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**AddFlowFrame** *Add a flowFrame to the data variable of the FlowSOM object*

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### Description

Add a flowFrame to the data variable of the FlowSOM object

### Usage

```
AddFlowFrame(fsom, flowFrame)
```

### Arguments

<b>fsom</b>	FlowSOM object, as constructed by the ReadInput function
<b>flowFrame</b>	flowFrame to add to the FlowSOM object

### Value

FlowSOM object with data added

### See Also

[ReadInput](#)

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AggregateFlowFrames    *Aggregate multiple fcs files together*

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## Description

Aggregate multiple fcs files to analyze them simultaneously. A new fcs file is written, which contains about `cTotal` cells, with  $\text{ceiling}(\text{cTotal}/\text{nFiles})$  cells from each file. Two new columns are added: a column indicating the original file by index, and a noisy version of this for better plotting opportunities (index plus or minus a value between 0 and 0.1).

## Usage

```
AggregateFlowFrames(fileNames, cTotal, writeOutput = FALSE,  
                    outputFile = "aggregate.fcs", writeMeta = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

<code>fileNames</code>	Character vector containing full paths to the fcs files to aggregate
<code>cTotal</code>	Total number of cells to write to the output file
<code>writeOutput</code>	Whether to write the resulting flowframe to a file
<code>outputFile</code>	Full path to output file
<code>writeMeta</code>	If TRUE, files with the indices of the selected cells are generated

## Value

This function does not return anything, but will write a file with about `cTotal` cells to `outputFile`

## See Also

[ceiling](#)

## Examples

```
# Define filename  
fileName <- system.file("extdata","lymphocytes.fcs",package="FlowSOM")  
# This example will sample 2 times 500 cells.  
ff_new <- AggregateFlowFrames(c(fileName,fileName),1000)
```

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**BuildMST***Build Minimal Spanning Tree*

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**Description**

Add minimal spanning tree description to the FlowSOM object

**Usage**

```
BuildMST(fsom, silent = FALSE, tSNE = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

fsom	FlowSOM object, as generated by <a href="#">BuildSOM</a>
silent	If TRUE, no progress updates will be printed
tSNE	If TRUE, an alternative tSNE layout is computed as well

**Value**

FlowSOM object containing MST description

**See Also**

[BuildSOM](#), [PlotStars](#)

**Examples**

```
# Read from file, build self-organizing map
fileName <- system.file("extdata","lymphocytes.fcs",package="FlowSOM")
flowSOM.res <- ReadInput(fileName, compensate=TRUE,transform=TRUE,
                        scale=TRUE)
flowSOM.res <- BuildSOM(flowSOM.res,colsToUse=c(9,12,14:18))

# Build the Minimal Spanning Tree
flowSOM.res <- BuildMST(flowSOM.res)
```

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BuildSOM	<i>Build a self-organizing map</i>
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## Description

Build a SOM based on the data contained in the FlowSOM object

## Usage

```
BuildSOM(fsom, colsToUse = NULL, silent = FALSE, ...)
```

## Arguments

fsom	FlowSOM object containing the data, as constructed by the <a href="#">ReadInput</a> function
colsToUse	column names or indices to use for building the SOM
silent	if TRUE, no progress updates will be printed
...	options to pass on to the SOM function (xdim, ydim, rlen, mst, alpha, radius, init, distf, importance)

## Value

FlowSOM object containing the SOM result, which can be used as input for the [BuildMST](#) function

## References

This code is strongly based on the kohonen package. R. Wehrens and L.M.C. Buydens, Self- and Super-organising Maps in R: the kohonen package J. Stat. Softw., 21(5), 2007

## See Also

[ReadInput](#),[BuildMST](#)

## Examples

```
# Read from file
fileName <- system.file("extdata","lymphocytes.fcs",package="FlowSOM")
flowSOM.res <- ReadInput(fileName, compensate=TRUE,transform=TRUE,
                         scale=TRUE)

# Build the Self-Organizing Map
# E.g. with gridsize 5x5, presenting the dataset 20 times,
# no use of MST in neighbourhood calculations in between
flowSOM.res <- BuildSOM(flowSOM.res,colsToUse=c(9,12,14:18),
                        xdim=5,ydim=5,rlen=20)

# Build the minimal spanning tree and apply metaclustering
flowSOM.res <- BuildMST(flowSOM.res)
```

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```
metacl <- MetaClustering(flowSOM.res$map$codes,
                         "metaClustering_consensus", max=10)
```

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**CountGroups***Calculate differences in cell counts between groups***Description**

Calculate differences in cell counts between groups

**Usage**

```
CountGroups(fsom, groups, plot = TRUE, silent = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- |                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <code>fsom</code>   | FlowSOM object as generated by BuildSOM                   |
| <code>groups</code> | List containing an array with file names for each group   |
| <code>plot</code>   | Logical. If TRUE, make a starplot of each individual file |
| <code>silent</code> | Logical. If TRUE, print progress messages                 |

**Value**

Distance matrix

**Dist.MST***Calculate distance matrix using a minimal spanning tree neighbourhood***Description**

Calculate distance matrix using a minimal spanning tree neighbourhood

**Usage**

```
Dist.MST(X)
```

**Arguments**

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| <code>X</code> | matrix in which each row represents a point |
|----------------|---|

**Value**

Distance matrix

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FlowSOM*Run the FlowSOM algorithm*

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**Description**

Method to run general FlowSOM workflow. Will scale the data and uses consensus meta-clustering by default.

**Usage**

```
FlowSOM(input, pattern = ".fcs", compensate = FALSE, spillover = NULL,
        transform = FALSE, toTransform = NULL,
        transformFunction = flowCore::logicleTransform(), scale = TRUE,
        scaled.center = TRUE, scaled.scale = TRUE, silent = TRUE, colsToUse,
        nClus = NULL, maxMeta, importance = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

input	a flowFrame, a flowSet or an array of paths to files or directories
pattern	if input is an array of file- or directorynames, select only files containing pattern
compensate	logical, does the data need to be compensated
spillover	spillover matrix to compensate with If NULL and compensate=TRUE, we will look for \$SPILL description in fcs file.
transform	logical, does the data need to be transformed with a logicle transform
toTransform	column names or indices that need to be transformed. If NULL and transform = TRUE, column names of \$SPILL description in fcs file will be used.
transformFunction	Defaults to logicleTransform()
scale	logical, does the data needs to be rescaled
scaled.center	see <a href="#">scale</a>
scaled.scale	see <a href="#">scale</a>
silent	if TRUE, no progress updates will be printed
colsToUse	column names or indices to use for building the SOM
nClus	Exact number of clusters for meta-clustering. If NULL, several options will be tried (1:maxMeta)
maxMeta	Maximum number of clusters to try out for meta-clustering. Ignored if nClus is specified
importance	array with numeric values. Parameters will be scaled according to importance
...	options to pass on to the SOM function (xdim, ydim, rlen, mst, alpha, radius, init, distf)

**Value**

A list with two items: the first is the flowSOM object containing all information (see the vignette for more detailed information about this object), the second is the metaclustering of the nodes of the grid. This is a wrapper function for [ReadInput](#), [BuildSOM](#), [BuildMST](#) and [MetaClustering](#). Executing them separately may provide more options.

**See Also**

[scale](#), [ReadInput](#), [BuildSOM](#), [BuildMST](#), [MetaClustering](#)

**Examples**

```
# Read from file
fileName <- system.file("extdata","lymphocytes.fcs",package="FlowSOM")
flowSOM.res <- FlowSOM(fileName, compensate=TRUE, transform=TRUE,
                       scale=TRUE, colsToUse=c(9,12,14:18), maxMeta=10)
# Or read from flowFrame object
ff <- flowCore:::read.FCS(fileName)
ff <- flowCore:::compensate(ff, ff@description$SPILL)
ff <- flowCore:::transform(ff,
                          flowCore:::transformList(colnames(ff@description$SPILL),
                                                  flowCore:::logicleTransform()))
flowSOM.res <- FlowSOM(ff, scale=TRUE, colsToUse=c(9,12,14:18), maxMeta=10)

# Plot results
PlotStars(flowSOM.res[[1]])

# Get metaclustering per cell
flowSOM.clustering <- flowSOM.res[[2]][flowSOM.res[[1]]$map$mapping[,1]]
```

**Description**

Take a subset from a FlowSOM object

**Usage**

```
FlowSOMSubset(fsom, ids)
```

**Arguments**

fsom	FlowSOM object, as generated by <a href="#">BuildMST</a>
ids	Array containing the ids to keep

**Value**

FlowSOM object containing updated data and medianvalues, but with the same grid

**See Also**

[BuildMST](#)

**Examples**

```
# Read two files (Artificially, as we just split 1 file in 2 subsets)
fileName <- system.file("extdata","lymphocytes.fcs",package="FlowSOM")
ff1 <- flowCore::read.FCS(fileName)[1:1000,]
ff1@description$FILE <- "File1"
ff2 <- flowCore::read.FCS(fileName)[1001:2000,]
ff2@description$FILE <- "File2"

flowSOM.res <- FlowSOM(flowCore::flowSet(c(ff1,ff2)), compensate=TRUE,
                      transform=TRUE, scale=TRUE,
                      colsToUse=c(9,12,14:18), maxMeta=10)
fSOM <- flowSOM.res[[1]]

# see $metadata for subsets:
fSOM$metaData

# Use only the second file, without changing the map
fSOM2 <- FlowSOMSubset(fSOM,
                       (fSOM$metaData[[2]][1]):(fSOM$metaData[[2]][2]))
```

**Description**

Compute the F measure between two clustering results

**Usage**

```
FMeasure(realClusters, predictedClusters, silent = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- realClusters      Array containing real cluster labels for each sample
- predictedClusters      Array containing predicted cluster labels for each sample
- silent      Logical, if FALSE (default), print some information about precision and recall

**Value**

F measure score

**Examples**

```
# Generate some random data as an example
realClusters <- sample(1:5,100,replace = TRUE)
predictedClusters <- sample(1:6, 100, replace = TRUE)

# Calculate the FMeasure
FMeasure(realClusters,predictedClusters)
```

**Initialize**

*Select k well spread points from X*

**Description**

Select k well spread points from X

**Usage**

```
Initialize(X, k)
```

**Arguments**

X	matrix in which each row represents a point
k	number of points to choose

**Value**

array containing indices of selected rows

**MapDataToCodes**

*Assign nearest node to each datapoint*

**Description**

Assign nearest node to each datapoint

**Usage**

```
MapDataToCodes(codes, newdata, distf = 2)
```

## Arguments

`codes` matrix with nodes of the SOM  
`newdata` datapoints to assign  
`distf` Distance function (1=manhattan, 2=euclidean, 3=chebyshev, 4=cosine)

## Value

Array with nearest node id for each datapoint

## MetaClustering

MetaClustering

## Description

## Cluster data with automatic number of cluster determination for several algorithms

## Usage

```
MetaClustering(data, method, max = 20, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>data</code>	Matrix containing the data to cluster
<code>method</code>	Clustering method to use
<code>max</code>	Maximum number of clusters to try out
<code>...</code>	Extra parameters to pass along

## Value

Numeric array indicating cluster for each datapoint

#### See Also

## metaClustering\_consensus

## Examples

```
max=10)

# Get metaclustering per cell
flowSOM.clustering <- metacl[flowSOM.res$map$mapping[,1]]
```

**metaClustering\_consensus**  
*MetaClustering*

## Description

Cluster data using hierarchical consensus clustering with k clusters

## Usage

```
metaClustering_consensus(data, k = 7)
```

## Arguments

data	Matrix containing the data to cluster
k	Number of clusters

## Value

Numeric array indicating cluster for each datapoint

## See Also

[MetaClustering](#)

## Examples

```
# Read from file, build self-organizing map and minimal spanning tree
fileName <- system.file("extdata","lymphocytes.fcs",package="FlowSOM")
flowSOM.res <- ReadInput(fileName, compensate=TRUE, transform=TRUE,
                        scale=TRUE)
flowSOM.res <- BuildSOM(flowSOM.res, colsToUse=c(9,12,14:18))
flowSOM.res <- BuildMST(flowSOM.res)

# Apply consensus metaclustering
metacl <- metaClustering_consensus(flowSOM.res$map$codes,k=10)
```

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**NewData***Map new data to a FlowSOM grid*

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## Description

New data from a flowframe is mapped to an existing FlowSOM object. A new FlowSOM object is created, with the same grid, but a new mapping, node sizes and mean values. We assume the data is already compensated and transformed, but not scaled yet. The same scaling parameters as from the original grid will be used.

## Usage

```
NewData(fsom, ff)
```

## Arguments

fsom	FlowSOM object
ff	Flow frame with the data to map

## Value

A new FlowSOM object

## See Also

[FlowSOMSubset](#) if you want to get a subset of the current data instead of a new dataset

## Examples

```
# Build FlowSom result
fileName <- system.file("extdata","lymphocytes.fcs",package="FlowSOM")
ff <- flowCore::read.FCS(fileName)
ff <- flowCore::compensate(ff,ff@description$SPILL)
ff <- flowCore::transform(ff,
                        flowCore::transformList(colnames(ff@description$SPILL),
                                              flowCore::logicleTransform()))
flowSOM.res <- FlowSOM(ff[1:1000,],scale=TRUE,colsToUse=c(9,12,14:18),
                       maxMeta=10)

# Map new data
fSOM2 <- NewData(flowSOM.res[[1]], ff[1001:2000,])
```

**PeaksAndValleys**      *Find peaks and valleys in one-dimensional data*

### Description

Find peaks and valleys in one-dimensional data

### Usage

```
PeaksAndValleys(data, minDensityThreshold = 0.05, ...)
```

### Arguments

data	array containing the data points
minDensityThreshold	Only counts peaks which density > threshold
...	Other parameters to be passed on to density

### Value

A list containing the density result, peaks and valleys

**PlotCenters**      *Plot cluster centers on a 2D plot*

### Description

Plot FlowSOM nodes on a 2D scatter plot of the data

### Usage

```
PlotCenters(fsom, marker1, marker2, MST = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

fsom	FlowSOM object, as generated by <a href="#">BuildMST</a>
marker1	Marker to show on the x-axis
marker2	Marker to show on the y-axis
MST	Type of visualization, if 1 plot tree, else plot grid

### Value

Nothing is returned. A 2D scatter plot is drawn on which the nodes of the grid are indicated

**See Also**

[PlotStars](#), [PlotPies](#), [PlotMarker](#), [BuildMST](#)

**Examples**

```
# Read from file, build self-organizing map and minimal spanning tree
fileName <- system.file("extdata","lymphocytes.fcs",package="FlowSOM")
flowSOM.res <- ReadInput(fileName, compensate=TRUE, transform=TRUE,
                         scale=TRUE)
flowSOM.res <- BuildSOM(flowSOM.res, colsToUse=c(9,12,14:18))
flowSOM.res <- BuildMST(flowSOM.res)

# Plot centers
PlotCenters(flowSOM.res,"FSC-A","SSC-A")
PlotCenters(flowSOM.res,2,5)
```

PlotClusters2D

*Plot nodes on scatter plot*

**Description**

Plot a 2D scatter plot. All cells of fsom\$data are plotted in black, and those of the selected nodes are plotted in red. The nodes in the grid are indexed starting from the left bottom, first going right, then up. E.g. In a 10x10 grid, the node at top left will have index 91.

**Usage**

```
PlotClusters2D(fsom, marker1, marker2, nodes, main = "", col = "#FF0000",
               maxBgPoints = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

fsom	FlowSOM object, as generated by <a href="#">BuildMST</a>
marker1	Marker to plot on the x-axis
marker2	Marker to plot on the y-axis
nodes	Nodes of which the cells should be plotted in red
main	Title of the plot
col	Colors for all the cells in the selected nodes (ordered array)
maxBgPoints	Maximum number of background points to plot
...	Other parameters to pass on to plot

**Value**

Nothing is returned. A plot is drawn in which all cells are plotted in black and the cells of the selected nodes in red.

**See Also**

[PlotNumbers](#), [PlotCenters](#), [BuildMST](#)

**Examples**

```
# Read from file, build self-organizing map and minimal spanning tree
fileName <- system.file("extdata","lymphocytes.fcs",package="FlowSOM")
flowSOM.res <- ReadInput(fileName, compensate=TRUE, transform=TRUE,
                           scale=TRUE)
flowSOM.res <- BuildSOM(flowSOM.res, colsToUse=c(9,12,14:18))
flowSOM.res <- BuildMST(flowSOM.res)

# Plot cells
PlotClusters2D(flowSOM.res, 1, 2, 91)
```

[PlotGroups](#)

*Plot differences between groups*

**Description**

Plot FlowSOM trees, where each node is represented by a star chart indicating mean marker values, the size of the node is relative to the mean percentage of cells present in each

**Usage**

```
PlotGroups(fsom, groups, view = "MST", thresh = 0.5, p_thresh = NULL,
           heatmap = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>fsom</code>	FlowSOM object, as generated by <a href="#">BuildMST</a> or the first list item of <a href="#">FlowSOM</a>
<code>groups</code>	groups result as generated by <a href="#">CountGroups</a>
<code>view</code>	Preferred view, options: "MST", "grid" or "tSNE" (if this option was selected while building the MST)
<code>thresh</code>	Relative difference in groups before the node is coloured
<code>p_thresh</code>	Threshold on p-value from wilcox-test before the node is coloured. If this is not NULL, thresh will be ignored.
<code>heatmap</code>	If TRUE, the scores are plotted in a gradient instead of only the selection that passes the threshold
<code>...</code>	Other parameters to pass to <a href="#">PlotStars</a>

**Value**

A vector containing the labels assigned to the nodes for all groups except the first

**See Also**

[PlotStars](#), [CountGroups](#)

**Examples**

```
## Use the wrapper function to build a flowSOM object (saved in fsom[[1]])
## and a metaclustering (saved in fsom[[2]])
# fsom <- FlowSOM(ff, compensate = FALSE, transform = FALSE, scale = TRUE,
#                   colsToUse = colsToUse, nClus = 10, silent = FALSE,
#                   xdim=7, ydim=7)

## Make a list with for each group a list of files
## The reference group should be the first
# groups <- list("C"=file.path(workDir,grep("C",files,value = TRUE)),
#                 "D"=file.path(workDir,grep("D",files,value=TRUE)))

## Compute the percentages for all groups
# groups_res <- CountGroups(fsom[[1]],groups)

## Plot the groups. For all groups except the first, differences with the
## first group are indicated
# annotation <- PlotGroups(fsom[[1]],groups_res)
```

PlotMarker

*Plot marker values*

**Description**

Plot FlowSOM grid or tree, coloured by node values for a specific marker

**Usage**

```
PlotMarker(fsom, marker = NULL, view = TRUE, main = NULL,
          colorPalette = grDevices::colorRampPalette(c("#00007F", "blue", "#007FFF",
                                                       "cyan", "#7FFF7F", "yellow", "#FF7F00", "red", "#7F0000")))
```

**Arguments**

fsom	FlowSOM object, as generated by <a href="#">BuildMST</a>
marker	Name or index of marker to plot
view	Preferred view, options: "MST", "grid" or "tSNE" (if this option was selected while building the MST)
main	Title of the plot
colorPalette	Color palette to use

**Value**

Nothing is returned. A plot is drawn in which each node is coloured depending on its median value for the given marker

**References**

This visualization technique resembles SPADE results. M. Linderman, P. Qiu, E. Simonds and Z. Bjornson (). spade: SPADE – An analysis and visualization tool for Flow Cytometry. R package version 1.12.2. <http://cytospade.org>

**See Also**

[PlotStars](#), [PlotPies](#), [PlotCenters](#), [BuildMST](#)

**Examples**

```
# Read from file, build self-organizing map and minimal spanning tree
fileName <- system.file("extdata","lymphocytes.fcs",package="FlowSOM")
flowSOM.res <- ReadInput(fileName, compensate=TRUE, transform=TRUE,
                         scale=TRUE)
flowSOM.res <- BuildSOM(flowSOM.res, colsToUse=c(9,12,14:18))
flowSOM.res <- BuildMST(flowSOM.res)

# Plot one marker
PlotMarker(flowSOM.res, "FSC-A")
```

**PlotNumbers**

*Plot the index of each node*

**Description**

Plot FlowSOM grid or tree, with in each node a number indicating it's index

**Usage**

```
PlotNumbers(fsom, view = "MST", main = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- |             |   |
|-------------|---|
| <b>fsom</b> | FlowSOM object, as generated by <a href="#">BuildMST</a>  |
| <b>view</b> | Preferred view, options: "MST", "grid" or "tSNE" (if this option was selected while building the MST) |
| <b>main</b> | Title of the plot   |

**Value**

Nothing is returned. A plot is drawn in which each node is assigned a number

**See Also**

[PlotMarker](#), [PlotStars](#), [PlotPies](#), [PlotCenters](#), [BuildMST](#)

**Examples**

```
# Read from file, build self-organizing map and minimal spanning tree
fileName <- system.file("extdata", "lymphocytes.fcs", package="FlowSOM")
flowSOM.res <- ReadInput(fileName, compensate=TRUE, transform=TRUE,
                         scale=TRUE)
flowSOM.res <- BuildSOM(flowSOM.res, colsToUse=c(9,12,14:18))
flowSOM.res <- BuildMST(flowSOM.res)

# Plot the node IDs
PlotNumbers(flowSOM.res)
```

PlotPies

*Plot comparison with other clustering*

**Description**

Plot FlowSOM grid or tree, with pies indicating another clustering or manual gating result

**Usage**

```
PlotPies(fsom, cellTypes, view = "MST",
         colorPalette = grDevices::colorRampPalette(c("white", "#00007F", "blue",
                                                     "#007FFF", "cyan", "#7FFF7F", "yellow", "#FF7F00", "red")),
         backgroundValues = NULL, backgroundColor = function(n) {
           grDevices::rainbow(n, alpha = 0.3) }, backgroundBreaks = NULL,
         legend = TRUE, main = "")
```

**Arguments**

fsom	FlowSOM object, as generated by <a href="#">BuildMST</a>
cellTypes	Array of factors indicating the celltypes
view	Preferred view, options: "MST", "grid" or "tSNE" (if this option was selected while building the MST)
colorPalette	Colorpalette to be used for the markers
backgroundValues	Values to be used for background coloring, either numerical values or something that can be made into a factor (e.g. a clustering)
backgroundColor	Colorpalette to be used for the background coloring . Can be either a function or an array specifying colors

<code>backgroundBreaks</code>	Breaks to pass on to <code>cut</code> , to split numerical background values. If NULL, the length of <code>backgroundColor</code> will be used (default 100).
<code>legend</code>	Logicole, if T add a legend
<code>main</code>	Title of the plot

**Value**

Nothing is returned. A plot is drawn in which each node is represented by a pie chart indicating the percentage of cells present of each cell type. At the end, the layout is set to 1 figure again.

**See Also**

[PlotStars](#), [PlotMarker](#), [PlotCenters](#), [BuildMST](#)

**Examples**

```
# Read from file, build self-organizing map and minimal spanning tree
fileName <- system.file("extdata","lymphocytes.fcs",package="FlowSOM")
flowSOM_res <- FlowSOM(fileName, compensate=TRUE, transform=TRUE,
                       scale=TRUE, colsToUse=c(9,12,14:18), nClus=7)
ff <- flowCore:::read.FCS(fileName)
ff_c <- flowCore:::compensate(ff, flowCore:::description(ff)$SPILL)
flowCore:::colnames(ff_c)[8:18] <- paste("Comp-", 
                                         flowCore:::colnames(ff_c)[8:18],
                                         sep="")

# Get the manually gated labels using a gatingML file
gatingFile <- system.file("extdata","manualGating.xml",
                           package="FlowSOM")
gateIDs <- c(
  "B cells"=8,
  "ab T cells"=10,
  "yd T cells"=15,
  "NK cells"=5,
  "NKT cells"=6)
cellTypes <- c("B cells", "ab T cells", "yd T cells",
               "NK cells", "NKT cells")
gatingResult <- ProcessGatingML(ff_c, gatingFile, gateIDs, cellTypes)

# Plot pies indicating the percentage of cell types present in the nodes
PlotPies(flowSOM_res[[1]], gatingResult$manual)
```

`plotStarLegend` *Plot legend for star plot*

**Description**

Plot a single star chart, annotated with labels

**Usage**

```
plotStarLegend(labels, colors = grDevices::rainbow(length(labels)),
               main = "")
```

**Arguments**

labels	Names to show in the legend
colors	Corresponding colors
main	Title of the legend

**Value**

Nothing is returned. A plot is drawn with 1 star chart, which is filled completely and annotated with the given labels.

**See Also**

[PlotStars](#)

[PlotStars](#)

*Plot star charts*

**Description**

Plot FlowSOM grid or tree, where each node is represented by a star chart indicating mean marker values

**Usage**

```
PlotStars(fsom, markers = fsom$map$colsUsed, view = "MST",
          colorPalette = grDevices::colorRampPalette(c("#00007F", "blue", "#007FFF",
          "cyan", "#7FFF7F", "yellow", "#FF7F00", "red", "#7F0000")),
          backgroundValues = NULL, backgroundColor = function(n) {
          grDevices::rainbow(n, alpha = 0.3) }, backgroundLim = NULL, legend = TRUE,
          query = NULL, main = "")
```

**Arguments**

fsom	FlowSOM object, as generated by <a href="#">BuildMST</a>
markers	Array of markers to use. Default: the markers used to build the tree
view	Preferred view, options: "MST", "grid" or "tSNE" (if this option was selected while building the MST)
colorPalette	Colorpalette to be used for the markers
backgroundValues	Values to be used for background coloring, either numerical values or something that can be made into a factor (e.g. a clustering)

<code>backgroundColor</code>	Colorpalette to be used for the background coloring . Can be either a function or an array specifying colors
<code>backgroundLim</code>	Only used when <code>backgroundValues</code> are numerical. Defaults to min and max of the <code>backgroundValues</code> .
<code>legend</code>	Logical, if TRUE add a legend
<code>query</code>	Show a low/high profile for certain markers in the legend. See also <a href="#">QueryStarPlot</a>
<code>main</code>	Title of the plot

### Value

Nothing is returned. A plot is drawn in which each node is represented by a star chart indicating the median fluorescence intensities. Resets the layout back to 1 plot at the end.

### See Also

[PlotPies](#), [PlotMarker](#), [PlotCenters](#), [BuildMST](#)

### Examples

```
# Read from file, build self-organizing map and minimal spanning tree
fileName <- system.file("extdata","lymphocytes.fcs",package="FlowSOM")
flowSOM.res <- ReadInput(fileName, compensate=TRUE, transform=TRUE,
                         scale=TRUE)
flowSOM.res <- BuildSOM(flowSOM.res,colsToUse=c(9,12,14:18))
flowSOM.res <- BuildMST(flowSOM.res)

# Plot stars indicating the MFI of the cells present in the nodes
PlotStars(flowSOM.res)
```

**PlotStarsSD**

*Plot standard deviation star charts*

### Description

Plot FlowSOM grid or tree, where each node is represented by a star chart indicating standard deviation of the marker values

### Usage

```
PlotStarsSD(fsom, markers = fsom$map$colsUsed, view = "MST",
            colorPalette = grDevices::colorRampPalette(c("#00007F", "blue", "#007FFF",
            "cyan", "#7FFF7F", "yellow", "#FF7F00", "red", "#7F0000")),
            backgroundValues = NULL, backgroundColor = function(n) {
            grDevices::rainbow(n, alpha = 0.3) }, backgroundLim = NULL, legend = TRUE,
            query = NULL, main = "")
```

## Arguments

<code>fsom</code>	FlowSOM object, as generated by <a href="#">BuildMST</a>
<code>markers</code>	Array of markers to use. Default: the markers used to build the tree
<code>view</code>	Preferred view, options: "MST", "grid" or "tSNE" (if this option was selected while building the MST)
<code>colorPalette</code>	Colorpalette to be used for the markers
<code>backgroundValues</code>	Values to be used for background coloring, either numerical values or something that can be made into a factor (e.g. a clustering)
<code>backgroundColor</code>	Colorpalette to be used for the background coloring . Can be either a function or an array specifying colors
<code>backgroundLim</code>	Only used when backgroundValues are numerical. Defaults to min and max of the backgroundValues.
<code>legend</code>	Logical, if TRUE add a legend
<code>query</code>	Show a low/high profile for certain markers in the legend. See also <a href="#">QueryStarPlot</a>
<code>main</code>	Title of the plot

## Value

Nothing is returned. A plot is drawn in which each node is represented by a star chart indicating the standard deviation of the fluorescence intensities. Resets the layout back to 1 plot at the end.

## See Also

[PlotStars](#)

## Examples

```
# Read from file, build self-organizing map and minimal spanning tree
fileName <- system.file("extdata","lymphocytes.fcs",package="FlowSOM")
flowSOM.res <- ReadInput(fileName, compensate=TRUE, transform=TRUE,
                         scale=TRUE)
flowSOM.res <- BuildSOM(flowSOM.res,colsToUse=c(9,12,14:18))
flowSOM.res <- BuildMST(flowSOM.res)

# Plot stars indicating the MFI of the cells present in the nodes
PlotStars(flowSOM.res)
# Plot stars indicating the standard deviations of the MFIs
PlotStarsSD(flowSOM.res)
```

<b>PlotVariable</b>	<i>Plot a variable for all nodes</i>
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## Description

Plot FlowSOM grid or tree, coloured by node values given in variable

## Usage

```
PlotVariable(fsom, variable, view = "MST", main = NULL,
            colorPalette = grDevices::colorRampPalette(c("#00007F", "blue", "#007FFF",
            "cyan", "#7FFF7F", "yellow", "#FF7F00", "red", "#7F0000")),
            symmetric = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

<code>fsom</code>	FlowSOM object, as generated by <a href="#">BuildMST</a>
<code>variable</code>	Vector containing a value for each node
<code>view</code>	Preferred view, options: "MST", "grid" or "tSNE" (if this option was selected while building the MST)
<code>main</code>	Title of the plot
<code>colorPalette</code>	Color palette to use
<code>symmetric</code>	Plot colours symmetric around zero

## Value

Nothing is returned. A plot is drawn in which each node is coloured depending on its value for the given variable

## See Also

[PlotMarker](#),[PlotStars](#),[PlotPies](#),[PlotCenters](#),[BuildMST](#)

## Examples

```
# Read from file, build self-organizing map and minimal spanning tree
fileName <- system.file("extdata","lymphocytes.fcs",package="FlowSOM")
flowSOM.res <- ReadInput(fileName, compensate=TRUE,transform=TRUE,
                        scale=TRUE)
flowSOM.res <- BuildSOM(flowSOM.res,colsToUse=c(9,12,14:18))
flowSOM.res <- BuildMST(flowSOM.res)

# Plot some random values
rand <- runif(flowSOM.res$map$nNodes)
PlotVariable(flowSOM.res,rand)
```

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ProcessGatingML      *Process a gatingML file*

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## Description

Reads a gatingML file using the [flowUtils](#) library and returns a list with a matrix containing filtering results for each specified gate and a vector with a label for each cell

## Usage

```
ProcessGatingML(flowFrame, gatingFile, gateIDs, cellTypes, silent = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

flowFrame	The flowFrame to apply the gating on
gatingFile	The gatingML file to read
gateIDs	Named vector containing ids to extract from the gatingML file to use in the matrix
cellTypes	Cell types to use for labeling the cells. Should be a subset of the names of the gateIDs
silent	If FALSE, show messages of which gates are being processed

## Value

This function returns a list in which the first element ("matrix") is a matrix containing filtering results for each specified gate and the second element ("manual") is a vector which assigns a label to each cell

## See Also

[PlotPies](#)

## Examples

```
# Read the flowFrame
fileName <- system.file("extdata","lymphocytes.fcs",package="FlowSOM")
ff <- flowCore:::read.FCS(fileName)
ff_c <- flowCore:::compensate(ff,flowCore:::description(ff)$SPILL)
flowCore:::colnames(ff_c)[8:18] <- paste("Comp-",
                                         flowCore:::colnames(ff_c)[8:18],
                                         sep="")

# Specify the gating file and the gates of interest
gatingFile <- system.file("extdata","manualGating.xml",
                           package="FlowSOM")
gateIDs <- c( "B cells"=8,
```

```

"ab T cells"=10,
"yd T cells"=15,
"NK cells"=5,
"NKT cells"=6)
cellTypes <- c("B cells","ab T cells","yd T cells",
              "NK cells","NKT cells")
gatingResult <- ProcessGatingML(ff_c, gatingFile, gateIDs, cellTypes)

# Build a FlowSOM tree
flowSOM.res <- FlowSOM(ff_c, compensate=FALSE, transform=TRUE,
                        toTransform=8:18, colsToUse=c(9,12,14:18), nClus=10)
# Plot pies indicating the percentage of cell types present in the nodes
PlotPies(flowSOM.res[[1]], gatingResult$manual)

```

**Purity***Calculate mean weighted cluster purity***Description**

Calculate mean weighted cluster purity

**Usage**

```
Purity(realClusters, predictedClusters, weighted = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

realClusters	array with real cluster values
predictedClusters	array with predicted cluster values
weighted	logical. Should the mean be weighted depending on the number of points in the predicted clusters

**Value**

Mean purity score, worst score, number of clusters with score < 0.75

**Examples**

```

# Generate some random data as an example
realClusters <- sample(1:5, 100, replace = TRUE)
predictedClusters <- sample(1:6, 100, replace = TRUE)

# Calculate the FMeasure
Purity(realClusters, predictedClusters)

```

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QueryStarPlot	<i>Query a certain cell type</i>
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### Description

Identify nodes in the tree which resemble a certain profile of "high" or "low" marker expressions.

### Usage

```
QueryStarPlot(fsom, query, plot = TRUE, color = "#ca0020", debug = FALSE,
             ...)
```

### Arguments

fsom	FlowSOM object, as generated by <a href="#">BuildMST</a> or the first list item of <a href="#">FlowSOM</a>
query	Array containing "high" or "low" for the specified column names of the FlowSOM data
plot	If true, a plot with a gradient of scores for the nodes is shown
color	Color to use for nodes with a high score in the plot
debug	If TRUE, some extra output will be printed
...	Other parameters to pass to <a href="#">PlotStars</a>

### Value

A list, containing the ids of the selected nodes, the individual scores for all nodes and the scores for each marker for each node

### Examples

```
file <- system.file("extdata", "lymphocytes.fcs", package="FlowSOM")
# Use the wrapper function to build a flowSOM object (saved in fsom[[1]])
# and a metaclustering (saved in fsom[[2]])
fsom <- FlowSOM(file, compensate = TRUE, transform = TRUE, scale = TRUE,
                 colsToUse = c(9,12,14:18), nClus = 10, silent = FALSE,
                 xdim=7, ydim=7)
query <- c("PE-Cy7-A" = "high", #CD3
          "APC-Cy7-A" = "high", #TCRb
          "Pacific Blue-A" = "high") #CD8
query_res <- QueryStarPlot(UpdateNodeSize(fsom[[1]], reset=TRUE), query)

cellTypes <- factor(rep("Unknown", 49), levels=c("Unknown", "CD8 T cells"))
cellTypes[query_res$selected] <- "CD8 T cells"
PlotStars(fsom[[1]],
          backgroundValues=cellTypes,
          backgroundColor=c("#FFFFF00", "#ca0020aa"))
```

**ReadInput***Read fcs-files or flowframes***Description**

Take some input and return FlowSOM object containing a matrix with the preprocessed data (compensated, transformed, scaled)

**Usage**

```
ReadInput(input, pattern = ".fcs", compensate = FALSE, spillover = NULL,
          transform = FALSE, toTransform = NULL,
          transformFunction = flowCore::logicleTransform(), scale = FALSE,
          scaled.center = TRUE, scaled.scale = TRUE, silent = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>input</code>	a flowFrame, a flowSet or an array of paths to files or directories
<code>pattern</code>	if input is an array of file- or directorynames, select only files containing pattern
<code>compensate</code>	logical, does the data need to be compensated
<code>spillover</code>	spillover matrix to compensate with If NULL and compensate=TRUE, we will look for \$SPILL description in fcs file.
<code>transform</code>	logical, does the data need to be transformed
<code>toTransform</code>	column names or indices that need to be transformed. If NULL and transform=TRUE, column names of \$SPILL description in fcs file will be used.
<code>transformFunction</code>	Defaults to logicleTransform()
<code>scale</code>	logical, does the data needs to be rescaled
<code>scaled.center</code>	see <code>scale</code>
<code>scaled.scale</code>	see <code>scale</code>
<code>silent</code>	if TRUE, no progress updates will be printed

**Value**

FlowSOM object containing the data, which can be used as input for the BuildSOM function

**See Also**

[scale](#), [BuildSOM](#)

## Examples

```
# Read from file
fileName <- system.file("extdata","lymphocytes.fcs",package="FlowSOM")
flowSOM.res <- ReadInput(fileName, compensate=TRUE, transform=TRUE,
                         scale=TRUE)

# Or read from flowFrame object
ff <- flowCore:::read.FCS(fileName)
ff <- flowCore:::compensate(ff, ff@description$SPILL)
ff <- flowCore:::transform(ff,
                          flowCore:::transformList(colnames(ff@description$SPILL),
                                                  flowCore:::logicleTransform()))
flowSOM.res <- ReadInput(ff, scale=TRUE)

# Build the self-organizing map and the minimal spanning tree
flowSOM.res <- BuildSOM(flowSOM.res, colsToUse=c(9,12,14:18))
flowSOM.res <- BuildMST(flowSOM.res)

# Apply metaclustering
metacl <- MetaClustering(flowSOM.res$map$codes,
                           "metaClustering_consensus", max=10)

# Get metaclustering per cell
flowSOM.clustering <- metacl[flowSOM.res$map$mapping[,1]]
```

## Description

Write FlowSOM clustering results to the original FCS files

## Usage

```
SaveClustersToFCS(fsom, original_files, pp_files = original_files,
                  selection_files = NULL, silent = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

<code>fsom</code>	FlowSOM object as generated by <code>BuildSOM</code>
<code>original_files</code>	FCS files that should be extended
<code>pp_files</code>	FCS files that correspond to the input of FlowSOM
<code>selection_files</code>	Files indicating which cells of the original files correspond to the input files
<code>silent</code>	If FALSE (default), print some extra output

**Value**

Saves the extended fcs file as [originalName]\_FlowSOM.fcs

SOM	<i>Build a self-organizing map</i>
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**Description**

Build a self-organizing map

**Usage**

```
SOM(data, xdim = 10, ydim = 10, rlen = 10, mst = 1, alpha = c(0.05,
 0.01), radius = stats::quantile(nhbrdist, 0.67) * c(1, 0), init = FALSE,
 distf = 2, silent = FALSE, codes = NULL, importance = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

data	Matrix containing the training data
xdim	Width of the grid
ydim	Height of the grid
rlen	Number of times to loop over the training data for each MST
mst	Number of times to build an MST
alpha	Start and end learning rate
radius	Start and end radius
init	Initialize cluster centers in a non-random way
distf	Distance function (1=manhattan, 2=euclidean, 3=chebyshev, 4=cosine)
silent	If FALSE, print status updates
codes	Cluster centers to start with
importance	array with numeric values. Parameters will be scaled according to importance

**Value**

A list containing all parameter settings and results

**References**

This code is strongly based on the kohonen package. R. Wehrens and L.M.C. Buydens, Self- and Super-organising Maps in R: the kohonen package J. Stat. Softw., 21(5), 2007

**See Also**

[BuildSOM](#)

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UpdateNodeSize	<i>Update nodesize of FlowSOM object</i>
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## Description

Add size property to the graph based on cellcount for each node

## Usage

```
UpdateNodeSize(fsom, count = NULL, reset = FALSE, transform = sqrt,  
maxNodeSize = 15, shift = 0, scale = NULL)
```

## Arguments

fsom	FlowSOM object, as generated by <a href="#">BuildMST</a>
count	Absolute cell count of the sample
reset	Logical. If TRUE, all nodes get the same size
transform	Transformation function. Use e.g. square root to let counts correspond with area of node instead of radius
maxNodeSize	Maximum node size after rescaling. Default: 15
shift	Shift of the counts, defaults to 0
scale	Scaling of the counts, defaults to the maximum of the value minus the shift. With shift and scale set as default, the largest node will be maxNodesize and an empty node will have size 0

## Value

Updated FlowSOM object

## See Also

[BuildMST](#)

## Examples

```
# Read from file, build self-organizing map and minimal spanning tree  
fileName <- system.file("extdata","lymphocytes.fcs",package="FlowSOM")  
flowSOM.res <- ReadInput(fileName, compensate=TRUE, transform=TRUE,  
                           scale=TRUE)  
flowSOM.res <- BuildSOM(flowSOM.res, colsToUse=c(9,12,14:18))  
flowSOM.res <- BuildMST(flowSOM.res)  
  
# Give all nodes same size  
flowSOM.res <- UpdateNodeSize(flowSOM.res, reset=TRUE)  
PlotStars(flowSOM.res)  
  
# Node sizes relative to amount of cells assigned to the node
```

```
flowSOM.res <- UpdateNodeSize(flowSOM.res)
PlotStars(flowSOM.res)
```

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