Highly multiplexed single-cell spatial analysis of tissue specimens using CODEX®

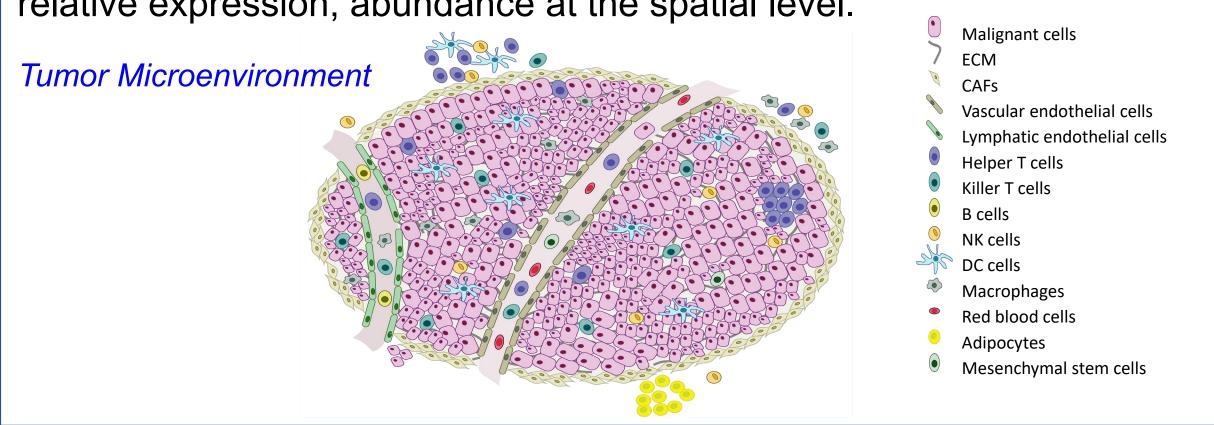
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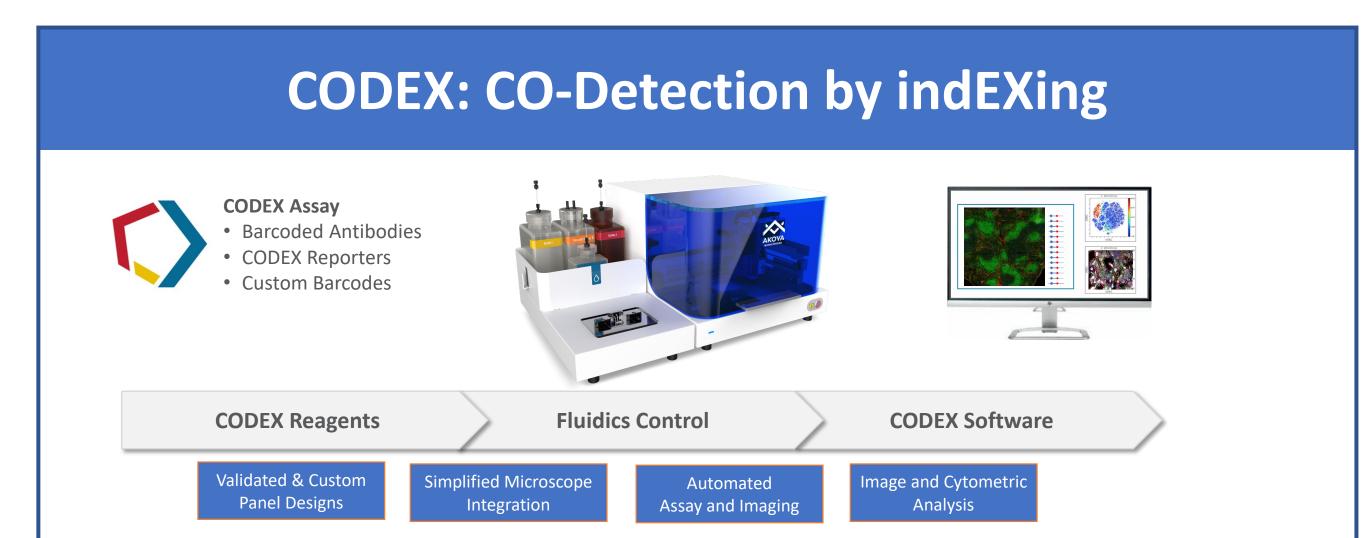


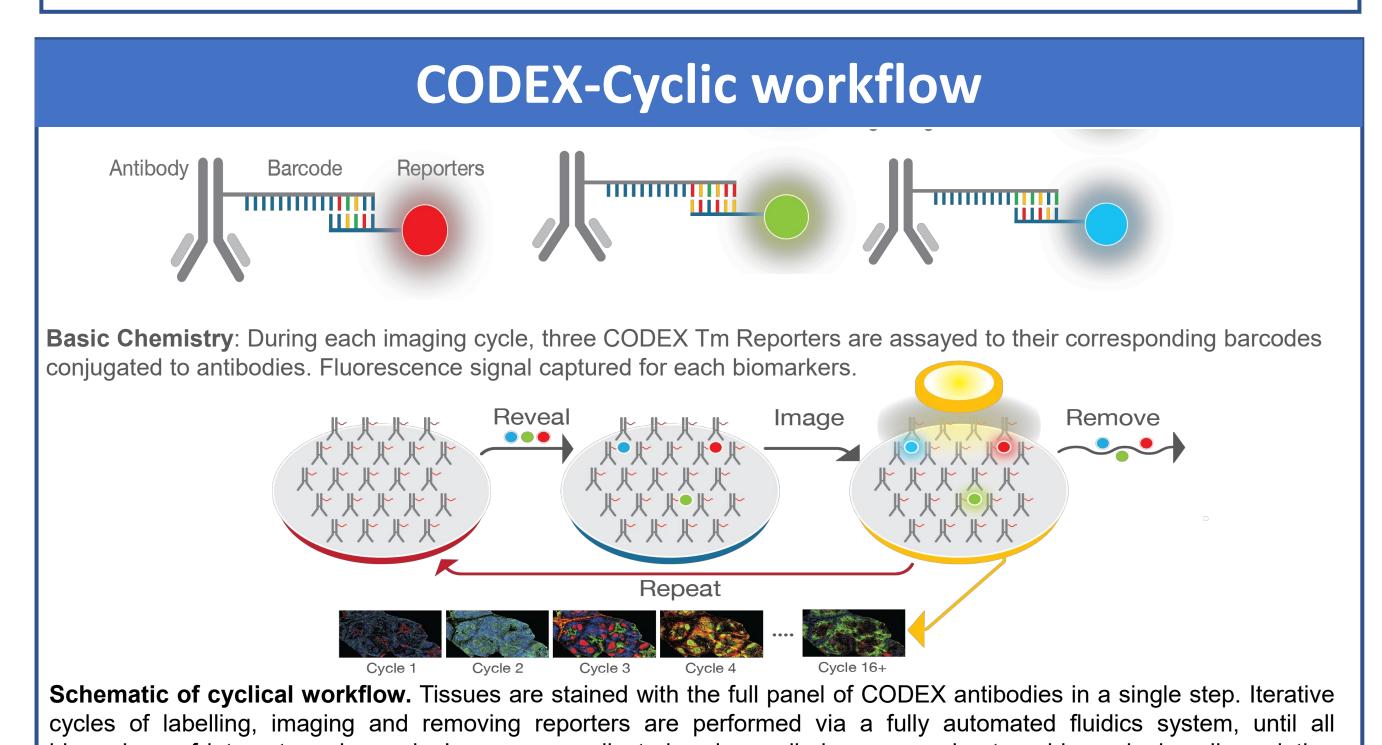
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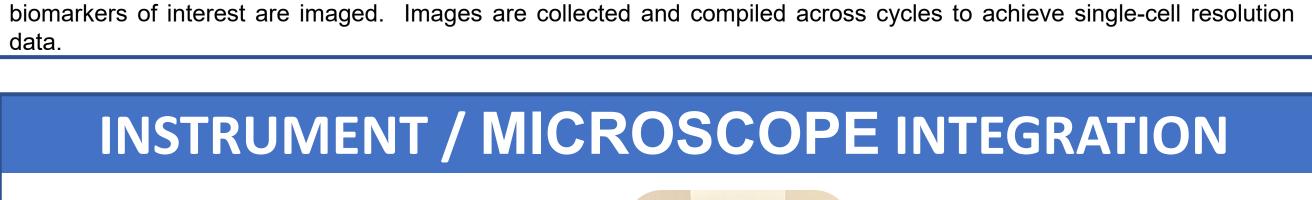
INTRODUCTION

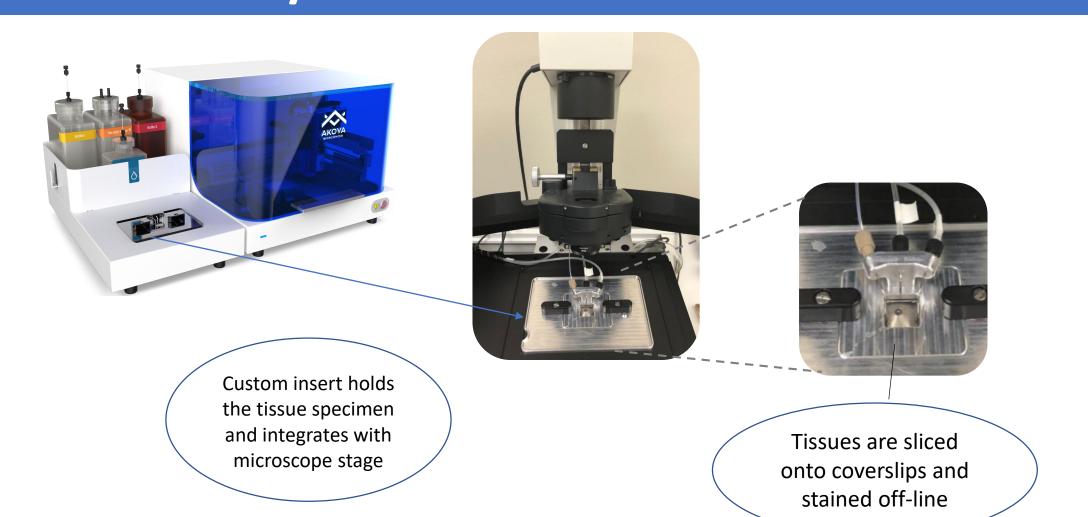
The tumor microenvironment is comprised of numerous infiltrating immune cells, proliferating tumor cells and a variety of associated tissue cells. Immune evasion of tumor cells are collectively contributed by these cells. Hence, the spatial distribution of the associated cell types and tissue features is a critical parameter of tumor biology. Current technologies are limited to either measuring the spatial parameter or measuring highparameter space but are not able to measure both in the same sample. Here we present a novel multiparametric imaging technology, termed CODEX (CO-Detection by IndEXing), a high-throughput technology to detect more than 50 biomarkers simultaneously in a single tissue, and resolve their relative expression, abundance at the spatial level.





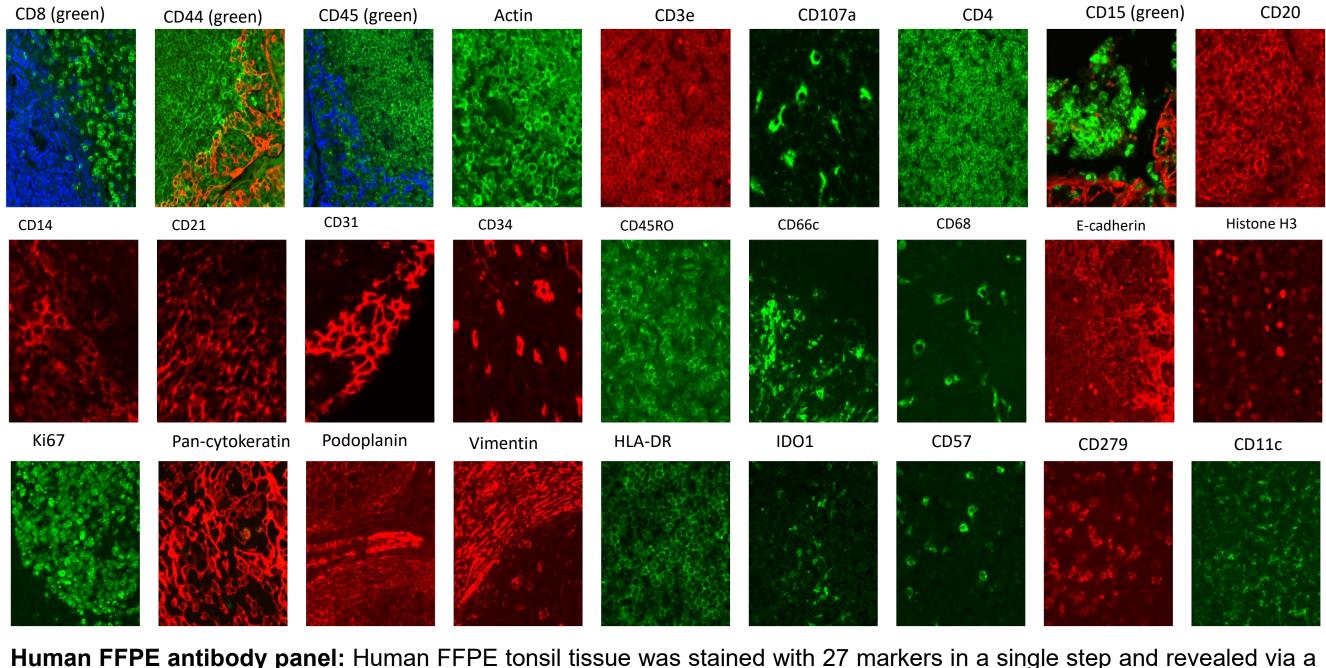






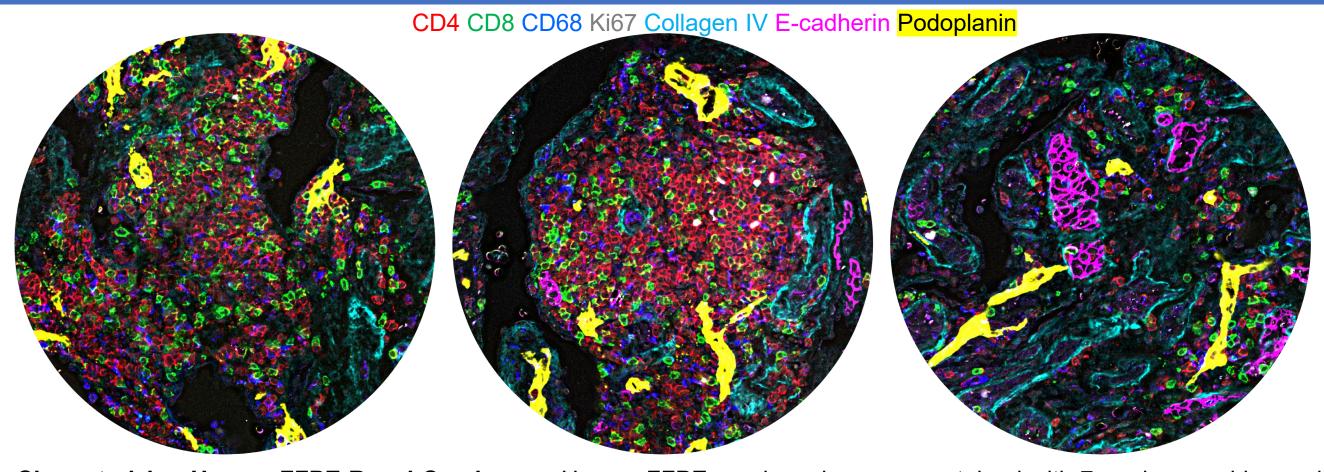
Seamless microscope integration. The CODEX fluidics device integrates into microscope stages through a custom stage insert. The CODEX Driver Software is compatible with multiple microscope brands/types, including Keyence BZ-X710/800, Leica DMi8, & Zeiss Axio-Observer.

Human FFPE Antibody panel



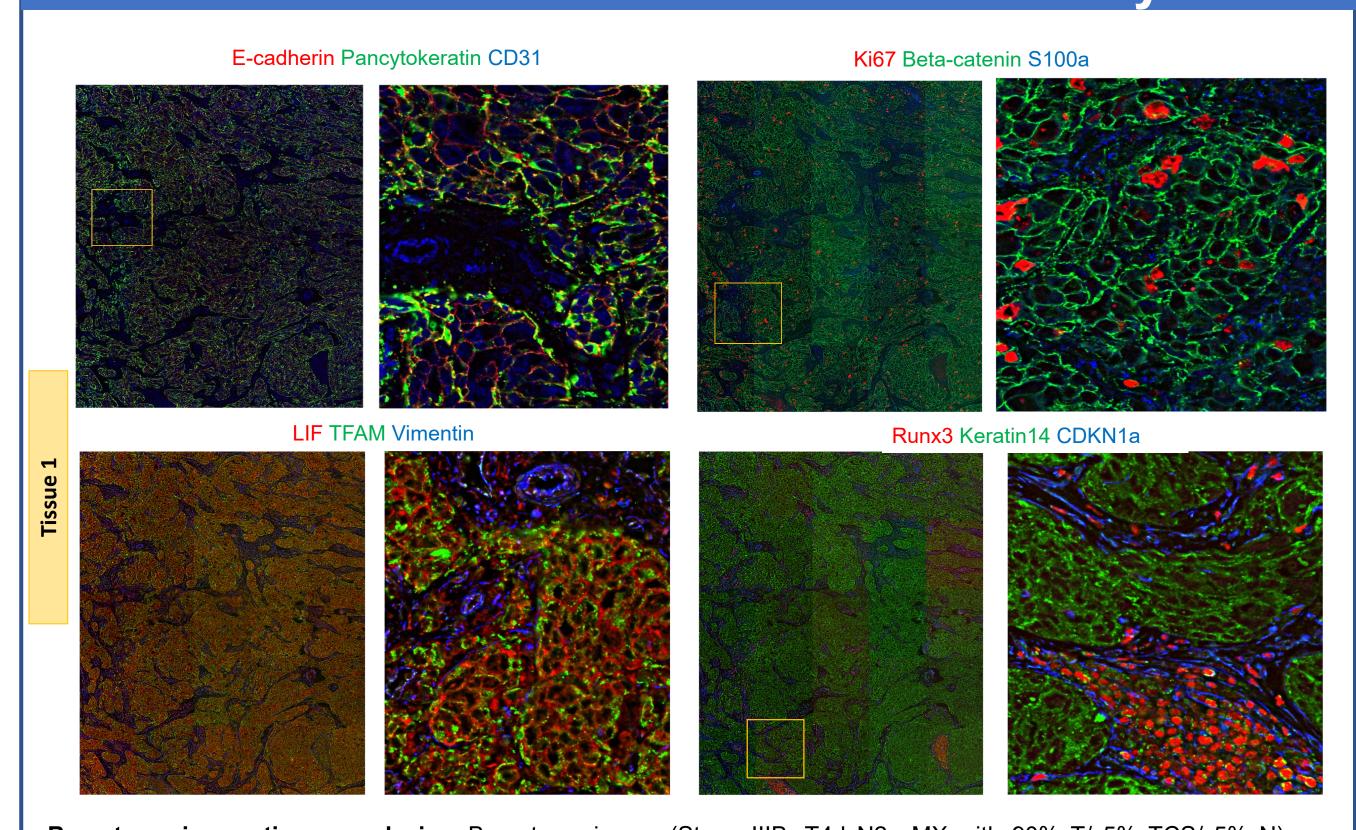
full automated fluidics workflow

Human Renal Cell Carcinoma CODEX Tissue Analysis

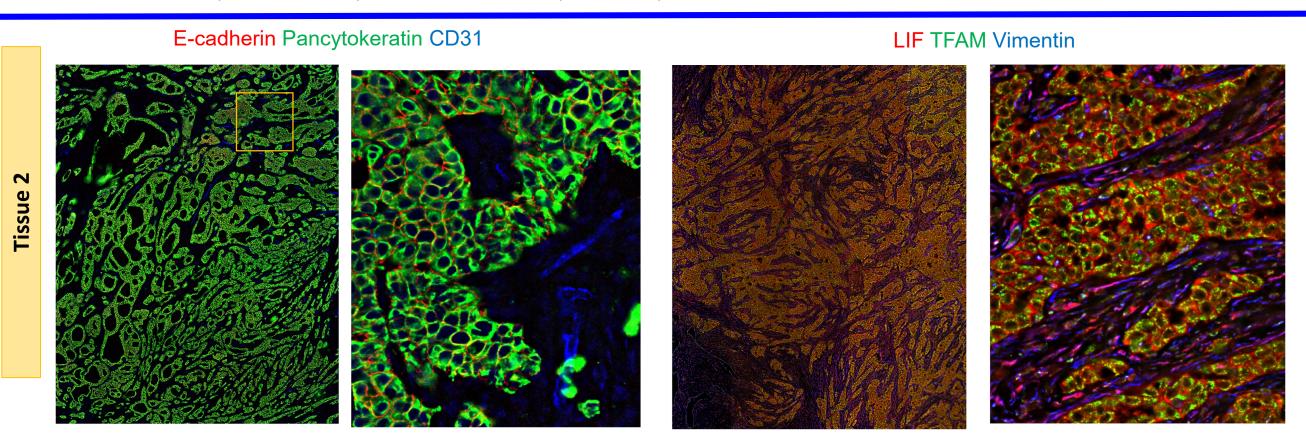


Characterizing Human FFPE Renal Carcinoma: Human FFPE renal carcinoma was stained with 7 markers and imaged using CODEX Tm workflow. Interactions of infiltrating immune cells (CD3 and CD8) with proliferating tumor cells (Ki67) epithelial cells (Podoplanin), and cells that may have involved in tumor invasion (E-cadherin) was characterized.

FFPE-Human Breast cancer tissue analysis

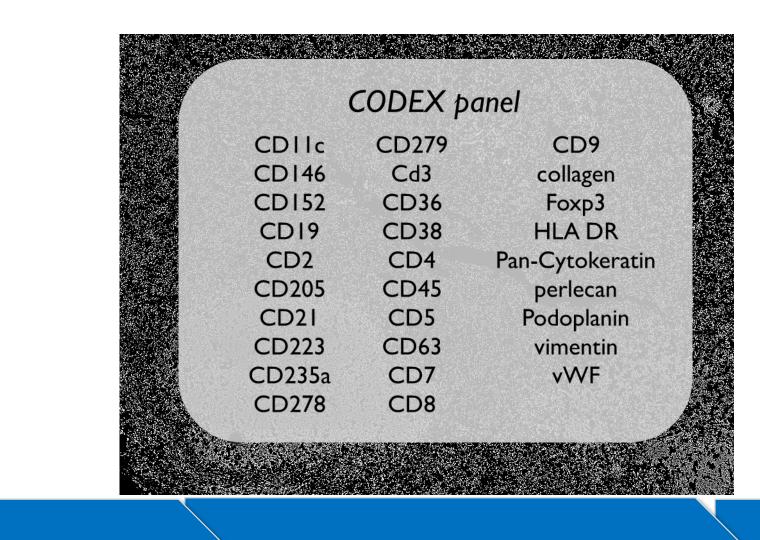


Breast carcinoma tissue analysis: Breast carcinoma (Stage IIIB: T4d N2a MX with 90% T/ 5% TCS/ 5% N) was stained with different CODEX markers and analyzed using CODEXTM workflow. Image analysis revealed critical markers that are involved in tumorigenesis (LIF, TFAM), Tumor invasion (E-cadherin), Proliferation (Ki67), Prognostic marker for breast carcinoma (Beta-catenin) and cell survival (CDKN1a).



Breast carcinoma tissue analysis: Breast carcinoma (Stage IIB: T3 NX MX with 90% T/ 20% N) was stained with different CODEXTM markers and analyzed using CODEXTM workflow. Image analysis revealed critical markers that are involved in tumorigenesis (LIF, TFAM) and Tumor invasion (E -cadherin)

DEEP MULTIPARAMETRIC ANALYSIS OF METASTATIC LYMPH NODE – BREAST CANCER (FF)



Cell clustering Cell segmentation

Annotated cell clusters

Plasma cells near epithelial cells

Vascular endothelial cells (vWF/CD146)

Epithelial cells (CD63/Pan-cytokeratin)

Vascular endothelial cells (CD146/CD36)

Vascular endothelial cells (CD146/vWF/CD36)

Epithelial cells (CD9/vimentin/Pan-cytokeratin)

■ Epithelial cells (CD63/CD9/Pan-cytokeratin)

T cells interacting with DCs

Combined T cell population

L DCs interacting with T cells

OCs (CD205+, vimentin+)

DCs near epithelium

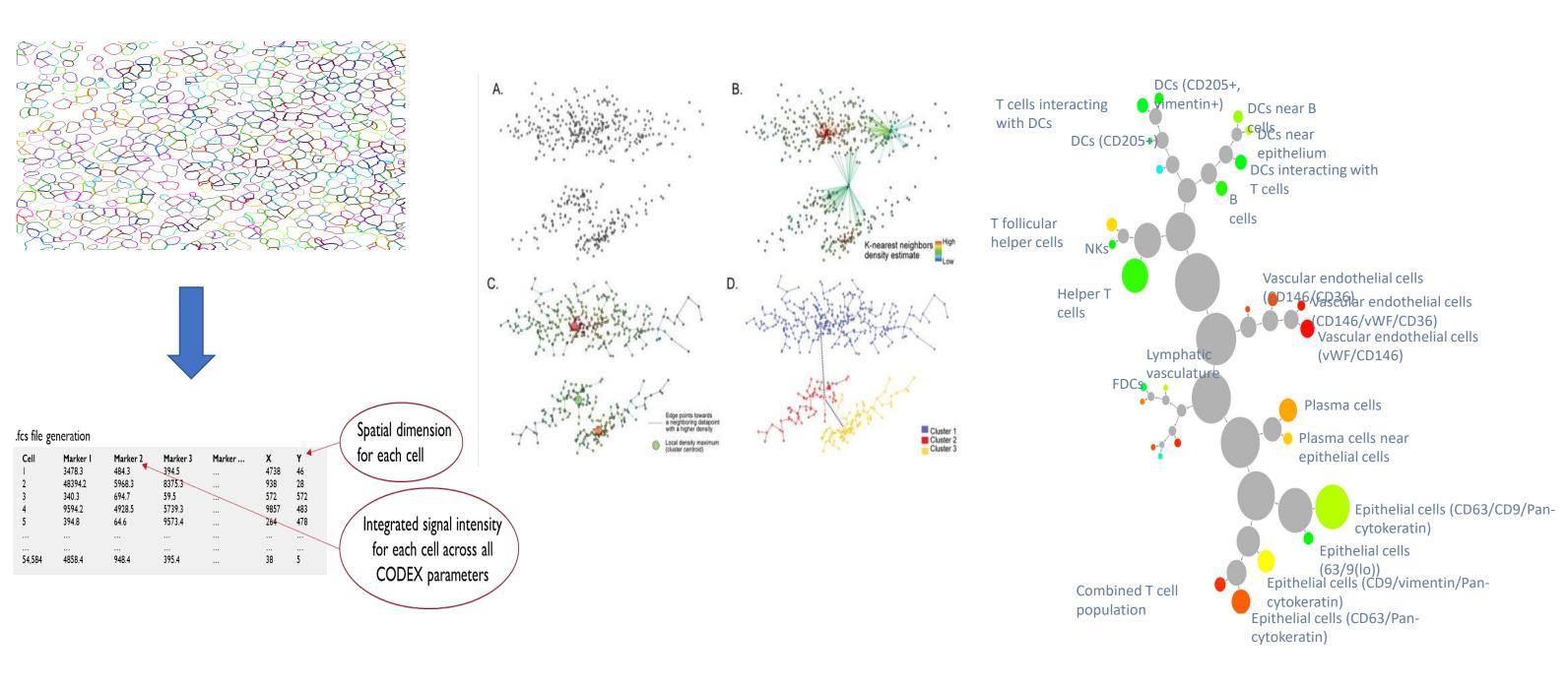
Epithelial cells (63/9(lo)) Lymphatic vasculature

Helper T cells

TFH (CD279+)

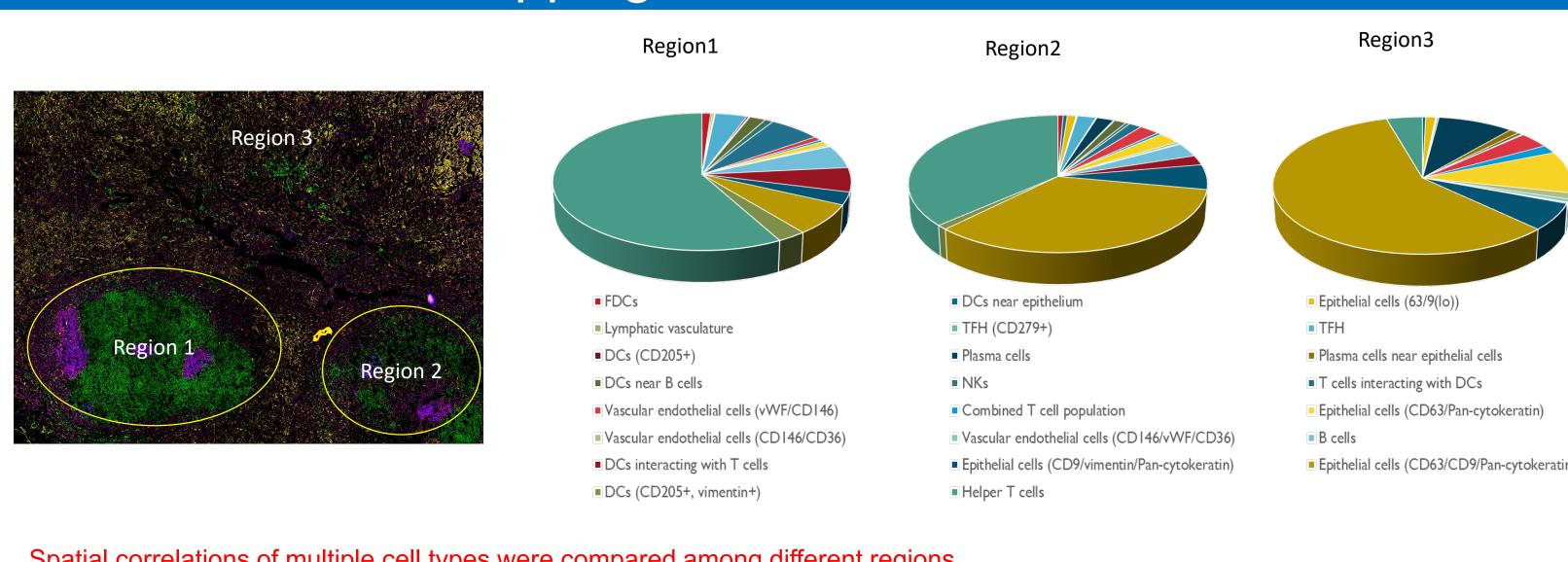
W DCs (CD205+)

DCs near B cells

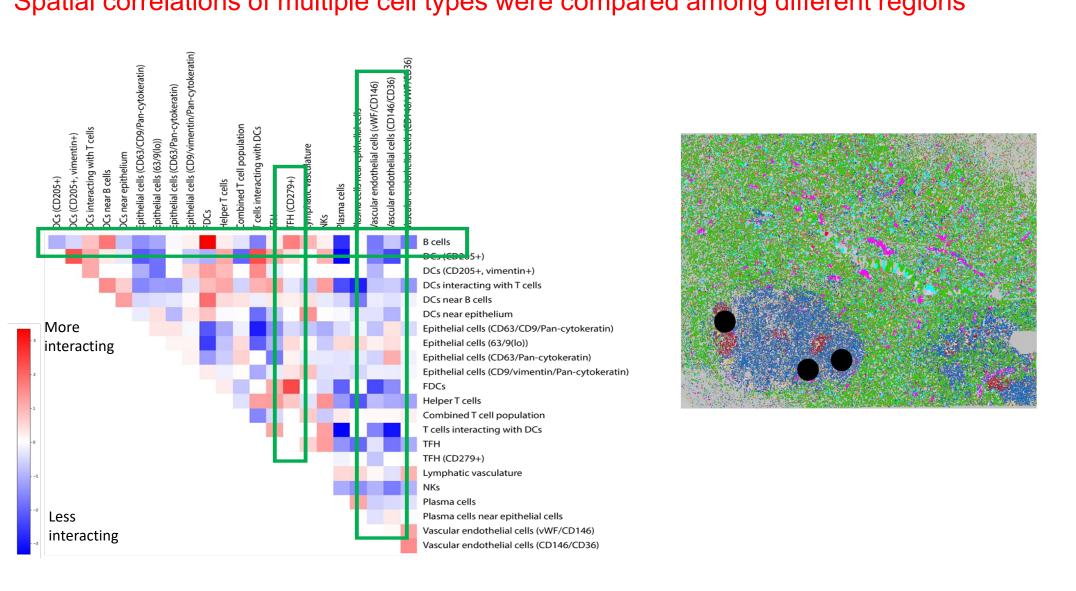


Data analysis of Metastatic lymph node breast cancer. Segmented cells were clustered using X- shift clustering based on nearest neighbor estimation and the cell types were annotated by phenotype marker expression

Mapping tissue architecture



Spatial correlations of multiple cell types were compared among different regions



Biological interactions of variety of cell types at the single cell level was determined..

Conclusion

- CODEXTm enables multiplexed, spatial analysis of tissue specimens in a fully automated workflow.
- CODEXTm is compatible with a variety of tissue specimens, including FF and FFPE formats.
- CODEXTm data can be analyzed using the CODEX analysis tools to characterize cell type, map the tissue architecture and cellular niches