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 SCANVIS-package

 SCANVIS
 

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## Description

A tool for SCoring, ANnotating and VISualizing splice junctions

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SCANVIS is a set of tools for SCoring and ANnotating splice junctions using gencode annotation. It also has a VISualization component that allows users to quickly view one or more samples in sashimi style plots, showing splice junctions (SJs) and, optionally, a read coverage profile as well as mutations in one figure. These sashimi style plots are novel in that unannotated splice junctions are highlighted in various colours to delineate various junction types, with line styles indicating whether unannotated junctions are in frame or not.

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 GBM

*list of 3 TCGA glioblastoma samples, parts thereof, outputs of SCANVIS.scan and SCANVIS.linkvar functions with toy variants supplied for the variant-SJ mapping*

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## Description

list of parts of 3 matrices output by SCANVIS.scan

## Usage

GBM

## Format

list

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gbm3	<i>part of a TCGA glioblastoma sample from STAR alignment SJ.tab file</i>
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**Description**

matrix with chr,start,end,uniq,reads indicating genomic coordinates for each splice junction and corresponding number of supporting split reads

**Usage**

gbm3

**Format**

matrix

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gbm3.vcf	<i>a toy set of 6 variants that pair up with the gbm3 data example</i>
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**Description**

matrix with chr,start,end,passedMUT indicating genomic coordinates for each toy variant that has supposedly passed some threshold

**Usage**

gbm3

**Format**

matrix

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gen19	<i>parts of the annotation object created by the SCANVIS.annotation function when used with the url <a href="ftp://ftp.ebi.ac.uk/pub/databases/gencode/Gencode_human/release_19/">ftp://ftp.ebi.ac.uk/pub/databases/gencode/Gencode_human/release_19/</a> which references the gencode v19 GTF file for human hg19</i>
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**Description**

list with various genomic components for use in SCANVIS functions

**Usage**

gen19

**Format**

list

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gene2roi	<i>gene name/s to region of interest</i>
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**Description**

Converts gene name/s to genomic coordinates using gene annotation file from SCANVIS.annotation

**Usage**

```
gene2roi(g, gen)
```

**Arguments**

g	vector of one or more gene names or gene ids in the same chromosome
gen	gene annotation object as output by SCANVIS.annotation

**Details**

This function is called upon by SCANVIS.linkvar and SCANVIS.visual

**Value**

chr, start and end of the union of genomic intervals that overlap the genes in g

**Examples**

```
data(SCANVIS_examples)
g=c('TDRD6', 'PLA2G7')
roi=gene2roi(g, gen19)
```

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IR2Mat	<i>IRanges to Matrix</i>
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**Description**

converts IRanges interval object to matrix

**Usage**

```
IR2Mat(I)
```

**Arguments**

I	IRanges interval object
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**Details**

This function is called upon by SCANVIS.scan

**Value**

a matrix with start and end coordinates for the intervals in I

**Examples**

```
I=IRanges(1:10, 21:30)
m=IR2Mat(I)
```

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ls_url	<i>list files available at annotation/gencode url</i>
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**Description**

Function called upon by SCANVIS.annotation for GTF file pulldown from url supplied

**Usage**

```
ls_url(url)
```

**Arguments**

url                      url to GTF files

**Details**

calls upon functions in Rcurl and rtracklayer

**Value**

a list of files for download at url

**Examples**

```
ftpfiles=ls_url('ftp://ftp.ebi.ac.uk/pub/databases/gencode/Gencode_human/release_19/')
```

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LUAD	<i>list of 3 TCGA lung adenocarcinoma samples, parts thereof, outputs of SCANVIS.scan</i>
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**Description**

list of parts of 3 matrices output by SCANVIS.scan

**Usage**

```
LUAD
```

**Format**

list

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LUSC	<i>list of 3 TCGA lung squamous cell carcinoma samples, parts thereof, both outputs of SCANVIS.scan with the second sample being variant-mapped via SCANVIS.linkvar</i>
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**Description**

list of parts of 3 matrices as output by SCANVIS.scan

**Usage**

LUSC

**Format**

list

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SCANVIS.annotation	<i>assembles annotation from gtf file into SCANVIS-readable format</i>
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**Description**

This function ftps to the supplied gtf url, downloads gtf to current directory and assembles annotation details into a SCANVIS-readable object

**Usage**

```
SCANVIS.annotation(ftp.url)
```

**Arguments**

ftp.url

**Value**

a gencode object compatible (and required) for use with most SCANVIS functions

**Note**

Web access required. If variants are available and intended for use with SCANVIS.linkvar, the gencode reference genome must be the same as that used for the variant calls.

**Examples**

```
## Not run: gen19=SCANVIS.annotation('ftp://ftp.ebi.ac.uk/pub/databases/gencode/Gencode_human/release_19/')
```

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SCANVIS.linkvar	<i>maps variants to SCANVIS scored junctions</i>
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## Description

This function maps variants to SJs by overlapping the union of gene coordinates that harbor the SJs (optionally, with some gene interval expansion) with variant coordinates

## Usage

```
SCANVIS.linkvar(scn, bed, gen, p = 0)
```

## Arguments

scn	matrix output by SCANVIS.scan
bed	matrix with variants in bed format with colnames chr, start, end and with and additional description column (eg. ssSNP for splice site mutations)
gen	gencode object as generated by the function SCANVIS.annotation
p	expands gene intervals up/downstream by p (default=0, no padding)

## Value

Returns the input scn matrix with an additional column showing variants, if any, that occur in/near the listed genes. For instances where multiple variants map to a SJ, the variants are | separated (eg. chr7:145562;A>G|chr7:145592;C>G)

## Note

The reference genome used to align RNA-seq reads that generated the initial set of SJs should be the same reference genome used for the variant calls.

## See Also

SCANVIS.scan, SCANVIS.annotation, SCANVIS.visual

## Examples

```
data(SCANVIS_examples)
gbm3.scn<-SCANVIS.scan(sj=gbm3,gen=gen19,Rcut=5)
### Variant format required (these are toy variants)
head(gbm3.vcf)
gbm3.scnv<-SCANVIS.linkvar(gbm3.scn,gbm3.vcf,gen19)
table(gbm3.scnv[, 'passedMUT'])
### Expand variant intervals by p
gbm3.scnvp<-SCANVIS.linkvar(gbm3.scn,gbm3.vcf,gen19,p=100)
### Observe variant chr6:46820148;Z>AA which was not previously matched to any SJ
table(gbm3.scnvp[, 'passedMUT'])
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SCANVIS.merge	<i>merges multiple SCANVIS samples</i>
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### Description

With this function, the RRS scores and number of supporting reads across a number of samples are collected into matrices by collecting the union of all SJs. Furthermore, a representative sample is assembled by computing the mean (or median) of RRSs and supporting reads across all samples - this may be used to visualize a cohort in one figure (see SCANVIS.visual).

### Usage

```
SCANVIS.merge(scn, method = "mean", roi = NULL, gen = NULL)
```

### Arguments

scn	list of SCANVIS matrices OR character vector of urls pointing to SCANVIS matrix outputs
method	method for computing a RRS/uniq.reads representative, either "mean" or "median" (default="mean")
roi	NULL for all SJs OR chromosome name for a query chromosome (eg. chr1) OR 3 bit vector (chr, start, end) indicating region of interest OR a vector with one or more gene names (default=NULL in which case all SJs are merged)
gen	encode object as generated by SCANVIS.annotation which must be supplied if roi is a list of one or more gene names, otherwise NULL (default=NULL)

### Value

Returns a list object ready for use in SCANVIS.visual with the following details:

RRS	a matrix with RRS scores for each sample (columns) and the union of SJs across all samples (rows)
NR	a matrix with number of SJ reads each sample (columns) and the union of SJs across all samples (rows)
MUTS	a binary matrix with 1 indicating presence of a mutation (row) in a sample (column), generated only if samples submitted were variant-mapped SJs
SJ	a representative sample with mean/median RRS and uniq.reads that can be used in SCANVIS.visual to visualize sample cohort
roi	genomic coordinates for region of interest used to derive resulting data

### Note

For 50 or more samples, roi cannot be NULL as resulting matrices may be too large. For cohort agglomeration, please consider agglomerating chromosome by chromosome.

### See Also

SCANVIS.scan, SCANVIS.linkvar, SCANVIS.visual



**Examples**

```
data(SCANVIS_examples)
### merge all SJs across in sample list GBM
GBM.merged<-SCANVIS.merge(GBM)
### only merge SJs intersecting with gene PTGDS
GBM.merged<-SCANVIS.merge(GBM, 'mean', 'PTGDS', gen19)
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SCANVIS.read_STAR	<i>upload SJ.tab STAR file in SCANVIS use</i>
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**Description**

This function is a little wrapper for reading in splice junction details from the SJ.tab file output by the STAR alignment tool.

**Usage**

```
SCANVIS.read_STAR(sj_file)
```

**Arguments**

sj_file	url to SJ file output by STAR aligner
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**Value**

SJ data in matrix format as required for SCANVIS functions

**Examples**

```
#set up toy example with chr,start,end,strand
tmp=cbind(rep('chr1',10),seq(100,1000,100),seq(100,1000,100)+99,rep(2,10))
#add in intron motif, annot, num read, num multimap reads, max overhang
#see STAR manual for details
tmp=cbind(tmp,rep(2,10),rep(0,10),c(rep(500,5),rep(8,5)),rep(0,10),rep(50,10))
write.table(tmp,'tmp',sep='\t',quote=FALSE,row.names=FALSE,col.names=FALSE)
sj=SCANVIS.read_STAR('tmp')
#sj is now suitable as input for SCANVIS.scan
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SCANVIS.scan	<i>Score and ANnotate splice junctions</i>
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**Description**

This function annotates and scores splice junctions (SJs) supplied in bed format (coordinates plus read support) and gene annotations (see SCANVIS.annotation). Each SJ will get annotated by gene name and junction type, with unannotated SJs (USJs) falling into one of the following groups: exon.skip, alt3p, alt5p, IsoSwitch, Unknown and NE (Novel Exons) - see below. USJs are also checked and marked for in or out of frame shifts. Each SJ is scored by a Relative Read Support (RRS) score defined as the ratio of the junction read support to the median read support of annotated SJs within a RRS genomic region, that being defined as the minimum interval that contains at

least one gene overlapping the SJ and at least one annotated SJ overlapping the gene/s within the interval. Novel Exons (NEs) are defined by USJ pairs that coincide in annotated intronic regions and are scored by the mean RRS of the supporting USJs and by a Relative Read Coverage (RRC) score when the bam file is supplied.

### Usage

```
SCANVIS.scan(sj, gen, Rcut = 5, bam = NULL, samtools = NULL)
```

### Arguments

sj	SJ matrix with colnames chr,start,end,uniq.reads
gen	gencode object as generated by SCANVIS.annotation
Rcut	min read cutoff; only SJs with $\geq$ Rcut reads are retained (Default=5)
bam	url to bam file for NE RRC computation (default=NULL)
samtools	url to samtools function, MUST be specified if bam is supplied (default=NULL)

### Value

An extension of the input SJ matrix for relevant SJs, with additional rows for NE junction pairs, as well as the following additional columns:

JuncType	describes junction type as annot for annotated SJs and one of the following for unannotated SJs: exon.skip, alt3p, alt5p, IsoSwitch, Unknown and NE (Novel Exons) where exon.skip refers to SJs that skip an exon present in all isoforms, alt3p refers to an alternative 3 prime acceptor site, alt5p refers to an alternative 5 prime donor sites, IsoSwitch refers to SJs aligning to mutually exclusive isoforms such that a novel unannotated isoform is incurred, Unknown SJs have coordinates that do not align to any exons and NE (Novel Exons) refers to SJ pairs with the start of one SJ and the end coordinate of the other SJ coinciding in an intronic region
gene_name	genes that intersect with the SJ (multiple genes are comma separated)
RRS	Relative Read Support score defined as $x/(x+y)$ where x is the query junction read support and y is the median read support of annotated SJs in the RRS genomic_interval
genomic_interval	interval used for the RRS computation
FrameStatus	frame shifts induced by unannotated SJs, where INframe indicates no frame-shift in any gene isoforms, OUTframe indicates frame-shifting in ALL gene isoforms and all other entries indicating frame shifts for specified isoforms. FrameStatus is marked NA for annotated SJs)
RRC	Relative Read Coverage score generated for NEs only, and computed only if the bam file is supplied

### See Also

SCANVIS.annotation, SCANVIS.linkvar, SCANVIS.visual

## Examples

```
data(SCANVIS_examples)
head(gbm3) #required SJ format
gbm3.scn<-SCANVIS.scan(sj=gbm3,gen=gen19,Rcut=5)
head(gbm3.scn)
### to compute RRC scores for NEs, run as follows:
#gbm3.scn<-SCANVIS.scan(gbm3,gen19,5,bam=<BAM>,samtools=<SAMTOOLS>)
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SCANVIS.visual

*a sashimi-style visualization tool*


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## Description

This function quickly generates color-coded sashimi plots for SCANVIS outputs showing SJs for a query gene or a specific genomic region. Annotated SJs are depicted with grey arcs, while different colors segregate unannotated SJs. Arc height and thickness correspond to the junction read support and RRS score respectively. If the supplied junction file is output from SCANVIS.linkvar output, variants are also plotted. If the bam file is supplied, a normalized read coverage profile is shown as an inverted read profile. Users can submit multiple samples in which case the SCANVIS.merge function kicks in to merge the samples, so that the resulting sashimi plot shows the union of SJs over the submitted sample cohort, with RRS scores and read support averaged over the samples. This is useful for comparing disease cohorts.

## Usage

```
SCANVIS.visual(roi, gen, scn, SJ.special = NULL, TITLE = NULL, bam =
               NULL, samtools = NULL, full.annot = FALSE, USJ = "NR")
```

## Arguments

roi	gene name OR region of interest (chr,start,end as 3-bit vector)
gen	gen annotation object as generated by the function SCANVIS.annotation.R
scn	matrix OR list of url/s to output from SCANVIS.scan/linkvar (which will be submitted to SCANVIS.merge) OR output from SCANVIS.merge for a set of samples already merged
SJ.special	3 col matrix indicating chr,start,end of any SJs of interest to be highlighted in cyan (default=NULL)
TITLE	figure name/title (default=NULL)
bam	url to one bam file corresponding to the input scn (not applicable for multiple/merged samples, default=NULL)
samtools	url to samtools which MUST be specified if bam is supplied (default=NULL)
full.annot	TRUE for each isoform listed separately, FALSE for concise format (default=FALSE)
USJ	"NR" or "RRS" where NR induces the function to print the Number of supporting Reads above unannotated junction arcs, while RRS induces the function to print the RRS score as computed by SCANVIS.scan (default="NR")

## Value

Returns a sashimi-style plot depicting the relevant SJs, as well as an object with the coordinates of the genomic region, the SJs and any variants in the figure

**See Also**

SCANVIS.scan, SCANVIS.linkvar

**Examples**

```
data(SCANVIS_examples)
### exon skip events in PPA2 in two LUSC samples
par(mfrow=c(2,1),mar=c(1,1,1,1))
vis.lusc1<-SCANVIS.visual('PPA2',gen19,LUSC[[1]],TITLE=names(LUSC)[1],full.annot=TRUE)
vis.lusc2<-SCANVIS.visual('PPA2',gen19,LUSC[[2]],TITLE=names(LUSC)[2],full.annot=TRUE,USJ='RRS')
### if bam file were available for LUSC1 ...
#vis.lusc1<-SCANVIS.visual('PPA2',gen19,LUSC[[1]],TITLE=names(LUSC)[1],full.annot=TRUE,bam=<BAM4LUSC1>,sam=)

### sashimi plots with variants
gbm3.scn<-SCANVIS.scan(sj=gbm3,gen=gen19,Rcut=5)
gbm3.scnv<-SCANVIS.linkvar(gbm3.scn,gbm3.vcf,gen19)
vis.gbm3<-SCANVIS.visual('PTGDS',gen19,gbm3.scnv,TITLE='gbm3')
roi<-vis.gbm3$roi
d<-diff(as.numeric(roi[2:3]))
roi2<-c(roi[1],round(as.numeric(roi[2])+(d*0.1)),round(as.numeric(roi[3])-(d*0.5)))
### Supply exact coordinates instead of gene names ... Zooming in for gbm3
vis.gbm3.zoom<-SCANVIS.visual(roi2,gen19,gbm3.scnv)

### plot multiple genes ... PTGDS and neighbors
vis.gbm3.multiple_genes<-SCANVIS.visual(c('FBXW5','PTGDS','C9orf142'),gen19,gbm3.scnv,TITLE='gbm3')

par(mfrow=c(2,1),mar=c(1,1,1,1))
### see PTGDS in merge of 3 GBMs
GBM.PTGDS<-SCANVIS.visual('PTGDS',gen19,GBM,TITLE='GBM, merged',full.annot=TRUE)
#### see PTGDS in merge of 3 LUADs ... no exon skips
LUAD.PTGDS<-SCANVIS.visual('PTGDS',gen19,LUAD,TITLE='LUAD, merged',full.annot=TRUE)

### NEs in GPR116 in LUAD, but not in GBM
par(mfrow=c(2,1),mar=c(1,1,1,1))
GBM.GPR116<-SCANVIS.visual('GPR116',gen19,GBM,TITLE='GBM, merged',full.annot=TRUE)
LUAD.GPR116<-SCANVIS.visual('GPR116',gen19,LUAD,TITLE='LUAD, merged',full.annot=TRUE)
```

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SCANVIS\_examples

*Data for running SCANVIS examples*

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**Description**

This data is a list of parts of SJ.tab files as output by the STAR alignment algorithm on a number of TCGA samples (GBM, LUSC and LUAD). It also includes part of the annotation file as derived by SCANVIS.annotation on hg19, gencode v19 that was used to generate the included examples.

**Usage**

SCANVIS\_examples

**Format**

Contains the following data pieces: GBM, LUAD, LUSC, gbm3, gbm3.vcf, gen19

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