# Package 'SIMAT'

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SIMAT-package

This package is for processing GC-SIM-MS data

# Description

This package provides a pipeline for analysis of GC-MS data acquired in selected ion monitoring (SIM) mode. The tool also provides a guidance in choosing appropriate fragments for the targets of interest by using an optimization algorithm. This is done by considering overlapping peaks from a provided library by the user.

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# getEIC

## References

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# See Also

http://omics.georgetown.edu/SIMAT.html

getEIC

Get the EIC of a peak

# Description

This function retrives the EIC of one peak in one run.

# Usage

getEIC(Run = list(), compound = "Analyte", ms0 = numeric(), sp0 = numeric(), rt0 = numeric(), drt = 10/60, dsc = 10/2, ri0 = 0, weight = 2/3, deltaRI = 20, calibRI = NULL)

## Arguments

Run	a list containing the information of one run obtained by readCDf funciton.
compound	a character vector for the name of the target.
ms0	a numeric vector of mass of fragments of the target.
sp0	a numeric vector of intensities of fragments of the target.
rt0	a numeric value of the expected retention time of the target.
drt	a numeric value of the retention time window width in seconds, optional but recommended
dsc	a numeric value of average half peak width based on the TICs, optional but recommended
ri0	a numeric value of the retention index of the target from library, optional but recommended
deltaRI	a numeric value for the penalty on the retention index similarity score
weight	a numeric value in [0,1] interval to calculated a combined weighted similarity scores based on Apex and area under EIC curve
calibRI	a function to calculate retention index based on RI calibration information, can be obtained by getRI function, optional. It is also used to estimate the retention time related to a retention index.

## Details

This function accepts several parameters including the expected retention, the mass and intensity of several fragments, the retention index of the peak, the extracted data from a raw netCDF file in peak table format, a certain range for searching the retention time, i.e. the retention time window, average half peak width. The function uses a similarity score based on a combined measure from spectral matching and RI similarity, if RI is available, and finds the most appropriate peak in considering the target information.

# Value

A list containing the peak information:

rtApex	a numeric value of retention time of the apex based on the quantifier fragment
intApex	a numeric value of the intensity of the quantifier fragment at its apex
RI	a numeric value of retention index related to the rtApex
area	area under EIC for all fragments of the related target
EIC	intensity of EIC profile of all fragments
RT	retention times of EIC profiles
ms	mass of fragments
sp	intensity of the fragments based on the reference spectrum
rt0	a numeric value of library retention time
ri0	a numeric value of library retention index
compound	a character vector cintaining the name of the target.

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# References

http://omics.georgetown.edu/SIMAT.html

# See Also

getPeak

# Examples

# load an RData file including a single run data acquired by readCDF
data("Run")

```
# load targets information
data(Targets)
```

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getPeak

# Description

This function retrives all the corresponding peaks of targets of interest in several runs.

# Usage

```
getPeak(Run = list(), file.name = character(), Targets = list(),
            target.file.name = character(), drt = 10/60, dsc = 14/2,
            weight = 2/3, deltaRI = 20, calibRI = NULL, rt.sort = FALSE)
```

#### Arguments

Run	a list including a single run information, if provided, the next argument, i.e. file.name, is ignored.
file.name	a character vector of file names, i.e. the run file names generated by readCDf.
Targets	a list including the Targets information, e.g. acquired by getTarget function.
target.file.na	me
	a character object, i.e. string, of the name of the file generated by getTarget.
drt	a numeric value of the retention time window width in seconds, optional but recommended
dsc	a numeric value of average half peak width based on the TICs, optional but recommended
weight	a numeric value in [0,1] interval to calculated a combined weighted similarity scores based on Apex and area under EIC curve.
deltaRI	a numeric value for the penalty on the retention index similarity score.
calibRI	a function to calculate retention index based on RI calibration information, can be obtained by getRI function, optional.
rt.sort	a boolean value to sort the targets based on retention time before performing peak detection, optional

## Details

This function performs peak detection for a list of targets in several runs by calling getEIC. The list of targets should include the information on retention times, retention indexes, mass and intensity of the fragments. It can also include the name of the targets, i.e. compounds.

# Value

a list of list objects, one for each run. Each inner list represents a single run containing peaks information, i.e. the same as getEIC output.

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#### References

http://omics.georgetown.edu/SIMAT.html

#### See Also

getEIC

## Examples

# load an RData file including a single run data acquired by readCDF
data("Run")

# load targets information
data(Targets)

# get all the corresponding peaks of the target list runPeaks <- getPeak(Run = Run, Targets = Targets)</pre>

getPeakScore

Calculate the similarity score for all peaks

#### Description

This function calculates and output the similarity scores based on spectral matching and RI similarity for multiple peaks.

## Usage

getPeakScore(runPeaks = list(), deltaRI = 20, weight = 2/3, plot = FALSE)

#### Arguments

runPeaks	a list of peaks of runs, e.g. generated by calling getPeak.
deltaRI	a numeric value for the penalty on the retention index similarity score
weight	a numeric value in [0,1] to calculated a combined weighted similarity scores based on Apex and area under EIC curve.
plot	a logical value to generate the histogram of the scores, default is FALSE.

#### Details

By calling getScore(), this function calculates the similarity score for multiple peaks in multiple runs. This is performed by using spectral and retention index information together.

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# Value

a matrix of scores with rows as compounds and columns as runs

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# References

http://omics.georgetown.edu/SIMAT.html

#### See Also

getScore

## Examples

# load an RData file including a single run data acquired by readCDF
data("Run")

# load targets information
data(Targets)

# get all the corresponding peaks of the target list runPeaks <- getPeak(Run = Run, Targets = Targets)</pre>

# get the scores for all analytes in all runs
Scores <- getPeakScore(runPeaks = runPeaks)</pre>

getRI

Generate a calibration function

#### Description

This function generates a calibration function which can be used to calculate the retention index of a compound, given its retention time together with the retention indexes of RI standards and their retention times.

#### Usage

getRI(RItable = data.frame())

## Arguments

RItable a data frame of retention times and indexes of RI standardsPeaks, e.g. generated by calling getRIStandard.

#### Details

The input of this function is an RItable. RItable is the table of RTs and correponding RIs of RI standards measured using an RI run. The user can get the RItable using the getRIStandard function. The output of this function is a function which can be used for retention index calculation providing a retention time. It also enables the user to estimate the retention time of a provided retention index.

# Value

A calibration function which accepts a retention time and outputs corresponding retention index. The user can also provide a retention index and estimate the related retention time based on RI calibration.

#### Author(s)

Mo Nezami Ranjbar

#### References

http://omics.georgetown.edu/SIMAT.html

## See Also

getRIStandard

## Examples

```
# load retention index table from RI standards
data(RItable)
```

# create a calibration function
calibRI <- getRI(RItable)</pre>

# perform RI calibration for a certain RT = 12.32min calibRI(12.32)

# estimate the RT of an RI based RI calibration calibRI(ri = 1150)

getRIStandard Get the RI standard information

#### Description

This function generates a table which can be used for RI calibration when calling the getRI function It retrieves the retention indexes of RI standards and their retention times in a table, e.g. data frame.

#### Usage

getRIStandard(file.name = character())

#### getScore

#### Arguments

file.name	a string including the full name of a csv file including the information of RI
	standards in two columns, one for retention time and one for retention index.

#### Details

The input of this function is a table in .csv format RItable. The file should include the information of RI standards in two columns, one for retention times and one for retention index of the standards. The information is usually extracted by running a mixture of RI standards for calibration. The output is a table, i.e. a data frame, including the retention time and retention index of the RI standards which can be further used when calling getRI function.

# Value

A data frame including retention times and retention idexes of the RI standards

#### Author(s)

Mo R. Nezami Ranjbar

## References

http://omics.georgetown.edu/SIMAT.html

#### See Also

getRI

# Examples

```
# load an example data set
extdata.path <- system.file("extdata", package = "SIMAT")
datafile = file.path(extdata.path, "RIStandards.csv")
# read RItable from file
RItable <- getRIStandard(file.name = datafile)</pre>
```

getScore

Calculate similarity score for a peak

#### Description

This function calculates and output the similarity score for a peak while a reference spectrum is provided. The score is based on spectral matching and RI difference between the true peak and the reference.

## Usage

# Arguments

trueSpec	a numeric vector of intensity values for the measure, i.e. true, spectrum.
refSpec	a numeric vector of the intensity values for the reference spectrum.
trueRI	a numeric value of the measured, i.e. true, retention index
refRI	a numeric value of the reference retention index
deltaRI	a numeric value for the penalty on the retention index similarity score

#### Details

By calling getScore(), this function calculates the similarity score for multiple peaks in multiple runs. This is performed by using spectral and retention index information together.

#### Value

numeric

# Author(s)

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#### References

http://omics.georgetown.edu/SIMAT.html

# See Also

getPeakScore

# Examples

```
getScore(trueSpec = c(97, 995, 278, 343), refSpec = c(100, 1000, 250, 390))
```

getTarget

# Description

Asssuming that the targets are provided in a NIST mass spectral library, i.e. MSL, format, this function reads the list of targets and the related information.

# Usage

# Arguments

Method	a srting with three possible values: "target", "library", and "combined". The "target" case means the user only provides a .MSL file as a list of targets. In the "library" mode, the user provides only a library in .MSL format, but it is required to provide a target.table to determine the name of the targets and the selected mass. The target.table can be obtained by using getTargetTable function. In the "combined" method, the user provides a list of targets as target.table and a library in .MSL format where the fragments are selected using optimiza- tion.
target.file	a string including the full name of a .MSL file including the target compounds information.
library.file	a string including the full name of a .MSL file including the library compounds information. The library can include background compounds, e.g. an in-house library. A library can also directly imported using the Library argument.
path	a string including the full path to the location of the file.name, optional
library.path	a string inleuding the full path to the location of the library file, optional
Library	a list of library information, this is used when the library file is not provided.
target.table	a list including the name of the compounds, this is required when a library is provided to extract the targets information from the library. This value can be obtained using getTargetTable function.
deltaRI	a numeric value for the penalty on the retention index similarity score
deltaRT	a numeric value for the penalty on the retention time similarity score
Save	if FALSE, the function returns the targets as a list, otherwise, it saves the list as an rds object.

# Details

By calling readMSL, this function reads the target list and retrieves the reltated informatin such as retention time, retention index, mass and intensity of the fragments, and compound names. The user can determine the quantifier mass by using a single value for all targets, or a vector of values pointing to the index of the fragment of ineterest for each target. Also, the targets can be chosen by omptimization based on overlapping compounds if a library is provided. The library should not include any targets, but it can be an in-house library built from background compounds detected in measurements of the same type of samples.

#### Value

A list containing:

compound	a character vector containing the names of the targets
ms	a list of numeric vectors of fragment mass of the targets
sp	a list of numeric vectors of fragment intensities of the targets
rt	a numeric vector of retention times of the targets
ri	a numeric vector of the retention indexed of the targets
quantFrag	a numeric vector showing the index of quantifier fragment in ms and sp fields.
sortedFrag	a list of numeric vectors showing the order of fragments from the most favorable to the list favorable choice for a quantifier.

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### References

http://omics.georgetown.edu/SIMAT.html

# See Also

getTargetTable, optFrag

# Examples

# load the target table information
data(target.table)

# load the background library to be used with fragment selection data(Library)

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getTargetTable Get target table information

#### Description

Asssuming that the targets are provided in a table format as a txt file, this function reads the list of targets and the related information.

#### Usage

```
getTargetTable(target.table.file = character())
```

## Arguments

target.table.file

a string including the full name of a text file including the target compounds information.

### Details

This function gets the targets table from user by reading the targets info including the names of the compounds together with the the mass of selected fragments, the names should be clear enough to be searched by getTarget function when required. Each line of the target table file icludes two keywords, "name", and "mass" or "numfrag", where the full name of the compound comes after "name" and the selected masses after "mass" or number of desired fragments after "numfrag". The "mass" is used when no optimization is expected and the corresponding fragments are defined by users. The "numfrag" is used when the user does not provide the fragments for monitoring and asks them to be selected by optimization. The function is not case-sensitive and the items can be separated by tabs or spaces. Also, it is not required to have the same number of masses for different compounds. The table can be created using any tool with any format, e.g. txt, while it is saved as a text file with a unicode format. Below is an example:

Name L-valine mass 55 72 118 Name urea mass 66 74 189 190

#### Value

A list containing:

compound	a character vector of compound names
ms	a list of numeric vectors of selected mass for each target
numFrag	a numeric vector of the desired number of fragments for each target

# Author(s)

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#### References

http://omics.georgetown.edu/SIMAT.html

Library

## See Also

getTarget

#### Examples

```
# load an example data set
extdata.path <- system.file("extdata", package = "SIMAT")
datafile = file.path(extdata.path, "TargetTable.txt")
```

```
# read target table information form file
target.table <- getTargetTable(target.table.file = datafile)</pre>
```

Library

Extracted compound information from an MSL library.

## Description

The information in this data set, was obtained by using readMSL function. It includes a variable called Library which contains compound names, their retention time and retention index, the mass and the intensity of the fragments in the spectrum of each compound.

## Usage

data(Library)

#### Format

A list with the same number of observations on the following 5 variables:

rt a numeric vector of retention times of the compounds.

ri a numeric vector of retention indexes of the compounds.

compound a character vector of name of the compounds.

ms a list of numeric vectors of mass of fragments for each compound.

sp a list of numeric vectors of intensity of fragments for each compound.

# Details

This is the compound information extracted from an MSL file. It was obtained by using readMSL function. This library is provided as an example to be used for functions in the package.

#### Value

A list

## References

http://omics.georgetown.edu/SIMAT.html

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# optFrag

## Examples

data(Library)

optFrag

#### Fragment selection through optimization

#### Description

This function can be used to select the quantifier fragments through optimization. The optimization criteria are less overlapping targets or compounds with higher intensities.

### Usage

#### Arguments

Targets	a list of targets and their information including retention time and index, mass and intensity of the fragments extracted from a target list		
Library	a list of compounds and their information including retention time and index, mass and intensity of the fragments extracted from an .MSL library.		
target.table	a list including the name of the compounds, this is required when a library is provided to extract the targets information from the library. This value can be obtained using getTargetTable function.		
deltaRI	a numeric value for the penalty on the retention index similarity score		
deltaRT	a numeric value for the penalty on the retention time similarity score		
numFrag.default			
	a numeric value, where neither the number of fragments, i.e. numFrag, nor the mass of suggested fragments are not provided, the algorithm chooses numFrag.default fragments from the library.		
forceOpt	a logical value to force the optimization where the default is FALSE. When it is set to TRUE, even when fragment masses are provided by user, the algorithm picks the omptimized fragments. The number of selected fragments is then decided by the number of suggested fragments or numFrag.default.		

#### Details

This function is called in getTarget function to optimize the selection of the fragments where fragments with higher intensity and less overlapping profile with neigbour compounds are preferred. Therefore, it is required that the user provides a library, e.g. stablished, in-house, or a combination of both. It is important that the library does not include any targets. The function sorts the fragments based on their intensities and checks if there are any overlapping compounds, e.g. based on retention time or retention index, which shares the same fragment, i.e. the same mass in the spectra. By penalizing the shared fragments based on their retention time or index difference with overlapping

## plotEIC

compounds, and also considering the intensity of the fragments, fragments are priorotized. As a result the quantifier mass can be selected from the top. It is recommended to provide the RI information, but if it is not available, the code uses retention times for this purpose.

#### Value

list

#### Author(s)

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## References

http://omics.georgetown.edu/SIMAT.html

#### See Also

getTarget, getTargetTable

## Examples

# load an RData file including a single run data acquired by readCDF
data("Run")

# load the target table information
data(target.table)

# load the background library to be used with fragment selection data(Library)

plotEIC

Plotting EIC of one peak

## Description

This function can be used to plot the EIC profile of a peak, where the peak has been optianed by getPeak or getEIC functions. The plot also shows a pseudo peak, which is an illustration based on reference spectrum.

## Usage

```
plotEIC(peakEIC = list(), fig.name = character())
```

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#### Arguments

peakEIC	a list inclduing the EIC information of a peak
fig.name	a character vector (string), if provided, the figure is saved in pdf format with this
	name.

#### Details

This function plots the EIC profile of one peak. The peak information can be obtained using getPeak or getEIC functions. The peak profile includes the measured intensities in the raw data correponding to a certain target in on specific run. The intensities are plotted versus recorded retention time in the sample. Different colors are used for different fragments and the mass of each fragment is included in the legend of the plot. Also, to make the visual comparison between the true and reference spectra available, a pseudo peak based on the reference spectra is provided in a subplot showing the ratios between fragments. Finally, the expected and actual retention times of the target is shown in gray and red respectively.

## Value

A logical value which is TRUE if the resulted plot is saved

#### Author(s)

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## References

http://omics.georgetown.edu/SIMAT.html

## See Also

#### plotTIC

# Examples

# load an RData file including a single run data acquired by readCDF
data("Run")

# load targets information
data(Targets)

# get all the corresponding peaks of the target list runPeaks <- getPeak(Run = Run, Targets = Targets)</pre>

# plot the EIC of the first target
plotEIC(runPeaks[[1]][[1]])

plotTIC

# Description

This function can be used to plot the total ion chromatogram (TIC) profile of a run, showing the accumulated measurements for all fragments versus time. The run can be optianed by getPeak.

#### Usage

plotTIC(Run = list(), file.name = character())

#### Arguments

Run	a list inclduing the information of all detected peaks in one run.
file.name	a character vector (string) of names of the runs which is used to name the figure
	file when saving, if the Run is provided, this argument is ignored.

# Details

This function plots the TIC profile of one run. The run information can be obtained using getPeak function. The TIC is the sum of the intensities from all masses at each scan. If argument Run is provided, the function plots the TIC for that run. If a list of file names is provided, the function saves a corresponding plot for each run with the related name.

#### Value

A logical value which is TRUE if the resulted plot is saved

## Author(s)

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#### References

http://omics.georgetown.edu/SIMAT.html

## See Also

## plotEIC

# Examples

# load an RData file including a single run data acquired by readCDF
data("Run")

# plot TIC of the run
plotTIC(Run = Run)

putTargetTable Put target table information

## Description

Asssuming that the targets are provided in a NIST mass spectral library, i.e. MSL, format, this function reads the list of targets and the related information.

#### Usage

```
putTargetTable(target.table = list(), target.table.file = character())
```

#### Arguments

target.table a list containing the target table information, e.g. obtained using getTargetTable. target.table.file

a string including the full name of a text file including the target compounds information.

## Details

This function writes the target table information in a csv file so the user can open the results in text and table editors.

## Value

A logical value

#### Author(s)

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#### References

http://omics.georgetown.edu/SIMAT.html

#### See Also

getTargetTable

# Examples

# load the target table information
data(target.table)
# create a subset of the table
target.table.sub <- list()
target.table.sub\$compound <- target.table\$compound[1:2]</pre>

```
readCDF
```

Read raw mass spectrometry data in netCDF files

# Description

This function read raw netCDF files and provides a list of peaks and retention time of scans.

### Usage

readCDF(path = getwd())

# Arguments

path a string including the full path of the CDF files, optional.

## Details

This function gets a path which is optional. In the path, it searches for CDF files and reads them one by one. An RData file is created for each file separately, keeping the original file names. Each file includes a list of peaks, i.e. a combination of mass and intensities of scans, and the retention times of the scans.

# Value

a character vector inlcuding the names of the imported netCDF files. The output then can be used with getPeak function.

#### Author(s)

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## References

http://omics.georgetown.edu/SIMAT.html

#### See Also

readMSL

## readMSL

## Examples

```
# load an example data set
extdata.path <- system.file("extdata", package = "SIMAT")
# read CDF files
file.name <- readCDF(path = extdata.path)</pre>
```

```
readMSL
```

Read mass spectral library (MSL) files

# Description

This function read data in NIST mass spectral library (MSL) format and returns a list of compounds, with their names, retention times, retention indexes (if provided), together with mass and intensity of all fragments.

# Usage

```
readMSL(file.name = character(), path = getwd(), Save = FALSE)
```

#### Arguments

file.name	a string including the full name of a .MSL file including the library information.
path	a string including the full path to the location of the file.name, optional
Save	if TRUE, the function also saves the list as an RDdata object. It always returns the targets as list.

#### Details

NIST mass spectral library, i.e. MSL, data files include compound names and their spectral information. The spectral information consist of number of fragments for each compound, together with the mass and relative and usually normalized intensity of each fragment. Also, the retention time and retention index of the compounds are provided which helps improve the identification by avoding false positives. This functions usually is used indirectly by calling getTarget function.

#### Value

A list including target information:

a numeric vector of retention times
a numeric vector of retention indexes
a list including vectors of fragment masses of each target
a list including vectors of fragment intensities of each target
a list including character vectors of the target chemical names

## Author(s)

Mo R. Nezami Ranjbar

#### References

http://omics.georgetown.edu/SIMAT.html

## See Also

writeMSL, readCDF

## Examples

```
# load an example data set
extdata.path <- system.file("extdata", package = "SIMAT")</pre>
```

# get the list of targets in a file with MSL format from Example Data Set Targets1 <- readMSL(file.name="Targets\_1.MSL", path = extdata.path)</pre>

RItable

Extracted RI standard information from a csv file.

#### Description

The information in this data set, was obtained by using getRIStandards function. It includes a variable called RItable which contains the retention index and measured retention times of the RI standards.

#### Usage

data(RItable)

## Format

A data frame including retention times and retention idexes of the RI standards

rt a numeric vector of retention times of the RI standards.

ri a numeric vector of retention indexes of the RI standards.

## Details

This is the data extracted from a RI standard information table. It was obtained by using getRIStandards function. The data set is provided as an example to be used for functions in the package. More examples can be found in the reference.

# Value

A data frame

# Run

# References

http://omics.georgetown.edu/SIMAT.html

## Examples

data(RItable)

Run

Extracted peaks from one SIM run.

## Description

The information in this data set, was obtained by using readCDF function. It includes a variable called Run which contains scans, i.e. mass and intensity pairs, and retention time of the scans for the run.

#### Usage

data(Run)

#### Format

A list with variable number of observations on the following 4 variables:

rt a numeric vector of retention times of the scans.

sc a numeric vector of scan indexes from 1 to the number of scans.

tic a numeric vector of the total ion chromatogram (TIC) of the run.

pk a list including same number of items as sc field where each item of the list includes a matrix with two columns containing the mass and related intensity of each mass

# Details

This is the data extracted from one SIM run. It was obtained by using readCDF function. The data set is provided as an example to be used for functions in the package. More examples can be found in the reference.

## Value

A list

## References

http://omics.georgetown.edu/SIMAT.html

#### Examples

data(Run)

target.table

#### Description

The information in this data set, was obtained by using getTargetTable function. It includes a variable called target.table which contains compound names, and the mass of the fragments in the spectrum of each compound selected for SIM analysis.

# Usage

data(target.table)

# Format

A list with the same number of observations on the following 2 variables:

compound a character vector of name of the compounds.

ms a list of numeric vectors of mass of fragments for each compound.

#### Details

This is the data extracted from a target information table. It was obtained by using getTargetTable function. The data set is provided as an example to be used for functions in the package. More examples can be found in the reference.

# Value

A list

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## Examples

data(target.table)

# Description

The information in this data set, was obtained by using getTarget function. It includes a variable called Targets which contains targets information, including the compound name, retention time, retention index, together with mass and intensity of the fragments.

## Usage

data(Targets)

## Format

A list with variable number of observations on the following 7 variables:

compound a character vector containing the names of the targets

ms a list of numeric vectors of fragment mass of the targets

sp a list of numeric vectors of fragment intensities of the targets

rt a numeric vector of retention times of the targets

ri a numeric vector of the retention indexed of the targets

quantFrag a numeric vector showing the index of quantifier fragment in ms and sp fields.

**sortedFrag** a list of numeric vectors showing the order of fragments from the most favorable to the list favorable choice for a quantifier.

# Details

This is the data extracted from a library using a target.table. It was obtained by using getTarget function. The data set is provided as an example to be used for functions in the package. More examples can be found in the reference.

# Value

A list

# References

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#### Examples

data(Targets)

writeMSL

# Description

This function gets the targets information and writes the data in the NIST mass spectral library (MSL) format.

## Usage

```
writeMSL(Targets = list(), target.file.name = character())
```

#### Arguments

Targetsa list including the Targets information, e.g. acquired by getTarget function.

target.file.name

a character object, i.e. string, of the name of the output file.

# Details

NIST mass spectral library, i.e. MSL, data files include compound names and their spectral information. The spectral information consist of number of fragments for each compound, together with the mass and relative and usually normalized intensity of each fragment. Also, the retention time and retention index of the compounds are provided which helps improve the identification by avoding false positives. This functions is used to write the targets information into a file with MSL format.

#### Value

A logical value

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#### See Also

readMSL, getTarget

# writeResult

### Examples

```
# load targets information
data(Targets)
# write the targets into a file with MSL format
writeMSL(Targets = Targets, target.file.name = "myTargets.MSL")
```

writeResult

Write analysis results to file.

# Description

This funtion gets the analysis results and writes them in a csv format.

## Usage

```
writeResult(runPeaks = list(), output.file.name = 'results.csv')
```

#### Arguments

runPeaks a list including the analysis results and targets information, e.g. acquired by getPeak function.

output.file.name

a character object, i.e. string, of the name of the output file in csv format.

## Details

As an input, the runPeaks object is a list of lists where each list, is the information for one run. The information for each run includes target information, and analysis results, e.g. apex and area location in time and their related intensities as well as estimated RI.

#### Value

A logical value

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# References

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# See Also

readCDF, getPeak

# Examples

```
# load an RData file including a single run data acquired by readCDF
data(Run)
```

# load targets information
data(Targets)

# get all the corresponding peaks of the target list runPeaks <- getPeak(Run = Run, Targets = Targets)</pre>

```
# write analysis results into a csv file
writeResult(runPeaks = runPeaks)
```

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