TargetSearch

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baselineCorrection Baseline correction algorithm

Description

Functions for baseline correction of GC-MS chromatograms.

Usage

Arguments

int	A matrix object of spectra peak intensities to be baseline corrected, where the columns are retention times and rows mass traces.
threshold	A numeric value between 0 and 1. A value of one sets the baseline above the noise, 0.5 in the middle of the noise and 0 below the noise.
alpha	The alpha parameter of the high pass filter.
bfraction	The percentage of the fragments with the lowest intensities of the filtered signal that are assumed to be baseline signal.
segments	The number of segments in which the filtered signal is divided.
signalWindow	The window size (number of points) used in the signal windowing step.
method	The method used to approximate the baseline. "linear" (default) uses linear interpolation. "spline" fits a cubic smoothing spline (warning: really slow).
ncData	A list returned by the function xcms:::netCDFRawData.
baseline.opts	
	A list with parameters to be passed to baselineCorrection function. For example baseline.opts = list(threshold = 0.5, alpha = 0.95).

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Details

The baseline correction algorithm is based on the work of Chang et al, and it works as follows. For every mass trace, i.e., rows of matrix int, the signal intensity is filtered by a first high pass filter: y[i] = alpha * (y[i-1] + x[i] - x[i-1]). The filtered signal is divided into evenly spaced segments (segments) and the standard deviation of each segment is calculated. A percentage (bfraction) of the segments with the lowest values are assumed to be baseline signal and the standard deviation (stdn) of the points within those segments is calculated.

Once *stdn* has been determined, the points with absolute filtered values larger than 2 * stdn are considered signal. After that, the signal windowing step takes every one of the points found to be signal as the center of a signal window (signalWindow) and marks the points within that window as signal. The remaining points are now considered to be noise.

The baseline signal is obtained by either using linear interpolation (default) or fitting a cubic smoothing spline taking only the noise. The baseline can be shifted up or down by using the parameter (threshold), which is done by the formula: B' = B + 2*(threshold - 0.5)*2*stdn, where B is the fitted spline, stdn the standard deviation of the noise, and threshold a value between 0 and 1. Finally, the corrected signal is calculated by subtracting B' to the original signal.

The baseline function is called by the function NetCDFPeakFinding before the peak picking algorithm is performed. Since it is an internal function, it is not intended to be executed directly.

Value

A matrix of the same dimensions of int with the baseline corrected intensities.

Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza

References

David Chang, Cory D. Banack and Sirish L. Shah, Robust baseline correction algorithm for signal dense NMR spectra. *Journal of Magnetic Resonance* 187 (2007) 288-292

See Also

RIcorrect

FAMEoutliers

FAME outlier detection

Description

A function to detect retention time marker (FAME) outliers.

Usage

```
FAMEoutliers(samples, RImatrix, pdffile = NA, startDay = NA, endDay = NA, threshold = 3, group.threshold = 0.05)
```

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Arguments

samples	A tsSample object created by ImportSamples function.	
RImatrix	A retention time matrix of the found retention time markers.	
pdffile	A character string naming a PDF file where the FAMEs report will be saved.	
startDay	A numeric vector with the starting days of your day groups.	
endDay	A numeric vector with the ending days of your day groups.	
threshold	A standard deviations cutoff to detect outliers.	
group.threshold		
	A numeric cutoff to detect day groups based on hierarchical clustering. Must be	
	between 01.	

Details

If no pdffile argument is given, the report will be saved on a file called "TargetSearch-YYYY-MM-DD.FAME-report.pdf", where YYYY-MM-DD is a date.

If both startDay and endDay are not given, the function will try to detect day groups using a hierarchical clustering approach by cutting the tree using group.threshold as cutoff height.

Retention time markers that deviate more than threshold standard deviations from the mean of their day group will be identified as outliers.

Value

A logical matrix of the same size of RImatrix. A TRUE value indicates that the retention time marker in that particular sample is an outlier.

Author(s)

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See Also

```
RIcorrect, ImportSamples
```

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)

# find the retention marker outliers of the example data and save it in "outlier.pdf"
outliers <- FAMEoutliers(sampleDescription, RImatrix, pdffile = "outlier.pdf")

# find the outliers (although they are reported in the output PDF file)
apply(outliers, 1, which)</pre>
```

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FindPeaks Ext	ract peaks from chromatogram files
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Description

This function extracts the maximum intensity of a list of masses in a given RI window.

Usage

Arguments

my.files A character vector naming files to be searched.

A numeric matrix with three columns or a list of three column matrices. The second column contains the masses and the first and third column contains the RI limits.

Columns A numeric vector with the positions of the columns SPECTRUM and RETENTION TIME INDEX

or a character vector with the header names of those columns.

 ${\tt showProgressBar}$

Logical. Should the progress bar be displayed?

Details

The reference library parameter reflib can be either a single three-column matrix or a list of such matrices. If it is a list, the length must match the length of my.files. In this case, every component will be used to iteratively search in the corresponding file.

Value

A tsMSdata object.

Note

This is an internal function not intended to be invoked directly.

Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

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Examples

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)

# get RI file path
RI.path <- file.path(.find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")
# update RI file path
RIpath(sampleDescription) <- RI.path

my.files <- RIfiles(sampleDescription)
# make a three column matrix: lower RI, mass, upper RI
refLib <- refLib(refLibrary)
head(refLib)

# extract the peaks
peaks <- FindPeaks(my.files, refLib)</pre>
```

fixRIcorrection

Manual Retention Time Index Correction

Description

This function can be used to manually correct the detected retention time index (RI) or to force their location to specific time.

Usage

```
fixRIcorrection(samples, rimLimits, RImatrix, sampleNames)
```

Arguments

samples A tsSample object created by ImportSamples function.

rimLimits A tsRim object. See ImportFameSettings.

RImatrix A retention time matrix of the found retention time markers that was obtained after running RIcorrect.

sampleNames A character vector naming the samples that are to be RI corrected.

Details

This function should not be needed, unless the time positions of one or more RI markers were wrongly detected, which almost never occurs. If that were to happen, check and adjust the detection time limits and run again RIcorrect before using this function.

The objects samples, rimLimits and RImatrix must be the same as those that were used in a previous call of RIcorrect.

Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza

See Also

RIcorrect, FAMEoutliers, ImportSamples, ImportFameSettings

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ImportFameSettings Retention time markers settings

Description

This function imports a list of retention standard markers.

Usage

```
ImportFameSettings(tmp.file = NA, mass = NA, ...)
```

Arguments

```
tmp.file A character string naming a file with standard markers.mass The m/z standard marker.Other options passed to read.delim function.
```

Details

The standard marker file is a tab-delimited text file with 3 or 4 columns. Column names doesn't matter. They must be in the following order.

- LowerLimit The Retention time lower limit in seconds.
- UpperLimit The Retention time upper limit in seconds.
- RIstandard The RI value of that standard.
- mass The m/z standard marker. This column is optional since it could be set by the mass parameter.

If no arguments are given, a default object will be returned.

Value

A tsRim object.

Author(s)

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See Also

```
RIcorrect, tsRim
```

```
# get the RI marker definition file
cdfpath <- file.path(.find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")
rim.file <- file.path(cdfpath, "rimLimits.txt")

# set the mass marker to 87
mass <- 87</pre>
```

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```
# load the definition
rimLimits <- ImportFameSettings(rim.file, mass = mass)
# sometimes you need to change the limits of a particular standard
rimLimits(rimLimits)[2,] <- c(410, 450)
# to change the mass value
rimMass(rimLimits) <- 85</pre>
```

ImportLibrary

Library import

Description

These functions import a metabolite library file that will be used to processed the GC-MS data. Two file formats are supported: a tab-delimited format and the more common NIST MSP format.

Usage

Arguments

libfile	A character string naming a library file. See details.	
type	The library file format. Posible options are "tab" for a tab-delimited file, "msp" for NIST MSP format, or "auto" for autodetection. Default to "auto".	
fields	A two component list. Each component contains a regular expression used to parse and extract the fields for retention index and selection masses. Only meaningful for MSP format.	
RI_dev	A three component vector with RI windows.	
SelMasses	The number of selective masses that will be used.	
TopMasses	The number of most intensive masses that will be taken from the spectrum, if no TOP_MASSES is provided.	
ExcludeMasses		
	Optional. A vector containing a list of masses that will be excluded.	
libdata	Optional. A data frame with library data. The format is the same as the library file. It is equivalent to loading the library file first with read.delim and calling ImportLibrary.tab after.	
	Further arguments passed to ImportLibrary.tab or ImportLibrary.msp	

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Details

The tab-delimited format is a tab delimited text file with the following column names.

- Name The metabolite name.
- RI The expected RI.
- SEL_MASSES A list of selective masses separated with semicolon.
- TOP_MASSES A list of the most abundant masses to be searched, separated with semicolons.
- Win_k The RI windows, k = 1,2,3. Mass search is performed in three steps. A RI window required for each one of them.
- SPECTRUM The metabolite spectrum. m/z and intensity are separated by spaces and colons.
- QUANT_MASS A list of masses that might be used for quantification. One value per metabolite and it must be one of the selective masses. (optional)

The columns Name and RI are mandatory. At least one of columns SEL_MASSES, TOP_MASSES and SPECTRUM must be given as well. By using the parameters SelMasses or TopMasses it is possible to set the selective masses or the top masses from the spectra. The parameter ExcludeMasses is used only when masses are obtained from the spectra. The parameter RI_dev can be used to set the RI windows. Note that in this case, all metabolites would have the same RI windows.

The MSP format is a text file that can be imported/exported from NIST. A typical MSP file looks like this:

```
Name: Pyruvic Acid
Synon: Propanoic acid, 2-(methoxyimino)-, trimethylsilyl ester
Synon: RI: 223090
Synon: SEL MASS: 89|115|158|174|189
Formula: C7H15NO3Si
MW: 189
Num Peaks: 41
  85
       8; 86
                13; 87
                         5; 88
                                     4;
                                          89
                                              649;
  90
      55; 91
                28; 92
                           1; 98
                                     13;
                                          99
                                              257;
                         7; 103
 100 169; 101
                30; 102
                                     13; 104
                                               1;
      3; 114
 113
                 35; 115 358; 116
                                     44; 117
                                               73;
 118
       10; 119
                 4; 128
                          2; 129
                                     1; 130
                                               10:
 131
        3; 142
                 1; 143
                          19; 144
                                     4; 145
                                               1;
 157
        1; 158
                 69; 159
                          22; 160
                                      4; 173
                                               1;
 174
     999; 175 115; 176
                          40; 177
                                      2; 189
                                               16;
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        2;
Name: another metabolite
```

Different entries must be separated by empty lines. In order to parse the retention time index (RI) and selective masses (SEL MASS), a two component list containing the field names of RI and SEL_MASS must be provided by using the parameter fields. In this example, use field = list("RI: ", "SEL MASS: "). Note that ImportLibrary expects to find those fields next to "Synon:". Alternatively, you could provide the RI and SEL_MASS using the tslib methods.

Value

A tsLib object.

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Author(s)

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See Also

```
ImportSamples, tsLib
```

Examples

```
# get the reference library file
cdfpath <- file.path(.find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")
lib.file <- file.path(cdfpath, "library.txt")

# Import the reference library
refLibrary <- ImportLibrary(lib.file)

# set new names for the first 3 metabolites
libName(refLibrary)[1:3] <- c("Metab01", "Metab02", "Metab03")

# change the retention time deviations of Metabolite 3
RIdev(refLibrary)[3,] <- c(3000,1500,150)</pre>
```

ImportSamples

Sample definitions

Description

This function imports a sample list that will be processed from a tab delimited file.

Usage

```
ImportSamples(sampfile, CDFpath = ".", RIpath = ".", ...)
ImportSamplesFromDir(CDFpath = ".", RIfiles = FALSE, ignore.case = TRUE)
```

Arguments

sampfile	A character string naming a sample file. See details.
CDFpath	A character string naming a directory where the CDF files are located.
RIpath	A character string naming a directory where the RI corrected text files are/will be located.
RIfiles	Logical. If ${\tt TRUE},$ the function will look for for RI files (RI_*) instead of CDF files (the default).
ignore.case	Logical. Should pattern-matching be case-insensitive?
	Other options passed to read.delim function.

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Details

The sample file is a tab-delimited text file with at least two columns:

- CDF_FILE The list of baseline corrected CDF files.
- MEASUREMENT_DAY The day when the sample was measured.

The column names must be exactly those indicated, but the column order doesn't matter. Other columns could be included in that file. They won't be used by the script, but will be included in the sample R object.

Value

AtsSample object.

Author(s)

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See Also

```
ImportLibrary, tsSample
```

Examples

```
# get the sample definition definition file
cdfpath <- file.path(.find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")
sample.file <- file.path(cdfpath, "samples.txt")

# set a path where the RI files will be created
RIpath <- "."

# import samples
sampleDescription <- ImportSamples(sample.file, CDFpath = cdfpath, RIpath = RIpath)

# change the sample names
sampleNames(sampleDescription) <- paste("Sample", 1:length(sampleDescription), sep = "_")

# change the file paths (relative to the working path)
CDFpath(sampleDescription) <- "my_cdfs/"
RIpath(sampleDescription) <- "my_RIs/"</pre>
```

medianRILib

Median RI library correction

Description

Return a tslib object with the median RI of the selective masses across samples.

Usage

```
medianRILib(samples, Lib, makeReport = FALSE, pdfFile = "medianLibRep.pdf",
columns = c("SPECTRUM", "RETENTION_TIME_INDEX"), showProgressBar = FALSE)
```

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Arguments

A tsSample object created by ImportSamples function.

Lib A tsLib object created by ImportLibrary function.

makeReport Logical. If TRUE will report the RI deviations for every metabolite in the library.

pdfFile The file name where the report will be saved.

columns A numeric vector with the positions of the columns SPECTRUM and RETENTION_TIME_INDEX or a character vector with the header names of those columns.

showProgressBar Logical. Should the progress bar be displayed?

Value

A tsLib object. It will update the slot med_RI which contains the median RI of every searched metabolite.

Author(s)

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See Also

```
ImportSamples, ImportLibrary, tsLib-class
```

```
require (TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)
# get RI file path
RI.path <- file.path(.find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")
# update RI file path
RIpath(sampleDescription) <- RI.path</pre>
# Import Library
refLibrary
                  <- ImportLibrary(file.path(RI.path,'library.txt'))
# update median RI
refLibrary
                 <- medianRILib(sampleDescription, refLibrary)</pre>
# perhaps you need to adjust the library RI of one metabolite and the allowed time
# deviation (first time deviation window)
libRI(refLibrary)[5] <- 306500
RIdev(refLibrary)[5,1] <- 2000
refLibrary <- medianRILib(sampleDescription, refLibrary)
```

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NetCDFPeakFinding Peak picking algorithm from CDF files

Description

This function reads a netcdf chromatogram file, finds the apex intensities and returns a list containing the retention time and the intensity matrices.

Usage

Arguments

cdfFile A character string naming a netcdf file.

massRange A two component numeric vector with the scan mass range to extract.

Window The window used by peak picking method. The number of points actually used

is 2*Window + 1.

IntThreshold Apex intensities lower than this value will be removed from the RI files.

pp.method The pick picking method to be used. Options are "smoothing" and "ppc".

baseline Logical. Should baseline correction be performed?

baseline.opts

A list of options passed to baselineCorrection.

Details

The function expects the following NetCDF variables: intensity_values, mass_values, scan_index, point_count and scan_acquisition_time. Otherwise, an error will be displayed.

The massRange parameter is a numeric vector with two components: lower and higher masses. All masses in that range will be extracted. Note that it is not possible to extract a discontinuous mass range.

There are two peak picking algorithms that can be used. The "smoothing" method smooths the m/z curves and then looks for a change of sign of the intensity difference between two consecutive points. The "ppc" uses a sliding window and looks for the local maxima. This method is based on R-package ppc.

Value

A two component list.

Time The retention time vector.

Peaks The intensity matrix. Rows are the retention times and columns are masses. The

first column is the lower mass value and the last one is the higher mass.

Author(s)

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See Also

```
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```

Examples

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)
CDFpath <- file.path(.find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")
CDFfiles <- dir(CDFpath, pattern = ".cdf$", full.names = TRUE)
CDFfiles

# extrac peaks of first chromatogram
peaks.1 <- NetCDFPeakFinding(CDFfiles[1], massRange = c(85, 320), Window = 15,
    IntThreshold = 10, pp.method = "smoothing")
# scan acquisition times
head(peaks.1$Time)
# peaks in matrix form. first column is mass 85, last one is mass 320.
head(peaks.1$Peaks)</pre>
```

```
peakCDFextraction NetCDF to R
```

Description

This function reads a netcdf chromatogram file and returns a list containing the retention time and the intensity matrices.

Usage

```
peakCDFextraction(cdfFile, massRange = c(85, 500))
```

Arguments

cdfFile A character string naming a netcdf file.

massRange A two component numeric vector with the scan mass range to extract.

Details

The function expects the following NetCDF variables: intensity_values, mass_values, scan_index, point_count and scan_acquisition_time. Otherwise, an error will be displayed.

The massRange parameter is a numeric vector with two components: lower and higher masses. All masses in that range will be extracted. Note that it is not possible to extract a discontinuous mass range.

Value

A two component list.

Time The retention time vector.

Peaks The intensity matrix. Rows are the retention times and columns are masses. The

first column is the lower mass value and the last one is the higher mass.

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Note

This function does not look for peaks, just extracts all the raw intensity values of the chromatogram file. Use NetCDFPeakFinding instead.

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See Also

NetCDFPeakFinding

peakFind Intensities and RI matrices

Description

This function returns a list of the intensities and RI matrices that were searched.

Usage

Arguments

samples	A tsSample object created by ImportSamples function.
Lib	A tsLib object created by ImportLibrary function with corrected RI values. See medianRILib.
cor_RI	A matrix of correlating selective masses RI for every sample. See sampleRI.
columns	A numeric vector with the column positions of SPECTRUM and RETENTION_TIME_INDEX or a character vector with the header names of those columns.
showProgressBar	
	Logical. Should the progress bar be displayed?

Value

A tsMSdata object.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)

# get RI file path
RI.path <- file.path(.find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")
refLibrary <- ImportLibrary(file.path(RI.path, "library.txt"))

# update RI file path
RIpath(sampleDescription) <- RI.path

peakData <- peakFind(sampleDescription, refLibrary, corRI)
# show peak Intensities.
head(Intensity(peakData), 2)

# How to get intensities for a particular metabolite
# just select the identifier. Here extract the intensities
# for the first metabolite in the library
IntMatrix <- Intensity(peakData)[[1]]</pre>
```

plotFAME

Plot a standard marker

Description

Plots a given standard marker.

Usage

```
plotFAME(samples, RImatrix, whichFAME)
```

Arguments

samples A tsSample object created by ImportSamples function.

RImatrix A retention time matrix of the found retention time markers.

whichFAME The retention marker to plot. Must be a number between 1 and the number of

markers.

Author(s)

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RIcorrect, FAMEoutliers, tsSample
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Examples

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)
# plot Retention index standards 1 to 3
plotFAME(sampleDescription, RImatrix, 1)
plotFAME(sampleDescription, RImatrix, 2)
plotFAME(sampleDescription, RImatrix, 3)
```

plotPeak Plot peaks

Description

Plot selected ions in a given time range.

Usage

```
plotPeak(rawpeaks, time.range, masses, cdfFile = NULL, useRI = FALSE,
  rimTime = NULL, standard = NULL, massRange = c(85, 500), ...)
```

Arguments

rawpeaks	A two component list containing the retention time and the intensity matrices. See peakCDFextraction.
time.range	The time range to plot in retention time or retention time index units to plot.
masses	A vector containing the ions or masses to plot.
cdfFile	The name of a CDF file. If a file name is specified, the ions will be extracted from there instead of using rawpeaks.
useRI	Logical. Whether to use Retention Time Indices or not.
rimTime	A retention time matrix of the found retention time markers. It is only used when ${\tt useRI}$ is ${\tt TRUE}.$
standard	A numeric vector with RI values of retention time markers. It is only used when useRI is TRUE.
massRange	A two component numeric vector with the scan mass range to extract.
	Further options passed to matplot.

Author(s)

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```
{\tt RIcorrect, tsMSdata, tsRim, peakCDFextraction, matplot}
```

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Examples

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)
# update CDF path
CDFpath(sampleDescription) <- file.path(.find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")
# Plot the peak "Valine" for sample number 1
grep("Valine", libName(refLibrary)) # answer: 3
# select the first file
cdfFile <- CDFfiles(sampleDescription)[1]</pre>
# select "Valine" top masses
top.masses <- topMass(refLibrary)[[3]]</pre>
# plot peak from the cdf file
plotPeak(cdfFile = cdfFile, time.range = libRI(refLibrary)[3] + c(-2000,2000),
    masses = top.masses, useRI = TRUE, rimTime = RImatrix[,1],
    standard = rimStandard(rimLimits), massRange = c(85, 500))
# the same, but extracting the peaks into a list first. This may be better if
# you intend to loop through several peaks.
rawpeaks <- peakCDFextraction(cdfFile, massRange = c(85,500))</pre>
plotPeak(rawpeaks, time.range = libRI(refLibrary)[3] + c(-2000,2000),
    masses = top.masses, useRI = TRUE, rimTime = RImatrix[,1],
    standard = rimStandard(rimLimits), massRange = c(85, 500))
```

plotRIdev

Plot Retention Time Index Deviation

Description

plotRIdev plots the Retention Time Index Deviation of a given set of metabolites. plotAllRIdev saves the plots of the RI deviations of all the metabolites in the library object into a PDF file.

Usage

```
plotRIdev(Lib, peaks, libId = 1)
plotAllRIdev(Lib, peaks, pdfFile, width = 8, height = 8, ...)
```

Arguments

```
Lib AtsLib object created by ImportLibrary function.

peaks AtsMSdata object. See peakFind.

libId Anumeric vector providing the indices of the metabolites to plot.

pdfFile A file name where the plot will be saved. Only plotAllRIdev.

width, height

The width and height of the plots in inches. Only plotAllRIdev.

Further options passed to pdf.
```

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Author(s)

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See Also

```
ImportLibrary, tsLib, tsMSdata, pdf
```

Examples

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)

# get RI file path
RI.path <- file.path(.find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")
# update RI file path
RIpath(sampleDescription) <- RI.path

peakData <- peakFind(sampleDescription, refLibrary, corRI)

# Plot RI deviation of metabolite "Valine"
grep("Valine", libName(refLibrary)) # answer: 3
plotRIdev(refLibrary, peakData, libId = 3)

# Plot an RI deviation overview of the first nine metabolites
plotRIdev(refLibrary, peakData, libId = 1:9)

# Save all RI deviation into a pdf file
plotAllRIdev(refLibrary, peakData, pdfFile = "RIdeviations.pdf")</pre>
```

plotSpectra

Plot a Spectra Comparison

Description

plotSpectra plots a contrast between the reference spectra and the median spectra of a given metabolite in the library. plotAllRIdev saves the plots of the median-reference spectra comparisons of all the metabolites in the reference library into a PDF file.

Usage

```
plotSpectra(Lib, peaks, libId = 1, type = "ht")
plotAllSpectra(Lib, peaks, type = "ht", pdfFile, width = 8, height = 8, ...)
```

Arguments

Lib	A tsLib object created by ImportLibrary function.
peaks	A tsMSdata object. See peakFind.
libId	A numeric vector providing the indices of the metabolites to plot.
type	The type of the plot. Options are "ht", head-tail plot, "ss", side by side plot, and "diff", spectrum difference plot.

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Details

The median spectra is obtained by computing the median intensity of every ion across the samples. The median and the reference spectra values are scaled to vary between 0 and 999 in order to make them comparable.

Author(s)

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See Also

```
tsLib, tsMSdata,pdf
```

Examples

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)

# get RI file path
RI.path <- file.path(.find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")
# update RI file path
RIpath(sampleDescription) <- RI.path

peakData <- peakFind(sampleDescription, refLibrary, corRI)

# Plot a comparison RI deviation of metabolite "Valine"
grep("Valine", libName(refLibrary)) # answer: 3
plotSpectra(refLibrary, peakData, libId = 3, type = "ht")

# Plot the spectra "side by side"
plotSpectra(refLibrary, peakData, libId = 3, type = "ss")

# Plot the spectra difference
plotSpectra(refLibrary, peakData, libId = 3, type = "diff")</pre>
```

ProfileCleanUp

Reduce redundancy of the profile

Description

This function reduces/removes redundancy in a profile.

Usage

```
ProfileCleanUp(Profile, timeSplit = 500, r_thres = 0.95)
```

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Arguments

```
Profile A tsProfile object. See Profile.

timeSplit A RI window.

r thres A correlation threshold.
```

Details

Metabolites that are inside a timeSplit window will be correlated to see whether the metabolites are the same or not, by using r_thres as a cutoff. If so, the intensities and RI will be averaged and the metabolite with more correlating masses will be suggested.

Value

AtsProfile object with a non-redundant profile of the masses that were searched and correlated, and intensity and RI matrices of the correlating masses.

Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

See Also

```
Profile, tsProfile
```

```
# load example data
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)
RI.path <- file.path(.find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")
refLibrary <- ImportLibrary(file.path(RI.path, "library.txt"))</pre>
# update RI file path
RIpath(sampleDescription) <- RI.path</pre>
# Import Library
                  <- ImportLibrary(file.path(RI.path,'library.txt'))
refLibrary
# update median RI
refLibrary
                  <- medianRILib(sampleDescription, refLibrary)</pre>
# get the sample RI
                  <- sampleRI(sampleDescription, refLibrary, r_thres = 0.95)
# obtain the peak Intensities of all the masses in the library
peakData
                 <- peakFind(sampleDescription, refLibrary, corRI)</pre>
metabProfile
                 <- Profile(sampleDescription, refLibrary, peakData, r_thres = 0.95)</pre>
```

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Profile

Average the correlating masses for each metabolite

Description

This function makes a profile from the masses that correlate for each metabolite.

Usage

```
Profile(samples, Lib, peakData, r_thres = 0.95, method = "dayNorm", minPairObs =
```

Arguments

samples A tsSample object created by ImportSamples function.

Lib A tsLib object created by ImportLibrary function with corrected RI val-

ues. See medianRILib.

peakData A tsMSdata object. See peakFind.

r_thres A correlation threshold.

method Normalisation method. Options are "dayNorm", a day based median normal-

isation, "medianNorm", normalisation using the median of all the intensities

of a given mass, and "none", no normalisation at all.

minPairObs Minimum number of pair observations. Correlations between two variables are

computed using all complete pairs of observations in those variables. If the number of observations is too small, you may get high correlations values just

by chance, so this parameters is used to avoid that.

Value

A tsProfile object. The slots are:

Info A data frame with a profile of all masses that correlate.

Intensity A list containing peak-intensity matrices, one matrix per metabolite.

RI A list containing RI matrices, one matrix per metabolite.

profInt A matrix with the averaged intensities of the correlating masses.

profRI A matrix with the averaged RI of the correlating masses.

Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

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See Also

ImportSamples, ImportLibrary, medianRILib, peakFind, tsProfile

Examples

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)
# get RI file path
RI.path <- file.path(.find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")
# update RI file path
RIpath(sampleDescription) <- RI.path</pre>
# Import Library
refLibrary
                  <- ImportLibrary(file.path(RI.path,'library.txt'))
# update median RI
refLibrary <- medianRILib(sampleDescription, refLibrary)
# get the sample RI
                 <- sampleRI(sampleDescription, refLibrary, r_thres = 0.95)</pre>
corRI
# obtain the peak Intensities of all the masses in the library
peakData <- peakFind(sampleDescription, refLibrary, corRI)</pre>
# make a profile of the metabolite data
metabProfile <- Profile(sampleDescription, refLibrary, peakData, r_thres = 0.95)</pre>
# same as above, but with different thresholds.
metabProfile <- Profile(sampleDescription, refLibrary, peakData,</pre>
                     r_{thres} = 0.9, minPairObs = 5)
```

quantMatrix

Create an intensity matrix using quantification masses

Description

Create an intensity matrix using quantification masses. The quantification masses can be specified when importing the library file or by manually setting its values (see example).

Usage

```
quantMatrix(Lib, metabProfile, value = "maxint")
```

Arguments

Lib AtsLib object created by ImportLibrary function.

metabProfile A tsProfile object. The final result of the package. This object is generated by either Profile or ProfileCleanUp.

value

The default method to select automatically the quantification mass, in case it is not given by the user. 'maxint' selects the selective mass with the highest intensity. 'maxobs' selects the most observed mass, i.e., the one with less missing values.

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Value

An intensity matrix with metabolites as rows and samples as columns. The matrix has two attributes: 'quantMass' a numeric vector that contains the quantification masses that were selected; 'isSelMass' a logical vector that indicates whether a quantification mass is also a selected mass.

Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

See Also

```
tsLib, tsMSdata
```

Examples

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)
# process chormatograms and get a profile
          <- file.path(.find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")
RIpath(sampleDescription) <- RI.path</pre>
refLibrary <- ImportLibrary(file.path(RI.path,"library.txt"))</pre>
              <- medianRILib(sampleDescription, refLibrary)</pre>
refLibrary
              <- sampleRI(sampleDescription, refLibrary, r_thres = 0.95)
              <- peakFind(sampleDescription, refLibrary, corRI)
peakData
metabProfile <- Profile(sampleDescription, refLibrary, peakData, r_thres = 0.95)</pre>
# show quant Matrix
quantMass(refLibrary)
# no quantMass have been defined yet, so are all zeros
# 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
# get a Matrix using use default values, ie, select the masses
# with the highest intensity
quantMat <- quantMatrix(refLibrary, metabProfile)</pre>
quantMat
# set the quantification Masses
quantMass(refLibrary)[1:3] <- c(89,86,100)</pre>
quantMat <- quantMatrix(refLibrary, metabProfile)</pre>
quantMat
```

ri2rt

Retention Time Index to Retention Time convertion

Description

Convert retention time indices to retention times indices based on observed FAME RI and their standard values.

Usage

```
ri2rt(riTime, rt.observed, ri.standard)
```

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Arguments

```
riTime And RI vector or matrix to convert to Retention Time.

rt.observed The observed FAME RT's. It could be a vector or a matrix.

ri.standard The standard RI for each FAME
```

Details

This function is the inverse of rt2ri.

Value

The converted RT

Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

See Also

```
RIcorrect, FAMEoutliers
```

Examples

RIcorrect

Peak picking from CDF files and RI correction

Description

This function reads from CDF files, finds the apex intensities, converts the retention time to retention time index (RI), and writes RI corrected text files.

Usage

```
RIcorrect(samples, rimLimits = NULL, massRange, Window, IntThreshold,
pp.method = "smoothing", showProgressBar = FALSE, baseline = FALSE,
    baseline.opts = NULL )
```

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Arguments

	samples	A tsSample object created by ImportSamples function.	
	rimLimits	A ${\tt tsRim}$ object. If set to NULL, no retention time will be performed. See ${\tt ImportFameSettings}$.	
	massRange	A two component vector of m/z range used by the GC-MS machine.	
	Window	The window used for smoothing. The number of points actually used is $2*Window+1$.	
	IntThreshold	Apex intensities lower than this value will be removed from the RI files.	
	pp.method	Peak picking method. Options are either "smoothing" or "ppc". See details.	
showProgressBar			
		Logical. Should the progress bar be displayed?	
	baseline	Logical. Should baseline correction be performed?	
	baseline.opts		

Details

There are two pick picking methods available: "smoothing" and "ppc".

The "smoothing" method calculates a moving average of 2*Window + 1 points for every mass trace. Then it looks for a change of sign (from positive to negative) of the difference between two consecutive points. Those points will be returned as detected peaks.

A list of options passed to baselineCorrection.

The "ppc" method implements the peak detection method described in the ppc package. It looks for the local maxima within a 2*Window + 1 scans for every mass trace.

Value

A retention time matrix of the found retention time markers. Every column represents a sample and rows RT markers.

Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

See Also

ImportSamples, ImportFameSettings, NetCDFPeakFinding, FAMEoutliers, tsSample, tsRim.

```
require(TargetSearchData)
# import refLibrary, rimLimits and sampleDescription.
data(TargetSearchData)
# get the CDF files
cdfpath <- file.path(.find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")
cdfpath
list.files(cdfpath)
# update the CDF path
CDFpath(sampleDescription) <- cdfpath
# run RIcorrect (massScanRange = 85-320; Intensity Threshold = 50;
# peak detection method = "ppc", window = 15)</pre>
```

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rt2ri

Retention Time to Retention Time Index convertion

Description

Convert retention times to retention indices based on observed FAME RI and their standard values.

Usage

```
rt2ri(rtTime, observed, standard)
```

Arguments

rtTime The extracted RT's to convert
observed The observed FAME RT's
standard The standard RI for each FAME

Details

Linear interpolation, interpolation outside bounds are done with continued linear interpolation from the last two FAME's

Value

The converted RI

Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

See Also

```
RIcorrect, FAMEoutliers
```

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sampleRI	Sample especific RI detection	

Description

Return a matrix of the sample specific RIs based on the correlating selective masses.

Usage

```
sampleRI(samples, Lib, r_thres = 0.95,
    columns = c("SPECTRUM", "RETENTION_TIME_INDEX"),
    method = "dayNorm", minPairObs = 5, showProgressBar = FALSE,
    makeReport = FALSE, pdfFile = "medianLibRep.pdf")
```

Arguments

samples	A tsSample object created by ImportSamples function.
Lib	A tsLib object created by ImportLibrary function with corrected RI values. See medianRILib.
r_thres	A correlation threshold.
columns	A numeric vector with the positions of the columns $SPECTRUM$ and $RETENTION_TIME_INDEX$ or a character vector with the header names of those columns.
method	Normalisation method. Options are "dayNorm", a day based median normalisation, "medianNorm", normalisation using the median of all the intensities of a given mass, and "none", no normalisation at all.
minPairObs	Minimum number of pair observations. Correlations between two variables are computed using all complete pairs of observations in those variables. If the number of observations is too small, you may get high correlations values just by chance, so this parameters is used to avoid that.
showProgressBar	
	Logical. Should the progress bar be displayed?
makeReport	Logical. If TRUE will report the RI deviations for every metabolite in the library.
pdfFile	The file name where the report will be saved.

Value

A matrix of correlating selective masses RI. Columns represent samples and rows the median RI of the selective masses.

Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

```
ImportSamples, ImportLibrary, medianRILib, tsLib, tsSample
```

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Examples

TargetSearchGUI

A GUI for TargetSearch

Description

Opens a Graphical User Interface (GUI, written using Tcl/Tk) to allow easy setting and manipulation of most processing parameters which control GC-MS Data Evaluation with *TargetSearch*.

Usage

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Details

The GUI is intended to facilitate the use of *TargetSearch* for users unfamiliar with R otherwise. Many parameters that would be set calling the individual *TargetSearch* Functions as described in the manual can be set here 'in one go' before running the complete analysis.

Important Note: Please select the folder where you store your GC-MS Data (NetCDF or Apex) as the Working Directory. It is not yet possible to process data files from other/different locations.

The parameters:

- Working Directory: Use the *Browse*-button to select the folder on your hard drive containing all your GC-MS data files. The output of *TargetSearch* will be written to this folder too.
- File Import: Clicking *NetCDF Data* or *Apex Data* radio buttons will open a file select dialog. Choose the files you would like to be processed. You may check your selection pressing the *Show*-button.
- Baseline Correction: Clicking *on/off* button will perform baseline correction before peak detection. If selected, the threshold parameter is a numeric value between 0 and 1. A value of one returns a baseline above the noise, 0.5 in the middle of the noise and 0 below the noise. See baselineCorrection for further details.

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• Retention Index Correction: Retention Index Correction is neccessary and applied only if you supply NetCDF Data (Apex Data contain already Retention Indices). You may *Load* or *Create* the search windows for your RI-Markers here.

- Peak Detection: Search Windows refers to the allowed RI deviation of your metabolites which are narrowed in 3 consecutive searches. Intensity Counts threshold defines the minimum apex intensity incorporated in the analysis. A value of 1 would include all peaks. Mass Range allows to limit the mass values (m/z) to be included in the analysis. Smoothing averages raw data to eliminate some inherent noise leading to multiple peaks otherwise.
- Library: A Library (to detect metabolites) usable by *TargetSearch* contains at least information about the metabolite 'Name', its expected 'RI' and the selective masses in its spectrum 'SEL_MASS'. You may *Load* or *Create* one yourself using the respective buttons. The parameter *no. of top masses* is the number of most intensive masses that will be taken from the spectrum, and *excluded masses* is a list of masses that will be excluded. A more detailed description of the file formats can be found in ImportLibrary.
- Normalization: This selects how the data will be normalized during the metabolite search. Options are "dayNorm", a day based median normalization, "medianNorm", normalization using the median of all the intensities of a given mass, and "none", no normalization at all.
- Final Profiles: Here you may set the parameters used by the functions Profile and ProfileCleanUp. *timesplit* sets an RI window that will be used to look for metabolites that could have been redundanly identified. *correl. thr.* is the correlation threshold and *min. number of correlation samples* is a threshold used to make sure that correlations are computed with at least said number of observations.
- Parameters: You may *Save* the current parameters as an *.RData file or *Load* previously saved parameters to compare the outcome of different settings or just repeat the analysis.
- Program: *Run* starts to process all currently selected files using the current parameters and saving output to *Working Directory*. *Quit* closes the GUI.

Author(s)

Jan Lisec

TargetSearch

A targeted approach for GC-MS data.

Description

This packages provides a targeted method for GC-MS data analysis. The workflow includes a peak picking algorithm to convert from netcdf files to tab delimited files, retention time correction using retention time markers provided by the user, and a library search using multiple marker masses and retention time index optimisation.

Author(s)

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tsLib-class

Class for representing a reference library

Description

This is a class representation of a reference library.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by the function ImportLibrary.

Slots

```
Name: "character", the metabolite or analyte names.

RI: "numeric", the expected retention time indices (RI) of the metabolites/analytes.

medRI: "numeric", the median RI calculated from the samples.

RIdev: "matrix", the RI deviation windows, k = 1,2,3. A three column matrix

selMass: "list", every component is a numeric vector containing the selective masses.

topMass: "list", every component is a numeric vector containing the top masses.

quantMass: "numeric", the mass used for quantification.

libData: "data.frame", additional library information.

spectra: "list", the metabolite spectra. Each component is a two column matrix: m/z and intensity.
```

Methods

```
[ signature (x = "tsLib"): Selects a subset of metabolites from the library.
name signature(x = "tsLib"): Access column name of libData slot.
libId signature (obj = "tsLib"): Returns a vector of indices.
length signature (x = "tsLib"): returns the length of the library. i.e., number of metabo-
    lites.
libData signature (obj = "tsLib"): gets/sets the libData slot.
libName signature(obj = "tsLib"): gets the Name slot.
libRI signature(obj = "tsLib"): gets the RI slot.
medRI signature(obj = "tsLib"): gets the medRI slot.
refLib signature (obj = "tsLib"): Low level method to create a matrix representation
    of the library.
RIdev signature(obj = "tsLib"): gets the RI deviations.
RIdev<- signature (obj = "tsLib"): sets the RI deviations.
quantMass signature (obj = "tsLib"): gets the quantification mass.
quantMass<- signature (obj = "tsLib"): sets the quantification mass.
selMass signature (obj = "tsLib"): gets the selective masses.
show signature(object = "tsLib"): show method.
spectra signature(obj = "tsLib"): gets the spectra.
topMass signature (obj = "tsLib"): gets the top masses.
```

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Author(s)

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See Also

```
ImportLibrary
```

Examples

```
showClass("tsLib")
# define some metabolite names
libNames <- c("Metab1", "Metab2", "Metab3")</pre>
# the expected retention index
RT
          <- c(100,200,300)
# selective masses to search for. A list of vectors.
selMasses \leftarrow list(c(95,204,361), c(87,116,190), c(158,201,219))
# define the retention time windows to look for the given selective masses.
         <- matrix(rep(c(10,5,2), length(libNames)), ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
# Set the mass spectra. A list object of two-column matrices, or set to
# an empty list if the spectra is not available
          <- list()
# some extra information about the library
libData <- data.frame(Name = libNames, Lib_RI = RI)</pre>
# create a reference library object
refLibrary <- new("tsLib", Name = libNames, RI = RI, medRI = RI, RIdev = RIdev,
selMass = selMasses, topMass = selMasses, spectra = spectra, libData = libData)
# get the metabolite names
libName(refLibrary)
# set new names
libName(refLibrary) <- c("Metab01", "Metab02", "Metab03")</pre>
# get the expected retention times
libRI (refLibrary)
# set the retention time index for metabolite 3 to 310 seconds
libRI(refLibrary)[3] <- 310</pre>
\# change the seleccion and top masses of metabolite 3
selMass(refLibrary)[[3]] <- c(158,201,219,220,323)
topMass(refLibrary)[[3]] <- c(158,201,219,220,323)
# change the retention time deviations
RIdev(refLibrary)[3,] \leftarrow c(8,4,1)
```

tsMSdata-class

Class for representing MS data

Description

This is a class to represent MS data obtained from the sample.

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Details

The method as.list converts every slot (RI, RT, and Intensity) of a tsMSdata object into a matrix. The converted matrices are stored in a list. Each converted matrix has an attribute called 'index' that relates the metabolite index with the respective rows. The components of the resulting list are named as the slots. If the slot RT is not defined or empty, then the output list will have only two components. ('RT' and 'Intensity').

Objects from the Class

Objects be created by calls of the form

Slots

```
RI: "list", a list containing an RI matrix, one matrix per metabolite

RT: "list", a list containing an RT matrix, one matrix per metabolite

Intensity: "list", a list containing a peak intensity matrix, one matrix per metabolite
```

Methods

```
Intensity signature(obj = "tsMSdata"): gets the peak intensity list.
Intensity<- signature(obj = "tsMSdata"): gets the peak intensity list.
retIndex signature(obj = "tsMSdata"): gets RT list.
retIndex<- signature(obj = "tsMSdata"): sets the RI list.
retTime signature(obj = "tsMSdata"): gets the RT list.
retTime<- signature(obj = "tsMSdata"): sets the RT list.
show signature(object = "tsMSdata"): show function.
as.list signature(object = "tsMSdata"): coerce a list object. See details</pre>
```

Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

See Also

```
FindPeaks, peakFind
```

```
showClass("tsMSdata")
```

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tsProfile-class Class for representing a MS profile

Description

This class is to represent a MS profile

Objects from the Class

```
Objects can be created by the function Profile or by

new("tsMSdata", RI = [retention time index matrix], RT = [retention time matrix], Intensity = [peak intensity])
```

Slots

```
info: "data.frame", the profile information.
RI: "list", a list containing RI matrices, one matrix per metabolite
RT: "list", a list containing RT matrices, one matrix per metabolite
Intensity: "list", a list containing peak-intensity matrices, one matrix per metabolite
profRI: "matrix", the profile RI matrix.
profRT: "matrix", the profile RT matrix.
profInt: "matrix", the profile Intensity matrix.
```

Extends

Class tsMSdata, directly.

Methods

```
profileInfo signature(obj = "tsProfile"): get the profile information.
profileInfo<- signature(obj = "tsProfile"): set the profile information.
profileInt signature(obj = "tsProfile"): get the profile intensity matrix.
profileInt<- signature(obj = "tsProfile"): set the profile intensity matrix.
profileRI signature(obj = "tsProfile"): get the profile RI matrix.
profileRI<- signature(obj = "tsProfile"): set the profile RI matrix.
profileRT signature(obj = "tsProfile"): get the profile RT matrix.
profileRT<- signature(obj = "tsProfile"): set the profile RT matrix.
show signature(object = "tsProfile"): the show function.</pre>
```

Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

See Also

```
Profile, ProfileCleanUp, tsMSdata
```

```
showClass("tsProfile")
```

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tsRim-class

Class for representing retention index markers

Description

This is a class to represent retention index markers.

Objects from the Class

```
Objects can be created by the function ImportFameSettings or by calls of the form new("tsRim", limits = [two column matrix with time limits], standard = [a vector with RI standards], <math>mass = [m/z marker]).
```

Slots

```
limits: "matrix", two column matrix with lower and upper limits where the standards will be search. One row per standard.
```

```
standard: "numeric", the marker RI values. mass: "numeric", the m/z marker.
```

Methods

```
rimLimits signature(obj = "tsRim"): gets the time limits.
rimLimits<- signature(obj = "tsRim"): sets the time limits.
rimMass signature(obj = "tsRim"): gets the m/z marker.
rimMass<- signature(obj = "tsRim"): sets the m/z marker.
rimStandard signature(obj = "tsRim"): gets the standars.
rimStandard<- signature(obj = "tsRim"): sets the standars.</pre>
```

Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

See Also

```
ImportFameSettings
```

```
showClass("tsRim")

# create a rimLimit object:
# - set the lower (first column) and upper (second column) time limites to
# search for standards.
Lim <- rbind(c(200, 300), c(400,450), c(600,650))
# - set the retention indices of the standard
Std <- c(250000, 420000, 630000)
# - set the mass marker
mass <- 87
# - create the object
rimLimits <- new("tsRim", limits = Lim, standard = Std, mass = mass)</pre>
```

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```
# sometimes you need to change the limits of a particular standard
rimLimits(rimLimits)[2,] <- c(410, 450)

# to change the mass value
rimMass(rimLimits) <- 85</pre>
```

tsSample-class

Class for representing samples

Description

This is a class to represent a set of samples.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by the function ImportSamples or by calling the object generator function

```
new("tsSample", Names = [sample names], CDFfiles = [list of CDF file
names], RIfiles = [list of RI file names], CDFpath = [CDF files path],
RIpath = [RI files path], days = [measurement days], data = [additional
sample information])
```

Slots

```
Names: "character", the sample names.

CDFfiles: "character", the list of CDF file names.

RIfiles: "character", the list of RI file names.

CDFpath: "character", CDF files path.

RIpath: "character", RI file path.

days: "character", measurement days.

data: "data.frame", additional sample information.
```

Methods

```
[ signature(x = "tsSample"): Selects a subset of samples.
$name signature(x = "tsSample"): Access column name of sampleData slot.
CDFfiles signature(obj = "tsSample"): list of CDF files.
RIfiles signature(obj = "tsSample"): list of RI files.
RIpath signature(obj = "tsSample"): The RI file path.
CDFpath signature(obj = "tsSample"): The CDF file path.
length signature(x = "tsSample"): number of samples.
sampleData signature(obj = "tsSample"): additional sample information.
sampleDays signature(obj = "tsSample"): measurement days.
sampleNames signature(obj = "tsSample"): sample names.
show signature(object = "tsSample"): the show funtion.
```

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Author(s)

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See Also

```
ImportSamples
```

```
showClass("tsSample")
# get a list of CDF files from a directory
require(TargetSearchData)
CDFpath <- system.file("gc-ms-data", package = "TargetSearchData")</pre>
cdffiles <- dir(CDFpath, "cdf")</pre>
# define the RI file path
RIpath <- "."
# create the sample object
sampleDescription <- new("tsSample", CDFfiles = cdffiles, CDFpath = CDFpath, RIpath = RIp</pre>
##
# More parameters could be defined:
# define the RI files and the RI path
RIfiles <- sub("cdf$", "txt", paste("RI_", cdffiles, sep = ""))</pre>
RIpath <- "."
# get the measurement days (the four first numbers of the cdf files, in this
# example)
days <- substring(cdffiles, 1, 4)</pre>
# sample names
smp_names <- sub(".cdf", "", cdffiles, fixed = TRUE)</pre>
# add some sample info
smp_data <- data.frame(CDF_FILE =cdffiles, GROUP = gl(5,3))</pre>
# create the sample object
sampleDescription <- new("tsSample", Names = smp_names, CDFfiles = cdffiles, CDFpath = CDF</pre>
    RIpath = RIpath, days = days, RIfiles = RIfiles, data = smp_data)
# changing the sample names
sampleNames(sampleDescription) <- paste("Sample", 1:length(sampleDescription), sep = "_")</pre>
# changing the file paths (relative to the working path)
CDFpath(sampleDescription) <- "my_cdfs/"</pre>
RIpath(sampleDescription) <- "my_RIs/"</pre>
```

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Description

This function creates MSP format file from peak intensities that can be viewed with NIST.

Usage

```
writeMSP(lib, peaks, file, append = FALSE)
```

Arguments

lib A tsLib object.
peaks A tsMSdata object.

file A string naming the output file.

append Logical. If TRUE the results will be appended to file. Otherwise, it will

overwrite the contents of file.

Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza

See Also

```
peakFind, Profile, ProfileCleanUp, tsLib, tsMSdata, tsProfile
```

Write.Results

Save TargetSearch result objects into files

Description

This is a convenient function to save the TargetSearch result into text files.

Usage

```
Write.Results(Lib, metabProfile, prefix = NA)
```

Arguments

Lib AtsLib object.

metabProfile AtsProfile object. The final result of the package. This object is generated

by either Profile or ProfileCleanUp.

prefix A character string. This is used as a name prefix for the written files. "TargetSearch-

" is used by default.

Value

This function doesn't return anything. Just print a message with the saved files.

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