Sushi: An R/Bioconductor package for visualizing genomic data

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1 Introduction

Sushi is an R package for plotting genomic data stored in multiple common genomic formats including bed, bedpe, bedgraph format. The package was designed to be very flexible to allow for combinations of plots into multipanel figures that can include plots made by Sushi, R basecode, or other R packages. Sushi allows for simple flexible plotting of gene structures, transcript structures, sequencing tracks, ChIP-seq peaks, chromatin interactions, GWAS results and other commen genomic data types. This vignette shows some examples of the functions included in Sushi to get you started with plotting these diverse data types.

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2 Data

2.1 Data types

Sushi accepts 4 types of genomic data as input. These include:

- bed format: 3-6 columns (chromosome, start, stop, name, score, strand)
- bedpe format: 6-10 columns (chromosome1, start1, stop1, chromosome2, start2, stop2,name, score, strand1, strand2)
- bedgraph format: 4 columns (chromosome, start, stop, score)
- interaction matrix: This is matrix in which row and column names are genomic coordiates and matrix values are some tye of interaction score.
- * strands are represented as 1 or -1 (instead of the standard "+" and "-").
- * Some functions may require additional information depending on the plot and features desired.

2.2 Example datasets

To illustrate how Sushi works, we have included several publically available data sets in the package Sushi. The data types include RNA-seq, ChIP-seq, ChIA-PET, and HiC data and can be loaded using the following commands:

```
> library('Sushi')
> Sushi_data = data(package = 'Sushi')
> data(list = Sushi_data$results[,3])
```

To see which data sets are loaded

> Sushi_data\$results[,3]

```
[1] "Sushi_5C.bedpe" "Sushi_ChIAPET_pol2.bedpe"
[3] "Sushi_ChIPSeq_CTCF.bedgraph" "Sushi_ChIPSeq_pol2.bed"
[5] "Sushi_ChIPSeq_pol2.bedgraph" "Sushi_ChIPSeq_severalfactors.bed"
[7] "Sushi_DNaseI.bedgraph" "Sushi_GWAS.bed"
[9] "Sushi_HiC.matrix" "Sushi_RNASeq_K562.bedgraph"
[11] "Sushi_genes.bed" "Sushi_hg18_genome"
[13] "Sushi_transcripts.bed"
```

3 Functions

3.1 Functions overview

Sushi functions can be broken down into 3 categories: plotting, annotating, zooming, and coloring. Plotting functions generate a basic plot object using the data. Annotating functions add information to the plots such as an x-axis labeling the genomic region or a legend describing the values represented by different colors. Zooming functions allow for highlighting and zooming of genomic regions, which are of particular use for multipanel plots generated with base R functions mfrow() or layout(). The coloring functions provide simple tools for generating R colors and palettes.

- Plotting functions: plotBed(), plotBedgraph(), plotbedpe(), plot-genes(), plotHiC(), and plotManhattan()
- Annotating functions: labelgenome() and addlegend()
- Zooming functions: zoomsregion() and zoombox()
- Coloring functions: maptocolors(), SushiColors(), and opaque()

3.2 Non-Sushi Functions

An important characteristic of Sushi plots is their compatibility with all base R functions and their ability to be combined into complex multipanel figures. Two of the most usefule base R functions for creating multipanel figures are layout() and mfrow(). Basic R plotting functions such as axis(), mtext(), and legend() are also particularly well suited to combine with Sushi plots. A familiarity with these functions will greatly improve your ability to create Sushi plots.

3.3 plotBedgraph

Signal tracks can be plotted using plotBedgraph(). The input requires data in bedgraph format. We will demonstrate this using bedgraph data representing a DNaseI hypersensitivity experiment in K562 cells.

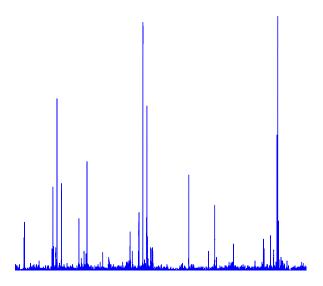
> head(Sushi_DNaseI.bedgraph)

```
chrom start end value
1 chr11 77224 77244 1
2 chr11 77244 77384 2
3 chr11 96704 96724 1
4 chr11 96724 96844 3
5 chr11 96844 96884 2
6 chr11 97904 97924 3
```

The plotBedgraph() function is used to plot the data. As with most Sushi functions the basic required arguments include the data to be plotted, the chromosome, and a start and stop position.

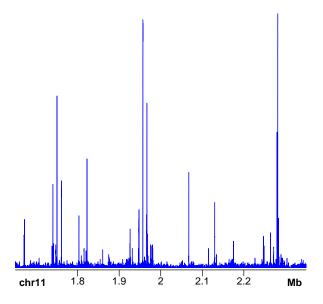
> chrom = "chr11" > chromstart = 1650000 > chromend = 2350000

> plotBedgraph(Sushi_DNaseI.bedgraph,chrom,chromstart,chromend)



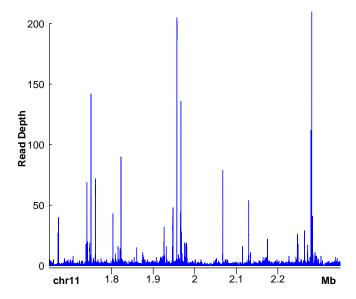
To annotate the genome postion we use the labelgenome() function. We us n = 4 to specify the desired number of tickmarks. The scale is set to Mb (other options are Kb or bp).

> labelgenome(chrom, chromstart, chromend, n=4, scale="Mb")



The y-axis can be added using basic R functions mtext() and axis().

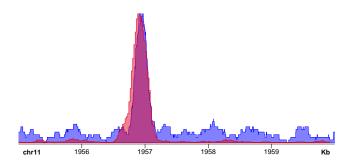
- > mtext("Read Depth",side=2,line=1.75,cex=1,font=2)
- > axis(side=2,las=2,tcl=.2)



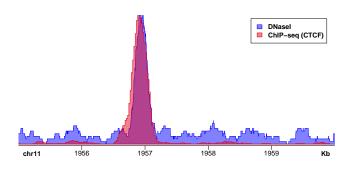
Multiple bedgraph tracks can be plotted on the same plot by setting over-lay=TRUE. Transparencies can be added for easier viewing by adjusting the transcparency value. The second plot can be rescaled to the maximum of the first plot by setting rescaleoverlay=TRUE.

```
> chrom = "chr11"
> chromstart = 1955000
> chromend = 1960000
```

- > plotBedgraph(Sushi_ChIPSeq_CTCF.bedgraph,chrom,chromstart,chromend, transparency=.50,color=SushiColors(2)(2)[1])
- > labelgenome(chrom,chromstart,chromend,n=3,scale="Kb")



Then we can use the base R function legend() to add a legend to the plot. First we need to use the rgb function to add transparency to the colors in order to match out plot.

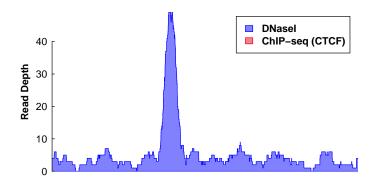


Setting flip=TRUE is another method that can be used to compare tracks. First, we will use mfrow to divided the plotting divice into two vertically stacked regions.

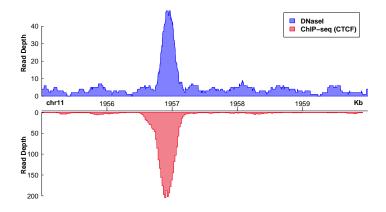
> par(mfrow=c(2,1),mar=c(1,4,1,1))

Next, we plot the first plot. We set the transparency of the plot to 0.5. We will also add the legend.

> plotBedgraph(Sushi_ChIPSeq_CTCF.bedgraph,chrom,chromstart,chromend,transparency=.50, color=SushiColors(2)(2)[1])



Finally, we add the second plot with flip=TRUE. We will also label the x-axis using labelgenome() and label the y-axis using mtext() and axis().



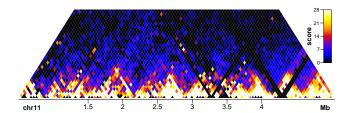
3.4 plotHic

HiC interaction plots can be plotted given an interaction matrix in which row and column names are genomic coordiates and matrix values are some tye of interaction score.

> Sushi_HiC.matrix[100:105,100:105]

```
3980000 4020000 4060000 4100000 4140000 4180000
3980000 0.000000 50.087965 49.689032 22.89760 7.438259 2.219527
4020000 50.087965 40.469337 33.922805 24.07214 12.652542 3.620466
4060000 49.689032 33.922805 26.998026 30.17873 21.879022 6.850893
4100000 22.897599 24.072145 30.178735 54.47335 48.570924 11.379299
4140000 7.438259 12.652542 21.879022 48.57092 45.265394 26.369969
4180000 2.219527 3.620466 6.850893 11.37930 26.369969 11.413106
```

The plotHic() function is used to plot the data while the labelgenome() function is used to add the genome labels to the x-axis. plotHic() returns an object indicating the color palette and data range that can be fed into addlegend() to create a legend.



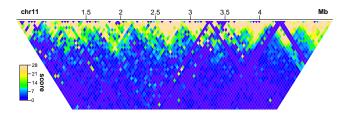
plotHic() has a number of customizable options. The plot can be flipped over the x-axis by setting flip = TRUE. The color palette can be changed by the palette argument.

addlegend() also has customizable features. The legend can be moved to the
left side of the plot by setting side = "left" and the labeling can be moved
to the right side of the lenged buy setting labelside = "right". The vertical
position of the legend can be adjusted by changing the topinset and bottominset.

Finally, the x-axis label can be moved to the top of the plot by setting side = 3 in the labelgenome() function.

```
> chrom = "chr11"
> chromstart = 500000
> chromend = 5050000
```

- > addlegend(phic[[1]],palette=phic[[2]],title="score",side="left",bottominset=0.1, topinset=0.5,xoffset=-.035,labelside="right",width=0.025,title.offset=0.035)
- > labelgenome(chrom,chromstart,chromend,side=3,n=4,scale="Mb",edgeblankfraction=0.20)



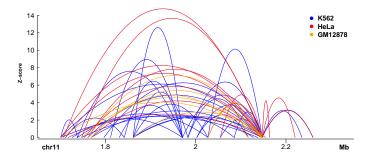
3.5 plotBedpe

plotBedpe() allows for data in bedpe format to be plotted in multiple fashions. To illustrate this we will use 5C data formatted in the following way.

> head(Sushi_5C.bedpe)

```
chrom1
            start1
                        end1 chrom2
                                       start2
                                                   end2 name
                                                                score strand1
    chr2 234208447 234223064
                               chr2 234156762 234159135
                                                          NA 44.39862
  chr15 41711734 41718116
                             chr15 41802421
                                               41808201
                                                          NA 20.62534
3
   chr11
         64172456 64183193
                              chr11
                                     64068878
                                               64079209
                                                          NA 16.91630
4
    chr2 234208447 234223064
                               chr2 234163674 234170252
                                                          NA 12.34501
5
    chr6 41755186 41769245
                               chr6
                                     41435903
                                               41452283
                                                          NA 11.63480
6
  chr11 64159283 64172456 chr11 64068878
                                               64079209
                                                          NA 11.13098
  strand2 samplenumber
1
                     1
2
                     1
3
                     1
4
                     1
5
                     1
6
```

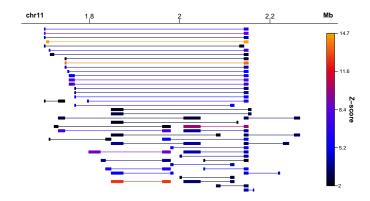
plotBedpe() can plot bedpe as arches. The height, linewidth, and color of each arch can be scaled to represent different aspects of the data. Here the height of the arches represents the Z-score of the 5C interaction, the color represents the cell line each interaction was detected in, and the line widths are kept constant (default lwd = 1).



The plot can be flipped over the x-axis by setting flip = TRUE, Bedpe elements can be represented by boxes and straight lines by setting plottype = "lines". And colors can be used to represent Z-scores by setting colorby = "Sushi_5C.bedpe\$score".

```
> chrom = "chr11"
> chromstart = 1650000
> chromend = 2350000
```

- > labelgenome(chrom, chromstart,chromend,side=3,n=3,scale="Mb")
- > addlegend(pbpe[[1]],palette=pbpe[[2]],title="Z-score",side="right",bottominset=0.05, topinset=0.05,xoffset=-.035,labelside="right",width=0.025,title.offset=0.045)



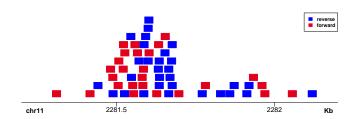
3.6 plotBed

plotBed provides multiple different ways to represent genomic data stored in bed format. Below are the first six lines of a bed file detailing reads from Pol2 ChIP-Seq analysis of K562 cells.

> head(Sushi_ChIPSeq_pol2.bed)

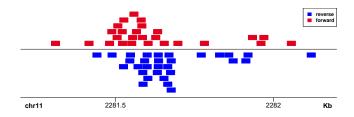
	${\tt chrom}$	start	end	name	score	strand
1	chr11	2280543	2280570	$\tt GGGCTCTCTCCGGCTTCCCTGTCCCGT$	63	-1
2	chr11	2288946	2288973	$\tt CCTTCCCATCCGCAGGGGCACCACATG$	1000	-1
3	chr11	2272471	2272498	$\tt TGGGCATCAGTCAGGCTCCTTCCCCAG$	1000	-1
4	chr11	2288939	2288966	${\tt ATCCGCAGGGGCACCACATGAGTCACC}$	1000	-1
5	chr11	2281534	2281561	$\tt TGTCCTAGTGACAAGTGGCCGGACTTG$	250	-1
6	chr11	2286805	2286832	GGTGAGGGCCAGCAGCTCCCTGGGGGG	250	1

Leaving row set to auto provides a pile-sup style plot. Here the colorby argument is used to color the bed elements by the strand.



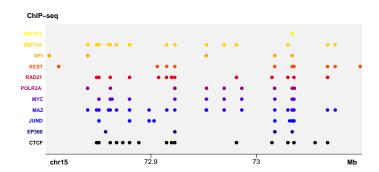
Setting splitstrand = TRUE plots reads from different strands in two separate vertical regions.

```
> chrom = "chr11"
> chromstart = 2281200
> chromend = 2282200
> plotBed(beddata = Sushi_ChIPSeq_pol2.bed,chrom = chrom,chromstart = chromstart,
```

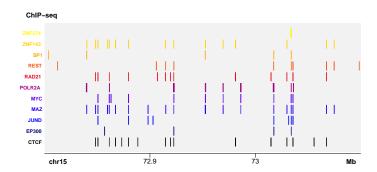


plotBed can also plot bed elements on different rows as specified by the user. First, we will use the Sushi function maptocolors() to assign a different color to each row.

By providing row and color information plotBed() can be used to compare bed elements from different samples by plotting them on different rows.



That same data can be represented by rectangles that depict the actual width of each bed element.



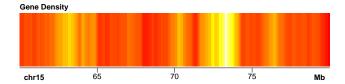
plotBed() can also be used to plot heatmaps representing the density of bed elements. First, we will use the biomaRt function getBM() to get the gene information we require.

The data is in simple bed format with just three columns representing chromosome, start, and stop.

> head (geneinfobed)

	chromosome_name	start_position	end_position
1	chr15	73372069	73372334
2	chr15	64580642	64580710
3	chr15	63375442	63375557
4	chr15	72570353	72570422
5	chr15	60903209	60903293
6	chr15	70130646	70130724

Now we can make a gene density plot using the plotBed function.



3.7 plotManhattan

plotManhattan() differs from most other Sushi functions in that it can plot multiple chromosomes in a single plot. Because of this plotManhattan requires some additional inputs. It requires an object in bed format describing the location of data points as well as vector of p-values (typically one of the columns of the bed file). But it also requires an genome object that describes which chromosomes to plot and their sizes (in bp). The genome object is very similar to the genome files used for bedtools.

- T he bed data should look something like this:
- > head(Sushi_GWAS.bed)

```
chr.hg18 pos.hg18 pos.hg18.1
                                     rsid pval.GC.DBP V6
      chr1 1695996
                       1695996
                               rs6603811
                                              0.003110
1
2
      chr1
            1696020
                       1696020
                               rs7531583
                                              0.000824
3
      chr1
            1698661
                       1698661 rs12044597
                                              0.001280
4
      chr1
            1711339
                       1711339
                                rs2272908
                                              0.001510
5
                       1712792 rs3737628
                                              0.001490
      chr1
            1712792
6
           1736016
                       1736016 rs12408690
                                              0.004000
      chr1
```

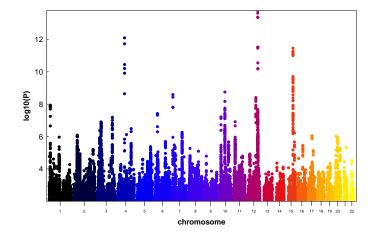
And the genome file should look like this:

> head(Sushi_hg18_genome)

```
V1 V2
1 chr1 247249719
2 chr10 135374737
3 chr11 134452384
4 chr12 132349534
5 chr13 114142980
6 chr14 106368585
```

The plotManhattan() function is used to plot the data while the labelgenome() function is used to add the genome labels to the x-axis. The labelgenome() function also requires a genome object.

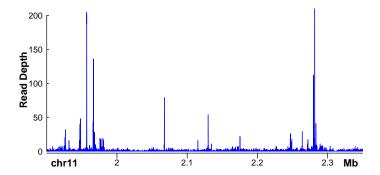
- > plotManhattan(bedfile=Sushi_GWAS.bed,pvalues=Sushi_GWAS.bed[,5],col=SushiColors(6), genome=Sushi_hg18_genome,cex=0.75)
- > labelgenome(genome=Sushi_hg18_genome,n=4,scale="Mb",edgeblankfraction=0.20,cex.axis=.5)
- > axis(side=2,las=2,tcl=.2)
- > mtext("log10(P)",side=2,line=1.75,cex=1,font=2)
- > mtext("chromosome",side=1,line=1.75,cex=1,font=2)



3.8 Zoom functions

A critical characteristic of the Sushi package is its ability to create highly customizable, publication-ready, multi-panel figures. Here, we will create a basic three panel figure and demonstrate how the zoom functions work (zoomsregion and zoombox). To illustrate these feature we will use the plotBedgraph() function to plot bedgraph data representing a DNaseI hypersensitivity experiment in K562 cells.

I n order to make a multipanel figure we will use the R function layout. Layout divides the device into rows and columns according to a matrix you provide. The matrix also tells it which plots will appear on which parts of the plotting device. Below we make a 2 by 2 matrix. The entire top row will be used to plot the first plot while the bottom row with contain two plots. For more info on layout try ?layout.



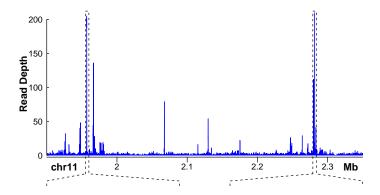
Next we will add the zoom regions using the function zoomsregion(). The argument offsets is used to precisely position the left and right edges of the widest part of the zoom.

```
> zoomregion1 = c(1955000, 1960000)
```

> zoomregion2 = c(2279000, 2284000)

 $[\]verb|> zoomsregion(zoomregion1, extend=c(0.01, 0.13), wide extend=0.05, offsets=c(0, 0.580))|$

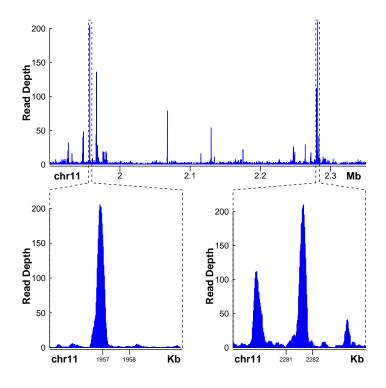
> zoomsregion(zoomregion2,extend=c(0.01,0.13),wideextend=0.05,offsets=c(0.580,0))



Then we can add each of the zoomed inset regions. For, each region we need execute the zoombox function in order to draw the lines around the new plots.

- > zoombox()
- > mtext("Read Depth", side=2, line=1.75, cex=1, font=2)
- > axis(side=2,las=2,tcl=.2)

- > zoombox()
- > mtext("Read Depth",side=2,line=1.75,cex=1,font=2)
- > axis(side=2,las=2,tcl=.2)



3.9 Color functions

Sushi includes three functions to assist in the generating of R colors and color palettes: SushiColors(), maptocolors(), opaque().

SushiColors() provides default color palettes for the Sushi package.

To see a list of available color palettes:

> SushiColors(palette='list')

[1] 2 3 4 5 6 7