Modifying existing CDF environments to make alternative CDF environments

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Introduction

First we need to load the package:

> library(altcdfenvs)

The Plasmodium / Anopheles is taken as an example:

> library(plasmodiumanophelescdf)

One will adapt easily the code below for other chips.

How to build a CdfEnvAffy object from the cdfenv package

The first step is to wrap the naked enviroment in the package plasmodiumanophelescdf in an object:

> planocdf <- wrapCdfEnvAffy(plasmodiumanophelescdf, 712, 712,
+                         "plasmodiumanophelescdf")
> print(planocdf)

Instance of class CdfEnvAffy:
name : plasmodiumanophelescdf
chip-type: plasmodiumanophelescdf
size : 712 x 712
22769 probe set(s) defined.

The numbers 712 and 712 correspond to the dimension of the array. If you do not know these numbers for your chip, the easiest (for the moment) is to read CEL data in an AffyBatch and call the function print on this object. Hopefully, the cdf packages offered on the bioconductor website will be modified, which will make this step (and the complication to know the dimension of the chip) unnecessary.
How to subset an environment using probe set ids
(see the vignette ‘n-genomes chips’)

How to work with given index / XY coordinates

Getting index
The method `indexProbes` is implemented for objects of class `AltCdfEnvs`
One can directly work on the CDF data, without having to load CEL data.

Removing probe sets
The function `removeIndex` let one remove probe sets given their index.

Multiple use of index
When crafting an `AltCdfEnv`, it can happen that probe indexes are used by several probe sets.
The `unique.CdfEnvAffy` is designed to help one to deal with the issue.

How to use this environment
(see the vignette ‘n-genomes chips’)