

# Package ‘BayesSpace’

December 13, 2024

**Version** 1.17.0

**Date** 2024-10-21

**Title** Clustering and Resolution Enhancement of Spatial Transcriptomes

**Description** Tools for clustering and enhancing the resolution of spatial gene expression experiments. BayesSpace clusters a low-dimensional representation of the gene expression matrix, incorporating a spatial prior to encourage neighboring spots to cluster together. The method can enhance the resolution of the low-dimensional representation into “sub-spots”, for which features such as gene expression or cell type composition can be imputed.

**Depends** R (>= 4.0.0), SingleCellExperiment

**Imports** Rcpp (>= 1.0.4.6), stats, methods, purrr, scater, scan,  
SummarizedExperiment, coda, rhdf5, S4Vectors, Matrix, magrittr,  
assertthat, arrow, mclust, RCurl, DirichletReg, xgboost, utils,  
dplyr, rlang, ggplot2, tibble, rjson, tidyr, scales,  
microbenchmark, BiocFileCache, BiocSingular, BiocParallel

**License** MIT + file LICENSE

**RoxygenNote** 7.3.2

**LinkingTo** Rcpp, RcppArmadillo, RcppDist, RcppProgress

**NeedsCompilation** yes

**SystemRequirements** C++17

**Encoding** UTF-8

**Suggests** testthat, knitr, rmarkdown, igraph, spatialLIBD, viridis,  
patchwork, RColorBrewer, Seurat

**VignetteBuilder** knitr

**biocViews** Software, Clustering, Transcriptomics, GeneExpression,  
SingleCell, ImmunoOncology, DataImport

**BugReports** <https://github.com/edward130603/BayesSpace/issues>

**URL** [edward130603.github.io/BayesSpace](https://edward130603.github.io/BayesSpace)

**git\_url** <https://git.bioconductor.org/packages/BayesSpace>

**git\_branch** devel

**git\_last\_commit** 30b68f9

**git\_last\_commit\_date** 2024-10-29

**Repository** Bioconductor 3.21

**Date/Publication** 2024-12-13

**Author** Edward Zhao [aut],  
 Senbai Kang [aut],  
 Matt Stone [aut, cre],  
 Xing Ren [ctb],  
 Raphael Gottardo [ctb]

**Maintainer** Matt Stone <mstone@fredhutch.org>

## Contents

.adjust_hex_centers . . . . .	3
.bsData . . . . .	3
.clean_chain . . . . .	4
.compute_interspot_distances . . . . .	4
.extract_indices . . . . .	5
.find_neighbors . . . . .	5
.flatten_matrix_list . . . . .	6
.flip_axis . . . . .	6
.infer_param_dims . . . . .	7
.init_cluster . . . . .	7
.list2vec . . . . .	8
.make_hex_spots . . . . .	8
.make_index_names . . . . .	9
.make_spot_vertices . . . . .	9
.make_square_spots . . . . .	10
.make_subspots . . . . .	10
.make_subspot_coldata . . . . .	11
.make_triangle_subspots . . . . .	11
.make_vertices . . . . .	12
.prepare_inputs . . . . .	12
.read_chain . . . . .	13
.read_spot_pos . . . . .	13
.select_spot_positions . . . . .	14
.select_subspot_positions . . . . .	14
BayesSpace . . . . .	15
cluster . . . . .	15
clusterPlot . . . . .	16
deconvolve . . . . .	17
enhanceFeatures . . . . .	18
exampleSCE . . . . .	20
featurePlot . . . . .	20
find_neighbors . . . . .	22
getRDS . . . . .	22

<code>.adjust_hex_centers</code>	3
mcmcChain . . . . .	23
Mode . . . . .	25
parallelize . . . . .	25
qTune . . . . .	26
readVisium . . . . .	27
spatialCluster . . . . .	28
spatialEnhance . . . . .	30
spatialPlot . . . . .	33
spatialPreprocess . . . . .	34
<b>Index</b>	<b>36</b>

---

<code>.adjust_hex_centers</code>	<i>Adjust hex spot positions so hexagons are adjacent to each other in plot</i>
----------------------------------	---

---

**Description**

Spots are regular hexagons with one unit of horizontal distance between centers

**Usage**

`.adjust_hex_centers(spot_positions)`

**Value**

Shifted spot centers

---

<code>.bsData</code>	<i>Access BayesSpace metadata</i>
----------------------	-----------------------------------

---

**Description**

Access BayesSpace metadata

**Usage**

`.bsData(sce, name, default = NULL, warn = FALSE)`

**Arguments**

sce	SingleCellExperiment
name	Metadata name

**Value**

Requested metadata

---

`.clean_chain`                      *Tidy C++ outputs before writing to disk.*

---

**Description**

1) Convert each parameter to matrix (n\_iterations x n\_indices) 2) Add appropriate colnames 3) Thin evenly (for enhance)

**Usage**

```
.clean_chain(out, method = c("cluster", "enhance"))
```

**Arguments**

<code>out</code>	List returned by <code>cluster()</code> or <code>deconvolve()</code> .
<code>method</code>	Whether the output came from clustering or enhancement. (Different params are included in each.)

**Value**

List with standardized parameters

---

`.compute_interspot_distances`  
*Estimate the distance between two neighboring spots*

---

**Description**

Fit linear models between each image pixel coordinate and its corresponding array coordinate to estimate the pixel distance between two spots along each axis. Add these distances to estimate the L1 distance between two spots, then add a small buffer.

**Usage**

```
.compute_interspot_distances(sce)
```

**Arguments**

<code>sce</code>	SingleCellExperiment (must include <code>array_row</code> , <code>array_col</code> , <code>pxl_row_in_fullres</code> , <code>pxl_col_in_fullres</code> in <code>colData</code> )
------------------	--

**Value**

doubles `xdist`, `ydist`

---

`.extract_indices`      *Extract row and column indices of the count matrix from h5 file.*

---

**Description**

Extract row and column indices of the count matrix from h5 file.

**Usage**

```
.extract_indices(idx, new.start, zero.based = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>idx</code>	Row index of corresponding element in the non-zero count matrix.
<code>new.start</code>	Index of the start of each column corresponding to <code>idx</code> and the non-zero count matrix.
<code>zero.based</code>	Whether the <code>idx</code> and <code>new.start</code> are zero-based or not. (By default is TRUE)

**Value**

List of row (*i*) and column (*j*) indices of the non-zero elements in the count matrix.

---

`.find_neighbors`      *Find neighboring spots based on array coordinates*

---

**Description**

Find neighboring spots based on array coordinates

**Usage**

```
.find_neighbors(sce, platform)
```

**Arguments**

<code>sce</code>	SingleCellExperiment
<code>platform</code>	If "Visium", select six neighboring spots around center; if "ST", select four adjacent spots.

**Value**

`df_j` a list of neighbor indices (zero-indexed) for each spot

---

`.flatten_matrix_list`    *Convert a list of matrices to a single matrix, where each row is a flattened matrix from the original list*

---

**Description**

Convert a list of matrices to a single matrix, where each row is a flattened matrix from the original list

**Usage**

```
.flatten_matrix_list(xs, ...)
```

**Arguments**

`xs`                    List of matrices

**Value**

Matrix

---

`.flip_axis`            *Whether to flip x and y axis to align the plot with the corresponding image.*

---

**Description**

Whether to flip x and y axis to align the plot with the corresponding image.

**Usage**

```
.flip_axis(sce, platform)
```

**Value**

A list indicates the multiplier for each axis.

---

.infer\_param\_dims      *Infer original dimensions of parameter (per iteration) from colnames*

---

**Description**

Used to avoid writing colnames directly to HDF5 as attribute, which fails for large parameters (e.g. Y)

**Usage**

```
.infer_param_dims(cnames)
```

**Arguments**

cnames              List of column names

**Value**

Numeric vector (nrow, ncol)

---

.init\_cluster              *Initialize cluster assignments*

---

**Description**

Initialize cluster assignments

**Usage**

```
.init_cluster(Y, q, init = NULL, init.method = c("mclust", "kmeans"))
```

**Arguments**

Y                      Representation of reduced dimensions  
q                      Number of clusters  
init                    Vector of initial cluster assignments  
init.method            Initialization clustering algorithm

**Value**

Vector of cluster assignments.

---

<code>.list2vec</code>	<i>Convert a list into vectors for easier output.</i>
------------------------	---

---

**Description**

Convert a list into vectors for easier output.

**Usage**

```
.list2vec(X, sep = "=", collapse = ",", use_names = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

`X` A list.

**Value**

A vector converted from the input list `X`.

---

<code>.make_hex_spots</code>	<i>Make vertices for each hex spot</i>
------------------------------	--

---

**Description**

Make vertices for each hex spot

**Usage**

```
.make_hex_spots(cdata, fill, coord.multiplier = list(x = 1, y = 1))
```

**Value**

Table of (x.pos, y.pos, spot, fill); where spot groups the vertices outlining the spot's border



---

.make\_index\_names      *Make colnames for parameter indices.*

---

### Description

Scalar parameters are named "name". Vector parameters are named "name[i]". Matrix parameters are named "name[i, j]".

### Usage

```
.make_index_names(name, m = NULL, n = NULL, dim = 1)
```

### Arguments

name	Parameter name
m, n	Dimensions of parameter (m=nrow, n=ncol)
dim	Dimensionality of parameter (0=scalar, 1=vector, 2=matrix)

### Value

List of names for parameter values

---

.make\_spot\_vertices      *Compute vertex coordinates for each spot in frame of plot*

---

### Description

Compute vertex coordinates for each spot in frame of plot

### Usage

```
.make_spot_vertices(spot_positions, vertex_offsets)
```

### Arguments

spot_positions	Center for hex, top left for square
vertex_offsets	Data frame of (x, y) offsets wrt spot position for each vertex of spot

### Value

Cartesian product of positions and offsets, with coordinates computed as (pos + offset)

---

`.make_square_spots`      *Make vertices for each square spot*

---

**Description**

Squares are simple, just make a unit square at each array coordinate

**Usage**

```
.make_square_spots(  
  cdata,  
  fill = "spatial.cluster",  
  scale.factor = 1,  
  offset = 0,  
  coord.multiplier = list(x = 1, y = 1)  
)
```

**Value**

Table of (x.pos, y.pos, spot, fill); where spot groups the vertices outlining the spot's border

---

`.make_subspots`      *Define offsets and Manhattan distances for each subspot layout.*

---

**Description**

Hex spots are divided into 6 triangular subspots, square spots are divided into 9 squares. Offsets are relative to the spot center. A unit corresponds to the diameter of a spot.

**Usage**

```
.make_subspots(  
  platform,  
  xdist,  
  ydist,  
  force = FALSE,  
  nsubspots.per.edge = 3,  
  tolerance = 1.05  
)
```

**Details**

Manhattan distance is used here instead of Euclidean to avoid numerical issues.

---

`.make_subspot_coldata` *Add subspot labels and offset row/col locations before making enhanced SCE.*

---

### Description

Subspots are stored as (1.1, 2.1, 3.1, ..., 1.2, 2.2, 3.2, ...)

### Usage

```
.make_subspot_coldata(  
  cdata,  
  sce,  
  subspot_neighbors,  
  platform,  
  nsubspots.per.edge = 3  
)
```

### Arguments

<code>cdata</code>	Table of colData (imagerow and imagecol; from <code>deconv\$positions</code> )
<code>sce</code>	Original sce (to obtain number of spots and original row/col)
<code>subspot_neighbors</code>	Neighbors for subspots
<code>platform</code>	Spatial transcriptomic platform
<code>nsubspots.per.edge</code>	Number of subspots per edge if the spot is squared

### Value

Data frame with added subspot names, parent spot indices, and offset row/column coordinates

---

`.make_triangle_subspots`  
*Make vertices for each triangle subspot of a hex*

---

### Description

Make vertices for each triangle subspot of a hex

### Usage

```
.make_triangle_subspots(  
  cdata,  
  fill = "spatial.cluster",  
  coord.multiplier = list(x = 1, y = 1)  
)
```

**Value**

Table of (x.pos, y.pos, spot, fill); where spot groups the vertices outlining the spot's border

---

<code>.make_vertices</code>	<i>Make vertices outlining spots/subspots for geom_polygon()</i>
-----------------------------	--

---

**Description**

Make vertices outlining spots/subspots for geom\_polygon()

**Usage**

```
.make_vertices(sce, fill, platform, is.enhanced, nsubspots.per.edge = 3)
```

**Arguments**

<code>sce</code>	SingleCellExperiment with row/col in colData
<code>fill</code>	Name of a column in colData(sce) or a vector of values to use as fill for each spot
<code>platform</code>	"Visium", "VisiumHD" or "ST", used to determine spot layout
<code>is.enhanced</code>	If true, sce contains enhanced subspot data instead of spot-level expression. Used to determine spot layout.

**Value**

Table of (x.pos, y.pos, spot, fill); where spot groups the vertices outlining the spot's border

---

<code>.prepare_inputs</code>	<i>Prepare cluster/deconvolve inputs from SingleCellExperiment object</i>
------------------------------	---

---

**Description**

Prepare cluster/deconvolve inputs from SingleCellExperiment object

**Usage**

```
.prepare_inputs(
  sce,
  use.dimred = "PCA",
  d = 15,
  positions = NULL,
  position.cols = c("pxl_col_in_fullres", "pxl_row_in_fullres"),
  xdist = NULL,
  ydist = NULL
)
```

**Value**

List of PCs, names of columns with x/y positions, and inter-spot distances

---

.read\_chain                    *Load saved chain from disk.*

---

**Description**

Load saved chain from disk.

**Usage**

```
.read_chain(h5.fname, params = NULL, is.enhanced = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

h5.fname                    Path to hdf5 file containing chain  
params                     List of parameters to read from file (will read all by default)

**Value**

MCMC chain, represented as a coda: :mcmc object

---

.read\_spot\_pos                *Load spot positions.*

---

**Description**

Load spot positions.

**Usage**

```
.read_spot_pos(dirname, barcodes = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

dirname                    Path to spaceranger outputs of spatial pipeline, i.e., "outs/spatial". This directory must contain a file for the spot positions at tissue\_positions\_list.csv (before Space Ranger V2.0) or tissue\_positions.csv (since Space Ranger V2.0).

**Value**

Data frame of spot positions.

---

`.select_spot_positions`*Helper to extract x, y, fill ID from colData*

---

**Description**

Helper to extract x, y, fill ID from colData

**Usage**

```
.select_spot_positions(  
  cdata,  
  x = "array_col",  
  y = "array_row",  
  fill = "spatial.cluster"  
)
```

**Value**

Dataframe of (x.pos, y.pos, fill) for each spot

---

`.select_subspot_positions`*Helper to pull out subspot position columns Probably redundant with  
select\_spot\_positions above, but we need subspot.idx*

---

**Description**

Helper to pull out subspot position columns Probably redundant with select\_spot\_positions above,  
but we need subspot.idx

**Usage**

```
.select_subspot_positions(  
  cdata,  
  x = "spot.col",  
  y = "spot.row",  
  fill = "spatial.cluster"  
)
```

**Value**

Dataframe of (x.pos, y.pos, fill) for each spot

---

BayesSpace

*BayesSpace: A package for processing spatial transcriptomes*

---

## Description

Tools for clustering and enhancing the resolution of spatial gene expression experiments. BayesSpace clusters a low-dimensional representation of the gene expression matrix, incorporating a spatial prior to encourage neighboring spots to cluster together. The method can enhance the resolution of the low-dimensional representation into "sub-spots", for which features such as gene expression or cell type composition can be imputed.

## Details

For an overview of the functionality provided by the package, please see the vignette: `vignette("BayesSpace", package="BayesSpace")`

## Author(s)

**Maintainer:** Matt Stone <mstone@fredhutch.org>

Authors:

- Edward Zhao <ezhao@fredhutch.org>

Other contributors:

- Xing Ren <xren2@fredhutch.org> [contributor]
- Raphael Gottardo <rgottard@fredhutch.org> [contributor]

## See Also

Useful links:

- [edward130603.github.io/BayesSpace](https://github.com/edward130603/BayesSpace)
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/edward130603/BayesSpace/issues>

---

cluster

*Wrapper around C++ iterate\_\*() functions*

---

## Description

Wrapper around C++ iterate\_\*() functions

**Usage**

```

cluster(
  Y,
  q,
  df_j,
  init = rep(1, nrow(Y)),
  model = c("t", "normal"),
  precision = c("equal", "variable"),
  mu0 = colMeans(Y),
  lambda0 = diag(0.01, nrow = ncol(Y)),
  gamma = 3,
  alpha = 1,
  beta = 0.01,
  nrep = 1000,
  thin = 100
)

```

**Value**

List of clustering parameter values at each iteration

---

clusterPlot

*Plot spatial cluster assignments.*

---

**Description**

Plot spatial cluster assignments.

**Usage**

```

clusterPlot(
  sce,
  label = "spatial.cluster",
  palette = NULL,
  color = NULL,
  platform = NULL,
  is.enhanced = NULL,
  nsubspots.per.edge = 3,
  ...
)

```

**Arguments**

sce	SingleCellExperiment. If fill is specified and is a string, it must exist as a column in colData(sce).
label	Labels used to color each spot. May be the name of a column in colData(sce), or a vector of discrete values.



<code>palette</code>	Optional vector of hex codes to use for discrete spot values.
<code>color</code>	Optional hex code to set color of borders around spots. Set to NA to remove borders.
<code>platform</code>	Spatial sequencing platform. If "Visium", the hex spot layout will be used, otherwise square spots will be plotted. NOTE: specifying this argument is only necessary if sce was not created by <code>spatialCluster()</code> or <code>spatialEnhance()</code> .
<code>is.enhanced</code>	True if sce contains subspot-level data instead of spots. Spatial sequencing platform. If true, the respective subspot lattice for each platform will be plotted. NOTE: specifying this argument is only necessary if sce was not created by <code>spatialCluster()</code> or <code>spatialEnhance()</code> .
<code>nsubspots.per.edge</code>	Number of subspots per edge of the square. Only valid when platform is 'ST' or 'VisiumHD'.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments for <code>geom_polygon()</code> . <code>size</code> , to specify the linewidth of these borders, is likely the most useful.

**Value**

Returns a ggplot object.

**See Also**

Other spatial plotting functions: [featurePlot\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
sce <- exampleSCE()
clusterPlot(sce)
```

---

deconvolve

*Wrapper around C++ `iterate_deconv()` function*


---

**Description**

Wrapper around C++ `iterate_deconv()` function

**Usage**

```
deconvolve(
  Y,
  positions,
  xdist,
  ydist,
  scalef,
```

```

q,
spot_neighbors,
init,
nrep = 1000,
thin = 100,
model = "normal",
platform = c("Visium", "VisiumHD", "ST"),
nsubspots.per.edge = 3,
verbose = TRUE,
jitter.scale = 5,
jitter.prior = 0.01,
adapt.before = 100,
mu0 = colMeans(Y),
gamma = 2,
lambda0 = diag(0.01, nrow = ncol(Y)),
alpha = 1,
beta = 0.01,
cores = 1
)

```

### Value

List of enhancement parameter values at each iteration

---

enhanceFeatures	<i>Predict feature vectors from enhanced PCs.</i>
-----------------	---

---

### Description

Predict feature vectors from enhanced PCs.

### Usage

```

enhanceFeatures(
  sce.enhanced,
  sce.ref,
  feature_names = NULL,
  model = c("xgboost", "dirichlet", "lm"),
  use.dimred = "PCA",
  assay.type = "logcounts",
  altExp.type = NULL,
  feature.matrix = NULL,
  rounds = 0,
  train.n = round(ncol(sce.ref) * 2/3)
)

```

**Arguments**

<code>sce.enhanced</code>	SingleCellExperiment object with enhanced PCs.
<code>sce.ref</code>	SingleCellExperiment object with original PCs and expression.
<code>feature_names</code>	List of genes/features to predict expression/values for.
<code>model</code>	Model used to predict enhanced values.
<code>use.dimred</code>	Name of dimension reduction to use.
<code>assay.type</code>	Expression matrix in <code>assays(sce.ref)</code> to predict.
<code>altExp.type</code>	Expression matrix in <code>altExps(sce.ref)</code> to predict. Overrides <code>assay.type</code> if specified.
<code>feature.matrix</code>	Expression/feature matrix to predict, if not directly attached to <code>sce.ref</code> . Must have columns corresponding to the spots in <code>sce.ref</code> . Overrides <code>assay.type</code> and <code>altExp.type</code> if specified.
<code>nrounds</code>	Nonnegative integer to set the <code>nrounds</code> parameter (max number of boosting iterations) for <code>xgboost</code> . <code>nrounds = 100</code> works reasonably well in most cases. If <code>nrounds</code> is set to 0, the parameter will be tuned using a train-test split. We recommend tuning <code>nrounds</code> for improved feature prediction, but note this will increase runtime.
<code>train.n</code>	Number of spots to use in the training dataset for tuning <code>nrounds</code> . By default, 2/3 the total number of spots are used.

**Details**

Enhanced features are computed by fitting a predictive model to a low-dimensional representation of the original expression vectors. By default, a linear model is fit for each gene using the top 15 principal components from each spot, i.e. `lm(gene ~ PCs)`, and the fitted model is used to predict the enhanced expression for each gene from the subspots' principal components.

Diagnostic measures, such as RMSE for `xgboost` or R.squared for linear regression, are added to the 'rowData' of the enhanced experiment if the features are an assay of the original experiment. Otherwise they are stored as an attribute of the returned matrix/altExp.

Note that feature matrices will be returned and are expected to be input as  $p \times n$  matrices of  $p$ -dimensional feature vectors over the  $n$  spots.

**Value**

If `assay.type` or `altExp.type` are specified, the enhanced features are stored in the corresponding slot of `sce.enhanced` and the modified SingleCellExperiment object is returned.

If `feature.matrix` is specified, or if a subset of features are requested, the enhanced features are returned directly as a matrix.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(149)
sce <- exampleSCE()
sce <- spatialCluster(sce, 7, nrep=100, burn.in=10)
enhanced <- spatialEnhance(sce, 7, init=sce$spatial.cluster, nrep=100, burn.in=10)
enhanced <- enhanceFeatures(enhanced, sce, feature_names=c("gene_1", "gene_2"))
```

---

exampleSCE	<i>Create minimal SingleCellExperiment for documentation examples.</i>
------------	--

---

**Description**

Create minimal SingleCellExperiment for documentation examples.

**Usage**

```
exampleSCE(nrow = 8, ncol = 12, n_genes = 100, n_PCs = 10)
```

**Arguments**

nrow	Number of rows of spots
ncol	Number of columns of spots
n_genes	Number of genes to simulate
n_PCs	Number of principal components to include

**Details**

Inspired by scuttle's `mockSCE()`.

**Value**

A SingleCellExperiment object with simulated counts, corresponding logcounts and PCs, and positional data in `colData`. Spots are distributed over an (nrow x ncol) rectangle.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(149)
sce <- exampleSCE()
```

---

featurePlot	<i>Plot spatial gene expression.</i>
-------------	--------------------------------------

---

**Description**

Plot spatial gene expression.

**Usage**

```
featurePlot(
  sce,
  feature,
  assay.type = "logcounts",
  diverging = FALSE,
  low = NULL,
  high = NULL,
  mid = NULL,
  color = NULL,
  platform = NULL,
  is.enhanced = NULL,
  nsubspots.per.edge = 3,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

sce	SingleCellExperiment. If feature is specified and is a string, it must exist as a row in the specified assay of sce.
feature	Feature vector used to color each spot. May be the name of a gene/row in an assay of sce, or a vector of continuous values.
assay.type	String indicating which assay in sce the expression vector should be taken from.
diverging	If true, use a diverging color gradient in featurePlot() (e.g. when plotting a fold change) instead of a sequential gradient (e.g. when plotting expression).
low, mid, high	Optional hex codes for low, mid, and high values of the color gradient used for continuous spot values.
color	Optional hex code to set color of borders around spots. Set to NA to remove borders.
platform	Spatial sequencing platform. If "Visium", the hex spot layout will be used, otherwise square spots will be plotted. NOTE: specifying this argument is only necessary if sce was not created by spatialCluster() or spatialEnhance().
is.enhanced	True if sce contains subspot-level data instead of spots. Spatial sequencing platform. If true, the respective subspot lattice for each platform will be plotted. NOTE: specifying this argument is only necessary if sce was not created by spatialCluster() or spatialEnhance().
nsubspots.per.edge	Number of subspots per edge of the square. Only valid when platform is 'ST' or 'VisiumHD'.
...	Additional arguments for geom_polygon(). size, to specify the linewidth of these borders, is likely the most useful.

**Value**

Returns a ggplot object.

**See Also**

Other spatial plotting functions: [clusterPlot\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
sce <- exampleSCE()
featurePlot(sce, "gene_2")
```

---

find_neighbors	<i>Compute pairwise distances between all spots and return list of neighbors for each spot.</i>
----------------	---

---

**Description**

Compute pairwise distances between all spots and return list of neighbors for each spot.

**Usage**

```
find_neighbors(positions, radius, method = c("manhattan", "euclidean"))
```

**Arguments**

positions	(n x 2) matrix of spot coordinates.
radius	The maximum distance for two spots to be considered neighbors.
method	Distance metric to use.

**Value**

List df\_j, where df\_j[[i]] is a vector of zero-indexed neighbors of i.

---

getRDS	<i>Download a processed sample from our S3 bucket</i>
--------	---

---

**Description**

Datasets are cached locally using BiocFileCache. The first time using this function, you may need to consent to creating a BiocFileCache directory if one does not already exist.

**Usage**

```
getRDS(dataset, sample, cache = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

dataset	Dataset identifier
sample	Sample identifier
cache	If true, cache the dataset locally with BiocFileCache. Otherwise, download directly from our S3 bucket. Caching saves time on subsequent loads, but consumes disk space.

**Details**

The following datasets are available via getRDS.

Dataset	Sample(s)
2018_thrane_melanoma	ST_mel1_rep2
2020_maynard_prefrontal-cortex	151507, 151508, 151509, 151510, 151669, 151670, 151671, 151672, 151673, 151674, 1
2020_ji_squamous-cell-carcinoma	P4_rep1
2020_10X-IDC	IDC1
2020_10X-demo_ovarian-cancer	whole_transcriptome

**Value**

sce A SingleCellExperiment with positional information in colData and PCs based on the top 2000 HVGs

**Examples**

```
sce <- getRDS("2018_thrane_melanoma", "ST_mel1_rep2", cache = FALSE)
```

---

mcmcChain	<i>Read MCMC chain associated with a BayesSpace clustering or enhancement</i>
-----------	---

---

**Description**

BayesSpace stores the MCMC chain associated with a clustering or enhancement on disk in an HDF5 file. The mcmcChain() function reads any parameters specified by the user into a coda : mcmc object compatible with TidyBayes.

**Usage**

```
mcmcChain(sce, params = NULL)

removeChain(sce)
```

## Arguments

sce	SingleCellExperiment with a file path stored in its metadata.
params	List of model parameters to read

## Details

To interact with the HDF5 file directly, obtain the filename from the SingleCellExperiment's metadata: `metadata(sce)$chain.h5`. Each parameter is stored as a separate dataset in the file, and is represented as a matrix of size (n\_iterations x n\_parameter\_indices). Parameter choices for the spot-level clustering include:

- z (cluster assignments)
- weights ( $w_i$ )
- mu (mean vectors)
- lambda (precision matrix)
- plogLik (pseudo-log-likelihood)

Parameter choices for the subspot-level enhanced clustering include:

- z (cluster assignments)
- weights ( $w_i$ )
- Y (enhanced PCs)
- mu (mean vectors)
- lambda (precision matrix)
- Ychange (acceptance rate for the jittering of PCs)

For best results, Ychange should average between 0.25 and 0.40.

## Value

Returns an mcmc object containing the values of the requested parameters over the constructed chain.

## Examples

```
set.seed(149)
sce <- exampleSCE()
sce <- spatialCluster(sce, 7, nrep=100, burn.in=10, save.chain=TRUE)
chain <- mcmcChain(sce)
removeChain(sce)
```



---

Mode	<i>Find the mode</i>
------	----------------------

---

**Description**

Used for finding the most frequent cluster for each z

**Usage**

```
Mode(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	Numeric vector
---	----------------

**Value**

mode Numeric scalar, most frequent element in x

---

parallelize	<i>Parallelization</i>
-------------	------------------------

---

**Description**

A convenient wrapper function of BiocParallel providing easy parallelization.

**Usage**

```
paraLapply(
  X,
  FUN,
  BPPARAM = NULL,
  cores = 1L,
  type = c("serial", "fork", "sock"),
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

X	Any object for which methods length, [, and [[ are implemented (passed to bplapply).
FUN	The function to be applied to each element of X (passed to bplapply).
BPPARAM	An optional BiocParallelParam instance determining the parallel back-end to be used during evaluation, or a list of BiocParallelParam instances, to be applied in sequence for nested calls to BiocParallel functions.

cores	The number of threads to use. The results are invariate to the value of cores.
type	One of "serial", "fork", or "sock". When cores is one, type is always "serial". Both "fork" and "sock" are for multi-threading. "fork" is faster, but only supports linux and macos. "sock" supports linux, macos, and windows.
verbose	Whether to print debug information or not.
...	Additional parameters passed to bplapply.

**Value**

See lapply.

---

qTune	<i>Tuning the choice of q (number of clusters) before running spatial-Cluster</i>
-------	---

---

**Description**

Before running `spatialCluster()`, we recommend tuning the choice of `q` by choosing the `q` that minimizes the model's negative log likelihood over early iterations. `qTune()` computes the average negative log likelihood for a range of `q` values over iterations 100:1000, and `qPlot()` displays the results.

**Usage**

```
qPlot(sce, qs = seq(3, 7), force.retune = FALSE, ...)
```

```
qTune(sce, qs = seq(3, 7), burn.in = 100, nrep = 1000, cores = 1L, ...)
```

**Arguments**

sce	A <code>SingleCellExperiment</code> object containing the spatial data.
qs	The values of <code>q</code> to evaluate.
force.retune	If specified, existing tuning values in <code>sce</code> will be overwritten.
...	Other parameters are passed to <code>spatialCluster()</code> .
burn.in, nrep	Integers specifying the range of repetitions to compute.
cores	The number of threads to use. The results are invariate to the value of cores.

**Details**

`qTune()` takes the same parameters as `spatialCluster()` and will run the MCMC clustering algorithm up to `nrep` iterations for each value of `q`. The first `burn.in` iterations are discarded as burn-in and the log likelihood is averaged over the remaining iterations.

`qPlot()` plots the computed negative log likelihoods as a function of `q`. If `qTune()` was run previously, i.e. there exists an attribute of `sce` named "q.logliks", the pre-computed results are displayed. Otherwise, or if `force.retune` is specified, `qPlot()` will automatically run `qTune()` before plotting (and can take the same parameters as `spatialCluster()`).

**Value**

qTune() returns a modified sce with tuning log likelihoods stored as an attribute named "q.logliks".  
 qPlot() returns a ggplot object.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(149)
sce <- exampleSCE()
sce <- qTune(sce, seq(3, 7), burn.in = 10, nrep = 100)
qPlot(sce)
```

---

readVisium	<i>Load a Visium spatial dataset as a SingleCellExperiment.</i>
------------	---

---

**Description**

Load a Visium spatial dataset as a SingleCellExperiment.

**Usage**

```
readVisium(
  dirname,
  rm.feats.pat = c("^NegControl.*", "^BLANK.*", "^DEPRECATED.*")
)

read10Xh5(
  dirname,
  fname = "filtered_feature_bc_matrix.h5",
  rm.feats.pat = c("^NegControl.*", "^BLANK.*", "^DEPRECATED.*")
)

counts2h5(dirname)
```

**Arguments**

dirname	Path to spaceranger output directory (e.g. "sampleID/outs/"). This directory must contain the counts matrix and feature/barcode TSVs in filtered_feature_bc_matrix/ for readVisium, or in filtered_feature_bc_matrix.h5 for read10Xh5. Besides, it must also contain a file for spot positions named spatial/tissue_positions_list.csv (before Space Ranger V2.0) or spatial/tissue_positions.csv (since Space Ranger V2.0), as well as a file containing scale factors named spatial/scalefactors_json.json. (To understand the output directory, refer to the corresponding <a href="#">10X Genomics help page</a> .)
rm.feats.pat	Patterns for features (genes) to remove.
fname	File name of the h5 file. It should be inside dirname. (By default "filtered_feature_bc_matrix.h5")

**Details**

We store two variables associated with downstream BayesSpace functions in a list called `BayesSpace.data` in the `SingleCellExperiment`'s metadata.

- `platform` is set to "Visium", and is used to determine spot layout and neighborhood structure.
- `is.enhanced` is set to FALSE to denote the object contains spot-level data.

**Value**

`SingleCellExperiment` containing the counts matrix in `counts` and spatial data in `colData`. Array coordinates for each spot are stored in columns `array_row` and `array_col`, while image coordinates are stored in columns `pxl_row_in_fullres` and `pxl_col_in_fullres`.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
sce <- readVisium("path/to/outs/")

## End(Not run)
```

---

spatialCluster

*Spatial clustering*


---

**Description**

Cluster a spatial expression dataset.

**Usage**

```
spatialCluster(
  sce,
  q,
  use.dimred = "PCA",
  d = 15,
  platform = c("Visium", "VisiumHD", "ST"),
  init = NULL,
  init.method = c("mclust", "kmeans"),
  model = c("t", "normal"),
  precision = c("equal", "variable"),
  nrep = 50000,
  burn.in = 1000,
  thin = 100,
  gamma = NULL,
  mu0 = NULL,
  lambda0 = NULL,
  alpha = 1,
```

```

    beta = 0.01,
    save.chain = FALSE,
    chain.fname = NULL
)

```

### Arguments

sce	A SingleCellExperiment object containing the spatial data.
q	The number of clusters.
use.dimred	Name of a reduced dimensionality result in reducedDims(sce). If provided, cluster on these features directly.
d	Number of top principal components to use when clustering.
platform	Spatial transcriptomic platform. Specify 'Visium' for hex lattice geometry or 'ST' and 'VisiumHD' for square lattice geometry. Specifying this parameter is optional when analyzing SingleCellExperiments processed using <a href="#">readVisium</a> , <a href="#">spatialPreprocess</a> , or <a href="#">spatialCluster</a> , as this information is included in their metadata.
init	Initial cluster assignments for spots.
init.method	If init is not provided, cluster the top d PCs with this method to obtain initial cluster assignments.
model	Error model. ('normal' or 't')
precision	Covariance structure. ('equal' or 'variable' for EEE and VVV covariance models, respectively.)
nrep	The number of MCMC iterations.
burn.in	The number of MCMC iterations to exclude as burn-in period.
thin	Thinning rate.
gamma	Smoothing parameter. Defaults to 2 for platform="ST" and 3 for platform="Visium". (Values in range of 1-3 seem to work well.)
mu0	Prior mean hyperparameter for mu. If not provided, mu0 is set to the mean of PCs over all spots.
lambda0	Prior precision hyperparam for mu. If not provided, lambda0 is set to a diagonal matrix $0.01I$ .
alpha	Hyperparameter for Wishart distributed precision lambda.
beta	Hyperparameter for Wishart distributed precision lambda.
save.chain	If true, save the MCMC chain to an HDF5 file.
chain.fname	File path for saved chain. Tempfile used if not provided.

### Details

The input SCE must have row and col columns in its colData, corresponding to the array row and column coordinates of each spot. These are automatically parsed by [readVisium](#) or can be added manually when creating the SCE.

Cluster labels are stored in the spatial.cluster column of the SCE, and the cluster initialization is stored in cluster.init.

**Value**

Returns a modified sce with cluster assignments stored in colData under the name `spatial.cluster`.

**See Also**

[spatialPreprocess](#) for preparing the SCE for clustering, [spatialEnhance](#) for enhancing the clustering resolution, [clusterPlot](#) for visualizing the cluster assignments, [featurePlot](#) for visualizing expression levels in spatial context, and [mcmcChain](#) for examining the full MCMC chain associated with the clustering.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(149)
sce <- exampleSCE()
sce <- spatialCluster(sce, 7, nrep = 100, burn.in = 10)
```

---

spatialEnhance	<i>Enhance spot resolution</i>
----------------	--------------------------------

---

**Description**

Enhanced clustering of a spatial expression dataset to subspot resolution.

**Usage**

```
spatialEnhance(
  sce,
  q,
  platform = c("Visium", "VisiumHD", "ST"),
  use.dimred = "PCA",
  d = 15,
  nsubspots.per.edge = 3,
  init = NULL,
  init.method = c("spatialCluster", "mclust", "kmeans"),
  model = c("t", "normal"),
  nrep = 1e+05,
  gamma = NULL,
  mu0 = NULL,
  lambda0 = NULL,
  alpha = 1,
  beta = 0.01,
  save.chain = FALSE,
  chain.fname = NULL,
  burn.in = 10000,
  thin = 100,
  jitter.scale = 5,
```

```

    jitter.prior = 0.3,
    adapt.before = burn.in,
    cores = 1,
    verbose = FALSE
)

coreTune(sce, test.cores = detectCores(), test.times = 1, ...)

adjustClusterLabels(sce, burn.in)

```

### Arguments

sce	A SingleCellExperiment object containing the spatial data.
q	The number of clusters.
platform	Spatial transcriptomic platform. Specify 'Visium' for hex lattice geometry or 'ST' and 'VisiumHD' for square lattice geometry. Specifying this parameter is optional when analyzing SingleCellExperiments processed using <a href="#">readVisium</a> , <a href="#">spatialPreprocess</a> , or <a href="#">spatialCluster</a> , as this information is included in their metadata.
use.dimred	Name of a reduced dimensionality result in <code>reducedDims(sce)</code> . If provided, cluster on these features directly.
d	Number of top principal components to use when clustering.
nsubspots.per.edge	Number of subspots per edge of the square. Only valid when platform is 'ST' or 'VisiumHD'.
init	Initial cluster assignments for spots.
init.method	If init is not provided, cluster the top d PCs with this method to obtain initial cluster assignments.
model	Error model. ('normal' or 't')
nrep	The number of MCMC iterations.
gamma	Smoothing parameter. (Values in range of 1-3 seem to work well.)
mu0	Prior mean hyperparameter for mu. If not provided, mu0 is set to the mean of PCs over all spots.
lambda0	Prior precision hyperparam for mu. If not provided, lambda0 is set to a diagonal matrix $0.01I$ .
alpha	Hyperparameter for Wishart distributed precision lambda.
beta	Hyperparameter for Wishart distributed precision lambda.
save.chain	If true, save the MCMC chain to an HDF5 file.
chain.fname	File path for saved chain. Tempfile used if not provided.
burn.in	Number of iterations to exclude as burn-in period. The MCMC iterations are currently thinned to every 100; accordingly burn.in is rounded down to the nearest multiple of 100. If a value no larger than 1 is set, it is considered as a percentage. It is always considered as percentage for <code>adjustClusterLabels</code> .

<code>thin</code>	Thinning rate.
<code>jitter.scale</code>	Controls the amount of jittering. Small amounts of jittering are more likely to be accepted but result in exploring the space more slowly. We suggest tuning <code>jitter.scale</code> so that <code>Ychange</code> is on average around 25%-40%. <code>Ychange</code> can be accessed via <code>mcmcChain()</code> . Alternatively, set it to 0 to activate adaptive MCMC.
<code>jitter.prior</code>	Scale factor for the prior variance, parameterized as the proportion (default = 0.3) of the mean variance of the PCs. We suggest making <code>jitter.prior</code> smaller if the jittered values are not expected to vary much from the overall mean of the spot.
<code>adapt.before</code>	Adapting the MCMC chain before the specified number or proportion of iterations (by default equal to <code>burn.in</code> ; set to 0 to always adapt). Only valid when <code>jitter.scale</code> is 0.
<code>cores</code>	The number of threads to use. The results are invariate to the value of <code>cores</code> .
<code>verbose</code>	Log progress to <code>stderr</code> .
<code>test.cores</code>	Either a list of, or a maximum number of cores to test. In the latter case, a list of values (power of 2) will be created
<code>test.times</code>	Times to repeat the benchmarking with microbenchmark.
<code>...</code>	Arguments for <code>spatialEnhance</code> (except for <code>cores</code> ).

## Details

The enhanced `SingleCellExperiment` has most of the properties of the input SCE - `rowData`, `colData`, `reducedDims` - but does not include expression data in counts or logcounts. To impute enhanced expression vectors, please use `[enhanceFeatures()]` after running `spatialEnhance`.

The `colData` of the enhanced `SingleCellExperiment` includes the following columns to permit referencing the subspots in spatial context and linking back to the original spots:

- `spot.idx`: Index of the spot this subspot belongs to (with respect to the input SCE).
- `subspot.idx`: Index of the subspot within its parent spot.
- `spot.row`: Array row of the subspot's parent spot.
- `spot.col`: Array col of the subspot's parent spot.
- `array_row`: Array row of the subspot. This is the parent spot's row plus an offset based on the subspot's position within the spot.
- `array_col`: Array col of the subspot. This is the parent spot's col plus an offset based on the subspot's position within the spot.
- `pxl_row_in_fullres`: Pixel row of the subspot. This is the parent spot's row plus an offset based on the subspot's position within the spot.
- `pxl_col_in_fullres`: Pixel col of the subspot. This is the parent spot's col plus an offset based on the subspot's position within the spot.



**Value**

`spatialEnhance` returns a new `SingleCellExperiment` object. By default, the assays of this object are empty, and the enhanced resolution PCs are stored as a reduced dimensionality result accessible with `reducedDim(sce, 'PCA')`.

`coresTune` returns the output of `microbenchmark`.

`adjustClusterLabels` adjusts the cluster labels from the MCMC samples via `burn.in`, the percentage of samples to drop. The MCMC chain must be retained.

**See Also**

[spatialCluster](#) for clustering at the spot level before enhancing, [clusterPlot](#) for visualizing the cluster assignments, [enhanceFeatures](#) for imputing enhanced expression, and [mcmcChain](#) for examining the full MCMC chain associated with the enhanced clustering. .

**Examples**

```
set.seed(149)
sce <- exampleSCE()
sce <- spatialCluster(sce, 7, nrep = 100, burn.in = 10)
enhanced <- spatialEnhance(sce, 7, nrep = 100, burn.in = 10)
```

---

spatialPlot

*Spatial plotting functions*


---

**Description**

Spatial plotting functions

**Arguments**

<code>color</code>	Optional hex code to set color of borders around spots. Set to <code>NA</code> to remove borders.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments for <code>geom_polygon()</code> . <code>size</code> , to specify the linewidth of these borders, is likely the most useful.
<code>platform</code>	Spatial sequencing platform. If "Visium", the hex spot layout will be used, otherwise square spots will be plotted. NOTE: specifying this argument is only necessary if <code>sce</code> was not created by <code>spatialCluster()</code> or <code>spatialEnhance()</code> .
<code>is.enhanced</code>	True if <code>sce</code> contains subspot-level data instead of spots. Spatial sequencing platform. If true, the respective subspot lattice for each platform will be plotted. NOTE: specifying this argument is only necessary if <code>sce</code> was not created by <code>spatialCluster()</code> or <code>spatialEnhance()</code> .
<code>nsubspots.per.edge</code>	Number of subspots per edge of the square. Only valid when <code>platform</code> is 'ST' or 'VisiumHD'.

---

spatialPreprocess      *Preprocess a spatial dataset for BayesSpace*

---

### Description

Adds metadata required for downstream analyses, and (optionally) performs PCA on log-normalized expression of top HVGs.

### Usage

```
spatialPreprocess(
  sce,
  platform = c("Visium", "VisiumHD", "ST"),
  n.PCs = 15,
  n.HVGs = 2000,
  skip.PCA = FALSE,
  log.normalize = TRUE,
  assay.type = "logcounts",
  BSPARAM = ExactParam(),
  BPPARAM = SerialParam()
)
```

### Arguments

sce	SingleCellExperiment to preprocess
platform	Spatial sequencing platform. Used to determine spot layout and neighborhood structure (Visium = hex, VisiumHD = square, ST = square).
n.PCs	Number of principal components to compute. We suggest using the top 15 PCs in most cases.
n.HVGs	Number of highly variable genes to run PCA upon.
skip.PCA	Skip PCA (if dimensionality reduction was previously computed.)
log.normalize	Whether to log-normalize the input data with scater. May be omitted if log-normalization previously computed.
assay.type	Name of assay in sce containing normalized counts. Leave as "logcounts" unless you explicitly pre-computed a different normalization and added it to sce under another assay. Note that we do not recommend running BayesSpace on PCs computed from raw counts.
BSPARAM	A <a href="#">BiocSingularParam</a> object specifying which algorithm should be used to perform the PCA. By default, an exact PCA is performed, as current spatial datasets are generally small (<10,000 spots). To perform a faster approximate PCA, please specify <a href="#">FastAutoParam()</a> and set a random seed to ensure reproducibility.
BPPARAM	A <a href="#">BiocParallelParam</a> object specifying whether to model the gene variation in parallel or not (default to <a href="#">SerialParam()</a> ). To perform faster modeling, please specify <a href="#">SnowParam()</a> or <a href="#">MulticoreParam()</a> .

**Value**

SingleCellExperiment with PCA and BayesSpace metadata

**Examples**

```
sce <- exampleSCE()  
sce <- spatialPreprocess(sce)
```

# Index

## \* **internal**

- .adjust\_hex\_centers, 3
- .bsData, 3
- .clean\_chain, 4
- .compute\_interspot\_distances, 4
- .extract\_indices, 5
- .find\_neighbors, 5
- .flatten\_matrix\_list, 6
- .flip\_axis, 6
- .infer\_param\_dims, 7
- .init\_cluster, 7
- .list2vec, 8
- .make\_hex\_spots, 8
- .make\_index\_names, 9
- .make\_spot\_vertices, 9
- .make\_square\_spots, 10
- .make\_subspot\_coldata, 11
- .make\_subspots, 10
- .make\_triangle\_subspots, 11
- .make\_vertices, 12
- .prepare\_inputs, 12
- .read\_chain, 13
- .read\_spot\_pos, 13
- .select\_spot\_positions, 14
- .select\_subspot\_positions, 14
- BayesSpace, 15
- cluster, 15
- deconvolve, 17
- find\_neighbors, 22
- Mode, 25
- spatialPlot, 33

## \* **spatial plotting functions**

- clusterPlot, 16
- featurePlot, 20
- .adjust\_hex\_centers, 3
- .bsData, 3
- .clean\_chain, 4
- .compute\_interspot\_distances, 4
- .extract\_indices, 5

- .find\_neighbors, 5
- .flatten\_matrix\_list, 6
- .flip\_axis, 6
- .infer\_param\_dims, 7
- .init\_cluster, 7
- .list2vec, 8
- .make\_hex\_spots, 8
- .make\_index\_names, 9
- .make\_spot\_vertices, 9
- .make\_square\_spots, 10
- .make\_subspot\_coldata, 11
- .make\_subspots, 10
- .make\_triangle\_subspots, 11
- .make\_vertices, 12
- .prepare\_inputs, 12
- .read\_chain, 13
- .read\_spot\_pos, 13
- .select\_spot\_positions, 14
- .select\_subspot\_positions, 14

adjustClusterLabels (spatialEnhance), 30

BayesSpace, 15

BayesSpace-package (BayesSpace), 15

BiocParallelParam, 34

BiocSingularParam, 34

cluster, 15

clusterPlot, 16, 22, 30, 33

coreTune (spatialEnhance), 30

counts2h5 (readVisium), 27

deconvolve, 17

enhanceFeatures, 18, 33

exampleSCE, 20

featurePlot, 17, 20, 30

find\_neighbors, 22

getRDS, 22

mcmcChain, [23](#), [30](#), [33](#)  
Mode, [25](#)

paraLapply (parallelize), [25](#)  
parallelize, [25](#)

qPlot (qTune), [26](#)  
qTune, [26](#)

read10Xh5 (readVisium), [27](#)  
readVisium, [27](#), [29](#), [31](#)  
removeChain (mcmcChain), [23](#)

spatialCluster, [28](#), [29](#), [31](#), [33](#)  
spatialEnhance, [30](#), [30](#)  
spatialPlot, [33](#)  
spatialPreprocess, [29–31](#), [34](#)