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ABSTRACT

Recent advances in spatial transcriptomics (ST) have created a growing need to integrate multiple tissue slices for joint analysis. A key challenge is generating interpretable embeddings that preserve both gene expression and spatial structure for downstream applications. In this talk, I will introduce MaskGraphene, a novel graph neural network that integrates spatial and transcriptomic features using self-supervised and selfcontrastive learning. Through cluster-wise local alignment and a graph attention autoencoder optimized with masked self-supervised and triplet loss, MaskGraphene generates joint embeddings that maintain spatial geometry while correcting for batch effects. This framework offers a powerful and interpretable solution for integrating multi-slice, multi-



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