

# Package ‘flowQB’

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**Description** flowQB is a fully automated R Bioconductor package to calculate automatically the detector efficiency (Q), optical background (B) and intrinsic CV of the beads.

**Imports** Biobase, graphics,methods, flowCore,stats,MASS

**License** Artistic-2.0

**Suggests** MASS, flowCore

**biocViews** FlowCytometry

**LazyLoad** yes

**NeedsCompilation** no

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 flowQB-package

*Automated Quadratic Characterization of Flow Cytometer Instrument Sensitivity: Q, B and CV-intrinsic calculations.*


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## Description

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## Details

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**BEADflowQBCalculation:** This function is used for the bead FCS file to determine the singlet events. These singlet events are clustered for the channels of interest to determine the raw statistics for the regression and the generation of the regression's coefficients, Q and B values.

**LEDflowQBCalculation:** This function is used for the LED FCS files to determine, for the channels of interest, the raw statistics for the regression and the generation of the regression's coefficients, Q and B values.

These functions generate the results as a list, the first element of the list is for Raw Statistics and the second element of the list is for the coefficients, Q and B values.

Raw Statistics uses 3 approaches, Robust Statistics, Density estimation assuming a Gaussian distribution ( MASS package) and the second 'extremevalues' package used to determine the raw statistics without outliers: 1) Number of events in each peak: NE 2) MFI associated to Robust Statistics: mfiRS 3) MFI associated to Gauss estimation using MASS: mfiGS 4) MFI associated to Gauss estimation using 'extremevalues': mfino 5) Standard deviation associated to Robust Statistics: mfiSD 6) Standard deviation associated to Gauss estimation using MASS: mfiGS 6) Standard deviation associated to Gauss estimation using 'extremevalues': mfiSDno 7) Number of events in each peak without outliers: Nesno.ORD

For each approach (StatsProcedure) and channel (MARKER), the coefficients (c0,c1,c2) and (Q,B) are listed with their associated (Pvalue, Std-Error).

## Author(s)

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## References

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## See Also

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## Examples

```

if(1==0)
{
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))
library("flowQB")
library(flowCore)
# TO READ FCS FILE, the flowcore library is needed
# Where is the file and its name?
fpath = system.file("extdata", "FCSSMALLEVENTS.fcs", package="flowQB")
# fpath="/home/fkhettabi/Desktop/newflowQB2014/flowQB/inst/extdata/FCSSMALLEVENTS.fcs"
# Name of the FCS file
file=fpath
# Singlet Parameter:
# R: gate by an ellipse of radius R on the scatter data
R=2
# width: a parameter used to find the lower bound (default width at half maximum) and the upper bound (default .5)
width=.5
# fraction: a parameter used to find the densest fraction of cells (default .1).
fraction=.1
# Number of the peaks in the data
numeroftotalepeaks=8
# To define the indices of the FS and SS.
# NOW GO THE THE INPUT
fcs <- read.FCS(file)
names(fcs)
# Scatters FS & SS are:
scatters=c(2,5)
# Channels of interest, you need to select at least two channels, for instance:
CHANNELTOBEPROCESSED=c(8,9,36,37,38,39)
names(fcs)[CHANNELTOBEPROCESSED]
nClusters=numeroftotalepeaks
#####
### PEAKS TO BE USED IN THE REGRESSION
#####
pi=1
pf=7

```

```

output=""
RESULTS=BEADflowQBCalculation(file,R,width,fraction,numberoftotalepeaks,scatters,CHANNELTOBEPROCESSED,pi,pf,0,
}

if( 1==0)
{
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))
library("flowQB")
NAMEOFTHEFILES=c("935295.fcs","935297.fcs","935299.fcs","935301.fcs","935303.fcs","935305.fcs")
# GET THE FILES WITH THEIR PATHS
# bulid "input"
input=rep("",length(NAMEOFTHEFILES))
for( i in 1:length(NAMEOFTHEFILES))
{
input[i] = system.file("extdata",NAMEOFTHEFILES[i],package="flowQB")
}

# TO READ FCS FILE, the flowcore library is needed
library(flowCore)
# read one file to have the name of the channels of interest!
fcs <- read.FCS(input[1])
orgdata=data.frame(exprs(fcs))
# Channels of interest, for instance:
CHANNELTOBEPROCESSEDx=c(8,9,36,37,38,39)
CHANNELTOBEPROCESSED = names(orgdata)[CHANNELTOBEPROCESSEDx]
# Minimum MFI to consider for the events.
minF=0
# Maximum MFI to consider for the events.
maxF=100000
RESULTS=LEDflowQBCalculation(input,CHANNELTOBEPROCESSED,minF,maxF)
}

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BEADflowQBCalculation *QB Calculation for Beads*

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### Description

This function is used for the bead FCS file to determine the singlet events. These singlet events are clustered for the channels of interest to determine the raw statistics for the regression and the generation of the regression's coefficients, Q and B values.

### Usage

```
BEADflowQBCalculation(file, R, width, fraction, numberoftotalepeaks, scatters, CHANNELTOBEPROCESSED,
```

**Arguments**

file	Name of the FCS file.
R	Gate by an ellipse of radius R on the scatter data.
width	Parameter used to find the lower bound (default width at half maximum) and the upper bound (default .5).
fraction	Parameter used to find the densest fraction of cells (default .1).
numberoftotalepeaks	Global Number of the peaks in the data.
scatters	Indices of Forward Scatter (FS) and Side scatter (SS) in the bead FCS file.
CHANNELTOBEPROCESSED	Indices of channels of interest in the bead FCS file.
pi	Dimmest peak to be used in the regression.
pf	Last peak to be used in the regression.
Viz	Parameter to control the visualization of Kmeans results only if Viz=1, a subfolder called flowQB in the output folder has subfolder "PLOTSKMEANS_BEADS_" with the visualizations.
output	Folder where the Kmeans image results should be stored.

**Details**

The function generates the results as a list, the first is for RAW STATISTICS and the second is for THE COEFFICIENTS.

**Value**

Q and B values with their "Pvalue" & "Std-Error" are in the second list with the coefficients.

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find_peak	<i>Peak Detection</i>
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**Description**

The determination of the peak uses the densest fraction (default fraction = .1 ) of events, the lower bound and the upper bound (default width = .5 )

**Usage**

```
find_peak(data, width = 0.5, fraction = 0.1)
```

**Arguments**

data	FCS file.
width	Parameter used to find the lower bound (default width at half maximum) and the upper bound (default .5).
fraction	Parameter used to find the densest fraction of cells (default .1).

**Details**

This function will be used with the function scatter\_gate.

**Value**

Peaks for the scatters.

**Author(s)**

Wayne Moore

**References**

Wayne Moore et al. 2014, Automated Quadratic Characterization of Flow Cytometer Instrument Sensitivity, to be submitted.

**Description**

This function is used for the LED FCS files to determine, for the channels of interest, the raw statistics for the regression and the generation of the regression's coefficients, Q and B values.

**Usage**

```
LEDflowQBCalculation(input, CHANNELTOBEPROCESSED, minF, maxF)
```

**Arguments**

<code>input</code>	Folder where the LED FCS files is stored.
<code>CHANNELTOBEPROCESSED</code>	Indices of channels of interest in the LED FCS files.
<code>minF</code>	Minimum MFI to consider for the peaks.
<code>maxF</code>	Maximum MFI to consider for the peaks.

**Details**

The function generates the results as a list, the first element of the list is for raw statistics and the second element of the list is for the coefficients.

**Value**

Q and B values with their "Pvalue" & "Std-Error" are in the second list with the coefficients.

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scatter\_gate

*Singlets Detection*

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### **Description**

Gate by an ellipse of radius R on the scatter data.

### **Usage**

```
scatter_gate(fcs, scatters, R = 1)
```

### **Arguments**

fcs	FCS file.
scatters	Indices of the Forward scatter and Side Scatter in the FCS file.
R	Gate by an ellipse of radius R on the scatter data.

### **Details**

Singlets detection using Forward scatter and Side Scatter in the FCS file.

### **Value**

A new FCS file with only singlets.

### **Author(s)**

Wayne Moore

### **References**

Wayne Moore et al. 2014, Automated Quadratic Characterization of Flow Cytometer Instrument Sensitivity, to be submitted.



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