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Description This package provides tools for the analysis of high-throughput assays that were performed in microtitre plate formats (including but not limited to 384-well plates). The functionality includes data import and management, normalisation, quality assessment, replicate summarisation and statistical scoring. A webpage that provides a detailed graphical overview over the data and analysis results is produced. In our work, we have applied the package to RNAi screens on fly and human cells, and for screens of yeast libraries. See ?cellHTS2 for a brief introduction.

Reference Michael Boutros and Ligia P. Bras and Wolfgang Huber. Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens. Genome Biology 7:7 R66 (2006).

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annotate   *Annotates the reagents (probes) of a cellHTS object*

Description

Annotate the reagents (probes) of a cellHTS object. In RNAi-screens, there is a often a 1:1 correspondence between reagents and intended target genes, hence in this software package the term gene ID is used as a synonym.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'cellHTS'
annotate(object, geneIDFile, path)
```

Arguments

object	a cellHTS object.
geneIDFile	the name of the file with the gene IDs (see details). This argument is just passed on to the read.table function, so any of the valid argument types for read.table are valid here, too. Must contain one row for each well in each plate.
path	a character of length 1 indicating the path in which to find the gene annotation file (optional).

Details

geneIDFile This file is expected to be a tab-delimited file with at least three columns, and column names Plate, Well and GeneID. The contents of Plate are expected to be integer. Further columns are allowed.

Value

An S4 object of class [cellHTS](#), which is obtained by copying `object` and updating the following slots:

featureData	the contents of the annotation file are stored here.
state	the processing status of the cellHTS object is updated to state["annotated"]= TRUE.

Author(s)

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References

Boutros, M., Bras, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology* **7**, R66.

See Also

[readPlateList](#), [configure](#)

Examples

```
datadir <- system.file("KcViabSmall", package = "cellHTS2")
x <- readPlateList("Platelist.txt", path=datadir, name="KcViabSmall")
x <- configure(x, "Description.txt", "Plateconf.txt", "Screenlog.txt", path=datadir)
x <- annotate(x, "GeneIDs_Dm_HFAsubset_1.1.txt", path=datadir)
```

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batch   *Access and replace the batch information of a cellHTS object*

Description

This method accesses and replaces the batch data stored in the slot `plateData` of a [cellHTS](#) object.

Usage

```
batch(object)
batch(object) <- value
```

Arguments

object	object of class [cellHTS](#).
value	a dataframe of integer values giving the batch number for each plate, and sample.

Value

batch returns a dataframe containing the contents of slot plateData$Batch. This dataframe has dimensions number of plates x number of samples of the [cellHTS](#) object.

See class [cellHTS](#) for details.

Author(s)

Ligia Bras

References

Boutros, M., Bras, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology* **7**, R66.

See Also

[cellHTS](#), [nbatch](#)

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bdgpbiomart *Dataset with annotation of CG identifiers*

Description

See the vignette *End-to-end analysis of cell-based screens: from raw intensity readings to the annotated hit list*, Section *Using biomaRt to annotate the target genes online* for details. The annotations were obtained on 21 September 2007.

Usage

```
data(bdgpbiomart)
```

Format

Dataframe with 21888 rows and 11 columns plate, well, controlStatus, HFAID, GeneID, chromosome_name, start_position, end_position, description, flybasename_gene, go, go_description.

Source

BioMart webinterface to Ensembl.

Examples

```
data("bdgpbiomart")
```

Bscore	*B score normalization*

Description

Correction of plate and spatial effects of data stored in slot assayData of a cellHTS object using the B score method (without variance adjustment of the residuals). Using this method, a two-way median polish is fitted, on a per-plate basis, to account for row and column effects.

Usage

```
Bscore(object, save.model = FALSE)
```

Arguments

object   a cellHTS object that has already been configured. See details.

save.model   a logical value specifying whether the per-plate models should be stored in slots
                    rowcol.effects and overal.effects. See details.

Details

This function is usually not called directly by the user, but from within the normalizePlates function. The normalization is performed in a per-plate fashion using the B score method, for each replicate and channel. In the B score method, the residual r_{ijp} of the measurement for row *i* and column *j* on the *p*-th plate is obtained by fitting a two-way median polish, in order to account for both row and column effects within the plate:

$$r_{ijp} = y_{ijp} - \hat{y}_{ijp} = y_{ijp} - (\hat{\mu}_p + \hat{R}_{ip} + \hat{C}_{jp})$$

y_{ijp} is the measurement value in row *i* and column *j* of plate *p* (taken from slot assayData - only sample wells are considered), and $\hat{y}_{ipj}$ is the corresponding fitted value. This is defined as the sum between the estimated average of the plate ($\hat{\mu}_p$), the estimated systematic offset for row *i* ($\hat{R}_{ip}$), and the systematic offset for column *j* ($\hat{C}_{jp}$).

NOTE: In the original B score method, as presented by Malo et al., a further step is performed: for each plate *p*, each of the obtained residual values r_{ijp}'s are divided by the median absolute deviation of the residuals in plate *p* (MAD_p), resulting in:

$$\frac{r_{ijp}}{MAD_p}$$

The intention of such a further adjustment is to compensate for plate-to-plate variability in dynamic range. In the Bscore function, this step is not automatically performed, but can be done if B score normalization is called using the function normalizePlates with arguments method="Bscore" and varianceAdjust="byPlate". See the latter function for more details.

If save.model=TRUE, the models row and column offsets and overall offsets are stored in the slots rowcol.effects and overall.effects of object.

Value

An object of class [cellHTS](#) with B-score normalized data stored in slot assayData.

Furthermore, if save.model=TRUE, the row and column effects and the overall effects are stored in slots rowcol.effects and overall.effects , respectively. The latter slots are arrays with the same dimension as Data(object), except the overall.effects slot, which has dimensions nr Plates x nr Samples x nr Channels.

After calling this function, the processing status of the [cellHTS](#) object is updated in the slot state to object@state["normalized"]=TRUE.

Author(s)

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Boutros, M., Br\'as, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology* **7**, R66.

See Also

[medpolish](#), [loess](#), [locfit.robust](#), [plotSpatialEffects](#), [normalizePlates](#), [summarizeChannels](#)
[plateEffects](#)

Examples

```
data("KcViabSmall")
xb <- Bscore(KcViabSmall, save.model = TRUE)
## Calling Bscore function from "normalizePlates" and adding the per-plate variance adjustment step:
xopt <- normalizePlates(KcViabSmall, method="Bscore", varianceAdjust="byPlate", save.model = TRUE)
## Access the slots overall.effects and rowcol.effects
ef1 = plateEffects(xb)
ef2 = plateEffects(xopt)


## double-check
stopifnot(
  all(xb@rowcol.effects==xopt@rowcol.effects, na.rm=TRUE),
  all(xb@overall.effects==xopt@overall.effects, na.rm=TRUE),
  identical(ef1, ef2)
)
```

| buildCellHTS2 | *Build a cellHTS2 object from a data frame containing measurements* |

Description

Builds a cellHTS2 object from a data frame.

Usage

```
buildCellHTS2(xd, measurementNames)
```

Arguments

xd   a data frame containing the columns plate, replicate and well, and the mea-
                surement columns. The plate and replicate columns must contain integer
                values, starting from 1. The well column must contain well names formed by
                one to two capitals letter followed by two digits, e.g. A12 or AB01. Letter order-
                ing is as follows: A, B, C,..., Z, AA, AB, AC,..., AZ, BA, BB, ..., ZZ.

measurementNames
                an optional character vector containing the measurement names. If missing, the
                names of the measurement columns in xd are used. If NULL, the measurements
                are not named.

Details

The function uses readPlateList to build a cellHTS2 object.

Value

An object of class [cellHTS](), which extends the class [NChannelSet]().

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References

Boutros, M., Bras, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology*
7, R66.

See Also

[readPlateList]().

Examples

```
wells = sprintf("%s%02d", rep(LETTERS[1:8], each=12), 1:12)
xd = expand.grid(plate=1:3, replicate=1:2, well=wells)
xd$cell.number = rnorm(nrow(xd))
xd$cell.size = rnorm(nrow(xd))
x = buildCellHTS2(xd)
```

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cellHTS-class *A class for data from cell-based high-throughput assays performed in plate format.*

Description

Container for data and experimental meta-data from cell-based high-throughput assays performed in plate format. Typical applications are RNA interference or small molecular compound screens. The class extends the NChannelSet class. Data are from experiments where the same set of reagents (probes) where used. The class can represent data from multi-channel assays.

The data can be thought of as being organised in a two- or three-dimensional array as follows:

- The first dimension corresponds to reagents (e.g. siRNAs, chemical compounds) that were used in the assays. For example, if the screen used 100 plates of 384 wells (24 columns, 16 rows), then the first dimension has size 38,400, and the cellHTS object keeps track of plate ID, row, and column associated with each element. For historic reasons, and because we are using infrastructure that was developed for microarray experiments, the following terms are used synonymously for the elements of the first dimension: reagents, features, probes, genes.

- The second dimension corresponds to assays, including replicates and different experimental conditions (cell type, treatment, genetic background). A potentially confusing terminology is that the data structure that annotates the second dimension is called phenoData. This is because we are using infrastructure (the NChannelSet class) that uses this unfortunate term for this purpose. The software provides methodology for replicate summarization and scoring, however more complicated experimental designs are not directly supported. Multi-purpose tools like lmFit in the limma package should be consulted.

- The (optional) third dimension corresponds to different channels (e.g. different luminescence reporters)

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form new("cellHTS",assayData,phenoData,...). See the examples below.

Slots

plateList: a data.frame containing what was read from input measurement data files plus a column status of type character containing the string "OK" if the data import appeared to have gone well, and the respective error or warning message otherwise.

intensityFiles: a list, where each component contains a copy of the imported input data files.
    Its length corresponds to the number of rows of plateList.

state: a logical vector of length 4 representing the processing status of the object. It must have
    the names "configured", "normalized", "scored" and "annotated".

plateConf: a data.frame containing what was read from the *configuration file* for the experiment
    (except the first two header rows). It contains at least three columns named Plate, Well and
    Content. Columns Plate and Well are allowed to contain regular expressions.

screenLog: a data.frame containing what was read from the *screen log file* for the experiment, in
    case it exists. Contains at least three columns, and column names Plate, Well, and Flag. Ad-
    ditional columns are Sample (when there are replicates or more than one sample or condition)
    and Channel (when there are multiple channels).

screenDesc: a character containing what was read from the *description file* of the experiment.

rowcol.effects: a 3D array of size Features (i.e. plate size x number of plates) x Samples x
    Channels containing estimated row and column plate spatial offsets.

overall.effects: a 3D array of size Features x Samples x Channels containing estimated plate
    overall offsets.

assayData: Object of class AssayData, usually an environment containing matrices of identical
    size. Each matrix represents a single channel. Columns in each matrix correspond to samples
    (or replicate), rows to features (probes). Once created, cellHTS manages coordination of
    samples and channels.

plateData: A list of data frames, with number of rows of each frame equal to the number of plates
    used in the assay and number of columns equal to the number of samples. Each data frame in
    the list should contain factorial annotation information relevant for the individual plates, like
    experimental batches or varying types of micro-titre plates. Currently, this information will be
    used for between-batch normalization and quality assessment.

phenoData: Object of class AnnotatedDataFrame. Please see the documentation of the phenoData
    slot of NChannelSet for more details.

    It contains information about the screens, and it must have the following columns in its data
    component: replicate and assay, where replicate is expected to be a vector of integers
    giving the replicate number, while assay is expected to be a vector of characters giving the
    name of the biological assay. Both of these vectors should have the same length as the number
    of Samples.

    Once created, cellHTS coordinates selection and subsetting of channels in phenoData.

featureData: Object of class AnnotatedDataFrame, containing information about the reagents:
    plate, well, column, the well annotation (sample, control, etc.), etc. For a cellHTS object,
    this slot must contain in its data component at least three mandatory columns named plate,
    well and controlStatus. Column plate is expected to be a numeric vector giving the plate
    number (e.g. 1, 2, ...), well should be a vector of characters (alphanumeric characters) giving
    the well ID within the plate (e.g. A01, B01, H12, etc.). Column controlStatus should be a
    factor specifying the annotation for each well with possible levels: *empty*, *other*, *neg*, *sample*,
    and *pos*. Other levels besides *pos* and *neg* may be employed for controls.

experimentData: Object of class MIAME containing descriptions of the experiment.

annotation: A "character" of length 1, which can be used to specify the name of an annotation
    package that goes with the reagents used for this experiment.

processingInfo**:** A list containing information about which normalization and summarization methods have been used.

.__classVersion__**:** Object of class [Versions](), containing automatically created information about the class definition, Biobase package version, and other information about the user system at the time the instance was created. See [classVersion]() and [updateObject]() for examples of use.

Extends

Class [NChannelSet](), directly.

Methods

Methods with class-specific functionality:

name(object) signature(object="cellHTS"). Obtains the name of the assay stored in the object. This corresponds to the contents of column assay of the phenoData slot of the cellHTS object.

name(object) <- value signature(object = "cellHTS", value = "character") assign the character of length one (value) to the elements in column assay of the slot phenoData of object.

pdim(object) signature(object = "cellHTS"). Obtain the plate dimension for the data stored in object.

nbatch(object) signature(object = "cellHTS"). Obtain the total number of batches for the data stored in object.

compare2cellHTS(x, y) signature(x = "cellHTS", y = "cellHTS"). Compares two [cellHTS]() objects, x and y, returning TRUE if they are from the same experiment (i.e. if they derive from the same initial cellHTS object), or FALSE otherwise.

Methods with functionality derived from class [NChannelSet](): channel, channelNames, channelNames<-, selectChannels, object[features,samples], sampleNames

Methods with functionality derived from [eSet](): annotation, assayData, assayData<-, classVersion, classVersion<-, dim, dims, experimentData, featureData, phenoData, phenoData<-, pubMedIds, sampleNames, sampleNames<-, storageMode, varMetadata, isCurrent, isVersioned.

Additional methods:

initialize used internally for creating objects

show invoked automatically when the object is displayed to the screen. It prints a summary of the object.

state Access the state slot of a [cellHTS]() instance.

annotate Annotate the [cellHTS]() object using the *screen annotation file*.

configure Configure the [cellHTS]() object using the the *screen description file*, the *screen configuration file* and the *screen log file*.

writeTab Write the contents of assayData slot of a [cellHTS]() object to a tab-delimited file.

ROC Construct an object of S4 class [ROC](), which represents a receiver-operator-characteristic curve, from the data of the annotated positive and negative controls in a scored [cellHTS]() object.

meanSdPlot(x) signature(x = "cellHTS") plots row standard deviations across samples versus row means across samples for data stored in slot assayData of a cellHTS object. If there are multiple channels, row standard deviations and row means are calculated across samples for each channel separately. Only wells containing "sample" are considered. See [meanSdPlot](#) for more details about this function.

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See Also

[NChannelSet](#) [readPlateList](#) [annotate](#) [configure](#) [writeTab](#) [state](#) [Data](#) [normalizePlates](#) [ROC](#)

Examples

```
showClass("cellHTS")
showMethods(class="cellHTS")

## An empty cellHTS
obj <- new("cellHTS")

data("KcViabSmall")
KcViabSmall
state(KcViabSmall)
## Replicate 1 as a cellHTS object
y <- KcViabSmall[,1]
compare2cellHTS(KcViabSmall, y)
data("KcViab")
compare2cellHTS(KcViab, KcViabSmall)
```

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cellHTS2 *cellHTS2 Package Overview*

Description

cellHTS2 Package Overview

Details

This package provides data structures and algorithms for cell-based high-throughput assays performed in plate format. Typical applications are RNA interference or small molecular compound screens. The most important data class is [cellHTS](#), which extends the [NChannelSet](#) class.

Full help on methods and associated functions is available from within class help pages.

Data sets: [KcViab](#), [KcViabSmall](#), [oldKcViabSmall](#), [dualCh](#), [bdgpbiomart](#).

Introductory information is available from vignettes, type openVignette().

Class-specific methods: annotate, batch, batch<-, compare2cellHTS, configure, Data, Data<-, geneAnno, intensityFiles, name, name<-, nbatch, pdim, plate, plateConf, plateEffects, plateList, position, screenDesc, screenLog, state, well, wellAnno, writeTab, ROC.

Generic functions: show, initialize, validObject.

Other functions: oneRowPerId, write.tabdel, readPlateList, readHTAnalystData, normalizePlates, Bscore, spatialNormalization, plotSpatialEffects, summarizeChannels, scoreReplicates, summarizeReplicates, imageScreen, configurationAsScreenPlot, getEnVisionRawData, getEnVisionCrosstalkCor getTopTable, getMeasureRepAgreement. getDynamicRange, getZfactor, writeReport, convertOldCellHTS, scores2calls, and templateDescriptionFile.

A full listing of documented topics is available in HTML view by typing help.start() and selecting the cellHTS2 package from the Packages menu or via library(help="cellHTS2").

Author(s)

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References

Boutros, M., Bras, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology* **7**, R66.

See Also

Below, we present a list of 'high level' functions in the celHTS2 package together with a brief description of what they do.

Data import:

readPlateList read a collection of plate reader data files.

readHTAnalystData read input files from a HTanalyser plate reader containing data for a set of plate replicates.

getEnVisionRawData this function can be used as an import function when calling readPlateList to read plate result files obtained from EnVision Plate Reader.

getEnVisionCrosstalkCorrectedData this function can be used as an import function when calling readPlateList to read plate result files obtained from EnVision Plate Reader.

Screen configuration and annotation:

annotate annotates the reagents (e.g. siRNAs, molecular compounds) of a cellHTS object.

configure annotates the plates and the plate result files of a gcellHTS object.

Accessors:

batch accesses and replaces the batch slot of a cellHTS object.

Data accesses and replaces the assayData slot of a cellHTS object. It returns a 3D array with dimensions number of features (product between the number of wells per plates and the number of plates) x number of samples (or replicates) x number of channels.

geneAnno returns the reagent IDs used in the screen (i.e. the contents of fData(object)[,"GeneID"].

intensityFiles returns a list, where each component contains a copy of the imported input data files.

name obtains the name(s) of the assay, or multiple assays, stored in the object. This corresponds to the contents of column assay of the phenoData slot of the cellHTS object.

pdim obtains the plate dimensions (number of rows and columns) for the data stored in object.

plate plate identifier for each feature (well).

plateConf returns a data.frame that contains what was read from the plate configuration input file (except the first two header rows) during the screen configuration step.

plateList returns a data.frame containing what was read from the plate list file, plus a column status of type character that contains the string "OK" if the data import appeared to have gone well, and the respective error or warning message otherwise.

plateEffects accesses the slots rowcol.effects and overall.effects.

position gives the well number for each feature (well) within each plate.

screenDesc returns an object of class character that contains what was read from the screen description input file during the configuration of the cellHTS object.

screenLog returns a data.frame containing what was read from the screen log input file during the screen configuration step.

state This generic function accesses the state of an object derived from the cellHTS class.

well gives the alphanumeric identifier (e.g. A01, A02, ...) for each well and plate.

wellAnno accesses the plate annotation stored in fData(object)[,"controlStatus"].

Data preprocessing:

All the following methods work on the data stored in the slot assayData of a cellHTS object.

normalizePlates per-plate data transformation, normalization and variance adjustment.

Bscore correction of plate and spatial effects using the B score method (without variance adjustment of the residuals).

spatialNormalization correction of spatial effects by fitting a polynomial surface within each plate using local regression (loess or robust local fit). Uses a second degree polynomial (local quadratic fit). Only wells containing "sample" are considered to fit the models.

summarizeChannels combines intensities from a dual-channel assay by applying the function defined in fun.

scoreReplicates transform per-replicate values into scores.

summarizeReplicates summarizes between normalized and scored replicate values, obtaining a single value for each probe.

scores2calls applies a sigmoidal transformation to the z-score values stored in a cellHTS object mapping them to the range [0,1].

Miscellaneous:

compare2cellHTS compares two cellHTS objects to see whether they derive from the same initial cellHTS object.

convertOldCellHTS converts an old S3 class cellHTS object obtained using cellHTS package to new S4 class cellHTS object(s) to use with package cellHTS2.

convertWellCoordinates converts between different ways of specifying well coordinates within a plate. For example, wells can be identified by an alphanumeric character (e.g. "B02" or c("B", "02")) or by an integer value (e.g. 26).

ROC creates an object of class ROC from a scored cellHTS object which can be plotted as a ROC curve.

getTopTable generates the hit list from a scored cellHTS object and write it to a tab-delimited file.

getMeasureRepAgreement calculates the agreement between plate replicates using raw data or normalized data stored in a cellHTS object.

getDynamicRange calculates per-plate dynamic range of data stored in a cellHTS object.

getZfactor calculates per-experiment Z'-factor of data stored in a cellHTS object. The Z'-factor is a measure that quantifies the separation between the distribution of positive and negative controls.

plotSpatialEffects this function plots the per-plate row and column effects estimated by the B score method or by the spatial normalization.

imageScreen creates an image plot that gives an overview of the whole set of score values stored in a scored cellHTS object.

writeReport creates a directory with HTML pages of linked tables and plots documenting the contents of the preprocessing of a cellHTS object.

oneRowPerId rearranges dataframe entries such that there is exactly one row per ID.

nbatch gives the total number of batches in a cellHTS object.

templateDescriptionFile creates a template description file for an RNAi experiment with default entries compliant with MIAME class and with additional entries specific for a cellHTS object.

writeTab this function is a wrapper for the function write.table to write the contents of assayData slot of a cellHTS object to a tab-delimited file. If the object is already annotated, the probe information (fData(object)@GeneID) is also added.

write.tabdel a wrapper for the function write.table used to write data to a tab-delimited file.

meanSdPlot method for meanSdPlot (from the vsn package) to construct the standard deviation versus mean plot of data stored in a cellHTS object.

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configurationAsScreenPlot

Screen plot of the plate configuration of a cellHTS object

Description

Screen plot displaying the plate configuration of a cellHTS object.

Usage

```
configurationAsScreenPlot(x, verbose=interactive(), posControls,
negControls, legend=FALSE, main="")
```

Arguments

x	a configured cellHTS object (i.e. state(x)['configured'] must be TRUE).
verbose	a logical value, if TRUE, the function reports some of its intermediate progress. The default is interactive().
posControls	a list or vector of regular expressions specifying the name of the positive controls. See details.
negControls	a vector of regular expressions specifying the name of the negative controls. See details.
legend	logical defining whether to include a legend.
main	character giving a figure caption.

Details

This function calls the function plotScreen to create a screen plot showing the plate configuration (as defined by the plate configuration file used to configure the cellHTS object – see function configure) used for the RNAi experiment stored in x.

posControls and negControls should be given as vectors of regular expression patterns specifying the name(s) of the positive(s) and negative(s) controls, respectivey, as provided in the plate configuration file (and acccessed via wellAnno(x)).

By default, if posControls is not given, "pos" will be taken as the annotation name for the wells containing positive controls. Similarly, if negControls is missing, by default "neg" will be considered as the name used to annotate the negative controls. The content of posControls and negControls will be passed to regexpr for pattern matching within the well annotation given in column controlStatus of the featureData slot of the cellHTS object.

Value

Invisibly, a vector with the color map used to display the well annotation in the image plot.

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References

Boutros, M., Bras, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology* **7**, R66.

See Also

plotScreen, writeReport

Examples

```
    data("KcViab")
    configurationAsScreenPlot(KcViab)
```

configure   *Configures the plates and plate result files*

Description

Annotate the plates and the plate result files of a [cellHTS](#) object.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'cellHTS'
configure(object, descripFile, confFile, logFile,
path, descFunArgs=NULL, confFunArgs=NULL, logFunArgs=NULL)
```

Arguments

object	a [cellHTS](#) object.
descripFile	the name of the screen description file (see details). This argument is just passed on to the [readLines](#) function, so any of the valid argument types for [readLines](#) are valid here, too. Alternatively this can be a function. See details.
confFile	the name of the configuration file (see details). This argument is just passed on to the [read.table](#) function, so any of the valid argument types for [read.table](#) are valid here, too. Must contain one row for each well and each batch. Alternatively this can be a function. See details.
logFile	optional; the name of the screen log file (see details). This argument is just passed on to the [read.table](#) function, so any of the valid argument types for [read.table](#) are valid here, too. Alternatively this can be a function. See details.
path	optional; a character of length one indicating the path in which to find the configuration files. It can be useful when the files are located in the same directory, and may be omitted otherwise.
descFunArgs, confFunArgs, logFunArgs	
	optional; lists of additional arguments that can be passed on if one or more of descripFile, confFile or logFile are functions rather than file names. See details.

Details

The configuration has three components:

confFile: This file specifies where the controls are. This file is expected to be a tab-delimited file with two first header rows giving the total number of wells and plates in the screen. The next rows should be in the form of a spreadsheet table with at least three columns named Plate, Well and Content. Columns Plate and Well are allowed to contain regular expressions. Data from wells that are configured as *empty* will be ignored and are set to NA in the data slot xraw. For an example, and for more details, please read the accompanying vignette.

logFile: This optional file allows to flag certain measurements as invalid. It is expected to be a tab-delimited file with at least three columns, and column names Plate, Well, and Flag. If there

are multiple samples (replicates or conditions), a column called Sample should also be given. If there are multiple channels, a column called Channel must be given. Further columns are allowed.

descripFile: The screen description file contains general information about the screen.

Alternatively, any of the three arguments can also be a user-defined function returning data frames similar to those produced by read.table from the respective files. If confFile is a function, it has to return a list, where the first list item is an integer vector of length 2 giving the total number of plates and wells, and the second list item is the data.frame of the actual plate configuration. Additional parameters can be passed on to these functions via the descFunArgs, confFunArgs and logFunArgs arguments. This design allows for instance to import the necessary information directly from a data base rather than using flat files.

Value

An S4 object of class [cellHTS](), which is obtained by copying object and updating the following slots:

plateConf	a data frame containing what was read from input file confFile (except the first two header rows).
screenLog	a data frame containing what was read from input file logFile.
screenDesc	object of class character containing what was read from input file descripFile.
state	the processing status of the [cellHTS]() object is updated in to state["configured"]=TRUE.
featureData	the column controlStatus is updated taking into account the well annotation given by the plate configuration file.
experimentData	an object of class [MIAME]() containing descriptions of the experiment, constructed from the screen description file.

Author(s)

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References

Boutros, M., Bras, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology* **7**, R66.

See Also

[readPlateList]() [templateDescriptionFile]()

Examples

```
datadir <- system.file("KcViabSmall", package = "cellHTS2")
x <- readPlateList("Platelist.txt", name="KcViabSmall", path=datadir)
x <- configure(x, "Description.txt", "Plateconf.txt", "Screenlog.txt", path=datadir)
```

---

convertOldCellHTS *Convert an old S3 class cellHTS object to the new S4 class cellHTS object*

Description

Convert an old S3 cellHTS object (from the cellHTS package) into one or several S4 cellHTS objects (from the cellHTS2 package).

Usage

```
convertOldCellHTS(oldObject)
```

Arguments

oldObject   an S3 class cellHTS object obtained using the package cellHTS.

Value

The function returns a list containing one or more cellHTS objects. The element raw contains the unnormalized data from oldObject. Depending on the state of oldObject (on whether it is normalized and scored), the other components of this list can be: normalized, an S4 cellHTS object containing the normalized data, and scored, an S4 class cellHTS object containing the scored data.

Author(s)

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References

Boutros, M., Bras, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology* **7**, R66.

See Also

[updateCellHTS](#)

Examples

```
data("oldKcViabSmall")
out <-  convertOldCellHTS(oldKcViabSmall)
names(out)
out[["raw"]]
```

---

convertWellCoordinates

Converts different well identifiers

Description

For example, "B02" <-> c("B", "02") <-> 26, "AB32" <-> c("AB", "32") <-> 1328.

Usage

```
convertWellCoordinates(x, pdim, type="384")
```

Arguments

x   either: a character vector with alphanumeric well identifiers (e.g. B03 or AB32);
            or an nx2 character matrix whose first column contains letters and whose second
            column contains numbers; or an integer vector with position identifiers for wells
            within a plate (e.g. 27).

pdim   a vector of length 2 with names nrow and ncol giving the number of rows and
            columns in a plate. E.g. 'c(nrow=32, ncol=48)' for 1536-well plates.

type   an alternative way of specifying pdim. Supported are the values "24" for c(nrow=4,ncol=6),
            "96" for c(nrow= 8,ncol=12), "384" for c(nrow=16,ncol=24) and "1536" for
            c(nrow=32,ncol=48).

Value

A list with elements: letnum, with the alphanumeric well identifiers; let.num, with the alphanu-
meric well identifiers giving as a pair c(letter(s), 2-digits); num, with the integer position of the well
within a plate.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
pd <- c("nrow"=8L, "ncol"=12L) # 96-well plate
w <- sample(prod(pd), 3L)
wpos <- convertWellCoordinates(w, pd)
wpos
```

Data | *Access and replace the assayData slot of a cellHTS object*

Description

This generic function accesses and replaces the data stored in slot `assayData` of an object of [cellHTS](#) class.

Usage

```
Data(object)
Data(object) <- value
```

Arguments

object   Object derived from class [cellHTS](#).

value   a 3D array of dimensions dim(object)[1] (this corresponds to the total number
            of features: number of wells per plate x number of plates) x dim(object)[2] (this
            corresponds to the number of samples or replicates) x number of channels.

Value

`Data` returns a 3D array containing the contents of slot `assayData`. This array has dimensions
number of features (product between the number of wells per plates and the number of plates) x
number of samples (or replicates) x number of channels. Depending on the preprocessing status of
the `cellHTS` object, this array corresponds to the raw data, or to normalized data or to scored data.

See class [cellHTS](#) for details.

Author(s)

Ligia Bras

References

Boutros, M., Bras, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology*
7, R66.

See Also

[cellHTS](#)

---

dualCh *A sample cellHTS object containing dual channel data*

Description

Archived [cellHTS](#) object corresponding to the first three 384-well plates of a genome-wide RNAi screen for pathway activity in *Drosophila* cells

Usage

```
##cellHTS object, see examples for details
```

Format

[cellHTS](#) object

Examples

```
data(dualCh)
```

---

getDynamicRange *Per-plate dynamic range of a cellHTS object*

Description

Calculates per-plate dynamic range of data stored in a [cellHTS](#) object.

Usage

```
getDynamicRange(x,
verbose=interactive(),
definition,
posControls,
negControls)
```

Arguments

x	a configured [cellHTS](#) object. See details.
verbose	a logical, if TRUE the function reports some of its intermediate progress. The default is the state of [interactive()](#).
definition	a character string with possible values "ratio" or "difference". See details.
posControls	(optional) a list or vector of regular expressions specifying the name of the positive controls. See details.
negControls	(optional) a vector of regular expressions specifying the name of the negative controls. See details.

Details

x should be an already configured [cellHTS](#) object (state(x)["configured"]=TRUE), so that the information about the well annotation of the plates is available.

The per-plate dynamic ranges are calculated for the data stored in slot assayData of x. This can be raw data, normalized data or scored data.

If definition="difference", the dynamic range is calculated as the absolute difference between the arithmetic average on positive and negative controls.

If definition="ratio", the dynamic range is calculated as the ratio between the geometric mean on positive and negative controls.

NOTE: the argument definition should only be set to "ratio" if data are in positive scale!

If definition is missing it is determined based on the scale of the data. By default, if data are in positive scale, definition is set to "ratio", otherwise, it is set to "difference".

posControls and negControls should be given as a vector of regular expression patterns specifying the name of the positive(s) and negative(s) controls, respectivey, as provided in the plate configuration file (and accessed via wellAnno(x)). The length of these vectors should be equal to the current number of channels in x (dim(Data(x))[3]). By default, if posControls is not given, pos will be taken as the name for the wells containing positive controls. Similarly, if negControls is missing, by default neg will be considered as the name used to annotated the negative controls. The content of posControls and negControls will be passed to [regexpr](#) for pattern matching within the well annotation given in wellAnno(x) (see examples). If no controls are available for a given channel, use "" or NA for that channel. For example, posControls = c("","(?i)^diap$") means that channel 1 has no positive controls, while diap is the positive control for channel 2.

The arguments posControls and negControls are particularly useful in multi-channel data since the controls might be reporter-specific, or after normalizing multi-channel data.

If there are different positive controls, the dynamic range is calculated between each of the positive controls and the negative controls.

In the case of a two-way assay, where two types of "positive" controls are used in the screen ("activators" and "inhibitors"), posControls should be defined as a list with two components (called act and inh), each of which should be vectors of regular expressions of the same length as the current number of reporters (as explained above). The dynamic range is calculated between each type of positive control (activators or inhibitors) and the negative controls.

Value

The function generates a list with the per-plate dynamic ranges in each channel and each replicate. The average dynamic range between replicates is also given. Each element of this list is an array of dimensions nrPlates x (nrReplicates + 1) x nrChannels, and is named by the positive controls. In the case of a two-way assay, these elements are called activators and inhibitors, while for a one-way assay, the elements have the same name of the positive controls. See Examples section.

Author(s)

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References

Boutros, M., Bras, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology* **7**, R66.

See Also

configure, writeReport

Examples

```
    data(KcViabSmall)
    ## pCtrls <- c("pos")
    ## nCtrls <- c("neg")
    ## or for safety reasons (not a problem for the current well annotation, however)
    pCtrls <- c("^pos$")
    nCtrls <- c("^neg$")
  dr <- getDynamicRange(KcViabSmall, definition="ratio", posControls=pCtrls, negControls=nCtrls)
    ## same as:
    ## getDynamicRange(KcViabSmall)

  x <- normalizePlates(KcViabSmall, scale="multiplicative", log=TRUE, method="median", varianceAdjust="none")
    try(drn <- getDynamicRange(x, definition="ratio"))
    drn <- getDynamicRange(x, definition="difference")
```

---

getEnVisionRawData   *Read a plate file obtain from EnVision Plate Reader*

Description

Import functions to read a plate file obtained from EnVision Plate Reader. These functions should be set as the import function of readPlateList through the argument importFun when reading plate result files obtained from EnVision plate reader.

Usage

```
getEnVisionRawData(f, p)
getEnVisionCrosstalkCorrectedData(f, p)
```

Arguments

f   the name of the result plate file to read.

p   capturing the additional path argument, which will actually be ignored. f is
                expected to be a fully resolved file path.

Details

These functions should not be called directly. Instead, they should be set as the import function of [readPlateList](#) through the argument importFun when reading plate result files obtained from an EnVision plate reader.

Value

These functions return a list with two components. The first component should be a 'data.frame' with the following slots: well (a character vector with the well identifier in the plate) and val (the intensity values measured at each well). The second component of this list should be a character vector containing a copy of the imported input data file (such as the output of [readLines](#)). It should be suitable to be used as input for [writeLines](#).

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See Also

[readPlateList](#)

Examples

```
 plateFile <- system.file("EnVisionExample/XXX_1500.csv", package = "cellHTS2")
 onePlate <- getEnVisionRawData(plateFile)

## to get the cross talk corrected data:
onePlate2 <- getEnVisionCrosstalkCorrectedData(plateFile)
```

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getMeasureRepAgreement

Measures of agreement between plate replicates from a cellHTS object

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Description

Calculate the agreement between plate replicates using raw data or normalized data stored in a [cellHTS](#) object. This function calculates the repeatability standard deviation between replicate plates and the correlation coefficient between replicates. If there are more than 2 replicates, the minimum and maximum correlation between replicates is given. These measures are calculated only for sample wells.

Usage

```
getMeasureRepAgreement(x, corr.method = "spearman")
```

Arguments

x   a configured [cellHTS](#) object. See details.

corr.method   a character string indicating which correlation coefficient should be computed. Can be either "pearson", "kendall" or "spearman" (default). The correlation is calculated by calling the function [cor](#).

Details

Given an already configured [cellHTS](#) object (state(x)[["configured"]]=TRUE), this function calculates the repeatability standard deviation between replicate plates and the correlation coefficient between plate replicates using only the sample wells. If there are more than 2 replicates, the minimum and maximum correlation value between pairs of replicates are given.

These measures are calculated using the data values stored in slot assayData of the x.

For a given plate p, the repeatability standard deviation is determined as the square root of the average of the squared standard deviations (sr) calculated for each sample well k by considering the measurement of all of the replicates:

$$RepStDev_p = \sqrt{\frac{\sum sr^2}{n_k}}$$

where n_k is the total number of sample probes for plate p.

Value

The function generates a list with elements:

"repStDev": matrix with the calculated repeatability standard deviation between plate replicates. It has dimensions nrPlates x nrChannels;

"corrCoef" (if the number of replicates equals 2): matrix with the correlation coefficients between plate replicates. It has dimensions: nrPlates x nrChannels;

"corrCoef.min" (if the number of replicates is greater than 2): matrix with the minimum value of the correlation coefficients between plate replicates. It has dimensions nrPlates x nrChannels;

"corrCoef.max" (if the number of replicates is greater than 2): matrix with the maximum value of the correlation coefficients between plate replicates. It has dimensions nrPlates x nrChannels.

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References

Boutros, M., Bras, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology* **7**, R66.

See Also

[configure](#), [writeReport](#)

Examples

```
    data(KcViabSmall)
    repAgree <- getMeasureRepAgreement(KcViabSmall)
  x <- normalizePlates(KcViabSmall, scale="multiplicative", log=FALSE, method="median", varianceAdjust="none")
    repAgree <- getMeasureRepAgreement(x)
```

---

getTopTable   *Generate the hit list from a scored cellHTS object*

Description

Generate the hit list from a scored [cellHTS](#) object and write it to a tab-delimited file.

Usage

```
getTopTable(cellHTSlist, file="topTable.txt", verbose=interactive())
```

Arguments

cellHTSlist	a list of [cellHTS](#) objects. See details.
file	the name of the output file. Default is "topTable.txt".
verbose	a logical value, if TRUE, the function reports its progress. Defaults to the state of [interactive()](#).

Details

Argument cellHTSlist should be a list containing at least one component named "scored" which corresponds to a scored [cellHTS](#) object. Other possible components of cellHTSlist can be:

"raw": a cellHTS object containing unpreprocessed data. I.e. state(cellHTSlist[["raw"]])["normalized"]=FALSE.

"normalized": a cellHTS object containing normalized data. I.e. state(cellHTSlist[["normalized"]])["normalized and state(cellHTSlist[["normalized"]])["scored"]=FALSE.

All of the components of cellHTSlist should be cellHTS objects containing data from the same experiment, but in different preprocessing stages.

This function generates a data.frame that is written to file. This data.frame and the output file contain the list of scored probes ordered by decreasing score values. They have one row for each well and plate, and contain the following columns (depending on the components of cellHTSlist):

plate: plate identifier for each well.

position: gives the position of the well in the plate (ranges from 1 to the total number of wells in the plate).

well: gives the alphanumeric identifier for the wells.

score: content of slot assayData of the scored [cellHTS](#) object given in cellHTSlist[["scored"]].

codewellAnno: ell annotation as given by the plate configuration file.

codefinalWellAnno: gives the final well annotation for the scored values. It combines the information given in the plate configuration file with the values in assayData slot of the scored cellHTS object, in order to have into account the wells that have been flagged either by the screen log file, or manually by the user during the analysis. These flagged wells appear with the annotation *flagged*.

raw_ri_chj: (if cellHTSlist[["raw"]] is given) contains the raw intensities for replicate i in channel j (content of slot assayData of the cellHTS object given in cellHTSlist[["raw"]]).

median_chj: (if cellHTSlist[["raw"]] is given) corresponds to the median of raw measurements across replicates in channel j.

diff_chj: (if cellHTSlist[["raw"]] is given and if there are two replicates or samples) gives the difference between replicate (sample) raw measurements in channel j.

average_chj: (if cellHTSlist[["raw"]] is given and if there are more than 2 replicates or samples) corresponds to the average between replicate raw intensities for channel j.

raw/PlateMedian_ri_chj: (if cellHTSlist[["raw"]] is given) this column gives the ratio between each raw measurement and the median intensity in each plate for replicate (or sample) i in channel j. The plate median is determined for the raw intensities using exclusively the wells annotated as sample.

normalized_ri_chj: (if cellHTSlist[["normalized"]] is given) gives the normalized intensities for replicate (sample) i in channel j. This corresponds to the content of slot assayData of the cellHTS object given in cellHTSlist[["normalized"]].

Additionally, if the cellHTS object given in cellHTSlist[["scored"]] is already annotated, the output topTable also contains the gene annotation stored in slot featureData.

Value

Generates the file with the hit list and outputs a [data.frame](#) with the same contents.

Author(s)

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References

Boutros, M., Bras, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology* **7**, R66.

See Also

[cellHTS](#)

Examples

```
 data(KcViabSmall)
xn <- normalizePlates(KcViabSmall, scale="multiplicative", log=FALSE, method="median", varianceAdjust="none")
 xsc <- scoreReplicates(xn, sign="-", method="zscore")
 xsc <- summarizeReplicates(xsc, summary="mean")
out <- getTopTable(cellHTSlist=list("raw"=KcViabSmall, "normalized"=xn, "scored"=xsc), file=tempfile())
```

---

getZfactor   *Per-experiment Z'-factor of a cellHTS object*

Description

Calculates per-experiment Z'-factor of data stored in a [cellHTS](#) object. The Z'-factor is a measure that quantifies the separation between the distribution of positive and negative controls.

Usage

```
getZfactor(x,
robust=TRUE,
verbose=interactive(),
posControls,
negControls)
```

Arguments

x	a configured [cellHTS](#) object. See details.
robust	a logical, if TRUE the Z'-factor is calculated using the median and MAD instead of mean and standard deviation, respectively.
verbose	a logical, if TRUE the function reports some of its intermediate progress. The default is the state of [interactive()](#).
posControls	(optional) a list or vector of regular expressions specifying the name of the positive controls. See details.
negControls	(optional) a vector of regular expressions specifying the name of the negative controls. See details.

Details

x should be an already configured [cellHTS](#) object (state(x)["configured"]=TRUE), so that the information about the well annotation of the plates is available.

The per-experiment Z'-factor values are calculated for the data stored in slot assayData of x.

If robust=TRUE (default), the Z'-factor is calculated using robust estimates of location (median) and spread (mad).

posControls and negControls should be given as a vector of regular expression patterns specifying the name of the positive(s) and negative(s) controls, respectivey, as provided in the plate configuration file (and accessed via wellAnno(x)). The length of these vectors should be equal to the current number of channels in x (dim(Data(x))[3]). By default, if posControls is not given, pos will be taken as the name for the wells containing positive controls. Similarly, if negControls is missing, by default neg will be considered as the name used to annotated the negative controls. The content of posControls and negControls will be passed to [regexpr](#) for pattern matching within the well annotation given in wellAnno(x) (see examples). If no controls are available for a given channel, use "" or NA for that channel. For example, posControls = c("","(?i)^diap$") means that channel 1 has no positive controls, while diap is the positive control for channel 2.

The arguments posControls and negControls are particularly useful in multi-channel data since the controls might be reporter-specific, or after normalizing multi-channel data.

If there are different positive controls, the Z'-factor is calculated between each of the positive controls and the negative controls.

In the case of a two-way assay, where two types of "positive" controls are used in the screen ("activators" and "inhibitors"), posControls should be defined as a list with two components (called act and inh), each of which should be vectors of regular expressions of the same length as the current number of reporters (as explained above). The Z'-factor values are calculated between each type of positive control (activators or inhibitors) and the negative controls.

Value

The function generates a list with the per-experiment Z'-factor values in each channel and each replicate. Each element of this list is a matrix with dimensions nrReplicates x nrChannels, and is named by the positive controls. In the case of a two-way assay, these elements are called activators and inhibitors, while for a one-way assay, the elements have the same name of the positive controls. See examples section.

Author(s)

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References

Zhang, J.H., Chung, T.D. and Oldenburg, K.R. (1999) A simple statistical parameter for use in evaluation and validation of high throughput screening assays, *J. Biomol. Screen.* **4**(2), 67–73.

See Also

configure, writeReport

Examples

```
    data(KcViabSmall)
    ## pCtrls <- c("pos")
    ## nCtrls <- c("neg")
    ## or for safety reasons (not a problem for the current well annotation, however)
    pCtrls <- c("^pos$")
    nCtrls <- c("^neg$")
    zf <- getZfactor(KcViabSmall, robust=TRUE, posControls=pCtrls, negControls=nCtrls)

  x <- normalizePlates(KcViabSmall, scale="multiplicative", log=FALSE, method="median", varianceAdjust="none")
    zfn <- getZfactor(x)
```

gseaModule   *Constructor for an object of class gseaModule*

Description

gseaModule objects encapsulate all the information that is necessary to add the results of a gene set enrichment analysis to a cellHTS report. This feature is still experimental

Usage

```
gseaModule(geneSets, statFuns, scores, annotation)
```

Arguments

geneSets   An object of class [GeneSetCollection](#) containing the information about gene sets for which to perform the analysis.

statFuns   A list of functions to compute per gene set statistics. These will be called by [applyByCategory](#) and need to be able to handle two mandatory arguments: x are the scores for the respective category, and y are all scores of the whole assay. This allows for statistics like t.test(x,y).

scores   An optional numeric vector of assay scores. This should be extended to also handle numeric matrices for multi-channel assays.

annotation   A data.frame with additional annotation for the repsective gene sets.

Details

The resulting gseaModule object can be supplied as an additional argument to [writeReport](#).

This feature is still experimental.

Value

An object of class gseaModule.

Author(s)

Florian Hahne

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imageScreen   *Experiment-wide quality control plot of a cellHTS object*

Description

Experiment-wide quality control plot of a scored `cellHTS` object.

Usage

```
imageScreen(object, ar=3/5, zrange=NULL, map=FALSE, anno=NULL,
            col=list(posNeg=rev(brewer.pal(11,
                "RdBu"))[c(1:5, rep(6, 3), 7:11)], pos=brewer.pal(9,
                "Greys")), nbImageBins=256, nbLegendBins=7)
```

Arguments

object	a [cellHTS] object that has already been scored (i.e. state(object)['scored']=TRUE).
ar	the desired aspect ration for the image plot (i.e. number of columns per number of rows)
zrange	the range of values to be mapped into the color scale. If missing, `zrange` will be set to the range of the score values stored in slot `assayData` of `object`.
map	a logical value that determines whether an image map should be created using tooltips to indicate the annotation at each position. It only makes sense to set it to `TRUE` when the function is called from `writeReport` function, so the default is `FALSE`.
anno	optional input giving the annotation information for the mapping. It should be a vector of the same size as the total number of featured in `object`. See details.
col	a list giving the colors for the plot. The first element `posNeg` is used if `zrange[1]<0` and `zrange[2]>0`, the second if all values are either positive or negative.
nbImageBins	The number of color bins used in the map. Default is 256.
nbLegendBins	The number of color bins shown in the legend. Default is 7.

Details

This function creates an image plot that gives an overview of the whole set of score values stored in slot `assayData` of a scored `cellHTS` object. When the annotation mapping is performed, by default, anno is set to:

1. (if `object` is annotated) The content of column named `GeneSymbol` or named `GeneID` (if the former is not available) of the `featureData` slot of `object`;

2. The position within the plate, if `object` is not annotated.

Author(s)

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References

Boutros, M., Bras, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology* **7**, R66.

See Also

[normalizePlates](#), [summarizeChannels](#), [scoreReplicates](#), [summarizeReplicates](#), [Data](#) [writeReport](#)

Examples

```
    data(KcViabSmall)
    x <- KcViabSmall
  x <- normalizePlates(x, scale="multiplicative", log=FALSE, method="median", varianceAdjust="none")
    x <- scoreReplicates(x, sign="-", method="zscore")
    x <- summarizeReplicates(x, summary="min")
    imageScreen(x, zrange=c(-5,5))
```

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intensityFiles	*Retrieve the contents of the input files used to generate a given cellHTS object.*

Description

These generic functions access different slots of an object derived from the [cellHTS](#) class, which contain the original content of the input files used to create the object.

Usage

```
intensityFiles(object)
plateList(object)
plateConf(object)
screenLog(object)
screenDesc(object)
```

Arguments

object   an object of class [cellHTS](#).

Value

intensityFiles returns a list, where each component contains a copy of the imported input data files.

plateList returns a data.frame containing what was read from the plate list file, plus a column status of type character that contains the string "OK" if the data import appeared to have gone well, and the respective error or warning message otherwise. See [readPlateList](#) for more details.

plateConf returns a data.frame that contains what was read from the plate configuration input file (except the first two header rows) during the screen configuration step. For more details see [configure](#).

screenLog returns a data.frame containing what was read from the screen log input file during the screen configuration step. See `configure` for more details.

screenDesc returns an object of class `character` that contains what was read from the screen description input file during the configuration of the `cellHTS` object. See `configure` for more details.

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See Also

`cellHTS`, `readPlateList`, `configure`, `name`

KcViab   *A sample cellHTS object - D. melanogaster genome-wide RNAi screen*

Description

Archived `cellHTS` object from a genome-wide RNAi screen of cell viability in *Drosophila* Kc167 cells

Usage

```
##cellHTS object, see examples for details
```

Format

`cellHTS` object

References

Boutros, M., Kiger, A.A., Armknecht,S., Kerr,K., Hild,M., Koch,B., Haas, S.A., Heidelberg Fly Array Consortium, Paro,R. and Perrimon, N. (2004) Genome-wide RNAi analysis of growth and viability in Drosophila cells, *Science* **303**:832–5.

Examples

```
data(KcViab)
```

KcViabSmall *A sample cellHTS object - D. melanogaster genome-wide RNAi screen*

Description

Archived cellHTS object corresponding to the first three 384-well plates of a genome-wide RNAi screen of cell viability in *Drosophila* Kc167 cells

Usage

```
##cellHTS object, see examples for details
```

Format

cellHTS object

References

Boutros, M., Kiger, A.A., Armknecht,S., Kerr,K., Hild,M., Koch,B., Haas, S.A., Heidelberg Fly Array Consortium, Paro,R. and Perrimon, N. (2004) Genome-wide RNAi analysis of growth and viability in Drosophila cells, *Science* **303**:832–5.

Examples

```
data(KcViabSmall)
```

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normalizePlates *Per-plate data transformation, normalization and variance adjustment*

Description

Plate-by-plate normalization of the raw data stored in slot assayData of a cellHTS object. Normalization is performed separately for each plate, replicate and channel. Log2 data transformation can be performed and variance adjustment can be performed in different ways (none, per-plate, per-batch or per-experiment).

Usage

```
normalizePlates(object, scale="additive", log=FALSE, method="median", varianceAdjust="none", posCont
```

Arguments

`object`	a cellHTS object that has already been configured. See details.
`scale`	a character specifying the scale that the input data are considered to be on: "additive" scale (default) or "multiplicative". The interpretation of this terminology is that data on an additive scale will be normalised by subtraction of a correction offset, whereas data on a multiplicative scale are normalised by division through a correction factor.
`log`	logical. If TRUE, data will first be [log2](log2) transformed. If data are on an additive scale (i.e. if scale is "additive"), then log is only allowed to be FALSE. The default is log=FALSE.
`method`	character specifying the normalization method to use for the per-plate normalization. Allowed values are "median" (the default), "mean", "shorth", "POC", "NPI", "negatives", Bscore and ["locfit"](locfit). See details.
`varianceAdjust`	character specifying the variance adjustment to perform. Allowed values are "none" (the default), code"byPlate", "byBatch" and "byExperiment". See details.
`posControls`	a vector of regular expressions giving the name of the positive control(s). See details.
`negControls`	a vector of regular expressions giving the name of the negative control(s). See details.
`...`	Further arguments that get passed on to the function implementing the normalization method chosen by method. Currently, this is only used for Bscore and locfit.

Details

The function normalizePlates uses the content of the assayData slot of object. For dual-channel data, a recommended workflow is (i) to correct for plate effects using the normalizePlates function, (ii) combine the two channels using the function summarizeChannels, and (iii) finally, if necessary, normalize the summarized intensities calling normalizePlates again.

In this function, the normalization is performed in a plate-by-plate fashion, following this workflow:

1. Log transformation of the data (optional)
2. Per-plate normalization
3. Variance adjustment of the plate intensity corrected data (optional)

The argument scale defines the scale of the data. If the data are on a multiplicative scale (scale="multiplicative"), the data can be [log2](log2) transformed by setting log=TRUE. This then changes the scale of the data to code"additive".

In the next step of preprocessing, intensities are corrected in a plate-by-plate basis using the chosen normalization method:

- If method="median", plates effects are corrected by the median value across wells that are annotated as sample in wellAnno(object), for each plate and replicate.
- If method="mean", the average in the sample wells is used instead.

- If method="shorth", the midpoint of the [shorth](#) of the distribution of values in the wells annotated as sample is used.
- If method="negatives", the median of the negative controls is used.

Depending on the scale of the data prior to normalization, the data are divided by the above defined correction factors (scale: "multiplicative"), or the value is subtracted (scale: "additive").

Further available normalization methods are:

- method="POC" (percent of control): for each plate and replicate, each measurement is divided by the average of the measurements on the plate positive controls, and multiplied by 100.
- method="NPI" (normalized percent inhibition): each measurement is subtracted from the average of the intensities on the plate positive controls, and this result is divided by the difference between the means of the measurements on the positive and the negative controls.
- method="Bscore": for each plate and replicate, the [B-score method](#), which is based on a 2-way median polish, is applied to remove row and column biases.
- method="locfit" (robust local fit regression): for each plate and replicate, spatial effects are removed by fitting a bivariate local polynomial regression (see [spatialNormalization](#)).

In the final preprocessing step, variance of plate-corrected intensities can be adjusted as follows:

- varianceAdjust="byPlate": per plate normalized intensities are divided by the per-plate median absolute deviations (MAD) in "sample" wells. This is done separately for each replicate and channel;
- varianceAdjust="byBatch": using the content of slot batch, plates are split according to assay batches and the individual normalized intensities in each group of plates (batch) are divided by the per-batch of plates MAD values (calculated based on "sample" wells). This is done separately for each replicate and channel;
- varianceAdjust="byExperiment": each normalized measurement is divided by the overall MAD of normalized values in wells containing "sample". This is done separately for each replicate and channel;

By default, no variance adjustment is performed (varianceAdjust="none").

The arguments posControls and negControls are required for applying the normalization methods based on the control measurements that is, when method="POC", or method="NPI", or method="negatives"). posControls and negControls should be vectors of regular expression patterns specifying the name of the positive(s) and negative(s) controls, respectivey, as provided in the plate configuration file (and accessed via wellAnno(object)). The length of these vectors should be equal to the current number of channels in object (i.e. to the dim(Data(object))[3]). By default, if posControls is not given, *pos* will be taken as the name for the wells containing positive controls. Similarly, if negControls is missing, by default *neg* will be considered as the name used to annotate the negative controls. The content of posControls and negControls will be passed to [regexpr](#) for pattern matching within the well annotation given in the featureData slot of object (which can be accessed via wellAnno(object)) (see examples for [summarizeChannels](#)). The arguments posControls and negControls are particularly useful in multi-channel data since the controls might be reporter-specific, or after normalizing multi-channel data.

See the Examples section for an example on how this function can be used to apply a robust version of the Z score method, whereby, for each plate and replicate, the per-plate median (computed only from sample wells) is subtracted from the measurements, and the result is divided by the per-plate MAD (only from sample wells).

Value

An object of class [cellHTS] with the normalized data stored in slot assayData (its previous contents were overridden). The processing status of the object is updated in the slot state to object@state[["normalized"]]=TRUE.

Additional slots of object may be updated if method="Bscore" or method="locfit" are used. Please refer to the help page of the [Bscore] function and [spatialNormalization] functions.

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References

Boutros, M., Bras, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology* **7**, R66.

See Also

[Bscore], [spatialNormalization], [summarizeChannels]

Examples

```
    data(KcViabSmall)
    # per-plate median scaling of intensities
  x1 <- normalizePlates(KcViabSmall, scale="multiplicative", log=FALSE, method="median", varianceAdjust="none")
    # per-plate median subtraction of log2 transformed intensities
  x2 <- normalizePlates(KcViabSmall, scale="multiplicative", log=TRUE, method="median", varianceAdjust="none")
    ## Not run:
  x3 <- normalizePlates(KcViabSmall, scale="multiplicative", log=TRUE, method="Bscore", varianceAdjust="none", s

## End(Not run)


  ## robust Z score method (plate intensities are subtracted by the per-plate median on sample wells and divided by
  xZ <- normalizePlates(KcViabSmall, scale="additive", log=FALSE, method="median", varianceAdjust="byPlate")

    ## an example to illustrate the use of slot 'batch':
  ## Not run:
  try(xnorm <- normalizePlates(KcViabSmall, scale="multiplicative", method="median", varianceAdjust="byBatch"))

  # It doesn't work because we need to have slot 'batch'!
  # For example, we will suppose that a different lot of reagents was used for plate 1:
  pp <- plate(KcViabSmall)
  fData(KcViabSmall)$"reagent" <- "lot B"
  fData(KcViabSmall)$"reagent"[pp==1] <- "lot A"
  fvarMetadata(KcViabSmall)["reagent",] <- "Lot of reagent used"

  bb <- as.factor(fData(KcViabSmall)$"reagent")
  batch(KcViabSmall) <- array(as.integer(bb), dim=dim(Data(KcViabSmall)))
  ## check number of batches:
  nbatch(KcViabSmall)
  x1 <- normalizePlates(KcViabSmall, scale="multiplicative", log = FALSE, method="median", varianceAdjust="byBatc
```

```
## End(Not run)
```

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oldKcViabSmall   *A sample S3 class cellHTS object - D. melanogaster genome-wide RNAi screen*

Description

Archived S3 class `cellHTS` object corresponding to the first three 384-well plates of a genome-wide RNAi screen of cell viability in *Drosophila* Kc167 cells. This data set was assembled and stored using `cellHTS` package and is used to show how to convert an old S3 class cellHTS object to the new S4 data class associated with `cellHTS2` package.

Usage

```
##cellHTS object, see examples for details
```

Format

S3 class `cellHTS` object as detailed in package `cellHTS`.

References

Boutros, M., Kiger, A.A., Armknecht,S., Kerr,K., Hild,M., Koch,B., Haas, S.A., Heidelberg Fly Array Consortium, Paro,R. and Perrimon, N. (2004) Genome-wide RNAi analysis of growth and viability in Drosophila cells, *Science* **303**:832–5.

Examples

```
data(oldKcViabSmall)
```

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oneRowPerId   *Rearrange dataframe entries such that there is exactly one row per ID.*

Description

Rearrange dataframe entries such that there is exactly one row per ID. The IDs are taken from the argument `ids` and are matched against the first column of `x`. If an ID is missing in `x[,1]`, a row with NA values is inserted. If an ID occurs multiple times in `x[,1]`, rows are collapsed into characters of comma-separated values.

Usage

```
oneRowPerId(x, ids)
```

Arguments

x	dataframe.
ids	character vector.

Value

A dataframe whose rows correspond 1:1 to ids.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
x = data.frame(ids=I(c("a", "a", "c")), val=11:13)
oneRowPerId(x, letters[1:3])
```

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plate   *Retrieve information related with the format of a RNAi experiment*

Description

These generic functions retrieves information related with the format of RNAi experiment conducted in multi-plate format and stored in an object of [cellHTS](#) class.

Usage

```
pdim(object)
plate(object)
well(object)
position(object)
```

Arguments

object	an object of class [cellHTS](#).

Value

pdim returns a vector of length 2 containing integer values that correspond to the number of rows and columns in a plate. This corresponds to the plate format used in the screen (for example, 96-well or 384-well plates).

plate returns a vector of integers with the same length as the product between the number of wells per plate and the number of plates. This gives the plate number for each well in the assay. Corresponds to fData(object)[,"plate"].

well returns a character vector containing the wells identifiers (for example "A01", "H06"). Its length equals the product between the number of wells per plate and the number of plates. This vector corresponds to fData(object)[,"well"].

position gives a numeric vector containing every well positions (1, 2, 3, ...). Its length is equal to the product between the number of wells per plate and the number of plates.

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See Also

cellHTS

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plateEffects   *Access plate effects stored in a cellHTS object.*

Description

This generic function accesses plate effects stored in slot rowcol.effects and overall.effects of a cellHTS instance.

Usage

```
plateEffects(object)
```

Arguments

object   Object derived from class cellHTS that has been normalized by a spatial nor-
                malization method. See details.

Value

plateEffects returns a list with two elements: rowcol and overall.

plateEffects[["rowcol"]] corresponds to the contents of slot rowcol.effects of object. This is a 3D array with the same dimensions as Data(object): nr of Features x nr of Samples x nr of Channels of the current cellHTS object.

plateEffects[["overall"]] contains the data stored in slot overall.effects of object. This is a 3D array with dimensions nr Plates x nr Samples x nr Channels of object. Slot overall.effects is only estimated when B score method is used to normalize the data.

Note that these 2 slots accessed by this function were stored after preprocessing the data either using Bscore method or local regression fit (see normalizePlates for details), by setting the option save.model=TRUE.

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See Also

cellHTS normalizePlates Bscore spatialNormalization

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plotSpatialEffects	*Plate plot with the row and column offsets estimated by the a spatial normalization method*

Description

The function plots the per-plate row and column effects estimated by the B score method or by the spatial normalization.

Usage

```
plotSpatialEffects(object, channel = 1, plates)
```

Arguments

object	a [cellHTS](#) object that has been normalized using the B score method or other spatial normalization (see details).
channel	a numeric value giving the channel of object to plot.
plates	a vector of integers giving the plate numbers to plot. If missing, the function considers all of the plates.

Details

The function plots the [plate plots](#) displaying the row and column offsets (stored in slot rowcol.effects of the [cellHTS](#) object) within the plates in plates, and for channel channel, as determined by the [B score method](#) or [spatial normalization](#). Before plotting the spatial offsets, the values within the chosen channel (argument channel) are transformed in order to be confined in the range $[0, 1]$, as follows:

$$y^t = \frac{(y - min(y))}{max(y) - min(y)}$$

Here, y^t are the transformed values, and y the estimated spatial effects. The maximum and the minimum values are calculated using all the values in plateEffects(object)$rowcol[,,channel].

Author(s)

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See Also

[plotPlate](#), [Bscore](#), [spatialNormalization](#), [normalizePlates](#), [summarizeChannels](#)

Examples

```
    data(KcViabSmall)
x <- normalizePlates(KcViabSmall, scale="multiplicative", log=TRUE, method="Bscore", save.model = TRUE)
    ## see plate plots with the row and column estimated offsets for plates 1 and 3:
    plotSpatialEffects(x, plates=c(1,3))
```

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readHTAnalystData   *Read a set of plate results obtained from a HTanalyser plate reader*

Description

Reads input files (specified by the argument `filenames`) containing replicate data for the same set of assay plates and obtained using an HTanalyser. The number of replicates corresponds to the number of given files (`length(filenames)`), while the total number of plates should be given by the argument `nrPlates`.

Usage

```
readHTAnalystData(filenames, path=dirname(filenames), name, nrPlates, verbose=interactive())
```

Arguments

filenames   vector of characters giving the name(s) of the input file(s) obtained in a HTanal-
             yser plate reader and containing the set of measurements for each set of replicate
             plates (see details).

path   can be either a character vector with the same length as `filenames` or a character
             of length 1 indicating the path in which to find the input file(s) `filenames`. By
             default, it can extract the path from `filenames`.

name   a character of length 1 with the experiment name.

nrPlates   an integer value indicating the number of plates in the input file(s).

verbose   a logical value, if TRUE, the function reports some of its intermediate progress.
             Defaults to the state of [interactive()]().

Details

This function reads input files obtained in a HTanalyser plate reader for a multi-plate format screening experiment. Data for the same set of replicate measurements of all plates are expected to come in a single input file. So, the argument `filenames` should be a character vector specifying the name of the input files for each replicate. Each of these files is expected to contain data for a total of `nrPlates` assay plates. It contains meta-experimental data together with plate measurements in a matrix-like format. The same type of format is expected for each of the `nrPlates` contained in each input file indicated in `filenames`. The input files should be suitable to be used as input for [readLines]().

The following metadata fields are expected to be repeated along the input file(s) for each assay plate:

- Microplate format, indicates the plate format used in the screen. Should be the same across plates.
- Barcode, this field is used to uniquely identify each assay plate.
- Method ID, indicates the method used to perform the assay. Should be the same for every plate.
- Data, indicates the type of data and should be the same for every plate.
- Units, indicates the units of the readings. Should be the same for every plate.
- Display format, indicating the numeric format used to display the data measurements. Should be the same along plates.

This function expects that the next line after the meta field "Display format" for a given plate contains the column numbers (1:ncol) which are then followed by the matrix of measurements in each well. Each entry of the data matrix corresponds to a position in the assay plate with coordinates (row,col), except the first column, which gives the row ID, as upper letters (A, B, ...).

Value

An object of class `cellHTS`, which extends the class `NChannelSet`. After calling this function, the content of the following slots is as follows:

assayData   an object of class `AssayData` containing the imported measurement data. Each matrix represents a single channel, and each sample (replicate) corresponds to a column. Thus, the total number of rows in each matrix corresponds to the product between the number of wells per plate and the number of assay plates.

phenoData   the argument `name` is stored in its column `assay`.

featureData   the information about the plate and well identifiers for each plate measurement are stored in columns `plate` and `well` of this slot.

intensityFiles a list, where each component contains a copy of the measurement data of a given plate, replicate and channel. Its length corresponds to the number of rows of `plateList`.

plateList   a data.frame containing the columns "Filename", "Plate", "Replicate", "Channel" and "status". Each row of this slot makes the correspondence between a given component (name given in column "Filename") in the list stored in slot `intensityFiles` (i.e. plate) and its respective plate, replicate and channel number. Thus, this data.frame contains as many rows as the product between the total number of plates, replicates and channels. The last column named `status` is of type character and contains the string "OK" indicated the success status of the data import.

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References

Boutros, M., Bras, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology* **7**, R66.

See Also

To read a collection of plate result files with measurements of a single plate and replicate, see readPlateList.

Examples

```
    datadir <- system.file("KcCellTiter", package = "cellHTS2")
  x <- readHTAnalystData(filenames = c("KcCellTiter0607.txt", "KcCellTiter0707.txt"), name="KcData", path=datadir
  x <- configure(x, confFile = "Plateconf.txt", logFile="Screenlog.txt", descripFile = "Description.txt",
        path = datadir)
```

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readPlateList	*Read a collection of plate reader data files*

Description

Reads a collection of plate reader data files into a cellHTS object. The names of the files, plus additional information (plate number, repeat number, assay/treatment/condition) is expected to be stored in a tab-delimited table specified by the argument filename. Alternatively, the data can be provided directly from non file-based sources, e.g. a data base (see details).

Usage

```
readPlateList(filename, path=NA, name="anonymous", importFun,
dec=".", verbose=interactive(), ...)
```

Arguments

filename	the name of the plate list file (see details). This argument is just passed on to the read.table function, so any of the valid argument types for the file argument of read.table are valid here, too. Alternatively, a user-defined function which is supposed to create a table-like R object of the plate list. Additional arguments to readPlateList in ... will be passed on to this function.
path	a character of length 1 indicating the path in which to find the plate reader files. If the importFun argument is supplied, the value of path will not be automatically prepended to the file names. This has to be explicitly dealt with in the importFun function. See details.
name	a character of length 1 with the experiment name.
importFun	a function to read the data files. The default function works for a certain file format, such as that of the example files provided with this package. If your plate reader software produces files with a different format or if you want to import data from a non file-based source, the import function needs to be adapted. See details and examples.
dec	Optional argument that is passed to importFun, and can be used to accommodate for data files that use characters different from . to represent the decimal point (e.g., the comma ,).

verbose   a logical value, if TRUE, the function reports some of its intermediate progress.

...   additional arguments that are being passed on to `filename` if it is a function.

Details

The plate list is expected to be a tab-delimited file with at least three columns named `Filename`, `Plate`, and `Replicate`. The contents of the columns `Plate` and `Replicate` are expected to be integers. `Filename` should be a vector of file names of the respective raw data files. If the `path` argument is supplied and `importFun` is missing, its value will automatically be prepended to the file names. The optional `Batch` column can be used to supply batch information for an experiment, e.g., when a reagent has been changed or the experiment has been run over several days.

Further columns are allowed, and can be used to denote, for example, different variants of the assay, treatments, incubation times, conditions, etc.

Alternatively, the value of `filename` can be a user-defined function which creates a `data.frame` similar to the one described before. This is for instance useful if the plate list information is directly imported from a data base. In order to allow for non-elementary data types, the output of the function can also be a named list, where each element has to be a vector of equal length. The aforementioned type restrictions still apply. The function will be called with all additional ... arguments, which allows to pass in additional information like experiment identifiers or data base queries.

`importFun` can be used to define a custom function to import data files. The `importFun` function should accept as its first argument names from the `Filename` column of the plate list (which in principle do not need to be individual files, they could also be handles for database entries, queries, or pointers into relevants parts of a file). As it second argument, the function should accept the value of the `path` argument, and the user needs to explicitly prepend this to the file names if needed. It should return a list with two components:

- The first component should be a `data.frame` with the following columns
  - `well`, a character vector with the well identifier in the plate.
  - `val`, the intensity values measured in that well.

  and with as many rows as there are wells in the plate.

- The second component should be a character vector containing a copy of the imported input data file (such as the output of [readLines](#)). It should be suitable to be used as input for [writeLines](#), since it will be used to reproduce the intensity files that are linked in the HTML quality reports generated by [writeReport](#).

For example, to import plate data files from EnVision plate reader, set `importFun=getEnVisionRawData` or `importFun=getEnvisionCrosstalkCorrectedData`. See function [getEnVisionRawData](#).

Direct data base import without the need for any flat files at all could for instance be achieved by:

- Providing a user-defined function as the `filename` argument and an experiment identifier as an additional ... argument. The function would have to query the data base for the plate information using this identifier and return a table as described above, where the `Filename` column contains identifiers needed to fetch the respective raw data for a single plate in a subsequent query. Alternatively, this could be a data base handle, or the query itself.

- Providing a second user-defined function as the `importFun` argument, which takes the value of the `Filename` column for a single plate and retrieves the respective raw data from the data base.

Value

An object of class [cellHTS](#), which extends the class [NChannelSet](#).

After calling this function, the content of the following slots is as follows:

assayData   an object of class [AssayData](#) containing the imported measurement data. Each matrix represents a single channel, and each run corresponds to a column. Thus, the total number of rows in each matrix corresponds to the product between the number of wells per plate and the number of assay plates.

phenoData   information about the runs, inferred from the plateList file: which replicate, which variant of the assay, treatment, incubation times etc.

featureData   the information about the plate and well identifiers for each plate measurement are stored in columns plate and well of this slot.

plateList   a data.frame containing what was read from input file x, plus a column status of type character: it contains the string "OK" if the data import appeared to have gone well, and the respective error or warning message otherwise.

intensityFiles a list, where each component contains a copy of the imported input data files. Its length corresponds to the number of rows of plateList.

Author(s)

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References

Boutros, M., Bras, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology* **7**, R66.

See Also

To read input files obtained in a HTanalyser plate reader, see [readHTAnalystData](#). To build a cellHTS2 object from a data frame, see [buildCellHTS2](#).

Examples

```
datadir <- system.file("KcViabSmall", package = "cellHTS2")
x <- readPlateList("Platelist.txt", "KcViabSmall", path=datadir)

## To read data files obtained from an EnVision plate reader:
datadir <- system.file("EnVisionExample", package = "cellHTS2")
x <- readPlateList("platelist.txt", name="EnVisionEx",
          importFun=getEnVisionRawData, path=datadir)

## to get the cross talk corrected data:
y <- readPlateList("platelist.txt", name="EnVisionEx",
          importFun=getEnVisionCrosstalkCorrectedData, path=datadir)
```

ROC   *Creates an object of class "ROC" which can be plotted as a ROC curve*

Description

The function ROC construct an object of S4 class [ROC](#), which represents a receiver-operator-characteristic curve, from the data of the annotated positive and negative controls in a scored [cellHTS](#) object.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'cellHTS'
ROC(object, positives, negatives)
## S4 method for signature 'ROC,missing'
plot(x, col="darkblue", type="l", main = "ROC curve", ...)
## S4 method for signature 'ROC'
lines(x, ...)
```

Arguments

object   a [cellHTS](#) object which replicate data have already been scored and summarized
            (see details).

positives   a list or vector of regular expressions specifying the name of the positive con-
            trol(s). See the details for the argument posControls of writeReport function.
            The default is "^pos$".

negatives   a vector of regular expressions specifying the name of the negative control(s).
            See the details for the argument negControls of writeReport function. The
            default is "^neg$".

x   a [ROC](#) object obtained using function ROC.

col   the graphical parameter for color; see [par](#) for details.

type   the graphical parameter giving the type of plot desired; see [par](#) for details.

main   the graphical parameter giving the desired title of plot; see [par](#) for details.

...   other graphical parameters as in [par](#) may be also passed as arguments.

Details

The [cellHTS](#) object object must be already scored (state(object)["scored"]=TRUE), and se-
lection proceeds from large to small values of this single per-probe score. Furthermore, object is
expected to contain positive and negative controls annotated in the column controlStatus of the
featureData slot - which can be accessed via wellAnno(object). The arguments positives and
negatives should be given as regular expression patterns specifying the name of the positive(s)
and negative(s) controls, respectively. By default, if positives is not given, *pos* will be taken as the
name for the wells containing positive controls. Similarly, if negatives is missing, by default *neg*
will be considered as the name used to annotate the negative controls. The content of posControls
and negControls are passed to [regexpr](#) for pattern matching within the well annotation (see ex-
amples for [summarizeChannels](#)). If the assay is a two-way experiment, positives should be a list
with components act and inh, specifying the name of the activators, and inhibitors, respectively.
In this case, the ROC curve is constructed based on the absolute values of Data(object).

Value

An S4 object of class [ROC](). There are methods show, plot and lines.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
   data(KcViabSmall)
 x <- normalizePlates(KcViabSmall, scale="multiplicative", log=FALSE, method="median", varianceAdjust="byExperi
  x <- scoreReplicates(x, sign="-", method="zscore")
  x <- summarizeReplicates(x, summary="mean")
  y <- ROC(x)
  plot(y)
  lines(y, col="green")
  show(y)
```

ROC-class   *Class that contain data that can be plotted as a ROC curve.*

Description

Container for data that represent a receiver-operator-characteristic curve, and that were generated from the data of the annotated positive and negative controls in a scored [cellHTS]() object.

Creating Objects

new("ROC")

ROC(object,positives,negatives) with object being an [cellHTS]() instance.

Slots

name: a character of length 1 with the name of the experiment from which the ROC object derives.

assayType: a character of length 1 with the type of screenning assay. Possible values are: "one-way assay" and "two-way assay".

TP: a vector of integers of length 1000.

FP: a vector of integers of length 1000.

posNames: a character vector with the name of the positive controls.

negNames: a character vector with the name of the negative controls.

Methods

show Print a summary of the object.

plot Plot the ROC curve corresponding to the object.

lines Line plot of the ROC object.

Author(s)

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See Also

[ROC](#)

Examples

```
    showClass("ROC")
    showMethods(class="ROC")

    ## Not run:
    data(KcViabSmall)
  x <- normalizePlates(KcViabSmall, scale="multiplicative", log=FALSE, method="median", varianceAdjust="none")
    x <- scoreReplicates(x, sign="-", method="zscore")
    x <- summarizeReplicates(x, summary="mean")
    y <- ROC(x)
    plot(y)
    lines(y, col="green")
    show(y)

## End(Not run)
```

---

rsa   *Perform RSA ranking on the screening results.*

Description

The RSA method ranks the resulting hit list of a screening experiment, taking into account the
design of the screening library (i.e., multiple probes targeting the same effector molecule).

Usage

```
rsa(x, geneColumn="GeneID", lowerBound=0, upperBound=1, reverse=FALSE, drop=FALSE)
```

Arguments

x	Object derived from class [cellHTS](#).
geneColumn	The name of the well annotation column to be used for the grouping of effector molecules and probes.
lowerBound	The lower boundary parameter for the RSA algorithm.
upperBound	The upper boundary parameter for the RSA algorithm.
reverse	Boolean. Reverse the ranking.
drop	Boolean. Drop all probes from the analysis for which no effector molecule is defined.

Details

The input argument x has to be a `cellHTS2` object which has been scored, summarized and anno-
tated. For details on the RSA algorithm please see the publication referenced below.

Value

A data.frame with the following columns:

`Value of argument geneColumn:`	
	the target molecule identifier.
`Plate:`	the plate identifier.
`Well:`	the well identifier.
`Score:`	the probe score in the screen.
`RSARank:`	the computed RSA rank.
`ScoreRank:`	the rank based on a simple cutoff scheme.
`PValue:`	the computed RSA p-value.
`RSAHit:`	the RSA hit flag.
`#HitWell:`	the number of probes counted as positive RSA hits for a given target molecule.
`#TotalWell:`	the total number of probes for a given target molecule.
`%HitWell:`	the percentage of postive hits for a given molecule.

Author(s)

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Renate Koenig, Chih-yuan Chiang, Buu P Tu, S Frank Yan, Paul D DeJesus, Angelica Romero,
Tobias Bergauer, Anthony Orth, Ute Krueger, Yingyao Zhou & Sumit K Chanda: A probability-
based approach for the analysis of large-scale RNAi screens

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See Also

[cellHTS](#)

Examples

```
data(KcViabSmall)
KcViabSmall <- scoreReplicates(KcViabSmall, sign="-", method="zscore")
KcViabSmall <- summarizeReplicates(KcViabSmall, summary="mean")
ranking <- rsa(KcViabSmall)
head(ranking)
```

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scoreReplicates   *Scores normalized replicate values given in a cellHTS object*

Description

This function scores the normalized replicate values stored in slot assayData of a [cellHTS](#) object. Current available options are to take the *z*-score value or the per-replicate normalized percent inhibition (NPI). Data are stored in slot assayData overridding its current content.

Usage

```
scoreReplicates(object, sign="+", method="zscore", ...)
```

Arguments

object   an object of class [cellHTS](#) that has already been normalized.

sign   a character string, either "+" (default) or "-", which corresponds to multiplying
                the data by +1 or -1, respectively, after applying the scoring method specified
                by argument method. See details.

method   a character string indicating which method to use to score the replicate measure-
                ments. Available options are "none", "zscore" (default), "NPI". See details.

...   additional parameters required by some of the methods chosen in method.

Details

This function scores the normalized values given in the slot assayData of object. Current availabe
scoring methods are:

- method="none", no scoring is applied.

- method="zscore" (robust *z*-scores), for each replicate, this is calculated by subtracting the
  overall median from each measurement and dividing the result by the overall [mad](#). These are
  estimated for each replicate by considering the distribution of intensities (over all plates) in
  the wells whose content is annotated as sample.

- method="NPI" (normalized percent inhibition applied in a per-replicate basis, i.e. using the
  overall mean of positive and negative controls across all plates of a given replicate), for each
  replicate, this method consists of subtracting each measurement from the average of the in-
  tensities on the positive controls (taken across all plates), and this result is then divided by
  the difference between the averages of the measurements on the positive and the negative
  controls (taken across all plates). If this method is chosen, one may need to provide fur-
  ther arguments to scoreReplicates, namely, arguments posControls and negControls.
  These arguments should be vectors of regular expression patterns specifying the name of the
  positive(s) and negative(s) controls, respectively, as provided in the plate configuration file.
  The length of these vectors should match the current number of channels in object (i.e.
  dim(Data(object))[3]). By default, if posControls or negControls are not given, *pos*
  and *neg* will be taken as the name for the wells containing positive or negative controls. The
  content of posControls and negControls is passed to [regexpr](#) for pattern matching within

the well annotation given in the featureData slot of object (which can be accessed via wellAnno(object)) (see examples for summarizeChannels).

After replicate scoring using the chosen method, the value given in sign ("+" or "-") is used to set the sign of the calculated scores. For example, with a sign="-", a strong decrease in the signal will be represented by a positive score, whereas setting sign="+", such a phenotype will be represented by a negative score. This option can be set to calculate the results to the commonly used convention.

Value

A cellHTS object with its slot assayData replaced with the scored values (same dimension).

Important: Note that the processing state "scored" of the cellHTS object is only updated to TRUE after summarizing the replicates, which is the next preprocessing step (see summarizeReplicates).

Author(s)

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References

Boutros, M., Bras, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology* **7**, R66.

See Also

normalizePlates, summarizeChannels, summarizeReplicates.

Examples

```
    data(KcViabSmall)
  x <- normalizePlates(KcViabSmall, scale="multiplicative", method="median", varianceAdjust="none")
  x <- scoreReplicates(x, sign="-", method="zscore")
  x <- summarizeReplicates(x, summary="min") # conservative approach
```

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scores2calls	*Sigmoidal transformation of the score values stored in a cellHTS object obtaining the call values for each probe.*

Description

Apply a sigmoidal transformation with parameters z0 and lambda to the summarized scored values stored in a cellHTS object. The obtained results are called *calls* and are stored in slot assayData, overridding its current content.

Currently this function is implemented only for single-color data.

Usage

```
scores2calls(x, z0, lambda)
```

Arguments

x   an object of class [cellHTS](#) containing replicate data that have already been
                 scored and summarized (see details).

z0   a numeric value giving the centre of the sigmoidal transformation. See details.

lambda   a numeric value (>0) that corresponds to the parameter lambda of the sigmoidal
                 transformation. This value should be >0, but usually it makes more sense to use
                 a value >=1. See details.

Details

This function applies a sigmoidal transformation with parameters z0 and lambda to the single per-
probe score values stored in a cellHTS object. The obtained results are called *calls*. The transfor-
mation is given by:

$$1/(1 + exp(-lambda * (z - z0)))$$

where z are the score values, z0 is the centre of the sigmoidal transformation, and the lambda is a
parameter that controls the smoothness of the transformation. The higher is lambda, more steeper
is the transition from lower to higher values. lambda should be > 0, but usually it makes more sense
to use a value >=1.

This transformation maps the score values to the interval [0,1], and is intended to expand the scale
of scores with intermediate values and shrink the ones showing extreme values, therefore making
the difference between intermediate phenotypes larger.

Value

The cellHTS object with the call values stored in slot assayData. This is an object of class
assayData corresponding to a single matrix of dimensions Features x 1.

Author(s)

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References

Boutros, M., Bras, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology*
7, R66.

See Also

[normalizePlates](#), [summarizeChannels](#), [scoreReplicates](#), [summarizeReplicates](#), [imageScreen](#).

Examples

```
    data(KcViabSmall)
  x <- normalizePlates(KcViabSmall, scale="multiplicative", method="median", varianceAdjust="none")
   x <- scoreReplicates(x, sign="-", method="zscore")
   x <- summarizeReplicates(x, summary="min")
```

```
  xc <- scores2calls(x, z0=1.5, lambda=2)
plot(Data(x), Data(xc), col="blue", xlab="z-scores", ylab="calls", main=expression(1/(1+e^{-lambda *(z-z[0])})
 if(require(splots)) {
  sp = split(Data(xc), plate(xc))
  plotScreen(sp, zrange=c(0,1), fill=c("white", "red"), na.fill="yellow",
             main="Calls", ncol=3L)
 }
```

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settings	*cellHTS2 HTML report settings*

Description

Functions to control the output of writeReport through session-wide or call-specific settings.

Usage

```
setSettings(x)
getSettings()
```

Arguments

x   A named list of settings. See details for supported values.

Details

The writeReport function produces a complete audit trail of the analysis in the form of an HTML report. The content of this report is highly customizable though session-wide and also though call-specific settings. The former are supposed to be set using the setSettings function by providing a named nested list of values. The latter can be set by passing a similiar list on to writeHTML as the optional settings argument. The current values for all available settings can be queried using the getSettings function.

Similar to the structure of the HTML report, the available settings are broken up into subsections, and the names of these subsection have to be matched by the names in the nestes list structure:

plateList The settings for all the plots in the plate list section of the report. There are several sub-section:

　correlation The settings for the correlation plots:

　　size The width in inches of the pdf device holding the plot. The default value is 7.5.

　　fontSize The point size of the font for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default value is 14.

　　font The font used for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default is "Helvetica".

　　thumbFactor The factor by which the thumbnail png version of the plot is smaller compared to the high-resolution pdf version. The default value is 1.5.

　　thumbFontSize The point size of the font for all the text in the thumbnail png version of the plot. The default value is 12.

maplot The settings for the correlation plots:

> **size** The width in inches of the pdf device holding the plot. The default value is 7.5.
>
> **fontSize** The point size of the font for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default value is 14.
>
> **font** The font used for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default is "Helvetica".
>
> **thumbFactor** The factor by which the thumbnail png version of the plot is smaller compared to the high-resolution pdf version. The default value is 1.5.
>
> **thumbFontSize** The point size of the font for all the text in the thumbnail png version of the plot. The default value is 12.

histograms The settings for the histogram plots:

> **size** The width in inches of the pdf device holding the plot. The default value is 8.
>
> **fontSize** The point size of the font for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default value is 14.
>
> **font** The font used for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default is "Helvetica".
>
> **thumbFactor** The factor by which the thumbnail png version of the plot is smaller compared to the high-resolution pdf version. The default value is 2.
>
> **thumbFontSize** The point size of the font for all the text in the thumbnail png version of the plot. The default value is 10.
>
> **type** The type of plot produced here. One in *histogram* or *density*. Both plot types have pros and cons: histograms can be misleading because of bin size artefacts, whereas density plots hide the sample size information.

reproducibility The settings for the reproducibility plate plots:

> **size** The width in inches of the pdf device holding the plot. The default value is 8.
>
> **fontSize** The point size of the font for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default value is 12.
>
> **font** The font used for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default is "Helvetica".
>
> **thumbFactor** The factor by which the thumbnail png version of the plot is smaller compared to the high-resolution pdf version. The default value is 1.3.
>
> **thumbFontSize** The point size of the font for all the text in the thumbnail png version of the plot. The default value is 10.
>
> **col** The color range that gets passed on to [plotPlate](#) as argument col. The default value is brewer.pal(9,"YlOrRd").
>
> **range** The data range that gets passed on to plotPlate as argument xrange. The default value is function(x) c(0,quantile(x,0.95,na.rm=TRUE)).
>
> **include** A logical indicating whether to create the plate plot or not. The default value is FALSE.
>
> **map** A logical indicating whether to tooltips containing the plate annotation for each well or not. The default value is FALSE.

average The settings for the reproducibility plate plots:

> **size** The width in inches of the pdf device holding the plot. The default value is 8.
>
> **fontSize** The point size of the font for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default value is 12.
>
> **font** The font used for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default is "Helvetica".
>
> **thumbFactor** The factor by which the thumbnail png version of the plot is smaller compared to the high-resolution pdf version. The default value is 1.3.

      thumbFontSize The point size of the font for all the text in the thumbnail png version of the plot. The default value is 10.

      col The color range that gets passed on to [plotPlate](#) as argument `col`. The default value is `brewer.pal(9,"YlOrRd")`.

      range The data range that gets passed on to `plotPlate` as argument `xrange`. The default value is `function(x) c(0,quantile(x,0.95,na.rm=TRUE))`.

      include A logical indicating whether to create the plate plot or not. The default value is `FALSE`.

      map A logical indicating whether to tooltips containing the plate annotation for each well or not. The default value is `FALSE`.

   intensities The settings for the raw data plate plots:

      size The width in inches of the pdf device holding the plot. The default value is 8.

      fontSize The point size of the font for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default value is 12.

      font The font used for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default is `"Helvetica"`.

      thumbFactor The factor by which the thumbnail png version of the plot is smaller compared to the high-resolution pdf version. The default value is 1.6.

      thumbFontSize The point size of the font for all the text in the thumbnail png version of the plot. The default value is 10.

      col The color range that gets passed on to `plotPlate` as argument `col`. The default value is `rev(brewer.pal(9,"RdBu"))`.

      range The data range that gets passed on to `plotPlate` as argument `xrange`. The default value is `function(x) quantile(x,c(0.025,0.975),na.rm = TRUE)`. A useful alternative setting here would be `function(x) c(-1,1) * max(abs(x),na.rm=TRUE)`, which forces a value of `0` to be white.

      include A logical indicating whether to create the plate plot or not. The default value is `FALSE`.

      map A logical indicating whether to tooltips containing the plate annotation for each well or not. The default value is `FALSE`.

plateConfiguration This controls settings for the plate configuration part of the report. Available settings are:

   size The width in inches of the pdf device holding the plot. The default value is 14.

   fontSize The point size of the font for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default value is 12.

   font The font used for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default is `"Helvetica"`.

   thumbFactor The factor by which the thumbnail png version of the plot is smaller compared to the high-resolution pdf version. The default value is 2.

   thumbFontSize The point size of the font for all the text in the thumbnail png version of the plot. The default value is 9.

   include A logical indicating whether to create the plate configuration plot or not. The default value is `TRUE`.

plateSummaries This controls settings for the plate summary plots in the report. There are two sub-sections:

   boxplot size The width in inches of the pdf device holding the plot. The default value is 7.5.

    fontSize The point size of the font for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default value is 12.

    font The font used for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default is "Helvetica".

    thumbFactor The factor by which the thumbnail png version of the plot is smaller compared to the high-resolution pdf version. The default value is 1.5.

    thumbFontSize The point size of the font for all the text in the thumbnail png version of the plot. The default value is 11.

    col The colors used to fill the boxes. A vector of length two, where the first item specifies the color for the raw data panel and the second item specifies the color for the normalized data panel. The default value is c("pink","lightblue").

controls size The width in inches of the pdf device holding the plot. The default value is 7.5.

    fontSize The point size of the font for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default value is 12.

    font The font used for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default is "Helvetica".

    thumbFactor The factor by which the thumbnail png version of the plot is smaller compared to the high-resolution pdf version. The default value is 1.5.

    thumbFontSize The point size of the font for all the text in the thumbnail png version of the plot. The default value is 11.

screenSummary The settings for all the plots in the screen summary section of the report. There are several sub-section:

    scores The settings for summary screen image plots:

        size The width in inches of the pdf device holding the plot. The default value is 7.

        fontSize The point size of the font for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default value is 10.

        font The font used for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default is "Helvetica".

        thumbFactor The factor by which the thumbnail png version of the plot is smaller compared to the high-resolution pdf version. The default value is 1.

        thumbFontSize The point size of the font for all the text in the thumbnail png version of the plot. The default value is 9.

        col The color range used to map the data values into. This has to be a named list of length two, with the first item posNeg being the color range used when there are both positive and negative values, and the second item being the color range for positive values only. One usually wants the former to be centered on white to blend into the background, and the former to start from white. The default value is list(posNeg=rev(brewer.pal(11,"RdBu"))[c(1:5,rep(6,3),7:11)],pos=brewer.pal(9,"Greys")).

        aspect The aspect ratio of the plot. The default value is 1.

        annotation An alternative character vector of annotation mappings. See [imageScreen](#) for details.

        map A logical indicating whether to tooltips containing the plate annotation for each well or not. The default value is FALSE.

        range The range of values into which the colors will be mapped. A numeric of length 2.

        nbImageBins The number of color bins used in the map. Default is 256.

        nbLegendBins The number of color bins shown in the legend. Default is 7.

    qqplot The settings for the Normal Q-Q plots:

size The width in inches of the pdf device holding the plot. The default value is 7.

fontSize The point size of the font for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default value is 10.

font The font used for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default is "Helvetica".

thumbFactor The factor by which the thumbnail png version of the plot is smaller compared to the high-resolution pdf version. The default value is 1.

thumbFontSize The point size of the font for all the text in the thumbnail png version of the plot. The default value is 9.

distribution The settings for the density distribution plot:

size The width in inches of the pdf device holding the plot. The default value is 7.

fontSize The point size of the font for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default value is 10.

font The font used for all the text in the pdf version of the plot. The default is "Helvetica".

thumbFactor The factor by which the thumbnail png version of the plot is smaller compared to the high-resolution pdf version. The default value is 1.

thumbFontSize The point size of the font for all the text in the thumbnail png version of the plot. The default value is 9.

screenResults The settings for the screen results panel:

keepFieldPattern A regular expression indicating which column names to keep. Default is "^plate$|^well$|^score$|^wellAnno$|^finalWellAnno$|raw_|normalized_|GeneID|GeneSymbol".

htmlMaxItems The maximal number of cells in the output table to produce an HTML table. Default is 20000.

htmlLinks A data frame containing a `plate` column, a `well` column, followed by the columns containing the HTML hyper links to add to the output table. Default is `NULL`, no links.

controls The settings for the annotation of control wells and other type of wells. Currently these are only two item:

col A named vector of colors to be used across all plots for the annotation of the well types. Allowed values are: `sample`, `neg`, `controls`, `other`, `empty`, `flagged`, `act`, `inh` and `pos`. Additional user-defined well types that don't fall in any of these groups will be assigned a color from the palette defined in `otherCol`.

col A color palette from which colors are drawn for well types not defined in `col`.

controls Global report settings:

ppi A numeric indicating the resolution of the screen. This parameter is used to generate PNG images. Large numbers produce large PNG images. Default is 72.

Value

The current settings for `getSettings`.

`setSettings` is called for its side effect of setting session-wide settings.

Author(s)

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See Also

writeReport

Examples

```
oset <- getSettings()
oset

setSettings(list(plateConfiguration=list(size=2),
list(plateList=list(intensities=list(include=FALSE)))))

getSettings()

setSettings(oset)
```

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spatialNormalization   *Spatial normalization*

Description

Adjust spatial plate effects. This function works on the data stored in the slot assayData of a
cellHTS object by fitting a bivariate function within each plate using local regression ([robust
local fit](robust local fit)) with second degree polynomials. Only wells containing "sample" are considered for
the parameter fitting, but adjusted data for all wells are returned.

Usage

```
spatialNormalization(object, save.model=FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

object	a cellHTS object that has already been configured.
...	Parameters that get passed on to the [lp](lp) function of locfit. Most relevant are nn and h.
save.model	a logical value specifying whether the values of the fitted adjustment functions should be returned in the slot rowcol.effects of the returned object.

Details

This function is typically not called directly, but rather indirectly from normalizePlates function.
The normalization is performed separately for each replicate and channel.

Value

An object of class cellHTS with normalized data stored in slot assayData. Furthermore, if save.model=TRUE,
it will contain a slot rowcol.effects, a 3D array with the same dimension as Data(object).

Moreover, the processing status of the cellHTS object is updated in the slot state to object@state[["normalized"]]=TRUE

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See Also

[medpolish](), [locfit](), [plotSpatialEffects](), [normalizePlates](), [summarizeChannels](), [plateEffects]()

Examples

```
    data(KcViabSmall)
    x <- KcViabSmall
    xs <- spatialNormalization(x, save.model = TRUE, h=3)

    ## Calling spatialNormalization function from "normalizePlates":
   xopt <- normalizePlates(x, varianceAdjust="none", save.model = TRUE, method="locfit", h=3)
    all(xs@rowcol.effects == xopt@rowcol.effects)
```

---

state   *Retrieve the state of a cellHTS object.*

Description

This generic function accesses the state of an object derived from the [cellHTS]() class.

Usage

```
state(object)
```

Arguments

object   an object of class [cellHTS]().

Value

state returns a logical vector corresponding to the contents of slot state of object.

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See Also

[cellHTS]()

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summarizeChannels   *Summarization of dual-channel data*

Description

Combines plate intensities (raw or already corrected in a per-plate fashion) from multi-channel data stored in slot assayData of a cellHTS instance by applying the function defined in fun.

Usage

```
summarizeChannels(object,
    fun = function(r1, r2, thresh=-Inf) ifelse(r1>thresh, r2/r1, as.numeric(NA)))
```

Arguments

object   an object of class cellHTS that has been configured. See details.

fun   a user-defined function for the multi channel summarization. fun takes as many numeric vectors as there are channels, names r1,r2,etc., and returns a single numeric vector of the same length. The default is to take the ratio between the second and first channels, with a threshold on r1 shown above in the *Usage* section that should be set by the user.

Details

For each plate and replicate of a multi-color experiment, the function defined in fun is applied to relate the intensity values in the respective channels of the cellHTS object. The default is to take the ratio between the second and first channels, with a threshold on r1 (see the *Usage* section). This threshold should be adjusted by the user according to the data. For an example, see the *Examples* section. This function uses the content of slot assayData of object and can be applied either to raw data or after per-plate correction of the intensity values in each channel using function normalizePlates. This choice depends on channel summarization method that one intends to apply (i.e., the function given by argument fun).

Value

An object of class cellHTS with the summarized multi-channel intensities stored in slot assayData. This is an object of class assayData containing one matrix with the summarized channel data (dimensions nrFeatures x nrSamples).

Author(s)

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References

Boutros, M., Bras, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology* **7**, R66.

See Also

normalizePlates, scoreReplicates, summarizeReplicates.

Examples

```
data(dualCh)
x <- dualCh
table(wellAnno(x))

## Define the controls for the different channels:
negControls=vector("character", length=dim(Data(x))[3])

## channel 1 - gene A
## case-insensitive and match the empty string at the beginning and end of a line (to distinguish between "geneA"

negControls[1]= "(?i)^geneA$"
## channel 2 - gene A and geneB
negControls[2]= "(?i)^geneA$|^geneB$"
posControls = vector("character", length=dim(Data(x))[3])
## channel 1 - no controls
## channel 2 - geneC and geneD
posControls[2]="(?i)^geneC$|^geneD$"
## Not run:
writeReport(cellHTSlist=list("raw"=x), map=TRUE, plotPlateArgs=TRUE, posControls=posControls, negControls=neg

## End(Not run)
## In this example, we first normalize each channel separately by
## plate median scaling (no variance adjustment), since we need to make the measurements
## comparable across plates for the next step of channel summarization:
xn = normalizePlates(x, scale="multiplicative", log=FALSE, method="median", varianceAdjust="none")
## Then, we define a low intensity threshold for the measurements in the constitutive channel R1,
## which will be set to the 5% quantile of the overall plate median corrected intensities in R1,
## and take the ratio R2/R1.
xn = summarizeChannels(xn, fun = function(r1, r2,
  thresh=quantile(r1, probs=0.05, na.rm=TRUE)) ifelse(r1>thresh, r2/r1, as.numeric(NA)))
## After channel summarization, we take the log2 and apply plate median normalization,
## and opt to not adjust the variance:
xn = normalizePlates(xn, scale="multiplicative", log=TRUE, method="median", varianceAdjust="none")
## Define the controls for the normalized and summarized intensities (only one channel):
negControls = vector("character", length=dim(Data(xn))[3])
## For the single channel, the negative controls are geneA and geneB
negControls[1]= "(?i)^geneA$|^geneB$"
posControls = vector("character", length=dim(Data(xn))[3])
## For the single channel, the negative controls are geneC and geneD
posControls[1]="(?i)^geneC$|^geneD$"
## Not run:
writeReport(cellHTSlist=list("raw"=x, "normalized"=xn), force=TRUE, map=TRUE, plotPlateArgs=list(xrange=c(-3,
      posControls=posControls, negControls=negControls)

## End(Not run)

## Another option could be to just take the log2 of the ratio between R2 and R1 raw intensities:
```

```
xn1 = summarizeChannels(x, fun = function(r1, r2) log2(r2/r1))
```

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summarizeReplicates   *Summarize between scored replicate values given in a cellHTS object*
                           to obtain a single value for each probe

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Description

This function summarizes the replicate values stored in slot assayData of a [cellHTS](#) object and calculates a single score for each probe. Data are stored in slot assayData overridding its current content.

This function is implemented for single- and multi-channel data.

Usage

```
summarizeReplicates(object, summary ="min")
```

Arguments

object   an object of class [cellHTS](#) that has already been normalized and scored (see details).

summary   a character string indicating how to summarize between replicate measurements. One of "min" (default), "mean", "median", "max", "rms", "closestToZero", or "FurthestFromZero" can be used (see details).

Details

A single value per probe is calculated by summarizing between scored replicates stored in the slot assayData of object. The summary is performed as follows:

- If summary="mean", the average of replicate values is considered;

- If summary="median", the median of replicate values is considered;

- If summary="max", the maximum of replicate intensities is taken;

- If summary="min", the minimum is considered, instead;

- If summary="rms", the square root of the mean squared value of the replicates (root mean square) is taken as a summary function;

- If summary="closestToZero", the value closest to zero is taken as a summary (useful when both sides of the distribution of z-score values are of interest);

- If summary="furthestFromZero", the value furthest from zero is taken as a summary (useful when both sides of the distribution of z-score values are of interest).

Value

The cellHTS object with the summarized scored values stored in slot assayData. This is an object of class assayData corresponding to matrices of dimensions Features x 1 for each channel. Moreover, the processing status of the cellHTS object is updated in the slot state to object@state[["scored"]]= TRUE.

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See Also

[normalizePlates](#), [summarizeChannels](#), [scoreReplicates](#), [imageScreen](#).

Examples

```
    data(KcViabSmall)
    # normalize
  x <- normalizePlates(KcViabSmall, scale="multiplicative", method="median", varianceAdjust="none")
    # score the replicates
    x <- scoreReplicates(x, sign="-", method="zscore")
   # summarize the replicates (conservative approach: take the minimum value between replicates)
    x <- summarizeReplicates(x, summary="min")
```

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templateDescriptionFile

Creates a template description file for an RNAi experiment

Description

This function creates a template description file for an RNAi experiment with default entries compliant with MIAME class and with additional entries specific for a [cellHTS](#) object.

Usage

```
    templateDescriptionFile(filename="Description.txt", path, force=FALSE)
```

Arguments

filename	the name of the output file. Default is "Description.txt".
path	a character of length 1 indicating the path in which to create the screen description file. By default, it can extract the path from filename.
force	a logical value, determines the behaviour of the function if file filename exists. If force is TRUE, the function overwrites filename, otherwise it casts an error.

Details

This function can be called to generate a template file for the RNAi experiment. This file contains the fields that are compliant with the MIAME class and also additional entries specific for the cellHTS class, which should be edited and completed by the user.

This file, which we call *Screen description file*, is required to configure the cellHTS object via function configure. It is intended to contain general information about the screen, such as its title, its goal, when and how it was performed, which organism, which library, type of assay, references, and any other information that is pertinent to the biological interpretation of the experiments.

Value

The function returns a character with the full path and name of the file that was created.

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See Also

configure

Examples

```
out <- templateDescriptionFile("Description.txt", path=tempdir())
out
readLines(out)
```

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updateCellHTS	*Update old serialized cellHTS objects.*

Description

During the development of the cellHTS2 package, the definition of the cellHTS object hasd changes. This function can be used to update old serialized cellHTS objects.

Usage

```
updateCellHTS(object)
```

Arguments

object   The cellHTS object to update.

Value

An updated cellHTS object.

Author(s)

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See Also

[convertOldCellHTS](#)

Examples

```
data(KcViabSmall)
updateCellHTS(KcViabSmall)
```

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wellAnno   *Access the annotation from a cellHTS object.*

Description

These generic functions access the annotation data stored in the featureData slot of an object of class [cellHTS](#).

Usage

```
wellAnno(object)
geneAnno(object)
```

Arguments

object   Object derived from class [cellHTS](#).

Value

wellAnno returns a [factor](#) of length equal to the total number of features (number of plates x number of wells per plate) indicating the contents of the wells. Corresponds to fData(object)[,"controlStatus"].

geneAnno returns a vector of the same length as the number of features in object (number of plates x number of wells per plate) containing the gene IDs used in the screen. This corresponds to the contents of fData(object)[,"GeneID"].

See [cellHTS](#) class for details.

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References

Boutros, M., Bras, L.P. and Huber, W. (2006) Analysis of cell-based RNAi screens, *Genome Biology* **7**, R66.

See Also

[cellHTS](#)

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write.tabdel	*Wrapper to function 'write.table' used to write data to a tab-delimited file*

Description

Wrapper for the function [write.table](#) to write data to a tab-delimited file.

Usage

```
write.tabdel(...)
```

Arguments

...   arguments that get passed on to the function [write.table](#).

Details

A trivial function, which we have included for convenience.

Value

The name of the file that was written.

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See Also

[write.table](#)

Examples

```
data(KcViabSmall)
x <- KcViabSmall
## determine the ratio between each well and the plate median
xraw <- Data(x)
y <- array(as.numeric(NA), dim=dim(xraw))
nrWell <- prod(pdim(x))

for(p in 1:max(plate(x))) {
  ind <- (1:nrWell)+nrWell*(p-1)
  samples <- (wellAnno(x)[ind]=="sample")
y[ind, ,] <- apply(xraw[ind, , ,drop=FALSE], 2:3, function(w) w/median(w[samples], na.rm=TRUE))
}
```

```
    y <- signif(y, 4)
    out <- y[,,1]
    out <- cbind(geneAnno(x), wellAnno(x), out)
    colnames(out) <- c("GeneID", "wellAnno",
     sprintf("Well/Median_r%d_ch%d", rep(1:dim(y)[2], dim(y)[3]), rep(1:dim(y)[3], each=dim(y)[2])))
    write.tabdel(out, file = tempfile())
```

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writeReport	*Create a directory with HTML pages of linked tables and plots documenting the contents of a cellHTS experiment*

Description

Creates a directory with HTML pages of linked tables and plots documenting the contents of the preprocessing of a [cellHTS](#) object.

Usage

```
writeReport(
  raw,
  normalized=NULL,
  scored=NULL,
  cellHTSlist=NULL,
  outdir,
  force=FALSE,
  map=FALSE,
  plotPlateArgs=NULL,
  imageScreenArgs=NULL,
  posControls,
  negControls,
  mainScriptFile=NA,
  gseaModule=NULL,
  settings=list())
```

Arguments

raw   the intitial raw [cellHTS](#) object. See details.

normalized a normalized [cellHTS](#) object. See details.

scored   a scored [cellHTS](#) object. See details.

cellHTSlist a list of [cellHTS](#) objects. See details. Note: this argument is deprecated. Please use the separate arguments raw, normalized and scored instead.

outdir   a character of length 1 with the name of a directory where to write the report HTML file and images. If the directory does not exist, it is created. If it exists and is not empty, then the behaviour depends on the value of force. If outdir is missing, it is set to file.path(getwd(),name(cellHTSlist[['xraw']])), i.e. a directory with the name of the cellHTS object(s) in the current working path.

force	a logical value, determines the behaviour of the function if outdir exists and is not empty. If force is TRUE, the function overwrites (removes and recreates) outdir, otherwise it casts an error.
map	a logical value indicating whether tooltips with the annotation should be added to the plate plots and image screen. Default value is FALSE. NOTE: This argument is deprecated and will go away in the next release. Please see [settings](#) to learn how to control the output of writeReport.
plotPlateArgs	either a list with parameters for the plate plots of the per plate quality report pages, or a logical scalar with values FALSE or TRUE. If FALSE or NULL, the plate plots are omitted, this option is here because the production of the plate plots takes a long time. See details. NOTE: This argument is deprecated and will go away in the next release. Please see [settings](#) to learn how to control the output of writeReport.
imageScreenArgs	
	a list with parameters for the function [imageScreen](#). See details. NOTE: This argument is deprecated and will go away in the next release. Please see [settings](#) to learn how to control the output of writeReport.
posControls	a list or vector of regular expressions specifying the name of the positive controls. See details.
negControls	a vector of regular expressions specifying the name of the negative controls. See details.
mainScriptFile	The path to the R script generating the current report. We strongly advice to store this script in the compendium for future reference.
gseaModule	Add the output of a gene set enrichment analysis to the report. This is totally experimental at this time.
settings	A named list of settings controlling the output of writeReport. Please see [settings](#) for details.

Details

The function has to be called with the mandatory argument raw corresponding to an unnormalized [cellHTS](#) object (i.e. state(cellHTSlist[["raw"]])["normalized"]=FALSE). Additional optional arguments are:

- "normalized": a cellHTS object containing normalized data (i.e. state(cellHTSlist[["normalized"]])["normal and state(cellHTSlist[["normalized"]])["scored"]=FALSE).

- "scored": a cellHTS object containing data scored data (i.e. state(cellHTSlist[["scored"]])["scored"]=TRUE). If this component is available, then cellHTSlist[["normalized"]] should also be given.

All of the above arguments have to be cellHTS objects containing data from the same experiment, but in different preprocessing stages.

The cellHTS argument is deprecated and should no be used anymore.

The following elements are recognized for plotPlateArgs and passed on to [plotPlate](#): sdcol, the color scheme for the standard deviation plate plot, sdrange, the sd range to which the colors are mapped, xcol, the color scheme for the intensity plate plot, xrange, the intensity range to which the colors are mapped. If an element is not specified, default values are used. Both sdrange and

xrange can also be provided as functions, which take the values to be plotted by platePlot as a single argument and has to return a numeric vector of length 2. See its documentation for details.

The following elements are recognized for imageScreenArgs and passed on to [imageScreen](): ar, aspect ratio, zrange, range, anno, gene annotation for the image map (if map=TRUE).

From now on, all settings controlling the output of writeReport should either be provided through the settings argument, or as session-wide parameters set using [setSettings](). Please see [settings]() for details.

posControls and negControls should be given as a vector of regular expression patterns specifying the name of the positive(s) and negative(s) controls, respectivey, as provided in the plate configuration file (and acccessed via wellAnno(objects)).

If the cellHTS object containing normalized data was provided as argument norm, the length of posControls and negControls should be equal to the number of channels in this cellHTS object (dim(Data(cellHTSlist[["normalized"]]))[3]). Otherwise, the length of these vectors should be equal to the number of channels in the unpreprocessed cellHTS object (i.e., dim(Data(cellHTSlist[["raw"]]))[3]).

By default, if posControls is not given, "pos" will be taken as the name for the wells containing positive controls. Similarly, if negControls is missing, by default "neg" will be considered as the name used to annotate the negative controls. The content of posControls and negControls will be passed to [regexpr]() for pattern matching within the well annotation given in column controlStatus of the featureData slot of the cellHTS object. If no controls are available for a given channel, use "" or NA for that channel. For example, posControls = c("","(?i)^diap$") means that channel 1 has no positive controls, while "diap" is the positive control for channel 2.

The arguments posControls and negControls are particularly useful in multi-channel data since the controls might be reporter-specific, or after normalizing multi-channel data.

In the case of a two-way assay, where two types of "positive" controls are used in the screen ("activators" and "inhibitors"), posControls should be defined as a list with two components (called act and inh), each of which should be vectors of regular expressions of the same length as the current number of reporters (as explained above).

By default, tooltips doing the mapping between the probe annotation and the plate wells are not added to the plate plots and to the overall screen plot. If any of the cellHTS objects in cellHTSlist is annotated, the probe annotation uses the information contained either in column GeneSymbol or column GeneID (if the former is missing) of the featureData slot of the annotated cellHTS object. Otherwise, the mapping simply uses the well identifiers.

Value

The function is called for its side-effect. It returns a character with the full path and name of the report index file, this is an HTML file which can be read by a web browser.

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See Also

[plotPlate](#), [imageScreen](#)

Examples

```
    data(KcViabSmall)
    pCtrls <- c("pos")
    nCtrls <- c("neg")
## Not run:
    ## or for safety reasons (not a problem for the current well annotation, however)
     pCtrls <- c("^pos$")
     nCtrls <- c("^neg$")
    writeReport(raw=KcViabSmall, posControls=pCtrls, negControls=nCtrls)
    ## same as
    ## writeReport(raw=KcViabSmall)
  xn <- normalizePlates(KcViabSmall, scale="multiplicative", log=FALSE, method="median")
    xsc <- scoreReplicates(xn, sign="-", method="zscore")
    xsc <- summarizeReplicates(xsc, summary="min")
    ## to turn on the tooltips in the plate plots and in the image screen plot:
  writeReport(raw=KcViabSmall, normalized=xn, scored=xsc, force=TRUE, map=TRUE, plotPlateArgs = TRUE, imageScree

## End(Not run)
```

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writeTab   *Write the data from a cellHTS object to a tab-delimited file*

Description

Write the data from a [cellHTS](#) object to a tab-delimited file.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'cellHTS'
writeTab(object, file=paste(name(object), "txt", sep="."))
```

Arguments

object   a cellHTS object.
file   the name of the output file.

Details

This function is a wrapper for function [write.table](#) to write the contents of assayData slot of
a [cellHTS](#) object to a tab-delimited file. If the object is already annotated, the probe information
(fData(object)@GeneID) is also added.

Value

The name of the file that was written.

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See Also

cellHTS

Examples

```
data(KcViabSmall)
writeTab(KcViabSmall, file=tempfile())
```

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