

Cambridge Hackathon

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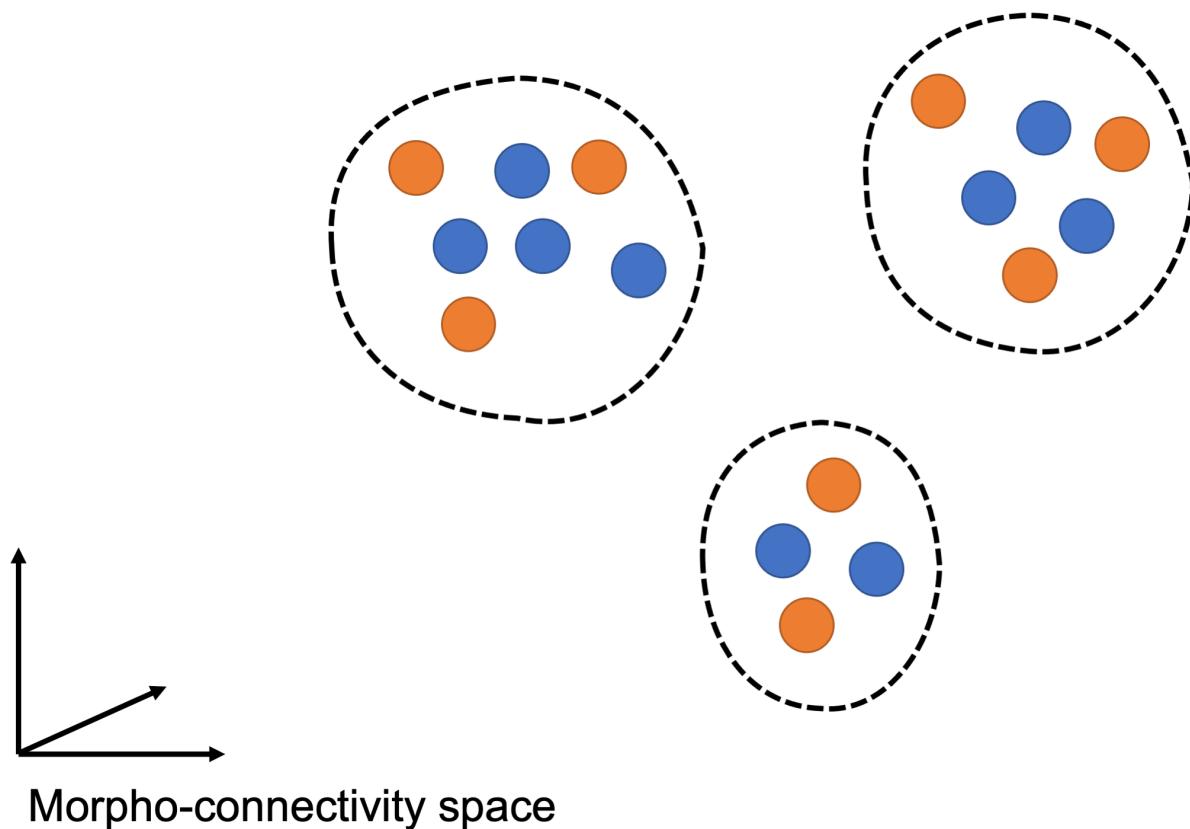
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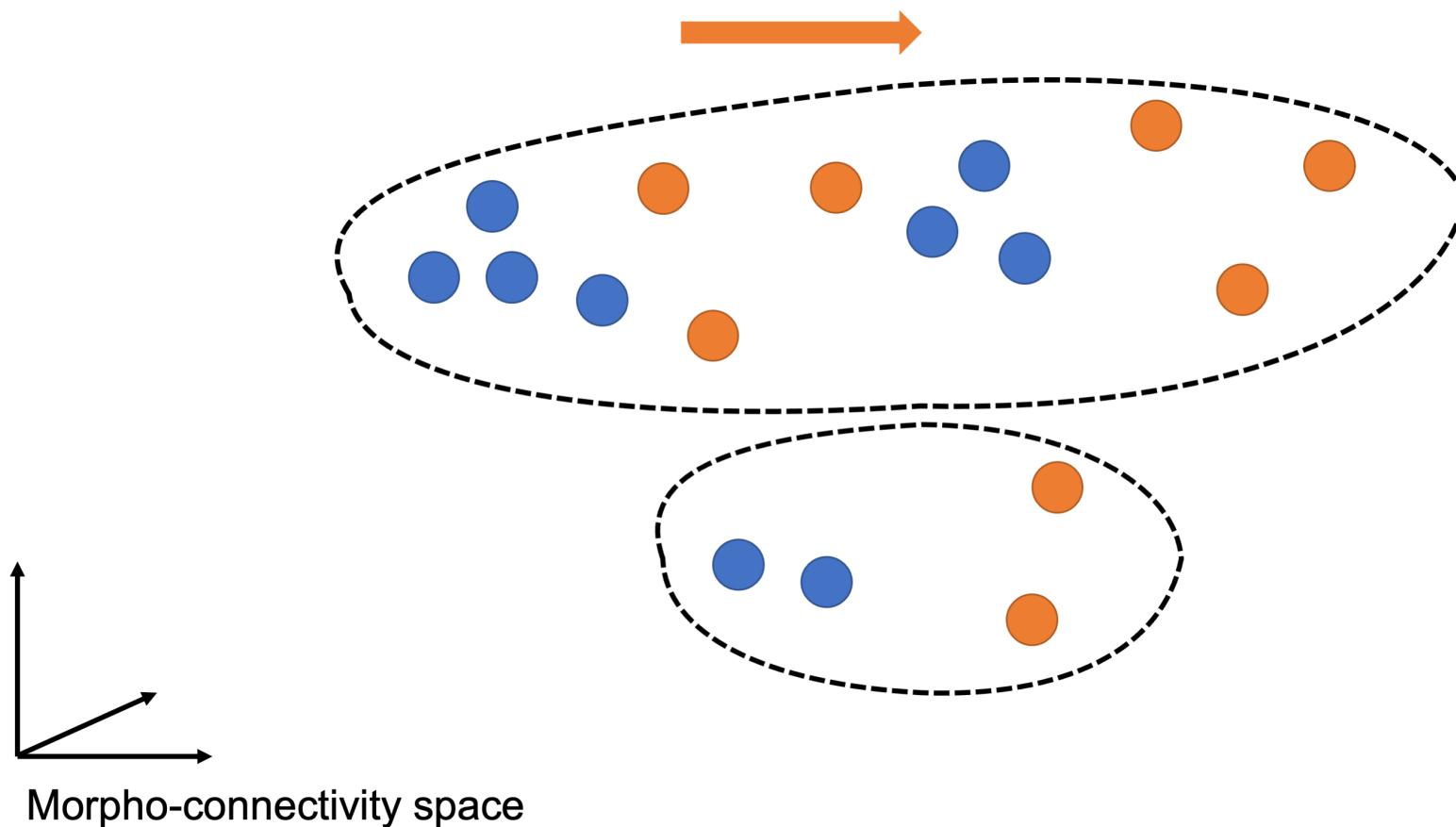
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Cell types



Cell types and "distribution shift"



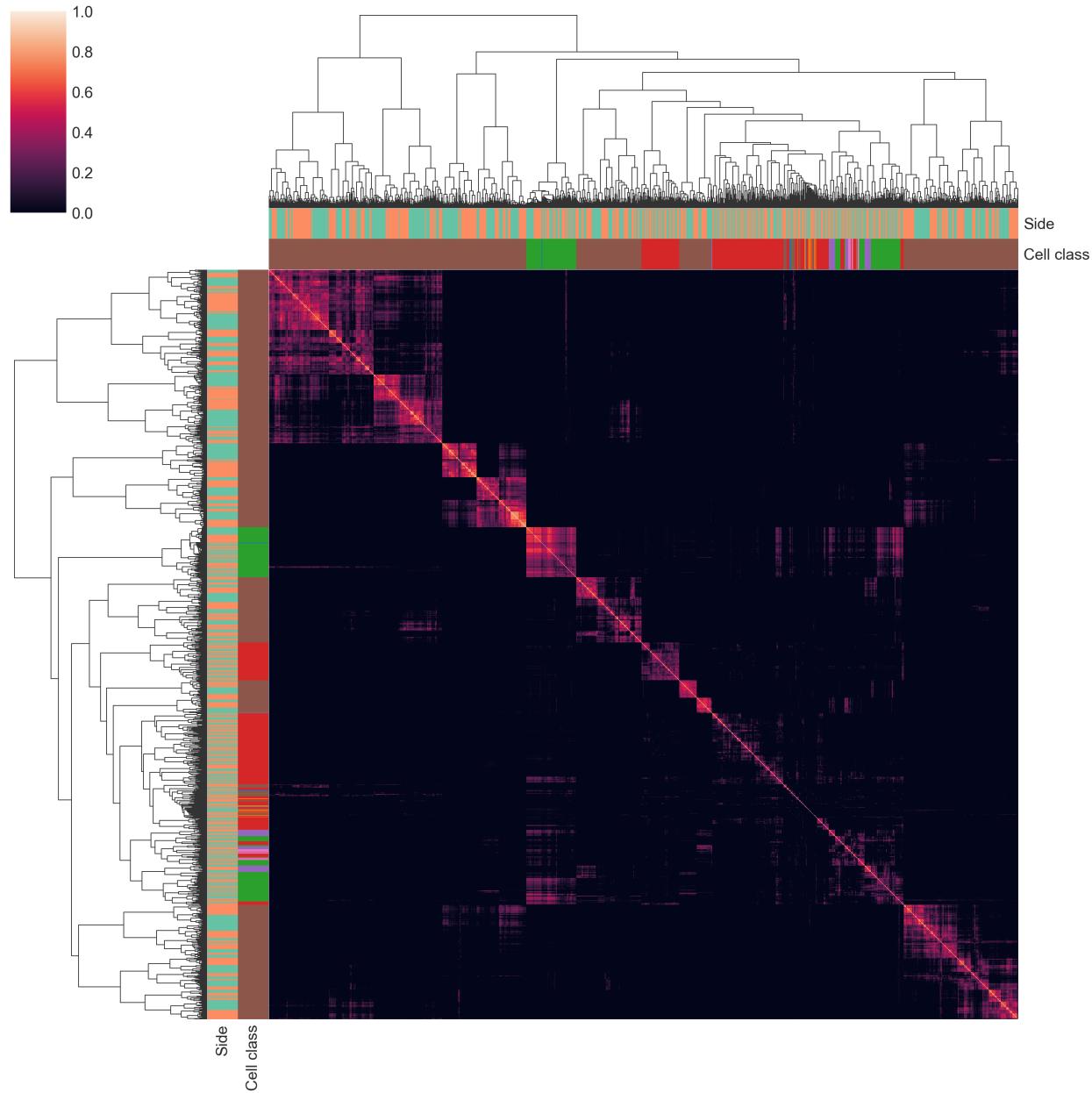
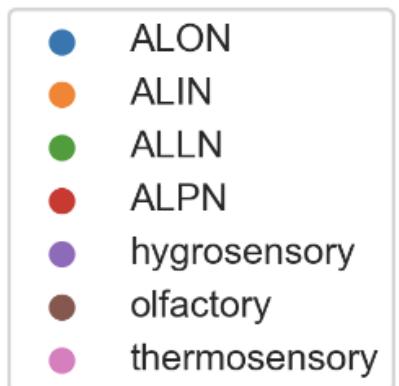
Matters for both "inductive" and "de novo" cell typing

- E.g. mapping labels from one dataset onto another via a matching, or
- Creating new labels by clustering on a unified representation of datasets

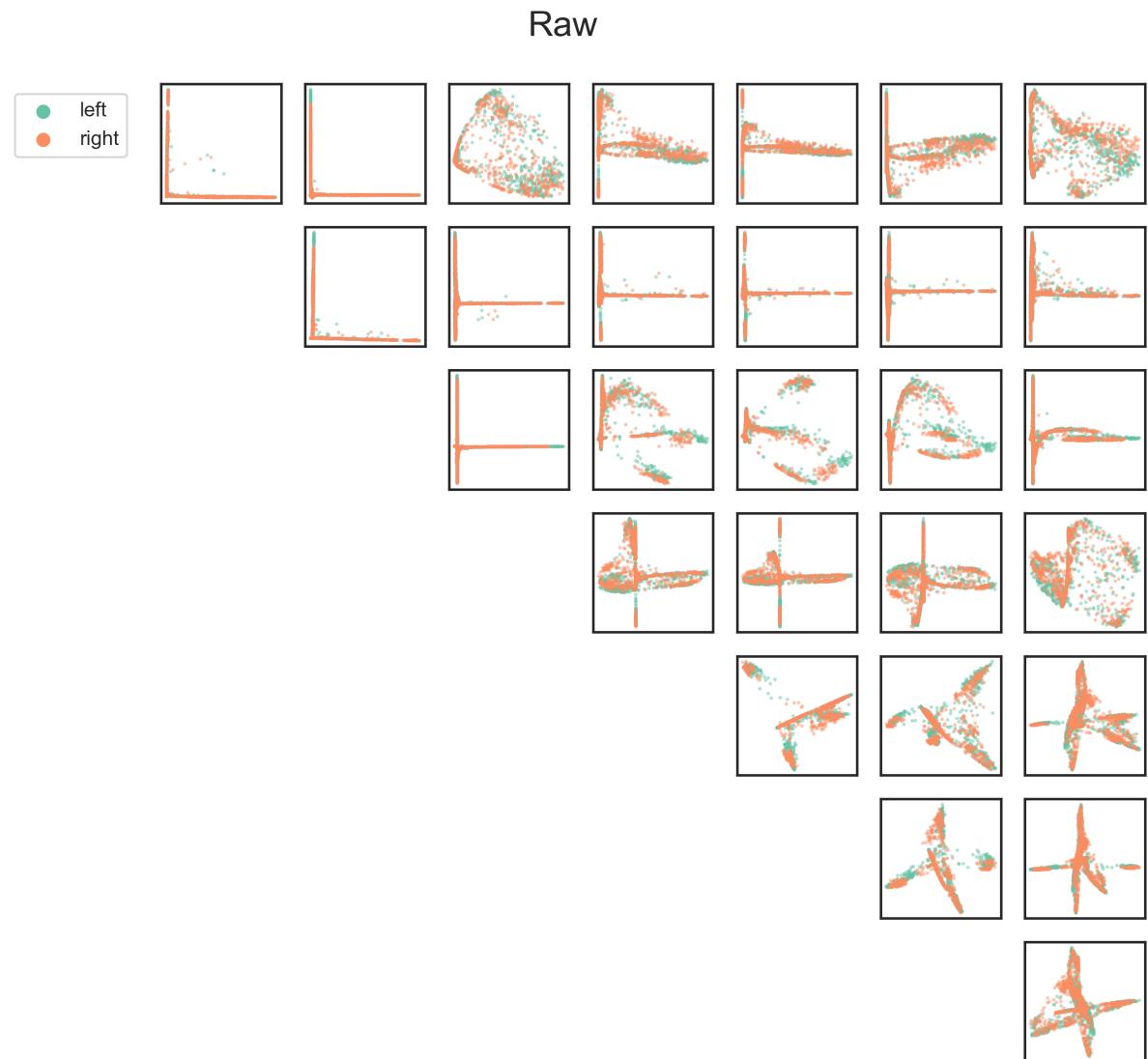
Antennal lobe as a test case

- Using FlyWire data
- Trying to match left/right
- ~1750 neurons per side
- Has good labels to use for evaluation

NBLAST clustering suggests this could be happening



NBLAST embedding



How to line things up, based on NBLAST?

Say we have sets of objects $I = \{i : i = 1, \dots, n\}$ and $J = \{j : j = 1, \dots, m\}$

For example, I is the set of neurons on the left, J those on the right.

Say S is a $n \times m$ matrix such that S_{ij} has the NBLAST score between neuron i (left) and neuron j (right)

Linear assignment problem

$$\max_P \text{trace}(SP^T) = \max_P \sum_{ij} S_{ij} P_{ij}$$

- P is a permutation matrix.
- P_{ij} is 1 if $i \leftrightarrow j$, 0 otherwise.

Intuition:

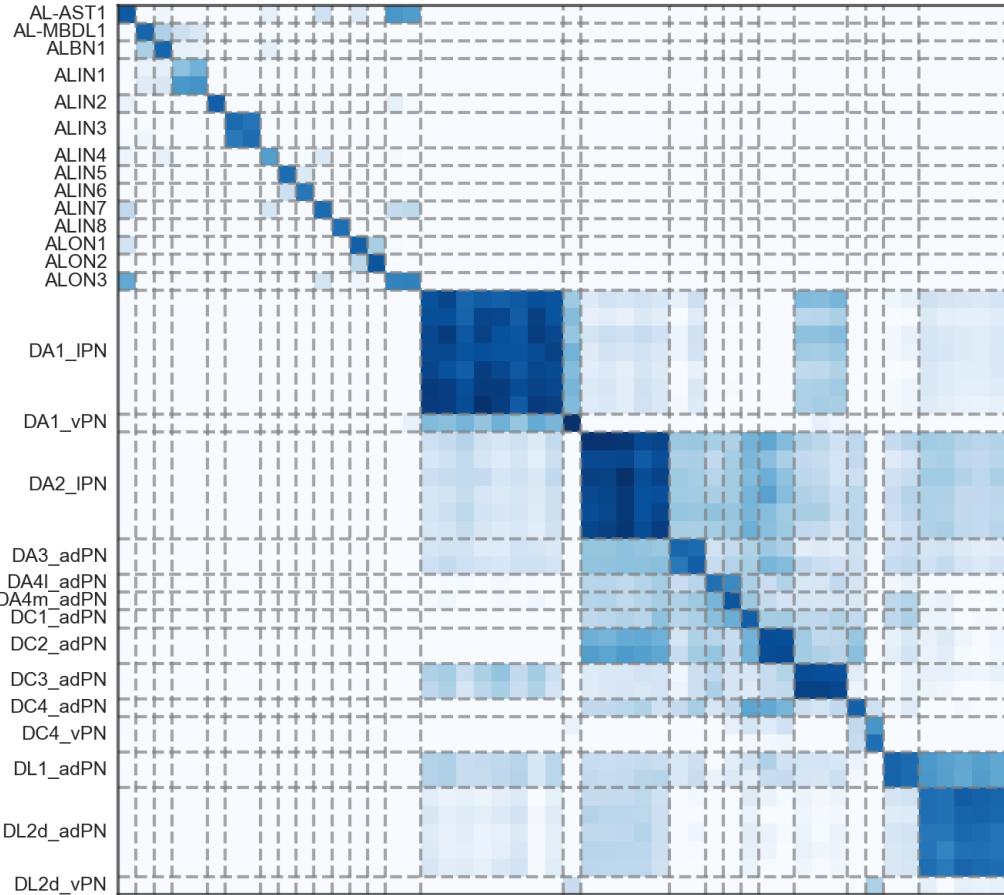
Maximize the total NBLAST scores of neurons which are matched, over the set of all matchings.

P^T reshuffles the columns of S to make the diagonal big

NBLAST

Right neuron

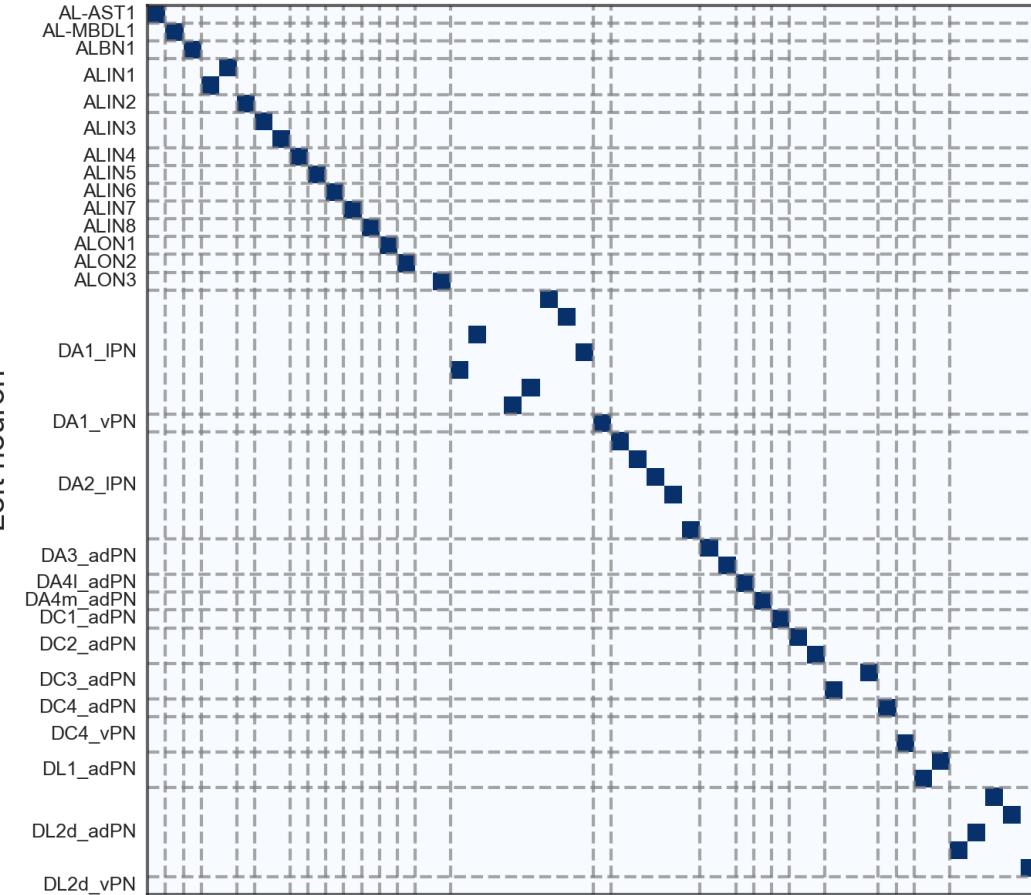
Left neuron



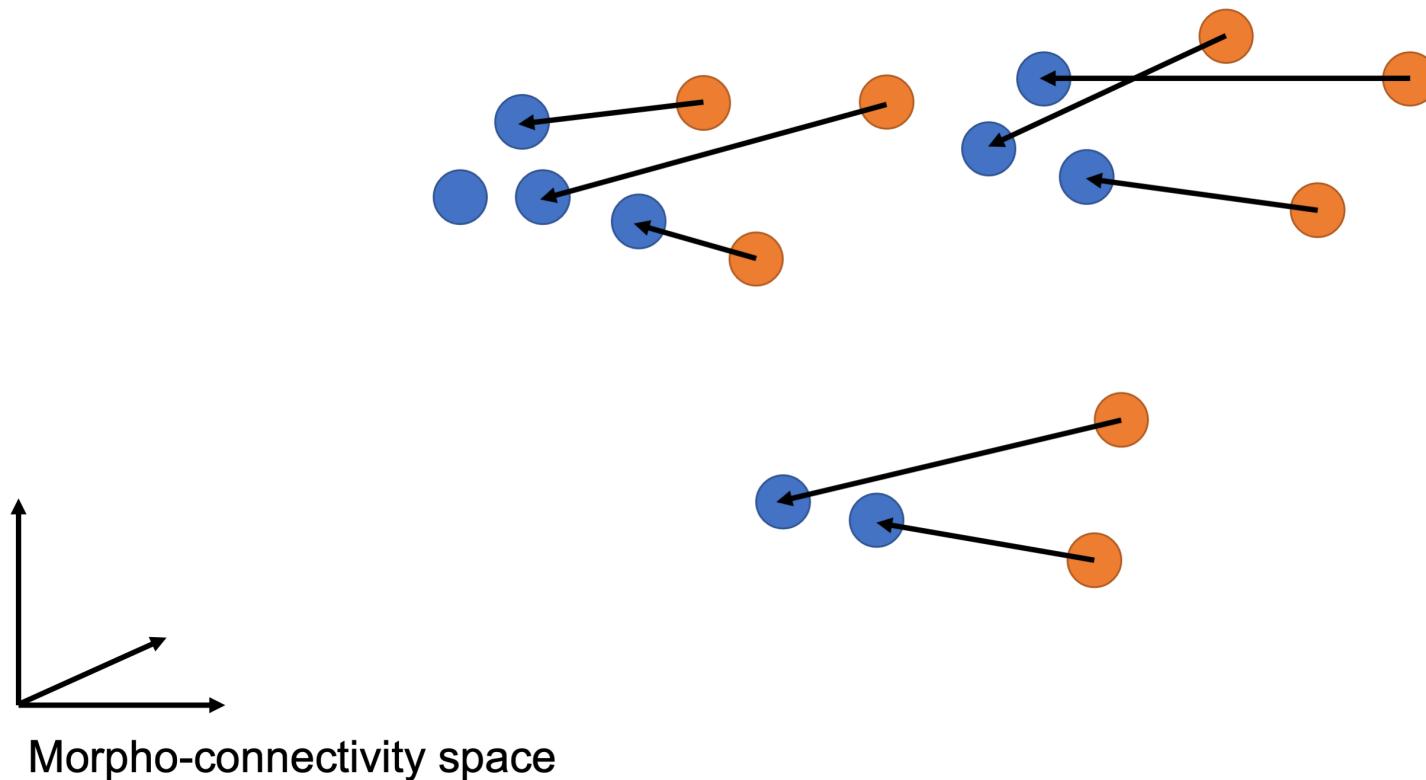
LAP solution

Right neuron

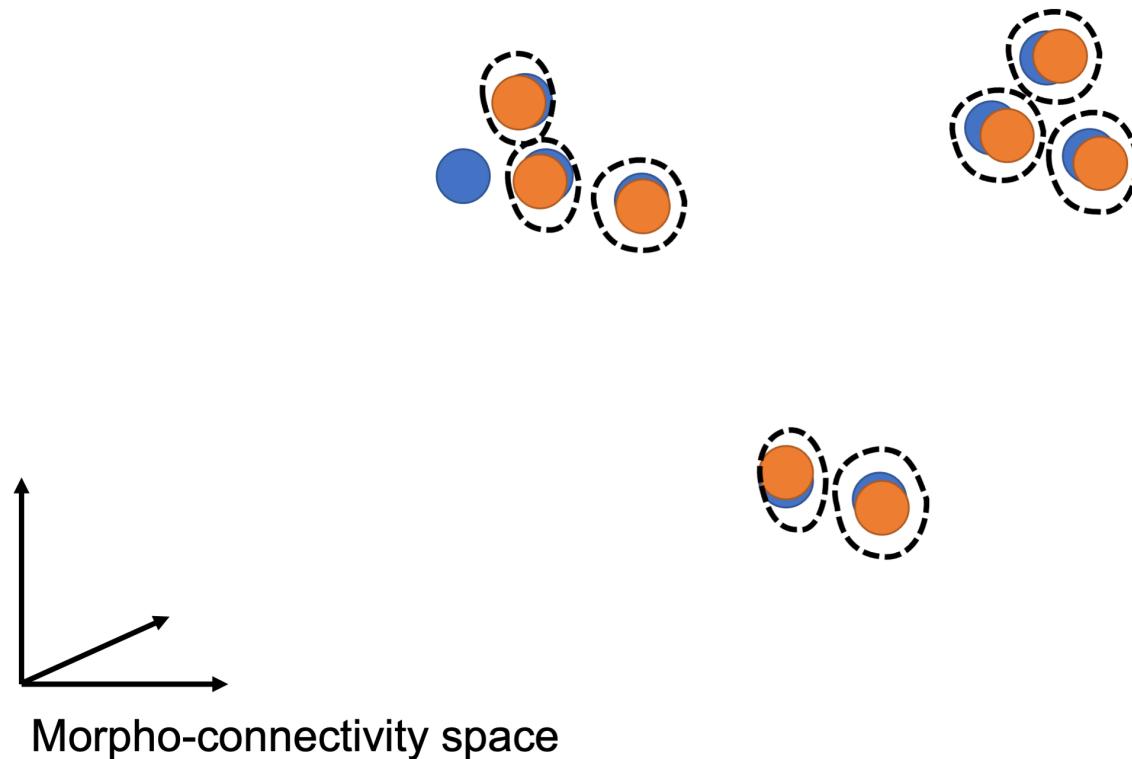
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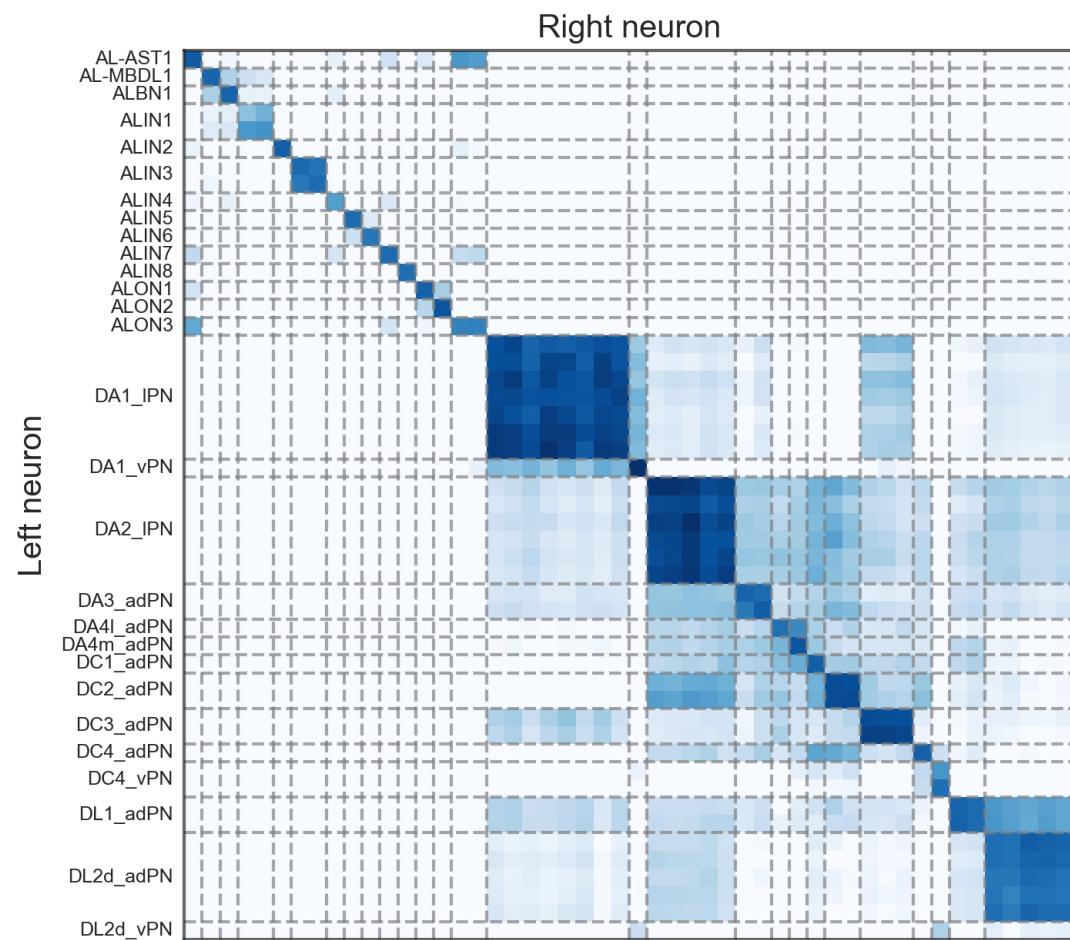
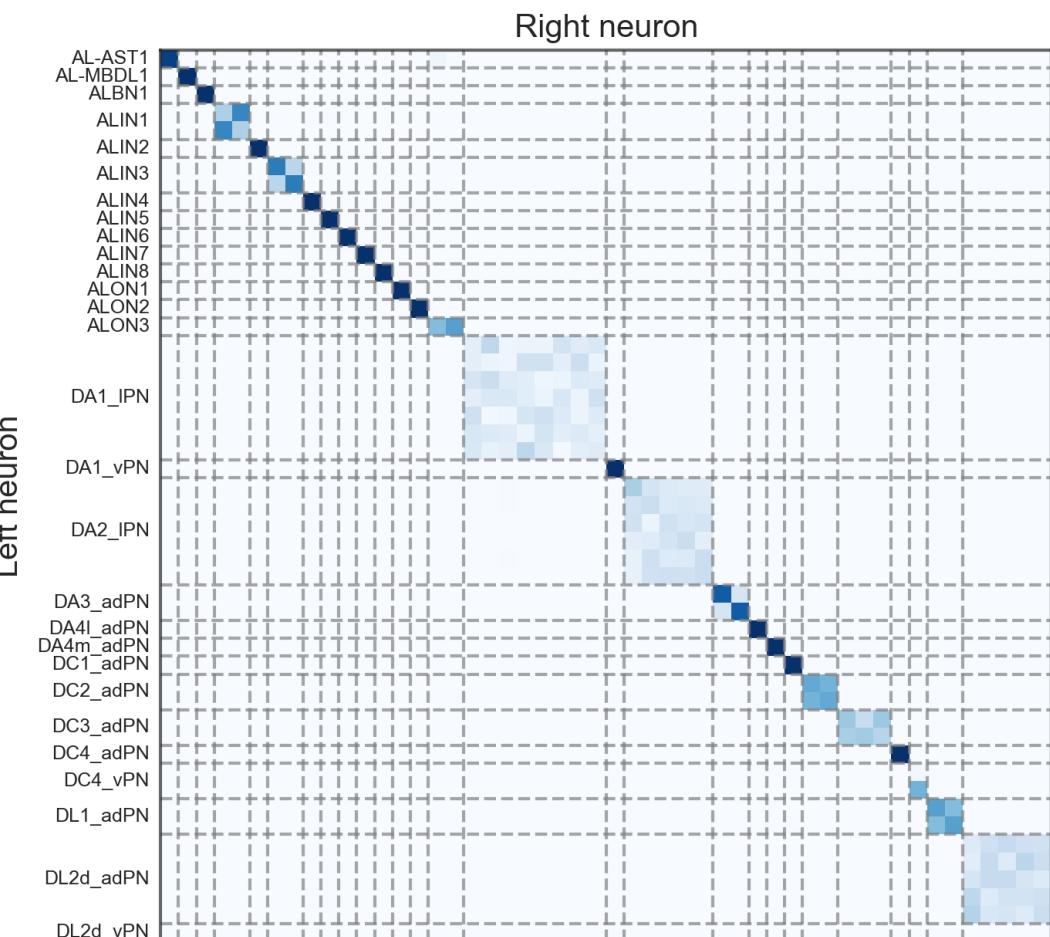


Smoother matchings

Or, how stable are these matchings?

- Add i.i.d. Gaussian noise to NBLAST matrix, $\tilde{S}_{ij} = S_{ij} + \text{Normal}(0, 0.05)$
- Run linear assignment problem, get P^*
- Take the average of 100 runs of the above.

NBLAST

Noisy EMD solution ($\sigma = 0.05$)

Regularized optimal transport

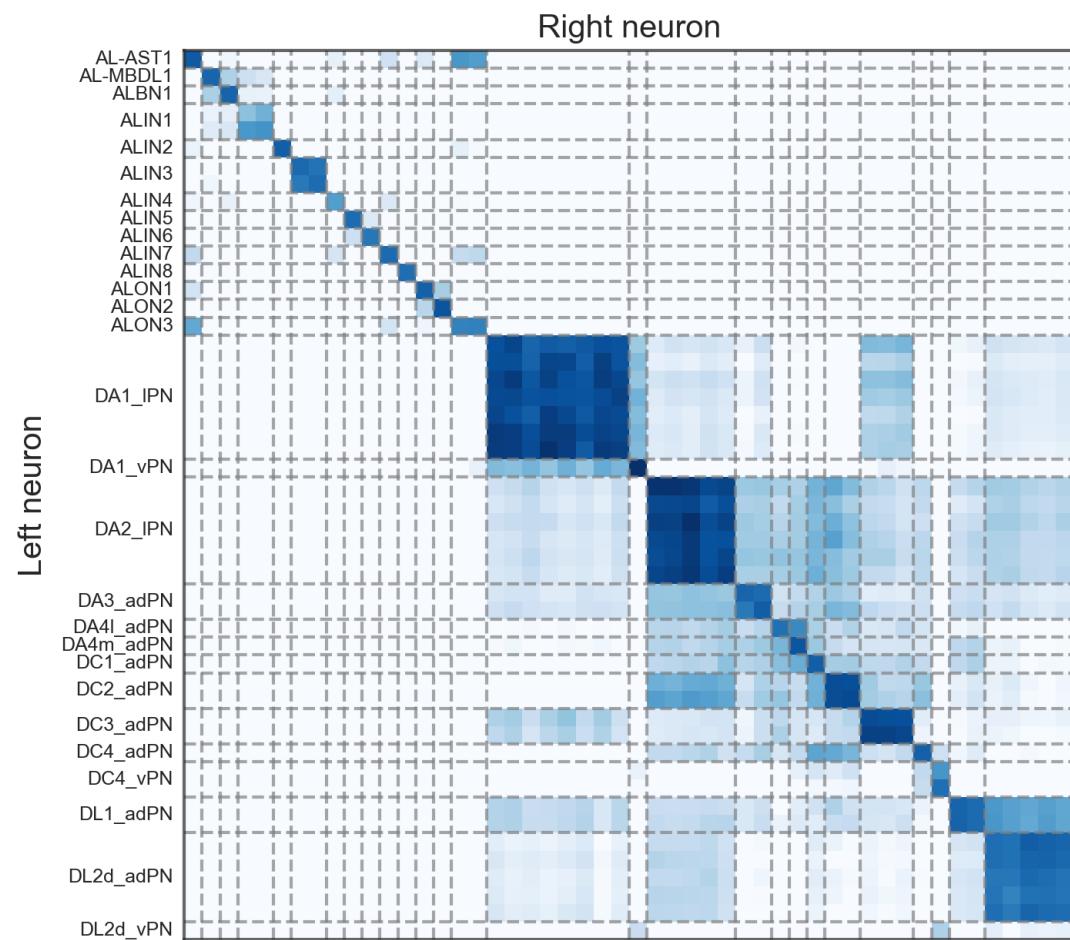
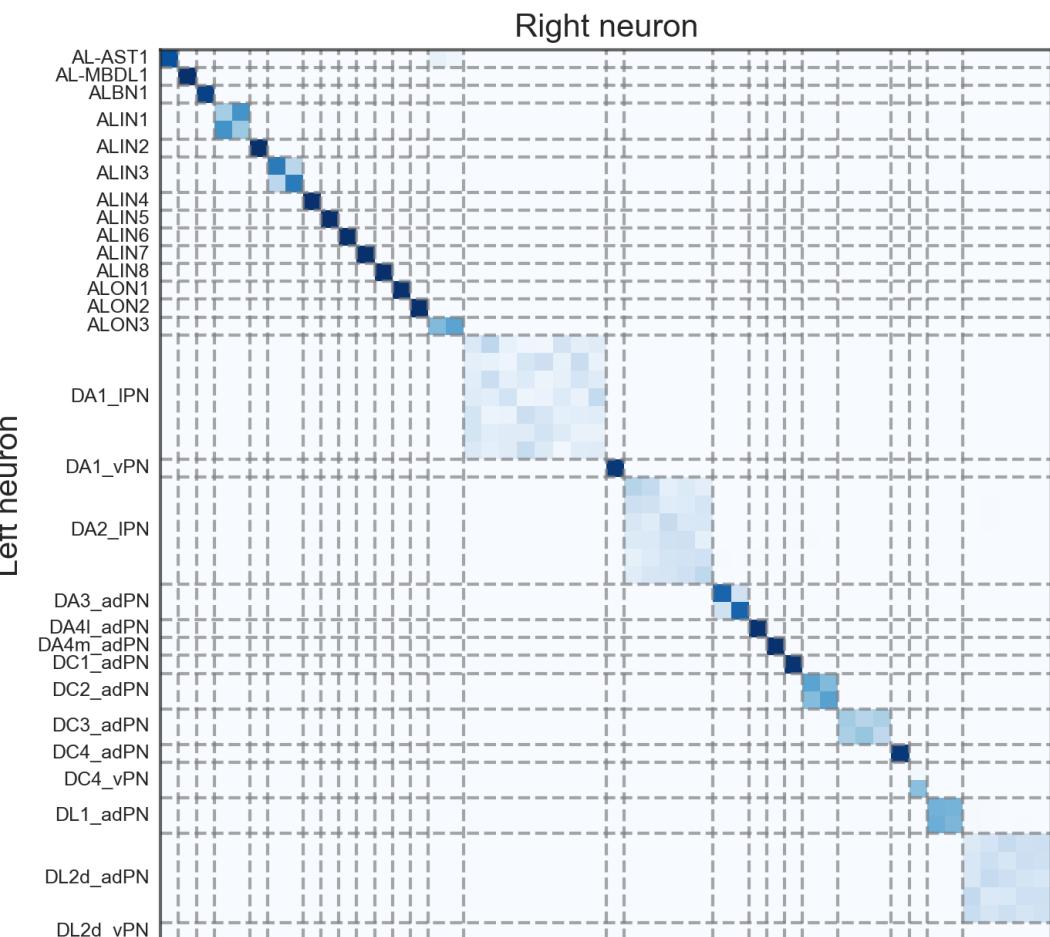
$$\max_D \text{trace}(SD^T) + \lambda\Omega(D)$$

- D is a transportation matrix, i.e. rows/columns sum to 1, and D_{ij} represents the amount of "flow" or matching weight from i to j .
- $\Omega(D)$ is a regularizer which promotes "smooth" solutions (i.e. not 0-1),
- and λ is a weight on the regularization.

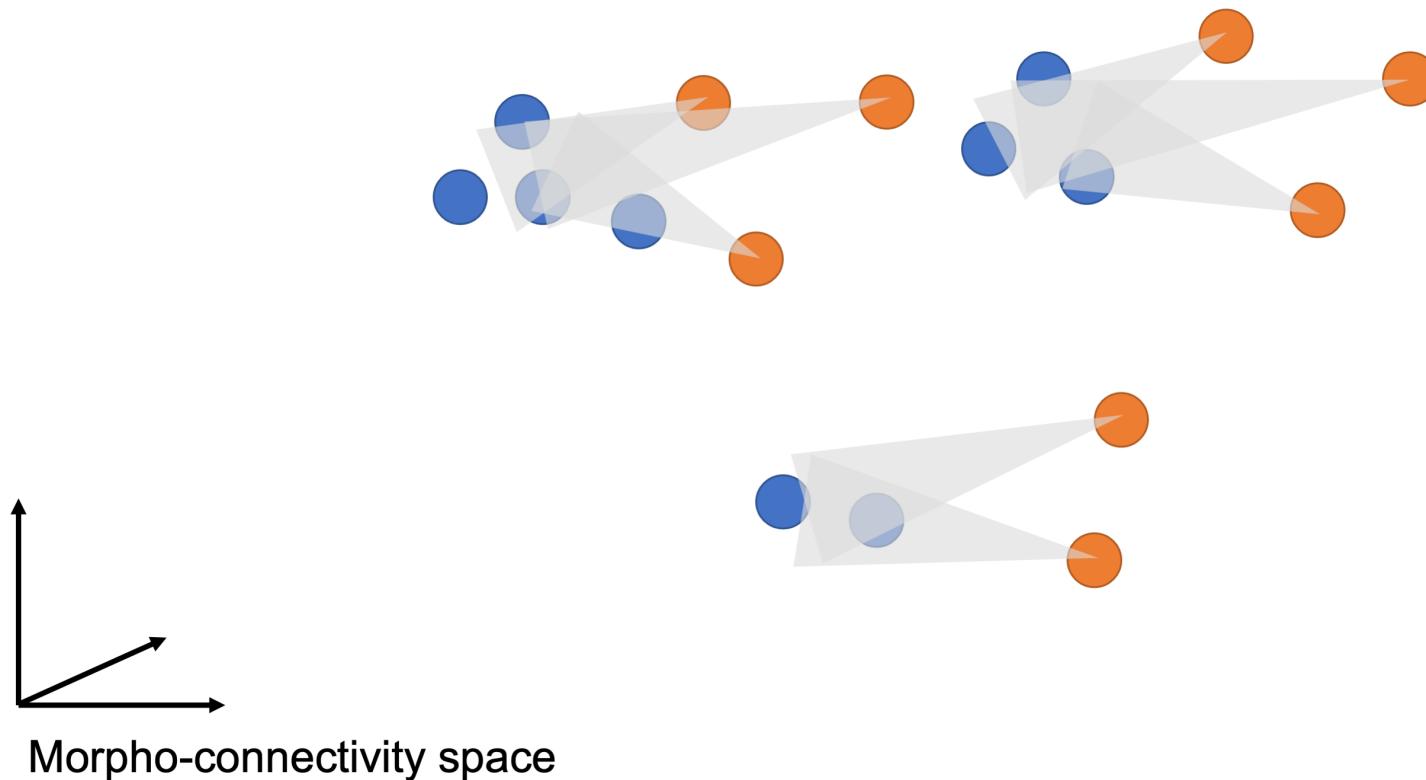
Intuition

Maximize the NBLAST scores of soft-matched neurons, weighted by how strongly those neurons are matched, over the set of (somewhat smooth) soft matchings

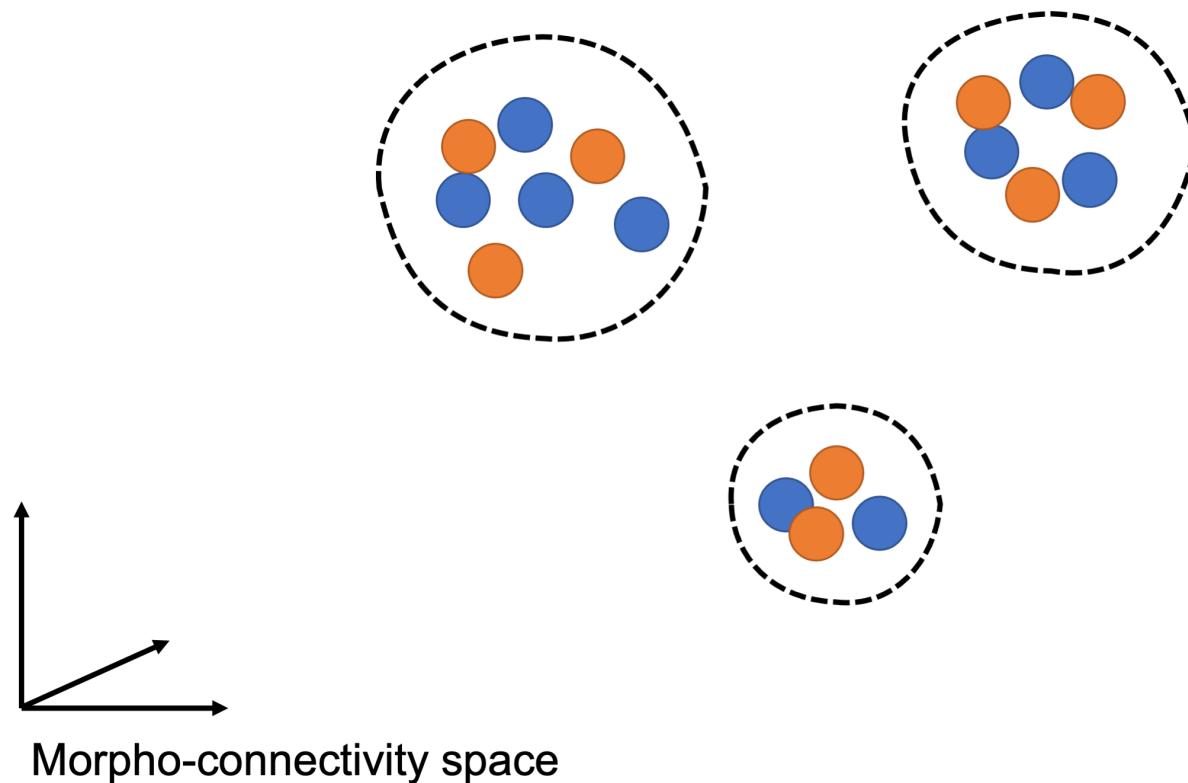
NBLAST

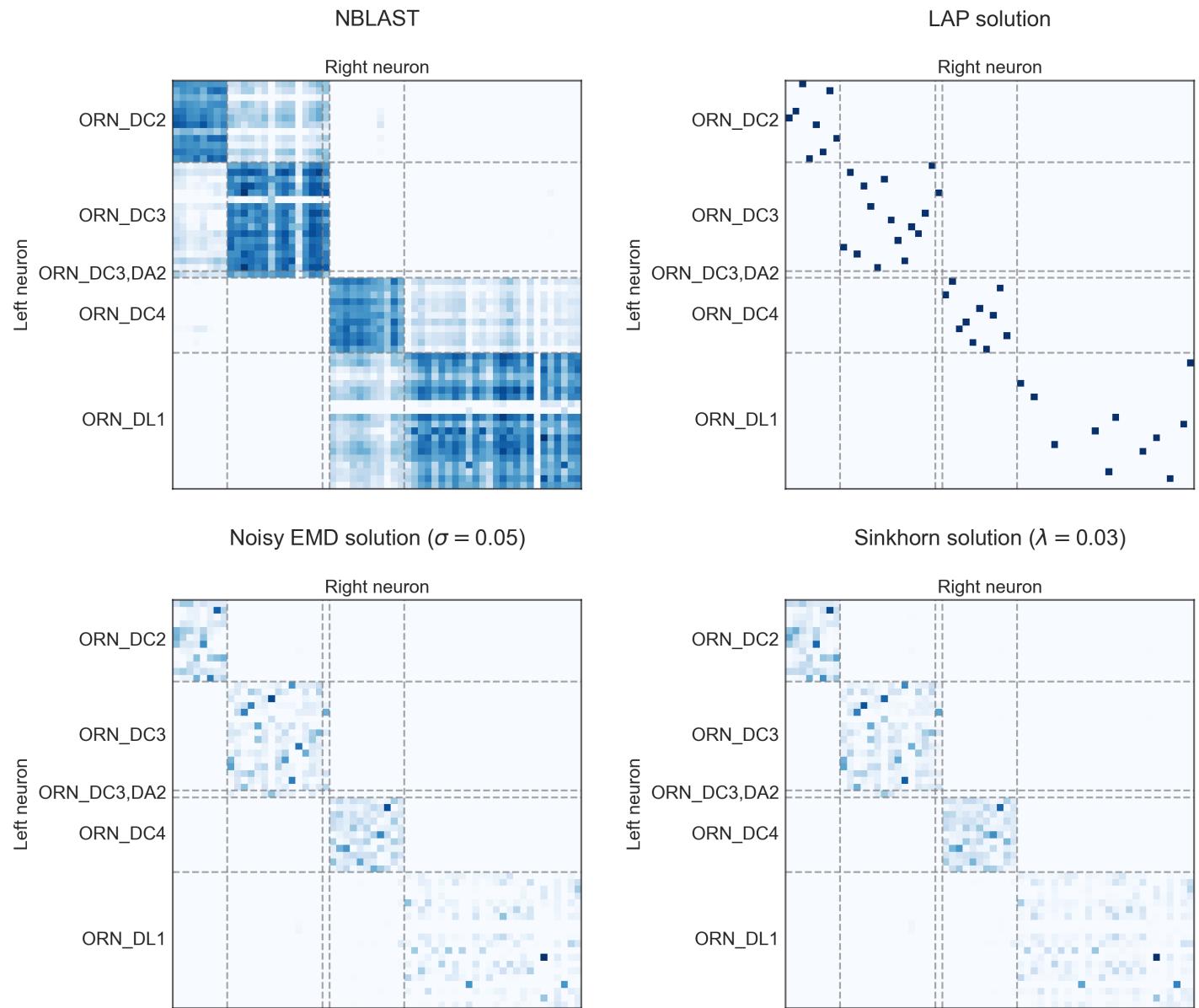
Sinkhorn solution ($\lambda = 0.03$)

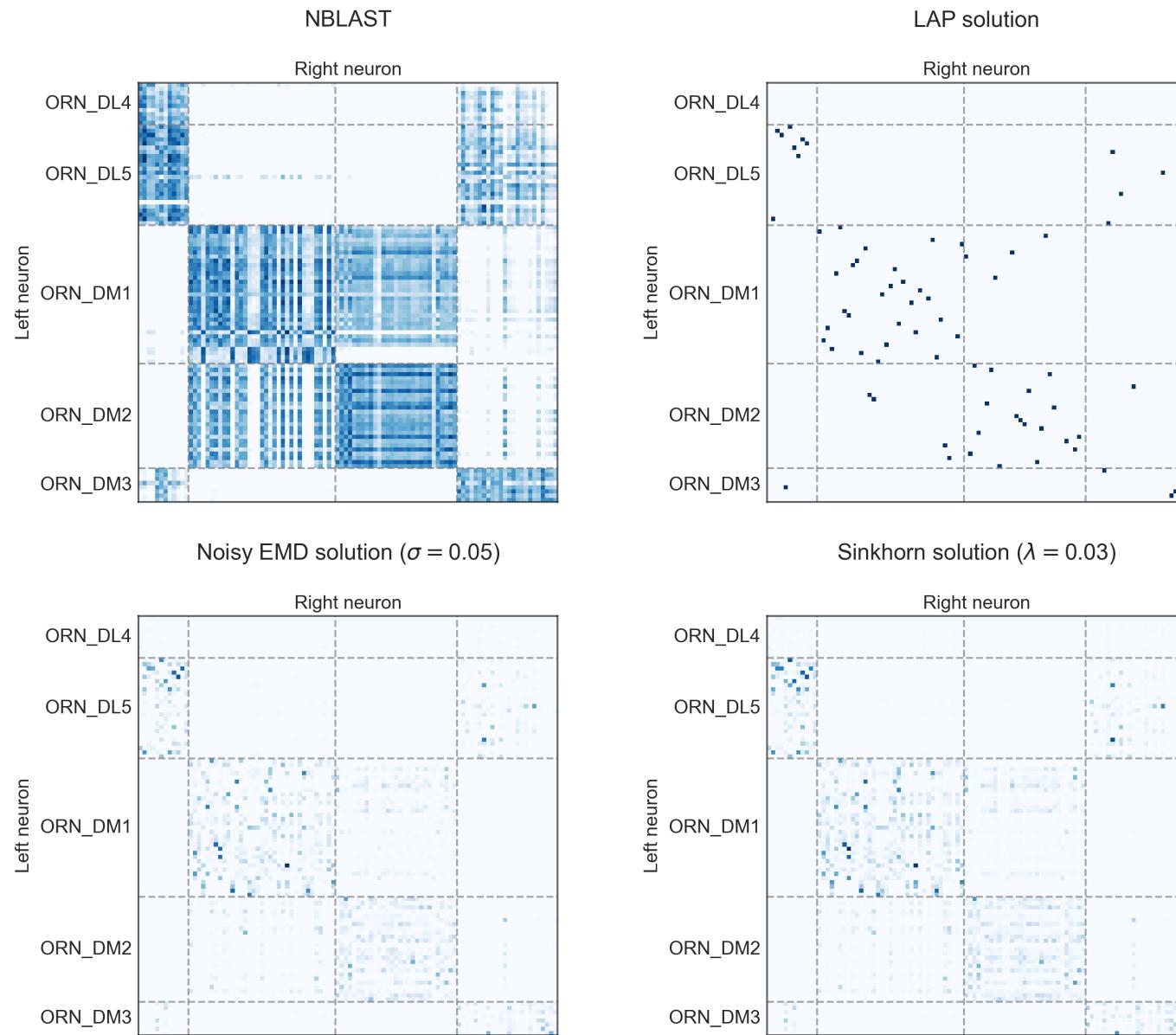
Benefit (hopefully) of a smoother matching

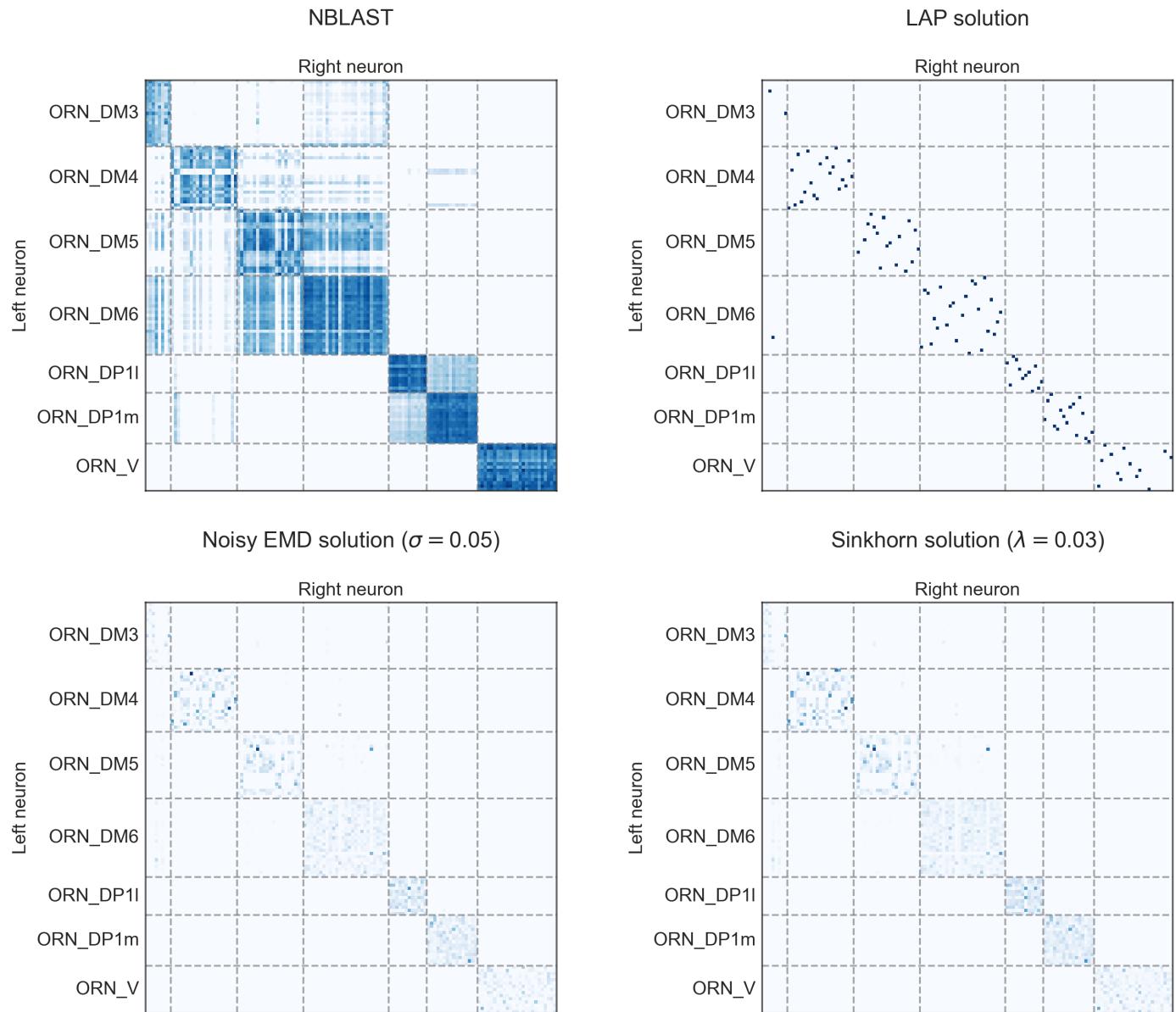


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What if we want to include connectivity?

Cosine similarity:

for two vectors, a and b ...

$$\cos(a, b) = \frac{\langle a, b \rangle}{\|a\| \|b\|} = \frac{a^T b}{\|a\| \|b\|}$$

if we have a bunch of vectors stored in the matrices A and B , then

$$C = A^T B$$

since $C_{ij} = \sum_k a_{ki} b_{kj}$

Graph matching

$$C = A^T I B$$

where I is the identity matrix - this represents a belief about the permutation of rows of B with respect to A ... so more generally, could write:

$$C = A^T P B$$

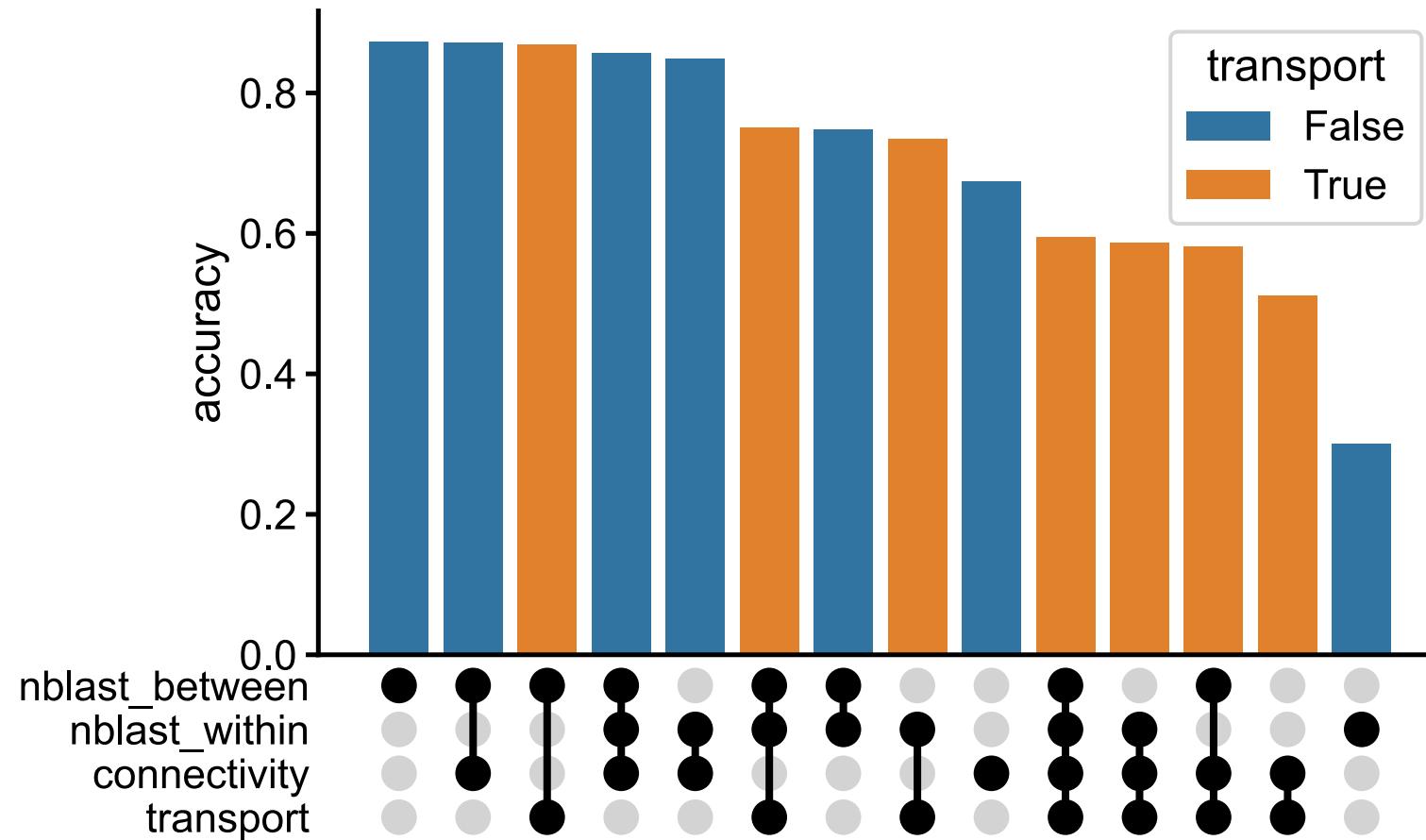
Much like before, if we want to measure the "matchedness"

$$\max_P \text{trace}(CP^T) = \text{trace}(A^T P B P^T)$$

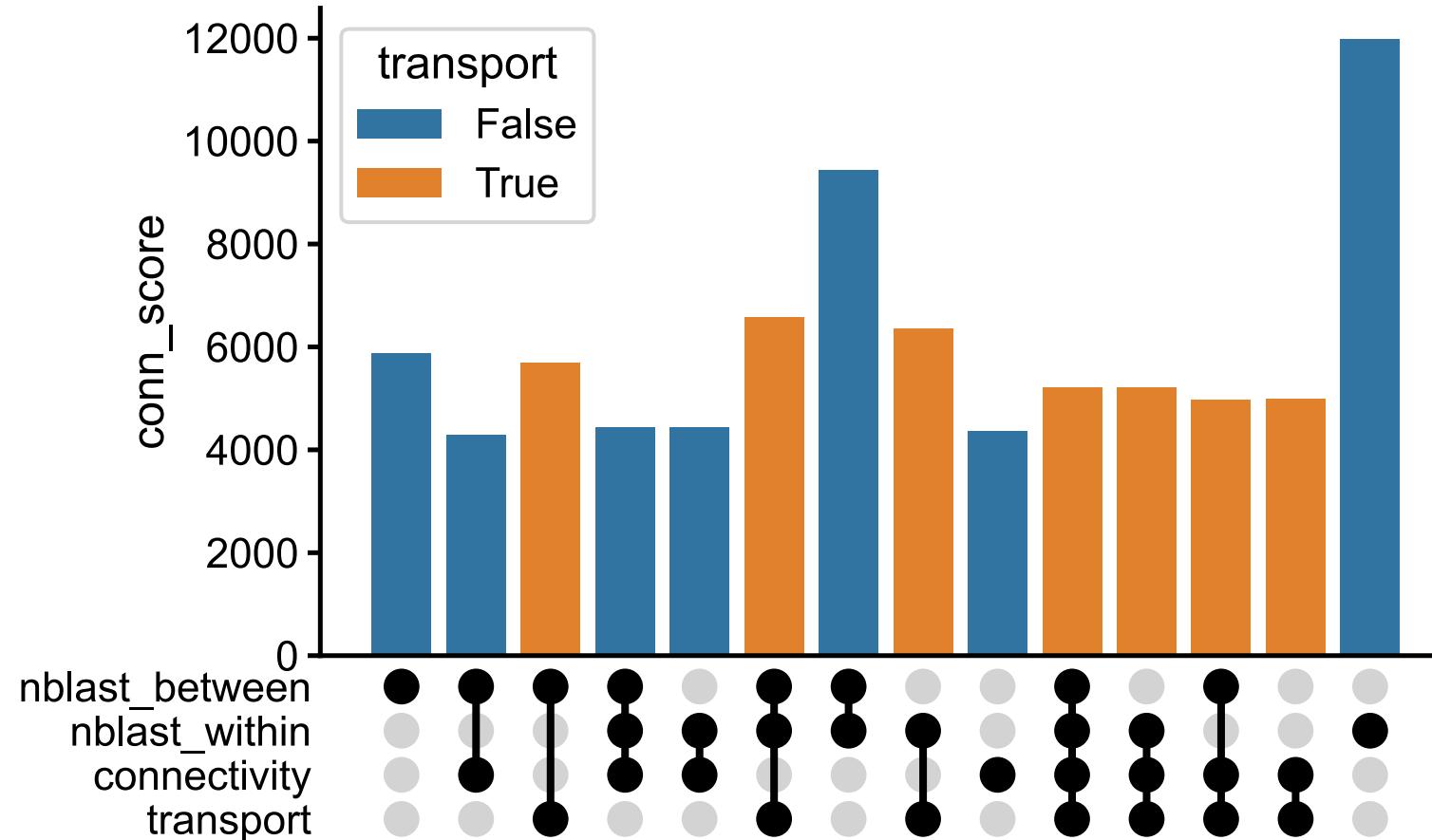
Can show this is equivalent to:

$$\min_P \|A - P B P^T\|_F$$

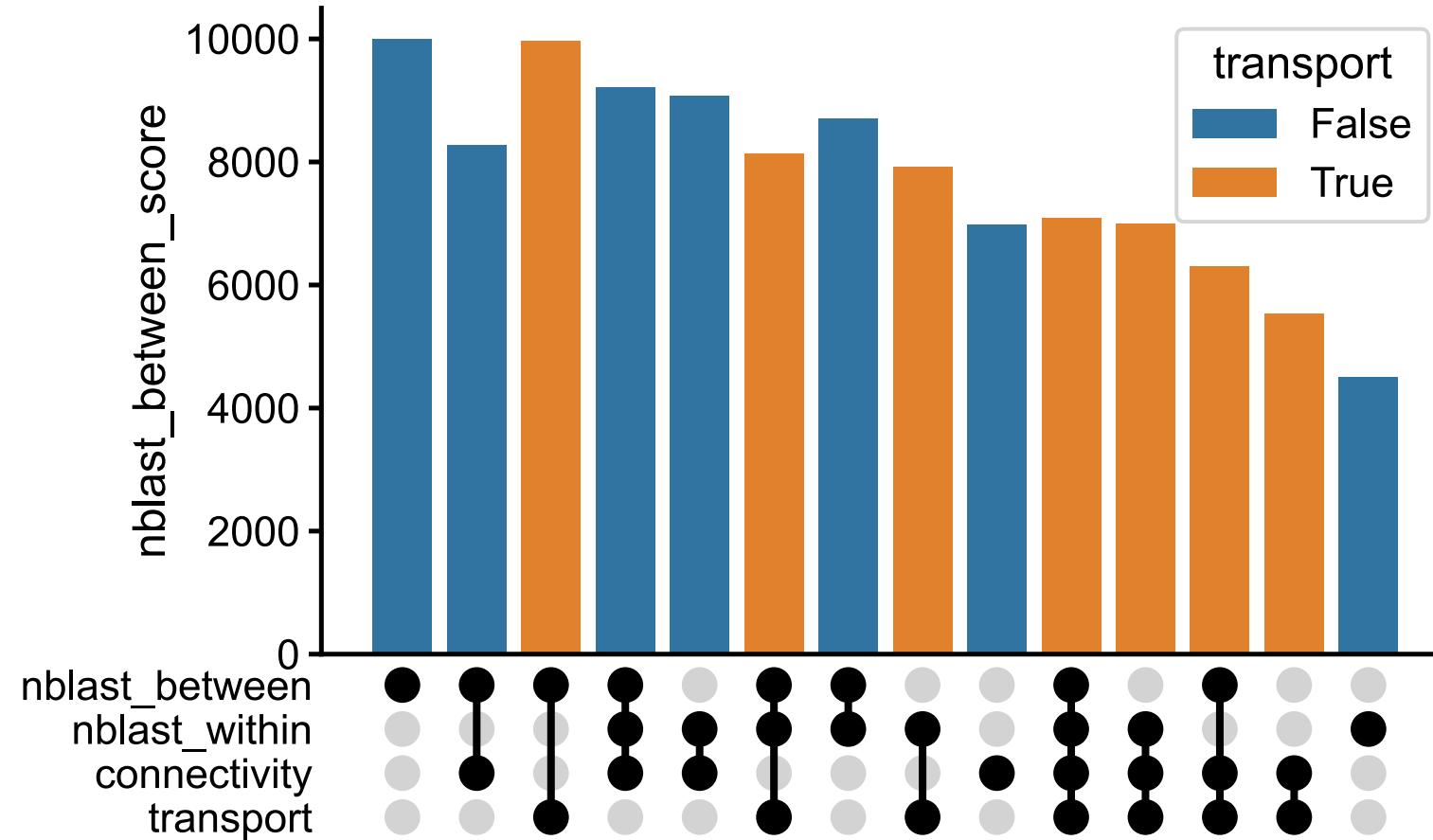
Accuracy on known labels



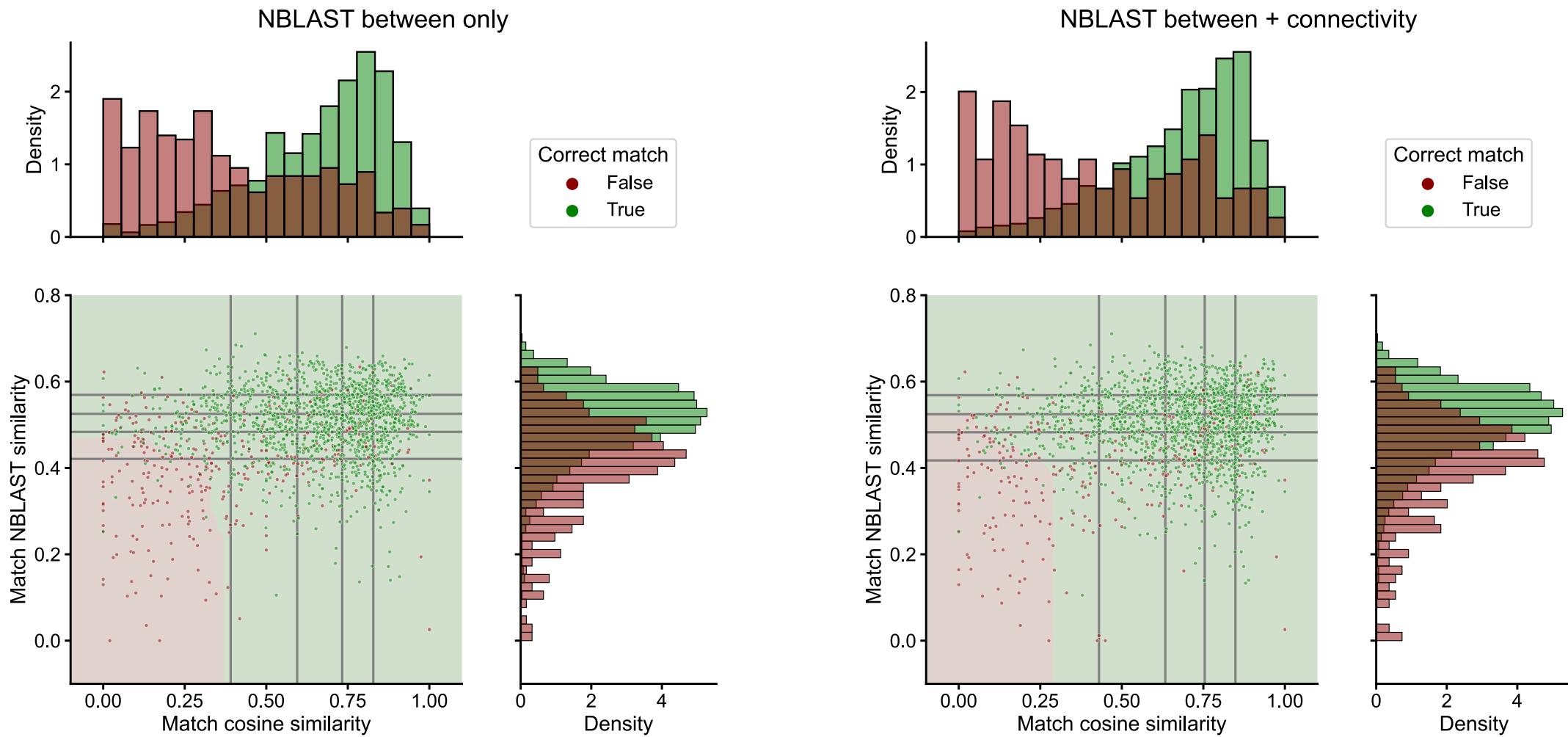
Connectivity score (low is good)



NBLAST score (high is good)

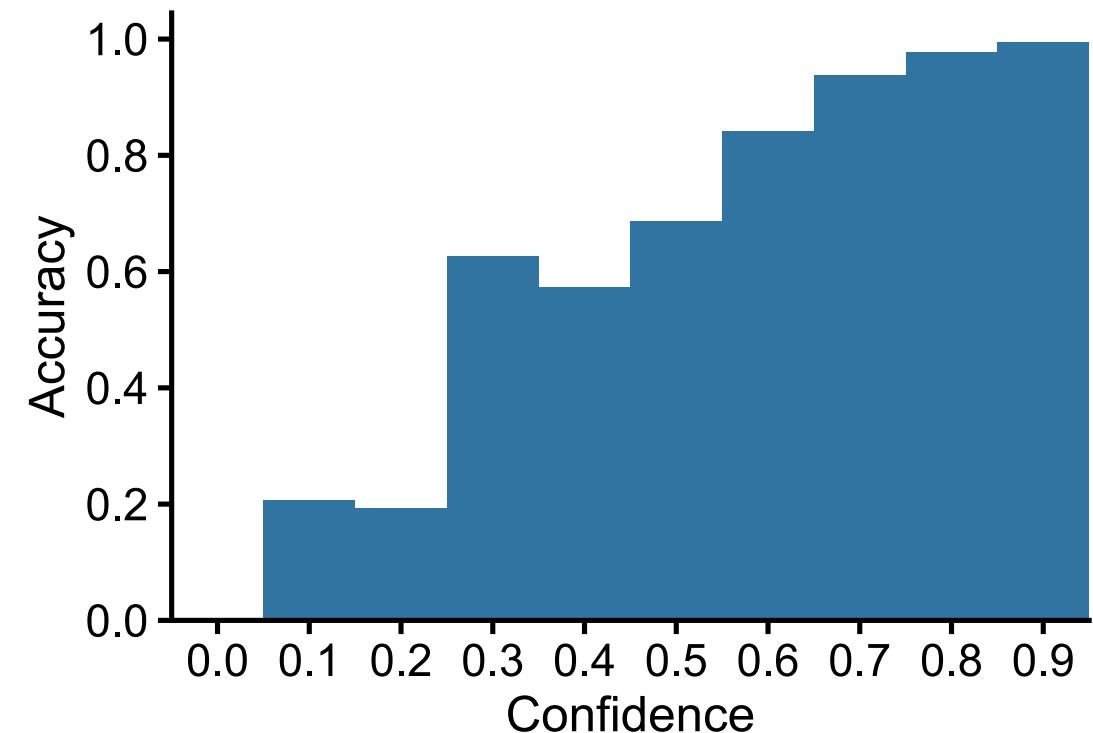
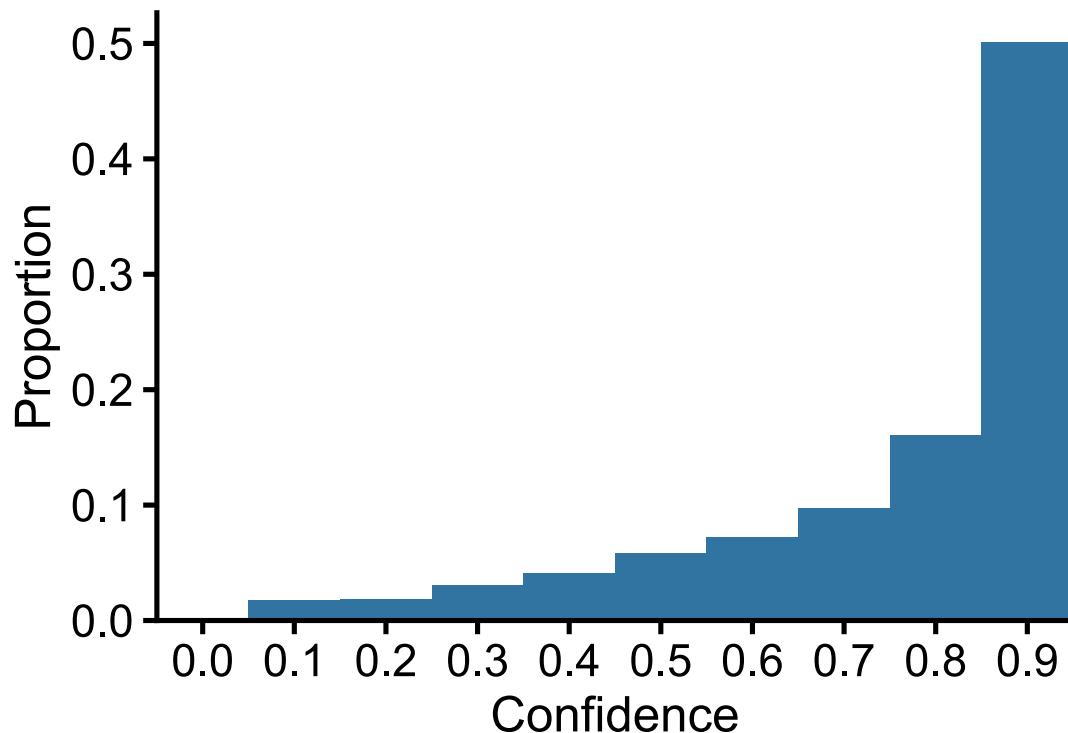


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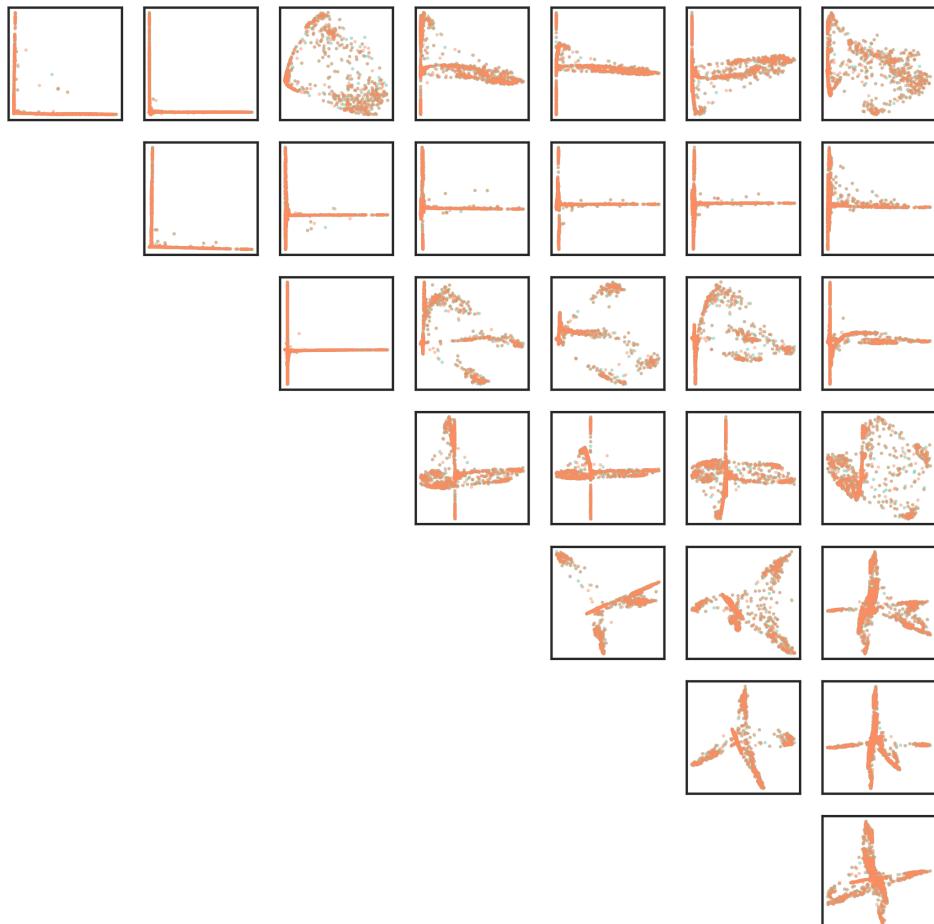
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For optimal transport on NBLAST, and grouping by label on the left side:



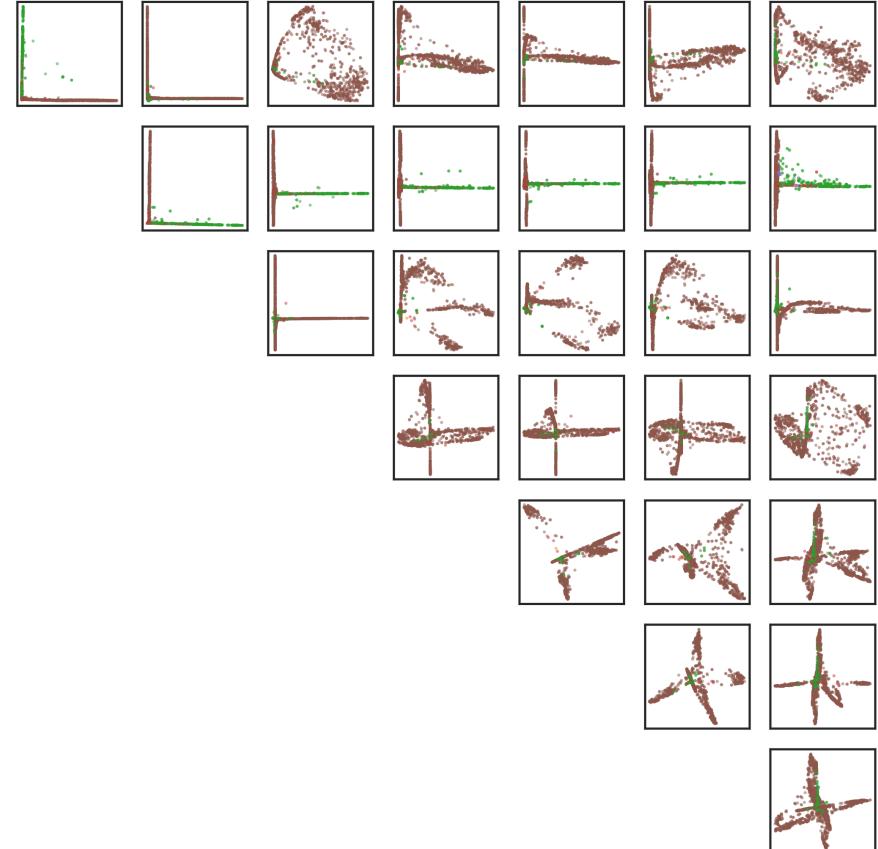
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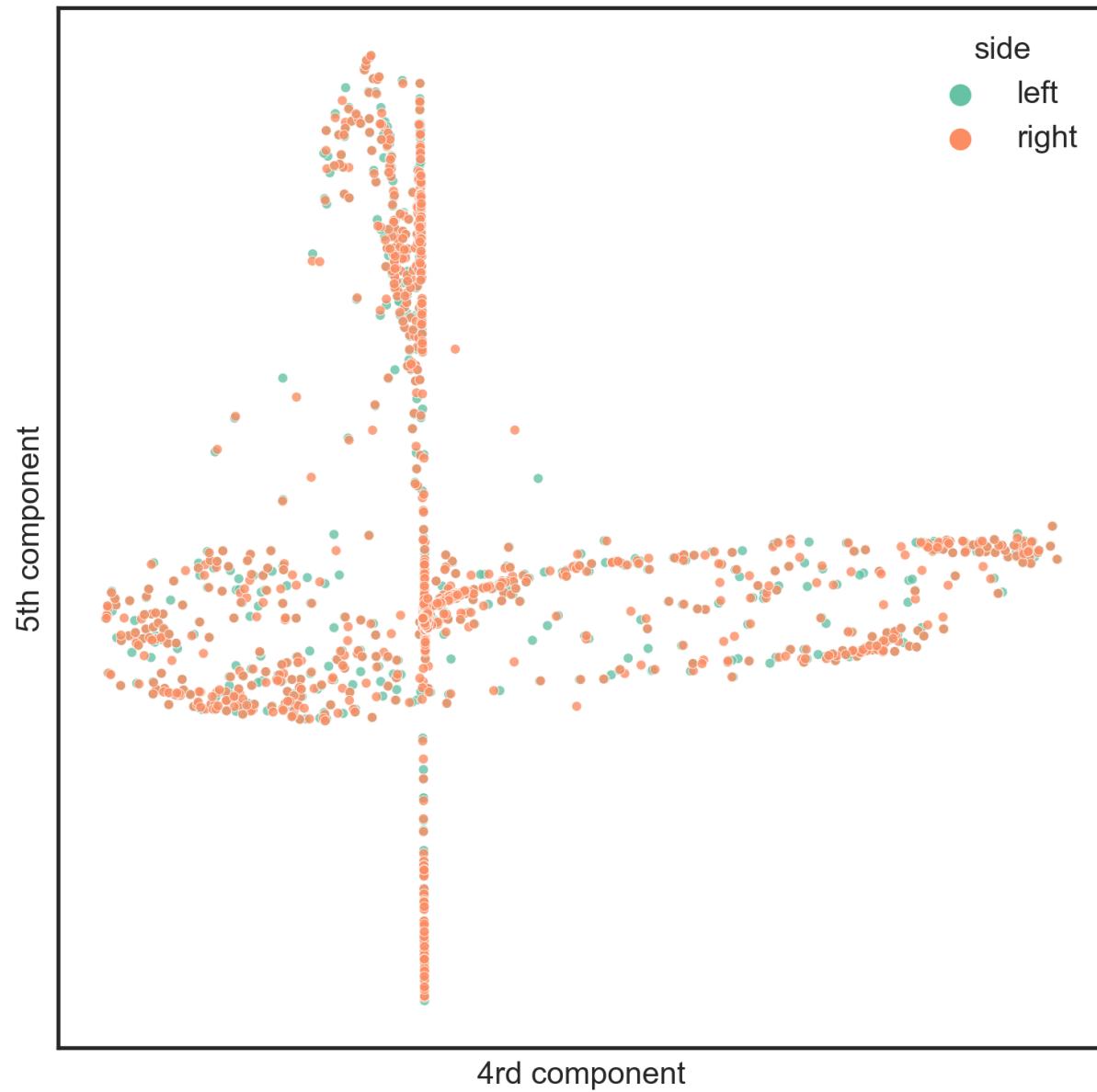
left
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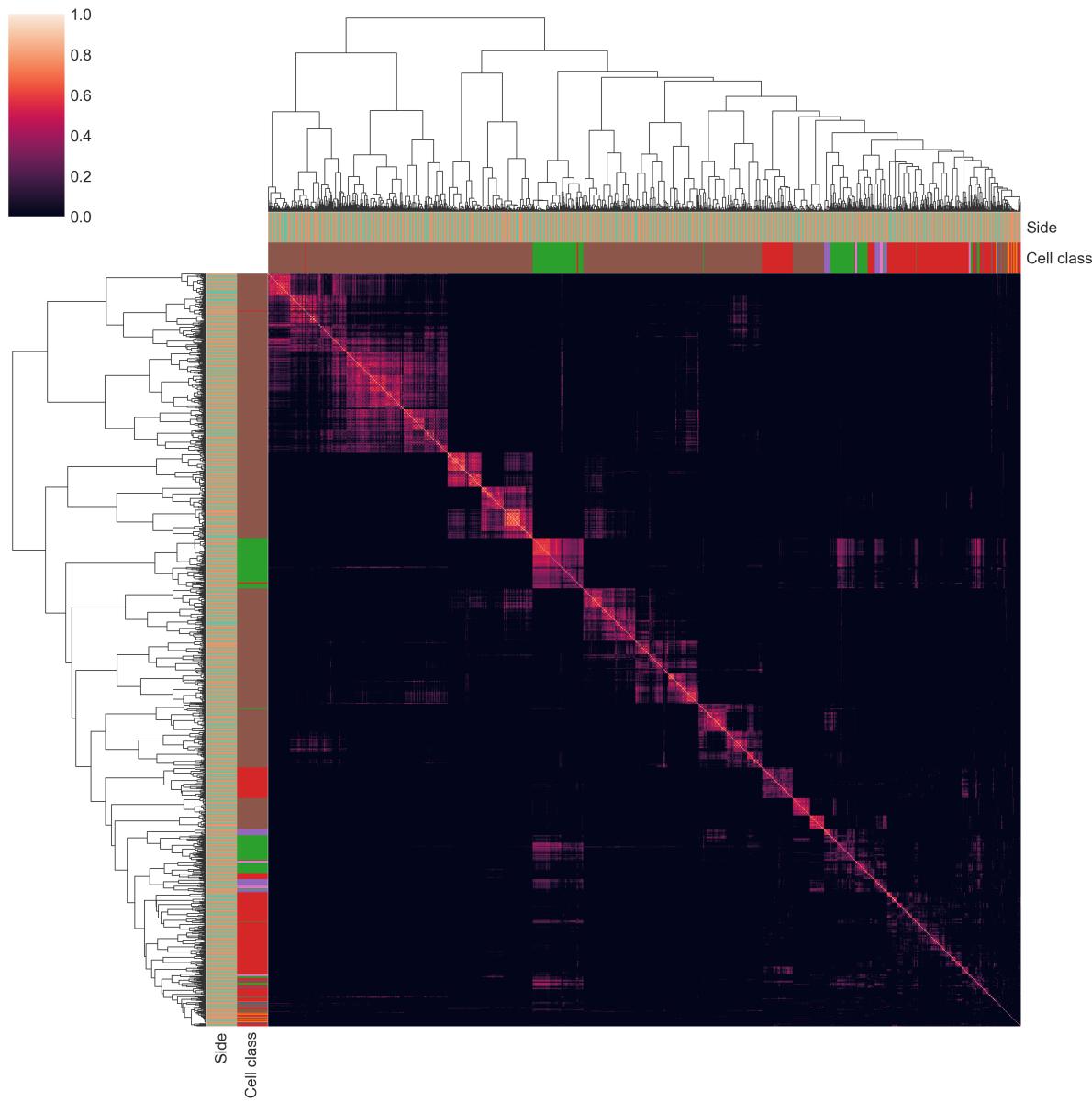


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ALIN
ALLN
ALPN
hygrosensory
olfactory
thermosensory

EMD







TODOs

- Generalizing to more than 2 datasets at a time
- Scaling experiments
 - Optimal transport runs on central brain in ~minutes (on laptop)
 - Need to see whether graph matching can scale to that size
- Seeds/soft seeds?
 - Using pre-known matchings in the optimization

Appendix

Using this rough assignment to induce a matching for connectivity

$$A^T F B$$

where F is the transportation solution we found above, which roughly maps neurons together based on their NBLAST similarity

