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CAGEr-package	Analysis of CAGE (Cap Analysis of Gene Expression) sequencing data
	for precise mapping of transcription start sites and promoterome min-
	ing

Description

CAGEr package performs identification of transcription start sites and frequency of their usage from input CAGE sequencing data, normalization of raw CAGE tag count, clustering of TSSs into tag clusters (TC) and their aggregation across multiple CAGE experiments to construct the promoterome. It manipulates multiple CAGE experiments at once, performs expression profiling across experiments both at level of individual TSSs and clusters of TSSs, exports several different types of track files for visualization in the UCSC Genome Browser, performs analysis of promoter width and detects differential usage of TSSs (promoter shifting) between samples. Multicore option for parallel processing is supported on Unix-like platforms.

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 ${\it aggregateTagClusters} \quad {\it Aggregating tag clusters across multiple CAGE datasets}$

Description

Aggregates tag clusters (TCs) across all CAGE dataset within the CAGEset object to create a referent set of consensus clusters.

Usage

```
aggregateTagClusters(object, tpmThreshold = 5,
excludeSignalBelowThreshold = TRUE,
qLow = NULL, qUp = NULL, maxDist = 100)
```

Arguments

object A CAGEset object

tpmThreshold Only tag clusteres with normalized signal >= tpmThreshold will be used to

construct consensus clusters.

excludeSignalBelowThreshold

When TRUE only tag clusteres with normalized signal >= tpmThreshold will contribute to the total CAGE signal of a consensus cluster, i.e. only the TCs that are used to construct consensus cluster. When set to FALSE all TCs that overlap consensus cluster will contribute to the total signal (regardless whether they pass the threshold or not), however only the TCs above the threshold will be used to define consensus cluster boundaries. Thus, it that case the TCs above the threshold are first used to construct consensus clusters and define their boundaries, but then CAGE signal from all TCs that fall within those boundaries is

used to calculate total signal of a particular consensus cluster.

Position of which "lower" quantile should be used as 5' boundary of the tag qLow

cluster. If qLow = NULL start position of the TC is used. See Details.

Position of which "upper" quantile should be used as 3' boundary of the tag qUp

cluster. If qUp = NULL end position of the TC is used. qUp has to be >= qLow.

See Details.

Maximal length of the gap (in base-pairs) between two tag clusters for them to maxDist

be part of the same consensus clusters. See Details.

Details

Tag clusters (TCs) returned by clusterCTSS function are constructed for every CAGE dataset within CAGEset object separatelly, based on the CAGE signal in that sample. Thus, TCs from two CAGE datasets can differ both in their number, genomic coordinates, position of dominant TSS and overall signal. To be able to compare all samples at the level of clusters of TSSs, TCs from all CAGE datasets are aggregated into a single set of consensus clusters. First, TCs with signal >= tpmThreshold from all CAGE datasets are selected, and their 5' and 3' boundaries are determined based on provided qLow and qUp parameters. If qLow = NULL and qUp = NULL the start and end coordinates, i.e. the full span of the TC is used, otherwise the positions of qLow and qUp quantiles are used as 5' and 3' boundary, respectively. Finally, the defined set of TCs from all CAGE datasets is reduced to a non-overlapping set of consensus clusters by merging overlapping TCs and TCs <= maxDist base-pairs apart. Consensus clusters represent a referent set of promoters that can be further used for expression profiling or detecting "shifting" (differentially used) promoters between different CAGE samples.

Value

 $The slots \ consensus Clusters, tag Clusters In Consensus Clusters \ and \ consensus Clusters Tpm Matrix$ of the provided CAGEset object will be occupied by the genomic coordinates of consensus clusters, information on containing TCs and the total CAGE signal across all CAGE datasets, respectively.

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See Also

clusterCTSS

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
aggregateTagClusters(object = exampleCAGEset, tpmThreshold = 50,
excludeSignalBelowThreshold = FALSE, qLow = 0.1, qUp = 0.9, maxDist = 100)
```

CAGEset-class

Class "CAGEset"

Description

This class is used to store one or more CAGE (Cap Analysis of Gene Expression) datasets in the form of TSSs derived from CAGE tags and frequency of their usage, and to store and extract all information generated during the workflow.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form new("CAGEset", ...).

Objects of the class contain information on the genomic coordinates of TSSs derived from sequenced CAGE tags from multiple experiments, number of tags supporting each TSS in each experiment, normalized CAGE signal at each TSS, all information on specified parameters and results of all downstream analyses. Object has to be created before reading in the data by specifying input files and their type, referent genome and labels for individual CAGE datasets, as described in the vignette. Data is read by applying a function to a created object and all further slots are filled during the workflow by applying specific functions.

Slots

genomeName: Object of class "character": the name of the BSgenome package used as the referent genome

inputFiles: Object of class "character": the paths to input files

inputFilesType: Object of class "character": the type of input files (e.g. bam)

sampleLabels: Object of class "character": the labels of individual CAGE experiments

librarySizes: Object of class "integer": the total number of CAGE tags per experiment

CTSScoordinates: Object of class "data.frame": the genomic coordinates of CAGE transcription start sites (CTSSs)

tagCountMatrix: Object of class "data.frame": the number of CAGE tags supporting every CTSS in each experiment

normalizedTpmMatrix: Object of class "data.frame": the normalized CAGE signal supporting every CTSS in each experiment

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CTSSexpressionClusteringMethod: Object of class "character": the method used for expression clustering of CTSSs

- CTSSexpressionClasses: Object of class "character": the labels of expression classes of CTSSs returned by expression clustering
- clusteringMethod: Object of class "character": the method used for clustering CTSSs into tag clusters (TC)
- filteredCTSSidx: Object of class "logical": the index of CTSSs included in tag clusters
- tagClusters: Object of class "list": the list of tag clusters per CAGE experiment
- ${\tt CTSScumulativesTagClusters:} \begin{tabular}{l} Object of class "list": the cumulative distribution of CAGE signal along TCs \\ \end{tabular}$
- ${\tt tagClustersQuantileLow:} \begin{tag{ClustersQuantile(s) within TCs}} \end{tagClustersQuantile(s)} \begin{tag{ClustersQuantile(s) within TCs}} \end{tagClustersQuantile(s)} \begin{tag{ClustersQuantile(s) within TCs}} \end{tag{ClustersQuantile(s) within TCs}} \end{tag{ClustersQua$
- tagClustersQuantileUp: Object of class "list": the positions of upper quantile(s) within TCs
- tagClustersInConsensusClusters: Object of class "data.frame": the information on which TCs from which experiments are contained within each consensus cluster
- consensusClusters: Object of class "data.frame": the genomic coordinates of consensus clusters created by aggregating TCs across experiments
- consensusClustersTpmMatrix: Object of class "matrix" the normalized CAGE signal for every consensus cluster in each experiment
- consensusClustersExpressionClusteringMethod: Object of class "character" the method used for expression clustering of consensus clusters
- consensusClustersExpressionClasses: Object of class "character" the labels of expression classes of consensus clusters returned by expression clustering
- CTSScumulativesConsensusClusters: Object of class "list" the cumulative distribution of CAGE signal along consensus clusters
- consensusClustersQuantileLow: Object of class "list" the positions of lower quantile(s) within consensus clusters
- consensusClustersQuantileUp: Object of class "list" the positions of upper quantile(s) within consensus clusters
- shiftingGroupX: Object of class "character" the label(s) of experiment(s) in the first shifting group
- shiftingGroupY: Object of class "character" the label(s) of experiment(s) in the second shifting group
- consensusClustersShiftingScores: Object of class "data.frame" the shifting scores and P-values/FDR for comparison of consensus clusters between two (groups of) experiments

Methods

- CTSSclusteringMethod signature(object = "CAGEset"): extracts the method used for clustering CTSSs into tag clusters (TC)
- CTSScoordinates signature(object = "CAGEset"): extracts the genomic coordinates of all CTSSs
- **CTSSnormalizedTpm** signature(object = "CAGEset"): extracts the normalized CAGE signal supporting every CTSS in each experiment

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CTSStagCount signature(object = "CAGEset"): extracts the number of CAGE tags supporting every CTSS in each experiment

- aggregateTagClusters signature(object = "CAGEset"): aggregates TCs across all experiments into consensus clusters
- clusterCTSS signature(object = "CAGEset"): clusters CTSSs into TCs per experiment
- consensusClusters signature(object = "CAGEset"): extracts the genomic coordinates and
 other information on consensus clusters
- consensusClustersTpm signature(object = "CAGEset"): extracts the matrix with tpm values
 for consensus clusters across all samples
- **cumulativeCTSSdistribution** signature(object = "CAGEset"): calculates the cumulative distribution of CAGE signal along TCs or consensus clusters
- exportCTSStoBedGraph signature(object = "CAGEset"): creates bedGraph files of CTSSs
 for visualization in the UCSC Genome Browser
- exportToBed signature(object = "CAGEset"): creates various types of BED files for visualization in the UCSC Genome Browser
- **expressionClasses** signature(object = "CAGEset"): extracts the labels of the expression classes of CTSSs or consensus clusters returned from expression profiling
- extractExpressionClass signature(object = "CAGEset"): extracts CTSSs or consensus clusters belonging to specified expression class
- genomeName signature(object = "CAGEset"): extracts the name of the BSgenome package
 used as the referent genome
- **getCTSS** signature(object = "CAGEset"): reads in specified input files and fills in information on detected CTSSs and their tag count
- **getShiftingPromoters** signature(object = "CAGEset"): extracts consensus clusters with shifting score and/or FDR above specified threshold
- inputFiles signature(object = "CAGEset"): extracts the paths of input CAGE data files
- inputFilesType signature(object = "CAGEset"): extracts the type of input CAGE data files
- **librarySizes** signature(object = "CAGEset"): extracts the library sizes of individual CAGE experiments within CAGEset object
- mergeSamples signature(object = "CAGEset", mergeIndex = "numeric"): merges specified experiments (samples) into one (e.g. replicas)
- normalizeTagCount signature(object = "CAGEset"): normalizes raw CAGE tag count
- plotExpressionProfiles signature(object = "CAGEset"): creates file with beanplots of expression across experiments for CTSSs or consensus clusters belonging to different expression classes
- plotInterquantileWidth signature(object = "CAGEset"): creates file with histograms of interquantile width

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```
plotReverseCumulatives signature(object = "CAGEset"): creates file with reverse cumula-
tive plots of CAGE tag count per CTSS
```

quantilePositions signature(object = "CAGEset"): calculates the positions of specified quantiles within TCs or consensus clusters

sampleLabels signature(object = "CAGEset"): extracts the labels of individual CAGE experiments within CAGEset object

scoreShift signature(object = "CAGEset", groupX = "character", groupY = "character"):
 calculates the shifting score and tests the statistical significance of differential TSS usage for
 consensus clusters between two specified (groups of) samples

setColors signature(object = "CAGEset"): assigns color to each sample to be used in visualisation

show signature(object = "CAGEset"): displays CAGEset object in a user friendly way

tagClusters signature(object = "CAGEset"): extracts the tag clusters for specified CAGE experiment

Coercion

```
as(from, "CAGEset"): Creates a CAGEset object from a data.frame object.
```

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Examples

```
showClass("CAGEset")
```

clusterCTSS

Clustering CTSSs into tag clusters (TCs)

Description

Clusters individual CAGE transcription start sites (CTSSs) along the genome into tag clusters using specified "ab initio" method, or assigns them to predefined genomic regions.

Usage

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Arguments

object A CAGEset object

threshold, nrPassThreshold

Only CTSSs with signal >= threshold in >= nrPassThreshold experiments will be used for clustering and will contribute towards total signal of the cluster.

thresholdIsTpm Logical, is threshold raw tag count value (FALSE) or normalized signal (TRUE)

method Method to be used for clustering. Can be one of the "distclu", "paraclu" or

"custom". See Details.

maxDist Maximal distance between two neighbouring CTSSs for them to be part of the

same cluster. Used only when method = "distclu", otherwise ignored.

removeSingletons

Logical, should tag clusters containing only one CTSS be removed. Ignored when method = "custom".

keepSingletonsAbove

Controls which singleton tag clusters will be removed. When removeSingletons = TRUE, only singletons with signal < keepSingletonsAbove will be removed. Useful to prevent removing highly supported singleton tag clusters. Default value Inf results in removing all singleton TCs when removeSingletons = TRUE. Ig-

nored when removeSingletons = FALSE or method = "custom".

minStability Minimal stability of the cluster, where stability is defined as ratio between maximal and minimal density value for which this cluster is maximal scoring. For

definition of stability refer to Frith *et al.*, Genome Research, 2007. Clusters with stability < minStability will be discarded. Used only when method = "paraclu",

otherwise ignored.

maxLength Maximal length of cluster in base-pairs. Clusters with length > maxLength will

be discarded. Ignored when method = "custom".

reduceToNonoverlapping

Logical, should smaller clusters contained within bigger cluster be removed to make a final set of tag clusters non-overlapping. Used only when method = "paraclu".

See Details.

customClusters Genomic coordinates of predefined regions to be used to segment the CTSSs.

It has to be a data.frame with following columns: chr (chromosome name), start (0-based start coordinate), end (end coordinate), strand (either "+", or

"-"). Used only when method = "custom".

useMulticore Logical, should multicore be used. useMulticore = TRUE is supported only on

Unix-like platforms.

nrCores Number of cores to use when useMulticore = TRUE. Default value NULL uses

all detected cores.

Details

Two "ab initio" methods for clustering TSSs along the genome are supported: "distclu" and "paraclu". "distclu" is an implementation of simple distance-based clustering of data attached to sequences, where two neighbouring TSSs are joined together if they are closer than some specified

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distance. "paraclu" is an implementation of Paraclu algorithm for parametric clustering of data attached to sequences developed by M. Frith (Frith et al., Genome Research, 2007, http://www.cbrc.jp/paraclu/). Since Paraclu finds clusters within clusters (unlike distclu), additional parameters (removeSingletons, keepSingletonsAbove, minStability, maxLength and reduceToNonoverlapping) can be specified to simplify the output by discarding too small (singletons) or too big clusters, and to reduce the clusters to a final set of non-overlapping clusters. Clustering is done for every CAGE dataset within CAGEset object separatelly, resulting in a different set of tag clusters for every CAGE dataset. TCs from different datasets can further be aggregated into a single referent set of consensus clusters by calling aggregateTagClusters function.

Value

The slots clusteringMethod, filteredCTSSidx and tagClusters of the provided CAGEset object will be occupied by the information on method used for clustering, CTSSs included in the clusters and list of tag clusters per CAGE experiment, respectively. To retrieve tag clusters for individual CAGE dataset use tagClusters function.

Author(s)

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References

Frith *et al.* (2007) A code for transcription initiation in mammalian genomes, *Genome Research* **18**(1):1-12, (http://www.cbrc.jp/paraclu/).

See Also

```
tagClusters
aggregateTagClusters
```

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))

clusterCTSS(object = exampleCAGEset, threshold = 50, thresholdIsTpm = TRUE,
nrPassThreshold = 1, method = "distclu", maxDist = 20,
removeSingletons = TRUE, keepSingletonsAbove = 100)
```

consensusClusters

Extracting consensus clusters from CAGEset object

Description

Extracts the consensus clusters from a CAGEset object.

Usage

```
consensusClusters(object)
```

consensusClustersTpm

Arguments

object

A CAGEset object

Value

Returns a data. frame with information on consensus clusters, including genomic coordinates and total CAGE signal across all CAGE datasets.

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Author(s)

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See Also

tagClusters

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
clusters <- consensusClusters(exampleCAGEset)
head(clusters)</pre>
```

consensusClustersTpm

Extracting consensus clusters tpm matrix from CAGEset object

Description

Extracts the matrix with normalized CAGE tag values for consensus clusters across all samples from a CAGEset object.

Usage

```
consensusClustersTpm(object)
```

Arguments

object

A CAGEset object

Value

Returns a matrix with normalized CAGE tag values across all samples.

Author(s)

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See Also

consensusClusters

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
clusters.tpm <- consensusClustersTpm(exampleCAGEset)
head(clusters.tpm)</pre>
```

CTSSclusteringMethod Extracting CTSS clustering method from CAGEset object

Description

Extracts the label of the method used for CTSS clustering into tag clusters from a CAGEset object.

Usage

```
CTSSclusteringMethod(object)
```

Arguments

object A CAGEset object

Value

Returns a label of the method used for CTSS clustering.

Author(s)

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See Also

clusterCTSS

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
CTSSclusteringMethod(exampleCAGEset)
```

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CTSScoordinates

Extracting genomic coordinates of TSSs from CAGEset object

Description

Extracts the genomic coordinates of all detected TSSs from a CAGEset object.

Usage

```
CTSScoordinates(object)
```

Arguments

object

A CAGEset object

Value

Returns a data. frame with genomic coordinates of all TSSs. pos column contains 1-based coordinate of the TSS.

Author(s)

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See Also

```
CTSStagCount
CTSSnormalizedTpm
```

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
CTSS <- CTSScoordinates(exampleCAGEset)
head(CTSS)</pre>
```

 ${\tt CTSSnormalizedTpm}$

Extracting normalized CAGE signal for TSSs from CAGEset object

Description

Extracts the normalized CAGE signal for all detected TSSs in all CAGE datasets from a CAGEset object.

Usage

```
CTSSnormalizedTpm(object)
```

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Arguments

object A CAGEset object

Value

Returns a data. frame with normalized CAGE signal supporting each TSS (rows) in every CAGE dataset (columns).

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

See Also

```
CTSScoordinates
CTSStagCount
```

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
CAGEsignal <- CTSSnormalizedTpm(exampleCAGEset)
head(CAGEsignal)</pre>
```

CTSStagCount

Extracting CAGE tag count for TSSs from CAGEset object

Description

Extracts the tag count for all detected TSSs in all CAGE datasets from a CAGEset object.

Usage

```
CTSStagCount(object)
```

Arguments

object

A CAGEset object

Value

Returns a data.frame with number of CAGE tags supporting each TSS (rows) in every CAGE dataset (columns).

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cumulativeCTSSdistribution

See Also

```
CTSScoordinates
CTSSnormalizedTpm
```

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
tagCount <- CTSStagCount(exampleCAGEset)
head(tagCount)</pre>
```

cumulativeCTSSdistribution

Calculating cumulative sum of CAGE signal along genomic region

Description

Calculates cumulative sum of CAGE signal along each tag cluster or consensus cluster in every CAGE dataset within CAGEset object.

Usage

Arguments

object A CAGEset object

clusters Which clusters should be used. Can be either clusters = "tagClusters" to

calculate cumulative sum along tag clusters (different set of genomic coordinates for every CAGE experiment) or clusters = "consensusClusters" to calculate cumulative sum along consensus clusters (same set of genomic coordinates

for every CAGE experiment).

useMulticore Logical, should multicore be used. useMulticore = TRUE is supported only on

Unix-like platforms.

nrCores Number of cores to use when useMulticore = TRUE. Default value NULL uses

all detected cores.

Value

The slot CTSScumulativesTagClusters (when clusters = "tagClusters") or CTSScumulativesConsensusClusters (when clusters = "consensusClusters") of the provided CAGEset object will be occupied by the list containing cumulative sum of the CAGE signal along genomic regions per CAGE experiment.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
cumulativeCTSSdistribution(object = exampleCAGEset, clusters = "tagClusters")
```

exampleCAGEset

Example CAGEset object with zebrafish CAGE data

Description

This is a CAGEset object that contains CAGE data for part of chromosome 13 from five different zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) samples. It is intended to be used as an input data in running examples from CAGEr package help pages.

Usage

```
data(exampleCAGEset)
```

Format

A CAGEset object

exportCTSStoBedGraph

Creating bedGraph tracks of CAGE transcription starts sites

Description

Creates bedGraph file(s) with track(s) of CAGE signal supporting each TSS that can be visualised in the UCSC Genome Browser.

Usage

```
exportCTSStoBedGraph(object, values, oneFile = TRUE)
```

Arguments

object A CAGEset object

values Specifies which values will be exported to the bedGraph file. Can be either

"raw" to export raw tag count values or "normalized" to export normalized

values.

oneFile Logical, should all CAGE datasets be exported as individual tracks into the same

bedGraph file (TRUE) or into separate bedGraph files (FALSE).

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Value

Creates bedGraph file(s) in the working directory that can be directly visualised as custom tracks in the UCSC Genome Browser. If oneFile = TRUE one bedGraph file containing multiple annotated tracks will be created, otherwise two files per CAGE dataset will be created, one for plus strand and one for minus strand CTSSs, and they will be named according to the labels of individual datasets.

Author(s)

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See Also

```
normalizeTagCount
```

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
exportCTSStoBedGraph(exampleCAGEset, values = "normalized", oneFile = TRUE)
```

exportToBed

Creating BED tracks of TSSs and clusters of TSSs

Description

Creates BED file(s) with track(s) of individual CTSSs, tag clusters or consensus clusters. CTSSs and consensus clusters can be optionally colored in the color of their expression class. Tag clusters and consensus clusters can be displayed in a gene-like representation with a line showing full span on the cluster, filled block showing interquantile range and a thick box denoting position of the dominant (most frequently used) TSS.

Usage

Arguments

object	A CAGEset object
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what Which elements should be exported to BED track. Can be "CTSS" to export indi-

vidual CTSSs, "tagClusters" to export tag clusters or "consensusClusters"

to export consensus clusters. See Details.

qLow Position of which "lower" quantile should be used as 5' boundary of the filled

block in gene-like representation of the cluster. Default value NULL uses start

position of the cluster. Ignored when what = "CTSS". See Details.

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qUp Position of which "upper" quantile should be used as 3' boundary of the filled

block in gene-like representation of the cluster. Default value NULL uses end

position of the cluster. Ignored when what = "CTSS". See Details.

colorByExpressionProfile

Logical, should blocks be colored in the color of their corresponding expression

class. Ignored when what = "tagClusters".

oneFile Logical, should all CAGE datasets be exported as individual tracks into the

same BED file (TRUE) or into separate BED files (FALSE). Ignored when

what = "CTSS", which by default produces only one track.

Details

This functions creates various representations of CTSSs, tag clusters and consensus clusters in the BED format, which can be directly visualised in the UCSC Genome Browser.

When what = "CTSS", one BED file with single track of 1bp blocks representing all detected CTSSs (in all CAGE samples) is created. CTSSs can be colored according to their expression class (provided the expression profiling of CTSSs was done by calling getExpressionProfiles function). Colors of expression classes match the colors in which they are shown in the plot returned by the plotExpressionProfiles function. For colorByExpressionProfile = FALSE, CTSSs included in the clusters are shown in black and CTSSs that were filtered out in gray.

When what = "tagClusters", one track per CAGE dataset is created, which can be exported to a single BED file (by setting oneFile = TRUE) or separate BED files (by setting oneFile = FALSE). In case qLow = NULL and qUp = NULL, TCs are represented as simple blocks showing only the full span of TC from the start to the end. Setting qLow and/or qUp parameters to a value of the desired quantile creates a gene-like representation with a line showing full span of the TC, filled block showing specified interquantile range and a thick 1bp block denoting position of the dominant (most frequently used) TSS. All TCs in one track (one CAGE dataset) are shown in the same color.

When what = "consensusClusters" consensus clusters are exported to BED file. Since there is only one set of consensus clusters common to all CAGE datasets, only one track is created in case of a simple representation. This means that when qLow = NULL and qUp = NULL one track with blocks showing the full span of consensus cluster from the start to the end is created. However, the distribution of the CAGE signal within consensus cluster can be different in different CAGE samples, resulting in different positions of quantiles and dominant TSS. Thus, when qLow and/or qUp parameters are set to a value of the desired quantile, a separate track with a gene-like representation is created for every CAGE dataset. These tracks can be exported to a single BED file (by setting oneFile = TRUE) or separate BED files (by setting oneFile = FALSE). The gene-like representation is analogous to the one described above for the TCs. In all cases consensus clusters can be colored according to their expression class (provided the expression profiling of consensus clusters was done by calling getExpressionProfiles function). Colors of expression classes match the colors in which they are shown in the plot returned by the plotExpressionProfiles function. For colorByExpressionProfile = FALSE all consensus clusters are shown in black.

Value

Creates BED file(s) in the working directory that can be directly visualised as custom tracks in the UCSC Genome Browser.

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Author(s)

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Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
### exporting CTSSs colored by expression class
exportToBed(object = exampleCAGEset, what = "CTSS",
colorByExpressionProfile = TRUE)
### exporting tag clusters in gene-like representation
exportToBed(object = exampleCAGEset, what = "tagClusters",
qLow = 0.1, qUp = 0.9, oneFile = TRUE)
```

expressionClasses

Extracting labels of expression classes

Description

Retrieves labels of expression classes of either individual CTSSs or consensus clusters from a CAGEset object.

Usage

```
expressionClasses(object, what)
```

Arguments

object A CAGEset object

what Which level of expression clustering should be used. Can be either "CTSS" to ex-

 $tract\ labels\ of\ expression\ classes\ of\ individual\ CTSSs\ or\ "consensus Clusters"$

to extract labels of expression classes of consensus clusters.

Value

Returns character vector of labels of expression classes. The number of labels matches the number of expression clusters returned by getExpressionProfiles function.

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

See Also

```
getExpressionProfiles
plotExpressionProfiles
extractExpressionClass
```

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
exprClasses <- expressionClasses(exampleCAGEset, what = "CTSS")
exprClasses</pre>
```

extractExpressionClass

Extracting elements of the specified expression class

Description

Extracts CTSSs or consensus clusters belonging to a specified expression class.

Usage

```
extractExpressionClass(object, what, which = "all")
```

Arguments

object A CAGEset object

what Which level of expression clustering should be used. Can be either "CTSS"

to extract expression class of individual CTSSs or "consensusClusters" to

extract expression class of consensus clusters.

which Which expression class should be extracted. It has to be one of the valid ex-

pression class labels (as returned by expressionClasses function), or "all"

to extract members of all expression classes.

Value

Returns a data. frame of CTSSs (when what = "CTSS") or consensus clusters (when what = "consensusClusters") belonging to a specified expression class, with genomic coordinates and additional information. Last column contains the label of the corresponding expression class.

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

See Also

```
getExpressionProfiles
plotExpressionProfiles
expressionClasses
```

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
CTSSexprClasses <- extractExpressionClass(exampleCAGEset, what = "CTSS", which = "all")
head(CTSSexprClasses)</pre>
```

FANTOM5humanSamples

List of FANTOM5 human CAGE samples

Description

This is a data.frame object that contains information about all human primary cell, cell line and tissue CAGE datasets (988 datasets) produced by FANTOM5 constortium, which are available for import with CAGEr. The list containes all samples published in the main FANTOM5 publication (Forrest *et al.* Nature 2014) as presented in the Supplementary Table 1. The columns provide the following information:

sample: name/label of individual sample, which can be used as sample argument in the importPublicData function to retrieve specified sample.

type: type of the sample, either "cell line", "primary cell" or "tissue".

description: description of individual sample as provided by the FANTOM5 consortium.

library_id: unique ID of the CAGE library as provided by the FANTOM5 consortium.

data_url: URL to gzip-ed TSS file at online FANTOM5 data resource, which is used by importPublicData to fetch given sample.

Usage

data(FANTOM5humanSamples)

Format

A data. frame object

FANTOM5mouseSamples

List of FANTOM5 mouse CAGE samples

Description

This is a data. frame object that contains information about all mouse primary cell, cell line and tissue CAGE datasets (395) produced by FANTOM5 constortium, which are available for import with CAGEr. The list containes all samples published in the main FANTOM5 publication (Forrest *et al.* Nature 2014) as presented in the Supplementary Table 1. The columns provide the following information:

sample: name/label of individual sample, which can be used as sample argument in the importPublicData function to retrieve specified sample.

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```
type: type of the sample, either "cell line", "primary cell" or "tissue". description: description of individual sample as provided by the FANTOM5 consortium. library_id: unique ID of the CAGE library as provided by the FANTOM5 consortium. data_url: URL to gzip-ed TSS file at online FANTOM5 data resource, which is used by importPublicData to fetch given sample.
```

Usage

```
data(FANTOM5humanSamples)
```

Format

A data. frame object

genomeName

Extracting genome name from CAGEset object

Description

Extracts the name of a referent genome from a CAGEset object.

Usage

```
genomeName(object)
```

Arguments

object

A CAGEset object

Value

Returns a name of a BSgenome package used as a referent genome.

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
genomeName(exampleCAGEset)
```

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getCTSS

Reading CAGE data from input file(s) and detecting TSSs

Description

Reads input CAGE datasets into CAGEset object, constructs CAGE transcriptions start sites (CTSSs) and counts number of CAGE tags supporting every CTSS in each input experiment. Preprocessing and quality filtering of input CAGE tags, as well as correction of CAGE-specific 'G' nucleotide addition bias can be also performed before constructing TSSs.

Usage

```
getCTSS(object, sequencingQualityThreshold = 10,
       mappingQualityThreshold = 20, removeFirstG = TRUE,
       correctSystematicG = TRUE)
```

Arguments

object

A CAGEset object sequencingQualityThreshold, mappingQualityThreshold

> Only CAGE tags with average sequencing quality >= sequencingQualityThreshold and mapping quality >= mappingQualityThreshold are kept. Used only if inputFileType(object) == "bam", i.e when input files are BAM files of aligned sequenced CAGE tags, otherwise ignored. If there are no sequencing quality values in the BAM file (e.g. HeliScope single molecule sequencer does not return sequencing qualities) all reads will by default have this value set to -1. Since the default value of sequencingQualityThreshold is 10, all the reads will consequently be discarded. To avoid this behaviour and keep all sequenced reads set sequencingQualityThreshold to -1 when processing data without sequencing qualities. If there is no information on mapping quality in the BAM file (e.g. software used to align CAGE tags to the referent genome does not provide mapping quality) the mappingQualityThreshold parameter is ignored.

removeFirstG

Logical, should the first nucleotide of the CAGE tag be removed in case it is a G and it does not map to the referent genome (i.e. it is a mismatch). See Details.

correctSystematicG

Logical, should the systematic correction of the first G nucleotide be performed for the positions where there is a G in the CAGE tag and G in the genome. This step is performed in addition to removing the first G of the CAGE tags when it is a mismatch, *i.e.* this option can only be used when removeFirstG = TRUE, otherwise it is ignored. The frequency of adding a G to CAGE tags is estimated from mismatch cases and used to systematically correct the G addition for positions with G in the genome. See Details.

Details

In the CAGE experimental protocol an additional G nucleotide is often attached to the 5' end of the tag by the template-free activity of the reverse transcriptase used to prepare cDNA (Harbers 24 getCTSS

and Carninci, Nature Methods 2005). In cases where there is a G at the 5' end of the CAGE tag that does not map to the corresponding genome sequence, it can confidently be considered spurious and should be removed from the tag to avoid misannotating actual TSS. Thus, setting removeFirstG = TRUE is highly recommended.

However, when there is a G both at the beginning of the CAGE tag and in the genome, it is not clear whether the original CAGE tag really starts at this position or the G nucleotide was added later in the experimental protocol. To systematically correct CAGE tags mapping at such positions, a general frequency of adding a G to CAGE tags can be calculated from mismatch cases and applied to estimate the number of CAGE tags that have G added and should actually start at the next nucleotide/position. The option correctSystematicG is an implementation of the correction algorithm described in Carninci *et al.*, Nature Genetics 2006, Supplementary Information section 3-e.

Value

The slots librarySizes, CTSScoordinates and tagCountMatrix of the provided CAGEset object will be occupied by the information on CTSSs created from input CAGE files.

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

References

Harbers and Carninci (2005) Tag-based approaches for transcriptome research and genome annotation, *Nature Methods* **2**(7):495-502.

Carninci *et al.* (2006) Genome-wide analysis of mammalian promoter architecture and evolution, *Nature Genetics* **38**(7):626-635.

See Also

CTSScoordinates CTSStagCount

Examples

```
library(BSgenome.Drerio.UCSC.danRer7)

pathsToInputFiles <- system.file("extdata", c("Zf.unfertilized.egg.chr17.ctss",
   "Zf.30p.dome.chr17.ctss", "Zf.prim6.rep1.chr17.ctss"), package="CAGEr")
labels <- paste("sample", seq(1,3,1), sep = "")

myCAGEset <- new("CAGEset", genomeName = "BSgenome.Drerio.UCSC.danRer7",
inputFiles = pathsToInputFiles, inputFilesType = "ctss", sampleLabels = labels)
getCTSS(myCAGEset)</pre>
```

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getExpressionProfiles CAGE data based expression clustering

Description

Performs clustering of CAGE derived expression across multiple experiments, both at level of individual TSSs or entire clusters of TSSs.

Usage

Arguments

object A CAGEset object

what At which level should the expression clustering be done. Can be either "CTSS"

to perform clustering of individual CTSSs or "consensusClusters" to perform

clustering of consensus clusters. See Details.

tpmThreshold, nrPassThreshold

Only CTSSs or consensus clusters (depending on what parameter) with normalized CAGE signal >= tpmThreshold in >= nrPassThreshold experiments will

be included in expression clustering.

method Method to be used for expression clustering. Can be either "som" to use the

self-organizing map (SOM) algorithm (Toronen *et al.*, FEBS Letters 1999) implemented in the som function from som package, or "kmeans" to use the K-means algorithm implemented in the kmeans function from stats package.

xDim, yDim When method = "kmeans", xDim specifies number of clusters that will be re-

turned by K-means algorithm and yDim is ignored. When method = "som", xDim specifies the the first and yDim the second dimension of the self-organizing

map, which results in total xDim * yDim clusters returned by SOM.

Details

Expression clustering can be done at level of individual CTSSs, in which case the feature vector used as input for clustering algorithm contains log-transformed and scaled (divided by standard deviation) normalized CAGE signal at individual TSS across multiple experiments. Only TSSs with normalized CAGE signal >= tpmThreshold in at least nrPassThreshold CAGE experiments are used for expression clustering. However, CTSSs along the genome can be spatially clustered into tag clusters for each experiment separately using the clusterCTSS function, and then aggregated across experiments into consensus clusters using aggregateTagClusters function. Once the consensus clusters have been created, expression clustering at the level of these wider genomic regions (representing entire promoters rather than individual TSSs) can be performed. In that case the feature vector used as input for clustering algorithm contains normalized CAGE signal within entire consensus cluster across multiple experiments, and threshold values in tpmThreshold and nrPassThreshold are applied to entire consensus clusters.

Value

If what = "CTSS" the slots CTSSexpressionClusteringMethod and CTSSexpressionClasses will be occupied, and if what = "consensusClusters" the slots consensusClustersExpressionClusteringMethod and consensusClustersExpressionClasses of the provided CAGEset object will be occupied with the results of expression clustering. Labels of expression classes (clusters) can be retrieved using expressionClasses function, and elements belonging to a specific expression class can be selected using extractExpressionClass function.

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

References

Toronen *et al.* (1999) Analysis of gene expression data using self-organizing maps, *FEBS Letters* **451**:142-146.

See Also

```
plotExpressionProfiles
expressionClasses
extractExpressionClass
```

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
getExpressionProfiles(object = exampleCAGEset, what = "CTSS",
tpmThreshold = 50, nrPassThreshold = 1, method = "som", xDim = 3, yDim = 3)
```

 ${\it getShiftingPromoters} \quad {\it Selecting consensus clusters with shifting score above specified threshold}$

Description

Extracts consensus clusters with shifting score and/or FDR (adjusted P-value from Kolmogorov-Smirnov test) above specified threshold. Returns their genomic coordinates, total CAGE signal and the position of dominant TSS in the two compared groups of CAGE samples, along with the value of the shifting score, P-value and FDR. Scores and P-values/FDR have to be calculated beforehand by calling scoreShift function.

Usage

```
getShiftingPromoters(object, tpmThreshold = 0, scoreThreshold = -Inf, fdrThreshold = 1)
```

Arguments

object A CAGEset object

tpmThreshold Consensus clusters with total CAGE signal >= tpmThreshold in each of the

compared groups will be returned.

scoreThreshold Consensus clusters with shifting score >= scoreThreshold will be returned.

The default value -Inf returns all consensus clusters (for which score could be calculated, *i.e.* the ones that have at least one tag in each of the comapred

samples).

fdrThreshold Consensus clusters with adjusted P-value (FDR) from Kolmogorov-Smirnov test

>= fdrThreshold will be returned. The default value 1 returns all consensus clusters (for which K-S test could be performed, *i.e.* the ones that have at least

one tag in each of the compared samples).

Value

Returns a data.frame of shifting promoters with genomic coordinates and positions of dominant TSS and CAGE signal in the two compared (groups of) samples, along with shifting score and adjusted P-value (FDR).

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

See Also

scoreShift

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
shifting.promoters <- getShiftingPromoters(object = exampleCAGEset,
tpmThreshold = 100, scoreThreshold = 0.4, fdrThreshold = 0.01)
head(shifting.promoters)</pre>
```

importPublicData

Importing publicly available CAGE data from various resources

Description

Imports CAGE data from different sources into a CAGEset object. After the CAGEset object has been created the data can be further manipulated and visualized using other functions available in the *CAGEr* package and integrated with other analyses in R. Available resources include:

- FANTOM5 datasets (Forrest *et al.* Nature 2014) for numerous human and mouse samples (primary cells, cell lines and tissues), which are fetched directly from FANTOM5 online resource.
- FANTOM3 and 4 datasets (Carninci et al. Science 2005, Faulkner et al. Nature Genetics 2009,

Suzuki et al. Nature Genetics 2009) from FANTOM3 and 4CAGE data package available from Bioconductor

- ENCODE datasets (Diebali et al. Nature 2012) for numerous human cell lines from ENCODE projectCAGE data package, which is available for download from http://promshift.genereg.net/CAGEr/.
- Zebrafish developmental timecourse datasets (Nepal et al. Genome Research 2013) from ZebrafishDevelopmentalCAGE data package, which is available for download from http://promshift.genereg.net/CAGEr/.

Usage

importPublicData(source, dataset, group, sample)

Arguments

source

Character vector specifying one of the available resources for CAGE data. Can be one of the following:

"FANTOM5": for fetching and importing CAGE data for various human or mouse primary cells, cell lines and tissues from the online FANTOM5 resource (http://fantom.gsc.riken.jp/5/data/ All data published in main FANTOM5 publication by Forrest et al. is available. "FANTOM3 and 4": for importing CAGE data for various human or mouse tissues produced within FANTOM3 and FANTOM4 projects. Requires data package FANTOM3 and 4CAGE to be installed. This data package is available from Bio-

"ENCODE": for importing CAGE data for human cell lines from ENCODE project published by Djebali et al.. Requires data package ENCODEprojectCAGE to be installed. This data package is available for download from http://promshift.genereg.net/CAGEr/. "ZebrafishDevelopment": for importing CAGE data from developmental timecourse of zebrafish (Danio rerio) published by Nepal et al.. Requires data package ZebrafishDevelopmentalCAGE to be installed. This data package is available for download from http://promshift.genereg.net/CAGEr/. See Details for further explanation of individual resources.

dataset

Character vector specifying one or more of the datasets available in the selected resource. For FANTOM5 it can be either "human" or "mouse", and only one of them can be specified at a time. For other resources please refer to the vignette of the corresponding data package for the list of available datasets. Multiple datasets mapped to the same genome can be specified to combine selected samples from each.

group

Character string specifying one or more groups within specified dataset(s), from which the samples should be selected. group argument is used only when importing TSSs from data packages and ignored when source="FANTOM5". For available groups in each dataset please refer to the vignette of the corresponding data package. Either only one group has to be specified (if all selected samples belong to the same group) or one group per sample (if samples belong to different groups). In the latter case, the number of elements in group must match the number of elements in sample.

sample

Character string specifying one or more CAGE samples. Check the corresponding data package for available samples within each group and their labels. For FANTOM5 resource, list of all human (~1000) and mouse (~) samples can be obtained in *CAGEr* by loading data(FANTOM5humanSamples) and

data(FANTOM5mouseSamples), respectively. Use the names from the sample column to specify which samples should be imported.

Details

CAGE data from different sources is available for importing directly into CAGEset object for further manipulation with *CAGEr*.

FANTOM consortium provides single base-pair resolution TSS data for numerous human and mouse primary cells, cell lines and tissues produced within FANTOM5 project (Forrest *et al.* Nature 2014). These are directly fetched from their online resource at http://fantom.gsc.riken.jp/5/data and imported into a CAGEset object. To use this resource specify source="FANTOM5". The dataset argument can be either "human" or "mouse", but not both at the same time. The list of all human and mouse samples can be obtained by loading data(FANTOM5humanSamples) and data(FANTOM5mouseSamples). The sample column gives the names of individual samples that should be provided as sample argument. See example below.

TSS data from previous FANTOM3 and FANTOM4 projects (Carninci *et al.*, Faulkner *et al.*, Suzuki *et al.*) are also available through *FANTOM3 and4 CAGE* data package. This data package can be installed directly from Bioconductor. To use this resource install and load *FANTOM3 and4 CAGE* package and specify source="FANTOM3 and4". The dataset argument can be a name of any of the datasets available in this package. Load data(FANTOMhumanSamples) or data(FANTOMmouseSamples) for the list of available datasets with group and sample labels for specific human or mouse samples. These have to be provided as dataset, group and sample arguments to import selected samples. If all samples belong to the same group, only this one group can be provided, otherwise, for each sample a corresponding group has to be specified, *i.e.* the number of elements in group must match the numer of elements in sample.

ENCODE consortium produced CAGE data for numerous human cell lines (Djebali *et al.* Nature 2012). We have used these data to derive single base-pair resolution TSSs and collected them into an R data package *ENCODEprojectCAGE*. This data package is available for download from http://promshift.genereg.net/CAGEr/. To use this resource install and load *ENCODEprojectCAGE* data package and specify source="ENCODE". The dataset argument can be a name of any of the datasets available in this package. Load data(ENCODEhumanCellLinesSamples) for the list of available datasets with group and sample labels for specific samples. These have to be provided as dataset, group and sample arguments to import selected samples. Multiple datasets can be combined together, by specifying them as dataset argument. If all samples belong to the same dataset and the same group, these dataset and group can be specified only once, otherwise, for each sample a corresponding dataset and group have to be specified, *i.e.* the number of elements in dataset and group must match the numer of elements in sample.

Precise TSSs are also available for zebrafish (*Danio Rerio*) from CAGE data published by Nepal *et al.* for 12 developmental stages. These have been collected into a data package *ZebrafishDevelopmentalCAGE*, which is available for download from http://promshift.genereg.net/CAGEr/. To use this resource install and load *ZebrafishDevelopmentalCAGE* data package and specify source="ZebrafishDevelopment". Load data(ZebrafishSamples) for the list of available datasets and group and sample labels, which have to be specified to import these data.

Value

A CAGEset object is returned. Slots librarySizes, CTSScoordinates and tagCountMatrix are occupied by the single base-pair resolution TSS data imported from the selected resource.

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

References

Carninci et al. (2005) The Transcriptional Landscape of the Mammalian Genome, Science 309(5740):1559-1563

Djebali et al. (2012) Landscape of transcription in human cells, Nature 488(7414):101-108.

Faulkner *et al.* (2009) The regulated retrotransposon transcriptome of mammalian cells, *Nature Genetics* **41**:563-571.

Forrest et al. (2014) A promoter-level mammalian expression atlas, Nature 507(7493):462-470.

Nepal *et al.* (2013) Dynamic regulation of the transcription initiation landscape at single nucleotide resolution during vertebrate embryogenesis, *Genome Research* **23**(11):1938-1950.

Suzuki *et al.* (2009) The transcriptional network that controls growth arrest and differentiation in a human myeloid leukemia cell line, *Nature Genetics* **41**:553-562.

See Also

getCTSS

Examples

```
### importing FANTOM5 data
# list of FANTOM5 human tissue samples
data(FANTOM5humanSamples)
head(subset(FANTOM5humanSamples, type == "tissue"))
# import selected samples
exampleCAGEset <- importPublicData(source="FANTOM5", dataset = "human", sample = c("adipose_tissue__adult__pool1
exampleCAGEset
### importing FANTOM3/4 data from a data package
library(FANTOM3and4CAGE)
# list of mouse datasets available in this package
data(FANTOMmouseSamples)
unique(FANTOMmouseSamples$dataset)
head(subset(FANTOMmouseSamples, dataset == "FANTOMtissueCAGEmouse"))
head(subset(FANTOMmouseSamples, dataset == "FANTOMtimecourseCAGEmouse"))
# import selected samples from two different mouse datasets
exampleCAGEset <- importPublicData(source="FANTOM3and4", dataset = c("FANTOMtissueCAGEmouse", "FANTOMtimecourse
exampleCAGEset
```

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inputFiles

Extracting paths to input files from CAGEset object

Description

Extracts the paths to CAGE data input files from a CAGEset object.

Usage

```
inputFiles(object)
```

Arguments

object

A CAGEset object

Value

Returns a character vector of paths to CAGE data input files.

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
inputFiles(exampleCAGEset)
```

inputFilesType

Extracting type of input files from CAGEset object

Description

Extracts the information on the type of CAGE data input files from a CAGEset object.

Usage

```
inputFilesType(object)
```

Arguments

object

A CAGEset object

Value

Returns the label of the file type of CAGE data input files, e.g. "bam" or "ctss".

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Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
inputFilesType(exampleCAGEset)
```

librarySizes

Extracting library sizes from CAGEset object

Description

Extracts the library sizes (total number of CAGE tags) for all CAGE datasets from a CAGEset object.

Usage

```
librarySizes(object)
```

Arguments

object

A CAGEset object

Value

Returns an integer vector of total number of CAGE tags (library size) for all CAGE datasets in the CAGEset object.

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
librarySizes(exampleCAGEset)
```

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Description

Merges two CAGEset objects into one by combining the CTSS genomic coordinates and raw tag counts. Merged CAGEset object will contain a union of TSS positions present in the two input CAGEset objects and raw tag counts for those TSSs in all samples from both input CAGEset objects.

Usage

```
mergeCAGEsets(cs1, cs2)
```

Arguments

cs1	A CAGEset object
cs2	A CAGEset object

Details

Note that merging discards all other information present in the two CAGEset objects, *i.e.* the merged object will not contain any normalised tag counts, CTSS clusters, quantile positions, *etc.*, so these have to be calculated again by calling the appropriate functions on the merged CAGEset object. Also, it is only possible to merge two CAGEset objects that contain TSS information for the same reference genome and do not share any sample names.

Value

A CAGEset object is returned, which contains a union of TSS positions present in the two input CAGEset objects and raw tag counts for those TSSs in all samples from both input CAGEset objects.

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

See Also

CAGEset

Examples

```
library(BSgenome.Drerio.UCSC.danRer7)

pathsToInputFiles <- system.file("extdata", c("Zf.unfertilized.egg.chr17.ctss",
   "Zf.30p.dome.chr17.ctss", "Zf.prim6.rep1.chr17.ctss"), package="CAGEr")

myCAGEset1 <- new("CAGEset", genomeName = "BSgenome.Drerio.UCSC.danRer7",
inputFiles = pathsToInputFiles[1:2], inputFilesType = "ctss", sampleLabels =</pre>
```

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```
c("sample1", "sample2"))
getCTSS(myCAGEset1)

myCAGEset2 <- new("CAGEset", genomeName = "BSgenome.Drerio.UCSC.danRer7",
inputFiles = pathsToInputFiles[3], inputFilesType = "ctss", sampleLabels =
"sample3")
getCTSS(myCAGEset2)

myCAGEset <- mergeCAGEsets(myCAGEset1, myCAGEset2)</pre>
```

mergeSamples

Merging CAGE datasets (samples)

Description

Merges individual CAGE datasets (experiments, samples) within the CAGEset object into specified groups.

Usage

```
mergeSamples(object, mergeIndex, mergedSampleLabels)
```

Arguments

object A CAGEset object

mergeIndex Integer vector specifying which experiments should be merged. Must be the

same length as the number of datasets in the CAGEset object. See Details.

mergedSampleLabels

Labels for the merged datasets. Must be the same length as the number of unique values in mergeIndex. See Details.

Details

This function merges CAGE datasets within the CAGEset object at the level of CTSS tag counts, *i.e.* tag counts of individual CTSS are summed over a group of datasets that are being merged. After merging, all other slots in the CAGEset object will be reset and any previous data for individual experiments will be removed.

mergeIndex controls which datasets will be merged. It is an integer vector that assigns a value to each dataset in the CAGEset object in the same order as they are returned by sampleLabels(object). Datasets with the same value in the mergeIndex will be merged. For example, if there are 8 CAGE datasets in the CAGEset object and mergeIndex = c(1,1,2,2,3,2,4,4), this will merge a) samples 1 and 2 b) samples 3, 4 and 6 c) samples 7 and 8, and it will leave sample 5 as it is, resulting in 4 final merged datasets.

Labels provided in mergedSampleLabels will be assigned to merged datasets in the ascending order of mergeIndex values, *i.e.* first label will be assigned to a dataset created by merging datasets labeled with lowest mergeIndex value (in this case 1), *etc*.

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Value

The slots sampleLabels, librarySizes and tagCountMatrix of the provided CAGEset object will be updated with the information on merged CAGE datasets and will replace the previous information on individual CAGE datasets. All further slots with downstream information will be reset.

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
mergeSamples(exampleCAGEset, mergeIndex = c(1,1,2),
mergedSampleLabels = c("mergedSample1", "mergedSample2"))
exampleCAGEset
```

normalizeTagCount

Normalizing raw CAGE tag count

Description

Normalizes raw CAGE tag count per CTSS in all experiments to a same referent distribution. A simple tag per million normalization or normalization to a referent power-law distribution (Balwierz *et al.*, Genome Biology 2009) can be specified.

Usage

Arguments

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	object	A CAGEset object
	method	Method to be used for normalization. Can be either "simpleTpm" to convert tag counts to tags per million or "powerLaw" to normalize to a referent power-law distribution, or "none" to keep using the raw tag counts in downstream analyses.
	fitInRange	An integer vector with two values specifying a range of tag count values to be used for fitting a power-law distribution to reverse cumulatives. Used only when method = "power-Law", otherwise ignored. See Details.
	alpha	-1 * alpha will be the slope of the referent power-law distribution in the loglog representation. Used only when method = "powerLaw", otherwise ignored. See Details.
	Т	Total number of CAGE tags in the referent power-law distribution. Setting $T = 10^6$ results in normalized values that correspond to tags per million in

ignored. See Details.

the referent distribution. Used only when method = "powerLaw", otherwise

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Details

It has been shown that many CAGE datasets follow a power-law distribution (Balwierz *et al.*, Genome Biology 2009). Plotting the number of CAGE tags (X-axis) against the number of TSSs that are supported by >= of that number of tags (Y-axis) results in a distribution that can be approximated by a power-law. On a log-log scale this theoretical referent distribution can be described by a monotonically decreasing linear function y = -1 * alpha * x * beta, which is fully determined by the slope alpha and total number of tags T (which together with alpha determines the value of beta). Thus, by specifying parameters alpha and T a desired referent power-law distribution can be selected. However, real CAGE datasets deviate from the power-law in the areas of very low and very high number of tags, so it is advisable to discard these areas before fitting a power-law distribution. fitInRange parameter allows to specify a range of values (lower and upper limit of the number of CAGE tags) that will be used to fit a power-law. Plotting reverse cumulatives using plotReverseCumulatives function can help in choosing the best range of values. After fitting a power-law distribution to each CAGE dataset individually, all datasets are normalized to a referent distribution specified by alpha and T. When T = 10^6, normalized values are expressed as tags per million (tpm).

Value

The slot normalizedTpmMatrix of the provided CAGEset object will be occupied by normalized CAGE signal values per CTSS across all experiments, or with the raw tag counts (in case method = "none").

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

References

Balwierz *et al.* (2009) Methods for analyzing deep sequencing expression data: constructing the human and mouse promoterome with deepCAGE data, *Genome Biology* **10**(7):R79.

See Also

plotReverseCumulatives

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
normalizeTagCount(exampleCAGEset, method = "powerLaw")
```

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plotCorrelation	Plotting pairwise scatter plots of CAGE signal and calculating correlation between samples

Description

Creates PNG file with scatter plots of CAGE signal for all pairs of selected samples and calculates the correlation between them.

Usage

```
plotCorrelation(object, what = "CTSS", values = "raw",
samples = "all", method = "pearson",
tagCountThreshold = 1, applyThresholdBoth = FALSE)
```

Arguments

object	A CAGEset object
what	Which level should be used for plotting and calculating correlation. Can be either "CTSS" to use individual TSSs or "consensusClusters" to use consensus clusters, <i>i.e.</i> entire promoters.
values	Specifies which values will be used for plotting and calculating correlation. Can be either "raw" to use raw tag count per TSS or "normalized" to use normalized CAGE signal. Used only when what = "CTSS", otherwise ignored.
samples	Character vector of sample labels for which the scatter plots should be plotted and correlation calculated. Can be either "all" to plot and calculate pairwise correlations between all samples in a CAGEset object, or a subset of valid sample labels as returned by sampleLabels function.
method	A character string indicating which correlation coefficient should be computed. Passed to cor function. Can be one of "pearson", "spearman", or "kendall".
tagCountThresh	nold, applyThresholdBoth

Only TSSs with tag count >= tagCountThreshold in either one (applyThresholdBoth = FALSE) or both samples (applyThresholdBoth = TRUE) are plotted and used to calcu-

late correlation.

Value

Creates PNG file named "Pairwise_tag_count_correlation.png" in the working directory. Returns a matrix of pairwise correlations between selected samples.

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

plotExpressionProfiles

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
plotCorrelation(object = exampleCAGEset)
```

plotExpressionProfiles

Plotting expression profiles derived from CAGE data

Description

Creates PDF file with beanplots representing distribution of normalized expression across CAGE experiments for individual expression classes. Different expression classes are shown in different colors and are labeled according to the labels returned by expression clustering.

Usage

```
plotExpressionProfiles(object, what)
```

Arguments

object A CAGEset object

what Which level of expression clustering should be used. Can be either "CTSS" to

plot expression profiles of individual CTSSs or "consensusClusters" to plot

expression profiles of consensus clusters.

Details

The created file contains beanplots representing distribution of normalized expression across CAGE experiments for individual expression classes shown in separate boxes. Each labeled box represents one expression class and contains a set of beanplots - one per CAGE experiment. Individual CAGE experiments are shown on X-axis and scaled normalized expression on Y-axis. Individual beanplots show distribution of normalized expression values of elements belonging to specific expression class in particular CAGE experiment, and the entire box represents single expression profile. Different expression classes (boxes) are plotted in different colors and are labeled with labels returned by expression clustering.

Value

Creates PDF file named "CTSS_expression_profiles.pdf" (in case what = "CTSS") or "consensus-Clusters_expression_profiles.pdf" (in case what = "consensusClusters") in the working directory.

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

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See Also

```
getExpressionProfiles
expressionClasses
extractExpressionClass
```

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
plotExpressionProfiles(object = exampleCAGEset, what = "CTSS")
```

plotInterquantileWidth

Plotting distribution of interquantile width

Description

Creates PDF file with histograms showing distribution of interquantile width of tag clusters or consensus clusters in each CAGE dataset.

Usage

```
plotInterquantileWidth(object, clusters, tpmThreshold = 5,

qLow = 0.1, qUp = 0.9, xlim = c(0,150), ...)
```

Arguments

object	A CAGEset object
clusters	Which clusters should be used. Can be either "tagClusters" to plot distribution of interquantile width of tag clusters or "consensusClusters" to plot distribution of interquantile width of consensus clusters.
tpmThreshold	Only clusters with normalized signal >= tpmThreshold will be included in the histogram.
qLow	Position of which "lower" quantile should be used as 5' boundary. See Details.
qUp	Position of which "upper" quantile should be used as 3' boundary. See Details.
xlim	The x axis limits of the plot.
	Additional arguments passed to plot() function, such as ylim, etc

Details

Interquantile width is a width (in base-pairs) of the central part of the genomic region (bounded by the positions of specified qLow and qUp quantiles) that contains >= (qUp - qLow) * 100% of the CAGE signal. Positions of specified quantiles within each cluster have to be calculated beforehand by calling quantilePositions function. Interquantile width is a more robust measure of the promoter width than the total span of the region, because it takes into account the magnitude of the expression in the region.

Value

Creates PDF file named "tagClusters_interquantile_width_all_samples.pdf" or "consensusClusters_interquantile_width_all_sin the working directory (depending on the value of cluster parameter). The file contains histograms showing distribution of interquantile width in every CAGE experiment.

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

See Also

```
quantilePositions
```

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
plotInterquantileWidth(object = exampleCAGEset, clusters = "tagClusters",
tpmThreshold = 50, qLow = 0.1, qUp = 0.9)
```

plotReverseCumulatives

Plotting reverse cumulative number of CAGE tags per CTSS

Description

Creates PDF file with plots of reverse cumulative number of CAGE tags per CTSS for all CAGE datasets present in the CAGEset object. The plots should be used as help in choosing the parameters for power-law normalization: the range of values to fit the power-law and the slope of the referent power-law distribution (Balwierz *et al.*, Genome Biology 2009).

Usage

```
plotReverseCumulatives(object, values = "raw",
fitInRange = c(10,1000), onePlot = FALSE)
```

Arguments

object A CAGEset object

values Specifies which values should be plotted. Can be either "raw" to plot reverse

cumulatives of raw CAGE tag counts or "normalized" to plot normalized tag

count values.

fitInRange An integer vector with two values specifying a range of tag count values to be

used for fitting a power-law distribution to reverse cumulatives. Used only when

values = "raw", otherwise ignored. See Details.

onePlot Logical, should all CAGE datasets be plotted in the same plot (TRUE) or in

separate plots (FALSE) within the same PDF file.

plotReverseCumulatives

Details

Number of CAGE tags (X-axis) is plotted against the number of TSSs that are supported by \geq of that number of tags (Y-axis) on a log-log scale for each sample. In addition, a power-law distribution is fitted to each reverse cumulative using the values in the range specified by fitInRange parameter. The fitted distribution is defined by y = -1 * alpha * x * beta on the log-log scale, and the value of alpha for each sample is shown on the plot. In addition, a suggested referent power-law distribution to which all samples should be normalized is drawn on the plot and corresponding parameters (slope alpha and total number of tags T) are denoted on the plot. Referent distribution is chosen so that its slope (alpha) is the median of slopes fitted to individual samples and its total number of tags (T) is the power of 10 nearest to the median number of tags of individual samples. Resulting plots are helpful in deciding whether power-law normalization is appropriate for given samples and reported alpha values aid in choosing optimal alpha value for referent power-law distribution to which all samples will be normalized. For details about normalization see normalizeTagCount function.

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Value

Creates PDF file named "CTSS_reverse_cumulatives_*_all_samples.pdf" in the working directory, where * denotes either "raw" or "normalized" depending on specified values parameter. The file contains plots of reverse cumulative number of CAGE tags per CTSS for each CAGE dataset within CAGEset object. Alpha values of fitted power-laws and suggested referent power-law distribution are reported on the plot in case values = "raw".

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

References

Balwierz *et al.* (2009) Methods for analyzing deep sequencing expression data: constructing the human and mouse promoterome with deepCAGE data, *Genome Biology* **10**(7):R79.

See Also

```
normalizeTagCount
```

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
plotReverseCumulatives(exampleCAGEset, values = "raw",
fitInRange = c(10,500), onePlot = TRUE)
```

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quantilePositions Determining positions of CA gion	AGE signal quantiles within genomic re-
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Description

Calculates positions of quantiles of CAGE signal along tag clusters or consensus clusters in each CAGE dataset within CAGEset object. The function calculates positions of both "lower" and "upper" quantiles as described in Details.

Usage

Arguments

object	A CAGEset object
clusters	Which clusters should be used. Can be either "tagClusters" to calculate positions of quantiles in tag clusters (different set of genomic coordinates for every CAGE experiment) or "consensusClusters" to calculate positions of quantiles in consensus clusters (same set of genomic coordinates for every CAGE experiment).
qLow	Which "lower" quantiles should be calculated. It has to be a numeric vector of values in range [0,1]. See Details.
qUp	Which "upper" quantiles should be calculated. It has to be a numeric vector of values in range [0,1]. See Details.
useMulticore	$Logical, should \ multicore \ be \ used. \ use \verb Multicore = TRUE \ is \ supported \ only \ on \ Unix-like \ platforms.$
nrCores	Number of cores to use when ${\tt useMulticore} = {\tt TRUE}.$ Default value NULL uses all detected cores.

Details

Position of the "lower" quantile qLow is defined as a point that divides the genomic region into two parts, so that the 5' part contains < qLow * 100% of the CAGE signal of that region. Accordingly, position of the "upper" quantile qUp is defined as a point that divides the genomic region into two parts so that the 5' part contains >= qUp * 100% of the CAGE signal of that region. Positions of one "lower" and one "upper" quantile (when qLow <= qUp) define a central part of the genomic region that contains >= (qUp - qLow) * 100% of the CAGE signal of that region. Width of that central part is referred to as "interquantile width", which is a more robust measure of the promoter width than the total span of the region.

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Value

When clusters = "tagClusters", the slots tagClustersQuantileLow and tagClustersQuantileUp of the provided CAGEset object will be occupied with the positions of specified quantiles in all tag clusters for all CAGE datasets. When clusters = "consensusClusters" the slots consensusClustersQuantileLow and consensusClustersQuantileUp will be occupied by the corresponding information for consensus clusters.

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

Examples

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr")) 
quantilePositions(object = exampleCAGEset, clusters = "tagClusters", qLow = c(0.1,0.2), qUp = c(0.8,0.9))
```

sampleLabels

Extracting CAGE datasets labels from CAGEset object

Description

Extracts the labels of CAGE datasets (samples, experiments) from a CAGEset object.

Usage

```
sampleLabels(object)
```

Arguments

object

A CAGEset object

Value

Returns a character vector of labels of all CAGE datasets present in the CAGEset object.

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
sampleLabels(exampleCAGEset)
```

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scoreShift

Calculating promoter shifting score

Description

Calculates shifting score for all consensus clusters (promoters) between two specified (groups of) CAGE datasets. Shifting score is a measure of differential usage of TSSs within consensus cluster between two samples, which indicates the degree of physical separation of TSSs used in these samples within given consensus cluster. In addition to shifting score, a statistical significance (P-value and FDR) of differential TSS usage is calculated for each consensus cluster using Kolmogorov-Smirnov test.

Usage

```
scoreShift(object, groupX, groupY, testKS = TRUE, useTpmKS = TRUE, useMulticore = F, nrCores = NULL)
```

Arguments

object A CAGEset object

groupX, groupY Character vector of the one or more CAGE dataset labels in the first (groupX)

and in the second group (groupY). Shifting score for each consensus cluster will be calculated by comparing CAGE signal in the samples from groupX against the signal in the samples from groupY. If there is more than one CAGE dataset in the group, the datasets within that group will be merged together before com-

parison with the other group. See Details.

testKS Logical, should Kolomogorov-Smirnov test for statistical significance of differ-

ential TSS usage be performed, and P-values and FDR returned. See Details.

useTpmKS Logical, should normalized (tpm) values (TRUE) or raw tag counts (FALSE) be

used to derive sample sizes for Kolomogorov-Smirnov test. Used only when

testKS = TRUE, otherwise ignored. See Details.

useMulticore Logical, should multicore be used. useMulticore = TRUE is supported only on

Unix-like platforms.

nrCores Number of cores to use when useMulticore = TRUE. Default value NULL uses

all detected cores.

Details

TSSs within one consensus cluster (promoter) can be used differently in different samples (cell types, tissues, developmental stages), with respect to their position and frequency of usage detected by CAGE. This function calculates shifting scores of all consensus clusters between two specified (groups of) CAGE samples to detect promoters that are used differently in these two samples. Shifting score is a measure of differential TSS usage defined as:

```
score = max(F1 - F2) / max(F1)
```

where F1 is a cumulative sum of CAGE signal along consensus cluster in the group of samples

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with lower total signal in that consensus cluster, and F2 in the opposite group. Since cumulative sum can be calculated in both forward (5' -> 3') and reverse (3' -> 5') direction, shifting score is calculated for both cases and the bigger value is selected as final shifting score. Value of the shifting score is in the range [-Inf, 1], where value of 1 means complete physical separation of TSSs used in the two samples for given consensus cluster. In general, any non-negative value of the shifting score can be interpreted as the proportion of transcription initiation in the sample with lower expression that is happening "outside" (either upstream or downstream) of the region used for transcription initiation in the other sample. Negative values indicate no physical separation, *i.e.* the region used for transcription initiation in the sample with lower expression is completely contained within the region used for transcription initiation in the other sample.

In addition to shifting score which indicates only physical separation (upstream or downstream shift of TSSs), a more general assessment of differential TSS usage can be obtained by performing a two-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test on cumulative sums of CAGE signal along the consensus cluster. In that case, cumulative sums in both samples are scaled to range [0,1] and are considered to be empirical cumulative distribution functions (ECDF) reflecting sampling of TSS positions during transcription initiation. Kolmogorov-Smirnov test is performed to assess whether the two underlying probability distributions differ. To obtain P-value (*i.e.* the level at which the null-hypothesis can be rejected), sample sizes that generated the ECDFs are required, in addition to actual K-S statistics calculated from ECDFs. These are derived either from raw tag counts, *i.e.* exact number of times each TSS in the cluster was sampled during sequencing (when useTpmKS = FALSE), or from normalized tpm values (when useTpmKS = TRUE). P-values obtained from K-S tests are further adjusted for multiple testing using Benjamini & Hochberg (BH) method and for each P-value a corresponding false-discovery rate (FDR) is also reported.

Since calculation of shifting scores and Kolmogorov-Smirnov test require cumulative sums along consensus clusters, they have to be calculated beforehand by calling cumulativeCTSSdistribution function.

Value

The slots shiftingGroupX, shiftingGroupY and consensusClustersShiftingScores of the provided CAGEset object will be occupied by the information on the groups of CAGE datasets that have been compared and shifting scores of all consensus clusters. Consensus clusters (promoters) with shifting score and/or FDR above specified threshold can be extracted by calling getShiftingPromoters function.

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

See Also

```
cumulativeCTSSdistribution
getShiftingPromoters
```

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
scoreShift(object = exampleCAGEset, groupX = c("sample1", "sample2"),
groupY = "sample3", testKS = TRUE, useTpmKS = FALSE)
```

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setColors

Setting colors for samples

Description

Assigns one color to each sample in the CAGEset object. These colors are used in various plots and exported tracks to consistently represent corresponding samples.

Usage

```
setColors(object, colors = NULL)
```

Arguments

object A CAGEset object

colors A character vector of valid color names. For a complete list of valid color names

see colors(). Alternatively, it can be a character vector of colors specified in hexadecimal format (e.g. "#FF0000" for red). Number of provided colors must match the number of samples in the CAGEset object. Provided colors are assigned to samples according to their ordering in the CAGEset object, i.e in the

order they are returned by sampleLabels function.

Value

Assigns one color to each sample in the CAGEset object by setting them as a name attribute of the sampleLabels slot.

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

See Also

```
sampleLabels
```

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
setColors(exampleCAGEset, colors = c("darkred", "navy", "forestgreen"))
sampleLabels(exampleCAGEset)
```

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Description

Methods for function show.

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signature(object = "CAGEset") Displays a CAGEset object in a user-friendly way, giving an
overview of its content.

tagClusters	Extracting tag clusters (TCs) for individual CAGE experiment from CAGEset object

Description

Extracts tag clusters (TCs) produced by clusterCTSS function for a specified CAGE experiment from a CAGEset object.

Usage

```
tagClusters(object, sample, returnInterquantileWidth = FALSE,
qLow = NULL, qUp = NULL)
```

Arguments

object A CAGEset object

sample Label of the CAGE dataset (experiment, sample) for which to extract tag clus-

ters.

returnInterquantileWidth

Should the interquantile width for each tag cluster be returned.

qLow Position of which quantile should be used as a left (lower) boundary when cal-

culating interquantile width. Default value NULL results in using the start coordinate of the cluster. Used only when returnInterquantileWidth = TRUE,

otherwise ignored.

qUp Position of which quantile should be used as a right (upper) boundary when

calculating interquantile width. Default value NULL results in using the end coordinate of the cluster. Used only when returnInterquantileWidth = TRUE,

otherwise ignored.

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Value

Returns a data. frame with genomic coordinates, position of dominant TSS, total CAGE signal and additional information for all TCs from specified CAGE dataset (sample). If returnInterquantileWidth = TRUE, interquantile width for each TC is also calculated using specified quantile positions and returned in the data frame.

Author(s)

Vanja Haberle

See Also

clusterCTSS

```
load(system.file("data", "exampleCAGEset.RData", package="CAGEr"))
TC <- tagClusters(object = exampleCAGEset, sample = "sample2")
head(TC)</pre>
```

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