

l'Intelligence Artificielle pour comprendre les cellules?

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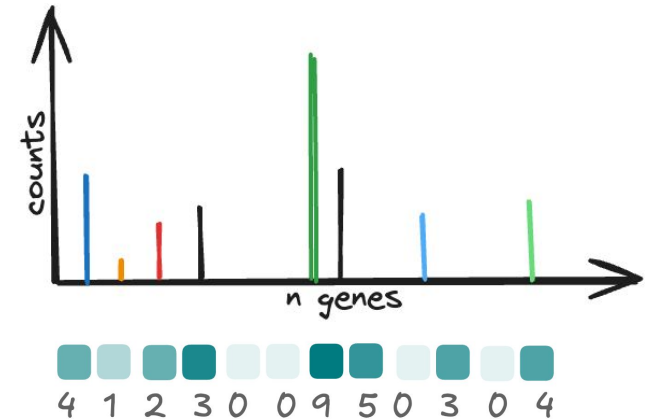
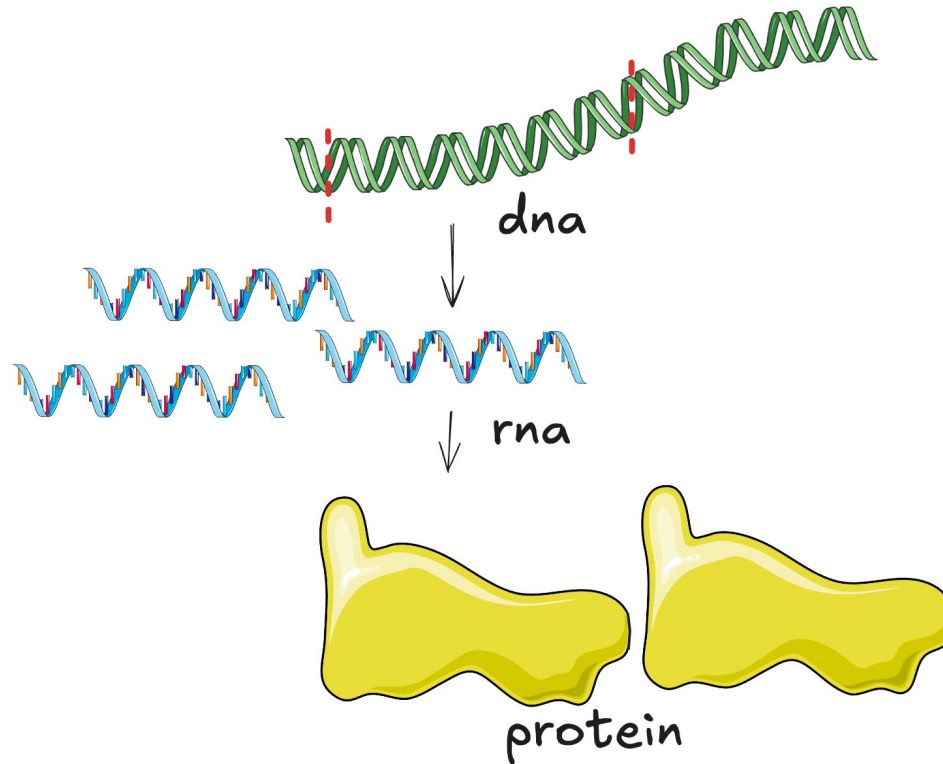
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Introduction



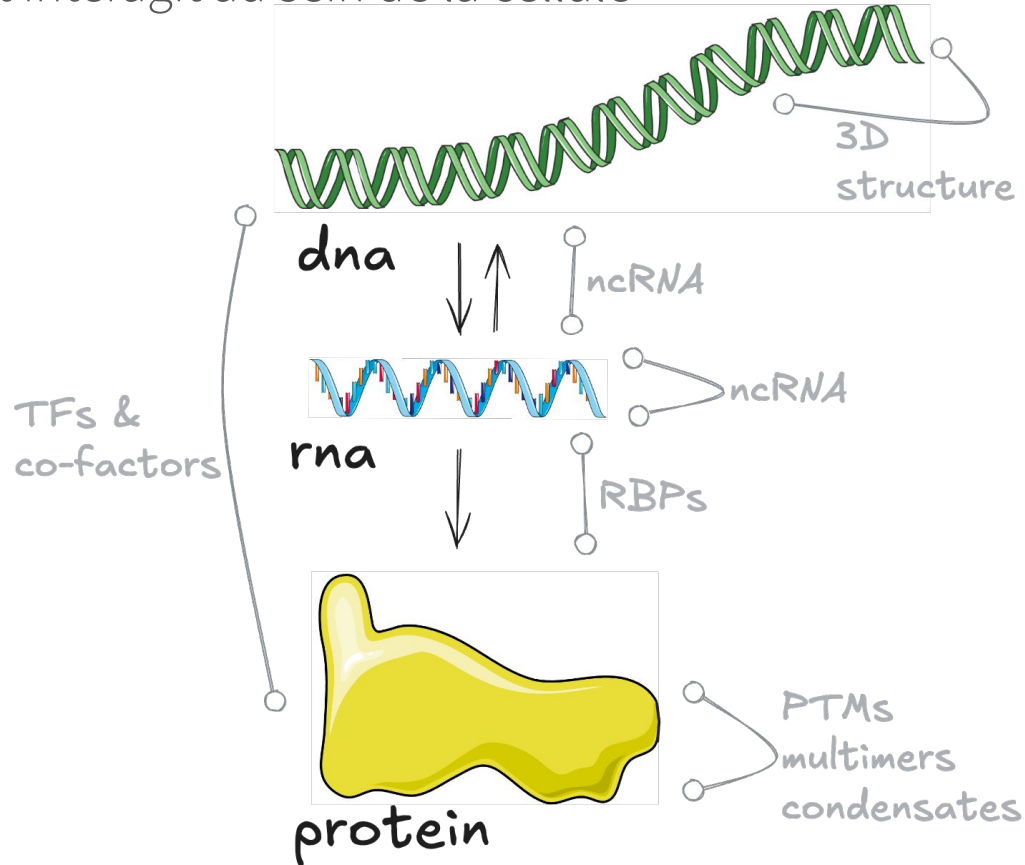
1.1. Biologie cellulaire 101: le dogme

Mesurer l'ARN par cellule unique nous permet de comprendre ce que fait la cellule



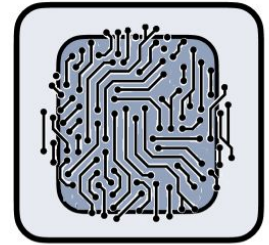
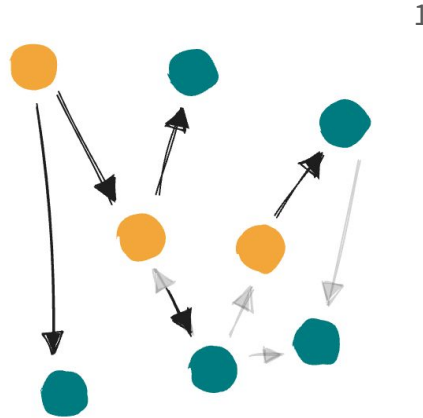
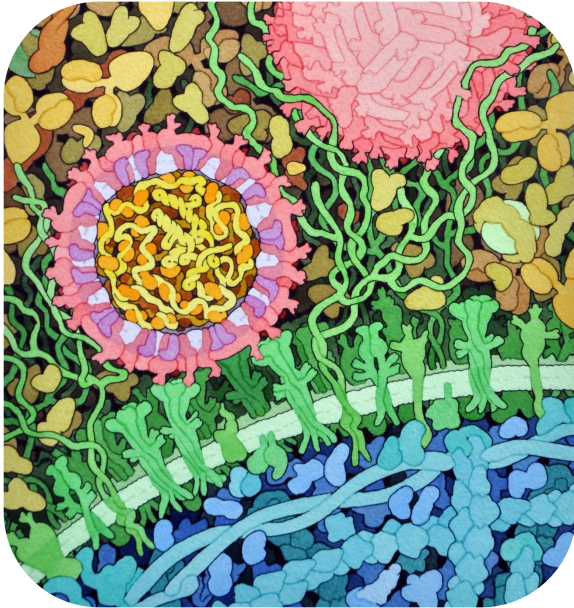
1.2. Du dogme à la réalité

Quasiment tout interagit au sein de la cellule



1.3. Réseau génétique et représentation de la cellule

Les cellules sont faits des complexes de trilliards de macromolécules



ML

Dans le domaine du Machine learning...

Les LLMs ont présentés de nouvelles idées pour apprendre des interactions sans supervision

1.4. Les transformer sont pré-entraînés avec du **SSL**

les méthodes classiques d'apprentissage **semi-supervisé**

Encoder Transformer

j'habite à MASK en France

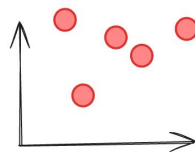
Bidirectional / Masking

Decoder Transformer

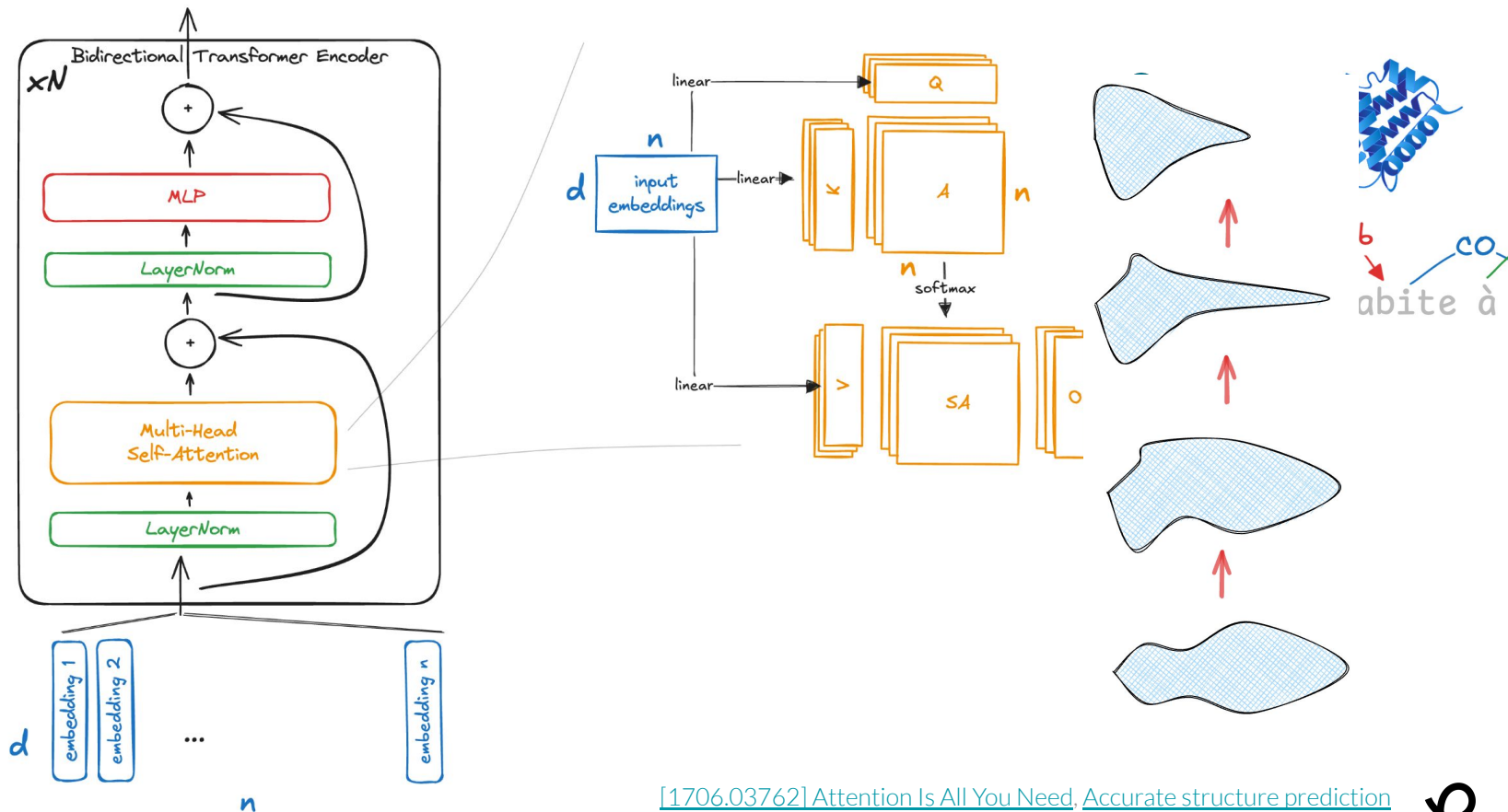
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Decoding / Autoregressive

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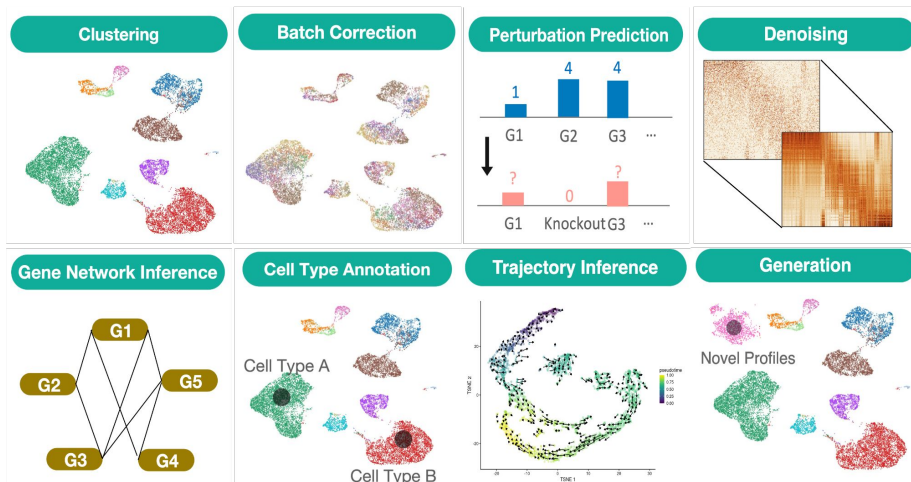
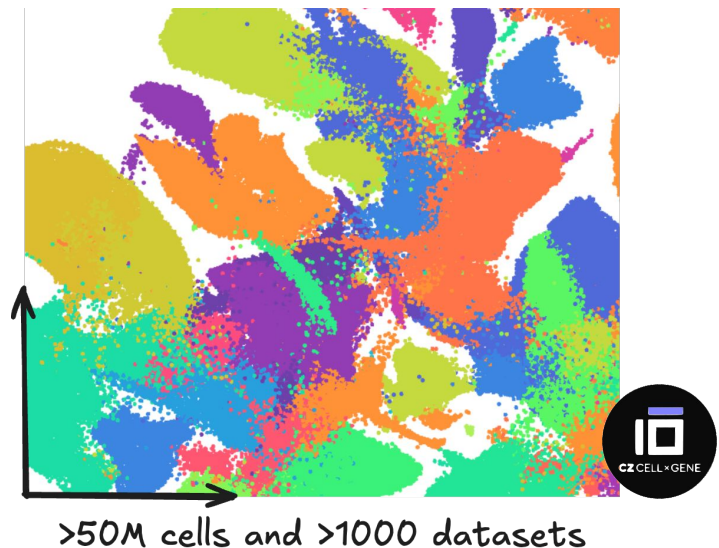


1.5. Transformer utilisent le mécanisme d'Attention



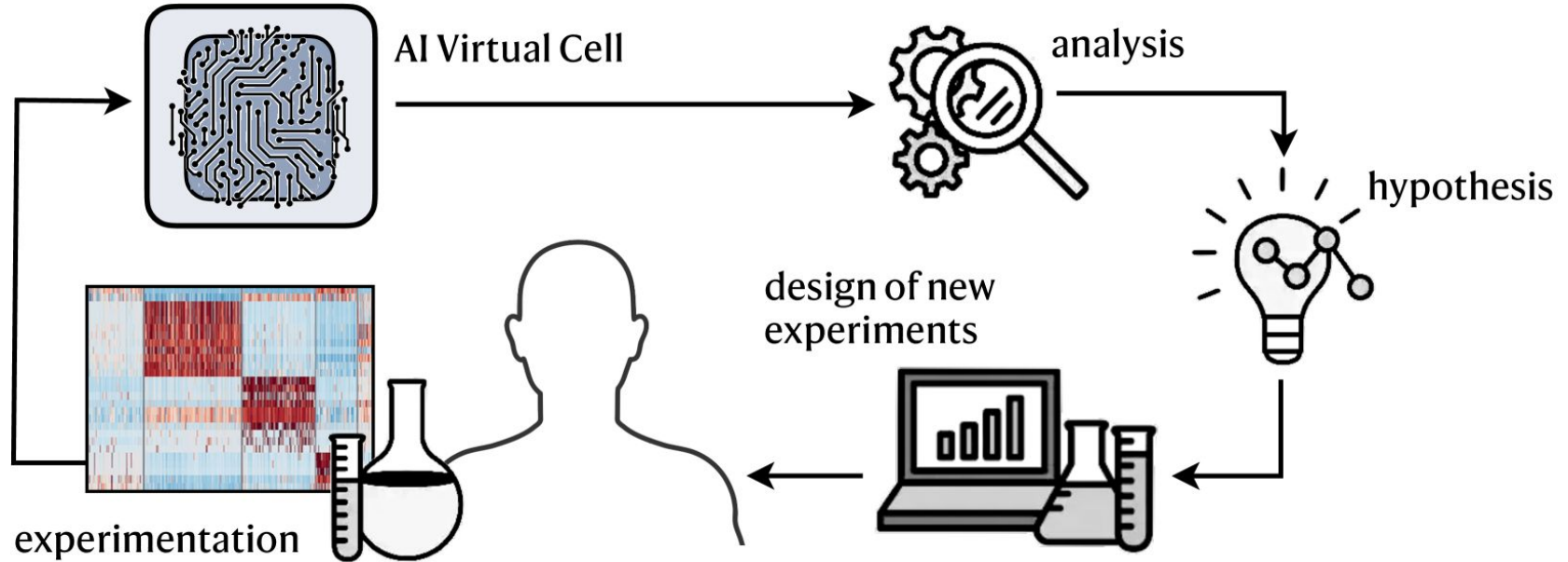
1.6. Geneformer et scGPT: single-cell foundation models

premiers résultats en entraînant des LLMs sur du scRNAseq (scFMs)



Pourquoi les modèles de fondation

Modéliser la cellule peut nous permettre de découvrir des médicaments



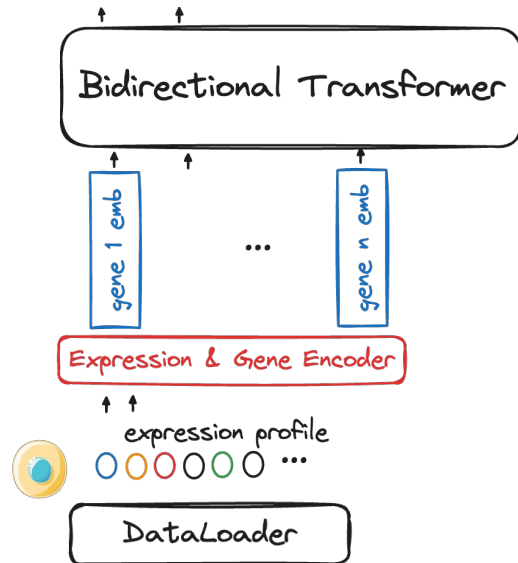
Qu'est-ce que les scFMs ont appris de la cellule?

Peut-on améliorer les scFMs en utilisant le framework des réseaux de gènes?

2. scPRINT & scPRINT-2

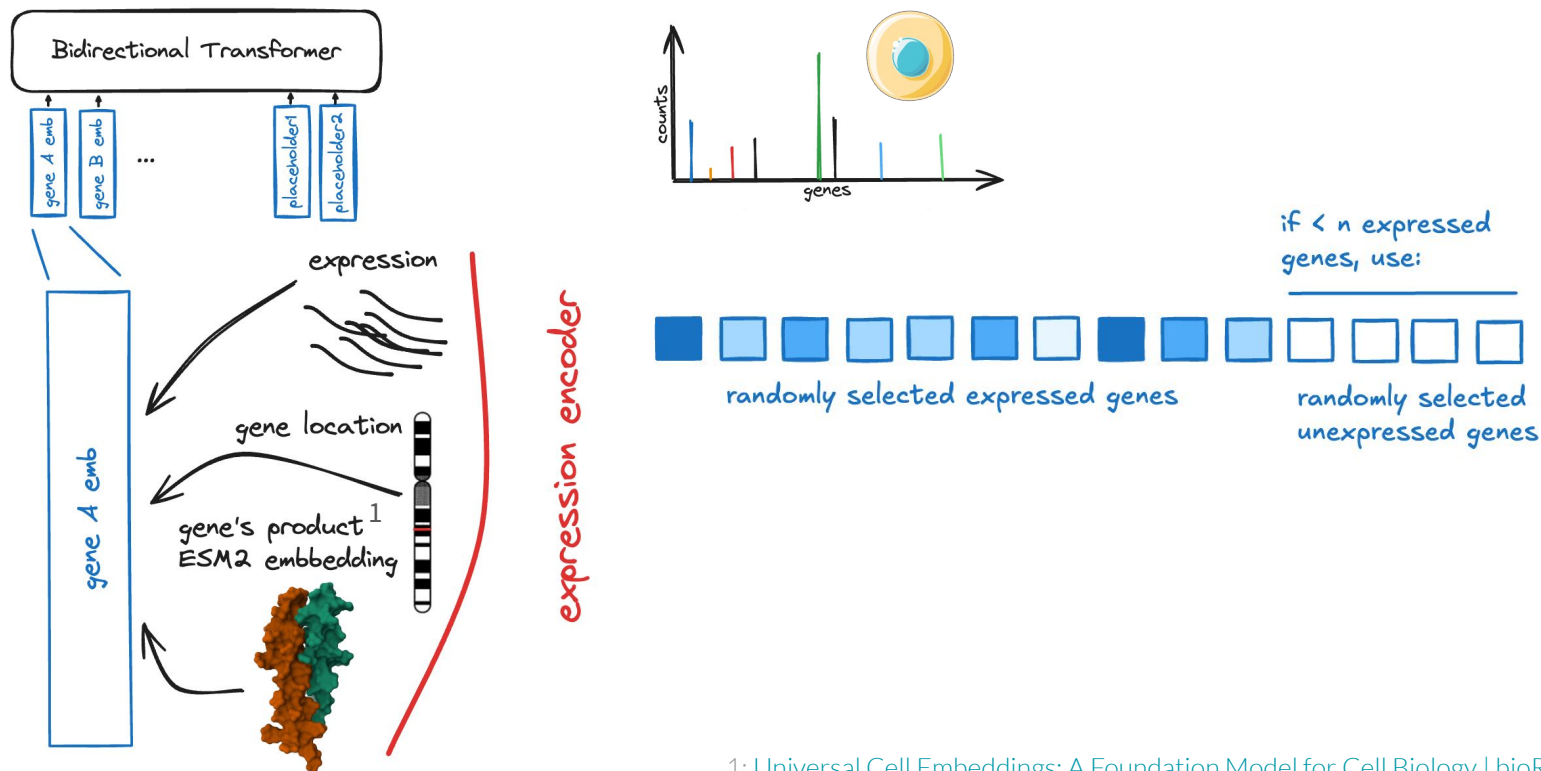


2.1. scPRINT et ses nombreuses contributions



2.2. Encoder les gènes via leur séquence

ajouter des biais inductif pour mieux apprendre les interactions génétiques

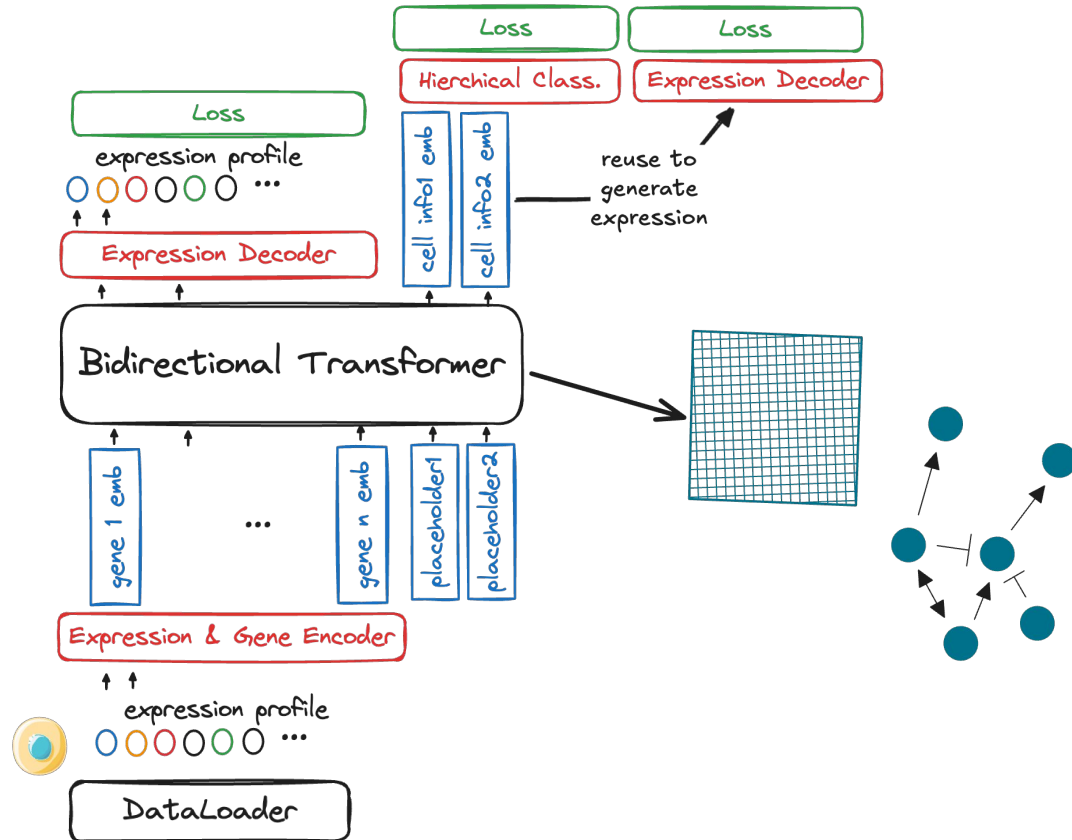


1: [Universal Cell Embeddings: A Foundation Model for Cell Biology | bioRxiv](#)

2: [Evolutionary-scale prediction of atomic-level protein structure with a language model | Science](#)

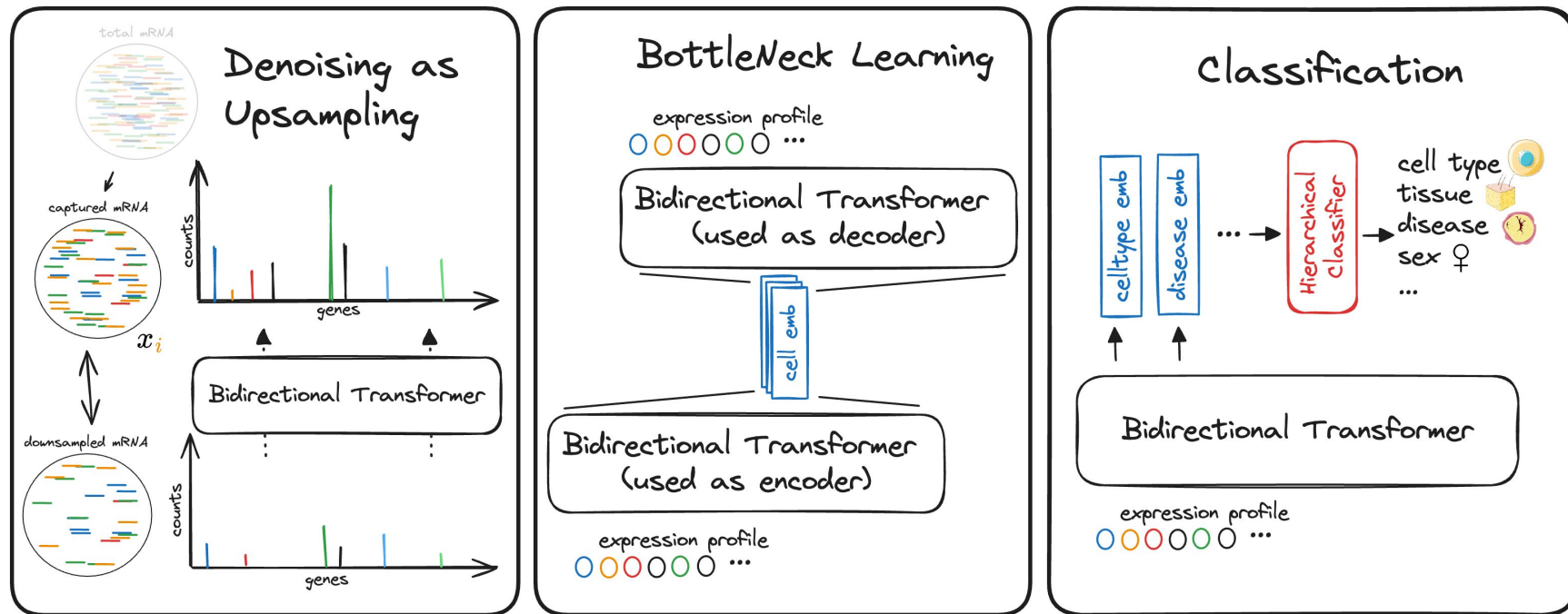


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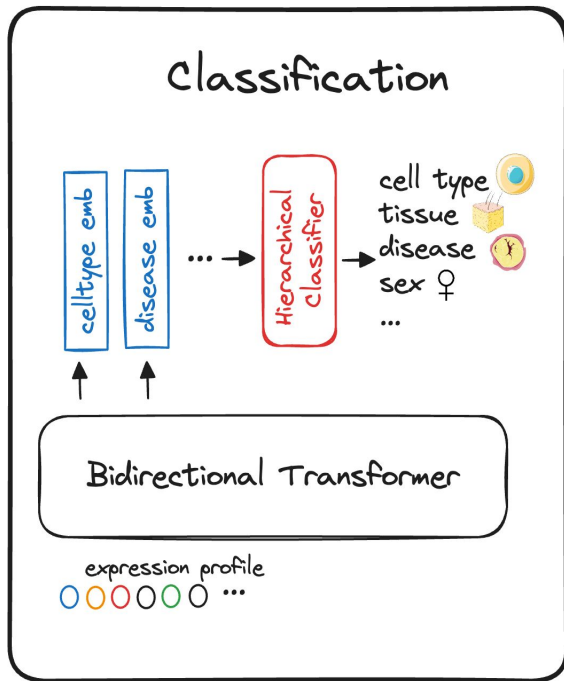
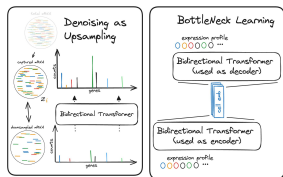
2.3. scPRINT et ses **nouvelles** méthodes d'entraînement

scPRINT spécialisés sont entrainement aux données de scRNA-seq

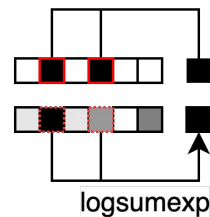
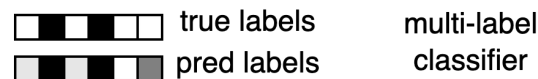


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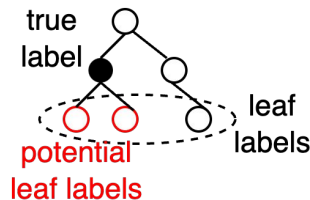
La classification pour déconvoluer les sources de variations d'expression



Hierarchical Classifier



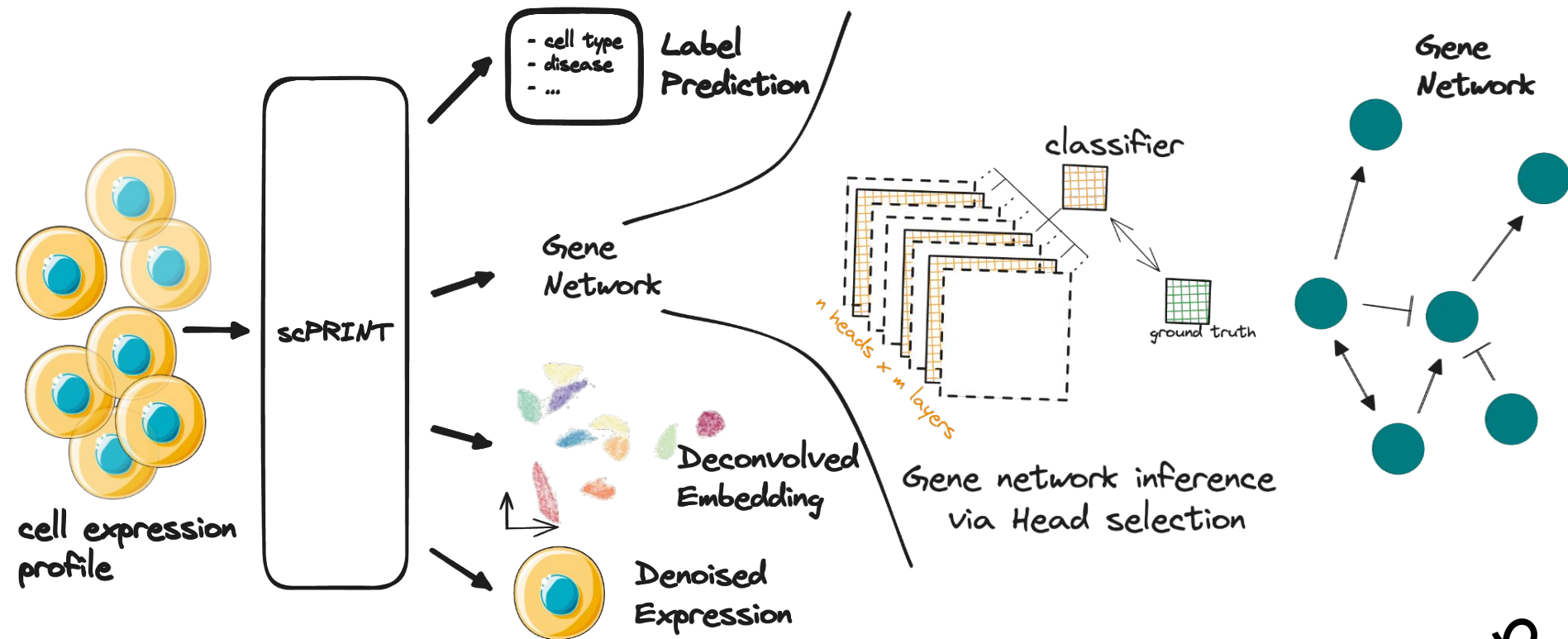
don't compute loss on these



only predict on leaf labels

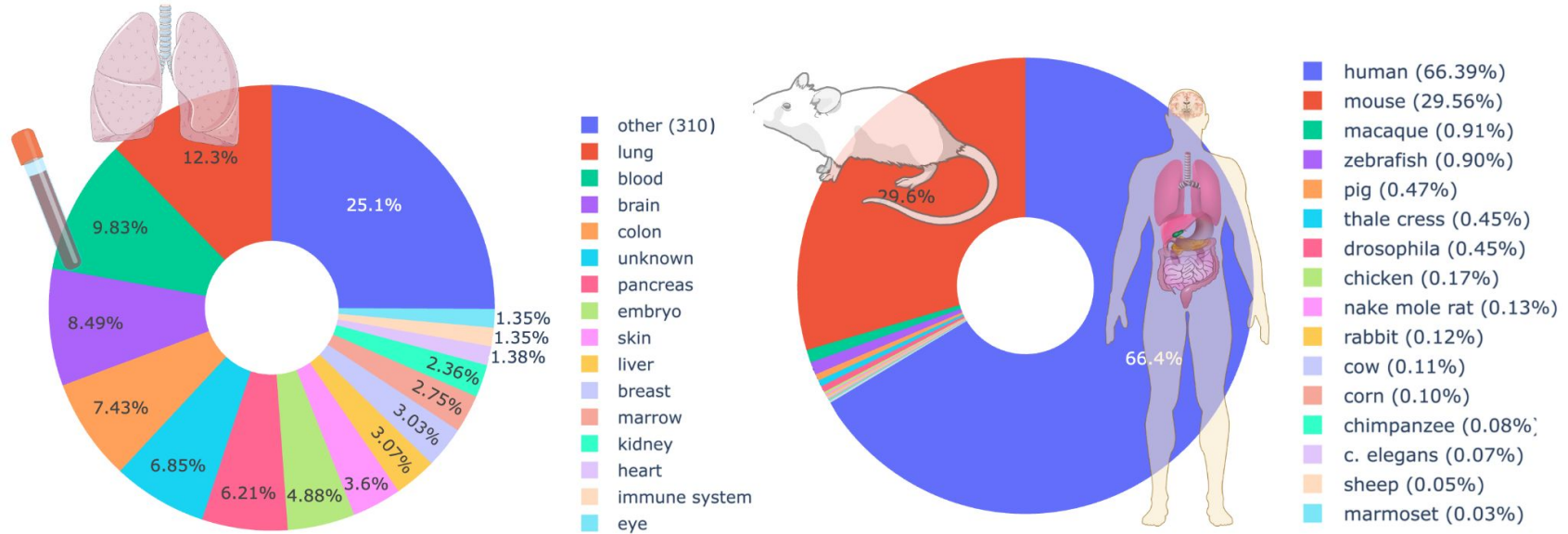
2.5. un scFM avec des capacités diverses

scPRINT does denoising, predicts cell labels, cell embeddings, and gene networks



2.6. Le corpus scPRINT: 350 millions de cellules

La plus grande base de donnée d'expression génétique par cellule seule

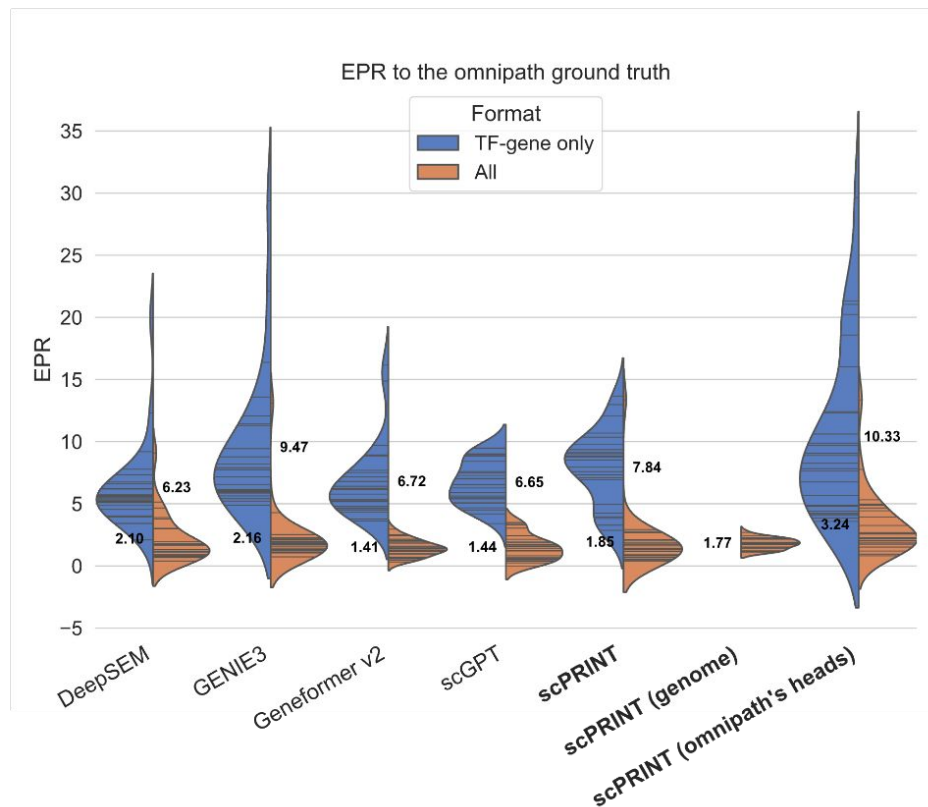


3. Benchmarks et Resultats



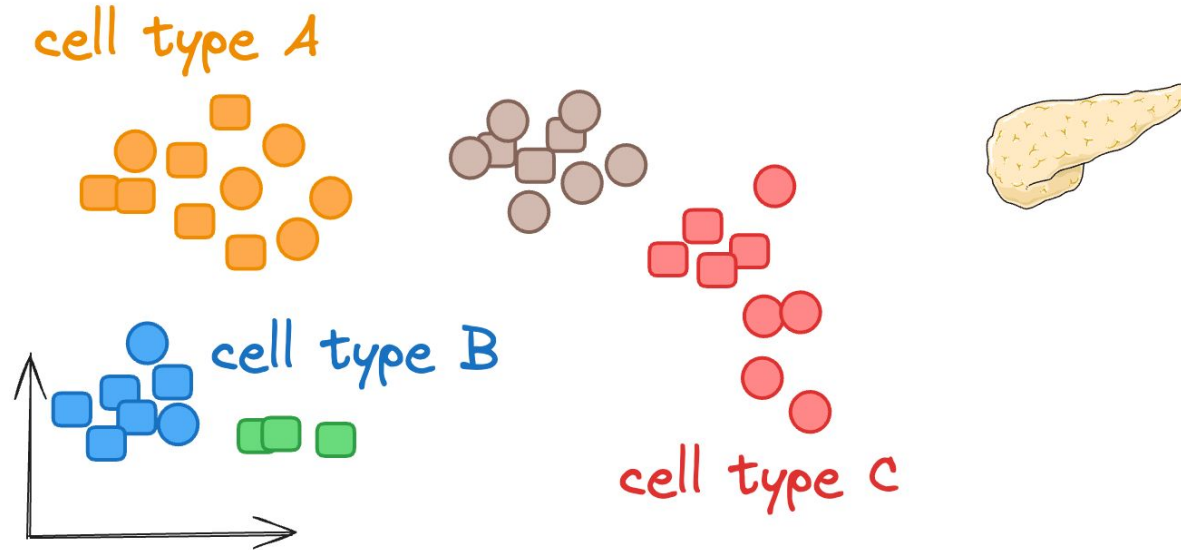
3.1. LCMs ont une représentation des interactions

Qui devient meilleurs grâce à nos biais inductifs



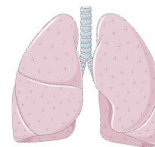
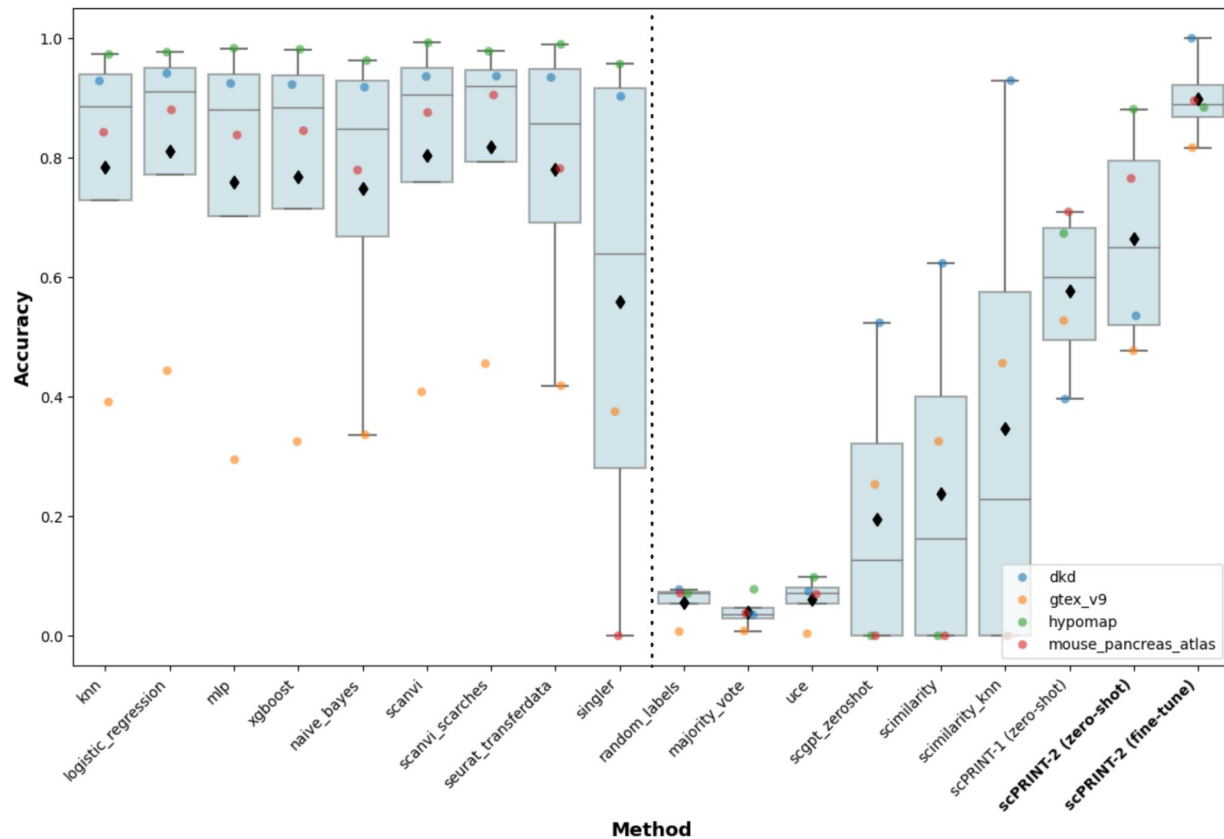
3.2. Prédire les types cellulaires sur de nouvelles données

scPRINT prédit: cell type, sex, sequencer, disease, ethnicity sans ré-entraînement



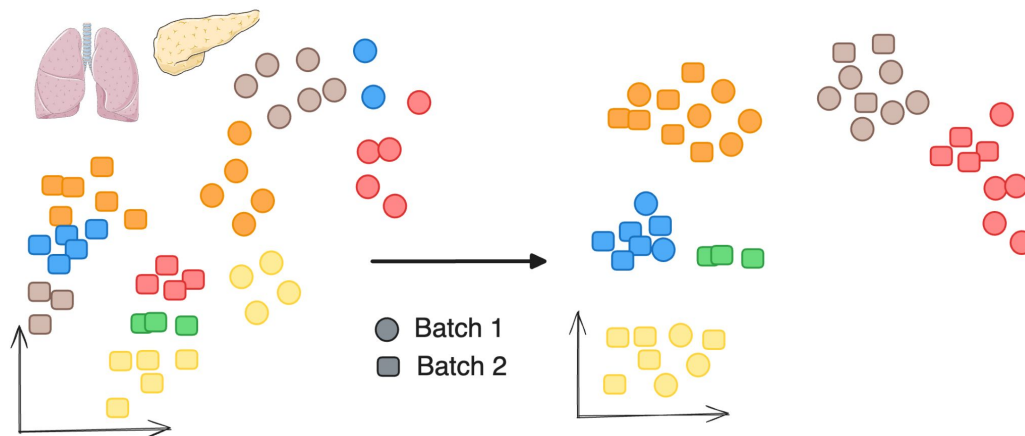
3.2. Les modèles de fondation sont SOTA en classification

Quand mesurés et entraînés correctement



3.3. scPRINT peut retirer les effets de batch

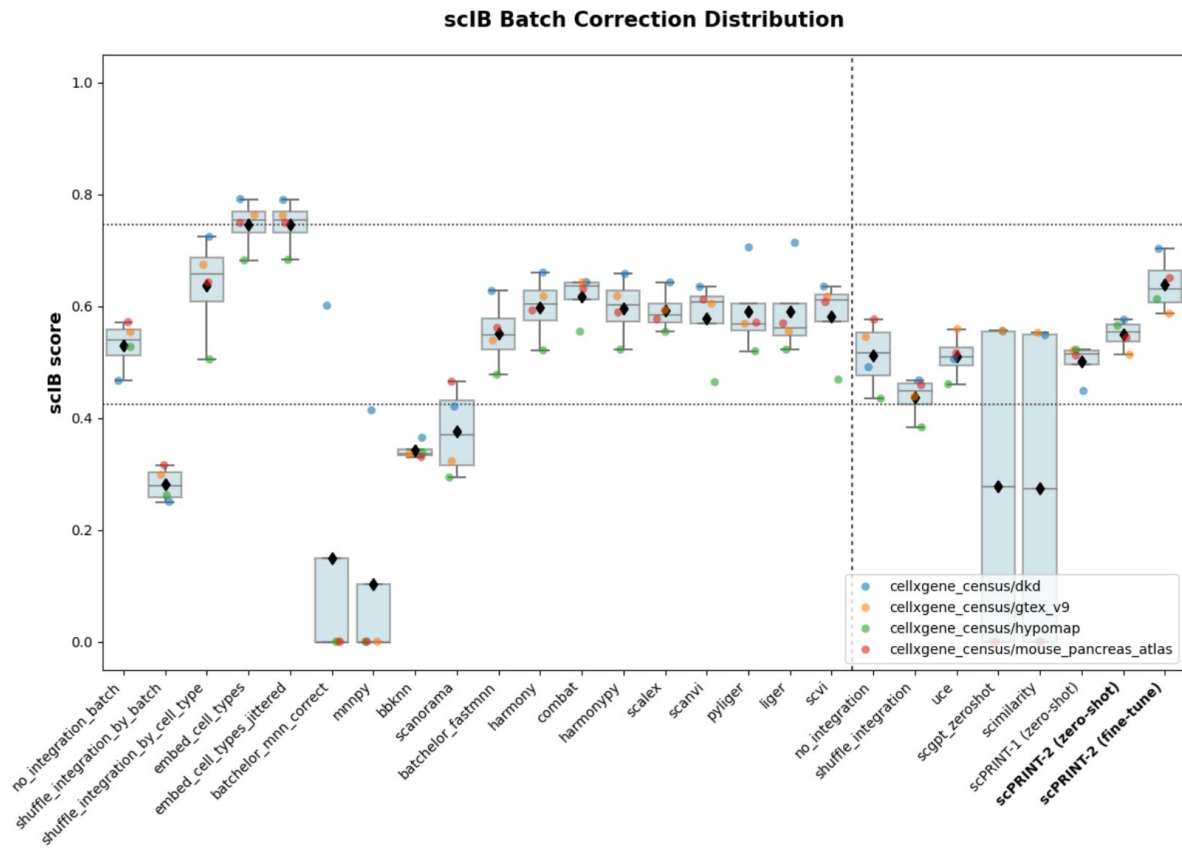
scPRINT learned to disentangle biological signal from sequencing signal



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pip install scib
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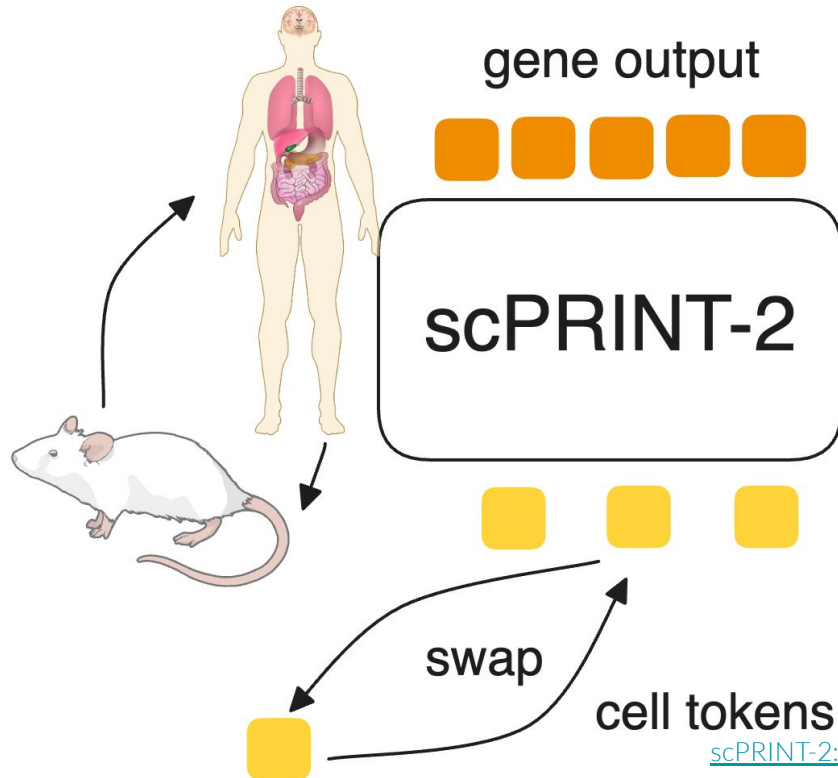
3.3. Batch: scPRINT-2 beats scPRINT-1 and becomes SOTA

thanks to these specialized embeddings (increase scIB batch corr)



3.4. Les LCMs peuvent généraliser à de nouvelles tâches

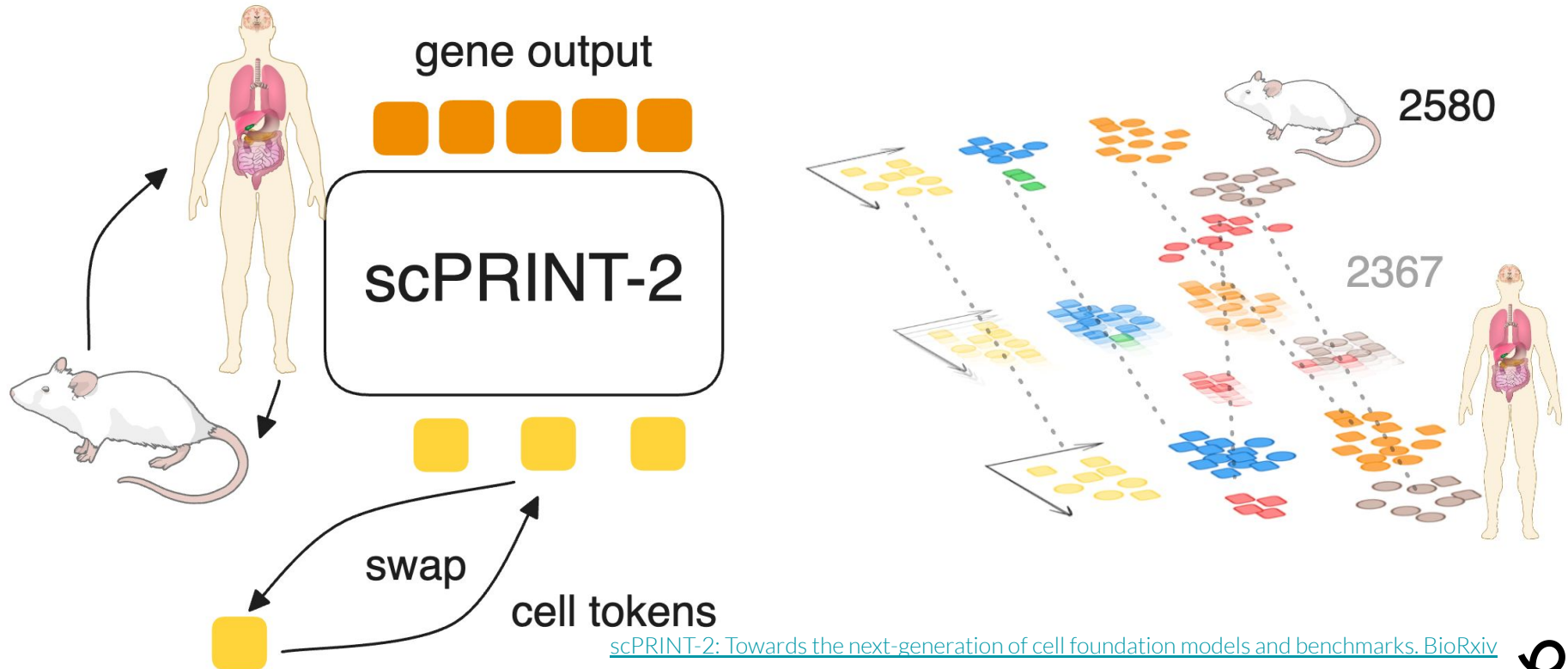
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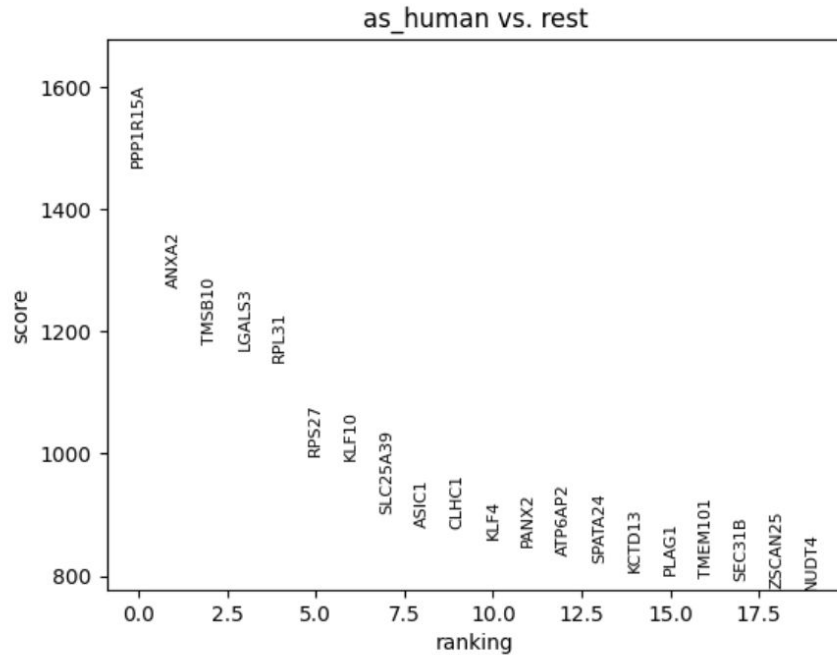
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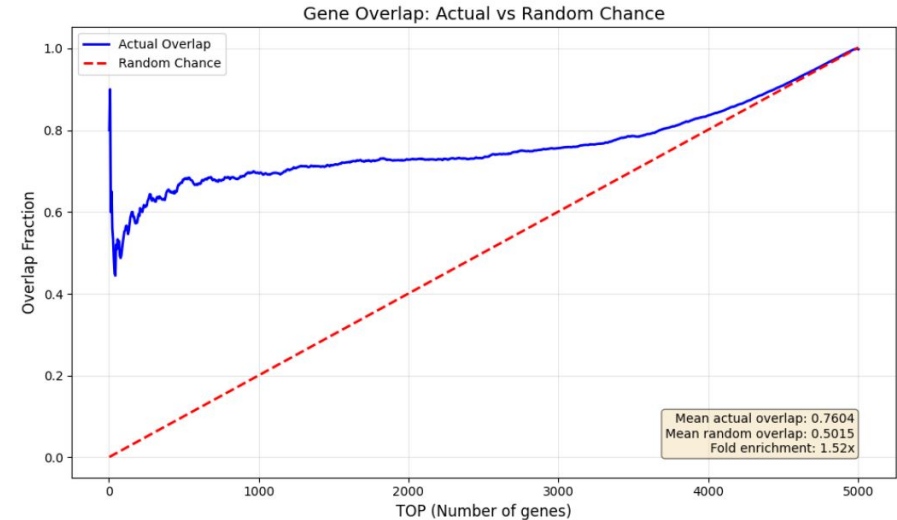
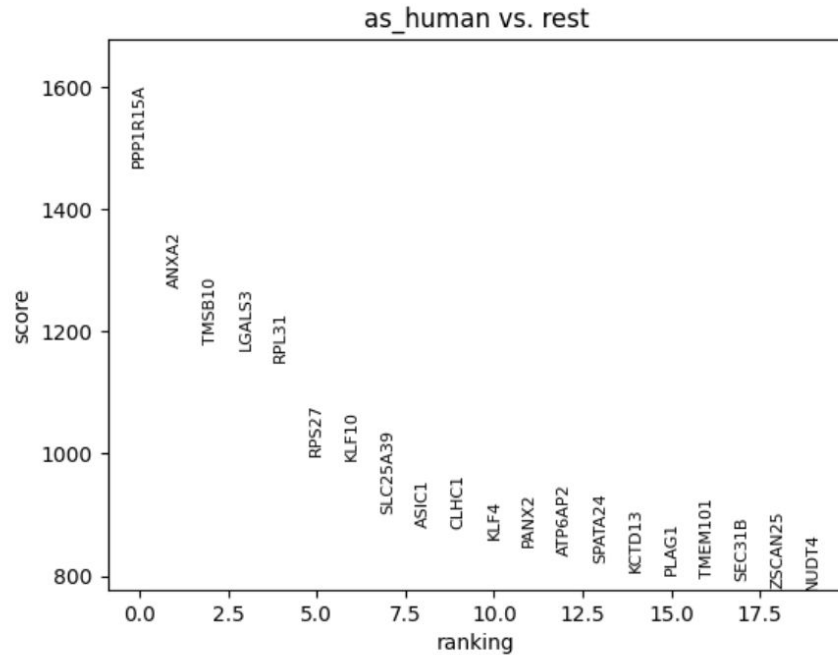
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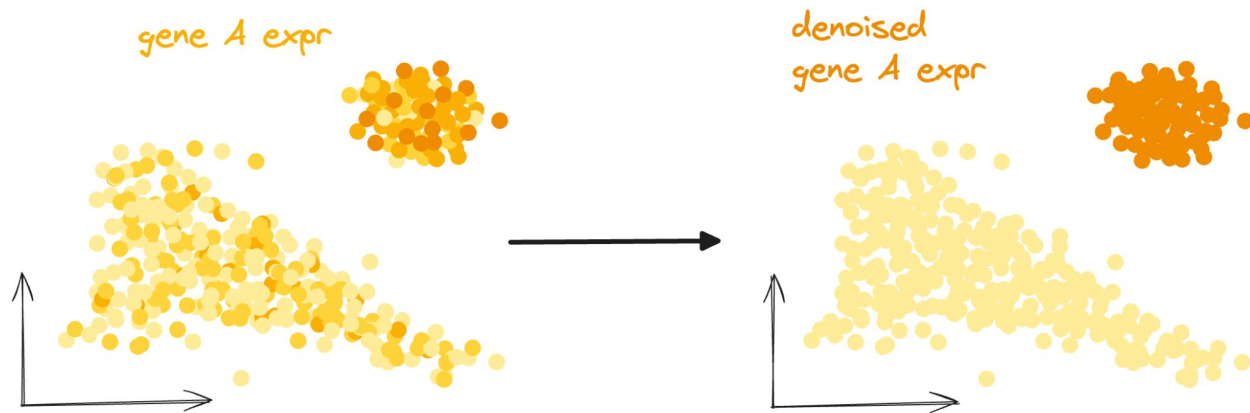
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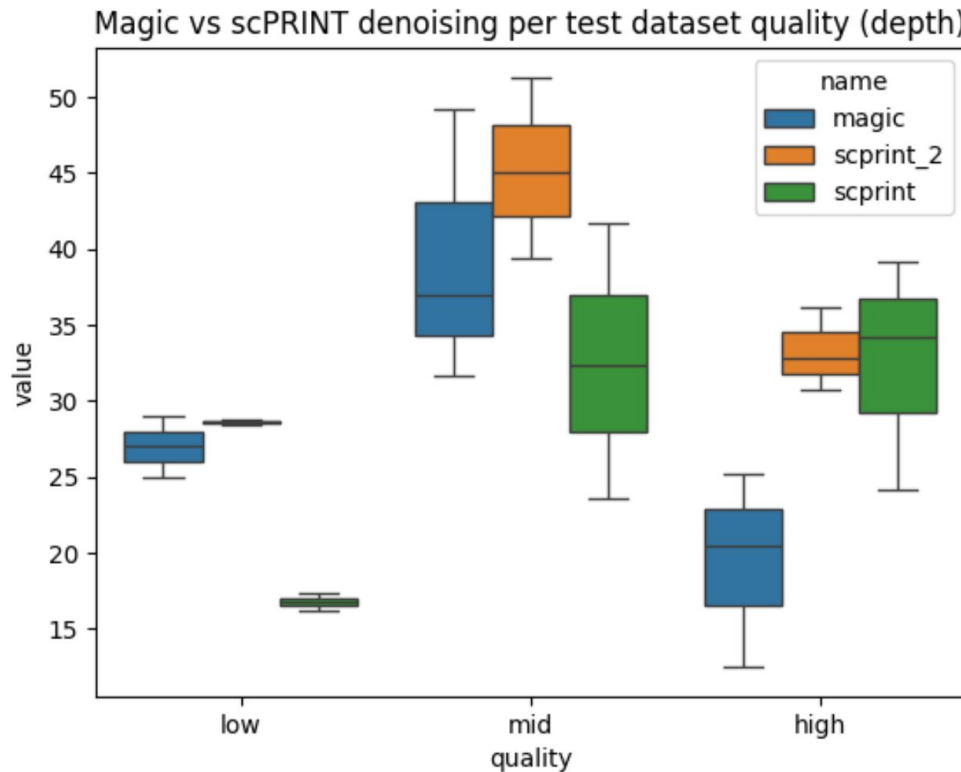
scPRINT beats state of the art tool MAGIC on challenging rare cell populations



$$\text{score} = r_{\text{pearson}}(x_{\text{true}}, x_{\text{pred}}) - r_{\text{pearson}}(x_{\text{true}}, x_{\text{noisy}})$$

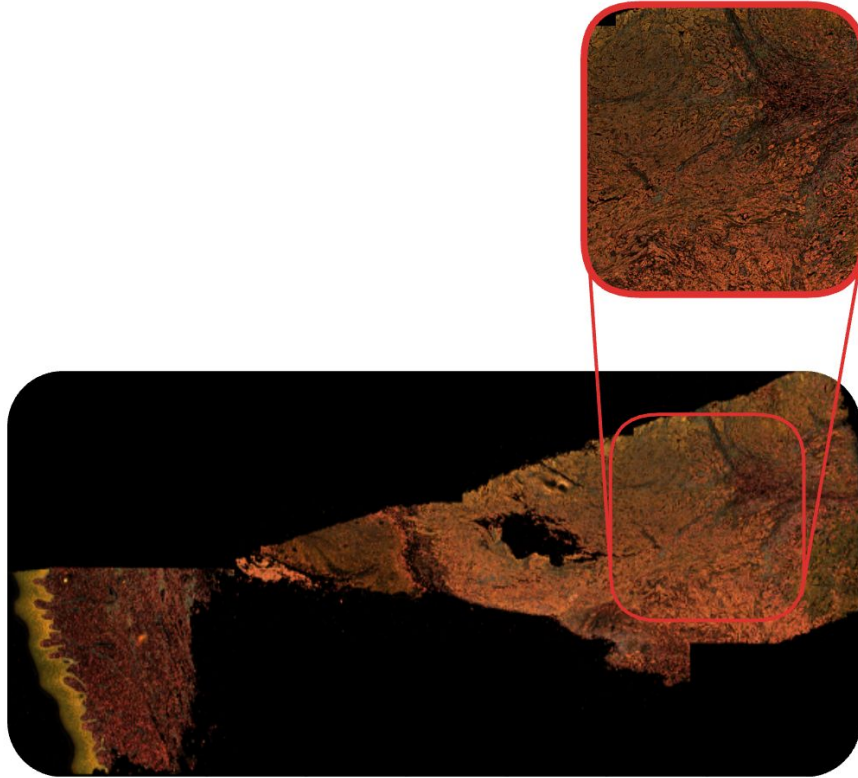
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impact of sequencing quality and bias is reduced thanks to the GNN



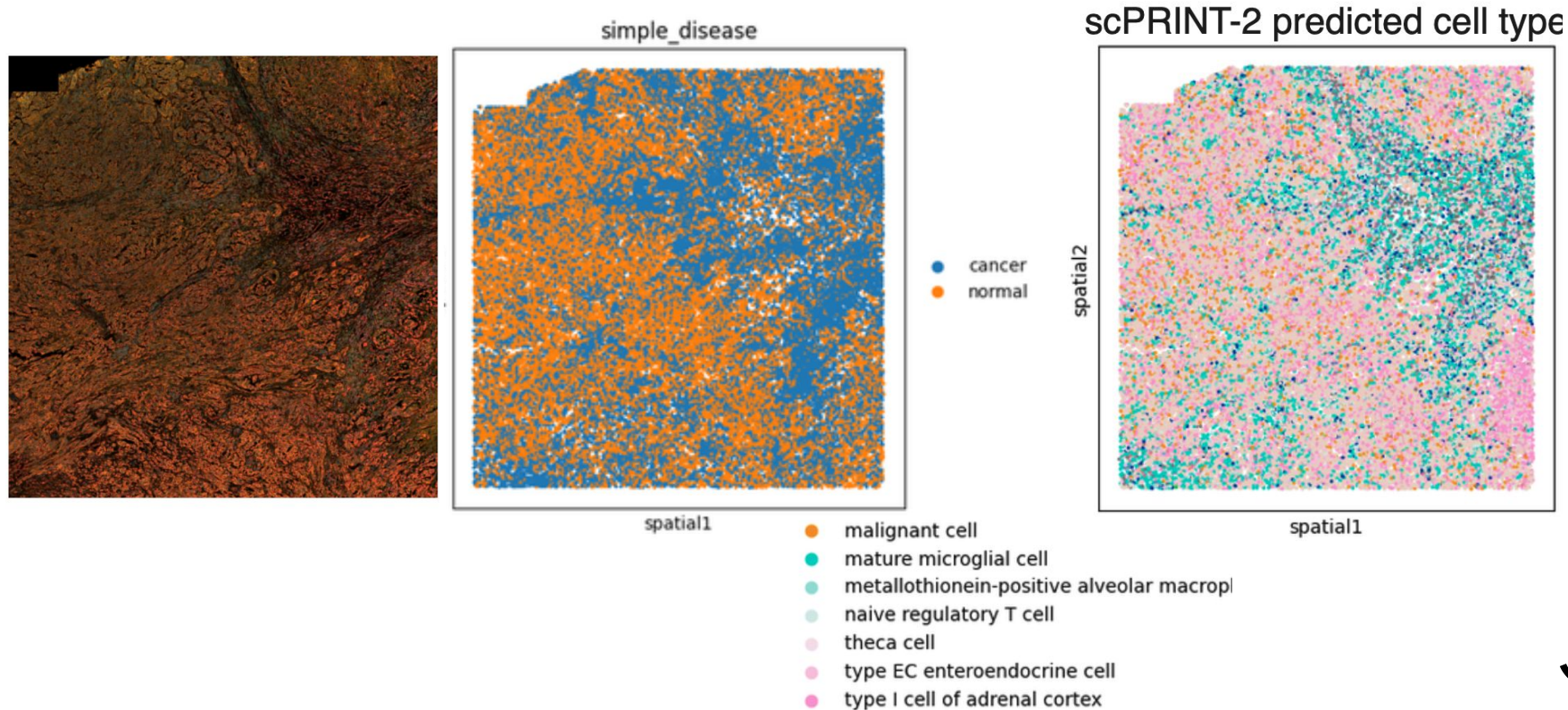
Les LCMS généralisent sur des nouvelles modalités

of Xenium 5K human primary skin melanoma



La classification sur des slides Xenium de ST

Mais présente aussi les biais toujours présents dans les données

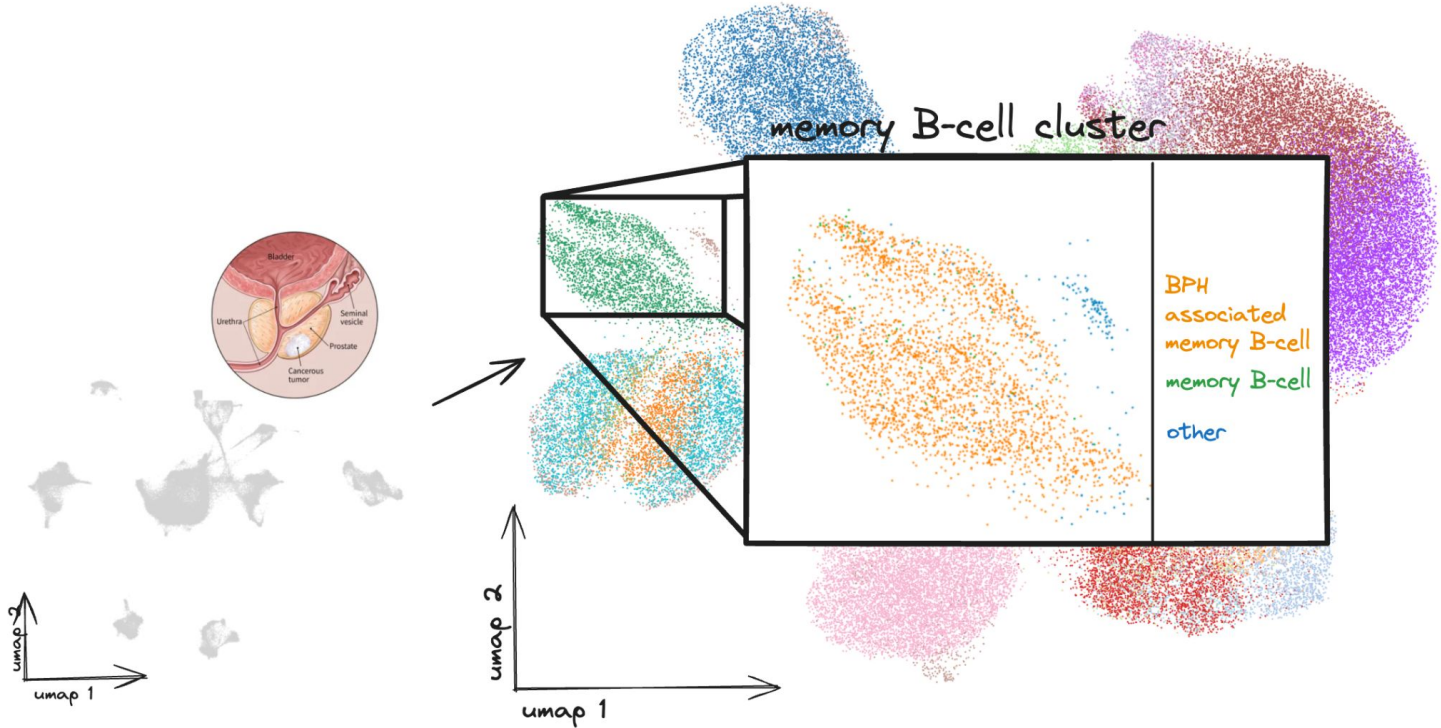


4. étude: Hyperplasie bénigne de la prostate



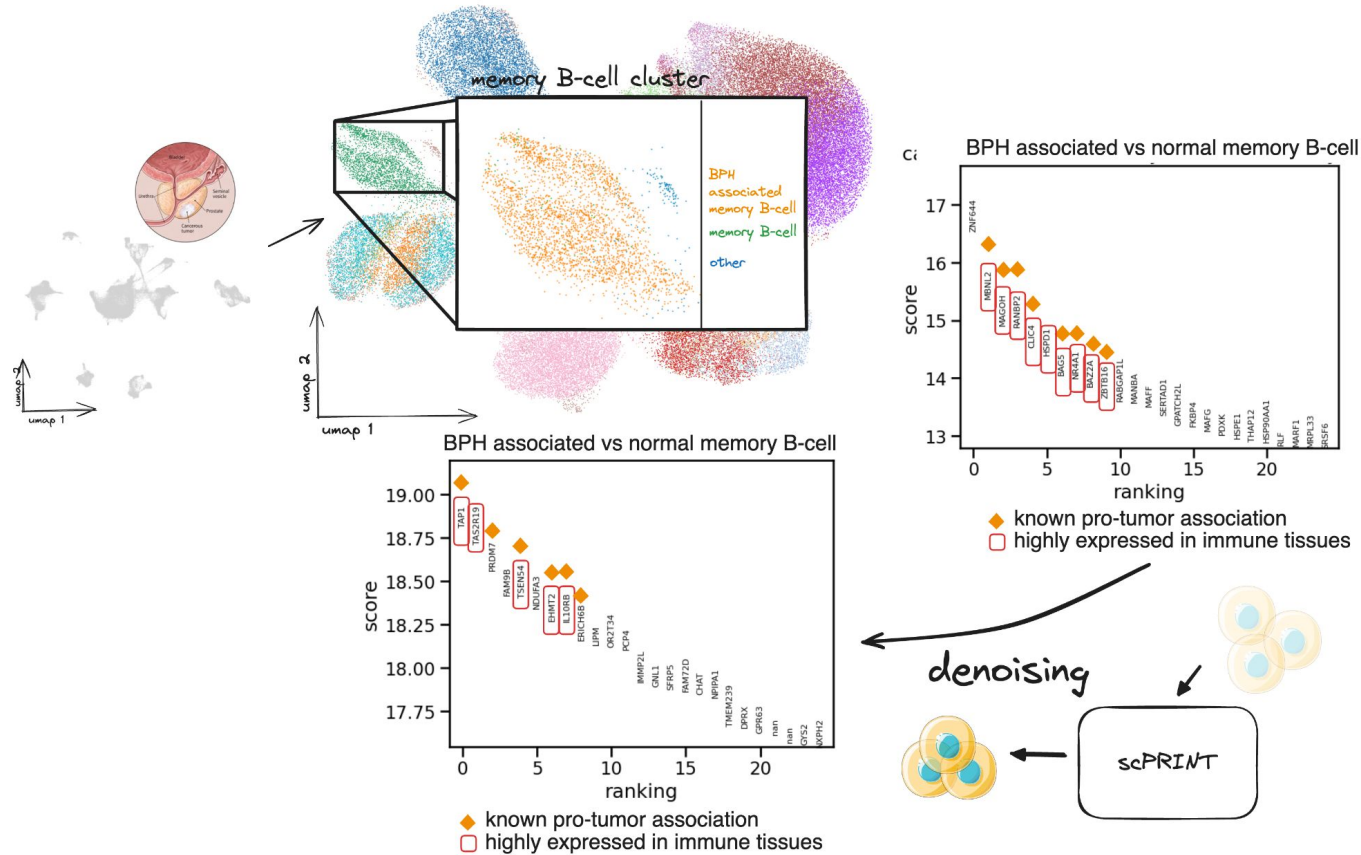
4.1. scPRINT en outil central en bioinformatique

D'un dataset brute à des premiers résultats de target discovery



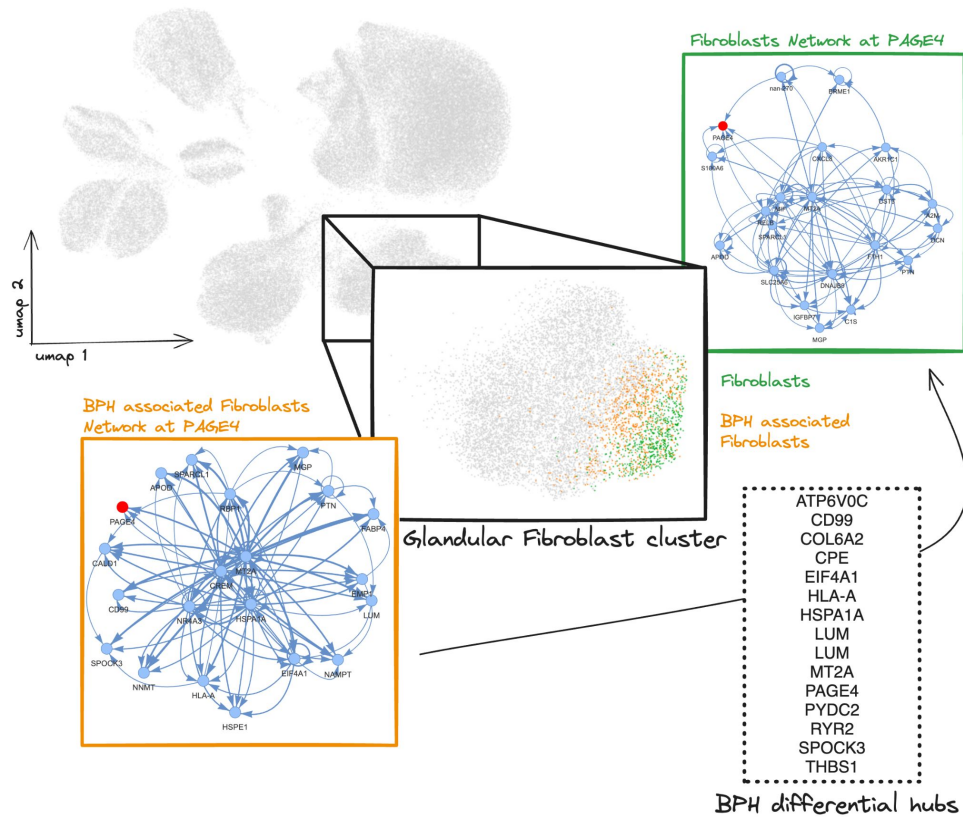
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The rare BPH-associated B-cell population predicted by scPRINT contains known markers



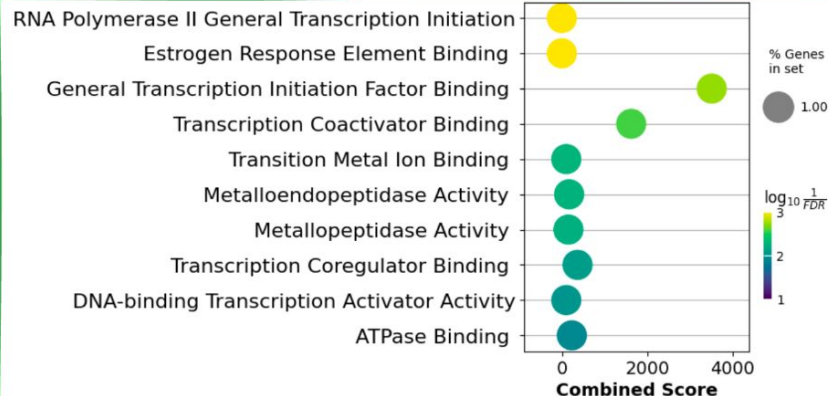
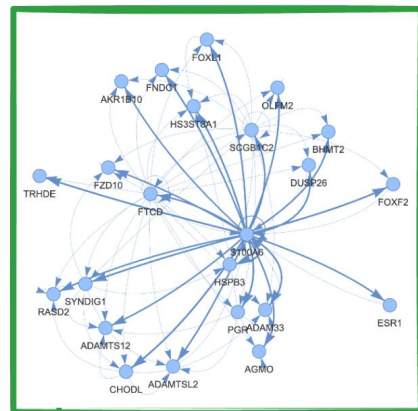
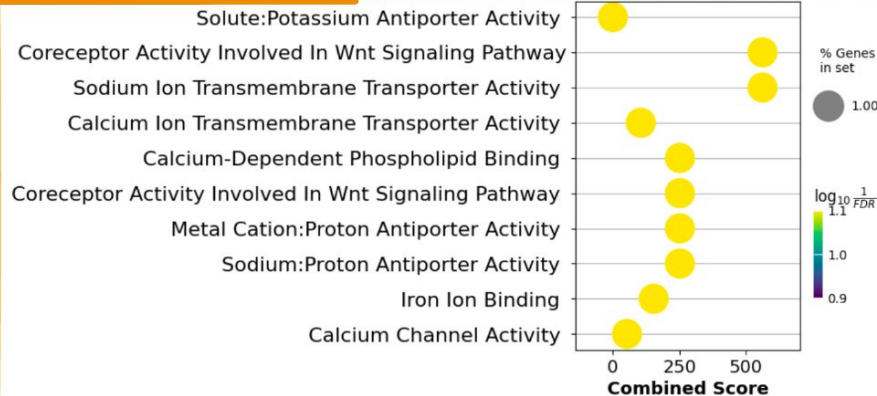
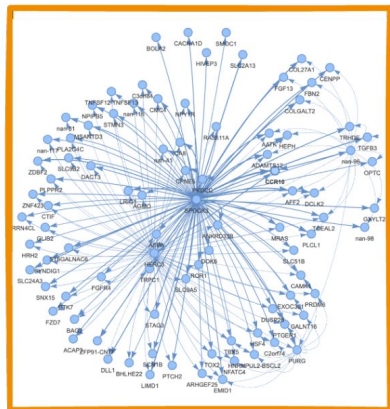
4.2. Trouver des hubs génétiques entre états cellulaires

scPRINT networks are cell state specific and explain known biology in BPH



4.3. Découvertes de clusters et de mécanismes

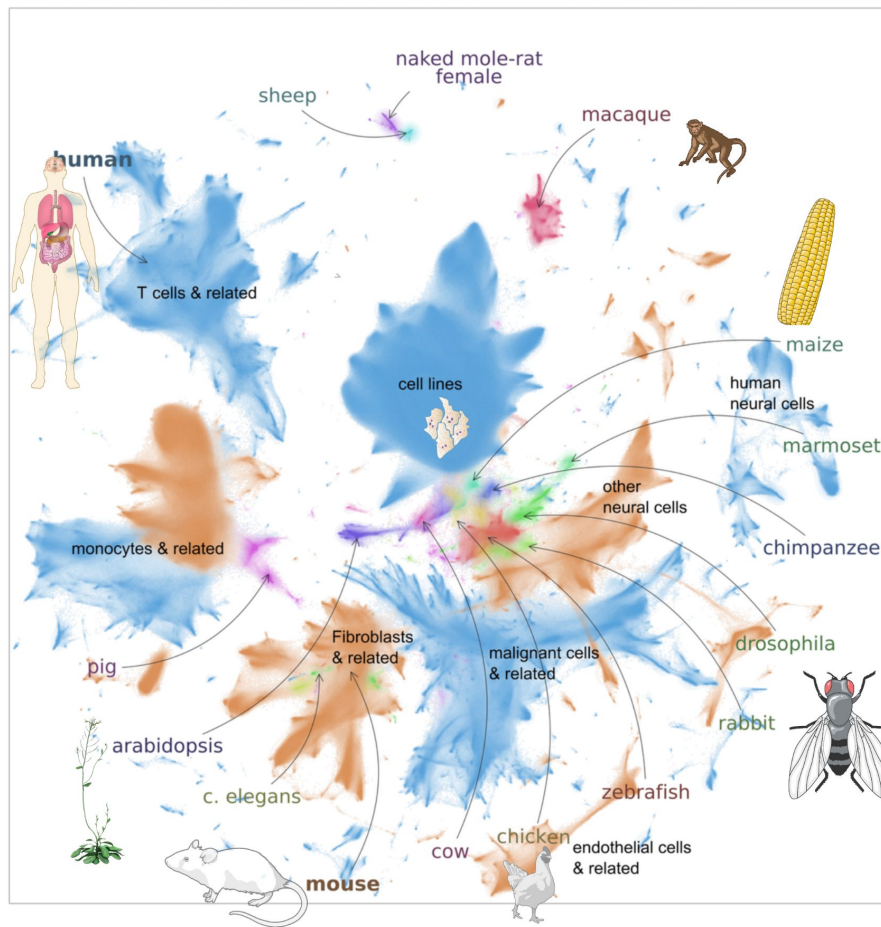
scPRINT networks contain communities (clusters) of genes with enriched functions



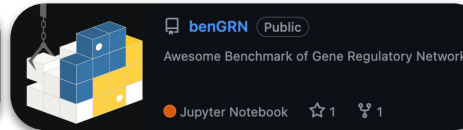
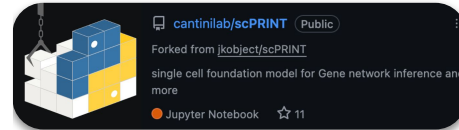
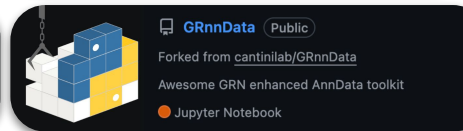
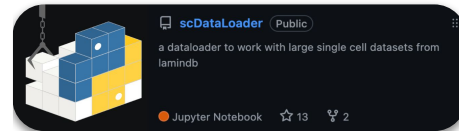
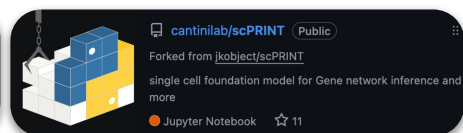
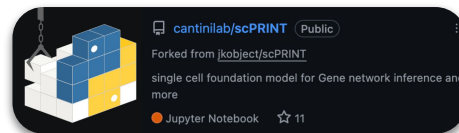
Conclusion



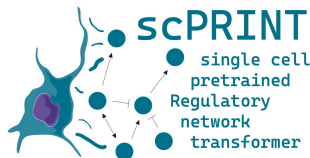
scPRINT & scPRINT-2 sont disponibles et utilisables



CD pypi package web
documentation CI hugging face
command line dockerfile web
platform scverse wandb logs



Better training



Better architecture



Better benchmarks



But poor data

cell diversity

cell complexity (cell models)

sequencing quality

(90 - 99% noise)

worse for some cell types

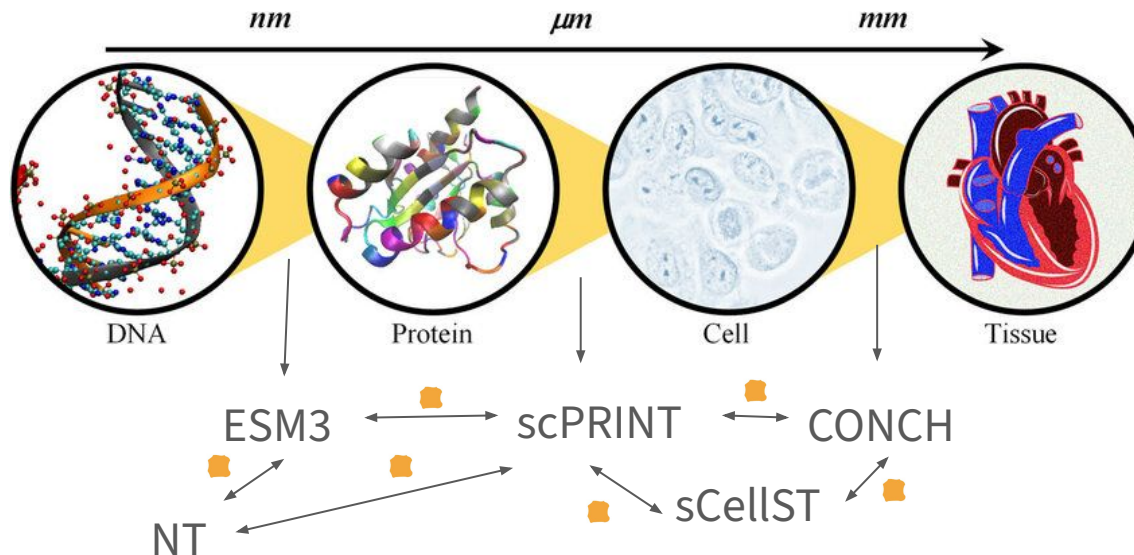
sequencing complexity

isoforms & non-coding RNAs

spatial & perturbation are

100x worse

5.4. La suite: Créer un modèle multi échelle



[Simulating 500 million years of evolution with a language model](#)
[Nucleotide Transformer: building and evaluating robust foundation models for human genomics](#)
[A visual-language foundation model for computational pathology](#)
[sCellST predicts single-cell gene expression from H&E images](#)

1.3. Merci de votre écoute!

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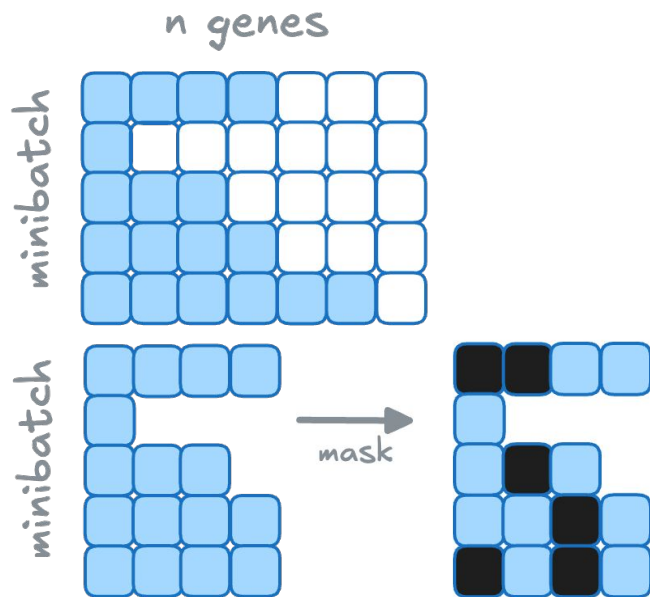
Questions or Feedbacks ?

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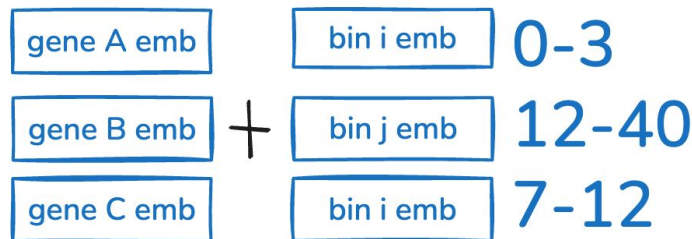
1.7. Geneformer and scGPT's encoding and training

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$
$$n > 20,000$$



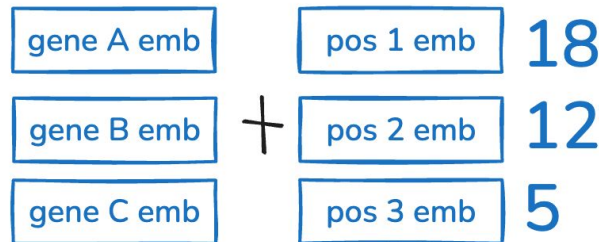
scGPT

binned expr embedding



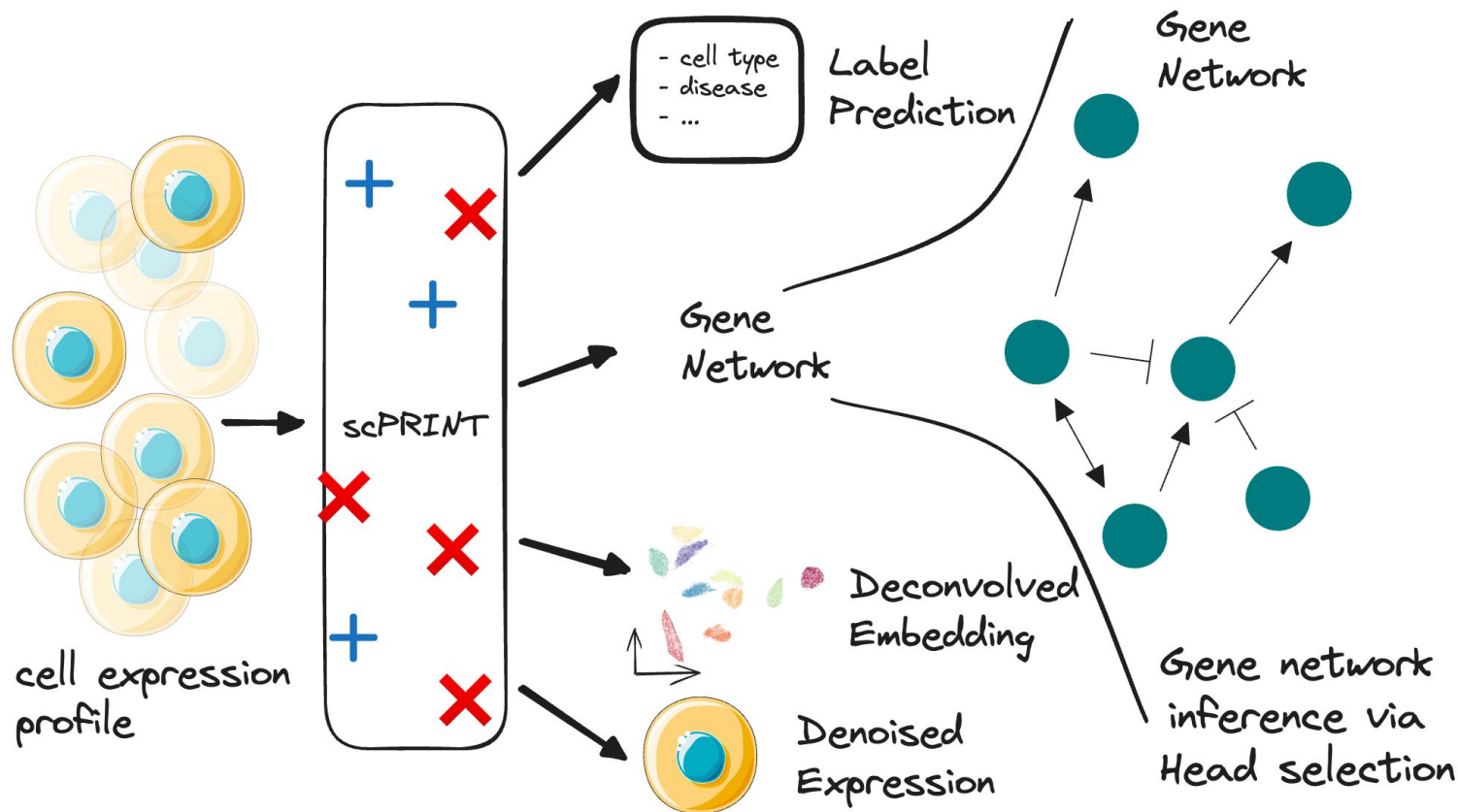
geneformer

positional encoding
of ranked expr



What do we test for?

Using a task gymnasium from the scPRINT paper



4.2. A definitive benchmark of scFMs

42 different features from dataset to architectures, losses and more

	models	GPU time per epoch	denoising		embed & batch corr.		cell type prediction		gene regulatory network prediction				run id
			score		lung	pancreas	lung	pancreas	OR gwps	OR omni	AUPRC gwps	AUPRC omni	
Base	BASE: variability across seeds (masking: ZINB loss; ESM2 + continuous expr. emb.; classif. + generative task)	130	4		52.2	44.3	58	50	4.5	1.7	0.046	0.0017	driven-valley-750,
			1		48	40.3	42	40	3.1	1.1	0.042	0.0015	summer-deluge-783,
													silent-pottergeist-843,
Base	medium model	180					65.1	60.2	4.7		0.048	0.00188	unraveling-pumpkin-841
	negative control		-24		40.2	34.2	0	0	1	0.8	0.021	0.00123	solar-durian-637
architecture	no dropout		-1										expert-feather-748
	large classifier		0						1.8			0.00148	chocolate-snowball-718
	MVC	130							1.4			0.00143	celestial-sun-749
	no decoders / generation	90							3.5				northern-voice-777
	XPressor	160	-4						2				crimson-wildflower-791
data	CxG (CellxGene's Census)				52.3				2				faithful-dragon-663
	CxG + Tahoe (denoising)		16.1		53.9			51.1	1.9				lurking-cat-846
	only Tahoe		0		40	33	0	0	4.8	0.5	0.0041	0.00104	young-bush-669
	all databases (denoise)	140				39							macabre-aparition-844
	200 human datasets only		0				40.3		1.8				playful-frost-804
attention	sampling without replacement		0				36	34	2.4				autumn-hardvark-702
	cluster-based sampling only				43.3								rosy-firefly-805
	softpick								1.8				eldritch-fang-834
	criss-cross (larger context)	80	5.6						x	x	x		uncanny-raven-835
	hyper (denoise, larger context)								0.6	0.04		0.00115	silver-grass-803
loss	contrastive learning (masking + denoising)						39.5					0.00149	northern-frog-797
	elastic cell similarity				52.7			34.9					hopeful-monkey-796
	no embedding lnd loss								2.3				devoted-wave-795
	ZINB+MSE (denoising)		25.5			48					0.04		firm-silence-747
	MSE		-4		54	46	62						generous-dawn-666
pretraining task	VAE compressor	140					38	27					wild-terrain-694
	var. context (larger context)	170	29.1		53	46					0.038	0.00146	apricot-snowflake-756
	TF masking								2.3				winter-meadow-772
	denoising	21			52.6	45.1							efficient-firebrand-753
	no classification					40	0	0				0.00129	copper-frost-625
input	adv. classifier (+larger classif)											0.0014	sunny-morning-629
	sum normalization (denoise)		12.8		45.6	46.5	21.4	22.9	2.4	1	0.029	0.00136	snowy-galaxy-744
	no random level of denoising		19		54.1	45.3			2		0.041		divine-monkey-798
	GNN	150	44		48		38	35				0.00128	balmy-totem-727
	meta-cell				52.8	47.7		51.3			0.04		unique-dawn-806
Main	binning		0			45.5		52			0.047		twilight-breeze-874
	using only expressed genes												sage-snow-873
	without gene location		3.4		36.2	35	4	5.9	4.8		0.048		youthful-snowflake-792
	learn gene emb (denoising)					45.1					0.041		jumping-night-755
	fine-tuned ESM3											0.00181	not-snowflake-755
Main	small model (V2)	1820	44		53	49					0.041		honest-vortex-815
	medium model (V2)	5000	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	medium model (V1)	520			52.6	45.6	61.8	57.6		2.2	0.041		bewitched-pottergeist-857
	small model (V1)	160			52.4	50						0.00138	dry-smoke-852



What do we test for?

42 different elements from dataset to architectures, losses and more

names	GPU time per epoch	denoising	embed & batch corr.		cell type prediction		gene regulatory network prediction			
		score	lung	pancreas	lung	pancreas	OR gwps	OR omni.	AUPRC gwps	AUPRC omni.
variability across seeds	130	2,5 +-1,5	50.1 +-2.1	42.3 +-2	50 +-8	45 +-5	3,8. +-0.7	1,4 +-0.3	0,044 +-0.002	0,00165 +-0.00015
medium model	180	3	50.3	42.8	65.1	60.2	4.7	1.15	0.048	0.00188
negative control	0	-24	40.2	34.2	0	0	1	0.8	0.021	0.00123
no dropout	130	-1	49.9	45.7	47	55.1	3.9	1.5	0.044	0.00157
large classifier	130	0	52	43	53	49	4.4	1.8	0.046	0.00148
MVC	130	1	51.7	44.4	54.8	45.8	3.9	1.4	0.043	0.00143
no decoders / generation	90	2	52.2	44.9	53.2	47.7	4	3.5	0.044	0.00166
XPressor	160	-4	50.4	45.6	47.3	46.8	4.2	2	0.046	0.00163
only Tahoe	130	0	40	33	0	0	4.8	0.5	0.0041	0.00104
CZI + Tahoe (denoise)	130	16.1	53.9	43.1	52.6	51.1	4.5	1.9	0.046	0.00143

4.3. We recover and discover enabling features for scFMs

Denoising  (scFoundation)

Xpressor architecture 

Fine-tuning ESM3 

Graph neural net encoding / meta-cell 

ZINB+MSE loss 

Generative decoder  (UCE)

Contrastive learning  (cellPLM)

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... but questions remains

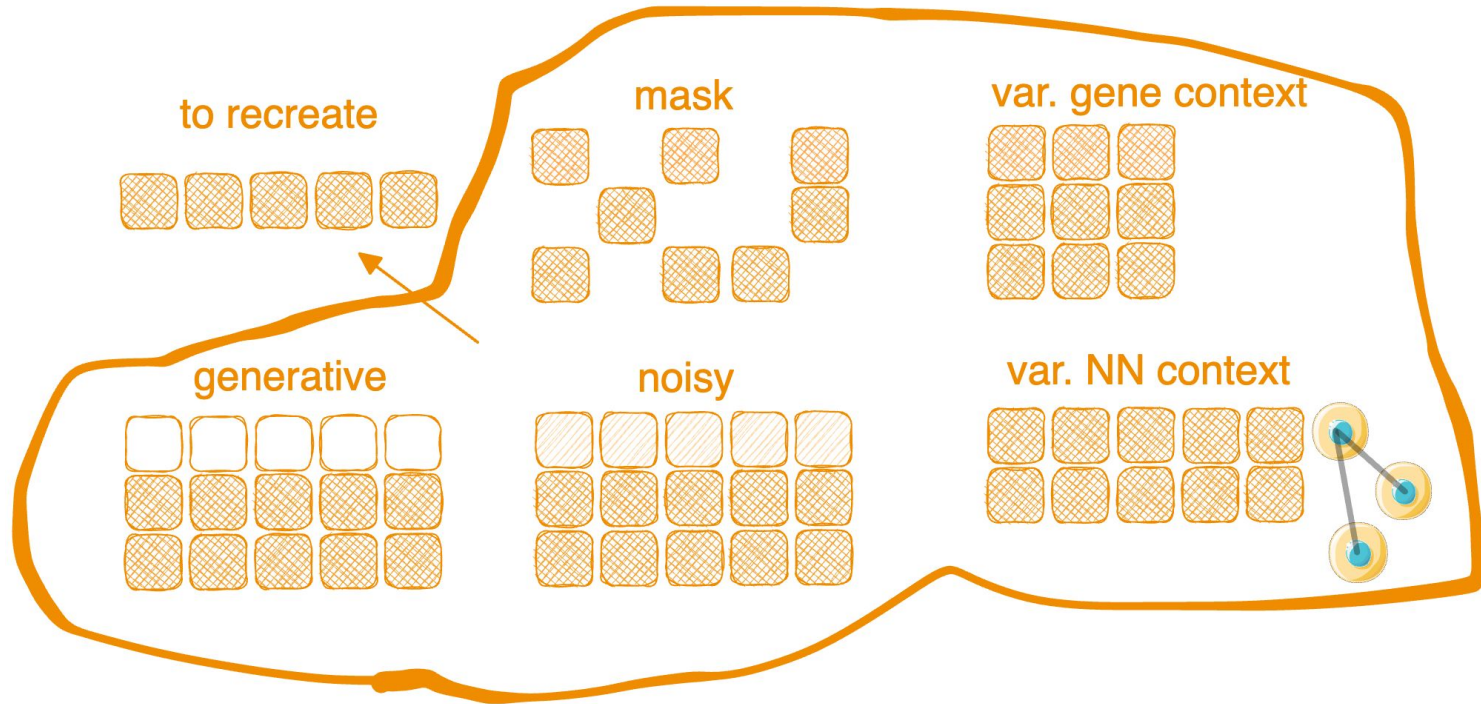
We found the best set of features

We use them to create scPRINT-2 and showcase

1. Its generative & generalization abilities
2. The many issues in current benchmarks

Multi-objective training mechanism

can be combined with contrastive learning although it did not seem to help



4.6. The 13 tasks of a next-generation scFM

classical

embedding quality (SotA)
cell type prediction (SotA)
Accurate predictions on Unseen **Xenium** modality

novel scores

denoising (SotA)
cell-specific **gene tokenization** (Beats scPRINT & scGPT)
GN inference (Beats scPRINT thanks to **new extraction** method)

new to scFMs

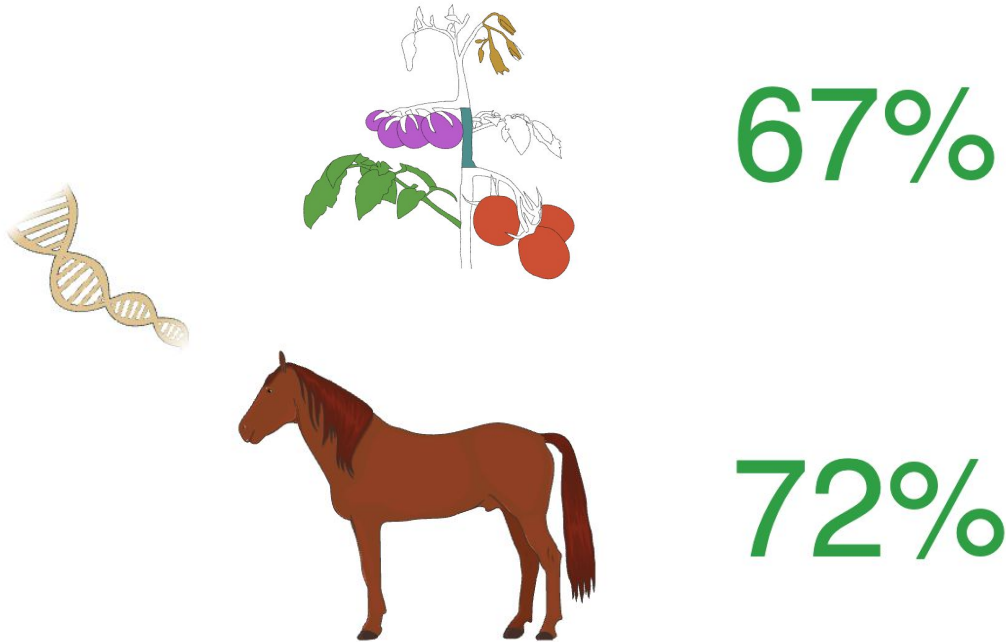
Unseen task: unseen-species-integration
Unseen gene imputation for Xenium data
unseen species cell type prediction (beats experts)

never seen before tasks

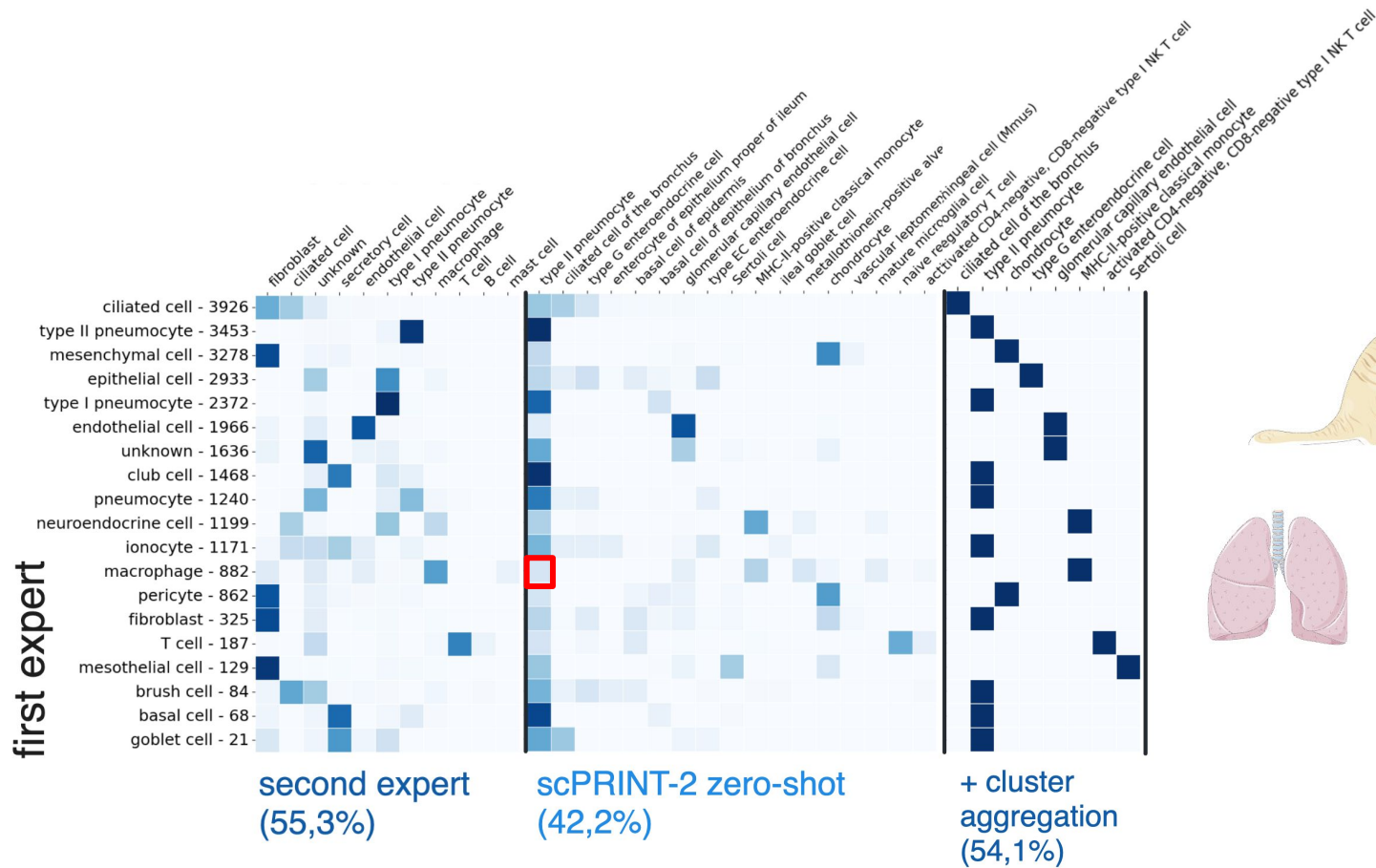
Generative cell profile given neighbors
Counterfactual reasoning to humanize a mouse dataset
Merged with **AF-MM for PPI** networks prediction
unseen organism **clade** prediction

scPRINT-2 can even infer species from unseen genetics

using ESM3 embeddings of species it has never seen it correctly associate to nearby organisms



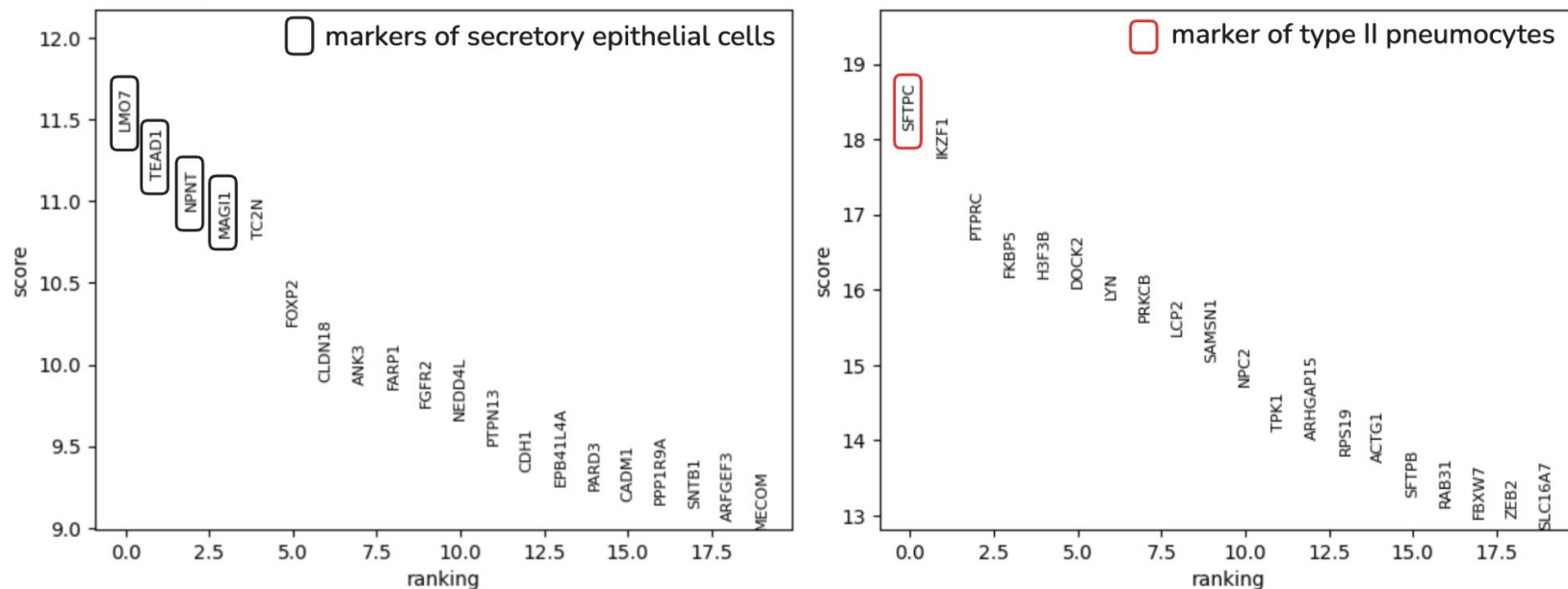
scPRINT-2 can predict cell type of unseen species



scPRINT-2 can correct expert annotations

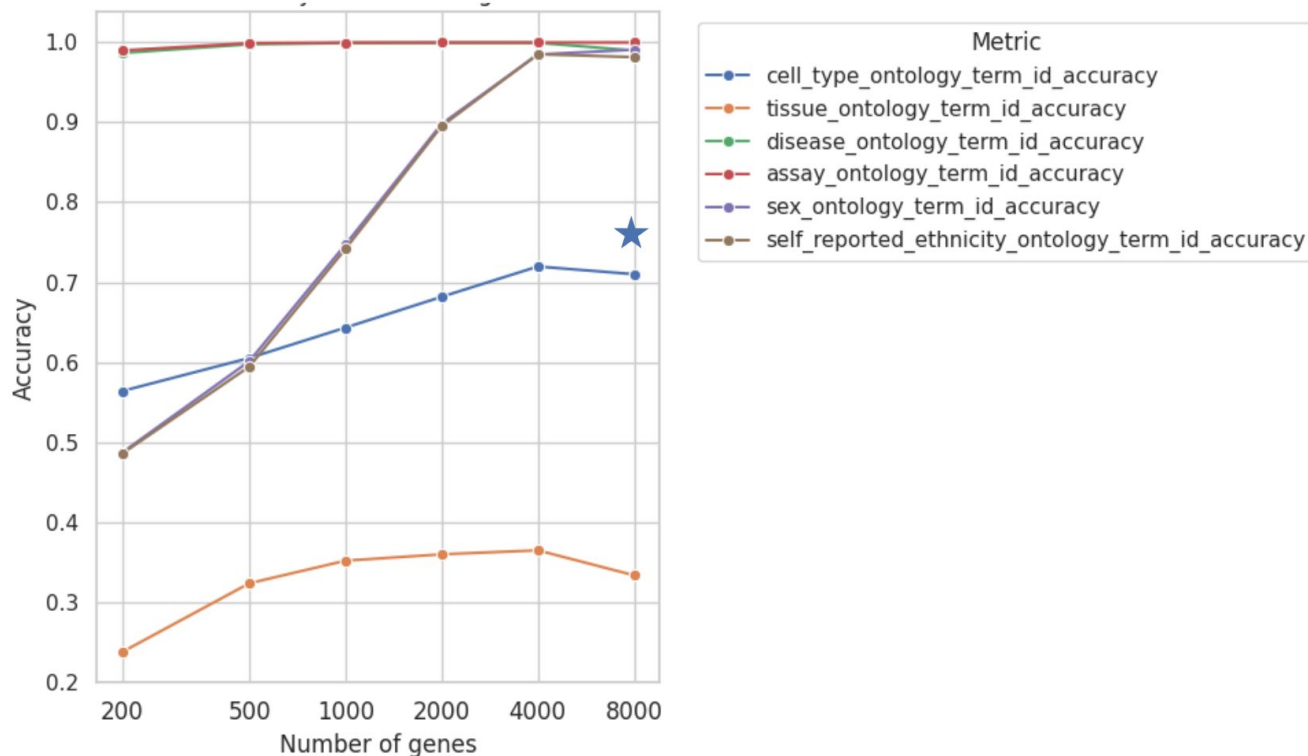
on species it has no training data for

diff. expression of macrophages predicted as type II pneumocyte vs macrophages & vs rest



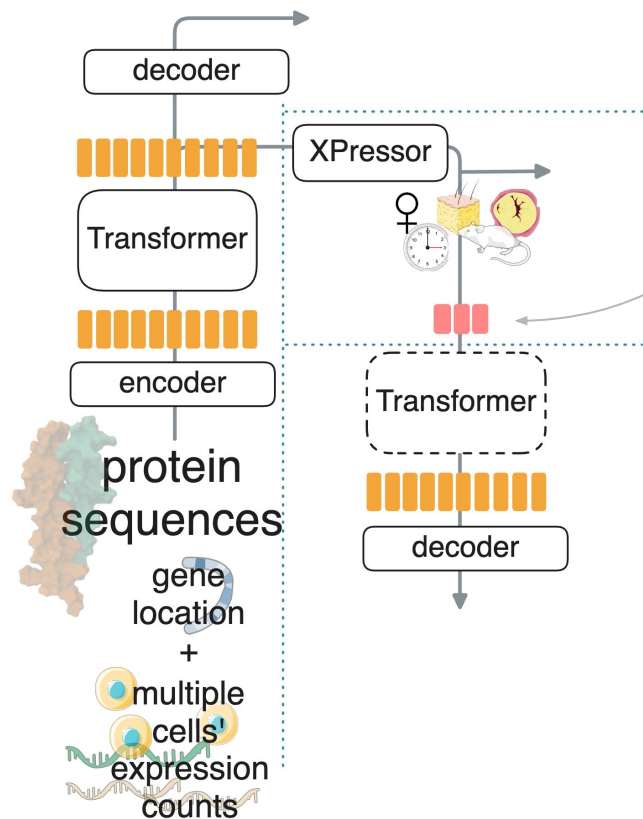
Impact of the number of genes in context

scPRINT-2 can generalize to larger contexts



2.3. scPRINT-2 used novel pre-training modalities

Learn an embedding of the cell to compress and denoise expression



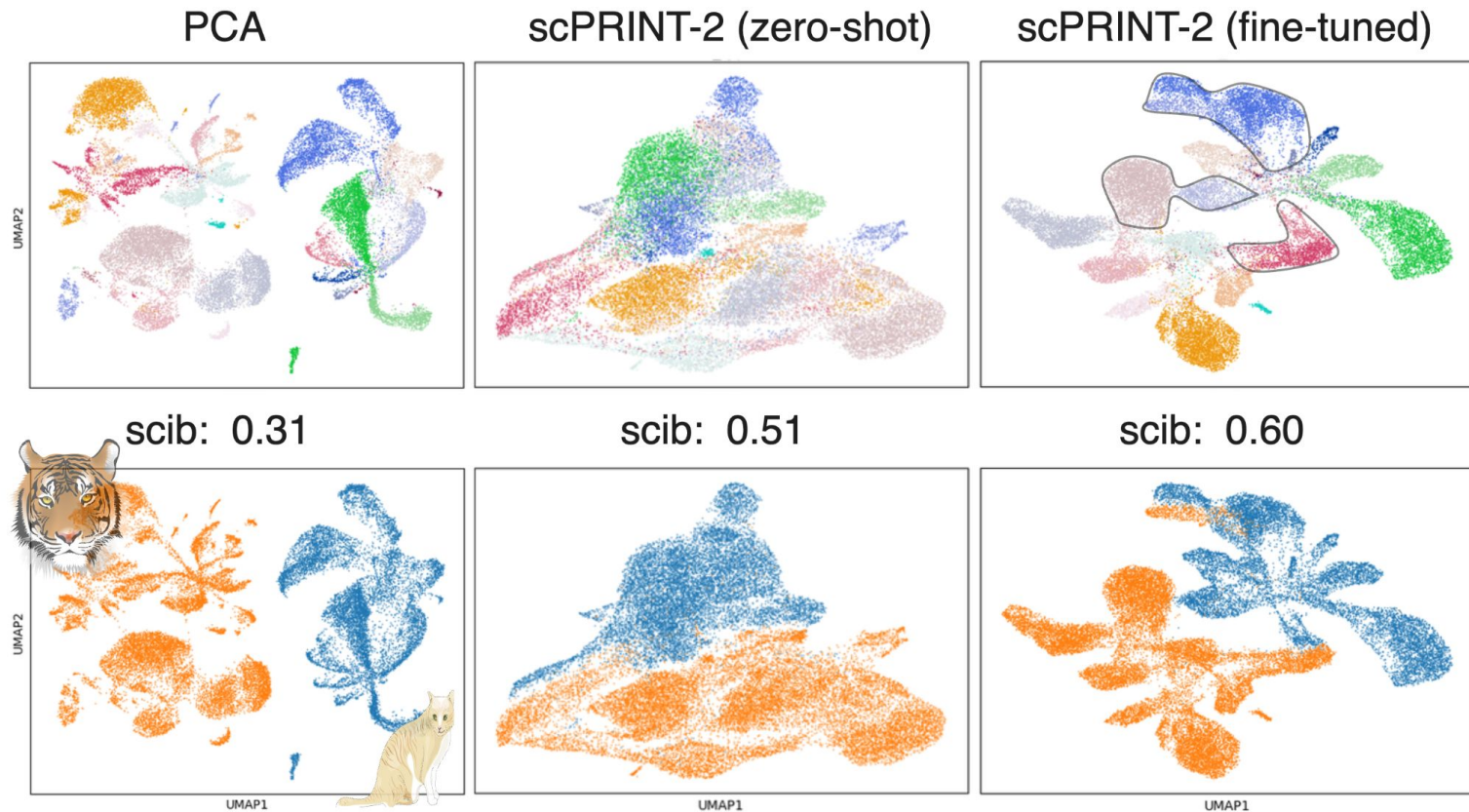
AutoEncoder (AE)

$$\begin{matrix} \text{emb} \end{matrix} = f(\begin{matrix} \text{genes} \end{matrix}, \begin{matrix} \text{cell} \end{matrix})$$

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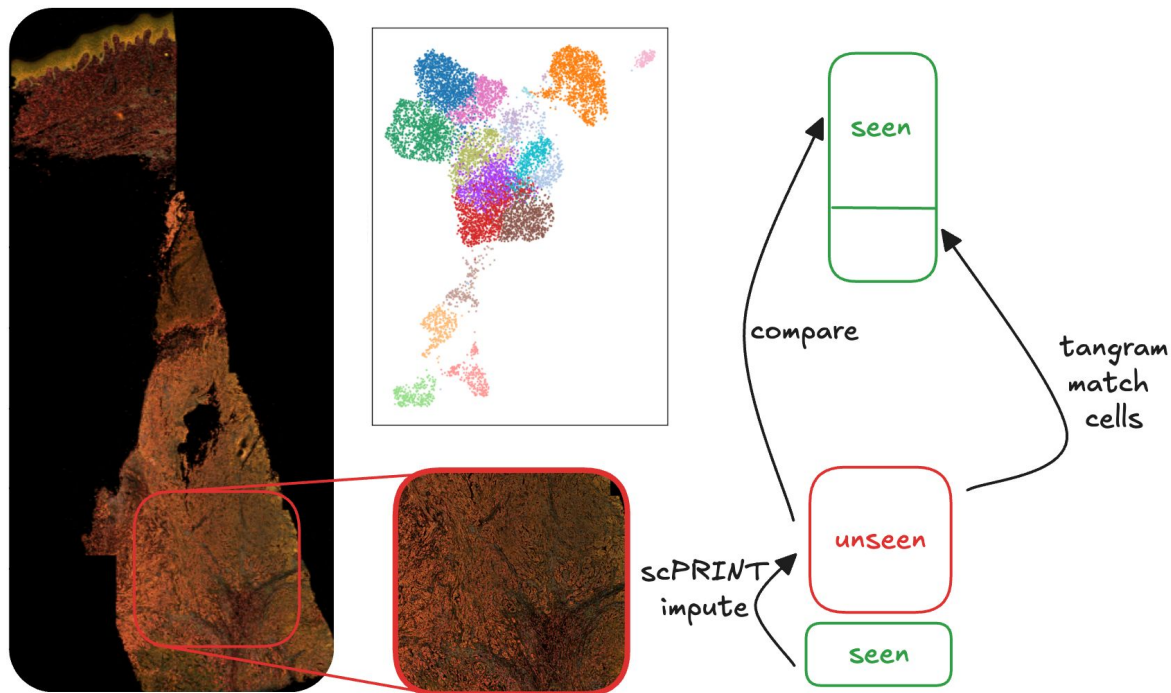
scPRINT-2 can also integrate across species

in both zero-shot and fine-tune mode



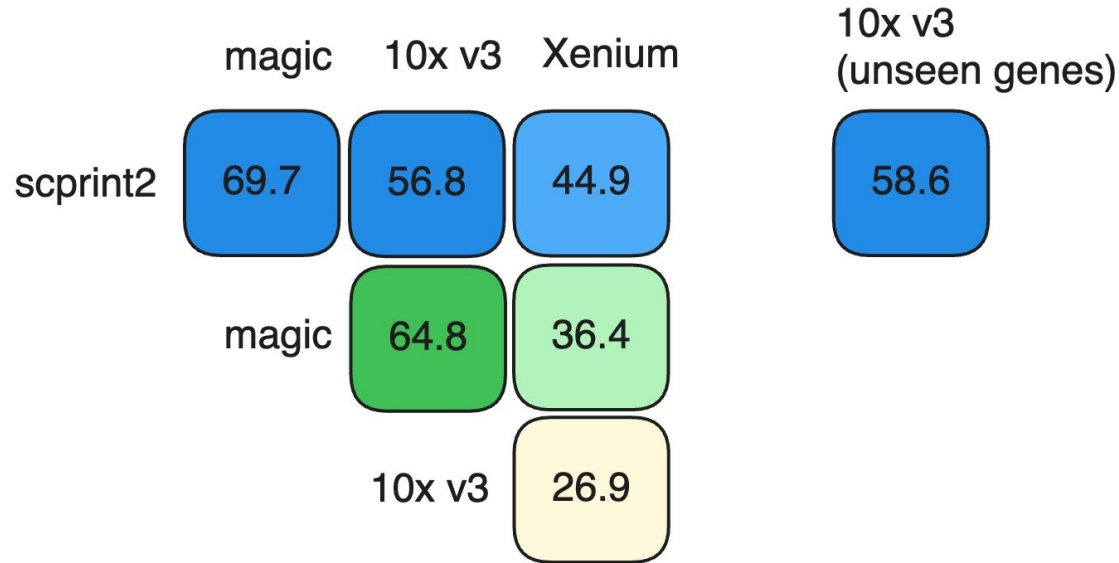
Tangram's OT mapping of another dataset

as a ground truth for our denoising... and imputation



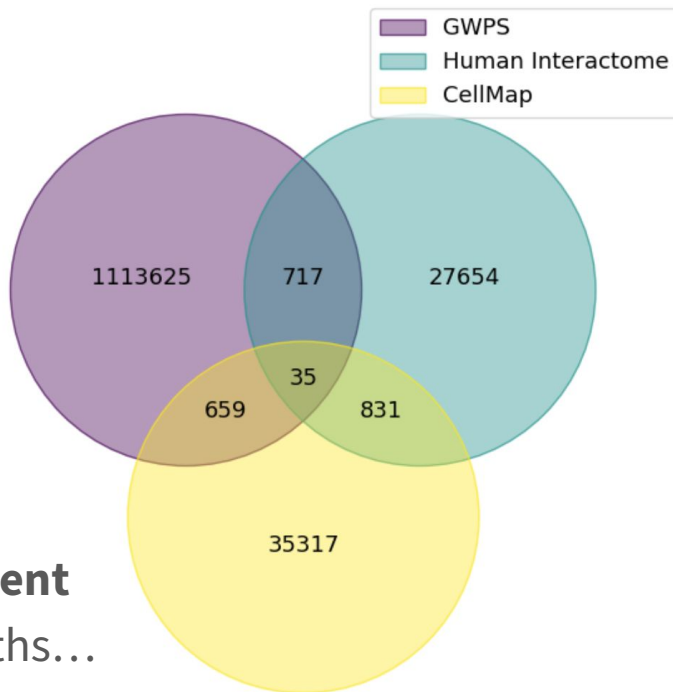
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Adding 2 news databases for Gene Network inference

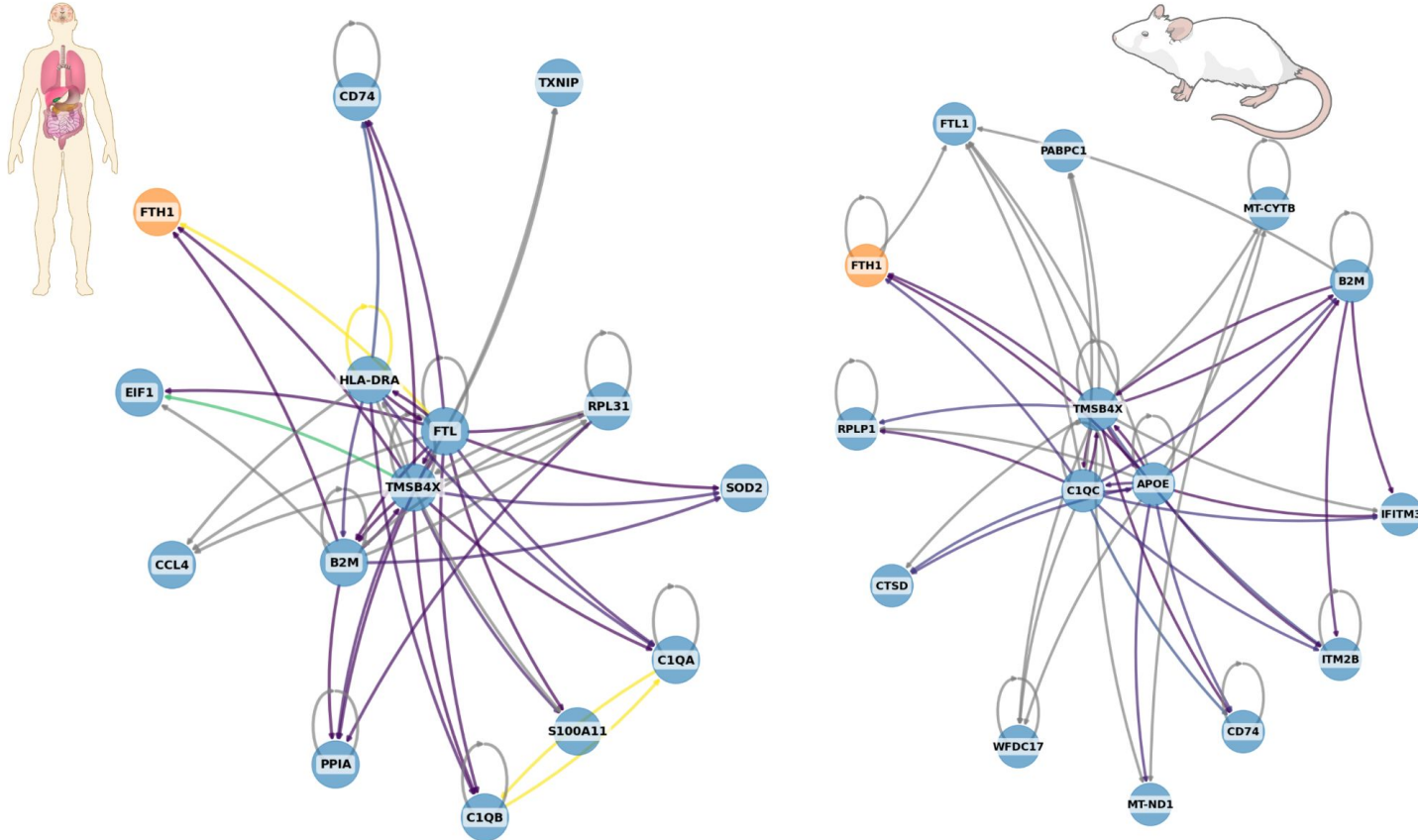
mostly related to PPIs, human interactome being the largest to date



Tremendous **disagreement**
between the ground truths...
We need to assess on all of them

Looking at mouse / human gene networks

one can see many similarities when looking at genesets and hubs



Improve the ground truth using scPRINT-2

re-compute interactions using AF-multimer discovers new relationships

