

# CHAPTER 2

## SAW PIPELINES & ARGUMENTS

## 2.1 splitMask

`splitMask` is designed for splitting Stereo-seq Chip T mask file according to the SE FASTQ CID. The split count is directly related to the number of split FASTQs while writing FASTQ out from sequencer.

Running `splitMask` requires the following files:

- Stereo-seq Chip T mask file (**.h5**)
- 🕒 Expected running time for 1 cm x 1 cm chip: ~5 min, Memory: ~3G

⋯ As input sequencing data, both Q40 FASTQ and Q4 FASTQ from Stereo-seq, which store the original sequencing data, are supported in SAW pipelines. Differences between them are mainly reflected in file size and how data and information are written in. Q40 FASTQ, also called PE FASTQ, has a pair of read files, read 1 and read 2. Q4 FASTQ, also called SE FASTQ, is an output format with only one file, but saves file storage space. More details in [Stereo-seq File Format Manual](#).

An example of Q4 FASTQ file path usually displayed as below:

Q4 FASTQ name

**/path/to/data/E100026571\_L01/barcode\_2/E100026571\_L01\_2\_16.fq.gz**

lane
barcode
lane
barcode
split index

### 2.1.1 Arguments and Options

Table 2-1 `splitMask` Arguments and Options

Parameter index	Function
[1]	(Required) Stereo-seq Chip T mask file path (.h5).
[2]	(Required) Output directory stores split mask files.
[3]	(Required) Set the number of threads to be used.
[4]	(Optional) Split count. This count number needs to be set the same as Q4 FASTQ count. The options are the powers of 4, and the commonly used options are 16 and 64. If a library contains two barcodes sequenced in the same lane and the two barcodes were split when written out FASTQs, then the split count is 16; otherwise, if the barcodes were not split, then 64.
[5]	(Optional) CID position, commonly used option is “2_25”. <code>splitMask</code> uses 24 bases (out of 25, 25 is the read length of CID) to split Stereo-seq Chip T mask file. This CID position parameter is a string that combines two index numbers with “_”. The two numbers indicate the start and the end base index in the CID, and the bases in this range are used for splitting. For example, “2_25” means starting from the 2 <sup>nd</sup> base to the 25 <sup>th</sup> base used for splitting mask file.

## 2.1.2 Usage Example



Please Note! Replace **{SN}** with your Stereo-seq Chip T serial number (SN, e.g. SS200000135TL\_D1 or A00135D1)

```
$ mkdir /path/to/output/00.splitmask
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif splitMask \
  /path/to/data/{SN}.barcodeToPos.h5 \ ## Mask path
  /path/to/output/00.splitmask \ ## output directory
  8 \ ## threads
  16 \ ## split count
  2_25 ## CID position
```

## 2.1.3 Outputs

The output files of **splitMask** are organized as below. The indices of the output files are corresponding to the split list index of the Q4 FASTQ files.

```
$ tree /path/to/output/00.splitmask
/path/to/output/00.splitmask
|-- 01.SN.barcodeToPos.bin
|-- 02.SN.barcodeToPos.bin
|-- 03.SN.barcodeToPos.bin
|-- 04.SN.barcodeToPos.bin
|-- 05.SN.barcodeToPos.bin
|-- 06.SN.barcodeToPos.bin
|-- 07.SN.barcodeToPos.bin
|-- 08.SN.barcodeToPos.bin
|-- 09.SN.barcodeToPos.bin
|-- 10.SN.barcodeToPos.bin
|-- 11.SN.barcodeToPos.bin
|-- 12.SN.barcodeToPos.bin
|-- 13.SN.barcodeToPos.bin
|-- 14.SN.barcodeToPos.bin
|-- 15.SN.barcodeToPos.bin
`-- 16.SN.barcodeToPos.bin

0 directories, 16 files
```

## 2.2 CIDCount

**CIDCount** is a program for computing the number of CIDs in the Stereo-seq Chip T mask file and roughly estimating memory used in **mapping**.

Running **CIDCount** requires the following files:

- Stereo-seq Chip T mask file (**.h5**)
- 🕒 Expected running time for 1 cm x 1 cm chip: ~30 s, Memory: ~0.7G



## 2.2.1 Arguments and Options

Table 2-2 CIDCount Arguments and Options

Parameter	Function
<b>-i</b>	(Required) Stereo-seq Chip T mask file path (.h5 or .bin).
<b>-s</b>	(Optional) A string of species name.
<b>-g</b>	(Required) Genome file size in GB.

## 2.2.2 Usage Example

For Q40 FASTQ input cases, run **CIDCount** as below:

```
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif CIDCount \
  -i /path/to/data/{SN}.barcodeToPos.h5 \ ## Stereo-seq Chip T mask file path
  -s {speciesName} \ ## species name
  -g {genomeSize} ## genome file size in GB, can be acquired by "ls -l
  --block-size=GB ${Genome file of the species after STAR indexing}"
```

For Q4 FASTQ input cases that require to run **splitMask** first, users may run **CIDCount** only once because the results for each individual small mask are close to each other. For chip size larger than 1 cm x 1 cm, we would recommend to run **CIDCount** for each CID class/small mask.



**Please Note!** **{index}** needs to be replaced by the real index number of the split mask file.

```
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif CIDCount \
  -i /path/to/output/00.splitmask/{index}.{SN}.barcodeToPos.bin \ ## Ste-
  reo-seq Chip T mask file path
  -s {speciesName} \ ## species name
  -g {genomeSize} ## genome file size in GB, can be acquired by "ls -l
  --block-size=GB ${Genome file of the species after STAR indexing}"
```

## 2.2.3 Outputs

The output of **CIDCount** is shown as below,

```
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif CIDCount -i SN.barcodeToPos.h5 -s mouse -g 3
645784920 ## CID count
62 ## estimated memory for mapping
```

## 2.3 mapping

Each Stereo-seq sequenced read contains a CID sequence which is used as a key to spatially map the read back to its original location on the tissue section. **mapping** pipeline matches CID of the original sequencing reads stored in the FASTQ file with the records of CID-coordinates key-value pairs saved in the Stereo-seq Chip T mask file (allow 1 mismatch). Coordinate information for reads that CID could be paired with, based on the records of the mask file, will be added. Coordinate information for reads that CID could be paired with will be added based on the records of the mask file. Reads that get the coordinate annotations are Valid CID mRNA Reads (**Valid CID Reads**). After discarding reads with unqualified MID reads which do not satisfy further analysis, filtering reads with adapter, and filtering short reads (read length less than 30 after trimming consecutive A bases), the filtered **Valid CID Reads** are the **Clean Reads**. **mapping** pipeline maps **Clean Reads** to the reference genome, and output sorted BAM<sup>7</sup> format alignments and summary report.

If concerned about rRNA count and filtration, necessary modification to the reference genome should be completed beforehand, mainly including 2 steps: 1) add rRNA information into the FASTA file, with the suffix '\_rRNA' on the chromosome column, like '1\_rRNA', to distinguish them from original reference; 2) build index using modified reference genome.

Running **mapping** requires the following files:

- Stereo-seq sequenced reads FASTQ files (**.fq.gz**)
- Stereo-seq Chip T mask file (**.h5**)
- Indexed reference genome
- bcPara file (**.bcPara**), please check the content of **Table 2-4**

🕒 Expected running time for ~1G reads: ~4 h, Memory: ~67G



**Notice to rebuild reference index, with the same command input as before. From SAW V6.1 onwards, SAW reconstructed the construction of reference index and mapping algorithms for more efficient computational performance and reduced time cost.**

### 2.3.1 Arguments and Options

As **mapping** encapsulate STAR<sup>8</sup> function, it accepts additional options beyond those shown in the table below.

Table 2-3 **mapping** Arguments and Options

Parameter	Function
<b>--outSAMattributes spatial</b>	Set to turn on spatial BAM file format mode.
<b>--outSAMtype BAM SortedByCoordinate</b>	(STAR option) Set output BAM file sorted by coordinate.
<b>--genomeDir</b>	(STAR option) Path to the directory where the genome indices are stored.
<b>--runThreadN</b>	(STAR option; defaults to 1) Set the number of threads to be used. Usually set to 8 or higher.
<b>--outFileNamePrefix</b>	(STAR option) Custom output file prefix.
<b>--sysShell /bin/bash</b>	(STAR option) Path to the shell binary.
<b>--stParaFile</b>	(Required) Create a parameter file that defines CID mapping options. Options are specified in Table 2-4.
<b>--readNameSeparator \"</b> <b>\"</b>	(STAR option) Character(s) separating the part of the read names that will be trimmed in output.



Parameter	Function
<code>--limitBAMsortRAM</code>	(STAR option) Maximum available RAM (bytes) for sorting BAM.
<code>--limitOutSJcollapsed</code>	(STAR option) Max number of collapsed junctions.
<code>--limitIObufferSize</code>	(STAR option) Max available buffers size (bytes) for input/output, per thread.
<code>--outSAMmultNmax</code>	(STAR option; defaults to -1) Max number of alignments that will be written in output BAM file for a read. Recommend setting to 1 to reduce disk space storage.

Table 2-4 `mapping --stParaFile` Arguments and Options

Parameter	Function
<code>in</code>	(Required) Path to the Stereo-seq Chip T mask file (PE) or split mask file (SE).
<code>in1</code>	(Required) Path to the FASTQ file. For Q40 sequences specify the path to the FASTQ file of read1 here. For Q4 sequences, input FASTQ file with the same split index as the mask file. A more elegant way to input a long list of Q4 FASTQs is to organize them in a <code>FQ_{index}.list</code> file. Please check <a href="#">2.3.2 Usage Example Q4 scenario 2</a> to get more information.
<code>in2</code>	(Optional) Path to the FASTQ file of read2. Only valid for Q40 sequencing.
<code>barcodeReadsCount</code>	(Required) Mapped CID list file with read counts for each CID. This is an output file in <code>mapping</code>
<code>barcodeStart</code>	(Required; defaults to 0) CID start position. Set to 0.
<code>barcodeLen</code>	(Required; defaults to 25) CID length. Set to 25 for Q40, 24 for Q4.
<code>umiStart</code>	(Required; defaults to 25) MID start position.
<code>umiLen</code>	(Required; defaults to 10) MID length.
<code>mismatch</code>	(Required; defaults to 0) Max mismatch tolerant. Usually set to 1 in <code>mapping</code> .
<code>bcNum</code>	(Required) CID count in mask. Please check <a href="#">2.2 CIDCount</a> for more information.
<code>polyAnum</code>	(Optional) Number of consecutive A in the read that will be trimmed. Recommend to set this value to 15.
<code>mismatchInPolyA</code>	(Optional) Number of mismatch bases in searching poly A. Recommend to set this value to 2
<code>rRNAremove</code>	(Optional; default to disable) Remove rRNA reads. Note that the precondition of the switch is the reference genome combined with rRNA information. If not, this filtering function will not work anyway. Using the reference genome with the addition of rRNA, reads related to rRNA are not filtered by default, namely the switch is off. And the number and the ratio of rRNA reads in the statistical output file are both 0. When the switch is on, as long as the query reads are mapped to rRNA reference, they will be removed. rRNA count and ratio are recorded in the output file.
<code>validCidFq</code>	(Optional; default to disable) Output <b>Valid CID Reads</b> in FASTQ format after CID mapping. Similar to Q4 FASTQ format but with different first row of each read, for instance, "@V350044321L1C001R0020993658 Cx:i:10413 Cy:i:7737 D3450E0D391E EC7FF", where Cx and Cy represent the decoded coordinates and are added after readID.
<code>outUnMappedFq</code>	(Optional; default to disable) Output un-mapped reads in FASTQ format after mapping <b>Clean Reads</b> to the reference genome. Similar to Q4 FASTQ format but with different first row of each read, for instance, "@V350044321L1C001R0020993658 Cx-i:10413 Cy:i:7737 D3450E0D391E EC7FF", where Cx and Cy represent the decoded coordinates and are added after readID.
<code>bcMappingRateCutoff</code>	(Optional; default to disable) Set the minimum CID mapping rate, like 'bcMappingRateCutoff=0.1'. If the actual CID mapping rate less than this ratio, abort <code>mapping</code> .



## 2.3.2 Usage Example

Two scenarios for preparing `mapping --stParaFile` input file `{lane}.bcPara` with Q40 FASTQ input:



Please Note! Replace `{SN}` with your Stereo-seq Chip T serial number (SN, e.g. SS200000135TL\_D1 or A00135D1), and `{lane}` with the FASTQ lane name prefix (e.g. E100026571\_L01)

The same applies to all examples.

Q40 scenario 1: Prepare `{lane}.bcPara` file for Q40 one pair FASTQ as `mapping` input:

```
$ mkdir /path/to/output/01.mapping
$ vim /path/to/output/01.mapping/{lane}.bcPara
in=/path/to/data/{SN}.barcodeToPos.h5
in1=/path/to/data/{lane}_read_1.fq.gz
in2=/path/to/data/{lane}_read_2.fq.gz
barcodeReadsCount=/path/to/output/01.mapping/{lane}.barcodeReadsCount.txt
barcodeStart=0
barcodeLen=25
umiStart=25
umiLen=10
mismatch=1
bcNum=645784920 ## Input the first line from output of CIDCount
polyAnum=15
mismatchInPolyA=2
```

Q40 scenario 2: Prepare `{lane}.bcPara` file for Q40 multiple pair of FASTQ as `mapping` input:

```
...
$ mkdir /path/to/multi_lane_output/01.mapping
$ vim /path/to/multi_lane_output/01.mapping/{lane}.bcPara
in=/path/to/data/{SN}.barcodeToPos.h5
in1=/path/to/data/{lane}_read_1.fq.gz
in2=/path/to/data/{lane}_read_2.fq.gz
barcodeReadsCount=/path/to/multi_lane_output/01.mapping/{lane}.barcodeReadsCount.txt
barcodeStart=0
barcodeLen=25
umiStart=25
umiLen=10
mismatch=1
bcNum=645784920 ## Input the first line from output of CIDCount
polyAnum=15
mismatchInPolyA=2
```

Run **mapping** for Q40 input:

```

...
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif mapping \
  --outSAMattributes spatial \
  --outSAMtype BAM SortedByCoordinate \
  --genomeDir /path/to/genomeDir \
  --runThreadN 8 \
  --outFileNamePrefix /path/to/output/01.mapping/{lane}. \
  --sysShell /bin/bash \
  --stParaFile /path/to/output/01.mapping/{lane}.bcPara \
  --readNameSeparator "\" \" \
  --limitBAMsortRAM 38582880124 \
  --limitOutSJcollapsed 10000000 \
  --limitIObufferSize=280000000 \
  --outBAMsortingBinsN 50 \
  > /path/to/output/01.mapping/{lane}.run.log

```

Two scenarios for preparing **mapping** `--stParaFile` input file `{index}.bcPara` with Q4 FASTQ input:

**Q4 scenario 1:** Prepare `{index}.bcPara` file for Q4 FASTQ that contains one barcode in library or did not split barcode when writing FASTQ:



**Please Note!** `{index}` need to be replaced by the index of the split mask file which is corresponding to the index of the Q4 FASTQ file.

```

...
$ mkdir /path/to/output/01.mapping
$ vim /path/to/output/01.mapping/{index}.bcPara
in=/path/to/output/00.splitmask/{index}.{SN}.barcodeToPos.bin ## split mask file
in1=/path/to/data/{lane}_{index}.fq.gz ## {index}th FASTQ file in {lane}
barcodeReadsCount=/path/to/output/01.mapping/{index}.barcodeReadsCount.txt
barcodeStart=0
barcodeLen=24
umiStart=25
umiLen=10
mismatch=1
bcNum=38284877 ## Input the first line from output of CIDCount
polyAnum=15
mismatchInPolyA=2

```

**Q4 scenario 2:** Prepare `{idx}.bcPara` file for Q4 FASTQ that has multiple barcodes in the library and split when writing FASTQ:



**Please Note!** `{index}` needs to be replaced by the real index number of the split mask file and `{idx}` needs to be replaced by the index number of the input FASTQ file. For example, `{index}` and `{idx}` of the first barcode group are "01-16" and "01-16", `{index}` and `{idx}` of the second barcode group are "01-16" and "17-32".

```

$ mkdir /path/to/output/01.mapping
$ vim /path/to/output/01.mapping/{idx}.bcPara
in=/path/to/output/00.splitmask/{index}.{SN}.barcodeToPos.bin ## split mask file
in1=/path/to/data/{lane}_{index}.fq.gz ## {index}th FASTQ file in {lane}. FASTQ
files for different barcode usually stores in different directory, so /path/to/
data/ might change to /path/to/data/{barcode_n}
barcodeReadsCount=/path/to/ouptut/01.mapping/{idx}.barcodeReadsCount.txt
barcodeStart=0
barcodeLen=24
umiStart=25
umiLen=10
mismatch=1
bcNum=38284877 ## Input the first line from output of CIDCount
polyAnum=15
mismatchInPolyA=2

```

In case there are too many FASTQ files that need to be processed, an easier way is to organize them into a `FQ_{index}.list` file. The requirement for preparing a `FQ_{index}.list` file is to gather all the FASTQs with the same index as the split mask together, since these files are all split by the same logic.

Q4 FASTQ name

`/path/to/data/E100026571_L01/barcode_2/E100026571_L01_2_16.fq.gz`

Get the list input conveniently like:

```

$ sh manage.sh <FASTQDirList> <outdir> <SN>

FASTQDirList = <Q4 FASTQ directory list which record directory paths line byline>
outdir = <directory to output FQ.list files>
SN = <Stereo-seq chip serial number>

```

[https://github.com/STOmics/SAW/blob/main/Scripts/Get\\_FASTQ\\_list.sh](https://github.com/STOmics/SAW/blob/main/Scripts/Get_FASTQ_list.sh)

An example to display `FQ.list` file :

```

$ cat SN_Q4_fastq_16.list ## a FASTQ list file gathers all the FASTQs whose index
is 16
/path/to/data/lane_1_16.fq.gz
/path/to/data/lane_2_16.fq.gz

```

Then input the path of `FQ_{index}.list` file for `in1` parameter in the `{idx}.bcPara` file. The `{index}` of `FQ_{index}.list` and the `{index}` of split mask file have to be the same.

```

$ mkdir /path/to/output/01.mapping
$ vim /path/to/output/01.mapping/{index}.bcPara
in=/path/to/output/00.splitmask/{index}.{SN}.barcodeToPos.bin ## split mask file
in1=/path/to/output/{SN}_Q4_fastq_{index}.list
barcodeReadsCount=/path/to/output/01.mapping/{idx}.barcodeReadsCount.txt
barcodeStart=0
barcodeLen=24
umiStart=25
umiLen=10
mismatch=1
bcNum=38284877 ## Input the first line from output of CIDCount
polyAnum=15
mismatchInPolyA=2

```

### Run mapping pipeline

```

$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif mapping \
  --outSAMattributes spatial \
  --outSAMtype BAM SortedByCoordinate \
  --genomeDir /path/to/genomeDir \
  --runThreadN 8 \
  --outFileNamePrefix /path/to/output/01.mapping/{index}. \ ## {in-
dex} or {idx} depending on the scenario
  --sysShell /bin/bash \
  --stParaFile /path/to/output/01.mapping/{index}.bcPara \ ## {in-
dex} or {idx} depending on the scenario
  --readNameSeparator \| \| \
  --limitBAMsortRAM 38582880124 \
  --limitOutSJcollapsed 10000000 \
  --limitIObufferSize=280000000 \
  --outBAMsortingBinsN 50 \
  > /path/to/output/01.mapping/{index}.run.log ## {index} or {idx}
depending on the scenario

```

## 2.3.3 Outputs

Q40 scenario 1 output files are organized as below:

```
$ tree /path/to/output/01.mapping/  
/path/to/output/01.mapping/  
├── lane.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.bam  
├── lane.barcodeReadsCount.txt  
├── lane.bcPara  
├── lane.CIDMap.stat  
├── lane.Log.final.out  
├── lane.Log.out  
├── lane.Log.progress.out  
├── lane.run.log  
└── lane.SJ.out.tab
```

Q40 scenario 2 output files are organized as below (Here shows an example of 2 pairs of FASTQ):



**If one sample has multiple FASTQ files, you need to run `mapping` for each FASTQ pair.**

```
$ tree /path/to/multi_lane_output/01.mapping  
/path/to/multi_lane_output/01.mapping  
├── lane1.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.bam  
├── lane1.barcodeReadsCount.txt  
├── lane1.bcPara  
├── lane1.CIDMap.stat  
├── lane1.Log.final.out  
├── lane1.Log.out  
├── lane1.Log.progress.out  
├── lane1.run.log  
├── lane1.SJ.out.tab  
├── lane2.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.bam  
├── lane2.barcodeReadsCount.txt  
├── lane2.bcPara  
├── lane2.CIDMap.stat  
├── lane2.Log.final.out  
├── lane2.Log.out  
├── lane2.Log.progress.out  
├── lane2.run.log  
└── lane2.SJ.out.tab
```

Q4 scenario 1 (one barcode in library or did not split barcode when writing FASTQ) output files are organized as below:

```
$ tree /path/to/output/01.mapping
/path/to/output/01.mapping
├── 01.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.bam
├── 01.barcodeReadsCount.txt
├── 01.bcPara
├── 01.CIDMap.stat
├── 01.Log.final.out
├── 01.Log.out
├── 01.Log.progress.out
├── 01.run.log
├── 01.SJ.out.tab
├── ...
├── 16.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.bam
├── 16.barcodeReadsCount.txt
├── 16.bcPara
├── 16.CIDMap.stat
├── 16.Log.final.out
├── 16.Log.out
├── 16.Log.progress.out
├── 16.run.log
├── 16.SJ.out.tab
```

Q4 scenario 2 (multiple barcodes in the library and split when writing FASTQ) output files are organized as below (Here shows an example of 2 barcodes):

```
$ tree /path/to/output/01.mapping
/path/to/output/01.mapping
/path/to/output/01.mapping
├── 01.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.bam
├── 01.barcodeReadsCount.txt
├── 01.bcPara
├── 01.CIDMap.stat
├── 01.Log.final.out
├── 01.Log.out
├── 01.Log.progress.out
├── 01.run.log
├── 01.SJ.out.tab
├── ...
├── 128.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.bam
├── 128.barcodeReadsCount.txt
├── 128.bcPara
├── 128.CIDMap.stat
├── 128.Log.final.out
├── 128.Log.out
├── 128.Log.progress.out
├── 128.run.log
├── 128.SJ.out.tab
```

## 2.4 merge (optional)

SAW **merge** pipeline is used to combine the results of **mapping**.

Running **merge** requires the following file:

- **mapping** output mapped CID list files (**.txt**)
- 🕒 Expected running time for ~1G reads 2 lanes: ~5 min, Memory: ~5G

### 2.4.1 Arguments and Options

Table 2-5 merge Arguments and Options

Parameter	Function
[1]	(Required) Path to the Stereo-seq Chip T mask file.
[2]	(Required) Mapped CID list files with read counts for each CID.
[3]	(Required) Mapped CID list file which merges all input files.

### 2.4.2 Usage Example

```

$ mkdir /path/to/multi_lane_output/02.merge
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif merge \
  /path/to/data/{SN}.barcodeToPos.h5 \
  /path/to/multi_lane_output/01.mapping/{lane1}.barcodeReadsCount.txt, /path/to/
multi_lane_output/01.mapping/{lane2}.barcodeReadsCount.txt \ ## change {lane} to
{index} or {idx} for Q4 and change /path/to/multi_lane_output/ to /path/to/output/
for SE single lane scenario
  /path/to/multi_lane_output/02.merge/{SN}.barcodeReadsCount.txt

```

\* Please be noted that we use the backward slash “\” to indicate the end of a line in a command that spans multiple lines.

### 2.4.3 Ouputs

The output file of **merge** has been organized as below:

```

$ tree /path/to/multi_lane_output/02.merge
/path/to/multi_lane_output/02.merge
├── {SN}.merge.barcodeReadsCount.txt

```

## 2.5 count

SAW **count** is an efficient general-purpose read annotation pipeline that label reads with their overlapped genomic features and outputs statistical information for the overall summarization result. Through quantification of annotated reads, **count** generates spatial gene expression data after de-duplicating reads according to CID, gene ID, and MID information. Usually, SAW **count** is run on the **Uniquely Mapped Reads** filtered from **mapping** output based on the reference genome annotation records. Starting from SAW v5.1.3, **count** allows the utilization of some Multi-Mapped Reads in quantification (**--multi\_map**). The gene expression level in SAW pipeline is the summation of both intron and exon MID count. To support downstream analysis that might be required of different genomic features, **count** also outputs exon MID count separately.

Running **count** requires the following files:

- **mapping** output BAM file (**.bam**)
- Reference genome annotation GFF/GTF<sup>9,10</sup> file (**.gff / .gtf**)
- 🕒 Expected running time for ~1G reads: 0.5 h, Memory: ~45 G

### 2.5.1 Arguments and Options

Table 2-6 **count** Arguments and Options

Parameter	Function
<b>-i</b>	(Required) <b>mapping</b> output BAM file. Separate multiple files by comma.
<b>-o</b>	(Required) Set the <b>count</b> output BAM file name.
<b>-a</b>	(Required) Gene annotation GFF/GTF file.
<b>-s</b>	(Required) Set the <b>count</b> output statistical summary report file name.
<b>-e</b>	(Required) Set the <b>count</b> output gene expression file name.
<b>--umi_len</b>	(Required; defaults to 10) MID length.
<b>--sn</b>	(Required) Stereo-seq Chip T serial number (SN).
<b>-c</b>	(Optional; defaults to detected) CPU core number to use. Minimum value is 8, recommended value is 24.
<b>--save_lq</b>	(Optional; defaults to false) Save low-quality reads if set.
<b>--save_dup</b>	(Optional; defaults to false) Save duplicate reads if set.
<b>--umi_on</b>	(Optional; defaults to false) Correct MID if set.
<b>--sat_file</b>	(Optional; defaults to None) Set the saturation sampling file name which is prepared for sequencing saturation (requires <b>--umi_on</b> ).
<b>--multi_map</b>	(Optional; defaults to disable) Set to enable multi-mapped reads correction. This correction consists of two logics. 1) The first logic is the correction of multi-gene reads which is a read mapped uniquely to a genomic region where multiple genes overlap. In this scenario, the read has to overlap with a genomic locus greater than 50% of its read length. If the genomic feature (exon, intron, or intergenic) of all the mapped genes includes exon and intron, then select the alignment record mapped to exon in preference to intron. If more than one gene locus belongs to the same genomic feature type, then pick the one that has the longest overlap. Otherwise, label the read to "intergenic." 2) The second logic is to select and correct one of the multi-mapped reads and add the count to gene expression matrix. The first step is to group reads by QNAME. Select reads in the group mapped to exon in preference to those mapped to intron. Then correct the longest overlapped reads (at least overlapped greater than 50% of its read length) in the group to unique read and correct its MAPQ to 255. Set the MAPQ of the remaining reads to 0.

## 2.5.2 Usage Example

```

$ mkdir -p /path/to/output/03.count
$ geneExp=/path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.raw.gcf
$ saturationSamplingFile=/path/to/output/03.count/{SN}_raw_barcode_gene_exp.txt
$ singularity exec SAW_v6.1.sif count \
  -i /path/to/output/01.mapping/{lane}.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.bam \
  -o /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.merge.q10.dedup.
* target.bam \
  -a /path/to/reference/genes.gtf \
  -s /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.merge.q10.dedup.
* target.bam.summary.stat \
  -e ${geneExp} \
  --umi_len 10 \
  --sat_file ${saturationSamplingFile} \
  --sn {SN} \
  --umi_on \
  --save_lq \
  --save_dup \
  -c 24

```

\* Please be noted that we use the backward slash “\” to indicate the end of a line in a command that spans multiple lines.

For more than one pair of FASTQ files (Here shows an example of 2 pairs of FASTQ):

```

$ mkdir -p /path/to/multi_lane_output/03.count ## change /path/to/multi_lane_out-
put/ to /path/to/output/ for SE single lane scenario
$ geneExp=/path/to/multi_lane_output/03.count/{SN}.raw.gcf
$ saturationSamplingFile=/path/to/multi_lane_output/03.count/{SN}_raw_barcode_gene_
exp.txt
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif count \
  -i /path/to/multi_lane_output/01.mapping/{lane1}.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.
* bam,/path/to/ multi_lane_output/01.mapping/{lane2}.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.
## change {lane} to {index} or {idx} for SE
  -o /path/to/multi_lane_output/03.count/{SN}.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.
* merge.q10.dedup.target.bam \
  -a /path/to/reference/genes.gtf \
  -s /path/to/multi_lane_output/03.count/{SN}.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.
* merge.q10.dedup.target.bam.summary.stat \
  -e ${geneExp} \
  --umi_len 10 \
  --sat_file ${saturationSamplingFile} \
  --sn {SN} \
  --umi_on \
  --save_lq \
  --save_dup \
  -c 24

```

\* Please be noted that we use the backward slash “\” to indicate the end of a line in a command that spans multiple lines.

For dealing with multi-mapped reads:

```
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif count \
  -i /path/to/output/01.mapping/{lane}.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.bam \
  -o /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.merge.q10.dedup.
target.bam \
  -a /path/to/reference/genes.gtf \
  -s /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.merge.q10.dedup.
target.
bam.summary.stat \
  -e ${geneExp} \
  --umi_len 10 \
  --sat_file ${saturationSamplingFile} \
  --sn {SN} \
  --umi_on \
  --save_lq \
  --save_dup \
  -c 24 \
  --multi_map
```

### 2.5.3 Ouputs

The **count** output files are organized as below:

```
$ tree /path/to/output/03.count
/path/to/output/03.count
├── SN.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.merge.q10.dedup.target.bam
├── SN.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.merge.q10.dedup.target.bam.csi
├── SN.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.merge.q10.dedup.target.bam.summary.stat
├── SN_raw_barcode_gene_exp.txt
└── SN.raw.gef
```



When you run **mapping** using reference genome with rRNA information and the switch of **rRNAremove** is on, **PASS FILTER** item in **\*.bam.summary.stat** file will not contain the number of the reads mapped to rRNA reference.

## 2.6 register

SAW **register** pipeline aligns the microscopic tissue staining images with the plot of gene expression matrix generated by **count** based on the track lines on the chip while establishing the mapping relationship between images and spatial gene expression distribution. Staining images include:

- DAPI/ssDNA image for cell nucleus;
- IF (immunofluorescence) image for protein.
- H&E (hematoxylin and eosin) image for cell nuclei, extracellular matrix and cytoplasm.

SAW **register** includes four main modules, stitching, tissue segmentation, cell segmentation, and registration. Stitching combines microscopic images with overlapping sections to create a panoramic image (skip stitching if the input image is already a panoramic image). Tissue and cell segmentation modules detect and mask out tissue and cell coverage region, respectively. Registration module aligns the stitched image and the expression matrix, and at the same time registered masks from segmentation modules with the gene expression matrix using the same parameters. When it comes to the scenario of DAPI and mIF (multiple immunofluorescence images), this module outputs the registered DAPI and mIF image files. Tissue segmentation of IF image adopts the method of threshold segmentation, while cell segmentation of it is the intersection result of IF tissue segmentation, DAPI tissue segmentation and DAPI cell segmentation.

In addition, stitching and segmentation modules can be run separately with registration.

 **QC-failed data which is manually processed are supported currently. The tissue or cell segmentation image will adopt the manually processed results from ImageStudio (Both QC failure and success are accepted). More to the manual tutorial on GitHub.**

Running **register** requires the following files:

- **count** output gene expression matrix file (**.raw.gef**)
- The microscopic tissue staining image file (**.tar.gz**) processed by **ImageStudio**. **register** is compatible with QC outputs from **ImageStudio** v3.
- **ImageStudio** Image process record file (**.ipr**)
- 🕒 Expected running time for 1 cm x 1 cm Stereo-seq Chip T image: ~7.5 h, Memory: ~20 G

 **Cell segmentation is the most time-consuming part. You may use `-w False` to skip cell segmentation, but still perform stitching, tissue segmentation and registration.**

### 2.6.1 Arguments and Options

Table 2-7 **register** Arguments and Options

Parameter	Function
<b>-i</b>	(Required) ImageQC/ImageStudio processed staining image TAR.GZ file or image pre-processed output directory.
<b>-c</b>	(Required) ImageQC/ImageStudio IPR (image process record) file. IPR is designed to efficiently hold images and process records generated from each image processing step along with metadata in various data types. Please check <a href="#">Stereo-seq File Format Manual</a> to get more information on the IPR file.
<b>-v</b>	(Optional. Depends on <b>-i</b> ) <b>count</b> output gene expression matrix GEF file.
<b>-o</b>	(Required) Path to the directory where to store the <b>register</b> outputs.

Parameter	Function
<b>-w</b>	(Required, bool) Whether to do cell segmentation.
<b>-P</b>	(Optional, str=None) Customized IF thresholds and separated by comma and correspond to -g, e.g "-p 70,70".
<b>-g</b>	(Optional, str=None) IF group names and separated by comma, e.g "-g 355_ID,648_IF".
<b>--gpu</b>	(Optional, str=-1) Set GPU ID. eg: "--gpu 0". Default using CPU by "--gpu -1".
<b>--core</b>	(Optional, int=os.cpu_count()) Set CPU core number.



### Preparation of GPU Usage:

```
pip install onnxruntime-gpu==1.15.1
```

```
export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/usr/local/cuda/lib64:$LD_LIBRARY_PATH
```

## 2.6.2 Usage Example

Scenario 1: Process images from ImageQC/ImageStudio output data and gene expression matrix. Perform stitching, tissue segmentation, cell segmentation, and registration with gene expression matrix.

```
$ image=/path/to/data/image
$ image4register=$(find ${image} -maxdepth 1 -name {SN}*.tar.gz | head -1)
$ imageQC=$(find ${image} -maxdepth 1 -name {SN}*.ipr | head -1)
$ mkdir -p /path/to/output/04.register
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif register \
    -i ${image4register} \
    -c ${imageQC} \
    -v /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.raw.gef \
    -o /path/to/output/04.register
    -w True ## do cell segmentation
```

Scenario 2: Process images from ImageQC/ImageStudio output data. Perform stitching, tissue segmentation, and cell segmentation without doing registration with the gene expression matrix.

```
$ image=/path/to/data/image
$ image4register=$(find ${image} -maxdepth 1 -name {SN}*.tar.gz | head -1)
$ imageQC=$(find ${image} -maxdepth 1 -name {SN}*.ipr | head -1)

$ mkdir -p /path/to/output/04.register
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif register \
    -i ${image4register} \
    -c ${imageQC} \
    -o /path/to/output/04.register
    -w True ## do cell segmentation
```

Scenario 3: Process images from scenario 2. register processed images with gene expression matrix.

```

$ imageQC=$(find /path/to/output/04.register -maxdepth 1 -name {SN}*.ipr | head -1)
$ mkdir -p /path/to/output/04.register
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif register \
  -i /path/to/output/04.register \ ## -i input scenario 2 output directory
  -c ${imageQC} \ ## scenario 2 output IPR
  -v /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.raw.gef \
  -o /path/to/output/04.register
  -w False ## cell segmentation has been done in Scenario 2

```

## 2.6.3 Outputs

register output files of scenario 1 and scenario 3 (if `-i` and `-o` are identical) are organized as below:

```

$ tree /path/to/output/04.register
/path/to/output/04.register
... ## skip setting files, logs and image folder
├── <stainType>_fov_stitched_transformed.tif
└── SN_<chipType>_date_time_version.ipr

```

register output files of scenario 2:

```

$ tree /path/to/output/04.register
/path/to/output/04.register
... ## skip setting files, logs and image folder
├── <stainType>_fov_stitched_transformed.tif
└── SN_<chipType>_date_time_version.ipr

```

register output files of scenario 3 if `-i` and `-o` are two different paths:

```

$ tree /path/to/output/04.register
/path/to/output/04.register
... ## skip logs
└── SN_<chipType>_date_time_version.ipr

```

## 2.7 imageTools

SAW **imageTools** is a handy toolkit designed to play with image data in SAW. **imageTools ipr2img** (or **ipr2img**, available from SAW ST >= v5.0.0) is required in SAW core pipeline “decode” images from the processed IPR file. SAW **imageTools ipr2img** outputs TIFF images from IPR such as pre-registered ssDNA stitched image, tissue segmentation and cell segmentation mask TIFFs, as well as registered three types of images.

Running `imageTools ipr2img` requires the following files:

- ImageQC/ImageStudio processed microscopic tissue staining image file (**.tar.gz**)
- `register` processed Image process record file (**.ipr, compatible with v0.0.1 and v0.1.0**)
- 🕒 Expected running time for 1 cm x 1 cm Stereo-seq Chip T image: ~5 min, Memory: ~10 G

## 2.7.1 Arguments and Options

Table 2-8 `imageTools ipr2img` Arguments and Options

Command	Parameter	Function
<code>ipr2img</code>	<code>-i</code>	(Required) ImageQC/ImageStudio processed staining image TAR.GZ file.
	<code>-c</code>	(Required) IPR (image process record) file. IPR is designed to efficiently hold image information generated from each processing step and datasets in various compound types along with metadata. Please check <a href="#">Stereo-seq File Format Manual</a> to get more information on IPR file.
	<code>-d</code>	(Required) Segmentation module names. Convert segmentation mask TIFF from IPR for the selected modules. Valid options: <code>tissue</code> and <code>cell</code> . Separate modules by space.
	<code>-r</code>	(Required; default to True) Whether output registered images or pre-registered images. “Pre-registered” state stands for the images that have been stitched to a single panoramic image and transformed to have the same scale with the gene expression matrix, but still need to be flipped, 90°rotated, or translated. The options are <code>True</code> for output registered images and <code>False</code> for output pre-registered images.
	<code>-o</code>	(Required) Path to the directory where to store the <code>ipr2img</code> outputs.



Please check [2.14.4 Other applications of imageTools](#) to learn more about `imageTools`.

## 2.7.2 Usage Example

```

$ image=/path/to/data/image
$ image4register=$(find ${image} -maxdepth 1 -name {SN}*.tar.gz | head -1)
$ imageIPR=$(find /path/to/output/04.register -maxdepth 1 -name {SN}*.ipr | head -1)
## has to be a processed IPR

$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif imageTools ipr2img \
  -i ${image4register} \
  -c ${imageIPR} \
  -d tissue cell \ ## output both tissue and cell segmentation mask TIFF
  -r True \
  -o /path/to/output/04.register

```

## 2.7.3 Outputs

`imageTools ipr2img` output files (if the parent directory path of `-c` IPR and `-o` are identical) are organized as below:

```
$ tree /path/to/output/04.register
/path/to/output/04.register
... ## skip setting files, logs and image folder
├── <stainType>_fov_stitched_transformed.tif
├── <stainType>_matrix_template.txt
├── <stainType>_SN_mask.tif
├── <stainType>_SN_regist.tif
├── <stainType>_SN_tissue_cut.tif
├── <stainType>_transform_template.txt
├── fov_stitched_transformed.rpi
├── SN.rpi
└── SN_<chipType>_date_time_version.ipr
```

`imageTools ipr2img` output files (if the parent directory path of `-c` IPR and `-o` are two different paths) are organized as below:

```
$ tree /path/to/output/04.register_tmp
/path/to/output/04.register_tmp
... ## skip logs and image folder
├── <stainType>_fov_stitched_transformed.tif
├── <stainType>_matrix_template.txt
├── <stainType>_SN_mask.tif
├── <stainType>_SN_regist.tif
├── <stainType>_SN_tissue_cut.tif
├── <stainType>_transform_template.txt
└── SN.rpi
```

## 2.8 tissueCut

SAW `tissueCut` pipeline can delineate and extract the tissue coverage area based on the aligned image generated from `register` and `imageTools` or from the plot of gene expression matrix (if microscopic tissue staining images are not available). `tissueCut` outputs expression data in GEF format.



If the output of `tissueCut` doesn't match the morphology of the tissue, users could handle this issue with the help of `ImageStudio`, `StereoMap` or `Stereopy`<sup>11</sup>. If the `tissueCut` was run with an image, users could manually redo tissue segmentation for the image via `ImageStudio` and run `register`, `imageTools` and `tissueCut` again. Otherwise, manually delineate tissue coverage region from the gene expression distribution plot via `StereoMap` and then put the result into the SAW-lasso pipeline (2.15.6 `lasso`), or do lasso selection and expression matrix extraction via `Stereopy` ([Stereopy->Tutorials->MatrixExport](#)).

Running `tissueCut` requires the following files:

- Mapped CID list file (**.txt**)
- `count` output gene expression matrix file (**.raw.gef**)
- `imageTools ipr2img` output tissue segmentation mask TIFF file (**.tif, optional**)
- 🕒 Expected running time for ~1G reads: ~6 min, Memory: ~6 G

## 2.8.1 Arguments and Options

Table 2-9 `tissueCut` Arguments and Options

Parameter	Function
<code>--dnbfile</code>	(Optional) Mapped CID list file with reads counts for each CID. Input merged mapped CID list file if more than one list file was generated in <code>mapping</code> .
<code>-i</code>	(Required) <code>count</code> output gene expression matrix file.
<code>-o</code>	(Required) Path to the directory where to store the <code>tissueCut</code> outputs.
<code>-s</code>	(Optional) Path to the <code>imageTools ipr2img</code> output tissue segmentation mask file. Only valid when <code>register</code> has been performed.
<code>--sn</code>	(Required) Stereo-seq Chip T serial number (SN).
<code>--omics,-O</code>	(Required; default to Transcriptomics) String that specifies the omics.
<code>-d</code>	(Required) Set to generate required plots for <code>report</code> .
<code>-t</code>	(Optional) Number of threads used in numpy (recommended to fill 8 here).
<code>-b</code>	(Optional; default to 1,20,50,100,200) Set to specify bin sizes, separated by comma.
<code>-l</code>	(Optional) Set to specify the output label name.

## 2.8.2 Usage Example

Run `tissueCut` if `register` aligned microscopic staining image is provided:

- Generate tissue GEF based on the corresponding tissue mask image.

```

$ nucleusLayer=$(find /path/to/output/04.register -maxdepth 1 -name *fov_stitched_
transformed.tif -exec sh -c 'for f do basename -- "$f" _fov_stitched_transformed.
tif;done' sh {} + | grep -v IF)
$ tissueMaskFile=$(find /path/to/output/04.register -maxdepth 1 -name ${nucle-
usLayer}*_tissue_cut.tif)

$ mkdir -p /path/to/output/05.tissuecut
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif tissueCut \
  --dnbfile /path/to/output/02.merge/{SN}.merge.barcodeReadsCount.txt \
  -i /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.raw.gef \
  -o /path/to/output/05.tissuecut \
  -s ${tissueMaskFile} \
  --sn {SN} -O Transcriptomics -d

```

- Output GEF with a customized label.

```

$ label=<labelName> ## customized label name
$ labelMaskFile=$(find /path/to/output/04.register -maxdepth 1 -name *${la-
bel}*_tissue_cut.tif)

$ mkdir -p /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissuecut_${label}
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif tissueCut \
  --dnbfile /path/to/output/02.merge/{SN}.merge.barcodeReadsCount.txt \

```

```

-i /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.raw.gef \
-o /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissuecut_{$label} \
-s ${labelMaskFile} \
-l {$label}
--sn {SN} -O Transcriptomics -d

```

Run `tissueCut` if image is not available:

```

$ mkdir -p /path/to/output/05.tissuecut
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif tissueCut \
  --dnbfile /path/to/output/02.merge/{SN}.merge.barcodeReadsCount.txt \
  -i /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.raw.gef \
  -o /path/to/output/05.tissuecut \
  --sn {SN} -O Transcriptomics -d

```

## 2.8.3 Outputs

`tissueCut` output files:

Image is provided:

- Generate tissue GEF based on the corresponding tissue mask image.

```

$ tree /path/to/output/05.tissuecut
/path/to/output/05.tissuecut
├── SN.tissue.gef
├── tissuecut.stat
├── tissue_fig
│   ├── scatter_100x100_MID_gene_counts.png
│   ├── scatter_150x150_MID_gene_counts.png
│   ├── scatter_200x200_MID_gene_counts.png
│   ├── scatter_20X20_MID_gene_counts.png
│   ├── scatter_50x50_MID_gene_counts.png
│   ├── statistic_100x100_MID_gene_DNB.png
│   ├── statistic_150x150_MID_gene_DNB.png
│   ├── statistic_200x200_MID_gene_DNB.png
│   ├── statistic_20X20_MID_gene_DNB.png
│   ├── statistic_50x50_MID_gene_DNB.png
│   ├── violin_100x100_MID_gene.png
│   ├── violin_150x150_MID_gene.png
│   ├── violin_200x200_MID_gene.png
│   ├── violin_20X20_MID_gene.png
│   └── violin_50x50_MID_gene.png

```

- Output GEF with a customized label.

```

$ tree /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissuecut_<label>
/path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissuecut_<label>
...
├── tissuecut_<label>
│   ├── SN.<label>.raw.label.gef
│   ├── <label>.tissuecut.stat
│   └── tissue_fig
│       ├── scatter_100x100_MID_gene_counts.png
│       ├── scatter_150x150_MID_gene_counts.png
│       ├── scatter_200x200_MID_gene_counts.png
│       ├── scatter_20x20_MID_gene_counts.png
│       ├── scatter_50x50_MID_gene_counts.png
│       ├── statistic_100x100_MID_gene_DNB.png
│       ├── statistic_150x150_MID_gene_DNB.png
│       ├── statistic_200x200_MID_gene_DNB.png
│       ├── statistic_20x20_MID_gene_DNB.png
│       ├── statistic_50x50_MID_gene_DNB.png
│       ├── violin_100x100_MID_gene.png
│       ├── violin_150x150_MID_gene.png
│       ├── violin_200x200_MID_gene.png
│       ├── violin_20x20_MID_gene.png
│       └── violin_50x50_MID_gene.png
...

```

Image is not provided:

```

$ tree /path/to/output/05.tissuecut
/path/to/output/05.tissuecut
├── 100X100_contour_image.png ## bin100 expression png
├── bin1_img.tif ## bin1 expresion distribution TIFF file
├── bin1_img_tissue_cut.tif ## tissue mask acquried from bin1 expression distribu-
tion plot
├── SN.tissue.gef
├── tissuecut.stat
└── tissue_fig
    ├── scatter_100x100_MID_gene_counts.png
    ├── scatter_150x150_MID_gene_counts.png
    ├── scatter_200x200_MID_gene_counts.png
    ├── scatter_20X20_MID_gene_counts.png
    ├── scatter_50x50_MID_gene_counts.png
    ├── statistic_100x100_MID_gene_DNB.png
    ├── statistic_150x150_MID_gene_DNB.png
    ├── statistic_200x200_MID_gene_DNB.png
    ├── statistic_20X20_MID_gene_DNB.png
    ├── statistic_50x50_MID_gene_DNB.png
    ├── violin_100x100_MID_gene.png
    ├── violin_150x150_MID_gene.png
    ├── violin_200x200_MID_gene.png
    ├── violin_20X20_MID_gene.png
    └── violin_50x50_MID_gene.png

```

## 2.9 spatialCluster

SAW **spatialCluster** pipeline performs clustering analysis for spots using Stereopy. The clustering procedure includes 4 main steps: 1) preprocess gene expression data from the tissue-coverage region (normalize, logarithmize, identify highly-variable genes, and scale each gene), 2) reduce the dimensionality of the data by running PCA, 3) compute the neighborhood graph and embed neighborhood graph using UMAP, 4) clustering by Leiden algorithm.

Running **spatialCluster** requires the following files:

- **tissueCut** output GEF file for the tissue-covered region (**.tissue.gef**)
- 🕒 Expected running time for ~1G reads: ~1 min, Memory: ~5 G

### 2.9.1 Arguments and Options

Table 2-10 **spatialCluster** Arguments and Options

Parameter	Function
<b>-i</b>	(Required) <b>tissueCut</b> output GEF file for the tissue coverage area.
<b>-o</b>	(Required) Output path for the clustering result in H5AD format.
<b>-s</b>	(Required; default to 50) Bin size.
<b>-r</b>	(Required; default to 1.0) Leiden resolution which controls the coarseness of the clustering. Higher values lead to more clusters. Leiden resolution is a floating value in the range of 0.1 to 1.

### 2.9.2 Usage Example

```

$ mkdir -p /path/to/output/06.spatialcluster
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif spatialCluster \
  -i /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/{SN}.tissue.gef \
  -r 1.0 \
  -s 200 \
  -o /path/to/output/06.spatialcluster/{SN}.spatial.cluster.h5ad
## SN is suffixed with bin_size and resolution information

```

### 2.9.3 Outputs

**spatialCluster** output files are:

```

$ tree /path/to/output/06.spatialcluster
/path/to/output/06.spatialcluster
├── SN.bin200_1.0.spatial.cluster.h5ad

```

## 2.10 cellCut

SAW **cellCut** pipeline runs to extract expression matrix of cell nucleus based on the aligned image generated from **register** and **imageTools**. **cellCut** outputs expression data in cell bin GEF format. Run **cellCut** if cell bin results are desired.

Running **cellCut** requires the following files:

- **count** output gene expression matrix file (**.raw.gef**)
- **register** and **imageTools** output cell segmentation mask TIFF file (**.tif**)

🕒 Expected running time for ~1G reads: ~2 min, Memory: ~10 G

### 2.10.1 Arguments and Options

Table 2-11 **cellCut** Arguments and Options

Commands	Parameters	Function
cgef	<b>-i, --input-file</b>	(Required) Input GEF file.
	<b>-m, --mask-file</b>	(Required) Input cell segmentation mask file.
	<b>-o, --output-file</b>	(Required) Output cell bin GEF file.
	<b>-b, --block</b>	(Optional; default to 256,256) Block size.
	<b>-r, --rand-celltype</b>	(Optional; default to 0) Number of random cell type.
	<b>-t, --threads</b>	(Optional; default to 1) Number of threads.
	<b>-v, --verbose</b>	(Optional) Verbose output.
	<b>-n, --cnum</b>	(Optional; default to 5000) Top level cell number.
	<b>-R, --ratio</b>	(Optional; default to 20) Other level cell number ratio.
	<b>-a, --allocat</b>	(Optional; default to 2) Allocation strategy.
	<b>-g, --raw-gem</b>	(Optional) Raw GEM file.
	<b>-c, --canvas</b>	(Optional; default to 0,0,90000,90000) Set canvas size, minX,minY,-maxX maxY.
	<b>-l, --limit</b>	(Optional; default to 16,16) Set block limit.
	<b>-S, --split</b>	(Optional; default to 0) Split cellID to layers and blocks.
<b>-w, --errorCode-file</b>	(Optional; default to false) Set to turn on error code mode.	



Please check [2.14.1 Other applications of cellCut](#) to learn more about **cellCut**.

## 2.10.2 Usage Example

Run `cellCut` only if `register` aligned microscopic staining image is provided:

```

$ mkdir -p /path/to/output/051.cellcut
$ nucleusLayer=$(find /path/to/output/04.register -maxdepth 1 -name *fov_stitched_
transformed.tif -exec sh -c 'for f do basename -- "$f" _fov_stitched_transformed.
tif;done' sh {} + | grep -v IF)
$ nucleusMask=$(find /path/to/output/04.register -maxdepth 1 -name ${nucleusLayer}*
mask.tif)

$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif cellCut cgef \
  -i /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.raw.gef \
  -m ${nucleusMask} \
  -o /path/to/output/051.cellcut/{SN}.cellbin.gef

```

## 2.10.3 Outputs

`cellCut` output files:

```

$ tree /path/to/output/051.cellcut
/path/to/output/051.cellcut
├── SN.cellbin.gef

```

## 2.11 cellCorrect

SAW `cellCorrect` pipeline runs to make adjustments based on the aligned cell segmentation image generated from `register` and `imageTools` and extract expression matrix of the adjusted one. `cellCorrect` outputs expression data in cell bin GEF and GEM formats. Run `cellCorrect` if results of cell correction are desired.

Running `cellCorrect` requires the following files:

- `count` output gene expression matrix file (**.raw.gef**)
- `register` and `imageTools` output cell segmentation mask TIFF file (.tif)
- 🕒 Expected running time for ~1G reads: ~2 min, Memory: ~10 G

### 2.11.1 Arguments and Options

Table 2-12 `cellCluster` Arguments and Options

Parameter	Function
<code>-i</code>	(Required) Input GEF file.
<code>-m</code>	(Required) Input cell segmentation mask file.
<code>-d</code>	(Required; default to 10) Outspread distance based on the cellular contour of cell segmentation image, in pixels.
<code>-o</code>	(Required) Path to output cell bin GEF, GEM and adjusted mask files.

## 2.11.2 Usage Example

Run `cellCorrect` as below:

```
$ nucleusLayer=$(find /path/to/output/04.register -maxdepth 1 -name *fov_stitched_
transformed.tif -exec sh -c 'for f do basename -- "$f" _fov_stitched_transformed.
tif;done' sh {} + | grep -v IF)
$ nucleusMask=$(find /path/to/output/04.register -maxdepth 1 -name ${nucleusLayer}*
mask.tif)

$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif cellCorrect \
  -i /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.raw.gef \
  -m ${nucleusMask} \
  -d 10 \
  -o /path/to/output/051.cellcut
```

## 2.11.3 Outputs

`cellCorrect` output files:

```
$ tree /path/to/output/051.cellcut
/path/to/output/051.cellcut
├── SN.adjusted.cellbin.gef
├── <stainType>_SN_mask_edm_dis_10.tif
└── SN.adjusted.gem
```

## 2.12 cellCluster

SAW `cellCluster` pipeline runs by clustering cells using the Leiden algorithm similarly to the procedures of `spatialCluster`. Run `cellCluster` if cell bin results are desired.

Running `cellCluster` requires the following files:

- `cellCut` output cell bin gene expression matrix file (**.cellbin.gef**)
- 🕒 Expected running time for ~1G reads: ~5 min, Memory: ~5 G

### 2.12.1 Arguments and Options

Table 2-12 `cellCluster` Arguments and Options

Parameter	Function
<code>-i</code>	(Required) <code>cellCut</code> output cell bin gene expression matrix file.
<code>-o</code>	(Required) Output path to the clustering result in H5AD format.

## 2.12.2 Usage Example

```

$ mkdir -p /path/to/output/061.cellcluster
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif cellCluster \
  -i /path/to/output/051.cellcut/{SN}.adjusted.cellbin.gef \
  -o /path/to/output/061.cellcluster/{SN}.adjusted.cell.cluster.h5ad

$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif cellCluster \
  -i /path/to/output/051.cellcut/{SN}.cellbin.gef \
  -o /path/to/output/061.cellcluster/{SN}.cell.cluster.h5ad

```

## 2.12.3 Outputs

cellCluster output files:

```

$ tree /path/to/output/061.cellcluster
/path/to/output/061.cellcluster
├── SN.adjusted.cell.cluster.h5ad
└── SN.cell.cluster.h5ad

```

## 2.13 saturation

SAW **saturation** pipeline is performed to compute the sequencing saturation for the tissue coverage area.

Running **saturation** requires the following files:

- **mapping** output statistical report of CID mapping (**.stat**)
- **count** output saturation sampling file (**.txt**)
- **count** output statistical report of annotation (**.stat**)
- **tissueCut** output GEF file for the tissue coverage area (**.tissue.gef**)

🕒 Expected running time for ~1G reads: ~5 min, Memory: ~5 G

### 2.13.1 Arguments and Options

Table 2-13 **saturation** Arguments and Options

Parameter	Function
<b>-i</b>	(Required) <b>count</b> output saturation sampling file.
<b>--tissue</b>	(Required) <b>tissueCut</b> output GEF file for the tissue coverage area.
<b>-o</b>	(Required) Path to the directory where to store the <b>saturation</b> outputs. There has to be an existing path.
<b>--bcstat</b>	(Required) <b>mapping</b> output statistical report of CID mapping. Separate multiple files by comma.
<b>--summary</b>	(Required) <b>count</b> output statistical report of annotation.

## 2.13.2 Usage Example

```

$ mkdir -p /path/to/output/07.saturation
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif saturation \
  -i /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}_raw_barcode_gene_exp.txt \
  --tissue /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/{SN}.tissue.gef \
  -o /path/to/output/07.saturation \
  --bcstat /path/to/output/01.mapping/{lane}.CIDMap.stat \
  --summary /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.merge.q10.
dedup.target.bam.summary.stat

```

\* Please be noted that these two lines belong to the same line of command.

For more than one pair of FASTQ files (Here showing an example of 2 pairs of FASTQ),

```

$ mkdir -p /path/to/multi_lane_output/07.saturation
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif saturation \
  -i /path/to/multi_lane_output/03.count/{SN}_raw_barcode_gene_exp.txt \
  --tissue /path/to/multi_lane_output/05.tissuecut/{SN}.tissue.gef \
  -o /path/to/multi_lane_output/07.saturation \
  --bcstat /path/to/multi_lane_output/01.mapping/{lane1}.CIDMap.stat,/path/to/
multi_lane_output/01.mapping/{lane2}.CIDMap.stat \
  --summary /path/to/multi_lane_output/03.count/{SN}.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.
merge.q10.dedup.target.bam.summary.stat

```

\* Please be noted that we use the backward slash “\” to indicate the end of a line in a command that spans multiple lines.

## 2.13.3 Outputs

saturation output files:

```

$ tree /path/to/output/07.saturation
├── plot_1x1_saturation.png
├── plot_200x200_saturation.png
└── sequence_saturation.tsv

```

## 2.14 report

SAW **report** pipeline is performed to integrate analysis results from each step and generate the report in JSON format as well as a web report in HTML format. HTML analytical report integrate genes' spatial expression distribution, key statistical metrics, sequencing saturation plots, clustering analysis results, and image processing information. When it comes to the scenario of mIF, pseudo color (up to 7) is used on the bottom layer of clustering results.

Running **report** requires the following files and information:

- **mapping** output statistical report of CID mapping and **STAR** alignment (**.stat, .out**)
  - **count** output statistical report of annotation (**.stat**)
  - **register** processed image process record file and image pyramid RPI file (**.ipr, .rpi**)
  - **tissueCut** and **cellCut** (if available) output GEF file, statistical report of tissue-covered region, plots and image pyramid RPI file (**.gef, .stat, .png**)
  - **spatialCluster** and **cellCluster** (if available) output clustering H5AD file (**.h5ad**)
  - **saturation** output bin200 sequence saturation plot (**.png**)
  - species, tissue, and reference information
- 🕒 Expected running time for ~1G reads: ~1 min, Memory: 1G

### 2.14.1 Arguments and Options

Table 2-14 **report** Arguments and Options

Parameter	Function
<b>-m</b>	(Required) Statistical report of CID mapping. Separate multiple files by comma.
<b>-a</b>	(Required) Statistical report of STAR alignment. Separate multiple files by comma.
<b>-g</b>	(Required) Statistical report of annotation.
<b>-l</b>	(Required) Statistical report of tissue-covered region.
<b>-n</b>	(Required) GEF file that has wholeExp/bin200. Please check <a href="#">2.14.1 Other applications of cellCut</a> to get more information of GEF completion.
<b>-b</b>	(Required) <b>tissueCut</b> output bin 200 scatter plot.
<b>-v</b>	(Required) <b>tissueCut</b> output bin 200 violin plot.
<b>-c</b>	(Required) <b>tissueCut</b> output bin 200 statistics plot.
<b>--bin20Saturation</b>	(Required) <b>tissueCut</b> output bin 20 scatter plot.
<b>--bin20violin</b>	(Required) <b>tissueCut</b> output bin 20 violin plot.
<b>--bin20MIDGeneDNB</b>	(Required) <b>tissueCut</b> output bin 20 statistics plot.
<b>--bin50Saturation</b>	(Required) <b>tissueCut</b> output bin 50 scatter plot.
<b>--bin50violin</b>	(Required) <b>tissueCut</b> output bin 50 violin plot.
<b>--bin50MIDGeneDNB</b>	(Required) <b>tissueCut</b> output bin 50 statistics plot.
<b>--bin100Saturation</b>	(Required) <b>tissueCut</b> output bin 100 scatter plot.
<b>--bin100violin</b>	(Required) <b>tissueCut</b> output bin 100 violin plot.
<b>--bin100MIDGeneDNB</b>	(Required) <b>tissueCut</b> output bin 100 statistics plot.
<b>--bin150Saturation</b>	(Required) <b>tissueCut</b> output bin 150 scatter plot.

Parameter	Function
<b>--bin150violin</b>	(Required) tissueCut output bin 150 violin plot.
<b>--bin150MIDGeneDNB</b>	(Required) tissueCut output bin 150 statistics plot.
<b>-d</b>	(Required) spatialCluster output H5AD file.
<b>-t</b>	(Required) saturation output bin 200 sequence saturation plot.
<b>-r standard_version</b>	(Required) Set to specifying report version.
<b>-s</b>	(Required) The Stereo-seq Chip T serial number.
<b>--pipelineVersion</b>	(Required) Set to specifying analysis pipeline version.
<b>-o</b>	(Required) The directory to store outputs.
<b>--species</b>	(Required) A string of species name.
<b>--tissue</b>	(Required) A string of tissue type.
<b>-reference</b>	(Required) A string of reference used for mapping
<b>--rpi_resolution</b>	(Optional; default to 100) The resolution of RPI. Valid options: <b>2, 10, 50, 100, 150</b> .
<b>-i</b>	(Optional) The image pyramid RPI file.
<b>--iprFile</b>	(Optional) A processed IPR (image process record) file.
<b>--cellBinGef</b>	(Optional) The cell bin GEF file.
<b>--cellCluster</b>	(Optional) cellCluster output H5AD file.
<b>--tissue_fig</b>	(Optional) The directory of statistical images from tissueCut.
<b>--qc_metrics</b>	(Optional) The customized QC-metrics file (.xlsx) for SAW. QC-metrics focus on sequencing quality, and performance of in situ restoration of sequencing reads. For example, "Total Q30" and "Fraction MID in Spots Under Tissue".

## 2.14.2 Usage Example

Run `report` if `register` aligned microscopic staining image is provided and has cell bin output:



**Please Note! Replace `{SN}`, `{lane}`, `{species_name}`, `{tissue_type}`, `{reference_index}` with the real information.**

```

$ imageIPR=$(find /path/to/output/04.register -maxdepth 1 -name {SN}*.ipr | head
-1) ## has to be a processed IPR
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif cellCut bgef \
  -i /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.raw.gef \
  -o /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/{SN}.gef \
  -b 1,10,20,50,100,200,500 \
  -O Transcriptomics
* $ mkdir -p /path/to/output/08.report
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif report \
  -m /path/to/output/01.mapping/{lane}.CIDMap.stat \
  -a /path/to/output/01.mapping/{lane}.Log.final.out \
  -g /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.merge.q10.dedup.
target.bam.summary.stat \
  -l /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissuecut.stat \
  -n /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/{SN}.gef \

```

\* Please be noted that we use the backward slash “\” to indicate the end of a line in a command that spans multiple lines.

```

gene_counts.png \,--bin20violin,--bin20MIDGeneDNB
-d /path/to/output/06.spatialcluster/{SN}.bin200_1.0.spatial.cluster.h5ad \
-t /path/to/output/07.saturation/plot_200x200_saturation.png \
-b /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/scatter_200x200_MID_gene_counts.
png \
-v /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/violin_200x200_MID_gene.png \
-c /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/statistic_200x200_MID_gene_DNB.
png \
--bin20Saturation /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/scatter_20x20_MID_
gene_counts.png \
--bin20violin /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/violin_20x20_MID_gene.
png \
--bin20MIDGeneDNB /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/statistic_20x20_
MID_gene_DNB.png \
--bin50Saturation /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/scatter_50x50_MID_
gene_counts.png \
--bin50violin /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/violin_50x50_MID_gene.
png \
--bin50MIDGeneDNB /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/statistic_50x50_
MID_gene_DNB.png \
--bin100Saturation /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/scatter_100x100_
MID_gene_counts.png \
--bin100violin /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/violin_100x100_MID_
gene.png \
--bin100MIDGeneDNB /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/statis-
tic_100x100_MID_gene_DNB.png \
* --bin150Saturation /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/scatter_150x150_
MID_gene_counts.png \
--bin150violin /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/violin_150x150_MID_
gene.png \
--bin150MIDGeneDNB /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/statis-
tic_150x150_MID_gene_DNB.png \
--cellBinGef /path/to/output/051.cellcut/{SN}.adjusted.cellbin.gef \
--cellCluster /path/to/output/061.cellcluster/{SN}.adjusted.cell.cluster.h5ad \
-i /path/to/output/04.register/{SN}.rpi \
-r standard_version \
-s {SN} \
--pipelineVersion SAW_v7.0.0 \
--iprFile ${imageIPR} \
--species {species_name} \
--tissue {tissue_type} \
--reference {reference_index} \
-o /path/to/output/08.report

```

\* Please be noted that we use the backward slash “\” to indicate the end of a line in a command that spans multiple lines.

For more than one pair of FASTQ files (Here showing an example of 2 pairs of FASTQ),

```

...
$ mkdir -p /path/to/multi_lane_output/08.report
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif cellCut bgef \
  -i /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.raw.gef \
  -o /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/{SN}.gef \
  -b 1,10,20,50,100,200,500 \
  -O Transcriptomics
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif report \
  -m /path/to/multi_lane_output/01.mapping/{lane1}.CIDMap.stat,/path/to/multi_
  lane_output/01.mapping/{lane2}.CIDMap.stat \
  -a /path/to/multi_lane_output/01.mapping/{lane1}.Log.final.out,/path/to/
  multi_lane_output/01.mapping/{lane2}.Log.final.out \
  -g /path/to/multi_lane_output/03.count/{SN}.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.merge.
  q10.dedup.target.bam.summary.stat \
  -l /path/to/multi_lane_output/05.tissuecut/tissuecut.stat \
  -n /path/to/multi_lane_output/05.tissuecut/{SN}.gef \
  -d /path/to/multi_lane_output/06.spatialcluster/{SN}.bin200_1.0.spatial.
  cluster.h5ad \
  -t /path/to/multi_lane_output/07.saturation/plot_200x200_saturation.png \
  -b /path/to/multi_lane_output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/scatter_200x200_MID_
  gene_counts.png \
  -v /path/to/multi_lane_output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/violin_200x200_MID_
  gene.png \
  -c /path/to/multi_lane_output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/statistic_200x200_MID_
  gene_DNB.png \
  --bin20Saturation /path/to/multi_lane_output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/scat-
  ter_20x20_MID_gene_counts.png \
  --bin20violin /path/to/multi_lane_output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/vio-
  lin_20x20_MID_gene.png \
  --bin20MIDGeneDNB /path/to/multi_lane_output/05.tissuecut/tissue_
  fig/statistic_20x20_MID_gene_DNB.png \
  --bin50Saturation /path/to/multi_lane_output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/scat-
  ter_50x50_MID_gene_counts.png \
  --bin50violin /path/to/multi_lane_output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/vio-
  lin_50x50_MID_gene.png \
  --bin50MIDGeneDNB /path/to/multi_lane_output/05.tissuecut/tissue_
  fig/statistic_50x50_MID_gene_DNB.png \
  --bin100Saturation /path/to/multi_lane_output/05.tissuecut/tissue_
  fig/scatter_100x100_MID_gene_counts.png \
  --bin100violin /path/to/multi_lane_output/05.tissuecut/tissue_
  fig/violin_100x100_MID_gene.png \
  --bin100MIDGeneDNB /path/to/multi_lane_output/05.tissuecut/tissue_
  fig/statistic_100x100_MID_gene_DNB.png \
  --bin150Saturation /path/to/multi_lane_output/05.tissuecut/tissue_
  fig/scatter_150x150_MID_gene_counts.png \

```

```

--bin150violin /path/to/multi_lane_output/05.tissuecut/tissue_
fig/violin_150x150_MID_gene.png \
--bin150MIDGeneDNB /path/to/multi_lane_output/05.tissuecut/tissue_
fig/statistic_150x150_MID_gene_DNB.png \
--cellBinGef /path/to/output/051.cellcut/{SN}.adjusted.cellbin.gef \
--cellCluster /path/to/output/061.cellcluster/{SN}.adjusted.cell.cluster.h5ad
-i /path/to/multi_lane_output/04.register/{SN}.rpi \
-r standard_version \
-s {SN} \
--pipelineVersion SAW_v7.0.0 \
--iprFile ${imageIPR} \
--species {species_name} \
--tissue {tissue_type} \
--reference {reference_index} \
-o /path/to/multi_lane_output/08.report

```

\* Please be noted that we use the backward slash “\” to indicate the end of a line in a command that spans multiple lines.

Run **report** of outputs in which the microscopic image has been registered with gene expression matrix but did not perform cell segmentation. Here is an example of just one pair of FASTQ,

```

$ mkdir -p /path/to/output/08.report
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.0.sif cellCut bgef \
-i /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.raw.gef \
-o /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/{SN}.gef \
-b 1,10,20,50,100,200,500 \
-O Transcriptomics

$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.0.sif report \
-m /path/to/output/01.mapping/{lane}.CIDMap.stat \
-a /path/to/output/01.mapping/{lane}.Log.final.out \
-g /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.merge.q10.dedup.
target.bam.summary.stat \
-l /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissuecut.stat \
-n /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/{SN}.gef \
-d /path/to/output/06.spatialcluster/{SN}.bin200_1.0.spatial.cluster.h5ad \
-t /path/to/output/07.saturation/plot_200x200_saturation.png \
-b /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/scatter_200x200_MID_gene_counts.png
\
-v /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/violin_200x200_MID_gene.png \
-c /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/statistic_200x200_MID_gene_DNB.png
\
--bin20Saturation /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/scatter_20x20_MID_
gene_counts.png \
--bin20violin /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/violin_20x20_MID_gene.
png \
--bin20MIDGeneDNB /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/statistic_20x20_MID_
gene_DNB.png \

```

\* Please be noted that we use the backward slash “\” to indicate the end of a line in a command that spans multiple lines.

```

--bin50Saturation /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/scatter_50x50_MID_
gene_counts.png \
--bin50violin /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/violin_50x50_MID_gene.
png \
--bin50MIDGeneDNB /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/statistic_50x50_MID_
gene_DNB.png \
--bin100Saturation /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/scatter_100x100_
MID_gene_counts.png \
--bin100violin /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/violin_100x100_MID_
gene.png \
--bin100MIDGeneDNB /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/statistic_100x100_
MID_gene_DNB.png \
--bin150Saturation /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/scatter_150x150_
MID_gene_counts.png \
--bin150violin /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/violin_150x150_MID_gene.
png \
--bin150MIDGeneDNB /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/statistic_150x150_
MID_gene_DNB.png \
-i /path/to/output/04.register/{SN}.rpi \
-r standard_version \
-s {SN} \
--pipelineVersion SAW_v7.0.0 \
--iprFile ${imageIPR} \
--species {species_name} \
--tissue {tissue_type} \
--reference {reference_index} \
-o /path/to/output/08.report

```

Run **report** for **register** aligned microscopic staining image is absent (Here shows an example of just one pair of FASTQ, similar to multiple pairs),

```

$ mkdir -p /path/to/output/08.report
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif cellCut bgef \
-i /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.raw.gef \
-o /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/{SN}.gef \
-b 1,10,20,50,100,200,500 \
-O Transcriptomics
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif report \
-m /path/to/output/01.mapping/{lane}.CIDMap.stat \
-a /path/to/output/01.mapping/{lane}.Log.final.out \
-g /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.Aligned.sortedByCoord.out.merge.q10.dedup.
target.bam.summary.stat \

```

\* Please be noted that we use the backward slash “\” to indicate the end of a line in a command that spans multiple lines.

```

-l /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissuecut.stat \
-n /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/{SN}.gef \
-d /path/to/output/06.spatialcluster/{SN}.bin200_1.0.spatial.cluster.h5ad \
-t /path/to/output/07.saturation/plot_200x200_saturation.png \
-b /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/scatter_200x200_MID_gene_counts.
png \
-v /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/violin_200x200_MID_gene.png \
-c /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/statistic_200x200_MID_gene_DNB.
png \
--bin20Saturation /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/scatter_20x20_MID_
gene_counts.png \
--bin20violin /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/violin_20x20_MID_gene.
png \
--bin20MIDGeneDNB /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/statistic_20x20_
MID_gene_DNB.png \
--bin50Saturation /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/scatter_50x50_MID_
gene_counts.png \
--bin50violin /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/violin_50x50_MID_gene.
png \
--bin50MIDGeneDNB /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/statistic_50x50_
MID_gene_DNB.png \
--bin100Saturation /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/scatter_100x100_
MID_gene_counts.png \
--bin100violin /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/violin_100x100_MID_
gene.png \
--bin100MIDGeneDNB /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/statis-
tic_100x100_MID_gene_DNB.png \
--bin150Saturation /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/scatter_150x150_
MID_gene_counts.png \
--bin150violin /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/violin_150x150_MID_
gene.png \
--bin150MIDGeneDNB /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/tissue_fig/statis-
tic_150x150_MID_gene_DNB.png \
-r standard_version \
-s {SN} \
--pipelineVersion SAW_v7.0.0 \
--species {species_name} \
--tissue {tissue_type} \
--reference {reference_index} \
-o /path/to/output/08.report

```

\* Please be noted that we use the backward slash “\” to indicate the end of a line in a command that spans multiple lines.



### 2.14.3 Outputs

**report** output files that have cell bin data input are organized as below:

```
$ tree /path/to/output/08.report
/path/to/output/08.report
├── scatter_1x1_MID_gene_counts.png
├── SN.report.html
├── SN.statistics.json
├── statistic_1x1_cell_area.png
├── statistic_1x1_DNB.png
├── statistic_1x1_gene.png
├── statistic_1x1_MID.png
├── violin_1x1_gene.png
└── violin_1x1_MID.png
```

**report** output files that the cell bin data inputs are absent:

```
$ tree /path/to/output/08.report
/path/to/output/08.report
├── SN.report.html
└── SN.statistics.json
```

## 2.15 Other Applications

### 2.15.1 Other applications of cellCut

SAW **cellCut** is also an application for manipulating GEF file. SAW contains this tool to convert GEF format gene expression matrix to plain table or complete a GEF. Users may also manipulate the GEF files using the separate individual C++ compiled program `gefptools`<sup>12</sup> or its python encapsulated package `gefpy`<sup>13</sup>.

## 2.15.1.1 Arguments and Options

Table 2-15 Other applications of cellCut Arguments and Options

Commands	Parameters	Function
view	<b>-i, --input-file</b>	(Required) Input bin GEF file or cell bin GEF file.
	<b>-o, --output-file</b>	(Optional; default to stdout) Output GEM file.
	<b>-d, --exp_data</b>	(Optional; default to "") Input bin1 GEF to get cell bin GEM.
	<b>-m, --mask-file</b>	(Optional; default to "") Input cell segmentation mask file, when cell bin GEM is expected output.
	<b>-b, --bin-size</b>	(Optional; default to 1) Set bin size for bin GEF file. Only valid for bin GEF.
	<b>-s, --serial-number</b>	(Required) Stereo-seq Chip T serial number.
	<b>-e, --exon</b>	(Optional; default to 1) Whether or not output exon group.
bgef	<b>-w, --errorCode-file</b>	(Optional; default to false) Determine output error code to file.
	<b>-i, --input-file</b>	(Required) Input gene expression matrix file (.gem/.gem.gz) or bin1 GEF file.
	<b>-o, --output-file</b>	(Required) Output bin GEF file.
	<b>-b, --bin-size</b>	(Required; default to 1,10,20,50,100,200,500) Comma-separate bin size list.
	<b>-r, --region</b>	(Optional; default to "") A rectangular region represented by the comma-separated list of vertex coordinates. For example, minX,maxX-,minY,maxY.
	<b>-t, --threads</b>	(Optional; default to 8) Number of threads.
	<b>-s, --stat</b>	(Optional; default to true) Whether create stat group. Stat group includes a gene dataset which contains total MIDcount and E10 score for each gene.
cgef	<b>-O, --omics</b>	(Required; default to Transcriptomics) Specify the omics.
	<b>-v, --verbose</b>	(Optional) Verbose output.
	<b>-w, --errorCode-file</b>	(Optional; default to false) Determine output error code to file.
	<b>-i, --input-file</b>	(Required) Input GEF file.
	<b>-m, --mask-file</b>	(Required) Input cell segmentation mask file.
	<b>-o, --output-file</b>	(Required) Output cell bin GEF file.
	<b>-b, --block</b>	(Optional; default to 256,256) Block size.
	<b>-r, --rand-celltype</b>	(Optional; default to 0) Number of random cell type.
	<b>-t, --threads</b>	(Optional; default to 1) Number of threads.
	<b>-v, --verbose</b>	(Optional) Verbose output.
	<b>-n, --cnum</b>	(Optional; default to 5000) Top level cell number.
	<b>-R, --ratio</b>	(Optional; default to 20) Other level cell number ratio.
	<b>-a, --allocat</b>	(Optional; default to 2) Allocation strategy.
	<b>-g, --raw-gem</b>	(Optional) Raw GEM file.
	<b>-c, --canvas</b>	(Optional; default to 0,0,90000,90000) Set canvas size, minX, minY, maxX, maxY.
<b>-l, --limit</b>	(Optional; default to 16,16) Set block limit.	
<b>-S, --split</b>	(Optional; default to 0) Split cellID to layers and blocks.	
<b>-w, --errorCode-file</b>	(Optional; default to false) Set to turn on error code mode.	

## 2.14.1.2 Usage Examples

Function 1: GEF to plain table GEM format

```

...
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif cellCut view \  ## convert GEF that only contains
bin1 geneExp
  -s {SN} \
  -i /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.raw.gef \
  -o {SN}.raw.gem
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif cellCut view \  ## convert a whole GEF
  -s {SN} \
  -i /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/{SN}.gef \
  -o {SN}.gem
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif cellCut view \  ## convert tissue GEF that only
contains bin1 geneExp
  -s {SN} \
  -i /path/to/output/05.tissuecut/{SN}.tissue.gef \
  -o {SN}.tissue.gem
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif cellCut view \  ## convert cellbin GEF to cellbin
GEM
  -s {SN} \
  -i /path/to/output/051.cellcut/{SN}.cellbin.gef \
  -o {SN}.cellbin.gem \
  -d /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.raw.gef

```

Function 2: completion of a GEF

```

...
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif cellCut bgef \  ## complete GEF that only contains
bin1 geneExp group to a whole GEF, you may specify the bin size using "-b". Sepa-
rate multiple bin size with comma
  -i /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.tissue.gef \
  -o {SN}.tissue.complete.gef \
  -b 1,20,50,100 \
  -O Transcriptomics

```

Function 3: converting GEM to GEF

```

...
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif cellCut bgef \  ## convert GEM to GEF in specific
bin size. Separate multiple bin sizes with comma
  -i {SN}.gem \
  -o {SN}.gef \
  -b 1,20,50 \
  -O Transcriptomics

```

Example of GEF to GEM conversion using `gefpy`, users may specify the bin size.

```

...
$ python
>>> from gefpy.bgef_reader_cy import BgefR
>>> bgef=BgefR(filepath='/path/to/output/05.tissuecut/{SN}.tissue.gef',bin_
size=200,n_thread=4)
>>> bgef.to_gem('{SN}.tissue.bin200.gem')

```

## 2.14.2 checkGTF

SAW **checkGTF** is an application for checking whether the GTF/GFF file is in the correct format as the input for **count**, especially the limitation to the length of gene names.

Running **checkGTF** requires the following files:

- Reference genome annotation GFF/GTF<sup>9,10</sup> file (**.gff / .gtf**)

### 2.14.2.1 Arguments and Options

Table 2-17 **checkGTF** Arguments and Options

Parameter	Function
<b>-i</b>	(Required) Gene annotation GFF/GTF file.
<b>-o</b>	(Required) Output a re-format GFF/GTF file.

### 2.14.2.2 Usage Examples

```
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif checkGTF \
  -i /path/to/reference/genes.gtf \
  -o /path/to/reference/genes_new.gtf \
```

## 2.14.3 Other applications of imageTools

Besides **ipr2img**, **imageTools** has three more functions: **img2rpi** (writes images in RPI format), **merge** (merges stain image with tissue segmentation and cell segmentation images to check the segmentation result), and **overlay** (stacks inferred track line template with stitched panoramic image to check stitching result or stacks track line template from matrix with registered panoramic image to check registration result).

### 2.14.3.1 Arguments and Options

Table 2-18 Other applications of `imageTools` Arguments and Options

Commands	Parameters	Function
<b>img2rpi</b>	<b>-i</b>	(Required) Input TIFF file. Separate multiple files by comma.
	<b>-g</b>	(Required) Set the '<stainType>/<imageType>' of the input TIFF stores in the RPI. Separate multiple files by comma, the order of groups needs to be exactly same with the input TIFF files.
	<b>-b</b>	(Required) Bin sizes. Separate multiple bin sizes with space, for example 1 10 50 100
	<b>-o</b>	(Required) Output path for the RPI file. Has to use absolute path or relative path.
	<b>-c</b>	(Optional) Customized mask colors in RGB format only valid for (/<stainType>/TissueMask_<label>/Color. The default color is set to be (255,255,255) for one mask. Separate multiple mask colors by comma and add escape characters before brackets. For example: -c \ (10,20,30\),\ (30,40,50\).
<b>merge</b>	<b>-i</b>	(Required) Input TIFF files. Separate multiple files by comma. The maximum number of TIFF files to be composited is three, and the channel order is R-G-B.
	<b>-o</b>	(Required) Output path for the multichannel image.
<b>overlay</b>	<b>-i</b>	(Required) Input TIFF file. Usually input a pre-registered panoramic image if overlaid with the stitching template derived from track cross, and input a registered microscopic image if overlaid with the track line template acquired from gene expression matrix.
	<b>-c</b>	(Required) Image configuration file (.ipr) or template points file (.txt).
	<b>-o</b>	(Required) Output path of the TIFF file which has the template overlaid on the selected image.
<b>ipr2img</b>	<b>-d</b>	(Required) Module name. Convert template from IPR for the selected modules. Valid options: <b>stitch</b> or <b>register</b> .
	<b>-l</b>	(Optional, default to 30) Cross limbs length in pixel.
	<b>-w</b>	(Optional, default to 1) Cross line thickness in pixel.
	<b>-i</b>	(Required) ImageQC/ImageStudio processed staining image TAR.GZ file.
	<b>-c</b>	(Required) IPR (image process record) file. IPR is designed to efficiently hold image information generated from each processing step and datasets in various compound types along with metadata. Please check <a href="#">Stereo-seq File Format Manual</a> to get more information on IPR file.
	<b>-d</b>	(Required) Segmentation module names. Convert segmentation mask TIFF from IPR for the selected modules. Valid options: <b>tissue</b> and <b>cell</b> . Separate modules by space.
	<b>-r</b>	(Required; default to True) Whether output registered images or pre-registered images. "Pre-registered" state stands for the images that have been stitched to a single panoramic image and transformed to have the same scale with the gene expression matrix, but still need to be flipped, rotated, or translated. The options are <b>True</b> for output registered images and <b>False</b> for output pre-registered images.
	<b>-o</b>	(Required) Path to the directory where to store the <code>imageTools ipr2img</code> outputs.

### 2.14.3.2 Usage Examples

#### Function 1: img2rpi

```

$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif imageTools img2rpi \
  -i /path/to/output/04.register/<stainType1>_fov_stitched_transformed.tif,/
  path/to/output/04.register/<stainType2>_fov_stitched_transformed.tif \
  -g <stainType1>/<ImageType>,<stainType2>/<ImageType>\
  -b 1 10 50 100 \
  -o /path/to/output/04.register/fov_stitched_transformed.rpi  ## this RPI is
  used for manual registration in StereoMap

```

```

# An easy example of transforming multiple <stainType>_fov_stitched_transformed.tif
# and storing as '<stainType>/Image' into fov_stitched_transformed.rpi

$ registerTif=$(find /path/to/output/04.register -maxdepth 1 -name \
  *fov_stitched_transformed.tif)
$ regTifStr=$(echo $registerTif | tr ' ' ',')
$ regGroup=$(find /path/to/output/04.register -maxdepth 1 -name \
  '*fov_stitched_transformed.tif' -exec sh -c 'for f do basename -- "$f" \
  _fov_stitched_transformed.tif;done' sh {} +)
$ regGroupStr=$(echo $regGroup | sed 's/ \|$\/Image,/g' | sed 's/.$//') \

$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif imageTools img2rpi \
  -i ${regTifStr} \
  -g ${regGroupStr} \ ## <stainType>/Image ,<stainType>/Image
  -g 1 10 50 100 \
  -o /path/to/output/04.register/fov_stitched_transformed.rpi

```

\* Please be noted that we use the backward slash “\” to indicate the end of a line in a command that spans multiple lines.

```

## Cutomize labeled-tissue-mask color

$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif imageTools img2rpi \
  -i /path/to/<stainType>_{SN}_<label01>_tissue_cut.tif,/path/to/<stainType>_{SN}
  _<label02>_tissue_cut.tif\
  -g <stainType>/TissueMask_<label01>,<stainType>/TissueMask_<label02> \
  -o /path/to/output/04.register/<stainType>_stitch_check_tmplt.tif \
  -g 1 10 50 100 \
  -c \ (100,200,255\),\ (200,25,255\ ) \ ## escape character "|" before brackets
  -o /path/to/fov_stitched.rpi  ## this RPI could be used for manual registration
  in StereoMap

```

Function 2: `merge` (`-i` Arbitrary up to three grayscale images (`.tif`))

```

$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif imageTools merge \
  -i /path/to/output/04.register/<stainType>_{SN}_regist.tif,/path/to/output/04.
* register/<stainType>_{SN}_tissue_cut.tif,/path/to/output/04.register/<stainType>_
  {SN}_mask.tif \
  -o /path/to/output/04.register/merge.tif

```

\* Please be noted that we use the backward slash “\” to indicate the end of a line in a command that spans multiple lines.

Function 3: `overlay`

Overlay stitching template in IPR or in a TXT format with the pre-registered panoramic image to check the stitching result.

```

## stitch
preRegImage=/path/to/output/04.register/<stainType>_fov_stitched_transformed.tif
imageIPR=$(find /path/to/output/04.register -maxdepth 1 -name {SN}*.ipr | head -1)
stitchTplt=/path/to/output/04.register/<stainType>_transform_template.txt

singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif imageTools overlay \
  -i ${preRegImage} \
  -c ${imageIPR} \
  -o /path/to/output/04.register/<stainType>_stitch_check.tif \
  -d stitch \
  -l 60 \
  -w 3

singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif imageTools overlay \
  -i ${preRegImage} \
  -c ${stitchTplt} \
  -o /path/to/output/04.register/<stainType>_stitch_check_tmplt.tif \
  -d stitch \
  -l 60 \
  -w 3

```

Overlay registration template in IPR or in a TXT format with the registered panoramic image.

```
## register
$ regImage=/path/to/output/04.register/<stainType>_{SN}_regist.tif
imageIPR=$(find /path/to/output/04.register -maxdepth 1 -name {SN}*.ipr | head -1)
regTplt=/path/to/output/04.register/<stainType>_matrix_template.txt

$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif imageTools overlay \
  -i ${regImage} \
  -c ${imageIPR} \
  -o /path/to/output/04.register/register_check.tif \
  -d register \
  -l 60 \
  -w 3

$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif imageTools overlay \
  -i ${regImage} \
  -c ${regTplt} \
  -o /path/to/output/04.register/register_check_tplt.tif \
  -d register \
  -l 60 \
  -w 3
```

#### Function 4: `ipr2img`

Output images (.tif) from IPR file. Other usages of this function can be found in the tutorial for manual processing workflow on GitHub (<https://github.com/STOMics/SAW/blob/main/Documents/UserManual/>).

### 2.14.4 manualRegister

SAW manualRegister pipeline is performed when automatic registration result does not meet the requirement. Users can use **StereoMap**, an offline visualization software, to manually register images with the gene expression matrix. The operation parameters are recorded in the JSON file and can be input into the SAW **manualRegister** pipeline to modify registration record in IPR. Remember to run **imageTools ipr2img** again to acquire transformed images.

Running **manualRegister** requires the following files and information:

- count output gene expression matrix file (**.raw.gef**)
- An image processing output directory, including several **\*fov\_stitched\_transformed.tif** files, usually in **/path/to/output/04.register**
- **register/rapidRegister** output IPR file (**.ipr**), supporting v0.1.0
- **StereoMap** manual registration output JSON file, recording manual operations (**.regist.json**)
- 🕒 Expected running time for 1 cm x 1 cm Stereo-seq Chip T image: ~3 min, Memory: 7 G

## 2.14.4.1 Arguments and Options

Table 2-19 manualRegister Arguments and Options

Parameters	Function
<b>-i</b>	(Required) register/rapidRegister output directory which includes a <stainType>_fov_stitched_transformed.tif or <stainType>_fov_stitched.tif file.
<b>-c</b>	(Required) register/rapidRegister output IPR file. manualRegister would overwrite registration parameters in the IPR to the manually adjusted parameters acquired from <b>StereoMap</b> .
<b>-v</b>	(Required) count output gene expression matrix GEF file.
<b>-m</b>	(Optional; default to "") The path to StereoMap output JSON file
<b>-w</b>	(Optional; default to False) False: negative degree when clockwise rotation. True: positive degree when clockwise rotation. Being valid when -m is missing.
<b>-o</b>	(Optional; default to 0 0) Offset in the x and y direction from the center of the fov_stitched_transformed.tif image. These two values are specified as "offsetX" and "offsetY" in the <b>StereoMap</b> output JSON file created after manual registration, and will be recorded as "OffsetX" and "OffsetY" in the IPR "Register" group. The offset x and offset y are separate by space.
<b>-f</b>	(Optional; default to 0) Whether flip the image horizontally along the y-axis. This value is specified as "flip" in the <b>StereoMap</b> output JSON file created after manual registration. Valid options: 1 (flip), 0 (not flip). Flip information will be recorded as "Flip" in the IPR "Register" group.
<b>-r</b>	(Optional; default to 0) The manual rotation degree from the center of the fov_stitched_transformed.tif image. This value is specified as "rotate" in the <b>StereoMap</b> output JSON file created after manual registration, and will be recorded as "ManualRotation" in the IPR "Register" group.
<b>-s</b>	(Optional; default to 0 0) The manual scale in the x and y direction from the center off the fov_stitched_transformed.tif image. These two values are specified as "extrude_x" and "extrude_y" in the <b>StereoMap</b> output JSON file created after manual registration, and will be recorded as "ManualScaleX" and "ManualScaleY" in the IPR "Register" group. The scale x and scale y are separated by space.
<b>-p</b>	(Required) Output directory.

## 2.14.4.2 Usage Examples



**Tip: get the inputs for manualRegister from StereoMap manual registration output JSON file:**

```
Option 1:
- "offsetX":{offsetX} of -o
- "offsetY":{offsetY} of -o
- "flip":{flip} of -f
- "rotate": {rotate} of -r
- "extrude_x": {extrude_x} of -s
- "extrude_y": {extrude_y} of -s
- "version":{isReversed} of -w,If this key is not present in the JSON, enter
"True". If it is present, enter "False". This parameter only takes effect when -m
is missing.
```

```
Option 2: Use StereoMap output JSON file only by -m.
```

**Scenario 1:** transform image based solely on manual operation

```

$ mkdir -p /path/to/output/manualregister
$ cp $(find /path/to/output/04.register -maxdepth 1 -name {SN}*.ipr | head -1)
/path/to/output/manualregister # we recommend to make a copy of IPR to pre-
vent overwrite original file
$ regIPR=$(find /path/to/output/manualregister -maxdepth 1 -name {SN}*.ipr |
head -1)

$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif manualRegister \
  -i /path/to/output/04.register \
  -c ${regIPR} \
  -v /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.raw.gef \
  -o {offsetX} {offsetY} \
  -f {flip} \
  -r {rotate} \
  -s {extrude_x} {extrude_y} \
  -w {isReversed} \
  -p /path/to/output/manualregister

```

**Scenario 2:** Use StereoMap output JSON file only

```

$ mkdir -p /path/to/output/manualregister
$ cp $(find /path/to/output/04.register -maxdepth 1 -name {SN}*.ipr | head -1)
/path/to/output/manualregister # we recommend to make a copy of IPR to pre-
vent overwrite original file
$ regIPR=$(find /path/to/output/manualregister -maxdepth 1 -name {SN}*.ipr |
head -1)

singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif manualRegister \
  -i /path/to/output/04.register \
  -c ${regIPR} \
  -v /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.raw.gef \
  -p /path/to/datetime.regist.json
  -p /path/to/output/manualregister

```

## 2.14.5 lasso

SAW lasso pipeline is performed to extract cell or spatial gene expression matrix(ces) of one or multiple manually delineated closed regions acquired from **StereoMap**.

Running **lasso** requires the following files and information:

- GEF file that includes **wholeExp** group or **cellCut** output cell bin GEF file (**.gef** or **.cellbin.gef**)
- **StereoMap** output coordinates list file (**.geojson**)
- 🕒 Running time and memory are highly dependent on the selected bin size and data volume.

### 2.14.5.1 Arguments and Options

Table 2-20 lasso Arguments and Options

Parameters	Function
<b>-i</b>	(Required) GEF file that includes wholeExp group or cellCut output cell bin GEF file (.gef or .cellbin.gef)
<b>-m</b>	(Required) StereoMap output coordinates list file (.geojson)
<b>-n</b>	(Required) The Stereo-seq Chip T serial number.
<b>-o</b>	(Required) Path to the directory where to store the lasso outputs. It has to be an existing path.
<b>-s</b>	(Optional for square bin, default=1) GEM Bin size. Separate multiple bin size by comma, e.g. "-s 10,20".

### 2.14.5.2 Usage Examples



**Please Note!** Replace **{SN}** with your Stereo-seq Chip T serial number (SN, e.g. SS200000135TL\_D1), **{bin}** with the bin size you want (e.g. 1, 10, 200), and **/upload/path/{taskID}** with the true path and task ID.

Scenario 1: square bin lasso

```
$ mkdir -p /path/to/output/lasso

$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif lasso \
  -i /path/to/output/03.count/{SN}.gef \
  -m /upload/path/{taskID}.anno.geojson \
  -o /path/to/output/lasso \
  -s {bin} \
  -n {SN}
```

**Scenario 2: cell bin lasso**

```

$ mkdir -p /path/to/output/lasso

$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif lasso \
  -i /path/to/output/051.tissuecut/{SN}.cellbin.gef \
  -m /upload/path/{taskID}.anno.geojson \
  -o /path/to/output/lasso \
  -n {SN}

# do cell cluster for cellbin.gef and can show clusters in StereoMap
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif lasso \
  -i /path/to/output<label>/{SN}.<label>.label.cellbin.gef \
  -o /path/to/output<label>/{SN}.<label>.label.cell.cluster.h5ad

# pre-compute rendering data and can show cellbin.gef expression heatmap in
StereoMap
$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif lasso \
  -i /path/to/output<label>/{SN}.<label>.label.cell.cluster.h5ad \
  -o /path/to/<label>

```

### 2.14.5.3 Outputs

Square bin lasso output files are:

```

$ tree /path/to/output/lasso
/path/to/output/lasso
├── <label>
│   ├── SN.<label>.label.gef
│   ├── segmentation
│   │   ├── SN.lasso.<binList[0]>.<label>.gem.gz
│   │   ├── ...
│   │   └── SN.lasso.<binList[m]>.<label>.gem.gz
│   └── SN.lasso.<label>.mask.tif

```

Cellbin lasso output files are:

```

$ tree /path/to/output/lasso
/path/to/output/lasso
├── <label>
│   └── SN.<label>.label.cellbin.gef

```

## 2.14.6 cellChunk

cellChunk is performed to generate precomputed rendering data for StereoMap. This information will be recorded in /codedCellBlock in cell bin GEF file.

Running cellChunk requires the following file:

- cell bin GEF file (**cellbin.gef**) after cellCluster.

### 2.14.6.1 Arguments and Options

Table 2-21 cellChunk Arguments and Options

Parameters	Function
<b>-i</b>	(Required) cell bin GEF file (.cellbin.gef or .cellbin.gef ) after cellCluster.
<b>-o</b>	(Required) Path to the directory where to store outputs. It has to be an existing path.

### 2.14.6.2 Usage Examples

```
$ mkdir -p /path/to/output/lasso

$ singularity exec SAW_v7.0.sif cellChunk \
  -i /path/to/output/051.cellcut/{SN}.adjusted.cellbin.gef \
  -o /path/to/051.cellcut
```