Quantifying cellular malignancy by tumor micro- environment measurement with multimodal fusion

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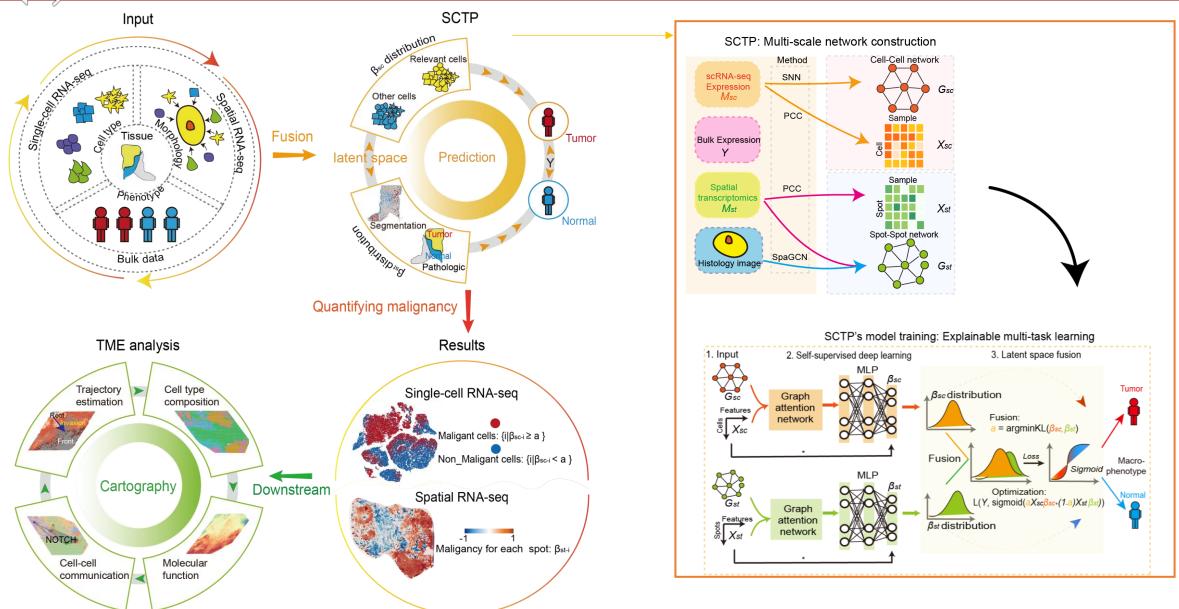
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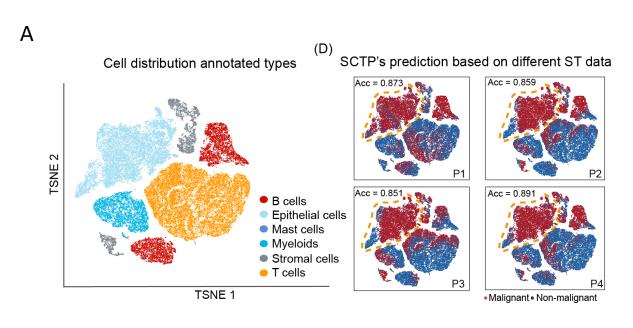
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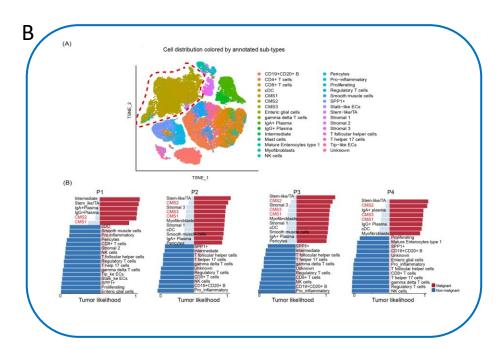
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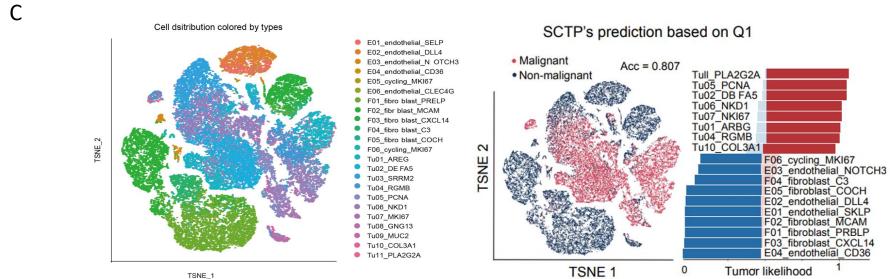




Validation & Accuracy (single cell RNAseq)

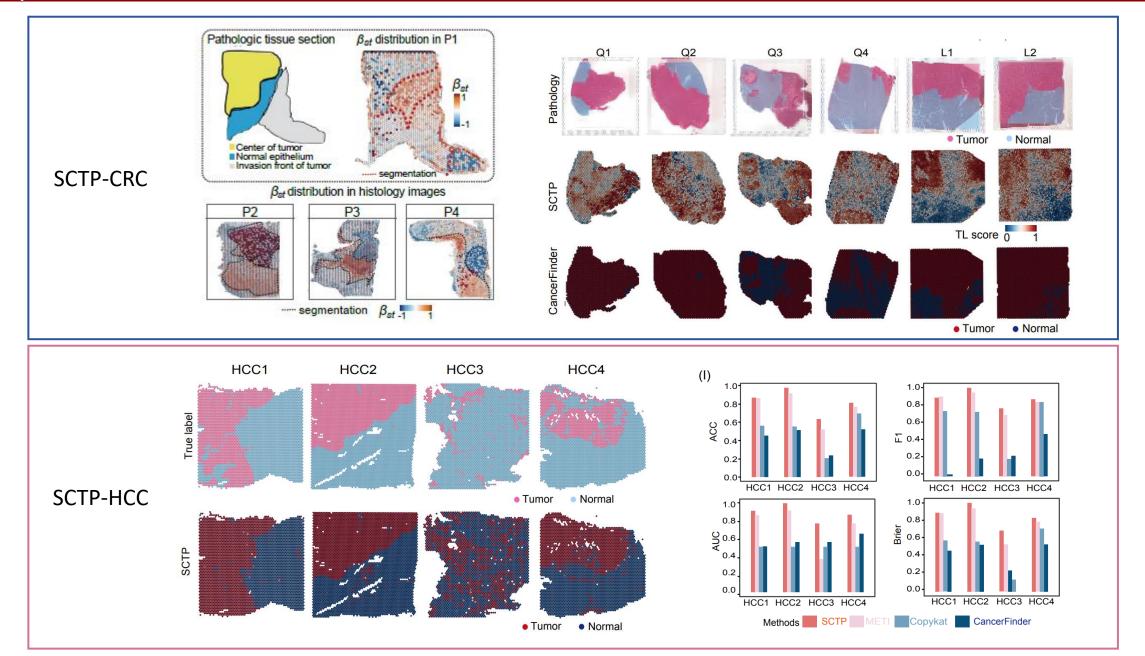




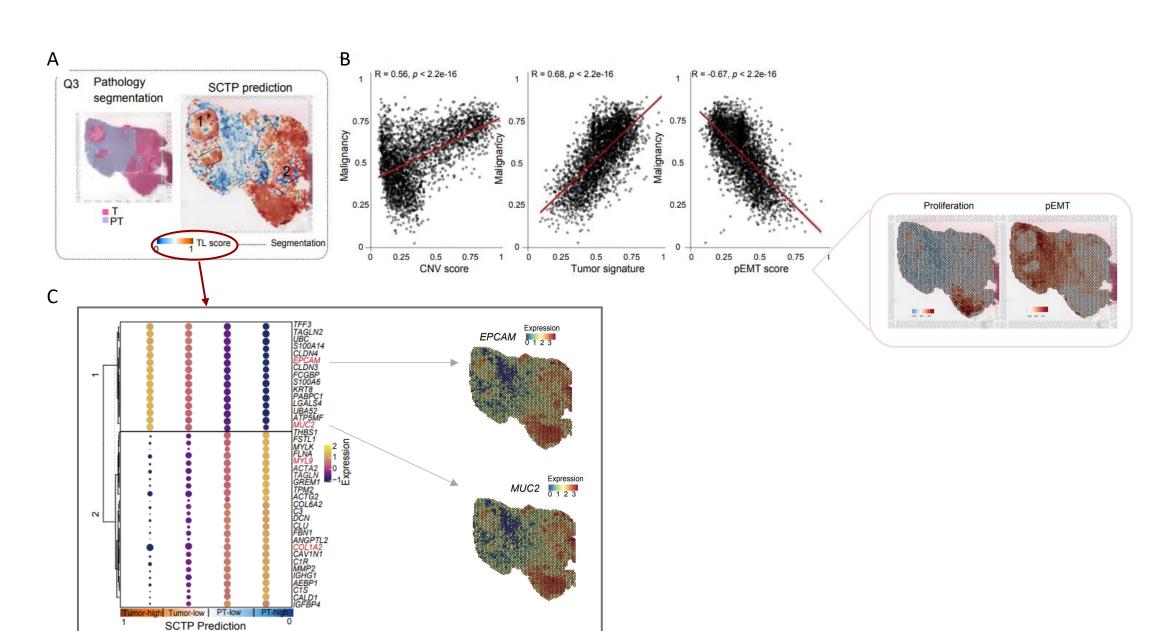




Validation & Accuracy (spatial transcriptomics)



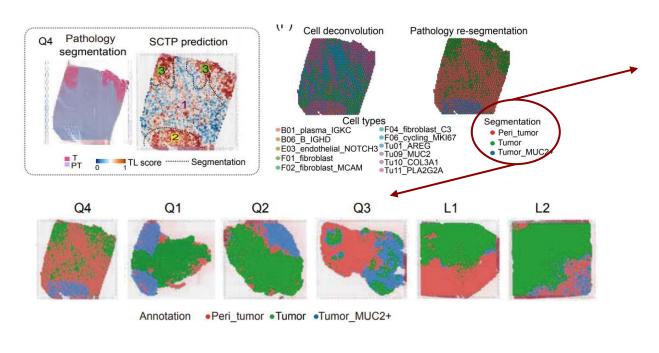
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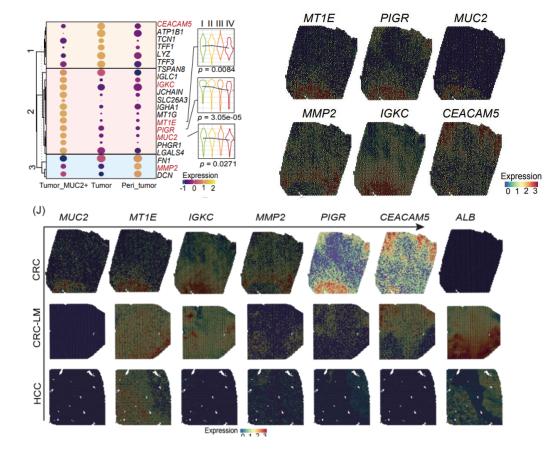




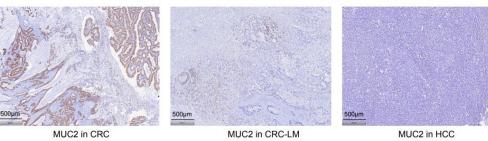
Early Malignant Subpopulation Discovery

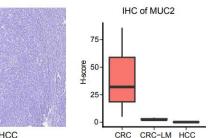
Identification of **Tumor MUC2+** subpopulation





Experimental validation





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Summary

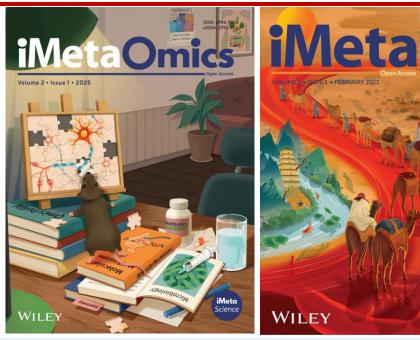
- □ SCTP provides a multimodal framework to quantify malignancy at high resolution.
- □ Achieves high classification accuracy across both single-cell and spatial transcriptomics datasets.
- ☐ Enables discovery of early malignant subpopulations with spatial validation
- ☐ Availability: https://github.com/ztpub/SCTP

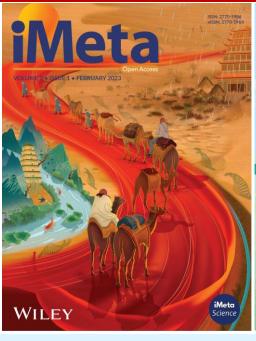
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