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Adducts	<i>Default adduct lists used by findMAIN.</i>
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Description

Default adduct lists used by findMAIN.

Usage

```
data(Adducts)
```

Format

A list of two character vectors:

Positive default adducts used in ESI(+) mode

Negative default adducts used in ESI(-) mode

Source

A reasonable selection of frequent adducts based on the list in R-package CAMERA

apci_spectrum	<i>APCI spectrum</i>
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Description

Example spectrum of Glutamic acid (3TMS) measured on a Bruker impact II.

Usage

```
data(apci_spectrum)
```

Format

A data frame with 47 observations on the following 2 variables:

mz a numeric vector ion masses

int a numeric vector of intensities

chemical_elements	<i>List of chemical elements.</i>
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Description

List of chemical elements.

Usage

```
data(chemical_elements)
```

Format

A data frame with 103 observations on the following 2 variables:

name a character vector of elemental abbreviations

mass a numeric vector of exact masses of the elements main isotope

CountChemicalElements *CountChemicalElements.*

Description

CountChemicalElements will split a character (chemical formula) into its elements and count their occurrence.

Usage

```
CountChemicalElements(x = NULL, ele = NULL)
```

Arguments

x	Chemical formula.
ele	Character vector of elements to count particularly or counting all contained if NULL.

Details

No testing for any chemical alphabet is performed. Elements may occur several times and will be summed up in this case without a warning.

Value

A named numeric with counts for all contained or specified elements.

esi_spectrum *ESI spectrum*

Description

Example spectrum of Sedoheptulose 7-phosphate measured on a Bruker impact II.

Usage

```
data(esi_spectrum)
```

Format

A data frame with 42 observations on the following 2 variables:

mz a numeric vector ion masses

int a numeric vector of intensities

findMAIN	<i>findMAIN.</i>
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Description

findMAIN will evaluate an ESI spectrum for the potential main adducts, rank obtained suggestions and allow the deduction of the neutral mass of the measured molecule.

Usage

```
findMAIN(
  spec,
  adductmz = NULL,
  ionmode = c("positive", "negative")[1],
  adducthyp = NULL,
  ms2spec = NULL,
  rules = NULL,
  mzabs = 0.01,
  ppm = 5,
  mainpkthr = 0.005,
  collapseResults = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

spec	A mass spectrum. Either a matrix or data frame, the first two columns of which are assumed to contain the 'mz' and 'intensity' values, respectively.
adductmz	Manually specified peak for which adducthyp should be tested, or 'NULL' (default), to test all main peaks. What is a main peak, is governed by mainpkthr.
ionmode	Ionization mode, either "positive" or "negative". Can be abbreviated.
adducthyp	Adduct hypotheses to test for each main peak. Defaults to c("[M+H]+", "[M+Na]+", "[M+K]+") for positive mode and c("[M-H]-", "[M+Cl]-", "[M+HCOOH-H]-").
ms2spec	Second spectrum limiting main peak selection. If available, MS ^E or bbCID spectra may allow further exclusion of false positive adduct ions, as ions of the intact molecule (protonated molecule, adduct ions) should have lower intensity in the high-energy trace than in low-energy trace.
rules	Adduct/fragment relationships to test, e.g. c("[M+Na]+", "[M+H-H ₂ O]+"), or 'NULL' for default set (see Adducts)
mzabs	Allowed mass error, absolute (Da).
ppm	Allowed mass error, relative (ppm), which is <code>_added_</code> to 'mzabs'.
mainpkthr	Intensity threshold for main peak selection, relative to base peak.
collapseResults	If a neutral mass hypothesis was found more than once (due to multiple adducts suggesting the same neutral mass), return only the one with the highest adduct peak. Should normally be kept at TRUE, the default.

Details

Electrospray ionization (ESI) mass spectra frequently contain a number of different adduct ions, multimers and in-source fragments $[M+H]^+$, $[M+Na]^+$, $[2M+H]^+$, $[M+H-H_2O]^+$, making it difficult to decide on the compound's neutral mass. This functions aims at determining the main adduct ion and its type (protonated, sodiated etc.) of a spectrum, allowing subsequent database searches e.g. using MS-FINDER, SIRIUS or similar.

Value

A list-like 'findMAIN' object for which 'print', 'summary' and 'plot' methods are available.

References

Jaeger C, Meret M, Schmitt CA, Lisec J (2017), <doi:10.1002/rcm.7905>.

Examples

```
utils::data(esi_spectrum, package = "InterpretMSSpectrum")
fmr <- findMAIN(esi_spectrum)
plot(fmr)
head(summary(fmr))
InterpretMSSpectrum(fmr[[1]], precursor=263, param="ESIpos")
```

GenerateMetaboliteSQLiteDB

GenerateMetaboliteSQLiteDB.

Description

GenerateMetaboliteSQLiteDB will set up a SQLite data base containing potential metabolite formulas, #' their masses and isotopic distribution for use with [InterpretMSSpectrum](#).

Usage

```
GenerateMetaboliteSQLiteDB(
  dbfile = "SQLite_APCI.db",
  ionization = c("APCI", "ESI")[1],
  mass_range = c(100, 105),
  ncores = 1,
  silent = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

dbfile	Path and file name of the final SQLiteDB or NULL to return the data frame.
ionization	Has to be specified to account for different plausibility rules and elemental composition.
mass_range	For testing use default range, otherwise use your measurement range.
ncores	Number of cores. Use as many as possible.
silent	Set to FALSE to get progress messages.

Details

The process takes a long time for larger masses (>400 Da). Parallel processing with 8 cores is highly recommended. Alternatively pre-processed versions can be downloaded on request to <jan.lisec@bam.de>. To process a 1 Da range (from 900 to 901) for ESI does take approximately 5 minutes on 8 cores.

Value

Returns the resulting data frame invisible. Will write an SQL_DB if 'dbfile' provides a valid path and file name.

Examples

```
# this would be relatively fast, but for higher masses it is getting much slower
db <- GenerateMetaboliteSQLiteDB(dbfile = NULL)
```

GetGroupFactor	<i>GetGroupFactor</i> .
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Description

GetGroupFactor will split a numeric vector according to a specified gap value. This is often a useful tool and therefore exported to the namespace.

Usage

```
GetGroupFactor(x, gap)
```

Arguments

x	Numeric vector.
gap	Difference between two consecutive values at which a split is generated.

Value

A factor vector of length(x) indicating the different groups in x.

Examples

```
x <- c(1:3,14:12,6:9)
GetGroupFactor(x=x, gap=2)
split(x, GetGroupFactor(x=x, gap=2))
```

IMS_parallel

IMS_parallel.

Description

IMS_parallel is a parallel implementation of [InterpretMSSpectrum](#).

Usage

```
IMS_parallel(
  spectra = NULL,
  ncores = 8,
  precursor = NULL,
  correct_peak = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

spectra	List of spectra.
ncores	Number of cores available.
precursor	vector of precursor masses of length(spectra).
correct_peak	Potentially a vector of correct Peaks, see InterpretMSSpectrum for details.
...	Further parameters passed directly to InterpretMSSpectrum .

Details

For mass processing and testing it may be sufficient to use [InterpretMSSpectrum](#) without plotting functionality. However, function is likely to be deprecated or integrated as an option into the main function in the future.

Value

A list of [InterpretMSSpectrum](#) result objects which can be systematically evaluated. However, note that plotting is unfortunately not enabled for parallel processing.

See Also

[InterpretMSSpectrum](#)

InterpretMSSpectrum *Interpreting High-Res-MS spectra.*

Description

InterpretMSSpectrum will read, evaluate and plot a deconvoluted mass spectrum (mass*intensity pairs) from either TMS-derivatized GC-APCI-MS data or ESI+/- data. The main purpose is to identify the causal metabolite or more precisely the sum formula of the molecular peak by annotating and interpreting all visible fragments and isotopes.

Usage

```
InterpretMSSpectrum(
  spec = NULL,
  precursor = NULL,
  correct_peak = NULL,
  met_db = NULL,
  typical_losses_definition = NULL,
  silent = FALSE,
  dppm = 3,
  param = "APCIpos",
  formula_db = NULL
)
```

Arguments

spec	A 2-column matrix of m/z/int pairs. If spec=NULL then InterpretMSSpectrum tries to read data from clipboard (i.e. two columns copied from an Excel spreadsheet).
precursor	The ion (m/z) from spec closest to this mass will be considered as precursor (can be nominal, i.e. if precursor=364 then 364.1234 would be selected from spectrum if it is closest).
correct_peak	For testing purposes. A character in the form of "name, formula, m/z" to evaluate spectra against. Note! Separating character is ', '.
met_db	A metabolite DB (e.g. GMD or internal) can be provided to search for candidates comparing M+H ions (cf. Examples).
typical_losses_definition	A file name (e.g. D:/BuildingBlocks_GCAPCI.txt) from where to load relevant neutral losses (cf. Details). Alternatively an data frame with columns 'Name', 'Formula' and 'Mass'.
silent	Logical. If TRUE no plot is generated and no output except final candidate list is returned.
dppm	Specifies ppm error for Rdisop formula calculation.
param	Either a list of parameters or a character shortcut indicating a predefined set. Currently 'APCIpos', 'ESIpos' and 'ESIneg' are supported as shortcuts and can be loaded with i.e. data(APCIpos).

formula_db A pre calculated database of sum formulas and their isotopic fine structures can be used to extremely speed up the function.

Details

For further details refer to and if using please cite Jaeger et al. (2016, <doi:10.1021/acs.analchem.6b02743>) in case of GC-APCI and Jaeger et al. (2017, <doi:10.1002/rcm.7905>) for ESI data. The Interpretation is extremely speed up if 'formula_db' (a predetermined database of potential sum formulas) is provided within the function call. Within the package you may use [GenerateMetaboliteSQLiteDB](#) to prepare one for yourself or request a download link from <jan.lisec@bam.de> as de-novo calculation for a wide mass range may take several days.

Value

An annotated plot of the mass spectrum and detailed information within the console. Main result, list of final candidate formulas and their putative fragments, will be returned invisibly.

Examples

```
# load test data
utils::data(apci_spectrum)

# provide information of a correct peak (if you know) as a character containing
# name, formula and ion mass -- separated by ', ' as shown below
cp <- "Glutamic acid (3TMS), C14H33NO4Si3, 364.1790"

# provide database of known peaks and correct peak
mdb <- data.frame(
  "Name" = c("Glutamic acid (3TMS)", "other peak with same sum formula"),
  "Formula" = c("C14H33NO4Si3", "C14H33NO4Si3"),
  "M+H" = c(364.179, 364.179), stringsAsFactors = FALSE, check.names = FALSE
)

# provide a database of precalculated formulas to speed up the process
fdb <- system.file("extdata", "APCI_min.db", package = "InterpretMSSpectrum")

# apply function providing above arguments (dppm is set to 0.5 to reduce run time)
InterpretMSSpectrum(spec=apci_spectrum, correct_peak=cp, met_db=mdb, formula_db=fdb)
```

mScore

mScore.

Description

mScore will calculate a mass defect weighted score for an m/z/int values measure for an isotopic cluster in comparison to the theoretically expected pattern.

Usage

```
mScore(
  obs = NULL,
  the = NULL,
  dabs = 5e-04,
  dppm = 2,
  int_prec = 0.02,
  limit = 0,
  rnd_prec = 0
)
```

Arguments

obs	Observed (measured) values, a matrix with two rows (mz/int).
the	Theoretical (estimated from sum formula) values, a matrix with two rows (mz/int).
dabs	Absolute allowed mass deviation (the expected mass precision will influence mScore – see Details).
dppm	Relative allowed mass deviation (the expected mass precision will influence mScore – see Details).
int_prec	The expected intensity precision will influence mScore (see Details).
limit	minimal value of mScore. Should be left on zero.
rnd_prec	Rounding precision of mScore.

Details

The maximum expected average mass error should be specified in ppm. A observed pattern deviating that much from the theoretical pattern would still receive a reasonable (average) mScore while observations deviating stronger or less strong will reach lower or higher mScores respectively. Likewise the intensity precision should specify the average quality of your device to maintain stable isotopic ratios.

Value

Scalar mScore giving the quality of the observed data if theoretical data are true.

Examples

```
# get theoretical isotopic pattern of Glucose
glc <- Rdisop::getMolecule("C6H12O6")$isotopes[[1]][,1:3]
mScore(obs=glc, the=glc)
# modify pattern by maximum allowable error (2ppm mass error, 2% int error)
glc_theoretic <- glc
glc[1,] <- glc[1,]+2*glc[1,]/10^6
glc[2,1:2] <- c(-0.02,0.02)+glc[2,1:2]
mScore(obs=glc, the=glc_theoretic)

# simulate mass and int defects
ef <- function(x, e) {runif(1,x-x*e,x+x*e)}
```

```

glc_obs <- glc
glc_obs[1,] <- sapply(glc[1,], ef, e=2*10^-6)
glc_obs[2,] <- sapply(glc[2,], ef, e=0.02)
mScore(obs=glc_obs, the=glc)
# simulate mass and int defects systematically
ef <- function(x, e) {runif(1,x-x*e,x+x*e)}
n <- 11
mz_err <- round(seq(0,5,length.out=n),3)
int_err <- round(seq(0,0.1,length.out=n),3)
mat <- matrix(NA, ncol=n, nrow=n, dimnames=list(mz_err, 100*int_err))
glc_obs <- glc
for (i in 1:n) {
  glc_obs[1,] <- sapply(glc[1,], ef, e=mz_err[i]*10^-6)
  for (j in 1:n) {
    glc_obs[2,] <- sapply(glc[2,], ef, e=int_err[j])
    mat[i,j] <- mScore(obs=glc_obs, the=glc)
  }
}
plot(x=1:n, y=1:n, type="n", axes=FALSE, xlab="mass error [ppm]", ylab="isoratio error [%]")
axis(3,at=1:n,rownames(mat),las=2); axis(4,at=1:n,colnames(mat),las=2); box()
cols <- grDevices::colorRampPalette(colors=c(2,6,3))(diff(range(mat))+1)
cols <- cols[mat-min(mat)+1]
text(x=rep(1:n,each=n), y=rep(1:n,times=n), labels=as.vector(mat), col=cols)

```

neutral_losses_APCI *A data table defining typical neutral losses in GC-APCI-MS for silylated compounds.*

Description

A data table defining typical neutral losses in GC-APCI-MS for silylated compounds.

Usage

```
data(neutral_losses_ESI)
```

Format

A data frame with 22 observations on the following 3 variables:

Name a character vector containing the fragment name used for plot annotation

Formula a character vector containing chemical formulas

Mass a numeric vector containing the mass according to Formula

Details

The data frame consists of two character columns ('Name' and 'Formula') and the numeric column 'Mass'. In a mass spectrum peak pairs are analyzed for mass differences similar to the ones defined in neutral_losses. If such a mass difference is observed, we can assume that the according 'Formula' is the true neutral loss observed in this spectrum. In a plot this peak pair would be connected by a grey line and annotated with the information from 'Name'. In formula evaluation this peak pair would be used to limit formula suggestions with respect to plausibility, i.e. if mass fragments A and B exist with mass difference 16.0313 than we can assume that the respective sum formulas have to be different by CH₄. In consequence we can exclude sum formula suggestions for B which do not have a valid corresponding sum formula in A and vice versa.

Source

This list has been put together manually by Jan Lisec analyzing multiple GC-APCI-MS data sets.

neutral_losses_ESI *A data table defining neutral losses in LC-ESI-MS (positive mode).*

Description

A data table defining neutral losses in LC-ESI-MS (positive mode).

Usage

```
data(neutral_losses_ESI)
```

Format

A data frame with 45 observations on the following 3 variables:

Name a character vector containing the fragment name used for plot annotation

Formula a character vector containing chemical formulas

Mass a numeric vector containing the mass according to Formula

Details

The data frame consists of two character columns ('Name' and 'Formula') and the numeric column 'Mass'. In a mass spectrum peak pairs are analyzed for mass differences similar to the ones defined in neutral_losses. If such a mass difference is observed, we can assume that the according 'Formula' is the true neutral loss observed in this spectrum. In a plot this peak pair would be connected by a grey line and annotated with the information from 'Name'. In formula evaluation this peak pair would be used to limit formula suggestions with respect to plausibility, i.e. if mass fragments A and B exist with mass difference 16.0313 than we can assume that the respective sum formulas have to be different by CH₄. In consequence we can exclude sum formula suggestions for B which do not have a valid corresponding sum formula in A and vice versa.

Source

This list has been put together manually by Jan Lisec analyzing multiple LC-ESI-MS (positive mode) data sets.

OrbiMS1	<i>Orbitrap spectra</i>
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Description

A set of 550 MS1 pseudo-spectra of metabolite standards, acquired on an Orbitrap-type mass analyzer (Q Exactive, Thermo-Fisher) in electrospray ionization (ESI) positive mode. Spectra were generated from Thermo raw files using xcms/CAMERA.

Usage

```
data(OrbiMS1)
```

Format

A list with 550 matrices (spectra). Two attributes are attached to each spectrum:

Formula sum formula of (neutral) compound

ExactMass exact mass of (neutral) compound

param.default	<i>Default parameter list for InterpretMSSpectrum.</i>
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Description

Default parameter list for InterpretMSSpectrum.

Usage

```
data(param.default)
```

Format

A data frame with 22 observations on the following 3 variables:

ionization ESI or APCI – will influence expected peak width and precision as well as adducts.

ionmode positive or negative – will influence expected adducts.

allowed_elements Passed to Rdisop in formula generation.

maxElements Passed to Rdisop in formula generation.

minElements Passed to Rdisop in formula generation.

substitutions Will be deprecated in the future.

quick_isos TRUE = via Rdisop, FALSE = via enviPat (often more correct)

score_cutoff Specifies initial filtering step threshold per fragment. Sum Formulas with $\text{score}_i < \text{score_cutoff} * \max(\text{score})$ will be removed.

neutral_loss_cutoff Specifies the allowed deviation in mDa for neutral losses to be accepted from the provided neutral loss list.

Details

Default parameter list used by [InterpretMSSpectrum](#), serving also as a template for custom lists. Basically every option which needs to be modified rarely went in here. Specific parameter set modifications (i.e. for 'APCIpos') are provided and can be called using the character string as a shortcut. Alternatively, a named list can be provided where all contained parameters will receive the new specified values.

PlotSpec

Plot Mass Spectrum.

Description

PlotSpec will read, evaluate and plot a deconvoluted mass spectrum (mass*intensity pairs) from TMS-derivatized GC-APCI-MS data. The main purpose is to visualize the relation between deconvoluted masses.

Usage

```
PlotSpec(  
  x = NULL,  
  masslab = 0.1,  
  rellab = FALSE,  
  cutoff = 0.01,  
  cols = NULL,  
  txt = NULL,  
  mz_prec = 4,  
  ionization = NULL,  
  neutral_losses = NULL,  
  neutral_loss_cutoff = NULL,  
  substitutions = NULL,  
  xlim = NULL,  
  ylim = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A two-column matrix with ("mz", "int") information.
<code>masslab</code>	The cutoff value (relative to basepeak) for text annotation of peaks.
<code>rellab</code>	TRUE/FALSE. Label masses relative to largest mass in plot (if TRUE), absolute (if FALSE) or to specified mass (if numeric).
<code>cutoff</code>	Show only peaks with intensity higher than <code>cutoff*I(base peak)</code> . This will limit the x-axis accordingly.
<code>cols</code>	Color vector for peaks with <code>length(cols)==nrow(x)</code> .
<code>txt</code>	Label peaks with specified text (column 1 specifies x-axis value, column 2 specifies label).
<code>mz_prec</code>	Numeric precision of m/z (=number of digits to plot).
<code>ionization</code>	Either APCI or ESI (important for main peak determination).
<code>neutral_losses</code>	Data frame of defined building blocks (Name, Formula, Mass). If not provided <code>data("neutral_losses")</code> will be used.
<code>neutral_loss_cutoff</code>	Specifies the allowed deviation in mDa for neutral losses to be accepted from the provided neutral loss list.
<code>substitutions</code>	May provide a two column table of potential substitutions (for adducts in ESI-MS).
<code>xlim</code>	To specify xlim explicitly (for comparative plotting).
<code>ylim</code>	To specify ylim explicitly (for comparative plotting).

Value

An annotated plot of the mass spectrum.

Examples

```
#load test data and apply function
utils::data(apci_spectrum, package = "InterpretMSSpectrum")
PlotSpec(x=apci_spectrum, ionization="APCI")

# normalize test data by intensity
s <- apci_spectrum
s[,2] <- s[,2]/max(s[,2])
PlotSpec(x=s)

# use relative labelling
PlotSpec(x=s, rellab=364.1789)

# avoid annotation of masses and fragments
PlotSpec(x=s, masslab=NULL, neutral_losses=NA)

# provide individual neutral loss set
tmp <- data.frame("Name"=c("Loss1", "Loss2"), "Formula"=c("", ""), "Mass"=c(90.05, 27.995))
PlotSpec(x=s, neutral_losses=tmp)
```



```

# provide additional color and annotation information per peak
PlotSpec(x=s, cols=1+(s[,2]>0.1), txt=data.frame("x"=s[s[,2]>0.1,1], "txt"="txt"))

# simulate a Sodium adduct to the spectrum (and annotate using substitutions)
p <- which.max(s[,2])
s <- rbind(s, c(21.98194+s[p,1], 0.6*s[p,2]))
PlotSpec(x=s, substitutions=matrix(c("H1", "Na1"), ncol=2, byrow=TRUE))

#load ESI test data and apply function
utils::data(esi_spectrum)
PlotSpec(x=esi_spectrum, ionization="ESI")

```

sendToMSF

Exporting spectra to MSFinder.

Description

Send spectrum to MSFinder.

Usage

```
sendToMSF(x, ...)
```

```
## Default S3 method:
```

```
sendToMSF(
  x,
  precursormz,
  precursortype = "[M+H]+",
  outfile = NULL,
  MSFexe = NULL,
  ...
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'findMAIN'
```

```
sendToMSF(x, rank = 1, ms2spec = NULL, outfile = NULL, MSFexe = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	A matrix or 'findMAIN' object
...	Arguments passed to methods of writeMSF .
precursormz	m/z of (de)protonated molecule or adduct ion
precursortype	adduct type, e.g. [M+H]+ or [M+Na]+. Accepted values are all adduct ions supported by MSFINDER.
outfile	Name of MAT file. If NULL, a temporary file is created in the per-session temporary directory (see tempdir).

MSFexe	Full path of MS-FINDER executable. This needs to be set according to your system. If NULL, MAT files are written but the program is not opened.
rank	Which rank from 'findMAIN' should be exported.
ms2spec	An (optional) MS2 spectrum to be passed to MSFINDER. If NULL, the MS1 spectrum used by 'findMAIN' is used. If dedicated MS2 spectra are available, this option should be used.

Details

In the default case 'x' can be a matrix or data frame, where the first two columns are assumed to contain the 'mz' and 'intensity' values, respectively. Further arguments 'precursormz' and 'precursor-type' are required in this case. Otherwise 'x' can be of class `findMAIN`.

Value

Full path of generated MAT file (invisibly).

References

H.Tsugawa et al (2016) Hydrogen rearrangement rules: computational MS/MS fragmentation and structure elucidation using MS-FINDER software. *Analytical Chemistry*, 88, 7946-7958

Examples

```
## Not run:
utils::data(esi_spectrum, package = "InterpretMSSpectrum")
fmr <- findMAIN(esi_spectrum)
sendToMSF(fmr, outfile="tmp.mat")
sendToMSF(fmr, outfile="tmp.mat", rank=1:3)

## End(Not run)
```

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