

# Package ‘NanoMethViz’

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**Description** NanoMethViz is a toolkit for visualising methylation data from Oxford Nanopore sequencing. It can be used to explore methylation patterns from reads derived from Oxford Nanopore direct DNA sequencing with methylation called by callers including nanopolish, f5c and megalodon. The plots in this package allow the visualisation of methylation profiles aggregated over experimental groups and across classes of genomic features.

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bsseq_to_edger	<i>Convert BSseq object to edgeR methylation matrix</i>
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### Description

Convert BSseq object to edgeR methylation matrix

### Usage

```
bsseq_to_edger(bsseq, regions = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

bsseq            the BSseq object.  
regions         the regions to calculate log-methylation ratios over. If left NULL, ratios will be calculated per site.

**Value**

a matrix compatible with the edgeR differential methylation pipeline

**Examples**

```
methy <- system.file("methy_subset.tsv.bgz", package = "NanoMethViz")  
bsseq <- methy_to_bsseq(methy)  
edger_mat <- bsseq_to_edger(bsseq)
```

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bsseq\_to\_log\_methy\_ratio

*Convert BSseq object to log-methylation-ratio matrix*

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**Description**

Creates a log-methylation-ratio matrix from a BSseq object that is useful for dimensionality reduction plots.

**Usage**

```
bsseq_to_log_methy_ratio(bsseq, regions = NULL, prior_count = 2)
```

**Arguments**

bsseq            the BSseq object.  
regions         the regions to calculate log-methylation ratios over. If left NULL, ratios will be calculated per site.  
prior\_count     the prior count added to avoid taking log of 0.

**Value**

a matrix containing log-methylation-ratios.

**Examples**

```
nmr <- load_example_nanomethresult()  
bsseq <- methy_to_bsseq(nmr)  
regions <- exons_to_genes(NanoMethViz::exons(nmr))  
log_m_ratio <- bsseq_to_log_methy_ratio(bsseq, regions)
```

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create\_tabix\_file      *Create a tabix file using methylation calls*

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### Description

Create a tabix file using methylation calls

### Usage

```
create_tabix_file(  
  input_files,  
  output_file,  
  samples = extract_file_names(input_files),  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

### Arguments

input_files	the files to convert
output_file	the output file to write results to (must end in .bgz)
samples	the names of samples corresponding to each file
verbose	TRUE if progress messages are to be printed

### Value

invisibly returns the output file path, creates a tabix file (.bgz) and its index (.bgz.tbi)

### Examples

```
methy_calls <- system.file(package = "NanoMethViz",  
  c("sample1_nanopolish.tsv.gz", "sample2_nanopolish.tsv.gz"))  
temp_file <- paste0(tempfile(), ".tsv.bgz")  
  
create_tabix_file(methy_calls, temp_file)
```

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exons\_to\_genes      *Convert exon annotation to genes*

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### Description

Convert exon annotation to genes

### Usage

```
exons_to_genes(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    the exon level annotation containing columns "gene\_id", "chr", "strand" and "symbol".

**Value**

the gene level annotation where each gene is taken to span the earliest start position and latest end position of its exons.

**Examples**

```
nmr <- load_example_nanomethresult()
exons_to_genes(NanoMethViz::exons(nmr))
```

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`get_example_exons_mus_musculus`

*Get example exon annotations for mus musculus*

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**Description**

This is a small subset of the exons returned by `get_exons_mus_musculus()` for demonstrative purposes. It contains the exons for the genes `Brca1`, `Brca2`, `Impact`, `Meg3`, `Peg3` and `Xist`.

**Usage**

```
get_example_exons_mus_musculus()
```

**Value**

data.frame containing exons

**Examples**

```
example_exons <- get_example_exons_mus_musculus()
```

---

```
get_exons_homo_sapiens
```

*Get exon annotations for homo sapiens*

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**Description**

Get exon annotations for homo sapiens

**Usage**

```
get_exons_homo_sapiens()
```

**Value**

data.frame containing exons

**Examples**

```
h_sapiens_exons <- get_exons_homo_sapiens()
```

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```
get_exons_mus_musculus
```

*Get exon annotations for mus musculus*

---

**Description**

Get exon annotations for mus musculus

**Usage**

```
get_exons_mus_musculus()
```

**Value**

data.frame containing exons

**Examples**

```
m_musculus_exons <- get_exons_mus_musculus()
```

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load\_example\_nanomethresult  
*Load an example NanoMethResult object*

---

**Description**

Load an example NanoMethResult object

**Usage**

load\_example\_nanomethresult()

**Value**

a NanoMethResults object

**Examples**

```
nmr <- load_example_nanomethresult()
```

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methy\_col\_names      *Column names for methylation data*

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**Description**

Column names for methylation data

**Usage**

methy\_col\_names()

**Value**

column names for methylation data

**Examples**

```
methy_col_names()
```

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methy_to_bsseq	<i>Create BSSeq object from methylation tabix file</i>
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**Description**

Create BSSeq object from methylation tabix file

**Usage**

```
methy_to_bsseq(methy, out_folder = tempdir(), verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

methy	the path to the methylation tabix file.
out_folder	the folder to store intermediate files. One file is created for each sample and contains columns "chr", "pos", "total" and "methylated".
verbose	TRUE if progress messages are to be printed

**Value**

a BSSeq object.

**Examples**

```
nmr <- load_example_nanomethresult()
bsseq <- methy_to_bsseq(nmr)
```

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NanoMethResult-class	<i>Nanopore Methylation Result</i>
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**Description**

A NanoMethResult object stores data used for NanoMethViz visualisation. It contains stores a path to the methylation data, sample information and optional exon information. The object is constructed using the NanoMethResult() constructor function described in "Usage".

**Usage**

```
NanoMethResult(methy, samples, exons = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'NanoMethResult'
methy(object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'NanoMethResult'
methy(object) <- value
```



```
## S4 method for signature 'NanoMethResult'
samples(object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'NanoMethResult,data.frame'
samples(object) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'NanoMethResult'
exons(object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'NanoMethResult,data.frame'
exons(object) <- value
```

### Arguments

methy	the path to the methylation tabix file.
samples	the data.frame of sample annotation containing at least columns sample and group.
exons	(optional) the data.frame of exon information containing at least columns gene_id, chr, strand, start, end, transcript_id and symbol.
object	the NanoMethResult object.
value	the exon annotation.

### Value

a NanoMethResult object to be used with plotting functions

the path to the methylation data.

the sample annotation.

the exon annotation.

### Functions

- NanoMethResult: Constructor
- methy, NanoMethResult-method: methylation data path getter.
- methy<-, NanoMethResult-method: methylation data path setter.
- samples, NanoMethResult-method: sample annotation getter.
- samples<-, NanoMethResult, data.frame-method: sample annotation setter.
- exons, NanoMethResult-method: exon annotation getter.
- exons<-, NanoMethResult, data.frame-method: exon annotation setter.

### Slots

methy the path to the methylation tabix file.

samples the data.frame of sample annotation containing at least columns sample and group.

exons the data.frame of exon information containing at least columns gene\_id, chr, strand, start, end, transcript\_id and symbol.

## Examples

```
methy <- system.file(package = "NanoMethViz", "methy_subset.tsv.bgz")
sample <- c(
  "B6Cast_Prom_1_b16",
  "B6Cast_Prom_1_cast",
  "B6Cast_Prom_2_b16",
  "B6Cast_Prom_2_cast",
  "B6Cast_Prom_3_b16",
  "B6Cast_Prom_3_cast"
)
group <- c(
  "b16",
  "cast",
  "b16",
  "cast",
  "b16",
  "cast"
)
sample_anno <- data.frame(sample, group, stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
exon_tibble <- get_example_exons_mus_musculus()
NanoMethResult(methy, sample_anno, exon_tibble)

x <- load_example_nanomethresult()
methy(x)
```

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plot\_agg\_regions

*Plot aggregate regions*

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## Description

Plot aggregate regions

## Usage

```
plot_agg_regions(
  x,
  regions,
  binary_threshold = 0.5,
  group_col = NULL,
  flank = 2000,
  stranded = TRUE,
  span = 0.05,
  palette = ggplot2::scale_colour_brewer(palette = "Set1")
)
```

**Arguments**

x	the NanoMethResult object.
regions	a table of regions containing at least columns chr, strand, start and end. Any additional columns can be used for grouping.
binary_threshold	the modification probability such that calls with modification probability above the threshold are considered methylated, and those with probability equal or below are considered unmethylated.
group_col	the column to group aggregated trends by. This column can be in from the regions table or samples(x).
flank	the number of flanking bases to add to each side of each region.
stranded	TRUE if negative strand features should have coordinates flipped to reflect features like transcription start sites.
span	the span for loess smoothing.
palette	the colour palette used for groups.

**Value**

a ggplot object containing the aggregate methylation trend.

**Examples**

```
nmr <- load_example_nanomethresult()
gene_anno <- exons_to_genes(NanoMethViz::exons(nmr))
plot_agg_regions(nmr, gene_anno)
plot_agg_regions(nmr, gene_anno, group_col = "sample")
plot_agg_regions(nmr, gene_anno, group_col = "group")
```

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plot\_gene

*Plot gene*

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**Description**

Plot gene

**Usage**

```
plot_gene(x, gene, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'NanoMethResult,character'
plot_gene(
  x,
  gene,
  window_prop = 0.3,
```

```

anno_regions = NULL,
binary_threshold = NULL,
spaghetti = FALSE,
span = NULL,
gene_anno = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

x	the NanoMethResult object.
gene	the gene symbol for the gene to plot.
...	additional arguments
window_prop	the size of flanking region to plot. Can be a vector of two values for left and right window size. Values indicate proportion of gene length.
anno_regions	the data.frame of regions to annotate.
binary_threshold	the modification probability such that calls with modification probability above the threshold are set to 1 and probabilities equal to or below the threshold are set to 0.
spaghetti	whether or not individual reads should be shown.
span	the span for loess smoothing.
gene_anno	whether or not gene annotation tracks are plotted.

### Value

a patchwork plot containing the methylation profile in the specified region.  
a patchwork plot containing the methylation profile in the specified region.

### Examples

```

nmr <- load_example_nanomethresult()
plot_gene(nmr, "Peg3")

nmr <- load_example_nanomethresult()
plot_gene(nmr, "Peg3")

```

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plot_gene_heatmap	<i>Plot gene methylation heatmap</i>
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### Description

Plot gene methylation heatmap

**Usage**

```
plot_gene_heatmap(x, gene, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'NanoMethResult,character'
plot_gene_heatmap(
  x,
  gene,
  window_prop = 0.3,
  pos_style = c("to_scale", "compact")
)
```

**Arguments**

x	the NanoMethResult object.
gene	the gene symbol for the gene to plot.
...	additional arguments
window_prop	the size of flanking region to plot. Can be a vector of two values for left and right window size. Values indicate proportion of gene length.
pos_style	the style for plotting the base positions along the x-axis. Defaults to "to_scale", plotting (potentially) overlapping squares along the genomic position to scale. The "compact" options plots only the positions with measured modification.

**Value**

a ggplot object of the heatmap  
 a ggplot plot containing the heatmap.

**Examples**

```
nmr <- load_example_nanomethresult()
plot_gene_heatmap(nmr, "Peg3")

nmr <- load_example_nanomethresult()
plot_gene_heatmap(nmr, "Peg3")
```

---

 plot\_grange

*Plot GRanges*


---

**Description**

Plot GRanges

**Usage**

```
plot_grange(
  x,
  grange,
  anno_regions = NULL,
  binary_threshold = NULL,
  spaghetti = FALSE,
  span = NULL,
  window_prop = 0.3
)
```

**Arguments**

x	the NanoMethResult object.
grange	the GRanges object with one entry.
anno_regions	the data.frame of regions to be annotated.
binary_threshold	the modification probability such that calls with modification probability above the threshold are set to 1 and probabilities equal to or below the threshold are set to 0.
spaghetti	whether or not individual reads should be shown.
span	the span for loess smoothing.
window_prop	the size of flanking region to plot. Can be a vector of two values for left and right window size. Values indicate proportion of gene length.

**Value**

a patchwork plot containing the methylation profile in the specified region.  
a patchwork plot containing the methylation profile in the specified region.

**Examples**

```
nmr <- load_example_nanomethresult()
plot_grange(nmr, GRanges("chr7:6703892-6730431"))
```

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plot\_grange\_heatmap *Plot GRanges heatmap*

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**Description**

Plot GRanges heatmap

**Usage**

```
plot_grange_heatmap(
  x,
  grange,
  pos_style = c("to_scale", "compact"),
  window_prop = 0.3
)
```

**Arguments**

**x** the NanoMethResult object.

**grange** the GRanges object with one entry.

**pos\_style** the style for plotting the base positions along the x-axis. Defaults to "to\_scale", plotting (potentially) overlapping squares along the genomic position to scale. The "compact" options plots only the positions with measured modification.

**window\_prop** the size of flanking region to plot. Can be a vector of two values for left and right window size. Values indicate proportion of gene length.

**Value**

a ggplot plot containing the heatmap.

**Examples**

```
nmr <- load_example_nanomethresult()
gr <- GenomicRanges::GRanges(data.frame(chr = "chr7", start = 6703892, end = 6730431))
plot_grange_heatmap(nmr, gr[1, ])
```

---

plot\_mds

*Plot MDS*

---

**Description**

Plot multi-dimensional scaling plot using algorithm of `limma::plotMDS()`. It is recommended this be done with the log-methylation-ratio matrix generated by `bsseq_to_log_methy_ratio()`.

**Usage**

```
plot_mds(
  x,
  top = 500,
  plot_dims = c(1, 2),
  labels = colnames(x),
  groups = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

x	the log-methylation-ratio matrix.
top	the number of top genes used to calculate pairwise distances.
plot_dims	the numeric vector of the two dimensions to be plotted.
labels	the character vector of labels for data points. By default uses column names of x, set to NULL to plot points.
groups	the character vector of groups the data points will be coloured by.

**Value**

ggplot object of the MDS plot.

**Examples**

```
nmr <- load_example_nanomethresult()
bss <- methy_to_bsseq(nmr)
lmr <- bsseq_to_log_methy_ratio(bss)
plot_mds(lmr)
```

---

plot\_pca

*Plot PCA*


---

**Description**

Plot multi-dimensional scaling plot using algorithm of BiocSingular::runPCA(). It is recommended this be done with the log-methylation-ratio matrix generated by bsseq\_to\_log\_methy\_ratio().

**Usage**

```
plot_pca(x, plot_dims = c(1, 2), labels = colnames(x), groups = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	the log-methylation-ratio matrix.
plot_dims	the numeric vector of the two dimensions to be plotted.
labels	the character vector of labels for data points. By default uses column names of x, set to NULL to plot points.
groups	the character vector of groups the data points will be coloured by.

**Value**

ggplot object of the MDS plot.



**Examples**

```
nmr <- load_example_nanomethresult()
bss <- methy_to_bsseq(nmr)
lmr <- bsseq_to_log_methy_ratio(bss)
plot_pca(lmr)
```

---

plot\_region

*Plot region*

---

**Description**

Plot region

**Usage**

```
plot_region(x, chr, start, end, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'NanoMethResult,character,numeric,numeric'
```

```
plot_region(
  x,
  chr,
  start,
  end,
  anno_regions = NULL,
  binary_threshold = NULL,
  spaghetti = FALSE,
  span = NULL,
  window_prop = 0
)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'NanoMethResult,factor,numeric,numeric'
```

```
plot_region(
  x,
  chr,
  start,
  end,
  anno_regions = NULL,
  binary_threshold = NULL,
  spaghetti = FALSE,
  span = NULL,
  window_prop = 0
)
```

**Arguments**

x	the NanoMethResult object.
chr	the chromosome to plot.
start	the start of the plotting region.
end	the end of the plotting region.
...	additional arguments.
anno_regions	the data.frame of regions to be annotated.
binary_threshold	the modification probability such that calls with modification probability above the threshold are set to 1 and probabilities equal to or below the threshold are set to 0.
spaghetti	whether or not individual reads should be shown.
span	the span for loess smoothing.
window_prop	the size of flanking region to plot. Can be a vector of two values for left and right window size. Values indicate proportion of gene length.

**Value**

a patchwork plot containing the methylation profile in the specified region.  
a patchwork plot containing the methylation profile in the specified region.

**Examples**

```
nmr <- load_example_nanomethresult()
plot_region(nmr, "chr7", 6703892, 6730431)

nmr <- load_example_nanomethresult()
plot_region(nmr, "chr7", 6703892, 6730431)
```

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plot\_region\_heatmap    *Plot region methylation heatmap*

---

**Description**

Plot region methylation heatmap

**Usage**

```
plot_region_heatmap(x, chr, start, end, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'NanoMethResult,character,numeric,numeric'
plot_region_heatmap(
  x,
```

```

    chr,
    start,
    end,
    pos_style = c("to_scale", "compact"),
    window_prop = 0.3
  )

## S4 method for signature 'NanoMethResult,factor,numeric,numeric'
plot_region_heatmap(
  x,
  chr,
  start,
  end,
  pos_style = c("to_scale", "compact"),
  window_prop = 0.3
)

```

### Arguments

x	the NanoMethResult object.
chr	the chromosome to plot.
start	the start of the plotting region.
end	the end of the plotting region.
...	additional arguments.
pos_style	the style for plotting the base positions along the x-axis. Defaults to "to_scale", plotting (potentially) overlapping squares along the genomic position to scale. The "compact" options plots only the positions with measured modification.
window_prop	the size of flanking region to plot. Can be a vector of two values for left and right window size. Values indicate proportion of gene length.

### Value

a ggplot object of the heatmap.  
 a ggplot plot containing the heatmap.

### Examples

```

nmr <- load_example_nanomethresult()
plot_region_heatmap(nmr, "chr7", 6703892, 6730431)

nmr <- load_example_nanomethresult()
plot_region_heatmap(nmr, "chr7", 6703892, 6730431)

```

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query_exons	<i>Query exons</i>
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### Description

Query a data.frame of exons for a subset.

### Usage

```
query_exons_region(exons, chr, start, end)
```

```
query_exons_gene_id(exons, gene_id)
```

```
query_exons_symbol(exons, symbol)
```

### Arguments

exons	the data.frame of exons.
chr	the chromosome to query.
start	the start of the query region.
end	the end of the query region.
gene_id	the gene_id to query.
symbol	the gene_id to query.

### Value

data.frame of queried exons.

### Functions

- query\_exons\_region: Query region.
- query\_exons\_gene\_id: Query gene ID.
- query\_exons\_symbol: Query gene symbol.

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query_methy	<i>Query methylation data</i>
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**Description**

Query methylation data

**Usage**

```
query_methy(x, chr, start, end, simplify = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	the path to the methylation data (tabix-bgzipped)
chr	the vector of chromosomes
start	the vector of start positions
end	the vector of end positions
simplify	whether returned results should be row-concatenated

**Value**

A table containing the data within the queried regions. If simplify is TRUE (default) then all data is contained within one table, otherwise it is a list of tables where each element is the data from one region.

**Examples**

```
nmr <- load_example_nanomethresult()
query_methy(methy(nmr), "chr7", 6703892, 6730431)
```

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