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**Description**

The paleofire package provides tools to extract and analyse charcoal sedimentary data stored in the Global Charcoal Database. Main functionalities includes data extraction and sites selection, transformation and homogenization of the charcoal records as well as regional to global compositing.

**Details**

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**See Also**

<http://gpwg.org>

**Examples**

```

## Interactive sites selection:
# ID=pfInteractive()

## Site selection using criterions
# Boreal Eastern North American sites with at least one
# dating point each 2500 year

ID=pfSiteSel(lat>50, lat<70, long>-90, long<(-50), date_int<=2500, l12==1)
plot(ID, zoom="world")

## Modify plot
plot(ID, zoom="sites")

## Simple test for transforming data
# Select site 1 (Cygnet Lake)

ID1=pfSiteSel(id_site==1)
plot(ID1)

# Transformation of data
TR=pfTransform(ID1, method=c("MinMax", "Box-Cox", "Z-Score"))

# Plot Transformed and raw data
# First retrieve raw data for Cygnet using pfExtract

RAW=pfExtract(ID=1)

dev.off()
par(mfrow=(c(2,1)))

plot(RAW[,3], RAW[,4], type="l")
plot(TR$Age, TR$TransData, type="l")

## Transforming and Compositing
## Example 1: Usage as in Power et al. 2008
## Data transformation

TR1=pfTransform(ID, method=c("MinMax", "Box-Cox", "Z-Score"), BasePeriod=c(200, 2000))

## Diagnostic pdf file with transformed series:
# pfDiagnostic(ID, method=c("MinMax", "Box-Cox", "Z-Score"), BasePeriod=c(200, 2000),
# FileName = "Diagnostic.pdf")

## Compositing: basic binning procedure
COMP=pfComposite(TR1, binning=TRUE, bins=seq(0, 8000, 500))
plot(COMP)

## The result matrix can be saved
# write.csv(COMP$Result, file="temp.csv")

```

```
## Compositing: Using the locfit package equivalent procedure to Daniau et al. 2012

COMP2=pfCompositeLF(TR1, tarAge=seq(-50,8000,20), binhw=20, hw=500,nboot=100)
plot(COMP2)

## And save
# write.csv(COMP2$Result,file="temp2.csv")
```

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checkGCDversion	<i>Check GCD package install</i>
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### **Description**

Check if GCD package is installed and up to date to ensure always using the most up to date GCD version. devtools package is required: on Windows install Rtools.exe depending on your R version <http://cran.r-project.org/bin/windows/Rtools/>

### **Usage**

```
checkGCDversion()
```

### **Details**

Last GCD database version is downloaded and installed using:

```
library(devtools)
install_github("GCD",username="paleofire",ref="master")
```

### **Author(s)**

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### **Examples**

```
## Not run: checkGCDversion()
```

coast

*coast*

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**Description**

World coastlines

**Usage**

```
data(coast)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 9865 observations on the following 2 variables.

Y Latitude

X Longitude

**Source**

<http://www.naturalearthdata.com/downloads/10m-physical-vectors/>

**Examples**

```
data(coast)
```

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paleofire-internal*Internal paleofire functions*

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**Description**

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`pfAddData`*Add user defined charcoal data series to paleofire*

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**Description**

This function is used to create a "pfAddData" object, from user defined csv files containing charcoal data, to be passed to pfTransform. Usually csv files should contain three columns with Depth, Age, Charcoal quantity in this same order. A metadata csv file should also be specified with sites location information (three columns with: SITE\_NAME, LATITUDE, LONGITUDE). CharAnalysis data files could also be used, in this case the file must include the following informations: DepthTop, DepthBottom, AgeTop, AgeBottom, Volume and Charcoal value in this exact order. Then the files are passed to the pretreatment function in order to calculate Charcoal Accumulation Rates (see pretreatment for details).

**Usage**

```
pfAddData(files, metadata, type = "NULL", Int = TRUE, first =  
          NULL, last = NULL, yrInterp = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>files</code>	Character, names and path to csv files.
<code>metadata</code>	Character, name and path to the (unique) metadata csv file.
<code>type</code>	Character, "NONE": user defined csv (default), "CharAnalysis": CharAnalysis data file.
<code>Int</code>	Logical specifying whether the pretreatment function interpolates particle zero counts, default TRUE.
<code>first, last</code>	Numeric, date of the first, last sample for accumulation rate calculation, if NULL first, last are automatically specified as the the minimum and maximum ages of the record respectively.
<code>yrInterp</code>	Numeric, temporal resolution of the interpolated accumulation rates, if NULL, yrInterp is automatically specified as the median resolution of the record.

**Value**

`out` A list with merged data files that can be passed to [pfTransform](#)

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[pretreatment](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Ad user own data from CharAnalysis file (csv)
# In this example we will use data from:
# Senici, D., A. Lucas, H. Y. H. Chen, Y. Bergeron, A. Larouche, B. Brossier, O.
# Blarquez, and A. A. Ali. 2013. Multi-millennial fire frequency and tree abundance
# differ between xeric and mesic boreal forests in central Canada. Journal of Ecology:
# 101, 356-367.

files=c("http://blarquez.com/public/data//Ben.csv",
        "http://blarquez.com/public/data/Small.csv")
metadata=c("http://blarquez.com/public/data/metadata.csv")

mydata=pfAddData(files=files,metadata=metadata,type="CharAnalysis")

# Transform and compositing:
TR1=pfTransform(add=mydata, method=c("MinMax", "Box-Cox", "Z-Score"),
               BasePeriod=c(200,2000))
COMP2=pfCompositeLF(TR1, tarAge=seq(-50,8000,20), hw=500, nboot=100)
plot(COMP2)

## End(Not run)
```

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pfBoxCox

*Box-Cox transformation of Charcoal series*

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## Description

Box-Cox transformation of charcoal series, the maximum likelihood estimation of lambda is derived from the boxcox.R function in the Venables and Ripley MASS library included in R 2.6.1

## Usage

```
pfBoxCox(serie, alpha = 0.01, type = "BoxCox1964")
```

## Arguments

serie	A vector of charcoal values.
alpha	Numeric, the "shift" parameter, default=0.01.
type	Character, the Box-Cox transformation formulation, can be either "BoxCox1964" (default) for the original Box & Cox (1964) formulation, or "JohnDraper" for the John & Draper (1980) modulus transformation.

## Value

X	Vector of transformed charcoal values
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**Author(s)**

P. Bartlein

**References**

Venables, W. N., Ripley, B. D., & Venables, W. N. (1994). Modern applied statistics with S-PLUS (Vol. 250). New York: Springer-verlag.

Box, G.E.P. & Cox, D. R.(1964) An analysis of transformations, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series B, 26, 211-252.

John, J. A. & Draper N. R. (1980) An alternative family of transformations, Applied Statistics, 29, 190-197.

**See Also**

[pfTransform](#)

**Examples**

```
# Select a site
ID=pfSiteSel(site_name=="Pas-de-Fond")

# Extract data
A=pfExtract(ID)

B=pfBoxCox(A[,4],0.1)
plot(B,type="l")
```

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pfCircular

*Circular block bootstrap procedure applied to charcoal records compositing results*

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**Description**

Block bootstrap has been proposed to test the significances of changes in stationary time series (Kunsch 1989). This procedure consists of splitting each charcoal series into  $n-b+1$  overlapping blocks of data, where  $n$  is sample size and  $b$  the block size. These blocks are used to reconstruct resampled individual charcoal series that are in turn used to estimate the confidence intervals around the charcoal series composite mean.

**Usage**

```
pfCircular(comp,b=NULL,conf=c(0.05,0.95),nboot=1000,AgeLim=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

comp	A "pfComposite" object
b	A numeric giving block size, if NULL the optimal block size for a given series is given by: $b = 2 \times (-1 / \log(p))$ , where p is the lag one autocorrelation coefficient of that series (Adams, Mann & Ammann 2003).
conf	Numeric, calculated confidence intervals.
nboot	Numeric, number of bootstrap replicates.
AgeLim	Numeric, years defining a period to restrict the analysis to.

**Value**

out	A "pfCircular" object with estimated confidence intervals.
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**Author(s)**

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**References**

Kunsch, H. R. 1989. The jackknife and the bootstrap for general stationary observation s. The Annals of Statistics 17:1217-1241.

Adams, J. B., M. E. Mann, and C. M. Ammann. 2003. Proxy evidence for an El Nino-like response to volcanic forcing. Nature 426:274-278.

**Examples**

```
ID=pfSiteSel(lat>49, lat<75, long>6, long<50)
plot(ID, zoom="world")
TR1=pfTransform(ID, method=c("MinMax", "Box-Cox", "Z-Score"), BasePeriod=c(200, 2000))

## Circular block bootstrapp

COMP=pfComposite(TR1, binning=TRUE, bins=seq(0, 2000, 100))
circ=pfCircular(COMP, conf=c(0.005, 0.025, 0.975, 0.995), nboot=100)
plot(circ)
```

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pfComposite

*Produce a composite serie from multiple charcoal records*

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**Description**

Produce a composite serie from multiple charcoal records using bootstrap resampling, the sites charcoal values are binned and the mean in each bin is calculated prior the bootstrap procedure. This procedure is equivalent to Power et al. 2008.

**Usage**

```
pfComposite(TR, bins = NULL, nboot = 1000, binning = TRUE, conf =
            c(0.05, 0.95))
```

**Arguments**

TR	An object returned by <code>pfTransform</code>
bins	Numeric, the sequence for binning given in years (e.g. <code>bins=seq(from=0, to=10000, by=200)</code> ). If unspecified the sequence is defined as <code>bins=seq(from=min age, to=max age, by=median resolution)</code> .
nboot	Numeric, a number specifying the number of bootstrap replicates.
binning	Logical, set to TRUE (default) for binning, if transformed data are first interpolated this argument can be set to FALSE (no binning).
conf	Numeric, define confidence levels.

**Value**

out A "pfComsposite" object.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Power, M., J. Marlon, N. Ortiz, P. Bartlein, S. Harrison, F. Mayle, A. Ballouche, R. Bradshaw, C. Carcaillet, C. Cordova, S. Mooney, P. Moreno, I. Prentice, K. Thonicke, W. Tinner, C. Whitlock, Y. Zhang, Y. Zhao, A. Ali, R. Anderson, R. Beer, H. Behling, C. Briles, K. Brown, A. Brunelle, M. Bush, P. Camill, G. Chu, J. Clark, D. Colombaroli, S. Connor, A. L. Daniau, M. Daniels, J. Dodson, E. Doughty, M. Edwards, W. Finsinger, D. Foster, J. Frechette, M. J. Gaillard, D. Gavin, E. Gobet, S. Haberle, D. Hallett, P. Higuera, G. Hope, S. Horn, J. Inoue, P. Kaltenrieder, L. Kennedy, Z. Kong, C. Larsen, C. Long, J. Lynch, E. Lynch, M. McGlone, S. Meeks, S. Mensing, G. Meyer, T. Minckley, J. Mohr, D. Nelson, J. New, R. Newnham, R. Noti, W. Oswald, J. Pierce, P. Richard, C. Rowe, M. Sanchez Goni, B. Shuman, H. Takahara, J. Toney, C. Turney, D. Urrego-Sanchez, C. Umbanhowar, M. Vandergoes, B. Vanniere, E. Vescovi, M. Walsh, X. Wang, N. Williams, J. Wilmshurst, and J. Zhang. 2008. Changes in fire regimes since the Last Glacial Maximum: an assessment based on a global synthesis and analysis of charcoal data. *Climate Dynamics* 30:887-907.

**Examples**

```
## Composite charcoal record for North America:
ID=pfSiteSel(id_region=="WNA0" & l12==1)
plot(ID)
## Transform data
res3=pfTransform(ID,method=c("MinMax", "Box-Cox", "Z-Score"),BasePeriod=c(200, 4000))

## Composite
comp=pfComposite(res3,bins=seq(from=0, to=12000, by=200))
plot(comp)
```

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pfCompositeLF	<i>Produce a composite serie from multiple charcoal records using a local regression procedure (from the locfit package)</i>
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### Description

Produce a composite serie from multiple charcoal local fits produced using the locfit procedure on bootstraped series subsamples, the sites charcoal values are prebinned prior to sites resampling. This procedure is equivalent to Daniau et al. (2012).

### Usage

```
pfCompositeLF(TR, hw=250, tarAge=NULL, binhw=NULL, nboot=1000, conf=c(0.05, 0.95),
              pseudodata=FALSE, verbose=TRUE)
```

### Arguments

TR	An object returned by <a href="#">pfTransform</a>
tarAge	Numeric, the target ages for prebinning given in years (e.g. tarAge = seq(0, 10000, 20)). If unspecified the sequence is defined as tarAge=seq(from=min age, to=max Age, by=median resolution).
binhw	Numeric, bin half width for the prebinning procedure (use the same value as tarAge intervals for overlapping bins or tarAge intervals/2 for non-overlapping bins).
nboot	Numeric, a number specifying the number of bootstrap replicates.
hw	Numeric, the half window width for the locfit procedure (in years).
conf	Numeric, define confidence levels.
pseudodata	Logical, if TRUE 10 percent of the data is reflected at the top and the bottom of the resampled serie prior of each locfit regression in order to correct for the edge effect introduced by the local regression, see Cowling & Hall (1996). Equivalent to "minimum slope" correction in Mann(2004).
verbose	Logical: verbose or not...

### Value

out	A "pfCompositeLF" object.
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### Author(s)

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## References

Daniau, A. L., P. J. Bartlein, S. P. Harrison, I. C. Prentice, S. Brewer, P. Friedlingstein, T. I. Harrison-Prentice, J. Inoue, K. Izumi, J. R. Marlon, S. Mooney, M. J. Power, J. Stevenson, W. Tinner, Andri, M., J. Atanassova, H. Behling, M. Black, O. Blarquez, K. J. Brown, C. Carcaillet, E. A. Colhoun, D. Colombaroli, B. A. S. Davis, D. D'Costa, J. Dodson, L. Dupont, Z. Eshetu, D. G. Gavin, A. Genries, S. Haberle, D. J. Hallett, G. Hope, S. P. Horn, T. G. Kassa, F. Katamura, L. M. Kennedy, P. Kershaw, S. Krivonogov, C. Long, D. Magri, E. Marinova, G. M. McKenzie, P. I. Moreno, P. Moss, F. H. Neumann, E. Norstrom, C. Paitre, D. Rius, N. Roberts, G. S. Robinson, N. Sasaki, L. Scott, H. Takahara, V. Terwilliger, F. Thevenon, R. Turner, V. G. Valsecchi, B. Vanniere, M. Walsh, N. Williams, and Y. Zhang. 2012. Predictability of biomass burning in response to climate changes. *Global Biogeochem. Cycles* 26:GB4007.

Cowling A, Hall P (1996) On pseudodata methods for removing boundary effects in kernel density estimation. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series B* 58(3): 551-563.

Mann, M. E. (2004). On smoothing potentially non-stationary climate time series. *Geophysical Research Letters*, 31(7).

## Examples

```
ID=pfSiteSel(id_region=="WNA0", l12==1, long>=-160 & long<=-140)
plot(ID, xlim=c(-180, -130), ylim=c(40,80))
TR=pfTransform(ID, method=c("MinMax", "Box-Cox", "MinMax", "Z-Score"),
               BasePeriod=c(200,2000), QuantType="INFL")

COMP1=pfCompositeLF(TR, tarAge=seq(-50,4000,10), hw=200, nboot=100)

plot(COMP1)

## Note: comparing confidence intervals based on 100 replicates is not recommended
# (100 is used to decrease analysis time)
```

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pfDiagnostic

*Print diagnostic pdf for individual transformed series*

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## Description

Print diagnostic pdf for individual transformed series, successive transformations could be specified (see example)

## Usage

```
pfDiagnostic(ID, add = NULL, Age = 0, Interpolate = FALSE, method
            = "Box-Cox", BasePeriod = c(-100, 1e+09), span = 0.3,
            RunWidth = 500, RunQParam = 0.5, stlYears = 500, alpha
            = 0.01, type = "BoxCox1964", FileName =
            "Diagnostic.pdf", QuantType = "ALL")
```

**Arguments**

ID	An object returned by <a href="#">pfSiteSel</a> or <a href="#">pfTransform</a>
add	An object returned by <a href="#">pfAddData</a>
Interpolate	Logical, indicates whether data should be interpolated or not, default=FALSE
Age	Numeric, if Interpolate=TRUE, Age is used to specify the ages where the interpolation took place, If Age=0 the interpolated ages are automatically specified using the median resolution of the record(s) If Age is specified as a vector (e.g. Age=(from=0,to=10000, by=10)) the interpolation took place at specified ages
method	A character indicating the transformation method: "Z-Score", Z-Score, "LOESS", Locally weighted regression, "SmoothSpline", Smoothing spline, "Box-Cox", Box-Cox transformation, "MinMax", Minimax transformation, "RunMed", Running median, "RunMean", Running mean, "RunQuantile", Running quantile, "RunMin", Running min, "RunMax", Running max, "stl", Decompose a time series into seasonal, trend and irregular components using loess, based on <a href="#">stl</a> function.
BasePeriod	Numeric, a parameter specifying the base period for calculating Z-score given in years BP (e.g. BasePeriod=c(0, 4000)), if empty or unspecified the base period corresponds to record length.
span	Numeric, the span parameter for the LOESS or Smoothing spline methods
RunWidth	Numeric, the width of the window for the "RunMed", "RunMean", "RunQuantile", "RunMin", and "RunMax" methods in years.
RunQParam	Numeric, the parameter specifying which quantile should be calculated for the method "RunQuantile" (default=0.5 i.e. median).
stlYears	Numeric, the bandwidth for stl decomposition, default=500 years.
alpha	Numeric, alpha value to add before BoxCox calculation, see <a href="#">pfBoxCox</a> .
type	Character, the type of Box-Cox transformation, see <a href="#">pfBoxCox</a> for details
FileName	Character, define output pdf file name e.g. FileName="mydata.pdf"
QuantType	Character, by default QuantType="INFL" and influx are automatically calculated, otherwise use QuantType="NONE" (not recommended).

**Value**

Filename.pdf	A diagnostic file is printed, each site being printed on separate pages (specified using FileName="myfile.pdf")
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**Author(s)**

O. Blarquez

**Examples**

```
# Select boreal sites from Levvasseur 2012 PNV in Western North America
ID=pfSiteSel(id_region=="WNA0", l12==1, long>=-160 & long<=-140)

# Print a diagnostic pdf for Box-Cox, Smoothed and Z-score transformed data
```

```
# (base period = 200-2000 BP)
pfDiagnostic(ID,method=c("Box-Cox", "SmoothSpline","Z-Score"),
            span=0.3,BasePeriod=c(200,4000))
```

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pfDotMap                      *Produce maps of paleofire data*

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## Description

Produce map graphics representing spatial variability in charcoal data from the Global Charcoal Database.

## Usage

```
pfDotMap(TR, bins, fig.base.name = NULL, base.map = "coasts",
         grd.res = 5, grd.ext = c(-180,180,-90,90),
         proj4 = "+proj=longlat +ellps=WGS84 +datum=WGS84 +no_defs",
         n.boot = 1000, cx.minsize = 0.3, cx.mult = 1)
```

## Arguments

TR	An object returned by <a href="#">pfTransform</a>
bins	Numeric, the sequence for binning given in years (e.g. bins=seq(from=0, to=10000, by=1000)).
fig.base.name	Character sequence representing the base name for the figures. Can be preceded by a path as long as all directories in the path exist. One figure will be produced for each time bin, with years (and file suffix) appended to the base name automatically. A value of NULL (default) causes figures to be plotted to the current device in sequence.
grd.res, grd.ext	Desired grid resolution and extent in degrees. If <code>grd.res</code> is a single number, the grid will be defined with equal lon/lat resolution; a two-element vector (lon,lat) can also be supplied for unequal resolution. <code>grd.ext</code> is specified as a vector of the form <code>c(min-lon,max-lon,min-lat,max-lat)</code> .
base.map	Currently, either 'coasts' or 'countries' to choose which base map (from required library 'rworldmap') to be plotted as the base map for all plots. Could easily be modified to accept any SpatialPolygons object.
proj4	proj.4 string representing the desired projection for plotted maps. Default is unprojected. See <a href="http://www.spatialreference.org">http://www.spatialreference.org</a> to look up the string for your favorite projections.
n.boot	Number of bootstrap replicates to use when creating confidence intervals around each grid-cell mean. In each time bin X grid cell combination, replicates consist of composite z-score values for that bin, randomly sampled (with replacement) from sites within the grid cell (see 'Details' for precise description of

sites included in each cell). I.e., no temporal bootstrapping is done here, so that bootstrap CI reflect only spatial variability.

`cx.minsize`, `cx.mult`

Parameters that crudely adjust plotted dot size. `cx.minsize` defines the minimum `cex` applied to any point in any map, `cx.mult` scales all points by an equivalent factor.

## Details

Takes any `pfTransform` object as input, and allows any set of one or more time bins to be specified for plotting (one plot per bin).

Results will be plotted on a regular lon/lat grid. To determine which sites contribute to each grid cell value, the code searches within a specified great circle distance (i.e. on the surface of the globe) around each grid cell center. To avoid missing any sites, the distance is set equal to the greatest distance from a grid cell center to its most distant corner, which occurs at the equator where grid cells are largest. This conservative approach will result in many sites falling within multiple grid boxes. At all latitudes, the defined radii will overlap near the edges of the grid boxes. At higher latitudes, the lon/lat grid cells are physically much smaller, so overlap will be considerably greater. There are alternatives, like using a grid that is irregular in terms of lon/laton, or changing the area of grid cells depending on latitude. But all have their tradeoffs, and this one is simple.

Current version produces plots of mean CHAR, number of sites per grid cell, and number of grid cells contributed to by each site (due to overlapping radii described above). The mean plot additionally shows points in two sizes, representing those mean values whose 95%" confidence intervals do (small dots) or do not (large dots) contain zero. Finally, a time series is plotted in each figure with the current time bin highlighted.

## Value

Plots are produced on the current device or in pdf files defined by `fig.base.name`. In addition, a named list of useful objects is returned:

<code>COMP</code>	The binned composite generated for plotting.
<code>bins</code>	The list of bin endpoints.
<code>sp.grd</code>	A <a href="#">SpatialPointsDataFrame-class</a> object containing all the grid-level statistics produced and plotted (mean influx value, bootstrap confidence interval, and number of sites per grid cell).
<code>sp.sites</code>	A <a href="#">SpatialPointsDataFrame-class</a> object representing the number of grid cells influenced by each site.
<code>plots</code>	A list with one element for each bin. These elements are themselves named lists of trellis objects representing each of the plots produced ("mean", "sitesPerCell", "cellsPerSite", "timeSeries"). Note that these objects can be edited to some degree with the <a href="#">update.trellis</a> function, and plotted or used in layouts as any other trellis graphics can.

## Author(s)

R. Kelly



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## Examples

```
## Composite charcoal record for North America:
ID=pfSiteSel(id_region==c("WNA0"), l12==1 & long<(-130))
plot(ID)

## Transform data
res3=pfTransform(ID,method=c("MinMax", "Box-Cox", "Z-Score"),BasePeriod=c(200,4000))

## Plot maps for 1000-yr bins spanning 3-0 kBP
# dev.new(width=10,height=10) # A big plot area helps.
dotmap = pfDotMap( TR=res3, bins=seq(0,3000,1000), grd.ext=c(-170,-80,40,80),
                  cx.minsize=2,cx.mult=3)
summary(dotmap)

# Plot the mean map from the first time bin
# newmap = update(dotmap$plots[[1]]$mean, main="A relabeled map")
# newmap
```

---

pfExtract

*Extract charcoal data for a list of sites*

---

## Description

Extract charcoal data from an object returned by [pfSiteSel](#)

## Usage

```
pfExtract(ID)
```

## Arguments

ID                    An object returned by [pfSiteSel](#).

**Value**

out                    A matrix of charcoal data with the following structure: out[,1]=Site identifiers, out[,2]=Depths, out[,3]=Estimated ages, out[,4]=Charcoal data.

**Author(s)**

O. Blarquez

**Examples**

```
## Retrieve a site
ID=pfSiteSel(site_name=="Pas-de-Fond")
## Or a group of sites (Western North America)
ID=pfSiteSel(id_region==c("WNA0"))

## Extract data
A=pfExtract(ID)

# Plot the first site raw charcoal data
plot(A[A[,1]==ID$id_site[1],3],A[A[,1]==ID$id_site[1],4],type="l",main=ID$site_name[1],
      xlab="Age",ylab="raw Char")
```

---

pfGridding

*Produce gridded maps of transformed charcoal values.*

---

**Description**

The function uses weighted spatio-temporal interpolation to produce gridded maps of transformed charcoal values. Spatial grids are used to interpolate transformed charcoal values for a key period defined by Age. For each grid cell the function search charcoal sites located in a radius defined by distance\_buffer from the grid centre and at an elevation within a range defined by elevation\_buffer from the mean elevation of the cell. Then the function search for charcoal samples within a temporal range from the key date defined by time\_buffer. Finally a tricube distance weighting function is applied to each sample by considering it spatial distance to the grid centre and it temporal distance to the key date. This approach that weight samples according to their spatio-temporal location also down-weight charcoal sites that are poorly sampled.

**Usage**

```
pfGridding(data, cell_sizex = NULL, cell_sizey = NULL, age = 0,
            cell_size = NULL, time_buffer = NULL,
            distance_buffer = NULL, raster_extent = NULL,
            elevation_buffer = NULL, proj4 = NULL,
            sea_mask = TRUE, other_mask = NULL ,verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

data	An object returned by <a href="#">pfTransform</a> .
cell_sizex	Numeric, grid cell width (m).
cell_sizey	Numeric, grid cell height (m).
age	Numeric, key date (years BP).
cell_size	Numeric, grid cell size (bypass cell_sizex and cell_sizey and produce square cells).
time_buffer	Numeric, temporal distance (years) from the key date to search for charcoal samples.
distance_buffer	Numeric, spatial distance from the grid centres to search for charcoal samples (m).
raster_extent	Numeric, define custom extent for the analysis such as raster_extent = c(xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
elevation_buffer	Numeric, elevation range from the mean grid cell elevation to search for charcoal sites.
proj4	String, proj.4 string representing the desired projection for plotted maps. Default is Robinson ("+proj=robin +lon_0=0 +x_0=0 +y_0=0 +ellps=WGS84 +datum=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs"). See <a href="http://www.spatialreference.org">http://www.spatialreference.org</a> to look up the string for your favorite projections.
sea_mask	Logical, mask cells falling in the sea.
other_mask	A sp object (SpatialPolygonsDataFrame) used to mask data i.e. for not interpolating pixels under the mask (classical usage: ice extent mask). Note that the SpatialPolygonsDataFrame projection must be used in the analysis and defined using proj4 argument, otherwise the mask should be reprojected (e.g. using <code>rgdal::spTransform</code> ).
verbose	Logical, verbose or not...

**Value**

A "pfGridding" object (list) that could be plotted using [plot.pfGridding](#).

**Author(s)**

O.Blarquez

**See Also**

[plot.pfGridding](#), [pfTransform](#), [pfDotMap](#)

**Examples**

```

ID=pfSiteSel(id_region=="ENA0", l12==1, long>-85)

TR=pfTransform(ID,method=c("MinMax", "Box-Cox", "Z-Score"),BasePeriod=c(200,4000))

p=pfGridding(TR,age=1000)
summary(p)

## Not run:
require(raster)
plot(p$raster)

## Example of other_mask usage: we will use here Dyke 2003 ice extent map for North
  America
require(maptools)
ID=pfSiteSel(id_region=="ENA0", long>-100,lat>40)
TR=pfTransform(ID,method=c("MinMax", "Box-Cox", "Z-Score"),BasePeriod=c(200,4000))

## Define projection (same as Dyke 2003)
proj4="+proj=lcc +lat_1=49 +lat_2=77 +lat_0=49
+lon_0=-95 +x_0=0 +y_0=0 +ellps=clrk66 +datum=NAD27 +units=m +no_defs"

## Download the shapefile
where=getwd()
download.file("http://blarquez.com/public/data/ice_9500_calBP_lcc.shp",
  paste0(where,"/ice_9500_calBP_lcc.shp"))
download.file("http://blarquez.com/public/data/ice_9500_calBP_lcc.dbf",
  paste0(where,"/ice_9500_calBP_lcc.dbf"))
download.file("http://blarquez.com/public/data/ice_9500_calBP_lcc.shx",
  paste0(where,"/ice_9500_calBP_lcc.shx"))

ice_shp=readShapePoly(paste0(where,"/ice_9500_calBP_lcc.shp"),
  proj4string=CRS(proj4))
plot(ice_shp)

p=pfGridding(TR,age=9500,cell_size=100000,distance_buffer=300000,
  proj4=proj4,other_mask=ice_shp)
plot(p,add=ice_shp)

# Citation: Dyke, A.S., Moore, A. And Robertson, L. 2003 :
# Deglaciation of North America, Geological Survey of Canada Open File 1574.

## End(Not run)

```

**Description**

Interactive selection of GCD sites by drawing a polygon on a map.

**Usage**

```
pfInteractive(addata=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

addata            An optional XY matrix of coordinates to specify a polygon to be drawn on the map.

**Value**

An object of the class "pfSiteSel".

**Author(s)**

O. Blarquez

**See Also**

[pfSiteSel](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
# Type:  
ID=pfInteractive()  
# And follow text instructions  
## End(Not run)
```

---

pfKruskal

*Analyse composite records by a Kruskal-Wallis ANOVA*

---

**Description**

The function applies a Kruskal-Wallis ANOVA on binned data issued from a "pfComposite" object (of directly on "pfTransform" objects), in order to test the difference in biomass burning activity between different time periods.

**Usage**

```
pfKruskal(data, p.adj = "none", alpha = 0.05, bins=NULL, verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

data	An object returned by <a href="#">pfComposite</a> or <a href="#">pfTransform</a> .
p.adj	Method for adjusting p values (see <a href="#">p.adjust</a> ). Includes: "holm", "hochberg", "hommel", "bonferroni", "BH", "BY", "fdr" and "none" (default).
alpha	Numeric, confidence level.
bins	Numeric, bins to use if a "pfTransform" object is provided.
verbose	Logical, verbose or not...

**Value**

A "pfKruskal" object containing multiple comparison results.

**Author(s)**

O. Blarquez

**See Also**

[plot.pfKruskal,kruskal](#)

**Examples**

```
## Composite charcoal record for Western Boreal North America:
ID=pfSiteSel(id_region=="WNA0" & l12==1)
plot(ID)
## Transform data
res3=pfTransform(ID,method=c("MinMax","Box-Cox","Z-Score"),BasePeriod=c(200,4000))

## Composite
comp=pfComposite(res3,bins=seq(from=-500,to=12500,by=1000))
plot(comp)

## Kruskal Wallis Anova
comparison=pfKruskal(comp)
```

---

pfMinMax

*MinMax transformation of a charcoal serie*

---

**Description**

MinMax transformation of a charcoal serie

**Usage**

```
pfMinMax(serie)
```

**Arguments**

serie                    Numeric, a vector of charcoal values.

**Value**

out                    A vector of minimax transformed values.

**Author(s)**

O. Blarquez

**See Also**

[pfTransform](#)

**Examples**

```
## Retrieve a site
ID=pfSiteSel(site_name=="Pas-de-Fond")
## Or a group of sites (Western North America)
ID=pfSiteSel(id_region==c("WNA0"))

## Extract data
A=pfExtract(ID)

## Plot the first site raw charcoal data
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
plot(A[A[,1]==ID$id_site[1],3],A[A[,1]==ID$id_site[1],4],type="l",main=ID$site_name[1],
      xlab="Age",ylab="raw Char")
## Minimax transformation
B=pfMinMax(A[A[,1]==ID$id_site[1],4])
## Plot the first site Minimax transformed charcoal data
plot(A[A[,1]==ID$id_site[1],3],B,type="l",main=ID$site_name[1],
      xlab="Age",ylab="Minimax")
```

---

pfPublication

*Get citations for charcoal sites*

---

**Description**

Get citations for charcoal sites

**Usage**

```
pfPublication(x, output = "data.frame")
```

**Arguments**

x	A "pfSiteSel" object
output	Defines the output as a "list" or a "data.frame" (default).

**Value**

A list or data frame with citation informations related to charcoal sites.

**Author(s)**

O. Blarquez

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
x=pfSiteSel(id_site %in% c(1:4))
pfPublication(x,output="list")

## End(Not run)
```

---

pfResolution

*Calculates age resolution indicators for charcoal records*

---

**Description**

Calculates age resolution indicators for charcoal records selected using [pfSiteSel](#) or [pfInteractive](#) functions.

**Usage**

```
pfResolution(ID, AgeLim = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

ID	An object of the class "pfSiteSel"
AgeLim	Numeric, defines age limits for age resolution calculations (e.g. AgeLim=c(-50,6000))

**Value**

data.frame A data frame with the following informations: ID\_SITE, SITE\_NAME, Median Resolution of the record, Mean Resolution and Standard deviation

**Author(s)**

O. Blarquez



**Examples**

```
ID=pfSiteSel(lat>40, lat<90, long>-100, long<=-50)
Res=pfResolution(ID, AgeLim=c(-50, 8000))
head(Res)
```

---

pfSiteSel

*GCD sites selection methods*

---

**Description**

Main function used for site selection, uses data stored in `data(paleofiresites)` to perform site selection according to multiple criterion, those criterions could be either geographic, based on series attributes (e.g. # of datings), or on sites attributes (e.g. biome).

**Usage**

```
pfSiteSel(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Any combination of conditions defined by relational operators and or logical operators that are applied on the "paleofiresites" dataset. See examples below:

**Details**

Use `data(paleofiresites);names(paleofiresites)` to retrieve the conditions that could be used to select sites i.e.: `id_site`, `site_name`, `lat`, `long`, `elev`, `pref_units`, `biome`, `id_region`, `id_country`, `id_site_type`, `water_depth`, `id_basin_size`, `id_catch_size`, `id_land_desc`, `dating_type`, `min_est_age`, `max_est_age`, `num_dating`, `age_model`, `data_source`, `qtype`, `rf99`, `l12`, `num_samp`, `date_int`.

**Value**

An object of the class "pfSiteSel" (list) with "id\_site" and "site\_name" components.

**Author(s)**

O. Blarquez

**See Also**

[paleofiresites](#)

**Examples**

```

## Sites selection examples

## Select all sites
ID=pfSiteSel()

## Site in the Biome #8
ID=pfSiteSel(biome==8)
plot(ID, zoom="world")

## Site in the biome #8 or in the biome #6
ID=pfSiteSel(biome==8 | biome==6)

## Sites in North America by geographic location
ID=pfSiteSel(lat>25, lat<75, long<(-45), long>-150)
plot(ID, zoom="world")

## is equivalent to:
ID=pfSiteSel(lat>25 & lat<75 & long<(-45) & long>-150)
plot(ID, zoom="world")

## By region criterion
ID=pfSiteSel(id_region==c("ENA0", "WNA0"))
plot(ID, zoom="world")

## WRONG, use the %in% operator when concatenating two characters
# ID=pfSiteSel(id_region %in% c("ENA0", "WNA0"))
# plot(ID, zoom="world")

## Pas-de-Fond site
pfSiteSel(site_name=="Pas-de-Fond")

## All sites in eastern North America that are not Pas-de-Fond
pfSiteSel(site_name!="Pas-de-Fond", id_region=="ENA0")

## Sites with on average one dating point every 250 to 300 yrs
pfSiteSel(date_int>=250 & date_int<=300)

## Sites between 0, 100 m elevation in Asia
ID=pfSiteSel(elev>0 & elev<100, id_region=="ASIA")

## All sites that are not marine nor fluvial
ID=pfSiteSel(id_land_desc!="MARI" , id_site_type!="FLUV" & id_site_type!="LFLU")
plot(ID)

```

## Description

Charcoal data transformation, background estimation and homogenization for unique to multiple series, accepts objects returned by [pfSiteSel](#).

## Usage

```
pfTransform(ID = NULL, add = NULL, Interpolate = FALSE, Age = NULL, method
           = "Z-Score", BasePeriod = c(-100, 1e+09), span = 0.3,
           RunWidth = 500, RunQParam = 0.5, stlYears = 500, type
           = "BoxCox1964", alpha = 0.01, QuantType = "INFL",
           MethodType = NULL, verbose = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

ID	An object returned by <a href="#">pfSiteSel</a> or <a href="#">pfTransform</a>
add	An object returned by <a href="#">pfAddData</a>
Interpolate	Logical, indicates whether data should be interpolated or not, default=FALSE
Age	Numeric, If Interpolate=TRUE, Age is used to specify the ages where the interpolation took place, If Age=NULL (default) the interpolated ages are automatically specified using the median resolution of the record(s). If Age is specified as a vector (e.g. Age=(from=0,to=10000, by=10)) the interpolation took place at specified ages.
method	A character indicating the transformation method: "Z-Score", Z-Score, "LOESS", Locally weighted regression, "SmoothSpline", Smoothing spline, "Box-Cox", Box-Cox transformation, "MinMax", Minimax transformation, "RunMed", Running median, "RunMean", Running mean, "RunQuantile", Running quantile, "RunMin", Running min, "RunMax", Running max, "stl", Decompose a time series into seasonal, trend and irregular components using loess, based on <a href="#">stl</a> function.
BasePeriod	Numeric, a parameter specifying the base period for calculating Z-score given in years BP (e.g. BasePeriod=c(0, 4000)), if empty or unspecified the base period corresponds to record length.
span	Numeric, the span parameter for the LOESS or Smoothing spline methods
RunWidth	Numeric, the width of the window for the "RunMed", "RunMean", "RunQuantile", "RunMin", and "RunMax" methods in years.
RunQParam	Numeric, the parameter specifying which quantile should be calculated for the method "RunQuantile" (default=0.5 i.e. median).
stlYears	Numeric, the bandwidth for stl decomposition, default=500 years.
alpha	Numeric, alpha value to add before BoxCox calculation, see <a href="#">pfBoxCox</a> .
type	Character, the type of Box-Cox transformation, see <a href="#">pfBoxCox</a> for details.
QuantType	Character, by default QuantType="INFL" and influx are automatically calculated, otherwise use QuantType="NONE" (not recommended).
MethodType	Character, by default (MethodType=NULL) imply that when for a specific site two charcoal unit exist the function pick the one define by pref_unit. By passing

different arguments to MethodType user can modify the analysis to pick non preferred units by referring to more general methods for instance MethodType = "POLS" will choose charcoal records from pollen slides, or MethodType = "SIEV" sieved macro charcoal series. Type (paleofiredata); levels(paleofiredata\$METHOD) for available methods.

verbose Logical, verbose or not...

### Value

An object of the class "pfTransform".

### Author(s)

O. Blarquez

### Examples

```
## Select the site Pas-de-Fond
ID=pfSiteSel(site_name=="Pas-de-Fond")

# Transform data sequentially using pfTransform function
tr=pfTransform(ID,method=c("MinMax","Box-Cox"))

## Plot transformed data for the first site
plot(tr$Age[,1],tr$TransData[,1],type="l")
```

---

plot.CHAR

*Plot CHAR*

---

### Description

Plot an object of the class "CHAR" returned by the pretreatment function. Original accumulation rates are presented using grey bars, accumulation rates interpolated at equal time steps are presented by a black curve.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'CHAR'
plot(x,...)
```

### Arguments

x An object of the class "CHAR".  
 ...

### Author(s)

O. Blarquez

**Examples**

```
## In this example we will use the charcoal record of the Lac du Loup (Blarquez et al. 2010)
## Load raw charcoal data in mm^2
A=read.csv("http://blarquez.com/public/code/loupchar.csv")
C_=A[,6] # charcoal areas
P_=A[,1:5] # CmTop, CmBot, AgeTop, AgeBot, Volume

## Calculates charcoal accumulation rate (CHAR, mm2.cm-2.yr-1)
CHAR=pretreatment(params=P_,serie=C_,Int=TRUE)
plot(CHAR)
```

---

plot.pfCircular      *plot.pfCircular*

---

**Description**

Plot circular block bootstrap percentiles.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'pfCircular'
plot(x,ylim=NULL,xlim=NULL,ylab=NULL,xlab=NULL,main=NULL,text=FALSE,...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A "pfCircular" object.
ylim	Numeric, x axis limits.
xlim	Numeric, y axis limits.
ylab	Character, y axis label.
xlab	Character, x axis label.
main	Character, title of the plot.
text	Logical, text options.
...	...

**Author(s)**

O. Blarquez

**Examples**

```
ID=pfSiteSel(lat>49,lat<75,long>6,long<50)
TR1=pfTransform(ID, method=c("MinMax","Box-Cox","Z-Score"),BasePeriod=c(200,2000))

## Circular block bootstrapp
COMP=pfComposite(TR1, binning=TRUE, bins=seq(0,2000,100))
circ=pfCircular(COMP,conf=c(0.005,0.025,0.975,0.995),nboot=100)
plot(circ)
```

---

`plot.pfComposite`      *plot.pfComposite*

---

**Description**

Plot a pfComposite object

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'pfComposite'
plot(x, type = "ci", conf = c(0.05, 0.95), palette = "jet",
      add = "NONE", text = FALSE, main = NULL,...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	A "pfComposite" object.
<code>type</code>	Character, type of plot among "ci", "prtile", "density"
<code>conf</code>	Numeric, confidence levels.
<code>palette</code>	Character, color palette used with type=c("prtile", "density") among "jet" and "BW".
<code>add</code>	Character, add="NONE" by default, add="sitenum" could be specified to plot the sites number in eah bin along with the composite curve.
<code>main</code>	Character, title of the plot.
<code>text</code>	Logical, text options.
<code>...</code>	...

**Author(s)**

O. Blarquez

**Examples**

```
## Composite charcoal record for North America:
ID=pfSiteSel(id_region=="WNA0",l12=1)
## Transform data
res3=pfTransform(ID,method=c("MinMax","Box-Cox","Z-Score"),BasePeriod=c(200,4000))

## Composite
comp=pfComposite(res3,bins=seq(0,5000,200))
plot(comp,type="density",smoothing=TRUE,spar=0.3)
```

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plot.pfCompositeLF      *plot.pfCompositeLF*

---

**Description**

Plot pfCompositeLF object

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'pfCompositeLF'
plot(x, type = "ci", add = "NULL", conf = c(0.05, 0.95),
     palette = "jet", xlim = NULL, ylim = NULL, main =
     "Composite", text = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A "pfCompositeLF" object.
type	Character, type of plot among "ci", "prctile", "density"
add	Character, add=NULL by default, add="sitenum" could be specified to plot the sites number in eah bin along with the composite curve.
conf	Numeric, confidence levels.
palette	Character, color palette used with type=c("prctile", "density") among "jet" and "BW".
xlim	Numeric, x axis limits.
ylim	Numeric, y axis limits.
main	Character, title of the plot.
text	Logical, text options.
...	...

**Author(s)**

O. Blarquez

**Examples**

```
ID=pfSiteSel(id_region=="WNA0",l12==1,long>=-160,long<=-140)

TR=pfTransform(ID, method=c("MinMax","Box-Cox","MinMax","Z-Score"),
               BasePeriod=c(200,2000),QuantType="INFL")

COMP1=pfCompositeLF(TR, tarAge=seq(-50,4000,10), hw=200, nboot=100)

plot(COMP1)

## Note: comparing confidence intervals based on 100 replicates is not recommended
# (100 is used to decrease analysis time)
```

---

```
plot.pfGridding      Plot a "pfGridding" object.
```

---

**Description**

Plot maps presenting gridded and transformed charcoal values obtained from the [pfGridding](#) function.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'pfGridding'
plot(x, continuous = TRUE, col_class = NULL,
     col_lim = NULL, xlim = NULL, ylim = NULL,
     empty_space = 10, cpal = "YlGn", anomalies = TRUE,
     file = NULL, points = FALSE, add = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An object returned by <a href="#">pfGridding</a> .
continuous	Logical, plot continuous (TRUE) or discrete (FALSE) colors on the map.
col_class	Numeric, if continuous is false define here color classes (single values: col_class=5, or sequences col_class=seq(-15,15,5) are accepted.)
col_lim	Numeric, limits for plotting grid cells values, grid cells with values beyond col_lim are not plotted.
xlim	Numeric, map limits.
ylim	Numeric, map limits.
empty_space	Percentage, define empty space around the map.
cpal	String, color palette to use see <a href="#">brewer.pal</a>
anomalies	Logical, adapt output for plotting anomalies or not (color classes, etc..)
file	Path/Filename.tiff, the function can output a GeoTiff file if desired.
points	Logical, plot charcoal sites on the map?
add	An object of the class "SpatialPolygonsDataFrame" (sp) to be plotted on the map.
...	...



**Value**

A ggplot2 "gg" object that could be further manipulated.

**Author(s)**

O. Blarquez

**See Also**

[pfGridding](#)

**Examples**

```
ID=pfSiteSel(id_region=="ENA0", l12==1, long>-85)

TR=pfTransform(ID,method=c("MinMax","Box-Cox","Z-Score"),BasePeriod=c(200,4000))

p=pfGridding(TR,age=1000)

plot(p,empty_space=100)

# require(ggplot2)
# pp=plot(p,empty_space=100)
# pp+ggtitle("my title..")
```

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plot.pfKruskal	<i>Plot a "pfKruskal" object.</i>
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**Description**

Plot a "pfKruskal" object using boxplots and showing significant differences between the periods using letters.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'pfKruskal'
plot(x, trend = FALSE, outliers = FALSE, xlim = NULL, ylim = NULL,...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An object returned by <a href="#">pfKruskal</a> .
trend	Logical, show trend using linear regression?
outliers	Logical, show outliers?
xlim	Numeric, x axis limits.
ylim	Numeric, y axis limits.
...	...

**Details**

If two periods share the same letter their rank (median) is not significantly different at the confidence level specified by alpha. If not, equality could be rejected at the confidence level specified by alpha.

**Value**

Return a ggplot2 "gg" object.

**Author(s)**

O. Blarquez

**See Also**

[pfKruskal](#)

**Examples**

```
## Composite charcoal record for Western Boreal North America:
ID=pfSiteSel(id_region=="WNA0" & l12==1)
plot(ID)
## Transform data
res3=pfTransform(ID,method=c("MinMax","Box-Cox","Z-Score"),BasePeriod=c(200,4000))

## Composite
comp=pfComposite(res3,bins=seq(from=-500,to=12500,by=1000))
plot(comp)

## Kruskal Wallis Anova
comparison=pfKruskal(comp)

plot(comparison)

# p=plot(comparison)
# require(ggplot2)
# p+ggtitle("my title")
```

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`plot.pfSiteSel`      *plot.pfSiteSel*

---

**Description**

Plot an object of the class "pfSiteSel"

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'pfSiteSel'
plot(x, add = NULL, type = "Map", zoom = "Sites", pch =
      "|", xlim = NULL, ylim = NULL, cex = 1, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An object of the class "pfSiteSel".
add	An object returned by pfAddData (optional).
type	Character, type of plot among "Map" or "Chronology".
zoom	Character, zooming factor for type="Map": "Sites" or "World"
pch	Pointer type see <a href="#">plot</a> .
xlim	Numeric, x axis limits.
ylim	Numeric, y axis limits.
cex	Numeric, size of points.
...	...

**Author(s)**

O. Blarquez

**Examples**

```
ID=pfSiteSel(id_region=="ENA0", long>-100)
plot(ID, zoom="world")
```

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```
pretreatment
```

*Calculate particules accumulation rates for sediment records*

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**Description**

This is the R version of the CharAnalysis CharPretreatment.m function originally developed by P. Higuera and available at <https://sites.google.com/site/charanalysis>

**Usage**

```
pretreatment(params, serie, Int = TRUE, first = NULL, last = NULL,
             yrInterp = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

serie	A proxy record to be transformed in accumulation rates, could be particule counts, surfaces, volumes, etc.
params	A matrix with the following columes: CmTop, CmBot, AgeTop, AgeBot, Volume, in the same order.
Int	Logical specifying whether the function interpolates particle zero counts, default TRUE
first,last	Date of the first, last sample for accumulation rate calculation, if NULL first, last are automatically specified as the the minimum and maximum ages of the record respectively
yrInterp	Temporal resolution of the interpolated accumulation rates, if NULL, yrInterp is automatically specified as the median resolution of the record

**Value**

Return an output structure with the following:

cmI	interpolated depths
ybpI	interpolated ages
accI	accumulation rates

**Author(s)**

O. Blarquez translated from P. Higuera CharPretreatment.m function

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# In this example we will use the charcoal record of the Lac du Loup from Blarquez et al. (2010).
# Blarquez, O., C. Carcaillet, B. Mourier, L. Bremond, and O. Radakovitch. 2010. Trees in the
# subalpine belt since 11 700 cal. BP: origin, expansion and alteration of the modern forest.
# The Holocene 20:139-146.

# Load raw charcoal data in mm^2
A=read.csv("http://blarquez.com/public/code/loupchar.csv")
C_=A[,6] # charcoal areas
P_=A[,1:5] # CmTop, CmBot, AgeTop, AgeBot, Volume

# Calculates charcoal accumulation rate (CHAR, mm2.cm-2.yr-1)
CHAR=pretreatment(params=P_,serie=C_,Int=TRUE)
plot(CHAR)

## End(Not run)
```

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summary.pfSiteSel      *summary.pfSiteSel*

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**Description**

Return a summary table for an object of the class "pfSiteSel"

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'pfSiteSel'
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of the class "pfSiteSel".
...	...

**Value**

Data.frame, returns the following informations: "id\_site", "lat", "long", "elev", "min\_est\_age", "max\_est\_age", "num\_dating", "date\_int", "num\_samp", "l12", "rf99".

**Author(s)**

O. Blarquez

**Examples**

```
ID=pfSiteSel(id_site==2)
summary(ID)
```

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