Introduction to Single-cell Genomics

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Overview & goal

- 1. Technical overview
- 2. Experimental Design and QA/QC
- 3. Software tools
- 4. Analysis Showcase

Goal:

Give an overview of single cell analysis from experimental design through analysis.

For specific questions on library preparation and sequencing: consult UMGC!!!

Single cell library preparations and sequencing recommendations are

- Changing fairly rapidly
- Often specific to the cell type(s) being targeted and the biological questions being asked

As a result, the single cell folks at UMGC, who create the libraries and do the sequencing are the experts you want to talk for specific decisions about library preparation and sequencing.

Single cell genomics technical overview

Christy Henzler, PhD

What is single cell RNA-seq?

Cells are dissociated and individually sequenced

Allows the gene expression patterns of individual cells to be determined.

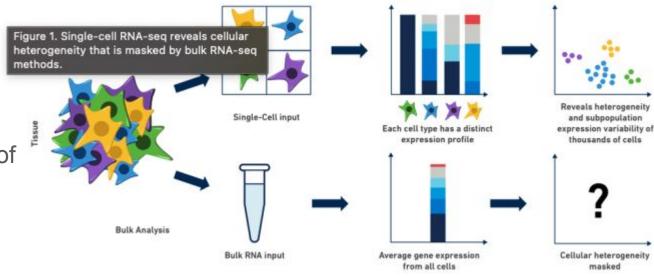


Figure 1. Single-cell RNA-seq reveals cellular heterogeneity that is masked by bulk RNA-seq methods.

In contrast, Low-input RNA-seq is a bulk RNA-seq method (one set of data produced per **sample**, not per **cell**) for small amounts of starting RNA

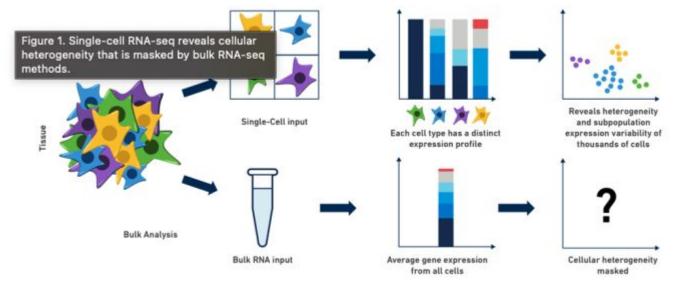
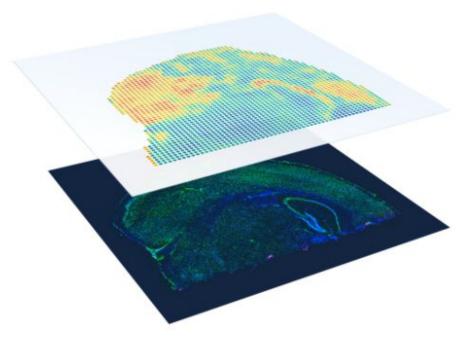
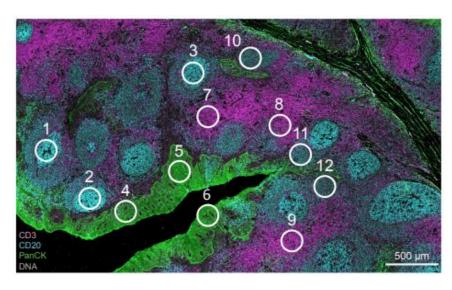


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https://www.10xgenomics.com/blog/single-cell-rna-seq-an-introductory-overview-and-tools-for-getting-started

Spatial transcriptomics is a method for spatially-resolved RNA-seq (can do protein, as well), though almost never at single-cell resolution





https://www.10xgenomics.com/products/spatial-gene-expression

https://nanostring.com/wp-content/uploads/BR_MK0981_GeoMx_Brochu re r19 FINAL Single WEB.pdf

Droplet- vs plate-based scRNA-seq

	Droplet-based	Plate-based	
Techniques	Drop-seq, inDrop, 10X Chromium	Smart-seq2, CEL-Seq2	
		Cell sorting, Fluidigm C1	
How many cells?	Many (thousands of cells/sample, high-throughput)	Few (96/plate, low-throughput)	
What part of gene is sequenced?	3' or 5' end	Full gene (but biased towards longer genes)	
Sequencing depth	Thousands of reads	Millions of reads	

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For MOST purposes, many cells (even at lower coverage) provide best results.

10X chromium is available at UMGC.

We will focus on droplet-based techniques today.

Single-cell RNA-seq vs single-nucleus RNA-seq

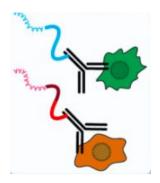
These methods are NOT equivalent, though the data types produced by them are the same!

	Single cell RNA-seq	Single nucleus RNA-seq
Quantity of RNA	More RNA	Less (only RNA that has been transported to the nucleus)
Types of RNA	All RNA in cell	RNA from some genes and types of genes are enriched or depleted in snRNA-seq studies
Tissue types & dissociation	Dissociation techniques can destroy fragile cells/not isolate harder to dissociate cells and/or create stress responses in cells	Can be used for frozen tissue, cells too large for the Chromium and tissue that's harder to dissociate, though there can still be biases
Enrichment/ depletion of cell types	Can enrich/deplete cells of interest using cell surface markers	Harder to enrich/deplete

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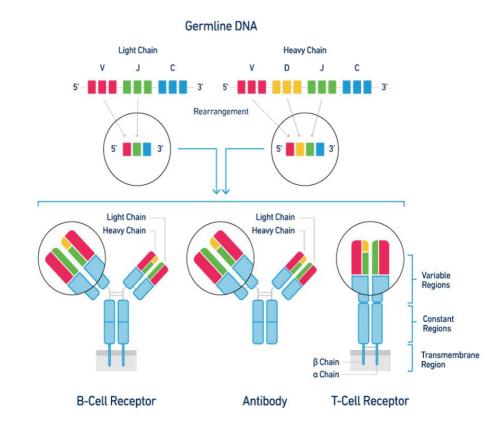
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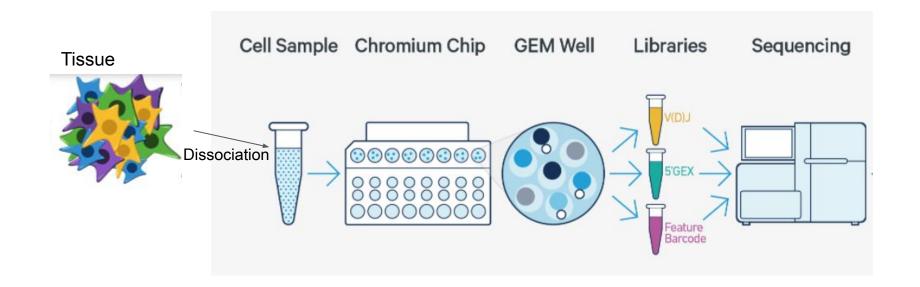
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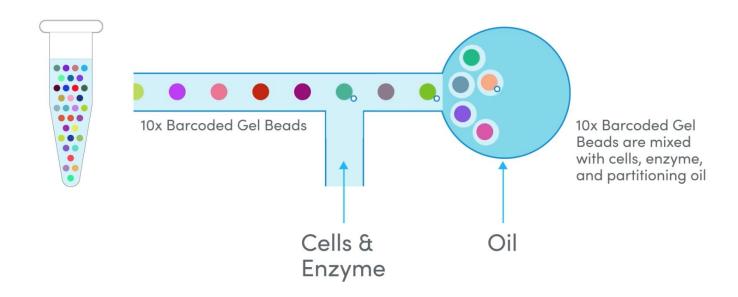
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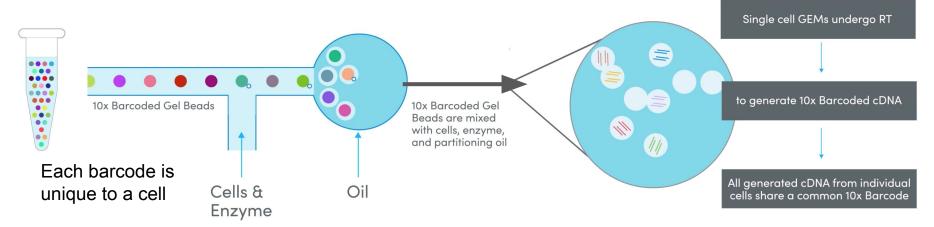


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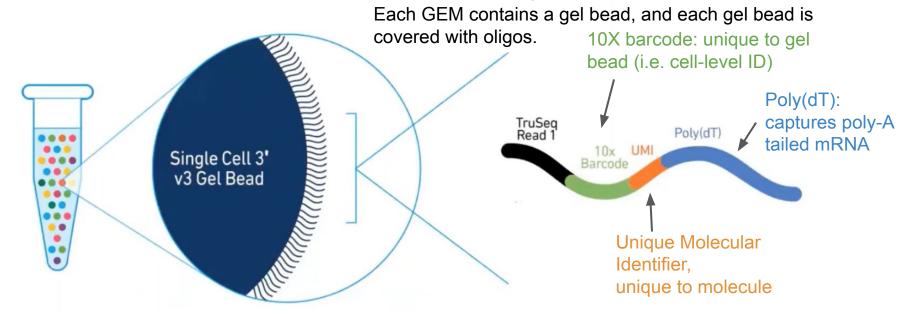
Gel Bead-In-Emulsions (GEMS)

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Single Cell 3' v3 Gel Beads

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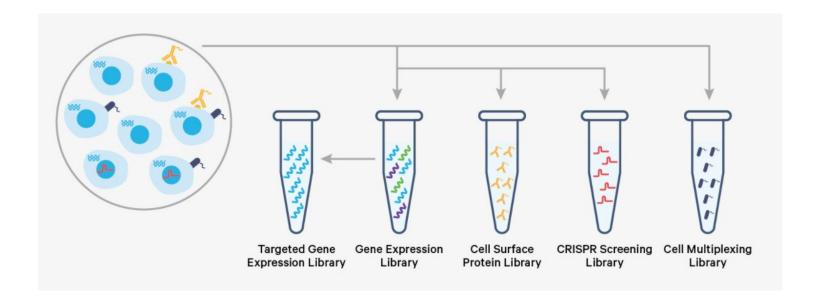


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Each GEM contains a gel bead, and each gel bead is covered with oligos. Poly(dT): captures poly-A TruSeq Read 1 Poly(dT) tailed mRNA Single Cell 3' Barcode v3 Gel Bead The structure of this oligo changes for non-gene expression assays (i.e. V(D)J, CRISPR, ATAC), and for dual-indexed assays (see NOTE above).

https://www.10xgenomics.com/



For single-indexed 3' gene expression library:

Read 1:

10X barcode (cell-level): 16 bp UMI (molecule-level): 12 bp

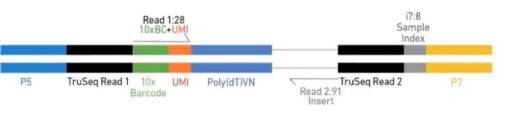
Read 2:

Transcript: 91 bp

Index 1:

i7 index 8 bp

NOTE: This an example only, and UMGC has switched to dual indexing (slightly different read format) for gene expression, V(D)J and feature barcode libraries). Check carefully!!!



20k - 50k reads per cell

	Read 1	i7 Index	i5 Index	Read 2
Purpose	10x Barcode & UMI	Sample Index	N/A	Transcript
Length	28	8	0	91*

Limitations of the data

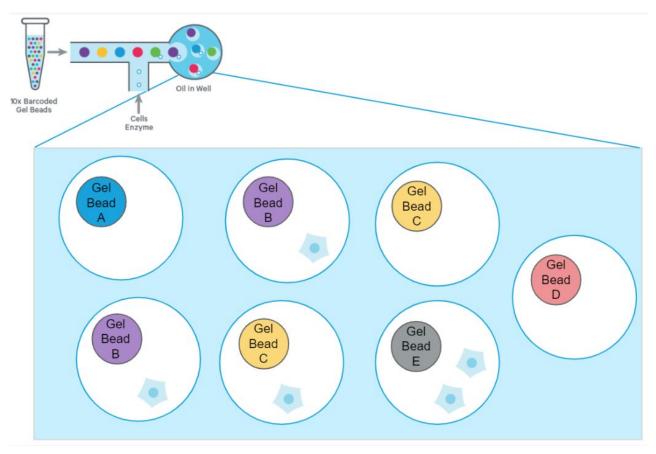
RNA handling and library prep – at any level (bulk, single cell, single nucleus) – are notorious for batch effects

Multiplets and empty droplets

Not all genes are detected:

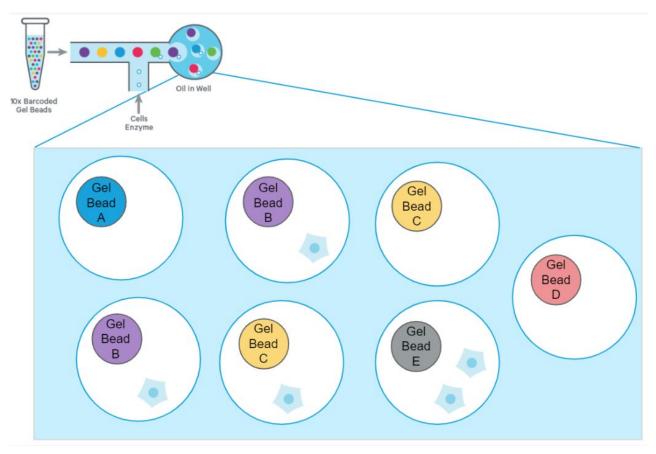
sparse matrix (cell x gene matrix has a lot of zeros!)

Multiplets



https://kb.10xgenomics.com/hc/en-us/articles/360059124751-Why-is-the-multiplet-rate-different-for-the-Next-GEM-Single-Cell-3-LT-v3-1-assay-compared-to-other-single-cell-applications-

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Multiplexing samples

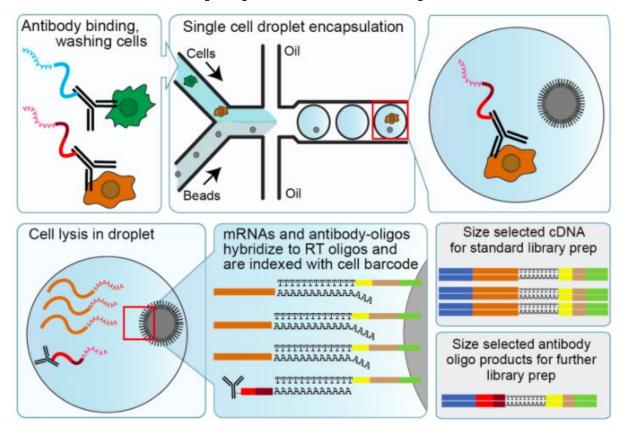
The first multiplexing technique is an oligo-tagged antibody method developed by the NY Genome Center and Satija lab as a method to target cell surface proteins of interest, and can be used for:

Sample multiplexing (cell hashing): using ubiquitous cell surface proteins

Quantifying protein expression (CITE-seq): using antibodies targeting cell-type specific cell surface proteins

10X has developed a lipid-based method, 3' Cellplex

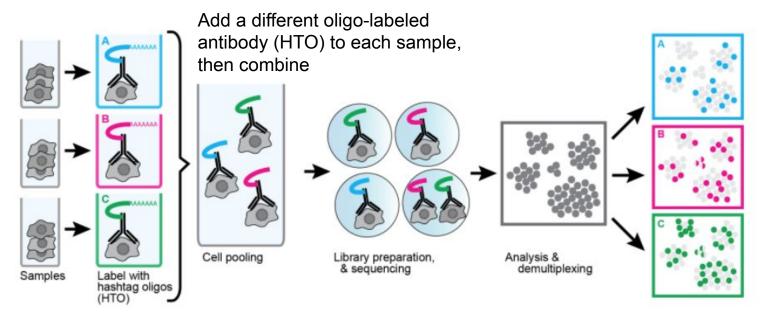
CITE-seq: protein quantification



These libraries are called ADTs, for antibody-derived tags

https://cite-seq.com/

Multiplexing samples: cell hashing



Cellplex uses oligo-labeled lipids (CMOs), but the procedure is the same

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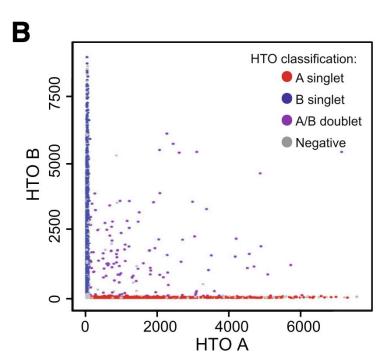
Multiplet-detection with multiplexed samples

Cell loading into GEMs is a Poisson process

The more samples that are multiplexed, the more likely an GEMS with two or more cells contain cells from *different* samples.

Sample-specific labels make detecting these multiplets easy

This allows more cells to be loaded.



https://genomebiology.biomedcentral.com/track/pdf/10.1 186/s13059-018-1603-1.pdf

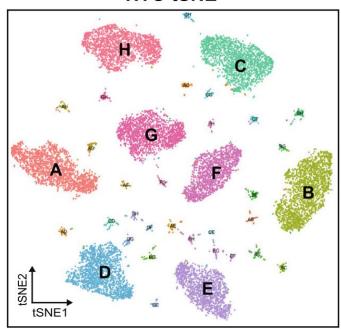
Multiplet-detection with multiplexed samples

Sample HTOs or CMOs are produced in a separately-sequenced library, so are analyzed separately.

Clustering identifies large clusters corresponding to the single cells from each sample; much smaller clusters represent multiplets containing cells from >1 sample.

Still can't easily detect multiplets from the same sample (beyond higher expression), but the number of these should be low.

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From the original cell hashing paper: https://genomebiology.biomedcentral.com/track/pdf/10.1 186/s13059-018-1603-1.pdf

Library types

Gene expression (3' or 5')

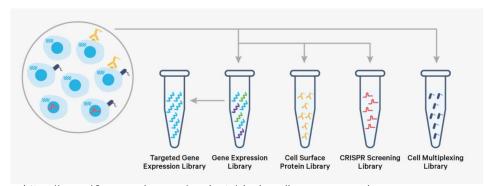
HTO/CMO (hash-tag oligos or cell multiplex oligos): Sample multiplexing

ADT (antibody-derived tags): Protein expression

V(D)J: immune cell profiling

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Single cell experiments require customized approaches

Single-cell RNA-seq analysis is still largely customized to the individual project

Choices for dissociation techniques, library preparation and sequencing are all influenced by the types of cells and biological questions – please talk to UMGC about the details!

Experimental design and data analysis also require careful thought, as you'll hear about in the next sections.

There is a growing list of user-friendly software for analysis, but you need to make thoughtful decisions at every step of this process that are specific to your analysis and the biological question you are trying to answer.

Single-cell Experimental Design and QA/QC

Tom Kono, PhD

Experimental Design is Still Important!

Single cell genomics is relatively new and exciting! It is also (for better or for worse) a "hot" technique in biomedical research.

A good experimental design will save you a lot of headaches:

- Less time to complete analysis
- More robust analysis
- Less wasted money and effort!

A good design can be *reanalyzed* if the initial analysis is done poorly. A poorly designed experiment is doomed from the start.

General Experimental Design Principles

Hypothesis: a possible (and **testable**) explanation for a phenomenon. This is the goal of the experiment - test the hypothesis!

Even in the "novel discovery" phase, there should be some expectation or predicted outcome that can be measured or observed.

Examples:

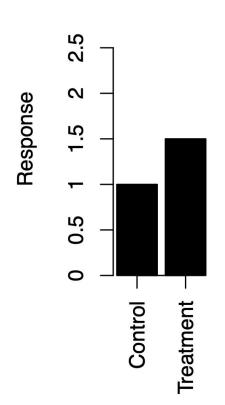
Genes that are upregulated under stress relative to benign conditions in lung tissues are enriched for oncogenic functions.

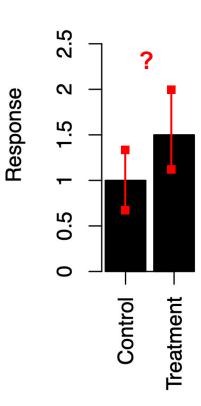
Progression of a disease is associated with lower chromatin accessibility in pancreas cells.

General Experimental Design Principles

Replication: Multiple measures (animals or samples) of the same experimental condition. Allows estimation of variability and thus statistical significance.

Randomization: Assignment of samples to experimental groups independently (via random number generator, e.g.). Ensures that differences are due to treatment and not "accident."



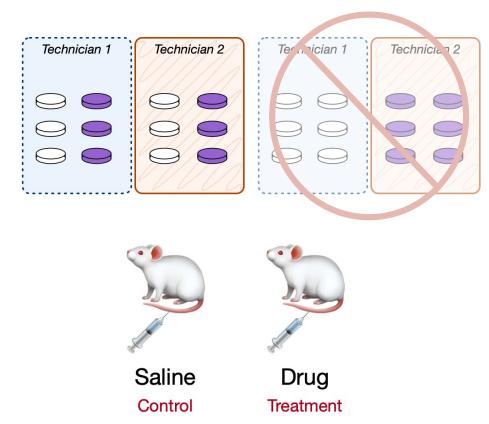


General Experimental Design Principles

Blocking: Organizing samples into similar groups to reduce error.

Randomize or balance samples across groups to avoid confounding.

Control: A condition in which the experimental treatment is not applied, and used as a comparison to estimate the effect of the treatment.

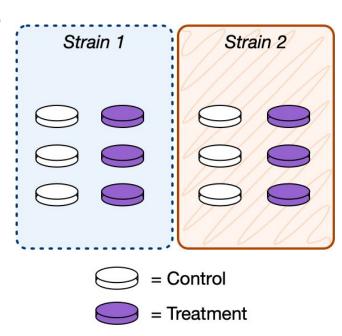


"Block what you can control, randomize what you cannot."

Use blocks to make groups of samples where a "nuisance variable" is constant and the experimental variable is not. Examples:

- Both female and male subjects in the experimental groups when sex differences are thought to contribute to observed response ("sex" is the blocking factor).
- Subjects of different strains/genotypes in the experimental groups ("strain" or "genotype" is the blocking factor)

This is possible for designed experiments! It is more difficult for clinical or patient samples.

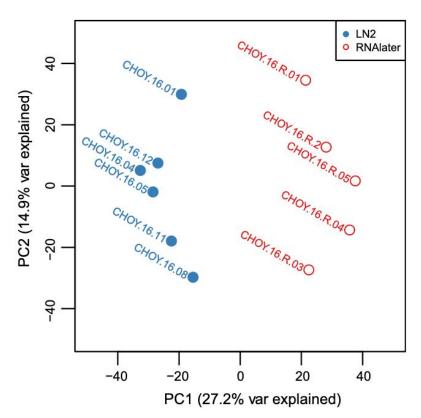


Avoiding "Batch Effects"

Another term for the systematic effects of non-experimental variables. A large problem if they are **not properly handled by blocking**.

Example sources:

- Technician A processes* "disease" samples and technician B processes "healthy" samples.
- "Drug" samples are processed* on one day and "placebo" samples are processed on a different day.

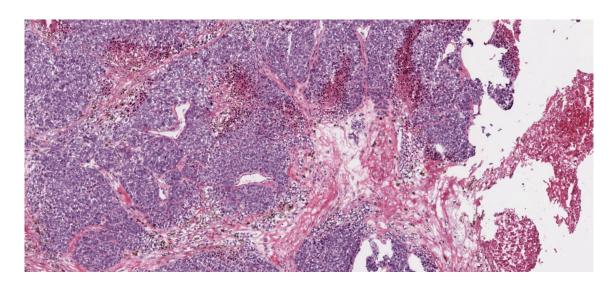


Passow et al. 2019; https://doi.org/10.1111/1755-0998.12965

^{*:} This includes sequencing!

Single-cell Considerations: Biological

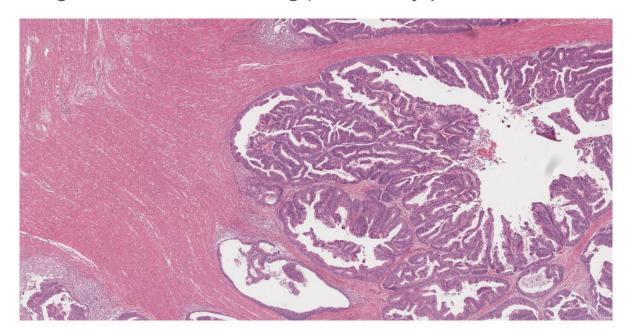
What types of cells are you interested in studying (and how different are they from each other)? How abundant are they expected to be in your sample?



Consider: What types of cells would you to expect to find in this skin sample? What is the most common type? Can you distinguish them based on gene expression or epigenetic profile?

Single-cell Considerations: Biological

Are the cells in your sample challenging to handle (cell walls, irregular shapes, large variation in size, e.g.)? Are they preserved, or fresh?



Compare epithelial cells and myocytes in this colon section.

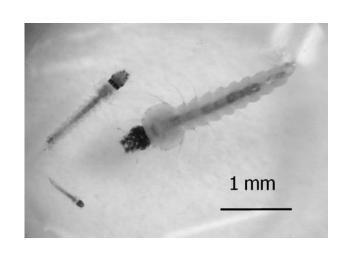
Will myocytes dissociate cleanly?

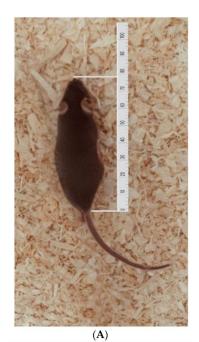
Single-nucleus sequencing can help with difficult cell shapes!

Image source: TCGA

Single-cell Considerations: Biological

Are your samples very small (e.g., from young/embryonic individuals)?



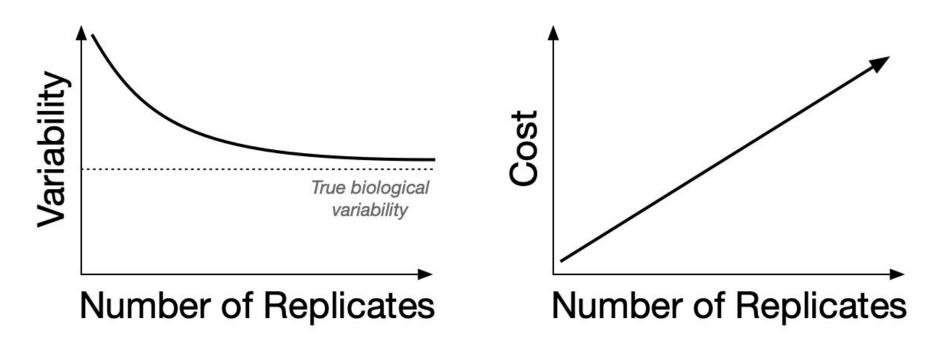


If you have very small samples, you may have to *pool* multiples together (tag them if you can!!)

Be aware of your sample handling protocols and avoid batch effects!

Single-cell Considerations: Technical

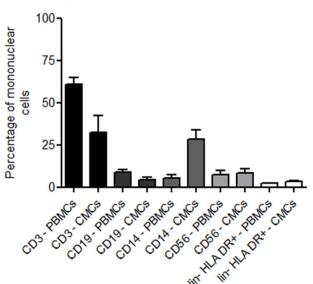
How many replicates are you planning to collect?



Single-Cell Considerations: Technical

How many total cells are you planning to study? Are you studying a rare type?

Percentages of cell types in peripheral blood versus cervical mononuclear cells



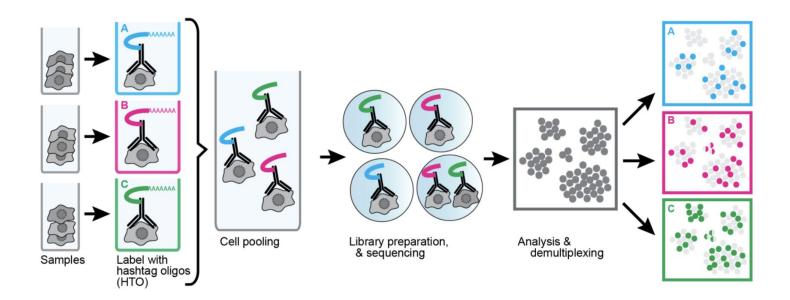
The expectation is that your sample will have cells in proportion to their relative abundance.

Flow sorting can help enrich for specific types, if they can be tagged!

Image source: https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0008293

A Special Call-out to Cell Tagging (Hashing)

This is coming up multiple times in this tutorial: please use tagging!



Deciding on Cell Number

Target number of cells depends on the factors we have discussed in the previous slides! There are some tools to help, though:

- SCOPIT: sample size calculator and power estimation tool https://alexdavisscs.shinyapps.io/scs_power_multinomial/
- scPower: multi-sample power estimation for scRNAseq: http://scpower.helmholtz-muenchen.de/
- Tagging cells with oligos for multiplexing:
 https://www.10xqenomics.com/blog/answering-your-questions-about-sample-multiplexing-for-single-cell-gene-expression

Let's Discuss an Example

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Suppose they want to multiplex 12 patients because the CellPlex reagents support up to 12 samples. Would this experiment be feasible to run?

Let's Discuss an Example

Your colleague also thinks there will be sex differences in immune cells from the biopsies, so they sample **six female** and **six male** individuals. If **up to 8** samples can be prepared at a time (i.e., in a single batch), how would you advise your colleague to handle the samples to minimize batch effects?

QA/QC of Single-Cell Data

Quality assurance (QA): Techniques and processes that avoid errors and defects in the data or results. These are usually performed in the sample handling and data generation steps of the experiment.

Quality control (QC): Techniques and procedures that remove errors and defects in the data or results. These are usually performed once the data have been delivered to you, before you begin analysis.

Quality Assurance of Single-cell Data

In brief, use good laboratory technique and sample handling practices! These somewhat depend on the material and protocol you are working with. But:

- Use the best-quality samples you can get
- Minimize freeze-thaw cycles
- Isolate samples to minimize cross-contamination

On the protocol steps you can, include a "blank" or "control" sample. **Note that is** is different from an experimental control!

MiSeq Run vs. Full NovaSeq Run

The UMGC may collect data from a MiSeq run on your sample before running it on the NovaSeq.

These QC metrics are accurate for a shallow sequencing run:

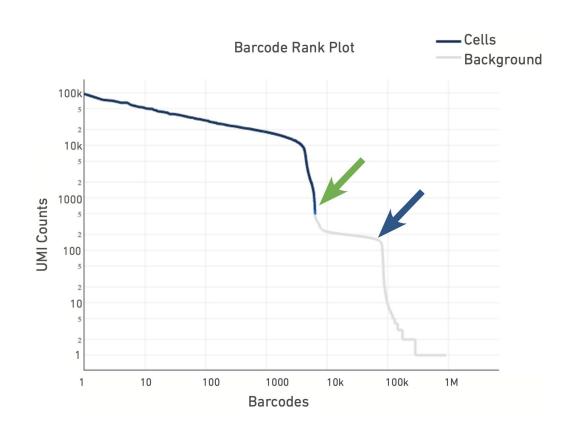
- Valid barcodes
- Valid UMIs
- Reads mapped to transcriptome

Metrics involving cells (reads in cells, cell numbers, etc) are **not** accurate at shallow depths.

See article from 10X (also in handout):

https://kb.10xgenomics.com/hc/en-us/articles/360054613831-Can-I-perform-shallow-sequencing-to-assess-the-quality-of-Single-Cell-3-Gene-Expression-libraries-

10X QC: Cell Ranger

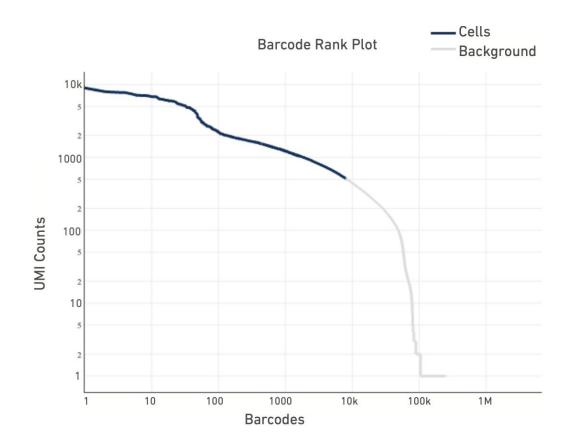


"Cliff and Toe" plot from Cell Ranger. Barcodes ranked from largest UMI count to smallest along X-axis.

A "good" sample will have a sharp drop-off between "cells" and "background."

Indicates a clean separation between cell-containing droplets and empty droplets.

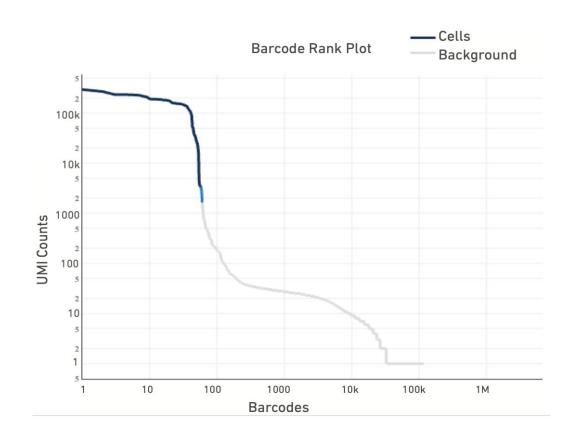
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A "bad" sample will have a smooth drop-off between "cells" and "background."

Indicates no clear separation between cell-containing droplets and empty droplets.

10X QC: Cell Ranger



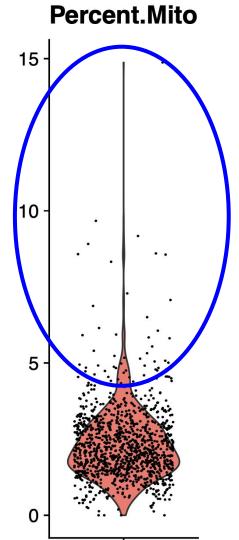
A "bad" sample can also have a sharp drop-off, but much fewer barcodes than expected.

Indicates many fewer cells than expected were in the sample.

How many cells are "dead?"

Look at mitochondrial signal! Dead cells or cellular debris will mostly yield mitochondrial sequence.

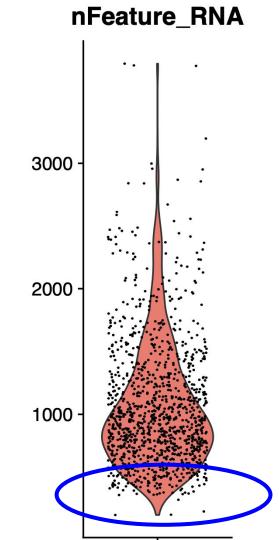
Remove cells that have a relatively high expression of mitochondrial genes (scRNAseq) or where most reads come from the mitochondrial genome (scATAC-seq).



How many cells are "empty?"

Look at the number of genes detected per-cell. Empty reaction vessels will yield very small quantities of sequencing reads or yield mostly non-biological sequences.

Remove cells that have very low gene expression overall (scRNAseq) or very low mapping rate to genome (scATAC-seq).

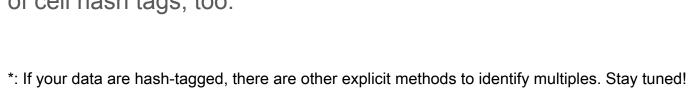


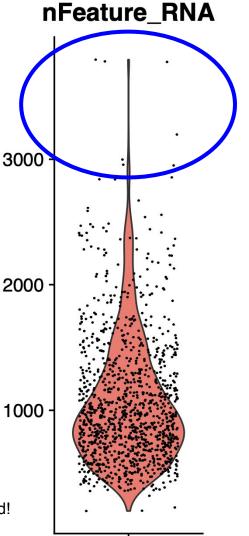
How many of my cells are "multiplets?"

Look at number of genes detected per-cell*, too! Multiplets will have an unusually high number of expressed genes or quantity of sequencing data.

Remove cells that have very high gene expression overall (scRNAseq) or very high sequencing yield relative to the other cells (scATAC-seq).

If you have tagged your cells, you can look at the distribution of cell hash tags, too.

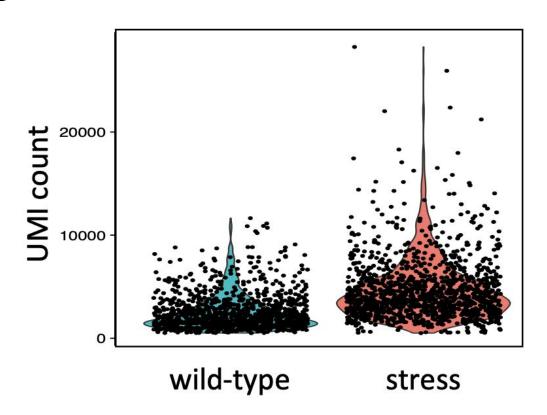




UMI counts plots from Seurat.

Cells should have a high UMI count.

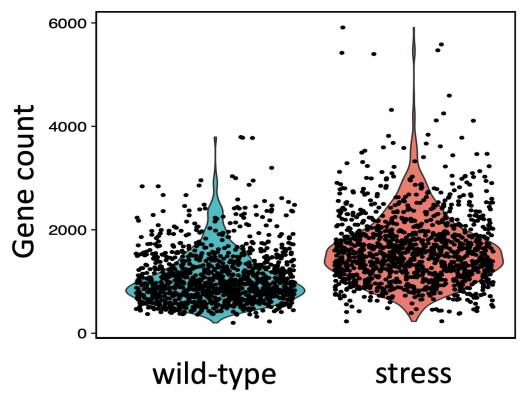
Indicates that each cell had sufficient tagging of unique transcripts/fragments.



Gene counts plots from Seurat.

Cells should have a high* gene count.

Indicates that each cell had a broad sampling of genes that it is expressing, and not dead.



^{*:} depending on the types of cells!

"So, are my data good? Or, are they bad?"

Depends on the biology of the study system and the hypotheses being tested! Single-cell methods are not as codified as other fields of genomics.

But, there are a few general metrics that apply to all single-cell datasets:

- There should be few "dead," "empty," or "multiplet" cells.
- All of your hash tags should be detected, and they should have relative abundances proportional to their input.
- The cell count should be as close to your expected input number as possible.
- Most of your reads should map to the genome or transcriptome.

"So, are my data good? Or, are they bad?"

For scientific purposes, it is harder to call a dataset "good" or "bad."

Instead, ask:

- Do you see the patterns of gene expression or sequencing coverage that you would expect from the input material?
- Do the cell types you identify align with expectations based on the input material?
- Are the genes or genomic regions of interest covered by the sequencing data?

These are based on your *hypotheses*!

Software Tools for Analyses

Adam Herman, PhD

Color key





(interactive mode)

sbatch

(batch mode)

Color key

srun

(interactive mode)

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sbatch

(batch mode)

module load umgc

module load cellranger/6.0.0

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Workflow overview

reads ⇒ counts ⇒ summaries ⇒ analyses ⇒ sharing

From reads to counts

cellranger

Used the most by far

Can count GEX, HTO, ADT, VDJ, ATAC at once

kallisto | bustools

EXTREMELY FAST

Counting of HTO needs to be done with other software

From reads to counts

0 4

27,871

94.0%

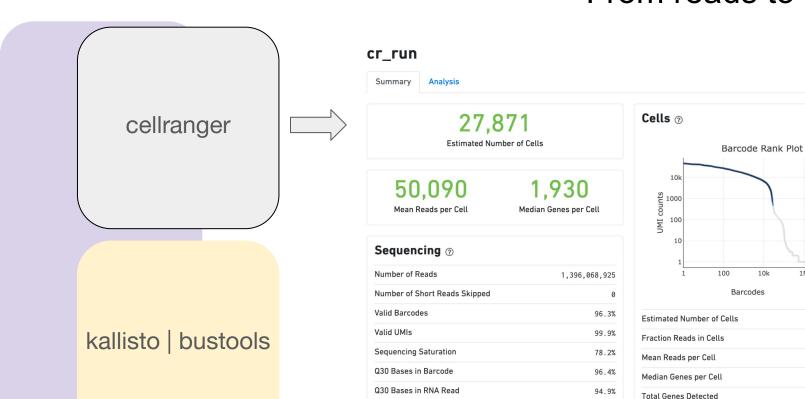
50,090

1,930

23,317

5,321

Cells
Background



Q30 Bases in UMI

95.8%

Median UMI Counts per Cell

From counts to clean data

Seurat

Like cellranger, the most commonly used (in RIS!)

Very good vignettes

scanpy

More software-principles oriented

In my experience, a bit more efficient in terms of speed and memory

From counts to clean data

Seurat

There is no right answer here

Do you like R or Python

Regardless, there's some prep you're going to need to do

scanpy

From counts to clean data

Seurat

X-forwarding (Windows, Mac)

Local package installs (CRAN, Bioconductor)

scanpy

notebooks.msi.umn.edu

conda environments

From clean data to whatever you like!

Seurat

Slingshot

Monocle

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scvi-tools

scVelo

Seurat and scanpy have absorbed many functions

There may or may not be some degree of wrangling involved

While errors are frustrating, beware some just working

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More R package installation

More conda installation

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Gene Expression Omnibus GEO

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In my experience VISION is the most useful collaboration tool

Rmarkdown is super for reports

Jupyter notebooks are great for sharing

Sharing your data

You'll need to adjust your conception of your experiment

It's not awfully painful, though!

See <u>here</u> for a great overview

Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO)

Single-cell Analysis Showcase

Marissa Macchietto, PhD

Why single-cell analysis?

- Bulk methods average cell profiles in a sample. Often, this is a good first step to finding markers of interest
- In certain experiments, bulk RNA-seq methods can be problematic (due to signal masking or can cause difficulty in interpreting results). A few examples include when:
 - The samples are very heterogeneous (e.g. tumor)
 - A treatment affects a rare cell population in your sample
 - Sample cell compositions change as a result of treatment

Why single-cell analysis?

- Provides detailed information about individual cells (gene expression, chromatin accessibility, SNPs, copy number variation, protein expression, etc)
- Allows us to study cellular heterogeneity

This can help us:

- discover new cell types/states
- uncover mechanisms of action for drugs (when they target a particular cell type)
- better predict how a disease will evolve (e.g. tumor cells acquiring new phenotypes)
- uncover novel enhancers and promoters + characterize regulatory networks

Outline of Topics

Clustering and Cell Typing

General Single Cell Analysis

Differential Feature Identification

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Single-cell Data Set Integration (Batch correction, Multimodal Data)

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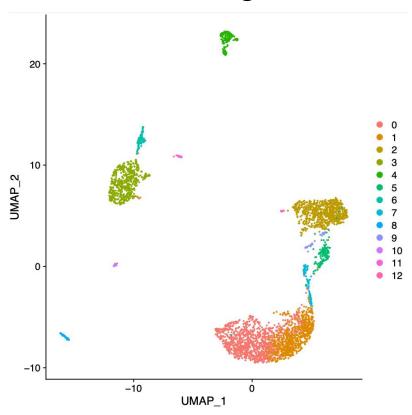
General Single-Cell Analysis Steps

- Remove low quality cells (very low feature counts, high mitochondrial content, multiplets)
- Normalize feature expression
- Find variable features
- Reduce data set dimensionality (i.e. PCA, UMAP) using variable features
- Find nearest cell neighbors (i.e. SNN graph construction)



Differential Feature Expression

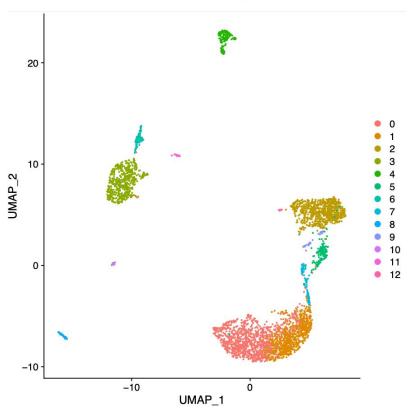
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PBMCs (from a patient's serum) clustered on transcriptomes using Seurat R package

Visualize cell clustering results on **nonlinear** dimensional reduction plot (UMAP or tSNE)

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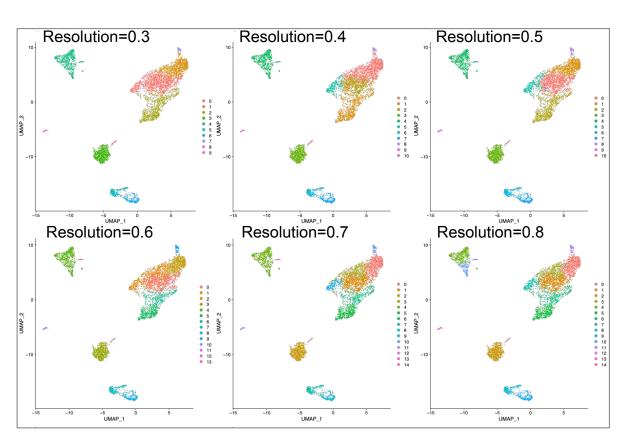


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Do not be tempted to read too much into cell or cluster distances on this plot – it may not mean anything due to non-linear representation!

Cell Clustering



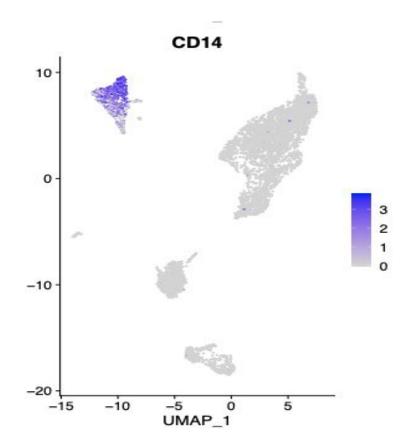
Clustering resolutions are adjustable

Adjust resolution to achieve clustering results that make sense for your experimental objectives

How do I adjust the clustering resolution to get the most accurate result?

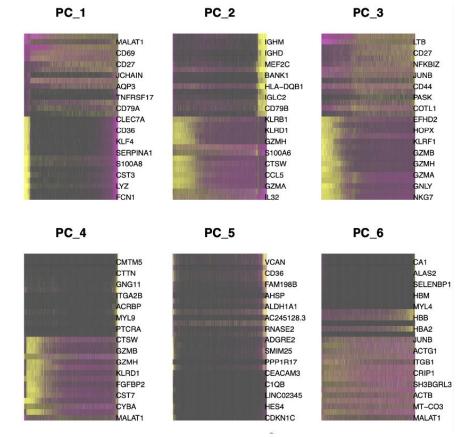
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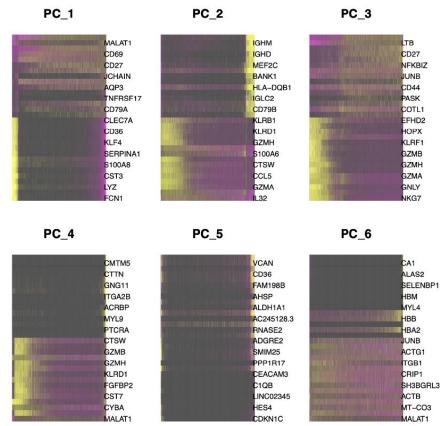


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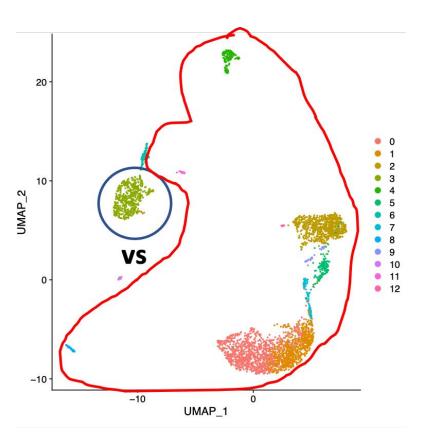
- Use known marker genes
- Use PCA loadings
- Use Differentially Expressed
 Genes/ Features



All of these can help us distinguish cell types!

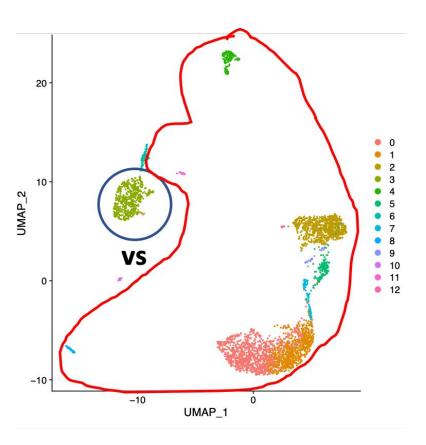


Differentially Expressed Feature (Gene) Analysis

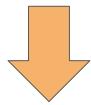


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Differentially Expressed Gene Analysis



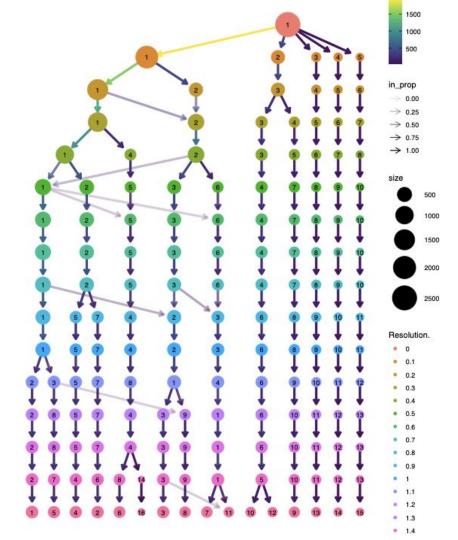
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This could help us determine that the identity of yellow-green cluster is monocyte-like

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Use the Clustree R package (https://github.com/lazappi/clustree) to iterate through resolutions and find stable clustering solutions using fun, tree visualizations



Clustree R package

- Can produce tree visualizations that show cell cluster compositions at different cluster resolutions
- Can easily add right into your single-cell pipeline – uses
 Seurat or
 SingleCellExperiment objects

How do I adjust the clustering resolution to get the most accurate result?

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 Use an automated single-cell annotation tool that will annotate individuals cells against a reference RNA-seq databases (e.g. SingleR R package or CHETAH R package)

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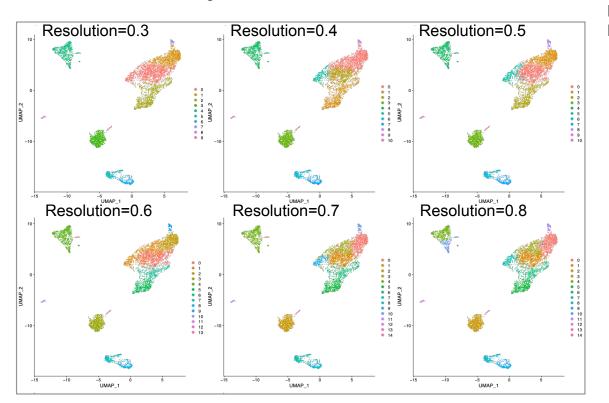
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Reference-based Cell Type Classification

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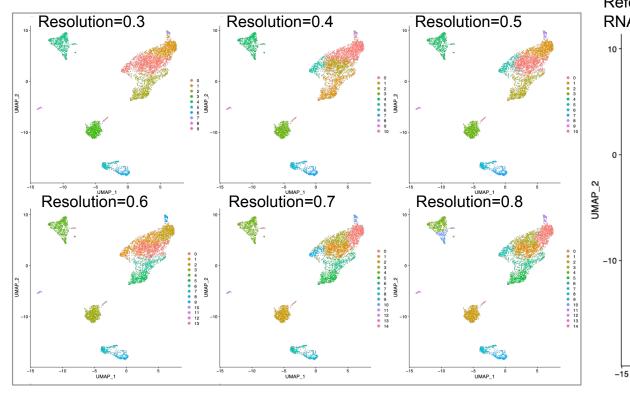
Tool: SingleR

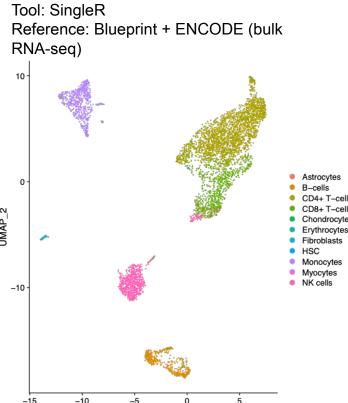
Reference: Blueprint + ENCODE (bulk

RNA-seq)

Reference-based Cell Type Classification

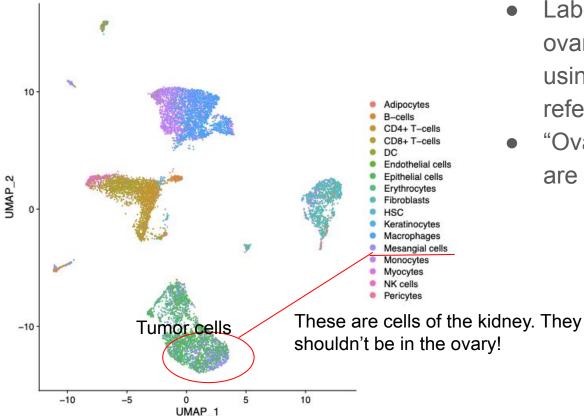
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UMAP 1

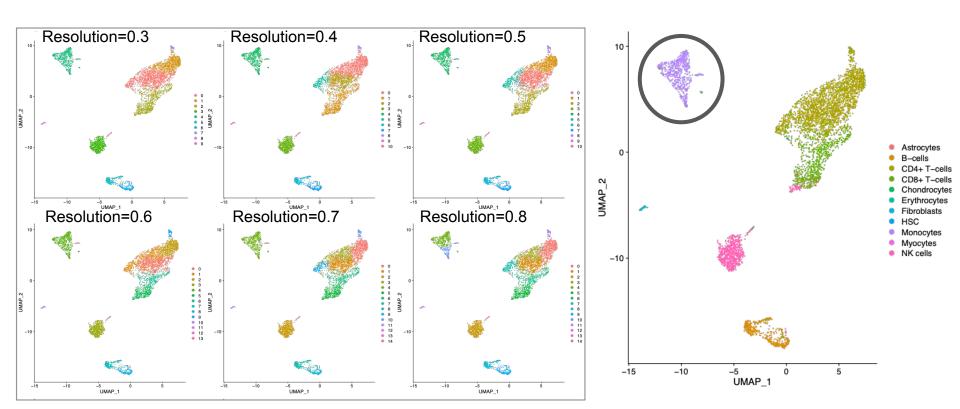
Cell type mislabeling



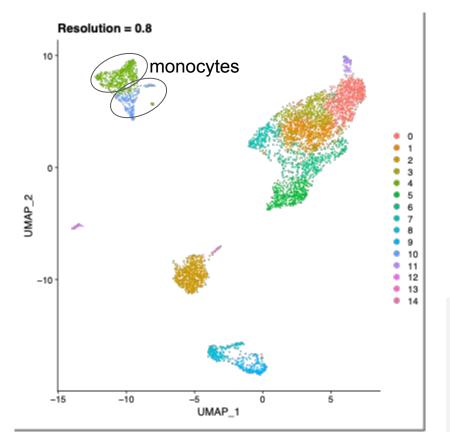
- Labeled individual cells of an ovarian tumor with SingleR tool using BluePrint+ ENCODE as a reference
- "Ovarian tumor epithelial cells" are not in the reference

Good example of cell type mislabeling!

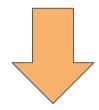
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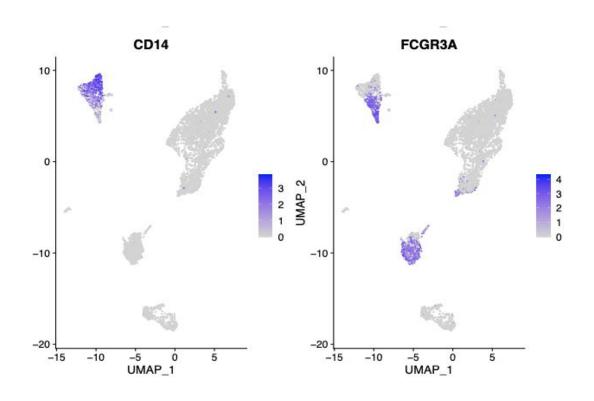
How is the blue monocyte cluster (10) different from green monocyte cluster (4)?



DEG analysis

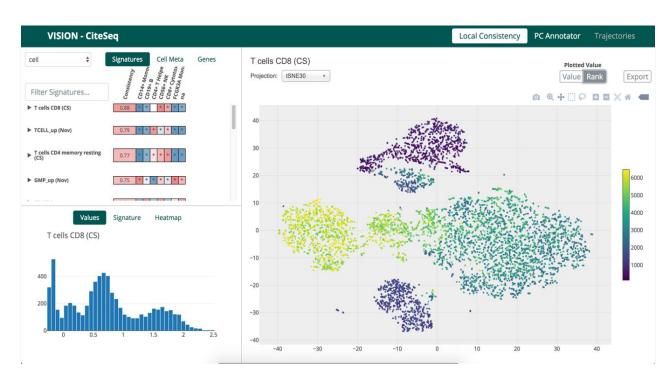
Note: Ideally, it would be great to have > 100 cells in a cluster for proper DEG comparisons because of the signal dropout that happens a lot with single-cell data

What if I am interested in CD14+ and CD16+ monocytes?



Look at DEG marker genes to distinguish the two subtypes

VISION



webapp for exploring gene signatures in scRNA-seq data

Load data from scRNA-seq analysis (precomputed dimensionality reductions, clustering, trajectory inference)

Share easily with collaborators

To see all of what VISION has to offer:

https://github.com/YosefLab/VISION

("Tour of the output report user interface (PDF)")

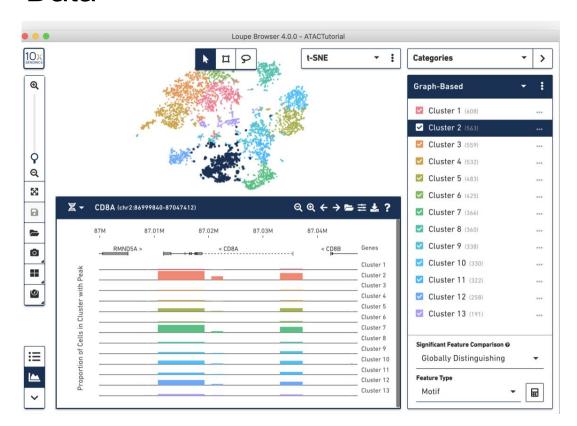
10X Cellranger ATAC Analysis

10X single cell
ATAC fastqs

cellranger-atac count
(10X software)

- Read filtering and alignment
- Barcode counting
- Identification of transposase cut sites
- Detection of accessible chromatin peaks
- Cell calling
- Count matrix generation for peaks and transcription factors
- Dimensionality reduction
- Cell clustering
- Cluster differential accessibility

Loupe Browser for Visualization of 10X Cellranger ATAC Data



Interactive desktop application for Windows and MacOS designed for quick visualization of 10X data (either ATAC or RNA)

Browser uses ".loupe" file created by Cellranger run

Can be used to find significant open chromatin regions and transcription factor motifs, identify and compare cell types, and explore substructure

Export tables/screenshots for sharing

Multisample/ multimodal data

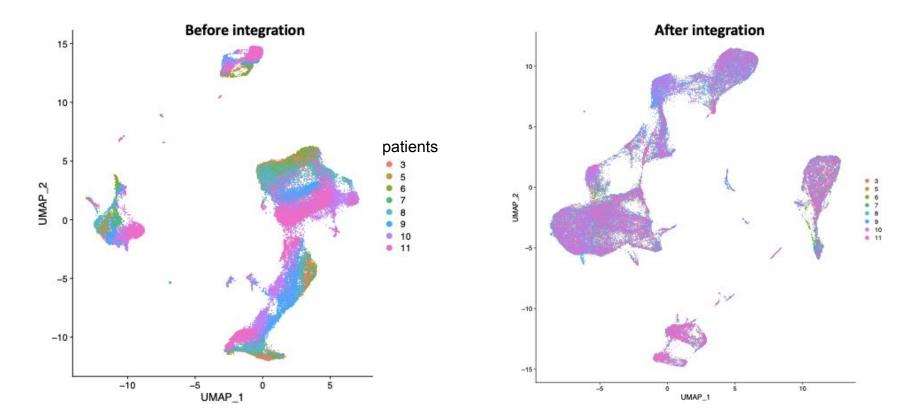
Single-cell Data Set Integration

- Is a batch correction technique you can use to combine and compare data sets from different:
 - Subjects
 - Conditions (Sick vs Healthy, Treated vs Untreated)
 - Technologies (e.g. 10X, Fluidigm, Dropseq, CEL-seq)
 - Functional genomics profiles (e.g. RNA-seq, ATAC-seq, methylation, spatial RNA)
 - Species

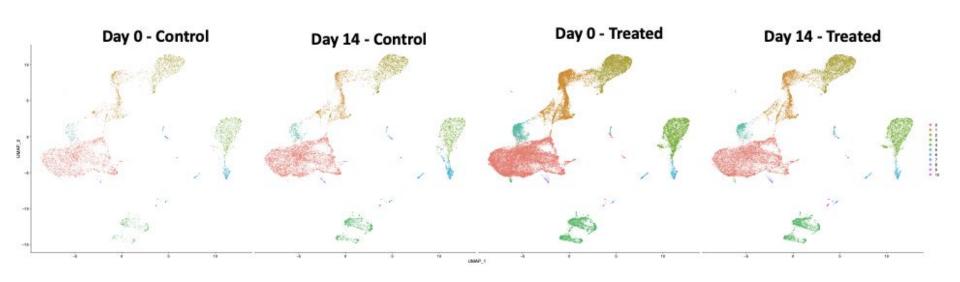
Vignette:

https://satijalab.org/seurat/articles/integration_introduction.html

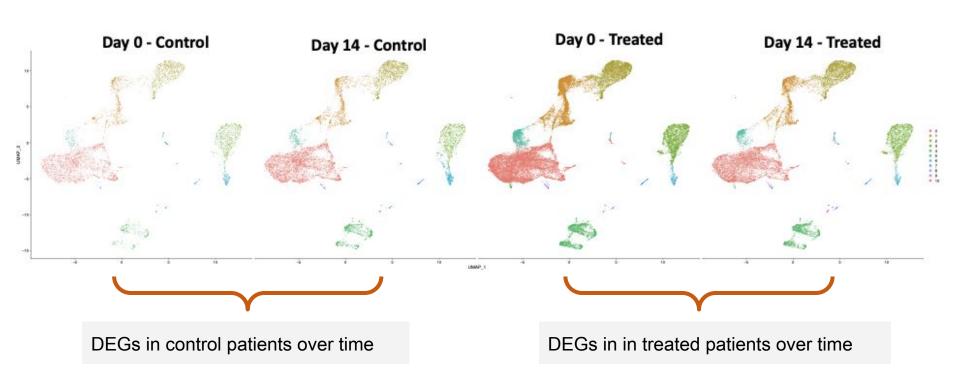
Example 1: Integration of single-cell RNA-seq samples from multiple 10X Captures



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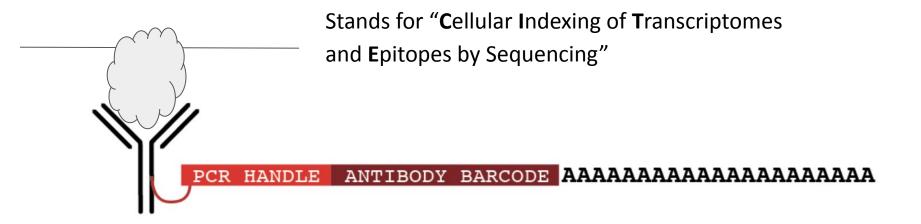
Instead of integrating data, it would be better to design the experiment to use CITE-seq!

Stands for "Cellular Indexing of Transcriptomes and Epitopes by Sequencing"



Method that allows you to perform RNA-seq + quantify surface protein marker

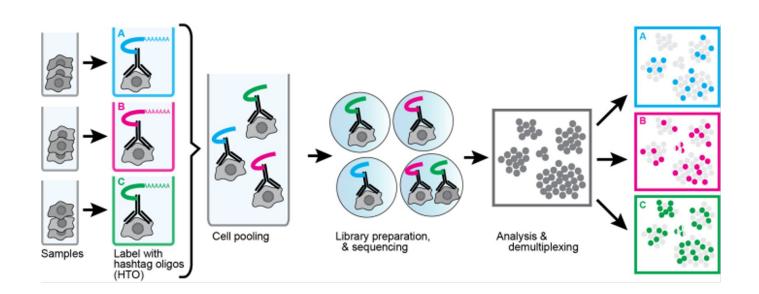
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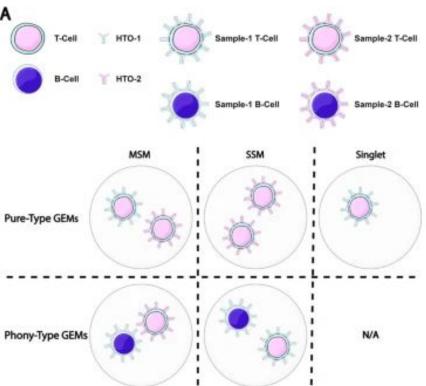
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CITE-seq - "cell hashing" (HTO library)

A way to label cells from different samples, so they can be pooled, prepped, and sequenced together.

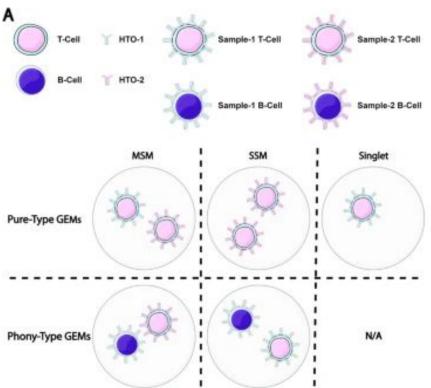


Multiplet detection

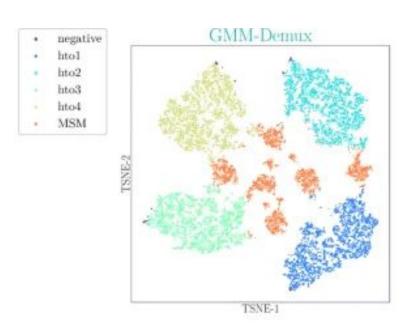


- Multiplets become an issue in super-loaded 10X runs
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- Tools like GMM Demux can identify multiplets in single-cell CITE-seq ("cell hashing") data for removal

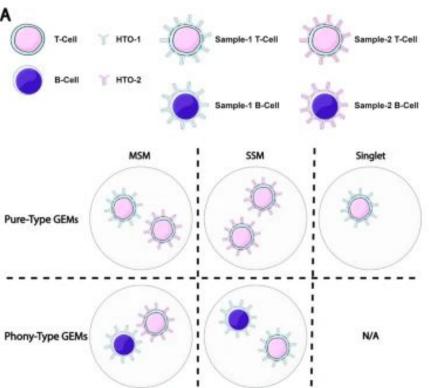
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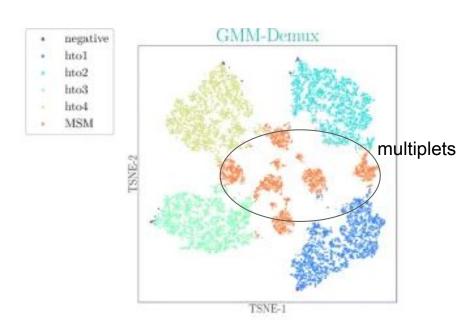
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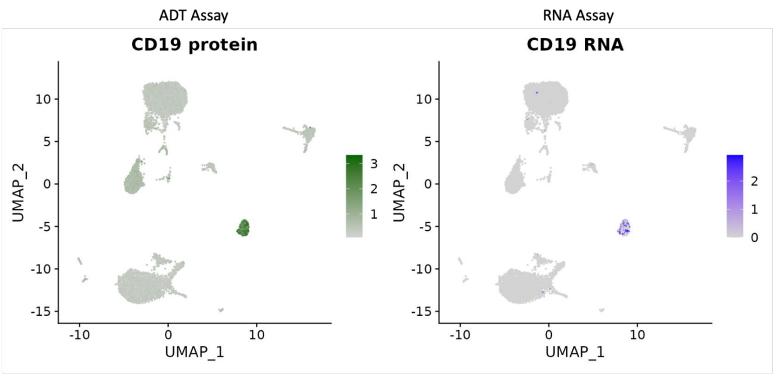
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Example of Data Set Tagged with CD19 (ADT library)



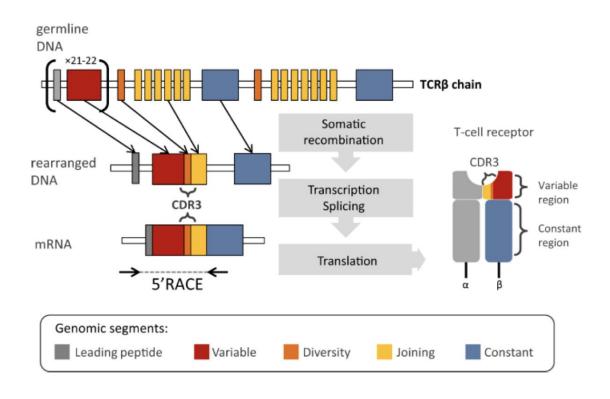
From: https://satijalab.org/seurat/articles/multimodal_vignette.html

Software for specific use cases

Variable-Diversity-Joining (VDJ) Analysis

Use case: Immune cell (T-cell and B-cells) profiling!

Variable-Diversity-Joining (VDJ) Analysis



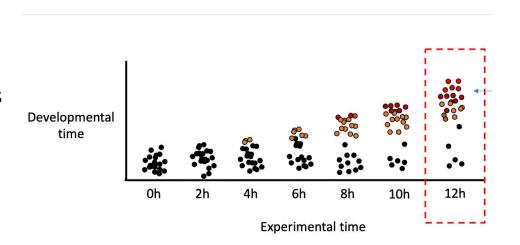
- T-cell and B-cells undergo recombination of their somatic genomes at T-cell and B-cell receptor loci
- These regions can be sequenced to determine which genome segments were recombined to produce the final receptor chains → "immune profiling"

VDJ analysis with 10X Genomics "cellranger vdj"

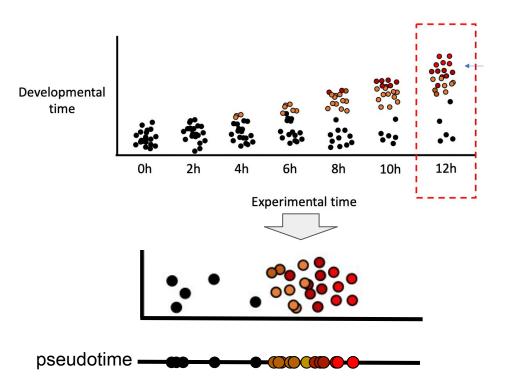
Example output:

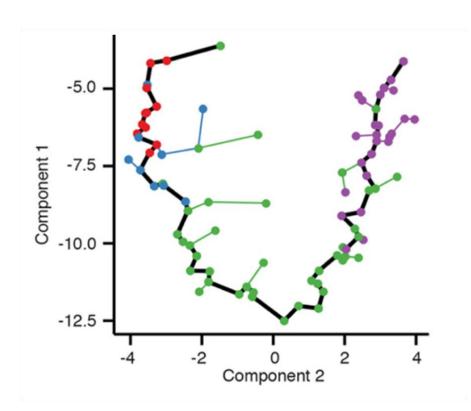
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 - Cell Treatment
 - Cell polarization

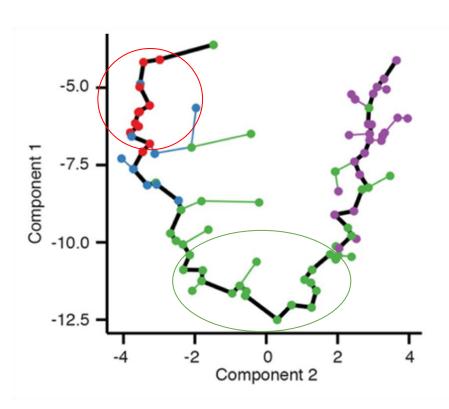


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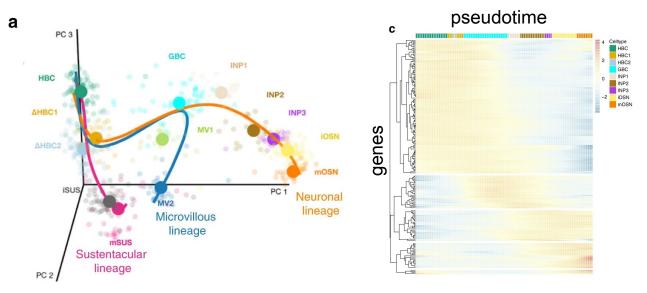


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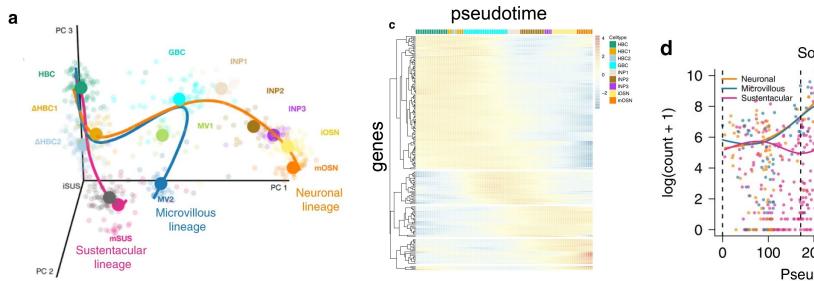
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- Can compare cell clusters along the trajectory to determine genes that change over pseudotime

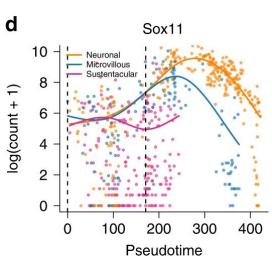
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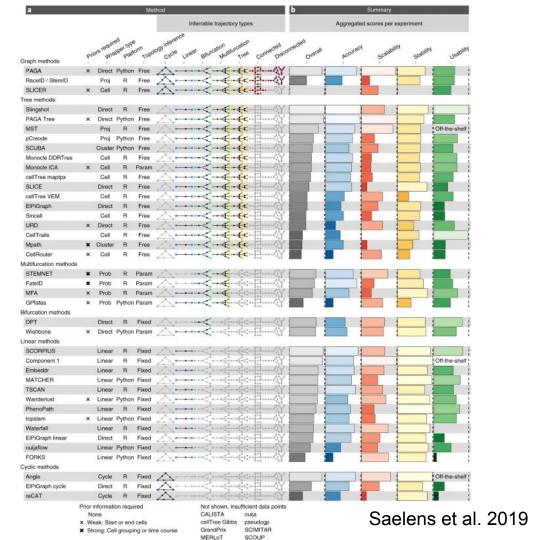




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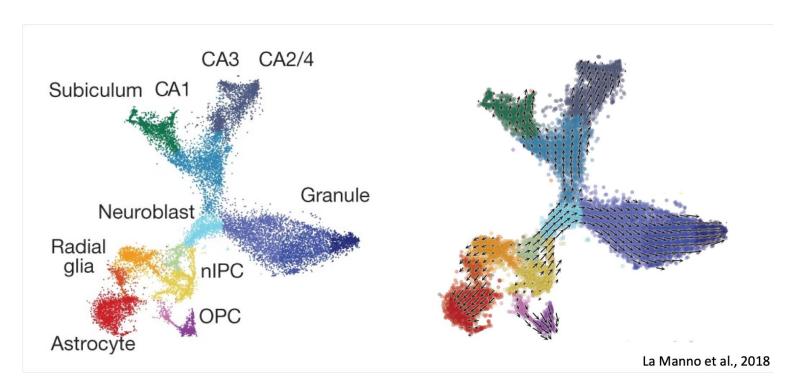
Pseudotime Software

Some software tools can handle cyclical and disconnected trajectories

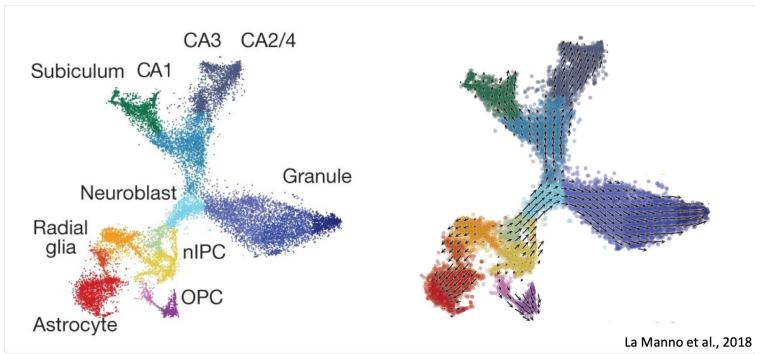


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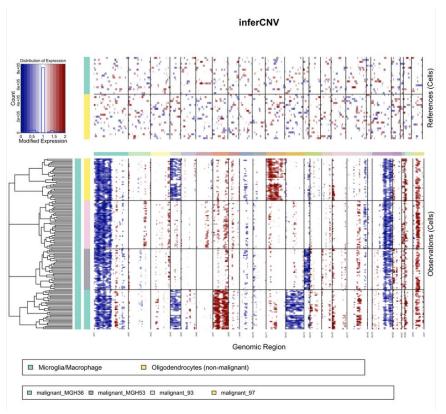
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Use case: to determine if a gene of interest is being induced or repressed in a cell population of interest



Copy Number Detection in Single-cell RNA-seq Data



Infers copy number variations by exploring gene expression intensities across positions of the genome in "abnormal" cells and comparing them to "normal" cells

Use case: tumor single-cell RNA-seq sample

Tools: InferCNV, Casper, Copykat

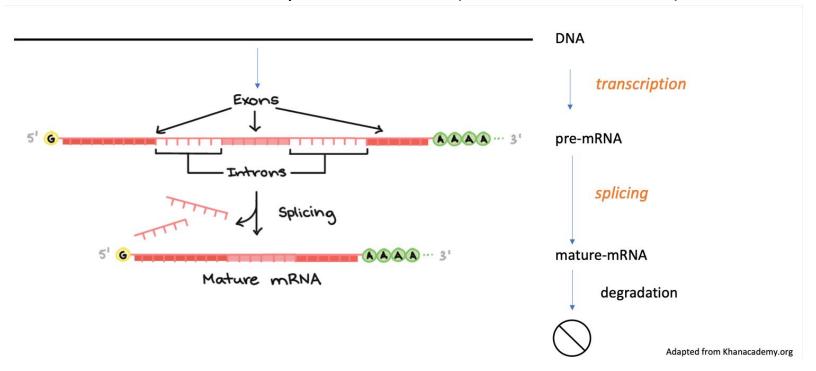
Supplemental Slides

Differentially Expressed Gene Analysis

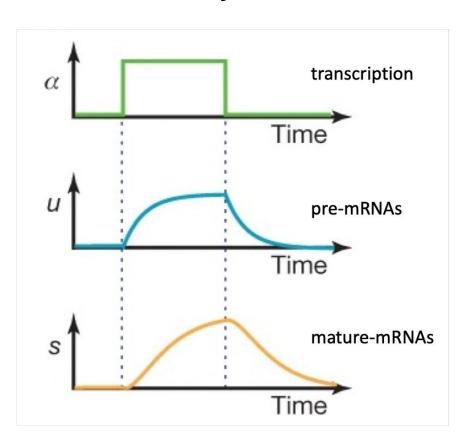
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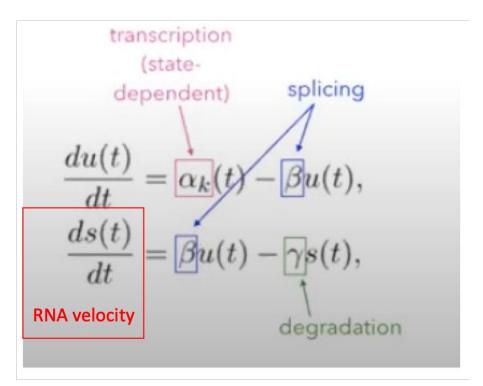
Side note: When designing an experiment, it is good to think about how many cells will be acquired, how many will be lost through filtering, and how many cells of your cell types of interest you expect to have at the end for DEG analysis. If you predict too few, you may want to reconsider your experimental design (maybe perform cell sorting to enrich for populations of interest?)

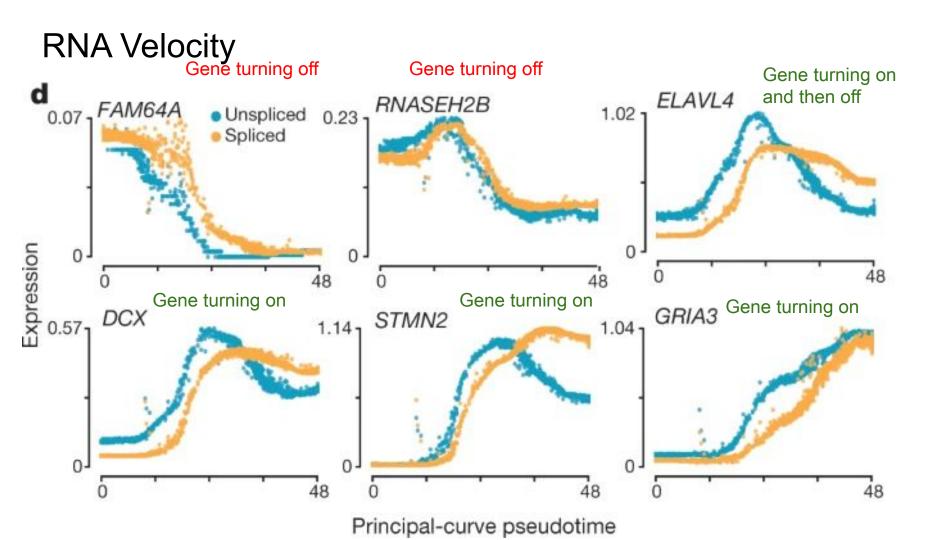
•~23% of UMIs are from unspliced molecules (Le Manno et al., 2018)



RNA Velocity Model







RNA Velocity Software

Velocyto (La Manno et al. 2018)

- Implemented in R and python
- Uses BAM files generated from Cellranger (10X Genomics)
 - Uses uniquely mapped reads (multimapping and reads in repeat-masked regions are discarded).

Assumes splicing rate = 1 for all genes/all cells

scVelo (newer - 2020)

- Install for Python 3.6 with Pypi
- Input for scVelo:
 - Counts matrix of unspliced pre-mature mRNA abundances
 - Counts matrix of spliced mature mRNA abundance
 - Both can be produced with loompy/kallisto pipeline or velocyte
- Estimates betas (splicing rates) and gammas (degradation rates) for each gene

Reference-based Cell Type Classification

SingleR/Cheetah

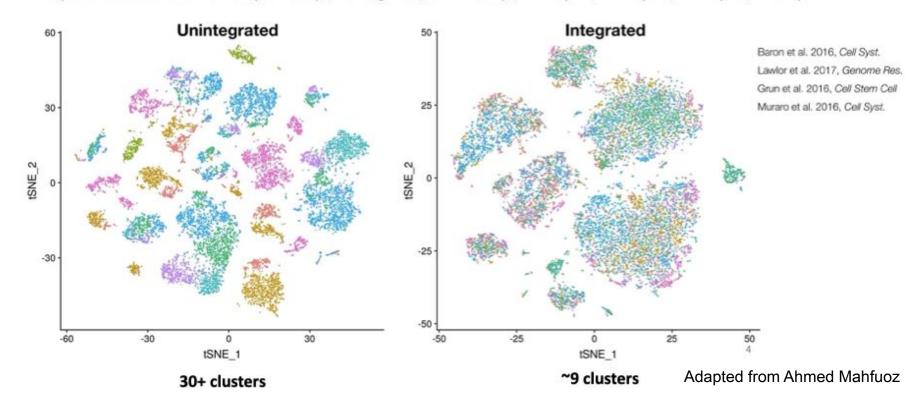
- Performs Spearman rank correlation of individual single cells (or cell clusters) against samples in a reference bulk RNA-seq, single-cell RNA-seq, or microarray database (correlations are done using variable single-cell genes)
- Performs filtering to get the most accurate cell type calls

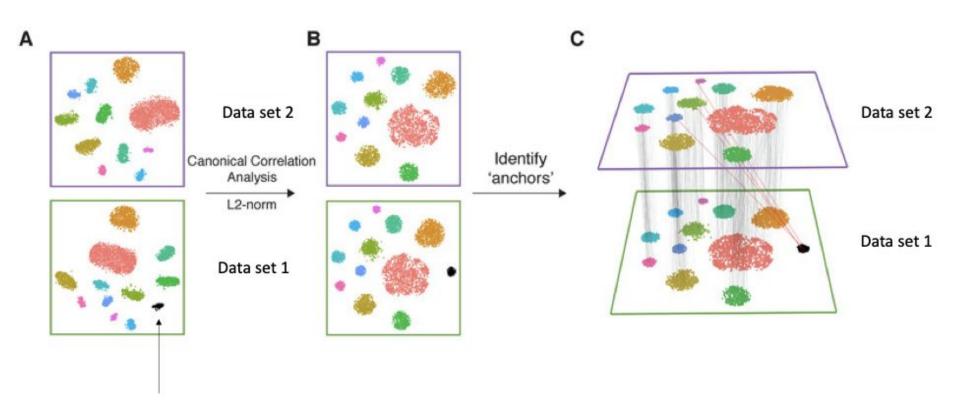
IMPORTANT NOTES:

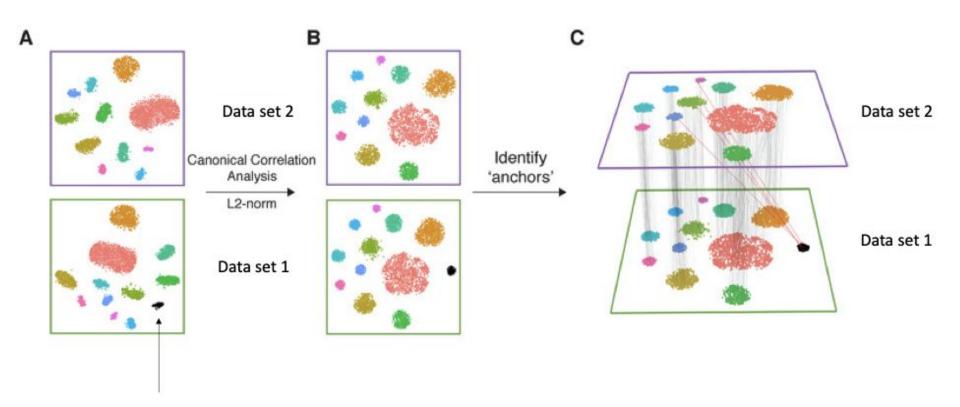
- Be aware of the cell types in the reference data; the reference may not contain all of the cell types in your query dataset
- Some classification tools (e.g. SingleR) force cell type annotation labels onto cells. If a cell
 type in your query data set is not in the reference, it will still be annotated with the best
 match. So need to be careful not to take the results at face value. Other tools (CHETAH)
 can annotate with "in-between" cell type labels if it cannot place it

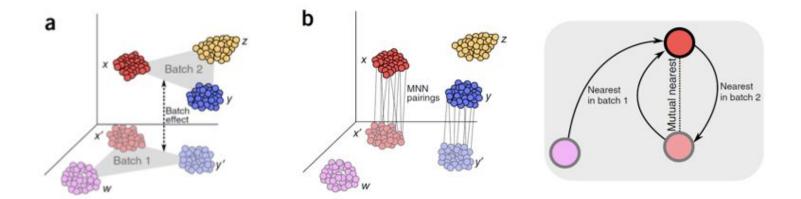
Integration of Pancreas Data Sets

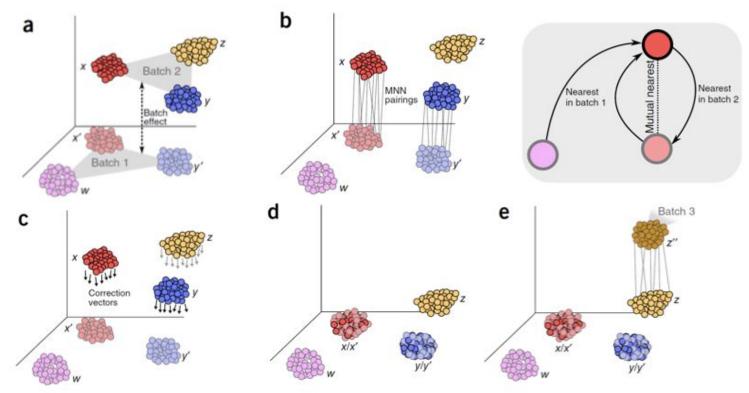
8 pancreas data sets: CELseq, CELseq2, FluidigmC1, SMARTseq2, InDrop#1, InDrop#2, InDrop#3, InDrop#4



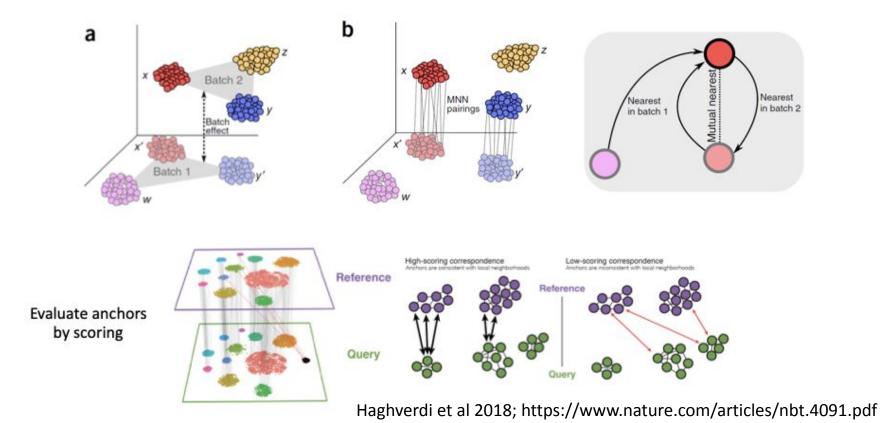




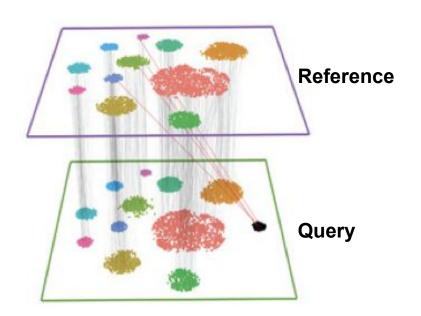




Haghverdi et al 2018; https://www.nature.com/articles/nbt.4091.pdf



What if I spent hours delineating cell clusters and their identities in a single sample? Will I have to do that for all of the samples like it?

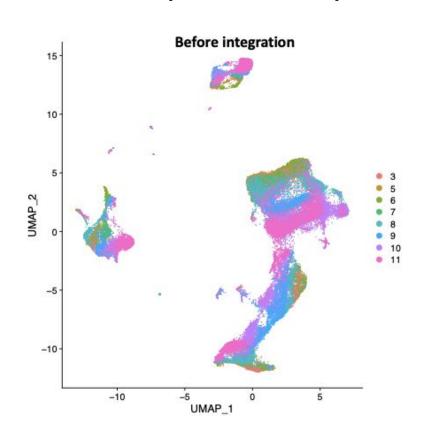


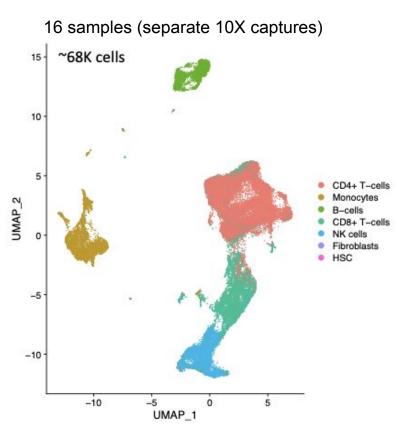
You could also use the integration technique to transfer cell type labels from a **reference** data set to a **query** data set!

Use "integration" as a cell type classification method.

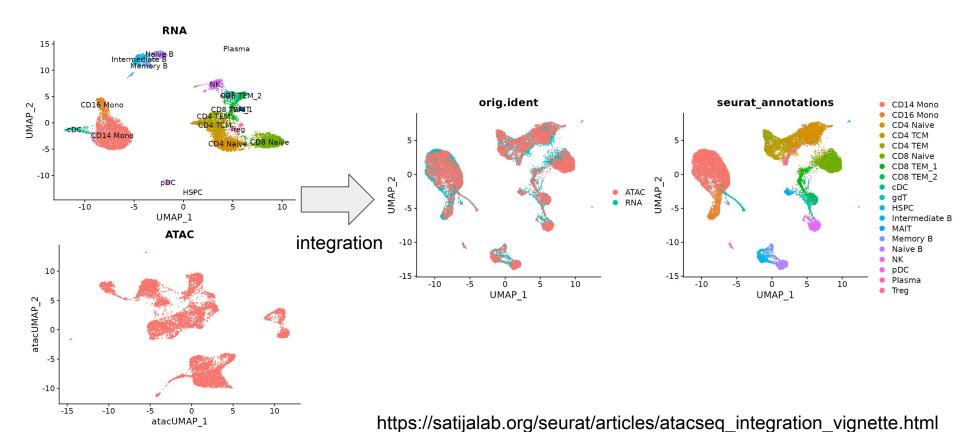
Always good to double-check your results.

Example 1: Integration of single-cell RNA-seq samples from multiple 10X Captures





Example 2: Integration of RNA and ATAC single-cell data



VDJ Analysis (Multimodal Data)

 VDJ libraries will tell us information about the type of T-cell or B-cell receptor a cell has (clone)

 Then, we can use GEX libraries to tell us what those T-cells are doing transcriptionally and ADT libraries can help us confirm expression of proteins on their cell surfaces

 Using these complimentary data sets (via CITE-seq) will allow us to study immune cell clonotypes in greater depth through their normal development and disease progression

VDJ analysis with 10X Genomics "cellranger vdj"

Performs four steps:

- 1) Assembly
- 2) VDJ calling (B-cell or T-cell)
- 3) Annotation of contigs with VDJ segments and locates CDR3 region
- 4) Clonotype grouping

VDJ analysis with 10X Genomics "cellranger vdj"

Analysis step one: cellranger vdj

