Deconvoluzione computazionale dei dati di trascrittomica per lo studio delle cellule immunitarie infiltranti il tumore

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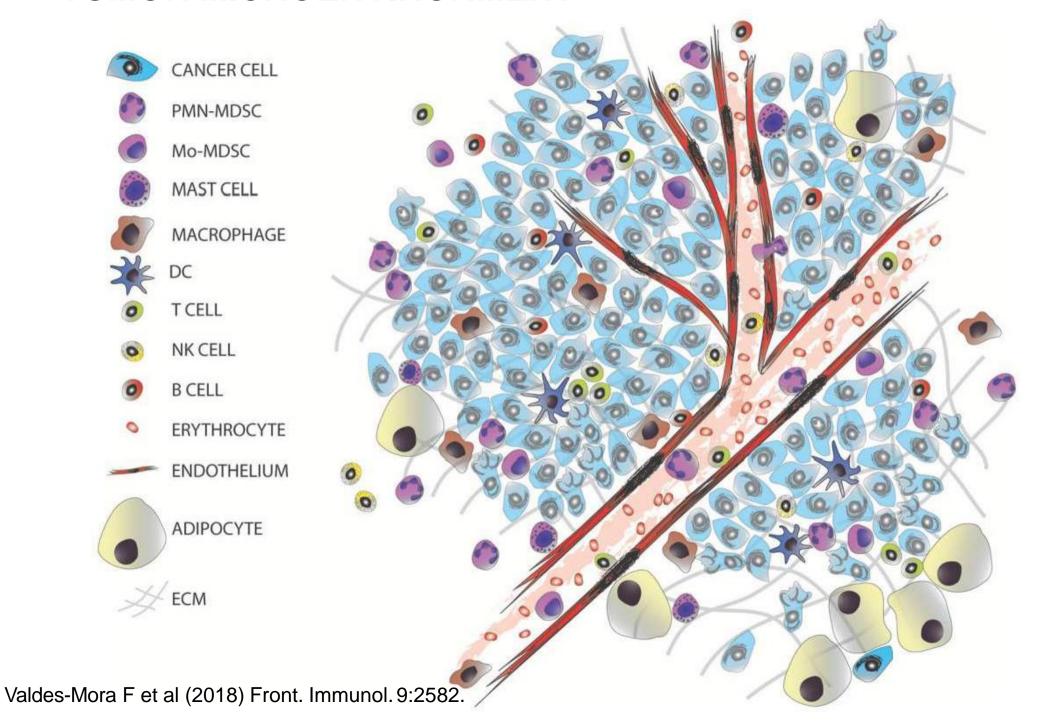
BACKGROUND

Immunotherapy is a major advance in tumor treatment

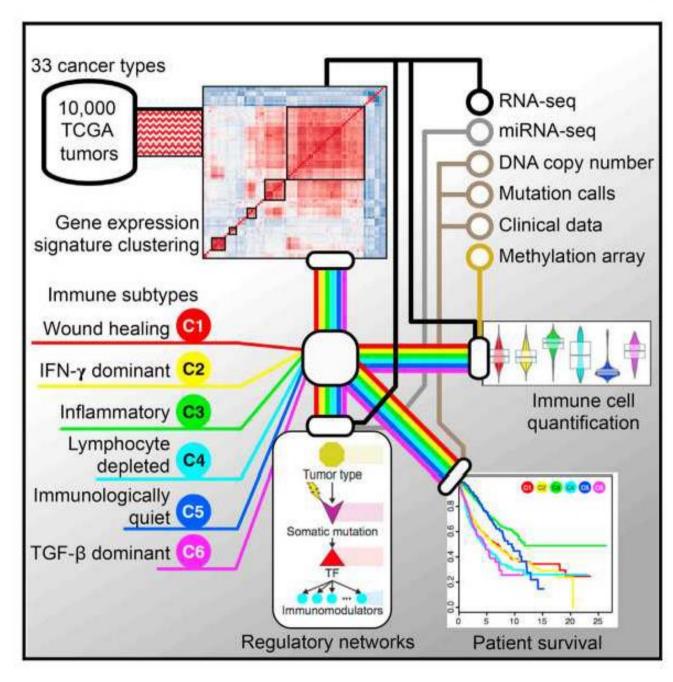
Only a small percentage of patients is fully responsive

Need for bio-markers, Focus: immune cell content in tumors

TUMOR MICROENVIRONMENT



THE IMMUNE LANDSCAPE OF CANCER



BULK TRANSCRIPTOMICS

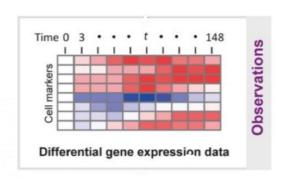
SOURCES OF VARIATION:

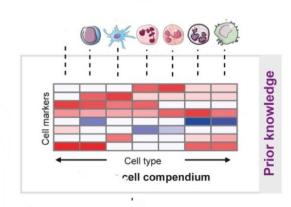
Proportion of different cell types

Gene expression changes in particular cell types

Changes in cell-type composition

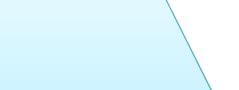
BULK TRANSCRIPTOMICS DATA DECONVOLUTION







Cellspecific gene matrices



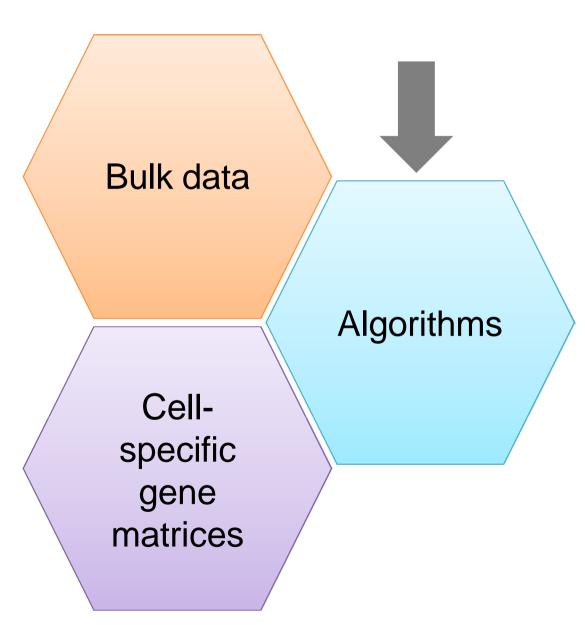
Algorithms

Predicted relative cell quantities

 $Y_{ig} = \pi_{1,i} N_{1,ig} + \pi_{2,i} N_{2,ig} + \pi_{T,i} T_{ig}$

BULK TRANSCRIPTOMICS DATA DECONVOLUTION

BASED ON:



WIDE VARIETY OF DECONVOLUTION METHODS...

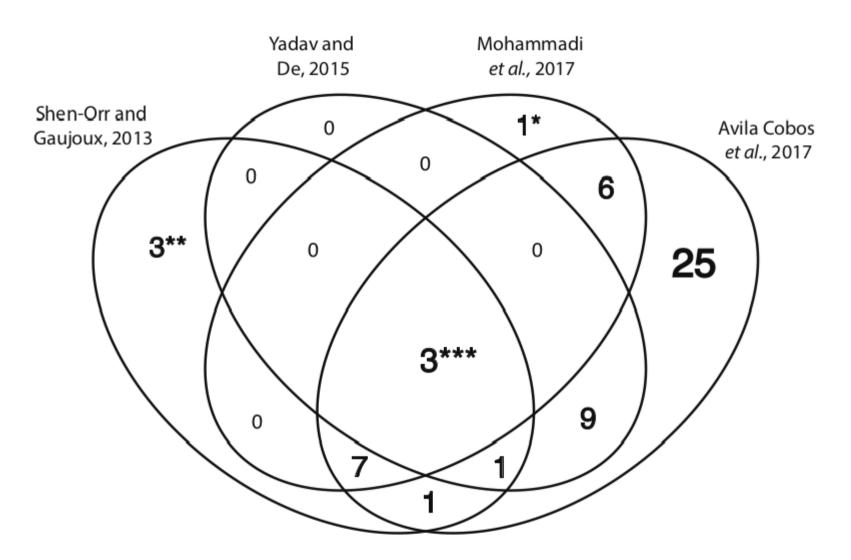


Fig. 1 Venn diagram showing the number of deconvolution methods covered by each review article (using transcriptomics data as input). (*) We discussed Nano-

Avila Cobos F et al (2018) Bioinformatics. 34(11):1969-1979.

...BASED ON A VARIETY OF APPROACHES

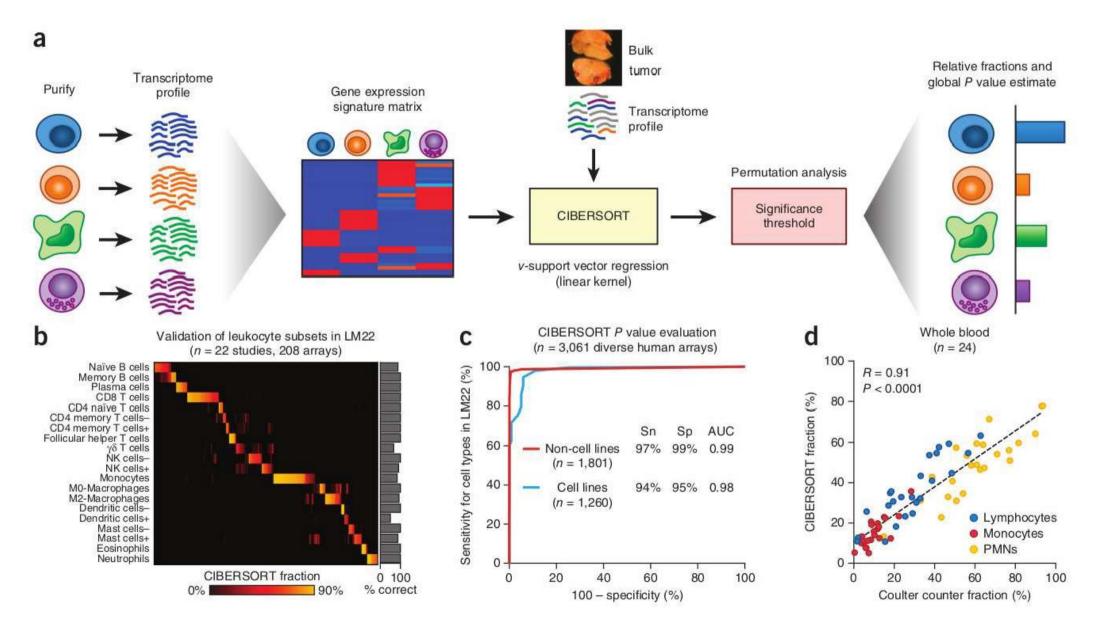
Linear modeling, sum to 1 and non-negativity (NNLM) Abbas et al., 2009

support vector regression (SVR) Newman et al., 2015 quadratic programming (QP) Gong et al., 2011

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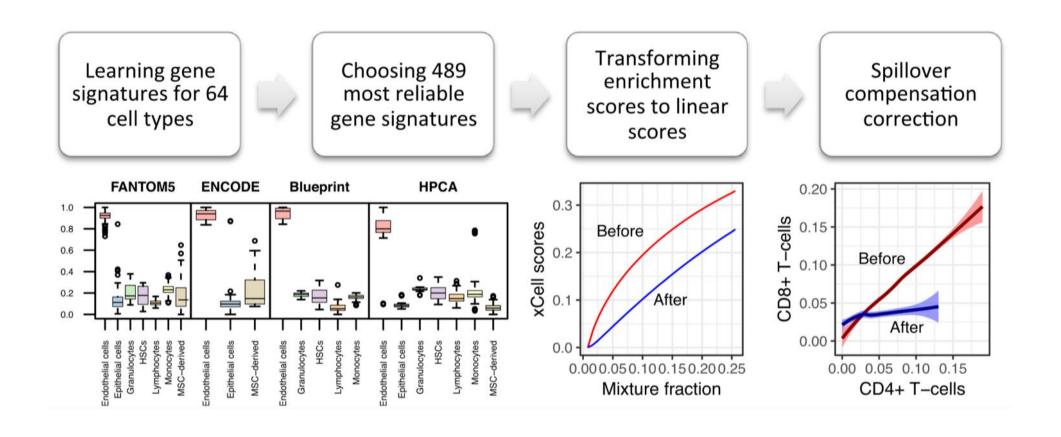
More robust to noise and
multicollinearity

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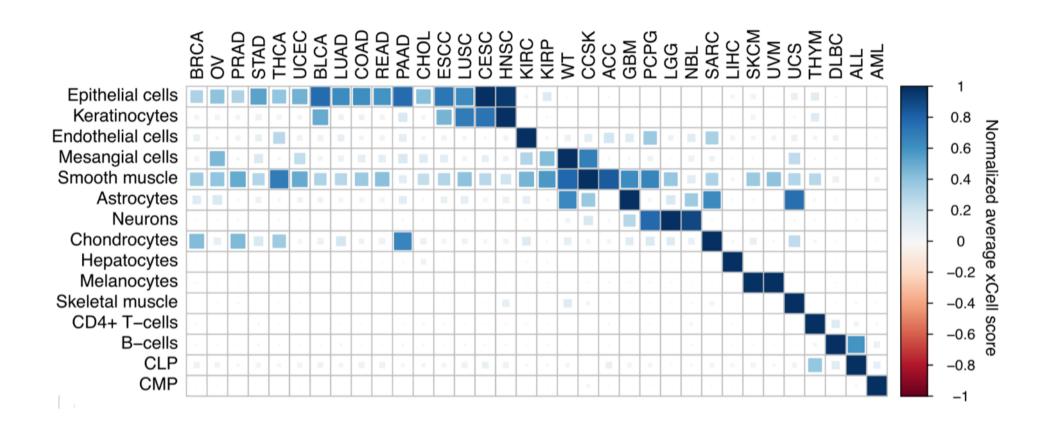


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ALTERNATIVE METHOD USING RANK BASED ENRICHMENT ANALYSIS: XCELL

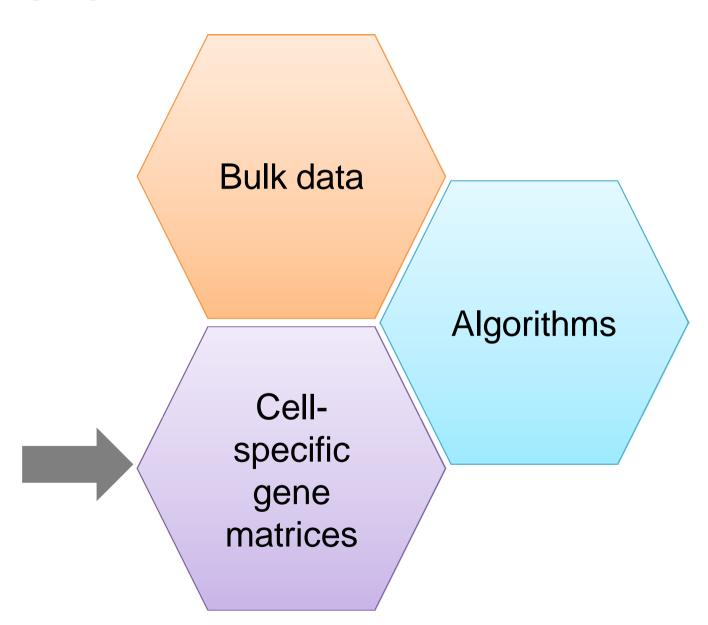


ENRICHMENT OF TUMOR-SPECIFIC CELL TYPES IN TCGA

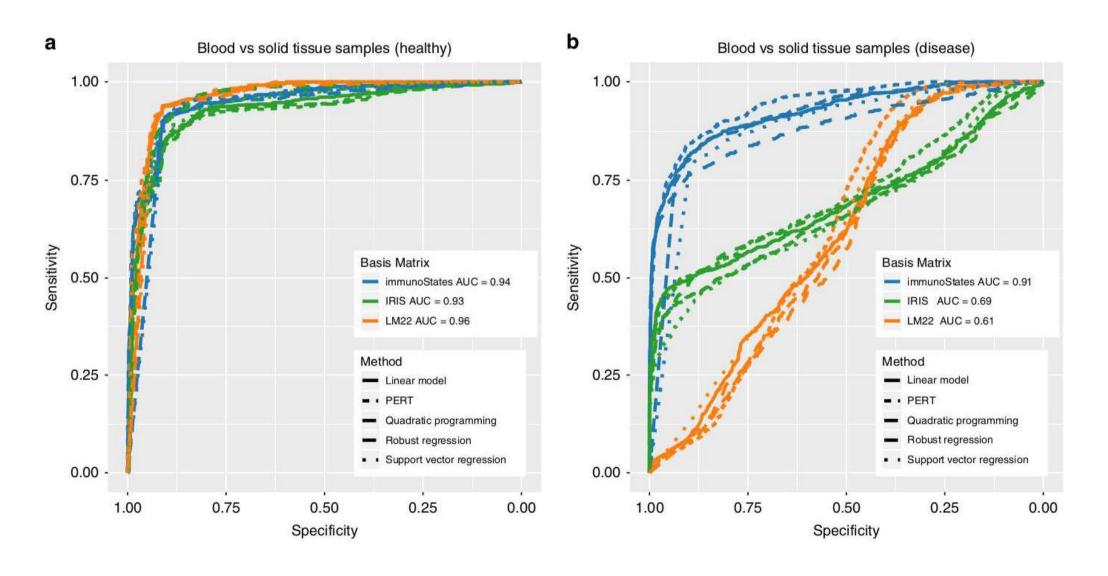


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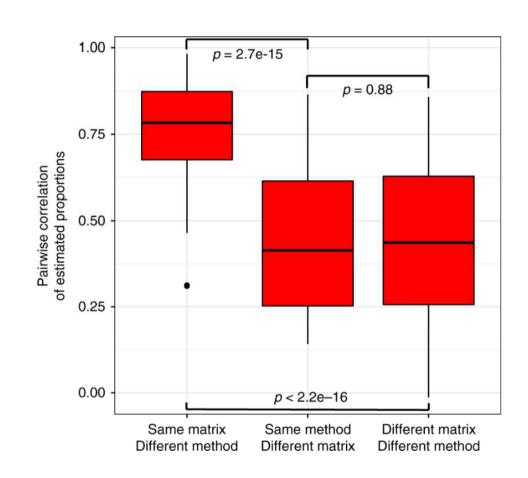
IMMUNOSTATES: A GENE MATRIX LEVERAGING HETEROGENEITY AND DISEASE CONDITIONS



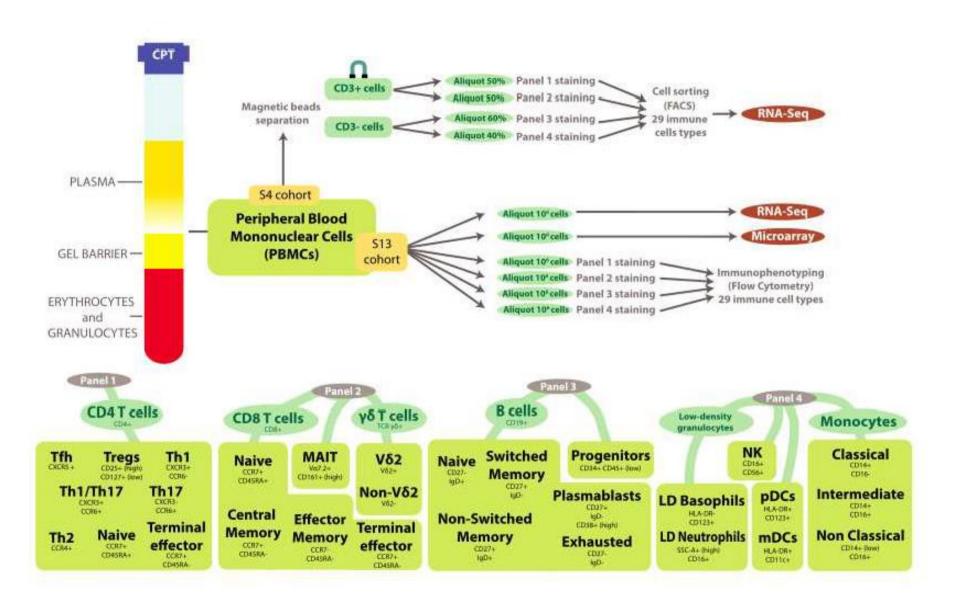
Vallania F et al (2018) Nat Commun 9:4735

THE QUALITY OF THE RESULTS DEPENDS MORE ON THE GENE MATRICES THAN ON THE ALGORITHMS

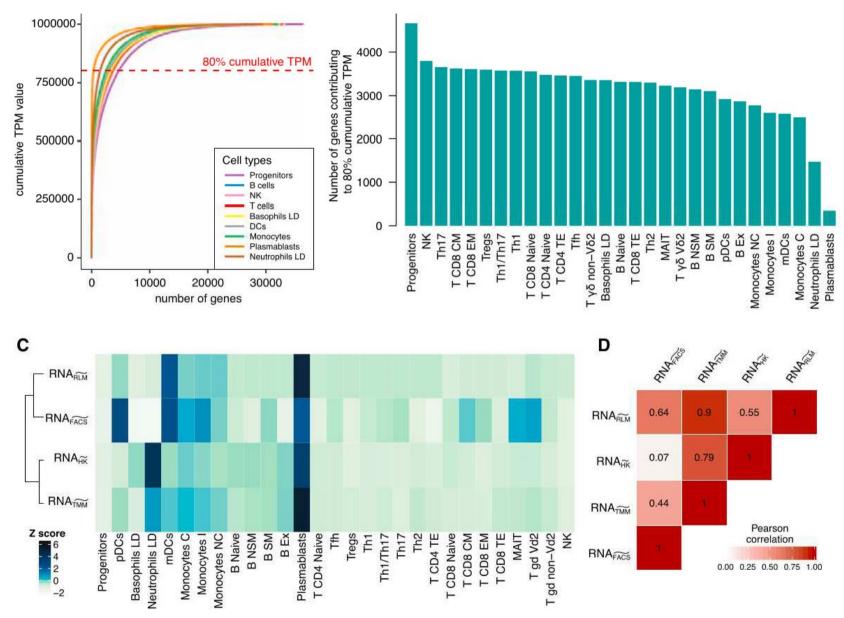
DECONVOLUTION
CONCORDANCE
BY MATRIX AND
METHOD:



CHARACTERIZATION OF 29 HUMAN IMMUNE CELL TYPES BY RNA-SEQ AND FLOW CYTOMETRY



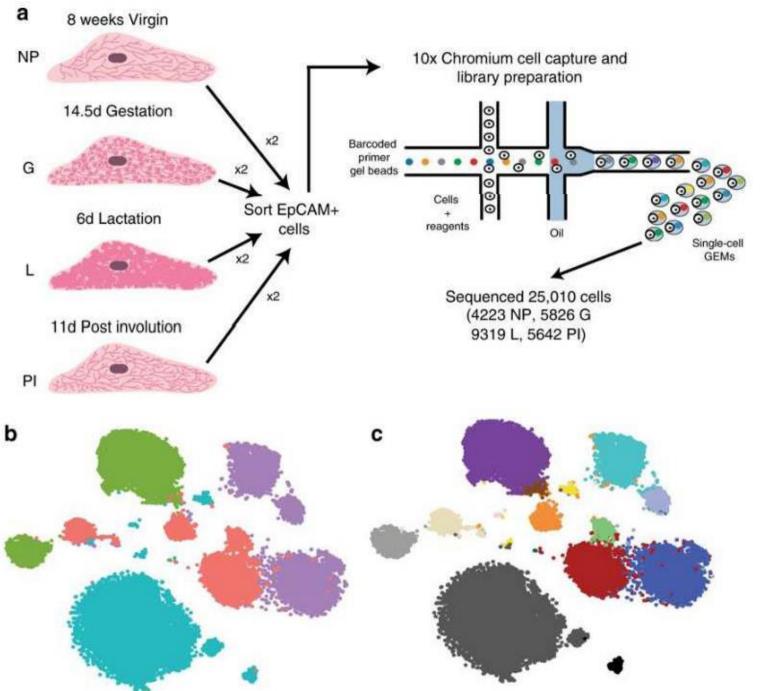
THE ENDLESS PROBLEM OF NORMALIZATION



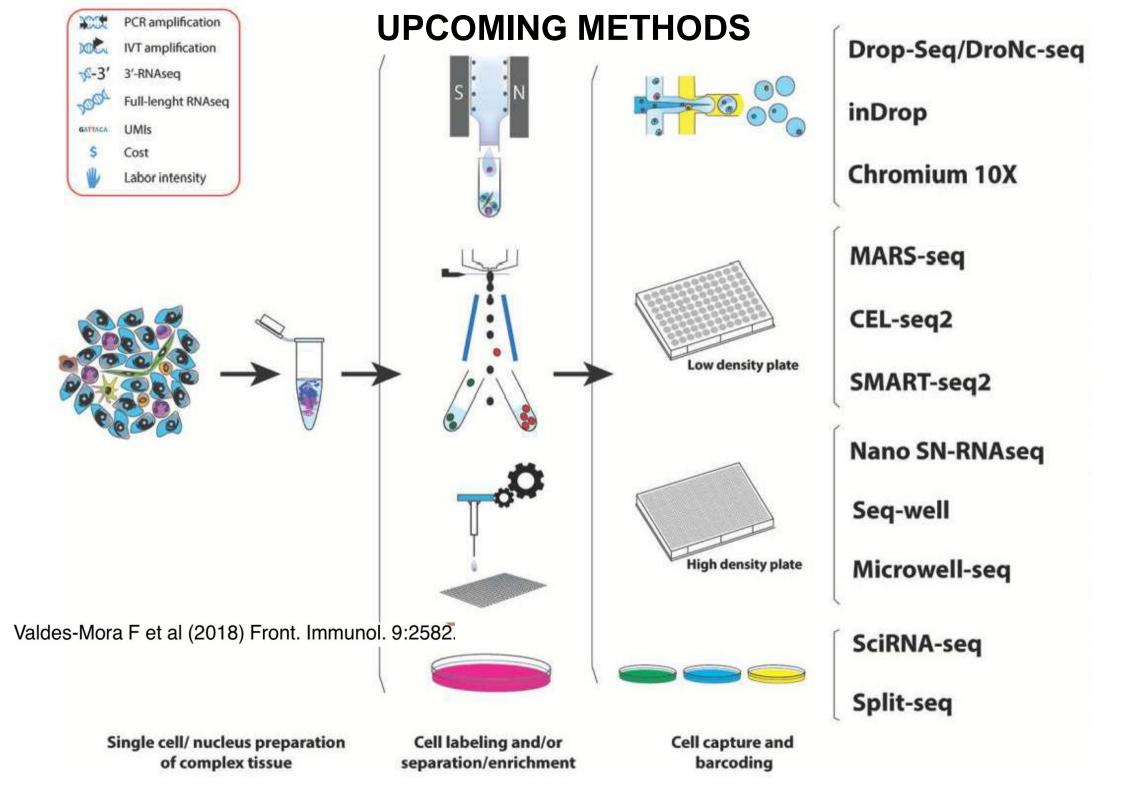
BEST APPROACH: scale the TPM values by a factor that minimizes the error between flow cytometry and deconvolution proportions

Monaco et al. (2019) Cell Reports 26, 1627–1640

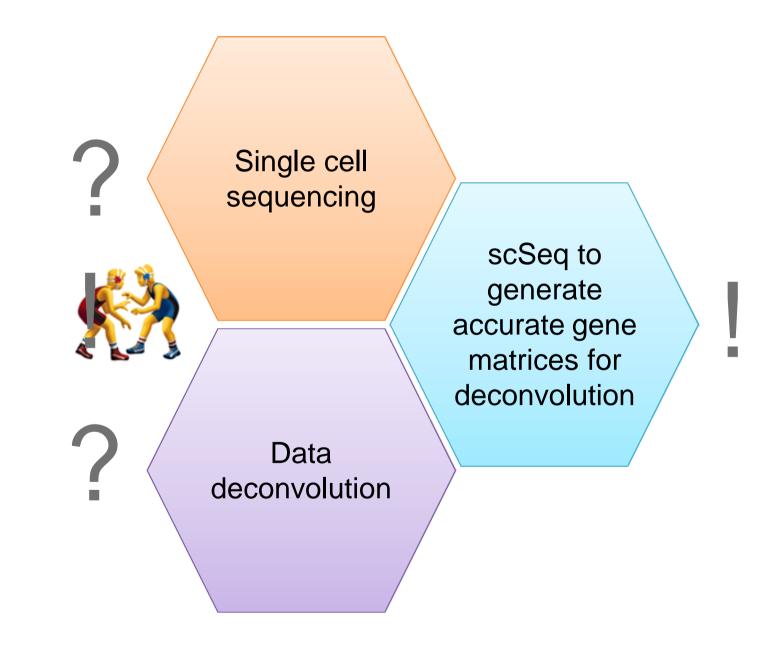
SINGLE CELL SEQUENCING



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THE FUTURE (last year)



THE FUTURE (now)



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Identifying gene expression programs of cell-type identity and cellular activity with single-cell RNA-Seq

TOOLS AND RESOURCES

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

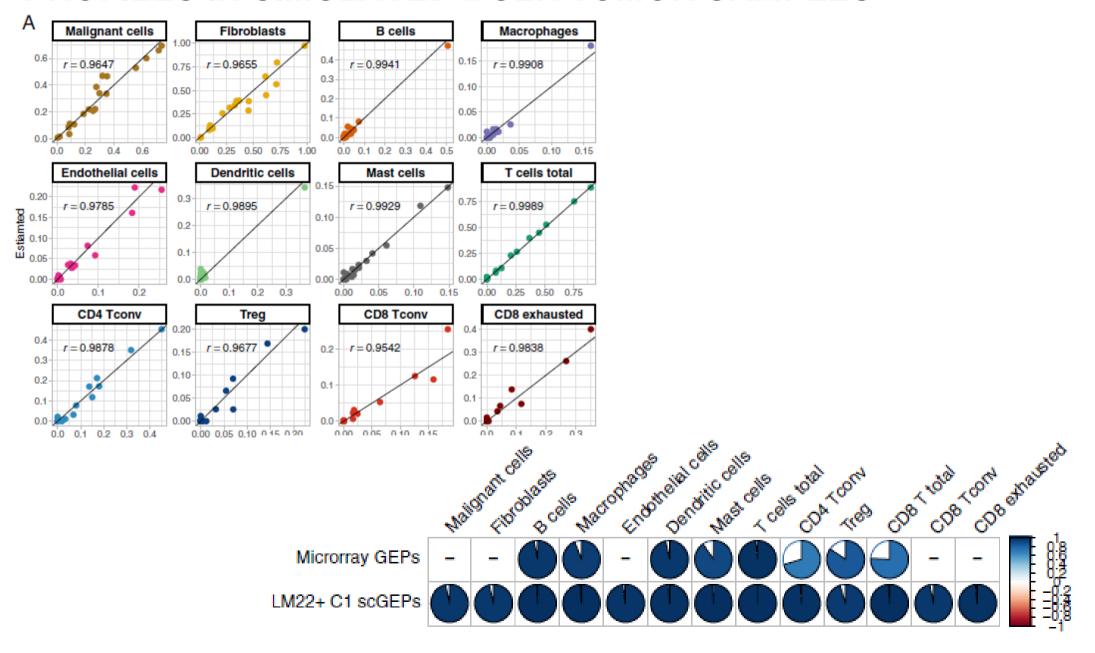
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Estimation of immune cell content in tumor using single-cell RNA-seq reference data



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ADVANTAGE OF THE USE OF SINGLE CELL GENE EXPRESSION PROFILES IN SIMULATED BULK TUMOR SAMPLES

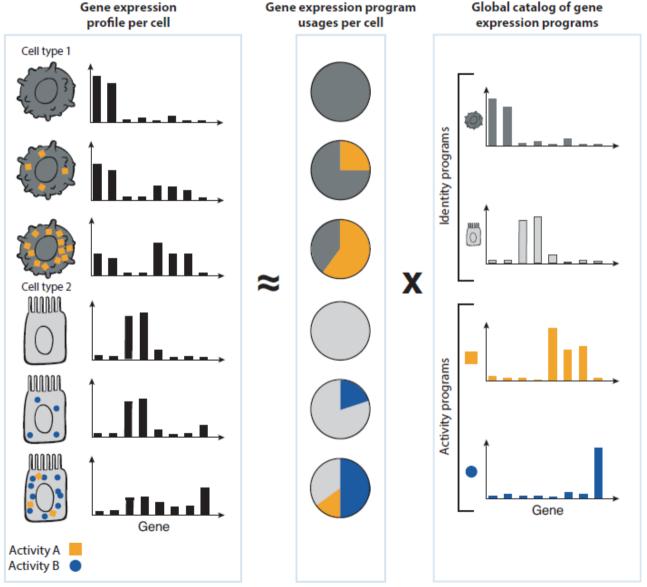


IDENTIFYING GENE EXPRESSION PROGRAMS UNDERLYING BOTH CELL-TYPE IDENTITY AND CELLULAR ACTIVITIES (E.G. LIFE-CYCLE PROCESSES, RESPONSES TO ENVIRONMENTAL CUES)

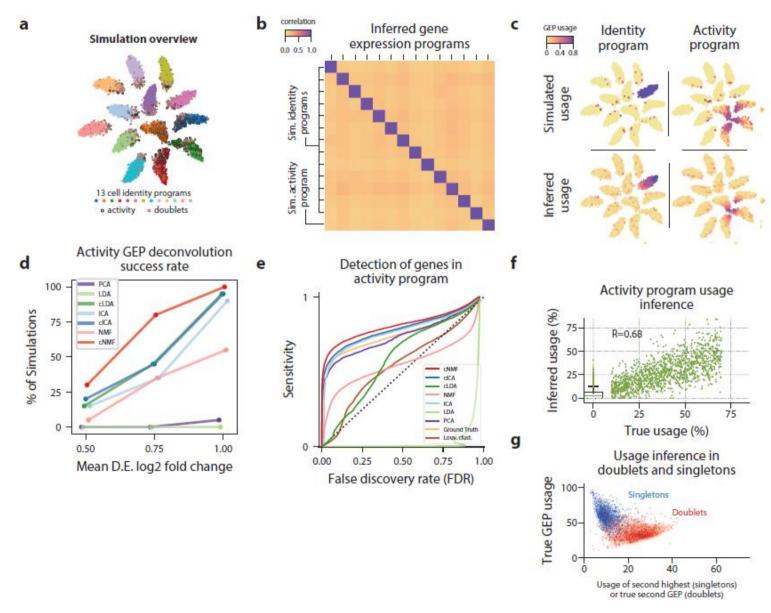
Gene expression

Gene expression program

Global catalog of gene

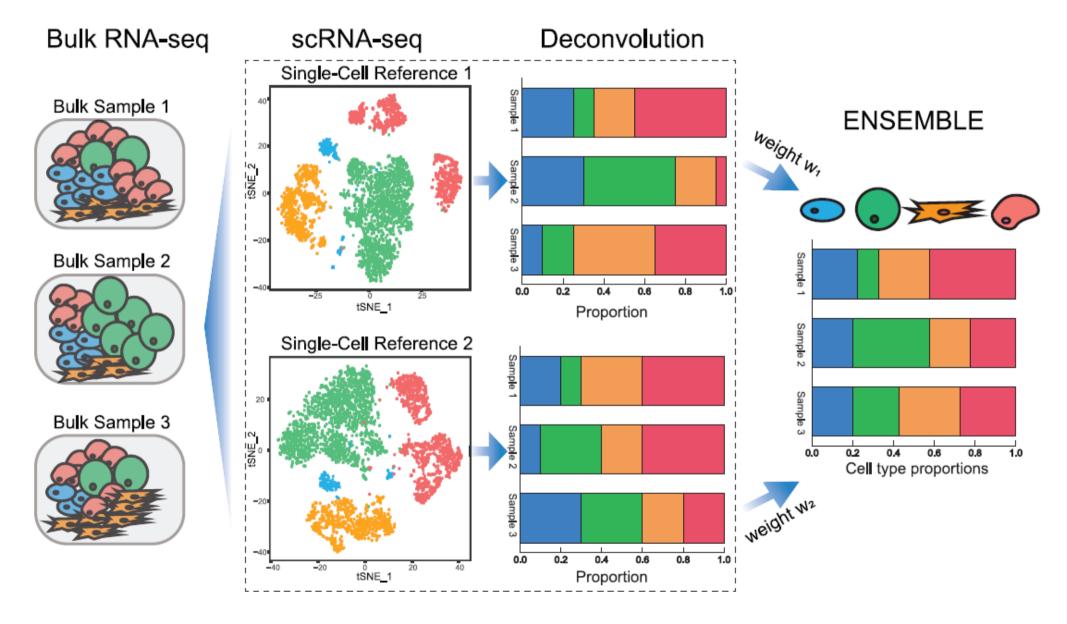


CONSENSUS NON-NEGATIVE MATRIX FACTORIZATION INFERS IDENTITY AND ACTIVITY EXPRESSION PROGRAMS IN SIMULATED DATA



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BULK GENE EXPRESSION DECONVOLUTION BY MULTIPLE SINGLE-CELL RNA SEQUENCING REFERENCES



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OTHER LIMITS IN THE RELIABILITY OF GENE MATRICES

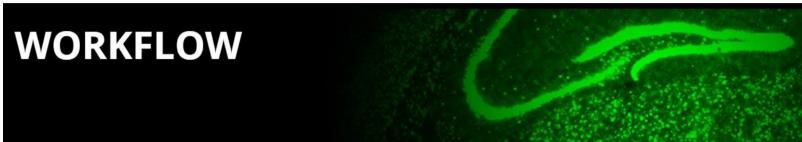
FACS separation procedures may influence gene expression

Tissue
disaggregation
can damage the
cells and lead to a
selective loss and
gene expression
changes

The number of transcripts that can be sequenced in single cell experiments is low (600-2000)

SPATIAL DETECTION OF TRANSCRIPTS IN TISSUE SECTIONS



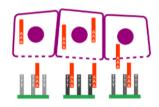






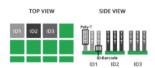
1. Histology

A freshly frozen tissue section is prepared and attached onto our chip. The RNA molecules in each cell contain information about what genes are expressed. The tissue section is imaged in order to retrieve histological information. This allows to see where a cell or a group of cells is located in context of the ti



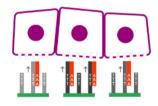
4. Permeabilisation

The tissue is permeabilised with our Permeabilising Reagent which means that small holes in the cell membrane are created. RNA molecules can exit the cells through these and bind to the adjacent capture probes on the chip. Thus the gene expression information is captured on the chip. The following steps are needed to translate the information stored in the captured RNA molecules as data.



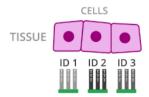
2. The Array

Our chips contain an array of distinguishable capture probes. The Poly-T tails of these capture probes c bind the Poly-A tails of RNA molecules. The arrays are ordered like a chess board where probes with the same ID-Barcode are located in the same square. This allows the determination of where each capture probe, and its bound RNA, originated.



5. cDNA Synthesis

cDNA synthesis is performed to create stable double stranded DNA molecules. This is necessary because cDNA-RNA-hybrids are degraded quickly. Furthermore it is a necessary step before preparation of



3 Tissue Fivation

The tissue section is fixed. The chip contains a visually detectable frame that is imaged together with the tissue section. This makes it possible to overlay the cell tissue image and the gene expression data in a sten.



6. Library Preparation

The cDNA-RNA-hybrids are cleaved off the chip. Afterwards library preparation is performed with these. This means the molecules are modified in a way to make it possible to read out the information they code for by using a sequencing instrument.

SUMMARY

The cell fractions of a tumor sample can be estimated from bulk RNAseq

Quality of results depend on accurate cell-type and activity specific gene matrices

The future:
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transcriptomics

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