

Characterizing and Inferring Neuronal Connectivity and Dynamics with Deep Geometry and Topology



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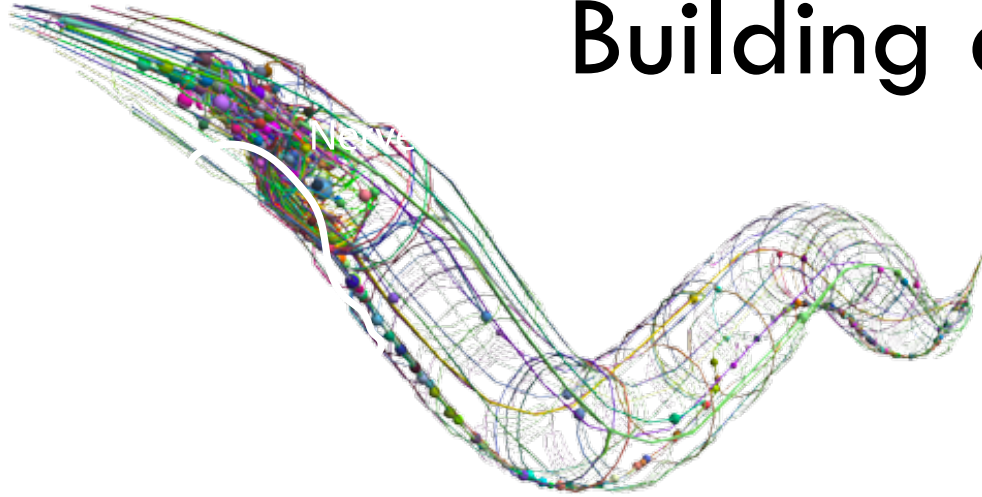
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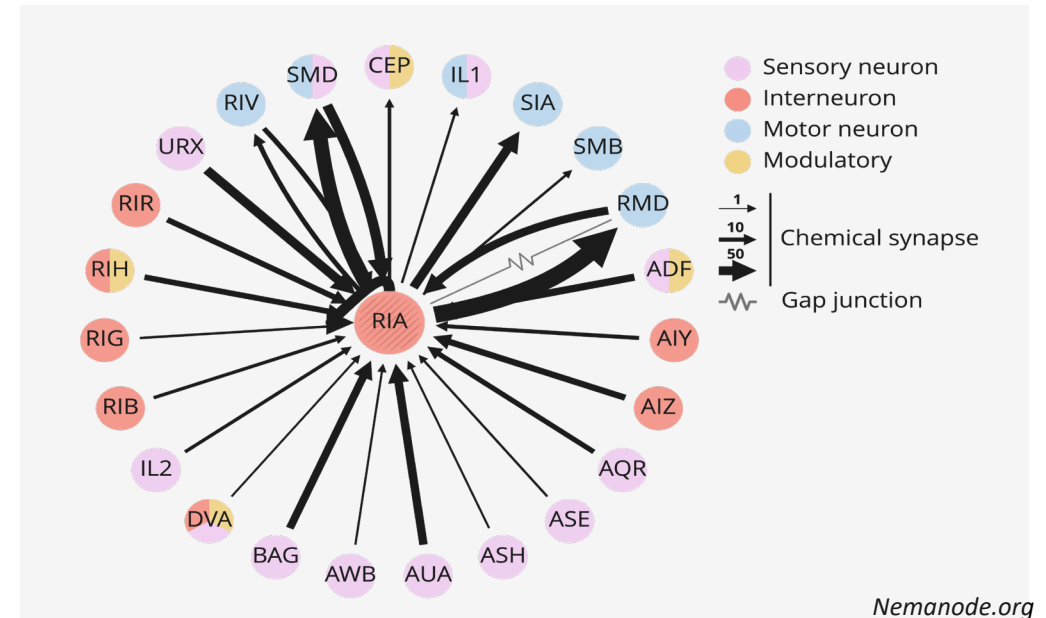
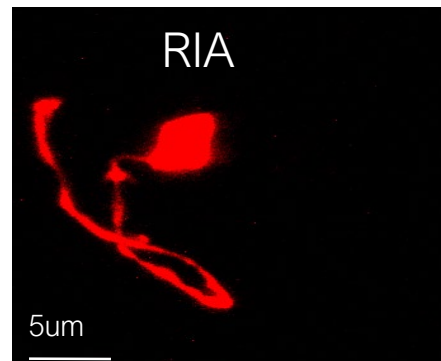
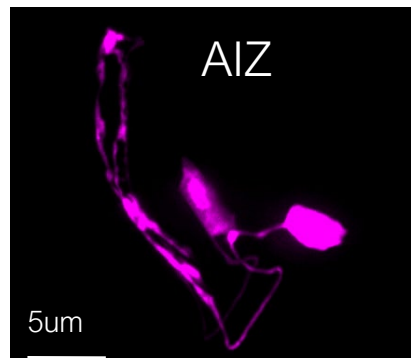
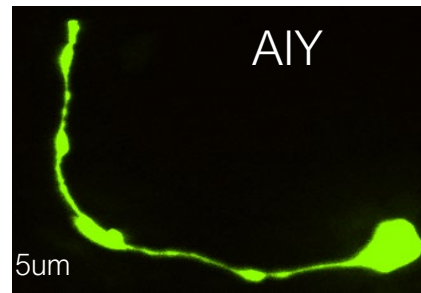
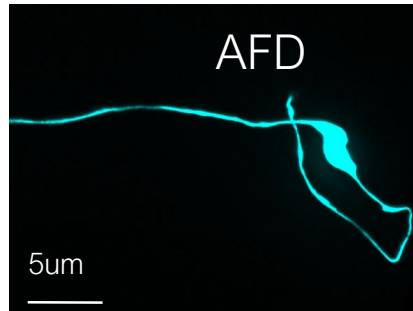
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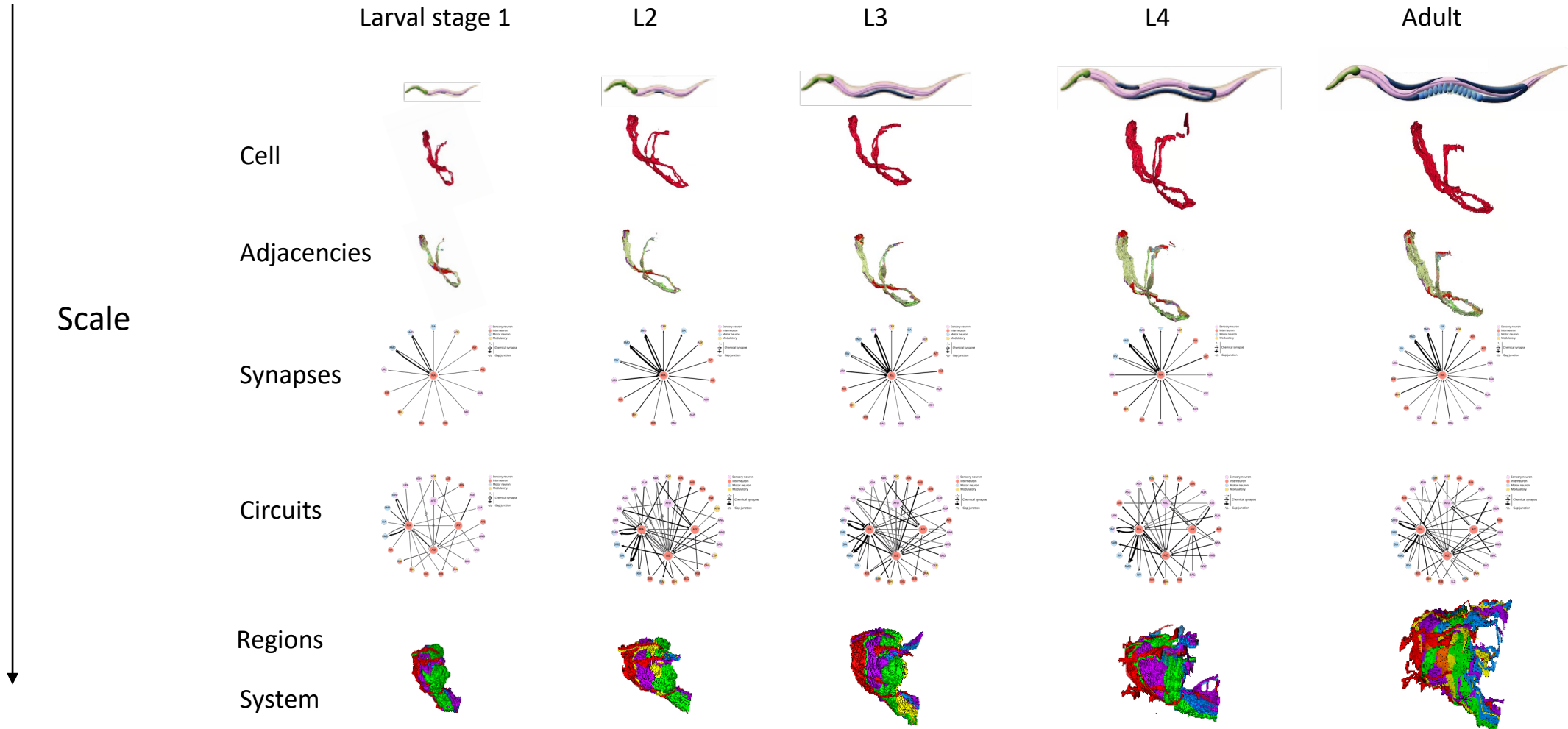
Building a neural parts list



- 181 neurons
- Identities
- Morphologies
- Connections



Structure at a variety of scales



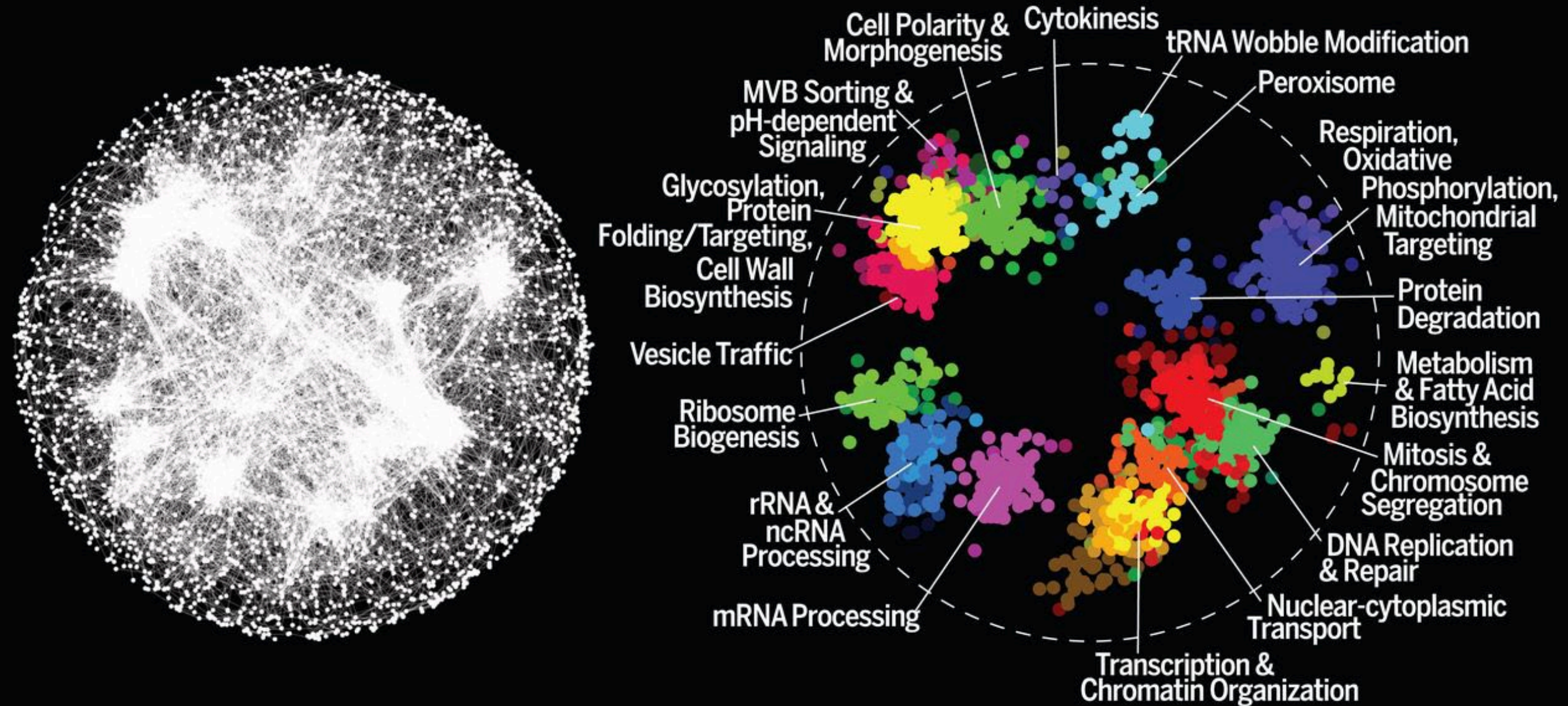
Challenges

How do we go from high dimensional neural activations to neural insights?

Several challenges to overcome related to the noisy and distributed representations found in the brain.

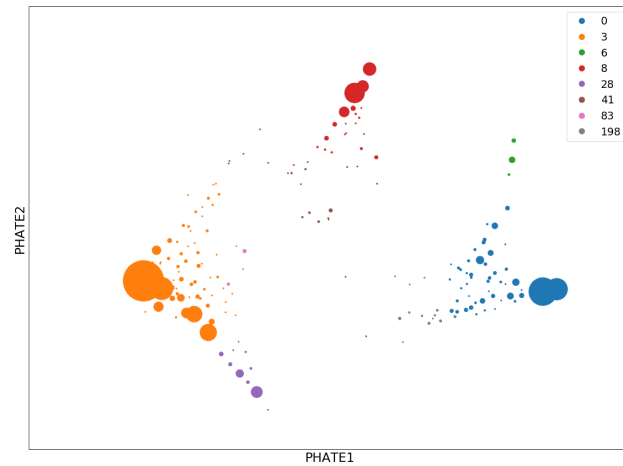
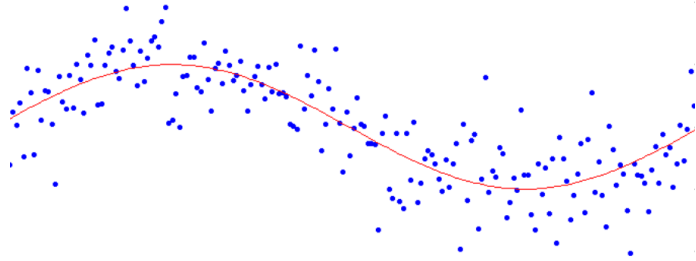


Similar challenges in cellular data (scRNA) analysis



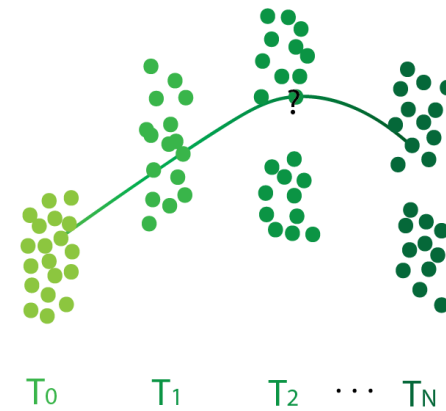
Analysis Tasks

Denoising



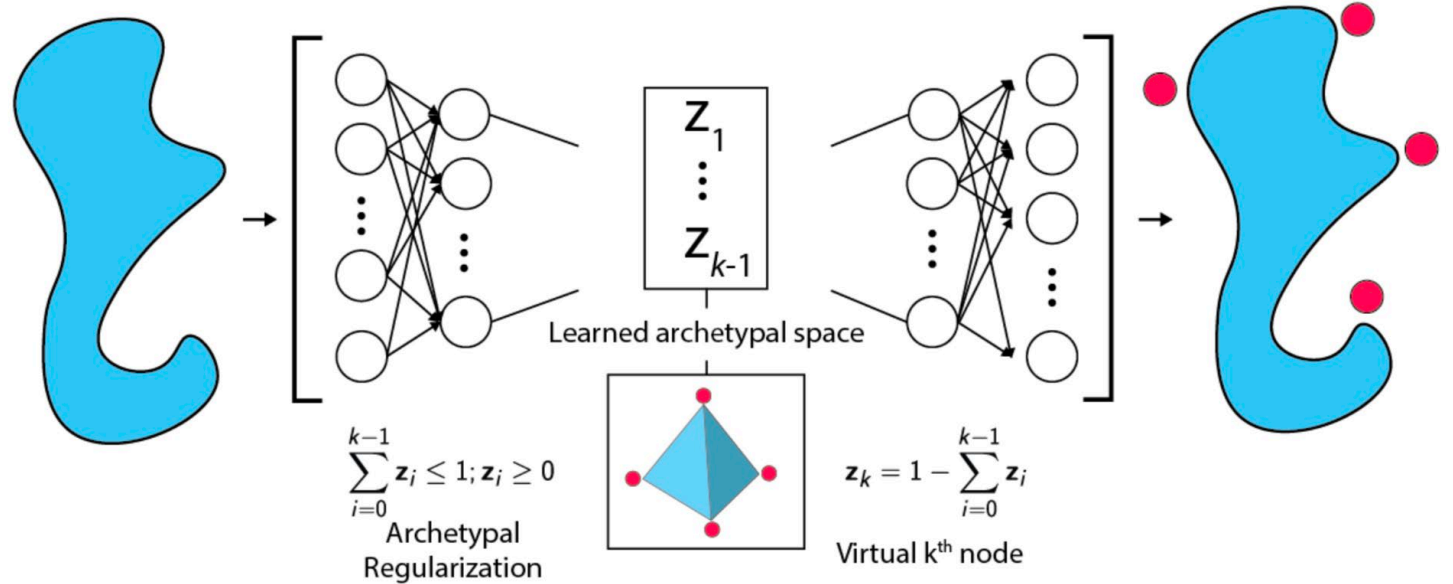
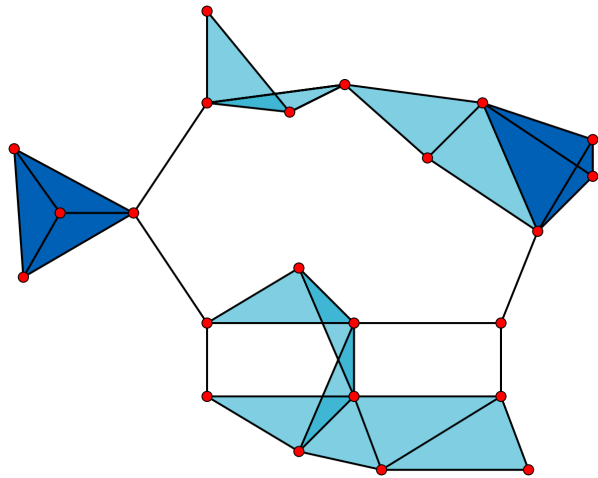
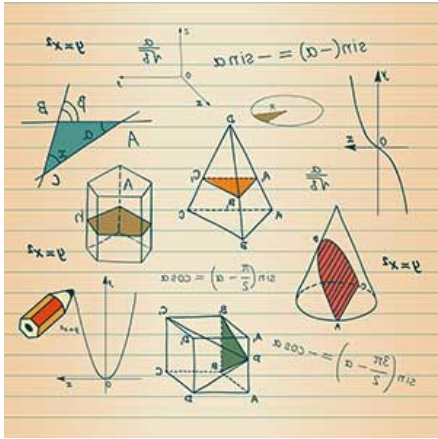
Distilling state space, visualization

Regulatory/Generative Network Inference



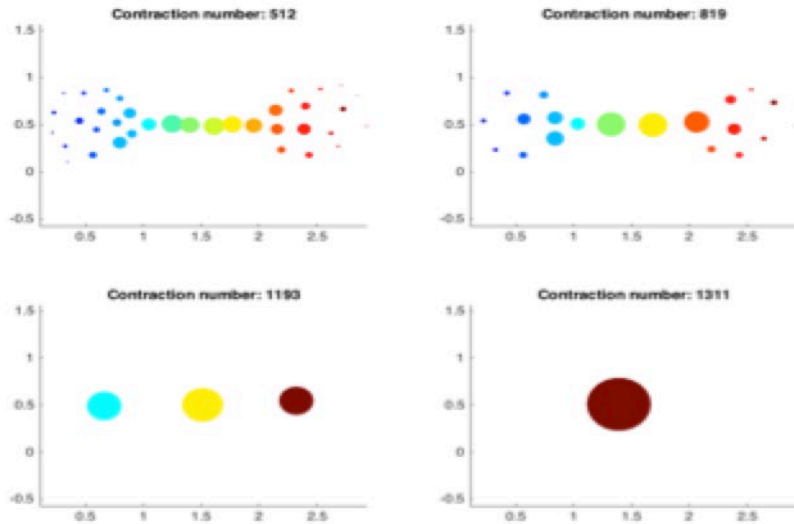
Dynamics from static snapshots

Data Geometry + Topology + Deep Learning



Diffusion Topology

(Huguet et al SIMODS 2023,
Brugnone N, Gonoposkiy A., IEEE Big Data 2019
Moyle et al. Nature 2021, Kuchroo et al. Nat Comm 2023)



Main idea: allow natural groupings of datapoints to appear at all levels of granularity

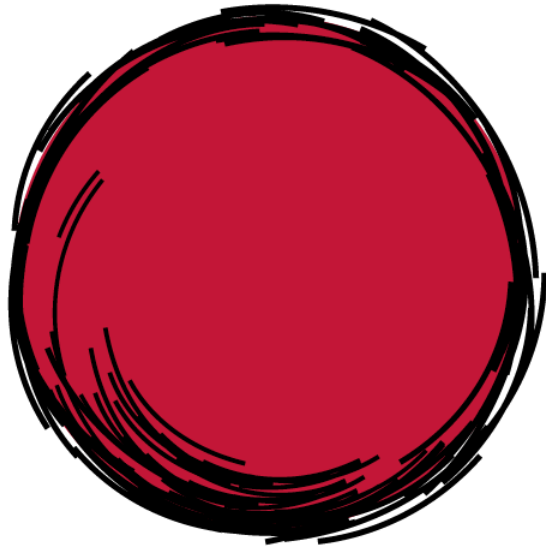
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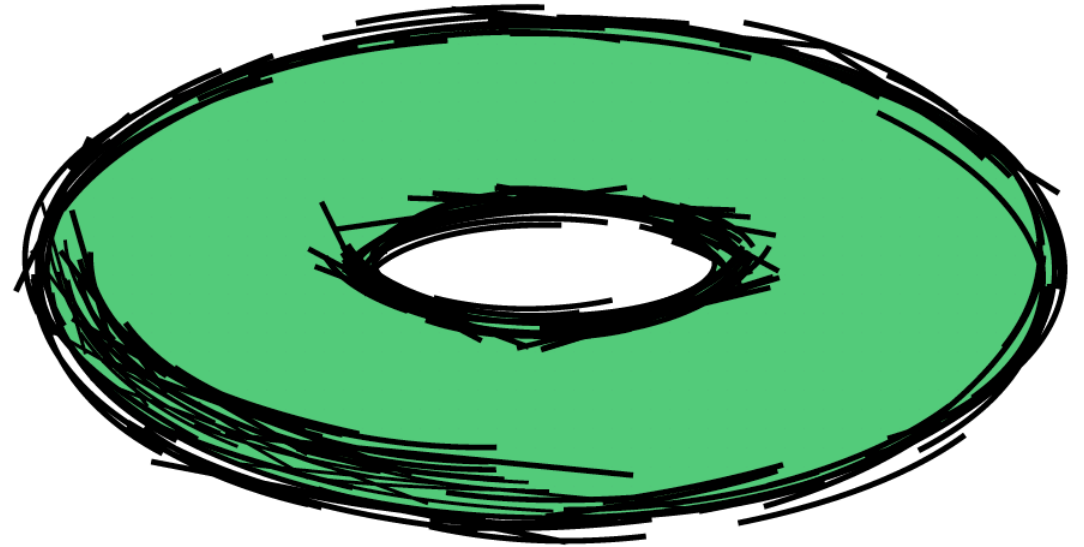
High degree of complexity

Multi-level Organization

Characterization of D-dimensional Holes

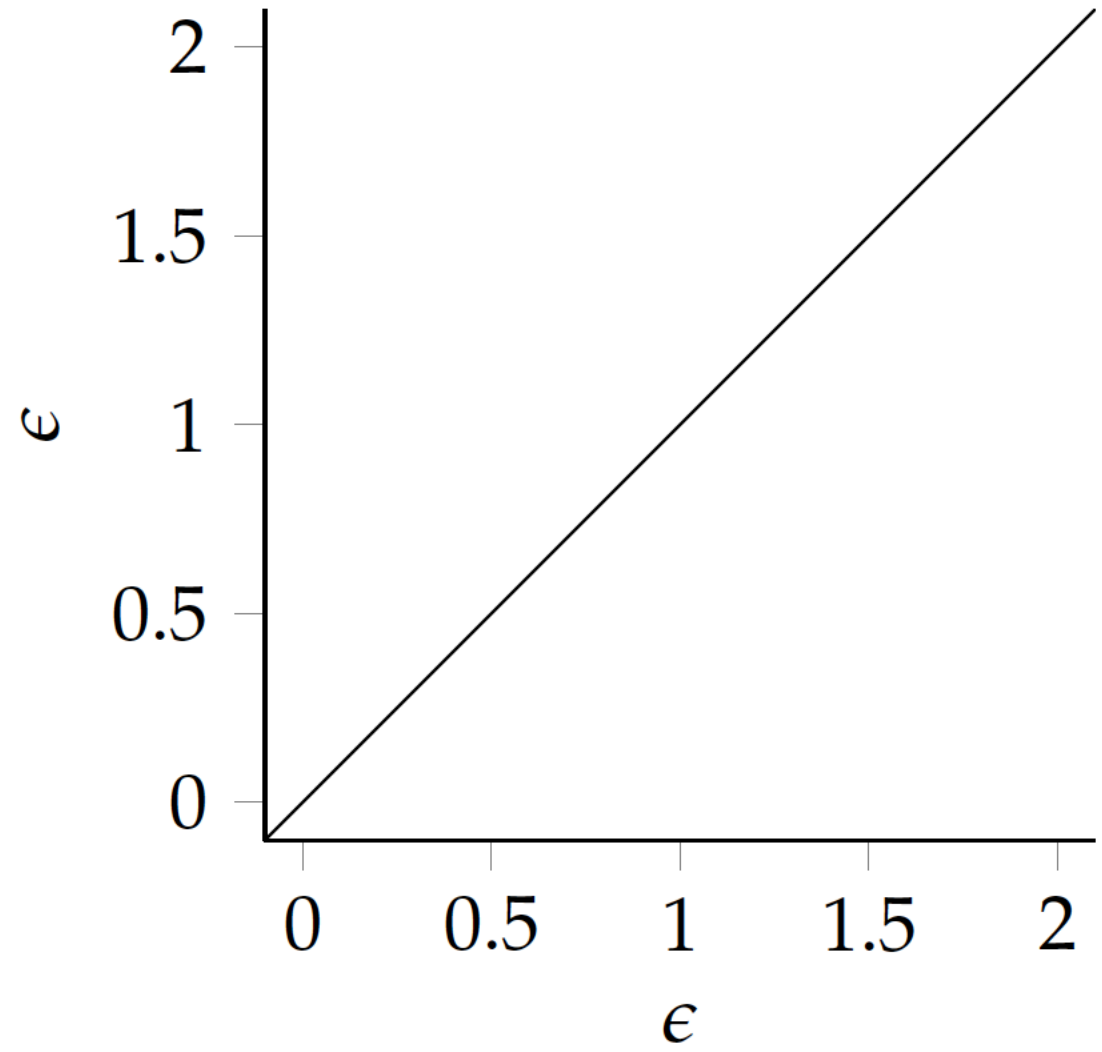
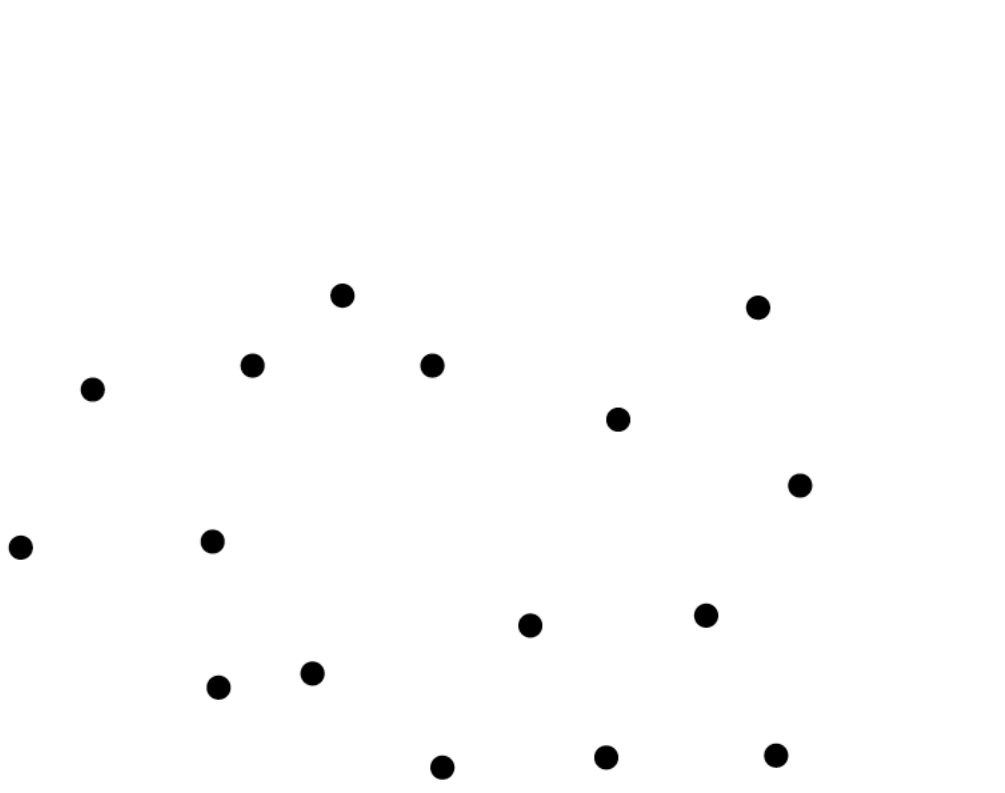


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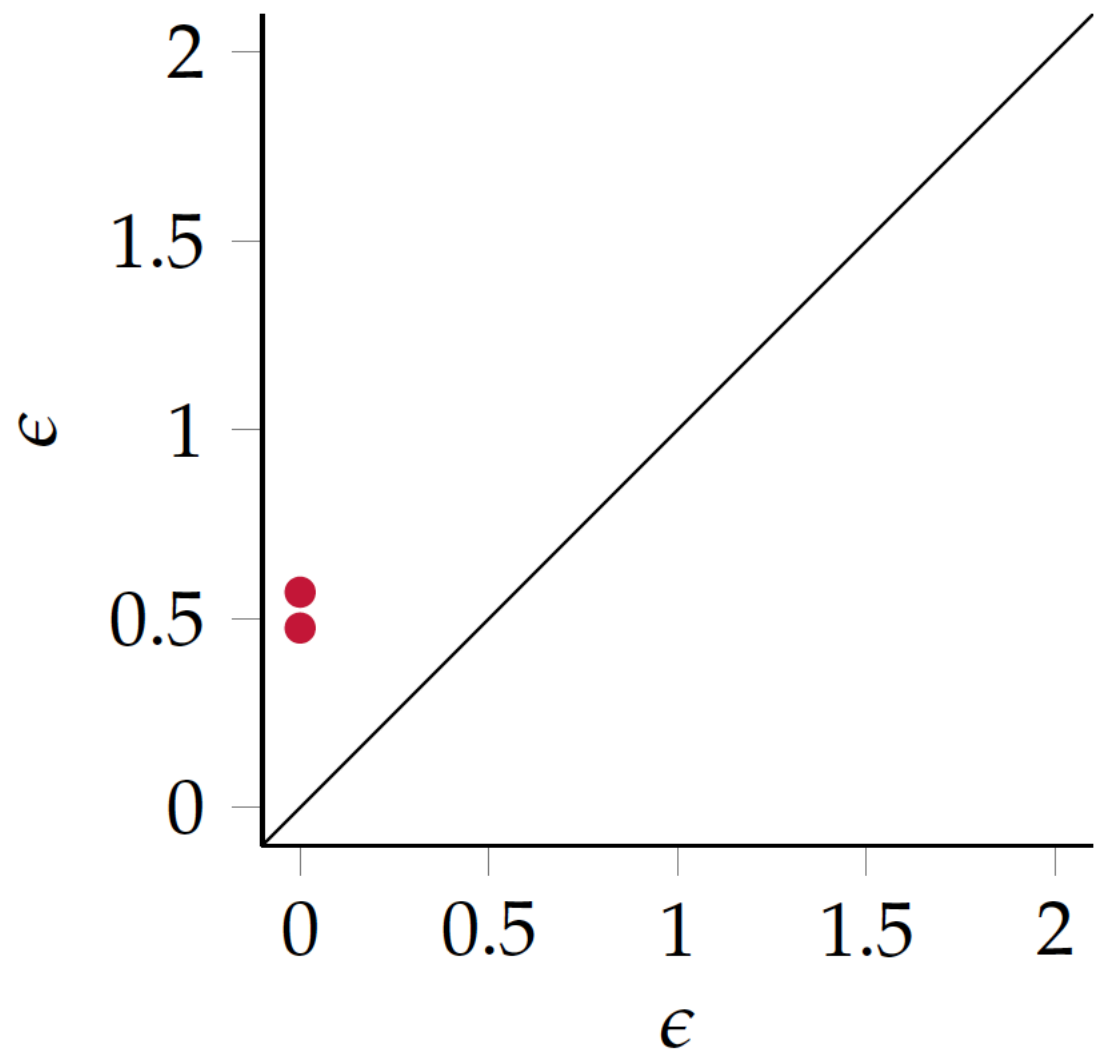
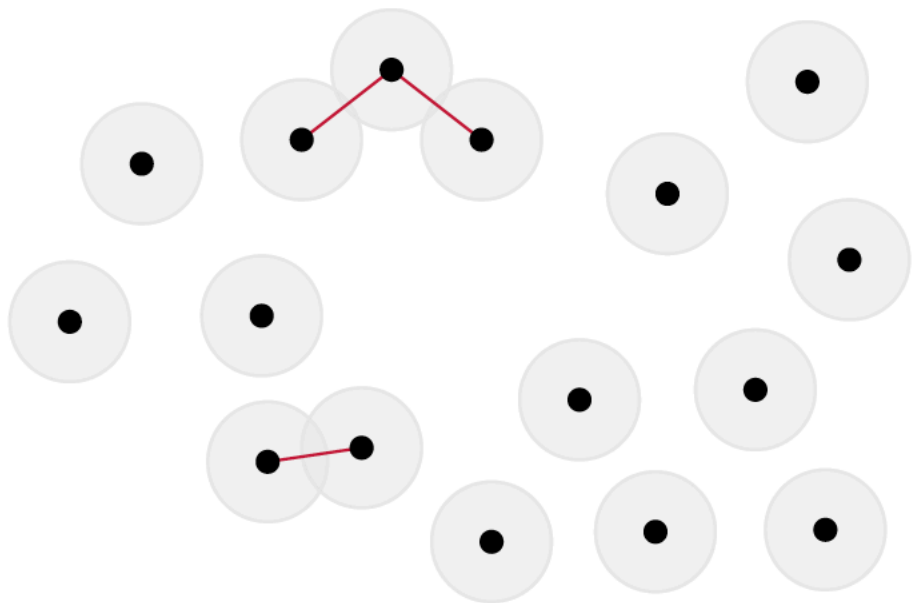


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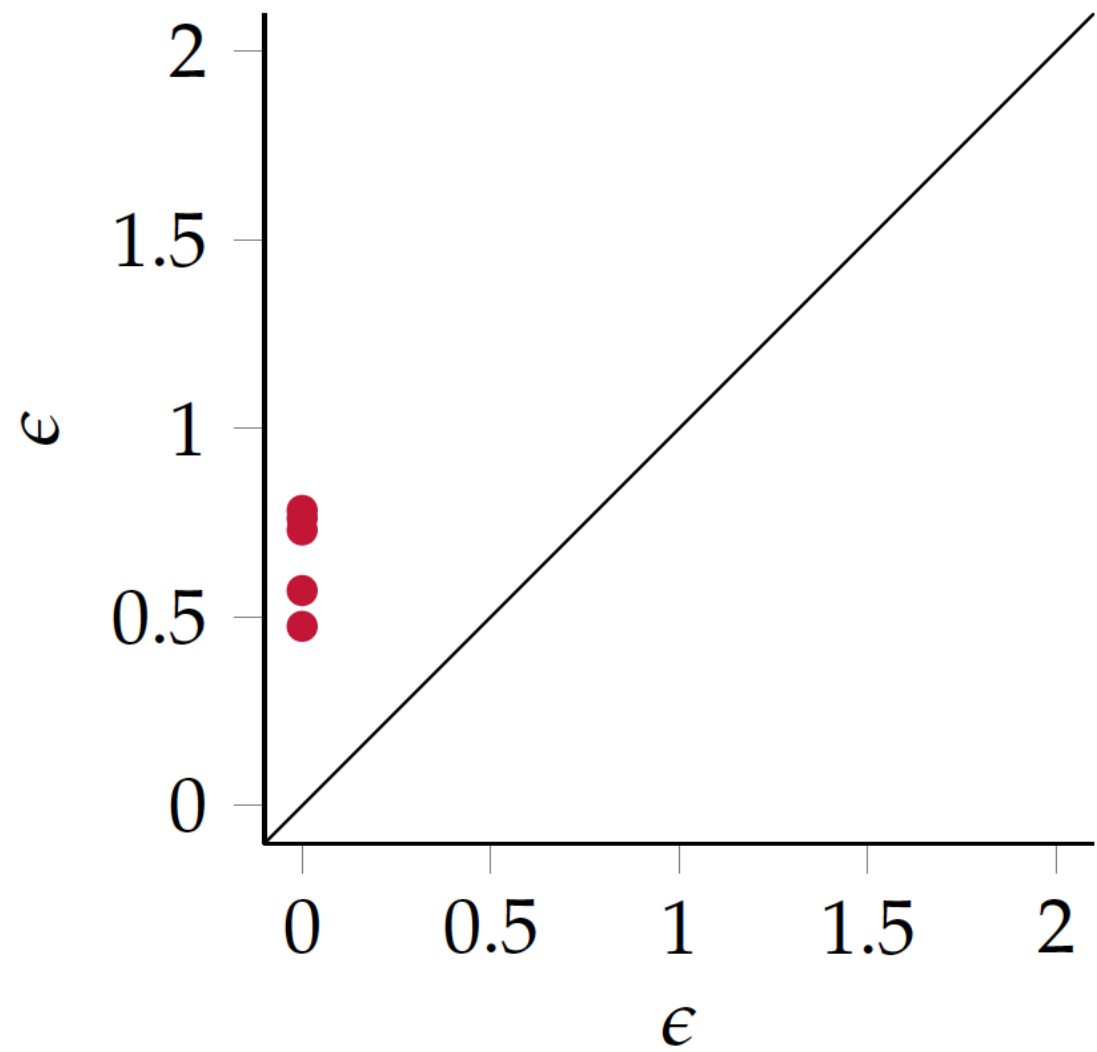
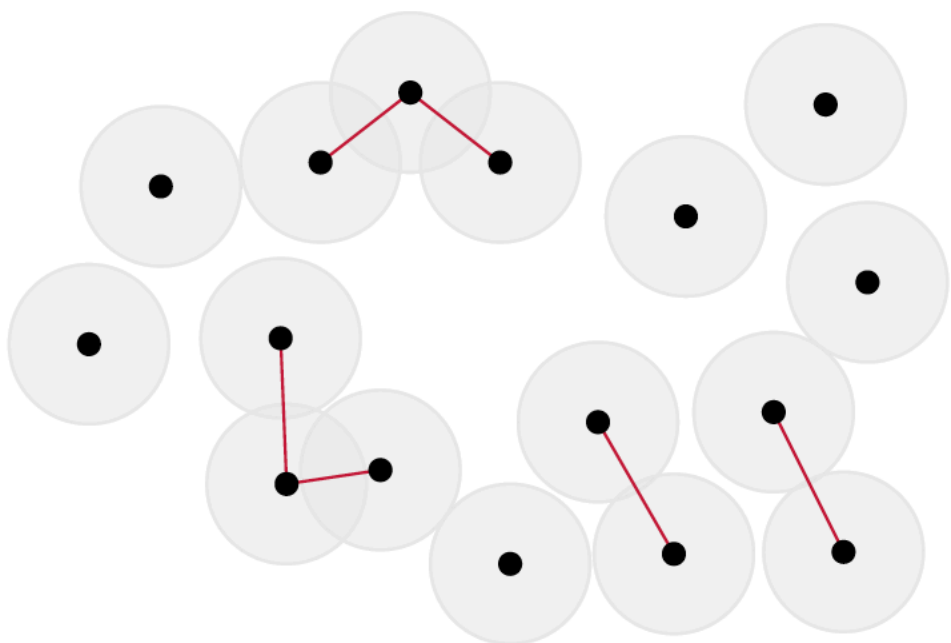
Computational Homology



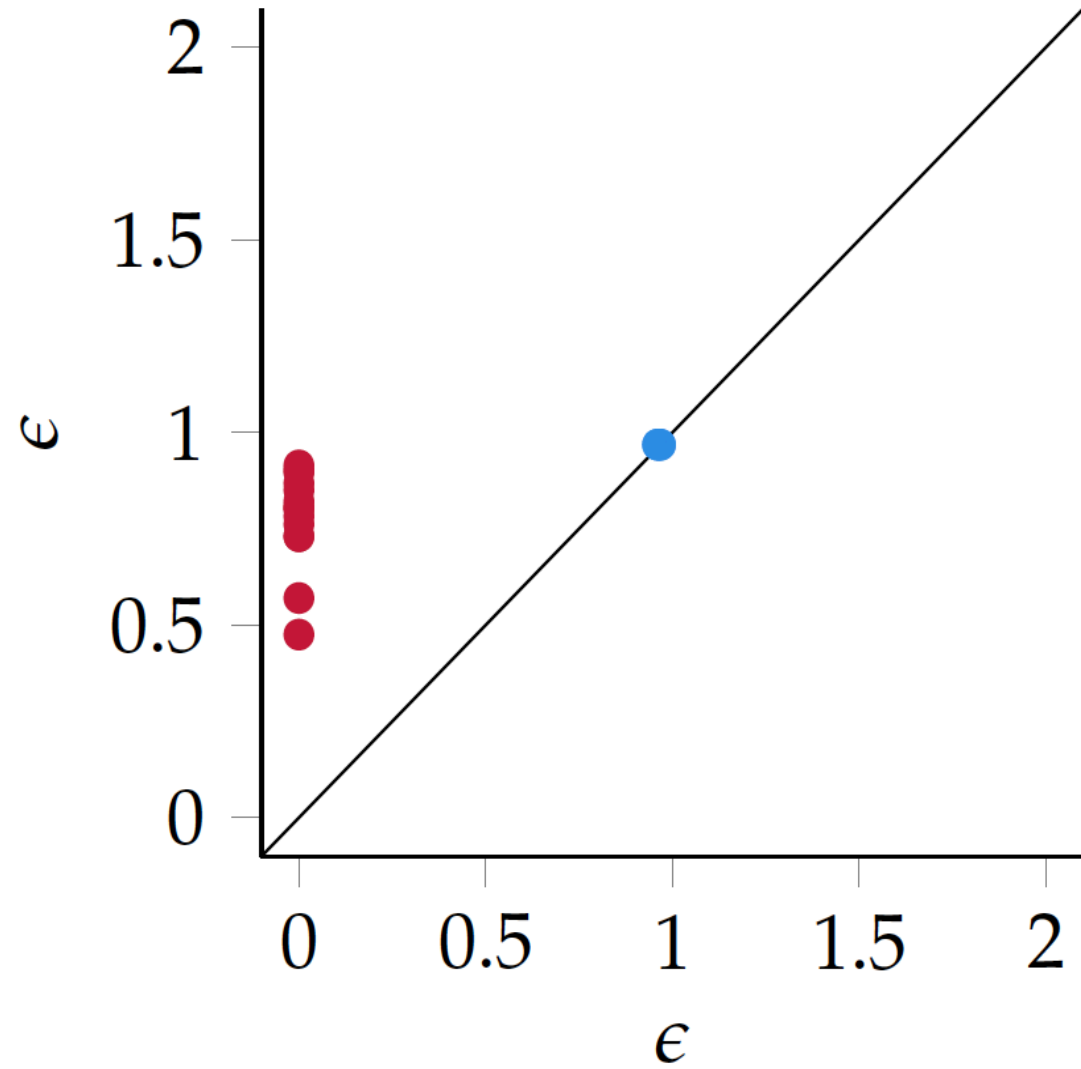
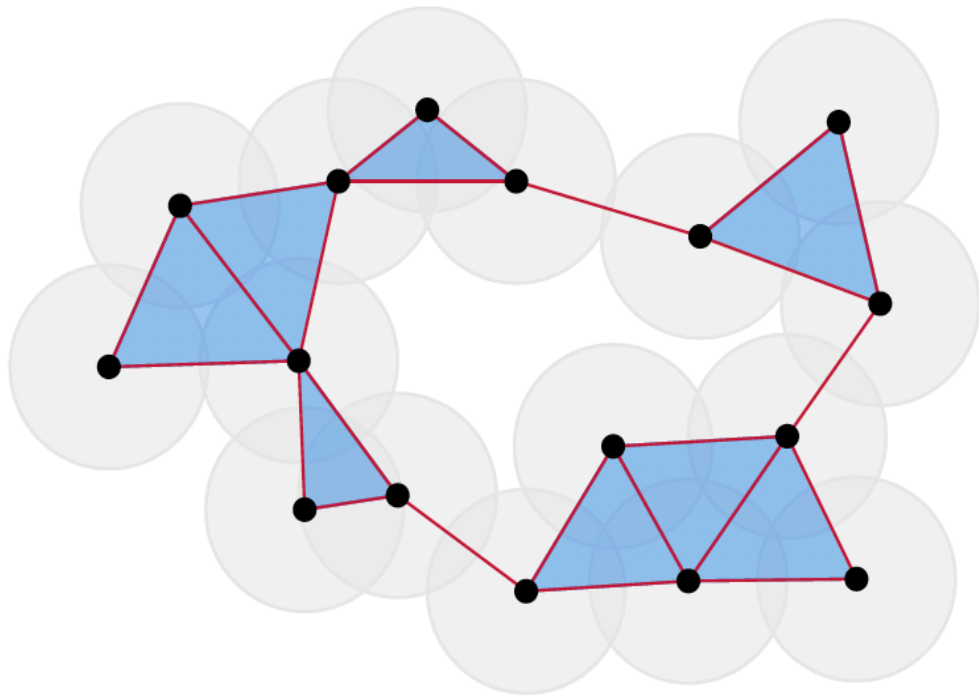
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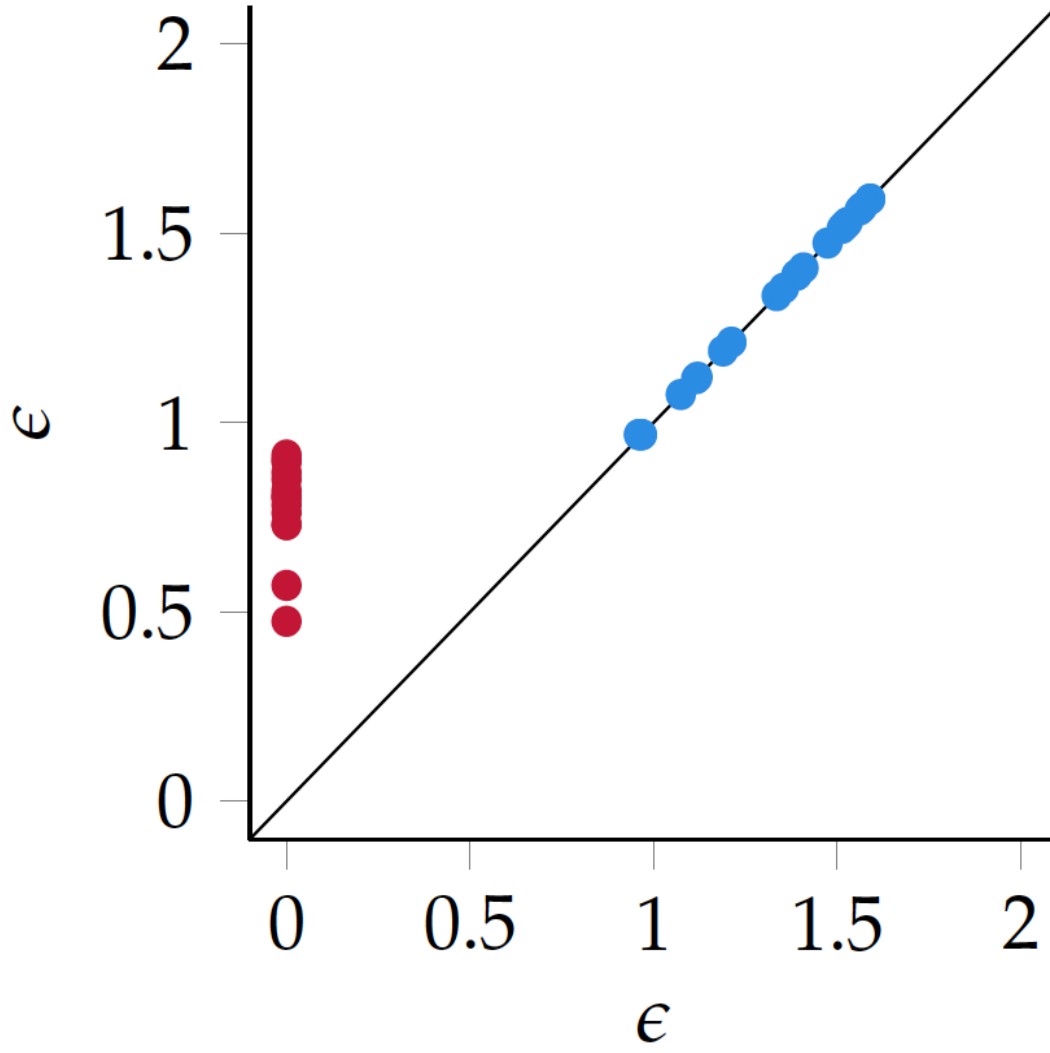
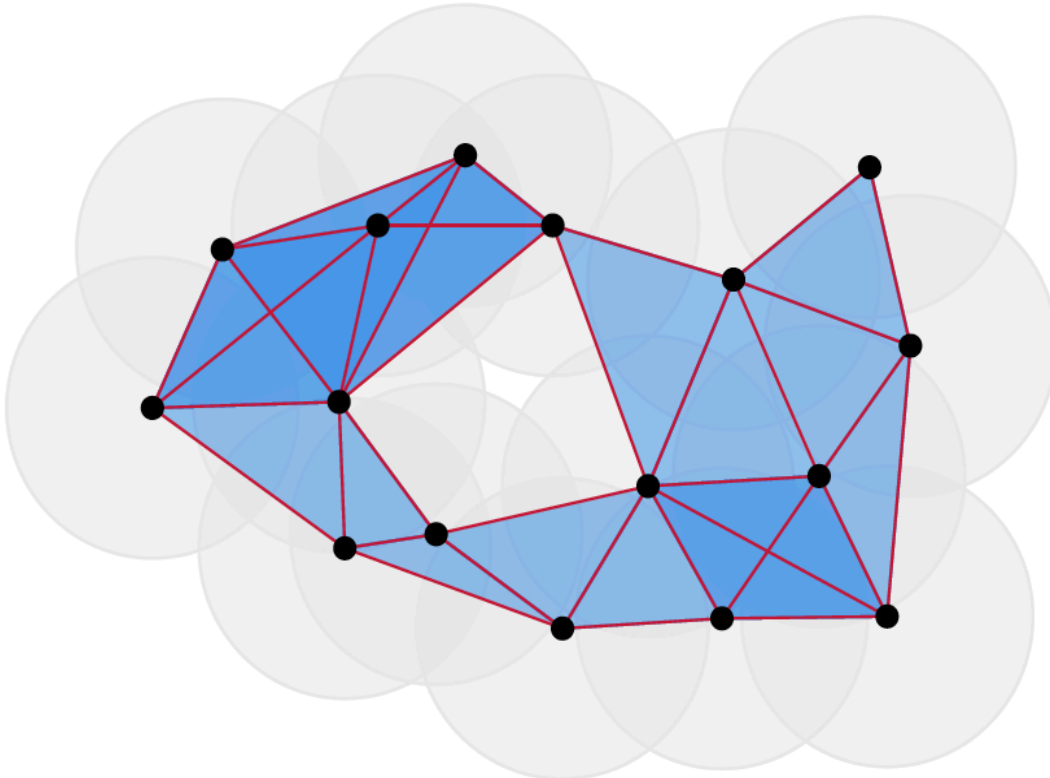
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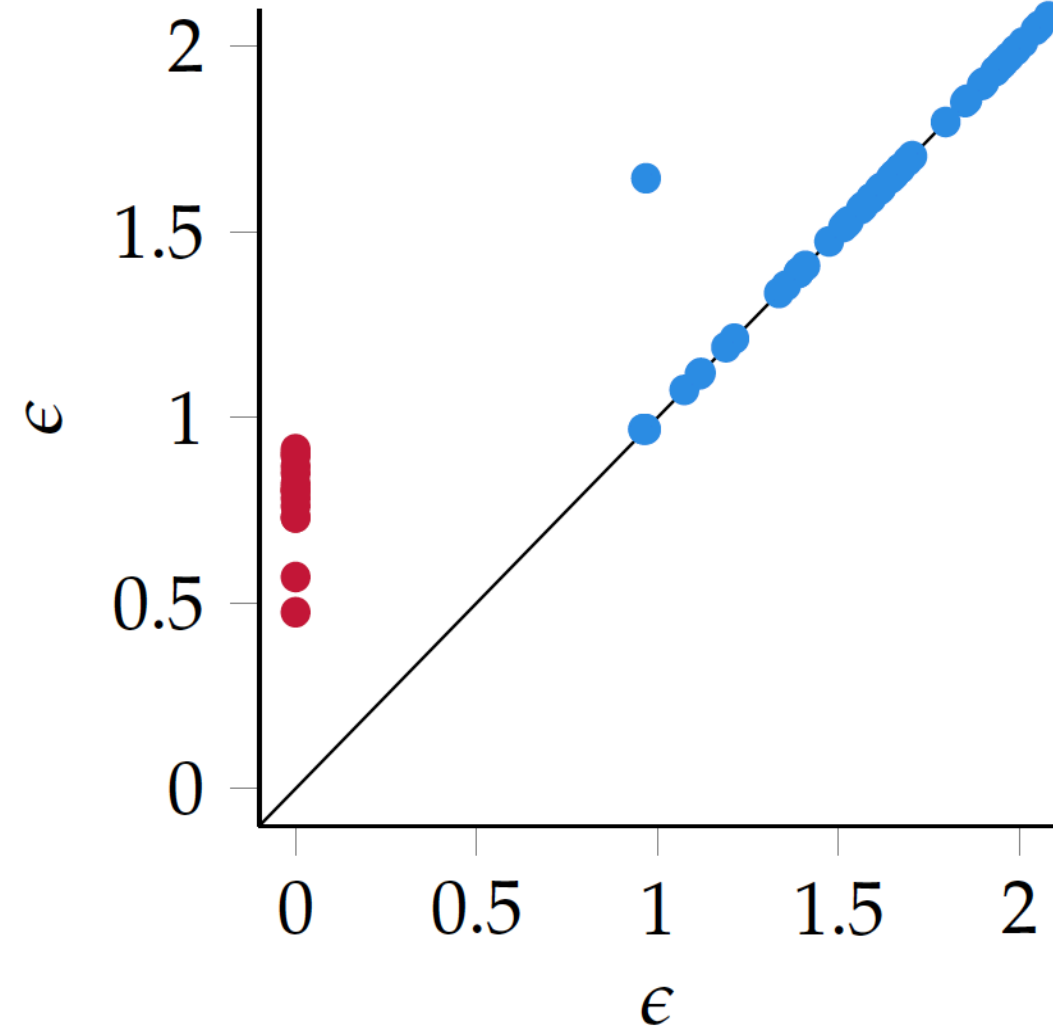
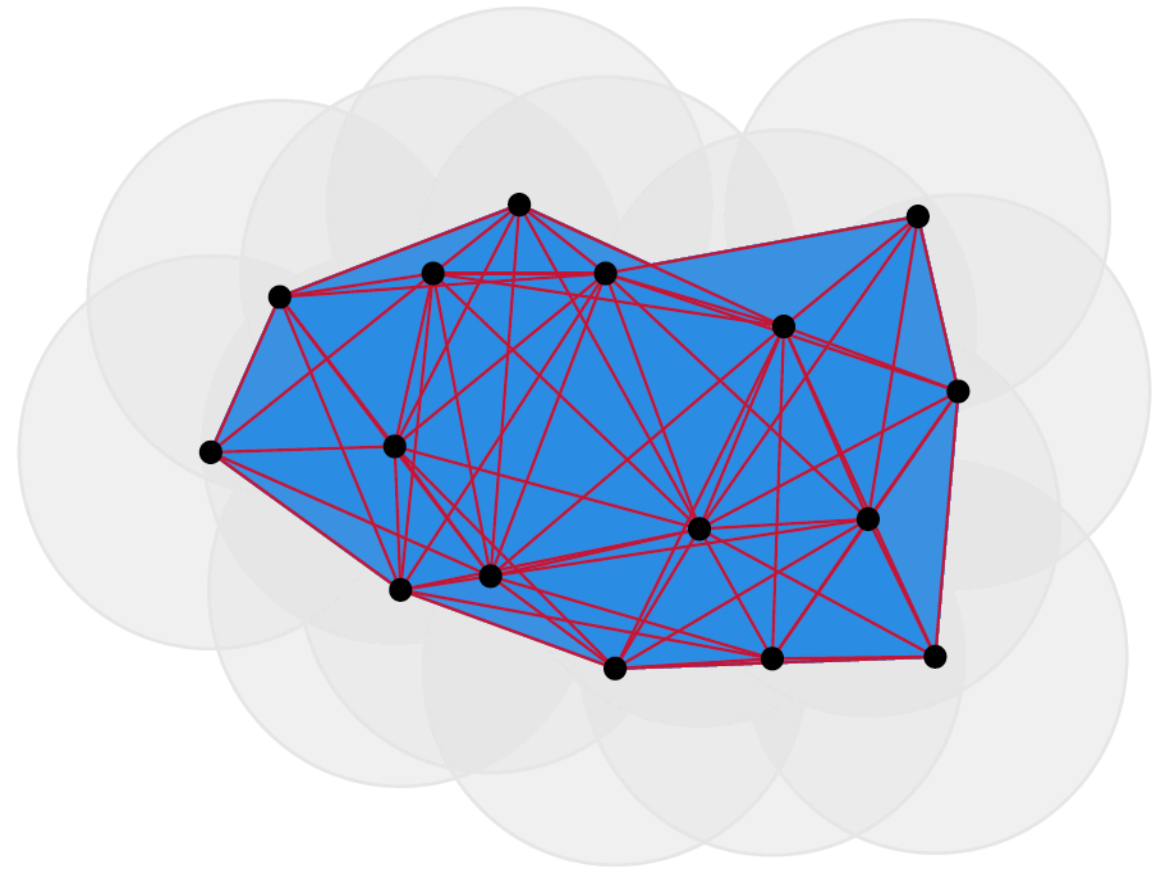
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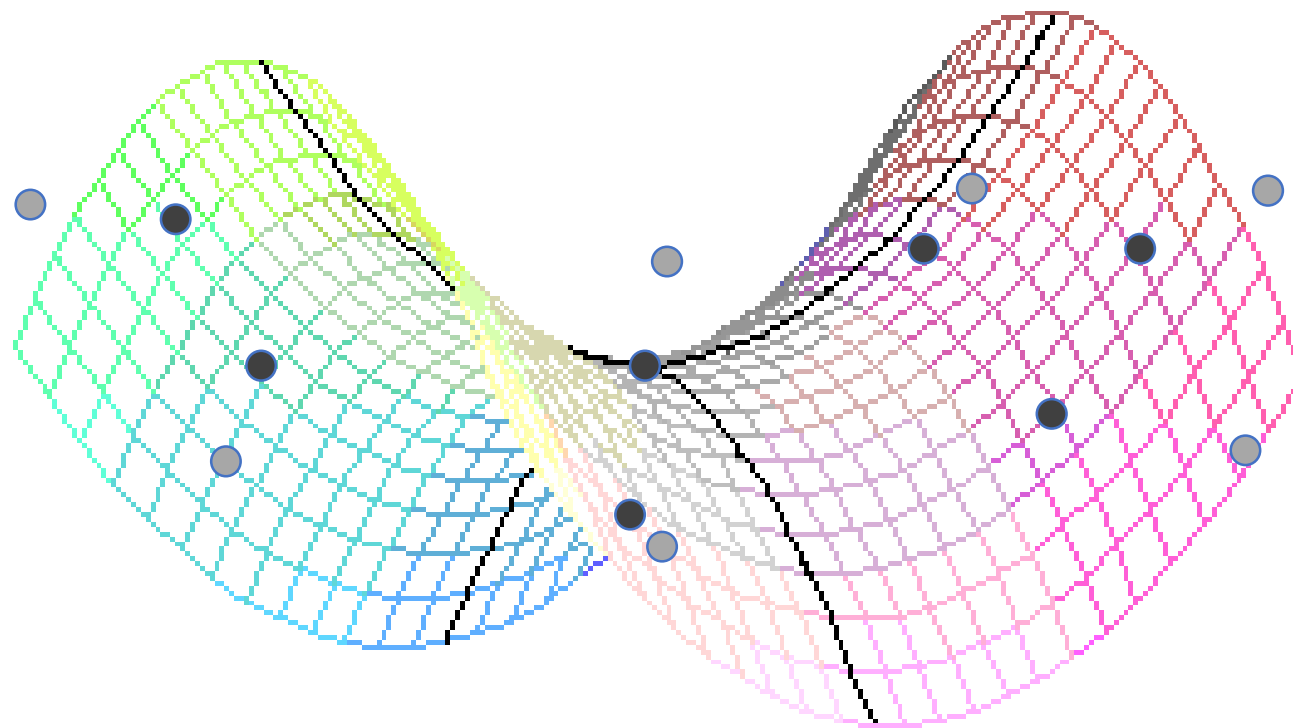
Computational Homology



Problem: Noisy Connections

- Inference from noisy images/measurements
- Potentially inaccurate segmentations
- Solution
 - \implies Use redundancy and lower dimensionality in the graph spectrum to address this

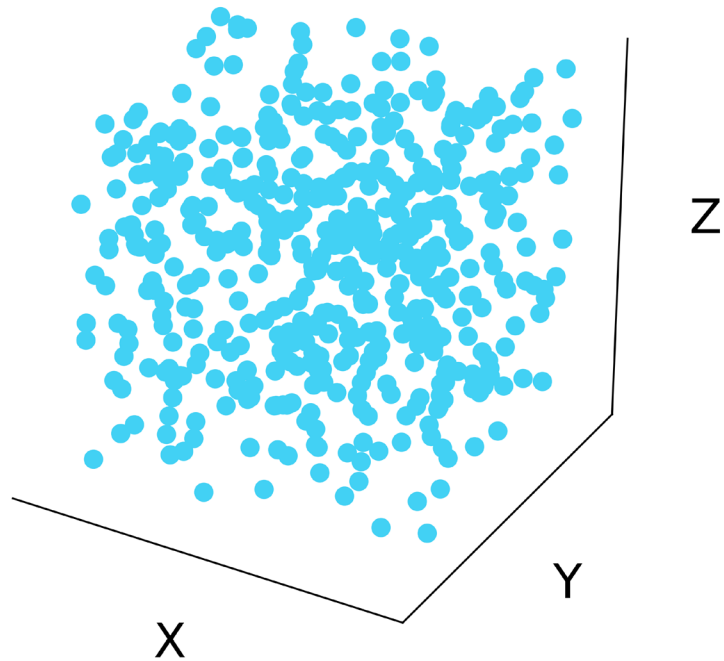
Scientific data: often sampled from a manifold



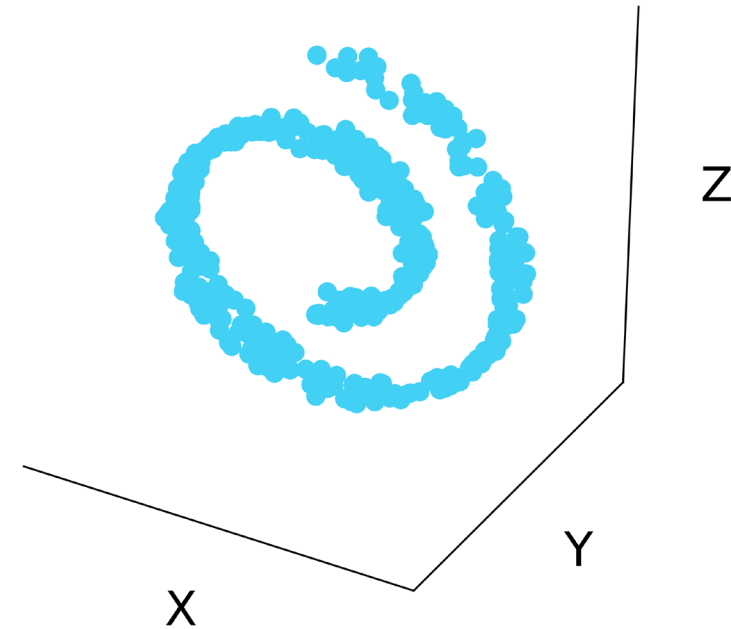
(with noise)

Why is a good assumption for scientific data?

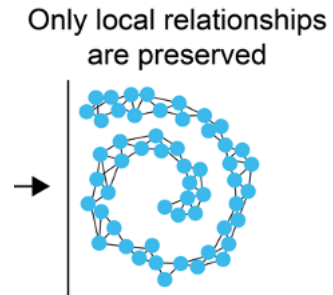
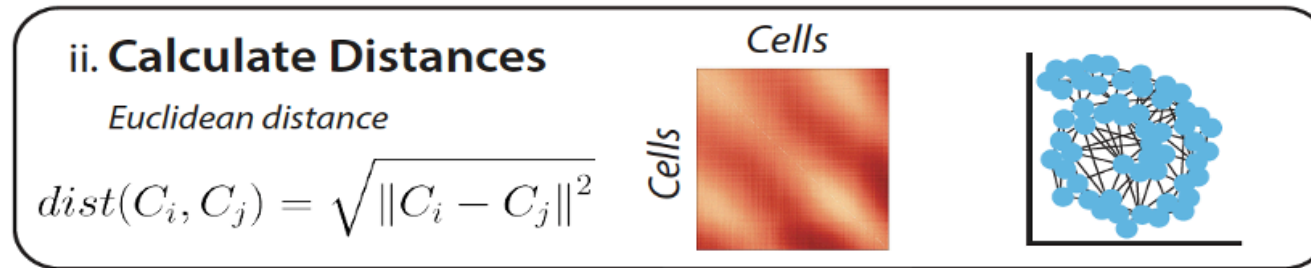
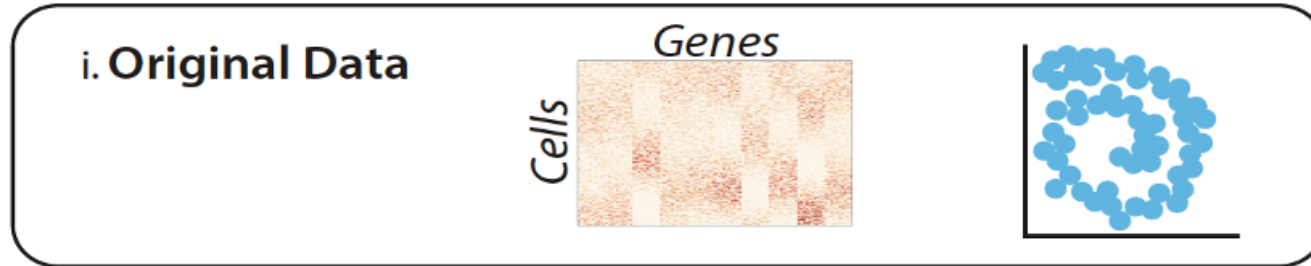
Uncorrelated features



Mutually informative features



Bridging from Graphs to Manifolds

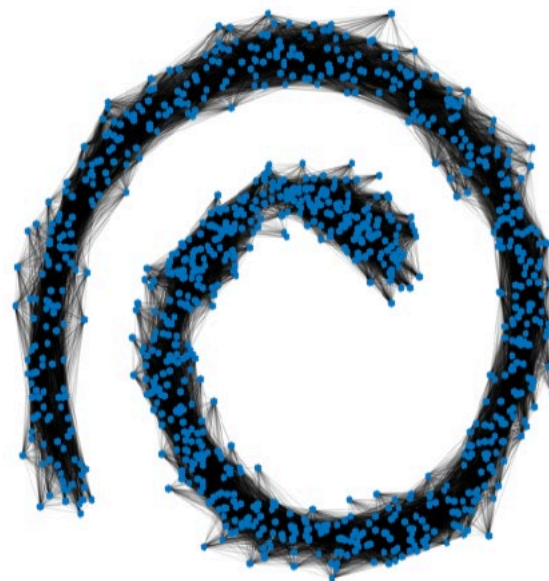


Data Diffusion Operator

Markov Matrix

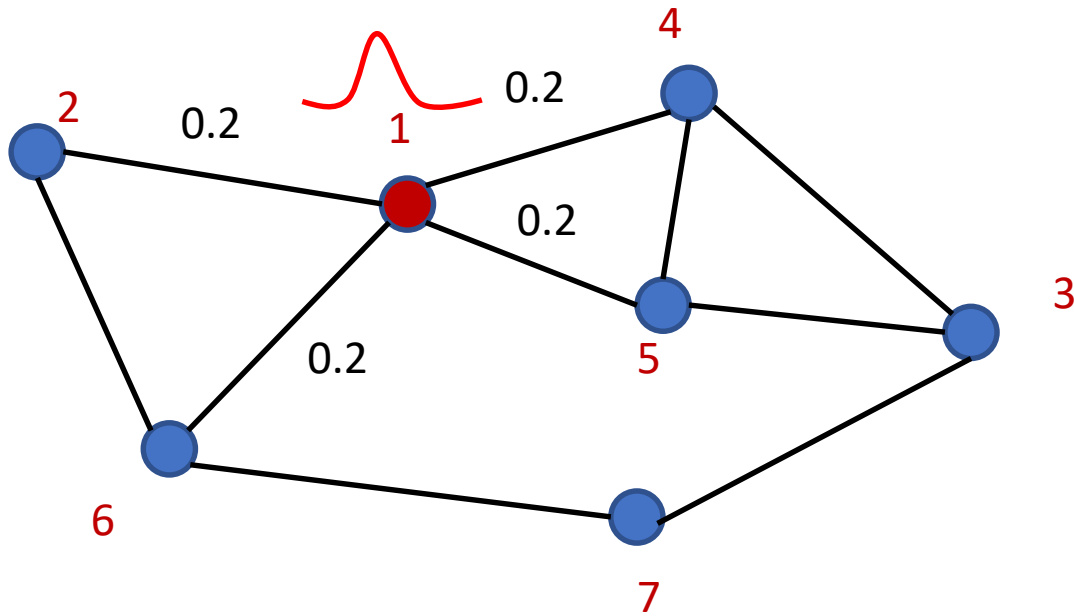


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$$P(x_i, x_j) = \frac{A(x_i, x_j)}{\sum_j A(x_i, x_j)}$$

Diffusion Operator

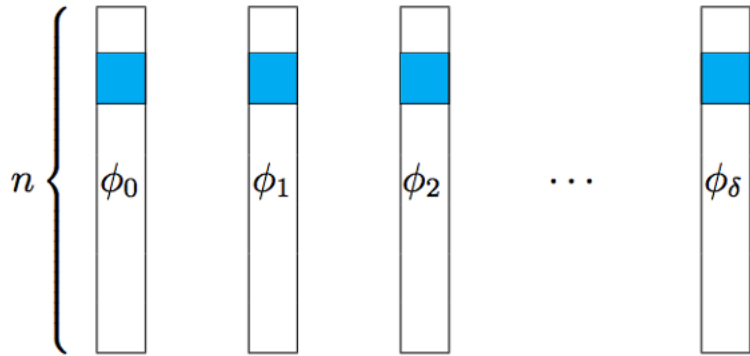


	.2	.2	0	.2	.2	0	0
.333	1	.333	0	0	0	.333	0
0	0	0	.25	.25	.25	0	.25
.25	1	0	.25	.25	.25	0	0
.25	1	0	.25	.25	.25	0	0
.25	1	.25	0	0	0	.25	.25
0	0	0	.333	0	0	.333	.333

$$P = D^{-1}A$$

Diffusion Maps—Manifold Embedding

$$1 = \lambda_0 \geq \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_\delta > 0$$

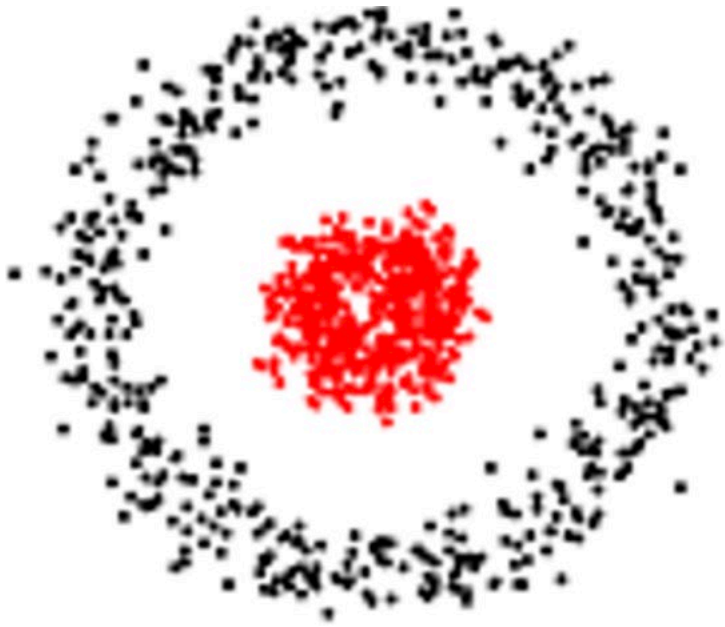


[Coifman, Lafon 2006]

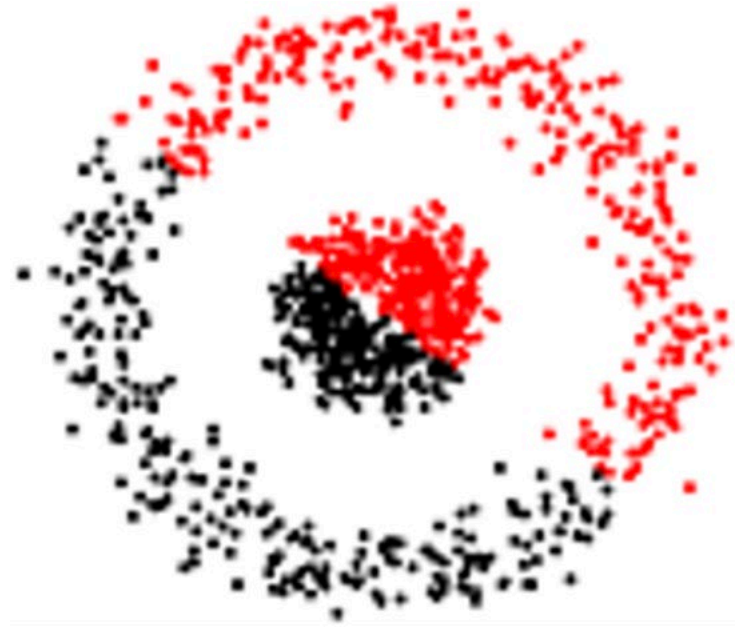
Thrm [Coifman et al.] The diffusion map $\Phi_t(x_i) = [\lambda_1^t \phi_1(x_i), \dots, \lambda_N^t \phi_N(x_i)]^T$ embeds data into a Euclidean space where the Euclidean distance is equal to the diffusion distance D_m .

$$D_m^2(x, y) = \|P^t(x, \cdot) - P^t(y, \cdot)\|_2 = \|\Phi_t(x) - \Phi_t(y)\|^2$$

Spectral clustering

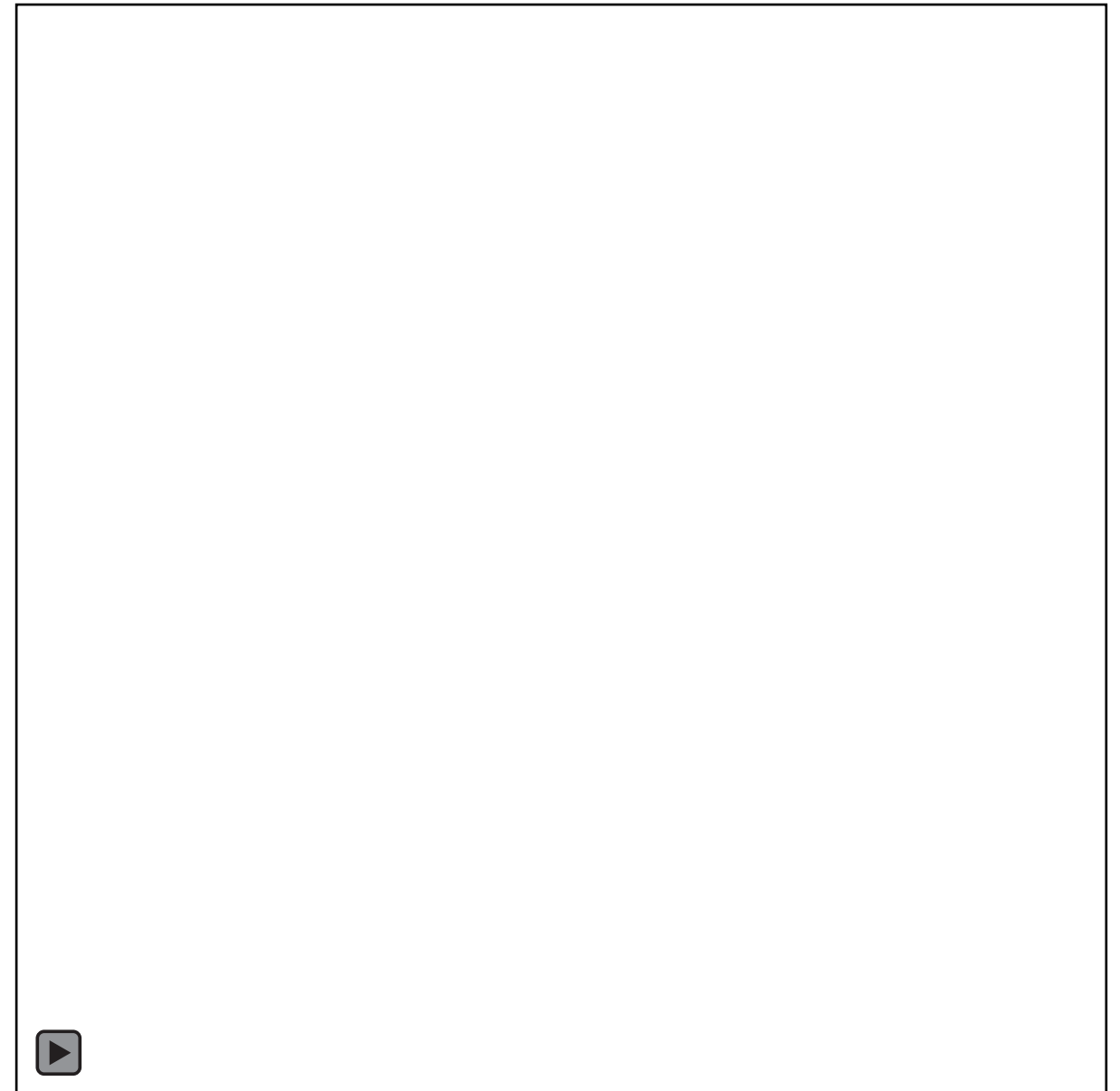
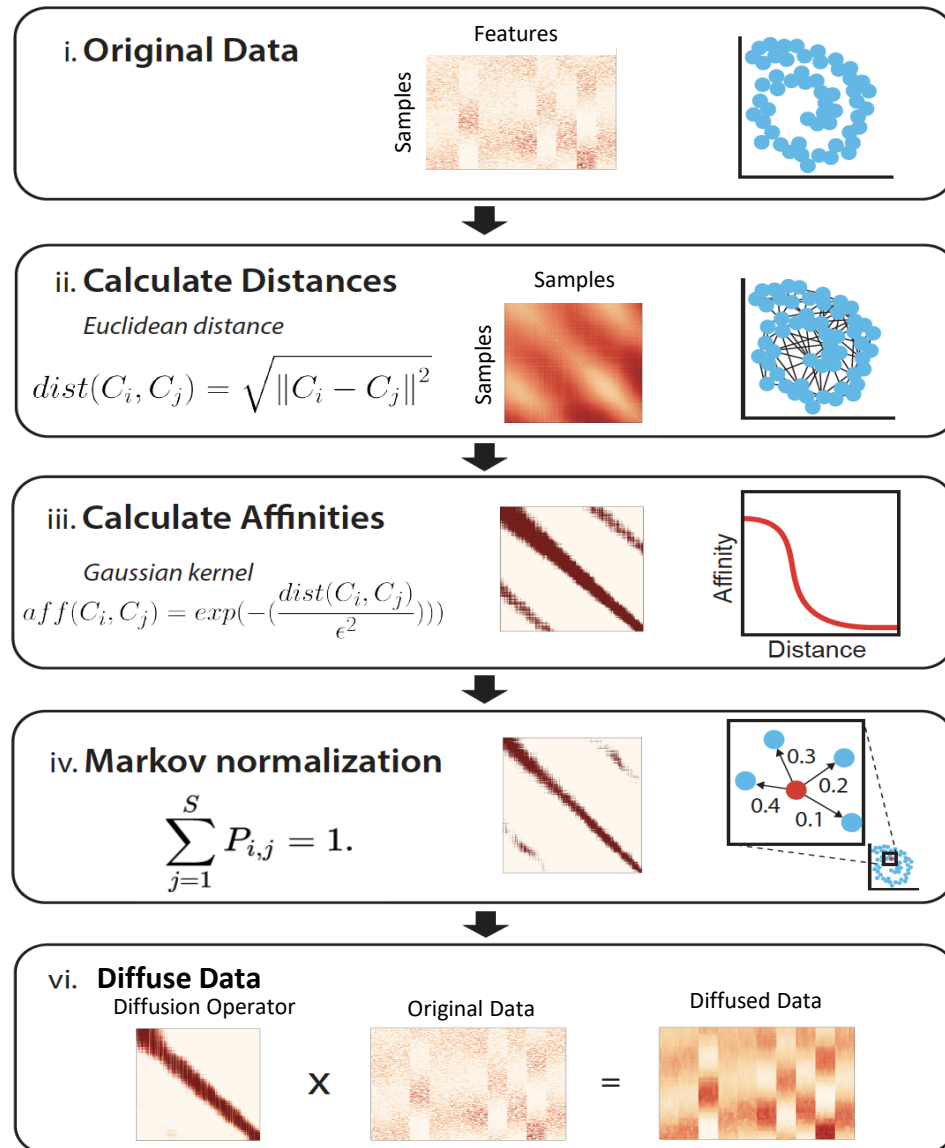


K-means graph spectra

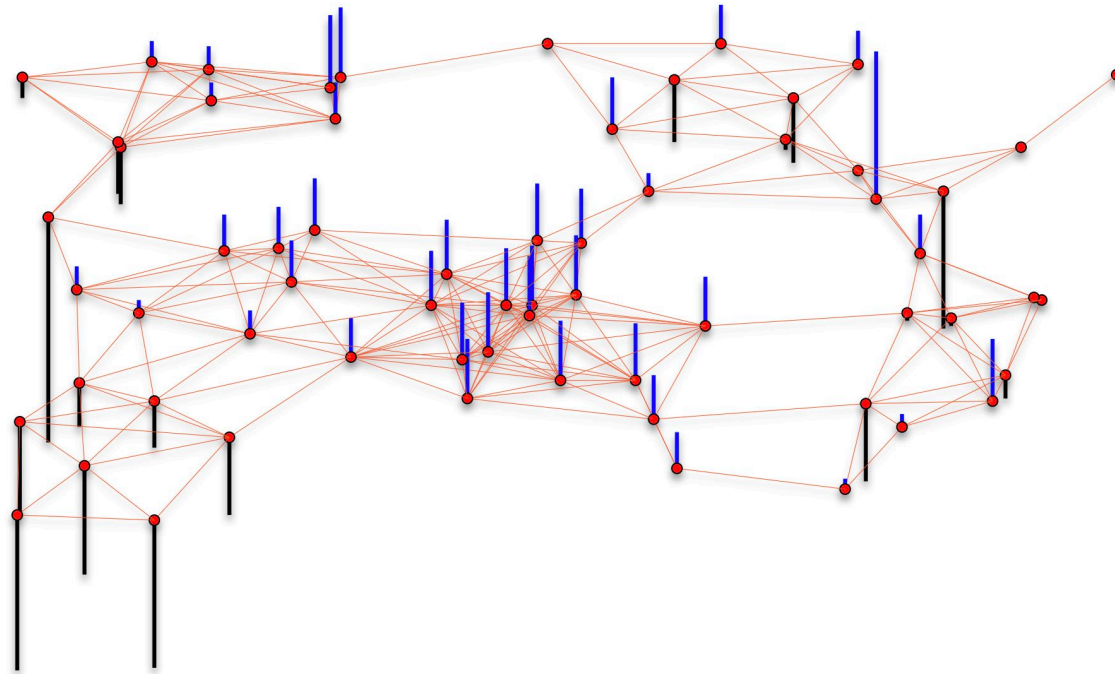


K-means on a raw data

Diffusion Filtration

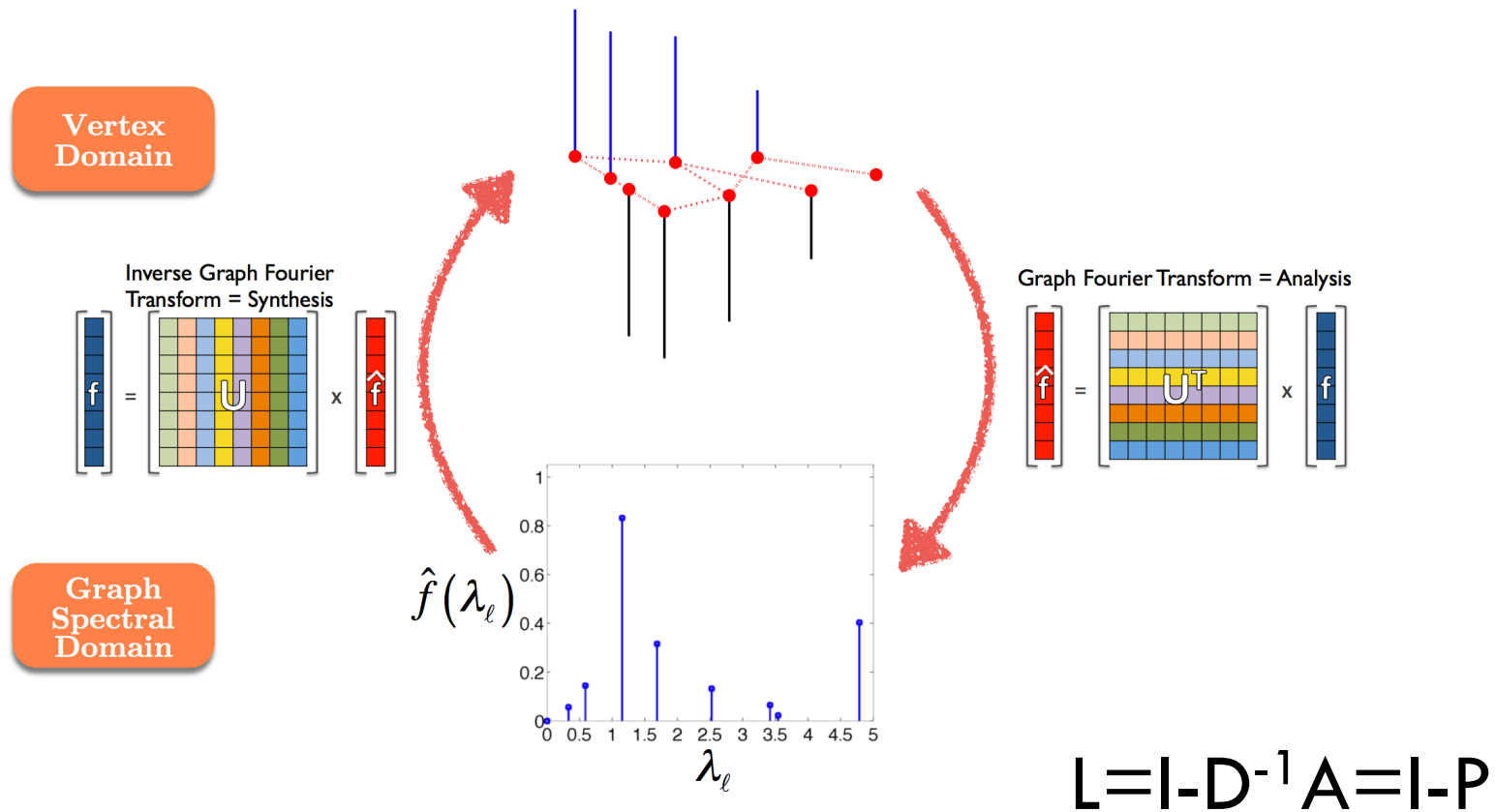


Creating a graph of the points



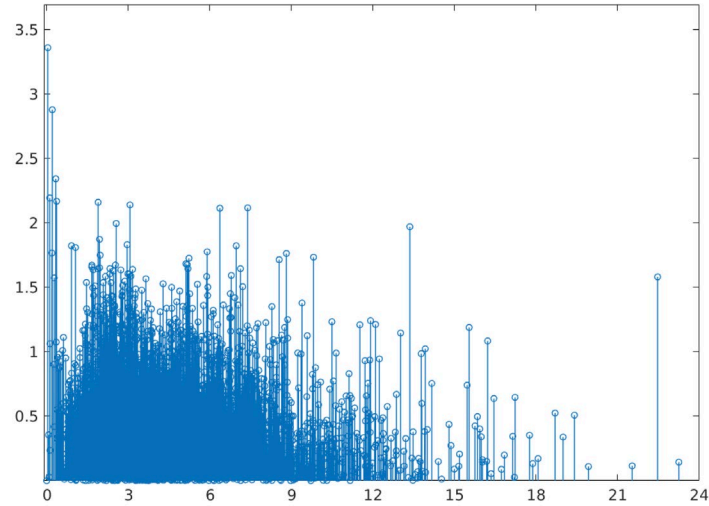
Features/coordinates are vertex features

Graph Fourier Transform

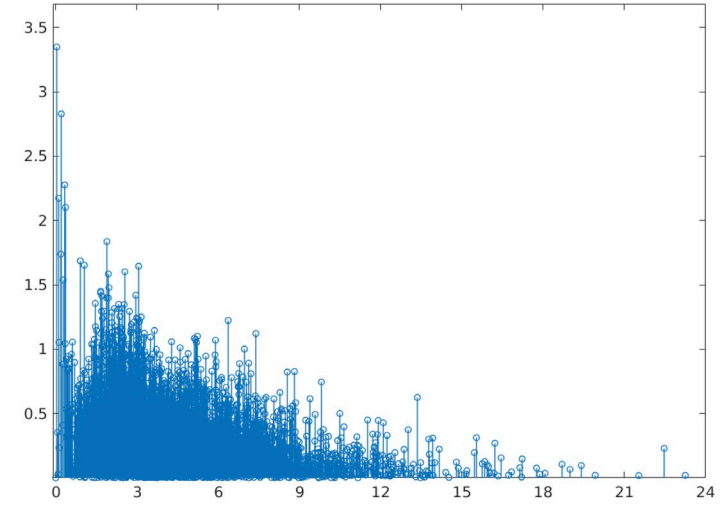


(Shuman et al. 2013)

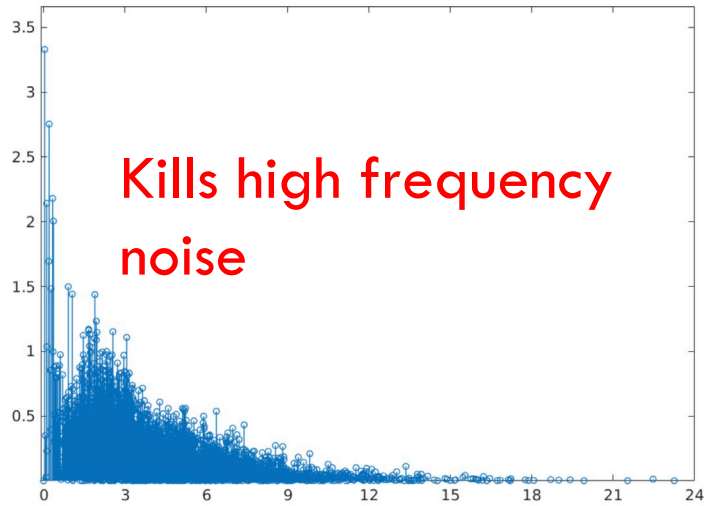
Diffusion performs low pass filter



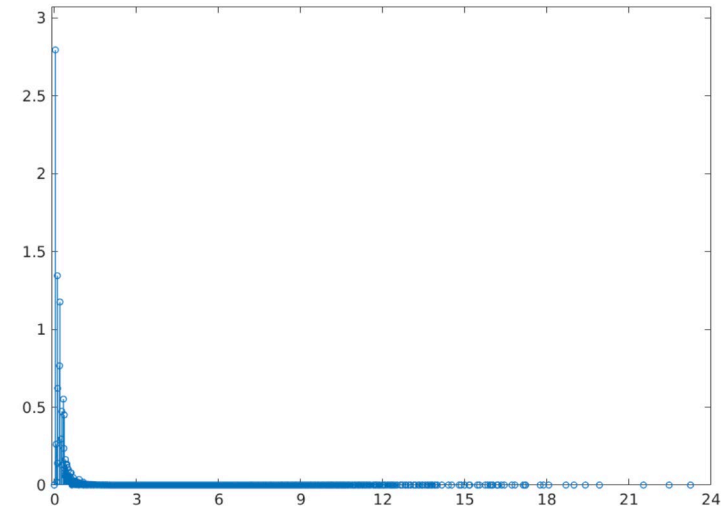
No Smoothing



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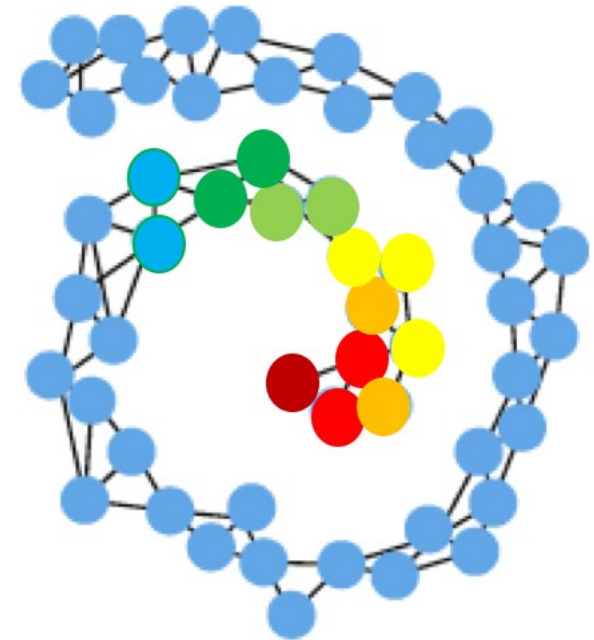
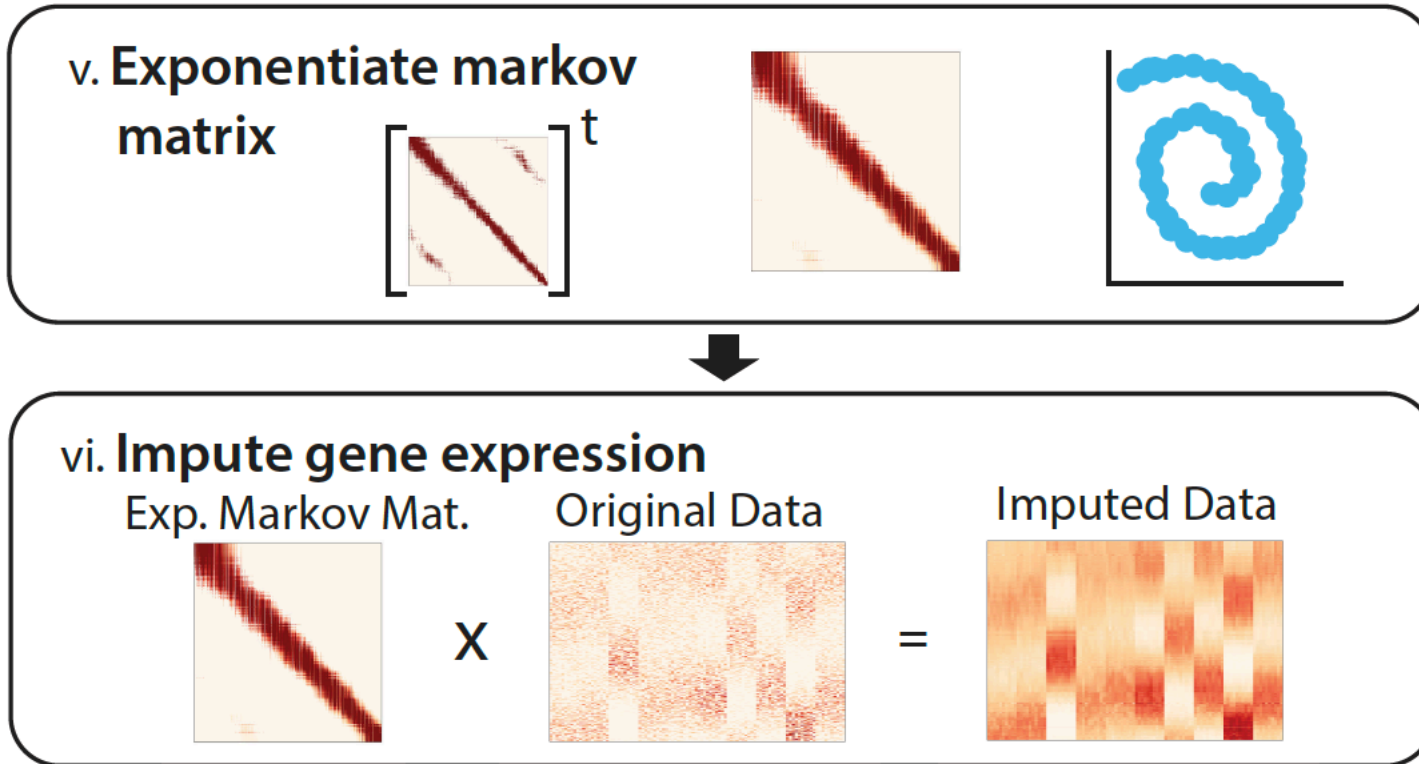


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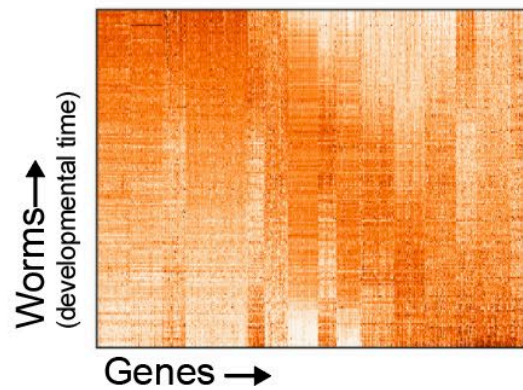
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Smoothing in the spatial domain

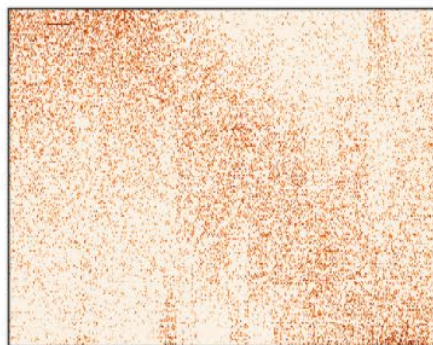


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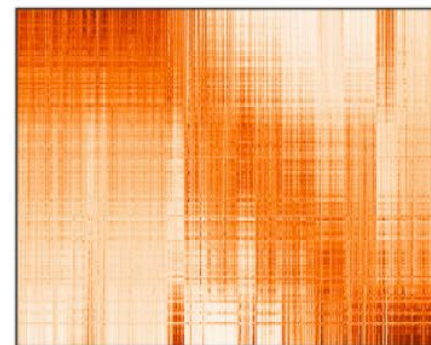
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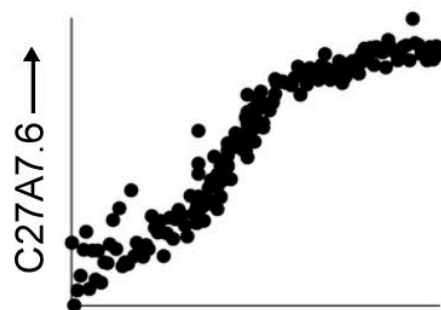
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Imputed with MAGIC

**C.**

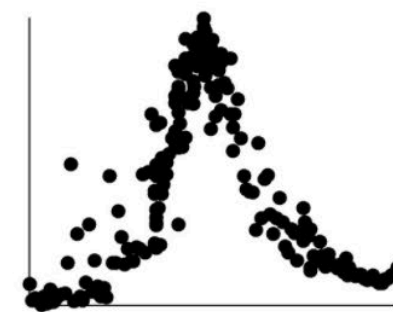
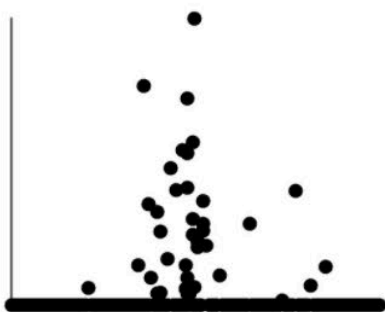
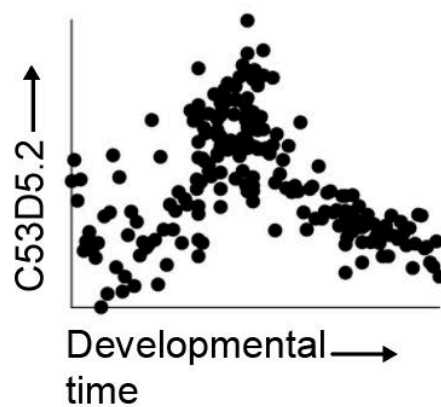
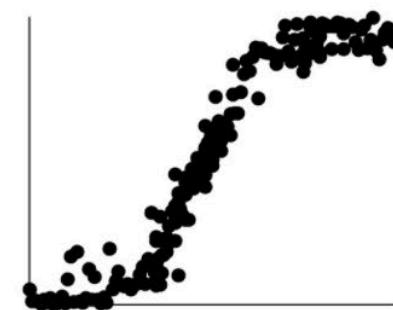
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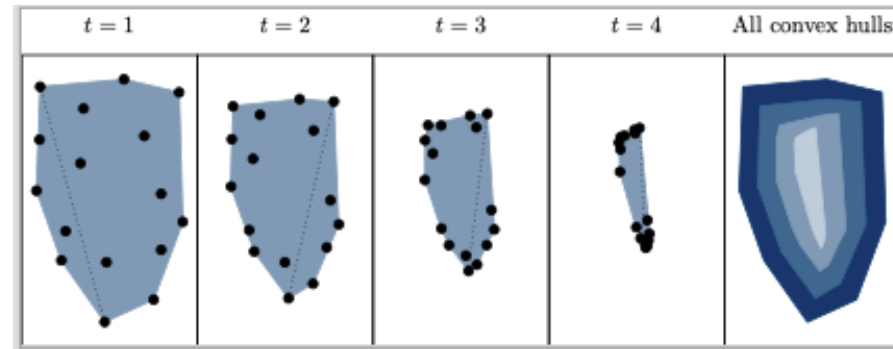
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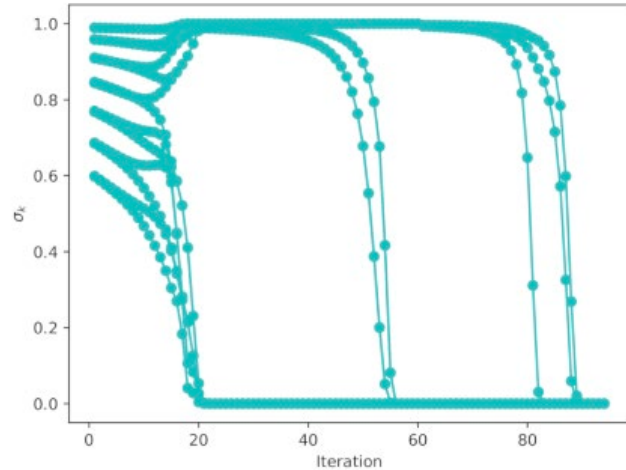


Points eventually converge



- Application of a **positive diffusion operator** to a datapoint makes it a convex combination of the points in the dataset, and thus it goes into the interior of the current data convex hull
- → The convex hull shrink
- Shrinks at a rate proportional to ∂ which is the smallest value in the kernel

Spectral Convergence



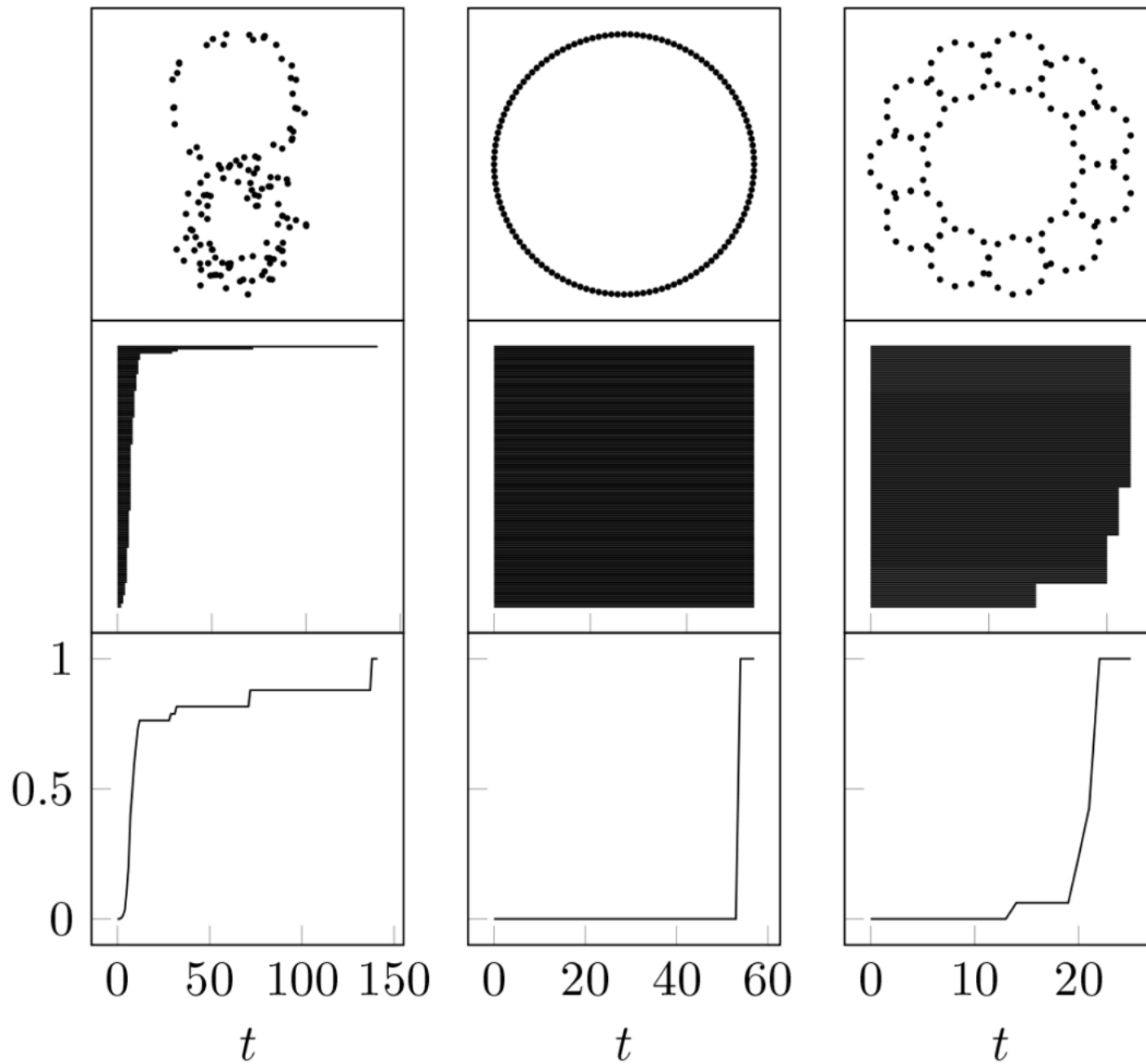
Lemma For the operator \mathbf{P}_t and its second largest eigenvalue $\lambda_{t,2}$, we have the following bound on the norm of $H_t(\mathbf{P}_t f)$

$$\|H_t(\mathbf{P}_t f)\|_{d_t} \leq \lambda_{t,2} \|H_t(f)\|_{d_t},$$

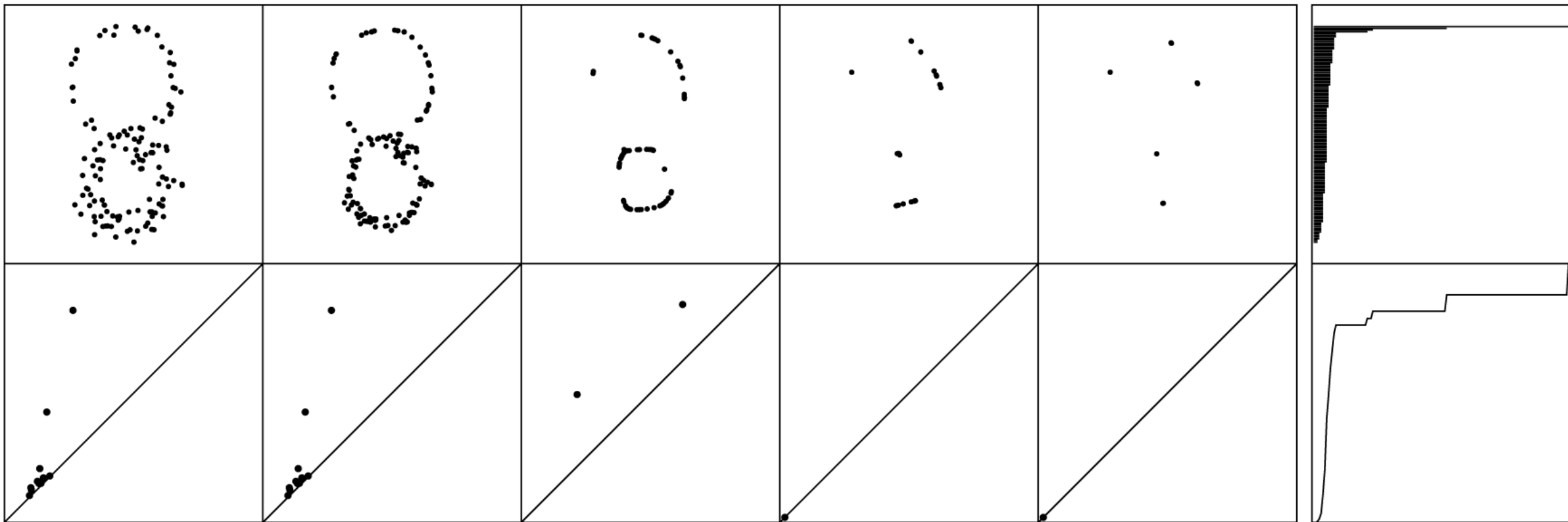
for all functions $f \in \mathbb{R}^N$.

- When the diffusion operator is applied to a function (i.e., here the features of data, the first non-trivial eigenvalue (also called Fiedler value) is a bound on the resultant magnitude
- We can just **select** the bandwidth of the diffusion kernel such that the Fiedler value is bounded away from 1!

Condensation Homology



VR Homology (sequence)

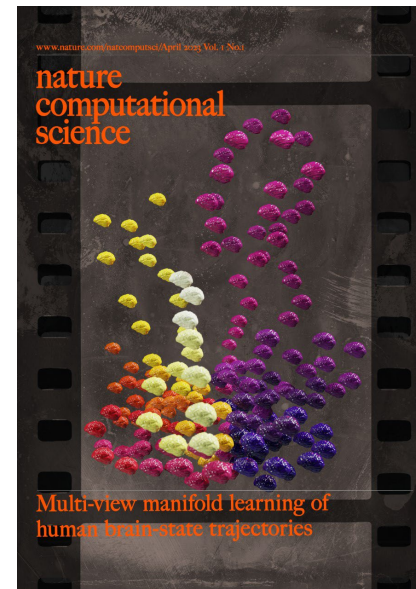


(a)

(b)

PHATE/C-PHATE/T-PHATE

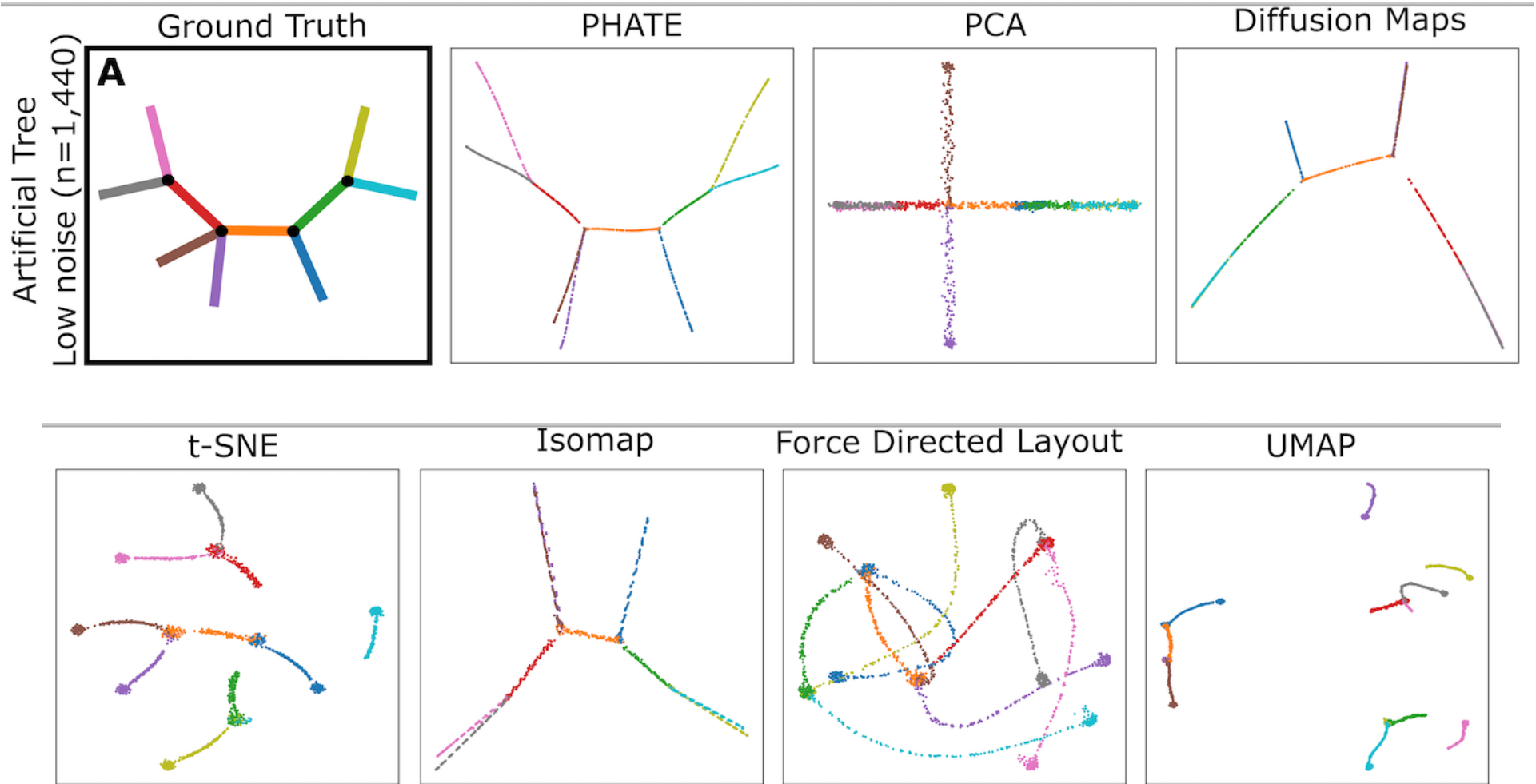
(Moon K et al. Nature Biotechnology 2019,
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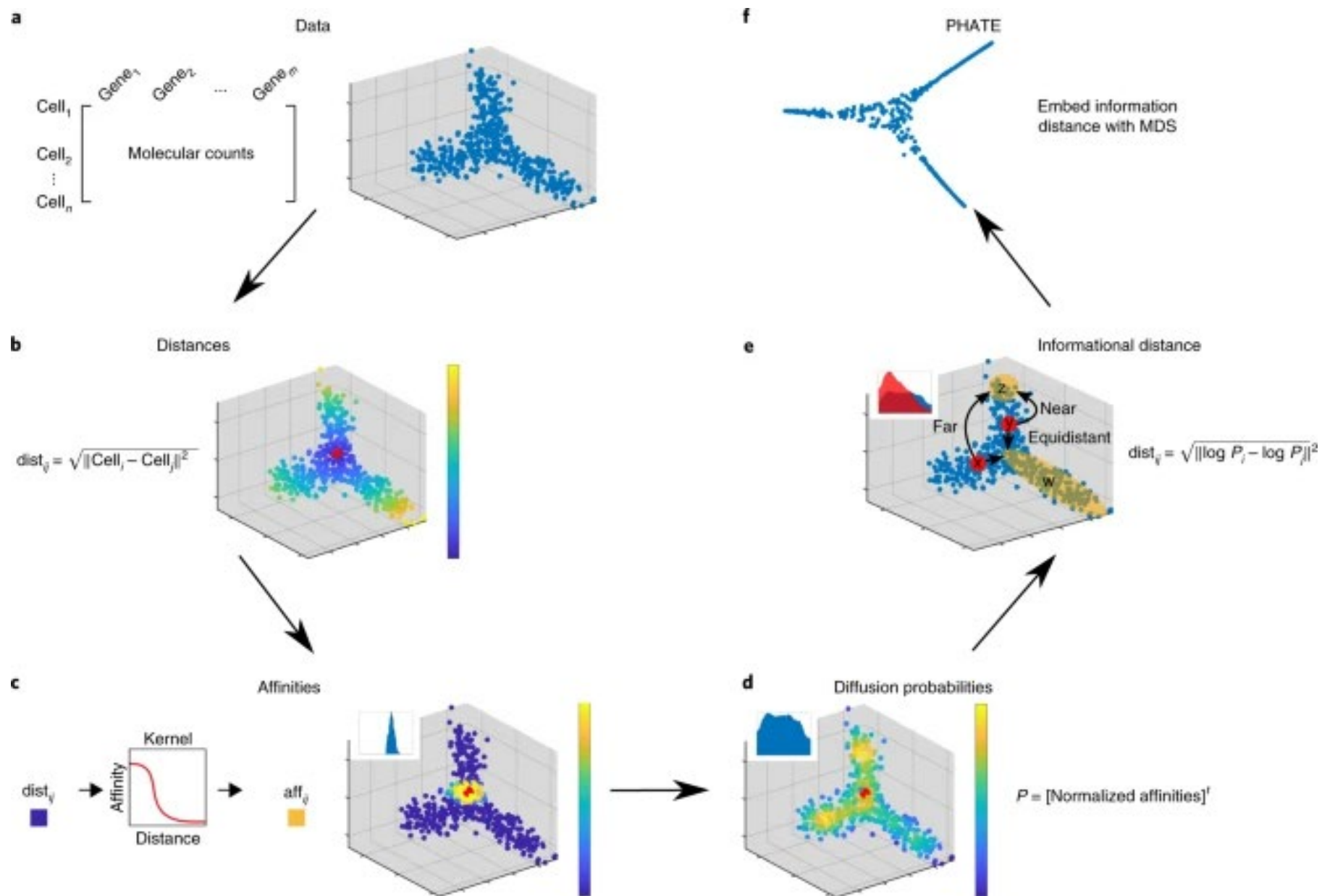
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Main idea: a metric-preserving dimensionality reduction algorithm that naturally emphasizes trajectory structure

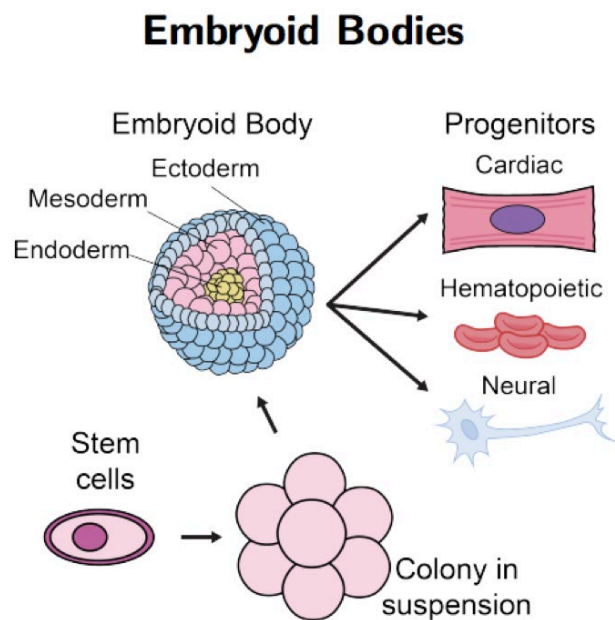
Structure/Geometry Preservation



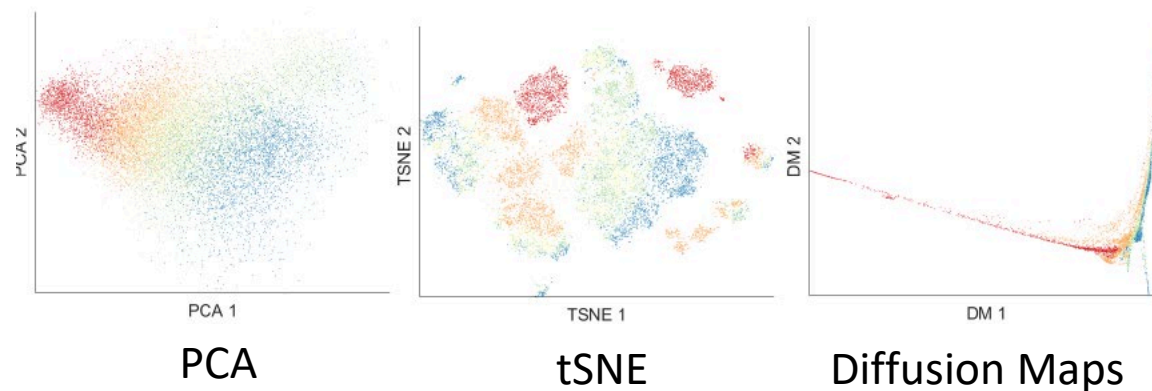
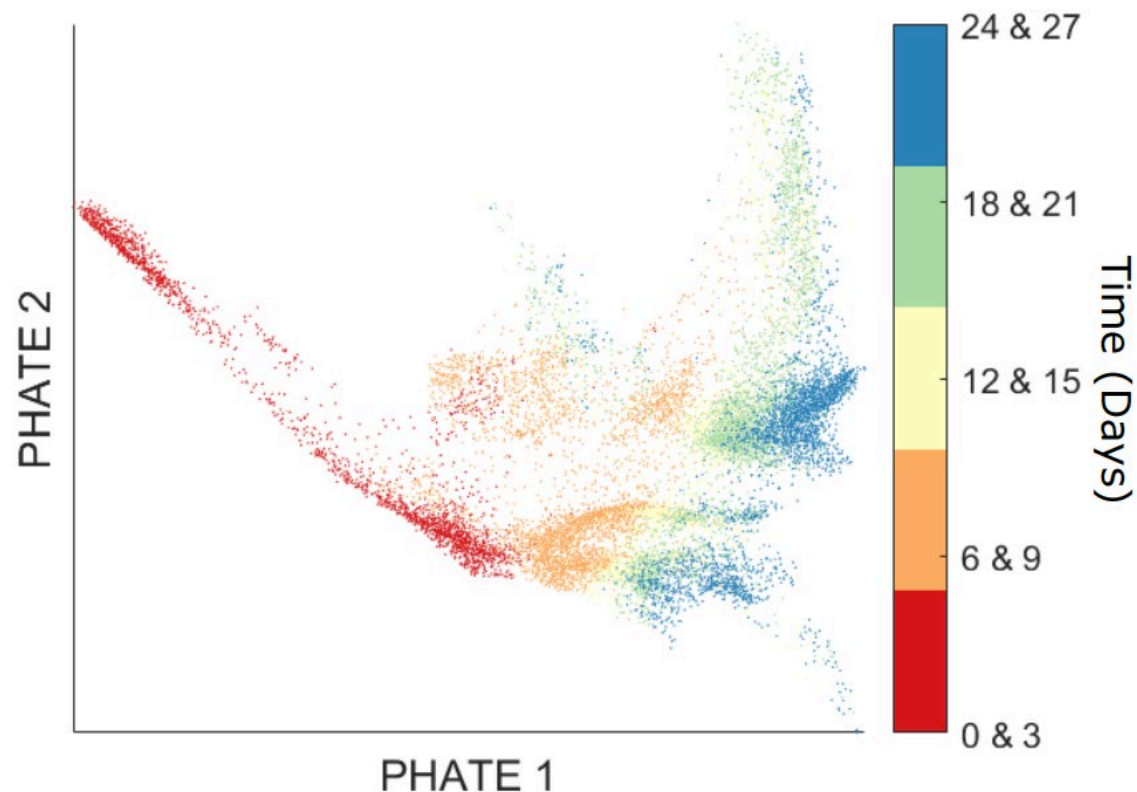
The PHATE Algorithm



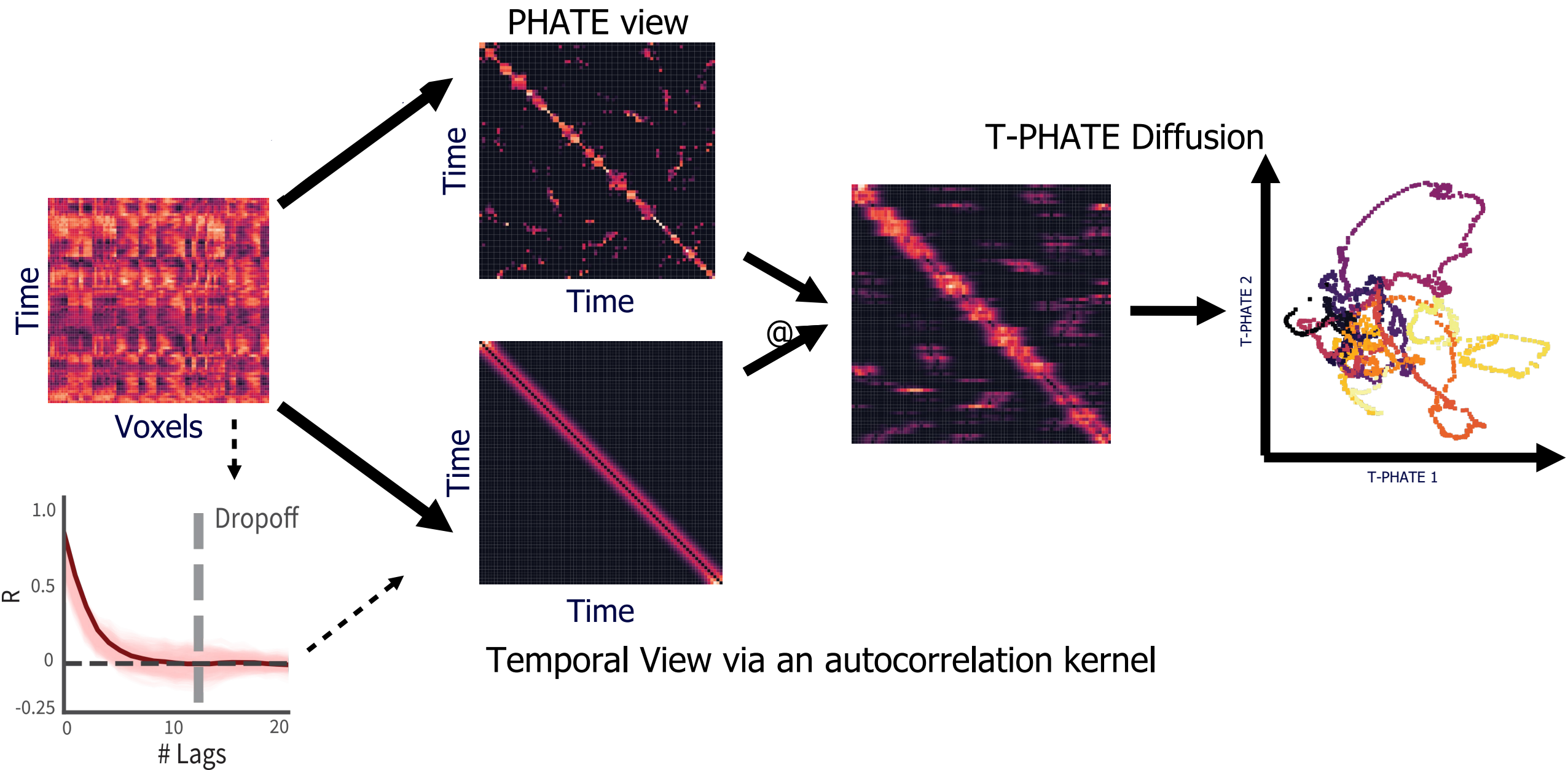
Stem Cell Development



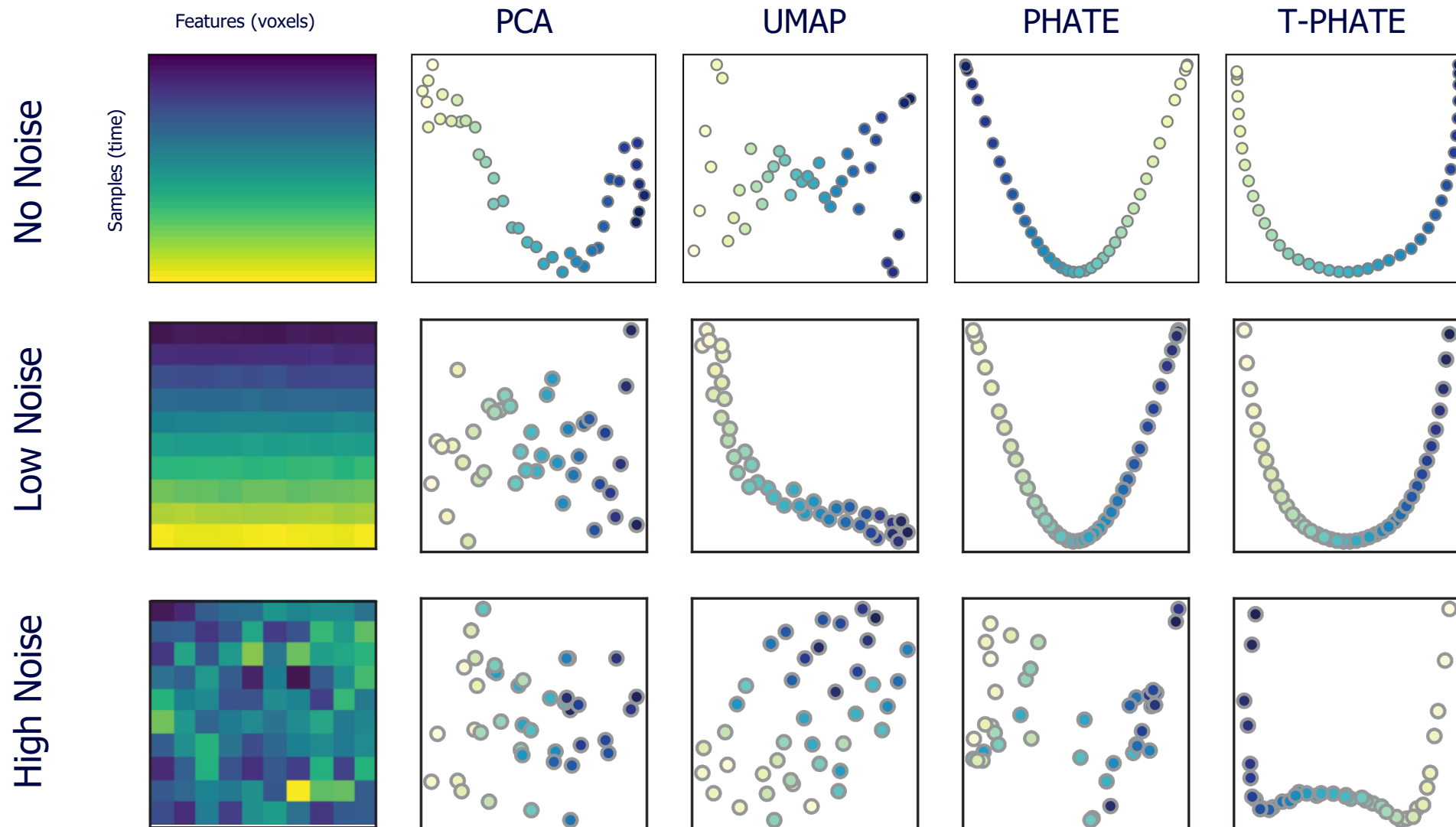
27 day
time course
→
scRNA-seq



Temporal PHATE

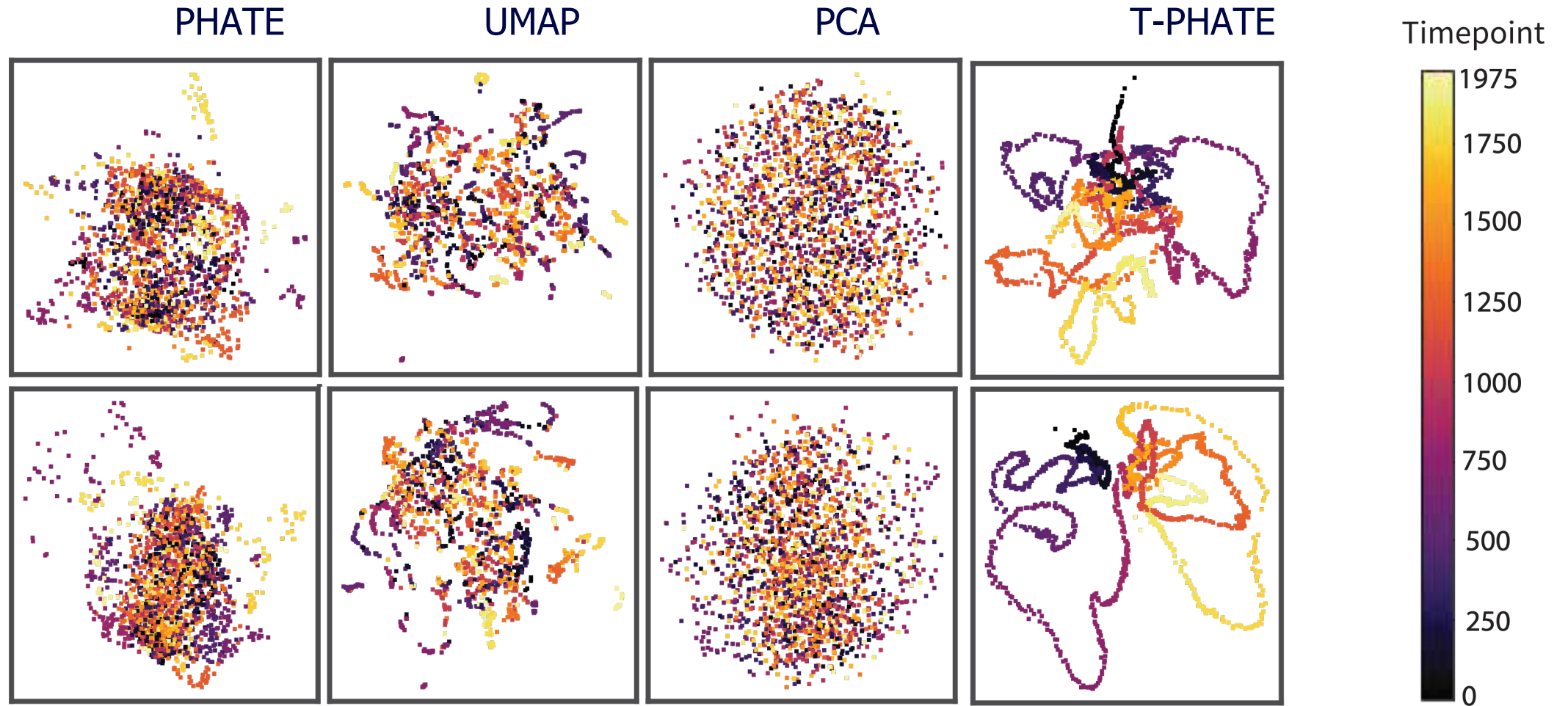


Manifold preservation

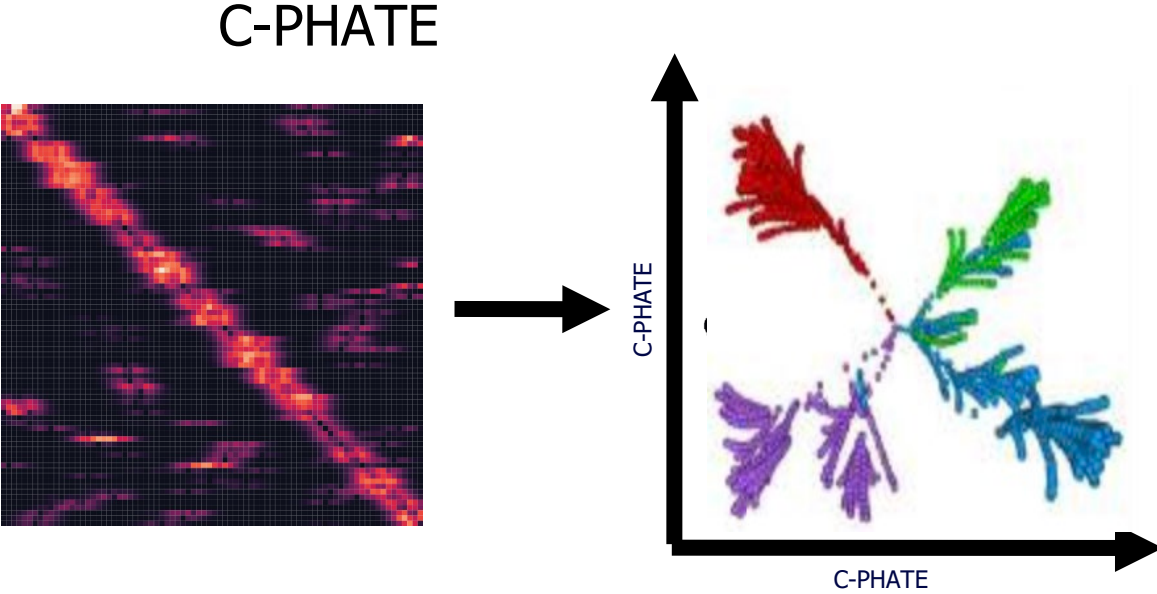
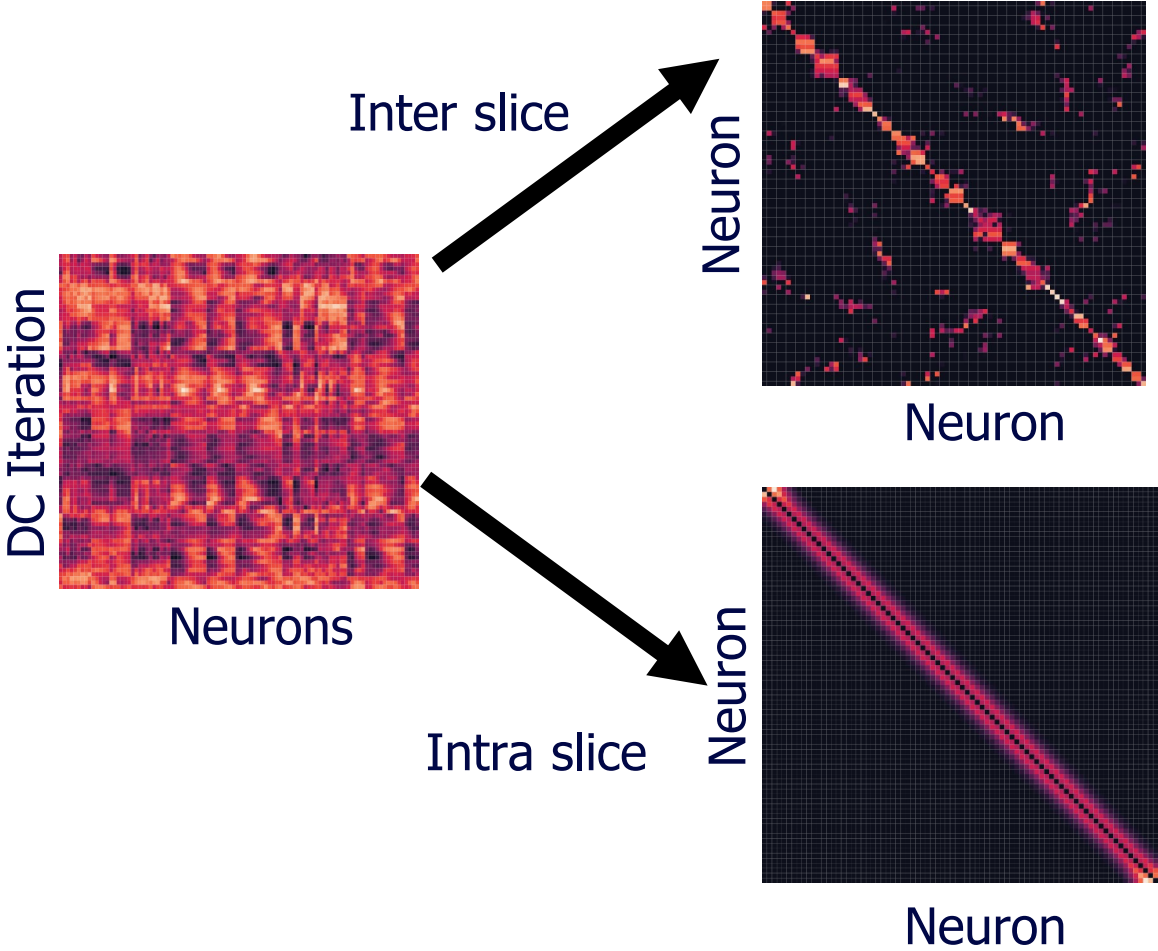


Comparison of techniques

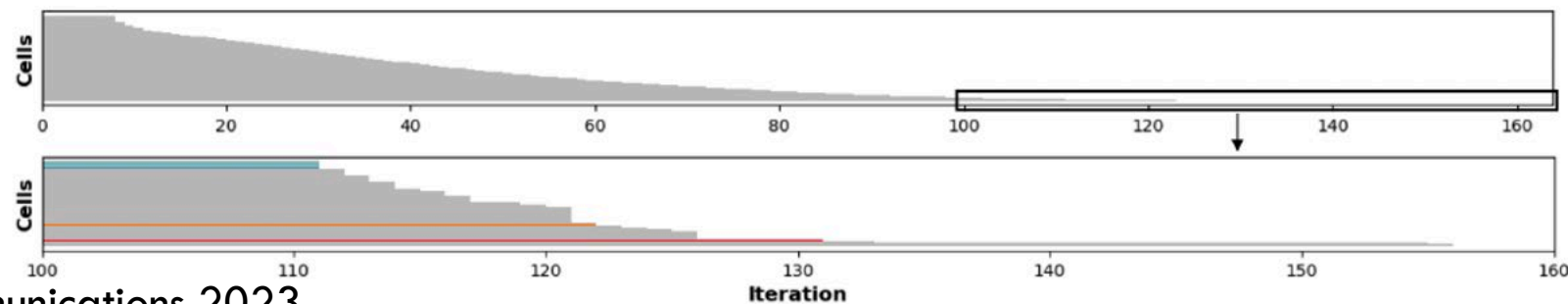
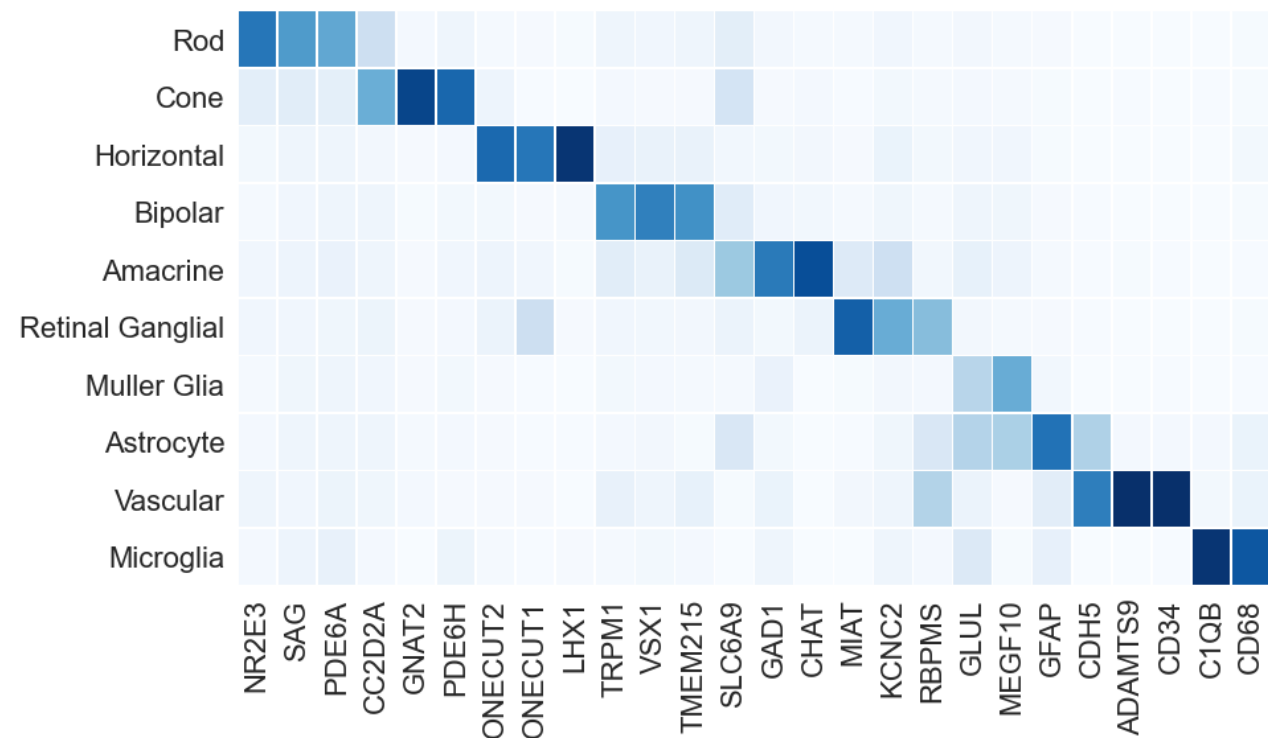
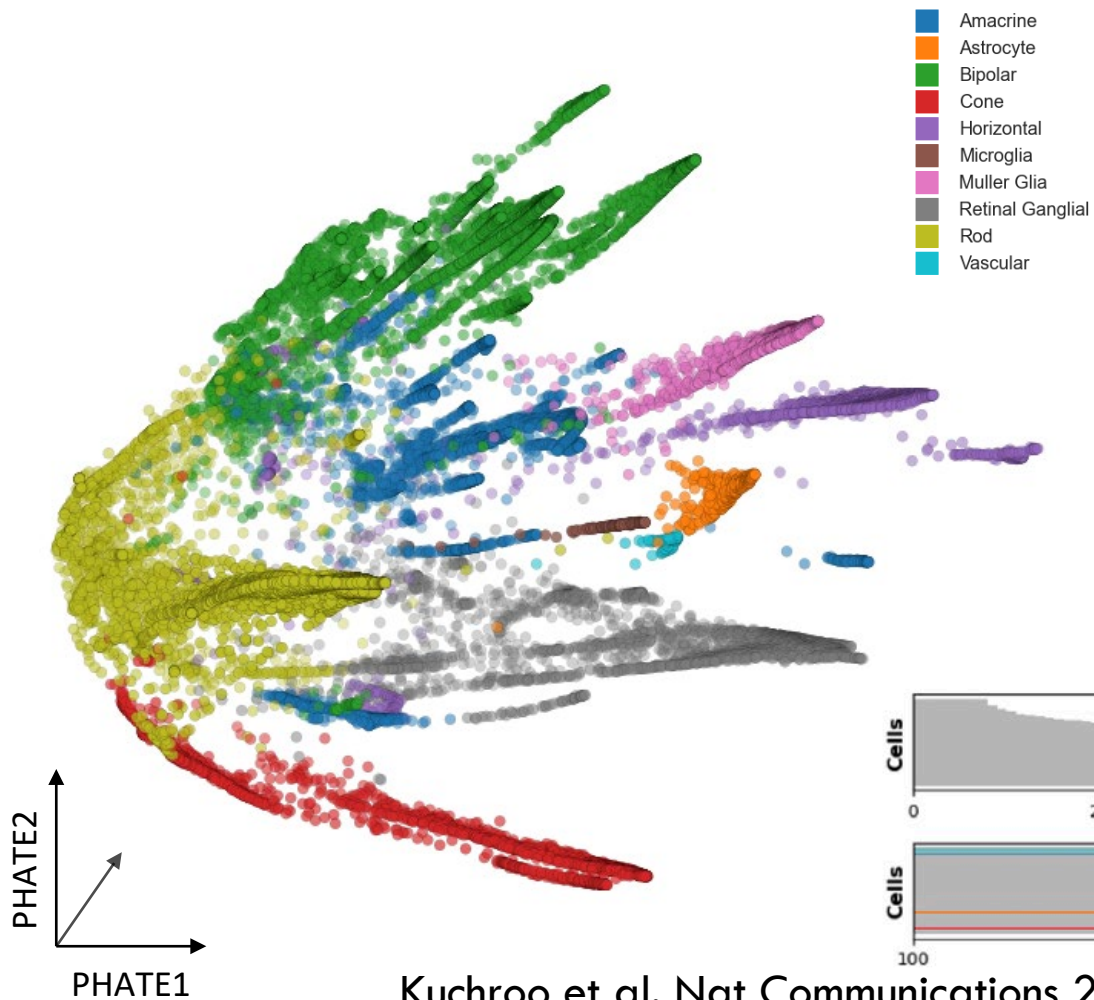
Embeddings of multi-voxel response patterns for a single subject during movie viewing



C-PHATE

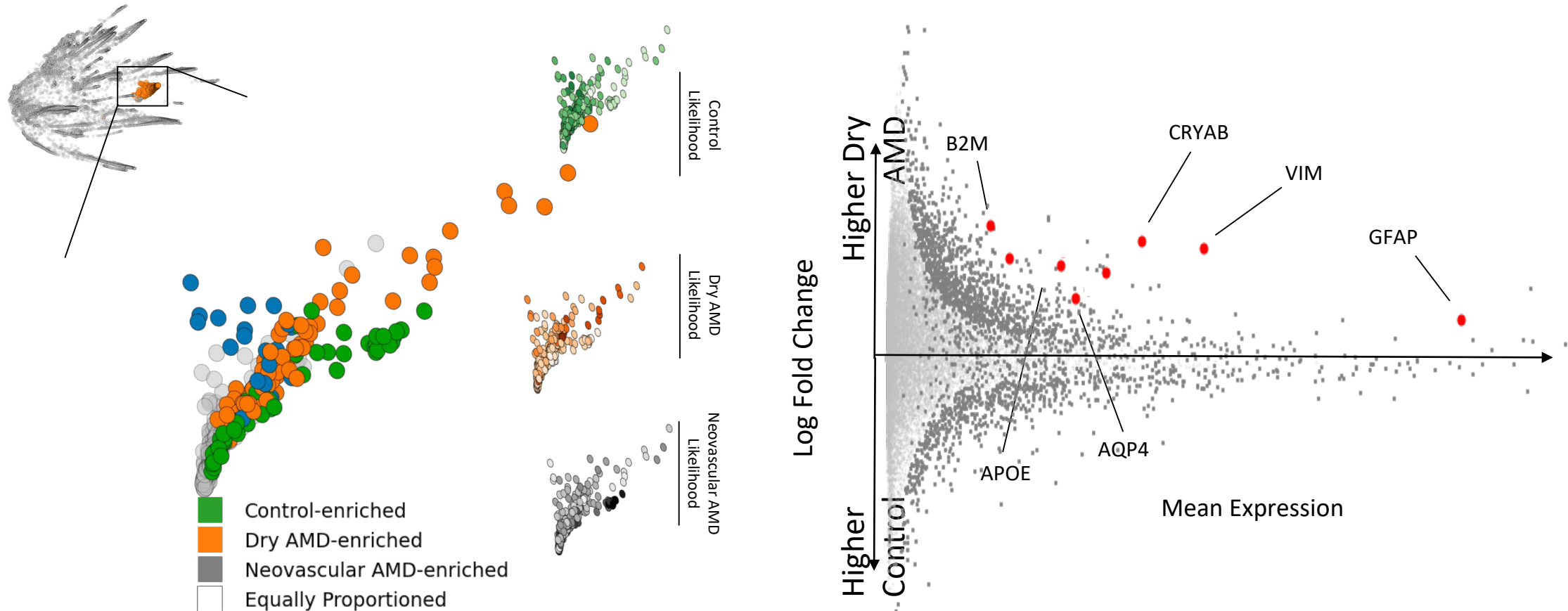


Cellular analysis on retinal cells

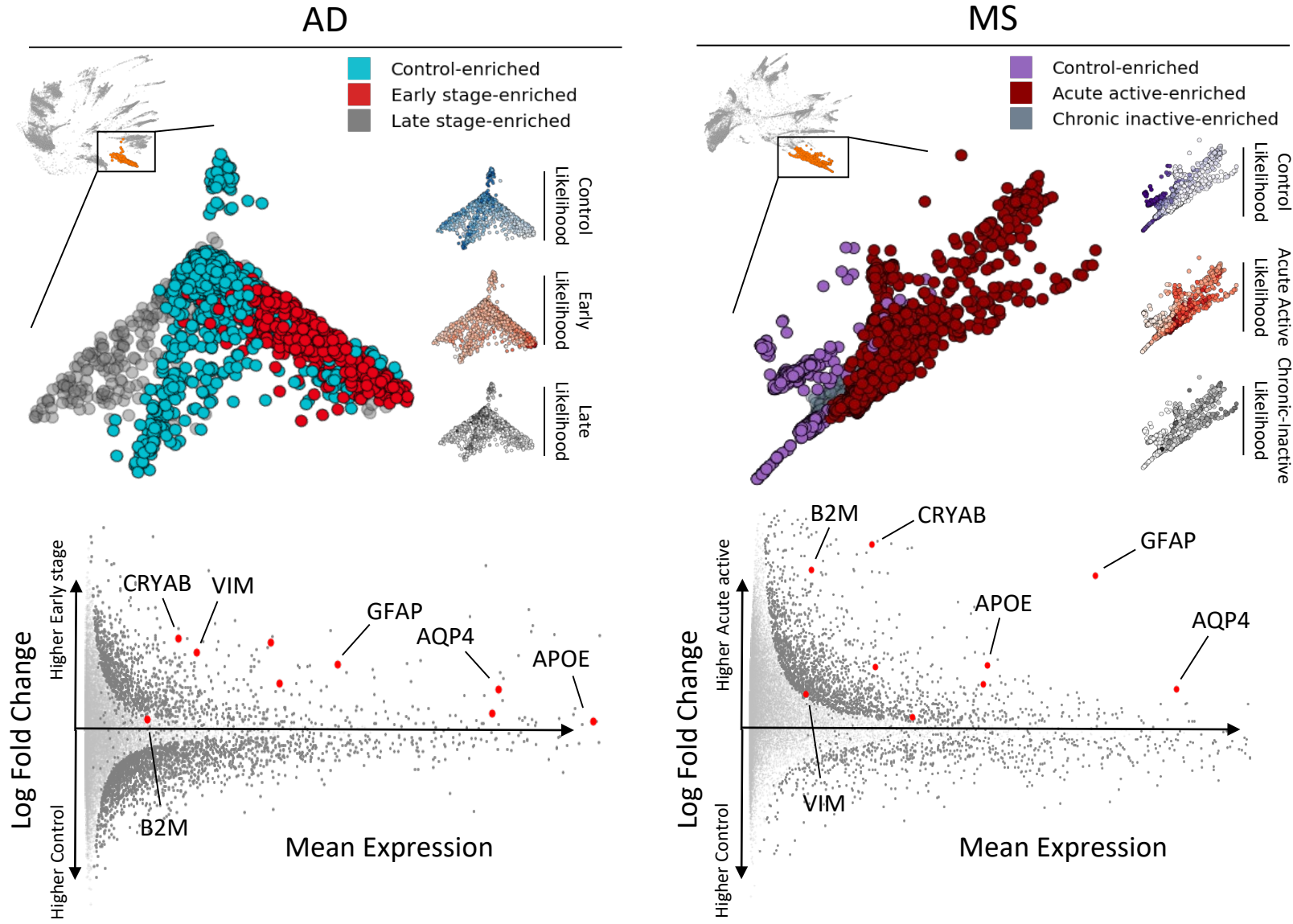


Kuchroo et al. Nat Communications 2023

Identification of activated astrocyte state enriched for each AMD phase



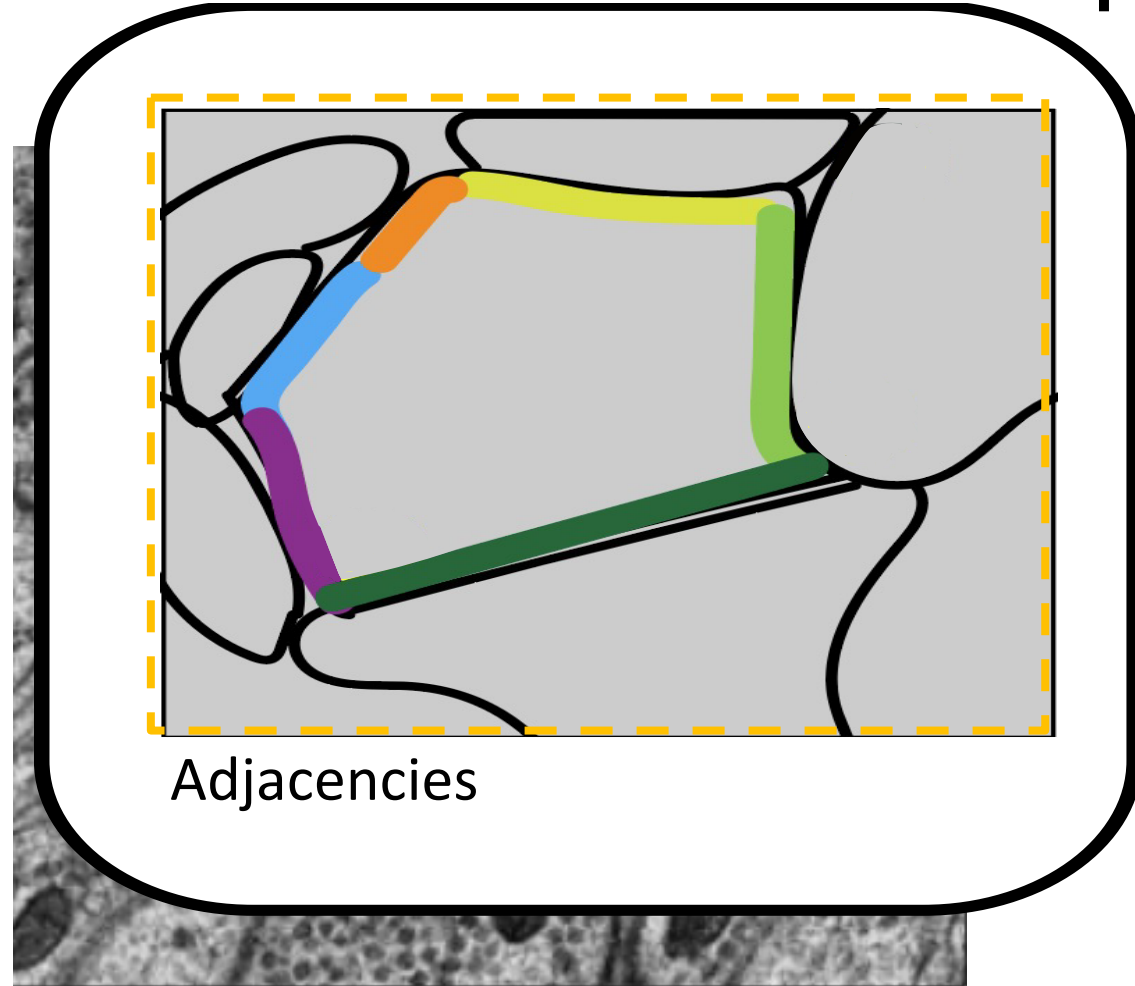
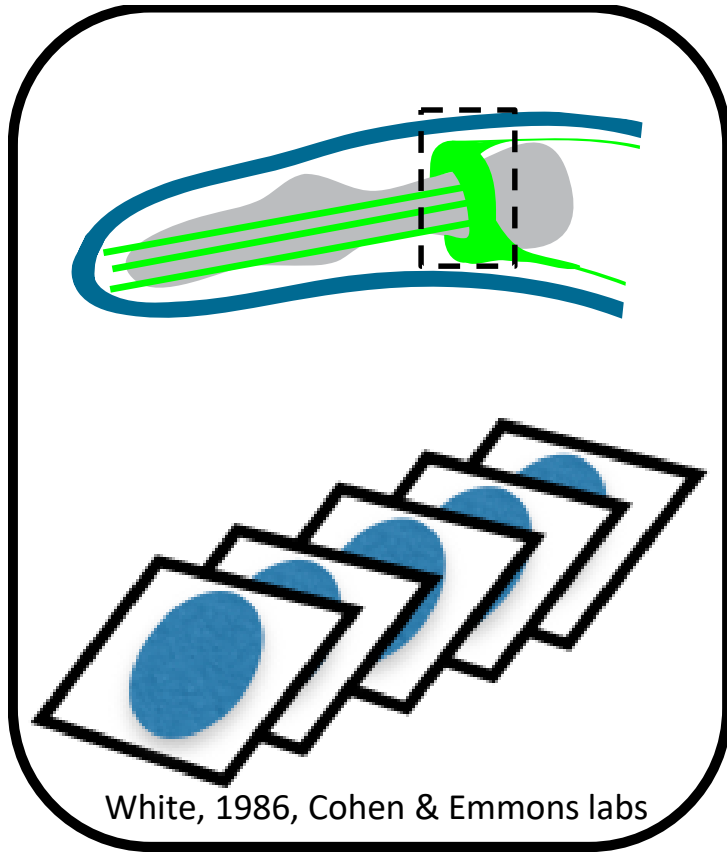
Activated astrocyte state enriched across early neurodegenerative diseases



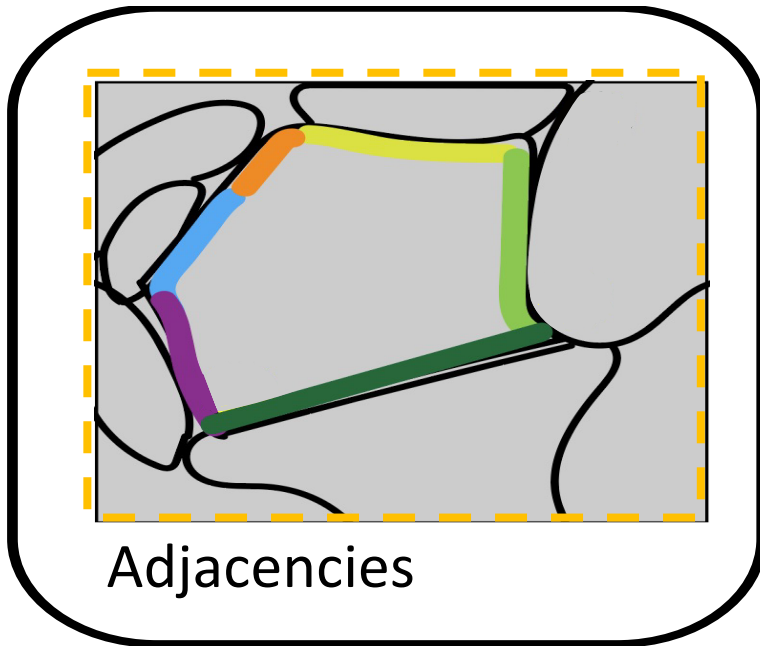
C elegans Neuropil

- Nerve ring or neuropil contains 181 neurons
- Lineage and morphology are known
- Structural principles of organization are unknown
- Studying this with $>100,000$ instances of neurite-neurite contacts from EM images
- Why contacts rather than synapses?
 - To focus on both structural and functional reasons for organization

Using EM to Understand Neuron Relationships



Applying Diffusion Condensation to Worm Brain Adjacency

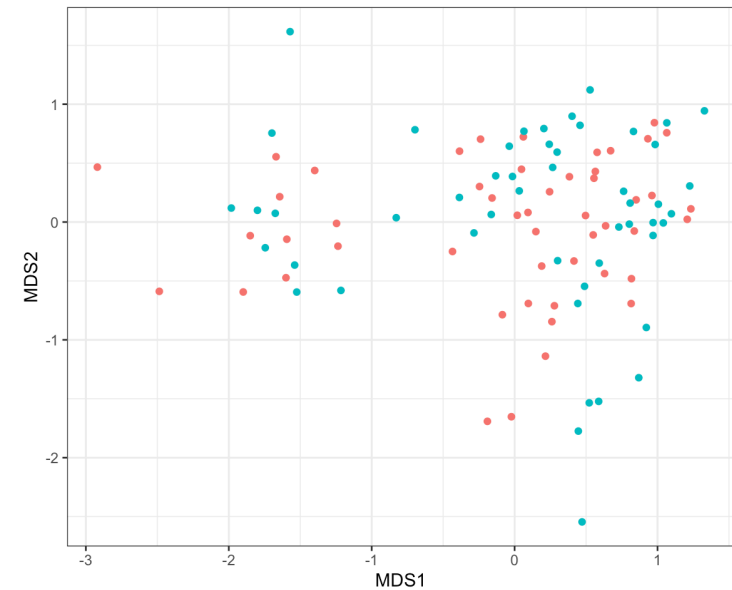
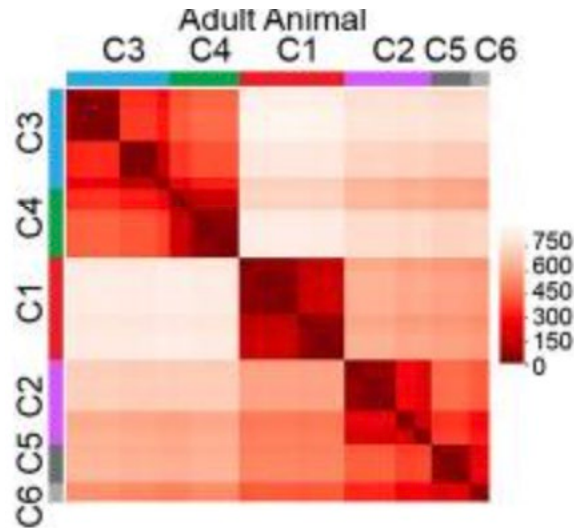


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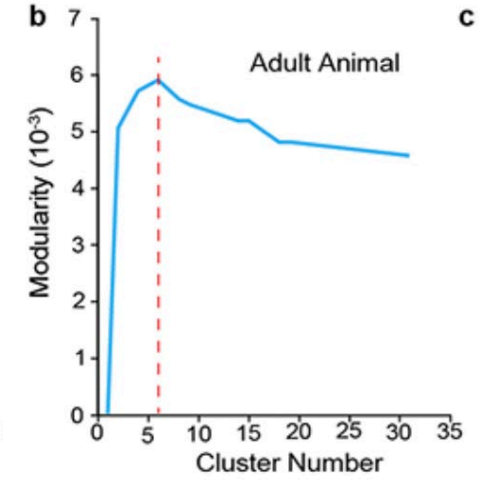
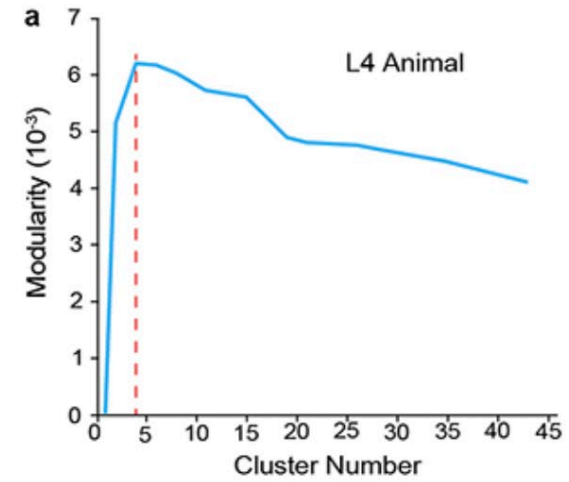
Extent of contact between pairs of neurons create adjacency matrix

Contact-based “coordinates” for neurons

- Use *MDS* to go from contact adjacencies to coordinates
- In the “spectral view” these are features of the vertices



Highest modularity level (4-clusters)



Stratum 1

Total: 45

CEP (4)
IL1 (6)
IL2 (6)
OLL (2)
OLQ (4)
RIA (2)
RIH (1)
RIP (2)
RMDD (2)
RMDV (2)
RME (4)
URA (4)
URB (2)
URY (4)

Stratum 2

Total: 39

ADE (2)
ALN (2)
AVK (2)
AVL (1)
DVC (1)
PLN (2)
PVT (1)
RIC (2)
RIV (2)
RMD (2)
RMF (2)
RMH (2)
SAA (4)
SIA (4)
SIBD (2)
SMB (4)
SMD (4)

Stratum 3

Total: 43

ADA (2)
ADL (2)
AIM (2)
ALA (1)
ALM (2)
AQR (1)
ASH (2)
ASJ (2)
ASK (2)
AVB (2)
AVD (2)
AVF (2)
AVH (2)
AVJ (2)
AVM (1)
BDU (2)
DVA (1)
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RID (1)
RIF (2)

Stratum 4

Total: 24

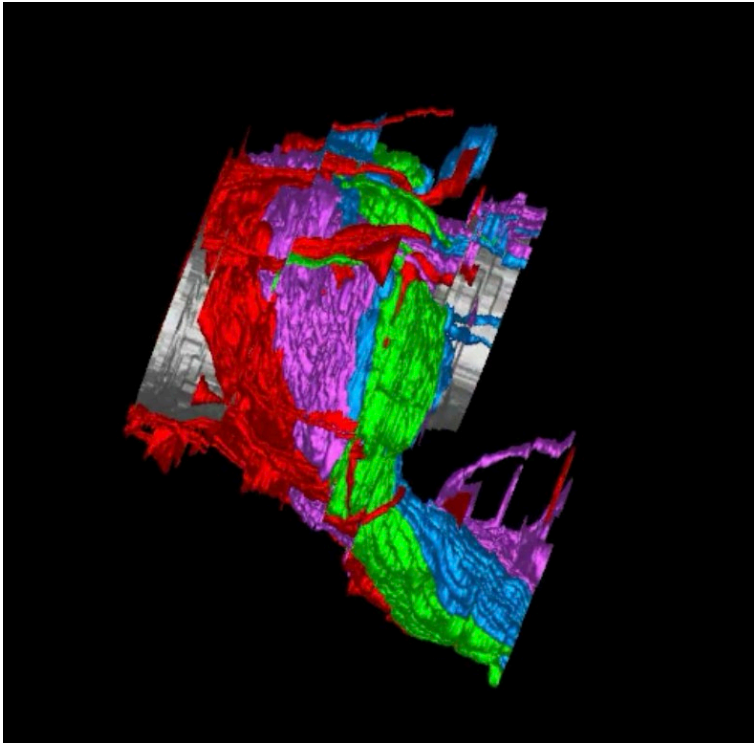
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AIA (2)
AIN (2)
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AWC (2)
BAG (2)

Unassigned

Total: 30

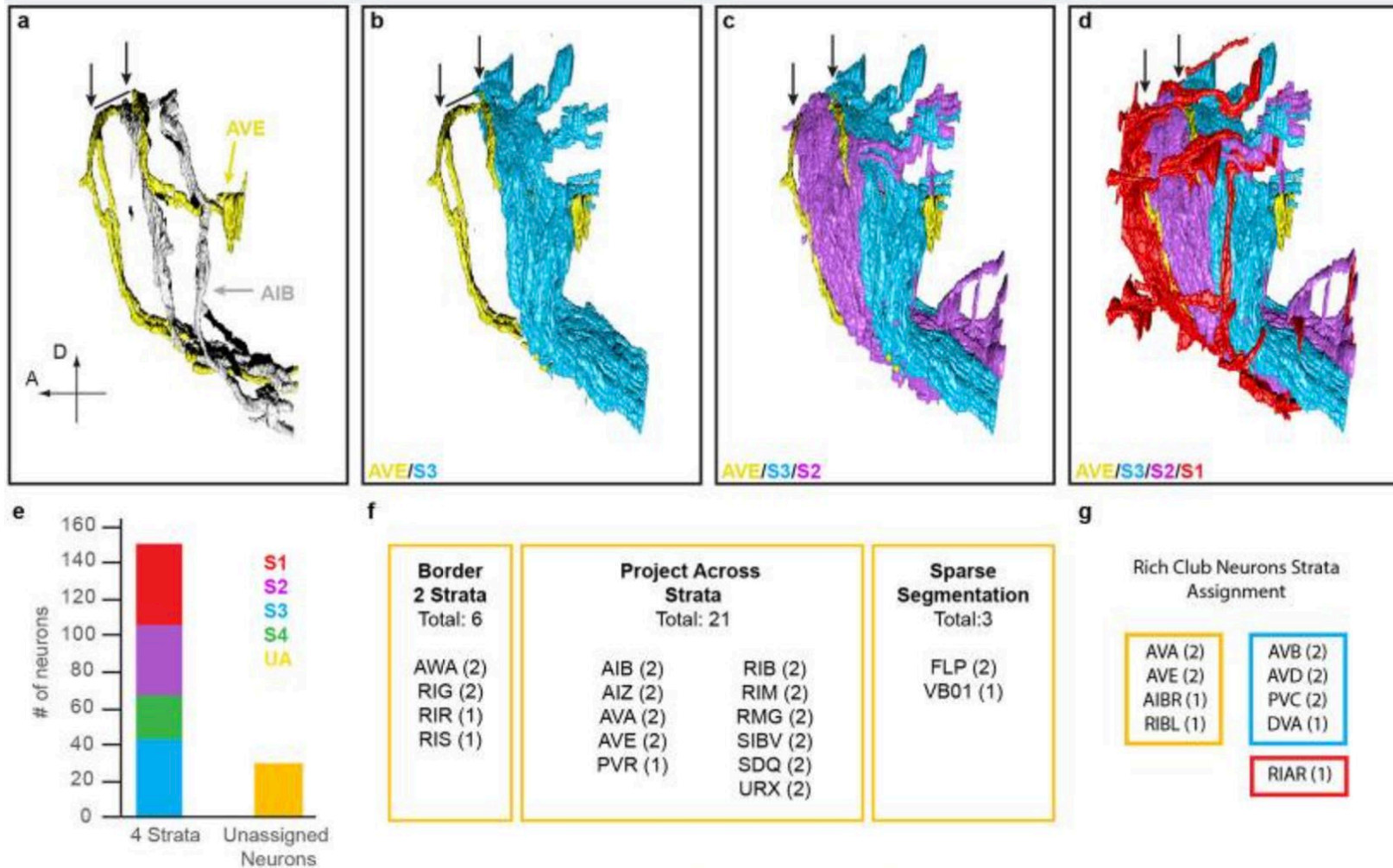
AIB (2)
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RIG (2)
RIM (2)
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URX (2)
VB01 (1)

Anatomical Significance

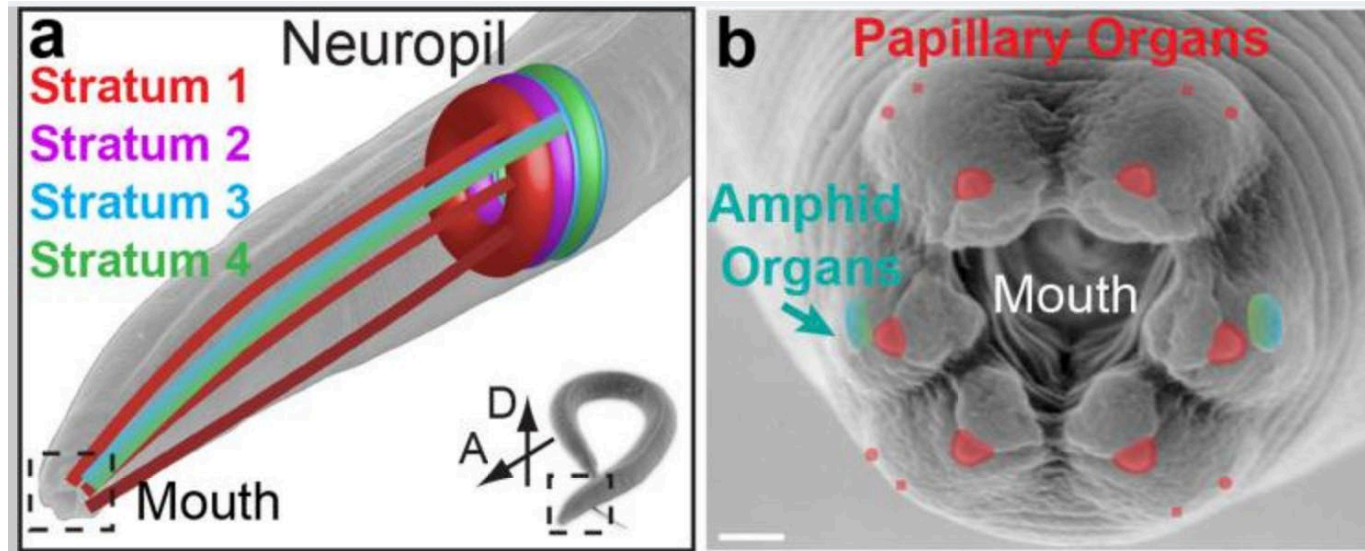


- These four layers or strata stack along the anterior-posterior axis of the animal, encircling the pharynx isthmus
- Image looks “tightly bundled”
- Computational method indicates separation into 4

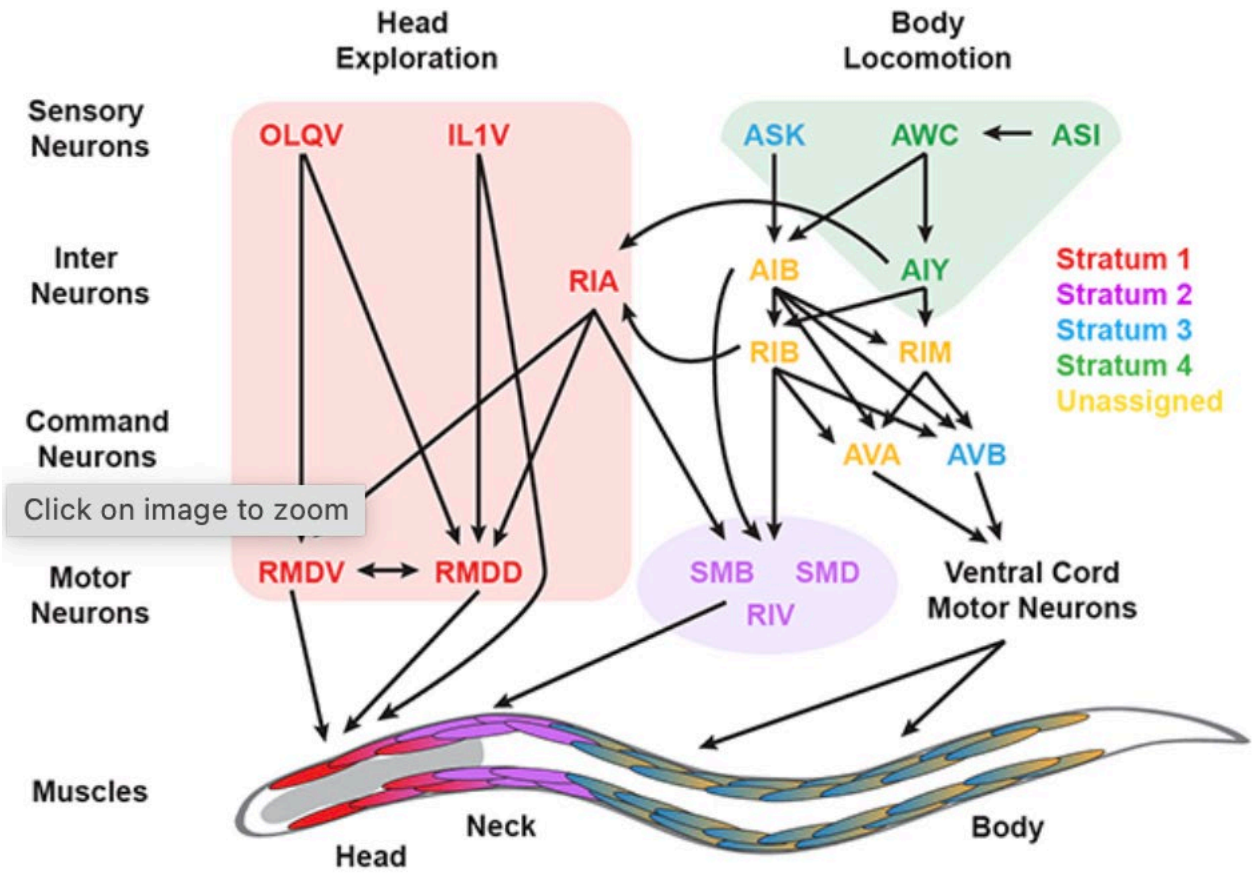
Structural Encasing



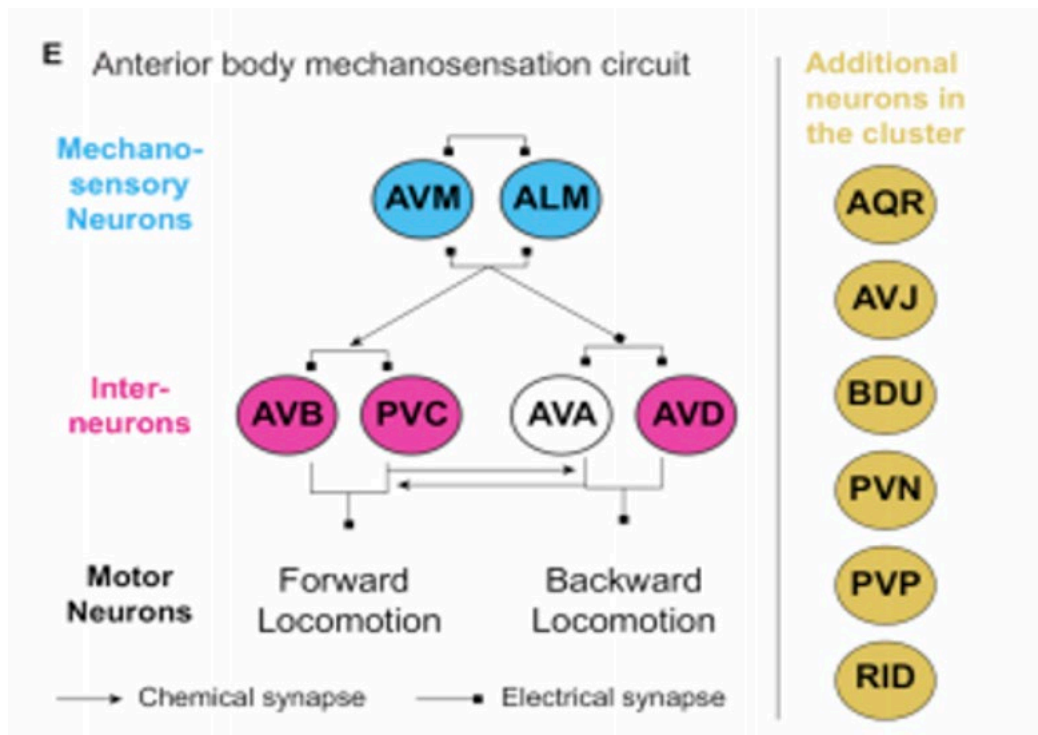
Sensory separation



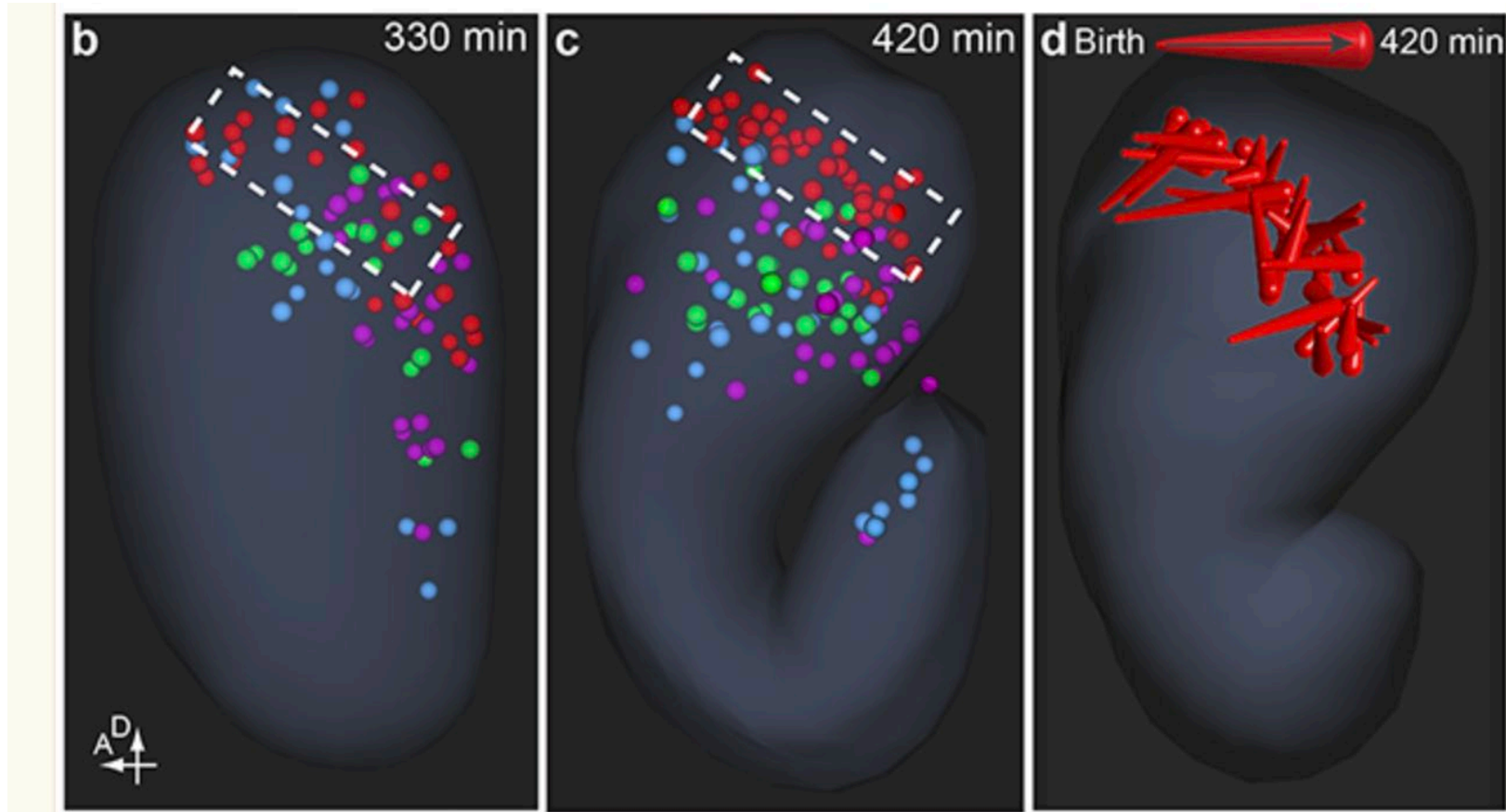
- Papillary axons project to S1 (red)
- No axons to S2 (fuschia)
- Amphidial axons to S3/4 (green/blue)
- Indicate functional segregation of sensory information in the nerve ring



- Within S1 mechanosensory circuits control head withdrawal behaviors
- These include sensory cells which go into motor neurons



Developmental ordering

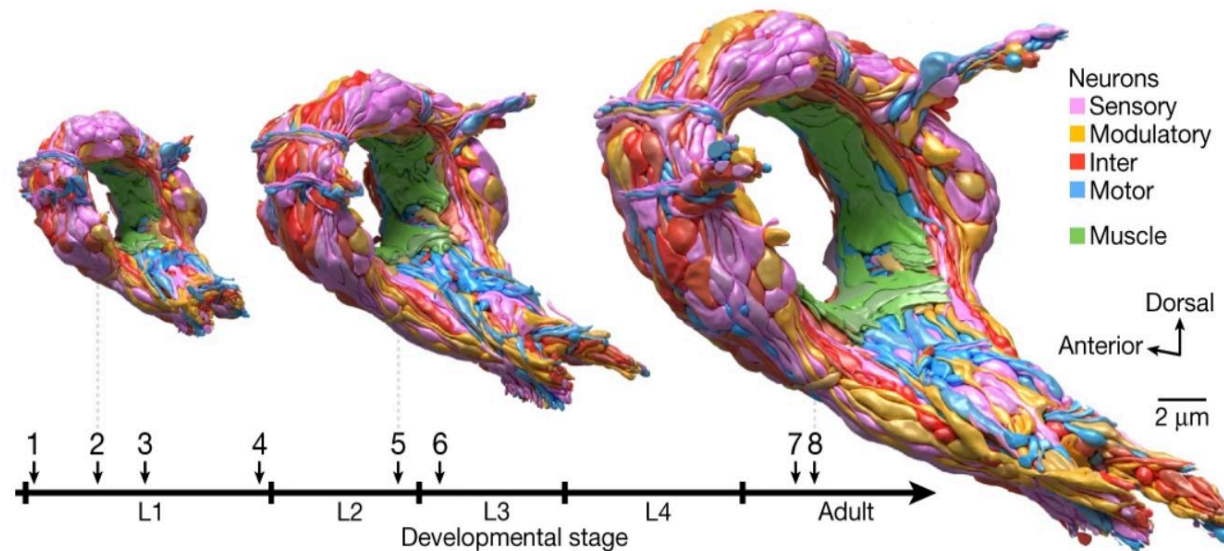


**Four dimensional in-vivo
imaging**

Cell bodies of S1 migrate to the anterior part of the embryo head
Then S2-S4 migrate to the posterior part of the head

The allometry question

- Does the brain just "scale up" over development?
- I.e., do neurons just become bigger?



Witvliet, Zhen 2021.

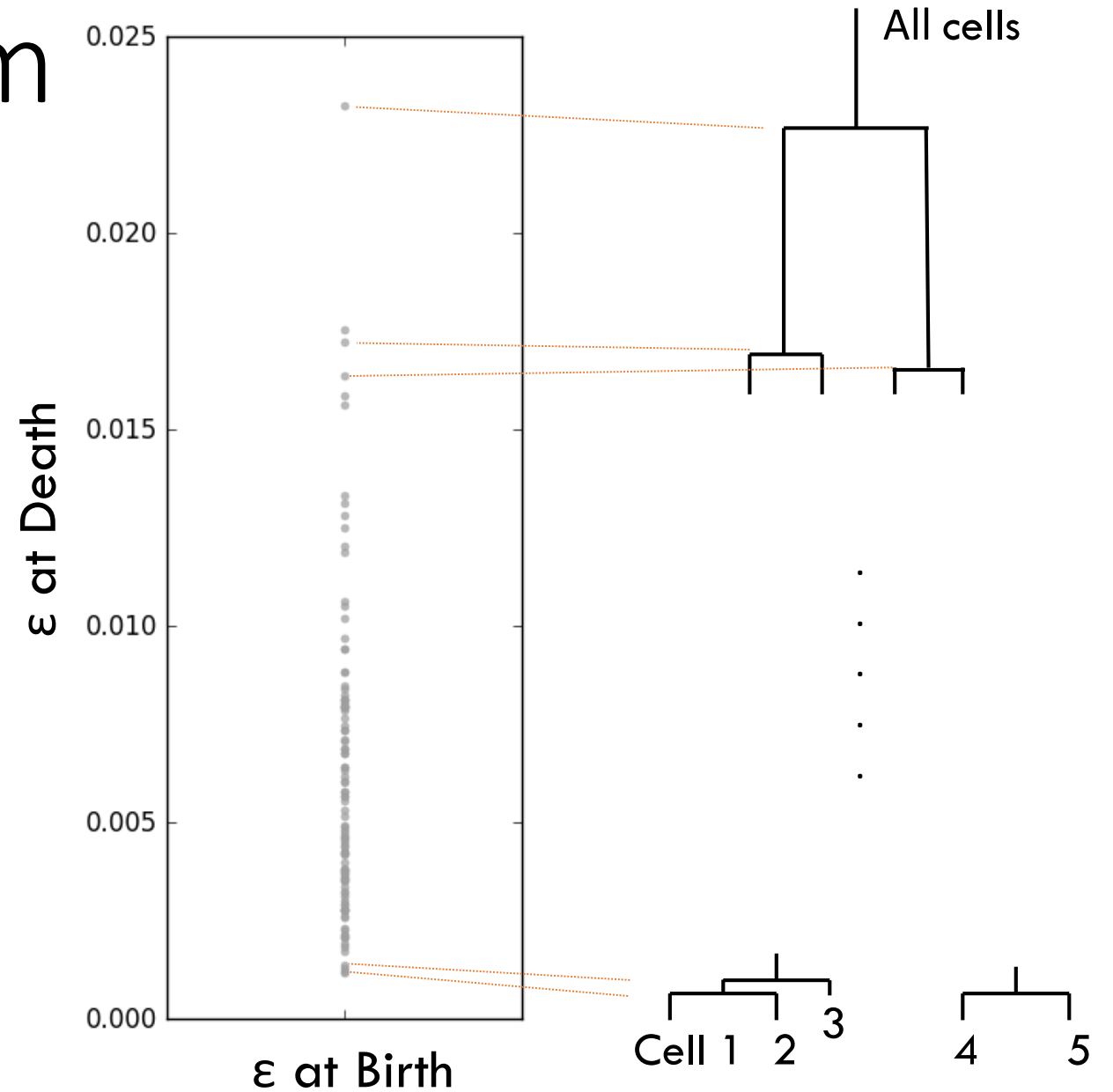
TDA to study allometry

- Diffusion condensation has a first order homology based on the clusters that emerge
- Using contact area fraction we have invariance to allometric scaling
- So similarity in persistence indicates allometry if SA is larger!

$$\text{Contact Area Fraction (CAF)} := \phi_{ij} = \frac{2 * \alpha * SA(i \cap j)}{\alpha * SA(i) + \alpha * SA(j)} = \phi_{ij} = \frac{2 * SA(i \cap j)}{SA(i) + SA(j)}, \quad \text{where } \alpha \text{ is the scaling factor}$$

Persistence diagram

A fingerprint of the
epsilon (ϵ) values at
the birth and death of
merge events.



Similarity between persistence



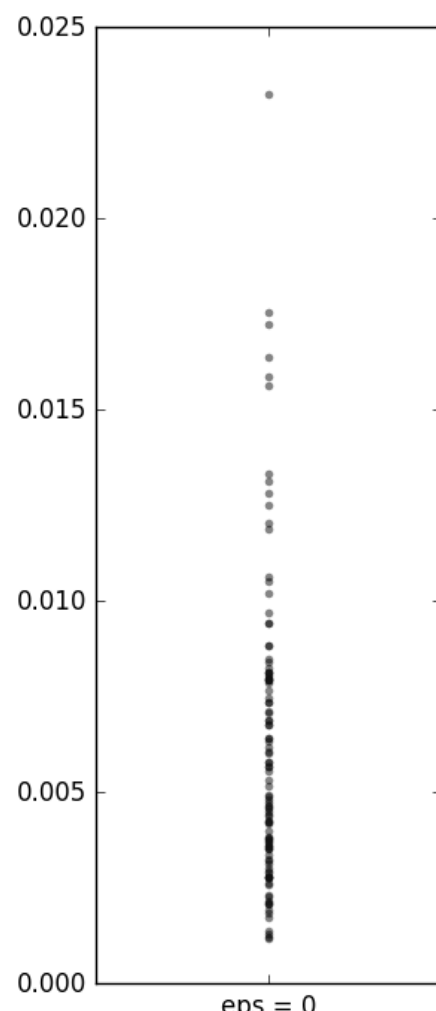
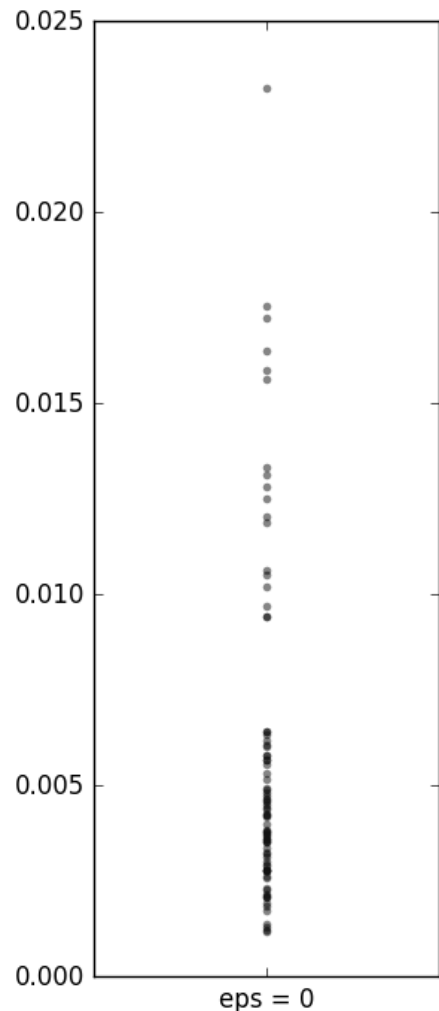
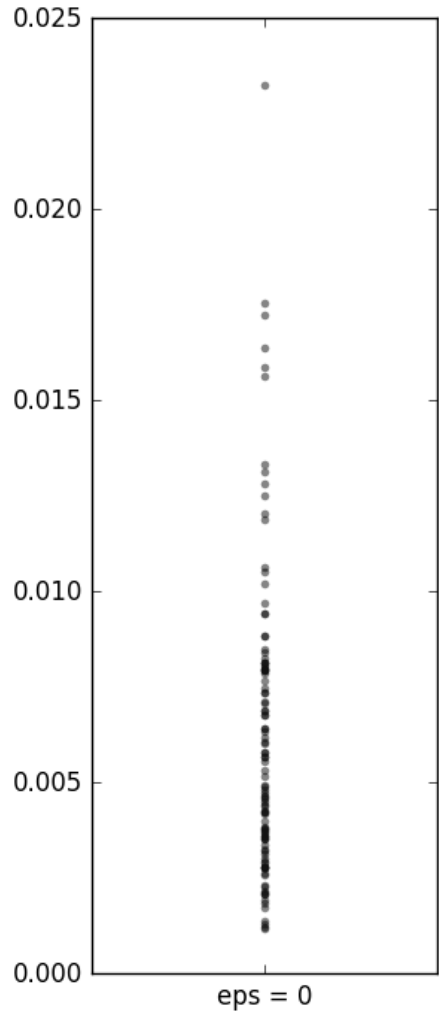
Early Larva



Juvenile



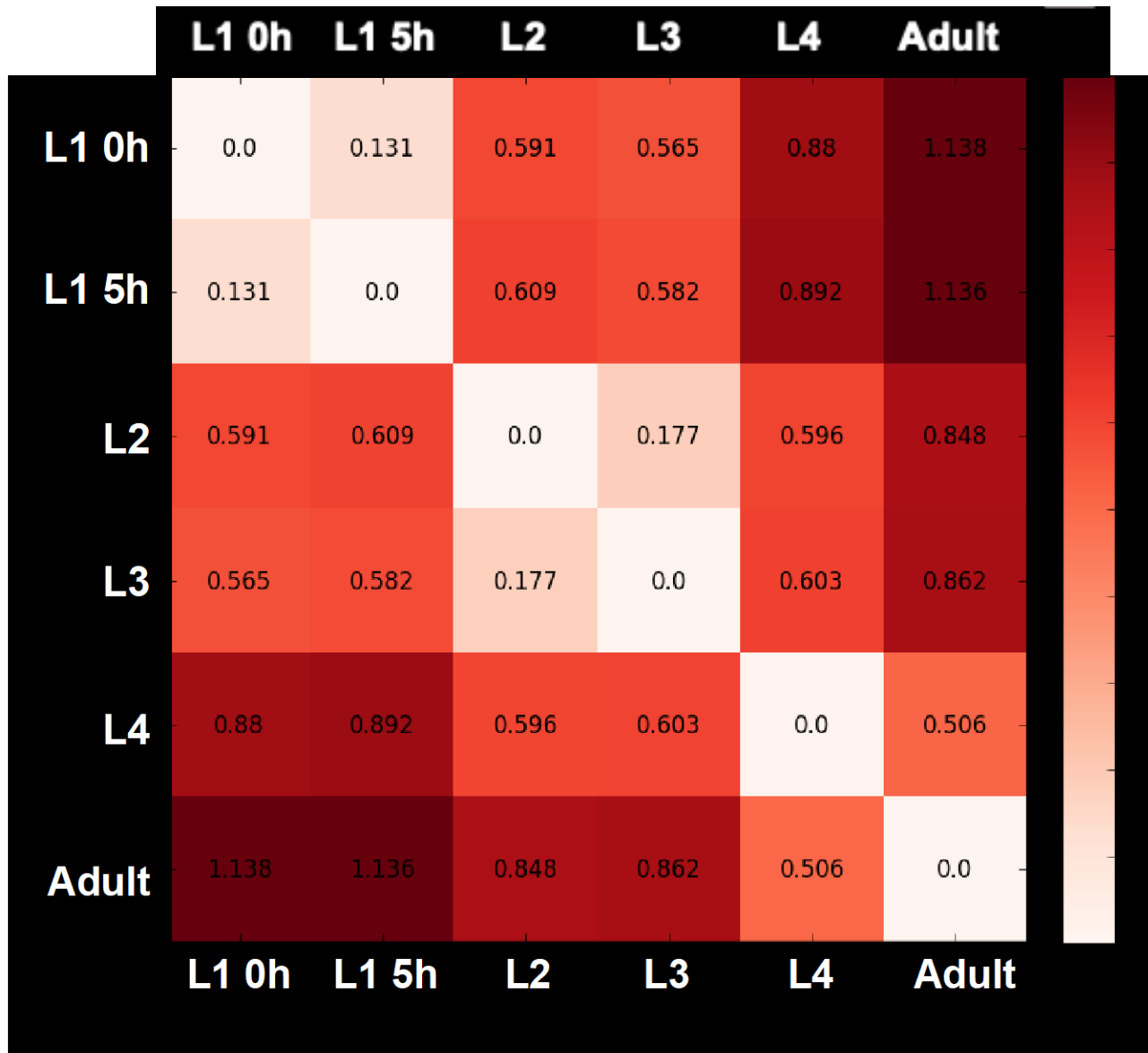
Adult



Wasserstein distance:
Measure of the
similarity of
persistence diagrams.

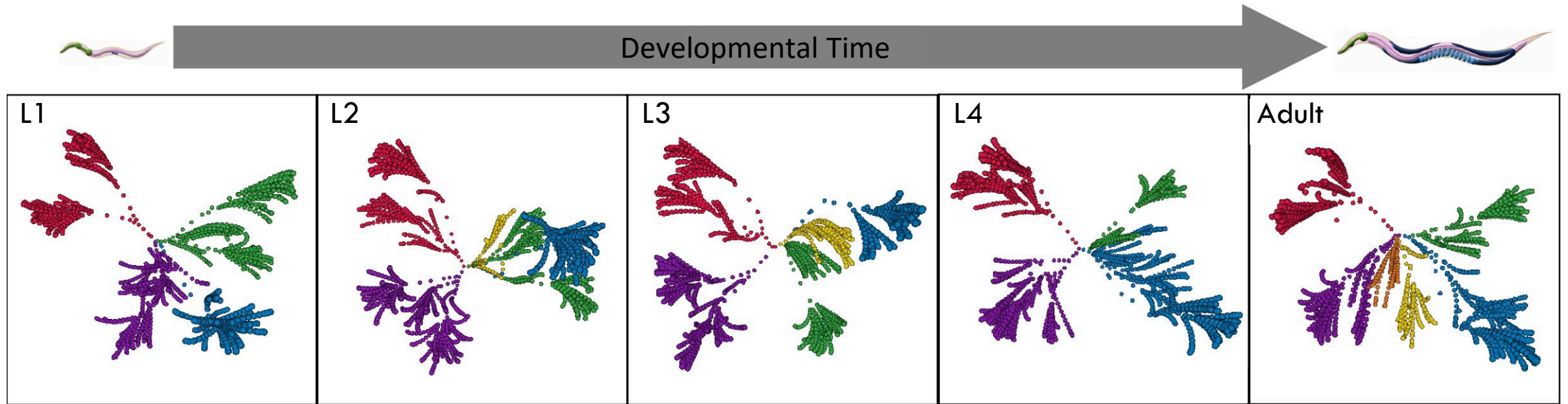
2-Wasserstein

The nerve ring scales allometrically at a systems level



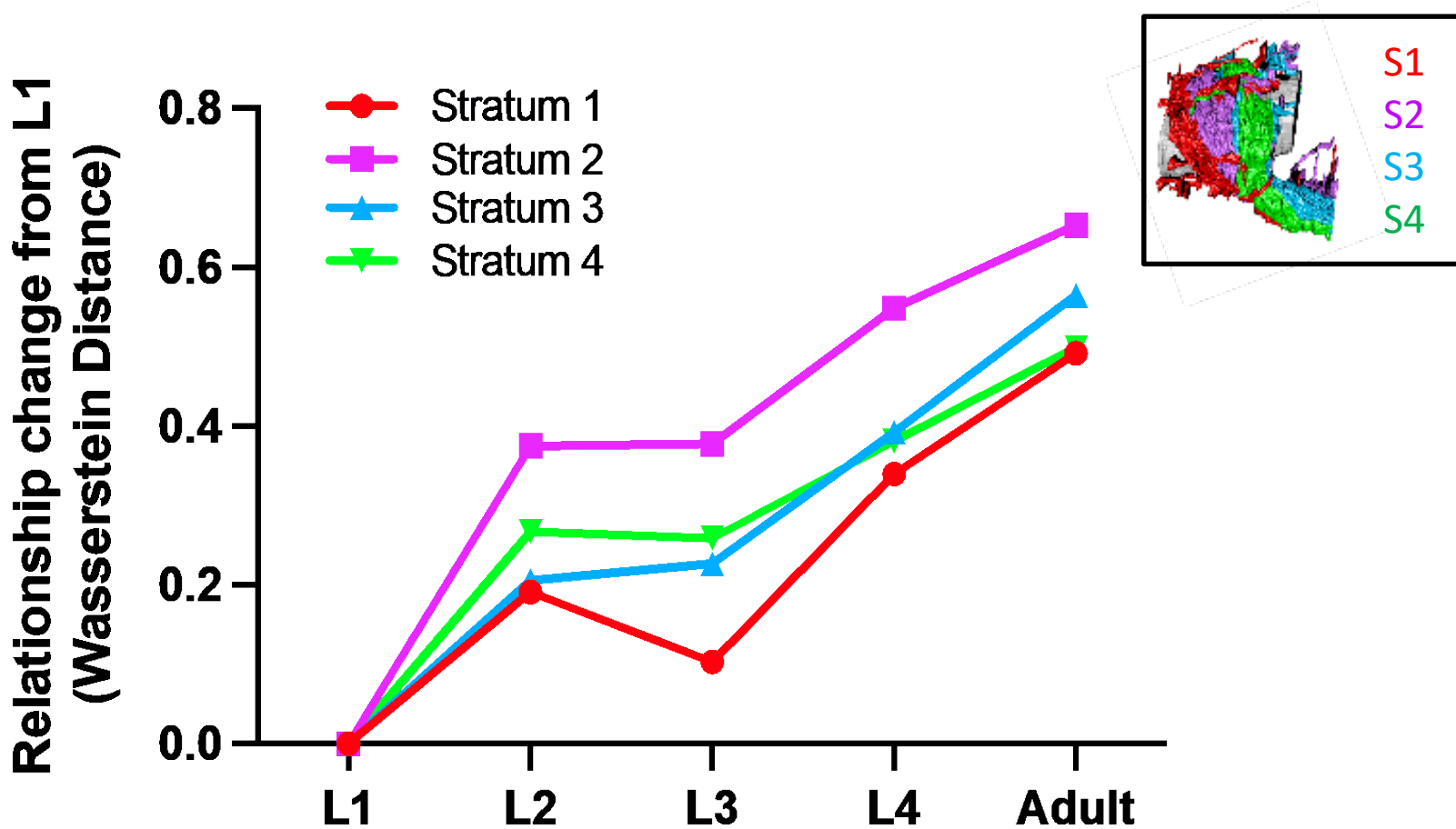
- The relationship landscape of the nerve ring is an allometrically scaling system.
- At similar ages, relationships are more similar.
- The level of allometry increases as the worm matures.
- There are biologically interesting 'jumps' between specific developmental stages.

Stereotypical brain regions show non-uniform levels of relationship persistence



- 4 Layers is the most. Modular stage
- Present since early development
- Map to the same A-P regions
- Variability in the level of relationship persistence across regions

Non-uniform levels of allometric change across brain regions



- S1 has the most persistent relationships.
- S2 shows the greatest allometric relationship changes.
- S3 and S4 share similar levels of allometric change, but unique to

1. Growth of wide platforms
2. Most persistent relationships in the nerve ring
3. Expand platforms locally to support the addition of synapses in reflex circuitry

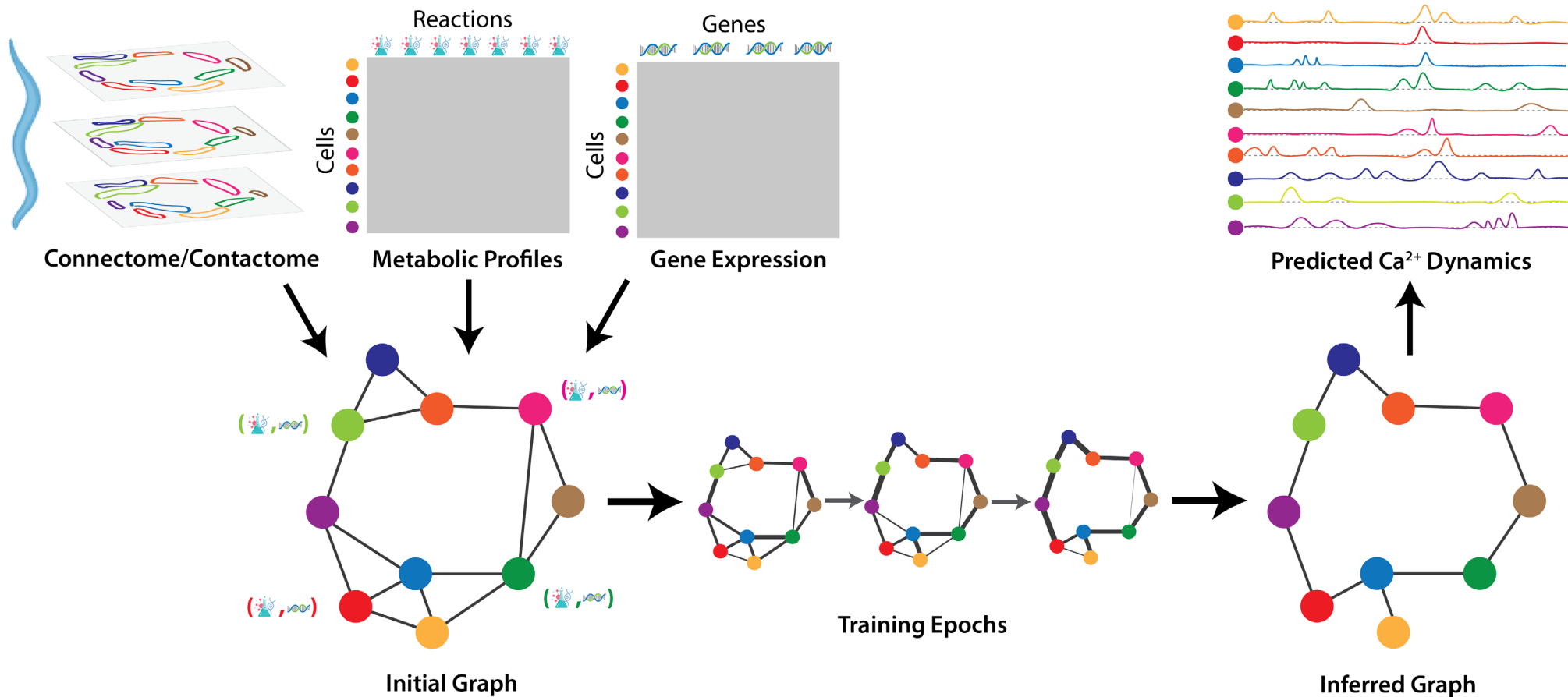
Retains essential reflex circuitry while strengthening NMJ connections



Summary

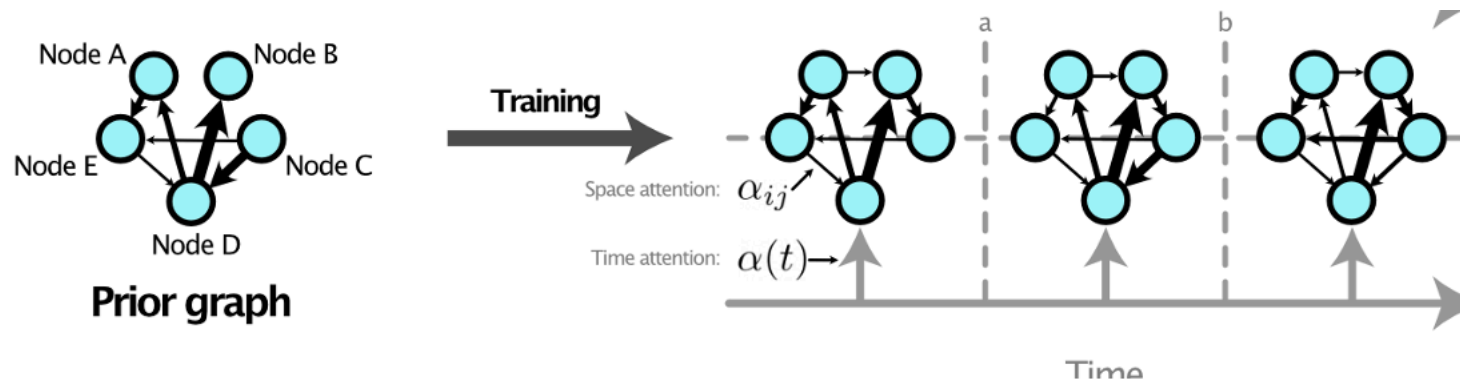
- EM-derived adjacencies can be used to study the worm nervous system organization
- Diffusion condensation is a new kind of “manifold filtration” for graphs that are thought to lie on manifolds
- This method helps to delineate delineating circuitry at various levels of granularity
- TDA can be used to study allometry (scaling up)
 - Varying levels of allometry

Structural vs Functional Connectivity



Regulatory Temporal Interaction Network Inference (RiTINI)

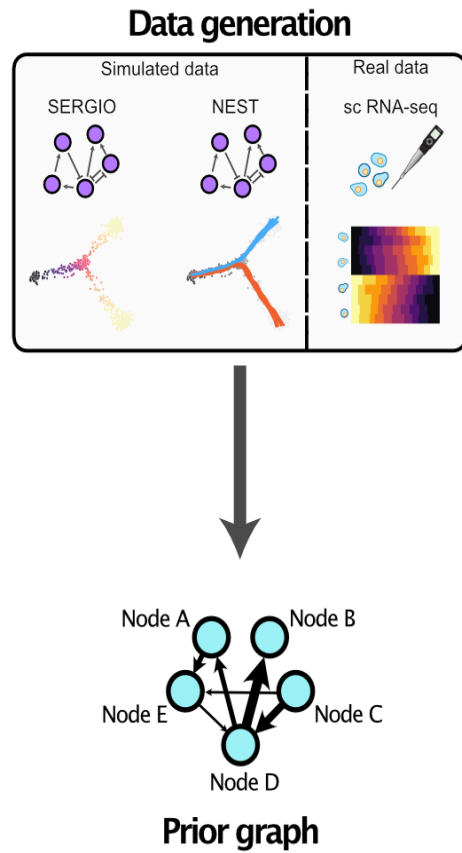
(Bhaskar, Magruder, et al. 2023, Learning On Graphs (LOG))



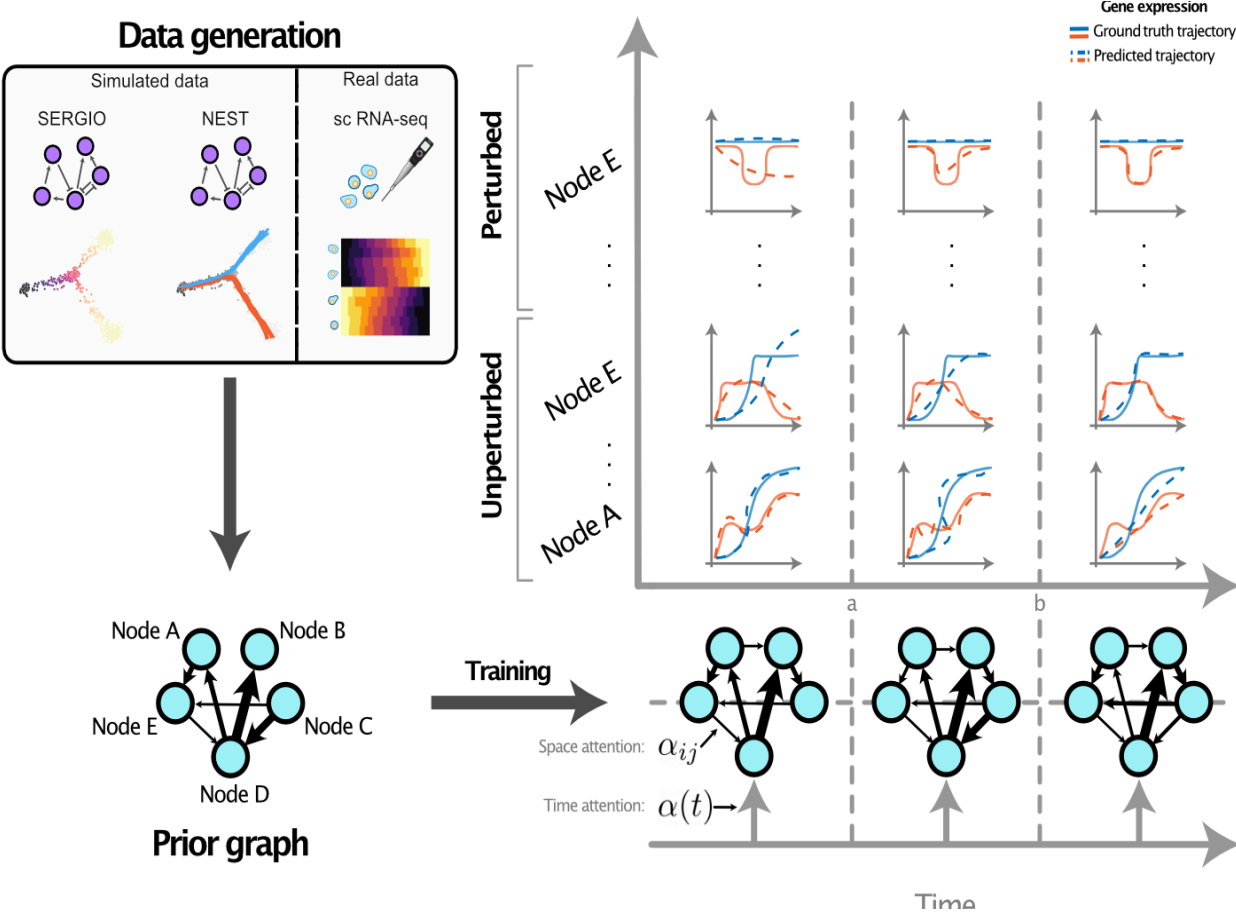
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Guy Wolf

Main idea: Learn a dynamic interaction graph that matches the regulatory network

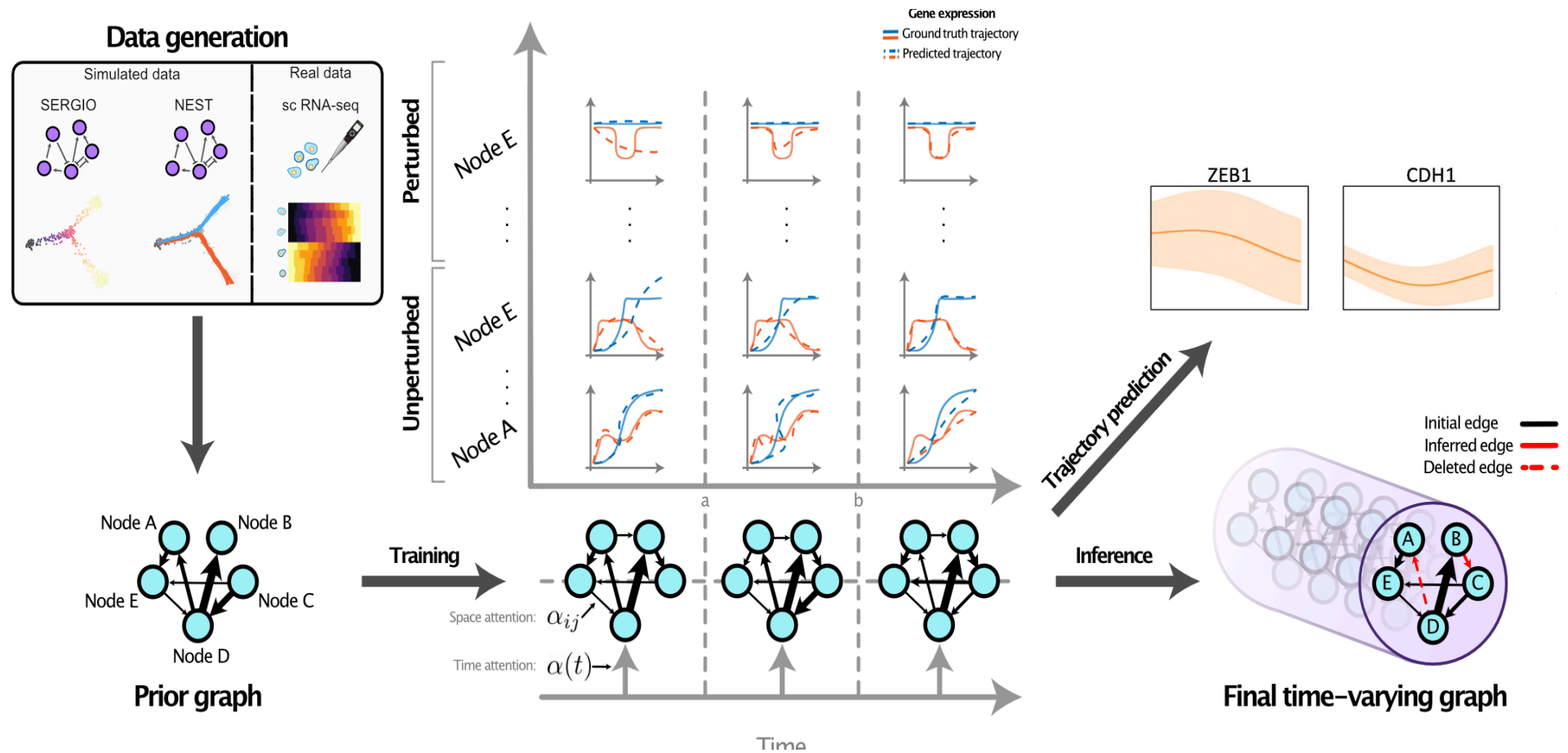
Using dynamic activity prediction as a task



Predicting next requires a change in attention



Attention readouts then create dynamic graph



Space-time attention mechanism

$$g'_i(t) = \sum_{\delta \in [0, \tau]} l_\delta \cdot \left(\alpha_{ii}(t) W X(v_i, t - \delta) + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \alpha_{ij}(t) W X(v_j, t - \delta) \right)$$

↓ Attention-over time
Autocorrelation
↓ Attention-over neighbors
↑ Time lag

$$\alpha_{ij}(t) = \text{Att}_\phi \left(\bigcup_{\delta \in [0, \tau]} \underbrace{X(v_i, t - \delta) \circ X(v_j, t - \delta)}_{\text{Time traces}} \right)$$

↓ Attention network

1. Attention network gives time-varying graph
2. Supports hysteresis, time attention can look at a specific point in time or over an interval
3. Outputs instantaneous derivative

RITINI Loss function

$$\frac{d}{dt}g_i(t) = f_\theta(g_i(t), t)$$

The graph attention network outputs a derivate which is then integrated with an ODE solver:

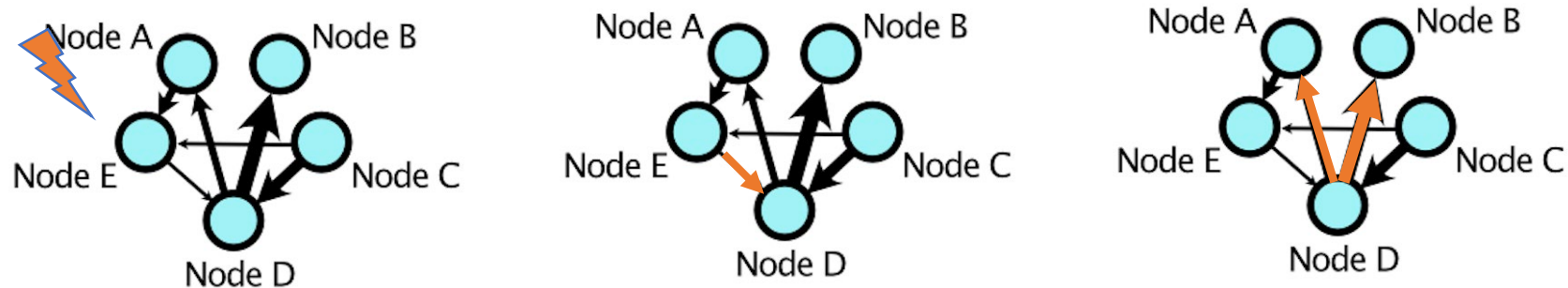
$$\hat{X}(v_i, t) = \text{ODESolve}(f_\theta, g'_i(t_0), t_0, t_1) \quad \forall t \in (t_0, t_1]$$

The final loss function also enforces closeness to a prior graph $\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{P}}$ and sparsity to tackle lack of identifiability in this problem:

$$\mathcal{L}(t) = \underbrace{\sum_i \|\hat{X}(v_i, t) - X(v_i, t)\|}_{\text{MSE between ground truth and predicted dynamics}} + \lambda_1 \underbrace{\sum_{i,j} \|\alpha_{ij}(t) - \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{P}}\|_F}_{\text{closeness to prior}} + \lambda_2 \underbrace{|\alpha(t)|_1}_{\text{sparsity}}$$

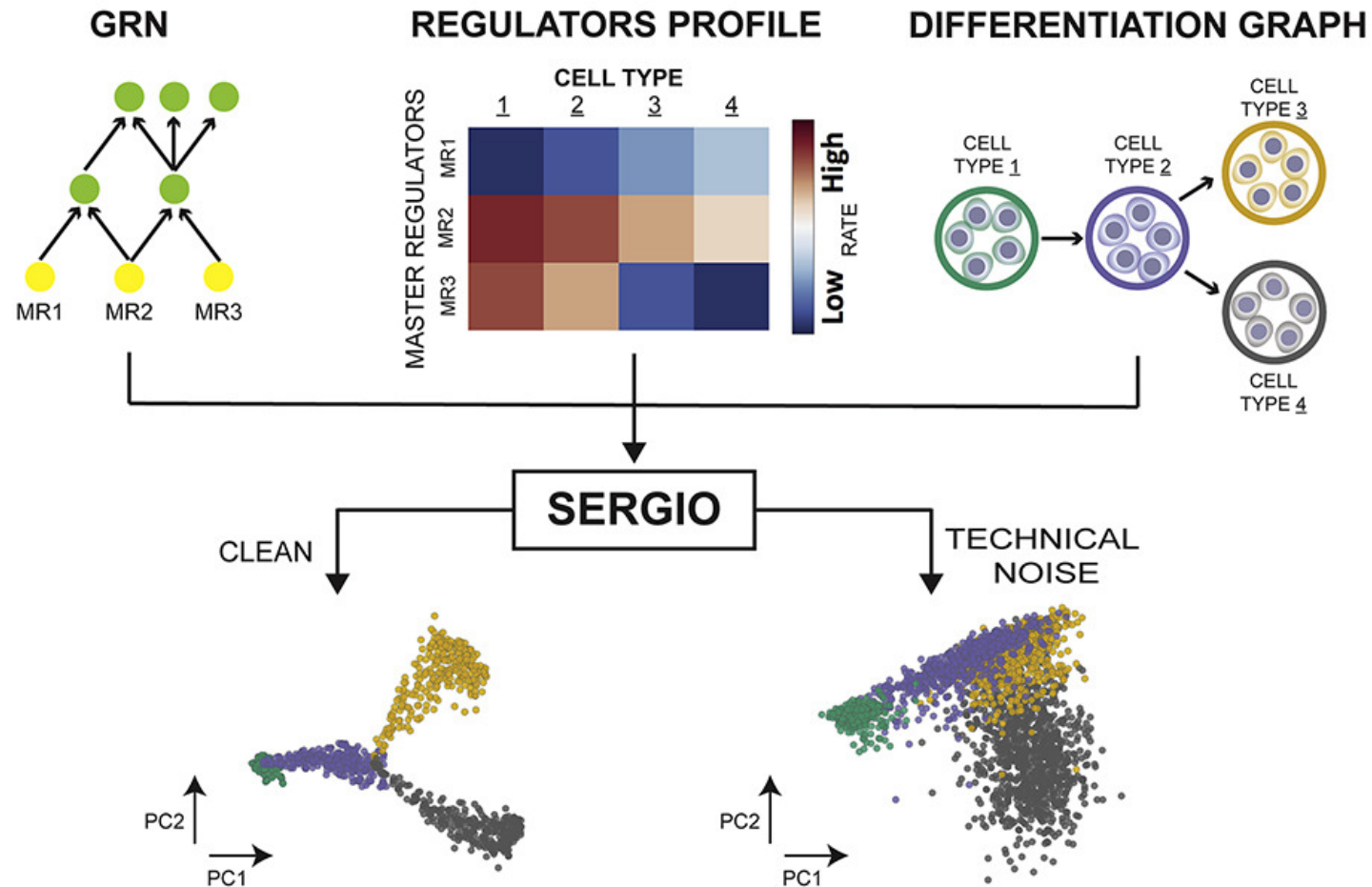
In silico perturbations—also used in training

- If a timed perturbation is applied then its effects propagate through the network
- This elucidates the structure of the network



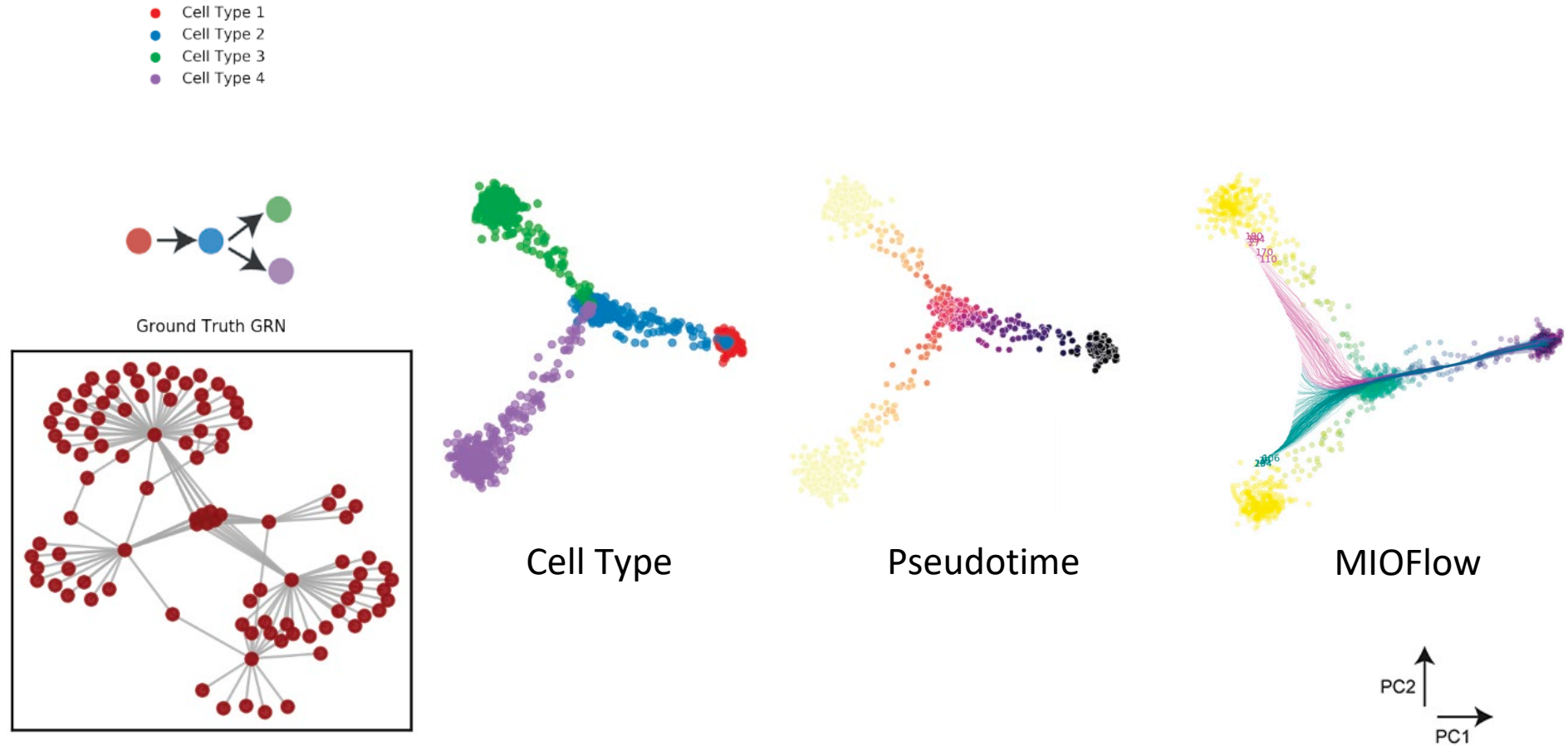
Validation with SERGIO

SERGIO: Single-cell ExpRession of Genes In silicO



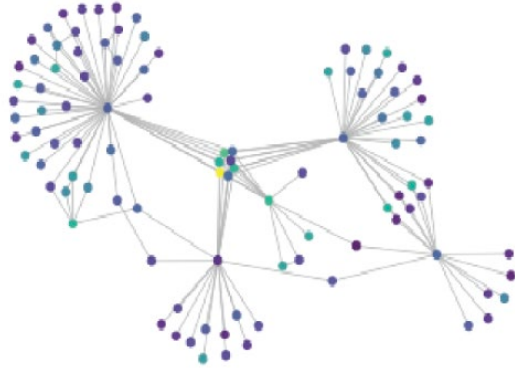
Dibaeinia and Sinha,
Cell Systems, 2020

Synthetic Differentiation Dataset

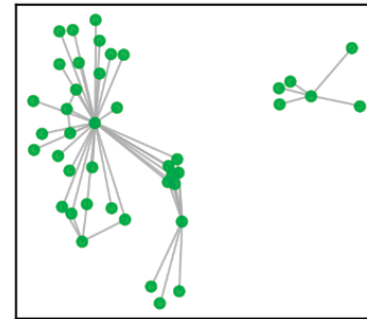
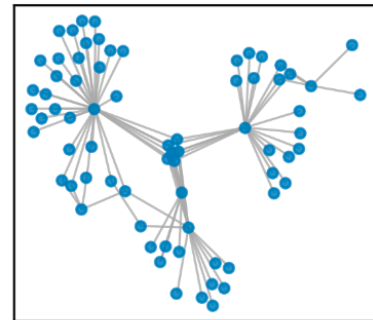
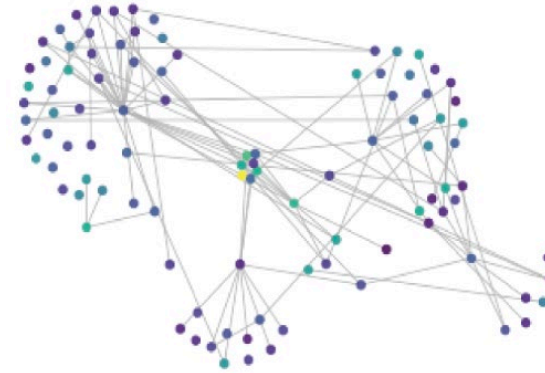


Synthetic Differentiation Dataset

Ground Truth



Inferred using RiTINI

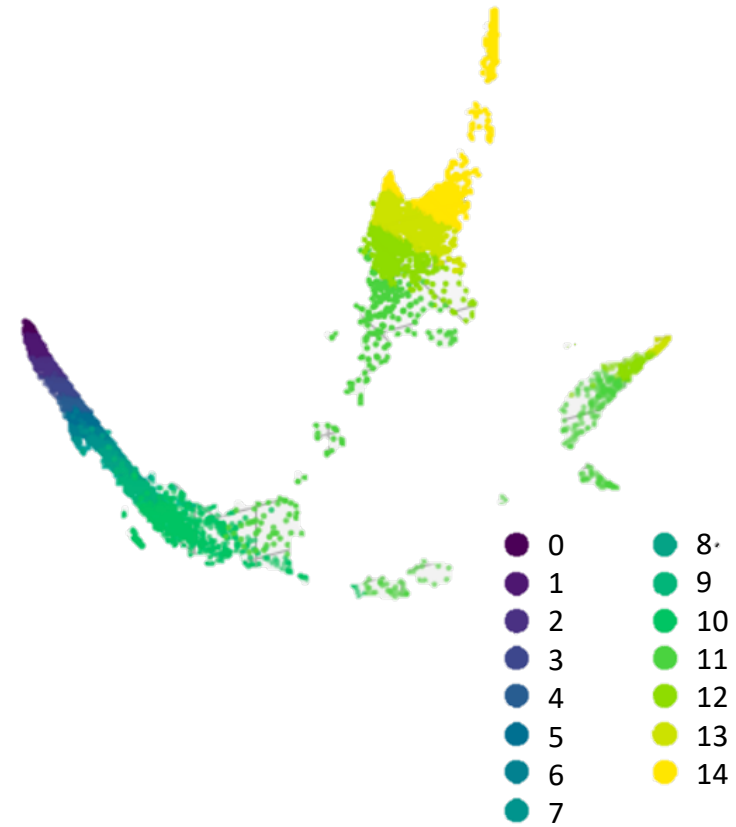
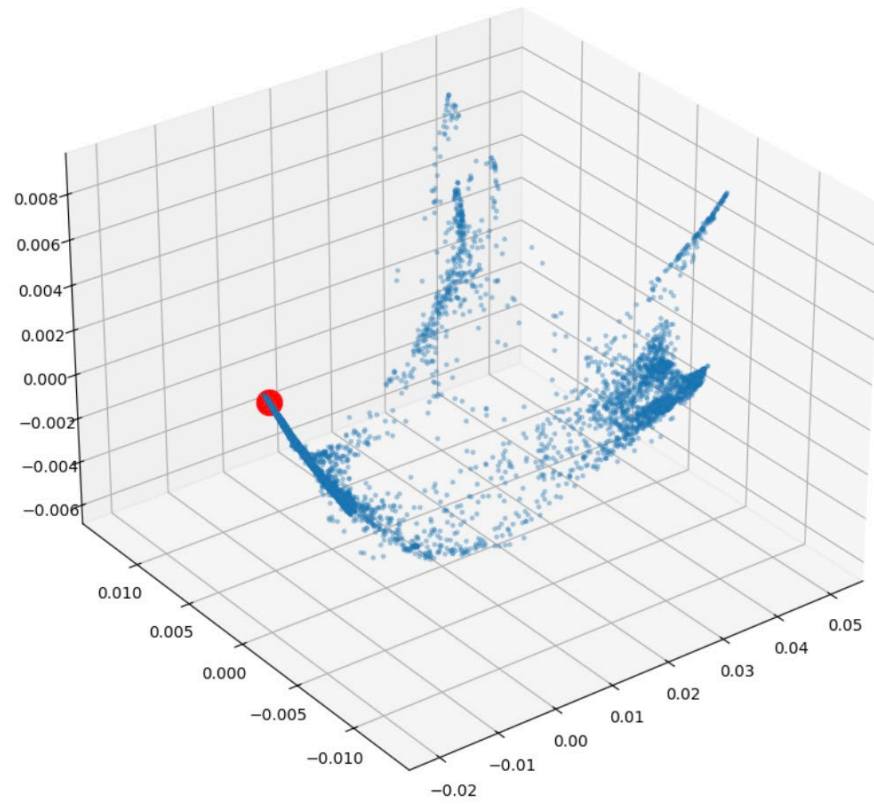


Quantitative Evaluation

Method	Dataset							
	$(\mathcal{V} , \mathcal{E}) =$	Dynamical System	Neuronal Network (NEST)			Gene Regulatory Network (SERGIO)		
		(5, 5)	(40, 78)	(50, 126)	(75, 308)	(100, 137)	(150, 329)	(200, 507)
GC [41]		2.6 ± 1.0	28.8 ± 3.3	39.2 ± 2.3	75.4 ± 9.2	51.2 ± 3.3	109.0 ± 6.4	158.8 ± 12.6
OCE [42]		4.4 ± 1.6	72.8 ± 3.5	109.6 ± 4.2	255.6 ± 7.3	138.6 ± 3.5	293.4 ± 2.9	449.8 ± 1.1
PC [43, 44]		4.4 ± 1.4	75.8 ± 2.1	117.8 ± 3.9	284.6 ± 3.2	140.4 ± 3.9	317.2 ± 3.7	495.6 ± 6.5
mTE [45]		4.6 ± 1.7	64.2 ± 3.5	100.0 ± 7.6	232.2 ± 7.1	126.4 ± 2.4	261.0 ± 2.2	397.4 ± 8.8
mMI [46]		1.8 ± 0.7	20.6 ± 5.0	34.6 ± 5.2	82.0 ± 3.9	51.2 ± 3.3	99.8 ± 4.0	162.8 ± 6.2
NRI [47]		0.5 ± 0.1	18.3 ± 4.2	43.7 ± 8.6	94.1 ± 3.9	72.1 ± 6.2	106.6 ± 5.4	219.8 ± 13.4
DCRNN [48]		2.2 ± 0.4	44.7 ± 3.8	81.3 ± 9.6	117.0 ± 13.8	158.14 ± 8.6	303.79 ± 12.4	508.25 ± 23.6
GTS [49]		0.8 ± 0.3	23.5 ± 1.3	76.2 ± 11.9	181.7 ± 24.2	215.4 ± 13.8	347.2 ± 19.3	481.8 ± 7.0
NIR [50]		1.3 ± 0.1	22.5 ± 2.8	39.4 ± 1.9	106.2 ± 4.7	62.7 ± 3.2	86.3 ± 2.8	159.2 ± 11.6
RiTINI		2.2 ± 1.6	25.4 ± 2.8	35.2 ± 2.3	69.6 ± 7.7	44.6 ± 6.2	83.6 ± 4.2	128.0 ± 4.3
RiTINI (w/o hysteresis)		0.6 ± 0.4	22.4 ± 1.7	38.0 ± 6.9	91.3 ± 5.2	63.6 ± 8.2	118.3 ± 9.3	205.7 ± 8.3
RiTINI (w/o neural ODE)		1.7 ± 0.3	48.1 ± 3.0	72.4 ± 8.8	129.3 ± 9.4	114.2 ± 3.1	168.0 ± 12.6	329.7 ± 22.5

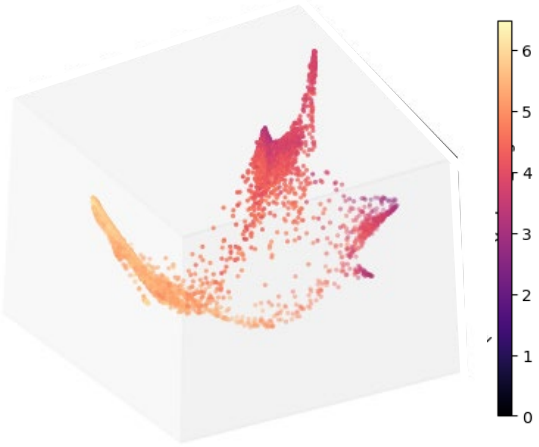
Table 1: Mean and standard deviation of the graph edit distance between the inferred graph and the ground truth, across 5 different simulations with perturbations (lower is better).

Cellular Embryonic Stem Cell Differentiation



Branch Segmentation

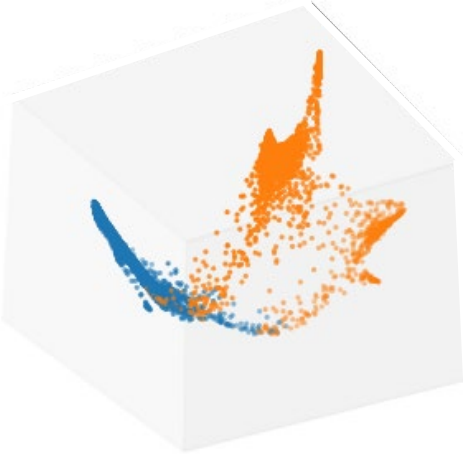
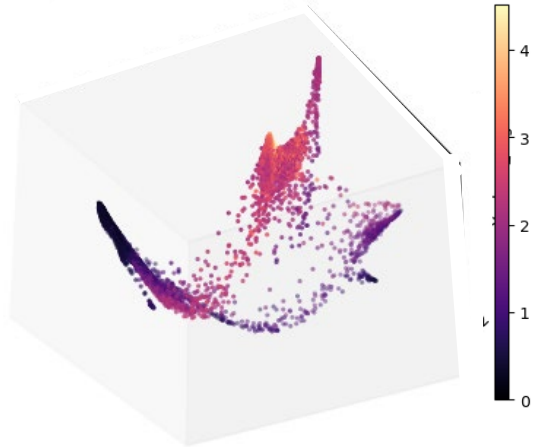
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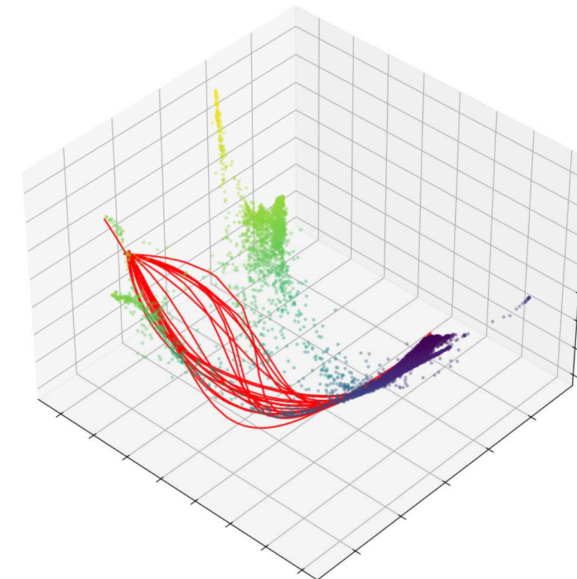
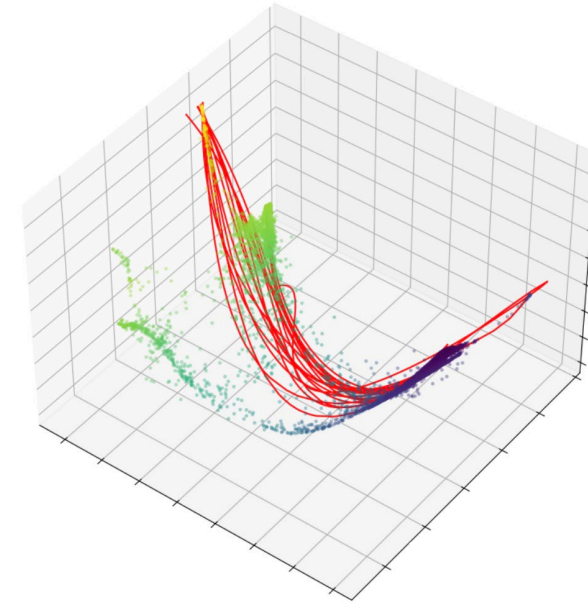
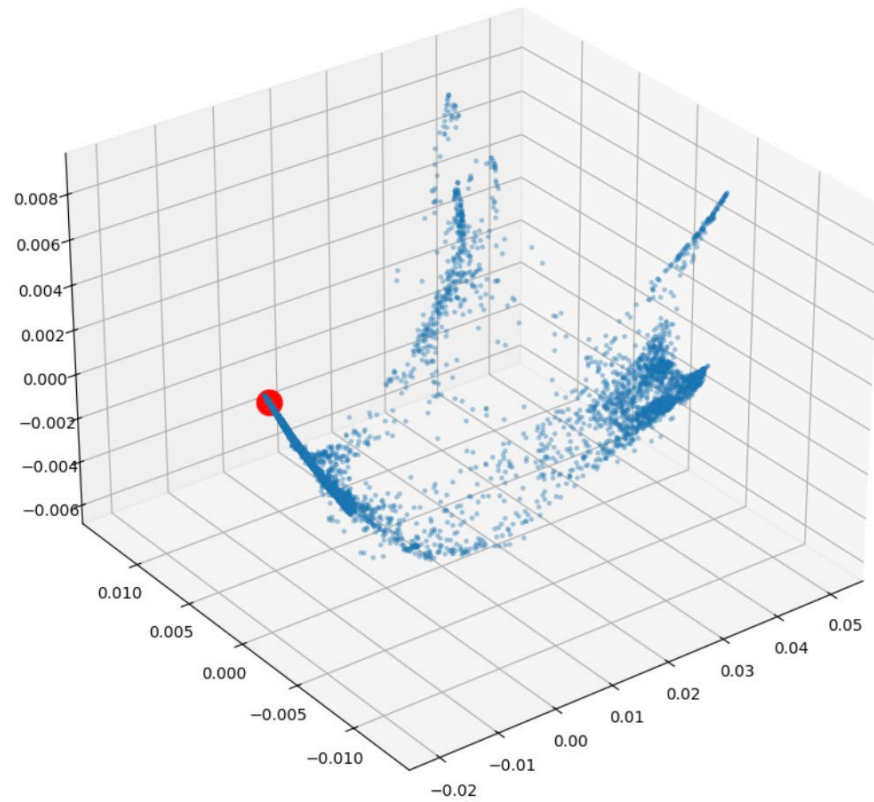
Neural Progenitors



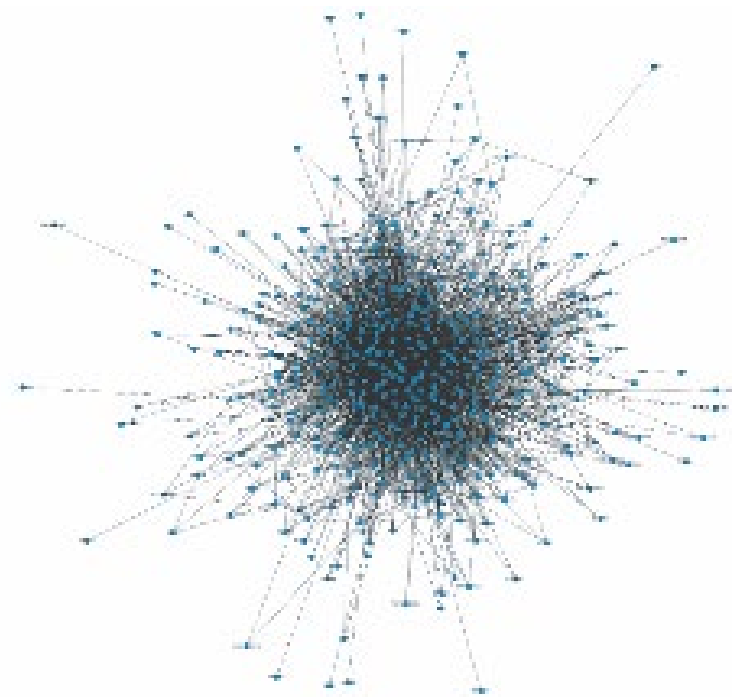
Neural Crest



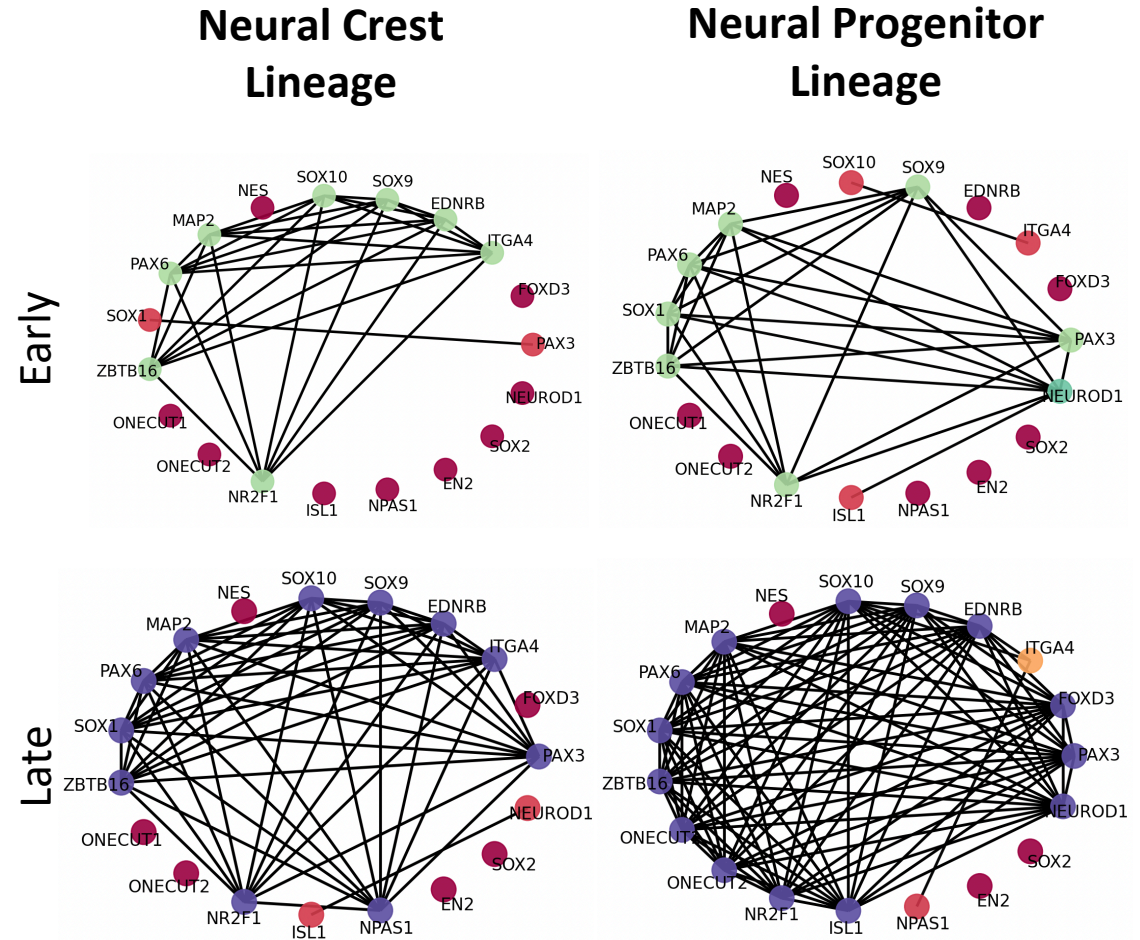
Trajectory Inference from MIOflow Neural ODE



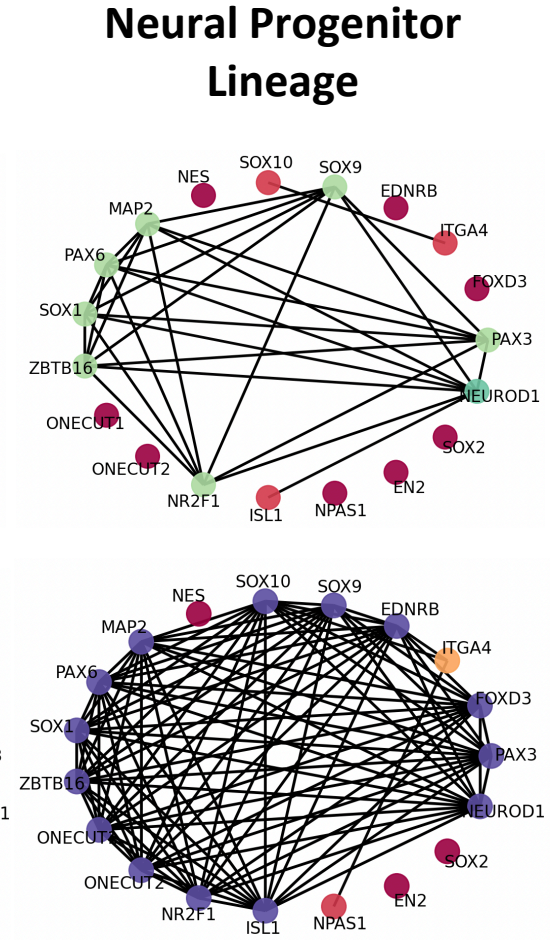
Inferred Gene Regulatory Network



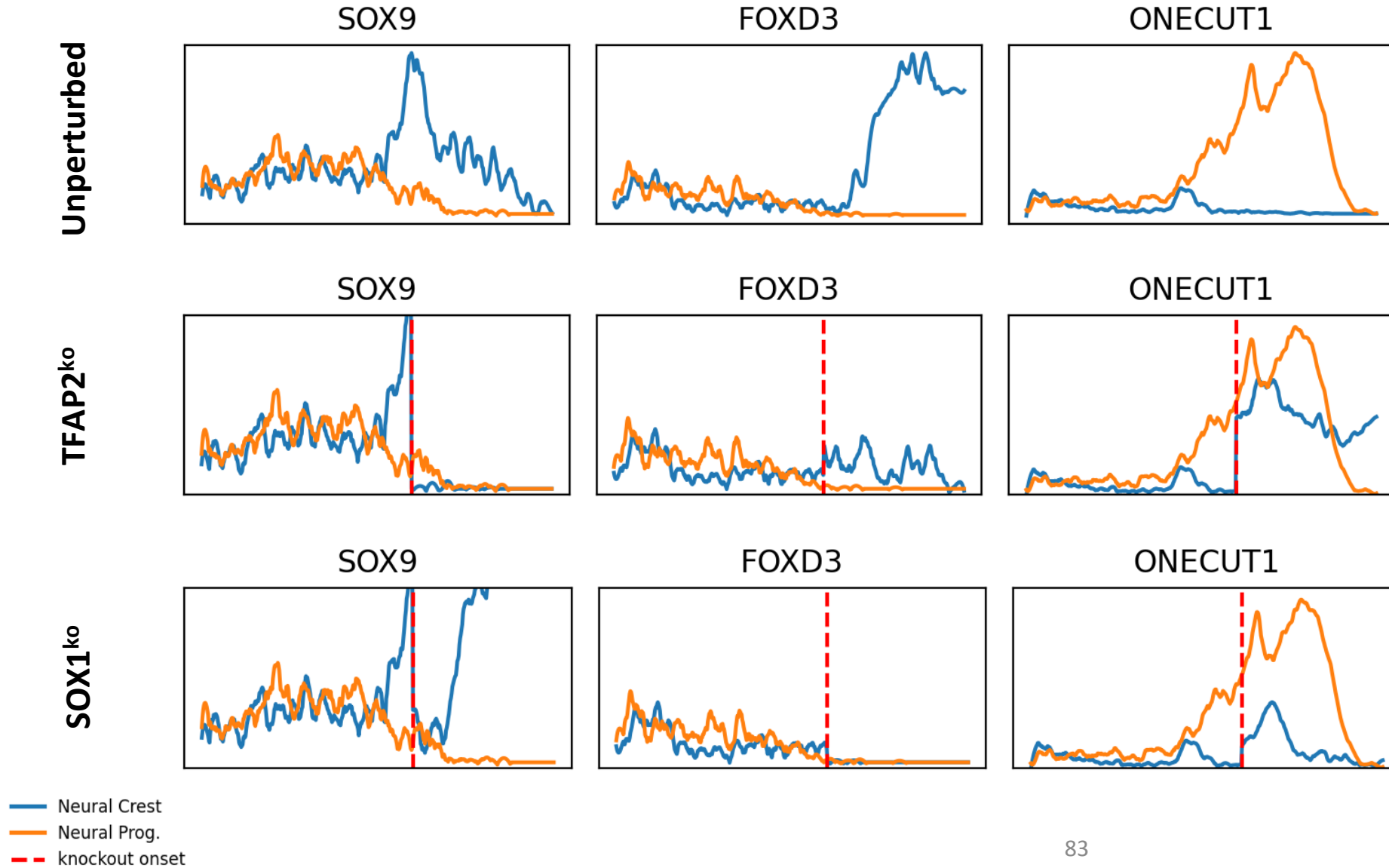
Neural Crest Lineage



Neural Progenitor Lineage

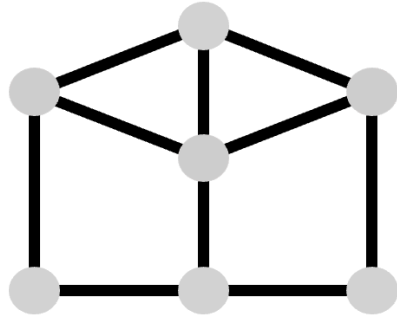


In Silico Perturbations-top ranked perturbations



NEST Simulations

Network of coupled Wilson-Cowan oscillators

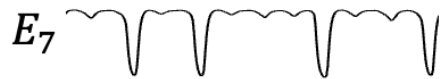


nest::

simulated neural activity



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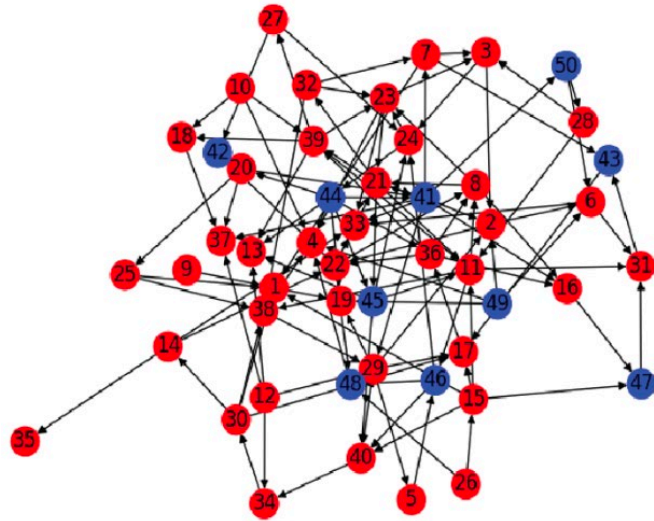


Recover neuronal connectivity

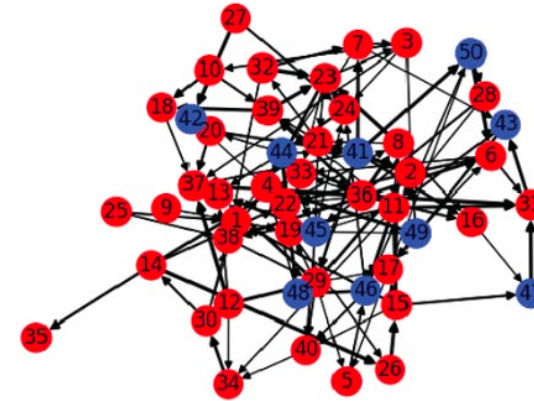
$$\frac{dr_E}{dt} = (\alpha_E \cdot S_E(w_{EE} \cdot r_E - w_{EI} \cdot r_I) - \theta_E - r_E) / \tau_E$$
$$\frac{dr_I}{dt} = (\alpha_I \cdot S_I(w_{IE} \cdot r_E - w_{II} \cdot r_I) - \theta_I - r_I) / \tau_I$$

Perturbation simulated

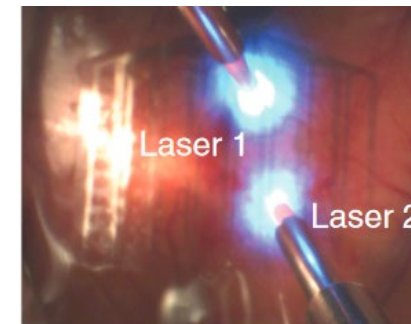
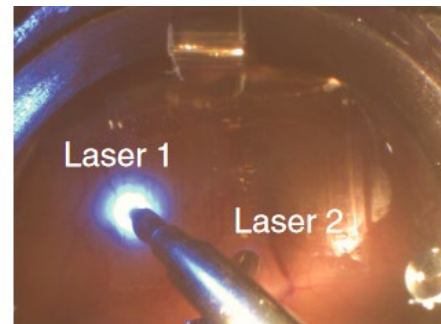
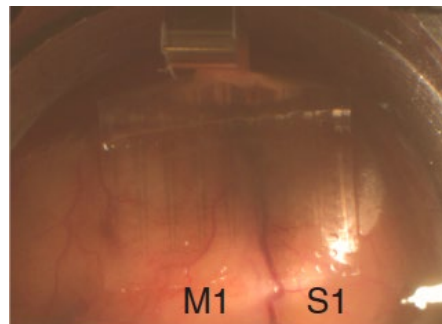
Ground Truth



RiTINI (ours)

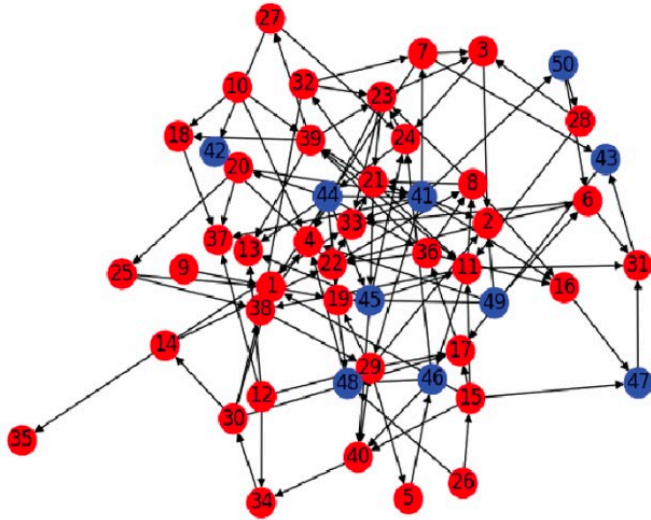


Train using optogenetic stimulations to shift parameters in the equation

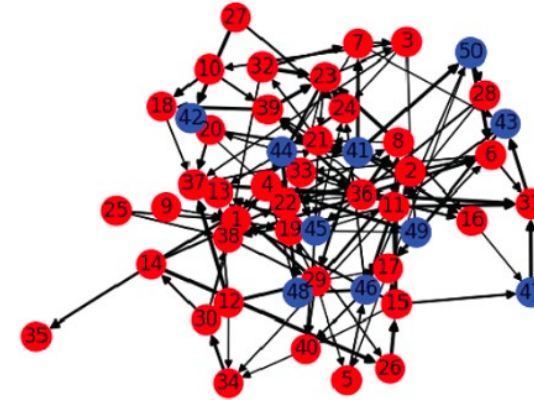


Recovery of ground truth “static”

Ground Truth



RiTINI (ours)

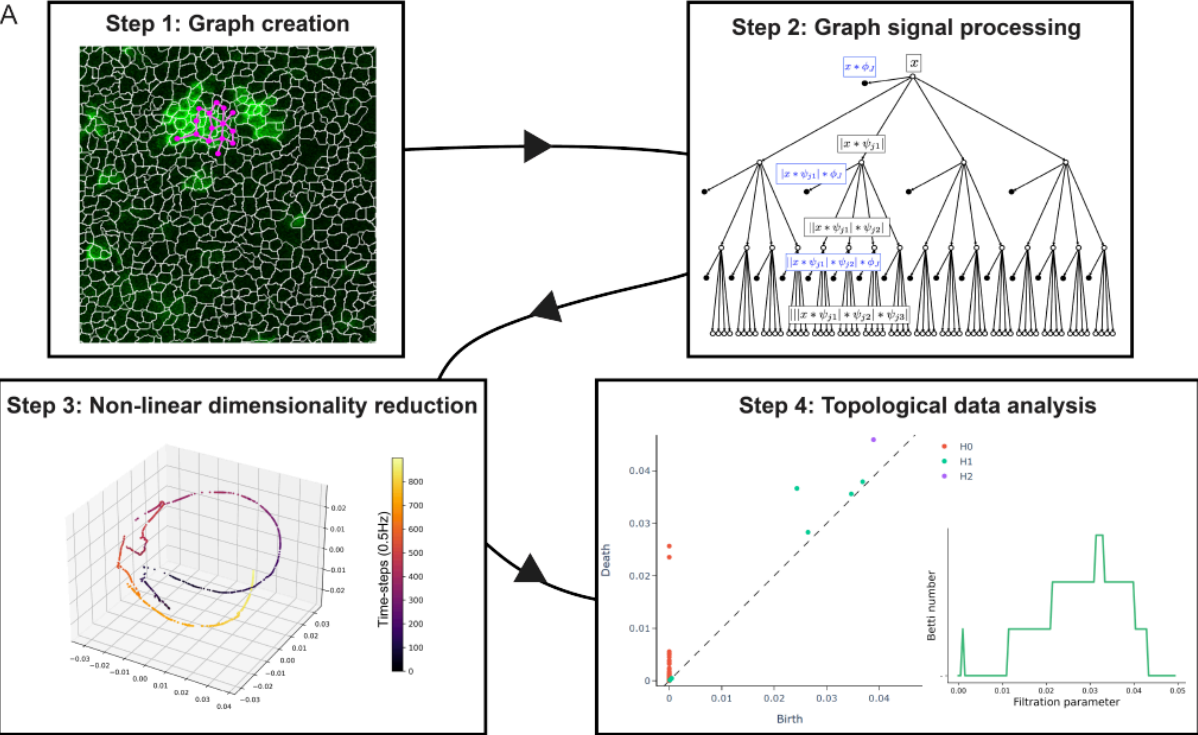


Method	Dataset							
	($ \mathcal{V} , \mathcal{E} $) =	Dynamical System (5, 5)	Neuronal Network (NEST)			Gene Regulatory Network (SERGIO)		
		(40, 78)	(50, 126)	(75, 308)	(100, 137)	(150, 329)	(200, 507)	
GC [41]		2.6 ± 1.0	28.8 ± 3.3	39.2 ± 2.3	75.4 ± 9.2	51.2 ± 3.3	109.0 ± 6.4	158.8 ± 12.6
OCE [42]		4.4 ± 1.6	72.8 ± 3.5	109.6 ± 4.2	255.6 ± 7.3	138.6 ± 3.5	293.4 ± 2.9	449.8 ± 1.1
PC [43, 44]		4.4 ± 1.4	75.8 ± 2.1	117.8 ± 3.9	284.6 ± 3.2	140.4 ± 3.9	317.2 ± 3.7	495.6 ± 6.5
mTE [45]		4.6 ± 1.7	64.2 ± 3.5	100.0 ± 7.6	232.2 ± 7.1	126.4 ± 2.4	261.0 ± 2.2	397.4 ± 8.8
mMI [46]		1.8 ± 0.7	20.6 ± 5.0	34.6 ± 5.2	82.0 ± 3.9	51.2 ± 3.3	99.8 ± 4.0	162.8 ± 6.2
NRI [47]		0.5 ± 0.1	18.3 ± 4.2	43.7 ± 8.6	94.1 ± 3.9	72.1 ± 6.2	106.6 ± 5.4	219.8 ± 13.4
DCRNN [48]		2.2 ± 0.4	44.7 ± 3.8	81.3 ± 9.6	117.0 ± 13.8	158.14 ± 8.6	303.79 ± 12.4	508.25 ± 23.6
GTS [49]		0.8 ± 0.3	23.5 ± 1.3	76.2 ± 11.9	181.7 ± 24.2	215.4 ± 13.8	347.2 ± 19.3	481.8 ± 7.0
NIR [50]		1.3 ± 0.1	22.5 ± 2.8	39.4 ± 1.9	106.2 ± 4.7	62.7 ± 3.2	86.3 ± 2.8	159.2 ± 11.6
RiTINI		2.2 ± 1.6	25.4 ± 2.8	35.2 ± 2.3	69.6 ± 7.7	44.6 ± 6.2	83.6 ± 4.2	128.0 ± 4.3
RiTINI (w/o hysteresis)		0.6 ± 0.4	22.4 ± 1.7	38.0 ± 6.9	91.3 ± 5.2	63.6 ± 8.2	118.3 ± 9.3	205.7 ± 8.3
RiTINI (w/o neural ODE)		1.7 ± 0.3	48.1 ± 3.0	72.4 ± 8.8	129.3 ± 9.4	114.2 ± 3.1	168.0 ± 12.6	329.7 ± 22.5

Table 1: Mean and standard deviation of the graph edit distance between the inferred graph and the ground truth, across 5 different simulations with perturbations (lower is better).

Graph Scattering Homology Trajectory

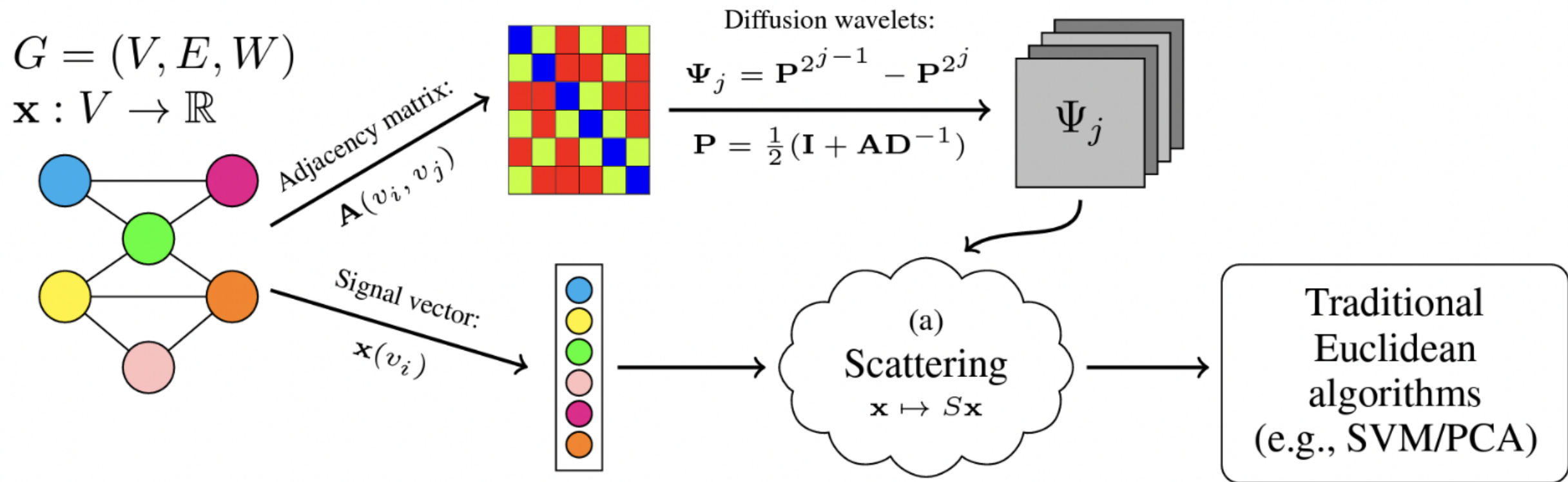
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Geometric Scattering



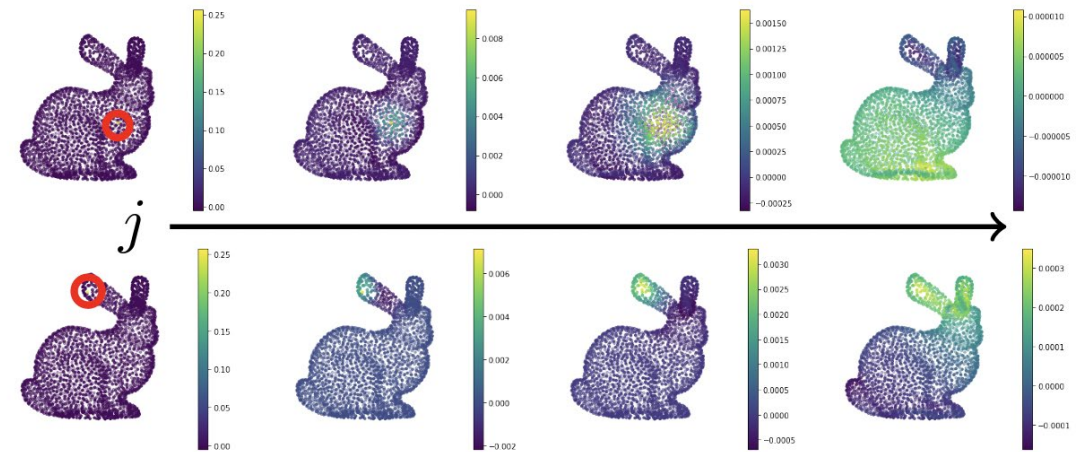
Geometric Scattering

- Given a graph $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{E})$ define the left stochastic diffusion matrix:

$$\mathbf{P} := \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{W}\mathbf{D}^{-1}) \quad \mathbf{W}[v_i, v_j] := \begin{cases} w(v_i, v_j) & \text{if } \{v_i, v_j\} \in E, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

- Define wavelet matrix at scale 2^j :

$$\Psi_j = \mathbf{P}^{2^{j-1}} - \mathbf{P}^{2^j} = \mathbf{P}^{2^{j-1}}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}^{2^{j-1}})$$



Geometric Scattering

- Construct a filter bank:

$$\mathcal{W}_J := \{\Psi_j, \Phi_J\}_{0 \leq j \leq J}$$

$$\Psi_0 := I_n - P,$$

$$\Psi_j := P^{2^{j-1}} - P^{2^j} = P^{2^{j-1}} (I_n - P^{2^{j-1}}), \quad j \geq 1$$

$$\Phi_J := P^{2^J}$$

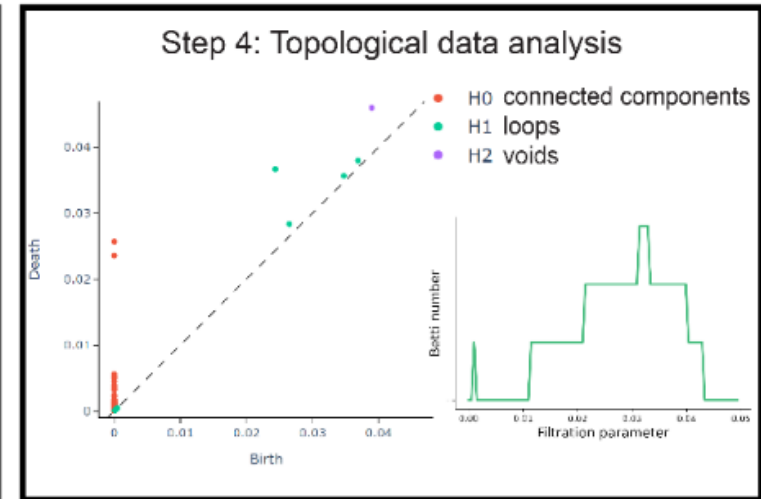
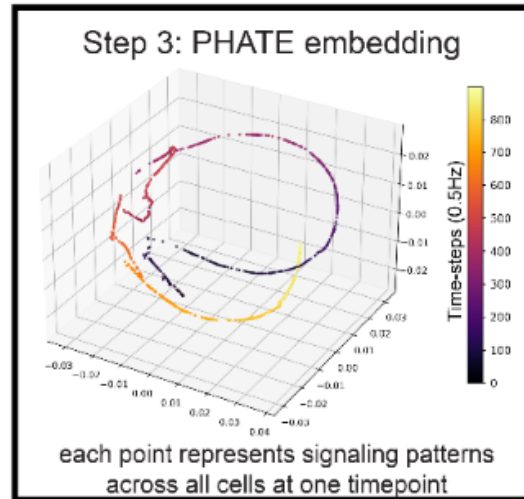
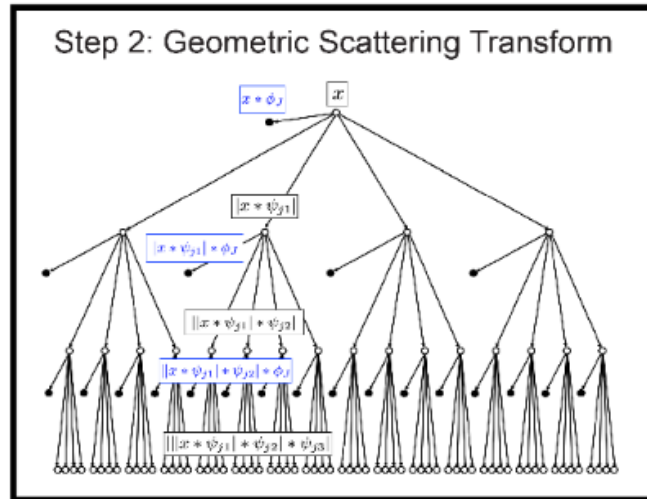
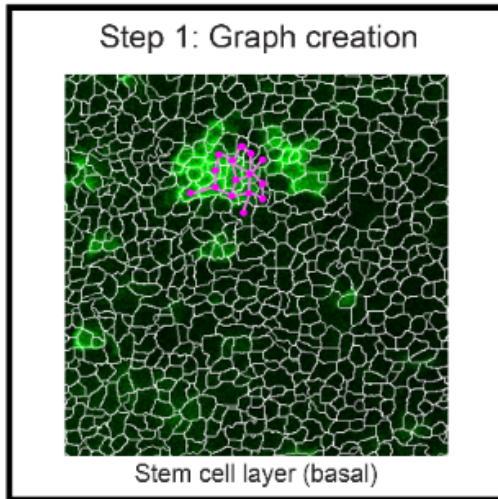
- Compute wavelet coefficients:

$$\Psi^{(J)} \mathbf{x}(v_\ell) = [\Psi_j \mathbf{x}(v_\ell) : 1 \leq j \leq J]$$

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(captures frequencies of input signal \mathbf{x} within neighborhood radius 2^j)

GSTH Methodology

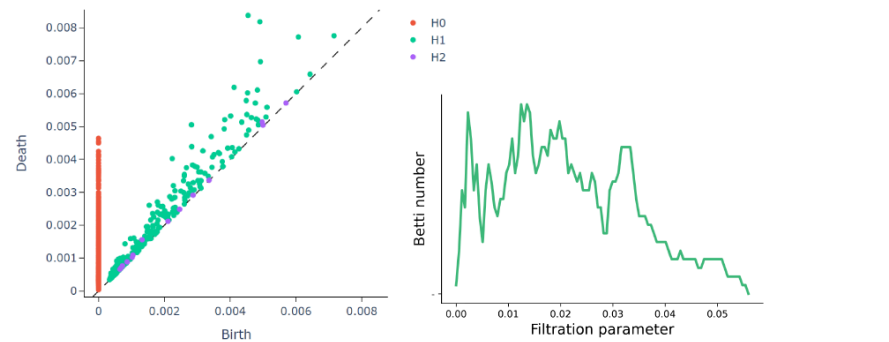
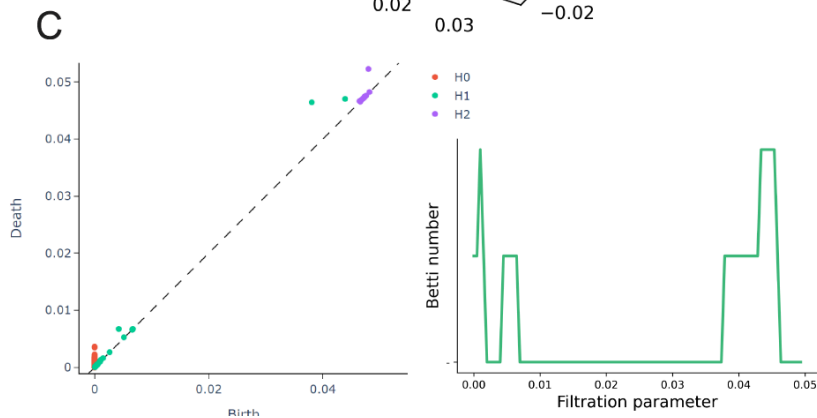
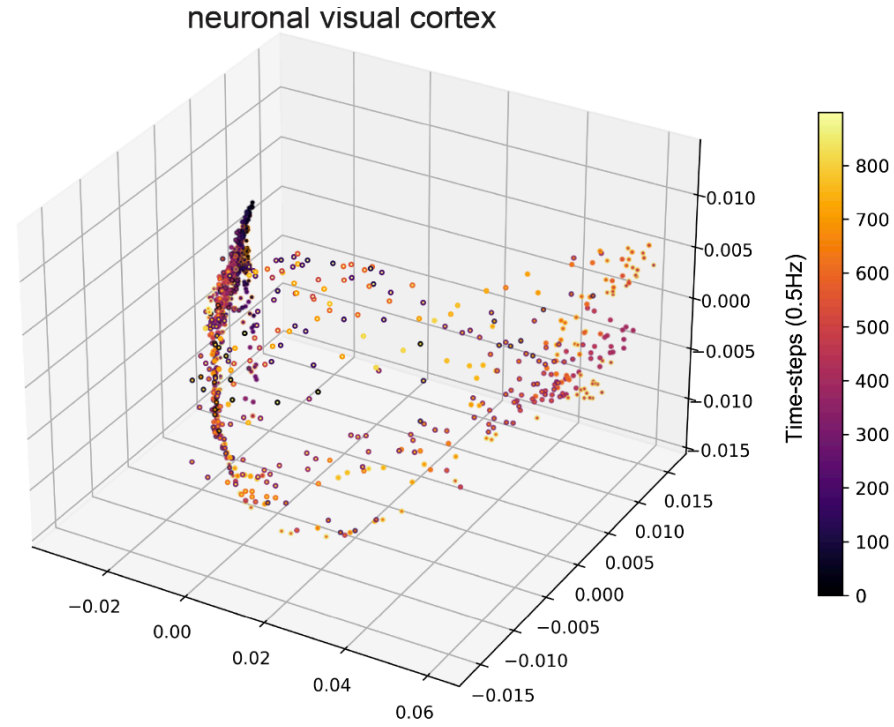
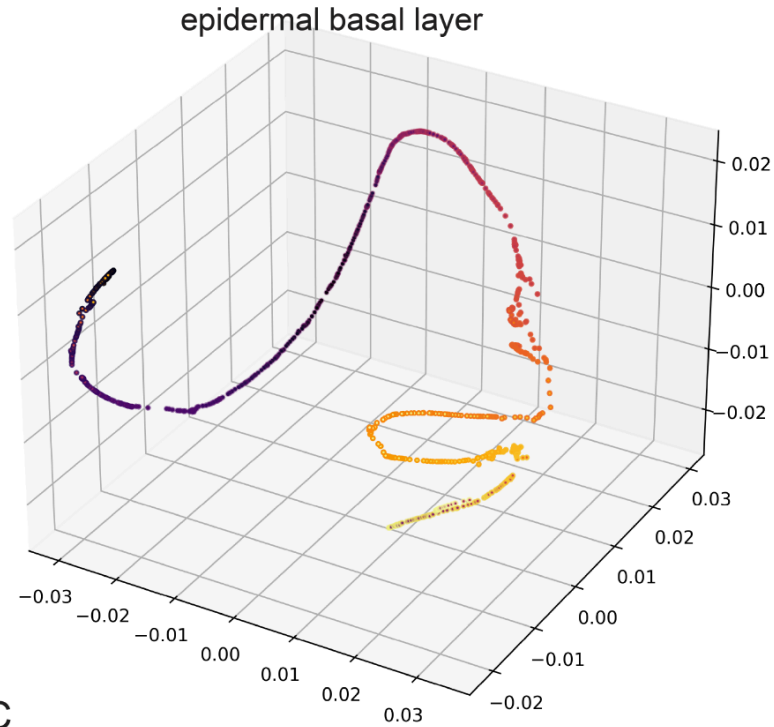
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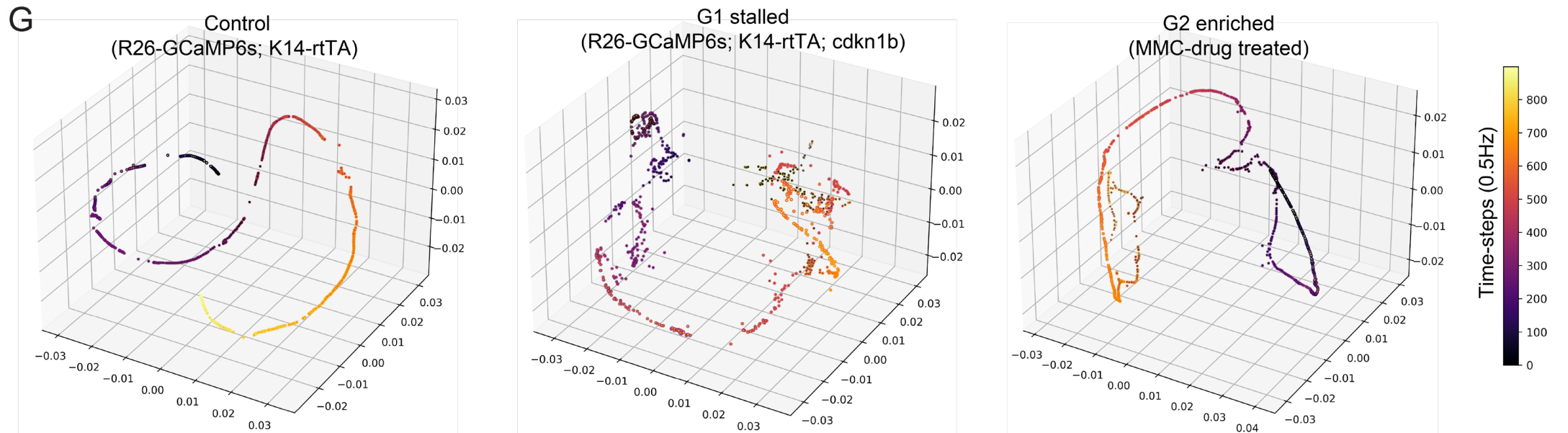
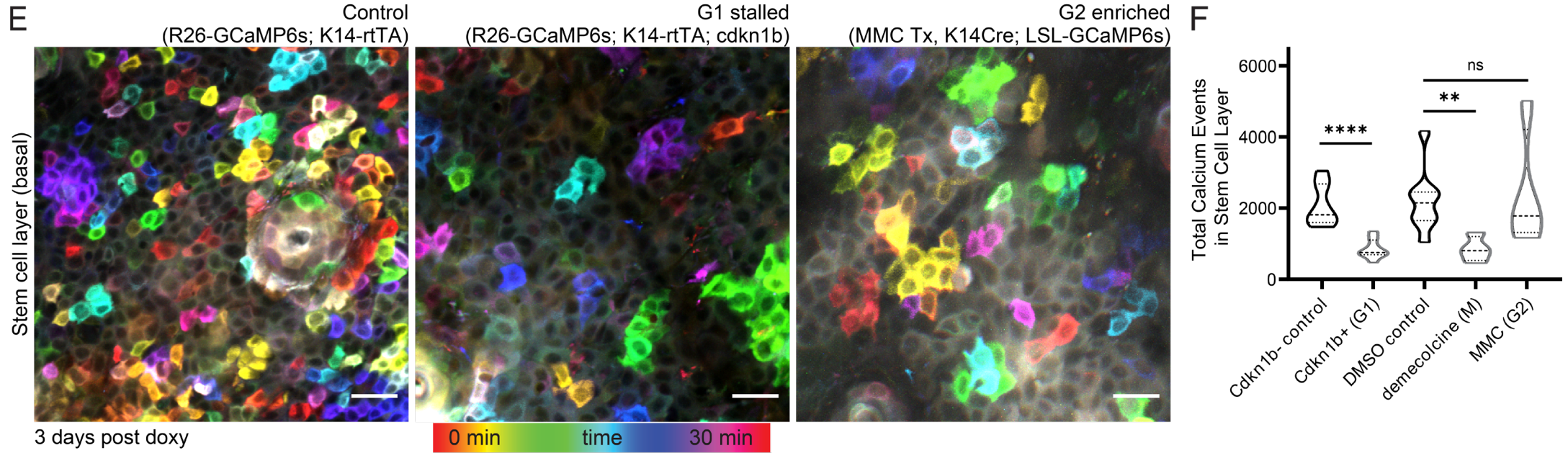
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Epithelial vs Neuronal Cells

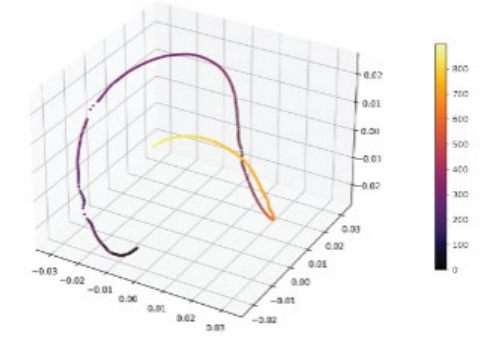


G2 stem cells are essential for homeostatic Ca^{2+} signaling

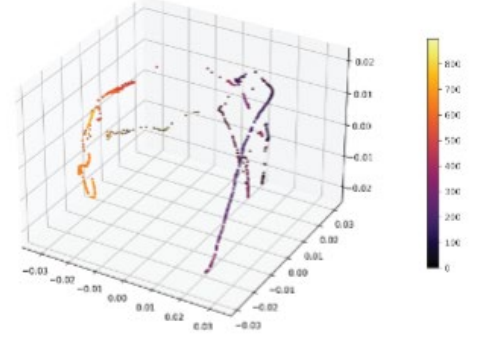


Ca²⁺ signaling in the mouse epidermis

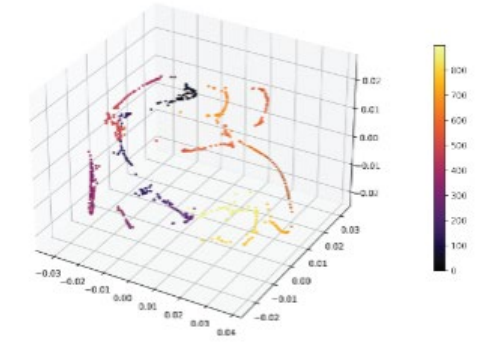
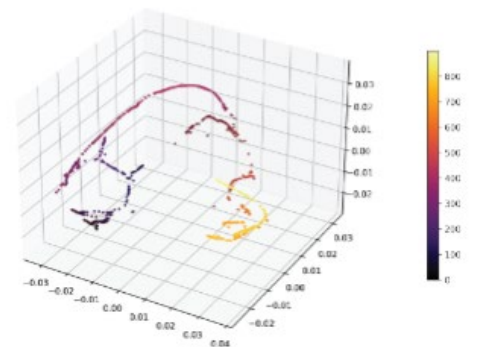
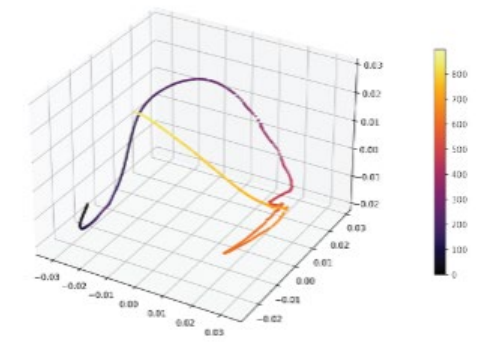
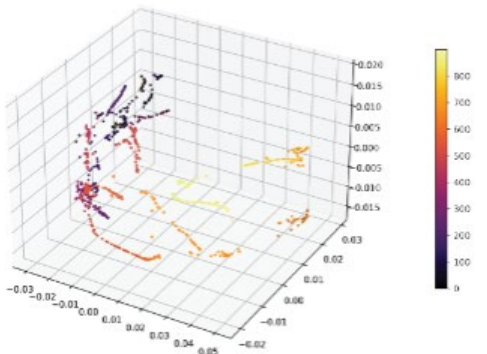
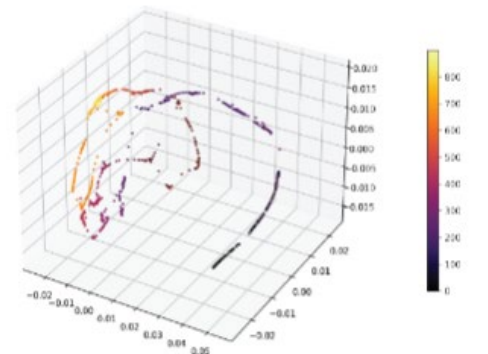
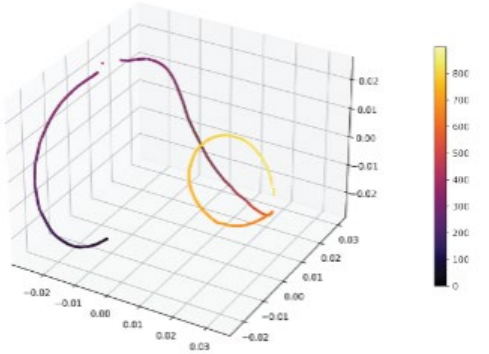
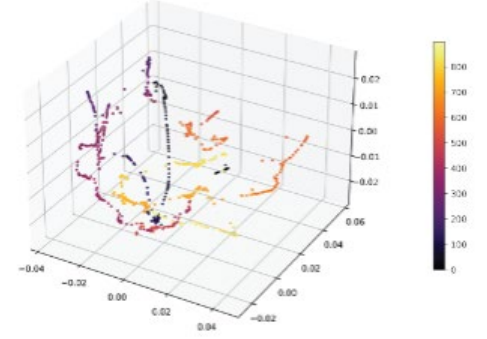
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Recovery of model parameters with GSTH

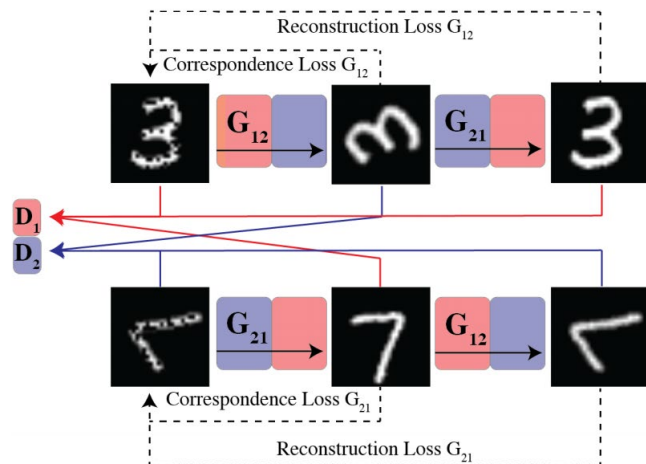
Table 3 Performance of GSTH model ablations on model parameter recovery (MSE) and classification of experimental conditions.

Model	Ablation	Mathematical Model ¹				Experimental Data ²		
		Kuramoto R	Intercellular Ca^{2+} K_{SERCA}	Waves V_{SERCA}	τ_{max}	Epidermal Signaling	ERK Signaling	PVC Signaling
GSTH	None	0.0063	0.0372	0.0646	24.81	0.89	0.65	0.44
GST	PH	0.0016	0.0189	0.0232	9.74	0.95	0.73	0.62
GST-RNN	PH	0.0058	0.0417	0.0722	26.94	0.86	0.58	0.37
GST- κ	PH	0.0347	N/A	0.1953	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
GS-PCA-H	PHATE	0.0125	0.0506	0.1103	51.63	0.77	0.57	0.44
GS-tSNE-H	PHATE	0.0118	0.0438	0.1078	38.29	0.81 ₉₅	0.73	0.51
Graph PH	GST	0.0124	0.0397	0.0859	11.32	0.91	0.76	

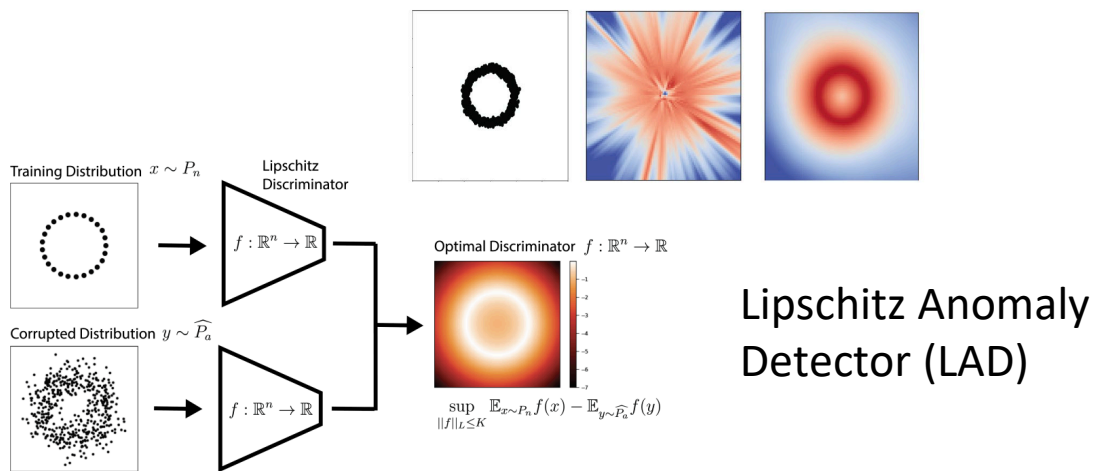
¹Mean squared error (MSE) for regression, lower is better.

²Classification accuracy, higher is better.

MAGAN: Manifold-Aligning GAN

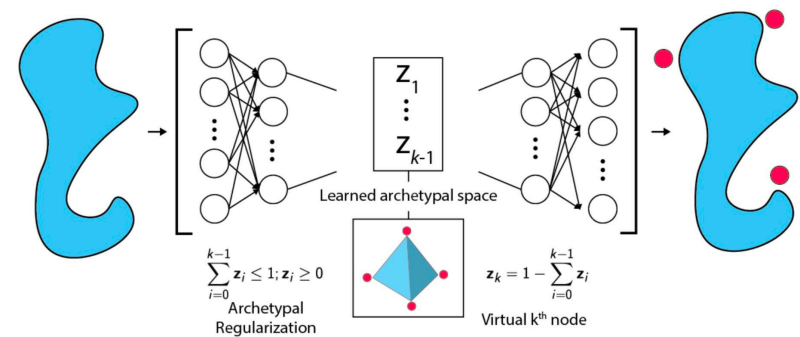


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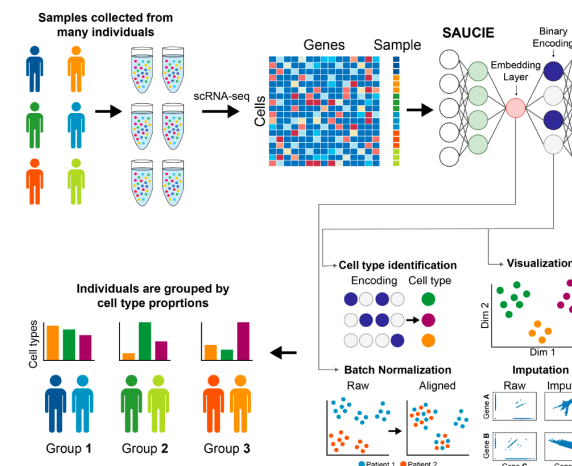
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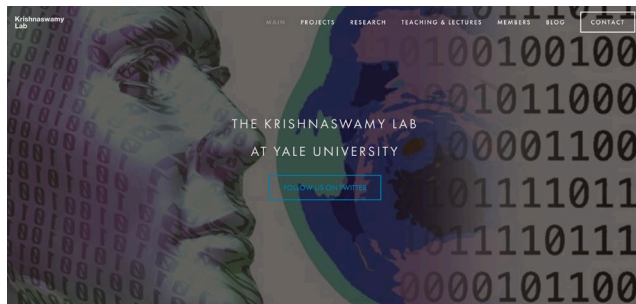
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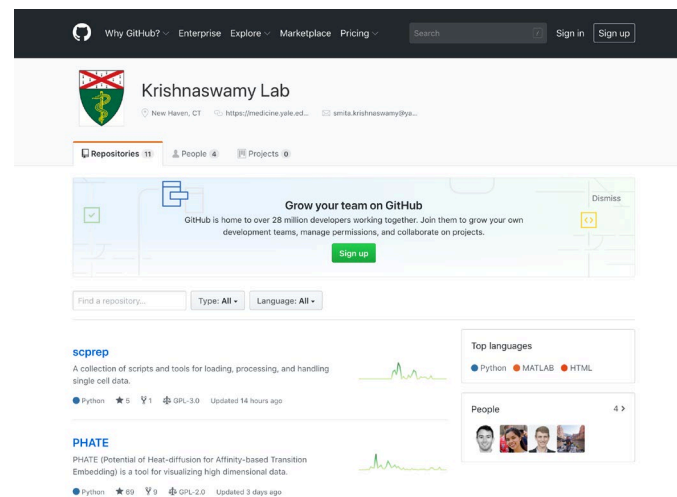
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