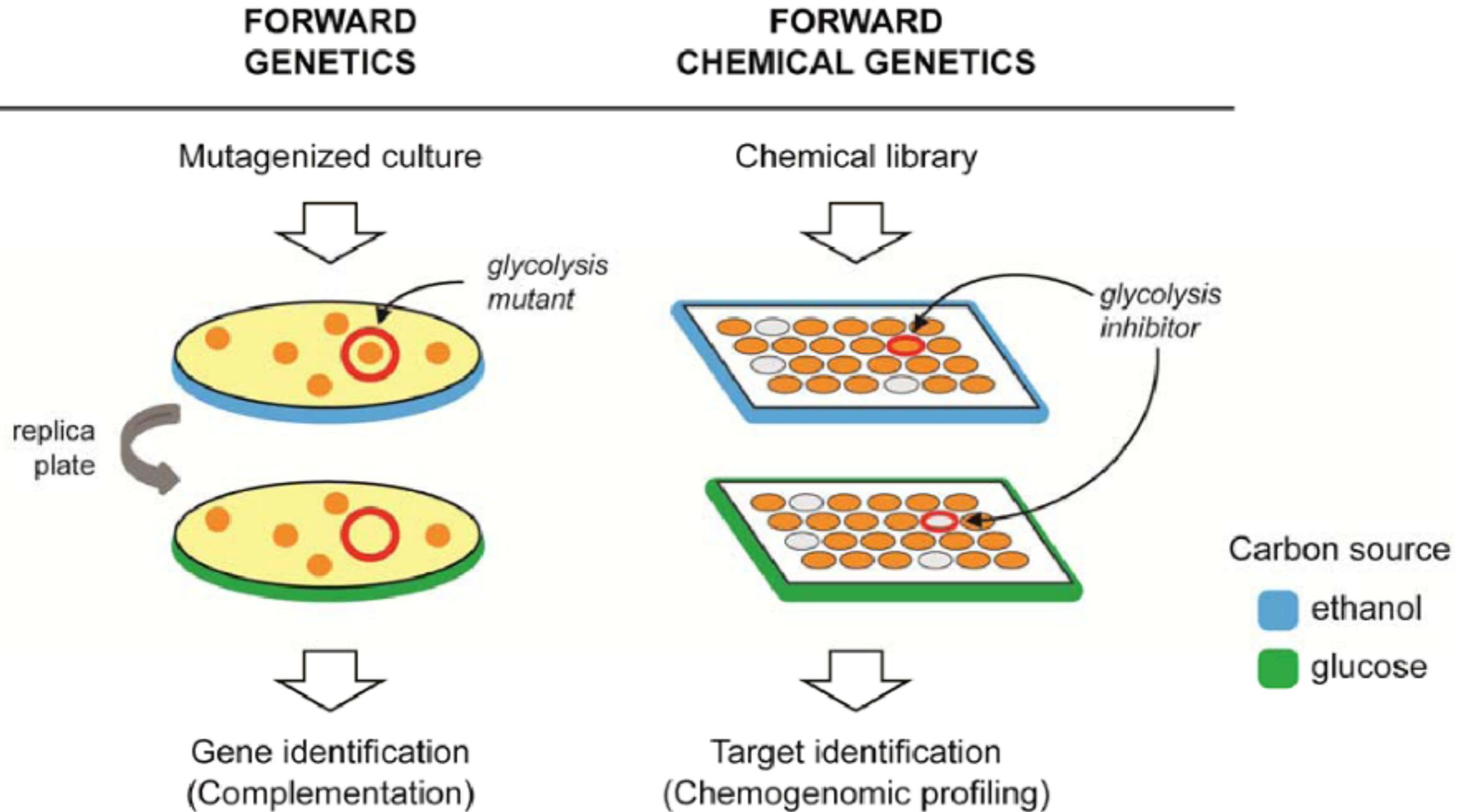


# **Single-cell biology**

**Week 6 .**

**Sc-Based Perturbation Screenings  
Spatial Omics techniques**

# sc-Based Perturb screenings

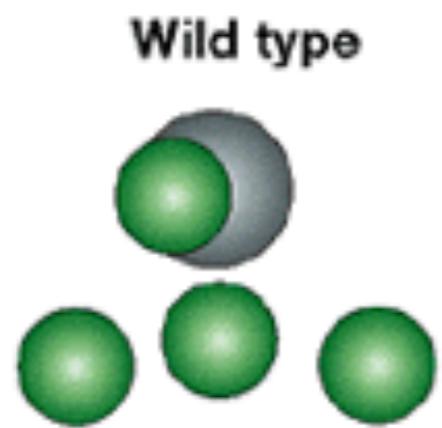


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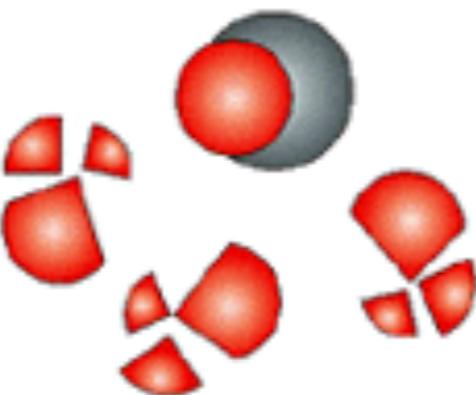
genetics offers unique tools for discovering gene function

# sc-Based Perturb screenings

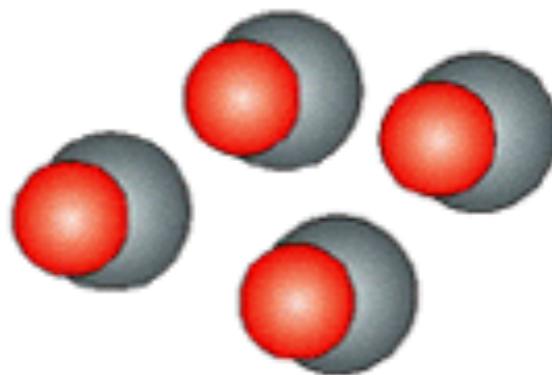
**Dosage suppressor: rescues in high copy**



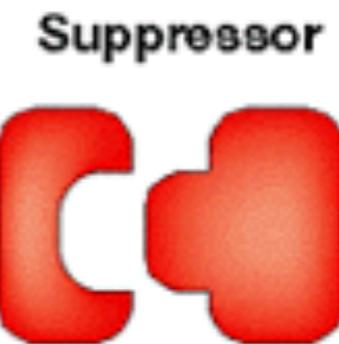
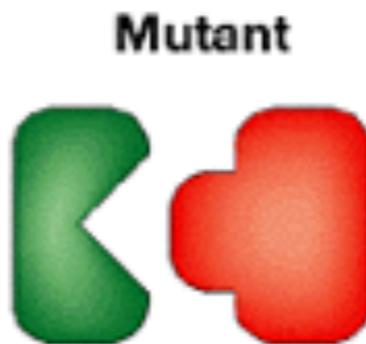
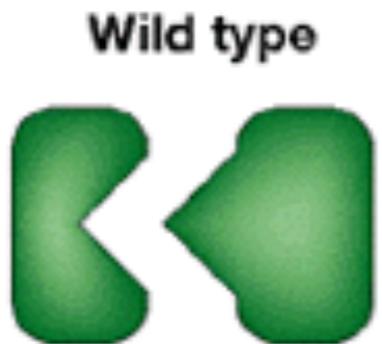
**Mutant**  
Protein is destabilized



**Suppressor**  
Increased dosage of wild-type partner stabilizes protein

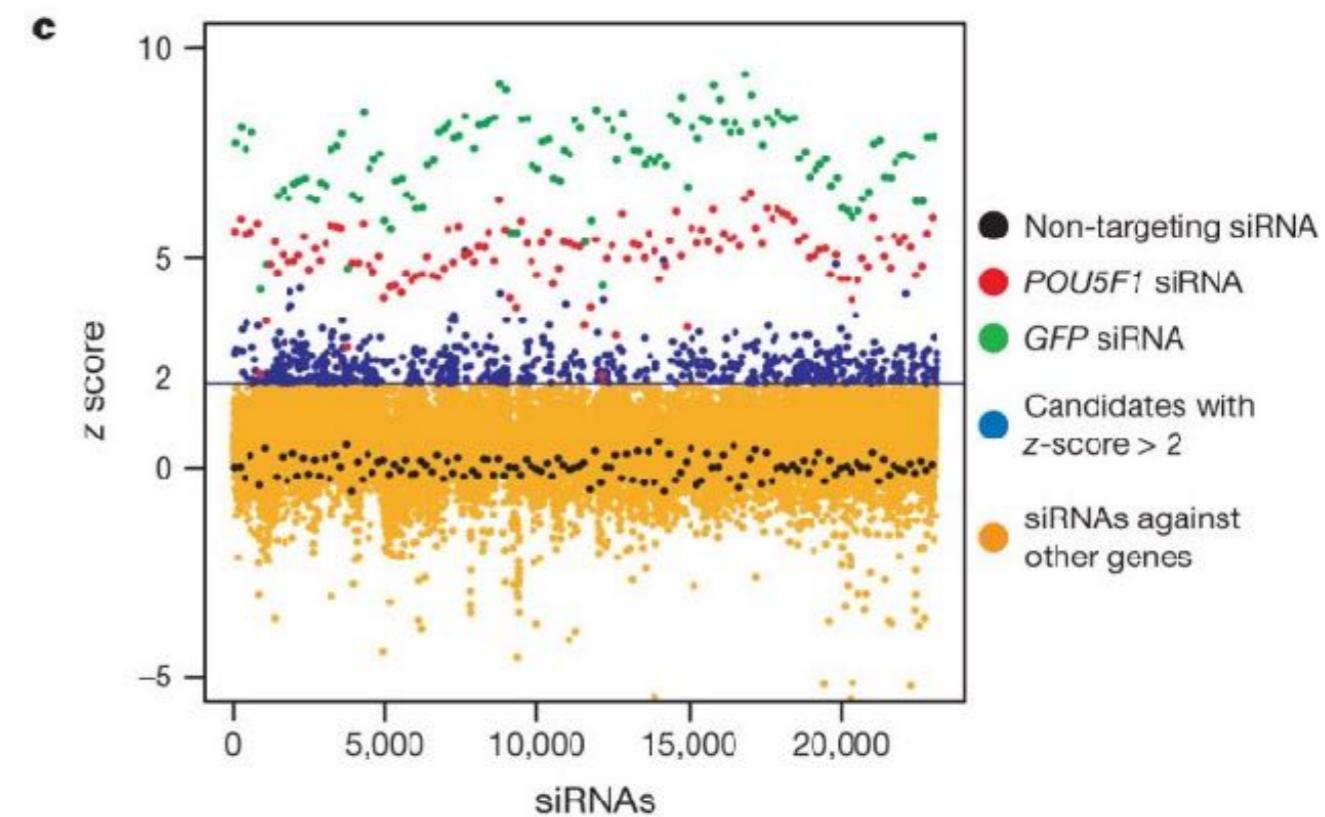
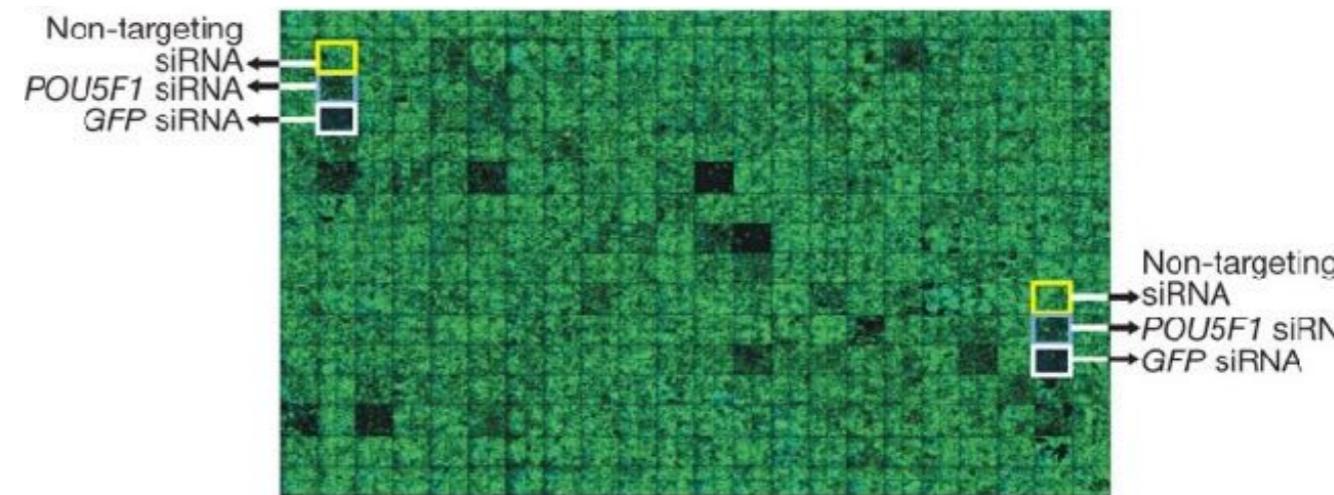
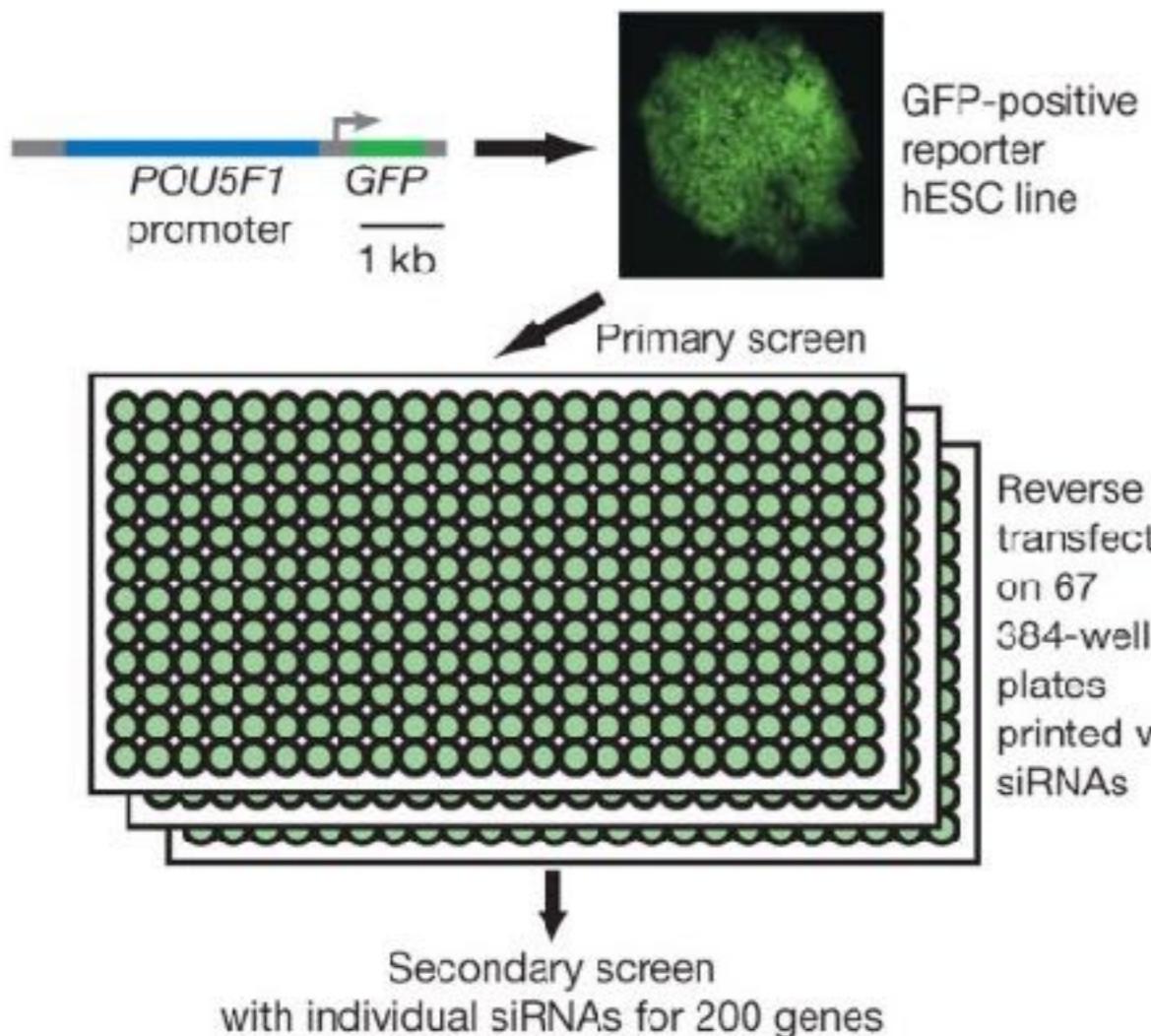


**Interaction suppressor: allele specific, gene specific**



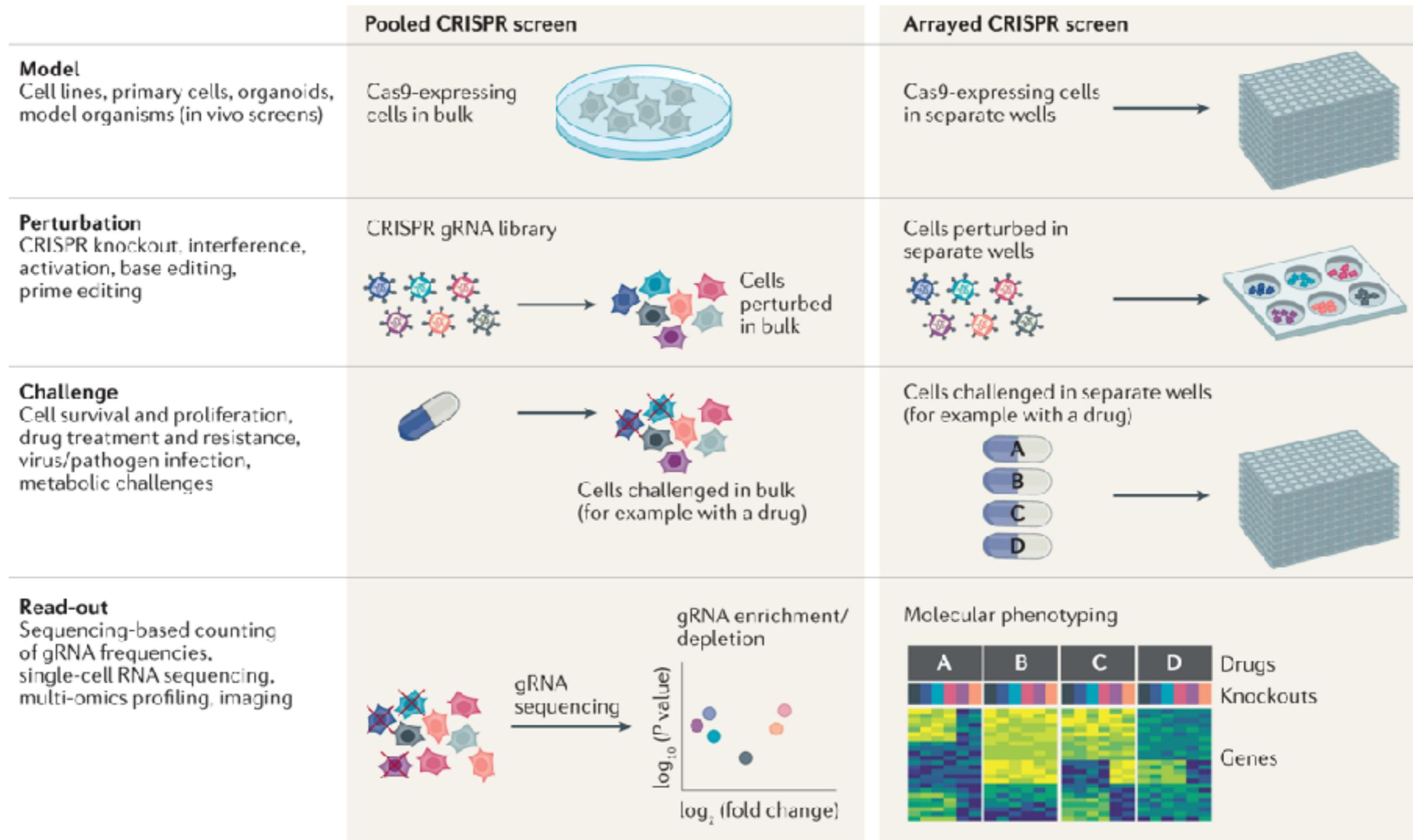
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# sc-Based Perturb screenings



genetic screens are often focused to the assessment of one parameter

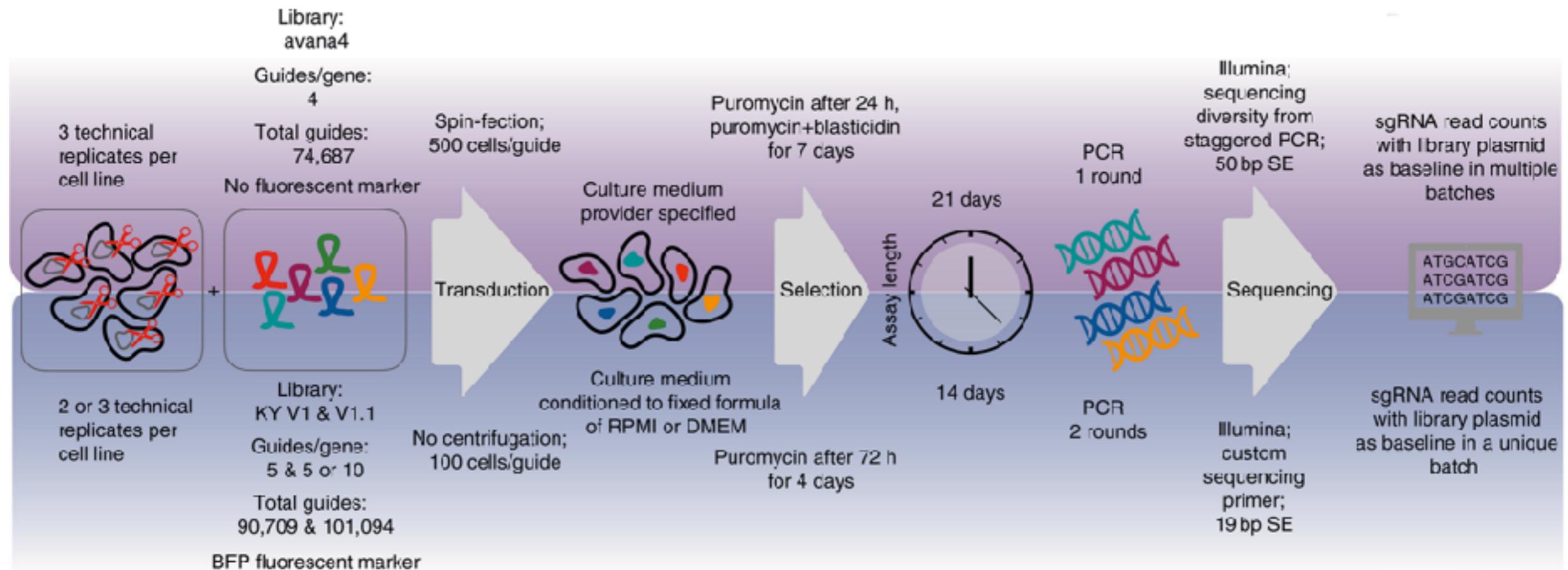
# sc-Based Perturb screenings



Bock et al. 2022 Nat Rev Met Prim

# sc-Based Perturb screenings

## Broad Institute



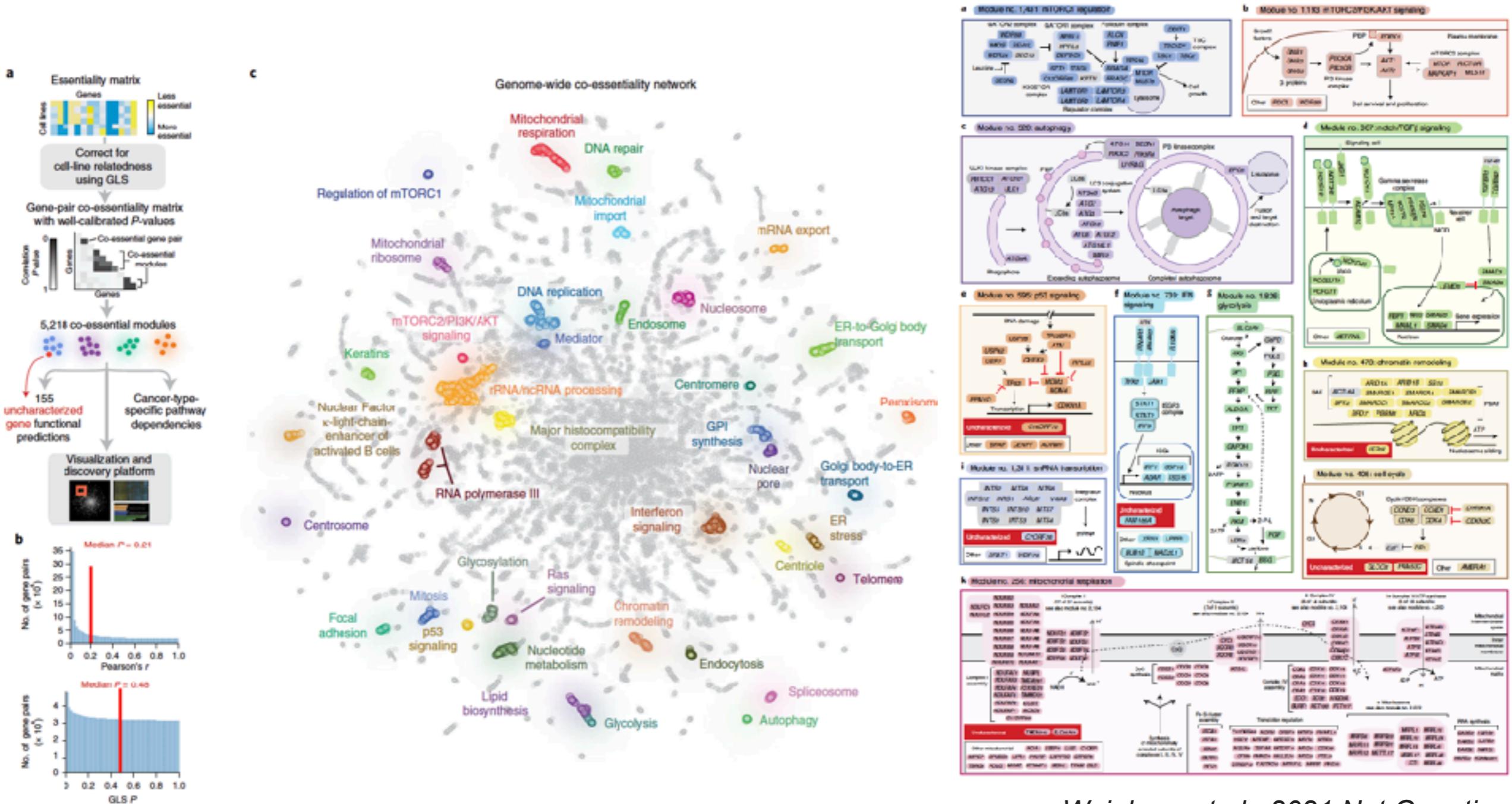
## Sanger Institute

Tsherniak et al. 2017 Cell

## Creating a genome-scale catalog of genetic vulnerabilities

A complete map of the vulnerabilities of cancer cell models is a key first step towards identifying therapeutics leads. Therefore, researchers are using genome-wide CRISPR loss-of-function screens to systematically identify essential genes across hundreds of human cancers

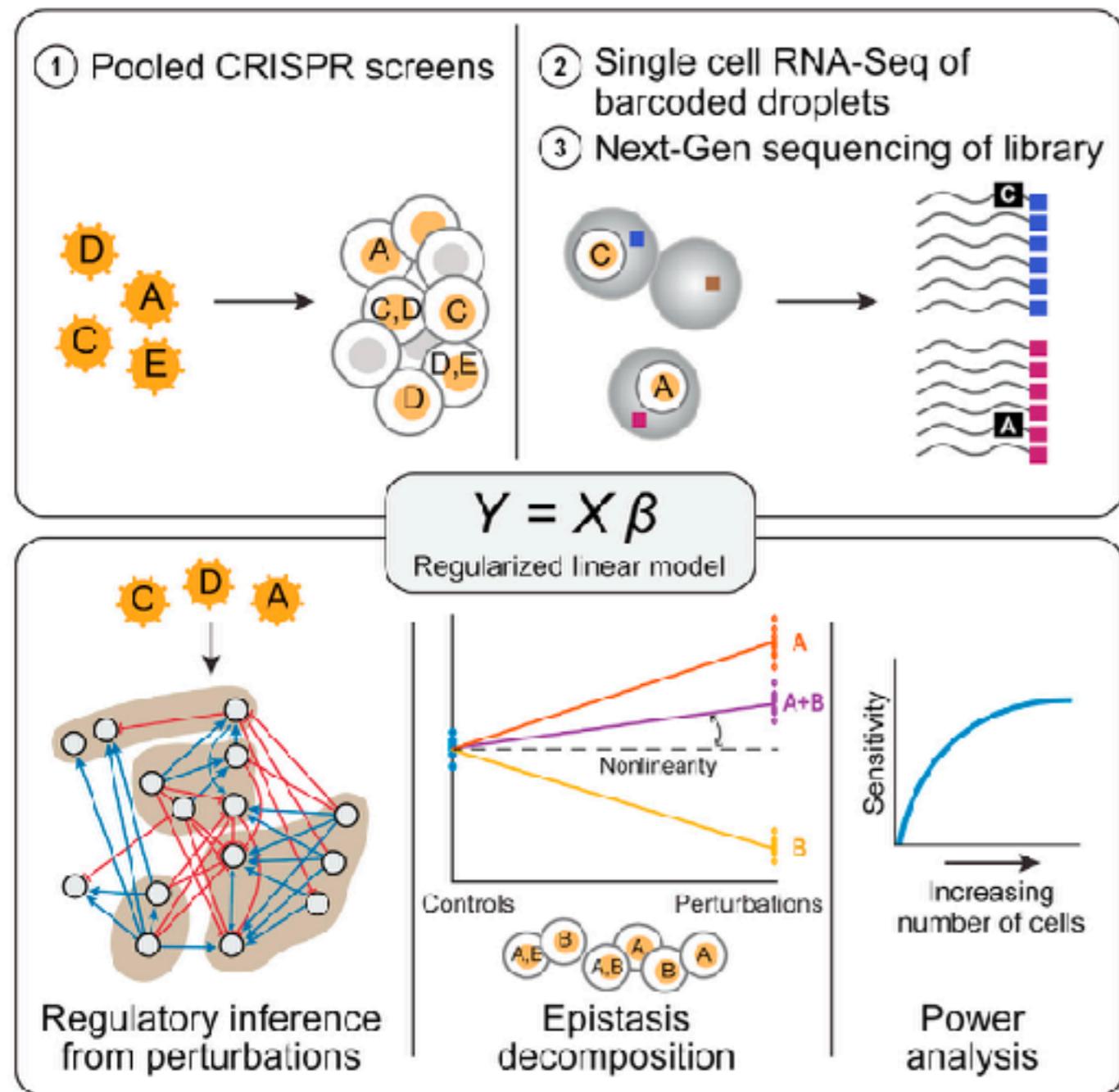
# sc-Based Perturb screenings



Wainberg et al. 2021 *Nat Genetics*

Dep\_Maps allow the inference of co-functional gene networks  
(with no priors)

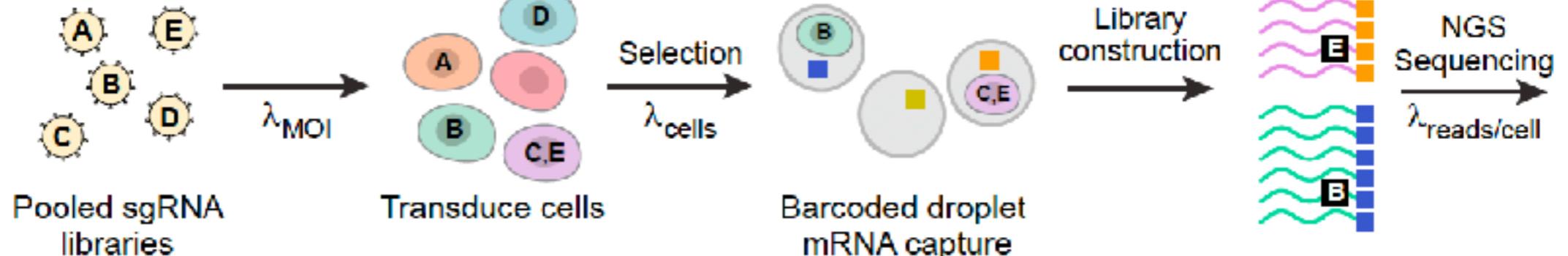
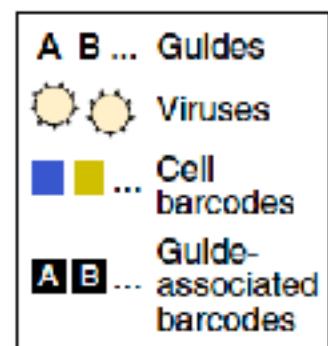
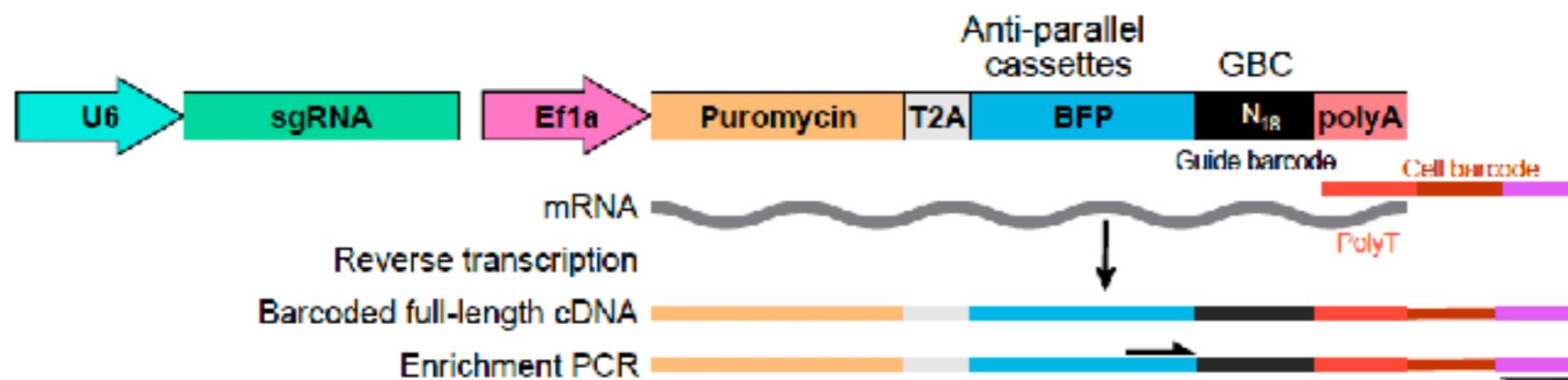
# sc-Based Perturb screenings



Dixit et al. 2016 Cell

**Perturb-seq** (also known as **CRISP-seq** and **CROP-seq**) refers to a high-throughput method of performing scRNA-seq on pooled genetic perturbation screens. Perturb-seq combines multiplexed CRISPR mediated gene inactivations with single cell RNA sequencing to assess comprehensive gene expression phenotypes for each perturbation. Inferring a gene's function by applying genetic perturbations to KD or KD a gene and studying the resulting phenotype is known as reverse genetics. Perturb-seq is a reverse genetics approach that allows for the investigation of phenotypes at the level of the transcriptome, to elucidate gene functions in many cells, in a massively parallel fashion.

# sc-Based Perturb screenings

**A****B**

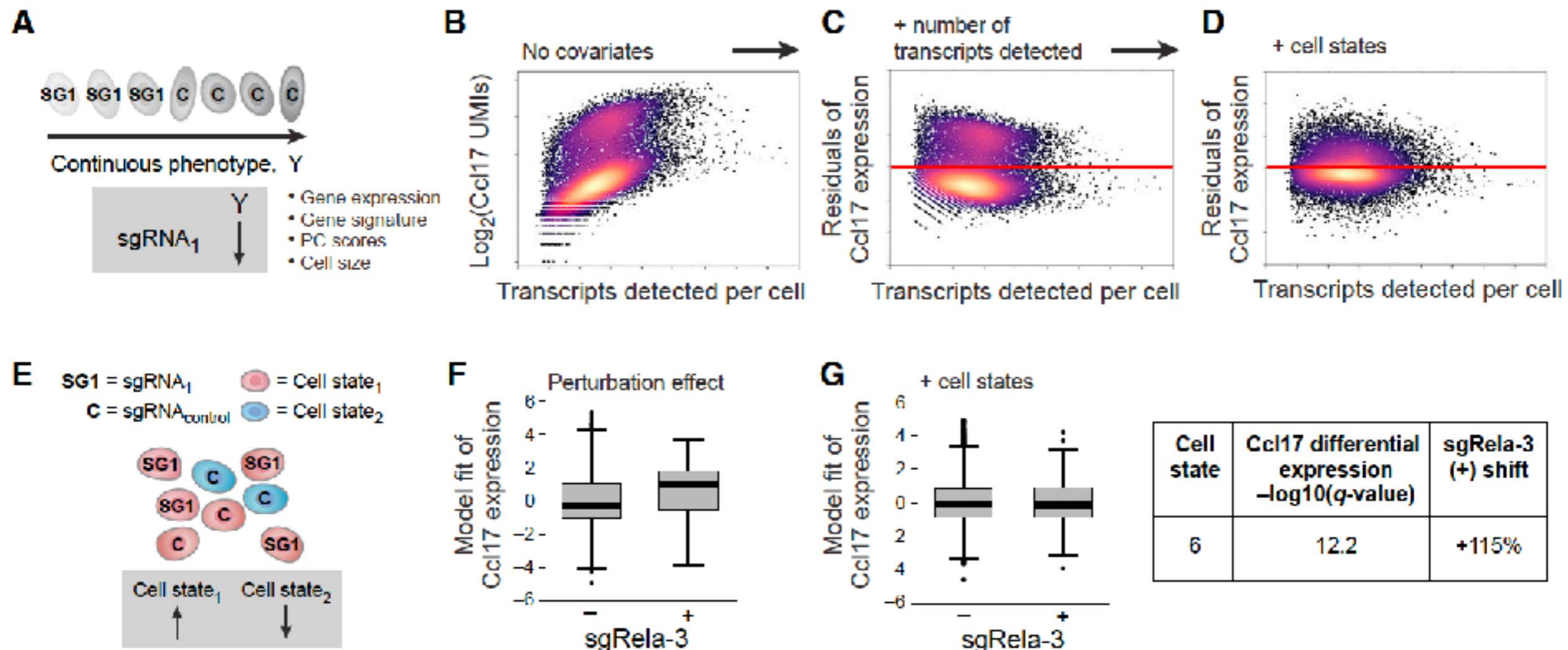
Dixit et al. 2016 Cell

Perturb-seq combines a pooled CRISPR screen with scRNA-seq by encoding the identity of the perturbation on an expressed guide barcode (GBC)

so each cell has 2 barcodes one for cell identity (CBC) and the other for perturbation identity (GBC)

# sc-Based Perturb screenings

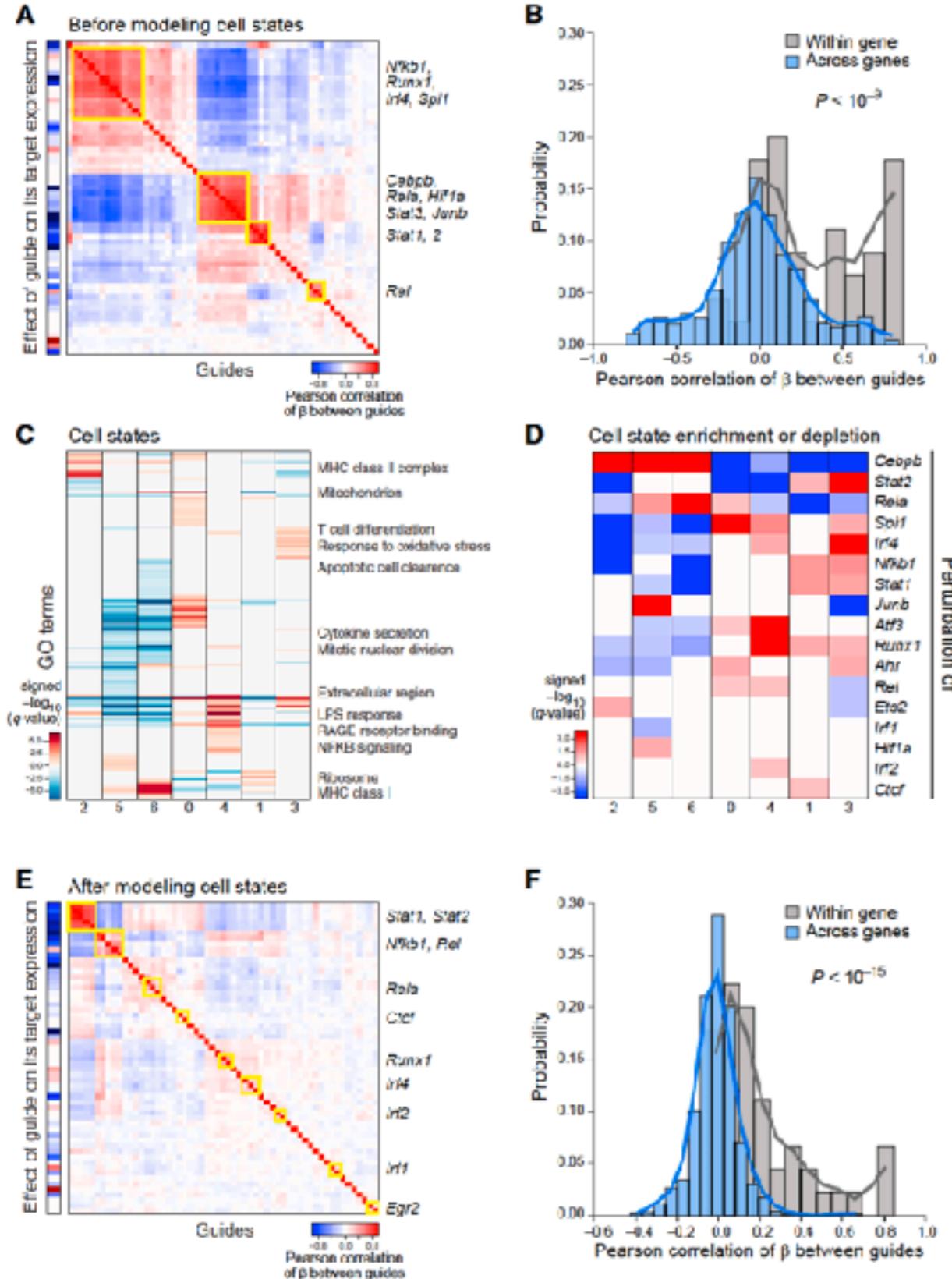
Bone marrow-derived dendritic cells (BMDCs), they targeted 24 transcription factors (TFs) in ctrl and LPS treated cells



Dixit et al. 2016 Cell

Allows to discriminate effects on cell state proportions from those on the expression of a given gene

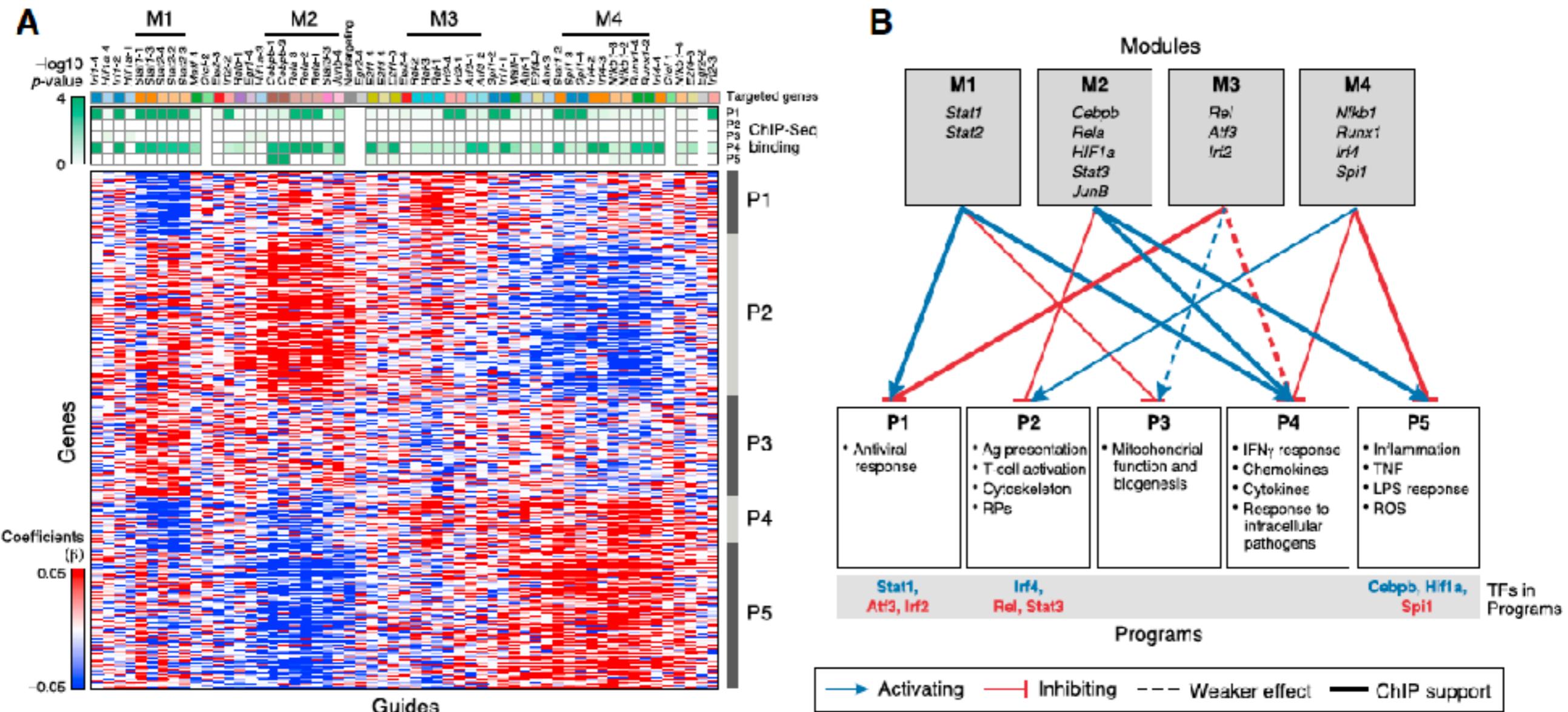
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Authors used the regulatory effects of each perturbed TF on each gene, to group TFs into modules by their similar regulatory effects and to group genes into programs by how they are affected by the perturbations.

Note this structure is largely dictated by effects on cell states

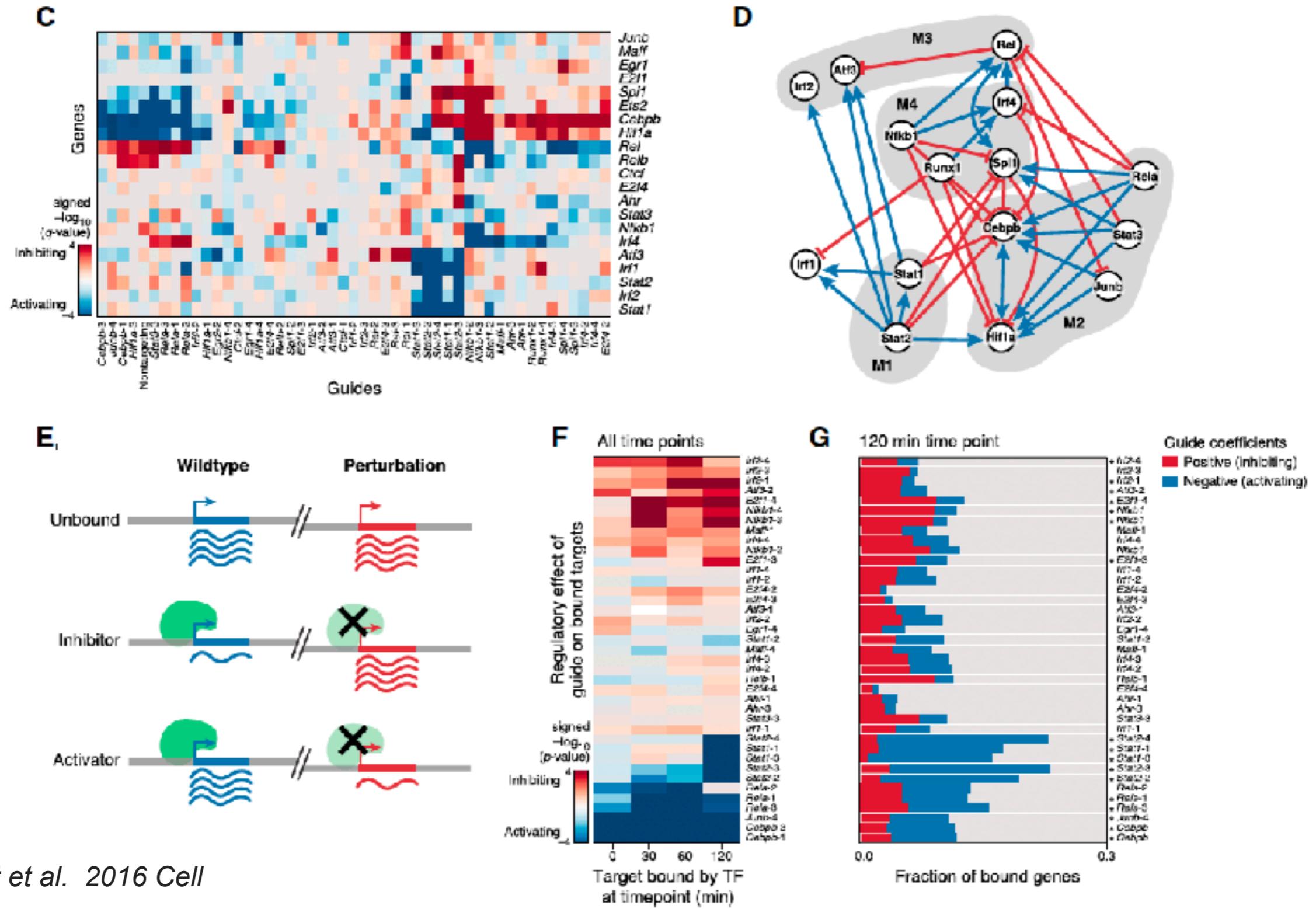
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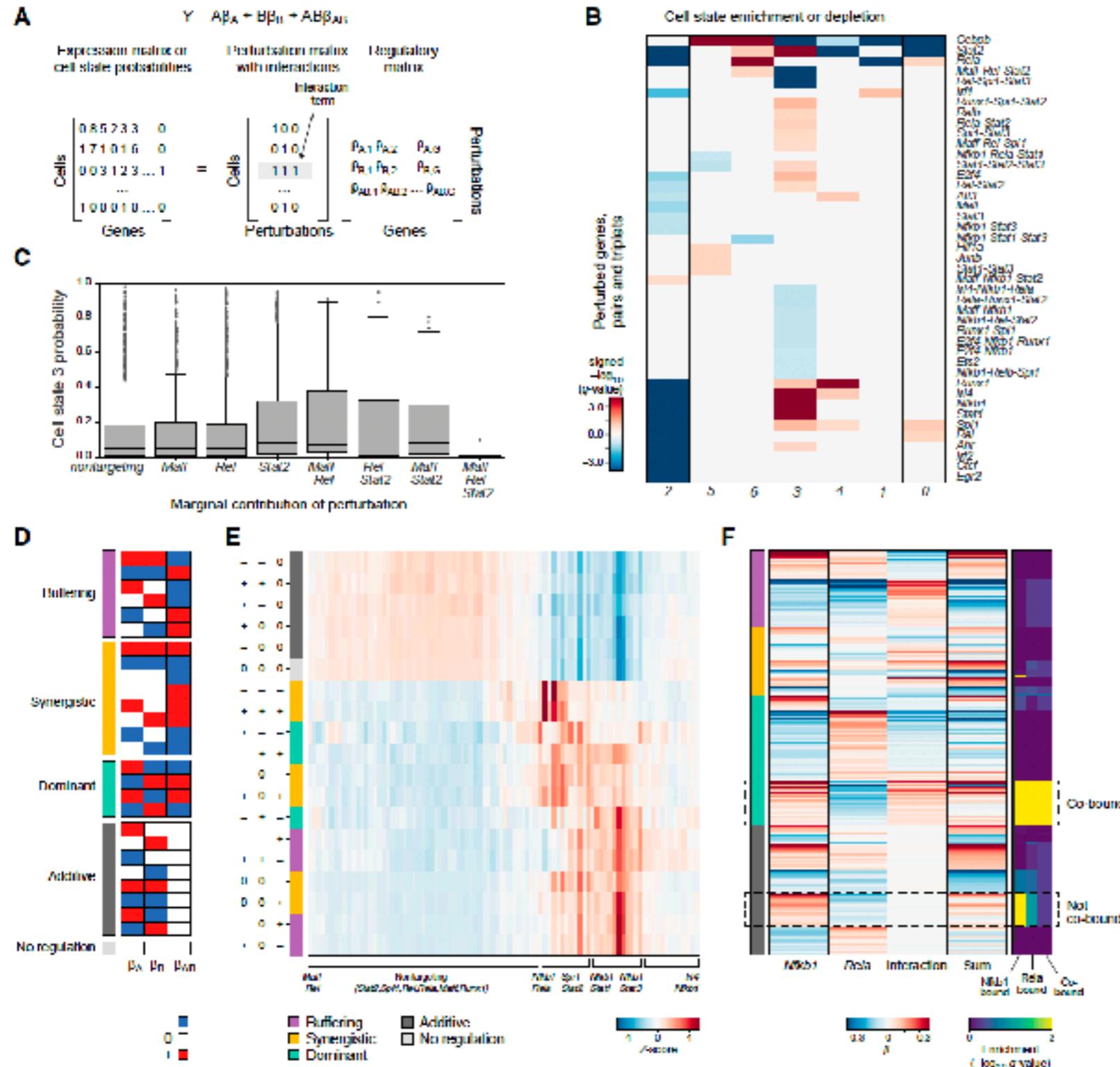
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# The Genetic Circuit Is Supported by TF Binding Profiles

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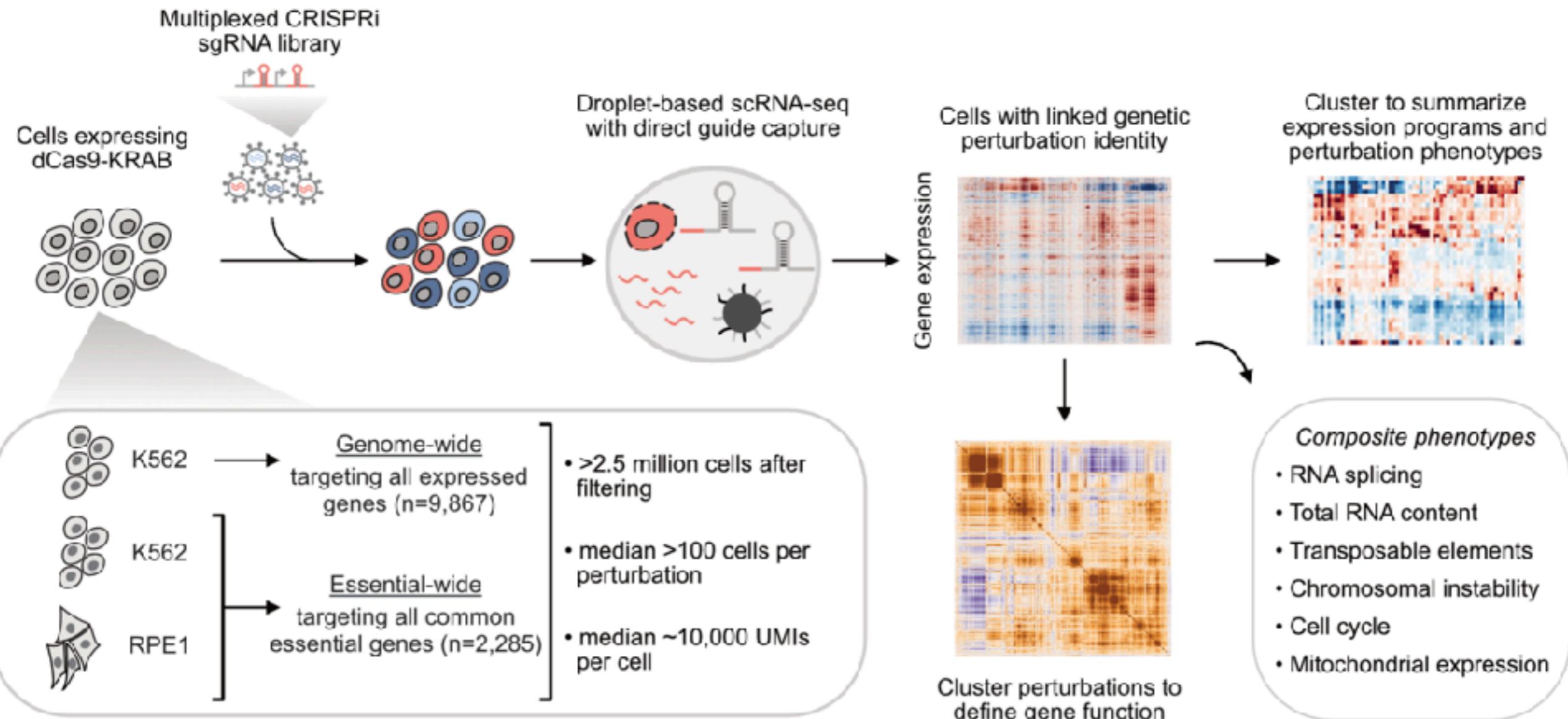


# sc-Based Perturb screenings



Genetic Interactions  
between TFs in BMDCs  
can be inferred by looking  
at double or triple infected  
cells

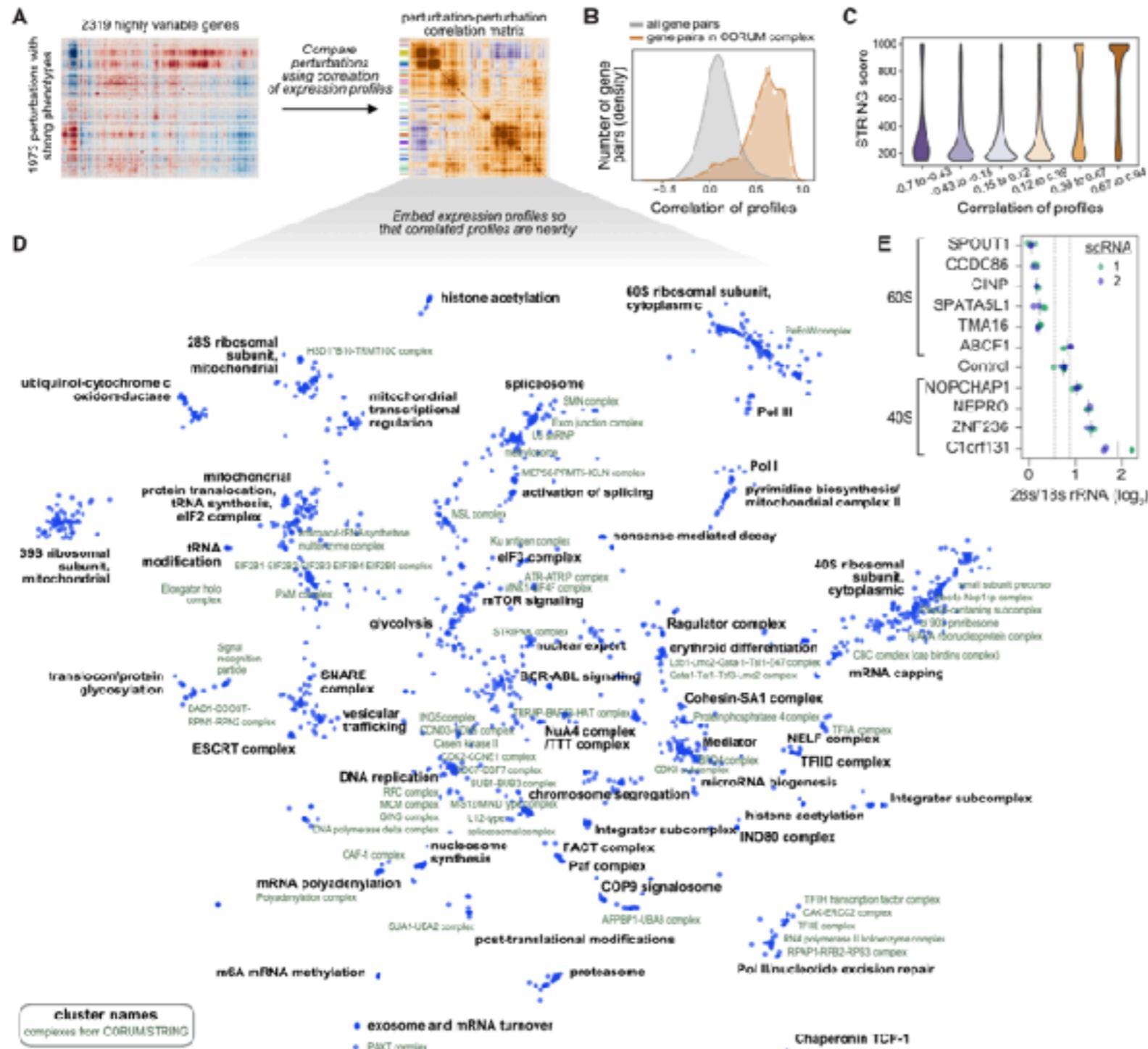
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Replogle et al. 2021 Biorxiv

## Whole Genome Perturb Seq

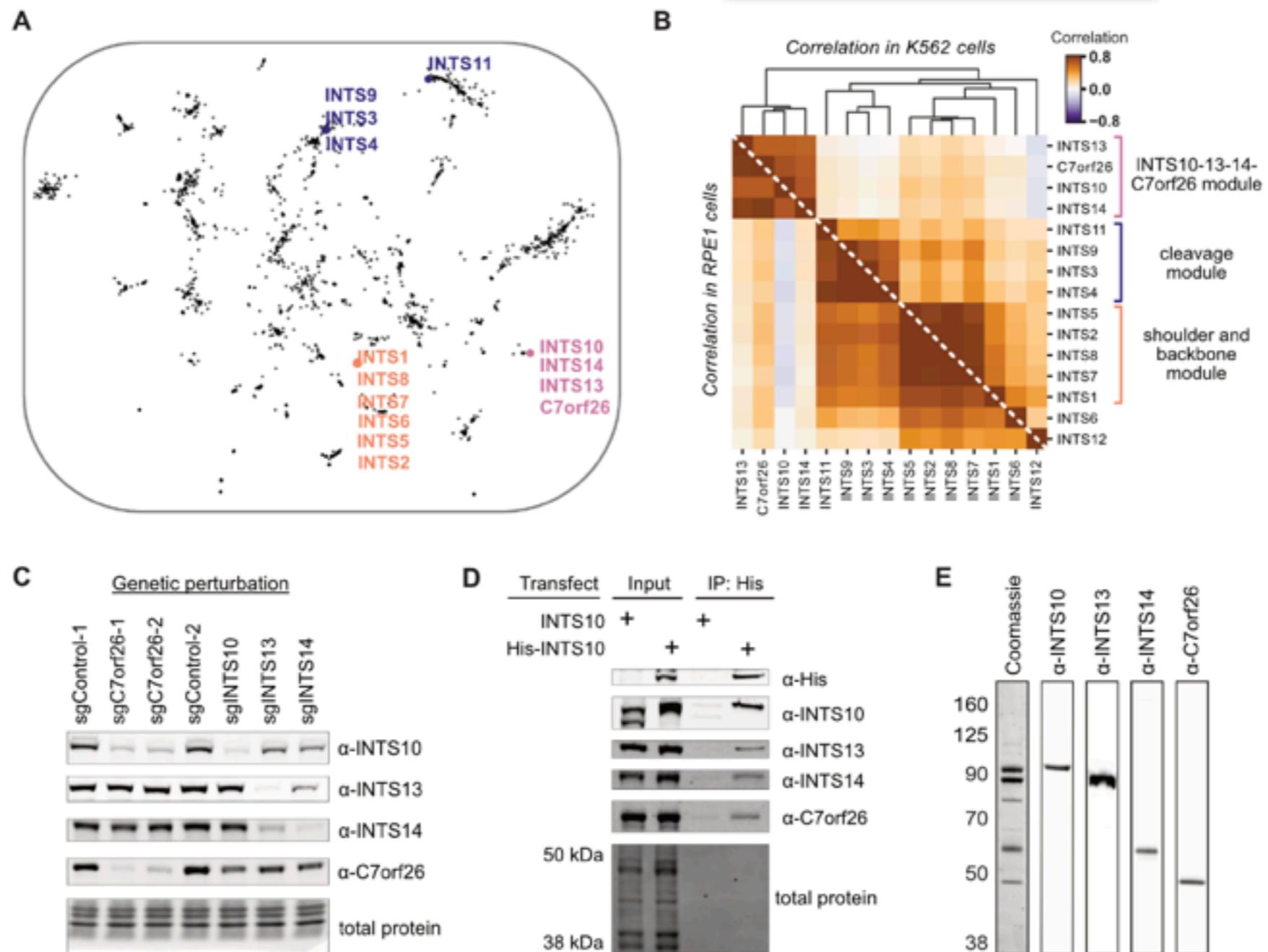
# Whole Genome Perturb Seq



Whole genome Perturb\_seq allows the inference of co-functional gene networks active in a give cell type looking at perturbation correlation only

(with no priors)

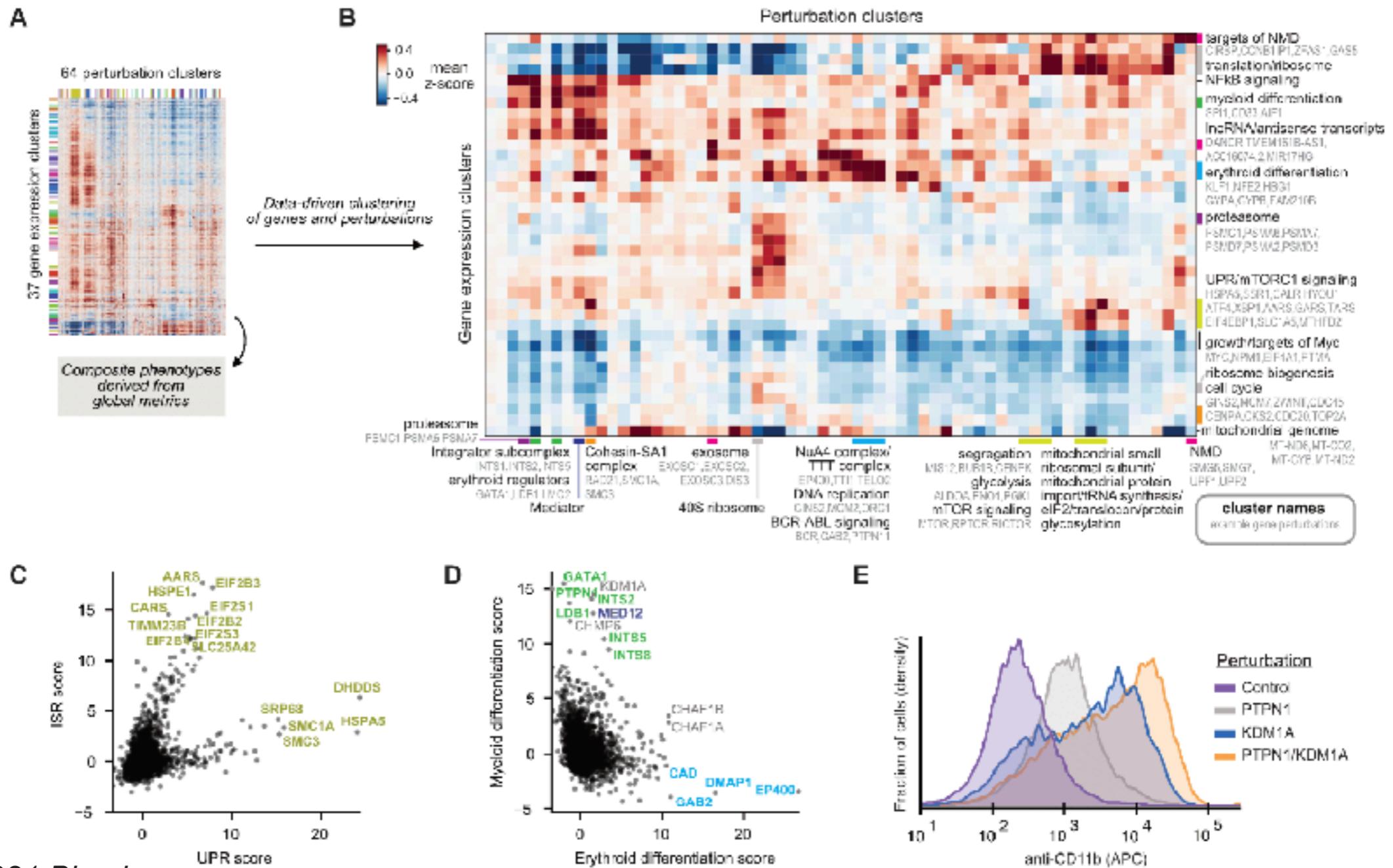
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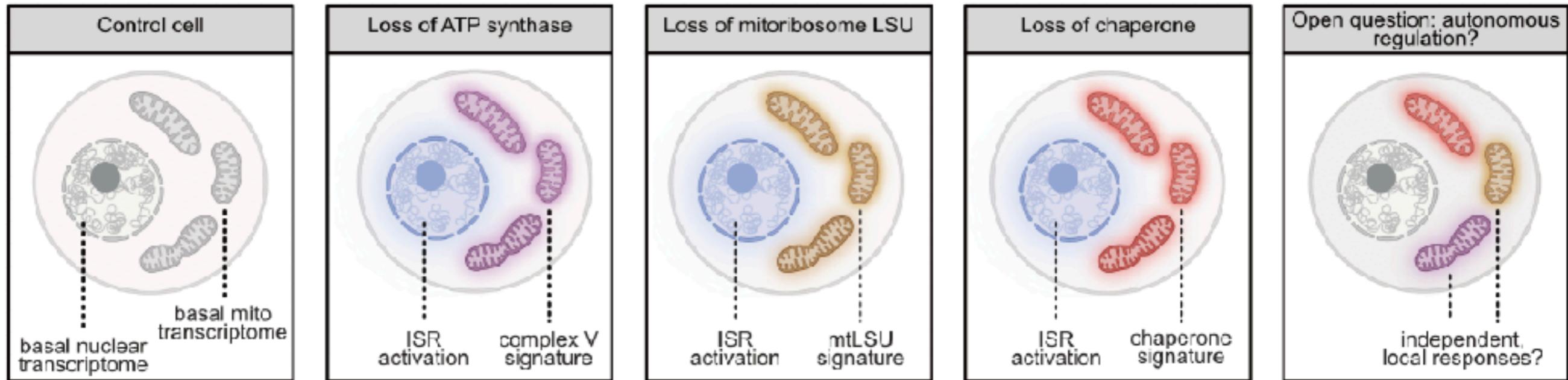
Summarizing genotype-phenotype relationships with Perturb-seq



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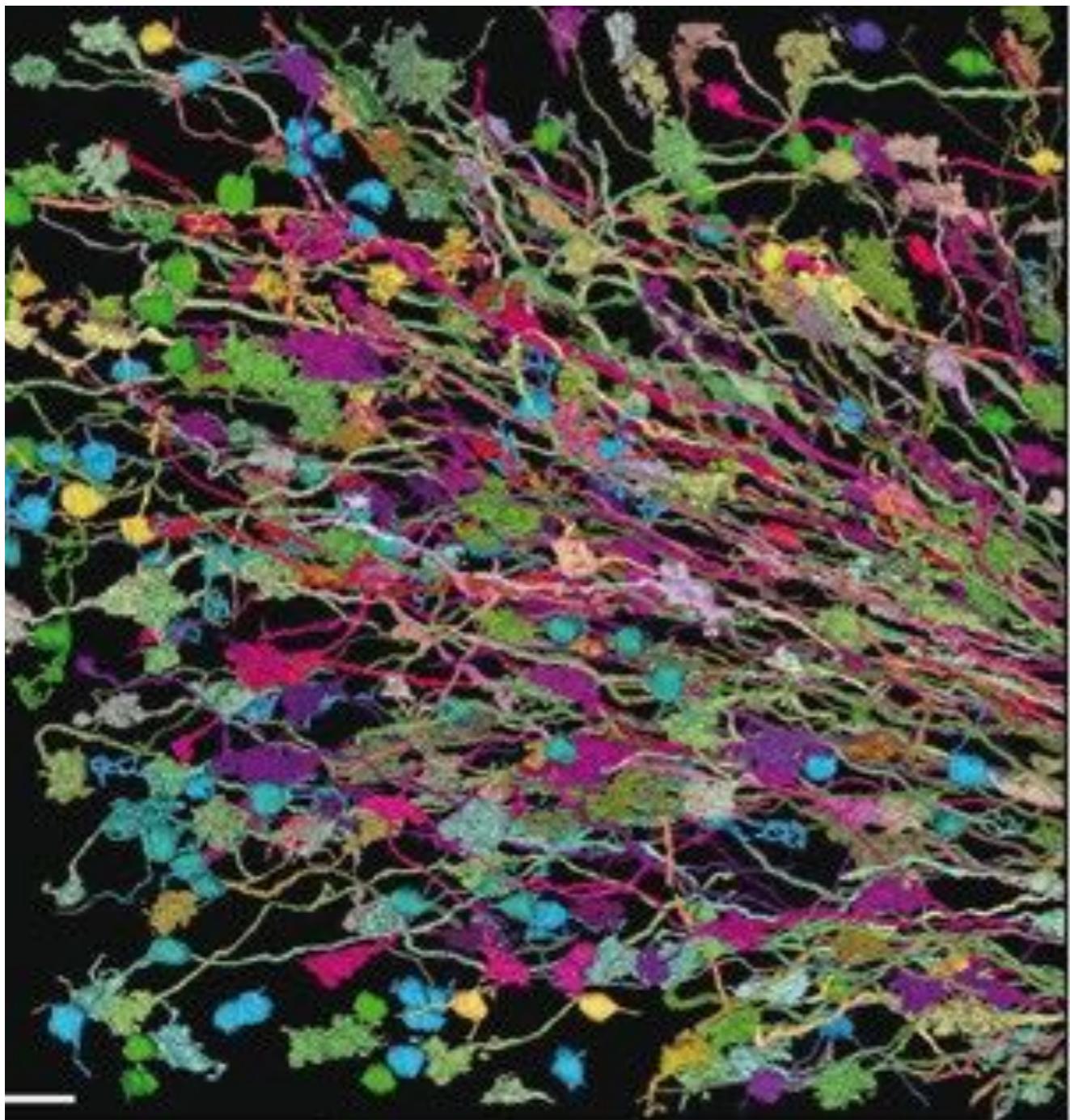
Data-driven definition of transcriptional programs

# sc-Based Perturb screenings



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# Spatial Omics Techniques



Single-cell analyses, especially RNA sequencing and other genomics modalities, have been transformative in revealing new biology.

However, these approaches fail to provide a complete picture of biological processes, as contextual information on cellular location is lost.

New technologies leveraging multiplexed fluorescence, DNA, RNA and isotope labeling enable the detection of tens to thousands molecular biomarkers within their native spatial context.

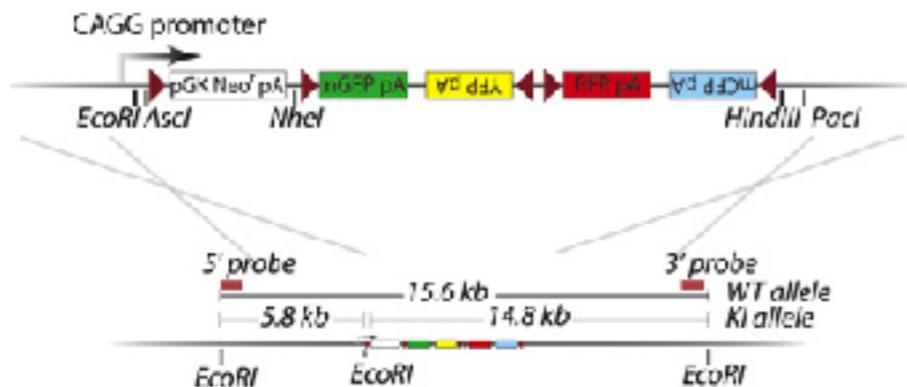
# Spatial Omics Techniques

- (1) optical barcoding methods for tracking cell subclones
- (2) spatial proteomics methods
- (3) spatial transcriptomic methods
- (4) spatial metabolomics methods
- (5) computational integration of these modalities

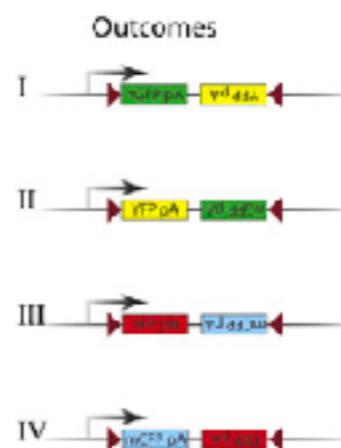
# Spatial Omics Techniques

Tracking the spatiotemporal fate of live cells in their tissue context

## Rosa26 locus in Mouse, Chr6

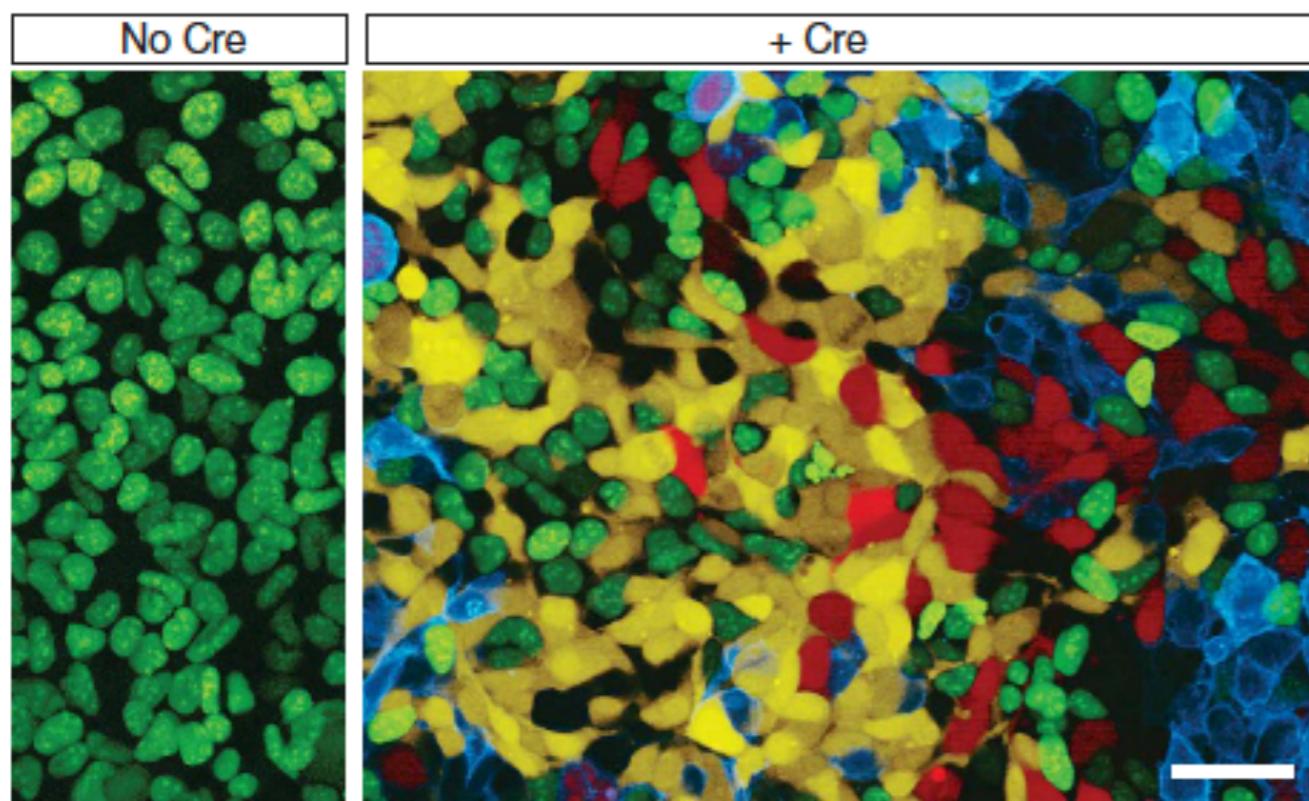


## Cre recombination



## R26R-Confetti knock-in strategy.

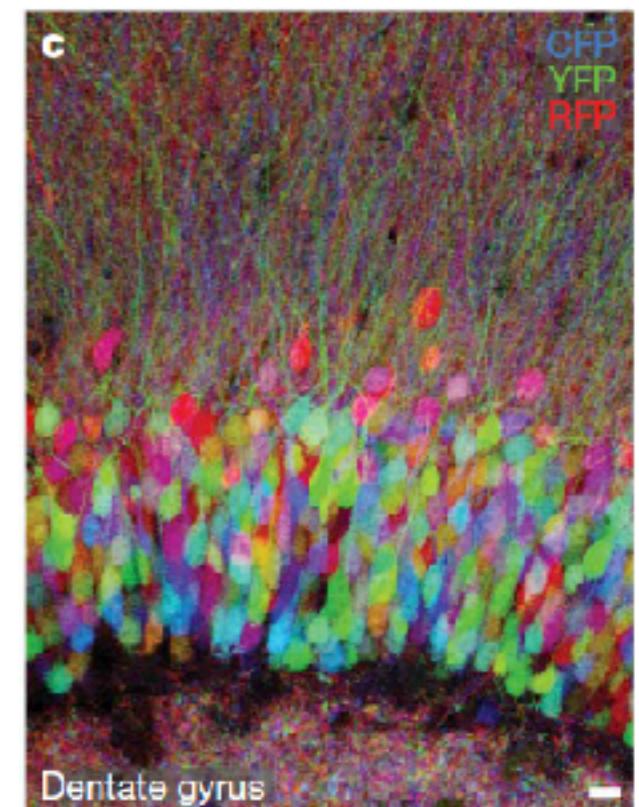
Brainbow2.1 encoding four fluorescent proteins was inserted into the Rosa26 locus. Upstream, the strong CAGG promoter, a LoxP site, and a neomycin resistance roadblock cassette were inserted. Upon cre activation, the neomycin roadblock is excised, while the brainbow2.1 recombines in a random fashion to four possible outcomes.



### a XFP combinations

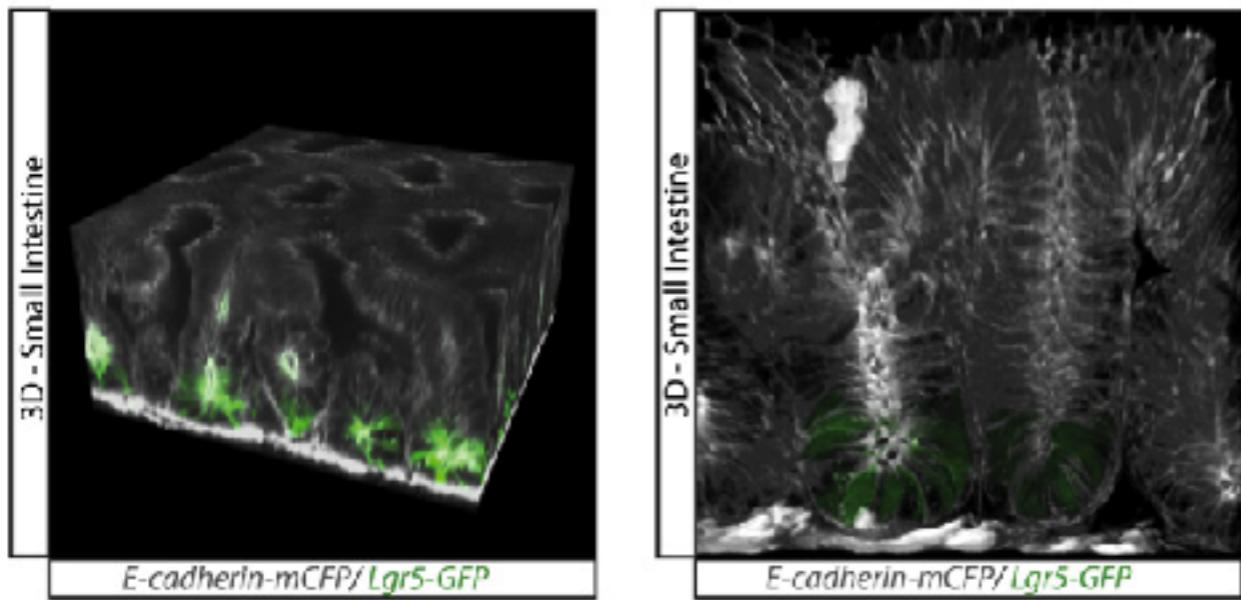
Outcome for each copy Resulting colour

1	2	3	
C	C	C	Blue
C	C	Y	Light blue
C	Y	Y	Blue-green
Y	Y	Y	Green
Y	Y	R	Light green
Y	R	R	Orange
R	R	R	Red
R	R	C	Magenta
R	C	C	Purple
R	C	Y	Grey



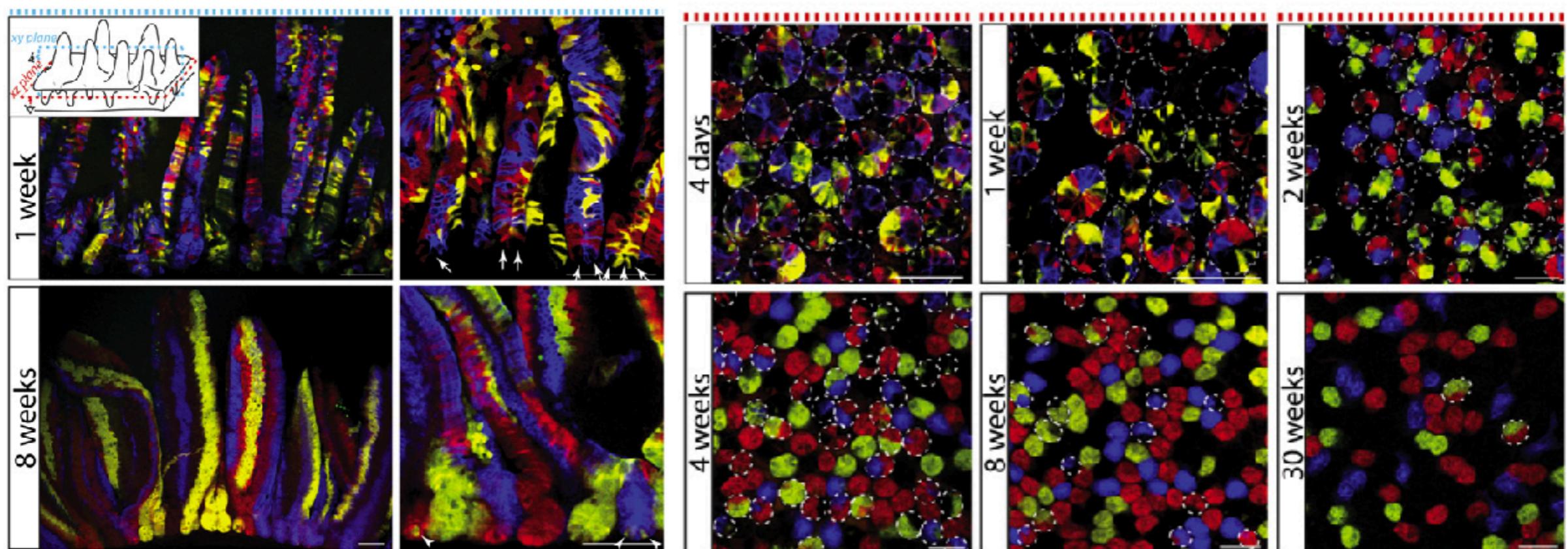
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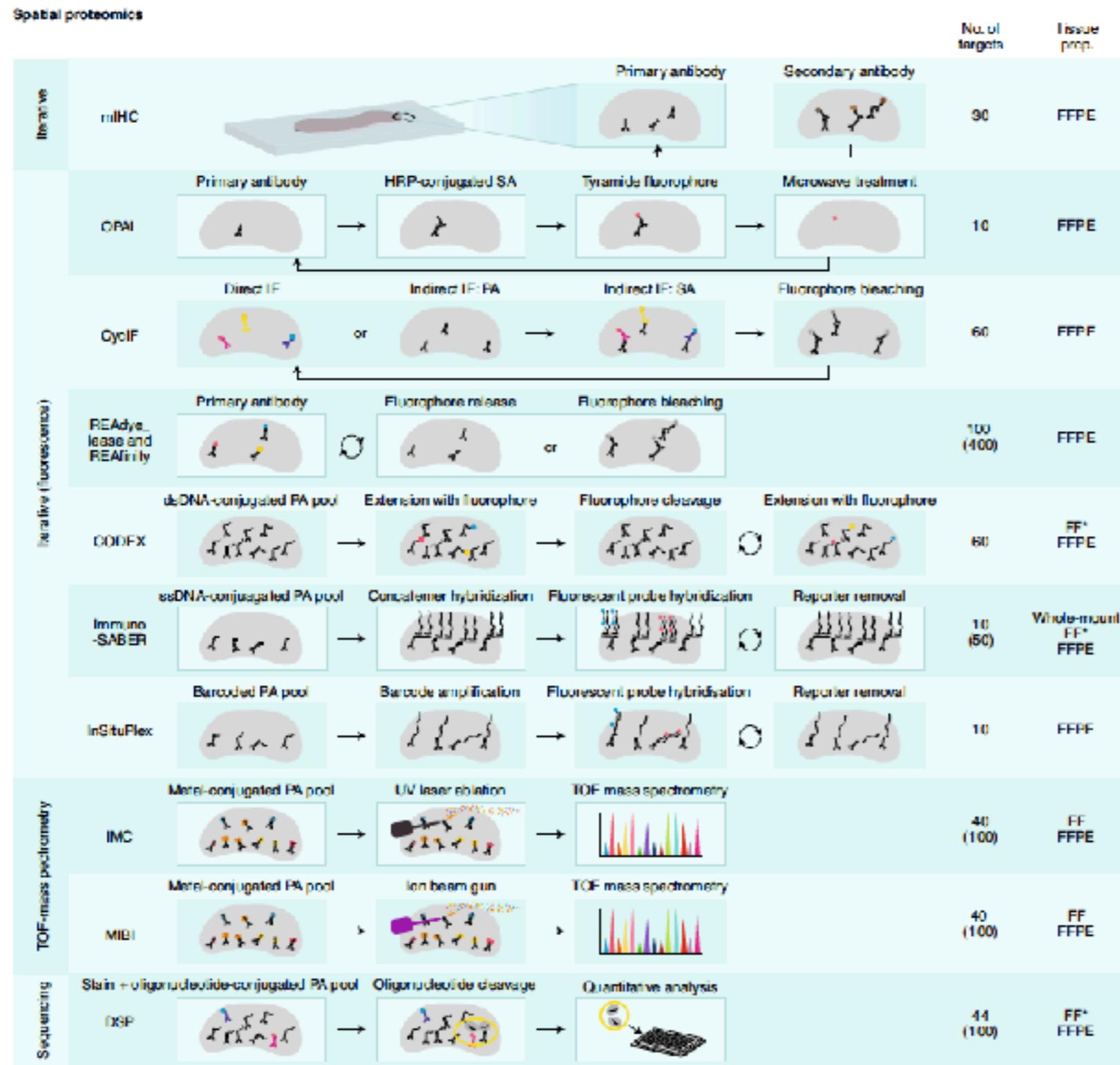
Intestinal stem cells, characterized by high *Lgr5* expression, reside between Paneth cells at the small intestinal crypt base and divide every day.

The authors investigated the fate of stem cells *in vivo*.



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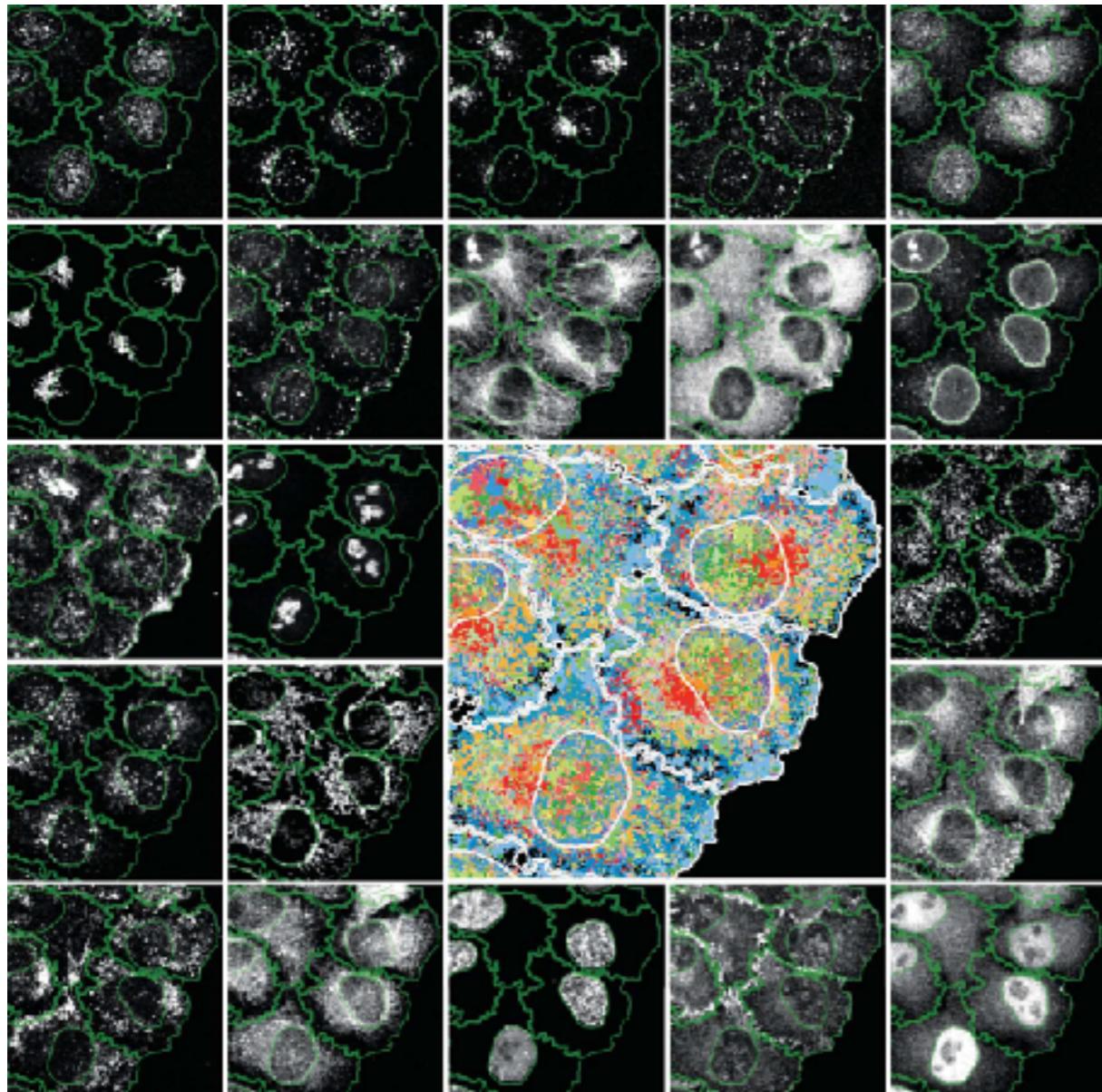
increasing the number of detectable proteins in a spatial context



## Spatial Proteomics

# Spatial Omics Techniques

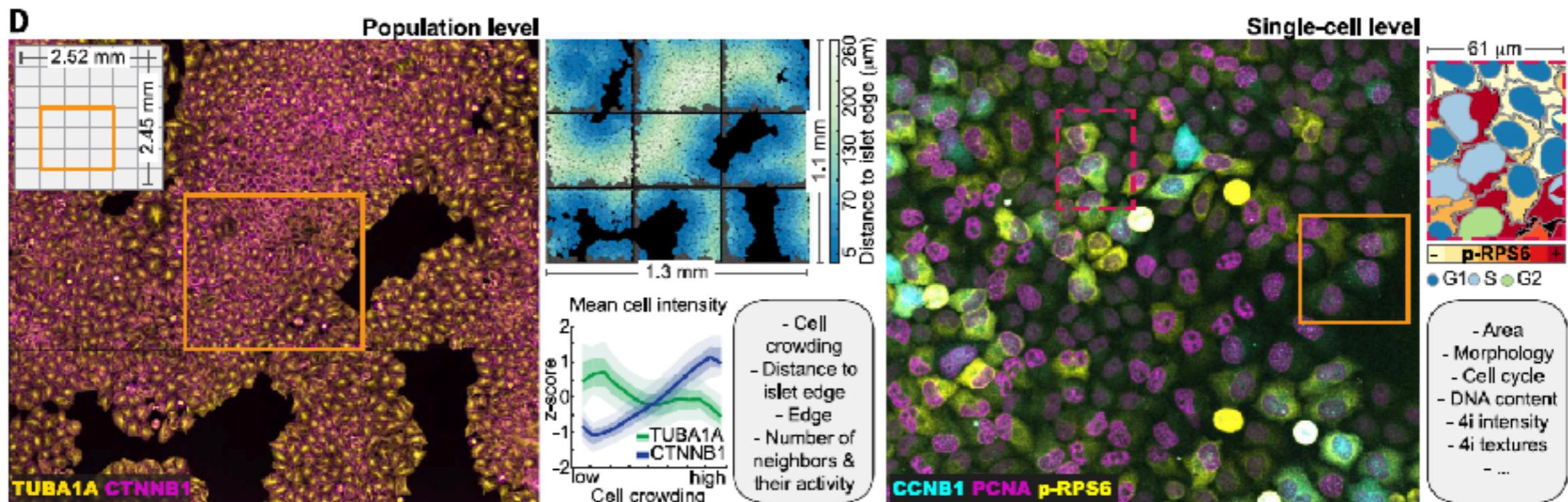
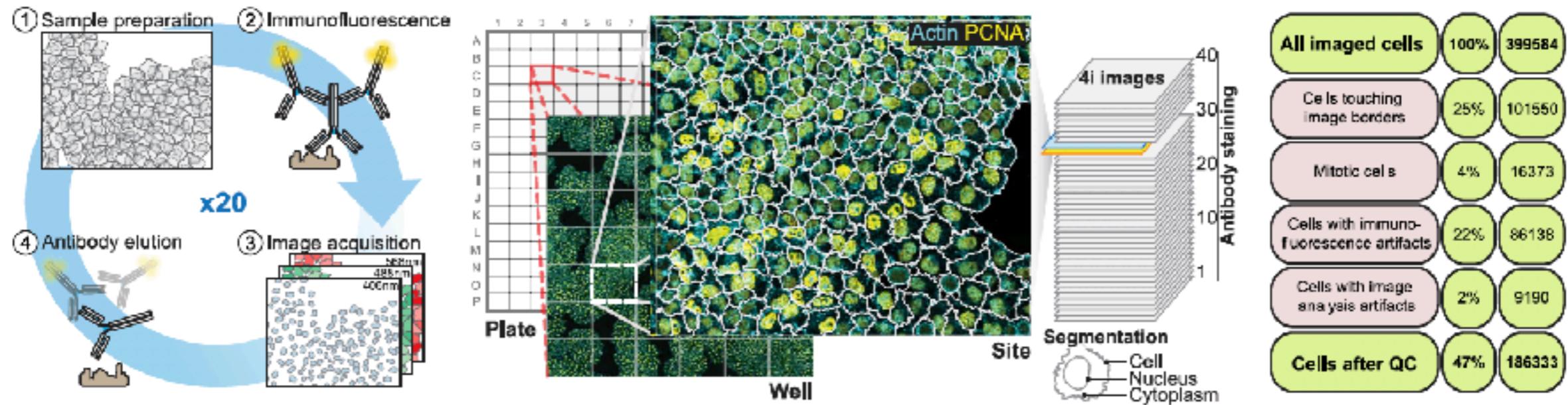
## iterative staining (4i)



Iterative indirect immunofluorescence imaging (4i), 40-plex protein readouts from biological samples at high-throughput from the millimeter to the nanometer scale. This approach simultaneously captures properties apparent at the population, cellular, and subcellular levels, including microenvironment, cell shape, and cell cycle state. It also captures the detailed morphology of organelles, cytoskeletal structures, nuclear subcompartments, and the fate of signaling receptors in thousands of single cells *in situ*.

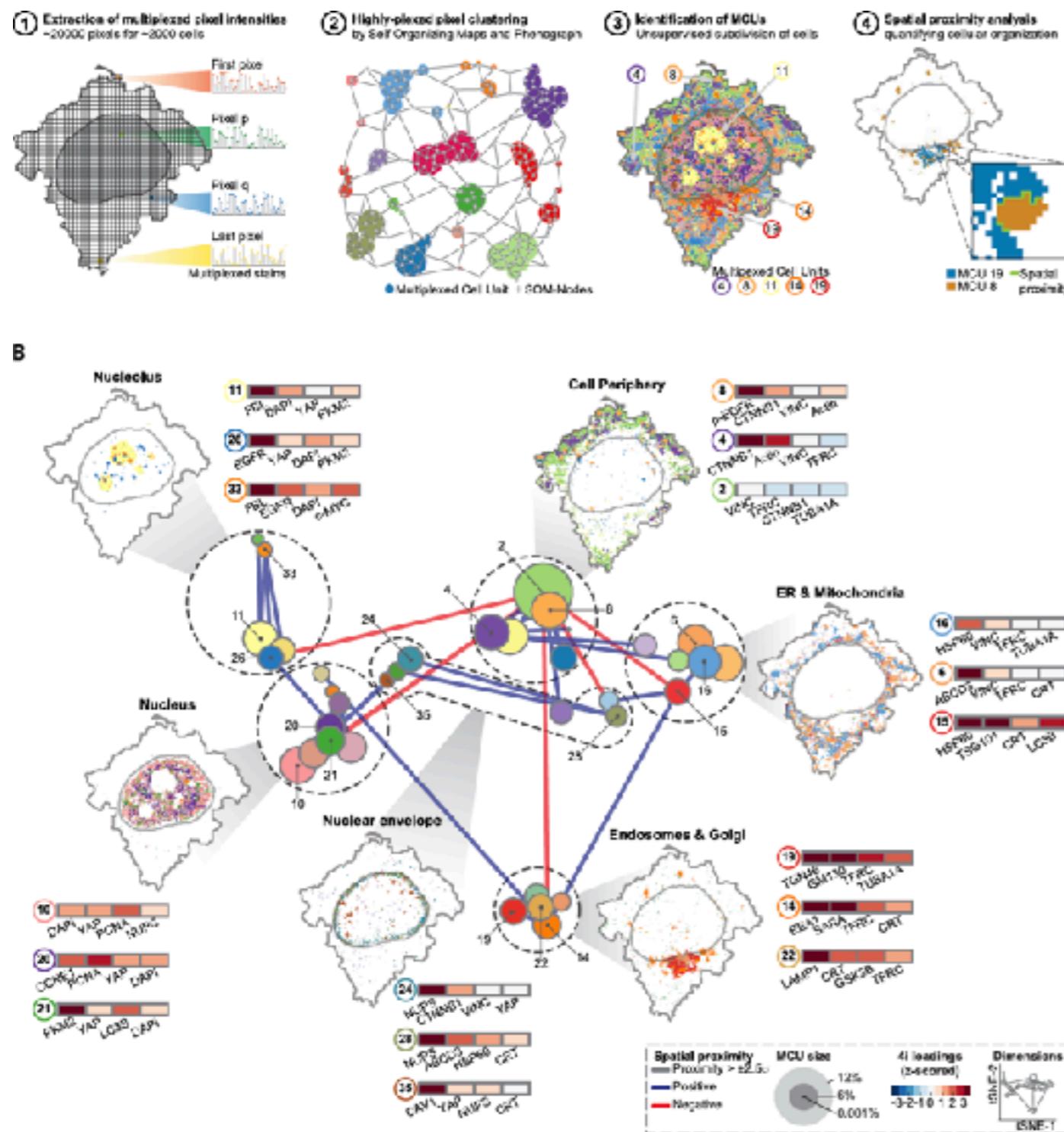
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## iterative staining (4i)



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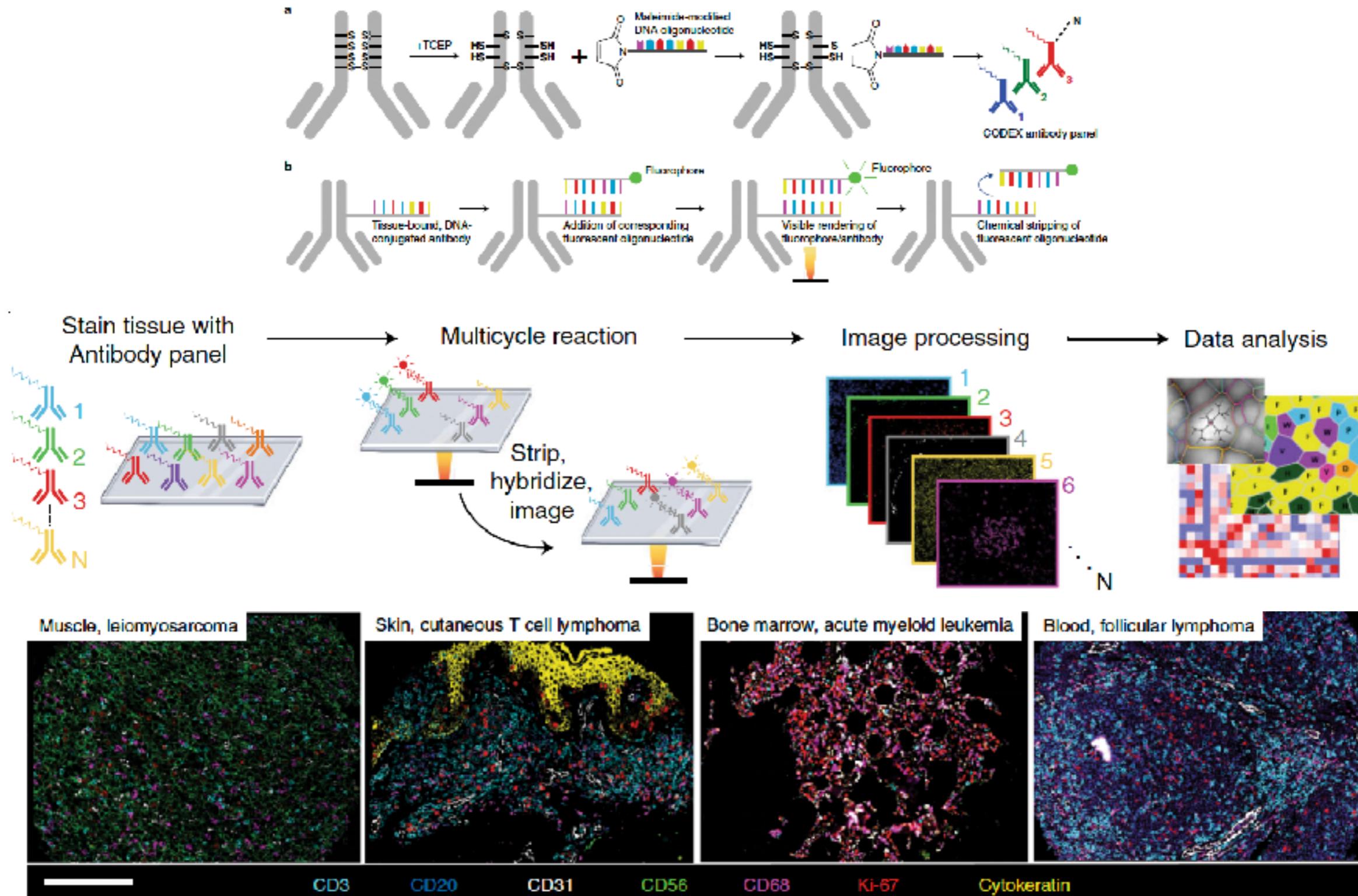
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4i quantifies subcellular organization at high spatial detail in thousands of single cells based on multiplexed single-pixel profiles. 4i builds on a well-established highthroughput multivariate imaging platform

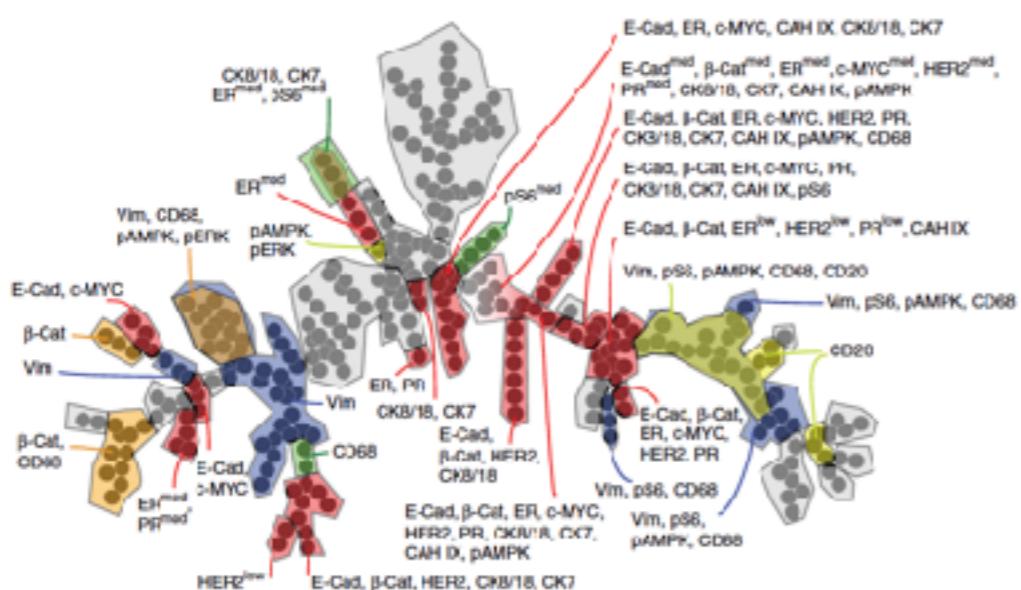
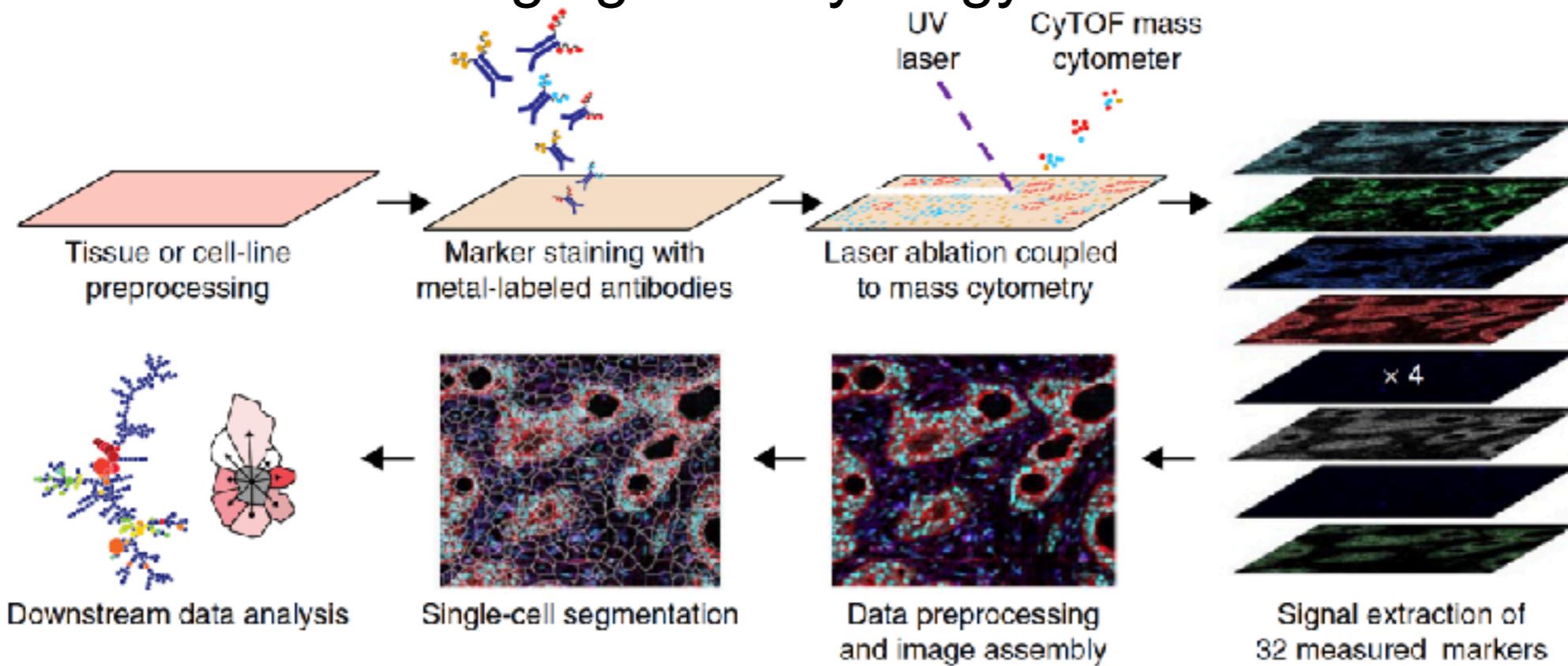
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## iterative staining CODEX



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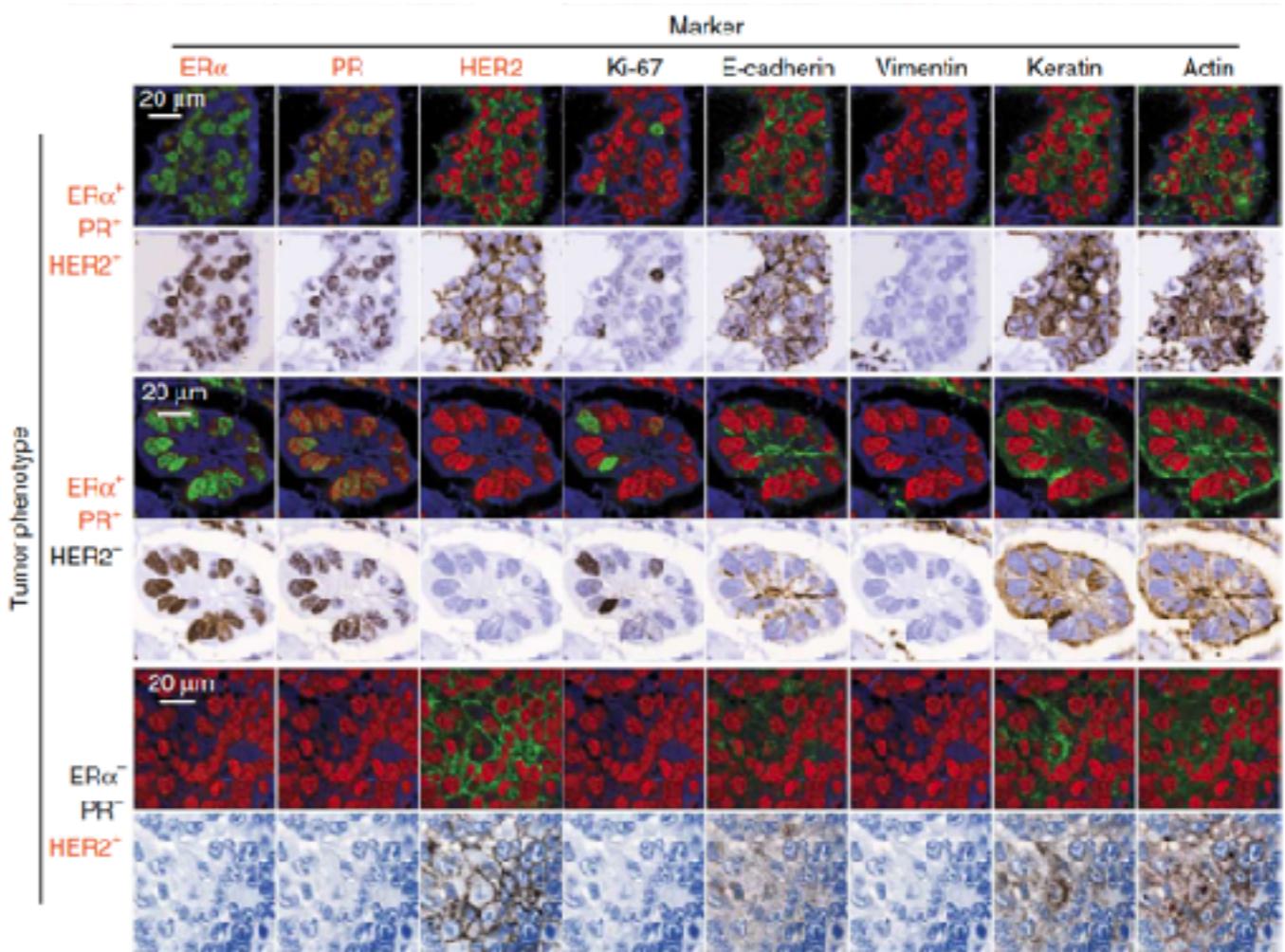
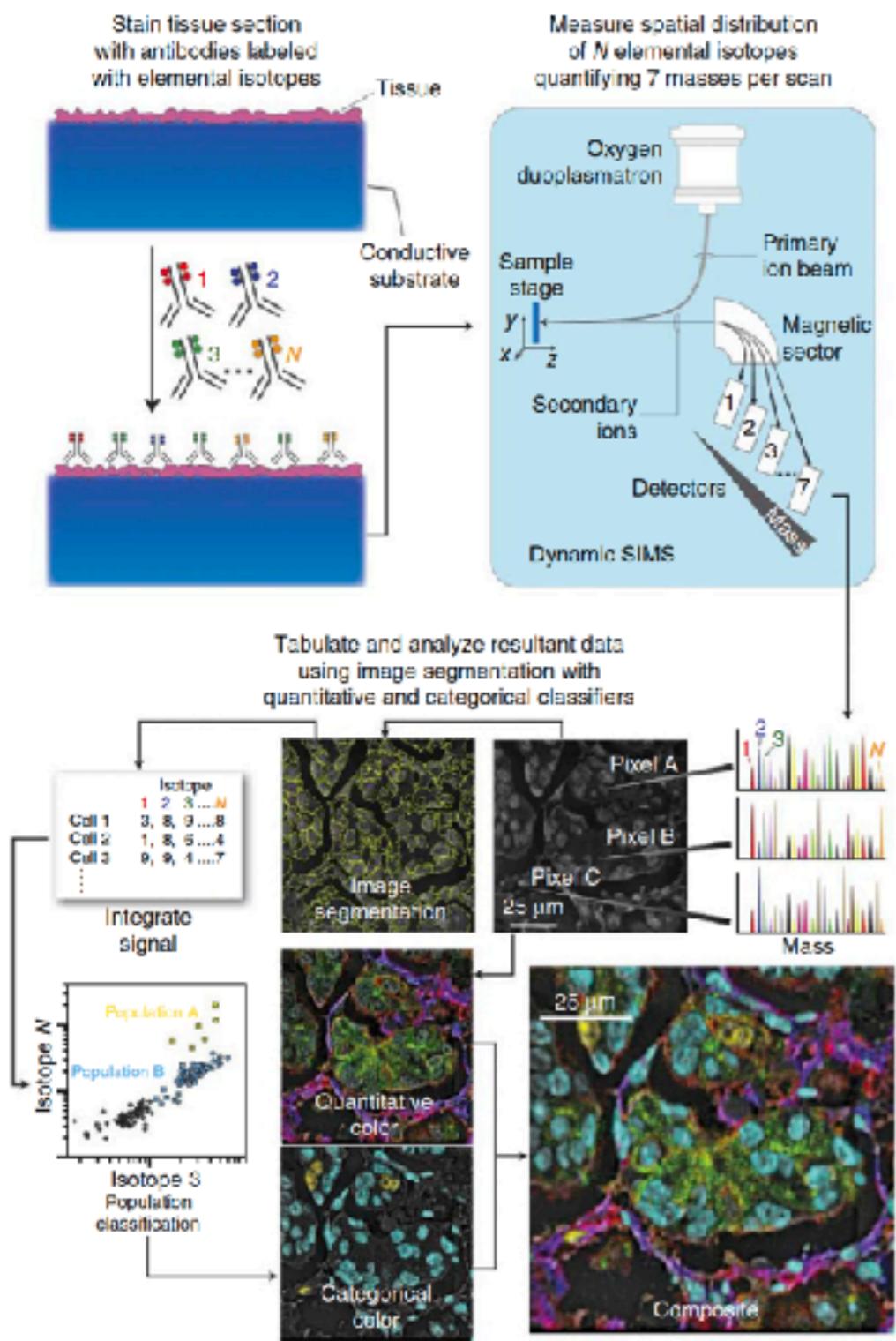
# MS based methods - ImagingMassCytology



Imaging mass cytometry (IMC) uses TOF-MS as a readout combined with a high-energy, short-wavelength laser beam for tissue ablation that is focused to a spot size of 1  $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter. This beam is rastered across the tissue, point by point, and at each spot the vaporized tissue is carried by an inert gas into the mass spectrometer for analysis.

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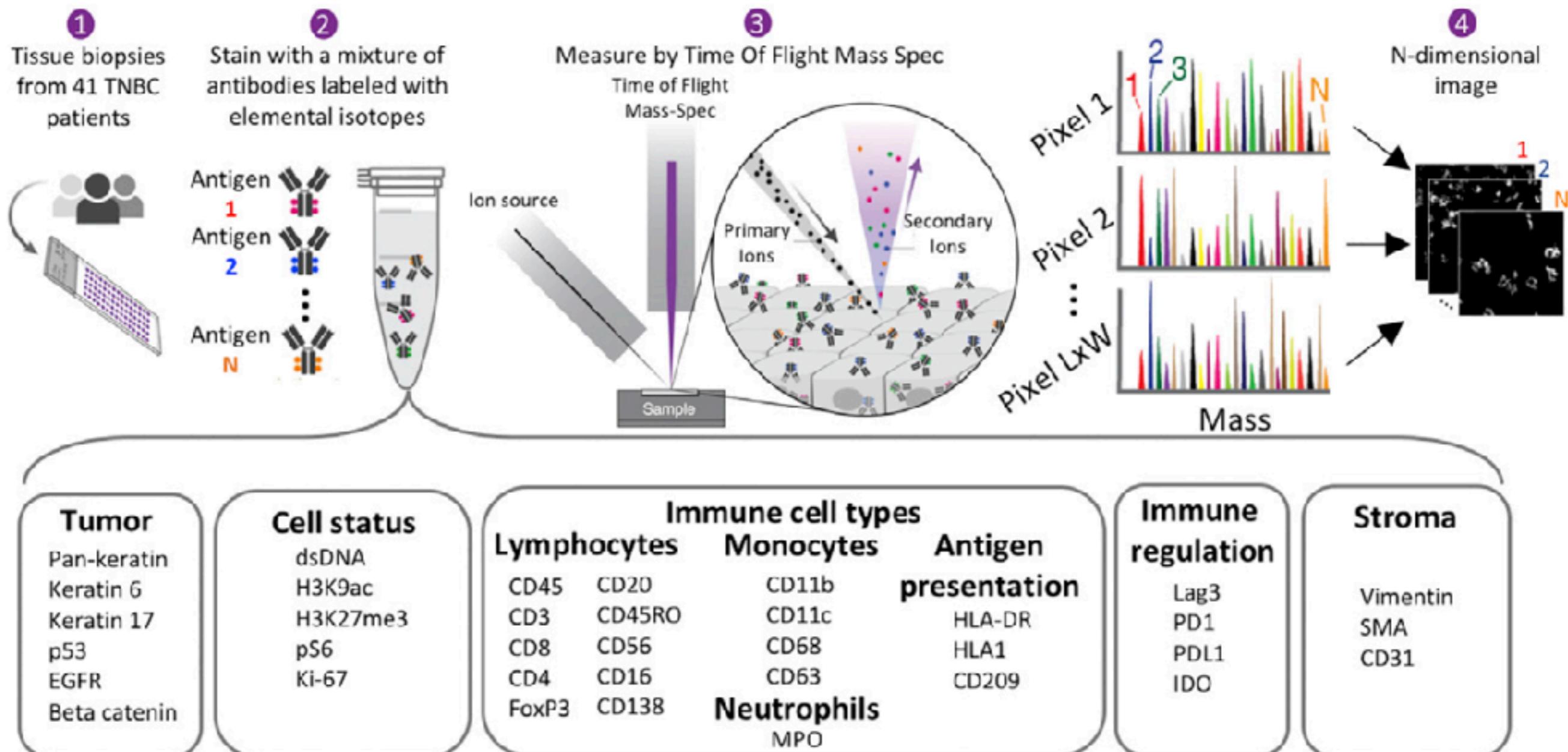
## MS based methods - MIBI



multiplexed ion beam imaging (MIBI) can image upwards of 40 proteins in tissue. The primary ion beam is rastered across the tissue to generate secondary ions for detection by TOF mass spectrometry at defined spatial coordinates. In theory, the ion beam in MIBI can be reduced to a spot size of well below 500 nm in diameter

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## MS based methods - MIBI



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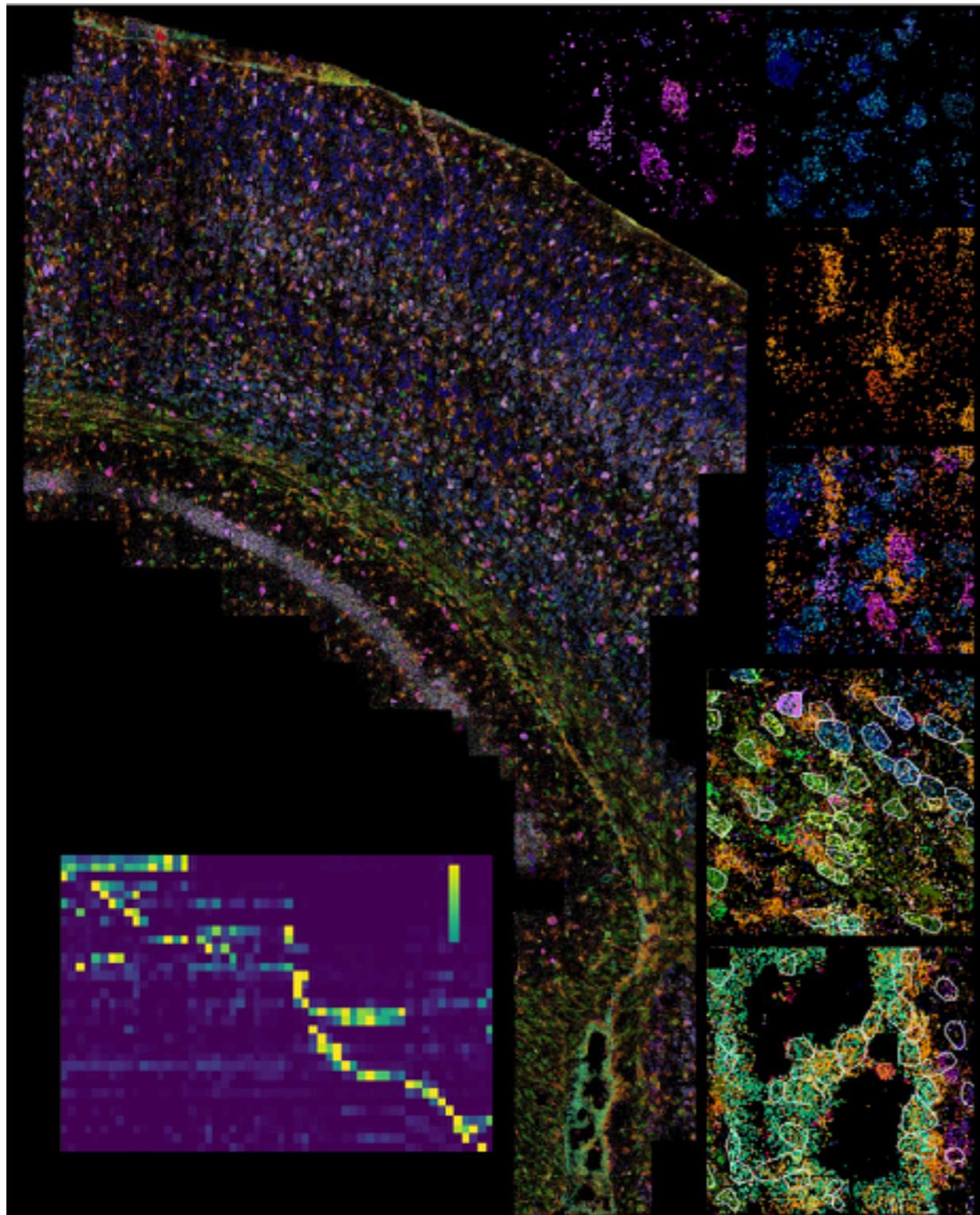
## FISH based methods

Spatial transcriptomics (FISH)			
	Barcode	No. of targets	Tissue prep.
smFISH		NA	<10 FF FFPE
Spectral barcoding	● + ● + ● = ●	32 (792)	NA
Spatial barcoding	● ● ●	<10	NA
Round 1			
Round 2			
Round <i>n</i>			
osmFISH		NA	33 FF
MENFISH	● ● ●	10,000	FF
seqFISH	● ● ●	240	FF
seqFISH+	● ● ●	10,000	FF
RNAscope		NA	12 FF FFPE

## Spatial Transcriptomics

# Spatial Omics Techniques

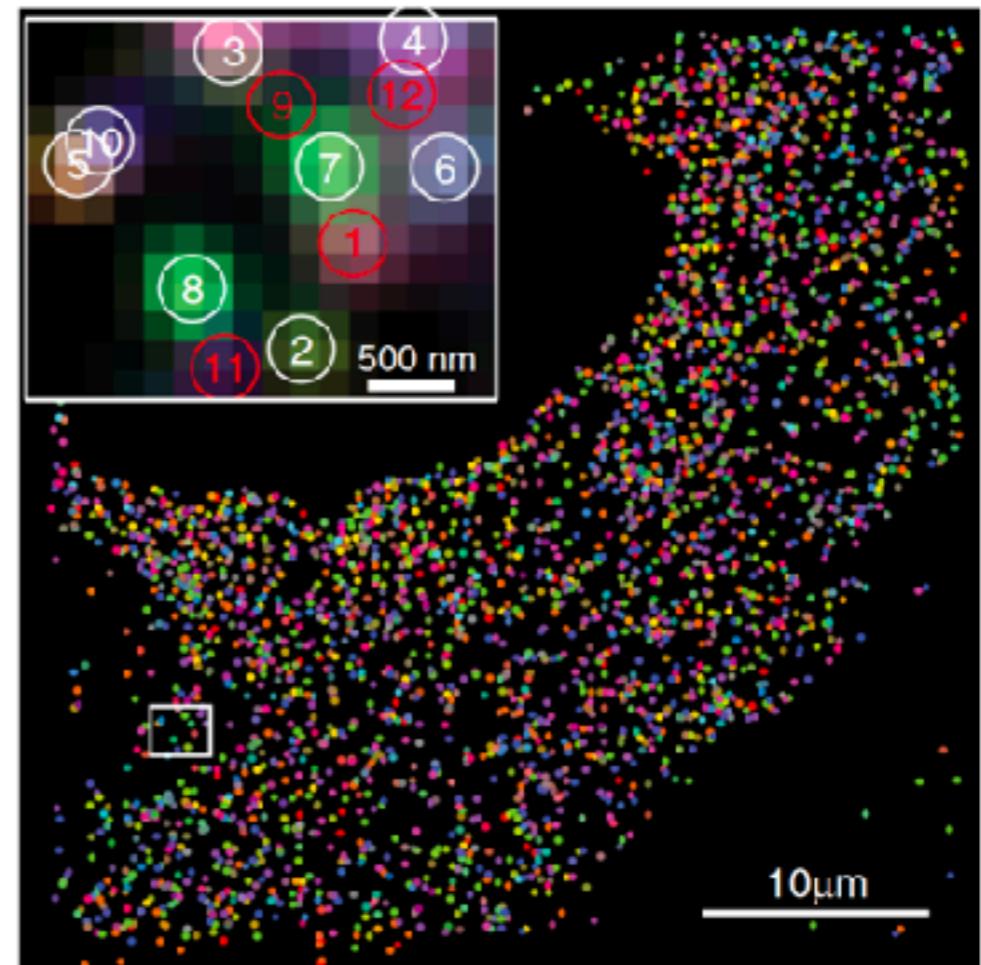
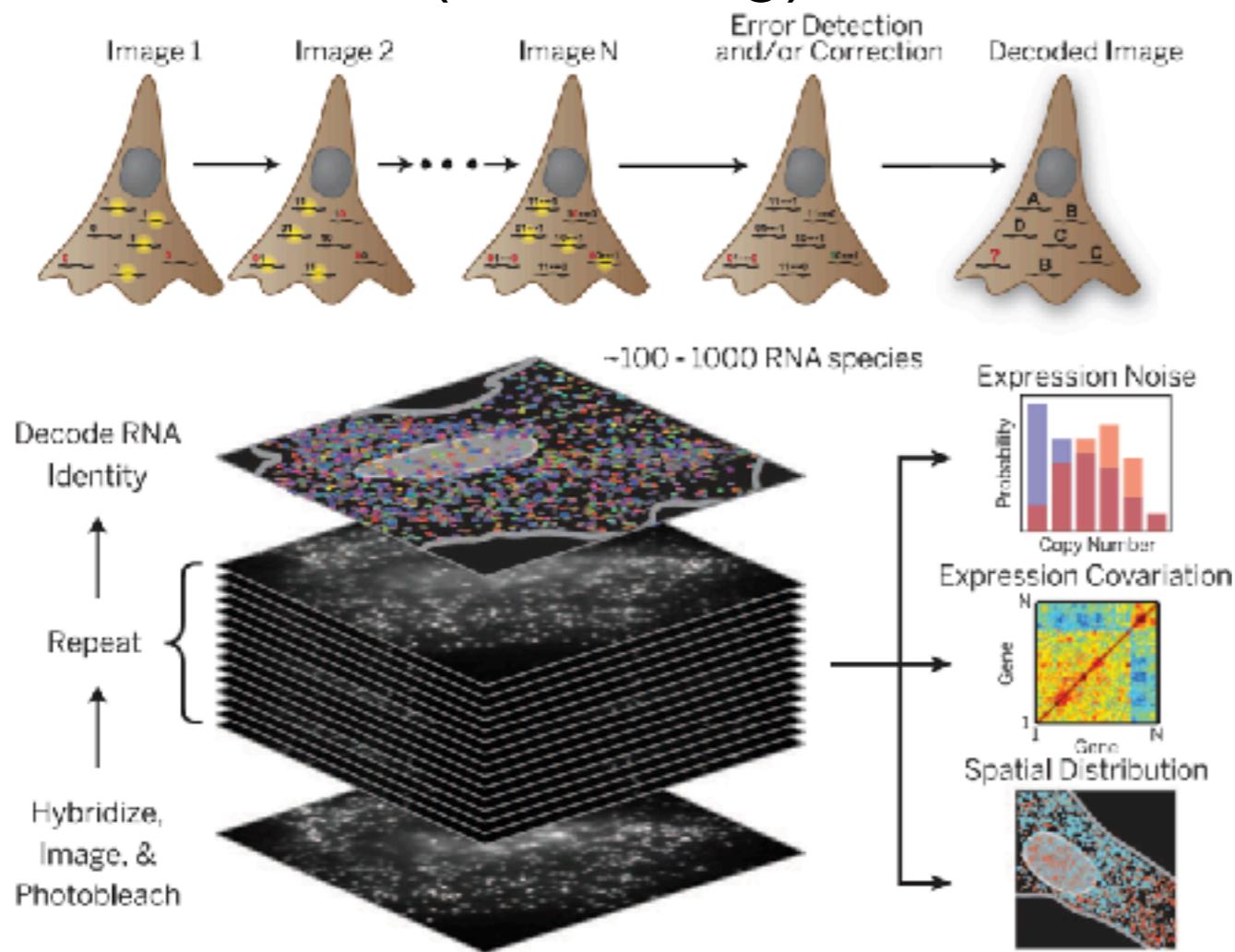
## osmFISH



Sequential imaging can increase the multiplexing capacity of smFISH methods. Ouroboros single-molecule FISH (osmFISH) is a non-barcoded form of cyclic smFISH that targets transcripts in successive rounds of hybridization. Both osmFISH and other iterative fluorescence methods are efficient in the process of fluorophore stripping and quenching. While fluorophore brightness and tissue integrity may be marginally reduced with increasing numbers of hybridization rounds, samples generally maintain stability for an extended period of time.

# Spatial Omics Techniques

## MERFISH (Barcoding)

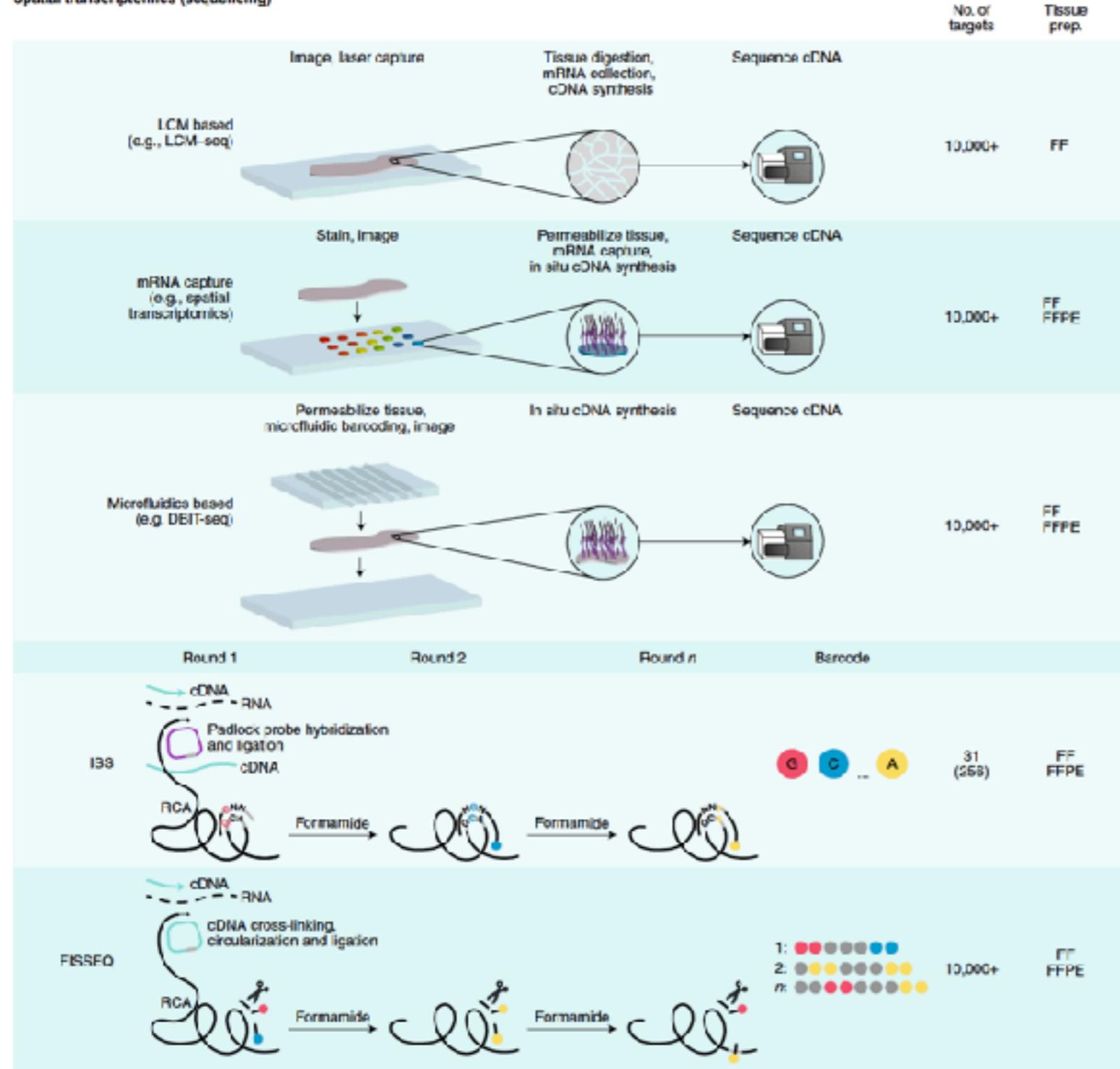


MERFISH is a temporal barcoded smFISH method that measures **100–1,001** genes with high spatial resolution and detection efficiency. This is a single-molecule imaging approach that uses combinatorial labeling and sequential imaging with encoding schemes capable of detection and/or correction of errors. This highly multiplexed measurement of individual RNAs can be used to compute the gene expression profile and noise, covariation in expression among different genes, and spatial distribution of RNAs within single cells.

# Spatial Omics Techniques

## Sequencing methods

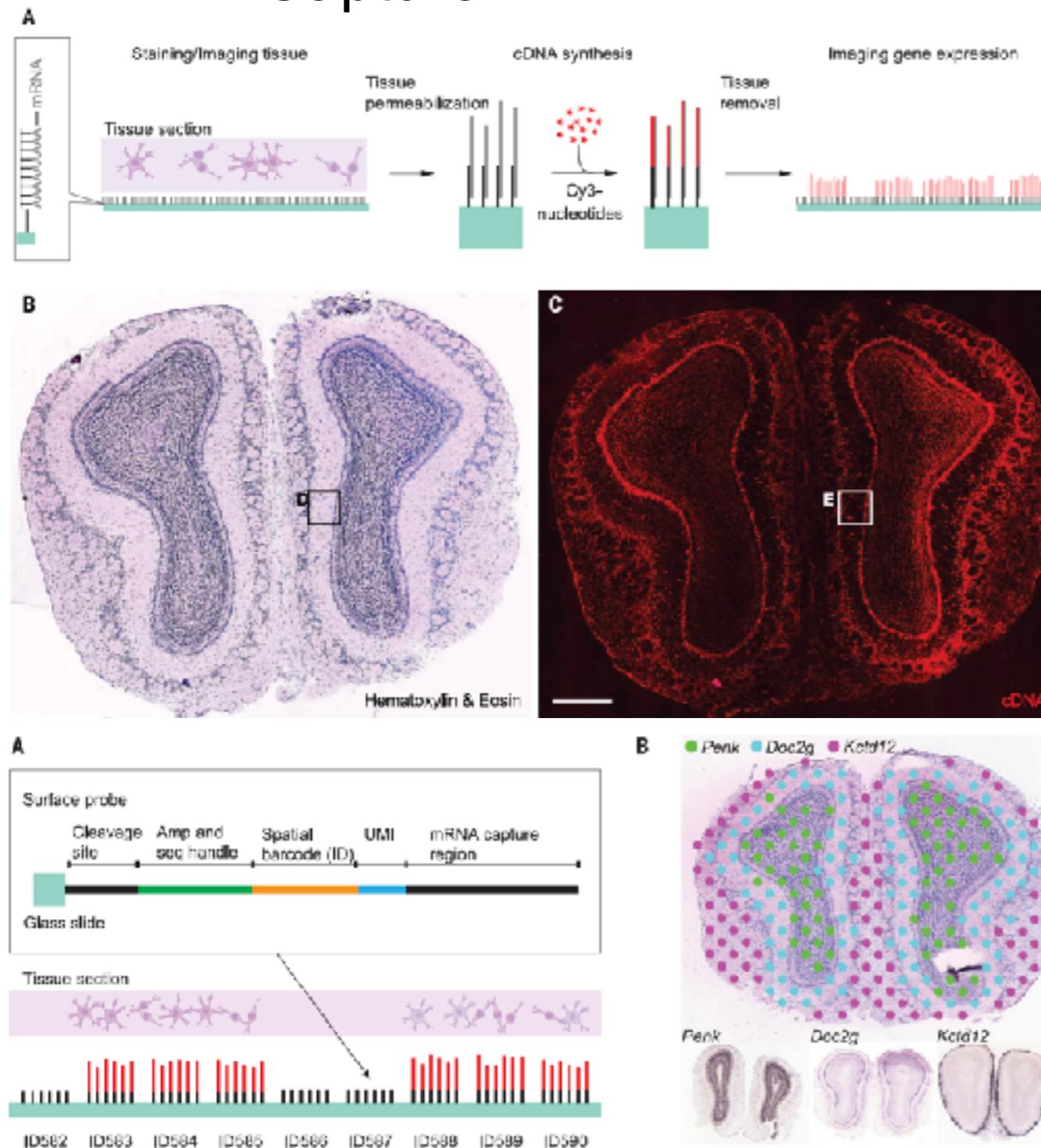
### Spatial transcriptomics (sequencing)



## Spatial Transcriptomics

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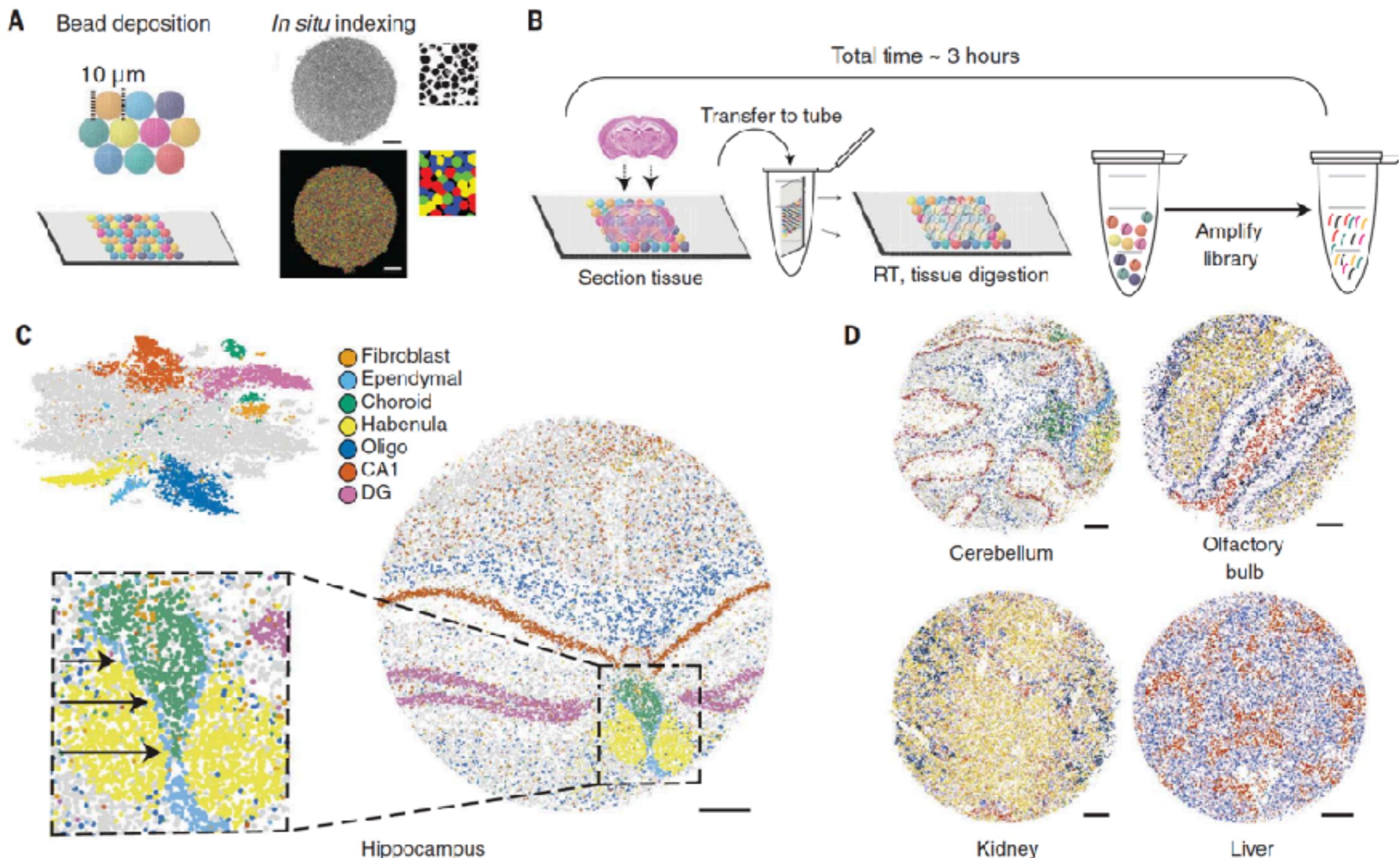
## mRNA-Capture



The recent emergence of sequencing-based spatially resolved transcriptomics, as pioneered by 'spatial transcriptomics' has heralded the ability to determine the unbiased transcriptome of multiple regions in an entire tissue section. Here gridded areas of a slide contain or receive poly(dT) capture probes with identifier barcode sequences enabling later spatial assignment. After probes bind to the total mRNA present within the tissue, they are converted to cDNA, incorporating the spatial barcode. Gene expression is then traced back to a specific tissue location by way of the associated spatial barcode and through the use of fiducial markers on a corresponding histological image.

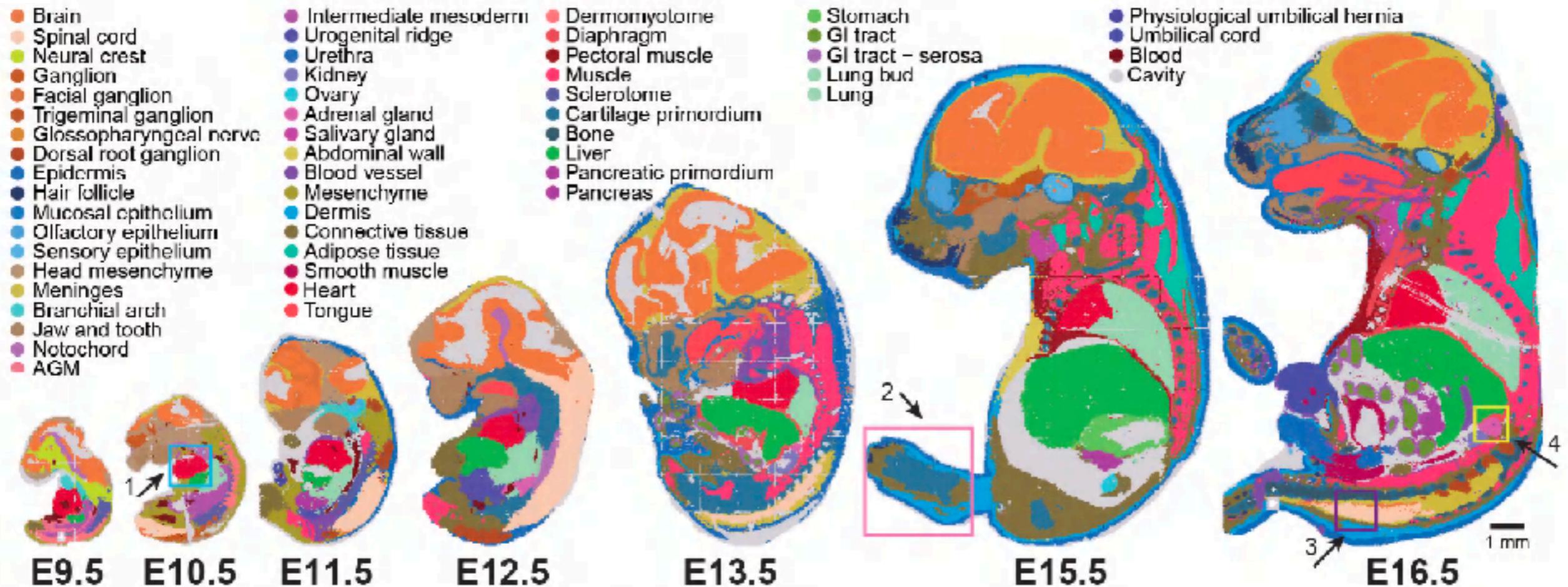
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## Slide-seq



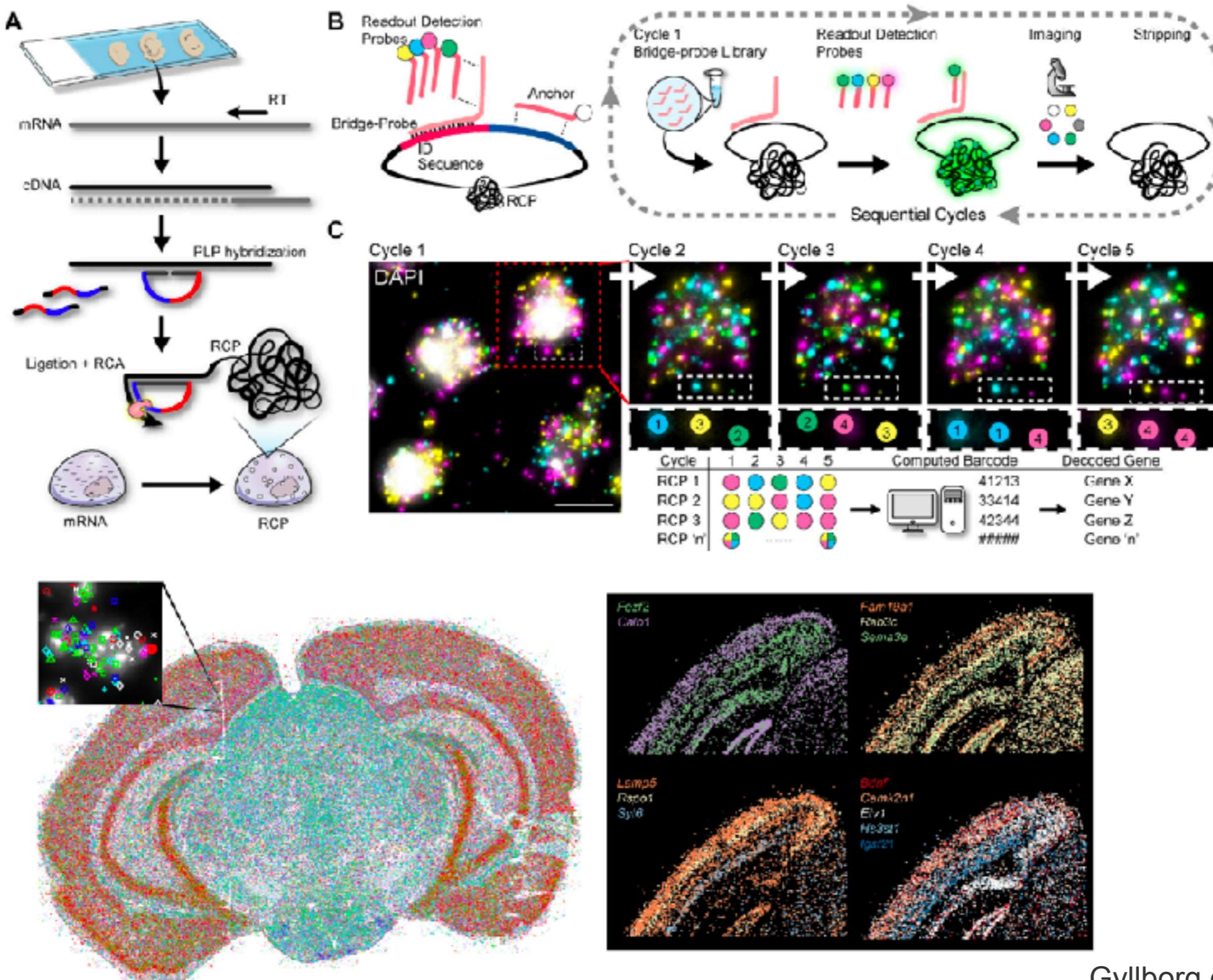
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## Stereo-seq



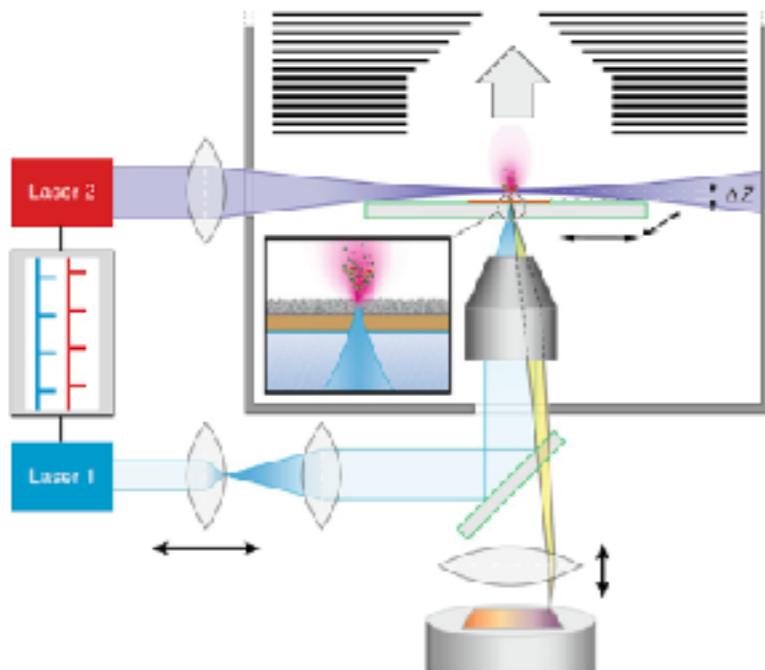
# Spatial Omics Techniques

## HybISS (Hybridization-based *in situ* sequencing)



# Spatial Omics Techniques

## MALDI-2-IMS



Matrix-assisted laser desorption–ionization mass spectrometry imaging in transmission-mode geometry (t-MALDI–MSI) can provide molecular information with a pixel size of 1  $\mu\text{m}$  and smaller, which makes this label-free method highly interesting for characterizing the chemical composition of tissues and cells on a (sub)cellular level. laser-induced postionization (MALDI-2) increase the sensitivity of this technique to allow *in situ* single cell metabolomics

