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### Description

This package estimate the proliferation of a cell population in cell-tracking dye studies.

In cells proliferation tracking experiments, cells are stained with a tracking dye before culture. During cell division, the tracking dye is partitioned between daughter cells, so that each division brings about a halving of fluorescence intensity; the intensity of a cell, by comparison with the intensity of resting cells, provides an indication of how many divisions the cell has undergone since stimulation

This package uses an R implementation of the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm ([nls.lm](#)) to fit a set of peaks (corresponding to different generations of cells) over the proliferation-tracking dye distribution in a FACS experiment.

The package define two data structure (S4 classes): [proliferationFittingData](#), [parentFittingData](#) and their methods and accessors.

The package is integrated with other [www.bioconductor.org](http://www.bioconductor.org) libraries for analysis of flow cytometry data: [flowCore](#) and [flowViz](#).

### Details

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## References

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2. **Tracking antigen-driven responses by flow cytometry: Monitoring proliferation by dye dilution.** Paul K Wallace, Joseph D Tario, Jan L Fisher, Stephen S Wallace, Marc S Ernstoff, Katharine A Muirhead. Cytometry (2008) vol. 73A (11) pp. 1019-1034
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## See Also

1. [proliferationFitting](#) generations fitting function.
2. [parentFitting](#) parent population fitting function.
3. [proliferationIndex](#) proliferation index calculator.
4. [getGenerations](#) get percentage of cells for generation.
5. [logTicks](#) draw a log scale on your FACS plots.
6. [generationsDistance](#) calculate the distance between 2 generations of cells on the FACS scale.

## Examples

```
if(require(flowFitExampleData)){
  data(QuahAndParish)
  parent.fitting.cfse <- parentFitting(QuahAndParish[[1]], "<FITC-A>")
  fitting.cfse <- proliferationFitting(QuahAndParish[[2]], "<FITC-A>",
                                     parent.fitting.cfse@parentPeakPosition,
                                     parent.fitting.cfse@parentPeakSize)

  summary(fitting.cfse)
  confint(fitting.cfse)
  coef(fitting.cfse)
  Data(fitting.cfse)

  plot(parent.fitting.cfse)
  plot(fitting.cfse)

# for this sample we use a Fixed Model: we keep fixed in the model the Parent Peak Position
parent.fitting.cpd <- parentFitting(QuahAndParish[[1]], "<APC-A>")
fitting.cpd <- proliferationFitting(QuahAndParish[[3]], "<APC-A>",
                                   parent.fitting.cpd@parentPeakPosition,
                                   parent.fitting.cpd@parentPeakSize,
                                   fixedModel=TRUE,
                                   fixedPars=list(M=parent.fitting.cpd@parentPeakPosition))

parent.fitting.ctv <- parentFitting(QuahAndParish[[1]], "<Alexa Fluor 405-A>")
fitting.ctv <- proliferationFitting(QuahAndParish[[4]], "<Alexa Fluor 405-A>",
                                   parent.fitting.ctv@parentPeakPosition,
```

```

parent.fitting.ctv@parentPeakSize)

# let's compare the generations across the 3 samples:
par(mfrow=c(3,4))
plot(parent.fitting.cfse, main="CFSE Non Stimulated")
plot(fitting.cfse, which=3, main="CFSE")
plot(fitting.cfse, which=4, main="CFSE")
plot(fitting.cfse, which=5, main="CFSE")
plot(parent.fitting.cpd, main="CPD Non Stimulated")
plot(fitting.cpd, which=3, main="CPD")
plot(fitting.cpd, which=4, main="CPD")
plot(fitting.cpd, which=5, main="CPD")
plot(parent.fitting.ctv, main="CTV Non Stimulated")
plot(fitting.ctv, which=3, main="CTV")
plot(fitting.ctv, which=4, main="CTV")
plot(fitting.ctv, which=5, main="CTV")

# ESTIMATE GOODNESS of FITTING with KS TEST
perc.cfse <- fitting.cfse@generations
perc.cpd <- fitting.cpd@generations
perc.ctv <- fitting.ctv@generations
perc.cfse <- c(perc.cfse, rep(0,6))

# EXPLORATIVE PLOT
par(mfrow=c(1,1), ask=FALSE)
plot(perc.cfse, type="b", axes=FALSE, ylim=c(0,50),
     xlab="generations", ylab="Percentage of cells", main="")
lines(perc.cpd, type="b", col="red")
lines(perc.ctv, type="b", col="blue")
legend("topleft", c("CFSE", "CPD", "CTV"), pch=1,
     col=c("black", "red", "blue"), bg = 'gray90', text.col = "green4")
axis(2, at=seq(0,50,10), labels=paste(seq(0,50,10), "%"))
axis(1, at=1:16, labels=1:16)

# Pearson's Chi-squared Test for Count Data
M <- rbind(perc.cfse, perc.cpd, perc.ctv)
colnames(M) <- 1:16
(Xsq <- chisq.test(M, B=100000, simulate.p.value=TRUE))
text(8,40,paste("Chi-squared Test p=", round(Xsq$p.value, digits=4), sep=""))

# PKH26
# load data
data(PKH26data)
parent.fitting <- parentFitting(PKH26data[[1]], "FL2-Height LOG")
my.fit <- proliferationFitting(PKH26data[[2]], "FL2-Height LOG",
                             parent.fitting@parentPeakPosition,
                             parent.fitting@parentPeakSize)

my.fit
summary(my.fit)
confint(my.fit)
coef(my.fit)
Data(my.fit)
# plot results
plot(my.fit)

# modeling with locked Peak Size
my.fitb <- proliferationFitting(PKH26data[[2]], "FL2-Height LOG",

```

```

parent.fitting@parentPeakPosition,
parent.fitting@parentPeakSize,
fixedModel=TRUE,
fixedPars=list(S=16))

plot(my.fitb)
# modeling with locked Peak Size and Position
my.fitc <- proliferationFitting(PKH26data[[2]],
                                "FL2-Height LOG",
                                parent.fitting@parentPeakPosition,
                                parent.fitting@parentPeakSize,
                                fixedModel=TRUE,
                                fixedPars=list(S=16, M=810))

plot(my.fitc)
# modeling with locked Peak Size, Position and Distance
my.fitd <- proliferationFitting(PKH26data[[2]], "FL2-Height LOG",
                                parent.fitting@parentPeakPosition,
                                parent.fitting@parentPeakSize,
                                fixedModel=TRUE,
                                fixedPars=list(S=16, M=810, D=76))

plot(my.fitd)
}

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generationsDistance	<i>Calculate the distance between 2 generations of cells on the FACS scale</i>
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### Description

This function calculate the distance between 2 generations of cells on the FACS scale.

### Usage

```
generationsDistance(dataRange, logDecades)
```

### Arguments

dataRange	Digital Data range on the FACS instrument
logDecades	Number of log decades on the FACS instrument (dynamic range)

### Details

We can use this formula to convert FFI (FACS fluorescence Intensity) to RFI (Relative Fluorescence Intensity):  $RFI = 10^{\frac{FFI-l}{c}}$

The inverse formula is used to convert from RFI to FACS fluorescence:  $FFI = \frac{c \cdot \log(RFI)}{(l \cdot \log(10))}$

Where:

**RFI** is the Relative Fluorescence Intensity

**FFI** is the fluorescence on the FACS scale

*l* is the number of log decades in the FACS instrument

*c* is the number of data points (channels) in the instrument.

Using this formulas it is possible to estimate the spacing between generations on the FACS scale. The spacing value is automatically computed, based on the number of decades and the assumption that each generation has one-half of the intensity of the previous generation.

**Value**

Return the spacing between generations on the FACS scale.

**Author(s)**

Davide Rambaldi

**References**

1. **Tracking antigen-driven responses by flow cytometry: Monitoring proliferation by dye dilution.** Paul K Wallace, Joseph D Tario, Jan L Fisher, Stephen S Wallace, Marc S Ernstoff, Katharine A Muirhead. Cytometry (2008) vol. 73A (11) pp. 1019-1034
2. FACS Formulas to convert between Relative Fluorescence and fluorescence on the FACS scale: **MEASURING MOLECULES OF EQUIVALENT FLUOROCHROME (MEF) USING SPHEROTM RAINBOW AND ULTRA RAINBOW CALIBRATION PARTICLES**, Spherotech, [http://www.spherotech.com/tech\\_SpheroTech\\_Note\\_9.html](http://www.spherotech.com/tech_SpheroTech_Note_9.html)

**Examples**

```
distance <- generationsDistance(1024, 4)
```

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getGenerations	<i>Get percentage of cells for generation in a flowFit model</i>
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**Description**

getGenerations: get percentage of cells for generation in a flowFit model from an object of class `proliferationFittingData` generated by the `proliferationFitting` function.

**Usage**

```
getGenerations(object)
```

**Arguments**

object      An object of class `proliferationFittingData`

**Details**

This function return a list. In order to get the percentage of cells for generation as vector you can use th slot generations of the `proliferationFittingData` (see also examples).

**Value**

return a list object

**Author(s)**

Davide Rambaldi

**See Also**

[proliferationFitting](#) and [proliferationFittingData](#)

**Examples**

```
if(require(flowFitExampleData)){
  data(QuahAndParish)
  parent.fitting.cfse <- parentFitting(QuahAndParish[[1]], "<FITC-A>")
  fitting.cfse <- proliferationFitting(QuahAndParish[[2]], "<FITC-A>",
                                       parent.fitting.cfse@parentPeakPosition,
                                       parent.fitting.cfse@parentPeakSize)
  generationList <- getGenerations(fitting.cfse)

  # to extract a vector of percentage of cells for generation you can use:
  fitting.cfse@generations
}
```

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logTicks

*Generate logTicks for FACS plotting*

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**Description**

This function return a log scale to be used on your FACS plots

**Usage**

```
logTicks(dataRange, logDecades, doScale = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

dataRange	Range of your data (number of data points in the FACS)
logDecades	Number of log decades in the FACS
doScale	Scale according to dataRange and logDecades: $\text{scale.factor} = \text{dataRange} / \text{logDecades}$

**Value**

Return a list with 3 elements:

major	Position of the Major ticks
all	Position of the All ticks
label	Labels for Major Ticks

**Author(s)**

Davide Rambaldi

**Examples**

```

if(require(flowFitExampleData)){
  # using flowViz

  # load data
  data(PKH26data)

  # plot data
  plot(PKH26data[[1]], "FL2-Height LOG", axes=FALSE, breaks=1024)

  # create ticks
  my.ticks <- logTicks(1024,4)

  # plot your ticks
  axis(1,my.ticks$all,label=FALSE)
  axis(1,at=my.ticks$major,labels=my.ticks$labels)
  axis(2)
}

```

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parentFitting

*Fitting a parent population*


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**Description**

Estimate the proliferation of a cell population in cell-tracking dye studies. `parentFitting`: fit the parent population

**Usage**

```

parentFitting(flowframe, channel,
              estimatedPeakPosition = NA,
              estimatedPeakSize = NA,
              dataRange = NA,
              logDecades = NA,
              binning = TRUE,
              breaks = 1024,
              dataSmooth = TRUE,
              smoothWindow = 2,
              fixedModel = FALSE,
              fixedPars = NA,
              verbose = FALSE )

```

**Arguments**

<code>flowframe</code>	An object of class <code>flowFrame</code> from <code>flowCore</code>
<code>channel</code>	FACS column/channel ( <code>flowFrame</code> column)
<code>estimatedPeakPosition</code>	Estimated peak position. If not provided will be used the <code>exprs</code> mean
<code>estimatedPeakSize</code>	Estimated peak size. If not provided will be used the <code>exprs</code> standard deviation



dataRange	Number of digital data points on the machine. If not provided will be extracted from <code>flowFrame</code> using <code>keyword</code>
logDecades	FACS dynamic range (log decades). If not provided will be extracted from <code>flowFrame</code> using <code>keyword</code>
binning	Should I bin data? Some FACS have a large data range (Es: FACSCanto have 65536 data points, may be is convenient in this case to group data in bins to avoid acquiring too many cells). If you have you data log transformed in range 0-5 it is mandatory to bin data
breaks	How many breaks if I bin data?
dataSmooth	Should I smooth data with a Kolmogorov-Zurbenko low-pass linear filter?
smoothWindow	Window used to smooth data with the Kolmogorov-Zurbenko low-pass linear filter.
fixedModel	Should I use a model with fixed parameters? (Peak Position or Size).
fixedPars	A list of fixed parameters. If you give me a value, I use that value, otherwise I use estimates (check examples)
verbose	Verbose mode.

### Details

The formula used to fit the parent population:

$$a^2 \exp \frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

The algorithm estimate the position ( $\mu$ ) and size ( $\sigma$ ) of the *Parent Population*.

### Value

return a `parentFittingData` object

### Author(s)

Davide Rambaldi

### References

1. Timur V. Elzhov, Katharine M. Mullen and Ben Bolker (2012). **minpack.lm: R interface to the Levenberg-Marquardt nonlinear least-squares algorithm found in MINPACK.**

### See Also

[proliferationFitting](#)

### Examples

```
if(require(flowFitExampleData)){
  # CFSE
  data(QuahAndParish)
  parent.fitting.cfse <- parentFitting(QuahAndParish[[1]], "<FITC-A>")

  parent.fitting.cfse
```

```

summary(parent.fitting.cfse)
confint(parent.fitting.cfse)
coef(parent.fitting.cfse)
plot(parent.fitting.cfse)
Data(parent.fitting.cfse)

# PKH26
data(PKH26data)
parent.fitting <- parentFitting(PKH26data[[1]], "FL2-Height LOG")
parent.fitting
summary(parent.fitting)
confint(parent.fitting)
coef(parent.fitting)
plot(parent.fitting)
Data(parent.fitting)

# fixedModel with estimates
parent.fitting <- parentFitting(PKH26data[[1]], "FL2-Height LOG",
                               fixedModel=TRUE, fixedPars=list(M=NA,S=NA))

# fixedModel with user values
parent.fitting <- parentFitting(PKH26data[[1]], "FL2-Height LOG",
                               fixedModel=TRUE, fixedPars=list(M=810,S=16))

# fixedModel with locked Peak Size (one fixed parameter)
parent.fitting <- parentFitting(PKH26data[[1]], "FL2-Height LOG",
                               fixedModel=TRUE, fixedPars=list(S=17))
}

```

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parentFittingData-class

*Class "parentFittingData"*

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## Description

Provides S4 data structure and basic infrastructure and functions to store proliferation tracking data of the Parent Population.

## Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("parentFittingData", flowframe, channel, ...)`. This class is for internal use.

## Slots

**data:** Object of class "flowFrame" ~~  
**channel:** Object of class "character" ~~  
**estimatedPeakPosition:** Object of class "numeric" ~~  
**estimatedPeakSize:** Object of class "numeric" ~~  
**dataRange:** Object of class "numeric" ~~  
**logDecades:** Object of class "numeric" ~~  
**parentPeakPosition:** Object of class "numeric" ~~

parentPeakSize: Object of class "numeric" ~~  
 fittingDeviance: Object of class "numeric" ~~  
 fixedModel: Object of class "logical" ~~  
 fixedPars: Object of class "list" ~~  
 binning: Object of class "logical" ~~  
 breaks: Object of class "numeric" ~~  
 dataSmooth: Object of class "logical" ~~  
 smoothWindow: Object of class "numeric" ~~  
 parStart: Object of class "list" ~~  
 dataMatrix: Object of class "matrix" ~~  
 dataPoints: Object of class "data.frame" ~~  
 modelPoints: Object of class "data.frame" ~~  
 residFun: Object of class "function" ~~  
 lmOutput: Object of class "nls.lm" ~~

## Methods

**plot** Basic plots for parentFittingData objects. *Usage:* `plot(parentFittingData,main="Original data and Parent fitting",xlab="FACS data range",ylab="# of Events",showLegend=TRUE,logScale = TRUE,drawGrid = TRUE,...)`

**show** Display details about the parentFittingData object.

**summary** Return a descriptive summary about the parentFittingData object.

**Data** Return the `flowFrame` object.

**coef** Return coefficients of the model.

**confint** Return confidence intervals of the model.

## Author(s)

Davide Rambaldi

## See Also

[parentFitting](#)

## Examples

```

showClass("parentFittingData")
if(require(flowFitExampleData)){
  data(PKH26data)
  parent.fitting <- parentFitting(PKH26data[[1]], "FL2-Height LOG")
  parent.fitting
  summary(parent.fitting)
  confint(parent.fitting)
  coef(parent.fitting)
  plot(parent.fitting)
  Data(parent.fitting)
}

```

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plot-methods

*Very basic plotting of flowFit objects: [proliferationFittingData](#) and [parentFittingData](#)*

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## Description

A basic method to plot [proliferationFittingData](#) and [parentFittingData](#) objects. See below for details.

## Details

Basic plots for flowFit objects.

Supported arguments for [parentFittingData](#):

1. main: an overall title for the plot, see [title](#).
2. xlab: a title for the x axis, see [title](#).
3. ylab: a title for the y axis, see [title](#).
4. legend: show/hide messages.
5. logScale: put a log scale on the x axis.

Supported arguments for [proliferationFittingData](#):

1. which: which plots I should show? ["all" or 1:5]
2. main: an overall title prefix for the plots.
3. xlab: a title for the x axis, see [title](#).
4. ylab: a title for the y axis, see [title](#).
5. legend: show/hide messages.
6. logScale: put a log scale on the x axis.
7. drawGrid: put some dashed lines at the [generationsDistance](#) expected positions.

## Methods

**x = "proliferationFittingData", y = "missing"** Multiple plots of generations fitting data (data generated by the function [proliferationFitting](#))

**x = "parentFittingData", y= "missing"** Single plot of a parent population fitting (data generated by the function [parentFitting](#))

## Author(s)

Davide Rambaldi

## See Also

[proliferationFitting](#), [parentFitting](#)

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proliferationFitting    *Estimate proliferation in cell-tracking dye studies*

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### Description

The algorithm fit a set of N peaks on the flowFrame data using the `nls.lm` function. The number of peaks to be fitted is automatically estimated using `generationsDistance`.

The algorithm take the position ( $\mu$ ) and size ( $\sigma$ ) of the *Parent Population* as estimates and fit a set of peaks on a flowFrame data.

The first peak correspond to the parent population:

$$a^2 \exp \frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

The next peak (corresponding to the next generation of cells) will be:

$$b^2 \exp \frac{(x - (\mu - D))^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

Where D is the estimated distance between 2 generations of cells.

The complete formula for the fitting of the 15 peaks is the following:

$$a^2 \exp \frac{(x - M)^2}{2s^2} + b^2 \exp \frac{(x - (M - D))^2}{2s^2} + \dots + p^2 \exp \frac{(x - (M - 14 \cdot D))^2}{2s^2}$$

Where the parameters [a-q] represent an estimate of the number of cells for a given generation.

In the Levenberg-Marquadt algorithm implementation we use this formula to estimate the error between the model and the real data:

$$residFun = (Observed - Model)^2$$

The ration between the intergral of a single peak and the integral of all model formula is an estimate of the percentage of cells in a given generation.

### Usage

```
proliferationFitting(
  flowframe,
  channel,
  estimatedParentPosition,
  estimatedParentSize,
  dataRange = NA,
  logDecades = NA,
  estimatedDistance = NA,
  binning = TRUE,
  breaks = 1024,
  dataSmooth = TRUE,
  smoothWindow = 2,
  fixedModel = FALSE,
  fixedPars = NA,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

flowframe	An object of class <code>flowFrame</code> from <code>flowCore</code>
channel	FACS column/channel ( <code>flowFrame</code> column)
estimatedParentPosition	Estimated parent peak position.
estimatedParentSize	Estimated parent peak size.
dataRange	Number of digital data points on the machine. If not provided will be extracted from <code>flowFrame</code> using <code>keyword</code>
logDecades	FACS dynamic range (log decades). If not provided will be extracted from <code>flowFrame</code> using <code>keyword</code>
estimatedDistance	Estimated distance between generations. If not provided will be estimated with <code>generationsDistance</code>
binning	Should I bin data? Some FACS have a large data range (Es: FACSCanto have 65536 data points, may be is convenient in this case to group data in bins to avoid acquiring too many cells). If you have you data log tranformed in range 0-5 it is mandatory to bin data
breaks	How many breaks if I bin data?
dataSmooth	Should I smooth data with a Kolmogorov-Zurbenko low-pass linear filter ( <code>kz</code> )?
smoothWindow	Window used to smooth data with the Kolmogorov-Zurbenko low-pass linear filter ( <code>kz</code> ).
fixedModel	Should I use a model with fixed parameters? (Peak Position or Size).
fixedPars	A list of fixed parameters. If you give me a value, I use that value, otherwise I use estimates (check examples)
verbose	Verbose mode.

**Details**

See the vignette for more details on this function.

**Value**

return a `proliferationFittingData` object

**Author(s)**

Davide Rambaldi

**References**

1. Timur V. Elzhov, Katharine M. Mullen and Ben Bolker (2012). **minpack.lm: R interface to the Levenberg-Marquardt nonlinear least-squares algorithm found in MINPACK.**

**Examples**

```

if(require(flowFitExampleData)){
  # PKH26
  data(PKH26data)
  parent.fitting <- parentFitting(PKH26data[[1]], "FL2-Height LOG")
  my.fit <- proliferationFitting(PKH26data[[2]], "FL2-Height LOG",
                                parent.fitting@parentPeakPosition,
                                parent.fitting@parentPeakSize)

  my.fit
  summary(my.fit)
  confint(my.fit)
  coef(my.fit)
  Data(my.fit)
  # plot results
  plot(my.fit)

  # modeling with locked Peak Size
  my.fit <- proliferationFitting(PKH26data[[2]], "FL2-Height LOG",
                                parent.fitting@parentPeakPosition,
                                parent.fitting@parentPeakSize,
                                fixedModel=TRUE,
                                fixedPars=list(S=16))

  # modeling with locked Peak Size and Position
  my.fit <- proliferationFitting(PKH26data[[2]], "FL2-Height LOG",
                                parent.fitting@parentPeakPosition,
                                parent.fitting@parentPeakSize,
                                fixedModel=TRUE,
                                fixedPars=list(S=16, M=810))

  # modeling with locked Peak Size, Position and Distance
  my.fit <- proliferationFitting(PKH26data[[2]], "FL2-Height LOG",
                                parent.fitting@parentPeakPosition,
                                parent.fitting@parentPeakSize,
                                fixedModel=TRUE, fixedPars=list(S=16, M=810, D=76))

  # generations as vector
  my.fit@generations
  # generations as list
  getGenerations(my.fit)

  # CFSE, CPD and CTV data
  data(QuahAndParish)
  parent.fitting.cfse <- parentFitting(QuahAndParish[[1]], "<FITC-A>")
  fitting.cfse <- proliferationFitting(QuahAndParish[[2]], "<FITC-A>",
                                       parent.fitting.cfse@parentPeakPosition,
                                       parent.fitting.cfse@parentPeakSize)

  summary(fitting.cfse)
  confint(fitting.cfse)
  coef(fitting.cfse)
  Data(fitting.cfse)

  plot(parent.fitting.cfse)
  plot(fitting.cfse)

```

```

# for CPD samples we use a Fixed Model: we keep fixed in the model the Parent Peak Position
parent.fitting.cpd <- parentFitting(QuahAndParish[[1]], "<APC-A>")
fitting.cpd <- proliferationFitting(QuahAndParish[[3]], "<APC-A>",
                                   parent.fitting.cpd@parentPeakPosition,
                                   parent.fitting.cpd@parentPeakSize,
                                   fixedModel=TRUE,
                                   fixedPars=list(M=parent.fitting.cpd@parentPeakPosition))

parent.fitting.ctv <- parentFitting(QuahAndParish[[1]], "<Alexa Fluor 405-A>")
fitting.ctv <- proliferationFitting(QuahAndParish[[4]], "<Alexa Fluor 405-A>",
                                   parent.fitting.ctv@parentPeakPosition,
                                   parent.fitting.ctv@parentPeakSize)

# let's compare the generations across the 3 samples:
plot(parent.fitting.cfse, main="CFSE Non Stimulated")
plot(fitting.cfse, which=3, main="CFSE")
plot(fitting.cfse, which=4, main="CFSE")
plot(fitting.cfse, which=5, main="CFSE")
plot(parent.fitting.cpd, main="CPD Non Stimulated")
plot(fitting.cpd, which=3, main="CPD")
plot(fitting.cpd, which=4, main="CPD")
plot(fitting.cpd, which=5, main="CPD")
plot(parent.fitting.ctv, main="CTV Non Stimulated")
plot(fitting.ctv, which=3, main="CTV")
plot(fitting.ctv, which=4, main="CTV")
plot(fitting.ctv, which=5, main="CTV")
}

```

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proliferationFittingData-class

*Class "proliferationFittingData"*

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### Description

Provides S4 data structure and basic infrastructure and functions to store proliferation tracking data of the Parent Population.

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("proliferationFittingData", flowframe, channel, ...)`. This class is for internal use.

### Slots

**data:** Object of class "flowFrame" ~~  
**channel:** Object of class "character" ~~  
**estimatedPeakPosition:** Object of class "numeric" ~~  
**estimatedPeakSize:** Object of class "numeric" ~~  
**dataRange:** Object of class "numeric" ~~  
**logDecades:** Object of class "numeric" ~~  
**estimatedDistance:** Object of class "numeric" ~~



parentPeakPosition: Object of class "numeric" ~~  
parentPeakSize: Object of class "numeric" ~~  
fittingDeviance: Object of class "numeric" ~~  
fixedModel: Object of class "logical" ~~  
fixedPars: Object of class "list" ~~  
generationsDistance: Object of class "numeric" ~~  
heights: Object of class "list" ~~  
generations: Object of class "numeric" ~~  
binning: Object of class "logical" ~~  
breaks: Object of class "numeric" ~~  
dataSmooth: Object of class "logical" ~~  
smoothWindow: Object of class "numeric" ~~  
parStart: Object of class "list" ~~  
dataMatrix: Object of class "matrix" ~~  
dataPoints: Object of class "data.frame" ~~  
modelPoints: Object of class "data.frame" ~~  
model: Object of class "function" ~~  
residFun: Object of class "function" ~~  
lmOutput: Object of class "nls.lm" ~~  
numberOfPeaks: Object of class "numeric" ~~

## Methods

**plot** Basic plots for proliferationFittingData objects. *Usage:* plot(proliferationFittingData, main="Origin data and Parent fitting", xlab="FACS data range", ylab="# of Events", showLegend=TRUE, logScale = TRUE, drawGrid = TRUE, ...)

**show** Display details about the proliferationFittingData object.

**summary** Return a descriptive summary about the proliferationFittingData object.

**Data** Return the flowFrame object.

**coef** Return coefficients of the model.

**confint** Return confidence intervals of the model.

## Author(s)

Davide Rambaldi

## See Also

[proliferationFitting](#)

**Examples**

```

showClass("proliferationFittingData")
if(require(flowFitExampleData)){
  data(PKH26data)
  parent.fitting <- parentFitting(PKH26data[[1]], "FL2-Height LOG")
  my.fit <- proliferationFitting(PKH26data[[2]],
                                "FL2-Height LOG",
                                parent.fitting@parentPeakPosition,
                                parent.fitting@parentPeakSize)

  my.fit
  summary(my.fit)
  confint(my.fit)
  coef(my.fit)
  plot(my.fit)
  Data(my.fit)
}

```

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proliferationGrid      *proliferationGrid function for plotting*

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**Description**

This function draw a proliferation grid. The grid marks the distance between cell generations calculated with the function [generationsDistance](#)

**Usage**

```

proliferationGrid(parentPosition,
  fittedDistance = NA, dataRange = 1024, logDecades = 4,
  lwd=1, lty=3, col=rgb(0,0,0,0.5))

```

**Arguments**

parentPosition	Position of the parent Peak from <a href="#">parentFitting</a>
fittedDistance	You can provide the distance estimated from the <a href="#">proliferationFitting</a> function
dataRange	Range of your data (number of data points in the FACS)
logDecades	Number of log decades in the FACS
lwd	Grid line size. See <a href="#">par</a>
lty	Grid line type. See <a href="#">par</a>
col	Grid color. See <a href="#">par</a> and <a href="#">rgb</a>

**Author(s)**

Davide Rambaldi

**Examples**

```
plot(c(0,1023),c(0,1000),
     xlim=c(0,1023),
     ylim=c(0,1000),
     xlab="FACS CHANNEL",
     ylab="# OF EVENTS",
     main="A flowFit Empty Plot")

# create a grid with parent at 800
proliferationGrid(1000, dataRange=1024, logDecades=4)
```

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proliferationIndex      *proliferation index calculator*

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**Description**

Proliferation index calculator. Proliferation index is calculated as the sum of the cells in all generations including the parental divided by the computed number of original parent cells theoretically present at the start of the experiment. It is a measure of the fold increase in cell number in the culture over the course of the experiment.

**Usage**

```
proliferationIndex(object)
```

**Arguments**

object                    An object of class [proliferationFittingData](#)

**Details**

The formula is:  $\frac{\sum_0^i N_i}{\sum_0^i N^i/2^i}$  Where  $i$  is the generation number (parent generation = 0). In the absence of proliferation, that is, when all cells are in the parent generation, the formula gives:  $\frac{N_0}{N_0/2^0} = 1$  defining the lower limit of the PI.

**Value**

return a numeric

**Author(s)**

Davide Rambaldi

**References**

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**See Also**

[proliferationFitting](#) [proliferationFittingData-class](#)

**Examples**

```
# load data
if(require(flowFitExampleData)){
  data(PKH26data)
  parent.fitting <- parentFitting(PKH26data[[1]], "FL2-Height LOG")
  my.fit <- proliferationFitting(PKH26data[[2]], "FL2-Height LOG",
                                parent.fitting@parentPeakPosition,
                                parent.fitting@parentPeakSize)
  my.index <- proliferationIndex(my.fit)
}
```

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