



Spatially-resolved transcriptomics meets Deep Learning: denoising omics data matrix using Optimal Transport and Graph Attention Networks

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# 01.Scientific background

### **RNA** sequencing

### Single cell vs Bulk.

- Proportion of zeros in bulk RNA-seq data is usually 10–40% (Jiang et al. Genome Biol 2022).
- That proportion can be as high as 90% in single cell RNA sequencing (scRNA-seq) data.
- The high data sparsity provoked the use of zero-inflated models and the development of imputation methods for reducing zeros.

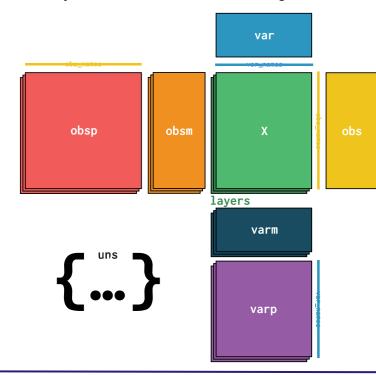
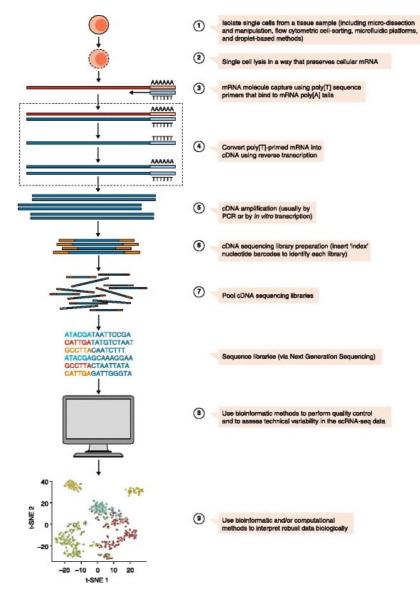


Figure 2: RNA-seq AnnData example. .X: containing the count matrix; .obs: containing annotations for the cells/spots and .var: contains annotations for the genes. (Virshup el al. 2021)

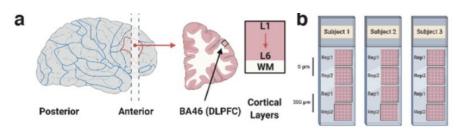


**Figure 1**: General workflow of single-cell RNA-sequencing (scRNA-seq) experiments (Haque et al. Genome Med 2017)

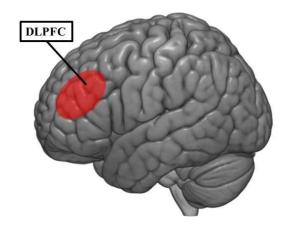


# 02.Data availability

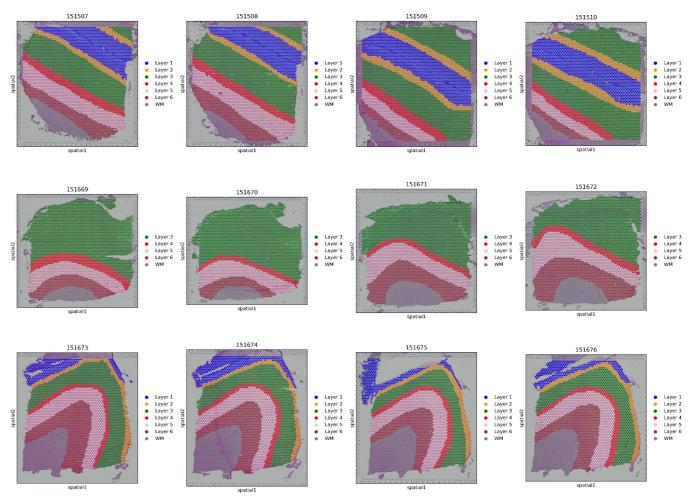
### **DLPFC data by 10x Visium**



**Figure 3**: (a) Tissue blocks for experiments. (b) Schematic representation of experiments. (Maynard et al. Nat Neurosci 2021)



**Figure 4**: Location of the Dorsolateral Prefrontal Cortex (Duprat 2017)



**Figure 5**: 12 samples from the DLPFC dataset by (Maynard et al. Nat Neurosci 2021) showing the 6 regions plus white matter.



# 04.Proposed method

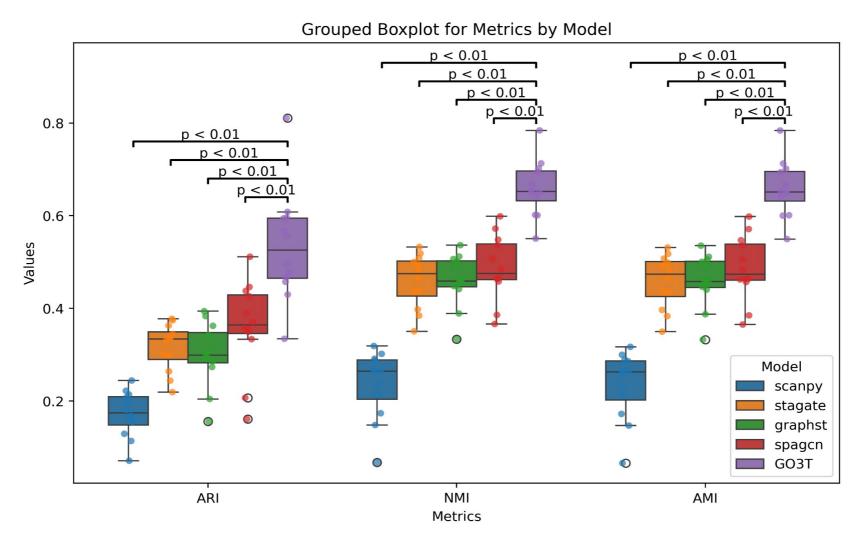
### **Graph with Optimal Transport, Transformers and Time diffusion (GO3T)**

## Denoised spatial transcriptomics Raw spatial transcriptomics Input: Spatial Transcriptomics data Diffusion Time (TIDE) Layer X (Genes) y (Spatial coordinates) GATv2X (Genes) y (Spatial coordinates) Multi-Heads Attention Mixture of Experts $d\left(\bullet,\bullet\right)\to M_{AB}$ Expert KL Loss, MSE Loss, Autoencoder Loss $\|d_{\boldsymbol{x}x'} - \overline{d}_{yy}\| = \|C_1(\boldsymbol{x}, x') - C_2(y, y')\|$ Noise Contrastive Loss, ARI Loss, NMI Loss Gromov-Wasserstein distance Encoder Decoder

**Figure 6**: overview of GO3T architecture.

# 05.Results

### **Boxplots for metrics comparison**



**Figure 7**: boxplots grouped by the three metrics used (ARI, NMI and AMI) for the 12 DLPFC datasets along with the t-test value comparison between four common methods and ours (GO3T).



### Other comparisons for metrics and gene regions

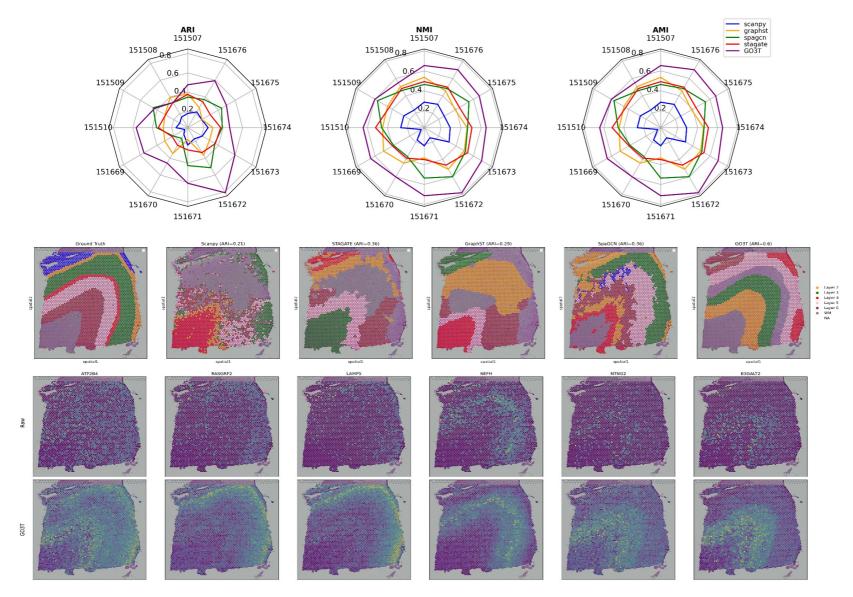
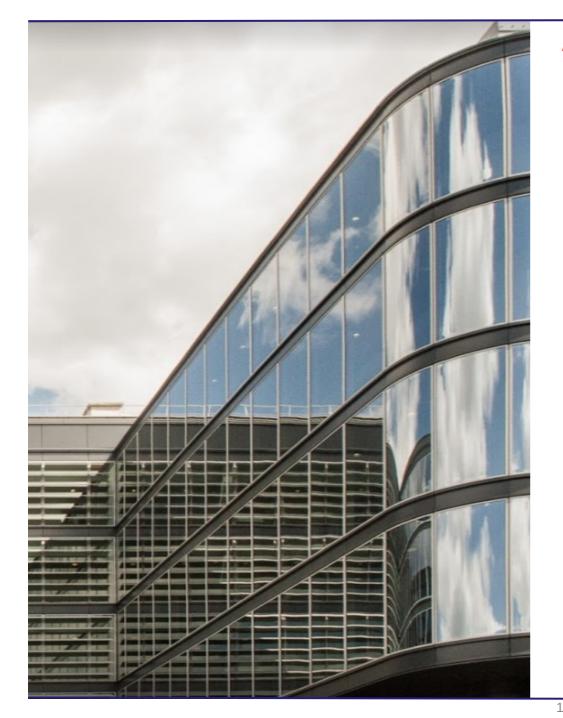


Figure 8: radarplots grouped by the three metrics used (ARI, NMI and AMI) for the 12 DLPFC datasets using four common methods and ours (GO3T).

**Figure 9**: spatial plots for the 151673 dataset showing the ground truth regions along with the predicted ones for 4 common methods and ours (GO3T).

Figure 10: spatial plots comparing 6 gene expression using scanpy (above) and our method GO3T (below) for denoising in the 151673 dataset.





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# Thank you for your time

- Any questions ? Join me at Poster #18
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