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Annotate sites using GRanges object

# Description

Utility function to map annotations from GRanges to rowData of SummarizedExperiment or to mools of GRanges object. If multiple features overlap then they will be concatenated with the specified separtor string.

# Usage

```
annot_from_gr(obj, gr, cols_to_map, RLE = TRUE, sep = ",", ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

obj	RangedSummarizedExperiment or GRanges object
gr	GRanges with annotations to map to obj
cols_to_map	character vector of columns from GRanges to map to SummarizedExperiment. If the vector has names, the names will be the column names in the output.
RLE	If TRUE, columns added will returned as S4Vectors::Rle() vectors to reduce memory
sep	separator string, defaults to comma.
	additional arguments to pass to GenomicRanges::findOverlaps()

#### Value

Either a SummarizedExperiment or GRanges object with additional annotations provided by the supplied GRanges object.

annot\_snps

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Annotate known SNP positions

GRanges or SummarizedExperiment object

# Description

This function will annotate a GRanges or the rowRanges of a SummarizedExperiment with SNPs from a SNP package.

# Usage

```
annot_snps(obj, ...)
## S3 method for class 'GRanges'
annot_snps(
  obj,
  dbsnp,
  chrom = NULL,
  col_to_aggr = "RefSNP_id",
  drop = FALSE,
  genome = NULL,
  RLE = TRUE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'SummarizedExperiment'
annot_snps(obj, ...)
```

# **Arguments** obj

	For the generic, further arguments to pass to specific methods. Unused for now.
dbsnp	SNPlocs package, see available packages from BSgenome::available.SNPs()
chrom	only operate on a specified chromosome
col_to_aggr	column from SNPlocs package to add to input. If multiple SNPs overlap these values will be concatenated as comma separated values.
drop	If TRUE, remove sites overlapping SNPs
genome	A BSgenome object, which if supplied, will be used to provide additional snp_ref_allele and snp_alt_alleles columns containing the reference and alt allele sequences, with respect to the positive strand. Additionally the snp sequences will be checked against the allele at the site if a column named ALT is present in object. The strand of the site will be used to determine if the ALT allele needs to be complemented prior to comparing against the SNP db (which always returns sequences w.r.t the plus strand).
RLE	If TRUE, columns added will returned as S4Vectors::Rle() vectors to reduce memory usage.

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#### Value

Either a GRanges or SummarizedExperiment object with a new column added with information from col\_to\_aggr and optionally snp\_ref\_allele, snp\_alt\_alleles, and snp\_matches\_site annotations.

#### See Also

SNPlocs.Hsapiens.dbSNP144.GRCh38

#### **Examples**

calc\_AEI

Calculate the Adenosine Editing Index (AEI)

#### **Description**

The Adenosine Editing Index describes the magnitude of A-to-I editing in a sample. The index is a weighted average of editing events (G bases) observed at A positions. The vast majority A-to-I editing occurs in ALU elements in the human genome, and these regions have a high A-to-I editing signal compared to other regions such as coding exons. This function will perform pileup at specified repeat regions and return a summary AEI metric.

#### Usage

```
calc_AEI(
  bamfiles,
  fasta,
  alu_ranges = NULL,
  txdb = NULL,
  snp_db = NULL,
  param = FilterParam(),
  BPPARAM = SerialParam(),
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

character vector of paths to indexed bam files. If a named character vector is supplied the names will be used in the output.

fasta fasta filename

alu\_ranges GRanges with regions to query for calculating the AEI, typically ALU repeats.

txdb A TxDb object, if supplied, will be used to subset the alu\_ranges to those found overlapping genes. Alternatively a GRanges object with gene coordinates. If

the library\_type, specified by FilterParam, is unstranded then the TxDb will be used to correct the strandness relative to the reference and is a required

parameter.

snp\_db either a SNPlocs, GPos, or GRanges object. If supplied, will be used to ex-

clude polymorphic positions prior to calculating the AEI. If calc\_AEI() will be used many times, one will save time by first identifying SNPs that overlap the supplied alu\_ranges, and passing these as a GRanges to snp\_db rather than

supplying all known SNPs (see get\_overlapping\_snps()).

param object of class FilterParam() which specify various filters to apply to reads

and sites during pileup.

BPPARAM A BiocParallelParam object for specifying parallel options for operating over

chromosomes.

verbose report progress on each chromosome?

#### Value

A named list containing:

- AEI: a matrix of AEI index values computed for all allelic combinations, one row for each supplied bam file.
- AEI\_per\_chrom: a data.frame containing values computed for each chromosome

# References

Roth, S.H., Levanon, E.Y. & Eisenberg, E. Genome-wide quantification of ADAR adenosine-to-inosine RNA editing activity. Nat Methods 16, 1131–1138 (2019). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41592-019-0610-9

```
suppressPackageStartupMessages(library(Rsamtools))
bamfn <- raer_example("SRR5564269_Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.md.bam")
bam2fn <- raer_example("SRR5564277_Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.md.bam")
bams <- c(bamfn, bam2fn)
names(bams) <- c("ADAR1KO", "WT")

fafn <- raer_example("human.fasta")
mock_alu_ranges <- scanFaIndex(fafn)</pre>
```

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```
res <- calc_AEI(bams, fafn, mock_alu_ranges)
res$AEI</pre>
```

calc\_confidence

Calculate confidence score for observing editing

#### Description

Calculate a confidence score based on a Bayesian inverse probability model as described by Washburn et al. Cell Reports. 2015, and implemented in the SAILOR pipeline.

# Usage

```
calc_confidence(
    se,
    edit_to = "G",
    edit_from = "A",
    per_sample = FALSE,
    exp_fraction = 0.01,
    alpha = 0L,
    beta = 0L
)
```

# Arguments

SummarizedExperiment::SummarizedExperiment containing editing sites
edited base
non-edited base
if TRUE, calculate confidence per sample, otherwise edited and non-edited counts will be summed across all samples.
Numeric value between 0 and 1, specifying the expected error rate
Pseudo-count to add to non-edited base counts
Pseudo-count to add to edited base counts

# Value

SummarizedExperiment::SummarizedExperiment with either a new assay or rowData column named "confidence" depending on whether confidence is calculated per\_sample.

#### References

Washburn MC, Kakaradov B, Sundararaman B, Wheeler E, Hoon S, Yeo GW, Hundley HA. The dsRBP and inactive editor ADR-1 utilizes dsRNA binding to regulate A-to-I RNA editing across the C. elegans transcriptome. Cell Rep. 2014 Feb 27;6(4):599-607. doi: 10.1016/j.celrep.2014.01.011. Epub 2014 Feb 6. PMID: 24508457; PMCID: PMC3959997.

SAILOR pipeline: https://github.com/YeoLab/sailor

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#### **Examples**

```
rse_adar_ifn <- mock_rse()
calc_confidence(rse_adar_ifn)
calc_confidence(rse_adar_ifn, per_sample = TRUE)</pre>
```

calc\_edit\_frequency Adds editing frequencies

# **Description**

Adds editing frequencies to an existing RangedSummarizedExperiment object (created by pileup\_sites()). The RangedSummarizedExperiment with a new assay for editing frequencies for each site (edit\_freq), depth of coverage computed using the indicated edited nucleotides (depth) and new colData columns with the number of edited sites (n\_sites) and the fraction of edits (edit\_idx) is returned.

# Usage

```
calc_edit_frequency(
  rse,
  edit_from = "A",
  edit_to = "G",
  drop = FALSE,
  replace_na = TRUE,
  edit_frequency = 0,
  min_count = 1
)
```

#### **Arguments**

rse	A RangedSummarizedExperiment object created by pileup_sites()
edit_from	This should correspond to a nucleotide or assay (A, C, G, T, Ref, or Alt) you expect in the reference. Ex. for A to I editing events, this would be A.
edit_to	This should correspond to a nucleotide or assay (A, C, G, T, Ref, or Alt) you expect in the editing site. Ex. for A to I editing events, this would be $\sf G$ .
drop	If TRUE, the RangedSummarizedExperiment returned will only retain sites matching the specified $\mbox{edit\_from}$ and $\mbox{edit\_to}$ bases.
replace_na	If TRUE, NA and NaN editing frequencies will be coerced to $\emptyset$ .
edit_frequency	The edit frequency cutoff used when calculating the number of sites. Set to $\emptyset$ to require any non-zero editing frequency. The number of sites is stored as $n\_sites$ in the colData.
min_count	The minimum number of reads required when enumerating number of editing sites detected.

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#### Value

RangedSummarizedExperiment supplemented with edit\_freq and depth assay.

#### **Examples**

```
library(SummarizedExperiment)
rse_adar_ifn <- mock_rse()
rse <- calc_edit_frequency(rse_adar_ifn)
assay(rse, "edit_freq")[1:5, ]</pre>
```

calc\_scAEI

Calculate the Adenosine Editing Index (AEI) in single cells

# **Description**

The Adenosine Editing Index describes the magnitude of A-to-I editing in a sample. The index is a weighted average of editing events (G bases) observed at A positions. The vast majority A-to-I editing occurs in ALU elements in the human genome, and these regions have a high A-to-I editing signal compared to other regions such as coding exons. This function will examine enumerate edited and non-edited base counts at the supplied sites and return summary AEI metric per cell. Potential editing sites within repeat regions can be generated using get\_scAEI\_sites().

#### **Usage**

```
calc_scAEI(
  bamfiles,
  sites,
  cell_barcodes,
  param = FilterParam(),
  edit_from = "A",
  edit_to = "G",
  output_dir = NULL,
  return_sce = FALSE,
  ...
)

get_scAEI_sites(fasta, genes, alus, edit_from = "A", edit_to = "G")
```

#### **Arguments**

bamfiles a path to a BAM file (for 10x libraries), or a vector of paths to BAM files (smart-seq2). Can be supplied as a character vector, BamFile, or BamFileList.

sites a GRanges object produced by get\_scAEI\_sites() containing sites to process.

cell\_barcodes A character vector of single cell barcodes to process. If processing multiple BAM files (e.g. smart-seq-2), provide a character vector of unique identifiers for each input BAM, to name each BAM file in the output files.

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param	object of class FilterParam() which specify various filters to apply to reads and sites during pileup.
edit_from	This should correspond to the base (A, C, G, T) you expect in the reference. Ex. for A to I editing events, this would be A.
edit_to	This should correspond to the base (A, C, G, T) you expect in an edited site. Ex. for A to I editing events, this would be G.
output_dir	Output directory for nRef and nAlt sparseMatrix files. If NULL, a temporary directory will be used.
return_sce	if TRUE, data is returned as a SingleCellExperiment, if FALSE a DataFrame containing computed AEI values will be returned.
	additional arguments to pileup_cells()
fasta	Path to a genome fasta file
genes	A GRanges object with gene coordinates. Alternatively a TxDb object, which if supplied, will be used extract gene coordinates.
alus	GRanges with repeat regions to query for calculating the AEI, typically ALU repeats. The strand of the supplied intervals will be ignored for defining repeat regions.

#### Value

A DataFrame containing computed AEI values, count of editing events (n\_alt), and count of reference events (n\_ref) per cell. If return\_sce is TRUE, then a SingleCellExperiment is returned with the AEI values stored in the colData.

#### References

Roth, S.H., Levanon, E.Y. & Eisenberg, E. Genome-wide quantification of ADAR adenosine-to-inosine RNA editing activity. Nat Methods 16, 1131–1138 (2019). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41592-019-0610-9

```
suppressPackageStartupMessages(library(Rsamtools))
library(GenomicRanges)

bam_fn <- raer_example("5k_neuron_mouse_possort.bam")
bai <- indexBam(bam_fn)

# cell barcodes to query
cbs <- c("TGTTTGTTCCATCCGT-1", "CAACCAACATAATCGC-1", "TGGAACTCAAGCTGTT-1")

# genes used to infer transcribed strand
genes_gr <- GRanges(c(
    "2:100-400:-",
    "2:500-605:-",
    "2:600-680:+"
))</pre>
```

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```
# alu intervals
alus_gr <- GRanges(c(
    "2:110-380",
    "2:510-600",
    "2:610-670"
))

# genome fasta file, used to find A bases
fa_fn <- raer_example("mouse_tiny.fasta")

# get positions of potential A -> G changes in alus
sites <- get_scAEI_sites(fa_fn, genes_gr, alus_gr)

fp <- FilterParam(
    library_type = "fr-second-strand",
    min_mapq = 255
)
calc_scAEI(bam_fn, sites, cbs, fp)</pre>
```

correct\_strand

Apply strand correction using gene annotations

# Description

Gene annotations are used to infer the likely strand of editing sites. This function will operate on unstranded datasets which have been processed using "unstranded" library type which reports variants with respect to the + strand for all sites. The strand of the editing site will be assigned the strand of overlapping features in the genes\_gr object. Sites with no-overlap, or overlapping features with conflicting strands (+ and -) will be removed.

#### Usage

```
correct_strand(rse, genes_gr)
```

#### **Arguments**

rse RangedSummarizedExperiment object containing editing sites processed with

"unstranded" setting

genes\_gr GRanges object containing reference features to annotate the strand of the edit-

ing sites.

#### Value

RangedSummarizedExperiment object containing pileup assays, with strand corrected based on supplied genomic intervals.

#### **Examples**

```
suppressPackageStartupMessages(library("GenomicRanges"))
bamfn <- raer_example("SRR5564269_Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.md.bam")
fafn <- raer_example("human.fasta")
fp <- FilterParam(library_type = "unstranded")
rse <- pileup_sites(bamfn, fafn, param = fp)

genes <- GRanges(c(
    "DHFR:200-400:+",
    "SPCS3:100-200:-",
    "SSR3:3-10:-",
    "SSR3:6-12:+"
))
correct_strand(rse, genes)</pre>
```

filter\_clustered\_variants

Filter out clustered sequence variants

# **Description**

Sequence variants of multiple allele types (e.g.,  $A \rightarrow G$ ,  $A \rightarrow C$ ) proximal to a putative editing site can be indicative of a region prone to mis-alignment artifacts. Sites will be removed if variants of multiple allele types are present within a given distance in genomic or transcriptome coordinate space.

#### Usage

```
filter_clustered_variants(
   rse,
   txdb,
   regions = c("transcript", "genome"),
   variant_dist = 100
)
```

#### **Arguments**

rse SummarizedExperiment::SummarizedExperiment containing editing sites

txdb GenomicFeatures::TxDb

regions One of transcript or genome, specifying the coordinate system for calculating

distances between variants.

variant\_dist distance in nucleotides for determining clustered variants

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# Value

SummarizedExperiment::SummarizedExperiment with sites removed from object dependent on filtering applied.

#### See Also

```
Other se-filters: filter_multiallelic(), filter_splice_variants()
```

#### **Examples**

```
if(require("txdbmaker")){
  rse_adar_ifn <- mock_rse()</pre>
  rse <- rse_adar_ifn[seqnames(rse_adar_ifn) == "SPCS3"]</pre>
  # mock up a txdb with genes
  gr <- GRanges(c(</pre>
      "SPCS3:100-120:-",
       "SPCS3:325-350:-"
  ))
  gr$source <- "raer"</pre>
  gr$type <- "exon"</pre>
  gr$source <- NA</pre>
  gr$phase <- NA_integer_</pre>
  gr\$gene_id \leftarrow c(1, 2)
  gr$transcript_id <- c("1.1", "2.1")</pre>
  txdb <- txdbmaker::makeTxDbFromGRanges(gr)</pre>
  rse <- filter_multiallelic(rse)</pre>
  filter_clustered_variants(rse, txdb, variant_dist = 10)
}
```

filter\_multiallelic Filter out multi-allelic sites

#### **Description**

Remove sites with multiple variant bases from a SummarizedExperiment. rowData() gains a new column, ALT, that contains the variant allele detected at each site.

# Usage

```
filter_multiallelic(se)
```

# **Arguments**

se SummarizedExperiment::SummarizedExperiment

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#### Value

SummarizedExperiment::SummarizedExperiment with multiallelic sites removed. A new column,ALT will be added to rowData() indicating the single allele present at the site.

#### See Also

```
Other se-filters: filter_clustered_variants(), filter_splice_variants()
```

#### **Examples**

```
rse_adar_ifn <- mock_rse()
filter_multiallelic(rse_adar_ifn)</pre>
```

```
filter_splice_variants
```

Filter out sites near splice sites

# **Description**

Remove editing sites found in regions proximal to annotated splice junctions.

# Usage

```
filter_splice_variants(rse, txdb, splice_site_dist = 4, ignore.strand = FALSE)
```

#### Arguments

```
rse SummarizedExperiment::SummarizedExperiment with editing sites
```

txdb GenomicFeatures::TxDb

splice\_site\_dist

distance to splice site

ignore.strand if TRUE, ignore strand when comparing editing sites to splice sites

#### Value

SummarizedExperiment::SummarizedExperiment with sites adjacent to splice sites removed.

#### See Also

```
Other se-filters: filter_clustered_variants(), filter_multiallelic()
```

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#### **Examples**

```
if(require("txdbmaker")) {
  rse_adar_ifn <- mock_rse()</pre>
  # mock up a txdb with genes
  gr <- GRanges(c(</pre>
      "DHFR: 310-330:-",
      "DHFR: 410-415:-",
      "SSR3:100-155:-",
      "SSR3:180-190:-"
  ))
  gr$source <- "raer"</pre>
  gr$type <- "exon"</pre>
  gr$source <- NA
  gr$phase <- NA_integer_</pre>
  gr\gene_id \leftarrow c(1, 1, 2, 2)
  gr$transcript_id <- rep(c("1.1", "2.1"), each = 2)
  txdb <- txdbmaker::makeTxDbFromGRanges(gr)</pre>
  filter_splice_variants(rse_adar_ifn, txdb)
}
```

find\_de\_sites

Perform differential editing

#### **Description**

Use edgeR or DESeq2 to perform differential editing analysis. This will work for designs that have 1 treatment and 1 control group. For more complex designs, we suggest you perform your own modeling.

#### Usage

```
find_de_sites(
  deobj,
  test = c("edgeR", "DESeq2"),
  sample_col = "sample",
  condition_col = "condition",
  condition_control = NULL,
  condition_treatment = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

deobj

A RangedSummarizedExperiment object prepared for differential editing analysis by make\_de\_object()

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test Indicate if edgeR or DESeq2 should be run.

sample\_col The name of the column from colData(deobj) that contains your sample in-

formation. Default is sample. If you do not have a column named "sample", you

must provide the appropriate sample column

condition\_col The name of the column from colData(deobj) that contains your treatment in-

formation. Default is condition, If you do not have a column named "condition",

you must provide the appropriate condition column

condition\_control

The name of the control condition. This must be a variable in your condition\_col of colData(deobj). No default provided.

condition\_treatment

The name of the treatment condition. This must be a variable in your condition\_col of colData(deobj).

#### Value

A named list:

• de\_obj: The edgeR or deseq object used for differential editing analysis

- results\_full: Unfiltered differential editing results
- sig\_results: Filtered differential editing (FDR < 0.05)
- model\_matrix: The model matrix used for generating DE results

```
library(SummarizedExperiment)
bamfn <- raer_example("SRR5564269_Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.md.bam")</pre>
bam2fn <- raer_example("SRR5564277_Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.md.bam")</pre>
fafn <- raer_example("human.fasta")</pre>
bams <- rep(c(bamfn, bam2fn), each = 3)
sample_ids <- paste0(rep(c("KO", "WT"), each = 3), 1:3)
names(bams) <- sample_ids</pre>
fp <- FilterParam(only_keep_variants = TRUE)</pre>
rse <- pileup_sites(bams, fafn, param = fp)</pre>
rse$condition <- substr(rse$sample, 1, 2)</pre>
rse <- calc_edit_frequency(rse)</pre>
dse <- make_de_object(rse)</pre>
res <- find_de_sites(dse,</pre>
    condition_control = "WT"
    condition_treatment = "KO"
res$sig_results[1:3, ]
```

find\_mispriming\_sites Find regions with oligodT mispriming

# **Description**

OligodT will prime at A-rich regions in an RNA. Reverse transcription from these internal priming sites will install an oligodT sequence at the 3' end of the cDNA. Sequence variants within these internal priming sites are enriched for variants converting the genomic sequence to the A encoded by the oligodT primer. Trimming poly(A) from the 3' ends of reads reduces but does not eliminate these signals

This function will identify regions that are enriched for mispriming events. Reads that were trimmed to remove poly(A) (encoded in the pa tag by 10x Genomics) are identified. The aligned 3' positions of these reads are counted, and sites passing thresholds (at least 2 reads) are retained as possible sites of mispriming. Be default regions 5 bases upstream and 20 bases downstream of these putative mispriming sites are returned.

# Usage

```
find_mispriming_sites(
  bamfile,
  fasta,
  pos_5p = 5,
  pos_3p = 20,
  min_reads = 2,
  tag = "pa",
  tag_values = 3:300,
  n_reads_per_chunk = 1e+06,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
path to bamfile
bamfile
fasta
                  path to fasta file
                  distance 5' of mispriming site to define mispriming region
pos_5p
                  distance 3' of mispriming site to define mispriming region
pos_3p
min_reads
                  minimum required number of reads at a mispriming site
                  bam tag containing number of poly(A) bases trimmed
tag
                  range of values required for read to be considered
tag_values
n_reads_per_chunk
                  number of reads to process in memory, see Rsamtools::BamFile()
verbose
                  if true report progress
```

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#### Value

A GenomicsRanges containing regions enriched for putative mispriming events. The n\_reads column specifies the number of polyA trimmed reads overlapping the mispriming region. mean\_pal indicates the mean length of polyA sequence trimmed from reads overlapping the region. The n\_regions column specifies the number overlapping independent regions found in each chunk (dictated by n\_reads\_per\_chunk). The A\_freq column indicates the frequency of A bases within the region.

# **Examples**

```
bam_fn <- raer_example("5k_neuron_mouse_possort.bam")
fa_fn <- raer_example("mouse_tiny.fasta")
find_mispriming_sites(bam_fn, fa_fn)</pre>
```

find\_scde\_sites

Identify sites with differential editing between cells in single cell datasets

#### Description

Compare editing frequencies between clusters or celltypes. REF and ALT counts from each cluster are pooled to create pseudobulk estimates. Each pair of clusters are compared using fisher exact tests. Statistics are aggregated across each pairwise comparison using scran::combineMarkers.

#### Usage

```
find_scde_sites(sce, group, rowData = FALSE, BPPARAM = SerialParam(), ...)
```

#### Arguments

sce	SingleCellExperiment object with nRef and nAlt assays.
group	column name from colData used to define groups to compare.
rowData	$if\ TRUE,\ rowData\ from\ the\ input\ SingleCellExperiment\ will\ be\ included\ in\ the\ output\ DataFrames$
BPPARAM	BiocParallel backend for control how parallel computations are performed.
• • •	Additional arguments passed to scran::combineMarkers

# Value

A named list of DataFrames containing results for each cluster specified by group. The difference in editing frequencies between cluster pairs are denoted as dEF. See scran::combineMarkers for a description of additional output fields.

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#### **Examples**

```
### generate example data ###
library(Rsamtools)
library(GenomicRanges)
bam_fn <- raer_example("5k_neuron_mouse_possort.bam")</pre>
gr <- GRanges(c("2:579:-", "2:625:-", "2:645:-", "2:589:-", "2:601:-"))
gr$REF <- c(rep("A", 4), "T")
gr$ALT <- c(rep("G", 4), "C")
cbs <- unique(scanBam(bam_fn, param = ScanBamParam(tag = "CB"))[[1]]$tag$CB)</pre>
cbs <- na.omit(cbs)</pre>
outdir <- tempdir()</pre>
bai <- indexBam(bam_fn)</pre>
fp <- FilterParam(library_type = "fr-second-strand")</pre>
sce <- pileup_cells(bam_fn, gr, cbs, outdir, param = fp)</pre>
# mock some clusters
set.seed(42)
sce$clusters <- paste0("cluster_", sample(1:3, ncol(sce), replace = TRUE))</pre>
res <- find_scde_sites(sce, "clusters")
res[[1]]
```

get\_overlapping\_snps Retrieve SNPs overlapping intervals

#### **Description**

This function will find SNPs overlapping supplied intervals using a SNPlocs package. The SNPs can be returned in memory (as GPos objects) or written to disk as a bed-file (optionally compressed).

# Usage

```
get_overlapping_snps(gr, snpDb, output_file = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

gr Intervals to query

snpDb A reference ot a SNPlocs database

output\_file A path to an output file. If supplied the file can be optionally compressed by

including a ".gz" suffix. If not supplied, SNPS will be returned as a Genomi-

cRanges::GPos object

#### Value

GPos object containing SNPs overlapping supplied genomic intervals

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#### **Examples**

```
if (require(SNPlocs.Hsapiens.dbSNP144.GRCh38)) {
    gr <- GRanges(rep("22", 10),
        IRanges(seq(10510077, 10610077, by = 1000)[1:10], width = 250),
        strand = "+"
    )
    get_overlapping_snps(gr, SNPlocs.Hsapiens.dbSNP144.GRCh38)
}</pre>
```

get\_splice\_sites

Extract regions surrounding splice sites

# Description

Extract intervals at splice sites and their adjacent regions.

# Usage

```
get_splice_sites(txdb, slop = 4)
```

# Arguments

txdb GenomicFeatures::TxDb

slop The number of bases upstream and downstream of splice site to extract

#### Value

GenomicRanges::GRanges containing positions of splice sites, with flanking bases.

```
if (require(TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38.knownGene)) {
   txdb <- TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38.knownGene
   res <- get_splice_sites(txdb)
   res[1:5]
}</pre>
```

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Make summarized experiment object for differential editing analysis

#### **Description**

Generates a RangedSummarizedExperiment object for use with edgeR or DESeq2. Will generate a counts assay with a matrix formatted with 2 columns per sample, representing the reference and editing allele counts.

#### Usage

```
make_de_object(
  rse,
  edit_from = "A",
  edit_to = "G",
  min_prop = 0,
  max_prop = 1,
  min_samples = 1
```

# **Arguments**

rse	A RangedSummarizedExperiment object
edit_from	This should correspond to a nucleotide or assay (A, C, G, T, Ref, or Alt) you expect in the reference. Ex. for A to I editing events, this would be A.
edit_to	This should correspond to a nucleotide or assay (A, C, G, T, Ref, or Alt) you expect in the editing site. Ex. for A to I editing events, this would be G.
min_prop	The minimum required proportion of reads edited at a site. At least min_samples need to pass this to keep the site.
max_prop	The maximum allowable proportion of reads edited at a site. At least min_samples need to pass this to keep the site.
min_samples	The minimum number of samples passing the min_prop and max_prop cutoffs to keep a site.

#### Value

RangedSummarizedExperiment for use with edgeR or DESeq2. Contains a counts assay with a matrix formatted with 2 columns per sample (ref and alt counts).

```
library(SummarizedExperiment)
rse_adar_ifn <- mock_rse()
rse <- calc_edit_frequency(rse_adar_ifn)
dse <- make_de_object(rse, min_samples = 1)
assay(dse, "counts")[1:5, ]
dse</pre>
```

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mock_rse	Generate a small RangedSummarizedExperiment object for tests and examples

#### **Description**

A RangedSummarizedExperiment containing a subset of data from an RNA-seq experiment to measure the effects of IFN treatment of cell lines with wild-type or ADAR1-KO.

# Usage

```
mock_rse()
```

#### Value

RangedSummarizedExperiment populated with pileup data

#### **Source**

```
https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/PRJNA386593
```

#### References

```
https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29395325/
```

# **Examples**

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Generate base counts per cell

## **Description**

This function processes scRNA-seq library to enumerate base counts for Reference (unedited) or Alternate (edited) bases at specified sites in single cells. pileup\_cells can process droplet scRNA-seq libraries, from a BAM file containing a cell-barcode and UMI, or well-based libraries that do not contain cell-barcodes.

The sites parameter specifies sites to quantify. This must be a GRanges object with 1 base intervals, a strand (+ or -), and supplemented with metadata columns named REF and ALT containing the reference and alternate base to query. See examples for the required format.

At each site, bases from overlapping reads will be examined, and counts of each ref and alt base enumerated for each cell-barcode present. A single base will be counted once for each UMI sequence present in each cell.

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#### Usage

```
pileup_cells(
  bamfiles,
  sites,
  cell_barcodes,
  output_directory,
  chroms = NULL,
  umi_tag = "UB",
  cb_tag = "CB",
  param = FilterParam(),
  BPPARAM = SerialParam(),
  return_sce = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

bamfiles a path to a BAM file (for droplet scRNA-seq), or a vector of paths to BAM files

(Smart-seq2). Can be supplied as a character vector, BamFile, or BamFileList.

sites a GRanges object containing sites to process. See examples for valid formatting.

cell\_barcodes A character vector of single cell barcodes to process. If processing multiple

BAM files (e.g. Smart-seq2), provide a character vector of unique identifiers for

each input BAM, to name each BAM file in the output files.

output\_directory

Output directory for output matrix files. The directory will be generated if it

doesn't exist.

chroms A character vector of chromosomes to process. If supplied, only sites present in

the listed chromosomes will be processed

umi\_tag tag in BAM containing the UMI sequence

cb\_tag tag in BAM containing the cell-barcode sequence

param object of class FilterParam() which specify various filters to apply to reads

and sites during pileup. Note that the min\_depth and min\_variant\_reads parameters if set > 0 specify the number of reads from any cell required in order to report a site. E.g. if min\_variant\_reads is set to 2, then at least 2 reads (from any cell) must have a variant in order to report the site. Setting min\_depth and min\_variant\_reads to 0 reports all sites present in the sites object. The fol-

lowing options are not enabled for pileup\_cells(): max\_mismatch\_type, homopolymer\_len,

and min\_allelic\_freq.

BPPARAM BiocParallel instance. Parallel computation occurs across chromosomes.

return\_sce if TRUE, data is returned as a SingleCellExperiment, if FALSE a character vector

of the output files, specified by outfile\_prefix, will be returned.

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#### Value

Returns either a SingleCellExperiment or character vector of paths to the sparseMatrix files produced. The SingleCellExperiment object is populated with two assays, nRef and nAlt, which represent base counts for the reference and alternate alleles. The rowRanges() will contain the genomic interval for each site, along with REF and ALT columns. The rownames will be populated with the format site\_[seqnames]\_[position(1-based)]\_[strand]\_[allele], with strand being encoded as 1 = +, 2 = -, and 3 = \*, and allele being REF + ALT.

If return\_sce is FALSE then a character vector of paths to the sparseMatrix files (barcodes.txt.gz, sites.txt.gz, counts.mtx.gz), will be returned. These files can be imported using read\_sparray().

#### See Also

Other pileup: pileup\_sites()

```
library(Rsamtools)
library(GenomicRanges)
bam_fn <- raer_example("5k_neuron_mouse_possort.bam")</pre>
gr <- GRanges(c("2:579:-", "2:625:-", "2:645:-", "2:589:-", "2:601:-"))
gr$REF <- c(rep("A", 4), "T")
gr$ALT <- c(rep("G", 4), "C")
cbs <- unique(scanBam(bam_fn, param = ScanBamParam(tag = "CB"))[[1]]$tag$CB)
cbs <- na.omit(cbs)</pre>
outdir <- tempdir()</pre>
bai <- indexBam(bam_fn)</pre>
fp <- FilterParam(library_type = "fr-second-strand")</pre>
sce <- pileup_cells(bam_fn, gr, cbs, outdir, param = fp)</pre>
# example of processing multiple Smart-seq2 style libraries
many_small_bams <- rep(bam_fn, 10)</pre>
bam_ids <- LETTERS[1:10]</pre>
# for unstranded libraries, sites and alleles should be provided on + strand
gr <- GRanges(c("2:579:+", "2:625:+", "2:645:+", "2:589:+", "2:601:+"))
gr$REF <- c(rep("T", 4), "A")
gr$ALT <- c(rep("C", 4), "G")
fp <- FilterParam(</pre>
    library_type = "unstranded",
    remove_overlaps = TRUE
sce <- pileup_cells(many_small_bams,</pre>
    sites = gr,
```

```
cell_barcodes = bam_ids,
  cb_tag = NULL,
  umi_tag = NULL,
  outdir,
  param = fp
)
sce
unlink(bai)
```

pileup\_sites

Generate base counts using pileup

# **Description**

This function uses a pileup routine to examine numerate base counts from alignments at specified sites, regions, or across all read alignments, from one or more BAM files. Alignment and site filtering options are controlled by the FilterParam class. A RangedSummarizedExperiment object is returned, populated with base count statistics for each supplied BAM file.

## Usage

```
pileup_sites(
  bamfiles,
  fasta,
  sites = NULL,
  region = NULL,
  chroms = NULL,
  param = FilterParam(),
 BPPARAM = SerialParam(),
  umi_tag = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE
)
FilterParam(
  max_depth = 10000,
 min_depth = 1L,
 min_base_quality = 20L,
 min_mapq = 0L,
  library_type = "fr-first-strand",
  bam_flags = NULL,
  only_keep_variants = FALSE,
  trim_5p = 0L,
  trim_3p = 0L,
  ftrim_5p = 0,
  ftrim_3p = 0,
  indel_dist = 0L,
```

```
splice_dist = 0L,
min_splice_overhang = 0L,
homopolymer_len = 0L,
max_mismatch_type = c(0L, 0L),
read_bqual = c(0, 0),
min_variant_reads = 0L,
min_allelic_freq = 0,
report_multiallelic = TRUE,
remove_overlaps = TRUE
```

# Arguments

only\_keep\_variants

	bamfiles	a character vector, BamFile or BamFileList indicating 1 or more BAM files to process. If named, the names will be included in the colData of the Ranged-SummarizedExperiment as a sample column, otherwise the names will be taken from the basename of the BAM file.
	fasta	path to genome fasta file used for read alignment. Can be provided in compressed gzip or bgzip format.
	sites	a GRanges object containing regions or sites to process.
	region	samtools region query string (i.e. chr1:100-1000). Can be combined with sites, in which case sites will be filtered to keep only sites within the region.
	chroms	chromosomes to process, provided as a character vector. Not to be used with the region parameter.
	param	object of class FilterParam() which specify various filters to apply to reads and sites during pileup.
	BPPARAM	A BiocParallel class to control parallel execution. Parallel processing occurs per chromosome and is disabled when run on a single region.
	umi_tag	The BAM tag containing a UMI sequence. If supplied, multiple reads with the same UMI sequence will only be counted once per position.
	verbose	if TRUE, then report progress and warnings.
	max_depth	maximum read depth considered at each site
	min_depth	min read depth needed to report site
min_base_quality		
		min base quality score to consider read for pileup
	min_mapq	minimum required MAPQ score. Values for each input BAM file can be provided as a vector.
	library_type	read orientation, one of fr-first-strand, fr-second-strand, and unstranded. Unstranded library type will be reported with variants w.r.t the + strand. Values for each input BAM file can be provided as a vector.
	bam_flags	bam flags to filter or keep, use Rsamtools::scanBamFlag() to generate.

if TRUE, then only variant sites will be reported (FALSE by default). Values for each input BAM file can be provided as a vector.

trim_5p	Bases to trim from 5' end of read alignments	
trim_3p	Bases to trim from 3' end of read alignments	
ftrim_5p	Fraction of bases to trim from 5' end of read alignments	
ftrim_3p	Fraction of bases to trim from 3' end of read alignments	
indel_dist	Exclude read if site occurs within given distance from indel event in the read	
splice_dist	Exclude read if site occurs within given distance from splicing event in the read	
min_splice_overhang		

Exclude read if site is located adjacent to splice site with an overhang less than given length.

#### homopolymer\_len

Exclude site if occurs within homopolymer of given length

#### max\_mismatch\_type

Exclude read if it has X different mismatch types (e.g A-to-G, G-to-C, C-to-G, is 3 mismatch types) or Y # of mismatches, must be supplied as a integer vector of length 2. e.g. c(X, Y).

#### read\_bqual

Exclude read if more than X percent of the bases have base qualities less than Y. Numeric vector of length 2. e.g. c(0.25, 20)

#### min\_variant\_reads

Required number of reads containing a variant for a site to be reported. Calculated per bam file, such that if 1 bam file has >= min\_variant\_reads, then the site will be reported.

#### min\_allelic\_freq

minimum allelic frequency required for a variant to be reported in ALT assay.

#### report\_multiallelic

if TRUE, report sites with multiple variants passing filters. If FALSE, site will not be reported.

#### remove\_overlaps

if TRUE, enable read pair overlap detection, which will count only 1 read in regions where read pairs overlap using the htslib algorithm. In brief for each overlapping base pair the base quality of the base with the lower quality is set to 0, which discards it from being counted.

#### Value

A RangedSummarizedExperiment object populated with multiple assays:

- ALT: Alternate base(s) found at each position
- nRef: # of reads supporting the reference base
- nAlt: # of reads supporting an alternate base
- nA: # of reads with A
- nT: # of reads with T
- nC: # of reads with C
- nG: # of reads with G

The rowRanges() contains the genomic interval for each site, along with:

- REF: The reference base
- rpbz: Mann-Whitney U test of Read Position Bias from bcftools, extreme negative or positive
  values indicate more bias.
- vdb: Variant Distance Bias for filtering splice-site artifacts from beftools, lower values indicate
  more bias.
- sor Strand Odds Ratio Score, strand bias estimated by the Symmetric Odds Ratio test, based on GATK code. Higher values indicate more bias.

The rownames will be populated with the format site\_[seqnames]\_[position(1-based)]\_[strand], with strand being encoded as 1 = +, 2 = -, and 3 = \*.

#### See Also

```
Other pileup: pileup_cells()
```

```
library(SummarizedExperiment)
bamfn <- raer_example("SRR5564269_Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.md.bam")</pre>
bam2fn <- raer_example("SRR5564277_Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.md.bam")</pre>
fafn <- raer_example("human.fasta")</pre>
rse <- pileup_sites(bamfn, fafn)</pre>
fp <- FilterParam(only_keep_variants = TRUE, min_depth = 55)</pre>
pileup_sites(bamfn, fafn, param = fp)
# using multiple bam files
bams \leftarrow rep(c(bamfn, bam2fn), each = 3)
sample_ids <- paste0(rep(c("KO", "WT"), each = 3), 1:3)
names(bams) <- sample_ids</pre>
fp <- FilterParam(only_keep_variants = TRUE)</pre>
rse <- pileup_sites(bams, fafn, param = fp)</pre>
rse$condition <- substr(rse$sample, 1, 2)</pre>
assays(rse)
colData(rse)
rowRanges(rse)
# specifying regions to query using GRanges object
sites <- rowRanges(rse)</pre>
rse <- pileup_sites(bams, fafn, sites = sites)</pre>
```

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```
rse
rse <- pileup_sites(bams, fafn, chroms = c("SPCS3", "DHFR"))
rse
rse <- pileup_sites(bams, fafn, region = "DHFR:100-101")
rse</pre>
```

raer

raer: RNA editing tools in R

# **Description**

Toolkit for identification and statistical testing of RNA editing signals from within R. Provides support for identifying sites from bulk-RNA and single cell RNA-seq datasets, and general methods for extraction of allelic read counts from alignment files. Facilitates annotation and exploratory analysis of editing signals using Bioconductor packages and resources.

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#### See Also

Useful links:

- https://rnabioco.github.io/raer
- https://github.com/rnabioco/raer
- Report bugs at https://github.com/rnabioco/raer/issues

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raer\_example

Provide working directory for raer example files.

# Description

Provide working directory for raer example files.

#### Usage

```
raer_example(path)
```

# Arguments

path

path to file

#### Value

Character vector will path to an internal package file.

# **Examples**

```
raer_example("human.fasta")
```

read\_sparray

Read sparseMatrix produced by pileup\_cells()

# Description

Read in tables produced by pileup\_cells() which are an extension of the matrixMarket sparse matrix format to store values for more than 1 matrix.

The .mtx.gz files are formatted with columns:

- 1. row index (0 based)
- 2. column index (0 based)
- 3. values for sparseMatrix #1 (nRef)
- 4. values for sparseMatrix #2 (nAlt)

# Usage

```
read_sparray(mtx_fn, sites_fn, bc_fn, site_format = c("coordinate", "index"))
```

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# **Arguments**

#### Value

a SingleCellExperiment object populated with nRef and nAlt assays.

```
library(Rsamtools)
library(GenomicRanges)
bam_fn <- raer_example("5k_neuron_mouse_possort.bam")

gr <- GRanges(c("2:579:-", "2:625:-", "2:645:-", "2:589:-", "2:601:-"))
gr$REF <- c(rep("A", 4), "T")
gr$ALT <- c(rep("G", 4), "C")

cbs <- unique(scanBam(bam_fn, param = ScanBamParam(tag = "CB"))[[1]]$tag$CB)
cbs <- na.omit(cbs)

outdir <- tempdir()
bai <- indexBam(bam_fn)

fp <- FilterParam(library_type = "fr-second-strand")
mtx_fns <- pileup_cells(bam_fn, gr, cbs, outdir, return_sce = FALSE)
sce <- read_sparray(mtx_fns[1], mtx_fns[2], mtx_fns[3])
sce

unlink(bai)</pre>
```

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