

scVerse 2024 workshop

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Projections, interactive plots
and interactive online docs of
your scRNA project

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<https://shorturl.at/bj6QS>

Or

<https://hds-sandbox.github.io/scverse-2024-workshop>



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Outline of the workshop

- **Dimensionality reduction (DR)**
 - DR and the Differentiation landscape
 - DR approaches in single cell data
 - Suggested workflow
 - Recap, pros&cons
- **Documentation**
 - Github and GH-pages
 - Quarto (or other) docs tool
 - Interactive (static) plots on notebooks
- **Tutorial**
 - Methods comparison
 - Diagnostics
 - Interactive plots for GH-pages

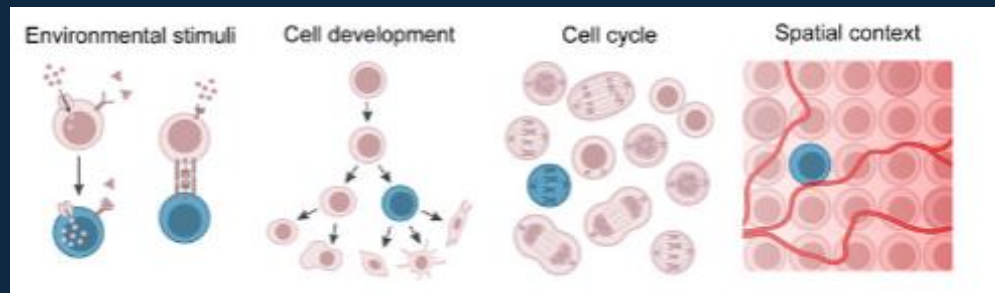
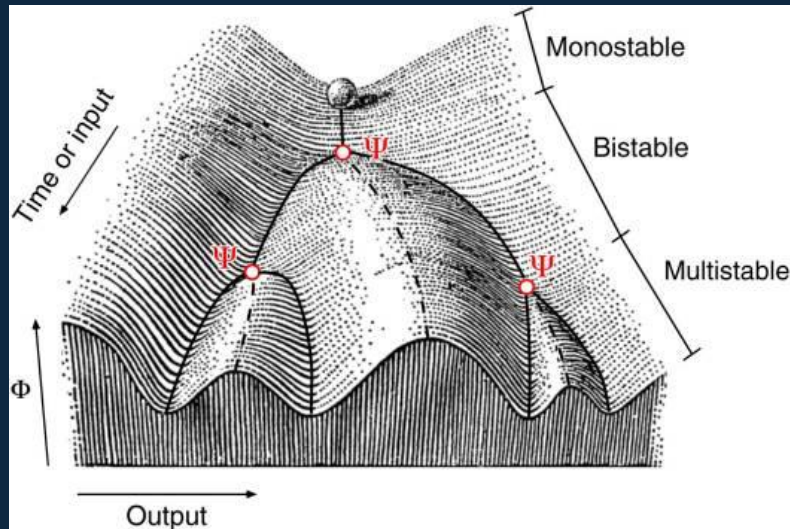


15 min

35-45 min

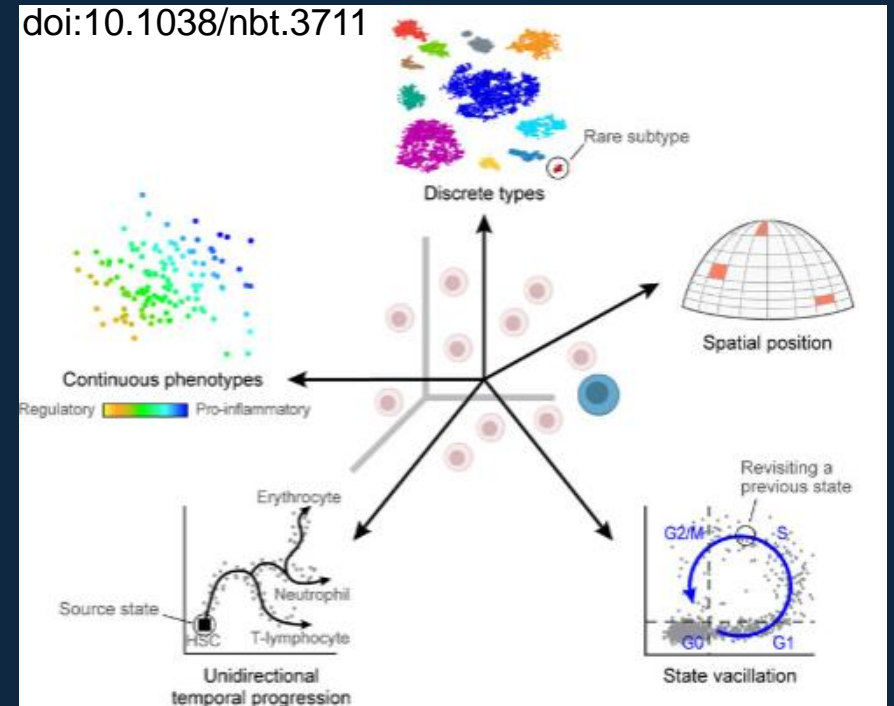
DR and the differentiation landscape

Complex differentiation landscape
Modeled with differential equations



Influence of other factors beyond on differentiation

doi:10.1038/nbt.3711



Q: Could we get basis extracting essential underlying manifold of the differentiation and factors acting on it?

DR and the differentiation landscape

Yes! Dimensionality
Reduction!

PCA

LBO

TSNE

Diff Maps

ISOMAP

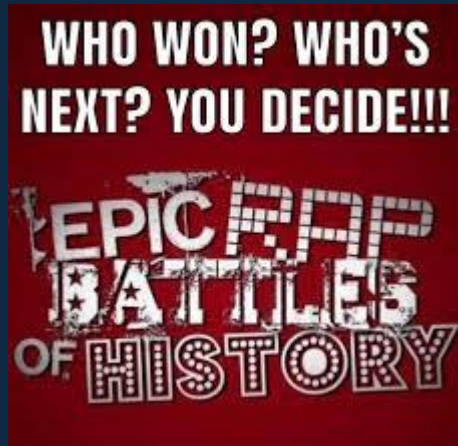
UMAP

PaCMap

TriMap

DR and the differentiation landscape

Who wins? You decide!



TSNE

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Topometry

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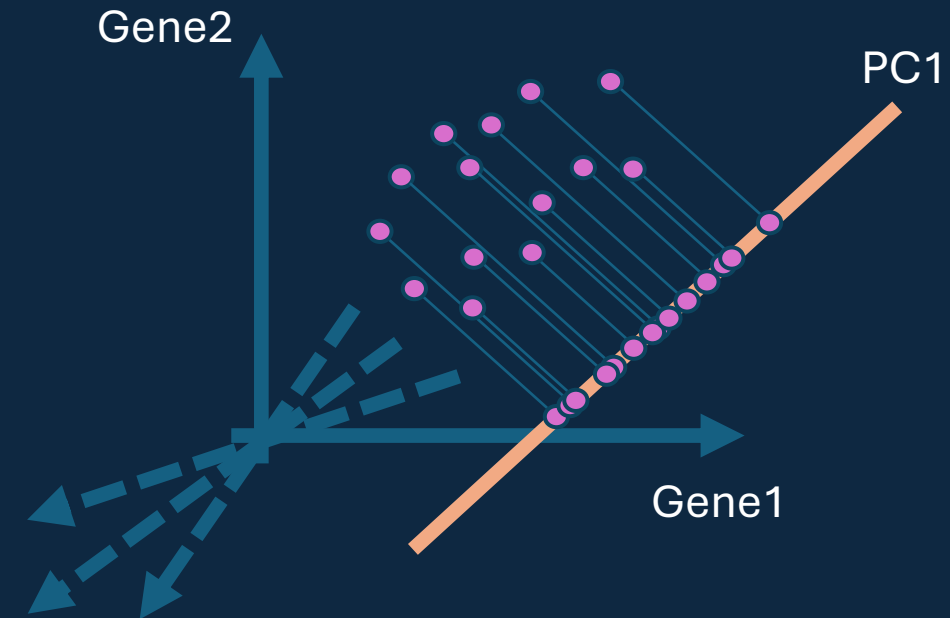
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DR approaches in single cell data

- Matrix decomposition

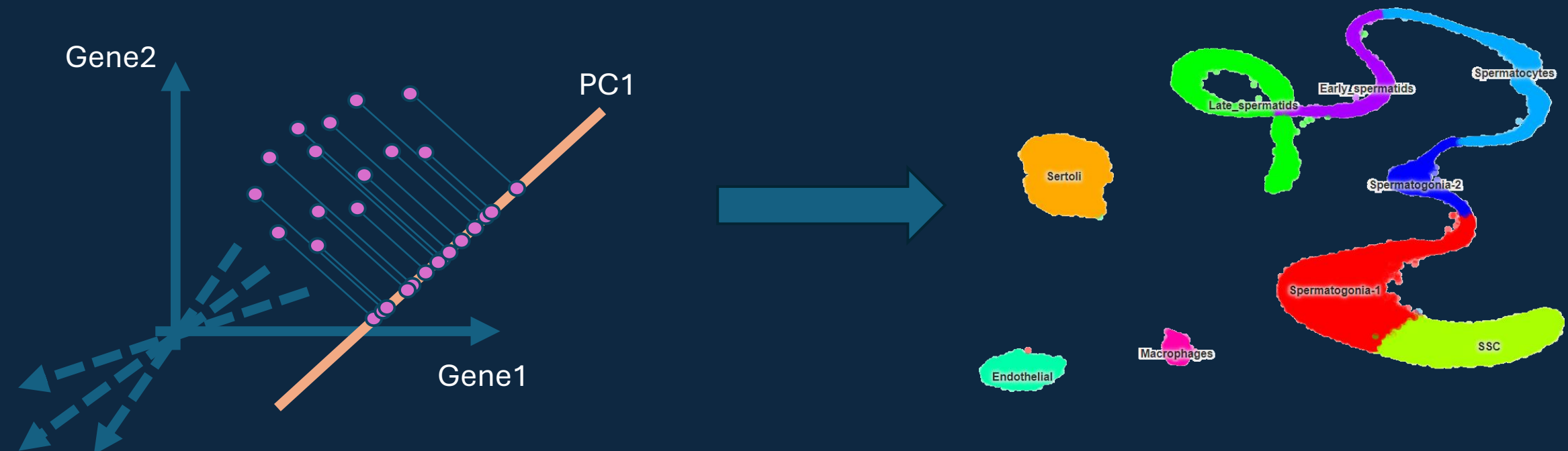
PCA used as a base for most other methods in sc analysis



DR approaches in single cell data

- Graph optimization methods

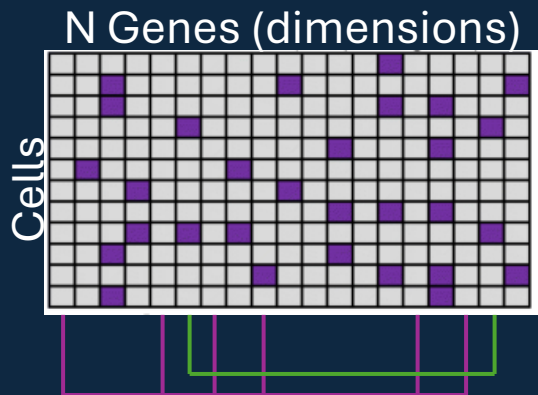
tSNE, UMAP, triMAP, PaCMap → Usually run on the data's PCA



DR approaches in single cell data

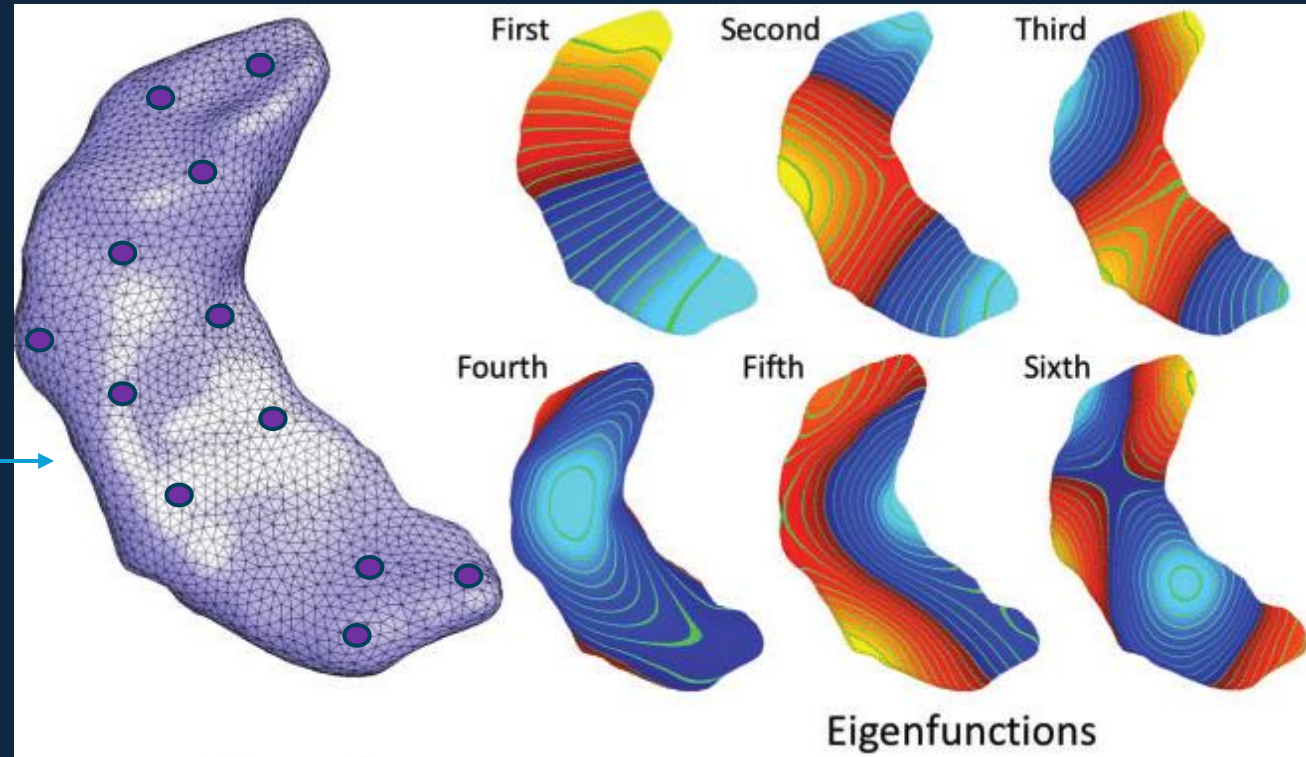
- Spectral methods (topoMetry)

- Data sampled from "smooth surface" M
- M has actually less dimensions than the data (e.g. genes acting in modules)
- M pieced together as a series of basis functions (eigenfunctions)



Data sampled from S of $\text{dimens} < N$ (intrinsic dimensionality)

- Highly correlated dimensions
- Not covering the entire possible space in N dimensions

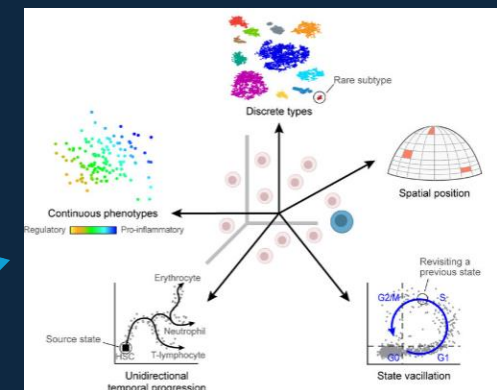
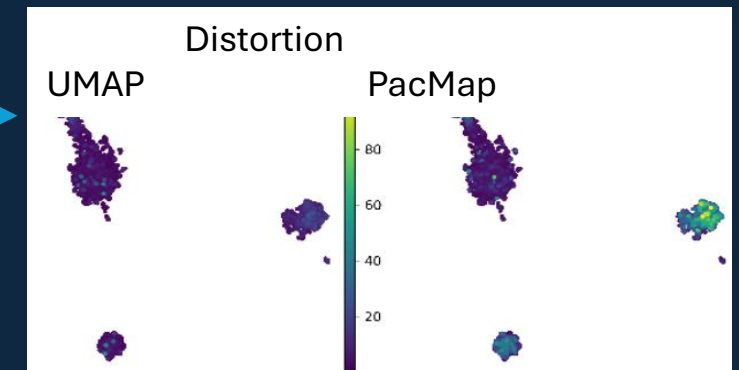
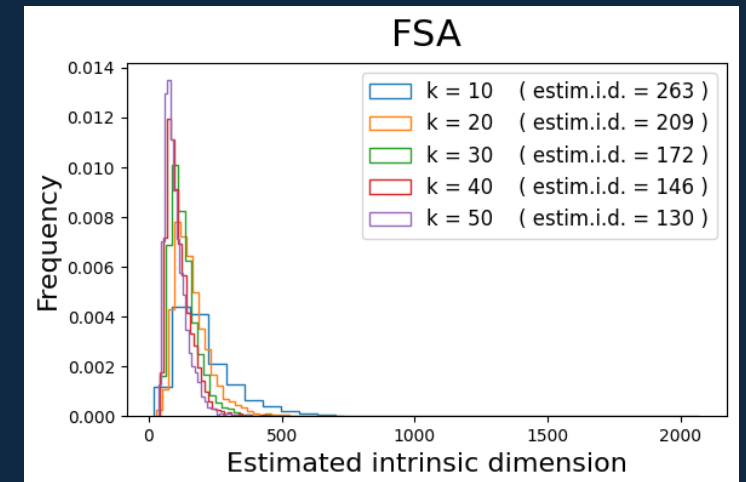


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Suggested workflow

- Spectral methods

- Find $n < N$ eigenbasis (builds a matrix E)
- Do projection from E (e.g. UMAP, PacMap)
 - Evaluate distortions to choose the best
- E useful also for clustering
- Explore eigenbasis on projections to see what each intrinsic dimension represents



Recap, pros/cons

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In theory:

- **Linear:** hardly any hyperplane can capture the data variations (PCA)
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Spectral decomposition

In theory:

- Only based on the geometry of "data surface"
- No assumption and previous projections to be based on
- Provides a basis of intrinsic dimensionality describing the effects dominating the data

In practice:

- **Rigorous decomposition** of the data
- Components can have **biological-technical meaning**
- Geometric distortion to **evaluate projections** of the eigenvectors
- **Clustering** of the data based only on geometrical information

Documentation

Tutorial