

# Package ‘spillR’

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**Type** Package

**Title** Spillover Compensation in Mass Cytometry Data

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**Description** Channel interference in mass cytometry can cause spillover and may result in miscounting of protein markers. We develop a nonparametric finite mixture model and use the mixture components to estimate the probability of spillover. We implement our method using expectation-maximization to fit the mixture model.

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compCytof

*Compute spillover probability and correct for spillover*

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### Description

Compute spillover probability and correct for spillover

### Usage

```
compCytof(
  sce,
  sce_bead,
  marker_to_barcode,
  impute_value,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  n_cores = 1,
  naive = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

sce	<a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> for the real cells
sce_bead	<a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> for the bead experiment
marker_to_barcode	Table that maps the marker to the barcode in the beads experiment
impute_value	Imputed value for counts that are declared as spillover
overwrite	logical; if TRUE data are overwritten if FALSE data are saved in new columns
n_cores	Number of computing cores
naive	logical; if TRUE use the naive version

### Value

A [SingleCellExperiment](#) object

**Examples**

```

library(CATALYST)
library(dplyr)
bc_key <- c(139, 141:156, 158:176)
sce_bead <- prepData(ss_exp)
sce_bead <- assignPrelim(sce_bead, bc_key, verbose = FALSE)
sce_bead <- applyCutoffs(estCutoffs(sce_bead))
sce_bead <- computeSpillmat(sce_bead)
data(mp_cells, package = "CATALYST")
sce <- prepData(mp_cells)
marker_to_barcode <- rowData(sce_bead)[, c("channel_name", "is_bc")] |>
  as_tibble() |>
  filter(is_bc == TRUE) |>
  mutate(barcode = bc_key) |>
  select(marker = channel_name, barcode)
spillR::compCytotof(sce, sce_bead, marker_to_barcode, impute_value = NA)

```

compensate

*Compute spillover probability and correct for spillover***Description**

Compute spillover probability and correct for spillover

**Usage**

```

compensate(
  tb_real,
  tb_bead,
  target_marker,
  spillover_markers,
  impute_value = NA,
  n_iter = 1000
)

```

**Arguments**

tb_real	Data frame or tibble with proteins counts of real experiment
tb_bead	Data frame or tibble with proteins counts of bead experiment
target_marker	Marker name in real experiment
spillover_markers	Marker names in bead experiment
impute_value	Value for counts that are declared as spillover
n_iter	Maximum number of EM steps

**Value**

A list of class `spillr` containing

tb_compensate	corrected real cells
tb_spill_prob	probability curve

convergence	covergence table of EM algorithm
tb_real	input real cells
tb_bead	input bead cells
target_marker	input marker in real experiment
spillover_markers	input markers in bead experiment

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compensate_naive	<i>Compute spillover probability and correct for spillover from beads only</i>
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### Description

Compute spillover probability and correct for spillover from beads only

### Usage

```
compensate_naive(
  tb_real,
  tb_bead,
  target_marker,
  spillover_markers,
  impute_value = NA
)
```

### Arguments

tb_real	Data frame or tibble with proteins counts of real experiment
tb_bead	Data frame or tibble with proteins counts of bead experiment
target_marker	Marker name in real experiment
spillover_markers	Marker names in bead experiment
impute_value	Value for counts that are declared as spillover

### Value

A list of class `spillr` containing

tb_compensate	corrected real cells
tb_spill_prob	probability curve
convergence	covergence table of EM algorithm
tb_real	input real cells
tb_bead	input bead cells
target_marker	input marker in real experiment
spillover_markers	input markers in bead experiment

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generate_bead	<i>Generate dataset for vignettes and simulation studies</i>
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**Description**

Generate dataset for vignettes and simulation studies

**Usage**

```
generate_bead()
```

**Value**

`tibble` data frame

**Examples**

```
set.seed(23)  
generate_bead()
```

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generate_real	<i>Generate dataset for vignettes and simulation studies</i>
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**Description**

Generate dataset for vignettes and simulation studies

**Usage**

```
generate_real()
```

**Value**

`tibble` data frame

**Examples**

```
set.seed(23)  
generate_real()
```

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plotDiagnostics	<i>Compute spillover probability and correct for spillover</i>
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**Description**

Compute spillover probability and correct for spillover

**Usage**

```
plotDiagnostics(sce, ch)
```

**Arguments**

sce	A <a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> object
ch	Character string specifying the channel to plot

**Value**

A list of [ggplot2](#) plots

**Examples**

```
library(CATALYST)
library(dplyr)
bc_key <- c(139, 141:156, 158:176)
sce_bead <- prepData(ss_exp)
sce_bead <- assignPrelim(sce_bead, bc_key, verbose = FALSE)
sce_bead <- applyCutoffs(estCutoffs(sce_bead))
sce_bead <- computeSpillmat(sce_bead)
data(mp_cells, package = "CATALYST")
sce <- prepData(mp_cells)
marker_to_barcode <- rowData(sce_bead)[, c("channel_name", "is_bc")] |>
  as_tibble() |>
  filter(is_bc == TRUE) |>
  mutate(barcode = bc_key) |>
  select(marker = channel_name, barcode)
sce <- spillR::compCytof(sce, sce_bead, marker_to_barcode, impute_value = NA)
plotDiagnostics(sce, "Yb173Di")
```

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tfm	<i>Variance stabilizing transform of counts</i>
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**Description**

Variance stabilizing transform of counts

**Usage**

```
tfm(x)
```

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**Arguments**

x                      Raw count

**Value**

A transformed count

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