

# baredSC in Galaxy

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baredSC: Bayesian approach to retrieve  
expression distribution of single-cell data



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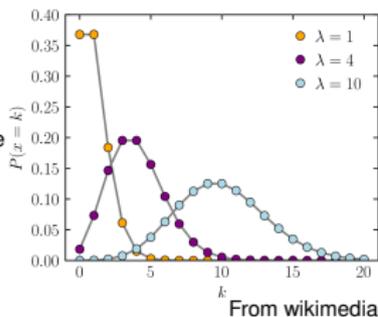
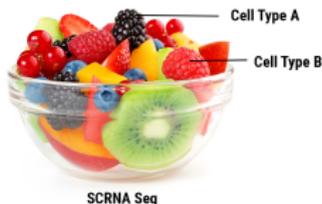


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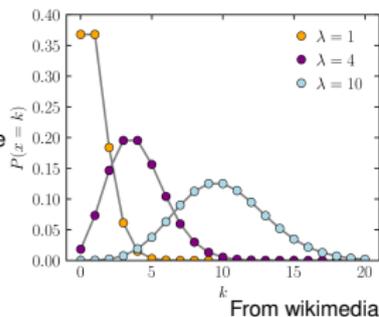
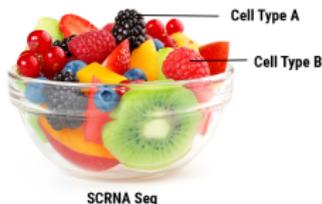
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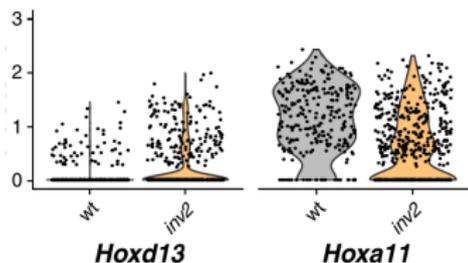
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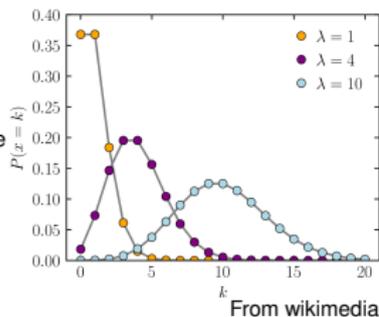
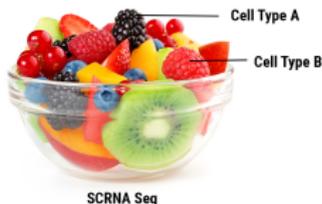


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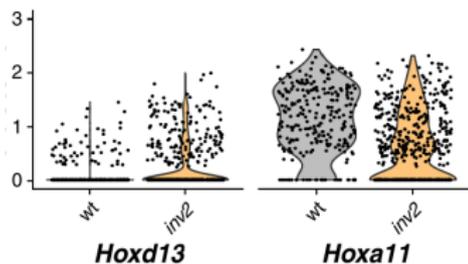


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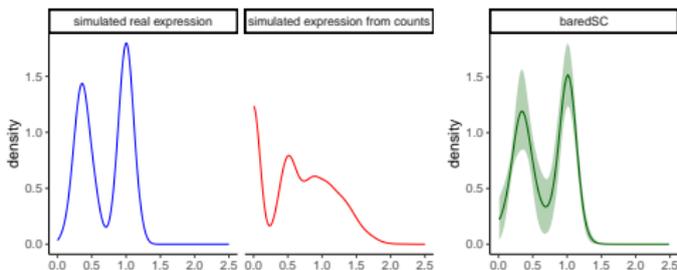
If we know how to model the noise, can we denoise scRNA-seq?

# baredSC for a single gene (baredSC\_1d)

- Goal: Find an estimation of the Probability Density Function (PDF) of the REAL expression for a given gene.
- Hypotheses:
  - Most of 'noise' in scRNA-seq comes from sampling and can be explained by a Poisson law.
  - The PDF can be approximated by a Gaussian mixture model.
- Parameters
  - Number of Gaussians
  - Characteristics of Gaussians
- Strategy
  - Bayesian approach = evaluate the probability of the parameters given the data
  - We use Markov chain Monte Carlo for a fixed number of Gaussians and then combine different results using evidence.

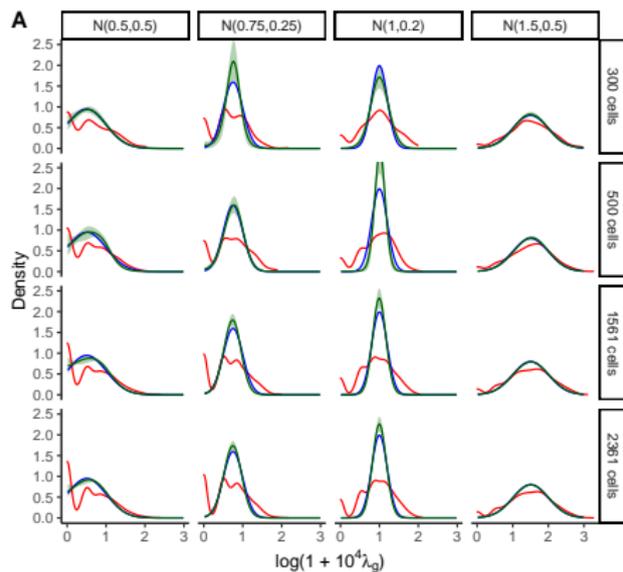
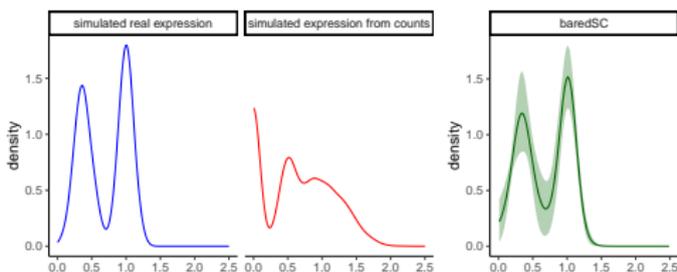
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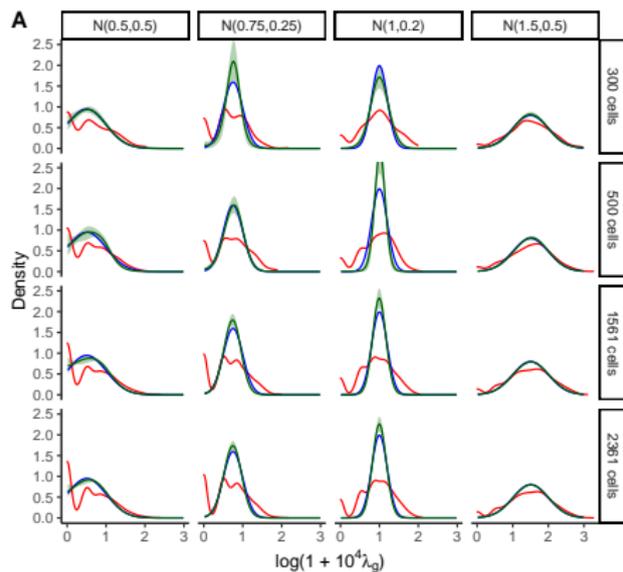
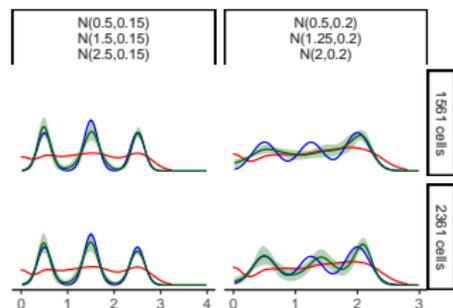
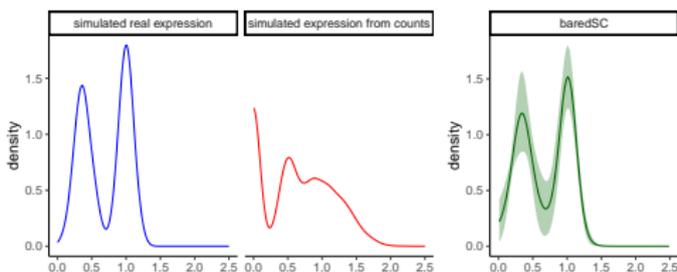
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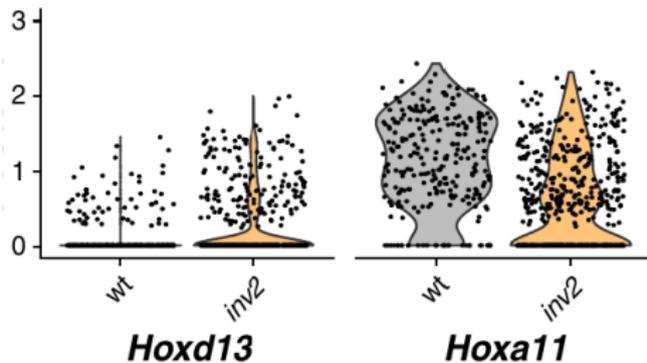
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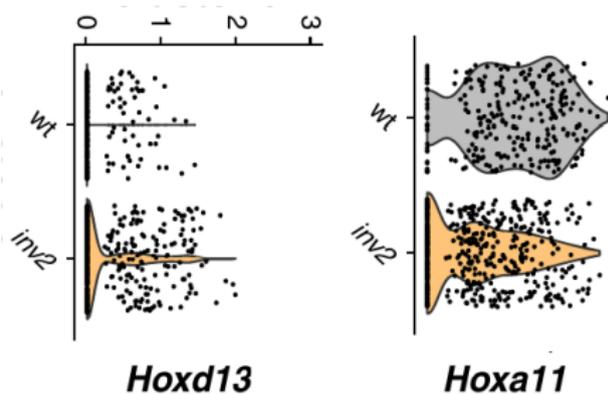
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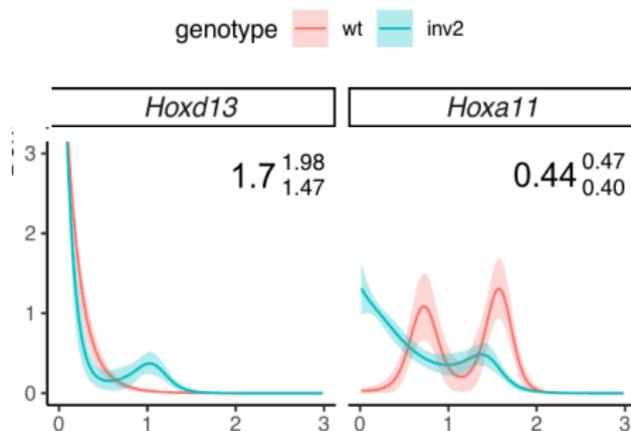
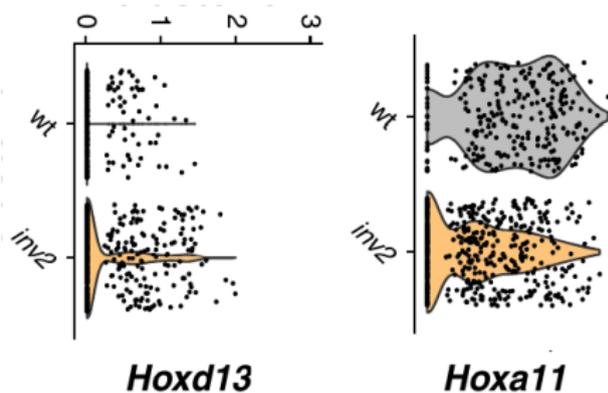
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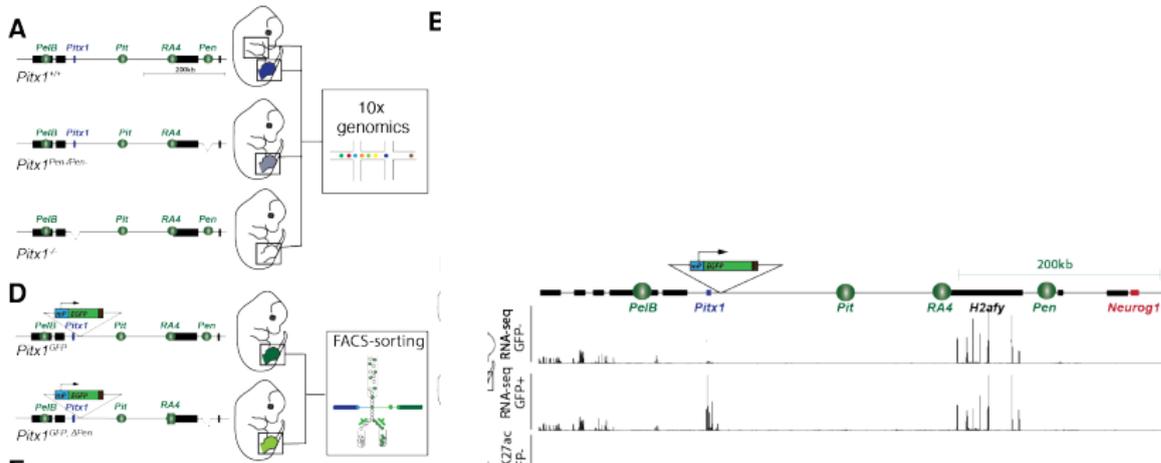


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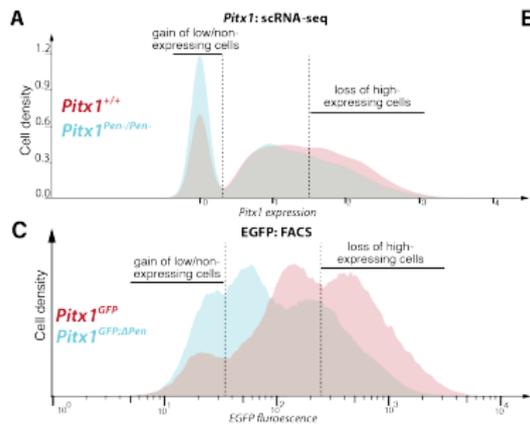
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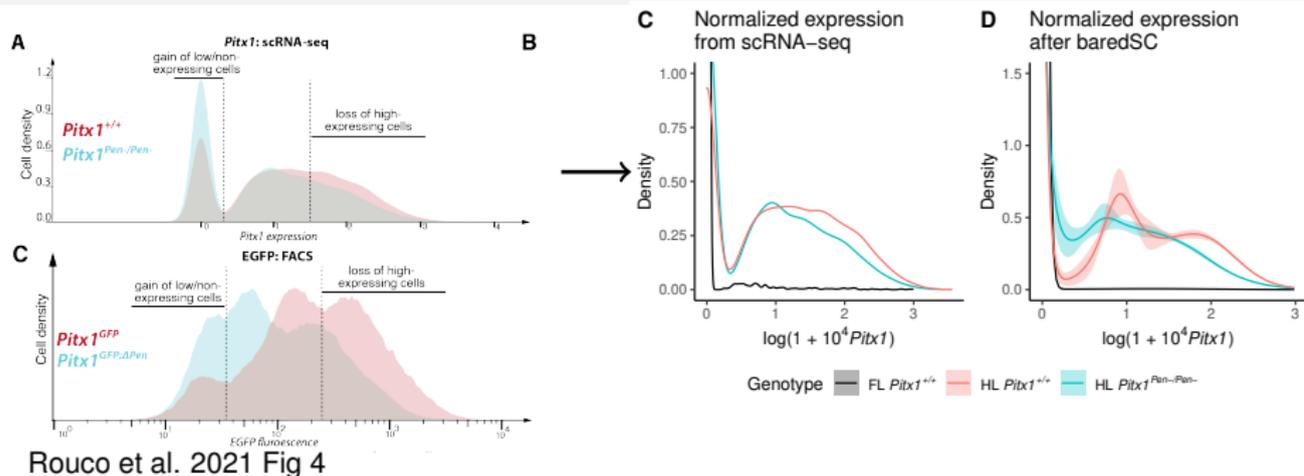


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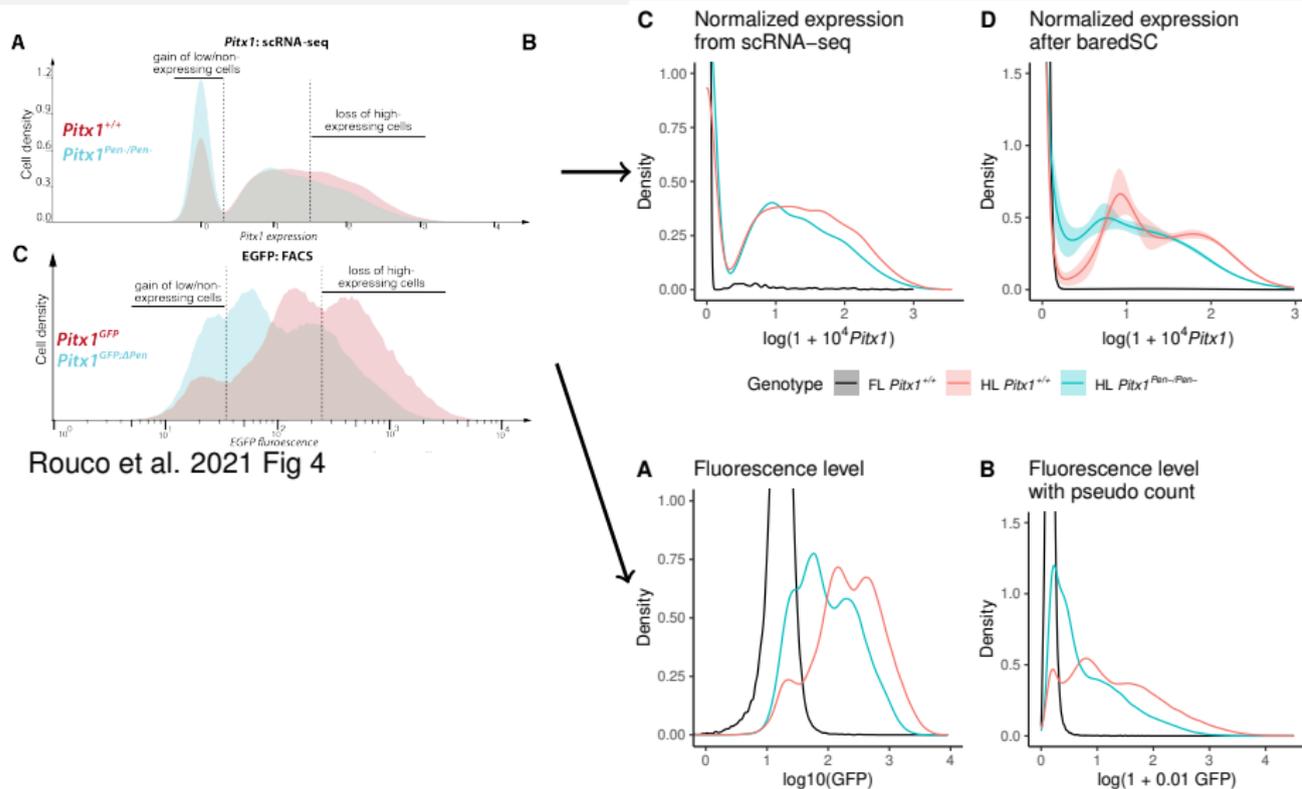


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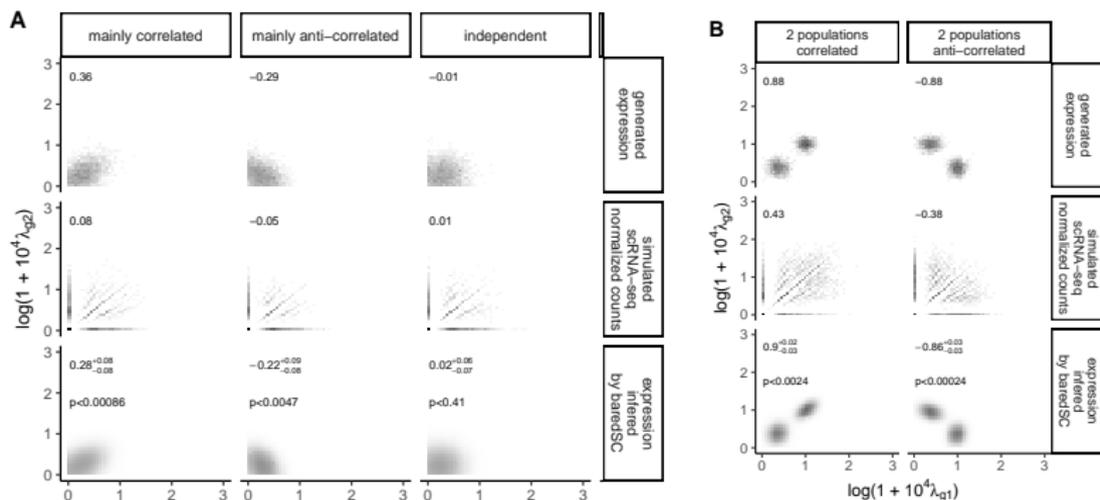


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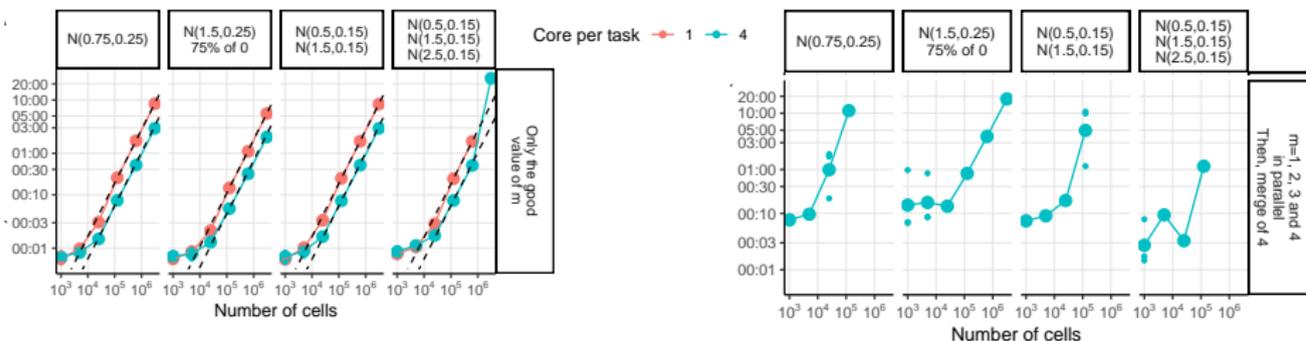
# baredSC\_2d

- The same strategy used for a single gene can be extended to 2 dimensions for 2 genes using 2D gaussians.
- From the MCMC posteriors we can deduce a correlation coefficient.



# baredSC: Conclusions

- baredSC help to study the distribution of expression levels in a few genes of interest.
  - It could replace the widely used violin plots from normalized data.
  - It allows to retrieve the multi-modal expression distribution.
- baredSC in 2D allows better evaluation of the correlation between genes.
- Big disadvantage of baredSC is the computation time.



# baredSC is already in Galaxy

Tools



Upload Data

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**baredSC 1d** Compute distribution for a single gene

**baredSC 2d** Compute distribution for a pair of genes

**Combine multiple 1D Models** from baredSC

**Combine multiple 2D Models** from baredSC



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[WIP] add baredSC #225



l1delisle wants to merge 4 commits into [galaxyproject:main](#) from [l1delisle:add\\_baredSC](#)

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