

Package ‘fourDNData’

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Title 4DN data package

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Description fourDNData is a data package giving programmatic access to Hi-C contact matrices uniformly processed by the [4DN consortium](https://www.4dnucleome.org/). The matrices are available in the multi-resolution ‘.mcool’ format.

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BugReports <https://github.com/js2264/fourDNData/issues>

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Description

Fetches files from the 4DN data portal and caches them using the BiocFileCache system.

Arguments

experimentSetAccession	Any 4DN-provided experimentSet Accession number (check https://data.4dnucleome.org/browse/) for a browser-based explorer.
type	any of c('pairs', 'hic', 'mcool', 'boundaries', 'insulation', 'compartments')
.fetch_pairs	Whether to also download the associated pairs file

Value

fourDNData() returns the local path of the queried file cached with BiocFileCache. fourDNHiCExperiment() returns a HiCExperiment object with populated metadata and topologicalFeatures (if available).

Examples

```
#####
## Importing individual 4DN files ##
#####

head(fourDNData())
mcf <- fourDNData(experimentSetAccession = '4DNESDP9ECMN', type = 'mcool')
mcf

#####
## Importing full 4DN experiments ##
#####

id <- fourDNData() |>
  dplyr::filter(
    experimentType == 'in situ Hi-C',
    biosource == 'GM12878',
    publication == 'Sanborn AL et al. (2015)'
  ) |>
  dplyr::arrange(size) |>
  dplyr::pull(experimentSetAccession) |>
  unique()
```

```
id[1]
x <- fourDNHiExperiment(id[1])
x
HiExperiment::topologicalFeatures(x)
S4Vectors::metadata(x)$`4DN_info`
```

fourDNDataCache	<i>Manage cache / download files from the 4DN data portal</i>
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Description

Managing 4DN data downloads via the integrated BiocFileCache system.

Usage

```
fourDNDataCache(...)
```

Arguments

... Arguments passed to internal `.setFourDNDataCache` function

Value

BiocFileCache object

Examples

```
bfc <- fourDNDataCache()
bfc
BiocFileCache::bfcinfo(bfc)
```

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