

COMETH Training course

From omics data

to tumor heterogeneity quantification



The program

DAY2



9:00 -10:00 pm LECTURE

9:00-10:00 pm Visualization and interpretation





zoom

10:00 -12:00 pm Practical work

Computational contributors

Using COMETH web app on real datasets: small projects

Medical contributors

Submit novel computational methods on codabench









2:00-2:30 pm Debriefing with slides from teams

Medical & Computational contributors

2:30-4.00 pm Focus on biological interpretation





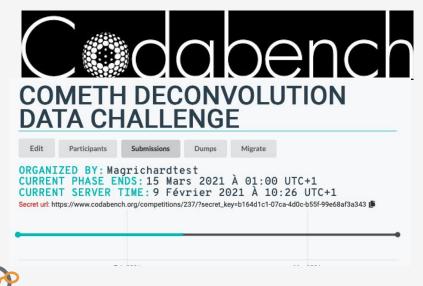
4:00-4:45 pm PRESENTATIONS

2:00-2:45 pm Results presentation & discussion ??????

4:45 -5:00 pm CONCLUSION



In practical during the COMETH training



Computational group DAY 1-2

Learn how to contribute to the codabench benchmark using a toy data challenge





Medical group DAY 1-2

Learn how to use the user-friendly COMETH web application to run methods on toy TCGA datasets

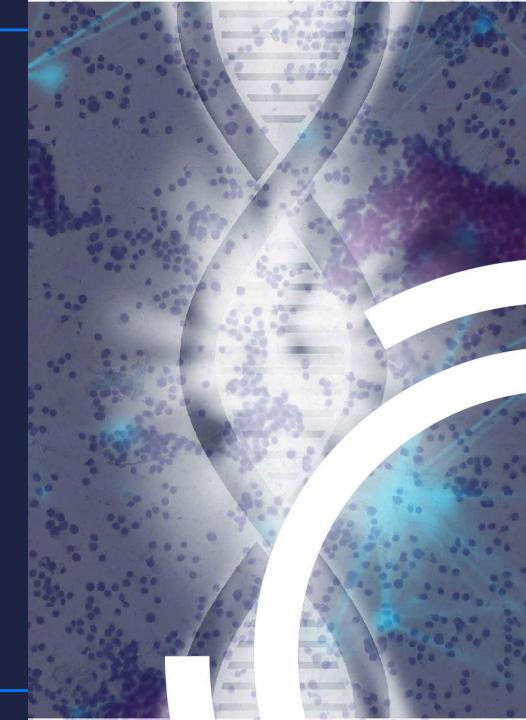






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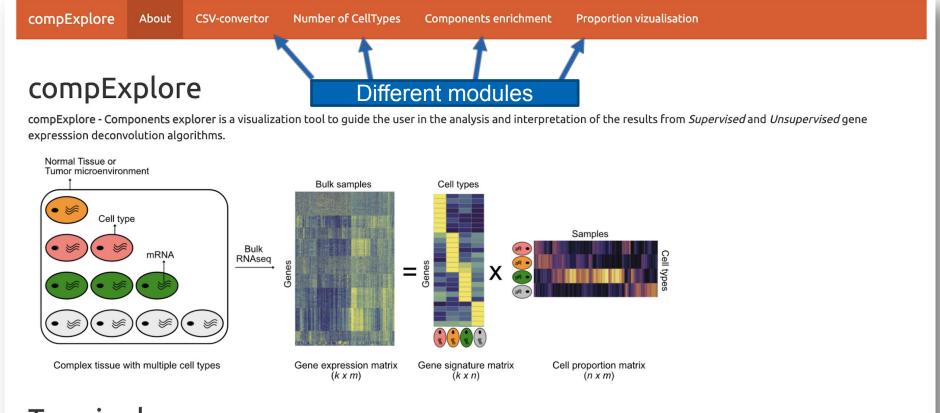
Bioligical interpretation Yuna Blum and Ashwini Sharma



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Help you in the analysis, interpretation and visualization of the results

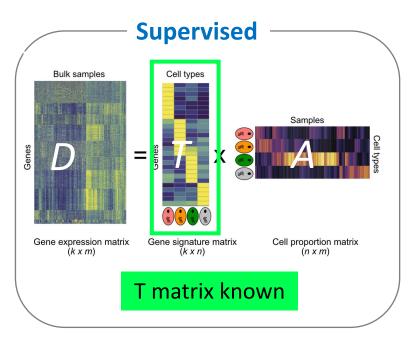




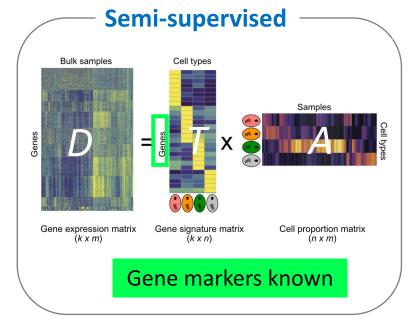
Terminology

- 1. Gene expression matrix it is a $k \times m$ matrix with k rows of genes and m columns of samples. Each data point in this matrix represents the expression of a given gene in a given sample
- 2. Gene signature matrix it is a $k \times n$ matrix with n rows of genes and m columns of cell fraction Each data point in this matrix represents the contribution of a gene towards a cell type
- 3. Cell proportion matrix it is a *n* x *m* matrix with *n* rows of cell types and *m* columns of samples. Each data point in this matrix represents the proportion of a given cell type in a given sample

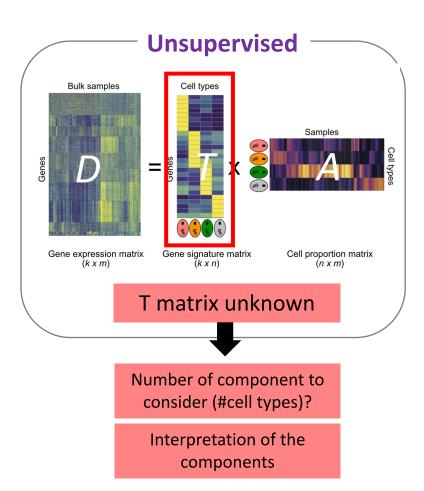
Different type of computational methods



Cibersort (MT8), EPIC (MT9), quantiseq (MT11)



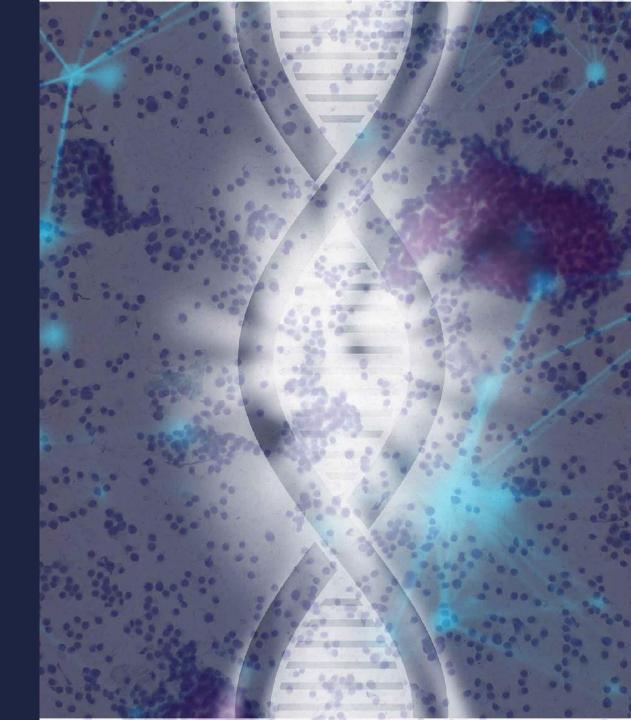
cellmix (MT16, 17, 18) using cellMatch gene markers

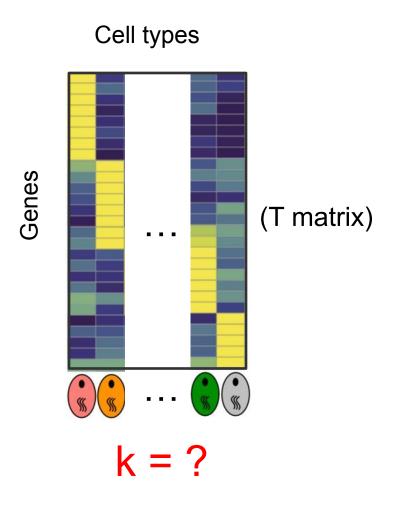


ICA with fs (MT1_ICA_fs,), NMF with fs (MT2_NMF_fs ,), Edec method (MT3_edec ,), ICA without fs (MT14_ICA), NMF without fs (MT19_NMF)

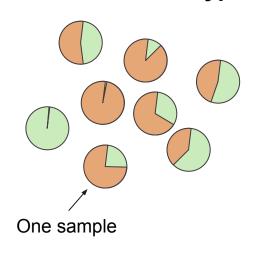
Unsupervised methods: finding the number of k of cell types



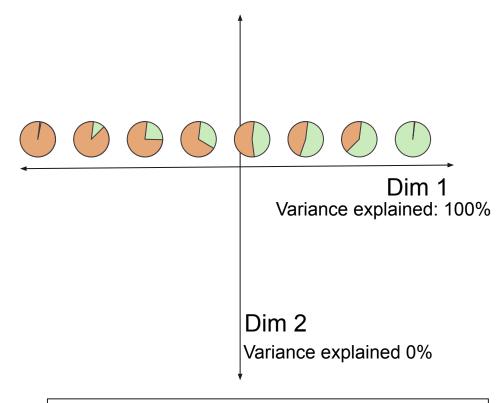




Samples mixtures of 2 cell types



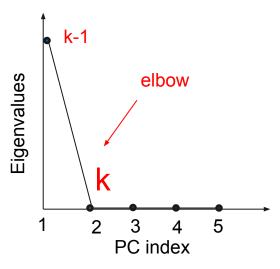
Principal Component Analysis (PCA)



Reminder

Find the axes that maximized the explained variance (inertia)
Principal components are orthogonal

Plot of eigenvalues (=scree plot)

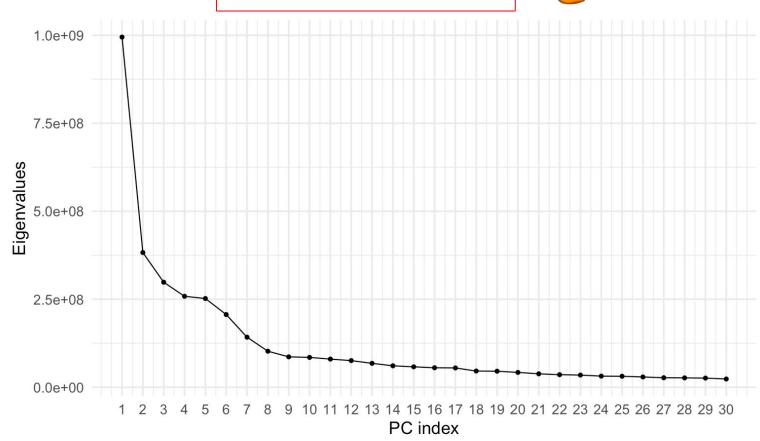


Eigenvalues represent the variance explained

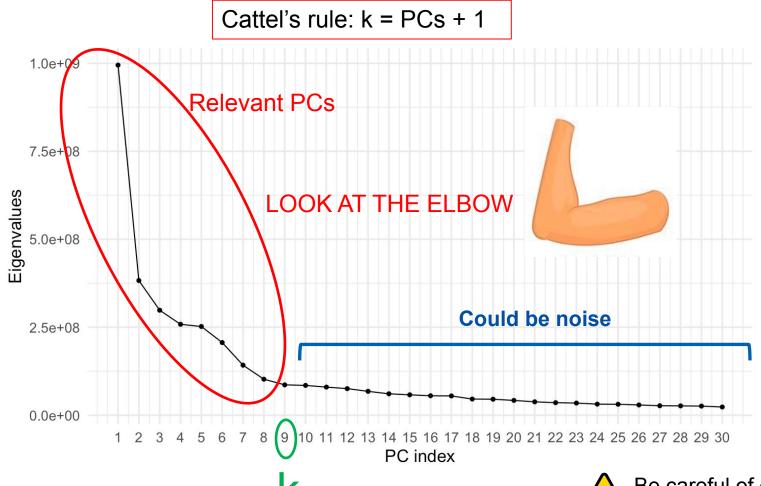


Cattel's rule: k = PCs + 1





Real life

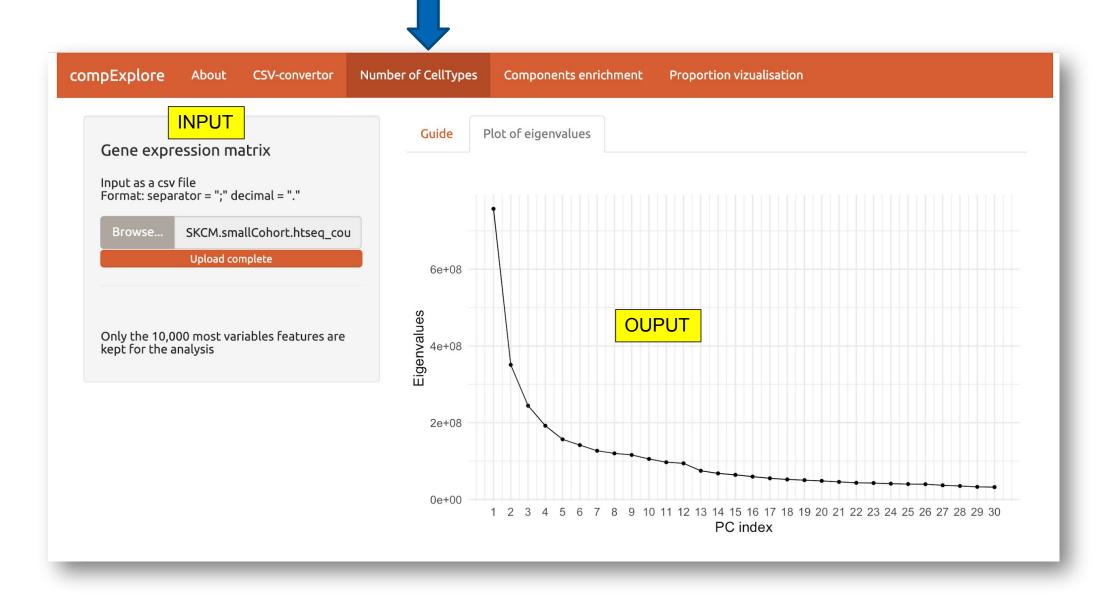




Be careful of overestimation of k due to other factors (sex, age, batch effect)

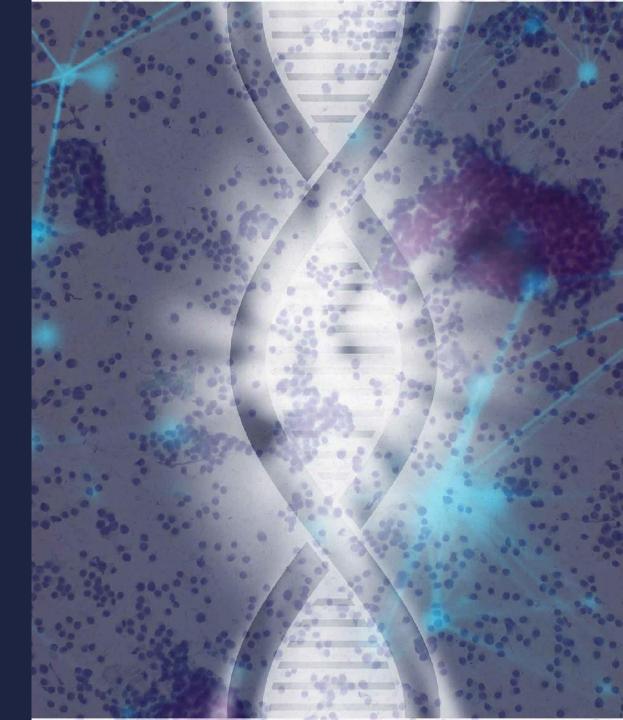
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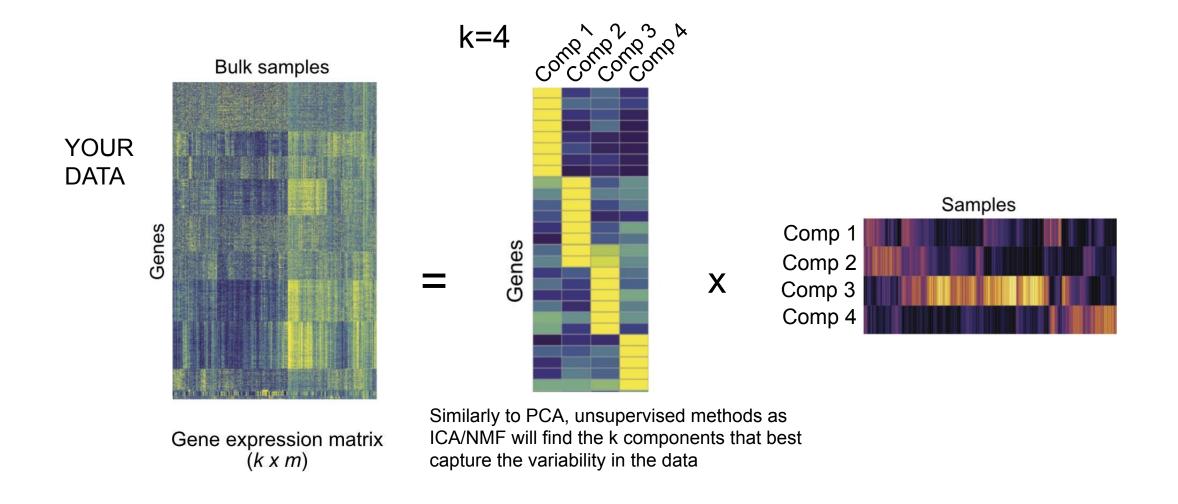




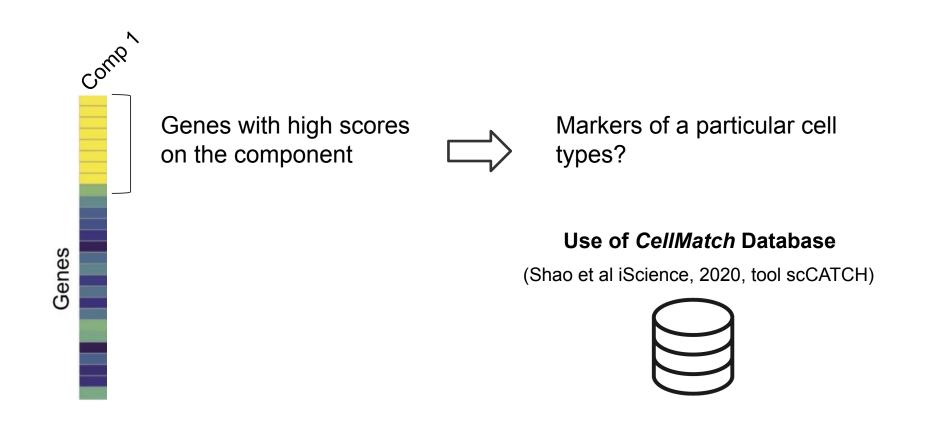
Unsupervised methods: Interpret the components identified







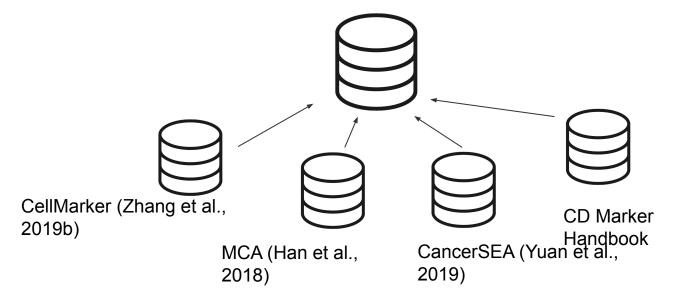
To which cell type(s) corresponds each of the components identified by unsupervised methods?



cell types

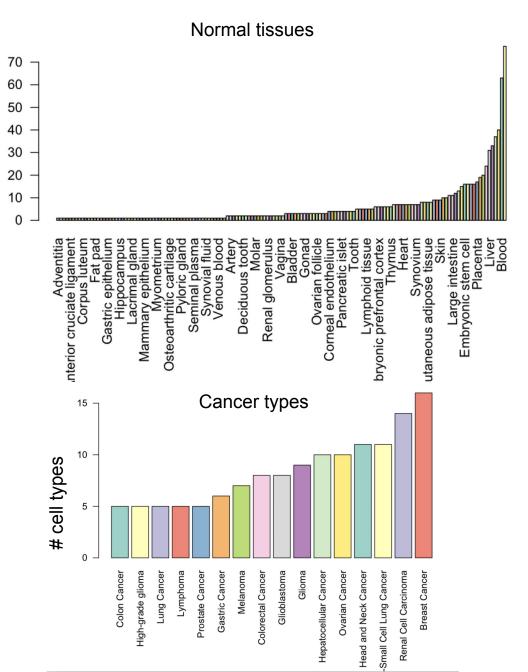
Use of CellMatch Database

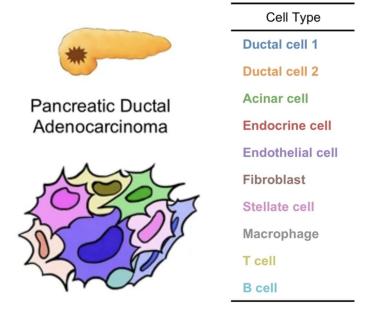
(Shao et al iScience, 2020, tool scCATCH)



- 33 cancer types + normal
- **150** tissues
- **412** cell types
- **12312** gene markers

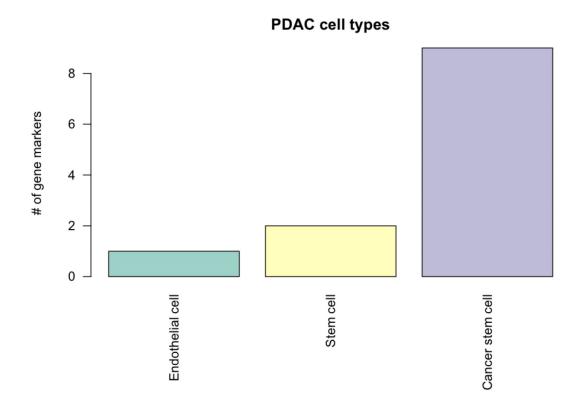
Filtering human gene markers and cancer types with at least 5 gene markers



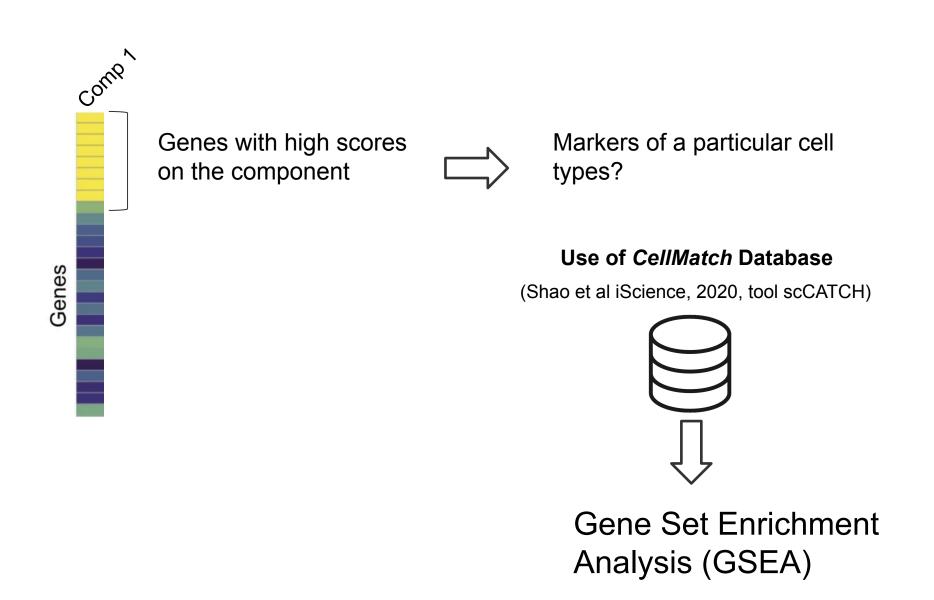


Peng et al 2019 Nature

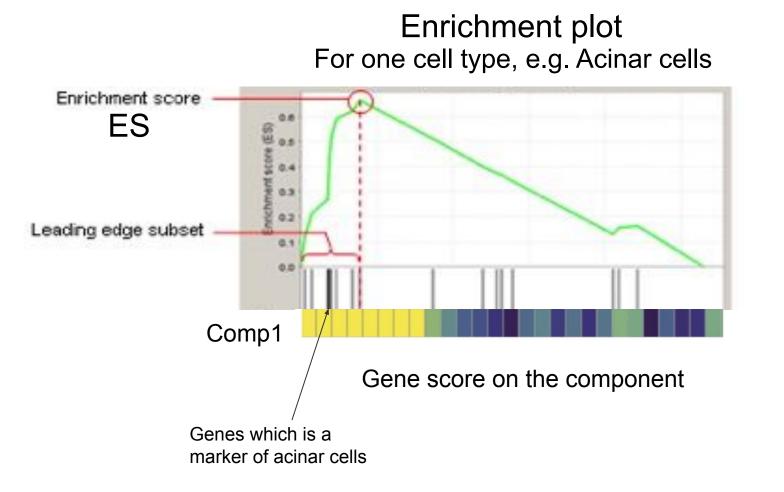
CellMatch Database







Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (use of the fgsea R package)



- 1- Order the list of genes (test statistic, p-value, here component scores...)
- 2- Calculation of the Enrichment Score (ES)

The algorithm scans the list: the score increases when the gene is part of the set (=cell type) and decreases otherwise. The increase and decrease values is weighted by the gene rank (for a gene set overexpressed, the increase will be higher at the beginning of the list).

The ES corresponds to the max score (absolute value).

3- Comparison of ES to a distribution of ES obtained on random data (gene permutations) . → Calculation of a p-value

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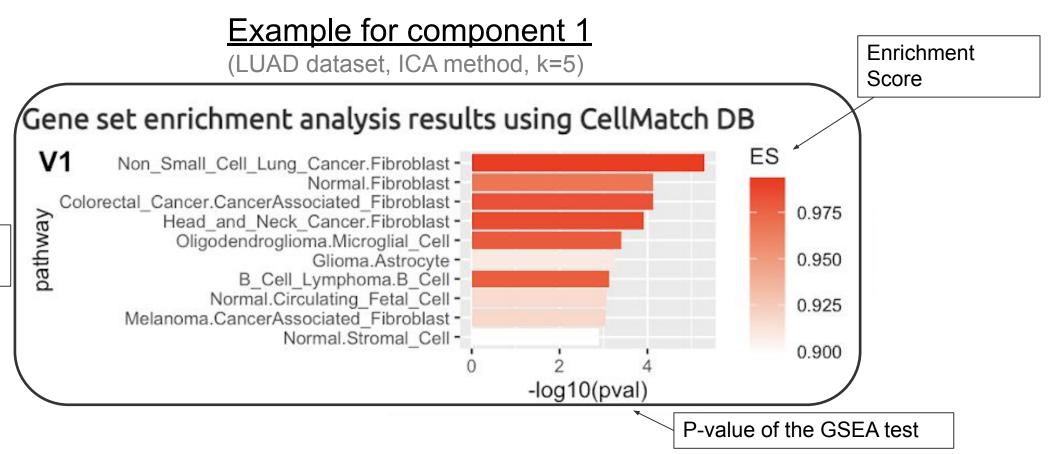


compExplore About CSV-convertor Number of CellTypes Components enrichment Proportion vizualisation **OUPUT** Guide Enrichment analysis **INPUT** Gene signature matrix Gene set enrichment analysis results using CellMatch DB Input as a csv file Format: separator = ";" decimal = "," V2 Normal.Primitive_Vesicle_Cell -Non_Small_Cell_Lung_Cancer.Fibroblast -Normal.Fibroblast -Head and Neck Cancer. Myocyte -Colorectal_Cancer.CancerAssociated_Fibroblast -Renal_Cell_Carcinoma.Erythroblast -Head_and_Neck_Cancer.Fibroblast 0.7 Melanoma.B_Cell results_T_1.csv Oligodendroglioma.Microglial_Cell -0.6 Glioma. Astrocyte -0.950 Normal.Photoreceptor_Cell -B_Cell_Lymphoma.B_Cell -Normal.Enteroendocrine_Cell -0.5 Upload complete Normal.Circulating_Fetal_Cell -0.925 Normal.Streak_Cell -Melanoma.CancerAssociated Fibroblast -0.4 Normal.Lake_Et_Al.science.in2 -Normal.Stromal_Cell -0.900 The Gene signature matrix correponds to the output -log10(pval) -log10(pval) results T 1.csv in the cometh web-app which is already ES V3ormal.1Cell_Stage_Cell_Blastomere -Normal.Idiopathic_Pulmonary_Fibrosis_Cell -Normal.Secretory_Cell -Melanoma.CancerAssociated_Fibroblast in the requested format (separator = ";" decimal = ","). Head_and_Neck_Cancer.Fibroblast -Non_Small_Cell_Lung_Cancer.Fibroblast -Ovarian_Cancer.Cancer_Cell -Normal.Alpha Cell -0.95 0.90 Colorectal Cancer.CancerAssociated Fibroblast -Astrocytoma. Astrocyte -Melanoma.Macrophage Normal.Luminal Cell -Colon Cancer.Stem Cell -Non_Small_Cell_Lung_Cancer.Myeloid_Cell -Normal.Bile_Duct_Cell -Deconvolution method 0.90 Glioma.Astrocyte -Normal.Mast Cell -Normal.Mesangial Cell -0.80 Renal Cell Carcinoma.Neutrophil -Head_and_Neck_Cancer.Cancer_Cell -ICA-based -log10(pval) -log10(pval) NMF-based ES V5olorectal Cancer.CancerAssociated Fibroblast -Non_Small_Cell_Lung_Cancer.Fibroblast -Normal.Myofibroblast -Cancer type Ovarian Cancer.Mesenchymal Cell-Normal.Mesangial_Cell ALL Normal.Bile_Duct_Cell -0.96 Head and Neck Cancer. Fibroblast -Normal.Fibroblast -0.94 Normal.Idiopathic_Pulmonary_Fibrosis_Cell -Normal.Pneumocyte -Download top markers Top100 gene markers for each component ♣ Download

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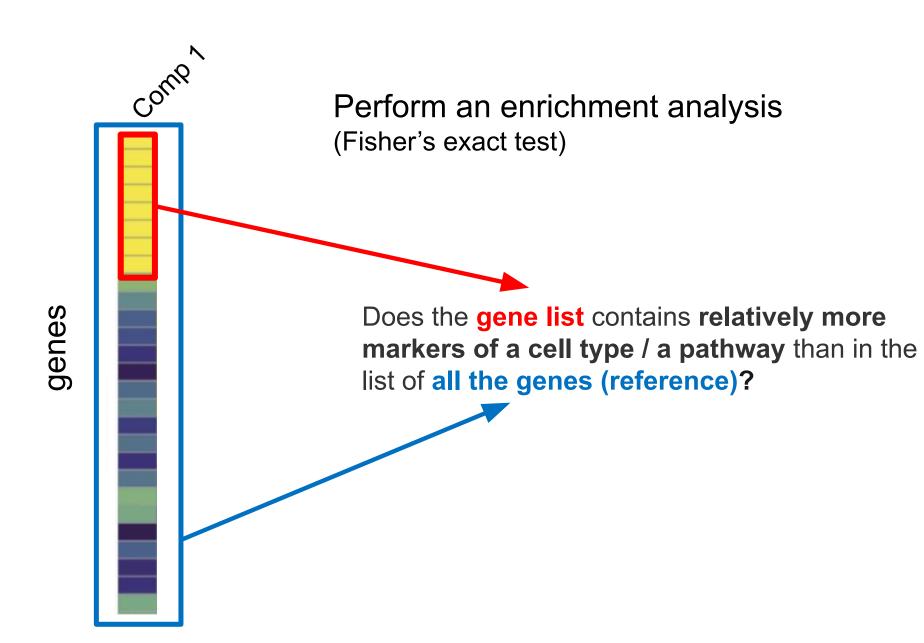


Cell types from the CellMatch DataBase

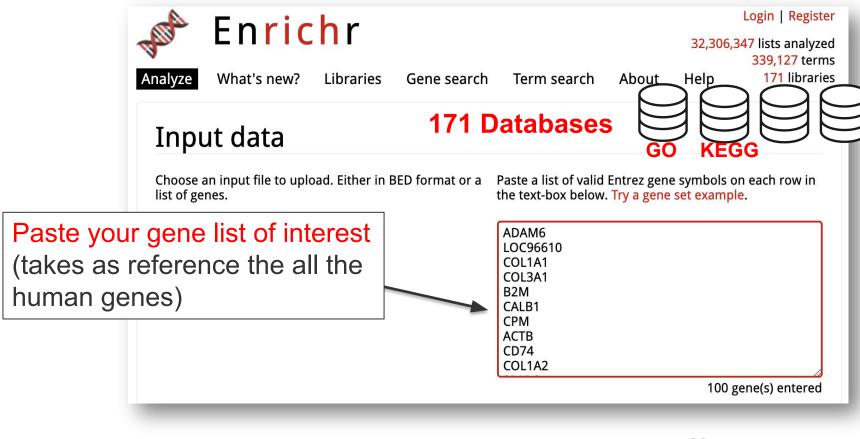


--> Stromal component, Fibroblast?

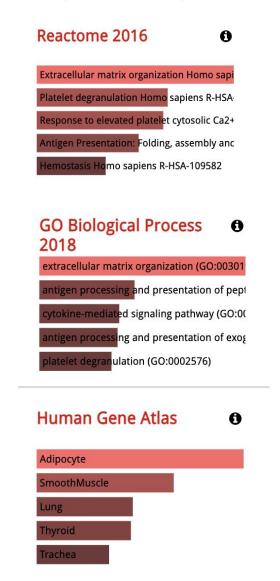
Other option



Enrichment analysis with Enrichr



Ouput examples

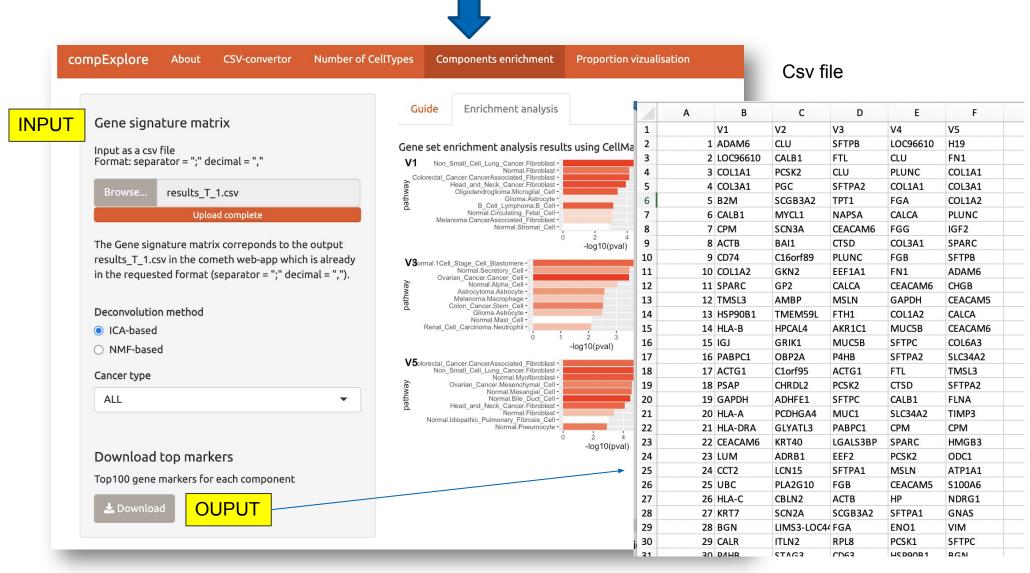


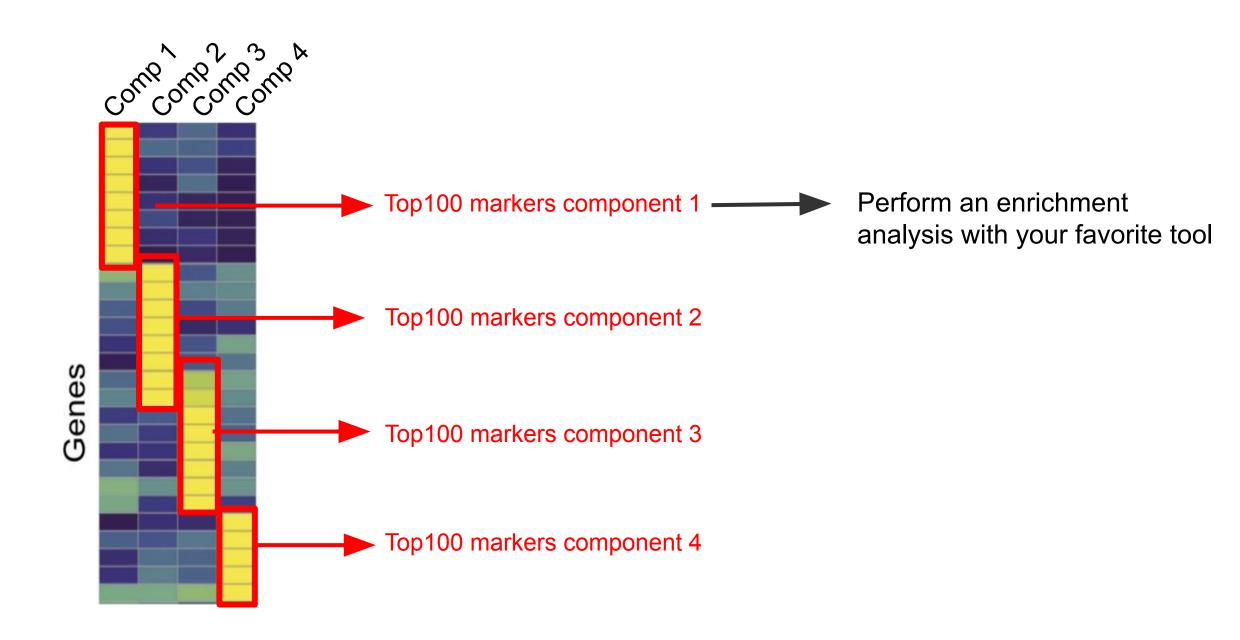
Perform enrichment analyses with other external tools

Feature/Tool	DAVID	Enrichr	ToppGene	g:profiler	clusterProfiler	Goplot	BACA	FunMappOne
KEGG pathways	1	✓	1	✓	✓		✓	✓
Reactome pathways	1	✓	1	1	✓			✓
Gene Ontology	1	✓	1	1	✓	1	1	✓
Graphic representation		1	1		✓	1	1	✓
Graphic user interface	1	✓		1				1

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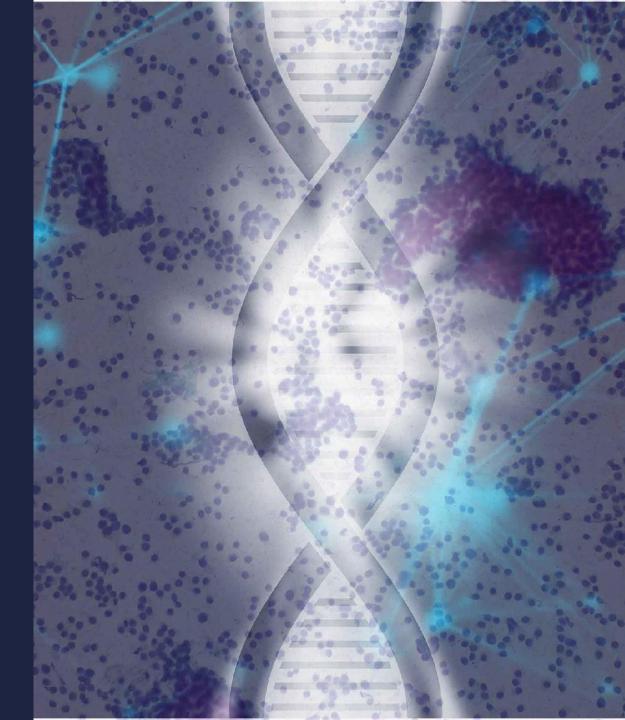




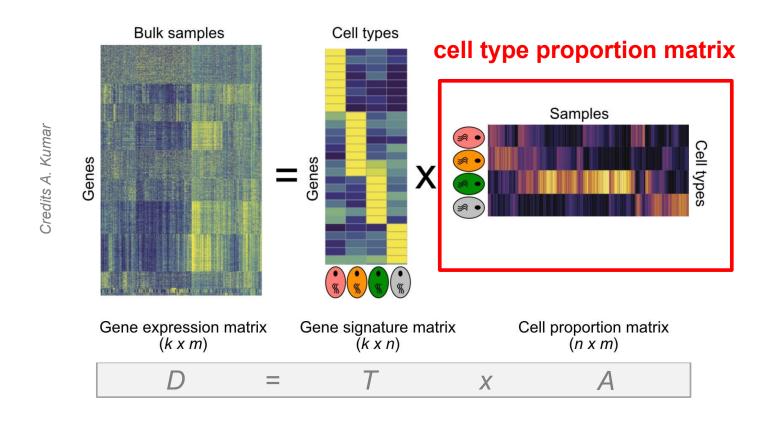


Visualize the cell type proportion matrix



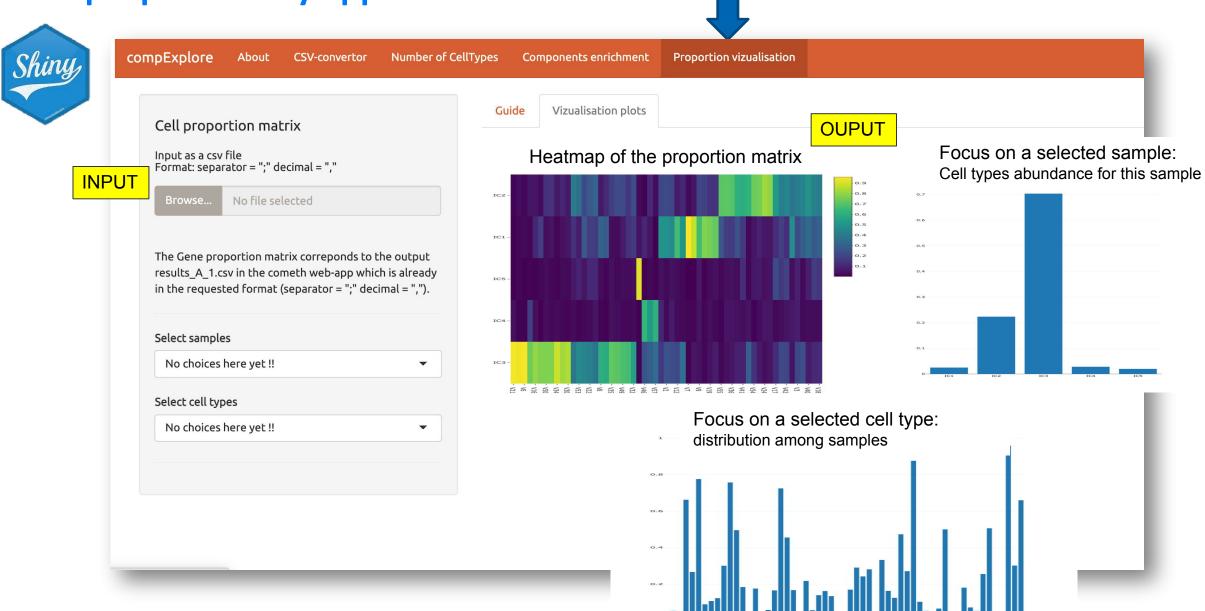


Visualize the cell type proportion matrix



- Is a given sample highly heterogeneous in its composition?
- Are all the different samples similar in their cell type composition?

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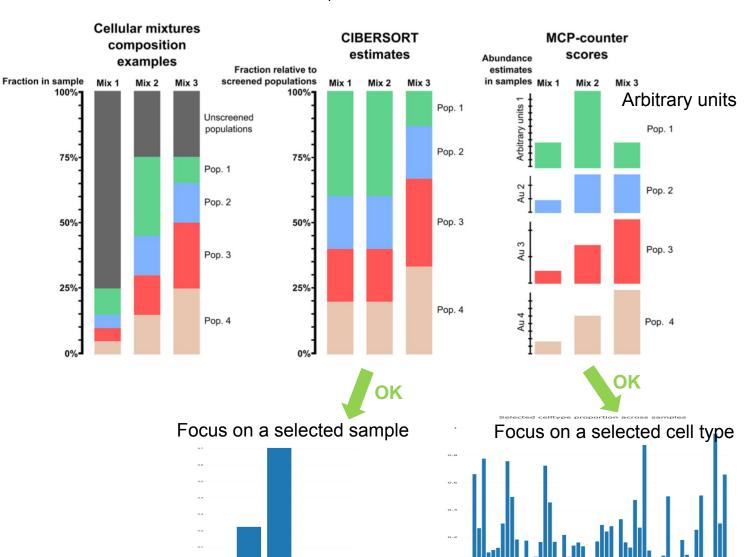


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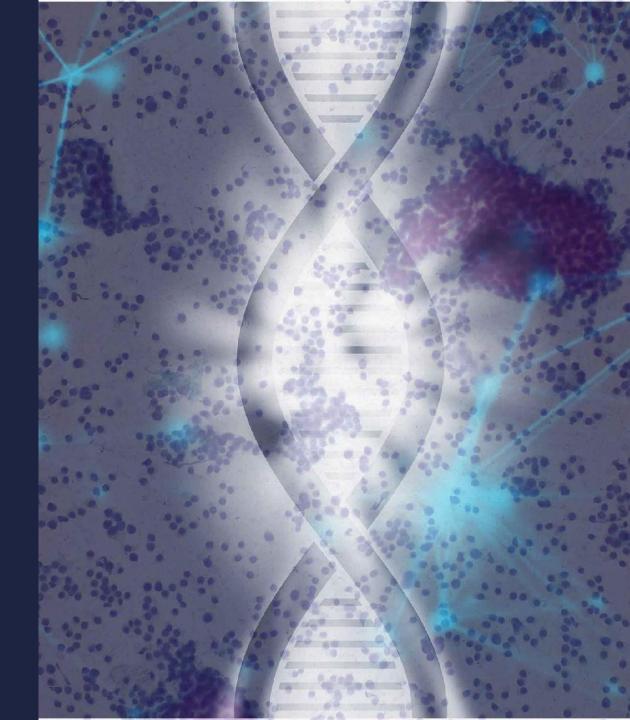
- (1) CIBERSORT-ABS, EPIC and quanTiseq can t used for both inter- and intra- sample comparisons i.e. comparing one cell-type withir one sample and across samples is possible
- (2) **CIBERSORT** can be used only for **intra-sample comparisons** i.e. comparing different cell-types within each sample
- (3) MCP-Counter, TIMER and xCell (not provided yet in the cometh web app) can be used only for inter-sample comparisons i.e. to compare one cell-type across multiple samples

Petitprez et al., 2018 Cancer Immunol Immunother



Go further in biological interpretation

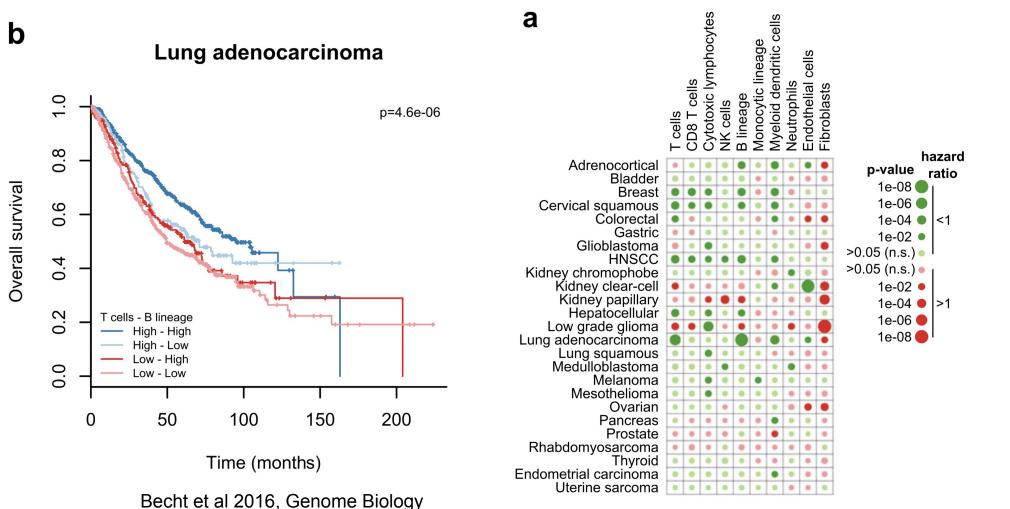




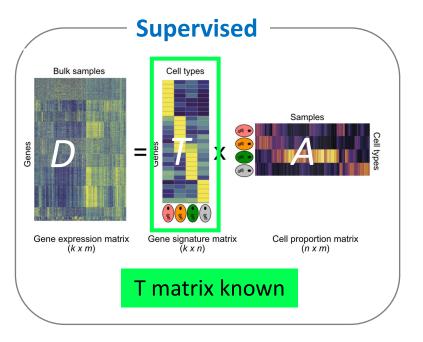
Relate cell type proportions to clinical annotations

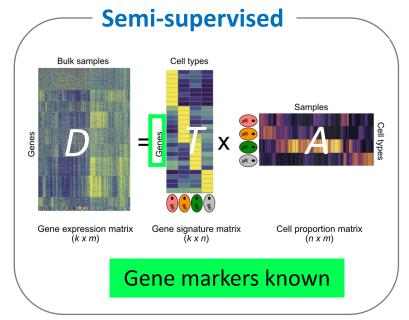
Example of the prognosis

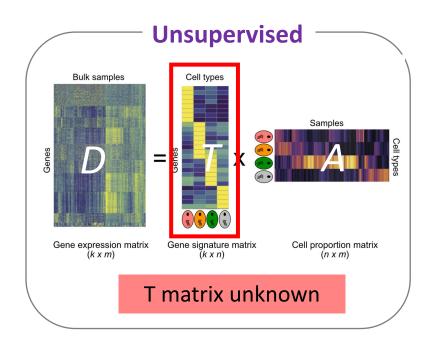




Pay attention to...







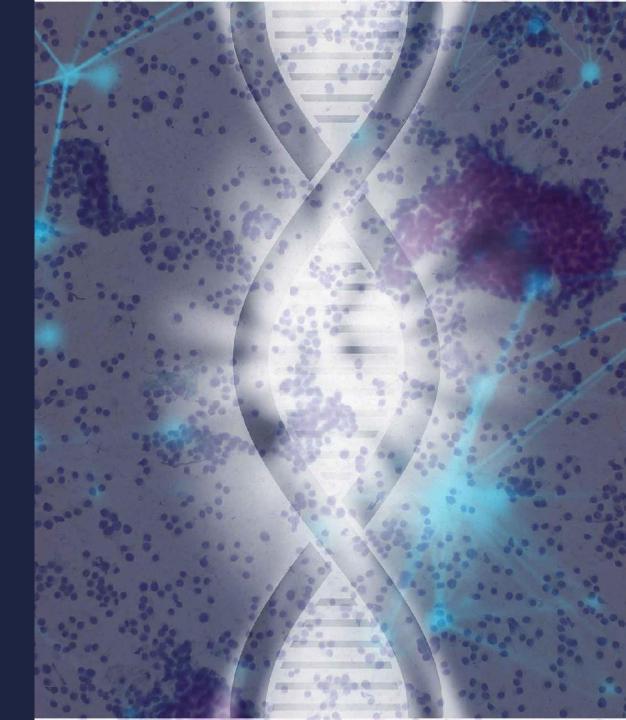
- Are the cell type profiles reliable?
- Are the cell type profiles appropriate regarding the cancer types/ tissue you are looking at?
- Are the gene markers reliable/robust?
- Are gene markers appropriate regarding the cancer type/ tissue you are looking at?

When choosing k, did I choose a good granularity?

- Seem components be a mix between several cell types?
- Are there several components corresponding the same signal?

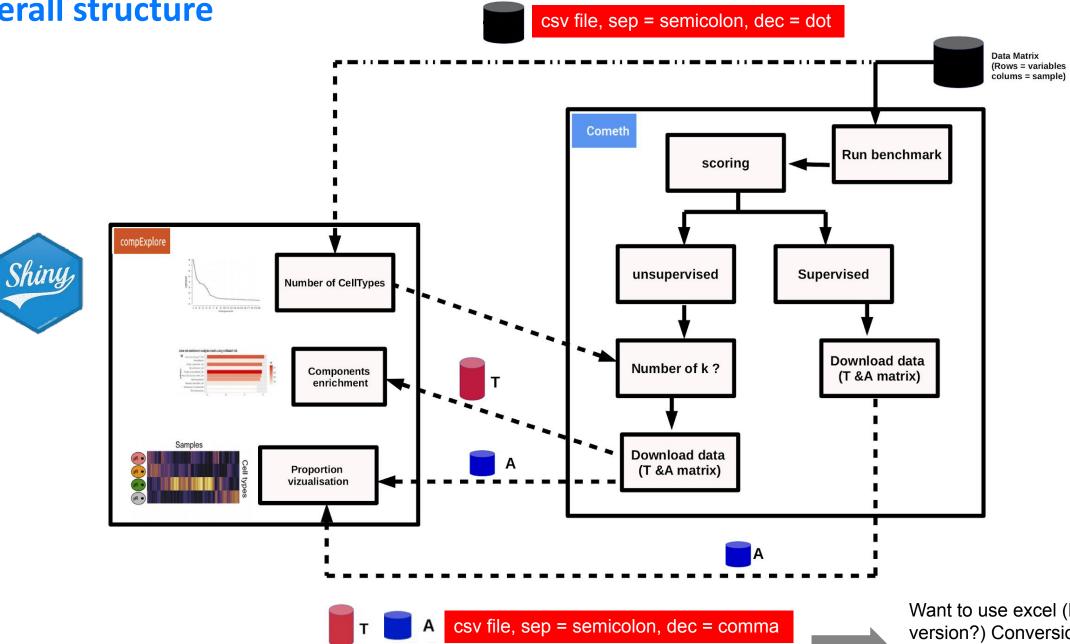
Overall structure input/output format





Overall structure





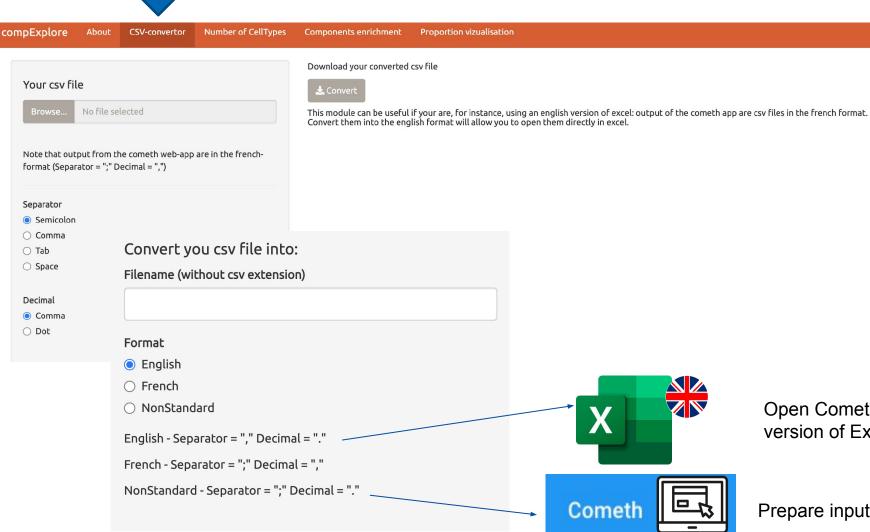
French csv format

Want to use excel (English version?) Conversion using compExplore

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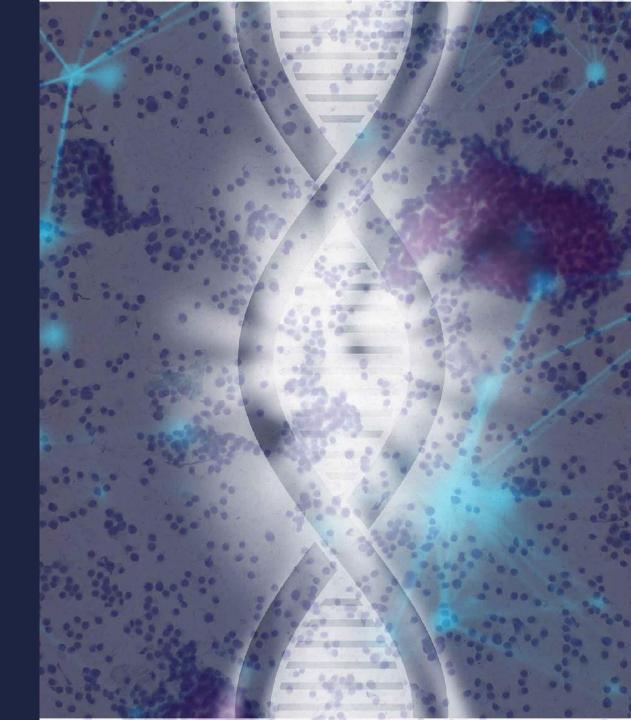


Open Cometh' outputs in english version of Excel

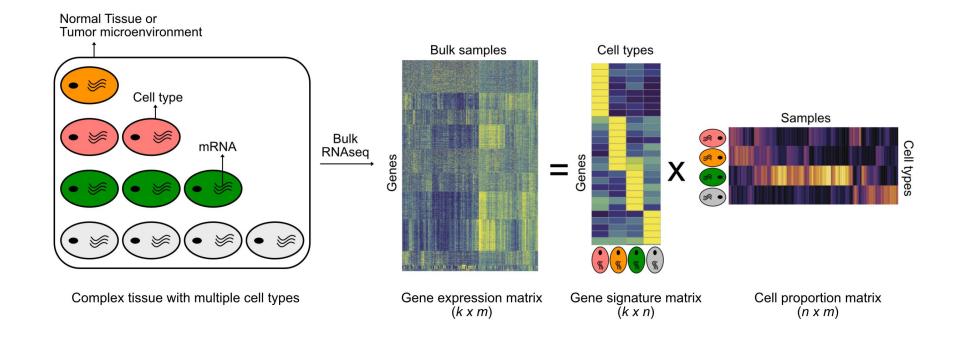
Prepare input data for Cometh web-app

Examples of success stories





Resolving cell types from complex tissue genomic data: RECAP



- **DeconRNAseq** (~160 | Apr, 2013 | https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btt090)
- **CellMix** (~180 | Sep, 2013 | https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btt351)
- CIBERSORT (~2000 | Mar, 2015 | https://doi.org/10.1038/nmeth.3337)
- MCP-Counter (~350 | Oct, 2016 | https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-016-1070-5)
- **TIMER2.0** (~500 | Jul, 2017 | https://doi.org/10.1093/nar/gkaa407)
- **Xcell** (~400 | Nov, 2017 | https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-017-1349-1)
- **EPIC** (~100 | Nov, 2017 | https://doi.org/10.7554/eLife.26476)
- QuantiSeq (~50 | May, 2019 | https://doi.org/10.1186/s13073-019-0638-6)

Table 1. Overview of cell type quantification methods providing gene signatures for immuno-oncology

Tool	Abbrev.	Type	Score	Comparisons	Algorithm	Cell types	Reference
CIBERSORT	CBS	D	Immune cell fractions, relative to total immune cell content	Intra	ν-support vector regression	22 immune cell types	Newman <i>et al.</i> (2015)
CIBERSORT abs. mode	CBA	D	Score of arbitrary units that reflects the absolute proportion of each cell type	Intra, inter	u-support vector regression	22 immune cell types	Newman et al. (2015, 2018)
EPIC	EPC	D	Cell fractions, relative to all cells in sample	Intra, inter	constrained least square regression	6 immune cell types, fibroblasts, endo- thelial cells	Racle et al. (2017)
MCP-counter	MCP	M	Arbitrary units, comparable between samples	Inter	mean of marker gene expression	8 immune cell types, fibroblasts, endo- thelial cells	Becht et al. (2016)
quanTIseq	QTS	D	Cell fractions, relative to all cells in sample	Intra, inter	constrained least square regression	10 immune cell types	Finotello et al. (2017)
TIMER	TMR	D	Arbitrary units, comparable between samples (not different cancer types)	Inter	linear least square regression	6 immune cell types	Li et al. (2016)
xCell	XCL	M	Arbitrary units, comparable between samples	Inter	ssGSEA (Hänzelmann et al., 2013)	64 immune and non- immune cell types	Aran et al. (2017)

Note: Methods can be conceptually distinguished in marker-gene-based approaches (M) and deconvolution-based approaches (D). The output scores of the methods have different properties and allow either intra-sample comparisons between cell types, inter-sample comparisons of the same cell type, or both. All methods come with a set of cell type signatures ranging from six immune cell types to 64 immune and non-immune cell types.



Table 2. Guidelines for method selection

Cell type	Recommended methods	Overall performance	Absolute score	No background predictions
B cell	EPIC	++	++	+
	MCP-counter	++	_	_
T cell CD4+	EPIC	++	++	_
	xCell	++		++
T cell CD4+ non-regulatory	quanTIseq	+	++	+
	xCell	+	_	++
T cell regulatory	quanTIseq	++	++	_
	xCell	++	_	++
T cell CD8+	quanTIseq	++	++	_
	EPIC	++	++	_
	MCP-counter	++	_	_
	xCell	+	_	++
Natural Killer Cell	EPIC	++	++	+
	MCP-counter	++	_	_
Macrophage / Monocyte	xCell	_	++	
	EPIC	+	++	+
	MCP-counter	++	_	_
Cancer-associated fibroblast	EPIC	++	++	+
	MCP-counter	++	_	_
Endothelial Cell	EPIC	++	++	+
	xCell	++	_	++
Dentricic cell	None of the methods can be be used to profile mDCs.	recommended to estimate o	verall DC content. MC	P-counter and quanTIseq can



Neoantigen-directed immune escape in lung cancer evolution

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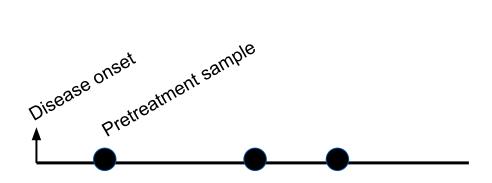
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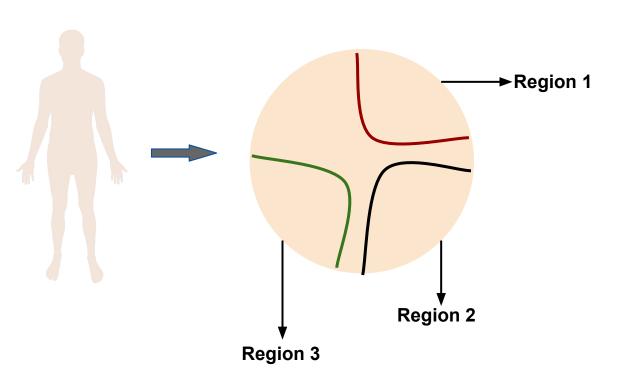
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TRACERx 100 cohort

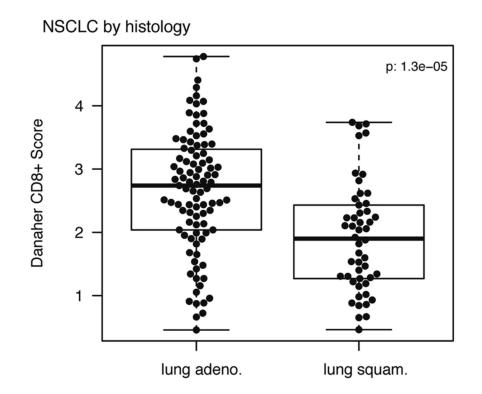


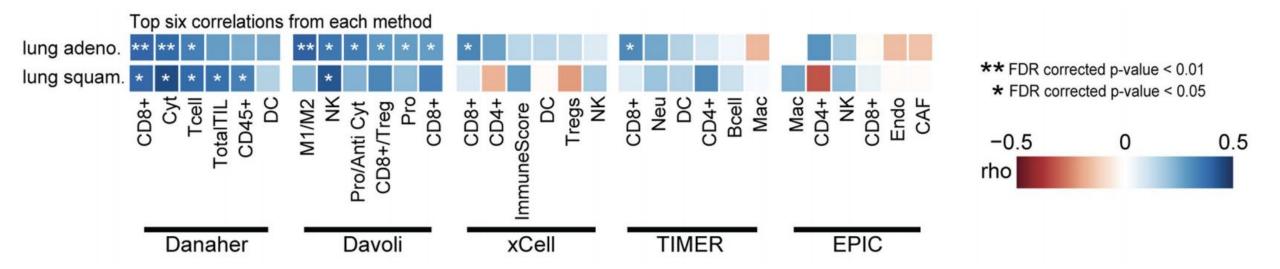


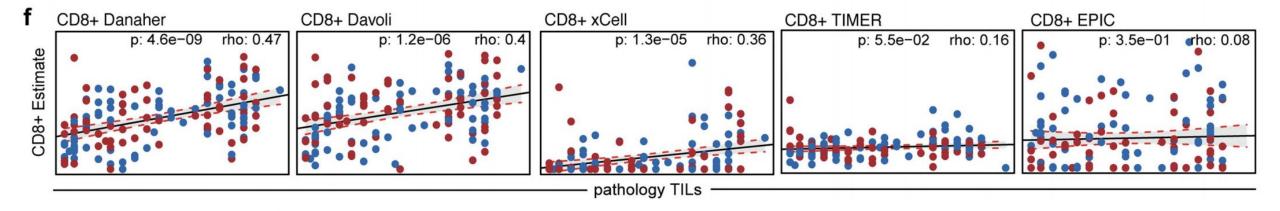
164 RNA-seq samples from **64 non-small-cell lung** cancer (NSCLC)

Tumour-infiltrating lymphocyte (TIL) histopathology estimates (*n*=234) from 83 NSCLC

~258 tumor regions from 88 patients (TRACERx 100 cohort)



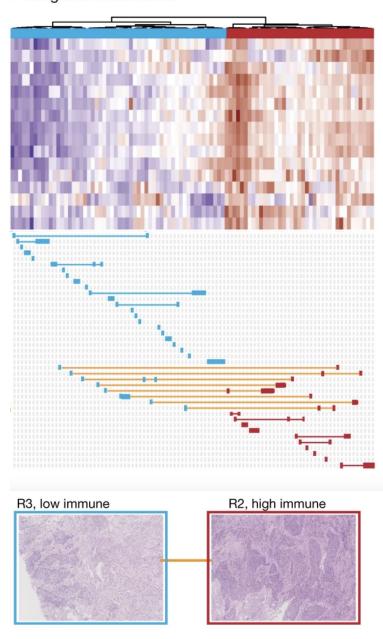




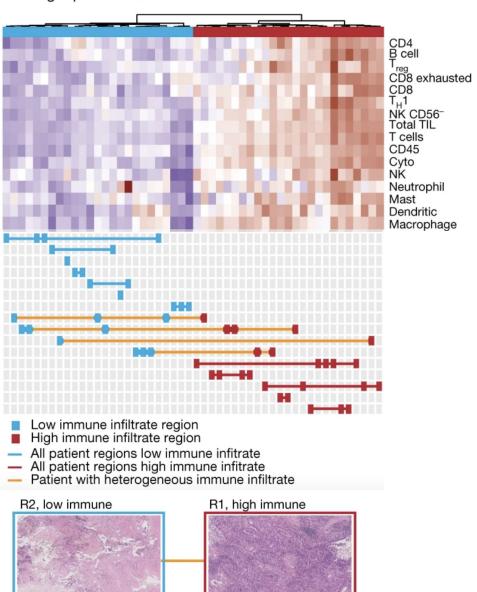
Lung adenocarcinoma
 Lung squamous cell carcinoma

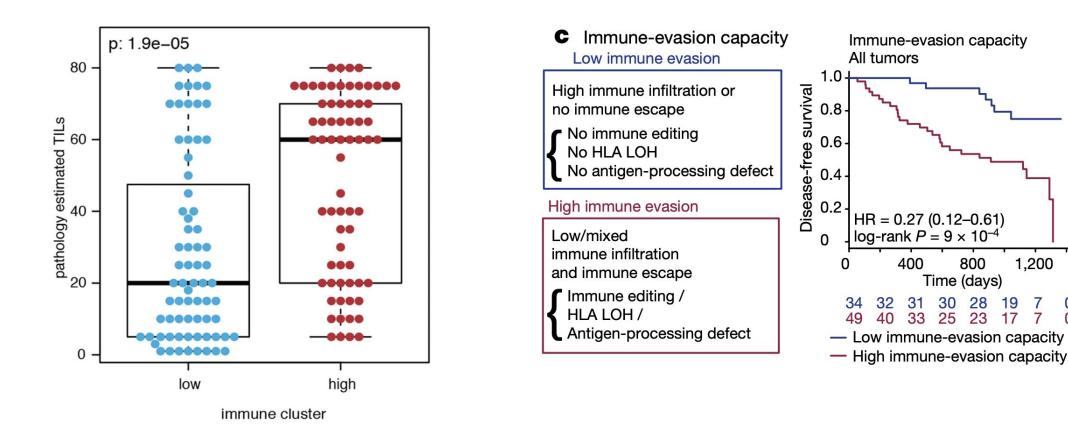
n=140 tumor regions

a Lung adenocarcinoma



b Lung squamous cell carcinoma





Computational methods of supervised immune cell type enumeration can identify clinically relevant biology

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800

Time (days)

400

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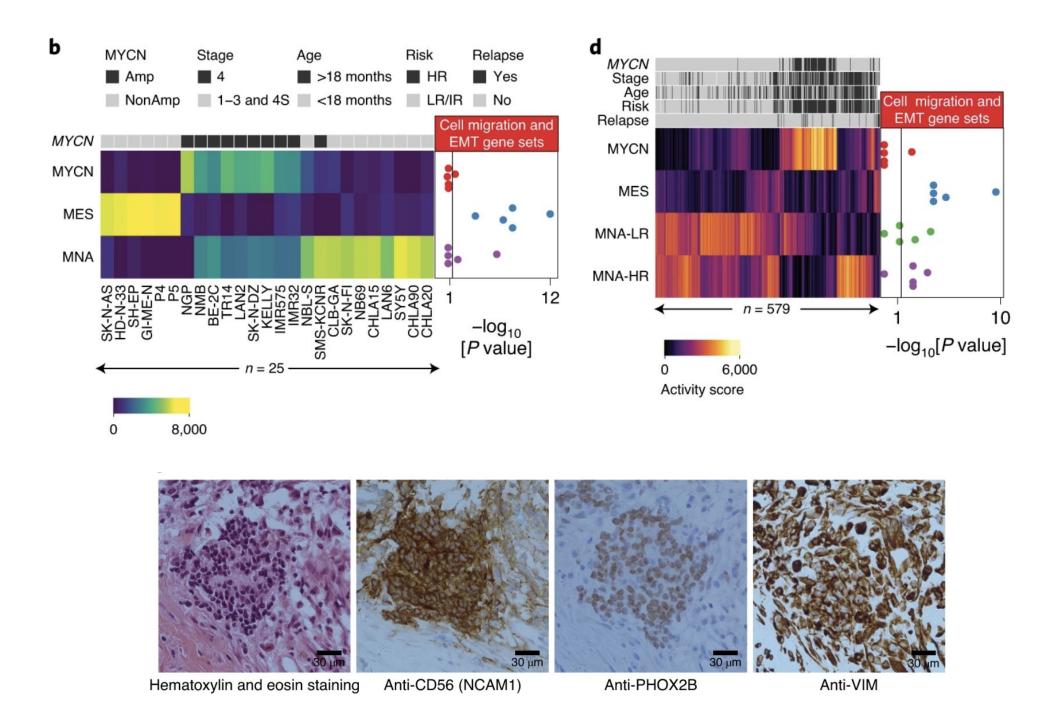
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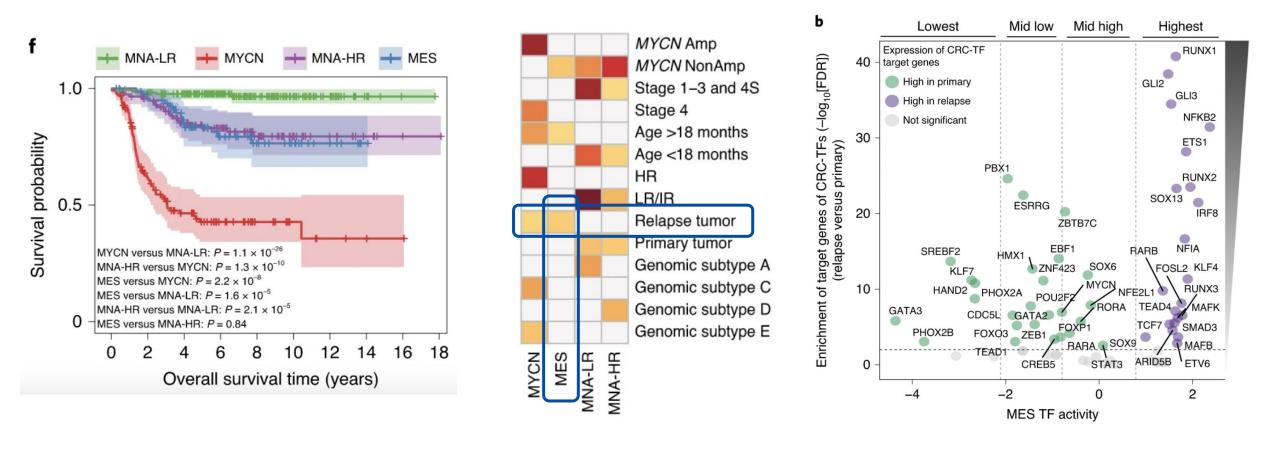
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Computational methods of unsupervised cell type enumeration can identify clinically and biologically relevant disease subtypes

Single cell guided deconvolution

CIBERSORTx (CSx)

Determining cell type abundance and expression from bulk tissues with digital cytometry

Aaron M. Newman ☑, Chloé B. Steen, Chih Long Liu, Andrew J. Gentles, Aadel A. Chaudhuri, Florian Scherer, Michael S. Khodadoust, Mohammad S. Esfahani, Bogdan A. Luca, David Steiner, Maximilian Diehn & Ash A. Alizadeh ☑

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Cell Population Mapping (CPM)

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Cell composition analysis of bulk genomics using single-cell data

Amit Frishberg, Naama Peshes-Yaloz, Ofir Cohn, Diana Rosentul, Yael Steuerman, Liran Valadarsky, Gal Yankovitz, Michal Mandelboim, Fuad A. Iraqi, Ido Amit, Lior Mayo, Eran Bacharach № & Irit Gat-Viks №

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Multi-subject Single Cell deconvolution (MuSiC)

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Single cell-assisted deconvolutional DNN (**Scaden**)

Deep learning-based cell composition analysis from tissue expression profiles

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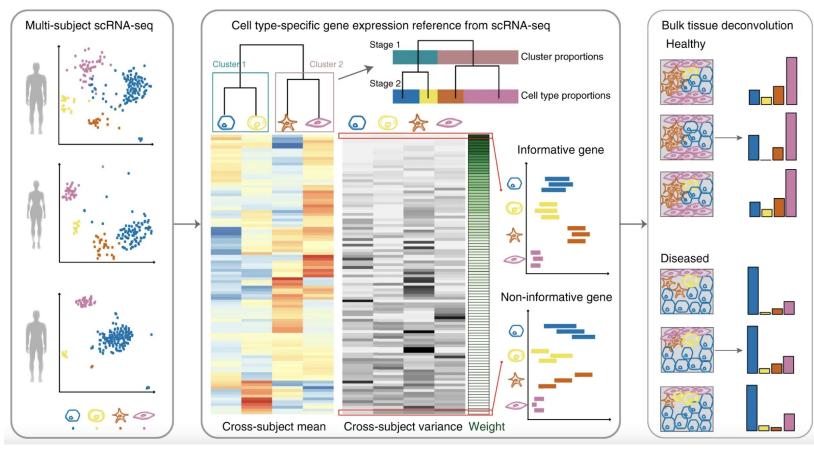
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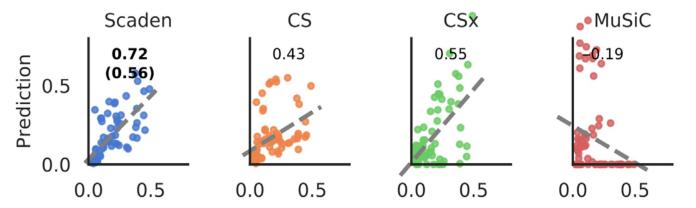
- Do we know all the cell types?
- Limitations of reference marker genes
- "You cannot find which you cannot see"





b BSEQ-sc CIBERSORT Real MuSiC **NNLS** D6 D5 D4 -D3 -D2 -Est Prop D1 -H12 -H11 -H10 H9 H7 · H6 0.00 H5 -H4 -H3 · Alpha Beta Delta Gamma Gamma Beta Delta Gamma Alpha Beta Gamma Gamma Delta Method MuSiC BSEQ-sc **CIBERSORT NNLS RMSD** 0.10 0.17 0.21 0.21 mAD 0.15 0.06 0.12 0.15 0.94 0.76 R 0.82 0.79

Peripheral Blood mononuclear cells



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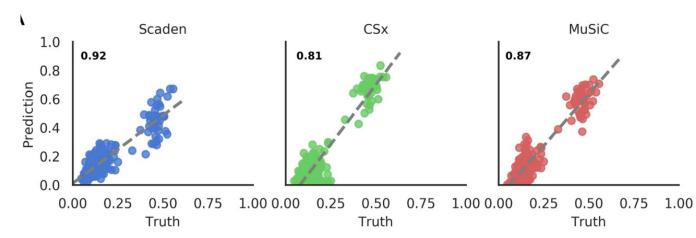
Brain cells

1.00

0.75

0.50

0.25



















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