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baselineCorrection      *Baseline correction algorithm*

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## Description

Functions for baseline correction of GC-MS chromatograms.

## Usage

```
baselineCorrection(int, threshold = 0.5, alpha = 0.95, bfraction = 0.2,
                  segments = 100, signalWindow = 10, method = "linear")
```

```
baseline(ncData, baseline.opts = NULL)
```

### Arguments

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

### Details

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

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

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

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

### Value

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

### Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza

## References

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

## See Also

[RiCorrect](#)

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FAMEoutliers

*FAME outlier detection*

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## Description

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

## Usage

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

## Arguments

samples	A tsSample object created by ImportSamples function.
RImatrix	A retention time matrix of the found retention time markers.
pdffile	A character string naming a PDF file where the FAMEs report will be saved.
startDay	A numeric vector with the starting days of your day groups.
endDay	A numeric vector with the ending days of your day groups.
threshold	A standard deviations cutoff to detect outliers.
group.threshold	A numeric cutoff to detect day groups based on hierarchical clustering. Must be between 0 . . 1.

## Details

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

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

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

## Value

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

**Author(s)**

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

**See Also**

[Rlcorrect](#), [ImportSamples](#)

**Examples**

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)

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

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

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FindPeaks

*Extract peaks from chromatogram files*

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**Description**

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

**Usage**

```
FindPeaks(my.files, refLib,
          columns = c("SPECTRUM", "RETENTION_TIME_INDEX", "RETENTION_TIME"),
          showProgressBar = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>my.files</code>	A character vector naming RI files to be searched.
<code>refLib</code>	A numeric matrix with three columns or a list of three column matrices. The second column contains the masses and the first and third column contains the RI limits.
<code>columns</code>	A numeric vector with the positions of the columns SPECTRUM, RETENTION_TIME_INDEX, and RETENTION_TIME or a character vector with the header names of those columns.
<code>showProgressBar</code>	Logical. Should the progress bar be displayed?

**Details**

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

The RI files format can be either "text" or "binary". The type is detected dynamically.

**Value**

A `tsMSdata` object.

**Note**

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

**Author(s)**

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

**See Also**

[medianRILib](#), [sampleRI](#), [peakFind](#), [tsMSdata](#)

**Examples**

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)

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

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

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

**Description**

This function can be used to correct the detected retention time index (RI) markers or to manually force their location to specific retention times if, for example, the RI markers were not co-injected with the biological samples.

## Usage

```
fixRI(samples, rimLimits, RImatrix=NULL, sampleNames=NULL)
```

## Arguments

samples	A tsSample object created by <a href="#">ImportSamples</a> function.
rimLimits	A tsRim object. See <a href="#">ImportFameSettings</a> .
RImatrix	Optional. A retention time matrix of the found retention time markers that was obtained after running <a href="#">RIcorrect</a> .
sampleNames	Optional. A character vector naming the samples that are to be RI corrected.

## Details

Sometimes the retention index limits (see [ImportFameSettings](#)) are not set correctly and you will have to run the peak detection and RI correction function ([RIcorrect](#)) again, which may take a long time specially if there are many samples.

Instead, a simple approach is to fix the RI limits and use this function to correct the generated RI files. Since these files are much smaller than CDF files (chromatograms), this runs much faster.

Other possibility is that the time positions of one or more RI markers were wrongly detected because there was just simply no peak or the RI markers where not co-injected in some samples. You could manually force the locations of the RI markers. This case is discussed in the “[RICorrection](#)” vignette.

The behavior of this function depends on whether the parameter `RImatrix` is NULL or not. If NULL, the RI markers will be searched again (using the settings of `rimLimits` parameters, which you should have already fixed) and the resulting values will be used to correct the RI files. If it is a numeric matrix, then these values will be used to correct the RI files. Note that this matrix dimensions are exactly  $m$  samples (rows) times  $n$  (columns) RI markers.

`sampleNames` controls which samples will be corrected. If NULL then all samples will be corrected. It could be character vector (sample names) or a numeric vector representing the sample indexes.

## Value

Invisible NULL. It prints the corrected samples.

## Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza

## See Also

[RIcorrect](#), [FAMEoutliers](#), [ImportSamples](#), [ImportFameSettings](#)

**Examples**

```

require(TargetSearchData)
# import refLibrary, rimLimits and sampleDescription.
data(TargetSearchData)
# get the CDF files
cdfpath <- file.path(find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")

# select a subset of samples
smp <- sampleDescription[1:4]

# update the CDF path
CDFpath(smp) <- cdfpath

# make a copy of the RI markers object
rim <- rimLimits

# mess up the limits of marker 3 (real value is 369 seconds app.)
rimLimits(rim)[3,] <- c(375, 400)

# run RImcorrect
RImat <- RImcorrect(smp, rim, massRange = c(85,320),
                   Window = 15, pp.method = "ppc", IntThreshold = 50)

# fix the limits of marker 3
rimLimits(rim)[3,] <- c(360, 400)

# you could run again RImcorrect, but this is faster
fixRI(smp, rim)

# get the RI matrix
RImat <- riMatrix(smp, rim)

# compare the values with the real ones (previously stored in RImatrix)
stopifnot( all.equal(RImat, RImatrix[,1:4], tolerance=1e-8) )

# manual adjustment or RI markers for sample 3.
# Warning: this is just an example to illustrate how to use this function.
#         dont do this unless you know what youre doing.
RImat[,3] <- c(252, 311, 369)
fixRI(smp, rim, RImat, 3)

```

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ImportFameSettings      *Retention time markers settings*

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**Description**

This function imports a list of retention standard markers.

**Usage**

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



## Arguments

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

## Details

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

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

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

## Value

A `tsRim` object.

## Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

## See Also

[Rlcorrect](#), [tsRim](#)

## Examples

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

# set the mass marker to 87
mass <- 87

# load the definition
rimLimits <- ImportFameSettings(rim.file, mass = mass)

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

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

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ImportLibrary	<i>Library import</i>
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### Description

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

### Usage

```
ImportLibrary(x, type = "auto", ...)
```

```
ImportLibrary.tab(libfile, fields = NULL, RI_dev = c(2000,1000,200),
  SelMasses = 5, TopMasses = 15, ExcludeMasses = NULL,
  libdata, file.opt=NULL)
```

```
ImportLibrary.msp(libfile, fields = NULL, RI_dev = c(2000,1000,200),
  SelMasses = 5, TopMasses = 15, ExcludeMasses = NULL)
```

### Arguments

x	A character string or a data.frame. If data.frame, it will be passed to <code>ImportLibrary.tab</code> as parameter <code>libdata</code> . If character, it will be passed as <code>libfile</code> to either <code>ImportLibrary.tab</code> or <code>ImportLibrary.msp</code> according to the file type (option <code>type</code> ).
libfile	A character string naming a library file. See details.
type	The library file format. Possible options are "tab" for a tab-delimited file, "msp" for NIST MSP format, or "auto" for autodetection. Default to "auto".
fields	A two component list. Each component contains a regular expression used to parse and extract the fields for retention index and selection masses. Only meaningful for MSP format.
RI_dev	A three component vector with RI windows.
SelMasses	The number of selective masses that will be used.
TopMasses	The number of most intensive masses that will be taken from the spectrum, if no <code>TOP_MASSES</code> is provided.
ExcludeMasses	Optional. A vector containing a list of masses that will be excluded.
libdata	Optional. A data frame with library data. The format is the same as the library file. It is equivalent to importing the library file first with <code>read.table</code> and calling <code>ImportLibrary.tab</code> after. This might be preferable for "fine tuning", for example, if the library file is in CSV format instead of tab-delimited.
file.opt	Optional. A list containing arguments to be passed to <code>read.table</code> .
...	Further arguments passed to <code>ImportLibrary.tab</code> or <code>ImportLibrary.msp</code>

## Details

ImportLibrary is a wrapper for functions ImportLibrary.tab and ImportLibrary.msp which detects automatically which function should be called.

ImportLibrary.tab reads a tab delimited text file by calling the function `read.table` which will be parsed and converted to a `tsLib` object. The following arguments are used by default (which are not exactly the defaults for `read.table`):

```
header=TRUE, sep="\t", quote="", dec=".", fill=TRUE, comment.char="#"
```

The argument `file.opt` can be used to change these options. Other alternative is to import first the file with `read.table` and `friends`, and call `ImportLibrary` with the resulting `data.frame`. This allows more flexibility with libraries with unusual characters, for example.

These columns are needed:

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

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

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

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

```
190 2;
```

```
Name: another metabolite
```

```
...
```

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

Libraries for TargetSearch and for different retention index systems, such as VAR5 or MDN35, can be downloaded from <http://gmd.mpimp-go1m.mpg.de/>.

### Value

A `tsLib` object.

### Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

### See Also

[ImportSamples](#), [tsLib](#)

### Examples

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

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

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

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

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ImportSamples

*Sample definitions*

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### Description

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

**Usage**

```
ImportSamples(sampfile, CDFpath=".", RIpath=".", ftype=c("binary", "text"), ...)
```

```
ImportSamplesFromDir(CDFpath=".", RIfiles=FALSE, ignore.case=TRUE,
ftype=c("binary", "text"))
```

**Arguments**

<code>sampfile</code>	A character string naming a sample file. See details.
<code>CDFpath</code>	A character string naming a directory where the CDF files are located.
<code>RIpath</code>	A character string naming a directory where the RI corrected text files are/will be located.
<code>RIfiles</code>	Logical. If TRUE, the function will look for for RI files (RI_*) instead of CDF files (the default).
<code>ftype</code>	A character string giving the file type for RI files. Options are "binary" and "text".
<code>ignore.case</code>	Logical. Should pattern-matching be case-insensitive?
<code>...</code>	Other options passed to <a href="#">read.delim</a> function.

**Details**

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

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

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

The `ftype` parameter sets the file format of the RI files, which are created by the function [RIcorrect](#). "text" is the *classic* text format and "binary" is a binary version, designed for speed, of the text format (TargetSearch >= 1.12.0). The file format can be identified by the file extension (".txt" for text, ".dat" for binary), but this is just an indicator: the file format is detected dynamically during file reading. Use the method [fileFormat](#) to set or get this parameter.

**Value**

A `tsSample` object.

**Author(s)**

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

**See Also**

[ImportLibrary](#), [tsSample](#)

## Examples

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

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

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

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

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

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medianRILib

*Median RI library correction*

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## Description

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

## Usage

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

## Arguments

samples	A tsSample object created by <a href="#">ImportSamples</a> function.
Lib	A tsLib object created by <a href="#">ImportLibrary</a> function.
makeReport	Logical. If TRUE will report the RI deviations for every metabolite in the library.
pdfFile	The file name where the report will be saved.
columns	A numeric vector with the positions of the columns SPECTRUM, RETENTION_TIME_INDEX, and RETENTION_TIME or a character vector with the header names of those columns.
showProgressBar	Logical. Should the progress bar be displayed?

## Value

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

**Author(s)**

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

**See Also**

[ImportSamples](#), [ImportLibrary](#), [tsLib-class](#)

**Examples**

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)

# get RI file path
RI.path <- file.path(find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")
# update RI file path
RIpath(sampleDescription) <- RI.path
# Import Library
refLibrary <- ImportLibrary(file.path(RI.path,library.txt))
# update median RI
refLibrary <- medianRILib(sampleDescription, refLibrary)

# perhaps you need to adjust the library RI of one metabolite and the allowed time
# deviation (first time deviation window)
libRI(refLibrary)[5] <- 306500
RIdev(refLibrary)[5,1] <- 2000

refLibrary <- medianRILib(sampleDescription, refLibrary)
```

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NetCDFPeakFinding      *Peak picking algorithm from CDF files*

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**Description**

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

**Usage**

```
NetCDFPeakFinding(cdfFile, massRange = NULL, Window = 15, IntThreshold = 10,
  pp.method = "ppc", baseline = FALSE, baseline.opts = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

**cdfFile**            A character string naming a netcdf file.

**massRange**        A two component numeric vector with the scan mass range to extract or NULL, in which case the range will be inferred from the cdf file.

Window	The window used by peak picking method. The number of points actually used is $2 * \text{Window} + 1$ .
IntThreshold	Apex intensities lower than this value will be removed from the RI files.
pp.method	The pick picking method to be used. Options are "smoothing" and "ppc".
baseline	Logical. Should baseline correction be performed?
baseline.opts	A list of options passed to <a href="#">baselineCorrection</a> .

### Details

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

The `massRange` parameter is a numeric vector with two components: lower and higher masses. All masses in that range will be extracted. Note that it is not possible to extract a discontinuous mass range. It also can be NULL, in which case the mass range will be determined by scanning the cdf file.

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

### Value

A three component list.

Time	The retention time vector.
Peaks	The intensity matrix. Rows are the retention times and columns are masses. The first column is the lower mass value and the last one is the higher mass.
massRange	The mass range.

### Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

### See Also

[peakCDFextraction](#)

### Examples

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

# extrac peaks of first chromatogram
peaks.1 <- NetCDFPeakFinding(CDFfiles[1], massRange = c(85, 320), Window = 15,
  IntThreshold = 10, pp.method = "smoothing")
```



```
# scan acquisition times
head(peaks.1$Time)
# peaks in matrix form. first column is mass 85, last one is mass 320.
head(peaks.1$Peaks)
```

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peakCDFextraction      *NetCDF to R*

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### Description

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

### Usage

```
peakCDFextraction(cdfFile, massRange = NULL)
```

### Arguments

`cdfFile`            A character string naming a netcdf file.  
`massRange`          A two component numeric vector with the scan mass range to extract.

### Details

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

The `massRange` parameter is a numeric vector with two components: lower and higher masses. All masses in that range will be extracted. Note that it is not possible to extract a discontinuous mass range. It also can be `NULL`, in which case the mass range will be determined by scanning the cdf file.

### Value

A two component list.

`Time`                The retention time vector.  
`Peaks`                The intensity matrix. Rows are the retention times and columns are masses. The first column is the lower mass value and the last one is the higher mass.  
`massRange`          The mass range.

### Note

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

**Author(s)**

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

**See Also**

[NetCDFPeakFinding](#)

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peakFind

*Intensities and RI matrices*

---

**Description**

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

**Usage**

```
peakFind(samples, Lib, cor_RI,
         columns = c("SPECTRUM", "RETENTION_TIME_INDEX", "RETENTION_TIME"),
         showProgressBar = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

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

**Value**

A tsMSdata object.

**Author(s)**

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

**See Also**

[ImportSamples](#), [ImportLibrary](#), [medianRILib](#), [sampleRI](#), [tsMSdata](#), [tsLib](#), [tsSample](#)

## Examples

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)

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

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

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

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

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plotFAME

*Plot a standard marker*

---

## Description

Plots a given standard marker.

## Usage

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

## Arguments

samples	A tsSample object created by ImportSamples function.
RImatrix	A retention time matrix of the found retention time markers.
whichFAME	The retention marker to plot. Must be a number between 1 and the number of markers.

## Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

## See Also

[Rlcorrect](#), [FAMEoutliers](#), [tsSample](#)

**Examples**

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

plotPeak

*Plot peaks***Description**

Plot a peak of a given metabolite in a given sample showing the search windows.

**Usage**

```
plotPeak(samples, Lib, metProf, rawpeaks, which.smp=1, which.met=1,
massRange=NULL, corMass=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

samples	A tsSample object created by ImportSamples function.
Lib	A tsLib object created by ImportLibrary function.
metProf	A metabolite profile object. See <a href="#">Profile</a>
rawpeaks	A three component list containing the retention time, the intensity matrix, and the mass range. See <a href="#">peakCDFextraction</a> .
which.smp	A numeric value indicating the sample.
which.met	A numeric value indicating the metabolite.
massRange	A two component numeric vector with the scan mass range to extract. or NULL for automatic detection.
corMass	Logical. If TRUE, show only correlating masses for the selected metabolite. Show all masses otherwise.

**Value**

A two component list containing the retention time and the intensity matrices. This list can be recycled as the 'rawpeaks' parameter for further plots (for example in a loop), so the CDF file doesn't need to be read again.

**Note**

This function was completely rewritten. For the old function, see [plotPeakSimple](#)

**Author(s)**

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

**See Also**

[plotPeakSimple](#), [RIcorrect](#), [tsMSdata](#), [tsRim](#), [peakCDFextraction](#), [matplot](#)

**Examples**

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)

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

# Plot the peak "Valine" for sample number 1
grep("Valine", libName(refLibrary)) # answer: 3

# plot peak from the cdf file. The rawpeaks object can be recycled in order to plot
# other metabolites.
rawpeaks <- plotPeak(sampleDescription, refLibrary, metabProfile, which.smp=1,
  which.met=3, massRange=c(85,500), corMass=FALSE)
```

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plotPeakSimple      *Plot peaks - simple interface*

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**Description**

Plot selected ions in a given time range.

**Usage**

```
plotPeakSimple(rawpeaks, time.range, masses, cdfFile = NULL, useRI = FALSE,
  rimTime = NULL, standard = NULL, massRange = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

rawpeaks	A three component list containing the retention time, the intensity matrix, and the mass range. See <a href="#">peakCDFextraction</a> .
time.range	The time range to plot in retention time or retention time index units to plot.
masses	A vector containing the ions or masses to plot.
cdfFile	The name of a CDF file. If a file name is specified, the ions will be extracted from there instead of using rawpeaks.
useRI	Logical. Whether to use Retention Time Indices or not.
rimTime	A retention time matrix of the found retention time markers. It is only used when useRI is TRUE.

standard	A numeric vector with RI values of retention time markers. It is only used when useRI is TRUE.
massRange	A two component numeric vector with the scan mass range to extract or NULL for automatic detection.
...	Further options passed to <a href="#">matplot</a> .

**Note**

This function used to be named 'plotPeak'. This function was completely rewritten so we kept the old version and renamed it 'plotPeakSimple'.

**Author(s)**

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

**See Also**

[plotPeak](#), [RIcorrect](#), [tsMSdata](#), [tsRim](#), [peakCDFextraction](#), [matplot](#)

**Examples**

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)

# update CDF path
CDFpath(sampleDescription) <- file.path(find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")

# Plot the peak "Valine" for sample number 1
grep("Valine", libName(refLibrary)) # answer: 3
# select the first file
cdfFile <- CDFfiles(sampleDescription)[1]

# select "Valine" top masses
top.masses <- topMass(refLibrary)[[3]]

# plot peak from the cdf file
plotPeakSimple(cdfFile = cdfFile, time.range = libRI(refLibrary)[3] + c(-2000,2000),
  masses = top.masses, useRI = TRUE, rimTime = RImatrix[,1],
  standard = rimStandard(rimLimits), massRange = c(85, 500))

# the same, but extracting the peaks into a list first. This may be better if
# you intend to loop through several peaks.
rawpeaks <- peakCDFextraction(cdfFile, massRange = c(85,500))
plotPeakSimple(rawpeaks, time.range = libRI(refLibrary)[3] + c(-2000,2000),
  masses = top.masses, useRI = TRUE, rimTime = RImatrix[,1],
  standard = rimStandard(rimLimits), massRange = c(85, 500))
```

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plotRIdev *Plot Retention Time Index Deviation*

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### Description

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

### Usage

```
plotRIdev(Lib, peaks, libId = 1)

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

### Arguments

Lib	A tsLib object created by <a href="#">ImportLibrary</a> function.
peaks	A tsMSdata object. See <a href="#">peakFind</a> .
libId	A numeric vector providing the indices of the metabolites to plot.
pdfFile	A file name where the plot will be saved. Only plotAllRIdev.
width, height	The width and height of the plots in inches. Only plotAllRIdev.
...	Further options passed to <a href="#">pdf</a> .

### Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

### See Also

[ImportLibrary](#), [tsLib](#), [tsMSdata](#), [pdf](#)

### Examples

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)

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

peakData <- peakFind(sampleDescription, refLibrary, corRI)

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

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

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

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plotSpectra

*Plot a Spectra Comparison*


---

### Description

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

### Usage

```
plotSpectra(Lib, peaks, libId = 1, type = "ht")

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

### Arguments

Lib	A tsLib object created by <a href="#">ImportLibrary</a> function.
peaks	A tsMSdata object. See <a href="#">peakFind</a> .
libId	A numeric vector providing the indices of the metabolites to plot.
type	The type of the plot. Options are "ht", head-tail plot, "ss", side by side plot, and "diff", spectrum difference plot.
pdfFile	A file name where the plot will be saved. Only plotAllRIdev.
width, height	The width and height of the plots in inches. Only plotAllRIdev.
...	Further options passed to pdf.

### Details

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

### Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

### See Also

[tsLib](#), [tsMSdata](#), [pdf](#)



## Examples

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)

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

peakData <- peakFind(sampleDescription, refLibrary, corRI)

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

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

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

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Profile

*Average the correlating masses for each metabolite*

---

## Description

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

## Usage

```
Profile(samples, Lib, peakData, r_thres = 0.95, method = "dayNorm", minPairObs = 5)
```

## Arguments

<code>samples</code>	A <code>tsSample</code> object created by <code>ImportSamples</code> function.
<code>Lib</code>	A <code>tsLib</code> object created by <code>ImportLibrary</code> function with corrected RI values. See <a href="#">medianRILib</a> .
<code>peakData</code>	A <code>tsMSdata</code> object. See <a href="#">peakFind</a> .
<code>r_thres</code>	A correlation threshold.
<code>method</code>	Normalisation method. Options are "dayNorm", a day based median normalisation, "medianNorm", normalisation using the median of all the intensities of a given mass, and "none", no normalisation at all.
<code>minPairObs</code>	Minimum number of pair observations. Correlations between two variables are computed using all complete pairs of observations in those variables. If the number of observations is too small, you may get high correlations values just by chance, so this parameters is used to avoid that. Cannot be set lower than 5.

**Value**

A `tsProfile` object. The slots are:

<code>Info</code>	A data frame with a profile of all masses that correlate.
<code>Intensity</code>	A list containing peak-intensity matrices, one matrix per metabolite.
<code>RI</code>	A list containing RI matrices, one matrix per metabolite.
<code>profInt</code>	A matrix with the averaged intensities of the correlating masses.
<code>profRI</code>	A matrix with the averaged RI of the correlating masses.

**Author(s)**

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

**See Also**

[ImportSamples](#), [ImportLibrary](#), [medianRILib](#), [peakFind](#), [tsProfile](#)

**Examples**

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)

# get RI file path
RI.path <- file.path(find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")
# update RI file path
RIpath(sampleDescription) <- RI.path
# Import Library
refLibrary <- ImportLibrary(file.path(RI.path, library.txt))
# update median RI
refLibrary <- medianRILib(sampleDescription, refLibrary)
# get the sample RI
corRI <- sampleRI(sampleDescription, refLibrary, r_thres = 0.95)
# obtain the peak Intensities of all the masses in the library
peakData <- peakFind(sampleDescription, refLibrary, corRI)
# make a profile of the metabolite data
metabProfile <- Profile(sampleDescription, refLibrary, peakData, r_thres = 0.95)

# same as above, but with different thresholds.
metabProfile <- Profile(sampleDescription, refLibrary, peakData,
  r_thres = 0.9, minPairObs = 5)
```

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ProfileCleanUp	<i>Reduce redundancy of the profile</i>
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### Description

This function reduces/removes redundancy in a profile.

### Usage

```
ProfileCleanUp(Profile, timeSplit=500, r_thres=0.95, minPairObs=5,  
  prioritization=c(mass,score), corMass=1, score=0,  
  show=c(unknown,knowns,full))
```

### Arguments

Profile	A tsProfile object. See <a href="#">Profile</a> .
timeSplit	A RI window.
r_thres	A correlation threshold.
minPairObs	Minimum number of pair observations. Correlations between two variables are computed using all complete pairs of observations in those variables. If the number of observations is too small, you may get high correlations values just by chance, so this parameters is used to avoid that. Cannot be set lower than 5.
prioritization	Selects whether the metabolite suggestion should be based on the number of correlation masses ( <i>mass</i> ) or the score ( <i>score</i> ).
corMass	Metabolites with a number of correlation masses lower than <i>score</i> will be marked as 'Unidentified RI'
score	Metabolites with a score lower than <i>score</i> will be marked as unidentified.
show	A character vector. If <i>unknown</i> , all non-redundant metabolites will be returned; if <i>knowns</i> , only returns those metabolites with correlation masses and score greater than the given values; and if <i>full</i> , it shows all redundant metabolites, which may be useful to retrieve the data from misidentified metabolites.

### Details

Metabolites that are inside a *timeSplit* window will be correlated to see whether the metabolites are potentially the same or not, by using *r\_thres* as a cutoff. If so, the best candidate will be chosen according to the value of *prioritization*: If 'mass', then metabolites will be suggested based on number of correlating masses, and if 'score', then the score will be used. Metabolites that don't have at least *corMass* correlating masses and *score* will be marked as 'unidentified' and not will be suggested, unless all the metabolites in group are unidentified.

For example, suppose that three metabolites A (CM=3, S=900), B (CM=6, S=700), C (CM=5, S=800) correlate within the same time group, where CM is the number of correlating masses and S is the score.

- If *prioritization*='mass', *corMass*=3, *score*=650, then the suggested order is B, C, A.

- If prioritization='mass', corMass=3, score=750, then the suggested order is C, A, B.
- If prioritization='mass', corMass=3, score=850, then the suggested order is A, B, C.
- If prioritization='score', corMass=3, score=650, then the suggested order is A, C, B.
- If prioritization='score', corMass=4, score=650, then the suggested order is C, B, A.
- If prioritization='score', corMass=4, score=850, then the suggested order is C, A, B.

Note that by choosing prioritization=mass, score=0, and corMass=1 you will get the former behavior (TargetSearch <= 1.6).

### Value

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

slot "Info" A data frame with a profile of all masses that correlate and the metabolites that correlate in a timeSplit window.

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

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

slot "Intensity"

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

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

### Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

### See Also

[Profile](#), [tsProfile](#)

### Examples

```
# load example data
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)

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

```
# here we use the metabProfile previously calculated and return a "cleaned" profile.
metabProfile.clean <- ProfileCleanUp(metabProfile, timeSplit = 500,
                                     r_thres = 0.95)

# Different cutoffs could be specified
metabProfile.clean <- ProfileCleanUp(metabProfile, timeSplit = 1000,
                                     r_thres = 0.9)
```

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quantMatrix                      *Create an intensity matrix using quantification masses*

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## Description

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

## Usage

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

## Arguments

Lib	A tsLib object created by <a href="#">ImportLibrary</a> function.
metabProfile	A tsProfile object. The final result of the package. This object is generated by either Profile or ProfileCleanUp.
value	The default method to select automatically the quantification mass, in case it is not given by the user. 'maxint' selects the selective mass with the highest intensity. 'maxobs' selects the most observed mass, i.e., the one with less missing values.

## Value

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

## Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

## See Also

[tsLib](#), [tsMSdata](#)

## Examples

```

require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)

# process chromatograms and get a profile
RI.path    <- file.path(find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")
RIpath(sampleDescription) <- RI.path
refLibrary <- ImportLibrary(file.path(RI.path,"library.txt"))
refLibrary <- medianRILib(sampleDescription, refLibrary)
corRI      <- sampleRI(sampleDescription, refLibrary, r_thres = 0.95)
peakData   <- peakFind(sampleDescription, refLibrary, corRI)
metabProfile <- Profile(sampleDescription, refLibrary, peakData, r_thres = 0.95)

# show quant Matrix
quantMass(refLibrary)
# no quantMass have been defined yet, so are all zeros
# 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

# get a Matrix using use default values, ie, select the masses
# with the highest intensity
quantMat <- quantMatrix(refLibrary, metabProfile)
quantMat

# set the quantification Masses
quantMass(refLibrary)[1:3] <- c(89,86,100)
quantMat <- quantMatrix(refLibrary, metabProfile)
quantMat

```

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ri2rt

*Retention Time Index to Retention Time conversion*


---

## Description

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

## Usage

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

## Arguments

riTime	And RI vector or matrix to convert to Retention Time.
rt.observed	The observed FAME RT's. It could be a vector or a matrix.
ri.standard	The standard RI for each FAME

**Details**

This function is the inverse of [rt2ri](#).

**Value**

The converted RT

**Author(s)**

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

**See Also**

[RIcorrect](#), [FAMEoutliers](#)

**Examples**

```
# RI standards
standard <- c(100, 200, 300, 400, 500)
# observed standard retention times
observed <- c(10.4, 19.3, 32.4, 40.2, 50.3)
# a random set of retention times
RI      <- runif(100,90,600)
# the corrected RIs
RT      <- ri2rt(RI, observed, standard)
```

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RIcorrect

*Peak picking from CDF files and RI correction*

---

**Description**

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

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

<code>samples</code>	A <code>tsSample</code> object created by <code>ImportSamples</code> function.
<code>rimLimits</code>	A <code>tsRim</code> object. If set to <code>NULL</code> , no retention time will be performed. See <code>ImportFameSettings</code> .
<code>massRange</code>	A two component vector of <code>m/z</code> range used by the GC-MS machine or <code>NULL</code> , in which case the range will be detected automatically.

Window	The window used for smoothing. The number of points actually used is $2 \times \text{Window} + 1$ .
IntThreshold	Apex intensities lower than this value will be removed from the RI files.
pp.method	Peak picking method. Options are either "smoothing" or "ppc". See details.
showProgressBar	Logical. Should the progress bar be displayed?
baseline	Logical. Should baseline correction be performed?
baseline.opts	A list of options passed to <a href="#">baselineCorrection</a> .

### Details

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

The "ppc" method (default) implements the peak detection method described in the ppc package. It looks for the local maxima within a  $2 \times \text{Window} + 1$  scans for every mass trace.

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

The RI file type is determined by the output of [fileFormat](#) method applied to the [tsSample](#) input object. To choose between the available formats ("binary" and "text"), select it with [fileFormat](#) method before calling Rlcorrect.

### Value

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

### Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

### See Also

[ImportSamples](#), [ImportFameSettings](#), [NetCDFPeakFinding](#), [FAMEoutliers](#), [tsSample](#), [tsRim](#).

### Examples

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



```
# you can try other parameters and other peak picking algorithm.
RIMatrix <- RIMcorrect(sampleDescription, rimLimits, massRange = c(85,320),
  Window = 15, pp.method = "smoothing", IntThreshold = 10)

RIMatrix <- RIMcorrect(sampleDescription, rimLimits, massRange = c(85,320),
  Window = 15, pp.method = "ppc", IntThreshold = 100)
```

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riMatrix

*Retention Time Index Matrix*

---

## Description

A function to search for retention index RI markers.

## Usage

```
riMatrix(samples, rim)
```

## Arguments

`samples` A `tsSample` object created by [ImportSamples](#) function.  
`rim` A `tsRim` object. See [ImportFameSettings](#).

## Details

This function works similar to [RIMcorrect](#), but searches for RI markers in RI files (not in CDF files). Can be used to retrieve the retention times of RI markers in already processed files.

Note that it does not perform any RI adjustment. See [fixRI](#).

## Value

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

## Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza

## See Also

[RIMcorrect](#), [FAMEoutliers](#), [ImportSamples](#), [ImportFameSettings](#), [fixRI](#)

## Examples

```
require(TargetSearchData)
# import refLibrary, rimLimits and sampleDescription.
data(TargetSearchData)
# get the CDF files
cdfpath <- file.path(find.package("TargetSearchData"), "gc-ms-data")

# select a subset of samples
smp <- sampleDescription[1:4]

# update the CDF path
CDFpath(smp) <- cdfpath

# make a copy of the RI markers object
rim <- rimLimits

# run RImat
RImat <- RImat(smp, rim, massRange = c(85,320),
              Window = 15, pp.method = "ppc", IntThreshold = 50)

# extract the retention times of the markers
RImat2 <- riMatrix(smp, rim)

# both matrices should be equal
stopifnot( all.equal(RImat, RImat2, tolerance=1e-8) )
```

---

rt2ri

*Retention Time to Retention Time Index conversion*

---

## Description

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

## Usage

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

## Arguments

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

## Details

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

**Value**

The converted RI

**Author(s)**

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

**See Also**

[RIcorrect](#), [FAMEoutliers](#)

**Examples**

```
# RI standards
standard <- c(100, 200, 300, 400, 500)
# observed standard retention times
observed <- c(10.4, 19.3, 32.4, 40.2, 50.3)
# a random set of retention times
RT      <- runif(100,1,60)
# the corrected RIs
RI      <- rt2ri(RT, observed, standard)
```

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sampleRI

*Sample specific RI detection*

---

**Description**

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

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

samples	A tsSample object created by ImportSamples function.
Lib	A tsLib object created by <a href="#">ImportLibrary</a> function with corrected RI values. See medianRILib.
r_thres	A correlation threshold.
columns	A numeric vector with the positions of the columns SPECTRUM, RETENTION_TIME_INDEX, and RETENTION_TIME or a character vector with the header names of those columns.

method	Normalisation method. Options are "dayNorm", a day based median normalisation, "medianNorm", normalisation using the median of all the intensities of a given mass, and "none", no normalisation at all.
minPairObs	Minimum number of pair observations. Correlations between two variables are computed using all complete pairs of observations in those variables. If the number of observations is too small, you may get high correlations values just by chance, so this parameters is used to avoid that. Cannot be set lower than 5.
showProgressBar	Logical. Should the progress bar be displayed?
makeReport	Logical. If TRUE will report the RI deviations for every metabolite in the library.
pdfFile	The file name where the report will be saved.

### Value

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

### Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

### See Also

[ImportSamples](#), [ImportLibrary](#), [medianRILib](#), [tsLib](#), [tsSample](#)

### Examples

```
require(TargetSearchData)
data(TargetSearchData)

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

# get the sample RI
corRI <- sampleRI(sampleDescription, refLibrary, r_thres = 0.95)

# same as above, but changing the correlation threshold and the minimum number
# of observations
corRI <- sampleRI(sampleDescription, refLibrary, r_thres = 0.9,
minPairObs = 10)
```

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TargetSearch	<i>A targeted approach for GC-MS data.</i>
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### Description

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

### Author(s)

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TargetSearchGUI	<i>A GUI for TargetSearch</i>
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### Description

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

### Usage

```
TargetSearchGUI()
```

### Details

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

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

The parameters:

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

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

### Author(s)

Jan Lisec

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text2bin

*Convert RI files from text to binary format and viceversa.*

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### Description

This function converts a list of RI files (peak list files) in text (binary) format to binary (text) format.

### Usage

```
text2bin(in.files, out.files=NULL,
columns=c("SPECTRUM", "RETENTION_TIME_INDEX", "RETENTION_TIME"))
```

```
bin2text(in.files, out.files=NULL)
```

### Arguments

in.files	A character string naming the input files.
out.files	A character string naming the output files. If NULL, the input file extensions will be changed accordingly ("txt" to "dat" and viceversa).
columns	A numeric vector with the positions of the columns SPECTRUM, RETENTION_TIME_INDEX, and RETENTION_TIME or a character vector with the header names of those columns. This parameter is required only for text2bin.

### Details

The format of the input files is detected dinamically and error will be issued if it is incorrect.

Note that the respective [tsSample](#) object may need to be updated by using the method [fileFormat](#).

### Value

A character vector of the created files.

### Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza

### See Also

[ImportSamples](#), [tsSample](#), [RIcorrect](#)

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tsLib-class

*Class for representing a reference library*

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### Description

This is a class representation of a reference library.

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by the function [ImportLibrary](#).

### Slots

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

`libData`: "data.frame", additional library information.  
`spectra`: "list", the metabolite spectra. Each component is a two column matrix: m/z and intensity.

## Methods

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

## Author(s)

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

## See Also

[ImportLibrary](#)

## Examples

```
showClass("tsLib")

# define some metabolite names
libNames <- c("Metab1", "Metab2", "Metab3")
# the expected retention index
RI <- c(100,200,300)
# selective masses to search for. A list of vectors.
selMasses <- list(c(95,204,361), c(87,116,190), c(158,201,219))
# define the retention time windows to look for the given selective masses.
RIdev <- matrix(rep(c(10,5,2), length(libNames)), ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
```



```

# Set the mass spectra. A list object of two-column matrices, or set to
# an empty list if the spectra is not available
spectra    <- list()
# some extra information about the library
libData    <- data.frame(Name = libNames, Lib_RI = RI)
# create a reference library object
refLibrary <- new("tsLib", Name = libNames, RI = RI, medRI = RI, RIdev = RIdev,
selMass = selMasses, topMass = selMasses, spectra = spectra, libData = libData)

# get the metabolite names
libName(refLibrary)
# set new names
libName(refLibrary) <- c("Metab01", "Metab02", "Metab03")

# get the expected retention times
libRI(refLibrary)
# set the retention time index for metabolite 3 to 310 seconds
libRI(refLibrary)[3] <- 310
# change the selection and top masses of metabolite 3
selMass(refLibrary)[[3]] <- c(158,201,219,220,323)
topMass(refLibrary)[[3]] <- c(158,201,219,220,323)
# change the retention time deviations
RIdev(refLibrary)[3,] <- c(8,4,1)

```

---

tsMSdata-class

*Class for representing MS data*


---

## Description

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

## Details

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

## Objects from the Class

Objects be created by calls of the form

## Slots

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

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

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

**Methods**

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

**Author(s)**

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

**See Also**

[FindPeaks](#), [peakFind](#)

**Examples**

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

---

tsProfile-class

*Class for representing a MS profile*

---

**Description**

This class is to represent a MS profile

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by the function [Profile](#) or by

```
new("tsMSdata", RI = [retention time index matrix], RT = [retention time matrix],
```

Intensity =

**Slots**

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

**Extends**

Class [tsMSdata](#), directly.

**Methods**

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

**Author(s)**

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

**See Also**

[Profile](#), [ProfileCleanUp](#), [tsMSdata](#)

**Examples**

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

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 tsRim-class

---

*Class for representing retention index markers*


---

**Description**

This is a class to represent retention index markers.

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by the function [ImportFameSettings](#) or by calls of the form `new("tsRim", limits = [two column m`

**Slots**

**limits:** "matrix", two column matrix with lower and upper limits where the standards will be search. One row per standard.  
**standard:** "numeric", the marker RI values.  
**mass:** "numeric", the m/z marker.

**Methods**

```

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

```

**Author(s)**

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

**See Also**

[ImportFameSettings](#)

**Examples**

```

showClass("tsRim")

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

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

# to change the mass value
rimMass(rimLimits) <- 85

```

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tsSample-class

*Class for representing samples*

---

**Description**

This is a class to represent a set of samples.

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by the function [ImportSamples](#) or by calling the object generator function.

```
new("tsSample", Names = [sample names], CDFfiles = [list of CDF file names], RIfiles = [list of RI files])
```

**Slots**

Names: "character", the sample names.  
CDFfiles: "character", the list of CDF file names.  
RIfiles: "character", the list of RI file names.  
CDFpath: "character", CDF files path.  
RIpath: "character", RI file path.  
days: "character", measurement days.  
data: "data.frame", additional sample information.

**Methods**

[ signature(x = "tsSample"): Selects a subset of samples.  
\$name signature(x = "tsSample"): Access column name of sampleData slot.  
CDFfiles signature(obj = "tsSample"): list of CDF files.  
RIfiles signature(obj = "tsSample"): list of RI files.  
RIpath signature(obj = "tsSample"): The RI file path.  
CDFpath signature(obj = "tsSample"): The CDF file path.  
length signature(x = "tsSample"): number of samples.  
sampleData signature(obj = "tsSample"): additional sample information.  
sampleDays signature(obj = "tsSample"): measurement days.  
sampleNames signature(obj = "tsSample"): sample names.  
show signature(object = "tsSample"): the show funtion.  
fileFormat signatureobj = "tsSample": Sets or gets the RI file format. Options are either "binary" or "text". See note below.

**Notes**

The method fileFormat only changes the internal information of the file type and not the files themselves. To actually change the files, use the functions [bin2text](#) and [text2bin](#).

**Author(s)**

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

**See Also**

[ImportSamples](#)

## Examples

```

showClass("tsSample")

# get a list of CDF files from a directory
require(TargetSearchData)
CDFpath <- system.file("gc-ms-data", package = "TargetSearchData")
cdffiles <- dir(CDFpath, "cdf")

# define the RI file path
RIpath <- "."

# create the sample object
sampleDescription <- new("tsSample", CDFfiles = cdffiles, CDFpath = CDFpath, RIpath = RIpath)

##

# More parameters could be defined:
# define the RI files and the RI path
RIfiles <- sub("cdf$", "txt", paste("RI_", cdffiles, sep = ""))
RIpath <- "."

# get the measurement days (the four first numbers of the cdf files, in this
# example)
days <- substring(cdffiles, 1, 4)

# sample names
smp_names <- sub(".cdf", "", cdffiles, fixed = TRUE)

# add some sample info
smp_data <- data.frame(CDF_FILE =cdffiles, GROUP = gl(5,3))

# create the sample object
sampleDescription <- new("tsSample", Names = smp_names, CDFfiles = cdffiles, CDFpath = CDFpath,
  RIpath = RIpath, days = days, RIfiles = RIfiles, data = smp_data)

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

# changing the file paths (relative to the working path)
CDFpath(sampleDescription) <- "my_cdfs/"
RIpath(sampleDescription) <- "my_RIs/"

```

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Write.Results

*Save TargetSearch result objects into files*

---

## Description

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

**Usage**

```
Write.Results(Lib, metabProfile, quantMatrix=c(maxint,maxobs,none),  
prefix = NA)
```

**Arguments**

Lib	A tsLib object.
metabProfile	A tsProfile object. The final result of the package. This object is generated by either Profile or ProfileCleanUp.
quantMatrix	Should an intensity matrix using quantification masses be created? This parameter will be passed to <a href="#">quantMatrix</a> and indicates whether the quantification mass should be chosen based on intensity or observations. The file will have the extension '.profile.quantmatrix.txt'. If none, then the file is not created.
prefix	A character string. This is used as a name prefix for the written files. "TargetSearch-" is used by default.

**Value**

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

**Author(s)**

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza, Matthew Hannah, Henning Redestig

**See Also**

[peakFind](#), [Profile](#), [ProfileCleanUp](#), [tsLib](#), [tsMSdata](#), [tsProfile](#), [quantMatrix](#)

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writeLibText	<i>Save a library object in text format</i>
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**Description**

This function creates tab delimited text file with library information. The created file can be re-imported with the [ImportLibrary](#) function.

**Usage**

```
writeLibText(lib, file)
```

**Arguments**

lib	A tsLib object. A metabolite library.
file	A string naming the output file.

**Author(s)**

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza

**See Also**

[tsLib](#), [ImportLibrary](#)

**Examples**

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

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

# save it to a file
writeLibText(refLibrary, file="libraryCopy.txt")
```

---

writeMSP

*Save spectra in MSP format to be visualized in NIST*

---

**Description**

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

**Usage**

```
writeMSP(metlib, metprof, file, append = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

metlib	A tsLib object. A metabolite library.
metprof	A tsProfile object. Usually the output of <a href="#">Profile</a> or <a href="#">ProfileCleanUp</a> functions.
file	A string naming the output file.
append	Logical. If TRUE the results will be appended to file. Otherwise, it will overwrite the contents of file.

**Author(s)**

Alvaro Cuadros-Inostroza

**See Also**

[peakFind](#), [Profile](#), [ProfileCleanUp](#), [tsLib](#), [tsMSdata](#), [tsProfile](#)



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