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fourSynergy-package    *fourSynergy: Ensemble based interaction calling in 4C-seq data*

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## Description

fourSynergy is an ensemble algorithm leveraging synergies among the existing 4C-seq algorithms r3C-seq, peakC, r4cker and fourSig. It uses a weighted voting approach to perform improved interaction calling. fourSynergy supports also differential interaction calling.

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## See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/sophiewind/fourSynergy>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/sophiewind/fourSynergy/issues>

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checkConfig	<i>checkConfig</i>
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**Description**

checkConfig

**Usage**

```
checkConfig(config)
```

**Arguments**

config            config file with path.

**Value**

TRUE if config is valid.

**Examples**

```
config <- system.file("extdata", "Datasets", "Demo", "info.yaml",  
  package = "fourSynergy")  
checkConfig(config)
```

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consensusIa	<i>consensusIa</i>
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**Description**

This function performs an optimized weighted voting of 4C-seq tools.

**Usage**

```
consensusIa(ia, model = "F1")
```

**Arguments**

ia                    fourSynergy object with interactions from all base tools (peakC, r3c-seq, four-Sig, r4cker) and other relevant information.

model                Selected optimization model. Either 'F1' or 'AUPRC'.

**Value**

fourSynergy object with interactions from all base tools and weighted voting results.

**Examples**

```

config <- system.file("extdata", "Datasets", "Demo", "info.yaml",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
res_path <- system.file("extdata", "results", "Demo",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
tracks <- system.file("extdata", "results", "Demo", "alignment",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
sia <- createIa(res_path = res_path, config = config, tracks = tracks)
sia <- consensusIa(ia = sia, model = "AUPRC")

```

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createIa

*createIa*


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**Description**

This function reads the interaction bed files created by the pipeline and transfers this information into an GrangesList.

**Usage**

```
createIa(res_path = character(), config = list(), tracks = "")
```

**Arguments**

res_path	Path to results created by the pipeline. Typically stored in the results/[dataset]/nearbait_area.bed.
config	Path of config file.
tracks	Path to alignment files.

**Value**

fourSynergy object with interactions from all base tools.

**Examples**

```

config <- system.file("extdata", "Datasets", "Demo", "info.yaml",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
res_path <- system.file("extdata", "results", "Demo",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
tracks <- system.file("extdata", "results", "Demo", "alignment",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
ia <- createIa(res_path = res_path, config = config, tracks = tracks)

```

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differentialAnalysis *differentialAnalysis*

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## Description

This function performs differential analysis to identify differential interacting regions using DESeq2.

## Usage

```
differentialAnalysis(ia, fitType = "local")
```

## Arguments

<code>ia</code>	fourSynergy object with interactions from all base tools (peakC, r3c-seq, four-Sig, r4cker) and other relevant information.
<code>fitType</code>	Parameter for DESeq2s estimateDispersions(). Should be either "parametric", "local", "mean", or "glmGamPoi" for the type of fitting of dispersions to the mean intensity.

## Value

sia object with GRanges of DESeq results in the diff slot.

## References

<https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-014-0550-8>

## Examples

```
config <- system.file("extdata", "Datasets", "Demo", "info.yaml",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
res_path <- system.file("extdata", "results", "Demo",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
tracks <- system.file("extdata", "results", "Demo", "alignment",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
sia <- createIa(res_path = res_path, config = config, tracks = tracks)
sia <- consensusIa(ia = sia, model = "AUPRC")
sia <- differentialAnalysis(ia = sia, fitType = "mean")
```

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fourSynergy-class	<i>fourSynergy Class</i>
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### Description

S4 class storing data collected from 4C-seq analyses.

### Slots

metadata Experimental metadata from config file.  
 expInteractions Base tool interactions found in the experiment.  
 ctrlInteractions Base tool interactions found in the control.  
 expConsensus Consensus interactions found in the experiment.  
 ctrlConsensus Consensus interactions found in the control.  
 vp Viewpoint position.  
 vfl Virtual fragment library.  
 tracks Path to the alignment files.  
 differential Results of differential interaction calling (res).  
 dds Results of differential interaction calling (dds).

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plotBaseTracks	<i>plotBaseTracks</i>
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### Description

plotBaseTracks

### Usage

```
plotBaseTracks(ia, highlight_regions = NULL, max_range = 3000)
```

### Arguments

ia	fourSynergy object with interactions from all base tools
highlight_regions	regions to highlight in the plot
max_range	maximum plotting range

### Value

Track-plots for all treatments with interactions from base tools

**Examples**

```

config <- system.file("extdata", "Datasets", "Demo", "info.yaml",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
res_path <- system.file("extdata", "results", "Demo",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
tracks <- system.file("extdata", "results", "Demo", "alignment",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
sia <- createIa(res_path = res_path, config = config, tracks = tracks)
plotBaseTracks(sia)

```

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plotConsensusIa      *plotConsensusIa*

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**Description**

This function creates a karyotype plot displaying the interaction calls from the consensus approach.

**Usage**

```

plotConsensusIa(
  ia = GRangesList(),
  genes_of_interest = NULL,
  cex.chr = 1,
  cex.ideo = 0.6,
  cex.y.lab = 0.6,
  cex.y.track = 0.6,
  cex.vp = 1,
  cex.leg = 0.6,
  highlight_regions = NULL,
  plot_spider = FALSE,
  gene.name.cex = 1
)

```

**Arguments**

<code>ia</code>	fourSynergy object with interactions from all base tools (peakC, r3c-seq, four-Sig, r4cker) and other relevant information.
<code>genes_of_interest</code>	Vector with genes of interest. Set to <code>all</code> if you want to plot all genes in this area.
<code>cex.chr</code>	character expansion of chromosome label.
<code>cex.ideo</code>	character expansion base numbers of ideogram.
<code>cex.y.lab</code>	character expansion for y labels.
<code>cex.y.track</code>	character expansion y axis track.

cex.vp            character expansion viewpoint label.  
 cex.leg           character expansion for legend.  
 highlight\_regions  
                   regions to highlight in the plot.  
 plot\_spider      plotting connections from VP to interactions.  
 gene.name.cex    character expansion for gene names.

**Value**

karyoplot with calling results.

**Examples**

```

config <- system.file("extdata", "Datasets", "Demo", "info.yaml",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
res_path <- system.file("extdata", "results", "Demo",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
tracks <- system.file("extdata", "results", "Demo", "alignment",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
sia <- createIa(res_path = res_path, config = config, tracks = tracks)
sia <- consensusIa(ia = sia, model = "AUPRC")
plotConsensusIa(ia = sia)

```

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plotConsensusTracks    *plotConsensusTracks*

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**Description**

plotConsensusTracks

**Usage**

```
plotConsensusTracks(ia, highlight_regions = NULL, max_range = 3000)
```

**Arguments**

ia                    fourSynergy object with interactions from all base tools  
 highlight\_regions  
                   regions to highlight in the plot  
 max\_range            maximum plotting range

**Value**

Track-plots for all treatments with interactions from consensus tool

**Examples**

```

config <- system.file("extdata", "Datasets", "Demo", "info.yaml",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
res_path <- system.file("extdata", "results", "Demo",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
tracks <- system.file("extdata", "results", "Demo", "alignment",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
sia <- createIa(res_path = res_path, config = config, tracks = tracks)
sia <- consensusIa(sia, model = "AUPRC")
plotConsensusTracks(sia)

```

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plotDiffIa

*plotDiffIa*


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**Description**

This function creates a karyoplot with the differential interactions calls.

**Usage**

```

plotDiffIa(
  ia,
  genes_of_interest = NULL,
  cex.chr = 1,
  cex.y.lab = 0.6,
  cex.ideo = 0.6,
  cex.y.track = 0.6,
  cex.vp = 1,
  cex.leg = 0.6,
  plot_spider = FALSE,
  highlight_regions = NULL,
  gene.name.cex = 1
)

```

**Arguments**

<code>ia</code>	fourSynergy object with interactions from all base tools (peakC, r3c-seq, four-Sig, r4cker) and more relevant information.
<code>genes_of_interest</code>	Vector with genes of interest. Set to all if you want to plot all genes in this area.
<code>cex.chr</code>	character expansion of chromosome label.
<code>cex.y.lab</code>	character expansion for y labels.
<code>cex.ideo</code>	character expansion base numbers of ideogram.

cex.y.track      character expansion y axis track.  
 cex.vp            character expansion viewpoint label.  
 cex.leg          character expansion for legend.  
 plot\_spider      plotting connections from VP to interactions  
 highlight\_regions  
                   regions to highlight in the plot  
 gene.name.cex    character expansion for gene names.

### Value

DESeq2 results of differential interaction calling.

### Examples

```

config <- system.file("extdata", "Datasets", "Demo", "info.yaml",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
res_path <- system.file("extdata", "results", "Demo",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
tracks <- system.file("extdata", "results", "Demo", "alignment",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
sia <- createIa(res_path = res_path, config = config, tracks = tracks)
sia <- consensusIa(ia = sia, model = "AUPRC")
sia <- differentialAnalysis(ia = sia, fitType = "mean")
plotDiffIa(ia = sia)

```

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plotIaIndividualTools    *This function creates a karyoplot with the interactions calls of the individual tools.*

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### Description

This function creates a karyoplot with the interactions calls of the individual tools.

### Usage

```

plotIaIndividualTools(
  ia,
  genes_of_interest = NULL,
  cex.chr = 1,
  cex.ideo = 0.6,
  cex.y.track = 0.6,
  cex.y.lab = 0.6,
  cex.vp = 1,
  cex.leg = 0.6,

```

```

    highlight_regions = NULL,
    gene.name.cex = 1
  )

```

### Arguments

**ia** fourSynergy object with interactions from all base tools (peakC, r3c-seq, four-Sig, r4cker) and other relevant information.

**genes\_of\_interest** Vector with genes of interest. Set to all if you want to plot all genes in this area.

**cex.chr** character expansion of chromosome label.

**cex.ideo** character expansion base numbers of ideogram.

**cex.y.track** character expansion y axis track.

**cex.y.lab** character expansion y lab.

**cex.vp** character expansion viewpoint label.

**cex.leg** character expansion for legend.

**highlight\_regions** regions to highlight in the plot

**gene.name.cex** character expansion for gene names.

### Value

karyoplot with calling results.

### Examples

```

config <- system.file("extdata", "Datasets", "Demo", "info.yaml",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
res_path <- system.file("extdata", "results", "Demo",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
tracks <- system.file("extdata", "results", "Demo", "alignment",
  package = "fourSynergy"
)
sia <- createIa(res_path = res_path, config = config, tracks = tracks)
plotIaIndividualTools(ia = sia)

```

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