

dynbenchmark: ACCURACY, SCALABILITY, ROBUSTNESS AND USABILITY OF SINGLE-CELL TRAJECTORY INFERENCE METHODS



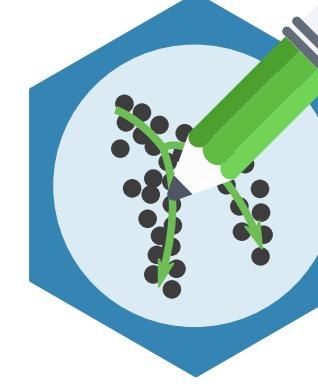
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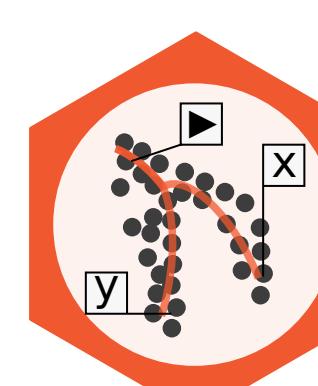
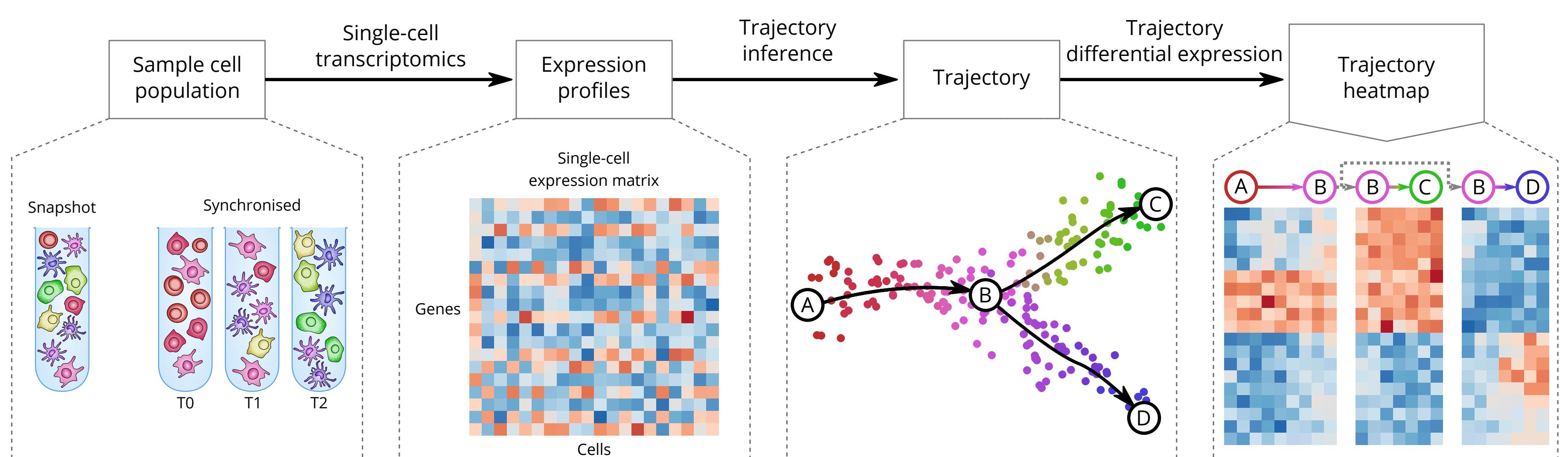
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► dynbenchmark is an extensive and extendable **benchmarking** study of **45 trajectory inference** methods.



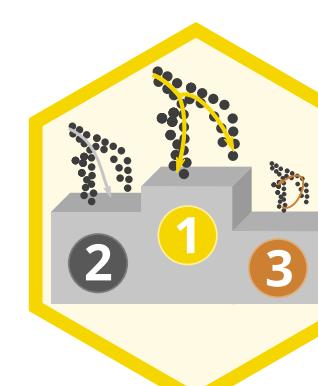
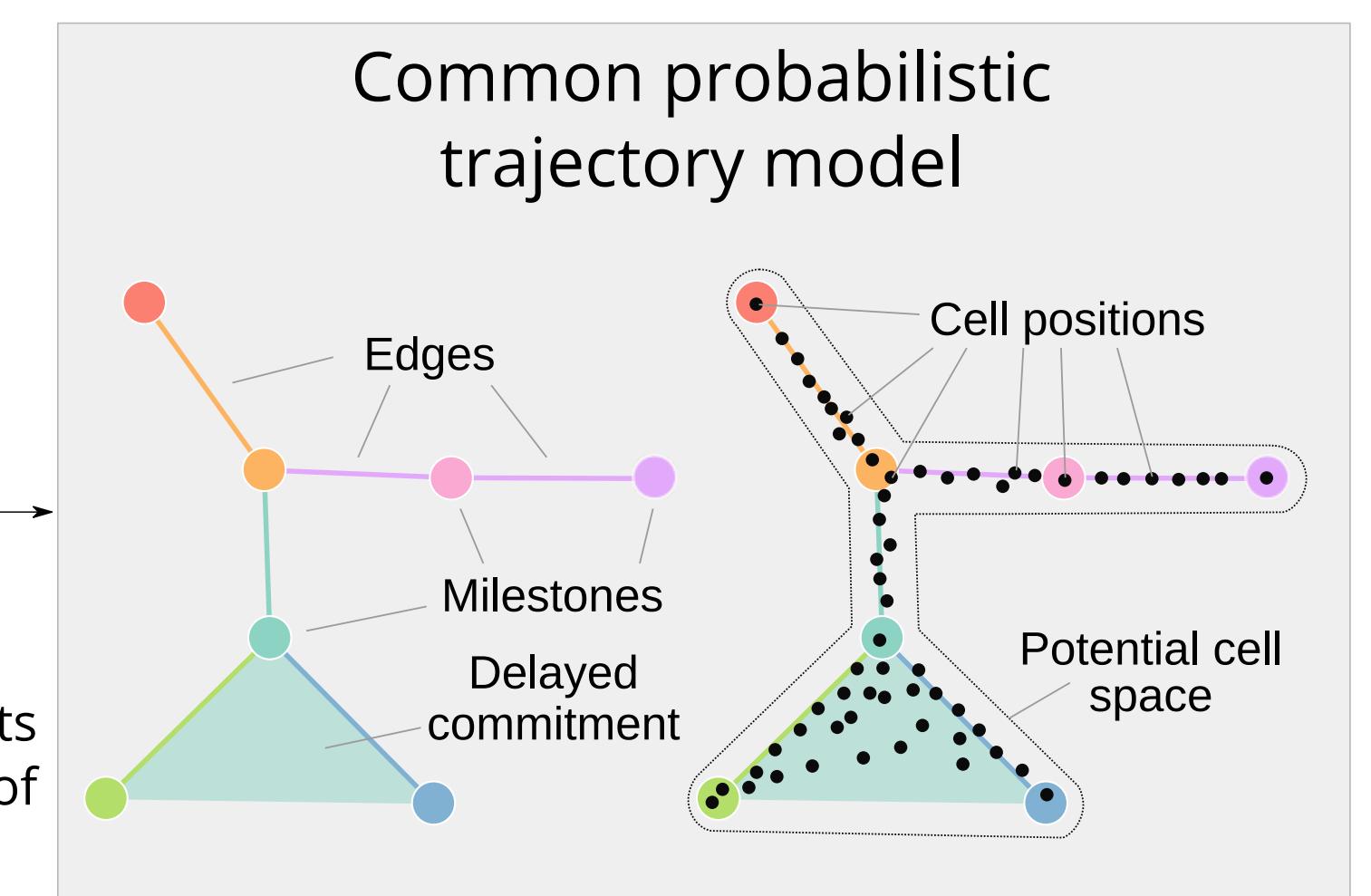
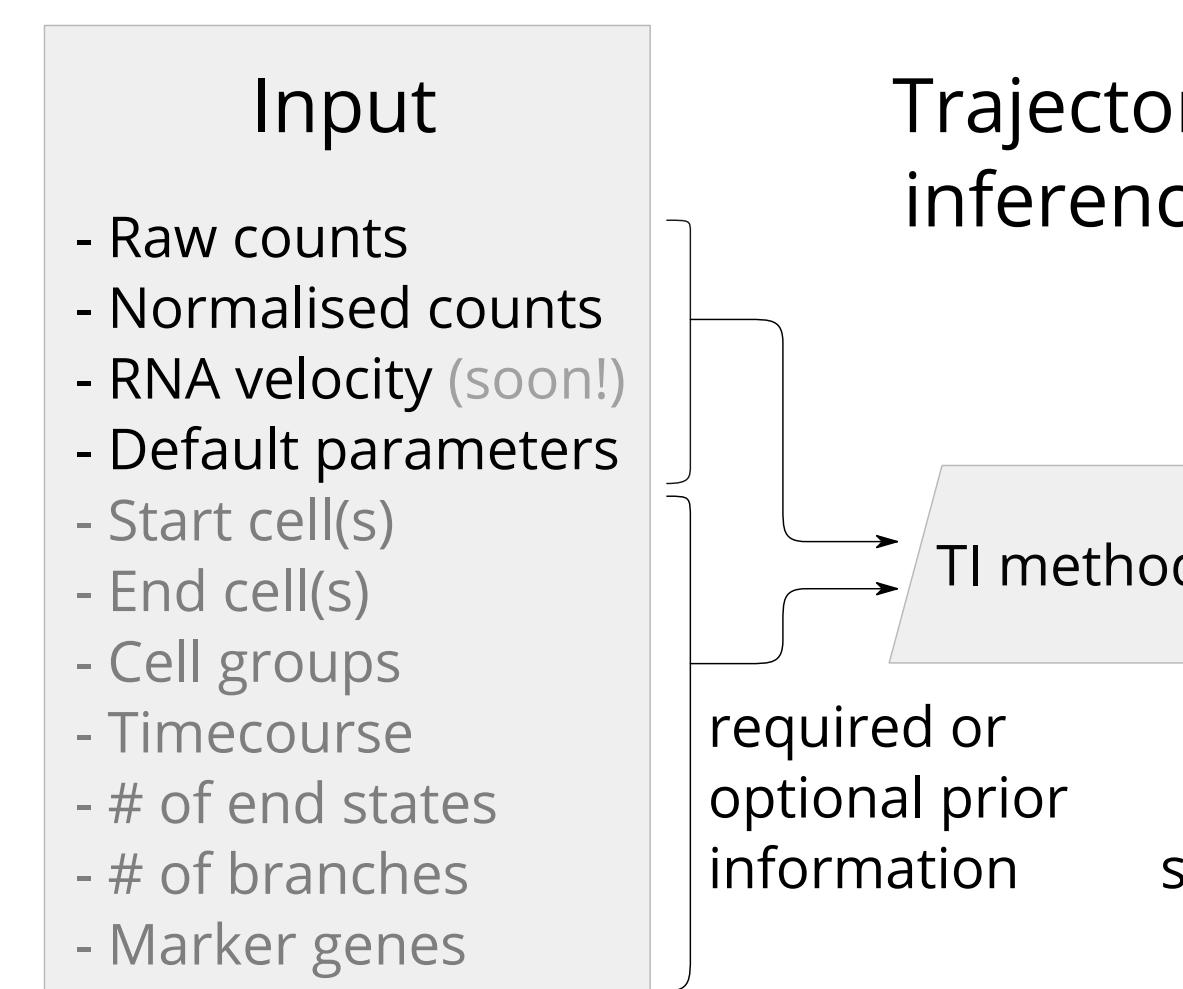
Infering trajectories to study dynamic processes

- Trajectory inference (TI) methods aid in **studying dynamic processes** by **ordering single cells along a trajectory**.
- ≥ 71 TI methods have been developed, each with a **unique input/output interface**.
- Quantitative or qualitative **comparison** of trajectories is thus **very challenging**.



Common interface for trajectory inference

- In order to quantitatively benchmark TI methods, we developed a **common interface** for TI methods.
- This interface is the laid the foundations for **dyno**, a **toolkit** for **inferring, visualising, and interpreting trajectories**.
- Visit **Wouter Saelens** at **poster 3053** for more information.



Extensive and extendable benchmark

- We evaluated 45 methods in terms of **cellular ordering, topology, scalability, and usability**.
- Our benchmark highlights the **complementarity of current methods**. The choice of method should currently depend on the dataset characteristics.
- We developed an **interactive guidelines** app, available as an R package or at guidelines.dynverse.org.

(Desktop only, mobile version is in progress)



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