

# Mosaic single cell data integration

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## Why perform single cell data integration?

- Joint visualization
- Joint supervised learning
- Joint unsupervised learning of common clusters
- Cell abundance hypothesis testing
- Imputation of missing modalities
- Joint bespoke analysis (e.g. pseudotime inference)

# Horizontal and vertical single cell data integration

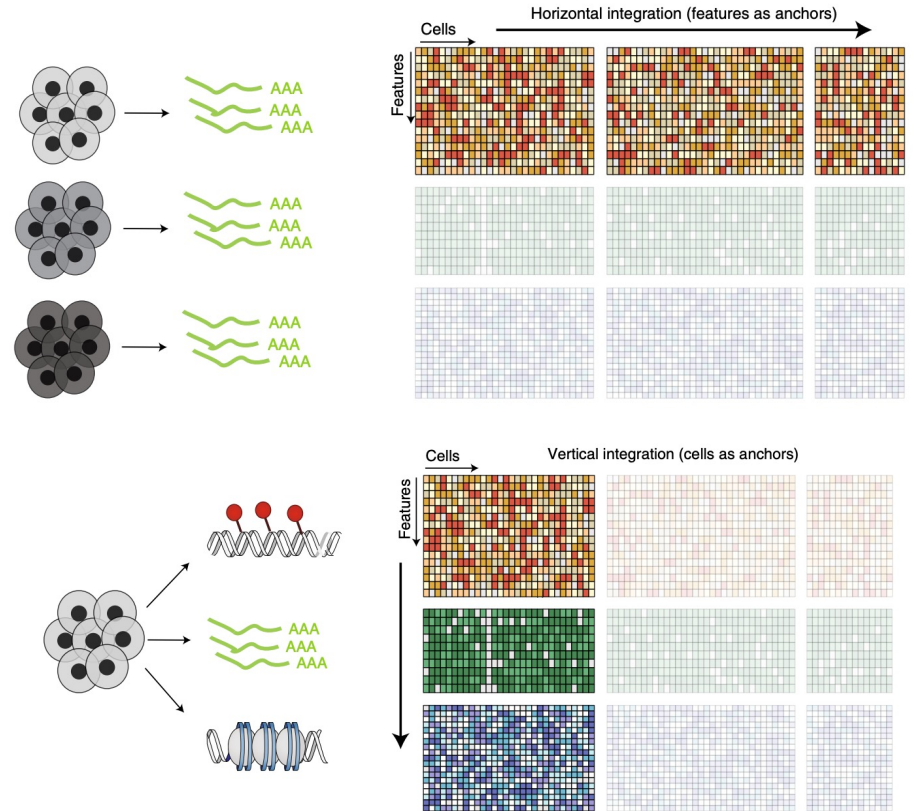
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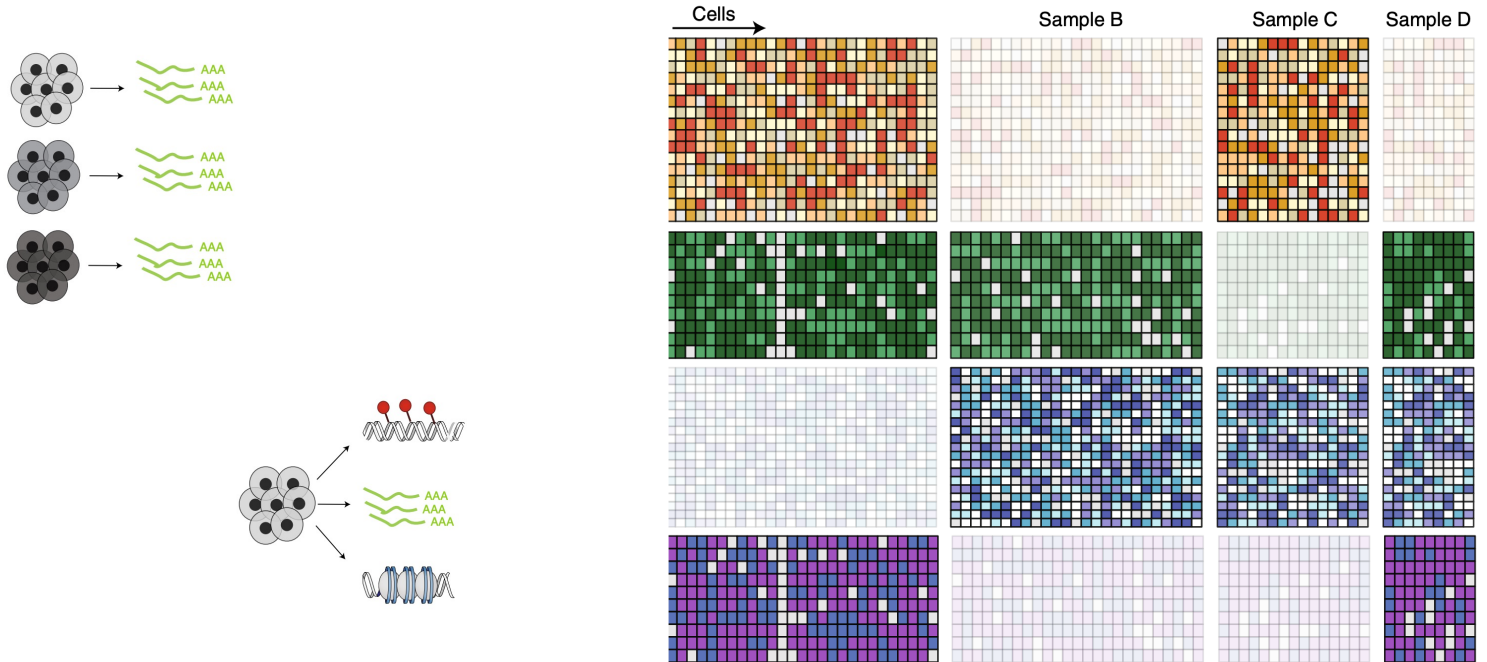
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## Computational principles and challenges in single-cell data integration

Ricard Argelaguet<sup>1,2</sup>, Anna S. E. Cuomo<sup>1,3</sup>, Oliver Stegle<sup>3,4,5</sup> and John C. Marioni<sup>1,3,6</sup>

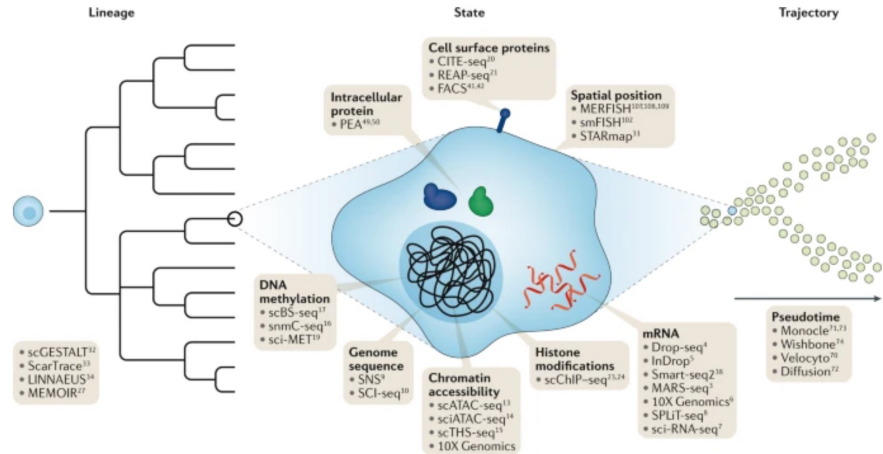
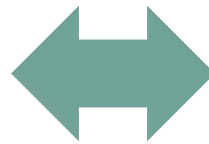
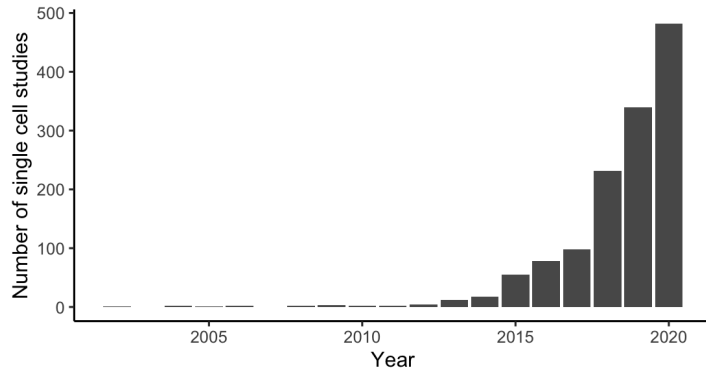


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# Why do we need to consider mosaic data integration?

Increase in the *number* and *variety* of single cell technologies



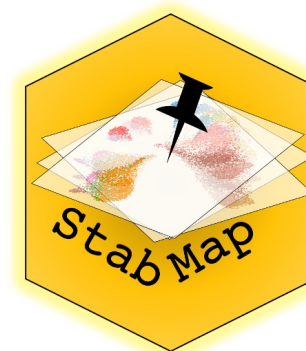
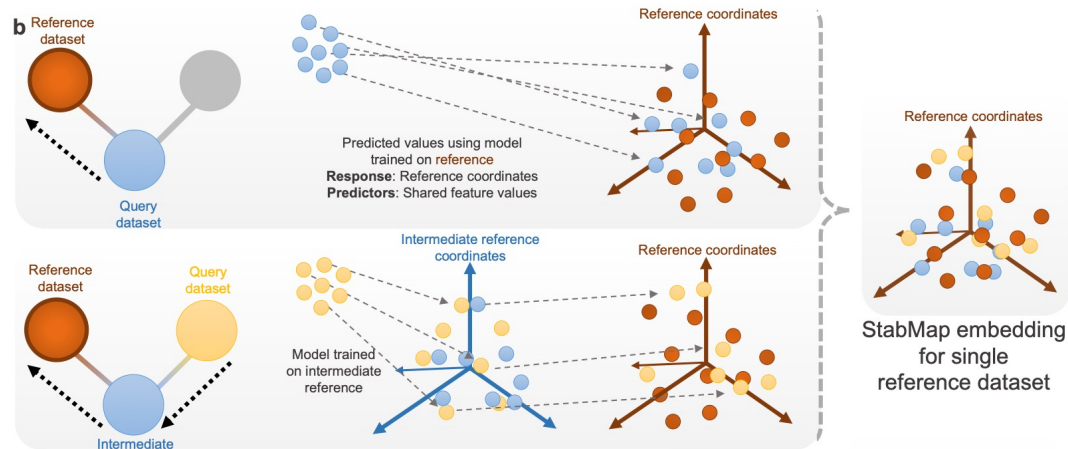
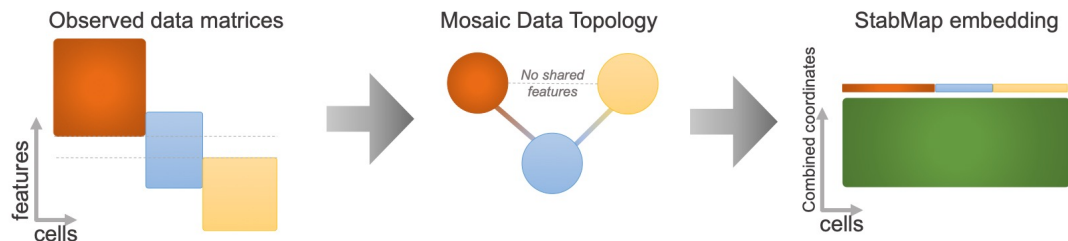
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## Goals for mosaic single cell integration

- Develop a technique that performs mosaic data integration, using information derived from non-intersecting features.
- Enable indirect mosaic data integration, by first extracting shared feature relationships among datasets.
- Incorporate prior information from cell labels in the mosaic data integration.



# StabMap: Stabilised mosaic single cell data integration using unshared features



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# StabMap: requirements, features, and underlying assumptions

## Requirements:

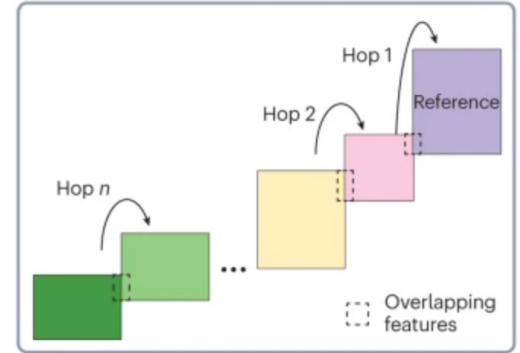
- mosaic data topology must be **connected**

## Features:

- General, implemented for any connected topology
- User weighting of reference coordinates contribution
- Deterministic and linear
- Requires normalization of input data
- Can be paired with other horizontal and vertical integration

## Assumptions:

- No confounding of biological signal between datasets
- Enough biological information captured among shared features

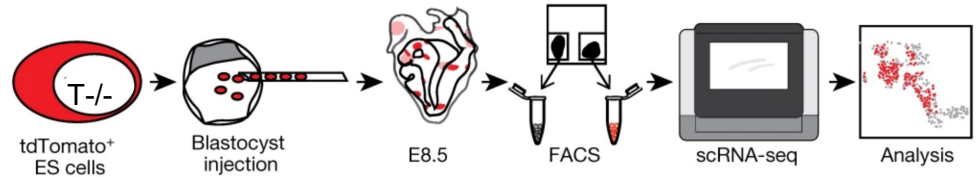


From Li et al, Nature Biotechnology

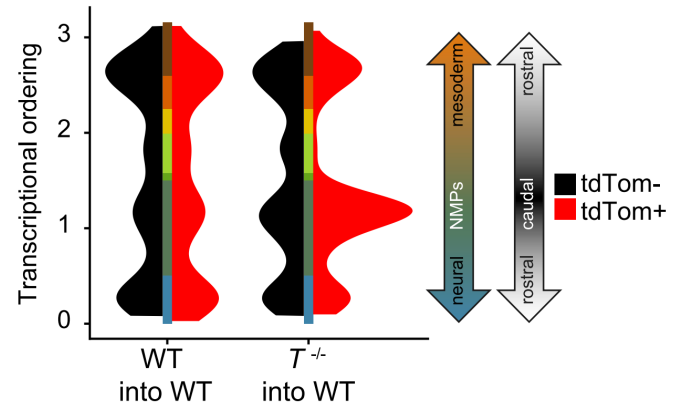
Case study:

*Mapping mutant cells to spatial omics reference*

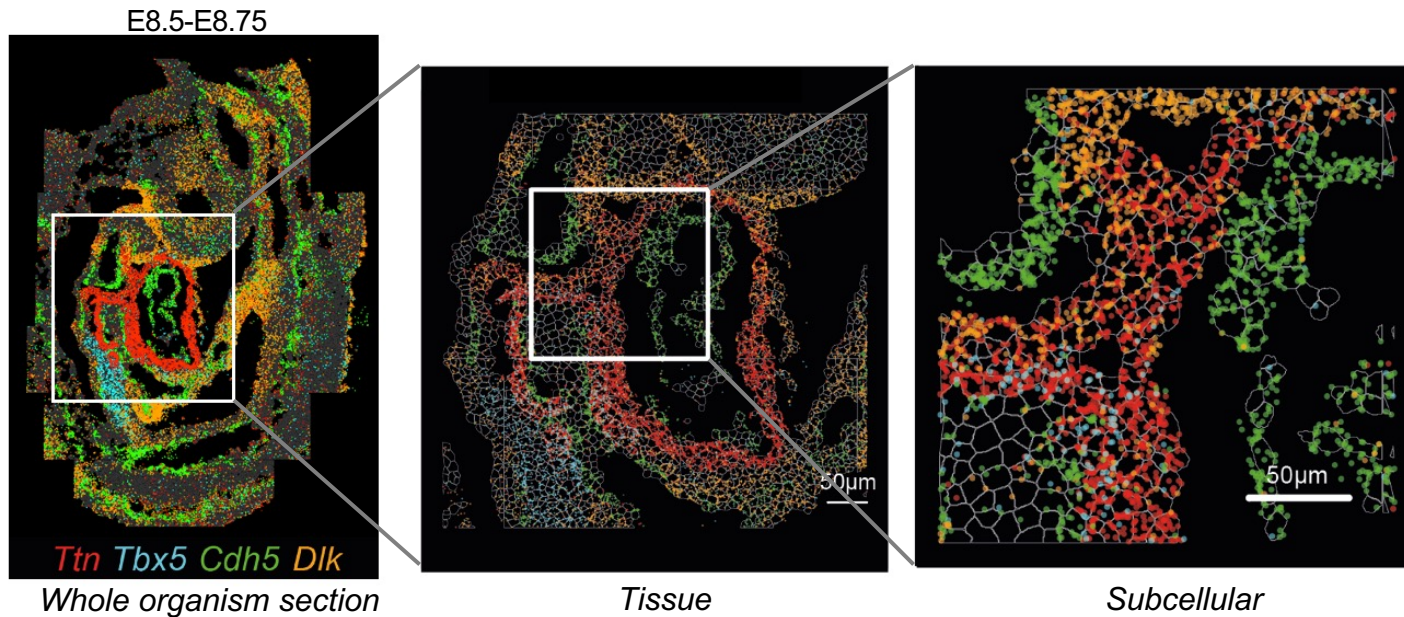
# scRNA-seq profiling of Brachyury mutant chimera



- Anterior Somitic tissues
- Posterior Somitic tissues
- Shared ancestors Ant/Post somitic tissues
- NMP ancestors
- Shared ancestors NMP/Post somitic tissues



# Molecule-resolved early organogenesis spatial mouse atlas



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**Integration of spatial and single-cell transcriptomic data elucidates mouse organogenesis**

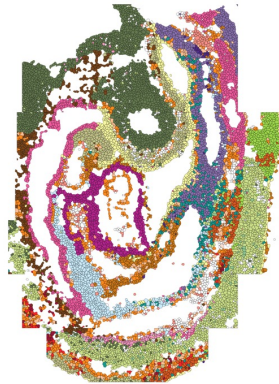
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# Mosaic integration problem



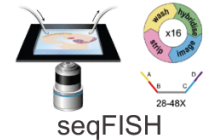
Brachyury (T) chimera



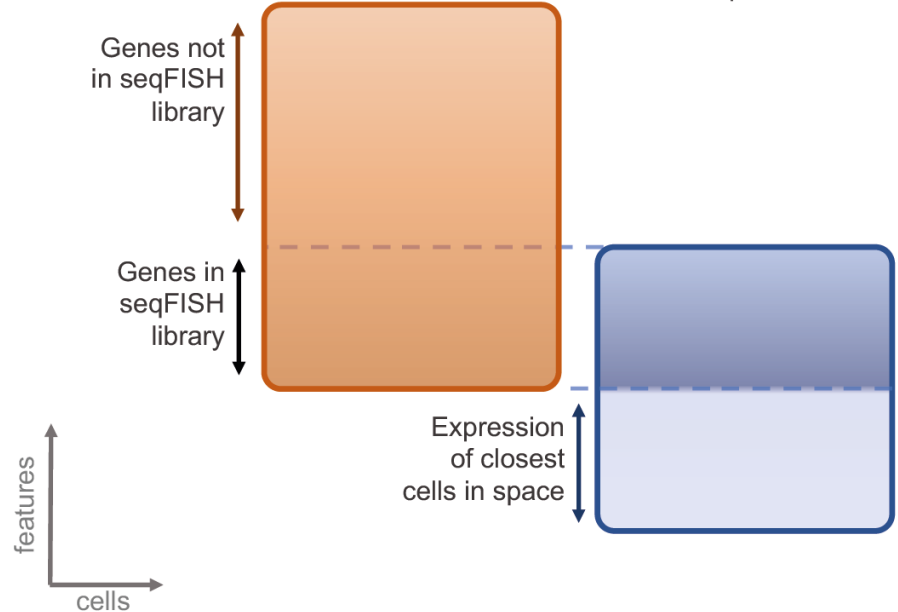
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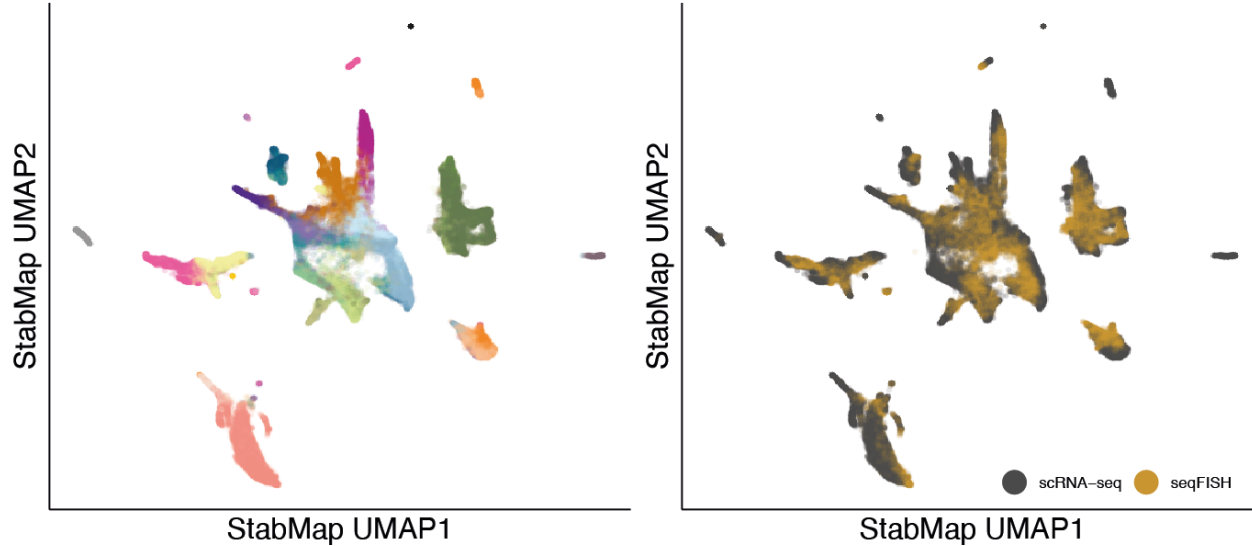
scRNA-seq



seqFISH



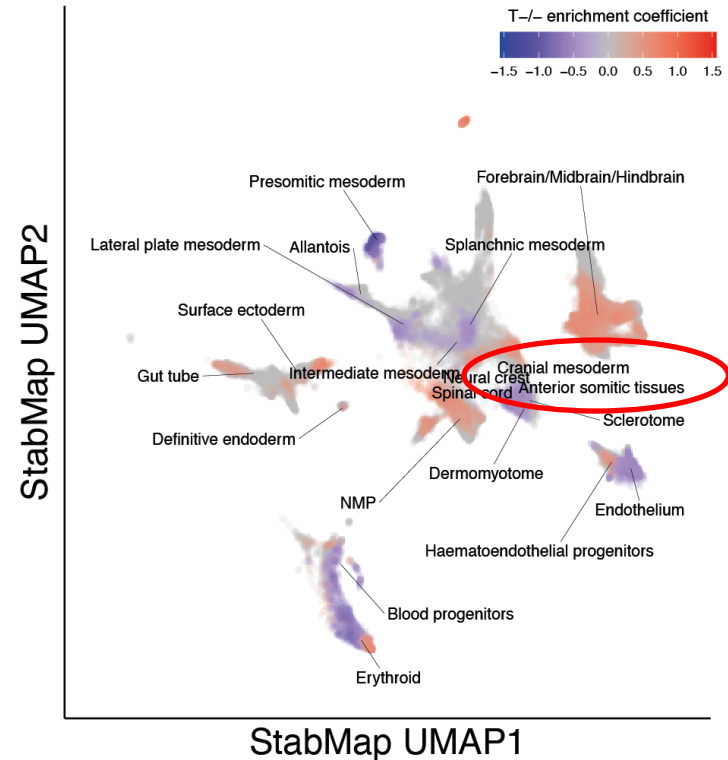
# Mosaic integration of scRNA-seq and seqFISH cells



# Test for overabundance of mutant cells near seqFISH-resolved cells

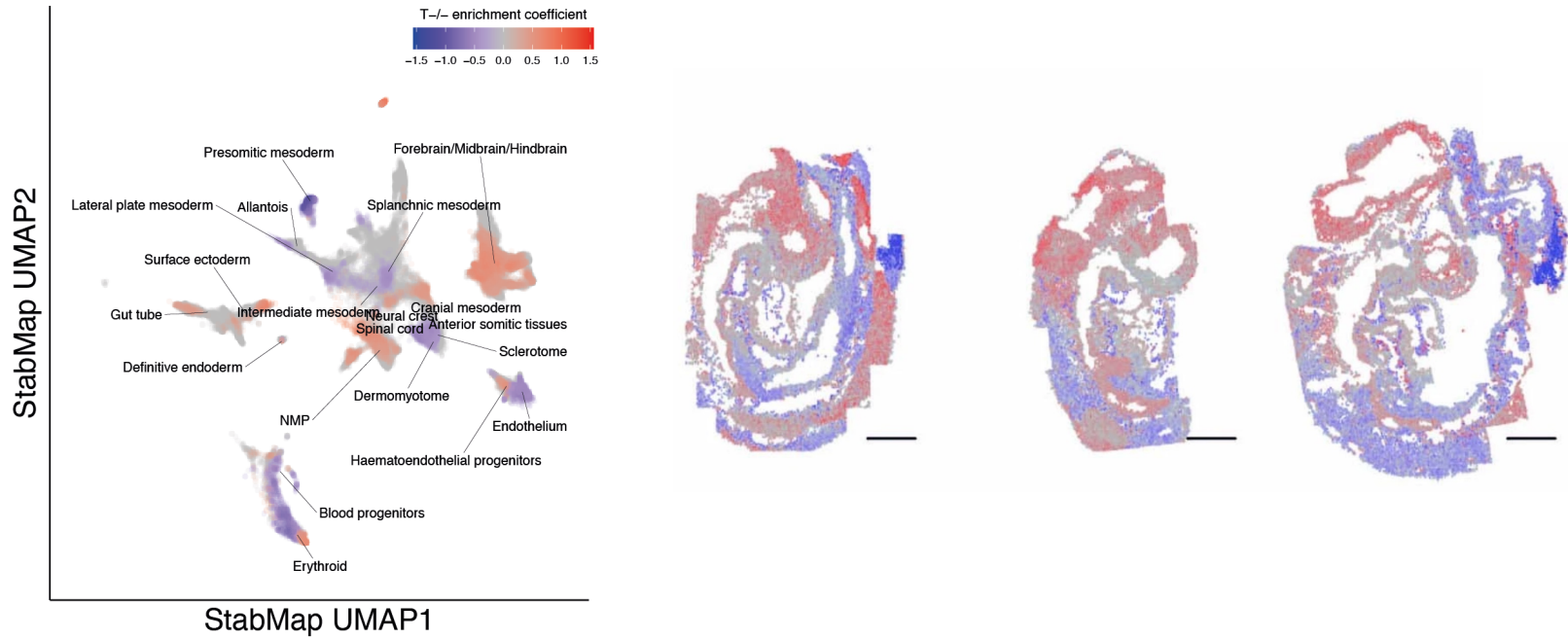
Testing approach: For each seqFISH-resolved cell:

- identify the nearest  $K$  ( $=1000$ ) scRNA-seq resolved cells from within the StabMap embedding;
- Calculate proportion of WT/T- cells among the  $K$  nearest
- Compare to global proportion of WT/T- via binomial test;
- Report T- enrichment coefficient.

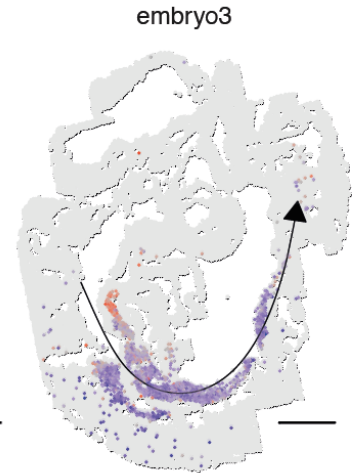
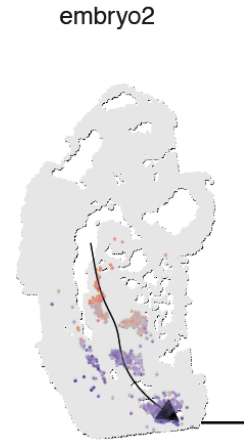
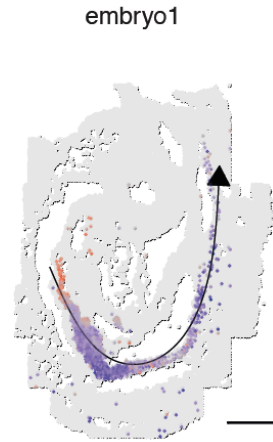
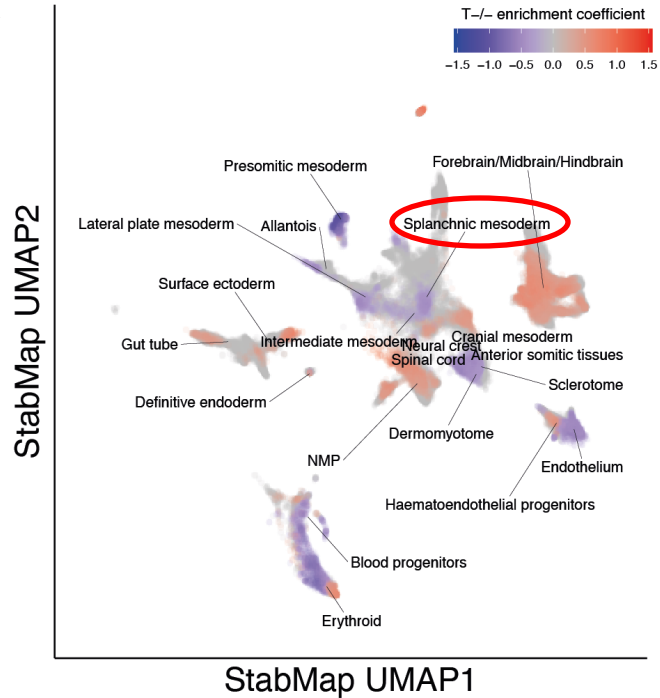




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# Anterior enrichment implicated in other mesoderm type



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## *Data Science Challenges*

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## Data Science challenges: single cell mosaic data integration

- **Relevant and efficient extraction of features**
- How to best combine with vertical and horizontal integration
- **Estimating errors across multiple ‘hops’**
- Challenge of ‘diagonal’ integration
- Potential to go beyond underlying linear model

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Thank you!



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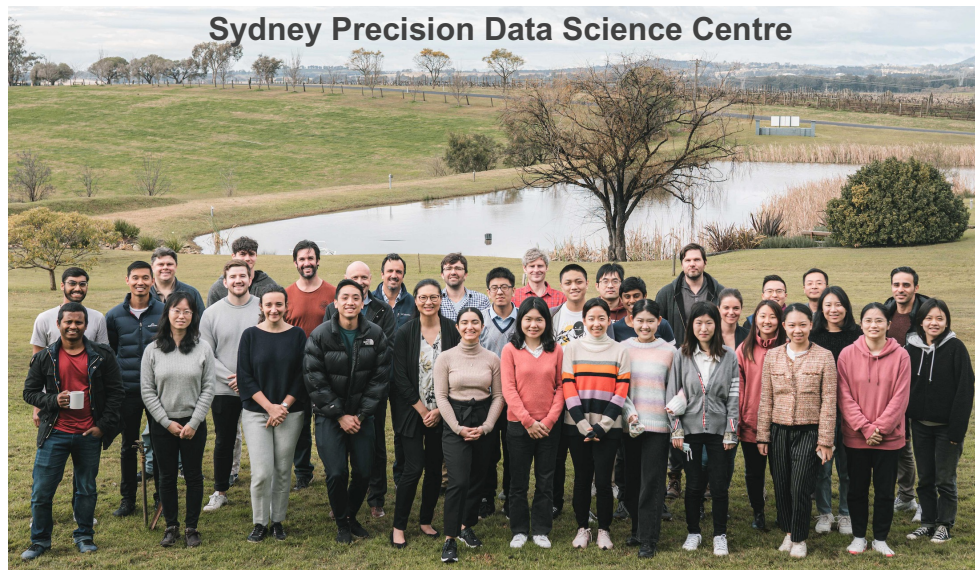


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