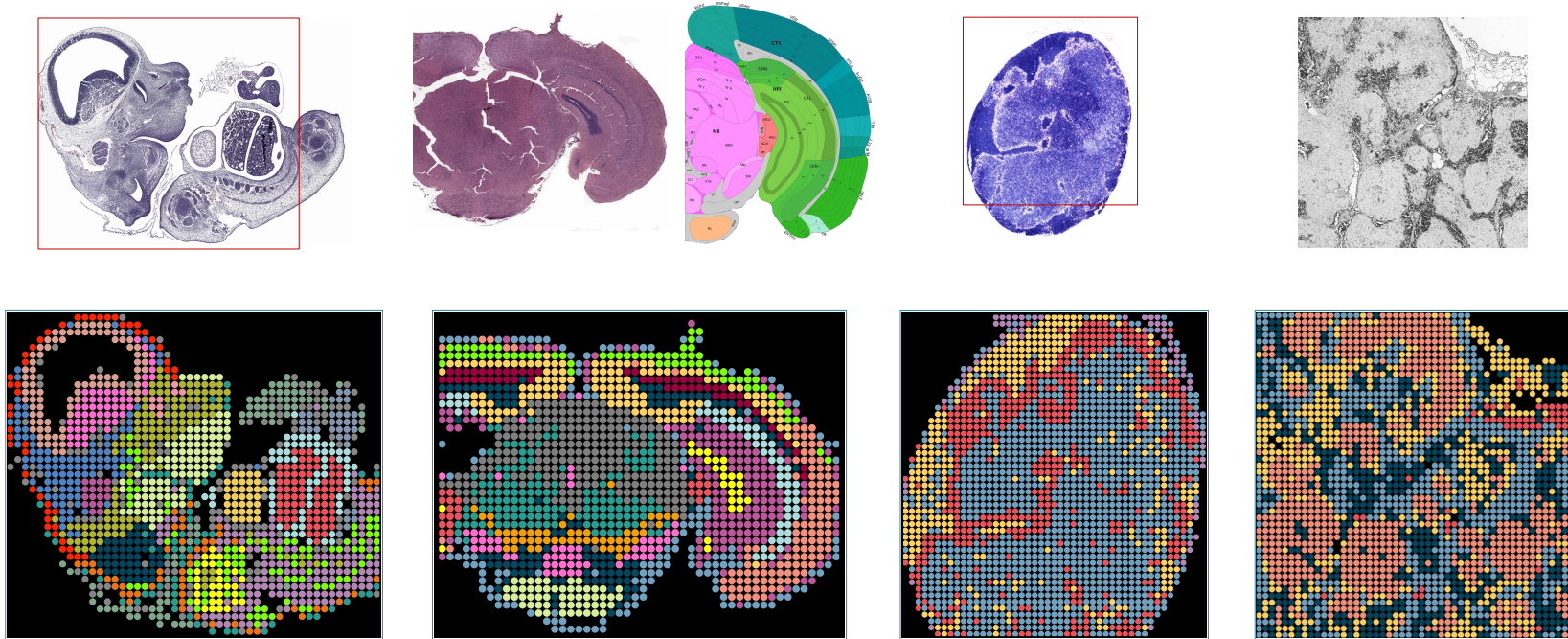


# Sequencing-based Spatial Multi-Omics Mapping



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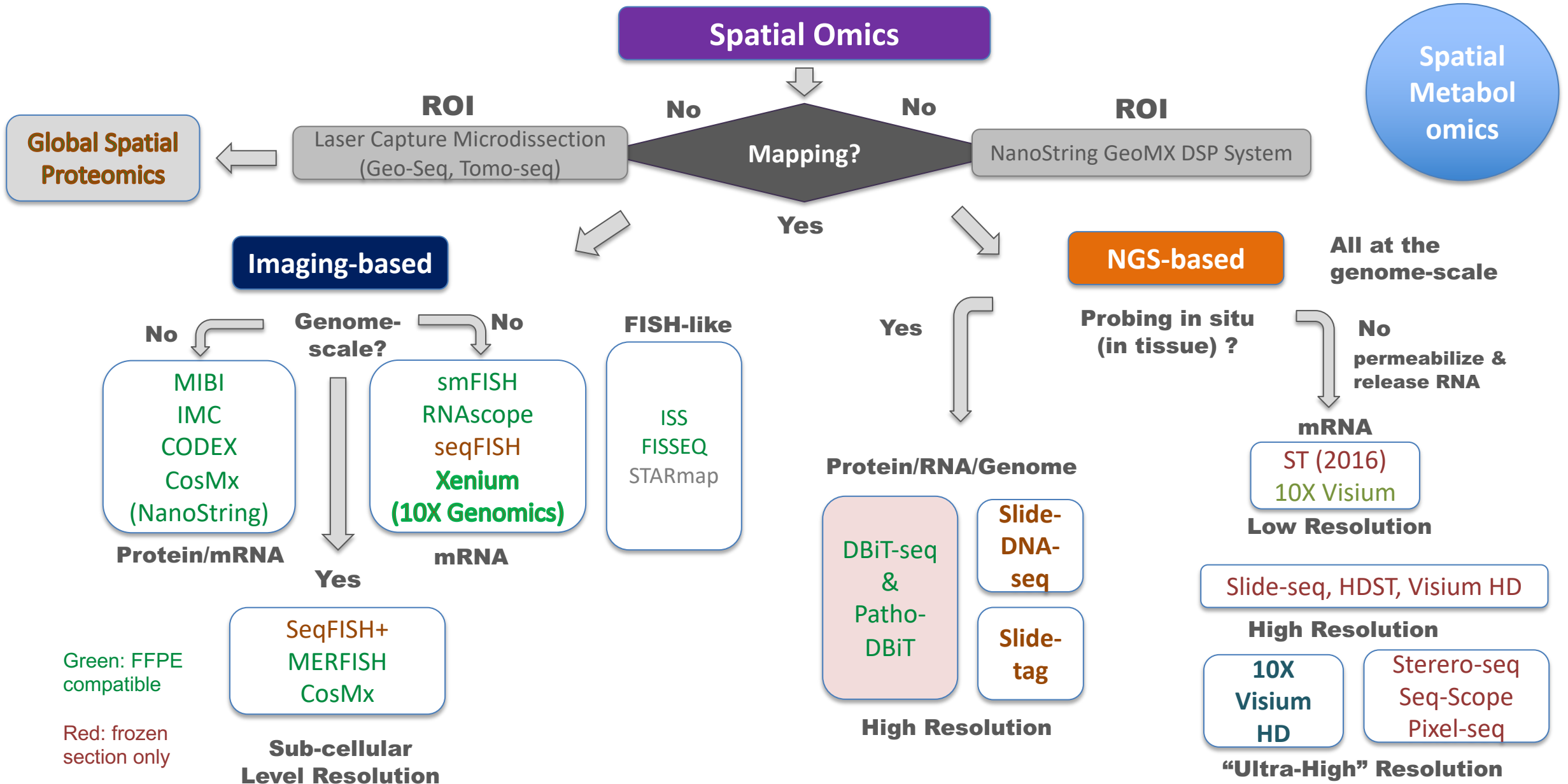


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# Spatial Omics Technology Family



# The Rise of NGS-Based High-Throughput Spatial Omics Mapping

Take mRNAs Out

2016

2017

2018

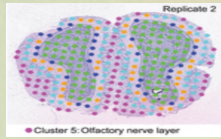
2019

2020

2021

2022

2023-2024



**ST Method**  
Lundeberg Lab  
Science (2016)  
mRNA expression  
100µm spot size

mRNA ST



Slide-seq  
10µm spot



HDST  
2µm spot

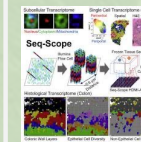


Visium  
55µm spot

ST for RNA  
isoform  
sequencing

Visium for **FFPE**  
Lundeberg et al.

**SM-OMICS**  
Sanja Vickovic  
ST+proteins

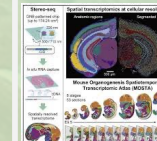


Seq-  
scope  
<1µm  
spot

Cho et al., Cell, 2021



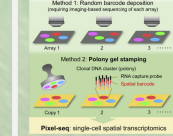
Visium  
**FFPE**  
probe-  
based



Stereo-seq  
<1µm spot

Chen et al., Cell (2022)

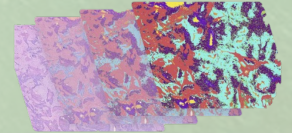
Fabricate -µm resolution barcoded DNA arrays



PIXEL-seq  
<1µm spot

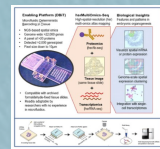
Fu et al., Cell (2022)

10X Genomics  
Visium HD



Spatial Profiling of Gene  
Expression – probe based  
(ready for preorder 2024)

**Spatial Multi-omics**  
mRNA ST + 22 proteins



DBiT-seq

10µm pixel size

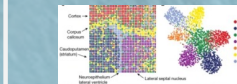
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DBiT-seq for **FFPE**  
tissue spatial  
transcriptome at  
cellular level  
(10µm pixel size)

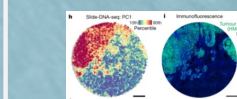
DBiT-seq  
Liu et al, Cell (2020)



Spatial-CUT&Tag

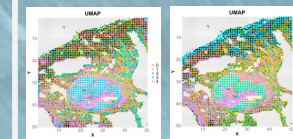


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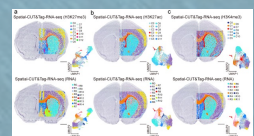


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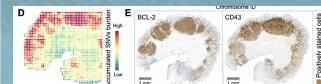
Scale Up Spatial  
Multi-Omics



Spatial-CITE-seq



Spatial-Epigenome-  
Transcriptome-co-seq



Spatial RNA Biology in  
Archival **FFPE** Tissues

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

Send Barcodes In



# Barcoded Solid-Phase RNA Capture for Spatial Transcriptomics Profiling

TRANSCRIPTION

Science

## Visualization and analysis of gene expression in tissue sections by spatial transcriptomics

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Analysis of the pattern of proteins or messenger RNAs (mRNAs) in histological tissue sections is a cornerstone in biomedical research and diagnostics. This typically involves the visualization of a few proteins or expressed genes at a time. We have devised a strategy, which we call "spatial transcriptomics," that allows visualization and quantitative analysis of the transcriptome with spatial resolution in individual tissue sections. By positioning histological sections on arrayed reverse transcription primers with unique positional barcodes, we demonstrate high-quality RNA-sequencing data with maintained two-dimensional positional information from the mouse brain and human breast cancer. Spatial transcriptomics provides quantitative gene expression data and visualization of the distribution of mRNAs within tissue sections and enables novel types of bioinformatics analyses, valuable in research and diagnostics.

nature protocols

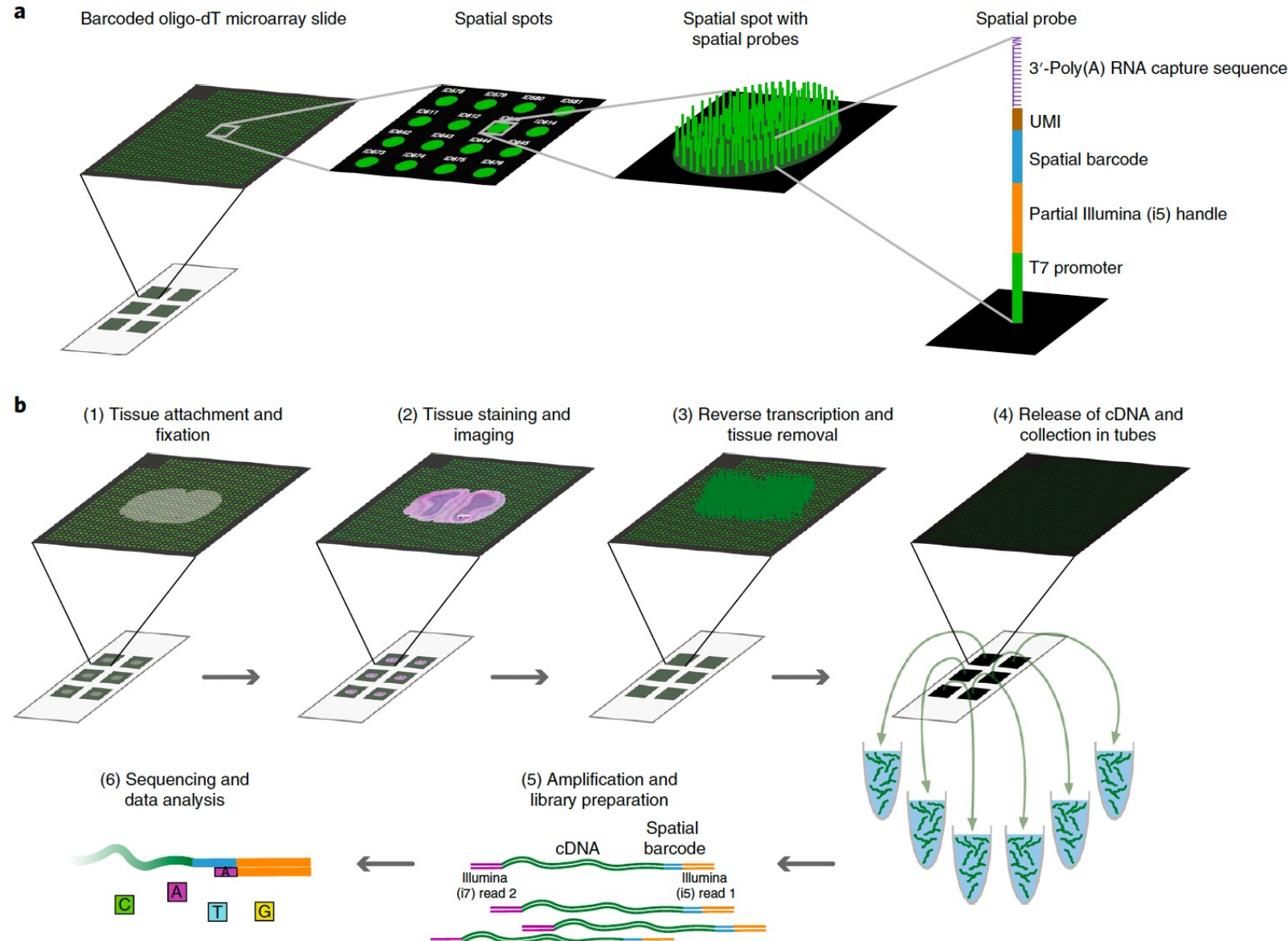
PROTOCOL

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41596-018-0045-2>

## Barcoded solid-phase RNA capture for Spatial Transcriptomics profiling in mammalian tissue sections

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Spatial resolution of gene expression enables gene expression events to be pinpointed to a specific location in biological tissue. Spatially resolved gene expression in tissue sections is traditionally analyzed using immunohistochemistry (IHC) or in situ hybridization (ISH). These technologies are invaluable tools for pathologists and molecular biologists; however, their throughput is limited to the analysis of only a few genes at a time. Recent advances in RNA sequencing (RNA-seq) have made it possible to obtain unbiased high-throughput gene expression data in bulk. Spatial Transcriptomics combines the benefits of traditional spatially resolved technologies with the massive throughput of RNA-seq. Here, we present a protocol describing how to apply the Spatial Transcriptomics technology to mammalian tissue. This protocol combines histological staining and spatially resolved RNA-seq data from intact tissue sections. Once suitable tissue-specific conditions have been established, library construction and sequencing can be completed in ~5–6 d. Data processing takes a few hours, with the exact timing dependent on the sequencing depth. Our method requires no special instruments and can be performed in any laboratory with access to a cryostat, microscope and next-generation sequencing.





# Slide-seq and Curio Bio

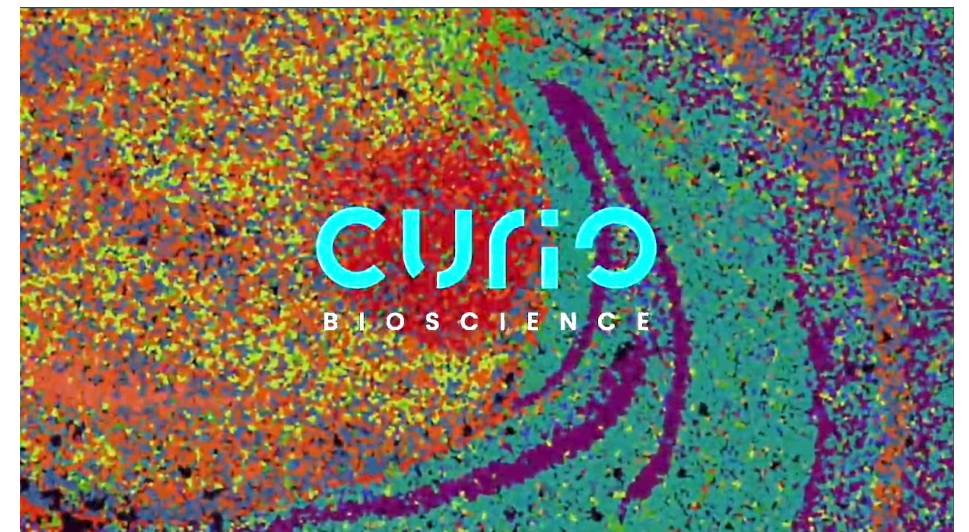
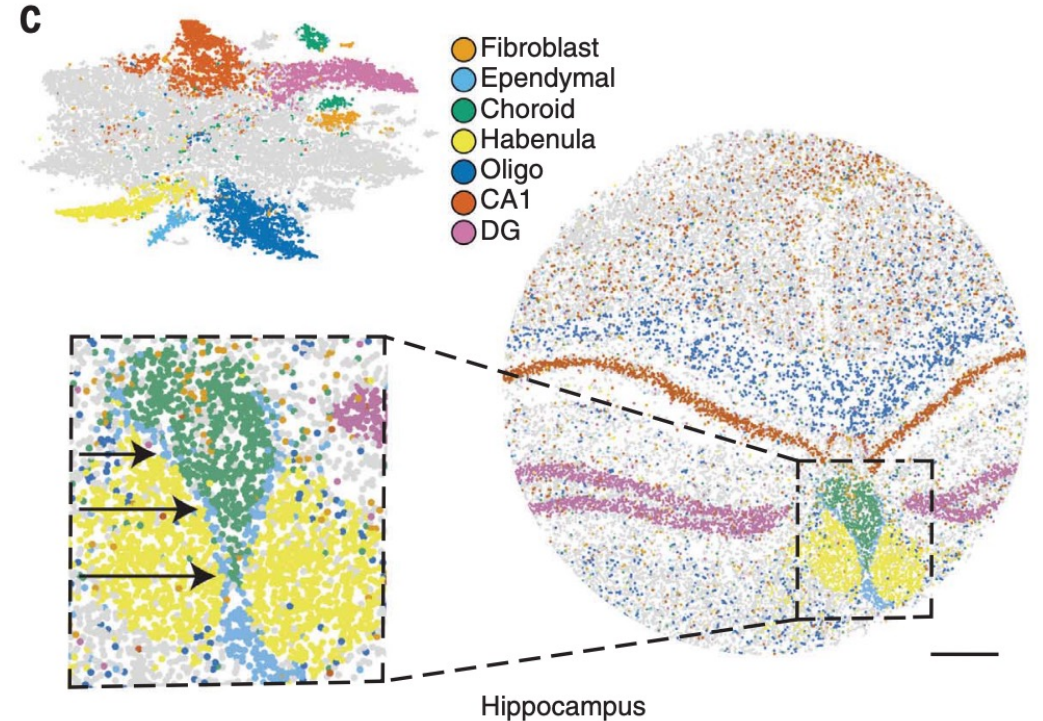
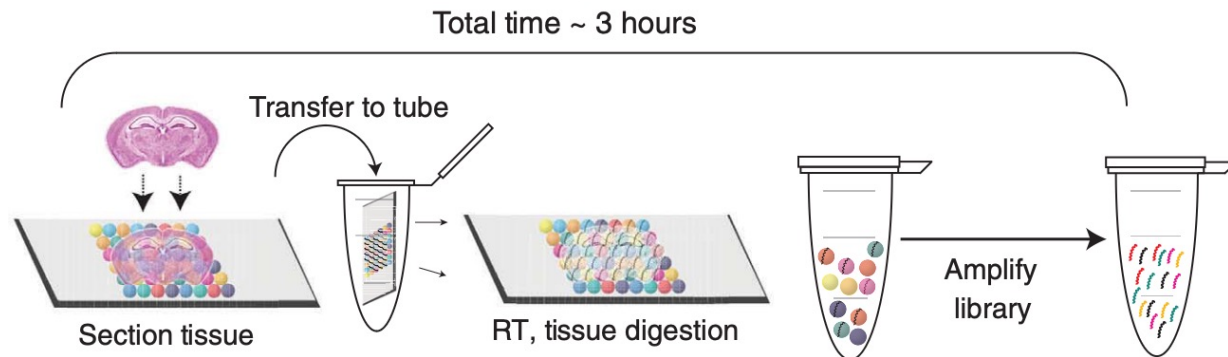
RNA SEQUENCING

Science

## Slide-seq: A scalable technology for measuring genome-wide expression at high spatial resolution

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Spatial positions of cells in tissues strongly influence function, yet a high-throughput, genome-wide readout of gene expression with cellular resolution is lacking. We developed Slide-seq, a method for transferring RNA from tissue sections onto a surface covered in DNA-barcoded beads with known positions, allowing the locations of the RNA to be inferred by sequencing. Using Slide-seq, we localized cell types identified by single-cell RNA sequencing datasets within the cerebellum and hippocampus, characterized spatial gene expression patterns in the Purkinje layer of mouse cerebellum, and defined the temporal evolution of cell type-specific responses in a mouse model of traumatic brain injury. These studies highlight how Slide-seq provides a scalable method for obtaining spatially resolved gene expression data at resolutions comparable to the sizes of individual cells.





# Spatial Transcriptome Sequencing at Subcellular Resolution

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## Microscopic examination of spatial transcriptome using Seq-Scope

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## Spatiotemporal transcriptomic atlas of mouse organogenesis using DNA nanoball-patterned arrays

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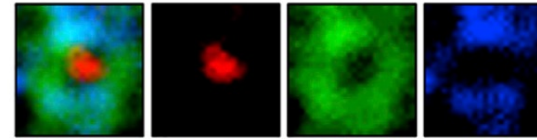
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## Polony gels enable amplifiable DNA stamping and spatial transcriptomics of chronic pain

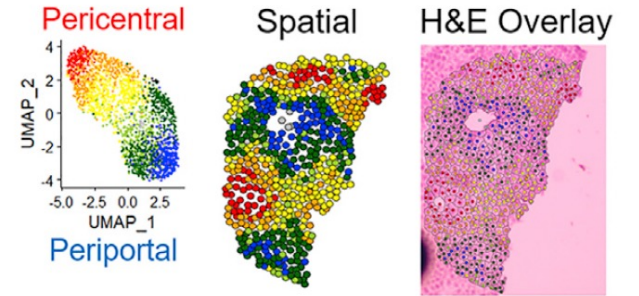
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## Subcellular Transcriptome

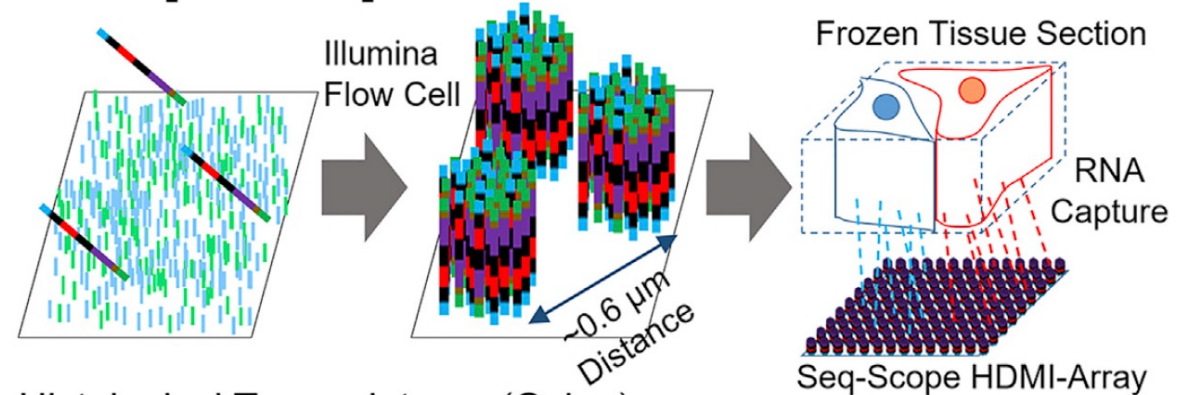


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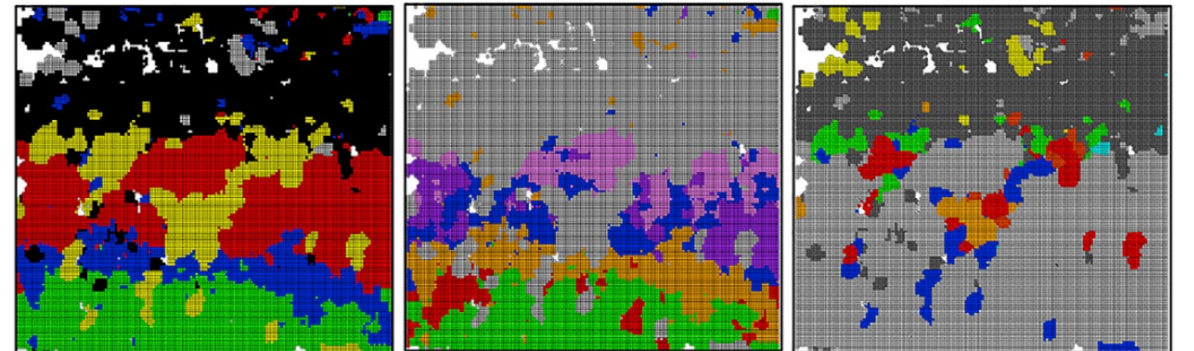
## Single Cell Transcriptome (Liver)



## Seq-Scope



## Histological Transcriptome (Colon)



Colonic Wall Layers

Epithelial Cell Diversity

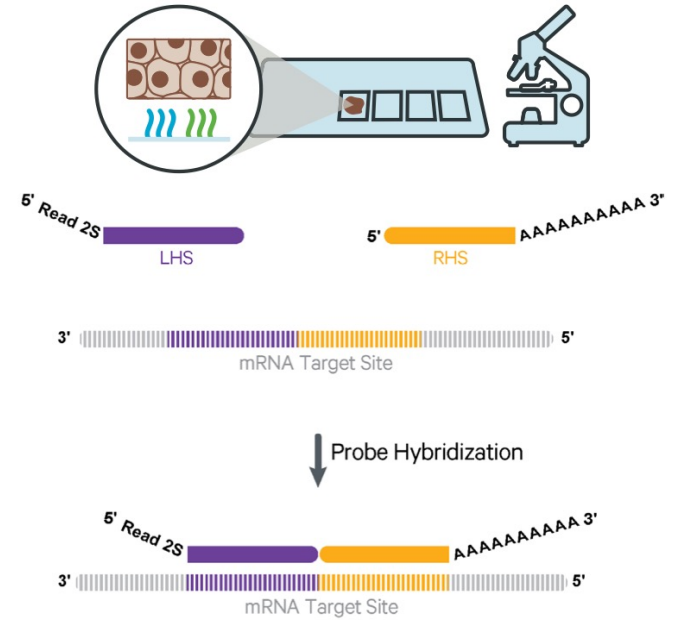
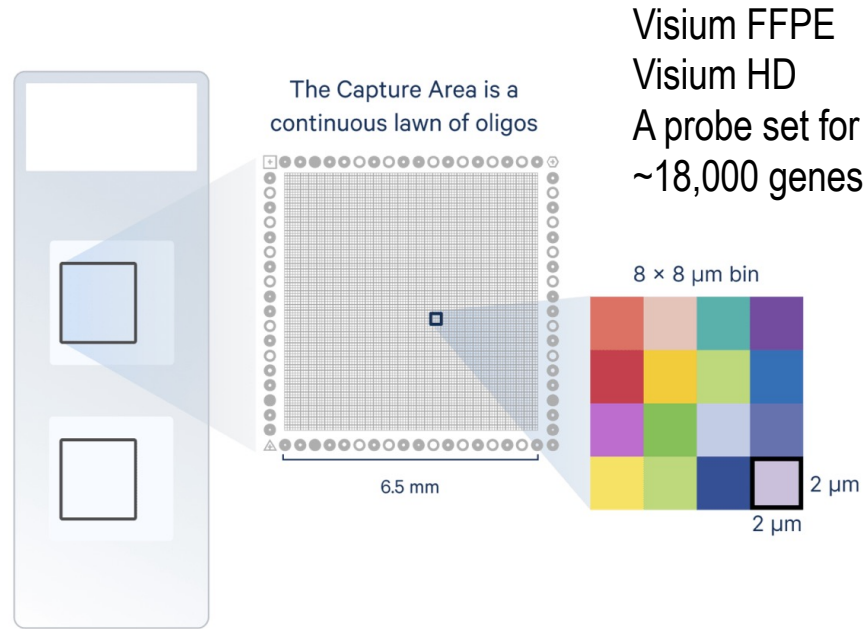
Non-Epithelial Cell Diversity

# 10X Genomics Visium, Visium FFPE, and Visium HD

## Visium Spatial Gene Expression

# Map the whole transcriptome within the tissue context

Visium Spatial Gene Expression is a next-generation molecular profiling solution for classifying tissue based on total mRNA. Map the whole transcriptome with morphological context in FFPE or fresh frozen tissues to discover novel insights into normal development, disease pathology, and clinical translational research.



### Access more sample types

Compatible with both FFPE and fresh frozen tissue samples.



### Whole tissue section profiling

No need to select regions of interest—analyze the whole transcriptome from an entire section.



### High cellular resolution

1–10 cell resolution on average per spot depending on tissue type.



### Diverse sample compatibility

Demonstrated data on a diverse set of organs across species (human, mouse, rat, and more).



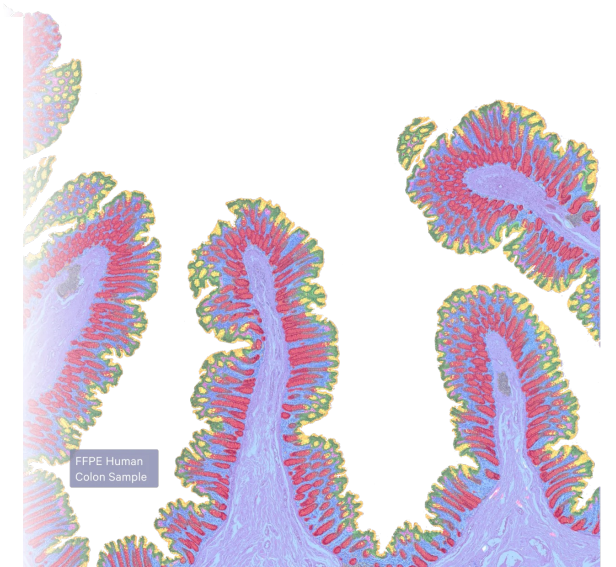
### Protein co-detection

Combine whole transcriptome spatial analysis with immunofluorescence protein detection.



### Streamlined data analysis

Combine histological and gene expression data with easy-to-use software.



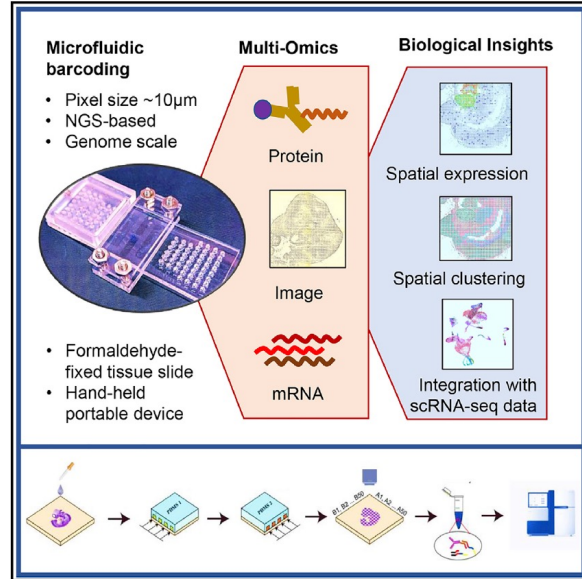


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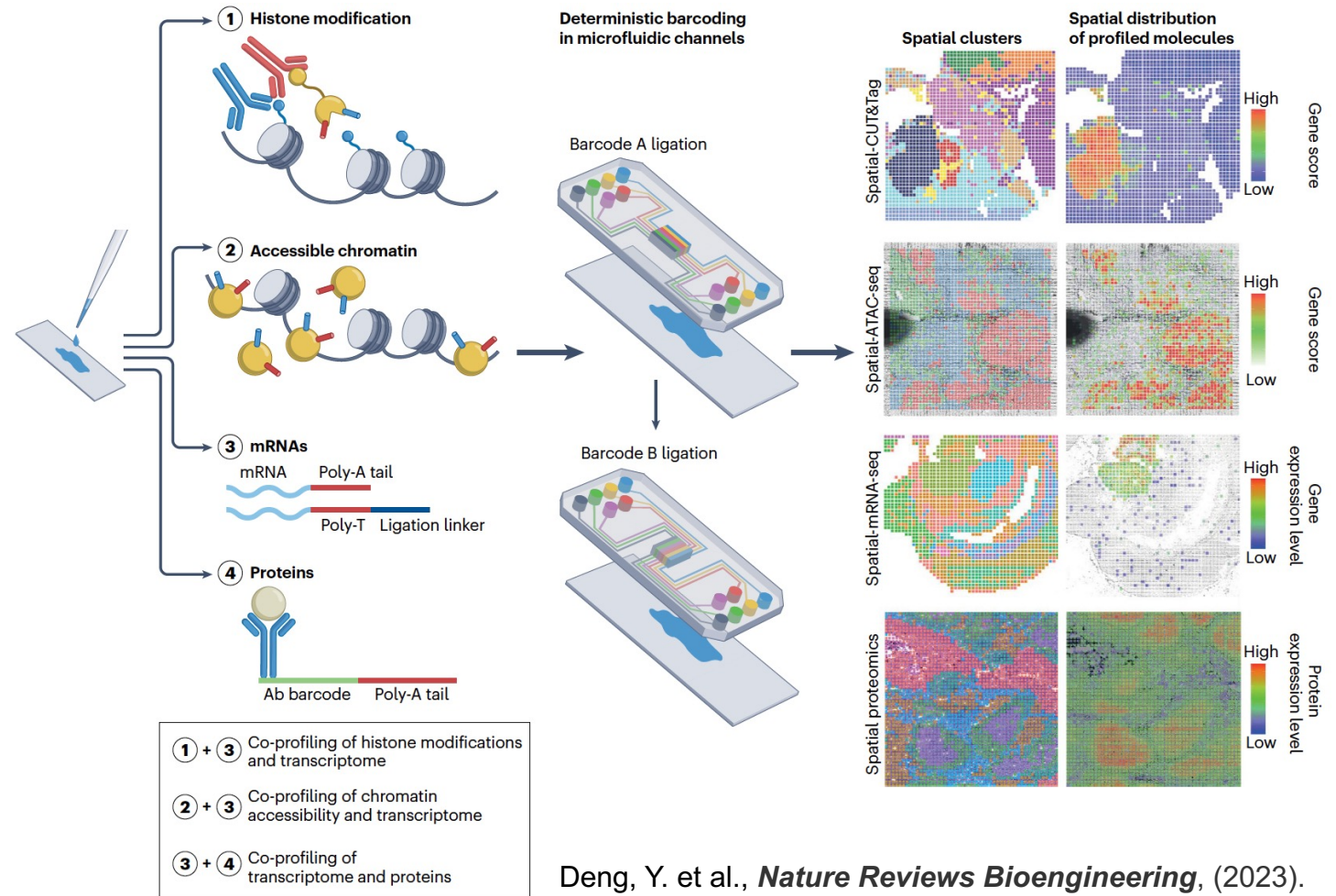
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# Other In-Tissue Barcoding Methods

## Science

### SPATIAL GENETICS

## Embryo-scale, single-cell spatial transcriptomics

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Spatial patterns of gene expression manifest at scales ranging from local (e.g., cell-cell interactions) to global (e.g., body axis patterning). However, current spatial transcriptomics methods either average local contexts or are restricted to limited fields of view. Here, we introduce sci-Space, which retains single-cell resolution while resolving spatial heterogeneity at larger scales. Applying sci-Space to developing mouse embryos, we captured approximate spatial coordinates and whole transcriptomes of about 120,000 nuclei. We identify thousands of genes exhibiting anatomically patterned expression, leverage spatial information to annotate cellular subtypes, show that cell types vary substantially in their extent of spatial patterning, and reveal correlations between pseudotime and the migratory patterns of differentiating neurons. Looking forward, we anticipate that sci-Space will facilitate the construction of spatially resolved single-cell atlases of mammalian development.

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### Article

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## Slide-tags enables single-nucleus barcoding for multimodal spatial genomics

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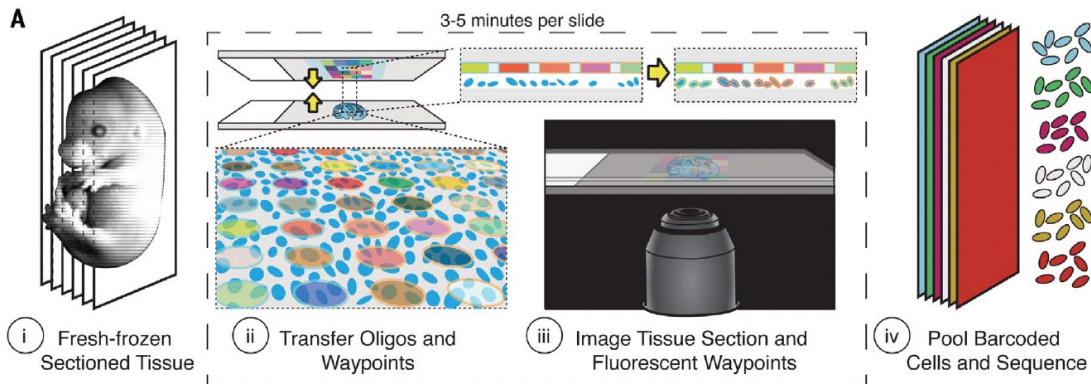
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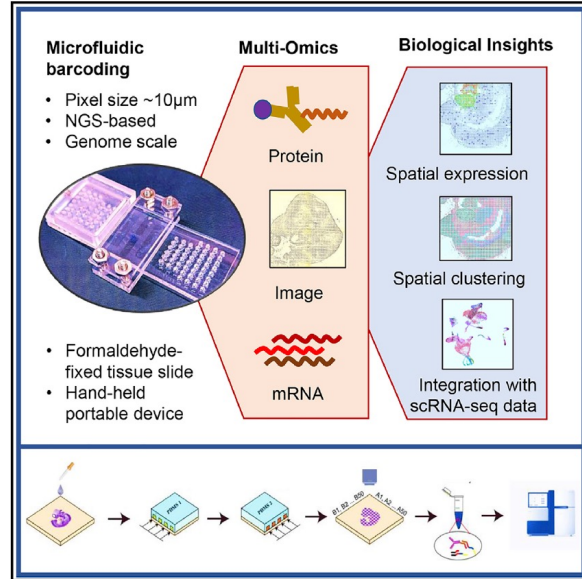


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SEQUENCING

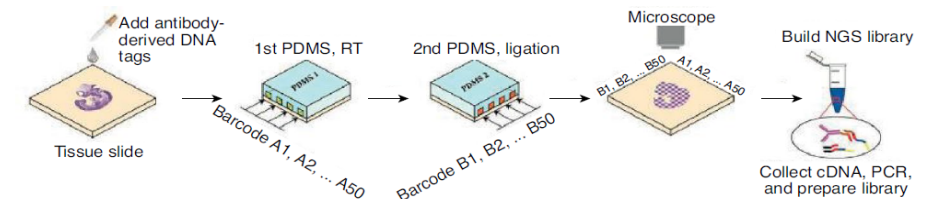
## Multimomics sequencing goes spatial

Microfluidic channels provide a means to deliver barcodes encoding spatial information to a tissue, which allows co-profiling of gene expression and proteins of interest in a spatially resolved manner.

The plethora of sequencing tools have broadened our understanding of how cells function and develop. Yet the majority of sequencing tools leave out the spatial context where cells reside. Such spatial context can be essential to understanding how cells organize within a three-dimensional environment and how cells interact with each other.

Back in 2013, Rong Fan from Yale University was intrigued by a conversation with colleague Kathryn Miller-Jensen: they noticed that trypsinizing cancer cells off the substrate could perturb the measurements of the signaling network. Since then, Fan has been thinking about how to fix and measure cellular states on a substrate or in a tissue without cell dissociation. Barcoding strategies were introduced in massively parallel single-cell RNA sequencing and have substantially advanced the single-cell field. Yet, Fan says, “I was never satisfied with the random barcoding approach.” He hoped to have a method for ‘deterministic barcoding’ of a tissue — delivering barcodes to a given cell in a specific location.

In a sense, the advent of spatially resolved transcriptomics, our *Method of the Year 2020*, solved Fan’s problem. Sequencing-based Visium from 10x Genomics, Slide-seq, and high-definition spatial transcriptomics (HDST), among



Schematic workflow of DBiT-seq. PDMS, polydimethylsiloxane microfluidic chip; RT, reverse transcription; NGS, next-generation sequencing. Reproduced with permission from Liu et al. *Cell* **183**, 1665–1681.e18, (2020), Elsevier.

to poly(A)-tailed mRNAs; this step is followed by in situ reverse transcription. The strip-like confinement, however, only provides one-dimensional information. To achieve a two-dimensional array of pixels, Fan and his colleagues applied a crossflow scheme, in which they removed the first microfluidic chip and clamped on a second chip to deliver a separate set of DNA barcodes in the perpendicular direction. The two sets of barcodes are joined via the ligation linker and store the spatial information of the respective mRNA. After two rounds of microfluidic flow, the tissue retains its morphology and allows optical or fluorescence imaging to associate individual pixels with gene expression patterns.

gene expression patterns. Furthermore, the integration of DBiT-seq and single-cell transcriptomics data allowed the annotation of cell types and the visualization of cell distributions.

In addition to mouse embryos, Fan notes, “As of today, we have performed DBiT-seq on not only mouse embryos but also adult heart, vessel, tonsil, lymph node, kidney, pancreas and skin.” Moreover, DBiT-seq is compatible with immunostained tissue slides and allows the study of transcriptome and protein expression and of cell morphology. Fan says, “We are thinking about how to better integrate tissue histology images and machine learning to deconvolve single cell-transcriptomes in DBiT-seq pixels.”

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research highlights

# Spatially Resolved Joint Proteome- Transcriptome Profiling



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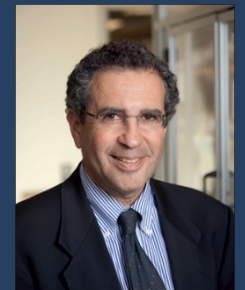
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# High-plex protein and whole transcriptome co-mapping at cellular resolution with spatial CITE-seq

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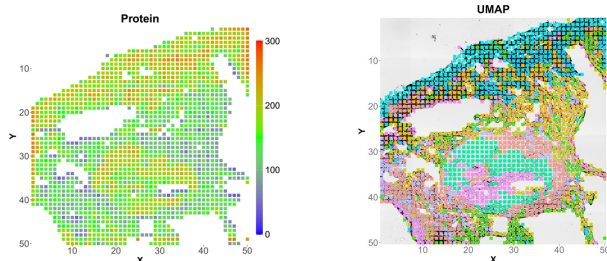
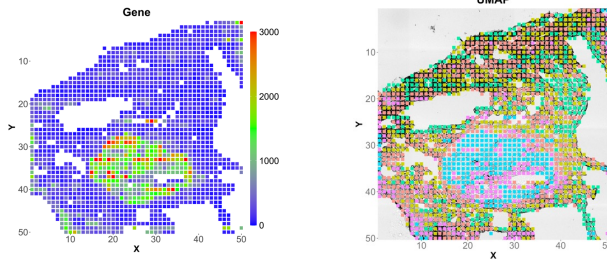
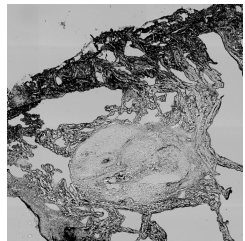
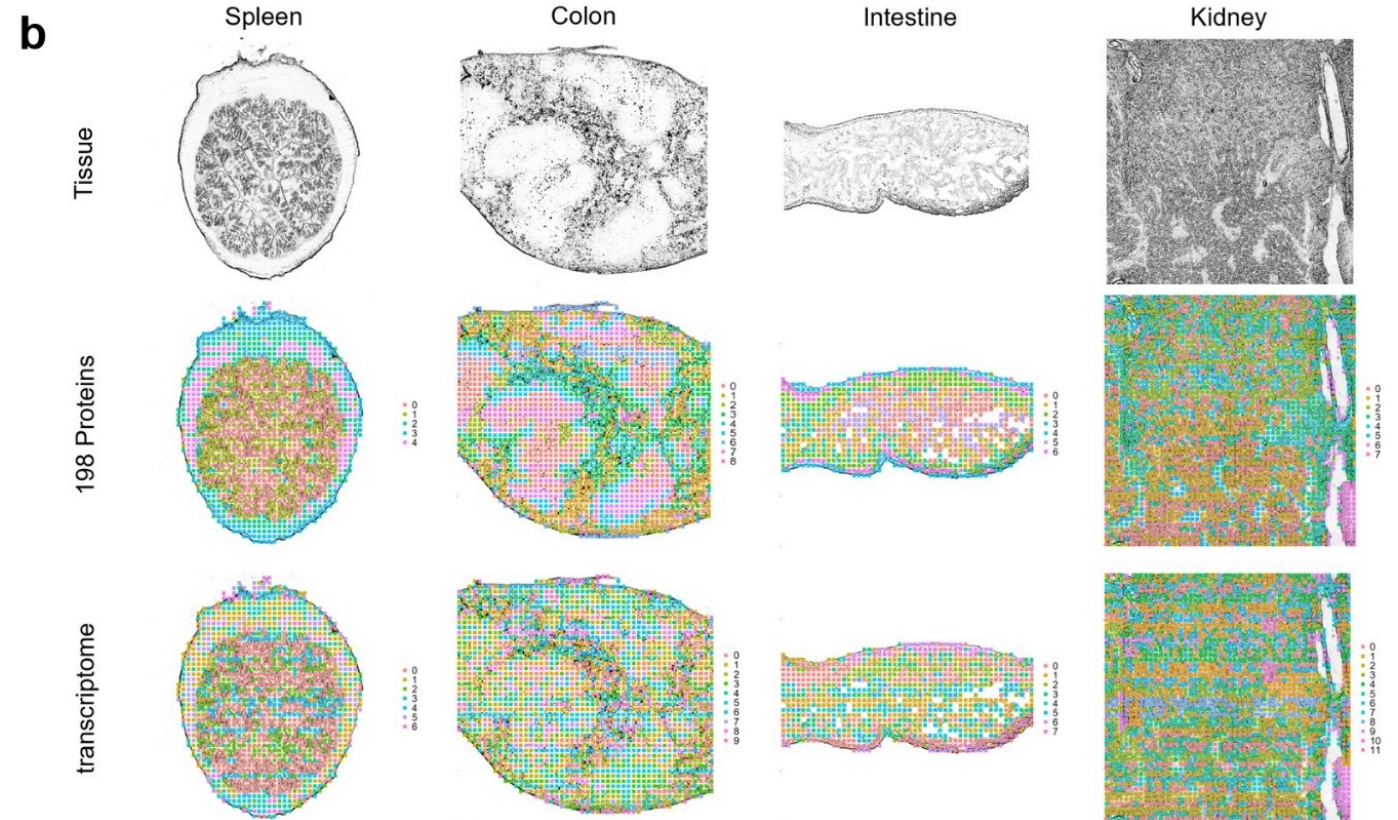
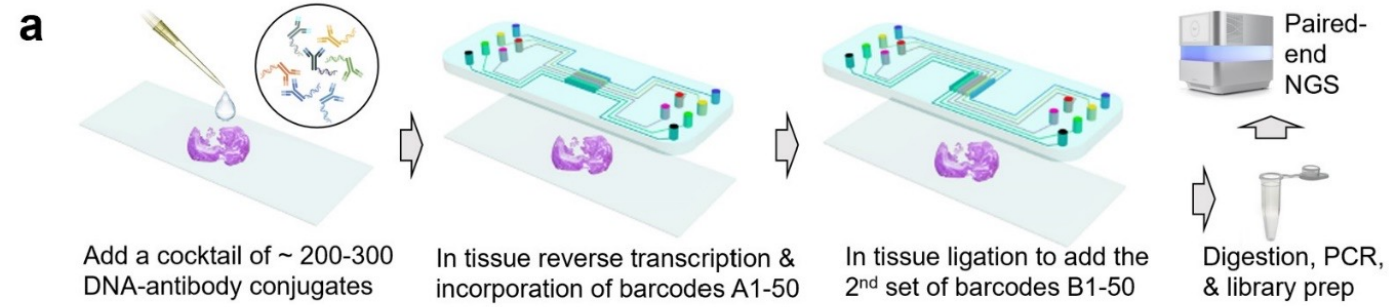
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In this study, we extended co-indexing of transcriptomes and epitopes (CITE) to the spatial dimension and demonstrated high-plex protein and whole transcriptome co-mapping. We profiled 189 proteins and whole transcriptome in multiple mouse tissue types with spatial CITE sequencing and then further applied the method to measure 273 proteins and transcriptome in human tissues, revealing spatially distinct germinal center reactions in tonsil and early immune activation in skin at the Coronavirus Disease 2019 mRNA vaccine injection site.



# **Beyond Spatial Transcriptomics and a Panel of Proteins**



# Spatial profiling of chromatin accessibility in mouse and human tissues

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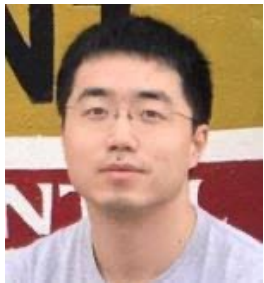
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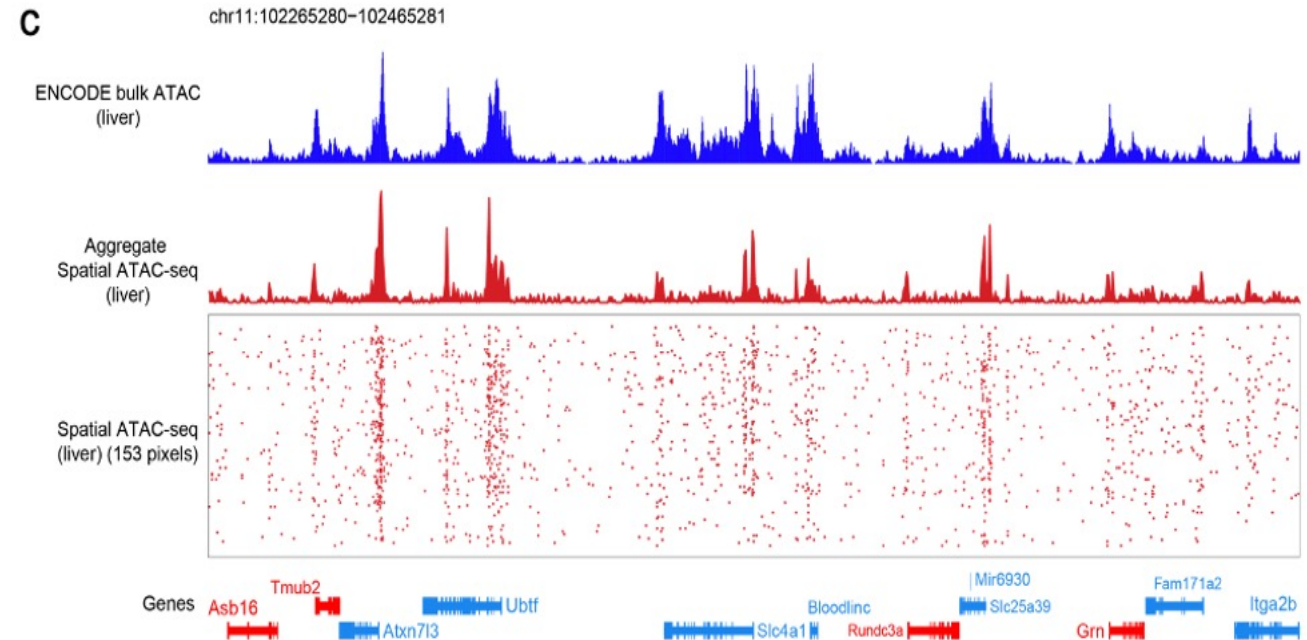
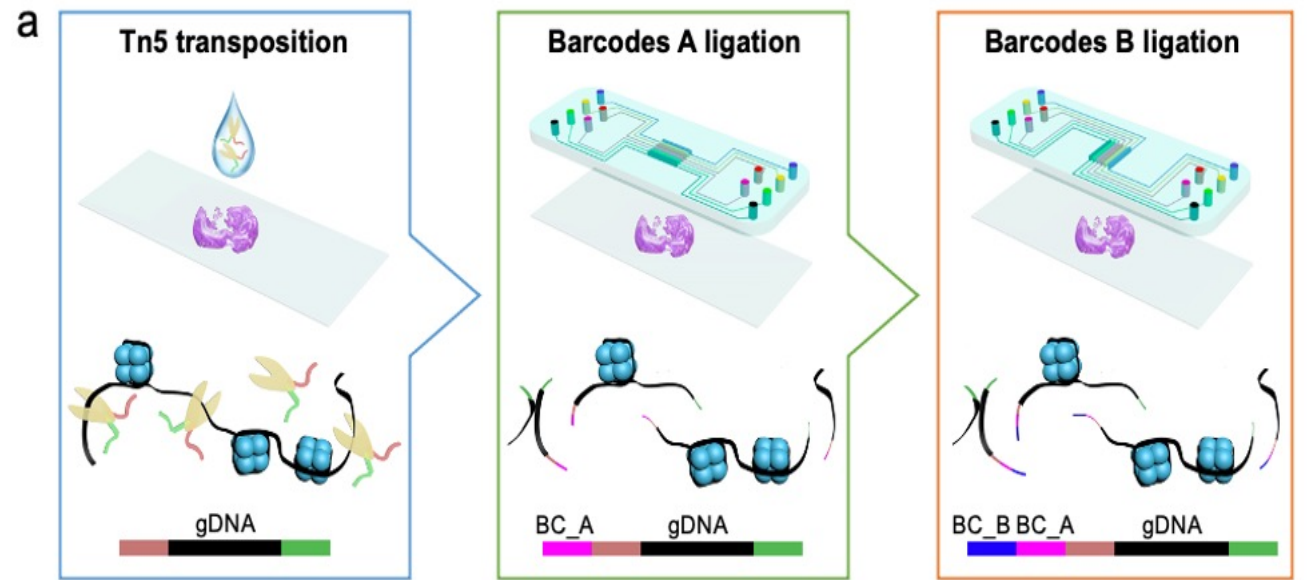
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Cellular function in tissue is dependent on the local environment, requiring new methods for spatial mapping of biomolecules and cells in the tissue context<sup>1</sup>. The emergence of spatial transcriptomics has enabled genome-scale gene expression mapping<sup>2–5</sup>, but the ability to capture spatial epigenetic information of tissue at the cellular level and genome scale is lacking. Here we describe a method for spatially resolved chromatin accessibility profiling of tissue sections using next-generation sequencing (spatial-ATAC-seq) by combining in situ Tn5 transposition chemistry<sup>6</sup> and microfluidic deterministic barcoding<sup>5</sup>. Profiling mouse embryos using spatial-ATAC-seq delineated tissue-region-specific epigenetic landscapes and identified gene regulators involved in the development of the central nervous system. Mapping the accessible genome in the mouse and human brain revealed the intricate arealization of brain regions. Applying spatial-ATAC-seq to tonsil tissue resolved the spatially distinct organization of immune cell types and states in lymphoid follicles and extrafollicular zones. This technology progresses spatial biology by enabling spatially resolved chromatin accessibility profiling to improve our understanding of cell identity, cell state and cell fate decision in relation to epigenetic underpinnings in development and disease.



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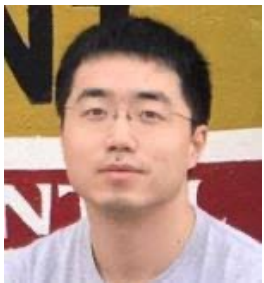


SPATIAL EPIGENOMICS

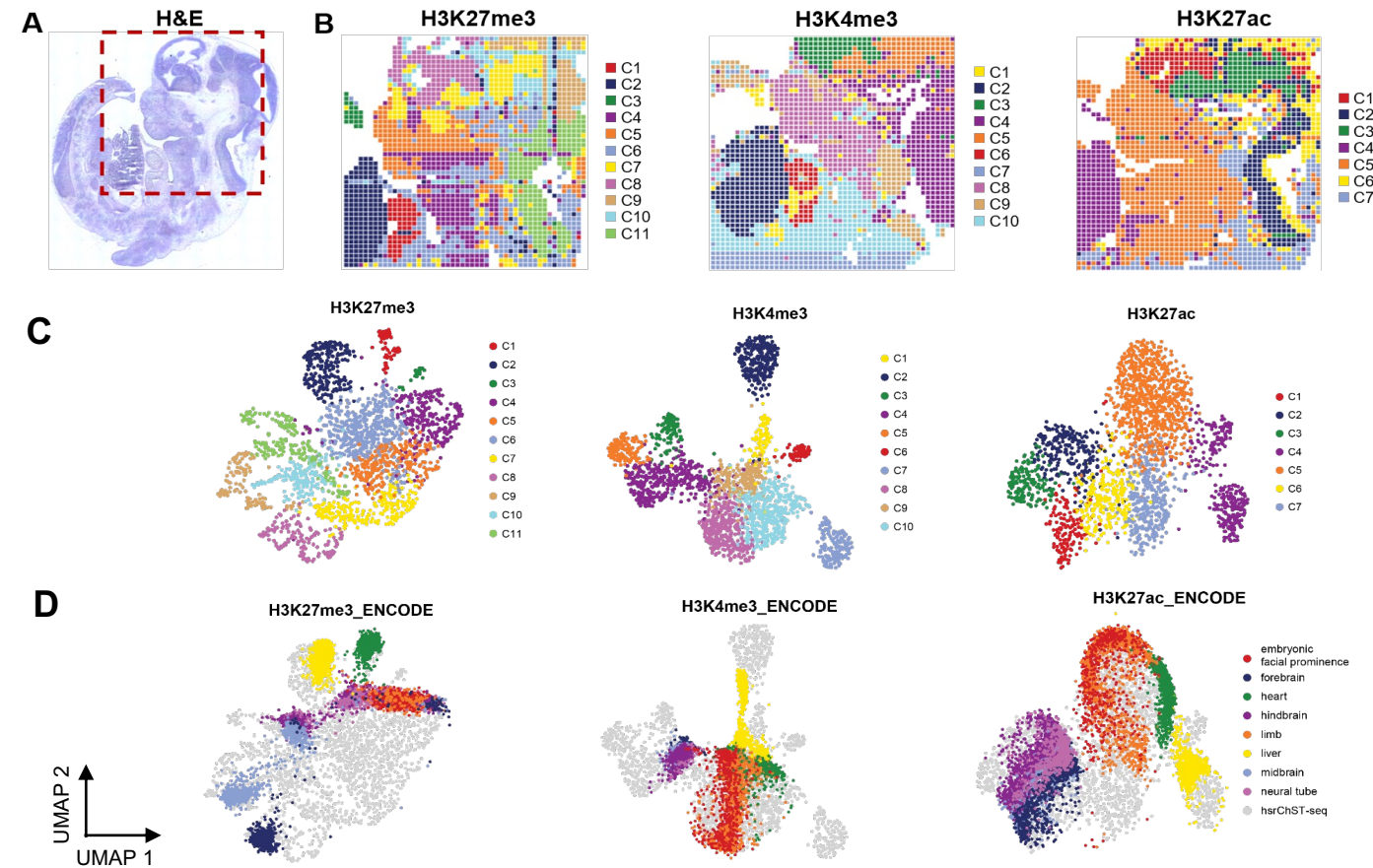
## Spatial-CUT&Tag: Spatially resolved chromatin modification profiling at the cellular level

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Spatial omics emerged as a new frontier of biological and biomedical research. Here, we present spatial-CUT&Tag for spatially resolved genome-wide profiling of histone modifications by combining in situ CUT&Tag chemistry, microfluidic deterministic barcoding, and next-generation sequencing. Spatially resolved chromatin states in mouse embryos revealed tissue-type-specific epigenetic regulations in concordance with ENCODE references and provide spatial information at tissue scale. Spatial-CUT&Tag revealed epigenetic control of the cortical layer development and spatial patterning of cell types determined by histone modification in mouse brain. Single-cell epigenomes can be derived in situ by identifying 20-micrometer pixels containing only one nucleus using immunofluorescence imaging. Spatial chromatin modification profiling in tissue may offer new opportunities to study epigenetic regulation, cell function, and fate decision in normal physiology and pathogenesis.



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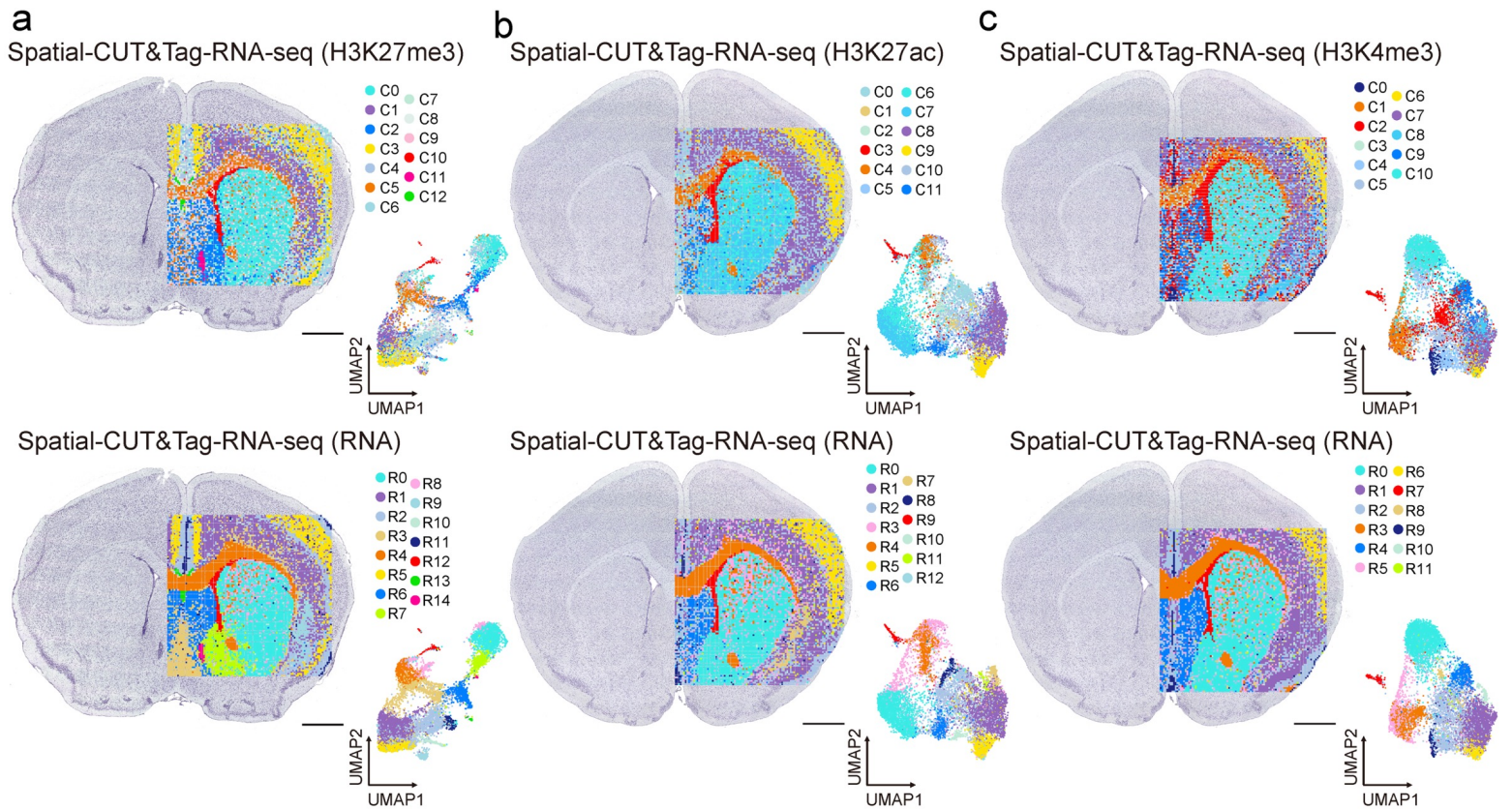
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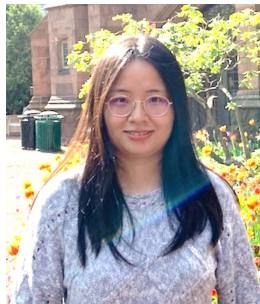
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Emerging spatial technologies, including spatial transcriptomics and spatial epigenomics, are becoming powerful tools for profiling of cellular states in the tissue context<sup>1–5</sup>. However, current methods capture only one layer of omics information at a time, precluding the possibility of examining the mechanistic relationship across the central dogma of molecular biology. Here, we present two technologies for spatially resolved, genome-wide, joint profiling of the epigenome and transcriptome by cosequencing chromatin accessibility and gene expression, or histone modifications (H3K27me3, H3K27ac or H3K4me3) and gene expression on the same tissue section at near-single-cell resolution. These were applied to embryonic and juvenile mouse brain, as well as adult human brain, to map how epigenetic mechanisms control transcriptional phenotype and cell dynamics in tissue. Although highly concordant tissue features were identified by either spatial epigenome or spatial transcriptome we also observed distinct patterns, suggesting their differential roles in defining cell states. Linking epigenome to transcriptome pixel by pixel allows the uncovering of new insights in spatial epigenetic priming, differentiation and gene regulation within the tissue architecture. These technologies are of great interest in life science and biomedical research.



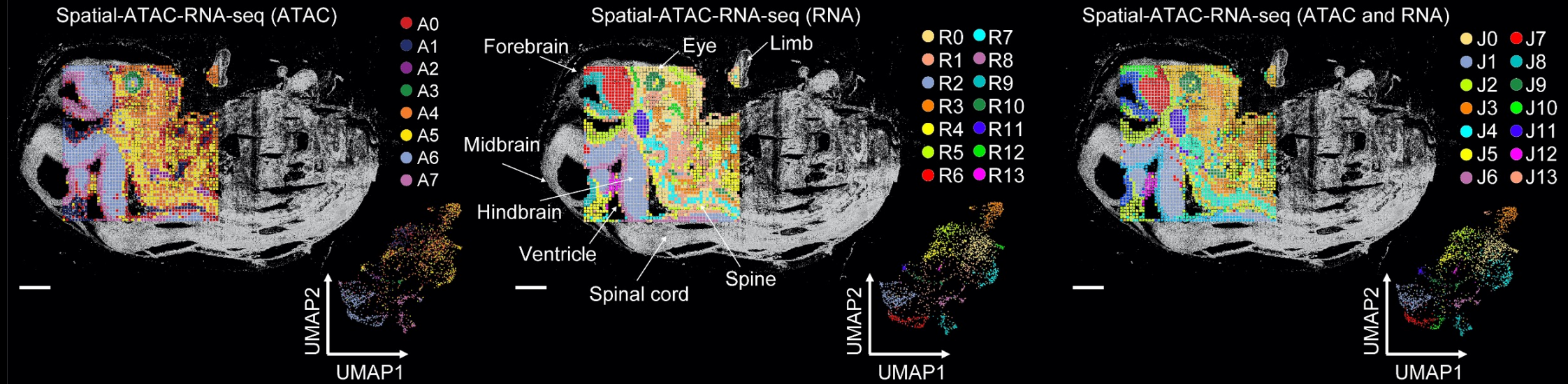
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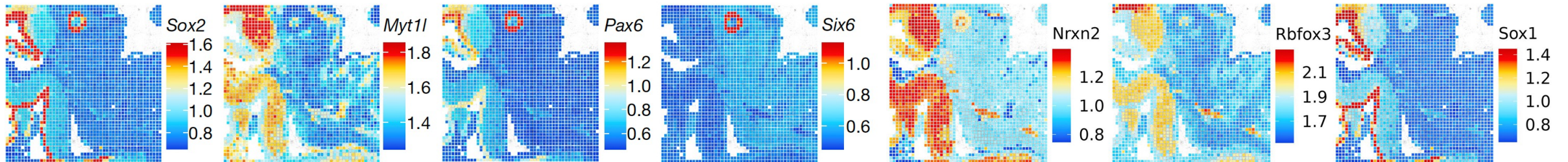
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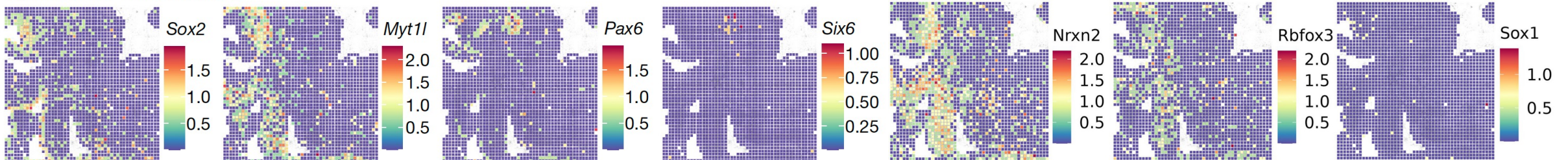
# Spatial-ATAC-RNA-Co-Profiling of Embryonic Mouse Brain



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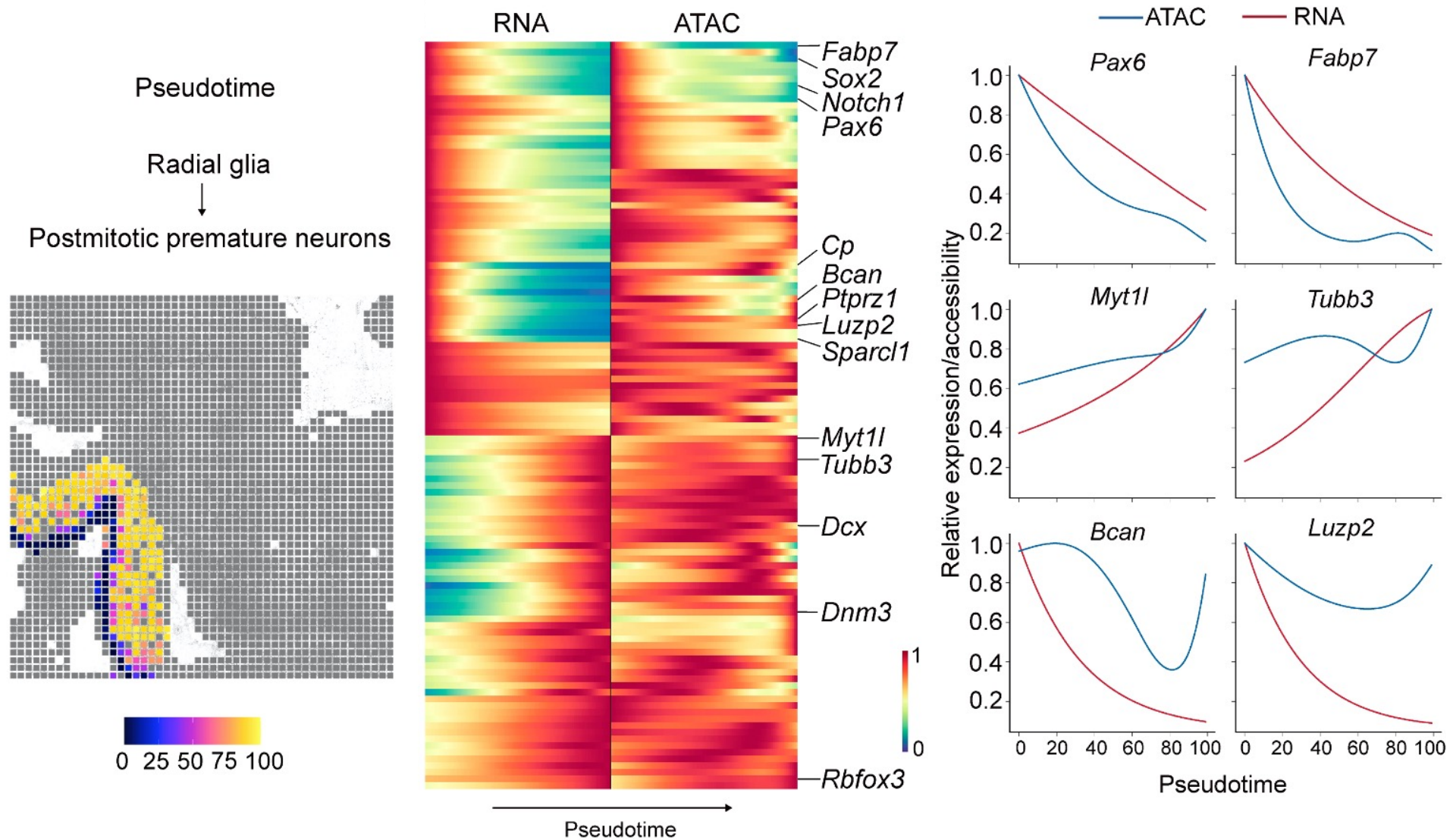


Spatial ATAC-RNA-seq (RNA)





# Spatially Resolved Pseudo Time Analysis of Both Epigenetic and Transcriptional State from Radial Glia to PPN



# Hope you will join the hands-on computational data analysis session later today

Session Four: Practical Methods in Spatial Omics

**13:15** Chair: Rong Fan, PhD

- Rong Fan and members of his group from Yale University (Shuozhen Bao, Alev Baysoy, Zhiliang Bai) lead a practical tutorial with Jupyter notebooks and GitHub software, to teach 'hands-on' experimental methods and computational tools for spatial omics and data analysis

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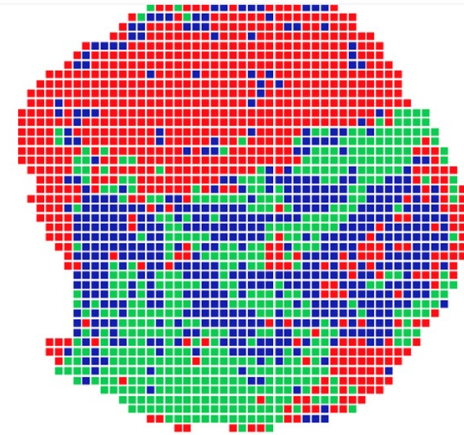
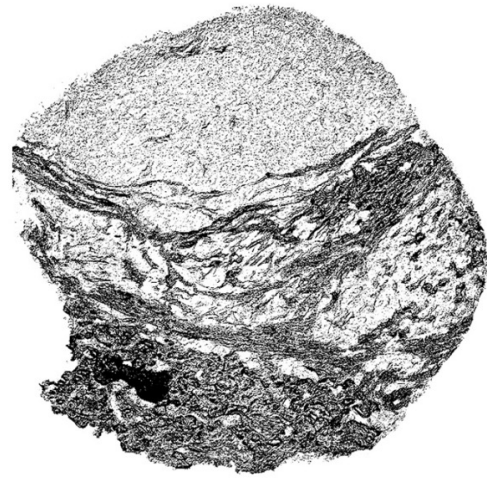
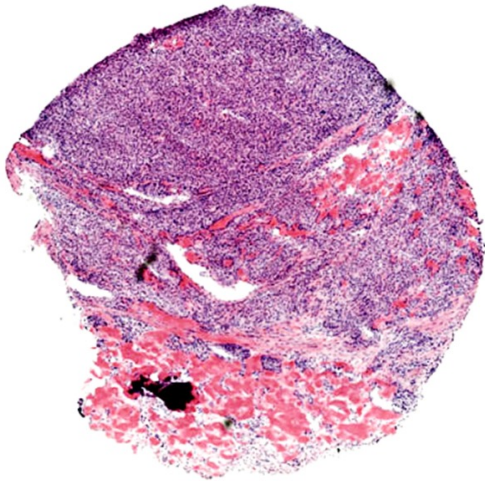
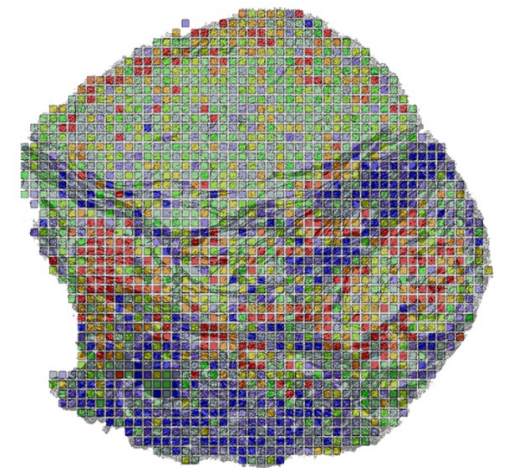


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# Spatially Exploring RNA Biology in FFPE Tissue



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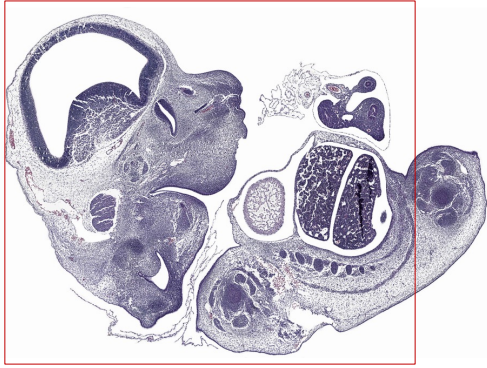
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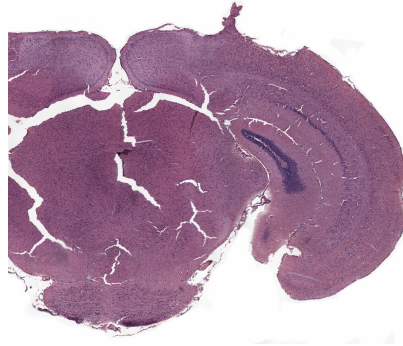
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# Patho-DBiT-seq: clinical pathology FFPE tissue spatial RNA biology profiling

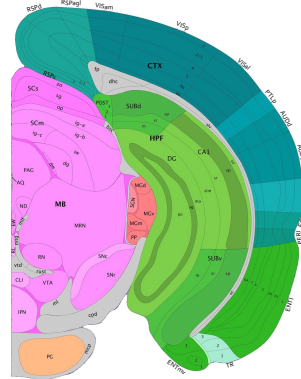
Highly sensitive spatial transcriptomic sequencing of formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissue



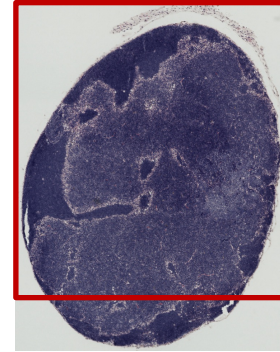
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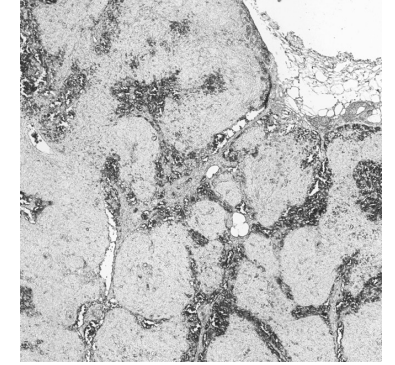
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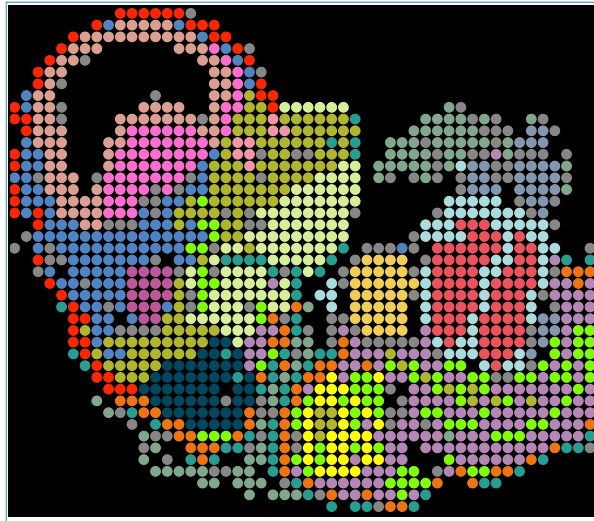
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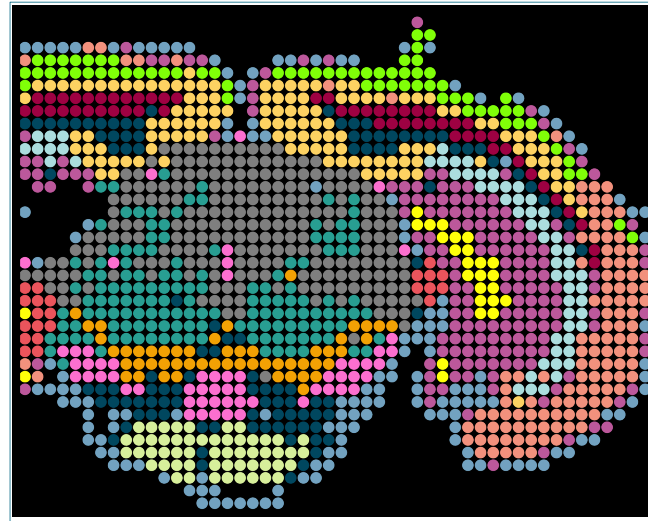
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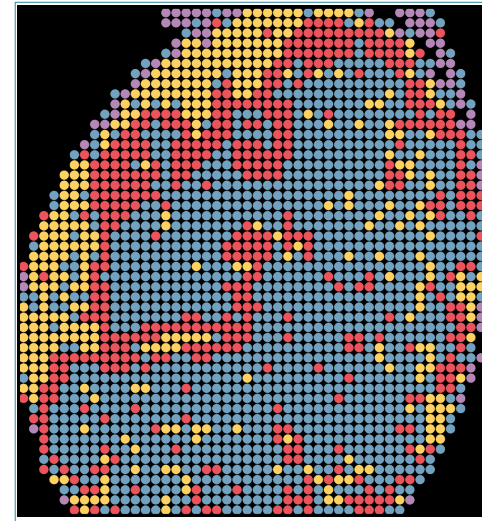
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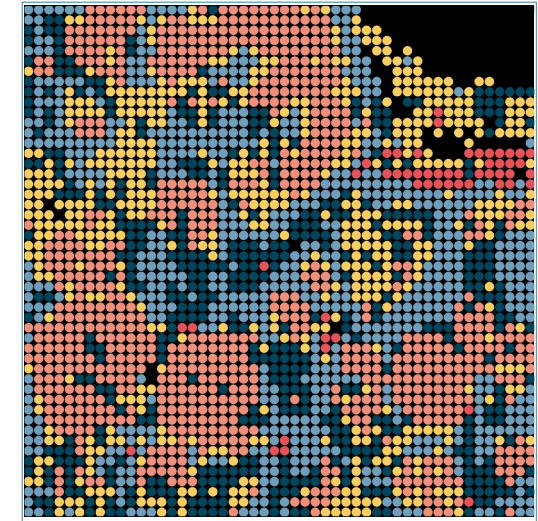
Mouse Embryo E13



Mouse Brain



Mouse Lymph Node

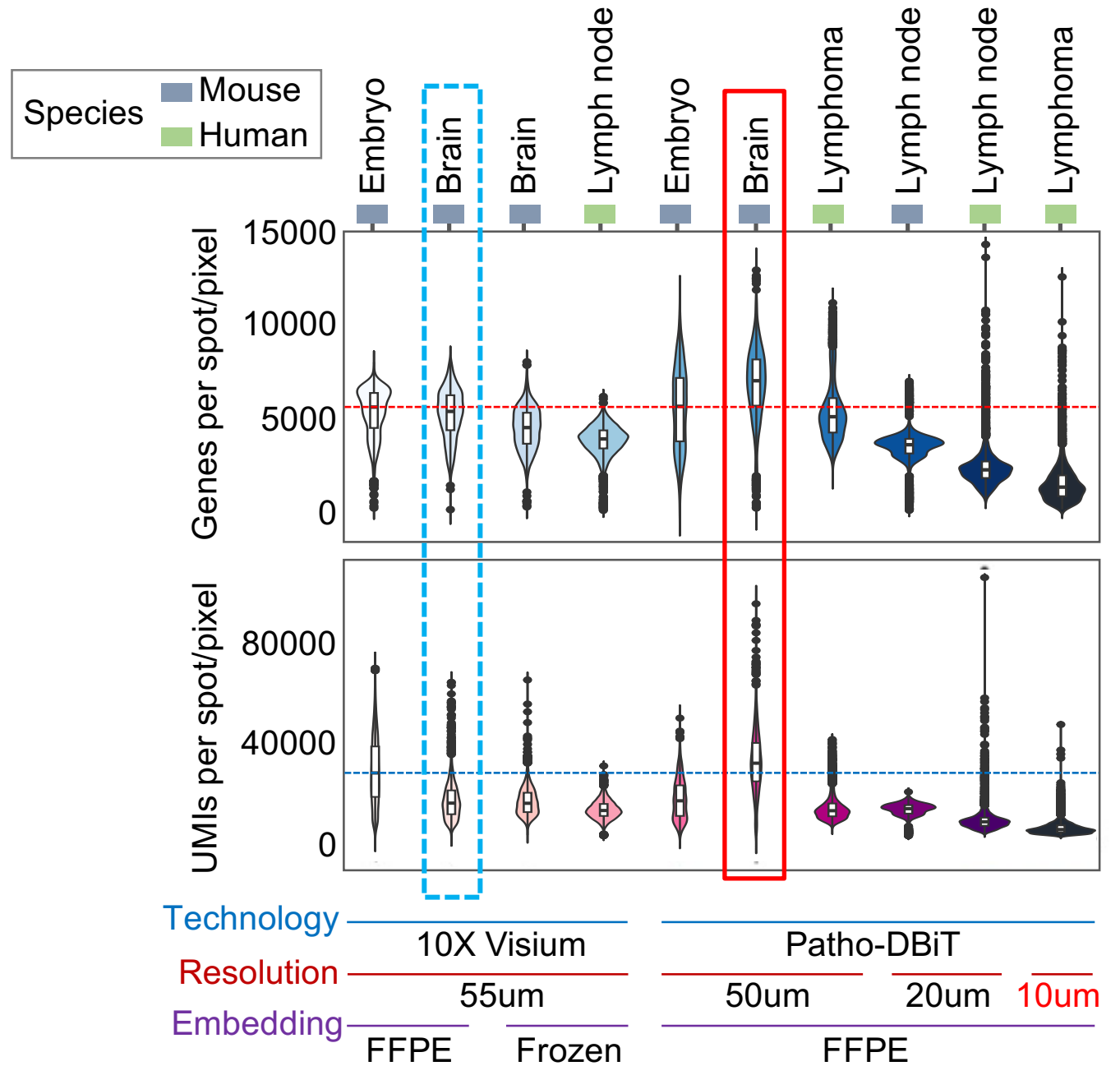
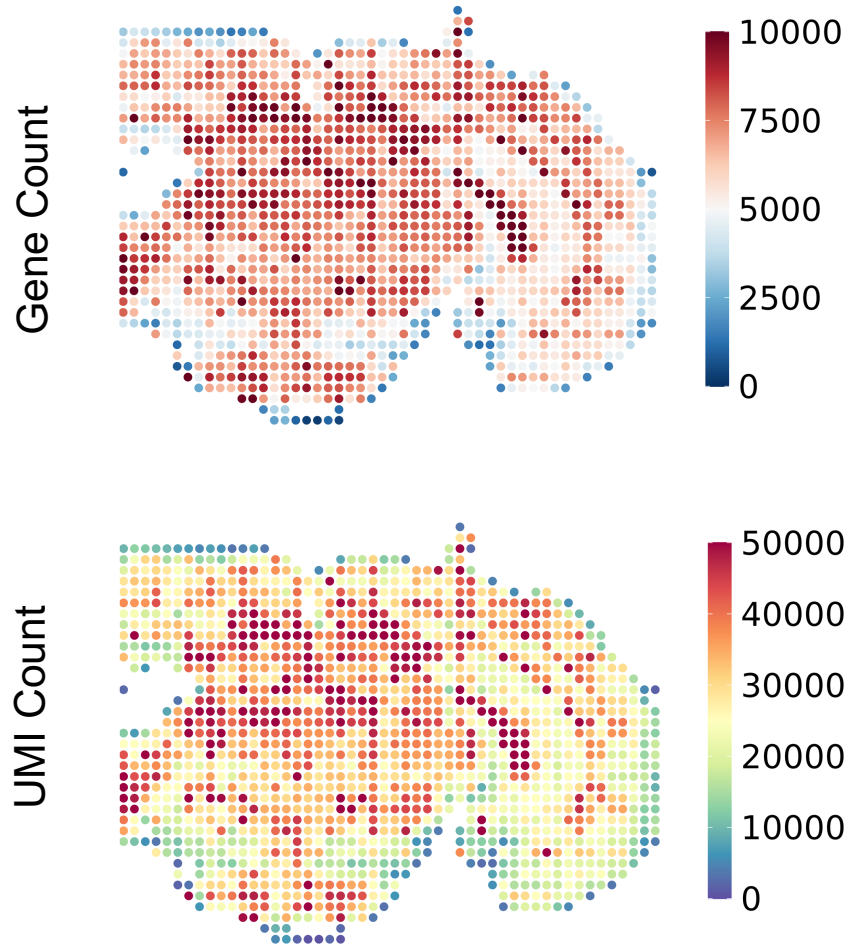


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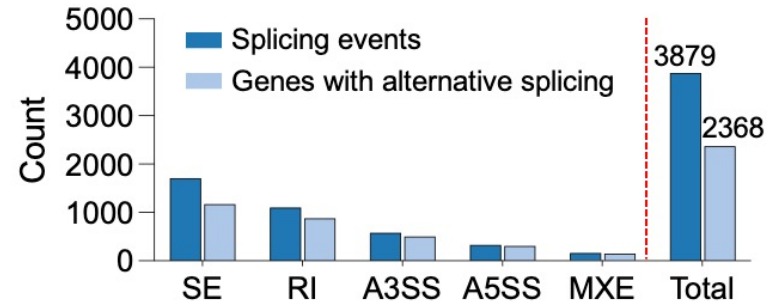
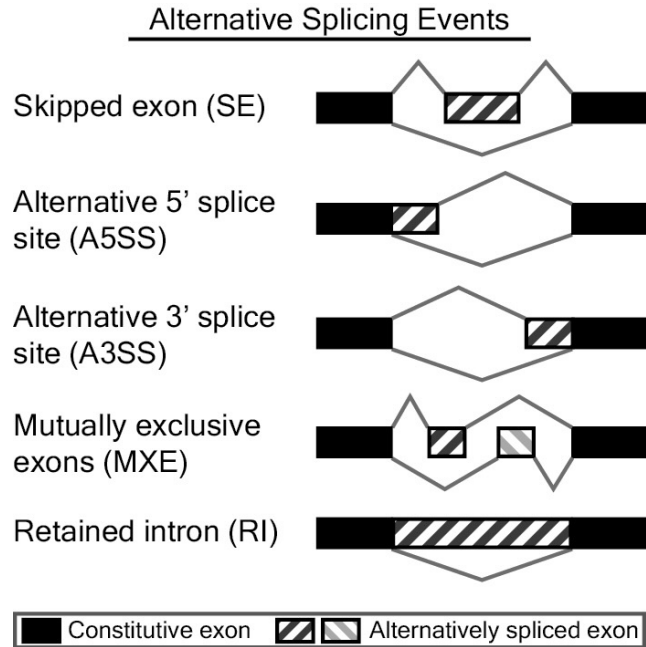


# High-Quality Spatial RNA Biology Profiling Data from FFPE

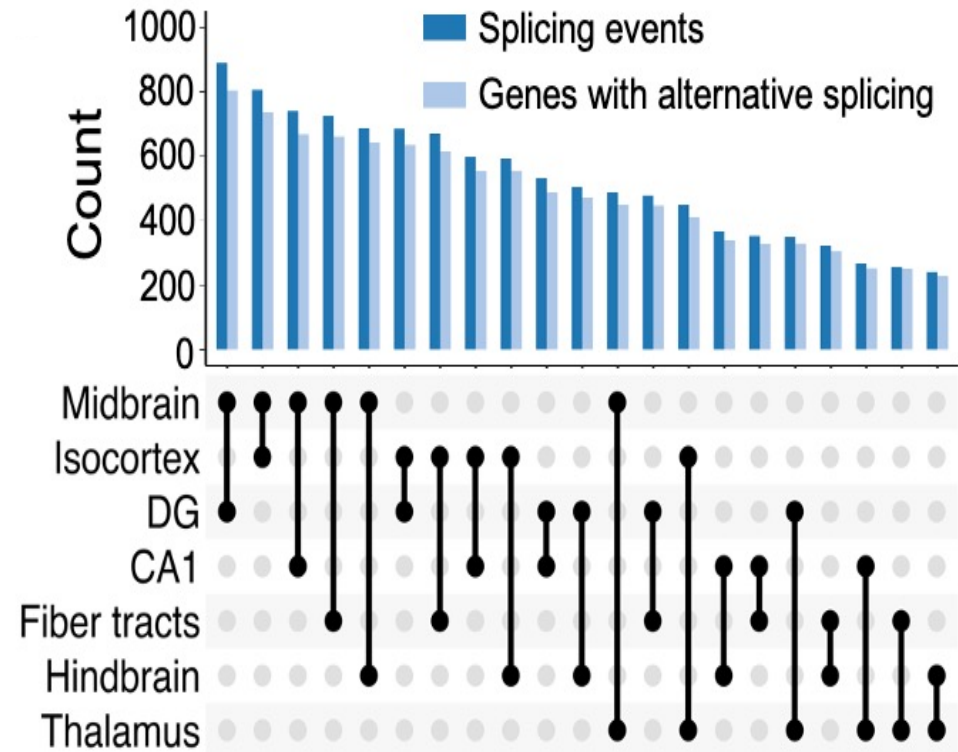
Mean: 6,751 Genes/Pixel, 30,896 UMIs/Pixel



# Spatial Profiling of Alternative Splicing in FFPE Tissue



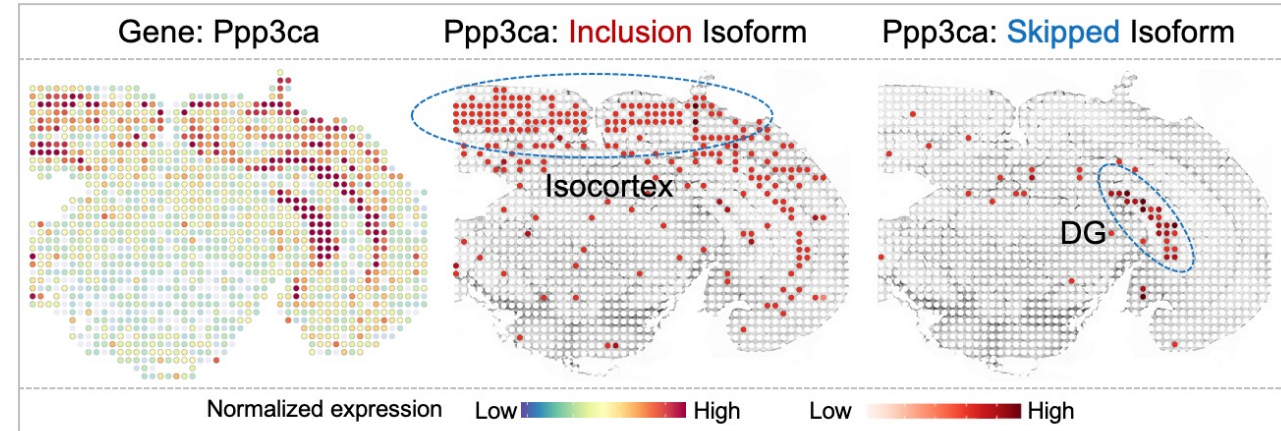
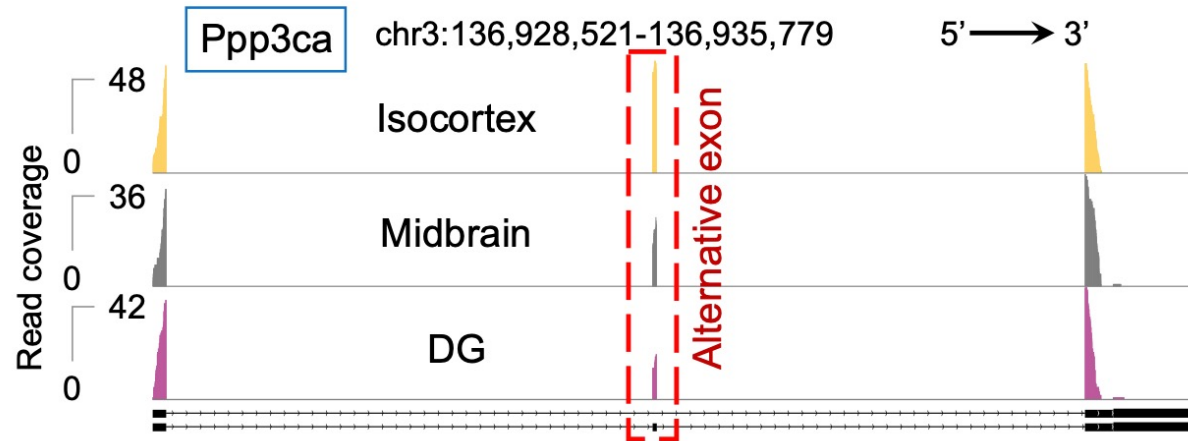
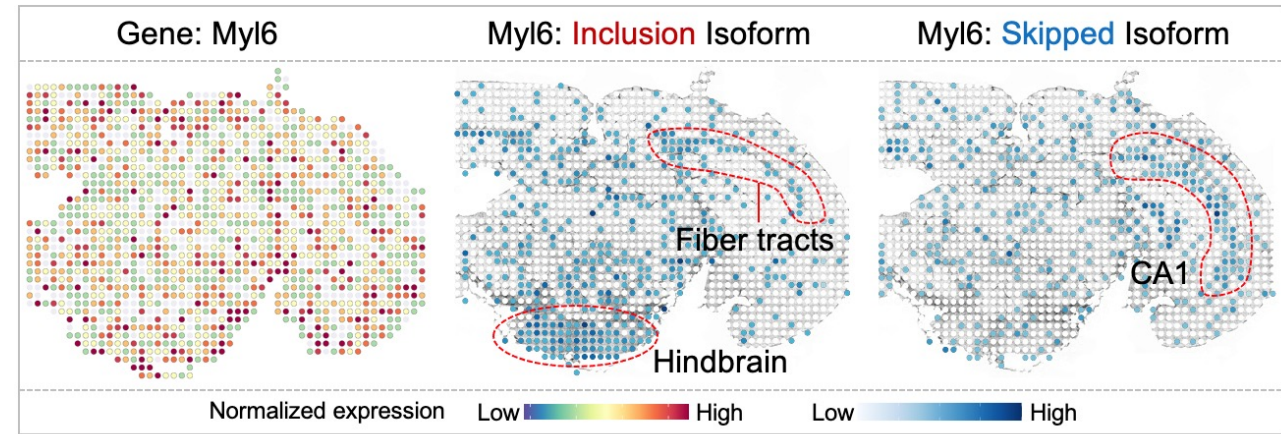
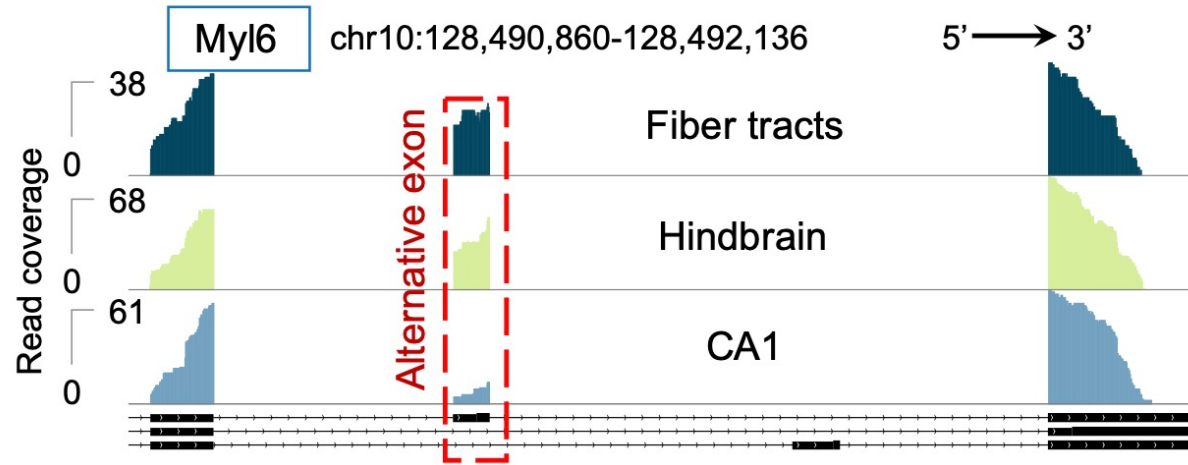
➤ Distinct alternative splicing in different brain regions



Exon inclusion level difference between two regions  $> 0.05$   
 $FDR \leq 0.05$

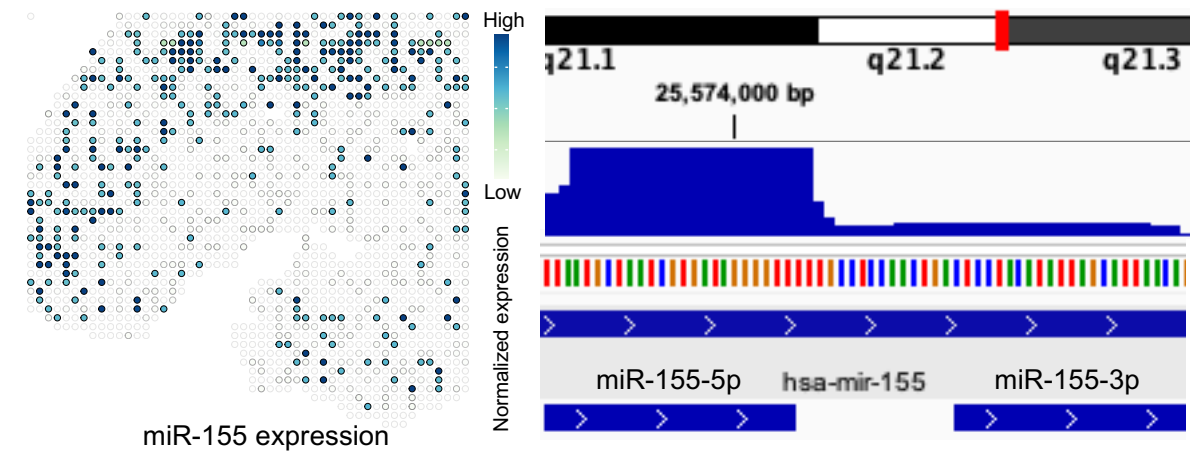
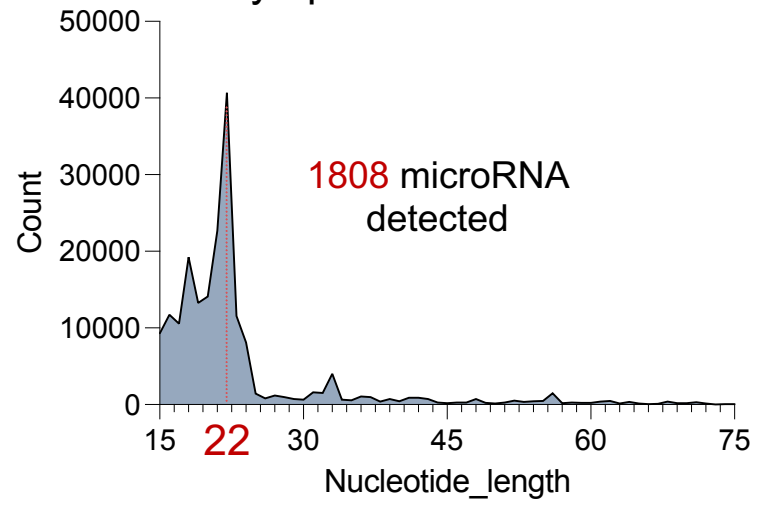


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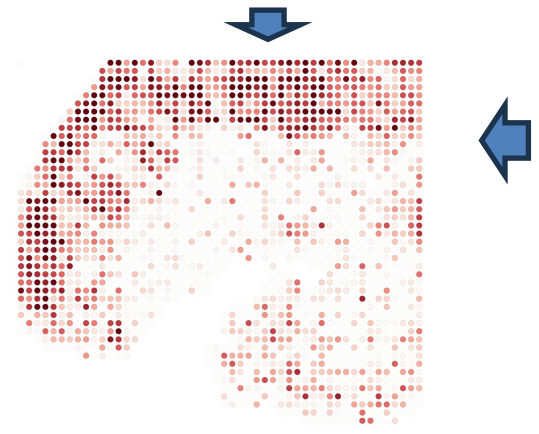
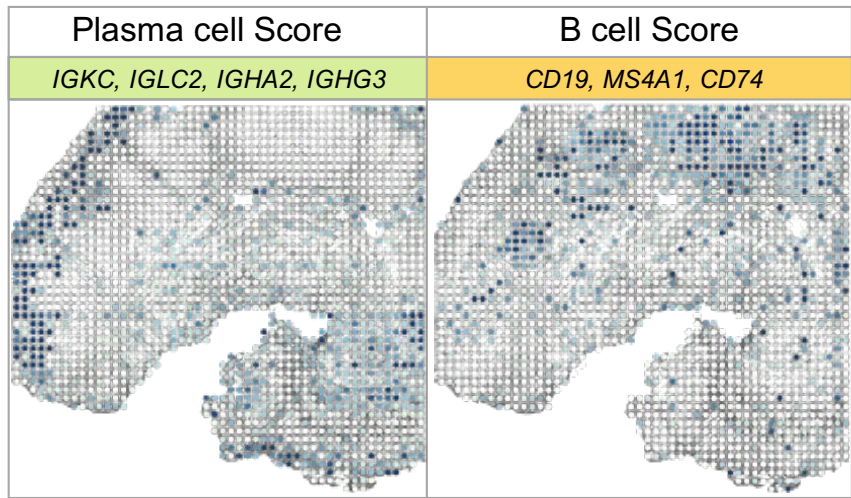


# Spatially Resolved Unbiased microRNA and mRNA Co-Profiling of Clinical FFPE Tissue Identified the Potential Regulation of NF-κB Signaling by miR-155 in Human Lymphoma

➤ Lymphoma B cells have a 10- to 30-fold higher miR-155 copy number than do normal B cells.



- We detected abundant miR-155 expression in the tumor B and plasma cells
- The reads were accurately mapped to the reference genome position



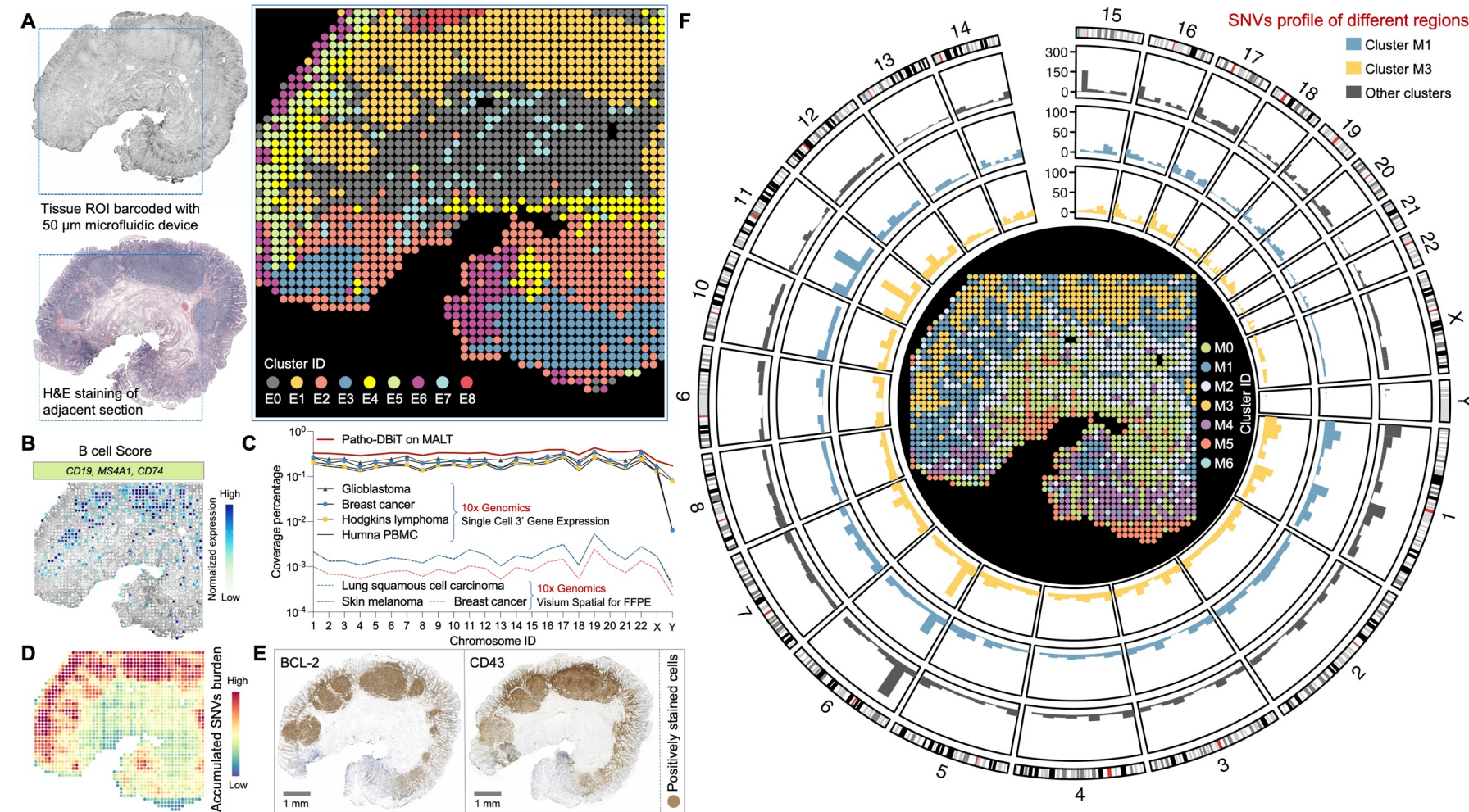
Spatial expression of gene module regulating NF-κB signaling

miR-155 is an NF-κB trans-activational target



# Spatial “TMB” Profiling

## marginal zone lymphoma of mucosa associated lymphoid tissue



The patient is a 58-year-old man who had incidental finding of retroperitoneal lymphadenopathy on imaging originally performed for an orthopedic visit. Upper endoscopy revealed multiple areas of erosion in the stomach.

These results suggest that our FFPE tissue spatial DBIT-seq has the capacity to differentiate tumor from non-tumor regions based on the genetic variation level such as SNV and potentially further distinguish tumor subclones.



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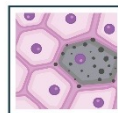


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