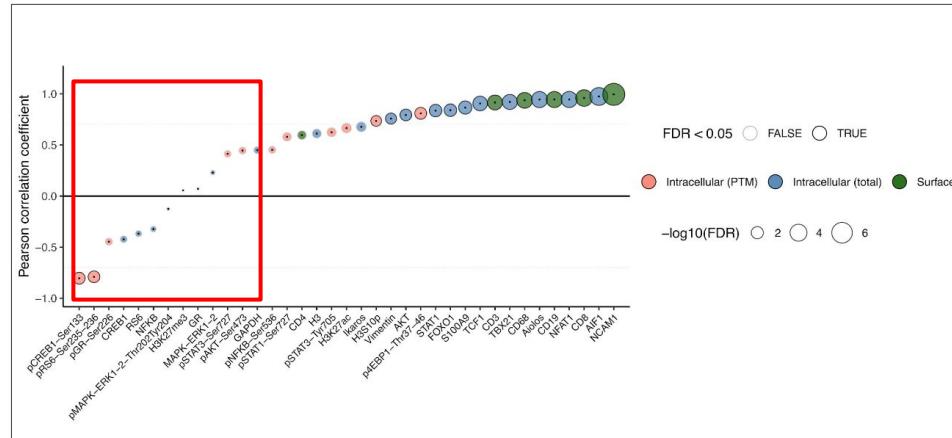
## Without InTraSeq

- RNA does not always correlate with protein level, esp for PTM targets (which was expected, as PTM happens in the protein level, and cannot be inferred by RNA alone)



## InTraSeq Benefit

- InTraSeq can be used to **uncover missing information** in a scRNA-seq experiment
- Offers **new biological insights** at the post translational modification level





# InTraSeq™ Technology - Benefits (and Proofs)

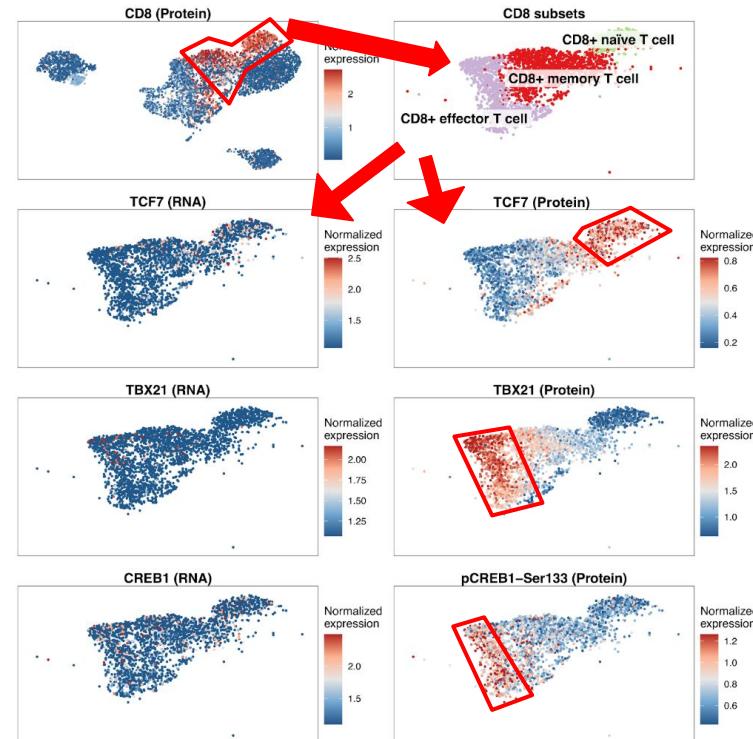
## Without InTraSeq

- 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

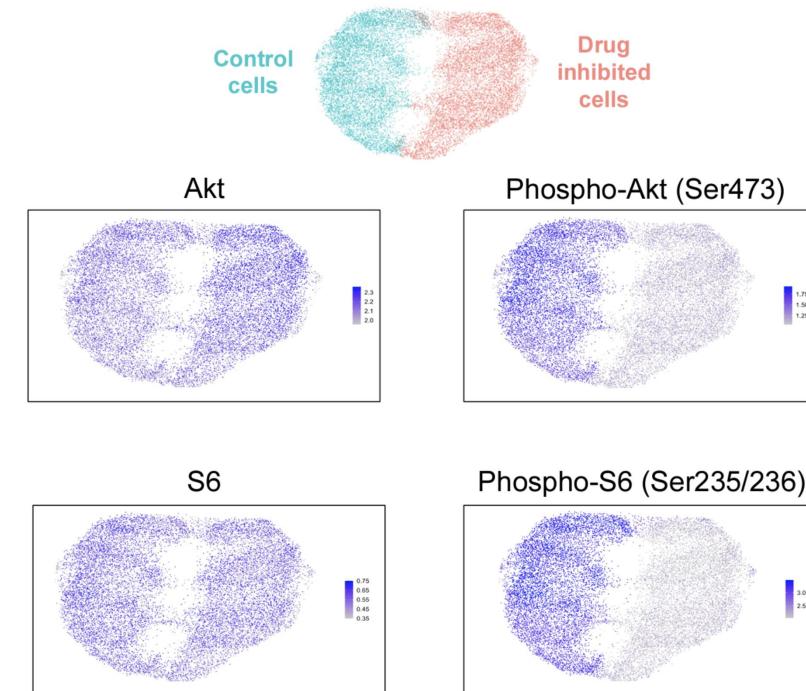


## InTraSeq Benefit

- 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)

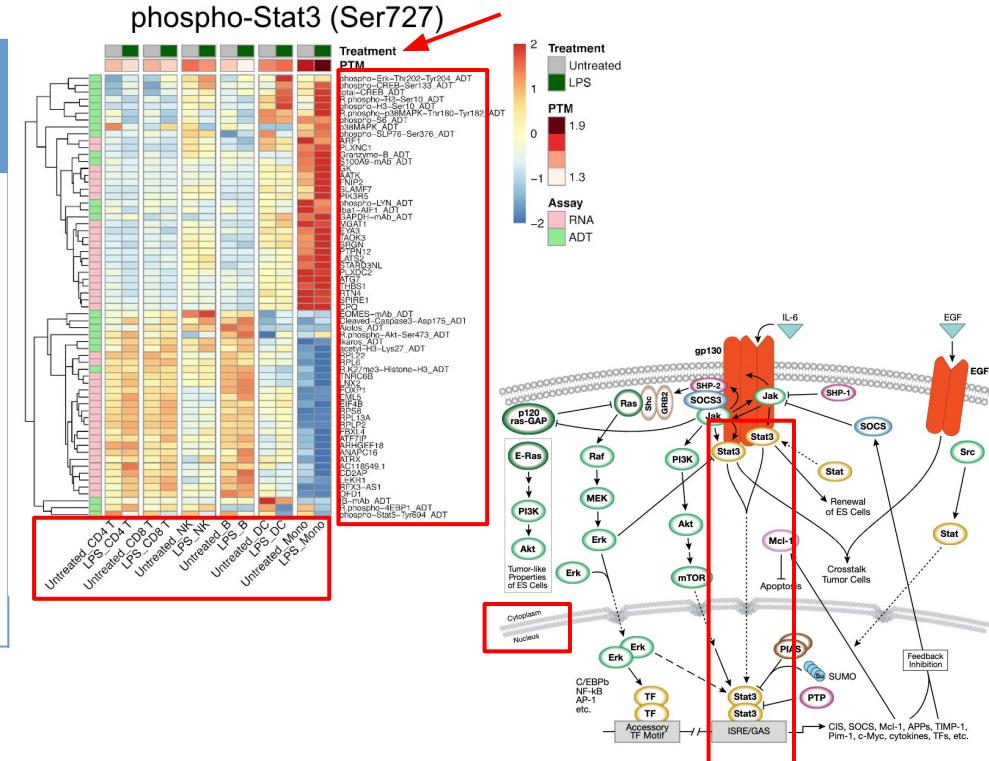
## Without InTraSeq

- 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)

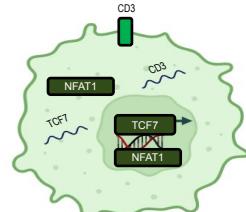
## Without InTraSeq

- Cannot gain a full picture by using RNA data alone

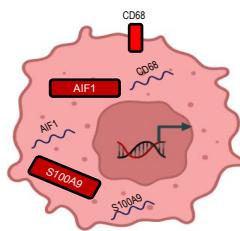


## InTraSeq Benefit

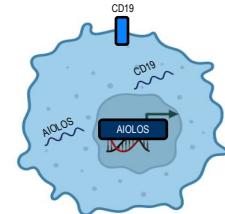
- Comprehensive analysis by **integrating RNA, surface markers, cytoplasmic proteins and nuclear proteins data** at single cell resolution



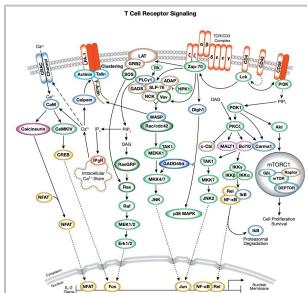
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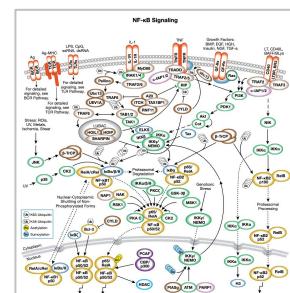
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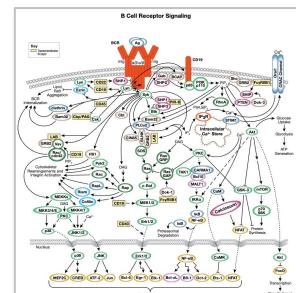
B cells



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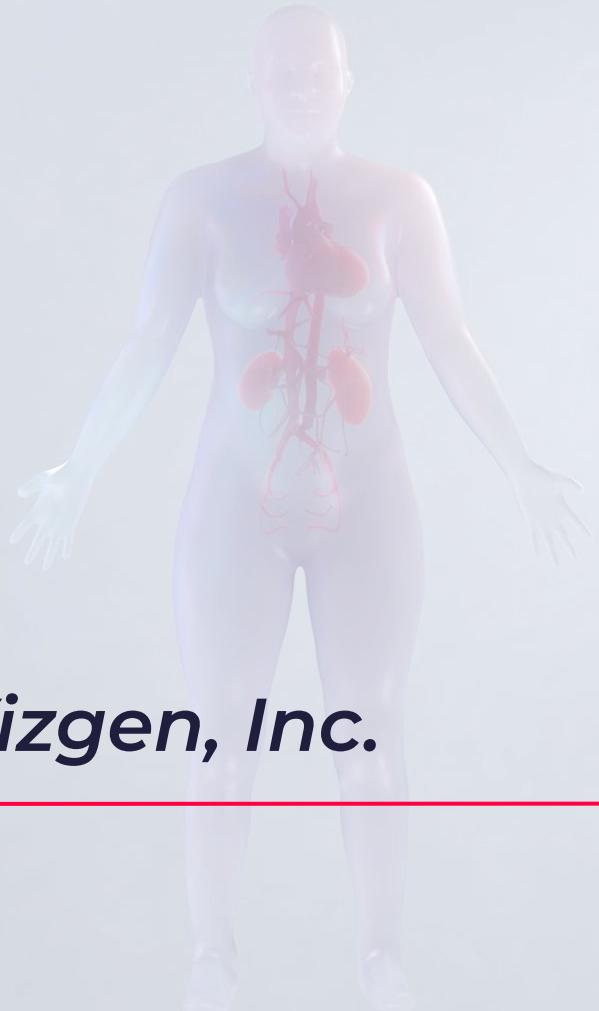
# Thank you !



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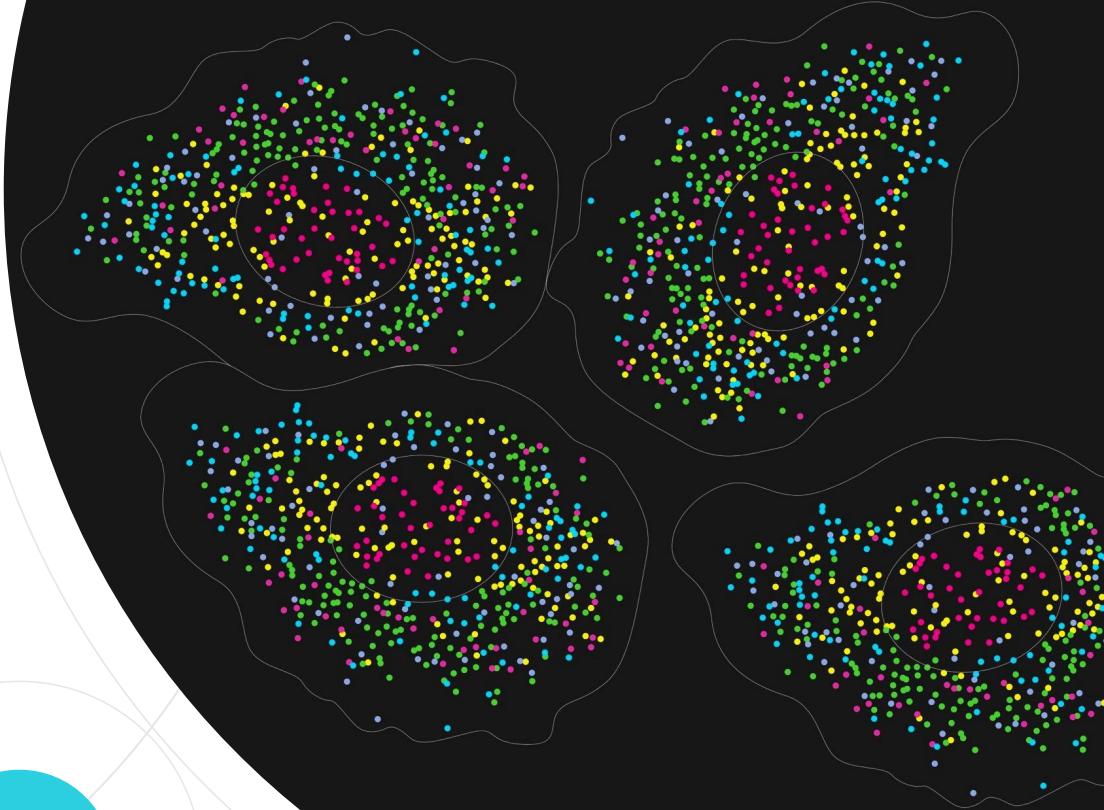


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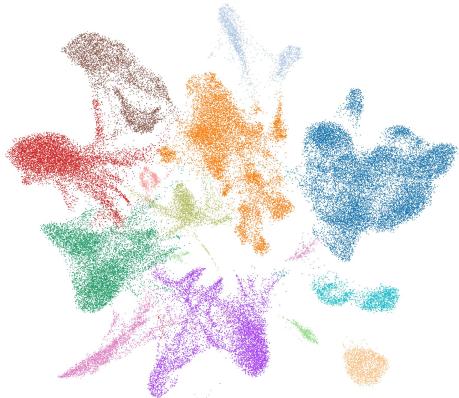
# Mapping the Future of Spatial Genomics with MERSCOPE Ultra Platform

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

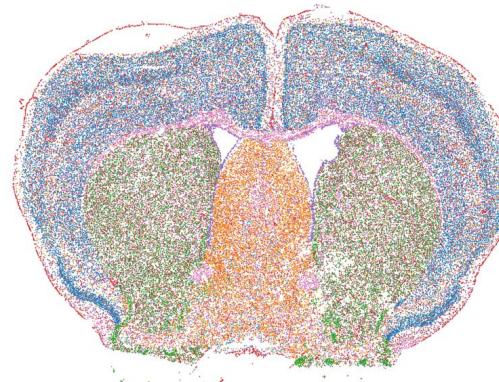


Bulk and single cell sequencing are fundamentally limited

# 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 cm<sup>2</sup> and  
100nm resolution

No need for sequencing

## USER-FRIENDLY

Instrument and visualization software

Web-based gene panel application



# MERSCOPE

smFISH



Proprietary  
Barcoding System



MERFISH

Direct in situ RNA  
quantification

Custom gene panels of up  
to 1000 targets

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

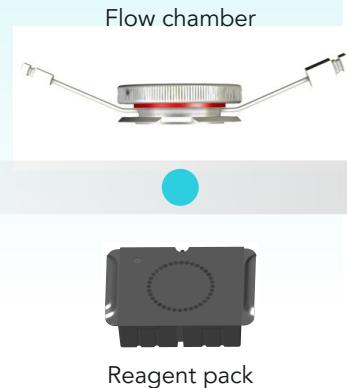
## Upstream

The screenshot shows the Vizgen MERSCOPE platform interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Create New Panel', 'Panels', 'Quotes', 'Contact Us', and 'Test User'. Below the navigation is a section titled 'How it works' with four steps: 'Configure panel', 'Specify genes', 'Refine selection', and 'Request quote'. Underneath this is a 'Recent Gene Panels' section with a table header: Ref, Name, Genes, Last Updated, Comment, Status, Actions. A 'Create New Panel' button is also present here. Below that is a 'Recent Quotes' section with a similar table header: Quote Number, Date Quoted, Panel(s), Status, Tracking. A 'Create New Quote' button is located at the bottom of this section.

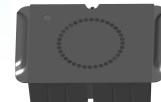
Custom Gene Panel Design



Sample Preparation

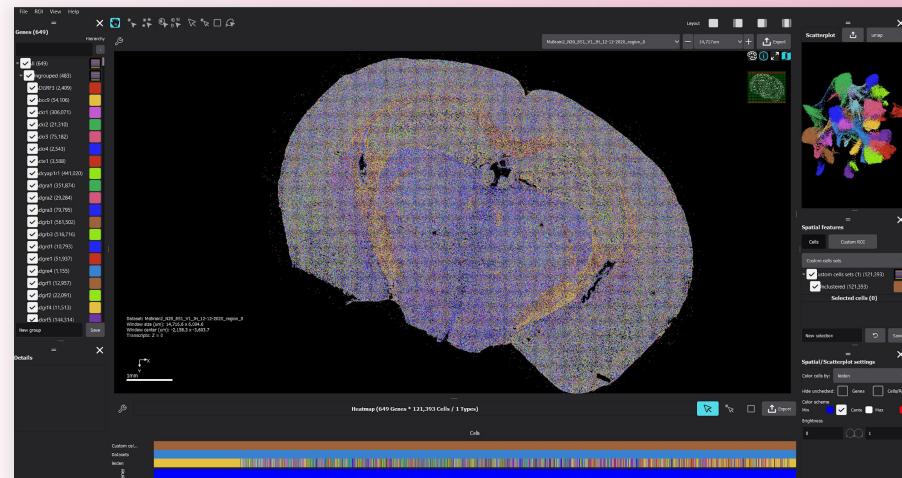


Flow chamber



Reagent pack

# MERSCOPE is an end-to-end platform solution



Visualization software

# Working with MERFISH involves three key stages

## STAGE 1

### Hybridization

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

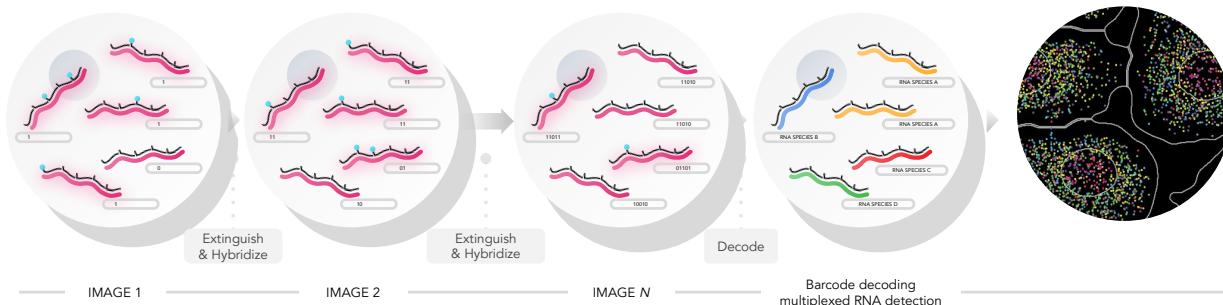
## STAGE 2

### Clearing

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

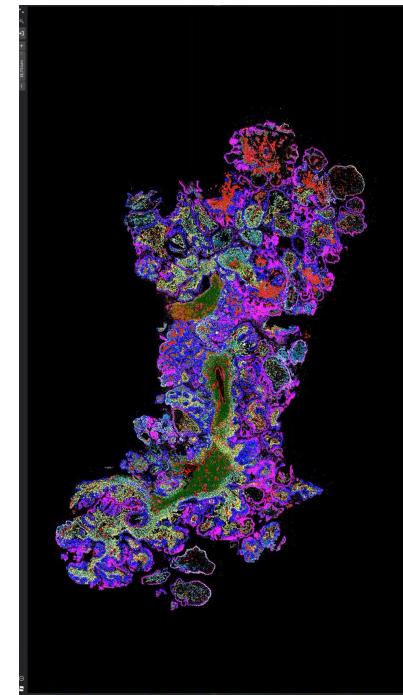
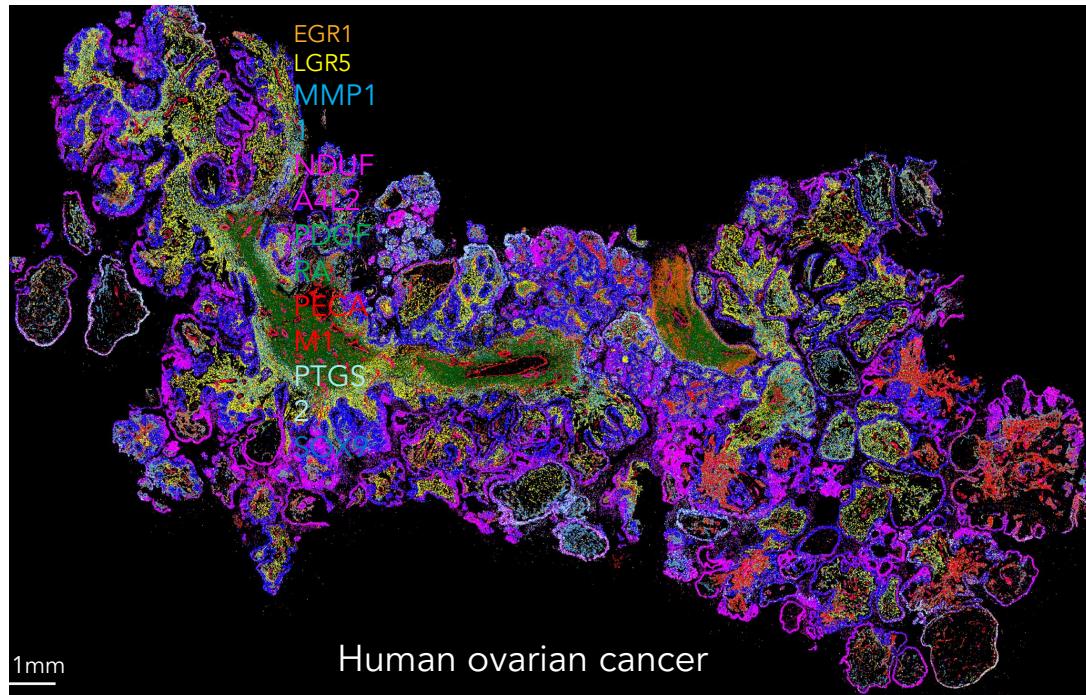
## STAGE 3

### Imaging



Chen et al, Science, 2015; Moffitt et al, PNAS, 2016; Emanuel et al, Nature Methods, 2017; Moffitt et al, Science, 2018; Wang et al, Sci. Rep, 2018; Wang et al, PNAS, 2019; Xia et al, PNAS, 2019; Xia et al, Sci. Rep, 2019; Favuzzi et al, Cell, 2021; Hara et al, Cancer Cell, 2021; Lu et al, Cell Discov, 2021; Miller et al, CVPR, 2021; Park et al, Nat Commun, 2021; Su et al, Cell, 2020; Wang et al, BioRxiv, 2020; Zhang et al, Nature, 2021

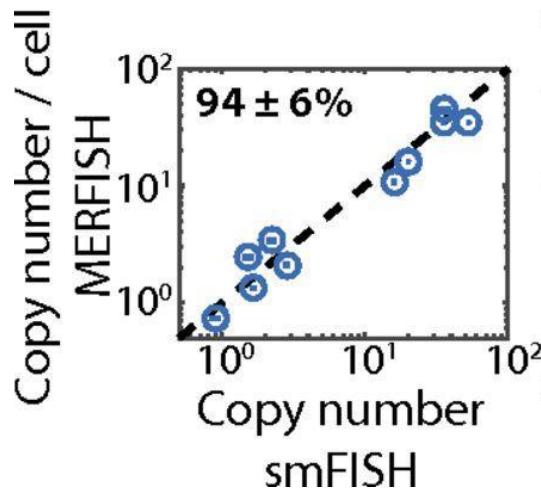
# Profile gene expression *in situ*, from whole tissue, to sub-cellular



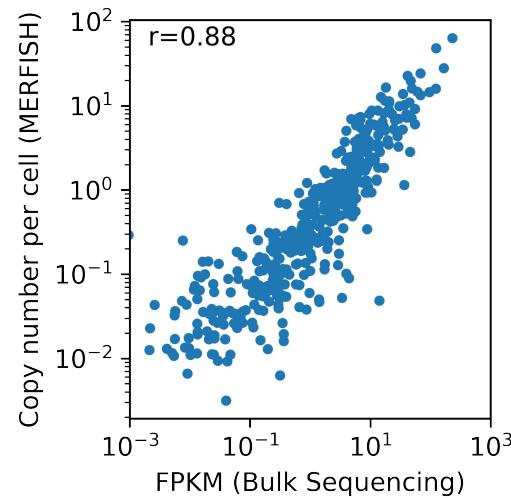
500 gene panel, 174 million RNA transcripts detected

# 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  
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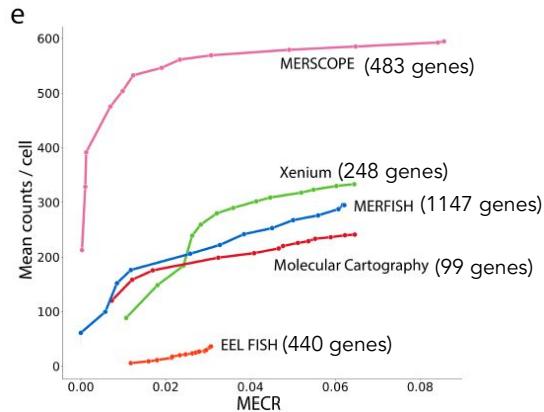
### CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

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

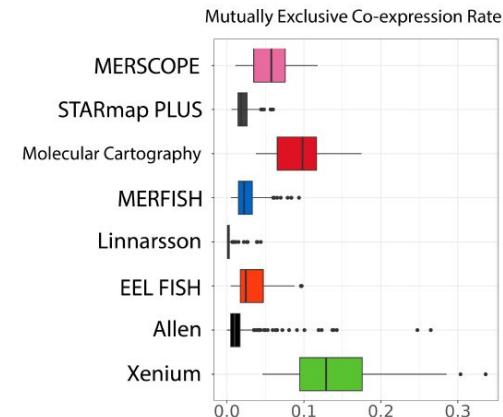
## MERSCOPE has highest sensitivity



Highest sensitivity among all

2X more sensitive than Xenium

## MERSCOPE has superior specificity



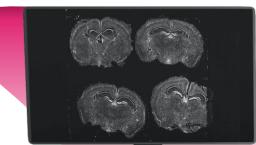
Excellent specificity

Optimal trade-off between sensitivity and specificity

# MERSCOPE Ultra – a High Throughput Platform for Spatial Genomics



2021



Sep 2024



3x Larger Imaging Area



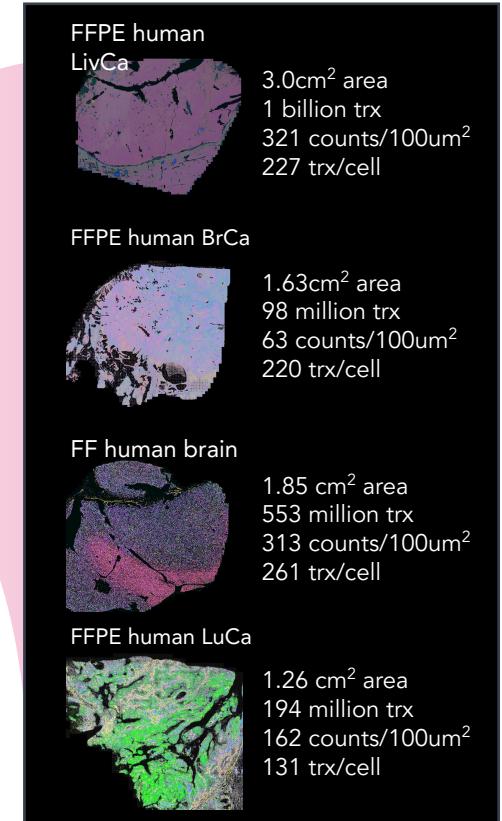
2x Faster Imaging



Large and Std Flow Cells

New Compute, Storage  
and Analysis

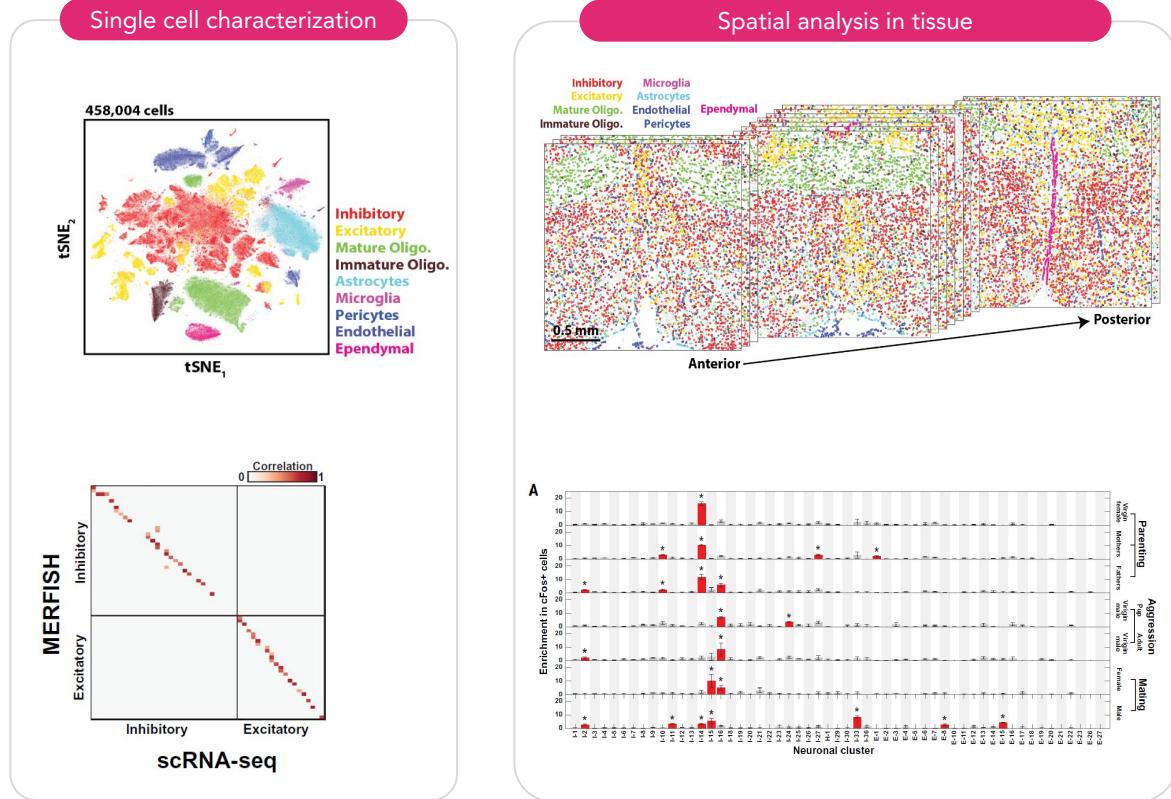
Detect 1,000 Genes in 3cm<sup>2</sup> Tissue



# 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>

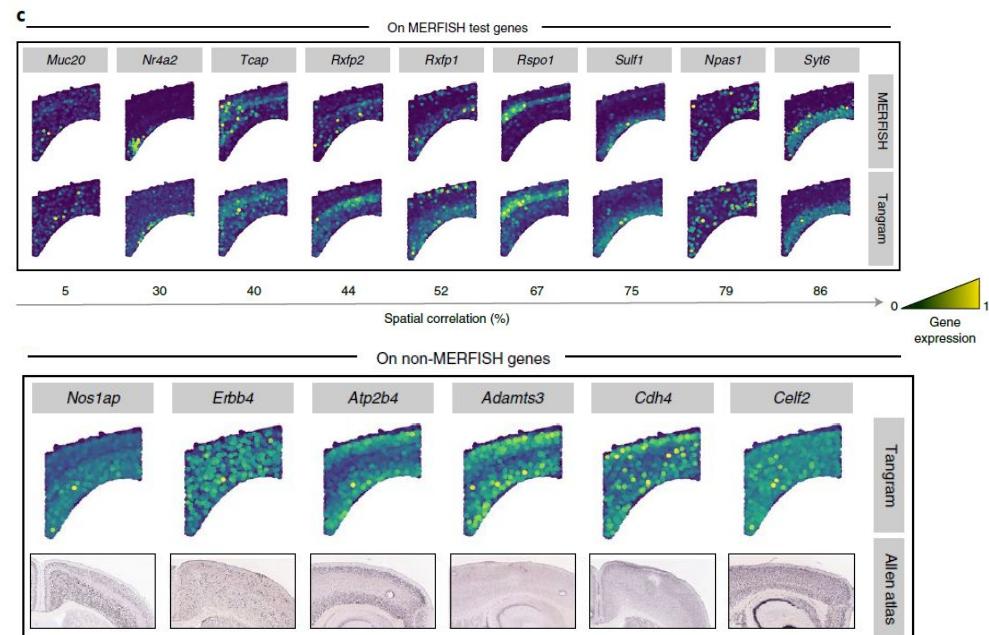
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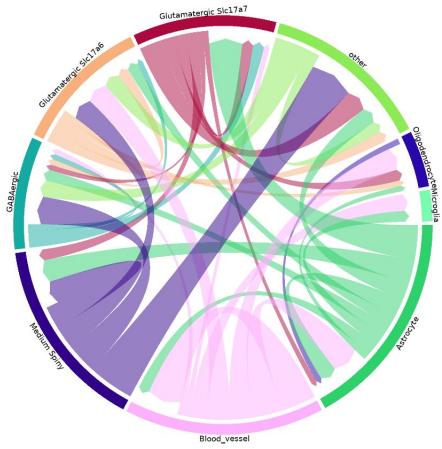
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## Deep learning and alignment of spatially resolved single-cell transcriptomes with Tangram

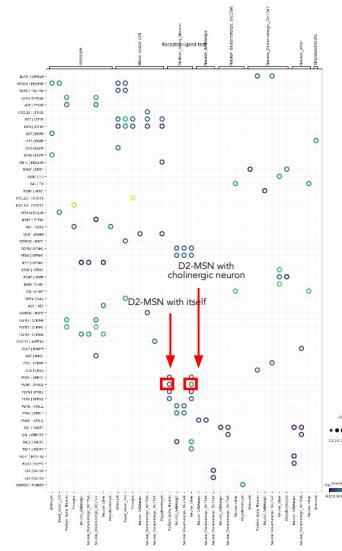
- Tangram, a method that aligns sc/snRNA-seq data to various forms of spatial data collected from the same region, was developed by Aviv Regev lab at Broad Institute
- Tangram maps cells with high-resolution MERFISH measurements and expands them to genome scale



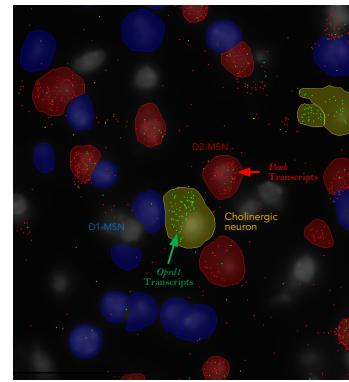
# Ligand and receptor interactome analysis, with spatial context



Ligand-receptor interactome

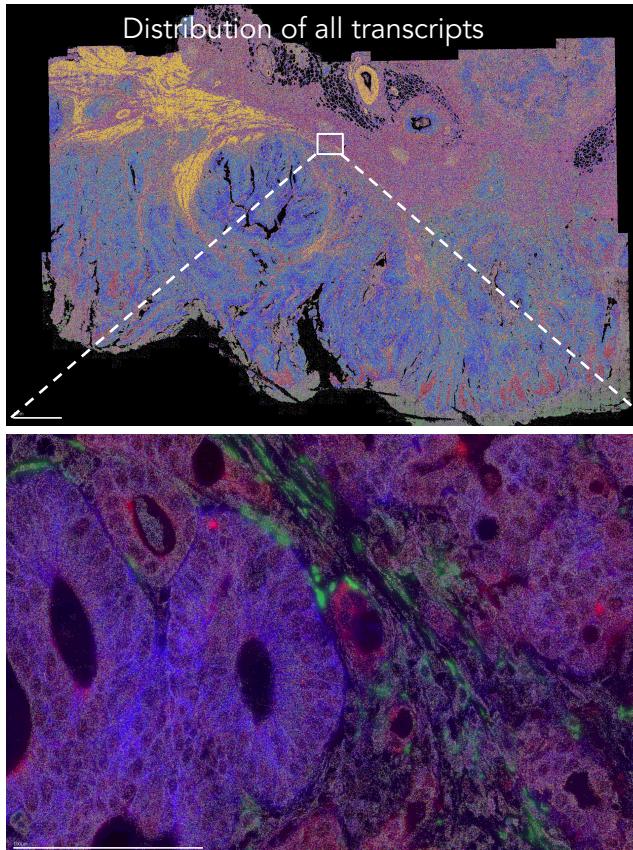
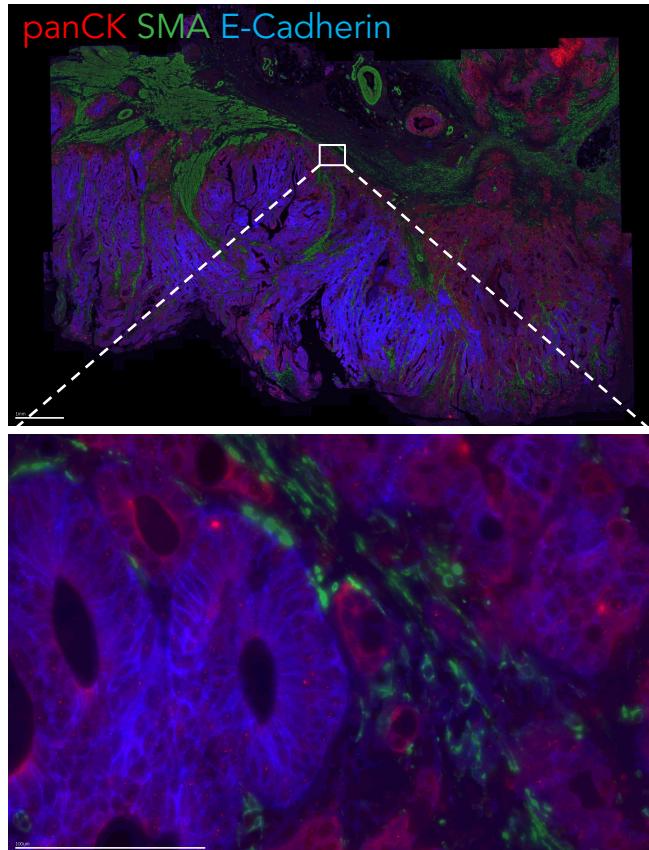


Ligand-receptor pairs



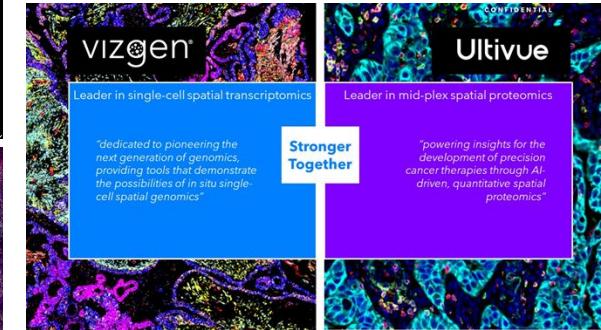
D2-MSN and cholinergic neuron interaction

# Compatible with protein co-staining



## Human Colon Cancer

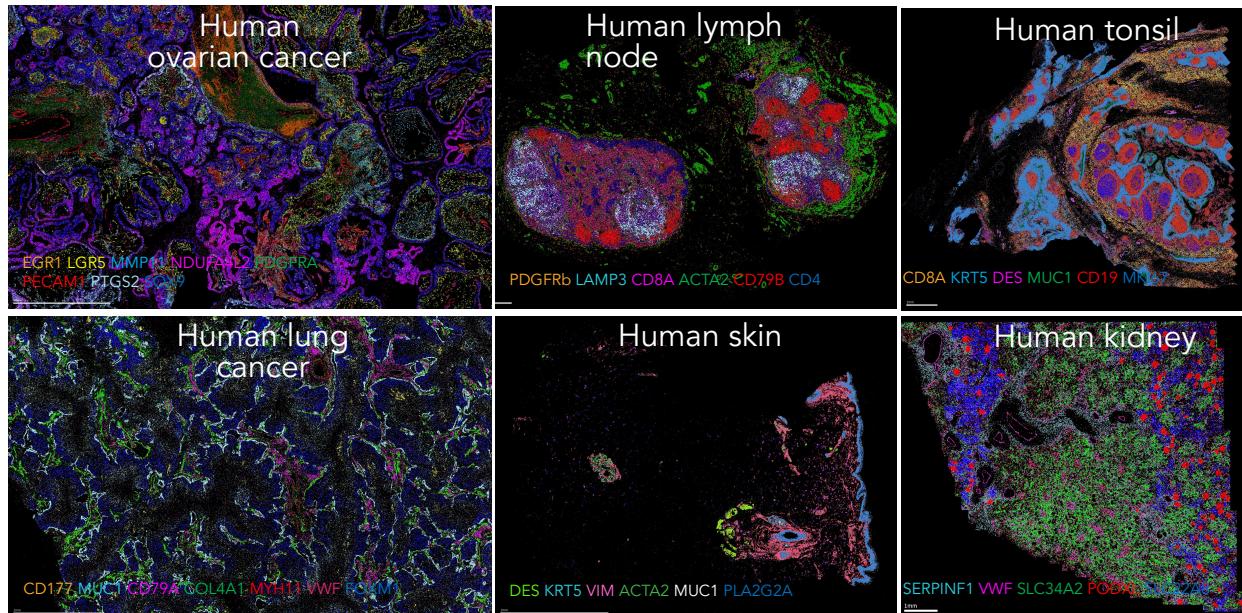
- 347 genes
- 3 proteins
- 67,045,210 counts



Vizgen 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

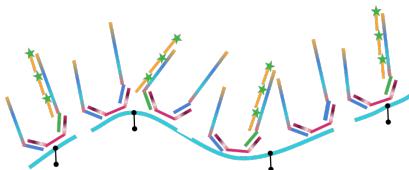
# Introducing MERFISH 2.0 – Making the Best Better

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

Increased sensitivity for degraded RNA

Enables detection in more challenging samples

Improves differential gene expression analysis

Reduces cell drop out and improves spatial analysis

## FFPE Human Colorectal Cancer

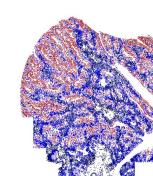
Total transcripts



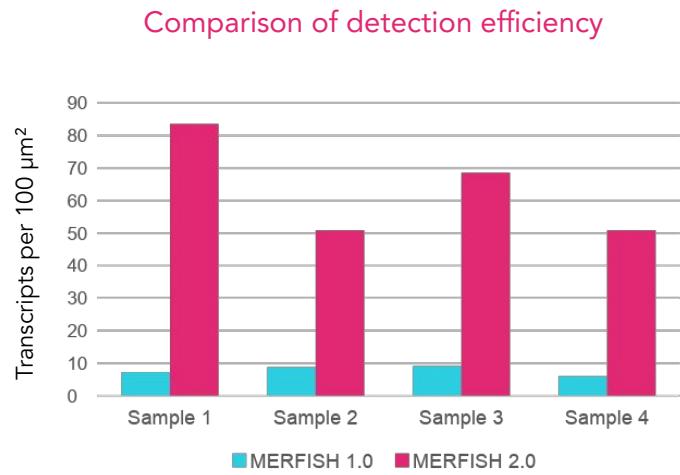
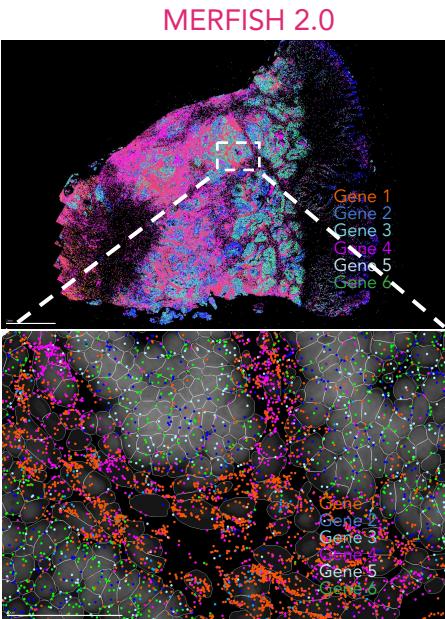
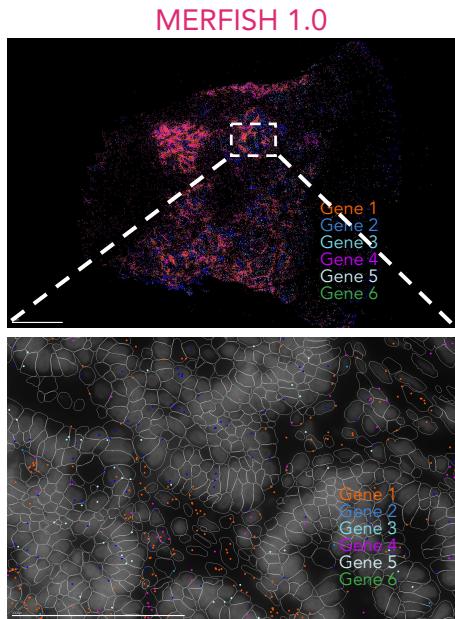
UMAP



Spatial distribution of cell clusters



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

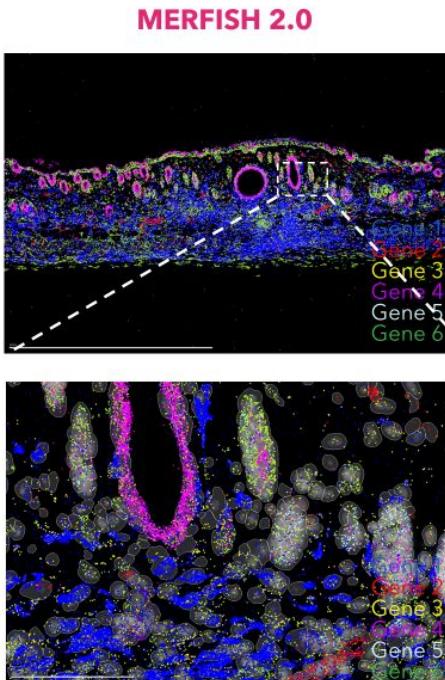
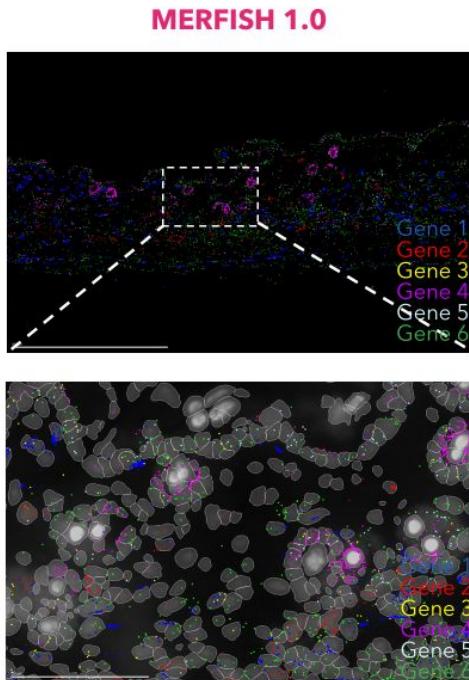


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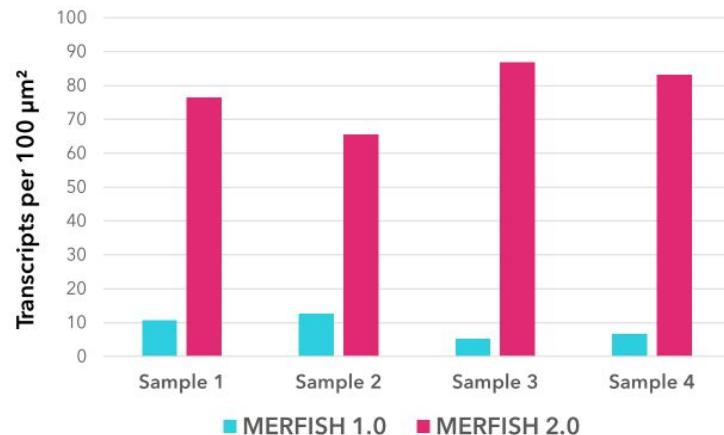
We decided on MERFISH due to the high sensitivity and the relatively low requirements for tissue samples. Our expectations were greatly surpassed by the astonishing (subcellular) resolution of MERFISH 2.0, especially when compared to MERFISH 1.0. This will allow us to mechanistically test the main hypothesis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

University Hospital Tübingen, Germany

# MERFISH 2.0 substantially improves transcript detection efficiency in FFPE mouse skin



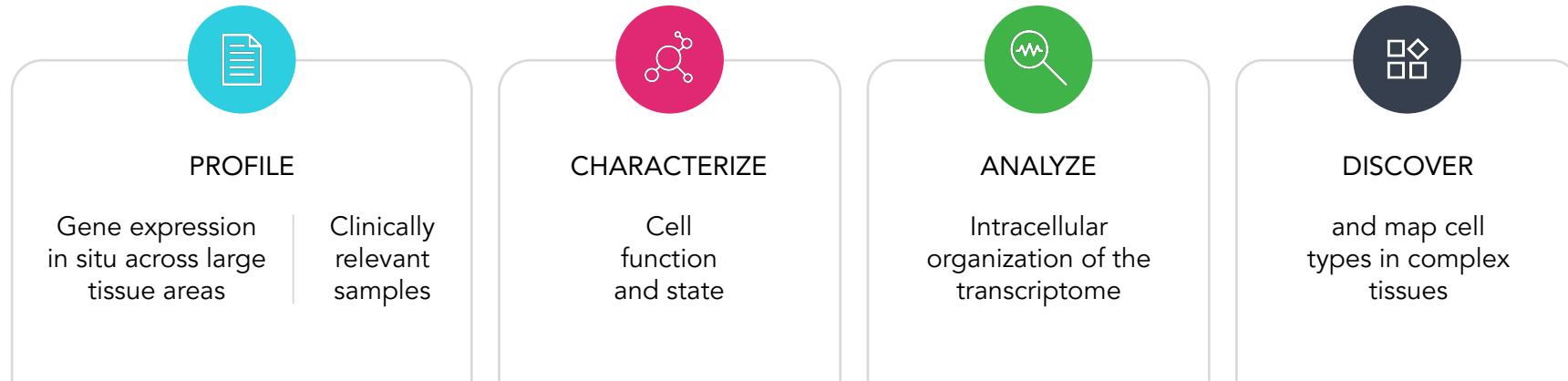
**Comparison of detection efficiency**



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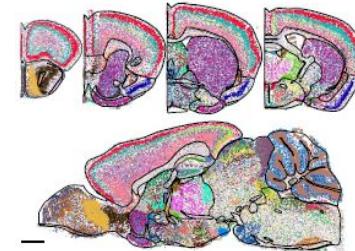
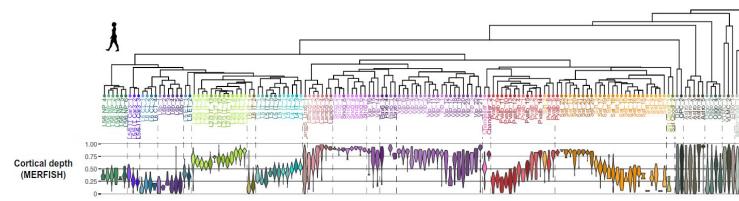
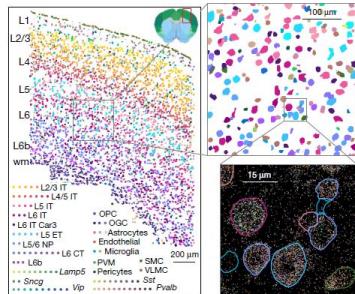
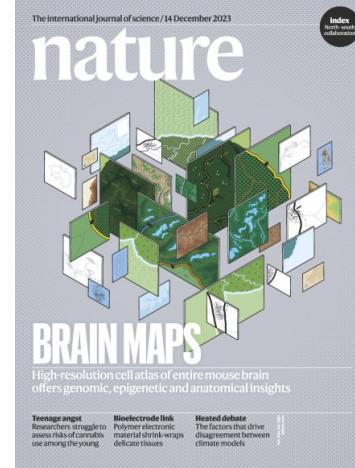
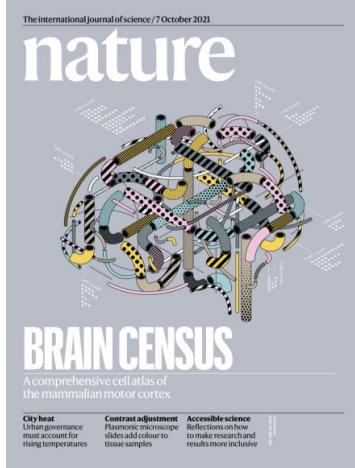
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# MERSCOPE enables ground-breaking research



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

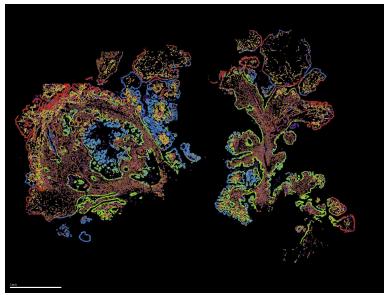
Brain Census, *Nature*, 2021 Brain Cell Census, *Science*, *Science Advances*, 2023



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

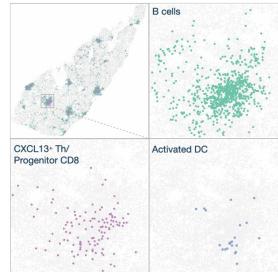


• <https://info.vizgen.com/merscope-ffpe-solution>

## Mechanism of action for PD1 treatment in human liver and lung cancer

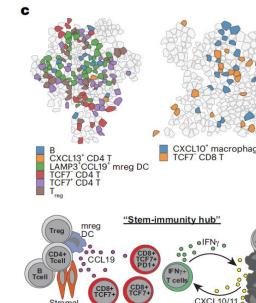
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In-situ map of responder's tumor



Magen. et al, Nature Medicine, 2023

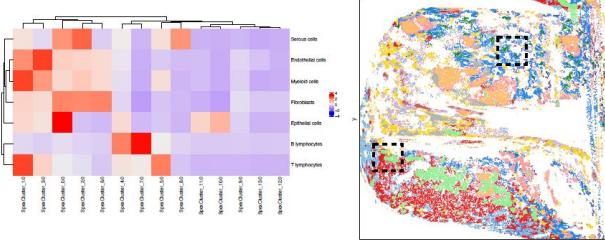
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Chen et al, Nature Immunology, 2024

## Cancer signaling pathway profiling and biomarker discovery

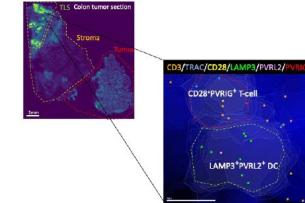
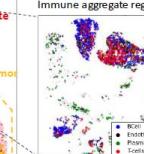
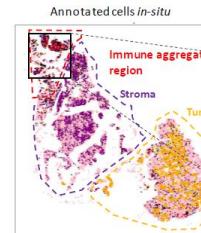
Genentech



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

## For More Information



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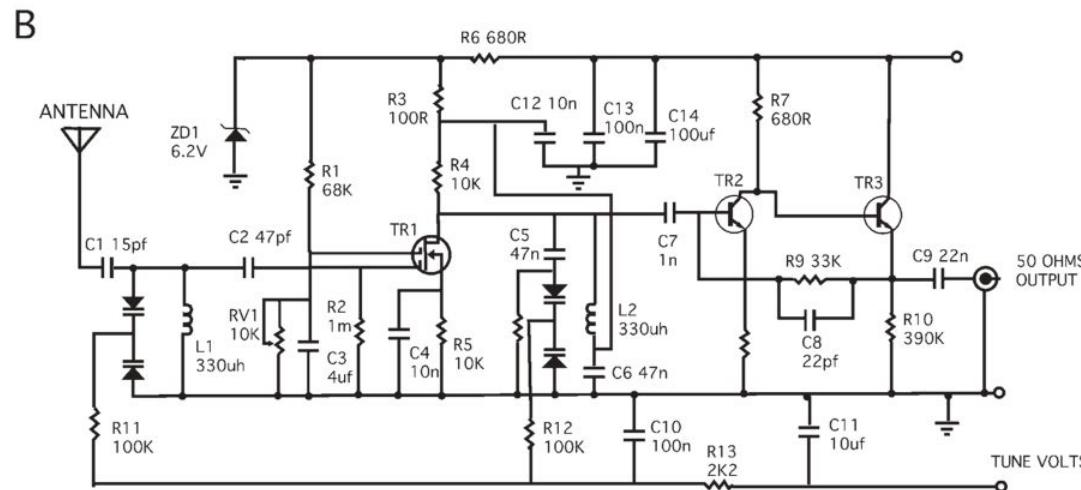
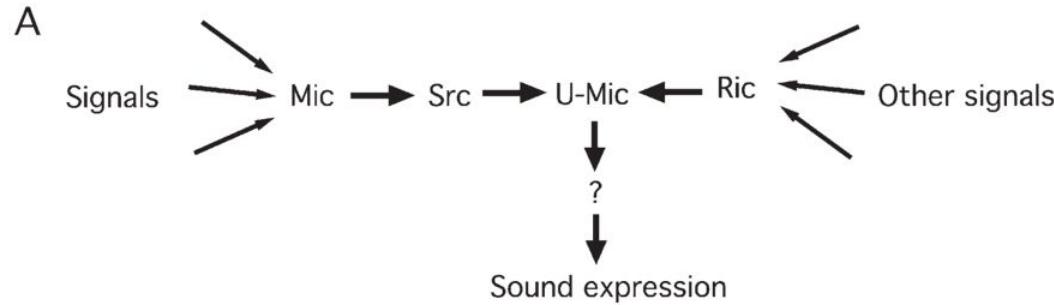
# Price Colles, Takeda

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# Spatial Transcriptomics at Takeda

Colles Price, Spatial Guru



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



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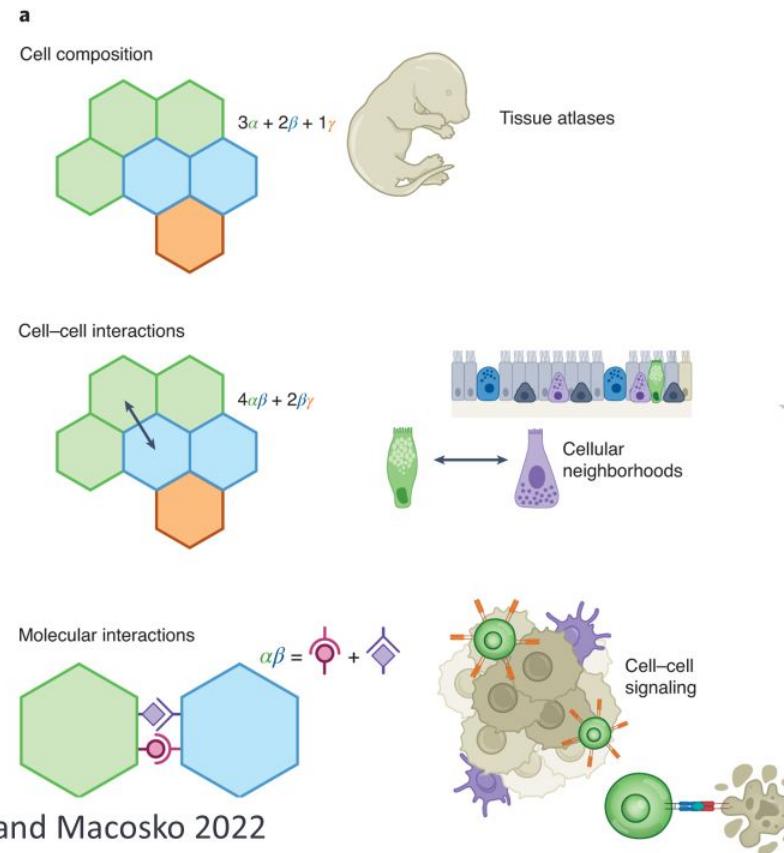


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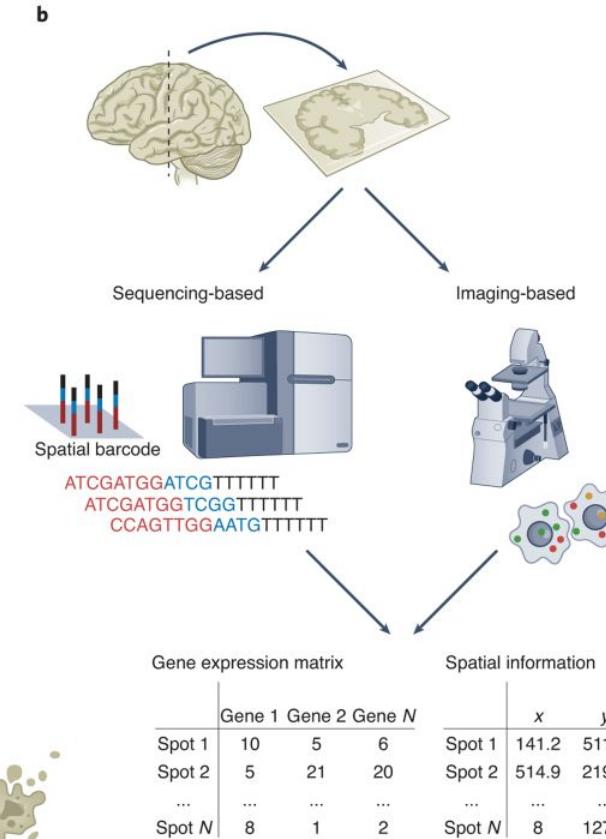


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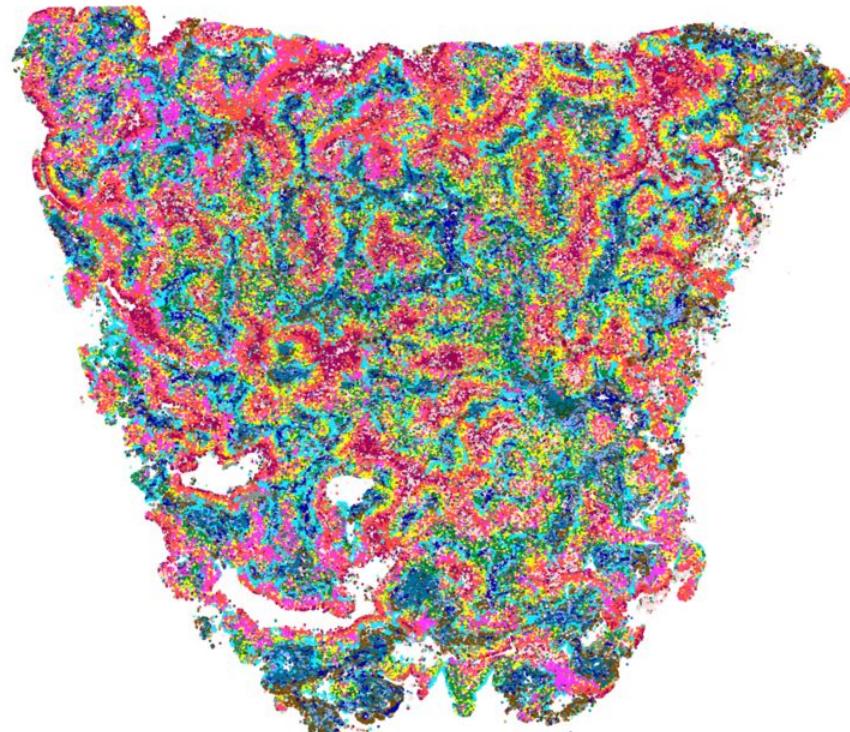
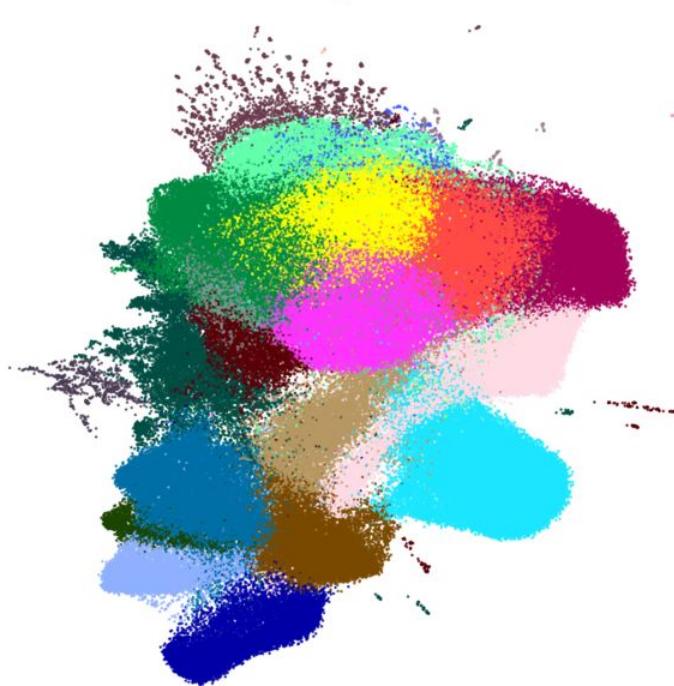
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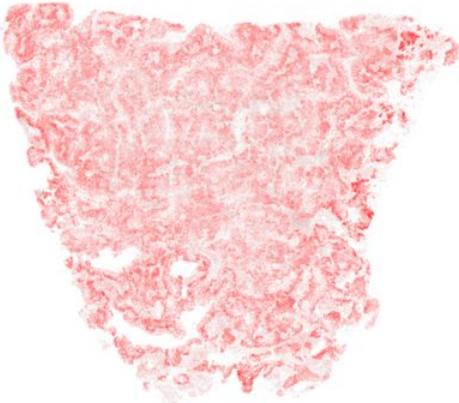
Tien, Chen and Macosko 2022



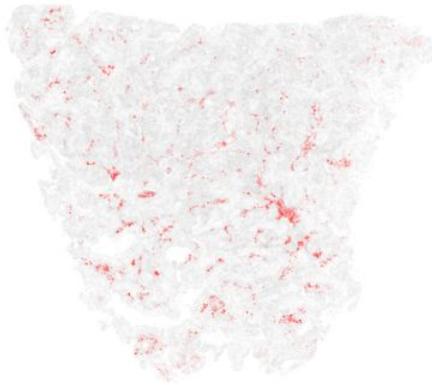
We can generate UMAPs from spatial data and map those clusters onto the tissue



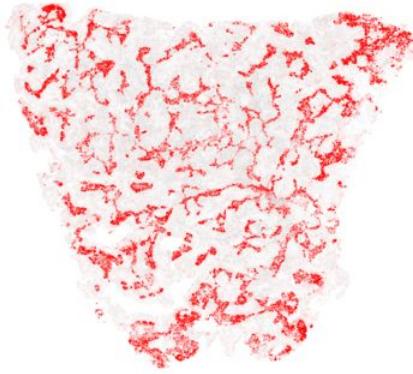
# Spatial transcriptomics can visualize numerous genes individually or together on a tissue



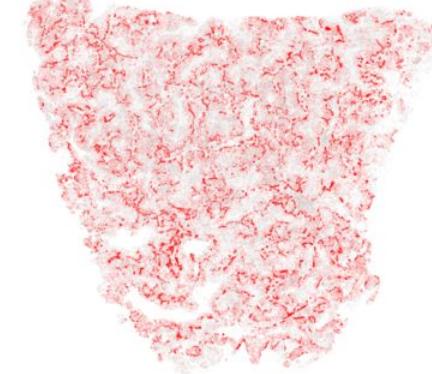
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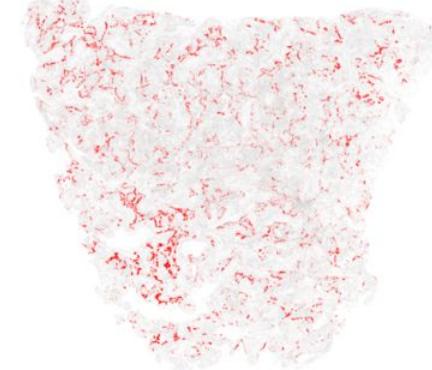
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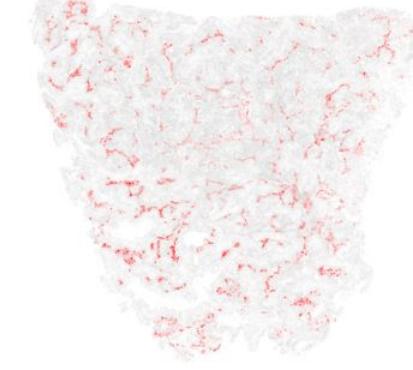
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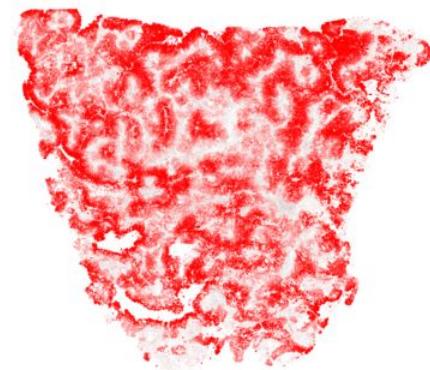
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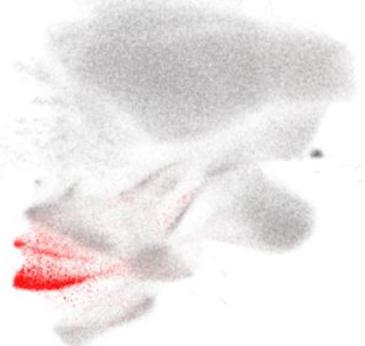


VEGFA

# Spatial transcriptomics can visualize genes in their UMAP cluster



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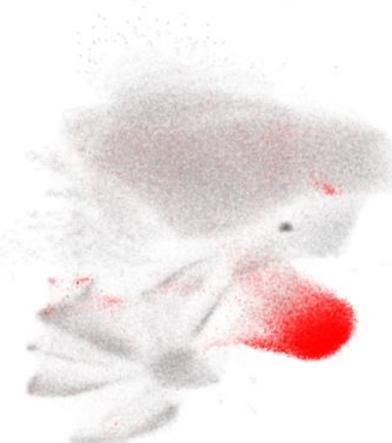
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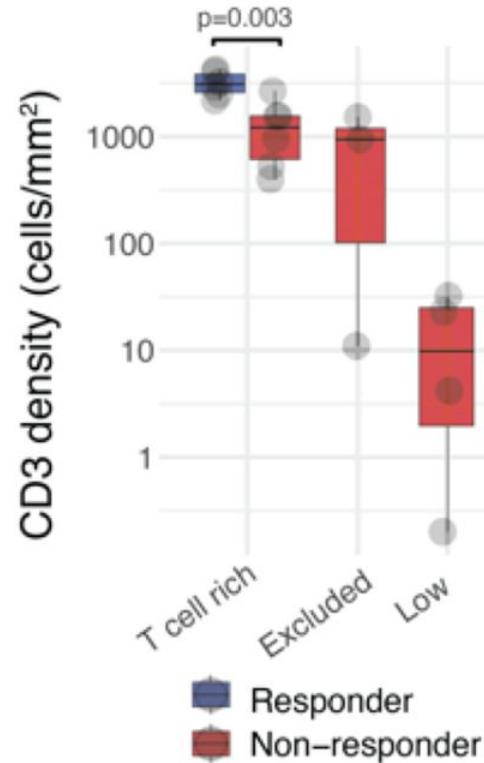
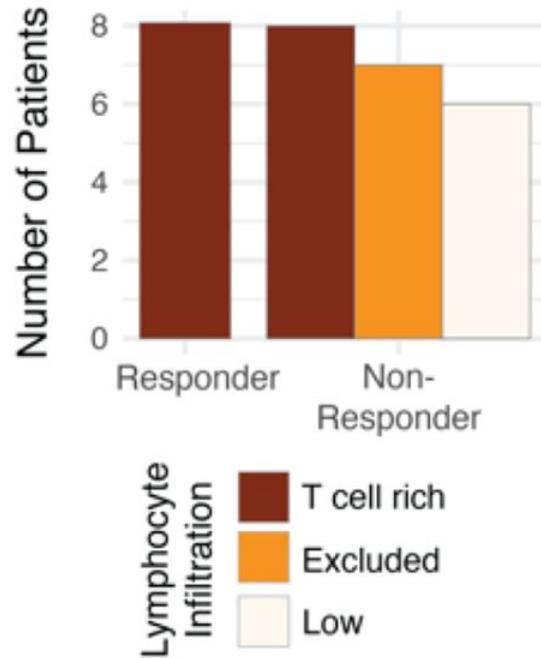


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**Spatial transcriptomics can be used clinically to identify patients who would best benefit from therapy**

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

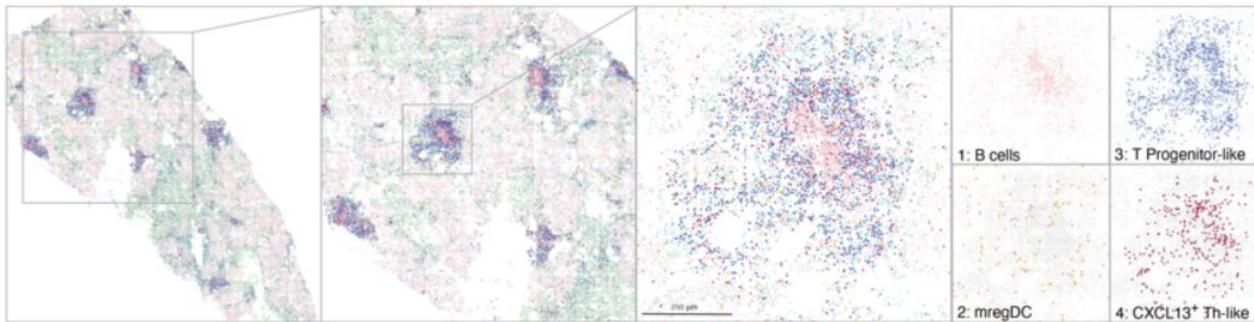


# Identify and profile the T-cell population within responders and nonresponders following immune checkpoint blockage in a clinical trial

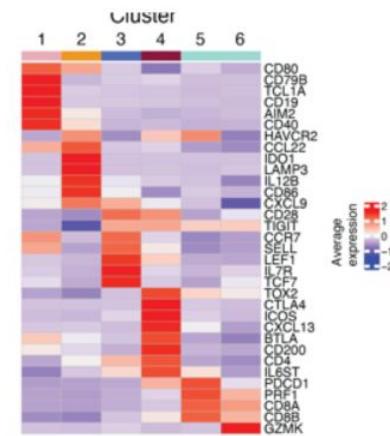


This study was able to reduce prediction of response to a single IHC marker which is now being used to help stratify patients in a new clinical trial (new manuscript pending)

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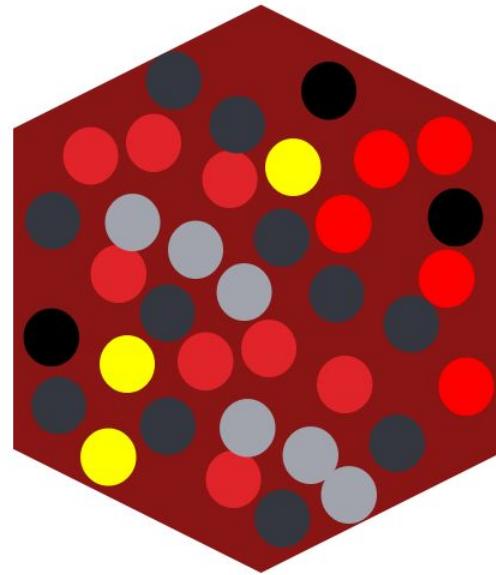
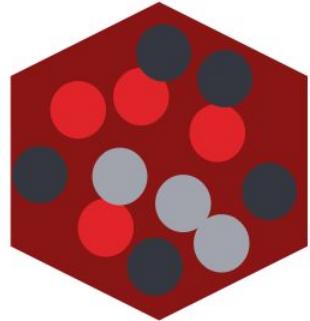
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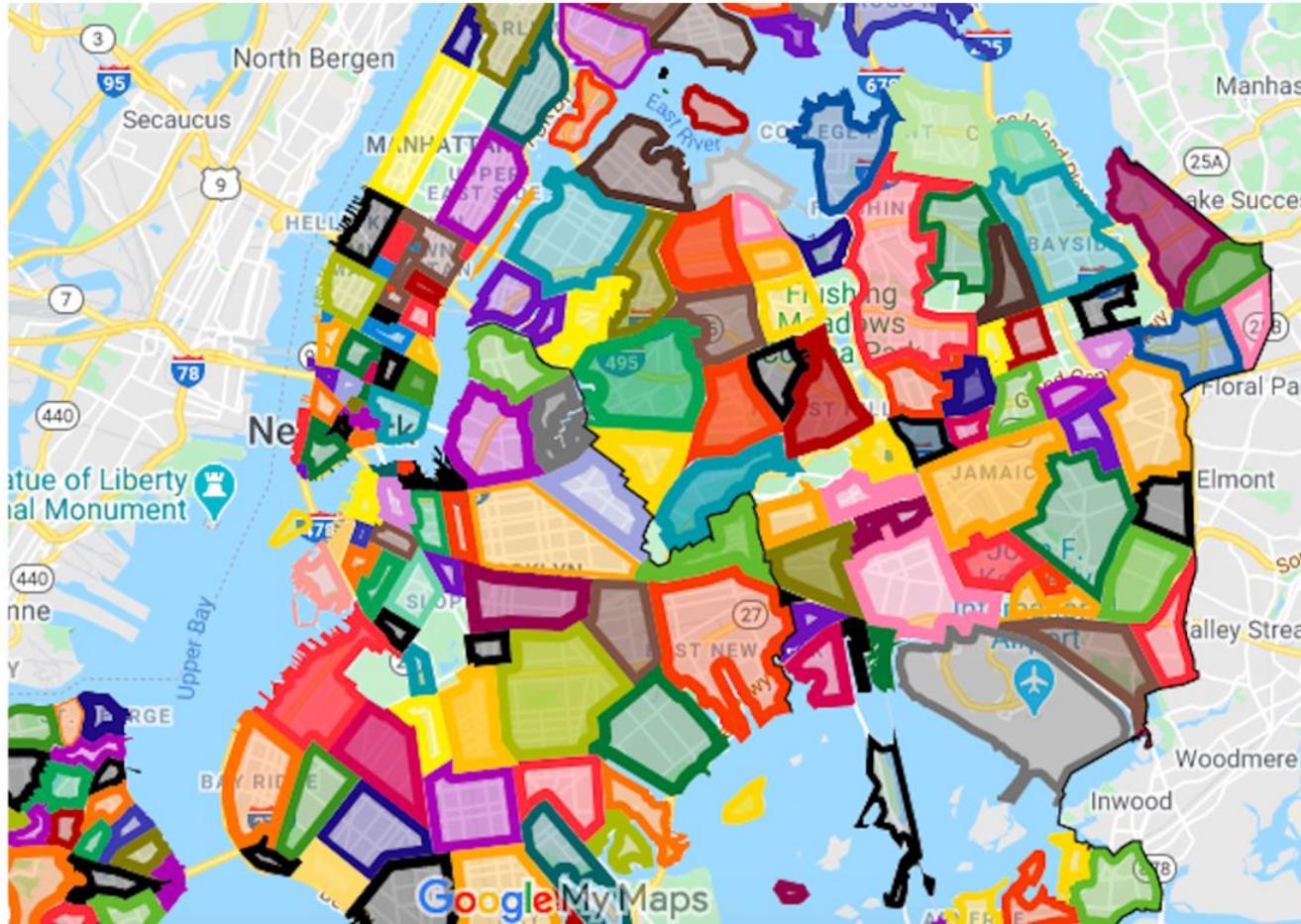


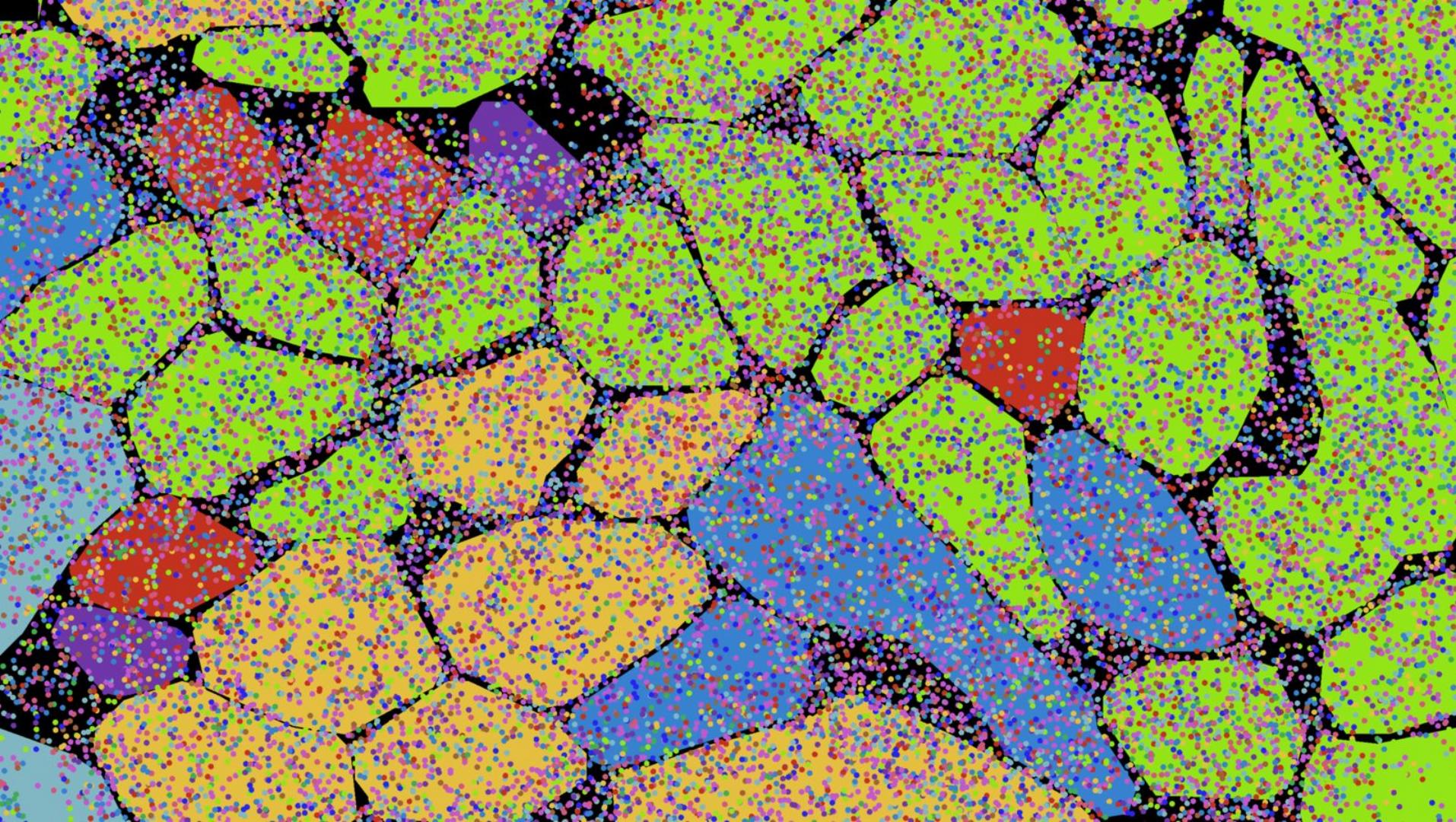
**Different approaches to defining neighborhoods provides insight into human biology and human atlases**

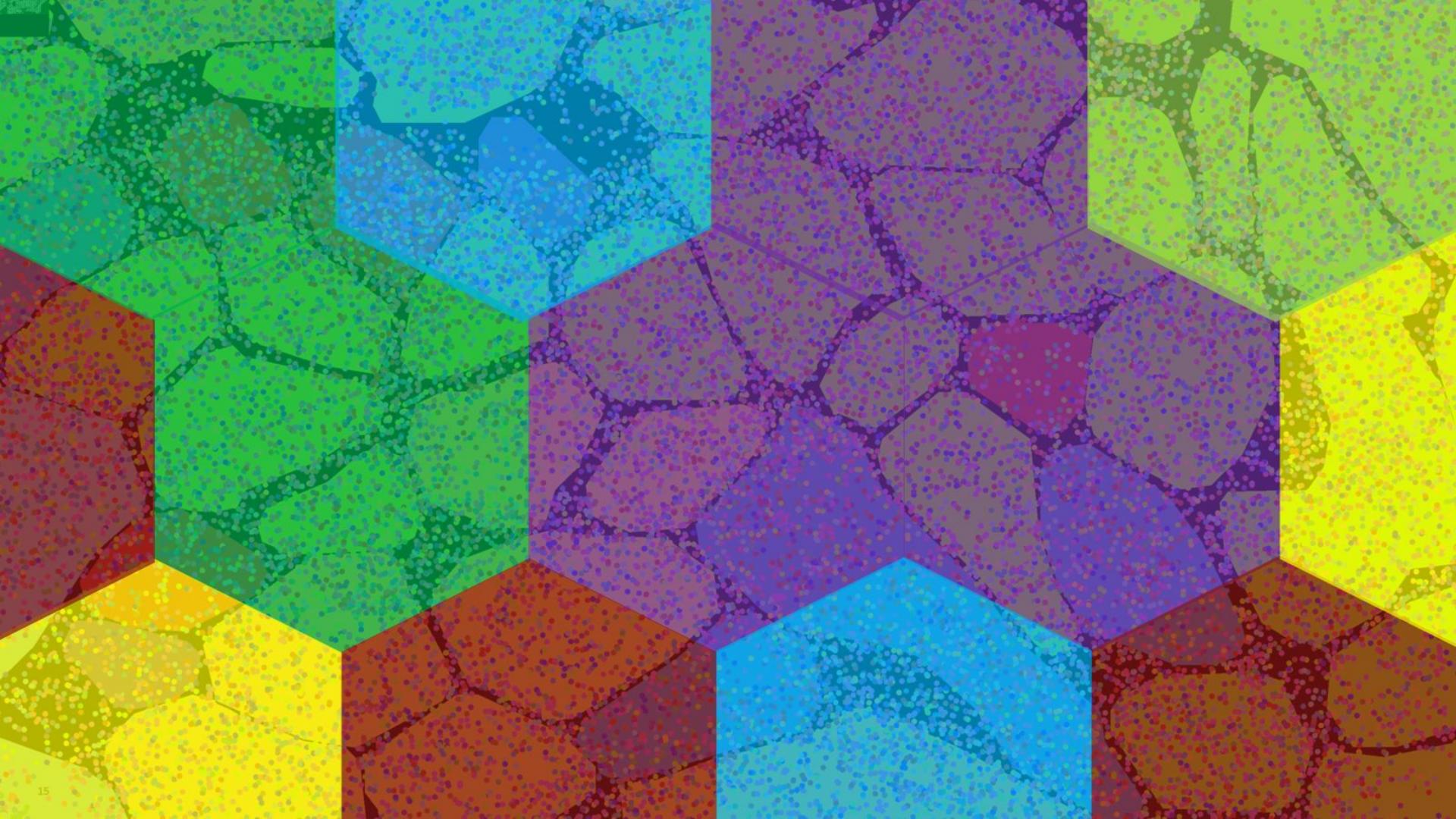
By defining a neighborhood of diverse cells and cell types we can look at how these communities interact with other communities or how communities interact within communities



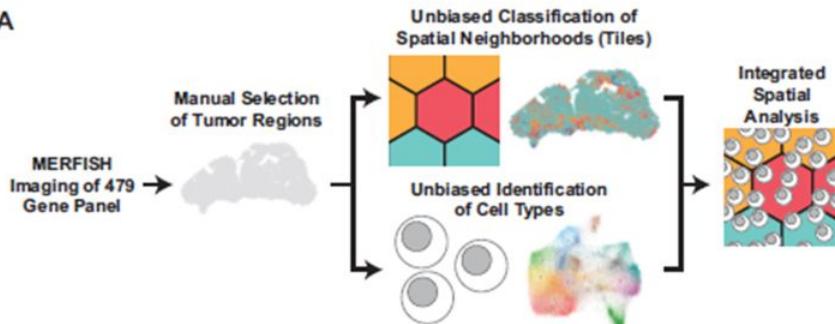
Similar concept – looking at the defined regions (neighborhoods) in NYC and identifying the populations within those regions



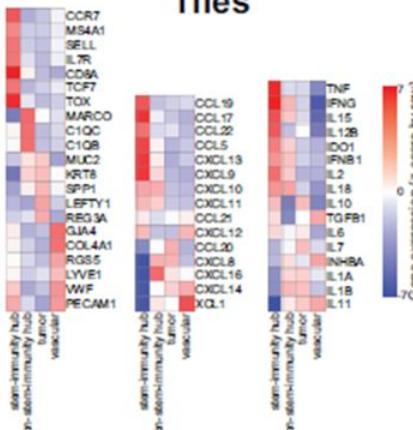




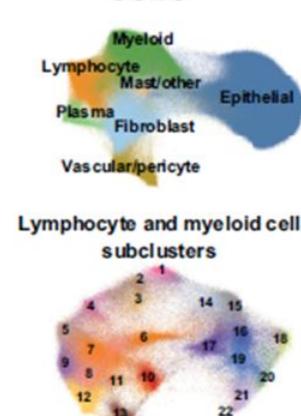
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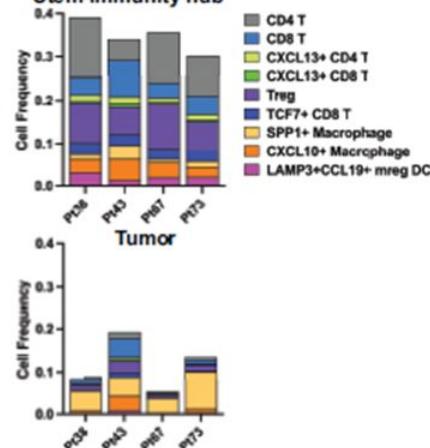
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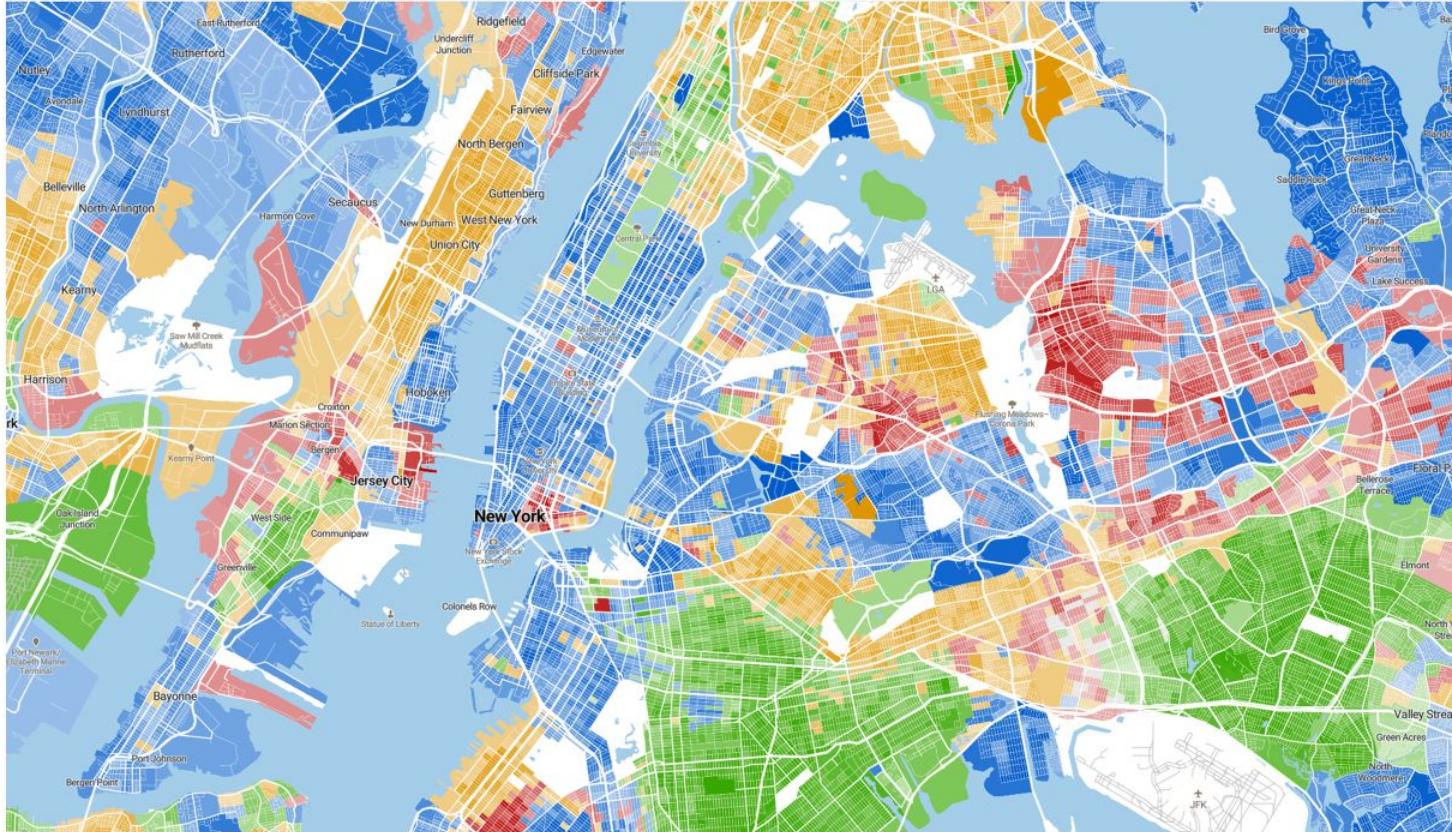
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**Cells**

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**Stem-immunity hub**

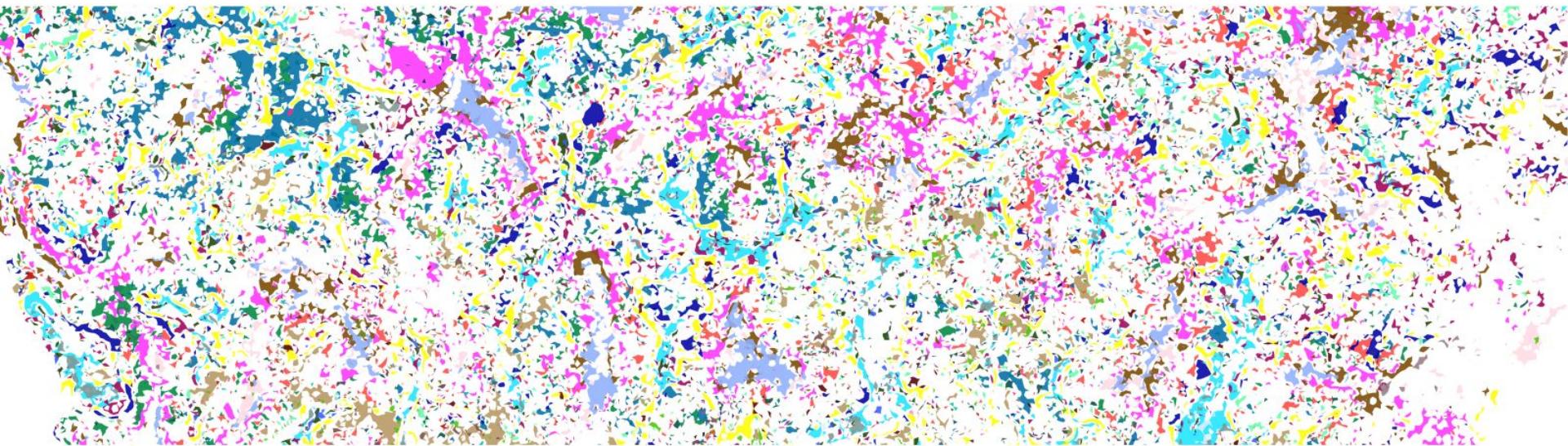
# Similar approach is defining neighborhoods, not by regions but by demographics



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



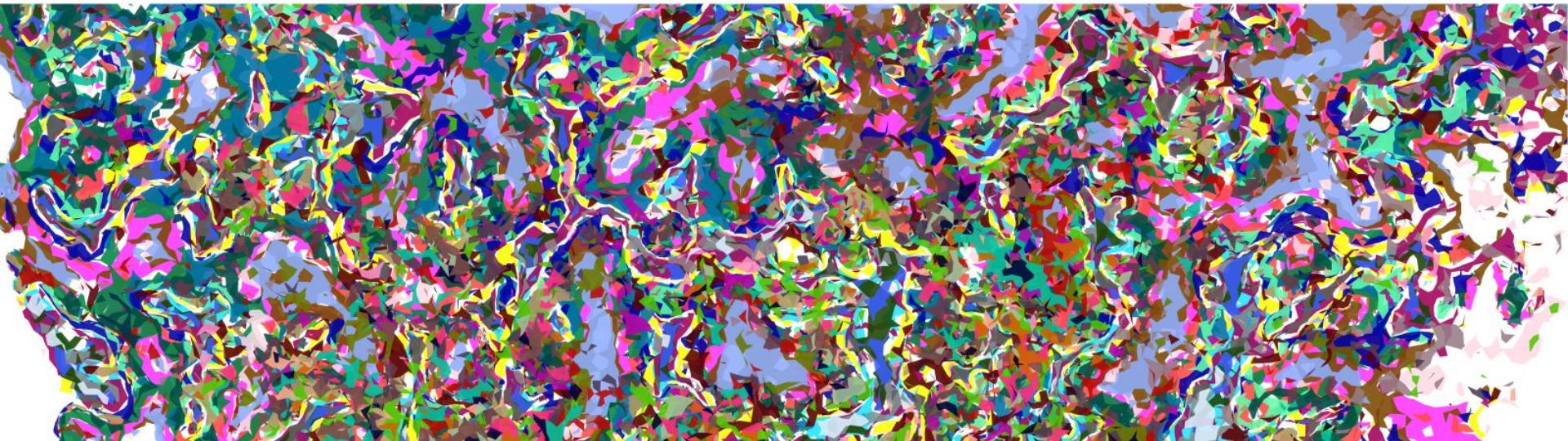
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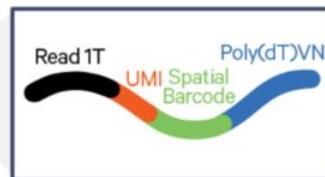
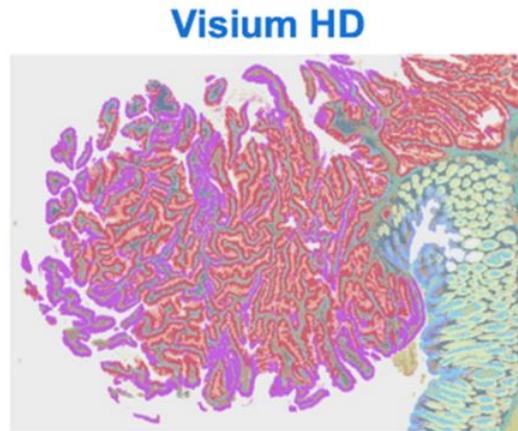
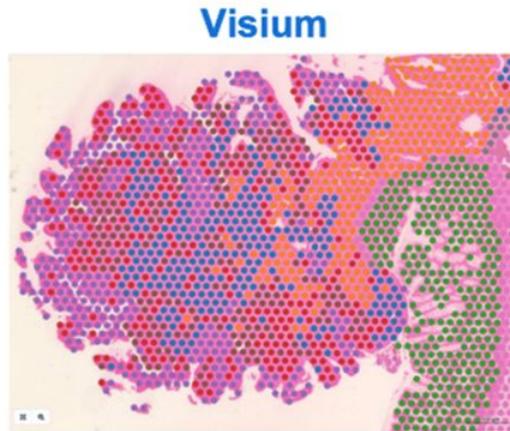
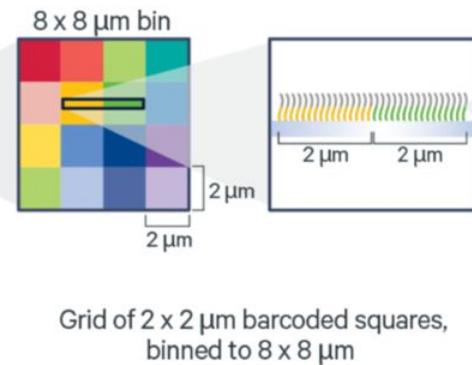
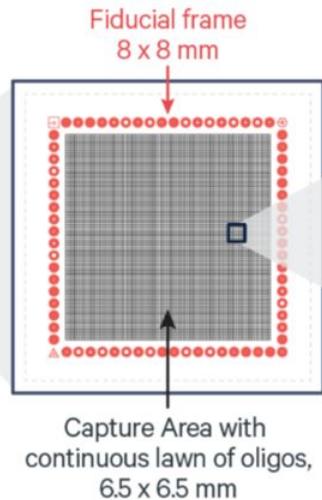
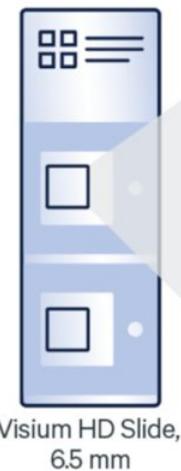


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Imaging based spatial methods are incredibly powerful and provide a high resolution view in biology across an entire tissue but require previous knowledge to choose genes of interest. Sequencing based methods have significantly improved over the past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

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

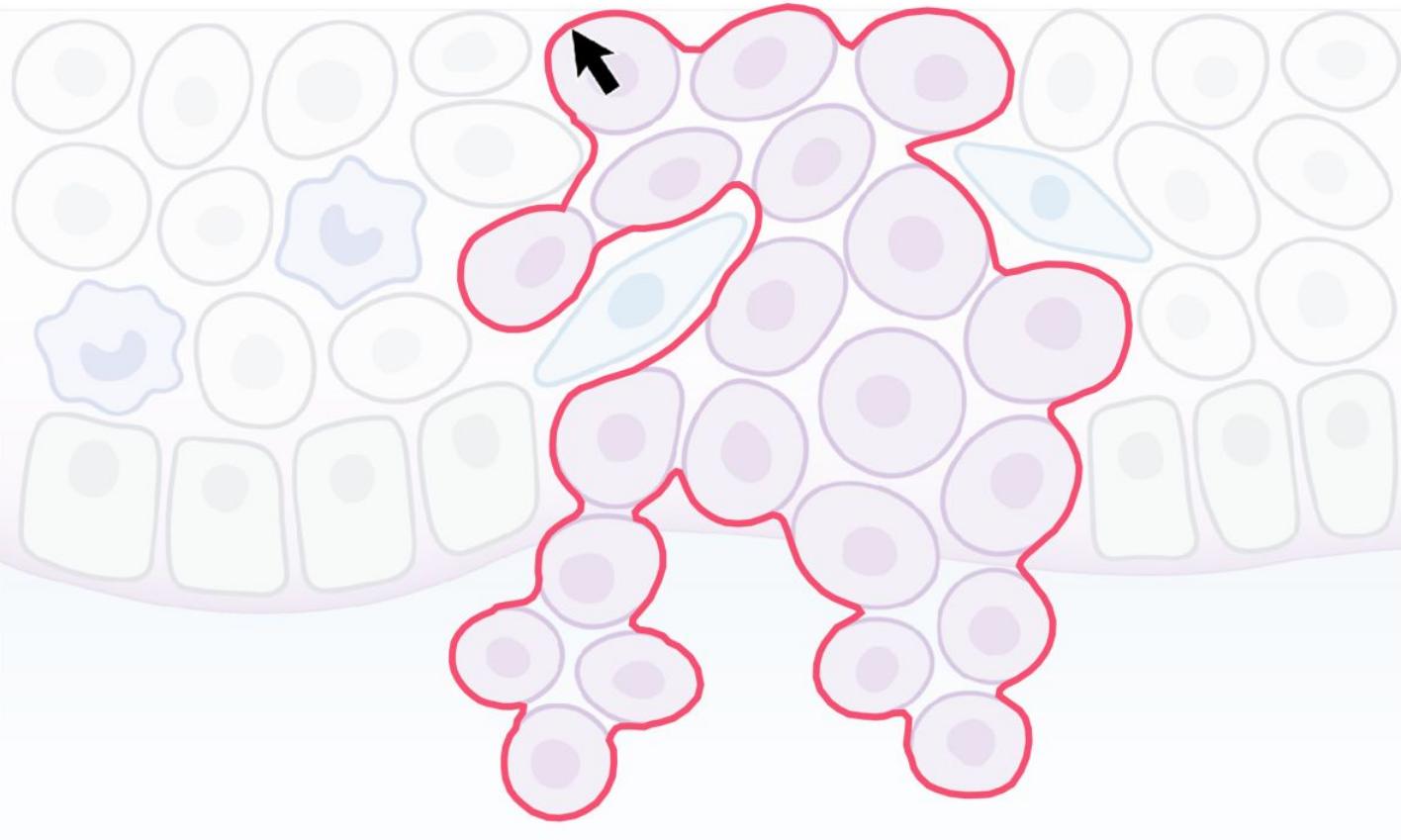


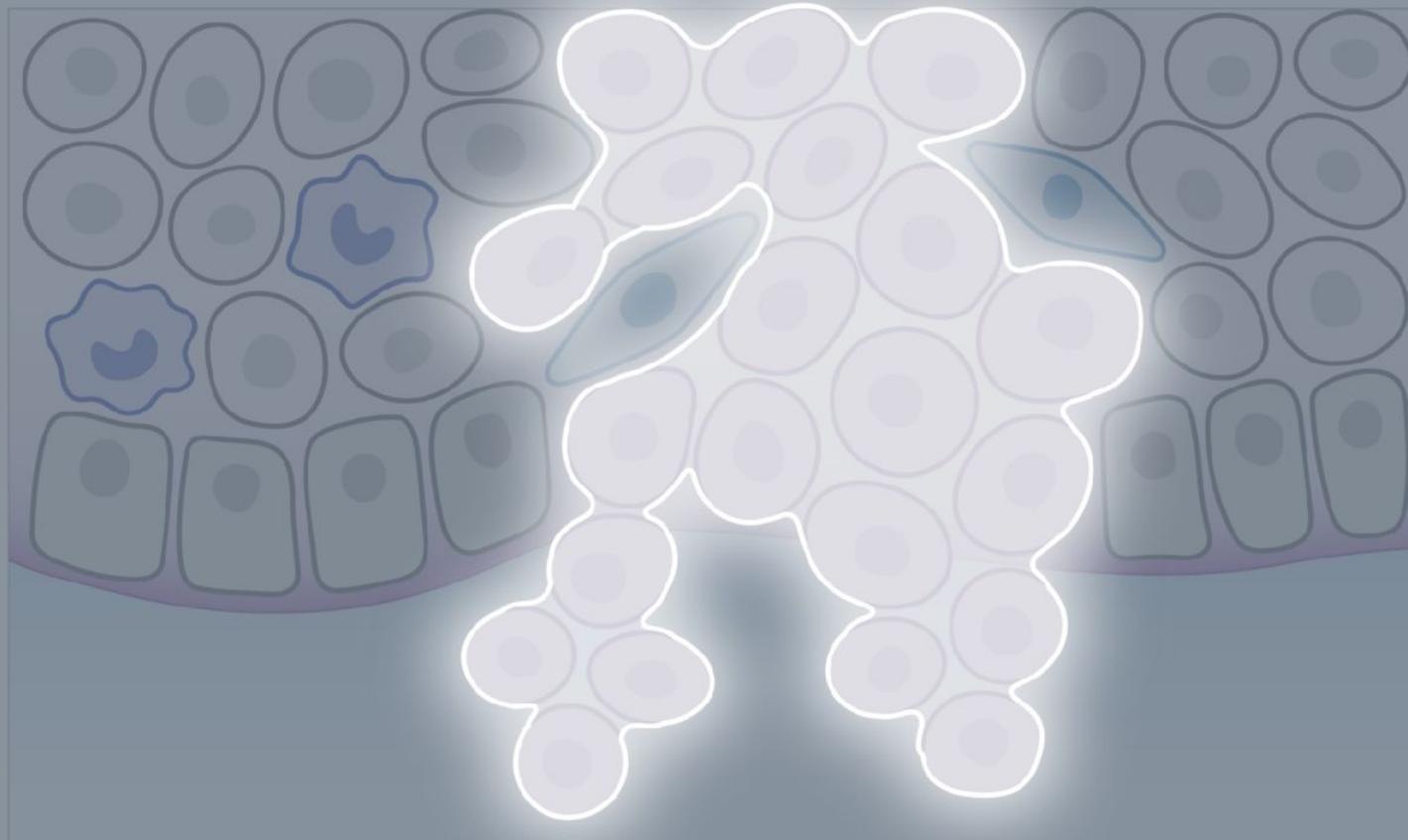
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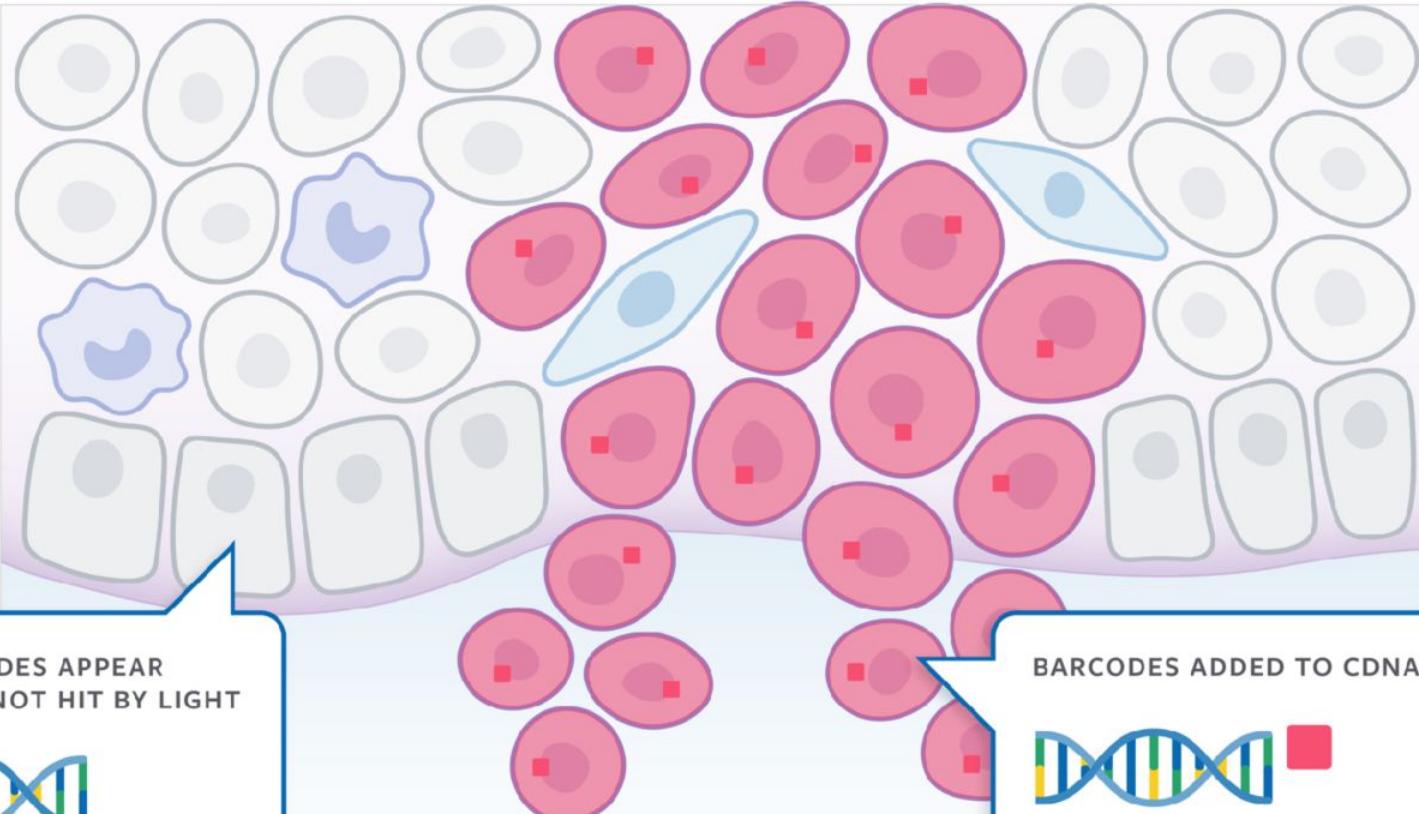
**Sequencing based approaches can isolate different cellular populations on a tissue**

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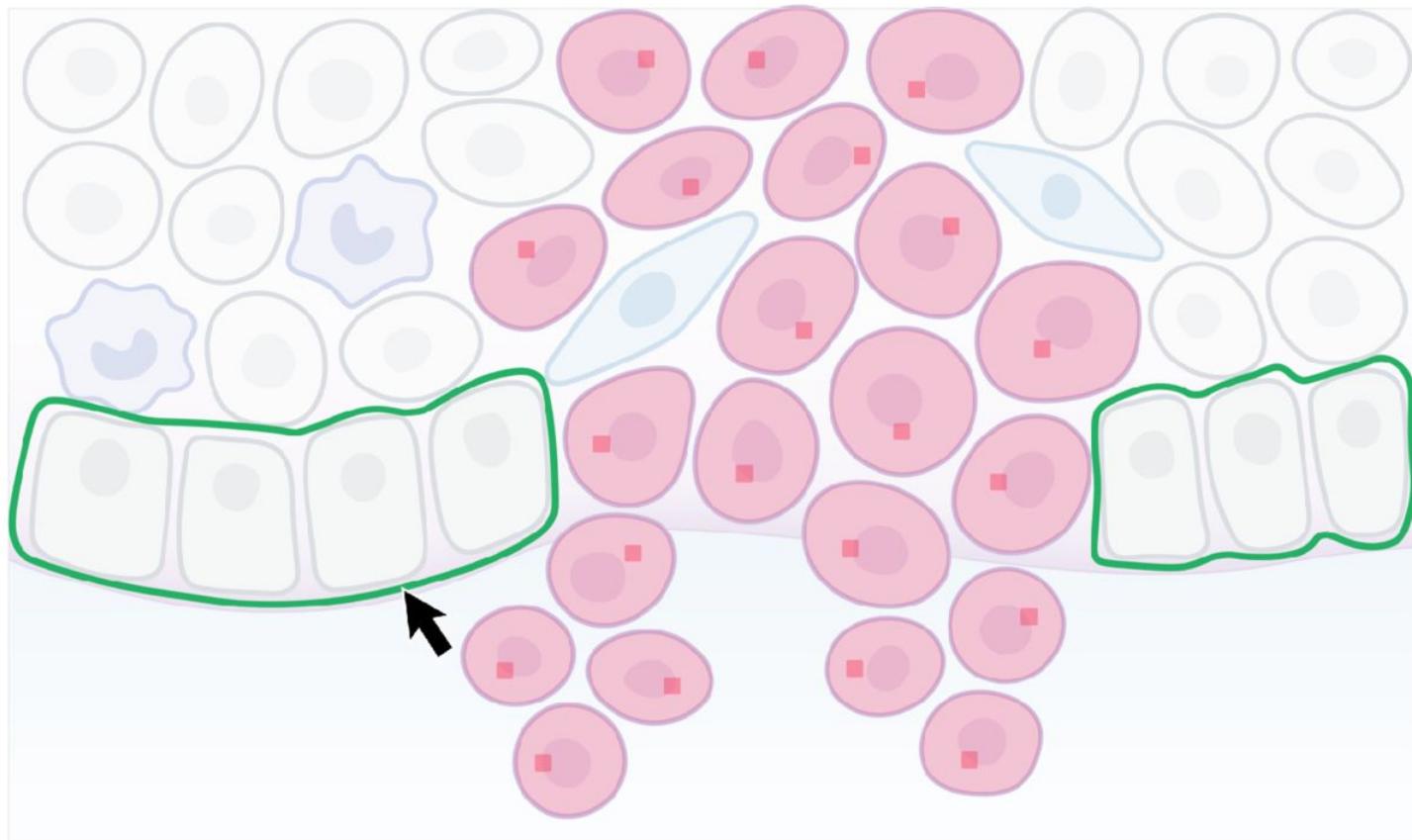




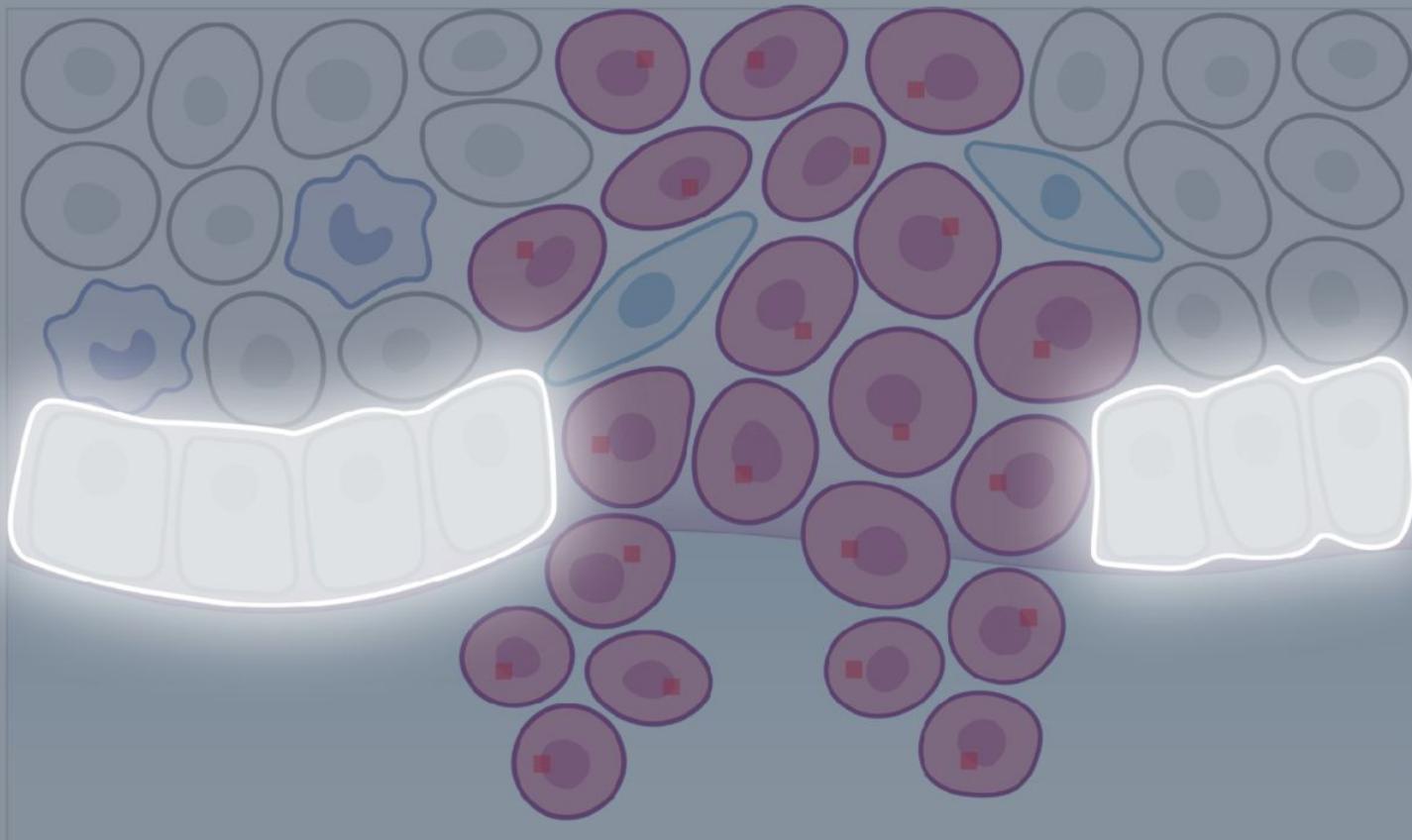
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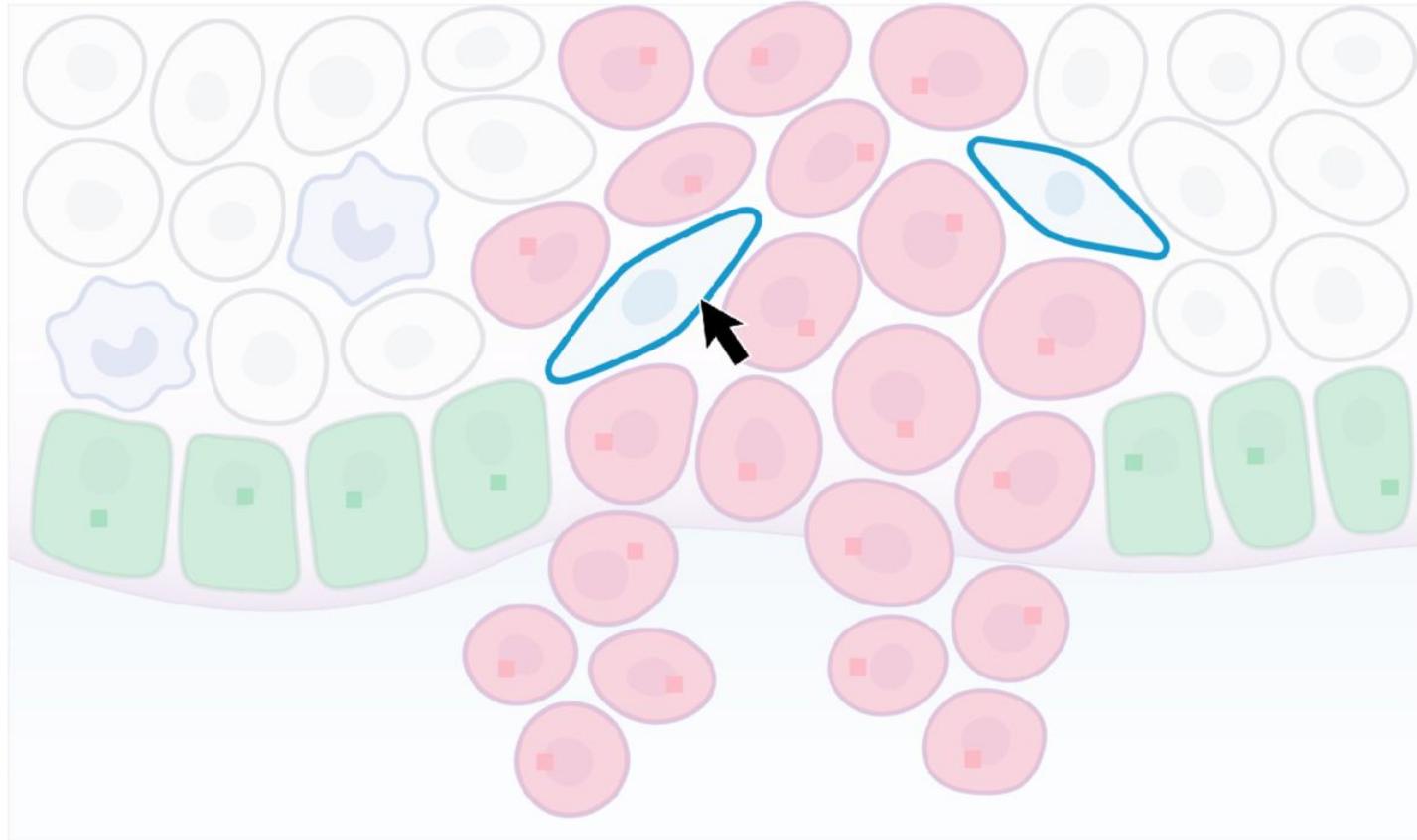
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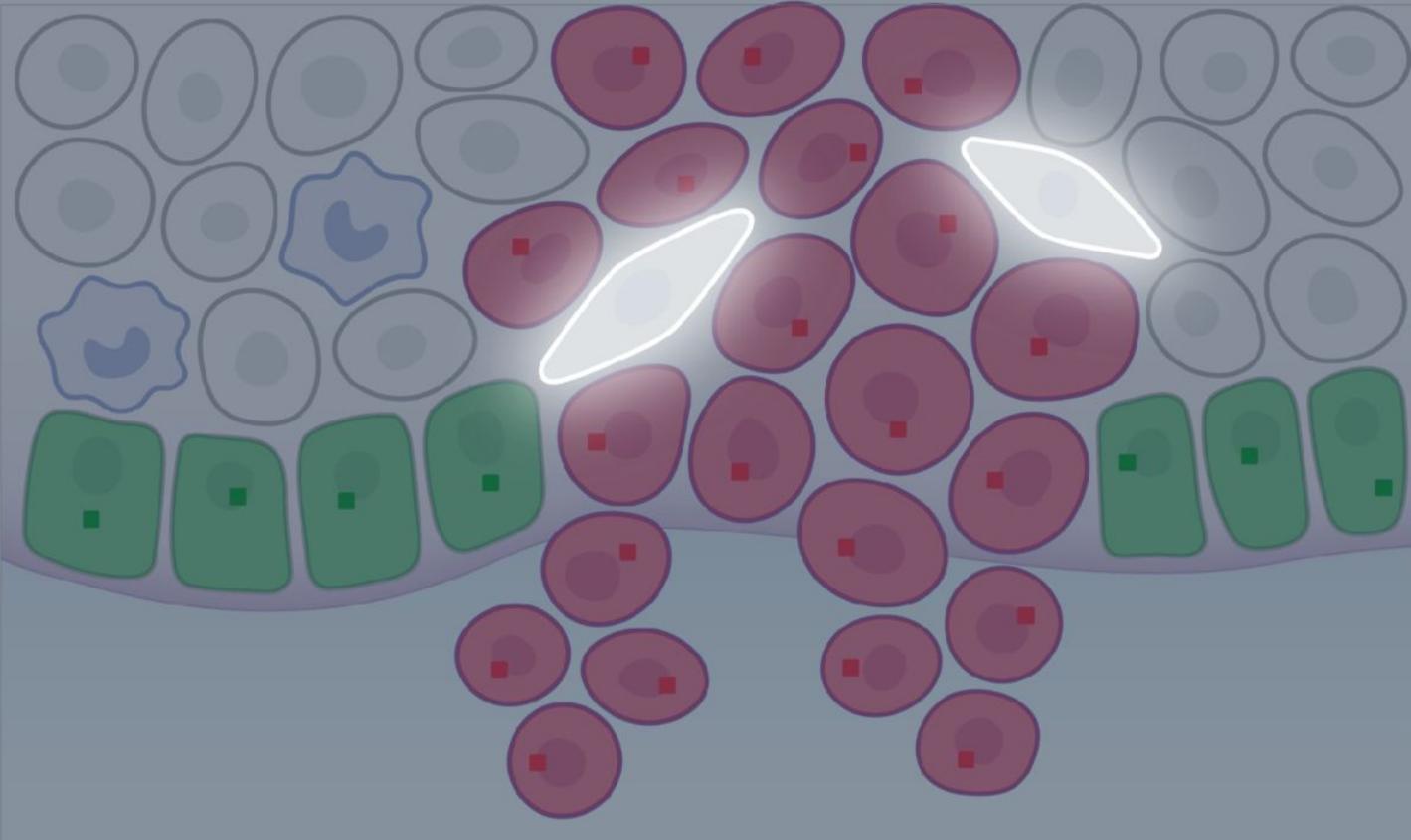
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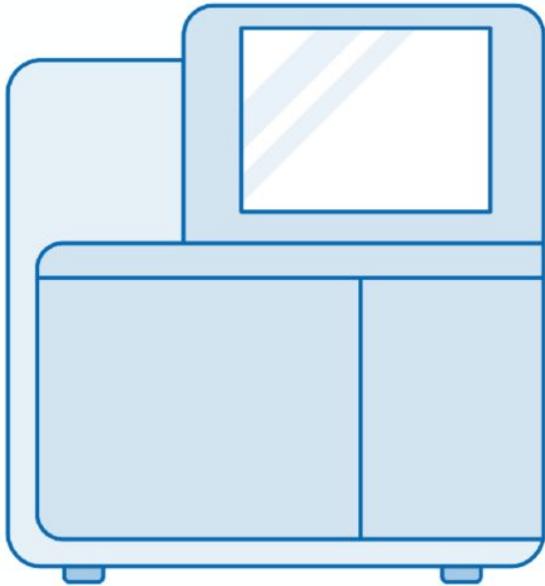
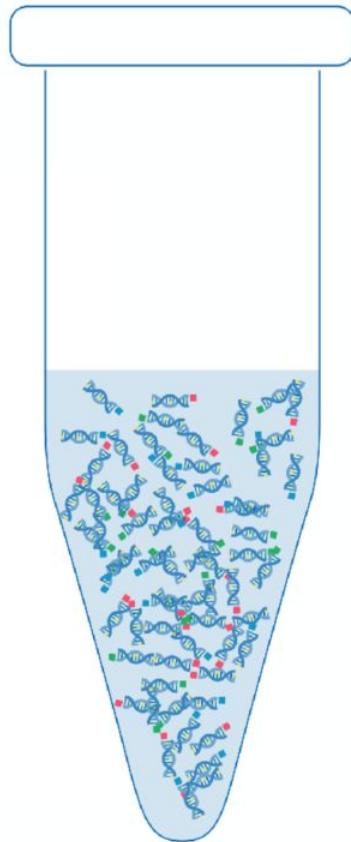
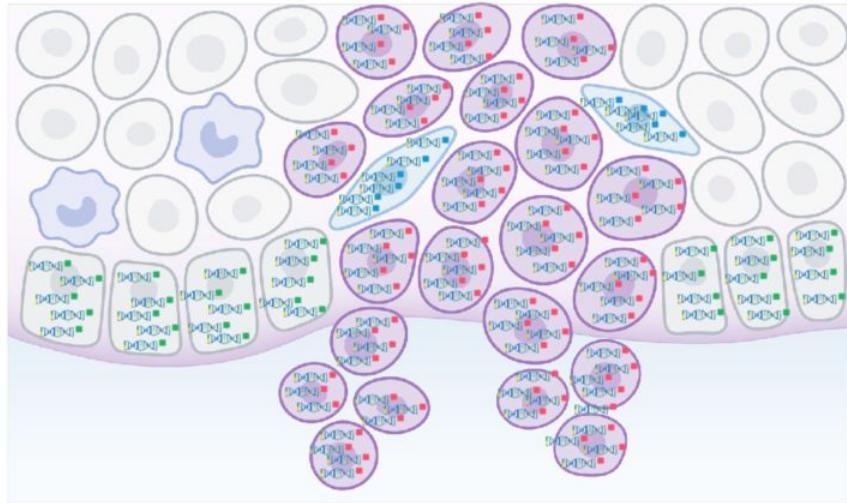


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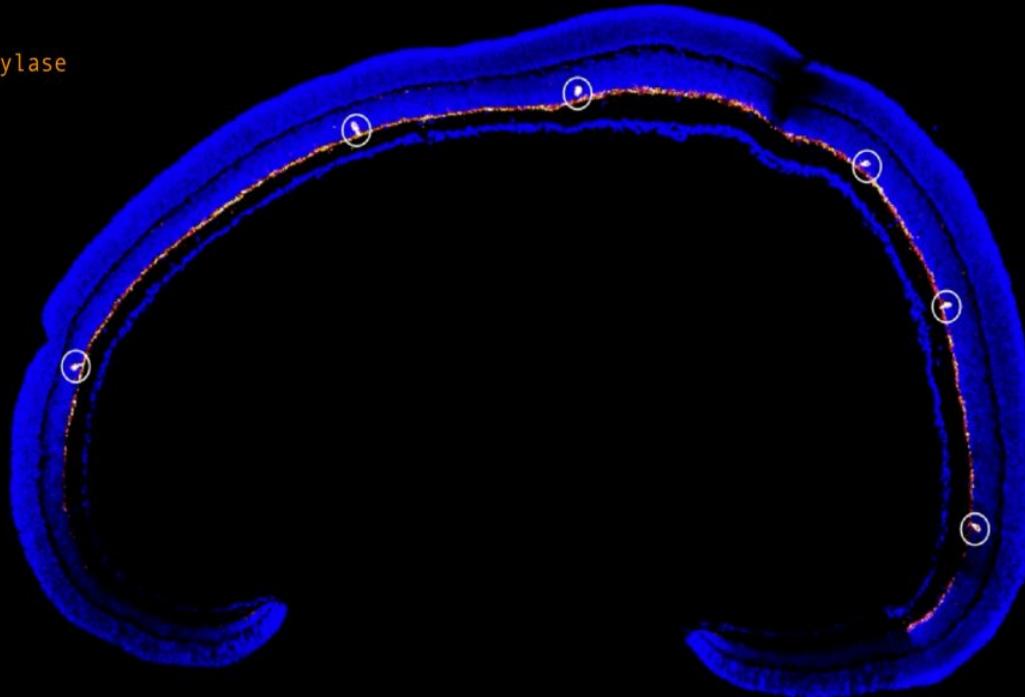




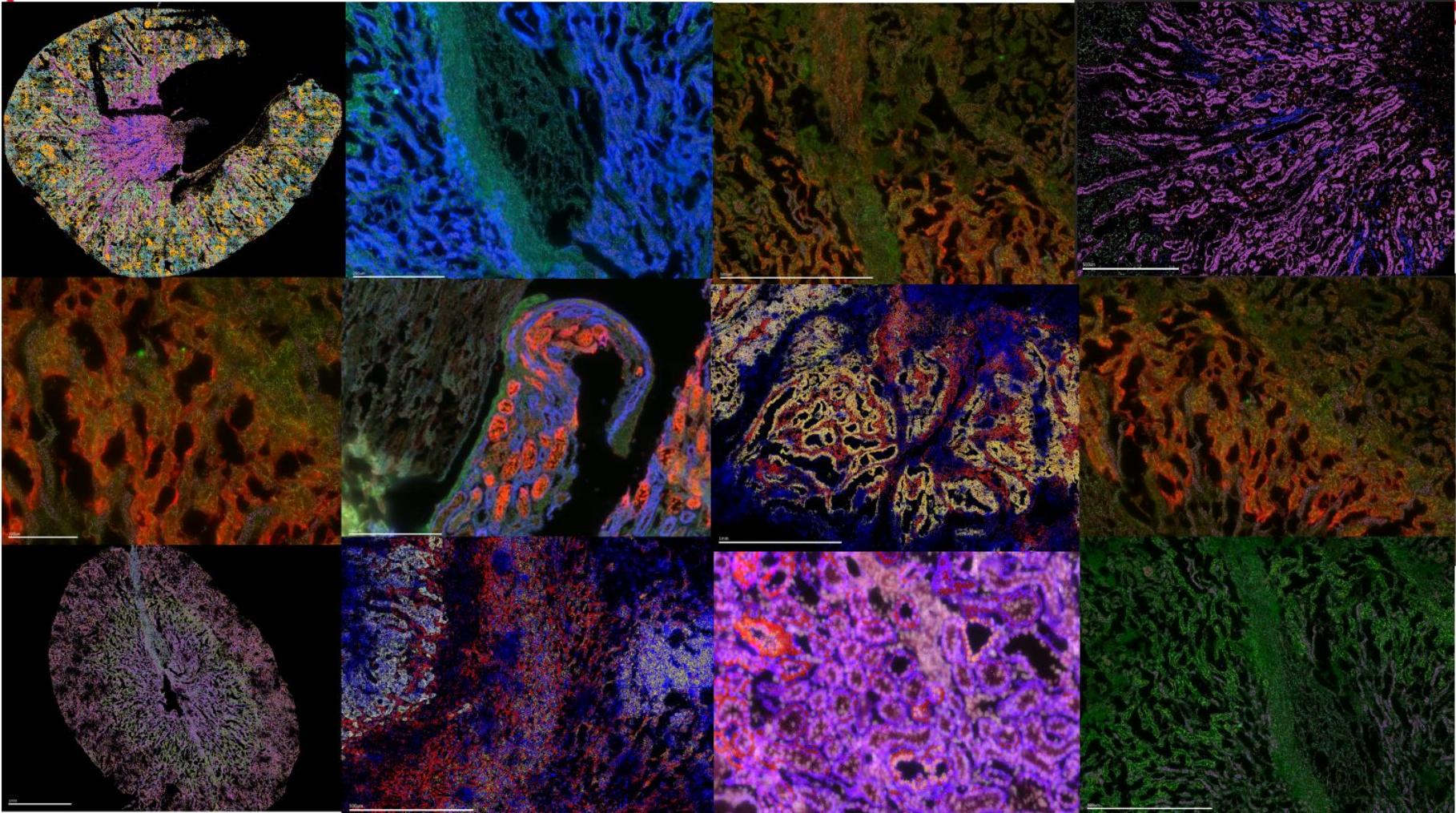
Dopaminergic amacrine cells represent 0.005% of all cells in the mouse retina,  
with only 4-8 cells per 18  $\mu$ m tissue section.

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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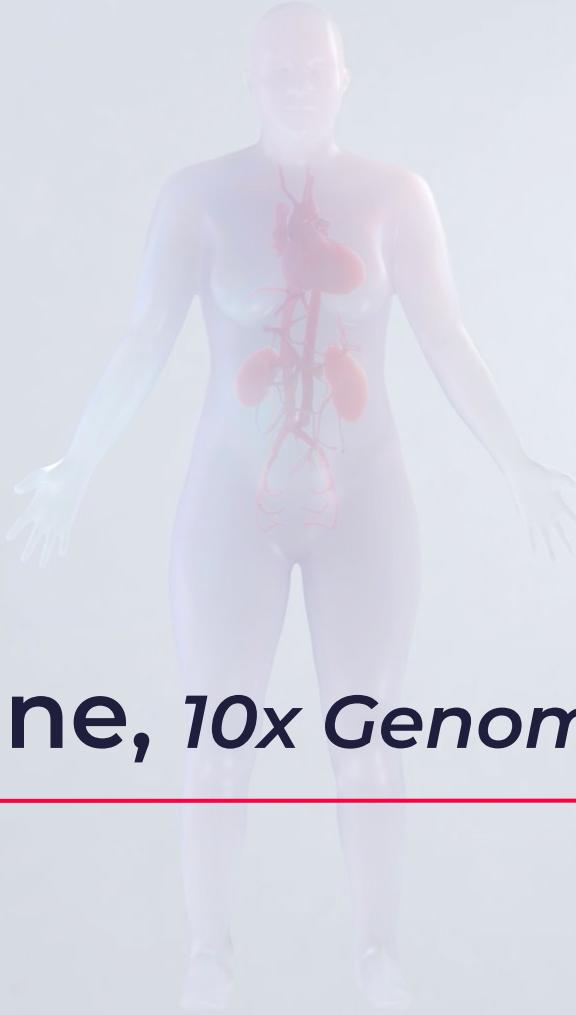
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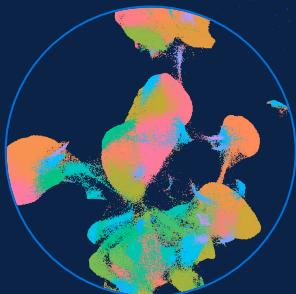
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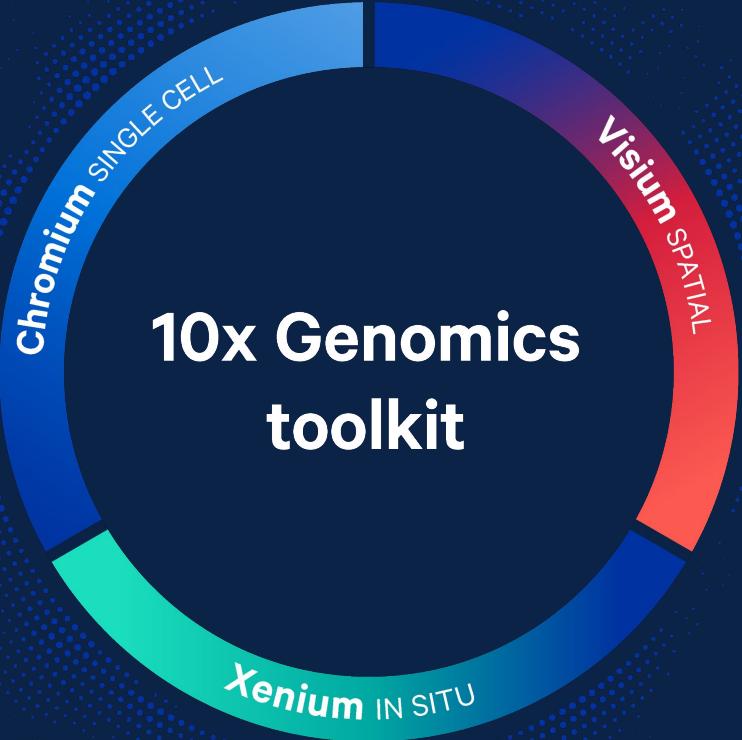
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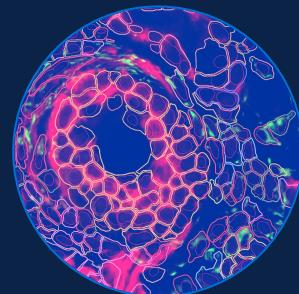
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Visium Spatial



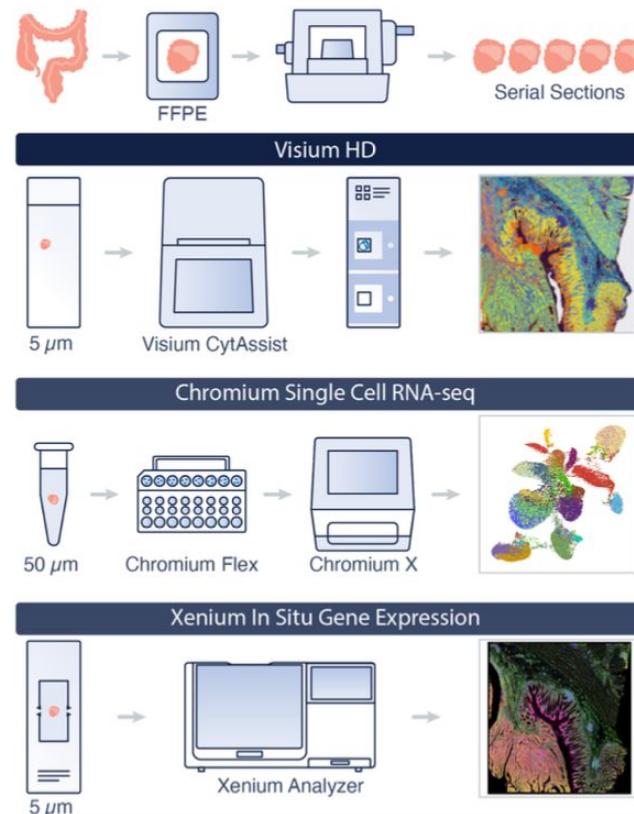
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# Using Visium HD to investigate the tumor microenvironment in colorectal cancer

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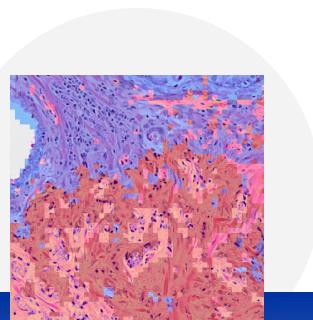
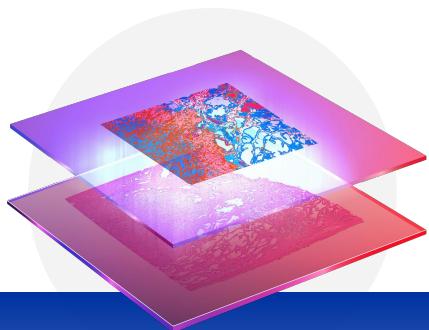
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# Introducing Visium HD

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

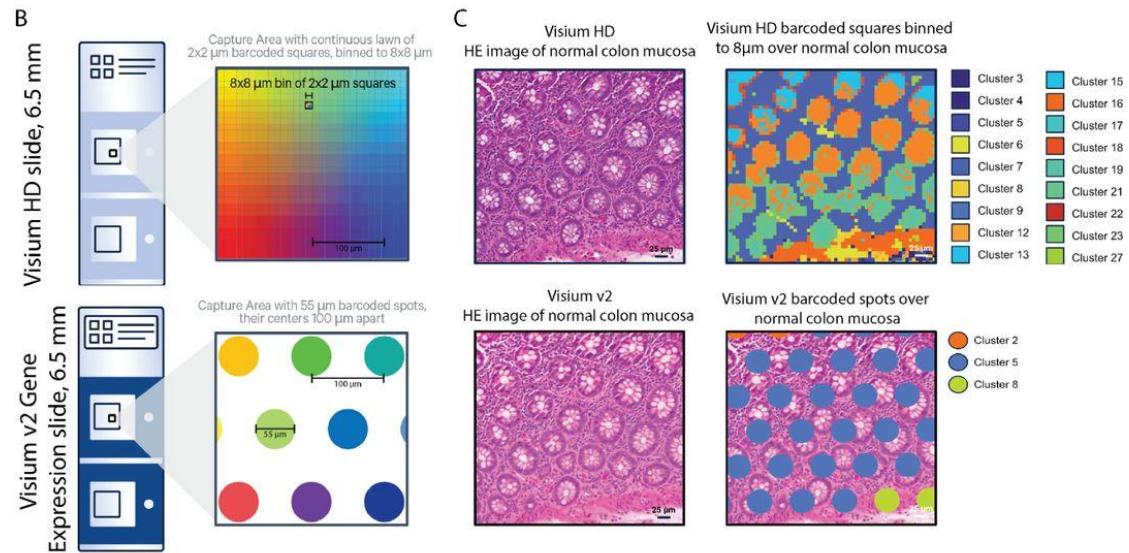
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## Data Quality You Can Trust

Accurate transcript localization enabled by Visium CytAssist

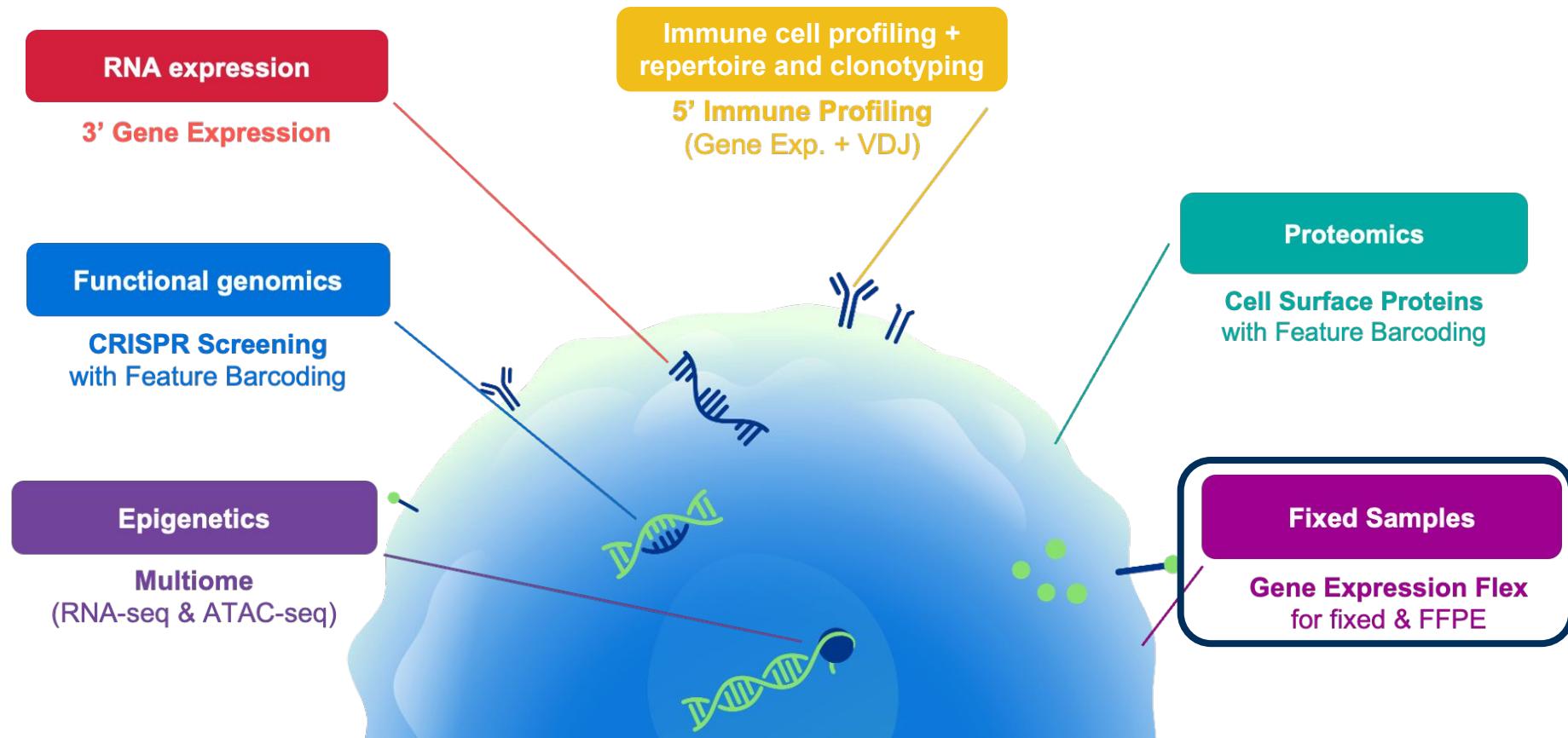
# Visium HD spatially maps gene expression at high resolution

- Unbroken lawn of oligos avoids lost information
- Better conforms to tissue morphology



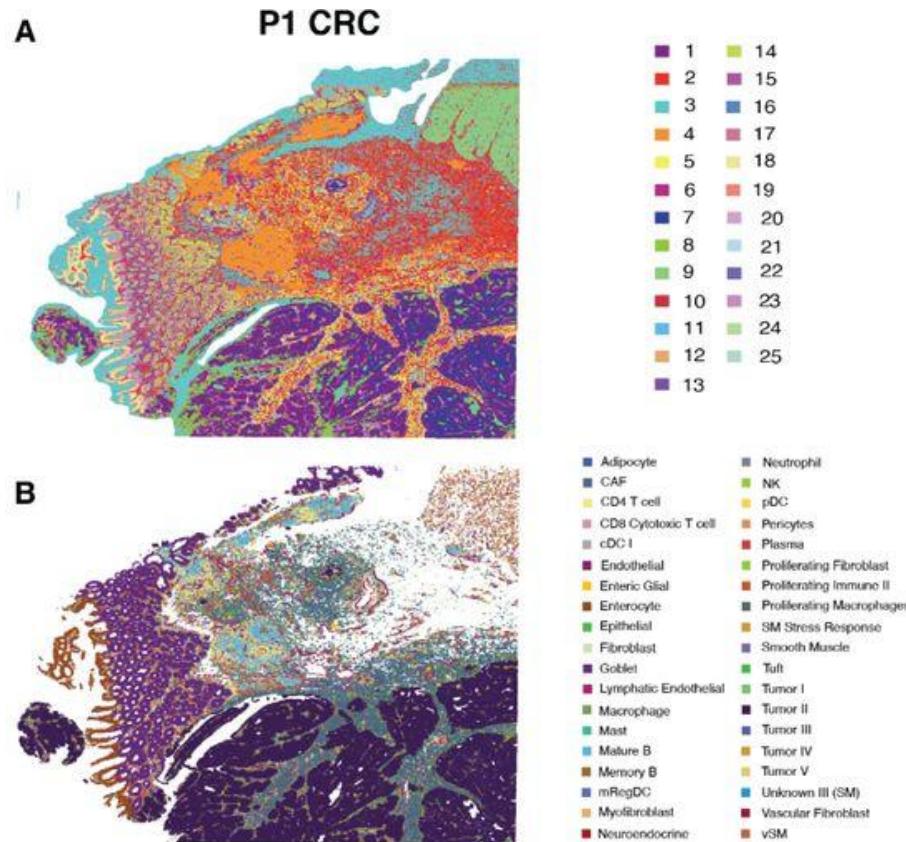
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# Identification of cell types aided by single cell data

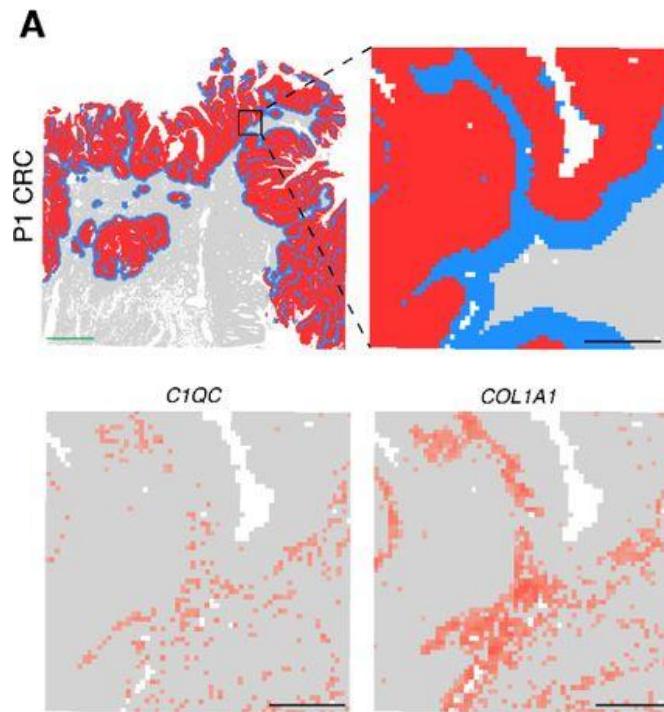
- Single cell data provides ground truth for identification
- Also allows for removal of bins that sit under multiple cells



# Macrophages and CAFs are prominent at tumor periphery

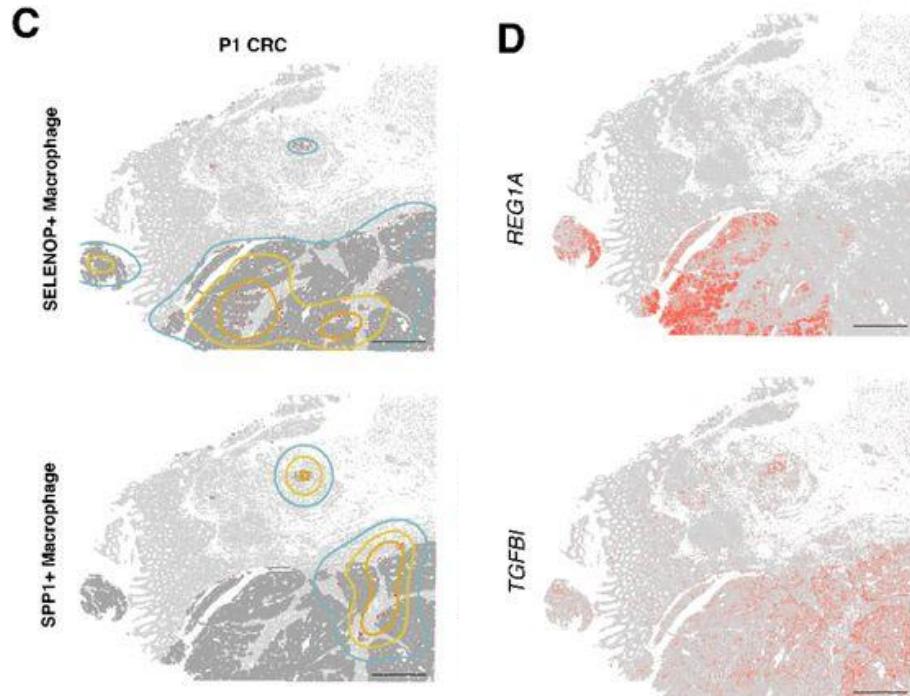
-After cell identification, wanted to focus on tumor periphery

-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, TGFBI upregulated near SPP1+ cells



# Sensitive and robust spatial analysis with Xenium In Situ

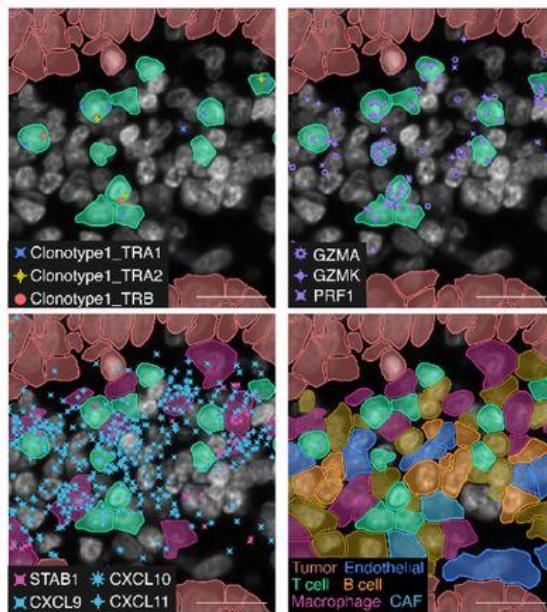


# Xenium and Visium used together to localize peripheral T cells

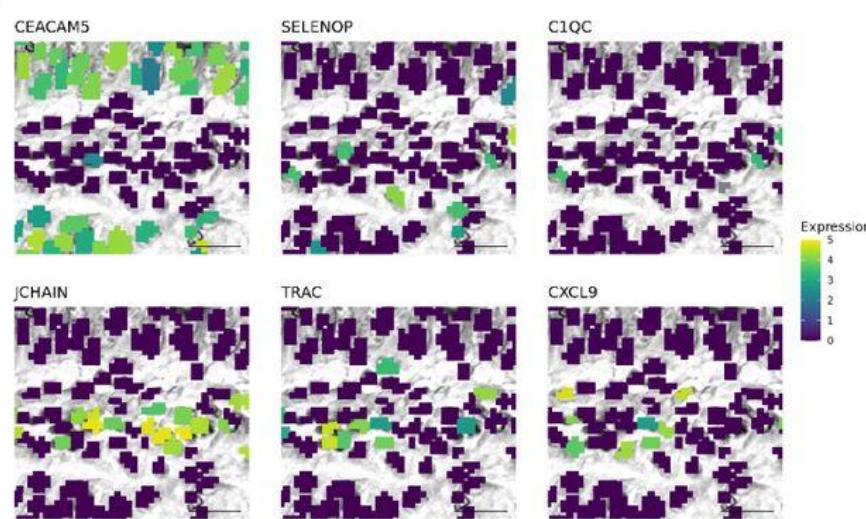
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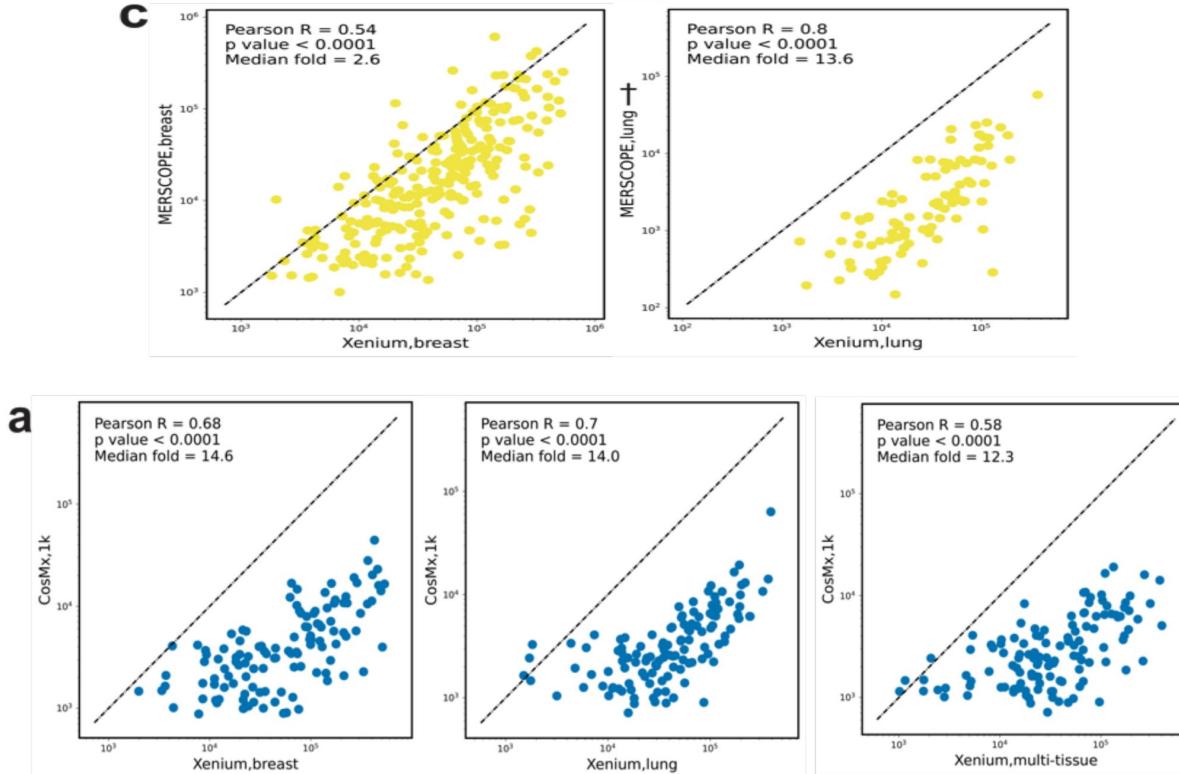
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# Xenium Has Class-Leading Sensitivity



Farhi et al. Systematic benchmarking of imaging spatial transcriptomics platforms in FFPE tissues. *BioRxiv* (2023) (Fig. 2 and underlying data).

# 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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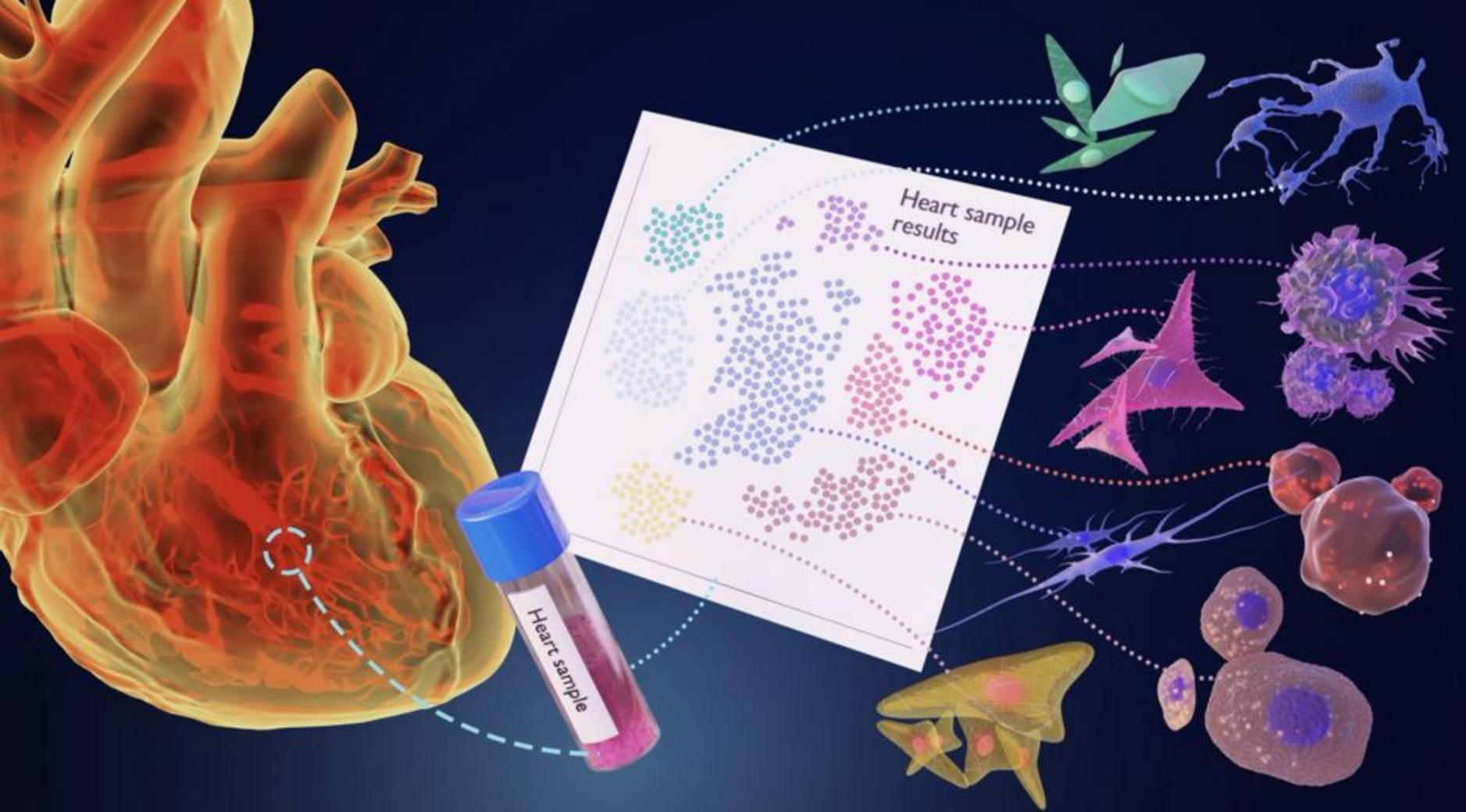
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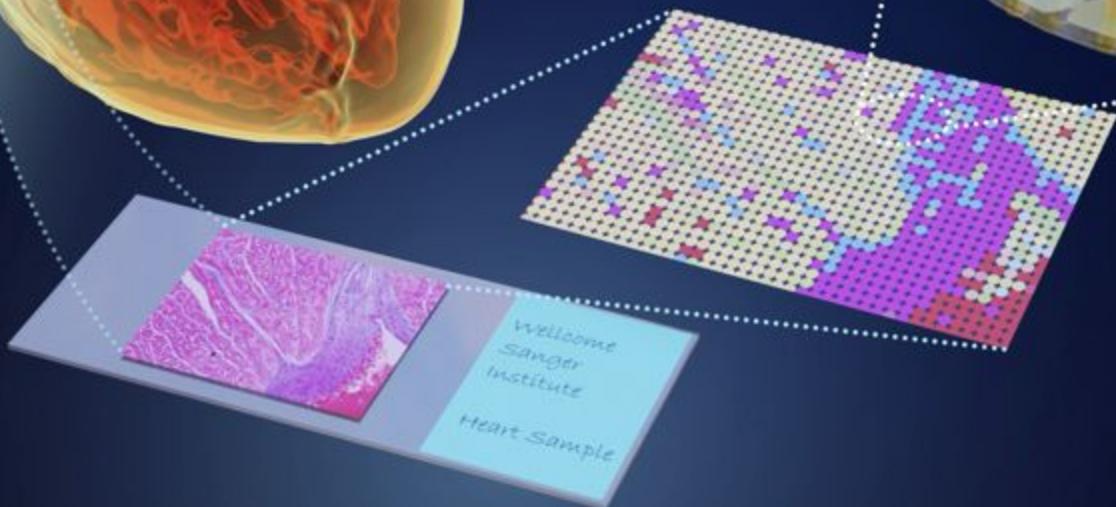
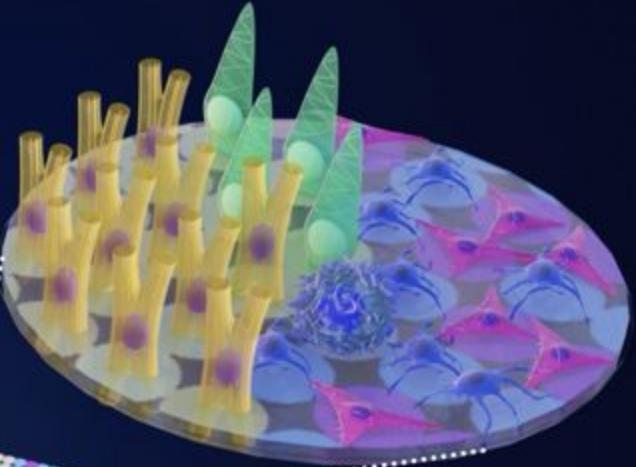




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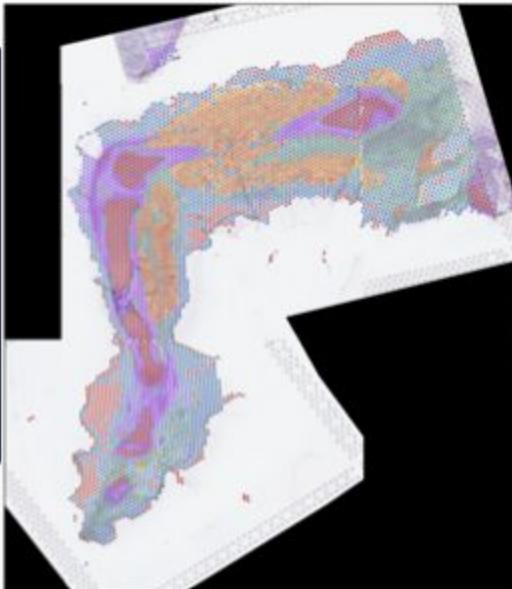


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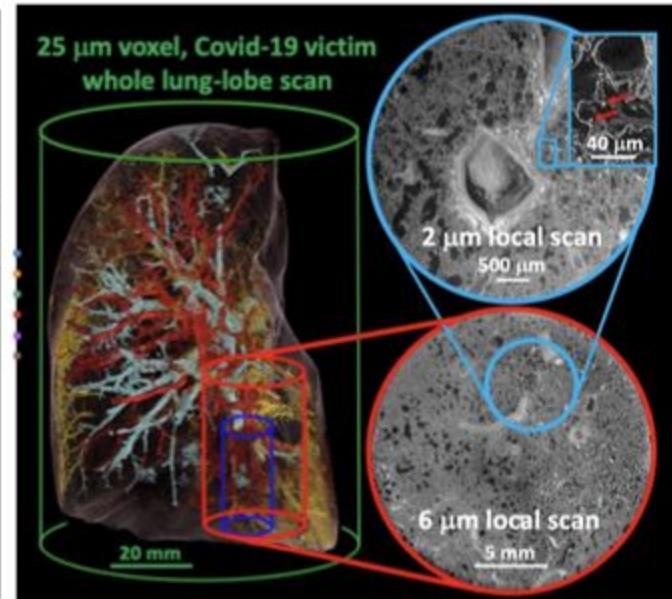
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Volumetric reconstructions: 3D



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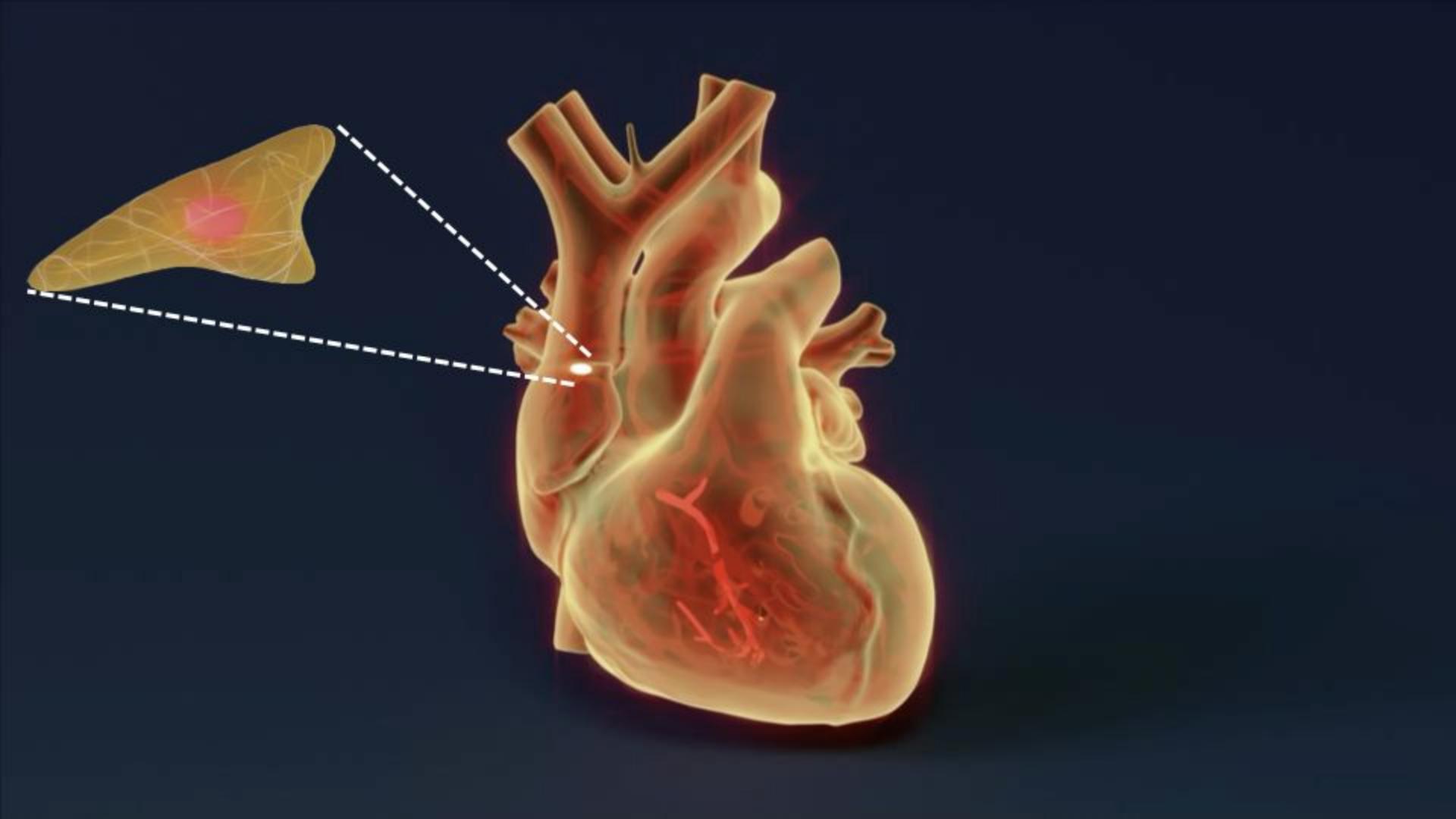
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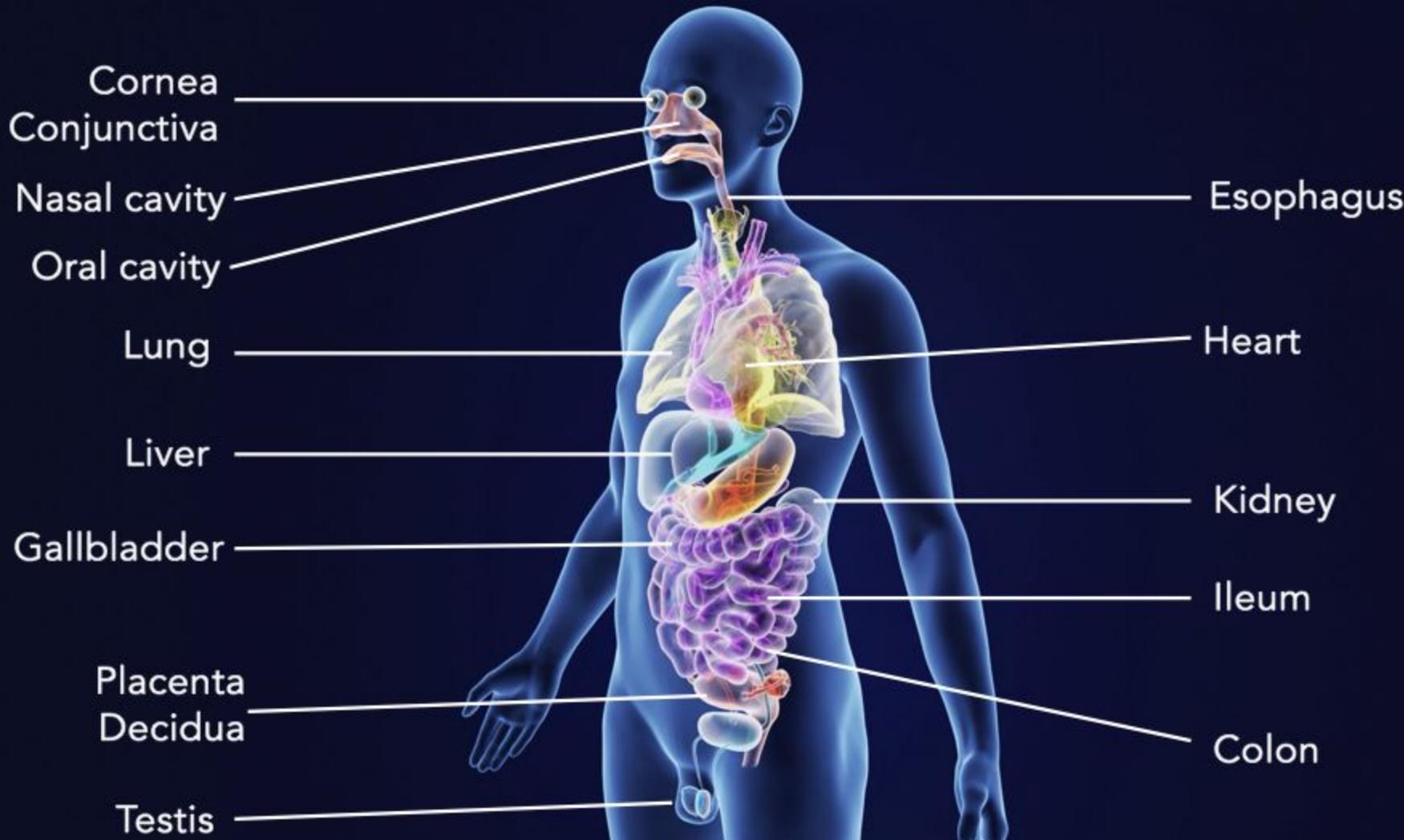
# Human Cell Atlas

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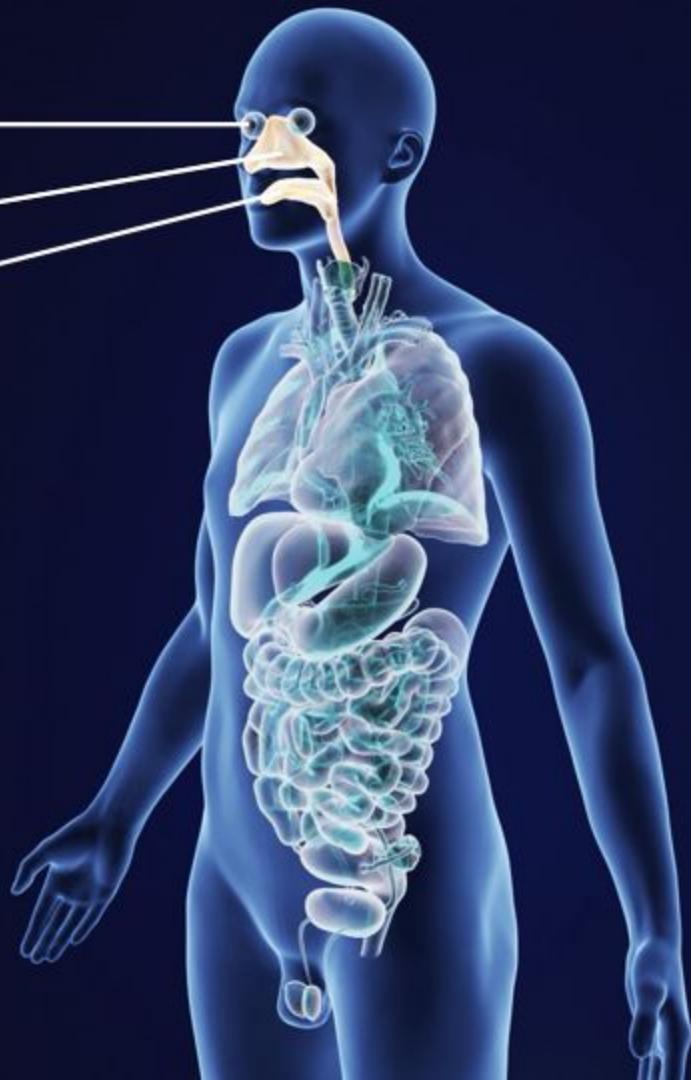


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Nasal cavity

Oral cavity







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**Tobias Wenzel, *Pontificia Universidad  
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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

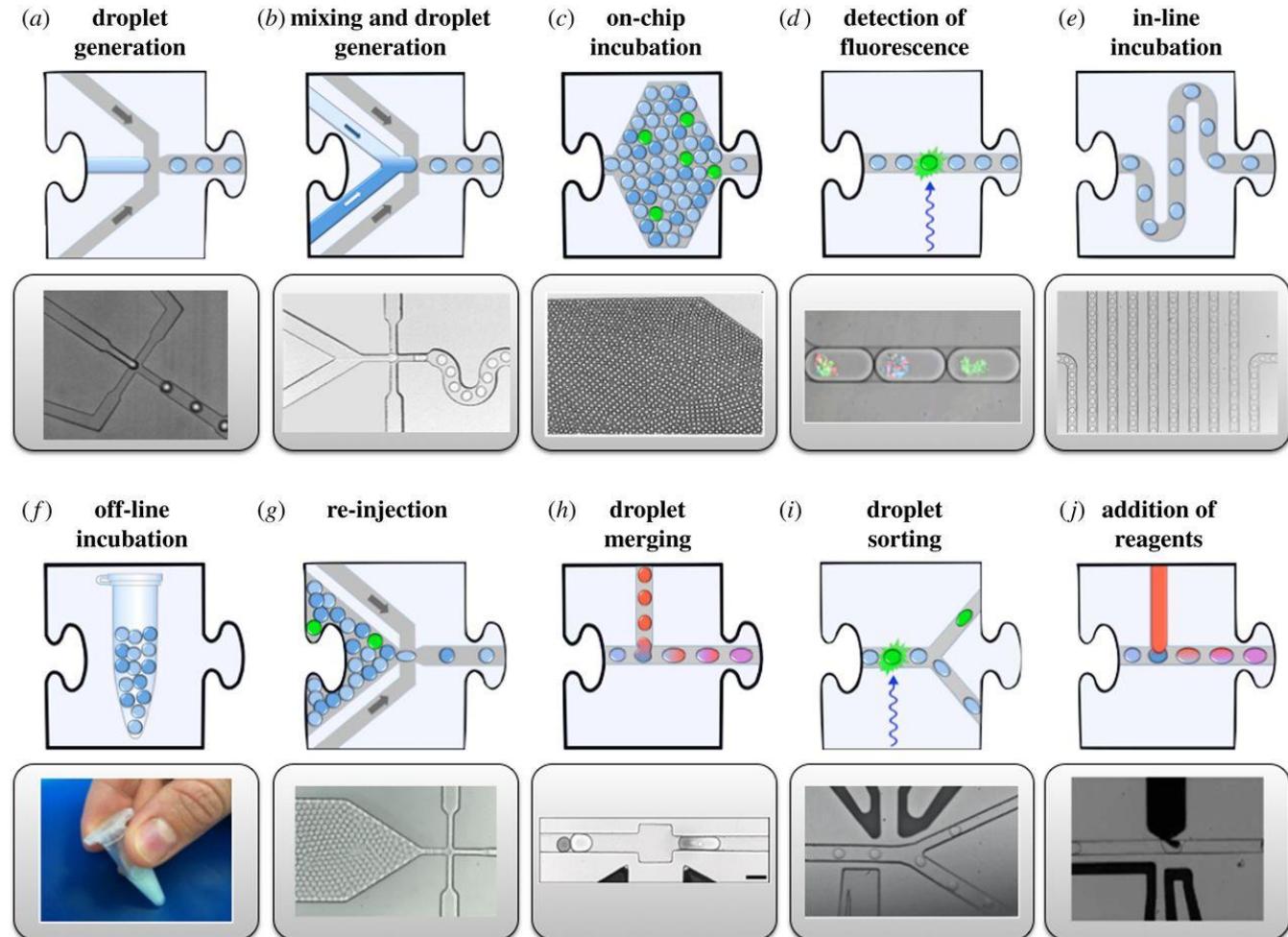
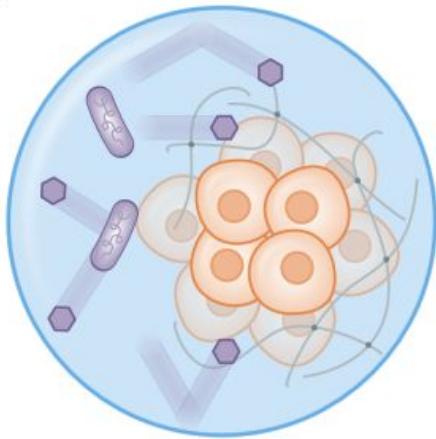


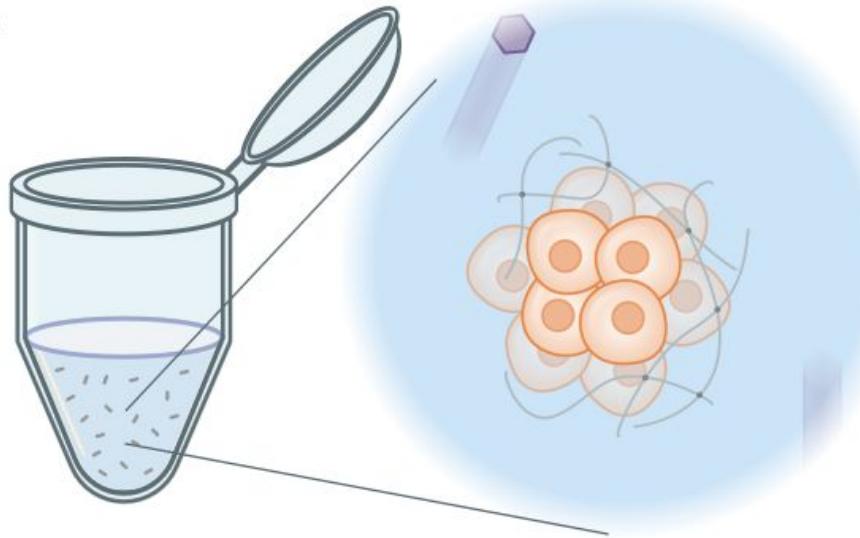
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# Interactions are best studied in droplets

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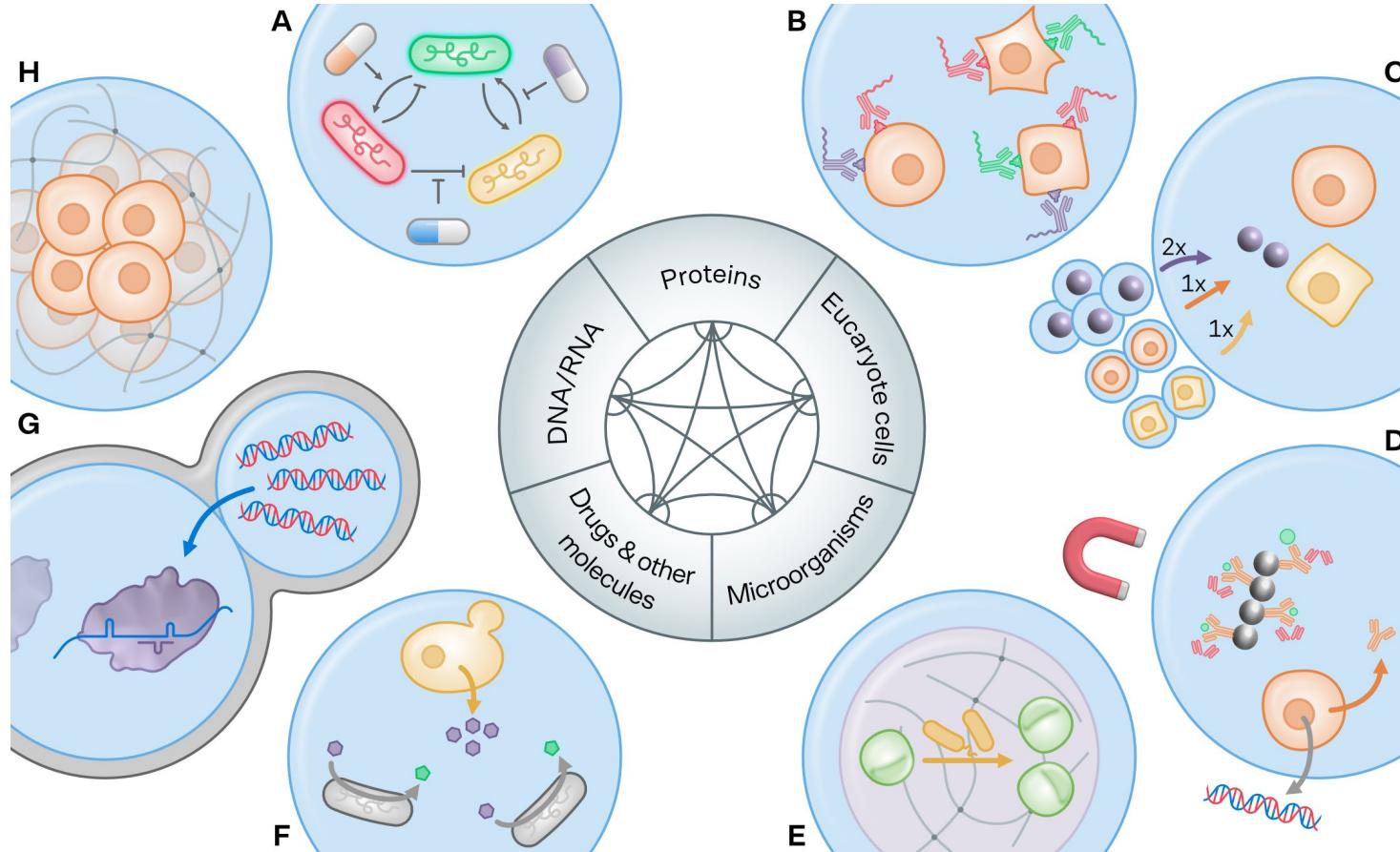
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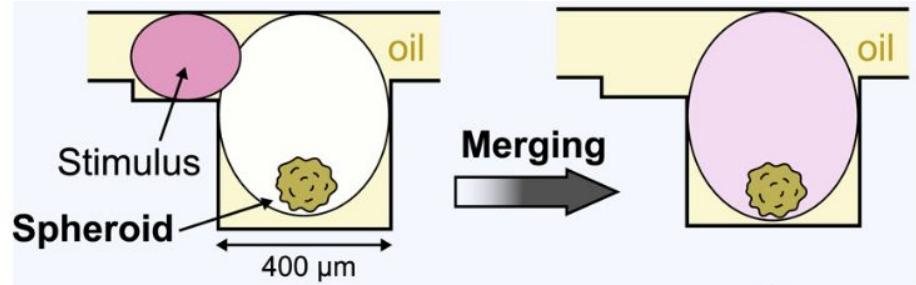


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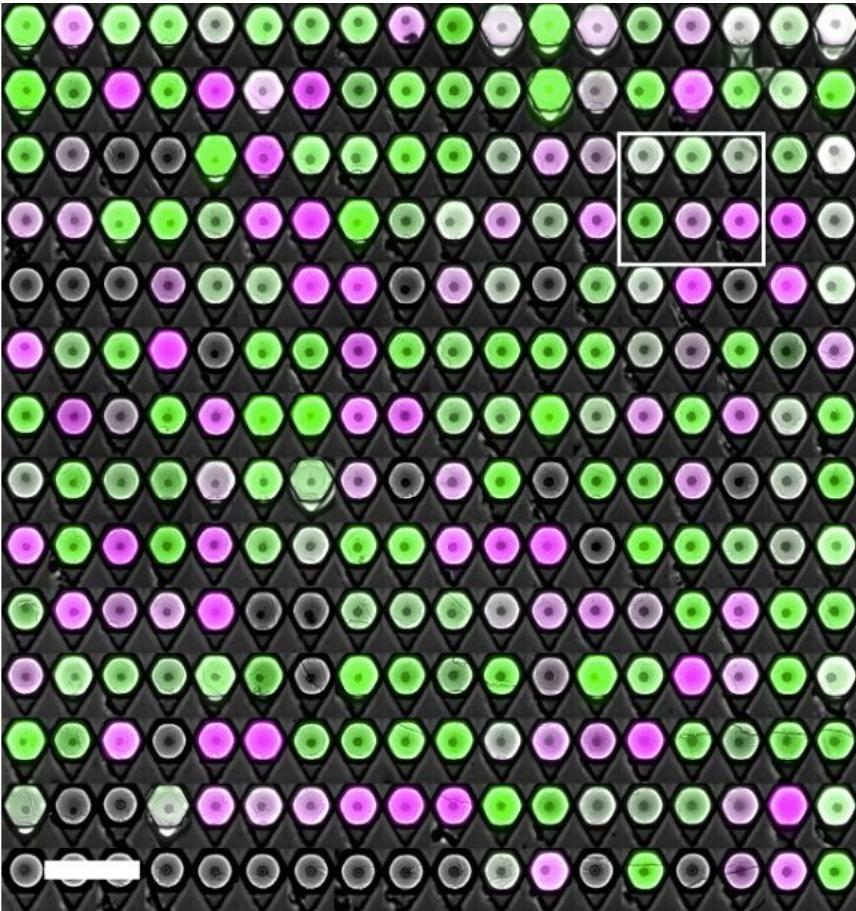
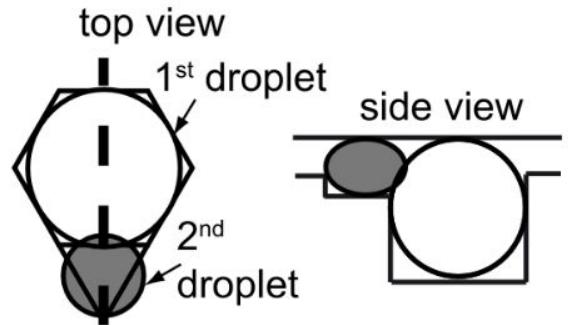
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- High throughput analysis of host-pathogen interactions in droplets

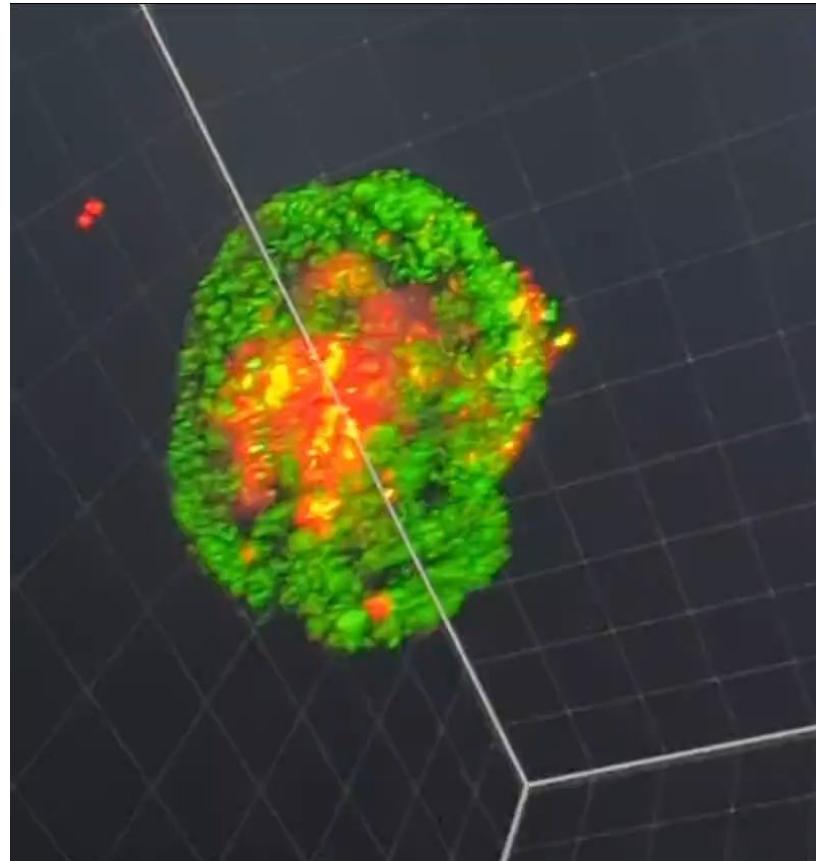
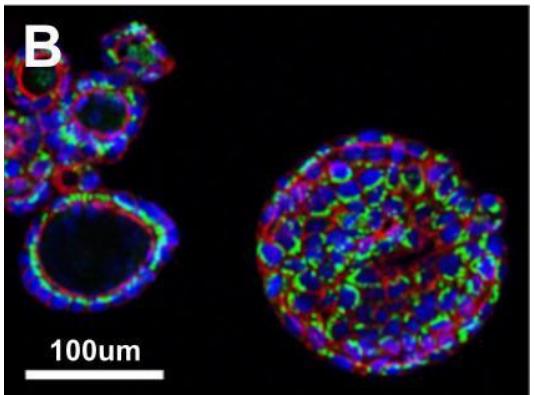
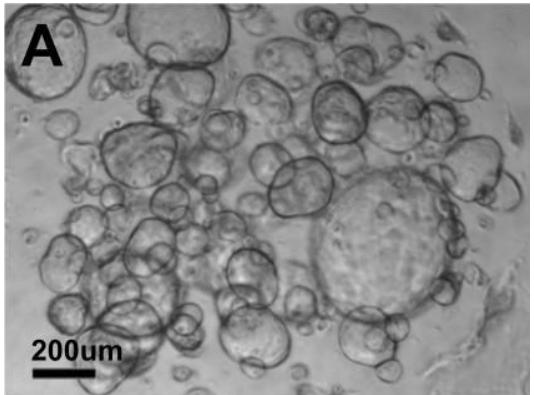
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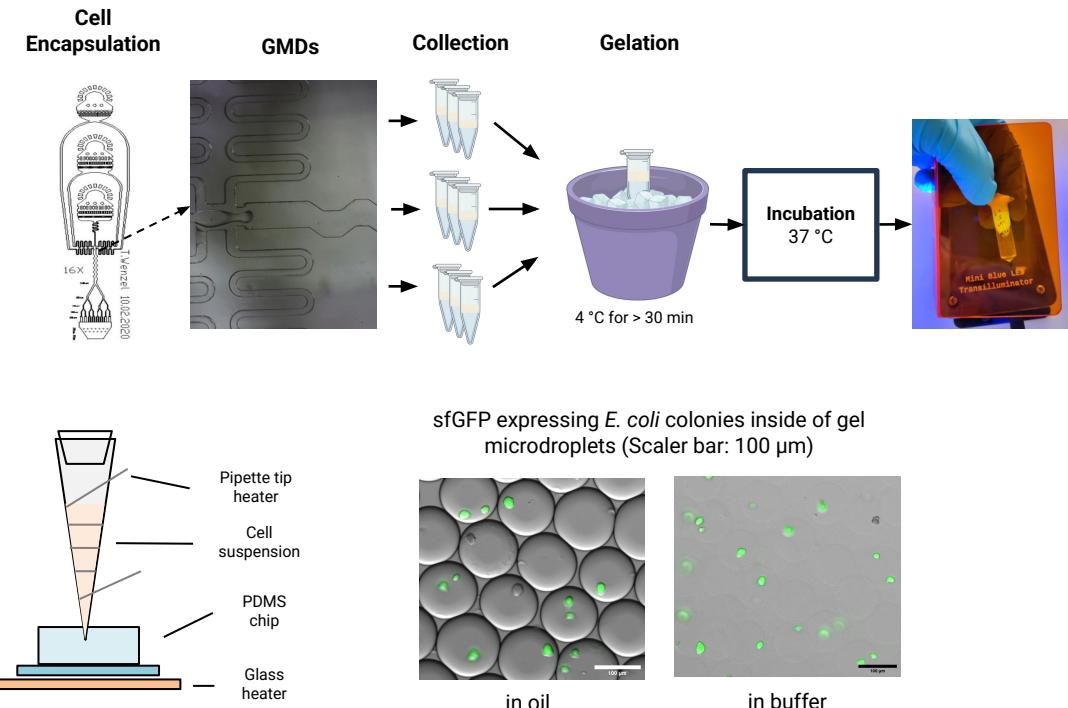
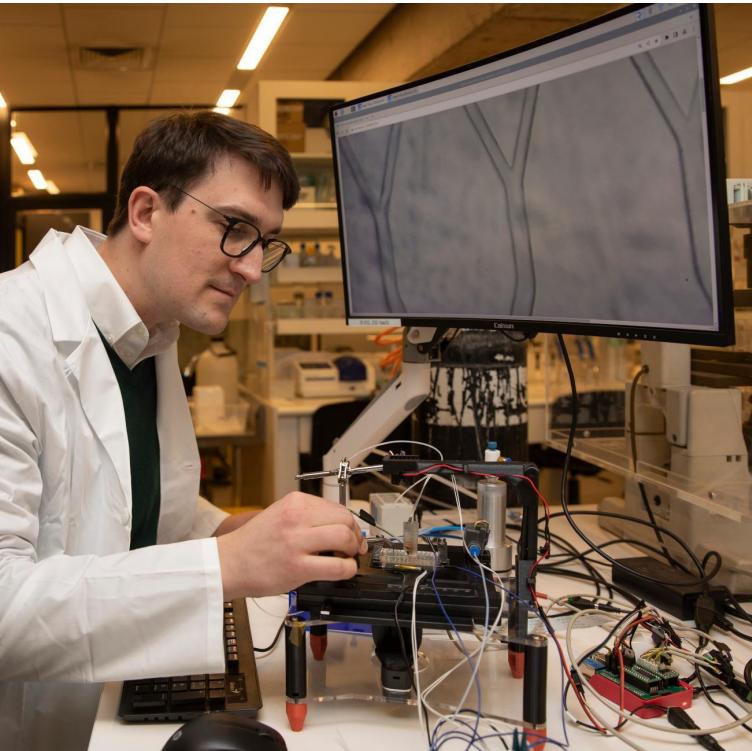
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# Organoid cultivation under controlled conditions on chip



# Droplet Microfluidic Workstation for Micronels



**Manuscript in revision**

# Strobe-enhanced microscopy stage

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## Strobe-enhanced microscopy stage

### Build the 3-level microscopy stage

Print the plastic parts

Laser cut the acrylic parts

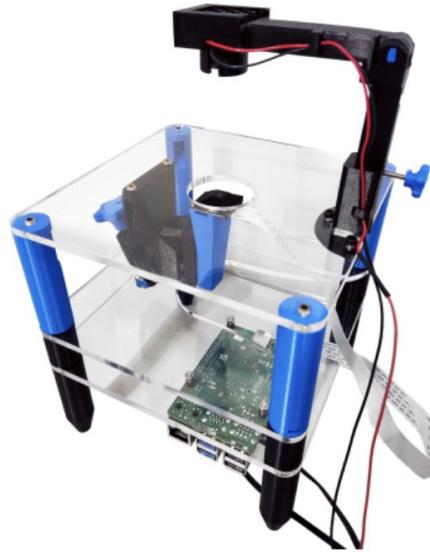
Assemble the focus mechanism

Assemble the basics optics module

Attach parts to the top plate

Attach parts to the middle plate

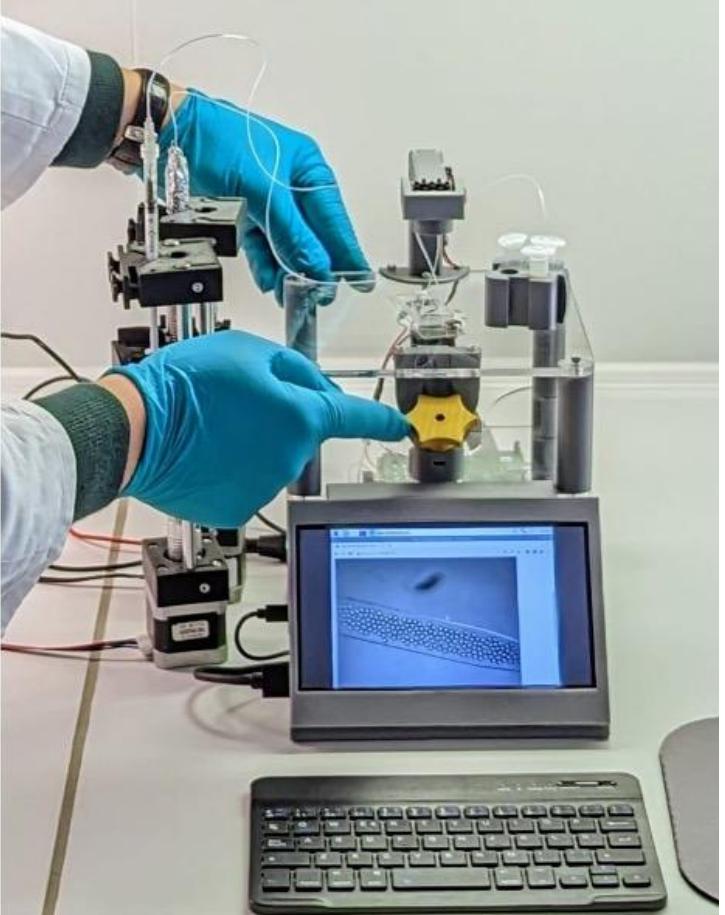
## 3-level microscopy stage



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

## Instructions

# Open Hardware Droplet Workstation



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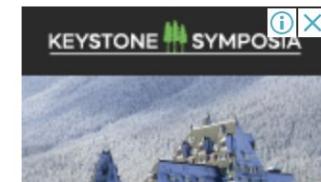
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Open hardware solutions are increasingly being chosen by researchers as a strategy to improve access to technology for cutting-edge biology research. The use of DIY technology is already widespread, particularly in countries with limited access to 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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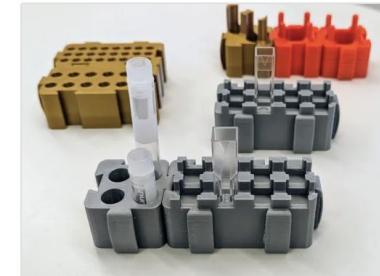
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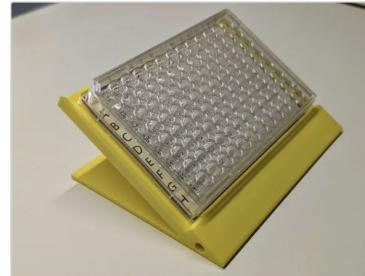
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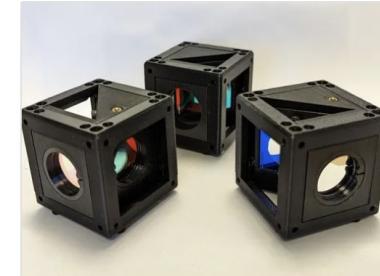
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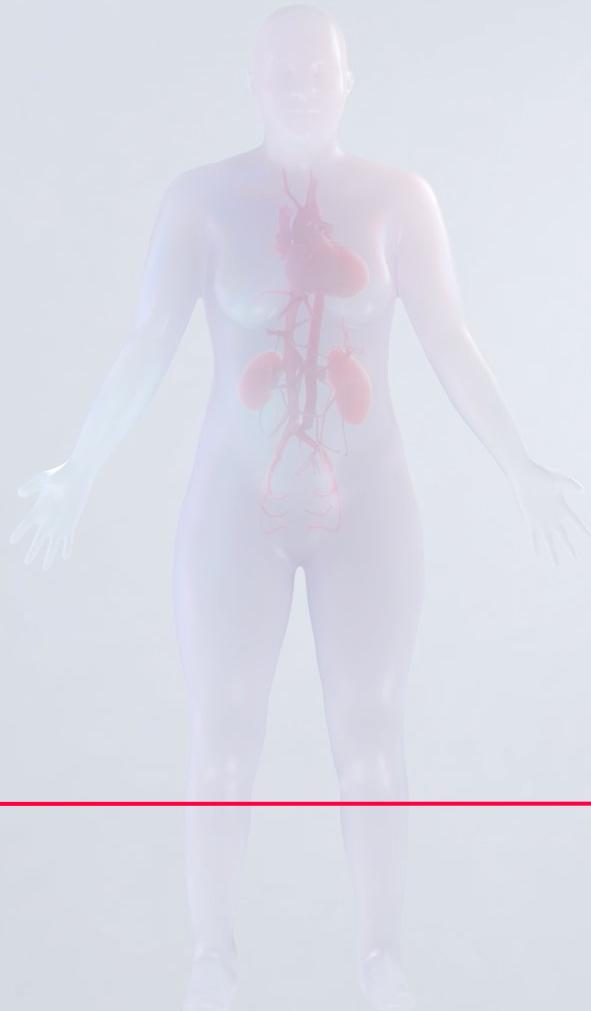
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